

Introduction to Virtual Reality Part II

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Sensorial stimulation



Output concrete
da stimolazione
sensuale

Vision -> Graphical rendering

Audio -> Audio rendering

Proprioception -> Vibrators, gloves,...

Olfactory

....



Graphical representation



Graphical rendering is usually carried out on model represented by triangles => Every shape is transformed into triangles.

- The models created by the scanners are ensembles of triangles (millions of).
- Much more than required by applications.
- RealTime application -> low poly



Mesh compression. Representation of the same geometry/pictorial attributes, with a reduced set of triangles.

*ridurre carico
comp. sens.
degradare
aspetto*



VRML format -> X3D



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#VRML V2.0 utf8
Viewpoint {
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    orientation 0 0 1 0
    fieldOfView 0
}
DirectionalLight {
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    ambientIntensity 0.2
    color 0.9 0.9 0.9
    direction 0 -1 -1
}
Group {
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        children [
            Transform {
                children Shape {
                    appearance Appearance {
                        material Material {
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                            specularColor 0 0 0
                            emissiveColor 0 0 0
                            shininess 0
                            transparency 0
                        }
                    }
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                                263, 666, 1176, -1,
                                ...
                            ]
                        }
                    }
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            }
        }
    }
}
```

*Triangolo come indicato
con punti e spessori primi
O ordine ovvero
o anticorso*

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Rendering

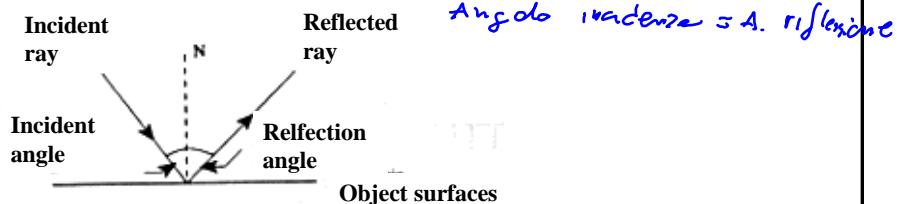


Precure that "renders", that is generates, an image starting from the Mathematical description of a 3D scene, through algorithms that define the color in each point of the digital image [Wikipedia].

Rendering is based on the physics of the (electromagnetic) waves that describes the interaction between the waves and the interacting mean, causing reflections, refraction, scattering, tunnelling effects...).

We see what is sent back (**reflected**) by the scene => The scene is lit by one or more lights (not light, no image), that is reflected by objects and hits the image plane.

Esercizi
sulla luce
riflessa



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Funzionano perché se lontano devono usare meno dettagli e si sfuma

