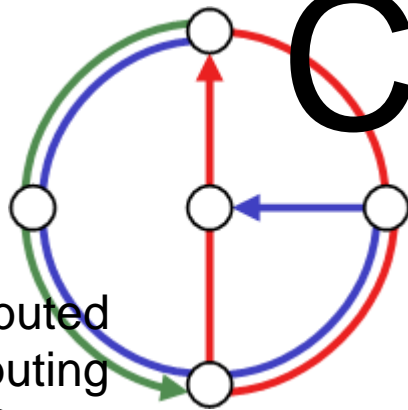


# MOBILE

# COMPUTING



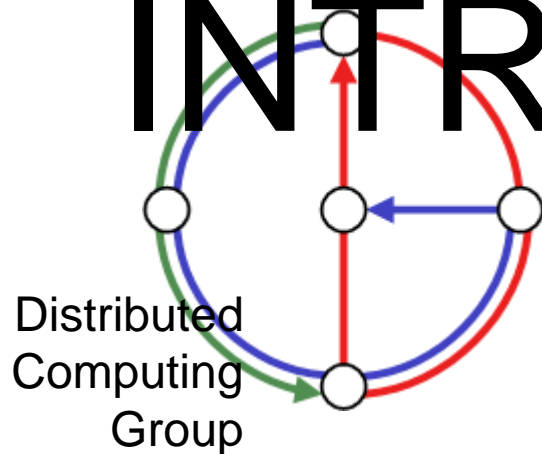
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# Chapter 1

# INTRODUCTION



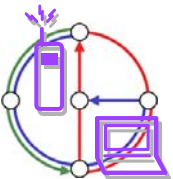
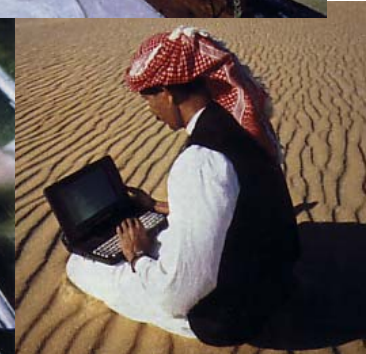
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# Overview

- What is it?
- Who needs it?
- History
- Future
  
- Course overview
- Organization of exercises
- Literature
  
- Thanks to J. Schiller for slides



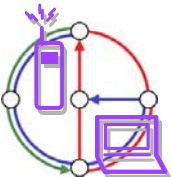
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# A computer in 2010?



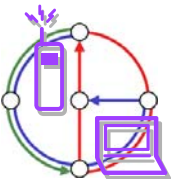
- Advances in technology
  - More computing power in smaller devices
  - Flat, lightweight displays with low power consumption
  - New user interfaces due to small dimensions
  - More bandwidth (per second? per space?)
  - Multiple wireless techniques
- Technology in the background
  - Device location awareness: computers adapt to their environment
  - User location awareness: computers recognize the location of the user and react appropriately (call forwarding)
- “Computers” evolve
  - Small, cheap, portable, replaceable
  - Integration or disintegration?



# What is *Mobile* Computing?



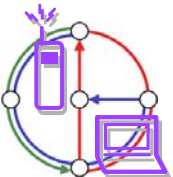
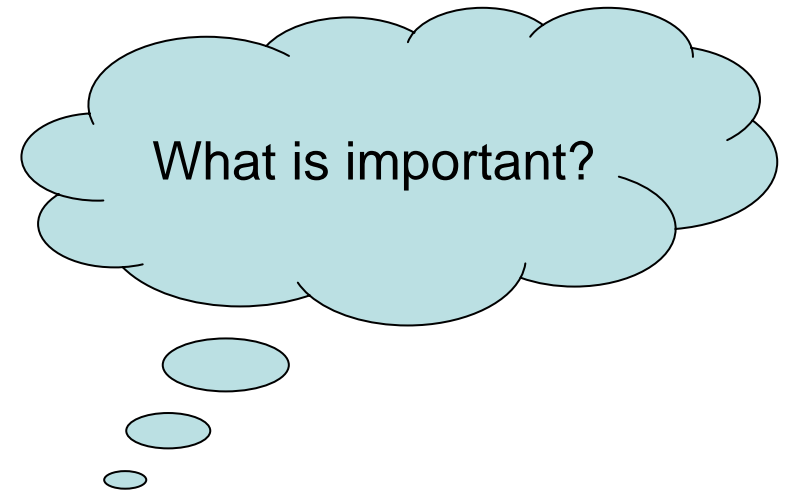
- Aspects of mobility
  - User mobility: users communicate “anytime, anywhere, with anyone” (example: read/write email on web browser)
  - Device portability: devices can be connected anytime, anywhere to the network
- Wireless vs. mobile      Examples
  - ✗                      ✗      Stationary computer
  - ✗                      ✓      Notebook in a hotel
  - ✓                      ✗      Wireless LANs in historic buildings
  - ✓                      ✓      Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)
- The demand for mobile communication creates the need for integration of wireless networks and existing fixed networks
  - Local area networks: standardization of IEEE 802.11 or HIPERLAN
  - Wide area networks: GSM and ISDN
  - Internet: Mobile IP extension of the Internet protocol IP



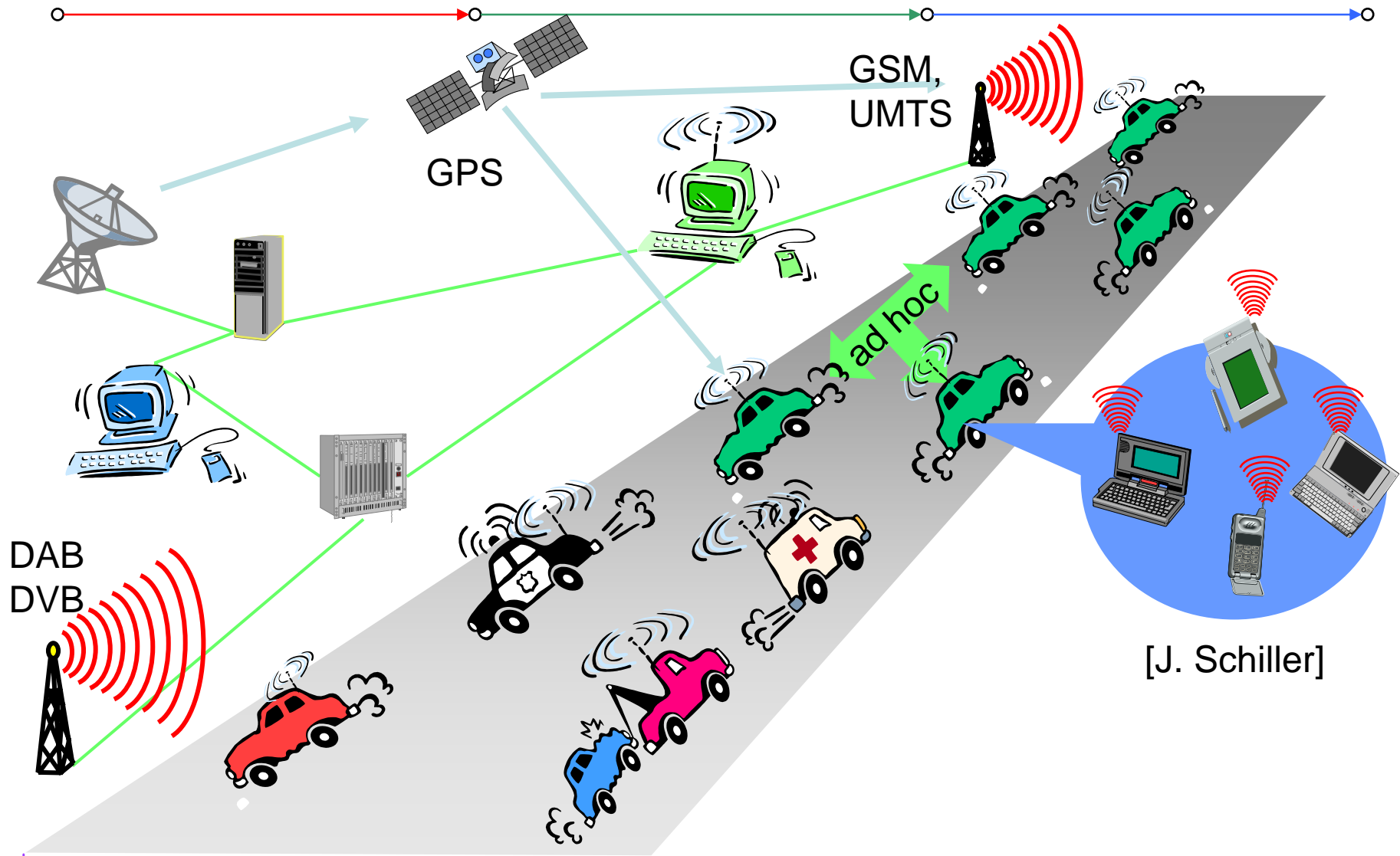
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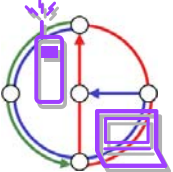
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# Vehicles

