
Touch-Enabled Interfaces

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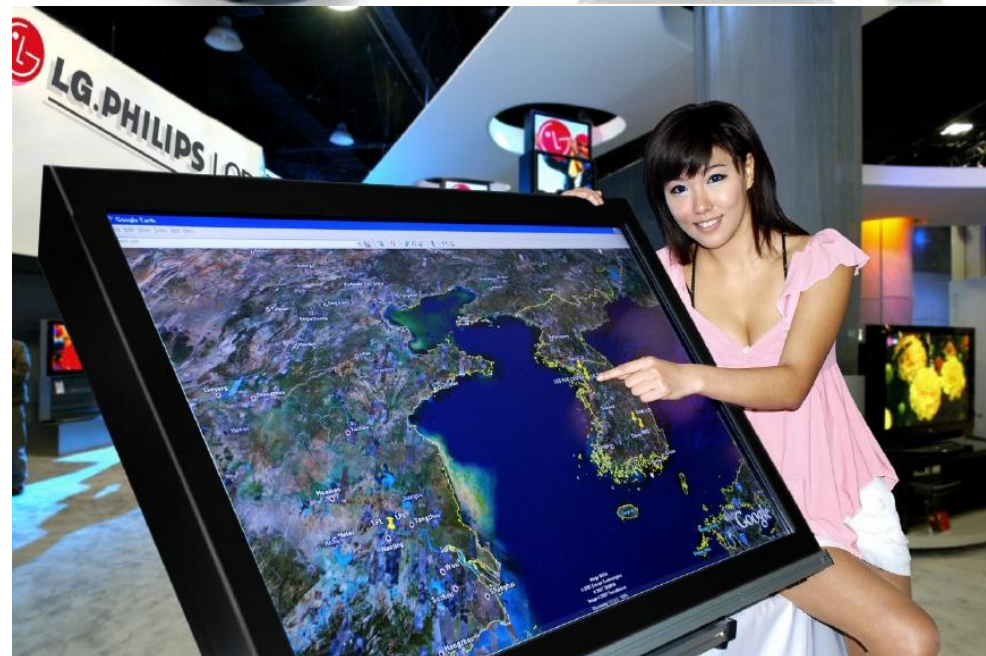
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Human Computer Interaction

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- Visual (graphics, vision, etc)
- Auditory (sound)
- **Haptic (touch-enabled)**
- Others

Common Touch-based Interfaces



Other Touch-based Interfaces

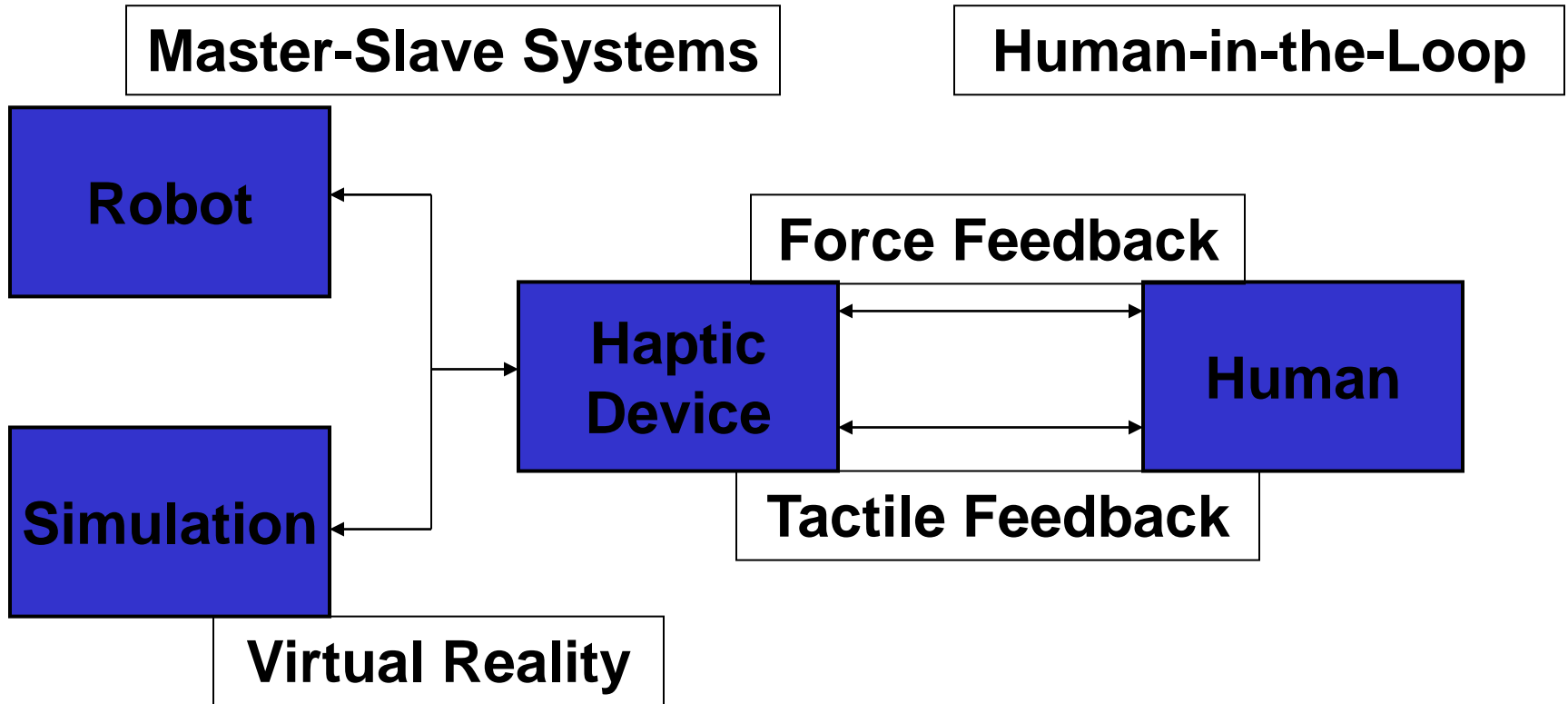


Benefits

- **Augment other senses**
- **Inherent 3D interfaces**
- **Physically-based interaction**
- **Assisted Technology**

- **⇒ Natural & Intuitive**

What Is Haptic Rendering?



