

# Fundamentals of Satellite Navigation

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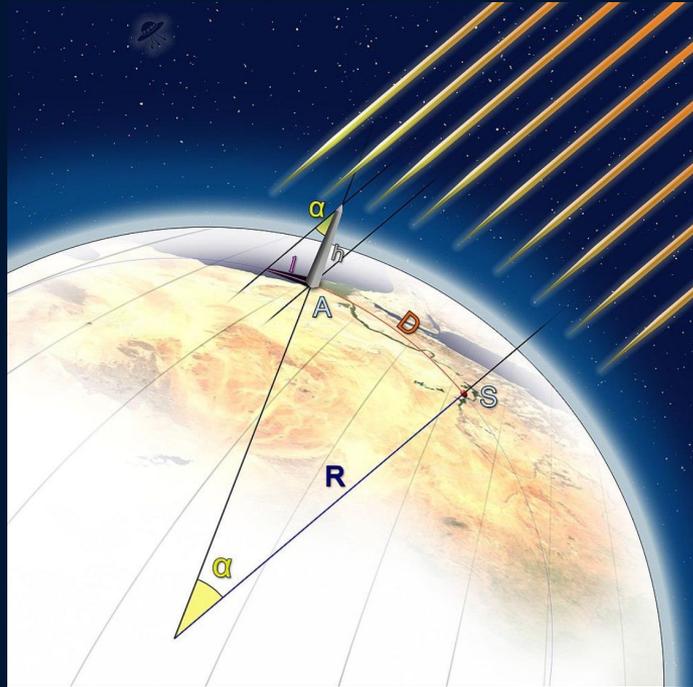
# We Live on a Ball



Eratosthenes

Born: 276 BPE

Cyrene (in modern Libya)

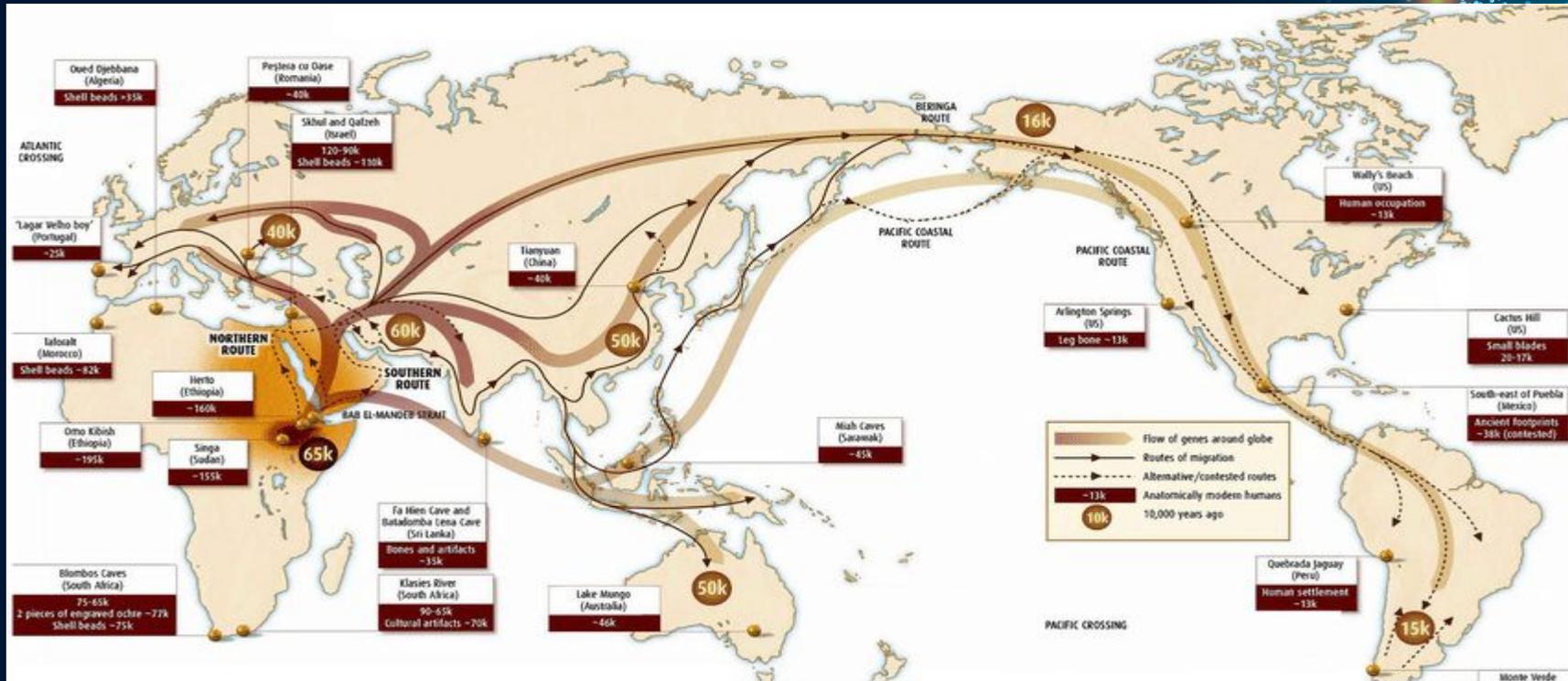


"Oh that's just a myth. It wasn't one extra straw that did this. It was a Steinway."

