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Virtual Reality and Multi-Sensory Interaction

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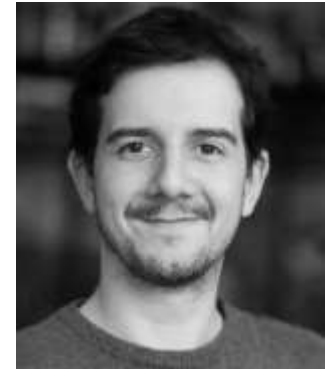
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 - <https://team.inria.fr/hybrid>



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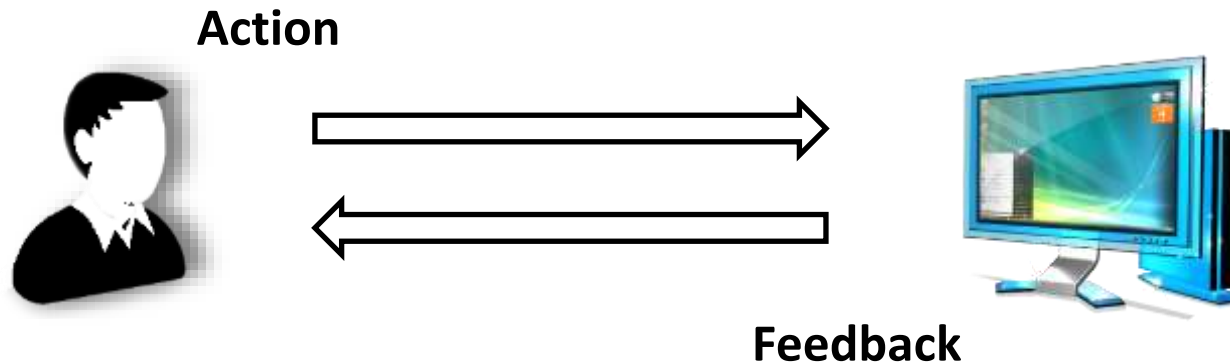
➤ Interaction techniques

- Input Devices
- Interaction Tasks: Selection, Manipulation, Navigation, Application Control

Definitions

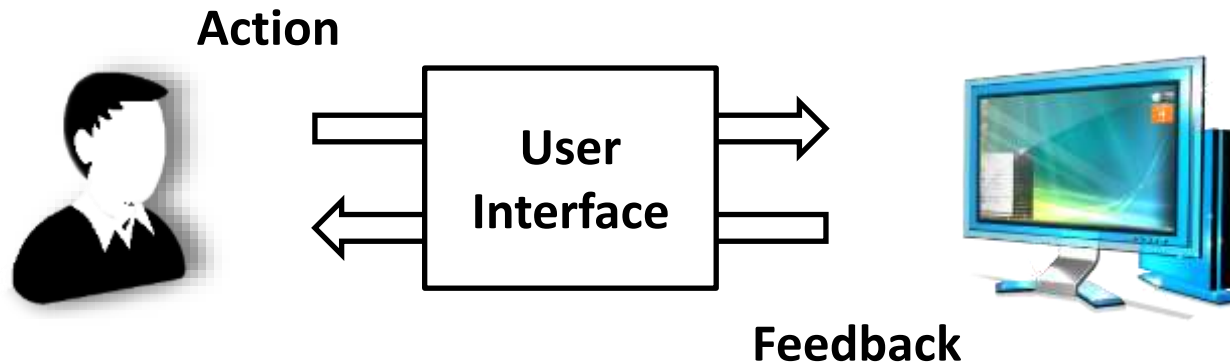
Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)

- **Communication** process between **users** and **computers**
- Design, implementation and evaluation of interactive systems.



User Interface

- Medium through which the communication takes place
 - Translates user **actions** (inputs) and computer **states** (outputs)
 - A good UI should balance expressiveness and simplicity



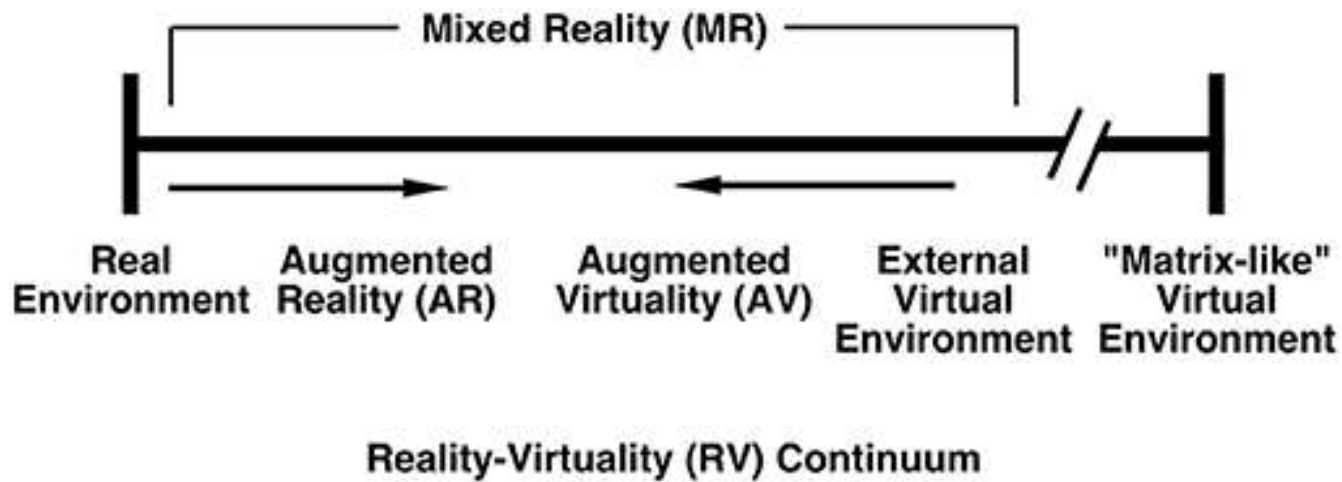
Other Realities – Milgram's Continuum

➤ Reality-Virtuality continuum

- Introduced by Paul Milgram and Fumio Kishino in 1994

➤ Merging of real and virtual environments

- Physical and digital objects co-exist and interact in real time
- Mixed reality is the spectrum between real and purely virtual environments

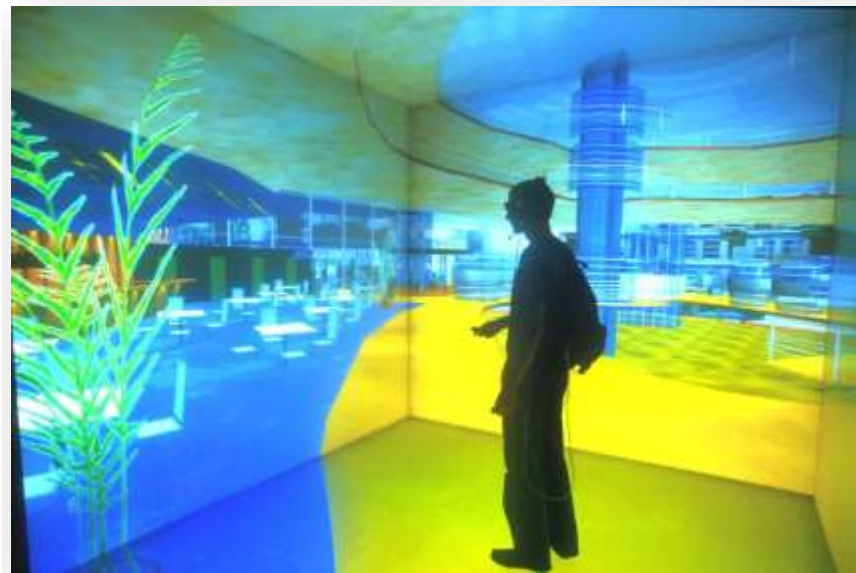


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Virtual Reality

*“Virtual reality is a scientific domain that use **computer science** and **interaction interfaces** in order to simulate, in a virtual world, the behaviour of 3D entities that are interacting in **real time** with themselves and with one or more users. The user's sensorymotor channels are engaged in a pseudo-natural immersion”*

Traité de la réalité virtuelle



Augmented Reality

- Computer generated information are added to the perception of a real scene
- Main goal
 - Support the user in real world tasks
 - Increase user's performance
 - Augment user's perception

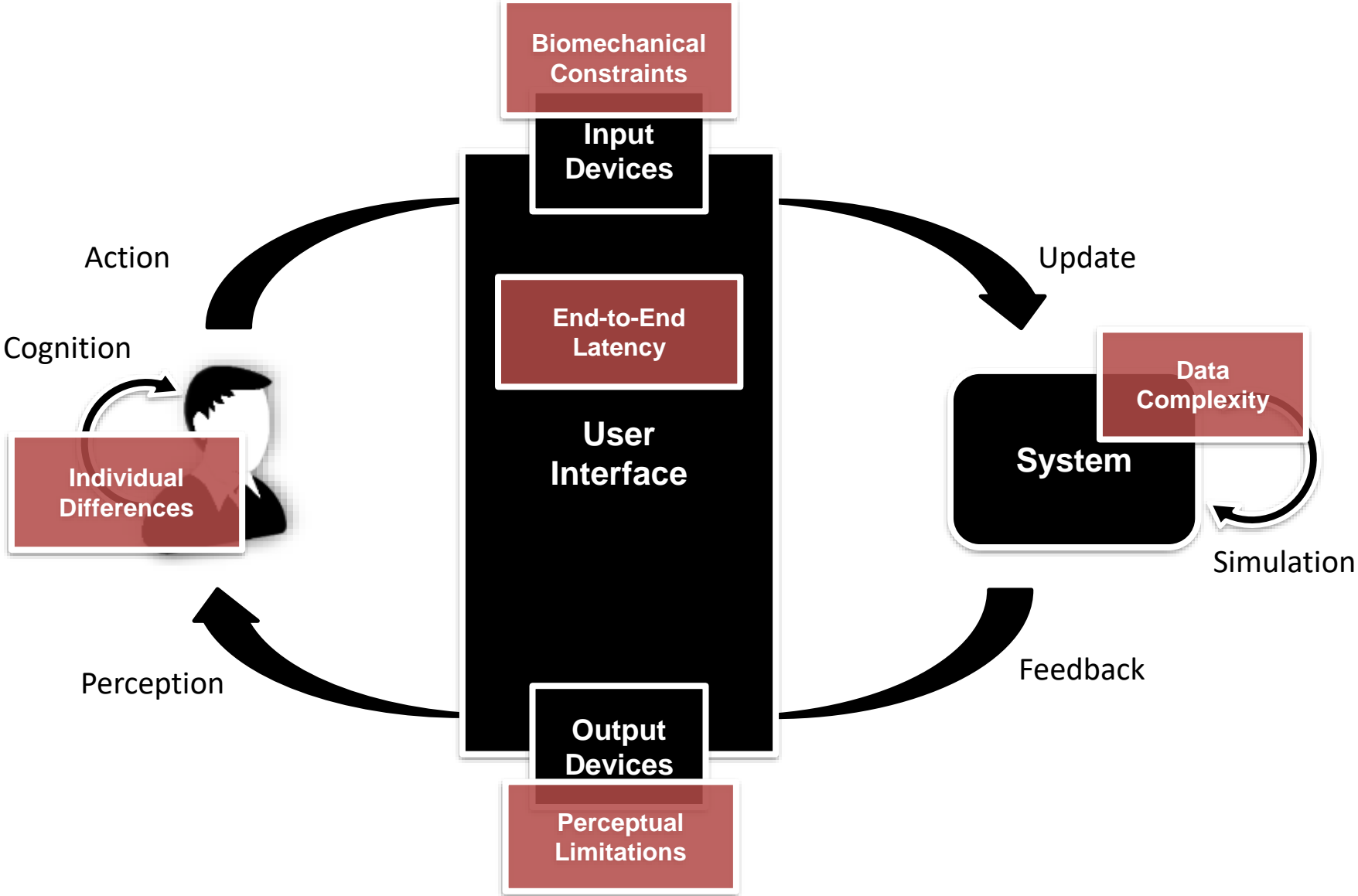


Hyper-Reality, Keiichi Matsuda



Ikea

The Interaction Loop



A Short History of User Interfaces

User Interface in Real Life



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Command-line User Interface



1981

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Current date is Tue 1-01-1980
Enter new date:
Current time is 7:48:27.13
Enter new time:

The IBM Personal Computer DOS
Version 1.10 (C)Copyright IBM Corp 1981, 1982

A>dir/w
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DISKCOMP COM COMP COM EXE2BIN EXE MODE COM EDLIN COM
DEBUG COM LINK EXE BASIC COM BASICA COM ART BAS
SAMPLES BAS MORTGAGE BAS COLORBAR BAS CALENDAR BAS MUSIC BAS
DONKEY BAS CIRCLE BAS PIECHART BAS SPACE BAS BALL BAS
COMM BAS
      26 File(s)
A>dir command.com
COMMAND COM 4959 5-07-82 12:00p
      1 File(s)
A>
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_PC_DOS#/media/File:PC_DOS_1.10_screenshot.png

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Microsoft MS-DOS 6.22 Setup
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Welcome to Setup.

The Setup program prepares MS-DOS 6.22 to run on your
computer.

• To set up MS-DOS now, press ENTER.

• To learn more about Setup before continuing, press F1.

• To exit Setup without installing MS-DOS, press F3.

Note: If you have not backed up your files recently, you
might want to do so before installing MS-DOS. To back
up your files, press F3 to quit Setup now. Then, back
up your files by using a backup program.

To continue Setup, press ENTER.

ENTER-Continue F1=help F3=Exit F5=Remove Color F7=Install to a Floppy Disk
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https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:MS-DOS_install_welcome.gif

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File Edit Search Layout Mark Tools Font Graphics Help (Press F3 for Help)
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of
America

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one
people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them
with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the
separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of
Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of
mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel
them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created
equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain
unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the
pursuit of Happiness. - That to secure these rights, Governments
are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the
consent of the governed, - That whenever any Form of Government
becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People
to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,
laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its
powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect
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2 147 155 968 bytes free on drive C:
0 files and 4 directories
use 0 bytes in
C:\PROGRAM FILES\MEDIA MACHINES
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Serial number: 3E53:10FE
No "dirinfo" file in this directory
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Graphical User Interfaces

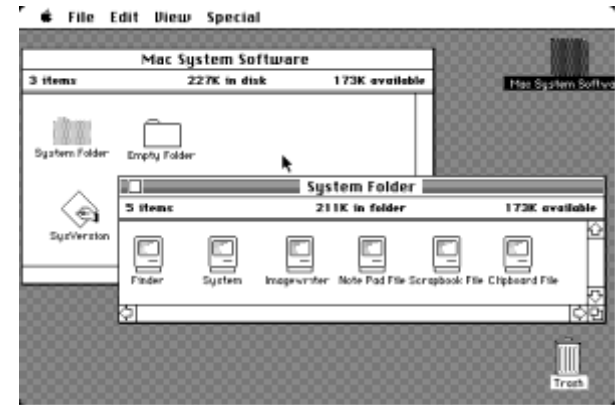


1973



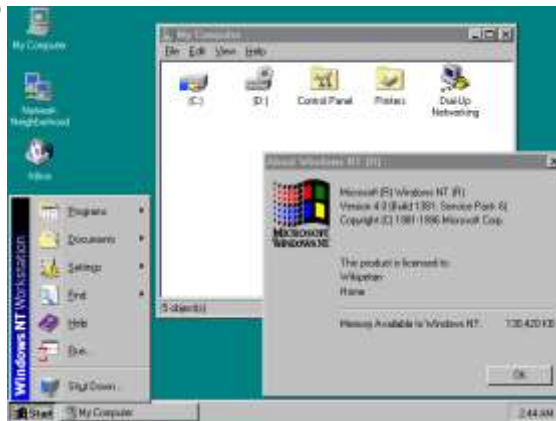
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1984



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1996



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2001



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mac_OS_X_10.0



The desktop



1980



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Engineering by Anton Georgiev

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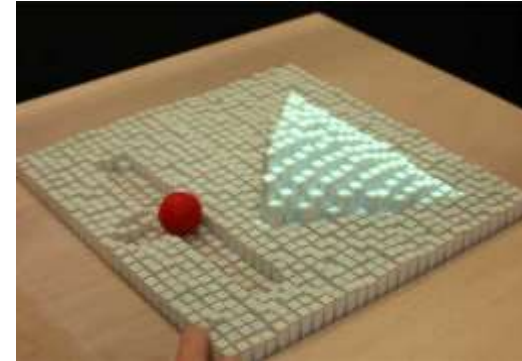
Post-WIMP User Interfaces



➤ Direct and tangible interfaces



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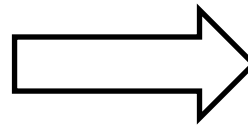
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Trends in UI Evolution

- Increased functionality and data management
- User customization and Interface adaptation
- Natural user interfaces and multimodal feedback
- Immersion (increased display size, VR, AR)
- Multi-user collaboration



The origins of Virtual Reality

- 1962: Sensorama (Morton Heilig)
 - Earliest known examples of immersive, multi-sensory system
- 1965: The Ultimate Display (Ivan Sutherland)
 - Data visualization: “A display connected to a digital computer ...is a looking glass into a mathematical wonderland.”
 - Sensors: “The computer can easily sense the positions of almost any of our body muscles.”
 - Virtual Environment: “The ultimate display would, of course, be a room within which the computer can control the existence of matter. A chair displayed in such a room would be good enough to sit in.”
- 1968: A Head-Mounted Three Dimensional Display
 - AFIPS Conference Proceedings, Vol. 33, Part I, 1968, pp. 757-764



Long process



Sensorama 1962



HMD Nasa, 1984



Surgical Planning,
S. Cotin 1996



Force Feedback
PSA, 2005



Oculus/Meta

Industrial interest for VR / AR

➤ To do things better

- Time-saver
 - Design
 - Prototyping
 - Training
- Project review
 - Limit the use of the physical mock-up
 - Access to digital mock-up
 - Multi-users / multi-competencies
- To be free
 - Of the equipment availability
 - Of the dangerousness of the equipment for the user

