



*From low-code geometric algebra to  
no-code geometric deep learning:  
computational models, simulation algorithms and  
authoring platforms  
for  
immersive scientific visualization,  
experiential visual analytics and the upcoming  
educational metaverse*

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# Augmenting Human intellect?



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October 1962

Let us consider an "augmented" architect at work. He sits at a working station that has a visual display screen some three feet on a side; this is his working surface, and is controlled by a computer (his "clerk") with which he can communicate by means of a small keyboard and various other devices.

He is designing a building. He has already dreamed up several basic layouts and structural forms, and is trying them out on the screen. The surveying data for the layout he is working on now have already been entered, and he has just coaxed the "clerk" to show him a perspective view of the steep hillside building site with the roadway above, symbolic representations of the various trees that are to remain on the lot, and the service tie points for the different utilities. The view occupies the left two-thirds of the screen. With a "pointer," he indicates two points of interest, moves his left hand rapidly over the keyboard, and the distance and elevation between the points indicated appear on the right-hand third of the screen.

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Summary Report

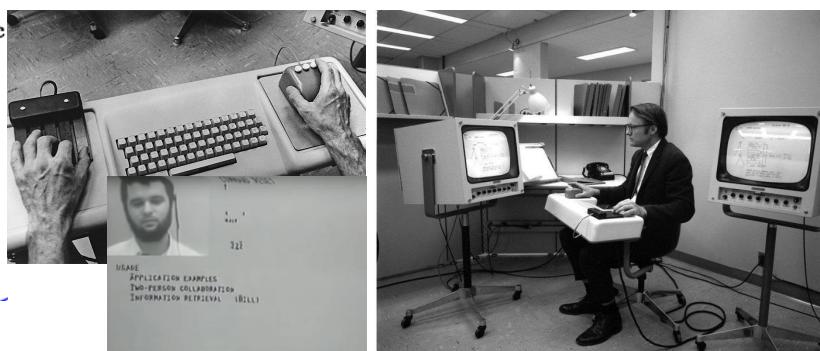
## AUGMENTING HUMAN INTELLECT: A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

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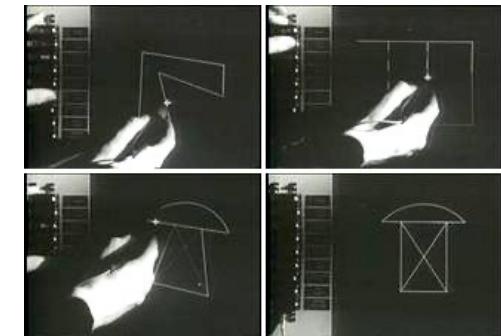
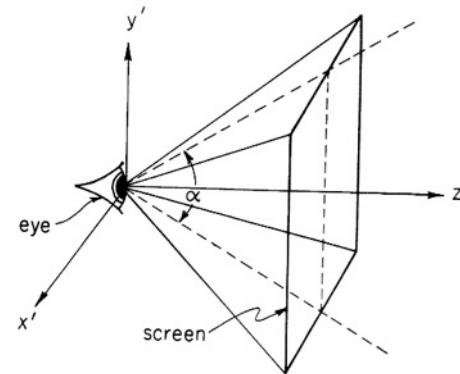
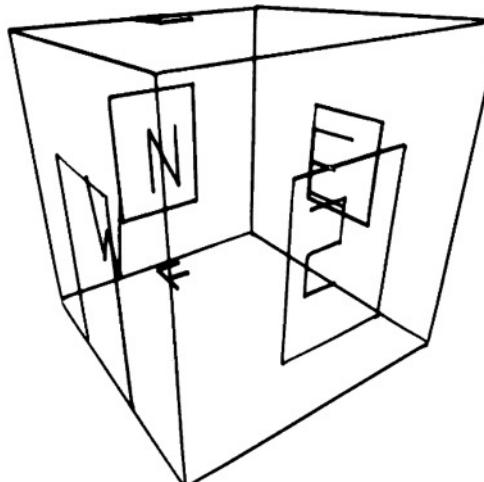
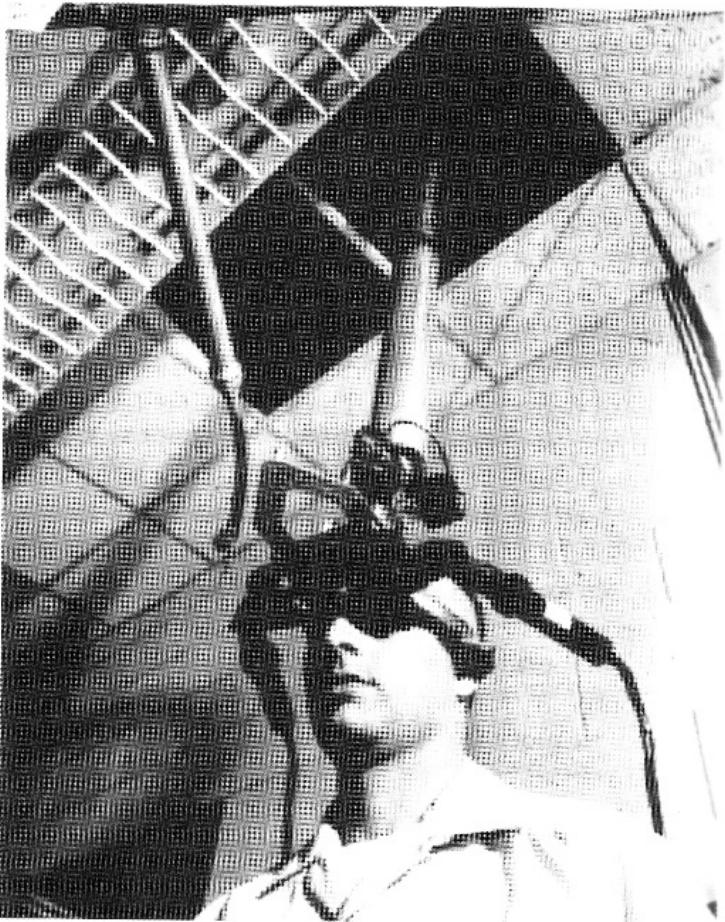
By: D. C. Engelbart  
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Engelbart, Douglas. "Augmenting human intellect: A conceptual framework. Summary report." *Stanford Research Institute*, on Contract AF 49, no. 638 (1962): 1024.

"Mother of all demos": <https://youtu.be/B6rKUf9DWRI>, 1968

# Head Mounted Displays and touch interfaces?



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doi:10.1145/1476589.1476686. <https://youtu.be/eVUqfUvP4uk>

The sketchpad demo: [https://youtu.be/6orsmFndx\\_o](https://youtu.be/6orsmFndx_o), 1963

# *My personal trip*



**TECHNOLOGIE** Réalité et images de synthèse mêlées

## LE TOURISME EN 3D EST NÉ

INNOVATION Grâce à des lunettes spéciales, le tourisme peut se promener dans Pompei en voyageant à son côté.

**QUI EST LE** système révolutionnaire, créé par une équipe de spécialistes européens, permet de visiter des sites historiques comme si on voyait dans le temps.

**Frédéric Jallart**

Une technique révolutionnaire, née en Suisse romande, pourrait bientôt nous faire croire que nous sommes dans la première fois des chercheurs sont passés dans l'antique cité italienne pour un pèlerinage et des images de synthèse. Pour dire les choses en franc, il s'agit d'un système qui nous permet à un touriste, assis de son bureau, de se déplacer dans Pompei, tout juste pour le plaisir d'en voir à la fois les vestiges, les œuvres d'art et les trésors, et des personnages d'époque qui ont vécu dans la ville il y a deux mille ans.

Commentement à la réalité virtuelle, qui contrôlent les séances entraînement.

**Réalité et images de synthèse mêlées** (mixte) sont une technologie qui pourrait tenir dans un simple agenda électronique de type iPhone. Les lunettes sont connectées à un smartphone, qui servira à projeter les images.

**Le XVIII siècle** est né et il y était

Sur ce matin révolu, on pourra se dire qu'il y a quelque chose de drôle à donner l'impression qu'il se passe quelque chose dans l'antiquité. Baptisé Léthéo, le projet est financé par l'Université de Genève et la Fondation pour la recherche et la culture (Fondation). Il a été développé par une équipe de spécialistes suisses dirigée par Nadia Magnenat-Thunberg, qui a obtenu deux bourses de recherche de l'Union européenne.

Les applications se limitent pas au tourisme. Le système intègre également la réalité augmentée et il peut être opérationnel dans le cinéma. «On peut projeter des images interactives sur un écran ou sur un mur, mais aussi sur une personne», explique Nadia Magnenat-Thunberg. «L'équipe doit encore penser à comment faire pour que l'utilisateur puisse transporter avec lui un personnage virtuel, par exemple, sur une table».

