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Outdoor Positioning

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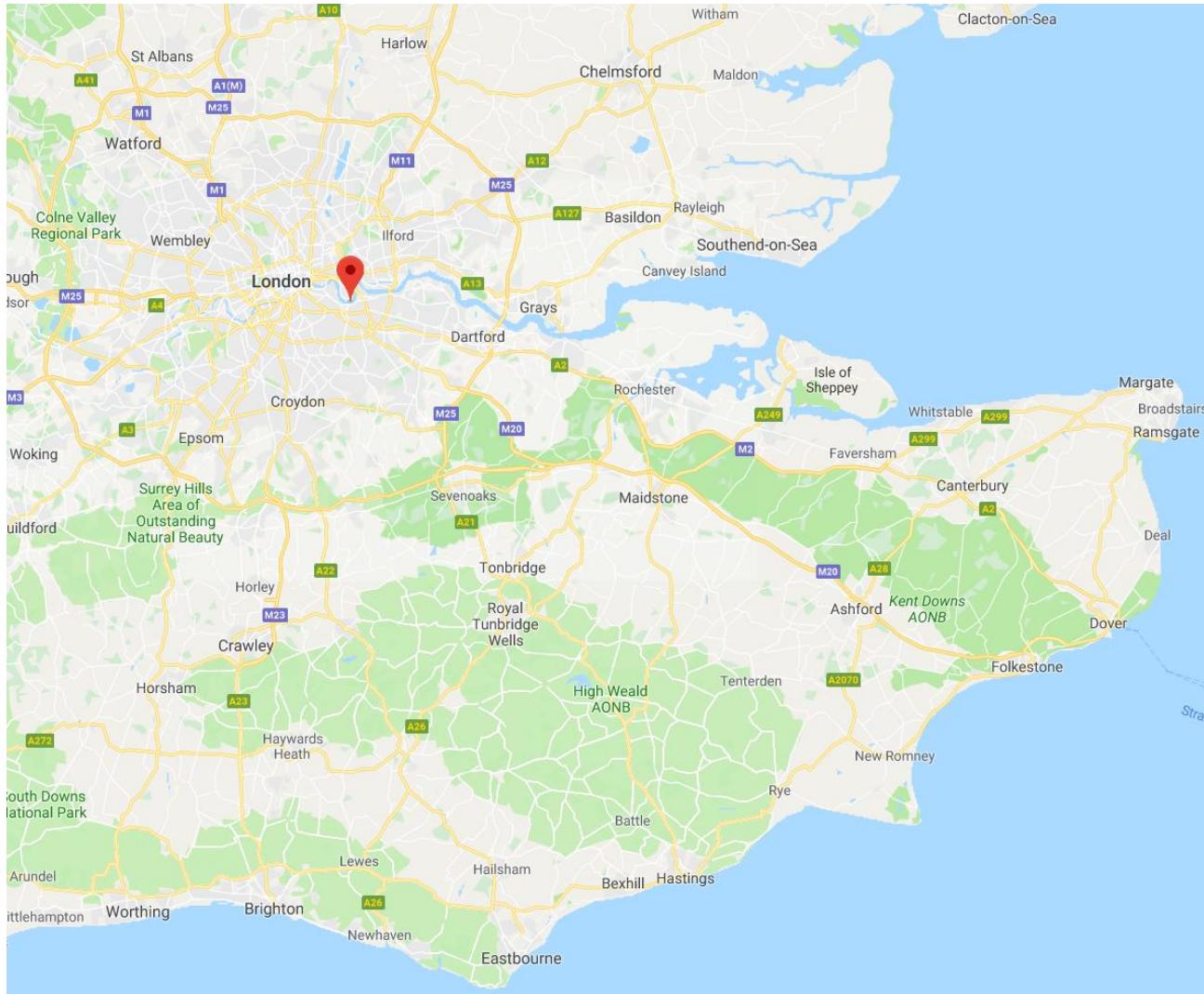
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- History of Positioning 1/3
- Magnetic Compass (<5th Century in China, then 13th Century in Europe)
- Octant, then Sextant (18th Century): measurement of height of objects (sun, stars) above horizon, maximum height gives **latitude**
- Chronometer (maritime clock) with +/- 1s stability per day (Harrison, 1761), important for **longitude** determination
 - 1 second error means a 450 m longitude error at the equator (caused by the rotation of the earth)
- With **Sextant/Octant** best position accuracy is 1 NM



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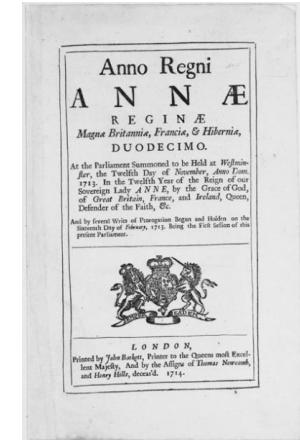


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• History of Positioning 2/3

- In 1714, following many maritime accidents (including more than 1500 vanished sailors with the loss of the fleet of admiral Cloudisley Shovell in 1707), the British government settled the **longitude act** to offer a 20.000 pounds reward (more than today's 10 millions €) for a method to determine the longitude.

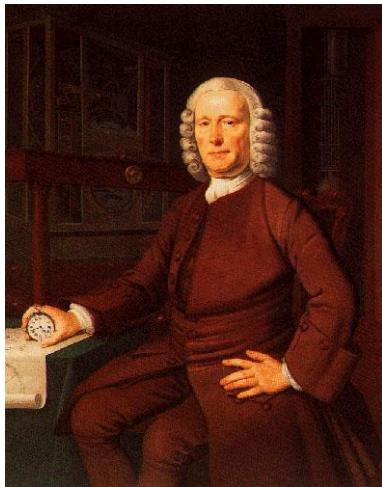
- Expected accuracy (drift):
 - Maximum error: **0,5 degrees**
 - $0,5 \text{ degrees} = 30 \text{ nautical miles}$ at the equator
 - = motion during 2 minutes of earth rotation
 - = 3 seconds per day during 40 days
 - (40 days = a 6 week journey from England to the West Indies)



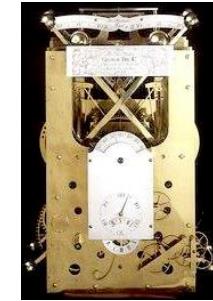
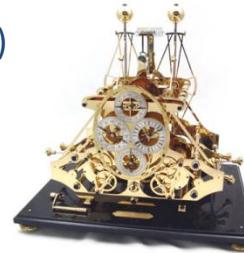
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• History of Positioning 2/2

- John Harrison (1693 – 1776)
- Drift on H4 clock: 39.2 seconds after 47 days (4 times better than what was requested)



H1 (1735)
1,2m
34 kg



H2 (1741)

H3 (1757)



H4 (1761)
13cm
1.45 kg

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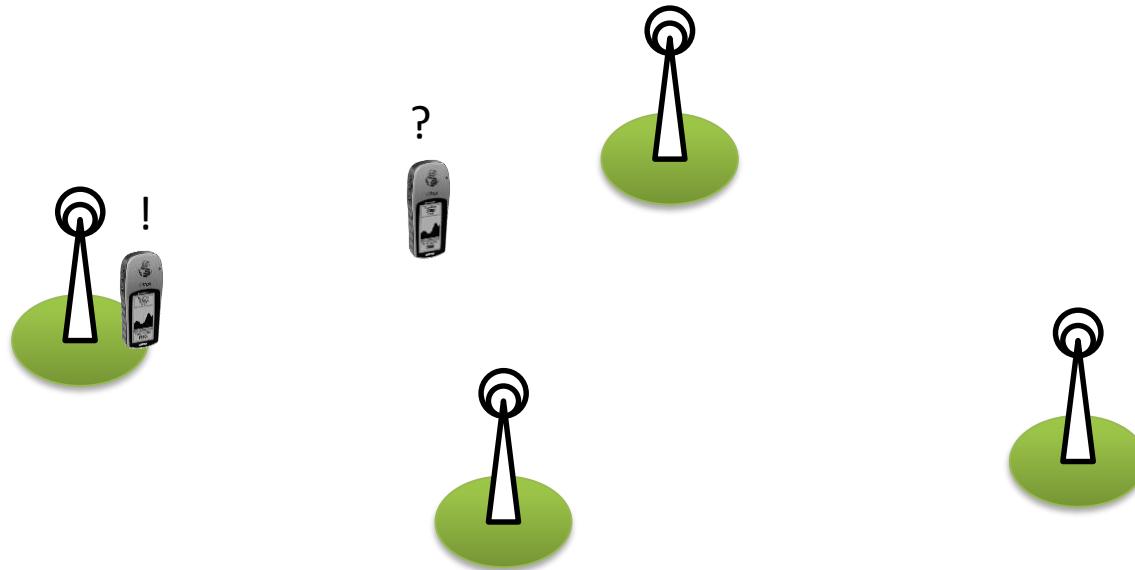
- Positioning Fundamentals - Components
- Positioning is determined by
 - one or **several parameters observed by measurement methods**
 - a positioning method for position calculation
 - a descriptive or spatial reference system
 - an infrastructure
 - protocols and messages for coordinating positioning

Positioning method	Observable	Measured by
Proximity sensing	Cell-ID, coordinates, RSS	Sensing for pilot signals
Lateration	Range or	Traveling time of pilot signals Path loss of pilot signals
	Range difference	Traveling time difference of pilot signals Path loss difference of pilot signals
Angulation	Angle	Antenna arrays
Dead reckoning	Position and Direction of motion and Velocity and Distance	Any other positioning method and sensors : Gyroscope Accelerometer Odometer
Pattern matching or learning algorithms	Visual images or fingerprints	e.g., via Camera or Received signal strength

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- Positioning Fundamentals – Proximity Sensing