➤ To make differently, to invent

- Access to time and/or space scale and virtual sensors
 - Relativistic physics
 - Geological applications
 - Multiscale Data
- Access to hidden data
 - Scientific Visualization
 - Ex: constraints inside a 3D object
- New functionality
 - New metaphors to explore data
 - Multimodality: Haptics / Sound / Vision

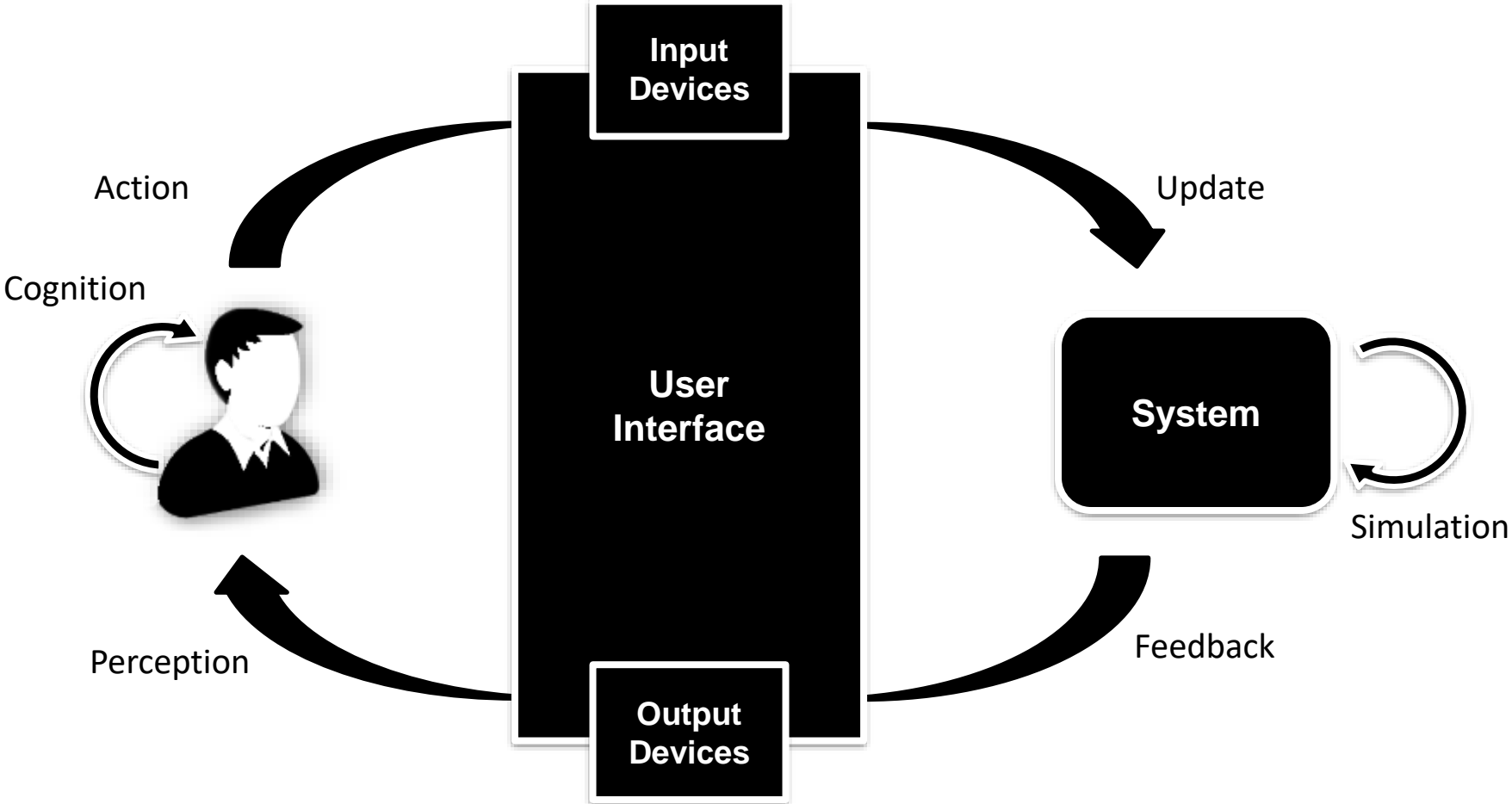
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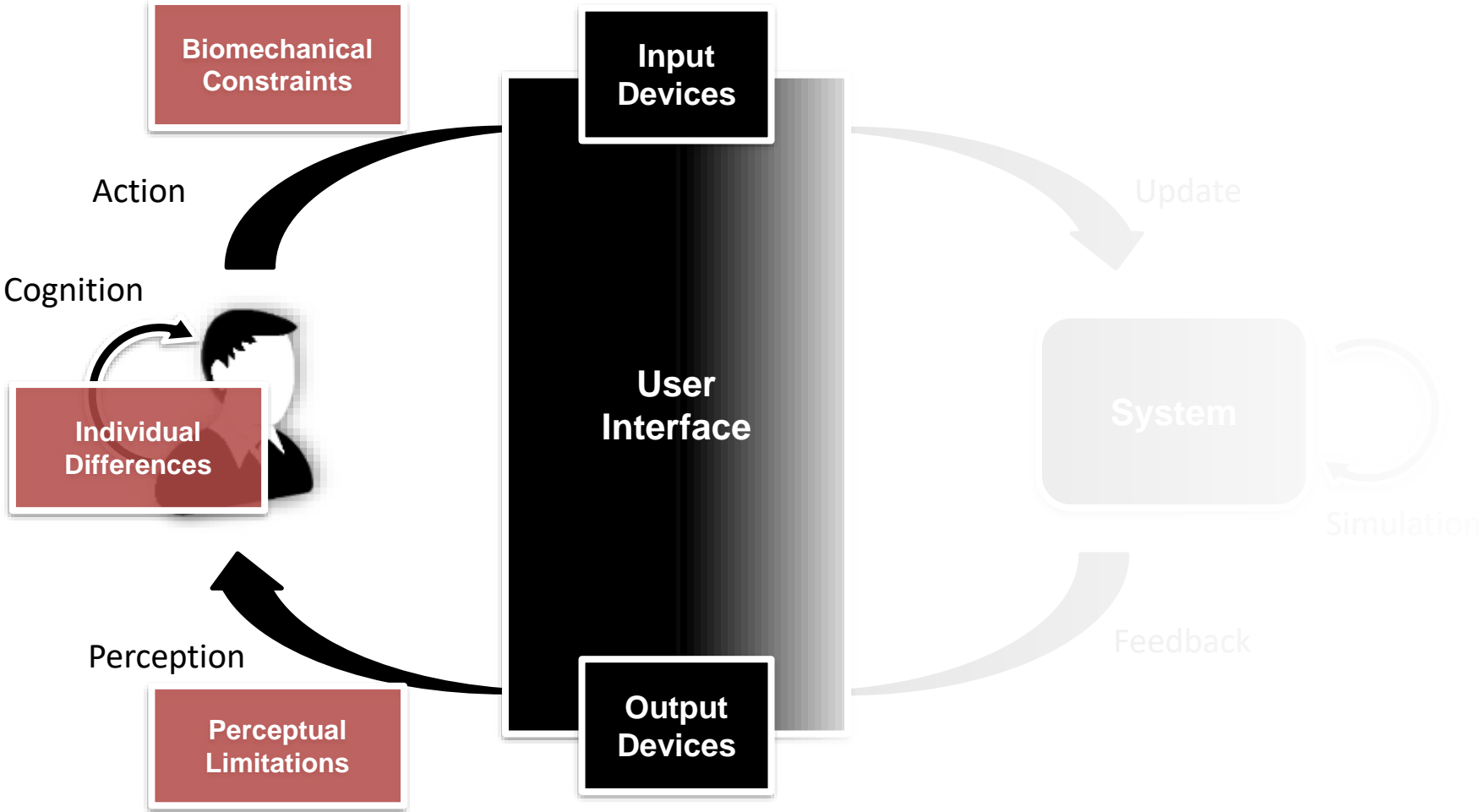
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The User in the Loop

The Interaction Loop



The Interaction Loop



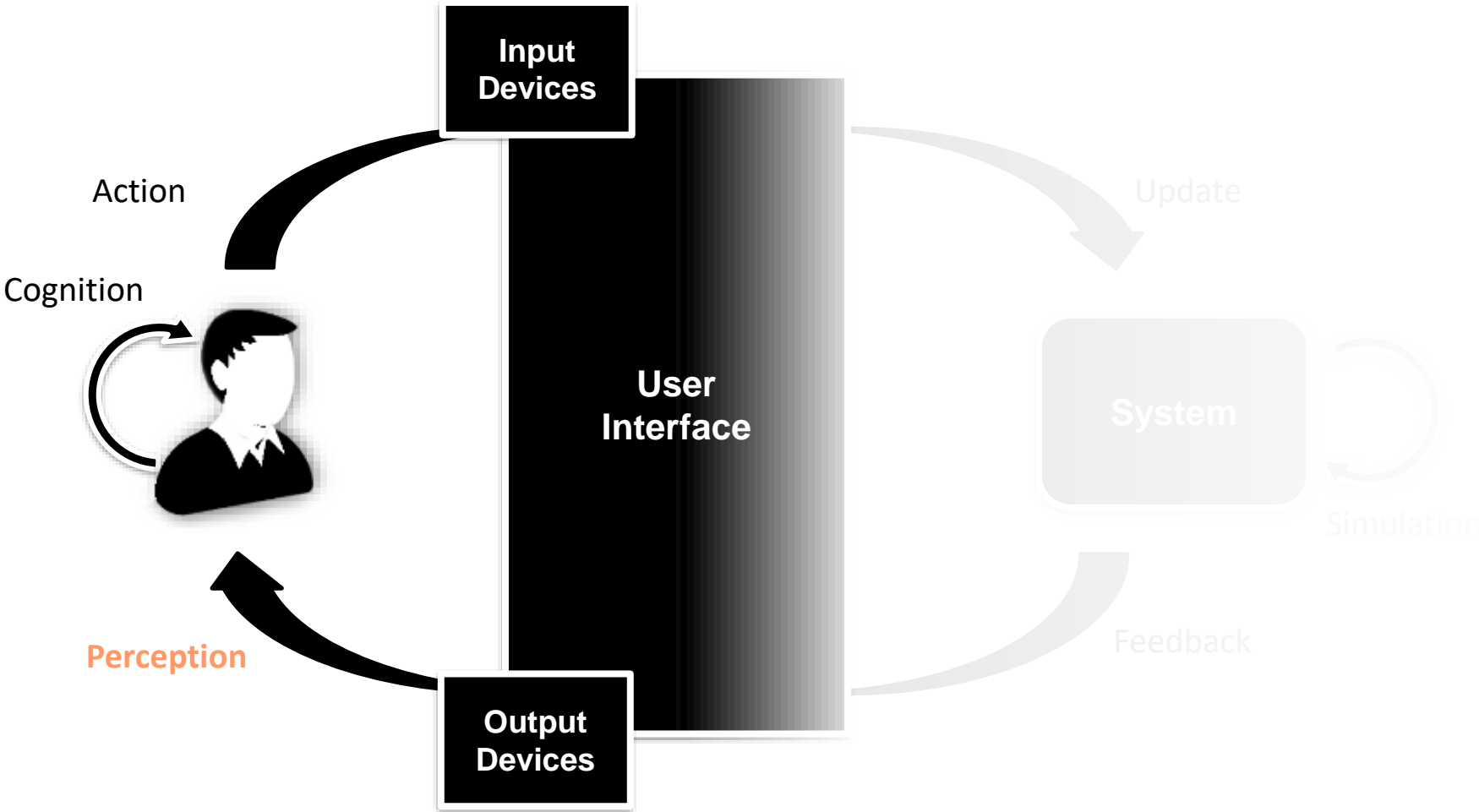
Human Perception

Towards the Holodeck



Star Trek

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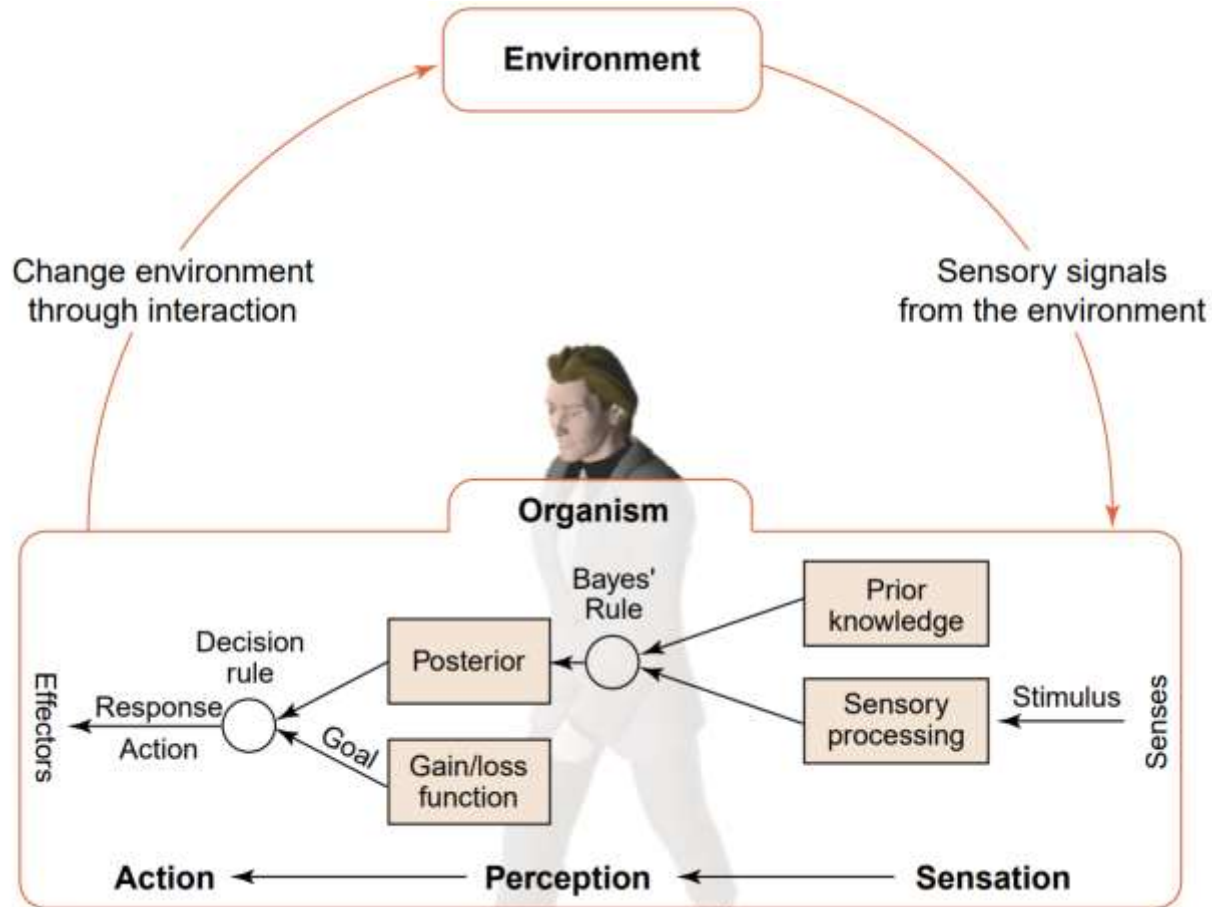


Human Perception

- The process by which sensory information is actively organized and interpreted by the brain.
 - **Bottom-up**: analysis of information incoming from sense receptors
 - **Top-down**: drawing meanings from experience and expectations
- The combination of the different sensory modalities allows humans to build a percept of their reality
 - Visual, Haptic, Acoustic, Olfactory, Taste
- Covered topics
 - Distance perception
 - Motion perception
 - Haptic perception (later in the course)



Bayesian framework



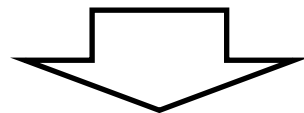
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Distance and Depth Perception

