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***Elective in Robotics***

# **Geomagic Touch**

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# Geomagic Touch haptic device



2 devices available at **DIAG Robotics Lab**



# Phantom Omni (same device!)

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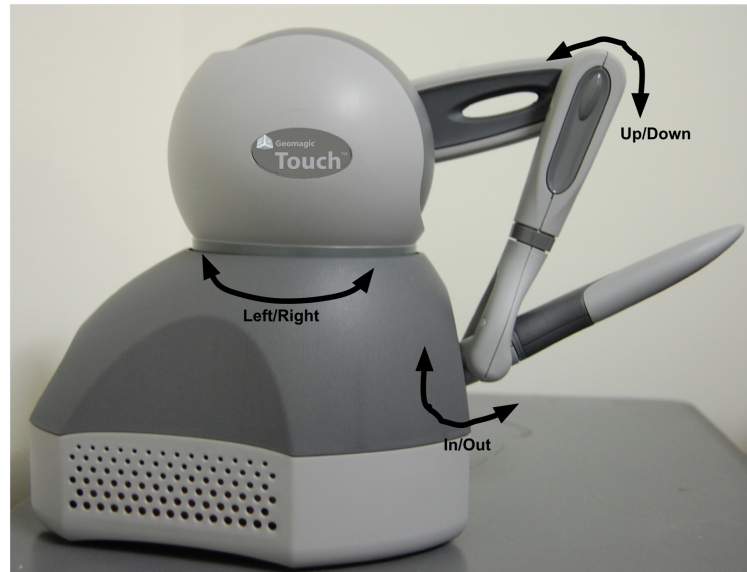


PHANTOM Omni  $\Rightarrow$  now **Geomagic Touch**

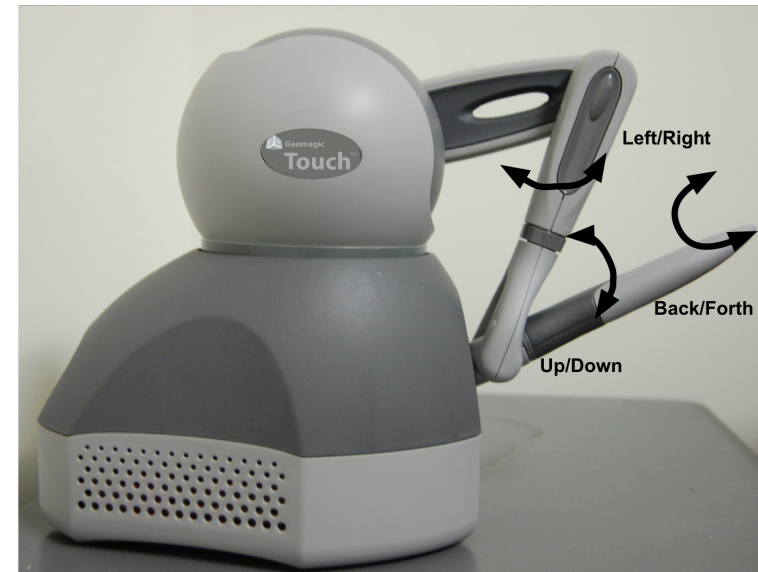
**SensAble Technologies**  $\Rightarrow$  now **3D Systems**



# Range of device motion

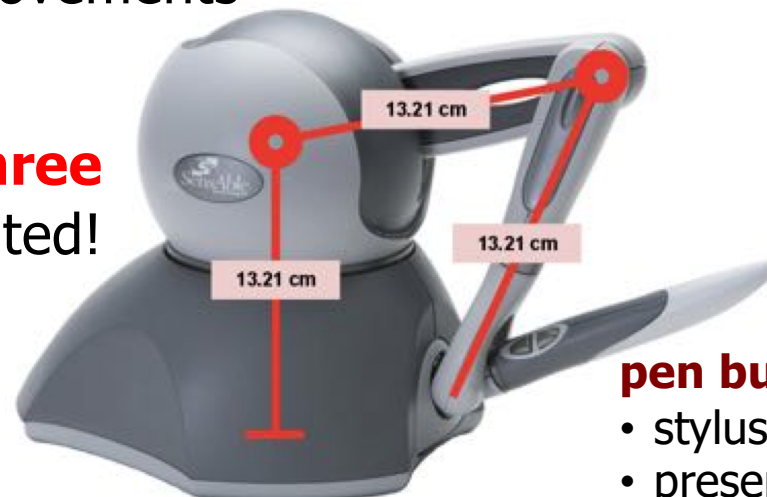


macro movements



micro movements  
(of the stylus)  
with fixed HIP

only the **first three**  
joints are actuated!



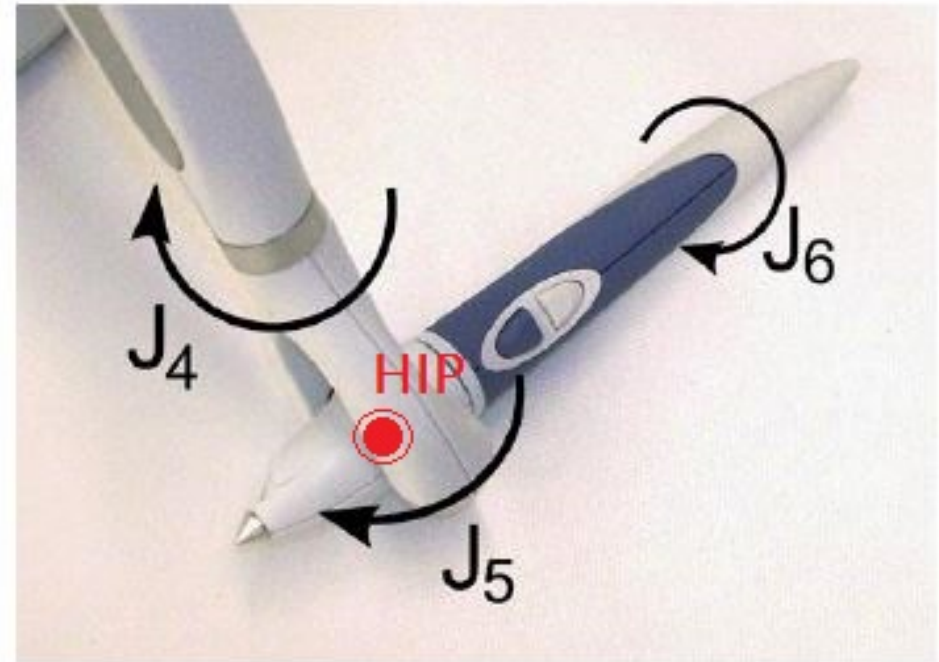
## pen buttons

- stylus switch ON if pressing **dark** gray button
- presence switch ON if pressing light gray button

# Degrees of freedom



first three joints  
(positioning of the HIP):  
**actuated**



last three joints as spherical wrist  
(orientation of the stylus):  
**passive**



# Geomagic Touch data sheet

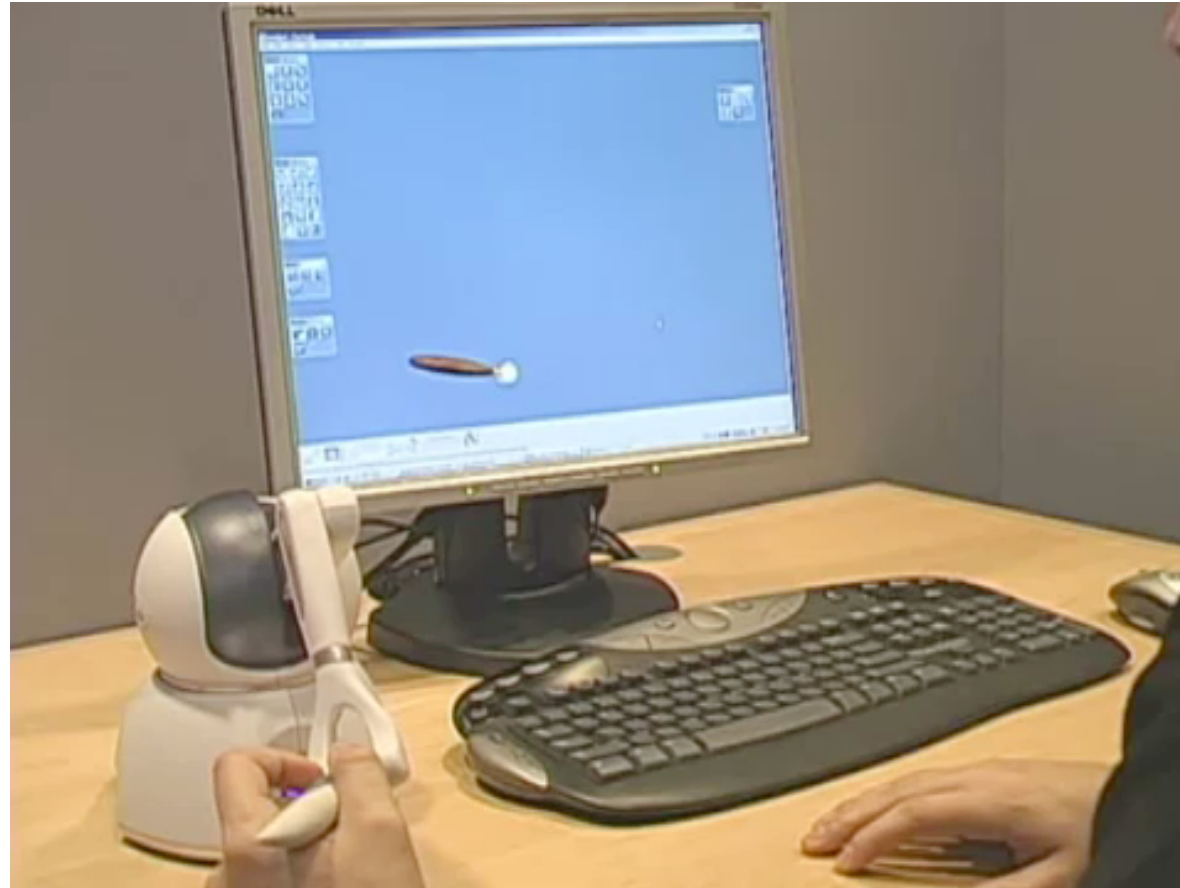


Force feedback workspace	-6.4 W x 4.8 H x 2.8 D in > 160 W x 120 H x 70 D mm
Footprint (Physical area device base occupies on desk)	6 5/8 W x 8 D in ~168 W x 203 D mm
Weight (device only)	3 lbs 15 oz (1.42 kg)
Range of motion	Hand movement pivoting at wrist
Nominal position resolution	> 450 dpi ~ 0.055 mm
Backdrive friction	< 1 oz (0.26 N)
Maximum exertable force at nominal (orthogonal arms) position	0.75 lbf (3.3 N)
Continuous exertable force (24 hrs)	0.2 lbf (0.88 N)
Stiffness	X axis > 7.3 lbs / in (1.26 N / mm) Y axis > 13.4 lbs / in (2.31 N / mm) Z axis > 5.9 lbs / in (1.02 N / mm)
Inertia (apparent mass at tip)	~0.101 lbm (45 g)
Force feedback (3 Degrees of Freedom)	x, y, z
Position sensing [Stylus gimbal] (6 Degrees of Freedom)	x, y, z (digital encoders) [Pitch, roll, yaw ( $\pm 5\%$ linearity potentiometers)]
Interface	RJ45 compliant on-board Ethernet Port or USB Port
Supported platforms	Intel or AMD-based PCs
OpenHaptics®Toolkit compatibility	Yes



# Geomagic Touch in action

(actually, a Sensable Omni...)



video

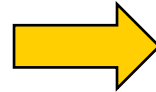
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# Geomagic Touch in action