Level of Details

LOD models

The image shows six 3D models of a rabbit, each labeled with a value of j : $j=0$, $j=1$, $j=2$, $j=3$, $j=4$, and $j=5$. The models illustrate how the level of detail (LOD) affects the appearance of the object. As j increases, the model becomes more detailed, showing more facets and texture.

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Vede del "poco gradinato"

Avatar designed avoiding the “uncanny” valley

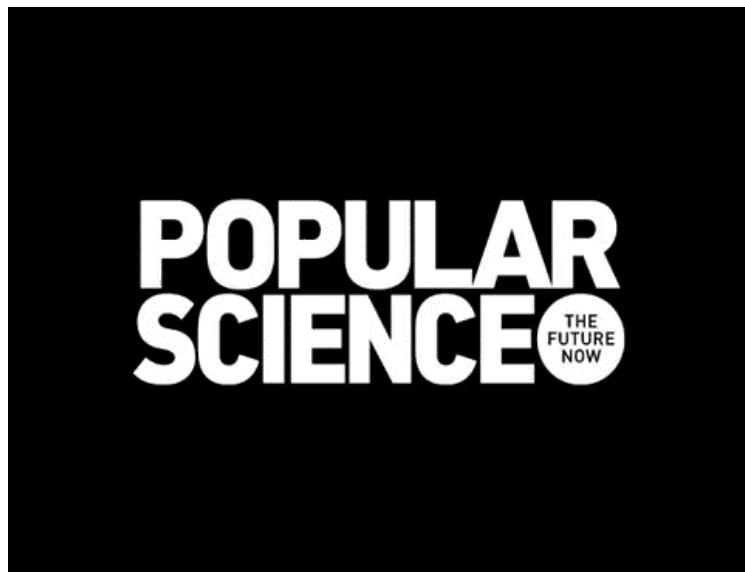
The graph plots familiarity (y-axis, from - to +) against human likeness (x-axis, from 0% to 100%). It shows curves for various entities: moving humanoid robot, still humanoid robot, industrial robot, stuffed animal, bunraku puppet, corpse, zombie, healthy person, and prosthetic hand. A dashed line represents the "uncanny valley". Below the graph, there are two images: one showing a VR character in a kitchen environment with a user interface overlay, and another showing a man in a VR headset with his mouth wide open, likely reacting to something in the virtual world.

Mori, Masahiro (1970). *Bukimi no tani* The uncanny valley (K. F. MacDorman & T. Minato, Trans.). *Energy*, 7(4), 33–35. (Originally in Japanese)

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Uncanny Valley



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The graphical engine (visual computing)



L'oggetto si forma
nella mano
su un buffer
che poi lo espone
una volta
totalmente
calcolato
in VR
4 Buffer,
1 per ciascuno

Double buffering (for real-time visualization of 3D models) + rasterization.
Quad-buffering from VR.

Interpolation of normals direction among adjacent triangles (to create the appearance of a continuous curved surface)

Graphical pipelining (from 3D geometry to 2D images: projection, colour, texture, shadowing, ...).

Parallelization. GPU programming language (CUDA nVidia).

Hierarchy of structures (objects, collision detection...)

Multiple cache levels.

Look-ahead code optimization (compiler optimization).

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Collision detection



Computational demanding ($O(n^2EF)$).

Use of multiresolution models.

Hierarchical detection.

LoD
+

- Geometry simplification (axes aligned faces).
- Check for common volumes.
- Extraction of the faces belonging to these volumes.
- Octree of the pairs of candidate faces.
- Check for intersection.



2D collision detection



- Collision detection with target can be checked by analyzing the overlapping between part of the motion mask only in particular regions.
- Identification of the motion mask as the outermost part of the body. Approximated collision detection defining general shapes.

Correct Hand collision area