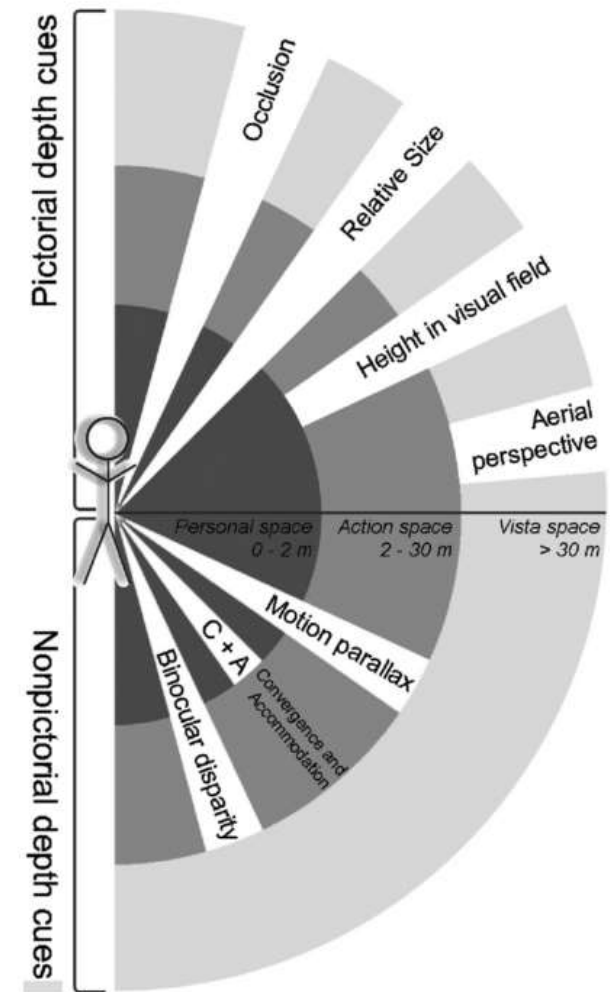
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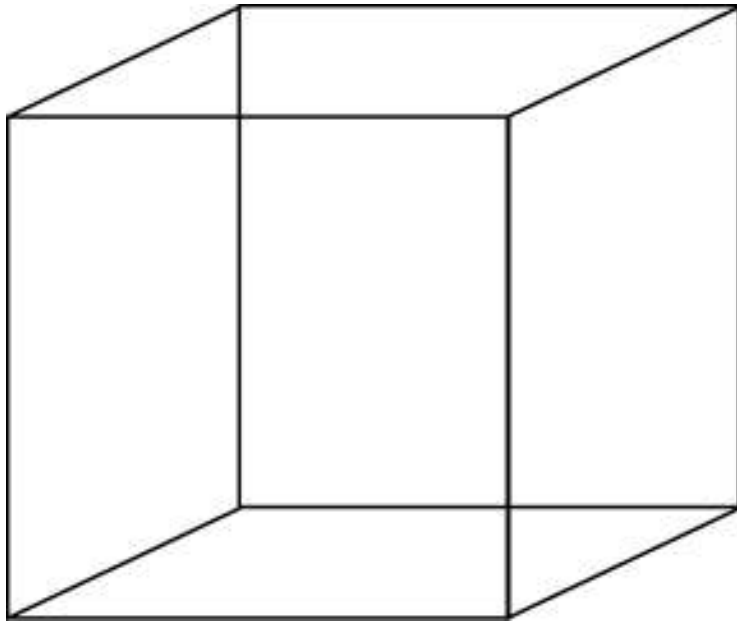
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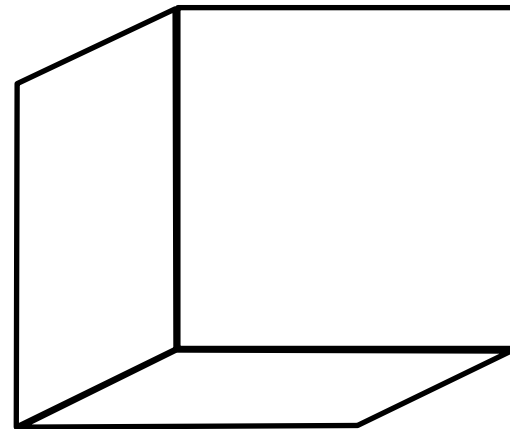
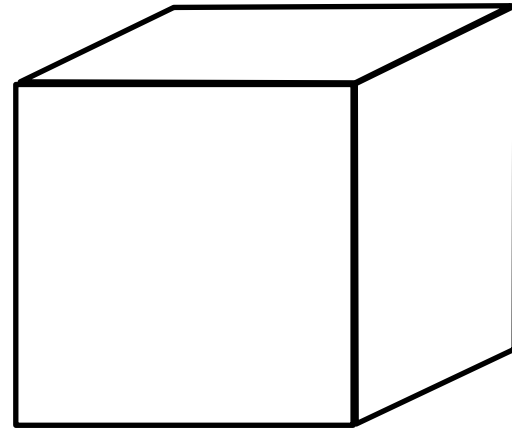
Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Occlusion



The Necker Cube

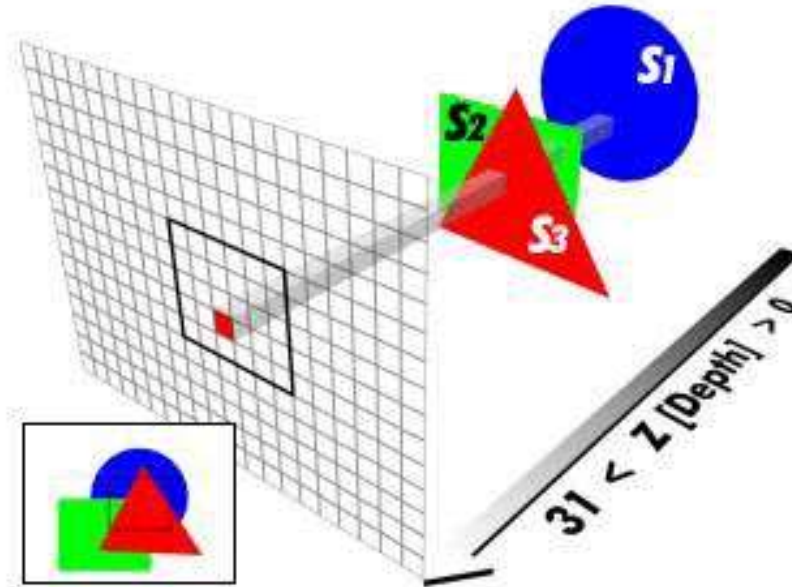


Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Occlusion

- Achieved using the Z-buffer algorithm in computer graphics



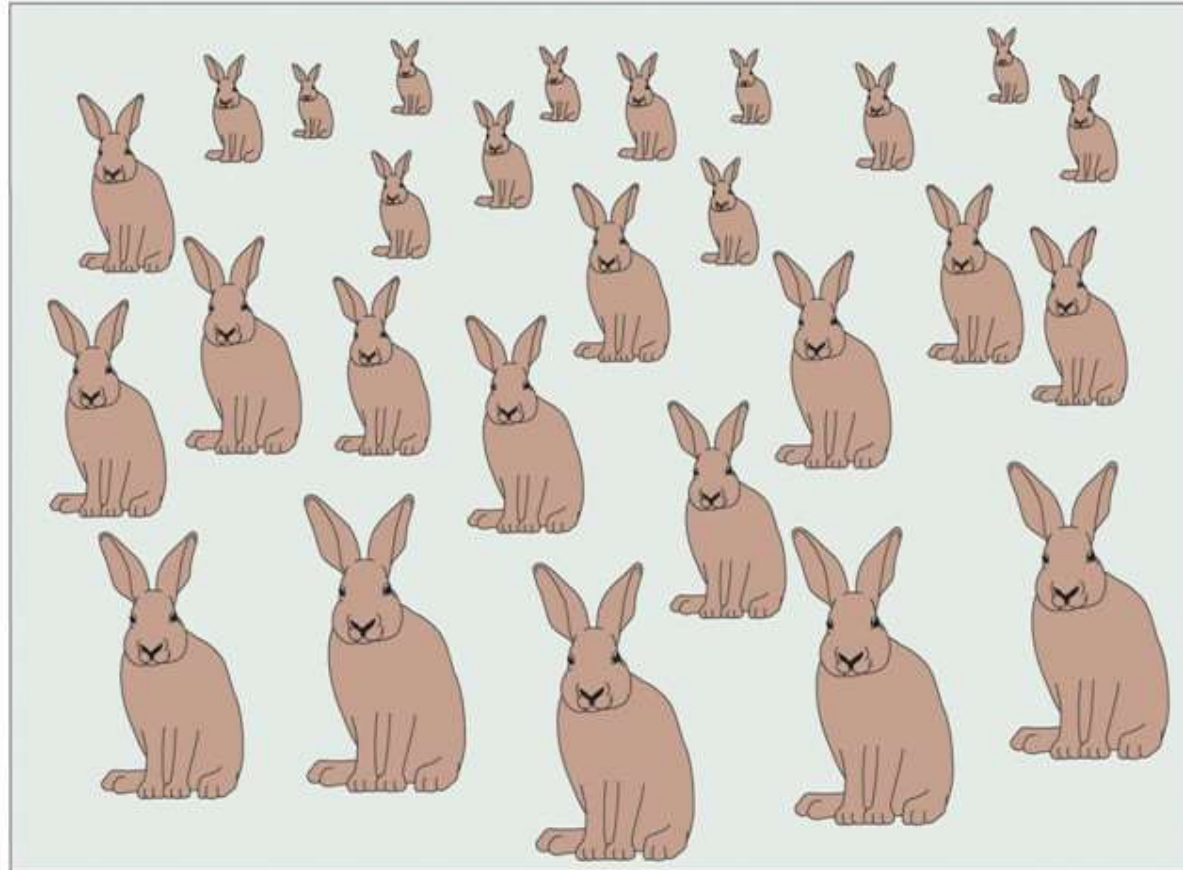
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OpenGL

Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Relative size

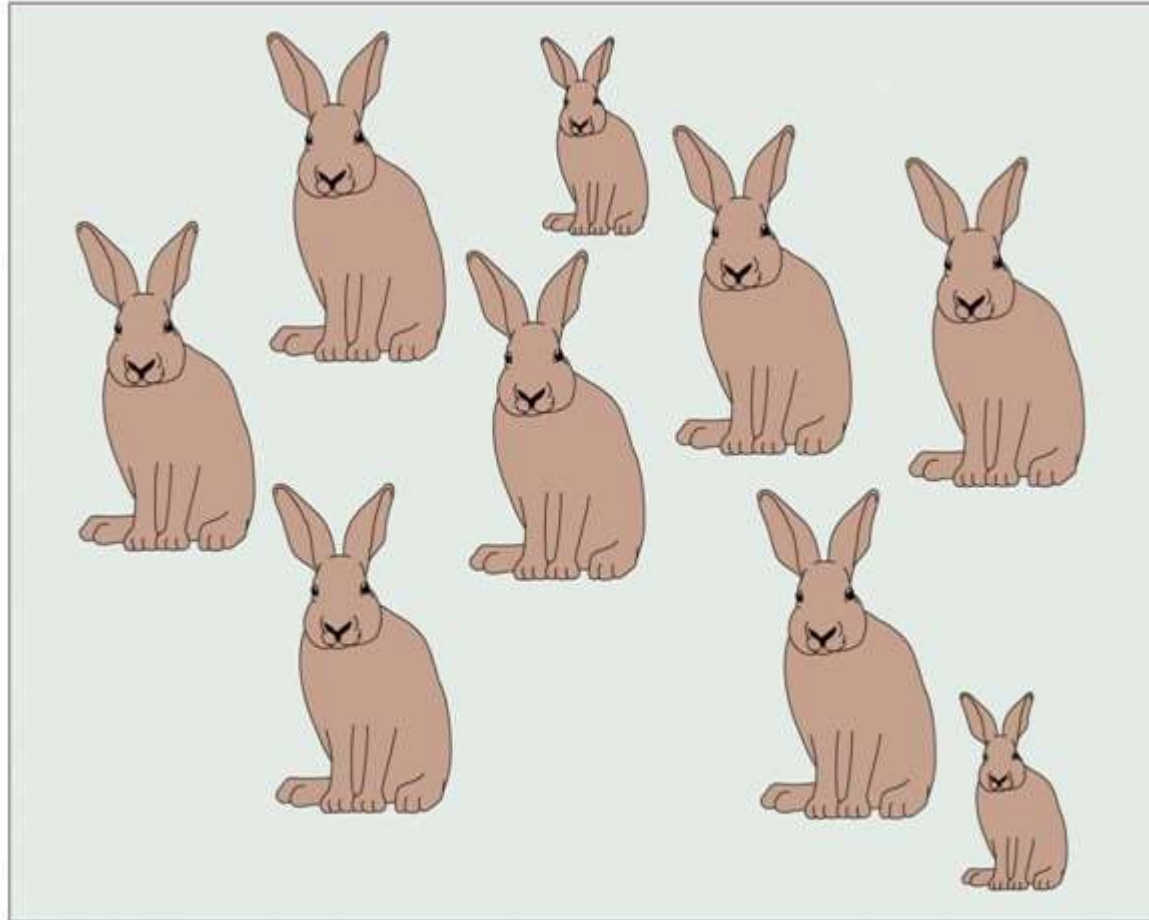


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Pictorial Depth Cues



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Pictorial Depth Cues



- Relative size - Perspective deformation

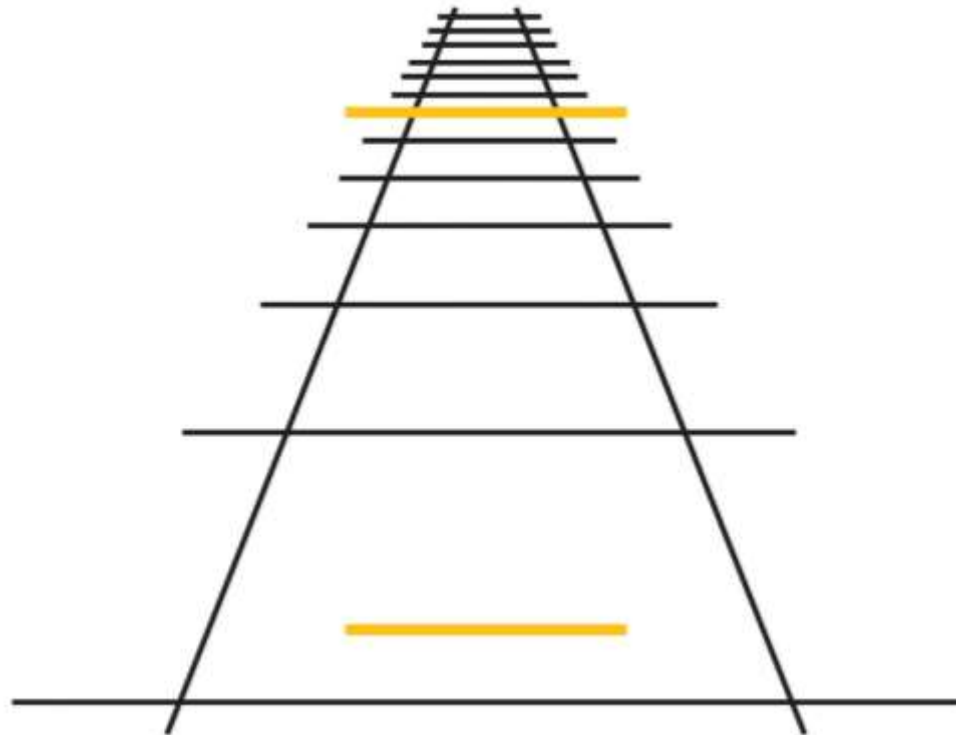


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Pictorial Depth Cues



- Relative size - Perspective deformation
 - The ponzo illusion



Pictorial Depth Cues

- Relative size - Perspective deformation
 - The Ames room



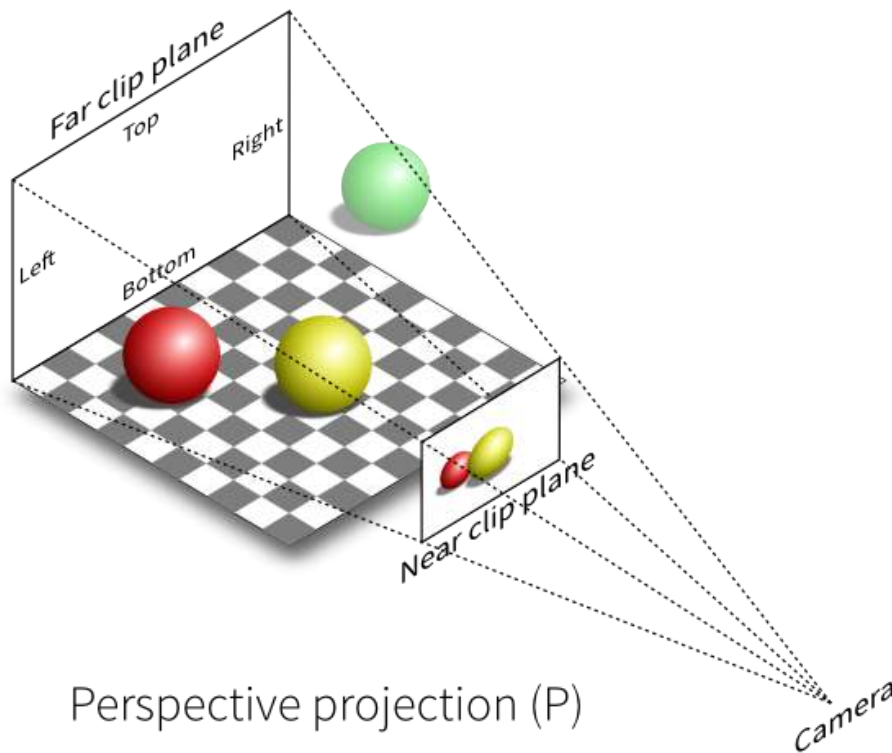
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The Ames Room – picture by Tony Marsh

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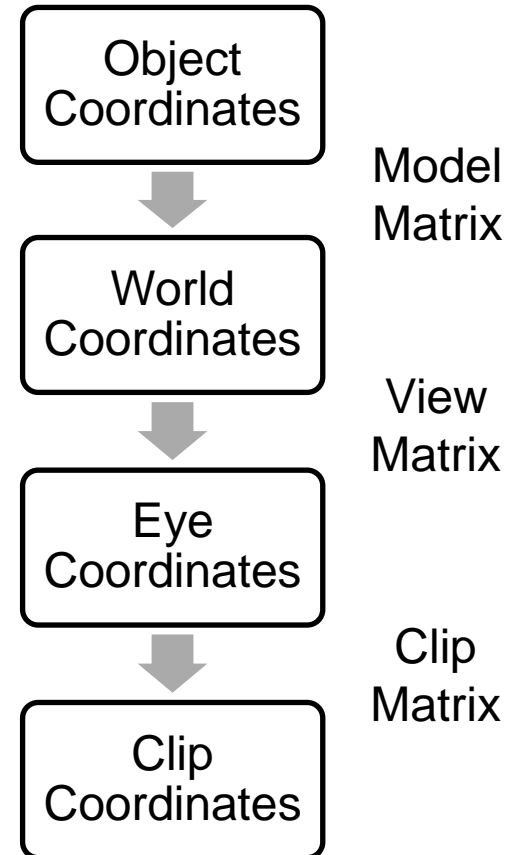


- Relative size - Perspective deformation
 - Achieved through perspective projection



<http://glumpy.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tutorial/cube-ugly.html>

