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# **From Virtual Reality to Virtual Teleportation**

*Change How Users Experience Virtual Worlds*

Simon Richir

Arts et Métiers ParisTech

# Presence & innovation



Training & Research Team

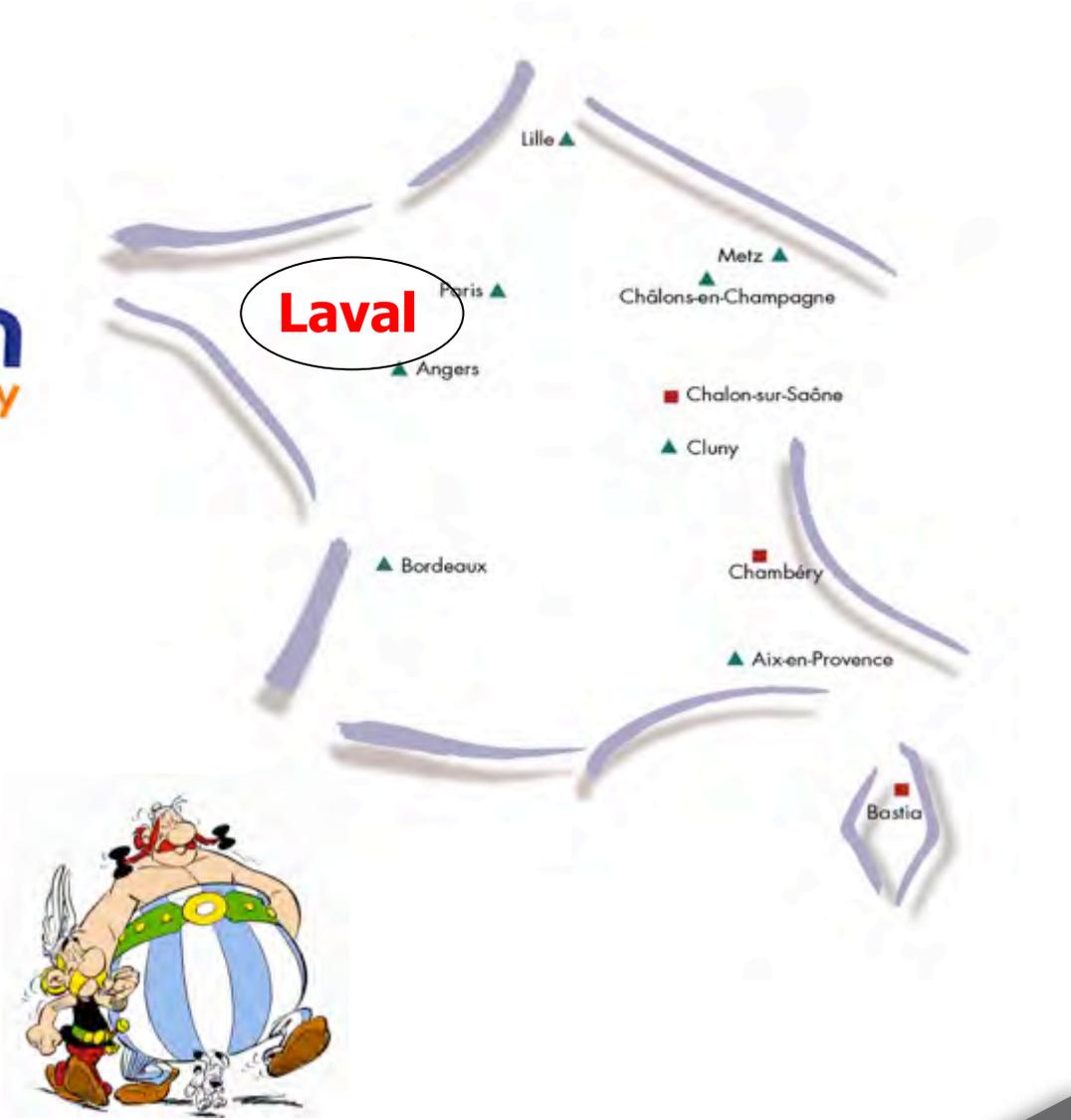
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# Laval (France)

A small town in France...

# LAVAL VIRTUAL



Nous sommes en 2013 après Jésus-Christ. Toute la Gaule est occupée par les Américains... Toute ? Non ! Un village peuplé d'irréductibles Gaulois résiste encore et toujours à l'envahisseur.

Les illustrations utilisées sont un hommage aux talents d'Albert Uderzo et René Goscinny



# Simon Richir side stack: Co-creation and Virtual Reality

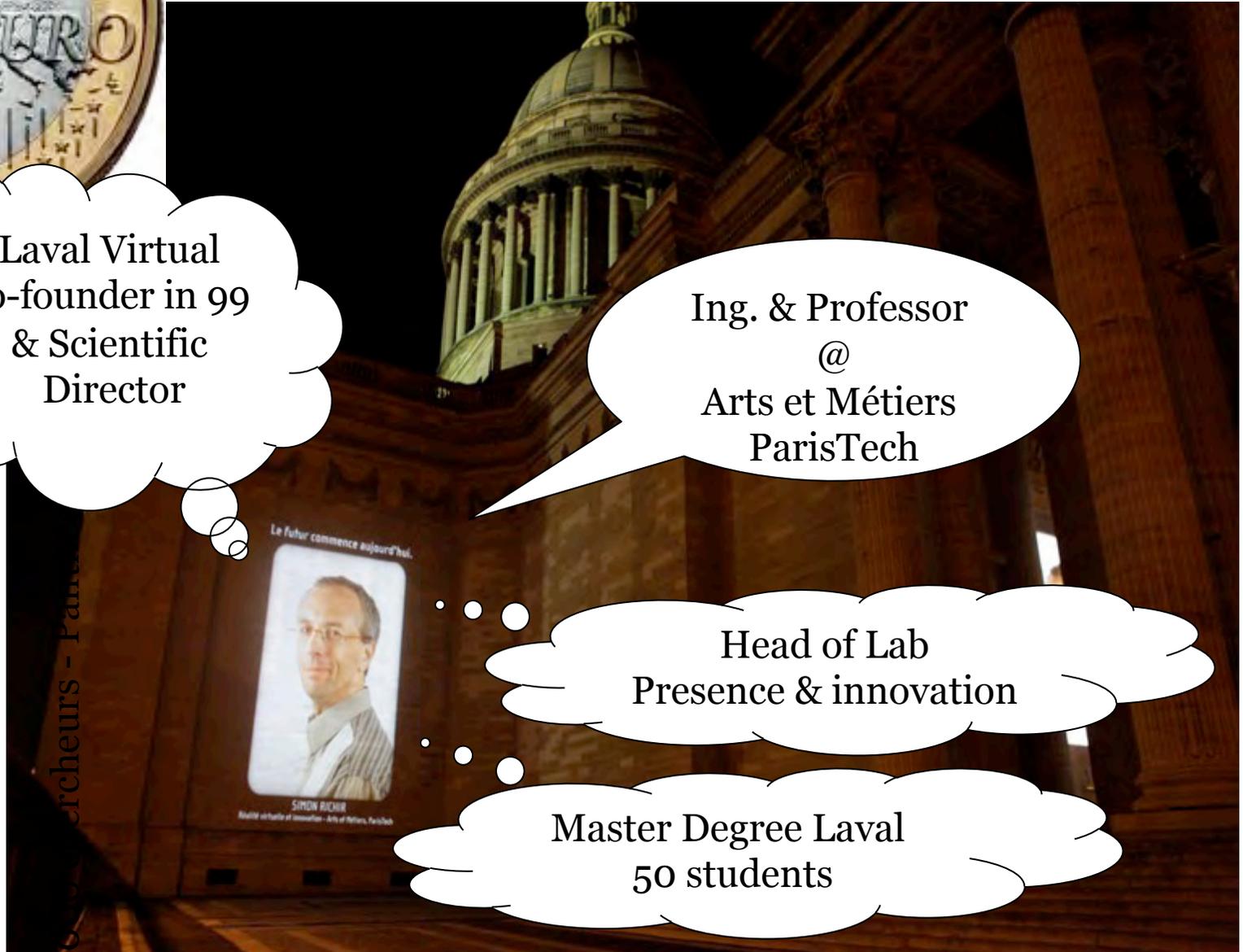


Laval Virtual  
co-founder in 99  
& Scientific  
Director

Ing. & Professor  
@  
Arts et Métiers  
ParisTech

Head of Lab  
Presence & innovation

Master Degree Laval  
50 students



# Simon Richir side face: Company Theatre & Shows



Pic Assiette  
Theater for Companies

Organisor of  
« Les Paris du Rire »

Author of 100+  
theater sketches

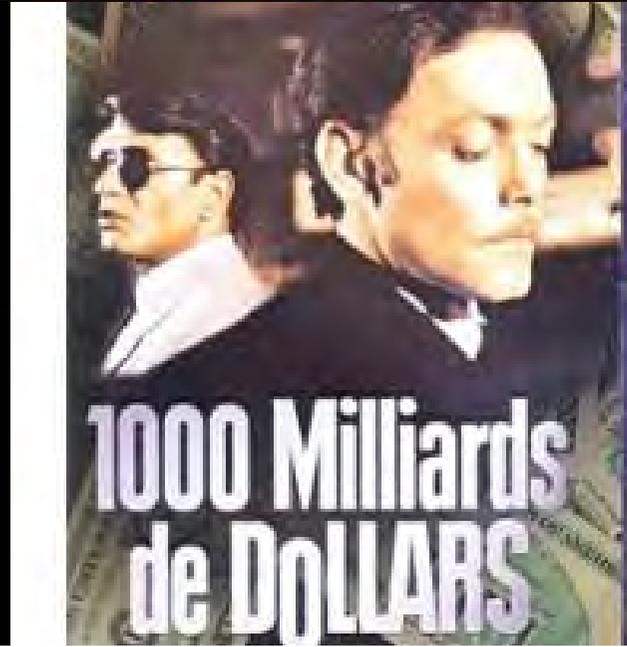
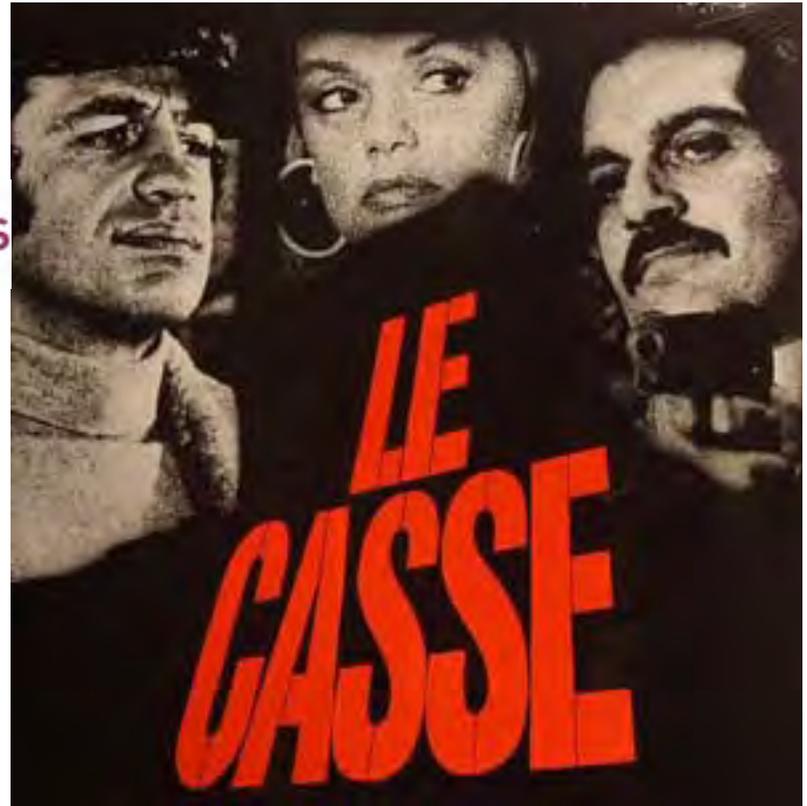
« Les Enfants de la Lune »  
Children amateur circus - Clown

Laval League of  
improvisational theater





French  
filmmaker  
**Henri  
Verneuil**  
(1920-2002)