**Qui fait quoi**

**MIRALab**

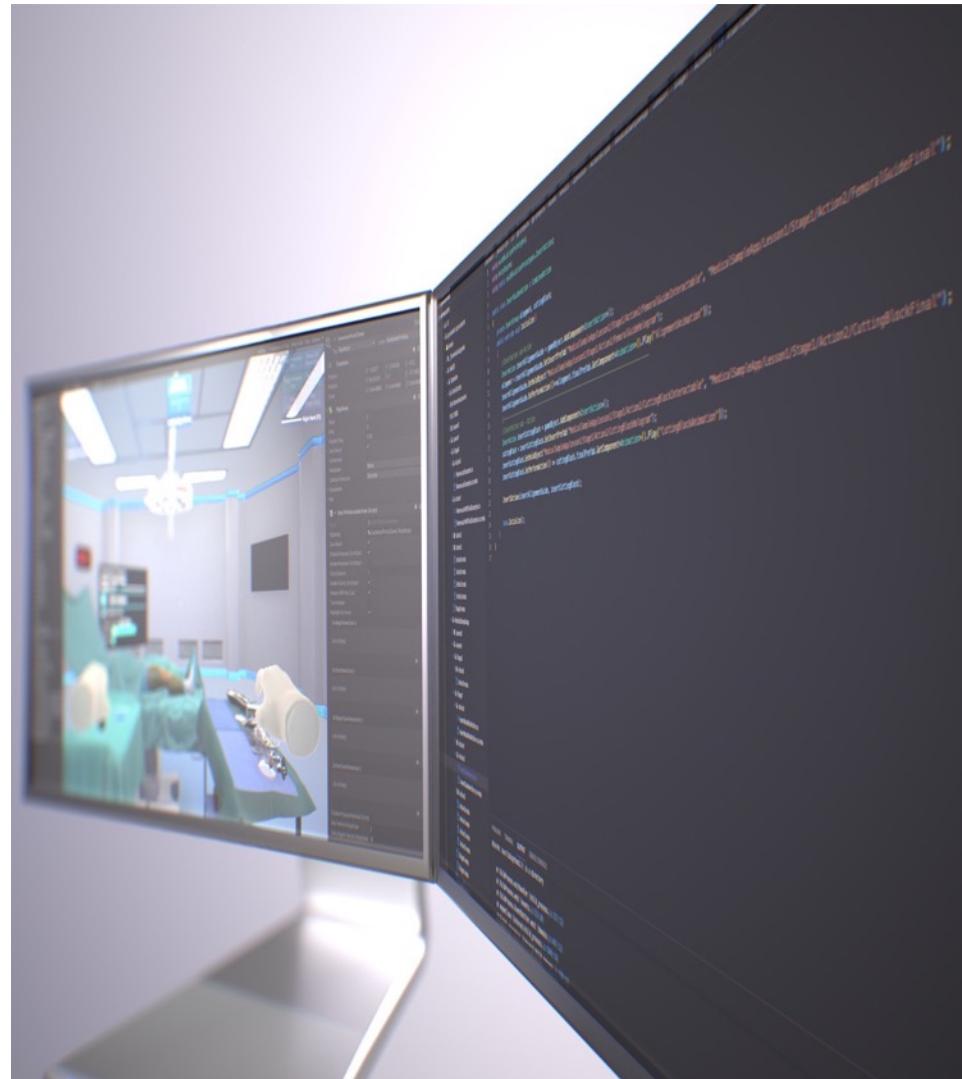
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# THE PROBLEM

VR training improves learning outcomes<sup>1</sup>,  
VR content creation cannot keep up with demand:

-  LENGTHY CREATION TIMES: 4 – 8 MONTHS
-  HIGH AUTHORIZING COSTS<sup>2</sup>:  
MIN \$20K PER MINUTE
-  INFINITE NUMBER OF TRAINING EXPERIENCES  
TO BE SIMULATED AS DIGITAL TWINS
-  LACK OF LOW/NO-CODE, CONTENT AUTHORIZING TOOLS



<sup>1</sup><https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0883540319303341>

and more than 55 published clinical trials since 2020 verify this fact

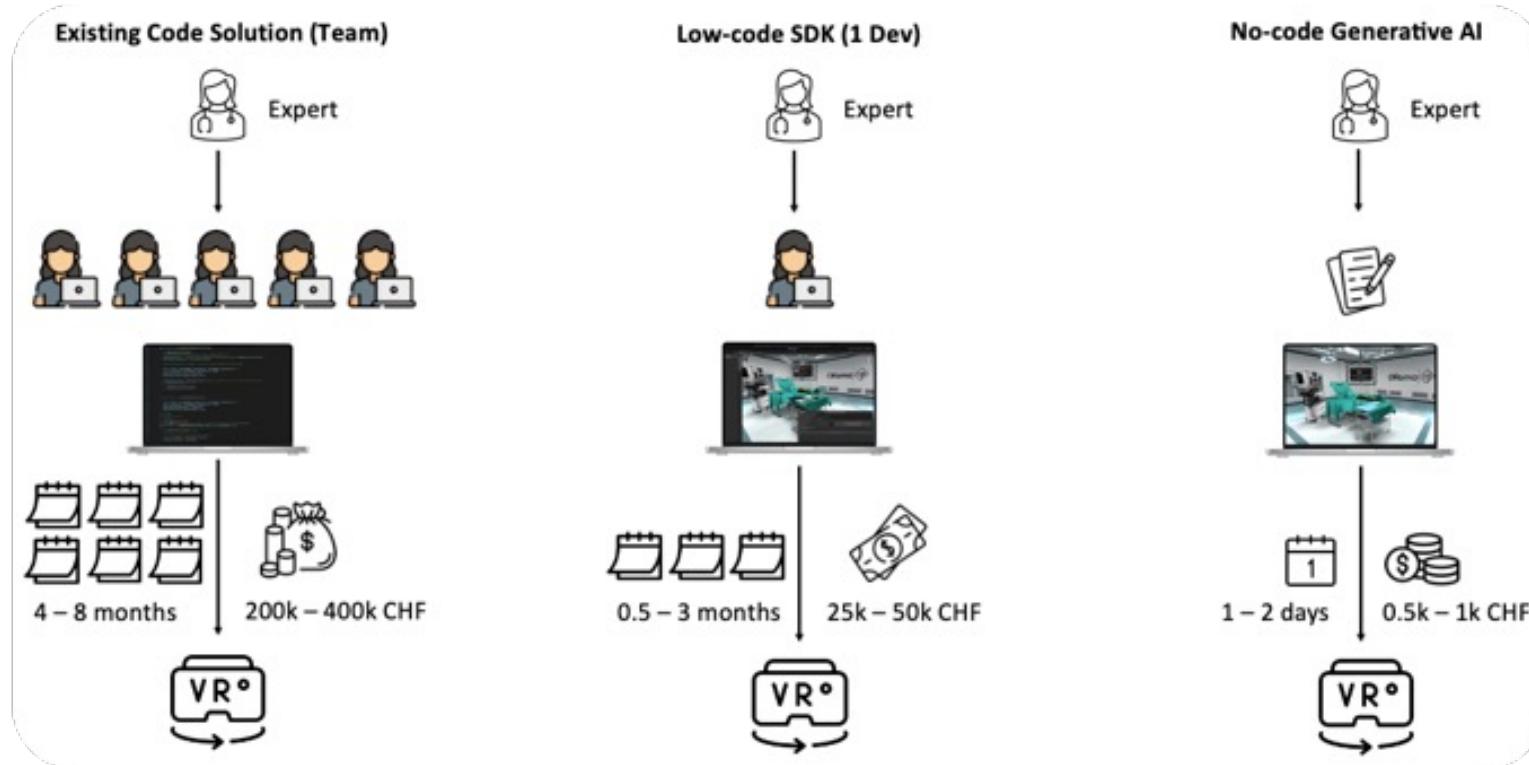
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# Overview

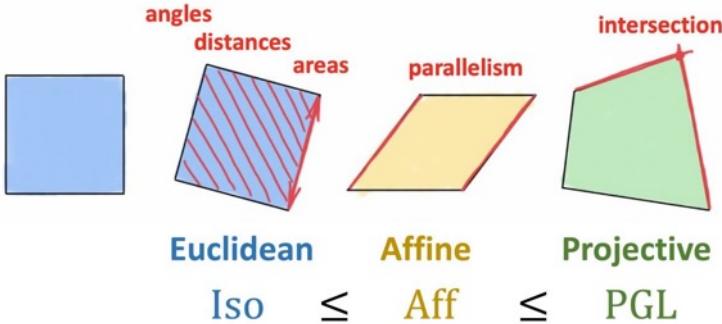


- 6Gs of low/no code
  1. Geometry
  2. Graphs
  3. Graphics Engines
  4. GPUs
  5. Games
  6. Generative AI & GNNs
- Generated realms
  - Immersive visual analytics for SciViz
  - Metaverse
    - Edverse
    - Medverse
- Computational Science & Innovation

# CODE -> LOW-CODE -> NO-CODE EDUCATIONAL METAVERSE AUTHORING



# 6Gs of low/no code: Geometry, state-of-the-art



Clifford's **Geometric Algebra** enables a unified, intuitive and fresh perspective on vector spaces, giving elements of arbitrary dimensionality a natural home.

**The Vector**

The **Vector** is an oriented, one dimensional quantity. Two  $\parallel$  Vectors multiply to a **Scalar** ( $\mathbb{R}$ ). Two  $\perp$  vectors **anti-commute** ( $e_1 e_2 = -e_2 e_1$ )

**The Bivector**

The **Bivector** is an oriented, two dimensional quantity. **Bivectors** naturally represent **transformations**. Similarly,  $n$  vectors combine into an  $n$ -vector.

**The Scalar**

The **Scalars**  $\mathbb{R}$  are included in the algebras. every basis  $n$ -vector squares to a Real Number.

**The Rotor**

The product of two vectors, or the exponentiation of a bivector creates a **rotor**. (rotation, translation,..)

A generic element of the algebra is called a **multivector** and is a linear combination of **scalar**, **vector** and  $n$ -vector parts.

$$\mathbf{X} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + \alpha_i \mathbf{e}_{12} + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{e}_{12\dots n}$$

$\mathbb{R}_{3,0,0}$
• 1 scalar
• 3 vectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$
• 3 bivectors $\mathbf{e}_{12}, \mathbf{e}_{13}, \mathbf{e}_{23}$
• 1 trivector $\mathbf{e}_{123}$
Scalars + Bivectors = QUATERNIONS

- Geometry Through History, Euclidean, Hyperbolic, and Projective Geometries, Meighan I. Dillon, Doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-74135-2
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[https://math.ucr.edu/home/baez/erlangen/erlangen\\_tex.pdf](https://math.ucr.edu/home/baez/erlangen/erlangen_tex.pdf)

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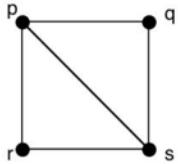
# 6Gs of low/no code: Geometry, our approach

- 1. GA Interpolation engine**
- 2. Build-in Co-op support**
- 3. Reducing network traffic up to 58%**
- 4. 16% performance boost**
- 5. Efficient and smooth transformations**

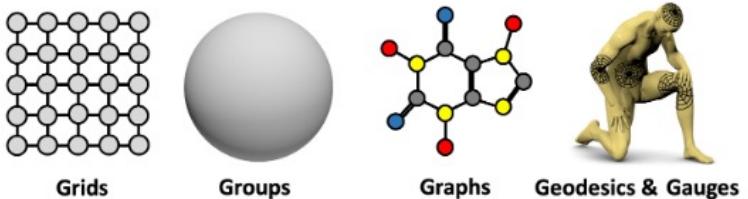
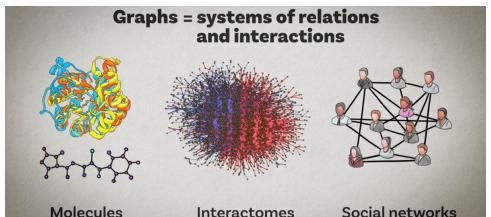
Network Quality	How to Achieve Best QoE	Metrics on Our Methods
Excellent	SoA: 30 updates/sec Ours: 20 updates/sec	33% less bandwidth 16.5% lower running time
Good	SoA: 20 updates/sec Ours: 10 updates/sec	50% less bandwidth 16.5% lower running time
Mediocre	SoA: 15 updates/sec Ours: 7 updates/sec	53% less bandwidth 16.5% lower running time
Poor	SoA: 12 updates/sec Ours: 5 updates/sec	58% less bandwidth 16.5% lower running time