(most left pixel in the area around first top most high pixel)

- Collision with targets gives hit, collision with distractors gives a miss.
- Same principles implemented with Sony EyeToy Webcam (2003).



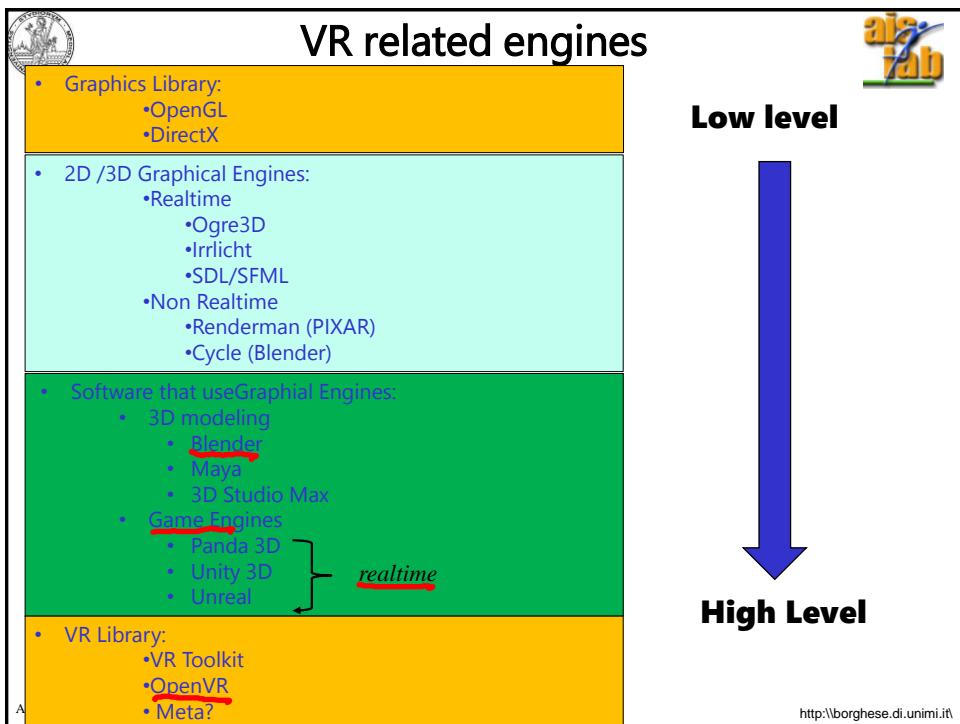


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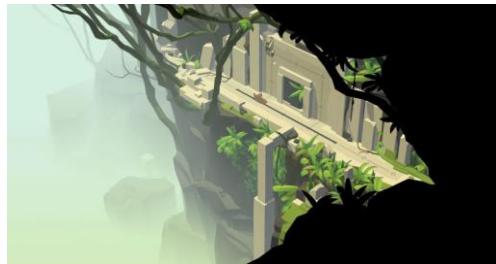
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World
Generator

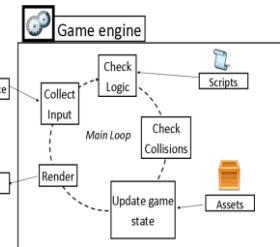




<http://unity3d.com>



Lara Croft go puzzle adventure



Rush game



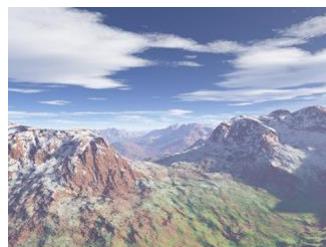
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Specific SW for terrain modelization (Terragen)



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Artificial landscape



<http://planetside.co.uk/products/terragen3>



Video on Vajont history

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3D Assets making



Digitization

- Scanners 3D (copying from reality)
 - Active (laser or unstructured light, sound)
 - Passive (video)
- Modelling
 - Organic
 - Non organic
- Procedural content generation

3D scanner + Motion capture

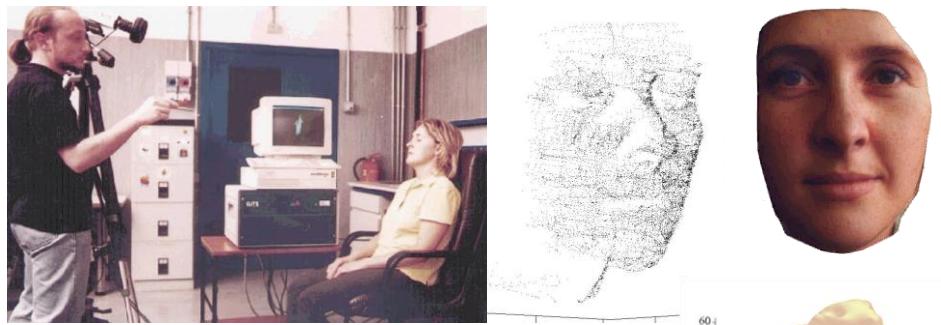
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3D Scanner: Autoscan - 1997



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Scanneo
scansione
del volto

- Manual scanning through a laser pointer,
 - Real-time display feed-back to guide scanning.
 - Flexible set-up and portability
 - Acquisition of laser spot in real-time at 100 Hz. (max 100 points / sec)
- 3D reconstruction of the spot through triangulation poses problems due to noise on the measurement of position on the cameras.

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Problemi

① Movimenti inavantaggiose

② Parti non visibili

• Ascelle



Models from range data



Cyberware whole body scanner, WB4



Which problems do you envisage?

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Models from range data (II)



Cyberware smaller model
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Models from range data (IV)



Digibot II.
•Platform rotates
•Scanner line translates.



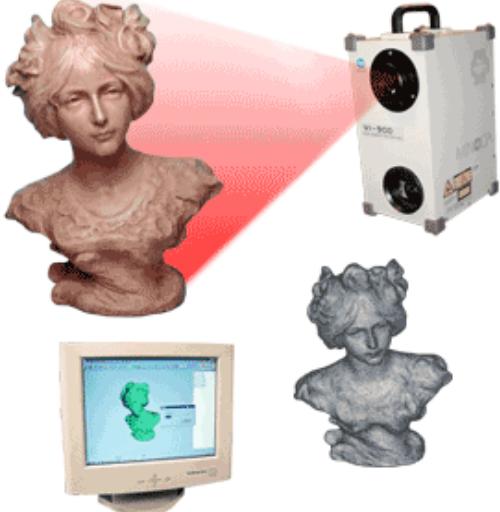
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MINOLTA
 Scanner Laser 3d





**Minolta scanner
3D**

https://www.konicaminolta.com/instruments/download/instruction_manual/3d/index.html

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3D structure from range data (III)



*Problema:
riconoscere
linee con
le posizioni
Corrette*



Polhemus hand held laser scanner

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From Clouds to surfaces



Effect of measurement noise is clear with Delaunay triangulation.

Need of filtering is evident.

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3D structure from points



