

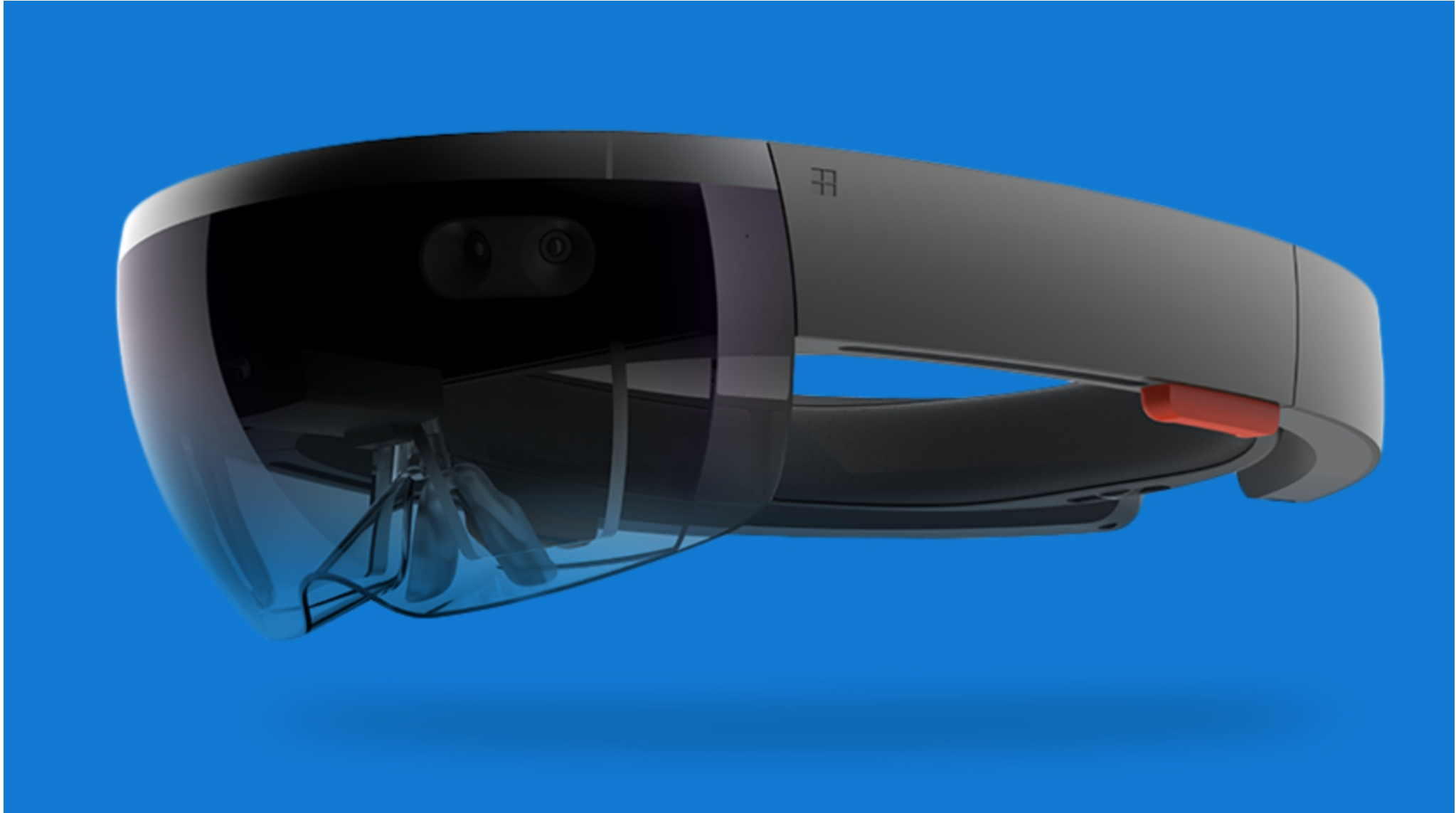
Augmented reality with HoloLens

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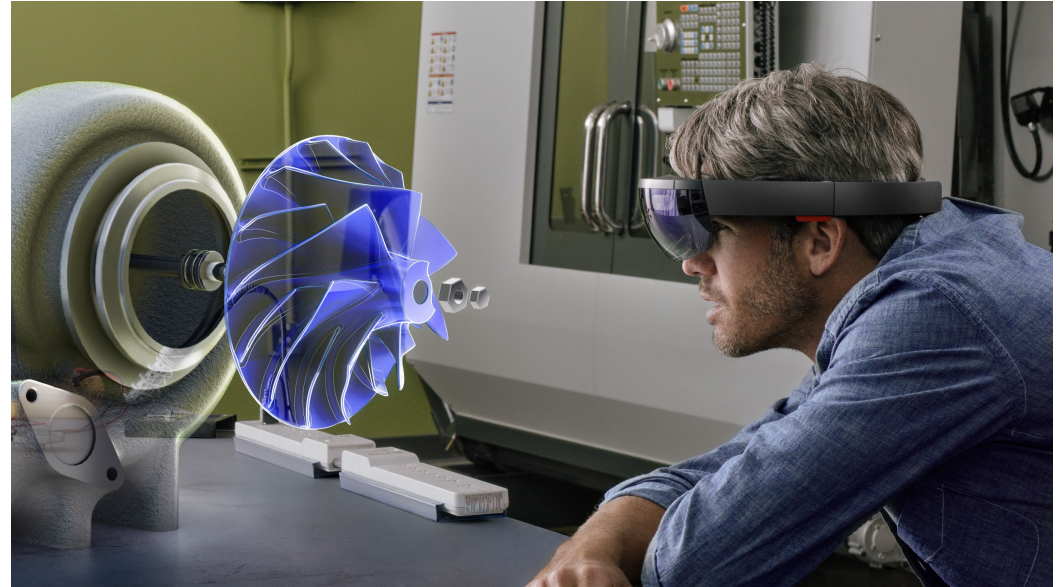
Microsoft HoloLens





Augmented vs. Virtual reality

AR is **not** just VR + CG layer!



