

**"From Geodesy and Mapping  
to Geospatial Information Management  
- the Future of Geoinformation"**

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**1. Geodesy is the art and science to determine size and shape of the earth**

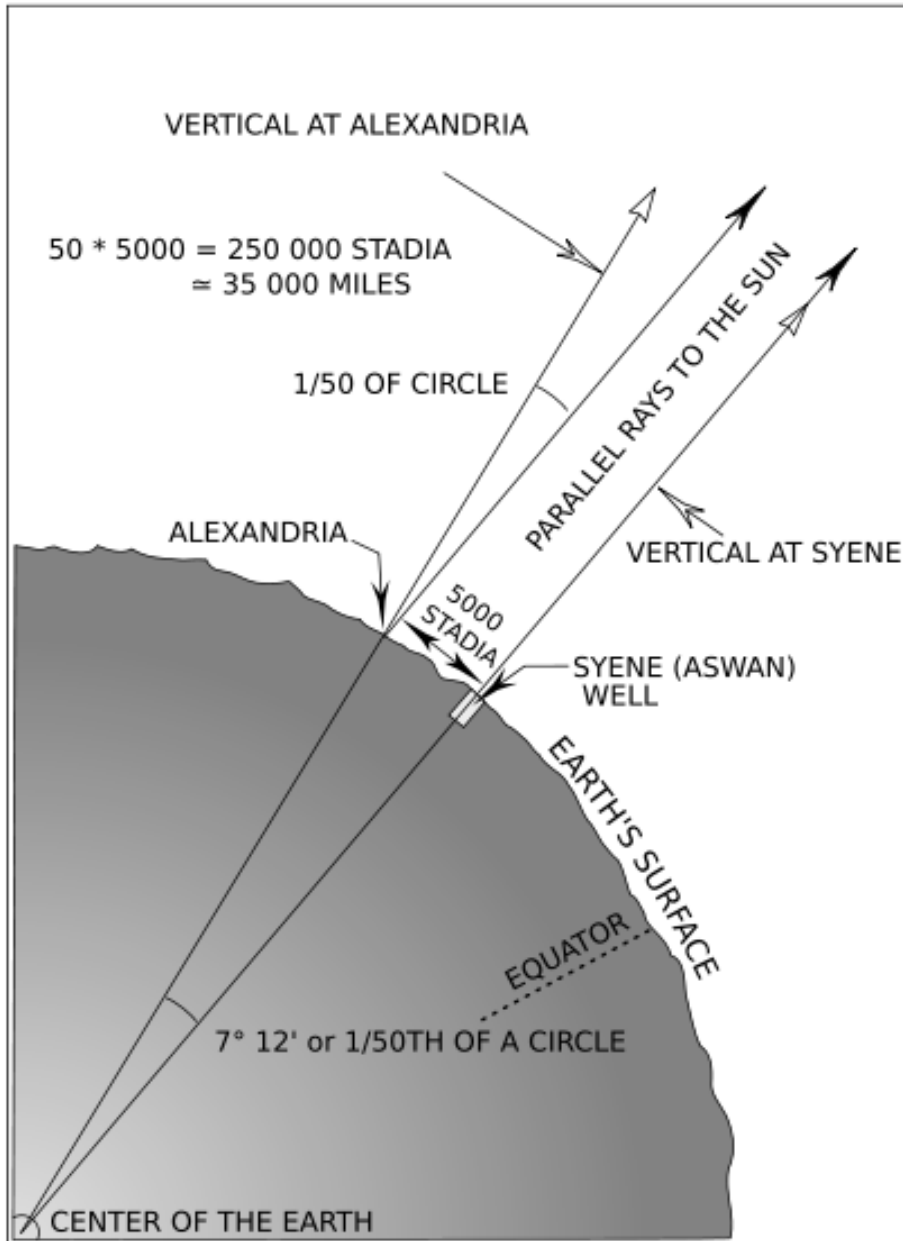
**(C.F. Helmert, 1880)**

**2. and to map the earth's surface**

**3..... and to manage it for sustainable development**

# 1. Geodesy

# ERATOSTHENES METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE SIZE OF THE EARTH



## Eratosthenes

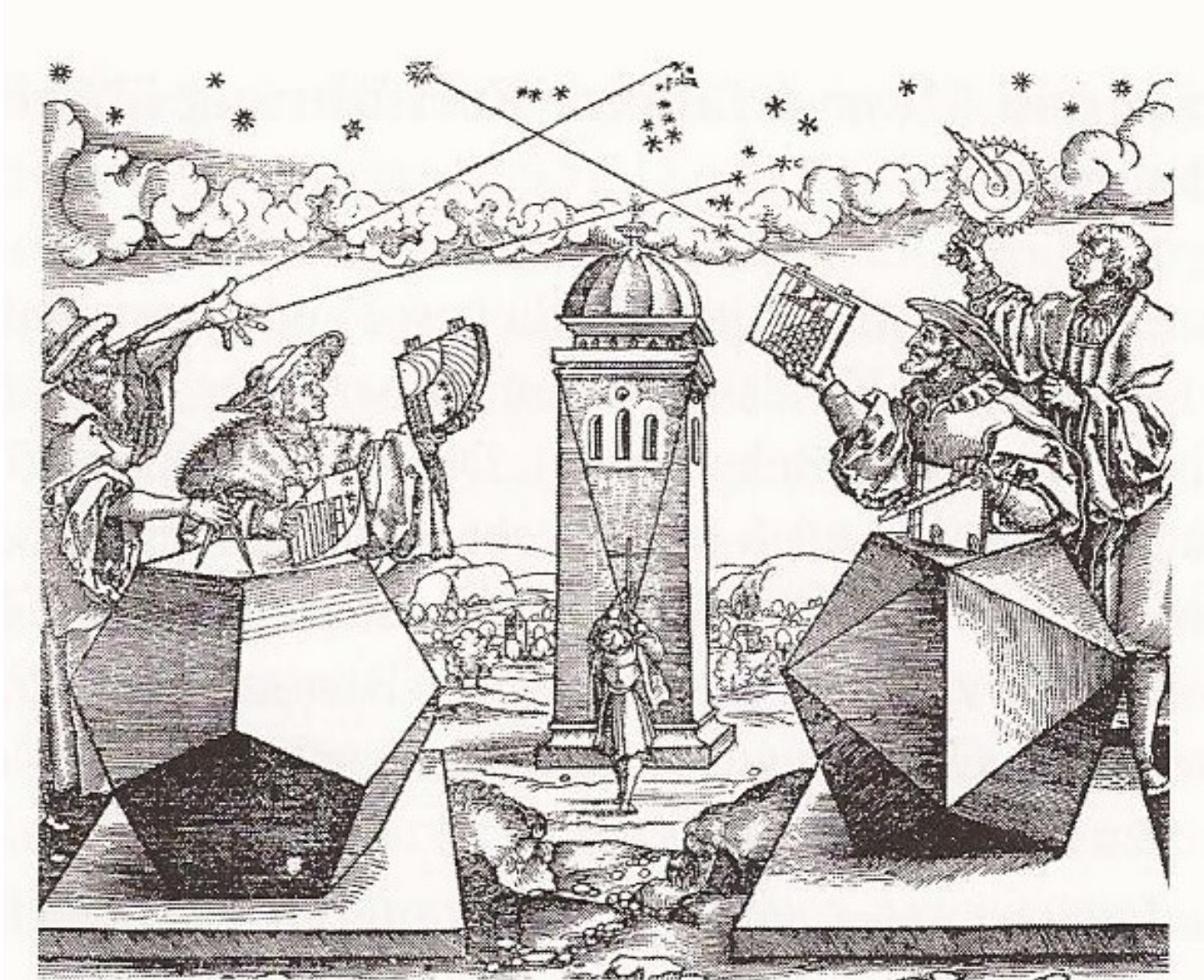
born 276 B.C. in Cyrene

died 194 B.C. in Alexandria



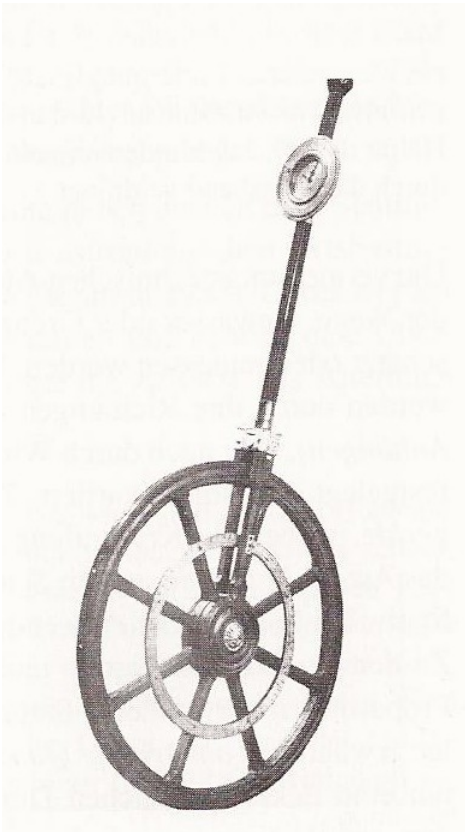
first determination of the size of a spherical earth

# Astronomic Positioning at sea and on land in the age of exploration





## time consuming measurement of distances



New tools: measurement of angles

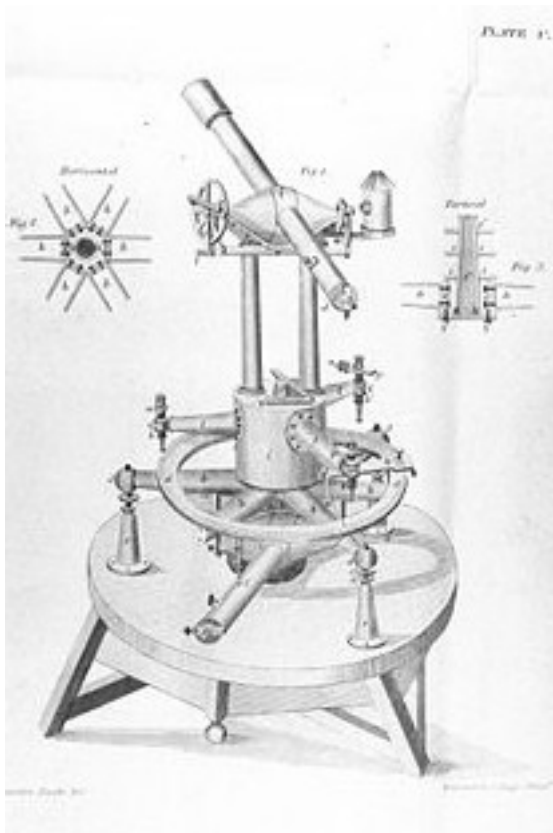
1500 the theodolite

1533 Gemma Frisius

principle of triangulation

1615 Willebrord Snellius

first triangulation in Holland



**Practica des Landmef-**  
**sens: Darinnen gelehrt wirdt/wie man alle**  
recht vnd krumseitige Land/Wälde/Baumgärten  
vnd andere Felder/ so wol mit hülf des Quadranten,  
also ohne denselben/ messen soll.

Desgleichen alle Land vnd Felder / in gleiche vnd un-  
gleiche theil/ nach vnderchiedlichen manern theilen/sampe  
altlichen neuen Calculierten Tafeln dar zu dienende.

Alles durch Iohan Sems, vnd Iohan Pieterz Dou, beide  
versuchte Landmesser / componiert vnd in Niderz  
ländischer sprach in Druck gegeben.

