# Exploring and Interacting with Data in Virtual and Augmented Reality

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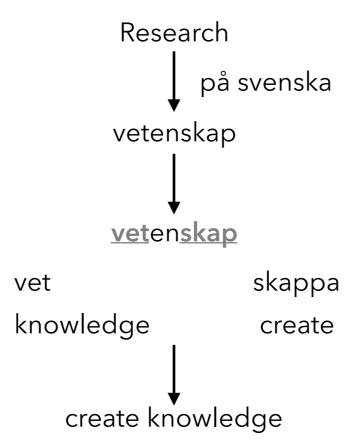


#### What is a researcher?

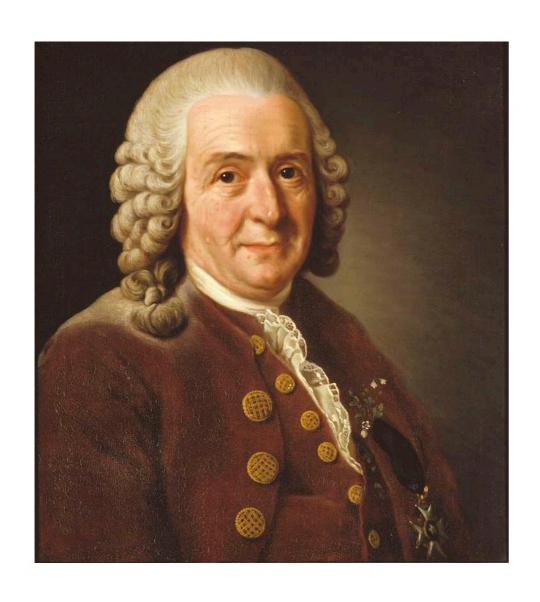
"someone whose job is to study a subject carefully, especially in order

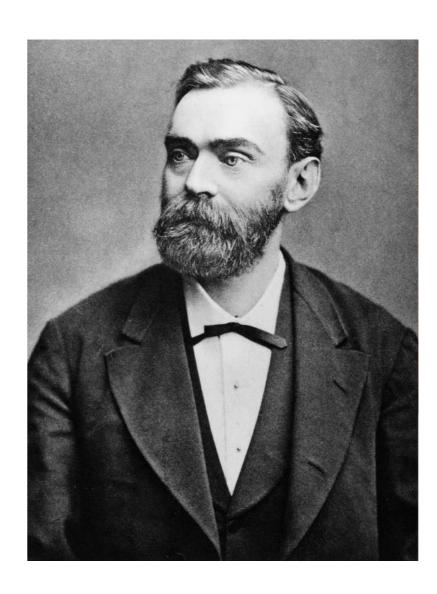
to discover new information or understand the subject better"

(Cambridge Dictionary, 2018)

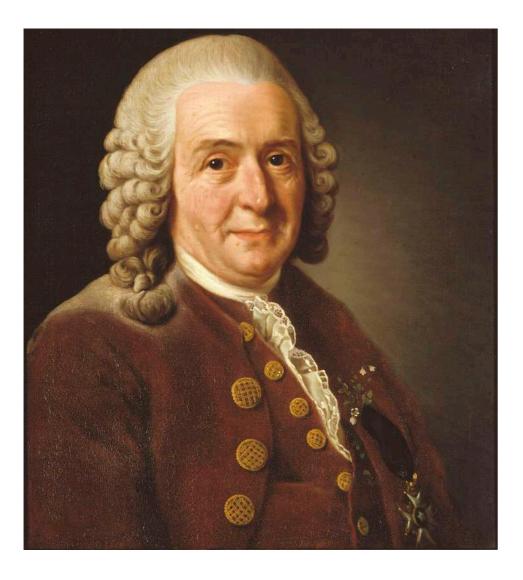


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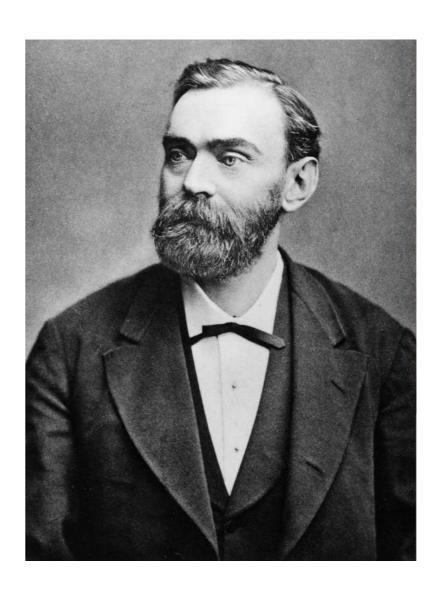




#### Do you know these researchers?



Carl von Linné
23 May 1707 - 10 January 1778
botanist, physician, and zoologist
modern biological naming scheme
"binomial nomenclature"



Alfred Nobel
21 October 1833 - 10 December 1896
chemist, engineer, inventor
dynamite

