

Next Generation of Simulation: VR / AR

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- Human Factors
- Human-Computer Interaction
- XR Development







Today!

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Learning Objectives

Getting familiar with the following topics:

- XR **foundations**: What is XR, VR, AR?
- How **XR design process** look like?
- What is **360 videos** and how to use them?
- What are **XR development platforms** (Unity vs Unreal vs Web 3D)?
- How to create **3D models** for scenarios? Where to get them?
- How to create **human models** and animations for scenarios?
- How to capture **human body, face, and hand motion**?
- What are XR design **challenges**?
- What are **use cases** of VR and VR in Healthcare, Transportation, Space, and Military?

Why Simulation?

**I HEAR AND I FORGET.
I SEE AND I REMEMBER.
I DO AND I UNDERSTAND.**

— CONFUCIUS



Simulation is a technique – not a technology – to replace or amplify real experiences with guided experiences that evoke or replicate substantial aspects of the real world in a fully interactive manner.

Not a New Idea!

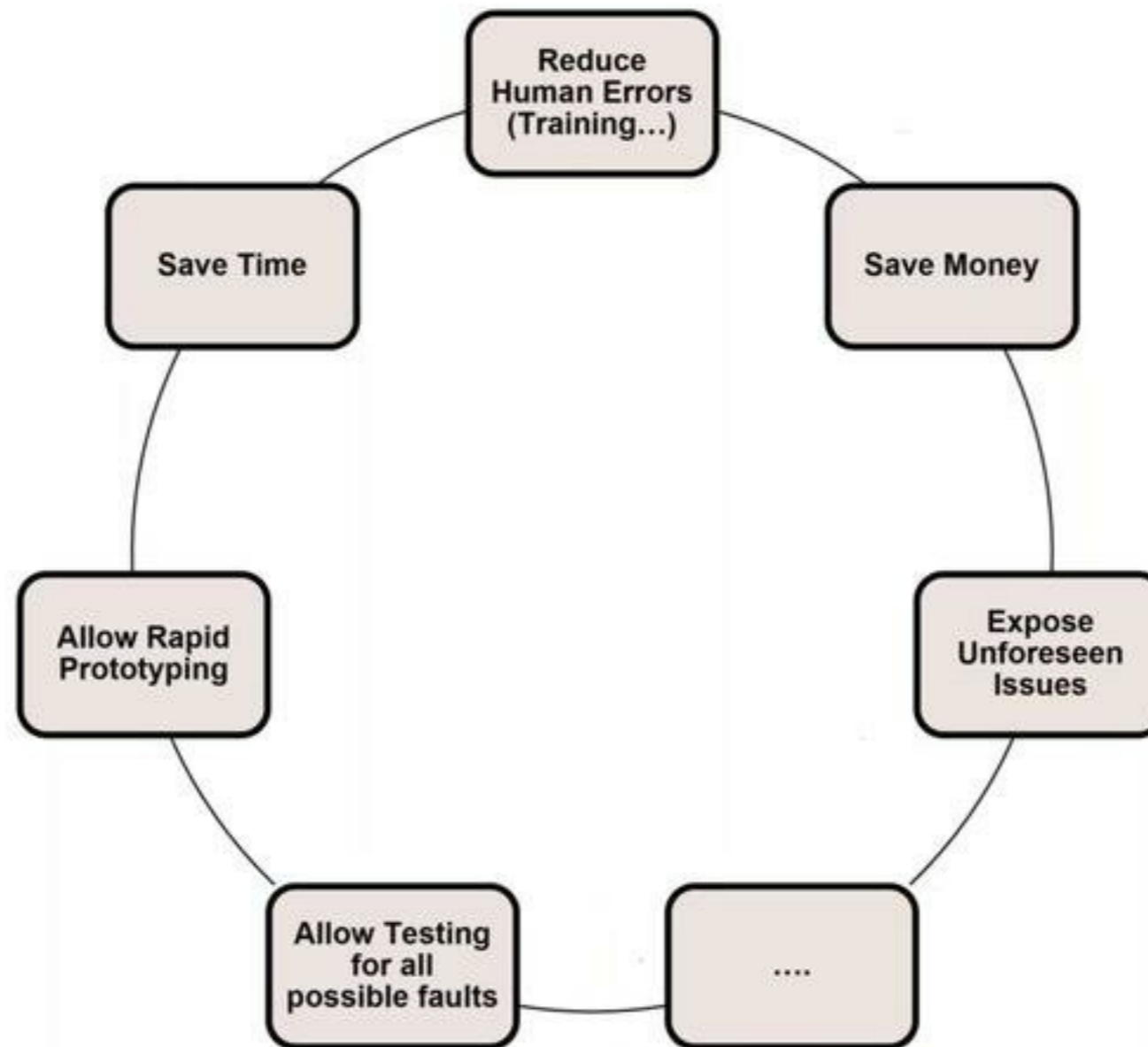


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Applications



Why Simulation?



Issues

Cost

Space

Staffs

Maintenance

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**Limited
Scenarios**

**Limited
Interactivity**

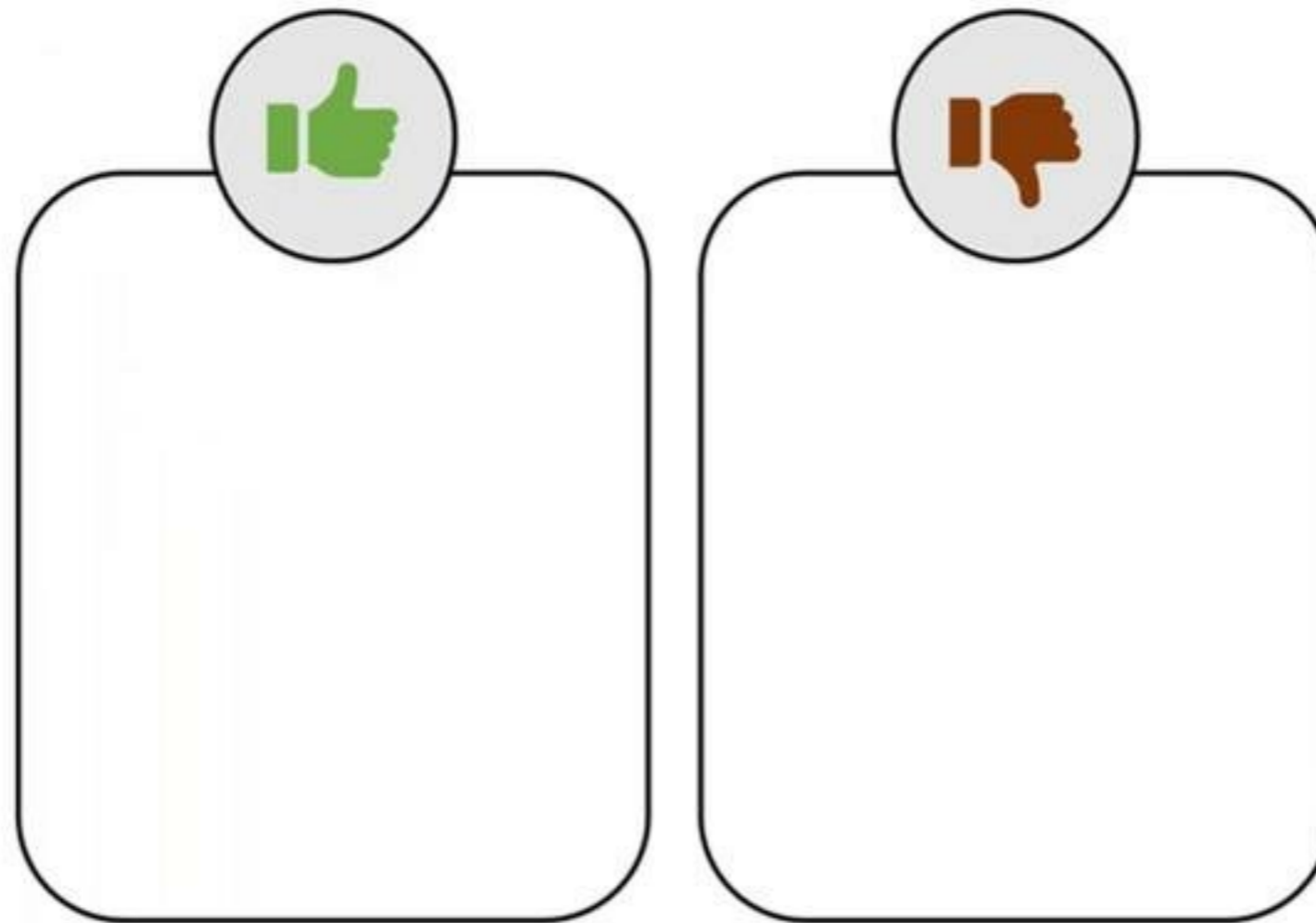
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Can XR Help?

[“it depends”]

E.g., Pros and Cons of XR in Healthcare:



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E.g., Pros and Cons of XR in Healthcare:



- Improved flexibility and customisation options
- Can be applied in numerous healthcare areas
- Fun and psychologically safe learning environment.
- Provides detailed 3D images



- High cost of equipment and software
- Could be addictive
- May disorient users who are more susceptible to such effects
- Lack of extensive trials and use history
- Limited use in practicing patient communication

Btw, What is XR?

XR Foundation

VR (Virtual Reality)

AR (Augmented Reality)

MR (Mixed Reality)

XR (Extended Reality)

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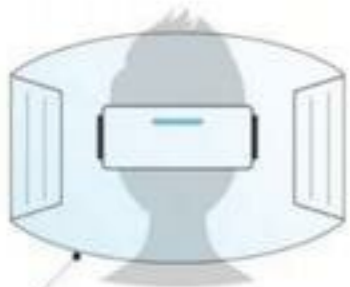
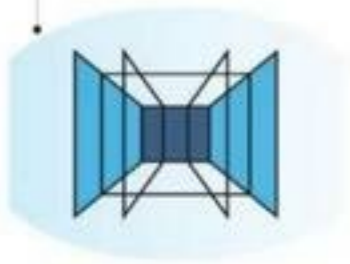
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AR (Augmented Reality)

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VR: Virtual Reality

Completely digital environment

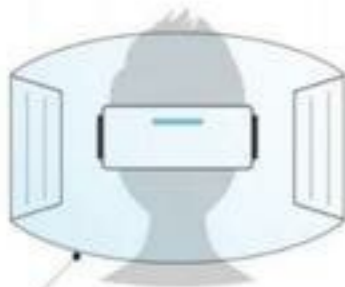
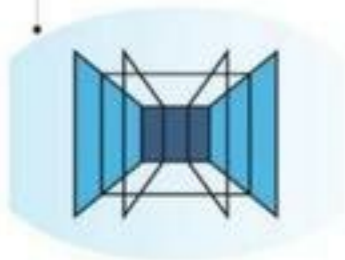


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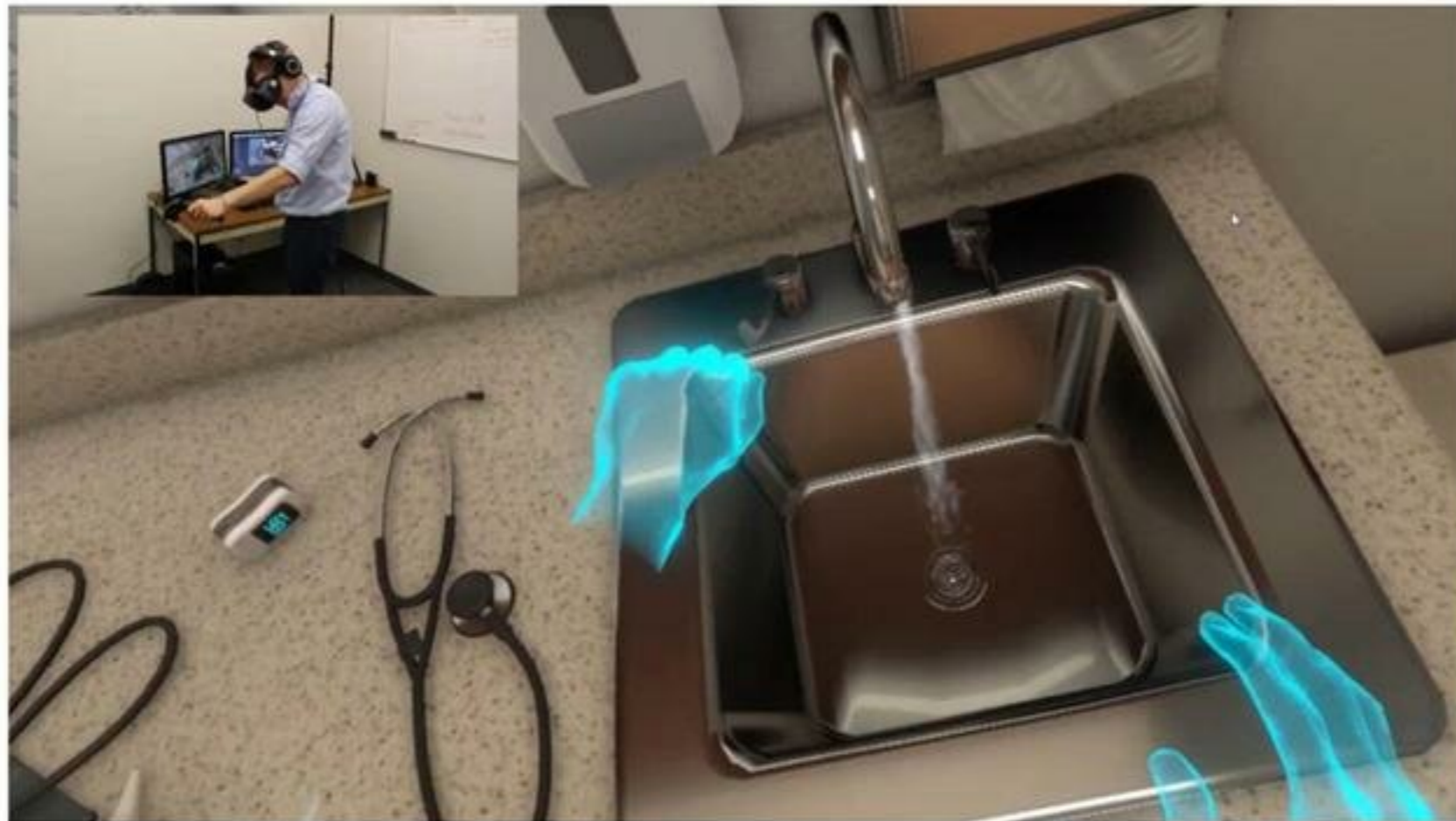


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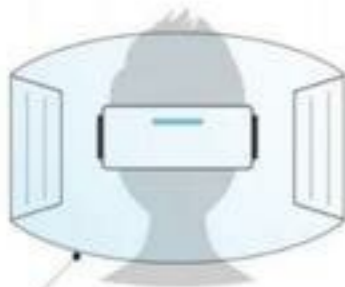
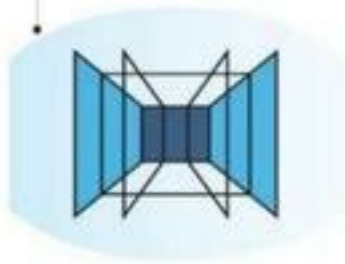


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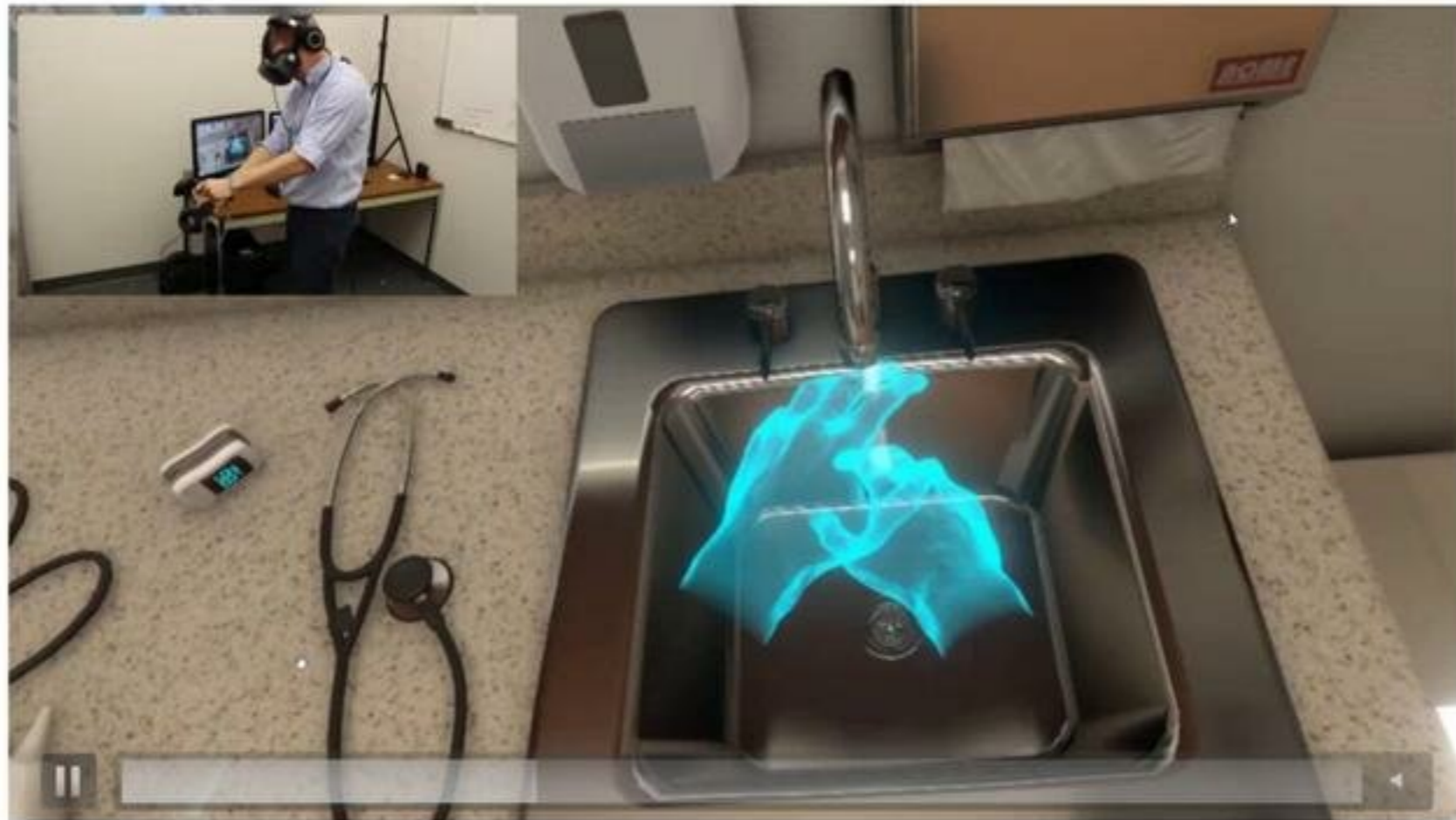


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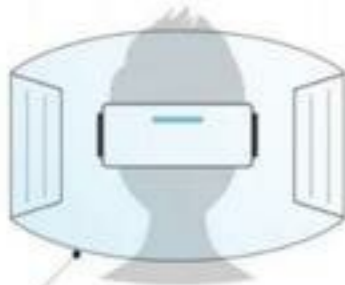
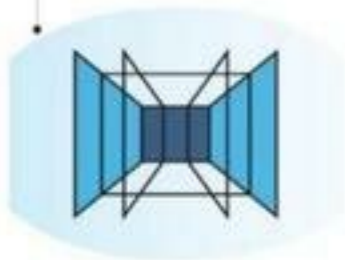


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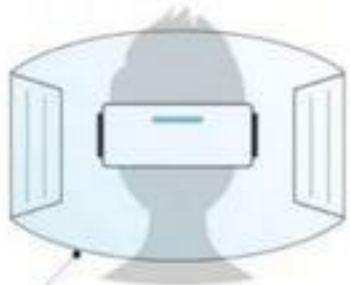
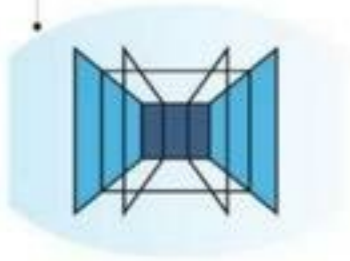


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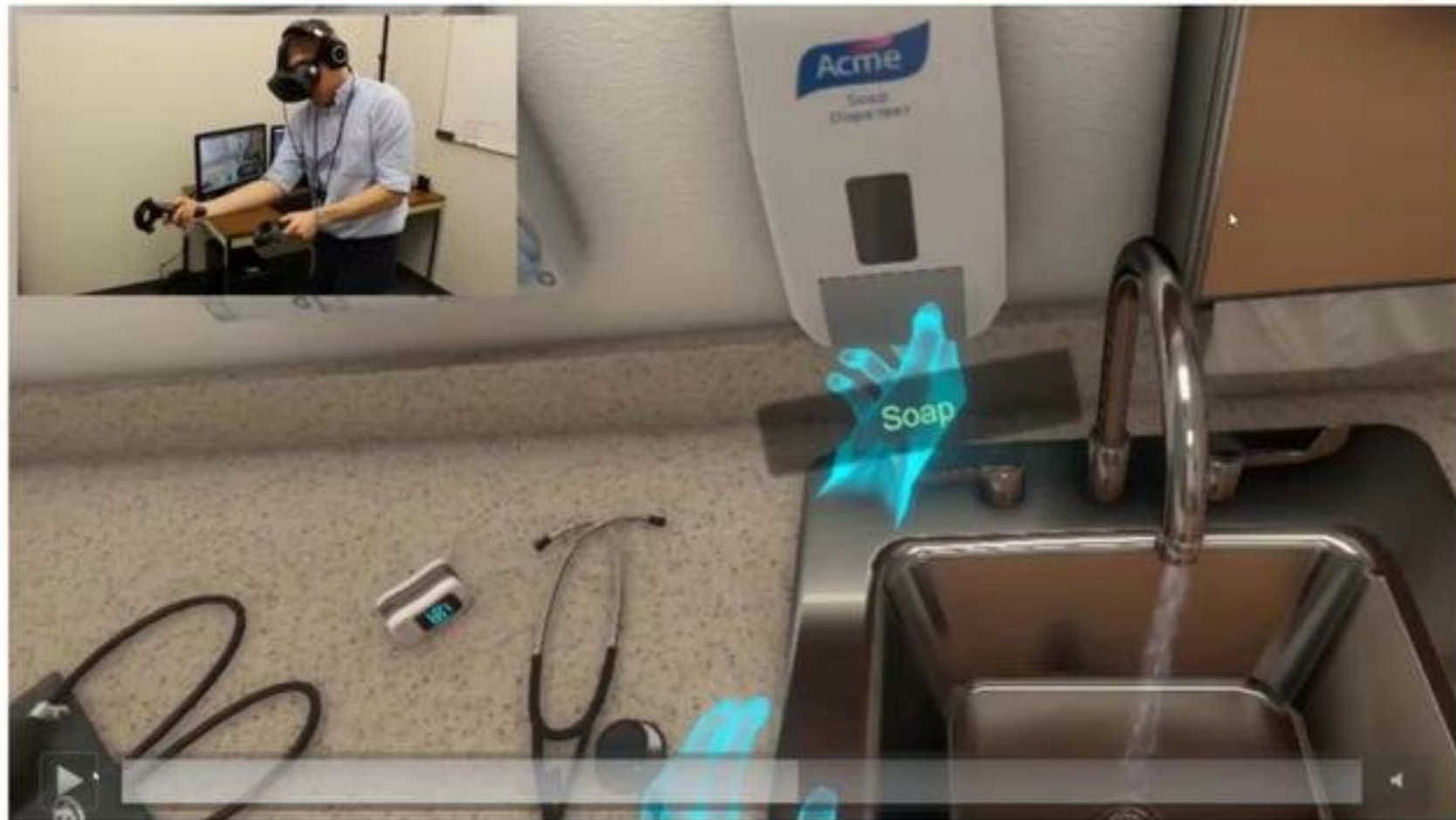


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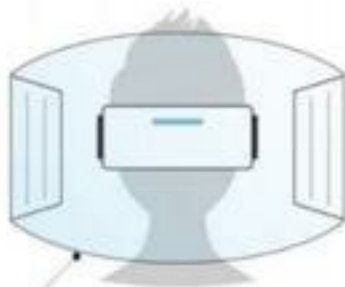
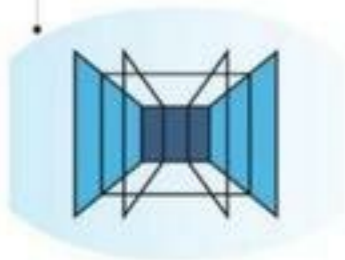


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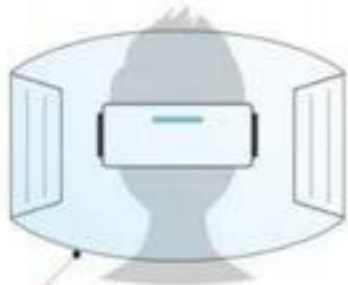
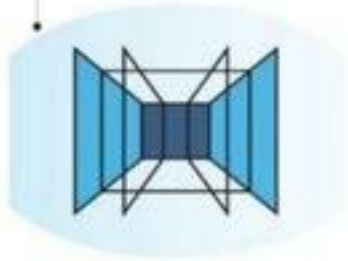


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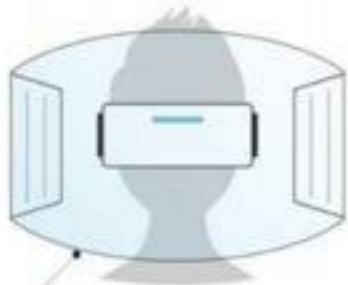
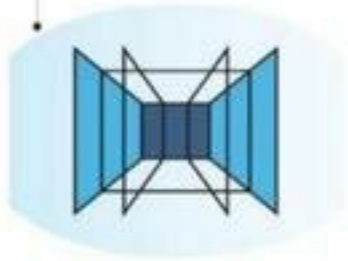
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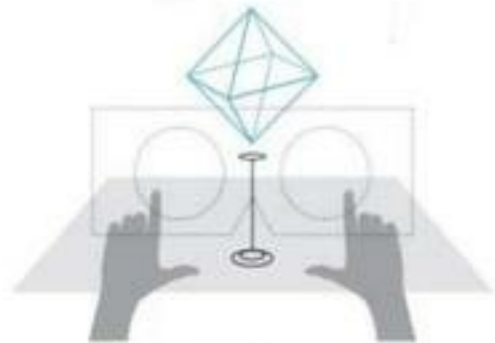


AR: Augmented Reality



MR: Mixed Reality

Real and the virtual are intertwined

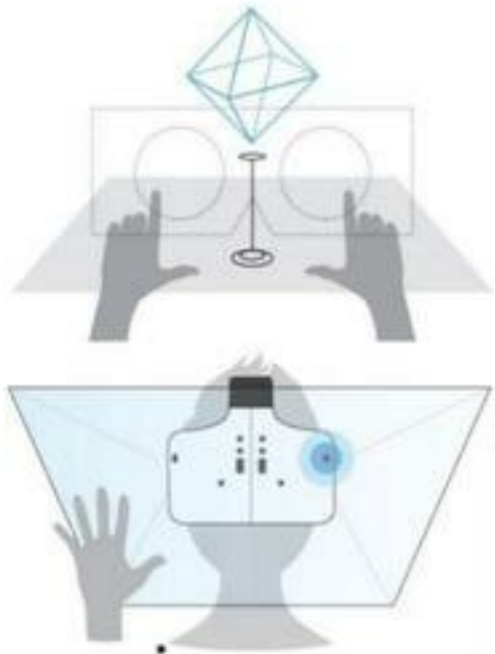


Interaction with and manipulation
of both the physical and
virtual environment.



MR: Mixed Reality

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VIRTUALITY CONTINUUM

MIXED REALITY



Reality



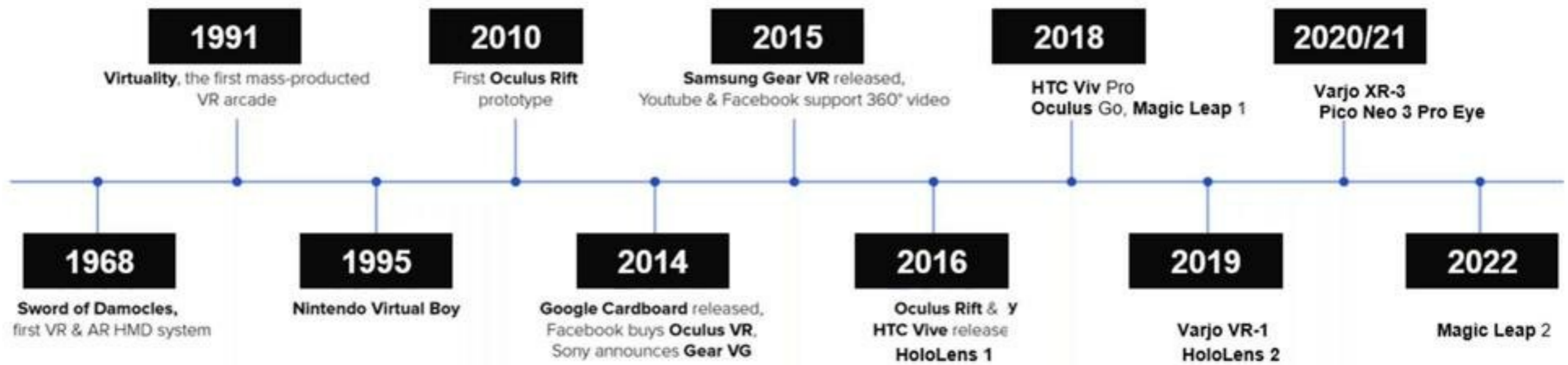
Augmented
Reality (AR)



Augmented
Virtuality (AV)



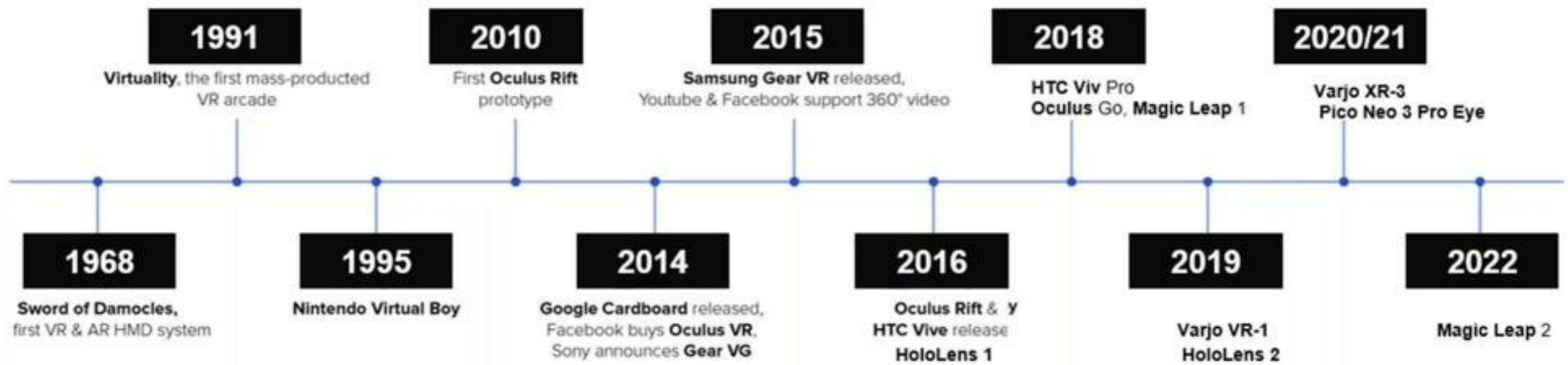
Virtual Reality



By Ivan Sutherland, 1960 for first time



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Acer/Lenovo/Dell/HP AH101/Explorer/Visor/VR1000



Samsung Odyssey



HTC Vive



VR Experience

Type of VR Experiences



360 Video



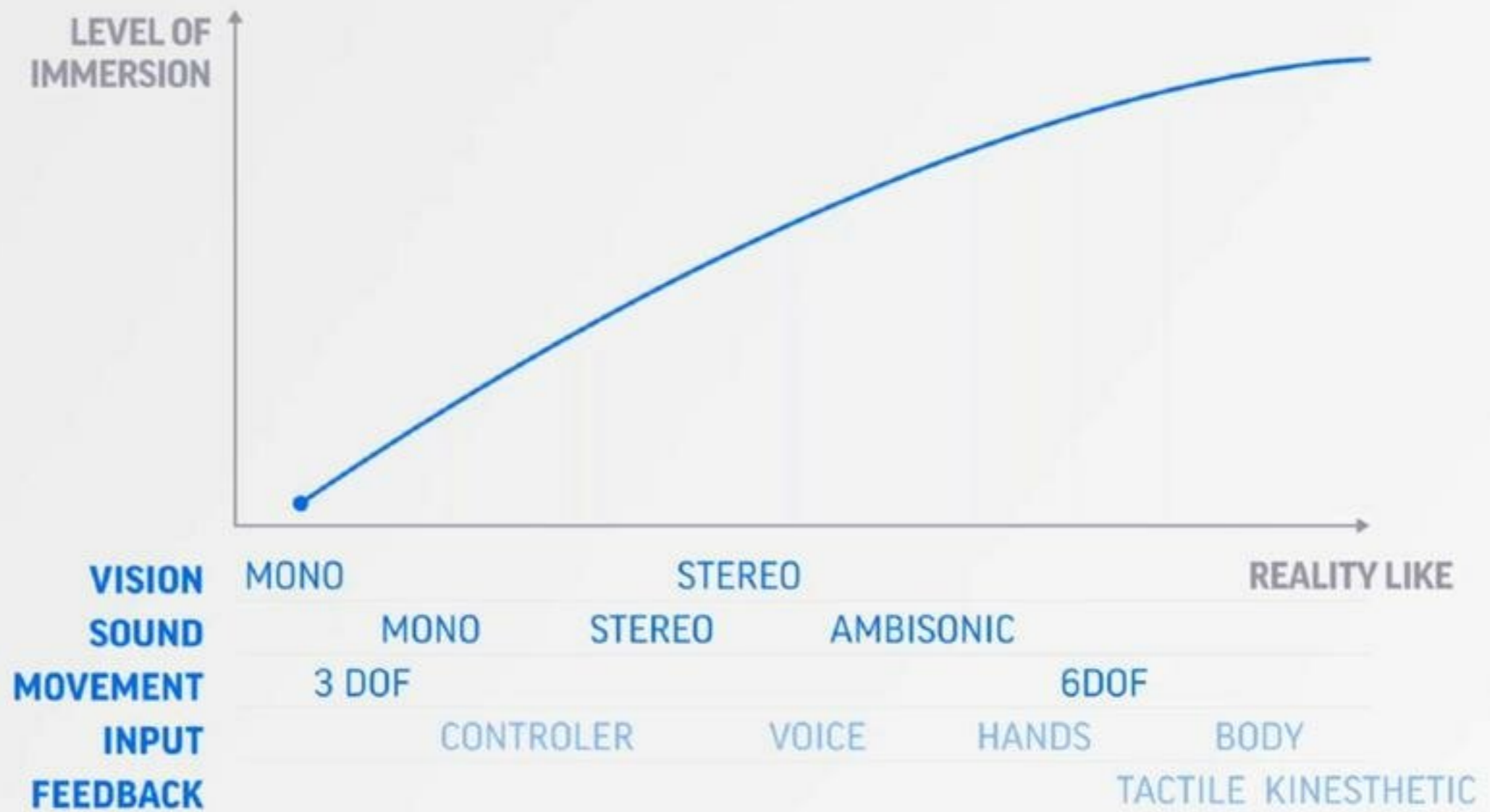
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Mobile VR Headsets



Room-Scale VR



VR 360 Videos:

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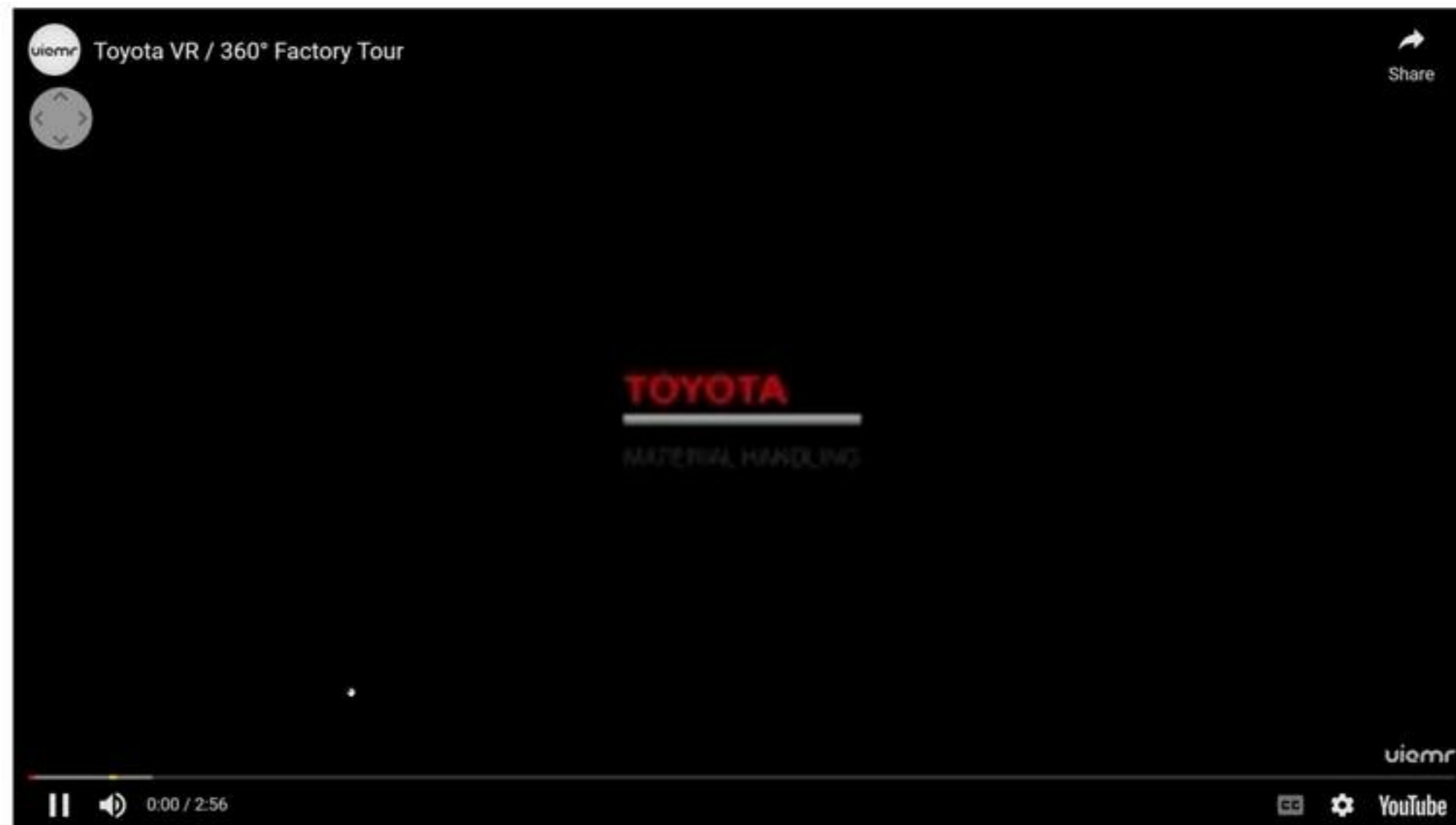
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How to Use?

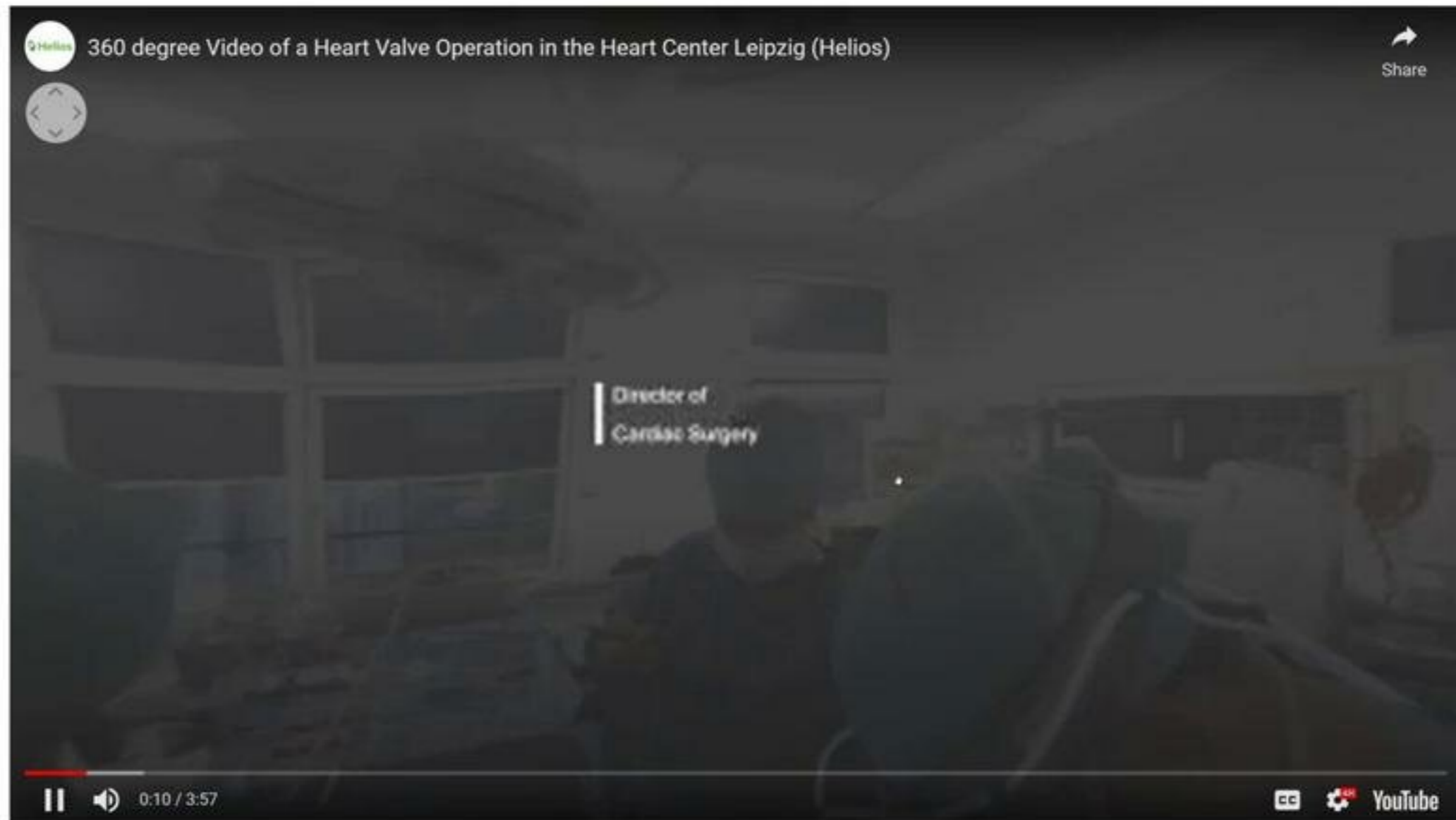
What is it? Example in Manufacturing



What is it? Example in Manufacturing



What is it? Example in Surgery



How to Record?

