

# Ottimizzazione Combinatoria 2

## *Sistemi di Indipendenza: Tre Applicazioni*

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# Tre Applicazioni

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- **Aste Combinatorie: Massimo Insieme Stabile**
  - Assegnazione di **carichi a trasportatori**
  - Acquisto di beni (**e-procurement**)
  - Assegnazione di **frequenze**
  - Assegnazione di **obiettivi a robot**
- **AdWords: (Online) Matching con Budget**
  - TV Ads (su YouTube)
- **TV Digitale: Massimo Sottosistema Ammissibile**
  - Progetto di reti TV a **massima copertura**
  - Determinazione ottima dei **ritardi**

# CPS 296.1

## Auctions & Combinatorial Auctions

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# A few different 1-item auction mechanisms

- **English** auction:

- Each bid must be higher than previous bid
- Last bidder wins, pays last bid

- **Japanese** auction:

- Price rises, bidders drop out when price is too high
- Last bidder wins at price of last dropout

- **Dutch** auction:

- Price drops until someone takes the item at that price

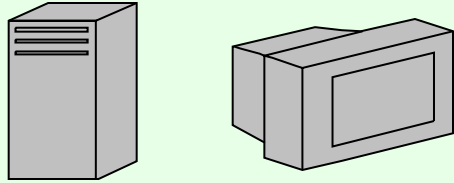

- **Sealed-bid** auctions (direct revelation mechanisms):

- Each bidder submits a bid in an envelope
- Auctioneer opens the envelopes, highest bid wins

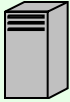
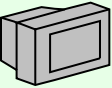

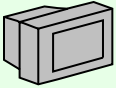
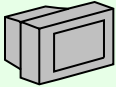
- **First-price** sealed-bid auction: winner pays own bid

- **Second-price** sealed bid (or **Vickrey**) auction: winner pays second-highest bid

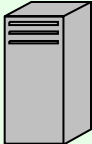
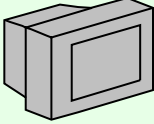
# Complementarity and substitutability

- How valuable one item is to a bidder may depend on whether the bidder possesses another item
- Items  $a$  and  $b$  are **complementary** if  $v(\{a, b\}) > v(\{a\}) + v(\{b\})$
- E.g. A server tower and a microwave oven.
- Items  $a$  and  $b$  are **substitutes** if  $v(\{a, b\}) < v(\{a\}) + v(\{b\})$
- E.g. A laptop and a server tower.

# Inefficiency of **sequential** auctions

- Suppose your valuation function is  $v(\text{tower}) = \$200$ ,  $v(\text{box}) = \$100$ ,  $v(\text{tower} \text{ box}) = \$500$
- Now suppose that there are two (say, Vickrey) auctions, the first one for  and the second one for 
- What should you bid in the first auction (for )?
- If you bid \$200, you may lose to a bidder who bids \$250, only to find out that you could have won  for \$200
- If you bid anything higher, you may pay more than \$200, only to find out that  sells for \$1000
- Sequential (and **parallel**) auctions are **inefficient**

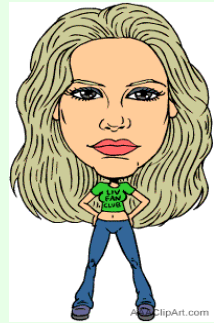
# Combinatorial auctions

Simultaneously for sale:  ,  , 



*bid 1*

$$v(\text{server rack}, \text{cabinet}) = \$500$$



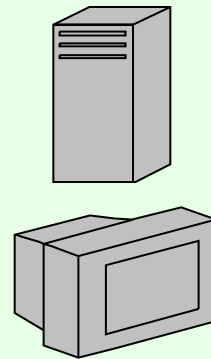
*bid 2*

$$v(\text{laptop}, \text{cabinet}) = \$700$$



*bid 3*

$$v(\text{laptop}) = \$300$$



used in truckload transportation, industrial **procurement**, **radio spectrum allocation**, ...

# The winner determination problem (WDP)

- Choose a subset  $X$  (*the accepted bids*) of the bids  $B$ ,
- to maximize  $\sum_{b \in X} V_b$ ,
- under the constraint that every item occurs at most once in  $X$
- This is assuming **free disposal**, i.e., not everything needs to be allocated



# WDP example

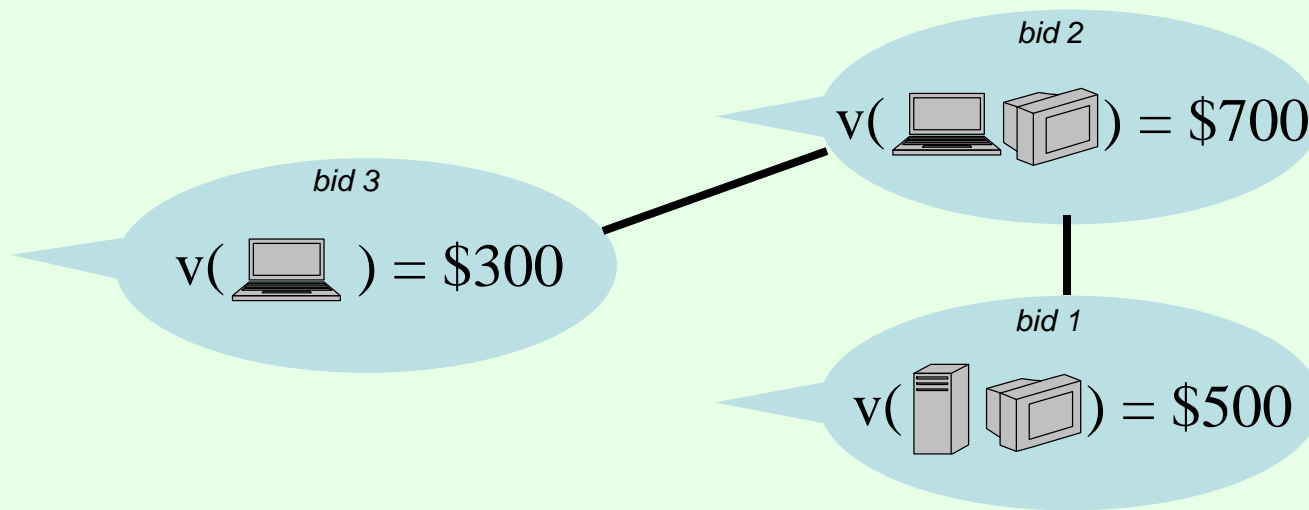
- Items A, B, C, D, E
- Bids:
  - $(\{A, C, D\}, 7)$
  - $(\{B, E\}, 7)$
  - $(\{C\}, 3)$
  - $(\{A, B, C, E\}, 9)$
  - $(\{D\}, 4)$
  - $(\{A, B, C\}, 5)$
  - $(\{B, D\}, 5)$
- *What's an optimal solution?*
- *How can we prove it is optimal?*

# An integer program formulation

- $x_b$  equals **1** if bid  $b$  is accepted, **0** if it is not
- maximize  $\sum_b v_b x_b$
- subject to
  - for each item  $j$ ,  $\sum_{b: j \text{ in } b} x_b \leq 1$
- If each  $x_b$  can take any value in  $[0, 1]$ , we say that bids can be **partially accepted**
- In this case, this is a **linear** program that can be solved in polynomial time
- This requires that
  - each item can be divided into fractions
  - if a bidder gets a fraction  $f$  of **each** of the items in his bundle, then this is worth the same fraction  $f$  of his value  $v_b$  for the bundle

# The winner determination problem as a **weighted independent set problem**

- **Each bid is a vertex**
- Draw an edge between two vertices if they share an item

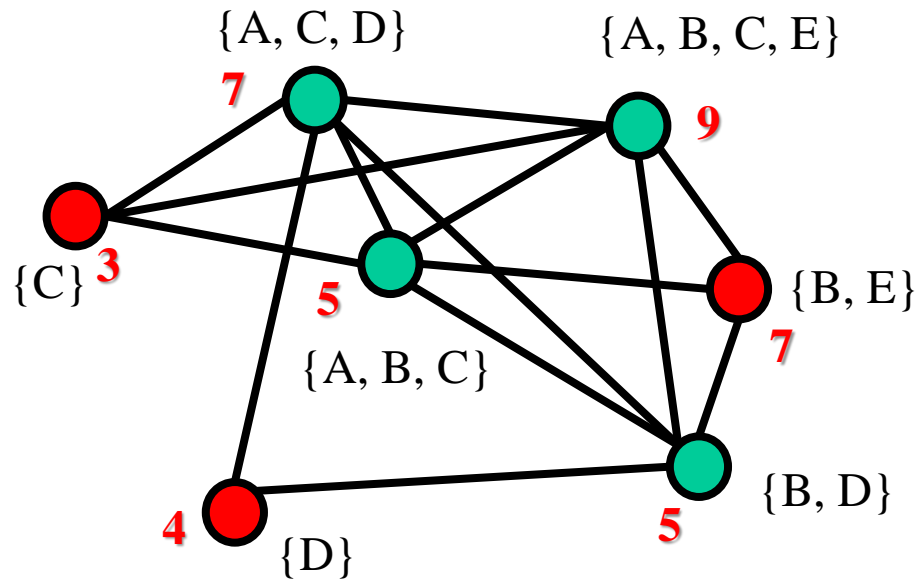


- Optimal allocation = **maximum weight independent set**
- Can model any weighted independent set instance as a CA winner determination problem (1 item per edge (or clique))
- Weighted independent set is NP-hard, even to solve approximately [[Håstad 96](#)] - hence, so is WDP
  - [[Sandholm 02](#)] noted that this inapproximability applies to the WDP

- **Items A, B, C, D, E**

- **Bids:**

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- $(\{B, D\}, 5)$



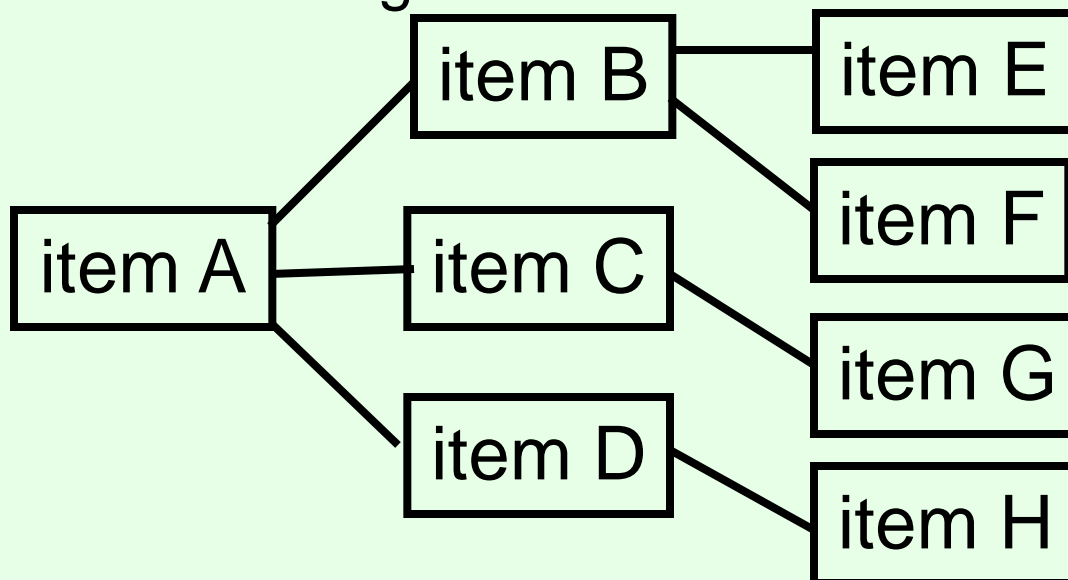
### Maximal Stable Sets

- $(\{A, C, D\}, \{B, E\}) \rightarrow 14$
- $(\{B, E\}, \{C\}, \{D\}) \rightarrow 14$
- $(\{A, B, C, E\}, \{D\}) \rightarrow 13$
- $(\{A, B, C\}, \{D\}) \rightarrow 9$
- $(\{C\}, \{B, D\}) \rightarrow 8$
- ...