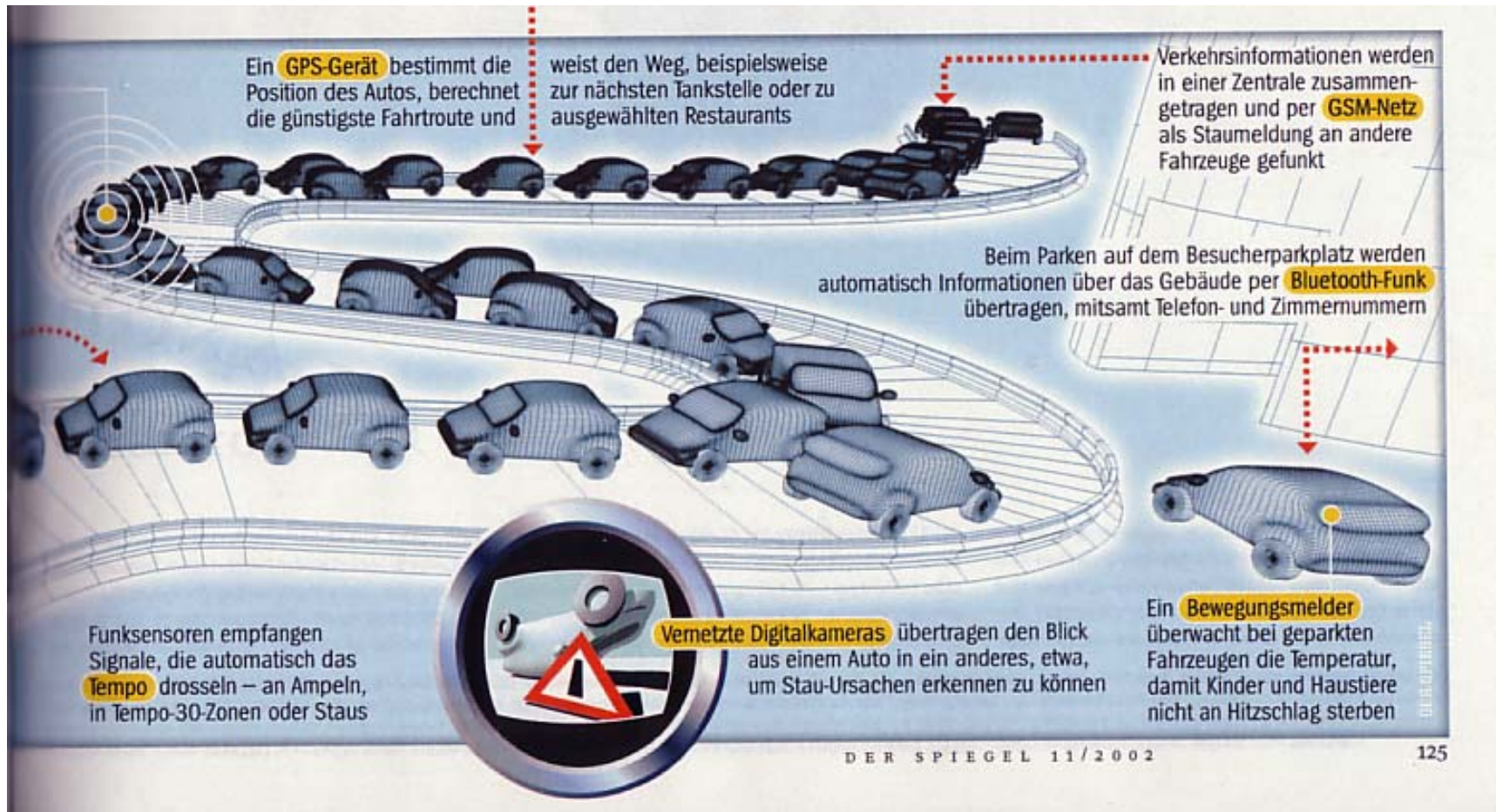


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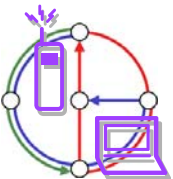




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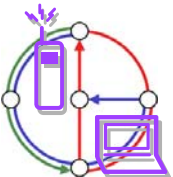
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# Nomadic user

- Nomadic user has laptop/palmtop
- Connect to network infrequently
- Interim period operate in disconnected mode
- Access her or customer data
- Consistent database for all agents
- Print on local printer (or other service)
  - How do we find it?
  - Is it safe?
  - Do we need wires?
- Does nomadic user need her own hardware?
  - Read/write email on web browser
  - Access data OK too



# Smart mobile phone/device

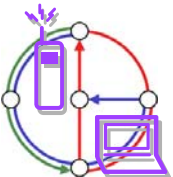
- Converge with PDA?
- Voice calls, video calls (really?)
- Email or instant messaging
- Play games
- Up-to-date localized information
  - Map
  - Pull: Find the next Pizzeria
  - Push: “Hey, we have great Pizza!”
- Stock/weather/sports info
- Ticketing
- Trade stock
- etc.
- Connecting Devices (Bluetooth)



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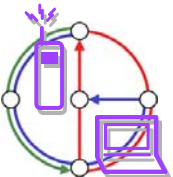


# Invisible/ubiquitous/pervasive and wearable computing

- Tiny embedded “computers”
- Everywhere
- Example: Microsoft’s Doll
- I refer to my colleagues Friedemann Mattern and Bernt Schiele and their courses

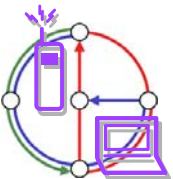
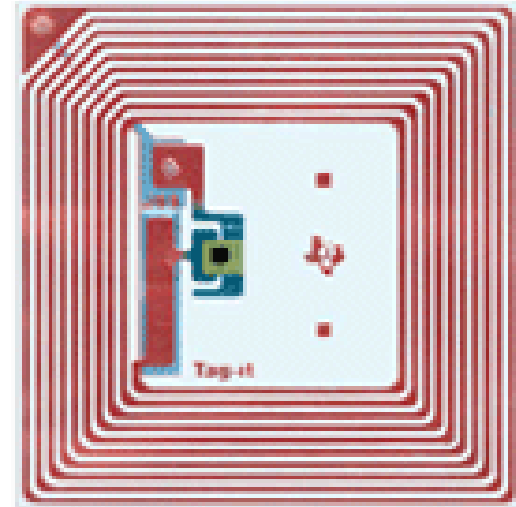


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# Object Tracking: RFID

- Book, pallet, packet, airline baggage, container, truck tracking
- Identification badges for building/car access control or animal identification
- Electronic toll collection
- Electronic cash in smart cards or credit cards
- Prisoner tracking
- Store checkout as cashier replacement

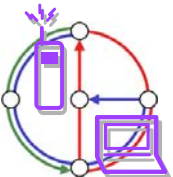


# Intelligent Office and Intelligent House

- Bluetooth replaces cables
- Plug and play, without the “plug”
- Again: Find the local printer
  
- House recognizes inhabitant
- House regulates temperature according to person in a room
- Typical application of sensor/actor network
  
- Trade Shows
- Home without cables looks better
- LAN in historic buildings

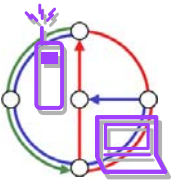


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# Meeting Room or Conference