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VRdirect

Basic terms you need to know
when buying a 360° camera



Monoscopic

Single lens cameras combined
in a rig or in a ring formation
to make a circle

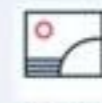


Stereoscopic

Two cameras for each field of
view to create 3D 360° Viewpoints



ISO 800



ISO 6400

ISO Sensitivity

A measure of the camera's
ability to capture light.
An important factor if you plan
to shoot in dimly lit environments



Image Quality

The highest resolution which
your camera can produce is a key
element of the filming process
especially for 360° content



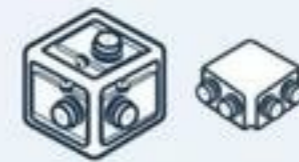
FPS

Is a measurement for how many unique
consecutive images a camera can handle
each second. The more it can handle
the smoother your video. Aim for a
minimum FPS of 60 to ensure a smooth
experience for the viewer



Storage

Impressive VR quality requires a
huge amount of storage



Size

Convenience and portability are
two key factors you should consider



Battery

360° cameras consume more power
than average to keep filming.
Depending on your requirements
you may need to choose a camera
which allows for an external
power supply to be connected

How to Use?

How to Use?



You Tube

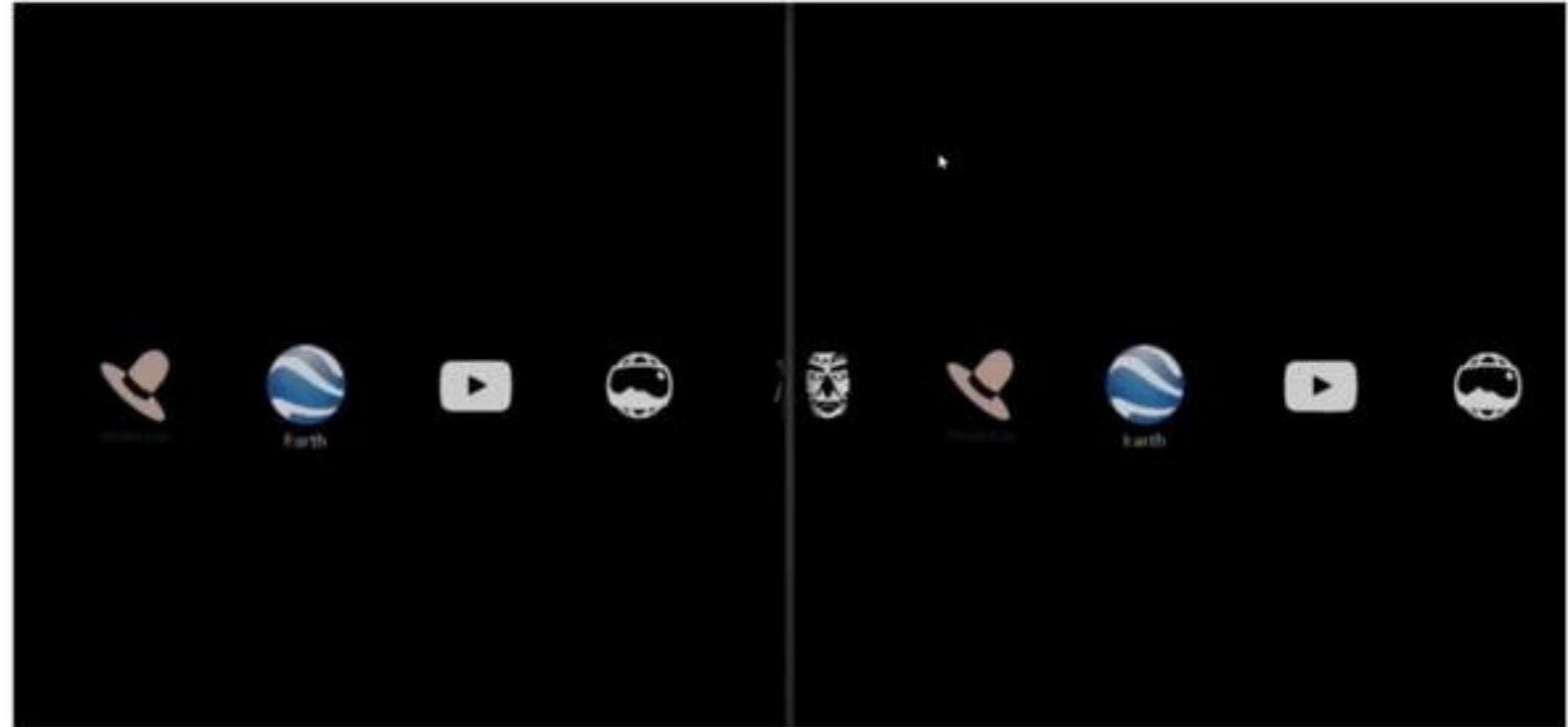
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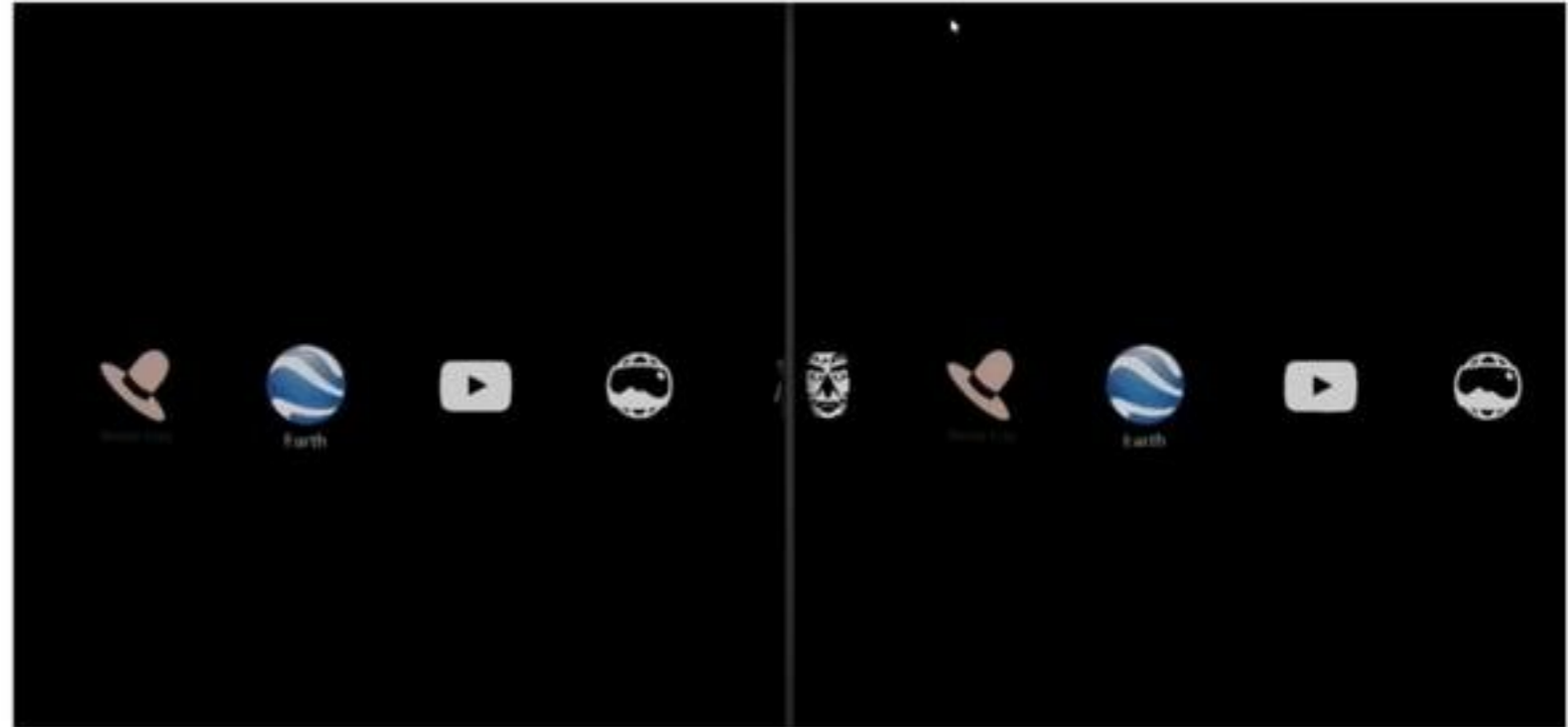
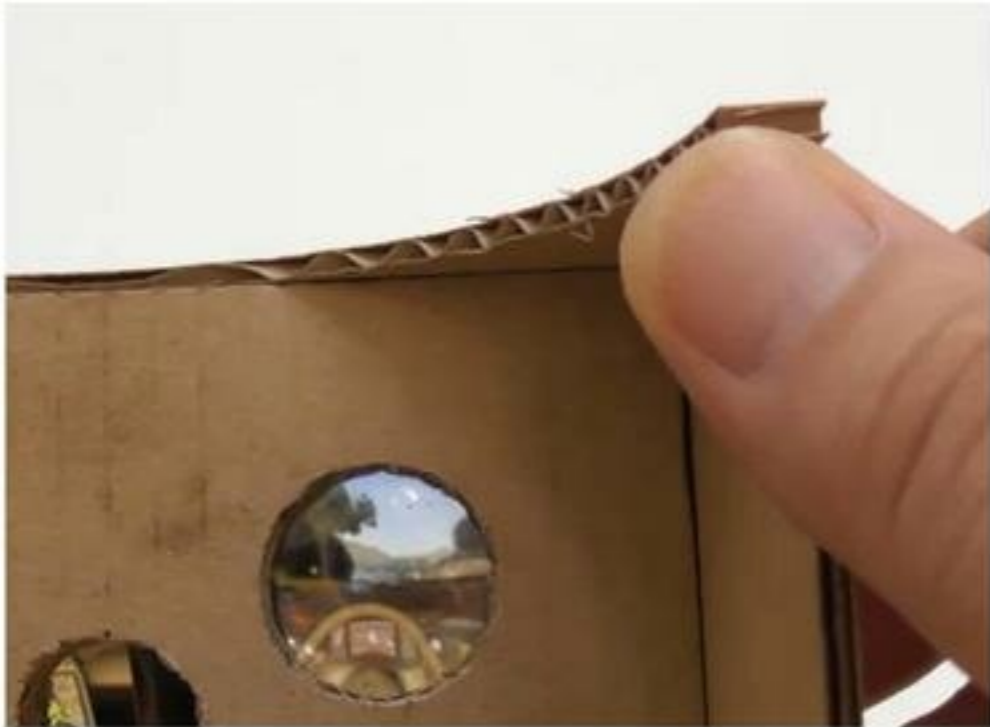
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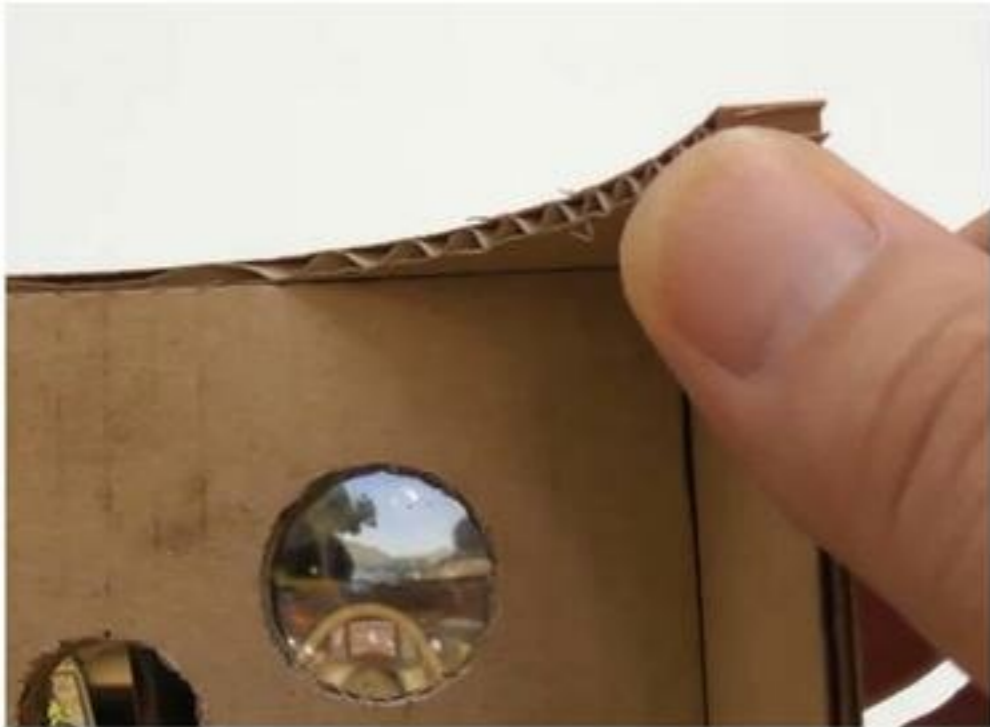
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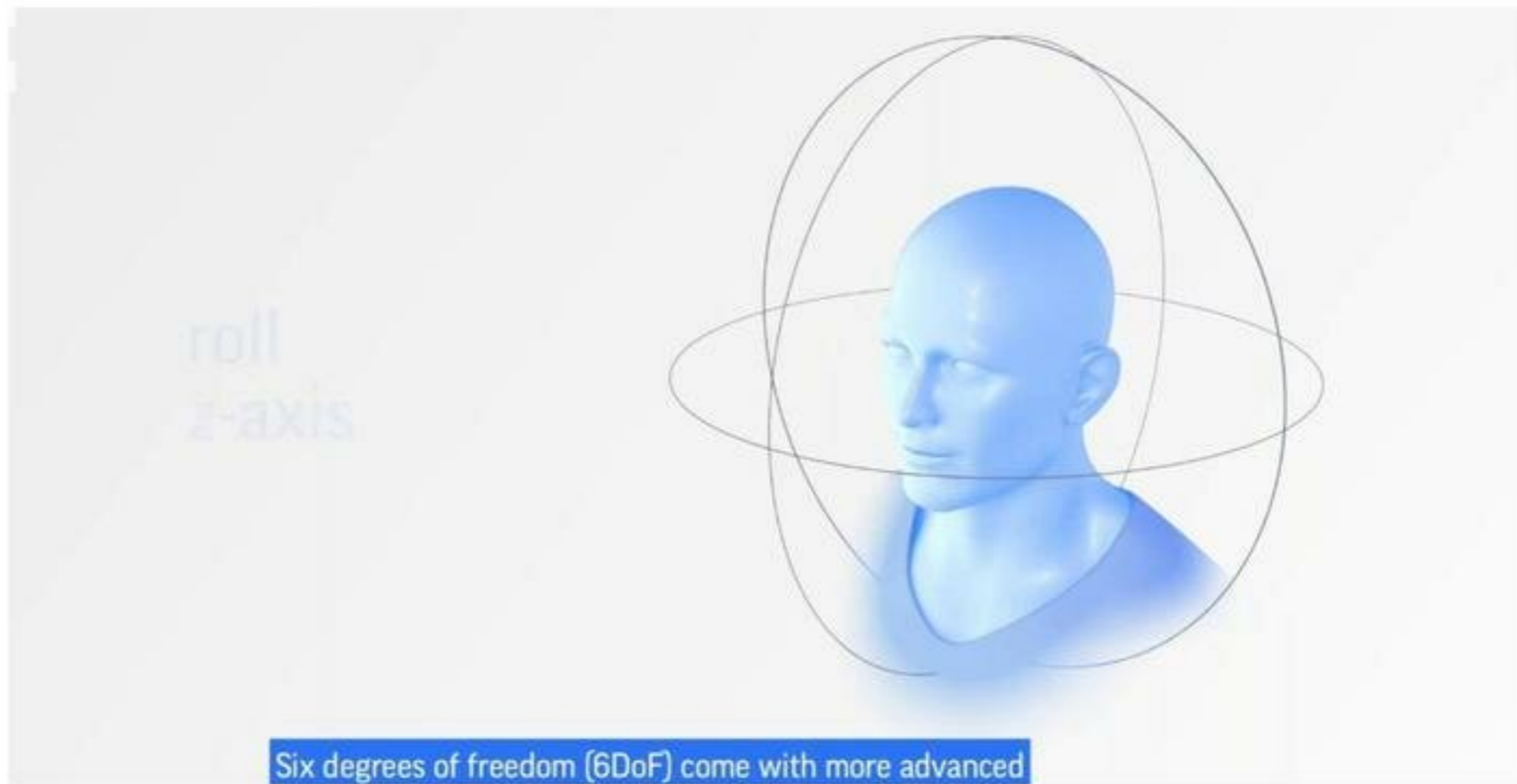
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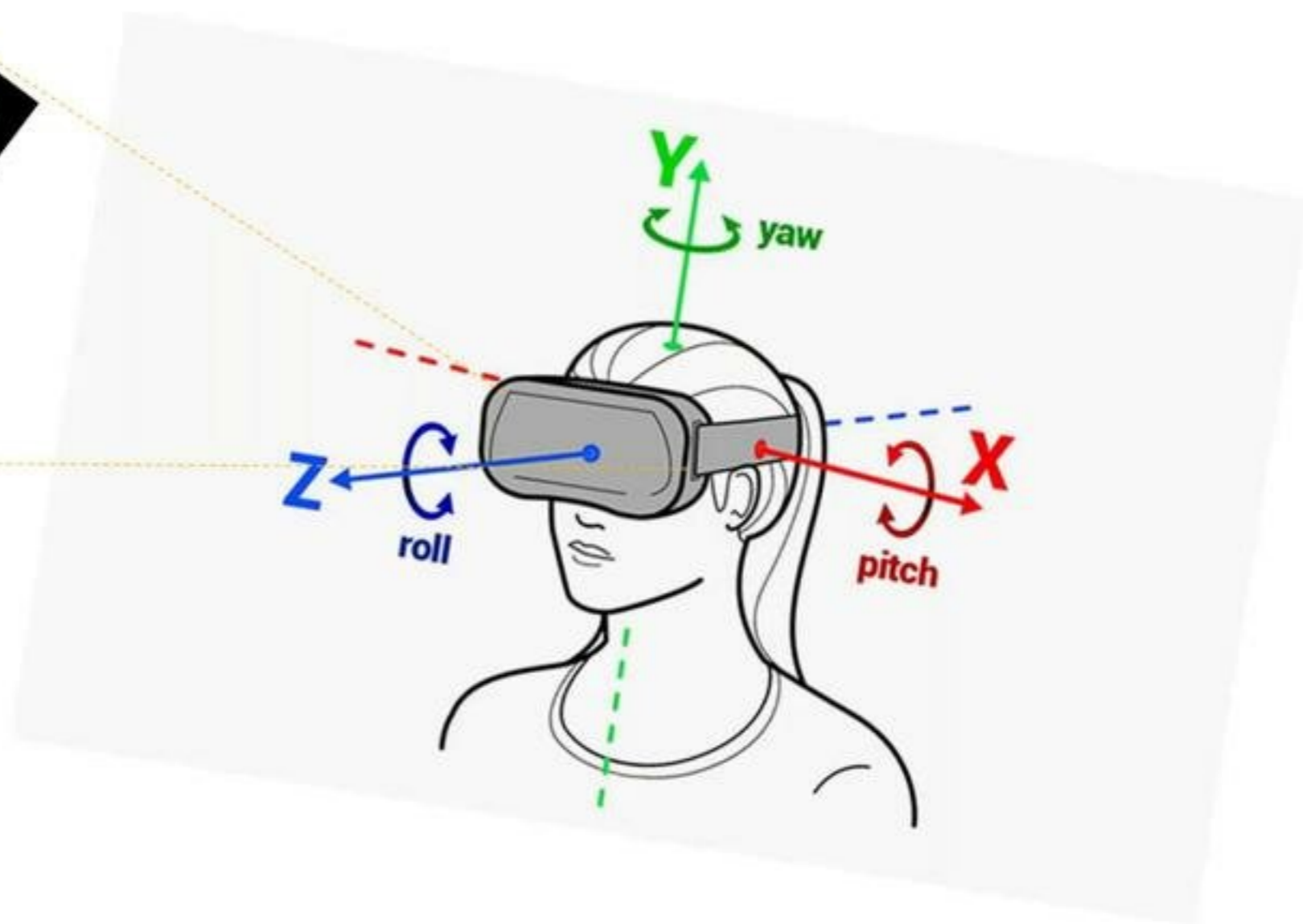
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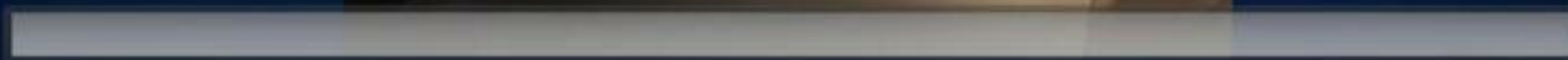
3DoF vs 6DoF





Mobile VR

Google Daydream



Mobile VR

Oculus GO



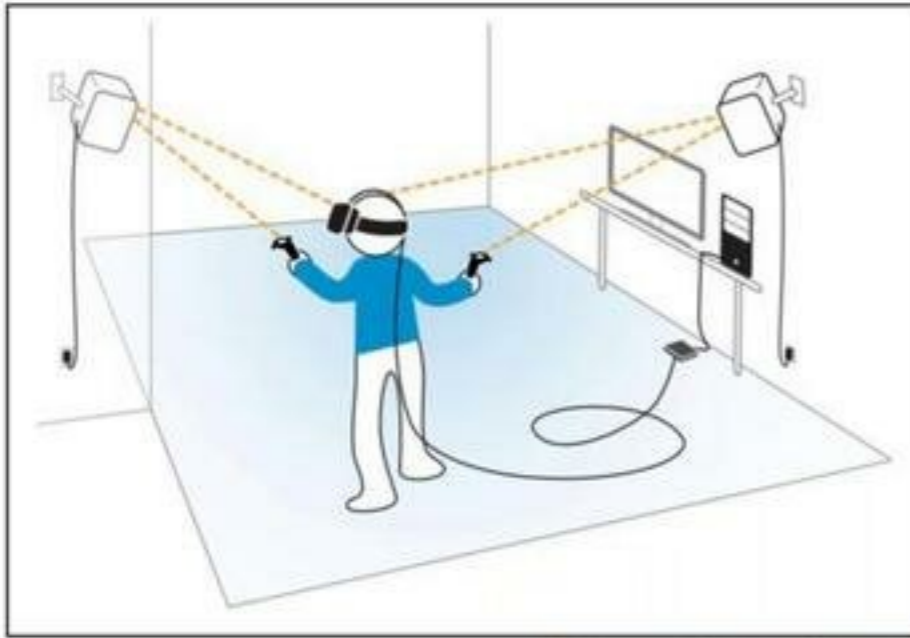
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Room Scale VR

VIVE - VR Headsets



Oculus Quest 2



HTC Vive and Vive PRO



Windows 10 Mixed Reality Headsets

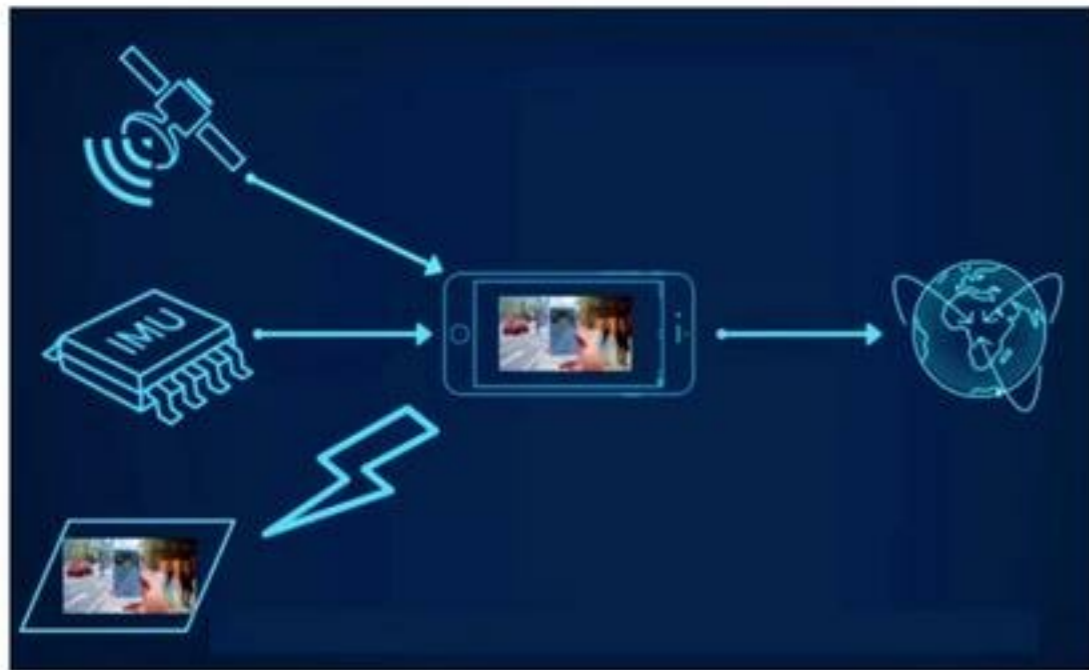


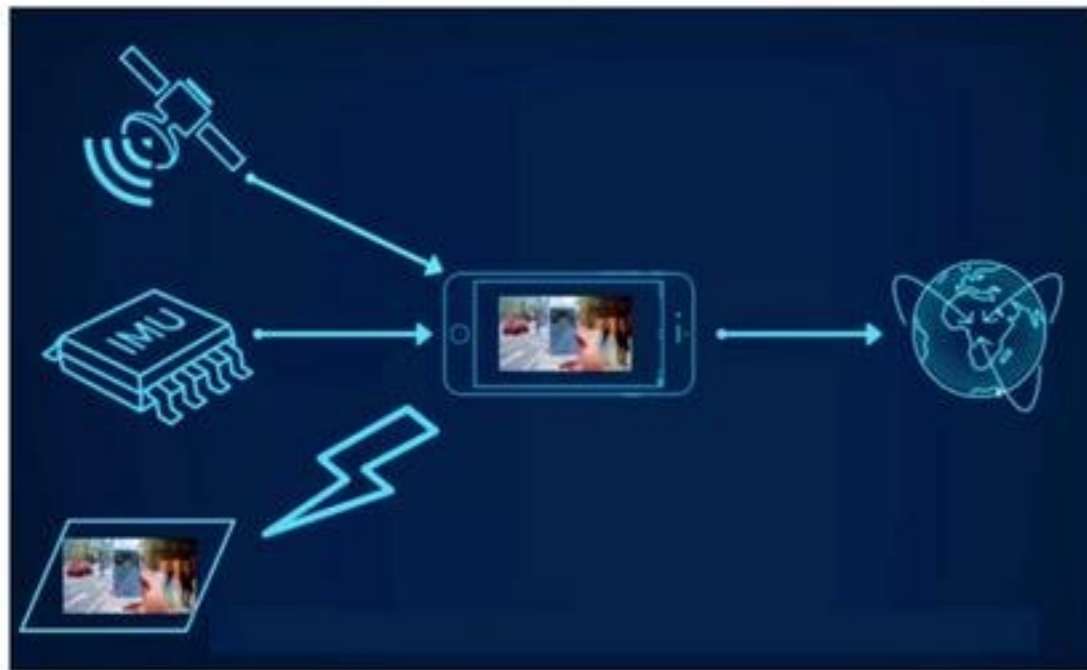
Tracking
Cameras

Oculus Rift and Oculus Touch



AR Experience





Different AR Experience

Marker-based AR

Using marker as
portal into AR world

Marker-less AR

Using device as lens
into AR world

Head-worn AR

Seeing the AR world
directly and always

Marker-based AR



Marker-based AR



(a) Augmented Reality application running on a smart-phone



(b) Template Marker



(c) Bar-code Marker



(d) Circular Marker



Let's try marker-based AR



<https://ar-code.com/>

Basically Any Object Can Be a Marker

Codes

QR code or barcode scanner, e.g., can also encode a URL

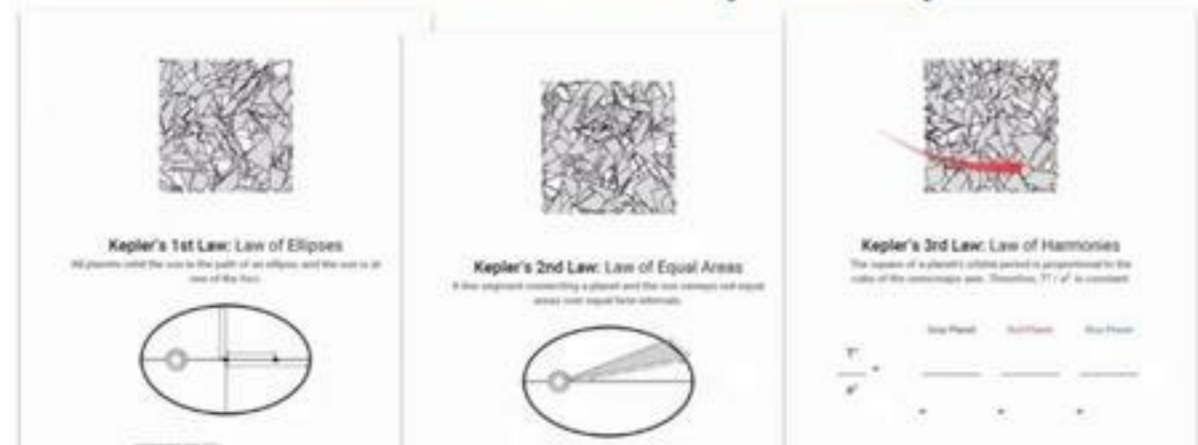
Faces, images and photos

Face and image recognition, e.g., business cards, brands, and

3D models

Object recognition of intricate 3D objects, e.g., action figures

Custom Markers (Vuforia)



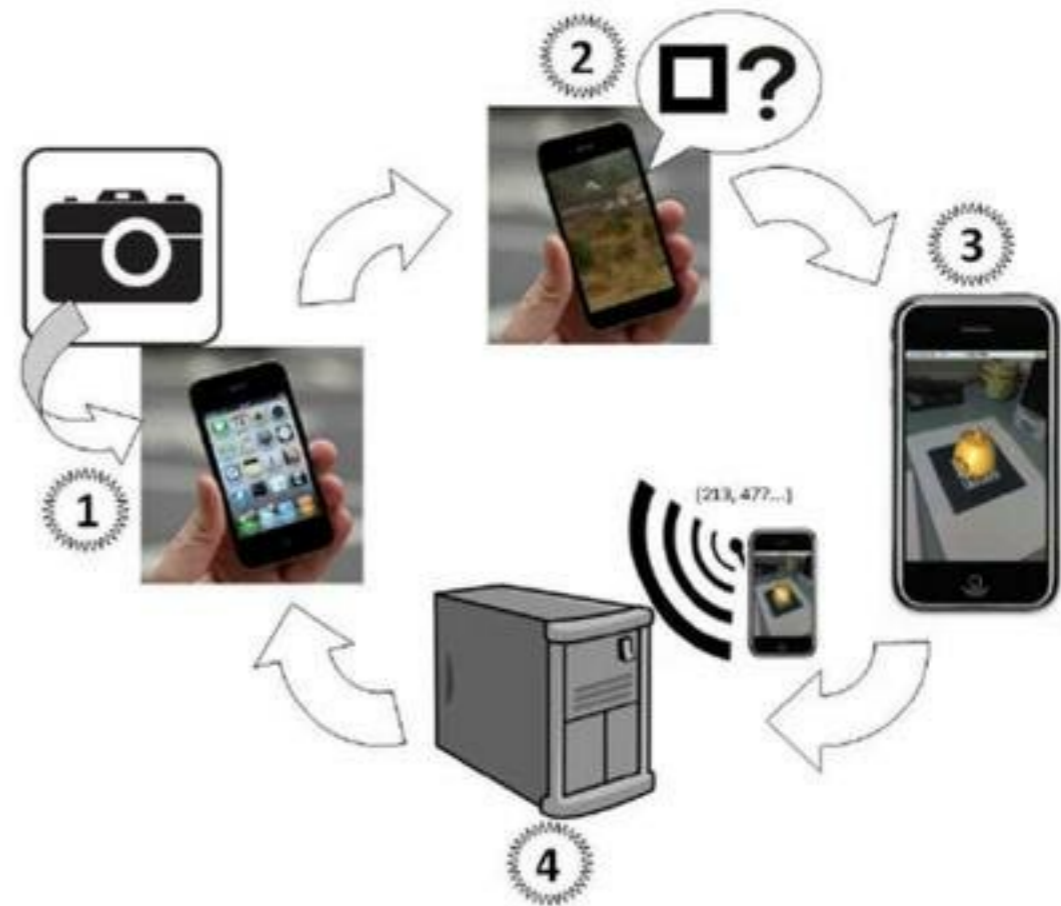
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Marker-less AR Applications

**High-end
Devices**

**Scene
Understanding**

**Believable
Experiences**







ARvid Augmented Reality

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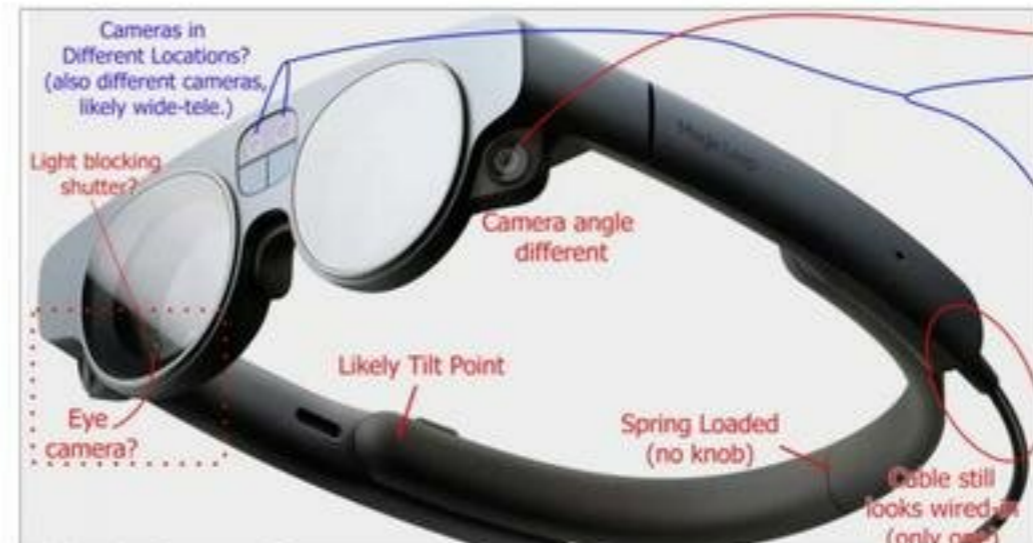
Head-worn AR



HoloLens 2



Magic Leap 2





HoloLens 2



Head-worn AR Applications

**Very High-end
Devices**

**Direct
Manipulation**

**Multimodal
Interaction**

Marker-less Tracking

Think of a layered approach to marker-less tracking:

- **Plane detection**

Horizontal & vertical planes

- **Spatial mapping**

3D mesh reconstruction & texture mapping

- **Scene understanding**

Classification: face, walls, floors, tables, seats, windows, ceilings, ...

Segmentation: foreground/background, sky, people, ...

Hand-held vs. Head-worn AR



Hand-held vs. Head-worn AR

Varying display sizes

Usually small display (FOV)

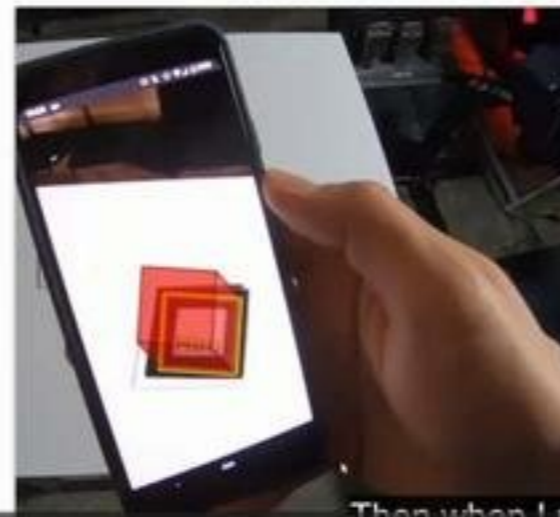
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Mix of 2D/3D content + touch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2D screen + touch• 3D world + touch• Device motion gestures• Voice commands	HUD + 3D content + gesture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HUD + hand/voice• 3D world + hand gestures• Head/eye gaze• Voice commands
Marker-based <i>or</i> marker-less <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marker-based tracking• Marker-less tracking	<i>Advanced</i> tracking with <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inside-out 6DOF tracking• Spatial mapping

Marker-based Tracking (AR.js)



Marker Tracking (ARToolKit)



- 1) **Original image**
Extract frame by frame
 - 2) **Threshold image**
Segment out the marker
 - 3) **Connected components**
Identify marker components
 - 4) **Contours**
Get rough shape
 - 5) **Marker edges & corners**
Extract marker
 - 6) **Fitted square**
Estimate marker pose
- Then when I put all the pieces

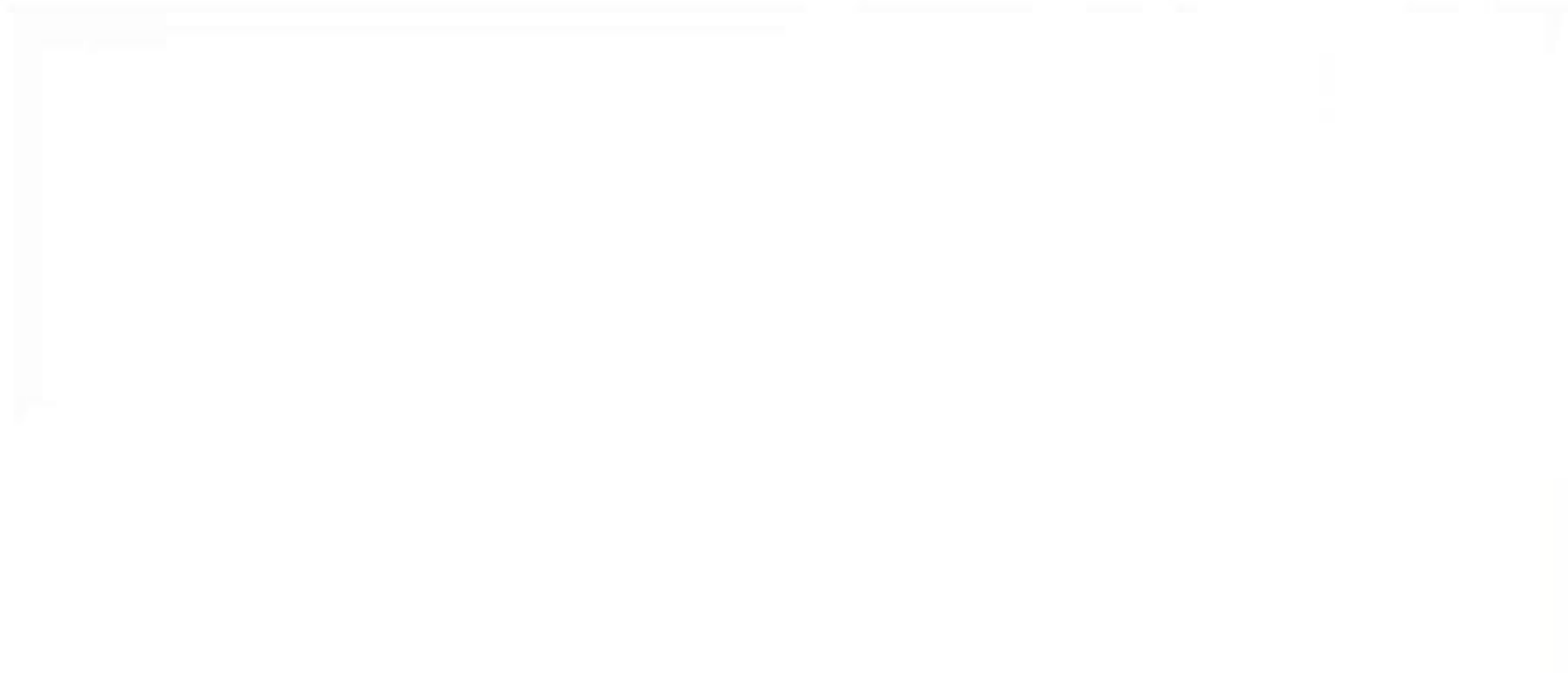
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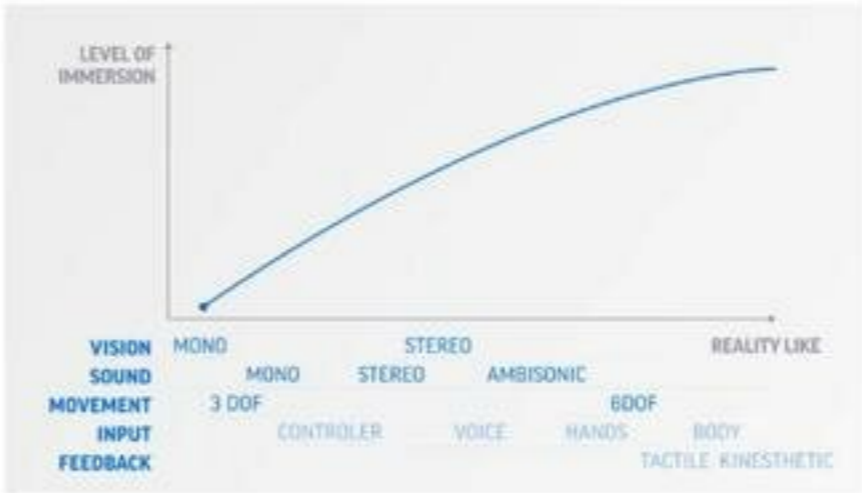
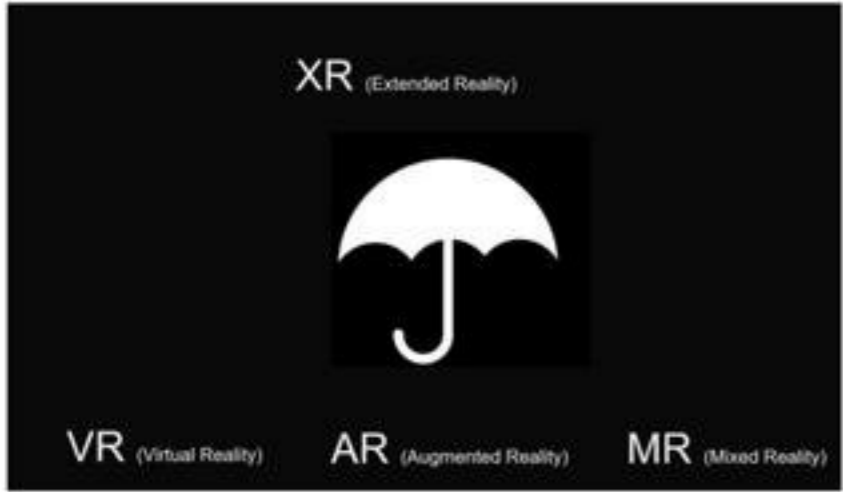
Depth API (ARCore)



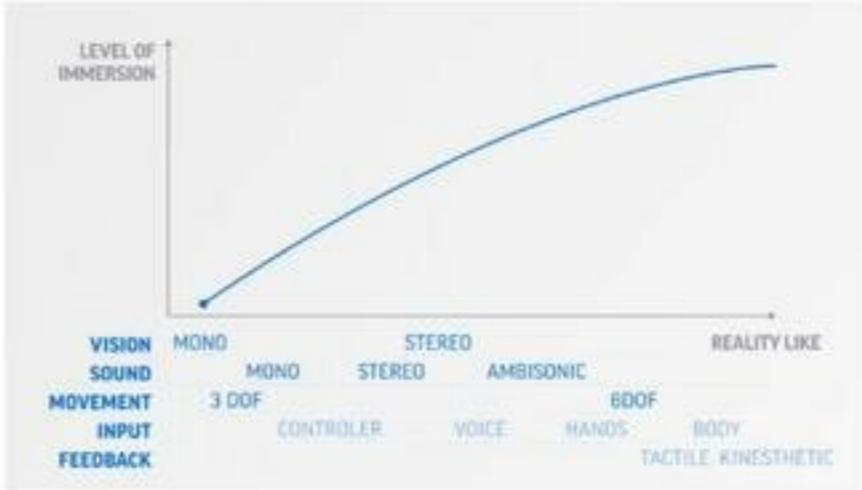
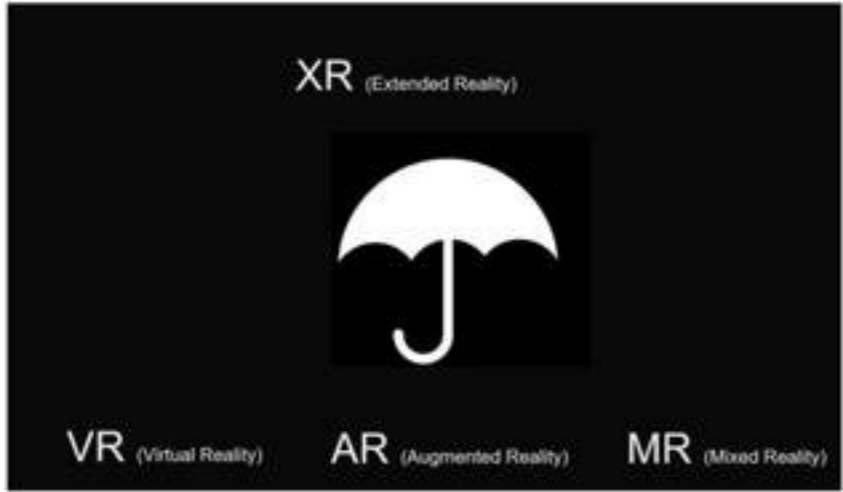
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360 Video



Cardboard

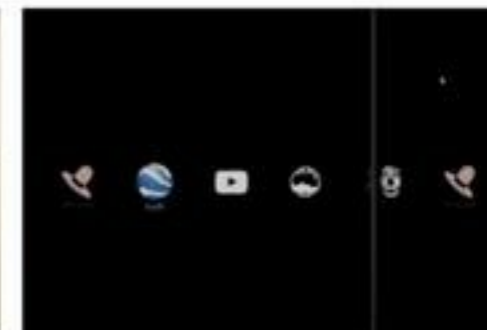


Mobile VR Headsets



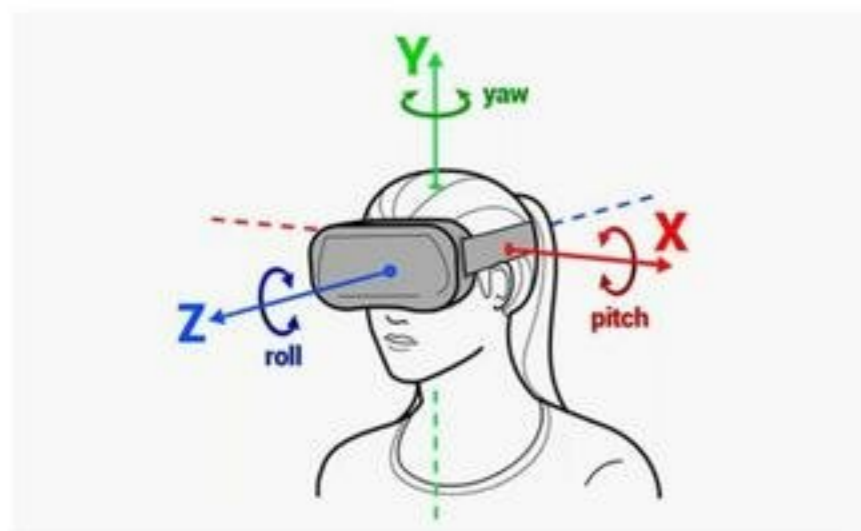
Room-Scale VR

Recap!