AR has extra:

- multifocal rendering
- understanding of environment topology
- inside out tracking, anchors
- lighting

AR is a new computation/presentation platform



Microsoft HoloLens (2016-)

Holographic visualization (GPU, stereo)

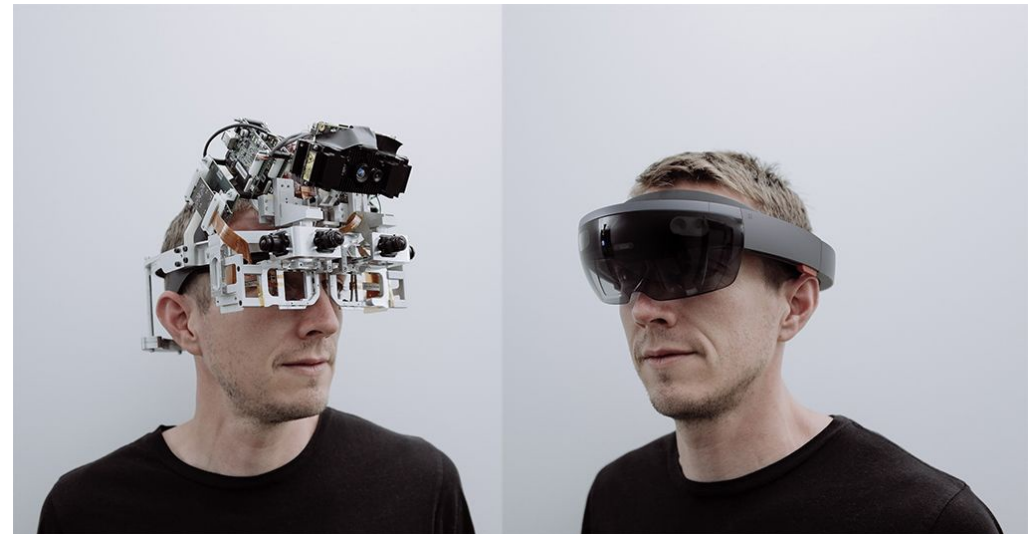
Wireless: Bluetooth, WiFi

Voice commands, hand gestures

Real-time spatial mapping (to understand the current environment)

Precise 6DOF tracking & sharing (anchors)

- 4 environment cameras





How is it made?

Holographic display

- beam “waveguide”
- 4 layers: RGBG

Spatial mapping, tracking

- Inertial Measurement Unit
- IR beamers + 4 IR cameras
- 1 depth camera
- 1 HD IM camera

Computation

- HPU (custom)
- CPU (Intel Atom 1GHz)
- GPU (Intel)

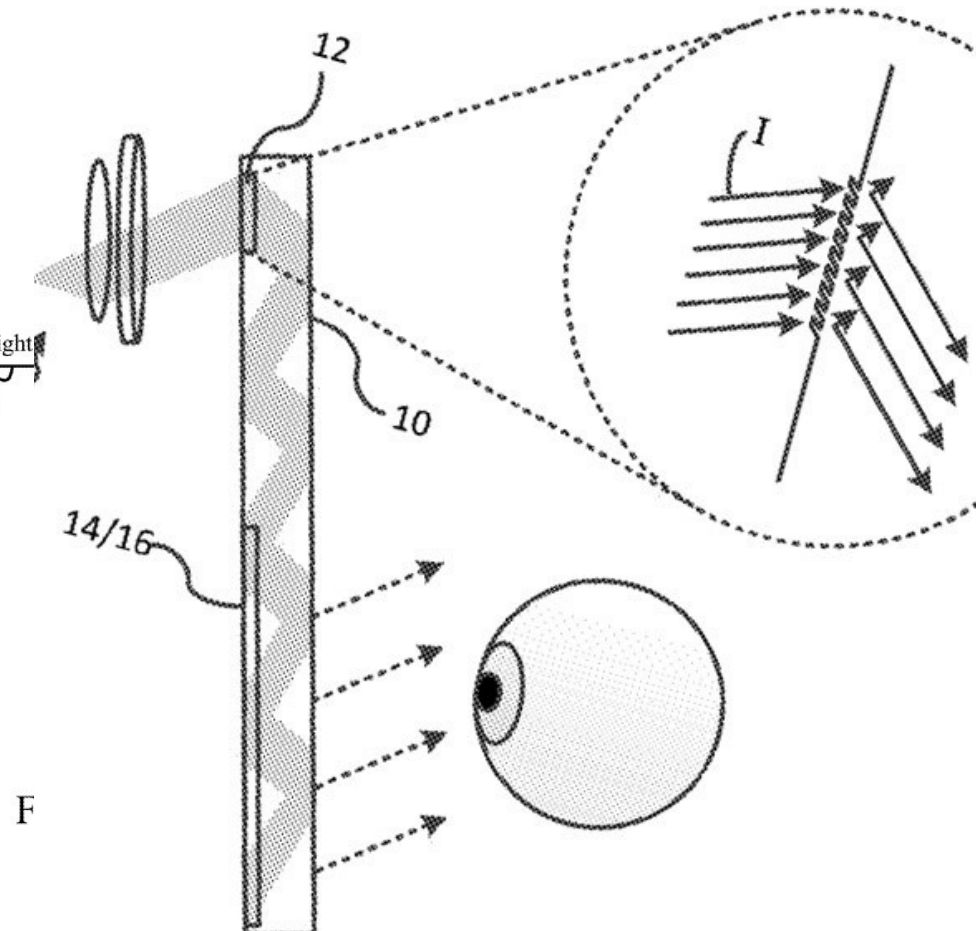
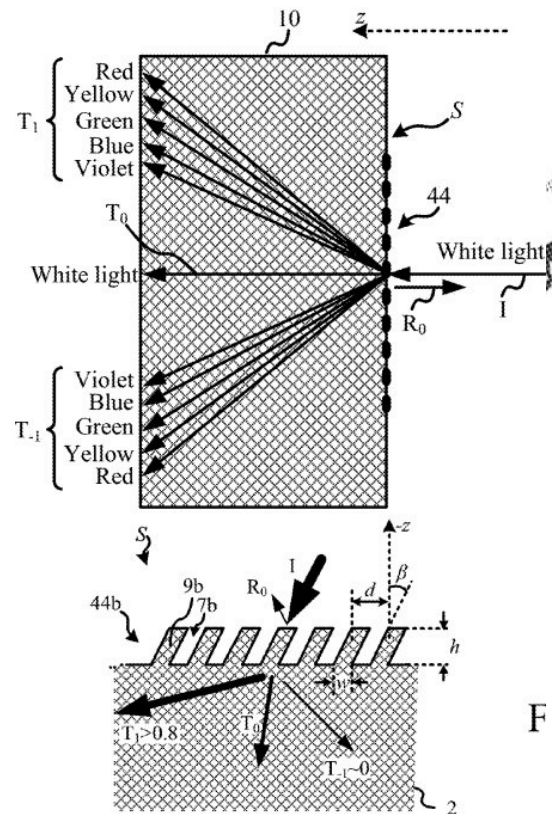
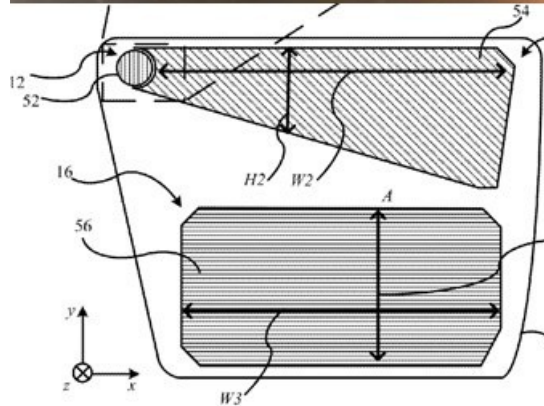
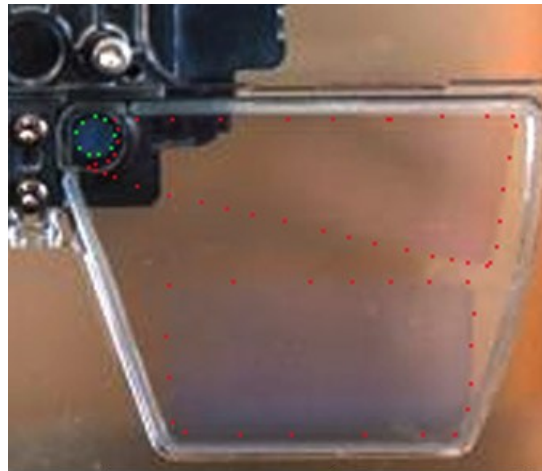