#### What does a researcher do?

- 1. **gain knowledge** about the up-to-date state of a research subject
- 2. identify a research "gap"
- 3. think about how to contribute new knowledge to fill this research gap
- 4. formulate **hypothesis** (explanation of a phenomenon)
- 5. define a **method** on how to test the hypothesis
- 6. perform the **test** and **collect data**
- 7. analyse the collected data
- 8. discuss / interpret / make meaning of the data
- 9. answer the hypothesis based on the discussed findings
- 10. report (publish; share with other researchers; share with the world)

contribute new knowledge to drive mankind forward

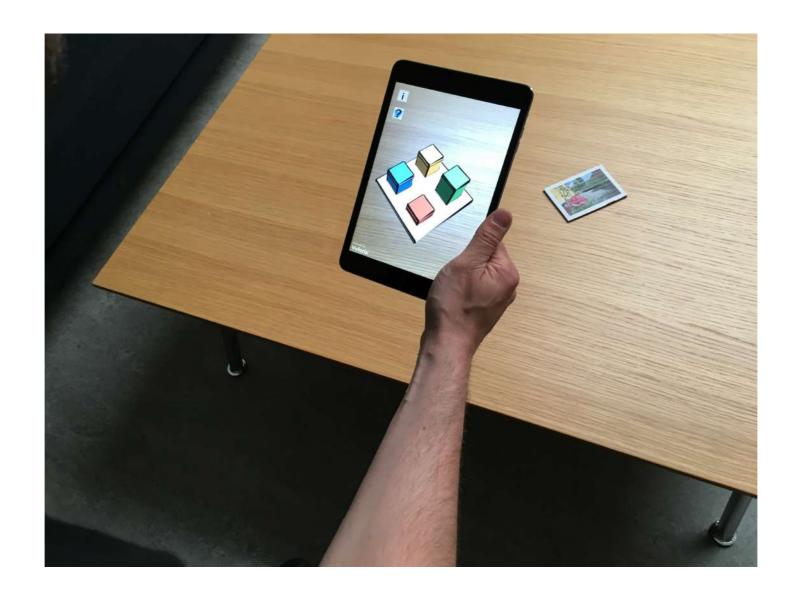
#### Virtual Reality research subject

- creation of a fully virtual world (computer-generated content)
- total immersion in the digital world
- (often) visually isolated from real-world surroundings



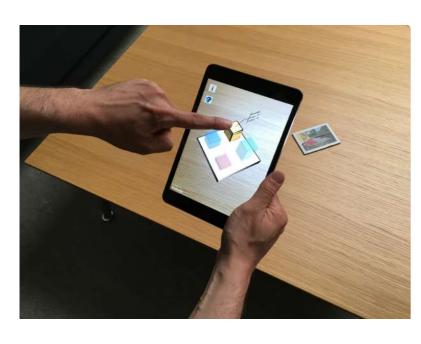
#### **Augmented Reality research subject**

- real and virtual objects coexist in the real-world
- real and virtual objects are aligned with each other
- runs interactively in three dimensions and in real-time



#### Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) research subject

- how do humans interact with computer technologies
- interface design / interaction design

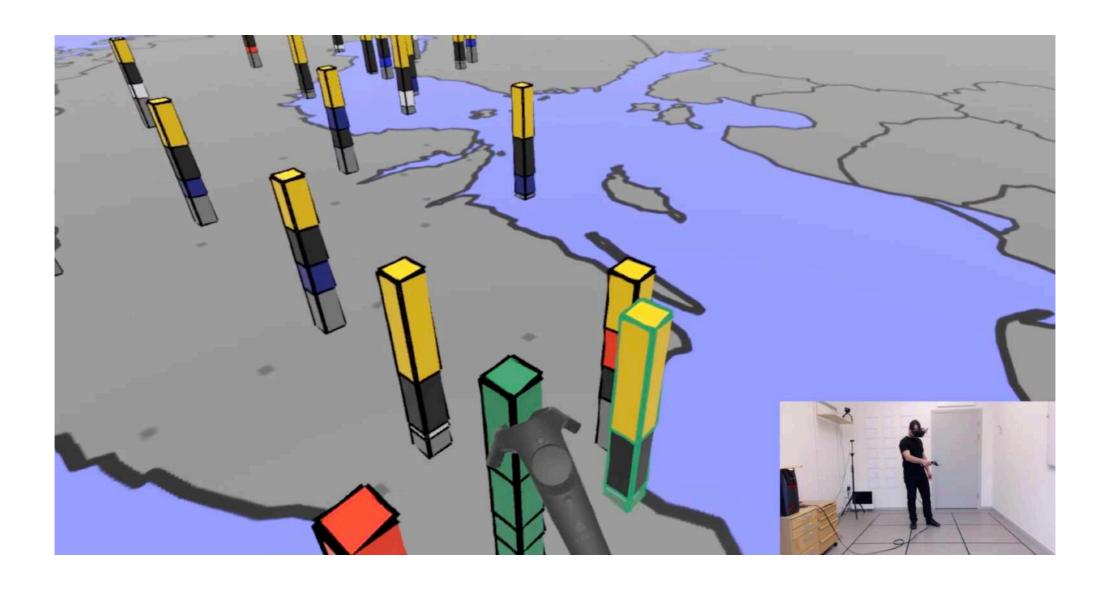








At the VRxAR Labs research group, we **create interfaces** that allow users to **explore** and **interact** with digital data in Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) environments.



