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Dear Colleagues,

The architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industry and the digital heritage domain are both benefiting from the augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) revolutions. Architectural representation, along with advanced tools and techniques of digital visualization, enables users to increase the informative value of digital models.

Researchers and architects are increasingly capable of devising complex scenarios, characterised by buildings of high historical-cultural value, along with historical and modern infrastructure, archaeological sites, and museums, and have directed their resources towards innovative processes such as scan-to-BIM, BIM projects, HBIM projects, BIM-to-FEA, CoSim, BEM, InfraBIM, able to digitise and transform simple point clouds (3D survey data) into informative digital models.

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