## High quality mobile VR with Unreal Engine and Oculus

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#### Agenda

- VR Best practises on GearVR / UE4
- New VR features and rendering techniques in UE4
  - Monoscopic Far Field Rendering
  - Mobile Multiview
- New technologies in the horizon using Multiview
  - Foveated Rendering
- Debugging and Profiling on Mali
  - Mali Offline Shader Compiler
  - Mali Graphics Debugger
  - Streamline

- Compared to PC and Console, Mobile has additional constraints
  - Most accessible development environment
    - Most challenging platform to ship on
  - Battery life and heat dissipation are primary concerns
    - Fast peak performance, but you can't run it pegged indefinitely
  - Optimization is more involved than PC and Console
    - Consistently making frame rate isn't enough
  - Android N sustained performance mode
    - Guaranteed to run indefinitely at a lower performance level

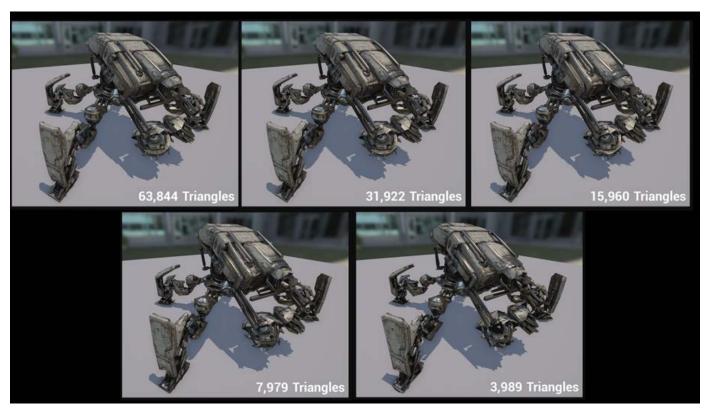
- Asset budgets and suggestions
  - 50 60 k average number of triangles for the entire scene
    - Max 10 0 k
  - 50 draw calls per eye
    - Merge materials and meshes
    - Use instancing
    - Multiview improves this!
  - Aggressive LODs
    - Consider the memory impact

• Use the stat system to profile scene complexity



Output of stat rhi and initviews

- Example output of our new automatic LOD generation (4.14)
  - Vertex data is maintained so materials and light maps can be shared



- Asset budgets and suggestions
  - Materials should be no more than 125 instructions
  - No dynamic lights or shadows
    - Bake and fake
  - LDR
    - No post processing
  - Create test levels with representative content
    - Profile on devices you intend to ship on to verify your budgets
    - Test for the duration of expected session time

- Content suggestions
  - Remove triangles the user can't see
    - Remove back sides
    - Segment large models
  - Bake distant environment to a skybox
    - Use Oculus cube map layer for optimal sampling
    - Monoscopic can be used for middle ground
  - Fully rough materials
    - Fake environment reflection

- Content suggestions
  - Don't render occluded objects
    - Wasted draw calls and primitive culling time
  - Design scenes to minimize draw distance
  - Use precomputed visibility volumes
  - Aggressive manual hiding of objects not in view
    - Take advantage of scene knowledge
  - Minimize transparent overdraw
  - Objects that are 100% transparent are still drawn. Set visibility flag!

- Content suggestions
  - Use MSAA
    - At least 2x, and 4x when possible
    - Avoid post process anti-aliasing
  - Use ASTC for texture compression
    - Largest block size possible
    - Generate MIP maps
    - Avoid complex filtering options

- Content suggestions
  - Track ticking object count
    - Don't tick if you don't need to
  - Spawning is extremely expensive
    - Spawn on load
    - Amortize over multiple frames
    - Consider building a manager to pool objects
  - Try blueprint nativization to reduce script VM overhead

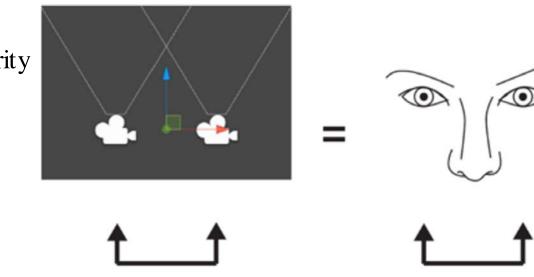
- Stereo Layers
  - Not rendered in-engine
  - Raytraced in the compositor
  - Single sampling!
  - Supports quads, cylinders, and cubemaps
  - Head-locked, tracker-locked, or world-locked
  - Stereo Layer Component
  - Works with UMG!