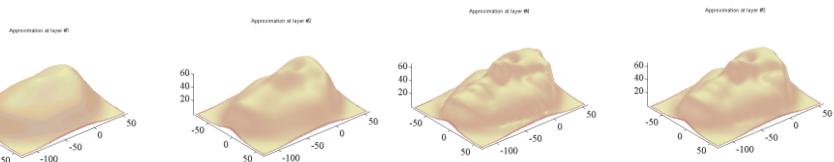
Linear approximation (mesh):

- Delaunay triangulation (Watson, 1981; Fang and Piegl, 1992). Direct tessellation (no filtering).
- Alpha shapes, Ball Pivoting (Bernardini et al., 2000), Power Crust (median axis transform, Amenta, 2002). Post processing to regularize a Delaunay tessellation.

Surface fitting to range data

- Snakes (Kass et al., 1988). Energy based approach. Best curves.
- Kohonen maps (1990).
- Radial Basis Functions Networks (Poggio and Girosi, 1995; Ferrari et al. 2005, semi-parametric models, incremental approach).
- Support Vector Regression (SVR, A.Smola and B.Scholkopf)

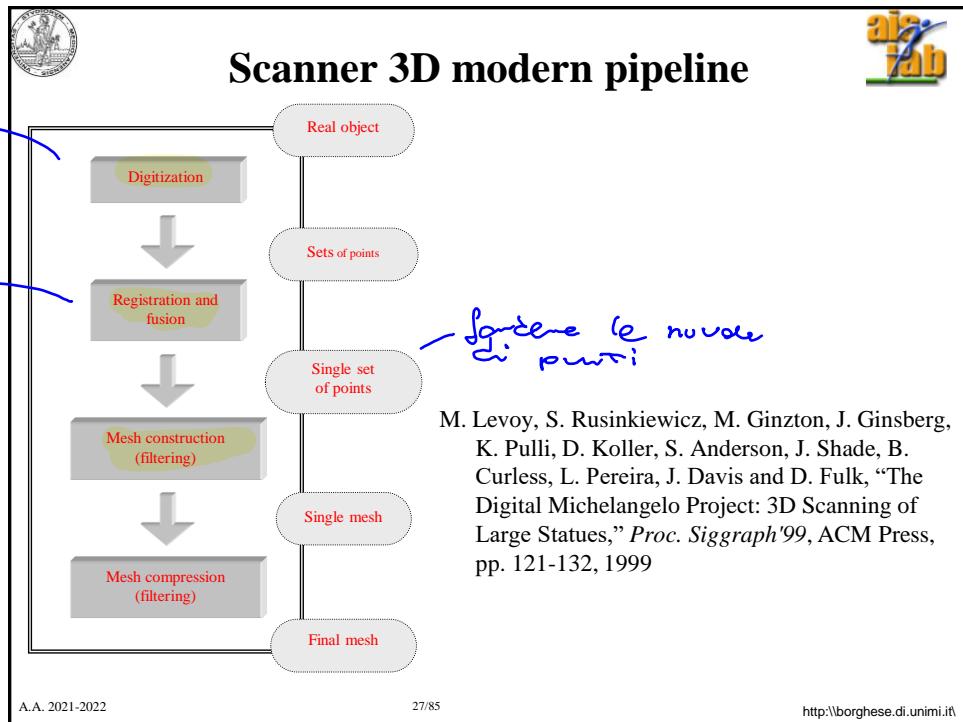
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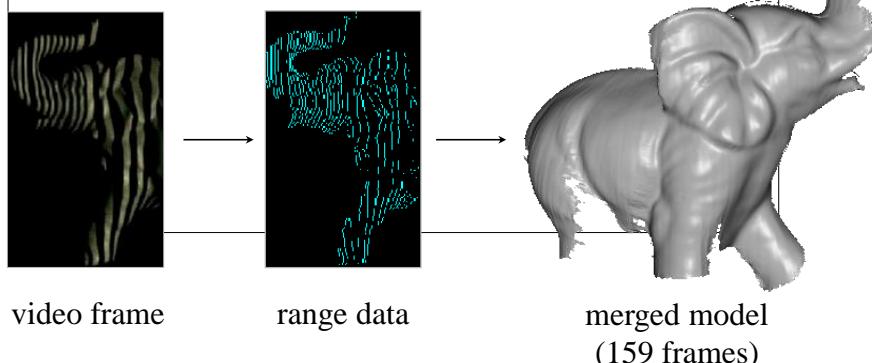




Video-based 3D scanner (Rusinkiewicz et al., 2002)



- A projector of stripes with pseudo-random width and a video camera
- holes can be found and filled on-the-fly
- object or scanner can be handheld / shoulderheld



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Kinect fusion



Kinect-Fusion
Scanner 3D
con precisione
incrementale

<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/kinectforwindows/archive/2012/11/05/kinect-fusion-coming-to-kinect-for-windows.aspx>



KinectFusion: Real-time 3D Reconstruction and Interaction

**Using a Moving Depth Camera, Izadi et al.,
Proc. Siggraph 2011**

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Procedural Modelling



Models generated through a procedure (a software program, an algorithm)

It is possible to construct a 3D mesh specifying parametric rules to create the objects.

Examples: Trees, Cities, Mugs,



Artificial plants



A synthetic model of the topiary garden at Levens Hall, England, by

R. Mëch, P. Prusinkiewicz, and M. James. "Garden of L" (inset) by P. Prusinkiewicz,
F. Fracchia, J. Hanan, and D. Fowler; see
www.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/~pwp

L-systems

*Can grammatical
generative*



Realizing a plant



Lindenmayer example

variables : X F

constants : + - []

start : X

rules : (X → F-[X]+X]+F[+FX]-X), (F → FF)

angle : 25°

Here, F means "draw forward", - means "turn left 25°", and + means "turn right 25°". X does not correspond to any drawing action and is used to control the evolution of the curve.

[corresponds to saving the current values for position and angle, which are restored when the corresponding] is executed.



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Haptic displays



Riprodurre le
reazioni di int.
con il manico

Forza, rigidità
colore

Per una
bresa
di successo

Sensacion.

Convey to the subject the sensorial information generated in the interaction with the virtual objects: force, material texture...

Measure the force exerted by the subject on the virtual environment.