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Mobile VR



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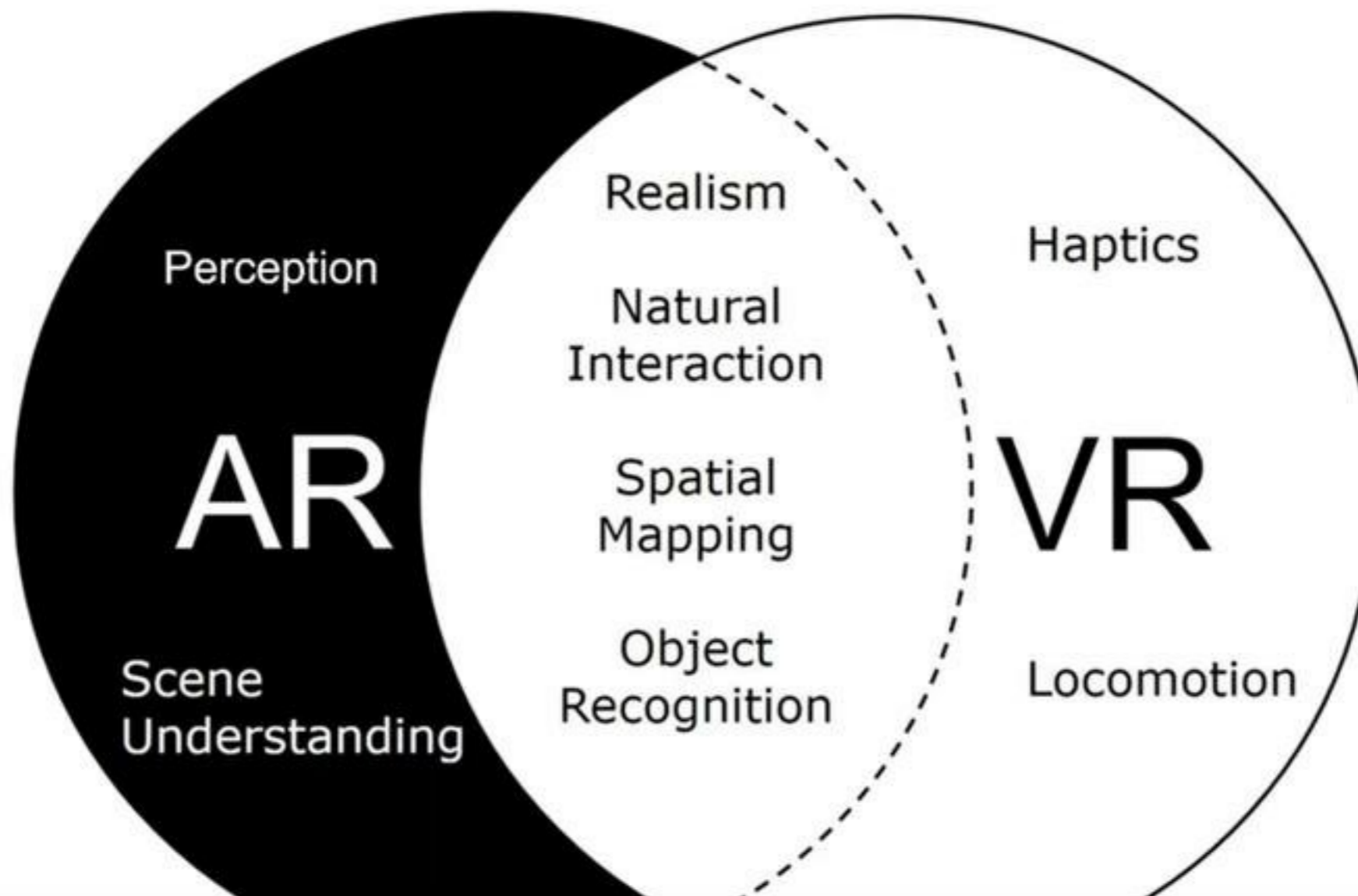


Other Topics in XR Design Process?

Well, there is too much!

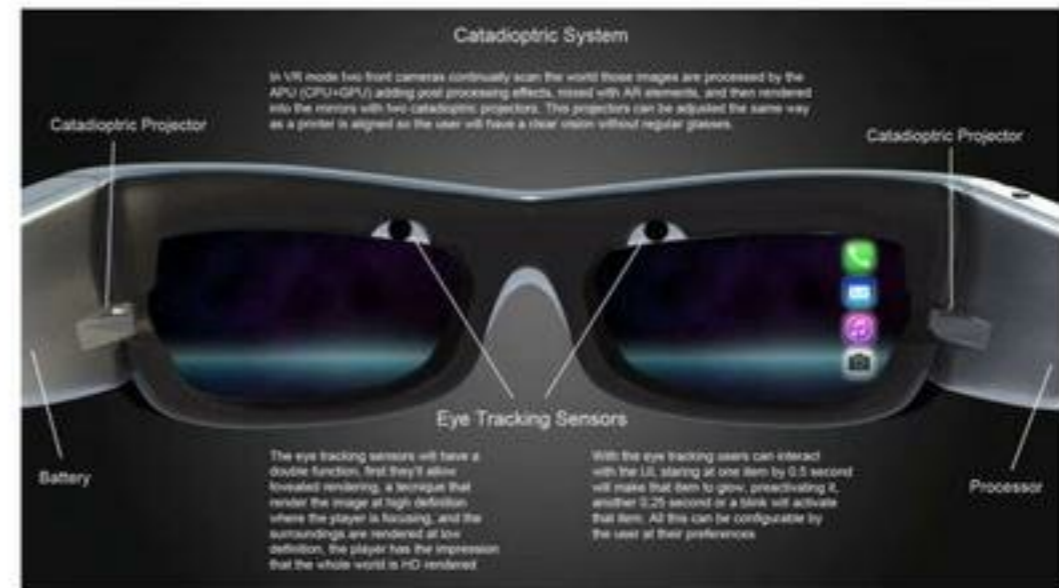
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Trend in XR Technology

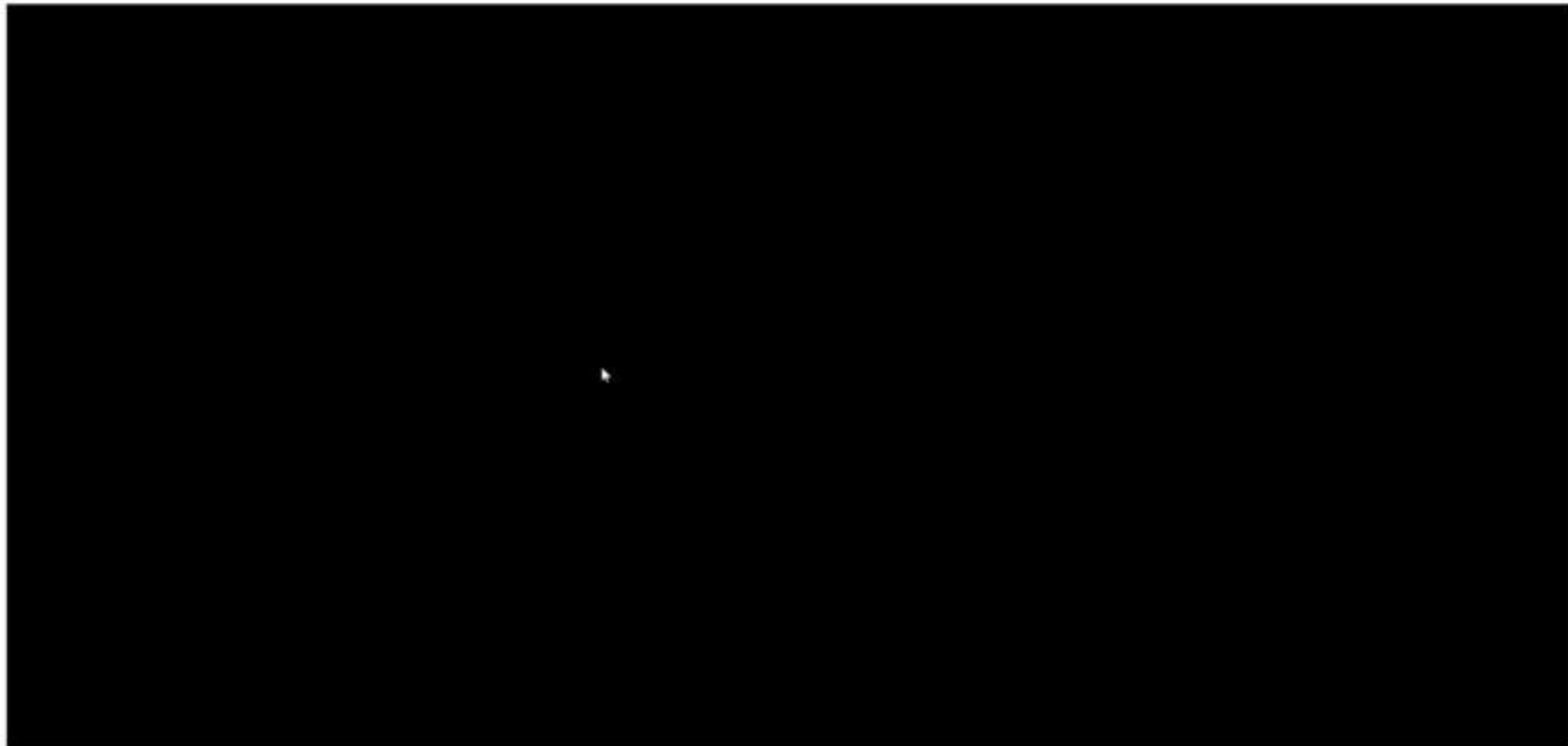








Haptic Feedback





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HP Omincept VR Headset





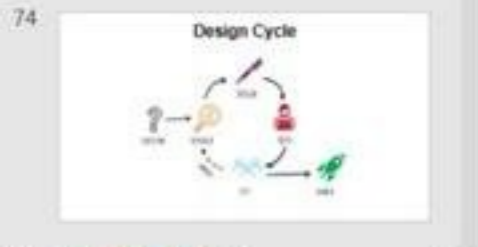
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Psychophysiological Data- HP Omincept







Part 3

XR Design Process

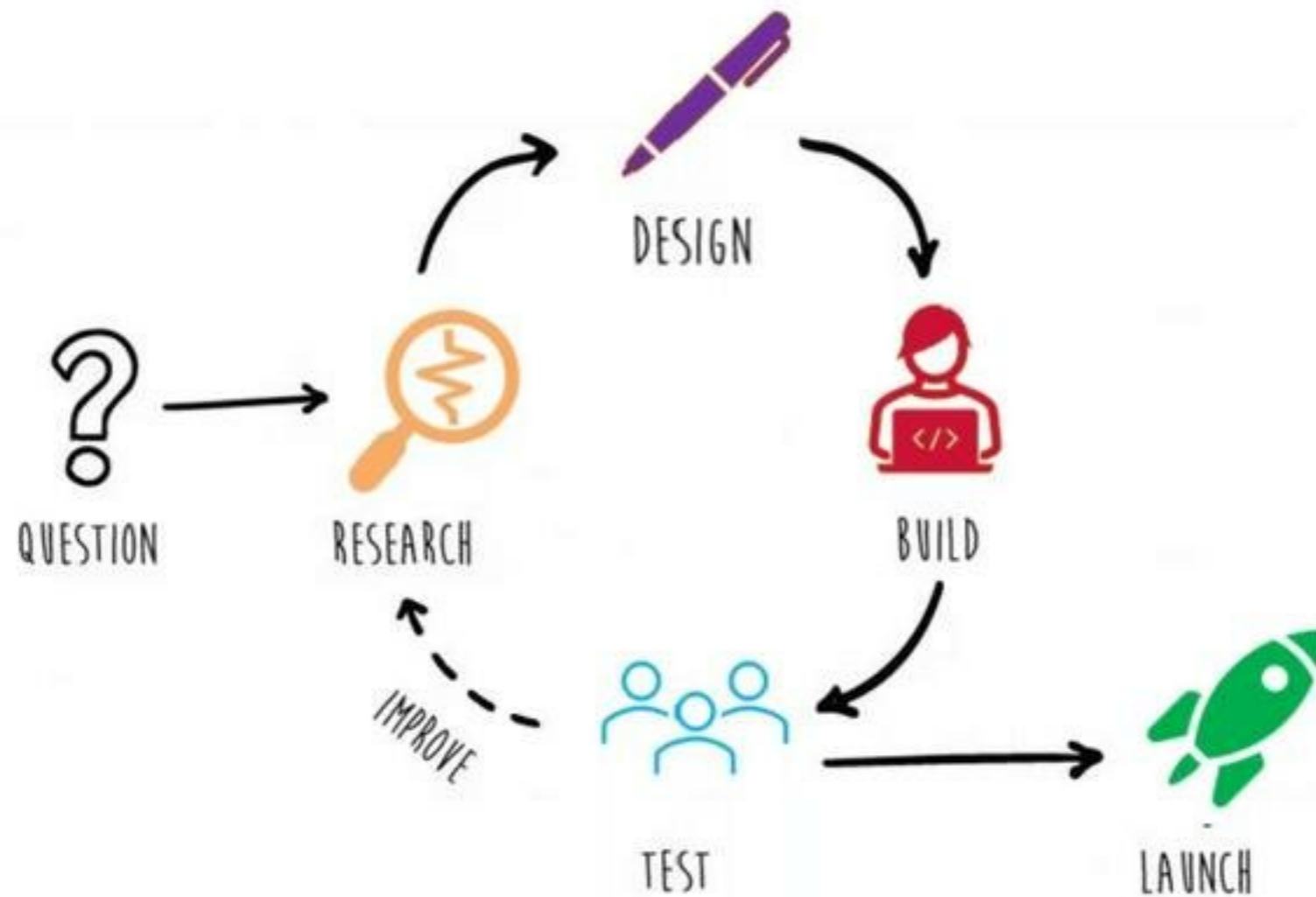
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XR Design Process

Things You Should Do First

- **Project plan** (define approach & milestones, roles)
- **High-level sketches** (storyboards to shape initial ideas)
- **Detailed sketches** (wireframes to flesh out ideas)
- **Personas** (make it clear who you're designing for & who not)
- **Story maps** (identify goals & tasks)
- **Physical prototypes** (explore interactions without limits)
- **Digital prototypes** (test interactions for feasibility)

Design Cycle



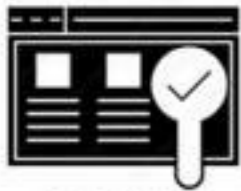


CHALLENGE

Resources



- Research,
- New Simulation,
- New Product Testing
- ...



USABILITY
TESTING

Experiment

Test Group

Control Group

QUESTION

RESEARCH

DESIGN

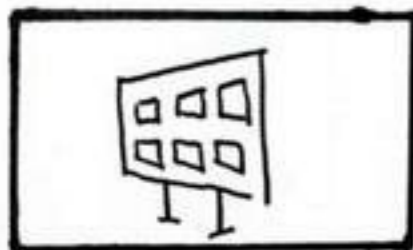
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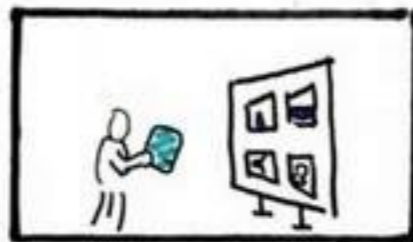
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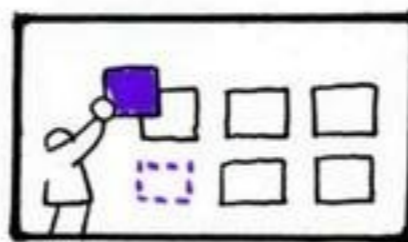
Story Map / Paper-based Prototyping



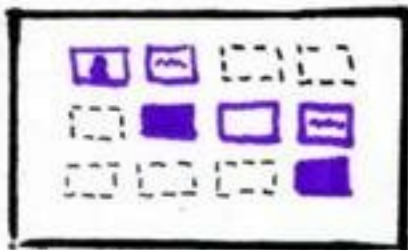
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Storyboard



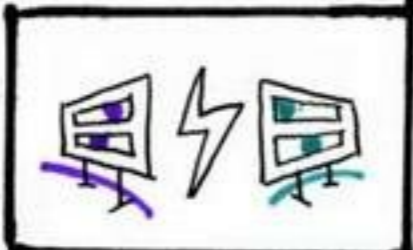
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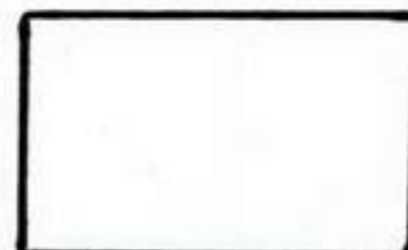
3. Reorder by
moving markers



4. Filter to a
subplot



5. Mirror on
remote boards



Prototyping/ UX Design Tools



Physical Prototyping

Physical Prototyping

- Quick & dirty
- Explore interactions
- Get initial user feedback
- Avoid premature commitment
- Devise technical requirements



(c) He creates a 360° capture of Play-Doh object



(d) He views 360° captured object in AR from similar angle

Development

Development

WebXR

THREE.js

AR.js

A-Frame

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Unity / Unreal

SteamVR

AR
Foundation

MRTK

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Native SDKs

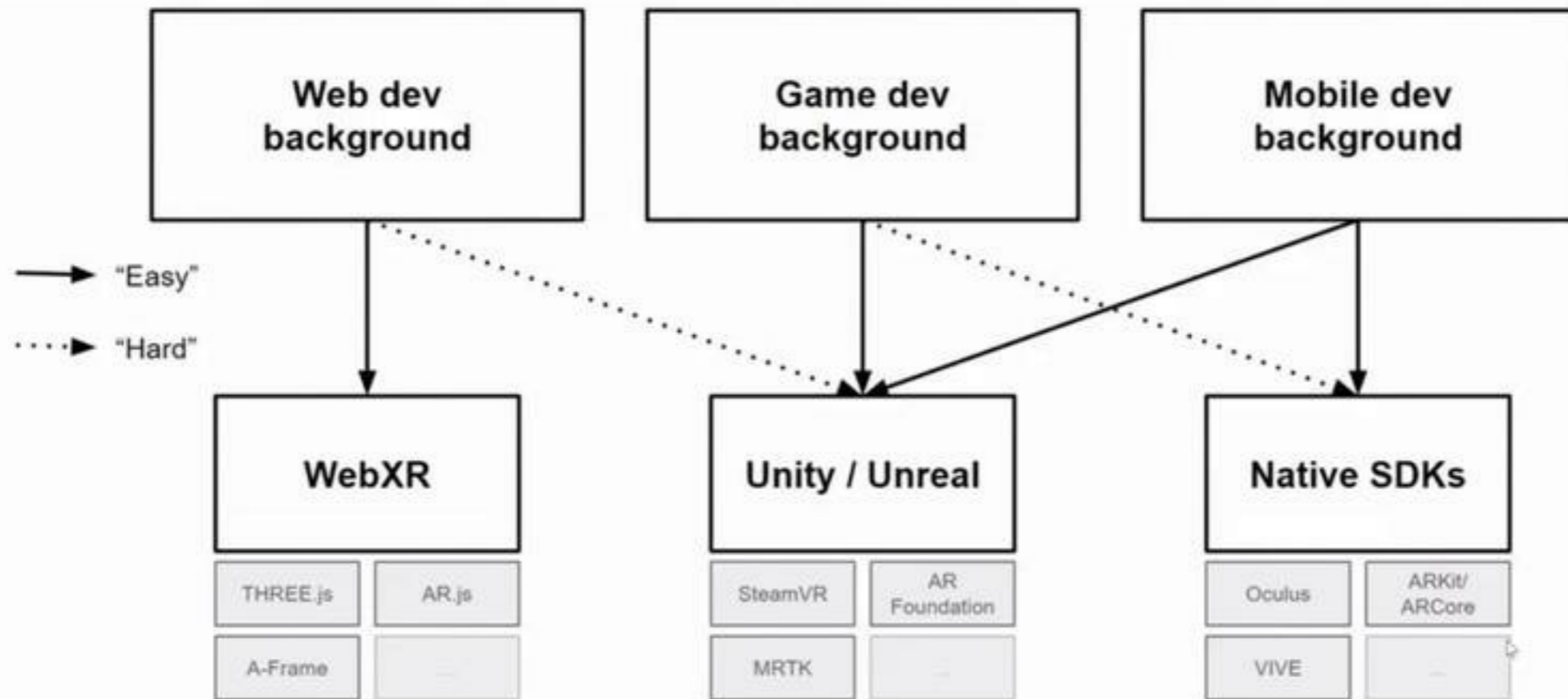
Oculus

ARKit/
ARCore

VIVE

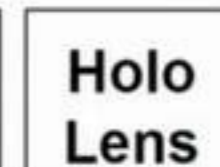
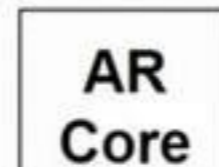
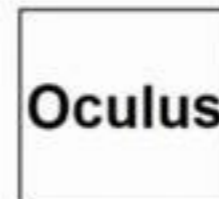
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Pathway to be XR Creator



XR Toolkits

A-Frame
AR.js
SteamVR
MRTK
Vuforia
AR Foundation
XR Interaction



Unity vs. Unreal



Unity vs. Unreal

1. What level of visuals are you after?

Unreal offers high-quality visuals straight out of the box. Unity won't produce quite the same quality.

2. Are you a developer or a designer?

Developers often prefer Unity; designers/3D artists opt for Unreal.

3. What is your development environment?

Unity enables you to create complex projects for low-end devices. Unreal requires a powerful PC and broadband internet setup.

4. What device is your project aimed at?



XR Design Elements

What are? How to get / create?



XR Design Elements

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Design Elements

What are? How to get / create?

**Scenarios /
Stories**

**Non-human 3D
Objects**

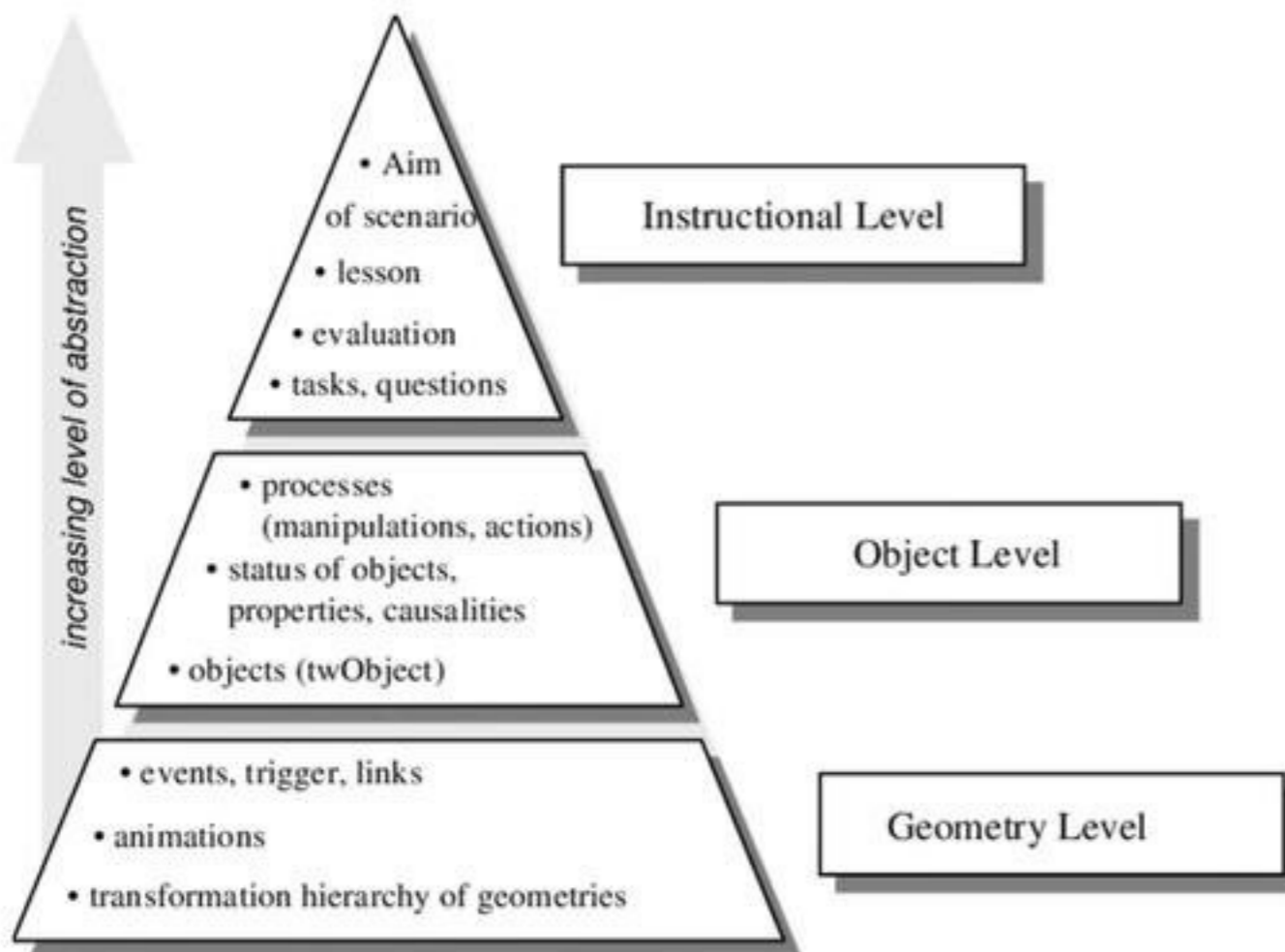
**Human 3D
Objects**

UIs

Scenarios / Stories

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Scenarios / Stories



Needfinding & Brainstorming

Framing the problem via scenarios & use cases, personas, and competitors

Storyboarding & Prototyping

Creating mockups using paper and digital tools, involving XR devices

Non-Human 3D Objects

Places to find 3D models

Programs to create 3D models

Non-Human 3D Objects

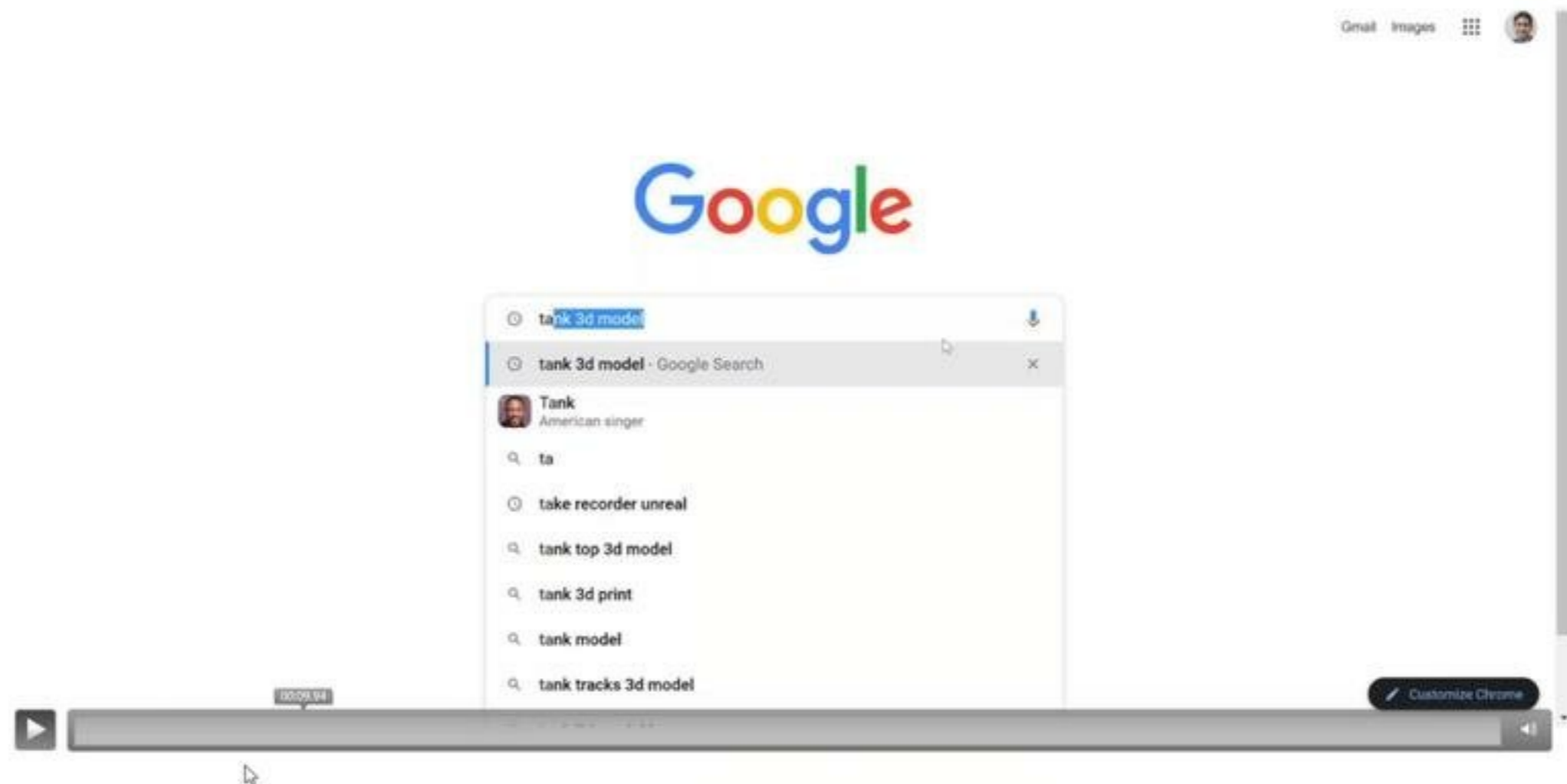
Places to find 3D models

- Sketchfab
- Google Poly
- SketchUp's 3D Warehouse
- Clara.io
- Adobe Mixamo

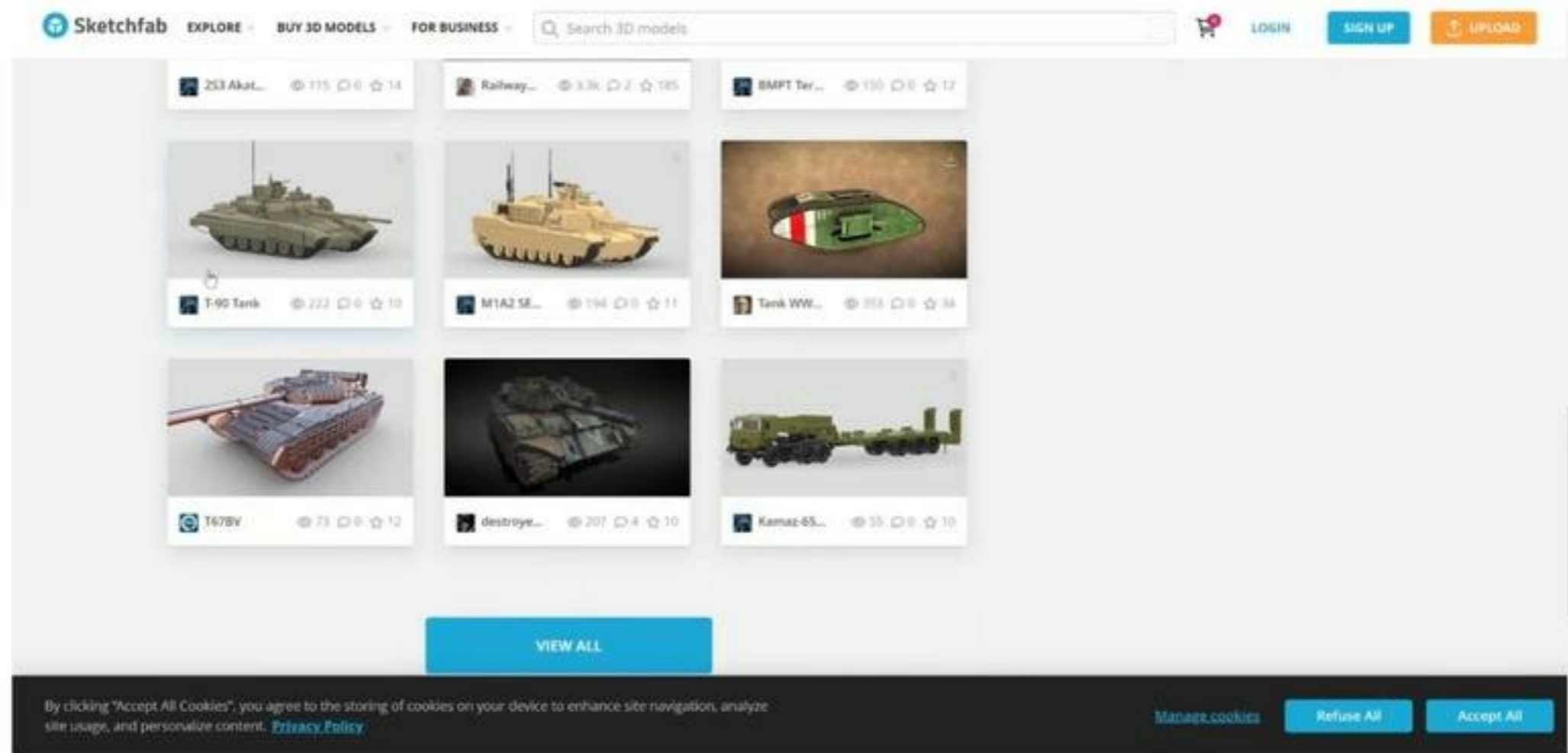
Programs to create 3D models

- Blender
- Tinkercad
- Maya or Maya LT
- 3ds Max
- Cinema4D

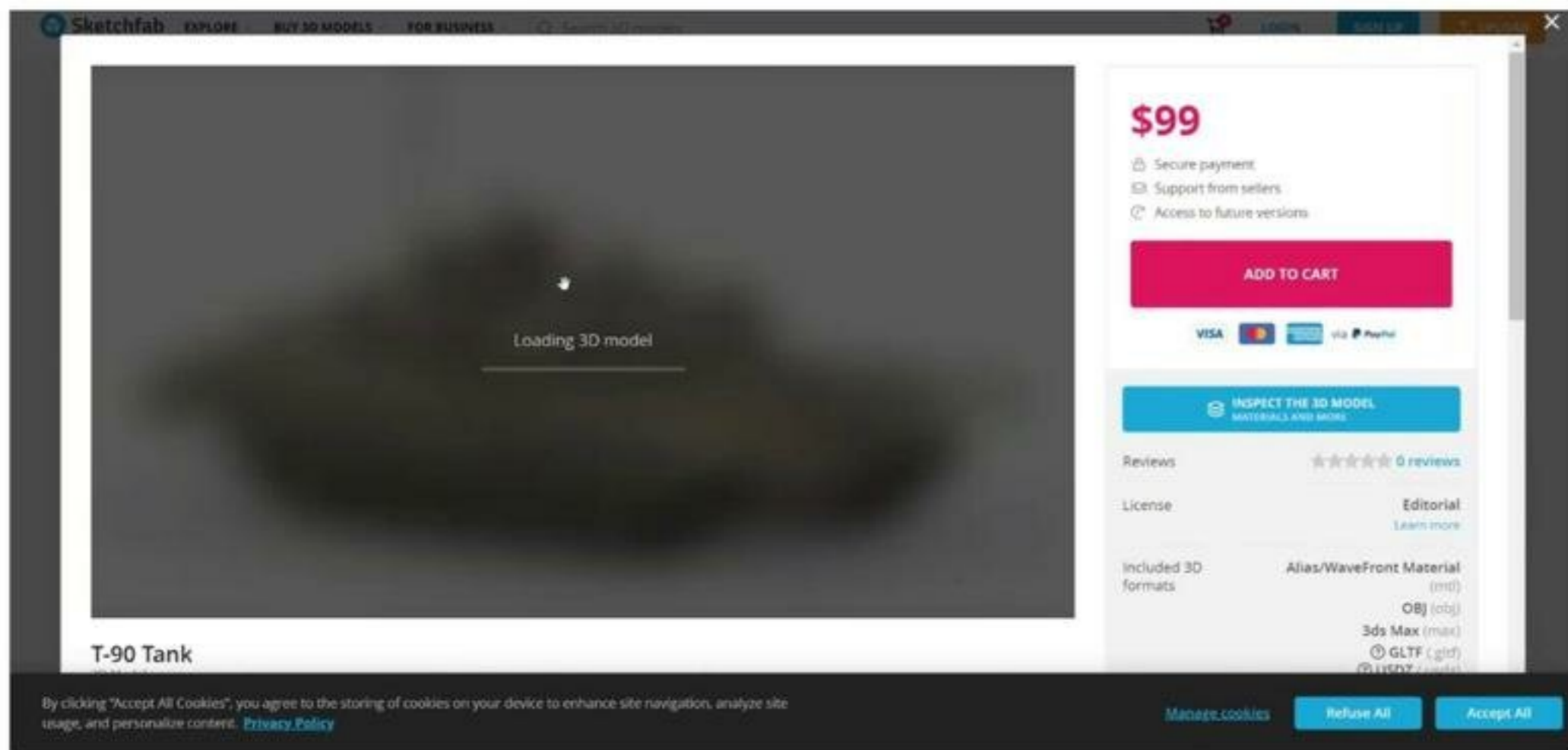
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E.g., Import 3D Model to Unity