# « Virtual Reality is the Cinema of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century »

Pr Bernard Tavel, Futuroscope & Laval Virtual co-founder



1999

Laval Virtual



François d'Aubert

Guy Le Bras



Bernard Taravel

Simon Richir

1999  
Laval Virtual  
co-founders

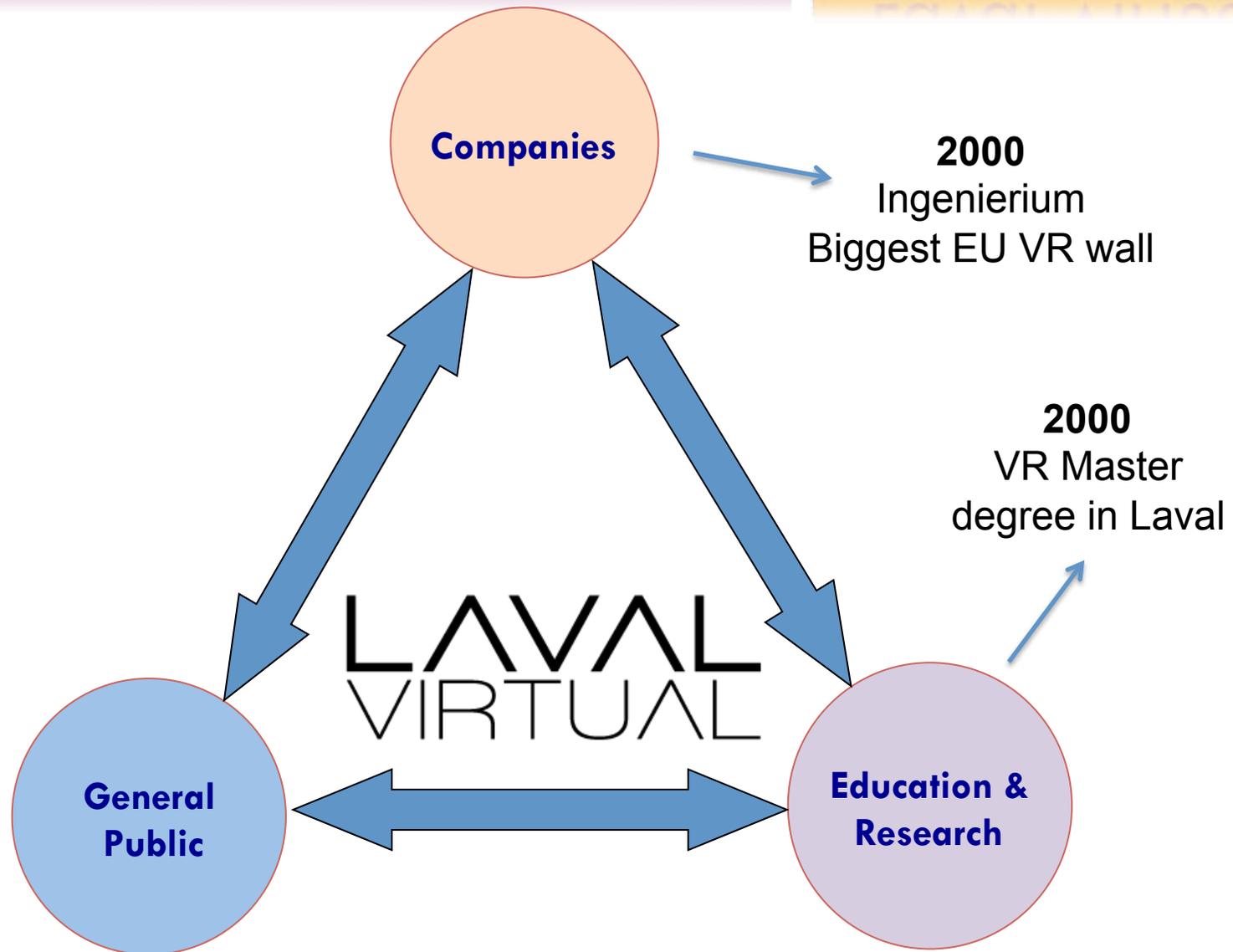
# Laval Virtual

- **International exhibition** (13 000 visitors)
- **ACM international Conference** (250 p.)
- **April 8-12, 2015**



# The basic concept

## Laval Virtual



= it was Futuroscope basic concept created by René Monory, Thierry Breton & Bernard Taravel



Laval Virtual Award  
for AccesSim simulator

# Laval Virtual 2014



Ensam booth

# Laval Virtual 2014



# Master Recherche IVI

- Response to the needs of local Companies
- 40 to 50 students in Laval at the heart of P&i team (M1 + M2)
- Educational projects
- Training of **projects manager** initiated to research



**MASTER INGÉNIERIE**  
du **VIRTUEL**  
et de **L'INNOVATION**  
**EN 2 ANS**

**ENTREZ** DANS LA  
**RÉALITÉ VIRTUELLE ...**



# P&i Lab. equipment



## *Equipements partagés pilotés par CLARTE ([www.clarte.asso.fr](http://www.clarte.asso.fr))*

**SAS3+** HDCAVE 3x3x4m **SASlab** : CAVE 2x2x3m **Salle collaborative, Workbench / Flatbench** 1m3, **Systèmes à retour d'effort** Phantom, Virtuose, INCA, **Logiciels** Ergowide3



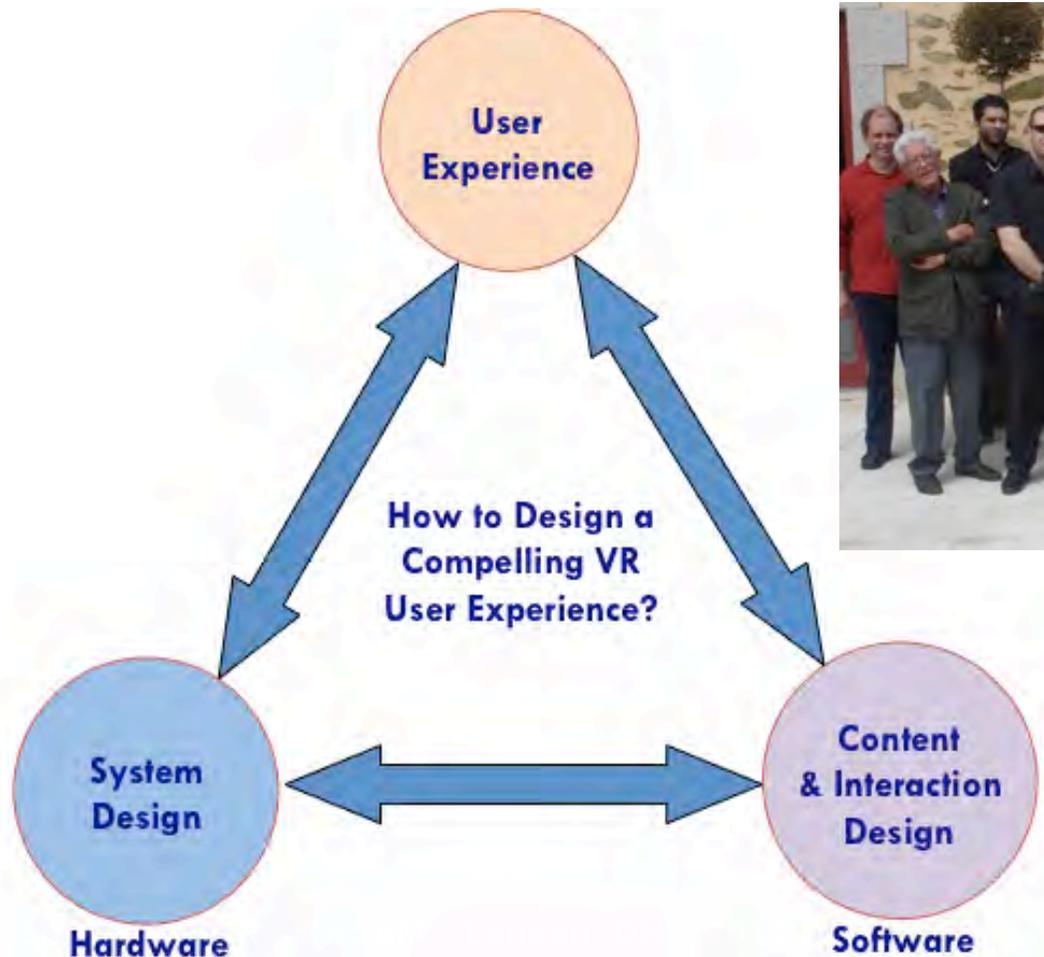
## *Equipements propres au laboratoire*

**Gants de données** 5DT ; **Système de tracking** magnétique Pohlemus Patriot, **Système de tracking** optique Natura Point Optitrack (6 caméras TR « motion capture ») ; **Bras haptique** 6 ddl Sensable Omni et 3 ddl Novint Falcon ; **Caméra 3D** pour TR Microsoft Kinect et Mesa SR 4000 ; Tablettes iPad et Android ; Webcams HD, Kinects, Wiimotes, clés bluetooth

## Videos : VR System we use

## Experience Design Methodologies for Virtual & Augmented Reality

« my VX »



# Partners



## LABORATOIRES (> 25)



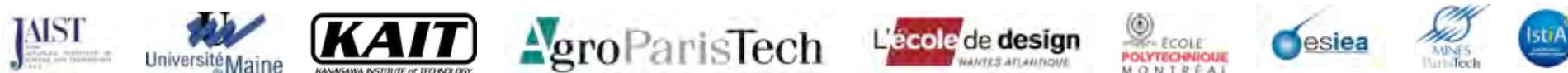
## ENTREPRISES (> 30)



## SANTE (> 15)



## ECOLE & UNIVERSITES (>10)



## POLES (6)



## RESEAUX (# 10)



## FINANCEURS (# 8)



## I'm going to introduce you 4 projects

- An achieved project, AccesSim
  - A current project, 3DLive
- *(Advertisement...)* What Mark said about VR...
  - A new project with Eon Reality
    - A future project, Urbi & Orbi

And then let's discuss together!

