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# Asset Management: GPS Latest Technology

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GPS: It Is Rocket Science...

# GPS: (Global Positioning System)

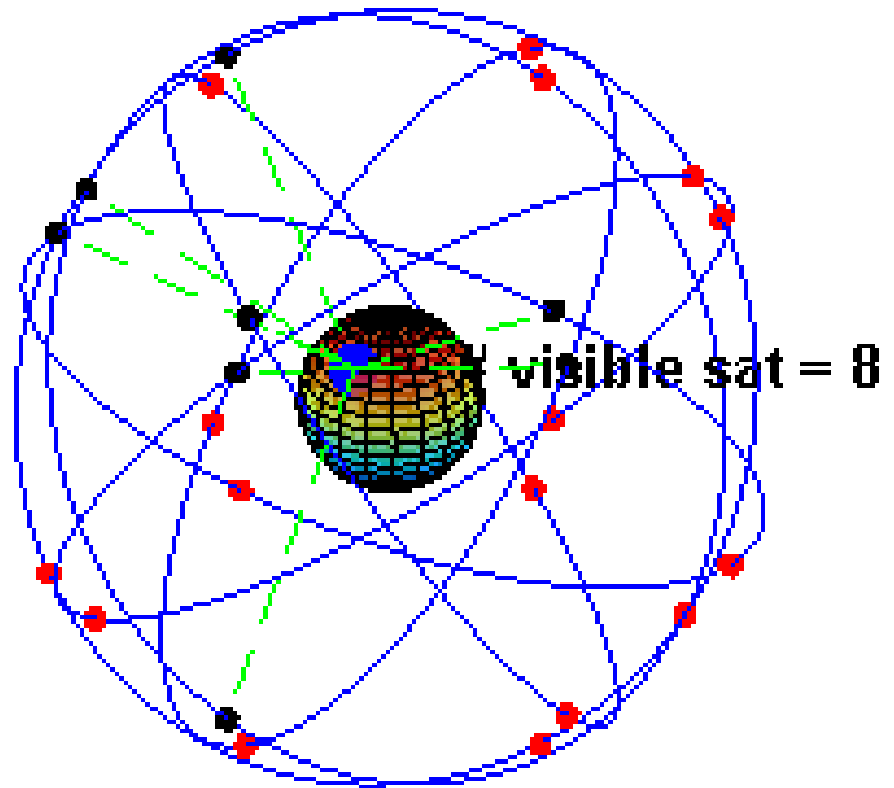
**Managed by the USAF**

**Min SV's: 24**

**Current SV's: 32+**