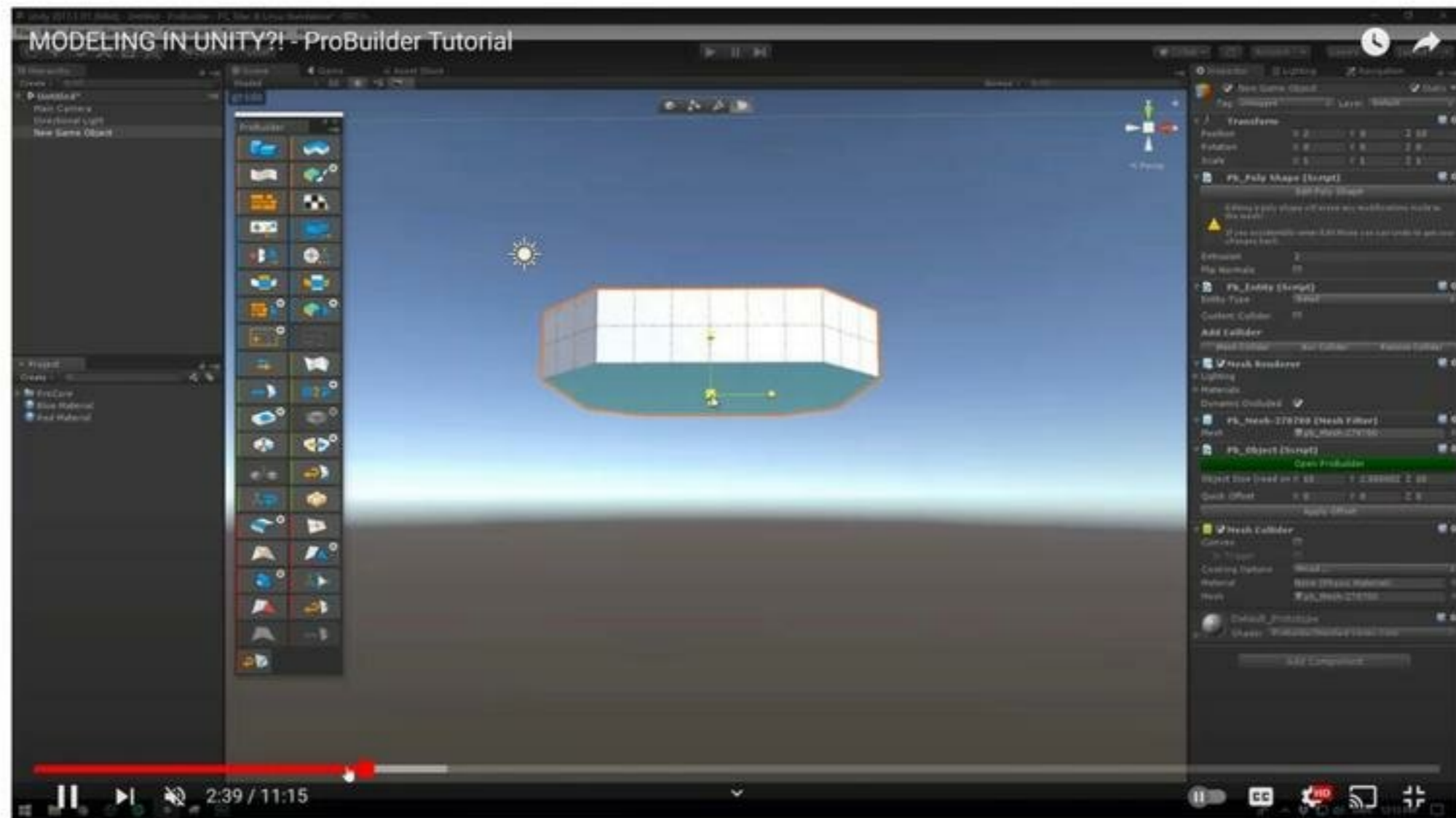
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E.g., Import 3D Model to Unity



Create Basic 3D Models in Game Engine



Non-Human 3D Objects

3D models consist of

- **Geometry/mesh/skin**
Vertex positions, normals, & faces, texture coordinates
- **Material**
Shader, bump/normal/... maps
- **Textures**
Image sprites
- **Skeleton/rig & animations**
Bones, poses/keyframes

3D model file formats

Human 3D Objects



cgtrader

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3D model file formats

- **glTF** (GL Transmission Format)
Common on the web
- **fbx** (Autodesk Filmbox)
Common in Unity and Unreal
- **dae** (Digital Asset Exchange)
- **obj** (Wavefront Object File)
mtl (Material file with obj)

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3D Casual Man Body Face Rigged Free

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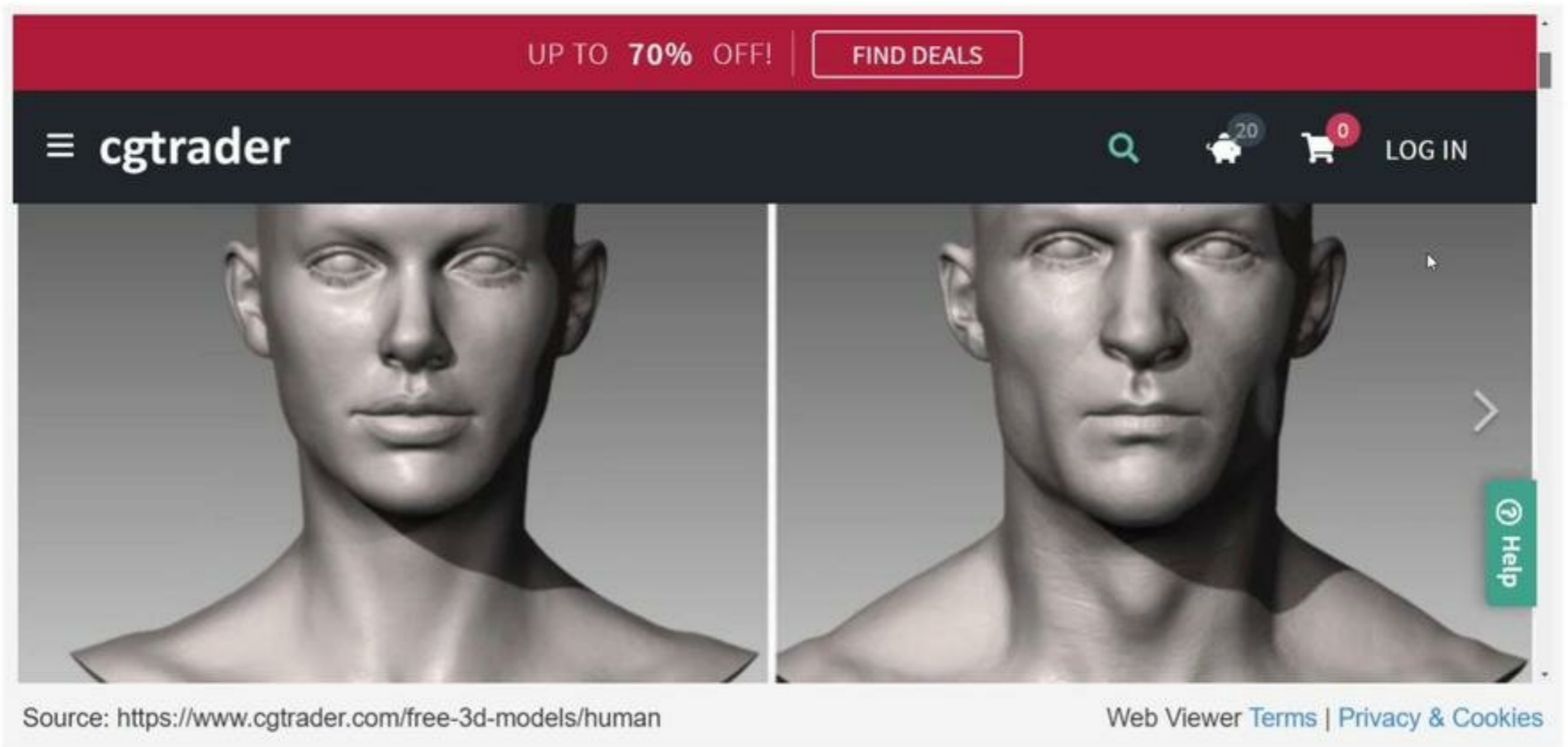
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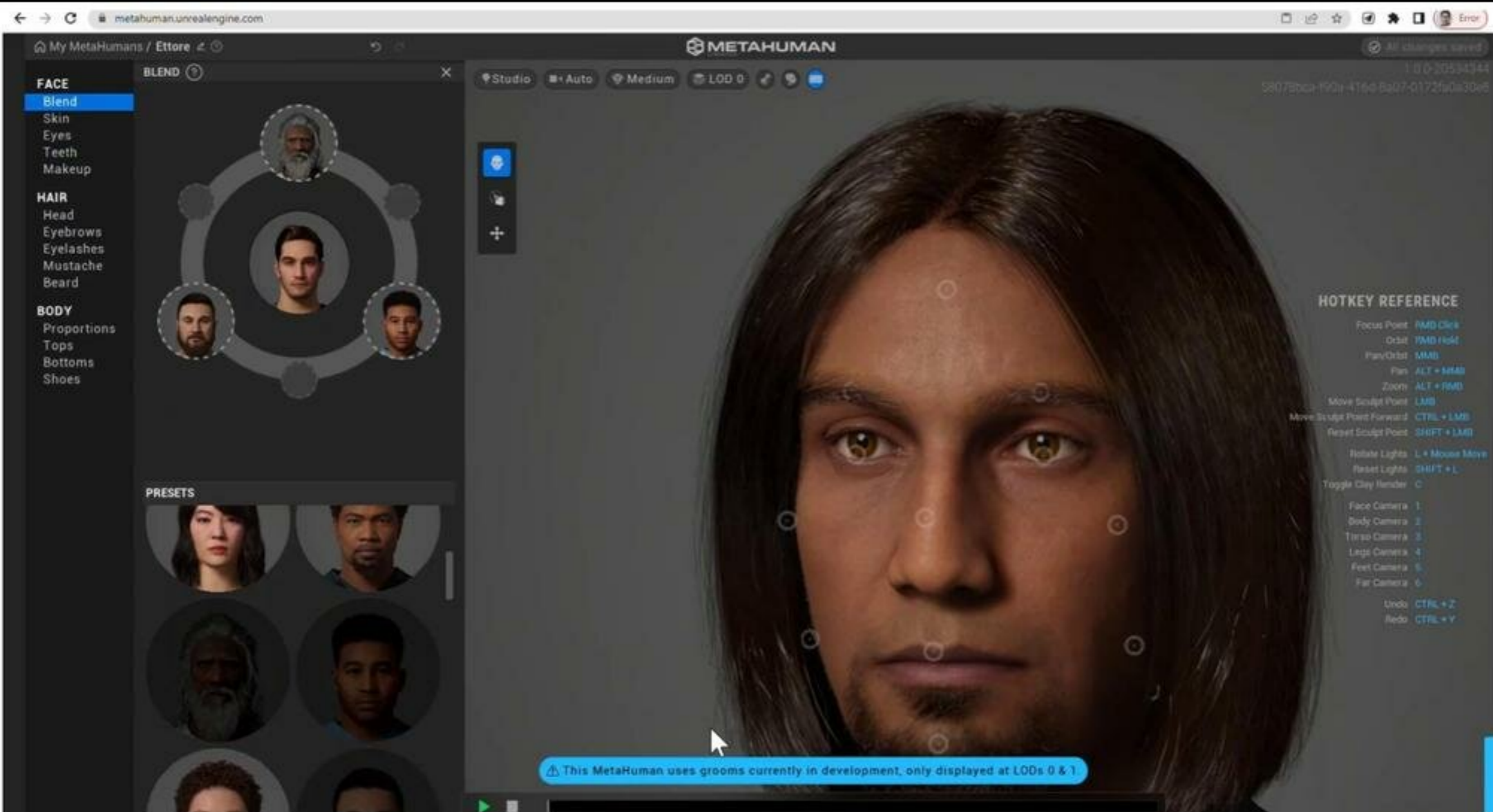


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Next animation



No Notes.



Metahuman



Bridge



Unreal

But! **How to Animate Human Models?**

Mocap (Motion Capture) Technology

This is where we make digital human live.

Camera-based

Sensor-based

Body Mocap

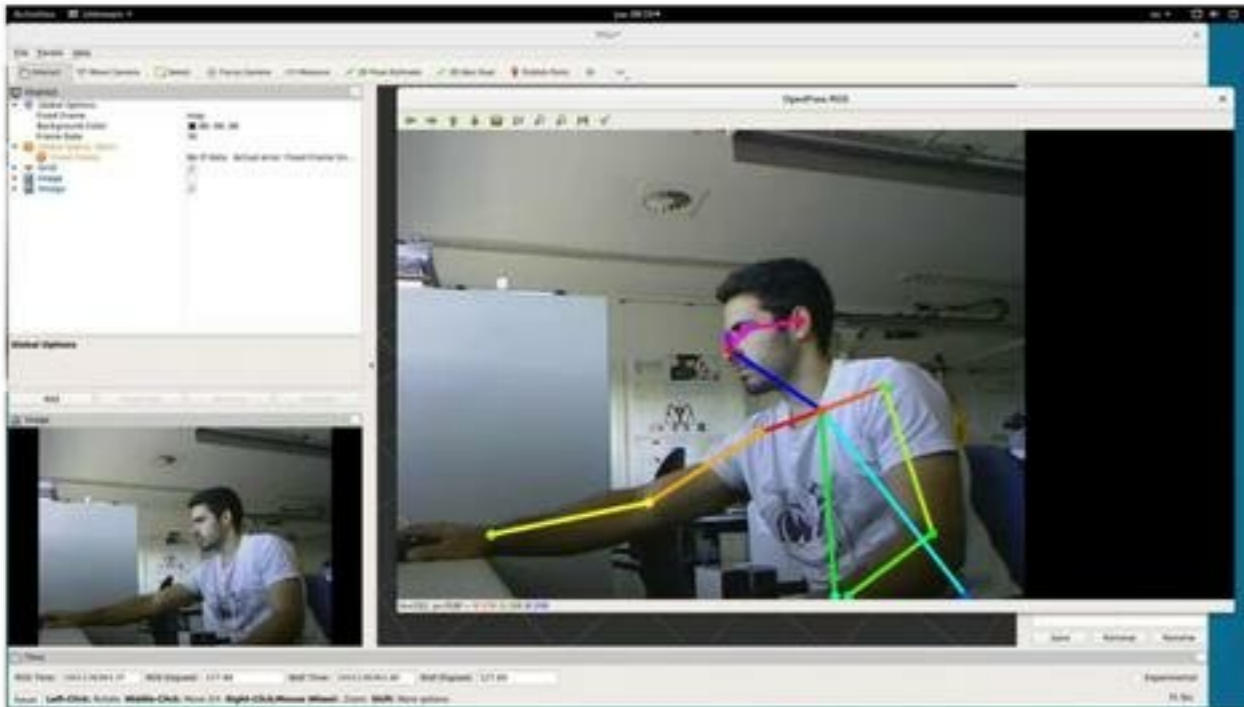
Camera-based Mocap

Using cameras to capture human movements/skeleton/animation

Open-Pose/
Open CV

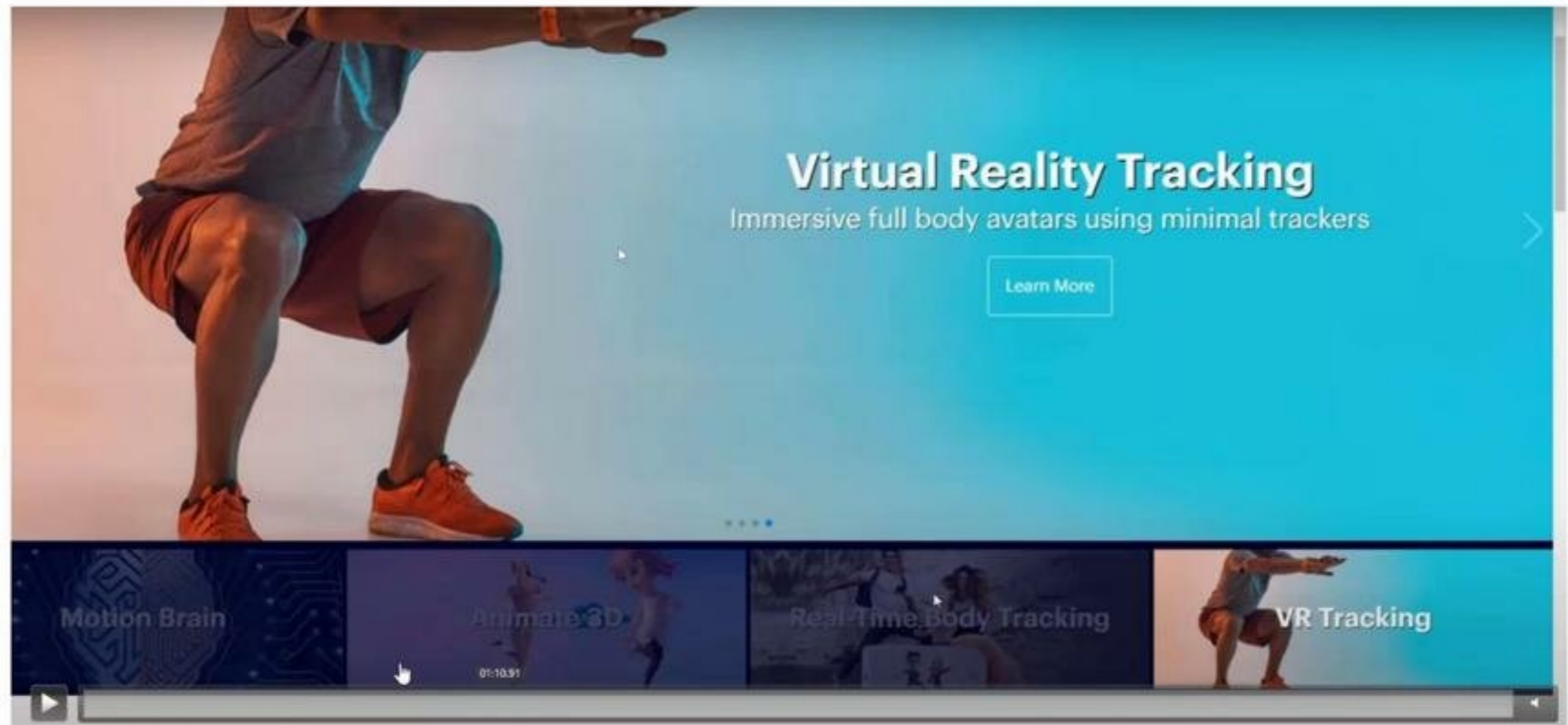
DeepMotion

OpenPos



- Free
- Accurate
- Open-source
- Not-intuitive
- Need to be integrated in other system to use
- Need to use your system (CPU/GPU) to process data

DeepMotion





- Easy to use
- No need for technical knowledge
- Perform all pre and post-processing in the cloud
- Need to pay
- Not open-source
- Limited integration capability

Sensor-based Mocap

Using sensors to capture human movements/skeleton/animation

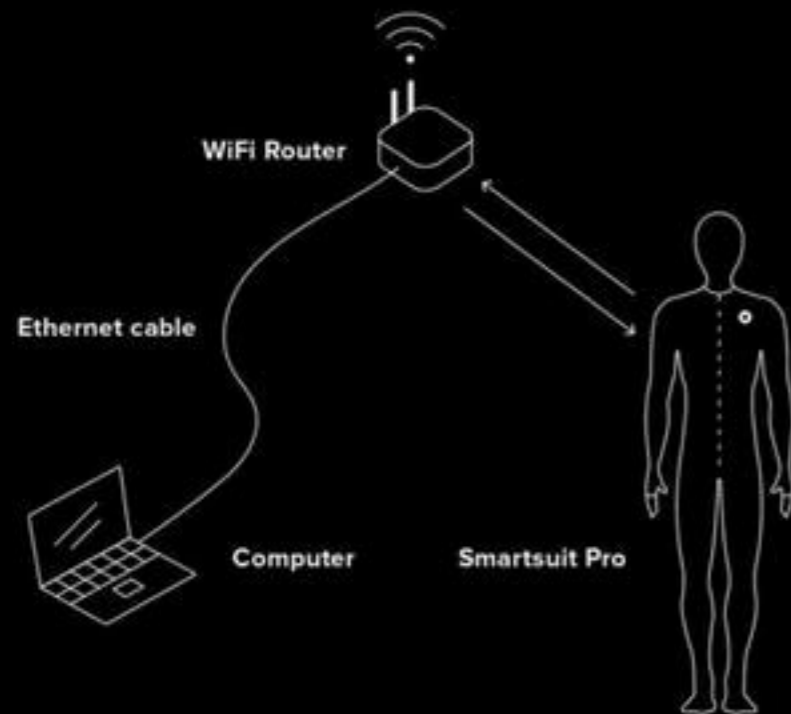
Smart Suits

**Individual
Sensors**

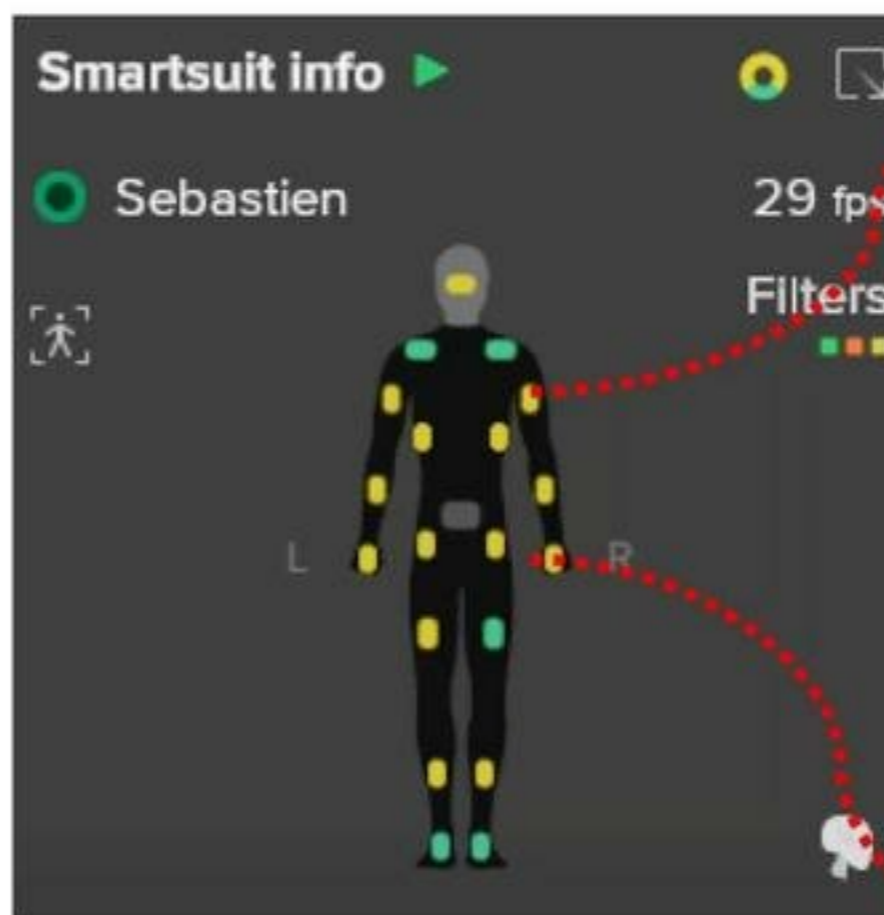
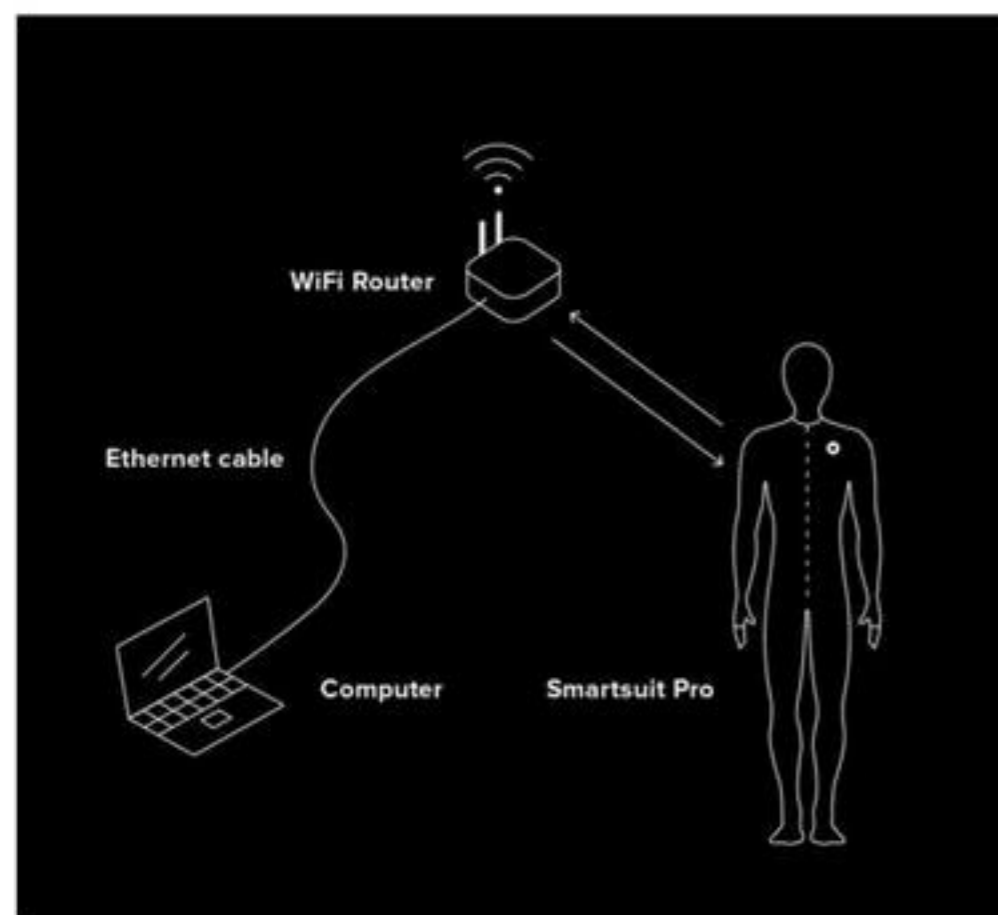
Mocap Suit: Rokoko



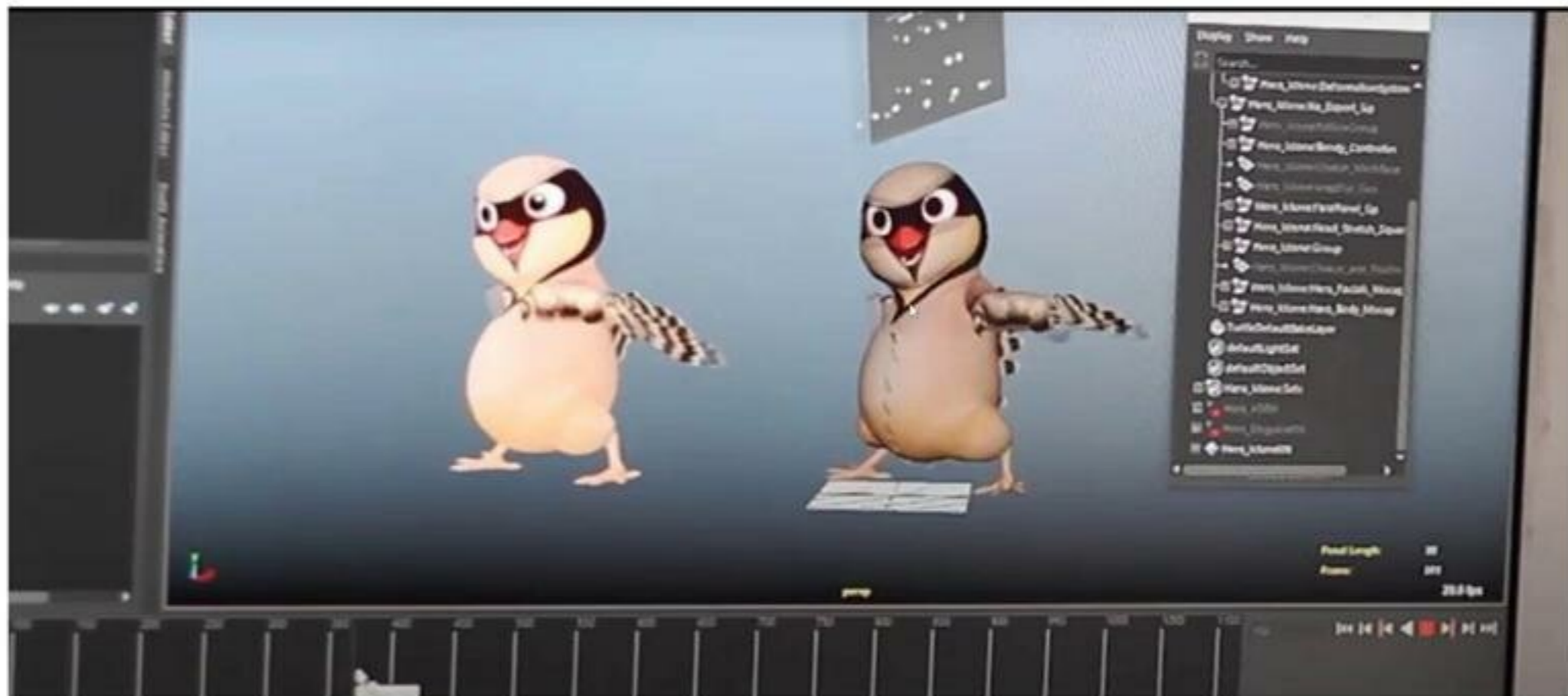
Rokoko: what is inside?



Rokoko: what is inside?



Body and Face Mocap: Xsens



Face Mocap

Face Mocap: Camera with TrueDepth feature (used for face ID)



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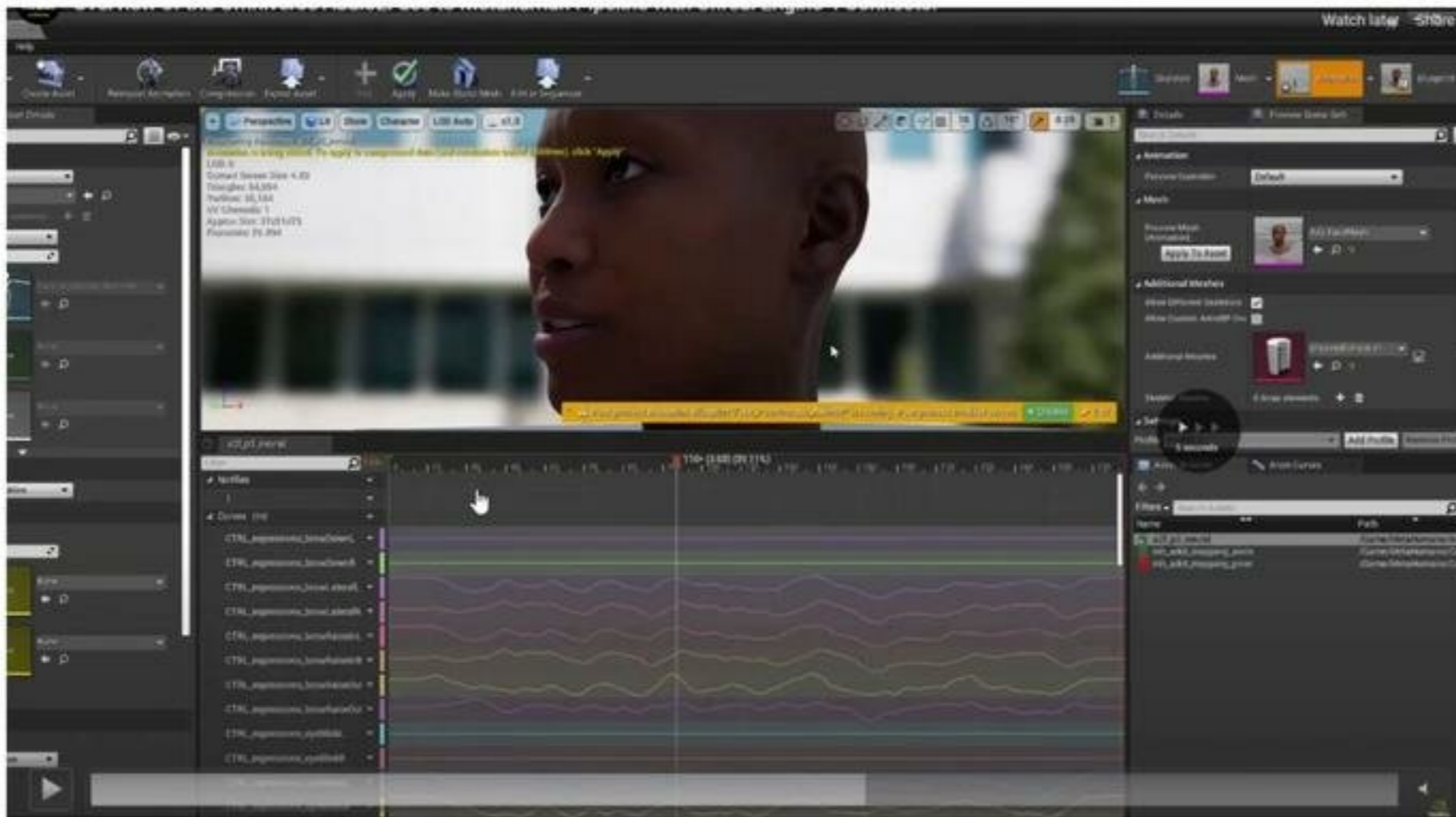
Face Mocap: Live Link App + Unreal



Face Mocap: NVIDIA Omniverse + Unreal



Face Mocap: NVIDIA Omniverse + Unreal



Hand Mocap

Hand Mocap: Manus



Hand Mocap: Manus



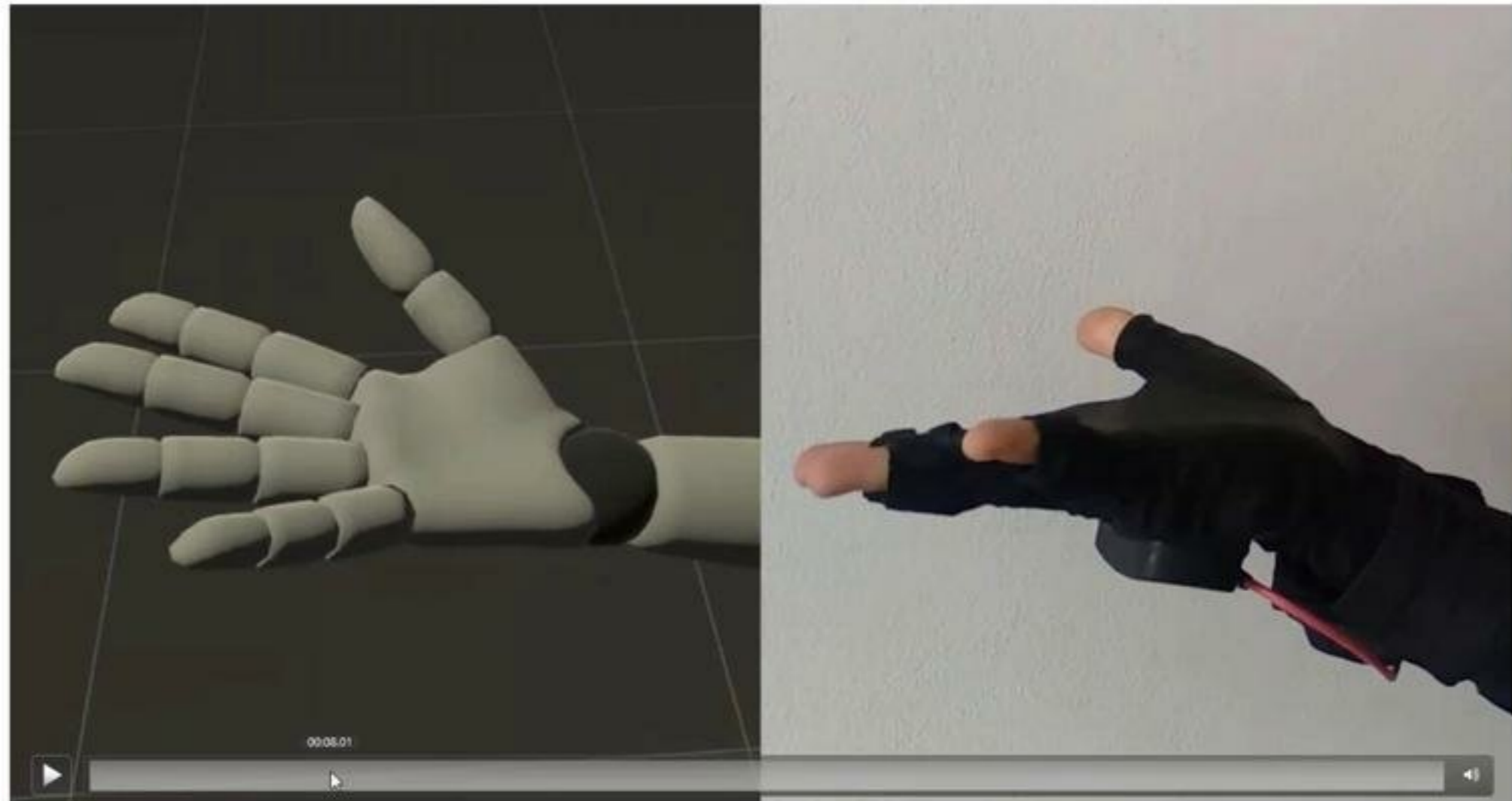
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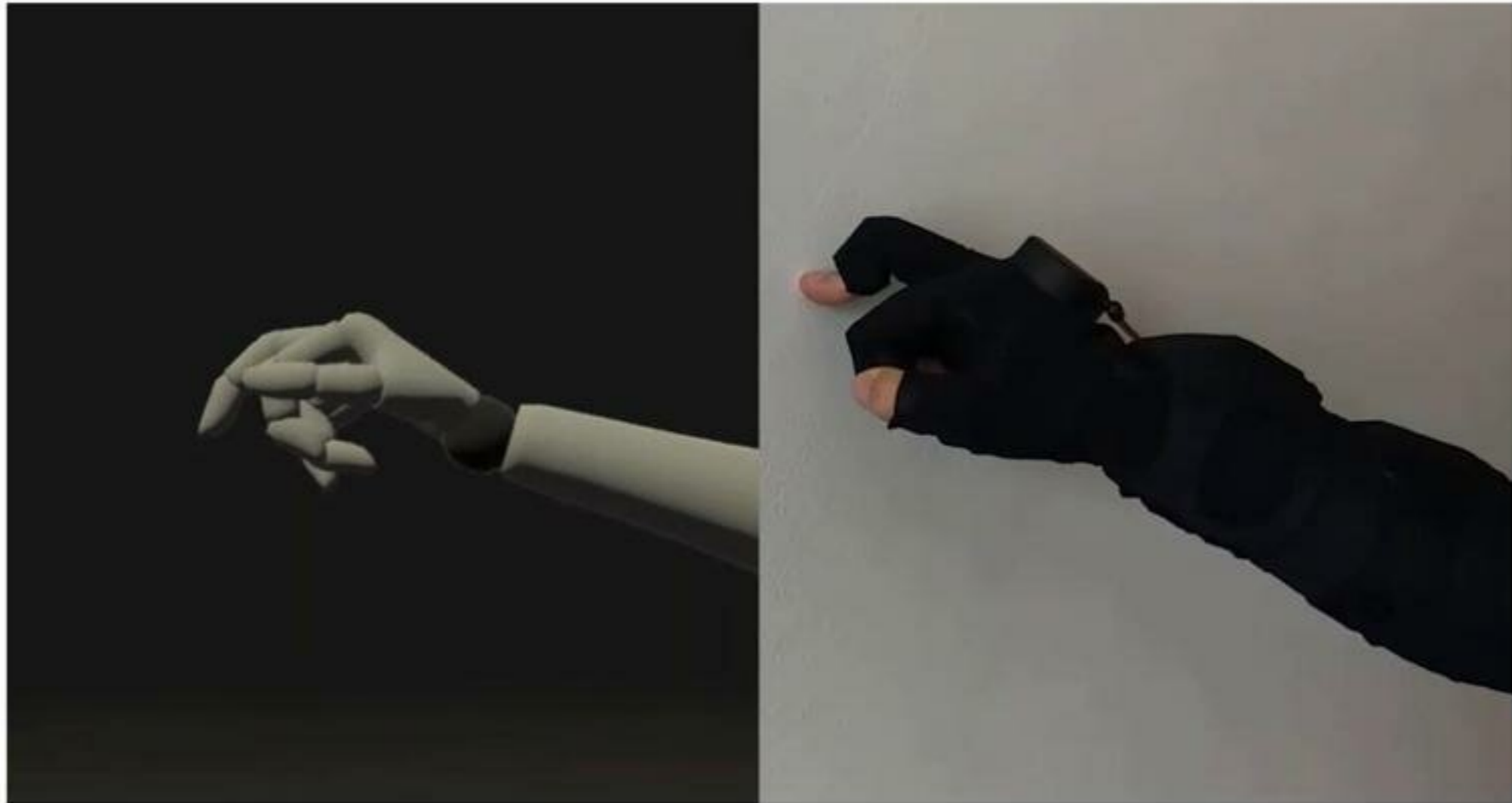
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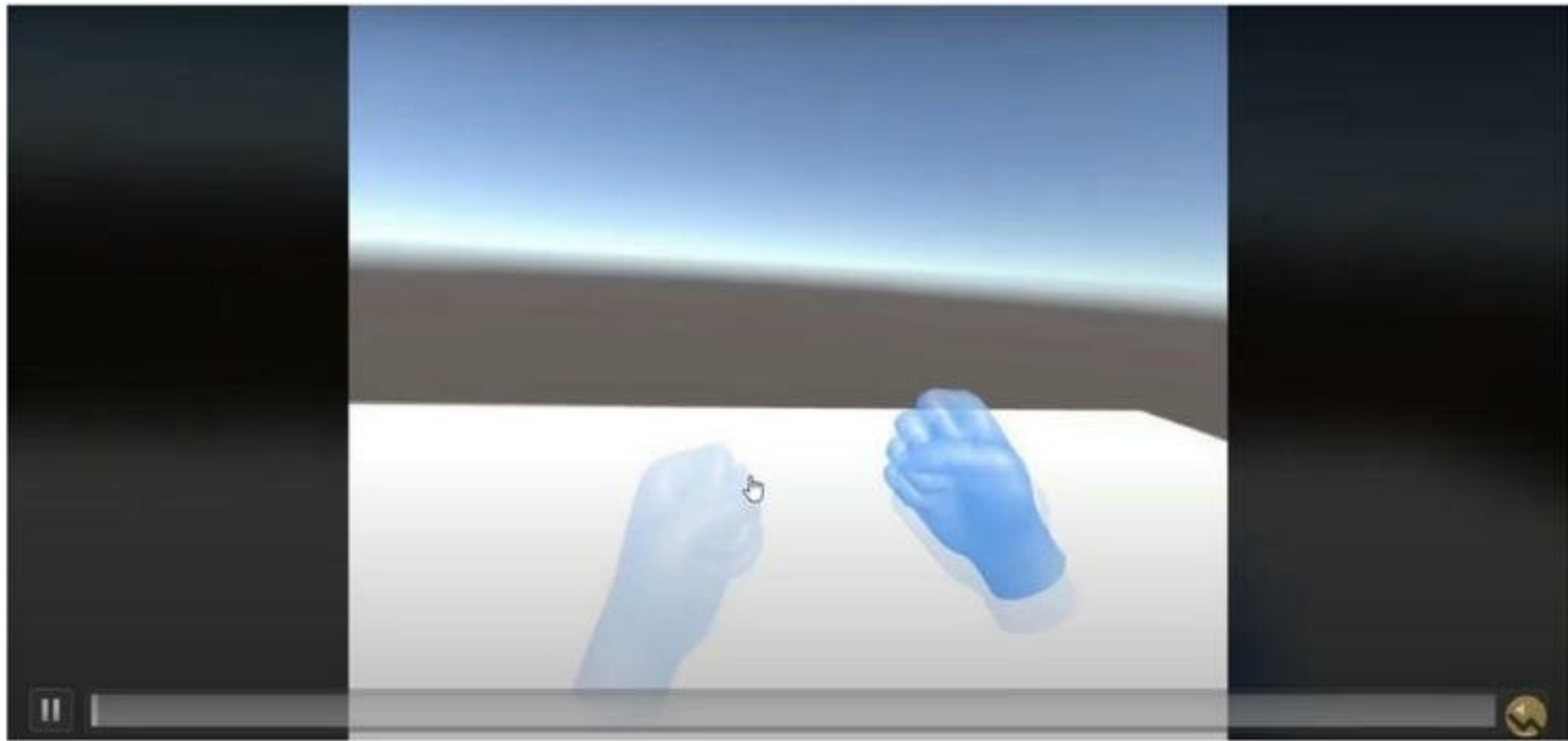
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Oculus Hand Tracking



Mocap Using Individual Sensors



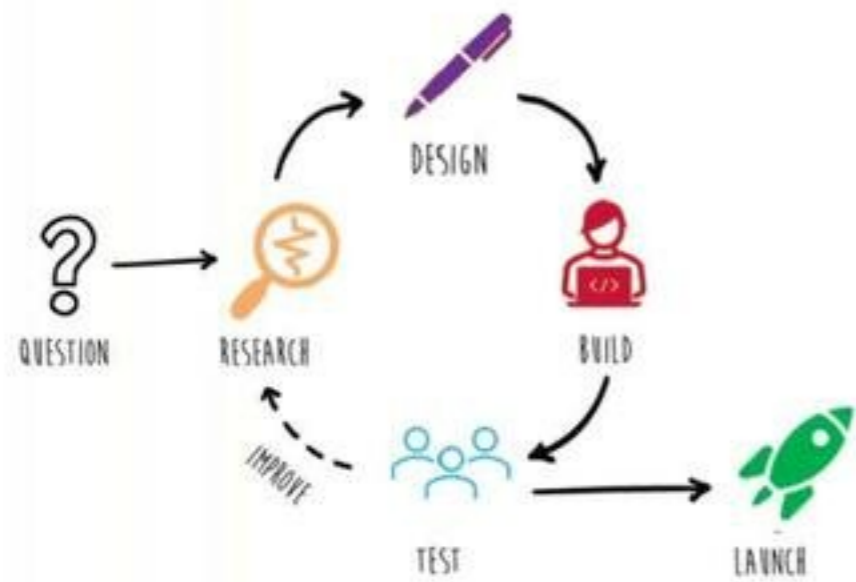
Mocap: Using Individual Sensors (HTC Viv)



Recap!

