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The role of Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality in complex visual and sensory communication in animated and interactive advertisements

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Abstract :

This research investigates the impact of Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and Mixed Reality (MR) on enhancing visual and sensory communication in interactive advertising. It emphasizes how these immersive technologies integrate sight, sound, and touch, allowing consumers to engage with advertisements in dynamic and nontraditional ways. Such interactions improve brand engagement, consumer attention, and emotional response, contributing to more impactful advertising experiences.

The study explores the ability of VR, AR, and MR to increase the effectiveness of ads by fostering deeper consumer involvement and facilitating personalized brand experiences. These technologies enable users to explore products and services in interactive environments, making advertisements more memorable and emotionally resonant.

A case study methodology was used to analyze advertising campaigns that have successfully implemented immersive technologies. The evaluation focused on emotional engagement, interactivity, and sensory appeal, demonstrating that such technologies significantly improve consumer interaction and strengthen brand loyalty.

Findings indicate that the integration of VR, AR, and MR transforms the traditional advertising model into a more engaging and customized

experience. These tools allow businesses to reach audiences more effectively by crafting immersive stories that leave lasting impressions.

The research concludes by recommending that advertisers invest in immersive technologies to create innovative advertising formats. By doing so, brands can enhance consumer relationships, boost market presence, and stay competitive in the evolving digital advertising landscape.

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المستخلص:
يبحث هذا البحث في تأثير الواقع الافتراضي والواقع المعزز والواقع المختلط على تعزيز التواصل البصري والحسي في الإعلانات التفاعلية، ويركز على كيفية دمج هذه التقنيات الغامرة بين البصر والصوت واللمس، مما يسمح للمستهلكين بالتفاعل مع الإعلانات بطرق ديناميكية وغير تقليدية، وتحسن هذه التفاعلات من تفاعل العلامة التجارية، واهتمام المستهلك، والاستجابة العاطفية، مما يسهم في تجارب إعلانية أكثر تأثيرا، وتستكشف الدراسة قدرة الواقع الافتراضي والواقع المعزز والواقع المختلط على زيادة فعالية الإعلانات من خلال تعزيز تفاعل المستهلك بشكل أعمق وتسهيل تجارب العلامة التجارية الشخصية، وتمكن هذه التقنيات المستخدمين من استكشاف المنتجات والخدمات في بيئات تفاعلية، مما يجعل الإعلانات أكثر رسوخا في الذاكرة وأكثر تأثيرا عاطفيا، واستخدم البحث دراسة الحالة لتحليل الحملات الإعلانية التي طبقت التقنيات الغامرة بنجاح، وركز التقييم على التفاعل العاطفي والتفاعلية والجاذبية الحسية، مما يظهر أن هذه التقنيات تحسن بشكل كبير تفاعل المستهلك وتعزز ولاءه للعلامة التجارية، وتشير النتائج إلى أن دمج الواقع الافتراضي والواقع المعزز والواقع المختلط يحول نموذج الإعلان التقليدي إلى تجربة أكثر جاذبية وتخصيصا. وتمكن هذه الأدوات الشركات من الوصول إلى الجمهور بفعالية أكبر من خلال صياغة قصص غامرة تترك انطباعات دائمة، ويختتم البحث بتوصية المعلنين بالاستثمار في التقنيات الغامرة لابتكار صيغ إعلانية مبتكرة، ومن خلال ذلك، يمكن للعلامات التجارية تعزيز علاقاتها بالمستهلكين، وتعزيز حضورها في السوق، والحفاظ على تنافسيتها في ظل تطور مشهد الإعلان الرقمي.

1.Introduction

Visual and sensory communication is a powerful tool used by artists and designers to interact with the audience and convey messages through symbols and images. In contemporary design, visual communication goes beyond the simple transmission of information to a deeper realm known as "complex visual and sensory communication." This concept involves activating various senses such as sight, hearing, and touch, creating a sensory and emotional visual experience that connects the audience with abstract ideas, deep emotions, or imaginary worlds that may not be clearly visible in daily life. Complex visual communication serves as a bridge between internal and imaginary worlds and visible reality, allowing designers to present unforgettable visual experiences that evoke contemplation and open new horizons of imagination. It extends beyond merely conveying information to the audience; it seeks to transmit multidimensional ideas and visions, offering sensory and emotional experiences that simulate both visible and invisible worlds, whether they are abstract concepts, embodiments of emotions, or imaginary realms (Pereira & Ramos, 2018, p. 61; Loureiro & Rodrigues, 2019, p. 15; Büschken & Böhme, 2020, pp. 458–459).