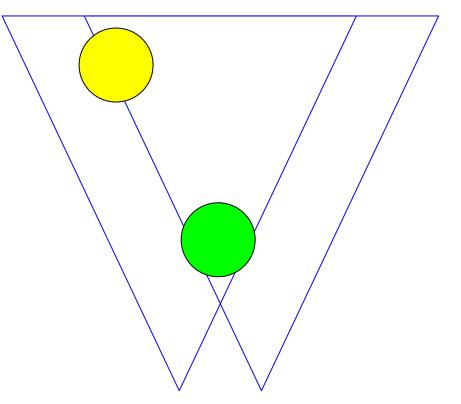
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- Mobile Multiview

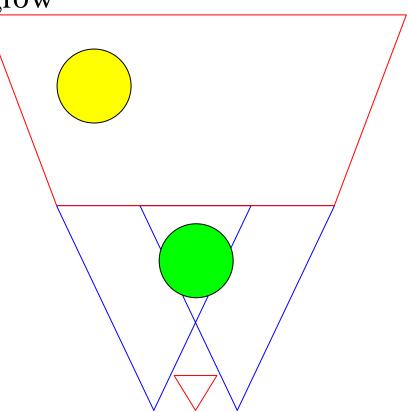
- Rendering both eyes
  - Position difference creates binocular parallax
  - Projection difference creates binocular disparity
  - Depth!
- Performance issues
  - Double the CPU usage
  - Double the Vertex/Fragment usage
- Similarities?

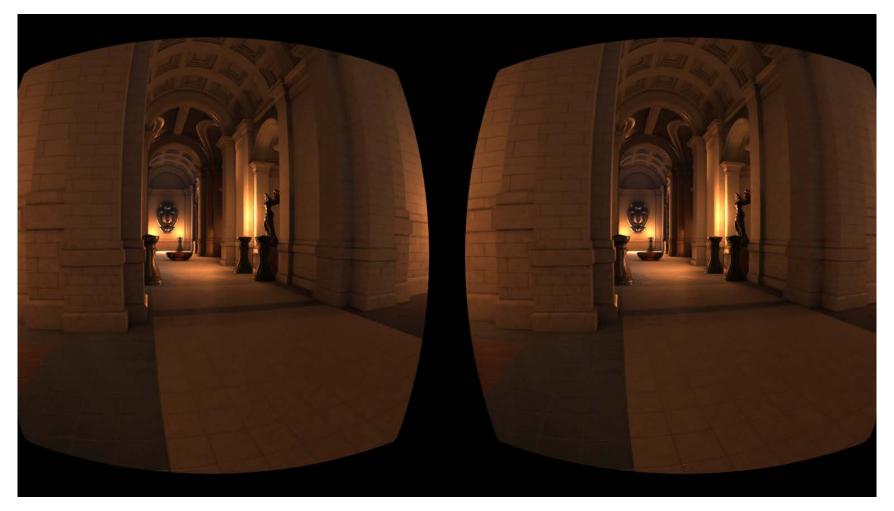


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- Adding a 3rd camera!
  - Two stereo cameras have a 30 ft far plane
  - Mono camera has a 30 ft near plane
  - Strict ordering of pixels
- New rendering pipeline



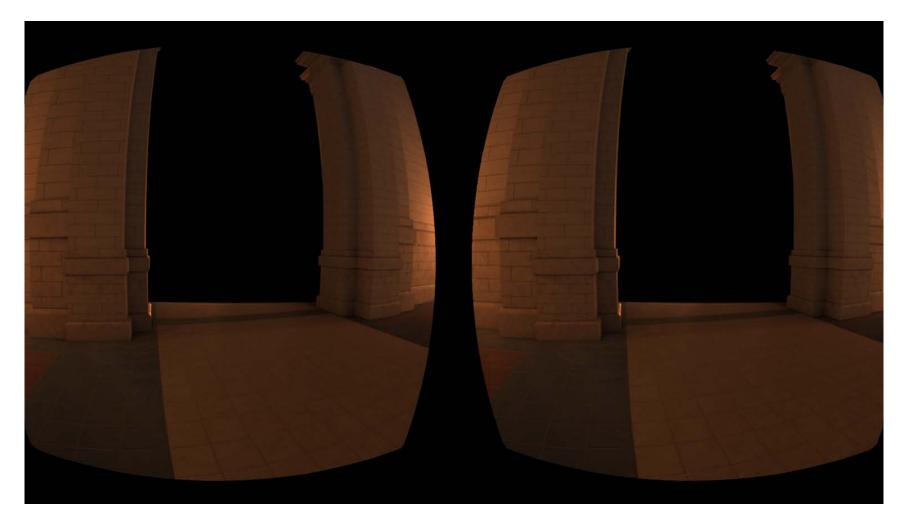
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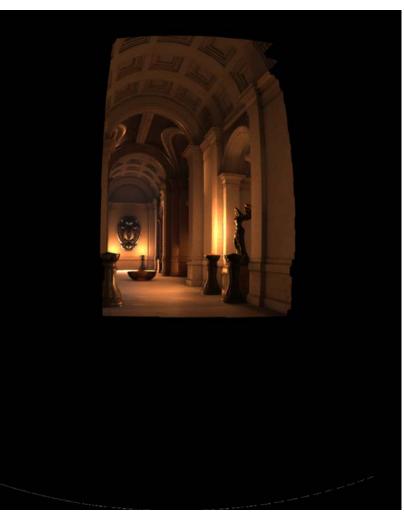