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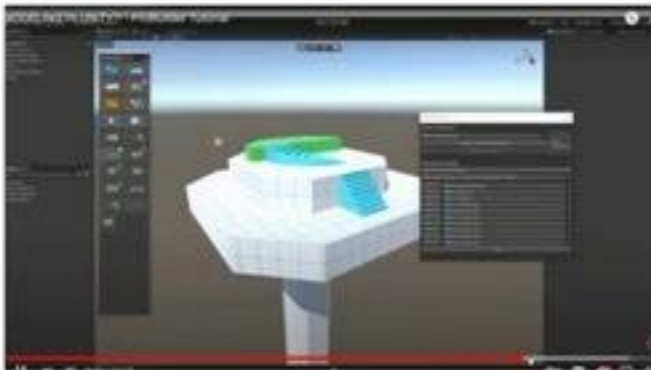
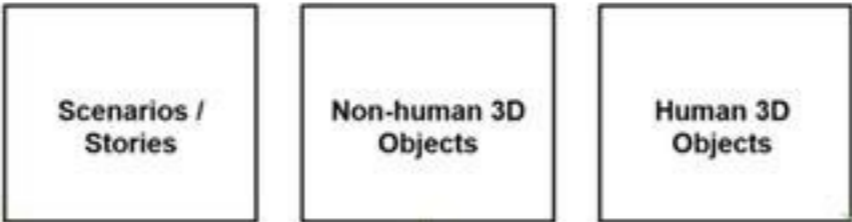
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Recap!

Design Elements

What are? How to get / create?



Recap!

Body Mocap



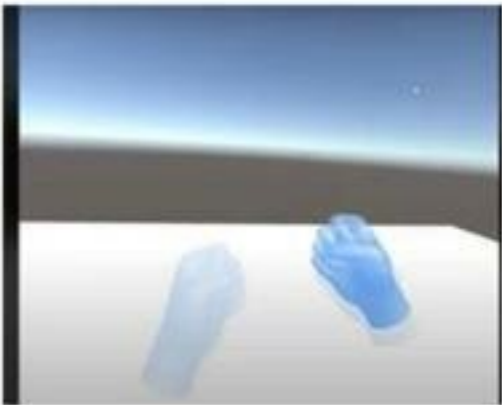
Face Mocap



Hand Mocap



Oculus Hand Tracking



UIs and Menu



UIs and Menu

Fixed

Anchored in the world

HUD

Attached to the head (camera)

Controller

Attached to the tracked controller

Hand

Attached to the tracked hand



Room setup

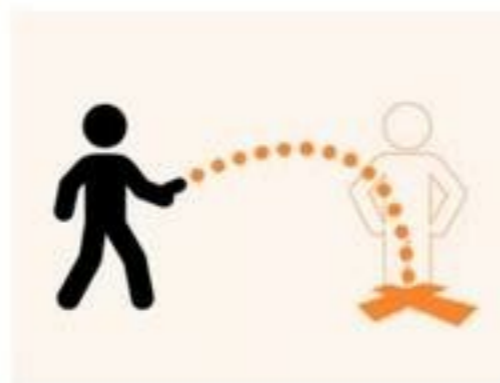


ROOMSCALE



SITTING & STANDING

Movement



TELEPORT



SHIFT



CONTINUOUS

Object Selection

Travel

Moving the viewpoint in the world

Object Selection

Picking objects in the world

Object Manipulation

Modifying objects in the world

Far

Use raycasting and hit-testing for object selection

Near

Use collision detection for object selection

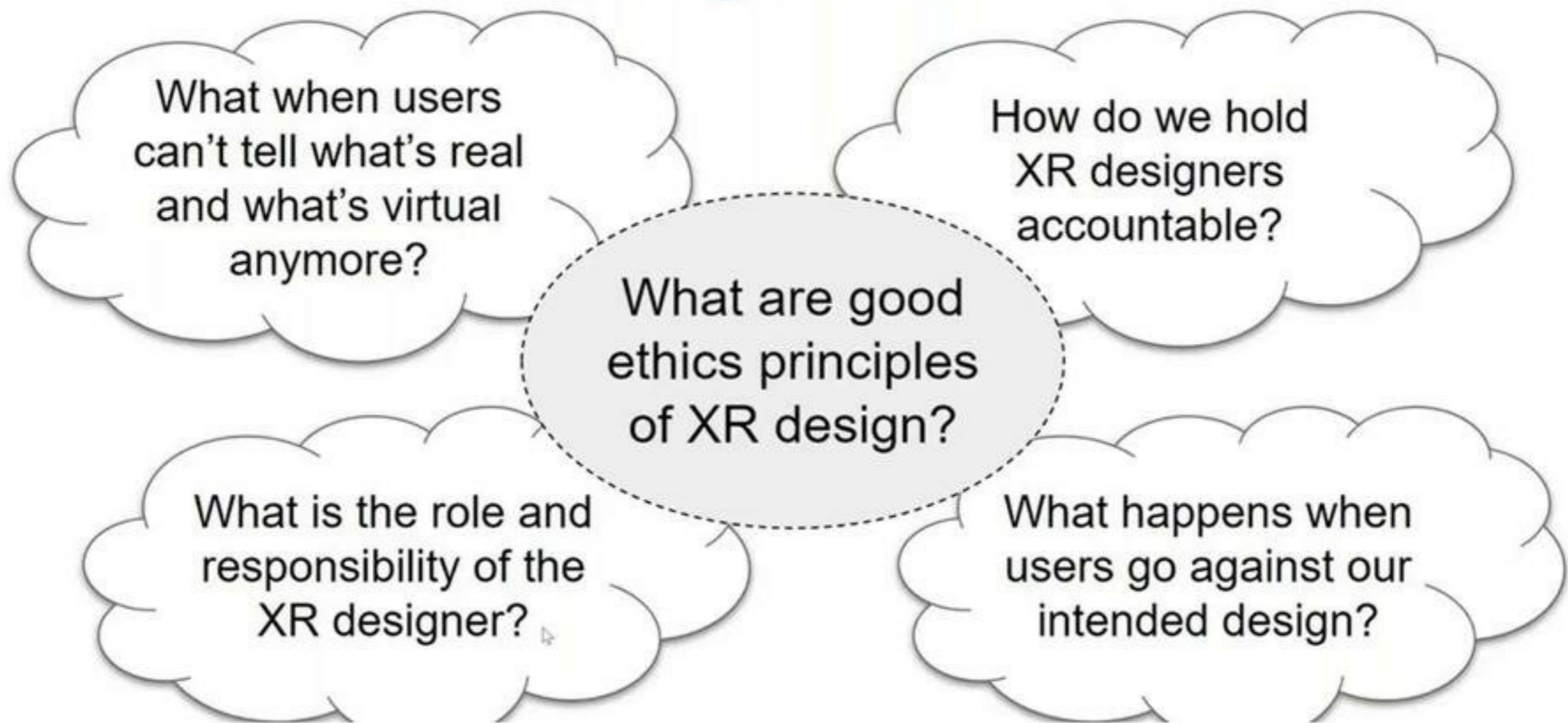
XR Design Issues?

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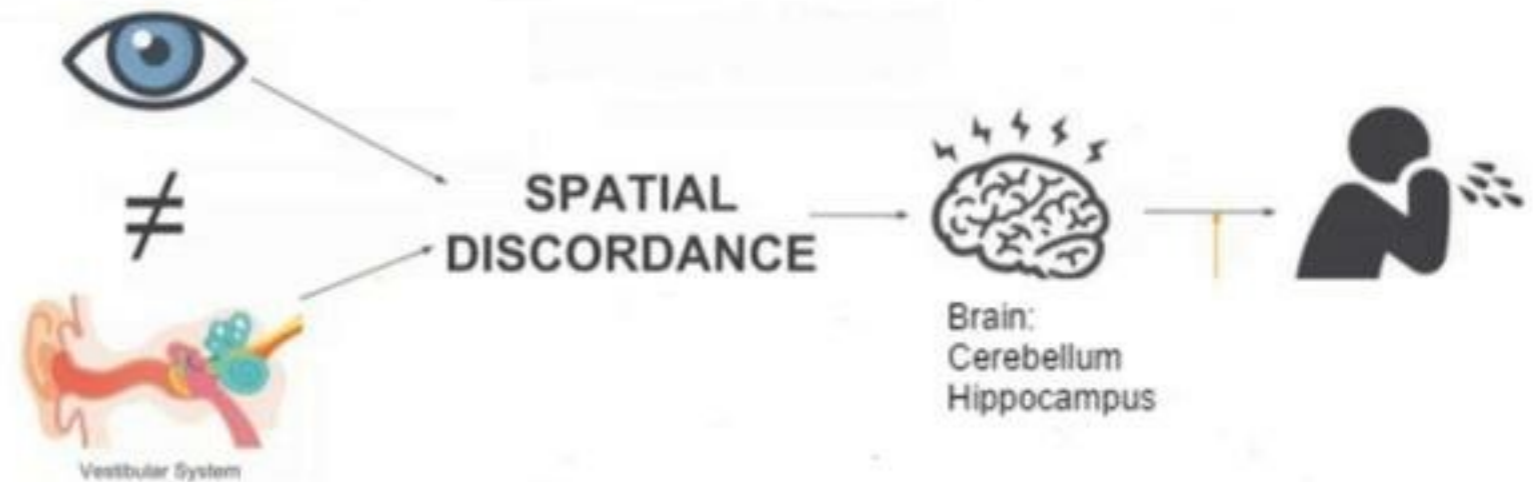
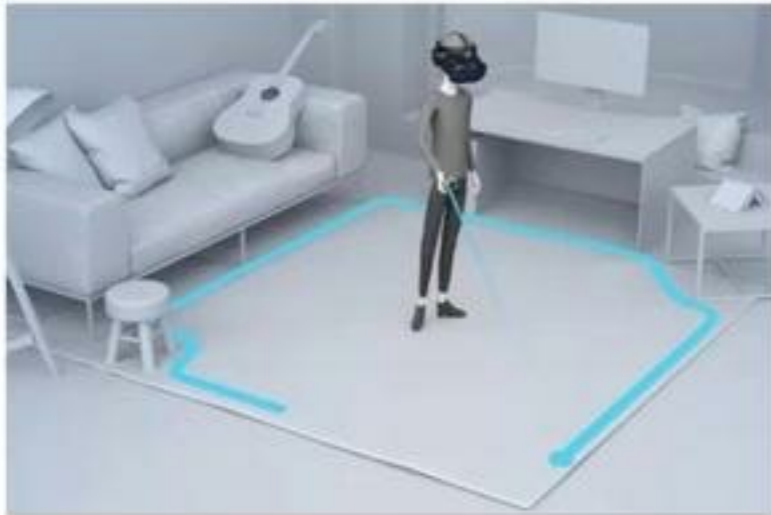
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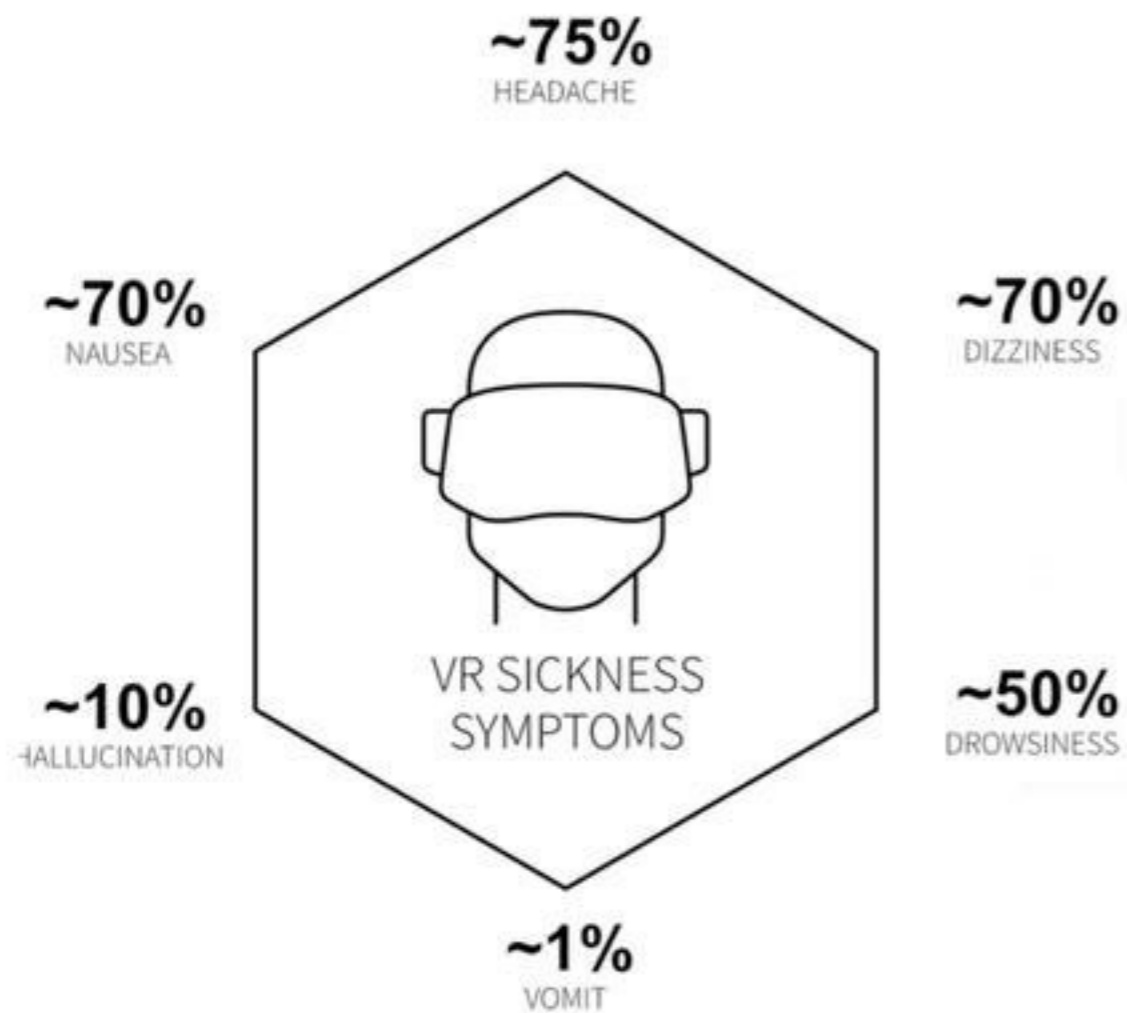
**Privacy &
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Design Ethics



Motion Sickness

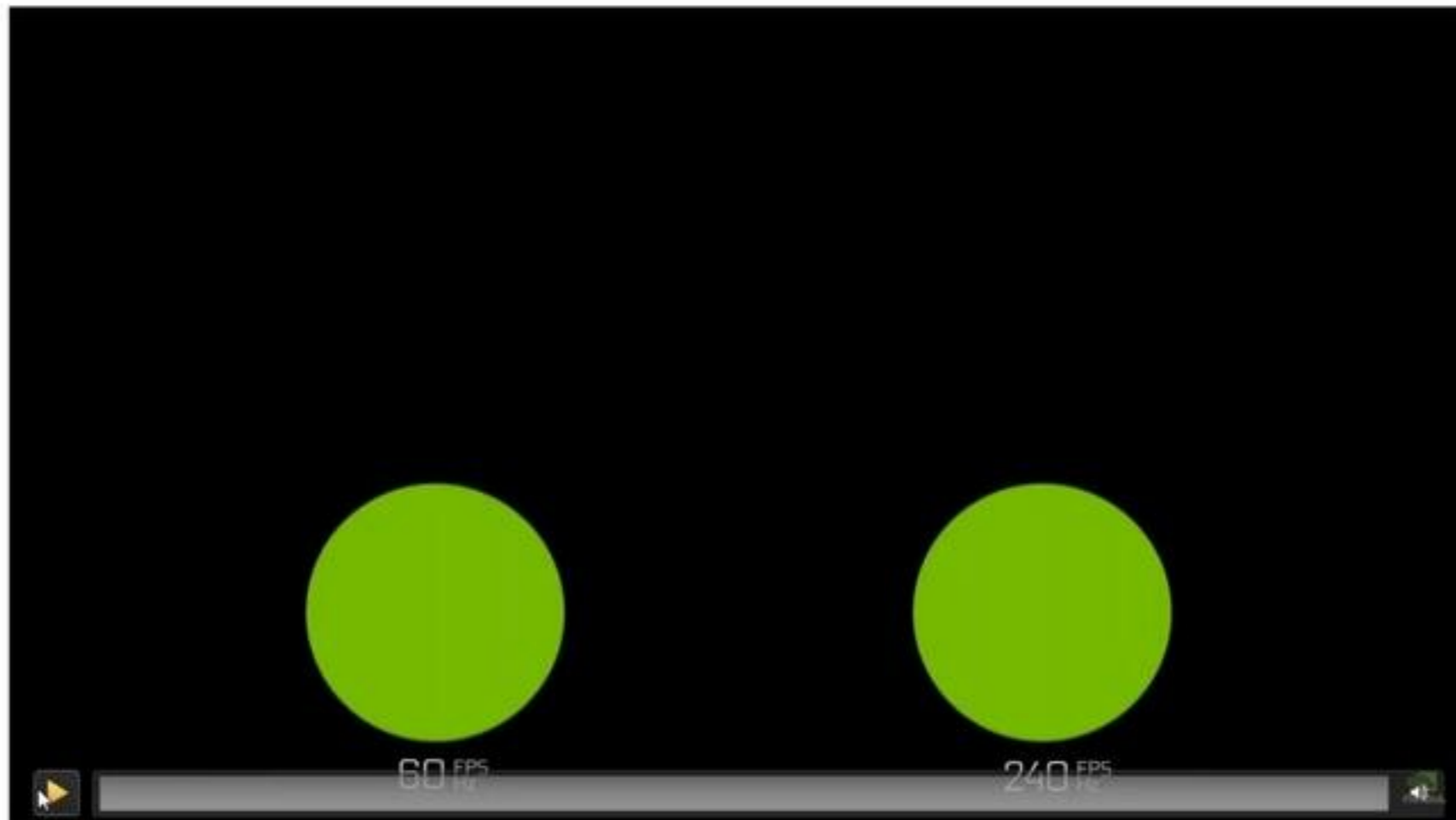




Symptoms	Weights for Symptoms		
	Nausea	Oculomotor	Disorientation
General discomfort	1	1	
Fatigue		1	
Headache		1	
Eye strain		1	
Difficulty focusing		1	1
Increased salivation	1		
Sweating	1		
Nausea	1		1
Difficulty concentrating	1	1	
Fullness of head			1
Blurred vision		1	1
Dizzy (eyes open)			1
Dizzy (eyes closed)			1
Vertigo			1
Stomach awareness	1		
Burping	1		
Total*	[1]	[2]	[3]

Fig. 5.2.1 Example of the symptoms and scores. (cybersickness.org)

FPS (Frame Per Second)



FPS (Frame Per Second)



FPS (Frame Per Second)



Safety-AR



Safety and Security Issues



-  **Data-based Privacy Risks**
Hand props or gesture detection technologies can record data on physical behaviour
-  **User Manipulation**
Access to precise information on how we interact with or consume VR content to segregate and target the audience at a granular level
-  **Security Risks**
Compromised app feeding data to deceive or mislead the user

Safety- VR



Safety- VR



XR Development Strategy

- Who are the key stakeholders?
- Who are the decision makers?
- Who will coordinate the project?
- Who is doing the work? (Internal / 3rd party)
- Are there architectural, contractors, A/V support?
- Where do the faculty stand on the use of simulation (buy-in)?

Other Topics in XR Design Process?

Well, there is too much!



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Animation


Advanced Animation

Timing

ShareComments

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Safety- VR



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Other Topics in XR Design Process?

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XR Development Strategy

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- Who will coordinate the project?
- Who is doing the work? (internal / out period)
- Are there externalities, constraints, API support?
- Where do the faculty stand on the use of simulation they not?

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XR Case Studies

Part 4

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Use Case #1

- VR + AR
- Space + Healthcare

Immersive Space Care

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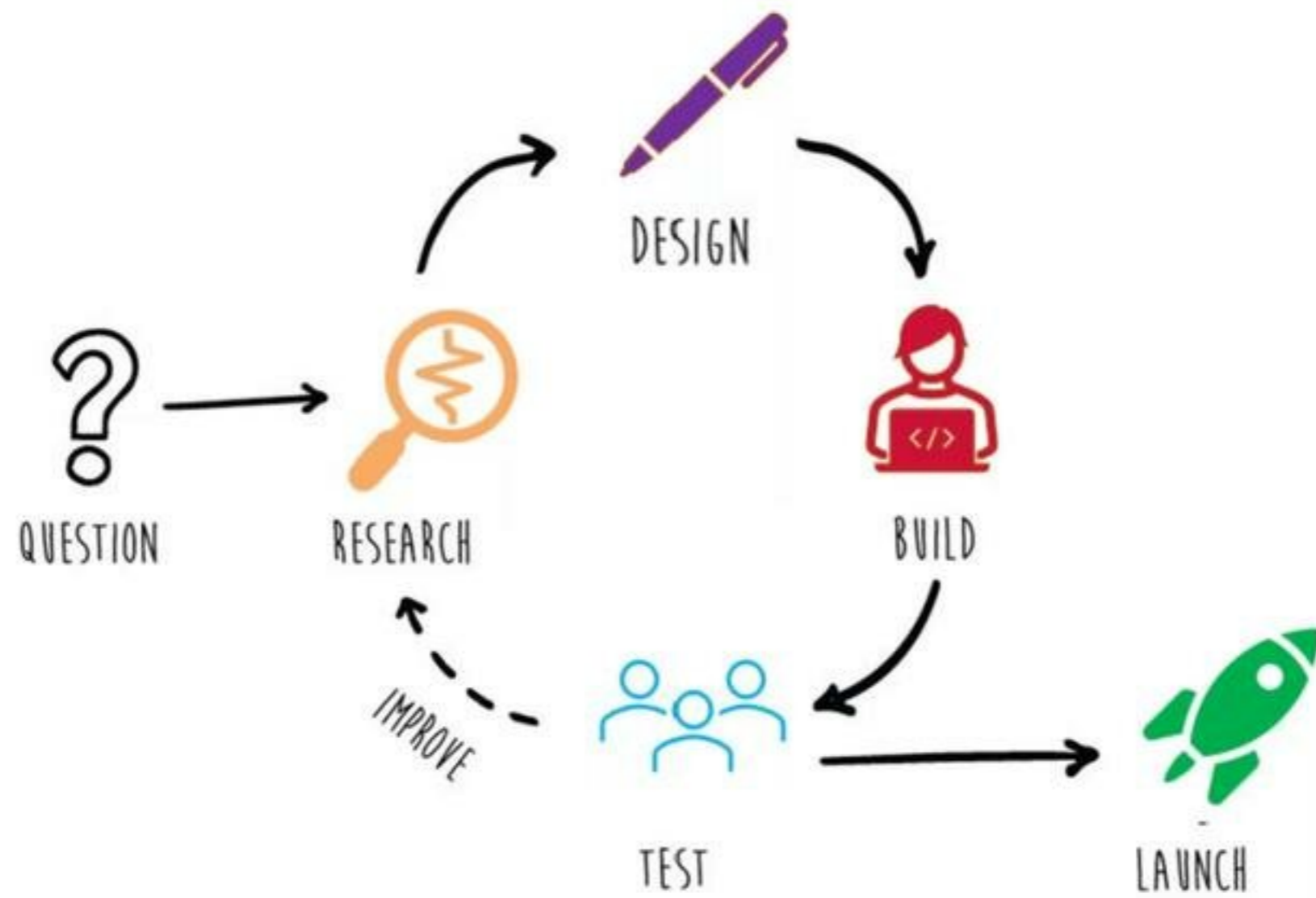
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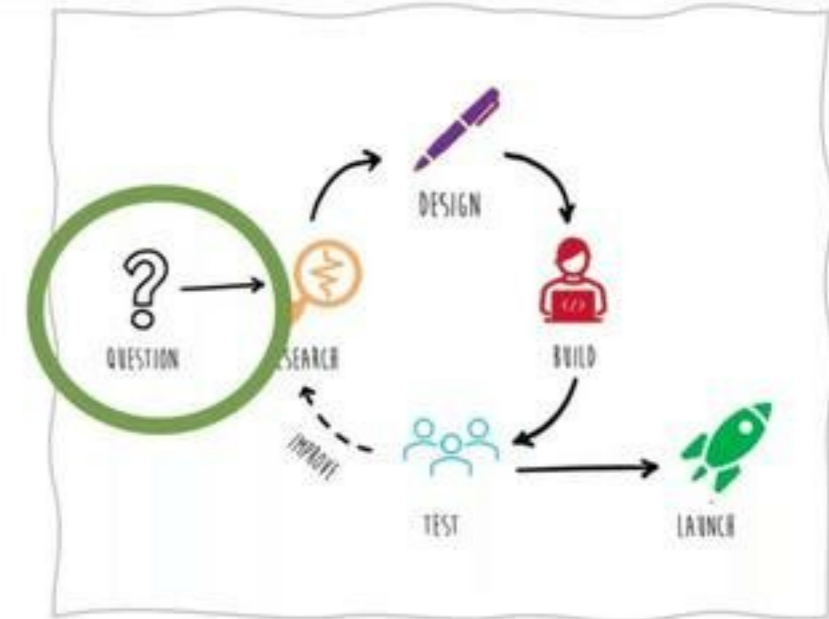
- **VR + AR**
- **Space + Healthcare**

Immersive Space Care

XR Case Studies



- Usability of XR technology as in-flight training system and clinical guidance for space health during long-duration space missions

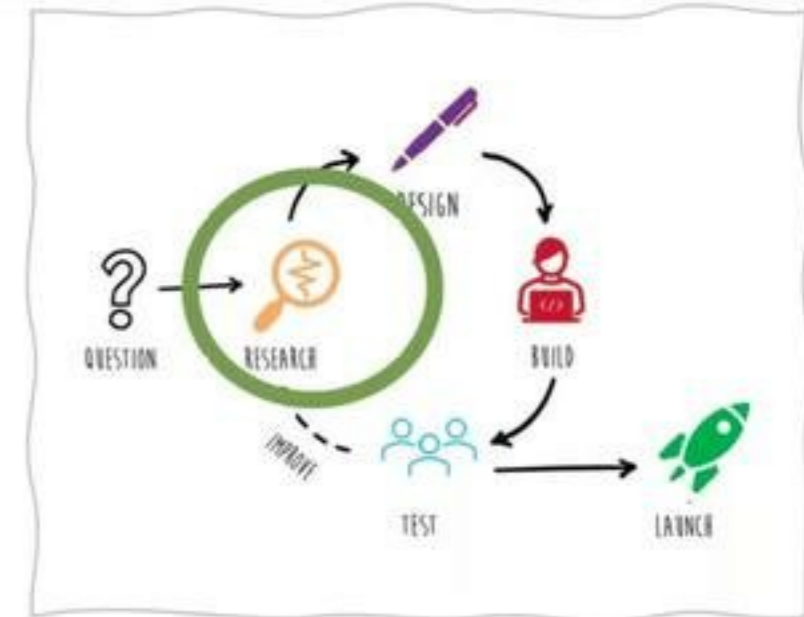


What to include?

How to design?

What are the functionalities?

What are the capabilities?

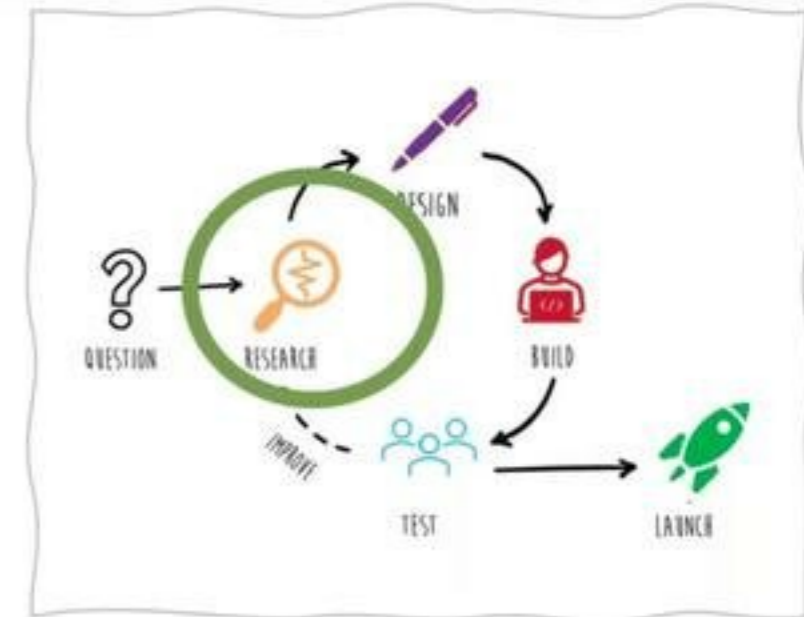


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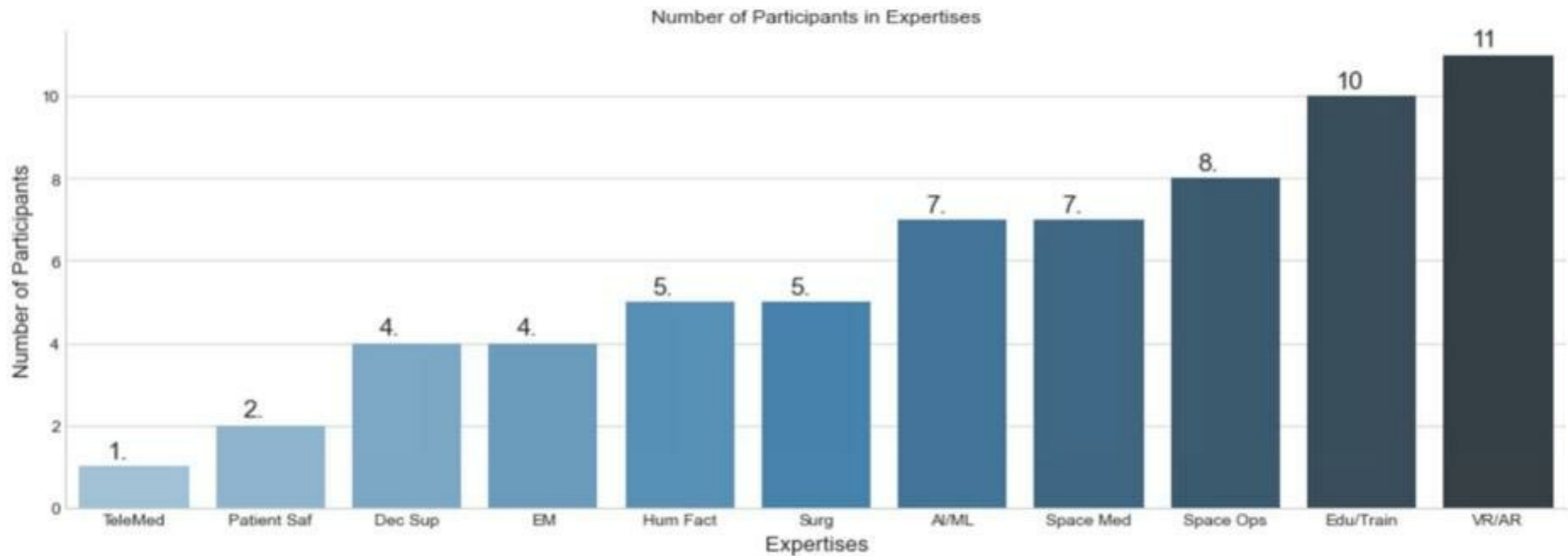
Experts Panel + Card Sorting

Essential capabilities of XR platforms for space applications were identified.



Expert Panels

Expert Panels



Number of Subject matter experts (SME) categorized based on expertise

Expert Panels

- 4 rounds of Delphi method
- To obtain SME consensus on which capabilities to be considered essential
- At the completion of the fourth Delphi survey, 76 capabilities were considered essential

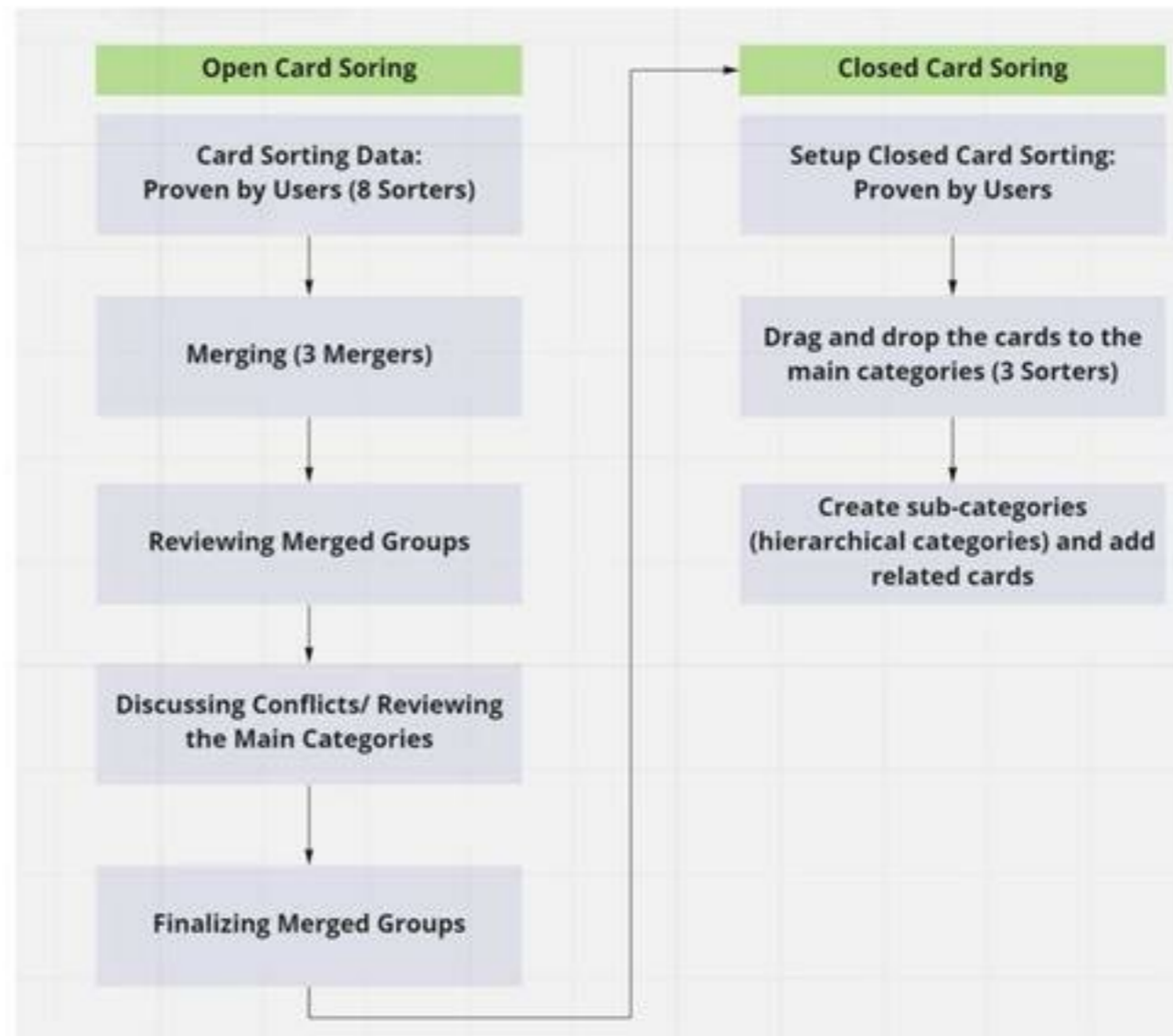
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Card Sorting



Card Sorting



Card Sorting

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Card Sorting

Finally, 11 categories were identified and presented as an initial taxonomy of XR capabilities and technical features for medical training and clinical supports

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Category	Purpose
Extended Reality (XR)	Support inclusion of XR features (some specific to medicine)/ Permit multiple users within the XR environment
Assessment and Feedback	Structure performance feedback/ Provide feedback/ monitor progress Adapt to support individualized learning
Clinical Competence	Gain new or refresh existing knowledge/ Train procedural, technical and non-technical skills
Clinical Guidance	Provide clinical guidance
Environmental Fidelity	Have environmental realism
Interoperability and Integration	Integrate multiple sources and kinds of data/information/ Integrate with other systems on- and off-board
Machine Learning/ Artificial Intelligence	Use artificial intelligence
Platform Customization	Enable customization of the XR platform
Adaptive Learning	Adapt to support individualized learning
Training Modalities/ Pedagogy	Structure and enable approaches to experiential learning
User Experience and Interface	Optimize usability and clinical applicability

Cognitive Task Analysis (CTA)

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- 5 experts (3 clinicians, 2 human factors researchers, and 1 XR developer)
- To elucidate the process model of a scenario (specific scenario) to diagnose a potentially life-threatening condition

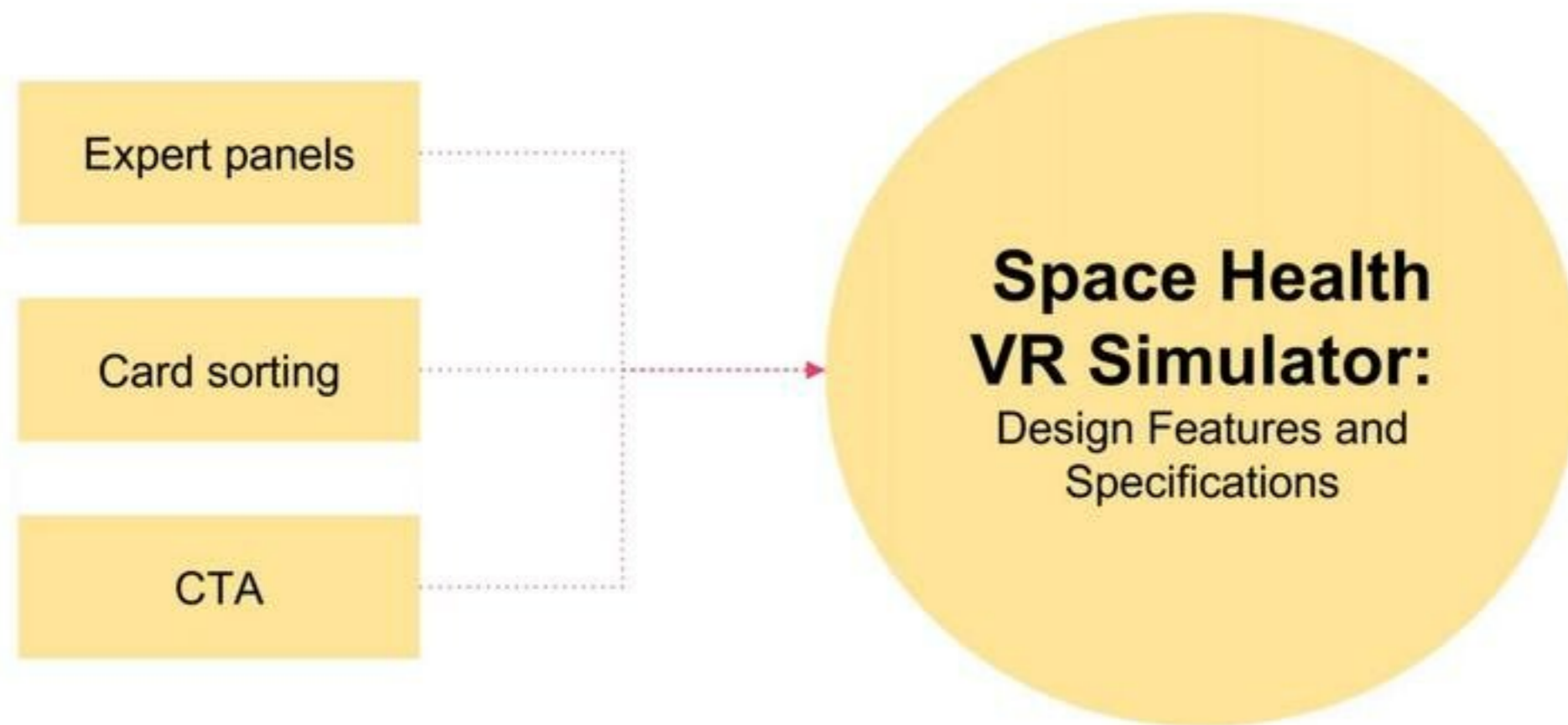
Specifying Design Features

Expert panels

Card sorting

CTA

Specifying Design Features



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Smoke Inhalation

SCENE #

Acting

SYSTEM PROMPT

SCENE 2 - take 1.a

SCENE 2 - take 1.b

SCENE 2 - take 1.c

SCENE 2 - take 1.d

SCENE 2a - take 2.a

SCENE 2a - take 2.b

SCENE 2b - take 1

SCENE 4a - take 1

SCENE 4a - take 1.a

SCENE 4a - take 1.b

SCENE 2b - take 2

Tutorial

Scenario - Sml

Scenario - Pnx

SYSTEM PROMPT
(Getting - Overview)