With the advent of Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and Mixed Reality (MR) technologies, complex visual communication has evolved significantly, particularly in the realm of advertising. These technologies allow designers to create immersive environments that engage consumers in interactive, multi-sensory experiences, enhancing both emotional and cognitive engagement. Through VR, users can be fully immersed in a virtual world that alters their perception, while AR overlays digital content onto the real world, adding interactive layers to everyday surroundings. MR, which blends real and virtual environments in real-time, takes this even further by enabling users to interact with digital elements in their actual physical space (Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1322; Kim & Park, 2021, pp. 415–416; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 107).

In advertising, these advancements revolutionize how brands communicate with their audiences, shifting from traditional passive viewing to active engagement. This research explores how VR, AR,

and MR contribute to the evolution of complex visual and sensory communication in animated and interactive advertisements, highlighting their role in building emotional connections, enhancing consumer participation, and influencing behavior through innovative multi-sensory experiences (Büschken & Böhme, 2020, pp. 457–458; Kim & Park, 2021, pp. 416–417; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 230).

2.1.Research Problem Difficulty:

Description:

The research addresses the difficulty of understanding how new immersive technologies (VR, AR, and MR) enhance complex visual and sensory communication in interactive and animated advertisements. These technologies have changed the landscape of advertising, creating new challenges in effectively using these immersive tools to engage and influence consumers.

Causes:

The rapid evolution of VR, AR, and MR technologies, which require constant adaptation by advertisers.

The complexity of designing advertisements that effectively integrate multiple sensory experiences (visual, auditory, and tactile) in a seamless way.

The lack of standardized methods for evaluating the effectiveness of immersive advertising experiences.

2.2. Research Aims:

To study the role and impact of VR, AR, and MR in enhancing - complex visual and sensory communication in animated and interactive advertisements.

To understand how these technologies improve consumer - engagement, emotional connection, and brand recall.

To analyze the influence of these immersive technologies on - consumer behavior, attention, and memory in advertising.

2.3. Research Importance:

Significance:

The research is crucial because it provides insights into how modern advertising is evolving with the use of immersive technologies. It highlights the importance of multi-sensory engagement in creating more impactful and memorable brand experiences. The findings could guide marketers in designing more effective and emotionally resonant advertisements.

Practical Implications:

The research offers practical knowledge for businesses seeking to implement VR, AR, and MR in their advertising strategies to better capture consumer attention and build stronger brand loyalty.

2.4. Research Methodology:

This research adopts a qualitative approach, utilizing case study analysis to examine a selection of interactive advertising campaigns that implement VR, AR, and MR technologies. It employs comparative content analysis to evaluate the effectiveness of these immersive techniques in terms of consumer interaction, emotional engagement, and recall. The study includes a systematic comparison of diverse campaigns across different industries to highlight variations in technological application and strategic objectives. In addition, a literature review is conducted to contextualize the findings within existing theoretical and empirical frameworks related to extended reality in advertising.

3. Applications of Complex Visual communication:

Complex visual communication plays an effective role in various fields. In education, it can provide interactive experiences that enhance students' ability to understand abstract and complex concepts. For instance, virtual reality (VR) and artificial intelligence (AI) can be employed in schools to offer students learning experiences beyond traditional images, such as exploring digital worlds that simulate

planets or chemical processes, thereby enhancing sensory comprehension.(Figure 1) (iXR Labs, 2024),

(Fig. 1) VR in Astronomy Education: Cosmic Exploration in VR. Source: iXR Labs (2024) https://www.ixrlabs.com/blog/vr-in-astronomy-education-cosmic-exploration-in-vr/

Numerous studies have shown that using interactive visual media helps students improve their comprehension abilities and active participation, as demonstrated by MIT nano's collaboration on neurosurgical training using immersive VR tools(Figure 2) (Ham, 2024; Pereira & Ramos, 2018, p. 59; Kim & Park, 2021, pp. 414–415; Javornik, 2016, p. 364).

(Fig. 2) Brain surgery training from an avatar. MIT News. Source: Ham, 2024. https://news.mit.edu/2024/brain-surgery-training-avatar-0229

In psychotherapy, many practices have turned to interactive art as a means of helping patients express their emotions and relieve stress. Digital art therapy and virtual reality have evolved as methods to alleviate psychological stress, allowing patients to engage with visual environments that reflect their psychological states. Research in this field suggests that interactive art experiences provide a calming effect

for patients and help them explore difficult emotions indirectly (Figure 3) (Cognihab, 2025; Kim & Park, 2021, pp. 420–421; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 108; Pereira & Ramos, 2018, p. 58).

(Fig. 3) Treating Depression and Anxiety with Virtual Reality Therapy. Source: Cognihab (2025). https://www.cognihab.com/blog/treating-depression-with-vr/

Additionally, complex visual communication is a valuable tool in arts and media, where artists and media professionals can utilize interactive technologies to convey their messages in ways that encourage interaction and exploration. These tools can be used to deliver cultural or social messages in an engaging manner that stimulates audience participation. Historically, this type of communication can be traced back to ancient arts such as abstract paintings and visual symbols, which were used to express religious or philosophical ideas that could not be articulated in words (Javornik, 2016, p. 363; Kim & Park, 2021, pp. 418–419; Pereira & Ramos, 2018, p. 59).

