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# OCCLUSION IN AUGMENTED REALITY AND VIRTUAL REALITY IN AEC SECTOR

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Abstract: - The building design is getting more perplexing, concentrated, and divided, as an expanding number of experts from different orders are needed to work together on a building project. The guidelines are getting higher as far as quality improvement, squander decrease, and cost streamlining. Also, ultimately, building designers are always expected to accomplish more with less. However, AEC's most forward-thinking companies use virtual reality, augmented reality, and ground-breaking immersive mixed reality to transform data (BIM) into virtual reality.

Handling occlusion among real and virtual objects is a problematic issue in Augmented Reality (AR) applications. Off base and the wrong occlusion may confuse clients in clients' ways, which prompts non-practical, what is more, non-vivid AR encounters. Even though there are significant exploration models and executions on this point, they commonly experience the ill effects of significant restrictions. For the mixed reality (MR) framework taking care of occlusion is an important attribute among virtual and real items. Presented strategies have ordinarily required known math of the physical objects in the scene, either indicated genuinely or remade utilizing a mapping algorithm. Because of this circumstances are restricted when they can be applied. Present-day RGBD cameras are cheap and broadly accessible, yet the depth data they give is commonly excessively uproarious and inadequate to utilize straightforwardly to give quality outcomes.

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#### I INTRODUCTION

Devices for arranging in development have progressed through history. Pens, pencils, and paper have been displaced with computer-aided design (PC supported plan) and BIM (building information modeling) programming [1]. Planners, engineers, coordinators, and laborers for recruit use distinctive space unequivocal programming to help their work. A requirement for development informatics exploration and practice has been to organize the improvement measures using data innovation. By using augmented reality and virtual reality BIM is creating projects, yet taking care of occlusion is required work.

Occlusion between (dim) genuine and practical articles can be duplicated using the per-pixel profundity of genuine things, using a technique like z-buffering. Every depths can be obtained by presenting digital techniques in the situation. [17] In this case, the viewing of the results will depend on the accuracy and details presented in this digital technique, similar to the camera result's accuracy. Altogether, for the practical substance in an MR application to appear to be consistent with the genuine substance, it might be significant that impediment between virtual and genuine things is definitely conveyed. MR is used as a manual for executing simple errands, for instance, investigating dark conditions using devices or performing an operation. It will be fundamental to ensure that substance is evident to the client at the opportune time. In such settings, it may be prohibited and even address a peril for the virtual substance to inaccurately prevent genuine substance in the client's view.

AR has become certainly useful to many fields by expanding and provoking their methods. AR and VR have found viably in the Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) industry. The main study of this paper is to scrutinize the capability of AR in the development sector and to provide possible plans by using suitable devices to see improvement in various activities and estimate the advantages and disadvantages linked with thinking.

The iterative and making nature of preparation a structure incorporates the specific and treatment of questionable, unsure, and divided information. A critical factor for mitigating these weaknesses on the dynamic interaction is to gauge and bestow them among the errand accomplices. The instinctive view of 3D structure models offers unimaginable assistance for surveying building plans. As of now, building models appear to be careful and specific, even in the early arrangement stages, which can provoke false doubts and model appraisals, impacting the decisions made all through the arrangement stages [23].

#### **Augmented Reality:**

Augmented reality (AR) adds a digital dimension to measure camera feeds, creating pc content that appears a part of the real



world. This might be something from creating a face match a camelopard to overlaying digital directions onto the particular roads around you. Augmented reality will permit you to understand; however, furnishings would look in your front room or play a processed work surface game on associate degree oat box [22]. Every one of those models needs an associate degree acknowledging the real world of the camera. For instance, the AR govt must perceive wherever they're on earth before adding significant digital content with the proper bulk. This can be accomplished utilizing pc vision, that is that the issue that separates AR from VR, wherever shoppers get transported into completely digital worlds.

#### Working of Augmented Reality:

Display by using:

- Head Mounted Display (HMD)
- Eye Glasses
- Contact Lenses
- Virtual Retina Display
- Handheld
- Spatial



#### Working of AR

Consider playing an augmented reality utilizing a real picture. To start with, computer vision measures the rough picture from the camera and discerns the picture.

With the AR game, the rendering module increases the first edge, ensuring that it completely covers the image. It accomplishes this by depending on computer vision to assess the case's 3D location and direction. Since augmented reality is real-time, all of the above must occur each time a new casing emerges from the camera. Most modern phones run at 30 casings per second, allowing us just 30 milliseconds to complete this mission. To allow this to happen, the AR feed you see through the camera is usually delayed by around 50 milliseconds [22]. Our brain, on the other hand, does not take notice!

