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# Art, Technology, Business, and Health Aspects of 3D

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# How We Experience Depth in the Real World

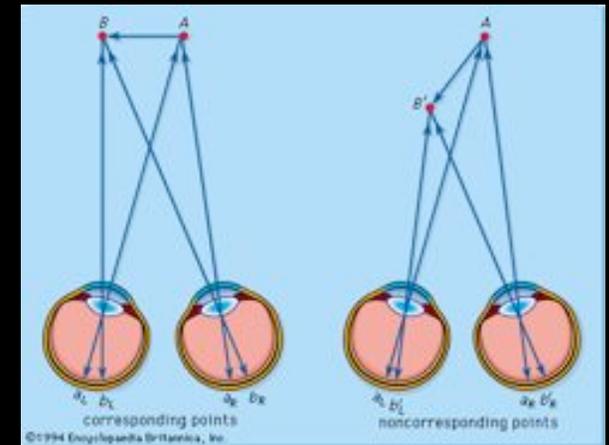
Monocular



Motion



Binocular



Balance and other sensory input

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# How We Experience Depth in Stereoscopic 3D

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*“Visual-vestibular conflict”*

Balance and other sensory input

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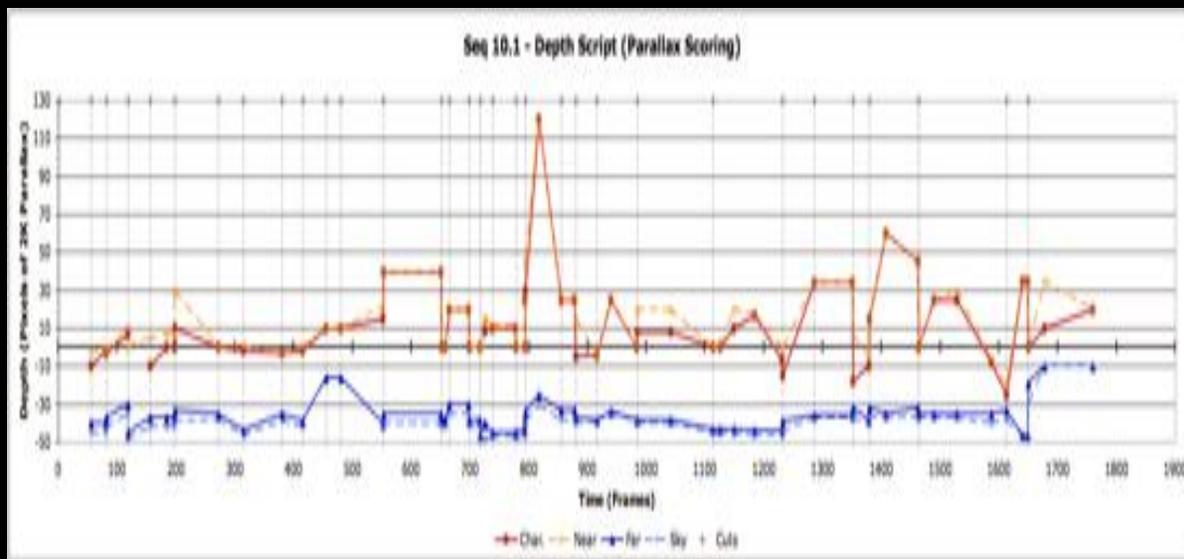
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# Planning

- How will 3D affect storytelling?
- The 3D “Look”
- Production Design
- Depth Scripting

# Art of S3D

Some new 3D tools and techniques will emerge

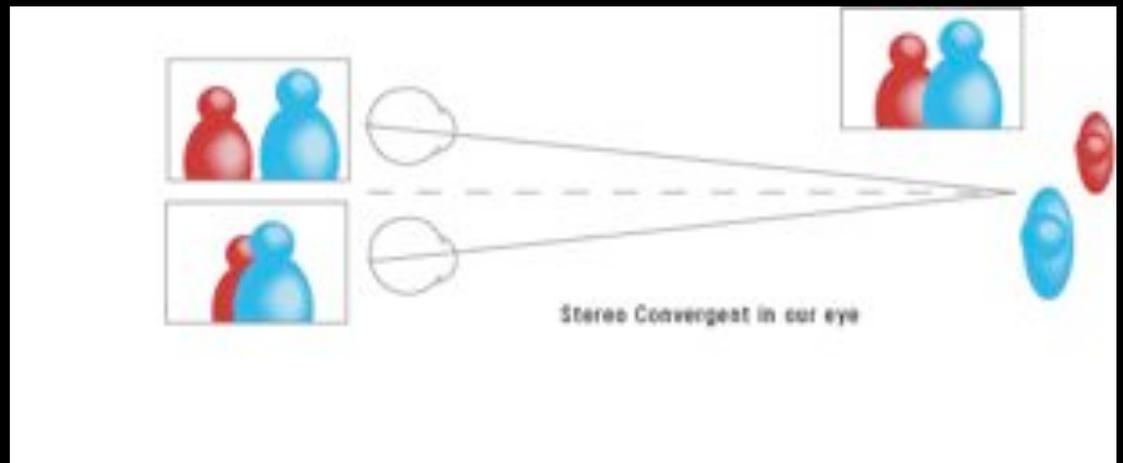
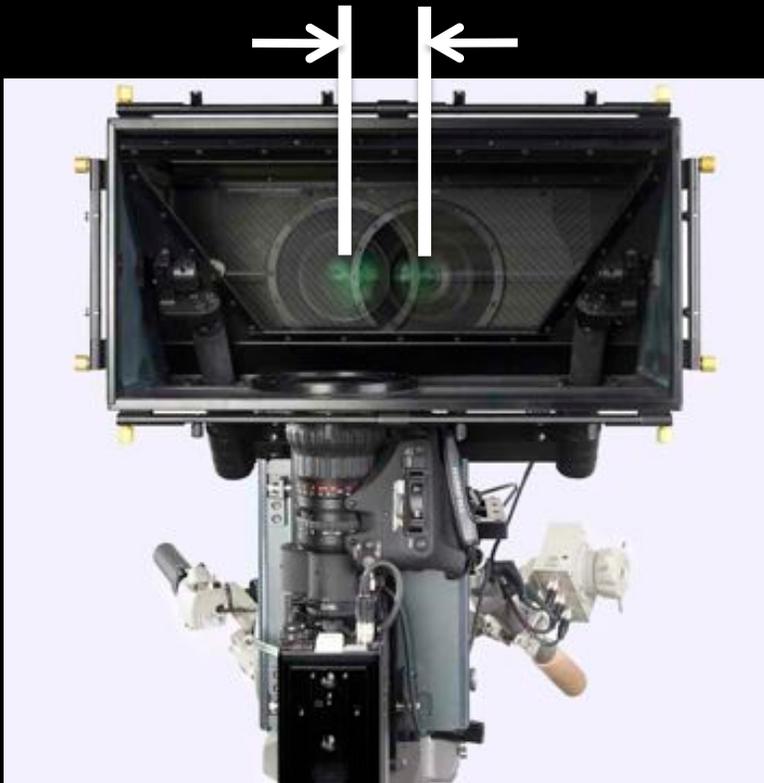