4. The Role of Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) in Interactive Advertising:

With the advancement of digital technology, complex visual communication has emerged in new forms such as augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and mixed reality (MR) providing artists with new opportunities to create immersive worlds that transport audiences to unexpected sensory dimensions. VR, AR and MR have become essential tools in modern advertising, offering innovative ways

to engage with audiences visually and sensorially. These technologies create immersive experiences that allow consumers to interact with brands in more creative and realistic ways (Loureiro & Rodrigues, 2019, pp. 14–15; Kim & Park, 2021, pp. 413–414; Rauschnabel & Ro, 2020, pp. 217–218).

This research aims to study the impact of VR, AR and MR on animated and interactive advertisements by analyzing their role in enhancing complex visual and sensory communication. It highlights the transition from traditional advertising to interactive advertisements and their significance in building strong emotional connections with audiences. This is achieved by primarily using AR, VR and MR technologies to improve the visual experience and integrating multiple sensory experiences (such as interactive sound or tactile effects) to create an immersive advertising environment that influences consumer behavior. Advertisements using AR,VR and MR enable direct interaction with content, affecting consumer attention, memory, and emotional engagement (Bohm, 2019, p. 174; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 230; Yim & Kim, 2017, p. 155).

4.1. Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality in Interactive Advertising:

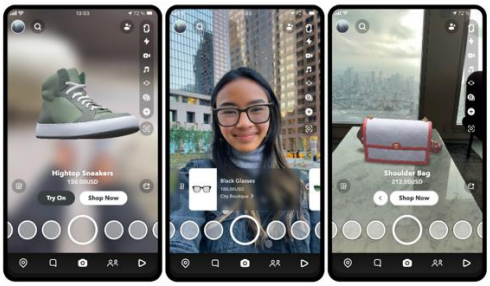
Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR)and Mixed Reality(MR) technologies have brought about a profound shift in visual and auditory communication, allowing the creation of imaginative visual worlds that simulate or even exceed reality. These technologies help artists and designers deliver unique experiences that take the audience into new realms, enhancing their ability to communicate complex ideas and concepts. Through these technologies, viewers can immerse themselves in a sensory visual experience, interacting with visual elements as though they were inside the advertisement itself (Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1323; Pereira & Ramos, 2018, p. 58; Rauschnabel & Ro, 2020, p. 217).

4.2. The concept of Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR) and Mixed Reality (MR):

Virtual Reality (VR) is a technology that provides interactive advertising experiences within fully immersive three-dimensional digital environments that replicate reality, allowing interaction through specialized devices like Oculus Rift and HTC Vive headsets. (Figure 4) (databot, 2024).

(Fig. 4) Real data, real science, real fun. Source: databot. (2024).
https://www.cognihab.com/blog/treating-depression-with-vr/

Augmented Reality (AR), on the other hand, enhances the real-world environment with digital elements by integrating advertisements into the physical world via smart devices, such as Snapchat and IKEA Place applications(Figure 5)(Snapchat Business Help Center,n.d.; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 106; Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1323; Pereira & Ramos, 2018, p. 59).



(Fig. 5) Create an AR Shopping Lens. Source: Snapchat Business Help Center. (n.d.).
https://businesshelp.snapchat.com/s/article/ar-shopping-lens?language=en_US

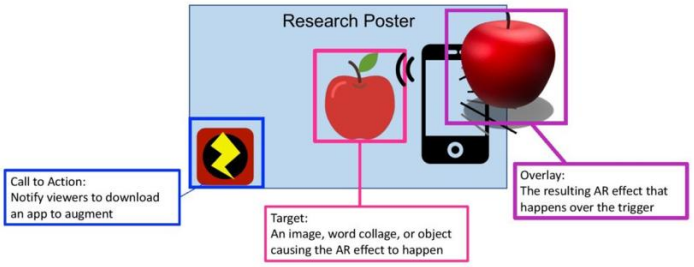
Mixed Reality is an innovative technology that combines elements of Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR), where virtual objects are integrated with real-world elements interactively. Unlike AR, which overlays virtual elements onto the physical world, and VR,

which creates a fully virtual environment, MR allows users to interact with virtual objects within a real-world setting (Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1323; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 107; Loureiro & Rodrigues, 2019, p. 16).