## end users

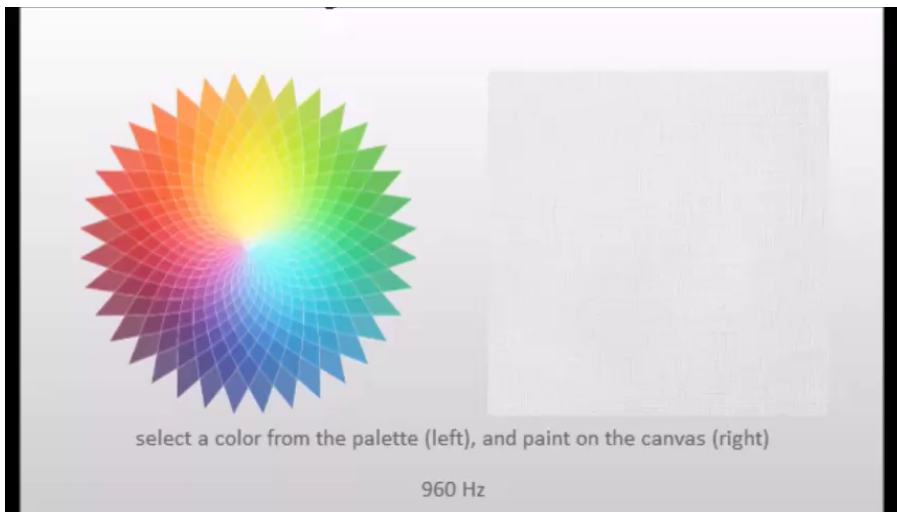
- artists
- industrial designers
- medical professionals
- researchers



## applications

- 3D shape modelling/painting
- virtual surgical planning
- virtual navigation
- robot teleoperation
- coordination of robot teams

video



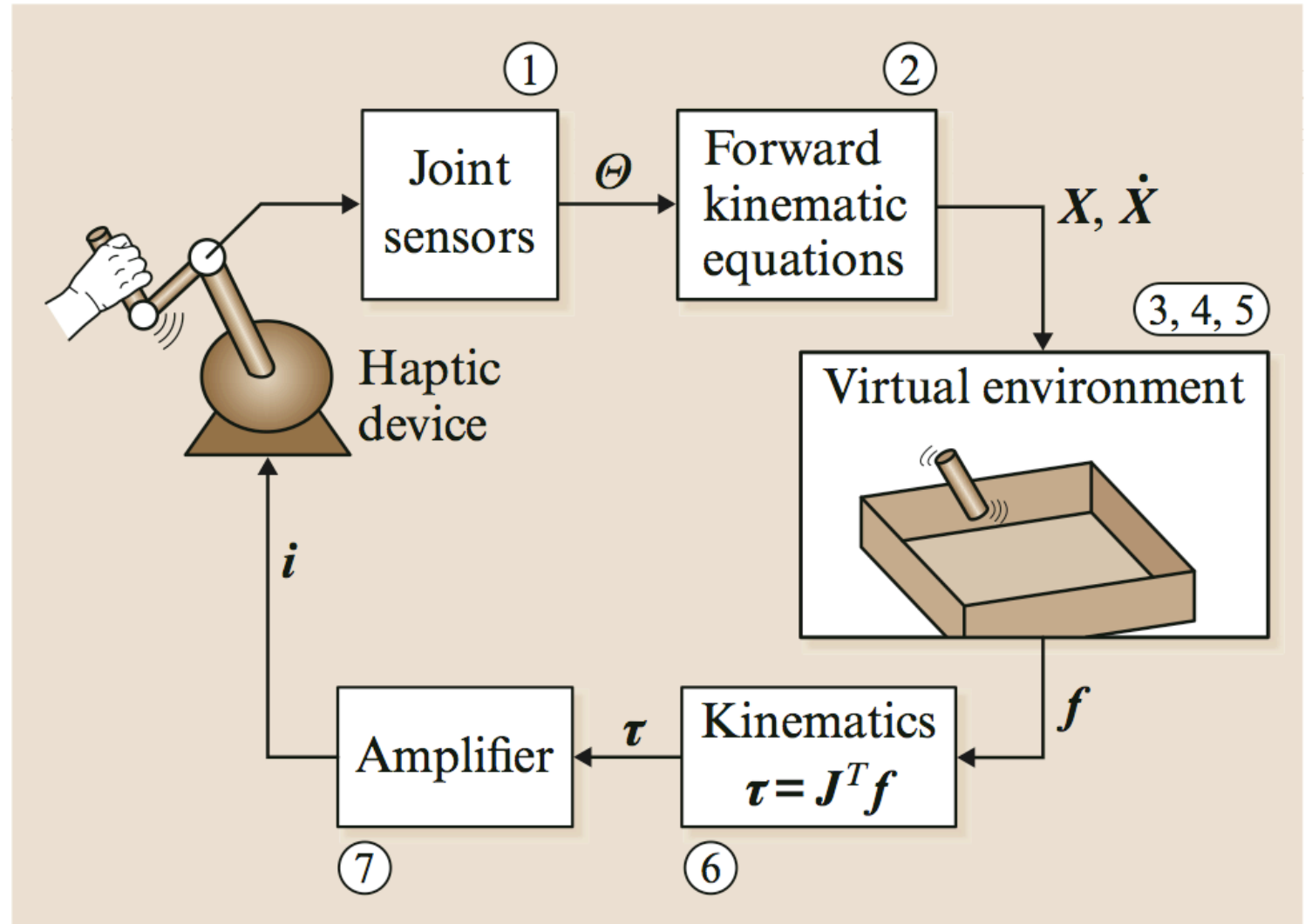
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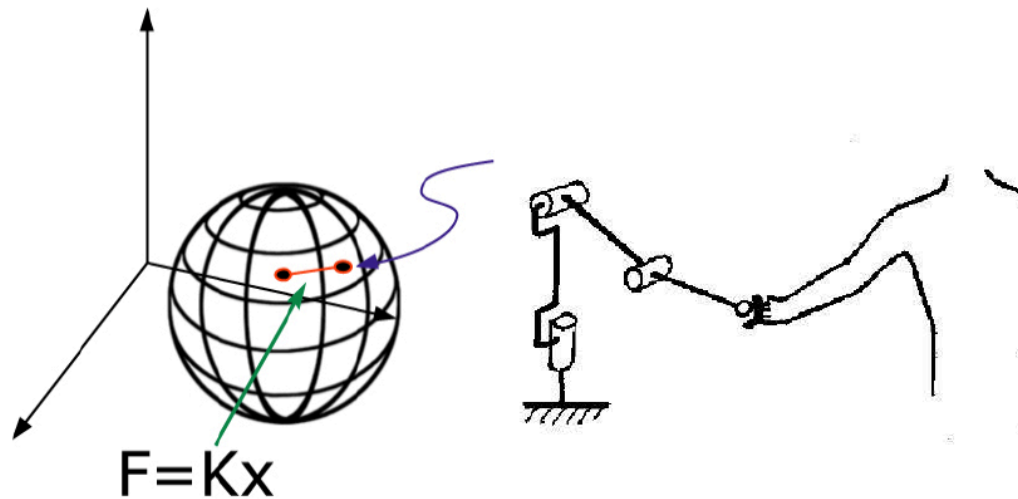
# Haptic rendering control loop

- ① joint displacement sensing (on device)
- ② (direct) kinematics
- ③ collision detection (environment geometry)
- ④ surface point determination
- ⑤ force calculation
- ⑥ kineto-statics
- ⑦ actuation (on device)

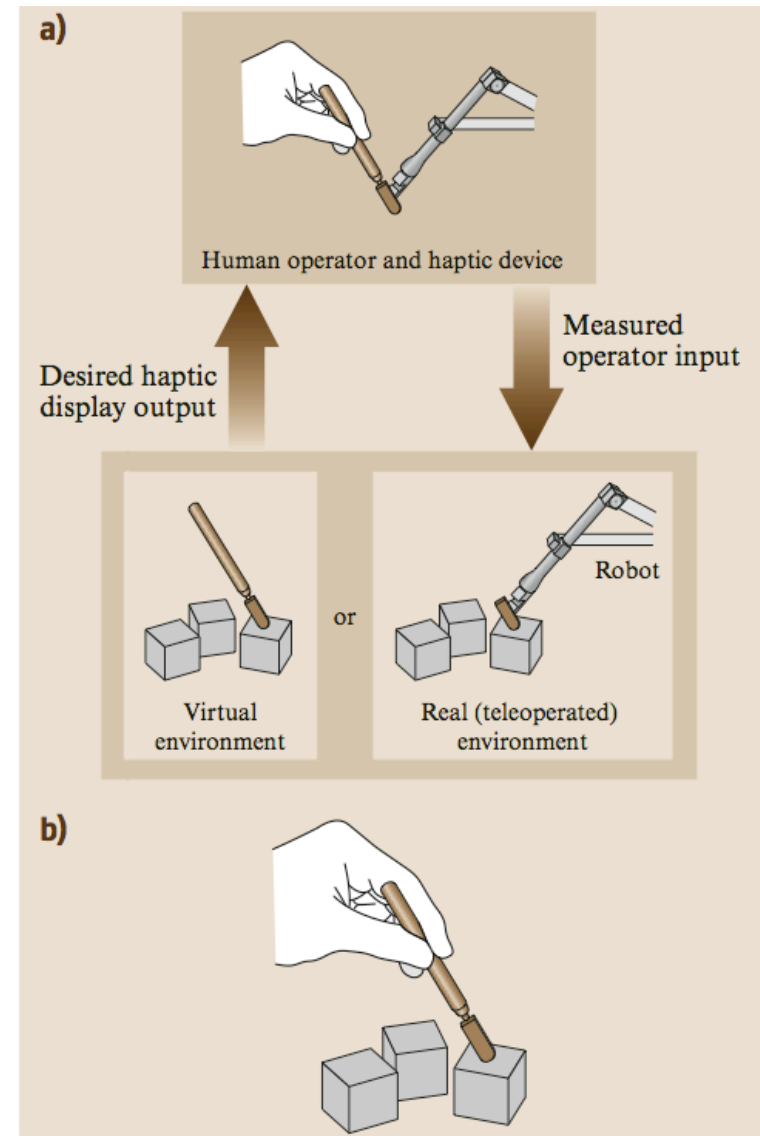
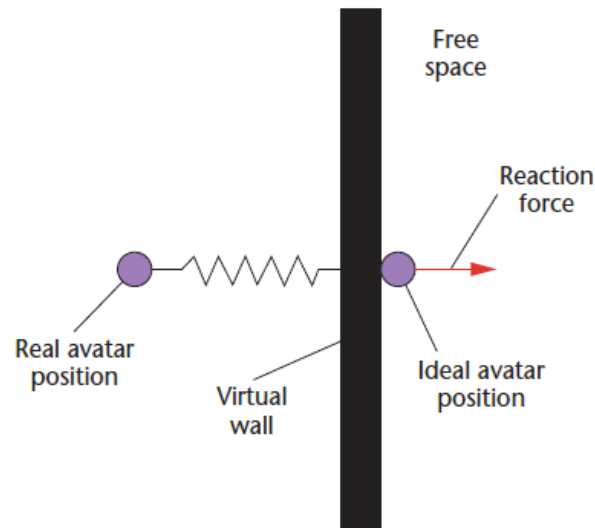