Aptic displays provide a mechanical interface for Virtual Reality applications.

Most important developments have been made in the robotics field.

International Haptic society - <http://www.isfh.org/>

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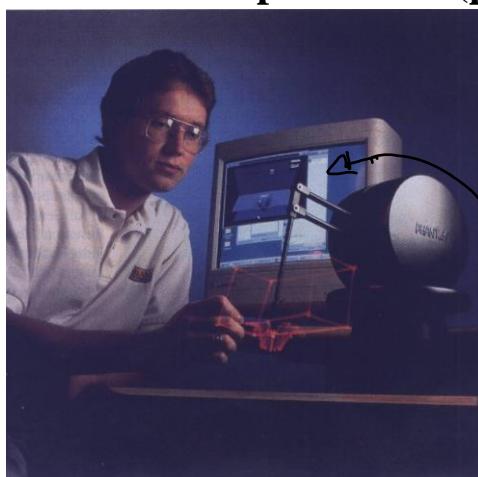
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Direct drive manipulandum (phantom)



Requisiti:
• Latenza
molto bassa
 <1 ms
(inferiore alla vista)
• Inerzia bassa
• Omogeneità



Forza resistiva,
proporzionale allo spostamento
una forza elastica
poi si può aggiungere viscosità

Raffigurare l'oggetto
su schermo

Geomagic® Phantom® Premium
(ex Sensable Techn. 1993-2012) Now 3D Systems
A similar device (Falcon) is available and used in our lab for rehabilitation

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Haptics low cost



Omni Phantom



Novint Falcon

Experience in the lab



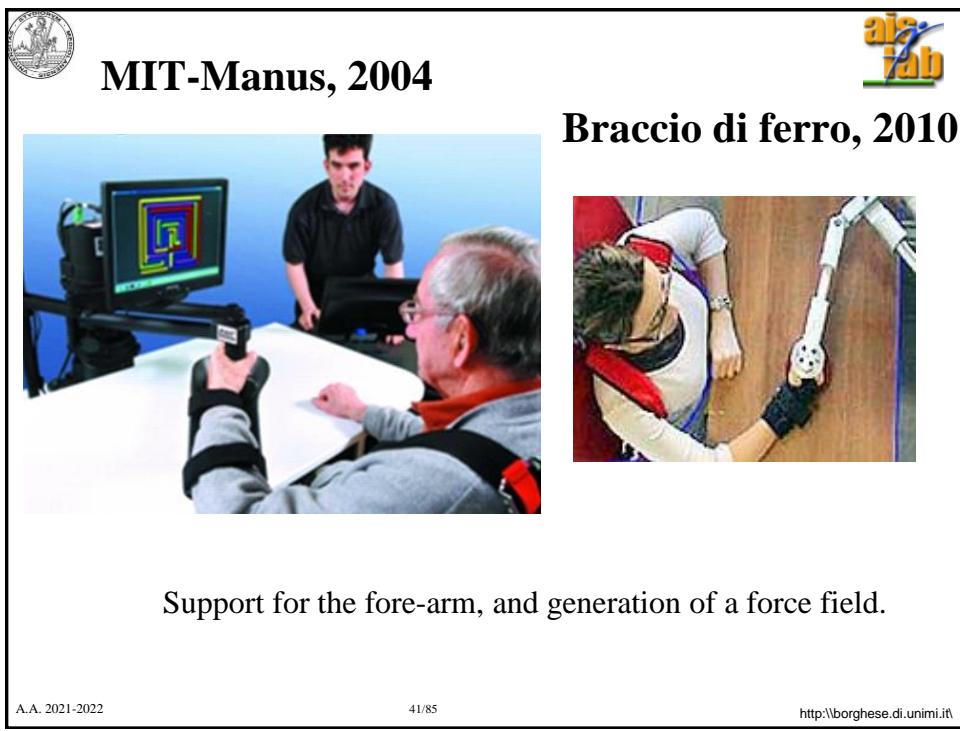
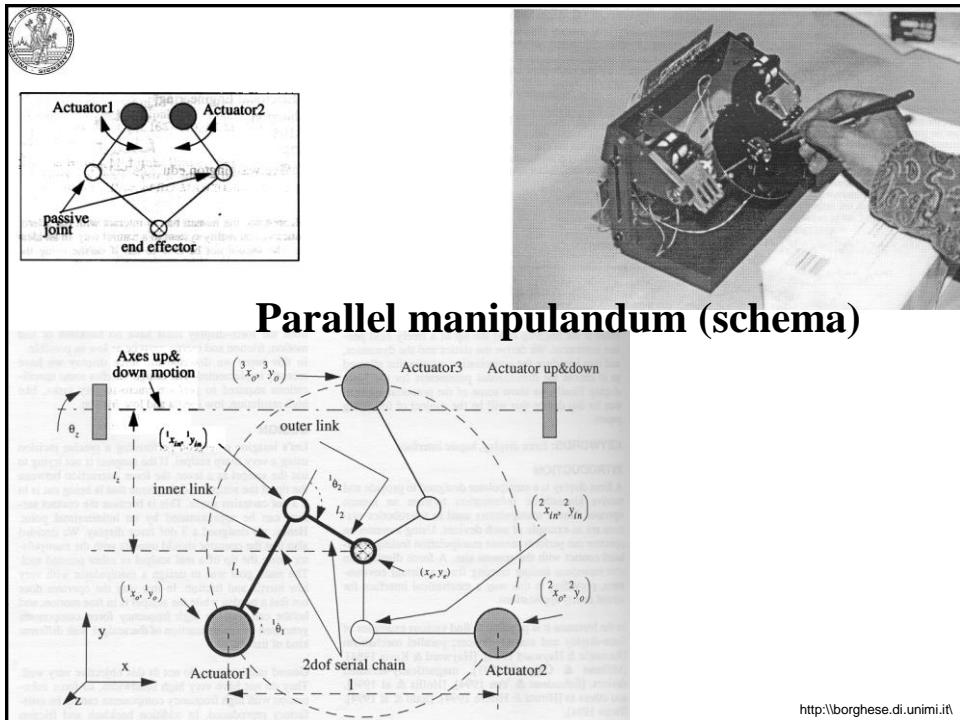
Requirements of Haptic displays



- Large bandwidth.
- Low inertial and viscosity.

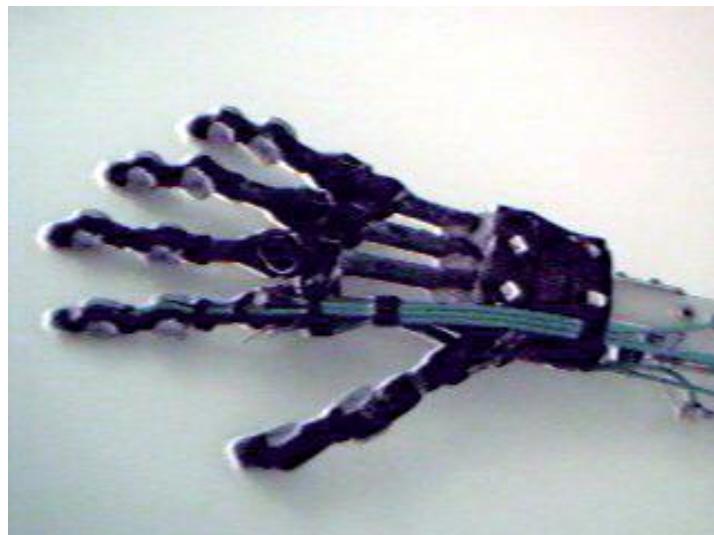
Technological solutions (oggetto intermediario):

- Direct drive manipulandum (Yoshikawa, 1990), Phantom (2000).
- Parallel manipulandum (Millman and Colgate, 1991; Buttolo and Hannaford, 1995).
- Magnetic levitation devices (Salcudean and Yan, 1994; Gomi and Kawato, 1996).
- Gloves and esoskeleta (Bergamasco, 1993, MITmanus, 2000, Braccio di ferro, 2007).





Gloves (Blackfinger, 2000)



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Percro glove (2002)



Inviare
il gonto
a seconda
della gara

Sensori goniometrici – non devono essere calibrati sulla lunghezza delle falangi.

<http://www.percro.org>

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Tactile Stimulators



Cyber touch:

- 6 vibrators, 1 for each finger + 1 on palm
- Vibration frequency: 0-125 Hz.
- Vibration amplitude: 1.2 N @ 125 Hz (max).

Iwamoto & Shinoda
University of Tokio



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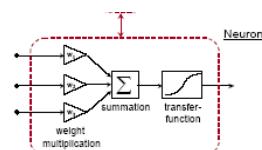
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Other output devices



Audio – Stereo, sound spatialization.



Olfactory – Virtual nose

Type	Sensitive material	Detection principle
semiconducting metal oxides (M.O.S., Taguchi)	doped semiconducting metal oxides (SnO_2 , GaO)	resistance change
quartz crystal microbalance, QMB	organic or inorganic layers (gas chromatography)	frequency change due to mass change
surface acoustic wave, SAW		
conducting polymers	modified conducting polymers	resistance change
catalytic field-effect sensors (MOSFET)	catalytic metals	workfunction change
pellistor	catalysts	temperature change due to chemical reactions
fluorescence sensors	organic dyes	light intensity changes
