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# Ασύρματα Δίκτυα και Κινητοί Υπολογισμοί

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# Roadmap

- Location Sensing Overview
  - Location sensing techniques
  - Location sensing properties
  - Survey of location systems

# Importance of Location Sensing

- Mapping systems
- Locating people & objects
- Emergency situations/mobile devices
- Wireless routing
- Supporting ambient intelligence spaces
  - location-based applications/services
  - assistive technology applications

# Location System Properties

- **Location description:** physical vs. symbolic
- **Coordination systems:** Absolute vs. relative location
- **Methodology for estimating distances, orientation, position**
- **Computations:** Localized vs. remote
- **Requirements: Accuracy, Precision, Privacy, Identification**
- **Scale**
- **Cost**
- Limitations & dependencies
  - infrastructure vs. ad hoc
  - hardware availability
  - multiple modalities (e.g., RF, ultrasonic, vision, touch sensors)

# Accuracy vs. Precision

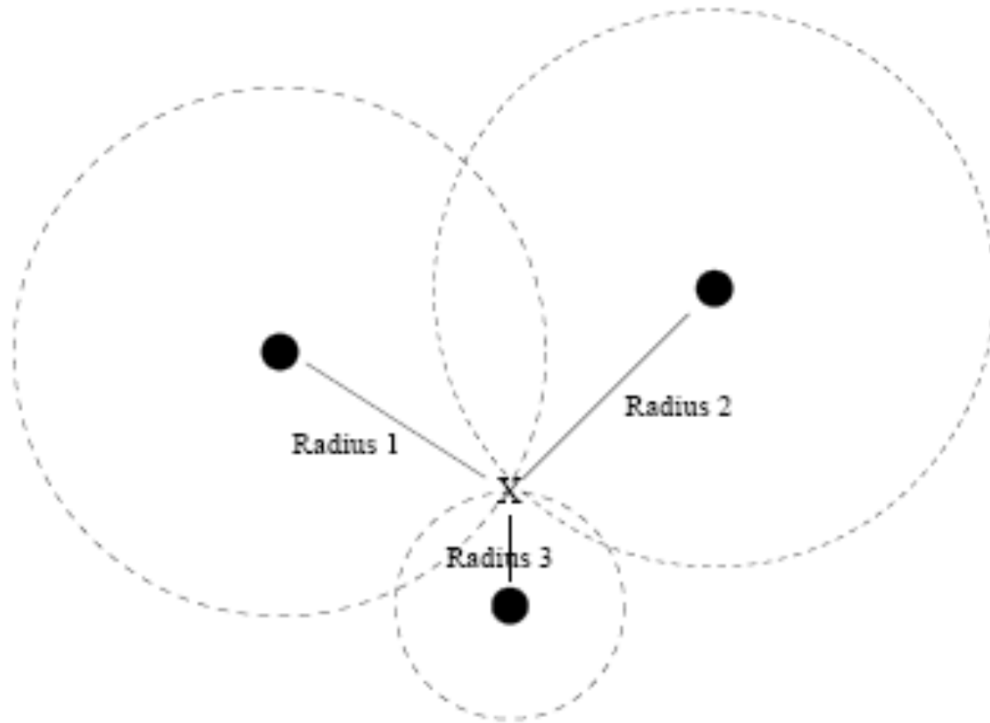
- A result is considered ***accurate*** if it is **consistent with the *true* or *accepted value*** for that result
- Precision refers to the ***repeatability*** of measurement
  - Does ***not*** require us to know the correct or true value
  - Indicates how sharply a result has been defined

# Location Sensing Techniques

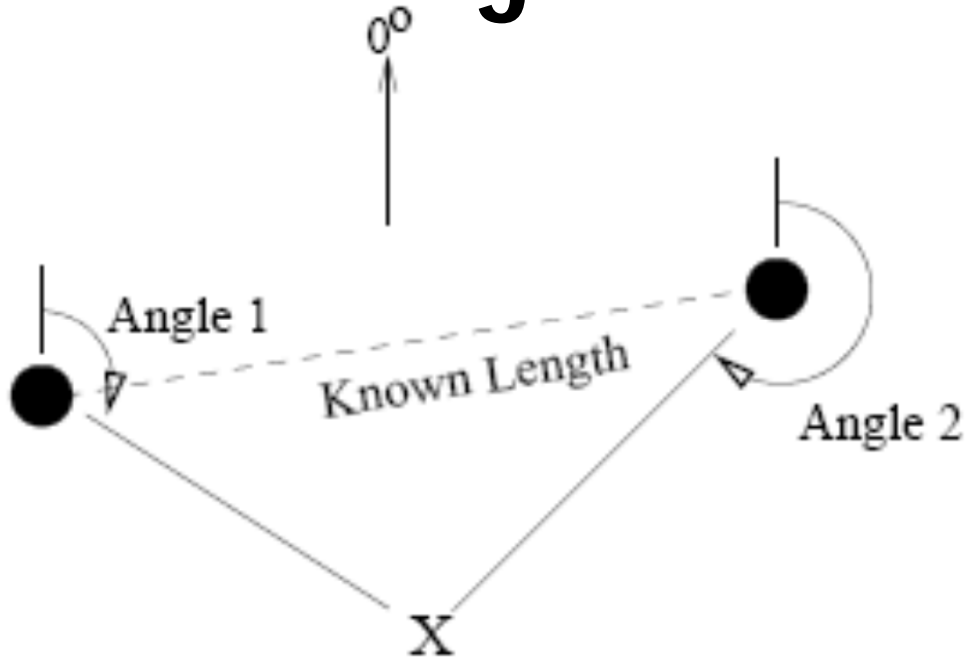
- Distance- vs. signature-based approaches
  - **Distance-based**
    1. use radio propagation models to estimate distance from landmark
    2. apply trilateration or angulation techniques
  - **Signature-based**
    1. build maps of physical space enriched with measurements
    2. apply pattern matching algorithms
- Proximity



# Lateration



# Angulation



- The angle between two nodes can be determined by estimating the AOA parameter of a signal traveling between two nodes