# Early Evidence of Man's Understanding of Animal Navigation



# The Migration of Anatomically Modern Humans



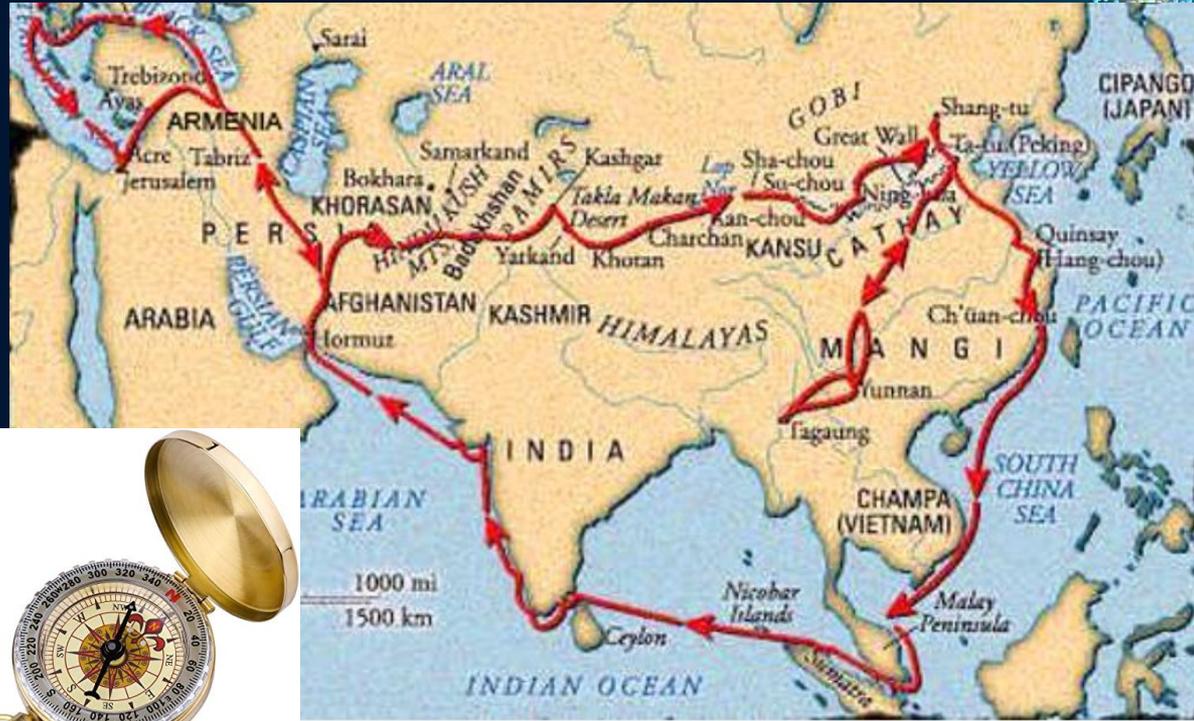
# Medieval Navigation



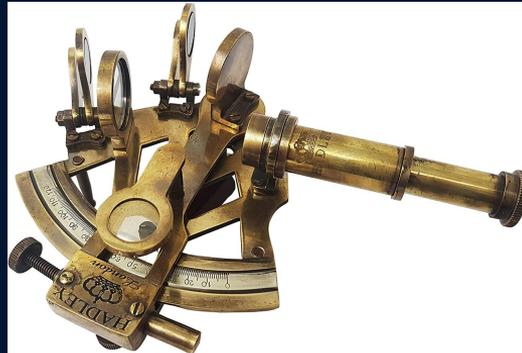
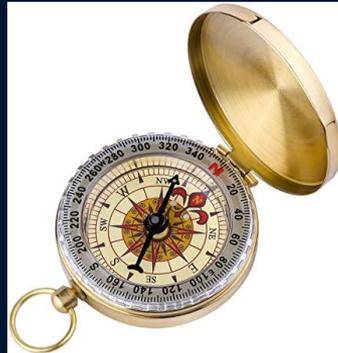
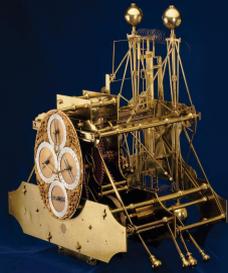
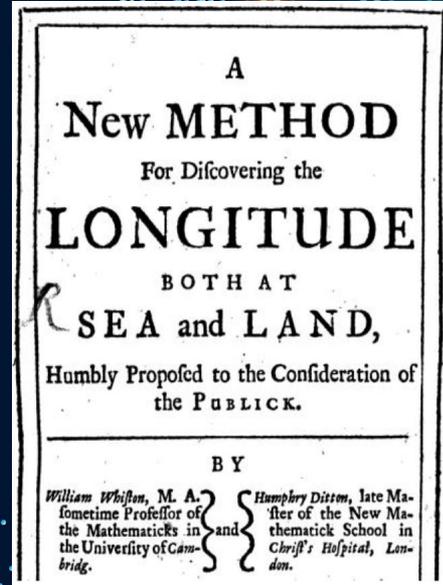
# Medieval Navigation



**Marco Polo**  
(September 15, 1254  
– January 8, 1324)



# The Longitude Problem

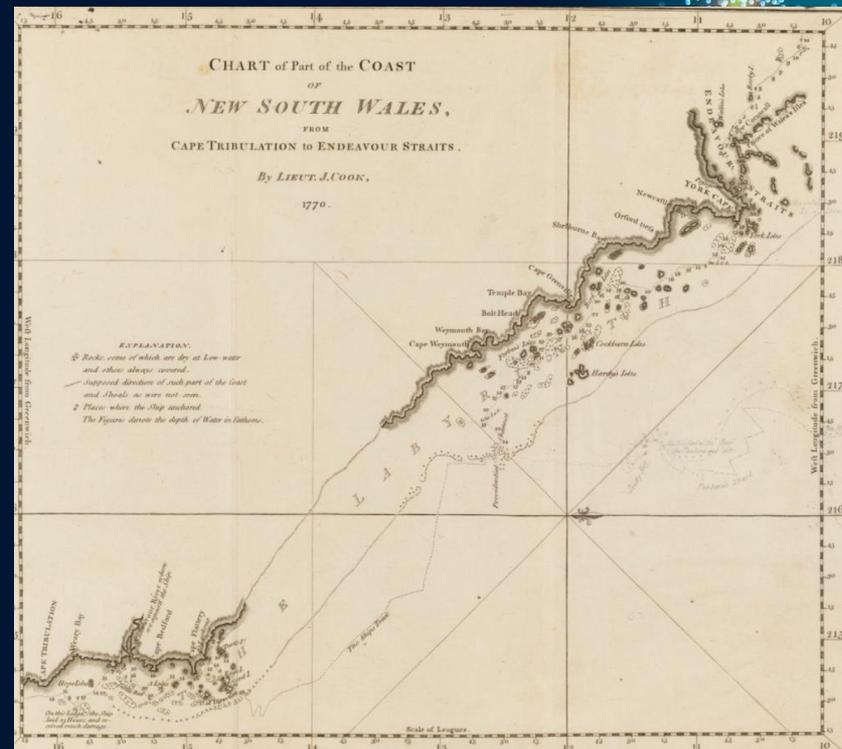
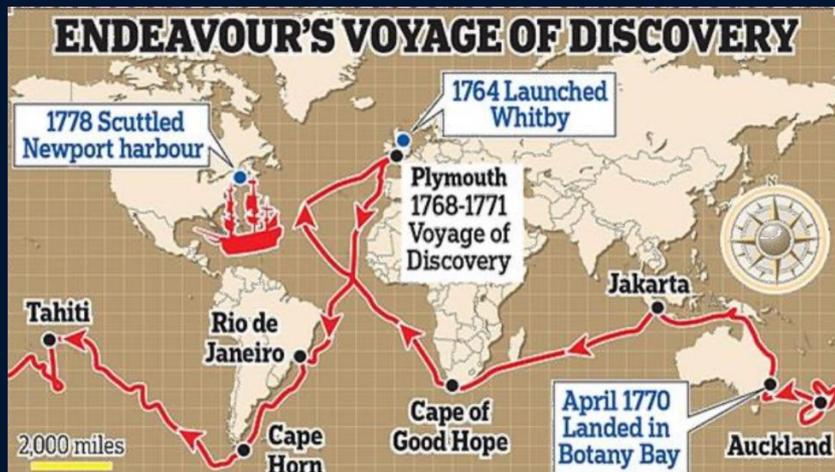


**Clock Sextant  
compass**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mHC-Pf8-dU&t=411s>



# The Age of Maps



**james cook Venus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UM0Zk6-s3UY>

# The Origins of Radio Navigation



1907

## Radio: Direction Finding Stations

Ettore Bellini and Alessandro Tosi in Italy developed the first practical direction finding system. Direction finding was used operationally in World War I. By the early 1920s, a series of stations in Europe and North America were providing guidance to ships and aircraft.

Ettore Bellini and Alessandro Tosi in Italy developed the first practical direction finding system.

Credit: National Archives and Records Administration.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8rZIAHxAH4>





# The Origins of Radio Navigation

1913

## Radio: NAA (Broadcast time by radio)

The U.S. Navy established a radio station NAA in Arlington, Virginia and broadcasted time signals. Longitude between the U.S. Naval Observatory and the Paris Observatory was established through the repeated exchange of radio signals from the NAA towers in Arlington and the Eiffel Tower in Paris in 1913-14.