AR light combining system

Patent US 2016/0231568 (based on Nokia research)

- very small structures (\sim wavelength), TIR



Details

Windows 10

- limited multitasking
- UWP, DirectX 11.1

Memory

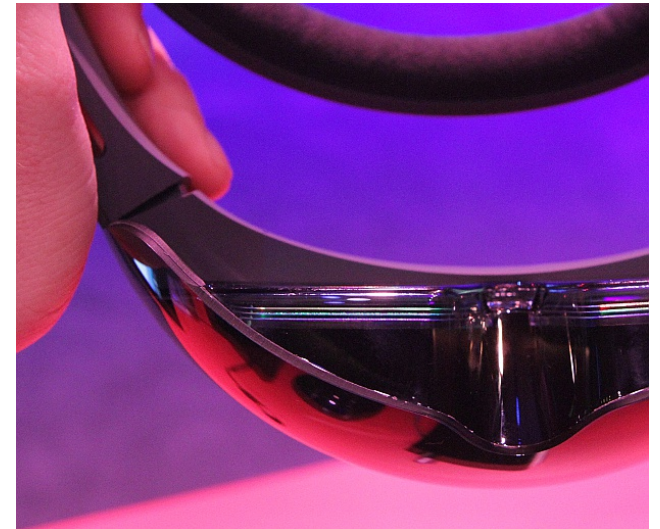
- 2GB RAM
- 64GB Flash

RGB camera

- 1280×720, 45° horizontal

Optics

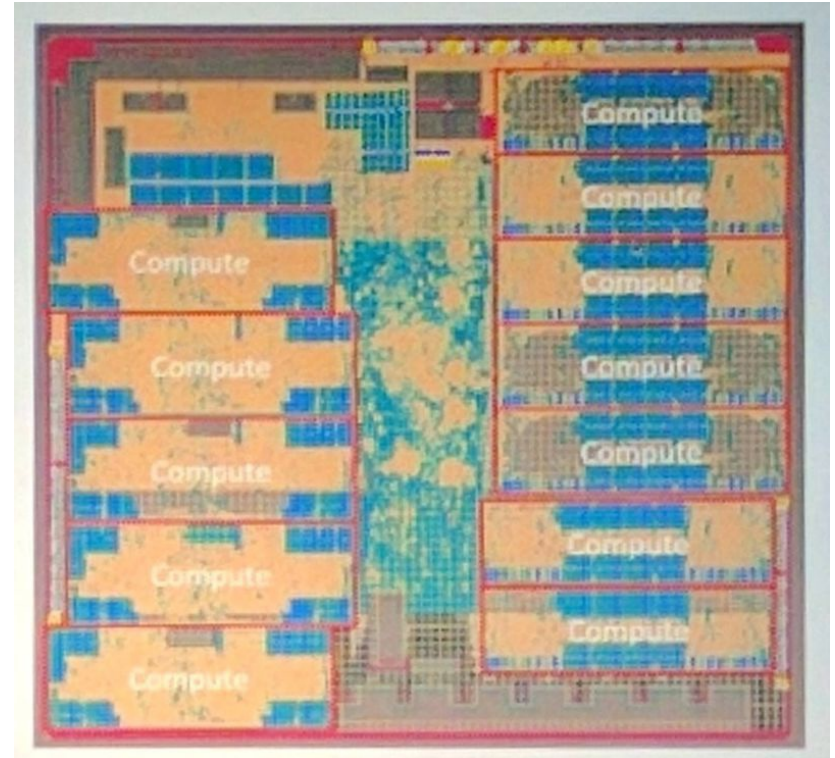
- 2 HD 16:9 light engines
- Holo resolution: 2.3M total light points
- Holo density: >2.5k radiants (light points per radian)