# 6Gs of low/no code: Graphs, state-of-the-art



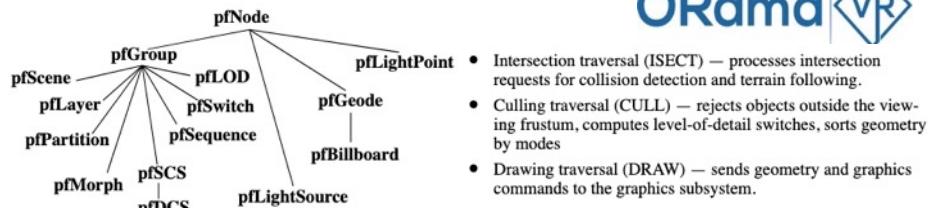
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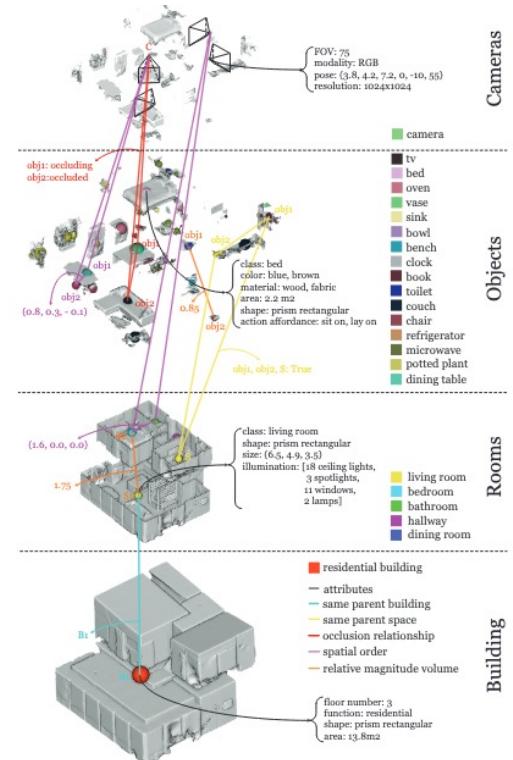
**Geometric Deep Learning** is an umbrella term introduced in [Bronstein et al] referring to recent attempts to come up with a geometric unification of ML similar to Klein's Erlangen Programme.

**DEFINITION:** A **graph**  $G = (V, E)$  is a mathematical structure consisting of two finite sets  $V$  and  $E$ . The elements of  $V$  are called **vertices** (or **nodes**), and the elements of  $E$  are called **edges**. Each edge has a set of one or two vertices associated to it, which are called its **endpoints**.

- Bronstein, M. M., Bruna, J., Cohen, T. & Velickovic, P. Geometric Deep Learning - Grids, Groups, Graphs, Geodesics, and Gauges. arXiv (2021).
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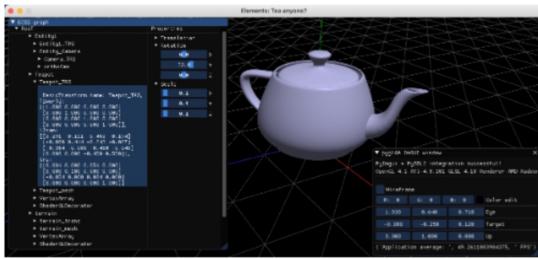
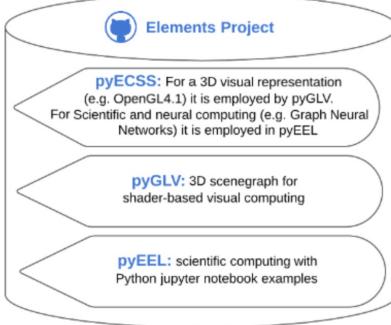
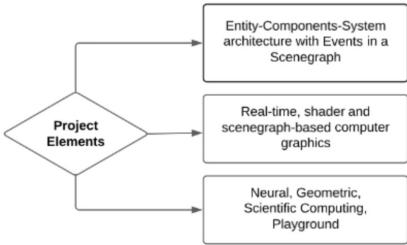


- Intersection traversal (ISECT) — processes intersection requests for collision detection and terrain following.
- Culling traversal (CULL) — rejects objects outside the viewing frustum, computes level-of-detail switches, sorts geometry by modes
- Drawing traversal (DRAW) — sends geometry and graphics commands to the graphics subsystem.



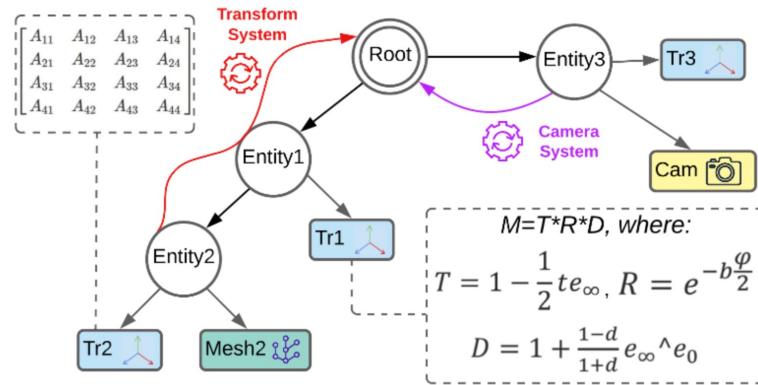
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# 6Gs of low/no code: Graphs, our approach



- <https://elementsproject.readthedocs.io>
- Using s/w design patterns, implement Entity-Component-Systems in a scenegraph and GNN approach

- Papagiannakis, G., Kamarianakis, M., Protopsaltis, A., Angelis, D. & Zikas, P. Project Elements: A computational entity-component-system in a scene-graph pythonic framework, for a neural, geometric computer graphics curriculum. Arxiv (2023), accepted also in Eurographics 2023



For Entity2: Vertices =  $(Tr3.\text{Inverse}) * (Tr1) * (Tr2) * Mesh2.\text{vertices}$   
 (column major)  
 root-to-camera      local-to-world

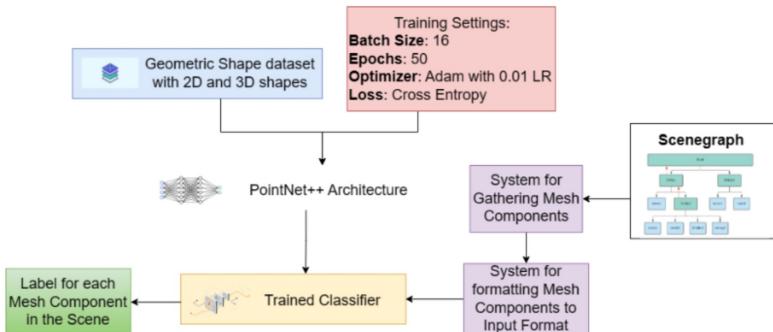
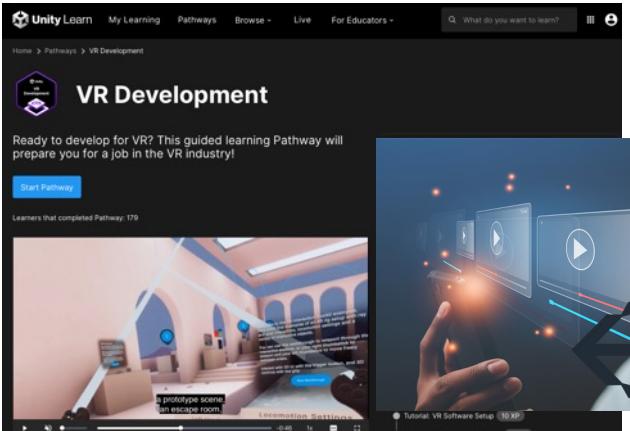


Figure 7: GNN training process - Object labelling using ECSS.

# 6Gs of low/no code: Graphics engines, state-of-the-art



<https://learn.unity.com/pathway/vr-development>

<https://docs.unrealengine.com/4.26/en-US/SharingAndReleasing/XRDevelopment/VR/SteamVR/>

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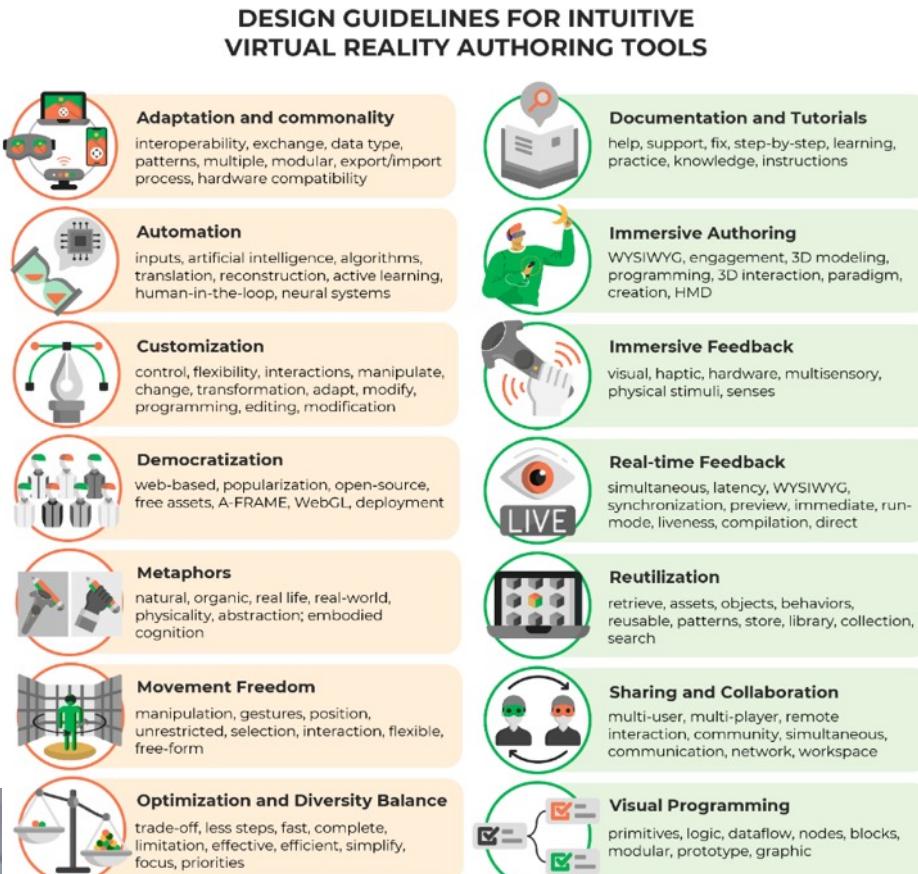
Developing for SteamVR

Information on using UE4 to develop for SteamVR.