Towers for U.S. Navy radio station NAA, Arlington, Virginia.  
Credit: D.C. Public Library

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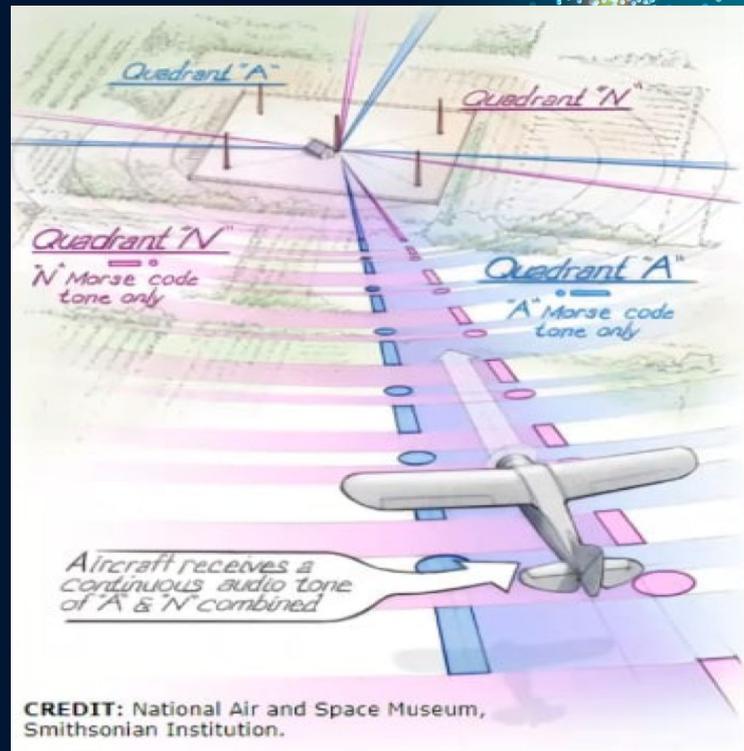


# The Origins of Radio Navigation

1926

## Radio Range

The U.S. National Bureau of Standards undertook the creation of a nationwide system of directional radio beams called the Radio Range to provide guidance for commercial aircraft. This system remained in use in the United States until the early 1970s.





# The Origins of Radio Navigation

1942

Gee

Gee was a radio navigation system used by the Royal Air Force during World War I. It measured the time delay between two radio signals to produce a fix, with accuracy on the order of a few hundred metres at ranges up to about 350 miles (560 km). It was the first hyperbolic navigation system to be used operationally, entering service with RAF Bomber Command in 1942.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycE3U8sGpW0>





# The Origins of Radionavigation

1944

## LORAN

The LORAN system of electronic navigation became operational, providing positioning over much of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans with an accuracy similar to celestial navigation. The United States shut down its last LORAN transmitters in 2010.

LORAN Day and Night Coverage, 1945 By the end of World War II, the LORAN system could be used over 30 percent of the globe.

Credit: National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

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# The Origins of Radio Navigation

1949

## Atomic Clock

The National Bureau of Standards (now National Institute of Standards and Technology) announced the construction of the world's first atomic clock in 1949. The project was an outgrowth of the Bureau's studies for measuring electrical quantities at microwave frequencies. Based on the vibrations of the ammonia molecule, the clock controlled a quartz oscillator to drive a clock dial.

First atomic clock

Credit: National Institute for Standards and Technology



# The Space Age



## The Washington Post Times Herald

### Missiles on the Moon

This month's Air Force magazine quotes Brig. Gen. Homer A. Boushey, an American expert on aerial research, as advocating the value of the moon for strategic uses. It says:

"The moon's high ground could, General Boushey suggests, serve as a launching point toward Earth for retaliatory missiles with only about 20 per cent of the thrust needed on Earth. These missiles could—thanks to the lack of resistant atmosphere—be launched from shafts sunk into the moon's surface, perhaps even catapulted, with no internal propellant. Once a missile was launched Earthward, the moon-based crew could track and guide it."

Such concepts are fanciful but no longer fanciful. And their potential military implication is immense. Manned platforms in outer space or missile ramps upon the moon would give the controlling nation a seemingly overwhelming advantage from which to dictate.

## Expert Sees Moon As Rocket Base

International News Service

The Air Force's top space expert predicted yesterday the moon will be a military rocket base for either Russia or the U. S. within 10 years.

Brig. Gen. Homer A. Boushey, deputy director of Air Force research and development, said the moon will provide a "retaliation base of unequaled advantage" for raining "sure and massive destruction" on earth.

He urged an all-out effort to reach the moon first because Russia has made such a project the "first aim" of its national policy.

The General told the Aero Club of Washington that he fully supports the view that "He who controls the moon, controls the earth."



## The Huntsville Times

# Man Enters Space

**'So Close, Yet So Far,' Sighs Cape**  
U. S. Had Hoped For Own Launch



**Soviet Officer Orbits Globe In 5-Ton Ship**  
Maximum Height Reached Reported As 188 Miles

**Hobbs Admits 1944 Slaying**

**Praise Is Heaped On Major Gagarin**  
"Worker" Stands By Story

**Reds Desir Spoozemore Have Dived**

**To Keep Up, U. S. A Must Run Like Hell**

**Reds Win Running Lead In Race To Control Space**

# First to the Moon

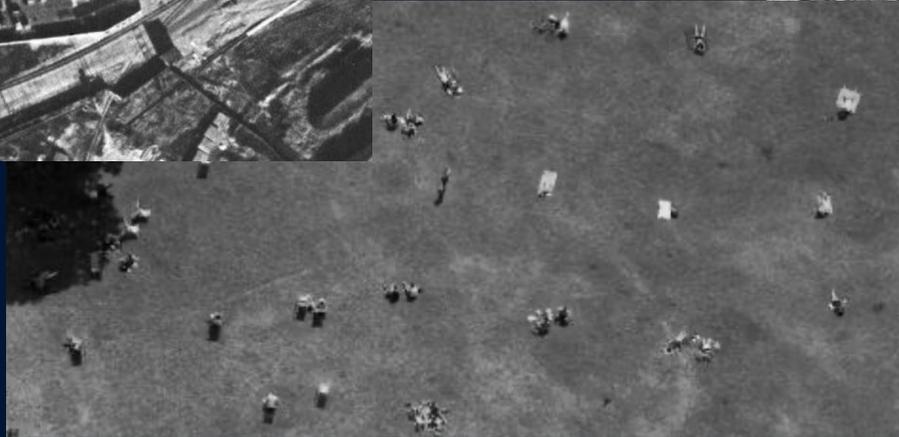
“During the early part of the flight I could not see anything through the scanning telescope that I could recognize, for instance - a constellation. I could see several stars, but I couldn't pinpoint them because I didn't know the surrounding stars”.

“Several times the scanning telescope eyepiece unscrewed itself in zero g and was found floating in the cabin”.

“It is very loose and should be tightened up”.