depth script



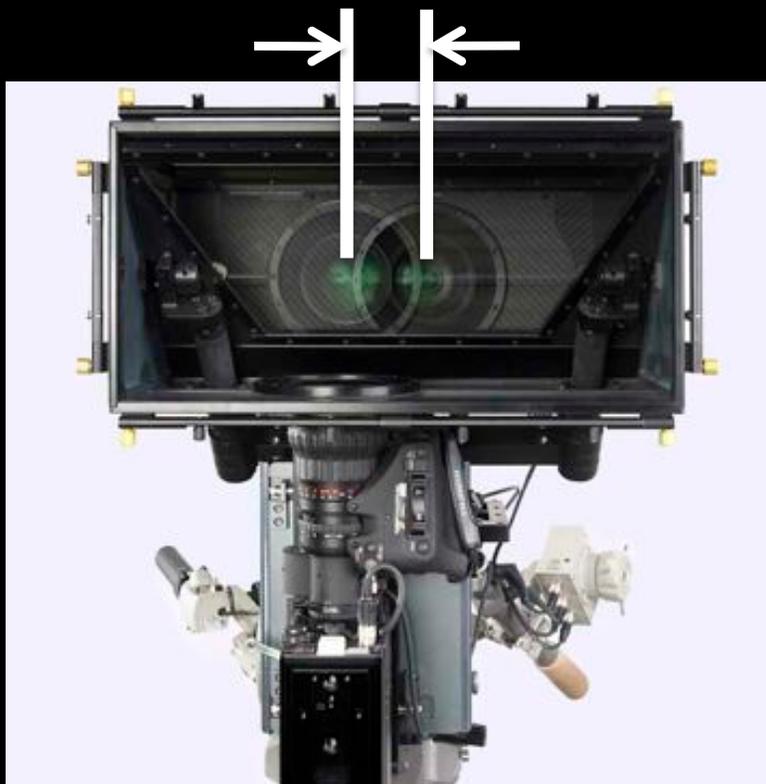
3D Previsualization

# Interaxial Distance and Convergence



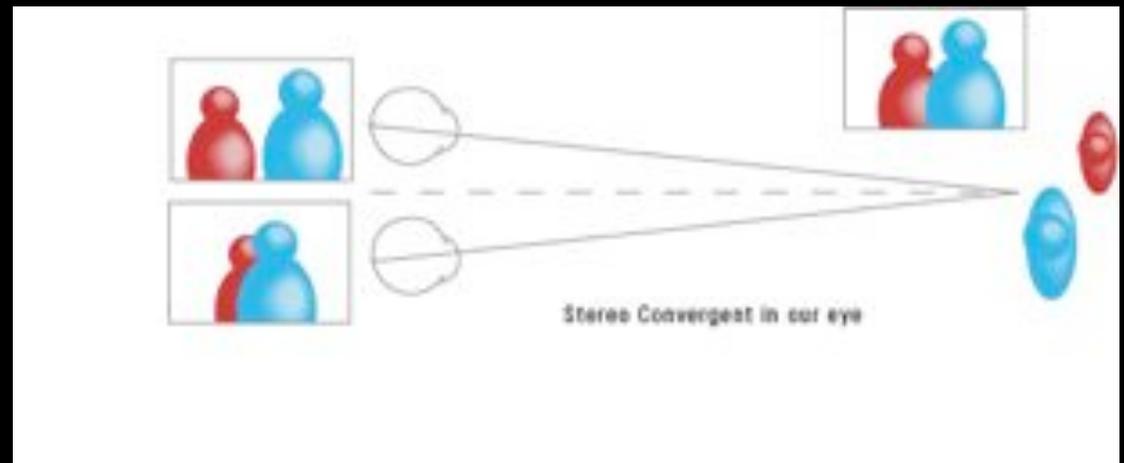
- Two key factors that define...
- What you see
  - How much you can change later