**Real-Time Accuracy**

**10-15m**



# GLONASS

**Russian Space Forces**

**21+ SV's**

**Real-Time Accuracy**

**-approx 4.5-8.5m**

**(7+SV's)**

# Other Systems

Galileo – European Union

COMPASS – People's Republic of China

IRNSS – India

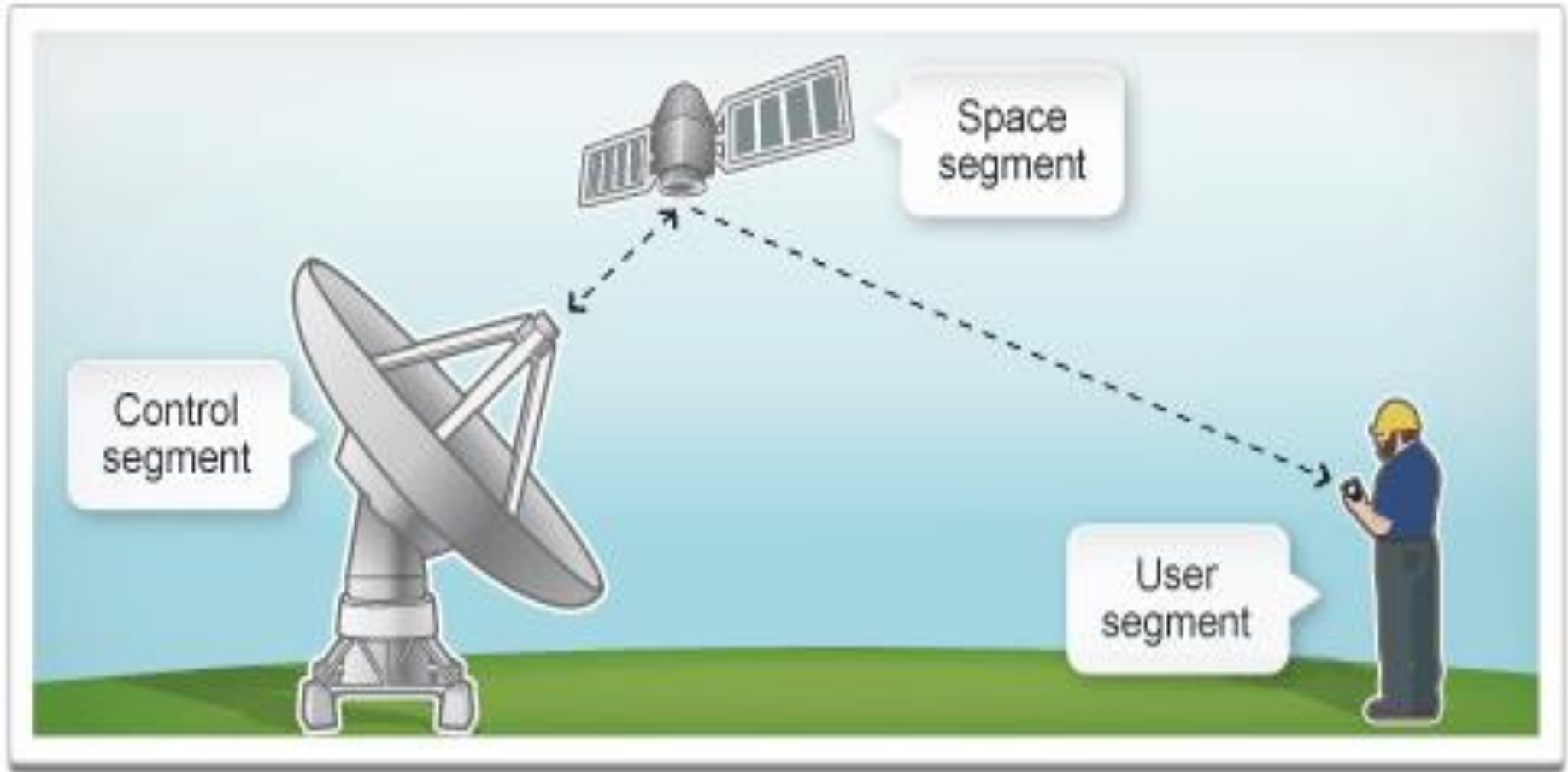
QZSS – Japan

Put them all together...