Inter-disciplinary Research

**Computer
Science**

**Electrical
Engineering**

**Mechanical
Engineering**

Haptic Rendering

**Control and
actuators**

Mechanical design



Computation of the forces output by the device

Control of Haptic Devices

- **Impedance Devices**



6-DOF Phantom

- **Admittance devices**



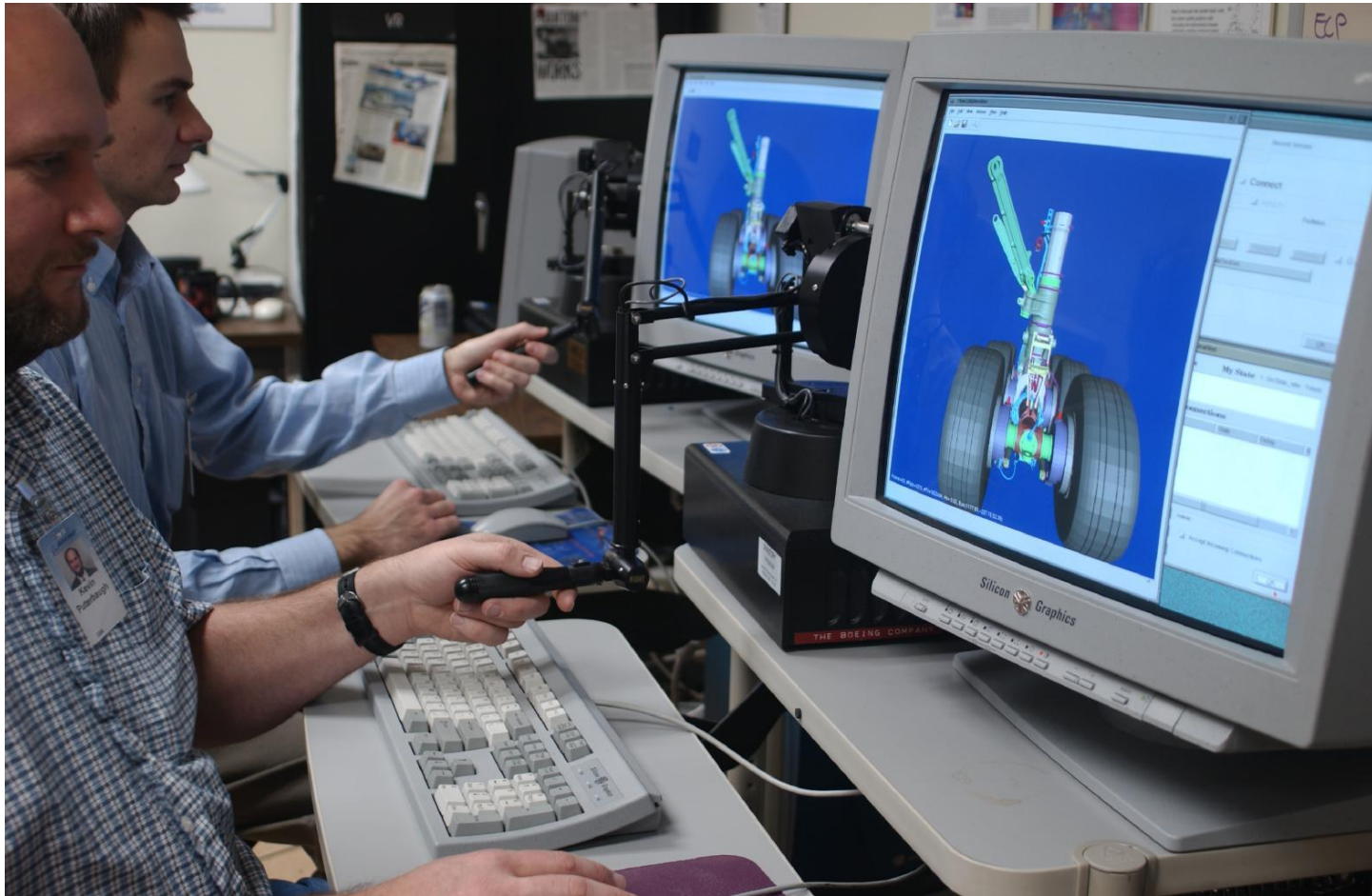
COBOTs

Engine Close-Up



Boeing VPS System

Collaborative Haptic Design Review



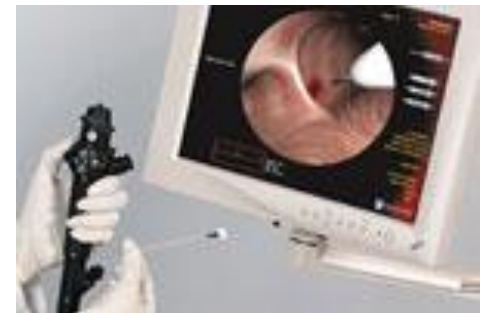
Other Examples

- A Haptic Hybrid Controller for Virtual Prototyping of Vehicle Mechanisms (Ford, BMW, etc)
- 3-DOF Cobot for Engineering Design (Northwestern University and Ford Automobile)



Medical Simulators

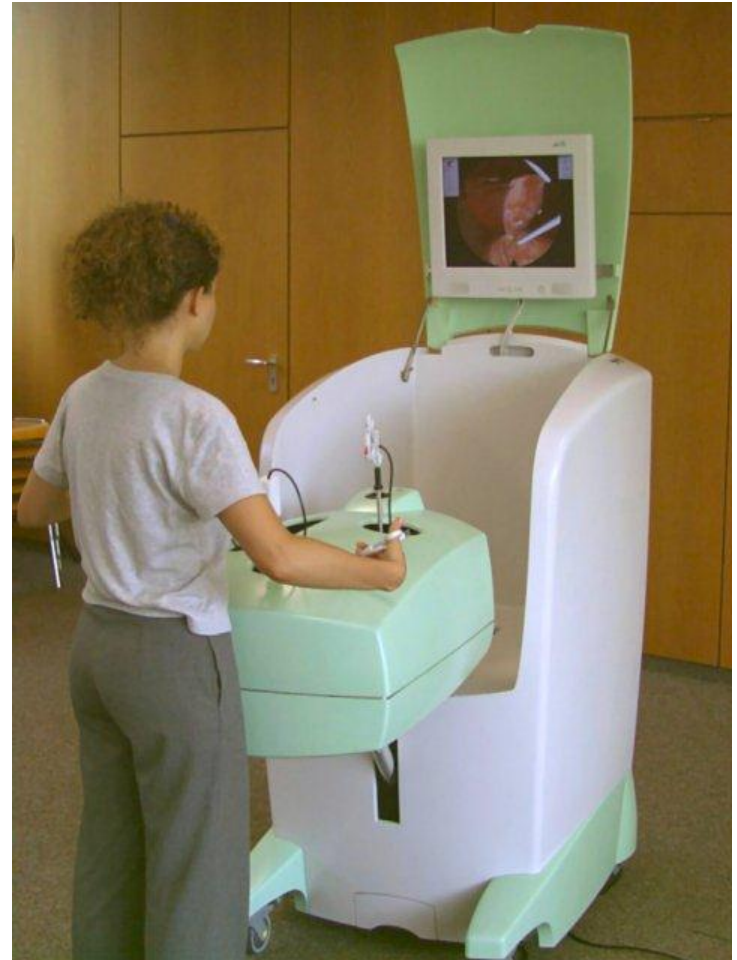
- **Endoscopy simulator** - Bronchoscopy and upper and lower gastrointestinal procedures on a single platform
- **Endovascular simulator** - Percutaneous coronary and peripheral interventions and cardiac rhythm management
- **Hysteroscopy simulator** - Skills assessment and myomectomy
- **Laparoscopy simulator** - Skills, cholecystectomy, sterilization, ectopic pregnancy, and myomectomy suturing
- **Vascular access simulator** - Adult, geriatric, and pediatric IV; PICC; phlebotomy; and skills assessment