# Interaxial Distance and Convergence



Too wide – tiny people  
Too narrow - giants

# Interaxial Distance and Convergence



IMAX – Parallel

Avatar – Converged on object of interest

Pirates of Carribean – Parallel, then converged in dailies

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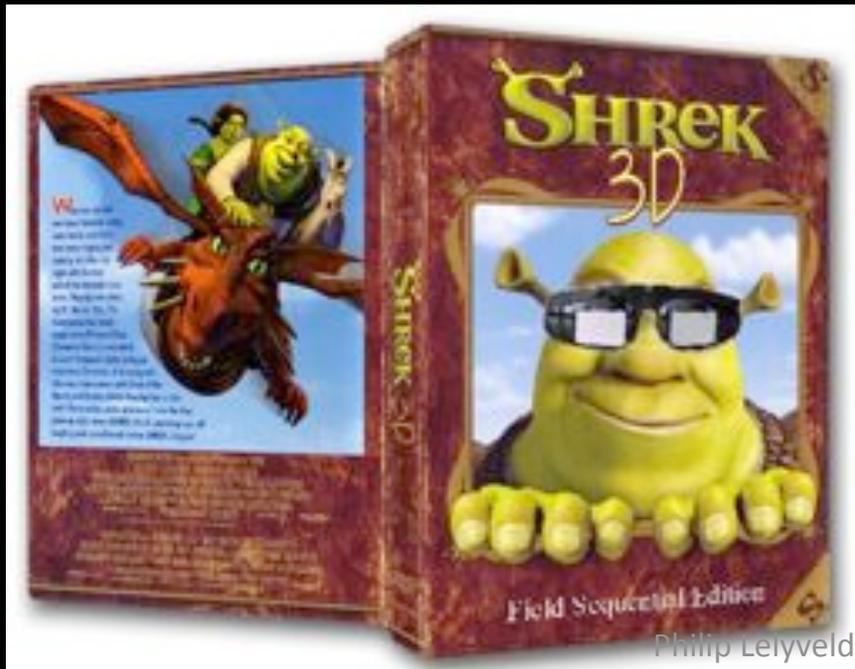
# Content Creation

1. Computer Generated Images (CGI)
2. Live Action (2 image)
  - Prerecorded
  - Real time
3. 2D-to-3D conversion



# Computer Generated Images (CGI)

- Everything is controlled
- No alignment issues



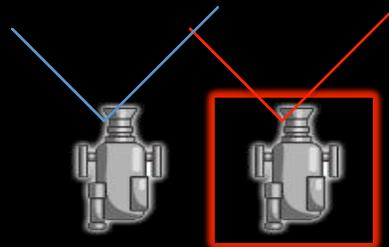
# Games (the other CGI 3D)

- Adjustable S3D

3D Model



Base Camera



Right Camera  
created by 3D driver

# Games (the other CGI 3D)

- Adjustable S3D

- Average gamer is 34 years old
- Average gamer has been playing for 12 years
- 40% are now women (they prefer social games)

Source: Craig Allen, CEO, Spark Unlimited, 12/10 conversation

- Call of Duty: Black Ops- \$650M in first 5 days
- 50 3D games coming to PS3
- Nintendo 3DS may drive consumer adoption of 3D

# Live Action

- Two cameras or camera pairs
- Alignment issues



Beam splitter



Side by side

# Art of S3D

Sports and live action are driving the learning curve

Camera development

Cutting among cameras

Scores, captioning, visual tools



# 2D to 3D Conversion Quality/Cost Tradeoff

Real-Time  
2D to 3D Conversion



Non-Real-Time  
2D to 3D Conversion

- Painters
- Human hands



Native 3D

- Two  
Cameras



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*Conflicting depth cues*

# 2D to 3D Conversion Quality/Cost

## Real Time 2D-3D Conversion

3D Eye Solutions  
3D Mention Media  
ArcSoft  
CyberLink  
DDD  
e-MDT  
Enhanced Chip Technologies  
Inc  
HD Logic  
Himax Technologies  
Marvell  
Mercury Systems  
Panasonic (JVC)  
Quartics  
Sensio  
Sonic Solutions  
Stergen (Vizrt)  
Toshiba  
Trident Microsystems  
Wistron

## Non-Real Time 2D-3D Conversion

DDD  
In-Three  
Legend Films  
Passmore Labs  
Prime Focus  
Sassoon Film Design  
Stereo Pictures

Conversion is continuous 3D.  
You can control everything.  
- Phil McNally

# 3D Postproduction Workflow

1. Planning/Managing
2. Input/Output
3. Editorial
4. Color
5. Depth/Convergence Adjustment
6. Distortion/Disparity Fixing
7. Conversions/Transcodes
8. Visual FX/Graphics
9. Screenings/Playout

Metadata

what metadata matters?

Color Depth

16 bit? 10 bit?

Frame Rate

24 fps? 48 fps? 60i

Interaxial Distance  
and Convergence  
information

# 3D Postproduction Workflow

Technical choices of what information gets passed through the workflow will impact the design of consumer devices and 3D experiences!

Metadata  
what metadata matters?

Color Depth  
16 bit? 10 bit?

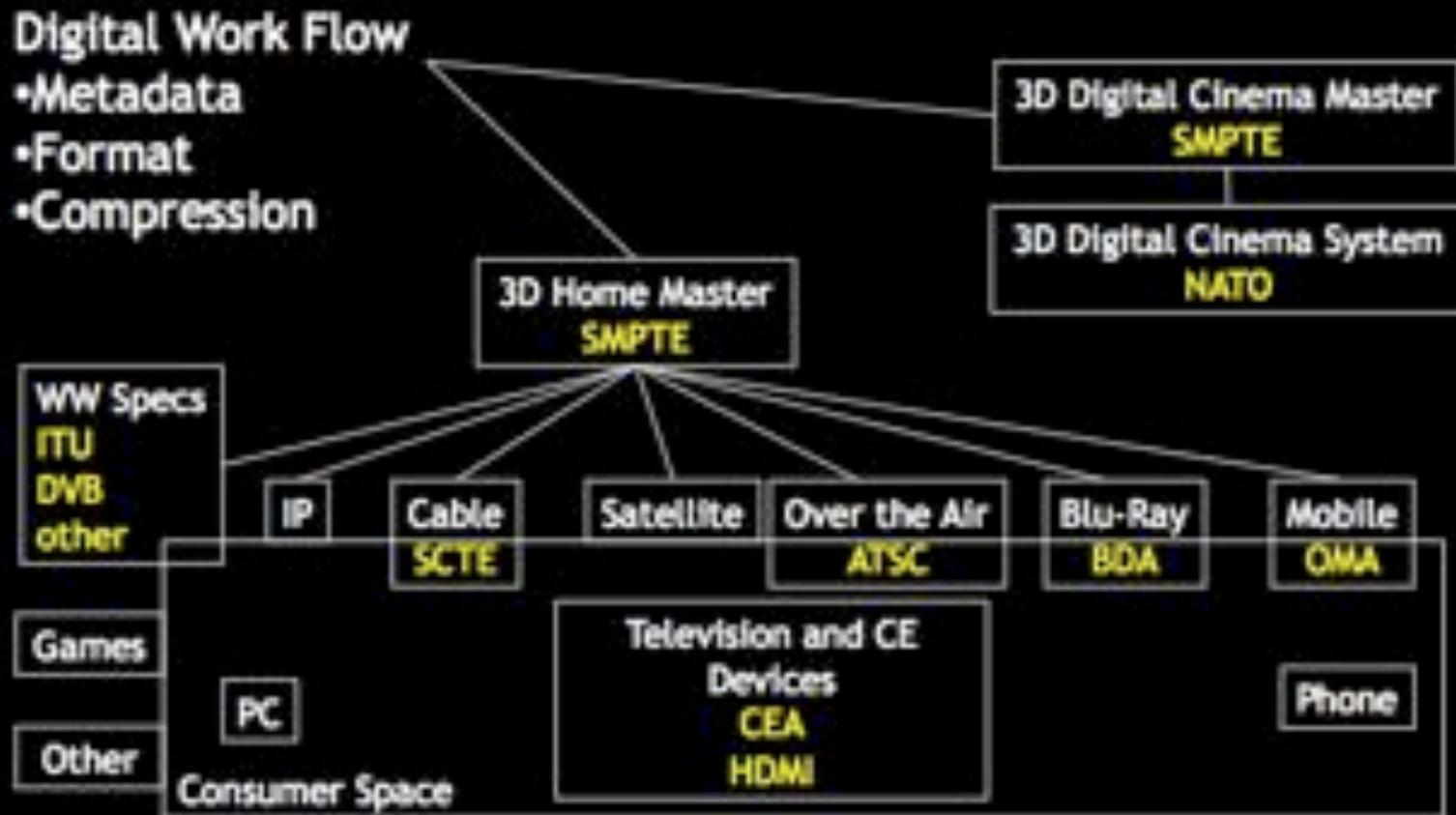
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Investment  
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# Standards Bodies