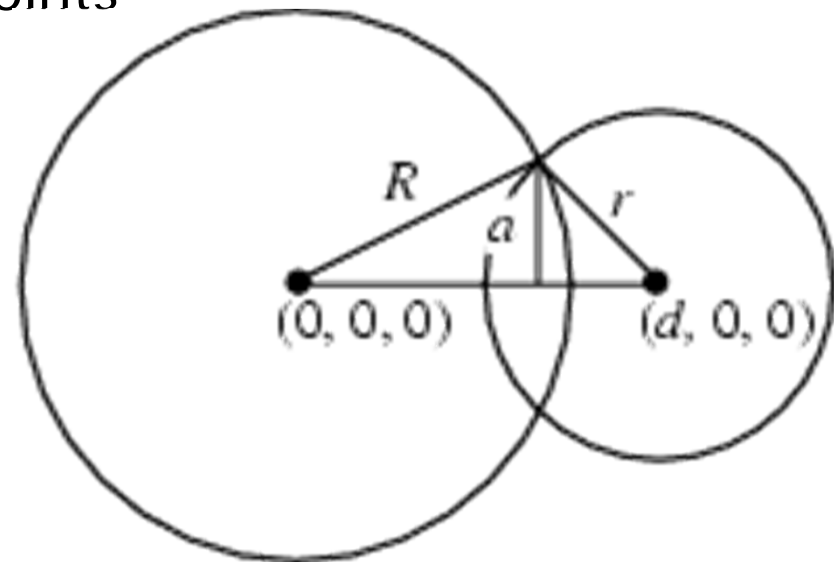
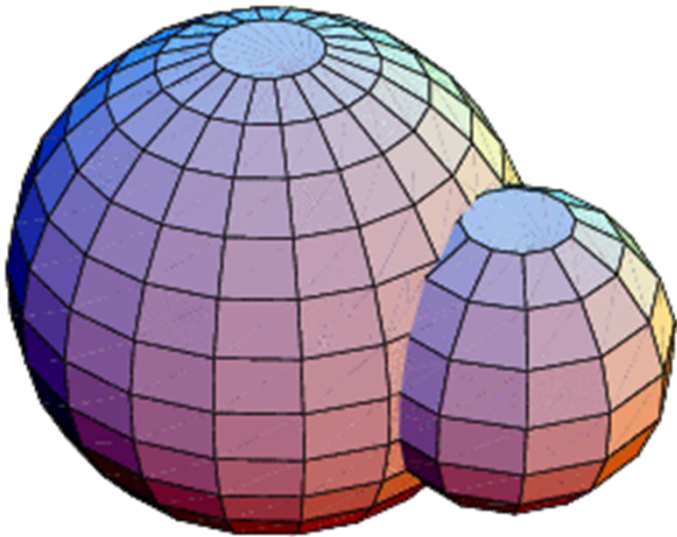
☞ Phased antenna array can be employed

# Phased Antenna Array

- Multiple antennas with *known separation*
- Each measures *time of arrival of signal*
- Given the **difference in time of arrival & geometry of the receiving array**, the angle from which the emission was originated can be computed
- If there are enough elements in the array with large separation, the angulation can be performed

# Triangulation - Lateration

- Uses **geometric properties** of triangles to compute object locations
- Lateration: Measures distance from reference points
  - 2-D requires 3 non-collinear points
  - 3-D requires 4 non-coplanar points



# Triangulation - Lateration

## Types of Measurements

- **Direct touch, pressure**

- **Time-of-flight**

  - (e.g., sound waves travel 344m/s in 21°C)

- **Signal attenuation**

  - calculate based on send and receive strength
  - attenuation varies based on environment

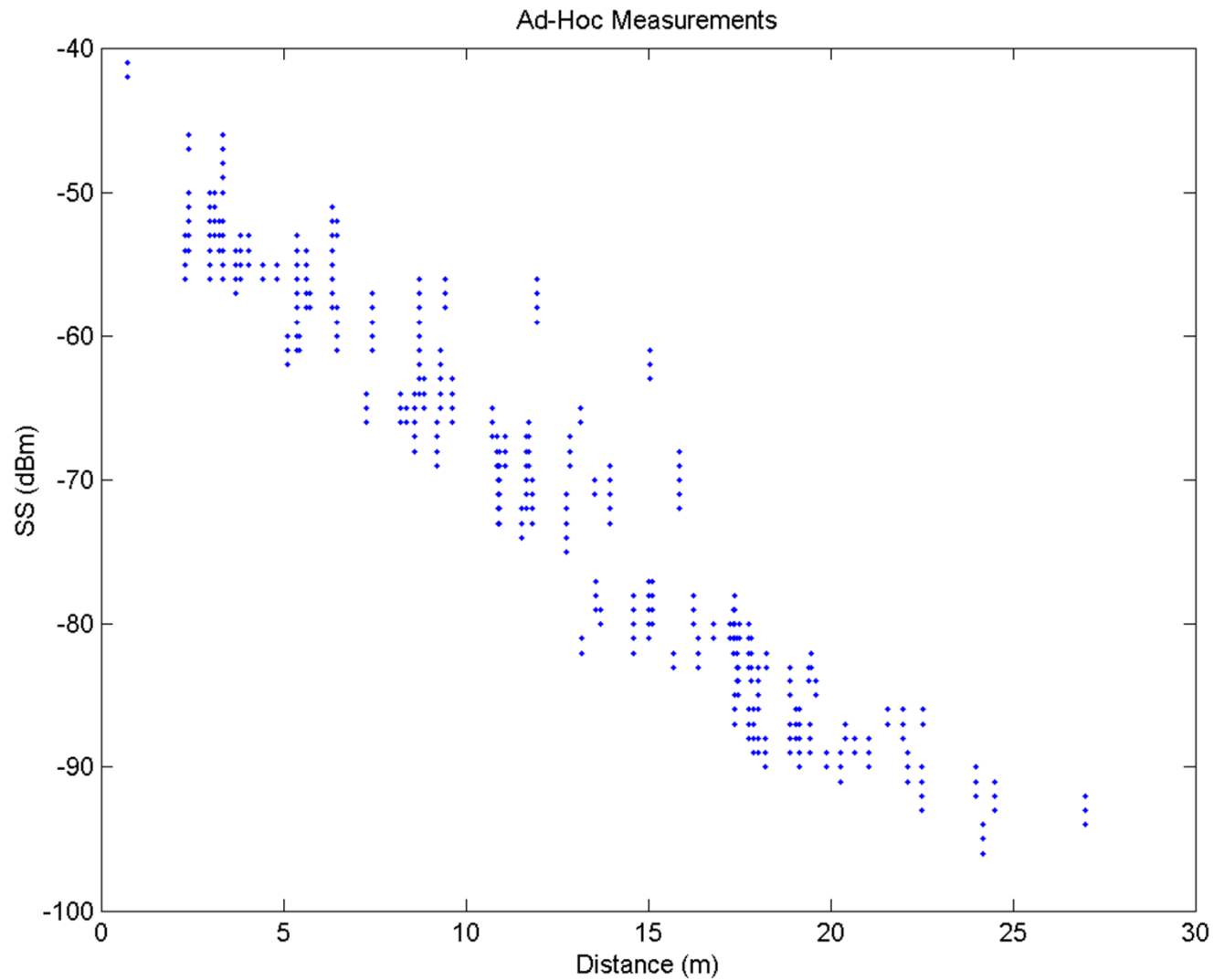
# Time-of-Arrival Issues

- Requires **known velocity**
- May require **high time resolution** (e.g., for light or radio)  
A light pulse (with 299,792,458m/s) will travel the 5m in 16.7ns

Time of flight of light or radio requires clocks with much higher resolution (by 6 orders of magnitude) than those used for timing ultrasound

- ***Clock synchronization***
  - Possible solution ?

