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Pervasive Technologies for
Human, Environmental and Structural Monitoring



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Our first three months !

RADIO6ENSE originated in **Feb. 2013** as industrial hand of the



**Pervasive
Electromagnetics Lab**
Università di Roma Tor Vergata

- Positive interaction of the classic **Electromagnetics** with the Materials Science, Computer Science, Sensors, Medicine, Mechanics and Electronics
- Cross-discipline with the potentiality to **provide the very physical layer of the emerging Internet of Things** that enables the Internet to get into the Real World of physical objects.
- **Core research:** Radio frequency Identification (RFID) devices and algorithms for **short-range sensing**, ready to be seamlessly embedded into objects, plants, buildings as well as over and even inside the human body with application to **Smart City**, **Environment**, and **e-Health**.

Ten years of research on Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) sensors

Many published **papers**, and some **patents**

Emerging market on low-cost passive and pervasive sensing

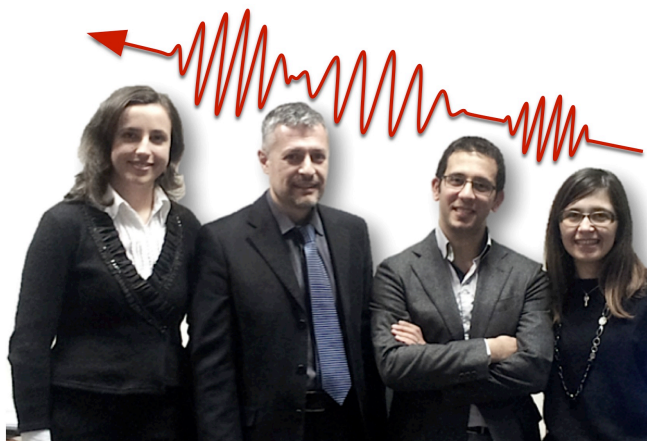
“Hungry and Foolish” bright post-graduated **students**

Program FIXO (Regione Lazio & Parco Scientifico di Ateneo) for technology transfer (open to PhD Students)

Grants from Regione Lazio for innovative Start-Up

Interest in **boosting social applications of our theoretical and experimental research**

Hunger to make research’s results profitable in this time of crisis



President: Gaetano **Marrocco** (Faculty professor of Electromagnetics)

CEO: Cecilia **Occhiuzzi** (Medical engineer, PhD)

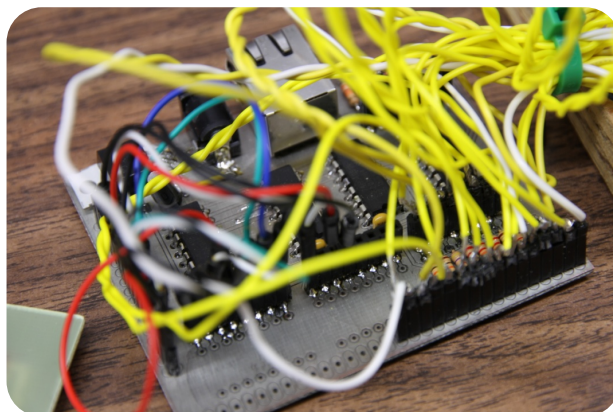
Sabina **Manzari** (Medical engineer, PhD student),
Stefano **Caizzone** (TLC engineer, PhD student)

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SENSORS ARE SPREADING EVERYWHERE...



Collecting real-life data in a pervasive manner is the first step to better understand complex phenomena and provide support to high-level decisions.

INTERNET TODAY... AND TOMORROW

The Real World



SENSORS



Internet of Things

WE ARE USED TO LABEL THINGS...

Printed Label

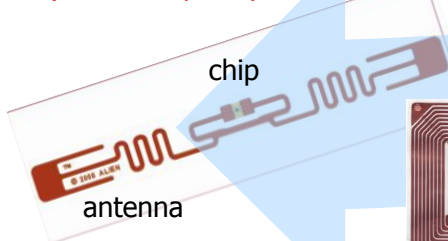


Objects, goods, people and devices are currently identified by visual and electronic labels..

Barcode

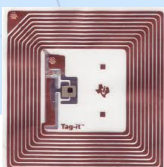


Electromagnetic tag
(Radio Frequency Identification RFID)



Electromagnetic access to data

Electronic tag (Magnetic & Smart Cards)



WHAT IF LABELS WORK AS SENSORS ?