Virtual Endoscopic Surgery Training

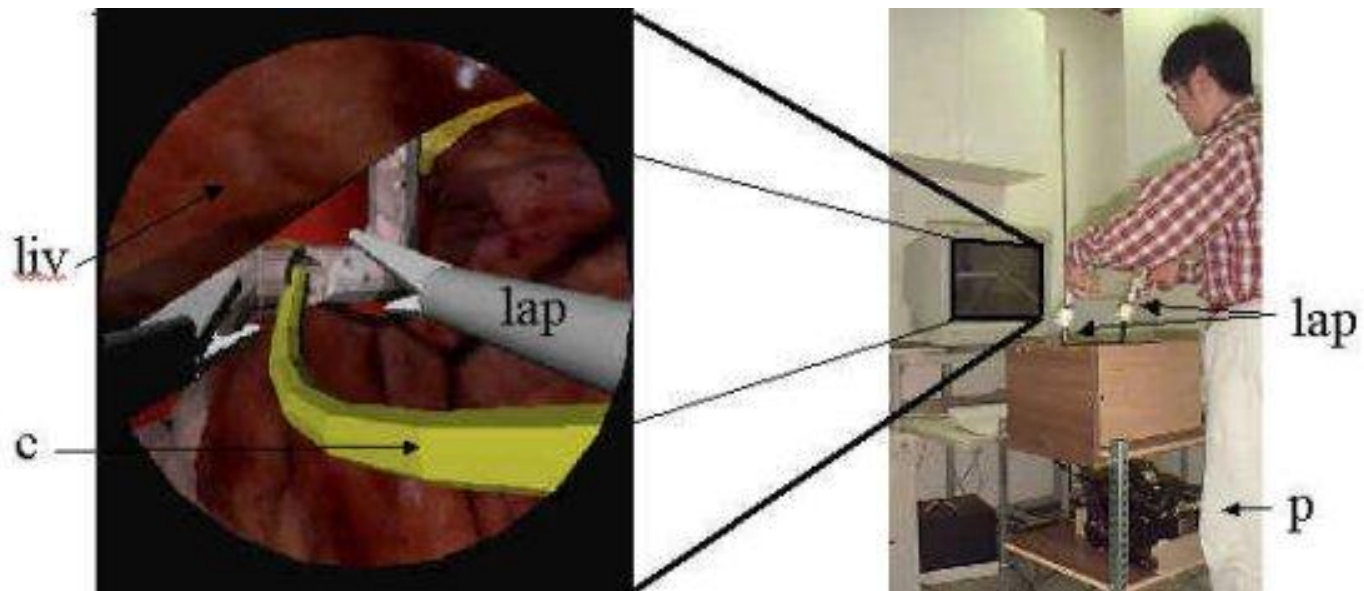
VEST System *One* (*VS One*) Technology

- 3 haptic (force-feedback) devices as mock-up endoscopic instruments
- 1 virtual endoscopic camera
- three new ***Basic Task Training (BTT)*** exercises -
Find tubes/touch points/follow path



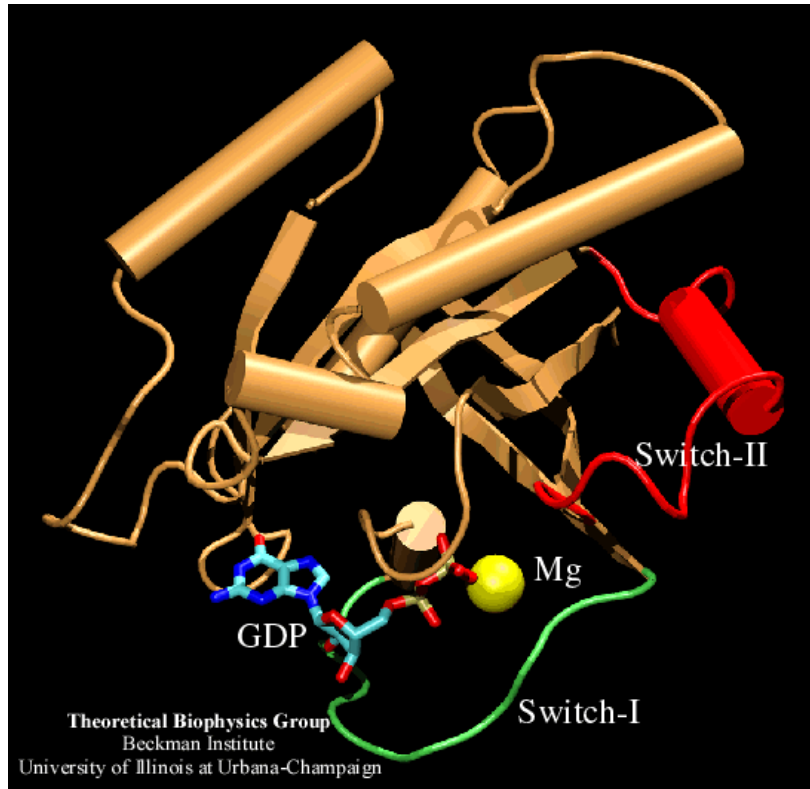
Laparoscopic Surgery

- MIT Touch Lab



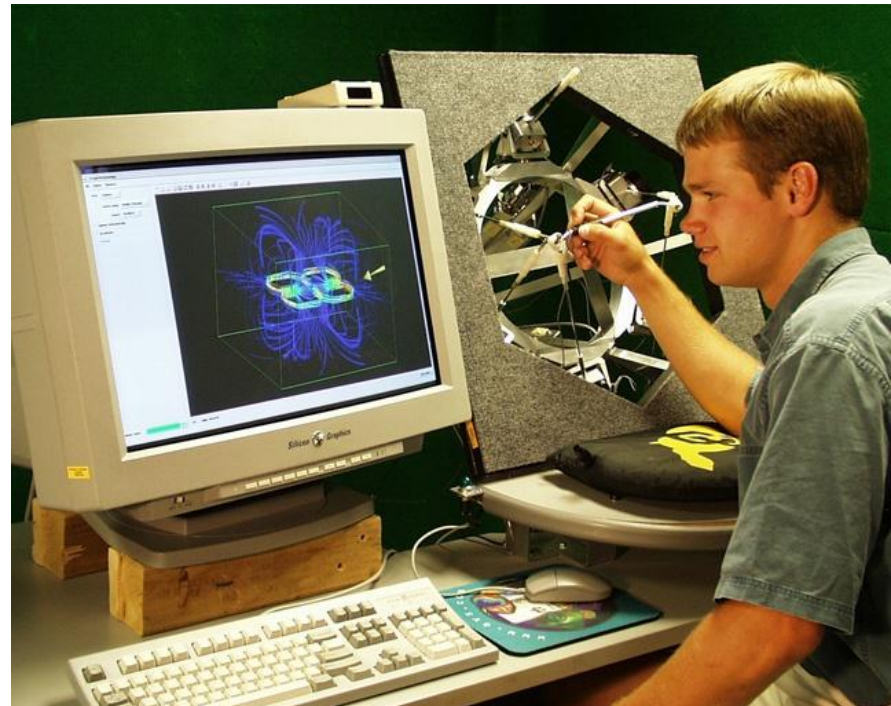
Molecular Dynamics

- VMD: Visual Molecular Dynamics

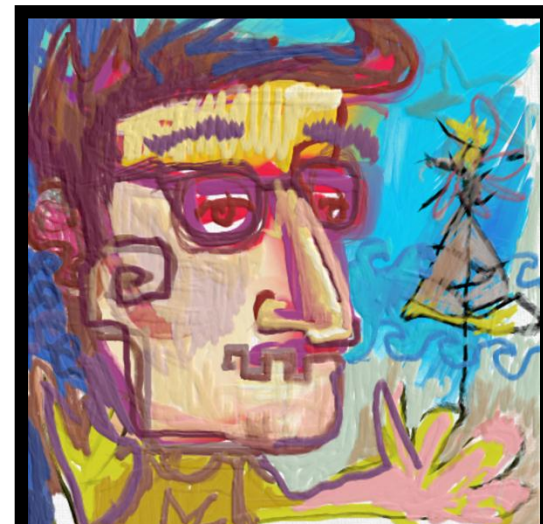


Haptic Vector Field

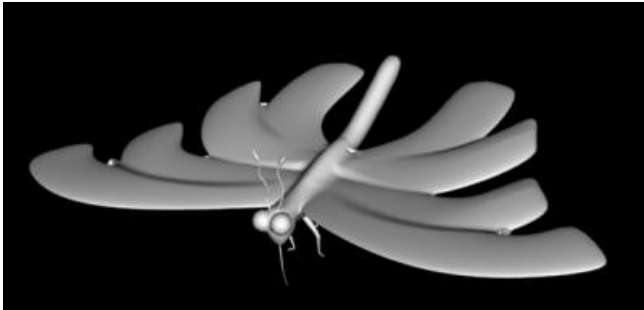
- Lawrence, Lee, Pau, Roman, Novoselov
 - University of Colorado at Boulder
- 5 D.O.F. in
- 5 D.O.F. out