- **Problema difficile** (NP-Hard)
- Esistono casi **risolvibili in tempo polinomiale?**
- Necessarie **ipotesi sulle offerte**

# Bids on connected sets of items in a tree

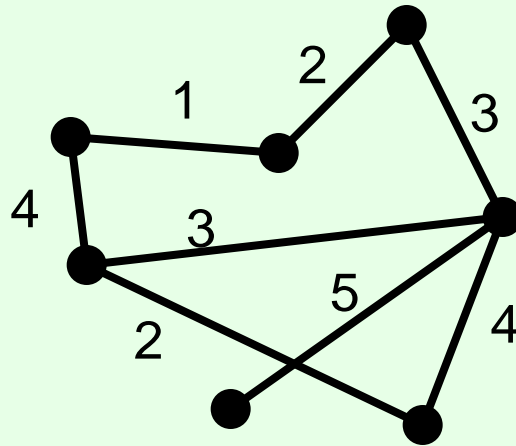
- Suppose items are organized in a tree



- Suppose each bid is on a **connected set of items**
  - E.g.  $\{A, B, C, G\}$ , but **not**  $\{A, B, G\}$
- Then the WDP can be solved in **polynomial time** (using dynamic programming) [Sandholm & Suri 03]
- Tree does not need to be given: can be **constructed** from the bids in polynomial time if it exists [Conitzer, Derryberry, Sandholm 04]
- More generally, WDP can also be solved in polynomial time for graphs of **bounded treewidth** [Conitzer, Derryberry, Sandholm 04]
  - Even further generalization given by [Gottlob, Greco 07]

# Maximum weighted matching

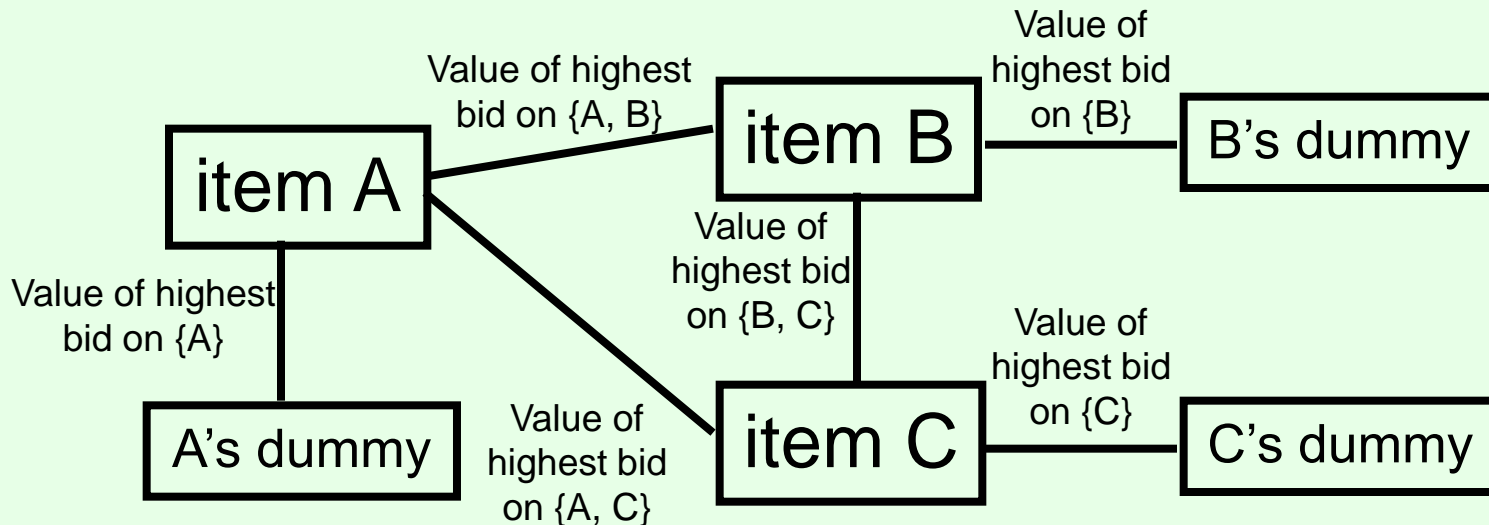
(not necessarily on bipartite graphs)



- Choose subset of the edges with maximum total weight,
- Constraint: no two edges can share a vertex
- Still solvable in polynomial time

# Bids with few items [Rothkopf et al. 98]

- If each bid is on a bundle of at most **two** items,
- then the winner determination problem can be solved in polynomial time as a maximum weighted matching problem
  - 3-item example:



- If each bid is on a bundle of **three** items, then the winner determination problem is NP-hard again

# Variants [Sandholm et al. 2002]:

## combinatorial reverse auction

- In a **combinatorial reverse auction (CRA)**, the auctioneer seeks to **buy** a set of items, and bidders have values for the different bundles that they may **sell** the auctioneer
  - **minimize**  $\sum_b v_b x_b$
  - subject to
    - for each item  $j$ ,  $\sum_{b: j \text{ in } b} x_b \geq 1$



# *Matching Online & Google Adwords*

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**Online Matching and Ad Allocation**

By Aranyak Mehta

# AdWords I



## { How Does the AdWords Auction Work? }

### PRIZED AUCTION ITEMS

"Insurance"

"Loans"

"Mortgage"

"Attorney"

### TOTAL GOOGLE EARNINGS

**\$32.2 BILLION**  
in advertising revenue.



**IT ALL STARTS WITH A QUERY**

# AdWords II

## IT ALL STARTS WITH A QUERY



When someone searches for something on Google, Google looks at the AdWords advertisers pool and determines whether there will be an auction.

1

search |

2

bid!

bid!

3

advertisers pool



If one or more advertisers are bidding on keywords that **Google deems relevant to the search query**, an auction is triggered.

NOTE: Keywords are not search queries! Specific keywords (such as "pet medicine") may be entered into auctions for a wide range of search queries (such as "medicine for dogs" or "pet supplies"), depending on your match type.

- L'asta si svolge ogni volta che qualcuno effettua una ricerca (!)
- L'offerta (**bid**) indica quanto si offre per un click (**CPC**)
- **GOOGLE** decide cosa è rilevante (sulla base di regole note)

# AdWords III

## WHAT GETS ENTERED INTO THESE AUCTIONS?

Advertisers **identify keywords they want to bid on**, how much they want to spend, and create groupings of these keywords that are paired with ads.

Google then enters the keyword from your account it deems **most relevant** into the auction with the maximum bid you've specified as well as the associated ad.

NOTE: You can only have one entry into any query auction from your account.

The screenshot shows a Google search for "colorado springs hot tubs". The search results are divided into several sections:

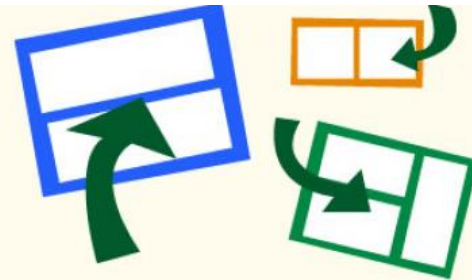
- Search:** About 266,000 results (0.16 seconds)
- Everything:** A list of search filters (Images, Maps, Videos, News, Shopping, More).
- Arvada, CO:** A "Change location" button.
- Ads related to colorado springs hot tubs:** A section containing several paid advertisements. A red box highlights the first three ads: "Refurbished Hot Tubs", "Hanson Spa & Home Center | HansonSpa.com", and "Spas - Hot Tubs - Saunas - Grills Serving Pueblo & Colorado Springs". A red arrow points to this section with the label "Paid Advertising ('AdWords')".
- Map for colorado springs hot tubs:** A map showing the location of Colorado Springs, CO, with several red pins indicating hot tub locations. A red arrow points to this map.
- Organic Results:** Below the ads, there are organic search results including "Largest Hot Tub Showroom | windriverspas.com", "Colorado Springs Spas, Hottubs, Spas, Saunas, Pool Tables, Gas...", "Places for hot tubs near Colorado Springs, CO", and several local business listings like "Spring Spas", "Hanson Hot Spring Spas", and "Hot Tub Heaven".
- Ads - Why these ads?:** A section on the right side of the page showing a list of ads with their titles and descriptions. A red box highlights the first three ads in this section: "Hot Tub & Swim Spa Show", "Hot Tubs", and "Hot Spring@ Hot Tub Spas".

- I *vincitori* ottengono una posizione nella **pagina dei risultati**
- Pagheranno **sulla base** del bid fino ad un **budget massimo**
- **GOOGLE** decide cosa è rilevante (sulla base di regole note)

# AdWords IV

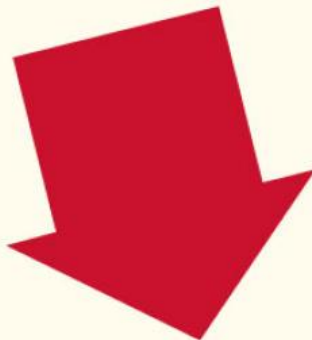
## HOW DOES GOOGLE DETERMINE WHICH AD IS SHOWN WHERE?

Once you are entered into the auction, Google looks at two key factors to determine where your ad ranks: your **maximum bid** and your **quality score**.



$$\text{AD RANK} = \text{CPC BID} \times \text{QUALITY SCORE}$$

The best combined **CPC Bid x Quality Score** gets the best position:



This is the maximum bid you specify for your keyword.



This is a metric to determine how relevant and useful your ad is to the user (components are CTR, relevance, and landing page). The higher your quality score, the better.