Original rendering





Stereo cameras with 30ft far plane



Mono camera with 30ft near plane

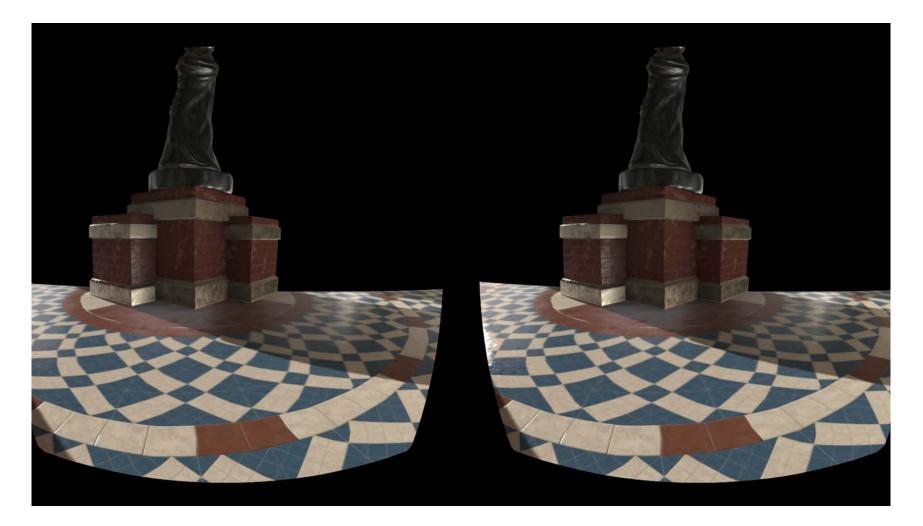


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  - Monoscopic camera rendering unused pixels



Standard SunTemple scene





Close stereo cameras

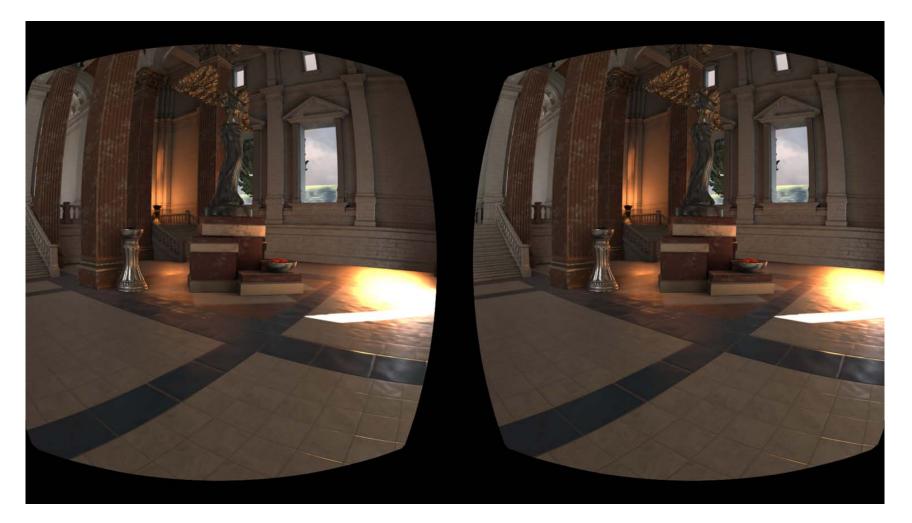


Mono camera with 30ft near plane



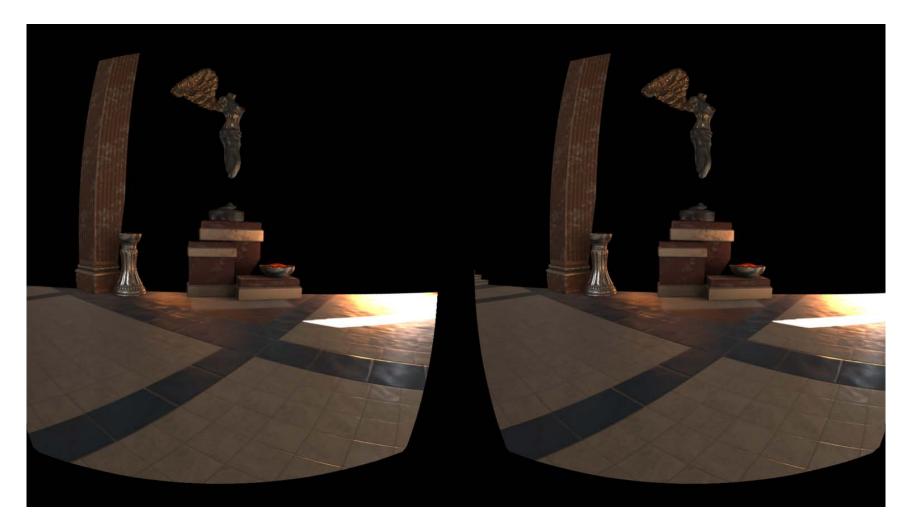
Mono camera with 30ft near plane and mask