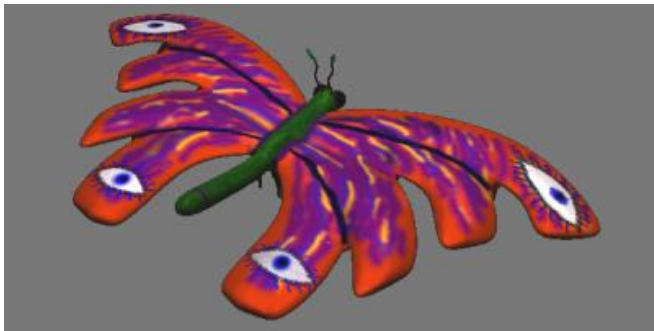
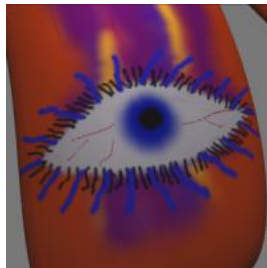
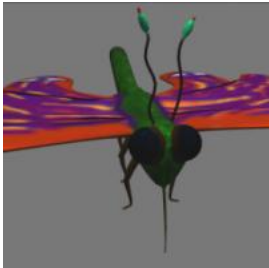
dAb: Haptic Painting System



inTouch: 3D Haptic Painting

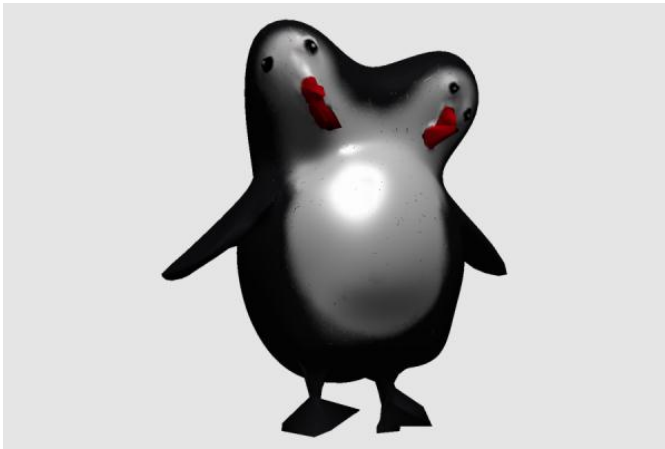


Painted Butterfly (~80k triangles)



<http://gamma.cs.unc.edu/inTouch>

inTouch: Multiresolution Modeling with Haptic Interface



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ArtNova: Touch-Enabled 3D Model Design



- Interactive texture painting
- User-centric viewing
- Realistic force response

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FreeForm Design



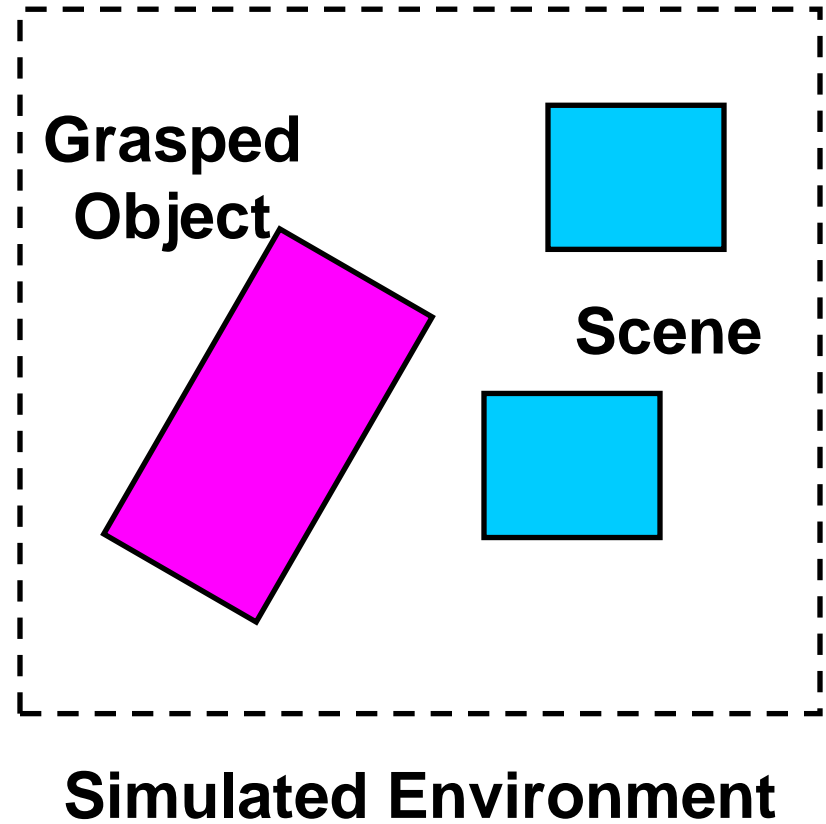
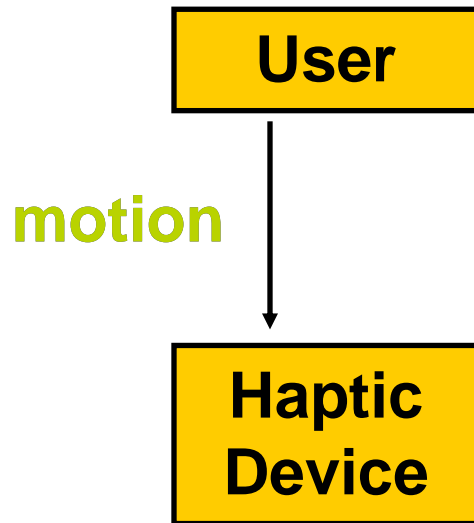
Model Gallery