# Force feedback from Virtual or Real world



virtual environment compliance modeled with a **spring**/damper



# Force feedback from Virtual or Real world

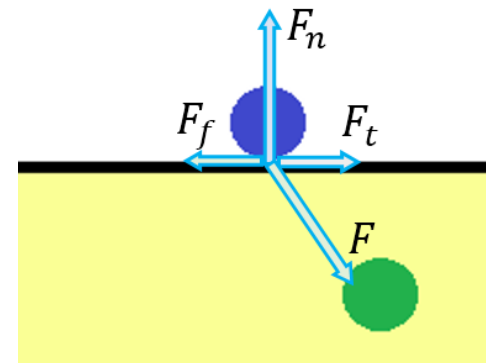
## friction forces

- static and dynamic friction forces

$$F_{f_s} = \mu_s * F_n$$

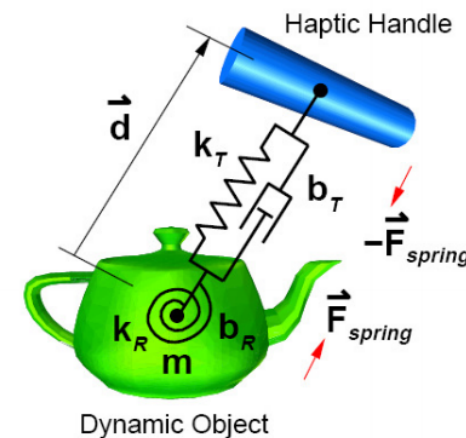
$$F_{f_d} = \mu_d * F_n$$

no motion if  $F_{f_s} > F_t$



## virtual contact forces

- “feel” the mass/inertia of a body connected to the virtual tool



# Force feedback from Virtual or Real world

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## force effects

- forces that **arise from motion** in a portion of the virtual space
- not linked to any virtual object
  - viscous friction
  - stick-slip effect
  - vibration

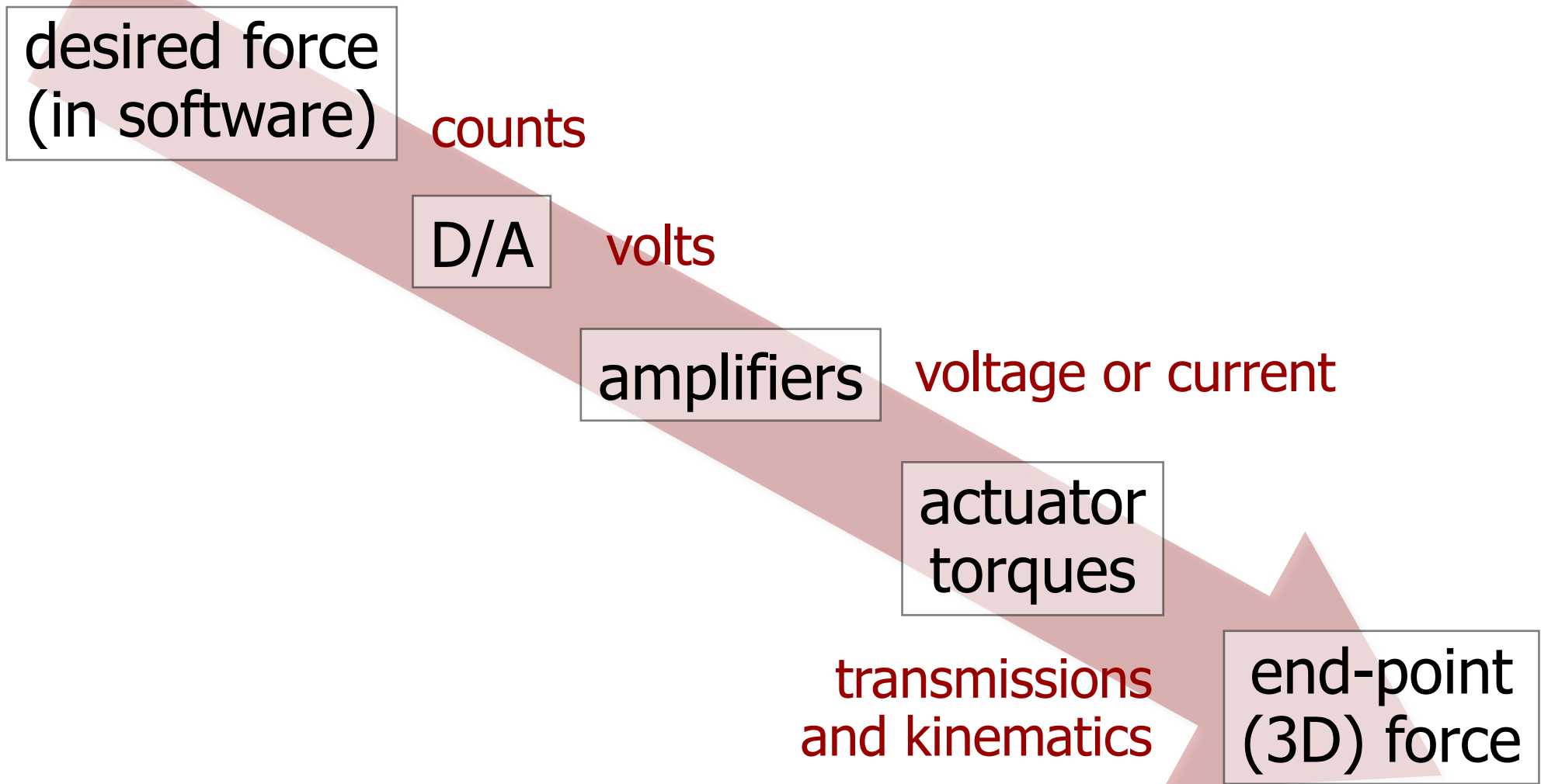
## constraints = virtual fixtures

- **attractive/repulsive** forces that constrain the virtual tool to a specific geometric region (point, line, plane, surface, cone, ...) in the virtual environment
  - elastic/magnetic attraction toward a constraint
  - viscous friction in forbidden directions



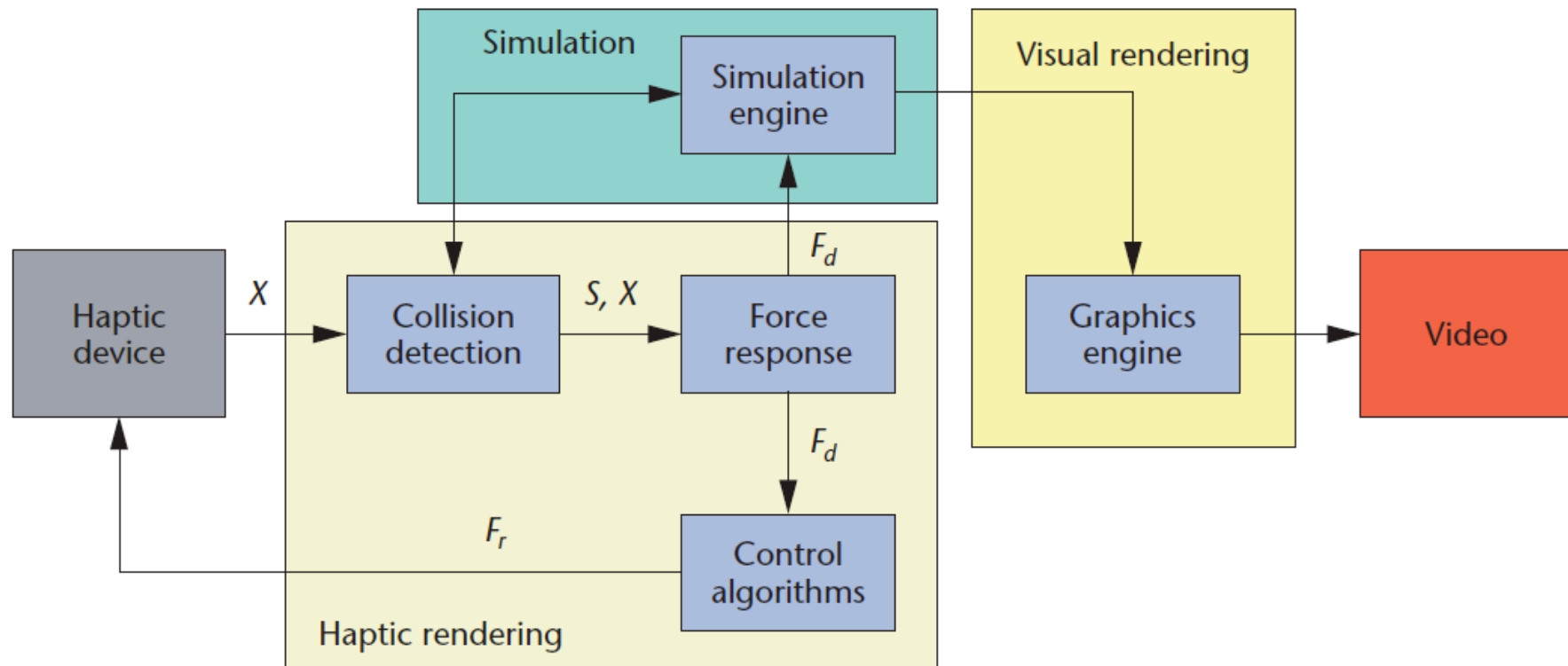
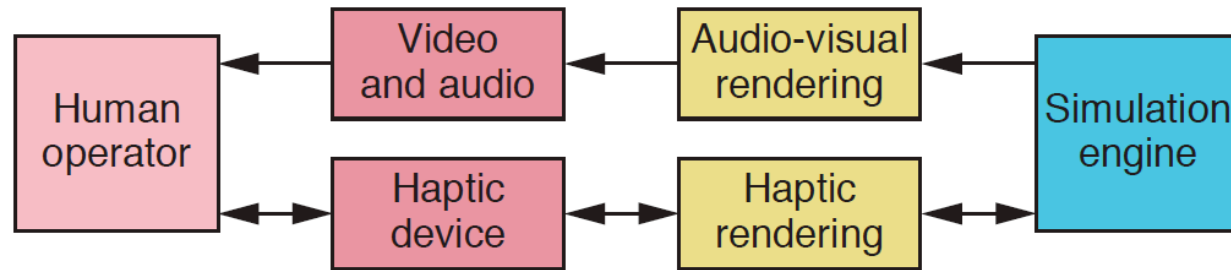
# Force generation signals

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# Haptic/visual rendering architecture





# OpenHaptics Toolkit

## Library APIs



**OpenHaptics**<sup>®</sup>  
Developer Edition

- proprietary (3DSystems) C++ libraries
  - interfacing with all haptic devices of the Geomagic family
  - development of software for interaction with virtual environments through the device
  - integrated functions for graphic and haptic rendering of a virtual scene
- 3 groups of APIs: **QuickHaptics, HLAPI, HDAPI**





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QuickHaptics API





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# OpenHaptics Toolkit

## QuickHaptics micro API



makes programming simpler by encapsulating the basic  
**common steps to all haptic & graphic applications**  
in C++ classes of the QuickHaptics micro API

### QuickHaptics properties

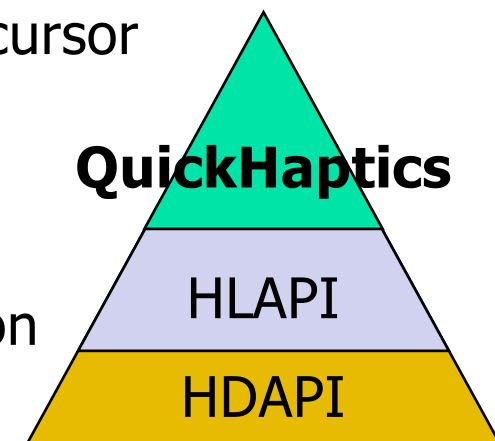
- create simple shapes
- list pre-defined force effects
- define **callbacks** for contact events

### User responsibilities

- create a graphic rendering window
- define device space, shapes with properties, cursor

### QuickHaptics responsibilities

- communication with the device
- graphic & haptic rendering and synchronization
- collisions