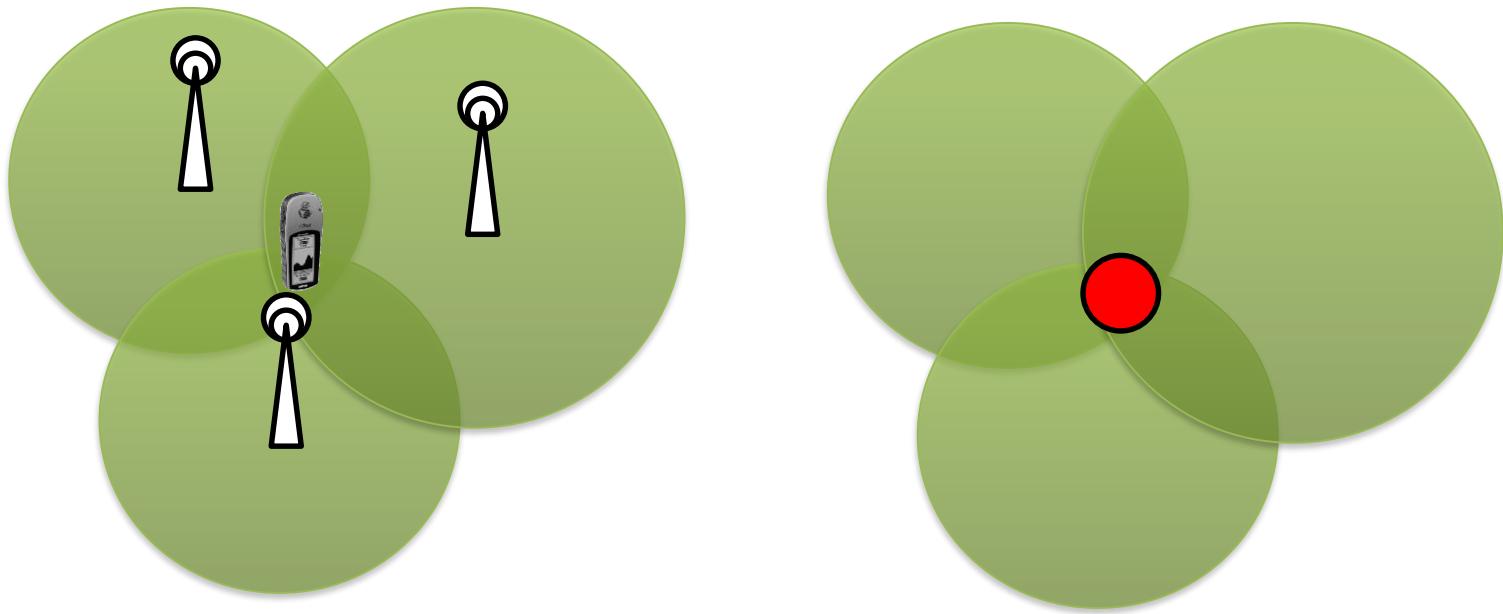
Proximity Sensing by a station using (short) range pilot signals:



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- Positioning Fundamentals – Laturation

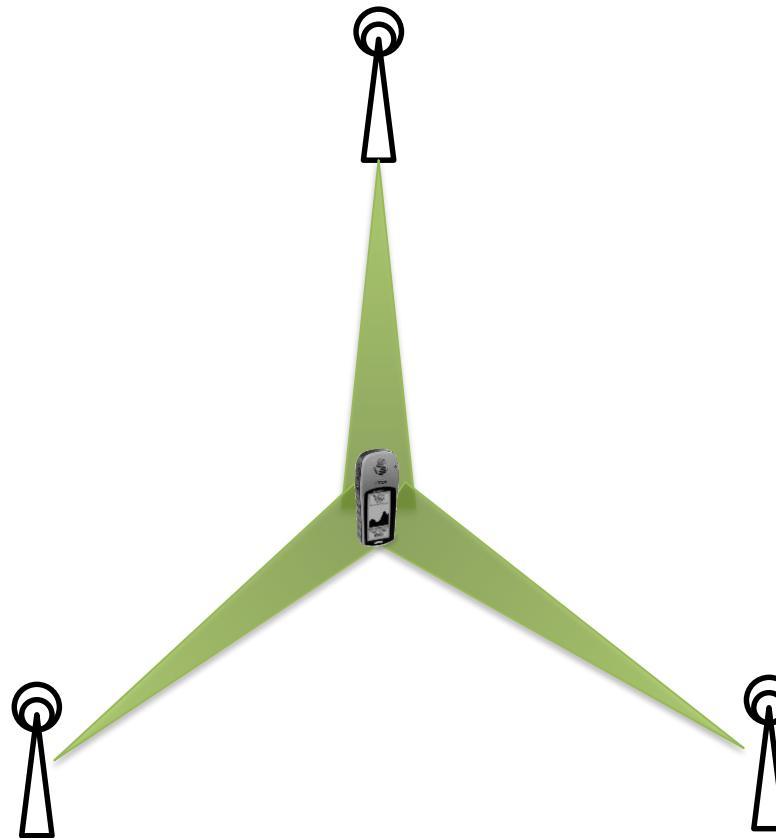
Position is computed by a number of **range measurements** to known **fix-points**:



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- Positioning Fundamentals – Angulation
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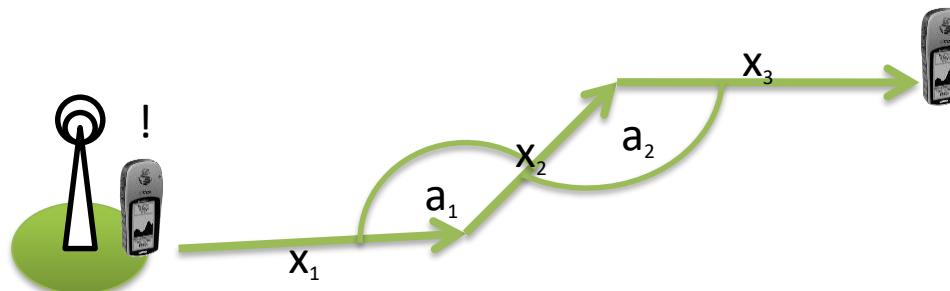
Position is derived by the measured of the **angle of an arriving signal** by multiple stations **at known fix-points**:



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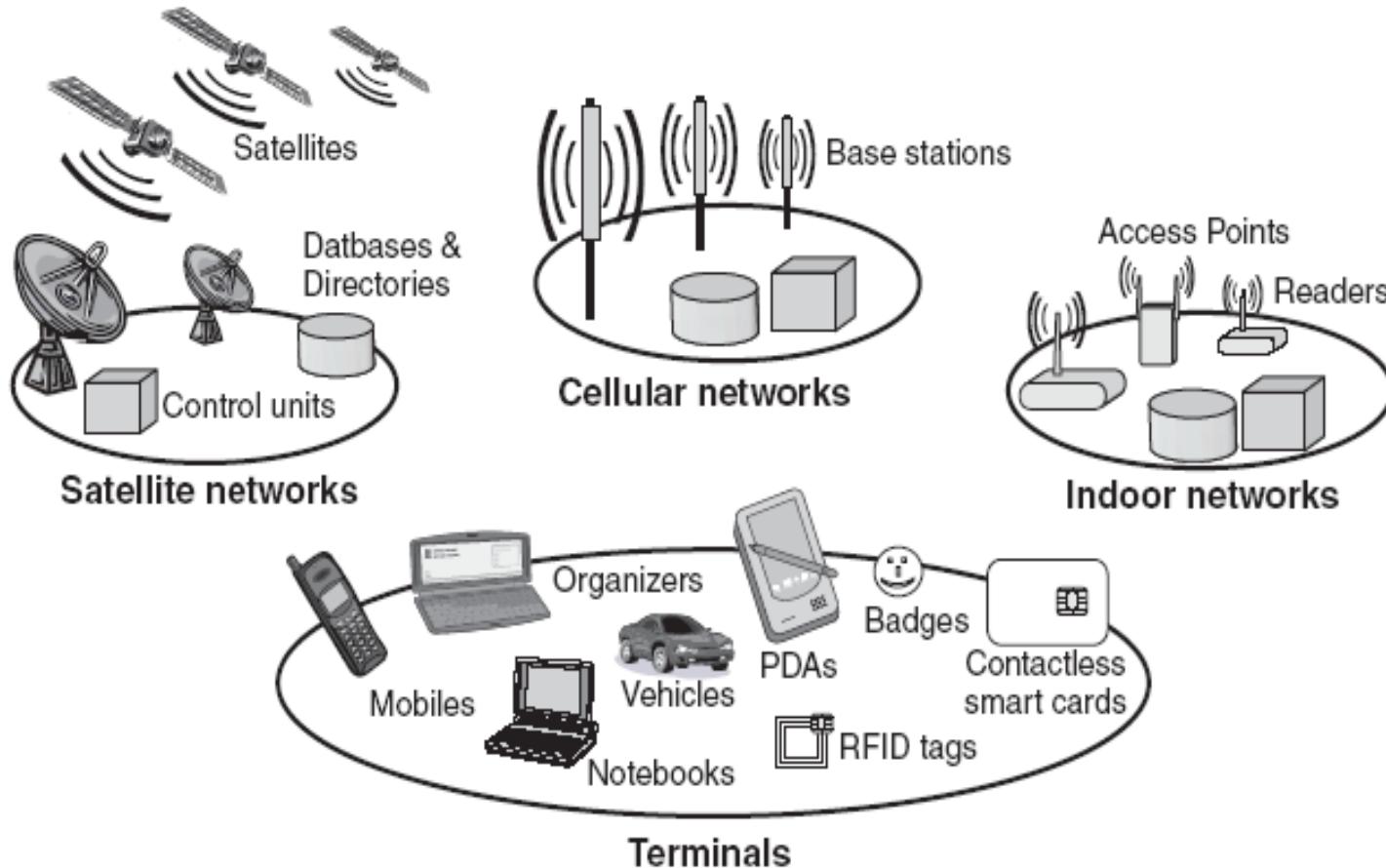
• Positioning Fundamentals – Dead Reckoning

- From a **fixed starting position**, the movement of a mobile device is estimated (e.g., using velocity and direction of movement)
- Position becomes more **inaccurate** with **each estimation**
- **Recalibration** may be necessary