OpenGL



Pictorial Depth Cues

- Aerial perspective

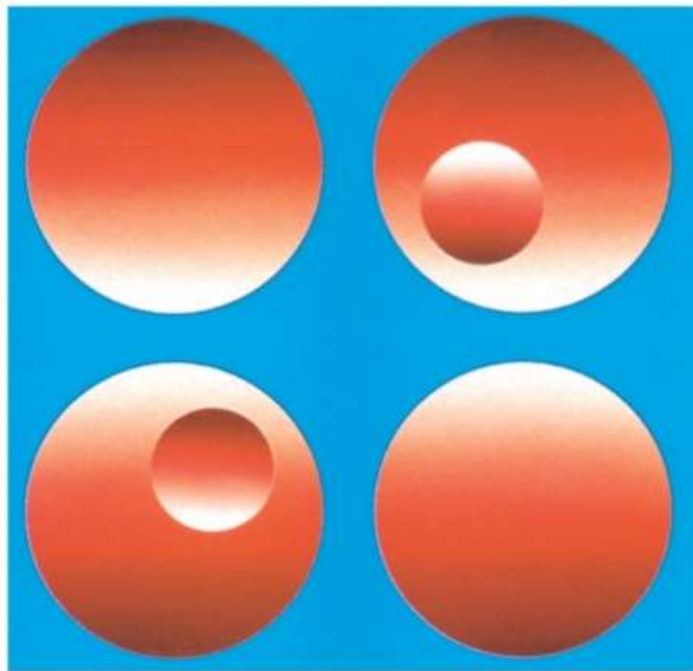


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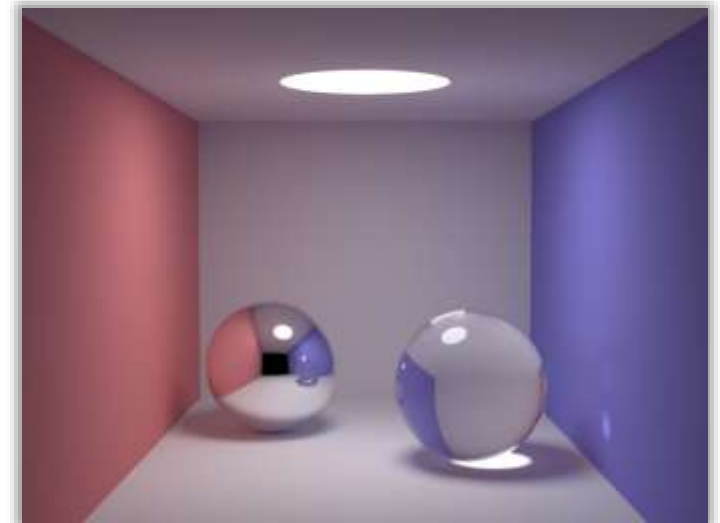
Pictorial Depth Cues



- Environment lighting (e.g. global illumination)



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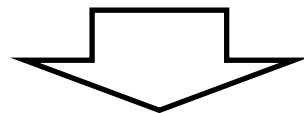


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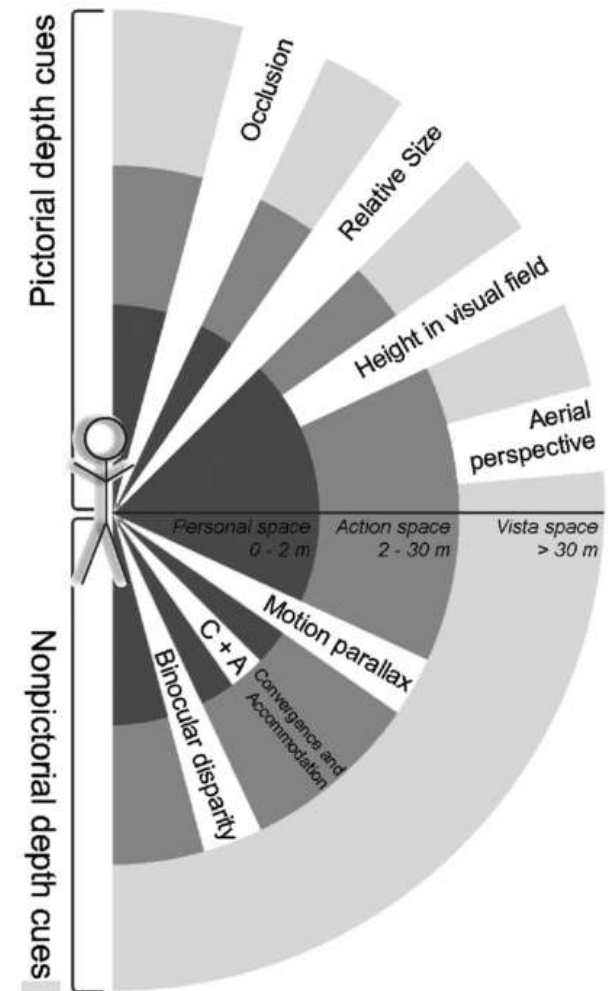
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Non-Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Motion Parallax

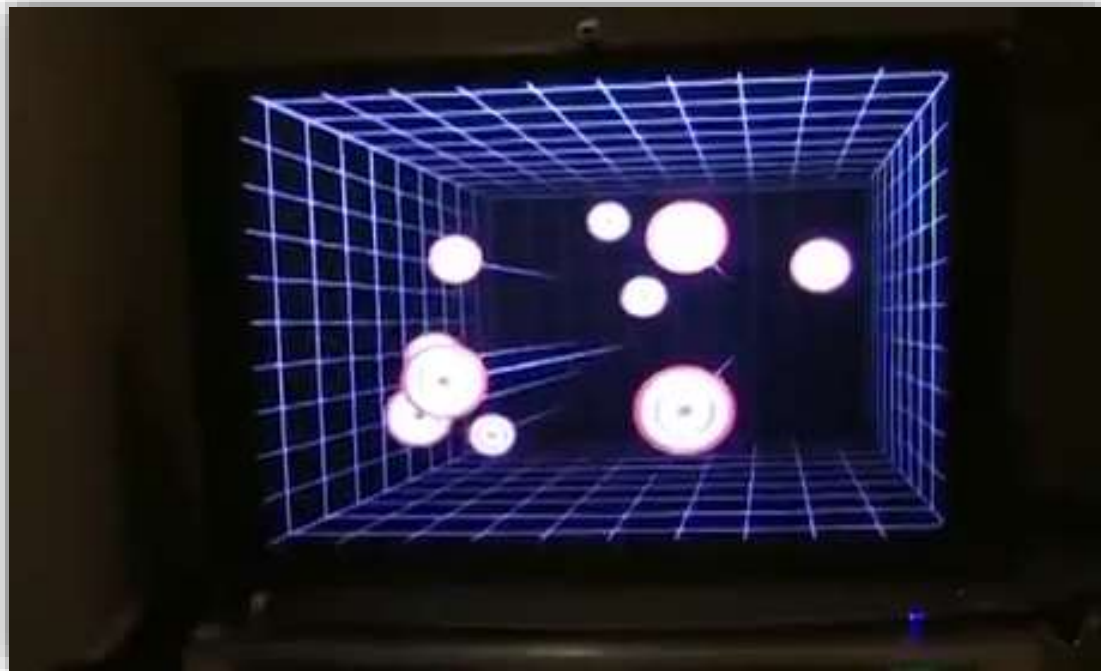
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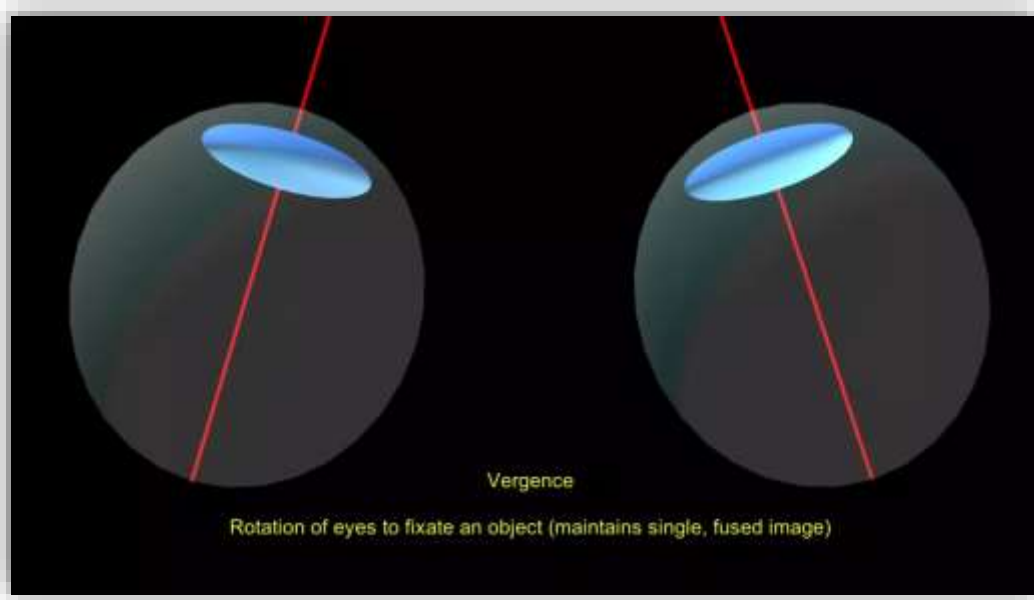
- Objects at different distances exhibit different horizontal motion speeds.
- View dependent 3D rendering



Non-Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Convergence

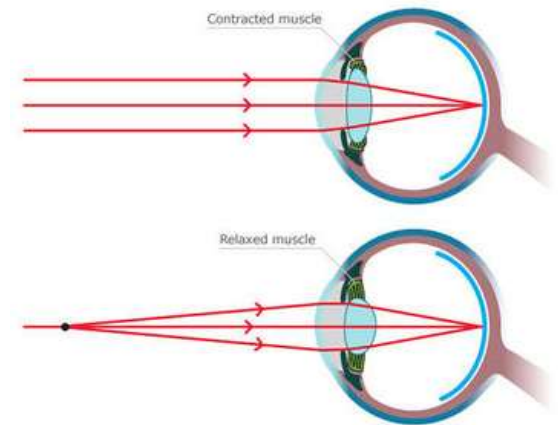
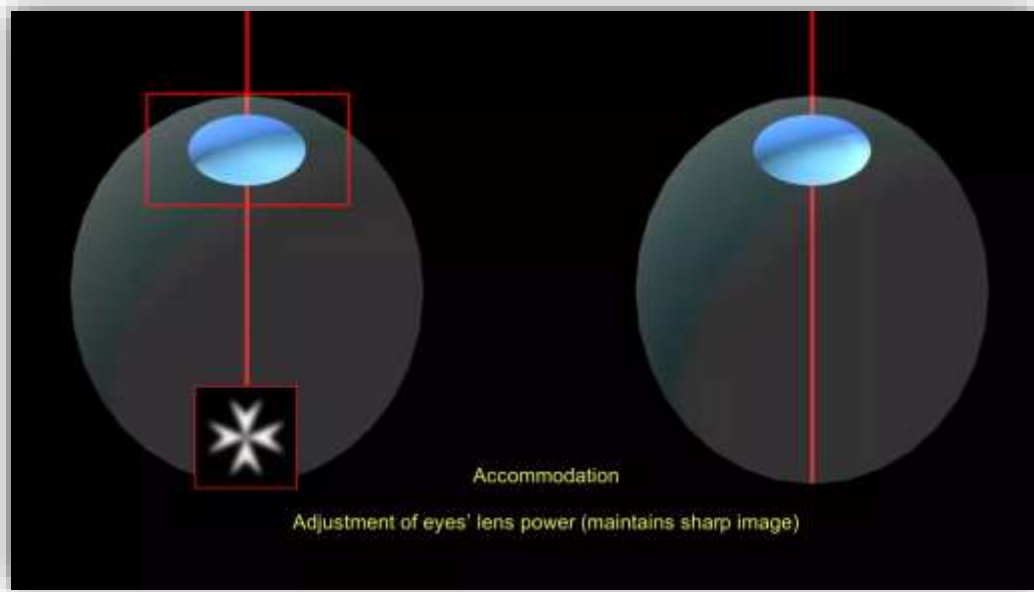


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Non-Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Accommodation

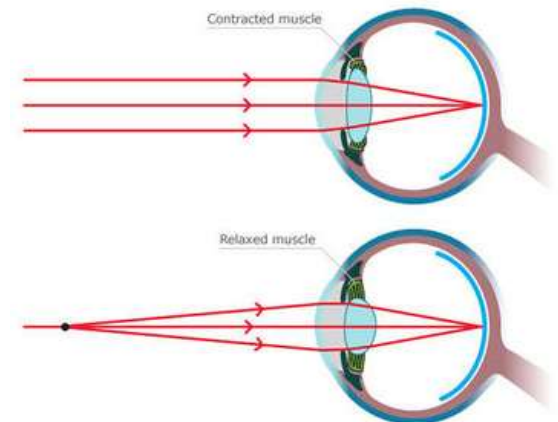
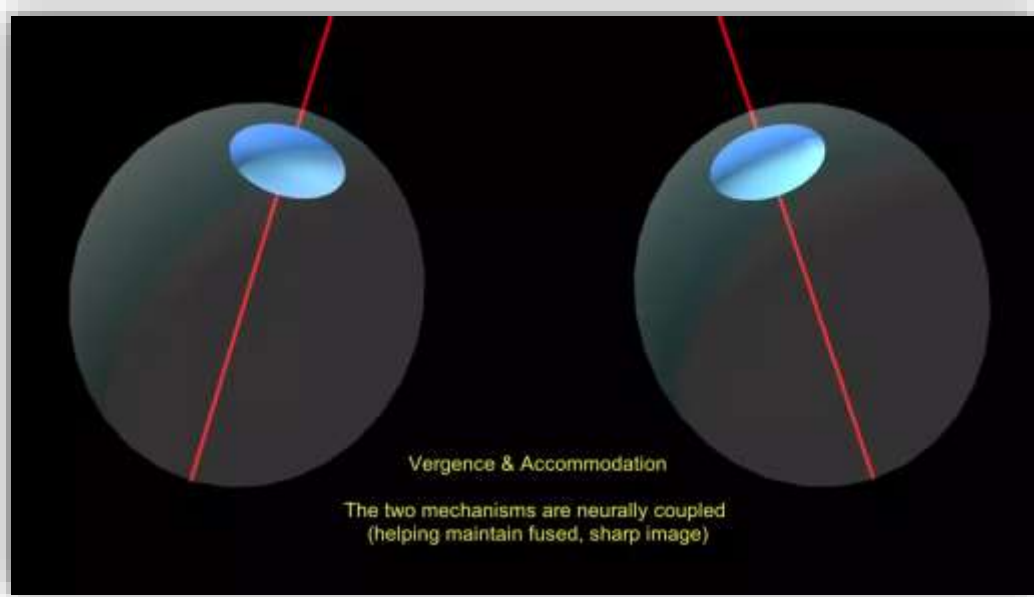


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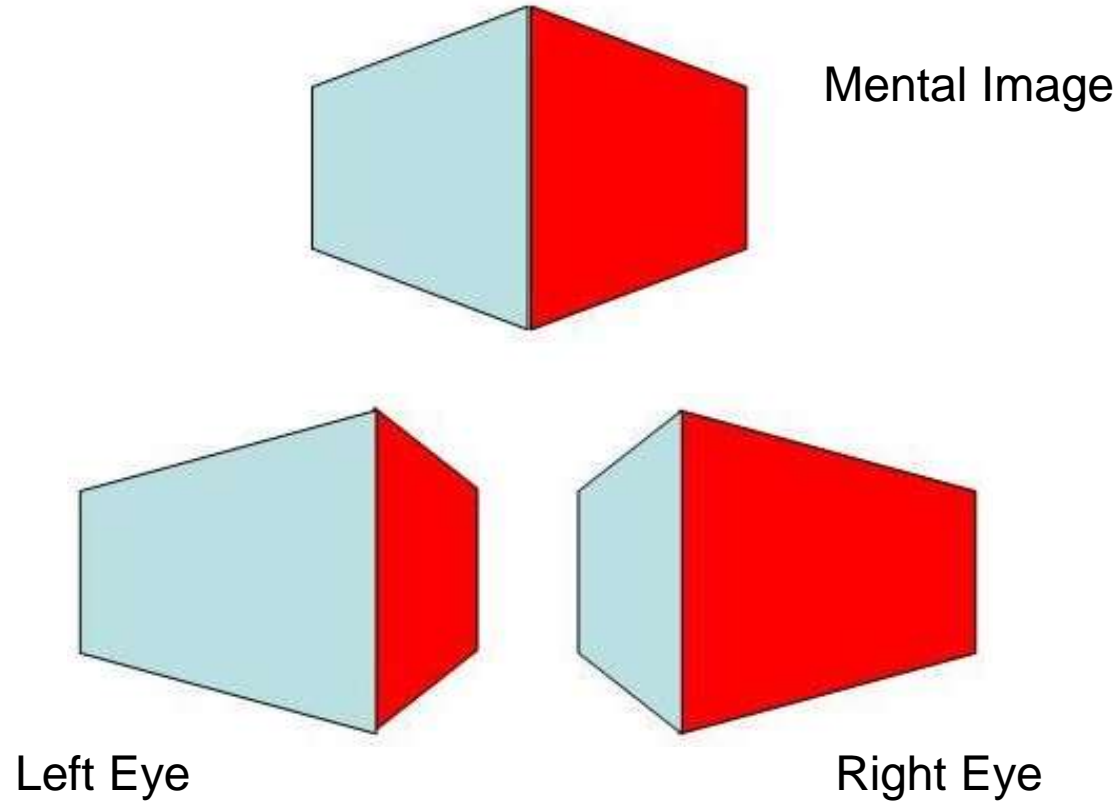


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Non-Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Binocular disparity



Non-Pictorial Depth Cues



- Stereoscopic Rendering
 - One different image for each eye.