# QuickHaptics micro API

## classes and properties



implemented in C++, with  
4 primary functional classes

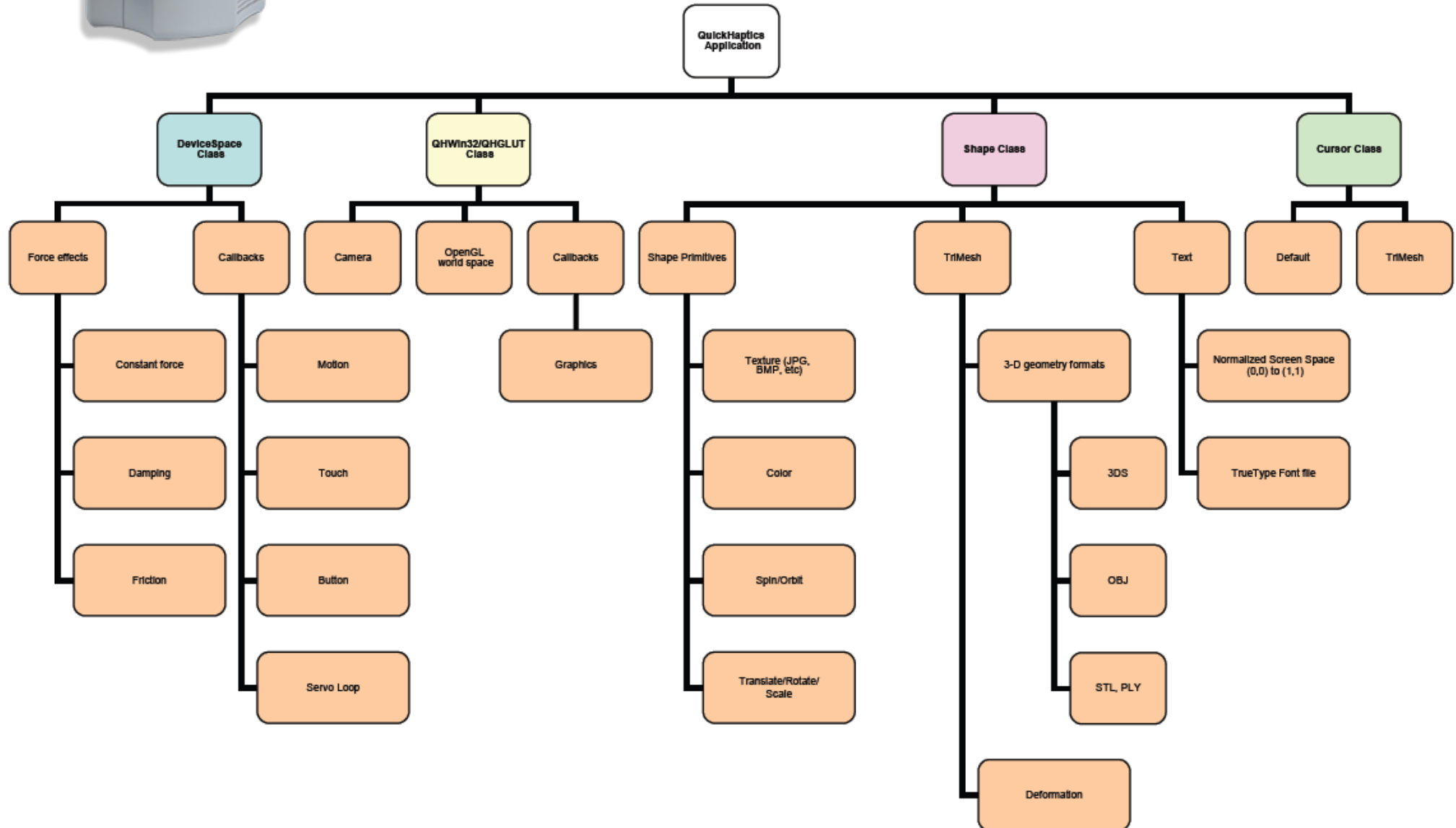


location of the  
Haptic Interface Point (HIP)  
on the Touch device

- DeviceSpace
  - workspace of motion for haptic device
- QHRenderer (OpenGL)
  - on-screen window that renders shapes from a camera viewpoint and lets the user feel those shapes via the device
- Shape
  - base class for one or more geometric objects that can be rendered both graphically and haptically
- Cursor
  - graphical representation of the end point of the second link of the device (HIP)



# QuickHaptics micro API classes and properties





# OpenHaptics Toolkit

## HLAPI



### HLAPI properties

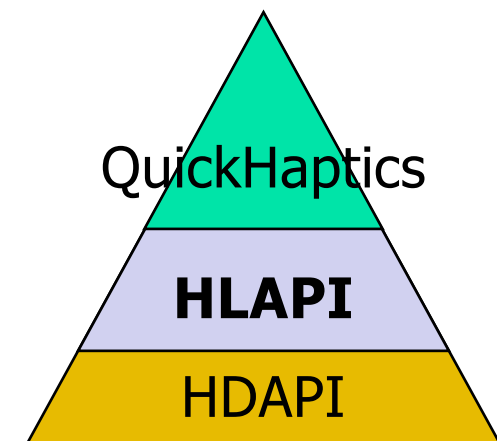
- create graphics and haptic scenes with OpenGL formalism
- define **callbacks** for arbitrary events
- define constraints (**virtual fixtures**)

### User responsibilities

- define shapes in OpenGL formalism (vertices, edges, transformations, material properties, ...)

### HLAPI responsibilities

- collision handling and haptic rendering
- communication with the device
- synchronization of graphic and haptic rendering





# OpenHaptics Toolkit

## HDAPI



### **HDAPI** properties

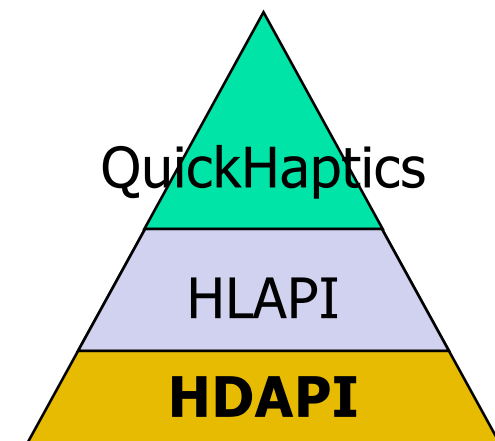
- set user-defined forces to the device
- low-level sensor data readings (joint position and torques)
- define custom haptic rendering, collision detection algorithms

### **User** responsibilities

- graphics rendering, collision detection and haptic rendering
- synchronization management for graphic and haptic loops

### **HDAPI** responsibilities

- initialization and communication with the device





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### Vector Utilities

The <HDU/hduVector.h> header exposes a simple API for common vector operations in three dimensional space. the functions follows:

#### Default constructor

```
hduVector3Dd vec1;
vec1.set(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
```

#### Constructor from three values

```
hduVector3Dd vec2(2.0, 3.0, 4.0);
```

#### Constructor from an array

```
HDdouble x[3] = {1.0, 2.0, 3.0};
hduVector3Dd xvec = hduVector3Dd(x);
```

#### Assignment

```
hduVector3Dd vec3 = hduVector3Dd(2.0, 3.0, 4.0);
```

#### Usual operations:

```
vec3 = vec2 + 4.0 * vec1;
```

#### Magnitude:

```
HDdouble magn = vec3. magnitude();
```

#### Dot product:

```
HDdouble dprod = dotProduct(vec1, vec2);
```

#### Cross product:

```
hduVector3Dd vec4 = crossProduct(vec1, vec2);
```

#### Normalize:

```
vec4.normalize();
```

### Matrix Utilities

The <HDU/hduMatrix.h> header exposes a simple API for common matrix operations.

#### Default constructor

```
hduMatrix mat1; // the identity matrix by default
```

```
HDdouble a[4][4] = {
    {a1,a2,a3,a4},
    {a5,a6,a7,a8},
    {a9,a10,a11,a12},
    {a13,a14,a15,a16}
};
```

```
mat1.set(a);
```

#### Constructor from sixteen values

```
hduMatrix mat(a1,a2,a3,a4,a5,a6,a7,a8,
              a9,a10,a11,a12,a13,a14,a15,a16);
```

#### Constructor from an array

```
HDdouble a[4][4] = {
    {a1,a2,a3,a4},
    {a5,a6,a7,a8},
    {a9,a10,a11,a12},
    {a13,a14,a15,a16}
};
```

```
hduMatrix mat2(a);
```

#### Assignment

```
hduMatrix mat3 = mat2;
```

#### Get values

```
double vals[4][4];
mat3.get(rotVals);
```

#### Usual operations

```
mat3 = mat2 + 4.0 * mat1;
```

#### Invert

```
mat3 = mat2.getInverse();
```

#### Transpose:

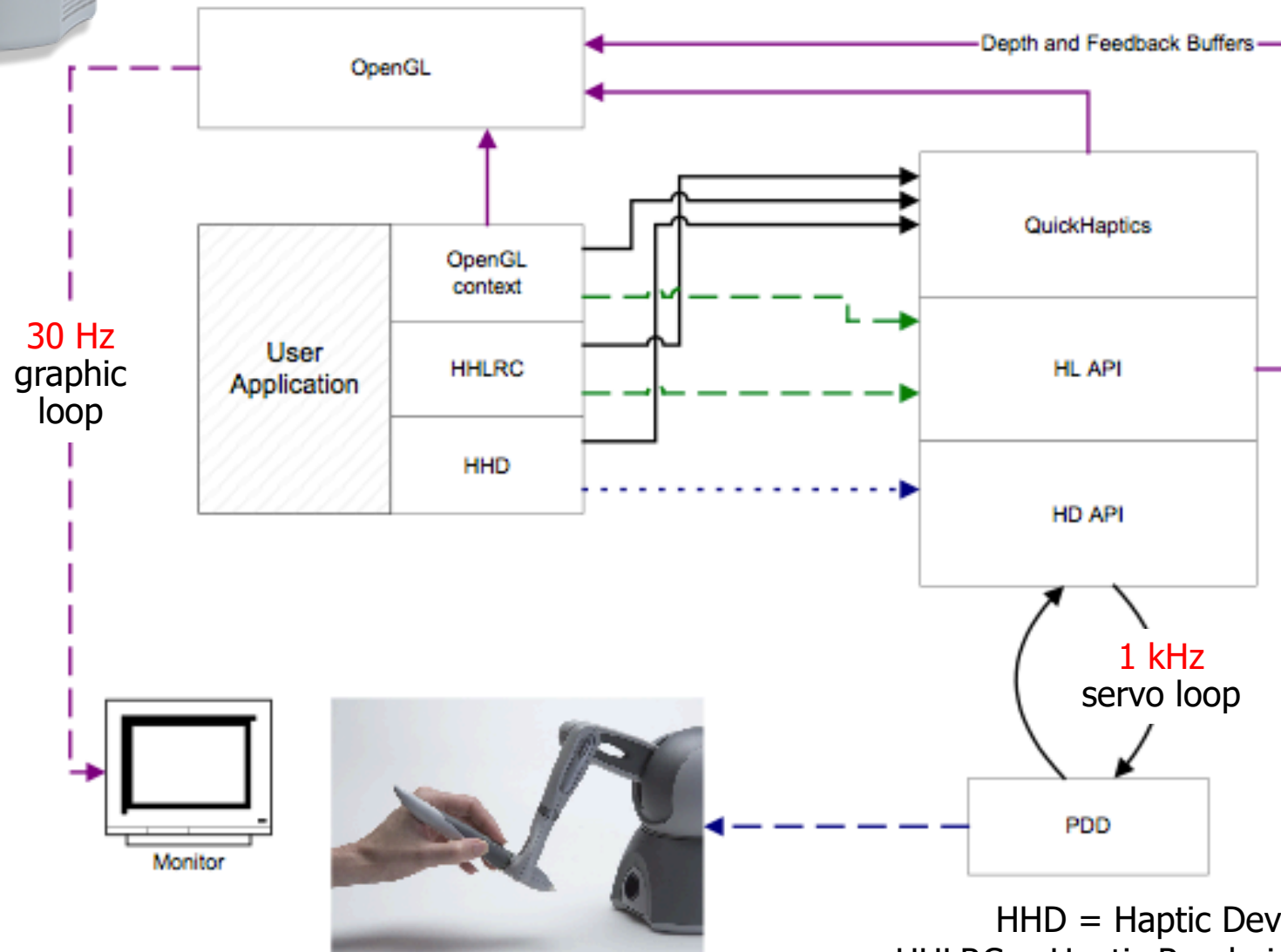
```
mat3 = mat2.transpose();
```

#### Create a rotation

```
hduMatrix rot;
rot = createRotation(vec1, 30.0*DEGTORAD);
HDdouble rotVals[4][4];
rot.get(rotVals);
glMultMatrixd((double*)rotVals);
```