#### **AR Digital Vision:**

There's a whole area of the information submitted to that alluded to as a personal computer. AR wishes to understand the planet round the buyer concerning every semantics and 3D maths. Course attemption gives semantic and math to answer the "what" and "where" of the image by illustrating the face of the image and measuring the face unit of the image. Though not maths, AR content cannot appear at the perfect spot and reason, which is prime to cause it to feel an area of the specific world. Now and again, we would need to develop new ways for each house. For instance, PC manners during which work for a container unit of mensuration are not indistinguishable as those utilized for a face. Etymology and math of the world. For the most part, PC vision ways used for understanding these two perspectives AR particular. Phonetically, we have seen many improvements in deep consciousness recording, where the assortment is regularly ordered in the image regardless of its three-dimensional. In isolation, it licenses rudimentary types of AR.

#### **Displaying AR Digital Content:**

We must first characterise some logic for each augmented reality encounter. When something is perceived, this means which digital content should be triggered. [22] The distributing module in the live AR system, upon acceptance, displays the essential substance onto the camera stream, which is the final stage in the AR pipeline. Testing is required to make this fast and realistic, particularly for wearable presentations like glasses. [14] Another way to think of computer vision is to think of it as reverse rendering. The phone's 2D screen receives the content (3D giraffe cover attached to the face).

### Virtual Reality Experiences:

VR innovation has evolved hastily in recent years, which has not played a more critical role in any other industry than in the Architecture, Engineering and Construction industry. Here there are few Virtual Reality equipment as well programming tools that can change how work is done in the AEC space.

• Enscape: Enscape is a Revit module that generates a virtual reality walkthrough based on your BIM data with a single click. There is no valid need to download or learn how to use various programming languages. All tools, math, and company information are taken from your Revit project and can be modified during the VR experience. This flexibility helps you to reach an infinite amount of high-quality data from current



games and the completion of the development project [21]. When used in combination with the Oculus Rift, clients can practically walk through your Enscape project and view it as if it were installed at the time.

- Matterport: In about 30 minutes, the Matterport Master Quick Portable 3D Camera and iPad Capture App can scan 1,000 square feet of space and build stunning 3D models. You and other generations will access and interact with each other during Matterport's management and deployment process with all of your 3D models since no functional products can be made. Aviewer from anywhere on the planet can investigate these 3D spaces using the Matterport Cloud from their workstation or mobile devices, as described on their authority site; [21] Matterport is suitable for any industry that uses, changes, markets, or discusses real places.
- Google Cardboard: For fighting AEC experts who can't afford an Oculus Headset, Google Cardboard may be just what they need. A folded box stand with focal points makes up the box. When using Google Cardboard with a compatible mobile device, you can see '3D models' similar to the Oculus Headset. [23] This unit makes use of the mobile's showcase and is powered by the phone's internal rotational following sensors. Although it is limited to static pre-delivered views and moderately limited conditions, Google Cardboard is a cost-effective entry point to more expensive VR. Furthermore, it is adaptable and compact.
- Leap Motion: The Leap Motion Regulator is a motion-sensing device that allows users to see their hands in virtual and augmented reality. Furthermore, the regulator can be easily linked to any Macintosh or PC's USB ports. Clients may usually form associations with virtual objects in the same way as they can in real life. Clients can use their hands to move objects, create shapes, dish, zoom, or perform any other motion-controlled operation thanks to Leap Motion's capabilities. Autodesk 3-D devices, such as AutoCAD, Revit, Maya, and 3-D Studio Max, have been developed to work with Leap Motion. A designer's unit is accessible to be utilized to reconcile this gadget into different applications, like 3D Displaying or AR/VR.
- Fuzor: Fuzor partners with AEC professionals to quickly convert Revit or Sketchup models into virtual reality experiences. This is a fantastic learning tool because it drastically reduces the time it takes to execute a VR strategy by allowing clients to explain and refine their strategies.

• Twinmotion: Twinmotion is a versatile visualisation motor that works with a variety of AEC models. They were created for architectural, growth, urban planning, and finishing experts, with little regard for the size and complexity of their projects. [21] Twinmotion is a simple to use instrument powered by Incredible Motor that creates fabulous designs in a short amount of time, regardless of their hardware, PC skills, or modeller.

### **Building Information Modelling:**

Building Information Modelling (BIM) is a daring 3D modelbased cycle that equips architects, engineers, and construction (AEC) professionals with the knowledge and tools they need to design, plan, develop, and oversee building foundations.