electrochemical cells	solid or liquid electrolytes	current or voltage change
infrared sensors	-	IR absorption

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*Stimolazione
con scariche
elettriche
sui muscoli*



The future?



Impacto

Simulating Physical Impact by Combining Tactile with Electrical Muscle Stimulation



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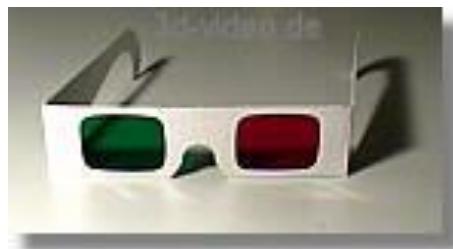
Visione
sistemi sens.
princip de
1/3 sistemi
nervoso

Punto Psicofisico

Campo visivo
180 gradi
uso vertore
ma con risoluzioni
diverse
12K x 12K
a 70 cm
dove si sono
guardando



Sistemi di Output::visione



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Optical Output systems



1

Requirements for the monitor:

- Large field of view ($180^\circ \times 150^\circ$).
- High spatial resolution (35 pixels/degree, equivalent to 12,000x12,000 pixels for a 19" display positioned at 70cm from the viewer).

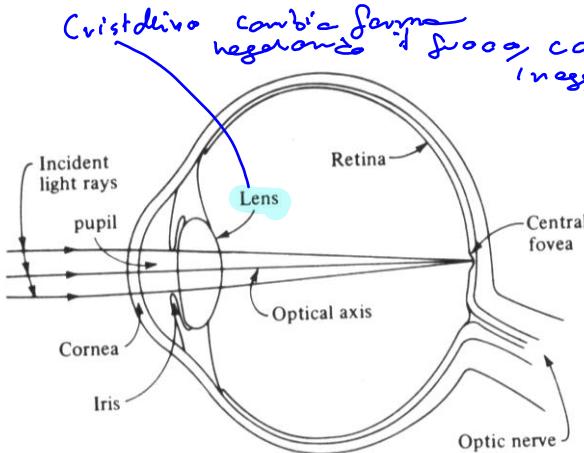
2

Requirements for the world generator:

- Stereoscopic vision for objects with $D < 10m$. *Oltre i 10m la visione stereoscopica dimin. molto*
- Monocular cues for objects with $D > 10m$.
 - - Occlusions.
 - - Geometrical perspective and a-priori model knowledge.
 - - Shading.
 - - Motion.



Human eye



Its behavior is very similar to that of a camera
Lens focuses the image, vergence movement orients the eye.

sta alla base
delle

VR-Success

nasce dal
conflitto
sensoriale

In VR

Messa a fuoco
piena immagine
del singolo
occhio, quale
del monitor,
onde se convergono
il cammino image
è più lungo.

Vergence

viguarda 2 occhi

Sforzo

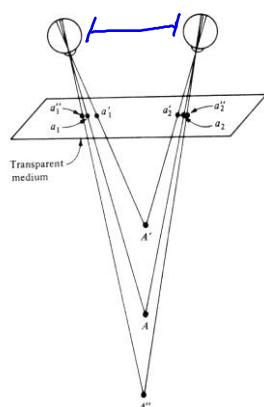
Messa a fuoco
• Vergenza
si oppongono



Vergence Vergenza



Stereo-disparità



Points further away are projected on points closer to the image center.

The sum of these distances is called stereo-disparity and depends on distance.

Vergence and focusing are strictly connected.

Also monocular cues: shading, apparent size,

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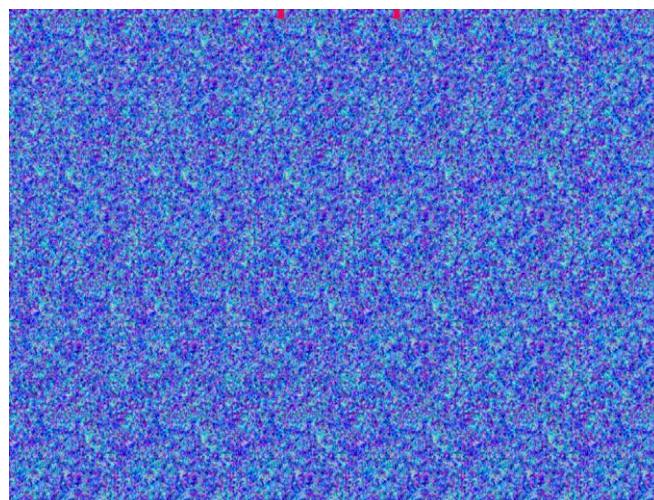
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Altri problemi: Motion sickness



Autostereogram



To see the 3D image, you need to relax and to try to view "through" the image (focusing at infinity)

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Passive stereo



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Stereo image for passive stereo



Stessi oggetti
sdoppiati

dim con
la distanza

Le immagini
venivano fatte
dagli occhi,
la corte la
passava solo
l'immagine
rossa o
verde.



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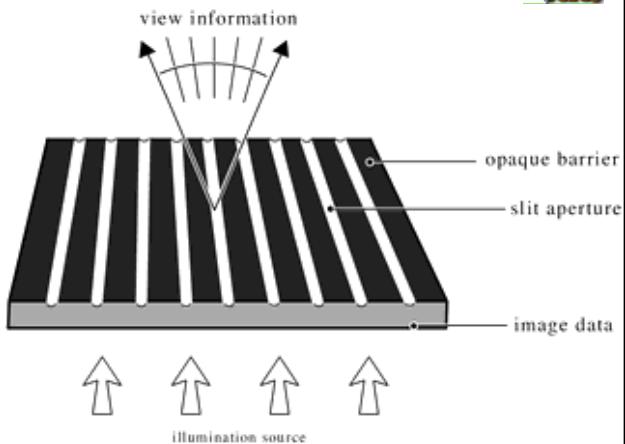
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Stereogram through parallax



Patent of 1903



