

SPIE 2021 Industry Talks, Part 1

Ultra-compact displays to enable the AR glasses mass market

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Speakers have gone personal. Displays are next!





Hearables
[electronic in-ear-devices / smart headphones, enabled by True Wireless Stereo technology]

Worldwide Hearables annual shipments estimates and forecasts (m units) 1



1) Data generated by TriLite based on main sources from (1) IDC , Worldwide Wearables Market Forecast Sep '20 & (b) IDC, Shipments of Wearable Devices Mar '20



Worldwide HMD annual shipments estimates and forecasts (m units) ²



2) Data generated by TriLite based on main sources from (a) IDC Worldwide Quarterly AR and VR Headset Tracker, Mar '20 , (b) DigiCap Report 2019 & (c) Grand View Research Jun 2020

Our Vision!





Everyone enjoys augmented vision as lightweight as the eyewear of today.



We design and build the world's smallest projection displays based on our proprietary hardware and software laser beam scanning (LBS) technology.

Key requirements for always-on eyewear!



End User





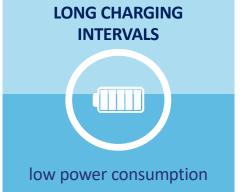


OEM

End User

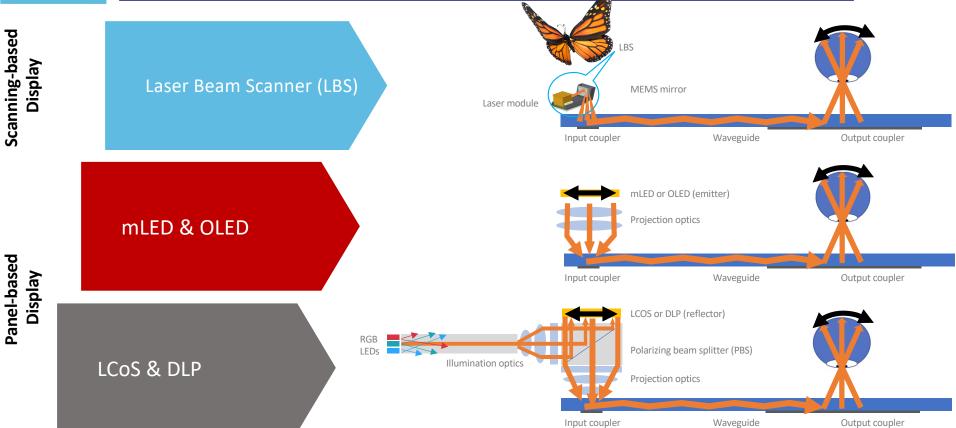






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OEM: Need a display with small size & low weight



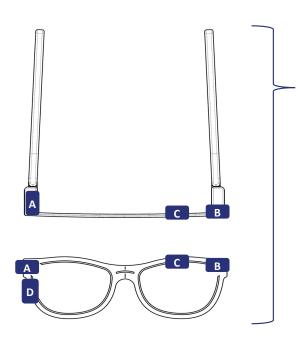
For details: see SPIE 2021, Paper 11765-7, Noui et al., Laser beam scanner and combiner architectures



End User: Need AR glasses which are stylish and cool to wear



OEM: Need a display that is easy to integrate into different glass types



- Fitting adaptability to different combiners and position
- Fitting to meet face wrap and pantoscopic tilt requirements for different combiners
- Adaptable to monocular and binocular displays.



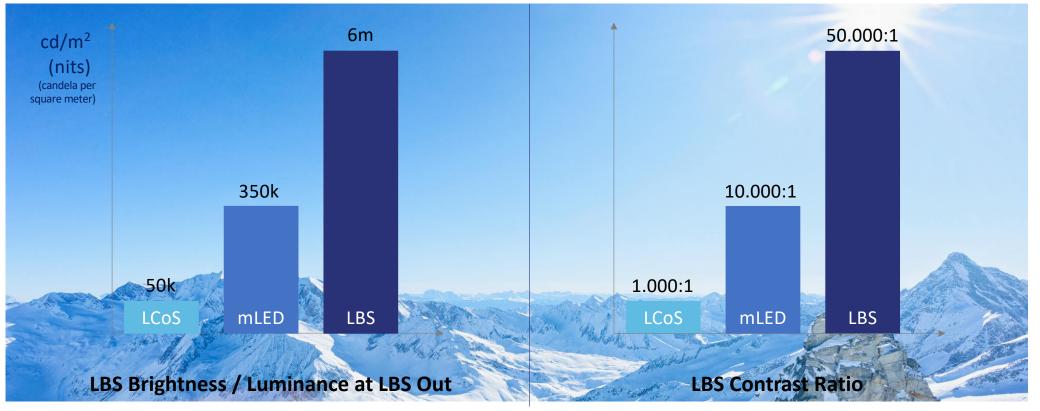
Various integration geometries for LBS displays



End User: Need AR glasses which work also on really sunny days

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OEM: Need a display with outstanding brightness & high contrast

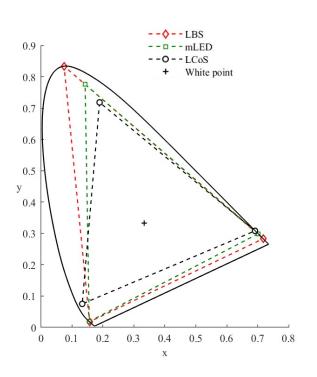




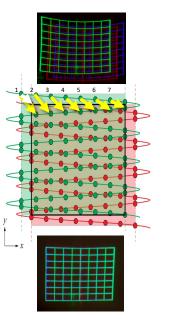
End User: Need AR glasses with full range of colors and real life geometries

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OEM: Need a display with high color gamut & without distortion



LBS color gamut

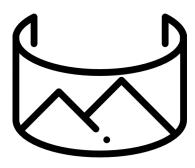


correct image distortion by using advanced calibration algorithms

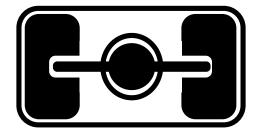
LBS can

LBS distortion correction

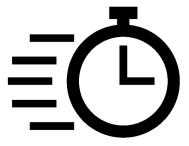
OEM: Need a display with high FOV, high refresh rate & low latency



LBS allows ultra high FOV since projection optics can be eliminated and since the resulting FOV is limited only by the combiner optics



LBS allows high refresh rates through advanced pixel painting algorithms and high speed MEMS mirror design and its optimum integration



The perceived latency of LBS is significantly lower than panel based displays due to high speed scanning



End User: Need AR glasses with a long runtime



OEM: Need a display with low power consumption



- Laser diodes convert electrical current into photons with very high efficiency, further optimization can be achieved by driving the laser diodes in a smart way taking the low-power MEMS mirror characteristics into account (e.g. pulse shapes)
- Minimization of optical elements in the beam path (e.g. no projection optics) optimizes the efficiency
- Laser light is highly polarized (for combiners where it matters)

LBS allows ultra-low power consumption

Our outlook for upcoming LBS devices optimized for AR user experience







Weight:

< 1.5 g



Volume:

 $< 1 cm^{3}$



Power Consumption:

< 500 mW





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Brightness (at Laser Beam Scanner out):

> 15 lm

Brightness (at waveguide out):

> 3000 nits



Field of View (at > 90 Hz Refresh rate):

> 50°



Thank you for joining this session - we are looking forward to talking to you!

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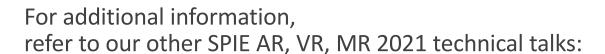
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World's Smallest Projection Display