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# **HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics**



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# Forecasting The Future

*“... the most reliable way to anticipate the future is by understanding the present.”*

John Naisbitt  
*Megatrends*

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Buildings

- Purpose of a building is to provide a controlled environment for occupants.
- Building is a collection of systems that provide a controlled environment.
- Systems' integration is the key to effective and efficient building operations.
- Buildings will be optimized as a system.
- Traditional approach: optimize building subsystems leaving building suboptimal.
- Building quality will be measured by its ability to efficiently support the activity it houses - not its utility bills.

***HVAC Systems Establish Environment***

# Sustainable Construction

## LEED: Energy & Atmosphere

- EA P1 Fundamental Building Commissioning
- EA P2 Minimum Energy Performance
- EQ P3 CFC Reduction In HVAC&R Equipment
- EA C1 Optimize Energy Performance
- EA C2 Renewable Energy
- EA C3 Independent Commissioning
- EA C4 Ozone Protection (No HCFCs)
- EA C5 Ongoing Measurement & Verification

*Example HVAC System Related Prerequisites & Credits*

# Sustainable Construction

## LEED: Indoor Environ Quality

EQ P1 Minimum IAQ Performance

EQ P2 ETS Control

EQ C1 Carbon Dioxide Monitoring

EA C2 Ventilation Effectiveness

EA C3 Construction IAQ Management Plan

EA C5 Indoor Chemical & Pollutant Source Control

EA C6 System Controllability

EA C7 Thermal Comfort

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# Building Integrated Photovoltaics



Doxford Office Park, England ([www.solarcentury.co.uk](http://www.solarcentury.co.uk))

# Smart Vision Glass



Photos by Research Frontiers, Inc. ([www.smartglass.com](http://www.smartglass.com))

# ZigBee (IEEE Std 802.15.4)

## Wireless Bldg Controls

**Way Beyond 'The Clapper'**

At home, ZigBee sensors and switches build a network of appliances that can talk to each other, and to a central computer. This technology is less expensive than Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, and can be used to monitor and adjust the temperature, check whether a door is open, or turn on or off appliances.

Wireless switches control a...  
...device between the light and the outlet that makes or breaks the circuit.

Home security/monitoring  
Function uses

Lighting  
Smoke alarm  
Garage-door opener  
Computer  
Motion detector  
Flood detector

**Air Traffic Control**  
How ZigBee compares to the two major wireless-networking technologies:

NAME	BANDWIDTH megabits/sec	BATTERY LIFE	USES
Wi-Fi	11.00	1-3 hours	Internet browsing, PC networking, video monitors
Bluetooth	1.00	4-8 hours	Hands-free cell phone, headsets, wireless print
ZigBee	0.25	2-3 years	Wireless switches and sensors, meter readings

**Environmental use**  
Scientists planted sensors to monitor nesting conditions of **Leach's storm petrel**, left, a rarely-observed seabird.

Source: WSJ research

**Agricultural use**  
A vineyard installed sensors that track climate changes to help predict when certain grapes are ready to pick.