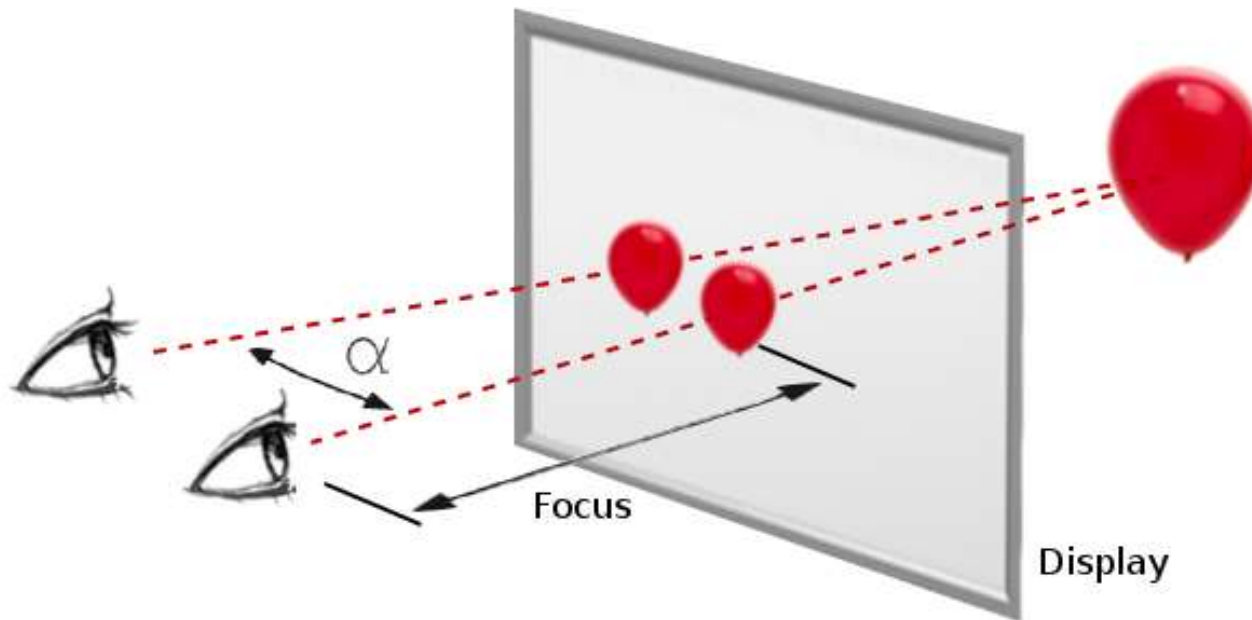
Oculus Rift. Tuscany Demo.

Non-Pictorial Depth Cues



➤ Stereoscopic Rendering

- One different image for each eye.
- Average Inter-Pupillary Distance (IPD) is 64mm



G. Bruder, F. Argelaguet, A. H. Olivier and A. Lécuyer, "Distance estimation in large immersive projection systems, revisited," *2015 IEEE Virtual Reality (VR)*, Arles, 2015, pp. 27-32.

Distance Perception

Visual Displays

Visual Displays

➤ Stereoscopic Rendering Technology

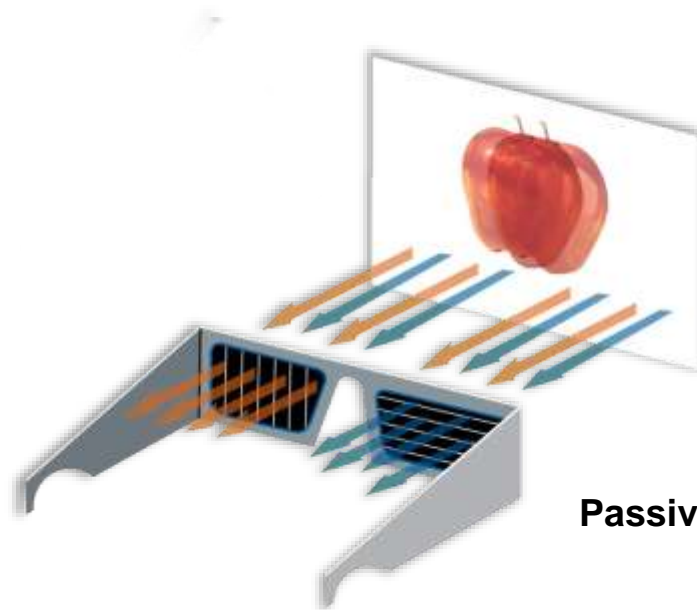
- Time-multiplexing (Active Stereo)
- Light polarization (Passive Stereo)
- Color separation (Anaglyph Stereo)



Active



Anaglyph

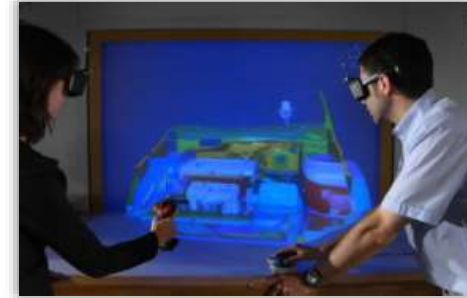


Passive

Characteristics of Visual Displays

➤ Main specifications

- Field of View
- Field of Regard
- Resolution and refresh rate
- Monoscopic or stereoscopic



➤ Technologies

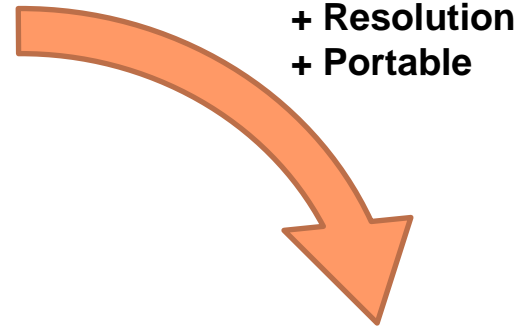
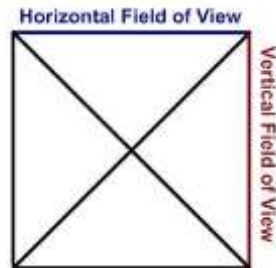
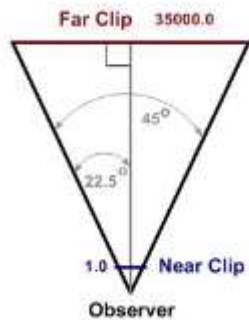
- LCD / LED Screens (single / multiple)
- Projection Systems
- Head-Mounted Displays
- Autostereoscopic Displays
- “3D” Displays



Head Mounted Displays



Ivan Sutherland HMD - 1965

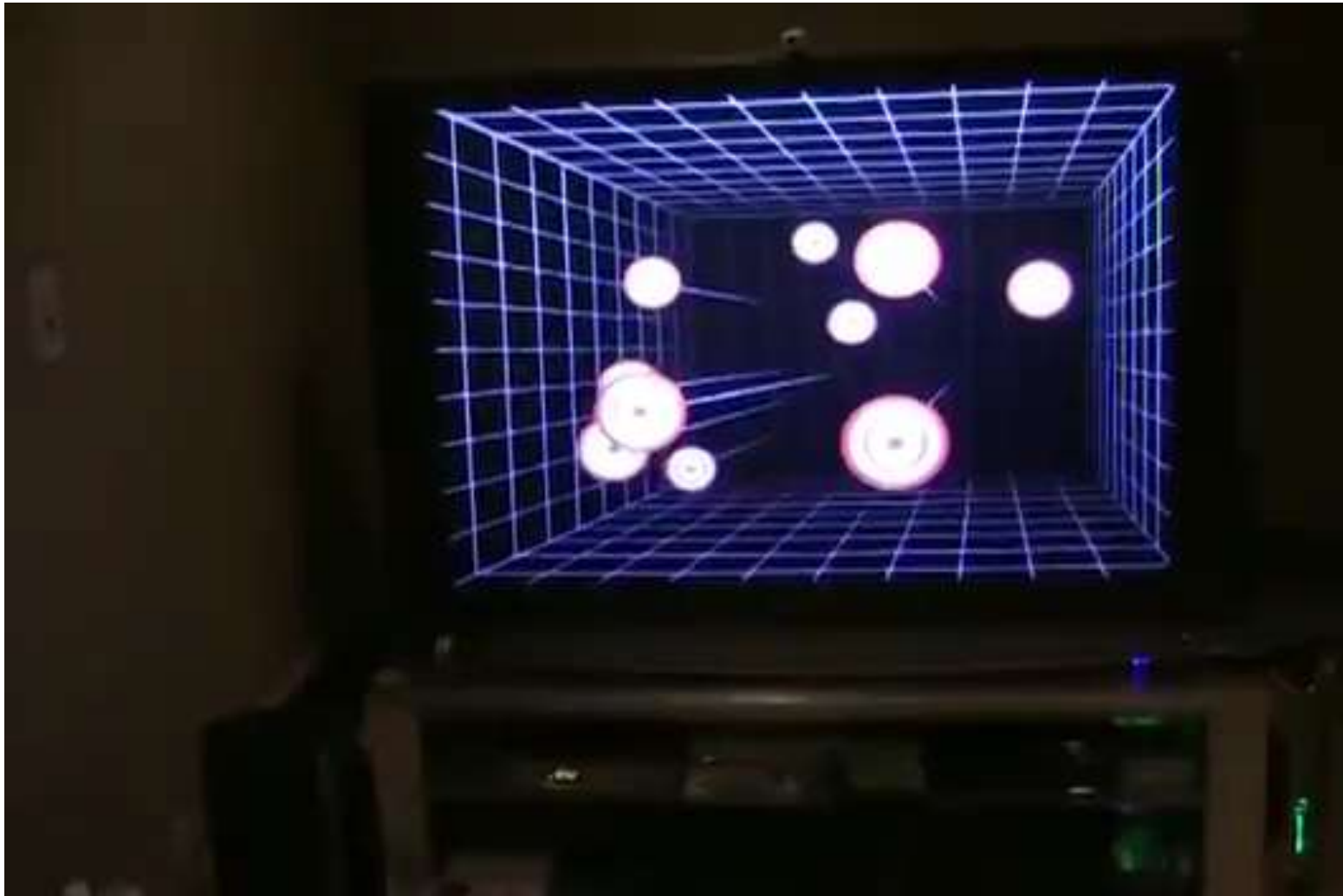


+ Resolution
+ Portable

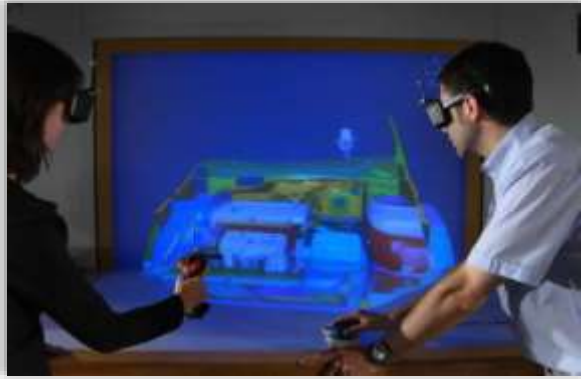


Current HMDs

Fishtank



Projection Systems



WorkBench



PowerWall



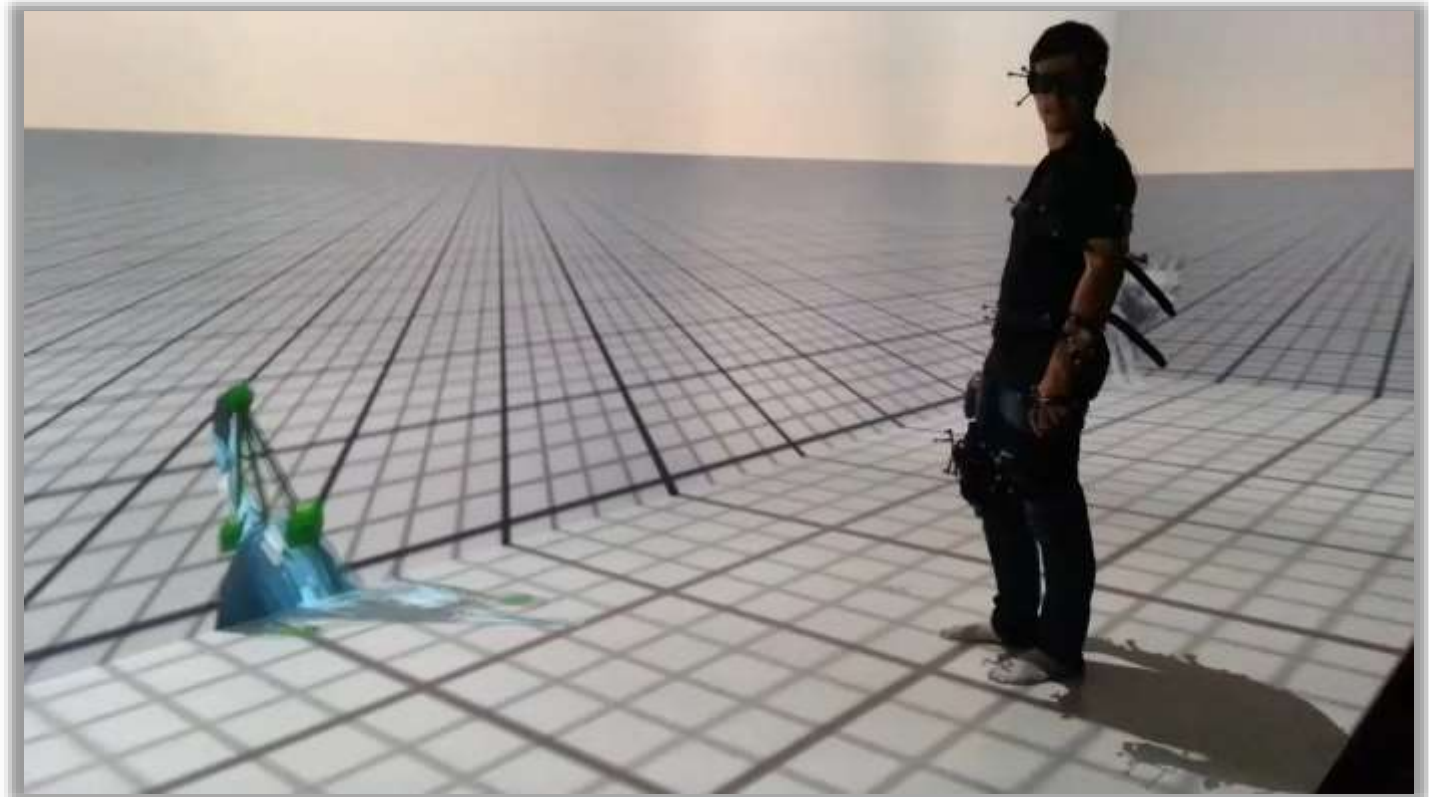
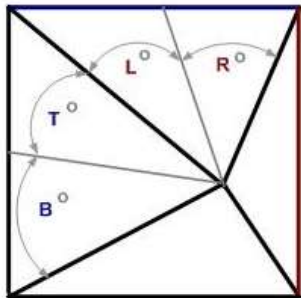
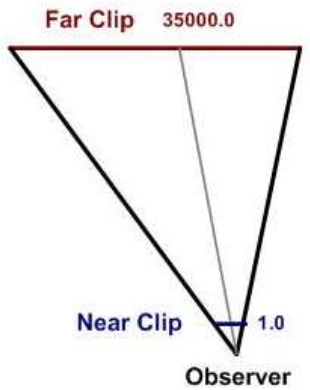
4-Sided CAVE



Tiled Display CAVE

Projection Systems

➤ Asymmetric View Frustum



Hand-Held Displays



Augmented Reality

Hand-Held Displays



See-through HMDs

- Mixing real and virtual content



Z800 Pro AR



Microsoft HoloLens

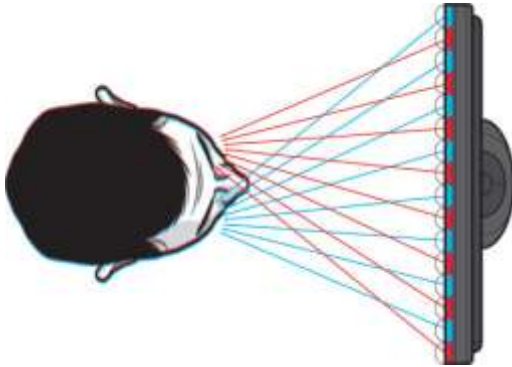


Magic Leap

See-through HMDs



Other Visual Displays



Autoestereoscopic Displays



Mirror-based Displays



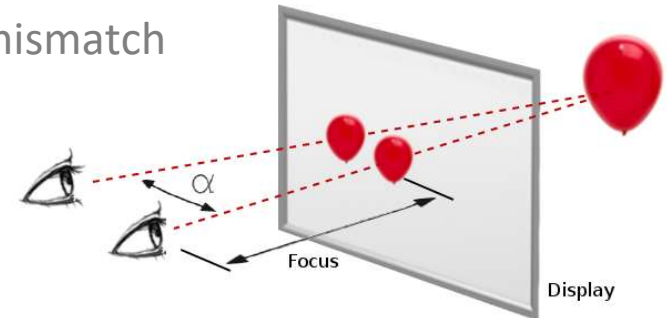
Volumetric Displays

Visual Perception in VR and AR



➤ Display technology can alter human visual perception

- Miscalibration, accommodation/convergence mismatch
- Virtual objects look closer than they are.
- Alter object relationships



➤ Mismatch between real and virtual content

- Inconsistent illumination
- Inconsistent visibility



- J. P. Rolland, et al. Towards quantifying depth and size perception in virtual environments. Presence: Teleoperators & Virtual Environments, 4(1):24–49, 1995.