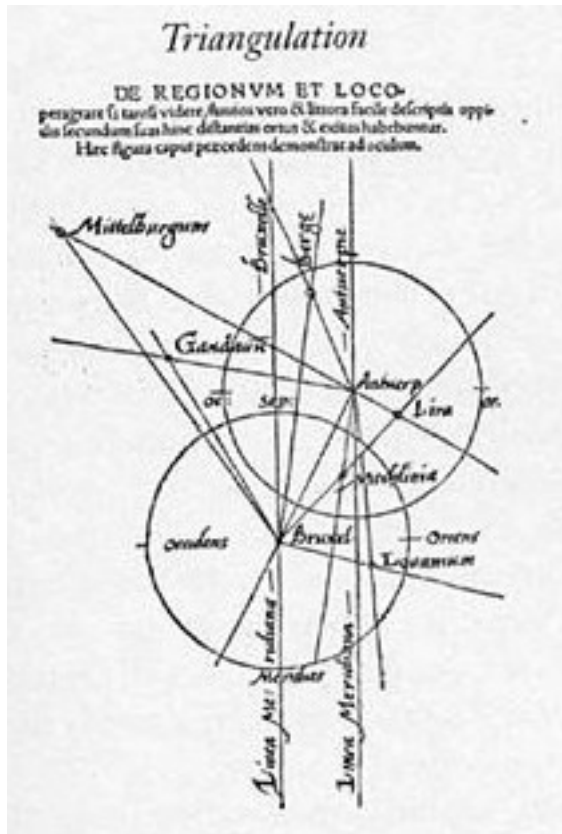
Nun aber männiglich zu nutz/ vnd allen Liebhabern dieser Kunst  
zu besondern gefallen/ auß gemelter Niderländischen  
sprach in Hochteutsch gebracht:

Durch  
Sebastianum Cartium Rechenmeistern/ Burgern vnd verordneten  
Visitatorn der Teütschen Schulen in Turnberg.

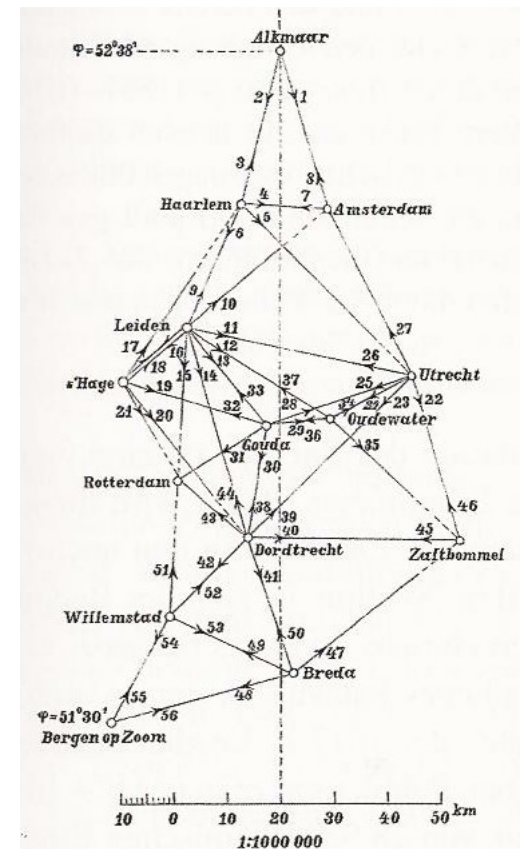
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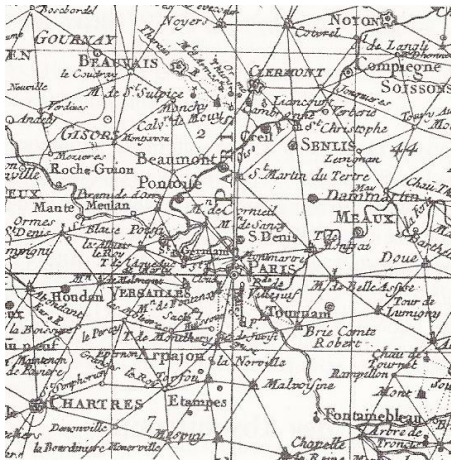
# Explanation of Technology by Gemma Frisius 1533



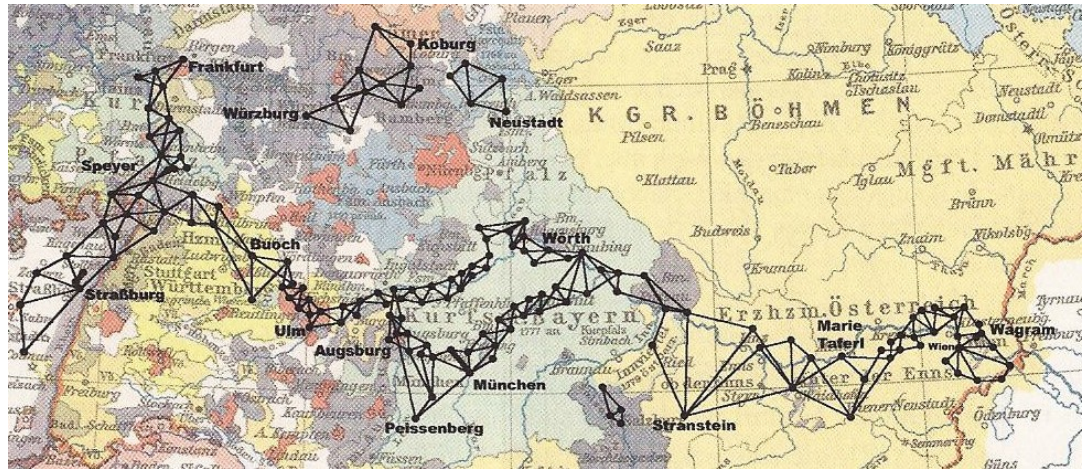
# Willebrord Snellius 1615 First triangulation network





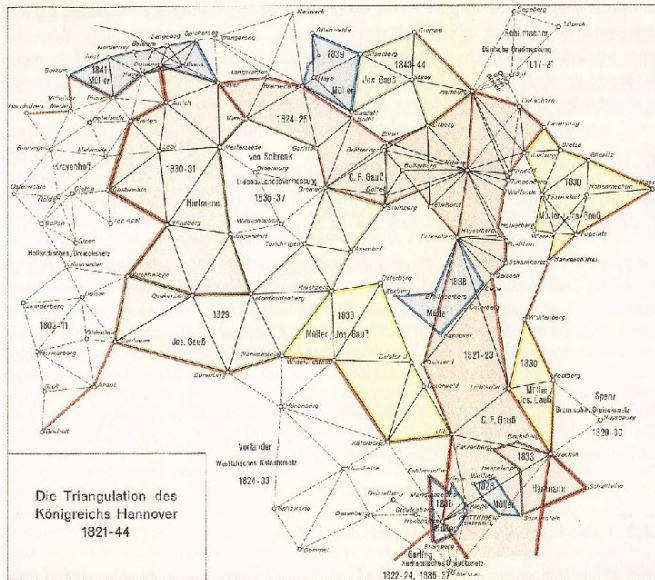


French triangulation 1744

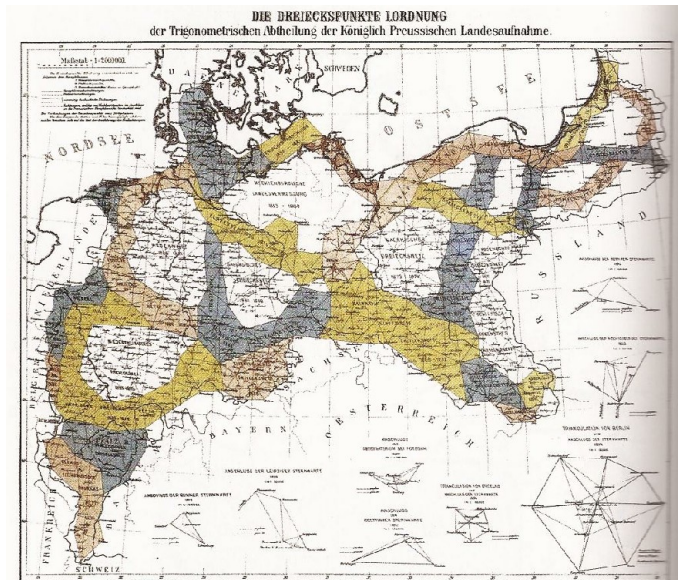


French- Austrian triangulation chain 1761 – 1762

C.F.Gauss triangulation of the Kingdom of Hannover  
first triangulation net adjusted by least squares 1828 - 1844



Prussian triangulation network  
completed 1899



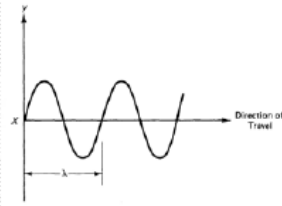
# Electronic Distance Measurement

## PRINCIPLES

- Wave - travels along x-axis at velocity of  $299,792.5 \pm 0.4$  km/s
- Frequency - time taken for one complete wavelength
- Relationship:

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$$

- $\lambda$  = wavelength in meters
- $c$  = velocity, in km/s
- $f$  = frequency, in hertz (one cycle per second)



## PRINCIPLES

- Modulated wave leaves EDM then reflected back to instrument - measures double distance ( $2L$ )
- Partial wavelength measured from phase delay between transmitted and reflected

$$L = \frac{n\lambda + \phi}{2} \text{ meters}$$

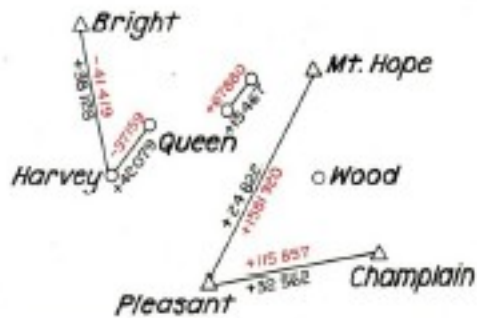
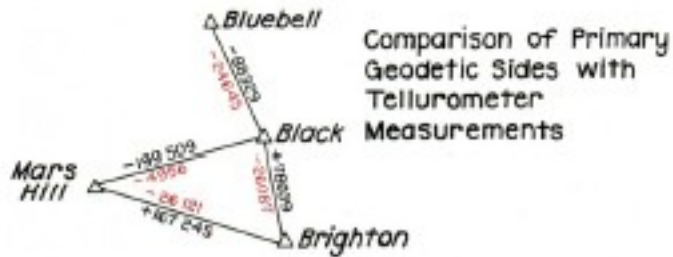
- $n\lambda$  whole number of wavelengths
- $\phi$  partial wavelength





