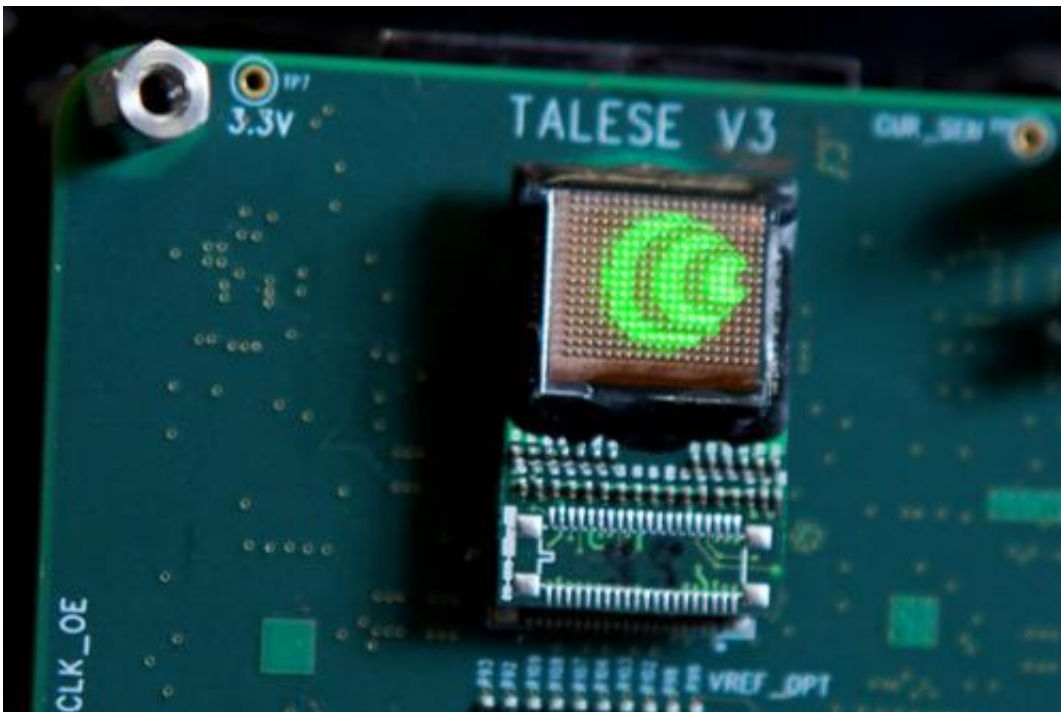


Down the road, you may see smartphone holograms

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Credit: Sam Hodgson for The Wall Street Journal

In predicting some of the next big things in [smartphones](#) of the future, Hongkiat.com did not ignore the potential of holographic projections. The smartphone holograph will be one path of interest, with projections from the smartphone. "If you want to talk about the potential of holographic projections in smartphones," said the site list of predictions, "it's great." Some potential uses presented were resizing a photo just by

using your hand to pull or compress the holographic photos appearing in front of you or moving objects just by grabbing them from one place to another, Question is, how close are we to portable, glasses-free, smartphone holograms? The Wall Street Journal ran a Monday [article](#) about a Carlsbad, California company called Ostendo Technologies, which indicates we may not be far off.

Ostendo Technologies is a display technology company. They develop Solid State Lighting -based display technologies and products. The team's specialty areas include electronics and photonics. A company saying is "where electrons meet photons." The Wall Street Journal on Monday, taking a closer look at the company, said, "imagine stepping into an empty room and then suddenly seeing life-size, 3-D images of people and furniture. Or looking down at a smartwatch and seeing virtual objects float and bounce above the wrist."

Evelyn Rusli wrote that "Ostendo Technologies Inc. has spent the past nine years quietly working on miniature projectors designed to emit crisp videos and glasses-free 3-D images for smartphones and giant screens." The article said Ostendo's projectors, roughly the size of Tic Tacs, are powered by a computer chip that controls the color, brightness and angle of each beam of light across one million pixels. One chipset, it said, small enough to fit into a [smartphone](#), is capable of projecting video on a surface with a 48-inch diagonal.

The article showed a company chip that can produce a hologram. That is where things may start to get quite interesting, but first things first, 2-D videos. According to Rusli, Ostendo said it has several opportunities with handset manufacturers. The first iteration of the chip, to ship next year, will project 2-D videos. The next version, however, is to feature holographic capability, according to Ostendo's chief executive and founder, Hussein S. El-Ghoroury, according to the article.

In a recent test reviewed by The Wall Street Journal, Ostendo showed a working prototype. This was a set of six chips laid together that beamed a 3-D image of green dice spinning in the air. Image and motion appeared consistent, irrespective of the viewer's position.

More information: ostendo.com/

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