# AdWords V

## HOW DOES GOOGLE DETERMINE WHAT YOU PAY?

You pay the minimum amount you can pay for the position you win if your ad is clicked on.

$$\text{YOUR PRICE} = \frac{\text{THE AD RANK OF THE PERSON BELOW YOU}}{\text{YOUR QUALITY SCORE}} + \$0.01$$

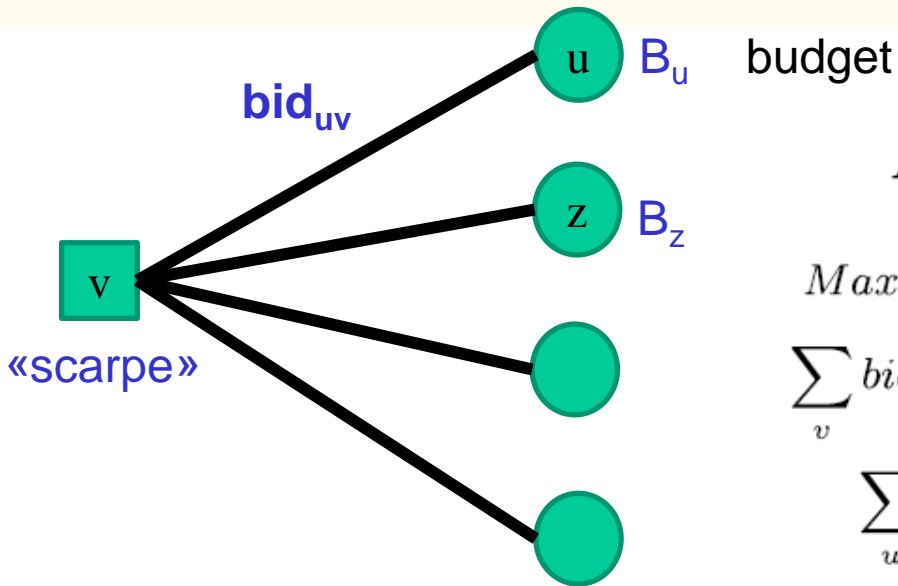
	Max Bid	Quality Score	Ad Rank	Actual CPC
Advertiser I	\$2.00 	10 	20	$16/10 + 0.01 =$ <b>\$1.61</b> 
Advertiser II	\$4.00 	4 	16	$12/4 + 0.01 =$ <b>\$3.01</b> 
Advertiser III	\$6.00 	2 	12	$8/2 + 0.01 =$ <b>\$4.01</b> 
Advertiser IV	\$8.00 	1 	8	<b>Highest CPC</b> 

Notice how Advertiser I can pay less for a higher position due to his high quality score.

# AdWords VI

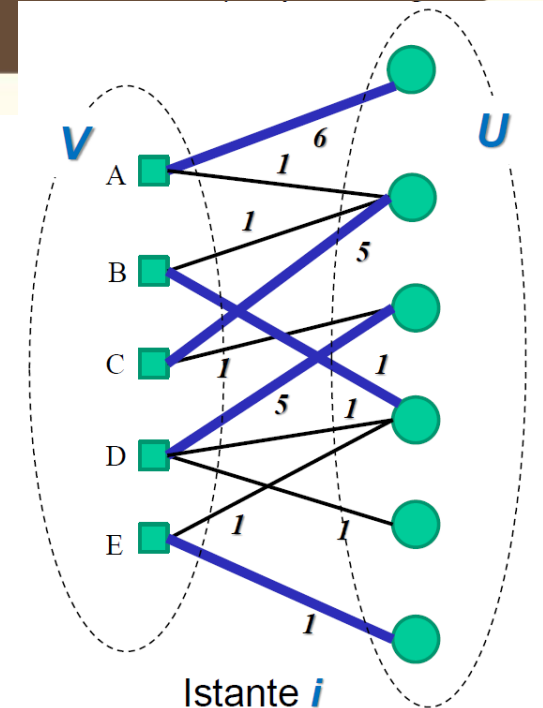
The Auction gets run billions of times each month. The results are such that

- Users find ads that are relevant to what they're looking for
- Advertisers connect with potential customers at lowest possible prices
- Google rakes in billions of dollars in revenue



Adwords

$$\begin{aligned}
 &Max \sum bid_{uv} x_{uv} \\
 &\sum_v bid_{uv} x_{uv} \leq B_u \quad \forall u \\
 &\sum_u x_{uv} \leq 1 \quad \forall v \\
 &x_{uv} \in \{0, 1\}
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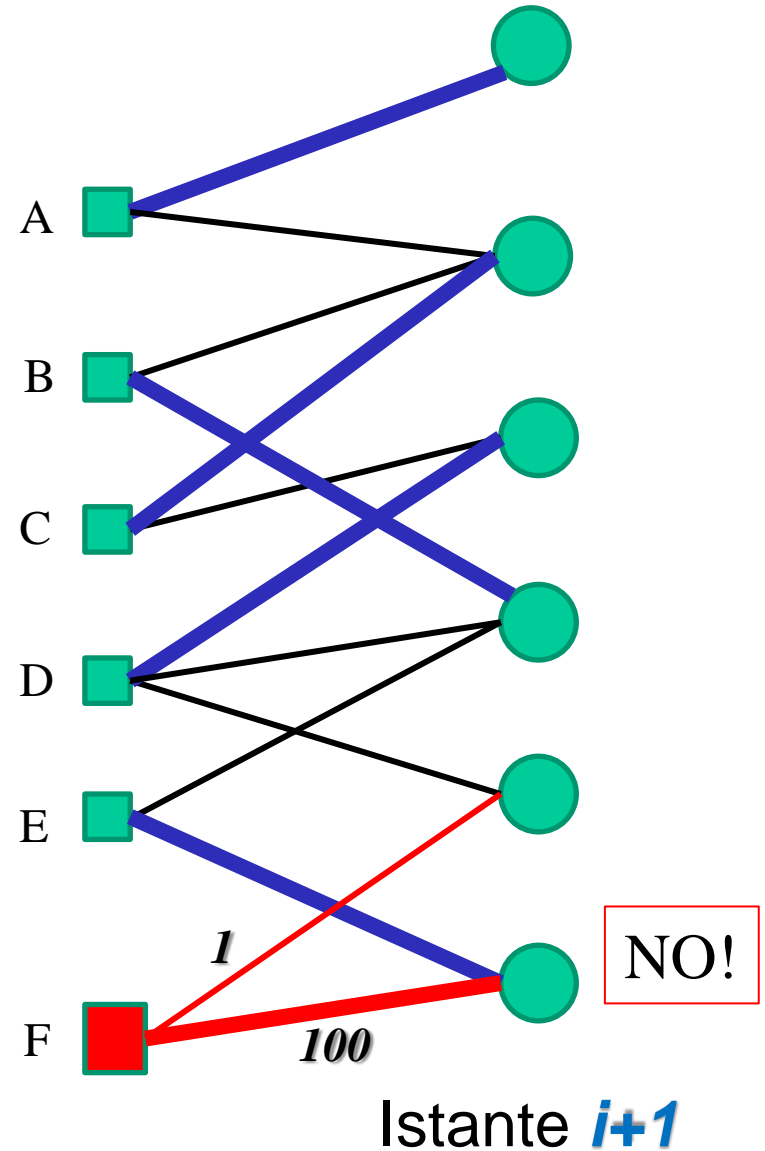
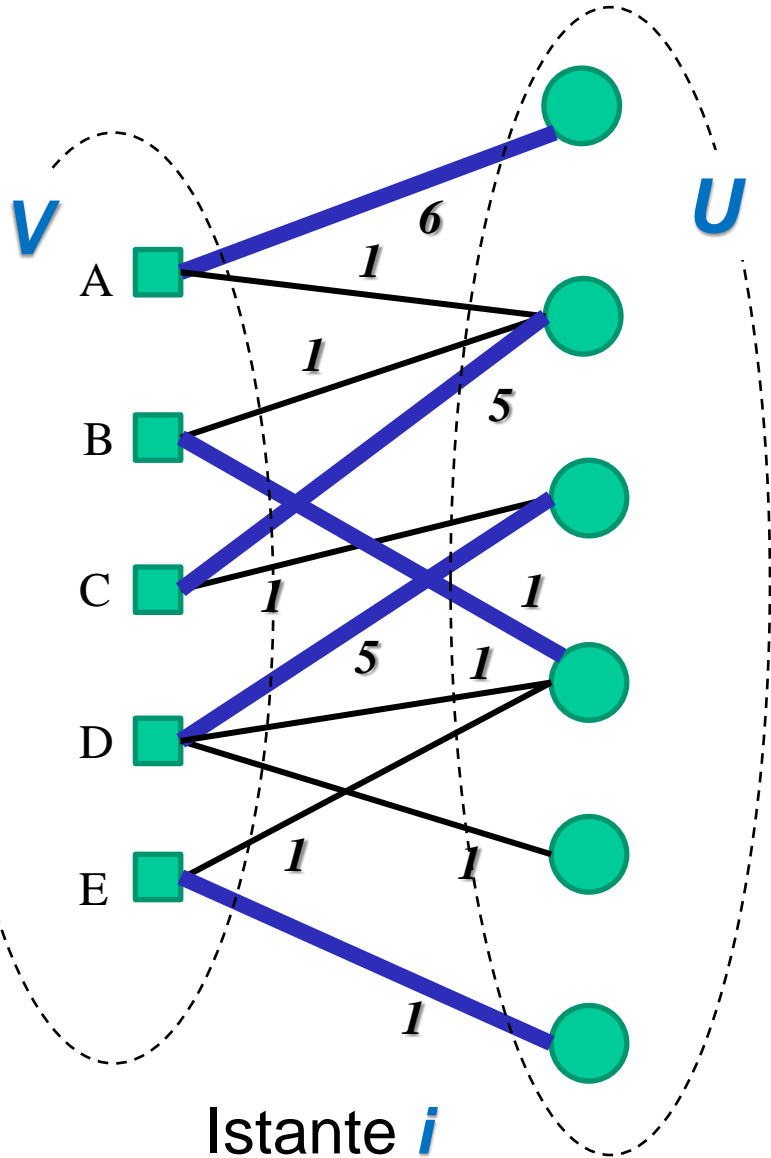


- **Intersezione** di due Sistemi di indipendenza
- **Matching**  $\cap$  **Knapsack (a coefficienti positivi)**
- **Intersezione delle formulazioni**

- **Formulazione Naturale** del Knapsack
- **Formulazione Rango** del Matching

# Matching Online

I nodi di  $V$  (e i pesi degli archi incidenti) **noti in istanti successivi**





# **Progetto dei ritardi di una Rete OFDM** *(rete digitale terrestre SFN)*

# La tecnologia OFDM

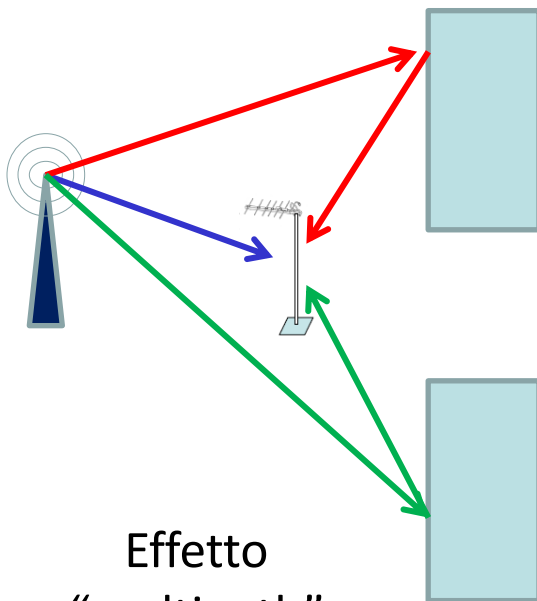
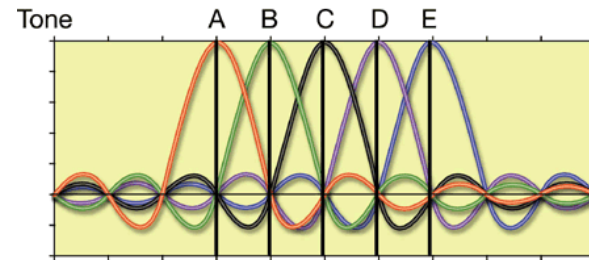
## Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing

Decomponere un bitstream in bitstream paralleli ma più "lenti"

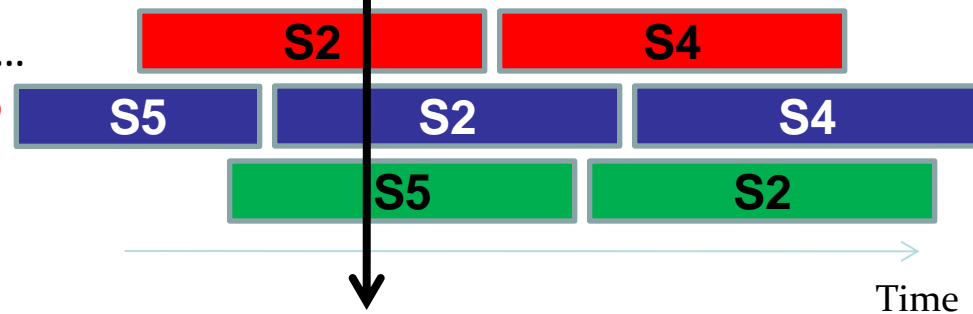
1 Megabit/s  $\rightarrow$  T stream di 1/T Megabit/s

Stream A	S1	S2	S8	S8	S7	S2	S9
Stream B							
Stream C							
Stream D							
Stream E							

Simboli



Stesso stream ...  
... ma ritardato



Interferenza Inter-Simbolo (S2 o S5??)