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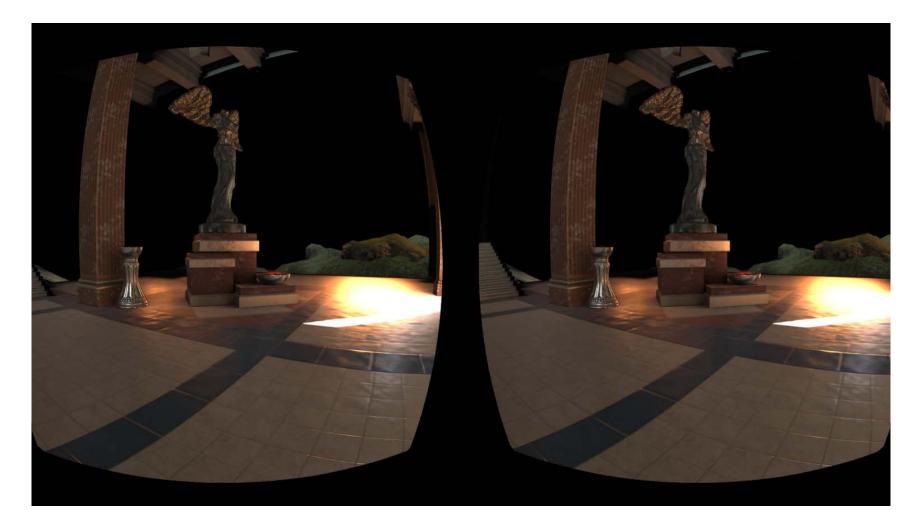


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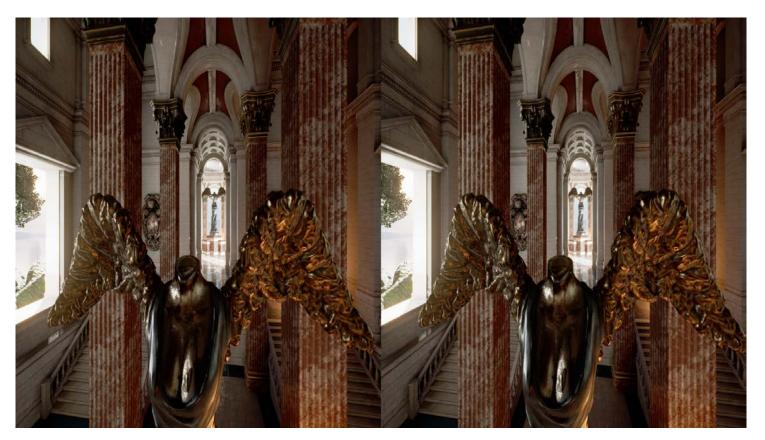
Stereo cameras without close depth clear but with close frustum culling



- Issues with new pipeline
  - Monoscopic camera rendering unused pixels
  - Stereo cameras drawing far object (frustum culling)
  - Compositing artifacts (transparency mainly)
  - Performance hits of running a third camera

- Results
  - Performance is very environment-dependent
  - 20+% increases in certain conditions
  - Both CPU and GPU implications
  - Can get performance decrease as well
  - Dynamic system, both on/off and view distance
  - vr.FarFieldRenderingMode 0/1/2/3/4

• What problem are we solving?