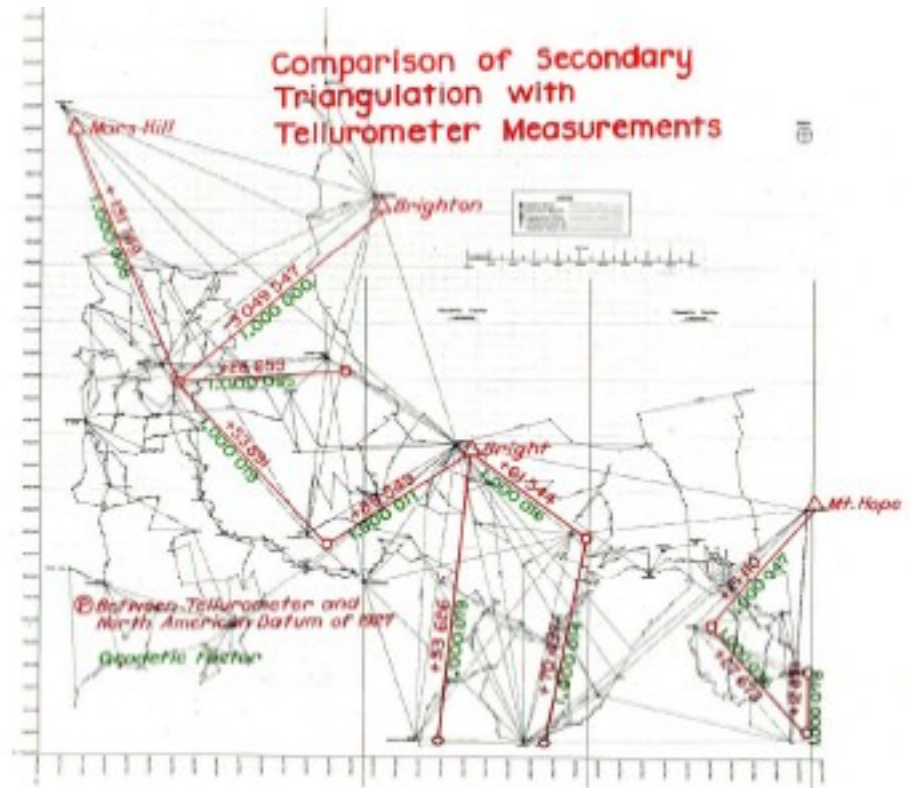
**In the late 1950's  
Electronic  
Distance  
Measurement  
permitted to  
extend control  
over large areas**

# The more efficient and more accurate EDM began to be a new survey tool in the 1960's

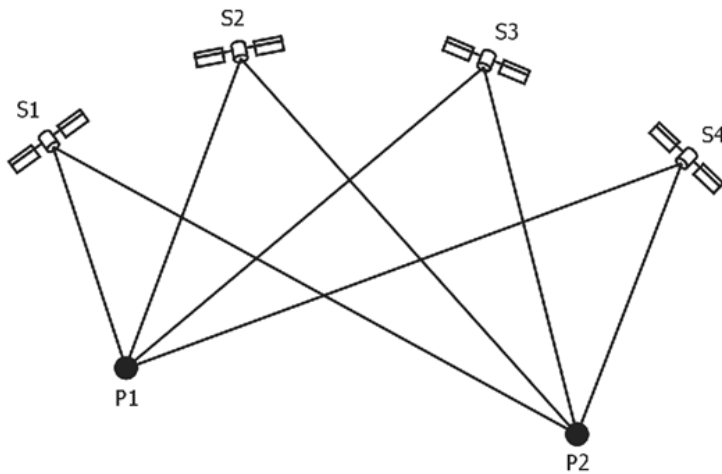
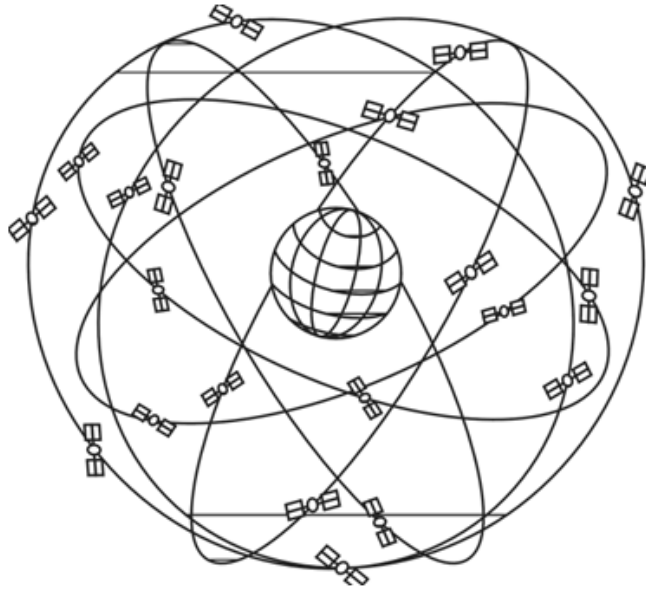


⊕ Between Tellurometer and North American Datum of 1927

⊙ Between Tellurometer and North American Datum of 1913







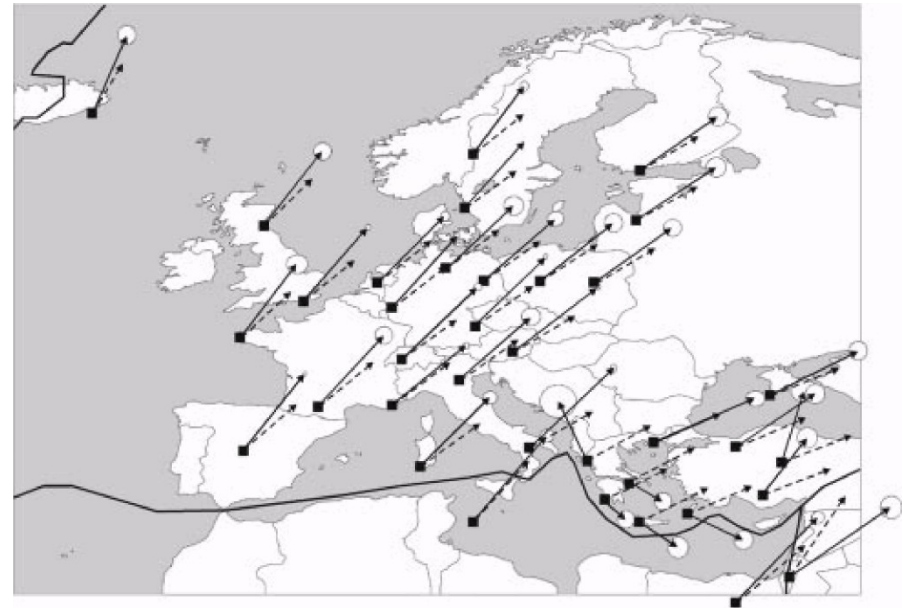
**GNSS**  
became a new  
revolution  
in the 1990's

# With GNSS geodesy became an indispensable earth science tool

## CORS



## IREF



## **2. Mapping**

Explorer Maps around 1500 were descriptions and described relative geographic locations determined by astronomic positions

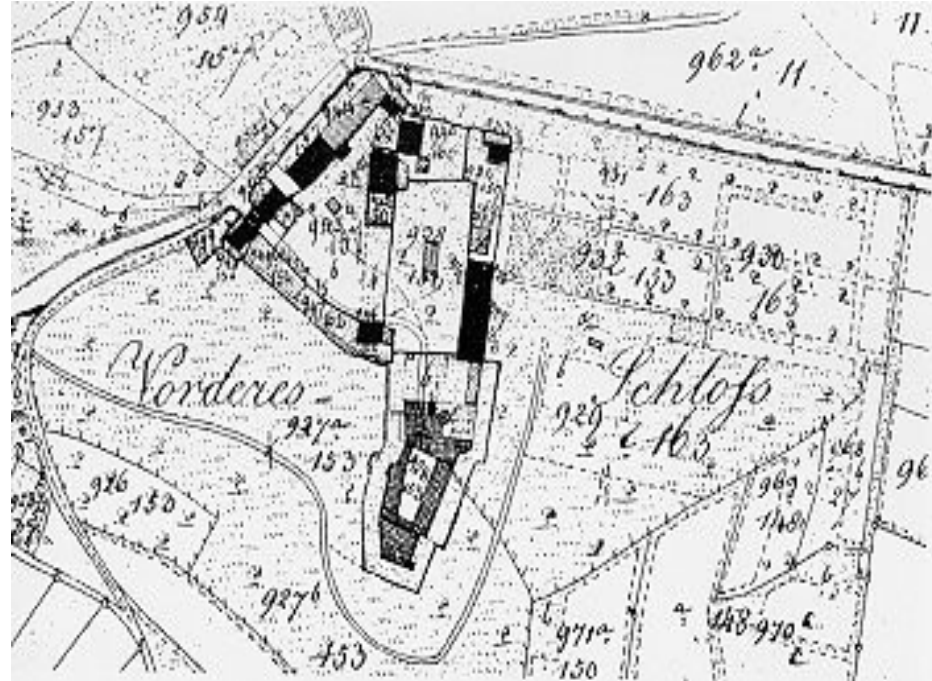




The first map series based on astronomic positioning was  
Apian's Map of Bavaria of 1570  
Napoleon used it to conquer Bavaria from the Habsburgs in 1810



In the early 19th century Topographic Mapping was based on  
Triangulation Networks and Plane Table Surveying





Starting with Emperor Joseph of Austria in 1770 most mapping at larger scale was introduced for property taxation at the scale 1:2880



The Tax Cadastre also permitted to base some topographic objects on the property map (buildings, pastures, creeks, forests)







Aimé Laussedat  
1819/1907 Paris Mapping



Albrecht Meydenbauer  
1858/1865 Architectural Documentation

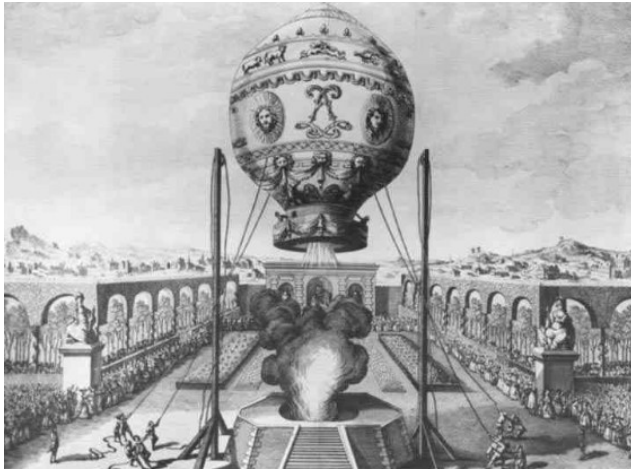
## Iconometry

the use of photographs became a tool for the survey of all objects with the start in the 1850's and with a global impact in the 1950's

## Photogrammetry

# Fundamentals of Photogrammetry

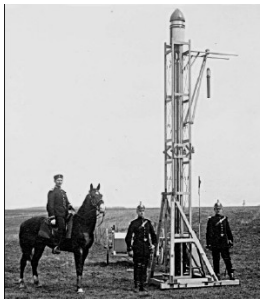
## Aerial Platforms



Jacques Etienne & Joseph Michel Montgolfier 1783



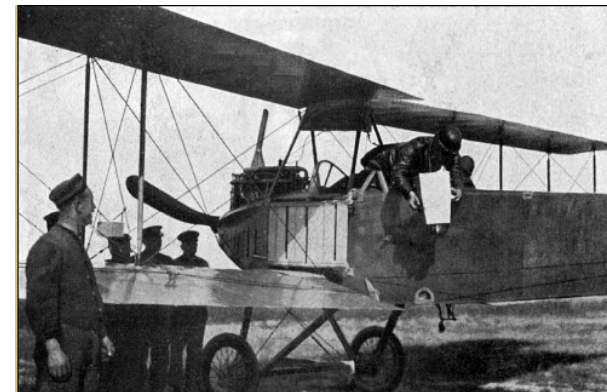
Gaspard-Felix Tournachon (Nadar)  
balloon photography 1863



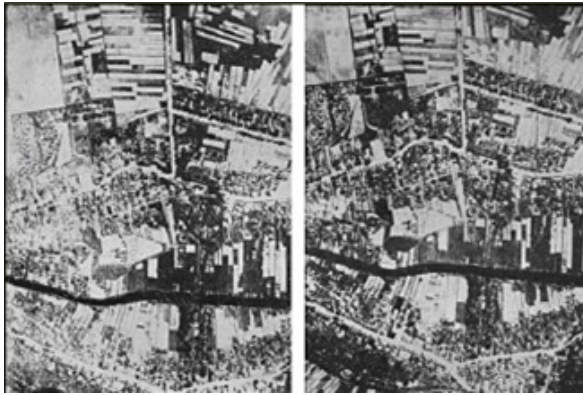
Rockets 1906



Zeppelin 1909



Aircraft 1914



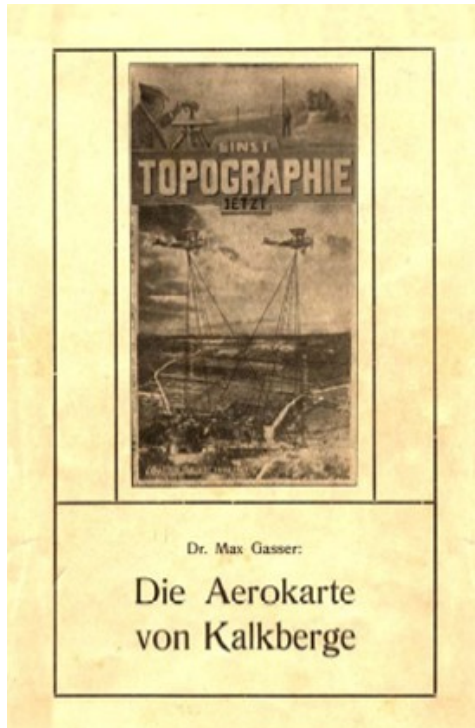
Max Gasser invented the Gasser Projector (Multiplex) in 1915, for which he obtained a war patent.