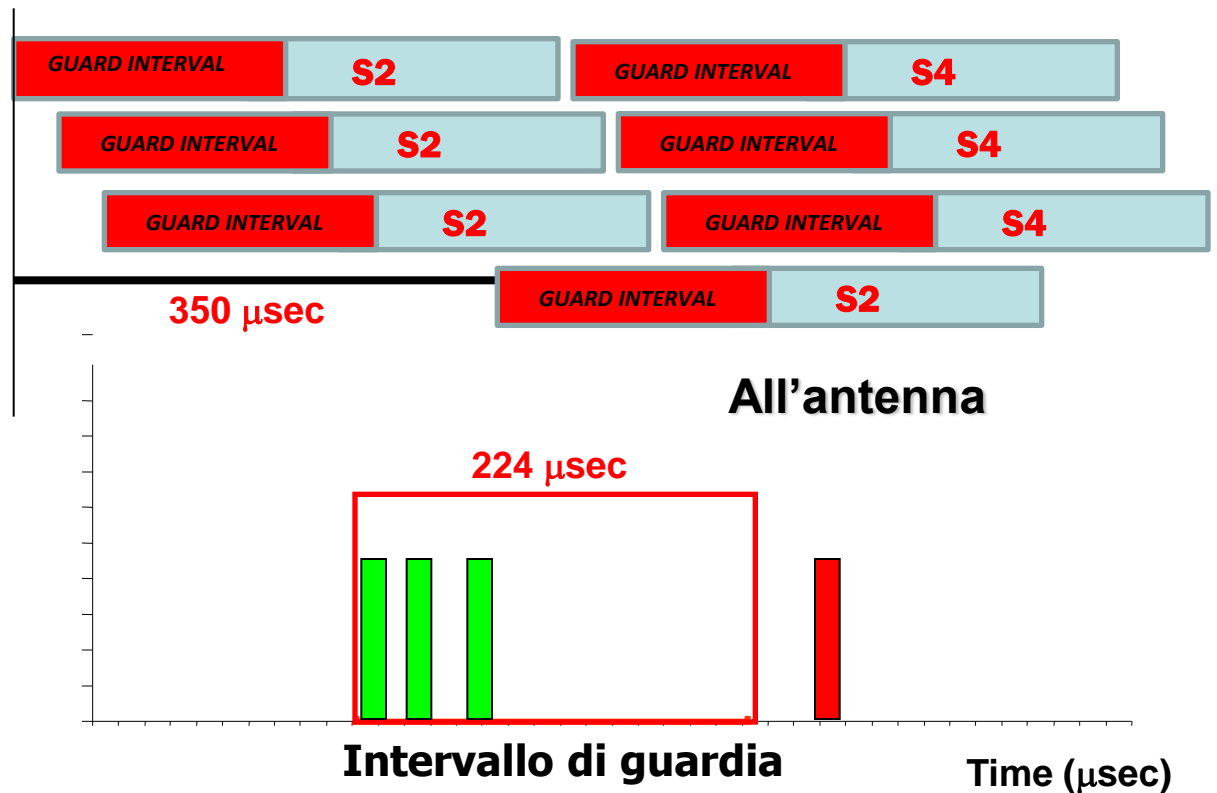
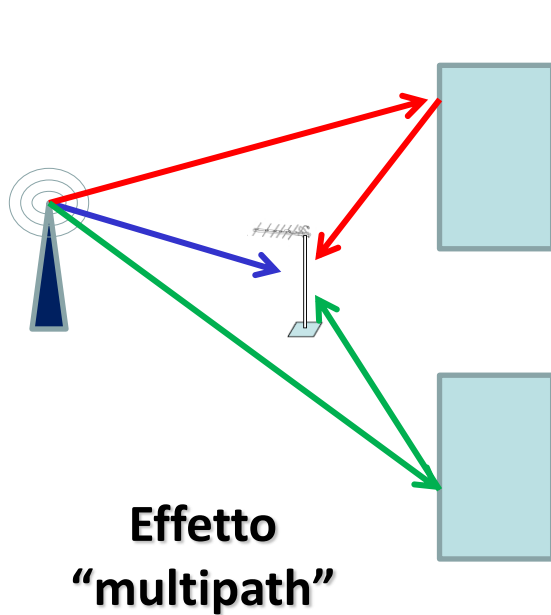
# Intervallo di guardia

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GUARD INTERVAL

SYMBOL

- L'OFDM aggiunge un **prefisso** ad ogni simbolo
- Se il **prefisso** è **più lungo del ritardo**
- .. si può evitare l'**interferenza intersimbolo**



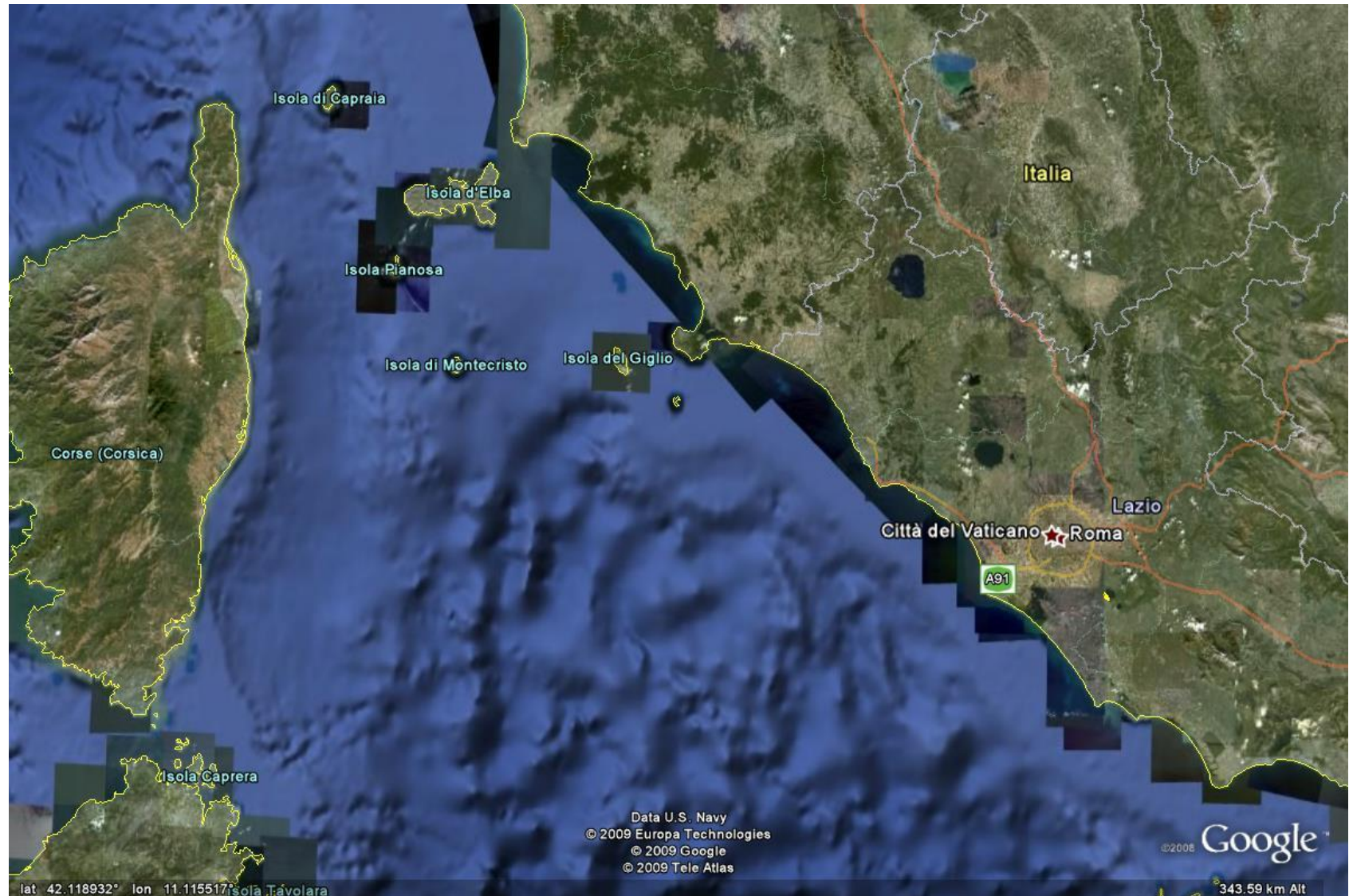
# OFDM: Conclusions

- *Better spectral efficiency (more bits per Hz)*
- *Better use of spectrum (SFN)*
- *Resilience to “selective frequency fading”*
- *Turns Multipath from “bad” to “good”*

And in fact .... It will be the *basic technology* for:

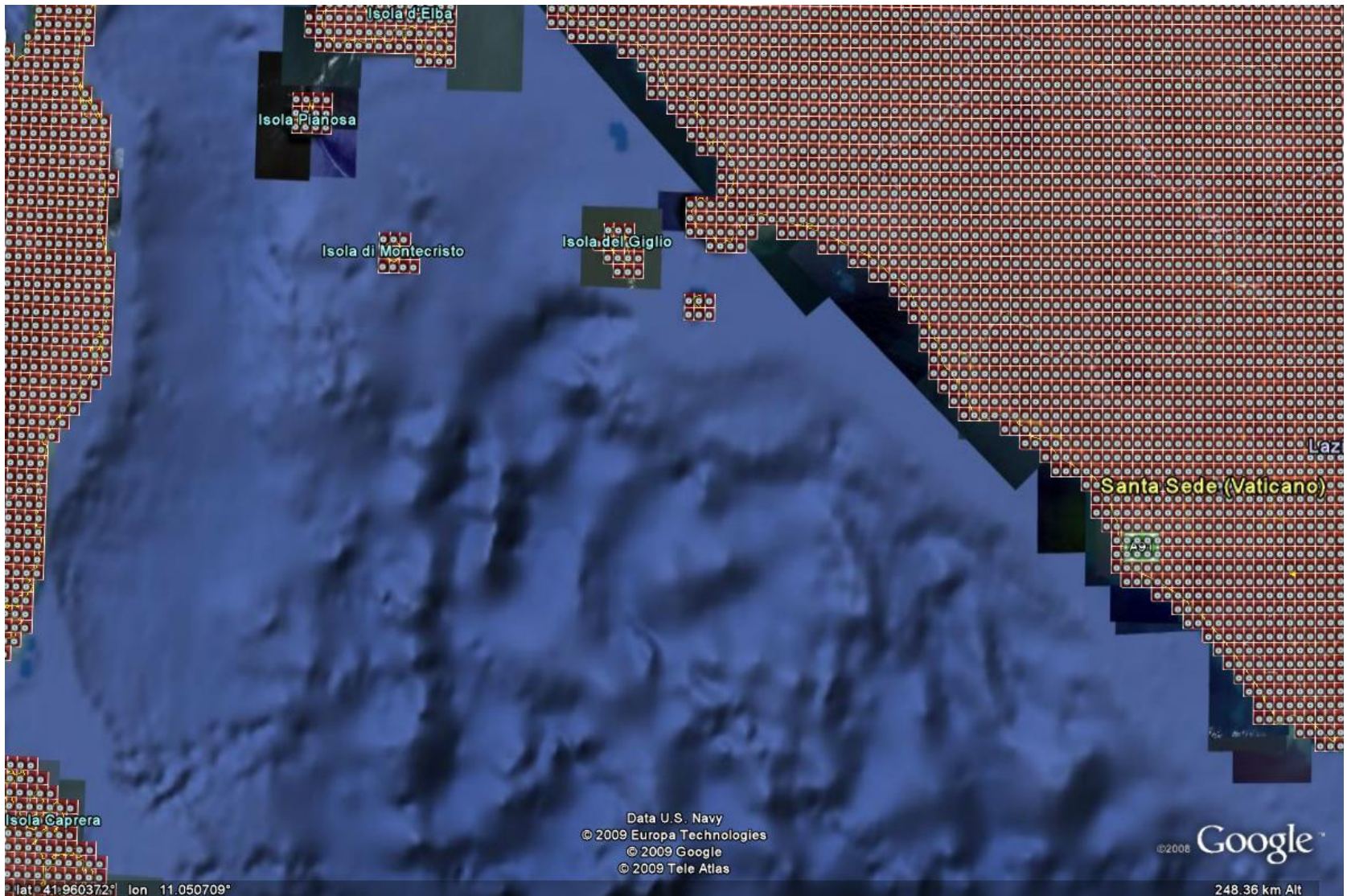
- *Digital Broadcasting*
- *Wimax (WiBro)*
- *LTE (Long Term Evolution of 3G)*
- *... 4<sup>th</sup> generation (Anytime, Anywhere ... )*
- *Short Range (UltraWideBand)*

Si vuole **servire** in tecnologia digitale terrestre una  
specifica **area geografica**



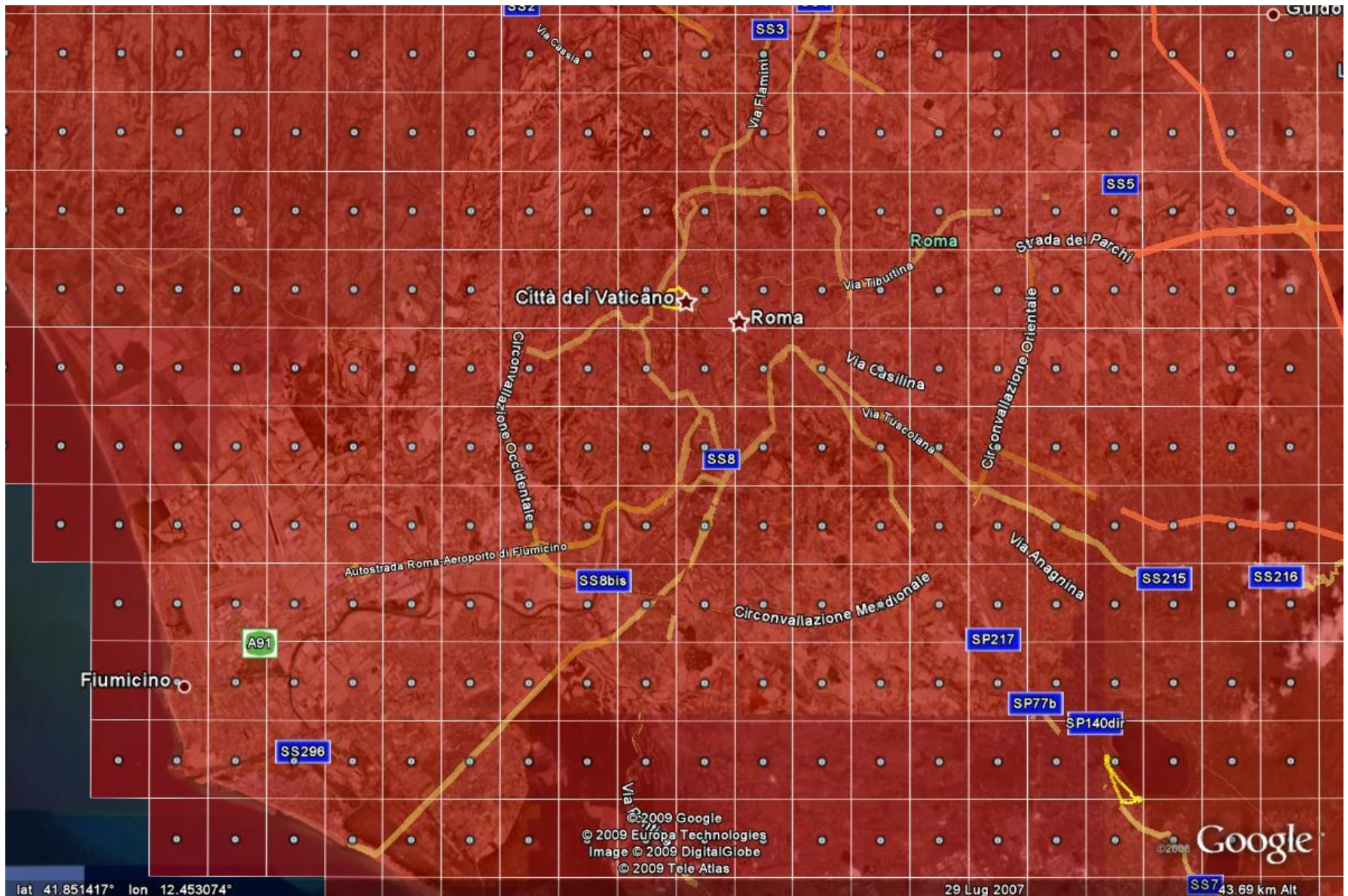


L'area geografica viene **rappresentata** come una **griglia di rettangoli** di lato **96 secondi** (di grado)



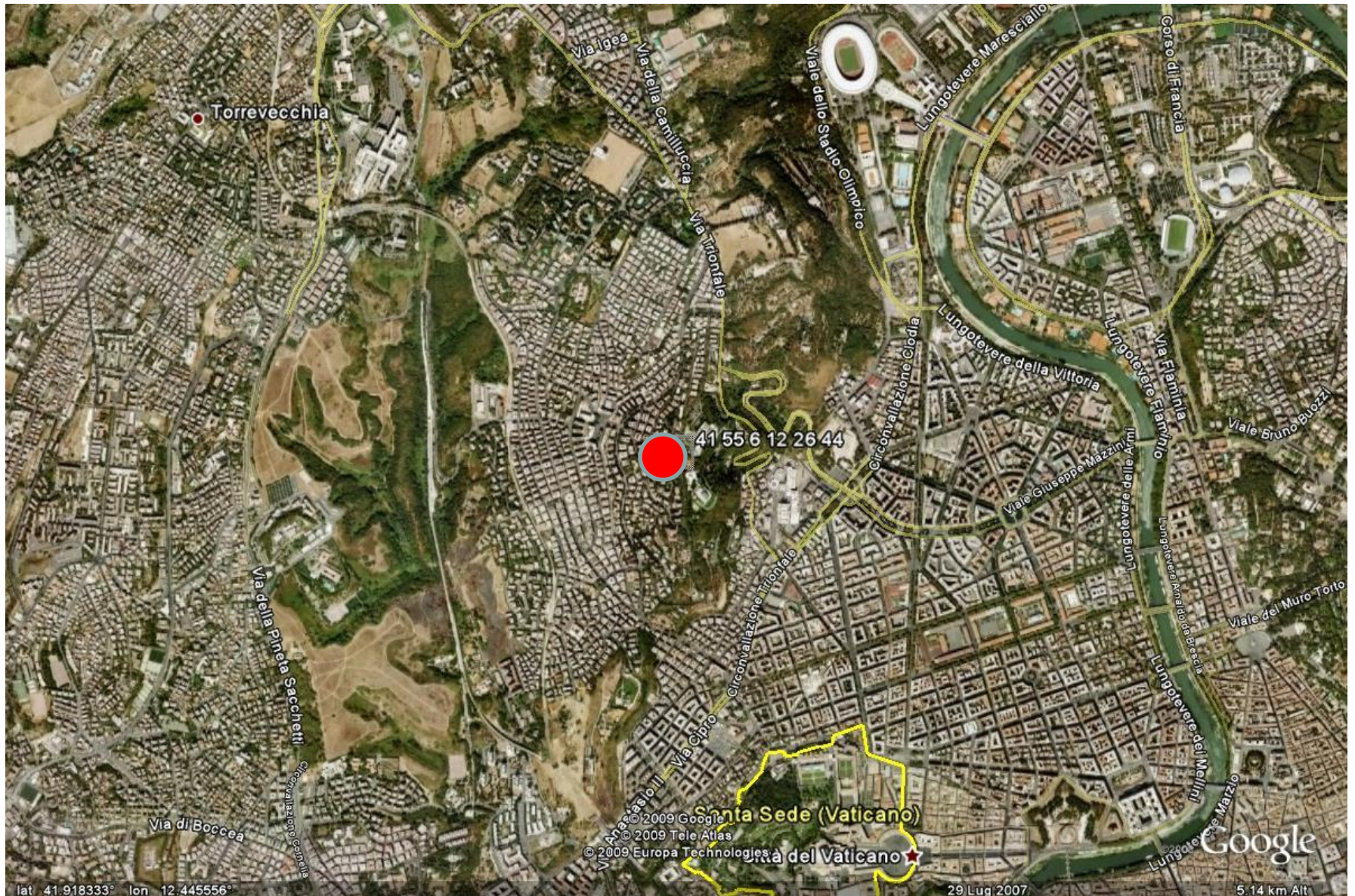


Ogni rettangolo della griglia è rappresentato dal suo baricentro: il **testpoint** (o **Punto di Verifica – PDV**)



