

# **Geolocating Underground Utility Infrastructure**

*EPRI GIS Interest Group Webcast*

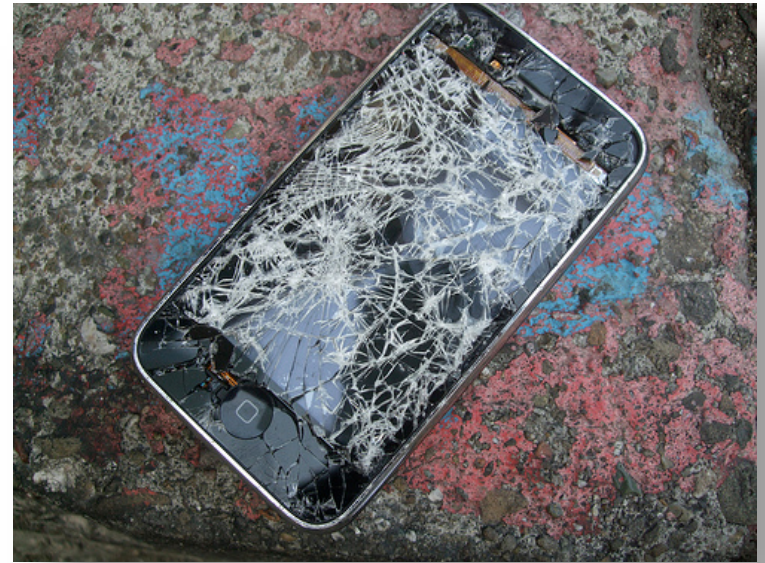
**Geoff Zeiss**  
Between the Poles  
June 24, 2014

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- Handouts
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## Smart Grid Resource Center

### Geospatial Information System Interest Group

*A Technology Transfer Outreach Effort of the EPRI IntelliGrid Program*

#### Purpose of the GIS Interest Group

The GIS Interest Group is a forum for utilities to share experiences, talk about tools and techniques and explore research topics. EPRI provides this forum without charge (you do not even have to be an EPRI member to participate) as a service to the industry and to promote the importance of good GIS data.

With the advent of AMI, DMS, and the Smart Grid, distribution companies can no longer ignore poor data quality. In many cases, utilities are finding that their capital intensive Smart Grid investments are not yielding anticipated benefits simply because the utility does not have an adequately accurate representation of the distribution system. In more extreme cases, the safety of employees and the public has been compromised due to misrepresented facilities in the GIS.

GIS quality issues are primarily related to:

- Gaps, e.g. certain key data is missing;
- Redundancies with other systems, e.g. data is captured in many systems and it is inconsistent or requires duplicate data entry to update;
- Lack of currency with system "as-built", e.g. untimely work order completion / updates;

#### Additional Resources

**September 26, 2013**  
**Webcast on Estimating the Spatial Distribution of Power Outages during Hurricanes for Risk Management**  
[Presentation](#) (830 KB)

**August 29, 2013**  
**Webcast on Field Force Data Visualization, GIS Data Correction, and IDMS**  
[GIS Interest Group Webcast](#) (1.4 MB)  
[GIS Data Correction](#) (1.3 MB)

**March 7, 2013**  
**Union Power Dashboard and PSNH Importance of GIS Data**  
[Recording](#) (14 MB)

Interest Groups
<b>GIS Interest Group</b>
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Secure Remote Substation Access Interest Group
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Communications Interest Group
Roadmap Interest Group

# About the GIS Interest Group

- This interest group is part of the IntelliGrid Program – ICT for Distribution
- We are use these forums to drive the research in this program
- It is open to utilities whether funding or not
- The research we do will be for the funders of the IntelliGrid Program – ICT for Distribution





# Roadmap for ICT for Distribution

- Previous work
  - Monetizing the GIS
  - Data dependencies of GIS
- Current year work
  - GIS as a situational awareness platform
  - GIS data quality handbook
- Future work
  - Future editions of the GIS quality handbook
  - Work/asset management integration with GIS
  - Data visualization using GIS



# Shameless Plug....

## Register for EPRI Smart Distribution & Power Quality Conference & Exhibition 2014

*June 17-19 in Charlotte (With Post-Event  
IntelliGrid & SG Demo Advisory Meetings  
June 20)*

**[Link](#)**

# Help With Brainstorming....



5-Year plan: What should we be doing?

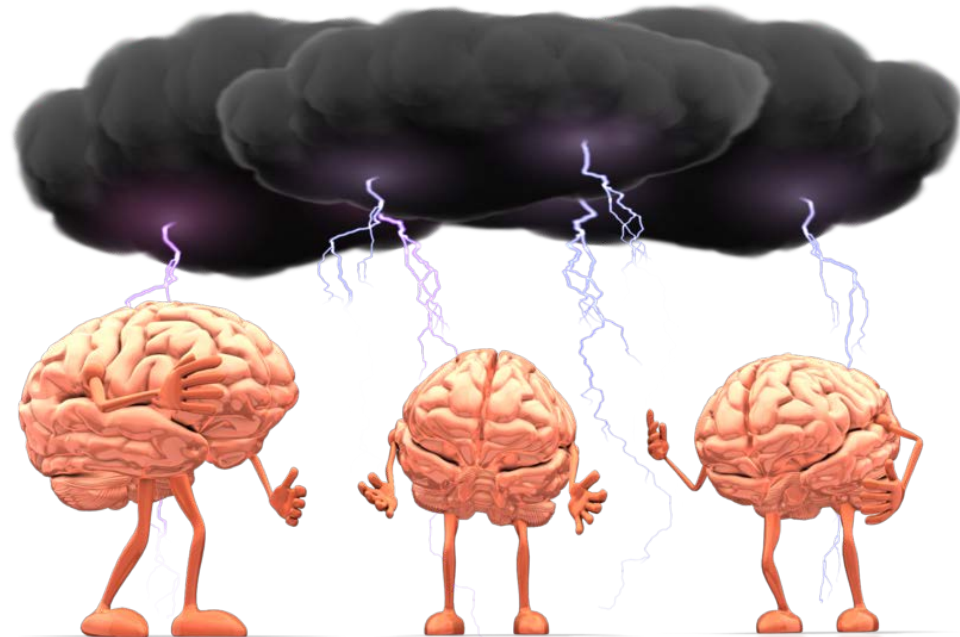
- Top 5 things
- Your biggest issues



Need speakers!



Need help with monetizing data correction methods





# Comparison of Data Correction Methods

Method	Accuracy	Cost/Service Points – 10,000	Time
Field Asset Inventory	2' – 3'	\$60,000 – \$80,000 + cost of adjusting existing data	Months
Asset Inspection with GPS	2' – 3'	GPS point capture + cost of existing data – ~ \$2/pole	Years
On-screen Spatial Correction	5' – 10'	< \$10,000	Weeks

# Our Speakers

## Geoff Zeiss

Geoff Zeiss has more than 20 years experience in the geospatial software industry and 15 years experience working with utilities, communications, and public works in enterprise geospatial IT around the world. From 2001 to 2012 Geoff was responsible for thought leadership, evangelization, and industry messaging for the utility industry program at Autodesk. Since January 2013 Geoff has been Principal at Between The Poles where he has been responsible for identifying strategic trends involving spatial technology including geospatial and building information modeling and elucidating the implications of these trends for the construction industry and utilities. In recognition of his efforts to increase the awareness of geospatial data and technologies in construction and utilities, Geoff received the ***Geospatial Ambassador Award*** at Geospatial World Forum 2014 in Geneva, Switzerland.

## And now ... Geolocating Underground Utility Infrastructure