<http://www.sensable.com/freeform-models.htm>

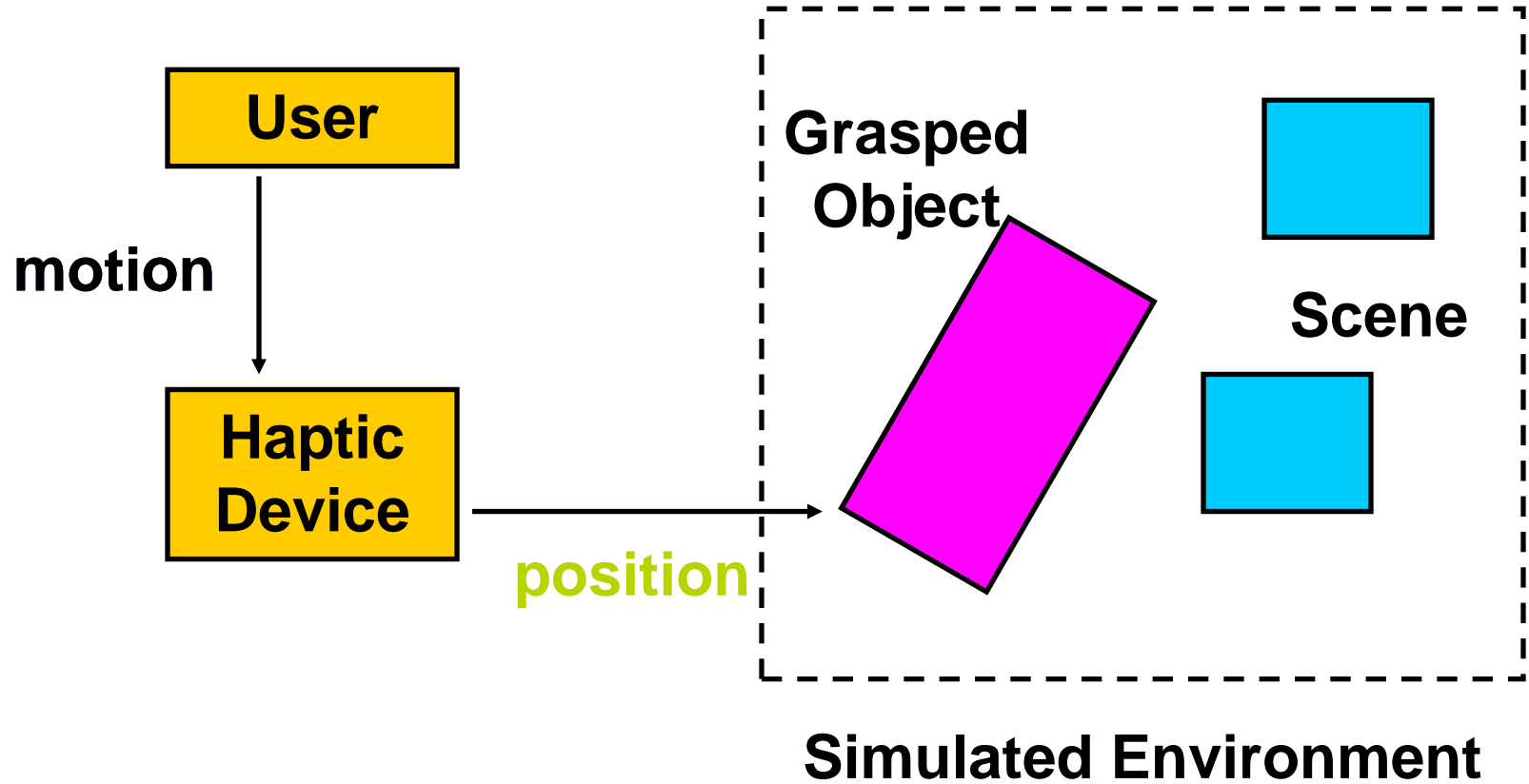
Manipulating Gears



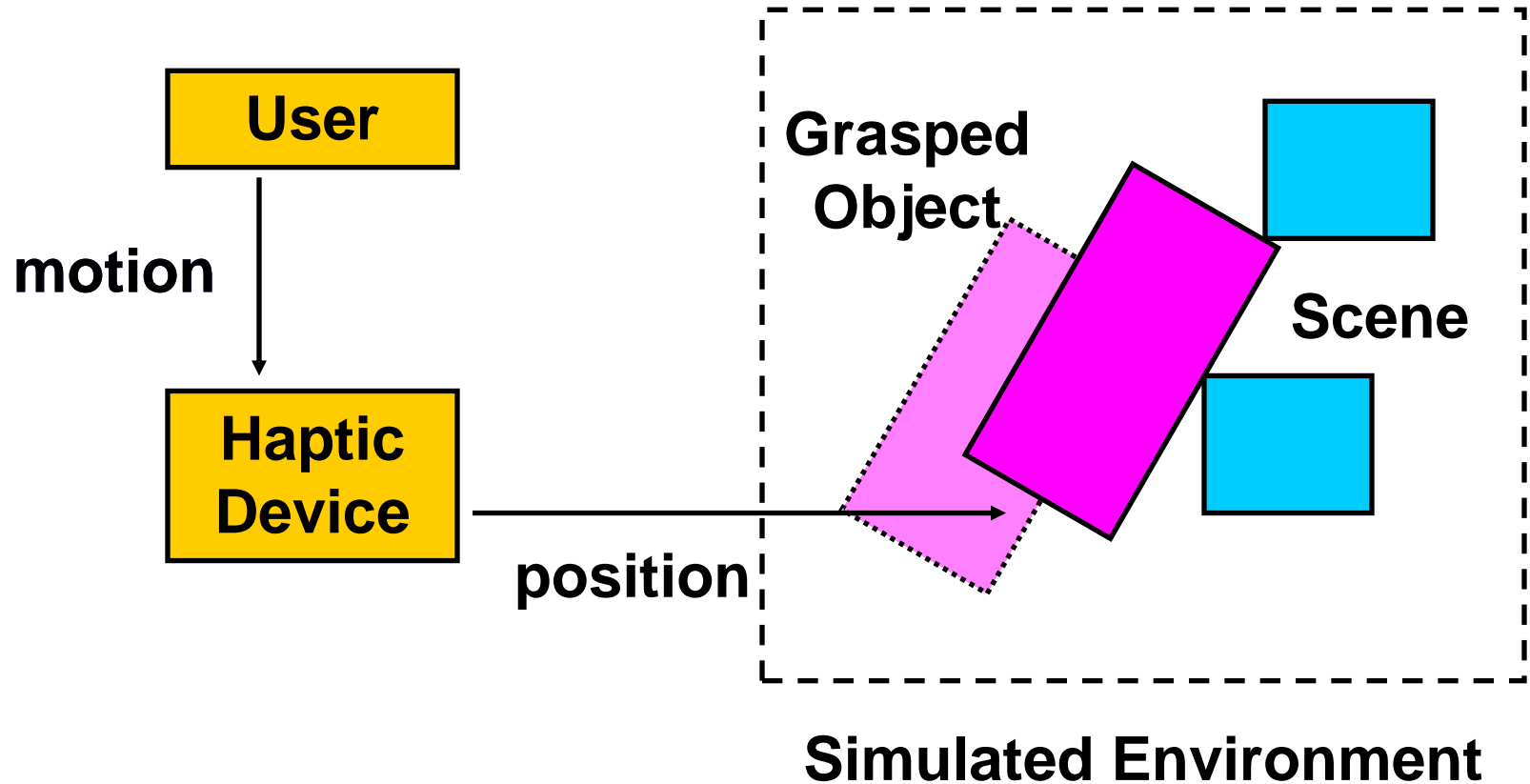
Basic Pipeline



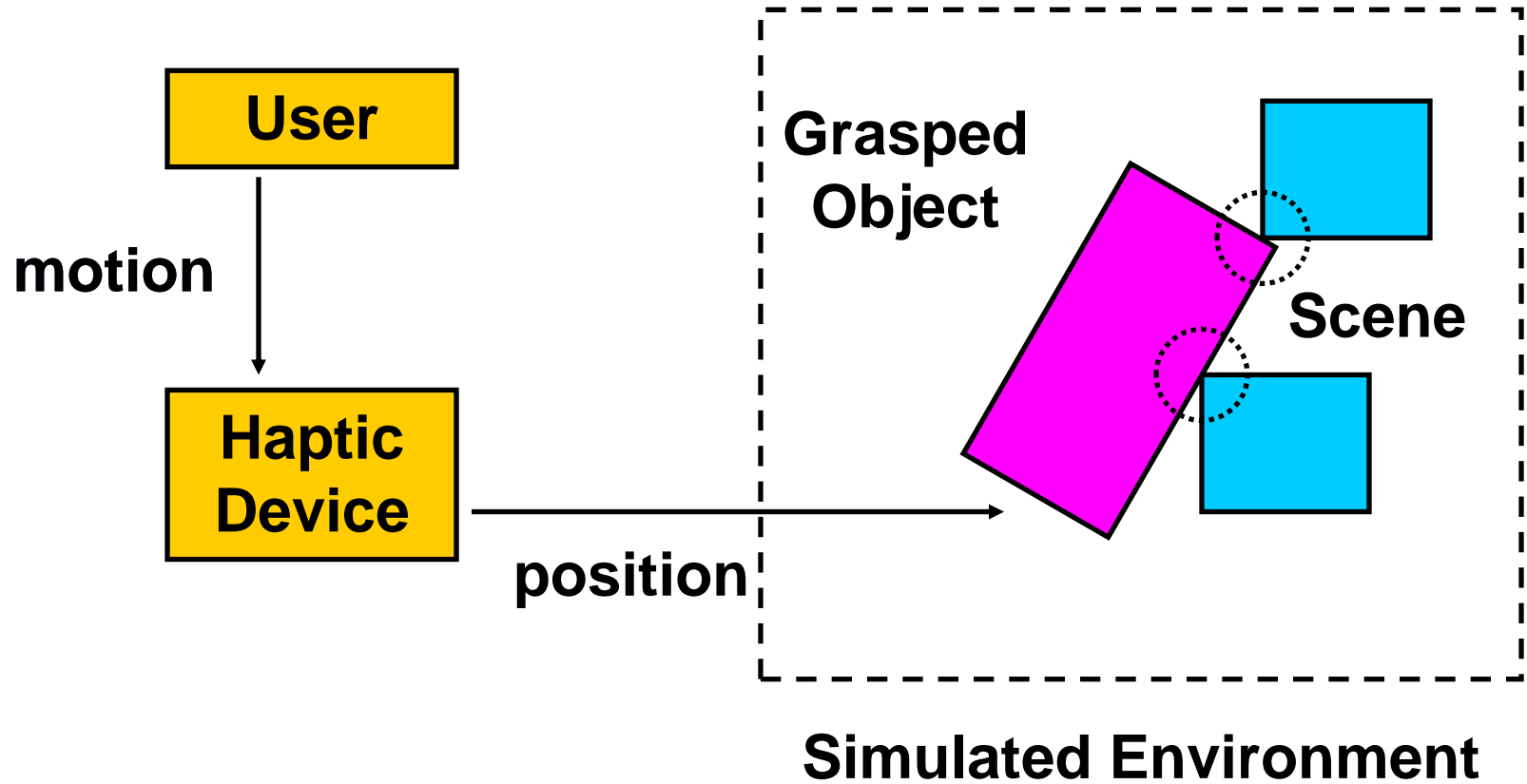
