Augmented Reality Sand Box

Real, Visual, and Interactive Sand with Virtual Topography

- 1. Shape real sand to create topography models
- 2. Use Microsoft Kinect 3D camera to create a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) of the sand
- 3. Overlay 2D DEM on 3D topography model using a projector (Real Time)
- 4. Results
 - Real time, interactive elevation map
 - Topographic contour lines
 - Simulated rain/water

Resolution of the Sand Box

- Horizontal: ± 1-2mm
- Vertical: ± 3mm



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Earth Science Education Applications

- Geographic feature recognition
- Geologic feature recognition
- Hydrologic concepts
- How to read a contour map
- Meaning and interpretation of contour lines
- Meaning and Interpretation of Elevation Color Maps
- Watershed understanding and analysis
- Catchment areas
- Levee understanding and design

Future Applications

Interactive therapy