1925 the Zeiss Company made the Stereoplanigraph

Gasser made a restitution of two stereo images taken from the Zeppelin over Kalkberge.

He published a book and dedicated it to those

„University Geodesists, who by recommendation of others, for oppression of others, for company interests, free from research motivation, live from salaries of the Government“



### Widmung.

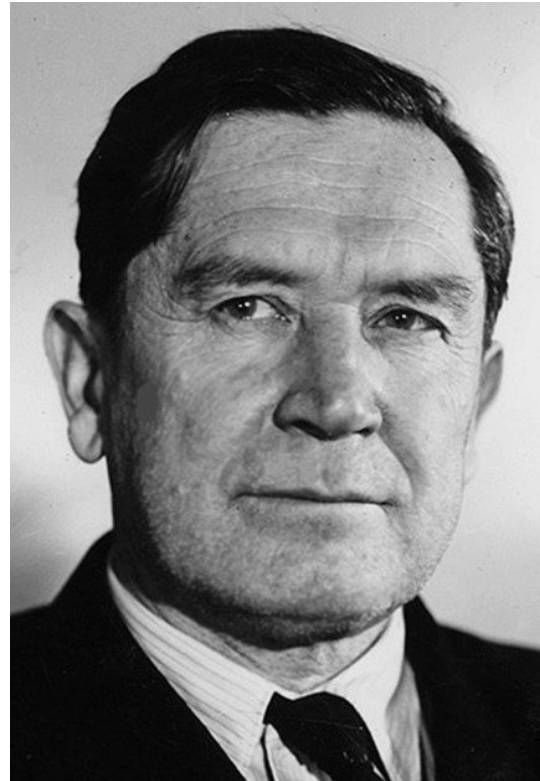
Denjenigen Hochschulgeodäten gewidmet, die durch Empfehlung Anderer zur Unterdrückung Anderer für Firmeninteressen frei von jedem Forschungstrieb von staatlichen Gehältern leben.

Dr. Gasser.  
1907 bis 1920 Dozent für Aero-Geodäsie und Photogrammetrie an der Technischen Hochschule zu Darmstadt.

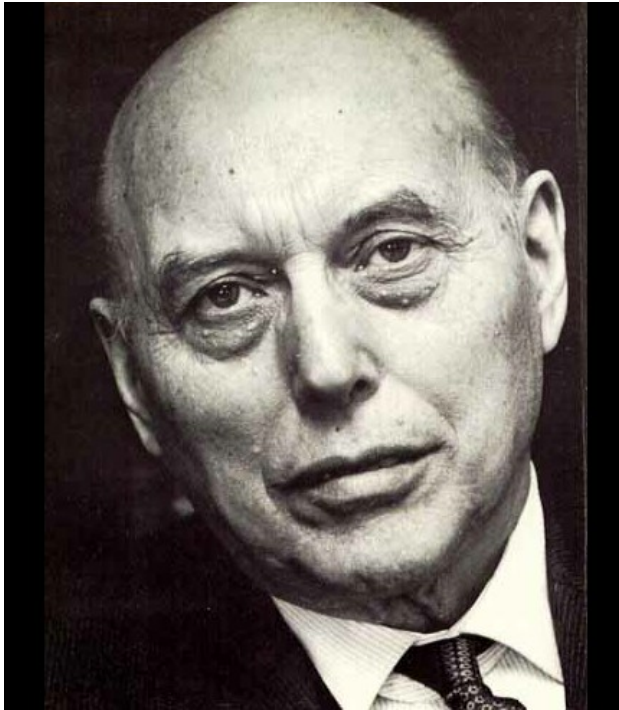
**F. V. Drobyshev**  
**1894 - 1986**

Professor of Photogrammetry  
MIIGAIK 1941 – 1971

MIIGAIK was responsible for  
developing mapping technology  
in the socialist  
Countries, the USSR and China