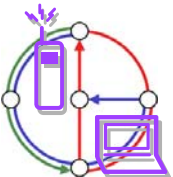
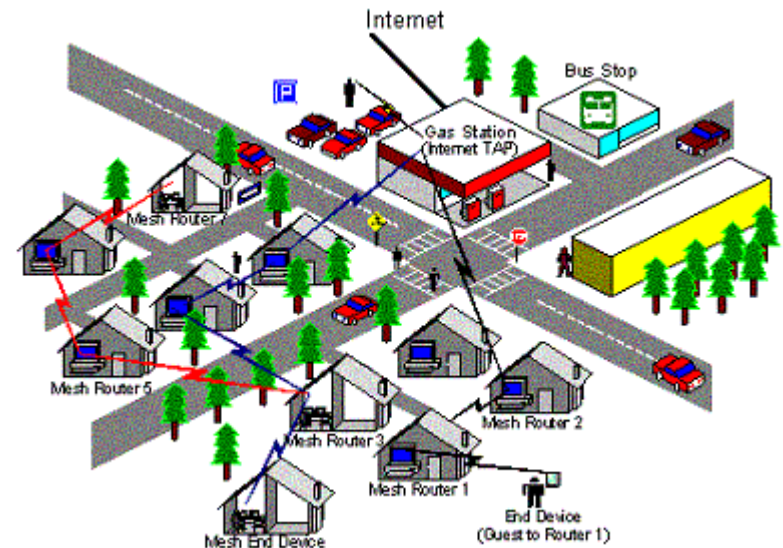
- Share data instantly
- Send a message to someone else in the room
- Secretly vote on controversial issue
- Find person with similar interests
- Broadcast last minute changes
- Ad-Hoc Network
- e.g. Shockfish SpotMe





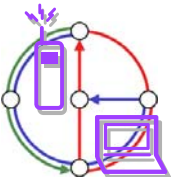
# Community Mesh Networking

- Neighbors cooperate and forward each others packets; fewer gateways to the Internet needed.
- Neighbors can cooperatively deploy backup technology.
- Local information and community building:
  - “Who has a high pressure cleaner?”
- “Bill Gated Community”



# Taxi / Police / Fire squad / Service fleet

- Connect
- Control
- Communicate
  
- Service Worker
- Example: SBB service workers have PDA
  - Map help finding broken signal
  - PDA gives type of signal, so that service person can bring the right tools right away



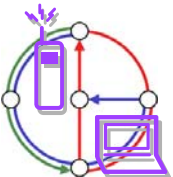
# Lonely wolf



- We really mean *everywhere!*
- Cargo's and yachts
- Journalists
- Scientists
- Travelers
- Sometimes cheaper than infrastructure?
- Commercial flop



[Motorola]

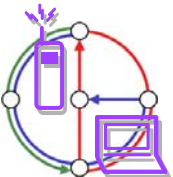


# Disaster relief

- After earthquake, tsunami, volcano, etc:
- You cannot rely on infrastructure but you need to orchestrate disaster relief
- Early transmission of patient data to hospital
- Satellite
- Ad-Hoc network

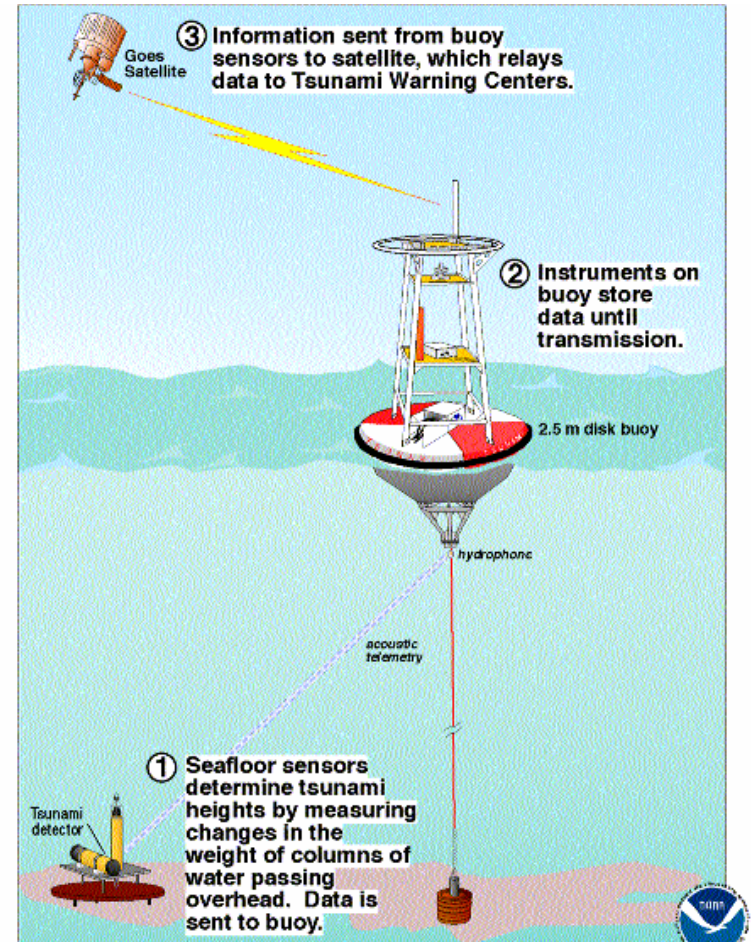


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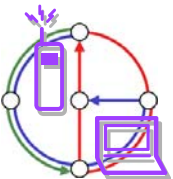


# Disaster alarm

- With sensors you might be able to alarm early
- Example: Tsunami
- Example: Cooling room
- Or simpler: Weather station
  
- Satellite
- Ad-Hoc network



Schematic of a deep ocean, real-time, tsunami reporting system developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).



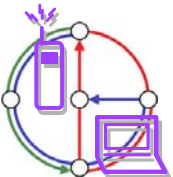


# Games

- Nintendo Gameboy [Advance]:  
Industry standard mobile  
game station
- Connectable to other  
Gameboys
- Can be used as game pad for  
Nintendo Gamecube
- Cybiko [Extreme] is a  
competitor that has radio  
capabilities built in
- Second generation already
- Also email, chat, etc.



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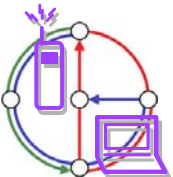


# Military / Security

- From a technology standpoint this is similar to disaster relief
- Sensoria says “US army is the best customer”
- Not (important) in this course

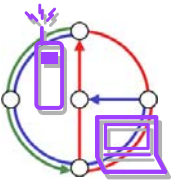
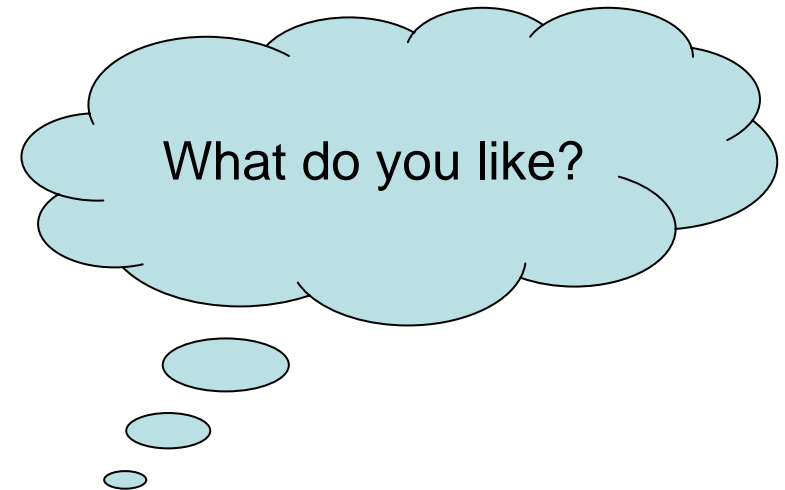


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- **Anything missing?**



# Mobile devices



## Pager

- receive only
- tiny displays
- simple text messages



Sensors,  
embedded  
controllers



## Mobile phone

- voice, data
- simple text display

## PDA

- simple graphical displays
- character recognition
- simplified WWW



## Palmtop

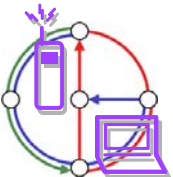
- tiny keyboard
- simple versions of standard applications

## Laptop

- fully functional
- standard applications

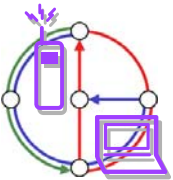


performance and size



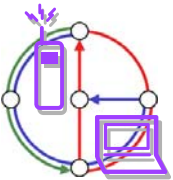
# What do you have? What would you buy?