Intro 2D Video -
AI Avatar
Smoke Inhalation

START

SHOT 1

(audio only)
RIPLEY asks PARKER to
come to the medical bay

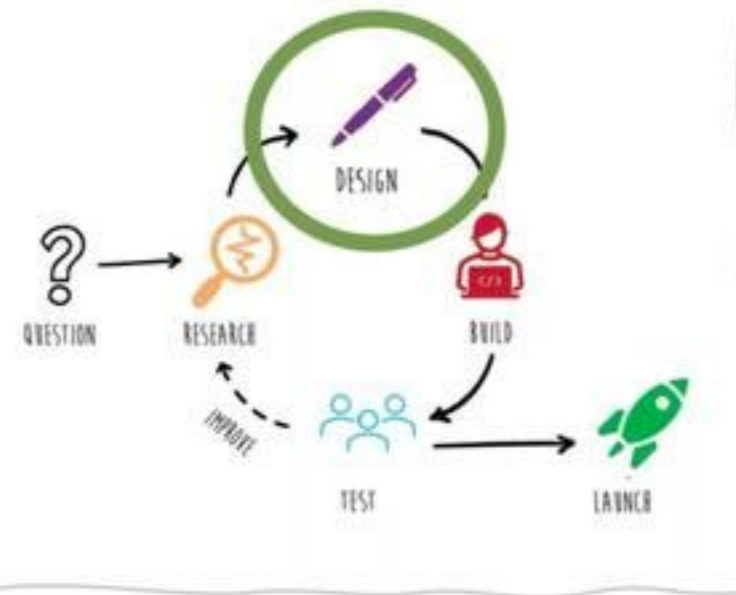
POD without the astronauts
white noise starts here
alarm starts here

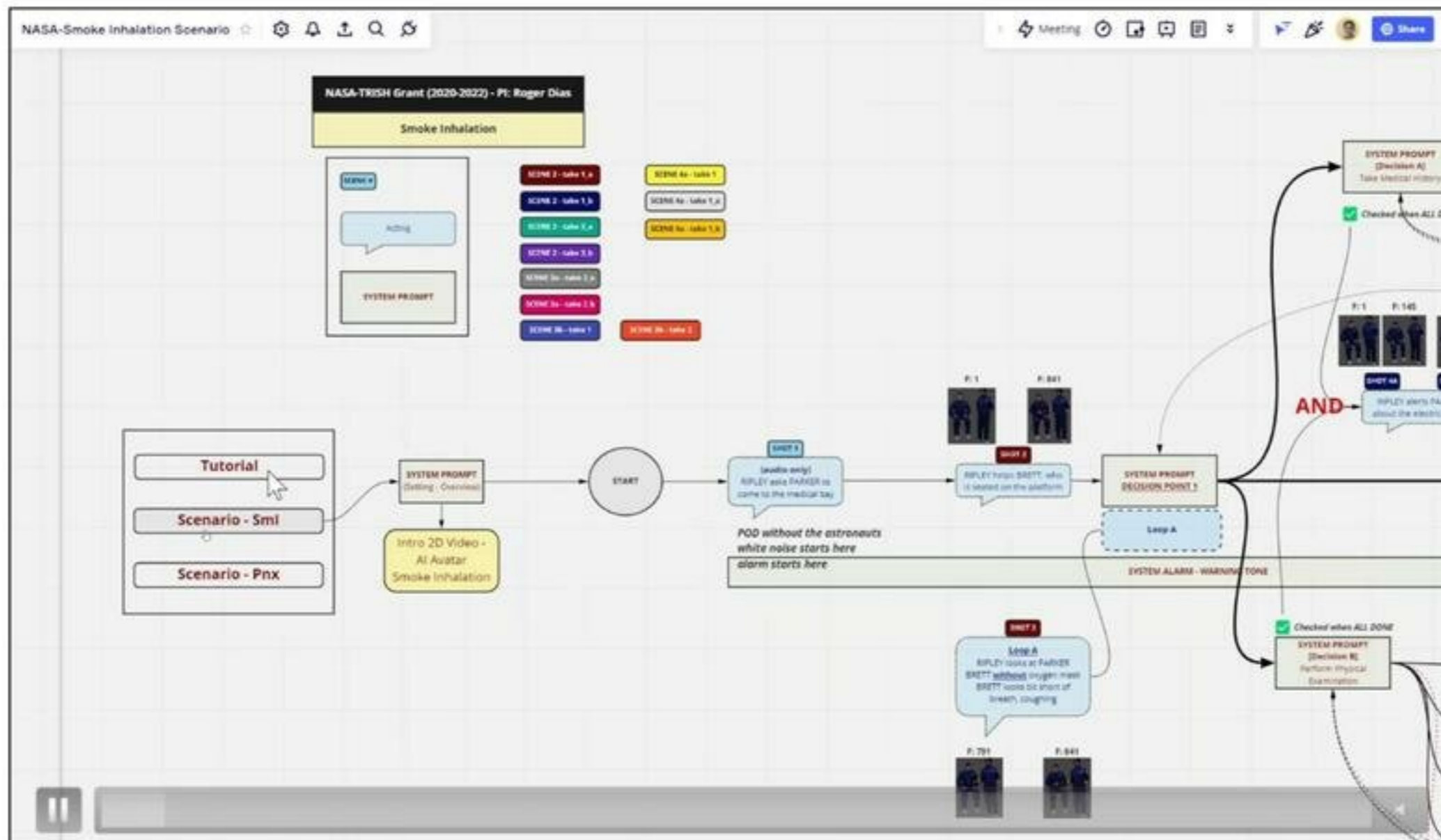


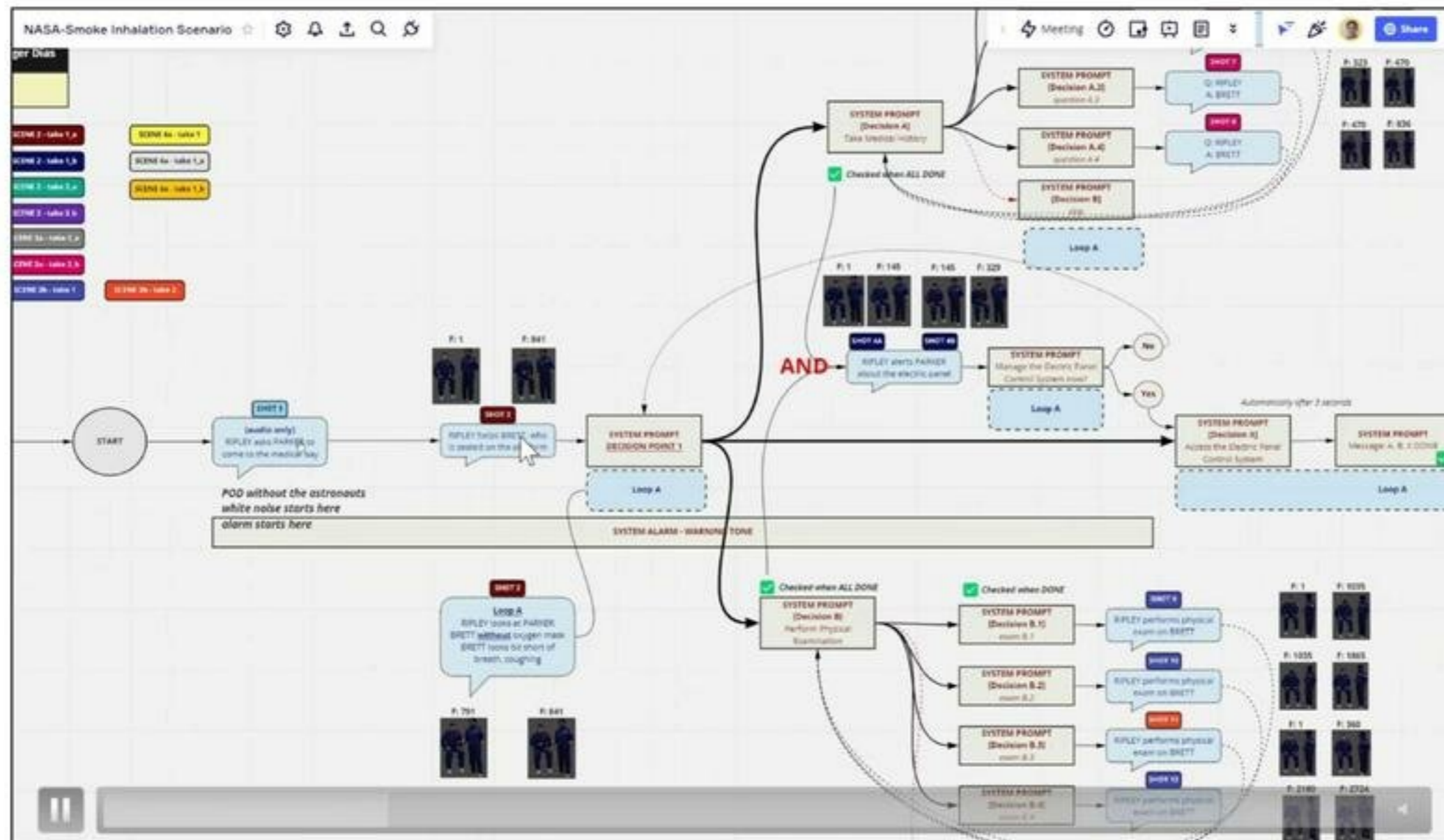
SHOT 2
RIPLEY helps BRETT, who
is seated on the platform

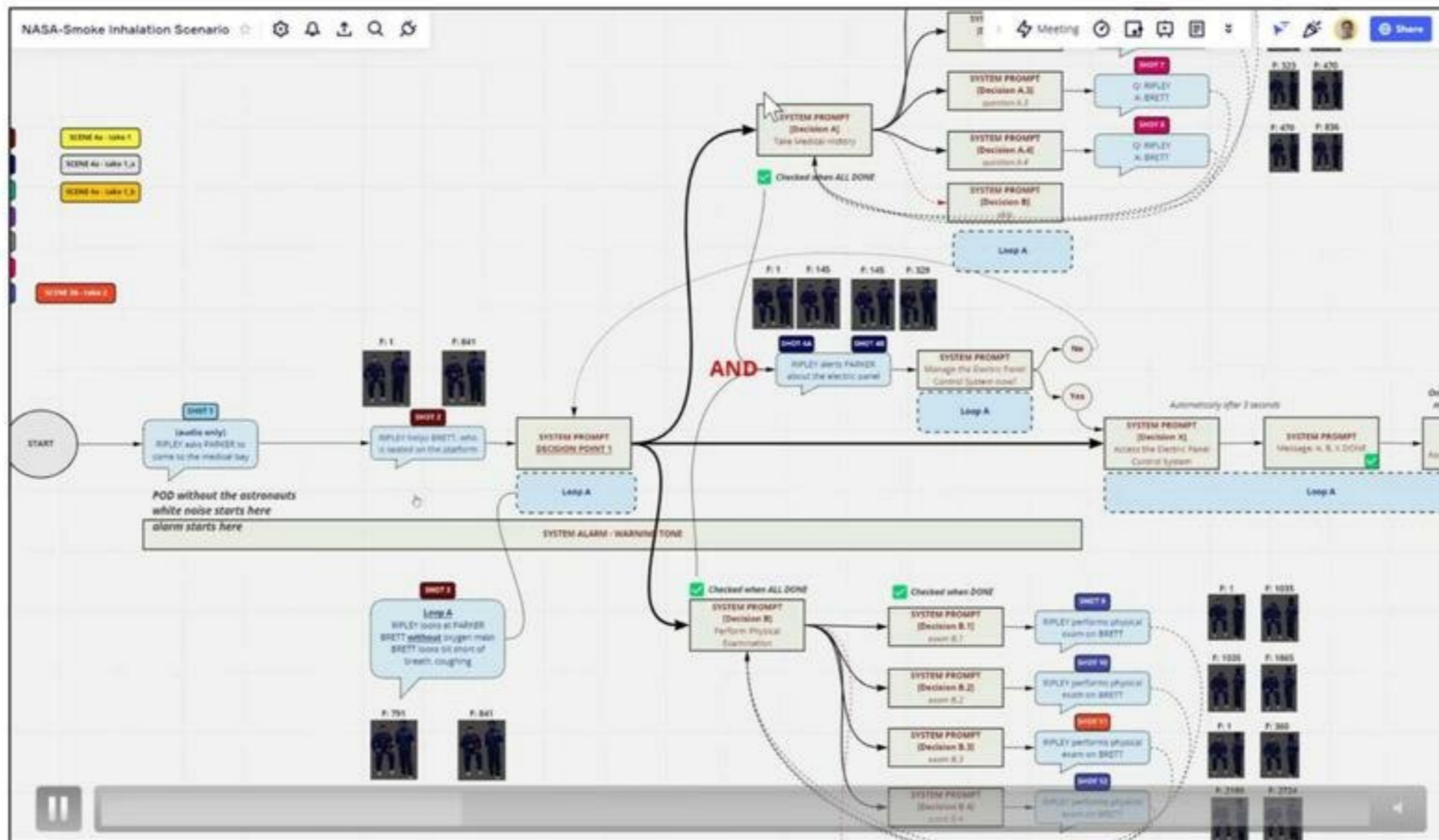
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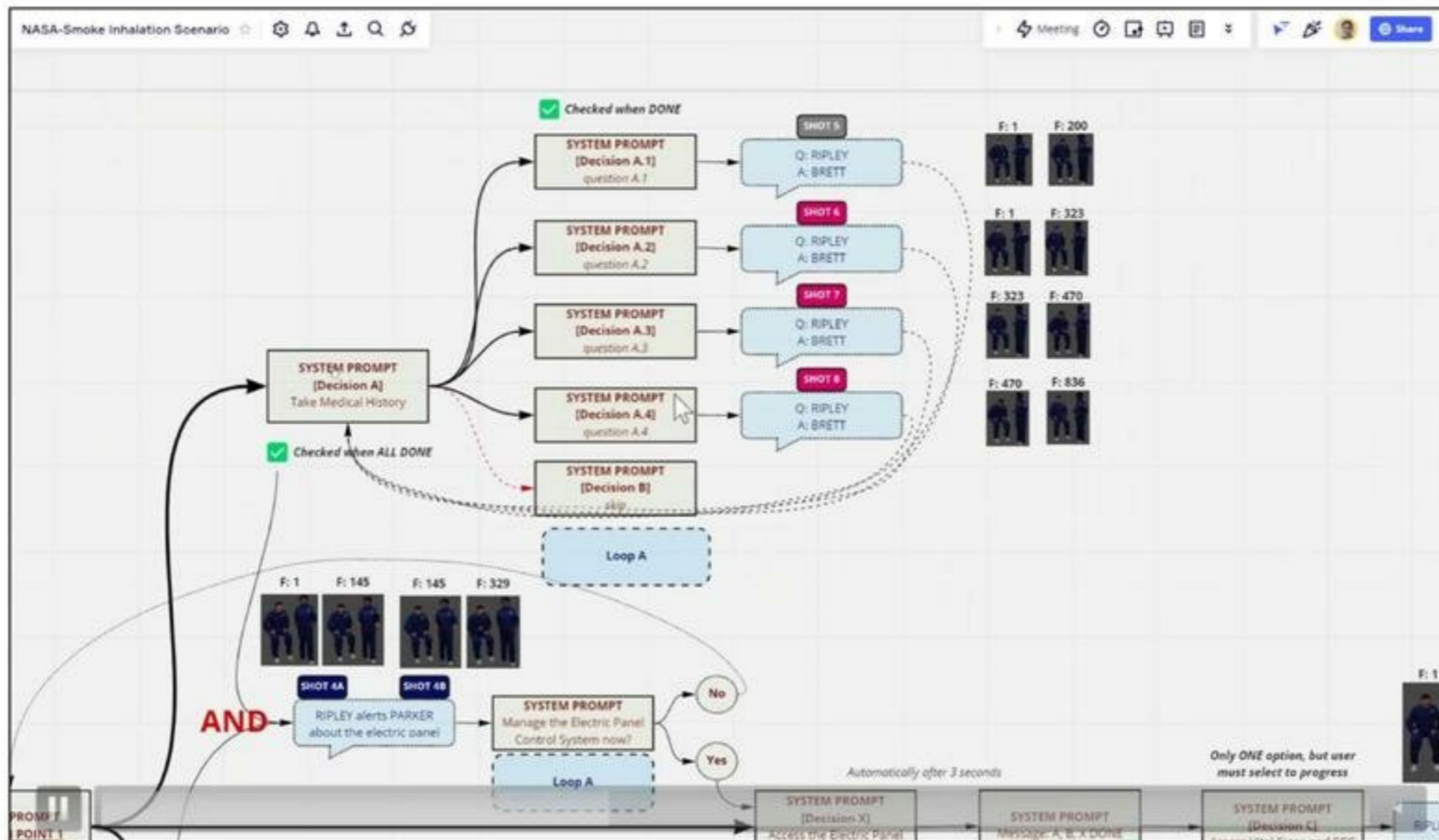
Loop A
RIPLEY looks at PARKER
BRETT without oxygen mask
BRETT looks bit short of
breath, coughing

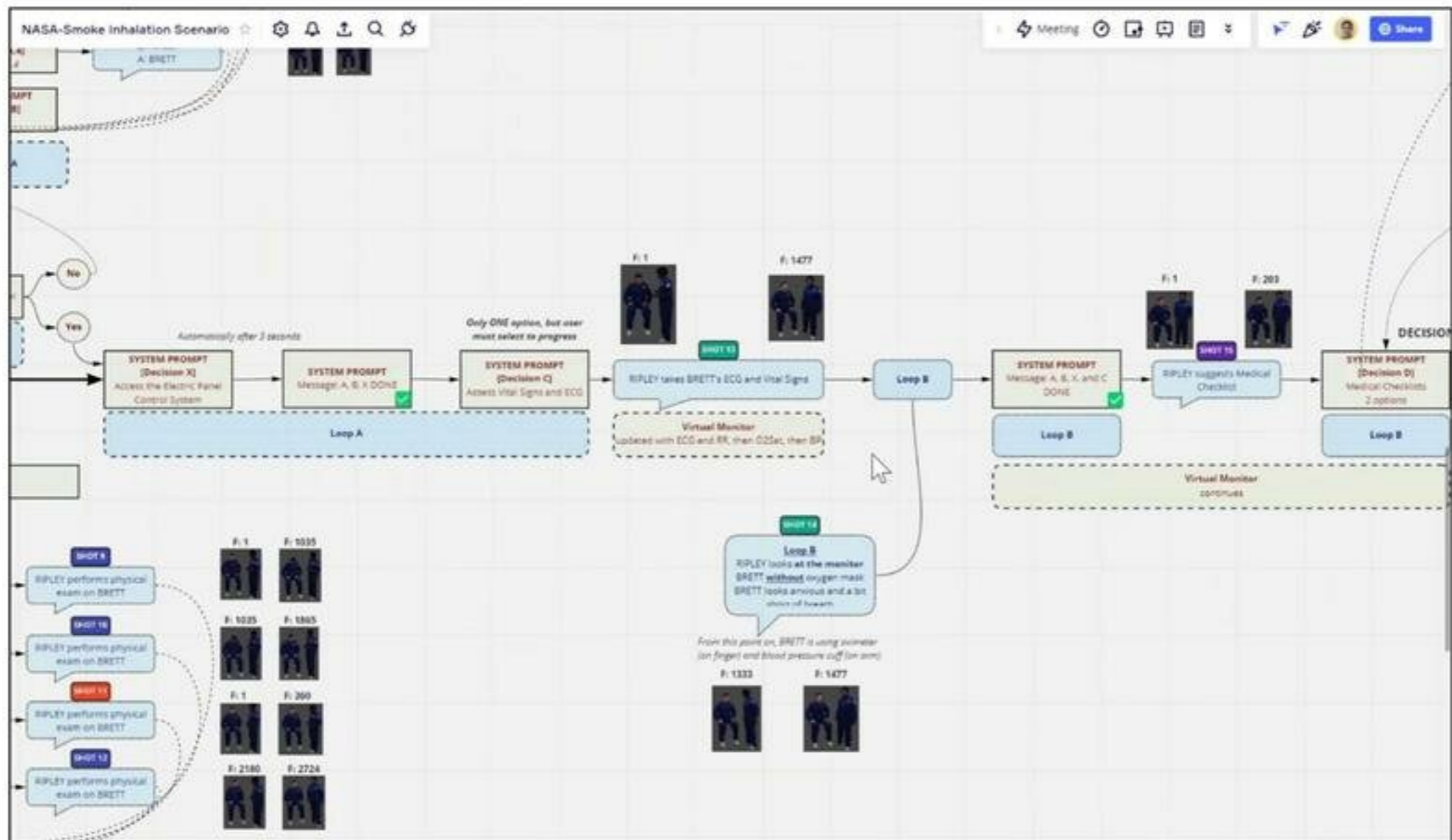


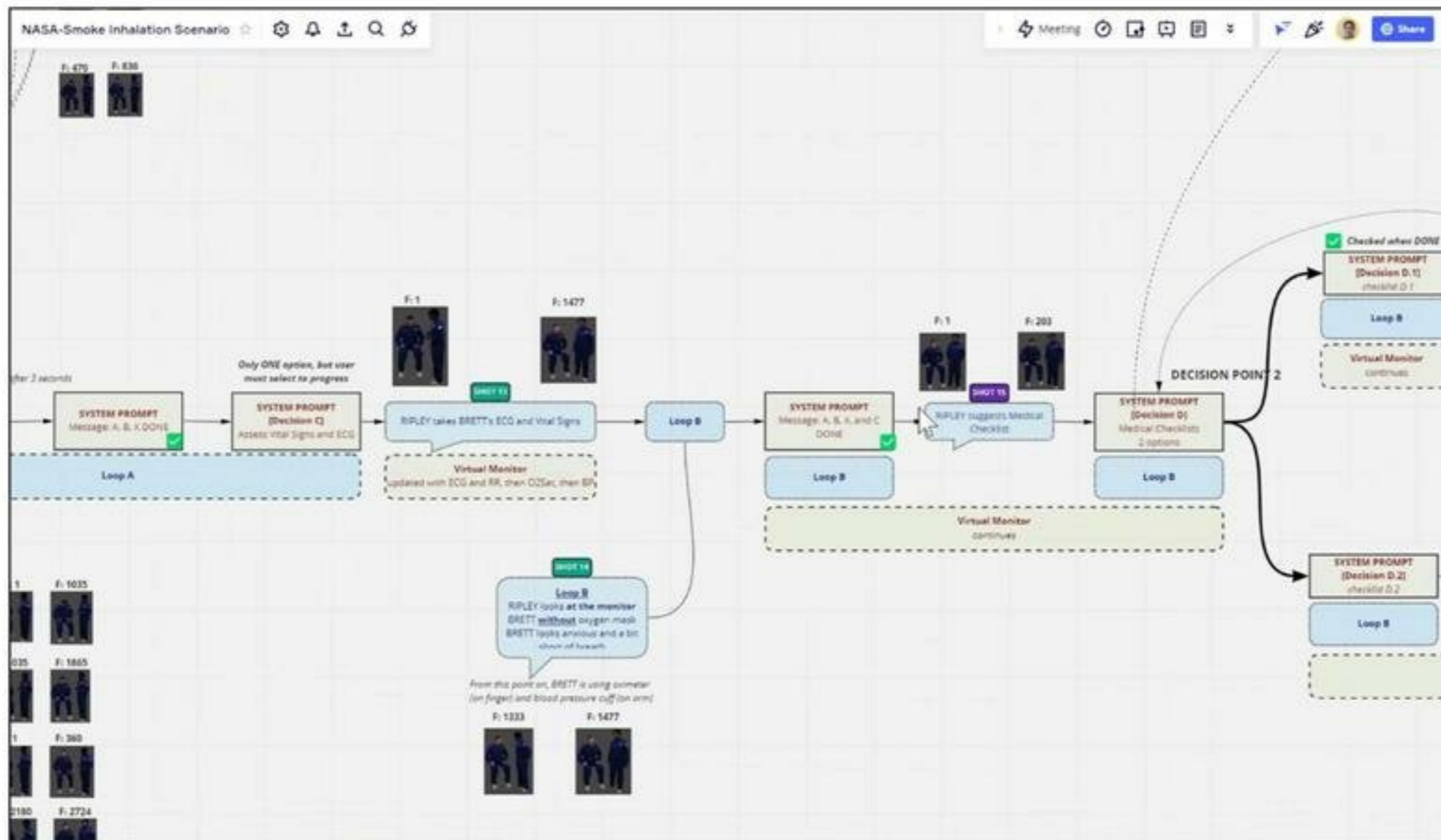


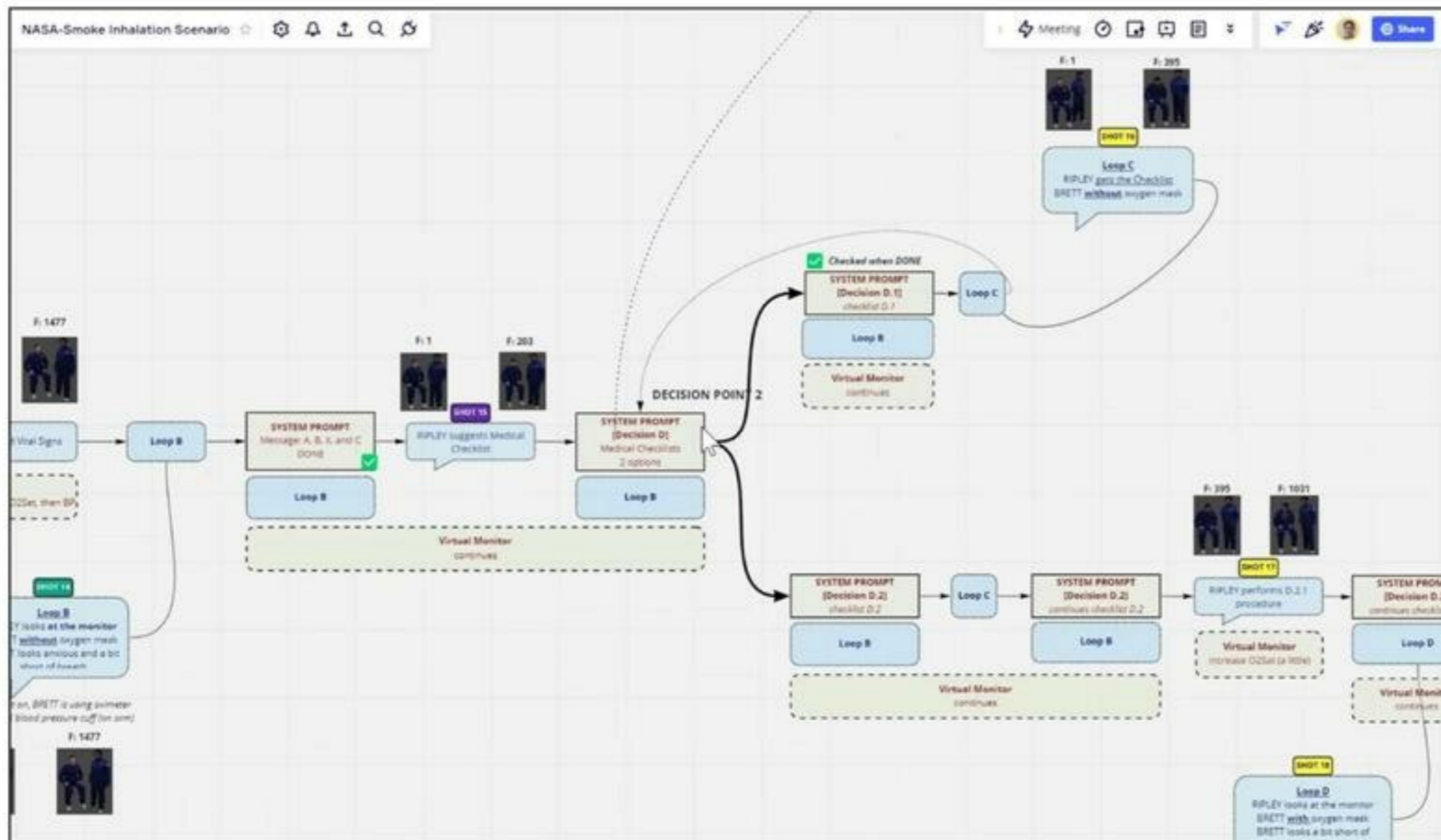


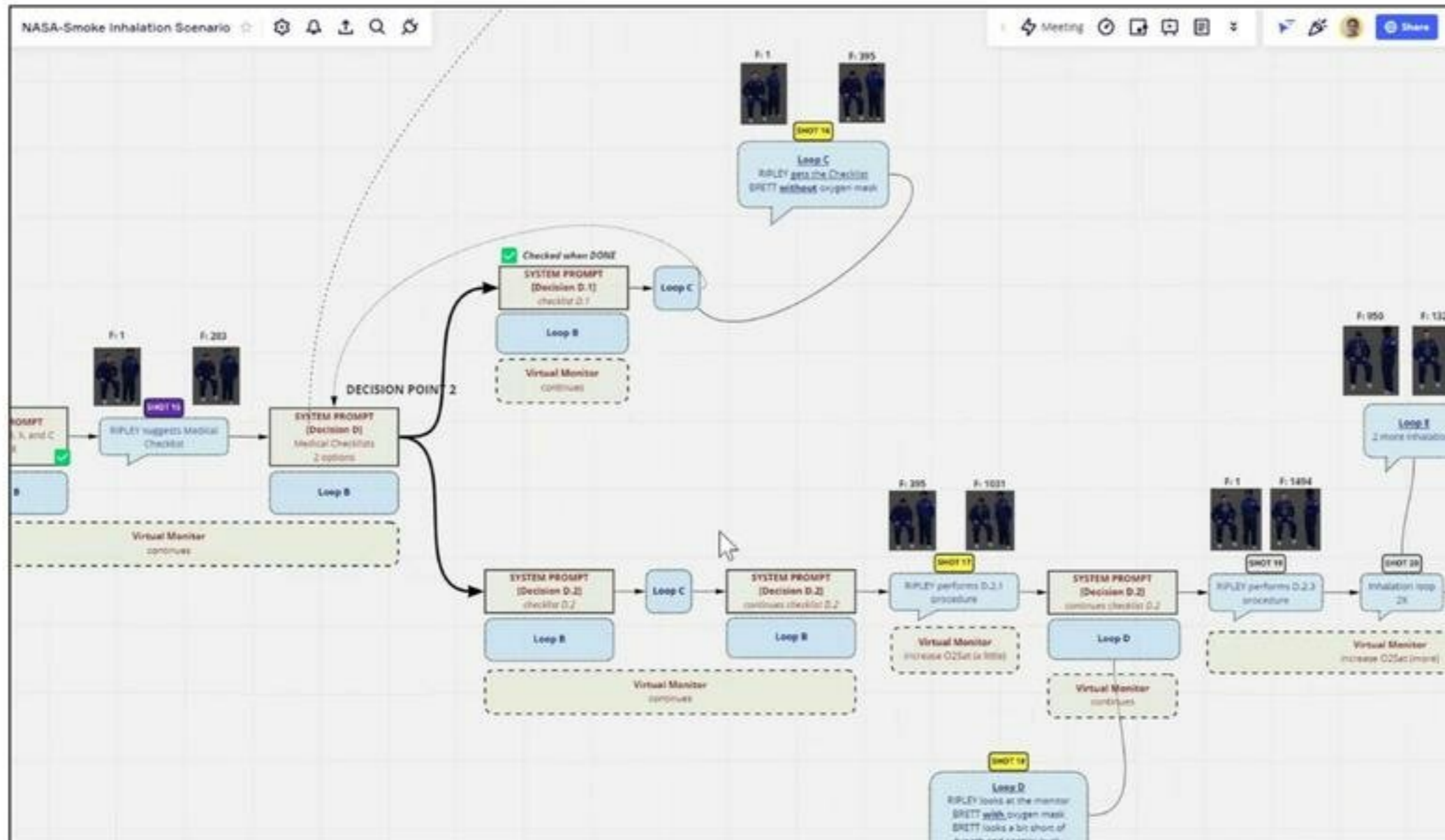












NASA-Smoke Inhalation Scenario

Meeting

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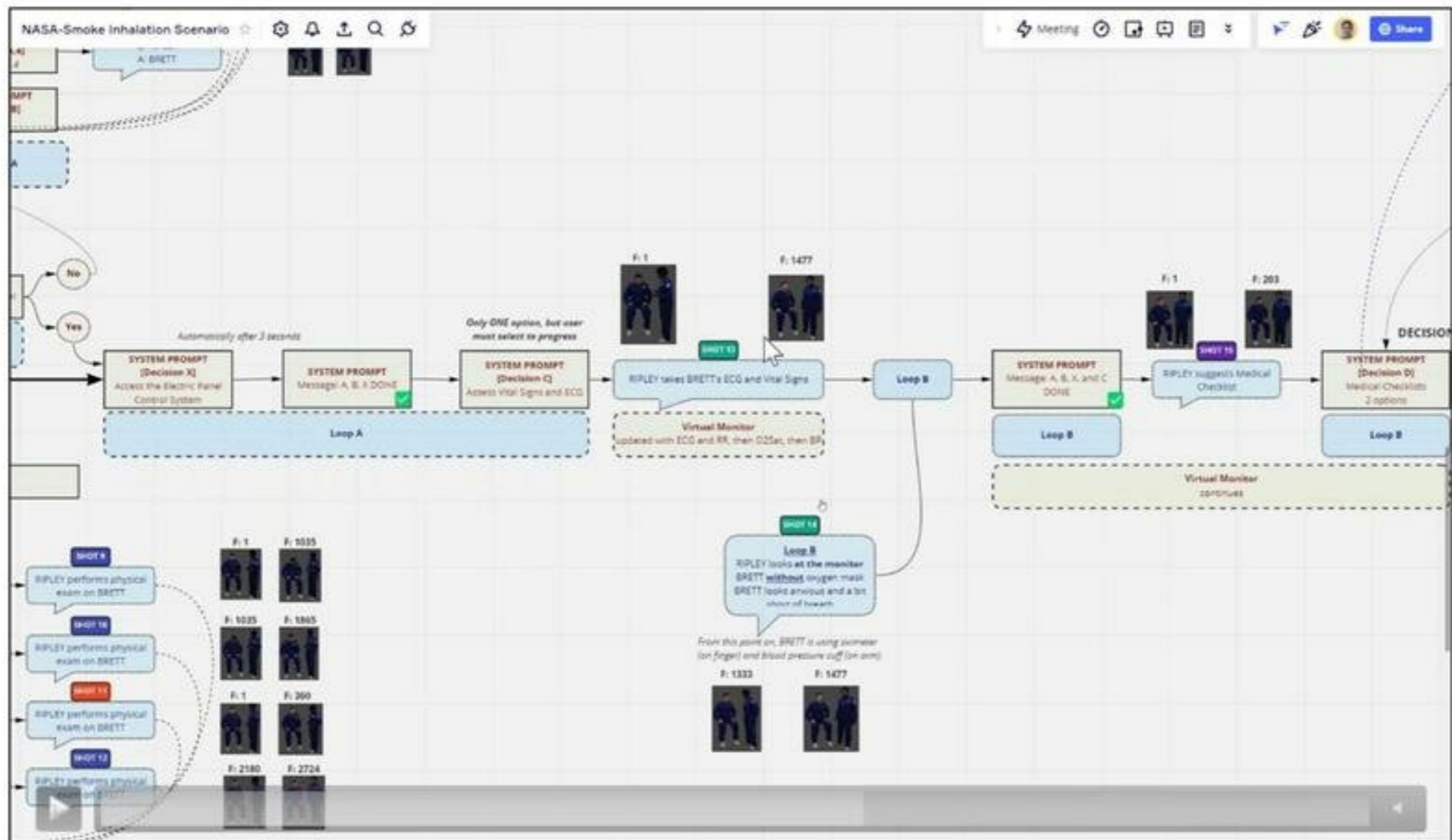
Request Breathing Difficulty

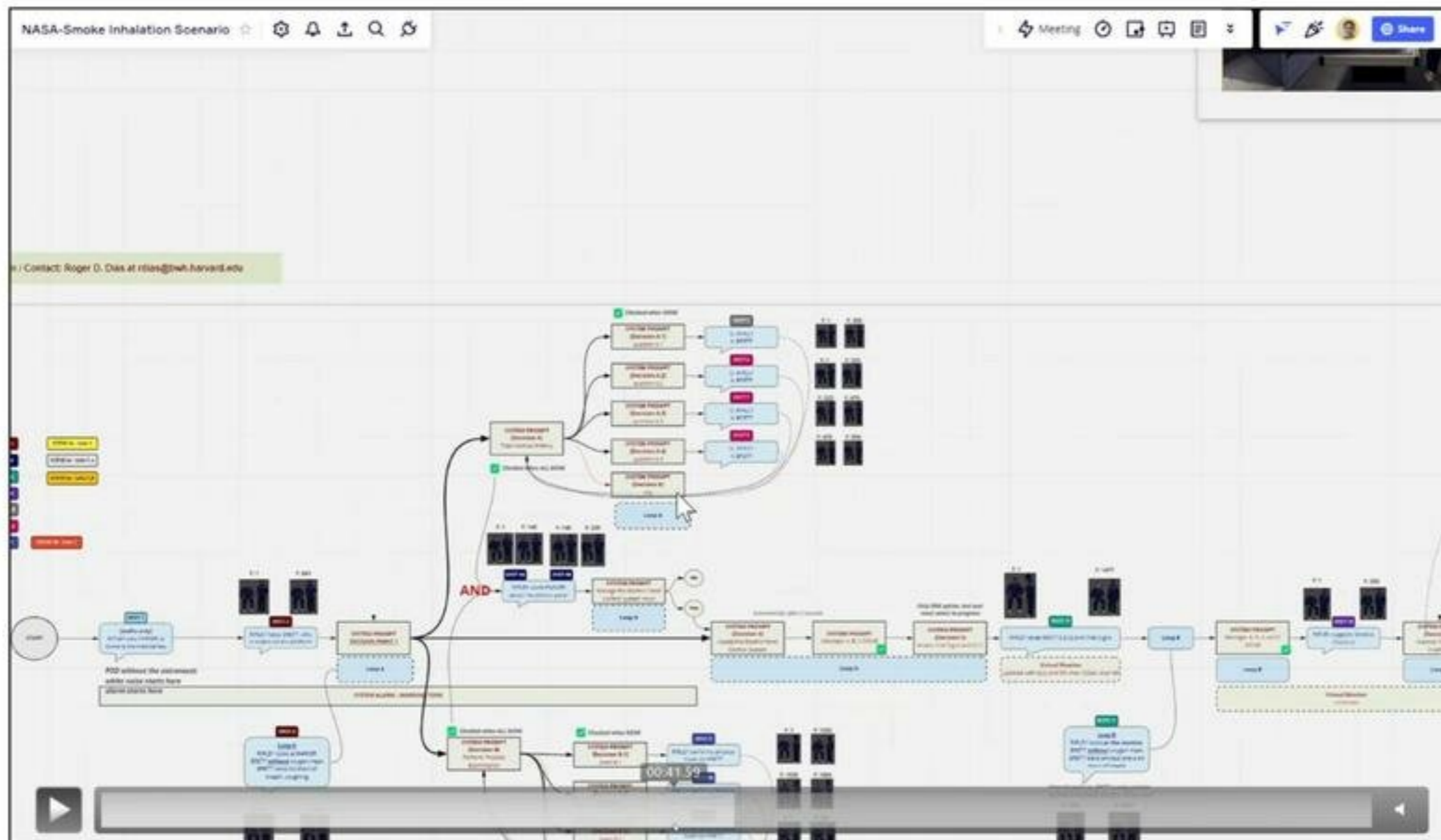
Aggravate or Relieve Pneumonia?