# OpenHaptics Overview

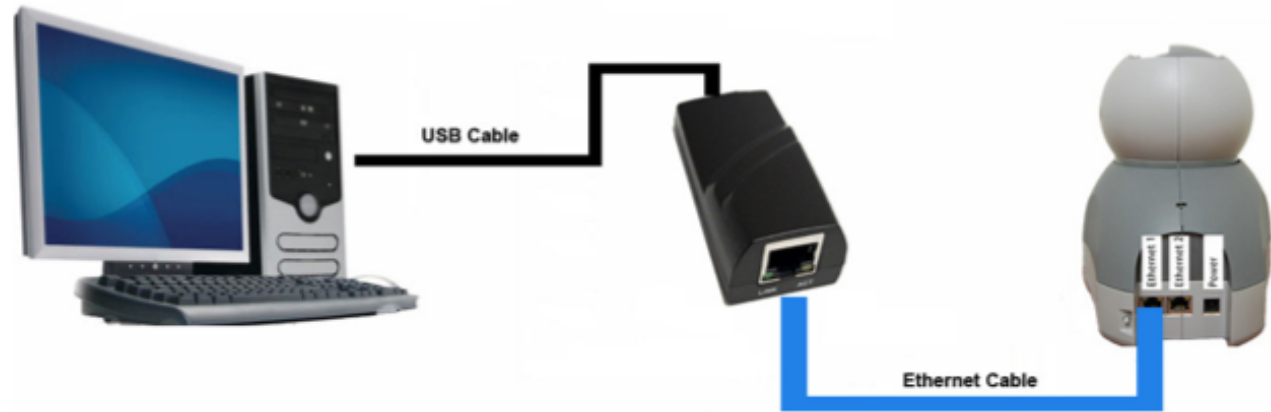


HHD = Haptic Device Handle  
HHLRC = Haptic Rendering Context  
PDD = "Phantom" Device Drivers = **Control**

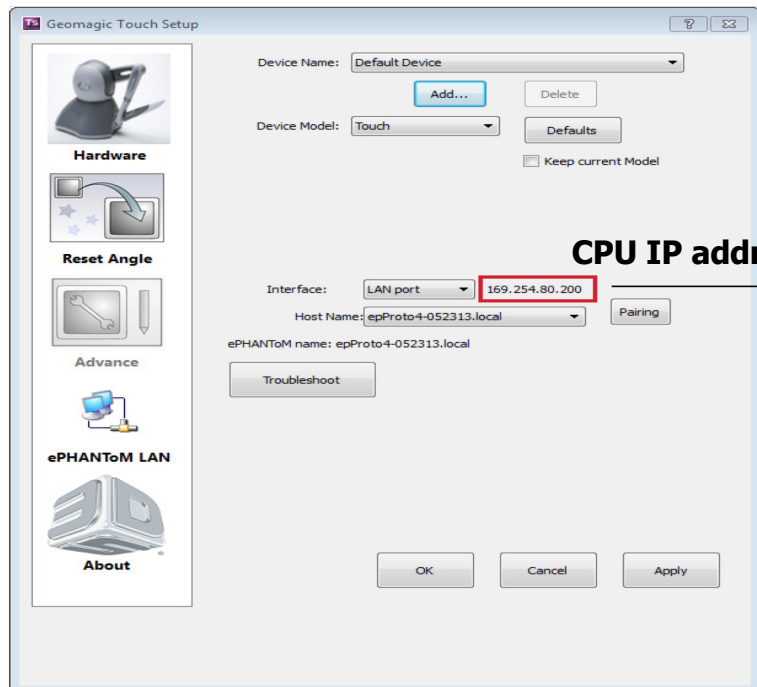




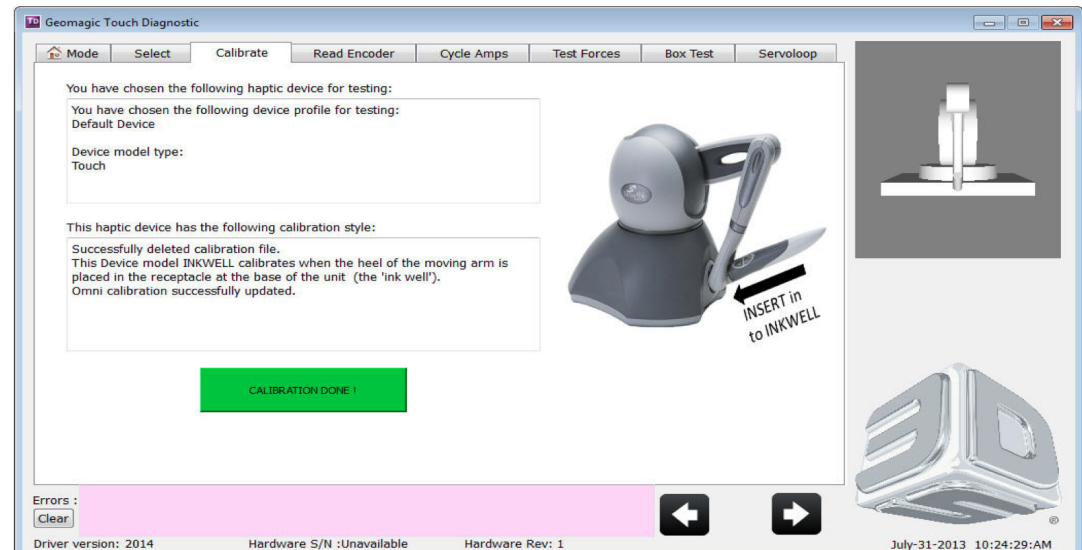
# Setting up the system



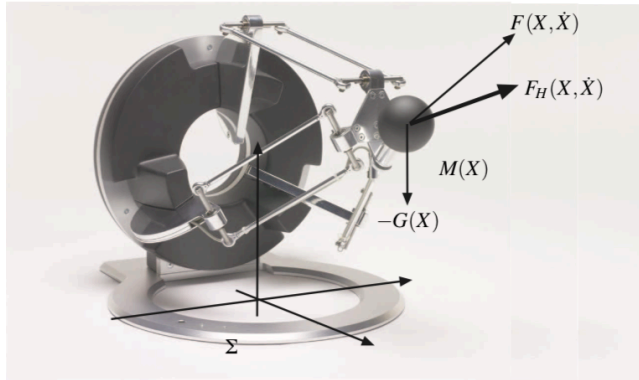
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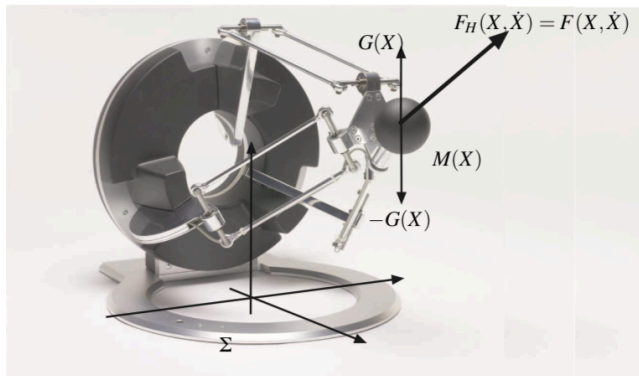
calibrating the device (stylus in the ink well)



# Gravity compensation self-calibration in many haptic interfaces



- the apparent (position-dependent) gravity acting on end-effector of haptic devices may represent a **loss of transparency**, requiring its compensation
- off-line** self-calibration via an **iterative scheme for learning gravity** in (many) vertices of a workspace grid, under PD control + **on-line** compensation



video



A. Formaglio, S. Mulatto, D. Prattichizzo "Iterative estimation of the end-effector apparent gravity force for 3DoF impedance haptic devices," *10th European Control Conference*, Budapest, 2009, pp. 537-542

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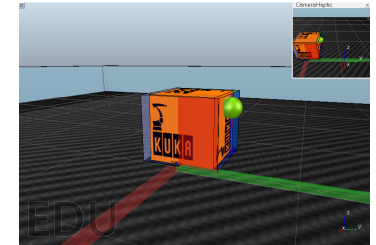
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# Geomagic Touch for Robotics interaction with V-REP/CoppeliaSim



**V-REP** = Virtual Robot Experimentation Platform



- first release in March 2010; since November 2019 → **CoppeliaSim**



- versatile and flexible simulator for robot programming and control
- multiple programming **control entities**, with a huge set of dedicated APIs
  - embedded scripts (Lua)
  - **plug-in (C++)**
  - ROS node (C++, Python)
  - **remote API client application (C++, Python, MATLAB)**
  - ...

feasible options to interact with **Geomagic** and **OpenHaptics** libraries!

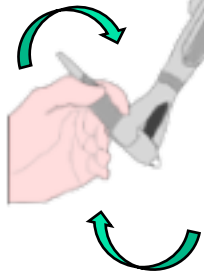


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## interaction with V-REP/CoppeliaSim



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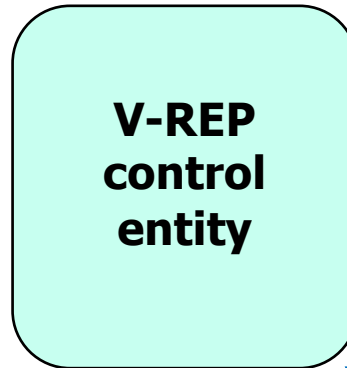


impose  
force

send HIP  
state



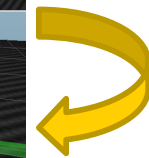
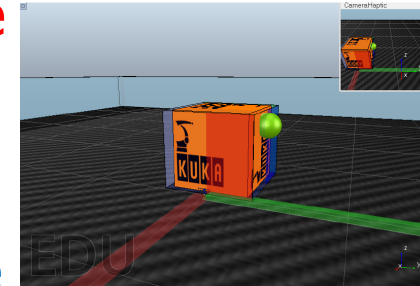
send  
force



update  
tool state



compute  
virtual force



collision  
detection

- **control entity** responsible of the communication between the Touch device and the virtual scene
- Haptic Interface Point (HIP) on the device **coupled** with a virtual object in the scene
- multiple choices for feedback force
  - user-defined
  - generated from built-in V-REP **collision detection** module