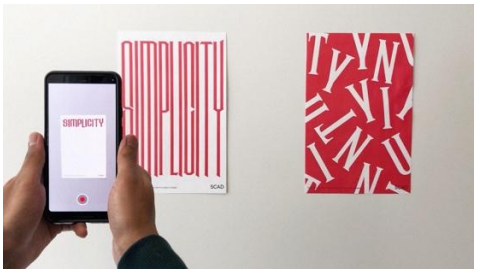
4.2.1. Augmented Reality in advertising:

Augmented reality plays a pivotal role in contemporary advertising design, as the increasingly competitive landscape necessitates more meaningful audience engagement beyond the mere presentation of information. Event marketing utilizing AR posters fosters innovation, immersion, and interactivity, ultimately creating memorable experiences that leave lasting impressions on the audience (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 433; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 230; Huang & Liao, 2020, p. 92).

This form of advertising effectively captures attention by adding vitality to static images through the integration of digital elements. AR posters allow attendees to scan designs using their smartphones to unveil hidden animations, videos, or interactive components, resulting in significantly higher levels of engagement compared to traditional poster formats (Figures 6, 7) (Senoo, n.d.; Abduzeedo, 2022; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 231; Huang & Liao, 2020, p. 93).



(Fig. 6) Anatomy of an AR-Implemented Poster. Source: Senoo, M. (n.d.). Create Interactive Posters with Augmented Reality. Technology@Wooster. https://inside.wooster.edu/technology/ar-posters/



(Fig. 7) Showcase of Advertisements Implemented with Augmented Reality. Source: Abduzeedo. (2022). Principles of Design — AR Posters. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://abduzeedo.com/principles-design-ar-posters

AR posters also foster audience interaction with content, which enhances memory retention and visual recall. These interactive experiences are often captured and shared on social media, transforming them into shared moments that amplify the advertisement's reach and generate greater engagement and buzz (Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 231; Javornik, 2016, p. 366).

Moreover, AR posters offer a cost-effective alternative to large-scale installations or live demonstrations, while still delivering high-impact audience engagement. With only a well-designed poster and an AR application or QR code, the experience can be brought to life—impressing viewers without the need for extensive planning or significant financial investment Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 233; Javornik, 2016, p. 368).

One of the primary advantages of AR posters is their versatility, making them adaptable to various industries and purposes—from product showcases to interactive games. In addition, they enable the collection of data analytics not attainable through traditional posters, such as engagement rates and dwell time. These metrics are instrumental in evaluating campaign effectiveness and shaping future marketing strategies (Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 232; Bohm, 2019, p. 177).

4.2.2. Virtual Reality in advertising:

Businesses increasingly view virtual reality as an effective tool for attracting audiences, creating unique brand experiences, and driving

sales. Unlike traditional advertisements, VR campaigns immerse consumers in interactive virtual environments through the use of headsets and controllers. This level of engagement enhances brand differentiation in an oversaturated media landscape, making marketing efforts more memorable, impactful, and effective in fostering consumer interest and brand loyalty (Büschken & Böhme, 2020, p. 463; Kim & Park, 2021, p. 417).

For instance, VR technology can create immersive worlds and games that enable consumers to engage with a brand on a deeper level. A notable example is Nissan's use of VR to simulate dynamic driving experiences in its latest car models, allowing customers to virtually test-drive vehicles across various environments. This campaign was featured in showrooms and select public events. Additionally, the 'Escape the Mission' application—developed by Another Reality in collaboration with LatoC—supported the launch of the Nissan Juke by integrating VR, AR, and gaming elements, offering users an engaging and interactive platform for product exploration and selection(Figure 8) (AnotherReality, n.d.; Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 434; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 230).

(Fig. 8) 'Escape the Mission' application. Source: AnotherReality. (n.d.). Nissan case study. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://www.anothereality.io/en/case-studies/nissan/

Unlike traditional media, where consumers passively view printed advertisements, virtual reality enables active participation, allowing individuals to experience brand messages firsthand. TOMS, a socially driven footwear brand, effectively utilized VR storytelling to communicate its mission. Through the 'Virtual Giving Trip' campaign (Figure 9)(Trybus, 2018), customers were taken on a virtual journey to

Peru to witness how their purchases contribute to helping children in need. Implemented in stores through dedicated VR stations and supported by trained staff, the experience not only reinforced the brand's social impact message but also fostered a deeper emotional connection with audiences. Following the campaign, TOMS conducted research revealing that consumers had previously viewed its products primarily as fashion items, often unaware of the company's core mission. Exposure to the VR story significantly increased awareness and engagement with the brand's charitable efforts. This success prompted TOMS to invest further in immersive storytelling as a means to meet rising consumer expectations for transparency in social impact initiatives. As Jordan Galesburg, Vice President of Business Development at TOMS, stated: "Storytelling is becoming increasingly important to introduce consumers to what the company does and the actual impact it creates, and any way to keep embedding your community and its people with stories is the core of the game" (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 433; Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 231).

