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CHARIOT UPDATES: WHERE WE ARE, WHAT WE DID, WHERE WE'RE GOING

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SESSION AGENDA

- Introductions
- CHARIOT Challenge Recap
- Importance of Prototyping 3D User Interfaces (UI)
- Benefits of Prototyping with Public Safety
- Augmented Reality (AR) Development Playground

WHAT WE DID

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CHARIOT CHALLENGE RECAP

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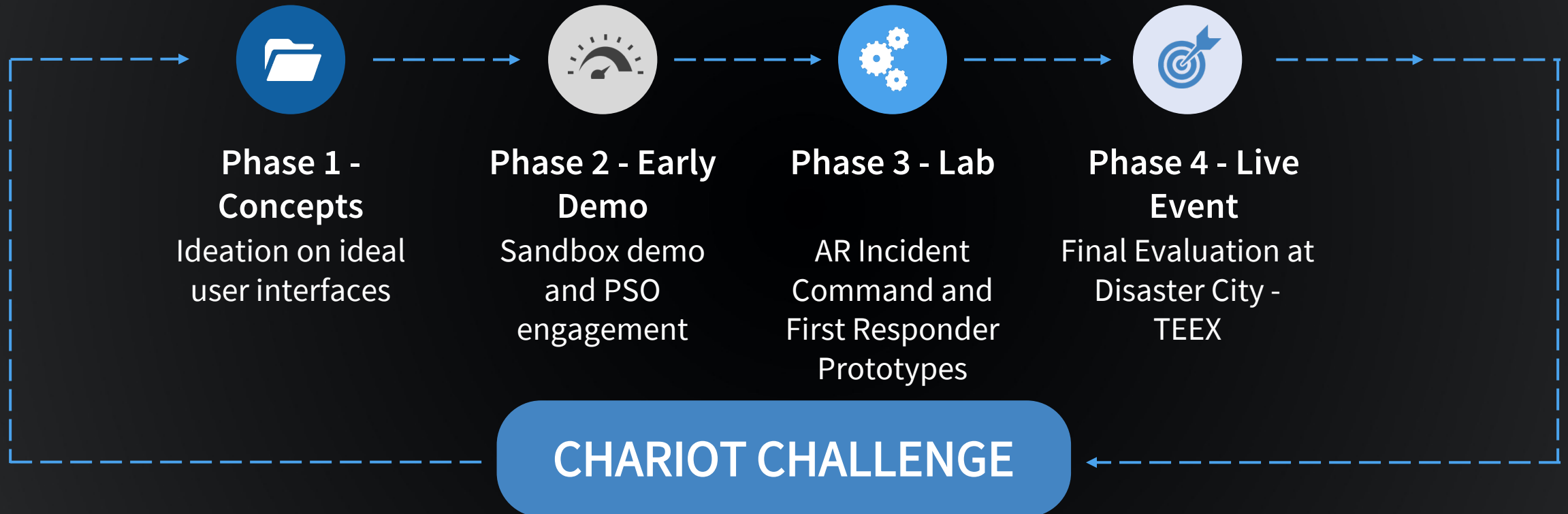
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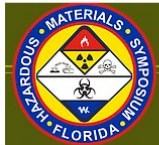
AUGMENTED REALITY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

- Developers have the opportunity to leverage augmented reality (AR) technology, such as heads-up display and holographic interfaces, to convey actionable information to first responders without distractions or cognitive overload.
- These solutions can significantly improve a first responder's situational awareness allowing them to more effectively plan and respond during incidents. Today, however, current advancements in AR technology have been largely unavailable to first responders.