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A VIVEPORT SUBSCRIPTION



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# 6Gs of low/no code: Graphics engines, our approach

a) Insert action\*,\*\* on standard Unity:

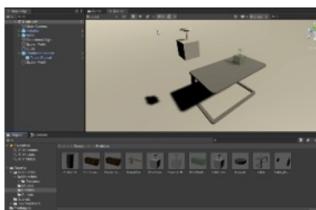
**TWO FULL DAYS FOR  
AN EXPERIENCED DEVELOPER  
AND ~150 LINES OF CODE**

\*only visual correspondence between two examples

a) and b). This code example a) is lacking:

- 1) networked collaborative capability
- 2) user analytics and task performance assessment
- 3) support for different VR HMDs and hand interaction,
- 4) reusability with different 3D assets

\*\* Insert action is used to teach trainees how to insert a specific item at a correct position, orientation via holographic aids and automatic snapping under certain conditions/constraints



b) Insert action\*<sup>2</sup> on MAGES

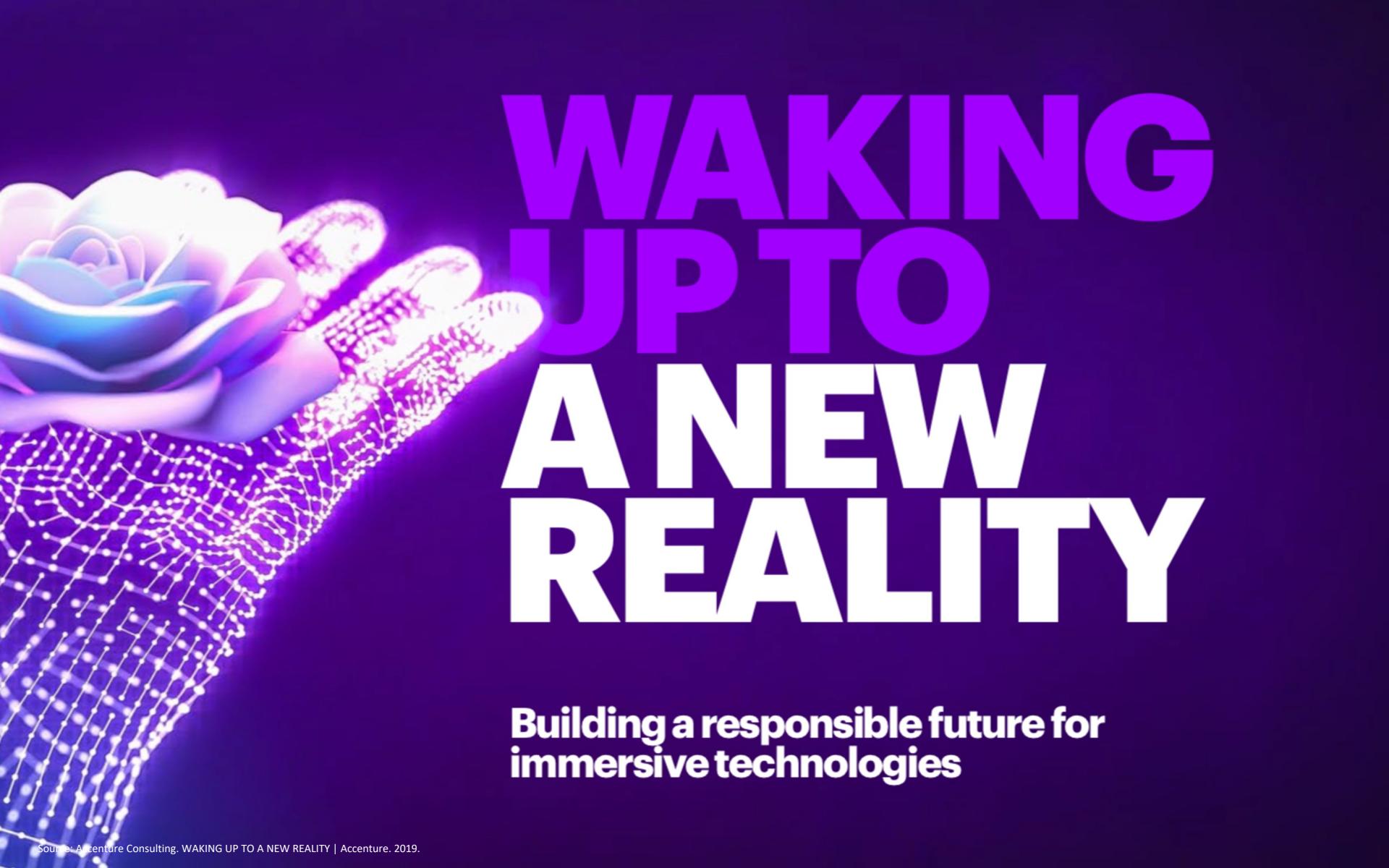
**COUPLE OF HOURS TO PARSE  
ONLINE DOCS/TUTORIALS/EXAMPLES AND  
DEPLOY IN 5 LINES OF CODE:**

```
public class PolyethyleneTrialAction : InsertAction
{
    public override void Initialize()
    {
        SetInsertPrefab("Lesson7/Stage2/Action0/Polyethylene",
                        "Lesson7/Stage2/Action0/PolyethyleneFinal");
        SetHoloObject("Lesson7/Stage2/Action0/Hologram/HologramL752A0");

        base.Initialize();
    }
}
```

\*<sup>2</sup> feature complete action with a) networked collaborative capability, b) user analytics and assessment, c) different VR HMD support with hand pose interaction, d) massive reusability with any 3D assets in combination with other action prototype VR design patterns \*

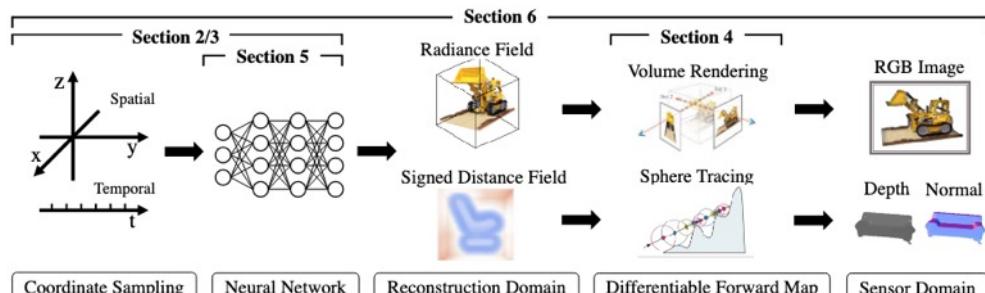
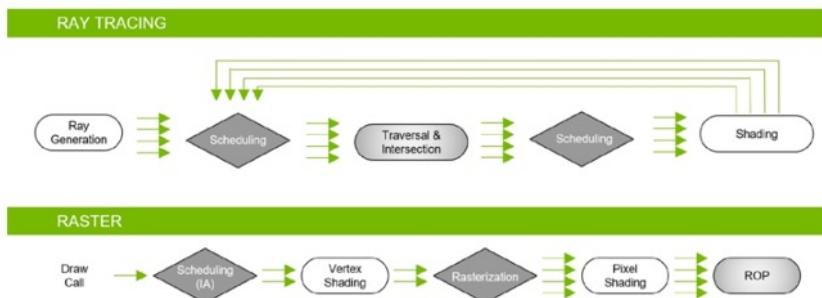
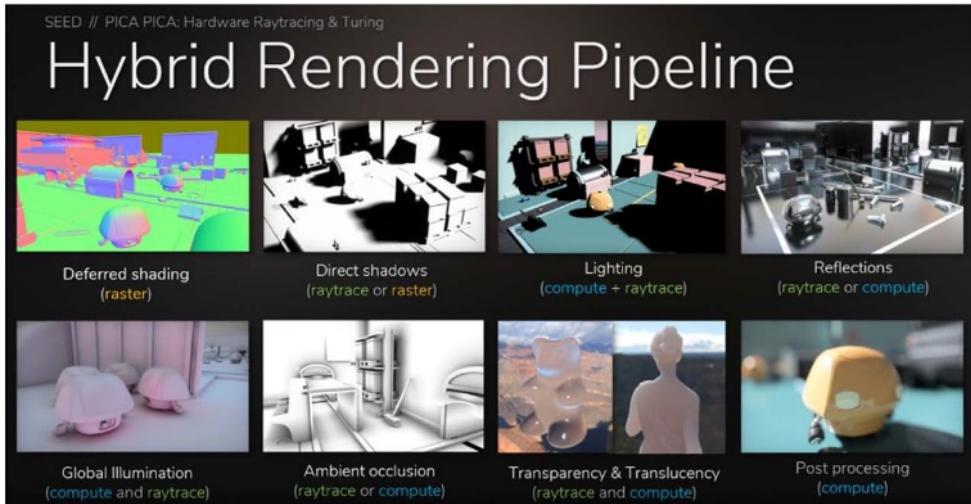




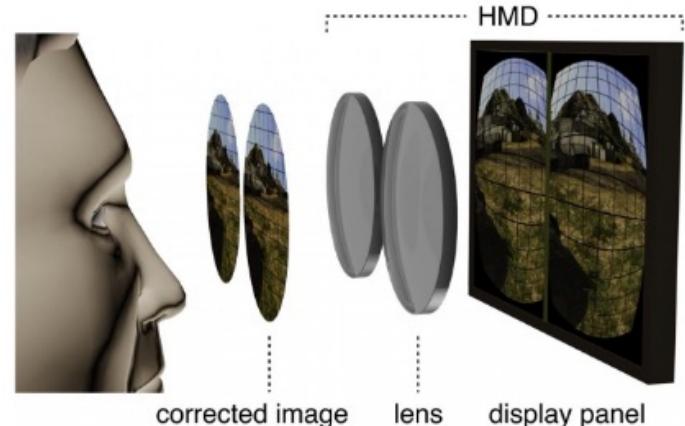
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**Building a responsible future for  
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# 6Gs of low/no code: GPUs, state-of-the-art



