



EPRI GIS Interest Group

GIS 2025: What does the industry hold for us and how can we prepare?

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1. Context

Setting the stage



- Consumer electronics
- Downward price trends
- Decades of evolution
- Products are “friendly”

Users know what they want



- Mobility
- Visualization and mashup
- Automation
- Real-time, instant access

Challenges



- Lack of “easy” data capture
- Compliance
- Cybersecurity and privacy
- BYOD

Our Reality



Data availability and Quality

- Data quality improving
- Is it good enough?
- Is it timely enough?
- We're integrating data from more sources (EV, PV, DER, transmission)

Users are spoilt!

- Expectations are higher
- Often forget their obligations with respect to data maintenance
- Want speed and ease of use
- Move office to smart device

Technology refresh and upgrade is difficult to justify

- Increased O&M costs
- Larger technology footprint

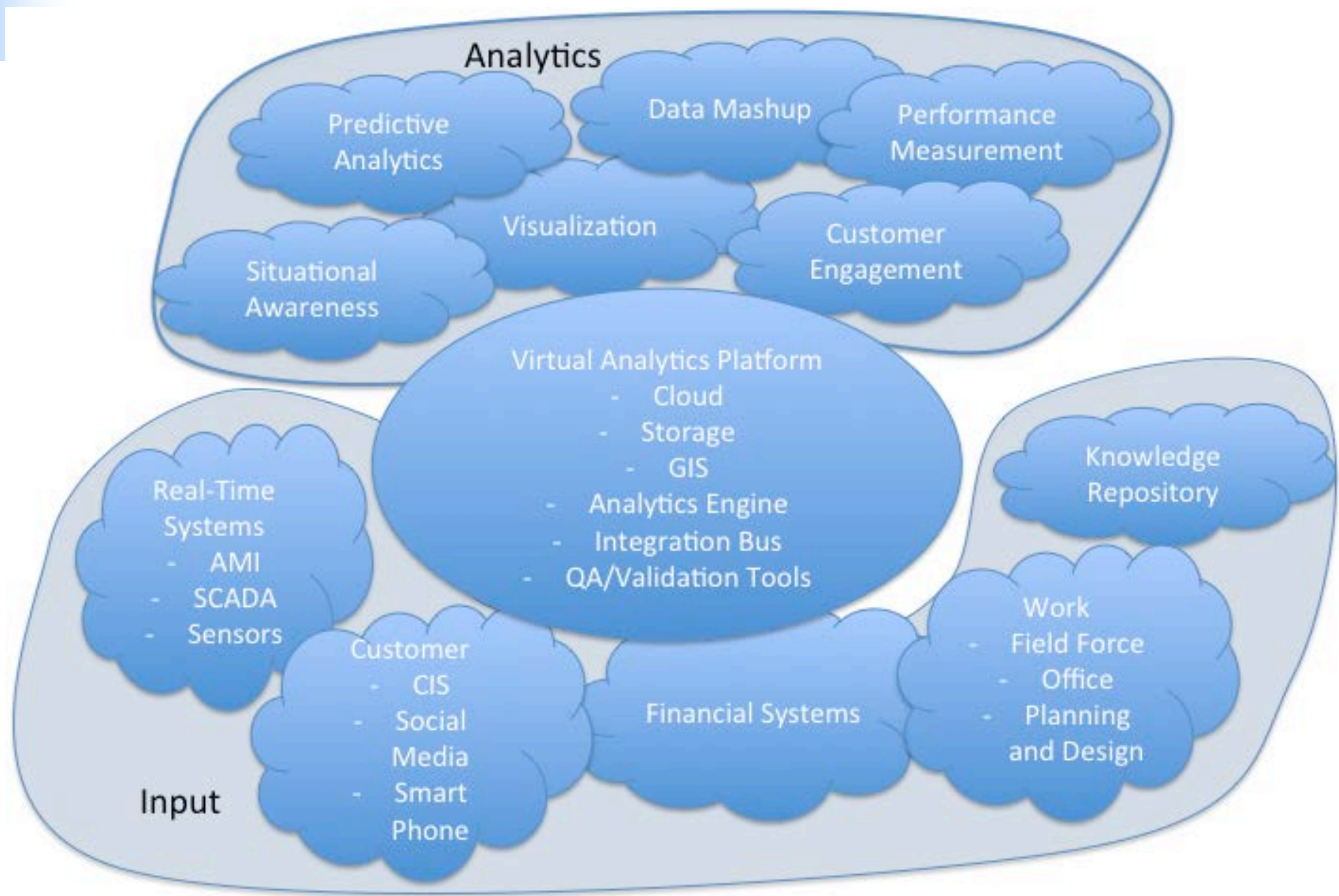
Cross-platform integration is becoming more complicated