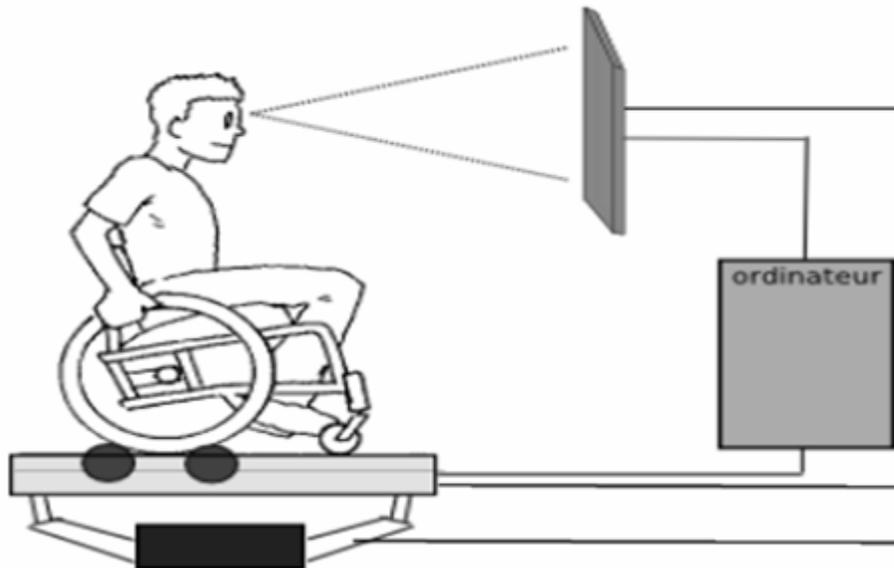


Example of an achieved project

# ACCESSIM

## Funded by Paris County

*Wheelchair Simulator to Evaluate Building Accessibility for Disabled People*



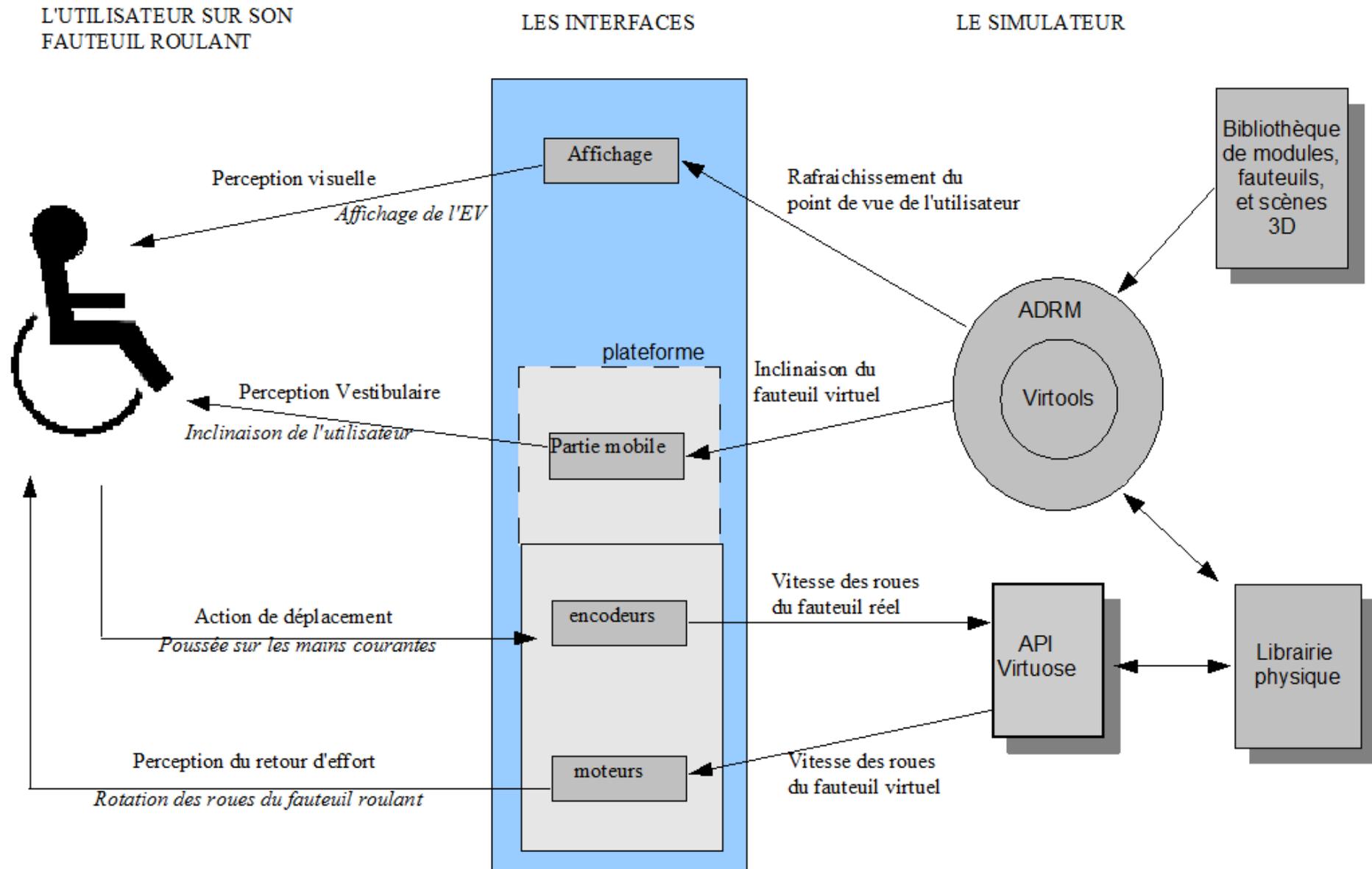
**Patent:** brevet déposé à l'Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle le 8 juillet 2009. Numéro de dépôt 09 54740.

# Project objectives

- Proposer un Simulateur de fauteuil roulant utilisant les technologies de la Réalité Virtuelle pour :
  - former et sensibiliser les architectes, les décideurs urbains et le grand public à la circulation en fauteuil roulant (normes de la circulaire n° DGUHC 2007-53),
  - vérifier l'accessibilité de nouveaux projets urbains (assistance à la maîtrise d'ouvrage) et de rénovation des ERP (Établissements Recevant du Public),
  - aider à entraîner, sans risque, les personnes récemment handicapées à l'utilisation d'un fauteuil roulant,
  - partager entre les laboratoires un simulateur de fauteuil pour étudier et tester de nouvelles aides techniques (fauteuils, véhicules, équipements ...).



# Simulator Architecture



# Virtual Environments

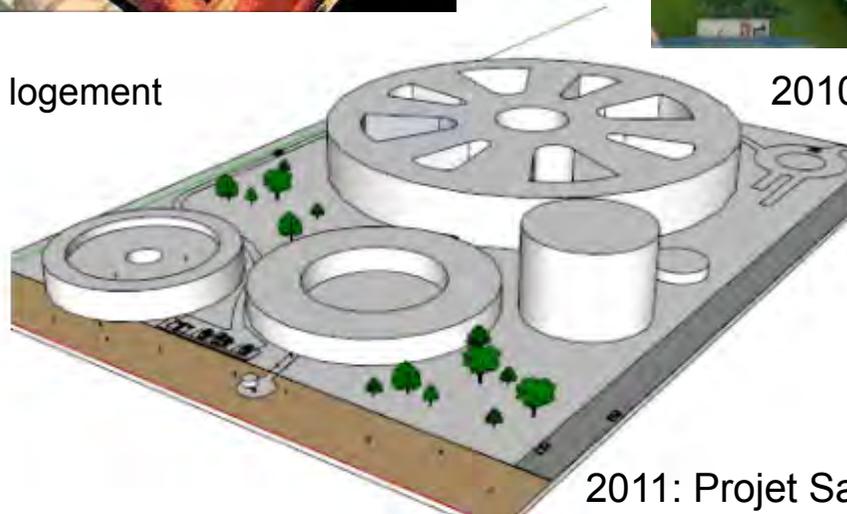
- Mise en place d'une méthode de création et de traitement de données CAO pour générer les environnements 3D (Intérieurs, bâtiments, ERP, quartier) :



Intérieur d'un logement



2010: Mureaux: Centre de formation EDF



2011: Projet Saclay

# Interactive Objects

- Création d'une bibliothèque de fauteuils roulants, de personnages 3D et de véhicules avec leur comportements qui seront intégrés dans les scènes 3D:

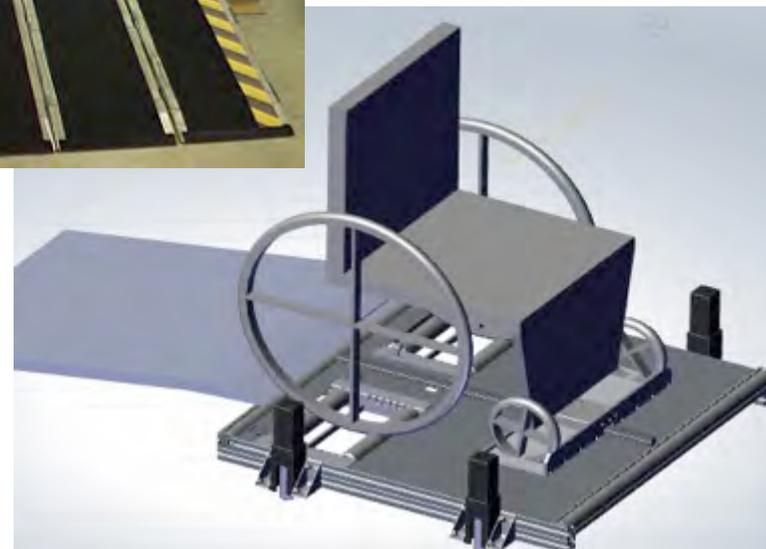


- Modélisation d'obstacles dont des éléments de mobiliers urbains qui seront insérés dans les scènes (éléments qui peuvent gêner la circulation).

# Robotic Platform & Visualisation

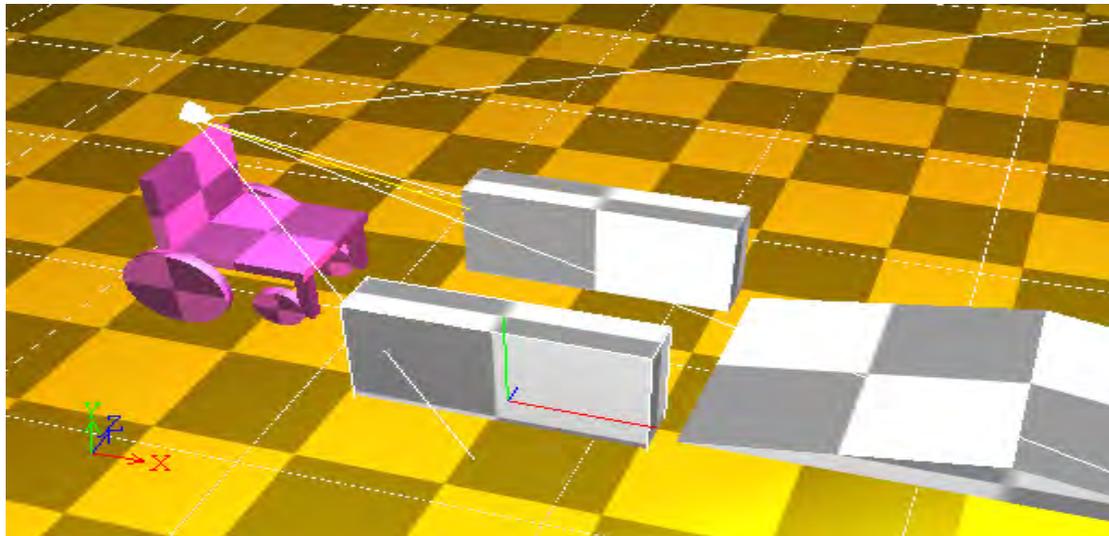


- 2009-2010 Cahier des Charges et Conception CAO d'une plateforme à rouleaux à retour d'effort avec les contraintes suivantes:
  - Plateforme accessible en fauteuil.
  - Prise en compte de différents fauteuils.
  - Être facilement transportable et installable.
- Lancement d'une Thèse par les Arts et Métiers sur la mise en place d'une méthode d'étude de configuration de simulateurs de RV
- Fin 2010 Réalisation d'un prototype de plateforme et couplage de la plateforme avec le simulateur
- 2010-2011 Conception d'une plateforme mobile à base de vérins électriques ou de cabestans (5° tangage, 3° roulis) et réalisation.
- 2011-2012 Tests et évolutions la plateforme



# Physical Engine & Force feedback

- Étude et réalisations de prototypes de squelettes de simulation de la physique de déplacement de fauteuils roulants qui répondent aux besoins suivants:
  - Gestion du différentiel entre les roues motrices
  - Gestion des collisions avec les obstacles (murs, pentes...) et en particulier les contacts roues/sols
  - Gestion de la dynamique de déplacement (accélération, freinage, pentes)



■ 2010 : évaluation des moteurs Havok (Intel), PhysX, XDE, Bullet (OpenSource) puis réalisation d' une première maquette de couplage entre AccesSim et Bullet

■ 2011 : Lancement d' une Thèse CIFRE →

# Budget

Entity	I/an	Budget	IDF Funding
EDF R&D	2	508 106,00 €	127 026,50 €
CEA - LIST	2,5	374 000,00 €	149 600,00 €
ARTS - LCPI (Paris)	3,6	450 000,00 €	257 572,00 €
UVSQ - LISV	4,7	410 000,00 €	247 764,00 €
CEREMH	1,9	239 080,00 €	107 586,00 €
Total		1 981 186,00 €	889 548,50 €

Video AccesSim finale Trophées  
Laval Virtual 2014



Example of a current project

## 3D LIVE european project

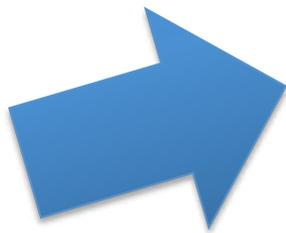
*Live Interactions through Visual Environments*