The image is subdivided into vertical stripes.

Pairs of stripes congruent with a given angle of view are positioned in the proper columns under the lens.

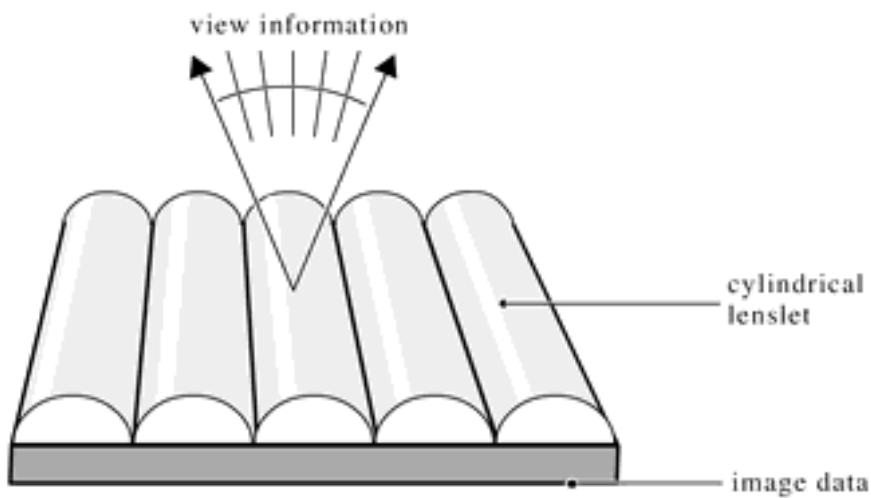
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Display Autostereoscopici



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Output devices (eye-glasses)



*CoSif
a Freq.*

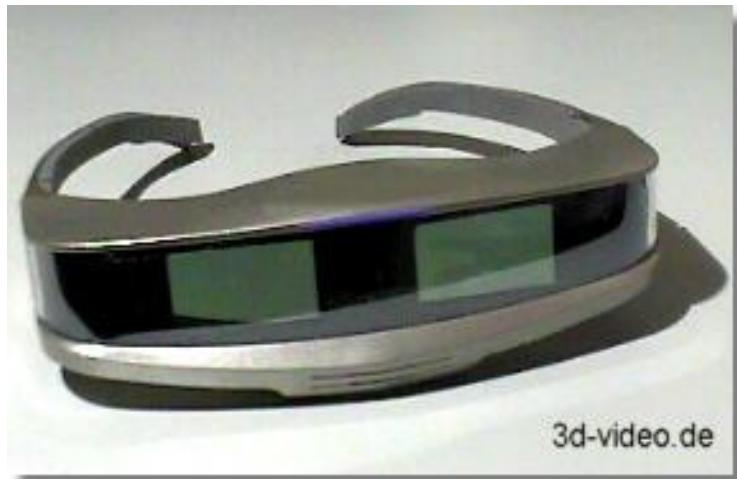
Semi-immersive: Eye-glasses (video accuracy, but user is not allowed to move, lateral vision is permitted, which limits virtual realism).



Images are generated multiplexed in time for the two eyes.
Quad-buffering is used (a pair of double buffers).



I-glasses (games)



3d-video.de

Head-Mounted Displays

HMD (n-vision)



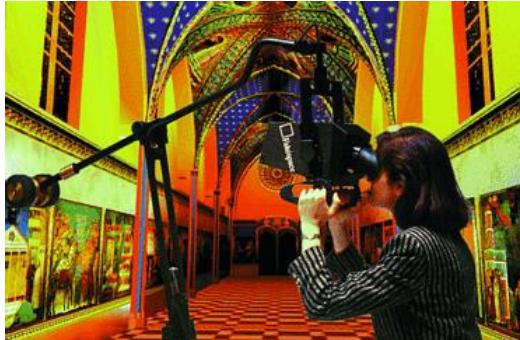
Up to 1280 x 1024, 180Hz.
Time multiplexing.

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Output devices (BOOM HMD)



Up to 1280 x 1024 pixels / eye
CRT Technology
Head tracking is integrated.



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CAVE



Room 2.5m x 2.5m
with Virtual images
(stereoscopic) projected
onto its walls.

More people and
Complete immersivity.



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Oculus Rift novel HMD: a new hype



Thesis
Available



Experience in the lab

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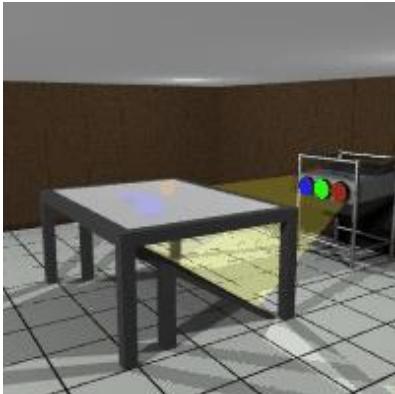
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Responsive work-bench (Strauss et al., 1995)



Virtual 3D objects are positioned on a working table. They are created projecting the stereo images over the table surface.



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Large screen displays (with or without stereo – see Graphics Lab in Celoria)



Workwall



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Applications



Non mette
tutto nelle app.
Sono più le
più grafiche
altre interattive
con i prodotti
legati.

- Army
- Medicine
- Industry (inspection, virtual prototyping)
- Chemistry and Physics
- Virtual theaters and theme parks
- Entertainment
- Communication
- Engineering, Ergonomics and Architecture (Visual computing).
- History.



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Amazon virtual dressing room: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3ghb6atM2o>

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Virtual mannequin



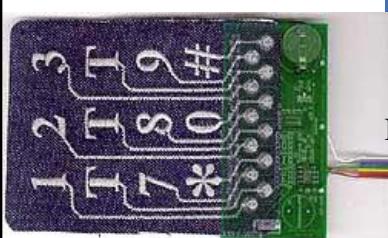
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Wearable devices – input / output



Characteristics: mobile, context sensitive, augmented reality.



Interface on cloth

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Design: virtual industrial plans



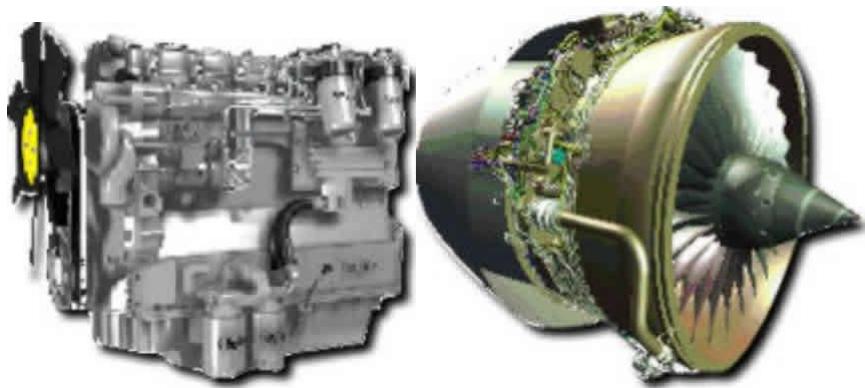
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Design: virtual engines