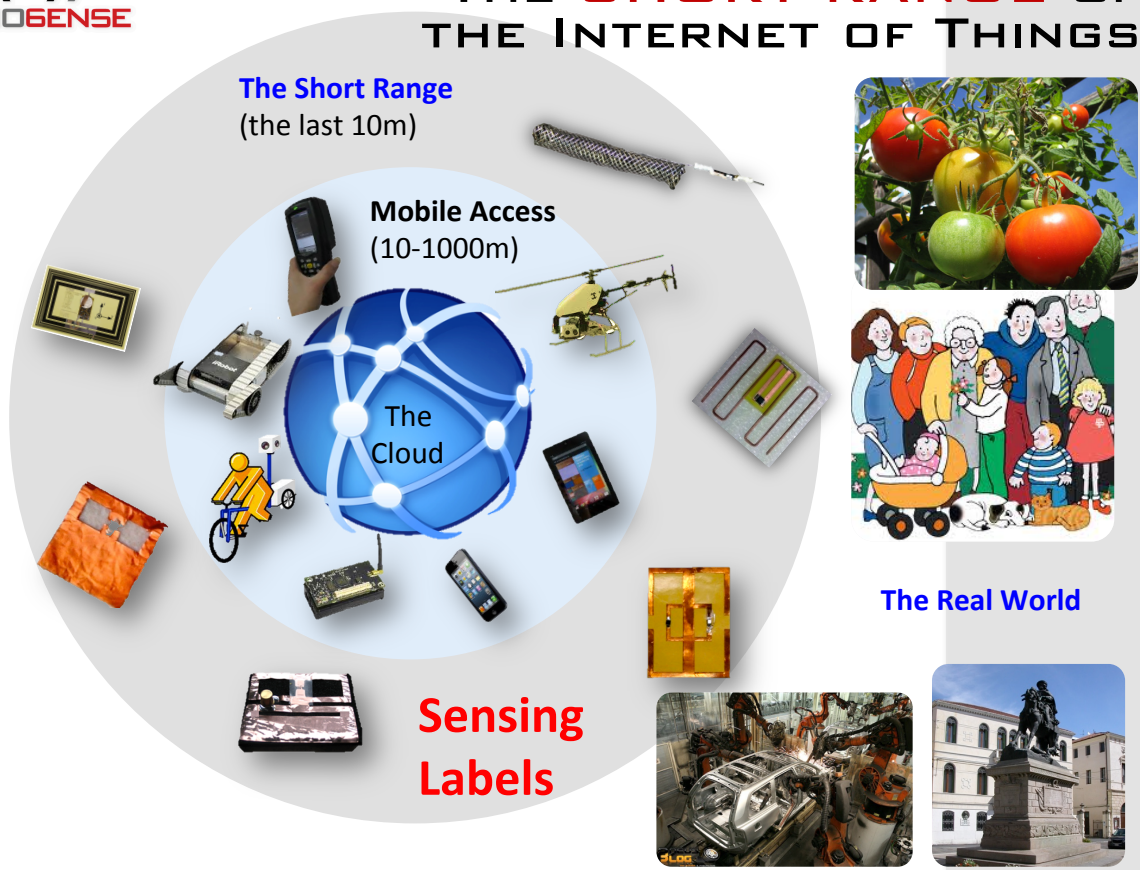


Sensor-labels

- Can go on almost everything
- Brings valuable information
- A few euro or less
- No battery nor recharge.
- Pervasive Distribution

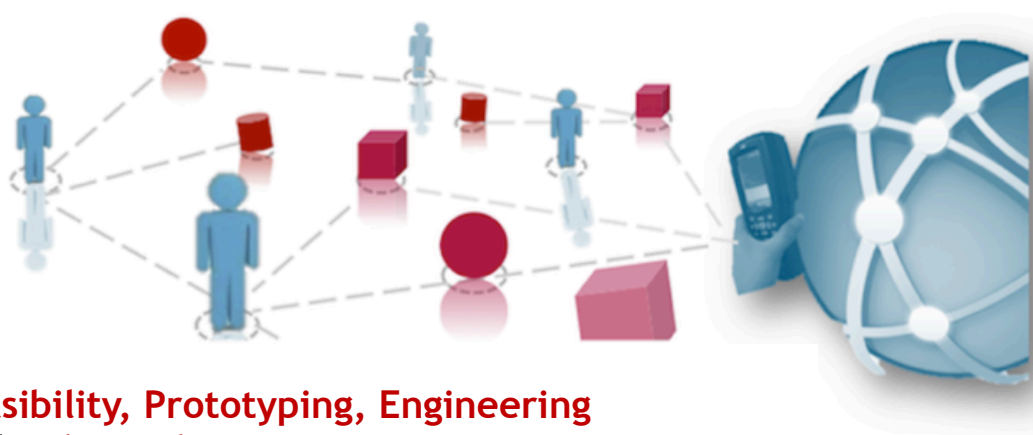
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THE SHORT RANGE OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS



MISSION

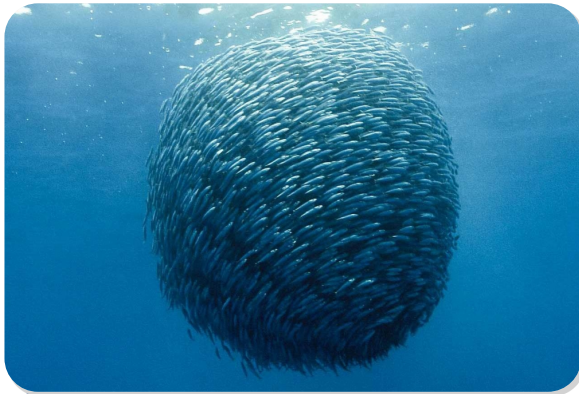
OUR MISSION



**Feasibility, Prototyping, Engineering
and Industrialization**

of Low-cost Sensing technology (devices
and systems) for the **Short Range**
enabling Cloud Services to interact with
the Real World

...wireless sensing for the **last meter** of Internet of Things



Higher spatial resolution thanks to low-cost and passive sensors to be spread over the entire application field

Rougher info from single sensor, but much more **aggregated** info from the **multitude**



Lightweight processing in the nodes

Powerful processing in the cloud,



(()) E-HEALTH

Sensing health and behavior of Persons and perishable goods



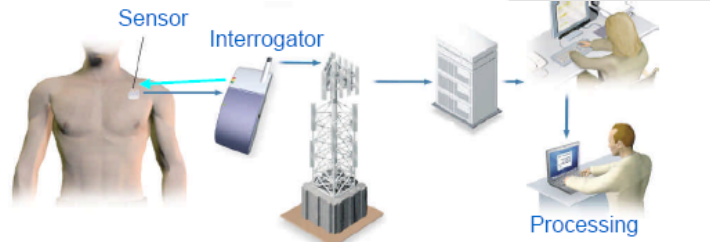
(()) E-ENVIRONMENT sensing buildings and infrastructure, soil, crop and Smart Spaces

1. PERVASIVE HEALTHCARE

Ambient Intelligence systems

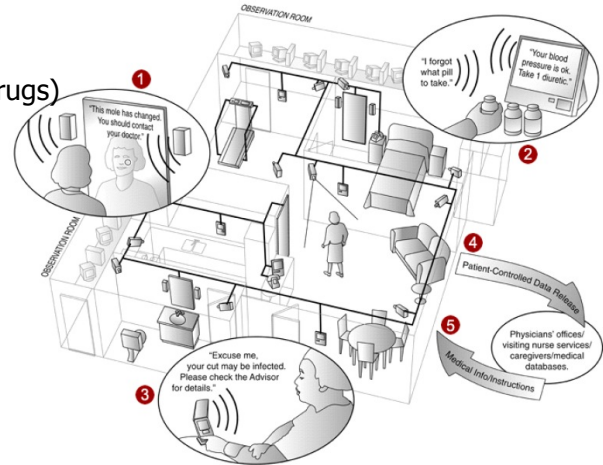
Body sensors

- motion
- ECG
- Evolution of pathologies



Smart Objects

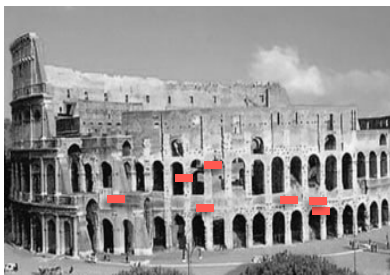
- Localization
- Quality (food, drugs)



Smart House

- temperature
- Gas
- Structural safety
- localization systems

2. STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING



Passive systems to monitor crack, humidity and temperature in concrete walls, pillars and any other structure that need a continuous, distributed and low-cost monitoring of its "health".

- HISTORICAL BUILDINGS
- CIVIL HOUSES
- POST DISASTER ASSESSMENT
- GEOLOGIC INSTABILITY
- CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

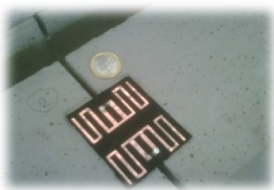


OUR TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL

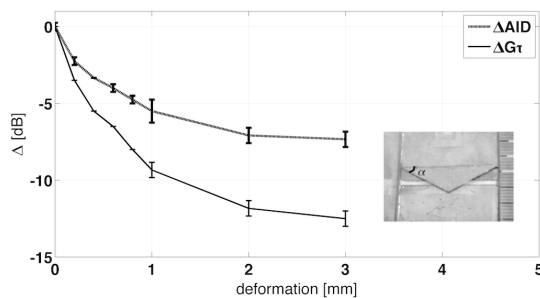
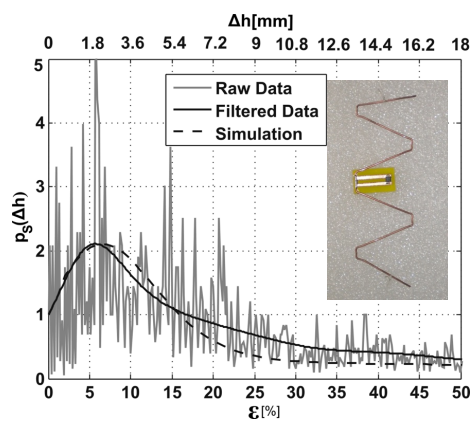
- PASSIVE SENSING TAGS
- SENSING ALGORITHMS