HPU – Holographic Processor Unit



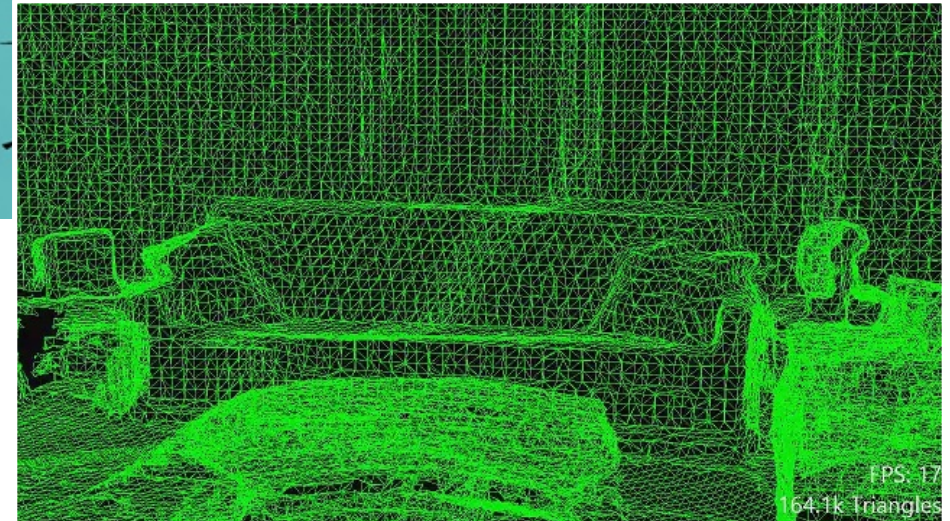
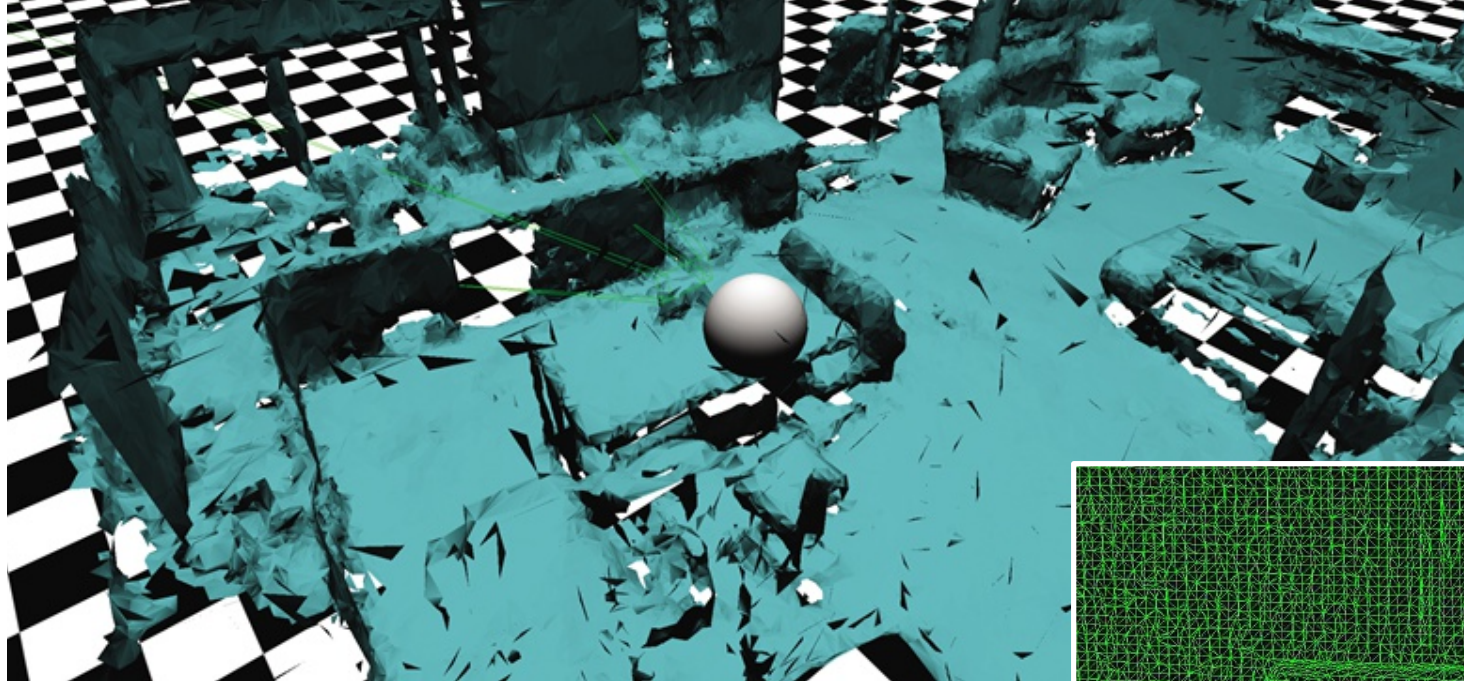
- 24 Tensilica DSP cores
- 1GB internal DDR3 DRAM
- FPGA (i.e. “custom”)
- 300 special custom instructions
- 65M logic gates
- 8MB static RAM



cadence



Spatial mapping



Based on “Time of Flight”

- similar to lidar systems

Energy efficient, compact

Allows multiple users to work simultaneously!



Inside-out tracking

Tracking position and orientation of the helmet

- passive (observing the environment)

Markerless!

Allows multiple users

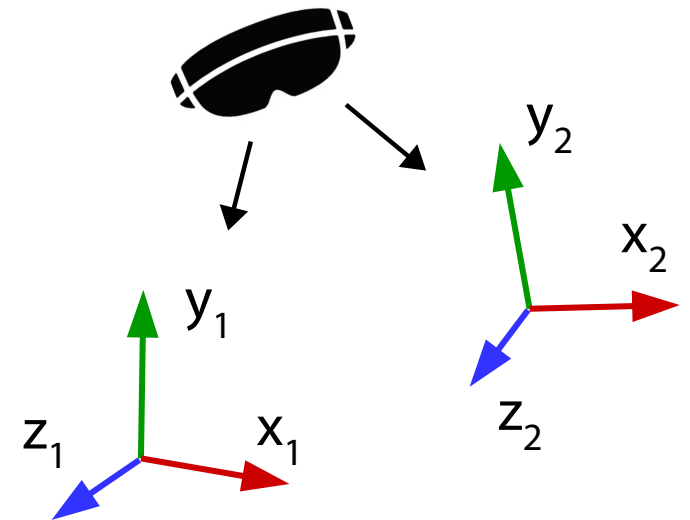
Transform of coordinate systems

“Anchor”

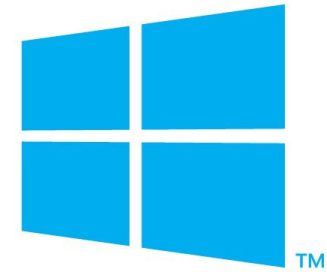
- significant part of 3D scene
- 3D maps + textures

Limitations:

- exteriors
- big space
- how to track controllers?



Programming



Layers, API

0. hardware
1. driver & Microsoft layer
2. HL API, Win10 UWP (C++)
3. Unity, Vuforia, OpenCV (C#, C++)





Limitations of HoloLens 1 (2▶)

Limited field of view

- $30 \times 17.5^\circ$ only ▶

IR spatial mapping

- sunlight, limited distance, 3cm detail

No GPS ▶?, no GSM ▶?