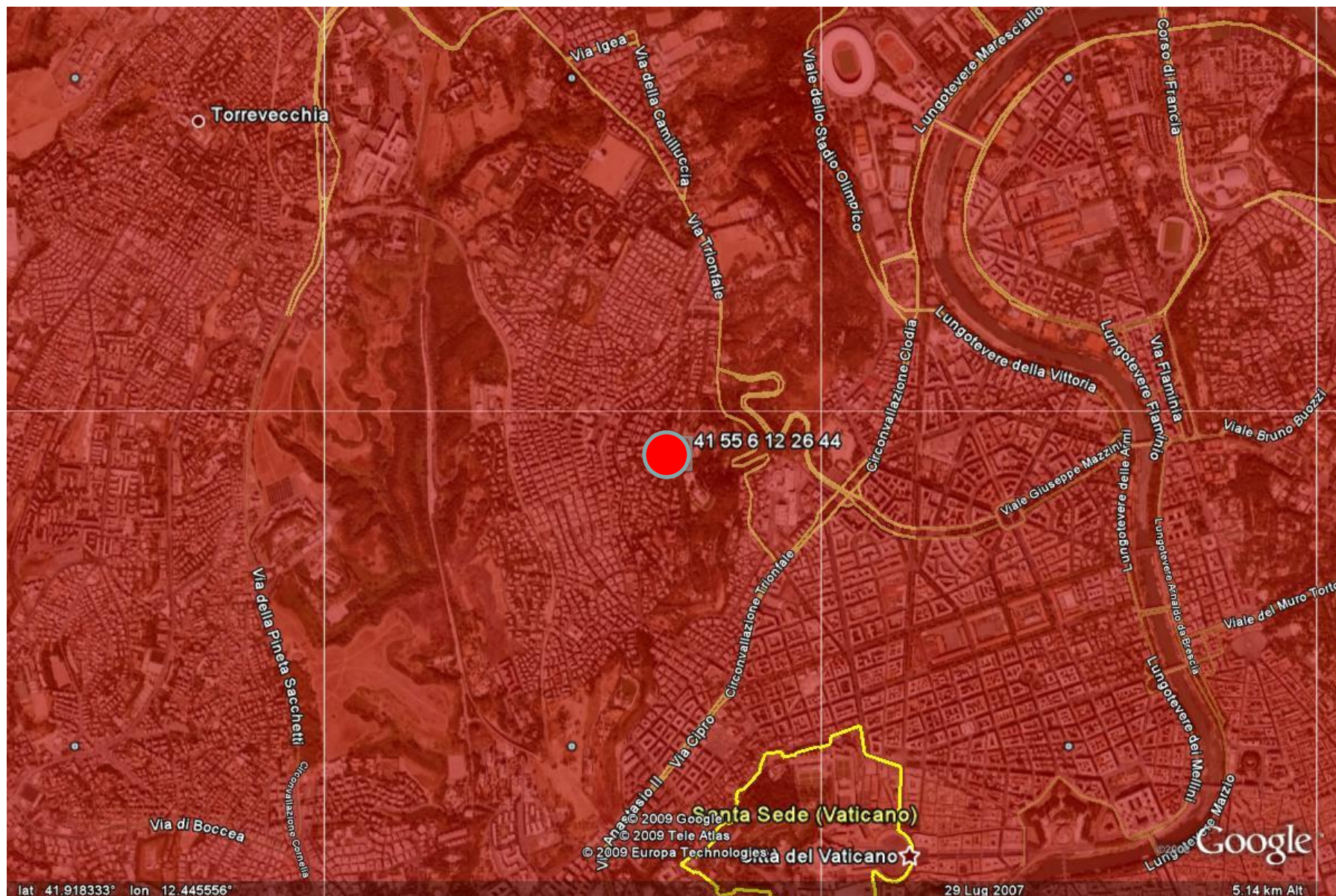


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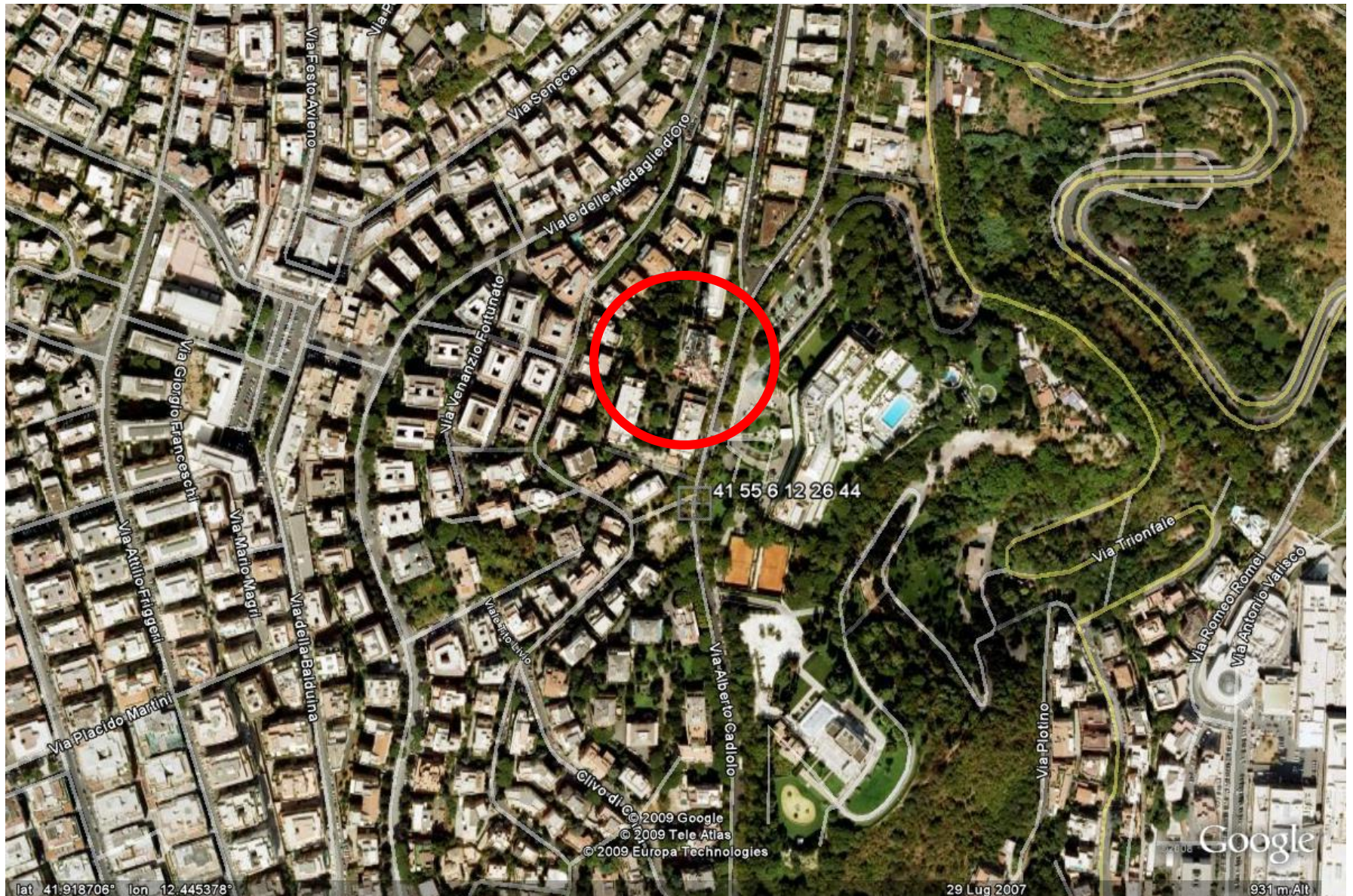