# 3DLive european project

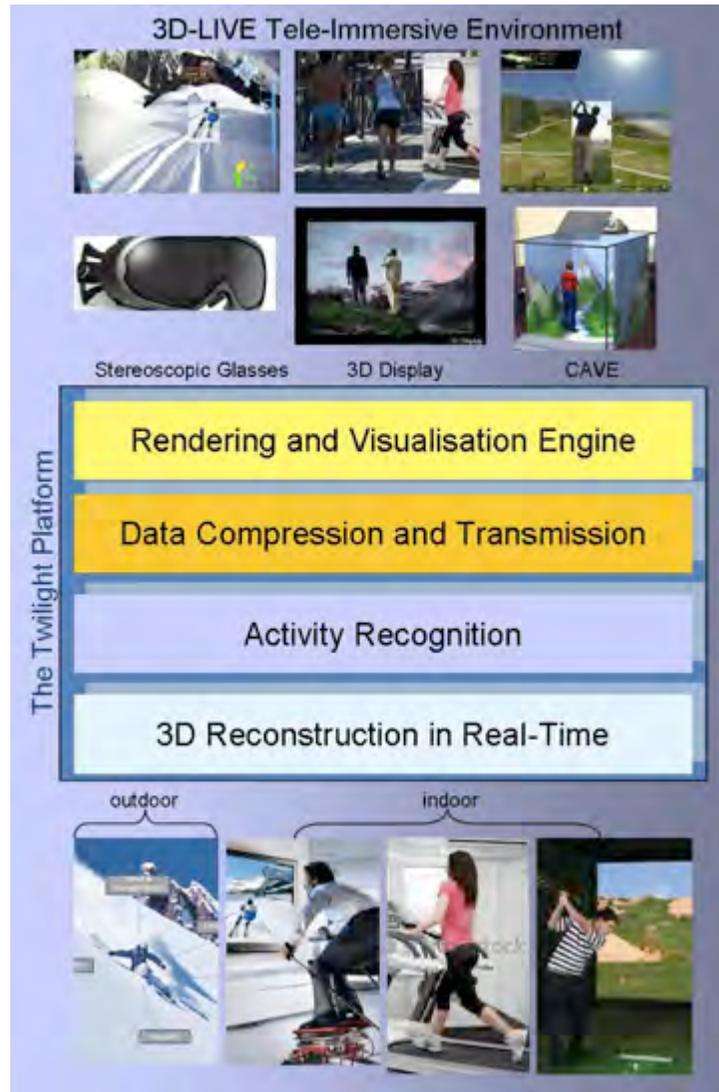


The main research goal of 3DLIVE project is to investigate the impact of 3D Tele-Immersive Environment (3D-TIE) on **people behavior and feelings when they (golfers, skiers, joggers) practice together** from indoor and outdoor situations.

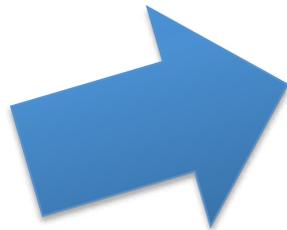




# 3DLive european project



## 3DLive Tele-Immersive Platform

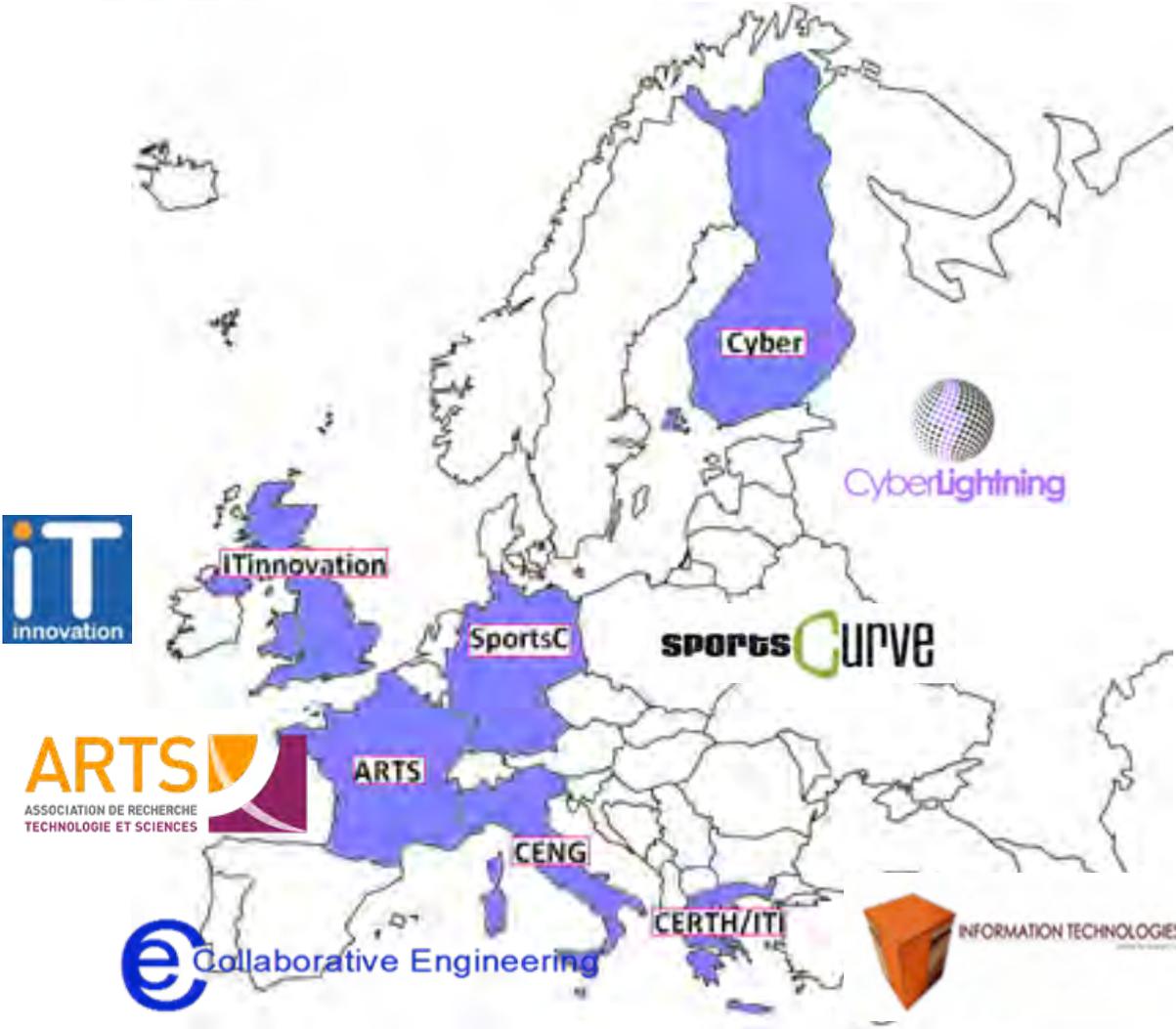




# 3DLive european project



## 3DLive Consortium



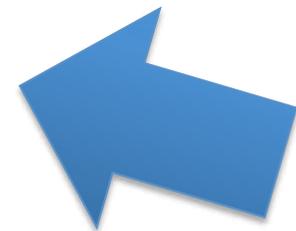
- CENG:** Collaborative Engineering S.R.L. , Italy
- CERTH/ITI:** Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, Greece
- IT Innovation:** University of Southampton, UK
- ARTS:** Arts&Metiers ParisTech, France
- SportC:** SportsCurve GmbH, Germany
- Cyber:** Cyberlightning Ltd, Finland



## A shift from Industrial Design towards Experiential Design



- The new era of networked communities and increasing consciousness on the paramount importance of **citizens' participation** and societal issues offers an unprecedented opportunity to **reconcile the relationship between people and technology**
- Enables to focus on **human experience** as a corner stone in the design process and potential adoption of new technologies (e.g. IoT)

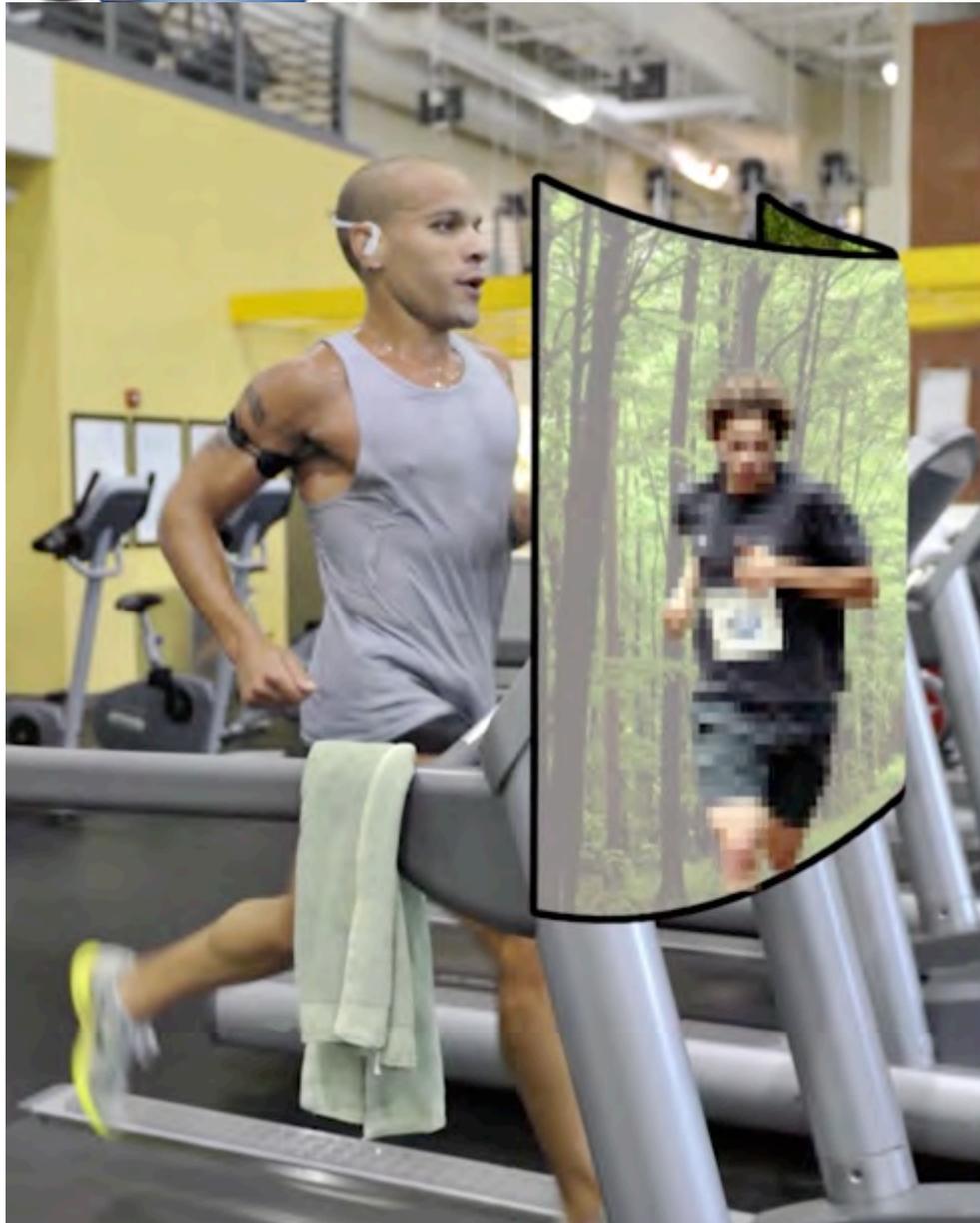




# 3DLive european project



An *avatar* corresponding to the two protagonists appear in **the environment** of each skier.





# 3DLive european project





# 3DLive european project



*An **avatar** corresponding to the two protagonists appear on the **environment** of each golfer.*



# 3DLive european project



LAVAL



GREECE

Speed : 24 km/h - Altitude : 1069m 3D LIVE Skiing Experience

Speed : 31 km/h - Altitude : 1072m 3D LIVE Skiing Experience



AUSTRIA





# 3DLive european project

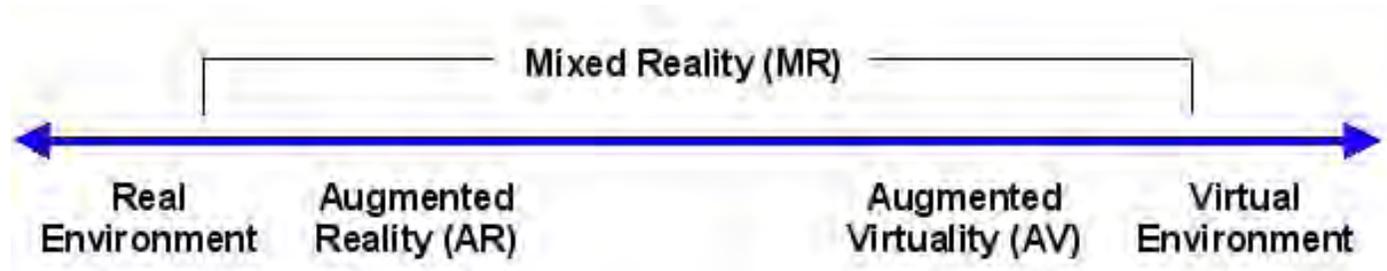


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## Video on 3D Live project

# What about VR ? (AR, MR)



The reality-virtuality continuum by Milgram [1994]



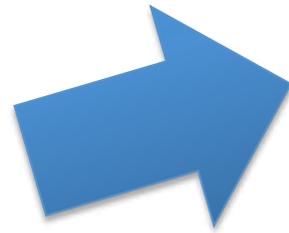


I'm excited to announce that we've agreed to acquire **Oculus VR**, the leader in **virtual reality** technology.



