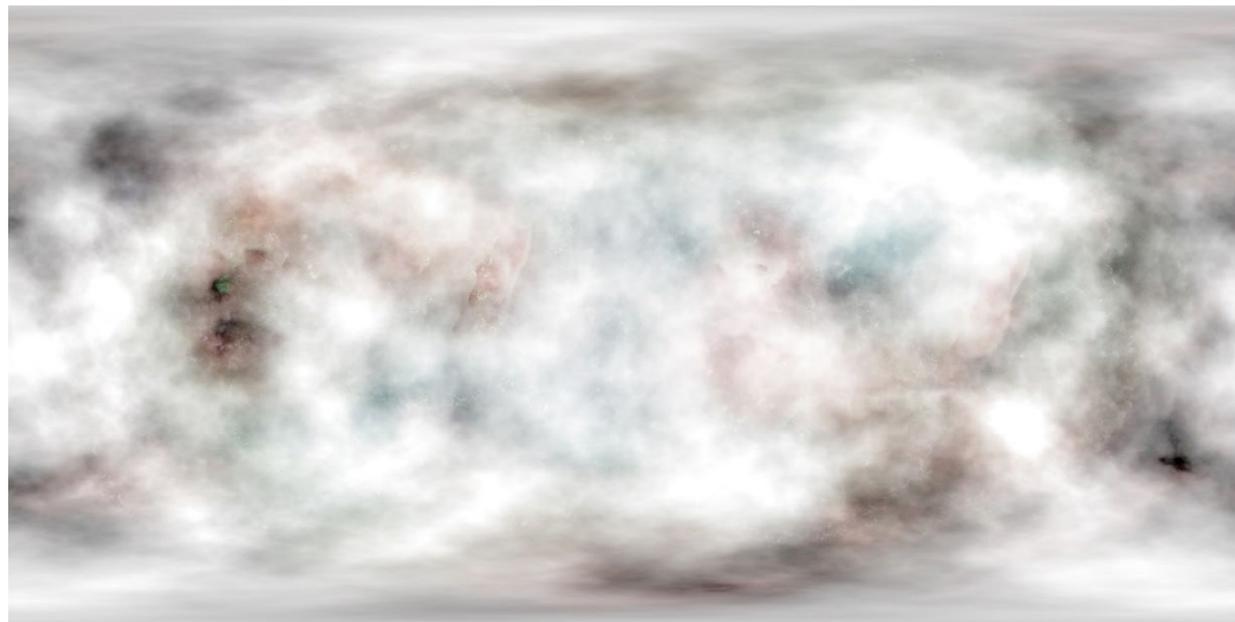


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RHIZONE: PAPILLA

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What will happen when the *Internet of Everything* will turn into the *Internet of Minds*? **Rhizone: PapiLLa** refers to the transformation of human identity in a world where organic and inorganic systems will merge into a new hybrid whole.

Inspired by symbiotic natural systems of **Wood Wide Web**, the multi-sensual poetic narrative of **Rhizone: PapiLLa** immerses the viewer in a complex, multi-dimensional semi-biological information network, in which the boundaries between micro and macro systems, between “internal” and “external” data processing are blurred.

The piece is an immersive installation combining Virtual Reality technologies with a sensory environment. The title refers to biological nodular formations often associated with the senses of touch, taste or smell, as well as to the organs of symbiosis between plants and bacteria produced by plants on their roots.

PapiLLa

It is a fractal of a virtual symbiote-system.

It is its sensory organ, a hybrid space in which the viewer’s feelings and imagination co-create the invigorating thread of *sympoiesis*.

The elusive threads of internal creation, such as the invasive threads of Rhizobium, connect PapiLLa with a structure devoid of spatial and temporal boundaries.

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