# Space – A New Perspective on the Earth



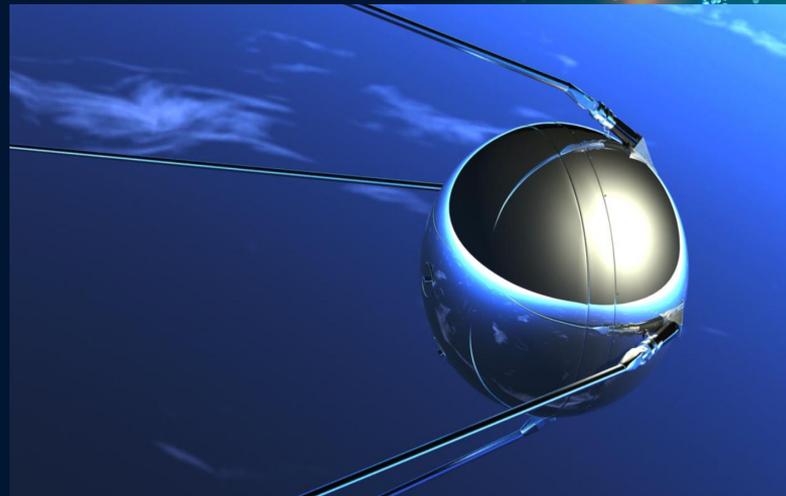


- Allow large areas of Earth to be viewed at once
- Zoom in for increased coverage
- Access data on places that are hard to get to
- Collect more data & more quickly than ground-based instruments
- See into space better than with telescopes on Earth's surface with no atmospheric obscuration
- Allow us to position ourselves and navigate anywhere on Earth



- Sputnik 1 launched on 4 October 1957
- 83 kg and 58 cm wide
- 96 minutes to circle the earth
- Regular beeps told the world it was there
- 142-588-mile elliptical orbit height (LEO)
- Orbited the earth for 92 days

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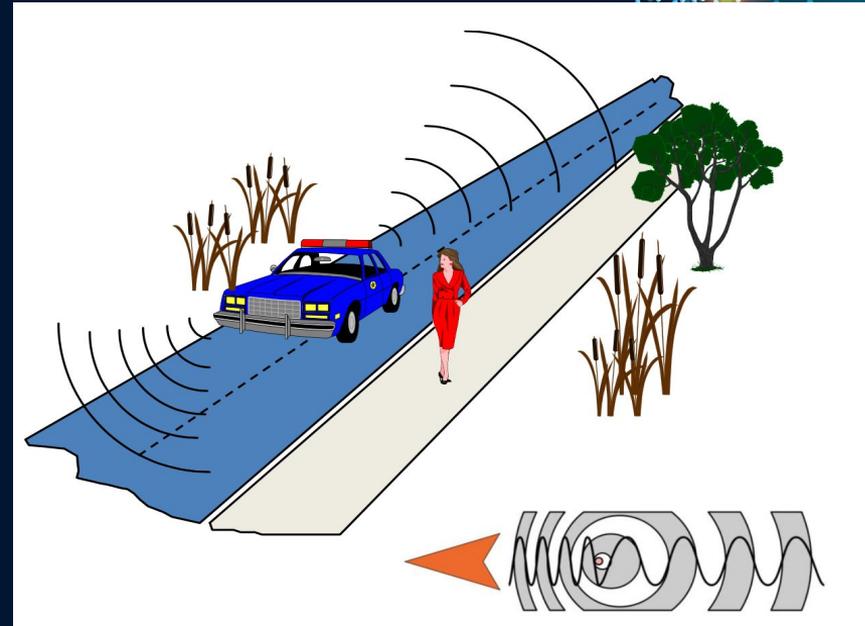
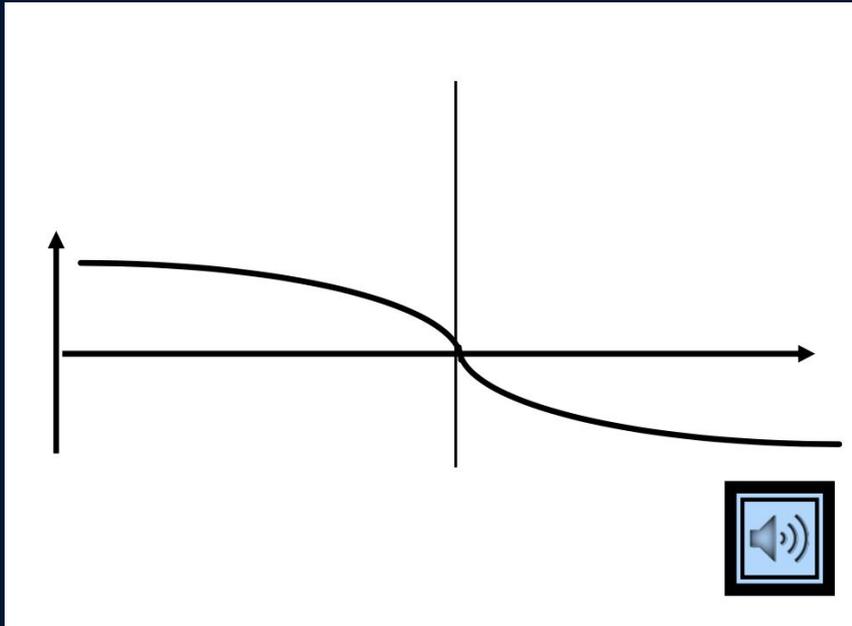


Johns Hopkins's Applied Physics Laboratory (APL – Baltimore, Maryland) monitored Sputnik's radio transmissions

Within hours they could pinpoint where the satellite was along its orbit



# Frequency



- ◆ Within one year John Hopkins APL started exploring the **INVERSE** effect
- ◆ Pinpointing the user's location given that of the satellite

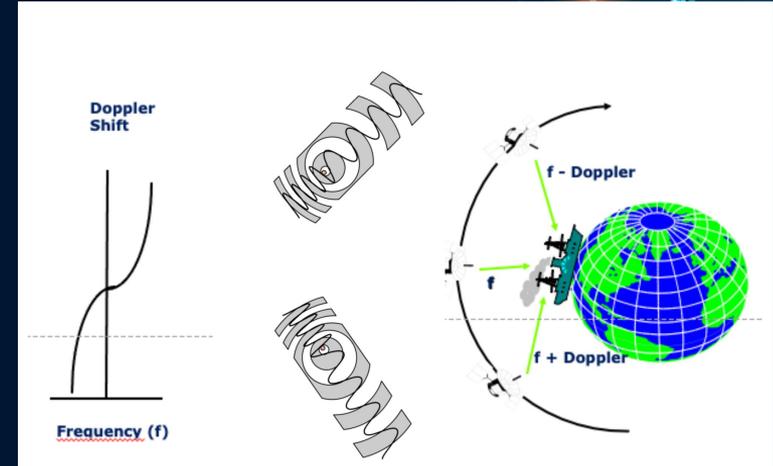
# TRANSIT Satellite

TRANSIT was the first operational satellite positioning system. Six satellites gave worldwide coverage every 90 minutes and provided positions that were accurate to within 200 meters (660 feet). Positions were obtained by measuring the Doppler shift of the satellite signal. TRANSIT was effective, but it was limited by low accuracy and lack of 24-hour availability. The TRANSIT system operated until 1996



# Transit

- 1959: Development started
- 1964: Operational for military use
- 1967: Released for civil use
- 1996: Phased out
- Orbital height: 1075 km (LEO)
- Orbital period: 107 min
- Polar orbits  $i \approx 90^\circ$
- Two carrier frequencies:  $f_2 = 400$ ,  $f_1 = 150$  MHz
- 2-d navigation system only
- Time interval between position fixes: 35 to 100 min
- Accuracy ( $1\sigma$ ): 200 m ... 400 m





## **The Navy Navigation Satellite System 1967**

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## **The Omega Navigation System (1969)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mFAemn1pS>