Working on 3D-related technical specifications



## Standards related to 3D

DVB (Europe/global)

- transmission specs
- subtitle/closed caption specs
- indicating 2D / 3D available

SMPTE (global)

- subtitles / captions / overlays
- home master metadata
- home master image

MPEG Industry Forum  
3D TV vocabulary

CEA (US/global)

- eyewear signaling
- HDMI transport
- closed caption

ITU (global)

- frame compatible vs 2D+depth

# Standardization can come about thru:

- Standards bodies
- **Market power and strategic alliances**
- Grassroots movements

Ex. MP3

- Convenience over quality
- Community-driven open architecture solution when industry did not offer an interoperable solution

# Shooting 3D - Lessons learned



Telephoto  
≠  
Close-up



Close-up  
becomes  
Big-up



Sight lines

# The Emerging Language of 3D

## **End Game:**

To transition 3D  
from a special effect  
to a key resource in the storyteller's tool kit

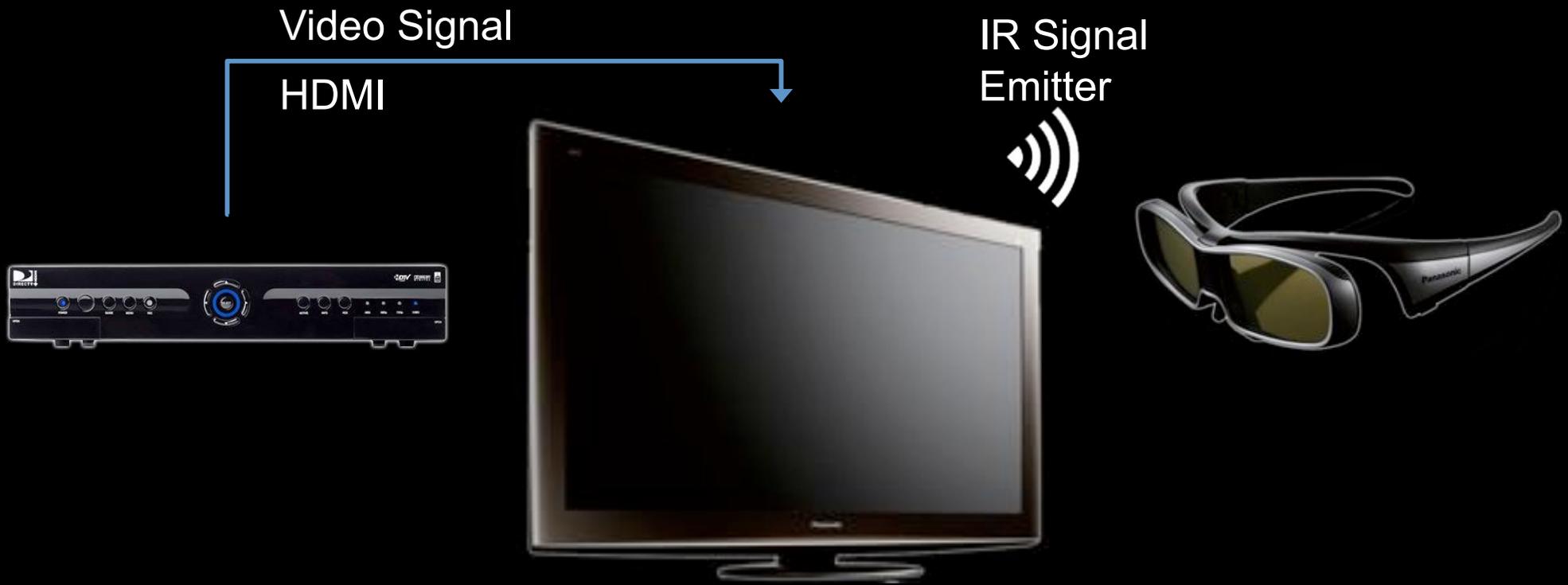


As the audience learns the conventions,  
the language of 3D will evolve

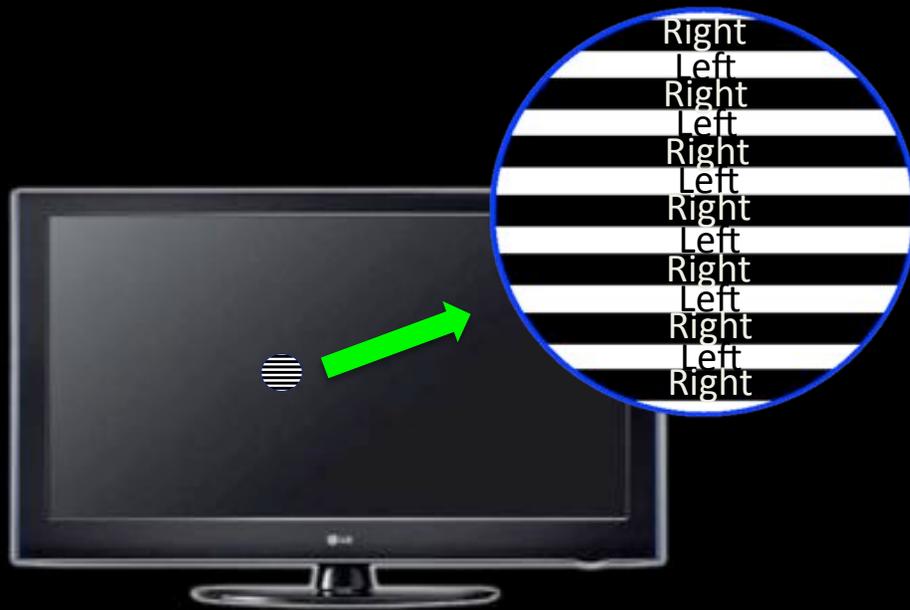
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# Active Shutter



# Polarized



Low-cost glasses

# 3 Legs of the Stool

Movies



Sports/  
Live Events

Games

# D Choices

Glasses-free



Head Mounted Display



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Glasses-free

# Consumer 3D

TVs, laptops, phones,  
handheld games



Pleasant **buying** experience comes before  
a pleasant **viewing** experience

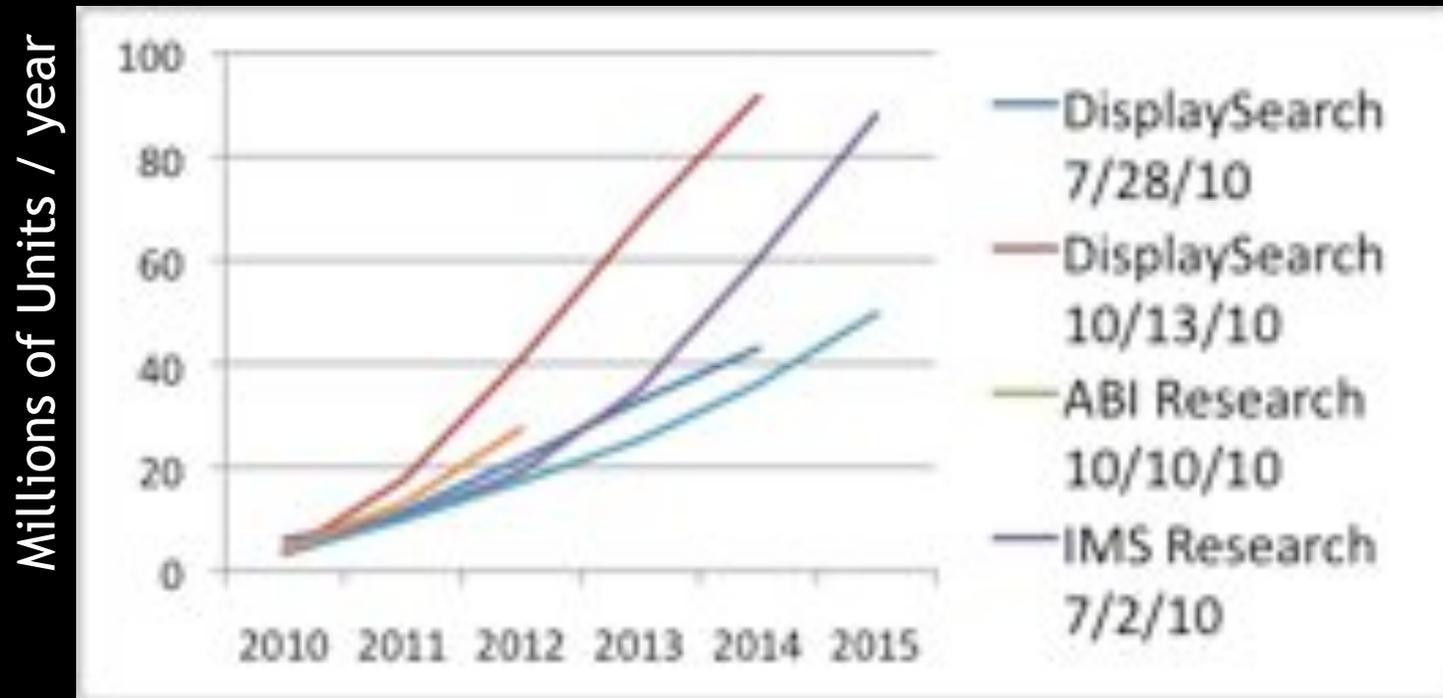
# Selling 3D at Retail



## Key concerns

- Consumer & Salesforce education
  - Consistency of messaging
  - Simplify
- Compelling demo (movies, sports, games)
- Interoperability / standardization (glasses)