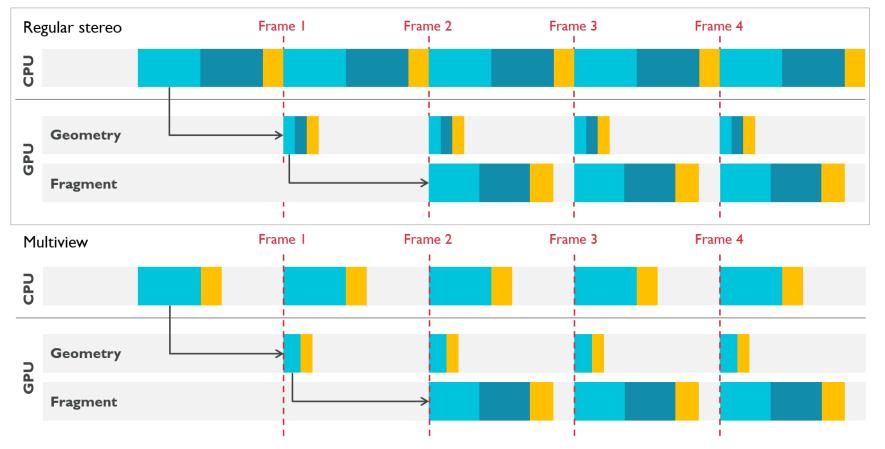


• Minimal differences between views at primitive granularity





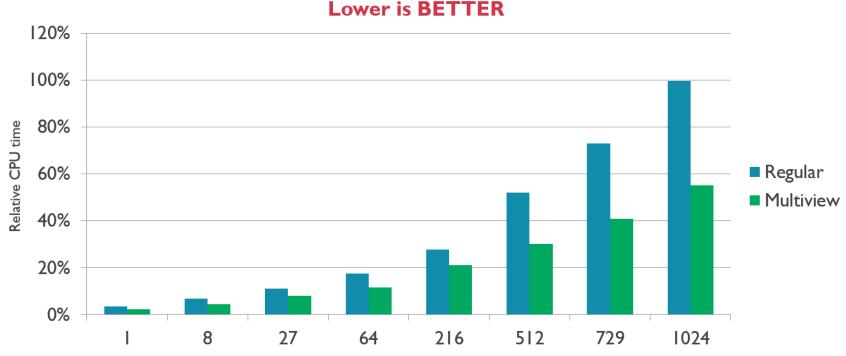
#### • Regular vs. multiview CPU-GPU timeline



- Overloaded term
  - Instanced stereo for PC
  - Multiview extension of instanced stereo for PS4
  - Single pass stereo from Nvidia
  - DirectX 11 Multiview extension from AMD
  - Multiview OpenGLES extension

- UE4 implementation
  - PC/PS4 Instanced stereo and PS4 multiview
    - Standard graphics pipeline based
      - Instanced draw call, transform, culling, clipping vertex shader
    - Small extension for PS4 to reduce vertex shader work
  - Mobile multiview
    - Draw call instancing and vertex work done entirely by the driver
    - Leverages view uniform system from instanced stereo

• Multiview: CPU performance



Lower is **BETTER** 

GL\_OVR\_multiview

#### GL\_OVR\_multiview

Restrict the use of <u>gl\_ViewID\_OVR</u> to the computation of <u>gl\_Position</u>

#### GL\_OVR\_multiview2

No restricted usage of gl\_ViewID\_OVR, it can be used in fragment and vertex shader stage

#### OVR\_multiview\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture

Multiview version of EXT\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture

#### • Vertex shader with multiview

#version 300 es
#extension GL\_OVR\_multiview2 : enable
precision highp float;
layout(num\_views = 2) in;

in vec3 vertexPosition; in vec2 UVCoordinates; out vec2 texCoord;

#### uniform mat4 MVP[2];

void main(){

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gl_Position = MVP[gl_ViewID_OVR] * vec4(vertexPosition, 1.0f); ← This line is executed N times (e.g. 2x for 2 views)
texCoord = UVCoordinates;
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#### - Using multiview in an application

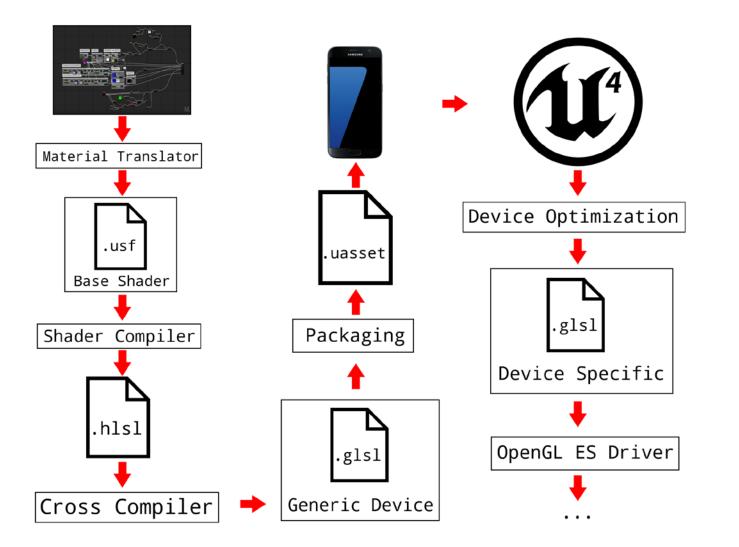
// Create FBO
glGenFramebuffers(1, &FBO\_ID);
glBindFramebuffer(GL\_DRAW\_FRAMEBUFFER, FBO\_ID);

// Create Color textures
glGenTextures(1, &TextureColorID);
glBindTexture(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D\_ARRAY,TextureColorID);
glTexStorage3D(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D\_ARRAY, I, GL\_RGBA8, 1024, 1024, 4);

// Attach the color texture to the FBO, 4xMSAA
glFramebufferTextureMultisampledMultiviewOVR(GL\_DRAW\_FRAMEBUFFER, GL\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT0, TextureColorID, 0, 4, 0, 2);