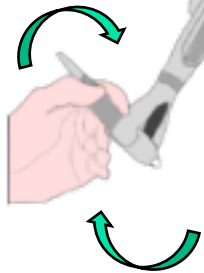


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## CHAI3D library

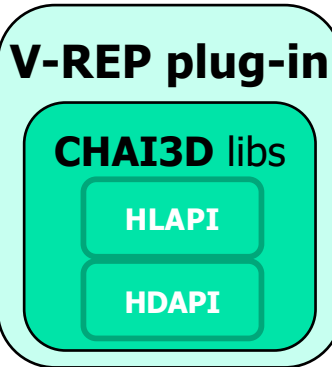


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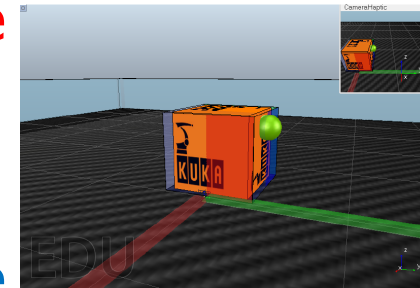


impose force

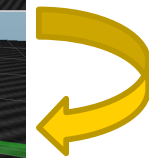
send HIP state



update tool state



compute virtual force



collision detection

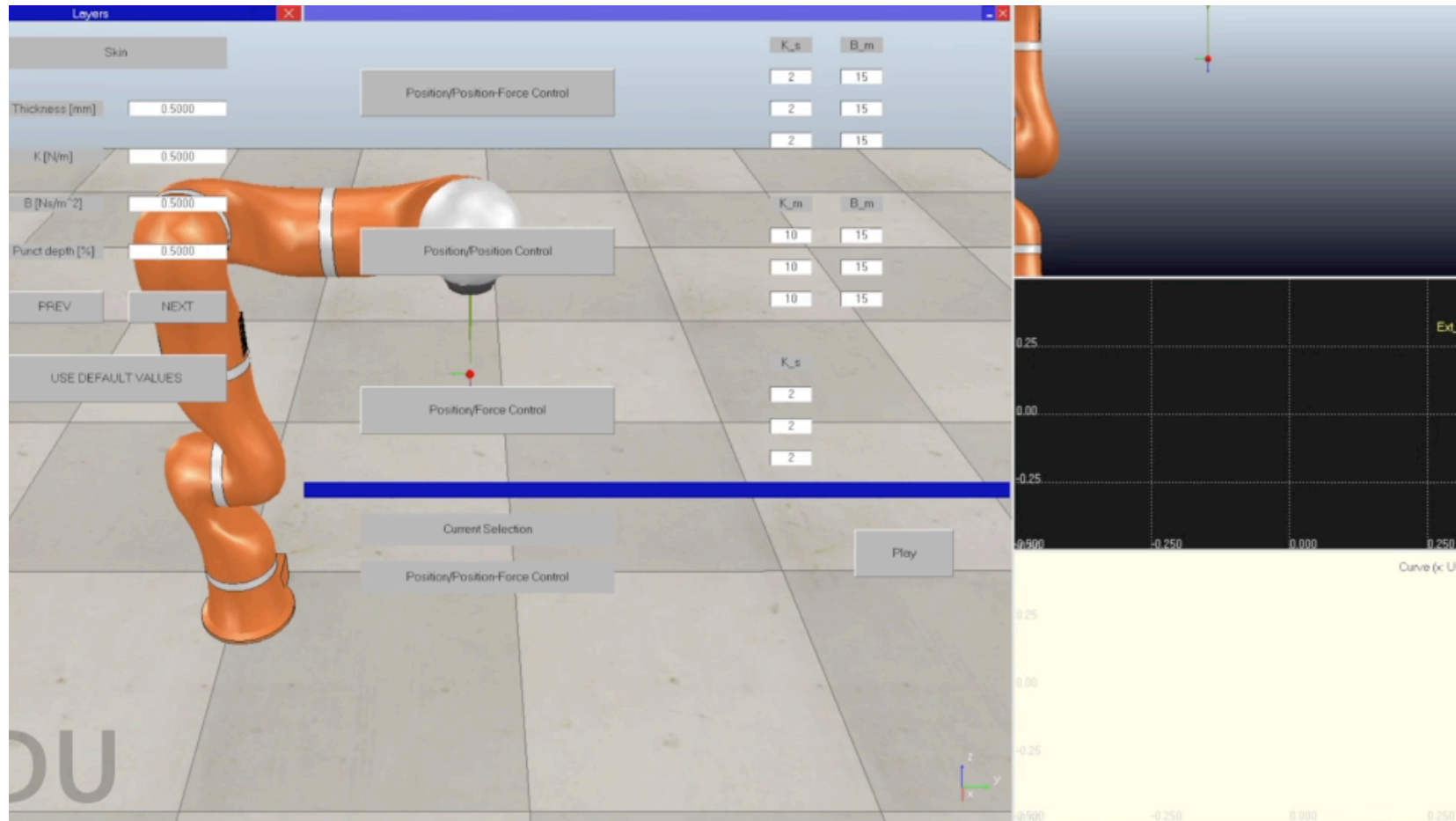
**CHAI3D = COMPUTER HAPTICS AND ACTIVE INTERFACE**

- multi-platform C++ libraries for haptics and visualization
- wrapper for OpenHaptics libraries
- OpenGL-based graphic and haptic rendering management
- easy get/set of device joints/motors values
- integration module for V-REP as **C++ plug-in**
  - apparently **not maintained recently** and **no more compatible** with recent V-REP versions (**>3.3.2**)!



**...OBSOLETE!**

# Needle insertion with force sensing simulation environment in V-REP



video

- KUKA LWR4, 7-dof robot manipulator
- CHAI3D synchronizes Geomagic HL and VREP simulation loop

# Playing with buttons...



- master and slave (e.g., the KUKA LWR4 robot) typically have different workspace sizes
- a **clutching** mechanism is required to **extend** Geomagic limited **workspace**
- this is done using the **two buttons** on the device in **three** combinations



## BUTTON 1

- fully releases the clutch between master and slave
- slave **position** is modified
- slave **orientation** is modified

## BUTTON 2

- partially releases the clutch between master and slave
- slave position is not modified
- slave **orientation** is modified

## BUTTON 1+2

- simulates a **virtual fixture**
- motion is allowed only along the **z-axis** of the slave EE (approach direction)
- slave orientation is not modified



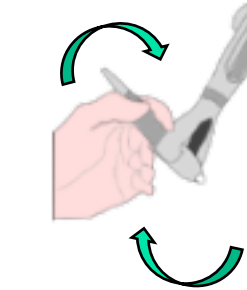


# Geomagic Touch for Robotics

## a general programming solution



move

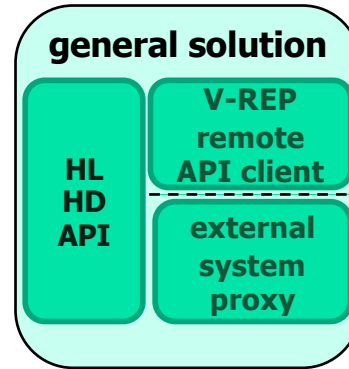


impose force

send HIP state



send force



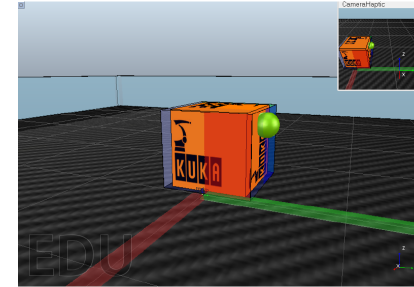
update tool state



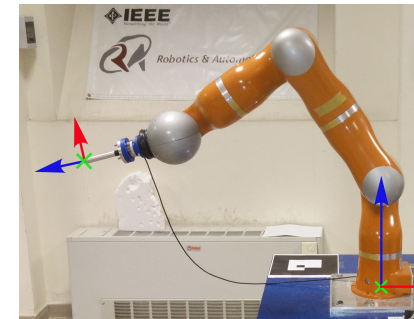
compute force



update tool state



virtual



real

environments

**idea:** replace CHAI3D with a **general architecture**

- the designed **control entity** works as a wrapper
  - for **OpenHaptics** library, to communicate with Geomagic Touch
  - for **V-REP remote API client**, to interact in virtual environments
  - for arbitrary **external systems**, to interact in real environments

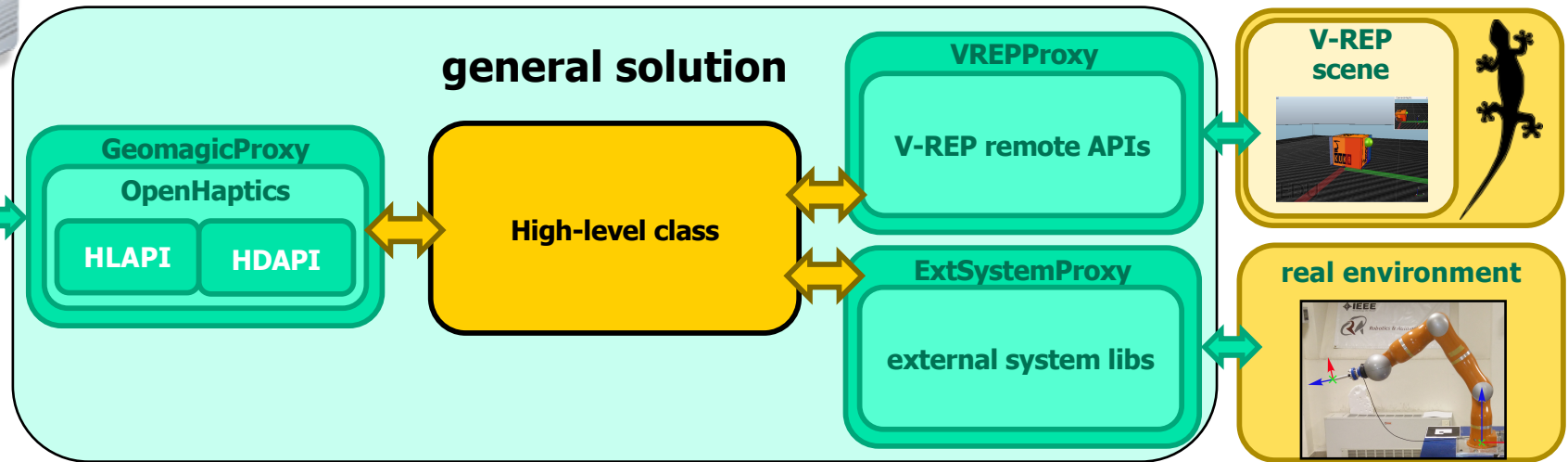
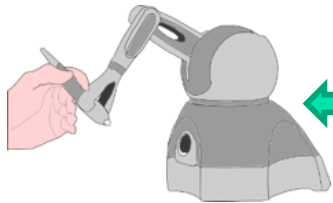
no need to edit code when moving from simulation to real experiments!





# Geomagic Touch for Robotics

## a general programming solution



### GeomagicProxy class

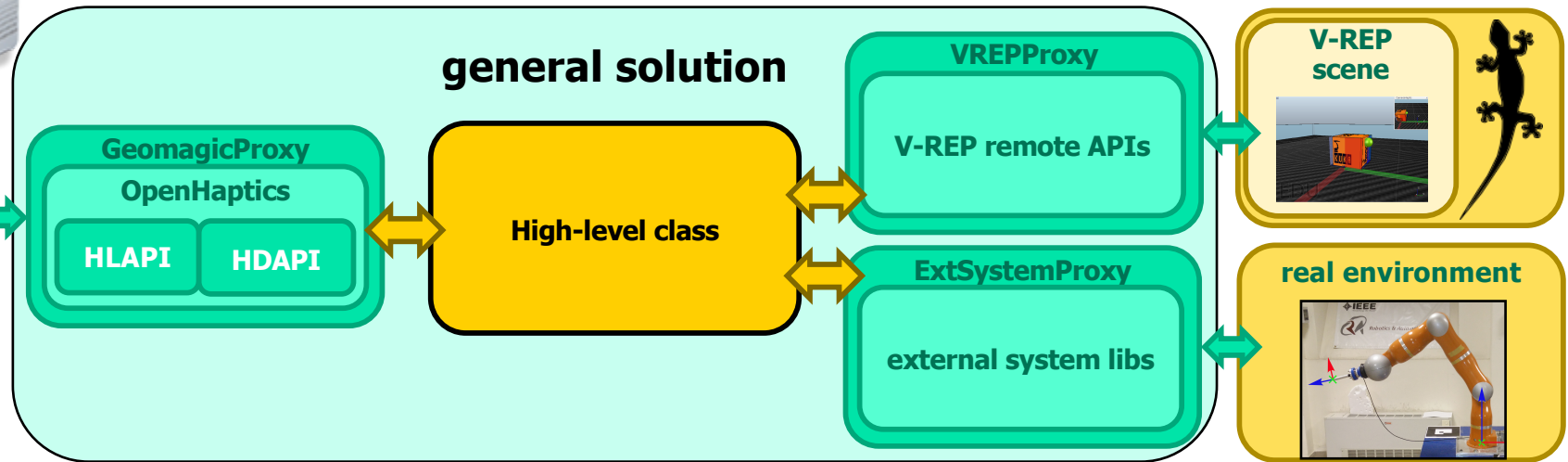
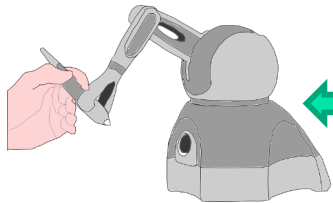
- query **OpenHaptics** to update the HIP state (pose, 6D velocity)
- request actuation of the haptic device motors to render the input force
- send information to the high-level classes for processing