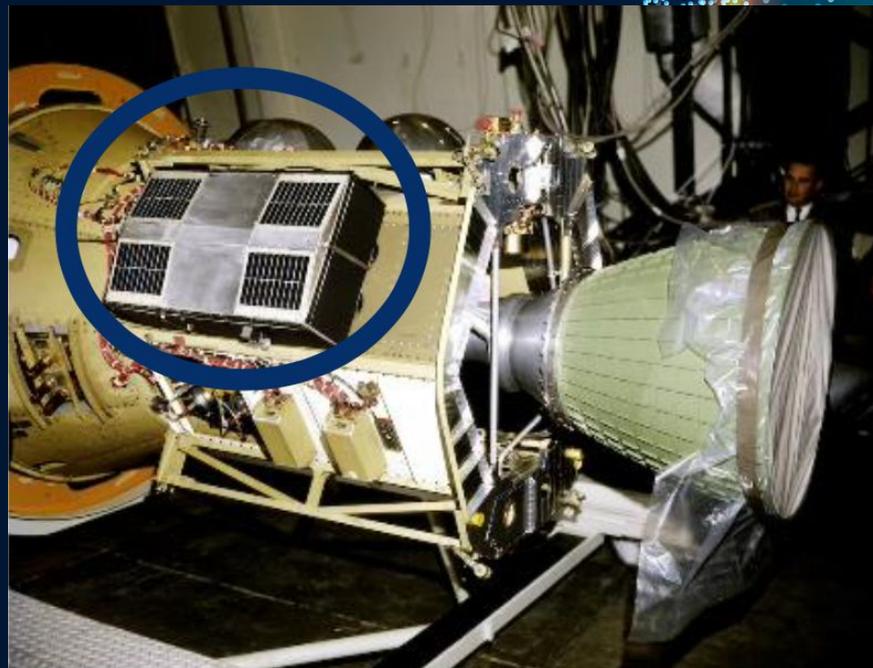
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Time – Highly accurate Satellite based time keeping system Developed by the US Navy

Pioneering the development of atomic clocks

Around the same time the US Airforce was funding the **System 621b project** That aimed to provide a 3D satellite based navigation system utilising something called **Pseudo Random Noise**





# NAVigation Satellite Timing And Ranging Global Positioning System

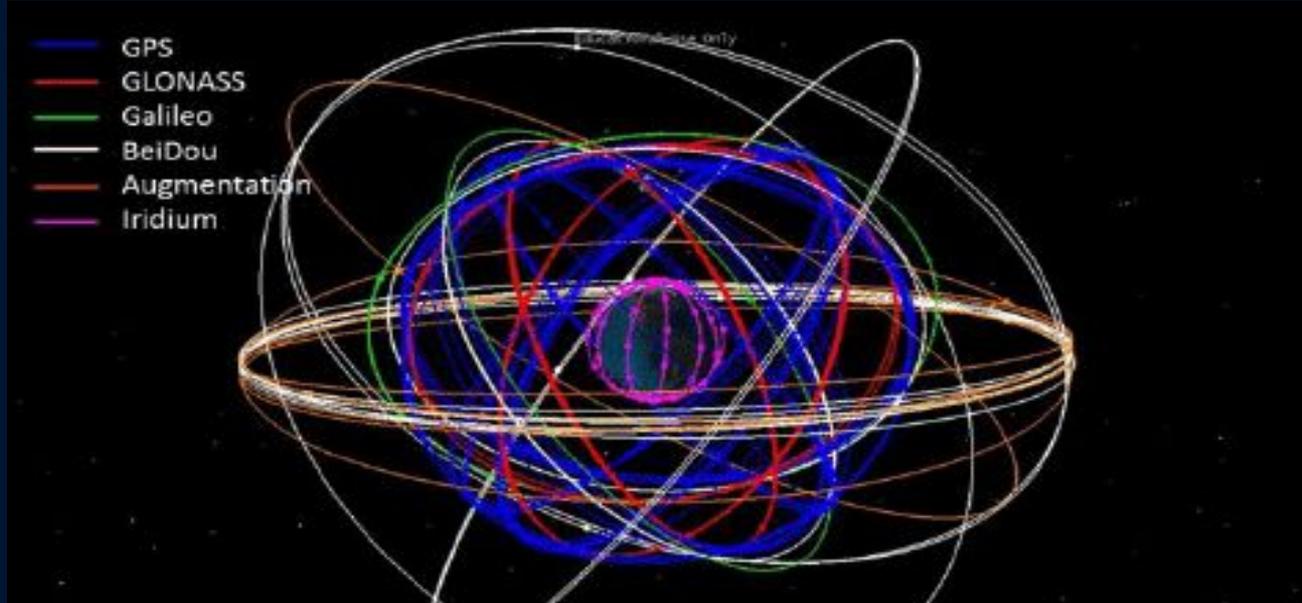


Operated by the United States Space Force (USSF)  
Schriever Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



**US government developed and operated (>>\$32b landed investment)  
GPS receiver and signal specifications made available in 1983 - for the public good!  
1st SV launched in 1989, 24th in 1994  
Selective Availability switched off in May 2000 (GPS III will not include SA)**

- ❑ Provide world-wide coverage, 24 or more MEO satellites
- ❑ Rely on timing synchronisation; and ranging
- ❑ Should be interoperable
- ❑ Main systems are GPS, GLONASS, BEIDOU & GALILEO
- ❑ Consist of MEO, GEO, GSO & IGSO





**GPS III**



**BEIDOU**



- ❑ Global Navigation Satellite Systems
- ❑ Horizontal positioning accuracy up to 5m, anywhere in the world in open sky conditions
- ❑ Nano-second timing
- ❑ Sovereign capability
- ❑ Multiple use
- ❑ Free to use signals
- ❑ Driver for economic activity
- ❑ Critical Infrastructure