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Perceptual adaptation

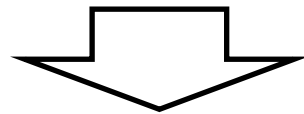
- Can our perceptions change?
- Example: Looking at the world upside down



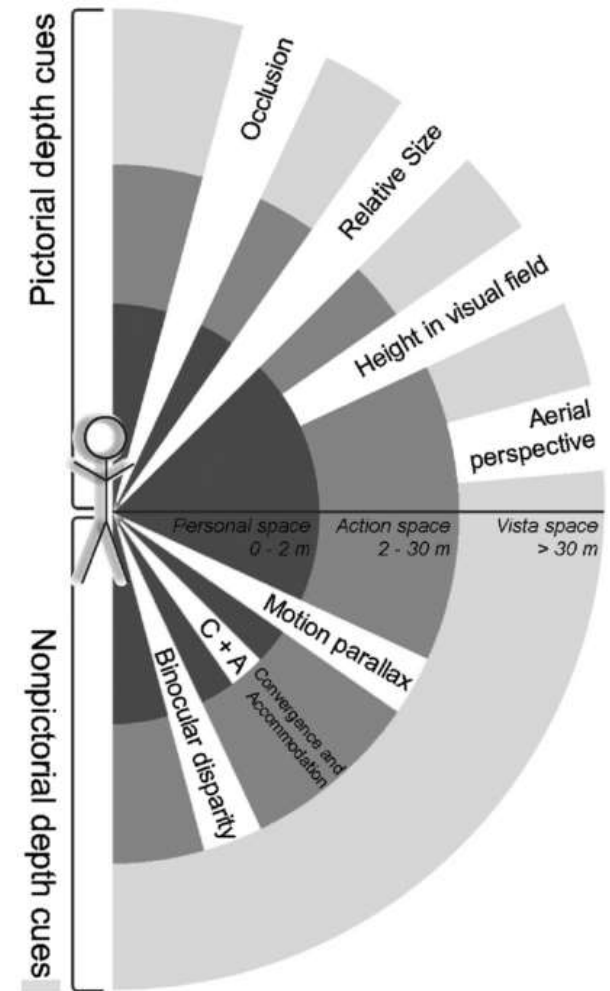
Distance and Depth Perception



- Ability to retrieve distance information
 - Exocentric: Relationship between objects
 - Egocentric: Distance towards objects
- Combination of all depth cues enable an accurate perception



- Cue **dominance**
 - In case of ambiguity the stronger cue will be used for disambiguation
 - Increase in uncertainty and inaccuracy



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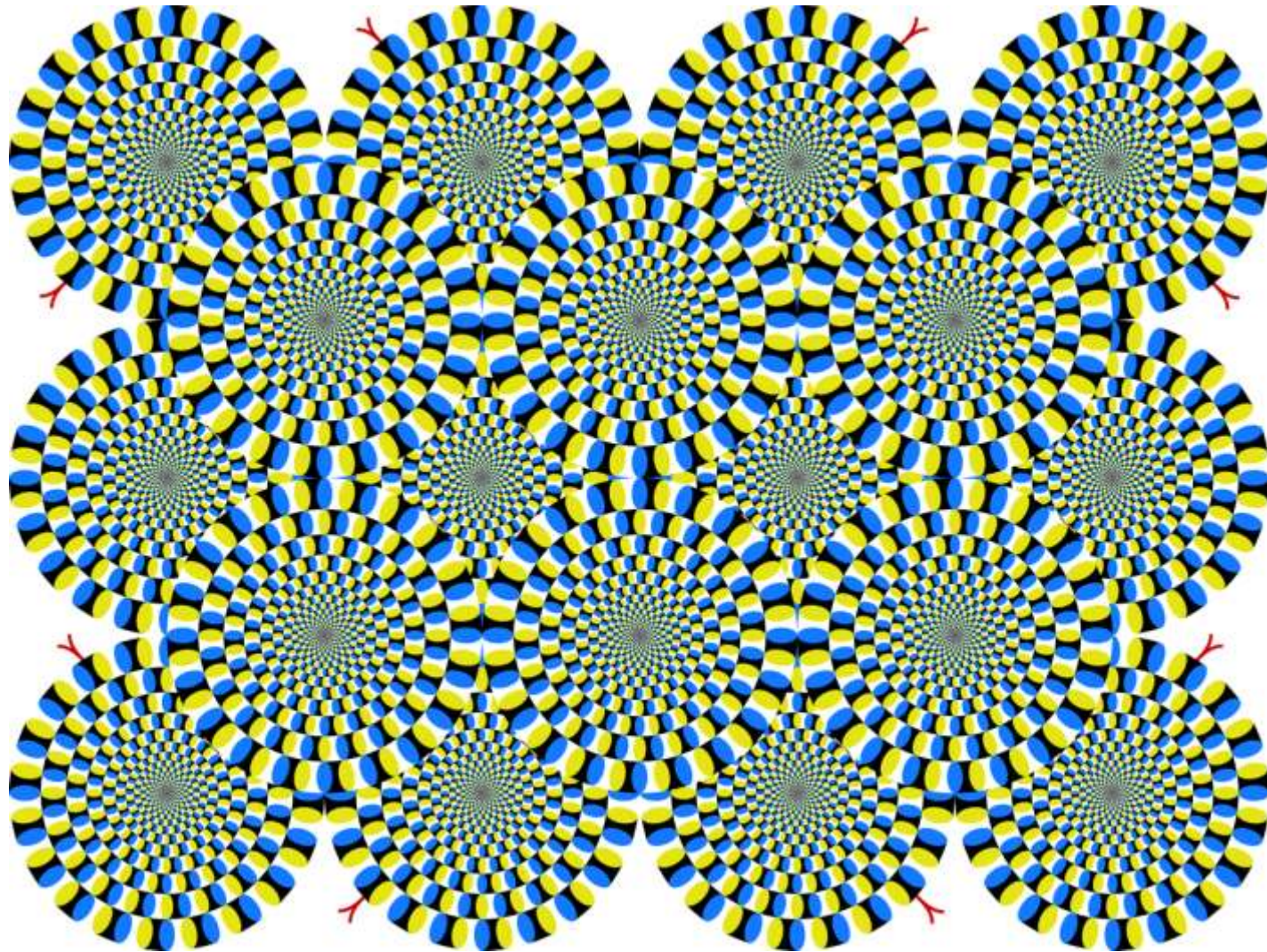
Motion Perception

Visual System

Vestibular System

Motion Sickness

Motion illusions in Stationary Images



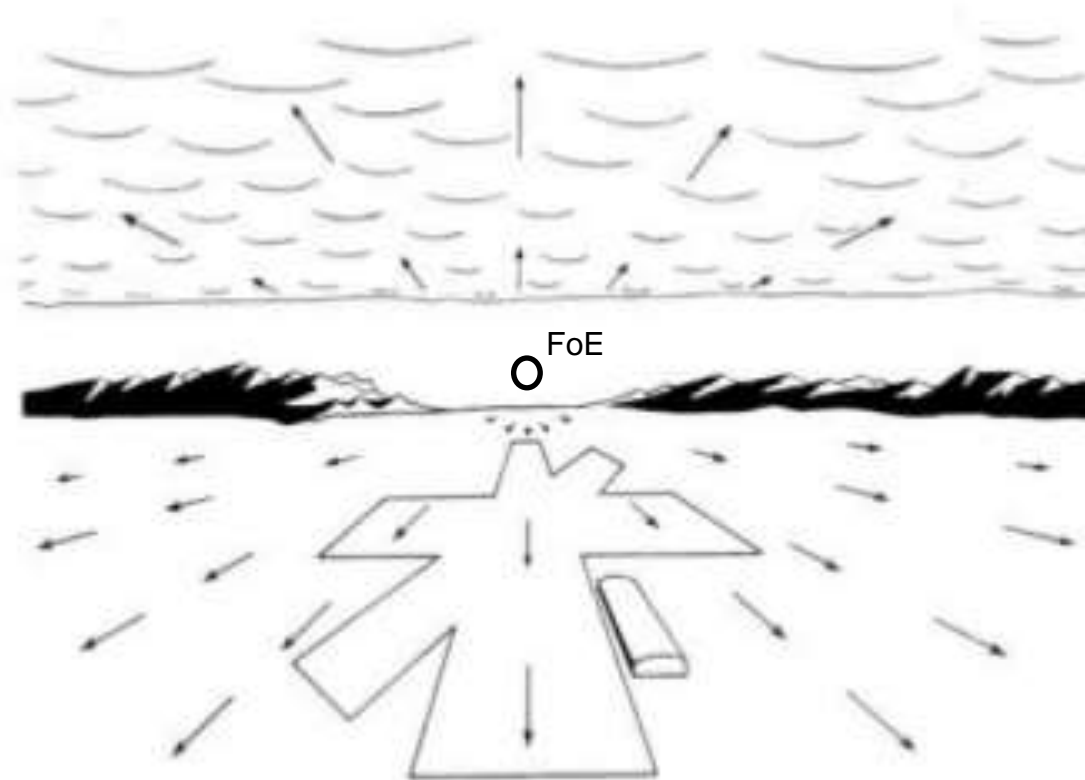
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The Visual System and Optic Flow

- The **visual system** infers motion from the changing pattern of light in the retinal image
 - The changing pattern can give the **illusion of motion**
- The **optic flow** provides information about the observer's heading and the relative distance to each surface in the world
 - Can generate unique and unambiguous interpretation of 3D motion and depth
- Close objects moving slowly can create an identical retinal image over time as a large, distance object when we are moving quickly
 - Enables relative speed/direction and distances estimates.

The Motion Flow Field

- Objects in the world change in **predictable** ways as we move
 - Rotational and translational motions
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- **Rotational**: all the components in the flow field rotate the same amount around the axis of rotation regardless of distance.
 - E.g. Head rotations
- **Translational**: objects moves further away the expansion point
 - Closer points moves more than further points
 - Distance affects both the speed and the direction

Example



Example



Example



Vestibular System

- The inner ear is responsible for balance, equilibrium and orientation
 - The macula sacculi detects **vertical** acceleration.
 - The macula utriculi is responsible for **horizontal** acceleration.
- The vestibular system generates information about head movements in space, acceleration and posture.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inner_ear

Simulation Sickness Effects

- The effects of Simulator Sickness are **polysymptomatic** and can vary in form and intensity between individuals
 - Complex problem to describe and define
- It can be evaluated through questionnaires such as the Simulator Sickness Questionnaire (SSQ) or indirect analysis of physiological signals such as blood pressure and heart rate
- The **simulation sickness questionnaire** considers three main areas
 - Nausea
 - Oculomotor Problems
 - Disorientation

Kenned R. et al. Simulator Sickness Questionnaire: An Enhanced Method for Quantifying Simulator Sickness The International Journal of Aviation Psychology Vol. 3 , Iss. 3,1993

Explaining Simulation Sickness

- Three main theories try to explain the causes
 - Sensory Rearrangement Theory
 - Postural Instability Theory
 - Poison Theory



L. Rebenitsch et al., "Review on cybersickness in applications and visual displays," *Virtual Reality*, vol. 20, no. 2, pp. 101–125, 2016.

The Sensory Rearrangement Theory

- One main premise
 - All situations that provoke Motion Sickness are characterized by a **sensory rearrangement condition** in which signals transmitted by the visual and vestibular systems are in disagreement or dissociation with each other and with what is expected from **previous experiences**.
- When there is a dissociation between these elements and the sensory expectation is frustrated (based on previous experiences), the effects of Motion Sickness arise.
 - Effects only manifest themselves when there are movements with speed change (acceleration), since the vestibular system only reacts to angular and linear accelerations.

J. T. Reason, "Motion sickness adaptation: a neural mismatch model." *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, vol. 71, no. 11, p. 819, 1978.
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The Postural Instability Theory

- One of the primary behavioral goals in humans is to maintain **postural stability** in the environment.
- Motion Sickness is not caused by all visual-vestibular dissociations but because the individual is unable to maintain appropriate postures, in order to compensate external stimuli.
 - The more unstable the body posture and the longer the duration of postural instability, the more severe the symptoms will be.
- The postural instability theory can be seen as a more restrictive SRT, where the only relevant factor for Motion Sickness is that the vestibular system can not respond to external stimuli.

The Poison Theory

- The poison theory attempts to provide an explanation for why motion sickness and cybersickness occur from an **evolutionary standpoint**
- The Poison theory proposes that symptoms such as nausea are caused by an incorrect application of the **body's defense mechanisms** against poisoning
 - The physiological defense is to expel food from the stomach acting as an early warning system which enhances survival
- It lacks predictive power and makes no determination for why people who get sick in virtual environments do not always have an emetic response

M. Treisman, "Motion sickness: an evolutionary hypothesis," *Science*, vol. 197, no. 4302, pp. 493–495, 1977.

Contributing Factors to Cybersickness in VE

➤ Display and Technology Issues

- Position Tracking Error
- Latency
- Flicker

➤ Individual Factors

- User's role
- Gender
- Age
- Illness

Decreasing Simulation Sickness in VE

- User Adaptation
- Rest Frames
- Well-designed virtual navigation techniques
- Direct vestibular stimulation

Human Perception

Other displays

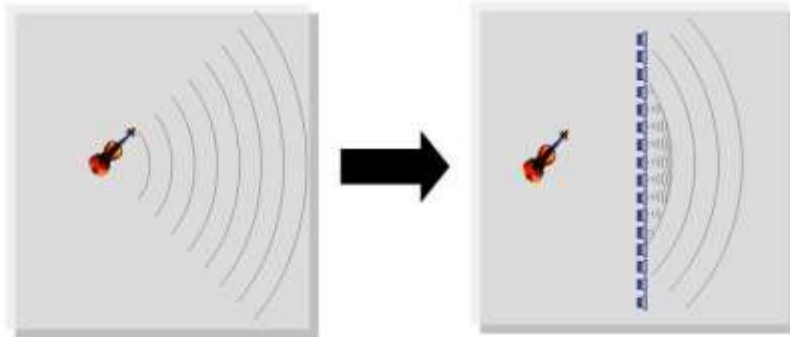
Auditory Displays

➤ Technologies

- Binaural Rendering (Headphones)
- Wave field synthesis (Speaker Arrays)

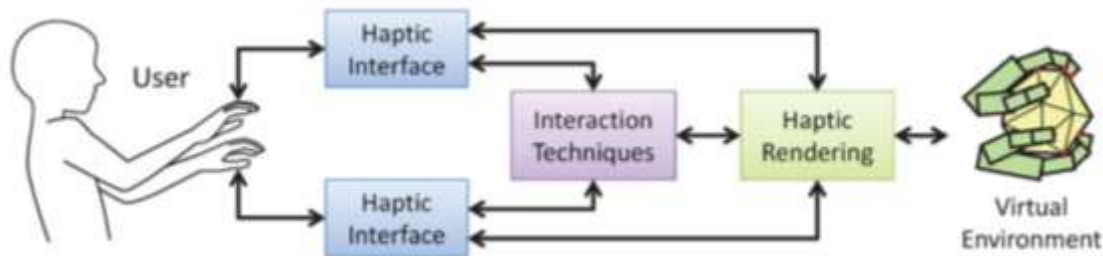
➤ Usages

- Localization. (Spatial information)
- Sensory substitution. (Button press)
- Sonification. (Exploration of a dataset)

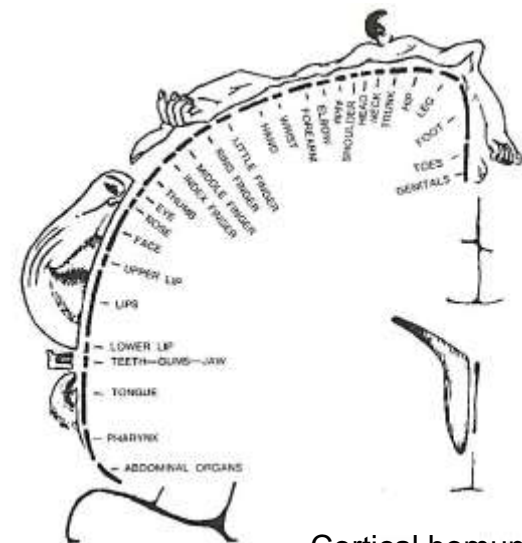


Haptic Displays

- Provide the user with the sense of touch



- Haptic cues
 - Kinesthetic - Body
 - Tactile - Skin



Cortical homunculus

Haptic Displays (Kinesthetic)

➤ Classification

- Single point grounded
- Single point mobile
- Multi-finger body-based
- Multi-finger grounded

➤ Physical Models

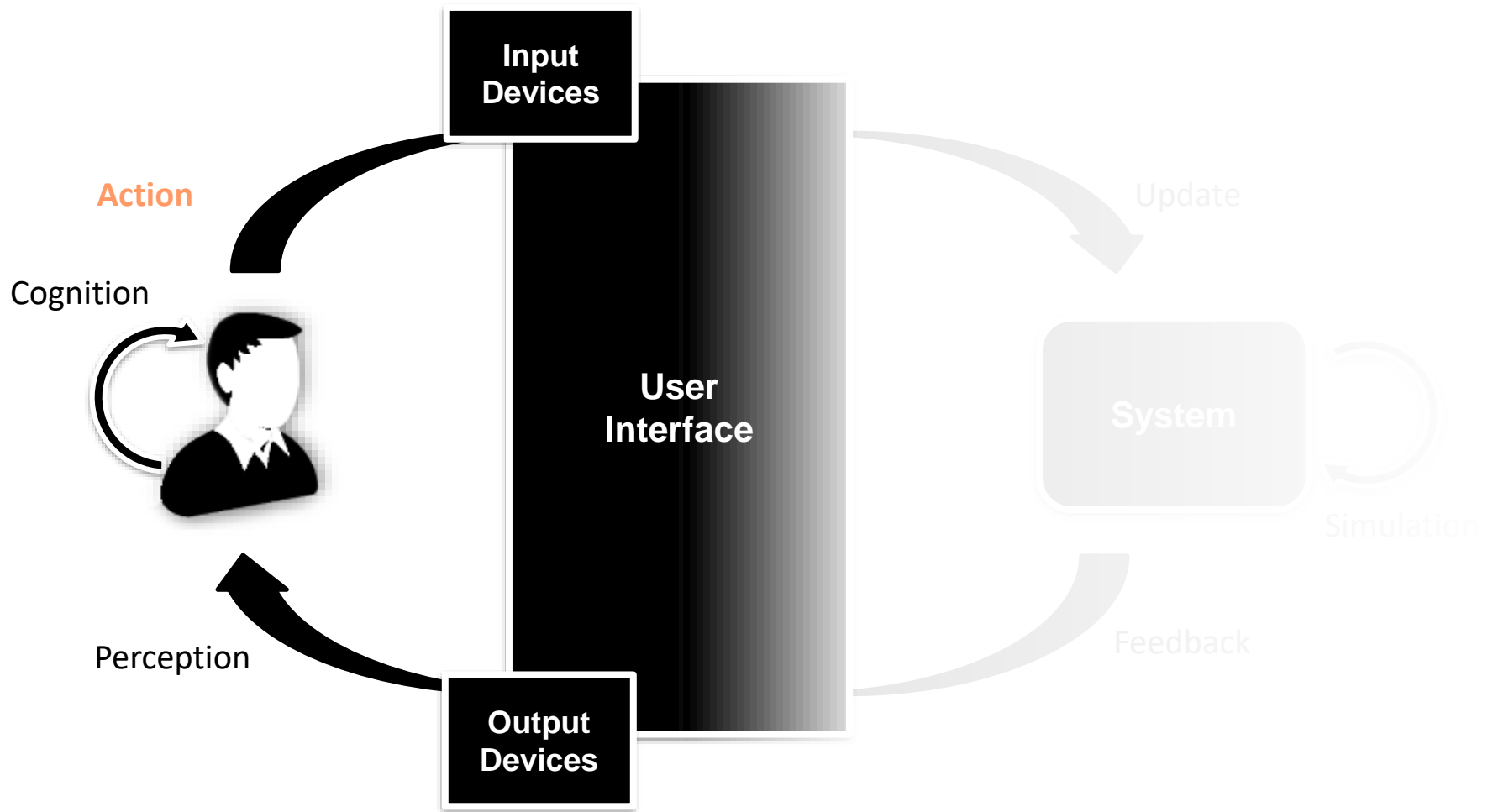
- Point or rigid bodies
- Rigid hand models
- Deformable hand models