### **Utilization of BIM:**

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is used to plan and document construction and foundation plans. In BIM, every detail of a structure is visible. [26] The model can be used to investigate plan options and create visualisations that help stakeholders visualise what the building will look like before it is built. The model is then used to create the Construction plan documentation.

#### **BIM Process:**



#### **Importance of BIM:**

With BIM, planning and development teams can achieve more excellent value and collect the data collected by communicating. This is the reason BIM importance is expanding across the globe.

### Industrial usage of BIM:

- Architecture and Engineering: Architects and engineers are developing high-performance building plans.
- Infrastructure: Improve consistency and productivity by utilising associated work processes.
- Building: Evaluate design expectations while also communicating the construction goal.

#### Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC):

AEC adjusts and improves quality through incorporated work processes for the plan, simulation, multidisciplinary exercises.

• Use reasonable and detailed plan apparatuses to create a high-quality, high-performing building and foundation plan.



- Use integrated analysis, generative planning, and perception and recreation tools to streamline projects.
- Increase field consistency with tools that increase constructability and venture co-appointment.

# **Collection of AEC:**

Quicken measures fit and improve quality through integrated workflows for design, modelling, multidisciplinary assignments and construction advice.

# Workflow:

- Building style
- Infrastructure style
- Construction.

# **Benefits of AEC Collection:**

- 1. Get more work: Get access to tools that help you offer for, win, and convey more work.
- 2. Deliver more long-term projects: Deliver high-quality construction and foundation projects that meet or exceed performance goals.
- 3. Reduce operational inefficiencies: Automate tasks to reduce design time and improve handoff with smoothed out data.
- 4. Reduce risks: Increment partner purchase in and project consistency while reducing blunders and re-work.

# Modules used in Civil:

- Revit: Increase performance and precision through the entire market lifecycle, from concept design, simulation, and analysis to manufacturing and execution, with Revit.
- Civil 3D: This civil engineering plan programme supports BIM (Building Information Modelling) with integrated highlights to help with drafting, planning, and production.
- AutoCAD: AutoCAD is a computer-aided design (CAD) software used by architects, specialists, and construction professionals to create precise 2D and 3D drawings.
- Infra-Works civil system applied design software allows AEC experts to model, investigate, and visualise their plan ideas in a real-world context and natural environment, resulting in better decision-making and mission outcomes.
- Navisworks Manage: Boost BIM (Building Information Modelling) association by using Navisworks project survey tools.

Combine design and development data into a single model. Until beginning construction, identify and address dispute and impedance problems. All of the more likely control findings are based on comprehensive data from different exchanges.

# **Occlusion:**

"Occlusion" signifies concealing virtual objects behind real objects. One of the most significant and most tricky bits of the augmented reality puzzle is occlusion—the capacity to conceal virtual items behind actual items [16].

# Working of Occlusion:





### **Real-Time Occlusion**

The objective of occlusion is to safeguard the standards of view while making AR scenes. That implies any virtual thing behind a real thing ought to be "occluded" or taken cover behind that actual item [16, 17].

### Main Functions are Preferred in working:

- 1. **Sensing** the 3D design of the real world.
- 2. **Reconstructing** a computerized 3D model of the world.
- 3. **Rendering** that model as a straightforward cover that hides virtual objects.

The occlusion handling plan depends on the correlation between the large depths of real and virtual items. Here timeof-flight range information is used to handle the occlusion by giving the depths, corners and items shading of the real and virtual objects.

# ToF:

ToF camera is used to detect infrared light, which is invisible to human eyes. It helps to give the depth information of its realworld surroundings.

- Item filtering, indoor route, signal acknowledgement.
- Likewise assists with 3D imaging and improving AR encounters.
- It can all the more likely haze foundations in 'portrait mode.'

Measuring Distance

A ToF camera sensor can be utilized to quantify distance and volume, just as for object checking, indoor route, obstacle evasion, motion acknowledgement. [16] Information from the sensor can likewise assist with 3D imaging and improving Augmented reality (AR) encounters. ToF camera sensors will probably be utilized in telephones for 3D photography, AR, and specifically portrait mode.

# **ToF in VR Experiences:**

The use of sensor technology in a virtual reality system enables customers to intelligently interact with the virtual space via a modern and precise movement area/location. For that, VR frameworks use ToF sensors for estimating the distance to an item.

### AR in AEC:

Architects, Engineers, and Construction experts are persistently entrusted with planning and building new, intelligent structures [4]. Geospatial technology is beneficial as Building Information Modelling (BIM) imagines the total venture and gives a 3D diagram to execution. The real key is utilizing augmented reality.