# Worldwide 3D TV Forecast

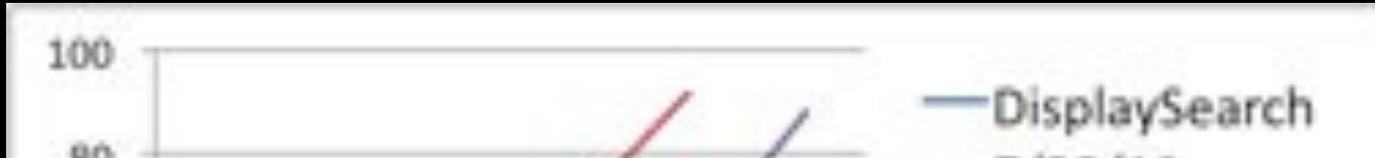


3.2M to 6.2M 3D TVs sold in 2010

50M to 88M 3D TVs sold in 2015

# Worldwide 3D TV Forecast

year



## TV Makers get bad reception for 3D

Source: Wall Street Journal

December 19, 2010

**Tagged to move** | Prices of 3-D TVs are falling to spur demand

	<b>SHARP</b>	<b>Panasonic</b>	<b>LENSUM</b>	<b>LG</b> Ultra-LED	<b>SONY</b>	<b>TOSHIBA</b>
Model:	60-inch Aquos Quattron 3-D TV	65-inch Vera plasma 3-D TV	65-inch 8000-series 3-D LED TV	55-inch Infra 3-D LED TV	60-inch Bravia NX800 3-D TV	55-inch 3-D LED TV
Suggested retail price:	\$5,299	\$4,299	\$5,999	\$5,400	\$4,699	\$3,299
Lowest price on Best.com:	\$3,095	\$3,619	\$3,398	\$2,291	\$3,395	\$1,579
Difference in price:	42%	16%	43%	58%	28%	52%

Note: These models were released in 2010. Source: WSJ.com/Big

# Polarized coming to consumer market

- Re-energize the market? -

LG  
Vizio  
others



Australia  
 Germany  
 Belgium  
 Brazil  
 Estonia  
 Turkey  
 Korea  
 Japan  
 UK  
 US  
 ...

# 3D Content

# 3D Channels

			Q1'10	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1'11
Japan	Cable	JCOM	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	BS11	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
	IPTV	SkyPerfect JSAT	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
Korea	Cable	CJ	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	Skylife	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
Australia	IPTV	SK Telecom	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Green
	Satellite	Foxtel	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green
USA	Cable	Comcast	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Cable	Cablevision	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	DirecTV	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	Dish	Grey	Grey	Grey	Yellow (tentative)	Green
	IPTV	AT&T U-Verse	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
France	IPTV	Verizon FIOS	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Green
	Cable	Numericable	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Germany	Satellite	Canal+	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
	IPTV	Orange	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Italy	Satellite	Sky.de	Grey	Red	Green	Green	Green
	IPTV	Telekom	Grey	Red	Green	Green	Green
Netherlands	Satellite	RAI	Grey	Red	Grey	Grey	Grey
Spain	Cable	UPC	Grey	Grey	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	Canal+	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
UK	IPTV	Telefonica	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
	Cable	Virgin Media	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
UK	Satellite	Sky	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	Sky	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
Czech Republic	Satellite	IKO TV	Grey	Grey	Green	Green	Green
Poland	Satellite	IKO TV	Grey	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
Russia	Satellite	Cyfrowy+	Grey	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
	Cable	Akado	Grey	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Slovakia	Satellite	NTV plus	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green
	Satellite	NTV plus	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green
United Arab Emirates	Satellite	IKO TV	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green
United Arab Emirates	Satellite	Du	Grey	Green	Green	Green	Green

3D  
Games

No Activity  
 Trial  
 Limited Service / Special Events  
 Full Service

3D Blu-ray

# Market Research

## International 3D Society

41% of US Adults have seen a recent 3D movie

54% of US Adults expect 3DTV to be better than HDTV  
66% of recent 3D moviegoers expect this

Opinion Research Corp.  
1008 Adults  
Oct 7-10, 2010

## What to Watch in 3D

- 77% of consumers think 3DTV viewing will be geared to special events, as opposed to regular programming

- Top Genres:



41% of

54% of

66%

HDTV

Opinion  
1008 Ad  
Oct 7-10

nielsen

Nov. 9, 2010

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# Nintendo 3DS

## Consumer's first personal 3D experience?



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# Parameters that impact the 3D viewing experience

- Vergence / accommodation conflict (decoupling)
  - Degree – amount of conflict
  - Speed – how rapidly do you vary the conflict
  - Range (depth budget) – what is the range of in/out variability (in diopters)
  - Duration – how long does the conflict experience last
- Viewing distance and the size of the screen
- Viewing angle to the screen - perceptual distortion
- Subject's / population's optical-mechanical factors
  - Eye alignment (vertical and horizontal)
  - Bias favoring one eye over the other
  - Refractive error
  - Age and decreased speed of the eyes to focus
  - IPD vs. assumed interocular distance of the audience (and divergence limit)
  - Stereo acuity
- Refresh rate of the screen/display versus the refresh rate of the eye/brain
  - Fast horizontal motion (e.g. objects moving horizontally on a stationary background)
- Variable stereographic approaches (e.g. 3D trailers before the feature)
- Ghosting
- Left/right image alignment and balance (color, light level, ...)
- Edge violation
- Ambient light levels
- Looking from 3D to 2D and back

# Parameters that impact the 3D viewing experience

Technology

Art

Source

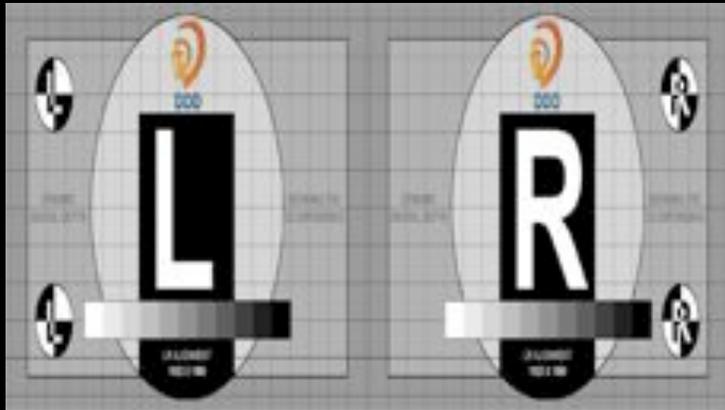
Human visual system

Receiver

Viewing environment and behavior

# Art

# Technology



## Crosstalk

- a form of binocular mismatch
- quantifiable test!

