

DHL GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE 2015

Breakout session: Augmented Reality in Logistics

Dubai, 16th April 2015



WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THIS SESSION?



Agenda

- 1. Why Augmented Reality?**
Introduction of topic and purpose of discussion
- 2. What are some of the use cases for the logistics industry?**
 - Overview of augmented reality @ DPDHL
 - Use cases Warehousing/ Transport/ Last Mile
- 3. Results of first AR pilot „pick by vision“ by Ricoh**
Set-up, results and next steps
- 4. Live demonstrations of “pick by vision” use cases**
 - Live demo with Google and Vuzix Glasses
 - Showcase/video of potential future applications
- 5. Short voting activity!**

Facilitators

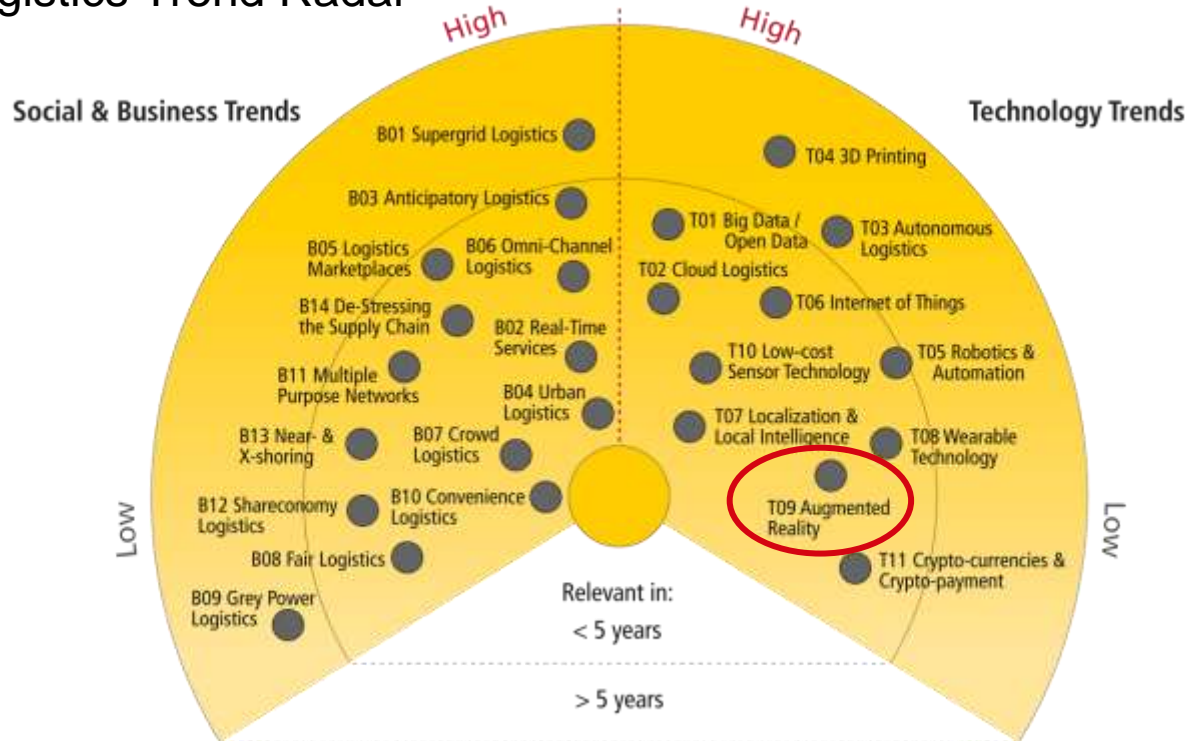
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- Ricoh: Pieter-Jelle van Dijk
- Ubimax: Jan Junker

WHAT IS AUGMENTED REALITY?



WHY AUGMENTED REALITY?