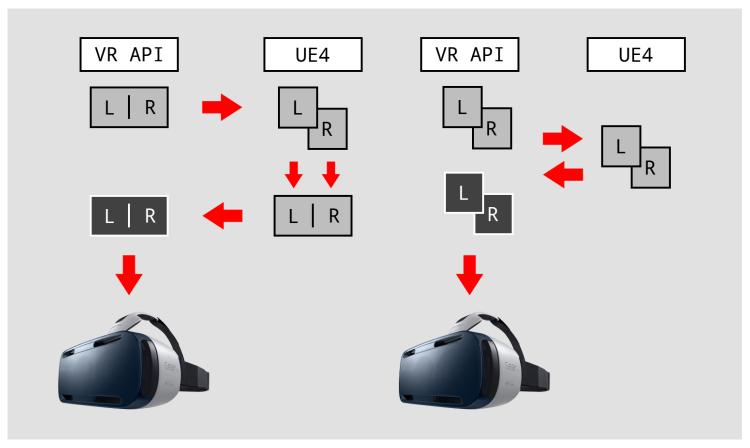
// Create Depth Textures
glGenTextures(1, &TextureDepthID);
glBindTexture(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D\_ARRAY, TextureDepthID);
glTexStorage3D(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D\_ARRAY, I, GL\_DEPTH\_COMPONENT24, 1024, 1024, 4);

// Attach the depth texture to the FBO, 4xMSAA glFramebufferTextureMultisampledMultiviewOVR(GL\_DRAW\_FRAMEBUFFER, GL\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT, TextureDepthID, 0, 4, 0, 2);



- Driver support landscape
  - Multiple GPU vendors
  - Many driver bugs in initial implementations across all vendors
  - Long delay between driver updates and availability on end user devices
  - We strip out multiview code from the shader during application initialization if the device is known to have issues to ensure driver bugs don't break your application
  - Samsung Galaxy S6, Samsung Galaxy S7 Mali (Android M and N), S7 Adreno (Android N)

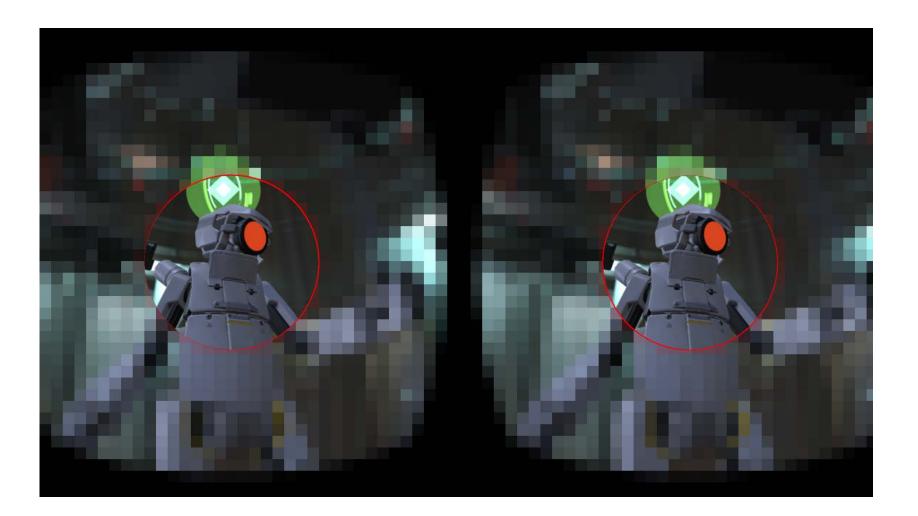
- Current work in development



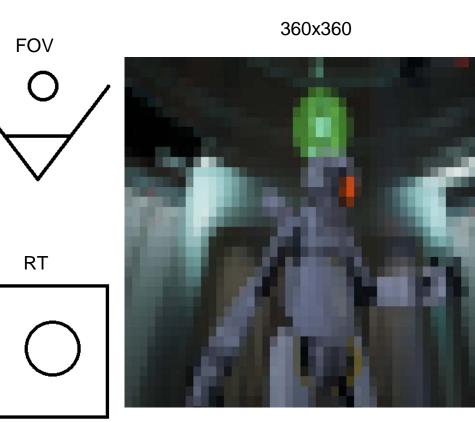
# New technologies in the horizon using Multiview