# Some Real-life Measurements



# Signal Power Decay with Distance

- A signal traveling from one node to another experiences fast (multipath) fading, shadowing & path loss
- ***Ideally, averaging RSS*** over sufficiently **long time interval** excludes the effects of multipath fading & shadowing  $\Rightarrow$  general ***path-loss model***:

$$\bar{P}(d) = P_0 - 10n \log_{10} (d/d_0)$$

$n$ : path loss exponent

$\bar{P}(d)$ : the average received power in dB at distance  $d$

$P_0$  is the received power in dB at a short distance  $d_0$



# Signal Power Decay with Distance

- *In practice*, the observation interval is not **long enough** to mitigate the effects of shadowing
- ☞ The received power is commonly modeled to include both **path-loss** & **shadowing** effects, the latter of which are modeled as a zero-mean Gaussian random variable with variance  $\sigma_{sh}$  in the logarithmic scale,  $P(d)$ , in dB can be expressed:

$$P(d) \sim N(P(d), \sigma_{sh}^2)$$

This model can be used in both line-of-sight (LOS) & NLOS scenarios with appropriate choice of channel parameters

# GPS

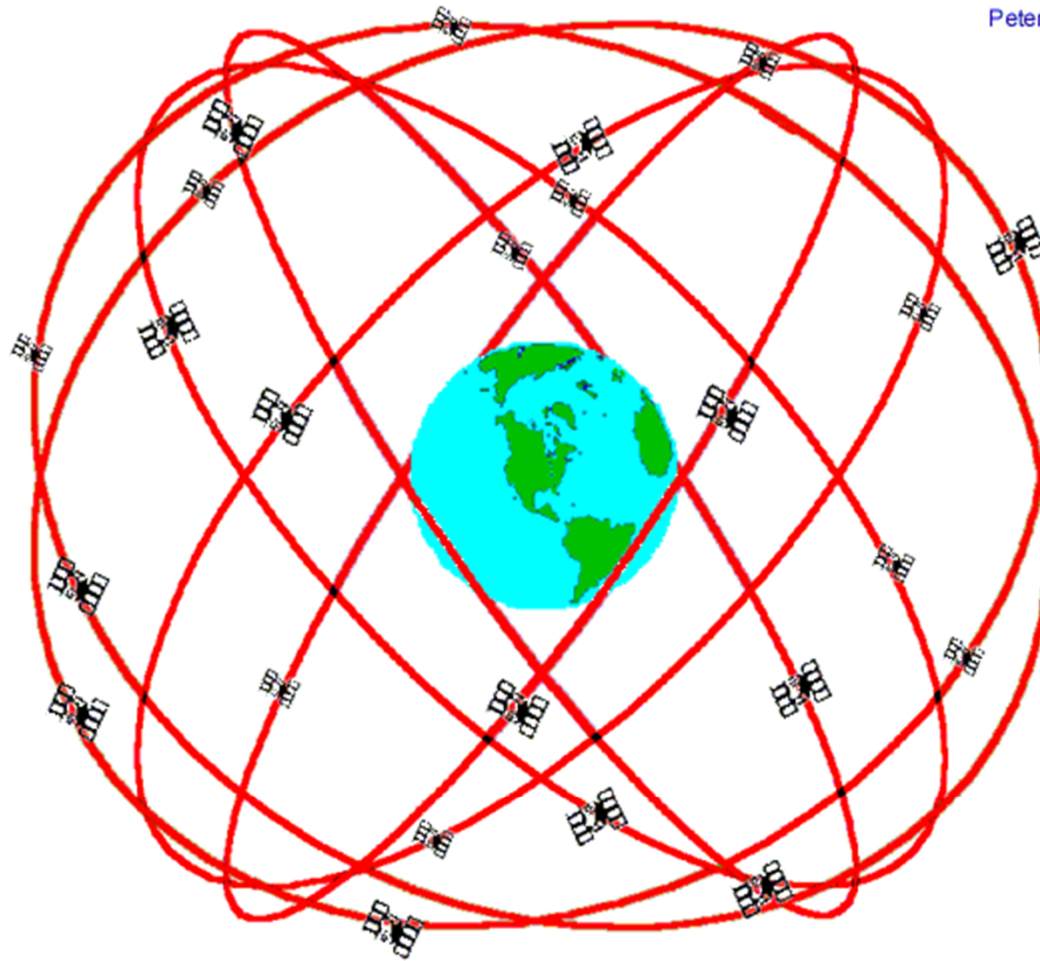
- 27 satellites
- The orbit altitude is such that the satellites *repeat the same track* and configuration over any point **approximately each 24 hours**
- Powered by **solar energy** (also have backup batteries on board)
- GPS is a *line-of-sight* technology  
the receiver needs a clear view of the satellites it is using  
to calculate its position

# GPS

- Each satellite has **4 rubidium atomic clocks**
  - locally averaged to maintain accuracy
  - updated daily by a **Master Control** facility
- Satellites are ***precisely synchronized with each other***
- Receiver is **not synchronized** with the satellite transmitter
- Satellites transmit their ***local time*** in the signal

# Satellites Orbits

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**GPS Nominal Constellation**