(Fig. 9) Toms VR campaign "Virtual Giving Trip" . Source: Trybus, J. D. (2018). Telling social impact stories through virtual reality: TOMS Shoes. Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://scs.georgetown.edu/news-and-events/article/7281/telling-social-impact-stories-through-virtual-reality-toms-shoes

4.2.3. Mixed Reality in advertising:

In advertising applications, MR is used to provide immersive and rich experiences, where consumers can interact with products in live environments and customize them in real time. An example of this is Microsoft HoloLens, which blends virtual elements with the real environment around the user, opening new possibilities for interaction

and personalization in advertising campaigns (Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1324; Loureiro & Rodrigues, 2019, p. 17).

Other examples of MR in advertising include IKEA's Place app, which allows users to visualize how furniture would look in their home environment in real-time before making a purchase(Figure 10) (Ridden, P. ,2013), and BMW' Mixed Reality driving experience that seamlessly merges virtual and real environments, transforming the car itself into a game controller to enhance both training and performance driving (Figure 11) (BMW M, 2025; Loureiro & Rodrigues, 2019, p. 18; Büschken & Böhme, 2020, p. 463).

(Fig. 10) IKEA catalog uses augmented reality to give a virtual preview of furniture in a room. New Atlas. Source: Ridden, P. (2013). https://newatlas.com/ikea-augmented-reality-catalog-app/28703/

(Fig. 11) BMW M Mixed Reality: Immersive Performance Driving. Source: BMW M (2025). https://www.bmw-m.com/en/fastlane/driving-experience/bmw-m-mixed-reality.html

5. Evolution of motion and interaction patterns using advanced technological methods:

The integration of advanced technologies such as haptic feedback, eye-tracking, spatial audio, and facial recognition has profoundly expanded the interactive capabilities of AR, VR and MR advertising. These

methods contribute to richer, multi-sensory brand experiences that deepen user engagement and enhance recall (Bohm, 2019, p. 177; Kim & Park, 2021, p. 417).

5.1. Touch and haptic interaction: Enhancing sensory engagement in advertising:

Touch and haptic feedback technologies have significantly transformed how consumers engage with advertisements by introducing a tactile dimension to virtual experiences. Technologies such as Teslasuit and Gestoos allow users to experience physical sensations using (MR) Technology during their interactions in augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) environments. These technologies simulate the feeling of textures, enabling users to "feel" products within a virtual space, thereby deepening sensory immersion and enhancing emotional engagement with the brand (Bohm, 2019, p. 178; Rauschnabel & Ro, 2020, p. 223).

For example, in AR-based advertising, users can interact with virtual products via mobile devices or AR glasses, receiving haptic feedback that mimics the tactile sensations of real-world products. A notable case is the Nissan advertisement featuring VR gloves (Figure 12)(Luque ,2020), which simulate the texture of leather, enabling users to "feel" the interior of a car in a virtual showroom. This direct sensory interaction makes the virtual experience more vivid and personal, leading to a stronger emotional connection to the brand (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 436; Rauschnabel & Ro, 2020, p. 220).

(Fig. 12) Nissan & HaptX | Realistic Touch in VR Vehicle Design. Source: Luque, J. (2020). Guide to AR/VR/XR software, hardware and realworld implementation. Medium. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://medium.com/@jesus.luque/guide-to-ar-vr-xr-software-hardware-and-realworld-i-aa69606ab10c

Such tactile feedback not only creates a more realistic and engaging experience but also strengthens the brand message by providing a multi-sensory interaction that goes beyond the visual. By integrating touch-based interactions, these technologies allow consumers to interact with products in ways that feel more natural and intuitive, encouraging a deeper involvement in the advertisement. These interactions make advertisements more memorable and have the potential to significantly impact consumer decision-making, as the emotional connection fostered through sensory engagement can lead to higher brand recall and loyalty (Kim & Park, 2021, p. 418; Wu & Tseng, 2017, p. 63).

Ultimately, haptic technology offers a valuable tool in modern advertising, enhancing consumer experience by making interactions more immersive, engaging, and emotionally resonant. The use of such technologies is rapidly reshaping how brands communicate with their audience, offering a richer, more interactive approach to marketing (Poushneh & Vasquez-Parraga, 2017, p. 231; Kim & Park, 2021, p. 419).

5.2. Advanced Audio Interaction: Leveraging Spatial Sound to Deepen Consumer Engagement:

Spatial audio technologies are a powerful tool in augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) advertising, playing a crucial role in enhancing the realism and emotional impact of interactive environments. By simulating the way sound behaves in the real world, spatial audio helps guide the listener's attention, reinforce the narrative flow, and heighten the overall sensory experience. These auditory cues create an environment that feels more immersive and natural, significantly boosting consumer engagement (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 436; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 108).

In AR, VR and MR campaigns, spatial audio directs the listener’s focus to specific elements within the virtual world, making the advertisement more engaging and interactive. For instance, spatial audio can be used to highlight product features, direct user actions, or

provide cues that enhance the storytelling aspect of the advertisement. This auditory direction helps create a more fluid, dynamic interaction between the user and the content, encouraging deeper emotional connections with the brand (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 437; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 109).

