Development of Augmented Reality Technology for Nuclear Criticality Safety Applications

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#### Overview

- Augmented Reality (AR) Systems
- Benefits of AR in a Nuclear Facility
- Goal for AR in Criticality Safety
- Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) AR Work
- Possible Issues
- Future Development





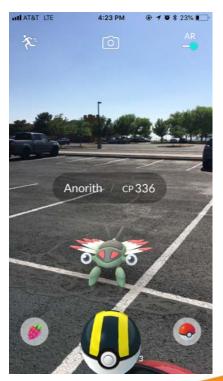


### **AR Systems**

- Superimpose computer images on a user's view of the real world
  - Usually accomplished with a headset or cell phone
- Casual and Commercial Applications
- Various sensor arrays and input techniques can be used











#### **Benefits of AR in Nuclear Facility**



- AR would allow for easy access to:
  - Procedures
  - Safety documentation
  - Material Information (type, mass, location, etc.)
  - Instructional videos
  - Etc.
- Would allow for:
  - Real-time Material tracking
  - AR criticality safety demonstrations and training
  - Viewing of Operations from another location

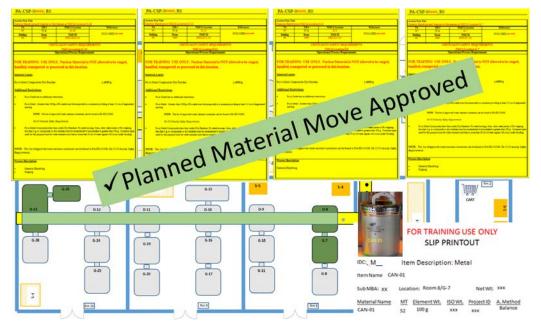




#### **Benefits of AR in Nuclear Facility (Cont.)**

 AR system could assist in planning material moves

System checks proposed move against NCS Requirements of path



Note: The documents and facility layout shown above are fictional and are for training purposes only.





#### **Goal for AR in Criticality Safety**



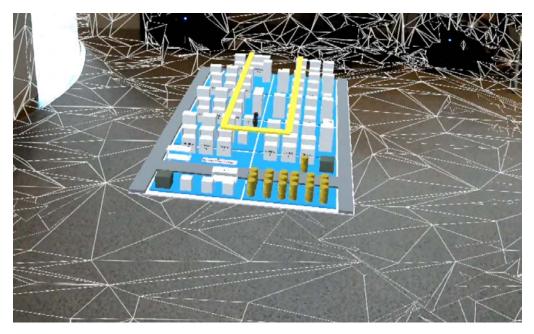
Reduce administrative Criticality Safety violations by augmenting human senses with real-time data.



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### LANL AR Work



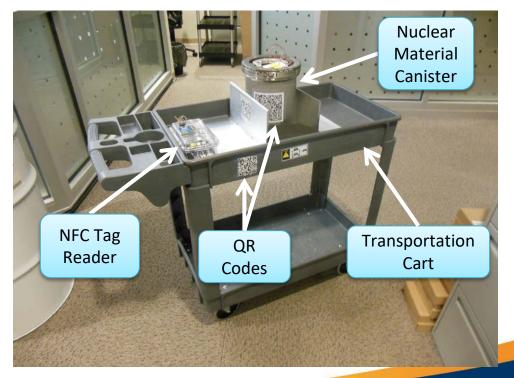




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#### **Smart Infrastructure**

- Developed a Smart Nuclear Infrastructure in a mock facility.
  - HoloLens to interact with facility
  - Quick Response (QR)
    Codes to access
    information
  - Near Field Communication (NFC) tags to identify objects and users



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#### **Demonstration**







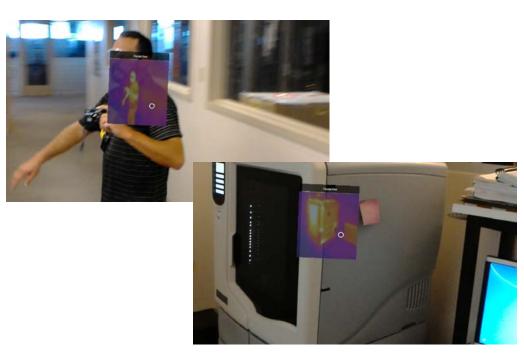
#### **Possible Issues**

- Security Factors
  - Wifi, Bluetooth, Position tracking/logging capabilities, etc.
- Needs to be tested with real gloveboxes
- Abundance of information might be distracting
  - Need to work with human factors specialists in designing display





#### **Future Development**



- Scan glovebox for material heat signatures
- Log and track infrastructure issues
- Tracking of workers and carts within the facility
- Possibilities are endless



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