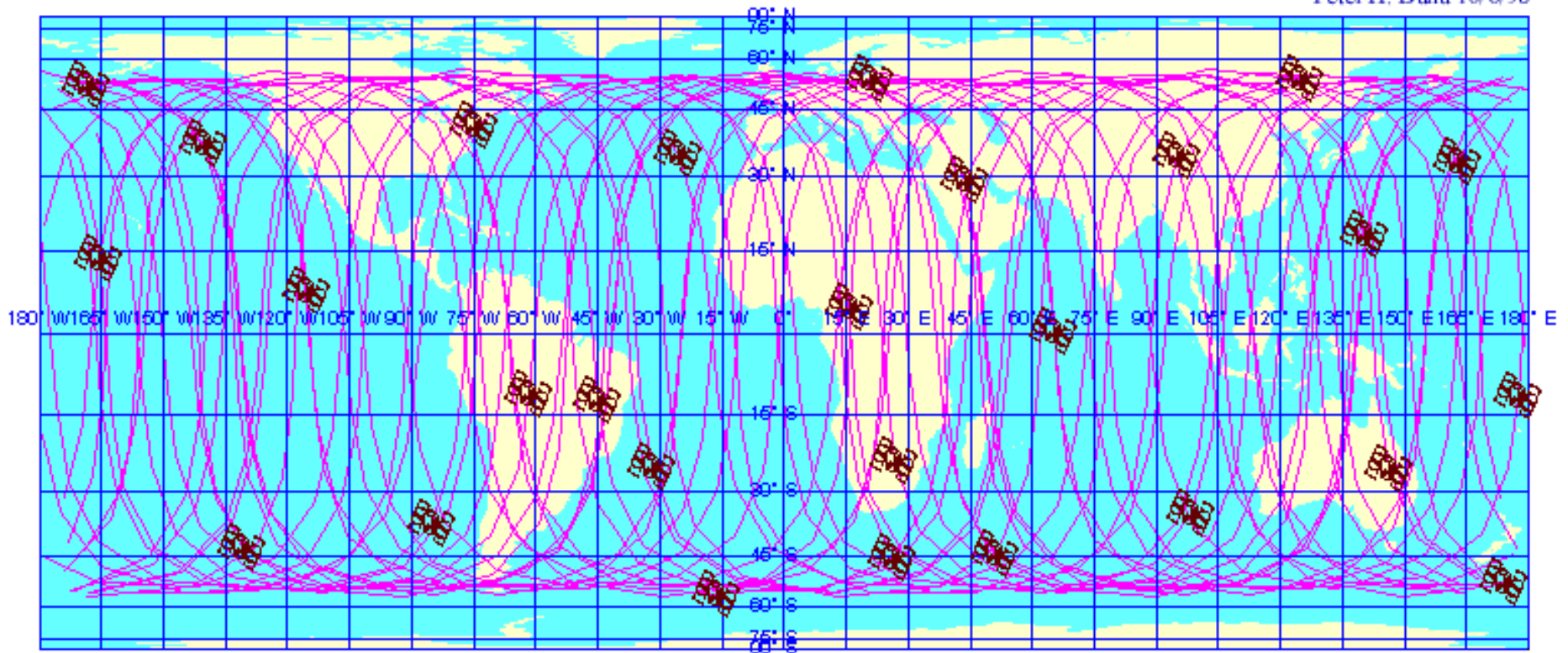
**24 Satellites in 6 Orbital Planes**

**4 Satellites in each Plane**

**20,200 km Altitudes, 55 Degree Inclination**

# Satellites Positions and Orbits

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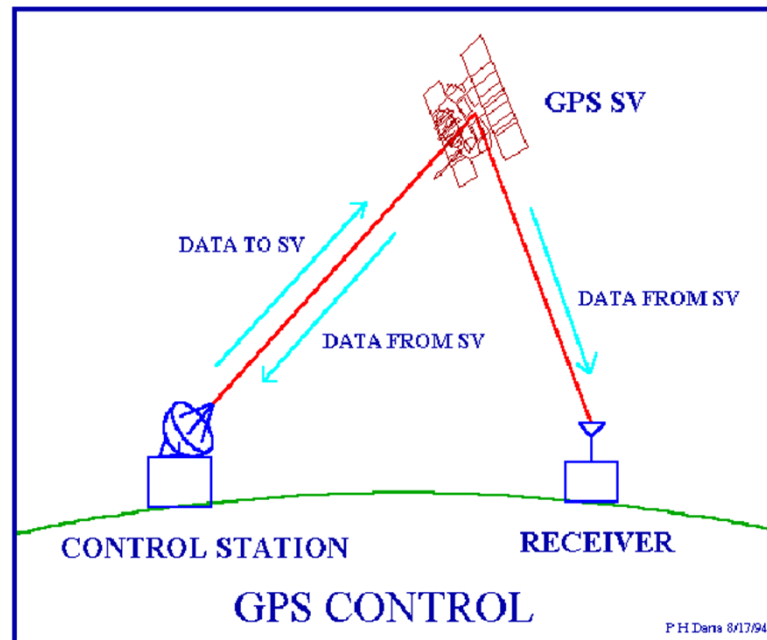


Global Positioning System Satellites and Orbits  
for 27 Operational Satellites on September 29, 1998

Satellite Positions at 00:00:00 9/29/98 with 24 hours (2 orbits) of Ground Tracks to 00:00:00 9/30/98

# GPS (cont'd)

- Master Control facility monitors the satellites
- Computes
  - precise orbital data (i.e., ephemeris)
  - clock corrections for each satellite



# GPS Receiver

- Composed of an antenna and preamplifier, radio signal microprocessor, control and display device, data recording unit, & power supply
- Decodes the timing signals from the 'visible' satellites (four or more)
- Calculates their distances, its own latitude, longitude, elevation, & time
- A continuous process: the position is updated on a sec-by-sec basis, output to the receiver display device and, if the receiver provides data capture capabilities, stored by the receiver-logging unit

# GPS Satellite Signals

As light moves through a given *medium*, low-frequency signals get “refracted” or slowed more than high-frequency signals

Satellites transmit two microwave carrier signals:

- On *L1 frequency* (1575.42 MHz)  
it carries the navigation message (satellite orbits, clock corrections & other system parameters) & a unique identifier code
  - On *L2 frequency* (1227.60 MHz)  
it uses to measure the ionospheric delay
- 👉 By **comparing the delays of the two different carrier frequencies** of the GPS signal L1 & L2, we can deduce what the medium is



# GPS (cont'd)

- Receivers compute their difference in time-of-arrival
- Receivers estimate their position (longitude, latitude, elevation) using 4 satellites
- 1-5m (95-99%)

# GPS Error Sources

- Noise
- Satellites clock errors uncorrected by the controller (~1m)
- Ephemeris data errors (~1m)
- Troposphere delays due to weather changes
  - e.g., temperature, pressure, humidity (~1m)
  - Troposphere: lower part of the atmosphere, ground level to from 8-13km
- Ionosphere delays (~10m)
  - Ionosphere: layer of the atmosphere that consists of ionized air (50-500km)
- Multipath (~0.5m)
  - caused by reflected signals from surfaces near the receiver that can either interfere with or be mistaken for the signal that follows the straight line path from the satellite
  - difficult to be detected and sometime hard to be avoided

