Technology Tuesday

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Can handle the thought of putting on cheap plastic specs to get a 3D view of a virtual world?

Good news! Help is on the way!

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FANTASTIC PLASTIC: Prototypes made from the photorefractive polymer film so far offer smallâ€”four-square inch (10 centimeter)â€”monochrome images, such as this ethane molecule.
Photo: University of Arizona College of Optical Science

From Scientific American:

> […]
> Researchers at the University of Arizona's College of Optical Sciences (OSC) in Tucson, and engineers from Nitto Denko Technical Corporation, in Oceanside, Calif., recently unveiled a prototype of a photorefractive polymer film on which 3-D images can be recorded, erased and replaced with new images. When carried out swiftly enough, this process leads to a series of images on the film that deliver three-dimensional action that can be picked up by the naked eye.

I'm confident I can say a display for your home might be a little pricey right now, not to mention a sort of still in the engineering Frankenstein-istic look about it, too. The "hope" (we hear a lot about that these days) is stuff like this tends to get to be real and affordable one day…hopefully before Darth Vader and friends try to take over the universe.

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