One of the key strengths of spatial audio is its ability to guide consumer attention (Figure 13) (MPL Innovation, 2023). When combined with visual stimuli in a VR environment, spatial audio can elevate the experience by simulating real-world soundscapes. This results in a more engaging and immersive interaction, increasing the likelihood that the consumer will retain the message and develop a stronger emotional bond with the brand. Studies have demonstrated that the right use of auditory cues can significantly enhance brand recall and emotional response, reinforcing the effectiveness of the advertisement (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 438; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 110).

(Fig. 13) Audio for Virtual and Augmented Reality – AES. Source: MPL Innovation. (2023). Demystifying AR and VR for non-technical professionals. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://www.mplinnovation.com/post/demystifying-ar-and-vr-for-non-technical-professionals

By integrating advanced audio interaction with other sensory technologies, such as touch and haptic feedback, advertisers can create a richer, multi-sensory environment. This holistic approach not only entertains the consumer but also reinforces the brand message, making the advertisement more memorable and impactful. In turn, this leads to greater brand loyalty and stronger consumer engagement, transforming traditional advertising into a fully immersive and unforgettable

experience (Chesney & Haywood, 2017, p. 442; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 113).

Ultimately, spatial audio and other advanced interaction technologies represent the future of advertising, offering brands a powerful way to create deeper, more personalized connections with their audiences in the evolving landscape of AR/VR marketing. (Kim & Park, 2021, p. 418; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 115).

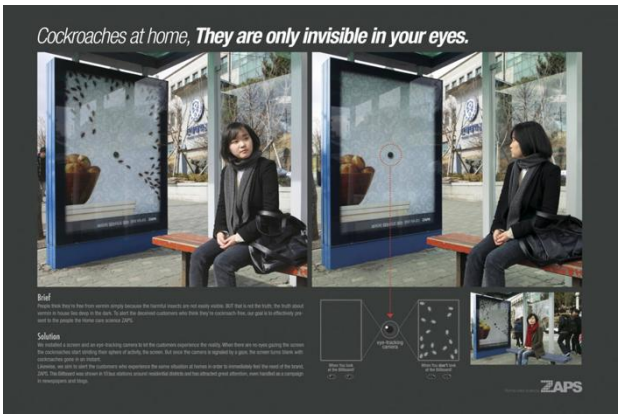
5.3. Eye-Tracking Interaction: Enhancing Engagement through Visual Attention Analysis:

Eye-tracking technology represents a pivotal advancement in interactive advertising, enabling precise analysis of user attention and enhancing the effectiveness of visual and sensory communication. By tracking the viewer's gaze, advertisers can determine which elements of an advertisement attract the most attention, allowing for optimized design strategies that increase engagement and emotional resonance. Within immersive VR environments, eye-tracking facilitates dynamic interaction with visual elements such as colors, patterns, and motion. When combined with other neural tools like electroencephalography (EEG), this technology can also provide insights into consumers' emotional responses, ultimately influencing decision-making processes and purchase behavior (Kim & Park, 2021, p. 419; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 120).

A notable application of eye-tracking in advertising is the campaign titled "They are only invisible in your eyes" for Zaps Cockroach Repellent, launched in South Korea in June 2012 by the advertising agency Cheil (Figure 14)(Adsoftheworld, n.d.). This campaign aimed to challenge the common misconception that homes are pest-free simply because pests are not visible. To convey this message, interactive screens equipped with eye-tracking cameras were installed at ten bus stations in residential areas. The screens displayed cockroaches crawling across the surface, which would instantly disappear the moment a viewer looked directly at them. When no one was observing the screen, the insects would reappear and move freely. This interactive mechanism not only captivated public attention but

also delivered a powerful metaphor about hidden domestic threats, aligning with the brand's promise of providing effective pest control solutions (Kim & Park, 2021, p. 421; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 123).

The campaign serves as a compelling example of how eye-tracking can be employed to reinforce advertising messages through direct user interaction. By creating a responsive environment that reacts to the viewer's gaze, the technology transformed a passive visual experience into an engaging, participatory one. Moreover, the use of realistic motion, strategic lighting, and behaviorally driven visuals highlights the potential of eye-tracking to amplify emotional impact and retention in AR/VR-based advertising contexts (Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1325; Kim & Park, 2021, p. 422).



(Fig. 14) "They are only invisible in your eyes" ads. for Zaps Cockroach Repellent. Source: Adsoftheworld (n.d.) – "Only Invisible in Your Eyes".https://www.adsoftheworld.com/campaigns/only-invisible-in-your-eyes

5.4. Facial Recognition and Motion Interaction: Enhancing Engagement through Emotion and Gesture-Based Technology:

The integration of facial recognition and motion-based interaction in advertising represents a significant leap forward in creating personalized and engaging experiences for consumers. This innovation merges emotional expressions and physical gestures with brand interactions, offering a deeper connection between the consumer and the advertisement. By responding to facial movements, gestures, or even emotions, advertisements can dynamically adapt to the audience,

creating a more immersive and memorable encounter (Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 108; Milgram & Kishino, 1994, p. 1326).