Foveated Rendering

## Foveated Rendering



# Foveated Rendering: 4-view multiview



Left eye periphery

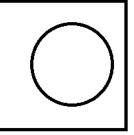
360x360





FOV

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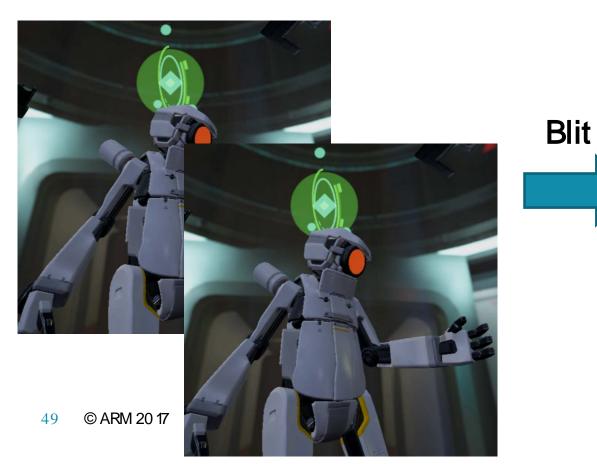


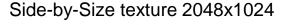
Left eye fovea

# Foveated Rendering: 4-view multiview Pipeline

- Current 2-view Multiview in UE4.14

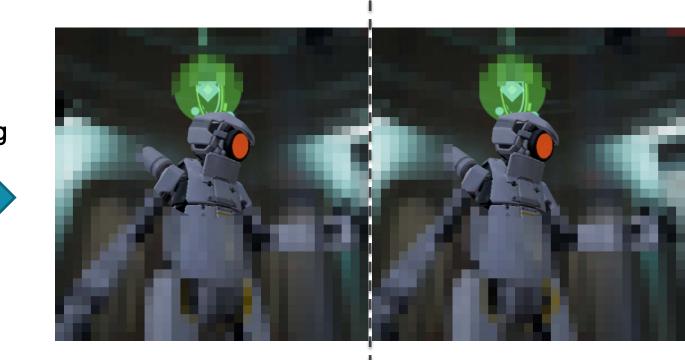
Scene Rendering into Texture array of 2x1024x1024 = 2.09 MPx

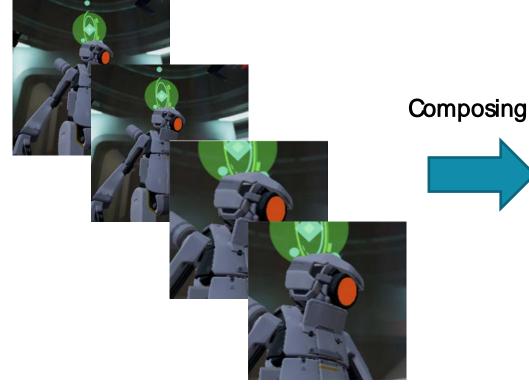




### Foveated Rendering: 4-view multiview Pipeline

- Foveated Rendering with 4-view Multiview (65% reduction)
- Scene Rendering into Texture array of 4x360x360 = **0.52 MPx**



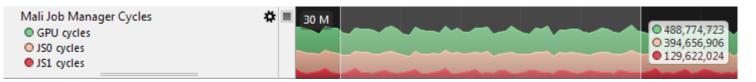


Side-by-Size texture 2048x1024



# Foveated Rendering: Results

#### Multiview



Total: 488 Mcycles Vertex: 129 Mcycles Fragment: 394 Mcycles

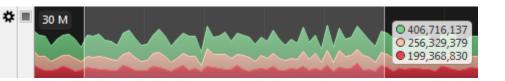
#### Foveated (35% original framebuffer size)



Total: 397 Mcycles (-20%) Vertex: 197 Mcycles (+52%) Fragment: 235 Mcycles (-40%)

#### Foveated 8xMSAA(35% original framebuffer size)

Mali Job Manager Cycles © GPU cycles © JSO cycles ● JS1 cycles



Total: 406 Mcycles (-17%) Vertex: 199 Mcycles (+53%) Fragment: 256 Mcycles (-35%)

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# Debugging and Profiling on Mali

- Mali Offline Shader Compiler
- Mali Graphics Debugger (MGD)
- Streamline
  - Result for Foveated Rendering and CircuitVR

# Mali Offline Shader Compiler

- Mali Offline Compiler
- Analyze shader performance
- Command line tool. Easy to integrate.
- Number of cycles
- Registers utilization



# Mali Offline Shader Compiler use-case

- Shows how many cycles the shortest and longest path takes:
  - Arithmetic pipeline
  - Load/Store pipeline:
  - Texture Pipeline

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No core revision specified, using "r2p0" as default.