# **Explore Open Data in Virtual Reality**



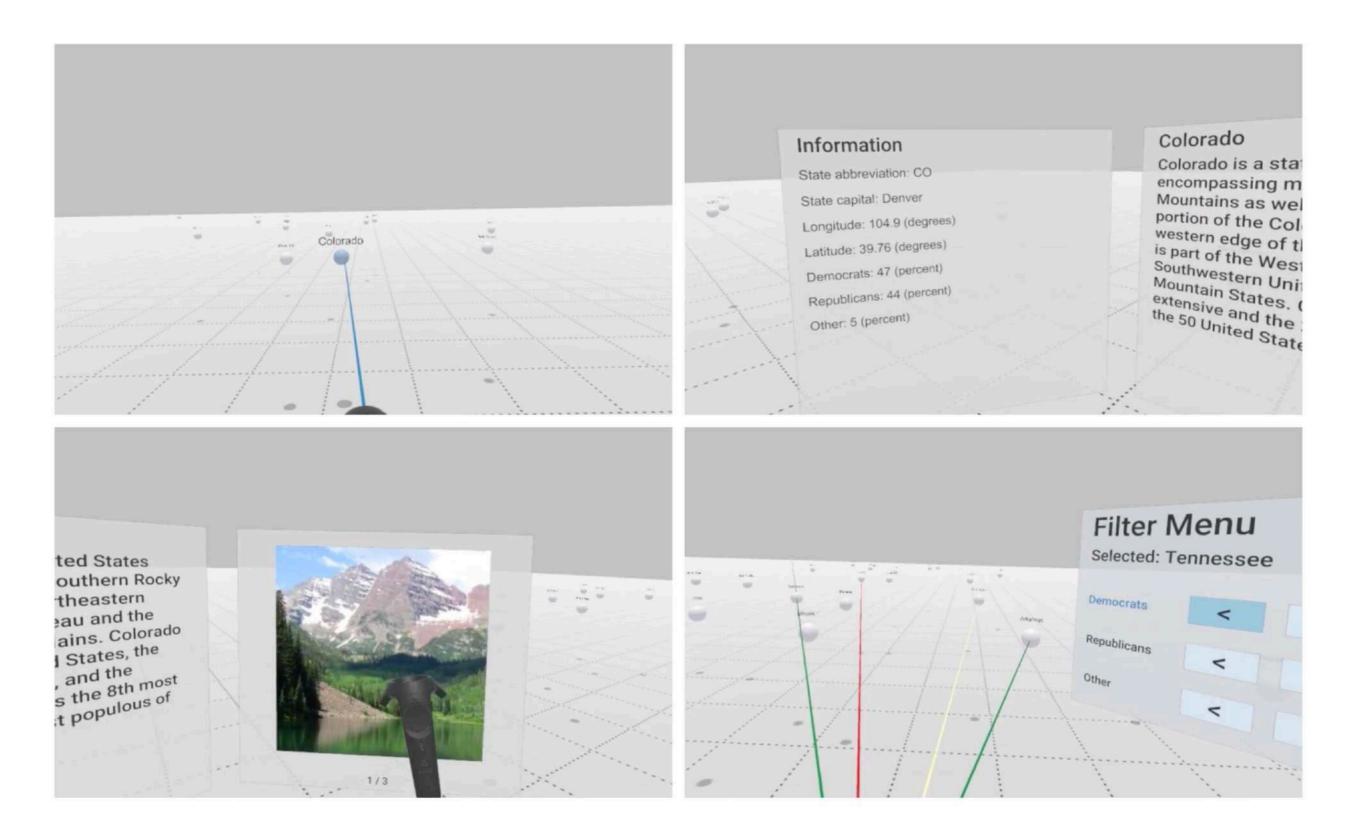








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# Interaction in Virtual Reality: Gaze





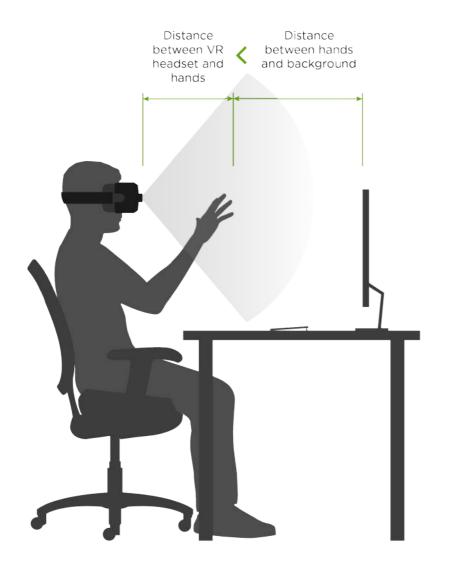
# Interaction in Virtual Reality: Gamepad