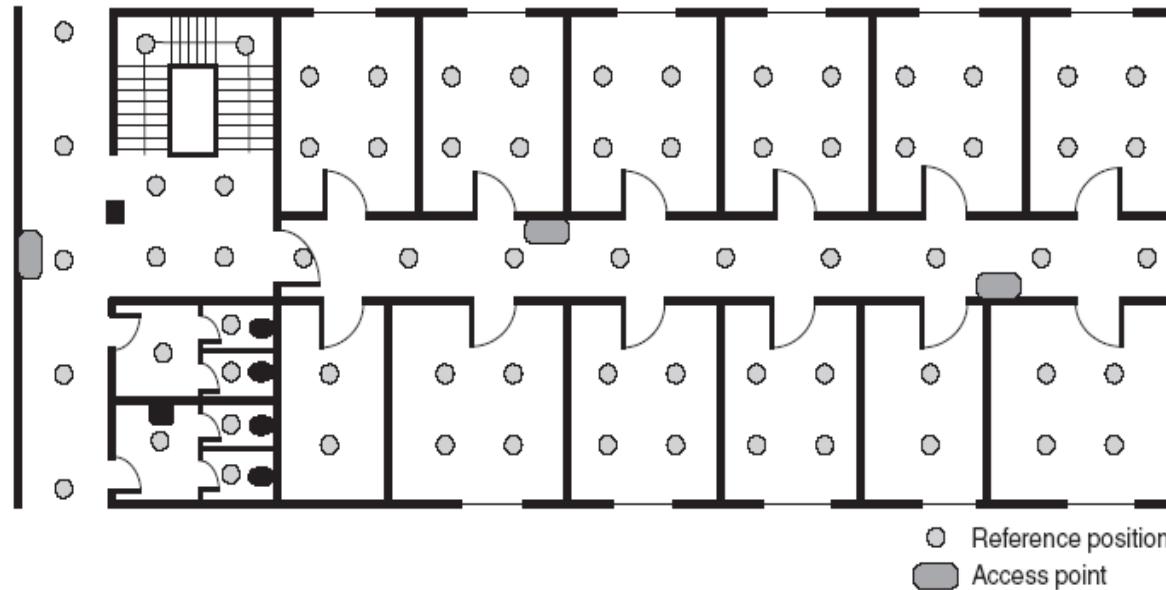
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• Positioning Fundamentals – Infrastructures



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- Positioning Fundamentals - Fingerprinting
- Position is derived by the comparison of location dependent online measurements with previously recorded data:

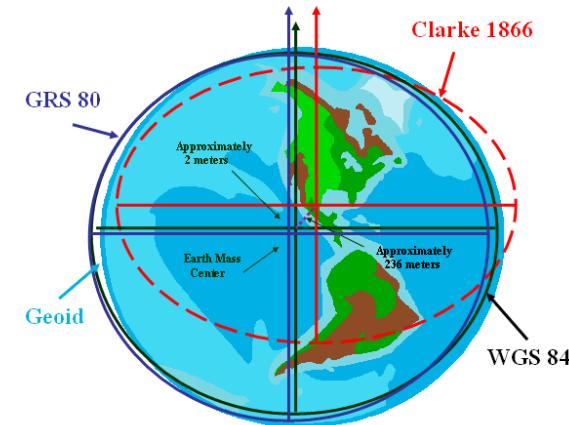
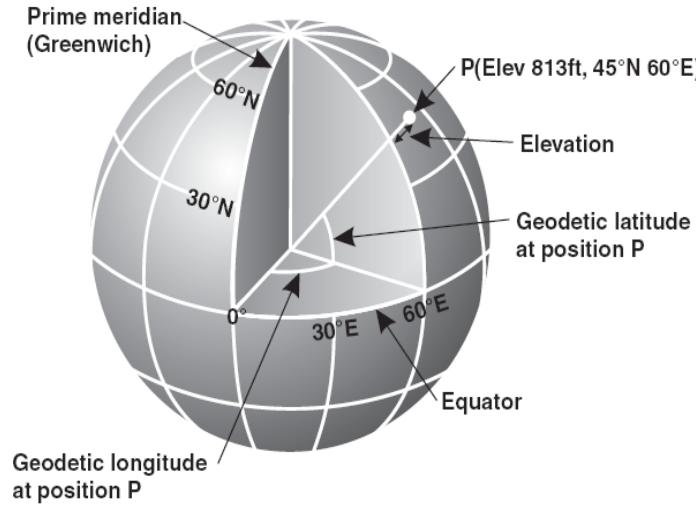


Indoor Navigation / Fingerprinting via:

- RSS measurements
- Bluetooth Beacon

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- Positioning Fundamentals – Reference Systems
- Goal of positioning: **derive the geographic position** of a target with respect to a **spatial reference model**
- Spatial reference model
 - Coordinate system (Ellipsoidal/Cartesian)
 - Geodetic datum, e.g., WGS-84
 - Projection (if location is to be represented on a map), e.g., Mercator projection



Outdoor Positioning

- Global satellite Positioning Systems - Past
- Russian satellite **Sputnik** launched in 1957
 - Proof of the ability to **track artificial objects in space** via short wave radio signals
 - **Worldwide triangulation program (BC-4)**: simultaneously photographing reflective satellites by several sites separated by some 4000 km
 - **Doppler shift** in the signal broadcast by a satellite could be used to determine exact time of closest approach. Together with the ephemerides this leads to precise positioning anywhere in the world.
- Navy Navigation Satellite System (NNSS), also called **TRANSIT**
 - Predecessor of GPS
 - Six satellites / 1100km altitude
 - Primarily for vessel and aircraft positioning
 - **1m accuracy** if point was **occupied for several days**
 - A satellite passed overhead only **every 90 minutes**

Outdoor Positioning

- GPS – Mission Goals
- Defined by the US Department of Defense (DoD), developed to replace the TRANSIT system and to deliver **not only position**, but also **accurate time and speed**.
- Initial goals
 - User receiver cost < 10.000 \$ and „5 bombs in the same hole“
 - Positioning anywhere, continuously & in all weather conditions
- Services
 - **Standard positioning service (SPS)** open to civil users, but single-frequency with **L1 coarse/acquisition signal** 1575.42 MHz, i.e. no ionosphere effect correction, **selective availability**
 - **Precise positioning service (PPS)**, dual-frequency, using P(Y) signals in **L1 and L2** (1227.60 MHz) bands, with military control access (key for pseudo-code)

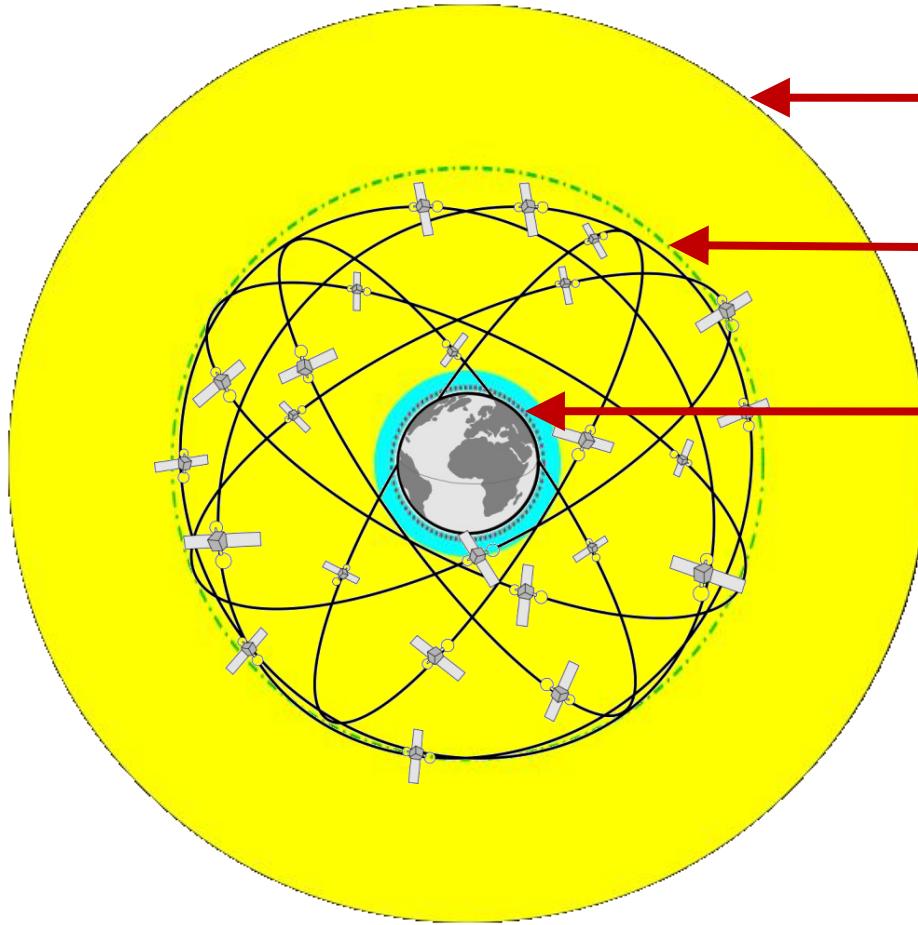
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• GPS – History

1973	Decision to develop satellite navigation system
1978-1985	11 Block-I satellites launched
1989	First Block-II satellite launched
Dec 1993	Initial Operational Capability (IOC)
Mar 1994	Last Block-II satellite
July 1995	Full Operational Capability (FOC)
May 2000	Deactivation of Selective Availability
Sep 2005	First IIR-M GPS satellite

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• GPS – Availability & Orbit



Geostationary orbit (ca. 36.000 km)
communication, TV, and meteorology

MEO: Medium Earth Orbit
e.g., **GPS satellites** (ca. 20.200 km)

LEO: Low Earth Orbit
e.g., **ISS** (ca. 700 km)



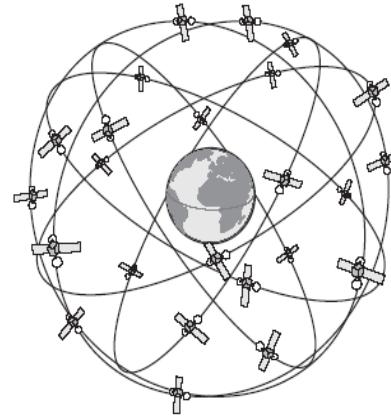
[Animated Orbits](#)