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*"Every single pixel will be generated soon.  
Not rendered: generated"* J. Huang, Nvidia

# 6Gs of low/no code: GPUs, our approach



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# 6Gs of low/no code: Games, state-of-the-art

**“gamification”**: as the use of game design elements in non-game contexts [Deterding et al 11]

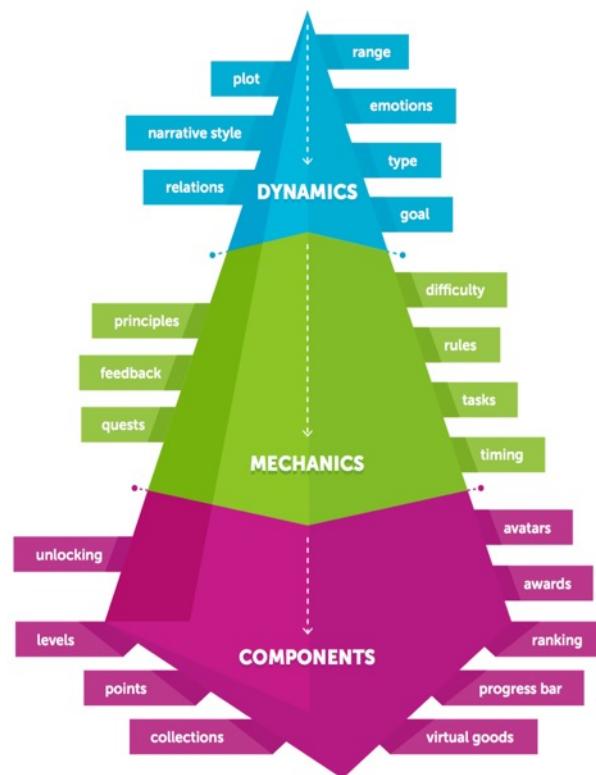
- Use of game dynamics (e.g. plot), game mechanics (e.g. rules) and game components (e.g. points, avatars) in order to engage more people

**“Serious games”**: computer games that are not limited to the aim of providing entertainment [Chon et al 2019]

- that allow for collaborative use of 3D spaces that are used for learning and educational purposes in a number of application domains [Macedonia 2002]



## GAMIFICATION ELEMENTS

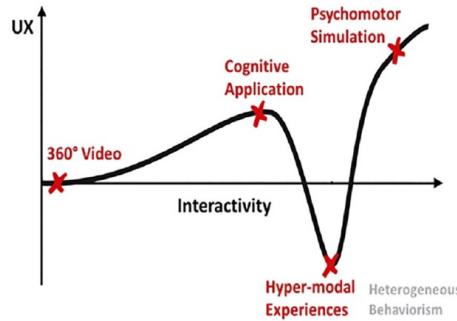
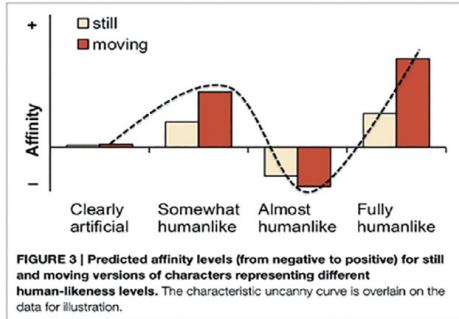


- Chon, S.-H. et al. Serious Games in Surgical Medical Education: A Virtual Emergency Department as a Tool for Teaching Clinical Reasoning to Medical Students. Jmir Serious Games 7, e13028 (2019).

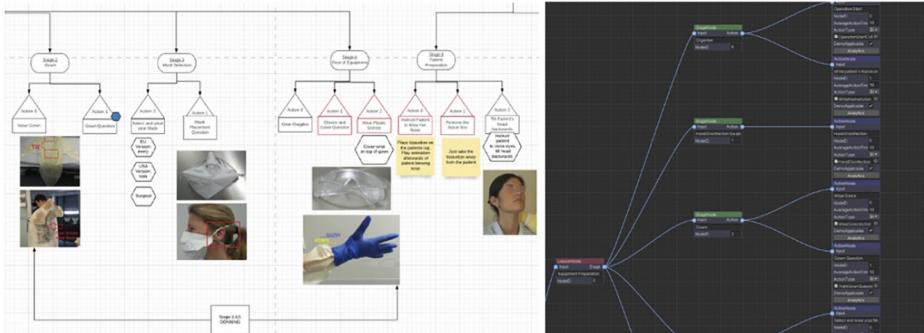
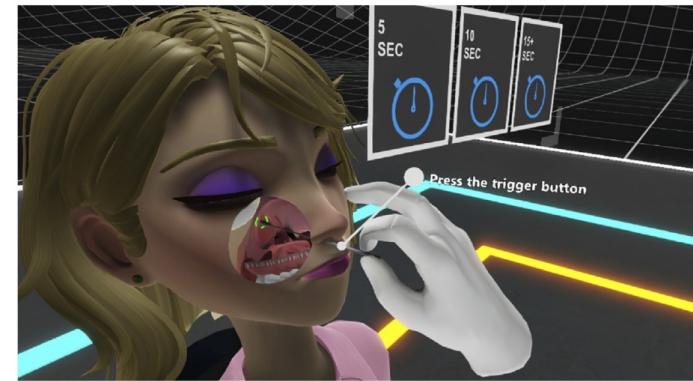
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# 6Gs of low/no code: Games, our approach



**FIGURE 7 |** Left: The Uncanny Valley (UV) effect: affinity (empathy, likeness, attractiveness) vs human-likeness from (Kätsyri et al., 2015). Right: The same phenomenon is observed when comparing the user experience vs the interactivity (level of detail and automation of every action) (Zikas et al., 2020).



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# 6Gs of low/no code: Generative AI & GNNs, state-of-the-art

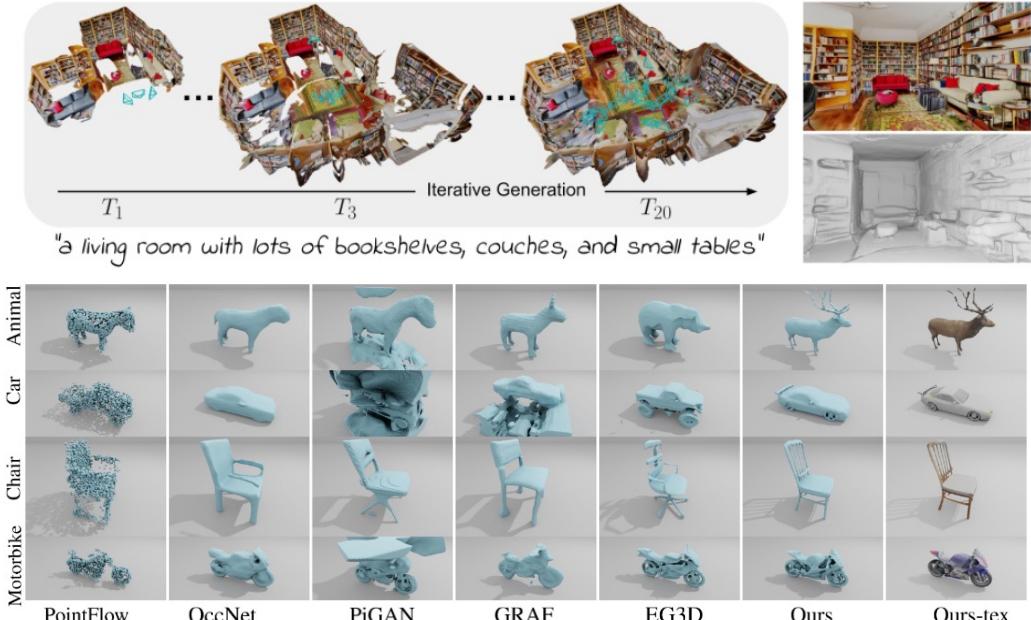
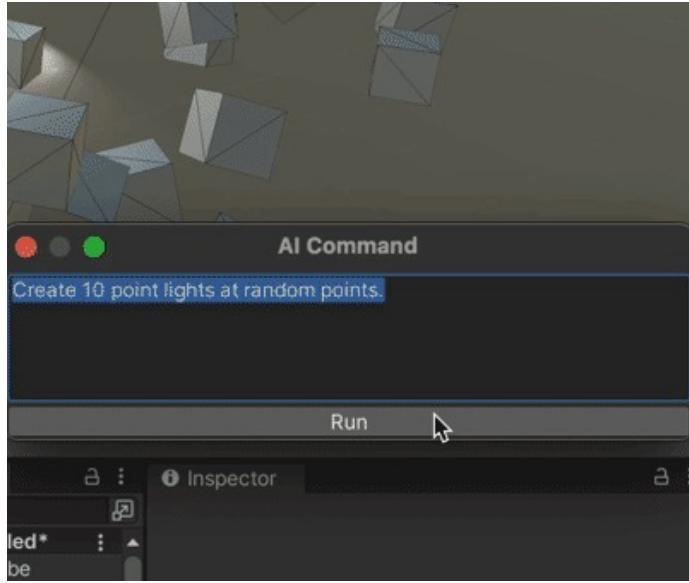
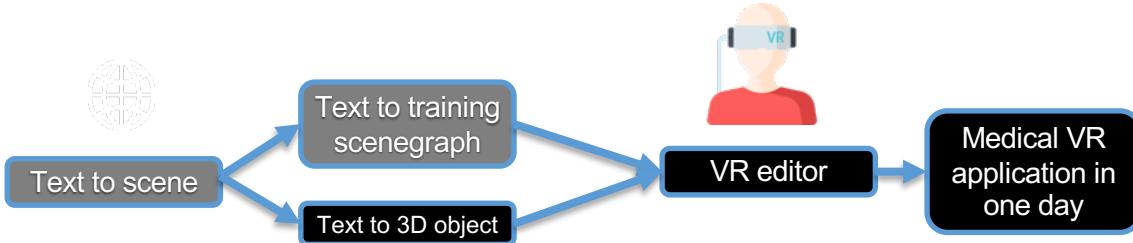


Figure 3: Qualitative comparison of GET3D to the baseline methods in terms of extracted 3D geometry. GET3D is able to generate shapes with much higher geometric detail across all categories.