CHALLENGE STRUCTURE / TIMELINE



Contestant & Public Safety Collaborations





CHARIoT
CHALLENGE

Advancing First Responder Communications

Phase 4: User Tasks
for the Four Emergency Scenarios

Designing the
Final Event for the
CHARIOT
Challenge

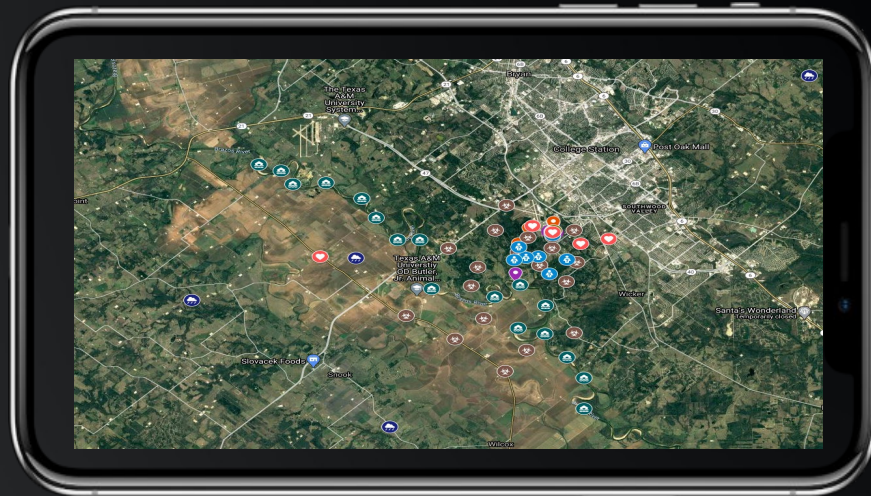
CHARIOT SCENARIOS



Wildfire



Mass Transit Accident



Flood



Active Shooter

MASS TRANSIT ACCIDENT

Establish Situational Awareness



Identify Train Car Location



Status of Train Car Damage



Track Voltage Active/Safe to Approach



Environmental Risks – Smoke or Hazards



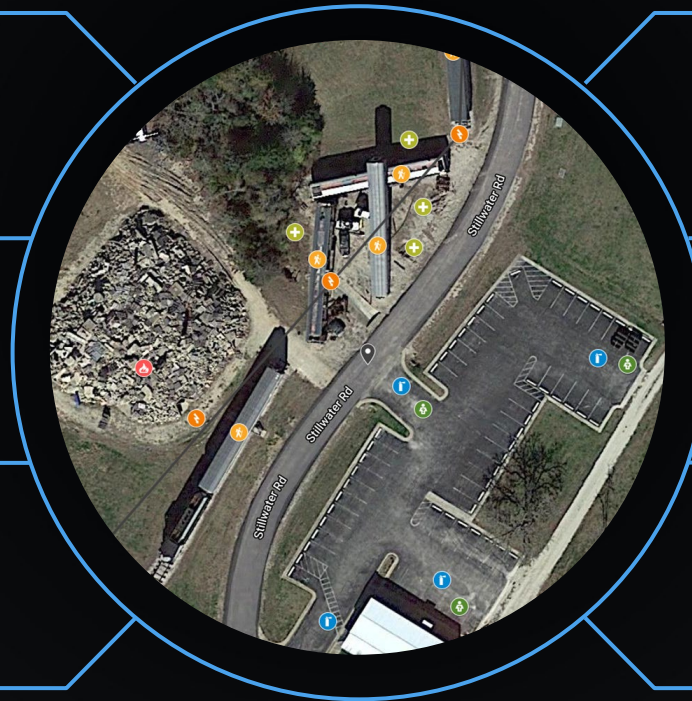
Particulates in the Air



Train Car Occupancy



Vitals and Status of Victims



Approaches to the Challenge

AUGMENTED REALITY THEMES



Human Interactions

Gestures
Eye Tracking



HUD vs Hologram

Boots on the Ground vs Incident Command
views of the scenario



Visualizations

Location and Vitals - most important

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PROTOTYPING 3D UIs WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

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IMPORTANCE OF PROTOTYPING 3D UIs

To design effective 3D user interfaces that support first responders, we need to understand the **operational environment** and **their technology needs**.



BENEFITS OF PROTOTYPING WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

Limit Exposure to Hazards

- Eliminate exposure to unnecessary hazards (e.g., increased risk of cancer)
- Allow for rehearsal of dangerous incident types without risk of injury
- Create the opportunity to train for low-frequency, high-risk events

Costs of Testing for Hazardous Scenarios

- \$40K-60K for testing in hazardous incidents
- \$10K-30K for consumer testing firms, single-phase, complex testing
- ~\$50K for rental of controlled burn facilities for single day testing



OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT



User Centered Design for Public Safety

Conduct sound requirements analyses, elicit feedback early and often to design viable tools and products for commercialization

Prototyping with Public Safety

Intervention and input during the design process, iterative design cycles ensure best practices



CURRENT TECHNOLOGY GAPS: HOW DO 3D UIs MITIGATE THESE GAPS?



Collaboration

Increased efficiency of collaboration within and between agencies and disciplines



Communication

Different communication modalities help us avoid perceptual limitations (e.g., over-reliance on radio and increased workload)



