

## To 3D or Not to 3D-That is the Question

We have been getting a number of questions regarding 3d, I thought a quick article might clarify (ha!) the situation.



Many of you have seen Avatar in 3D in a commercial movie theatre and Beyond Audio can reproduce this in your home theatre. However, getting 3D to work by buying a "3D TV" and a couple of pairs of glasses is an entirely different matter. 3D is designed for a huge screen and might not actually work well on smaller displays, plus, extended viewing longer than the typical 2 hours may have detrimental health effects.

3D glasses, battery powered shutter glasses not the inexpensive plastic colored glasses, must be used. Glasses from, say Sony, will not work with Samsung or any other brand of TV, and at \$ 150 / pair, glasses could end up costing as much as the TV if you want the entire gang to take in the show.

As usual, with any new technology, it continues to evolve quickly but there are a lot of issues still to be worked out. 3D glasses that will work with any TV brand, a holographic style 3D is in the works, and the various broadcast standards still need refinement... still early days to be sure.



If you have a room for a big screen, say at least 80", and have the budget for 2 projectors and the 3D equipment to make it all work, Beyond Audio would be glad to put together an amazing system for you. However for now 3D is not quite ready for prime time.