DHL Logistics Trend Radar



Source: DHL Trend Research

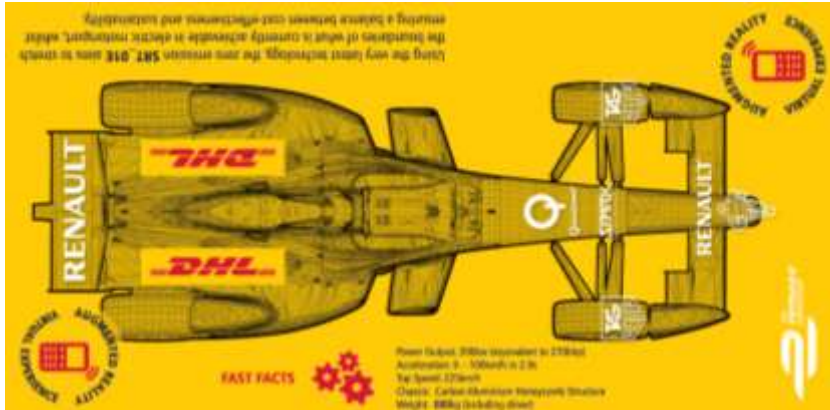
TREND RESEARCH VALUE CHAIN

Augmented Reality



BEST PRACTICE CONSUMER APPLICATIONS

Live Demo



Source: DHL, Wordlens

CURRENT AND UPCOMING DEVICES



Vuzix M100



Google Glass Explorer



Epson Moverio BT-200



META Spaceglasses 01



Lumus DK-40



Sony SmartEyeglass



Knapp Kisoft Vision



Omnivision OVP2200



Recon Jet



Si14 GlassUp



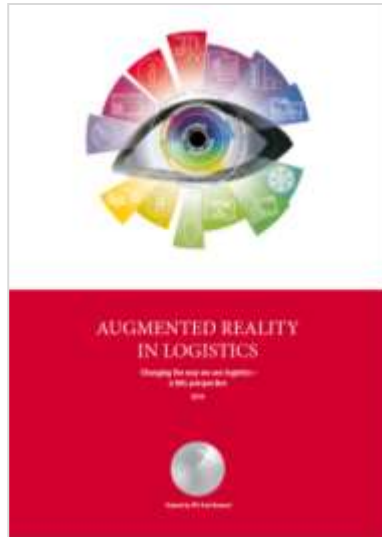
Brother AirScouter



Microsoft HoloLens

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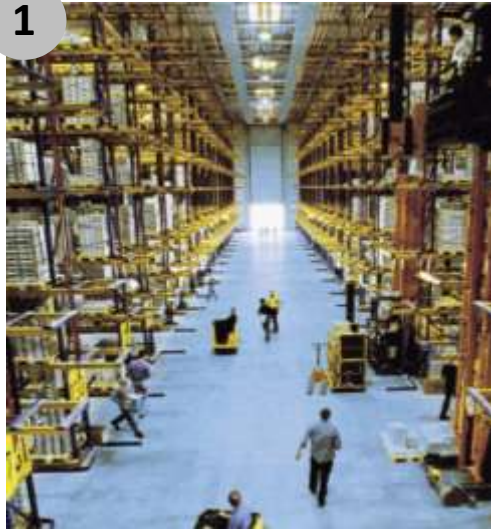
Trend Report launched at last year's technology conference. First report of its kind focusing on 11 concrete use cases along the supply chain.



Source: DHL Trend Research, www.dhl.com/augmentedreality

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**Augmented
Warehouse**

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**Future of
Transportation**

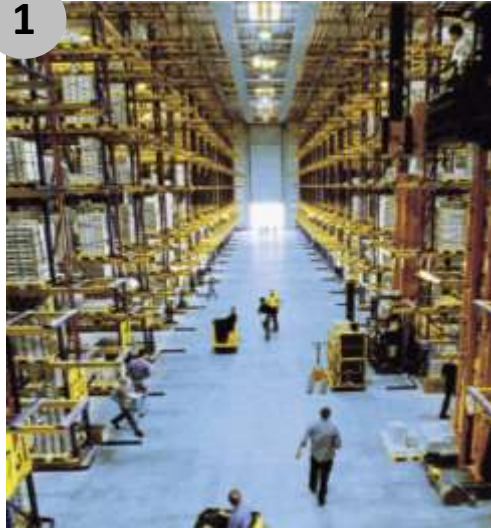
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**Last-mile:
Future Postman**

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1). AUGMENTED WAREHOUSE



Source: DHL Trend Research

Warehouse Operations:

Vision Picking, Packing & Sorting

- ▶ Warehouse staff are equipped with smart glasses that can barcode scan and assist with tasks to increase productivity and reduce errors

Value-Add: Assembly & Repair

- ▶ Assembly and repair teams are equipped with smart glasses that blends in visual step-by-step instructions for the task and identifies any quality issues to the worker

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2). FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION



Source: DHL Trend Research

Dynamic Traffic Support

- ▶ Replacement of navigation systems in delivery vehicles with AR. Critical information can be superimposed such as cargo temperature, surrounding threats, vehicle status

Completeness Check

- ▶ AR devices register if a delivery is complete by capturing pallet and parcel numbers, volume and even check if there are any damages.