- Laptop (Linux, Mac, Windows?)
- Palmtop (Linux, Mac, Windows?)
- PDA/Organizer (Palm, Pocket PC, other?)
- Mobile phone
- Satellite phone
- Pager
- Wireless LAN Card
- Wireless LAN Base Station (for home networking)
- Ethernet Plug in every room (for home networking)
- Bluetooth
- GPS
- Proprietary device (what kind?)



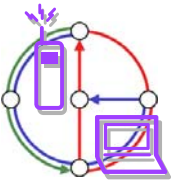
# Effects of device portability

- Energy consumption
  - there is no Moore's law for batteries or solar cells
  - limited computing power, low quality displays, small disks
  - Limited memory (no moving parts)
  - Radio transmission has a high energy consumption
  - CPU: power consumption  $\sim CV^2f$ 
    - C: total capacitance, reduced by integration
    - V: supply voltage, can be reduced to a certain limit
    - f: clock frequency, can be reduced temporally
- Limited user interfaces
  - compromise between size of fingers and portability
  - integration of character/voice recognition, abstract symbols
- Loss of data
  - higher probability (e.g., defects, theft)



# Wireless networks in comparison to fixed networks

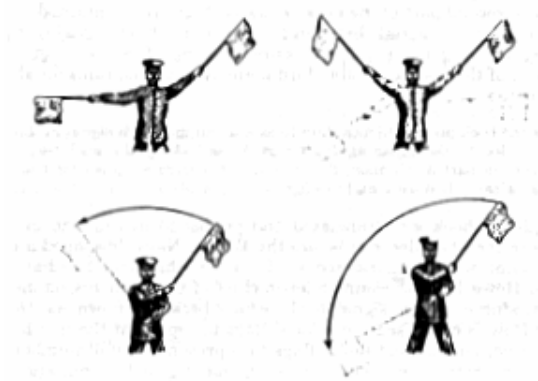
- Higher loss-rates due to interference
  - emissions of, e.g., engines, lightning
- Restrictive regulations of frequencies
  - frequencies have to be coordinated, useful frequencies are almost all occupied
- Low transmission rates
  - local some Mbit/s, regional currently, e.g., 9.6kbit/s with GSM
- Higher delays, more jitter
  - connection setup time with GSM in the second range, several hundred milliseconds for other wireless systems, tens of seconds with Bluetooth
- Lower security, simpler active attacking
  - radio interface accessible for everyone, base station can be simulated, thus attracting calls from mobile phones
- Always shared medium
  - secure access mechanisms important



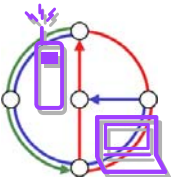


# History: Antiquity – 1890

- Many people in history used light for communication
  - Heliographs (sun on mirrors), flags („semaphore“), ...
  - 150 BC: smoke signals for communication (Polybius, Greece)
  - 1794: Optical telegraph by Claude Chappe

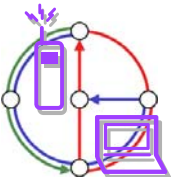


- Electromagnetic waves
  - 1831: Michael Faraday (and Joseph Henry) demonstrate electromagnetic induction
  - 1864: James Maxwell (1831-79): Theory of electromagnetic fields, wave equations
  - 1886: Heinrich Hertz (1857-94): demonstrates with an experiment the wave character of electrical transmission through space



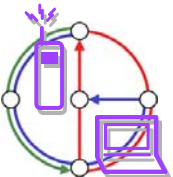
# History: 1890 – 1920

- 1895: Guglielmo Marconi (1874 – 1937)
  - first demonstration of wireless telegraphy (digital!)
  - long wave transmission, high transmission power necessary ( $> 200\text{kW}$ )
  - Nobel Prize in Physics 1909
- 1901: First transatlantic connection
- 1906 (Xmas): First radio broadcast
- 1906: Vacuum tube invented
  - By Lee DeForest and Robert von Lieben
- 1907: Commercial transatlantic connections
  - huge base stations (30 100m high antennas)
- 1911: First mobile sender
  - on board of a Zeppelin
- 1915: Wireless voice transmission NY – SF
- 1920: First commercial radio station



# History: 1920 – 1945

- 1920: Discovery of short waves by Marconi
  - reflection at the ionosphere
  - smaller sender and receiver
  - Possible with vacuum tube
- 1926: First phone on a train
  - Hamburg – Berlin
  - wires parallel to the railroad track
- 1926: First car radio
- 1928: First TV broadcast
  - John L. Baird (1888 – 1946)
  - Atlantic, color TV
  - WGY Schenectady
- 1933: Frequency modulation
  - Edwin H. Armstrong (1890 – 1954)



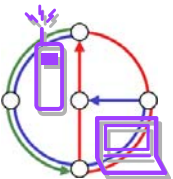
# History: 1945 – 1980

- 1958: German A-Netz
  - Analog, 160MHz, connection setup only from mobile station, no handover, 80% coverage, 16kg, 15k Marks
  - 1971: 11000 customers
  - Compare with PTT (Swisscom) NATEL: 1978 – 1995, maximum capacity 4000, which was reached 1980



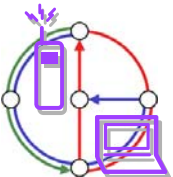
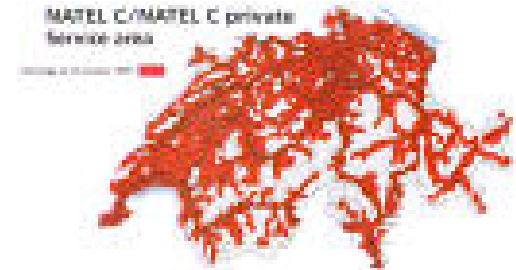
[F.Mattern]

- 1972: German B-Netz
  - Analog, 160MHz, connection setup from the fixed network too (but location of the mobile station has to be known)
  - available also in A, NL and LUX, 1979 13000 customer in D
  - PTT NATEL B: 1984 – 1997, maximum capacity 9000
- 1979: NMT Nordic Mobile Telephone System
  - 450MHz (Scandinavia)



# History: 1980 – 1991

- 1982: Start of GSM-specification (Groupe spéciale mobile)
  - goal: pan-European *digital* mobile phone system with *roaming*
- 1984: CT-1 standard for cordless telephones
- 1986: German C-Netz
  - analog voice transmission, 450MHz, hand-over possible, digital signaling, automatic location of mobile device
  - still in use today, services: FAX, modem, X.25, e-mail, 98% coverage
  - American AMPS: 1983 – today
  - PTT NATEL C: 1986 – 1999
- 1991: DECT
  - Digital European Cordless Telephone. Today: “Enhanced”
  - 1880-1900MHz, ~100-500m range, 120 duplex channels, 1.2Mbit/s data transmission, voice encryption, authentication, up to several 10000 users/km<sup>2</sup>, used in more than 40 countries

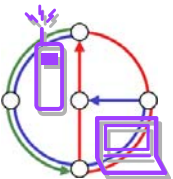
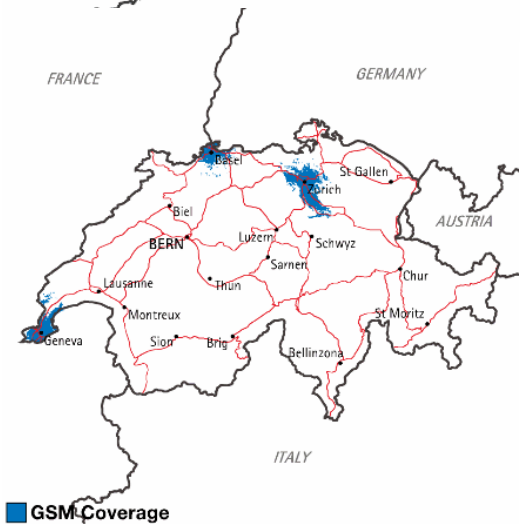
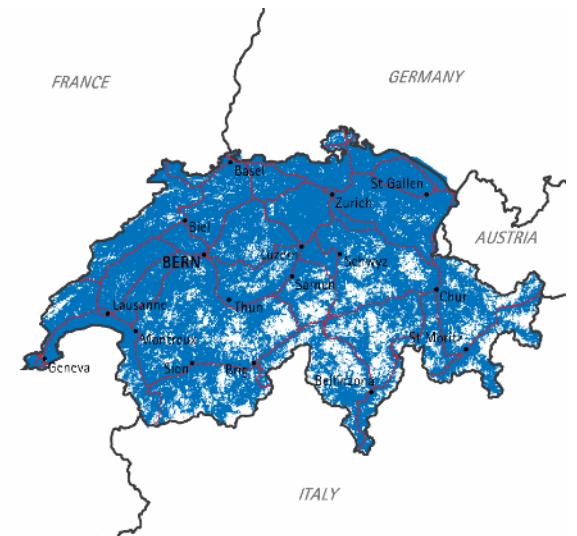


# History: 1991 – 1995

- 1992/3: Start of GSM “D-Netz”/“NATEL D”
  - 900MHz, 124 channels
  - automatic location, hand-over, cellular
  - roaming in Europe
  - now worldwide in more than 130 countries
  - services: data with 9.6kbit/s, FAX, voice, ...