- Where are standards?
- Required for compliance

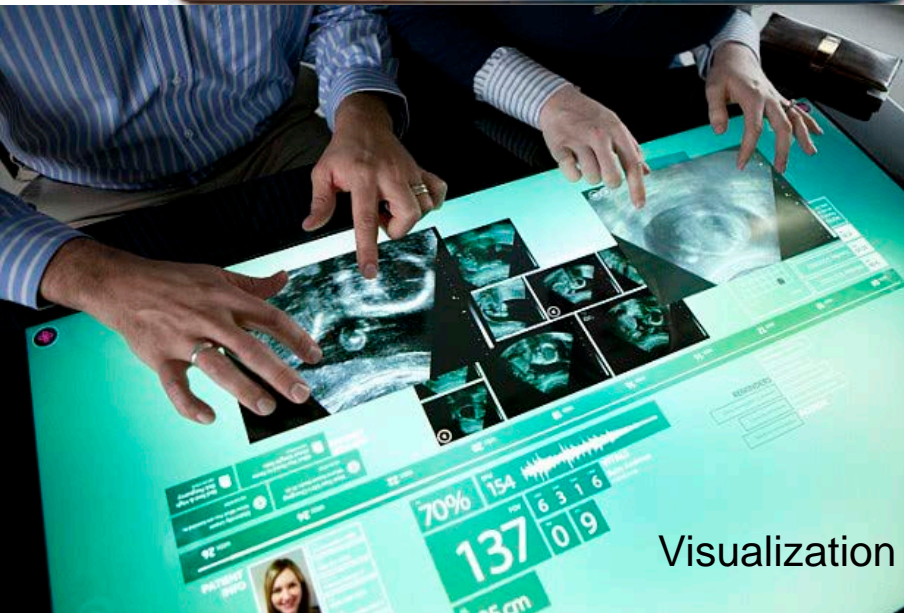
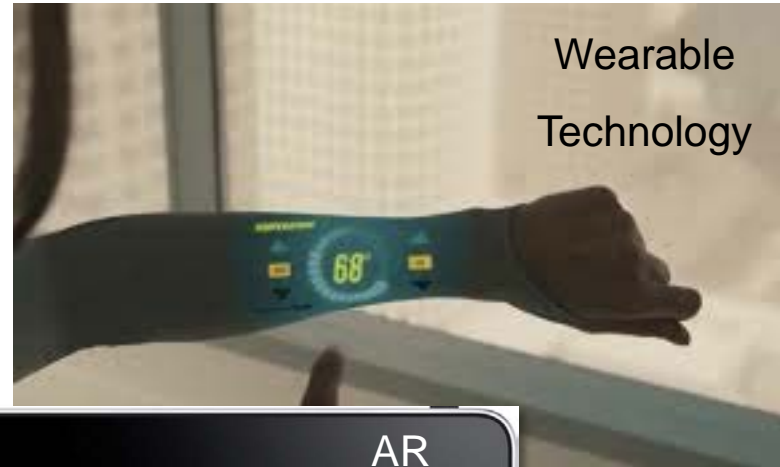
GIS is still viewed as a supporting application in many cases

- Perhaps this is an accurate perspective!

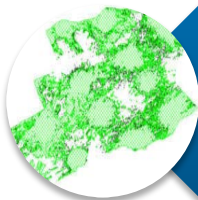
2. Vision



Key Components: The Future



3. How to Best Prepare



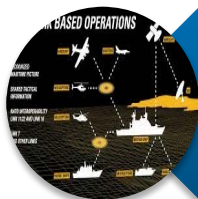
Clean up data

- Engineering analysis / load flow
- Anticipate EV, DER, CES
- Cleanup automation
- Unique identifiers
- Conflation



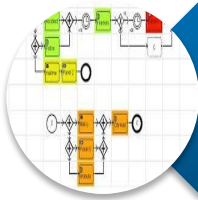
Promote and Enforce standards

- Create an open environment
- Drive standards to meet industry needs



Create an awareness amongst users

- Data as a critical asset
- Responsibilities and accountability



Align towards common processes

- Commonality across the enterprise
- Measurement

Why is GIS More Important Than Ever?



Position and connectivity are critical



Updates are required in near real-time



Inaccuracies now viewed as acceptable become intolerable



GIS may no longer exist in form we know but data will be pervasive

Velocity, Variety, Volume

Yes, it applies to GIS!



Velocity

- Immediate update
- Immediate access
- Immediate distribution



Variety

- Structured and unstructured data
- Internal and external
- Platform for visualization



Volume

- Unheard of storage requirements
- Ease of access

4. Discussion



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