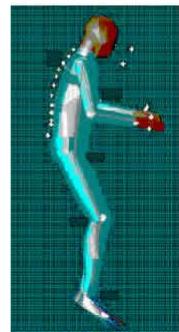
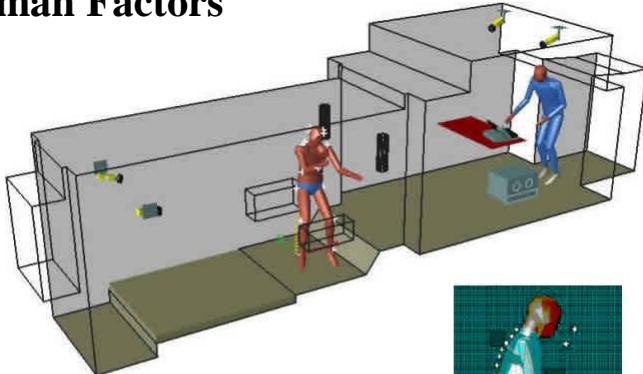
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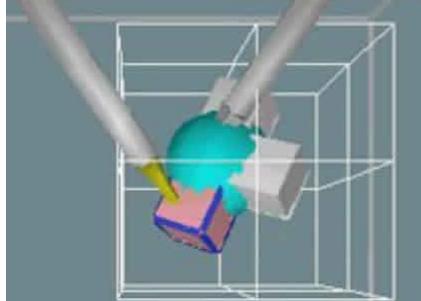
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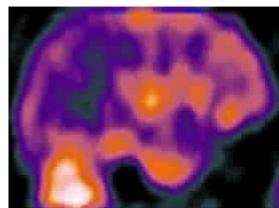
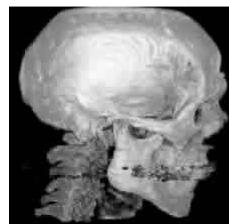
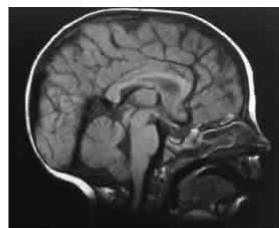
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Surgery planning through imaging



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Imaging and 3D printing



Acrylic mandible realized with CAD-CAM technology from CAT images

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Virtual anatomy

Location: <http://corbamed.bioping.polimi.it/anet/>

Connection Term search Semantic search Visual browsing Constrained query

100 kidney, left

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Augmented Reality – Camera movement from video

Applications for smart phone (Vuforia)

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Augmented Reality through Hololens



A new vision for computing, built on a history of innovation

Microsoft Hololens 2 combines an untethered device with apps and solutions that help people across your business learn, communicate, and collaborate more.

<https://www.microsoft.com/da-DK/hololens>

Experience in the lab

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Clinical Motion Analysis

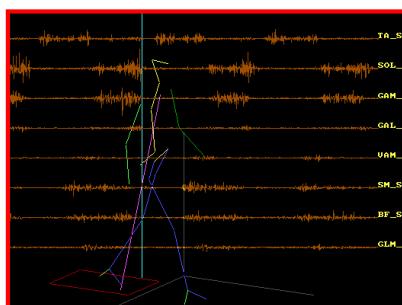


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FORCE
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MODELS

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PRESSURE

MUSCLE
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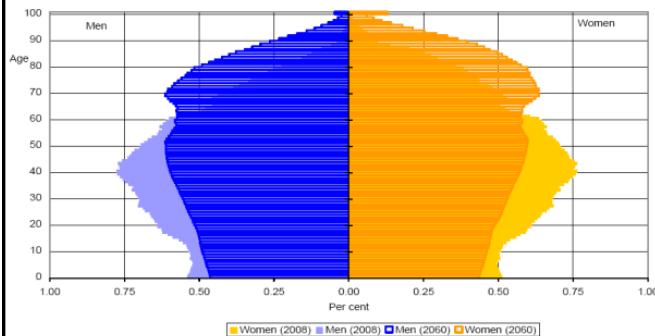
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Rehabilitation through VR: Rewire project



- Increase of rehabilitation need.
 - National health providers are facing budget cuts.
 - Prolonged intensive rehabilitation allows recovering and/or maintaining health conditions.
 - Remote patients can be addressed
- ICT recent developments have made possible facing the challenge**

<http://www.rewire-project.eu>

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REWIRE's 3-levels platform



Networking station



Hospital stations



Patient stations



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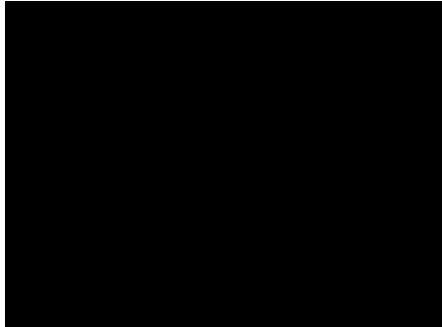
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IGER – Intelligent Game Engine for rehabilitation



Adaptation



Monitoring



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IGER – NUI interfacing



NUI interfacing



NUI interfacing
Speech recognition

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Virtual Tosca



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