

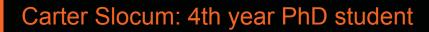
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VIA: Visibility-aware Web-based Virtual Reality

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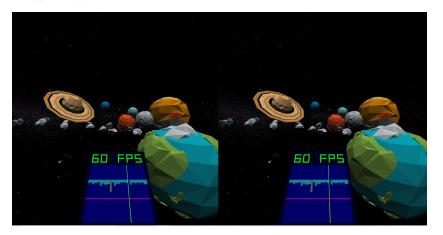


Background

What is WebXR?







- Built on top of WebGL to enable VR and AR on the web
- Uses the gITF 2.0 format to transfer Graphics information

What is gITF?



.gltf (JSON)

Node hierarchy, PBR material textures, cameras

.bin

Geometry: vertices and indices Animation: key-frames Skins: inverse-bind matrices .png

Textures



Geometry





Texture based PBR materials



 Stores 3D graphics info in images, raw binary, and JSON-like description File

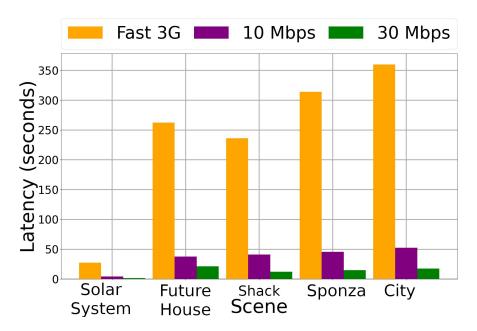
Pic 2: Components of a gITF file



Problems, Causes, and Solutions

Problem: Long loading Times for WebXR

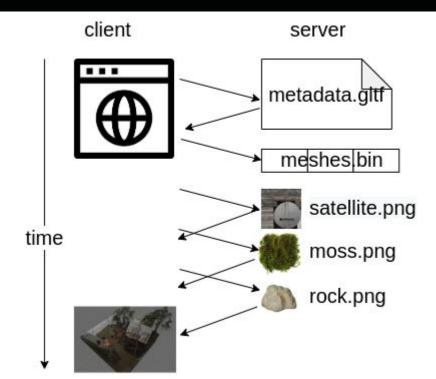




- Load Times for WebXR scenes are incredibly long for mobile networks.
- Web page downloads sequence of objects (from gITF metadata)

Cause 1: Geometry data contained in monolithic resource files





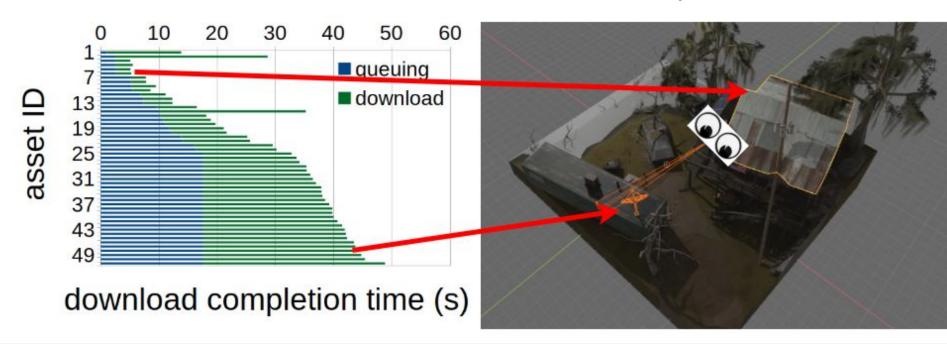
- Monolithic Resource Files

 (.bin) for 3D scenes must
 be downloaded before any
 object may be rendered
- Typically 1 .bin and many image files

Cause 2: Arbitrary download order of textures

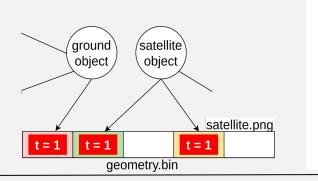


Texture files are downloaded in arbitrary order



General Approach



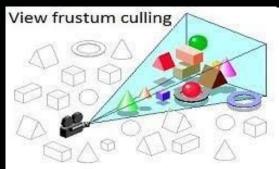


 Solve cause 1 by partitioning files by object

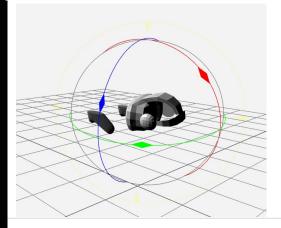
 Solve cause 2 by prioritizing object files in view.