Situation Awareness

Increased situation awareness and enhanced decision-making



Information Quality

Enhanced accuracy and availability of real-time information

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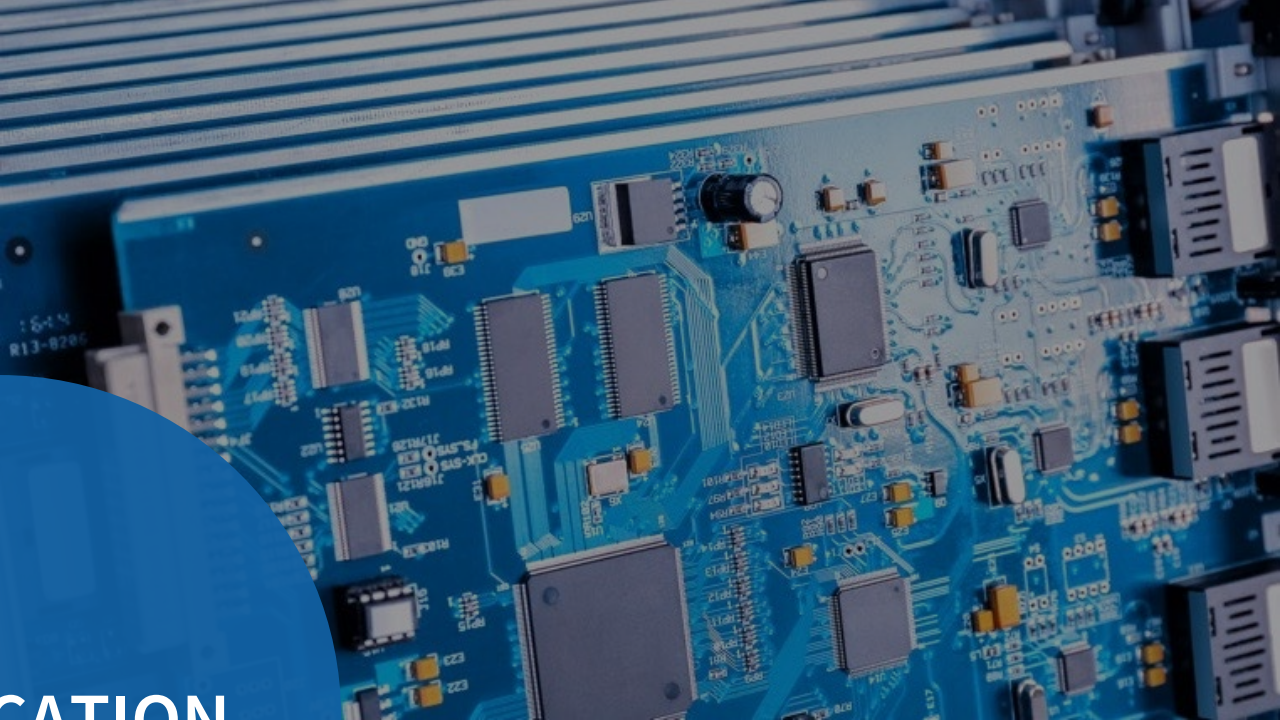
THE AR PLAYGROUND

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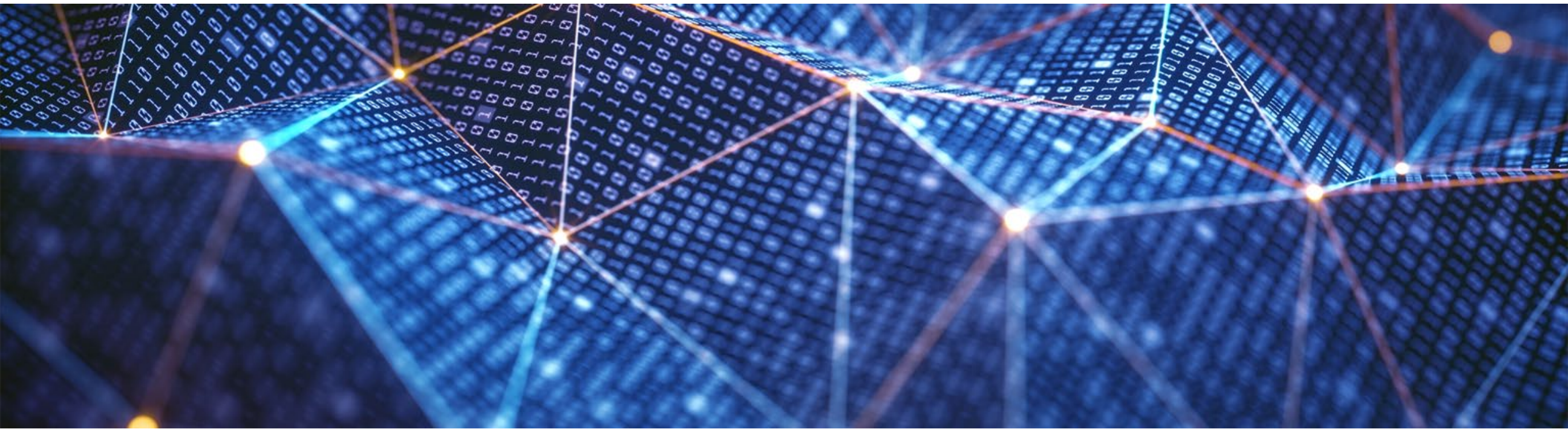
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GAMIFICATION

WHY AUGMENTED REALITY?



USING AR



Simplified UI

Effective Training



Streaming Data

MESSAGE QUEUING TELEMETRY TRANSPORT – IOT DATA



Tapping into live data streams

simply knowing the IP address and topic to subscribe to



Parsing that information in real-time

getting to what's most important for the FRs



Displaying that information

a digestible understanding of the situation

WHERE WE'RE GOING

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**Sept
2021**

**Final Event at
Disaster City**

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Scenarios

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AR Finalists

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AR Prototypes

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Challenge Analysis

Videos from Event

Ongoing Usability Research
Around XR and Future User
Interfaces for Public Safety



Q&A



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