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- GPS – Satellites
- Block-I
 - Weight: 845 kg; Lifespan: **4.5 years**;
 - Energy: Solar panels (400W); Nickel-Cadmium batteries
 - Out-of-order since 1996
- Block-II/-IIA
 - Weight: 1500kg; Lifespan: **7.5 years**; Wingspan: 5.1m
 - **Four atomic clocks** (2 rubidium, 2 cesium)
- Block-IIR
 - Weight: 2000kg; Costs: 75 million USD
 - **Three atomic clocks** (all rubidium clocks)
 - **Second civil signal (L2C)**
 - **New military signal with new code**
- Block-IIF
 - **Third frequency for civil use (L5)**

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• GPS – Components



- Space segment
 - **24 satellites** circulating the Earth every 12 sidereal hours on six orbits
 - Each satellite is equipped with onboard atomic clocks
 - Orbit altitude: approx. 20,180 km
 - Orbit inclination angle: 55° to the equator
- Control segment
 - Initially: **Five ground stations** for monitoring and controlling the satellites
 - In 2005: **Six additional monitoring stations**
 - **Adjust or synchronize satellites**
- User Segment
 - GPS receiver
 - Applications: land, sea, and air navigation, as well as military purposes and location-based services

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• GPS – Circular Lateration

• Known:

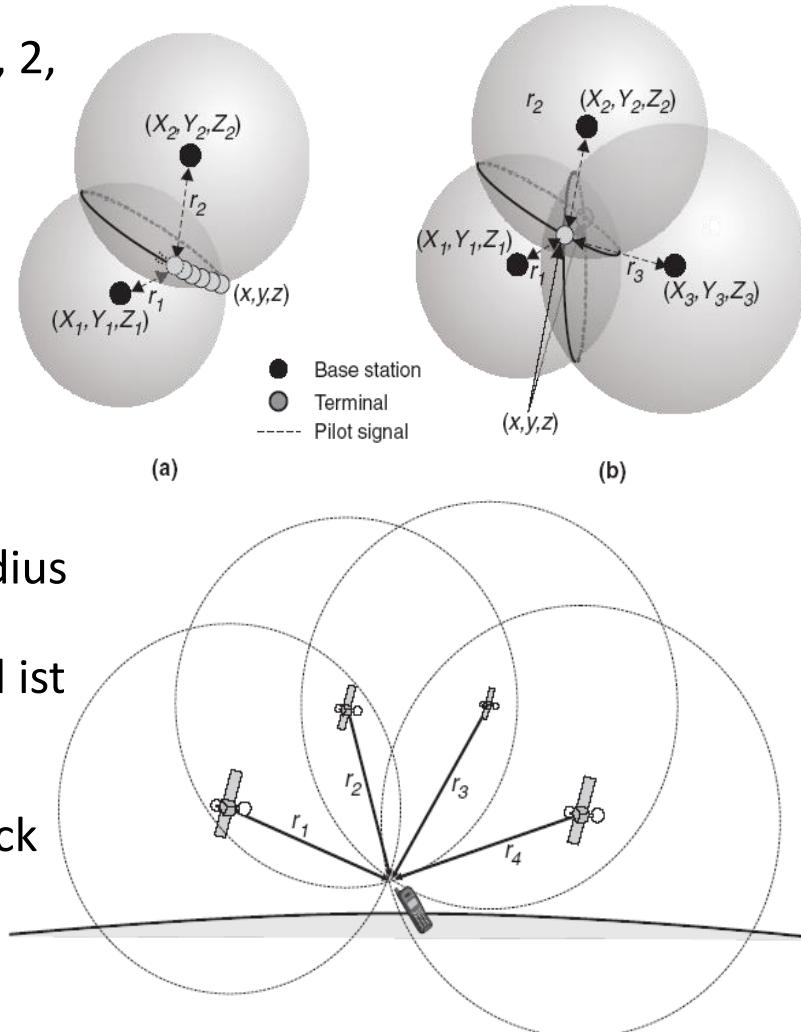
- Position $p_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ for satellites $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ at time t_i
- Inaccurate reception time tr_i
- Speed of light c

• Unknown:

- Position p

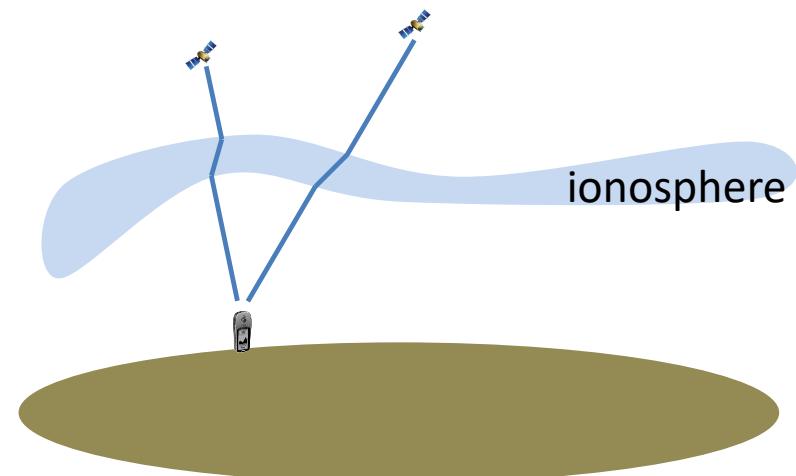
• Calculation:

- $r_i = (tr_i - t_i) * c$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$
- Estimate position p_{est} : intersection of spheres (centered on satellite i with radius r_i)
- p_{est} contains the coordinates (x, y, z) and is determined on basis of the signals 1, 2, and 3
- p_{est} is **not accurate** due to different clock times at the satellites and the receiver
- Signal 4 is now used to determine the corrected reception time t



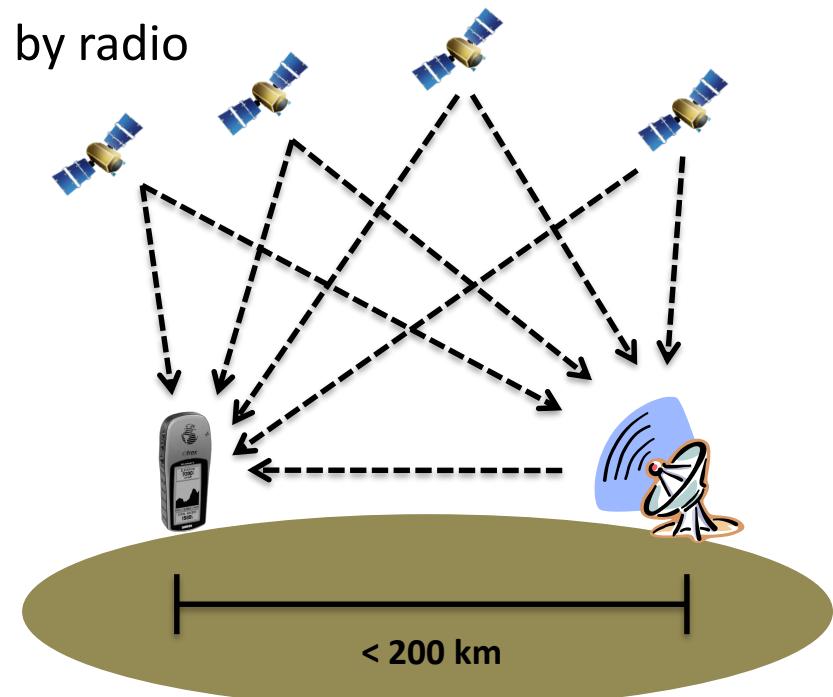
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- GPS – Possible Errors
- **Satellite clocks** (although four highly accurate atomic clocks) can cause **time error** of 10ns
- **Satellite position** is only known up to approx. 1-5m
- **Receiver** has only limited accuracy
- **Multipath propagation**
- **Satellite geometry** (Dilution Of Precision, DOP)
- Signal (speed of light) **slow down** when crossing **ionosphere** and **troposphere**



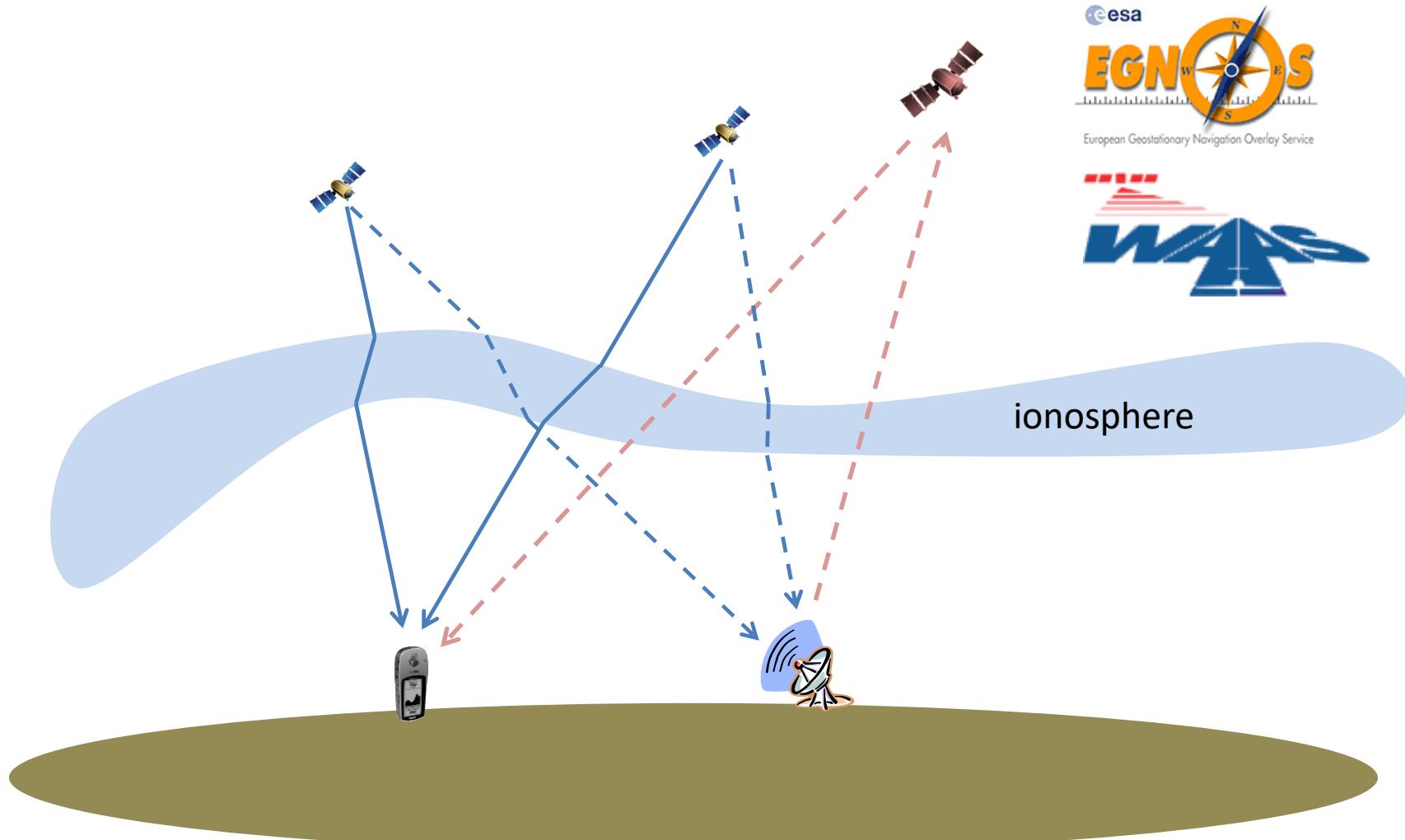
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- GPS – Components
- Reference station (RS) located at a **known and accurately surveyed point**
- RS determines its GPS position using four or more satellites
- Deviation of the measured position to the actual position can be calculated
- Variations are valid for all the GPS receivers around the RS
- Runtime corrections are transmitted by radio