RFID-SENSORS FOR (SUB-MILLIMETER) DEFORMATION

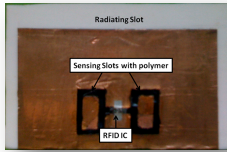
1. Strain Gauge tag



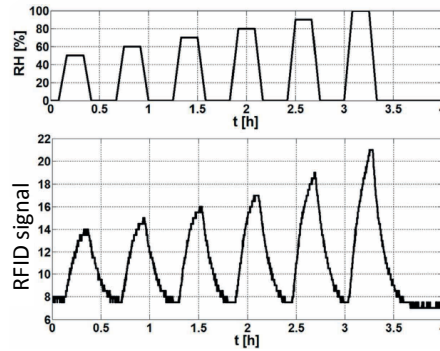
2. Crack-meter tag



1. Humidity

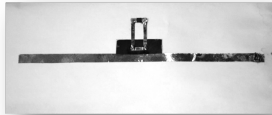


Conducting polymer Tag

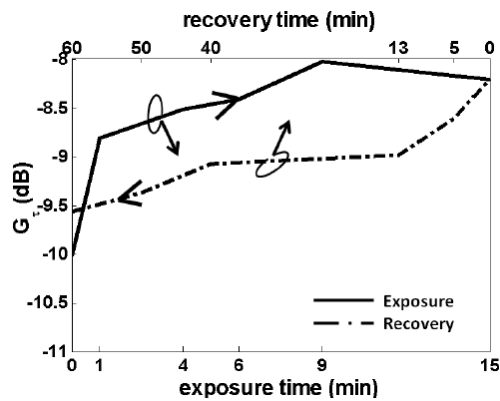


NANO-MATERIALS

Carbon Nanotube Tag

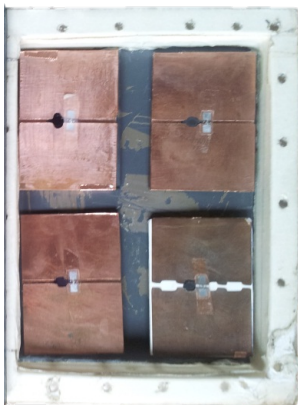


2. Ammonia



CHEMICAL LAB-ON-TAG

3. Moistures

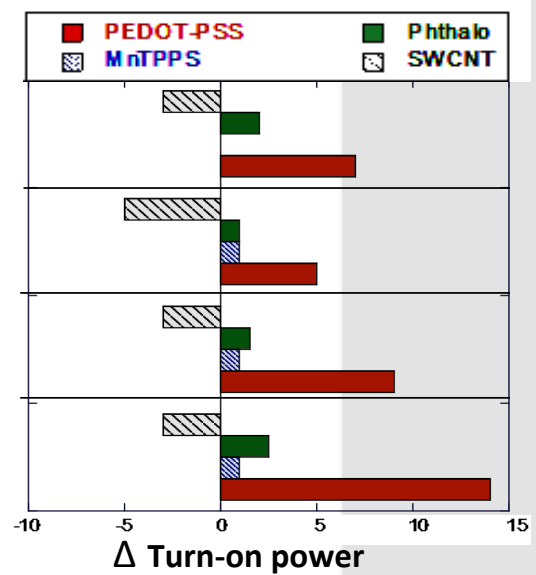


Vinegar

Ammonia

Ethanol

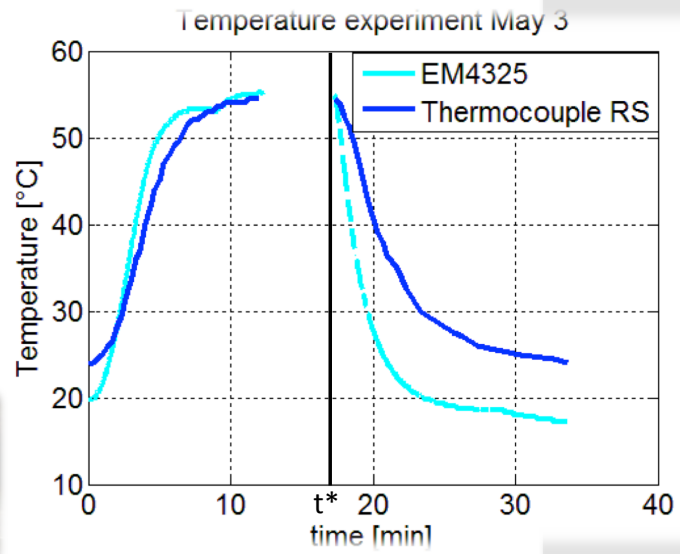
Water



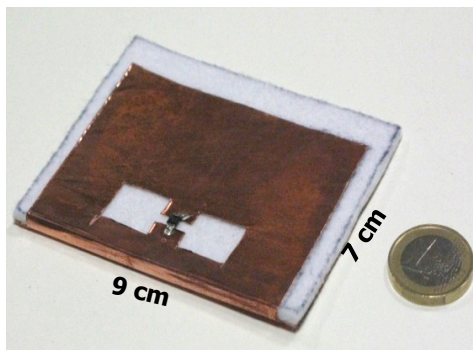
- Pedot:pss
- Single Wall Carbon Nanotubes
- Manganese-Tetraphenylporphyrin
- Phtalocyanine