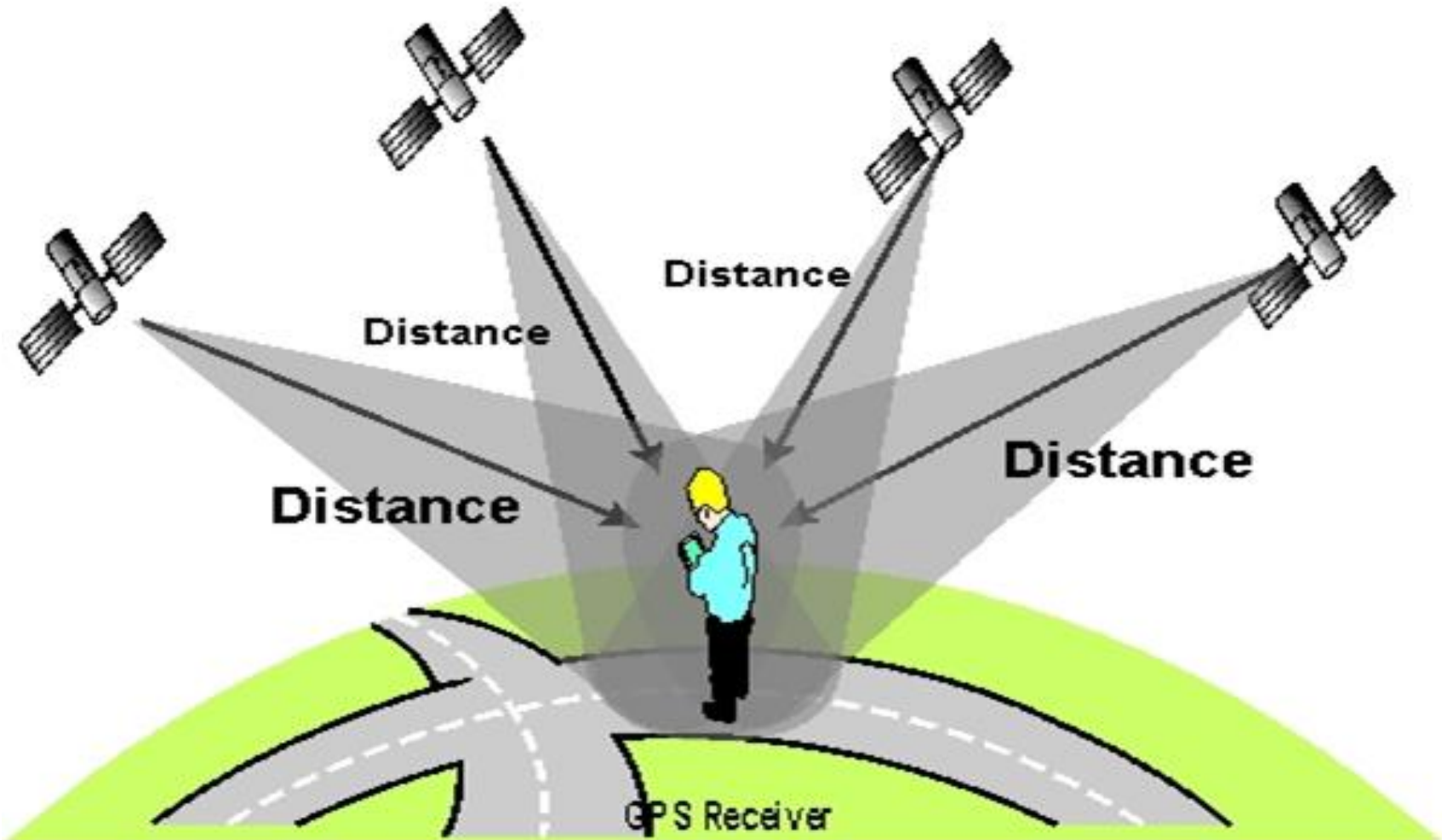
**GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite  
System)**