- not intended for outdoors

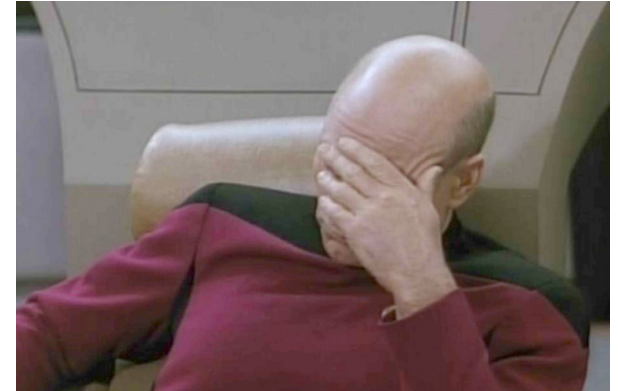
No chance to **dim incoming light**

Turning around \Rightarrow losing orientation?

- rear camera?

Intel Atom CPU (performance)

- will be replaced ▶ (Snapdragon 850)



Typical applications



Medicine

Engineering

Military

Architecture

B2B applications

- ... whenever artificial 3D data layers are needed

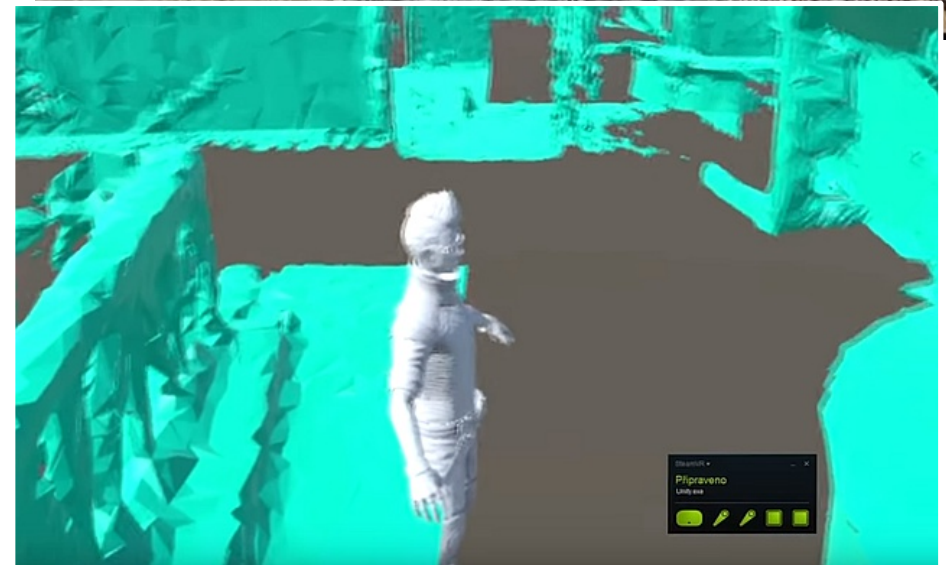


Fata Morgana

Real-time streaming of
reconstructed environment to
distant VR operators

- comments
- navigation
- communication
- object classification
- measurements, environment
analysis

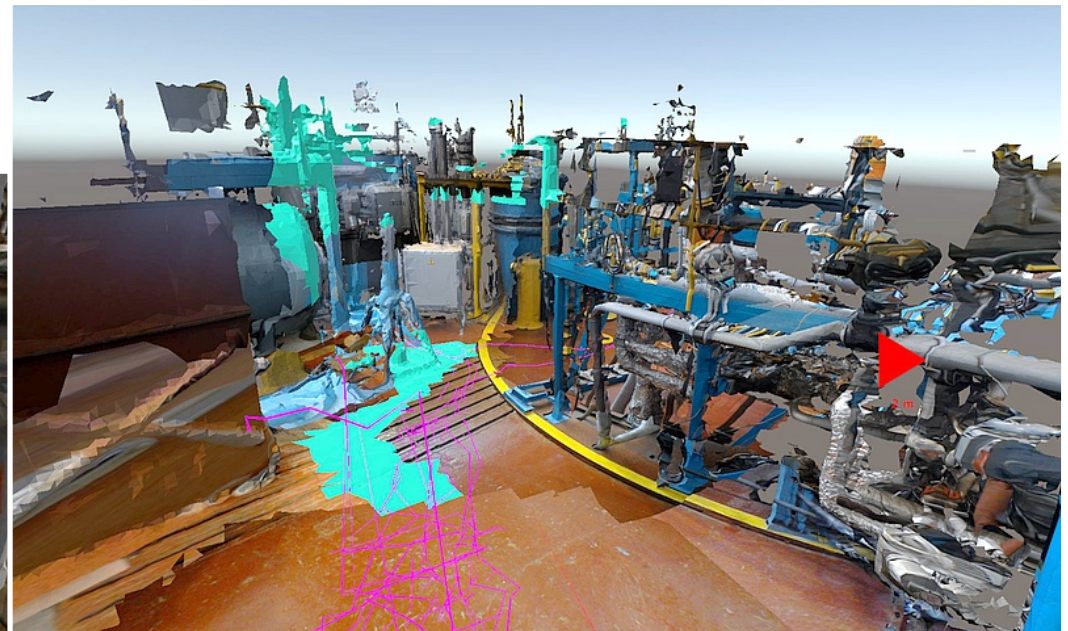
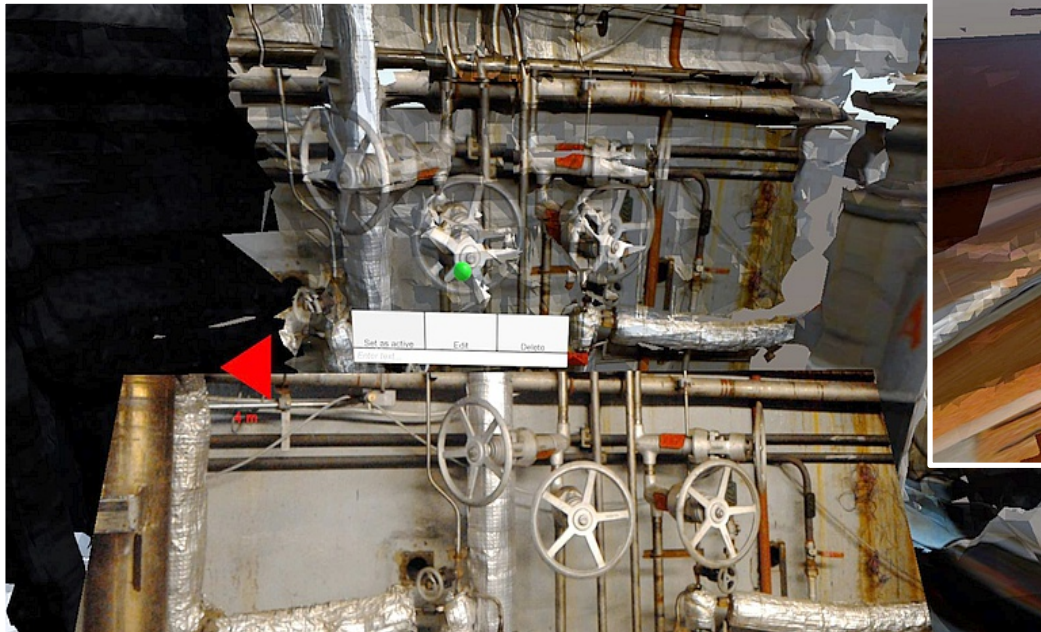
Additional sensor system