RFID-SENSORS FOR TEMPERATURE

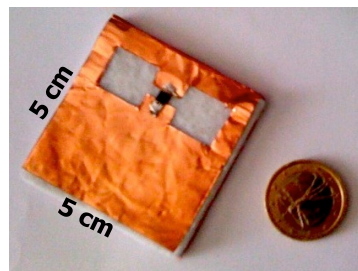
Implantable
Passive thermal RFID sensor



RFID-SENSORS FOR BODY MOTION

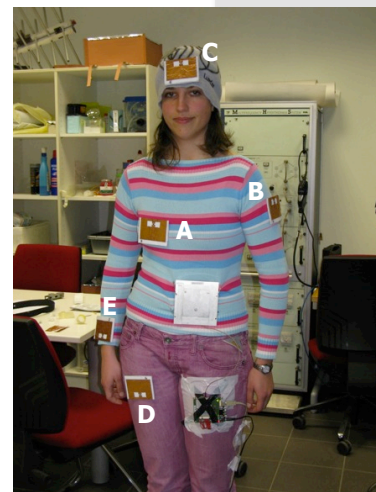
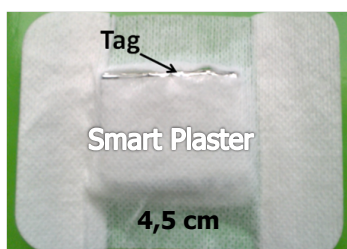


FELT substrate

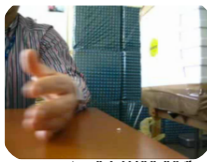


EPDM substrate

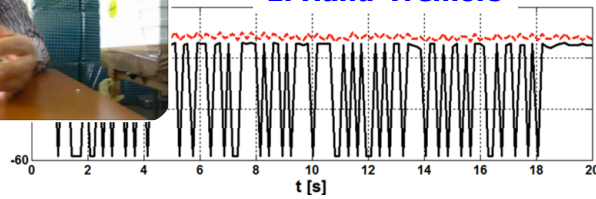
Wearable RFID tags



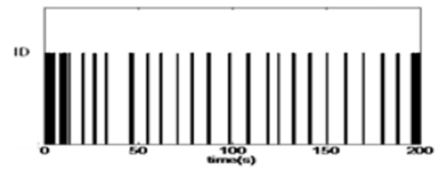
REAL-TIME DETECTION OF BODY MOTION



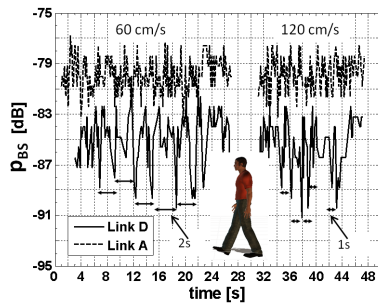
1. Hand-Tremors



2. Deep Breath



3. Walking



Automatic classification of motor sequences



Application of
Brain Computer Interface
algorithms

Products (under development)

1. Multi-sensors RFID tag for Structural Health Monitoring
2. Wearable Tags
3. **NIGHTCARE**: Discrete Sleep monitoring system

Services

- Technology Process consultancy
- Electromagnetic planning of the sensor networks
- **Electromagnetic** compliance
- **Privacy** Compliance
- Training

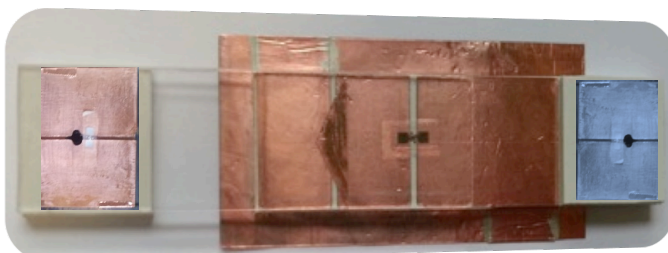
Products are developed in close interaction with final possible users

1. STRAIN-TEMPERATURE-HUMIDITY STH-TAG

Multi-sensor TAG

for application over concrete

- Strain
- Temperature
- Humidity



Integration of specialized Sensing tags into a single wireless, passive, low-cost device