**More is better!**

# GNSS Segments

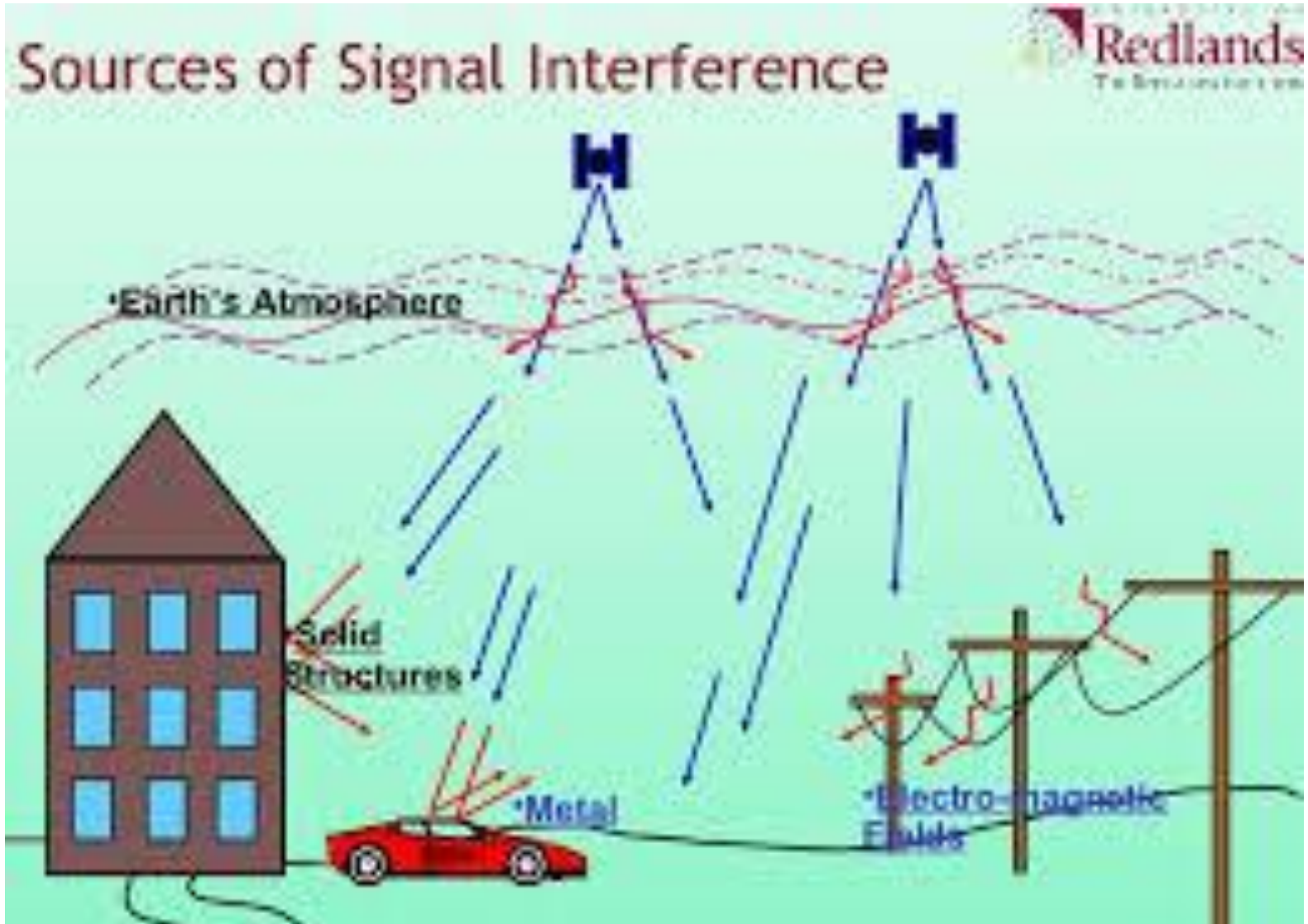


# It's All About Distance and Time





# Sources of Error





Accuracy

# Levels of Accuracy

## Commercial

- Raw GPS signal
  - 10-15 meters
- Location Services
  - 8 meters

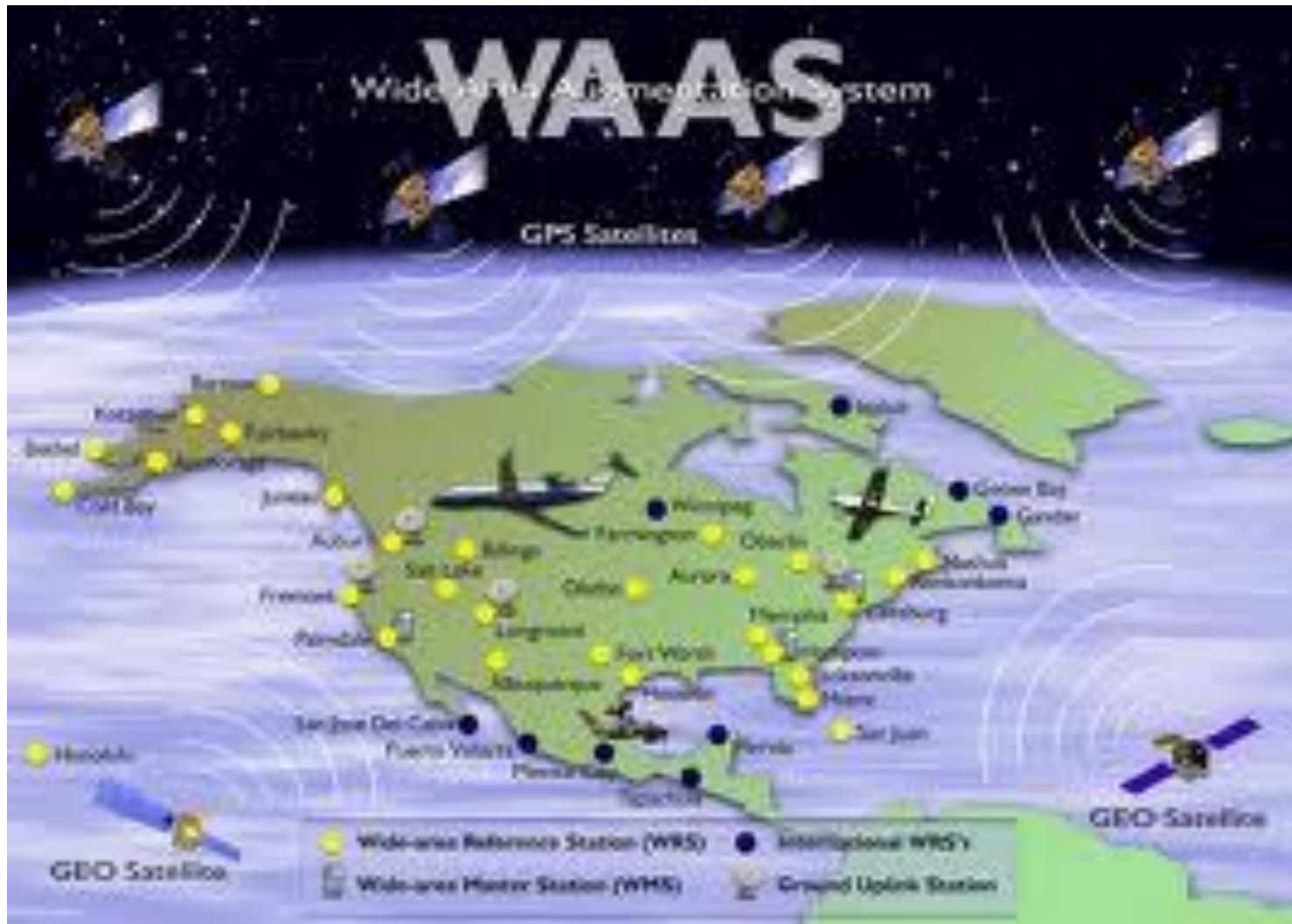
## Mapping

- DGPS: Differential GPS
  - Sub-meter
- Post Processing
- Real Time
  - Sub-foot
  - Centimeter

- Location Services
  - Smart devices
  - Assisted GPS
    - Satellites
    - WiFi
    - Cell Towers
  - Determine Location Quickly

- Real Time
  - SBAS (WAAS: Wide Area Augmentation System)
    - Designed for aircraft navigation
    - No internet connection necessary
    - Free
    - < meters accuracy typically