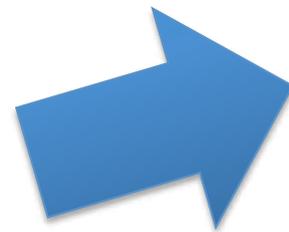


Our mission is to make the **world more open and connected**. For the past few years, this has mostly meant building mobile apps that help you share with the people you care about. We have a lot more to do on mobile, but at this point we feel we're in a position where we can start focusing on what platforms will come next to **enable even more useful, entertaining and personal experiences.**





This is where Oculus comes in. They build virtual reality technology, like the Oculus Rift headset. When you put it on, **you enter a completely immersive computer-generated environment, like a game or a movie scene or a place far away.** The incredible thing about the technology is that you **feel like you're actually present in another place with other people.** People who try it say it's different from anything they've ever experienced in their lives.





Oculus's mission is to **enable you to experience the impossible**. Their technology opens up the possibility of completely new kinds of experiences.



But this is just the start. After games, we're going to make Oculus a **platform for many other experiences**. **Imagine enjoying a court side seat at a game, studying in a classroom** of students and teachers all over the world or **consulting with a doctor** face-to-face -- just by putting on goggles in your home.



This is really a new communication platform. By feeling truly present, you can **share unbounded spaces and experiences** with the people in your life. Imagine sharing **not just moments** with your friends online, but **entire experiences and adventures**.



These are just some of the potential uses. By working with developers and partners across the industry, together we can build many more. **One day, we believe this kind of immersive, augmented reality will become a part of daily life for billions of people.**



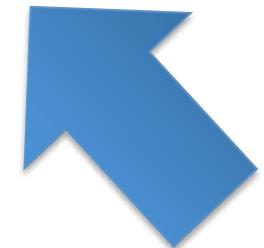
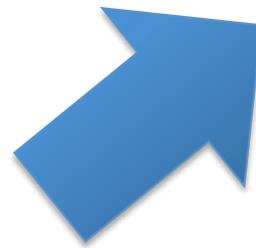
That's what we say since 1999!!!

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Main question:

**When Mark Zuckerberg is moving to Laval?!-)**



## Next step ? VIRTUAL TELEPORTATION

### Marriott's 4D Travel Experience

THE FULLY  
IMMERSIVE,  
4-D VIRTUAL  
JOURNEY  
TRANSPORTS  
YOU FROM BIG  
BEN TO MAUI  
RIGHT FROM OUR  
LOBBY.

**Emotion, key factor**

## Video SIGHT (the future)

Example of a new project

# EON REALITY

## Augmented User Experience



1999

Eon Reality



**1999:** The Company launched EON Studio as its first virtual reality software authoring tool



Dan Lejerskar



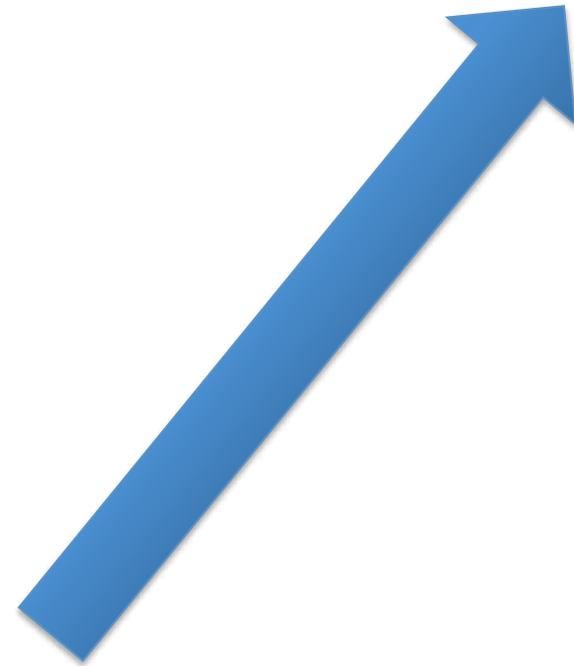
Mats Johansson

1999 - 2014

Eon Reality



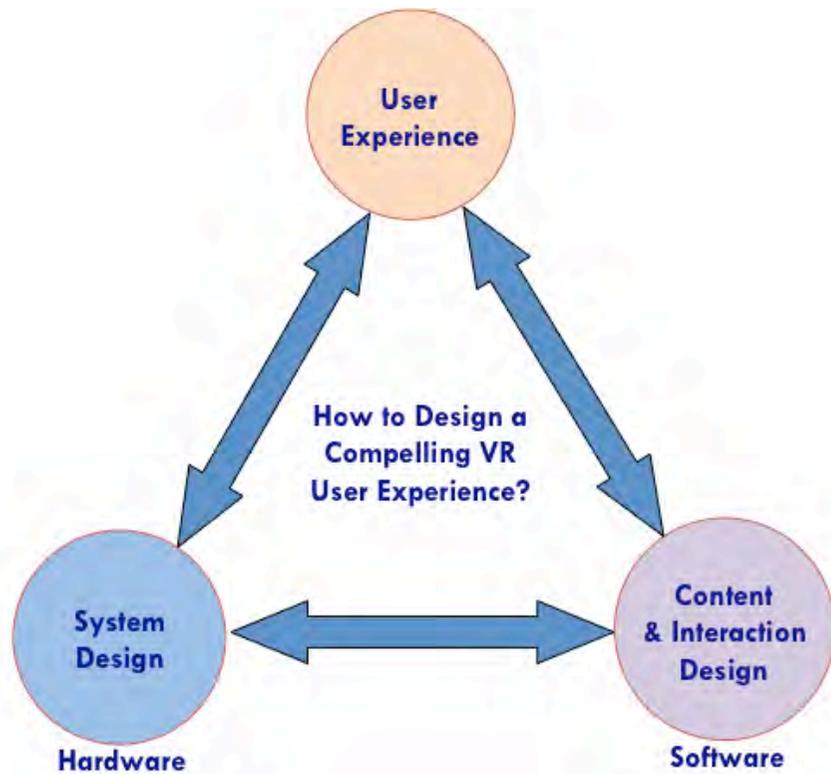
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VIRTUAL



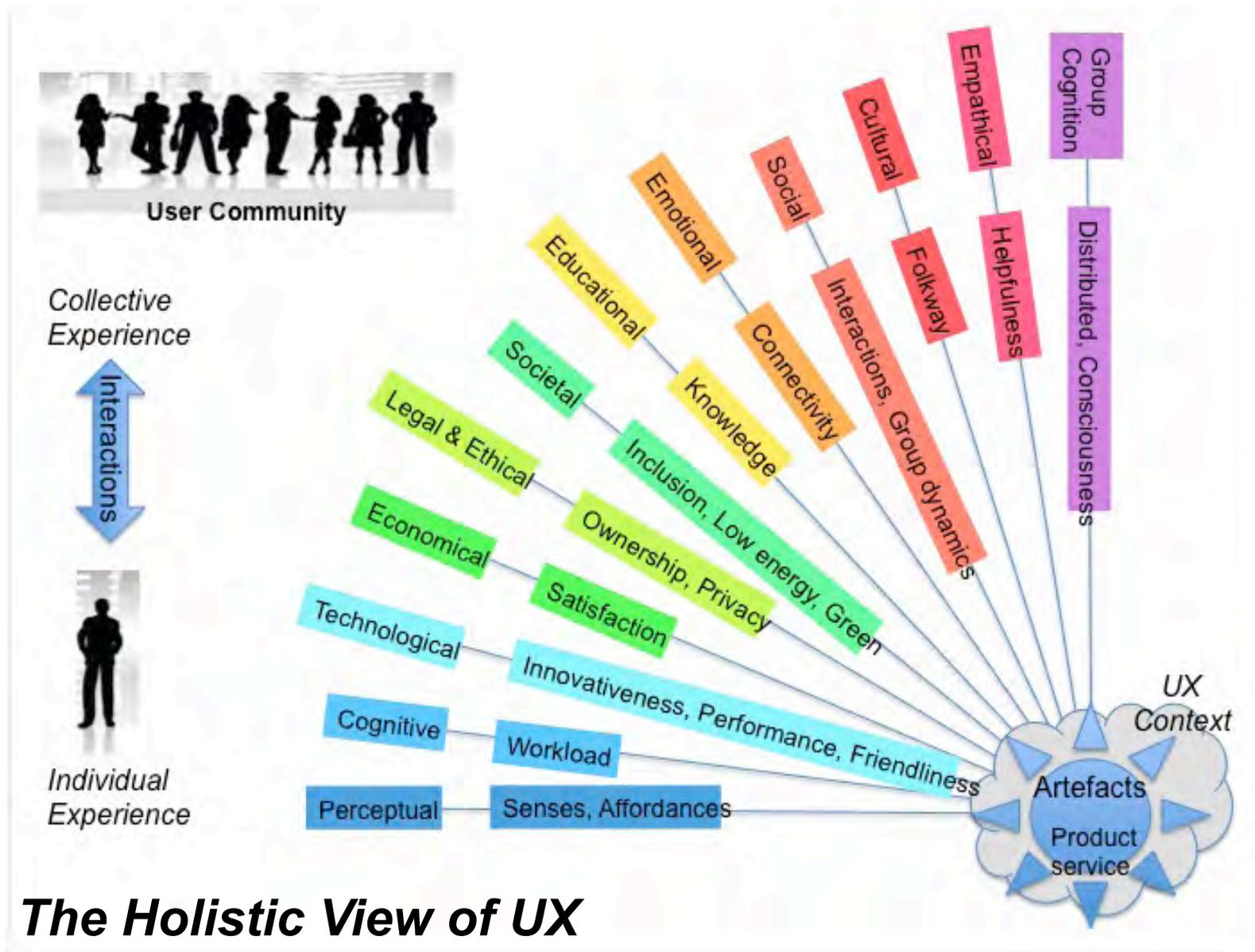
Laval Virtual and Eon Reality grew up

## Experience Design Methodologies for Virtual & Augmented Reality

« my VX »

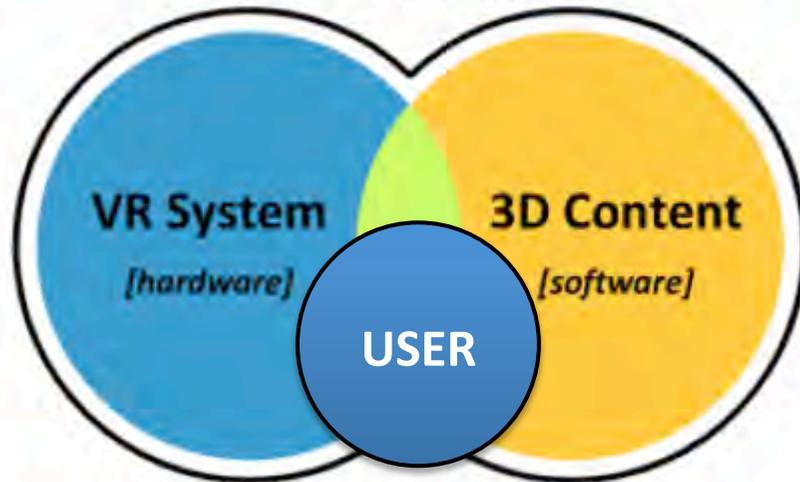


*Through the study of the Immersive User Experience within an immersive Virtual Reality system (iCube & iDome), we propose to address the challenge of improving the user experience.*



(Pallot, 2012) Pallot, M., and Pawar, K. S. 2012. A Holistic Model of User Experience for Living Lab Experimental Design. In Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Engineering, Technology and Innovation, ICE'2012 "Innovation by Collaboration and Entrepreneurial Partnerships", Munich, Germany, 18-20 June 2012, DOI= <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ICE.2012.6297648>