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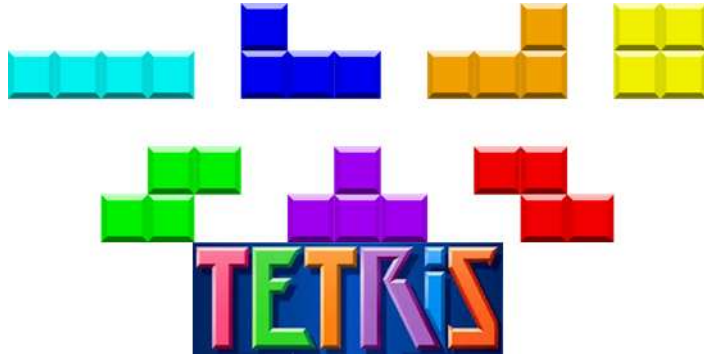
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3). LAST-MILE: THE FUTURE POSTMAN



Parcel Loading & Drop-off

- ▶ Save time and improve parcel handling by using AR to optimize parcel loading, highlight the correct parcel in the van for drop-off and overlay parcels with information (fragile, weight etc.)



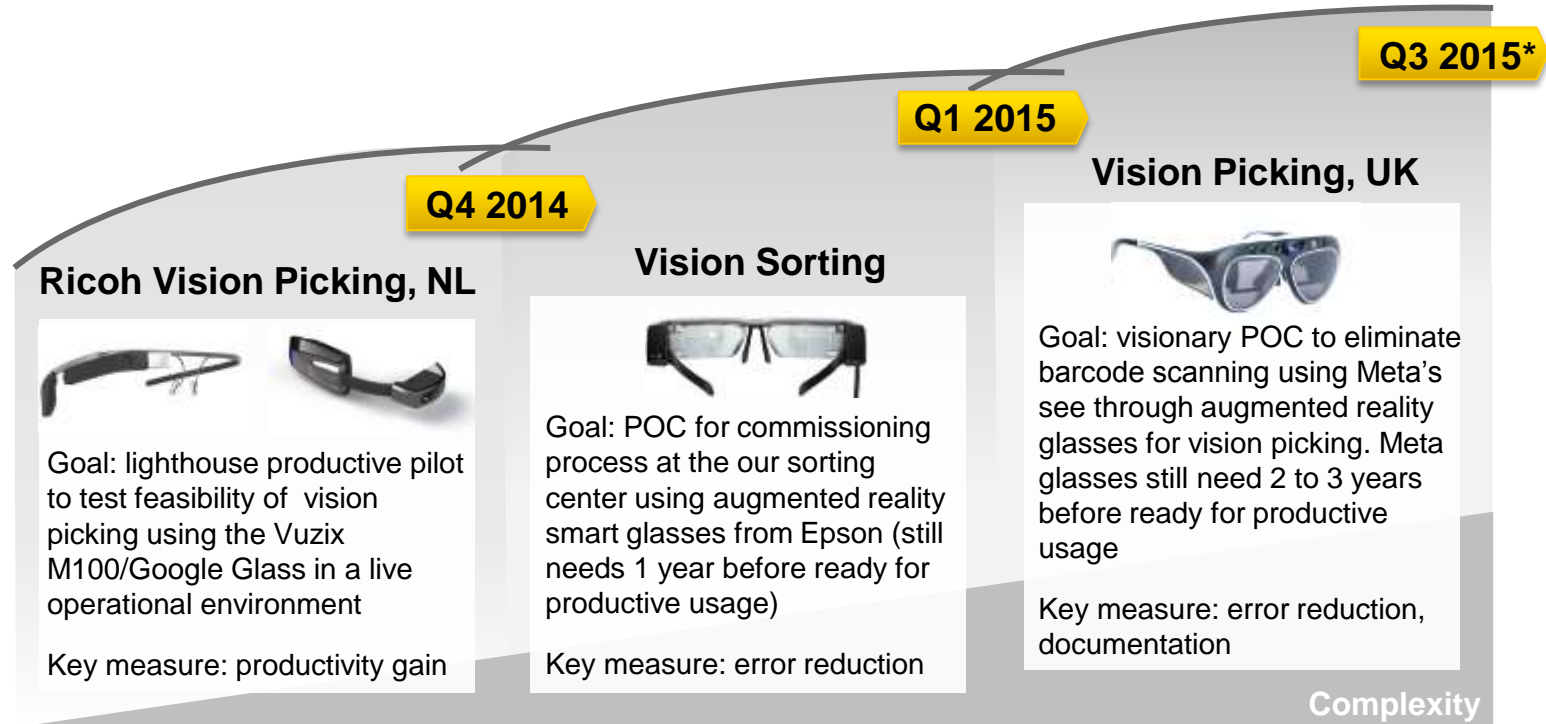
Last-meter Navigation

- ▶ AR to identify the correct building and entrance as well as indoor navigation. A learning system is able to add user-generated content to the AR map (e.g. A hidden entrance)