- 1994/5: GSM with 1800MHz

- smaller cells
- supported by many countries
- SMS
- Multiband phones

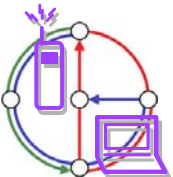
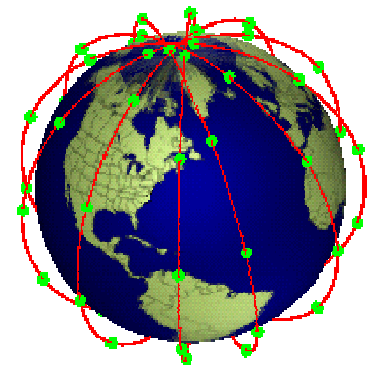




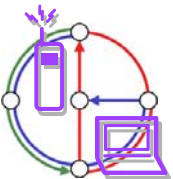
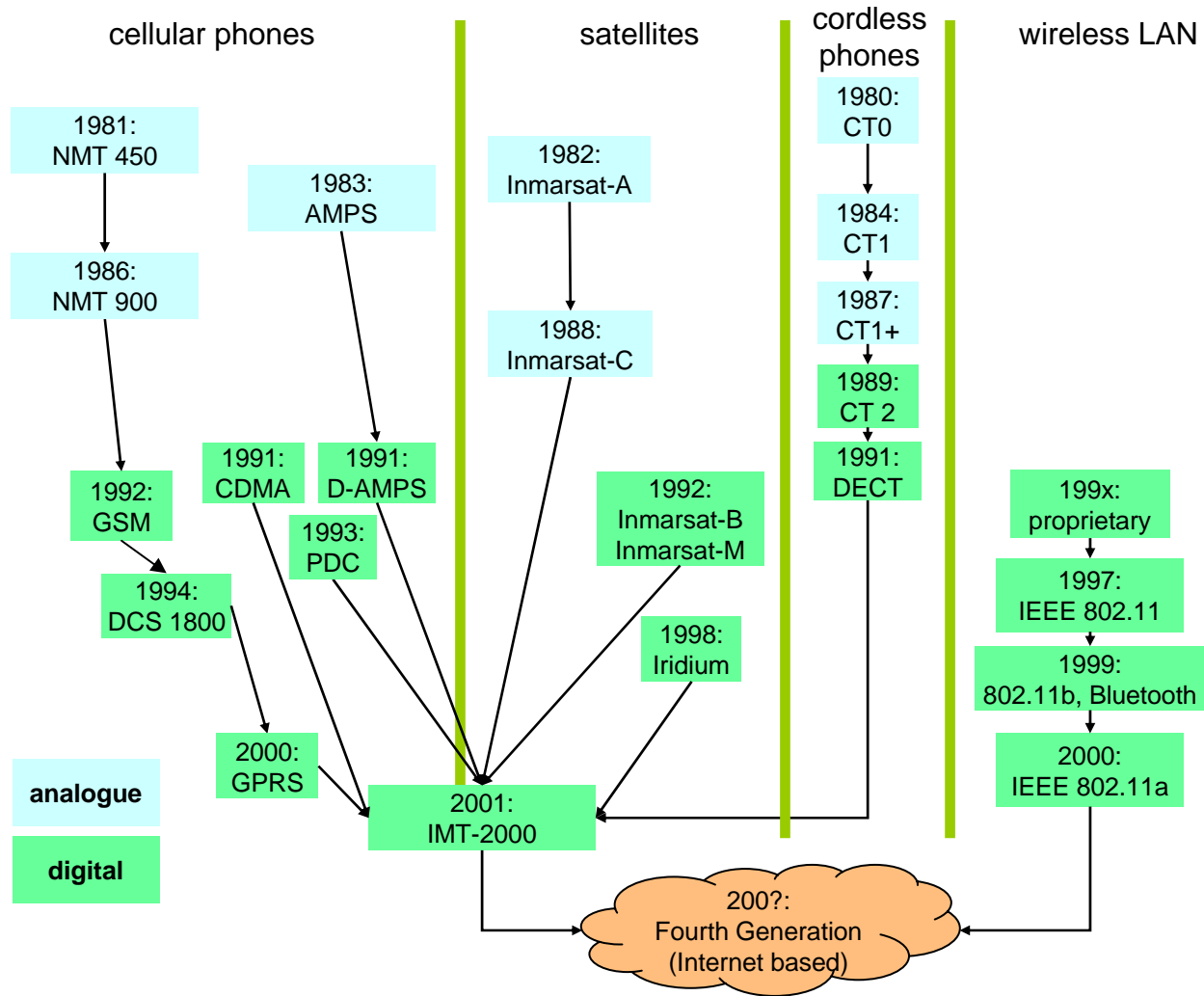
# History: 1995 – today



- 1996: HiperLAN
  - High Performance Radio Local Area Network
  - Products?
- 1997: Wireless LAN
  - IEEE 802.11
  - 2.4 – 2.5 GHz and infrared, 2Mbit/s
  - already many products (with proprietary extensions)
- 1998: Specification of GSM successors
  - GPRS is packet oriented
  - UMTS is European proposal for IMT-2000
- 1998: Iridium
  - 66 satellites (+6 spare)
  - 1.6GHz to the mobile phone

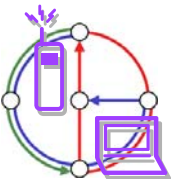


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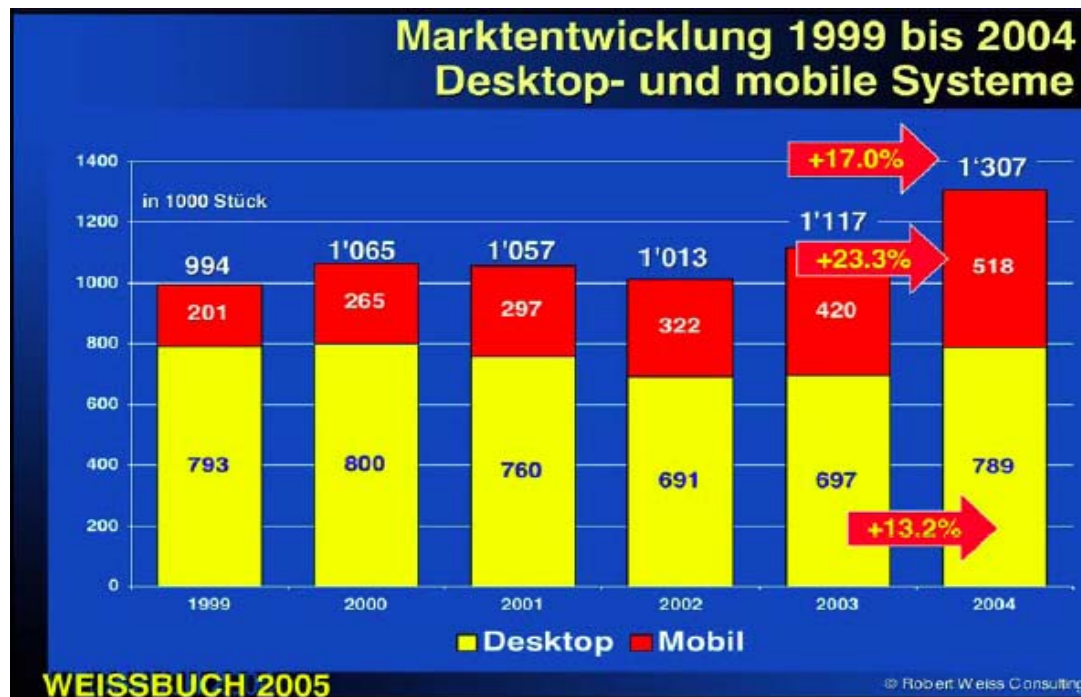
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  - framework for services
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  - IMT-2000 network architectures
- M.818-1
  - satellites in IMT-2000
- M.819-2
  - IMT-2000 for developing countries
- M.1034-1
  - requirements for the radio interface(s)
- M.1035
  - framework for radio interface(s) and radio sub-system functions
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  - spectrum considerations
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  - security in IMT-2000
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  - speech/voiceband data performance
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  - framework for satellites
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  - framework for management
- M.1223
  - evaluation of security mechanisms
- M.1224
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  - evaluation of transmission technologies
- etc.
- [www.itu.int/imt](http://www.itu.int/imt)