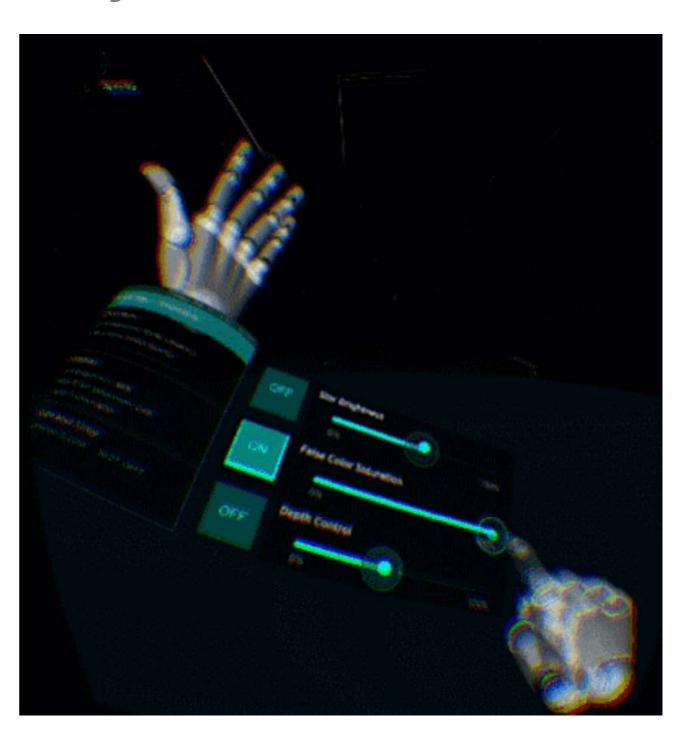




# Interaction in Virtual Reality: Motion controls



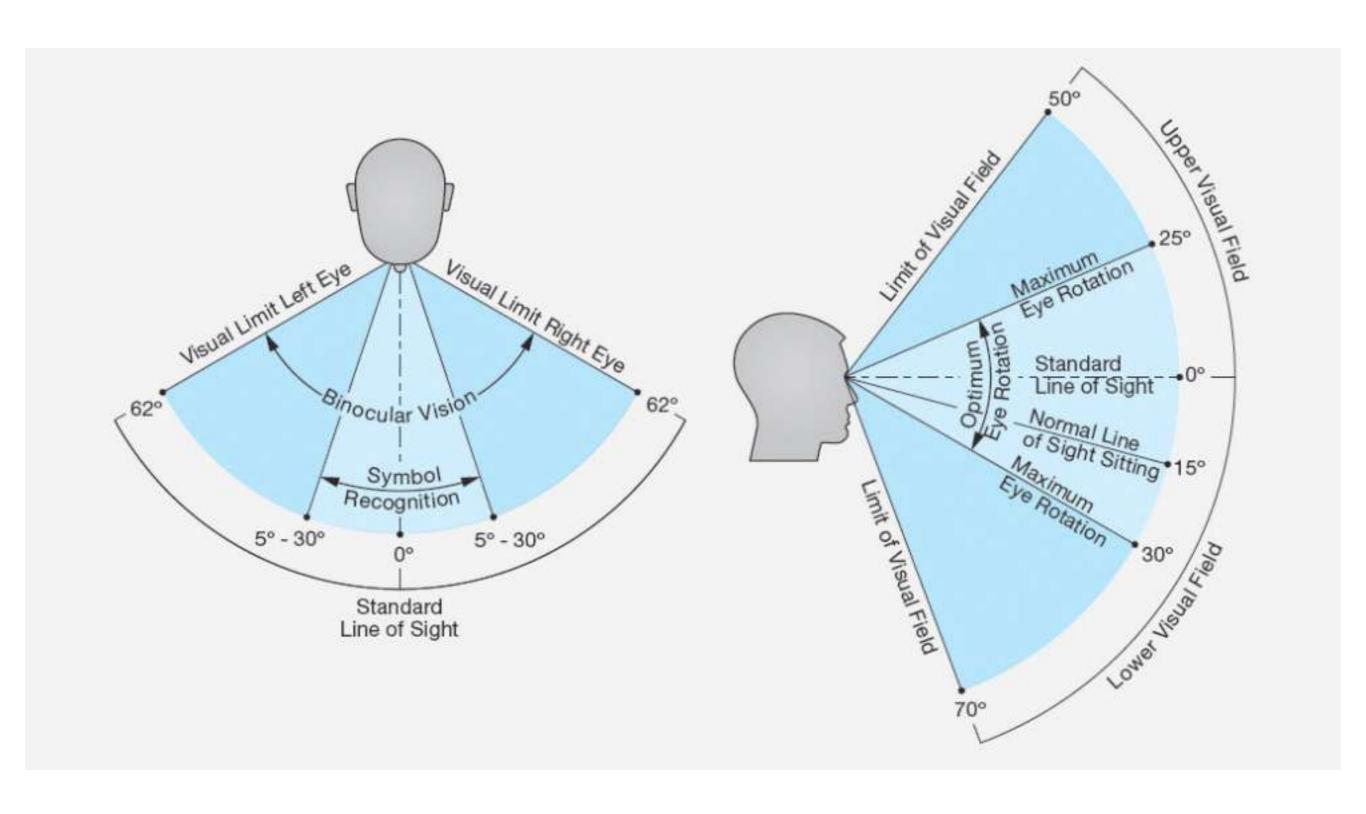




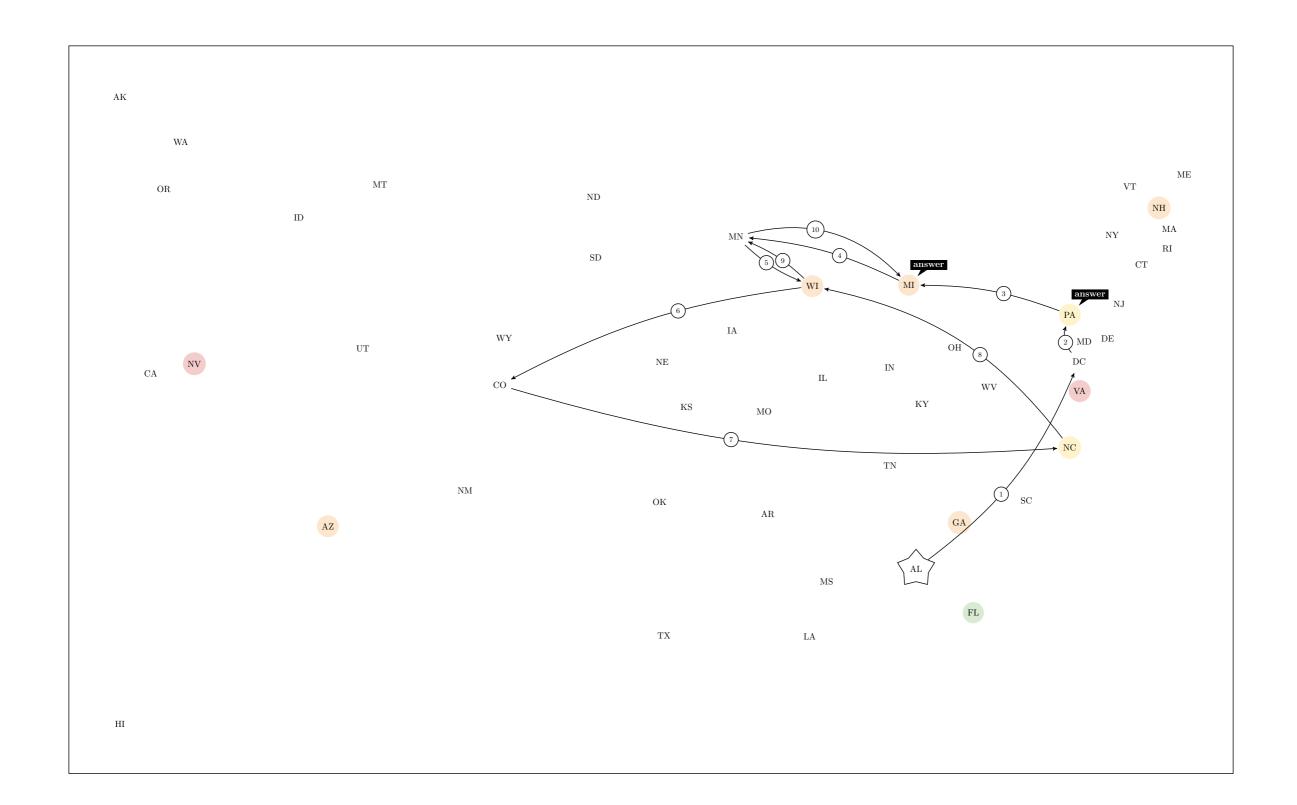
# Interaction in Virtual Reality: Room-scale VR