Source: DHL Trend Research

AUGMENTED REALITY ROADMAP AT DHL

Successive POCs using more advanced devices planned in 2015



Source: DHL Trend Research | *TBC

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BACKGROUND

- 17 Year in the logistics services industry



- Now 6 Years with Ricoh

MY 2015 GOAL

Climbing the Aple d'Hues 6 times on 1 day

Raising funds for Cancer research.
KWF



<http://deelnemers.opgevenisgeenoptie.nl/acties/pieterjelle-vandijk/pieter-jelle-van-dijk/>

BACKGROUND

- Joint initiative
 - Ricoh Europe SCM
 - DHL Supply Chain & DHL Trend Research
- 3 weeks pilot (December 2014)
- Trolley picking solution with Google Glass & Vuzix M100
- Using Ubimax's software and server

BENEFITS FROM VISION PICKING

- Productivity increase from increased speed/pick
- Improvement of picking accuracy
- Satisfied and engaged employees
- Reduction in paper
- Reduction in trainings times and language dependency*



Prove that smart glasses can be used for order picking in a more cost effective manner than RF scanners and paper pick lists

SET-UP



3 weeks of successful productive order picking



Pick-by-vision used by 10 order pickers



More than 9,000 orders fulfilled



More than 20,000 items picked



Current Picking Process

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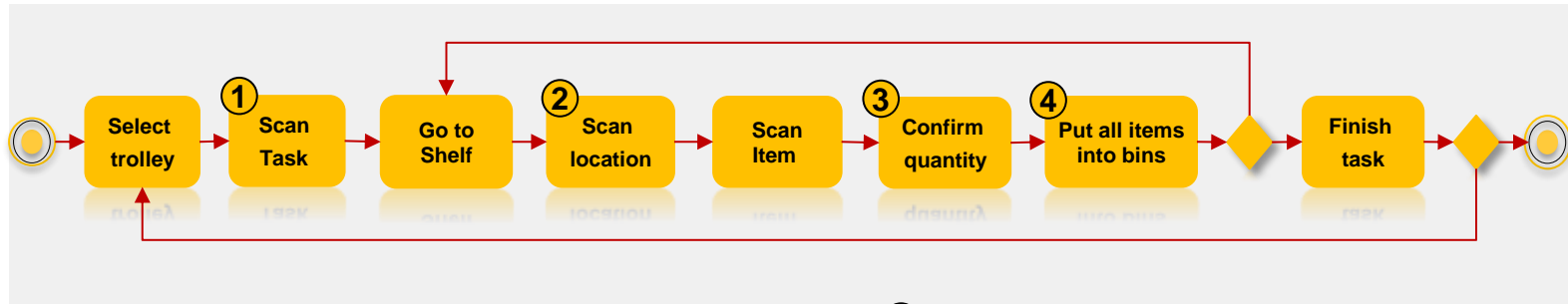


- Paper pick list displayed in a non-user friendly format
- More prone to error

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- Errors arise from items that are single units
- E.g. picker takes 3 packaged boxes instead of 3 single units



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- Time lost in putting the RF scanner back and forth away to scan and sort items.

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- Up to 15 to 30 possible bins per trolley - each bin is linked to a customer order
- Errors and time lost from reading pick list to locate the right bins for items