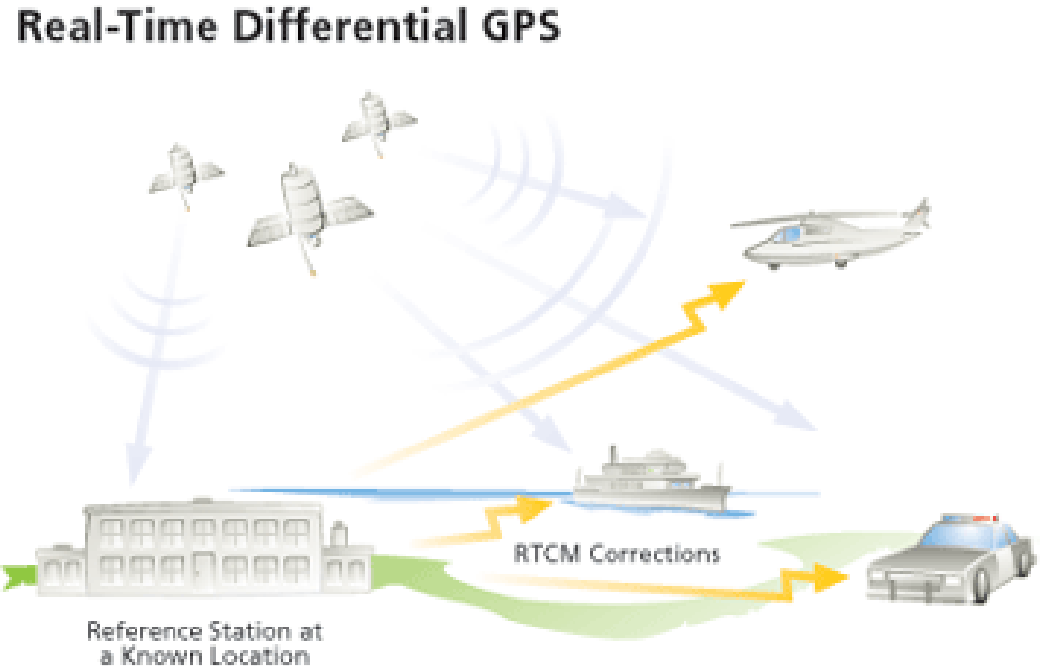
# GPS Error Sources (cont'd)

- Control segment mistakes due to computer or human error (1m-100s km)
- Receiver errors from software or hardware failures
- User mistakes  
e.g., incorrect geodetic datum selection (1-100m)

# Differential GPS (DGPS)

- Assumes: any two receivers that are *relatively close* together will experience *similar atmospheric errors*
- Requires *reference station*: a GPS receiver been set up on a precisely known location

Reference stations calculate their position based on satellite signals and compares this location to the known location



# Differential GPS (cont'd)

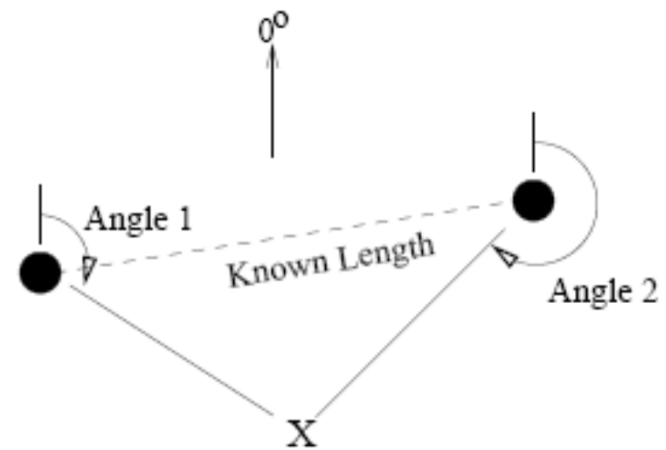
- The difference is applied to GPS data recorded by the roving receiver in real time in the field using radio signals or through postprocessing after data capture using special processing software

# Real-time DGPS

- Reference station calculates & **broadcasts corrections** for each satellite as it receives the data
- The correction is received by the roving receiver via a radio signal if the source is land based or via a satellite signal if it is satellite based and applied to the position it is calculating

# Triangulation - Angulation

- 2D requires:  
2 angles and 1 known distance
- Phased antenna arrays



# Fingerprinting

- Create **maps** of physical space, in which **each cell is associated with a signature** (pattern)
- A signature of a cell can be build using **specific properties** of signal strength measurements collected at that cell
- During training, compute the signature @ each position (cell) of the map (**training signature**)
- At run time, create a signature @ unknown position (cell), using the same approach as during training for a known cell (**runtime signature**)
- **Compare** this (runtime) signature, with all (training) signatures, for each cell of the space, formed during training

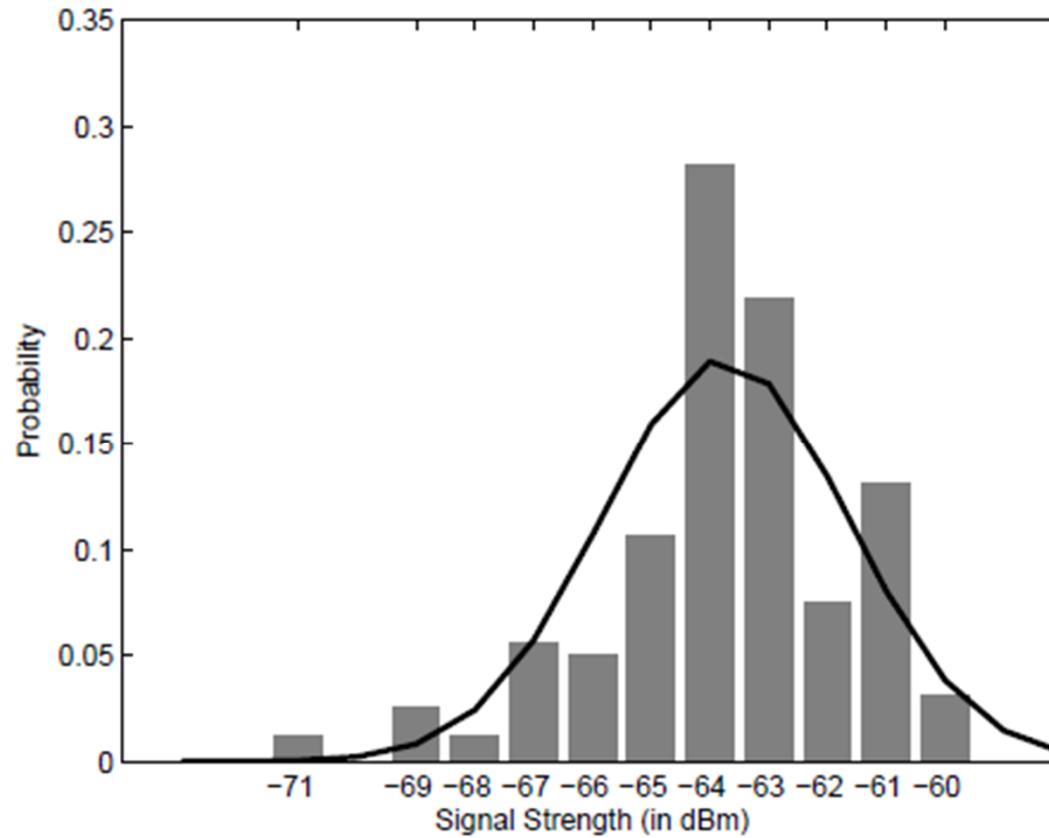
The cell with a training signature that **matches better** the runtime signature is reported as the position of the device