### High-level class

- process and exchange data between **GeomagicProxy** and **VREProxy** class
- set/get values for/from virtual objects in the V-REP scene



# Geomagic Touch for Robotics a general programming solution



```
/** GeomagicProxy.hpp */
HDCallbackCode HDCALLBACK updateStateCallback(void* data); //
internally set HapticStatus
HDCallbackCode HDCALLBACK forceFeedbackCallback(void* data); //
send force commands to the device motors
class GeomagicProxy{
    //...
    struct HapticStatus{
        hduVector3d stylusPosition;
        hduVector3d stylusOrientation;
        hduVector3d stylusLinearVelocity;
        hduVector3d stylusAngularVelocity;
        hduVector3d force;
        int stylusButtons;
    } geoStatus;

    inline HapticStatus getHapticStatus() {return this->geoStatus;}
    inline void setHapticForce(const hduVector3d& f) {this-
>geoStatus.force = f;}
}
```

```
**** GeomagicProxy.cpp ****/
// Callbacks call
hdScheduleAsynchronous(forceFeedbackCallback, this,
HD_MAX_SCHEDULER_PRIORITY);
while(geo.isRunning()){ // isRunning() evaluates a boolean condition to run the
Geomagic thread
    hdScheduleSynchronous(updateStateCallback, this,
HD_DEFAULT_SCHEDULER_PRIORITY);
}

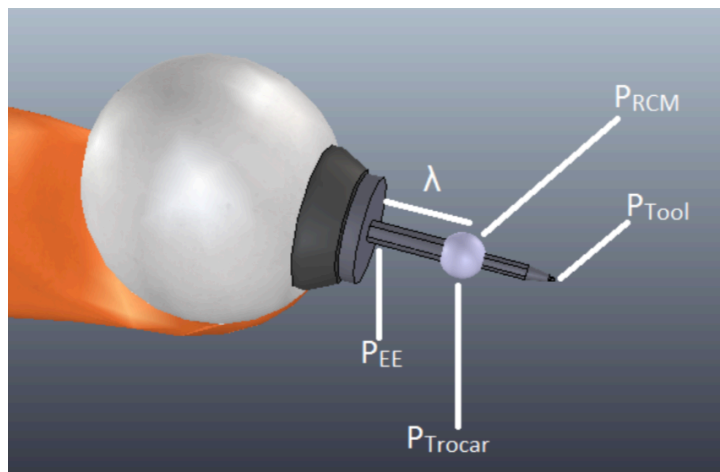
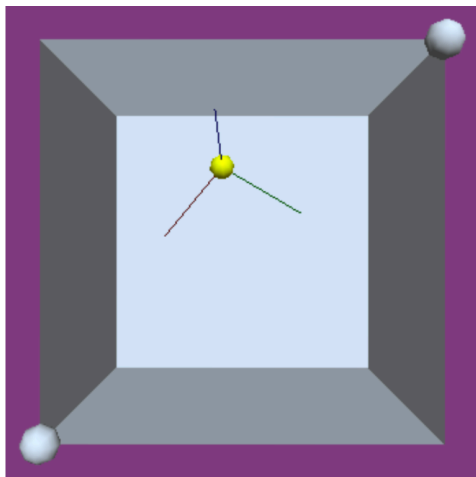
/** Any high-level class «using» GeomagicProxy and VREPProxy classes */
GeomagicProxy geoProxy;
VREPProxy vrep;
while(ctrl.isRunning()){
    // Read the current status of the Geomagic device
    HapticStatus status = geoProxy.getHapticStatus();
    // Set the force vector on the Geomagic device
    geoProxy.setHapticForce(cmdForce); // assume cmdForce computed somewhere
else
    // (Example) Transfer the Geomagic stylus motion on a virtual object in V-REP
    vrep.setObjectPosition(objectID,status.stylusPosition);
}
```

# Box constraints and RCM

## haptic rendering with Geomagic Touch & KUKA LWR4



definition of a **Box** around the robot E-E



definition of a **RCM** = Remote Center of Motion

video

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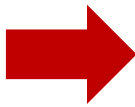


## What else could be studied?

<https://www.quanser.com/products/omni-bundle>

- DH parameters, forward/inverse kinematics
- Jacobian matrix and singularities
- joint level PD and PID control
- trajectory planning (joint space vs. task space)
- various haptic (force) rendering laws
  - force fields, "god point", hard and soft contacts
- a number of very useful applications...

available, e.g.,  
in **Omni Bundle**  
by **Quanser**  
with interface to  
Simulink/Matlab

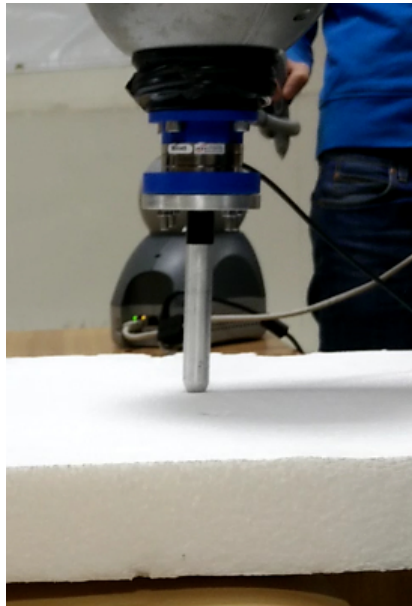
 on-going development of a software environment  
for the simulation of the haptic device...



# Medical applications



# Needle insertion with force feedback teleoperation with Geomagic Touch & KUKA LWR4

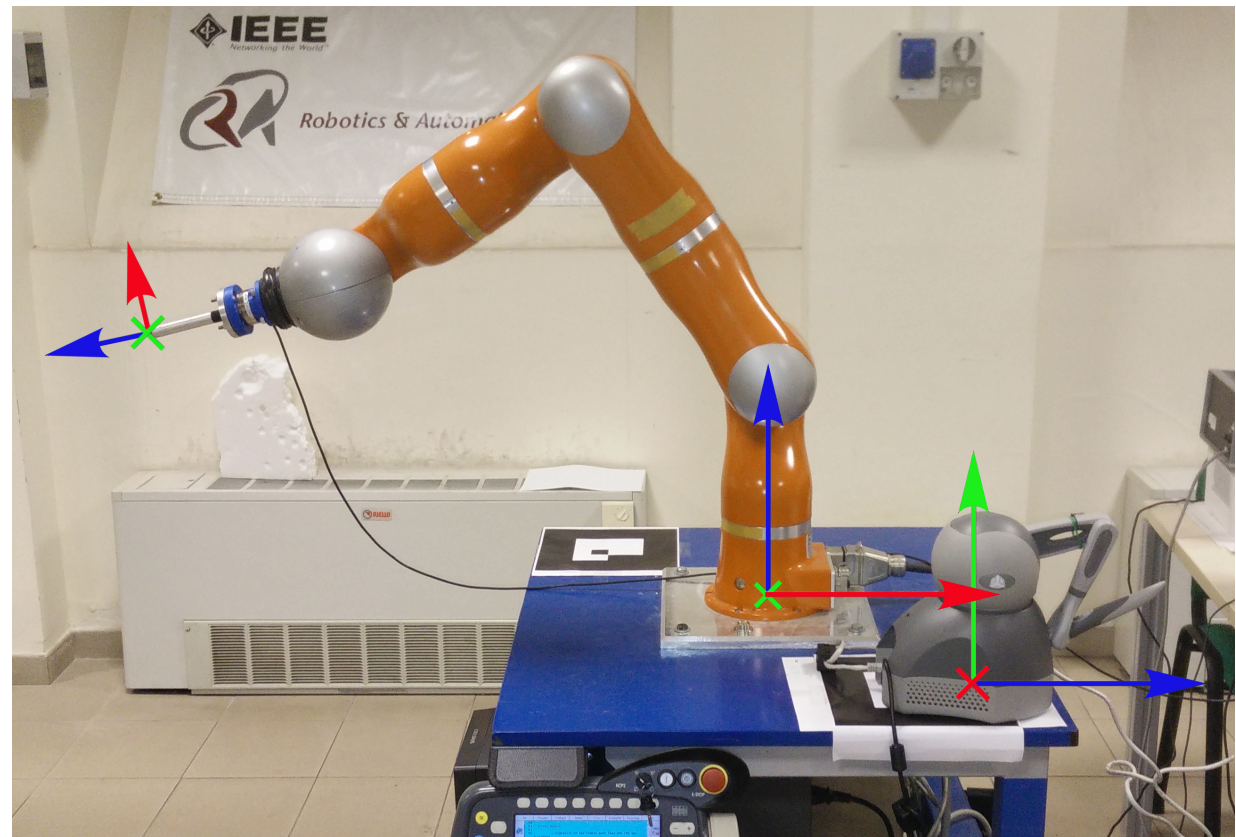


contact with polystyrene



contact with gel layers

reference frames ( $z$  axis = blue)