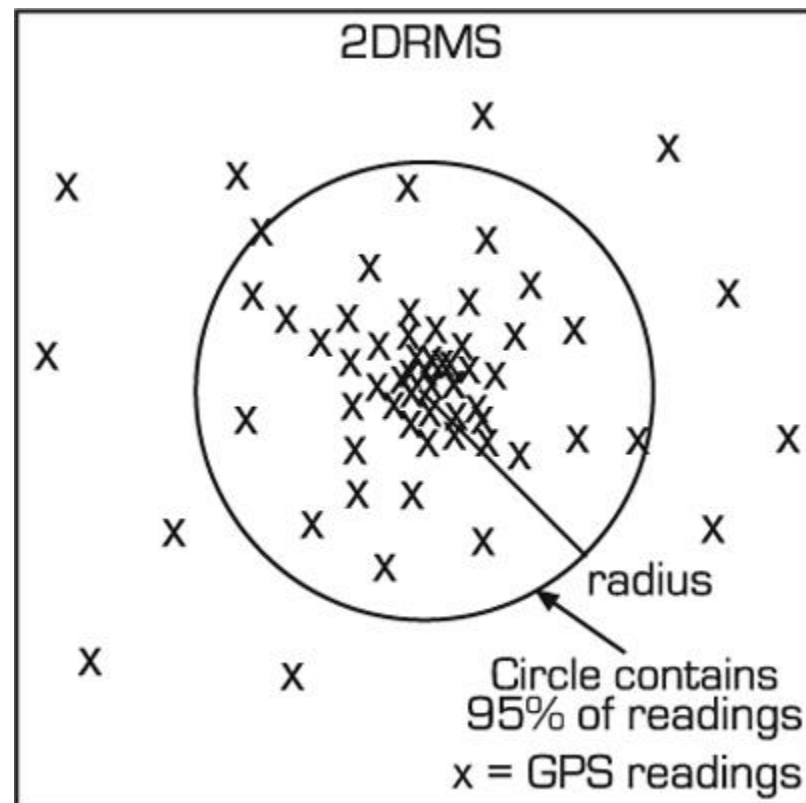
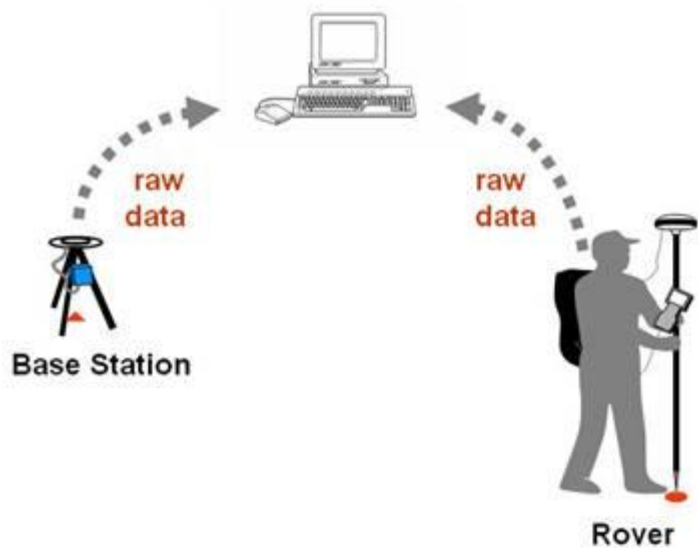
- Real Time (WAAS)



- Post Processing

- the processing of GPS data after it has been collected in order to eliminate error. This involves using PC software to compare data from the rover to data collected at the base station. Because the base station is on a known location, systematic errors can be determined and removed from the rover data.