## **Willem Schermerhorn**

Professor, Technical University Delft

President ISP 1938-1948

Prime Minister of the Netherlands  
1946 – 1947

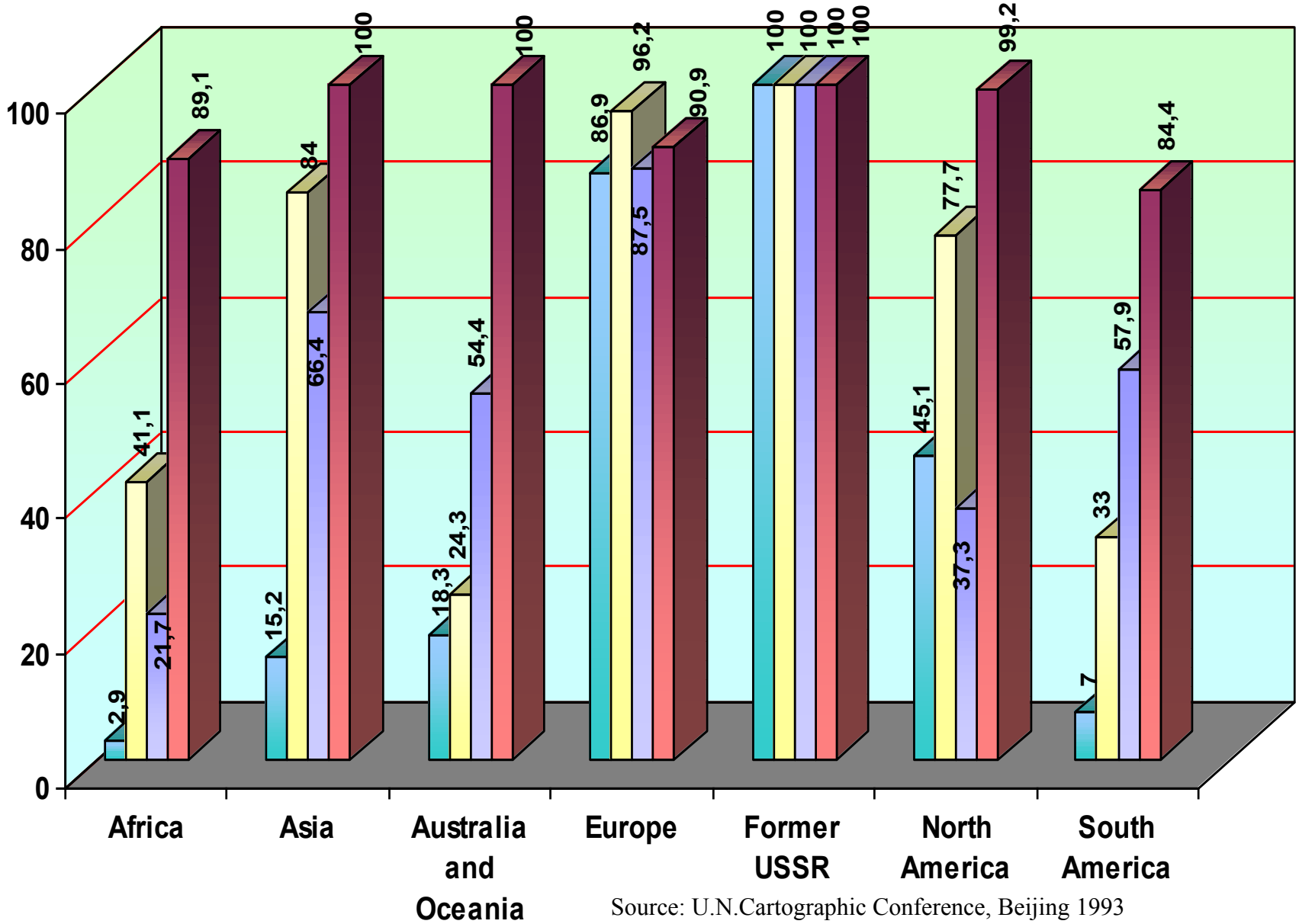
Founder of the ITC

spread the use of Photogrammetry  
to the developing world

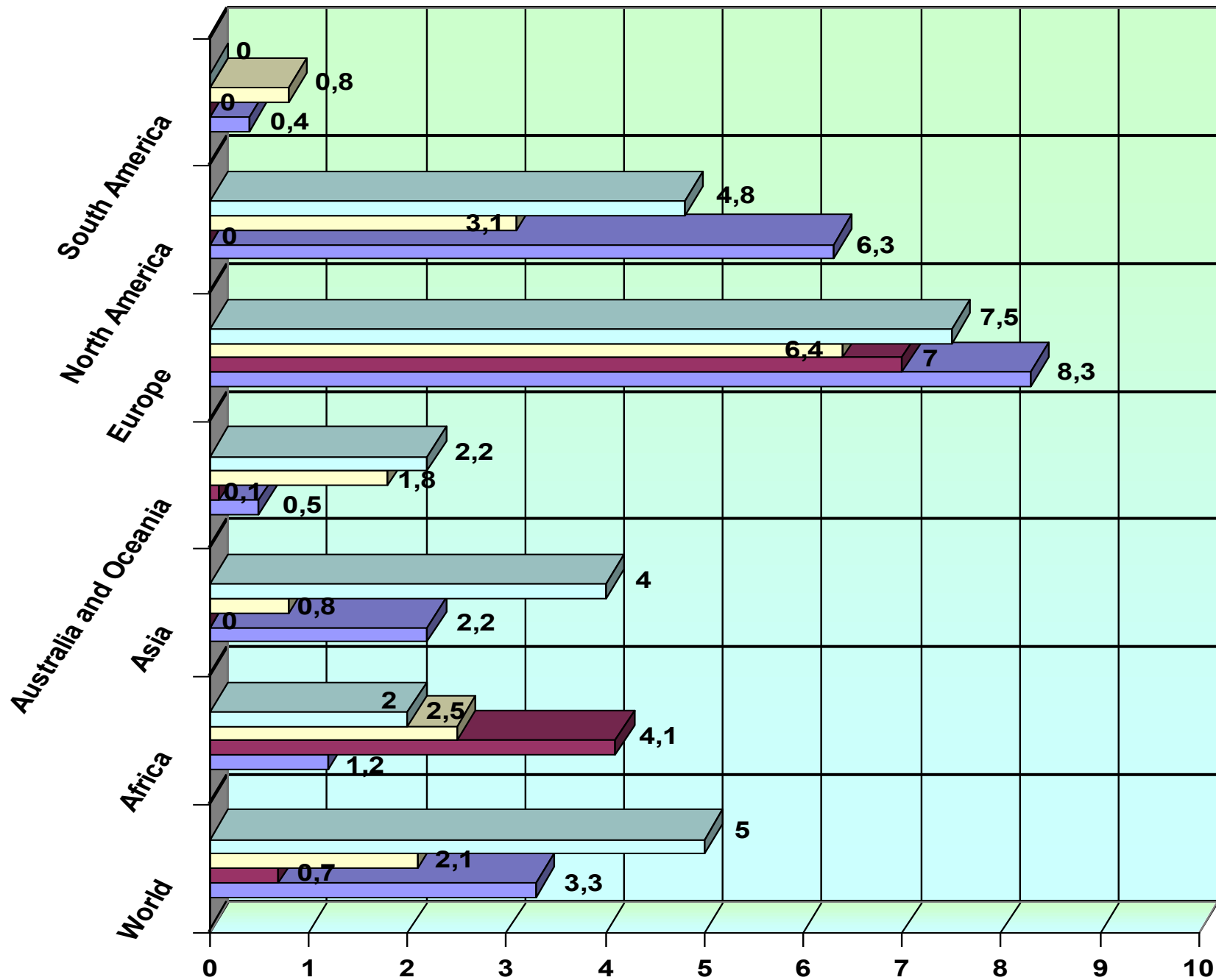
# Status of Topographic Mapping 1990

1:25 000 green , 1:50 000 yellow

1:100 000 violet , 1:200 000 red



Source: U.N.Cartographic Conference, Beijing 1993



Map Updating

Source: U.N. Cartographic Conference Bangkok, 1990





Koroljov

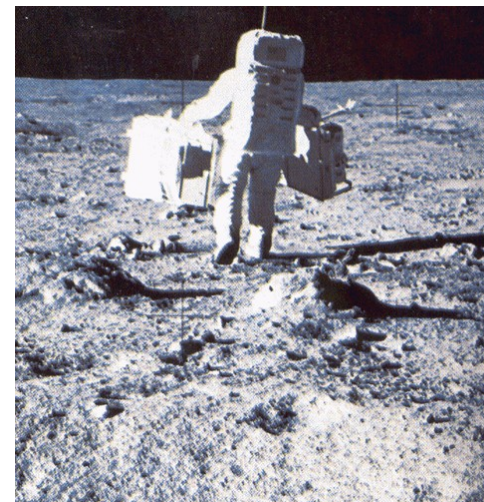


Wernher von Braun

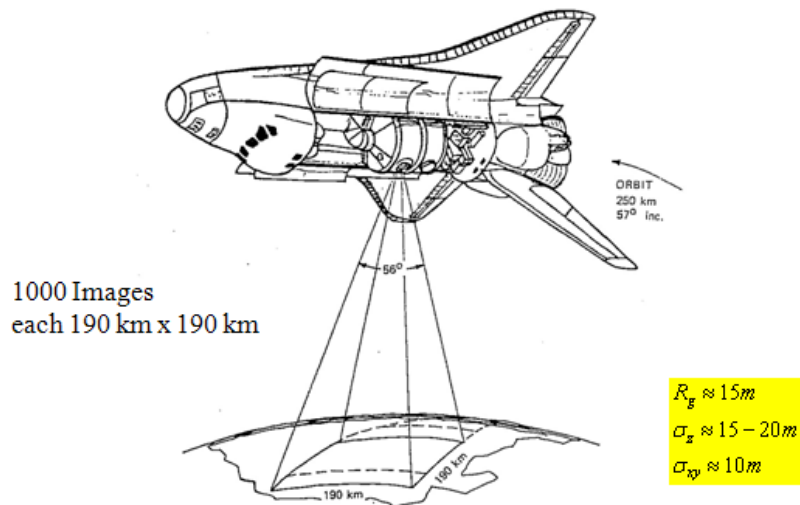


Sputnik 1957

## Space Platforms



Man on the Moon 1969



Before the 1980's high resolution images from Space were Considered secret in 1983 the German Government and ESA financed the „Metric Camera Experiment“ from Space Shuttle

10% of the earth's land mass was covered in stereo in the 9 day mission

**Project Scientist: Gottfried Konecny, University Hannover**

**Project Engineer: Manfred Schroeder, DLR-Oberpfaffenhofen**

**Project Manager: Arndt Langner, DLR-Cologne**

**Industrial Contractor: T. Miski, ERNO, Bremen**

**K Meier, C. Zeiss, Oberkochen**

**ESA-Project Coordinator: Mike Reynolds, ESTEC, Noordwijk**

**ESA-Metric Camera Working Groups**

**Gottfried Konecny, University Hannover, Chair**

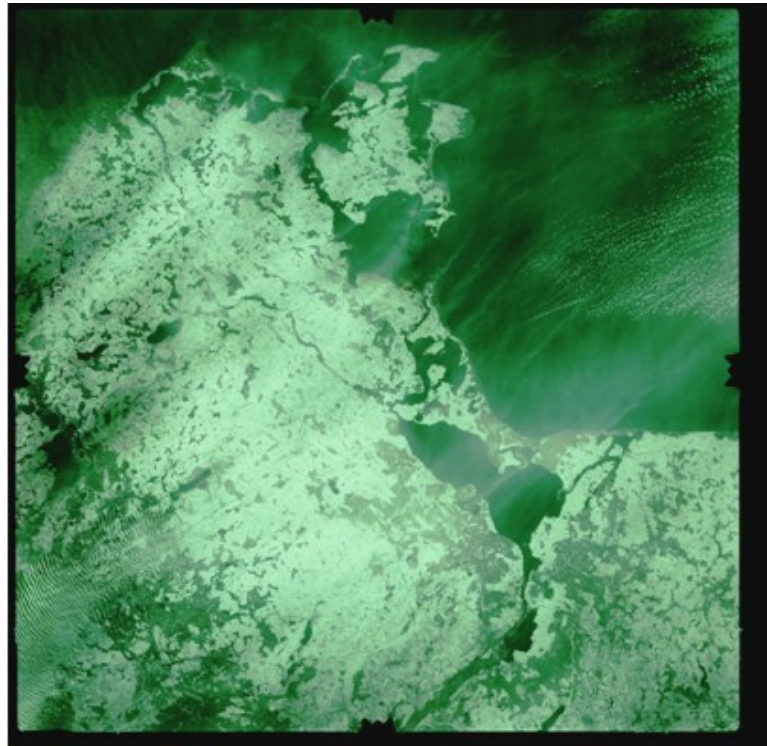
**Jan Dowmann, University College, London**

**Guy Ducher, IGN, Paris**

**Giovanna Togliatti, Politecnico, Milano**



the film was developed at DLR or IGN. A beautiful strip was taken over the GDR. The Government, not wanting to admit that imagery had been taken Over a socialist country, did not include the images in the catalogue.



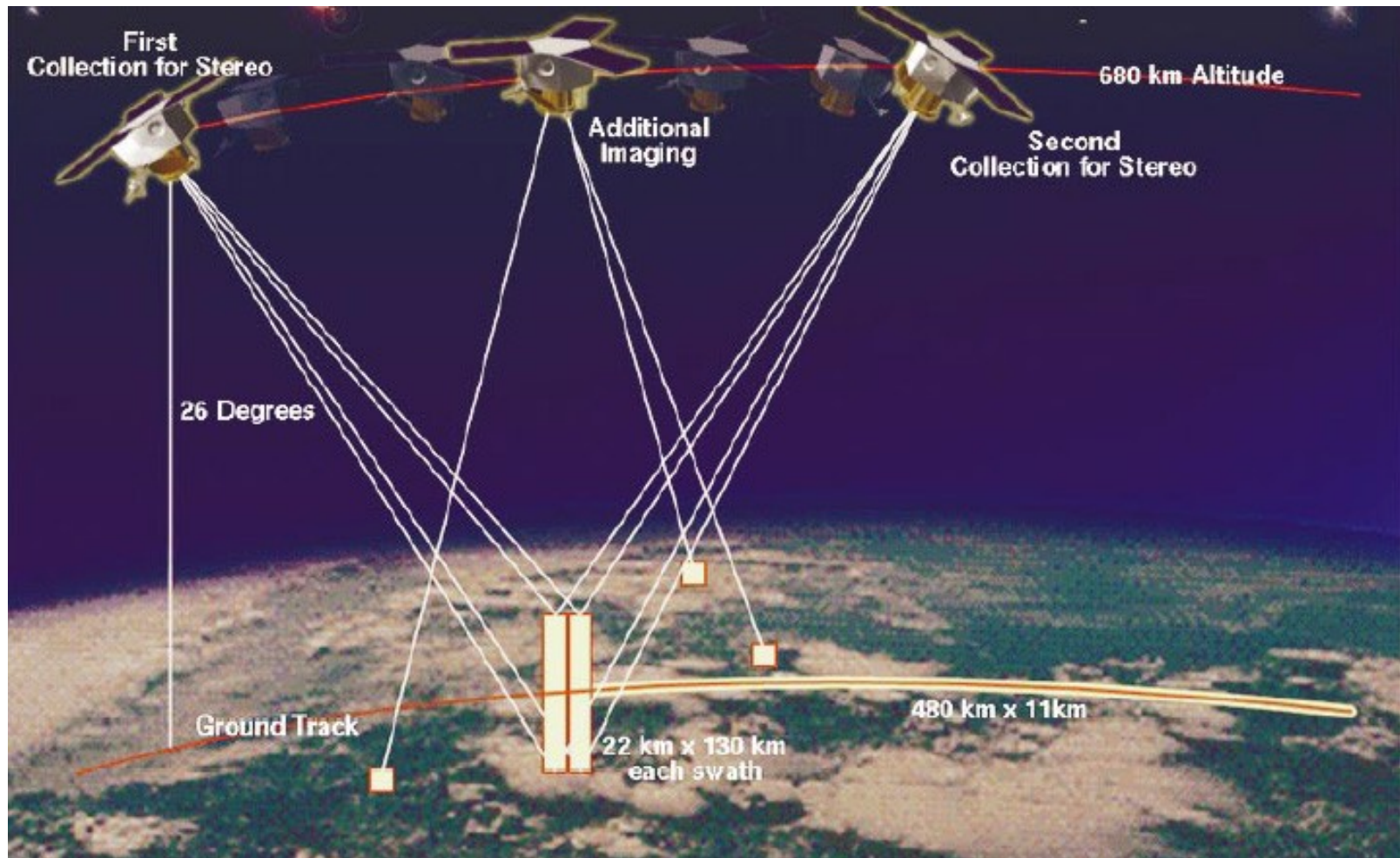
Instead, copies of these images were taken informally to our ISPRS friends in the GDR by car





the favourable response came later in 1987, when ISPRS was brought to Leipzig for a meeting, where the colleagues of the Sovjet Union (Kienko and Drazhniuk) openly showed us their KFA 1000 images.