Status:
Under development

2. WEARABLE RFID TAGS

READ REGION (@ EIRP=3.2W, LP, inside room)

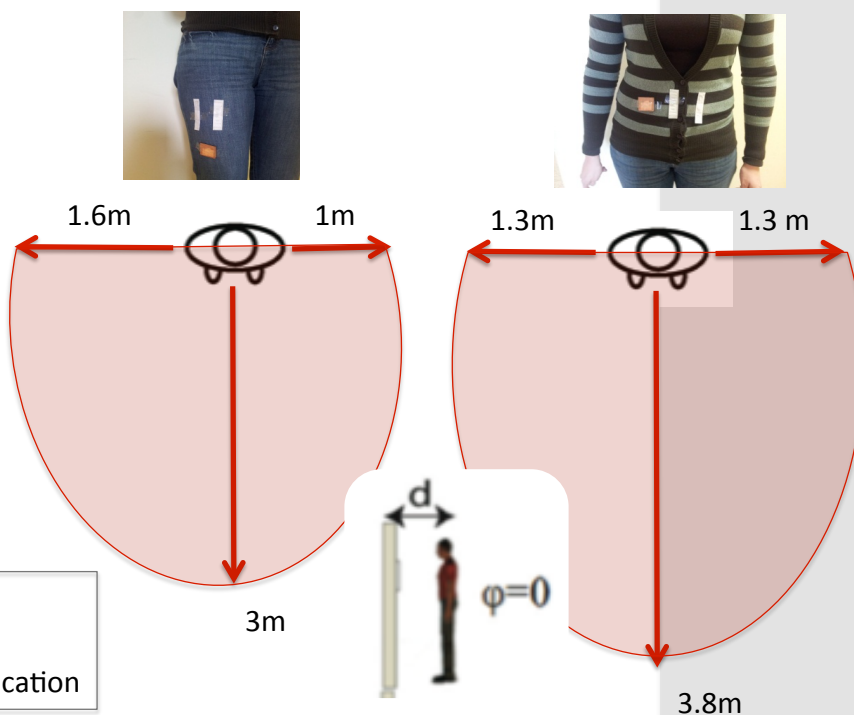


RADIO6ENSE Tag
(4.5x3.5cm)

- Felt
- Polyethylene
- Forex
- EPDM

Status:

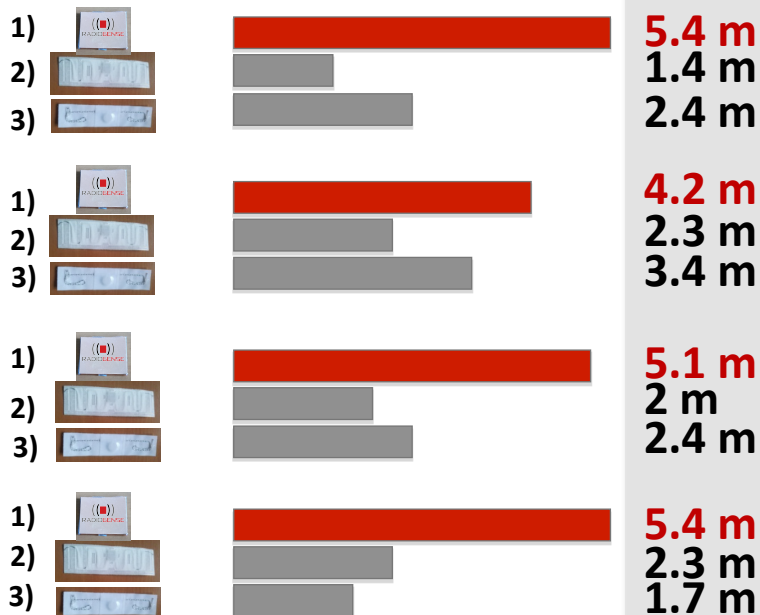
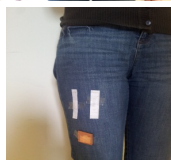
Pre-Industrial phase
Production chain identification



2. WEARABLE TAGS

COMPARISON WITH COMMERCIAL DEVICES

Max read Ranges (@ EIRP=3.2W, LP)



3. THE NIGHTCARE SYSTEM

Ambient Intelligence system able to monitor the parameters of sleep quality and to identify anomalous events and **prompt for remote or local assistance**

The system analyzes the interactions of the person with the surrounding environment (bed, carpets, ..) by using our wearable Tags