- Post Processing





- Real Time
  - VRS (Virtual Reference Stations)
    - Operated by ODOT
    - Requires an internet connection
    - Free for now
    - 2.8” accuracy possible

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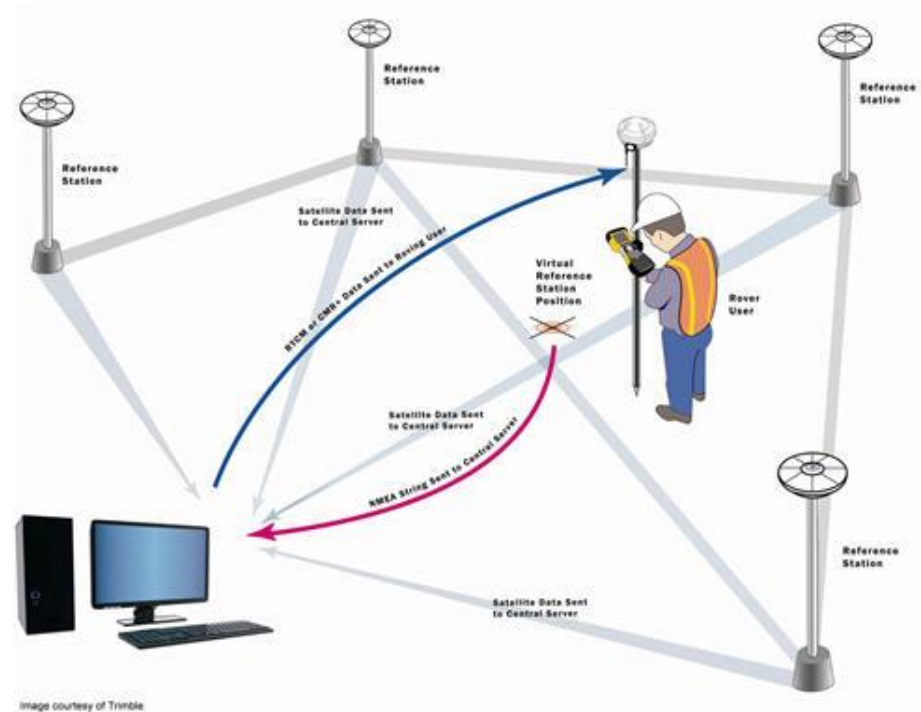
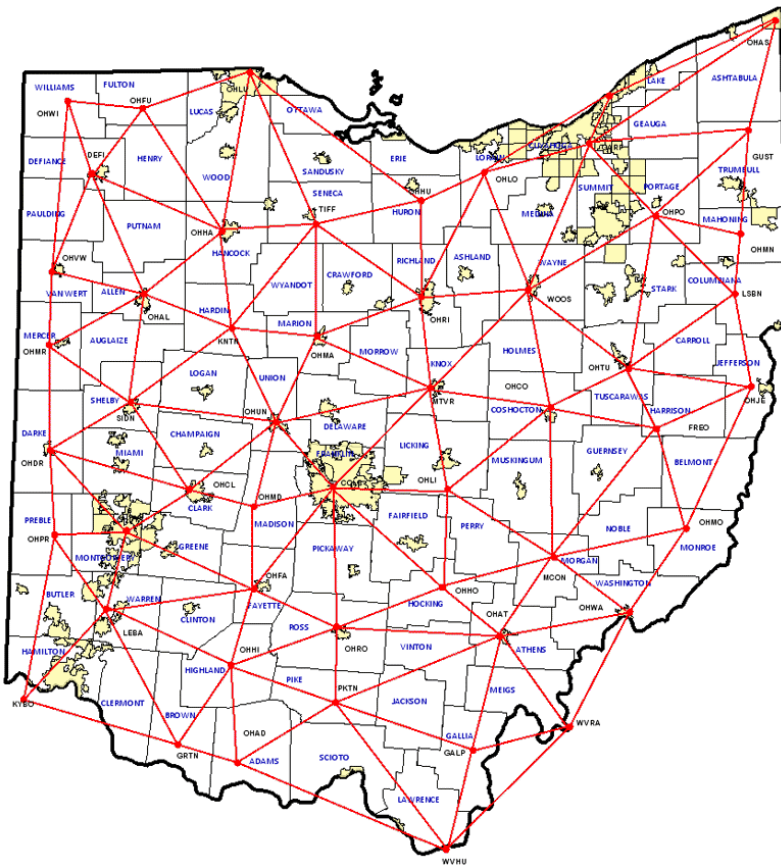


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GIS?...

