Summary of the Paper "Pervasive Augmented Reality-Technology and Ethics"

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Introduction

• Pervasive augmented reality (AR) will most likely have a major impact on various aspects of our future life.

• Smartphones could be replaced by head-worn AR displays soon.

• Therefore, ethical concerns must be discussed beforehand.



Source: https://www.allaboutvision.com/resources/eye-news-trends/augmented-reality-ar-glasses/

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Chapters



1. Technical Aspects

2. Ethical Concerns

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1. Technical Aspects



Display



- Computer generated image projected into the view of the physical world.
- Problems of current implementations are
 - low fidelity of the image,
 - limited field of view (FOV),
 - issues with color and brightness,
 - poor latency,
 - accommodation-vergence conflicts.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vergence-accommodation_conflict

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Sensors



• Various sensors needed to display relevant, context adaptive information.

- Sensors are used to
 - track the position of the user,
 - sense the user state,
 - capture user input.
- Interpretation of the sensor data is needed.

Communication



• Connection to the internet using WiFi or mobile data networks.

• 6G will be available soon, providing sufficient speed to transmit all relevant data.



User Interface



• Content is primary displayed on the screen.

• Auditive extension are also possible.





(a) without augmention

(b) augmented with pervasive AR glasses

Source: H. Regenbrecht, S. Zwanenburg and T. Langlotz, "Pervasive Augmented Reality—Technology and Ethics," in IEEE Pervasive Computing, vol. 21, no. 3, pp. 84-91, 1 July-Sept. 2022

Fully integrated Pervasive AR Systems



• Many technical aspects are already available.

Rapid development in all important technical areas.

 Combining of all technical aspects into one device which can be worn in everyday use.



Source: https://www.ray-ban.com/germany/electronics/RW4006ray-ban%20|%20meta%20wayfarer-schwarz/8056597769440

2. Ethical Concerns



Data and Privacy

- Google Glass (2013) sparked ethical concerns.
- AR mainly on mobiles (e.g., Pokemon Go) raises privacy issues.
- "Intelligent user interfaces" capture extensive user/environment data.
- Potentially invasive.
- Privacy Measures:
- Industrial guidelines (e.g., Meta's "Ray-ban Stories") focus on simple mechanisms for noncontinuous use.
- Pervasive AR lacks a straightforward opt-out mechanism due to continuous data collection.
- Conceptually possible to process data internally but challenging to enforce in practice.



Source: https://www.nanalyze.com/app/uploads/2020/02/ARVR-data-visualization-Teaser.jpg



Illusion and Belief

AR Illusion and Belief.

- Pervasive AR's Unique Challenges.
- **Deceptive Potentials and Concerns.**
- **Problems occur in Pervasive AR:**
- 1) Reintroducing Disbelief
- 2) User Control

Advocating for Transparency.



Source: https://www.promptermag.com/p/prompter-mag-optical-illusions

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Health and Safety

AR Health & Safety Concerns:

1) Traditional AR

2) Common Mobile AR

• Pervasive AR Health & Safety Areas:

1) Perceptual Distraction and Blind Spots

2) Ergonomics

3) Long-term Effects

Modulation of User

View



Source: https://miro.medium.com/v2/resize:fit:1400/1*yZ4zjLPoC_XQdytQdE7kZg.jpeg

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Rights and Access



- Pokemon Go Controversy
- Pervasive AR's Impact on Rights and Access:
 - 1) Changes to Notions of Ownership
 - 2) Legal Rights in Virtual Space

Issues with Ownership Rights:

- 1) Inappropriate Augmentation
- 2) Adapting Laws

•Creation of Digital Twins



Conclusion



 Pervasive AR needs an "ethics-by-design" approach.

• Existing ethical discussion are insufficient.

• To solve the ethical problems, a collaborative effort across various scientific disciplines is needed.

Can you find examples where (pervasive) AR is already present?

Do you use (pervasive) AR devices in your everyday life already?

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