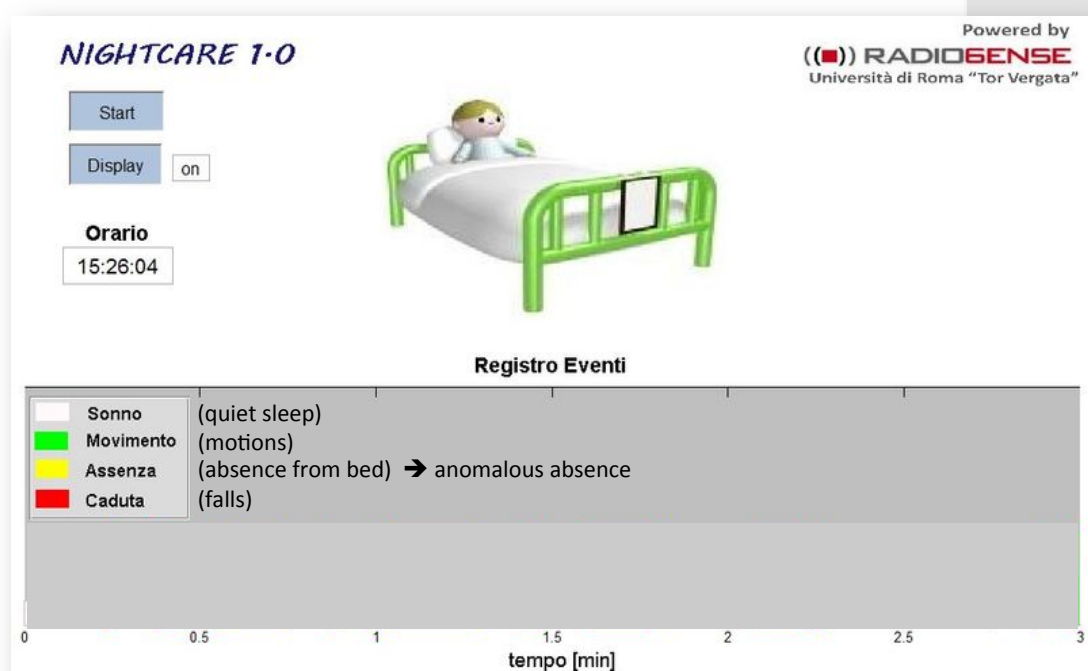
Status:

- Demonstrator
- Currently shown in an exhibition (Bologna)