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Longest Path Cycles:	15	22	Ø	L/S

= Arithmetic, L/S = Load/Store, T = Texture

# Mali Offline Shader Compiler: Getting the UE4 shaders

- Enable shader dumps and shader development in Console Variables.ini
- Invalidate the shader cache with r.InvalidataCachedShaders 1
- Restart the editor
  - This will dump the shaders in
     ProjectFolder>/Saved/ShaderDebugInfo/PCD3D\_SM[4|5]
- To generate the shaders for mobile:
  - Package the game for a mobile platform or
  - Activate the mobile preview
- Shaders will be in
  - ProjectFolder>/Saved/ShaderDebugInfo/GLSL\_ES[2|3]



# Mali Graphics Debugger (MGD)

- Runtime API Trace and resources analysis
- OpenGLES, OpenCL
- Debug and improve performance at frame level

- Available in UE4.15!! ③
- But currently not fully working with VR ☺
- Still useful to debug a No-VR version

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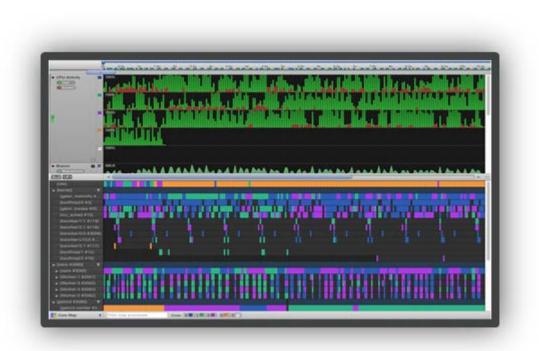
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# Streamline

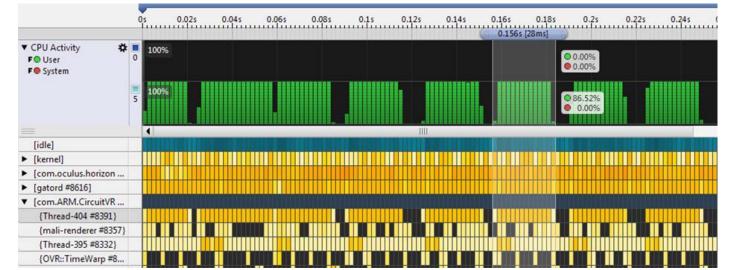
- Profile CPUs and Mali GPUs
- Timeline
- HW Counters
- OpenCL visualizer
- New version in April which shows Mali counters without rooting the device.
  - Rooting needed for precise CPU load analysis



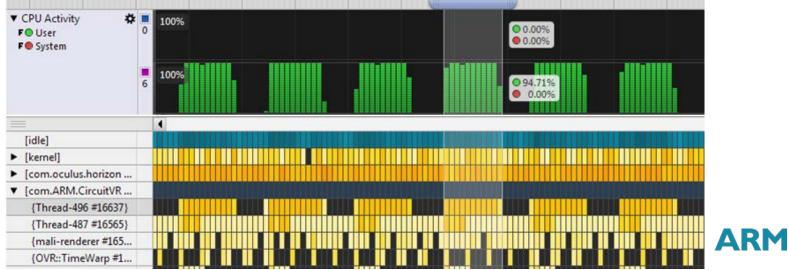
# Streamline use-case: Multiview On/Off CPU

No-Multiview
UE4 Render thread:
28 ms

Multiview
UE4 Render thread:
22ms (~23% reduction in
CPU load)

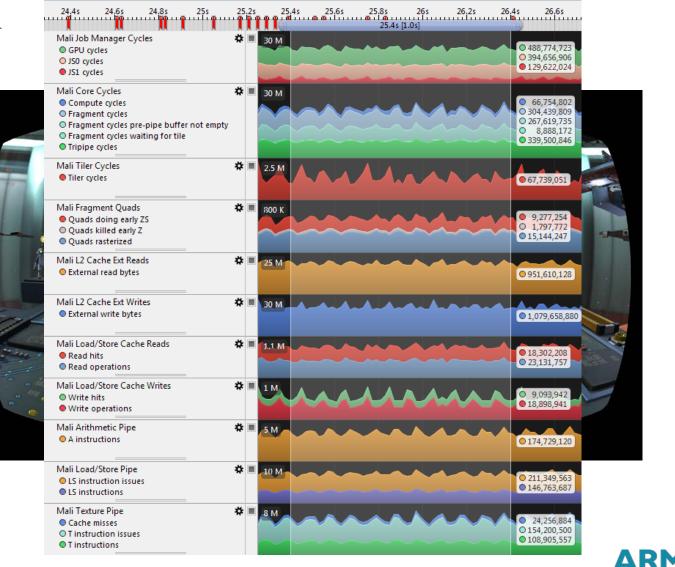






# Streamline use-case: Foveated rendering

- Useful metrics measurable with streamline:
  - GPU active cycles
    - Separated for vertex/fragme
  - Overdraw/Early-Z
  - Bandwidth
  - Cache hit/miss for textures and load/store
  - GPU Utilization
    - Separated for Arith, L/S and Texture
  - Average CPI, Cycles per vertex/fragment
  - Much more!



# Streamline: GPU references

Description and optimization tips for tiled based gpus: <u>https://community.arm.com/graphics/b/blog/posts/the-mali-gpu-an-abstract-machine-part-1---frame-pipelining</u>

Description of GPU counter available:

Midgard

<u>https://community.arm.com/graphics/b/documents/posts/mali-midgard-</u> <u>family-performance-counters</u>

Bifrost

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