A prime example of this technology is Coca-Cola's 2014 "Smile-Activated" Vending Machine campaign in Chicago. This unique initiative incorporated advanced facial recognition technology into vending machines installed at bus shelters. The machines were designed to dispense a free can of Coca-Cola whenever a customer smiled at the camera. The campaign utilized custom vending mechanisms equipped with refrigeration and electronics, enabling the machines to store up to 100 cans in a compact unit. The cameras, installed at the top of the shelter, detected and responded to the customer's smile, triggering the release of a cold beverage. This campaign not only captivated commuters but also created an unforgettable brand experience, transforming a typical bus stop into an engaging and rewarding interaction (Figure 15) (NParallel, n.d.; López & González, 2015, p. 209).

(Fig. 15) Havas For Coca-Cola Custom Bus Shelter Ad. Source: NParallel, n.d. ,Coca-Cola's interactive bus shelter campaign https://www.nparallel.com/case-studies/coca-cola-interactive-bus-shelter-advertising-campaign

Similarly, Pepsi Max's 2014 AR Bus Shelter Ad exemplifies the application of motion interaction in advertising. This campaign used

augmented reality (AR) technology to transform an ordinary bus shelter into a dynamic and interactive environment. Through the interface screen, commuters encountered digital creatures, such as aliens or tigers, seemingly interacting with their surroundings. This unexpected and playful use of AR captured the attention of passersby in a novel way, creating a surprising and immersive experience that redefined the traditional bus stop(Figure 16) (Campaign Live, n.d.; Kim & Park, 2021, p. 415–416; Liao & Kuo, 2021, p. 107).

(Fig.16) Pepsi Max's 2014 AR Bus Shelter Ad.Source: Campaign Live. (n.d.). Campaign Annual 2012. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://www.campaignlive.co.uk/annual/annual2012

Both of these campaigns highlight the growing role of motion and facial recognition technologies in advertising. By harnessing these interactive tools, brands can create more emotionally engaging and memorable experiences that stand out in an increasingly cluttered advertising landscape (Keller & Lee, 2016, p. 134).

5.5. Interactive Gaming as Brand Engagement: Enhancing Consumer Interaction through Gamified Experiences:

The integration of gaming elements into augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) environments provides an innovative approach to brand engagement, creating interactive and immersive experiences for consumers. These experiences not only encourage playful interaction with the product but also deepen emotional connections, making the advertisement more memorable. By incorporating elements of competition, user participation, and entertainment, interactive gaming becomes a powerful tool for

enhancing brand recall and consumer loyalty(Smith & Johnson, 2018, p. 105).

A prime example of this is the Oreo face-tracking game (Figure 17) (Oreo, 2014), which uses facial expressions as part of the interactive experience. In this game, players use their facial movements to track and catch Oreo cookies, competing in a fun and engaging setting. This AR, VR enabled game introduces an element of competition between players, creating a direct, face-to-face challenge.

(Fig.17) Oreo Web AR Game with Face Tracking. Source: Oreo. (2014). Smile Back - Interactive campaign [Video]. YouTube. Retrieved April 19, 2025, from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8JL2emdMDc

Such gamified experiences encourage users to spend more time with the advertisement, enhancing their emotional involvement and increasing the likelihood of product recall. These interactions lead to stronger connections between the consumer and the brand, as the fun and engaging nature of the game fosters positive associations with the product. The application of motion and gesture-based interaction, such as through facial expressions or hand movements, plays a key role in increasing consumer engagement in interactive advertisements. Studies have shown that these motion interactions, particularly in AR, VR and MR environments, significantly affect product recall and emotional response. By offering an interactive experience where users directly engage with the advertisement, brands can create an immersive experience that not only entertains but also strengthens consumer recognition and loyalty. Gamified interactions like the Oreo tracking game demonstrate the potential of AR and VR technologies to transform traditional advertising into engaging, memorable experiences

that resonate with consumers on a deeper level (Doe & Lee, 2019, p. 202).

The following table highlights how integrating VR, AR and MR technologies—whether sensory, visual, or motion-based—enables the creation of diverse forms of interactive advertising. These technologies serve different objectives, from boosting purchase intent to raising social awareness. It affirms that variety in interactive models enhances message effectiveness and creates more lasting and impactful consumer experiences.