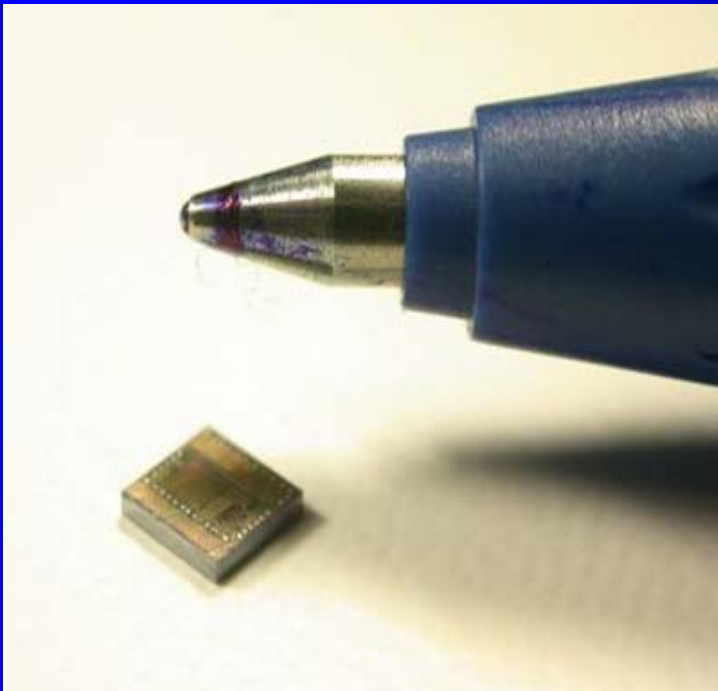
Rich Francione/The Wall Street Journal



*Self-Organizing, Self-Healing Mesh Network*



# “Motes” = Smart Sensors

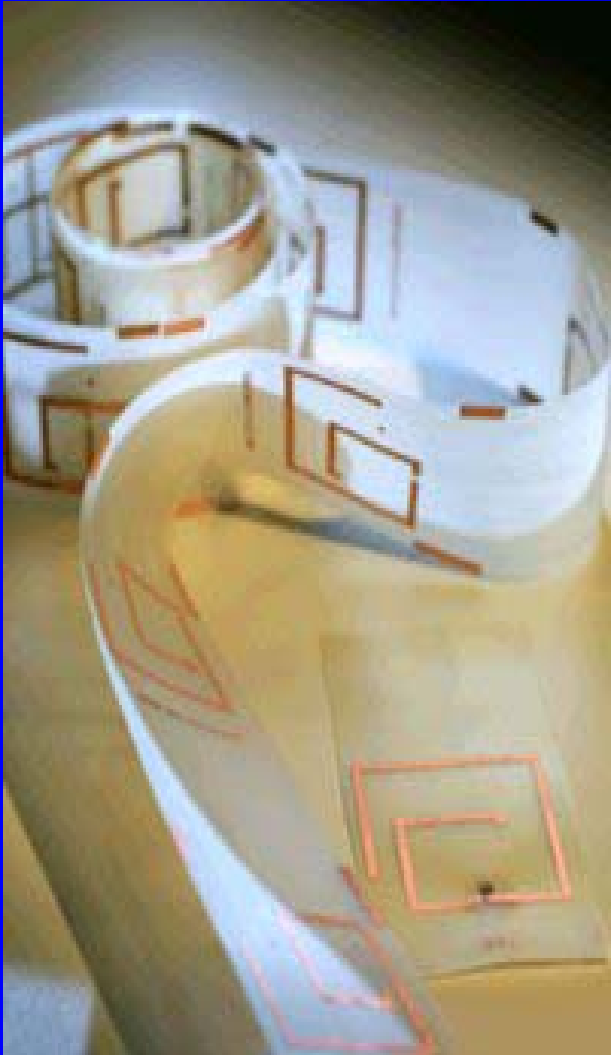


UC Berkeley “Smart Dust” Prototype

Photo from David E. Culler & Hans Mulder, “Smart Sensors to Network the World,” *Scientific American*, June 2004.

- Tiny, self-contained, battery-powered sensors and computers that use rf technology to communicate and exchange data with one another.
- Able to self-organize into ad hoc networks to form wireless sensor networks.
- Use TinyOS.
- Applications in agriculture, structure monitoring, industrial controls, military, security, etc.