## Immersive system



## Study of the Immersive User Experience to determine all the key factors

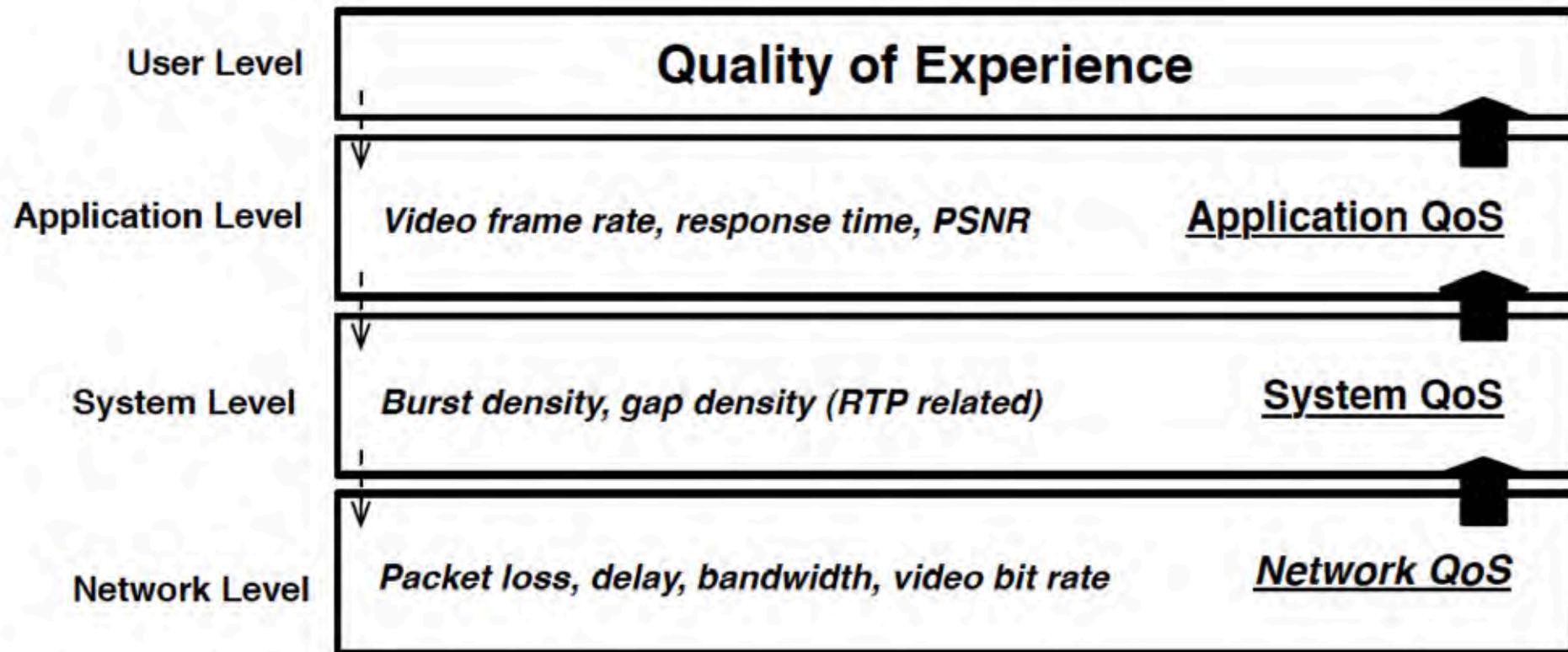


Factors	Technical - QoS	Human - QoE
SYSTEM	XX	XX
CONTENT	XX	XX
SYSTEM+CONTENT	XX	XX

## USER EXPERIENCE

$$\text{USER EXPERIENCE} = f(\text{Factors}_{\text{SYSTEM}}, \text{Factors}_{\text{CONTENT}}, \text{Factors}_{\text{SYSTEM + CONTENT}})$$

# A little bit of scientific theory on VR experience



(WU, 2009) Wu, W., Arefin, A., Rivas, R., Nahrstedt, K., Sheppard, R. and Yang, Z. 2009. Quality of experience in distributed interactive multimedia environments: toward a theoretical framework. In Proceedings of the 17th ACM international conference on Multimedia (MM '09). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 481-490. DOI= <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1631272.1631338>

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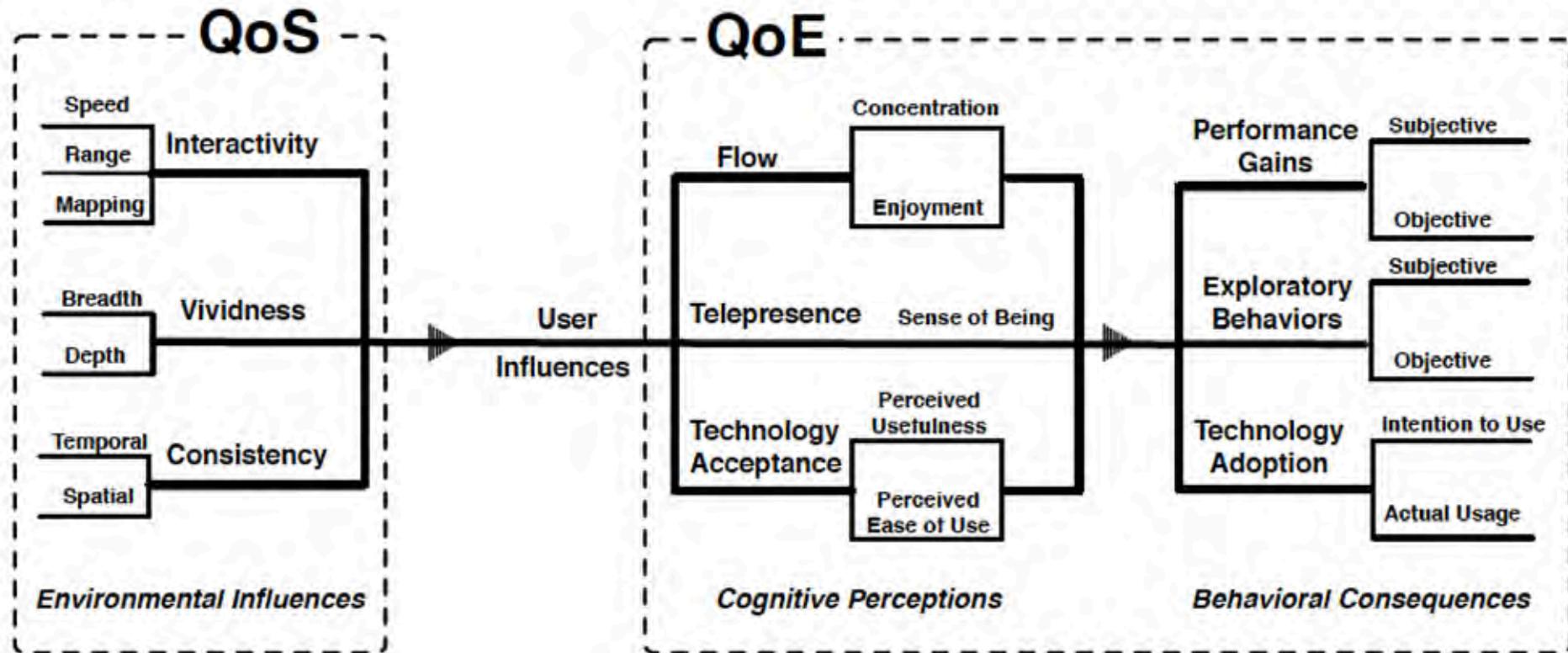
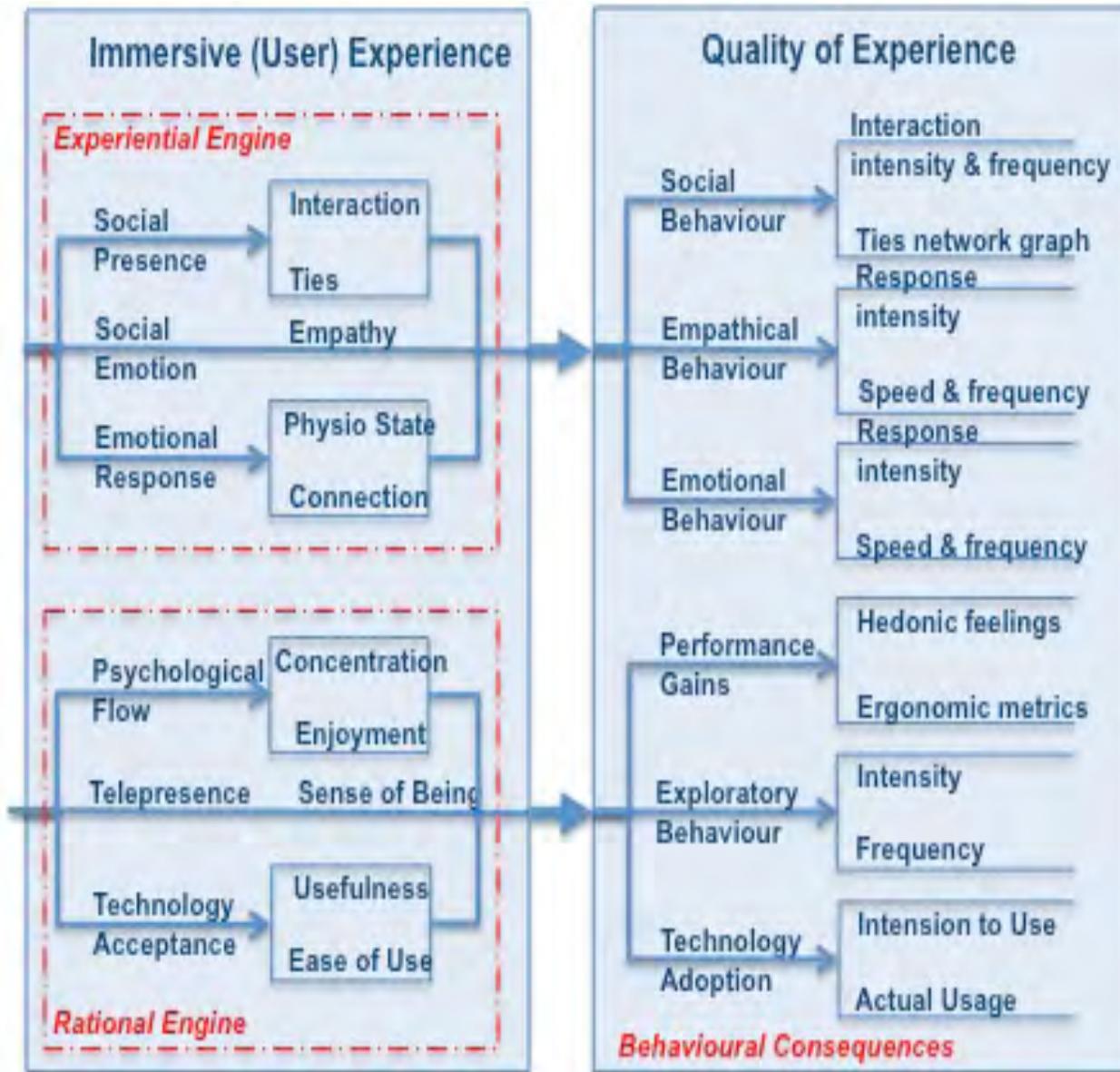