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- GPS – Augmentation Systems



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• GPS – Galileo

- European GNSS
- Publicly available since December 2016
- Independence of other systems
- **More services:** Open, Commercial, Safety of Life, Public Regulated, Search and Rescue
- Advantages
 - **Precision:** Combination of GPS and Galileo in dual receivers is about to lead to higher precision
 - **Availability:** Higher number of satellites to improve the availability.
 - **Coverage:** Galileo aims to provide a better coverage at high latitudes due to the location and inclination of the satellites.

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- GPS – Galileo Services
- Open Service
 - basic signal provided free-of-charge
- Safety-of-Life Service
 - Enhanced signal including an **integrity function** that will **warn** the user within a few seconds in case of a **malfunction**. This service will be offered to the safety-critical transport community, aviation, etc.
- Commercial Service
 - combination of two encrypted signals for higher data throughput rate and higher accuracy authenticated data;
- Public Regulated Service
 - two encrypted signals with controlled access for specific users like governmental bodies; security against manipulation, availability guarantees
- Search And Rescue Service
 - Galileo will contribute to the international COSPAS-SARSAT cooperative system for humanitarian search and rescue activities. Each satellite will be equipped with a transponder transferring the distress signal from the user to the Rescue Coordination Centre and informing him that his situation has been detected.

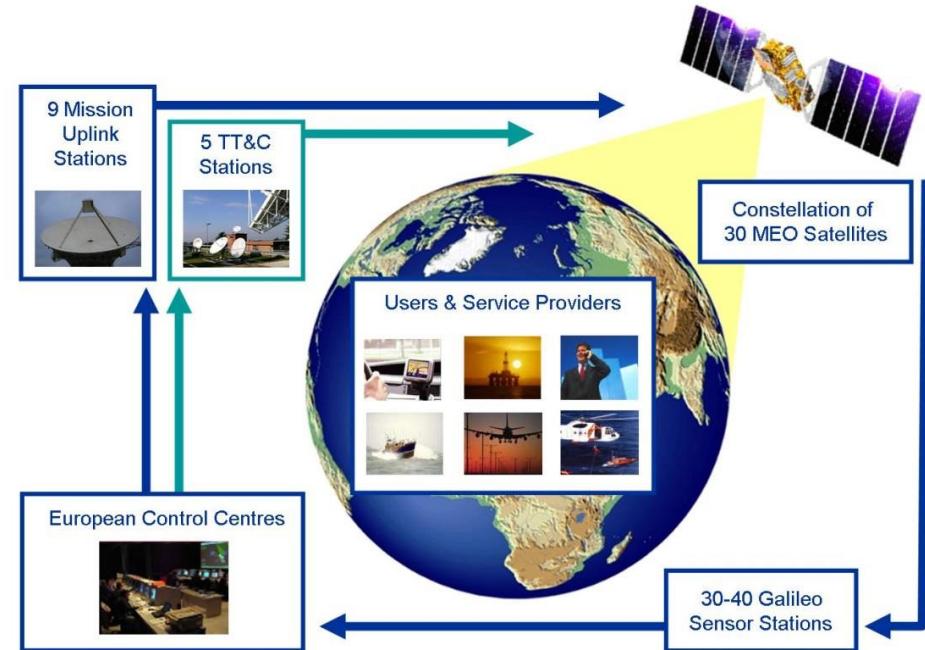
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- GPS – Galileo Operations
- Galileo programme structured in two phases
 - **In-Orbit Validation (IOV) phase**
 - Qualifying and validating the systems through in-orbit tests
 - Two experimental satellites: Dec 2005, Apr 2008
 - Four operational satellites: Q3/4 2011, Q1/2 2012
 - **Full Operational Capability (FOC) phase**
 - Deployment of remaining ground and space infrastructure
 - Intermediate initial **operational capability: 18 satellites** in operation
 - **Full system: 30 satellites**, control centers located in Europe and a network of **sensor stations** and **uplink stations** installed around the globe

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• GPS – Galileo Architecture

- 30 satellites in MEO: Each satellite will contain
 - a navigation payload
 - search and rescue transponder
- 30-40 sensor stations
- 3 control centers
- 9 Mission Uplink stations
- 5 TT&C stations.



http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/satnav/galileo/programme/index_en.htm

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• GPS – Other GNSS

- Global Navigation Satellite System (**GLONASS**)
 - Program started in 1982
 - System currently operated by the Russian Defense Ministry
 - 24 planned satellites
 - 3 orbital levels
 - Orbital altitude of 19,100 km
 - Full operation since 1996
- Compass Navigation Satellite System (CNSS)
 - China's second-generation satellite navigation system (also known as **BeiDou 2**)
 - Long-term goal: Development of a system **similar to the GPS and GLONASS**
 - 25~35 satellites: **4 GEO satellites and MEO satellites**
 - Two levels of positioning service: **Open** and **restricted** (military)
 - **Coverage:** Initially only neighboring countries, later on extension to global navigation satellite system.
 - Launches: 1 MEO (Apr 07) and 3 GEO (Apr 09 – June 10)

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- GPS – Summary
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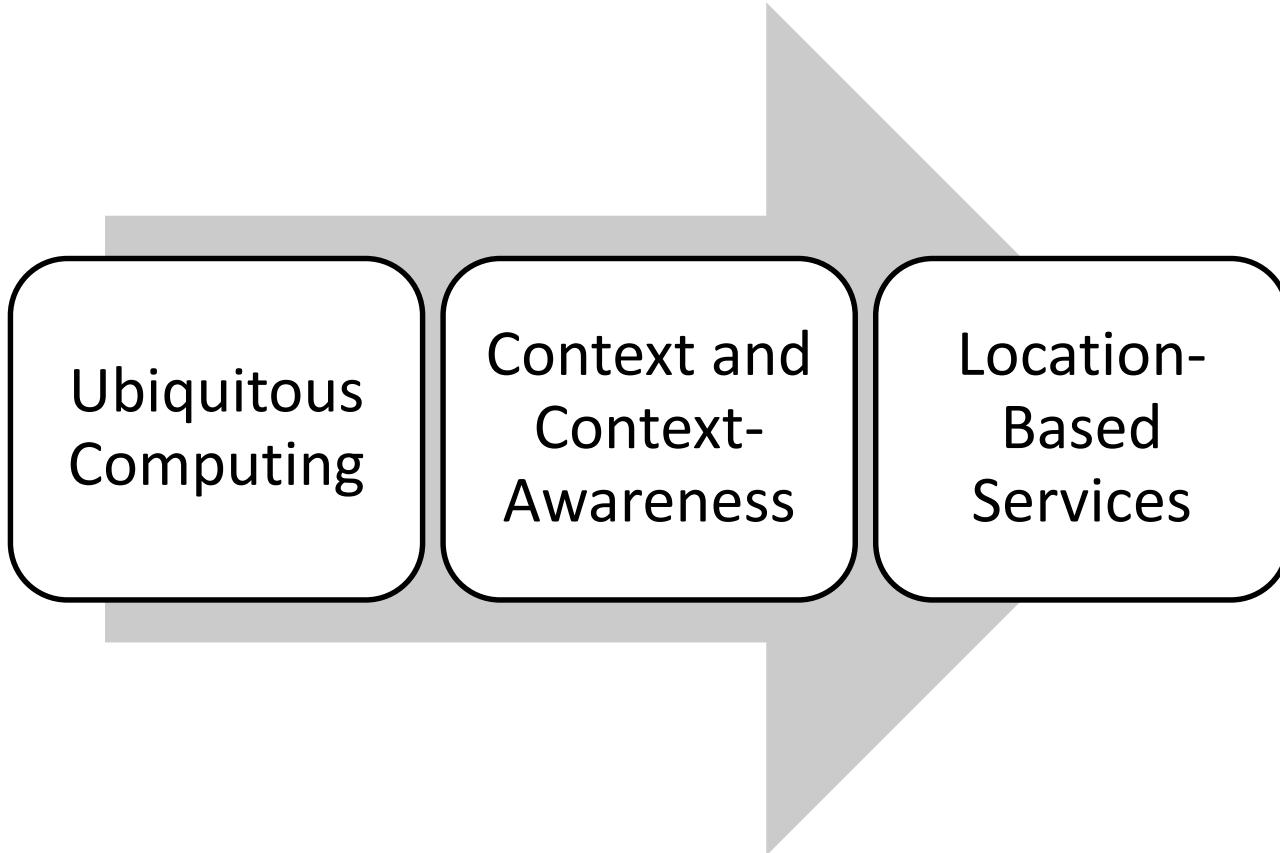
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Location-Based Services