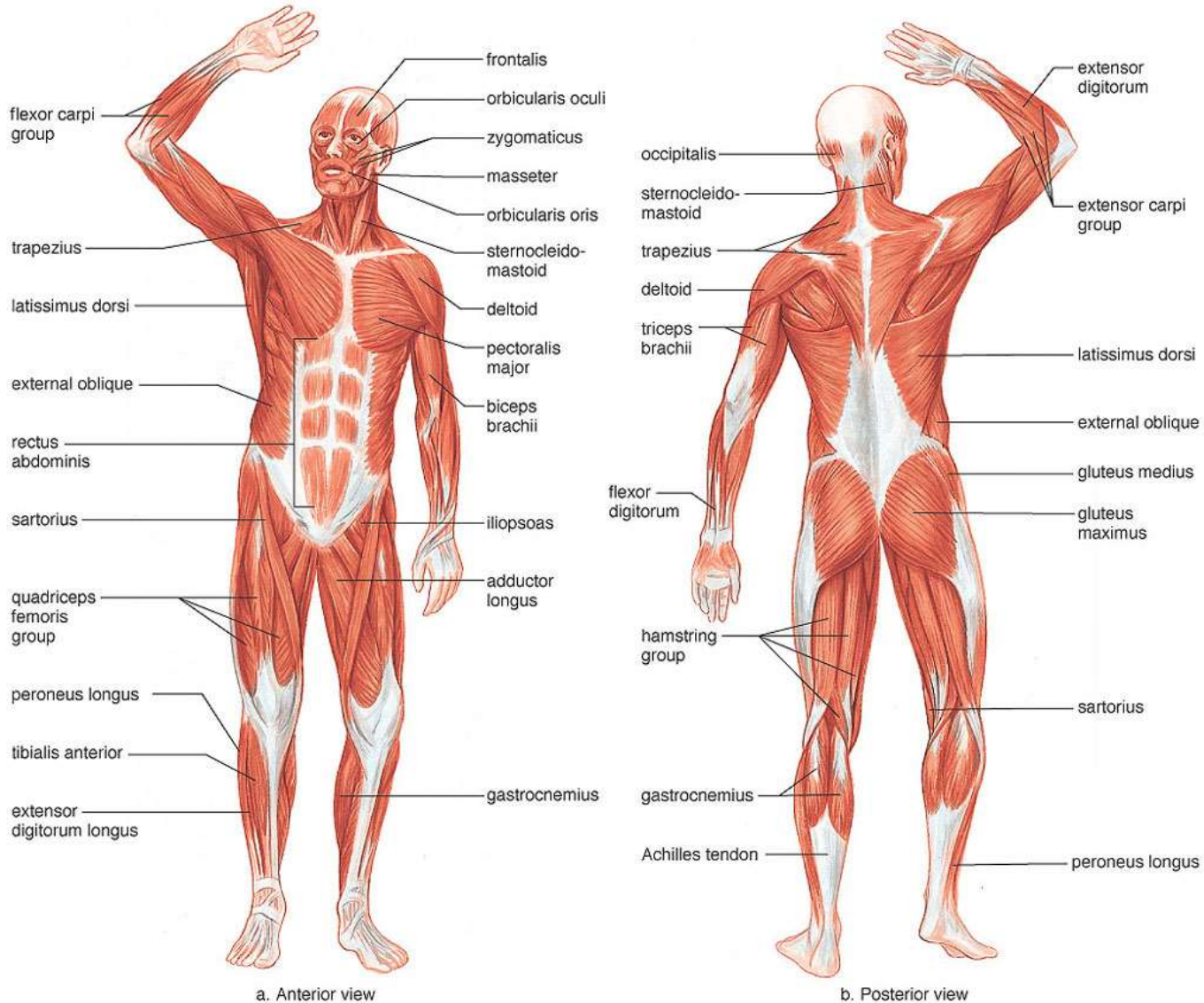
Motor Control

Human Pointing Models

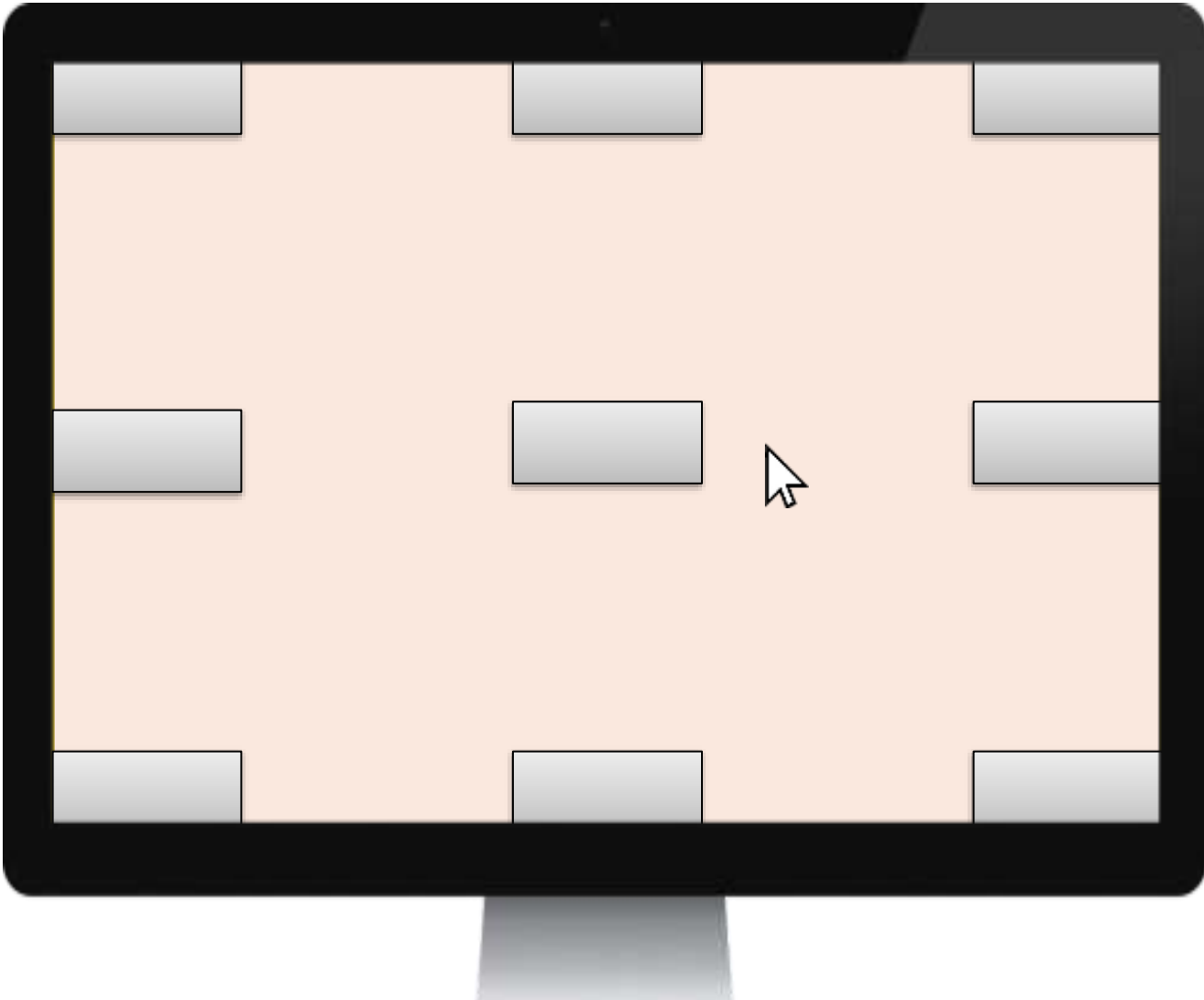
The Interaction Loop



Muscular System



Question



Fitts' Law

- Human psychomotor **behavior model** which has been widely adopted in numerous areas including HCI.
- Estimates the time required to perform an **aimed movement** considering only the physical properties underlying the acquisition task.

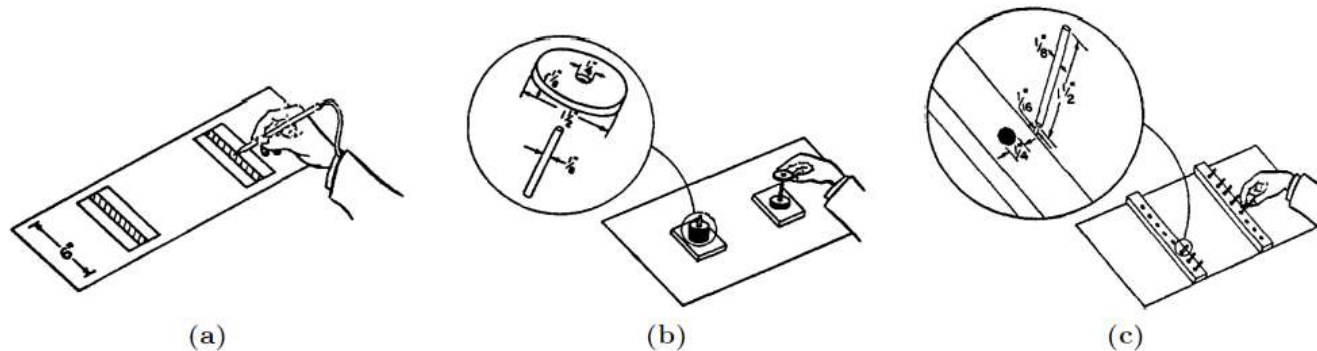


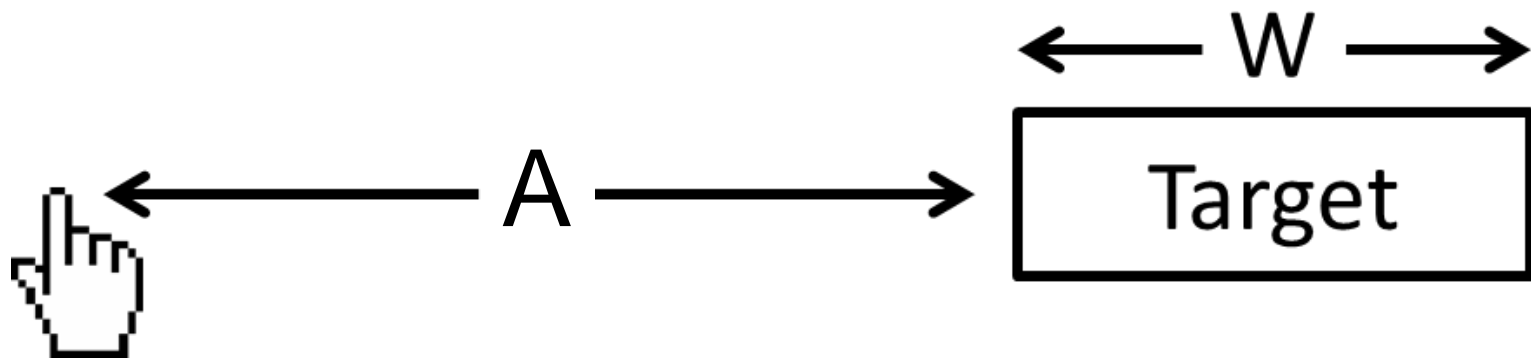
Figure 2.2: *Original Fitts' experiments. (a) Reciprocal tapping task. Participants had to hit repeatedly both center plates (stripped), without hitting the error plates surrounding the center plates. (b) Disc transfer task. Participants had to transfer eight washers (one at a time) from the right to the left pin. (c) Pin transfer task. Participants had to transfer each pin from one side to another.*

Fitts, Paul M. "The information capacity of the human motor system in controlling the amplitude of movement." *Journal of experimental psychology* 47.6 (1954): 381.

Fitts' Law

- Fitts' law estimates the mean movement time (MT) considering the distance to the target (A) and the target size (W). The regression coefficients a and b are computed experimentally.

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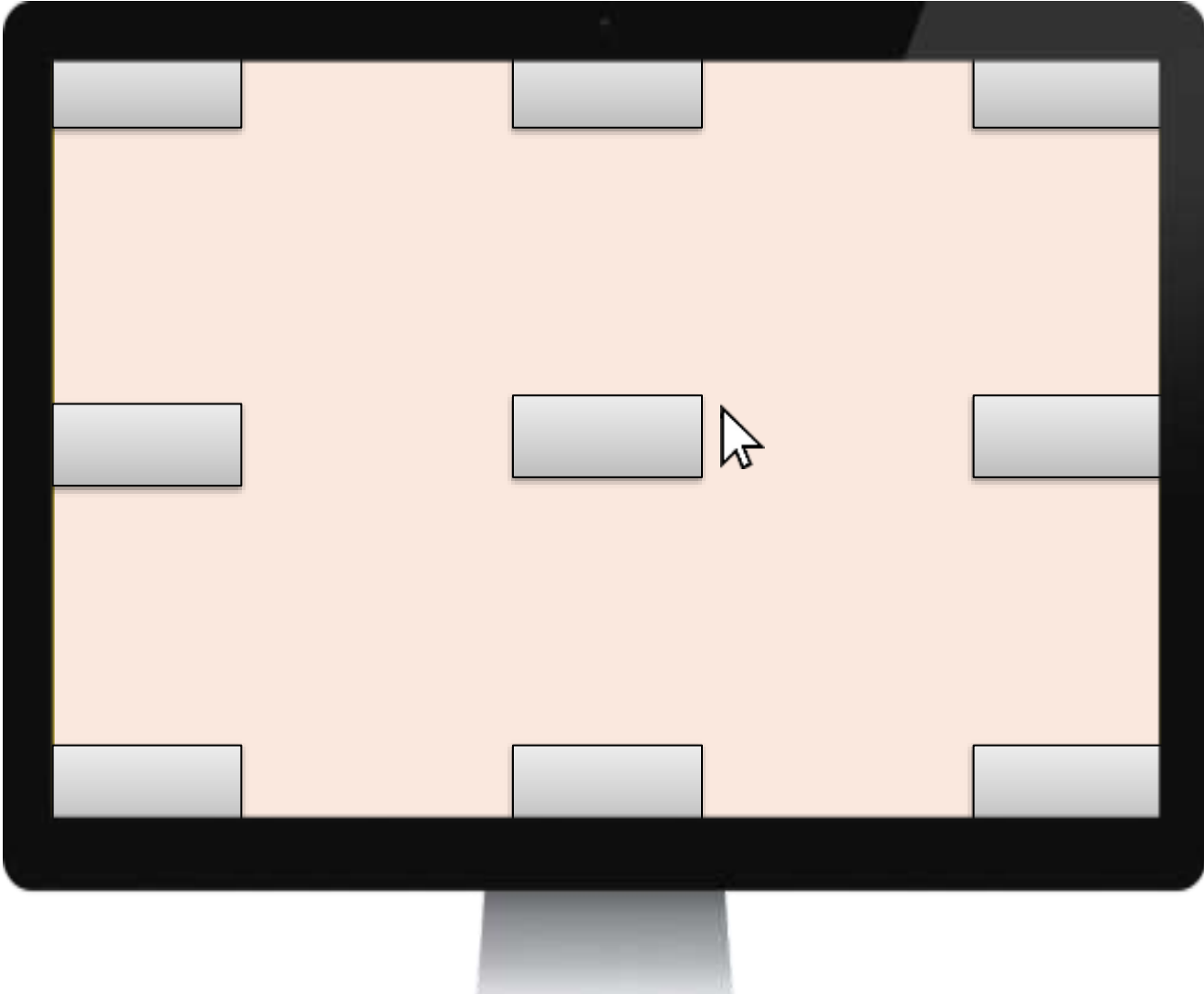
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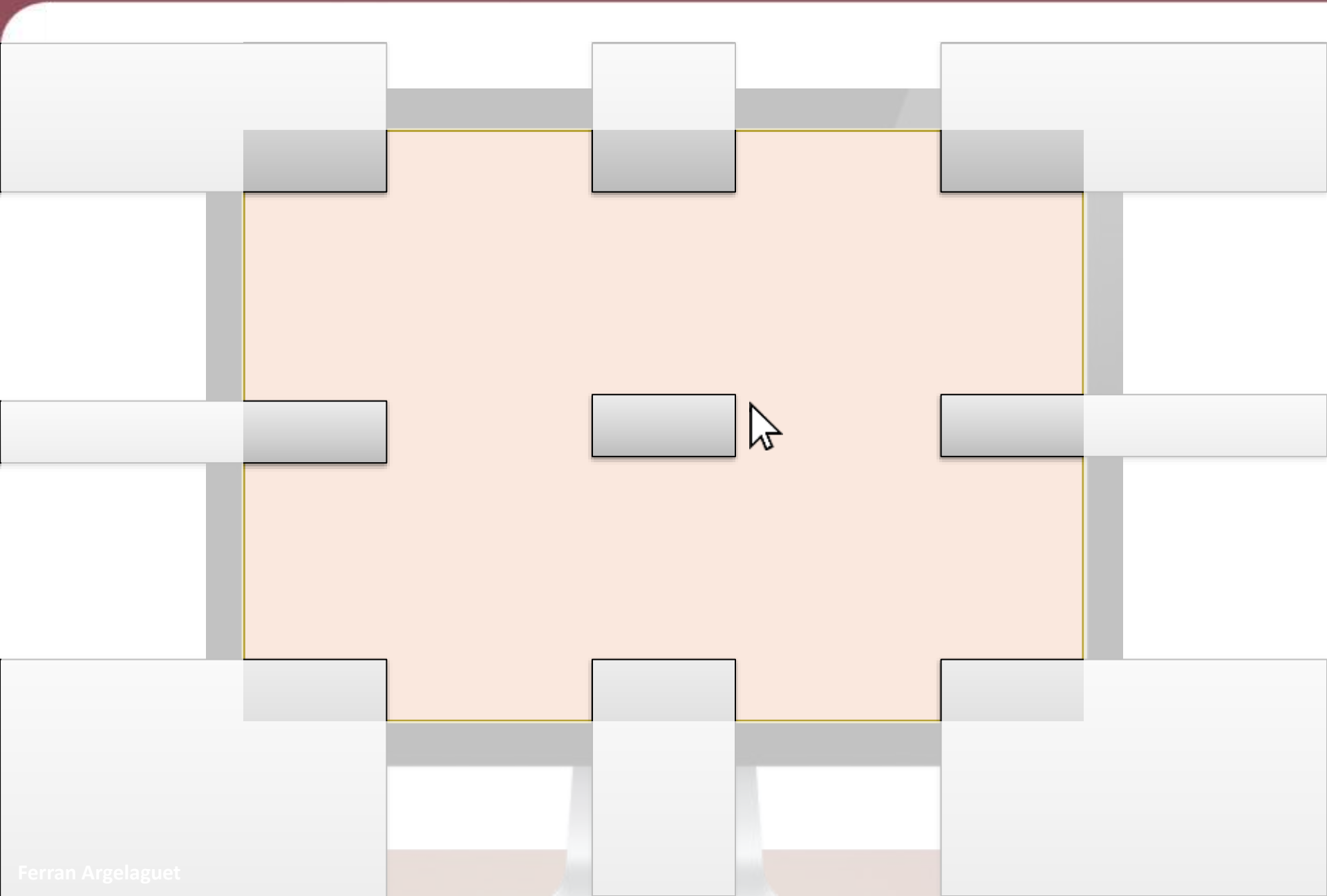
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- The intercept a is sensitive to additive factors like reaction times (e.g. time to locate the target or time to trigger the selection confirmation).
- The inverse of the slope $1/b$ is the index of performance (IP) expressed in seconds/bit.
 - Dependent on the user and the involved muscle groups.