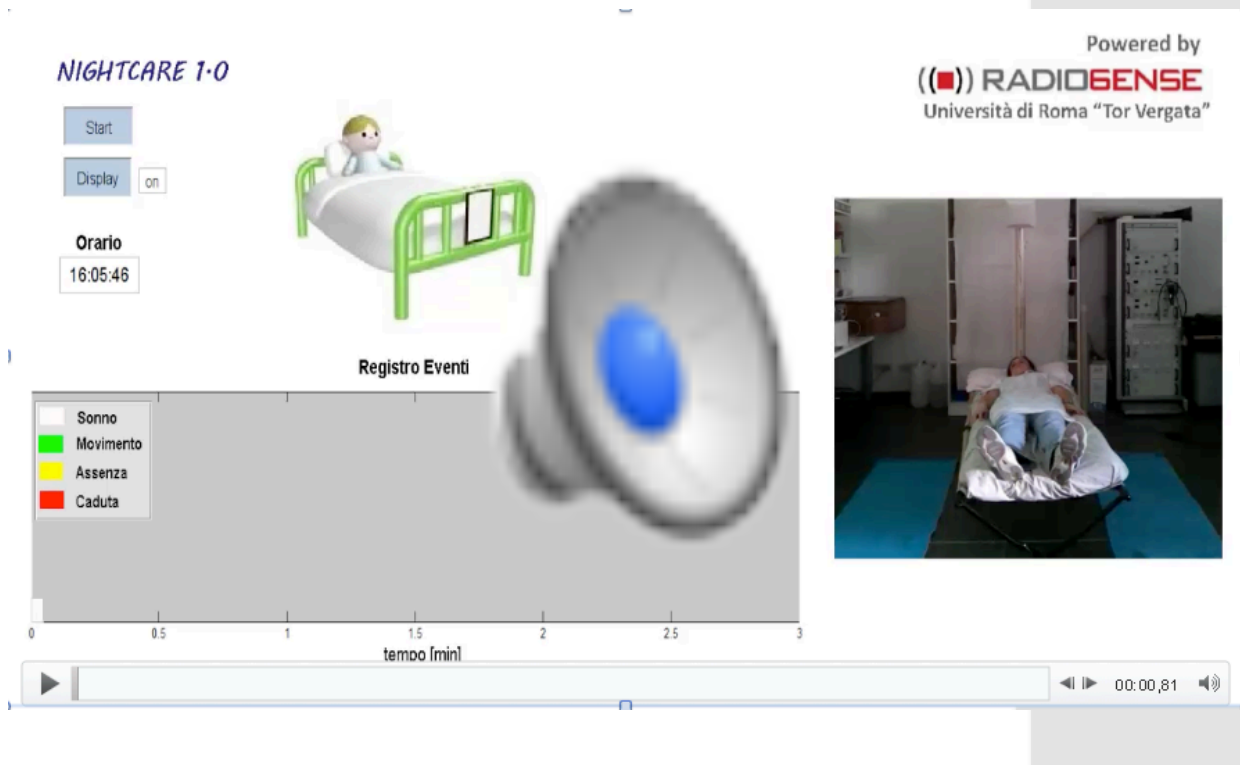


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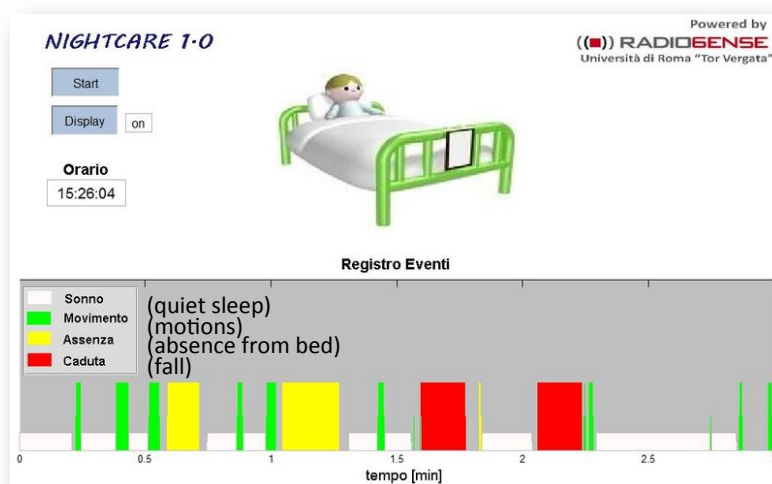
DEMONSTRATOR



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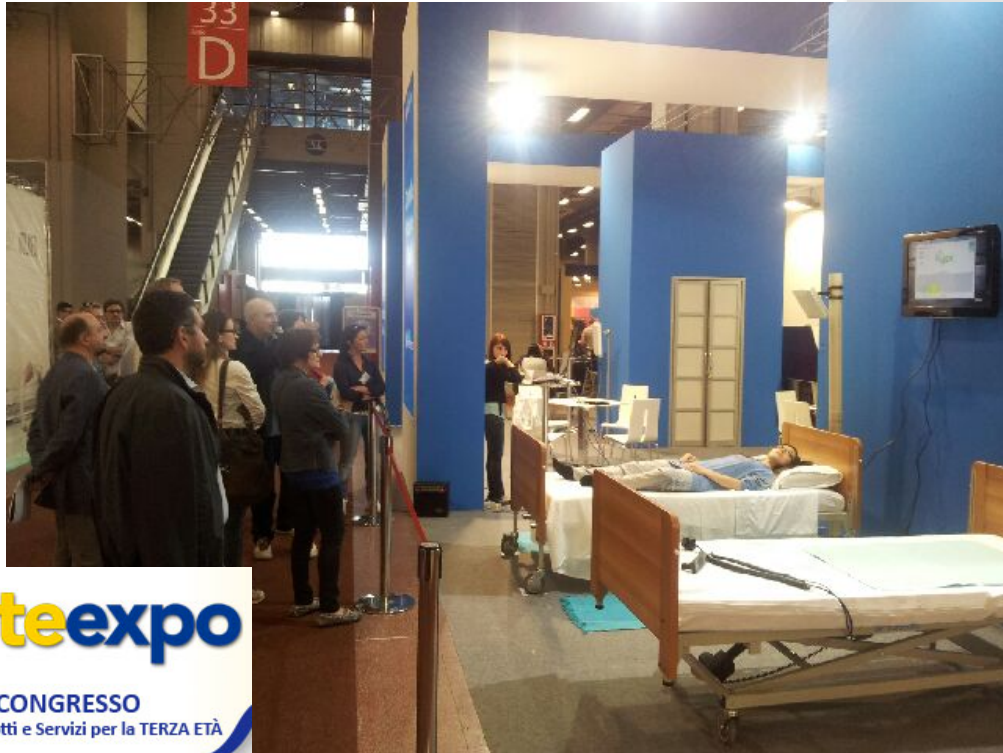


← Trace of the night-sleep

Applications

- Remote care of elders in rest house
- Remote care of children
- Diagnosis of sleep diseases
- Statistics

3. THE NIGHTCARE SYSTEM LIVE FROM EXHIBITION



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LESSONS **LEARNT**

1. It was not difficult to gain public funding, but **it is not easy to have advance payments**
2. **Bank credit** is unavoidable (not easy to get in these times !!)
3. Finalization of scientific prototypes to commercial products requires a close synergy with a potential customers.
4. Customers (especially SME) are **hardly available to pay for proof of concepts** or feasibility study. But **they can partly pay for demonstrators**

6. Proper kinds of agreements are required to **share the cost of feasibility and demonstrators with possible customers**
7. Search **for Partnership with complementary players** already placed in the specific market
8. The market is just **weakly aware about the full potentialities** of pervasive low-cost sensing
9. **Sensing “evangelization”** is required



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