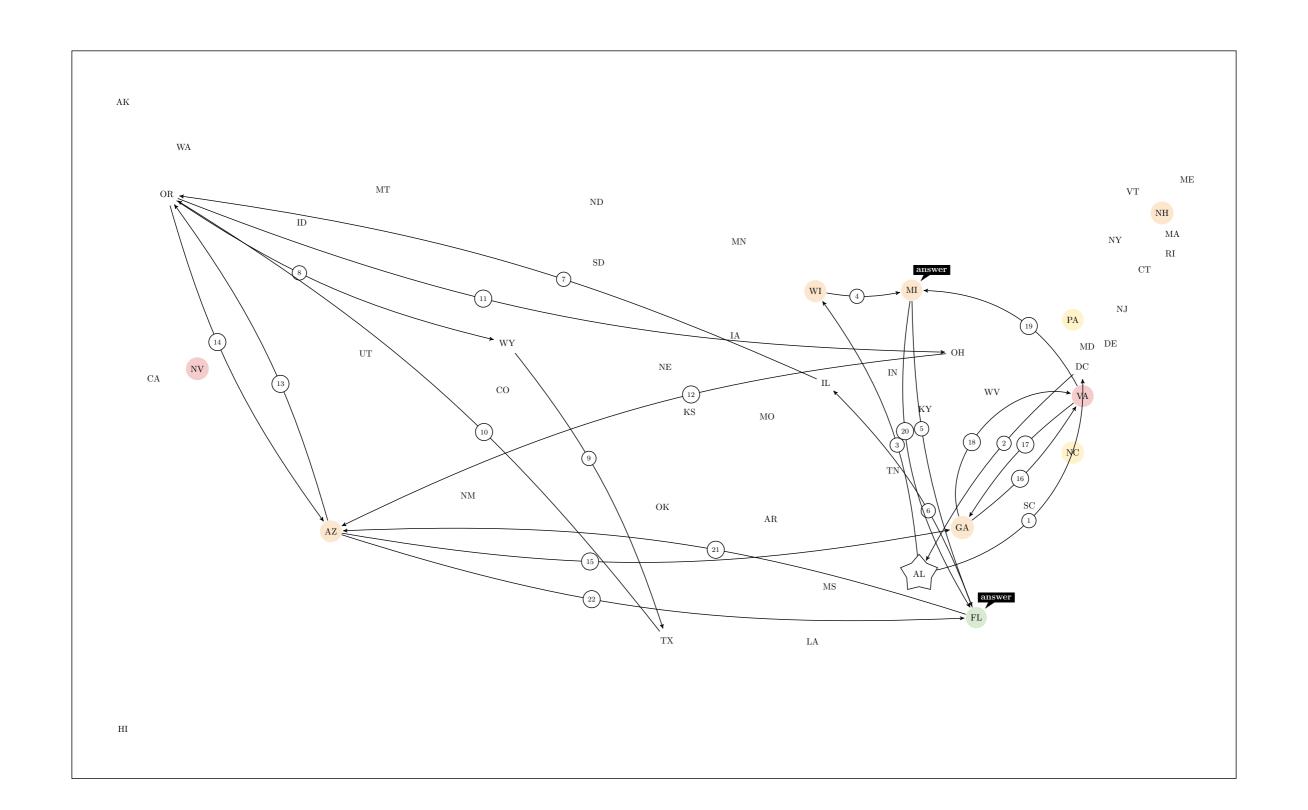
# Understanding the human vision



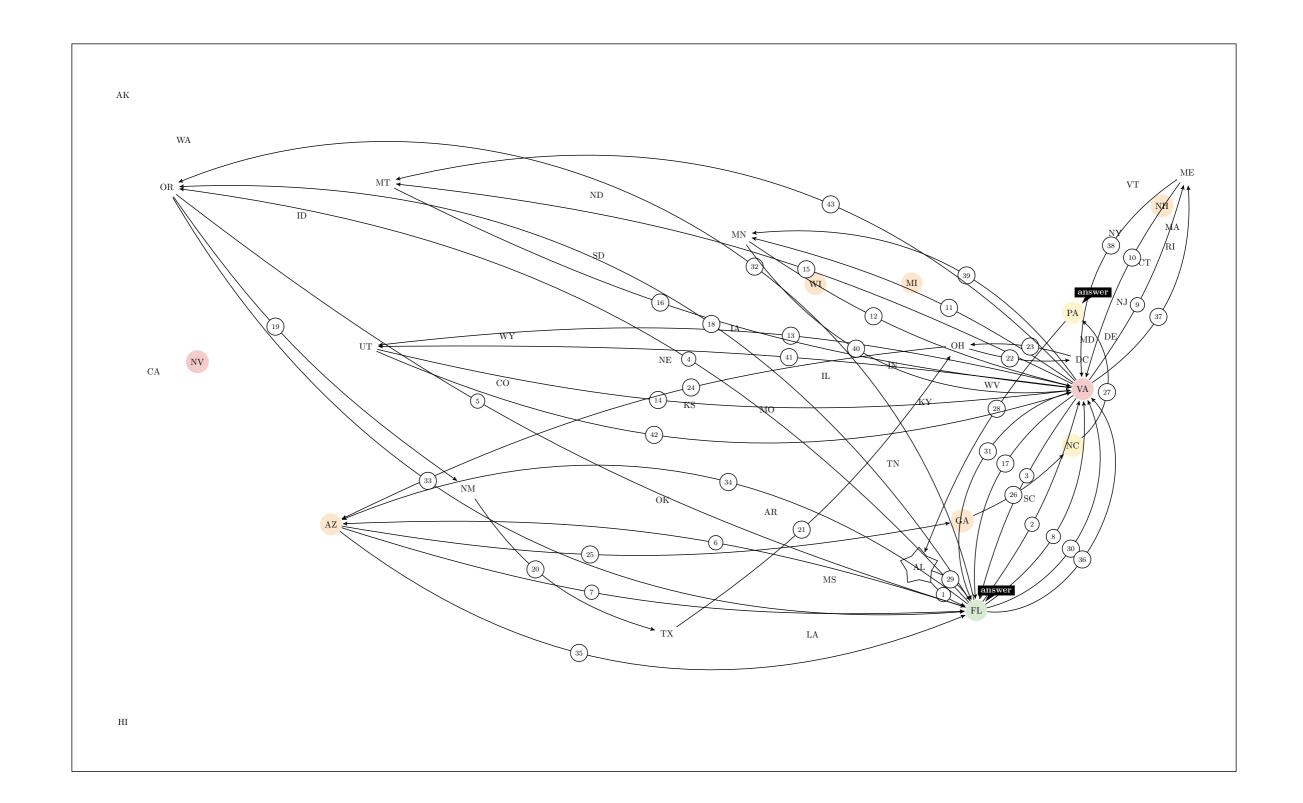
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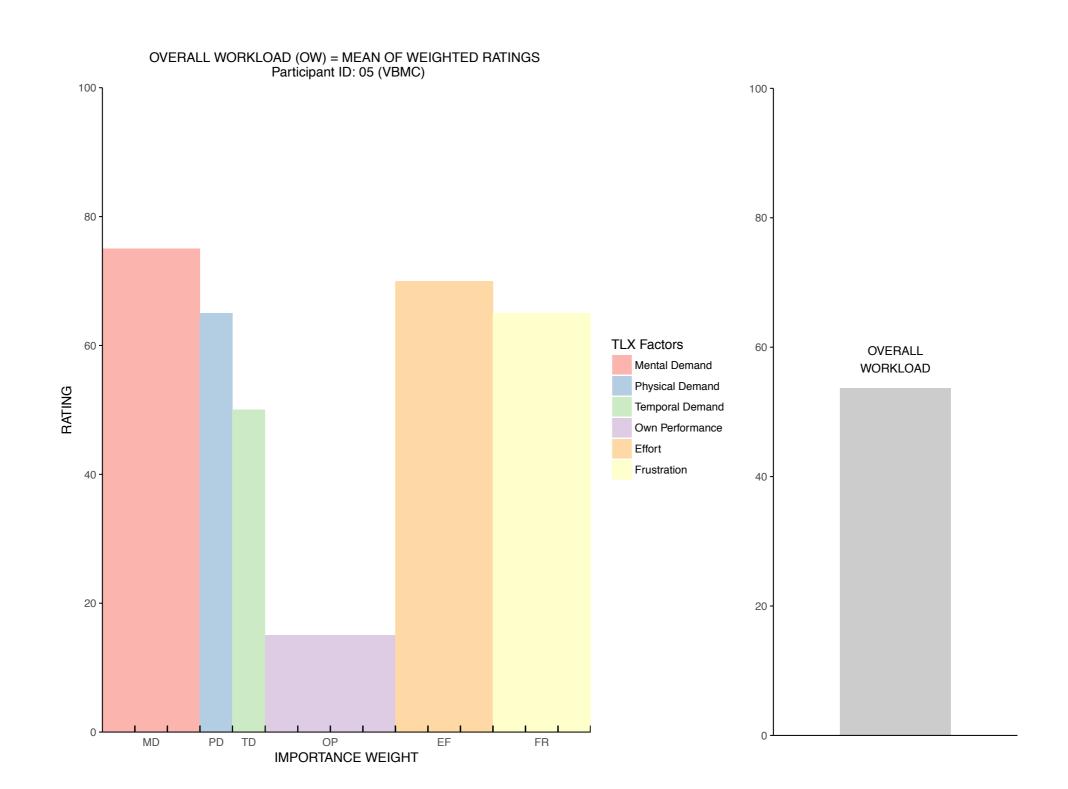