# Fingerprint

- A fingerprint can be built using various statistical properties
  - **Mean, standard deviation**
  - **Percentiles**
  - **Empirical distribution** (entire set of signal strength values)
  - **Theoretical models** (e.g., multivariate Gaussian)
- Fingerprint comparison depends on the statistical properties of the fingerprint
  - Examples:
    - Euclidean distances, Kullback-Leibler Divergence test

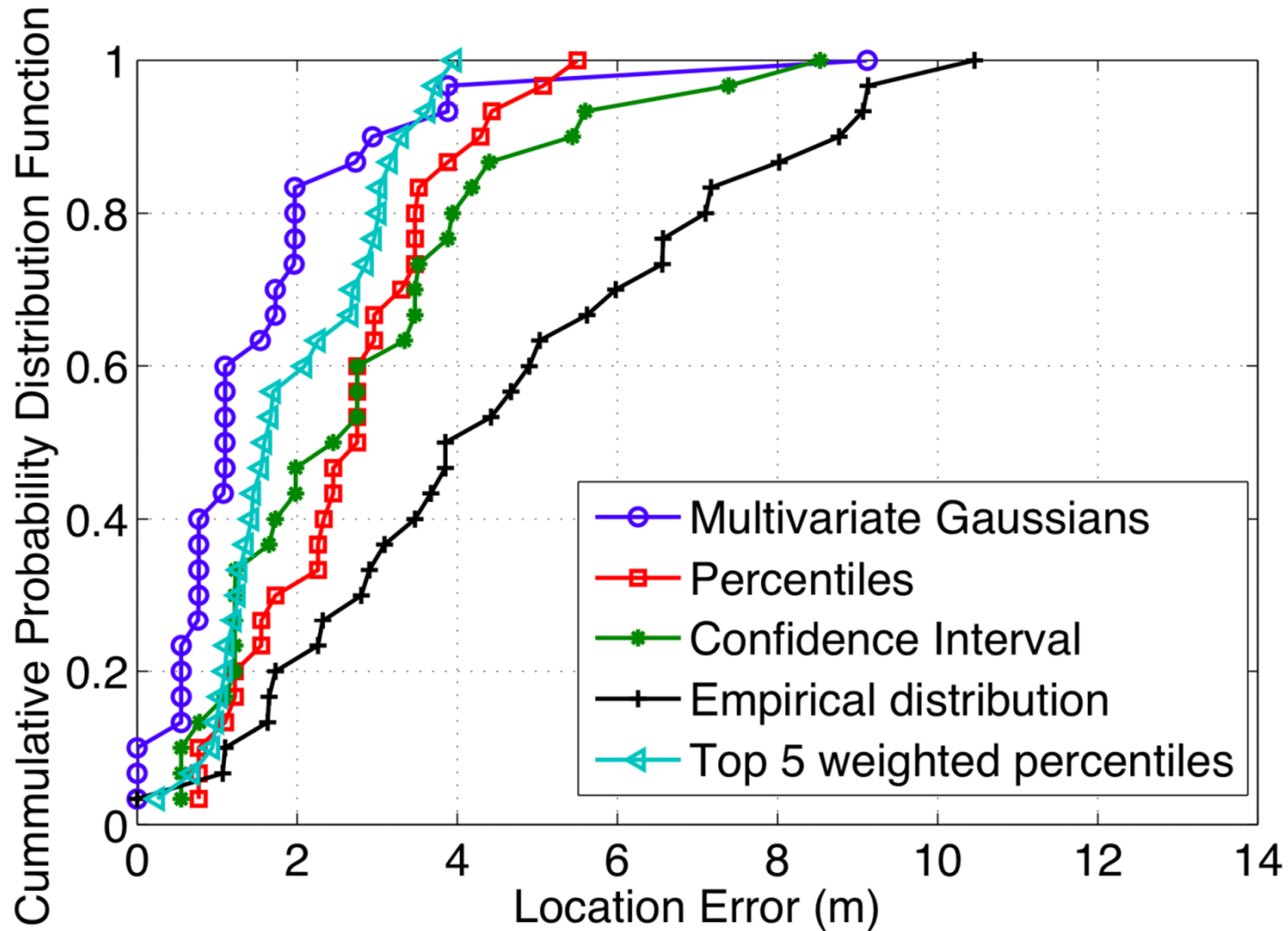
# Example of a Fingerprint



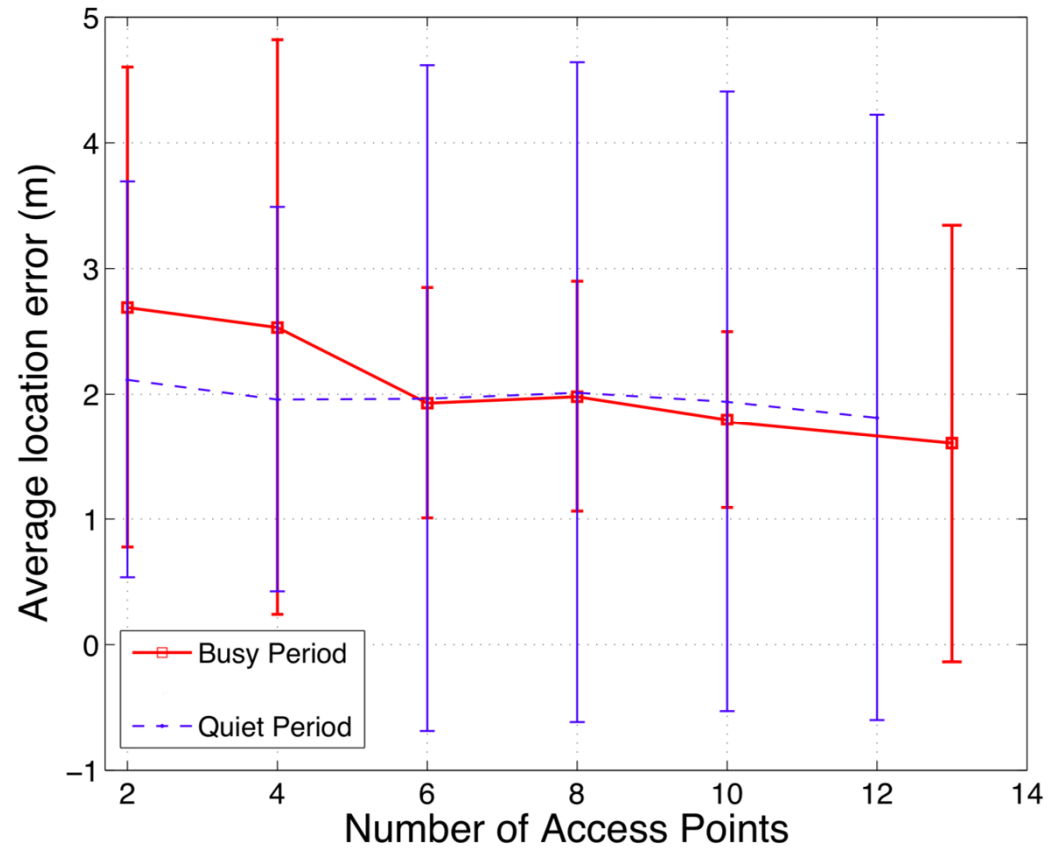
# Performance Analysis of Fingerprinting

- Impact of various parameters
- Number of APs & other reference points