- Historical Outline
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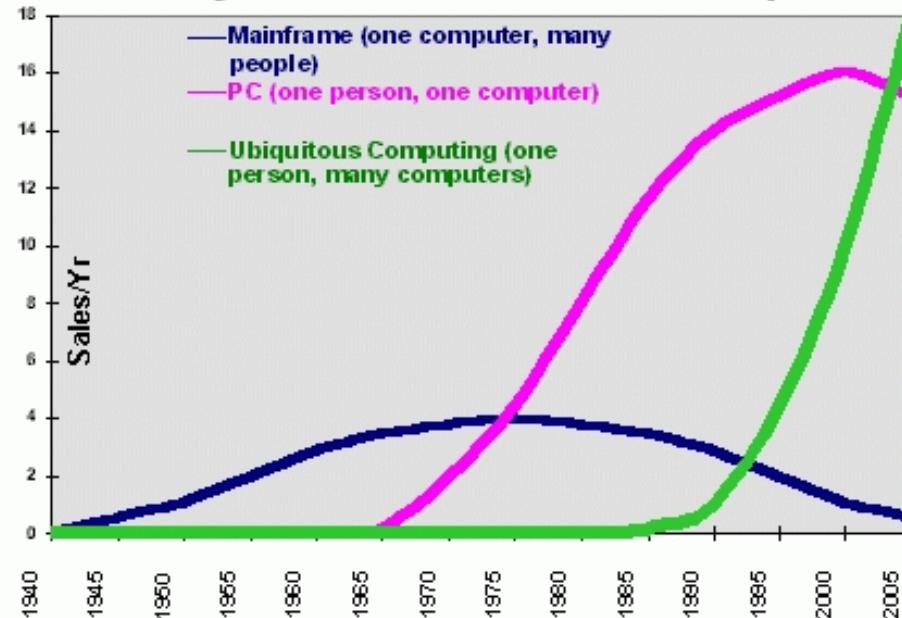


Location-Based Services

- Ubiquitous Computing

- Mark Weiser, Xerox PARC
- “Nomadic Issues in Ubiquitous Computing”
- Talk at Nomadic ‘96

The Major Trends in Computing



Location-Based Services

- Context & Context Awareness
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Context is **any information** that can be used to characterize the **situation** of an **entity**. An entity is a person, place, or object that is considered relevant to the interaction between a user and an application, including the user and applications themselves.

[1] Dey, Abowd, 1999

Towards a Better Understanding of Context and Context-Awareness

Anind K. Dey and Gregory D. Abowd

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Location-Based Services

- Context & Context Awareness
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Context-aware computing is a mobile computing paradigm in which applications can **discover and take advantage of contextual information** (such as **user location**, time of day, nearby people and devices, and user activity).

[2] Chen, Kotz, 2000

A Survey of Context-Aware Mobile Computing Research

Guanling Chen and David Kotz
Department of Computer Science
Dartmouth College

Dartmouth Computer Science Technical Report TR2000-381

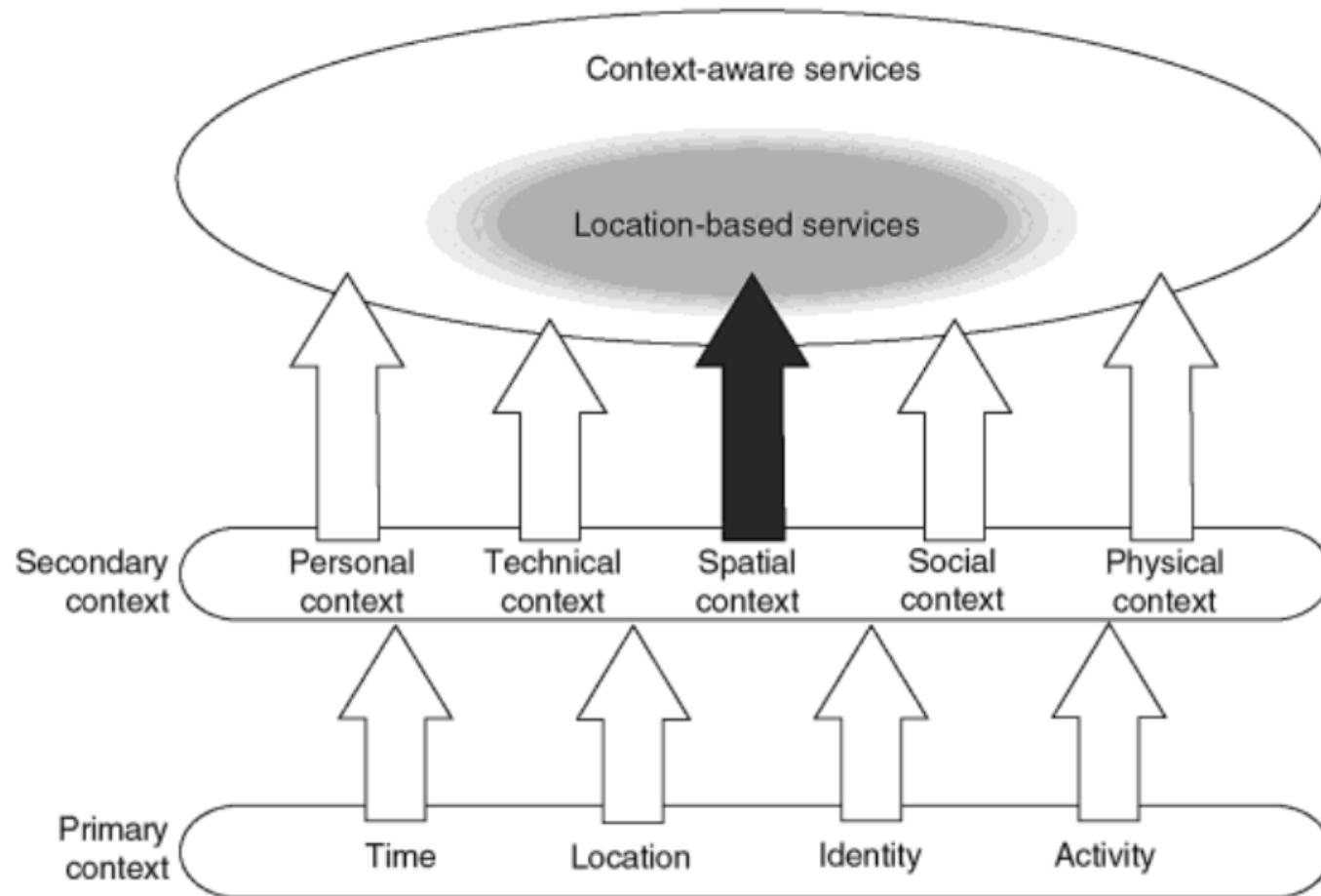
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• Sensing Context

- Sensing location
 - E.g. GPS (outdoor / indoor positioning)
- Media capturing
 - E.g. camera, microphone
- Connectivity
 - Mobile network, Bluetooth, WLAN, NFC
- Time
 - Day of week, calendar, Daytime
- Motion and environmental sensors
 - Accelerometer, ambient temperature, gravity, gyroscope, light, linear acceleration, magnetic field, orientation, pressure, proximity, relative humidity, rotation vector, temperature
- Further
 - Active/running apps on device, remaining energy level, ...
 - Semantic Meaning

Location-Based Services

- Definition of LBS

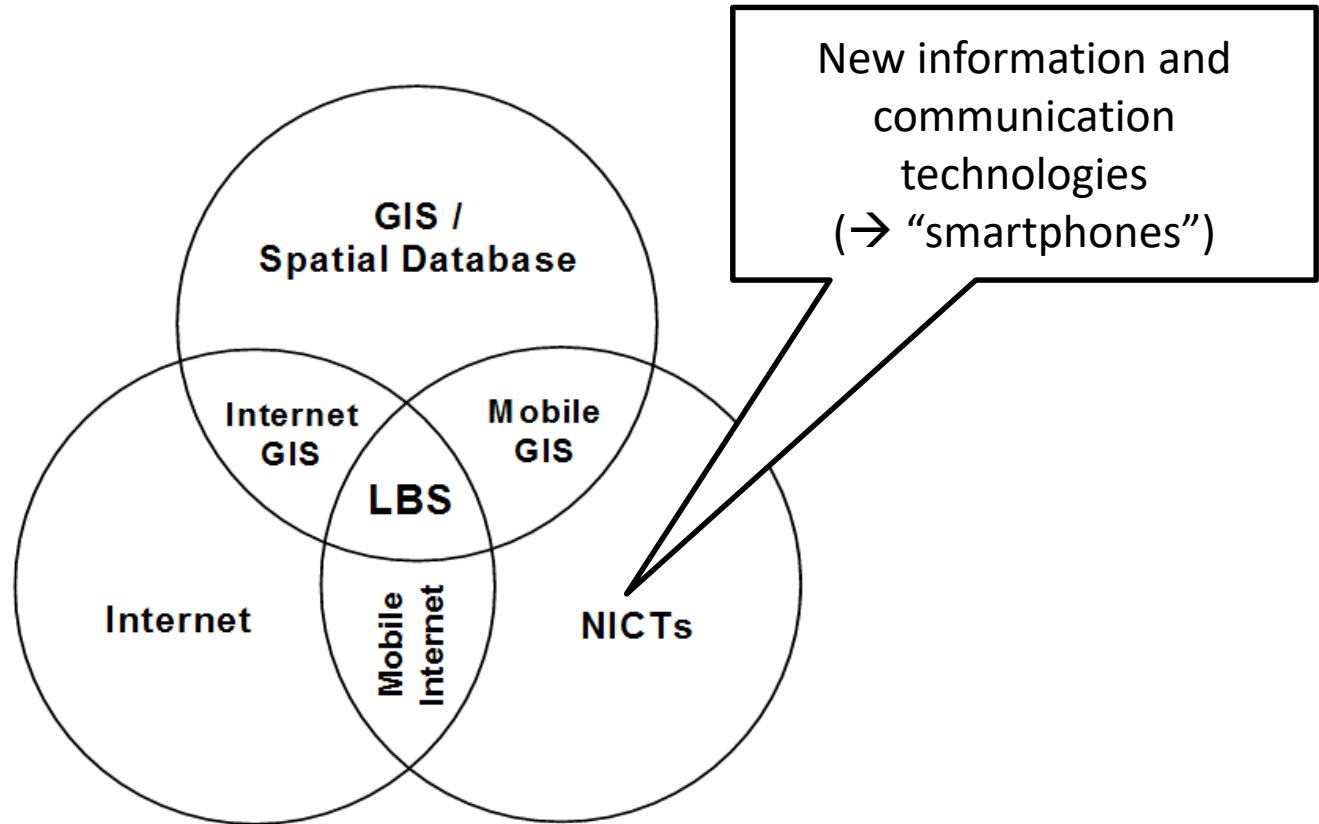


[3] Küpper, 2005

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- Convergence of Technologies