Fata Morgana in Temelín

Pocket Virtuality + ŠKODA JS a. s.

- service support in a nuclear power-plant
- reduce the dose of radiation
- better assistance



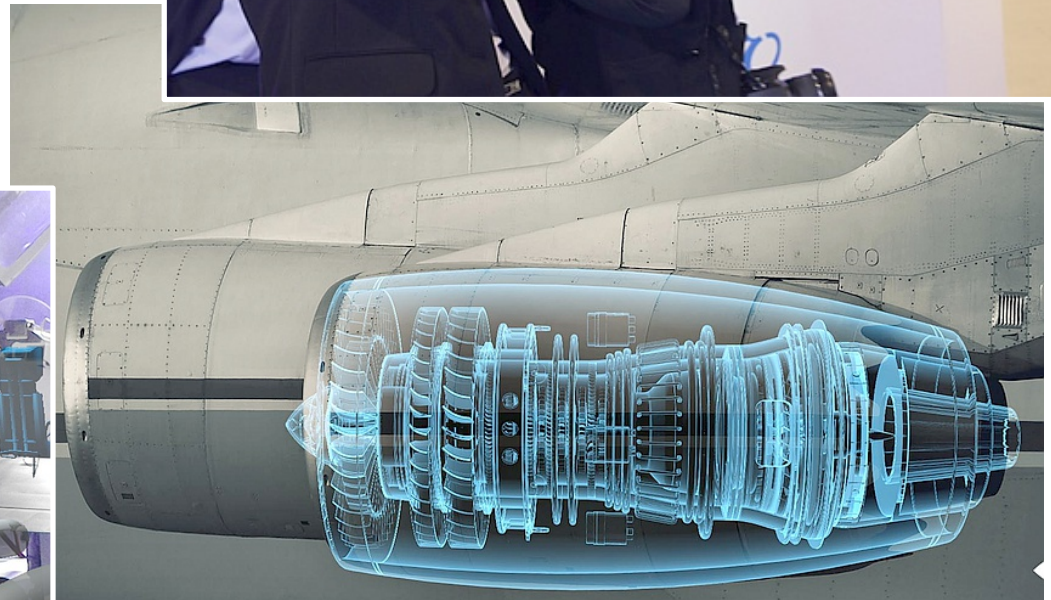
HoloObserver

Shows artificial 3D model
on a real object

Server-client

- multiple user support
- guide mode (Visitor)

Object recognition and
automatic alignment



Holotable

Horizontal big touch-screen (table)

Synchronized 3D content

Clients with HoloLenses (1+)