- Size of training set (e.g., number of measurements)
- Knowledge of the environment (e.g., floorplan, user mobility)

# Empirical Results



# Impact of the Number of APs



# Collaborative Location Sensing (CLS)

- Each host
  - estimates its distance from neighboring peers
  - refines its estimations iteratively as it receives new positioning information from peers
- Voting algorithm to accumulate and assesses the received positioning information
- Grid-representation of the terrain

# Example of voting process @ host u

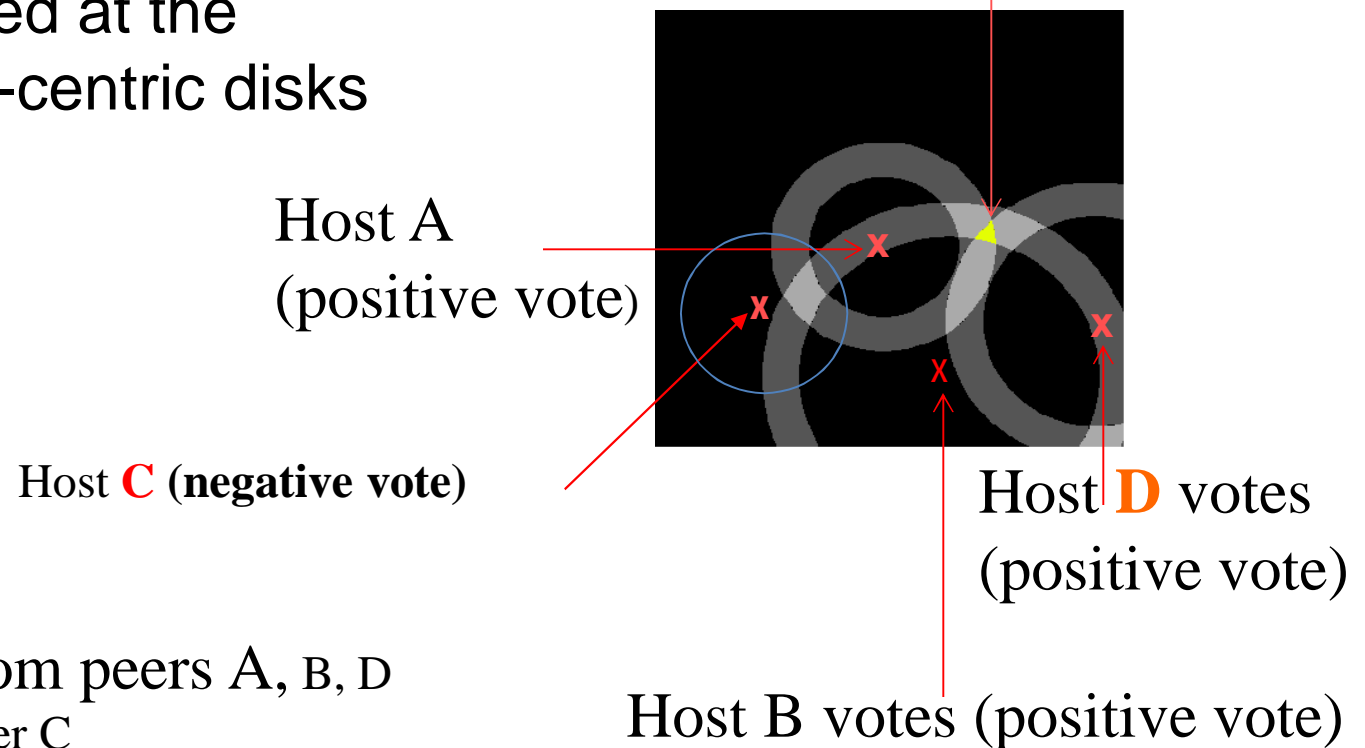
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Host **u** with **unknown position**