# Stereo Image Collection from Space as it is practised today





# Current Status of Satellite Imaging



GeoEye 1 0.5m GSD



WorldView 2 0.5m GSD



Pleiades 1  
0.5m GSD

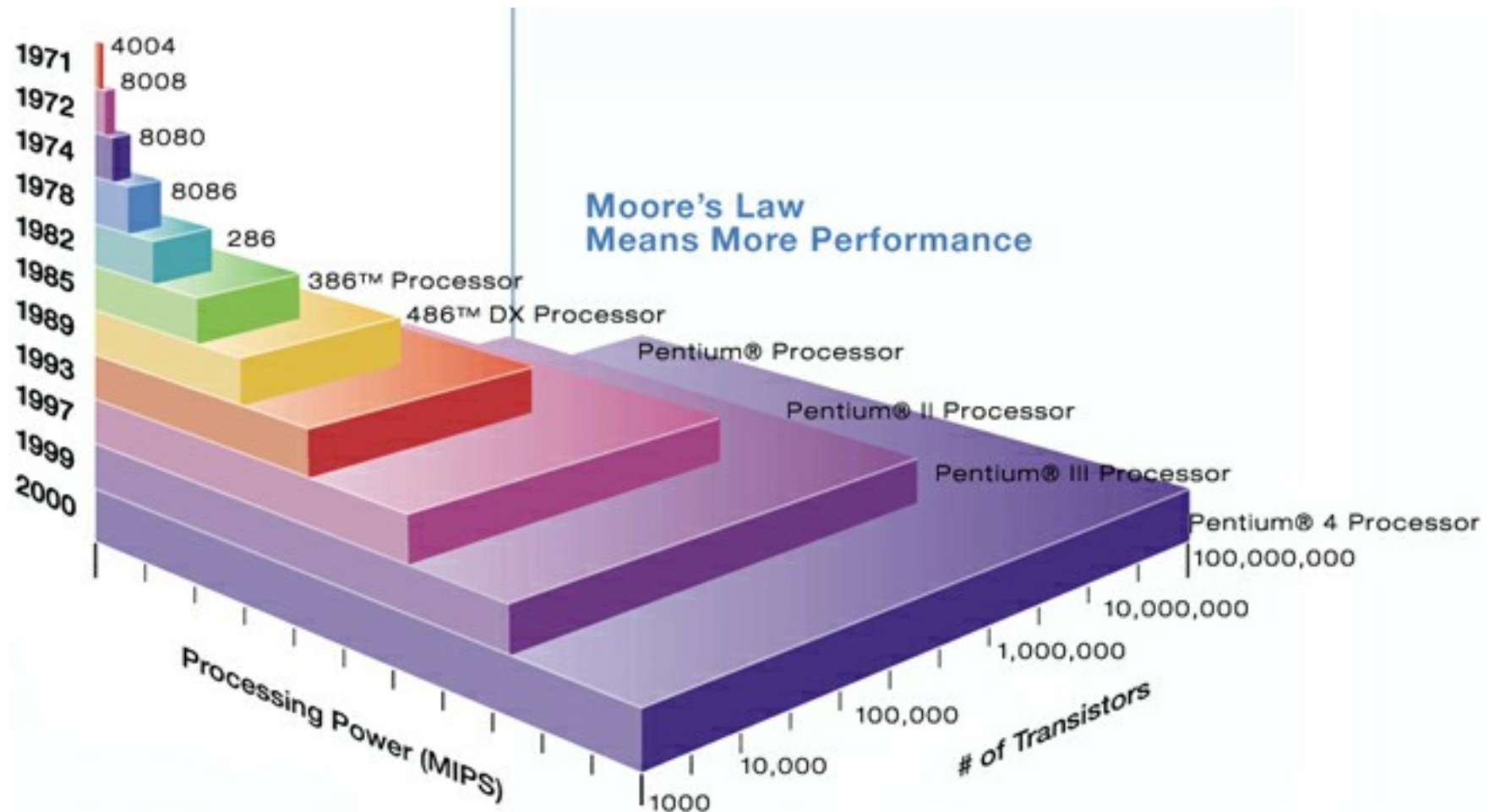
TerraSar X  
1m GSD





# **3. Databases**

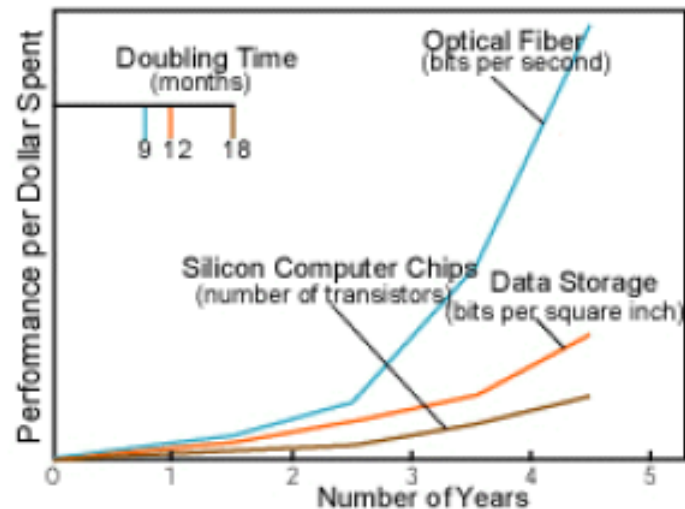
# Exponential Growth of Computer Technology



# Exponential Growth in Network Performance

## Network exponentials

- Network vs. computer performance
  - computer speed doubles every 18 months
  - network speed doubles every 9 months
  - difference: order of magnitude per 5 years
- 1986 to 2000
  - computers: x 500
  - networks: x 340,000;  
factor 1000
- 2001 to 2010
  - computers: x 60
  - networks: x 4000;  
factor: 100



Moore's Law vs. storage improvements vs. optical improvements. Graph from **Scientific American** (2001) by Cleo Vilett, source Vined Khoslan, Kleiner, Caufield and Perkins



# 6. GIS and Database Technology

an example: ArcGIS

## Software components in ArcGIS (1)

Introduction

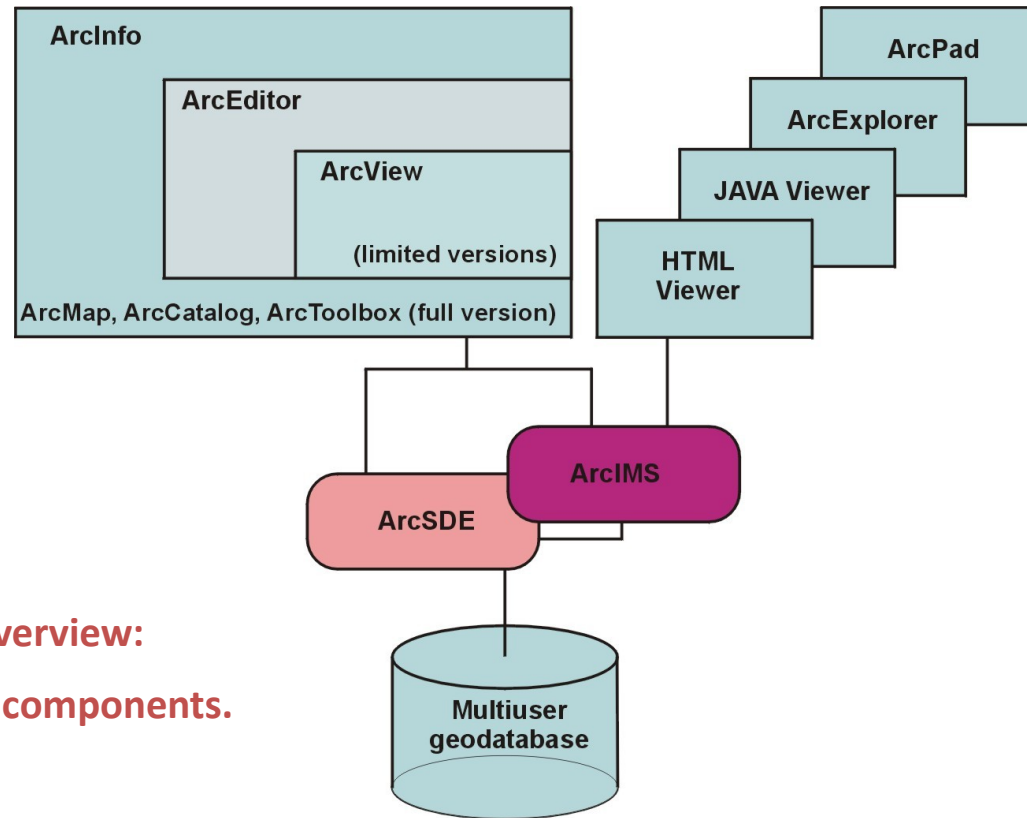
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**Overview:**  
ArcGIS components.



## Test Plots - Level 1 Map

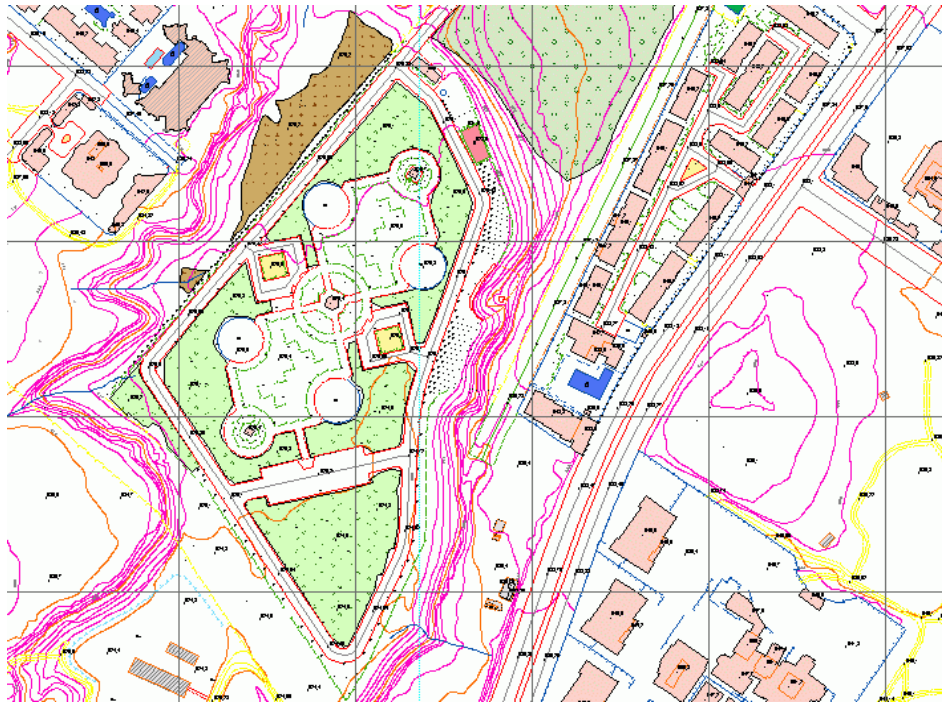
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Result of import into  
ArcGIS/ArcInfo and  
**automated** polygon closure  
& attribute allocation.