Figure 4: Quality Framework in DIMEs

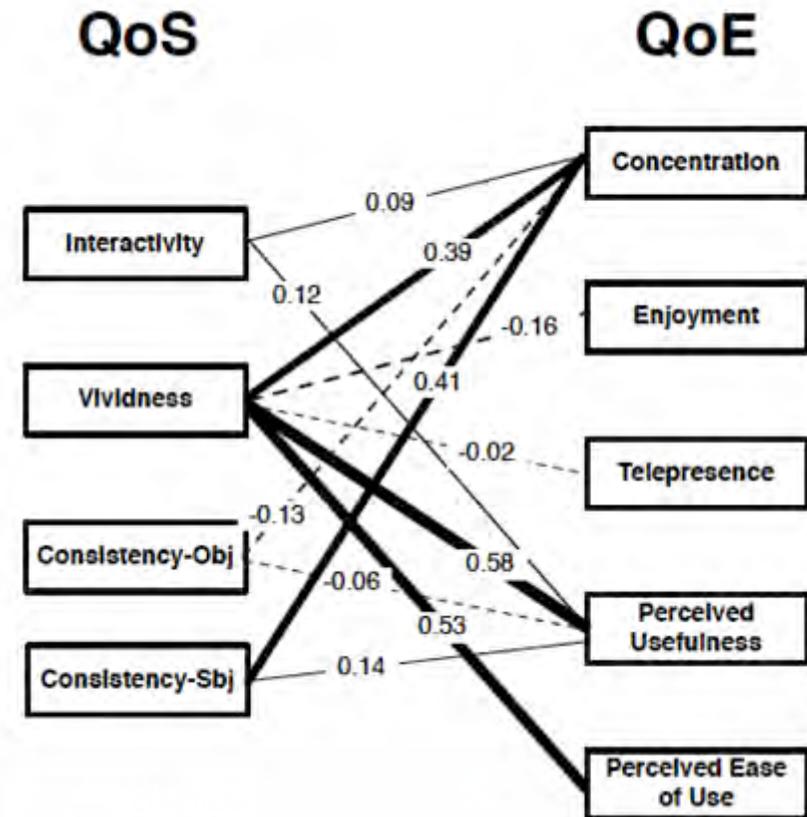
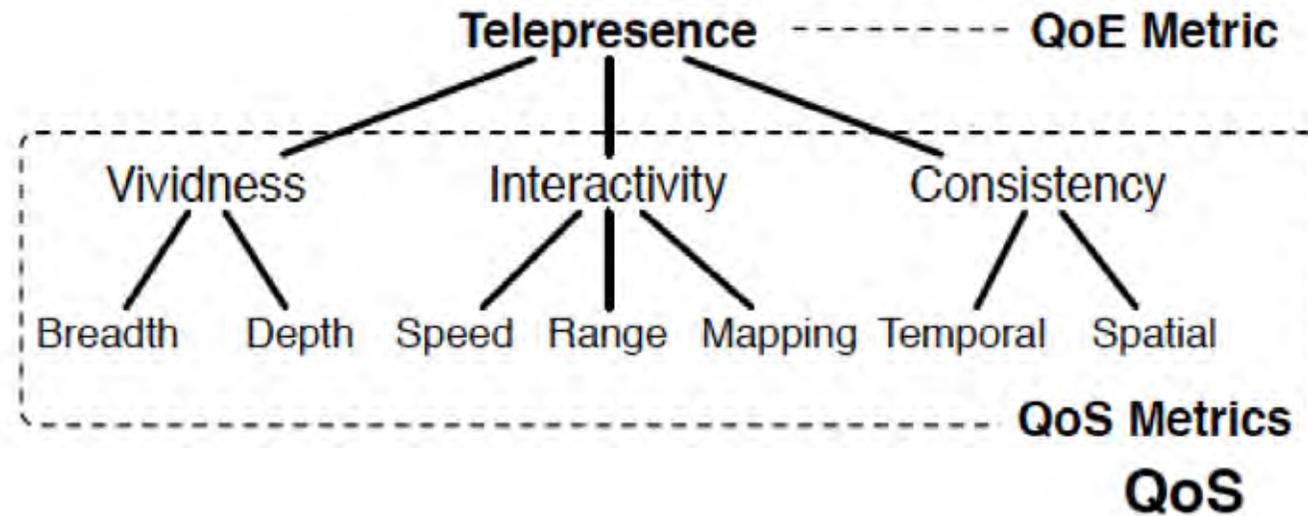
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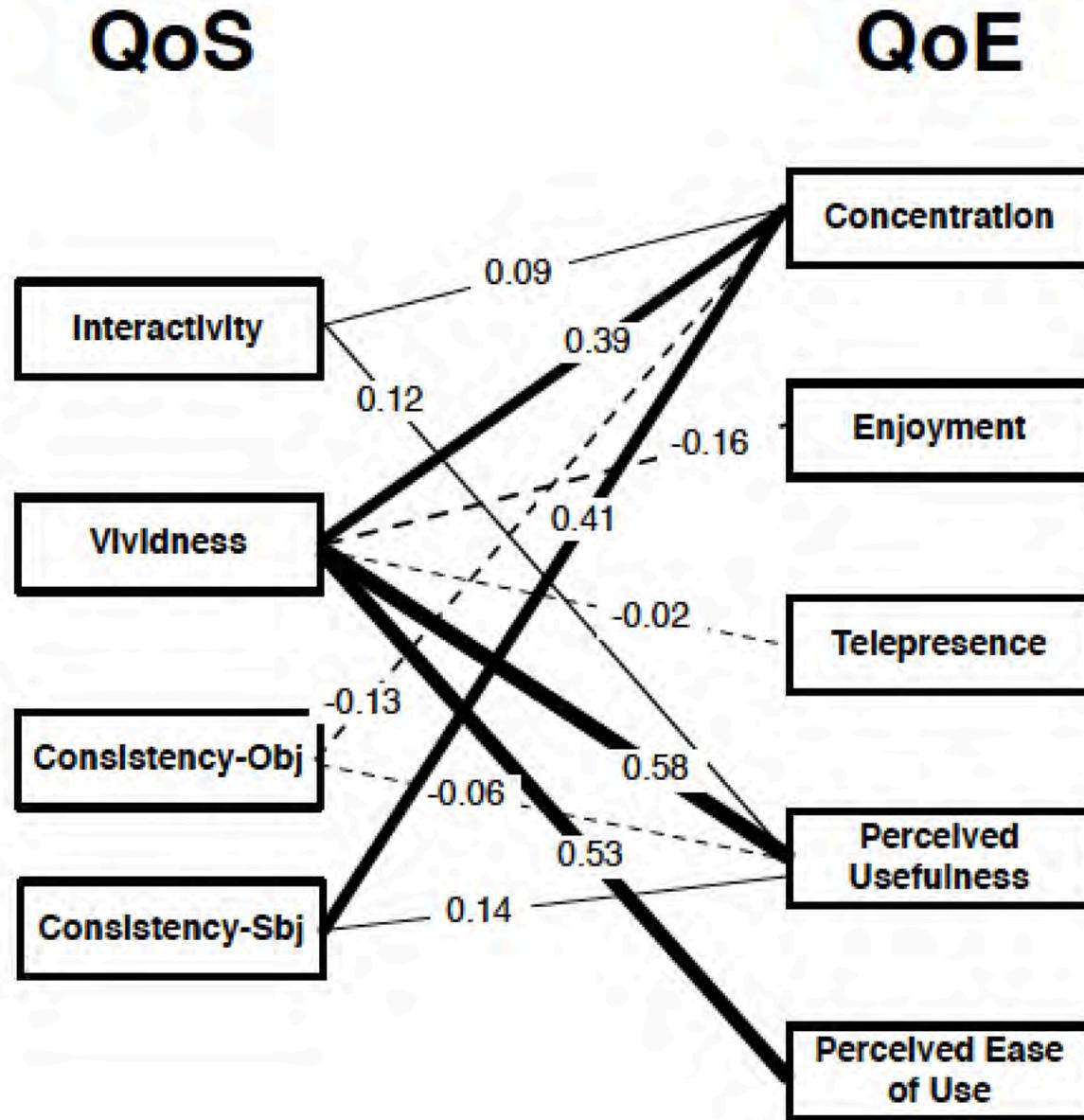
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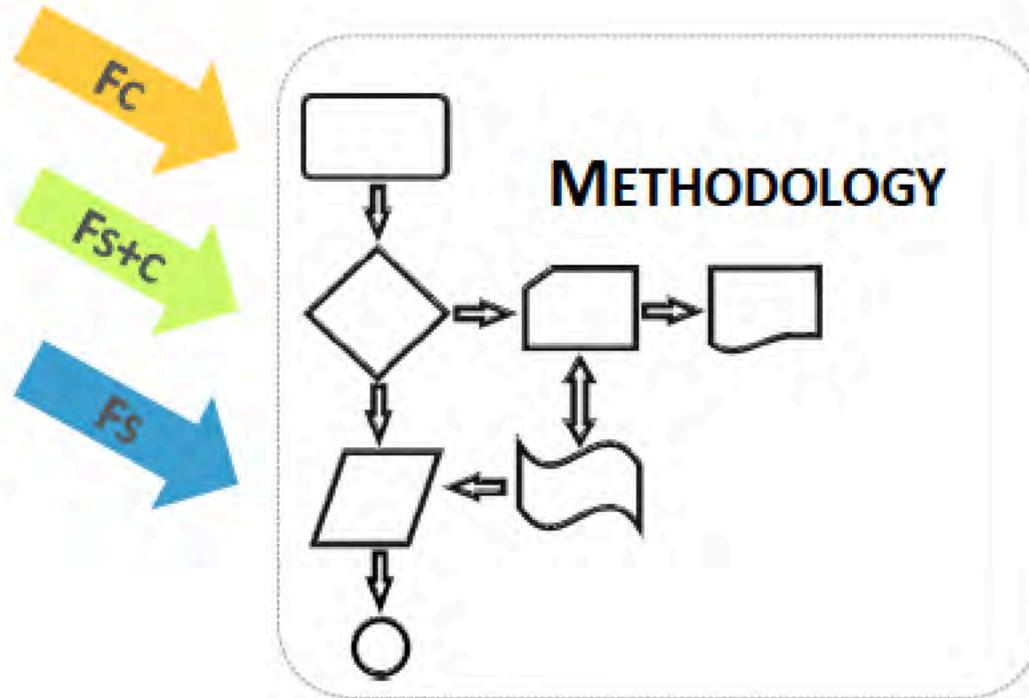
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# A little bit of scientific theory on VR experience



Source: (WU, 2009)

## Factors



*Develop a design methodology of VR systems (from both technical and 3D content points of view) that will improve the user experience.*

$$\text{USER EXPERIENCE} = f(\text{Factors}_{\text{SYSTEM}}, \text{Factors}_{\text{CONTENT}}, \text{Factors}_{\text{SYSTEM} + \text{CONTENT}})$$

*A dedicated team to this research action*

*« my VX »*

USER EXPERIENCE =  $f$  (Factors<sub>SYSTEM</sub>, Factors<sub>CONTENT</sub>, Factors<sub>SYSTEM + CONTENT</sub>)

A 1<sup>st</sup> PhD will study and determine which factors influence the user experience

Then, based on these factors, we need to build and assess a methodology to design immersive environments which induce an augmented virtual experience

2<sup>nd</sup> PhD: formalize a methodology for systems based on [Factors<sub>SYSTEM</sub>, Factors<sub>SYSTEM + CONTENT</sub>]

3<sup>rd</sup> PhD: formalize a methodology for content based on [Factors<sub>CONTENT</sub>, Factors<sub>SYSTEM + CONTENT</sub>]

*3 Engineers - PhD students in Laval*

*Experimental research with regularly concrete results*

*Our goal is to define and share, in Laval, an unique design approach of VR systems that will improve user experience.*





- *Innovative project*
- *Never been done before anywhere in the world*
- *It will be co-created and experimented in London!*

Example of a future project

## **URBI & ORBI** **Participatory Democracy**





*Thursdays citizens,  
Express yourself!*

*a subject, a debate*

**Simon RICHIR – ENSAM**

# LES JEUDIS CITOYENS

## EXPRIMEZ-VOUS !



### UN SUJET, UN DÉBAT !

18H / HÔTEL DE VILLE

2014 > 13 NOVEMBRE > 11 DÉCEMBRE  
2015 > 29 JANVIER > 5 MARS > 25 JUIN



### Participatory democracy

How many  
people can get  
involved at the  
same time?

How to organize  
the discussion to  
obtain the  
opinion of each  
participant?

# The Urbi & Orbi project

*From a largely individualistic « democracy of words »  
to a fully collaborative « democracy of action »*

*Candace Gibson, Ph.D / Janine Janosky, Ph.D / Howard Levine, M.Sc. (Eng.) / Timothy Pletcher, Ph.D / Sean Quigley, B.A., M.A / Simon Richir, M.Eng, Ph.D / Dag K.J.E. von Lubitz, Ph.D., M.D. (Sc.)*



# U&O project – *Operational platform*



A tightly-coupled integration of **people-ideas-technology** into a generally and **easily accessible operational platform** in which the bottom-up flow of ideas is facilitated by the technology-based transforming mantle within which the current, and largely individualistic “democracy of words” is transformed into a fully collaborative “democracy of action”: The Urbi et Orbi Project.



Because of its large and dynamic university and college, excellent Internet connectivity (arguably best in Canada), proximity to “talent pools” in Canada and the US, and its “manageable” size, **London** offers an ideal operational target for implementation and testing of the concepts constituting the Urbi et Orbi Project.