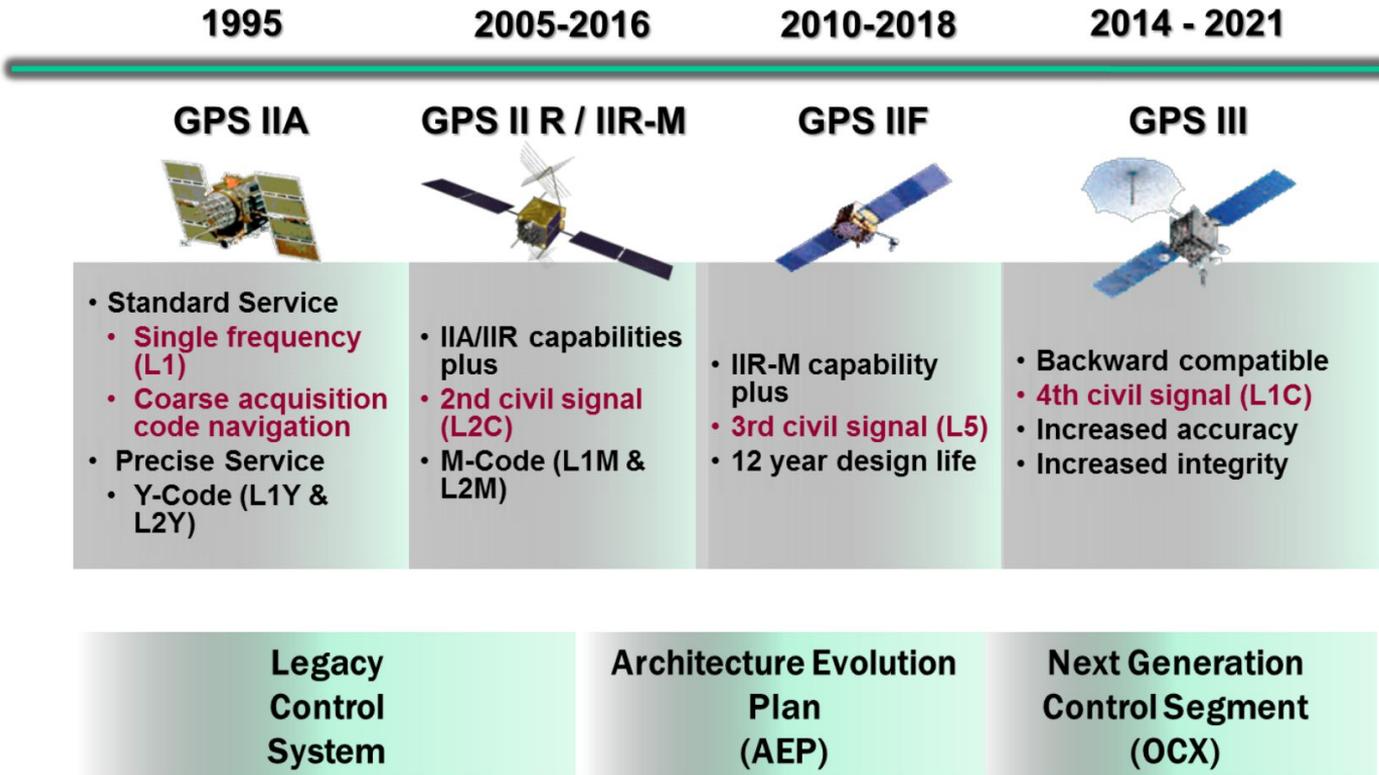
**GALILEO**



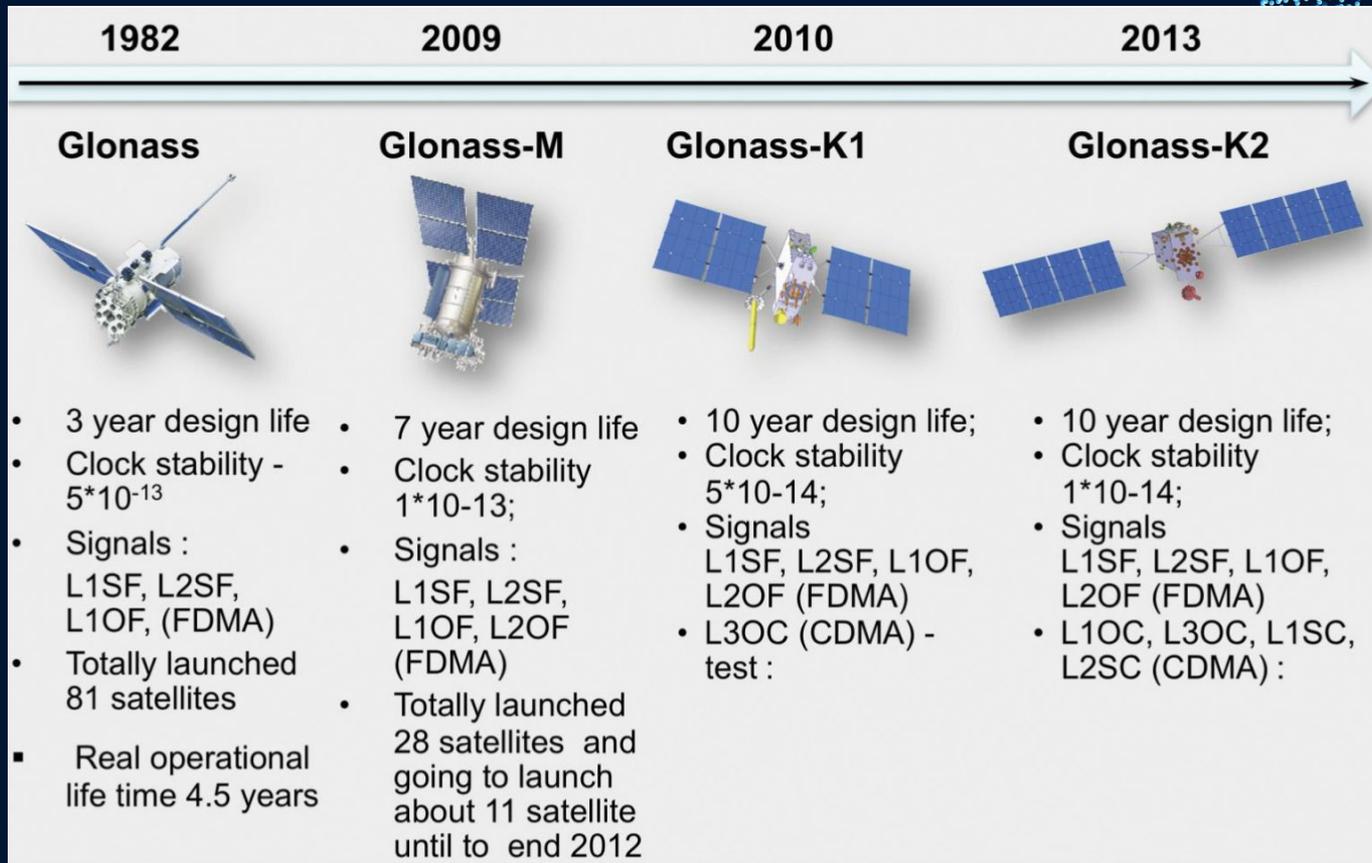
**GLONASS**



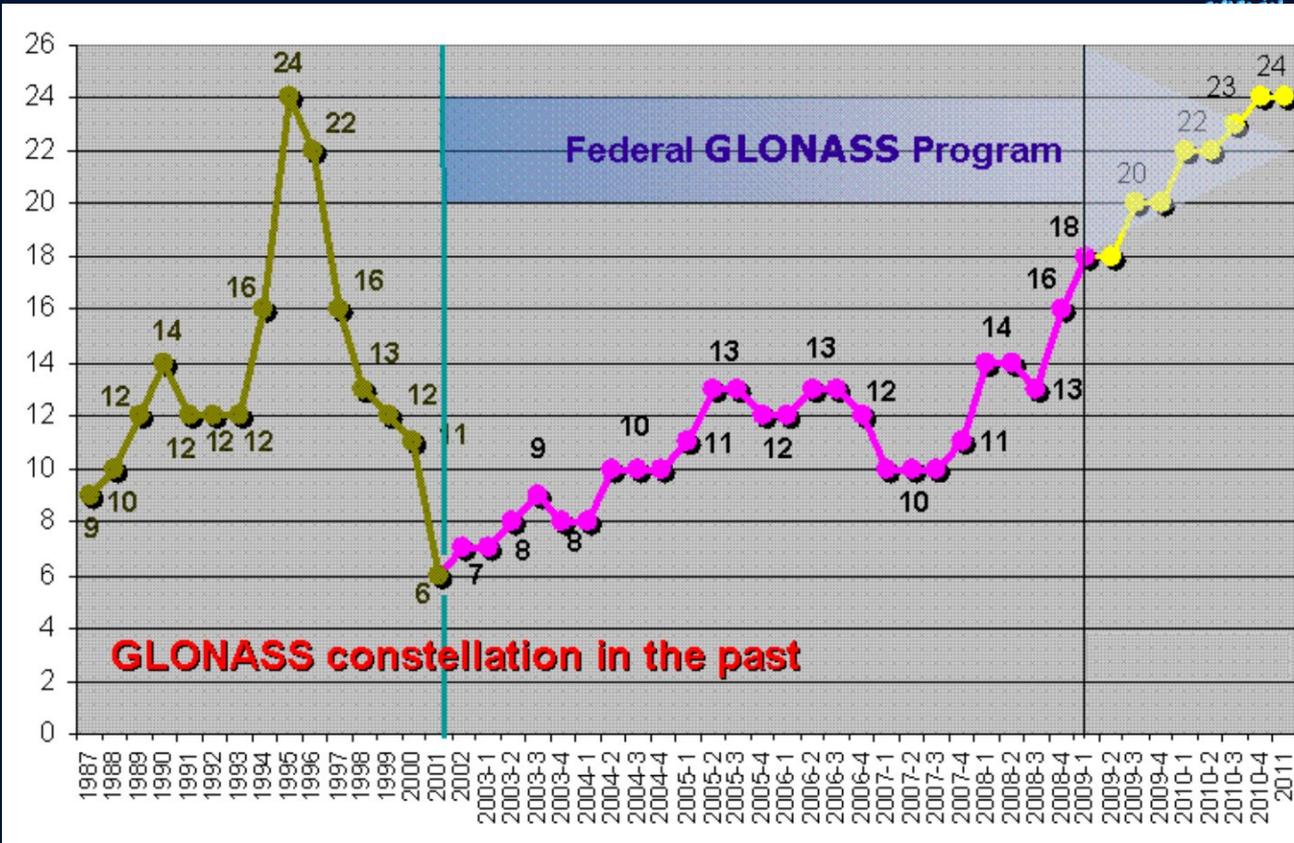
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# GLONASS Satellite History