Autobaton

REPLAY Pulmonary Autobot

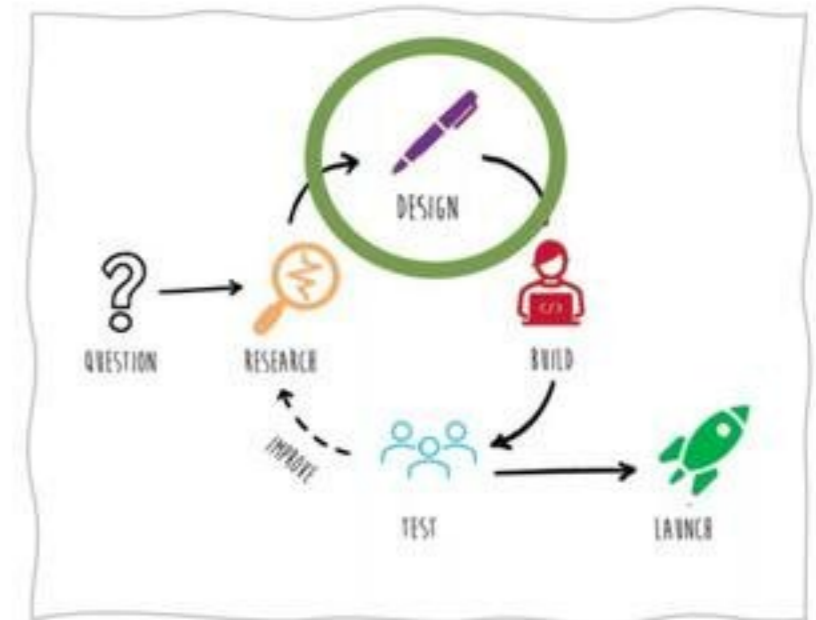
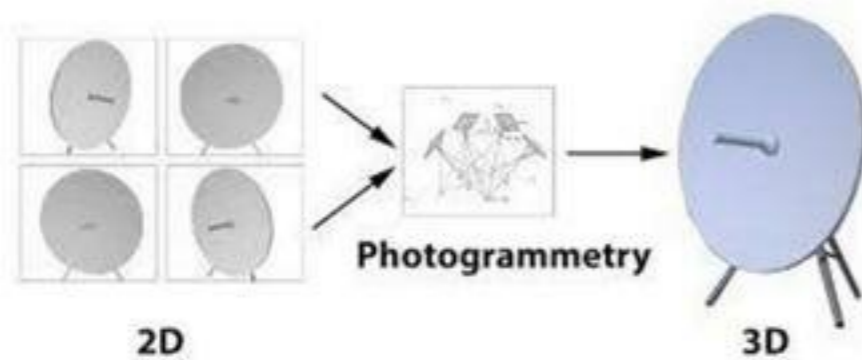
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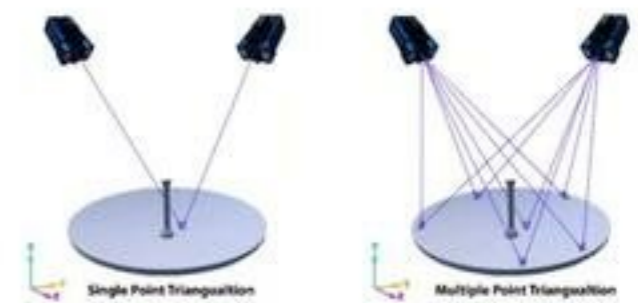
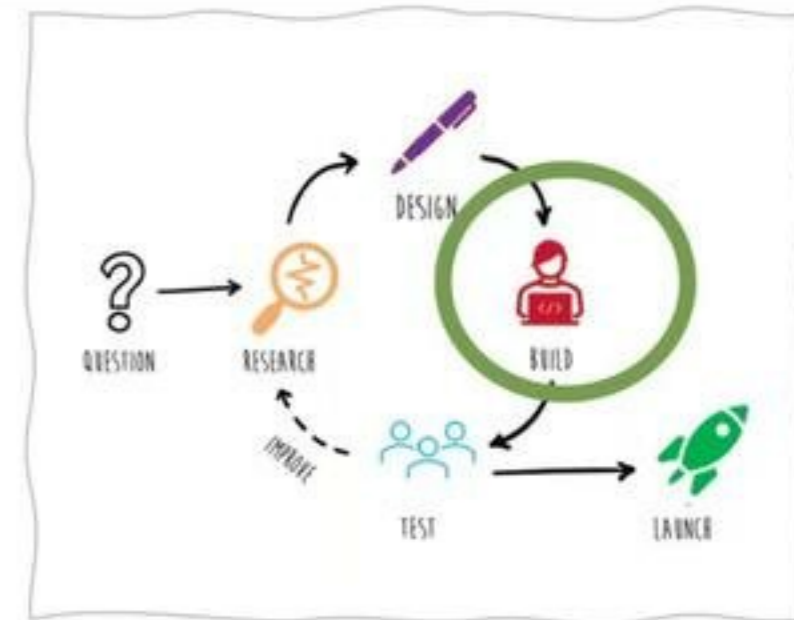




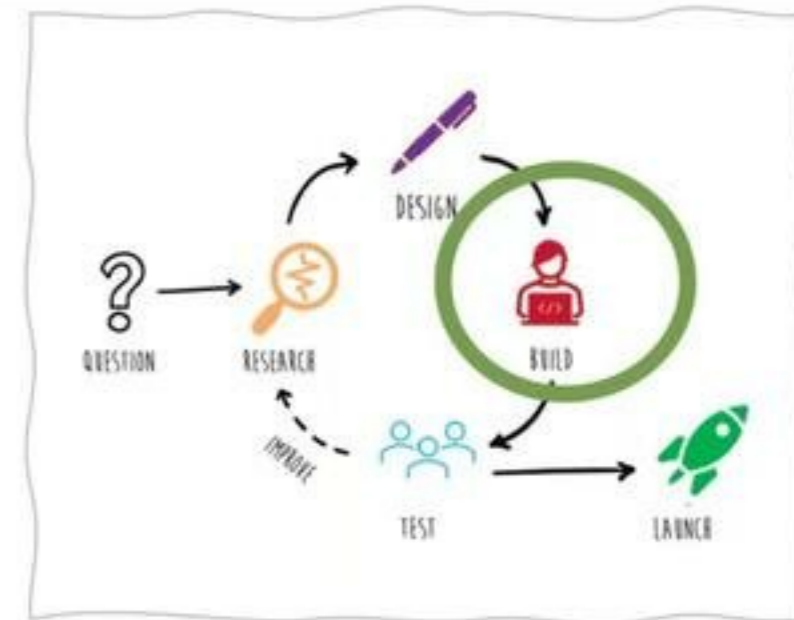
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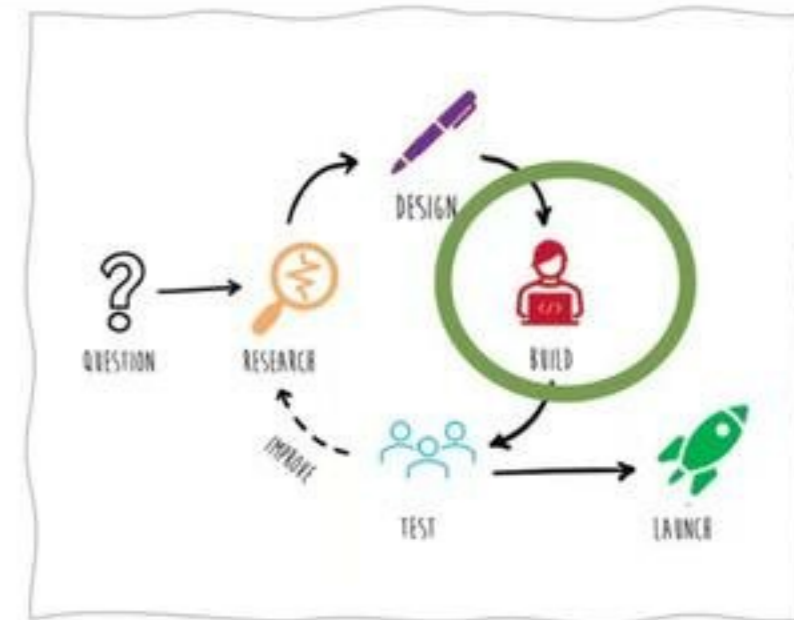
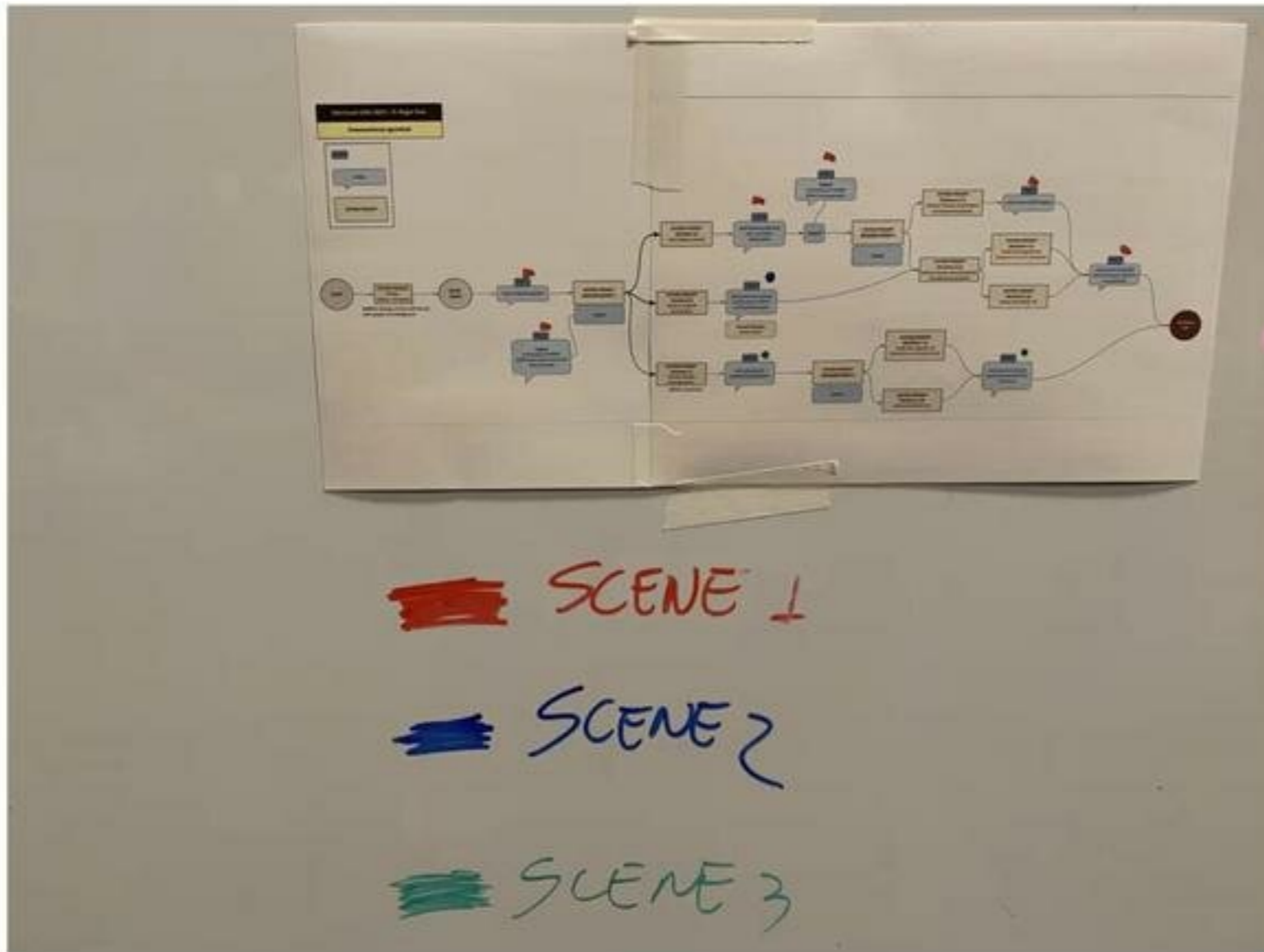
- High Visual Realism
- Technology used: **Photogrammetry**

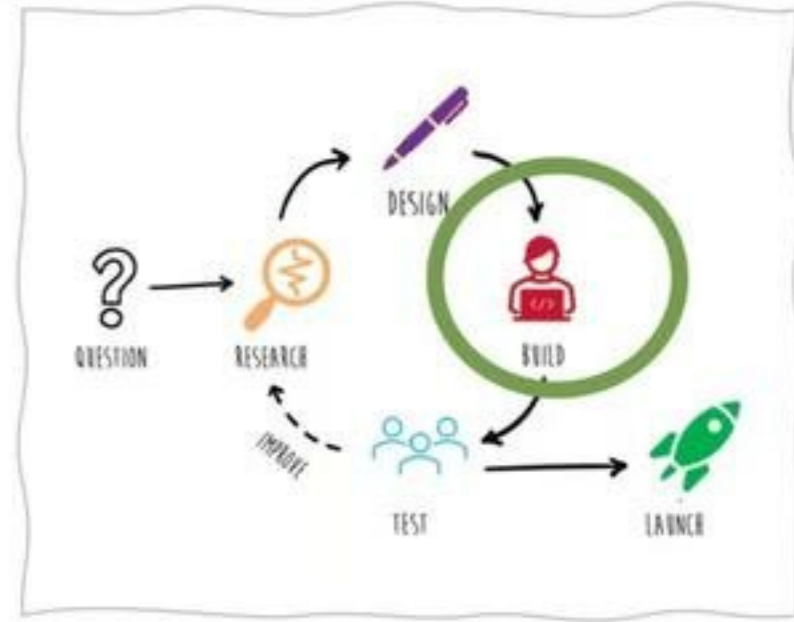


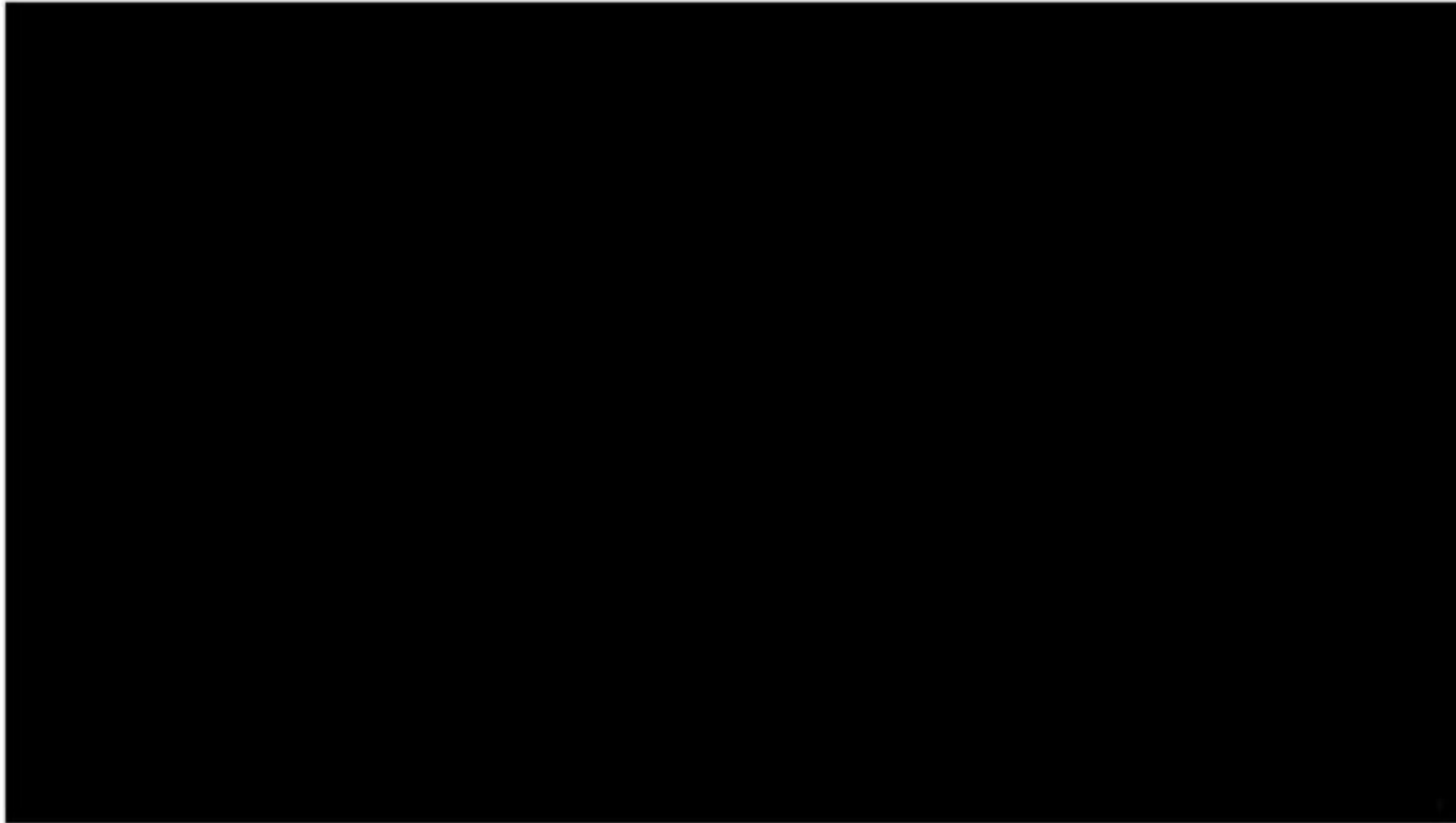


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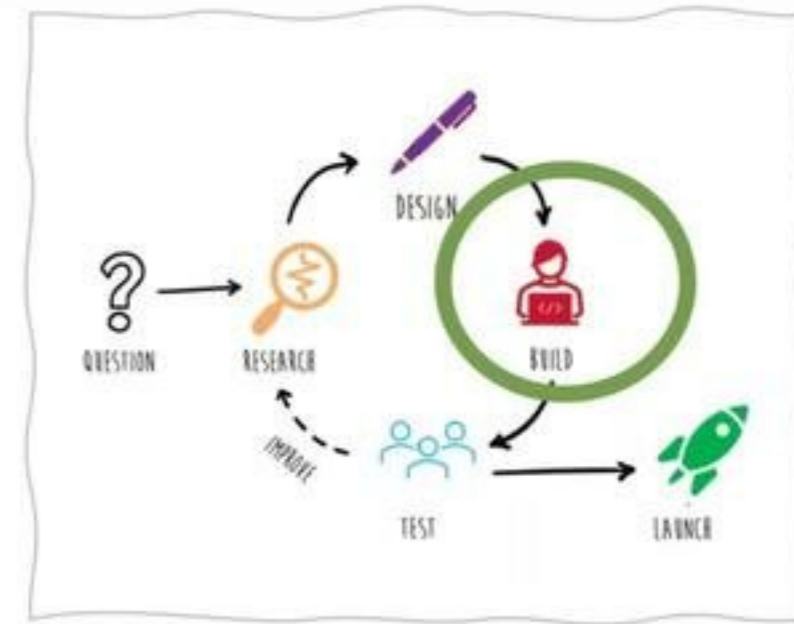
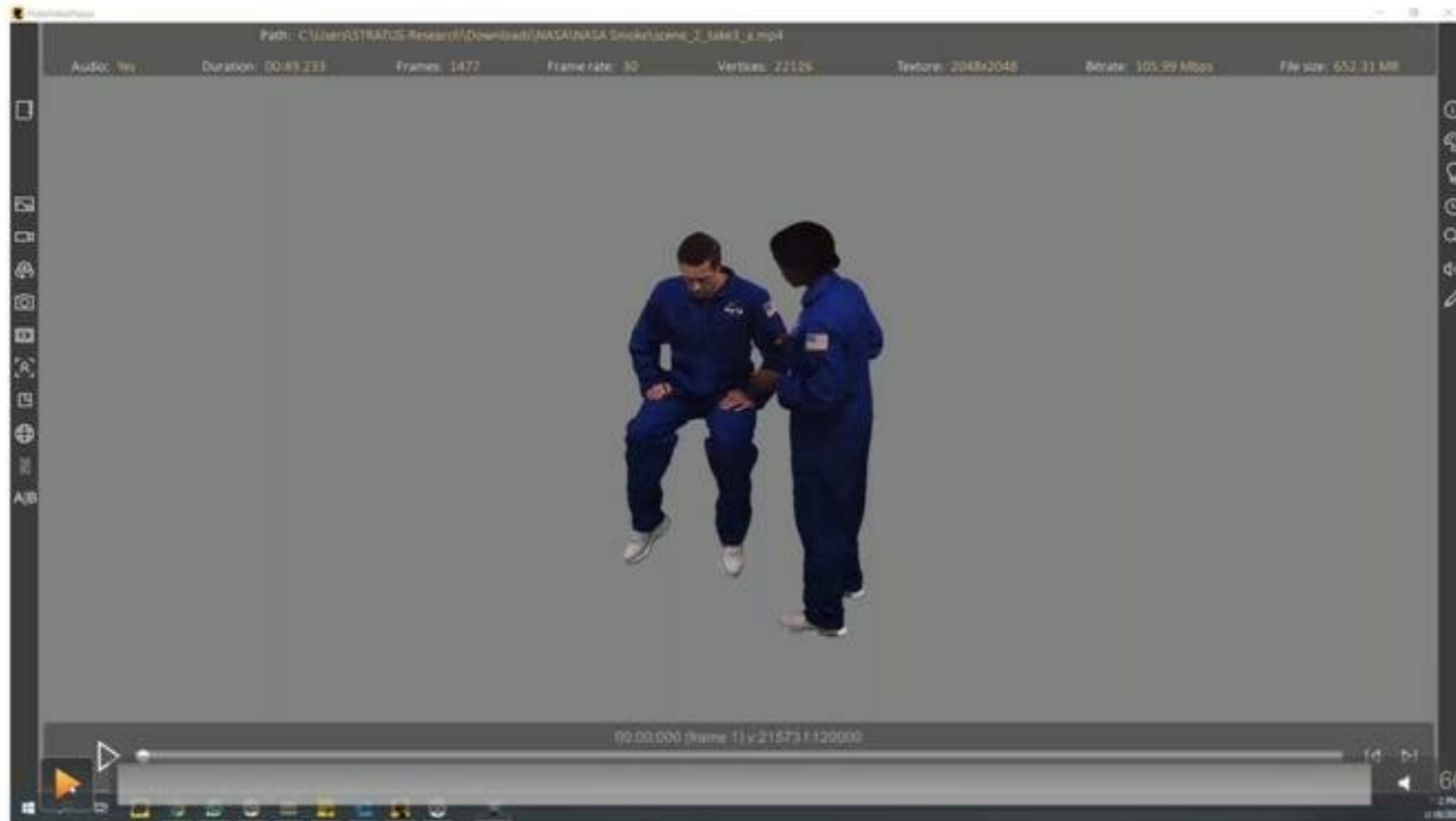


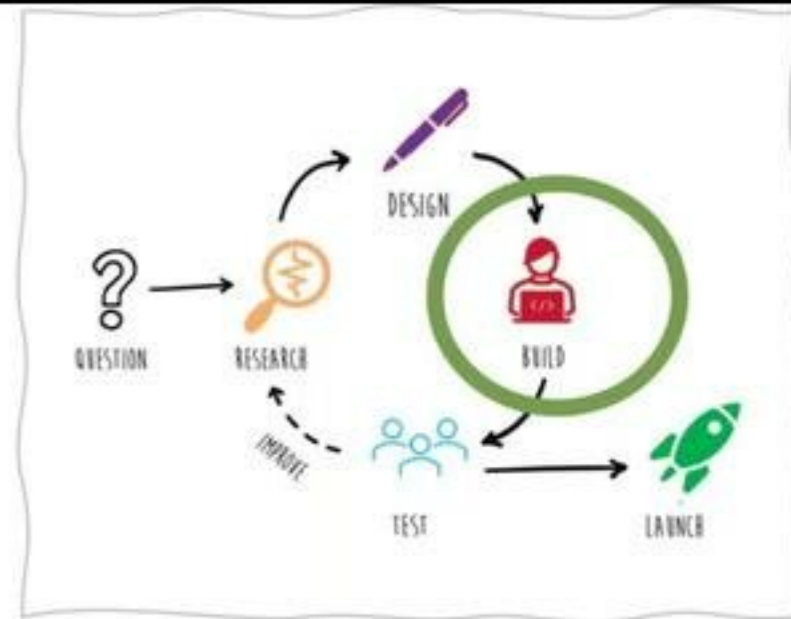
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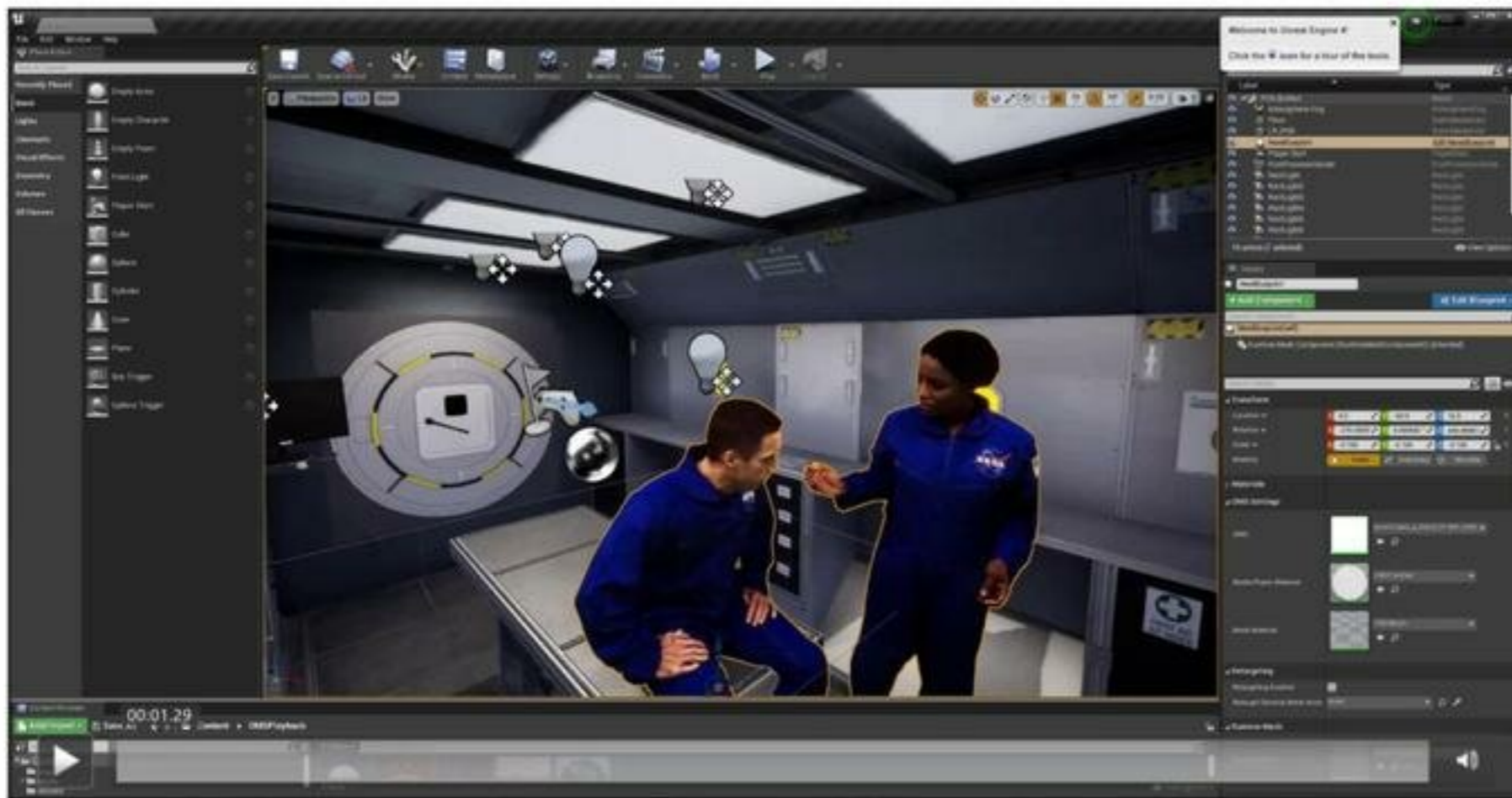
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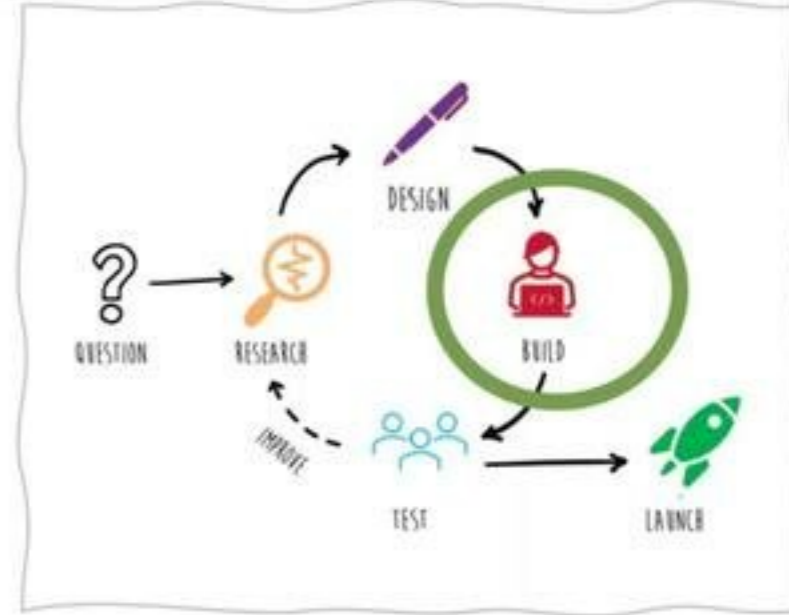
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SpaceX Use Case





Test the Application: Experiment Setup

- Level of Knowledge (Using a knowledge test)
- Workload (using NASA TLX and HR/HRV)
- Engagement: Using EEG data (Engagement Index)
- Immersion (IPQ tool)

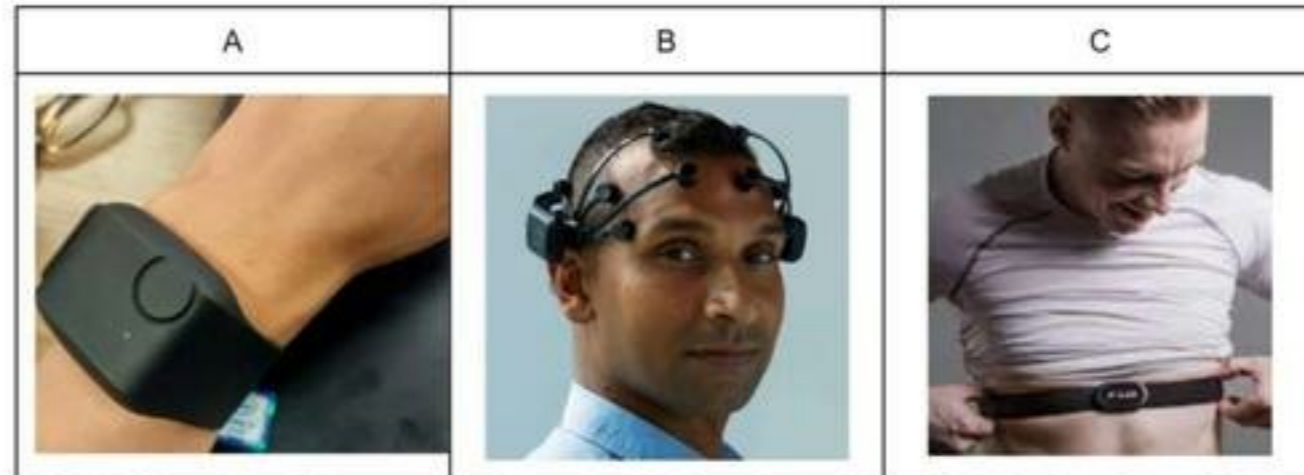
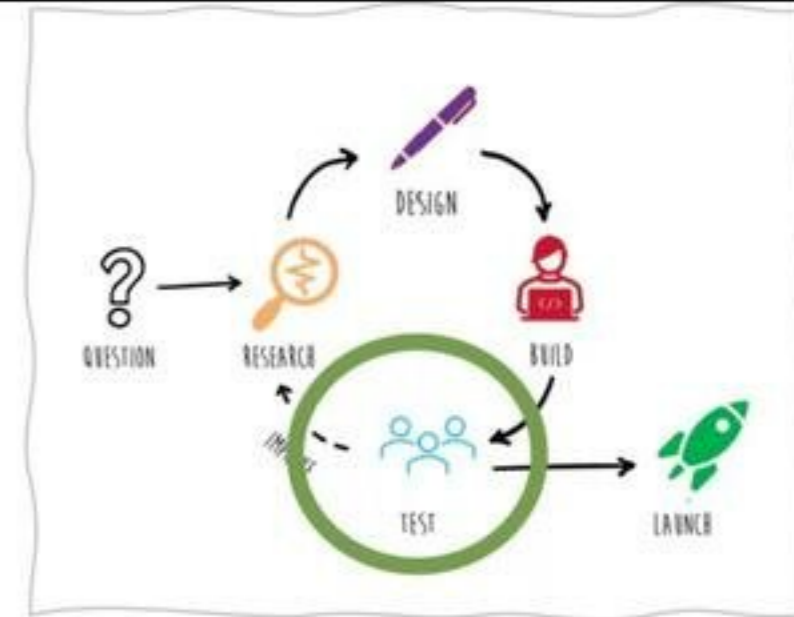
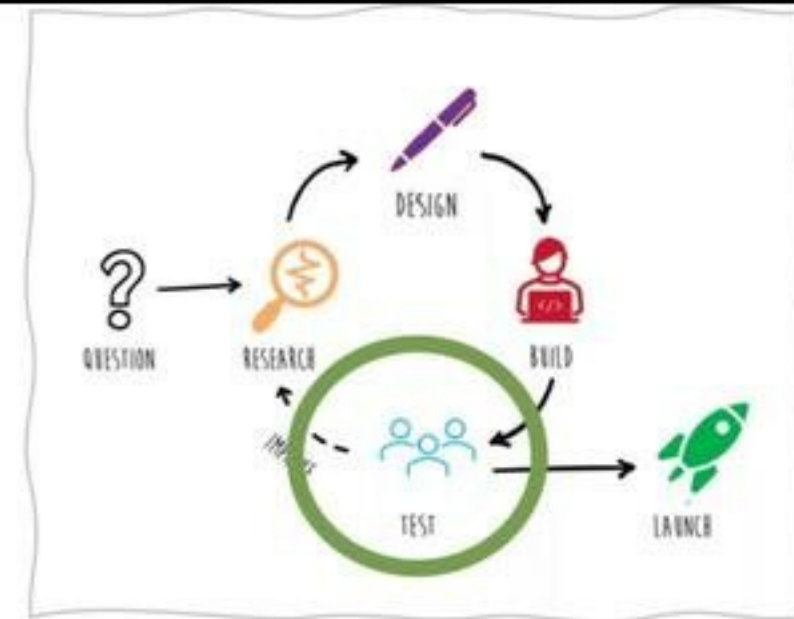
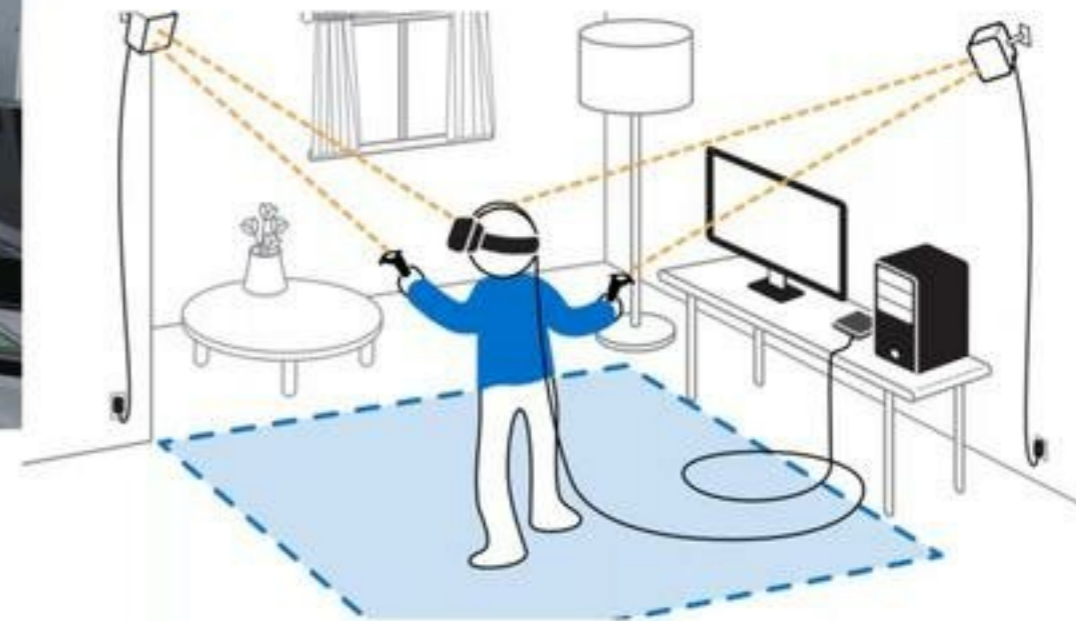


Fig. Y2-Wearable devices used in this study, A: Empatica wristband, B: Emotive Epox, C: Polar chest band

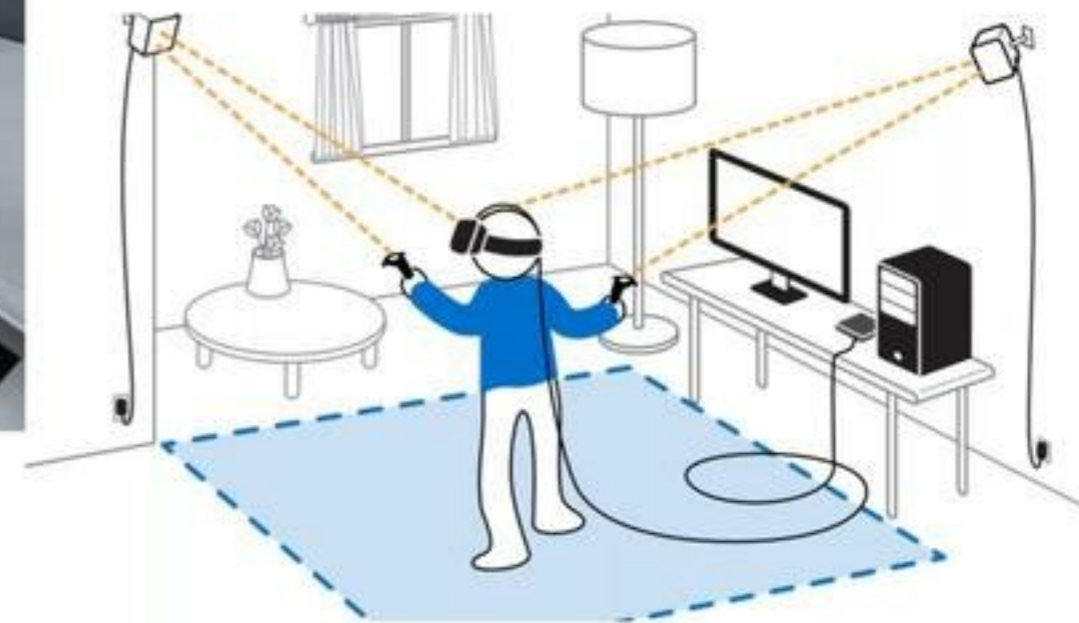
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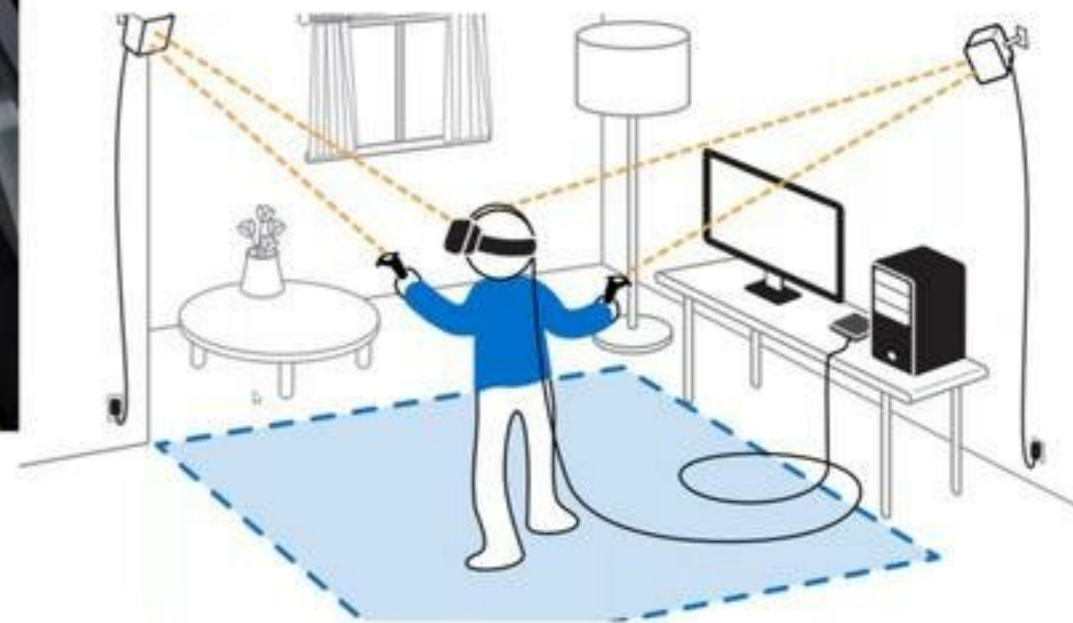
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Creating AR version of this VR Application

- Not a simple conversion!

AR Application

- Objects are captured using volumetric video capturing technology



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Type of AR Experience

- Hand-held
- Marker-based



Testing: How Eye Tracker Can Help to Test the Design



Use Case #2

- **VR**
- **Military + Healthcare**

Military Clinical Support

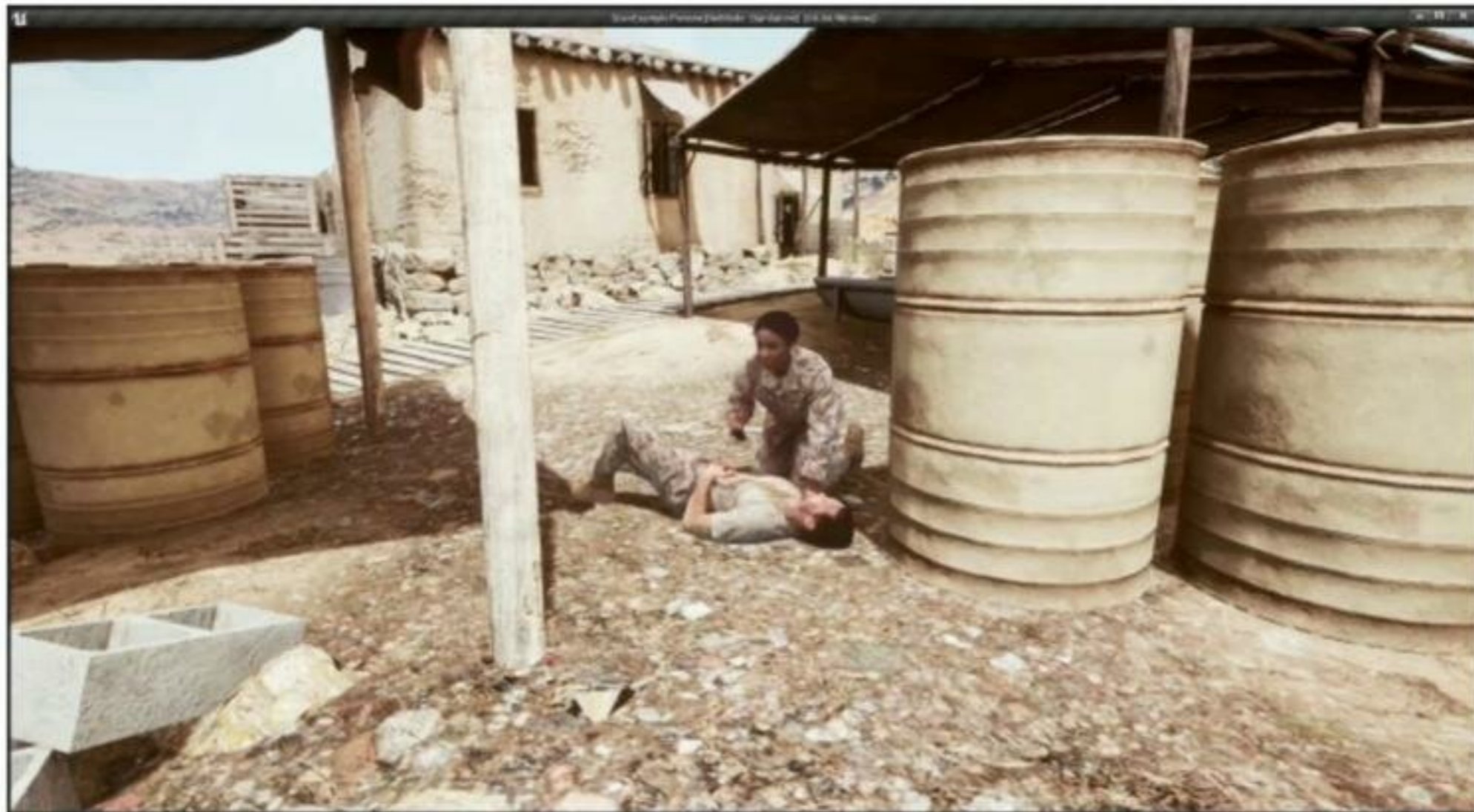
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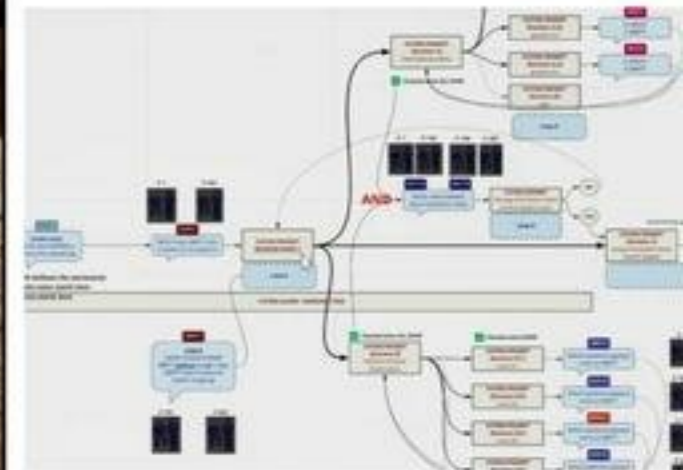
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Type of VR Experience: Narrative Branching



Use Case #3

- **VR**
- **Transportation**

VR Simulator in Automated Driving

Let's start with questions!