Peers **A, B, C, and D** have positioned themselves

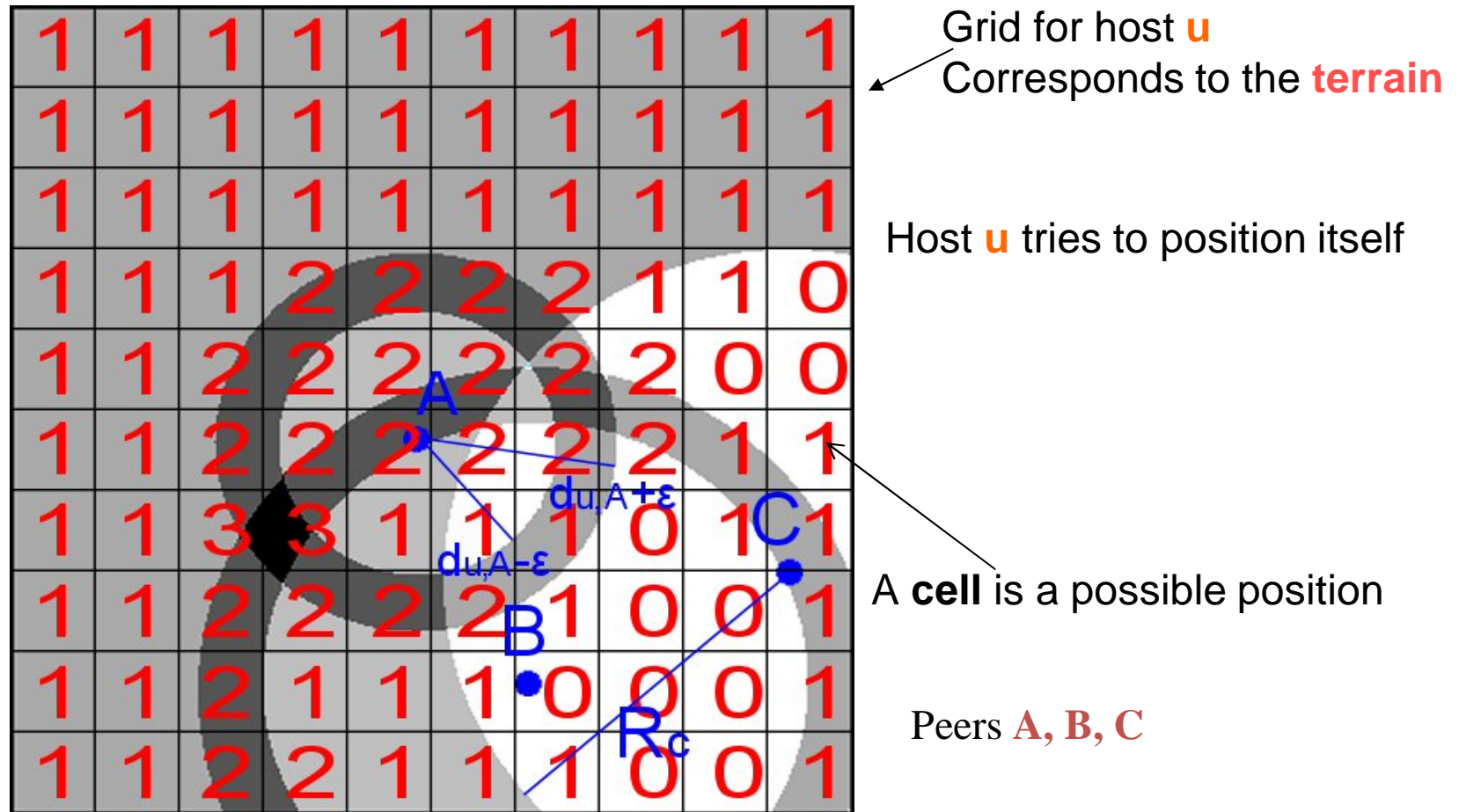
**Most likely position**

Host **A** positioned at the center of the co-centric disks



positive votes from peers **A, B, D**  
negative vote from peer **C**

# Example of grid with accumulated votes



The **value of a cell** in the grid is the sum of the accumulated **votes**  
The higher the value, the more hosts it is **likely position** of the host



# Multi-modal Positioning System: Cricket

- ***Cricket beacons*** mounted on the ceiling and consists of:
  - a micro-controller running at 10MHz, with 68 bytes of RAM and 1024 words of program memory, lower power ***RF-transmitter***, and ***single-chip RF receiver***, both in 418MHz unlicensed band
  - ***Ultrasonic transmitter*** operating at 40Hz
- A similar interface at the **client** (e.g., laptop, printer)

# Cricket Approach

- A cricket beacon sends **concurrently** an *RF message* (with info about the space) & an *ultrasonic pulse*

When the **listener @ a client hears the RF signal**, it performs the following:

1. uses the first few bits as training information
2. **turns on its ultrasonic receiver**
3. listens for the ultrasonic pulse  
which will usually arrive a short time later
4. **correlates** the RF signal & ultrasonic pulse
5. determines the distance to the beacon  
from the *time difference* between the *receipt of the first bit RF* information & the *ultrasonic pulse*

# Cricket Problems

- Lack of coordination can cause:
  - RF transmissions from different cricket beacons to collide
  - A listener may correlate incorrectly the RF data of one beacon with the ultrasonic signal of another, yielding false results
- Ultrasonic reception suffers from severe multi-path effect
- **Order of magnitude longer in time** than RF multi-path because of the *relatively long propagation time* of sound waves in air

# Cricket solution

- Handle the problem of collisions using randomization: beacon transmission times are chosen randomly with a uniform distribution within an interval
- ⇒ the broadcasts of different beacons are statistically independent, which avoids repeated synchronization & persistent collisions
- Statistical analysis of correlated RF, US samples

# Proximity

- Physical contact  
e.g., with pressure, touch sensors or capacitive detectors
- Within range of an access point
- Automatic ID systems
  - computer login
  - credit card sale
  - RFID
  - UPC product codes

# Sensor Fusion

- Seeks to improve accuracy and precision by aggregating many location-sensing systems (modalities/sources)  
to form hierarchical & overlapping levels of resolution
- Robustness when a certain location-sensing system (source) becomes unavailable

Issue: assign weight/importance to the different location-sensing systems

Technology Name	Properties						
	Technique	Phys	Symb	Abs	Rel	LLC	Recognition
GPS	Radio time-of-flight lateration	•		•		✓	
Active Badges	Diffuse infrared cellular proximity		•	•			✓
Active Bats	Ultrasound time-of-flight lateration	•		•			✓
MotionStar	Scene analysis, lateration	•		•			✓
VHF Omnidirectional Ranging (VOR)	Angulation	•		•		✓	
Cricket	Proximity, lateration		•	○	○	✓	
MSR RADAR	802.11 RF scene analysis & triangulation	•		•			✓
PinPoint 3D-iD	RF lateration	•		•			✓
Avalanche Transceivers	Radio signal strength proximity	•			•		
Easy Living	Vision, triangulation		•	•			✓
Smart Floor	Physical contact proximity	•		•			✓
Automatic ID Systems	Proximity		•	○	○		✓
Wireless Andrew	802.11 cellular proximity		•	•			✓
E911	Triangulation	•		•			✓
SpotON	Ad hoc lateration	•			•		✓

# Τέλος Ενότητας



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