# I **siti di trasmissione** sono anch'essi posizionati sulla "griglia": ad esempio **Roma Monte Mario**





# Sito candidato di **Roma Monte Mario**

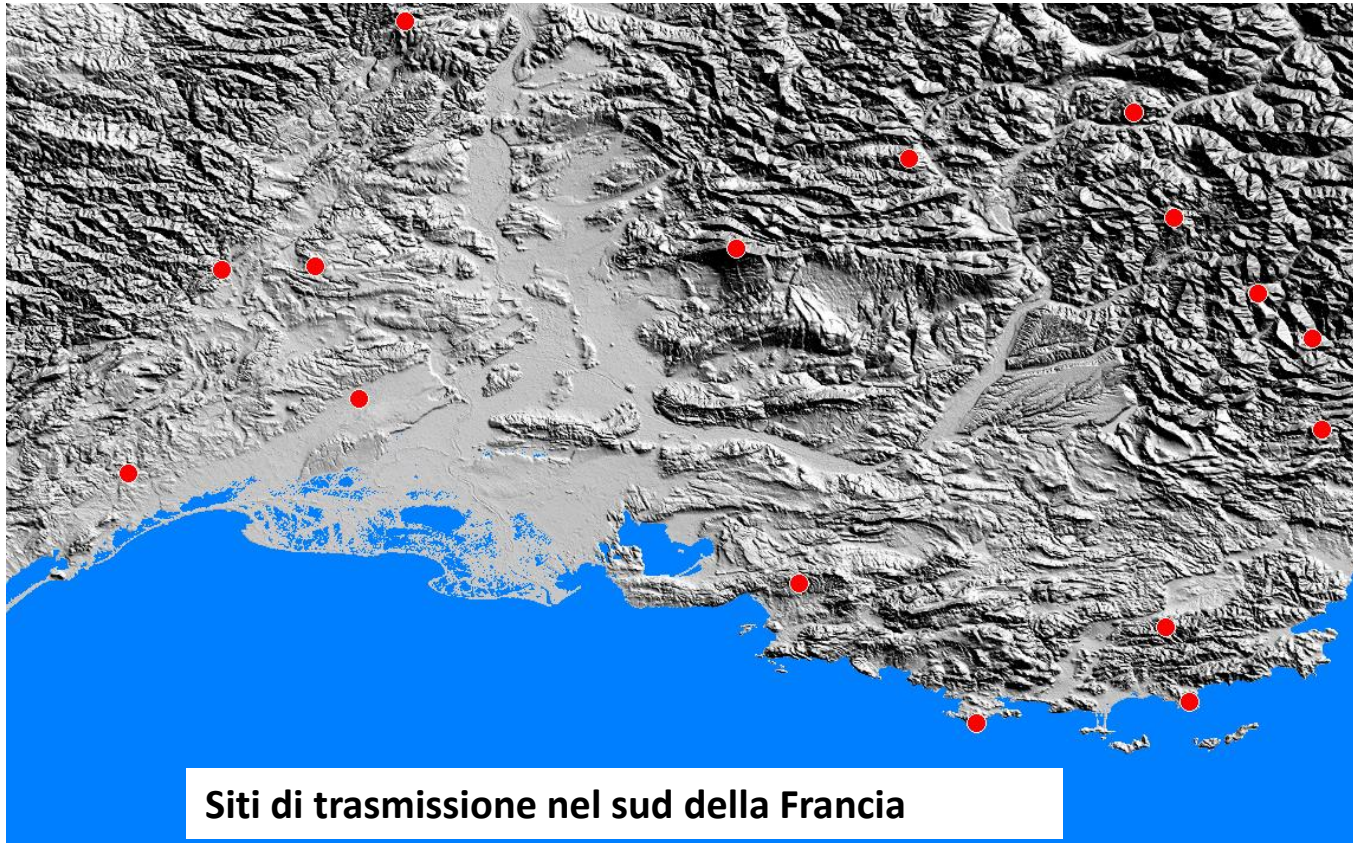




# Problema: Ritardi Ottimi di una rete OFDM

## INPUT

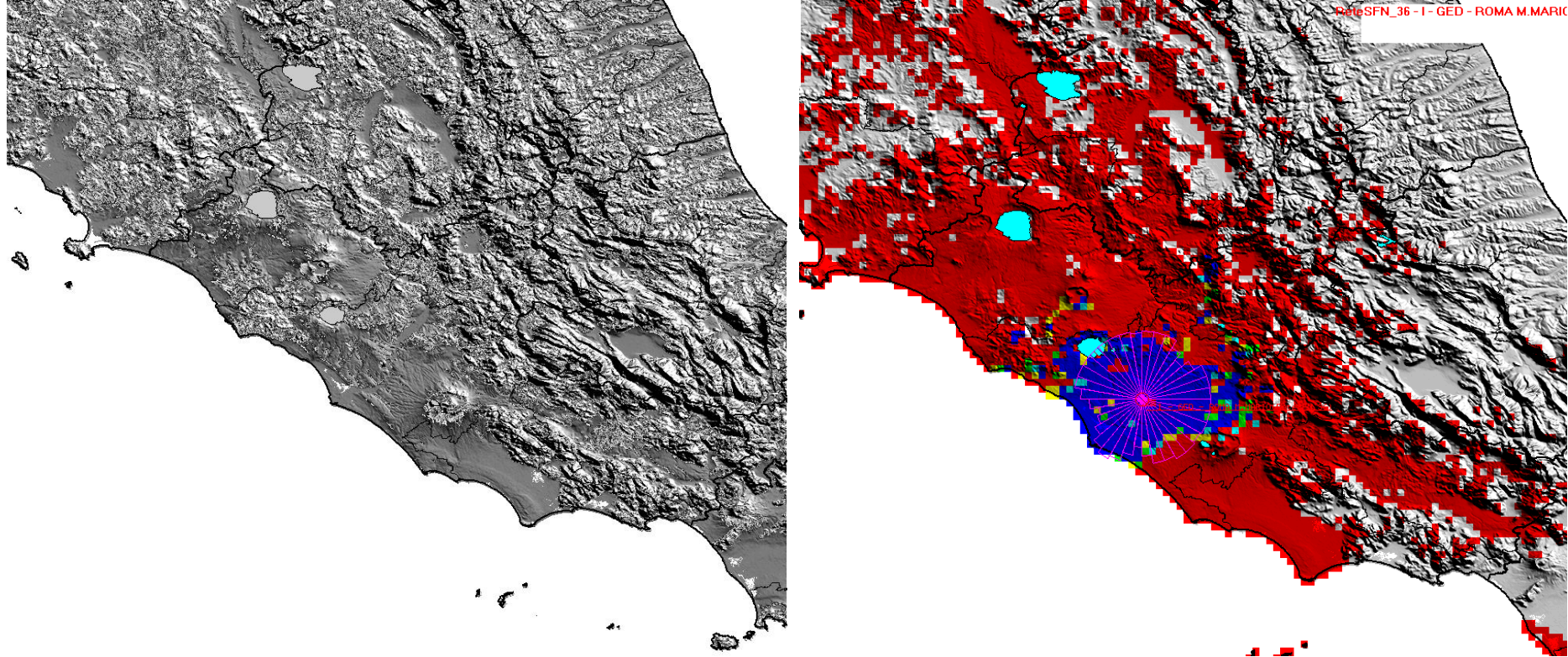
- **Digital Terrain Model (300.000 testpoint in Europa)**
- **Informazioni su posizione, quota e tipo di vegetazione**
- **Siti dei trasmettitori (35.000 in Europa)**



- SRTM DTM** (*Nasa*)
- 1 tp = **6x6** secondi
  - 1 tp  $\approx$  **180x180** mt



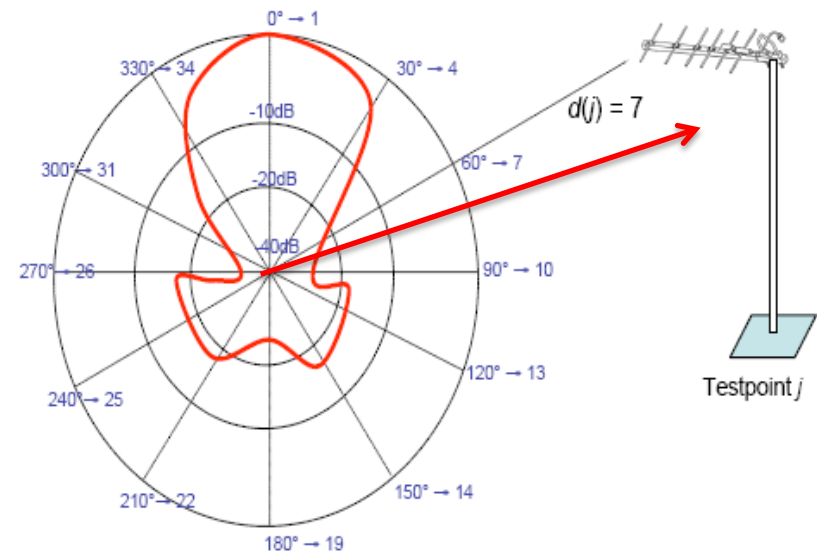
# La propagazione elettromagnetica



- In ogni testpoint possiamo **calcolare la potenza dei segnali trasmessi**
- Il calcolo viene effettuato utilizzando **modelli di simulazione** certificati dalla ***International Telecommunication Union (ITU)***
- Il modello di simulazione tiene conto della **distanza** e dell'**orografia**
- La **potenza ricevuta** dipende alla **potenza emessa**

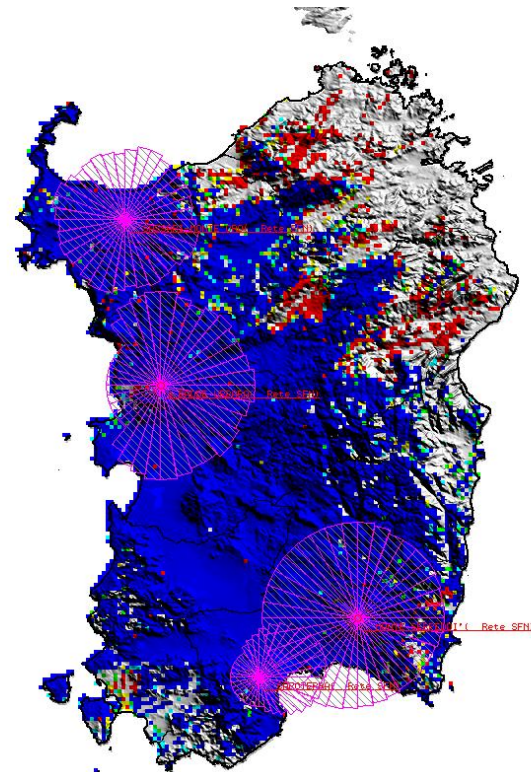
# Come verificare se un PdV è “servito”

- In ciascun PdV la qualità del servizio è una funzione della:
  - Potenza ricevuta dai segnali **serventi**
  - Potenza ricevuta dai segnali **interferenti**
- La potenza ricevuta in un testpoint è una funzione dei seguenti fattori:
  - **distanza**
  - **terreno** (orografia, palazzi, vegetazione...)
  - **guadagno dell'antenna** del settore “visto” dall'antenna ricevente



# La funzione obiettivo

**Massimizzare l'estensione del servizio** ottenibile dai siti candidati **calcolando** opportunamente i **ritardi di trasmissione** di tutti i trasmettitori