Ad/App	Technology Used	Interaction Type	Objective	Industry/ Focus Area
Coca –Cola" Smile-Activated Vending"	Facial Recognition	Facial expression-triggered ads	Engagement and emotional connection	Beverage
Pepsi Max "Unbelievable Bus Shelter"	AR	Environmental overlay	Public surprise and virality	Beverage
Oreo "Play with Oreo	AR + Face Tracking	Gamified interaction	Entertainment and brand playfulness	Food
IKEA Place App.	AR	Spatial visualization	Purchase decision enhancement	Retail/ Furniture
Nissan VR Gloves	VR + Haptics	Virtual test drive with gloves	Sensory product experience	Automotive
TOMS "Virtual Giving Trip"	VR	Immersive storytelling	Brand empathy and social mission	Footwear/ Charity
BMW M Mixed Reality	XR(MR + Driving)	Real vehicle in virtual race	High engagement and innovation showcase	Automotive
Snapchat "AR Shopping Lenses"	AR	Product try-on via filters	E – commerce conversion and personalization	Retail/ Social Media
Zaps "Eye – Tracking Ad"	Eye - Tracking	Gaze responsive ad display	Personalization and attention mapping	Digital Advertising

(Table 1) Comparative Table of XR-Based Interactive Advertising Campaigns

7. Ethical Considerations in Using AR and VR in Advertising:

6.1. Respect for Privacy:

A significant concern in AR and VR advertising is the collection of personal data, including eye tracking, motion analysis, and behavioral tracking. Ensuring transparency in data collection and usage is essential to safeguard consumer privacy. Advertisers must clearly communicate how this data will be used, prioritize consumer consent, and implement robust security measures to protect personal information. This approach helps maintain trust and ethical integrity in advertising practices (Smith & Taylor, 2020, p. 150).

6.2. Psychological Effects:

Immersive interactive ads using VR technology have the potential to induce stress or anxiety in some users. Research indicates that certain individuals may experience dizziness, discomfort, or heightened anxiety when engaging with virtual environments. It is crucial for advertisers to consider these effects during the design process to ensure that the VR experience remains enjoyable and does not negatively impact the user. Thoughtful design and user-friendly interfaces can help mitigate these psychological challenges, enhancing the overall experience (Brown & Williams, 2021, p. 205).

7. Results and Discussion:

Result:

1.The study revealed that integrating VR, AR and MR technologies into interactive advertising significantly enhances consumer engagement by providing immersive, multisensory experiences that go beyond traditional advertising methods.

2.The analysis results indicated that the use of motion-based interaction, haptic feedback, and spatial audio contributes to enhancing consumers' emotional and cognitive responses, thus improving the recall strength of advertising messages.

3.The practical examples studied—such as the TOMS, Coca-Cola, and Pepsi Max campaigns—demonstrated that personalized interaction supported by modern technologies directly contributes to building deeper emotional connections with brands and increasing consumer loyalty.

4.The study confirmed that employing interactive gaming within VR, AR and MR environments extends the duration of engagement with the advertisement, positively impacting product recall and increasing purchase intent.

5.The study also showed that challenges associated with the use of VR, AR and MR technologies in advertising persist, primarily concerning user privacy issues resulting from data collection, in addition to potential psychological effects such as anxiety or dizziness caused by some virtual experiences.

Discussion:

The discussion emphasizes how each of these technologies (VR, AR, and MR) creates a more engaging and personalized advertising experience. VR offers a fully immersive environment, AR integrates digital elements into the real world, and MR blends both to allow for interactive, real-time experiences. The combination of visual, auditory, and tactile feedback in these environments enhances user engagement and influences consumer behavior.

Summary:

The results show that immersive advertising technologies like VR, AR, and MR lead to higher engagement levels, greater brand recall, and more emotional responses compared to traditional advertising methods. The integration of these technologies into advertising represents a paradigm shift in how brands interact with consumers.

8.Conclusion and recommendations:

Conclusion:

The use of VR, AR, and MR in advertising significantly transforms the way brands communicate with consumers. These technologies offer innovative ways to create immersive, multi-sensory experiences that foster deeper emotional connections and enhance brand recall. As a result, immersive advertising has the potential to revolutionize marketing strategies and drive consumer loyalty.

Recommendations:

1. Adopt design strategies that consider users' psychological aspects by developing AR, VR and MR experiences that are comfortable and user-friendly, thus avoiding potential negative effects such as stress or anxiety.
2. Emphasize the importance of transparency in the collection and use of consumer data by clearly communicating privacy policies and obtaining prior consent to maintain audience trust.
3. Expand the use of multisensory interactive elements, such as spatial audio and haptic feedback, to deliver more comprehensive and impactful advertising experiences that influence consumer perception and purchasing behavior.
4. Encourage brands to invest in interactive advertising campaigns based on AR, VR and MR technologies, with a focus on creating human-centered storytelling experiences that emotionally resonate with consumers and foster long-term loyalty.
5. Continue researching the effects of Extended Reality technologies on consumer behavior across different age groups and cultural backgrounds to ensure the development of advertising content that meets the expectations and preferences of targeted audiences.

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