## Test Plots - Level 2 Map

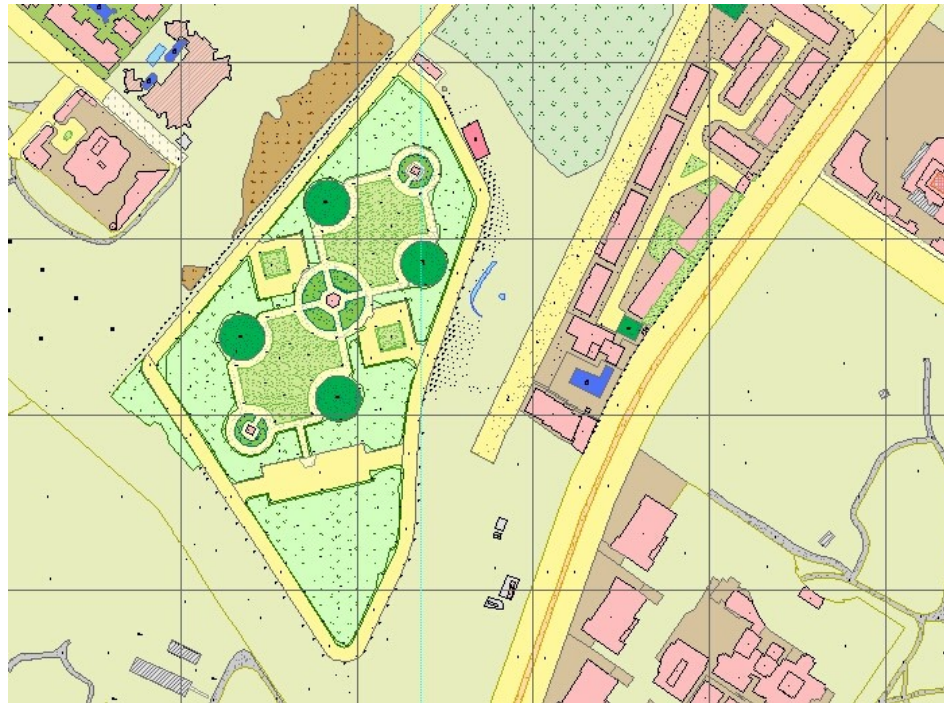
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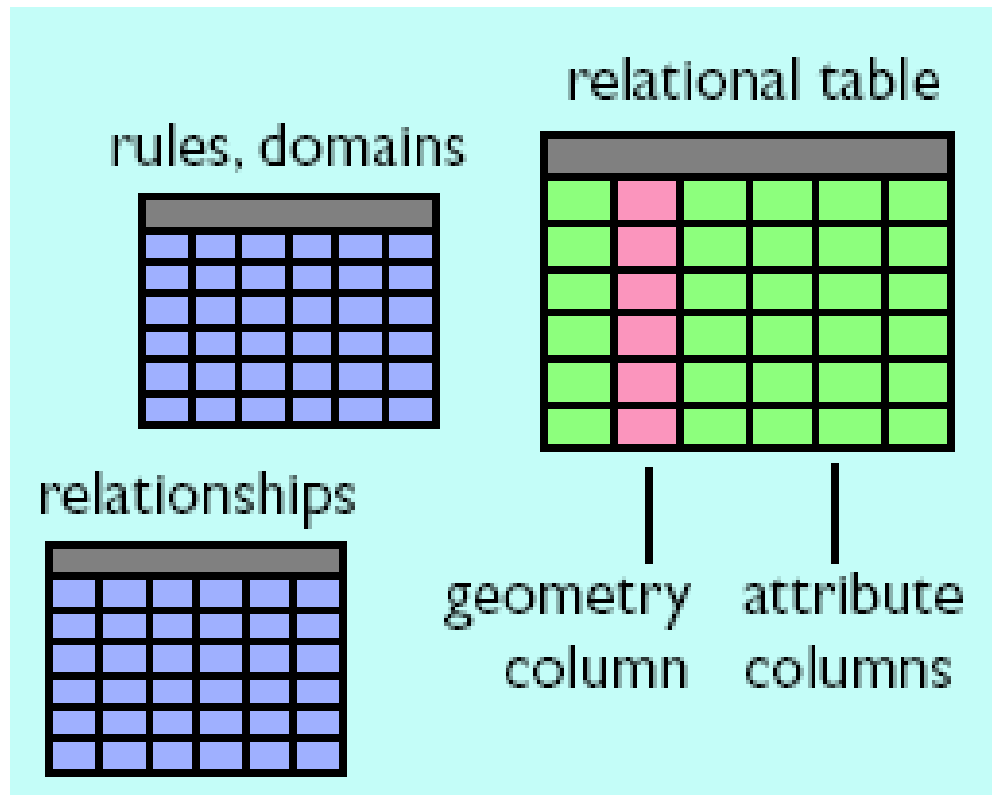
Conclusions /  
Outlook



Result of import into  
ArcGIS/ArcInfo and  
manual polygon closure &  
attribute allocation.



# The geodatabase data model (3rd generation)



### 3.1.1.1 Administrative Borders:

FEATURE DATASET	FEATURE CLASS	ATTRIBUTE	SUB-TYPE	DOMAIN
ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES	Communa (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
		-Name	-	-
	Mini-Municipality (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
		-Mini_Municipality_ID Use existing 11 mini-municipality inside 30 km <sup>2</sup> . Outwards, use one compact region i.e Minimunicipality # 12	-	-
		-Name Numeric data from 1 to 12	-	-
	Village (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
-Name		-	-	

### 3.1.1.2 Blocks:



FEATURE DATASET	FEATURE CLASS	ATTRIBUTE	SUB-TYPE	DOMAIN
BLOCKS Iprs cadastral blocks are used for geometry	Block (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		IPRS blocks are used within 30 km <sup>2</sup> , outwards preliminary blocks are drawn	-	-
		-Block_ID	-	-
		New Numbering (Described in detail under Section 2.3.1 above)	-	-
		-Population_Density (person/m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
		Spatial query between BLOCK and centroid of IINSTAT BUILDING, calculate SUM of POPULATION within the same BLOCK. After then, divide by the AREA of BLOCK FC.	-	-
		-Builtup_Area_Ratio ((m <sup>2</sup> *m <sup>2</sup> )/m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
		Spatial query between BLOCK and centroid of BUILDING FC, calculate SUM of (HEIGHT*AREA) of each BUILDING within the same BLOCK. After then, divide by the AREA of BLOCK FC.	-	-
		-Floor_Area_Ratio (m <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
Spatial query between BLOCK and centroid of BUILDING FC, calculate SUM of (AREA) of each BUILDING within the same BLOCK. After then, divide by the AREA of BLOCK FC.	-	-		
-Hours_of_Water_Supply <sup>†</sup>	-	-		
-Hours_of_Electricity_Supply <sup>†</sup>	-	-		
-Office_Space <sup>†</sup>	-	-		
-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-		
-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-		

<sup>†</sup>: Reserve a space for these items, however it'll be filled out by Bashkia in future due to lack of existing information





### 3.1.1.3 Buildings

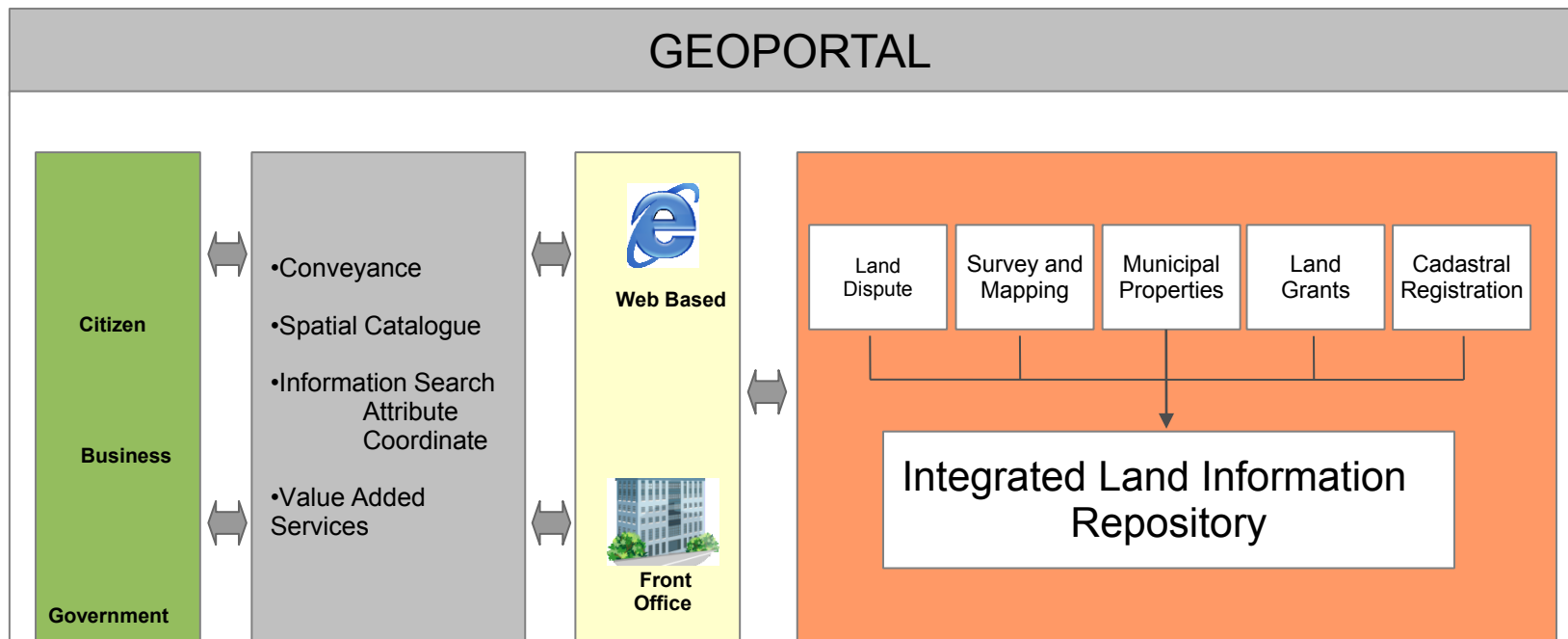
FEATURE DATASET	FEATURE CLASS	ATTRIBUTE	SUB-TYPE	DOMAIN
BUILDINGS	Building (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE Drawn from QB satellite image	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
		-Center Geodetic centroid in UTM projection	-	-
		-Height Found via field study, exceptions: construction in process, military areas took "0"	-	-
		-Building_ID New Numbering (Described in detail under Section 2.3.1 above)	-	-
		-Parcel_ID New Numbering (Described in detail under Section 2.3.1 above)	-	-
		-Municipality_ID Spatial query between centroid of BUILDING FC & MUNICIPALITY FC.	-	-
		-Block_ID Spatial query between centroid of BUILDING FC & BLOCKS FC	-	-

### 3.1.1.4 Land-use:

FEATURE DATASET	FEATURE CLASS	ATTRIBUTE	SUB-TYPE	DOMAIN
LANDUSE	Agriculture (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
		-Type	-Green House -Cultivated Area	-
	Empty_Areas (areas that do not have a landuse property) (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
	Cemeteries (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-
		-SHAPE_Length (m)	-	-
		-SHAPE_Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	-	-
	Commercial (Polygon)	-OBJECTID	-	-
		-SHAPE	-	-