## Conflicting depth cues

- binocular and monocular mismatch
- obvious in 2D-3D autoconversion

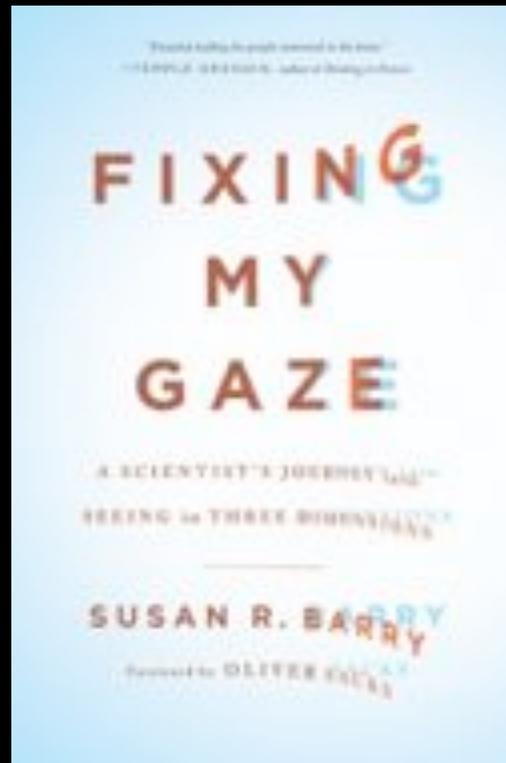
## Vergence Shock

- quick cuts or jumps in 3D depth

# Human Visual System

4% stereo blind

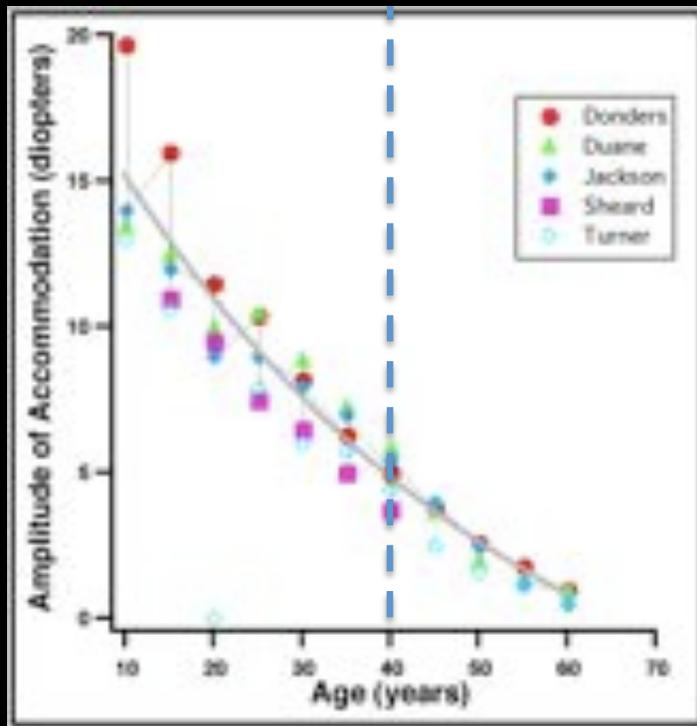
Fixing My Gaze  
By Dr. Sue Barry



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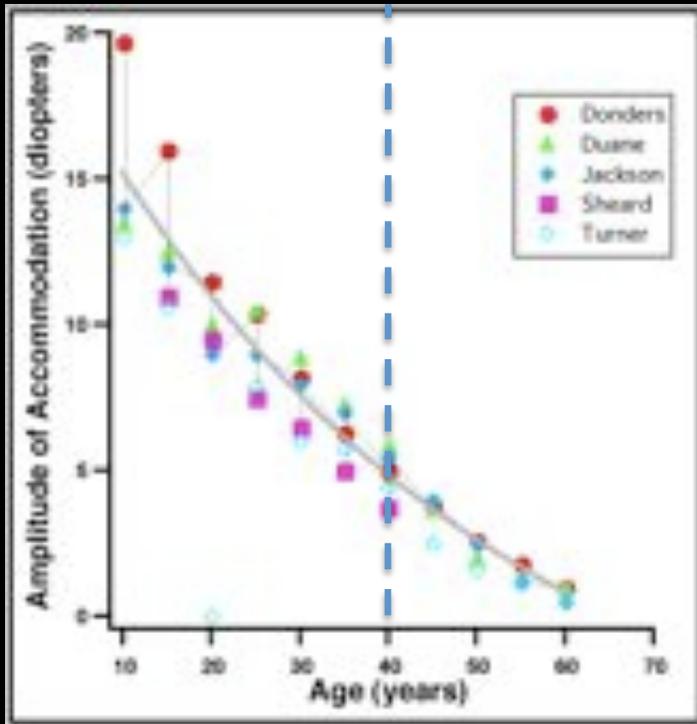
Academic Research  
and Vision Dynamics

Eye Exams and  
Binocular Vision Issues



# Human Visual System

## Academic Research and Vision Dynamics



- 🌀 Guidelines for creating 3D
- 🌀 Impact of age

# Human Visual System

## Eye Exams and Binocular Vision Issues

### Headaches → Diagnostic Tool

- ⊗ Misalignment
- ⊗ Vergence-Accommodation Issues
- ⊗ Favoring one eye over the other



# Human Visual System

## Eye Exams and Binocular Vision Issues

3D 영상 안전성에 관한 임상적 권고안

(Practical Recommendation for 3D image Safety)