- <https://github.com/keijiro/AICommand>
- Text2Room: Extracting Textured 3D Meshes from 2D Text-to-Image Models, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.11989>
- <https://pinar-seyhan-demirdag.medium.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-3d-model-and-scene-generation-papers-feb-2023-befea0c24967>
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# 6Gs of low/no code: Generative AI & GNNs, our approach

MAGES No-code platform  
(*Generative-AI based, no developer needed*)

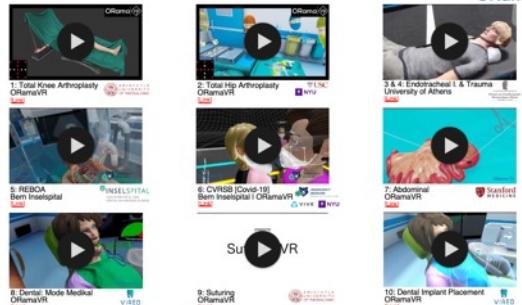


MAGES SDK Low-code platform\*  
(*support all VR/AR/mobile h/w devices, 1 developer needed*)

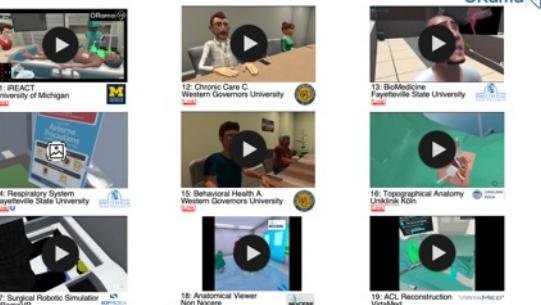


MAGES SIM template Library (*reach 100 sims as medical VR apps*)

Made with MAGES SDK - Pt. 1



Made with MAGES SDK - Pt. 2



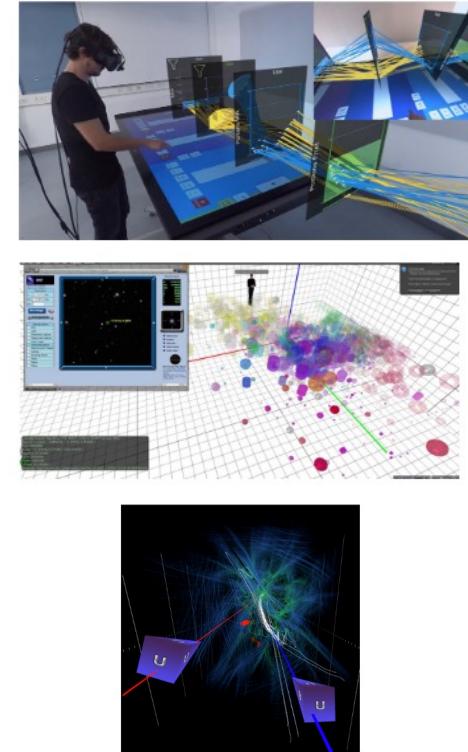
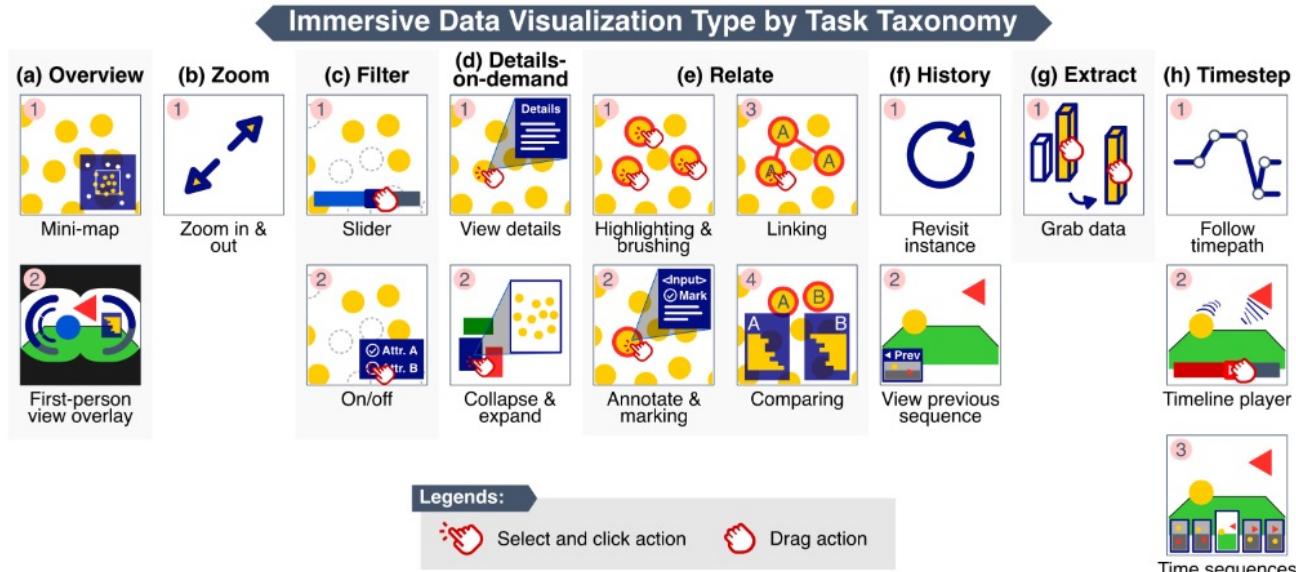
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# COMING TO OUR SENSES

**The world of immersive technology  
is no longer hype—we're living it.**

# Generated realms: Immersive visual analytics, state-of-the-art



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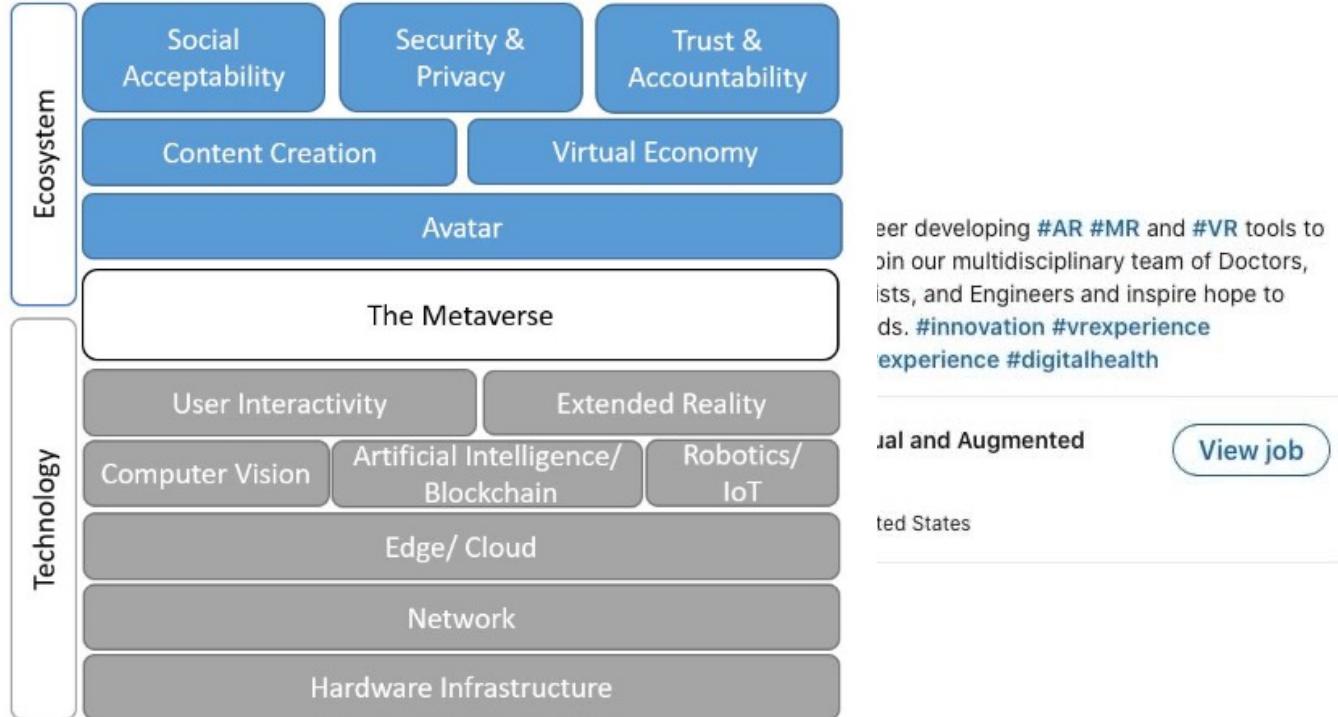
# Generated realms: Immersive visual analytics, our approach



# Generated realms: Metaverse, state-of-the-art

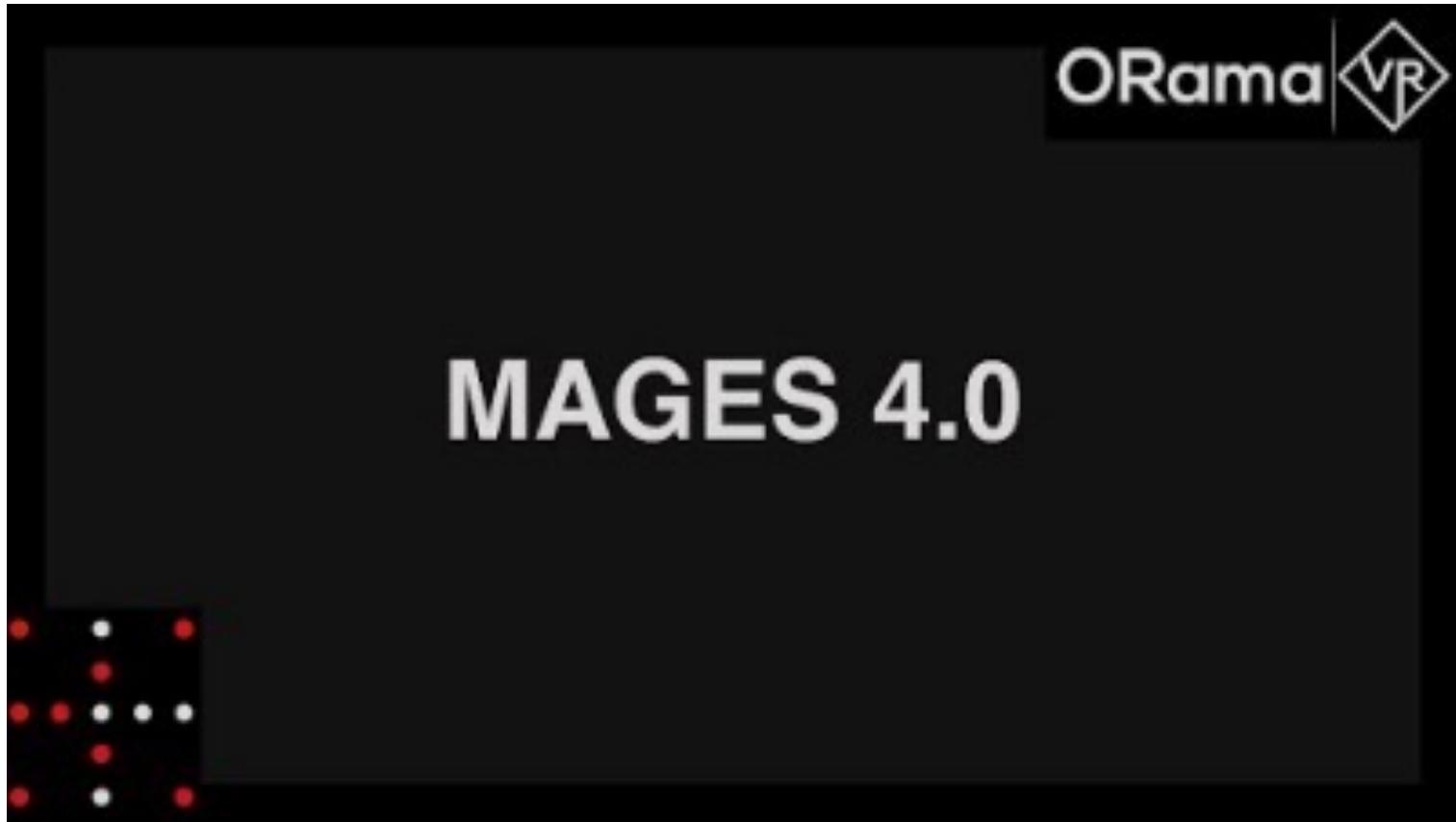
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Multiplayer game
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Augmented Reality filter
5G Connection
AR Cloud
Digital Avatar
Digital Event
ML classifier
E-commerce
Blockchain
Internet
Social Media
Videocall