# VISION

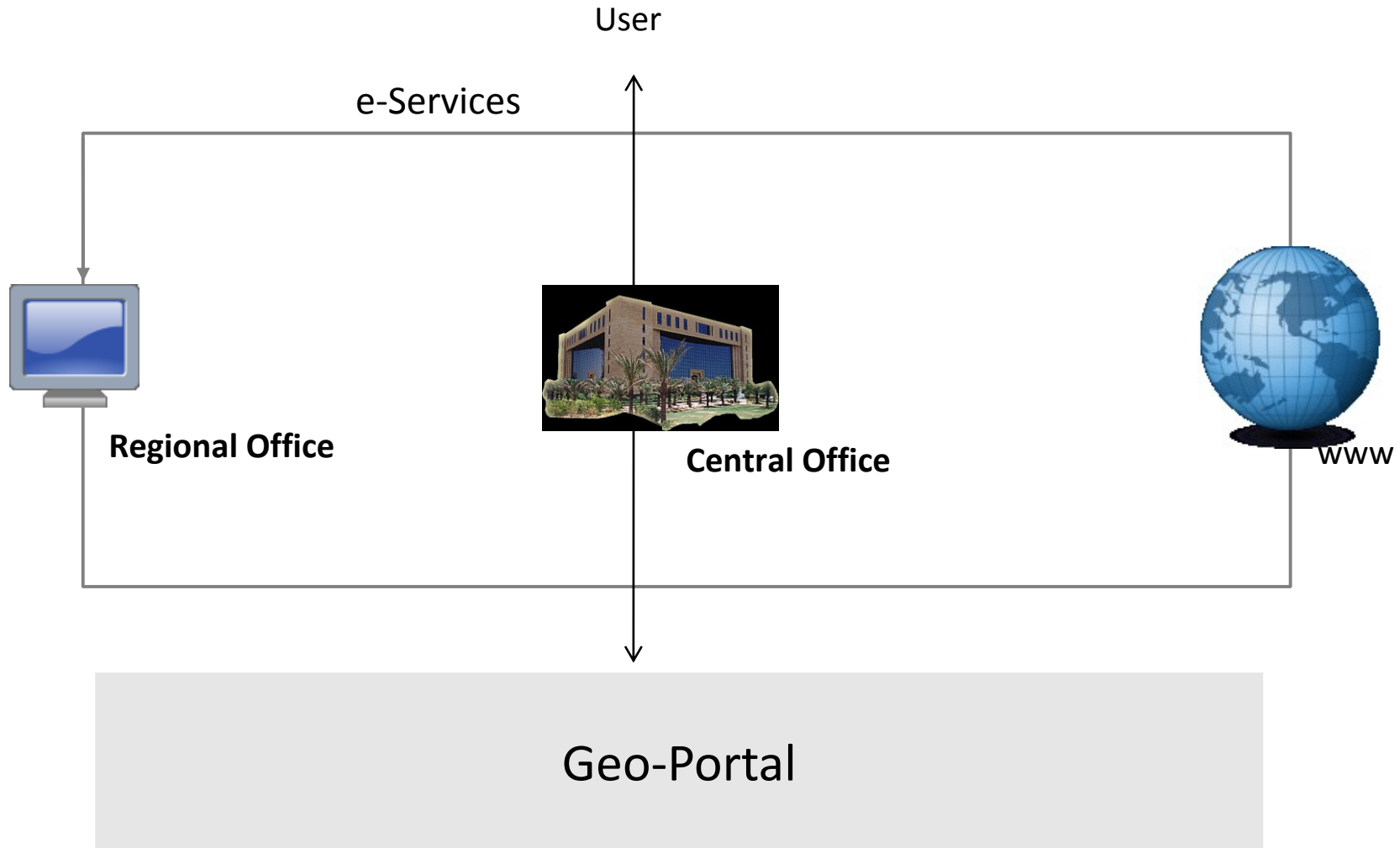
‘To **design, implement and manage** a comprehensive and **sustainable** GEOPORTAL, which serves as an “**One Stop**” source of land information and services in an integrated, efficient and cost effective manner.’



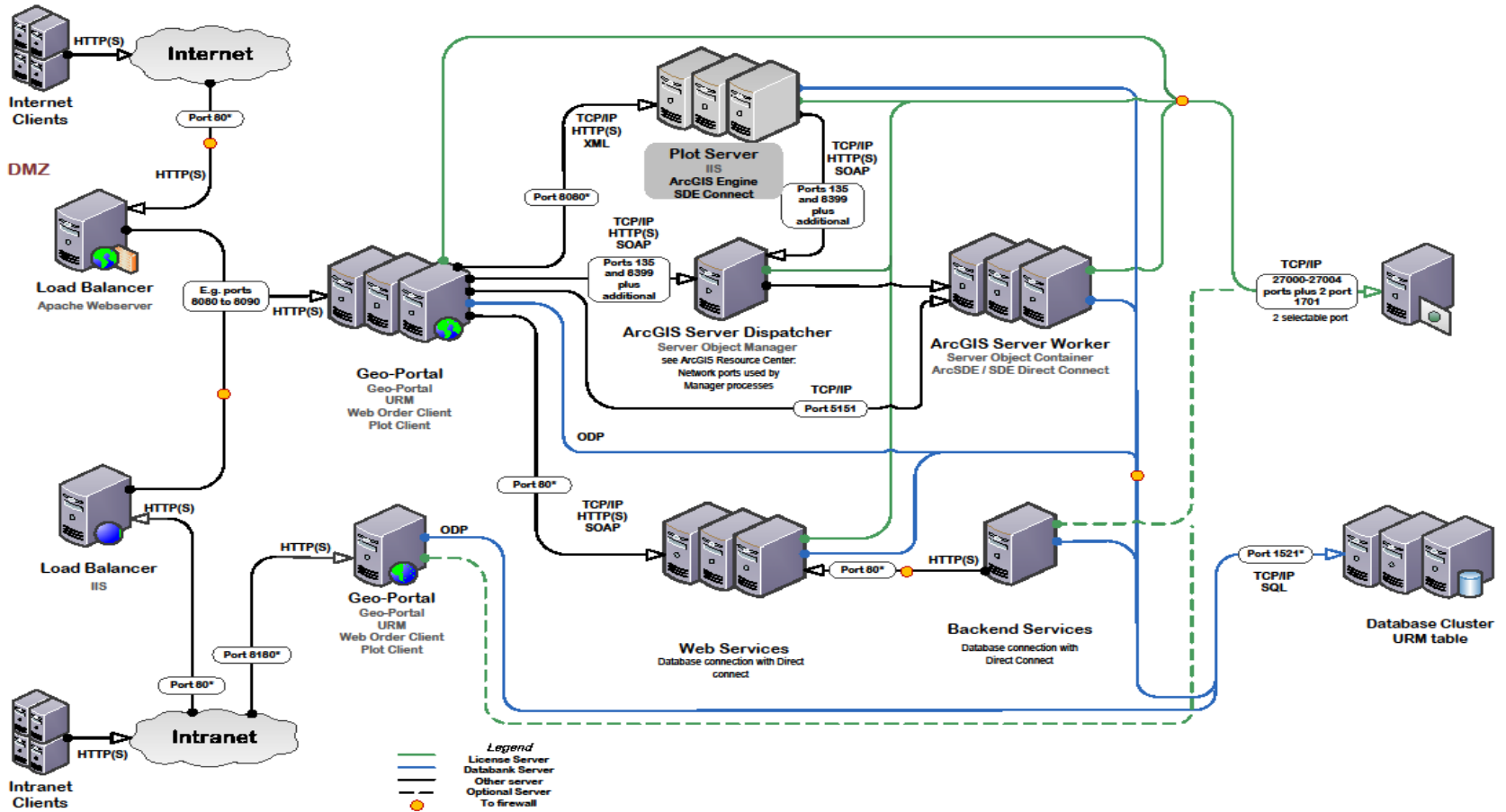


# STRUCTURE

Components	Element	Environment	Functions
Web-Portal	Web Site, Web Control	.NET	Search, Map Viewer, Publish, Administrate Query, Gazetteer, Mapping, Edit, Geo-coding
Web-services	Geographical Web-services	XML, SOAP, WSDL, WMS, WFS	Query, Map render/feature, Transaction, Geocode
Data Management	DBMS	Oracle	Raster, vector, Tabular



# ARCHITECTURE



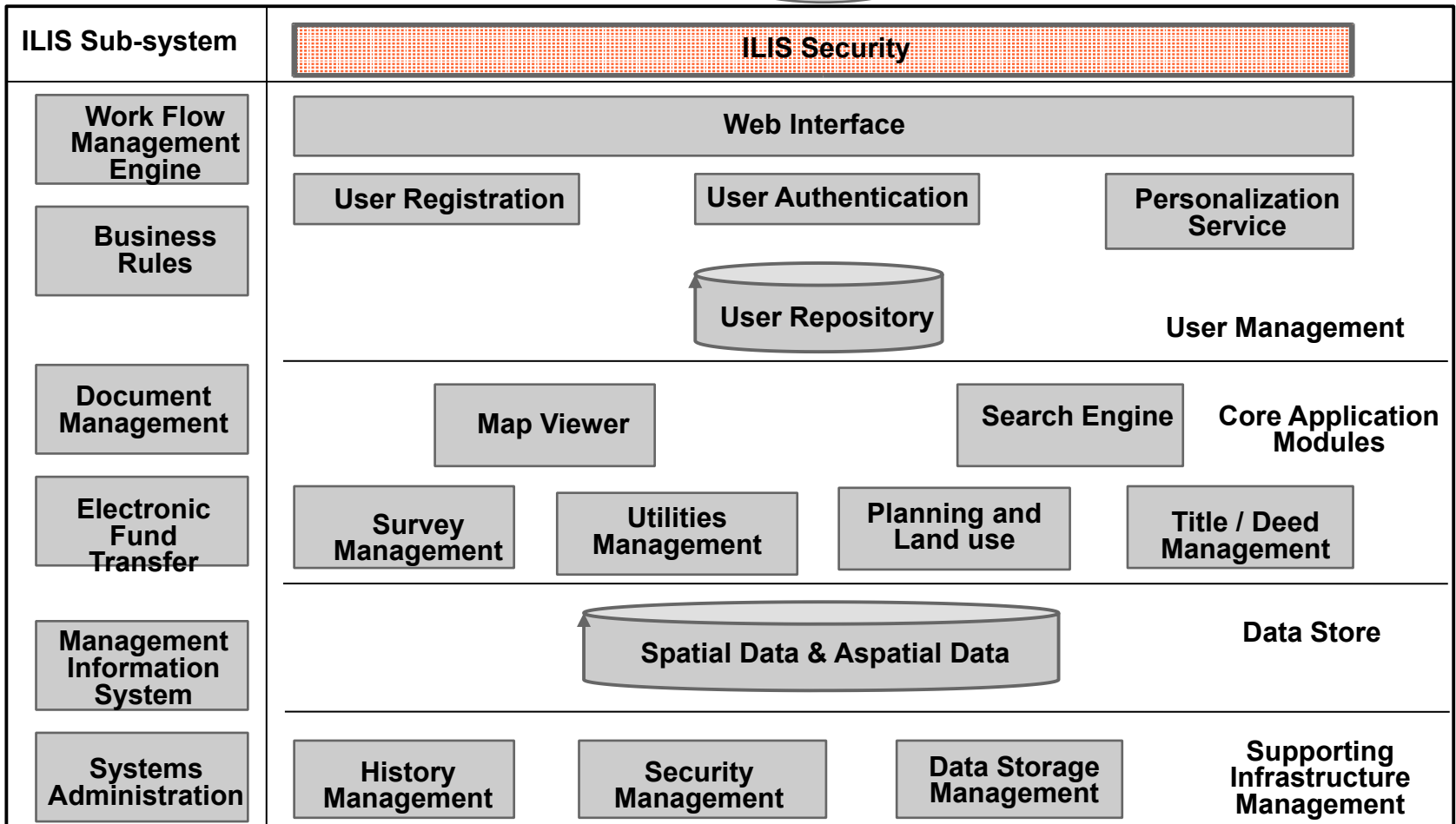
# FUNCTIONIONAL REQUIRMENTS

## Functional Requirements

- Multiple Service Delivery Channel and Integration
- User services
- Management Services
- Map Viewer
- Document Management System
- Information Access and Search
- e-Acceptance of Transaction Documents
- Information Security
- Bilingual Language Support (Arabic and English)
- MIS and Reports
- Integration with other entities



# Functional View



# 8. Smart Phones

permit GIS to become mobile

Apple



**I Pod**



**I Pad**



**I Phone**



**I Phone G3**



**Blackberry**



**Samsung Omni**

## Smartphone



Ein Samsung I8910HD (Symbian S60)

**Versatility  
lies in the  
downloadable  
„Apps“  
making the  
Smartphone**

**a Navigation Device  
(Google Maps, Navtech, Tom Tom)  
an Internet Browser  
a phone  
a data base**