This is huge as geography permits us to all the more likely see how foundation like structures, streets, extensions. [3] The utilities that should be fabricated or restored are associated with one another, just as the states of the space in which they exist. Combining advances in GIS and BIM measurement provides a broader and more in-depth understanding of the picture within the broader picture of constructed and conventional habitats, including dataand resources.



### AR in Geographical Information System

Augmented reality joins Geographical Information System (GIS), virtual reality, and location technology to make superimposed, PC created data onto objects in the actual world. [25] When dataset and technology work processes tie into



**ToF Working** 



augmented reality, the data is outwardly relatable to the human brain. Utility specialists can "see-through" the ground, seeing reliably precise 3D symbolism of networks. It improves communication, limits expensive errors, takes out the threat to labourers, and upgrades continuous upkeep inside the built environment.

#### **II LITERATURE SURVEY:**

In [1], our assessment's primary purpose was to differentiate our AR framework and our standard presentation systems to obtain accurate results. Task documentation is differentiated by the following strategies (1) 2D plans, (2) BIM on a PC, (3) utilization of tablet process (4) augmented reality. The correlation of procedures with one another and quantitatively evaluated in the two use – cases: (1) image of the base plane; and (2) observation of expansion growth. Fundamental obstructions are (1) GPS position, (2) Scalability (3) Visual Occlusion.

In [2], The author explains the architecture, engineering and Construction (AEC) and their current challenges such as high audit costs, the complexity of step-by-step observation, lack of trust and simplicity, transfer of location data inefficient and the implementation of solutions. Using machine learning algorithms such as k Near Neighbor (KNN), Principal Component Analysis (PCA).

In [3] In AEC applications, the prerequisite of mixing manufactured and actual articles recognizes AR from other perception advancements in three angles: (1) Strengthen associations between people and events and encourage designers to improve. (2) Allows architects to execute orders on-site, taking into account physical and technical conditions. (3) Verification tests for AEC application problems are performed here: AR infrastructure for disaster detection, AR excavator collision avoidance system.

In [4] Besides, new and updated cell phones such as cell phones, tablets and portable devices replace traditional methods based on essential devices such as headsets and computers that work with an external GPS device. Advancements in equipment are improving ease of use, delivering refined ergonomics, expanding registering power, and obliging coordinated programming, segments, and devices, such as implicit cameras, compasses, GPS. These enhancements are vielding progressively suitable choices for AR arrangements and techniques for their usage, consequently improving AR's adequacy to be utilized as a device in the development cycle and showing the requirement for an audit of exceptional strategies. Here the author used the "Layar" application to use the AR framework with a web-based solution ", Hoppala Augmentation".

The author hypothetically agrees to accept the recommendation that RA managers should boost actual business efficiency while

lowering the psychological responsibility of ACS interventions for their operations in [5]. The experiment was designed and carried out to test the perceptual similarity rule using two display devices in a magnetic resonance imaging (MR) framework. Using a head-mounted display (HMD) instead of a workspace monitor decreased uptime, turning distance, and the burden of basic driving tasks, according to the findings. Errands inclining toward neighbouring situational mindfulness, it is argued, need an egocentric edge of reference that an HMD may recognise. These findings can be used as a kind of insight for MR framework planning for assignments with similar requirements.

In [6], the author exhibited that (1) competent ages are altogether a lot of sure regarding the fate of AR/VR technologies and that they see many blessings in use of such innovations; (2) besides, the exploration results demonstrate that personal and business comes were the highest areas that used AR/VR technologies (3) the business is increasing basically in choice of those innovations. The overviews show some natural constraints within the Atomic Energy Commission business hold new AR/VR advances just like the "absence of economic arrange," "upper administration's absence of comprehension of those innovations," and "plan groups' absence of data." With the decline in total development revenues, the lack of access to review costs and benefits is a critical limiting factor preventing the company from supporting AR / VR technologies. Proprietors and organizations do not seem ready to place away from their money while not knowing the real expenses and advantages.

In [7] Augmented reality is a mixture of authentic and virtual objects and the ability to inspire people with enthusiasm for their specific situations and inspire people to find their environment things. In the development space, a drawn-out test plans the data from drawings and details effectively onto genuine places of work and the other way around. Laborers, for example, try to lay pipelines in the areas designated on the 'asplan plans, and supervisors try to mimic labourers' progress by connecting the 'as-depending on the place of work to the timetable. These preparation interventions are challenging because they expect people to interject complex information and apply it to fact based on their work.