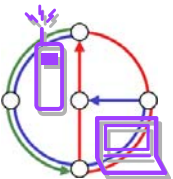


# The success story of “Mobile Computing”

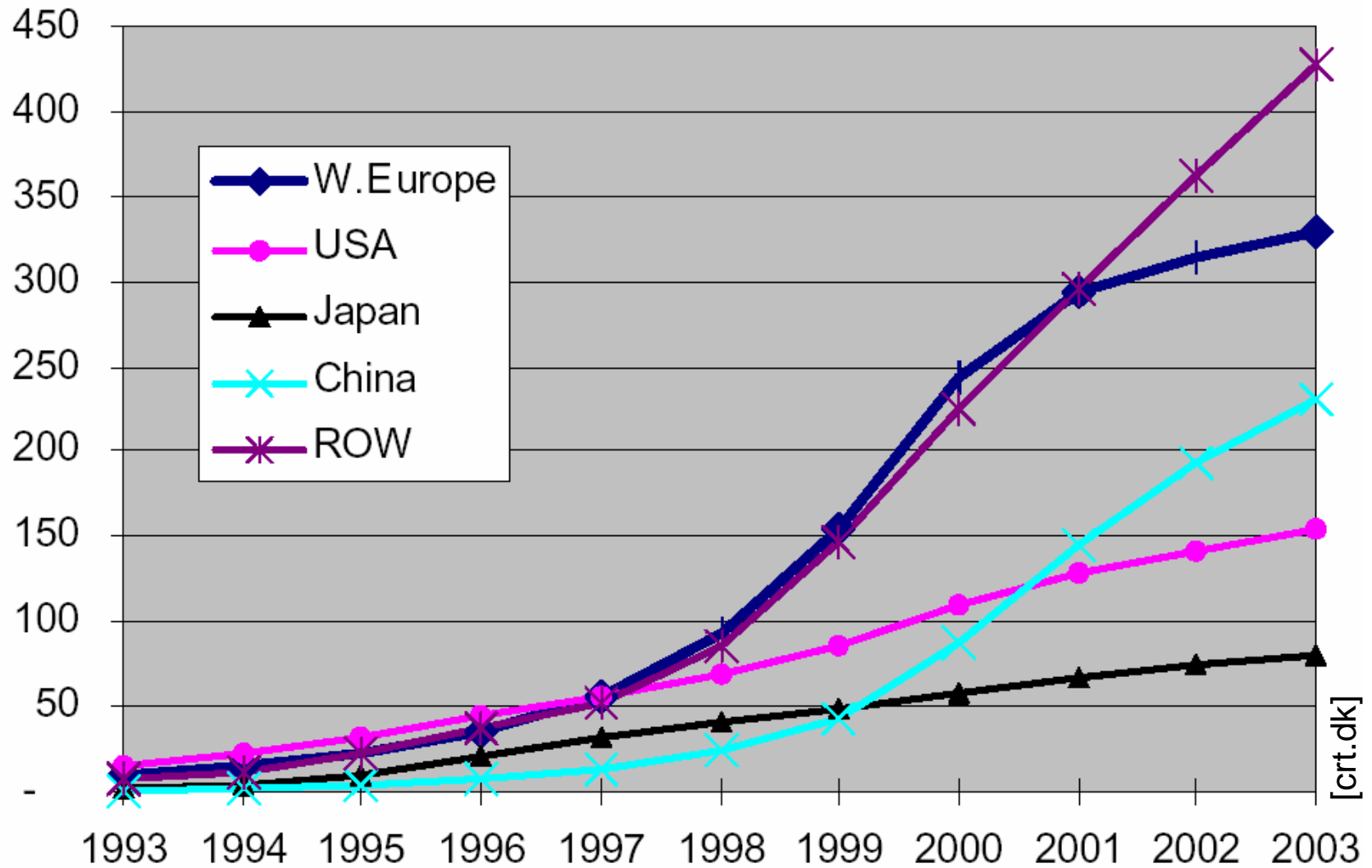
- Mobile Phones
  - Switzerland February 2002: More mobile phones than fixnet phones
  - Worldwide: More mobile phones than Internet connections
  - SMS: “More net profit with SMS than with voice”
- Laptops
  - Switzerland: Market share of mobile machines growing



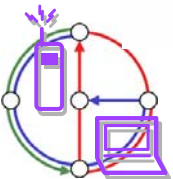
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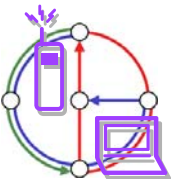
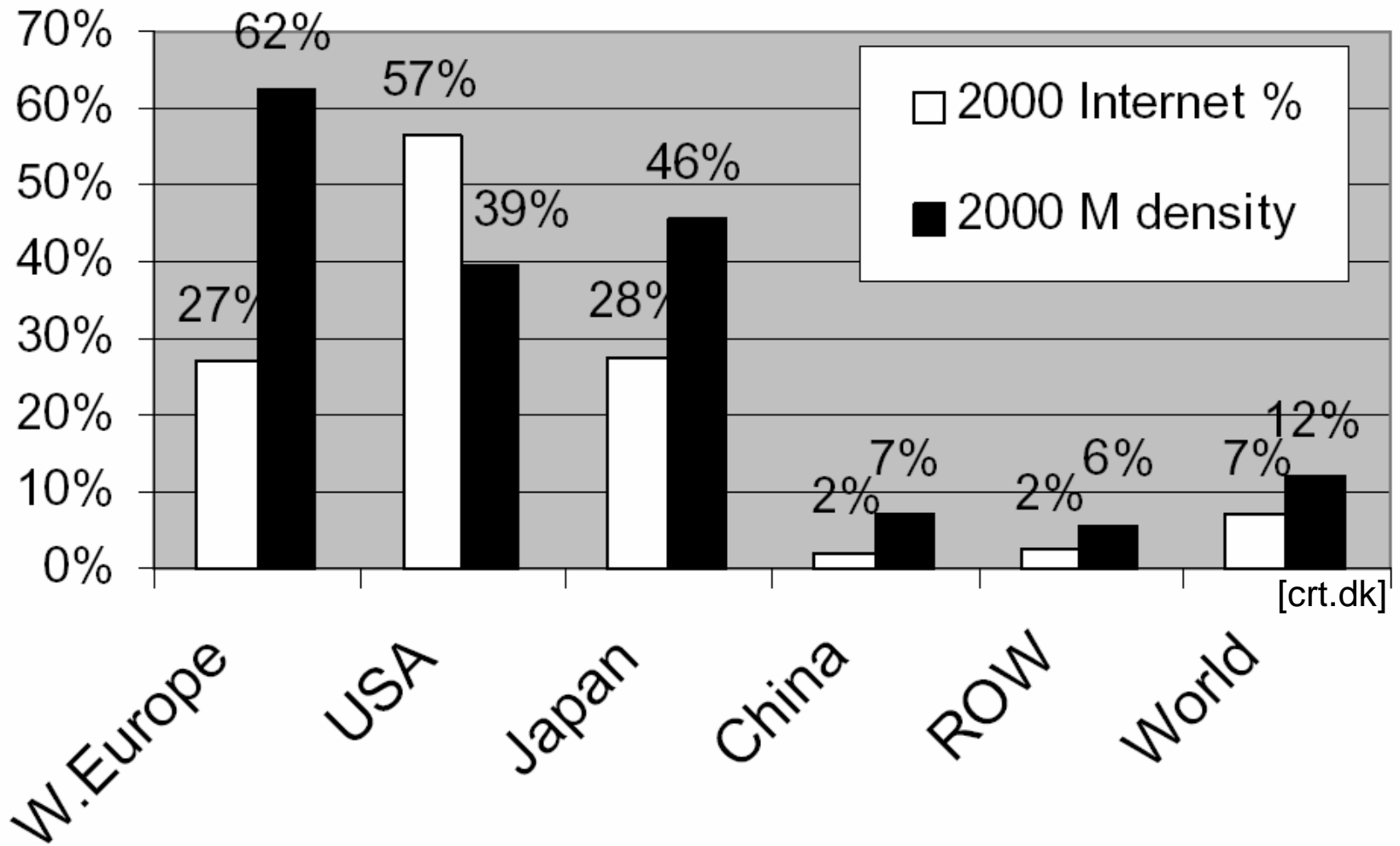
# Mobile phones worldwide