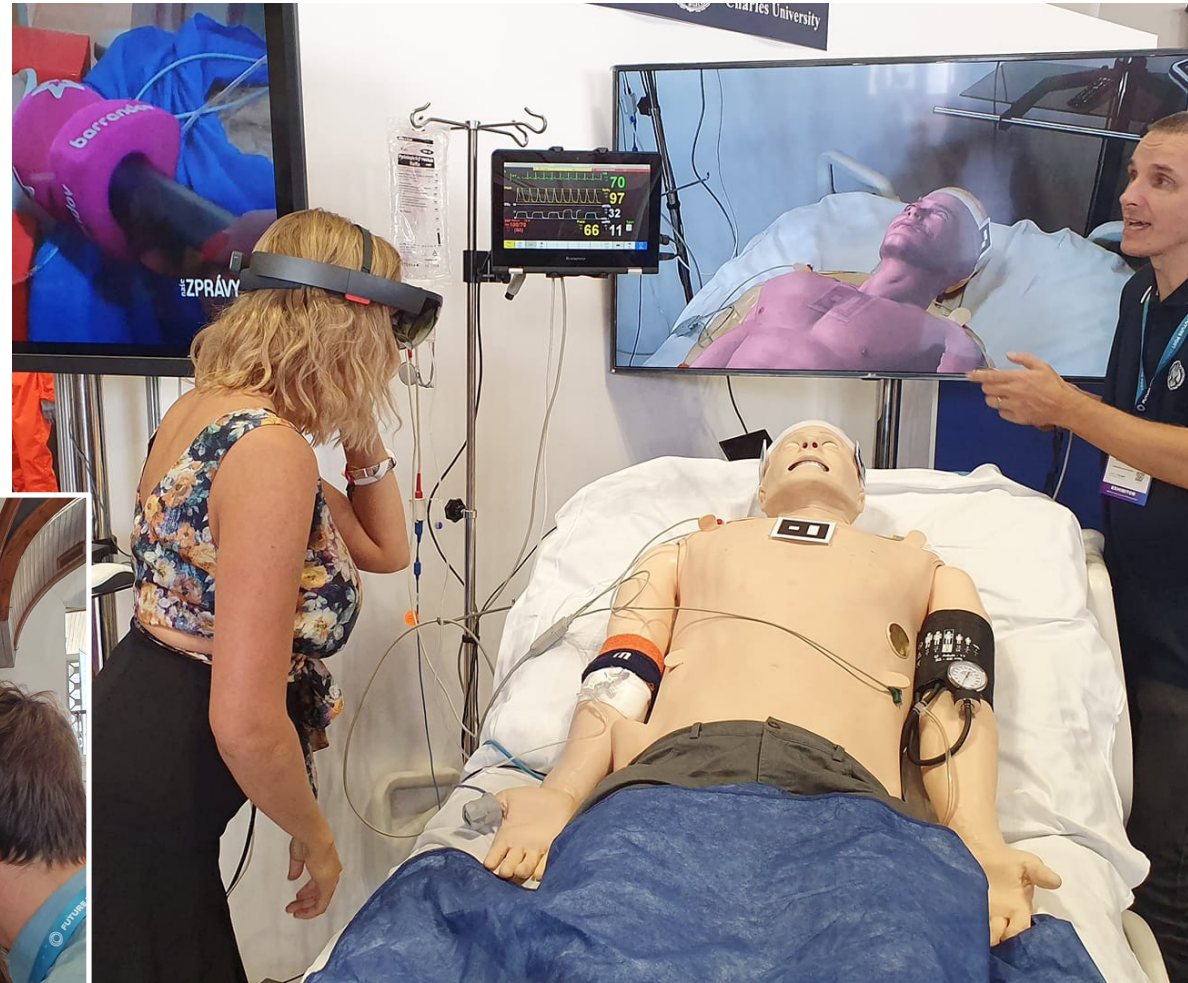


Augmented patient

Physical figurine

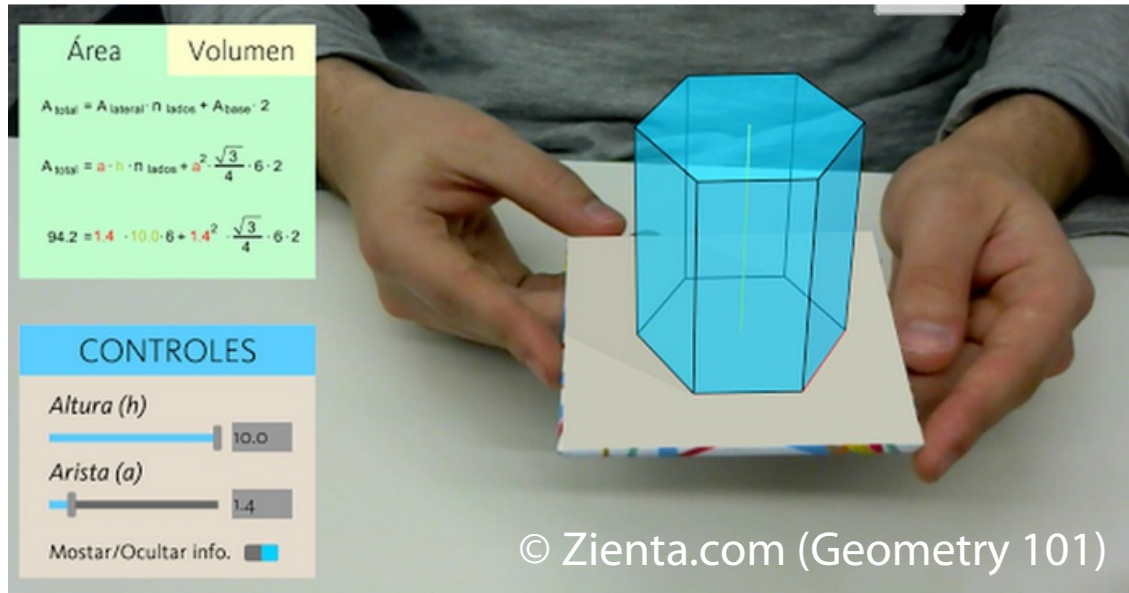
- tracking (even limbs!)

Augmented graphics in HoloLens





AR in education

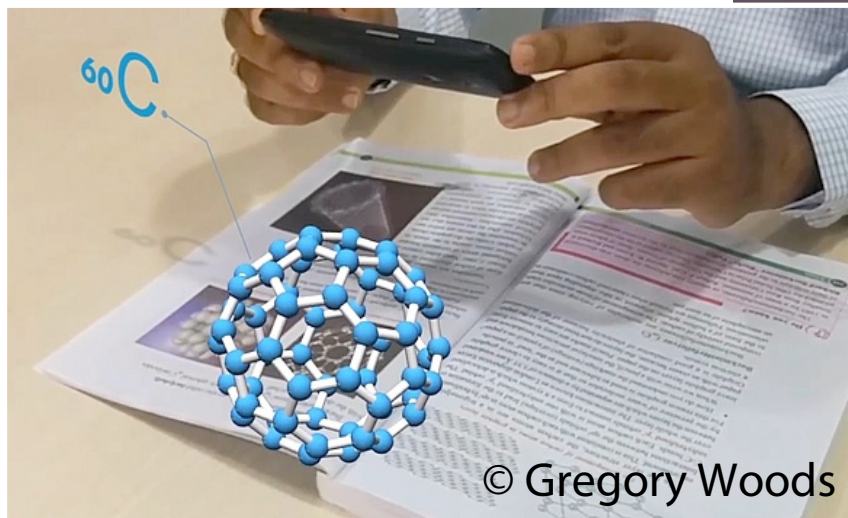


Math (geometry)

Chemistry

Biology

...