Object Prioritization Heuristics





- Heuristic 1: View Frustum Culling
 - Prioritize downloading objects in the field of view.

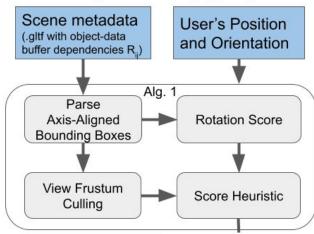


- Heuristic 2: Look-At-Rotation Penalty
 - Prioritize downloading objects that only require smaller rotations to look at.

VIA System Architecture Overview



Object Scoring (§V-B)





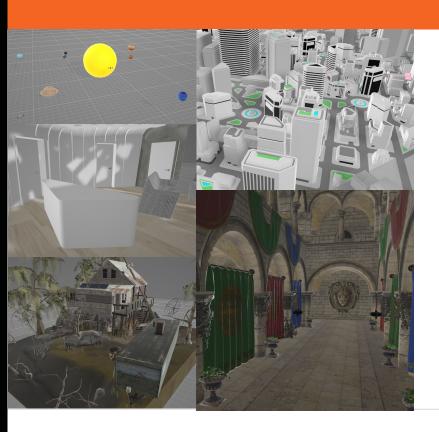
Demo



Experiments & Results

Experiment Setup

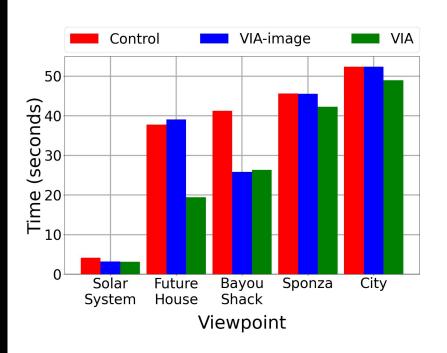




- 5 test scenes.
- Control, VIA, and VIA-Image (VIA but only image sorting)
- 3 different Network bandwidths covering typical mobile network conditions.

Experiment Results



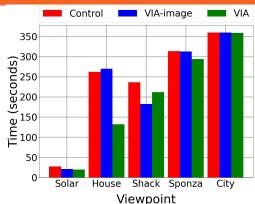


- VIA has strictly lower latency than Control, especially on slower networks.
- Occasionally VIA-Image has similar benefit as full VIA.

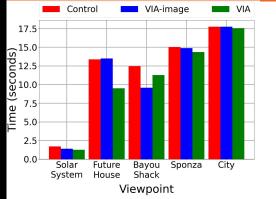
Network Dependence

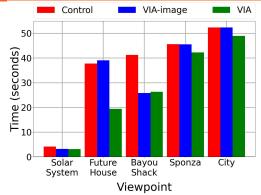






Fast 3G

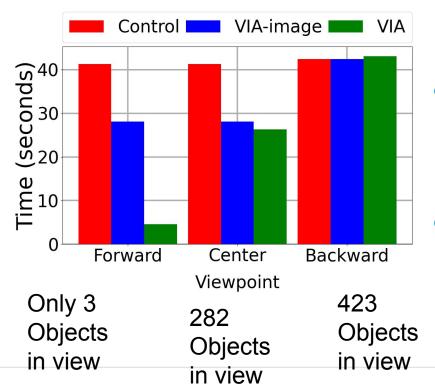




- Larger improvement over Control on slower networks.
- VIA introduces extra Round Trip Time from all the extra requests

View Dependence

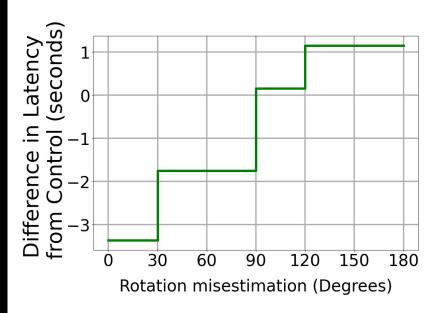




- Improvement of VIA over control is highly dependent on initial Viewpoint.
 - Initial views with less objects had the largest improvement.

View Mis-estimation





- How well does VIA perform if the assumed initial view is off from the actual initial view?
- Good as long as it's within 90 degrees.



Thank You! Questions?