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- Brain Drain
- Ease of Use
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## Brain Drain

**Don't let that knowledge walk out that door!!**

“It’s projected that in the next 10 years, 37 percent of the water utility workers and 31 percent of wastewater utility workers will retire.” EPA Task Force on Workforce

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# Ease of Use

- **Use your own device**
  - iOS, Android, Windows 10
- **Familiar map backgrounds**
- **Intuitive Apps / Work flows**
- **Work Connected or Offline**

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# Navigate Back to Assets

## Where Is That Valve?.....



Nav 0.87m 5

Target: 2 Road Sign Options



Dist: 5.25 m Bear: 103° (T)

Turn: 14° Head: 84° (T)

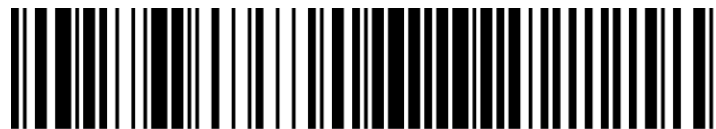
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- Integrate Photos, Signatures or Barcodes / RFID

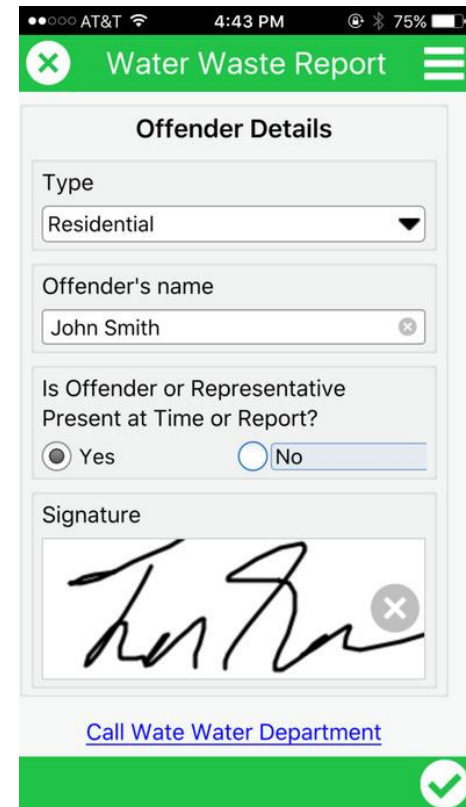
# Integrate Photos, Barcodes and Signatures

*A picture is worth a thousand words...*

- Associate a photo directly to an asset
- Watermark time and data directly on the image
- Watermark accurate XY coordinates on the image
- Capture customer or mgt. signature
- Scan and capture barcodes or RFID



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The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a 'Water Waste Report'. The status bar at the top indicates AT&T service, 4:43 PM, and 75% battery. The app title is 'Water Waste Report'. The form contains the following fields:

- Offender Details**
  - Type: Residential (dropdown menu)
  - Offender's name: John Smith (text input with clear button)
  - Is Offender or Representative Present at Time or Report?: Yes (selected radio button), No (radio button)
  - Signature: A handwritten signature (text input with clear button)
- Call Wate Water Department (blue link)

A green checkmark icon is visible in the bottom right corner of the app interface.

# External Sensors



Street Sign Reflectivity



Ground Penetrating Radar



Utility Line Locator

# The Bottom Line

- Technology has made GPS smaller, more accurate and affordable.
- Mapping grade GPS has enabled field workers to gather better, more accurate data in the field
- Advancements in GPS technology has enabled the professionals and the public to share data in almost real time.





# Thank You

Any questions or feedback

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