



Waveguide Optics for All Day Wearable Displays



**Evolution** 

#### Ph.D. – Stereo Shutter, Acoustic 3D Tracked, VR





#### Virtuality - 1993



Virtuality CS1000 – Public Virtual Reality Pod 40DFOV





#### Virtuality - 1995



Virtuality CS2000 – Multi-Player 43DFOV

Virtual Gloves Haptic feedback - \$60k









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#### Virtuality / Atari – Consumer VR System – 1997/1999





#### Consumer, IR Optical Tracking, 40DFOV \$499, Single Panel Duel Lens









All Day Wearable Displays

#### What We Do



Innovative Augmented Reality Display and Sensor Solutions for OEM's



#### **DigiLens Inc.- Technology and Services**



#### **Design Tools**

# Sample / Manufacturing

### **Optical Materials**

# Manufacturing Tools



# DigiLens AeroHUD – First Waveguide HUD in Commercial Service - FAA Certified.

Embraer HUD, EVS certified for Legacy 450, 500 Head-Up Display and Enhanced Vision System awarded FAA/EASA/ANAC certification for Legacy 450 and Legacy 500. October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Digilens HUD - breaks "FOV and Size LIMITATIONS -

## 4x Larger AR - HUD

"Continental Speeds up Evolution of AR Head-up Displays through Strategic Partnership with DigiLens"

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The image reflects off the windscreen

# 6x Smaller Volume Section view

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#### Helmet and Eyeglass Display Drivers – Productivity, Communications and Safety

HMD Types	Platform	Frequency of Use	Task Complexity	Field of View	Oculars	3D Sensing / 3D Display	Eye Tracking
Monocular	Eyeglasses, Helmets & Hardhats	Occasional to All Day	Simple	Small / Medium	Monocular	No	No
Binocular		Occasional	Simple to Moderate	Medium / Wide	Binocular		
Binocular + 3D			Moderate to Complex			Yes	Yes



Monocular Data/Video Viewer



Binocular, Wide FOV, 3DOF Tracked, Data/Video Viewer Interactive



Binocular, 3D, Wide FOV, 6DOF Tracked, Variable Depth of Focus, Foveated Imaging, Data/Video/VR Interactive



Waveguide Technology

#### **DigiLens Optical System in a Waveguide**



- Based on proprietary liquid crystal based nanomaterial.
- Nanoscale diffractive patterns are selectively laser scanned into a waveguide display eyepiece using a proprietary process.
- Many optical functions (IP Cores) can be integrated in thin layers.
- The exposed diffractive patterns, act like transparent mirrors, performing optical functions such as redirecting, input/output light or magnifying the tiny image from a microdisplay chip.
- DigiLens waveguides are also switchable, allowing a full color image to be selectively guided, avoiding color smearing.
- The diffractive patterns are optically printed (not etched):
  - Optical advantage: 100% efficiency and a wider FOV.
  - Manufacturing advantage: lower volume costs.

#### Principles of Switchable Bragg Gratings



Bragg Gratings Vs. Surface Relief : Fundamental Advantages

#### **Surface Relief Gratings**



Surface Relief Gratings limited by-

- · Grating physics.
- Ability to optically isolate layers.
- Higher orders and dispersion.
- Diffraction Angle same for all gratings as determined by  $\Lambda_{
  m s}$
- Key variables: index modulation, thickness, k-vector (K)
- Model using Kogelnik theory (with modifications for birefringence).
- Modelling DigiLens waveguides is a 3D task DigiLens Tools Enable





#### RECIPROCITY

- Diffraction gratings are two way reciprocal devices.
- 99% efficient = Wide FOV and Low Power for mobile
- Reciprocal paths are both 'On Bragg' so supported
- Reciprocal paths ensure stray light is not generated.

#### DigiLens Optical System in a Waveguide – for Helmet or Eyeglasses

#### Waveguide Display

- □ 3mm Glass/Plastic Optic
- □ Low Cost Copy from Master

#### **Custom Printed Patterns**

- Lenses, filters, prisms, pupil expansion
- □ Switching enables RGB color

#### Waveguide Optic

- 92% Transparent
- Eliminates IPD Adjustment





#### **Optical Design Tools**

- DigiLens® CAD tools Design integrated optical waveguide devices
- Support / Training
- Application / Mastering design
- Conceiving / Adapting Optical IP cores
- Economy of form factor & functionality comes from the manipulation of complex wave-guided ray paths in 3D space.
- Major challenge for current software such as ZEMAX, CODEV etc.
- Developing custom tools now compatible with ZEMAX for full optical model design