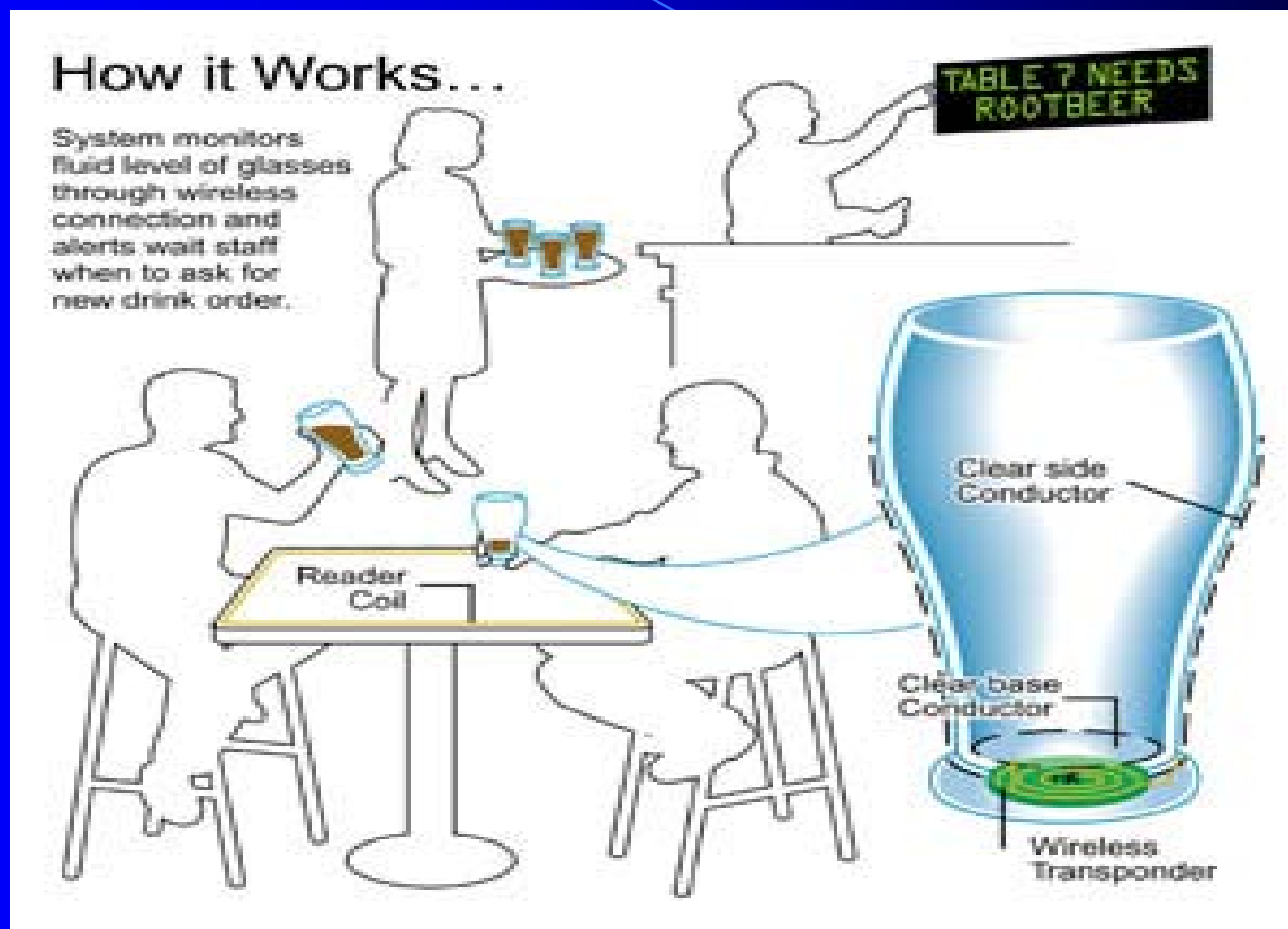
# Smart (RFID) Tags



- Passive
- Active

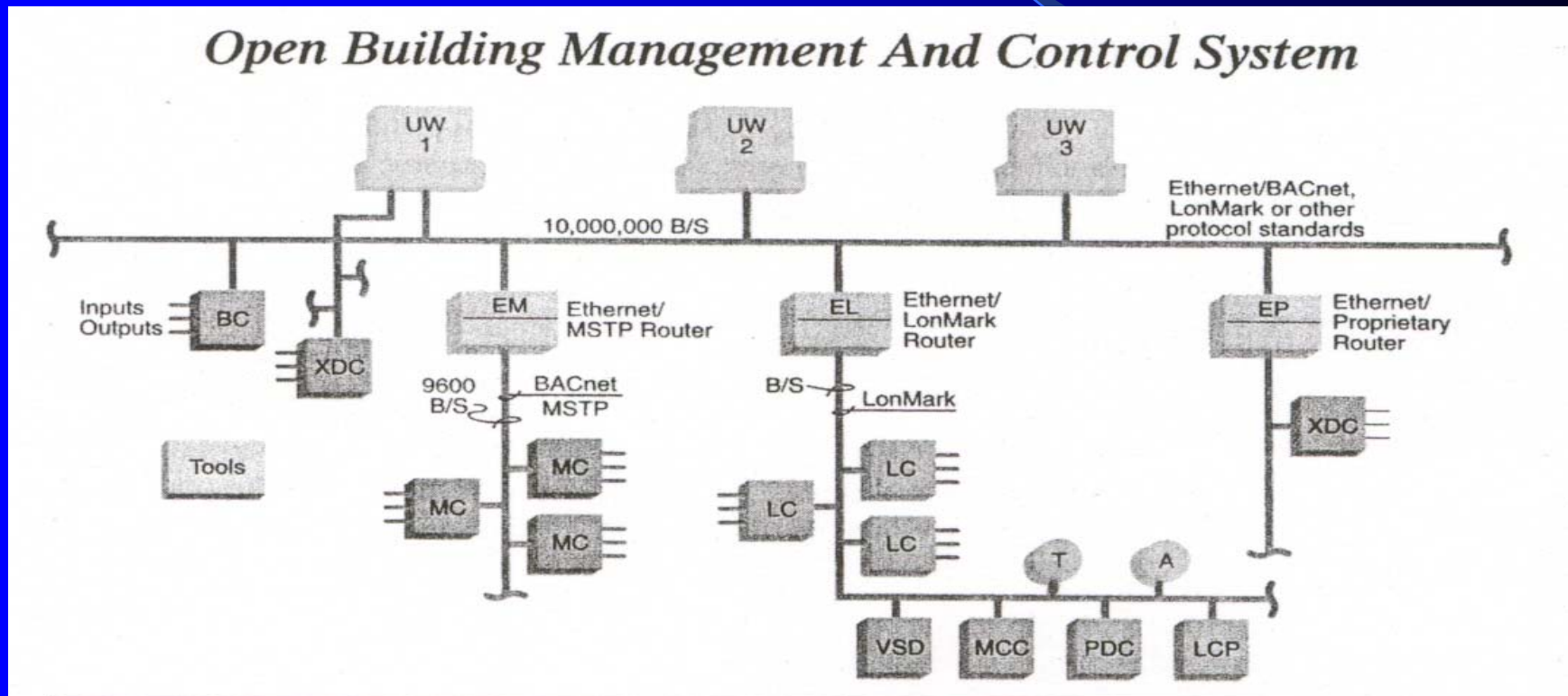


# Mitsubishi “iGlassware”



**Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories (MERL)**  
<http://www.merl.com/projects/iGlassware/>

# Integrated Automation Open Architecture Control Systems: LonMark & BACnet



Benjamin Stein & John S. Reynolds, *Mechanical and Electrical Equipment for Buildings*, John Wiley & Sons, 2000, p. 484

# Security & Life Safety



- Available Today:
  - Surveillance Cameras
  - Bomb Sniffers
  - Basic Biometrics
  - Chemical & Bio Detectors
- Coming Soon:
  - Millimeter Wave Cameras
  - Vein Maps
- Under Development:
  - Remote Iris Tracking
  - Ears & Gaits
  - Odor Sensors
  - Saliva Scans
  - Universal Sensors

Catherine Yang, “The State Of Surveillance, *BusinessWeek*, August 8, 2005, pp. 52-59.

# Intelligent Building

*Building that provides a productive and cost-effective environment through the optimization of its structure, systems, services, and management as well as the interrelationships between them.*

BICSI, *Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manual*, Ninth Edition, pp. 21-1.