# GLONASS Collection History



# GNSS Constellations - Beidou

## System Features

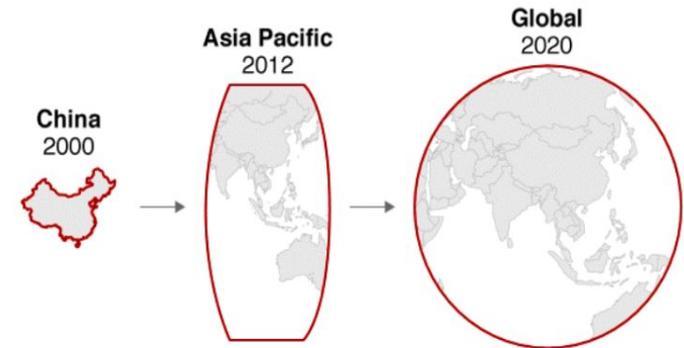
- ❑ 49 currently operational, including legacy satellites.  
Eventual constellation of 27 MEO + 5 GEO + 3 IGSO
- ❑ 3 orbits with inclination of 55°
- ❑ Orbit height 21,500km, time of orbit 12h 53m



CHARACTERISTICS	GEO AND IGSO SATELLITES	MEO SATELLITES
Prime	Chinese Academy of Space Technology (CAST)	Chinese Academy of Space Technology (CAST)
Satellite Platform	DFH - 3/3B	DFH - 3B
Lifetime	~ 15 years	~ 12 years
Weight	828 kg	1615 kg
Signals	B1 (open and authorised access) B2 (open access) B3 (authorized access)	B1 (open and authorised access) B2 (open access) B3 (authorized access)
Additional capabilities	Laser reflectors Cosmic ray registration	Laser reflectors Cosmic ray registration

## Beidou satellite navigation system

Expansion of coverage



# GNSS Constellations - Galileo

## System Features

- ❑ 30 satellites (planned) 24 operational + 2 spares
- ❑ 3 orbits with 9 satellites per orbit with inclination of 56° ascending nodes separated by 120° longitude
- ❑ Orbit height 23,222km, time of orbit ~14h
- ❑ Life Expectancy >12 years
- ❑ Satellite mass 675kg
- ❑ Power supply minimum 1.5kW

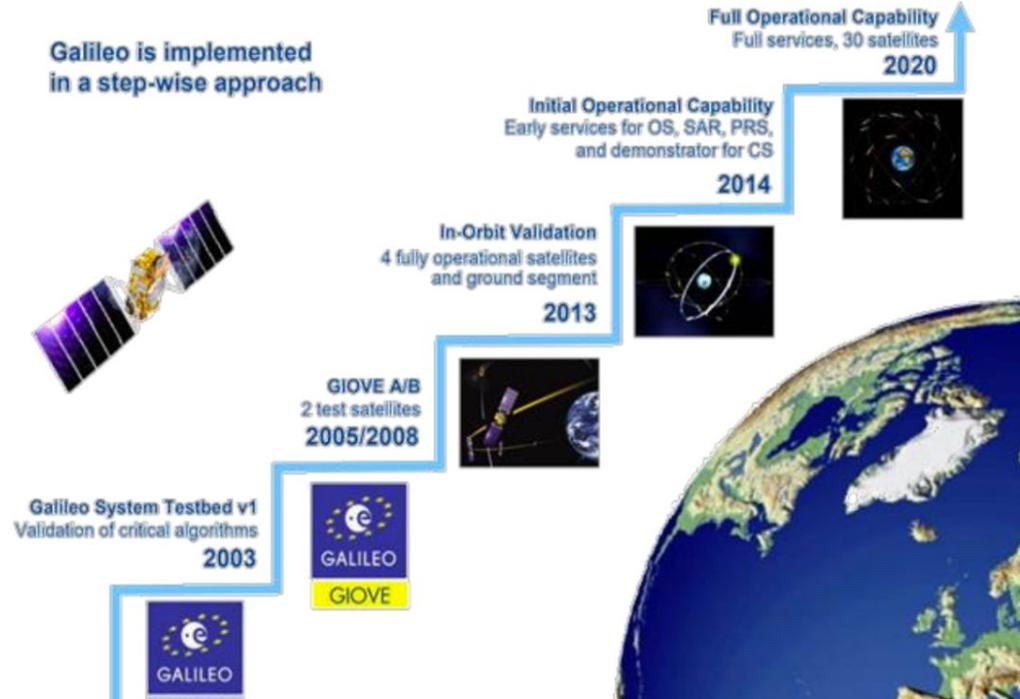
## Services

- ❑ Galileo satellite-only services
  - Open service
  - Safety of Life
  - Commercial
  - Public Regulated Service\*\*\*
  - Search and Rescue
- ❑ Galileo locally assisted services
- ❑ EGNOS service
- ❑ Galileo combined service



## System Features

Four Galileo signals. E5a, E5b, E6 and E2-L1-E1. E5a and E2-L1-E1 overlap the existing L1 and L5 GPS signals. The minimum power received from the Galileo signals is -152dBW, more than double the power of the C/A code from GPS.



# www.gnssplanningonline.com





## Some common GNSS Applications include:

- Transportation
- Timing
- Machine Control
- Marine
- Surveying
- Defence
- Port Automation
- Portable navigation devices
- Air, marine, and ground based vehicle navigation