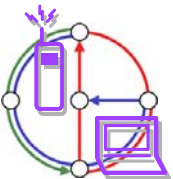
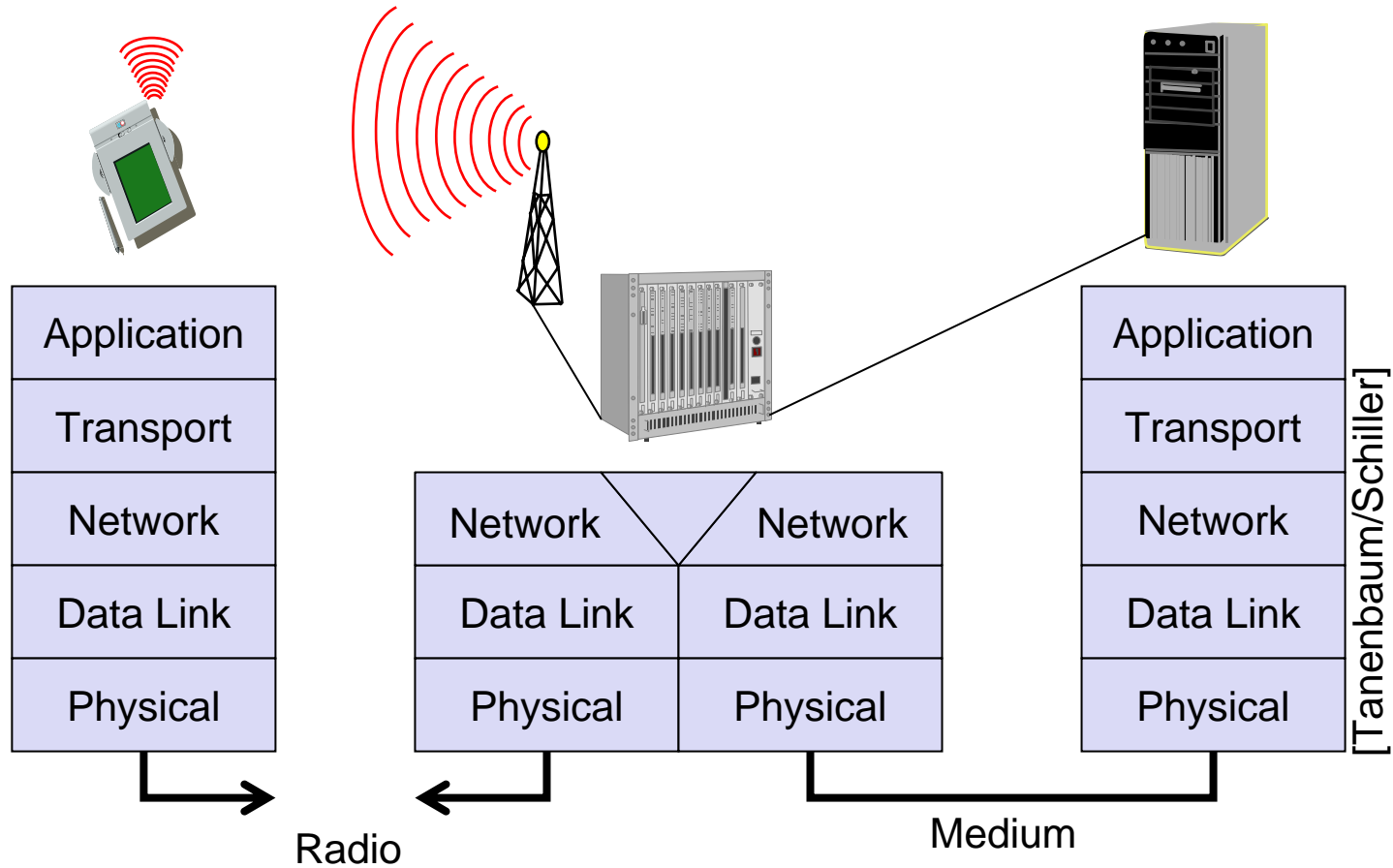
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# Internet vs. Mobile phones

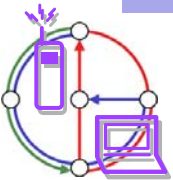


# Simple reference model



# Course overview: Networking Bottom – Up Approach

- Application layer
  - service location
  - new applications, multimedia
  - adaptive applications
- Transport layer
  - congestion and flow control
  - quality of service
- Network layer
  - addressing, routing, device location
  - hand-over
  - authentication
- Data link layer
  - media access
  - multiplexing
  - media access control
- Physical layer
  - encryption
  - modulation
  - interference
  - attenuation
  - frequency



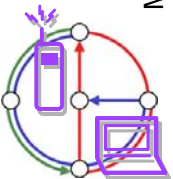


# Course Overview: Acronyms



A large collection of network and mobile computing acronyms arranged in a grid-like fashion. The acronyms are scattered across the page and include:

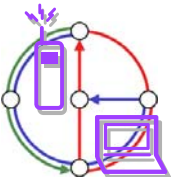
- MSRN, SN, PDO, GMSC, SIG, CN, HDTV, AUS, T, USSD, CT, SMS, DFWMAC, DHCP, BSC, KID, ROM, ETSI, ISM, QPSK, UTRA, GRE, TM, Req, DVB-S, FPLMTS, CCCH, ISL, MUL, DC, COFDM, OSI, AM, DVB, RTR, SEQN, COMS, RSS, PS, PM, TOS, PC, DAB, PCS, LS, RSA, RRM, CN, TE, IS, XML
- FACCH, DCCH, DS, HBR, CD, WLM, SDCCH, VAD, SIFS, WLL, RA, MSC, PSF, W-CTRL, GP, FDD, UWC, BSSGP, BCH, MT, ID, SMRIB, UTRAN, NNI, PIFS, GGSN, HCSDU, IMT, OMC, AAL, WTP, DCF, SCH, FCA, PDU, IN, SA, PSPDN, GERAN, GSM, EDGE, RAN, M-JUNI, DSR, TCH, MAC, RNS, BMP, OSS, W-CDMA, SCPS, AMES, IP
- HCPDU, USIM, FACCH/HS, DTIM, GPS, CGI, PDI, HCPDUP, WLM, VBR, SHF, NMAS, MCI, HCQoS, IMT-TC, CPM, OFDM, TIB, ANSI, BCCH, ASP, NFS, ITU-T, SFN, TFTS, WMT, MHEG, ATM, NIB, RLC, WAN, CDV, SGN, DECT, PMD, WTAI, FCCH, FM, CAMEL, FA, COS, QoS, UE, PI, M-QoS, TDD, TPC, CDMA, LMP, ARQN, DCS, VLR, SATM, VBR-nrt, AMP, HM, ACK, SwMI, VHE, PCS, CCF
- VC, DH, HDLC, TI, RAS, MN, SDP, DVTR, CORBA, GEO, EDTV, HMQoS, TCH/FS, HEO, PAD, HO-HMPDU, SAP, SDMA, WML, EHF, HIB, FEC, FIC, TC-HMPDU, VDB, AID, ACT, FR, PRACH, AFS, CIF, PACS, RIP, Loc, AGCH, ASA, IWF, BLIR, TR-SAP, UDP, SCF, M-PNNI, HCSAP, EMAS, EIRP, CATV, DNS, V+D, FW, CSLMA, DSL, FSK, PLL, AESA, CSMA/CD
- LF, SS7, M-NNI, HI, T-SAP, COA, VCC, PTP, CS, GWL, CC, XOR, TD-CDMA, JDC, WMLScript, ISI, RTT, CTS, BCA, GTP, SIM, MMF, CEPT, SCPAS, SFD, UBR, DPCCH, SH, SDM, PTP-CLNS, RL, SAAL, URI, PHS, TLLI, MOT, CU, UIM, PPP, AIB, MNC, WRC, IMT-MC, WSP, WAP, ATM-CL, LBR, PMA, TCH/F, M-PNNI, HCSAP, EMAS-E, EMS, MS, RFC, CLMS, IR, NMT, CSMA, DSL, FSK, PLL, AESA, CSMA/CD
- WSP/B, PDC, POS, CCIR, WATM, SC, Auth, SEC-SAP, MF, MS, CBR, NRL, DSMA, DBPSK, 3GPP, HC, TDMA, MLC, MTC, NAV, AP, M-TCP, MBS, SC, PSN, TTL, TSF, HEC, PDF, GSM, ADLS, CSCW, UNI, LEO, MSAP, PIN, FDM, PCF, SSL, BTSM, ISMA, VLF, IDA, OTA, ADA, CAC, SACCH, DSSS, RACH, NDC, PUK, CCA, PPM, SNACK, SAMA, IMF, MM, JPEG, HDTP, IOT, DPCH, HDB, RST, Res, ICO
- TETRA, PHY, DSDV, HA, TCH/H, ASCII, SRES, HIPERL, WTA, AN, GSN, IFS, FIB, SNDCP, PAL, S-SAP, BRAN, WWWW, PSTN, MSISD, MEO, N, MCM, LAI, CKSN, PDA, ATIM, I-TCP, CW, SUMR, HSCSD, LC, PSN, RT, TTL, POTS, DVB-C, HDACS, HDA, TCC, WTLCSMA/CA, ACL, FDM, MOC, MACA, VBR-ft, Disassoc, LRU, BER, DIFS, LAN, DPDCH, PLMN, DLG, QAM, EIR, PRMA, AIDCS, HID, NA-TDMA, RM, BFSK, DA, SDTV, TCP, GMSK, SNAP, MS, LOS, VP, CAC, VNC, UHF, WCMP, L2CAP, IMT-DS, ARIB, MSK, ECDH



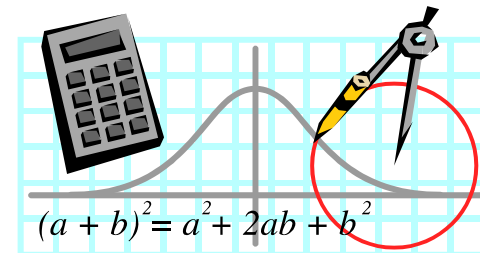
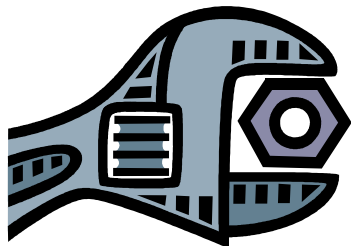
# Course overview: Lectures and *Exercises*



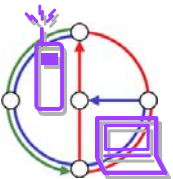
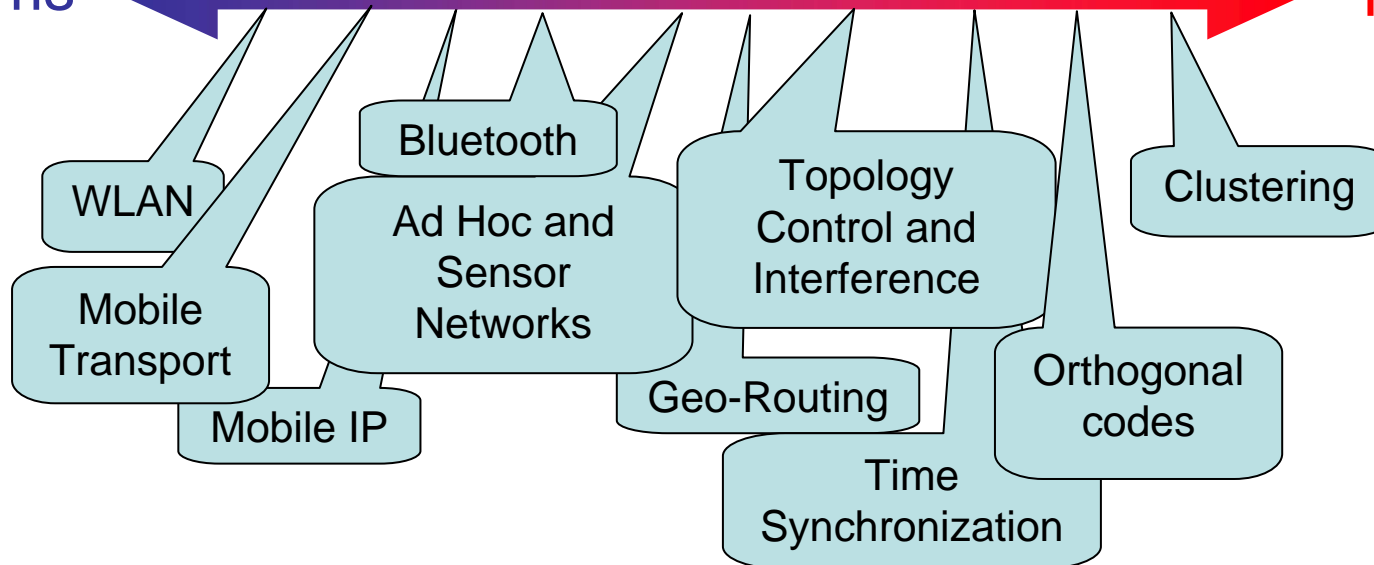
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| Introduction                    | <i>Hard- and Software Tests</i> |
| Physical and Link Layer         | <i>"Hello World"</i>            |
| WLAN                            | <i>Theory: Codes/MAC</i>        |
| Media Access Control            | <i>Neighbor Detection</i>       |
| Mobile IP & TCP                 | <i>Instant Messenger</i>        |
| Ad Hoc and Sensor Networks      | <i>Topology Detection</i>       |
| Geometric Routing               | <i>Multihop Routing 1</i>       |
| Clustering                      | <i>Multihop Routing 2</i>       |
| Topology Control & Interference | <i>Theory: Ad-Hoc Networks</i>  |
| Data Gathering                  | <i>Multihop Project 1</i>       |
| Time Synchronization            | <i>Multihop Project 2</i>       |
| Localization / Positioning      | <i>Multihop Project 3</i>       |



# Course overview: A large spectrum



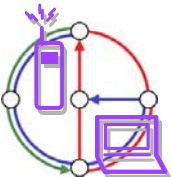
Systems ←  Theory



# Course specialties



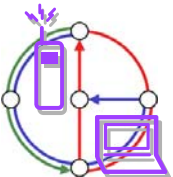
- Maximum possible spectrum of systems and theory
- New area, more open than closed questions
- Lecture and exercises are hard to synchronize
  
- New this year: Focus on **ad hoc and sensor networks**
  
- [dcg.ethz.ch](http://dcg.ethz.ch) → courses



# Literature



- Jochen Schiller – *Mobile Communications / Mobilkommunikation*
- Charles E. Perkins – *Ad-hoc networking*
- Andrew Tanenbaum – *Computer Networks, plus other books*
- Ivan Stojmenovic – *Handbook of Wireless Networks and Mobile Computing*
- C. Siva Murthy and B. S. Manoj – *Ad Hoc Wireless Networks*
  
- *Selected chapters from upcoming book on Ad Hoc and Sensor Networks edited by Dorothea Wagner and Roger Wattenhofer*
  
- *Plus tons of other books/articles on specialized topics*
- *Papers, papers, papers, ...*



# Famous last words



“Mobile wireless computers are like mobile pipeless bathrooms – portapotties. They will be common on vehicles, and at construction sites, and rock concerts. My advice is to wire up your home and stay there.”



Bob Metcalfe, 1995  
(Ethernet inventor)