# The Urbi & Orbi project

*Globally distributed ToL training session in Café Candace: Emerging Leaders and London Managers, architects in Laval, France, and business analysts in Mount Pleasant, MI discussing placement and impact of the envisaged London Museum of Art and Technology*

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# The Urbi & Orbi project



1. While we talk about collaboration a lot we actually don't do it very well. ToL is a provincial organization doing this with groups and organizations.

2. VR provides a way to gather a lot of people and to bring expertise from around the world to local problems. It creates a way to collaborative visual solutions that are immersive.

3. We want to build and test this combination, Urbi et Orbi, in London first

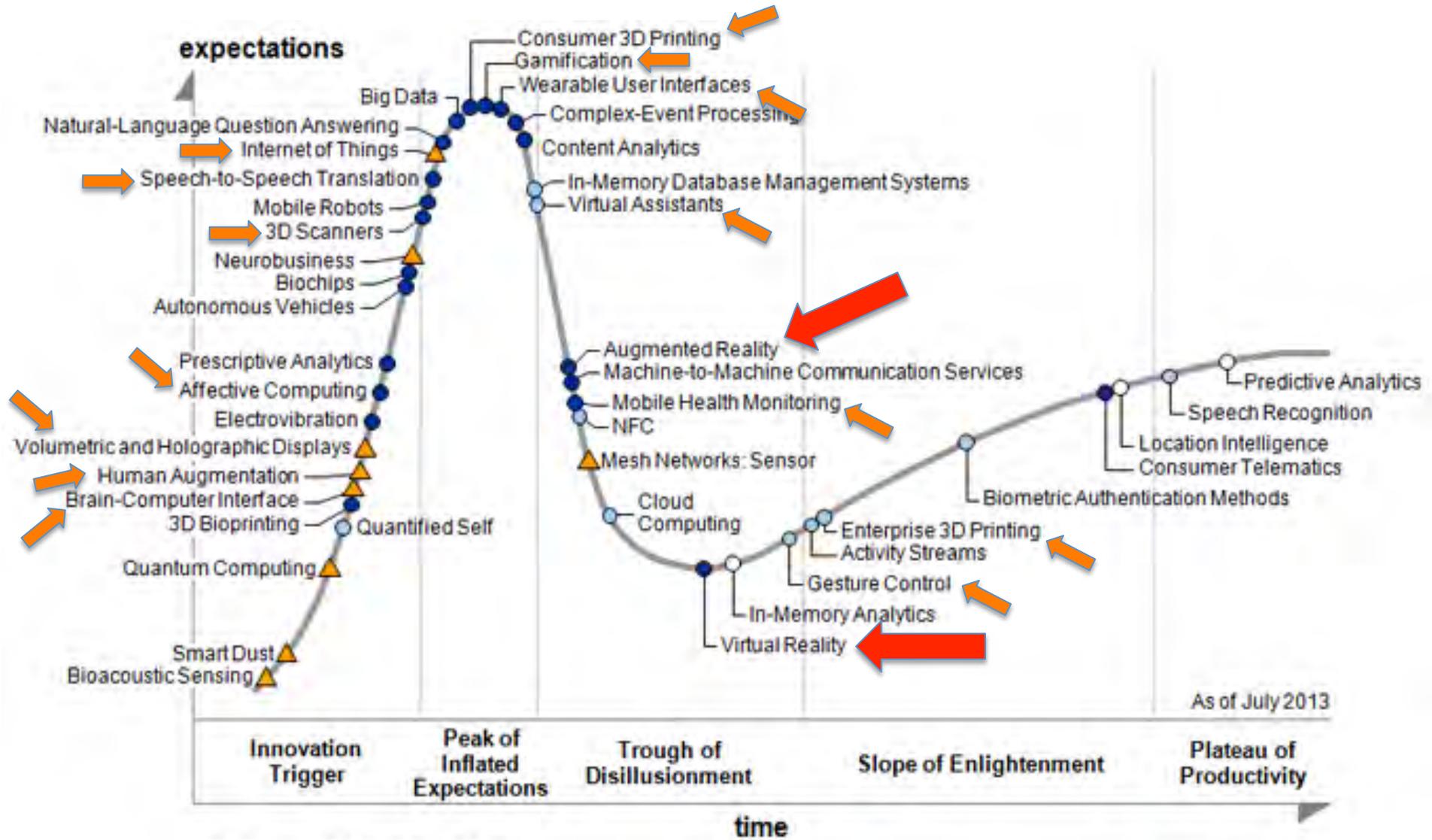




**URBI & ORBI**  
Participatory Democracy

# CONCLUSION





**Plateau will be reached in:**

○ less than 2 years    ○ 2 to 5 years    ● 5 to 10 years    ▲ more than 10 years    ⊗ obsolete before plateau

**Monitor technology!**

# iGlass

Reality reinvented



Augmented User Experience

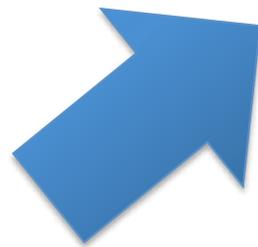


Emotion is THE key factor



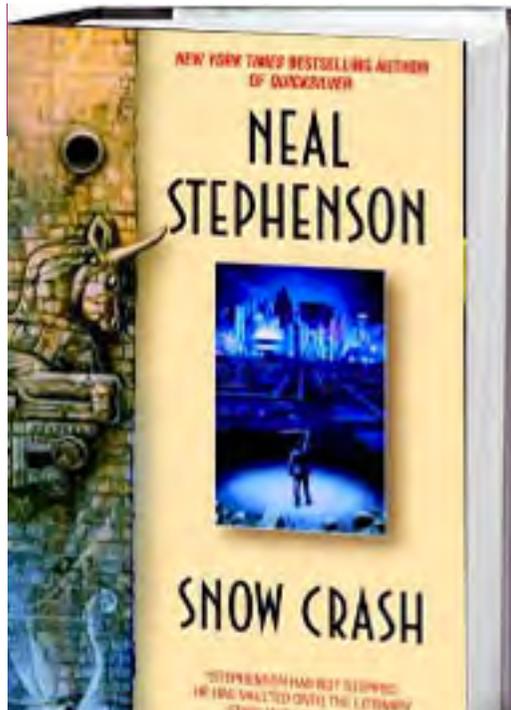
**Virtual reality was once the dream of science fiction. But the internet was also once a dream, and so were computers and smartphones.**

The future is coming and we have a chance to build it together. **I can't wait** to start working with the whole team at Oculus **to bring this future to the world, and to unlock new worlds for all of us.**

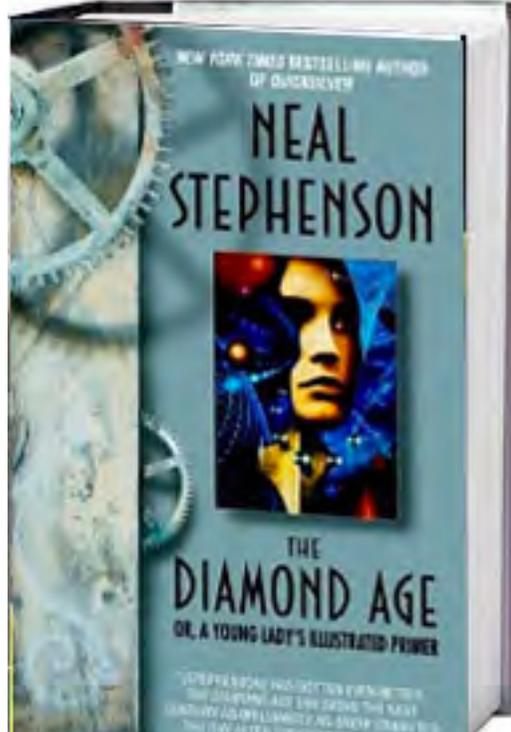


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# Neal Stephenson's Metaverse

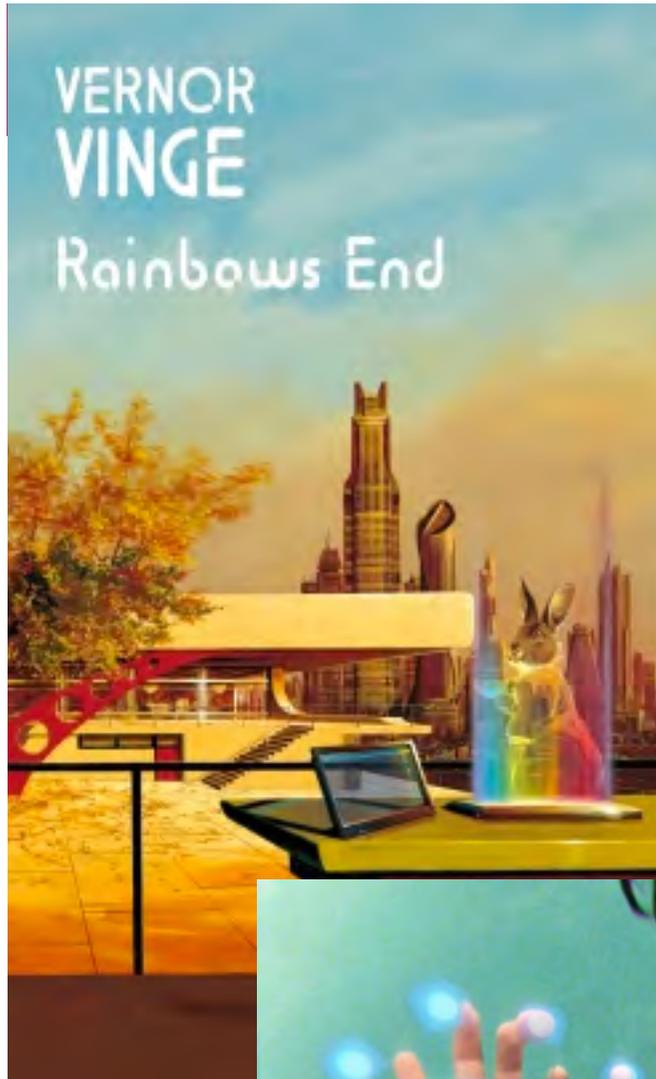


In reality, Hiro Protagonist delivers pizza for Uncle Enzo's CosaNostra Pizza Inc., but in the **Metaverse** he's a warrior prince. Plunging headlong into the enigma of a new computer virus that's striking down hackers everywhere, he races along the neon-lit streets on a search-and-destroy mission for the shadowy virtual villain threatening to bring about Infocalypse.

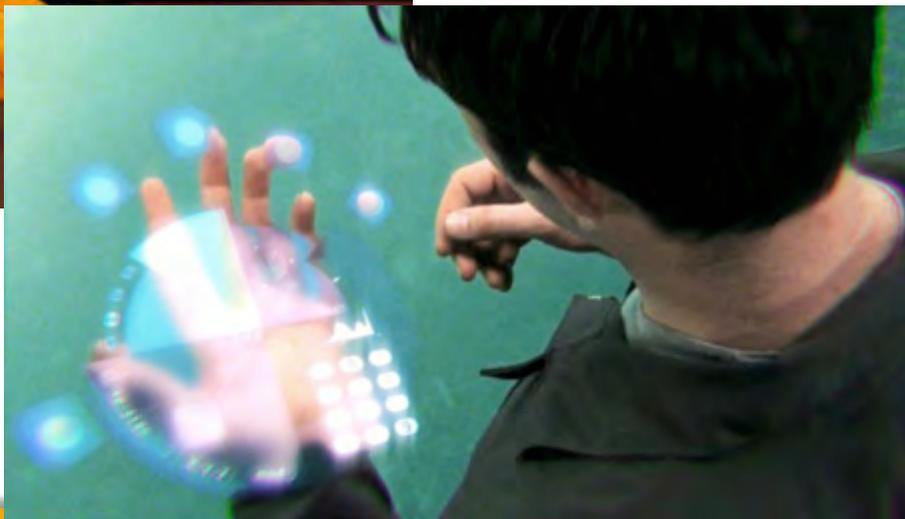


Set in twenty-first century Shanghai, it is the story of what happens when a state-of-the-art interactive device falls into the hands of a street urchin named Nell. Her life-and **the entire future of humanity-is about to be decoded and reprogrammed....**

## Vernor VINGE's AR



The many technological advances depicted in the novel suggest that the world is undergoing ever-increasing change, perhaps destined for a technological singularity.



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Thanks!

Questions?

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