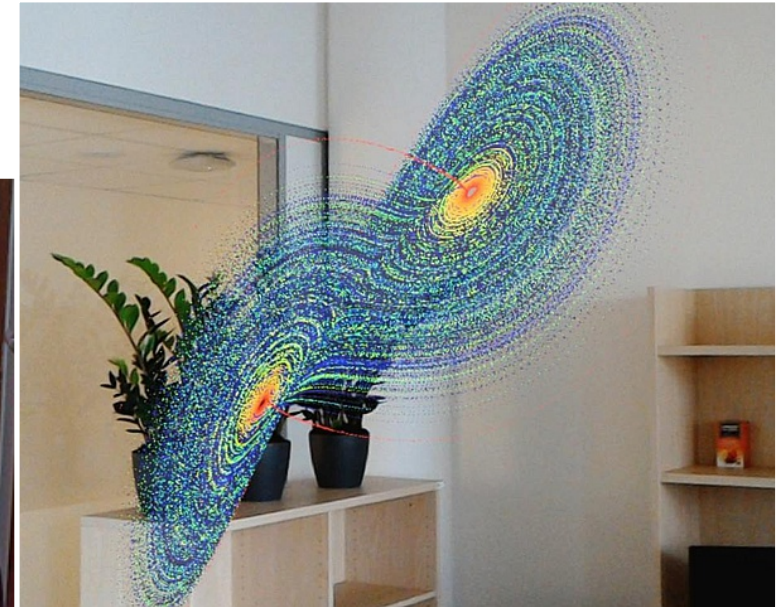
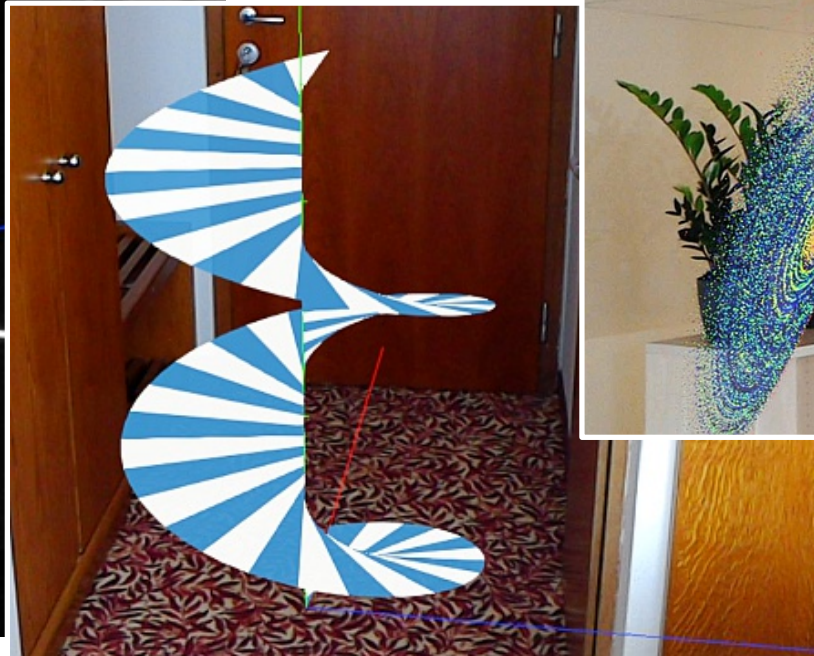
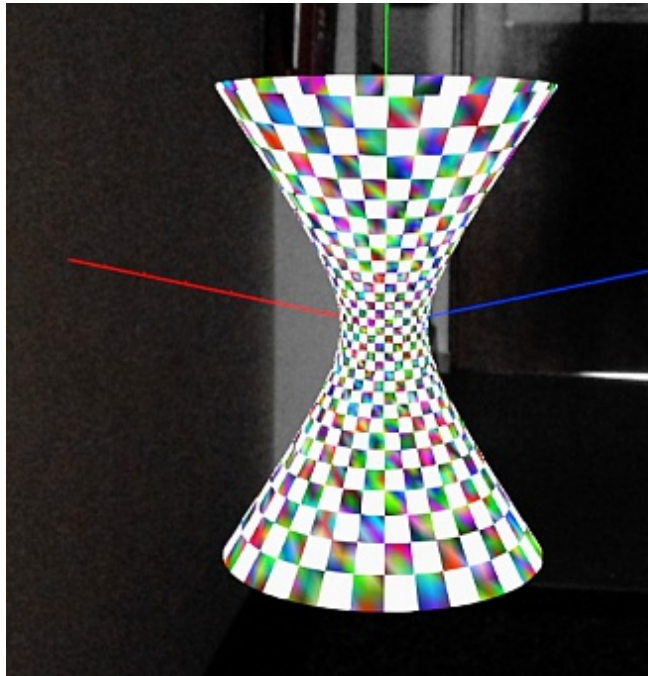
AR in science

Exploration of 3D objects in real space

- user is able to select best viewpoints

Visualization

- + “steering” (dynamic control)





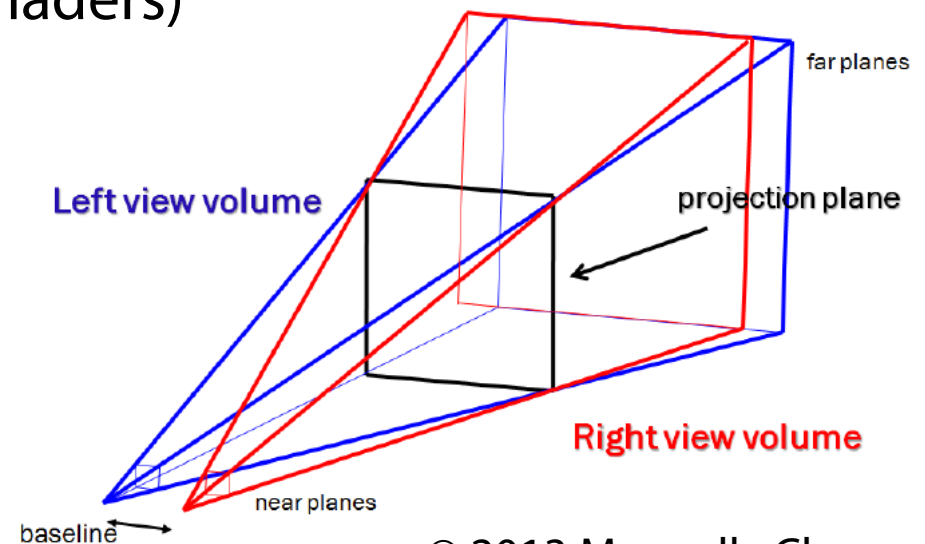
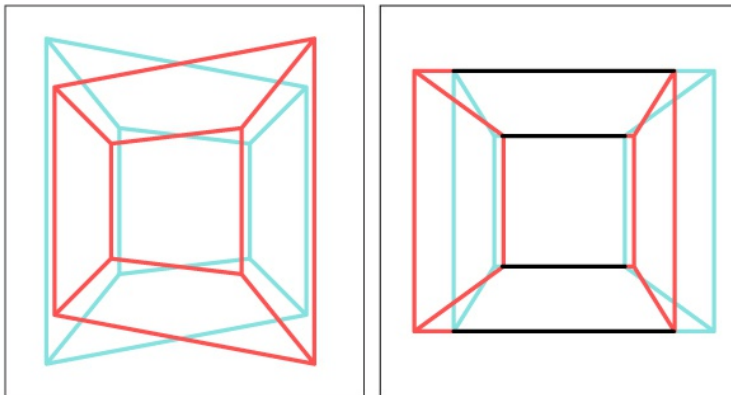
Mixed Reality API (DirectX 11+)

HolographicFrame

- prediction of future headset position and orientation

Stereo rendering

- transparent dual-render-target using **instancing**
- custom instancing can be preserved
- tuple of View-Projection matrices (small modifications of vertex/geometry/tessellation shaders)



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Future will be augmented!



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