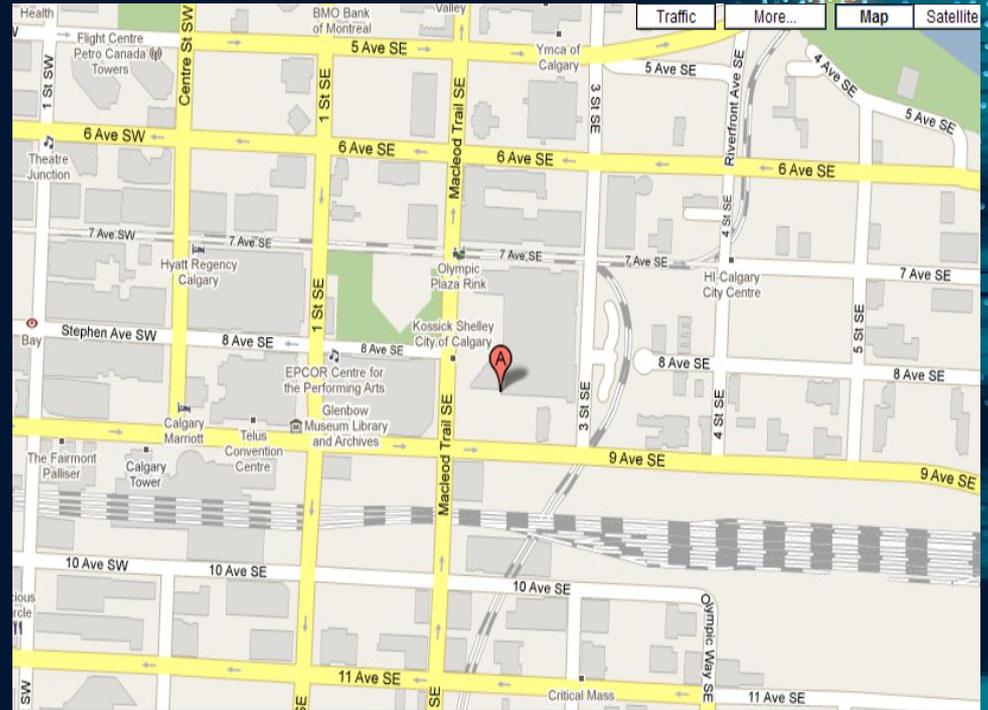
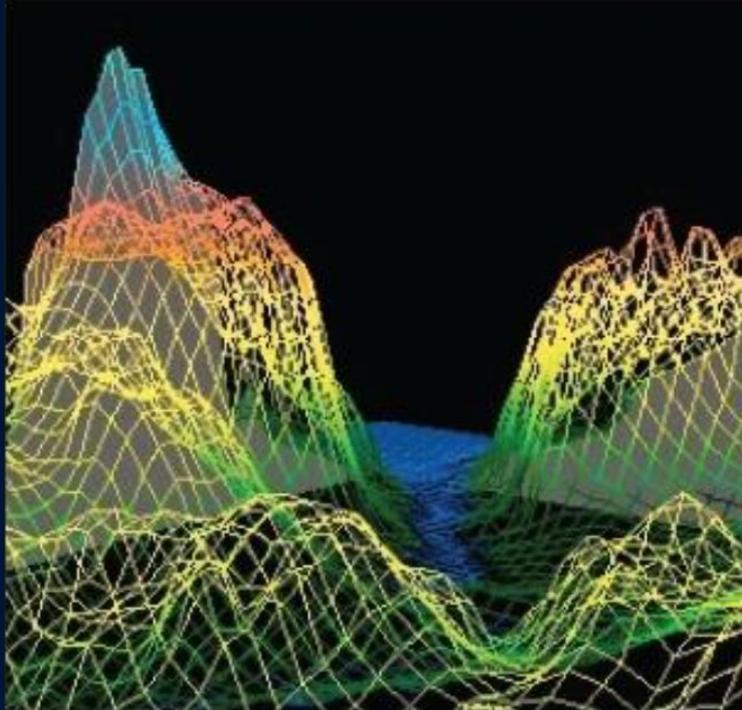
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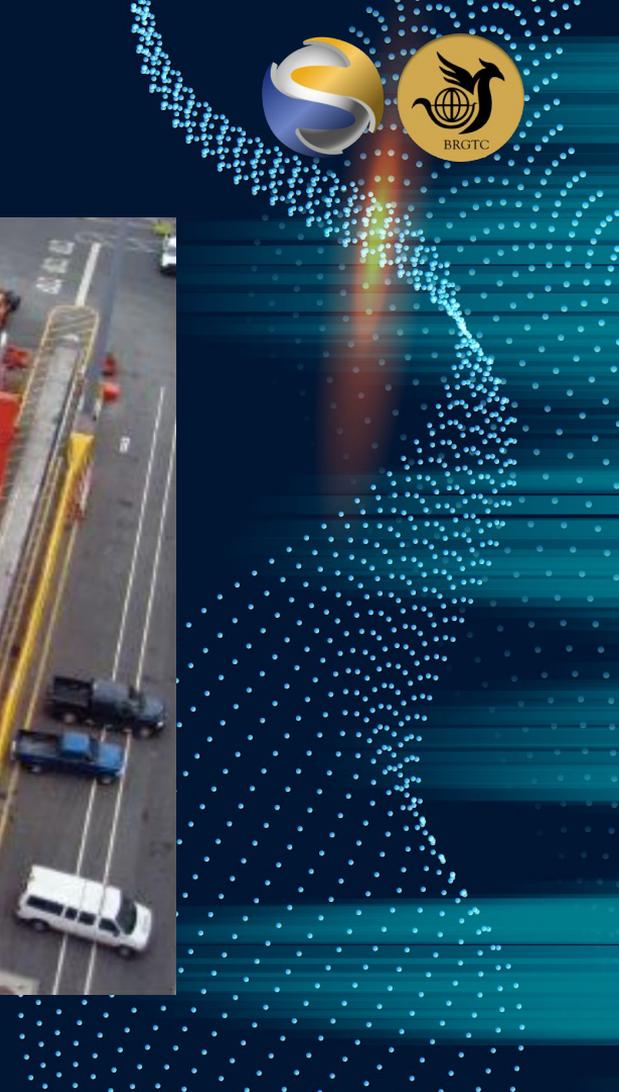
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# Port Automation

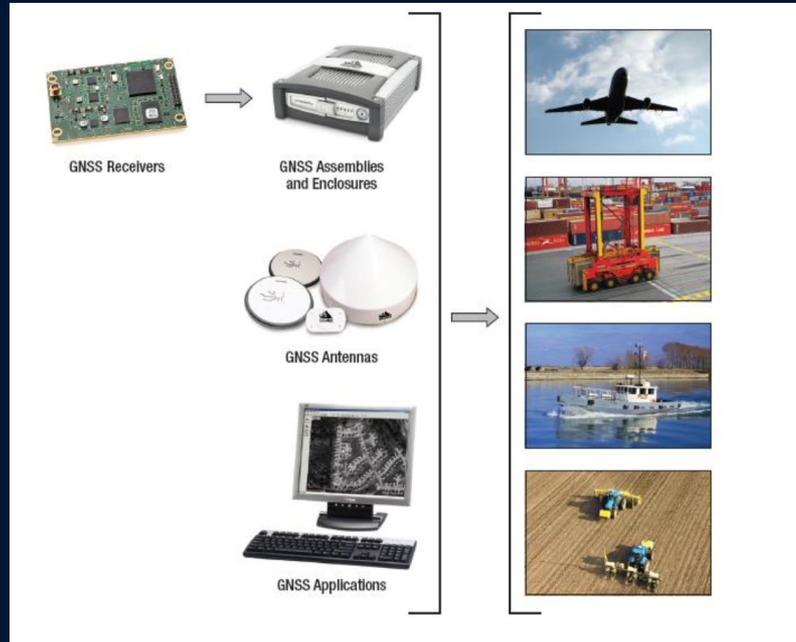


# Defence



# Equipment

There are different types of GNSS equipment available depending on the application and project requirements





## Positioning:

Determination of position and attitude (orientation) in three dimensions and their changes in time

## GNSS! Guidance:

Providing direction to get from A to B

## Navigation:

Positioning and guidance from an initial position to a destination

**Navigation = Positioning + Guidance**



## Other systems

- VLBI
- (LLR – not since ITRF2000)
- SLR
- GNSS
- DORIS



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