Question again



Fitts' Law



Optimized Initial Impulse Model

- Acquisition tasks are subdivided in a two-step movement
 - **Ballistic phase.** A fast and inaccurate movement is made towards the target.
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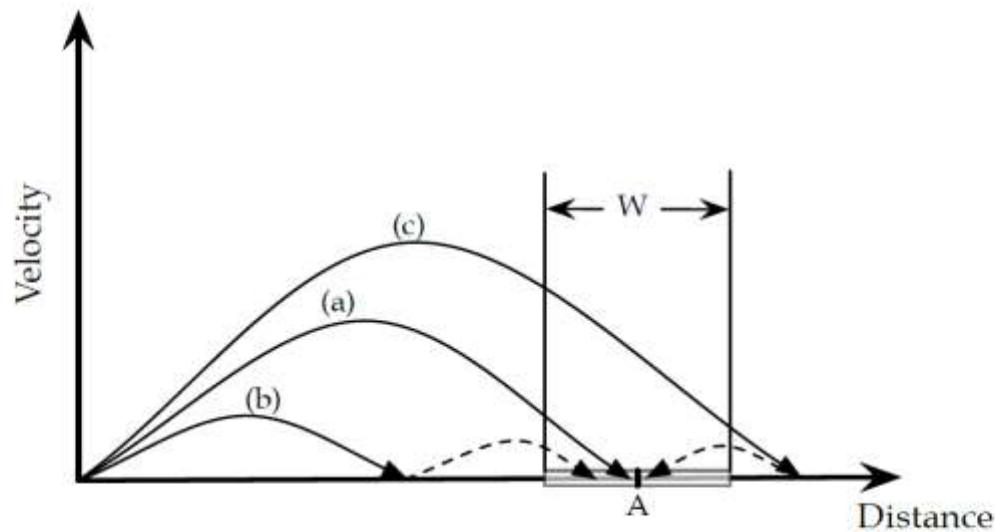
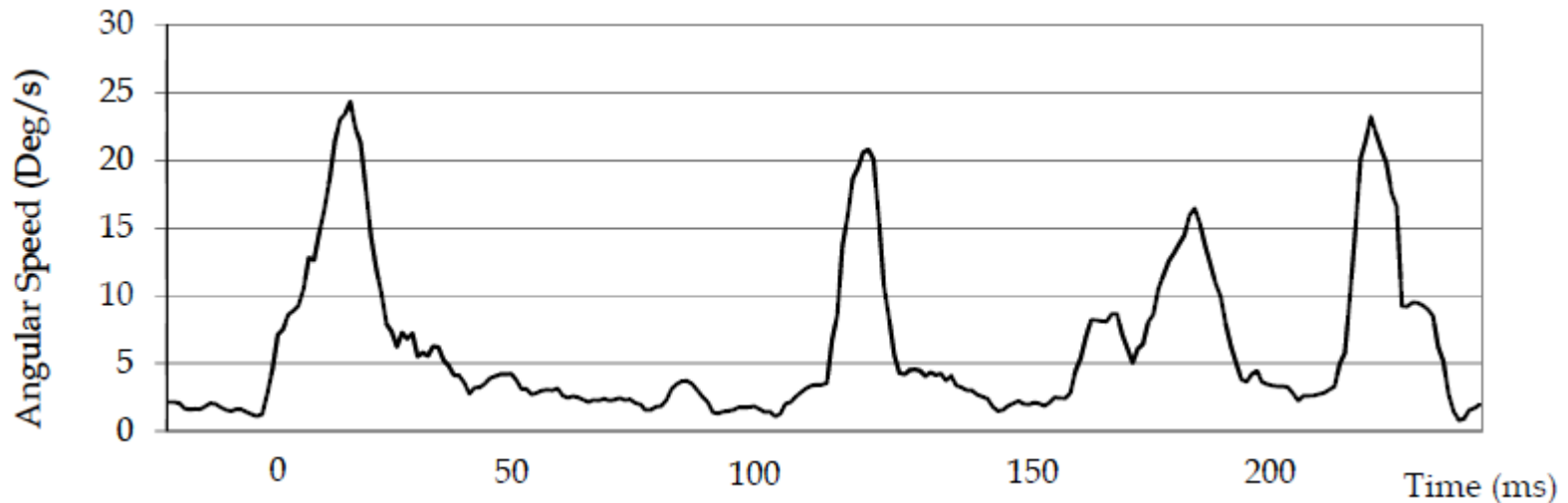


Figure 2.7: Following the optimized initial impulse model, after the ballistic movement: (a) the target might be selected, (b) under shot or (c) over shot. For situations (b) and (c) subsequent corrective movements are required.

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Example of a velocity profile for a 3D acquisition task using raycasting selection. Ballistic and corrective phases of the movement are clearly visible.

Fitts' law and beyond...

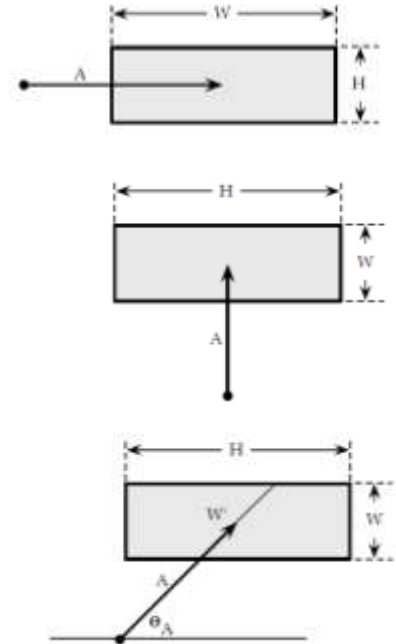
➤ Extension to 2D motions

$$MT = a + b \log_2 \left(\frac{2A}{W} \right) + c \log_2 \left(\frac{2A}{H} \right)$$

E. Crossman. The measurement of perceptual load in manual operations. PhD thesis, University of Birmingham, 1956.

$$MT = a + b \log_2 \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{A}{W} \right)^2 + \eta \left(\frac{A}{H} \right)^2 + 1} \right)$$

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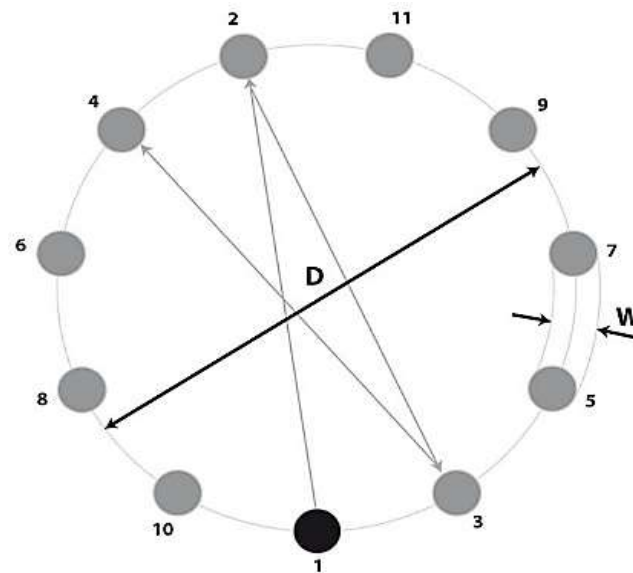
➤ Extensions to 3D motions

$$ID_{WtEuc\Theta} = \log_2 \left(\sqrt{f_W(\Theta) \left(\frac{A^2}{W} \right) + f_H(\Theta) \left(\frac{A^2}{H} \right) + f_D(\Theta) \left(\frac{A^2}{D} \right) + 1} \right)$$

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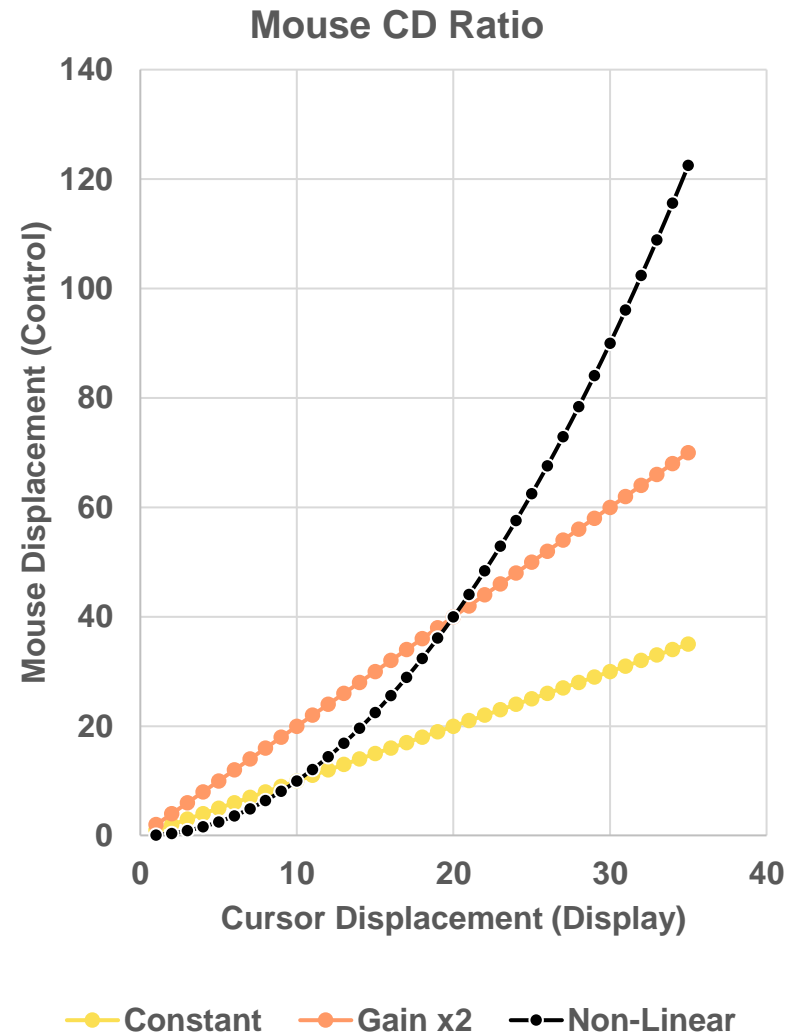
Fitts' Law

- Fitts' law is so well known because it provides one of the few **quantitative measures** for HCI research.
- There is **ISO 9241-9** standard which provides a standardized evaluation scenario for testing 2D interactions (e.g. mouse selection).



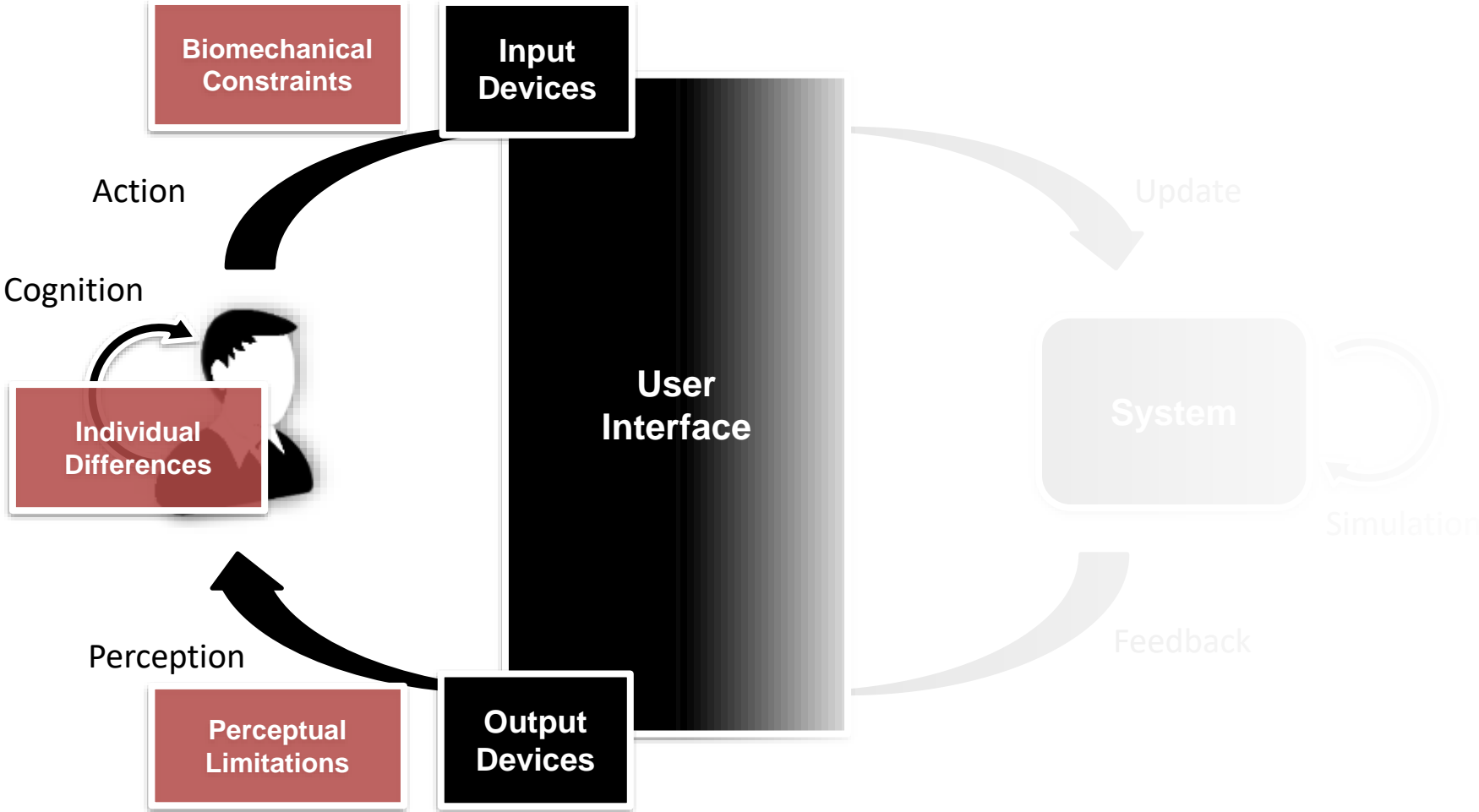
Application of Fitts' Law: Input Mapping

- Function that maps the input DoFs to the DoFs of the interaction tool.
- Isomorphic Mapping: Ensures that there is a direct mapping between the input DoFs and the DoFs of the tool.
- Anisomorphic Mapping: Applies a linear or nonlinear transformation to the input data. This function is defined by the Control/Display Ratio.



Wrap-up

The Interaction Loop



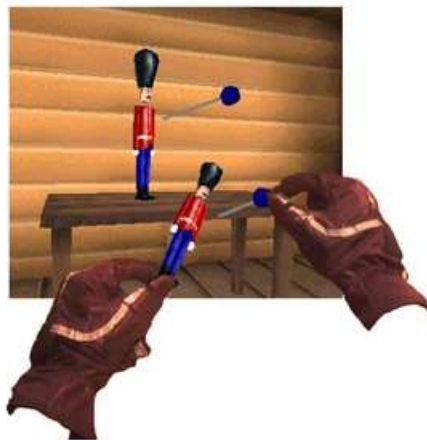
3D Interaction Tasks

➤ Basic 3D Interaction Tasks

- **Selection:** The user chooses a 3D object from a set of objects
- **Manipulation:** The user applies spatial rigid transformations
- **Navigation:** The user modifies its virtual position in the environment
- **Application Control:** The user issues commands to the application



Selection



Manipulation



Navigation