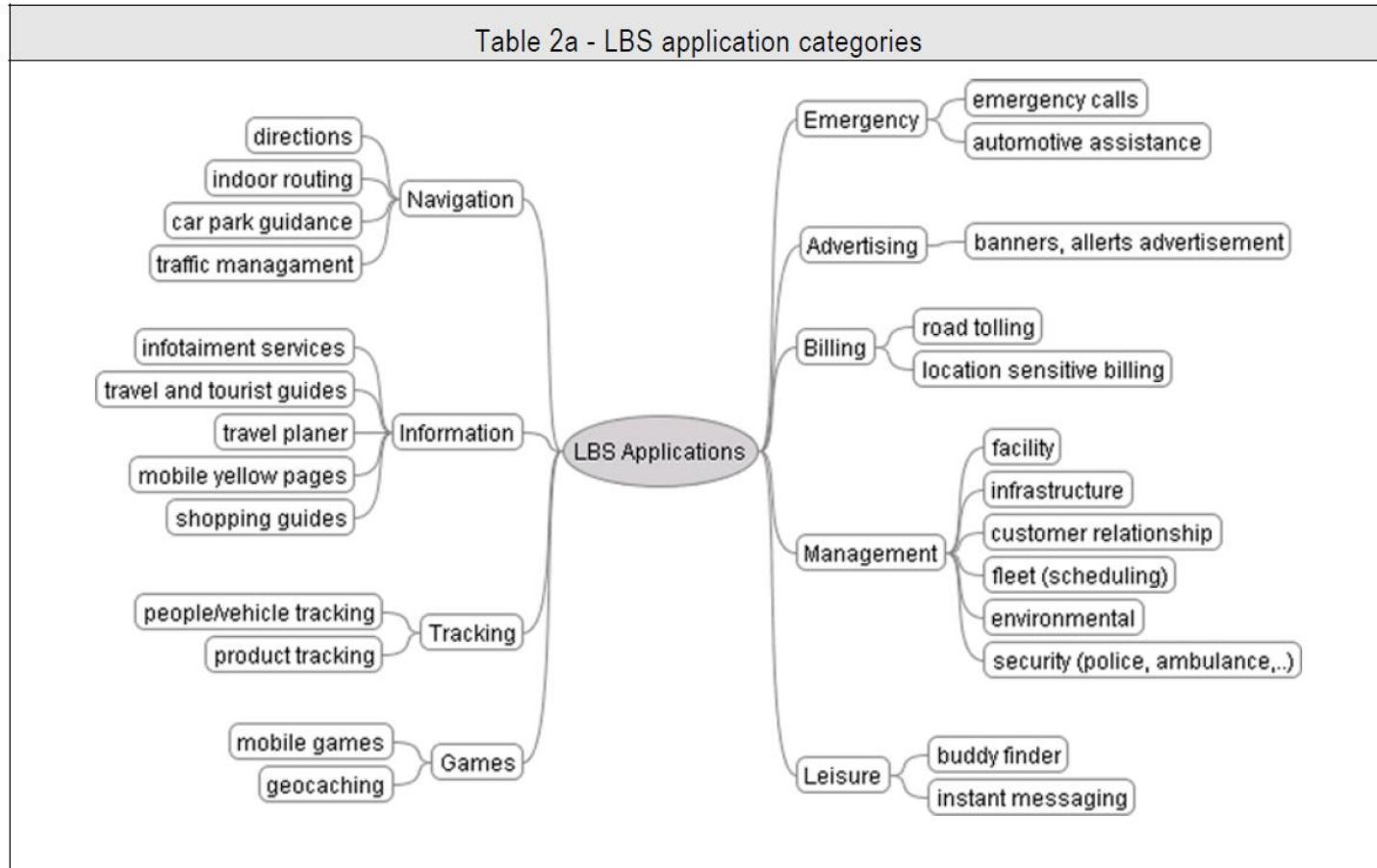
LBS as the **intersection of several technologies**



[4] Brimicombe, 2002

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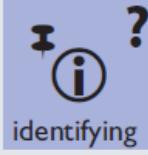
- Application Categories



[5] Steiniger et al., 2011

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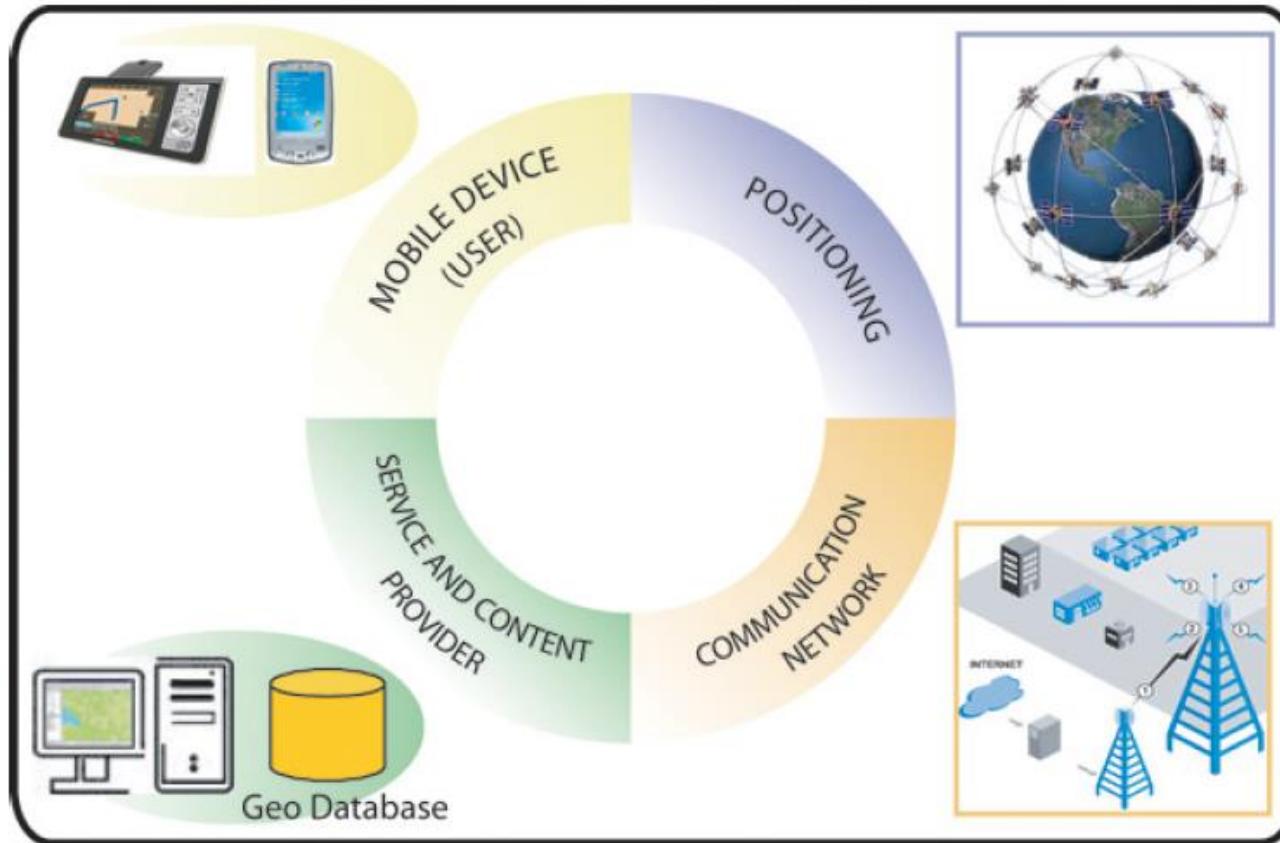
- Demarcation – Elementary Spatial User Actions

action	questions	objective
	orientation & localisation locating	where am I? where is {person object}?
	navigation navigating through space, planning a route	how do I get to {place name address xy}?
	search searching for people and objects	where is the {nearest most relevant &} {person object}?
	identification identifying and recognising persons or objects	{what who how much} is {here there}?
	event check checking for events; determining the state of objects	knowing what happens {here there}?