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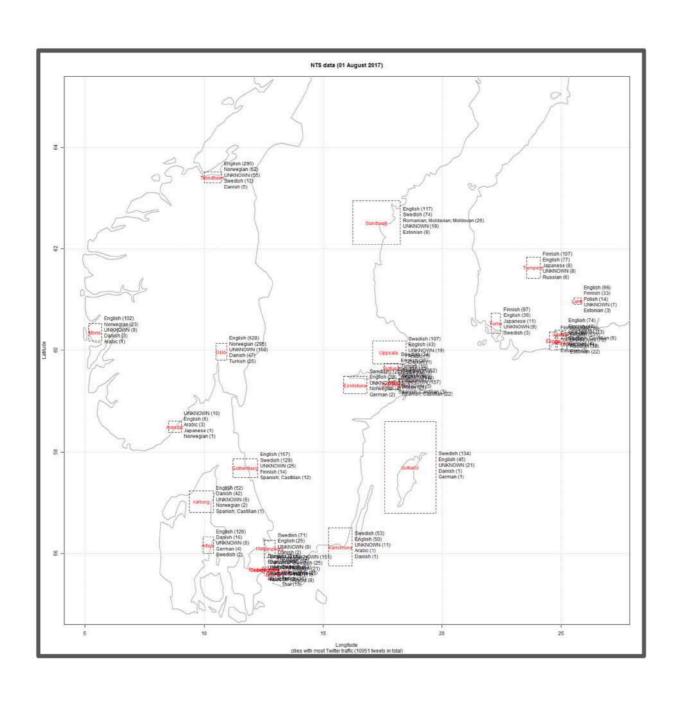
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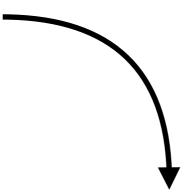