#### Key IP Cores for AR Displays





#### **Multiplexed Gratings**



**Fold Gratings** 





MonoHUD – Wearable

#### VR Training and Simulation - 1998

#### Kawasaki – Motorcycle Simulator





#### 2017 – Product Launch of DigiLens MotoHUD



DigiLens MotoHUD™ AR Motorcycle Helmet "Reference Design"

#### Press Reviews from CES Demo

"BMW made a motorcycle helmet that builds in the best parts of Google C The VERGE, Jacob Kastrenakes, January 9, 2016



"BMW HUD Helmet Uses Top-Notc." DigiLens Technology" Autoevolution, Florin Tibu, January 7, 2016

"BMW Just Debuted a Sci-Fi Motorcycle Helmet" Fortune, John Gaudiosi, January 7, 2016

"DigiLens helmet adds augmented reality view for motorcyclists" Mashable, Adario Strange, January 6, 2016

"More Details On BMW's Motorcycle Helmet HUD" Motorcycle.com, Dennis Chung, January 6, 2016

<sup>6/23/2017</sup> AR Motorcycle Display – Instruments/Mapping/Communications/Performance

#### Why are AR HUDs Safer?



#### **MonoHUD Specification**

Design Parameter	Current Reference Design Specification
Field of View	AR Display 40° Diagonal; User unobscured FOV 105°
Focal Distance	7.5m - Infinity
Eye Box Size	16 mm V x 10 mm H (18.9 mm diagonal).
Image Resolution	WVGA (854 x 480).
Eye Relief	30 mm (Compatible with Eyeglass Use)
Inter-pupillary Distance (IPD)	Nominally 64 mm. Small IPD adjustment provided.
Colour	Full Color RGB
Brightness (at Eye Box)	10,000 nits (maximum); 10 nits (minimum)
Sequential Contrast	>150:1 (design goal: > 200:1).
Solar Flare	No glare from sunlight/external light sources in eye box.
Operational Temperature	-20C - +80C.
HUD Substrate Thickness	3 mm.
Image Projector Size	20 mm x 20 mm x 10 mm.



#### Solving Ergonomics for Regulations



#### **Telematics and Personal Assistant Enabled Applications**



Navigation and tracking location of other riders



Engine and bike maintenance



Phone calls



Highlight potential hazards



Speed and navigation



Night vision

#### MotoHUD for Motorcycling



#### **SnowHUD for Snow Sports**



#### **BikeHUD for Cycling**



#### MonoHUD – Universal, low cost AR display, for multiple applications





Emerging AR HUD Standards

<b>AR HUD Function</b>	Specification	DigiLens AR HUD		
Field of View	85 deg. Horizontal and Vertical.	Design scalable from current 40° to 80-90°.		
	3D view; both eyes full overlapping.			
	Automatic adjustment of IPD			
	No obscuration of peripheral vision (side & up/down)			
Resolution	1920x1080	Design scalable from current 854 x 480.		
Color	Full color	Prototyping in 2017.		
Refresh Rate	120Hz	Compliant.		
Eye Tracker	Integrated for software user interface commands	Prototyping in 2017.		
Brightness	High visibility (easy to read) display in full ambient light.			
	Brightness adjustment full ambient/dark in 1 s.			
Wearabilty	Head worn weight not to exceed 125 grams.	Currently integrated in production motorcycle		
(Comfort)	Temperature on user skin not exceeding 35C.	helmet.		
	Support for prescription lenses.			



#### Emerging AR Requirements (Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute (DMDII))

<b>AR HUD Function</b>	Specification	DigiLens AR HUD
Environmental	0-50C operation	Compliant.
	IP64f standard compliant.	
Safety	Both intrinsically safe certified & non-intrinsically safe products options.	Expected to comply.
	Meeting OSHA and MSHA requirements for safety glasses.	Eyetracker uses eye safe
	Optional side shield safety requirement compliance.	sources.
Visual Tracking	AR objects scaled and anchored to the physical world.	Partners to develop.
	AR object position accuracy to within + 5mm.	Expected to comply.
	Capable of scanning QR code (2"x2") from of 5 ft. from +60° off axis.	
Battery Life	Typically, 12 hours minimum	Expected to comply.
Connectivity	Bluetooth wireless and Wi-Fi wireless 802.11 standard.	Partners to develop.
		Expected to comply.
Inputs/Outputs	GPS; Bluetooth Mouse/ Touch Pad; Bluetooth button	Partners to develop.
	Independent device for pointer control	Expected to comply.
	Wireless microphone (directional), active noise cancelling, safe: 0-50C.	
	Sound (wired/wireless)	