Vision Picking Process

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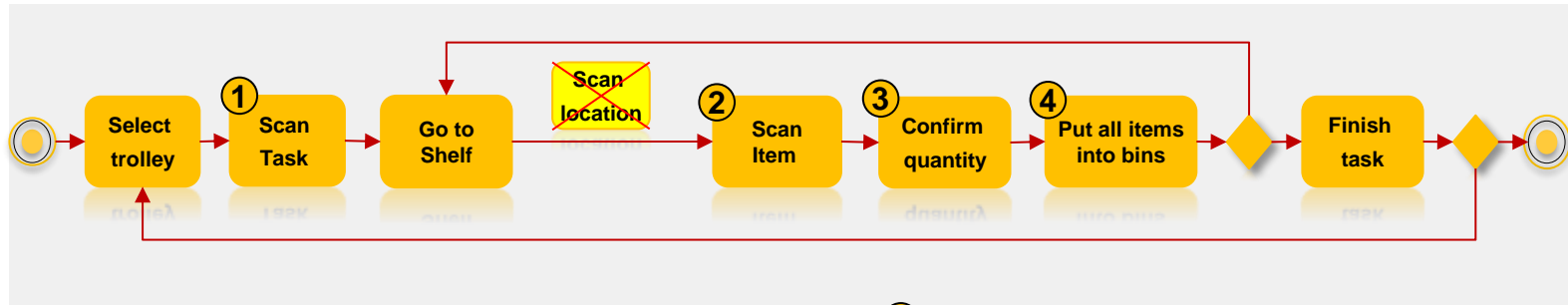


- Smart glasses can scan login and task ID
- All task information integrated into user interface

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- Smart glasses display warning picture for items with this risk only

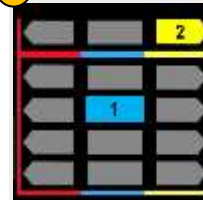


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- Smart glasses can barcode scan, has voice functionality to confirm all units picked
- Location scan was not include in the pilot (compensated in Time analysis)

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- Trolley represented graphically
- Greatly increases efficiency for sorting products into bins



User Interface Explained

The image shows a digital picking interface overlaid on a warehouse background. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Progress:** A blue progress bar at the top left.
- Aisle Number:** Displays 'T06' and '010.2'.
- Location:** Displays '010.2'.
- Quantity:** Displays '3x' in large yellow text.
- Next Pick:** Displays 'T07' and '022.1' in a grey box.
- Picking Grid:** A 3x3 grid of grey arrow-shaped buttons. The top-right button is yellow and contains the number '2'. The middle-middle button is blue and contains the number '1'. A red vertical line is on the left, and a red horizontal line is at the bottom of the grid.
- Trolley:** A label on the right side with a line pointing to a blue trolley in the background.
- XPICK:** A logo in the bottom right corner.



Video: Pilot, December 2014

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QUALITATIVE RESULTS

- User surveys show positive feedback with the exception of people with serious eye problems
- Areas for improvement – stronger scanning capability of the Google Glass, smart glass form factors, stable connectivity to server

USER FEEDBACK

- *“Much easier and faster to operate”*
- *“Quick and error free”*
- *“Great to have hands free”*
- *“You barely feel it once you are wearing it”*
- *“Need to get used to it first, but easy afterwards”*

QUANTITATIVE RESULTS





» **Smart glasses have relatively small investment and faster payback in comparison to other solutions such as full automation and pick-by-light.**

However, a number of challenges needs to be addressed before vision picking can be seriously considered for implementation:

- **Hardware limitations:**
 - Smart glasses tested are consumer devices - not made for industrial usage
 - Hardware lifetime in productive environment relatively unknown due to newness
 - Battery life only 30min without ext. pack
- **Health and safety:** few studies on long-term effects of wearing monocular smart glasses. Concerns from workers councils.
- **IT support:** solution required if vision picking integrated into WMS
- **Legal:** data protection, devices potentially vulnerable to hacks

Wearable Computing Company

- ▶ **European market leader** for wearable computing solutions
- ▶ **Experienced team** with extensive track-record
- ▶ Senior advisory board consisting of **wearable computing pioneers**
- ▶ Strong **partner network** with industry market leaders



- ▶ Office locations in **Bremen, Munich** and **Wiesbaden**

Central Platform



Innovative Solutions



Satisfied Customers



VISION SORTING



Sorter takes one good from the conveyor belt and scans the item with the smart glasses. Based on marker cubes positioned above, smart glasses provides graphical Augmented Reality information of where to put the scanned good directly in the field of view of the worker, increasing accuracy.

Source: Ubimax GmbH

AUGMENTED REALITY IN THE FUTURE



Source: Ubimax GmbH

INTERACTIVE LIVE DEMO

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DHL/Ricoh vision picking demo pilot using Google Glass and the Vuzix M100 smart glasses



2

Vision sorting demo using the Epson Moverio smart glasses



3

“3D Packer” pallet-building demo using Google Glass



BREAKOUT SESSION ACTIVITY

Please vote for the top three use cases and leave your business card if you would like to be contacted for further discussions!



Guidelines

- One your way out, please vote for the three use cases that you see have the highest **feasibility and impact** in the supply chain
- Use the dots provided **OR** if you would like to be contacted afterwards, please vote using your business card!

THANK YOU