Ironies of Automation!



Automation Complacency



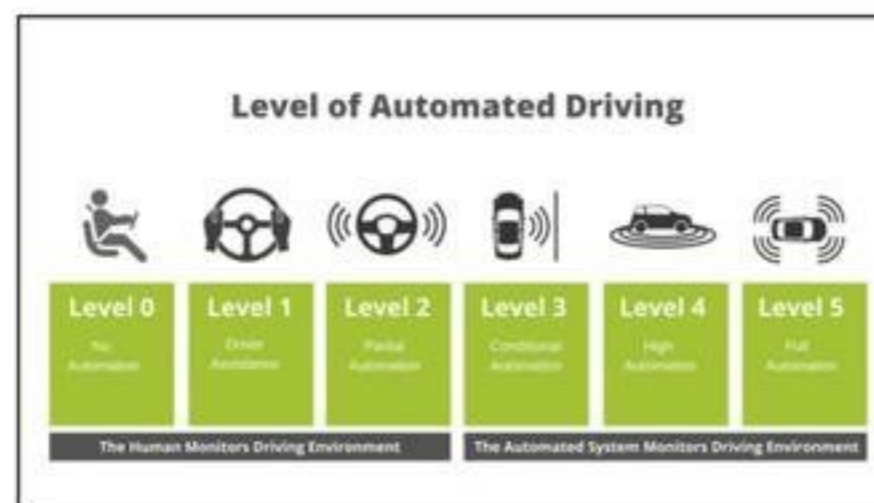
How to improve self-driving safety and driving experience?

Can VR training simulator help first-time users of highly automated driving?



Automated Driving Simulator to understand:

- Human trust to automation
- Misuse, Disuse
- Distraction (what does it mean in self-driving?)
- Driving behavior in different level of automaton, safety



Driving Simulators



Full Car



Semi-Cave



Full-Monitor



Simple-Monitor

Higher fidelity (visual, motion, psychologic)
Higher costs (development, maintenance, space)

Lower fidelity
Lower costs

Which simulator is the best?



Full Car



Semi-Cave



Full-Monitor



Simple-Monitor

[“it depends”]

- **Scope** : research, training, demo, sales?
- **Scale**
- **Budget**
- **Time**
- **Available Resources**

Can XR technology contribute to this?

[“it depends”]

- Scope : research, training, demo, sales?
- Scale
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example

How to onboard new users to self-driving cars? Car XR help?

No Fidelity (In interaction)



Low Fidelity



High Fidelity



- How to onboard new users to self-driving cars? Car VR help?
- How interaction fidelity of VR simulator matters in learning cognitive and sensory motoric skills



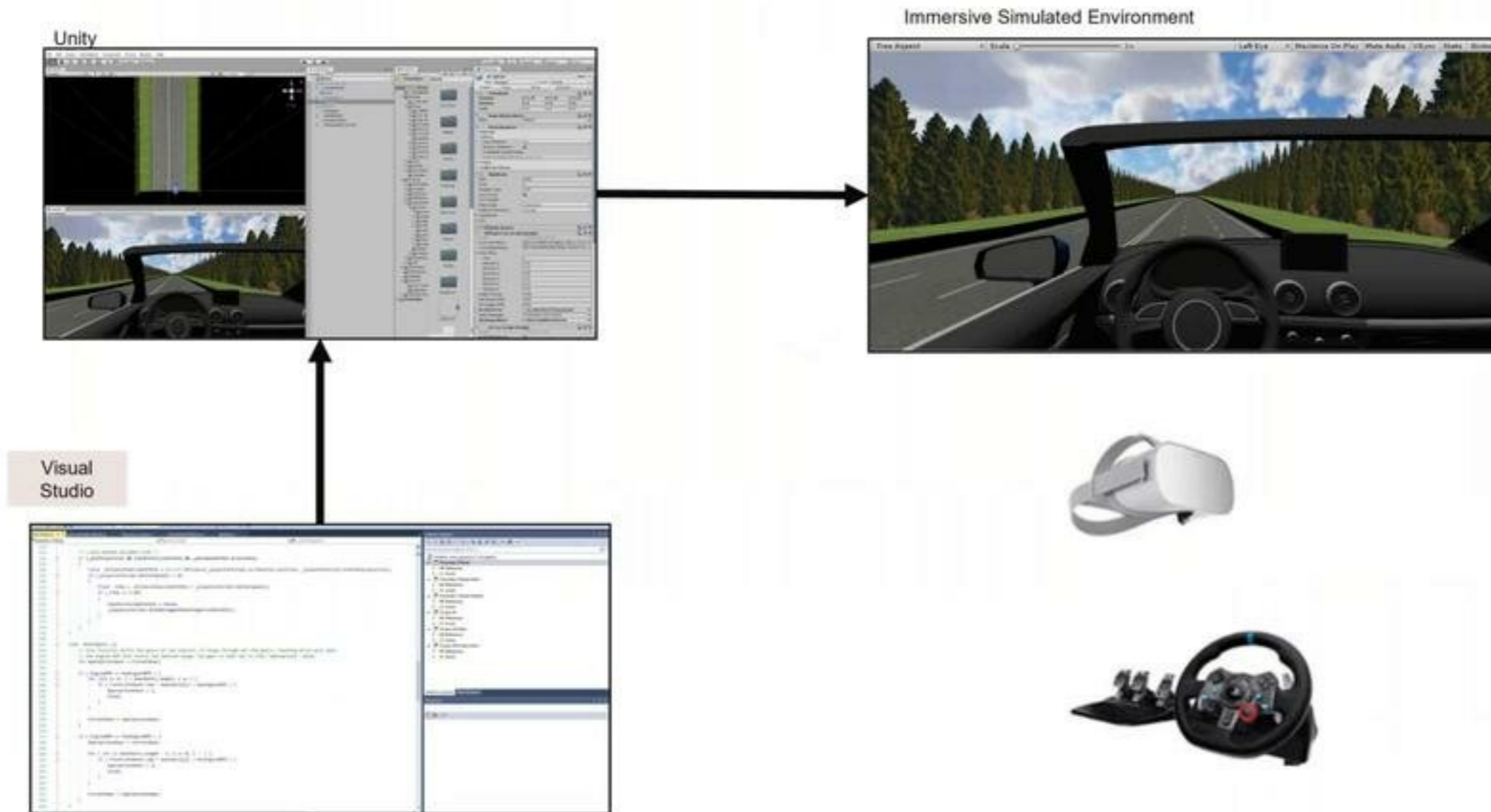
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Virtual reality tour for first-time users of highly automated cars: Comparing the effects of virtual environments with different levels of interaction fidelity

Mahdi Elmaghrabi^{a,*}, Richard Lander^b, Richard Koffel^c, Kevin Holmes^d

VR as a Training System in Highly Automated Driving



VR Application: Prototype 1

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Fig. A.1. A screenshot from the start page of the VR tour.



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Fig. A.3. Screenshot from handover practice in the VR tour.



Fig. A.4. Screenshot from critical takeover practice in the VR tour (approaching a road section with high-density fog).

VR Application: Prototype 2

VR Application: Prototype 2



Experiment: Data Collection Tools



Used for the
secondary task



VR Headset



For HF Interaction



For LF Interaction

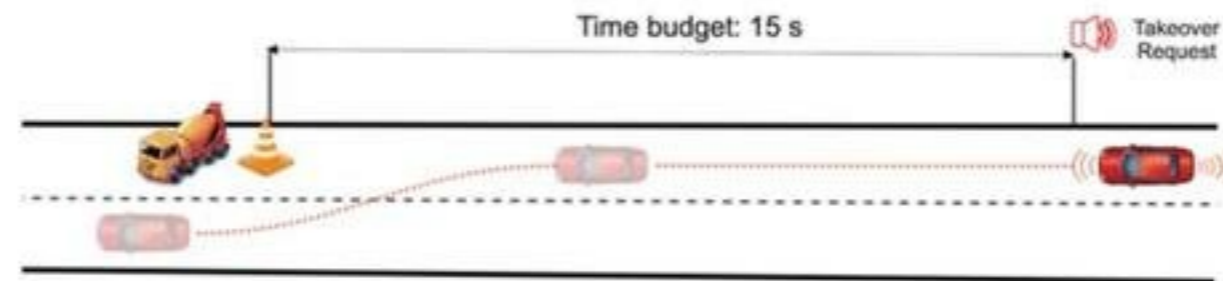


Fig. 3. Driving simulator set-up.

Experiment: Testing Scenarios

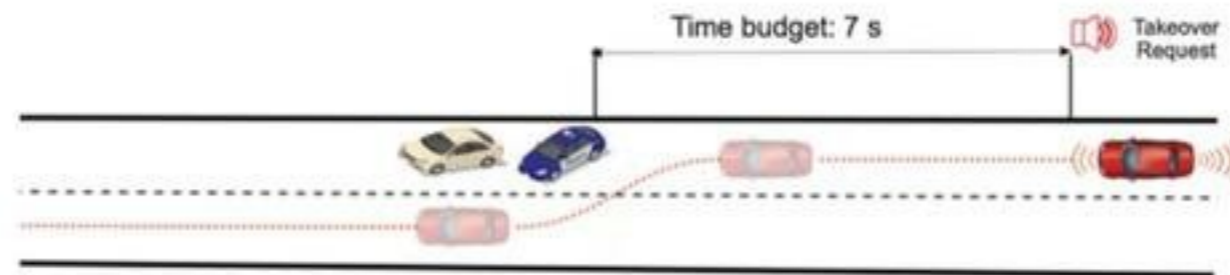
Non-Scheduled TOR Scenarios

Low-Critical



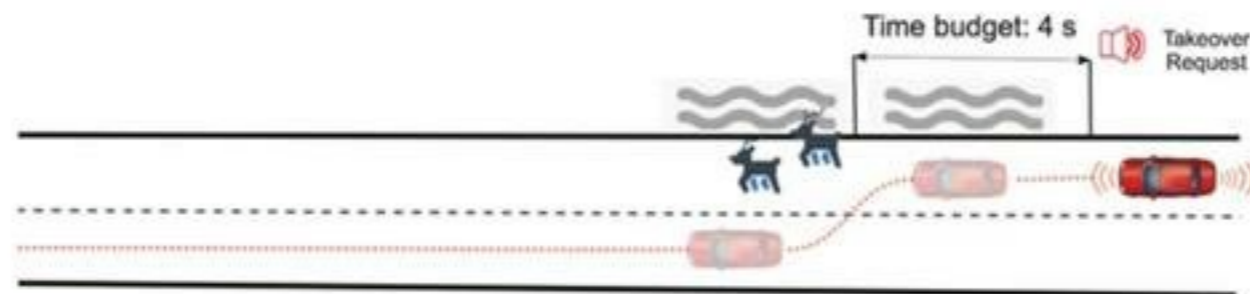
Scenario

Medium-Critical



Scenario

High-Critical



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Scenarios



Low Density Fog



High Density Fog



Partially Missed Lane Markings

Slide Show ▾ ×
Resume Slide Show

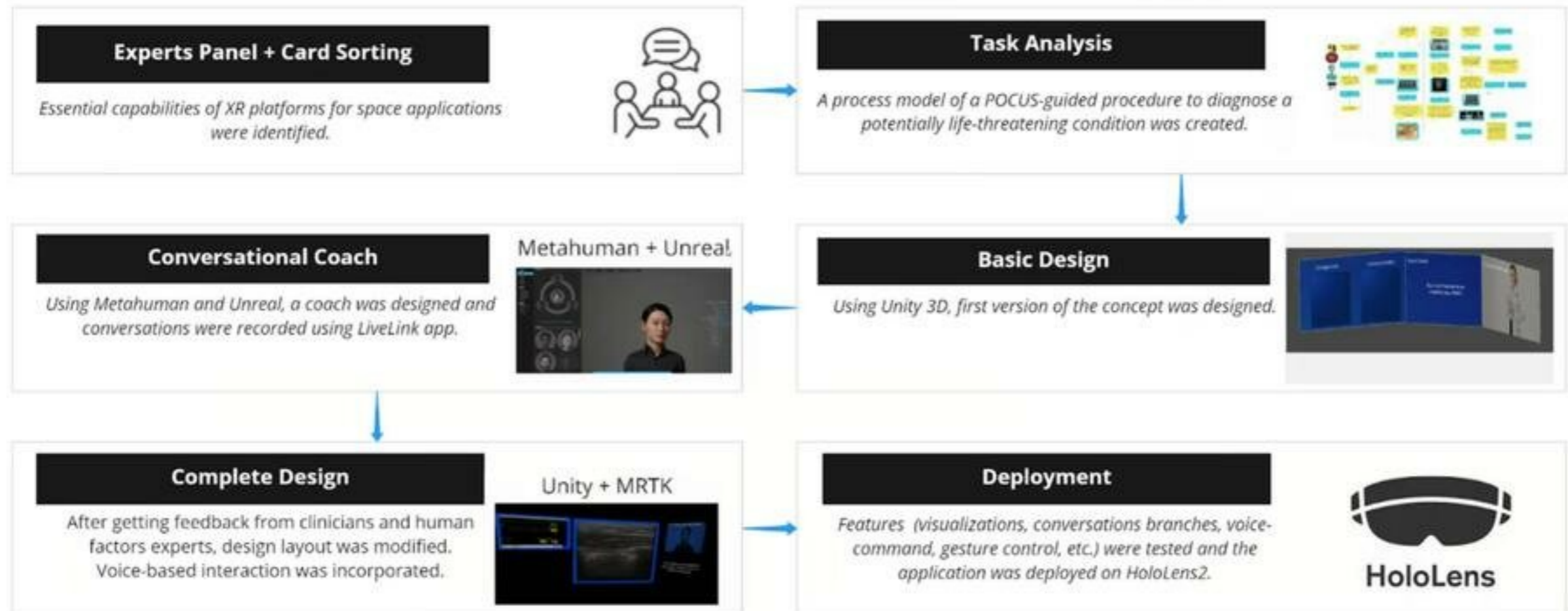
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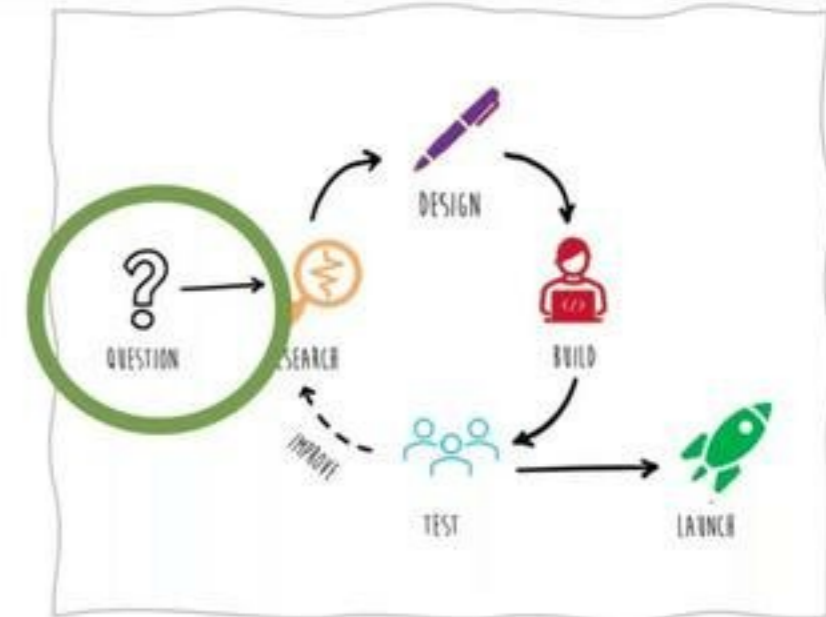
Use Case #3

- **AR**
- **Healthcare**

AR-Coach as Clinical Guidance



- Usability of XR technology as in-flight a clinical guidance for space health during long-duration space missions

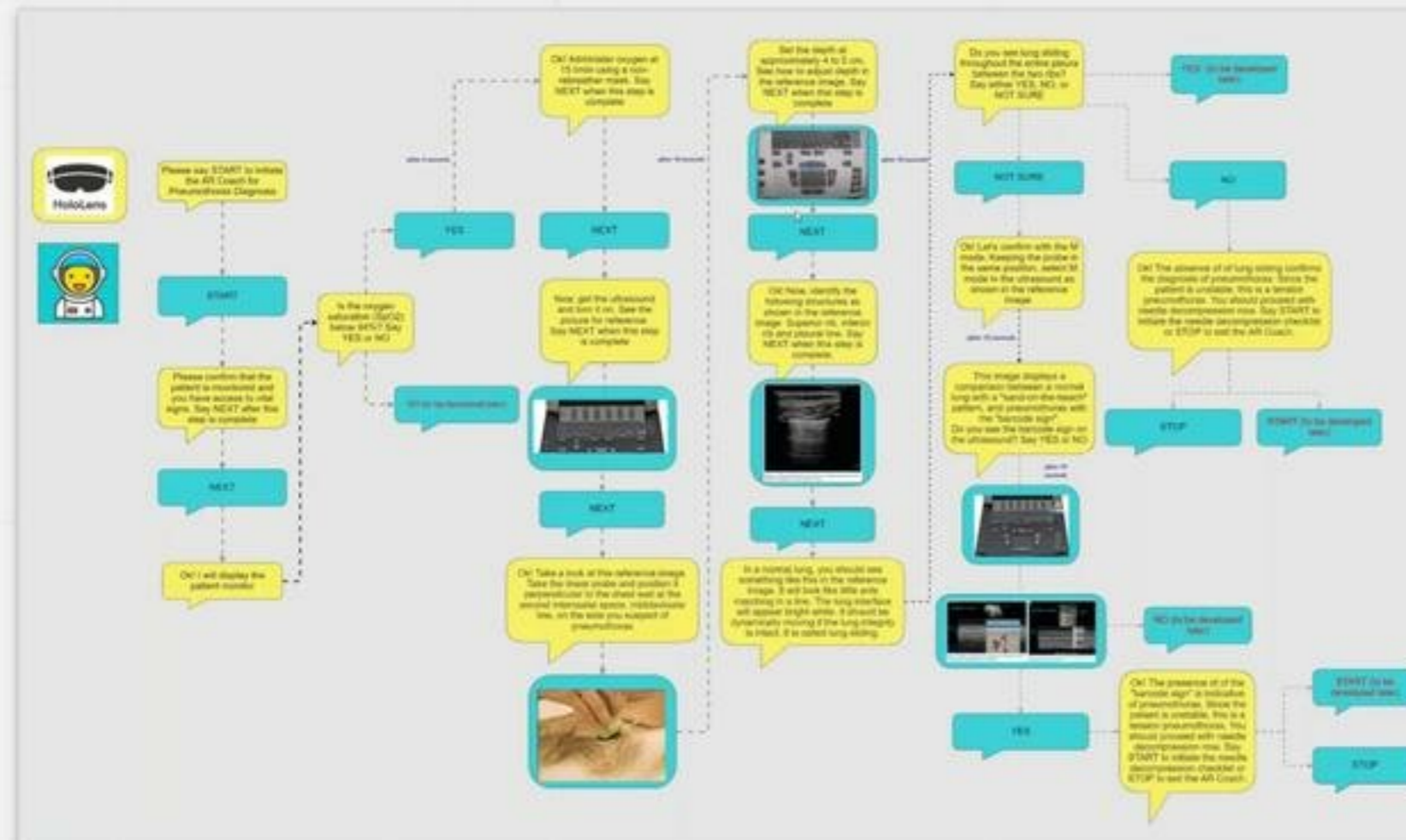


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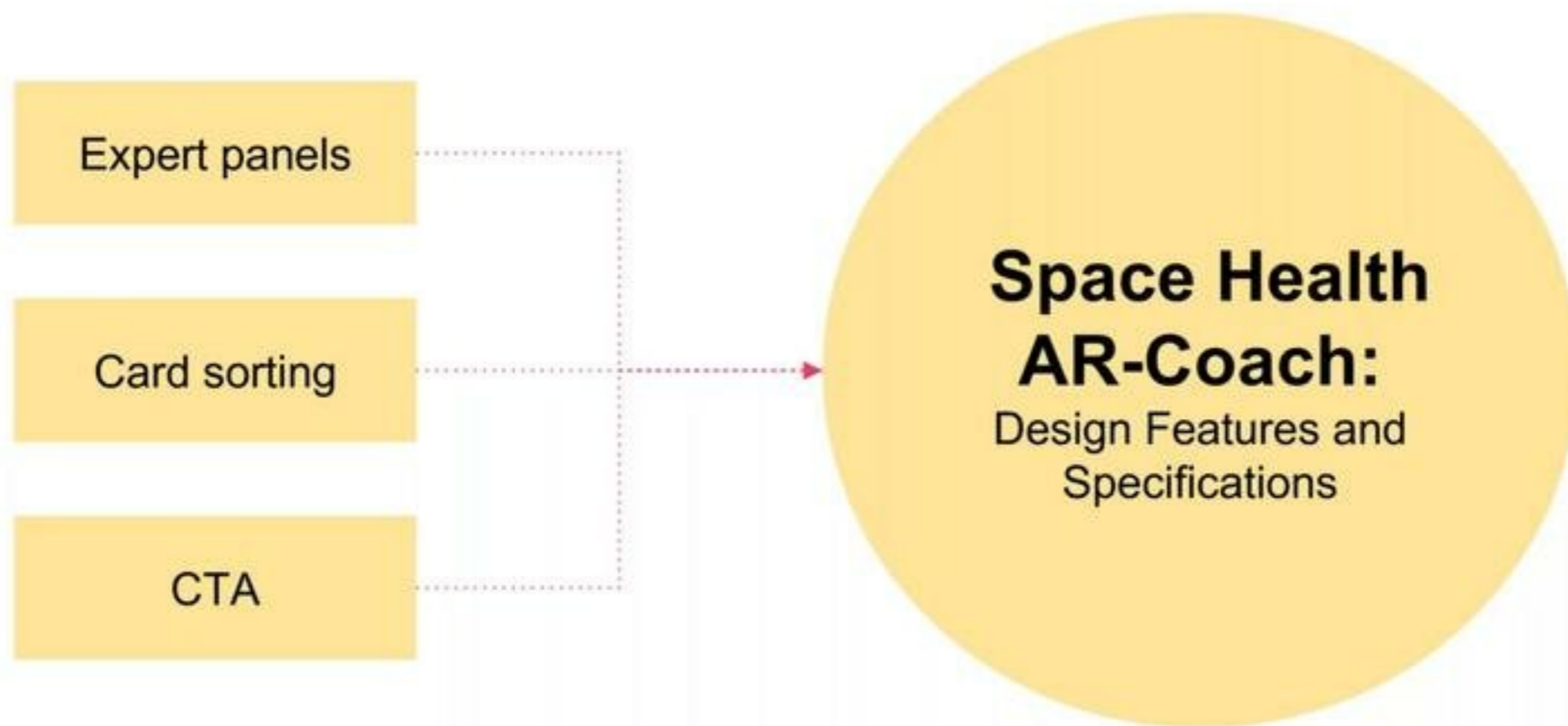
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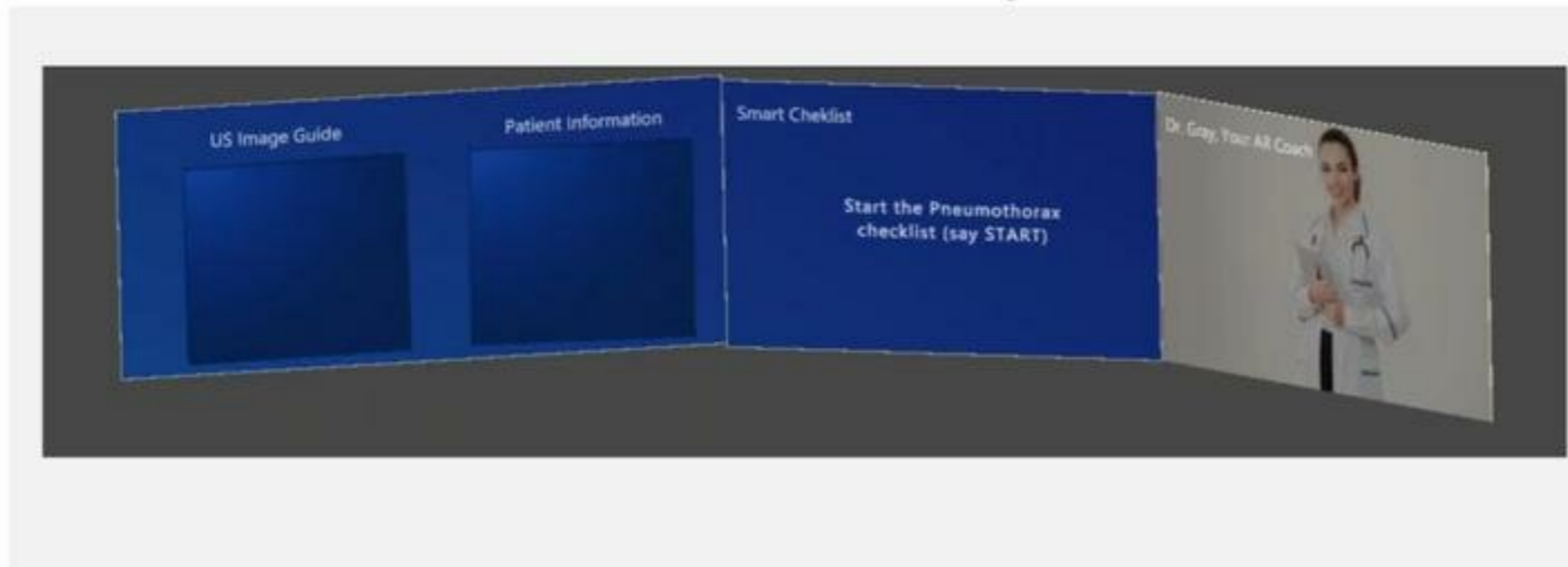
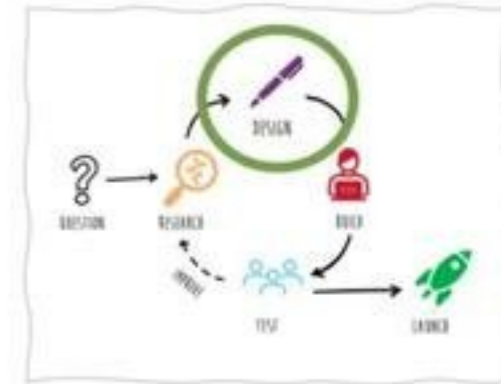
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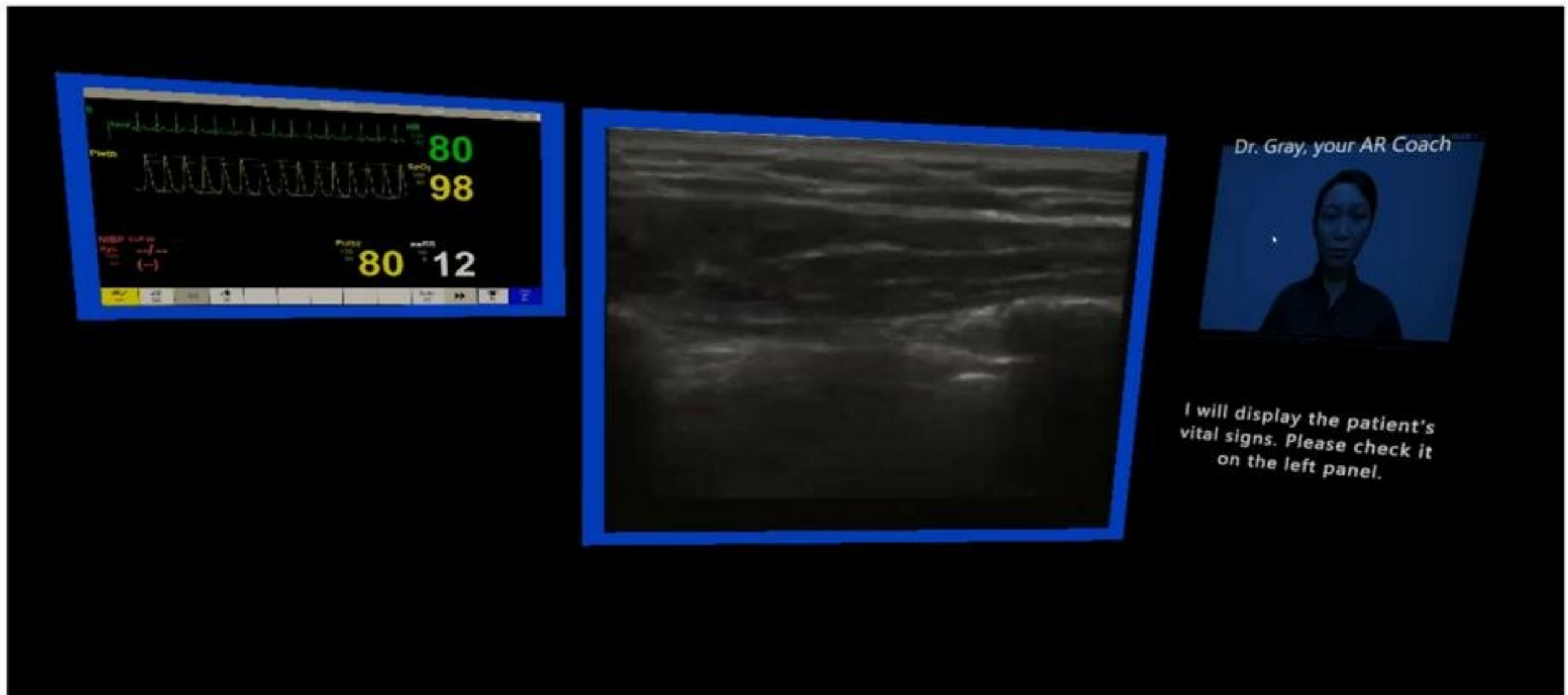
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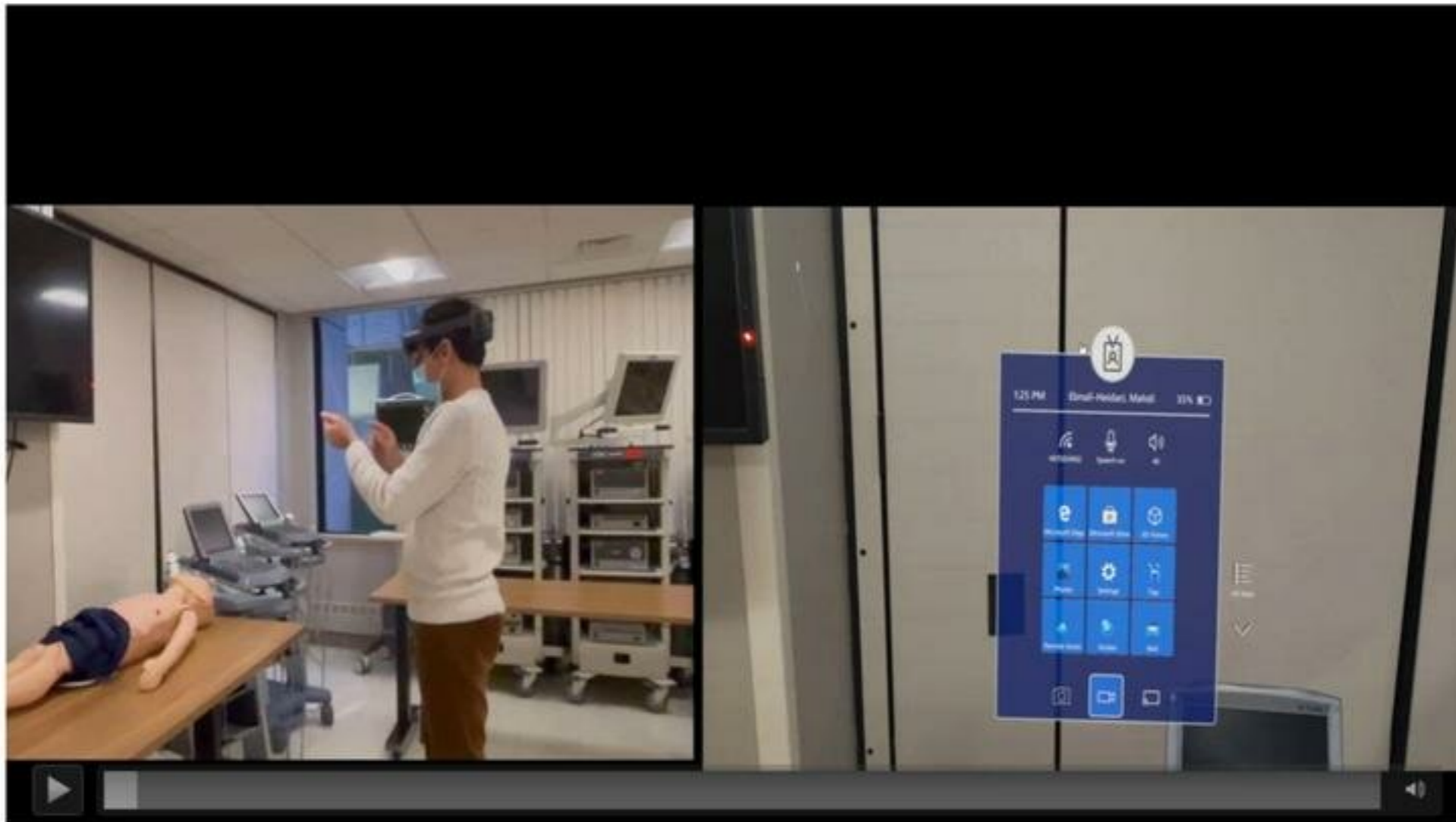
Dirty Prototype (Low Fid)



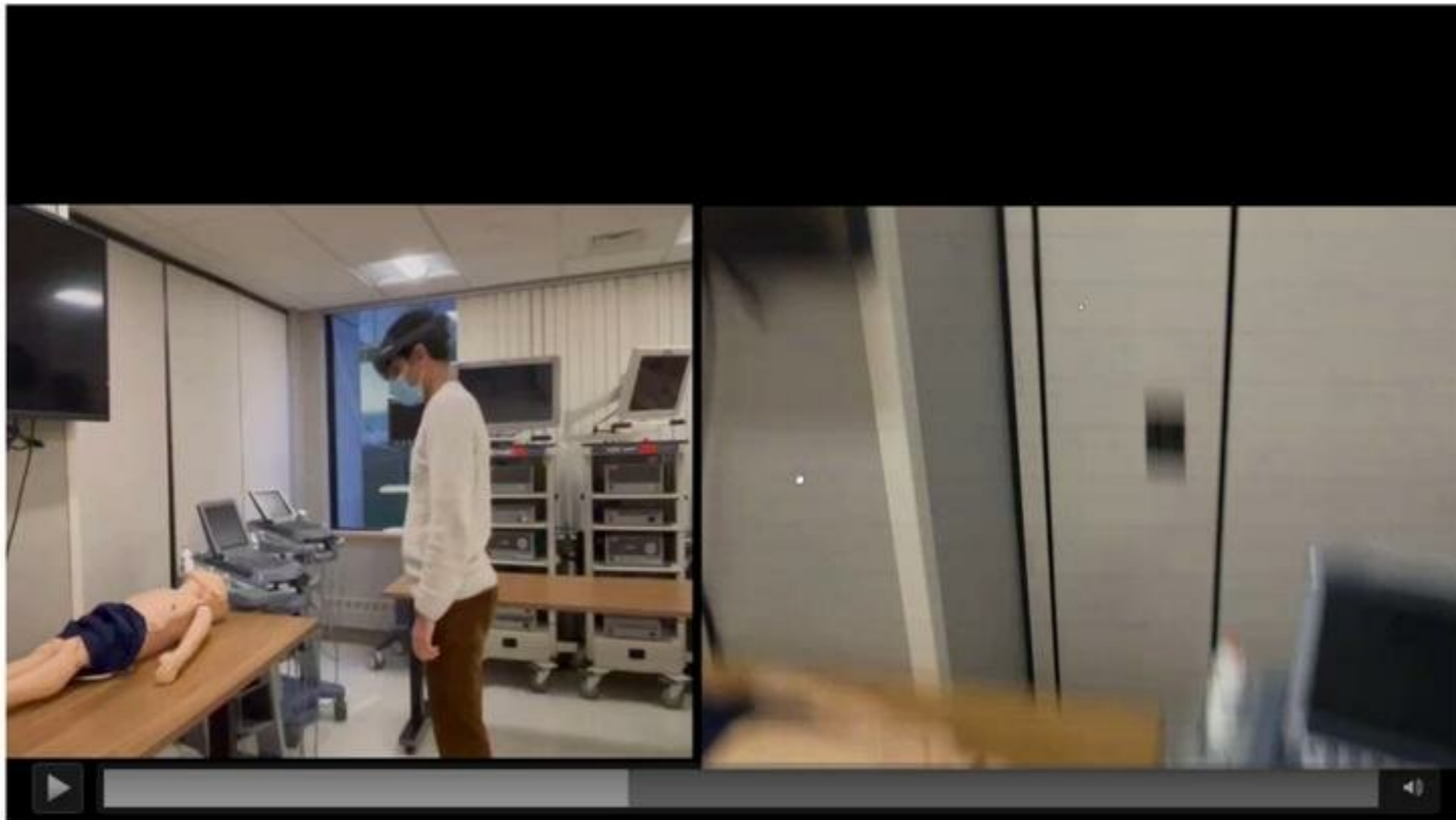
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Interaction Testing



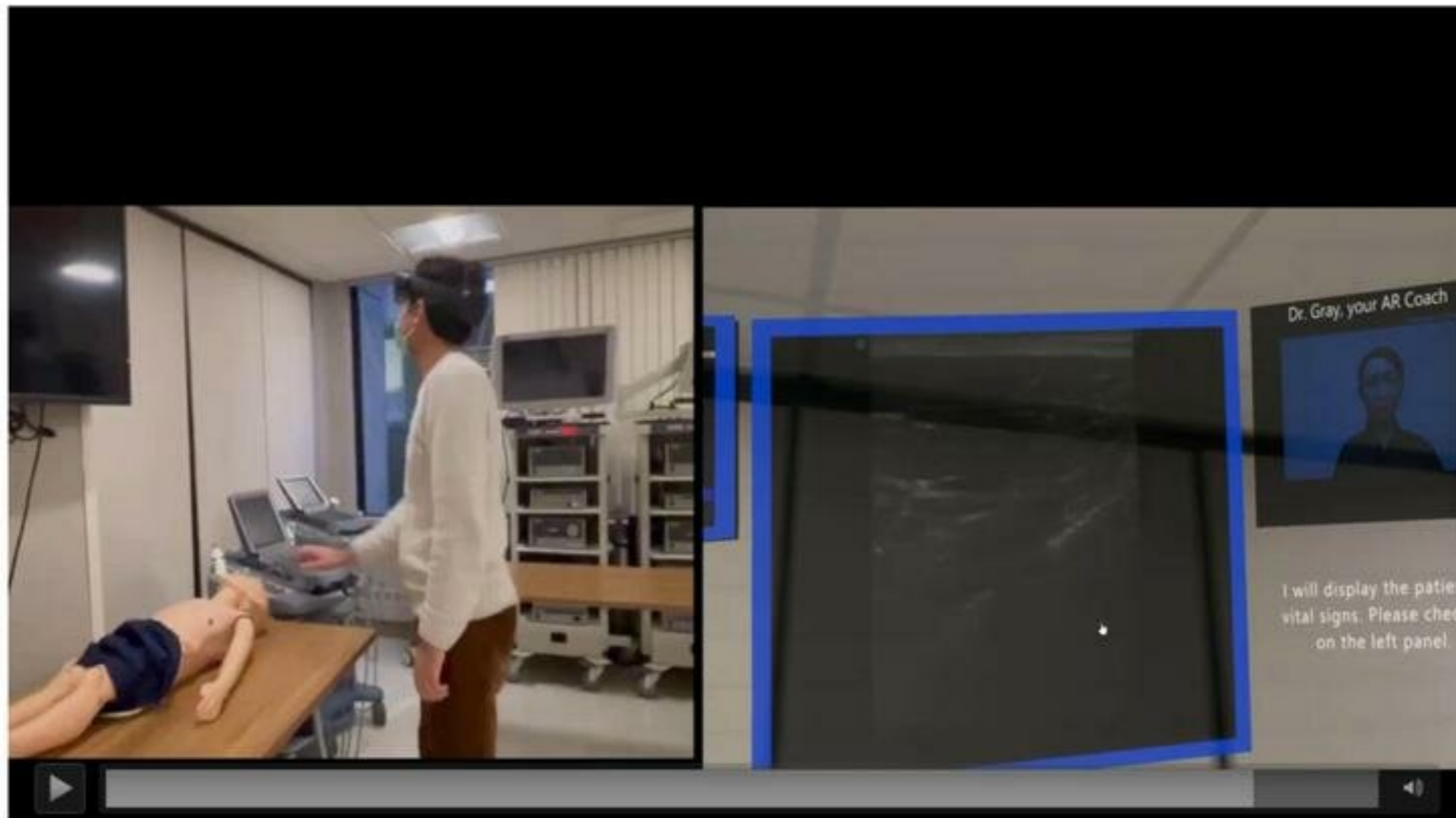
Interaction Testing



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