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Patents and Standards in IoT

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IoT- The Internet of Things and Patents

- The vision of the IoT is for vehicles, roadways, machines, containers, ships, and even refrigerators, among others, to be equipped with sensors to interconnect and constantly exchange information
- Interconnectivity of different objects relies on the usage of often patented technology responsible for the basic communication of IoT systems

Broadly written patents have the potential to threaten numerous industries and businesses that integrate IoT technologies, raising the spectre of an uncertain level of legal risk



Searching IoT patents in IPlytics Platform



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IoT - Internet of Things Patent Trends

IoT patent applications over time as to application date



Searching IoT litigation in IPlytics Platform

 IPlytics integrates data from Darts-IP which gives access to 250,000 worldwide litigated patents





IoT - Internet of Things Patent Litigation Trends

• **IoT patent litigation** has been sharply increasing since 2010



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IoT - Internet of Things PAE AquisitionTrends

 PAEs - "Patent Assertion Entities" have been increasingly acquiring IoT patents to monetize them in the industry





IoT - Internet of Things PAE Patent Litigation Trends





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The Internet of Things and SEPs

- Technology standards allow different eg vehicles, roadways, containers, ships, machines or whole factories to communicate in IoT systems
- While in the past technology standards such as 3G, 4G or Wifi have been mostly used in the communication and computer industry future IoT application of standards will also affect industries such as eg:
 - Automotive
 - Industrial Manufacturing
 - Energy
 - Healthcare



Standards and Connectivity – Smart Cars

- 3G, 4G and 5G allow cars to exchange information with roadsides, traffic lights or buildings
- DSRC (802.11p) allows cars to connect to other cars
- > **NFC** allows to open cars without a key





Standards and Connectivity – Smart Factory

- Privat 5G networks connect machines with the cloud services and data centers
- **RFID** allows to identify machine components
- Bluetooth allows to connect sensors





Standards and Connectivity – Smart Energy

- 3G, 4G and 5G connect smart meters with cloud services in the Internet
- WiFi allows to connect energy consumption sensors with local data centers





The challenge of Standard Essential Patents in IoT

- Standards such as 3G/4G/5G, 802.11 or HEVC are highly patented
- The integration of the highly patented standards creates economic risks for manufacturers using IoT sensors
- Royalty rates –in cellular communications standards such as 4G and soon 5G – can easily mount up to hundreds of millions of dollars a year





IPlytics SEP Data source





SEPs as to field of IoT application over time





SEPs as to IoT application per company



Declared 5G SEP families as to field of application

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Litigated SEPs with IoT application per company

Number of litigated SEPs with IoT application





SEP licensing for IoT



Why Avanci?

Hundreds of companies are entering the connected world each day, with creative products finding new uses for wireless connectivity. For developers of those products, it can be difficult to know what technology rights are needed and how to get them.

From automakers to meter manufacturers – developers of IoT products have asked for an open and efficient way to access the licenses needed for the latest wireless technology.





IPlytics will publish two studies on 5G

November 2019: IPlytics Study on 5G SEPs



Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie > July 2019: IPlytics Study on SEPs litigation



Please contact us if you would like to receive a copy of the study!



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