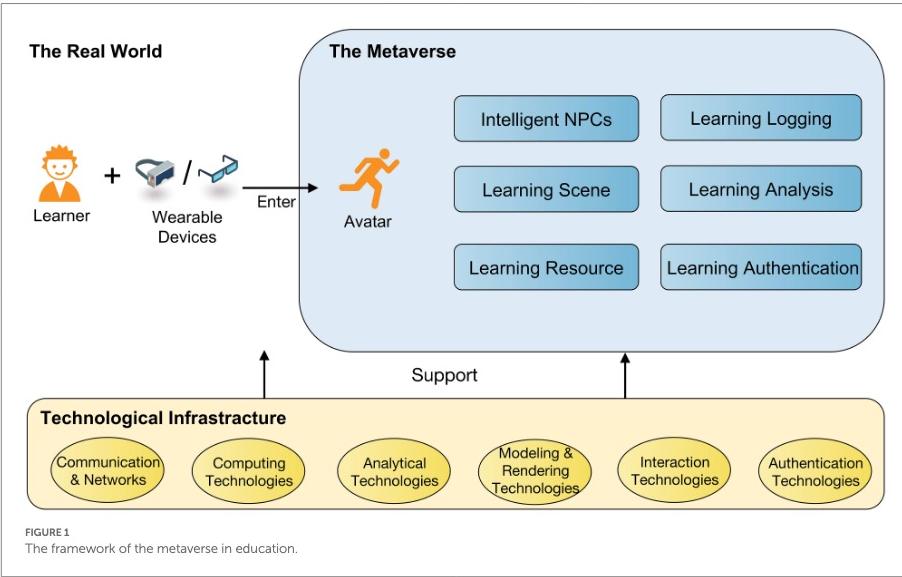
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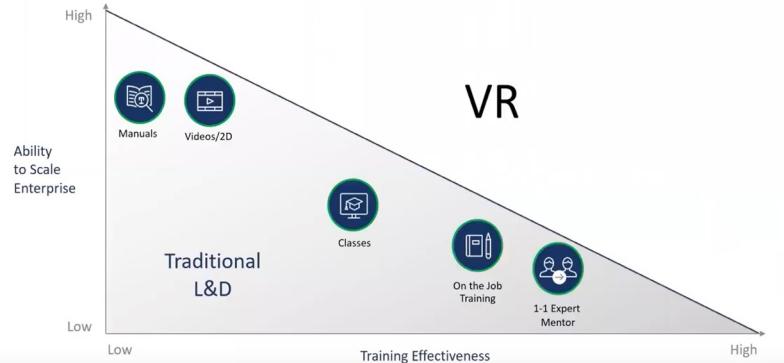


## Strong Use Cases

Best Way is “Learning by Doing”, BUT...

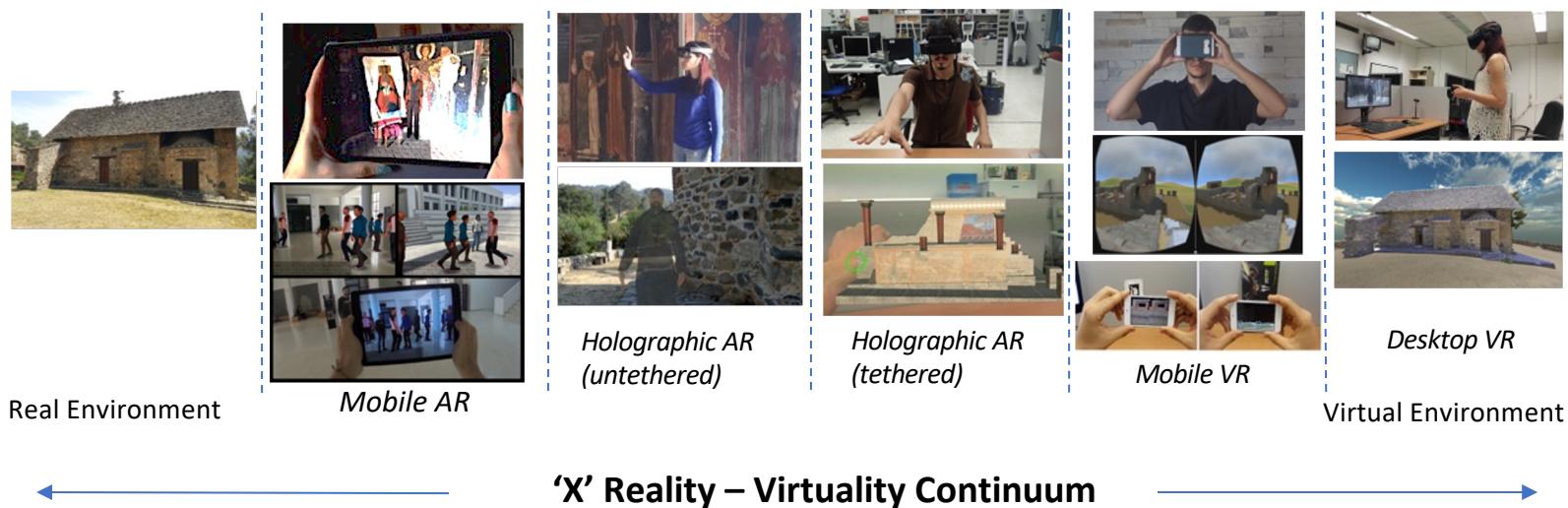


## Transforming the Enterprise Training Landscape

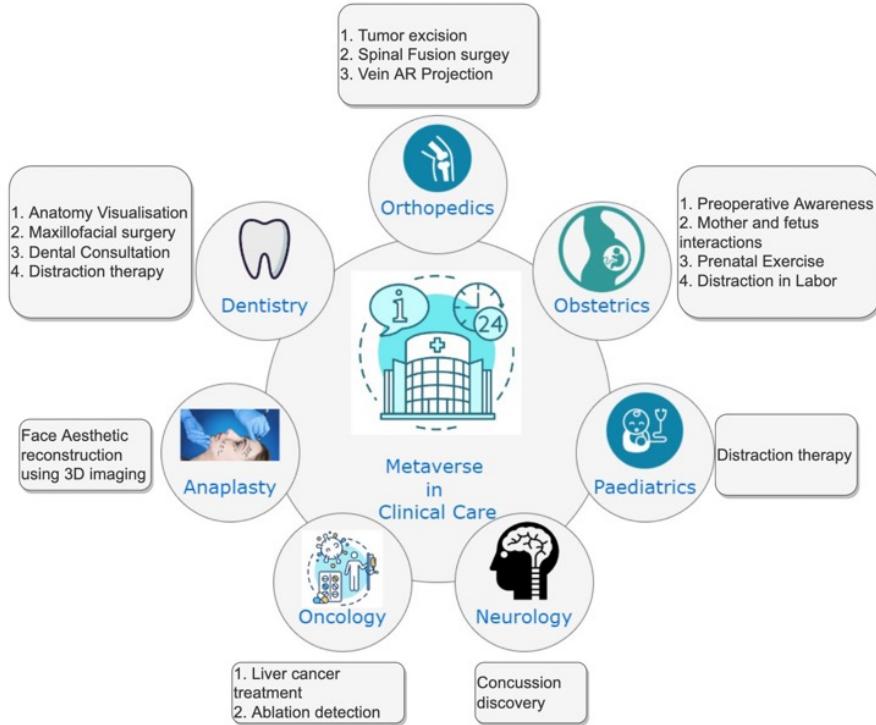


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# Generated realms: Edverse, our approach



# Generated realms: Medverse, state-of-the-art

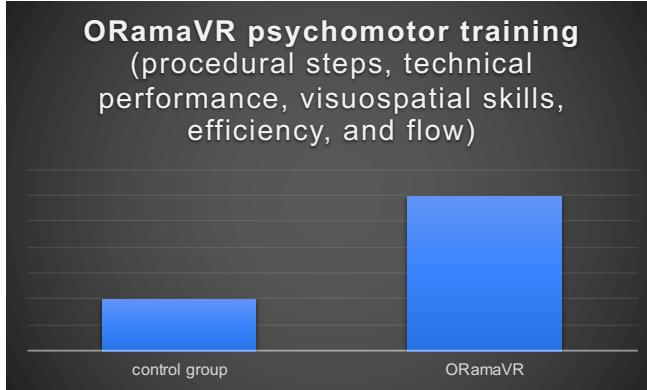


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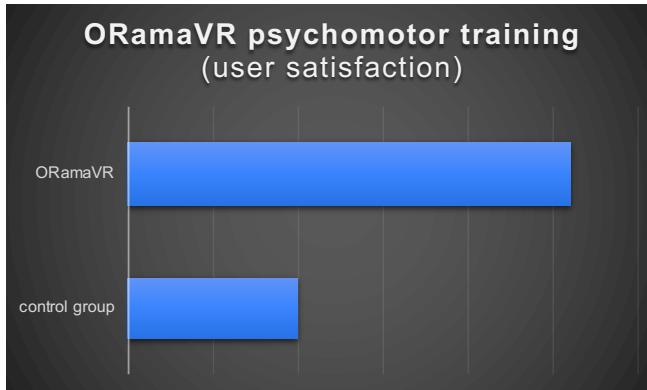
# Generated realms: Medverse, our approach