Ver. 1.0

**For Children**

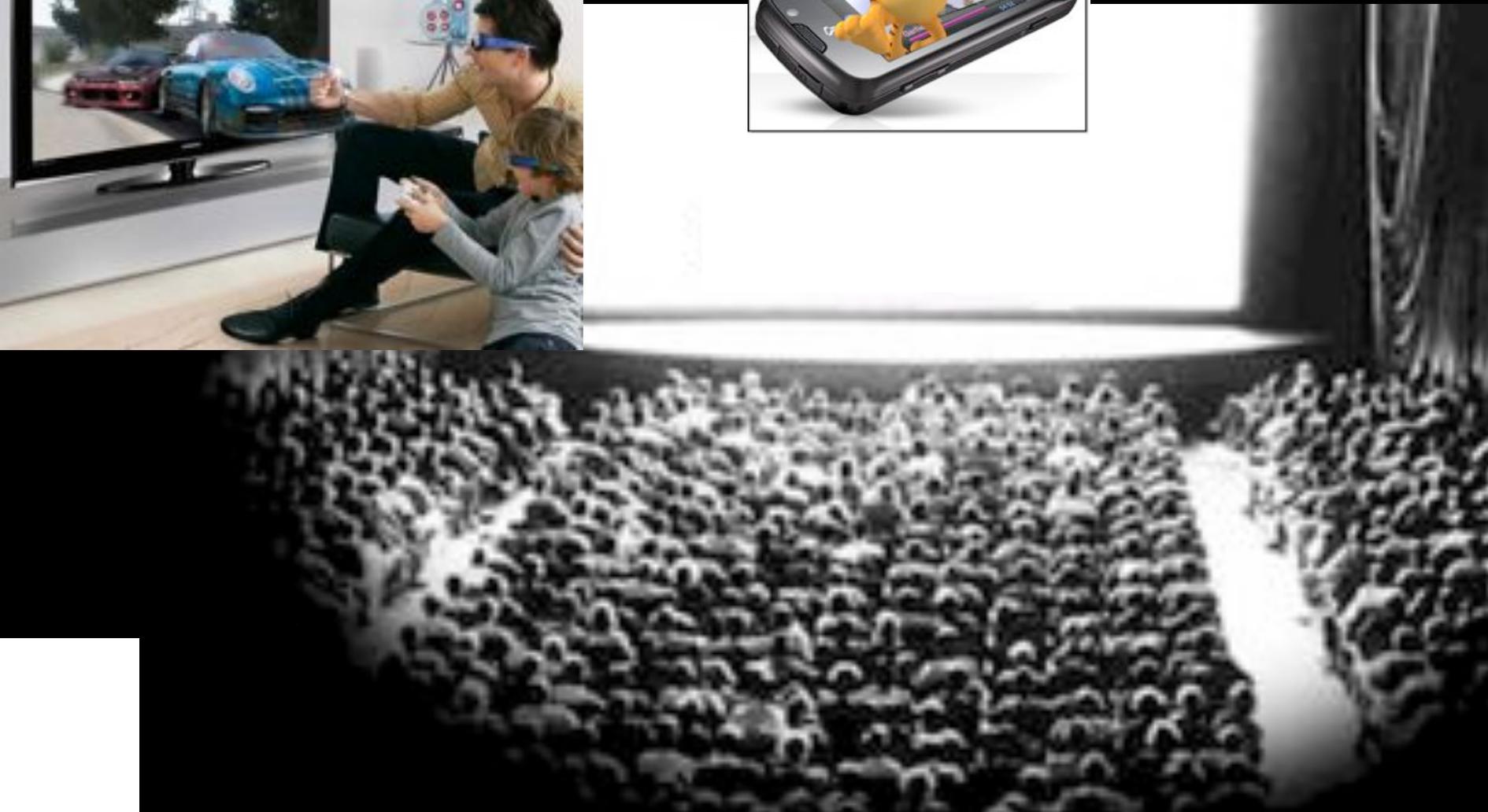
Binocular Vision Disorders

**Misdiagnosed as ADHD**

(Attention Deficit Hyperactivity  
Disorder)



# Viewing Environment and Behavior



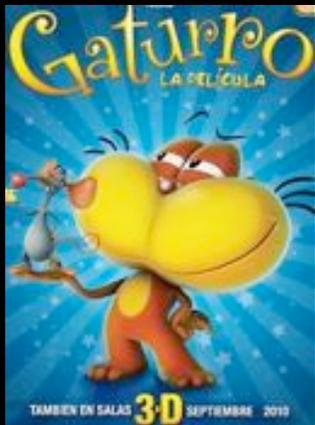
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# 3D is global



3D Porn  
Hong Kong



Argentina  
Animation



WildEarth TV 3D  
launches 24/7 channel  
South Africa



Turkey  
Live Action



Japan  
Games

# The Larger Ecosystem



## 2010 worldwide sales projection

- 3.4M will be **3D-capable** → 42.9M by 2014
- 228M **displays** (2D and 3D)
- 100M will be “**connected TVs**”

DYI ("Do It Yourself")  
S3D community

YouTube

Search Browse Upload

### 3D Waltz of the Flowers (YouTube 3D HD Test)

inouek3D 58 videos

0:50 / 6:25

3D 3D\*

553,846 views

3D file format menu



Quantel  
Pablo Neo  
3D Mastering



iPhone App:  
Cine3D  
Stereographer

# Apps / devices specific to 3D content



Oakley 3D



[3dtpubfinder.com/](http://3dtpubfinder.com/)



CRC Depth  
Estimation from  
3D video



\$70 3D  
Shot Cam



3D mapping  
laser backpack

Professional

Consumer

Laser Light Engines Raises \$13 Million;  
Pacts With IMAX

# Other S3D Markets

Simulations

Augmented reality

Telepresence



Surgery



Military



# Events / Marketing

## Wonderbra 3D Billboard

Source: Daily Mail, UK 9/14/10



# Education and S3D

- Discipline not an issue!\*
- 29-35% after-lesson retention\*
  - 10% in control group
- Greater understanding of spatial relationships+
  - sketch lesson in 3D vs 2D by control group

\* Rock Island, Illinois and Boulder Valley School District, Colorado  
+ Abbey School, Redding, England



7/28/10 XpanD / TI / Eon rollout to five school districts in Tx, Fl, Ca, and Co  
11/18/10 Pilot program in 7 European countries

Consumers don't buy technology,  
they buy the **experiences** that  
technology delivers



## Conclusions

3D will be in TVs, PCs, game consoles, etc.,  
as well as movie theatres

# Conclusions

We will see how consumers use it  
as markets emerge

# Conclusions

Entrepreneurial opportunities in the  
professional and consumer markets for...

Hardware  
Software  
Services  
Support  
Training/Ed.  
Tools  
Marketing  
PR  
...



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