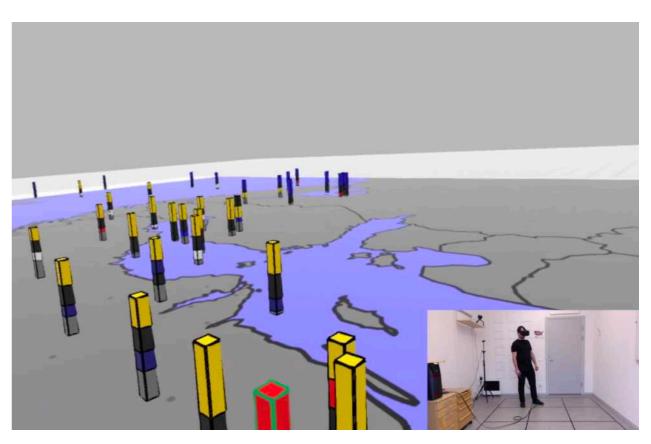
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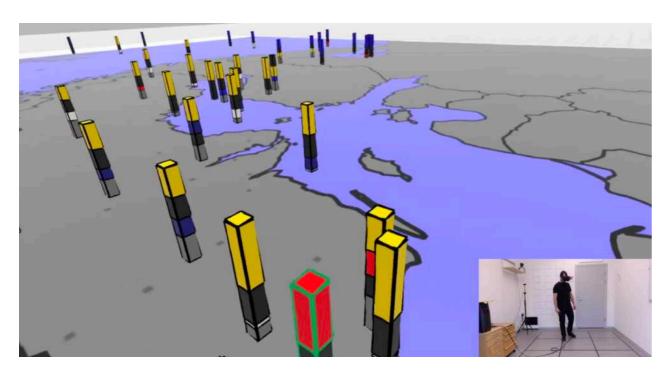
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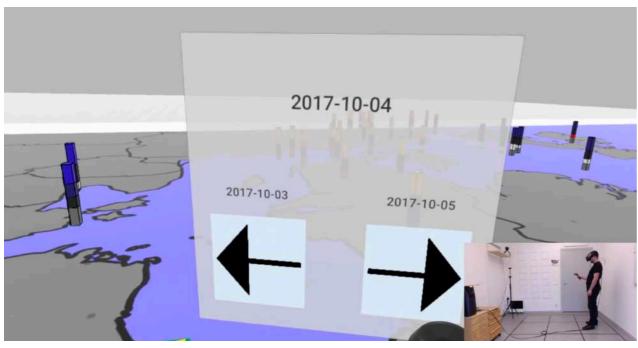