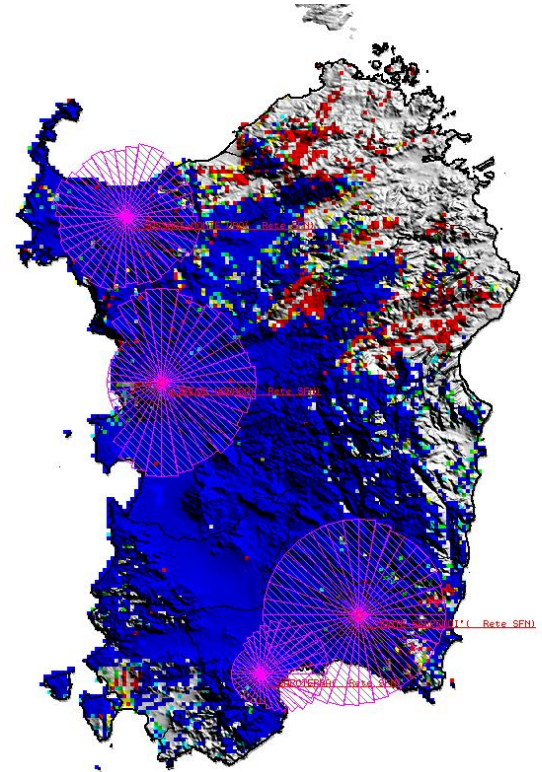


# Simulazione del Servizio

MODELLO DIGITALE  
TERRITORIO

DATI **NOMINALI**  
DEI TRASMETTITORI

PREDIZIONE DEL CAMPO  
ELETTROMAGNETICO



ALGORITMO DI PREDIZIONE DEL  
SERVIZIO OFDM

- **Interferenza nominale**

- in ciascun punto di verifica  $j$
- da ciascun trasmettitore  $h$

OTTIMIZZA I  
RITARDI

$t_k$

**Interferenza effettiva**

in ciascun punto di verifica  $j$

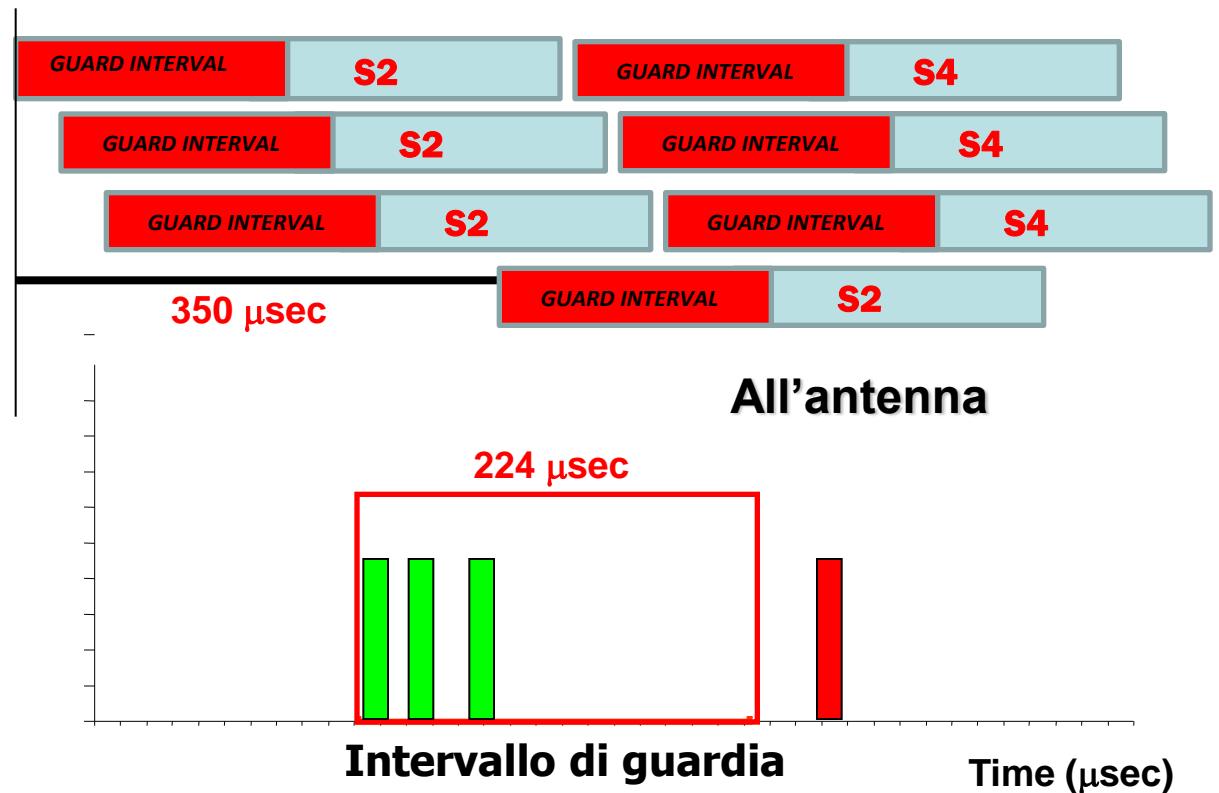
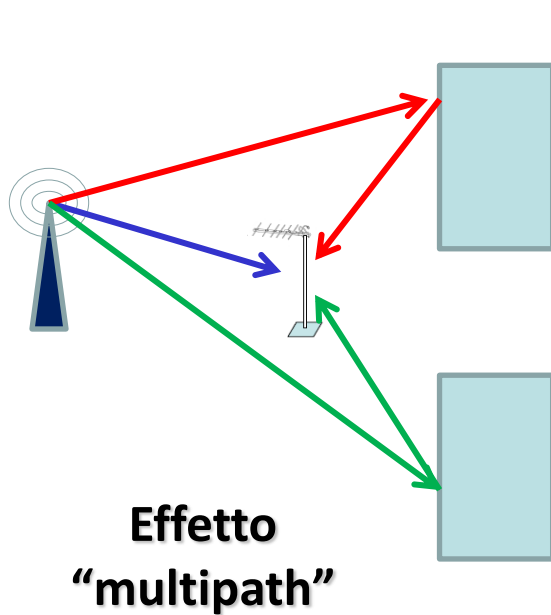
# **Come ottimizzare i ritardi artificiali**



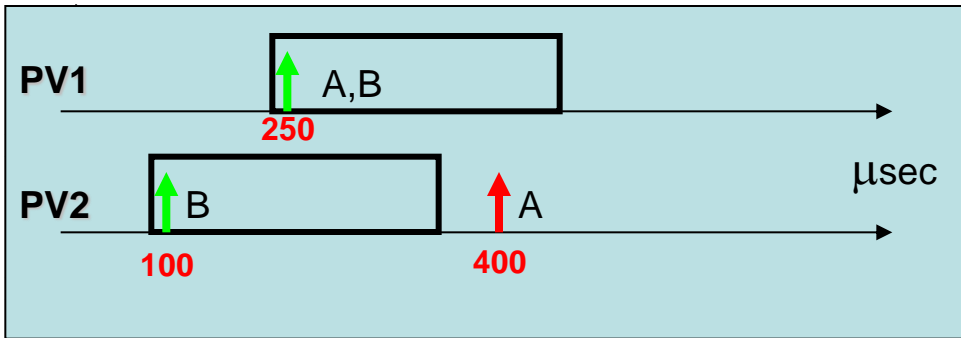
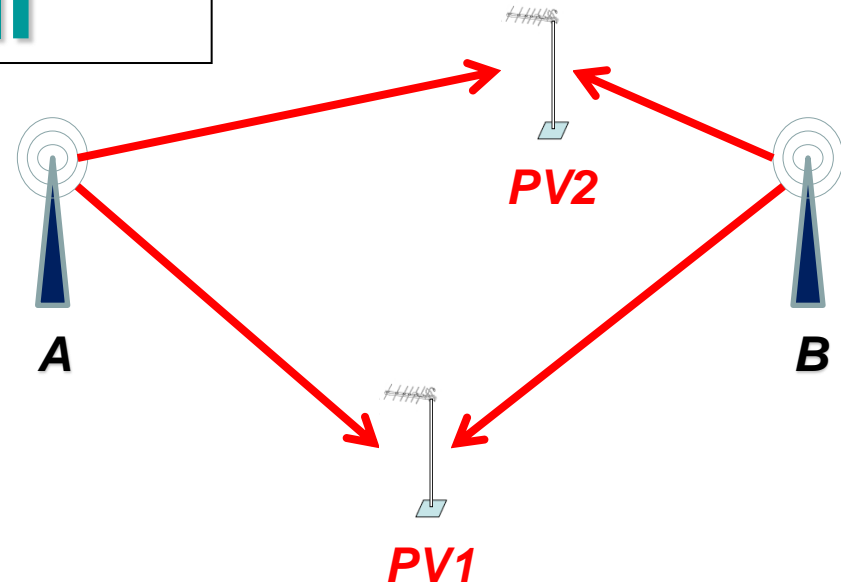
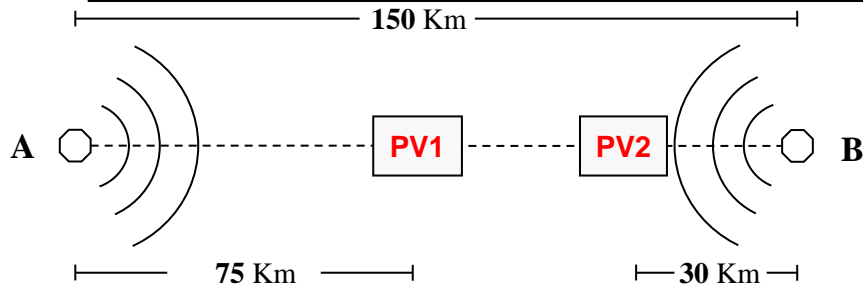
# Intervallo di guardia



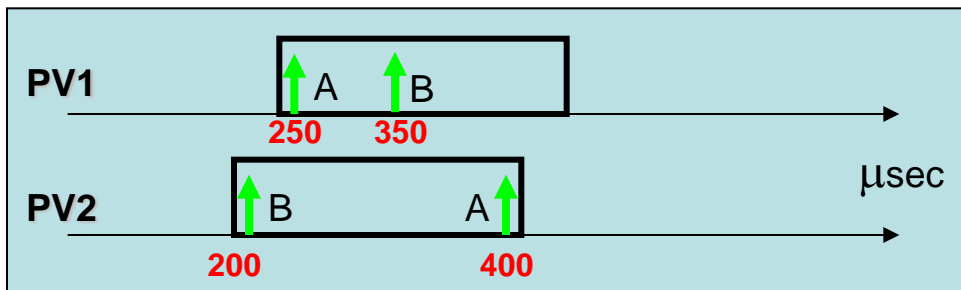
- L'OFDM aggiunge un **prefisso** ad ogni simbolo
- Se il **prefisso** è **più lungo del ritardo**
- Si può evitare l'**interferenza intersimbolo**



# Ritardi artificiali

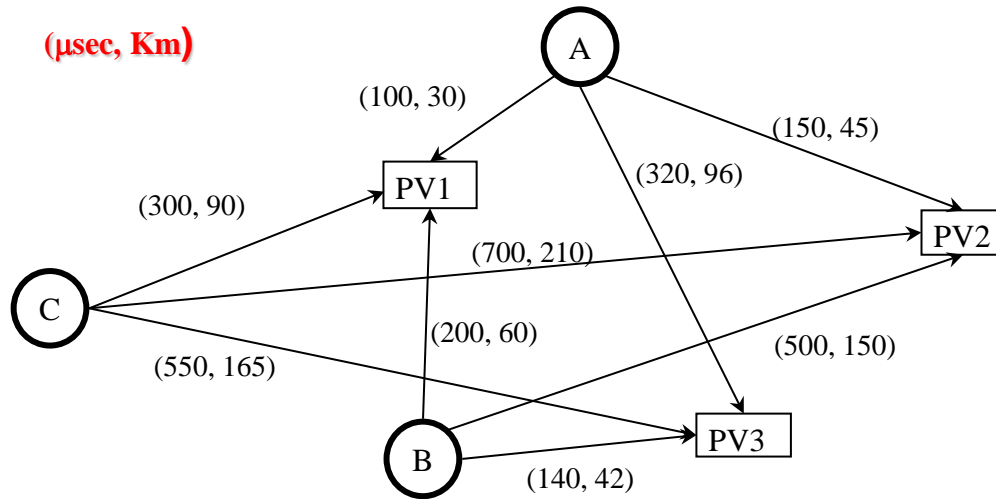


- *Due trasmettitori collocati in **siti diversi***
- *.. arrivano con ritardi diversi in **punti diversi del territorio***
- *.. in **PV2 non c'è servizio** (interferenza) ... che fare?*
- ***Ritardiamo artificialmente il segnale di B di 100  $\mu\text{sec}$  !!***



# Come assegnare i ritardi in modo ottimo?

( $\mu\text{sec}$ , Km)



**TR** = insieme dei trasmettitori

**TP** = insieme dei punti di verifica (testpoint)

$\tau_{kj}$  = **istante di arrivo** del segnale del trx  $k$  nel punto di verifica  $j$

$t_k$  = **ritardo del trx  $k$** ;  $\Delta_{kj}$  = **distanza  $k - j$  (sec)**

$\tau_{kj} = t_k + \Delta_{kj}$

**Nessuna interferenza**

$|\tau_{kj} - \tau_{hj}| \leq 224 \quad j \in TP \quad k, h \in TR$

$\tau_{kj} - \tau_{hj} = t_k + \Delta_{kj} - t_h - \Delta_{hj} \leq 224$

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$t_k - t_h \leq 224 - \Delta_{kj} + \Delta_{hj} = d_{hk}^j$

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PV2	$t_A - t_B \leq 224 + 500 - 150 = 574$ $t_B - t_A \leq 224 + 150 - 500 = -126$ $t_A - t_C \leq 224 + 700 - 150 = 774$ $t_C - t_A \leq 224 + 150 - 700 = -326$ $t_B - t_C \leq 224 + 700 - 500 = 424$ $t_C - t_B \leq 224 + 500 - 700 = 24$
PV3	$t_A - t_B \leq 224 + 140 - 320 = 44$ $t_B - t_A \leq 224 + 320 - 140 = 404$ $t_A - t_C \leq 224 + 550 - 320 = 454$ $t_C - t_A \leq 224 + 320 - 550 = -6$ $t_B - t_C \leq 224 + 550 - 140 = 634$ $t_C - t_B \leq 224 + 140 - 550 = -186$

# Per avere i ritardi basta risolvere questo sistema!

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**E se non ha soluzione?**

$$t_A \geq t_B + 126$$

$$t_A \leq t_B + 44$$

- **Eliminare una disequazione**

→ **Due trasmettitori non sincronizzati sul PdV PV3**

→ **Popolazione (forse) non servita nel PdV PV3**

**Problema: Trovare** un insieme di disequazioni di peso minimo da rimuovere per rendere il sistema ammissibile

= **massimo sottosistema ammissibile**