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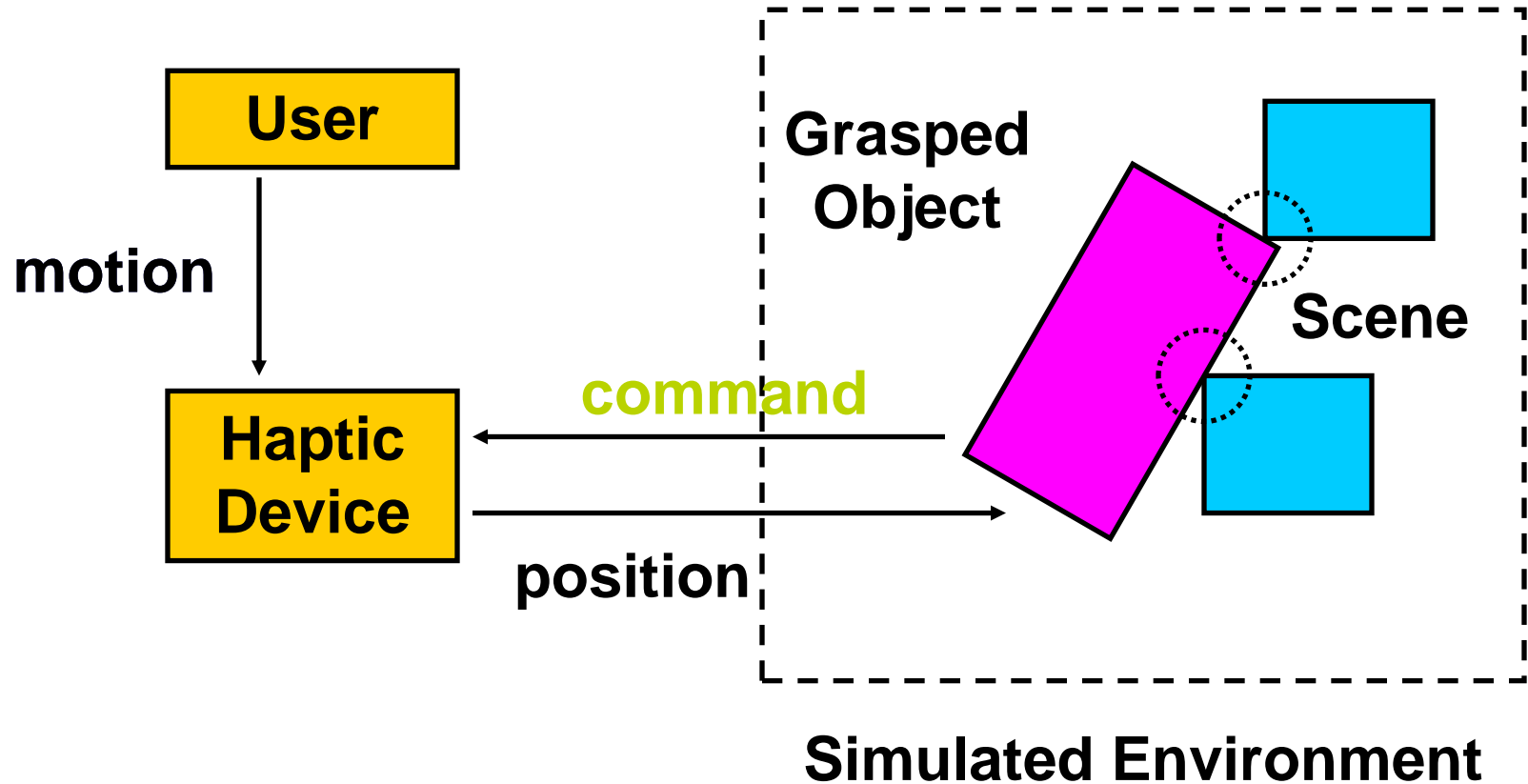
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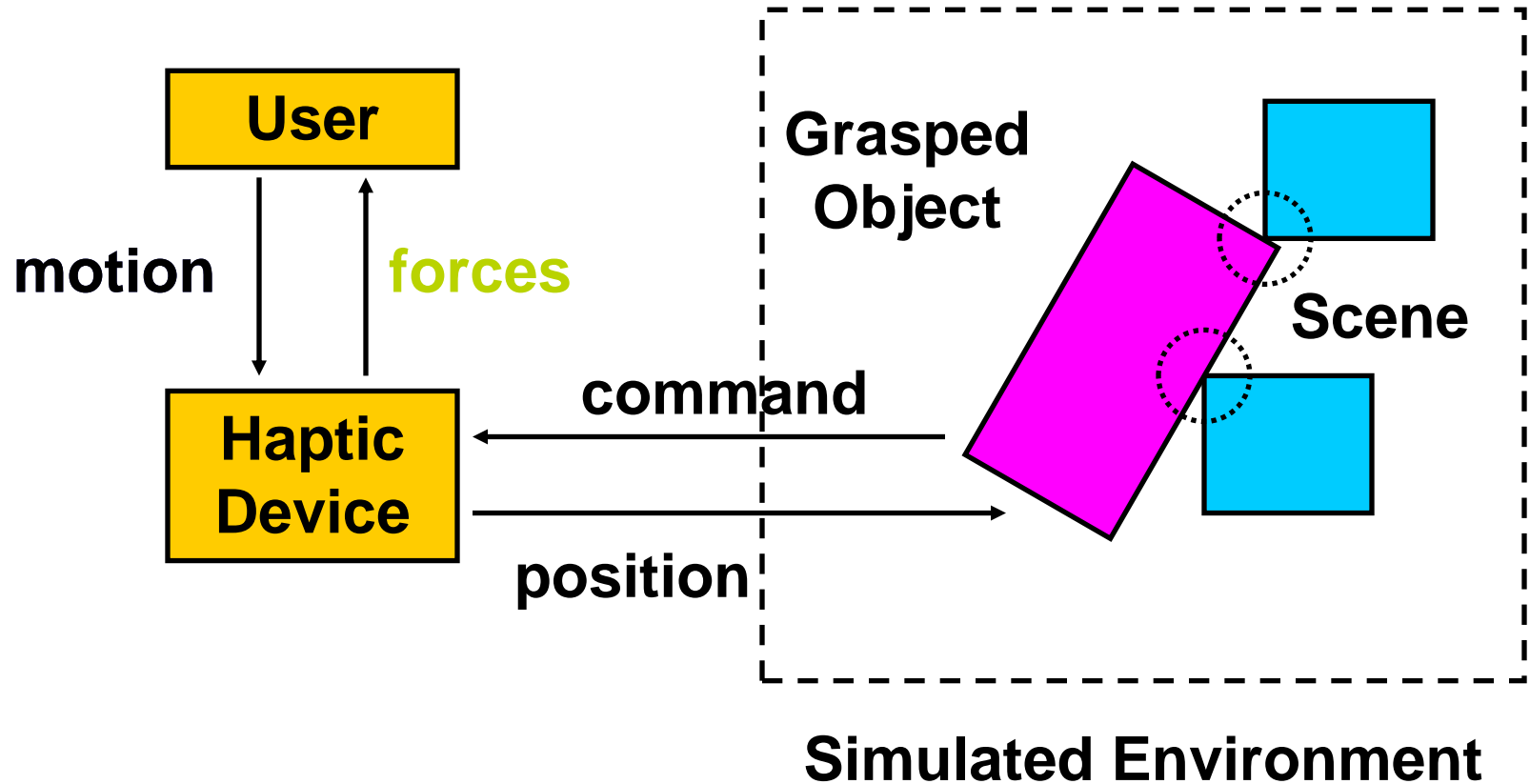
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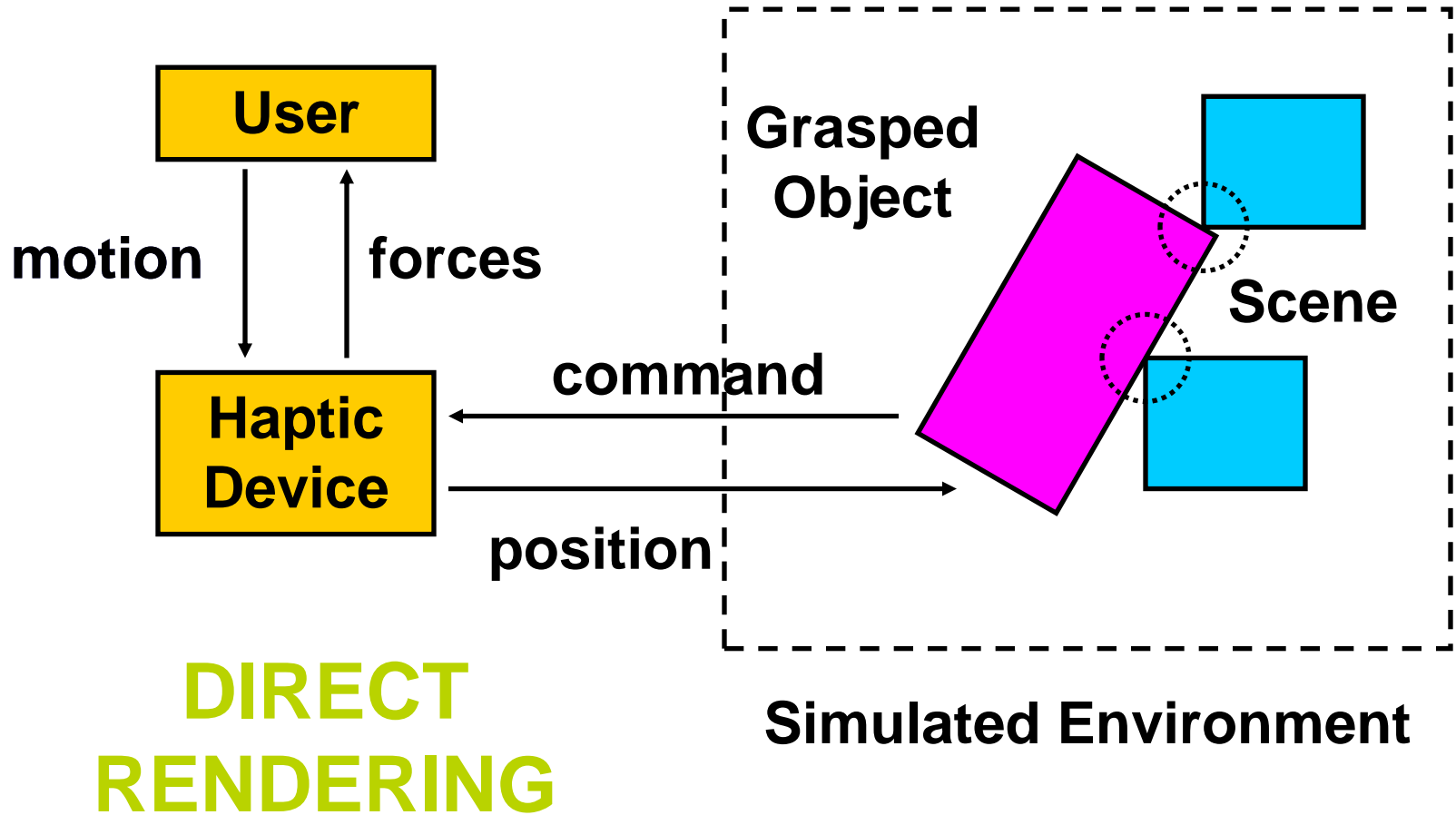