[6] Reichenbacher, 2004

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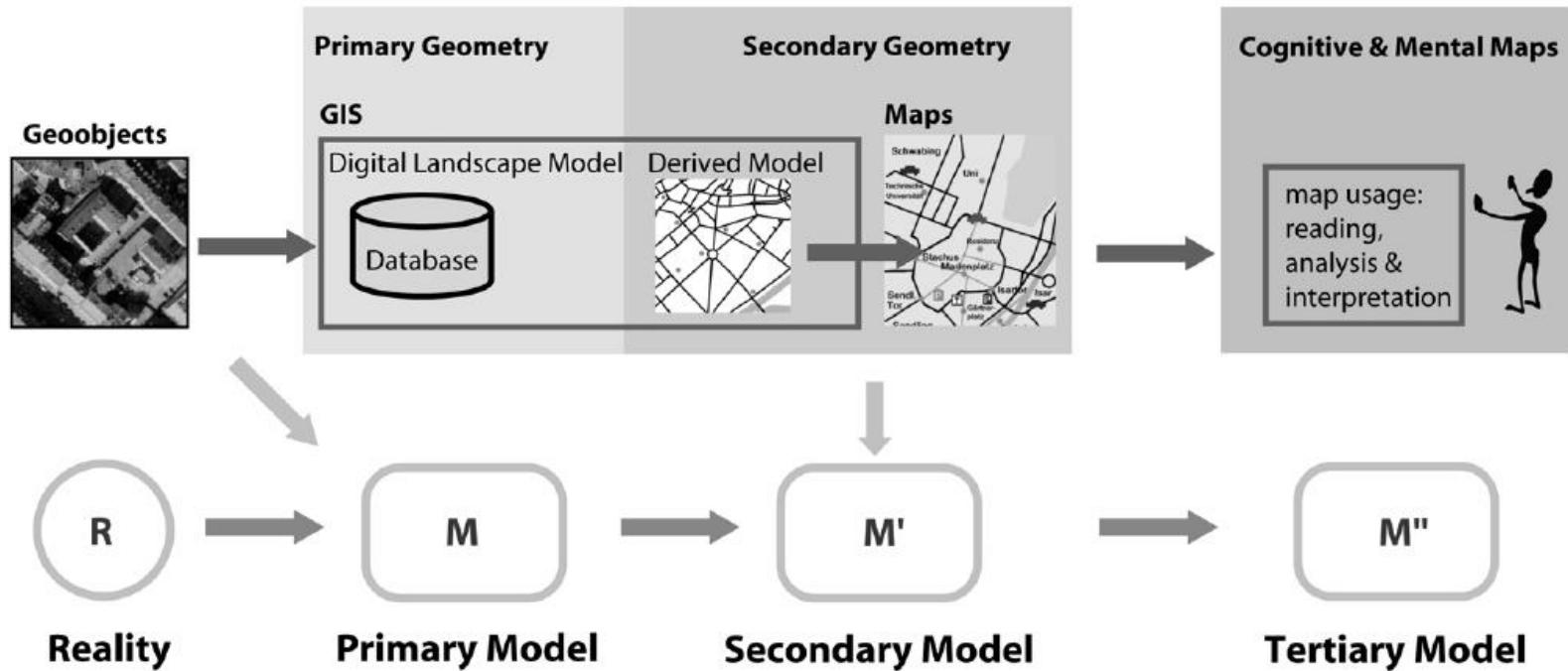
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- Positioning Challenges on mobile Devices
- Sources: **GPS, Cell-ID, and Wi-Fi**
- Trade off in **accuracy, speed, and battery-efficiency** and **trust**.
- Re-estimating user location due to frequent and non-linear movement.
- **Varying accuracy and non-consistent localization:**
Older positions from one source might be more accurate than a newer location from another or same source.

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- Google Location Services
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Android Location Manager

- `locationManager = getSystemService(Context.LOCATION_SERVICE) as LocationManager`

```
// Register the listener with the Location Manager  
locationManager.requestLocationUpdates(LocationManager.NETWORK_PROVIDER, 0, 0f,locationListener)
```

Location Management in Android

- Localization strategies on mobile
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```
// Define a listener that responds to location updates
val locationListener = object : LocationListener {

    override fun onLocationChanged(location: Location) {

        makeUseOfNewLocation(location)
    }

    override fun onStatusChanged(provider: String, status: Int, extras: Bundle) {

    }

    override fun onProviderEnabled(provider: String) {

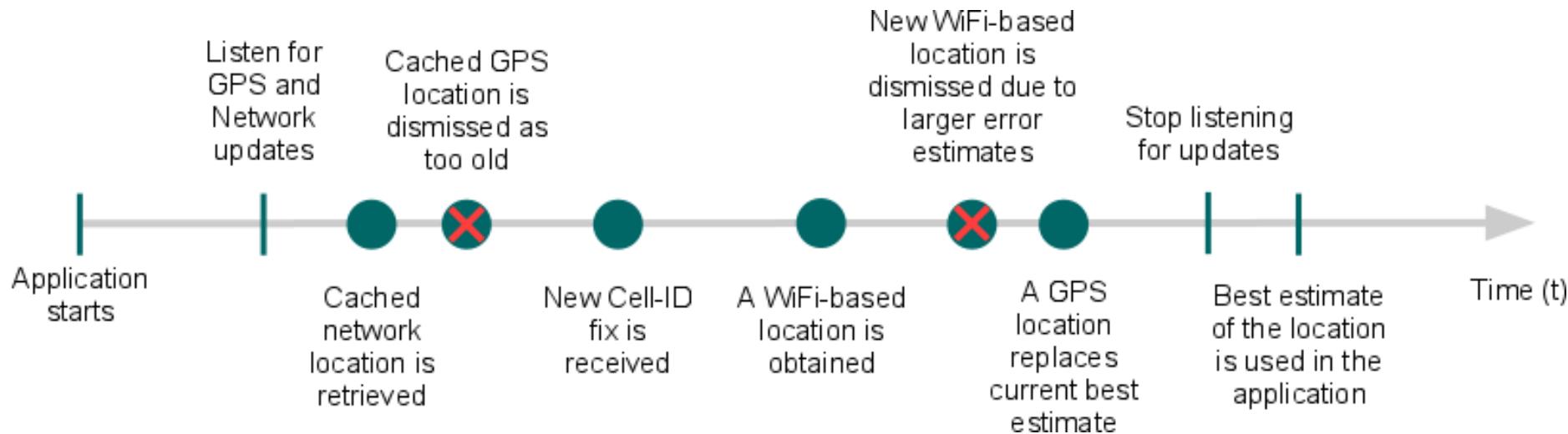
    }

    override fun onProviderDisabled(provider: String) {
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}
```

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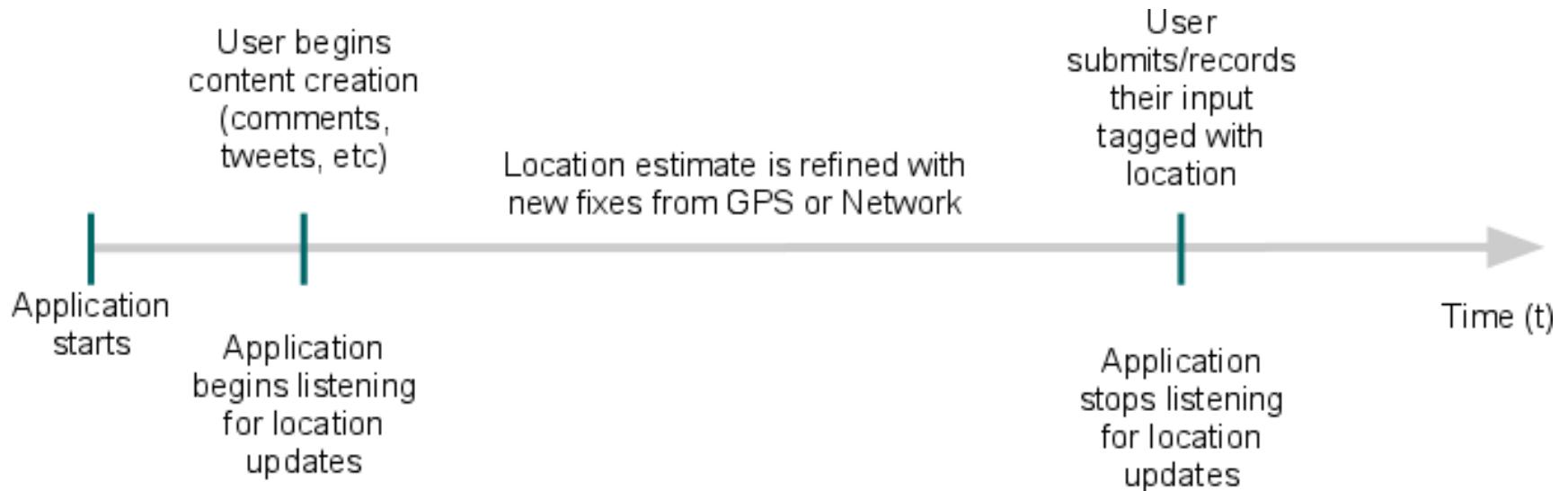
- Localization strategies on mobile

1. Start application
2. Start Listening for updates from desired location providers
3. Maintain a "current best estimate" of location by filtering out low accuracy samples
4. Stop listening for location updates
5. Take advantage of the last best location estimate.



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- Location Updates & User Interaction
- Context based location updates.
- Location update strategies may depend on User Interaction.
- Most of the time, users don't want to wait to get a high accuracy location
(Apart from navigation task e.g.)



Location Management in Android

- Geofences: Trigger Events
- Geofences are geometric shapes
- Its vertices are geopositions as WGS84 coordinates
- Events that can be triggered :
 - Entering a Fence Region
 - Leaving a Fence Region
 - “Dwelling” in a Fenced Region
 - Stay of specified Length
 - Less triggering friendly



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• Geofences: Android Librarys & Usage

Android Geofencing Client:

- geofencingClient = LocationServices.getGeofencingClient(this)
- geofenceList.add(Geofence.Builder())
- .setRequestId(entry.key)
- // Set the circular region of this geofence.
.setCircularRegion(entry.value.latitude, entry.value.longitude,
Constants.GEOFENCE_RADIUS_IN_METERS)
- // Set the expiration duration of the geofence
.setExpirationDuration(Constants.GEOFENCE_EXPIRATION_IN_MILLISECONDS)
- // Set the transition types of interest. Alerts are only generated for these
transition. .setTransitionTypes(Geofence.GEOFENCE_TRANSITION_ENTER or
Geofence.GEOFENCE_TRANSITION_EXIT)
- // Create the geofence.
- .build()

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- Geofences: Android Librarys & Usage
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```
geofencePendingIntent: PendingIntent by lazy {  
    intent = Intent(this, GeofenceTransitionsIntentService::class.java)
```

```
PendingIntent.getService(this, 0, intent,  
PendingIntent.FLAG_UPDATE_CURRENT)
```

```
geofencingClient?.addGeofences(getGeofencingRequest(),  
geofencePendingIntent)?
```

<https://developer.android.com/training/location/geofencing>

Location Management in Android

- Tips for Development and Debugging
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Use the geo command in the emulator console to mock a Geo Location

Connect to the emulator console:

- telnet localhost <console-port>
- geo fix -121.45356 46.51119 4392
- \$GPRMC,081836,A,3751.65,S,14507.36,E,000.0,360.0,130998,011.3,E*62