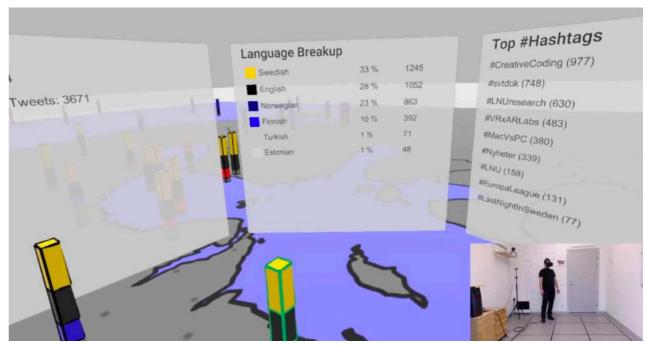




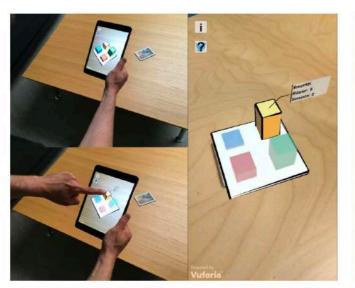
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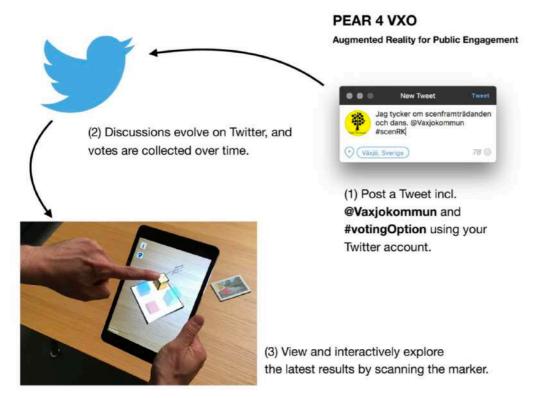


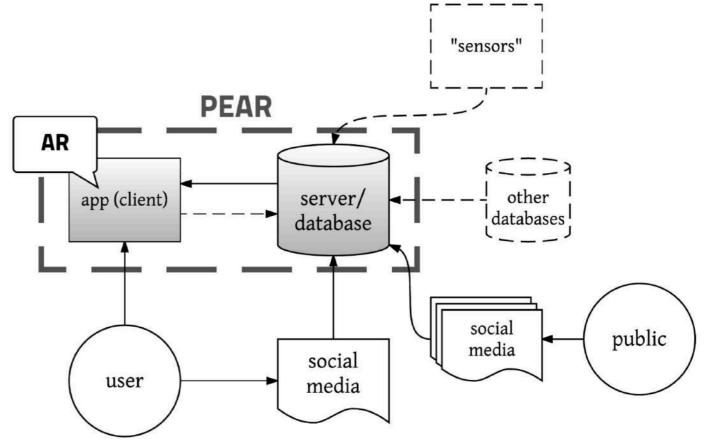


## Augmented Reality to engage with the public



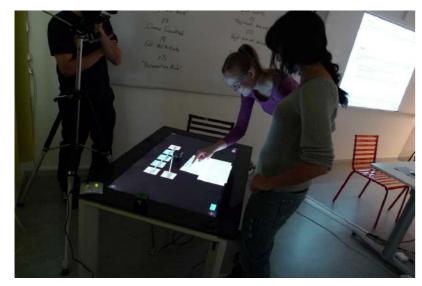






#### How come we started to do research?



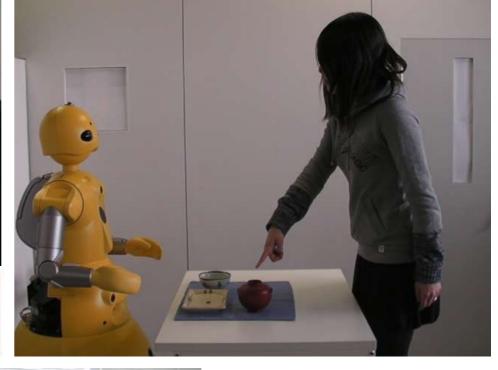














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