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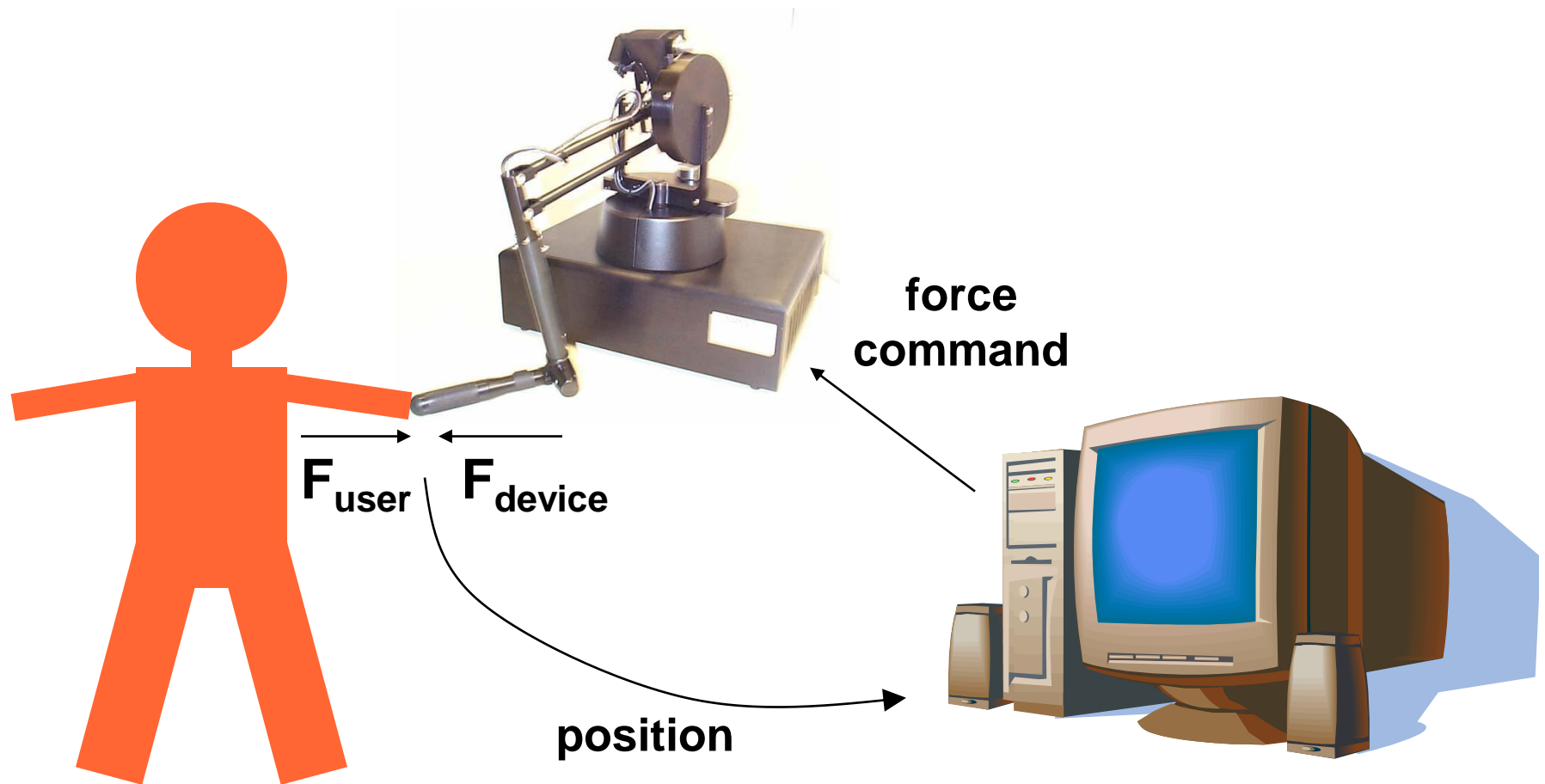
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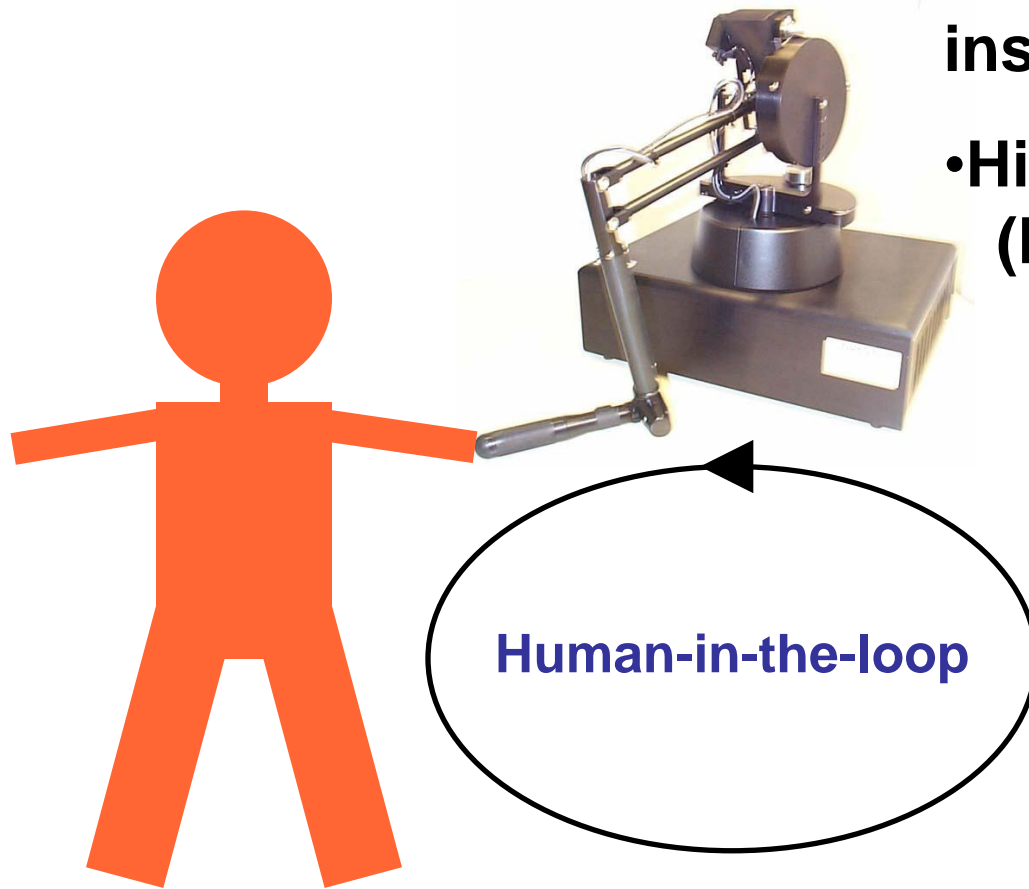
Haptic Rendering Loop