We have proven that medical VR training facilitates skills transfer from the virtual world to the real



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(N=29), Journal of Medical Internet Research\*

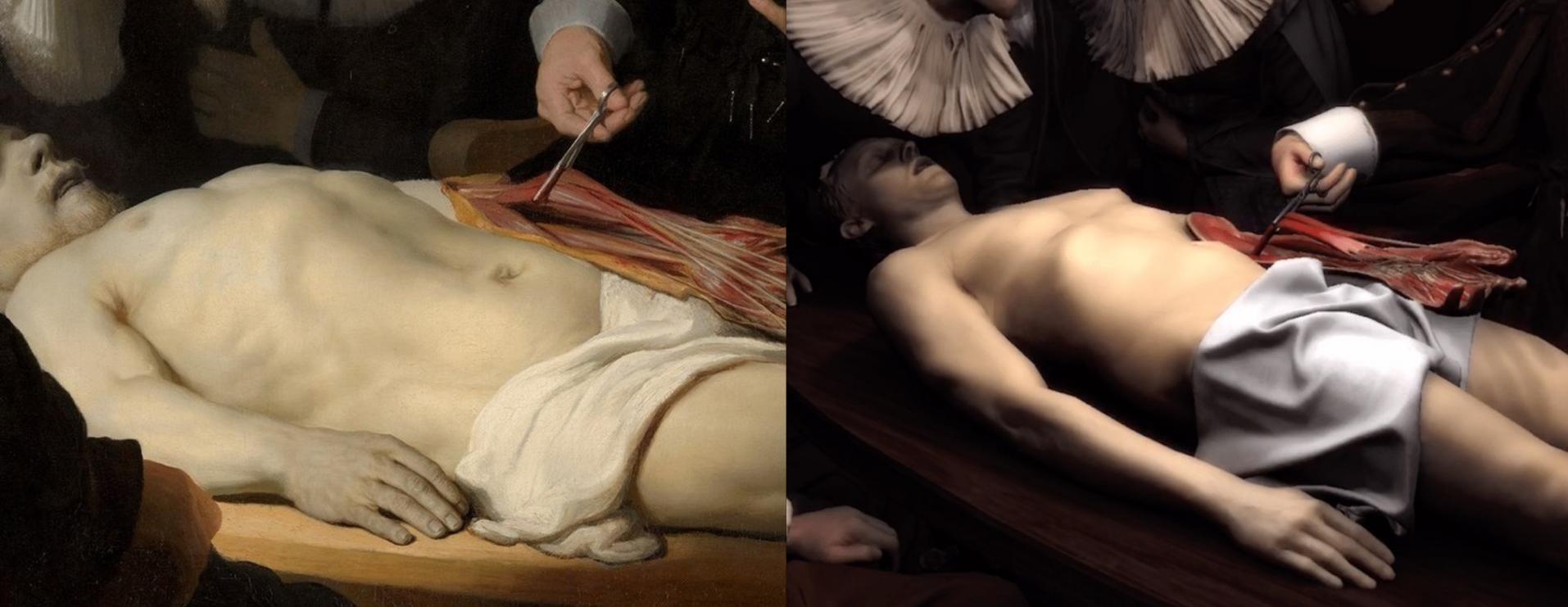


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Computational science + XR experiential technologies ?

# Computational Science & Innovation

## *Science, Computational Science, and Computer Science: At a Crossroads*

The U.S. Congress passed the High Performance Computing and Communications Act, commonly known as the HPCC, in December 1991. This act focuses on several aspects of computing technology, but two have received the most attention: computational science as embodied in the Grand Challenges (Table 1) and the National Research and Educational Network (NREN). The Grand Challenges are engineering and scientific problems considered vital to the economic well-being of the U.S. Many of these problems, such as drug design and global climate modeling, have worldwide impact. The NREN is to be an extremely high speed network, capable of transmitting in the terabit-per-second range—approximately ten times faster than we can currently transmit data. The exact goals of the HPCC are published in a pamphlet and updated annually [7].

The science and engineering components of the HPCC require an interdisciplinary approach to solving very difficult problems. The solutions require the concerted actions of physical scientists, engineers, mathematical scientists, and computer scientists. Computational science embraces this collaborative effort among many diverse disciplines. In the final analysis, the “answer” may have to be pieced together from the many viewpoints.

Our purpose is to ask whether today's computer scientists are able to take up the challenge of computational science. Some might argue that computational science is not an interest of computer science; that current areas of interest comprise the total domain. Indeed, it is strange that one has to argue for scientific applications as a part of computer science, since, after all, modern computing's roots are in scientific and engineering applications.

An exact definition of *computational science* is open to debate. There are many programs in the U.S. and elsewhere that use the term, and each program probably has its own view of computational science. We outline the Clemson University view of computational science as one possible approach. That view recognizes three components to computational science: applications, algorithms, and architectures. We visualize this as a pyramid supporting the science and engineering. Applications need not be restricted to the traditional science and engineering applications; for example, complex economic models can also benefit from computational science.

The conduct of computational science, in the Clemson view, is interdisciplinary. This interdisciplinary thinking demands that the constituent disciplines (physical sciences, engineering, mathematics, computer science) maintain their autonomy. Within computational science, a computer scientist retains expertise in computer science, but emphasizes applications in science or engineering.

Although computational science is not for every computer scientist, computational science is an idea whose time has come—again. Our premises:

1. Computational science is addressing problems that have important implications for humankind. These problems are complex and their

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## *Why Computational Science?*

*An interdisciplinary field (physical sciences, engineering, mathematics, computer science) whose time has come again:*

- Addressing complex problems that have important implications to humankind,
- Unlikely to succeed in near term without further advances in software and hardware
- Computer science is generally not participating in science or engineering applications or preparing students to do so

# Computational Science & Innovation: Computational medical XR



**Computational medical XR** is a new interdisciplinary field, bridging life sciences, with mathematics, engineering and computer science.

It unifies **computational science** (scientific computing) with intelligent **extended reality** and spatial computing for the **medical field**.

It extends significantly clinical XR by

- bringing on computer **simulation** and other forms of **computation**
- from **numerical analysis**, **computational geometry**, **computational vision** and **computer graphics** with theoretical computer science and machine **learning**, in order to solve **hard problems** in medicine

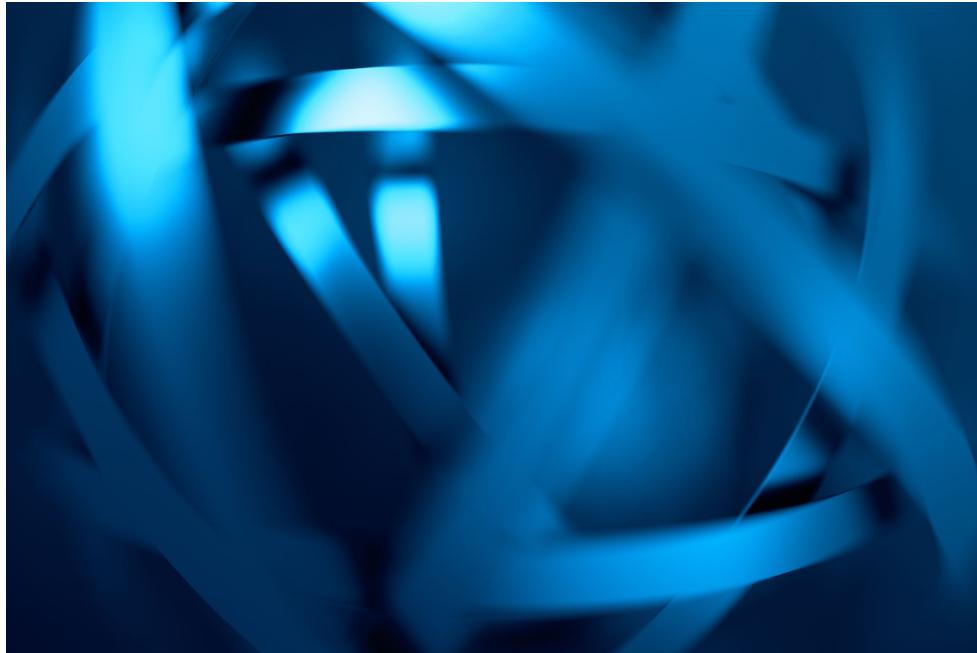
# Computational Science & Innovation: “do good” (while making \$)



- Fast-growing FORCE in Universities:
  - Influence technology and business models: **"do good" (while making \$)**
  - Growing realization that you can actually set norms, guidelines and even standards in new ventures for positive social purpose, and do this as a FOR-PROFIT (*not as NFP*)
  - Over the 30 social innovation champion students at Stanford GSB, 26 are working on big, social problems and are for profits! (*complete flip from 7-10 years ago!*) [Steve Ciesinski, Stanford GSB and ex-SRI president]

# Computational Science & Innovation: Linear model of innovation?

- Propagated by Vannevar Bush, 1945: **basic curiosity-driven science is the seed corn that eventually leads to new technologies and innovations**
- Matt Ridley points out in his book How Innovation Works, sometimes it's a two-way street: "**It is just as often the case that invention is the parent of science: techniques and processes are developed that work, but the understanding of them comes later**



# Conclusions

**ARE YOU READY TO  
TRANSFORM  
LEARNING  
IN YOUR  
ORGANIZATION?**



- XR computing is transforming education & training
- Several grand challenges still exist on authoring the forthcoming metaverse
- No-code (generative AI) tools have arrived and are transforming software 2.0

# Final quotes

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**The scene is set for massive change**

***"Geometry will draw the soul towards truth and create the spirit of philosophy"***

Plato

***"You keep on learning and learning, and pretty soon you learn something no one has learned before"***

Richard Feynman

***"Meaninglessness inhibits fullness of life and is therefore equivalent to illness. Meaning makes a great many things endurable—perhaps everything"***

C. Jung



*Let's accelerate world's  
transition to VR training!*

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