# Words For Today ...



*Convergence  
&  
Interoperability*

*SMACNA/SMWIA New Role:  
System Integrator*

**HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics**

# **Manual Objective**

*Provide a practical guide to HVAC systems including equipment and controls that will assist project personnel in the marketing, estimating, design management, procurement, installation, commissioning, and maintenance of HVAC systems.*

***Systems Approach To HVAC***



## HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics

# Target Audiences

- HVAC Contracting Firms:
  - Project Managers
  - Project Engineers
  - Estimators
  - Superintendents & Forepersons
  - Others
- Construction Programs – Colleges & Universities:
  - Engineering (Construction Emphasis)
  - Construction Science, Management, & Technology
  - Other Related Academic Programs
- General Contractors & Construction Managers

***This Is Not A Design Manual***

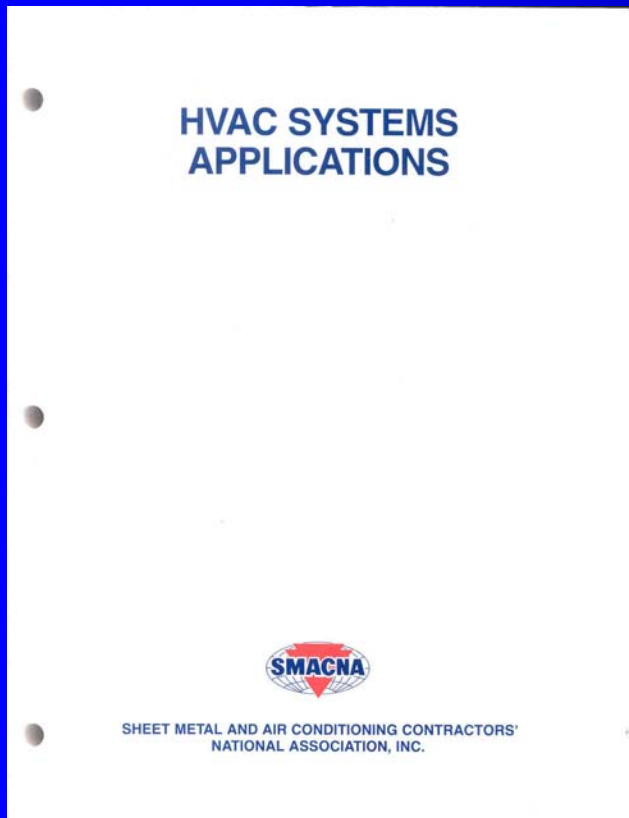
# **HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics**

## **How Will This Manual Be Used?**

- Chapter Education Program
- Self Study
- Reference
- College Text
- Combination

# HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics

## *HVAC Systems Applications*



- I Introduction
- II Basic HVAC Systems
- III HVAC Control Systems
- IV Multizone Systems
- V Dual-Duct Systems
- VI Terminal Reheat Systems
- VII Variable Air Volume Systems
- VIII Induction & Induction Reheat Systems
- IX Special Applications
- X Hydronic Systems
- XI Unitary & Heat Pump Systems
- XII Cooling/Refrigerant Systems
- XIII Hydronic Heat Recovery Systems
- XIV Engineering Data, Tables & Charts

***HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics' objective is to complement existing HVAC Systems Applications.***

# HVAC Systems: Understanding The Basics

## Issues Addressed In Manual

- HVAC System Operation:
  - System
  - Equipment
  - Controls
  - Relative System Cost & Life-Cycle Economics
- Fabrication & Installation Issues:
  - Cost Estimating
  - Procurement
  - Scheduling
  - Sequencing (Fragnets)
  - Productivity
  - Other
- Commissioning & Closeout (TAB, LEED, Etc.)

# HVAC Systems – Understanding The Basics

## Table Of Contents

- 1 Introduction To HVAC Systems
- 2 HVAC Operating Characteristics
- 3 HVAC System Types
- 4 HVAC Piping Systems
- 5 HVAC Air Distribution Equipment
- 6 Central Heating & Cooling Equipment
- 7 HVAC Instrumentation & Control
- 8 HVAC Equipment Installation
- 9 Special HVAC Systems & Equipment
- 10 HVAC System Commissioning & Closeout

# HVAC Systems – Understanding The Basics

## Manual Format

- Conventional Paper-Based
- SMACNA Publication References
- Problems
- Case Studies
- PowerPoint Slides

*Possible Electronic Format With  
Hyper-Linked Topics*

***Questions?***