In [8], Distinguishing wellbeing hazards and making moves in a building site is perhaps the clearest methodologies for development labourers to forestall wounds. The accessibility of dynamic and limitless VR hazards gives adequate dangers to identify students' safety information inadequacies, which encourages a more exhaustive evaluation of students' hazard identification capacity. Eye-tracking gives quantitative information to uncover students' consideration designation and look through examples, filling in as assessment rules.



In [9], BIM, a useful tool that allows students to experience independence while saving time and money, is available via AEC's premier teaching and learning programmer. By making BIM applicable to any field operation, imagining BIM by AR increases the utility of BIM for AEC students and graduates. This is consistent with Bloom's empirical classification of learning objectives and promotes a chain of command for knowledge delivery to students. Transforming BIM + AR as part of the AEC teaching methodology has its challenges. These are identified with a large quantity of information, making a constant, real-time occlusion handling and situation discernment.

In [10] presents a systemic study of the use of current MR technology, as well as the advancement of projects based on a similar analysis. Web searches, as well as a few MR applications created in the fields of engineering and development design, were highlighted and introduced on two HoloLens for field testing. For the composition plan and implementation strategy, the capabilities of MR technologies in these applications were evaluated and expressed in various site conditions. Model layout and document approach methods were analysed, as well as the user interface, specific display modes, a variety of BIM implements, and collaboration type.

In [11], This article aims to explore the relevance of augmented reality. This article provides a Human Factors assessment of work orders in industrial Construction in terms of the visual data required to determine the work items to which AR can be applied for the best execution. It was found that out of 17 grouped work items, eight tenders could benefit from AR support and nine work orders. Through the assessment of job assignments and the preparation of AR structures and development exercises, a comprehensive guide was created that recognises the high impending AR appliance territories in industrial Construction. The systematic guide approach protects AR device groups with a high likelihood of success in their application to industrial construction.

In [12], This paper one more investigated the possibilities of AR application for a building plan. The outcomes recommended another workplace for designers IVE environment through the Augmented Reality Conference Desk (ARC-desk) hardware. As noticed in the body paper, the proposition AR framework can uphold planners to make up a metropolitan virtual model to replace actual conventional models in future work. Thus, they can control design works in a consistent virtual-real environment. The ARC-desk additionally empower the client to associate and notice metropolitan models with free travelling through HMD glasses. The ARC-desk framework is a real virtual-real shared space for engineers and students utilizing in building plan.

In [13], Construction is a separate field, so augmented reality can help develop more effective and efficient full-scale plans. This shows and the resulting changes that allow the architect to review and adjust activities smoothly. There are currently severe difficulties in using the idea in this area. However, a final review and investigation can improve a useful tool for job management, design, and advertising.

In [14], the author explains the strategy actualizes a straightforward yet adaptable way to deal with deciding explanation areas for overlays of live video pictures. The frame operation time is short, so it is convenient for inclusion in portable and portable augmented reality frames for performance recording. The bulk of the processor time is still left for different assignments like following or association the board. The non-parametric following of up-and-comer areas can be tuned to choose between slow or quick response to image changes or to like past areas over new ones. The state's total demonstrating through a non-parametric portrayal catches the issue's multi-modular properties and considers moment leaps to various areas. The consideration of limitations gives application creators an adaptable method to characterize label behaviour.

In [15], the author showed that augmented reality could visualize architecture plans in an outside environment. A plan to expand the existing University of South Australia level-based facility was effectively outlined in our mobile augmented reality phase. Through formal testing, the framework was appeared to give the client a feeling of room and sensation of the size and area for the expansion. The informal testing showed this plan imperfection right away. It isn't recommended an expert designer would not identify such a plan defect. We recommend tenderfoots to the field of configuration probably will not see defect on a CAD framework. However, they would have the option to identify it out in the field.

#### **III CONCLUSION:**

In this paper, A thorough analysis and a review of the impact of virtual reality and augmented reality in the AEC field, specifically focusing on BIM mixed reality, various methodologies and techniques are scrutinized. Some techniques used RGB-D, ToF sensor cameras to give the object's depth and colour straightforwardly, but it fails to produce the expected outcomes accurately. The current deficiencies of ToF depth data levels include not incredible depth camera and a few restrictions like various reflections, scattered light, and surrounding light. Specific use in portable AR situation is retained by its size (camera arrangement). This likewise impedes to collaborate with the large real climate. The range sensor assessment should be incredibly comprehensive and contain a variety of evidence and situations to protect the standards of the prospects projected in and around the facility.



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