Problem of Haptic Rendering

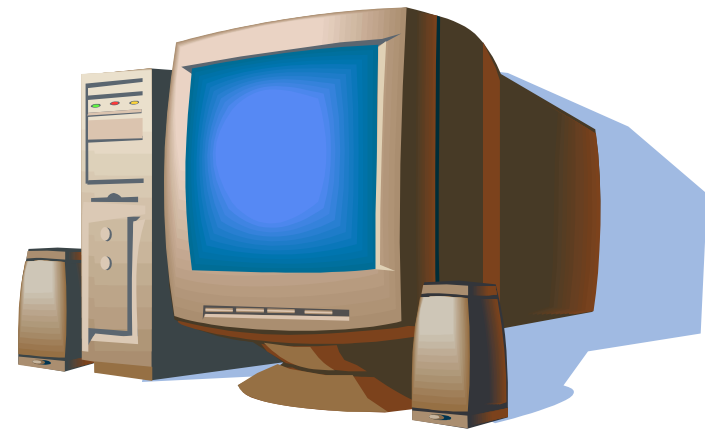
1. The user becomes part of the simulation loop.
2. 1KHz is necessary so that the whole system doesn't suffer from disturbing oscillations.
 - Think of the analogy with numerical integration of a system with spring, mass and damper, where the frequency of the haptic loop sets the integration step.
3. The Phantom haptic devices run their control loop at 1KHz.
4. Consequence: we are very limited on the amount of computation that we can do.

Haptic Rendering Loop



- **High sensitivity to instabilities!!**

- **High update rates required!! (kHz for high stiffness)**



Key Challenges

- Collision Detection
 - Choice of representation and algorithm
- Interaction Paradigm
 - Penalty forces vs. ***constraint-based optimization***
 - Virtual coupling vs. direct rendering
 - Newtonian dynamics / Quasi-static approximation
 - Single user vs. collaboration

Additional Issues

- Decouple haptic and simulation loops?
 - Use intermediate representations?
- Force type and quality
 - How hard does hard contact feel?
 - How free does free-space feel?
 - Repulsive forces?
 - Force artifacts / stability considerations