slave = KUKA  
robot manipulator

master = Touch  
haptic device

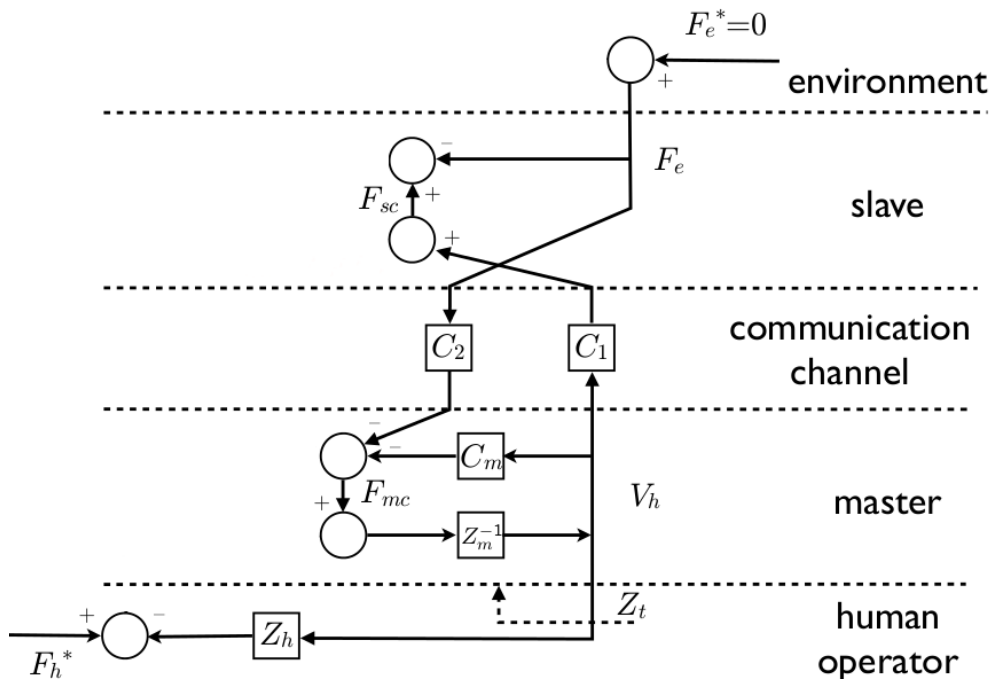


# Teleoperation control

## 2-way and final 3-way implemented solution

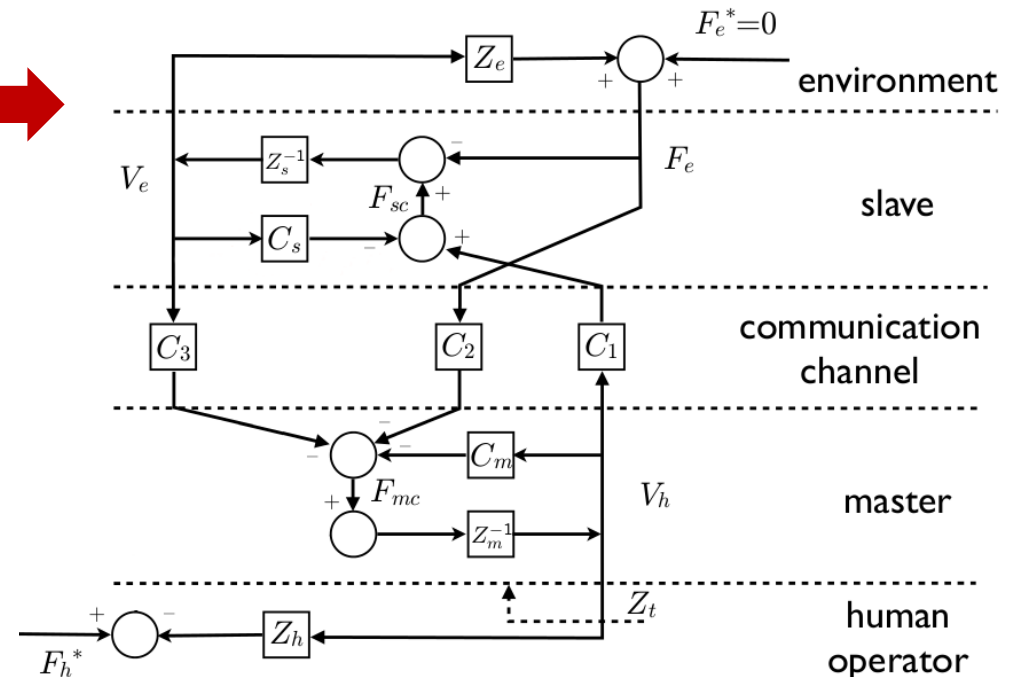
to improve transparency, a 3-way scheme

- additional  $C_3$  = slave velocity feedback
  - design of the master control  $F_{mc}$  as
- $$F_{mc} = K_s F_s + K_v (V_m - V_s)$$
- smoothing (3-sample average) & low-pass filtering of velocity commands @200Hz rate



### basic bidirectional (2-way) scheme

- $C_1$  = velocity command sent to the slave
- slave control  $F_{sc}$  given by the **KUKA controller**
- $C_2$  = feedback of sensed force  $F_s$  to the master
- design of the master control  $F_{mc}$  only



# Needle insertion with force feedback teleoperation with Geomagic Touch & KUKA LWR4



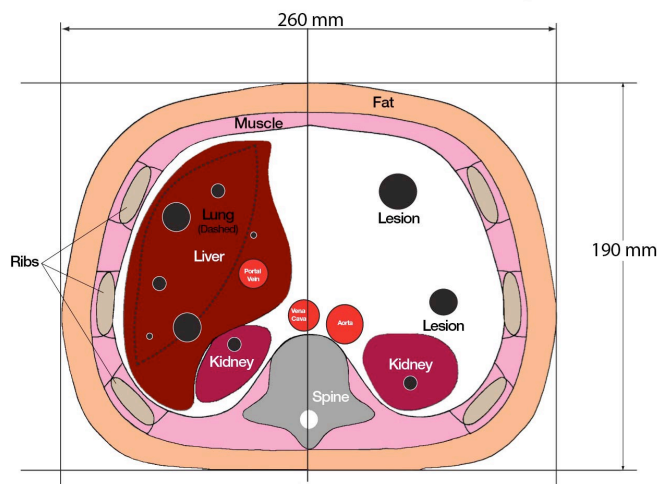
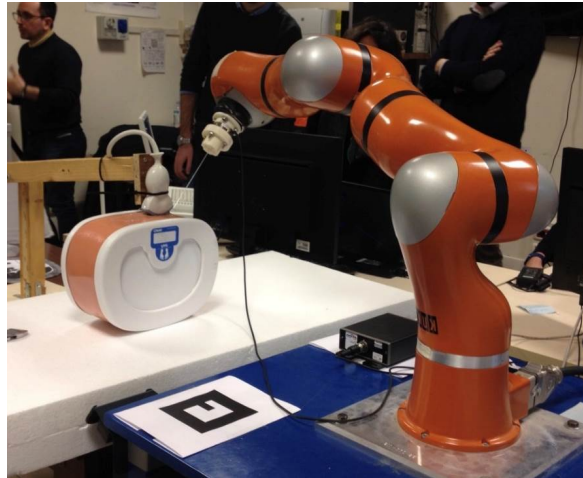
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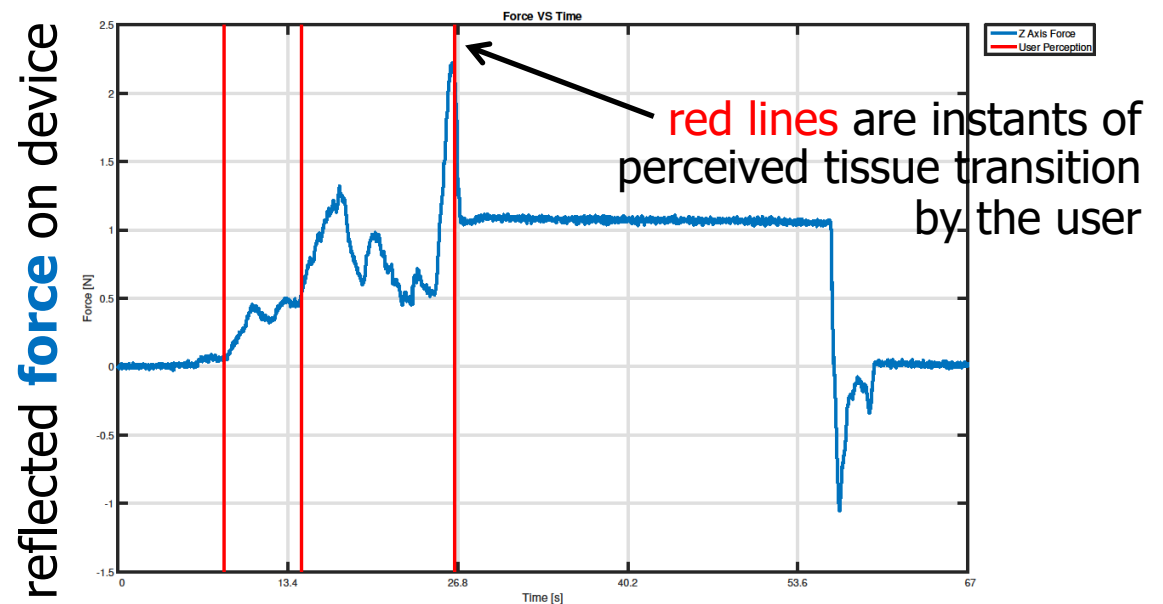
final setup: needle and ham; 3-way teleoperation with force/velocity feedback



# Needle insertion steering teleoperation with Geomagic Touch & KUKA LWR4



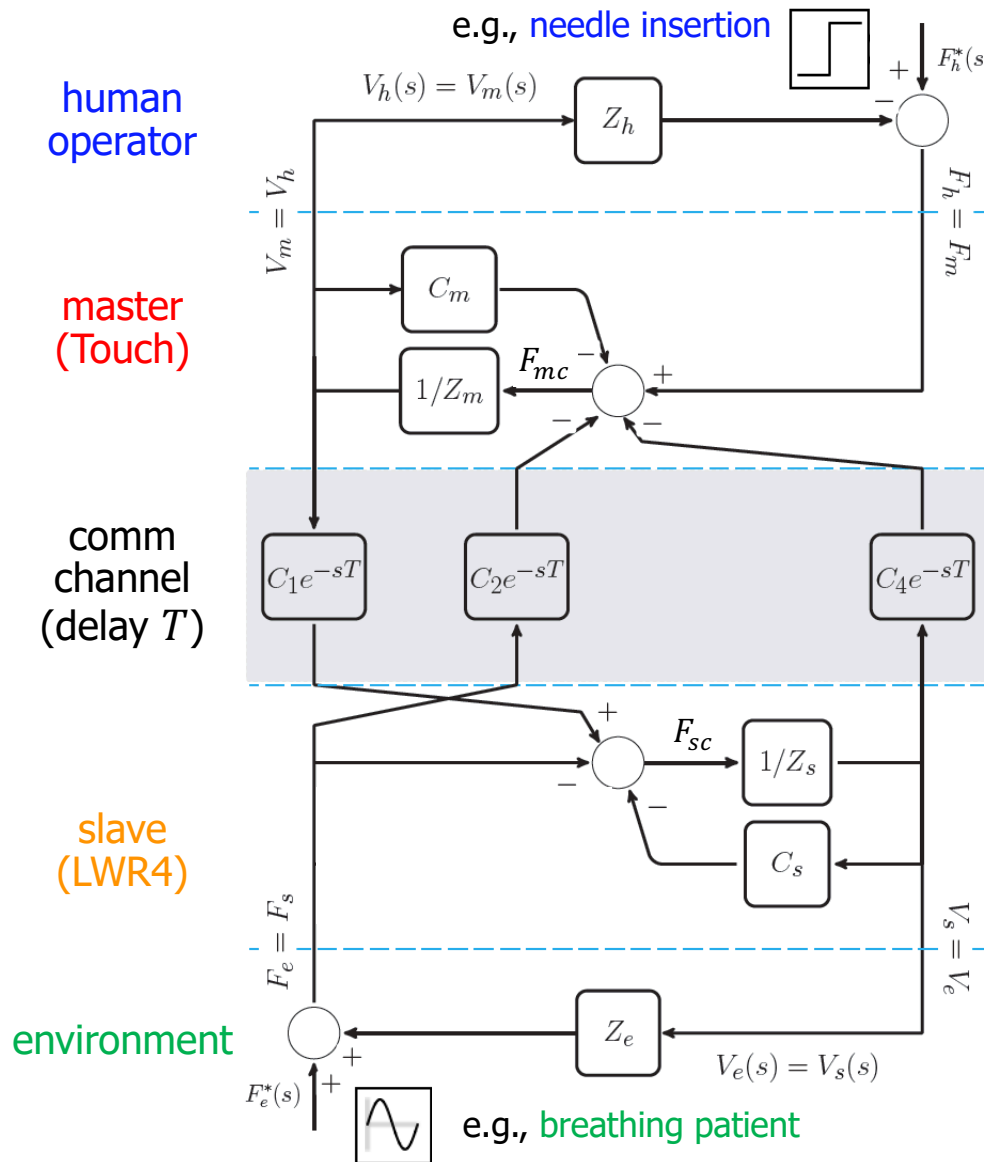
needle insertion in abdominal phantom





# Needle insertion steering

## 3-way teleoperation control scheme



control blocks

$$C_m = B_m + \frac{K_m}{s}$$

$$C_s = B_s + \frac{K_s}{s}$$

$$C_1 = C_s$$

$$C_2 = K_f$$

$C_3$  not used

$$C_4 = -C_m$$

$$F_{mc} = -K_f F_e + \left( B_m + \frac{K_m}{s} \right) (V_e - V_h)$$

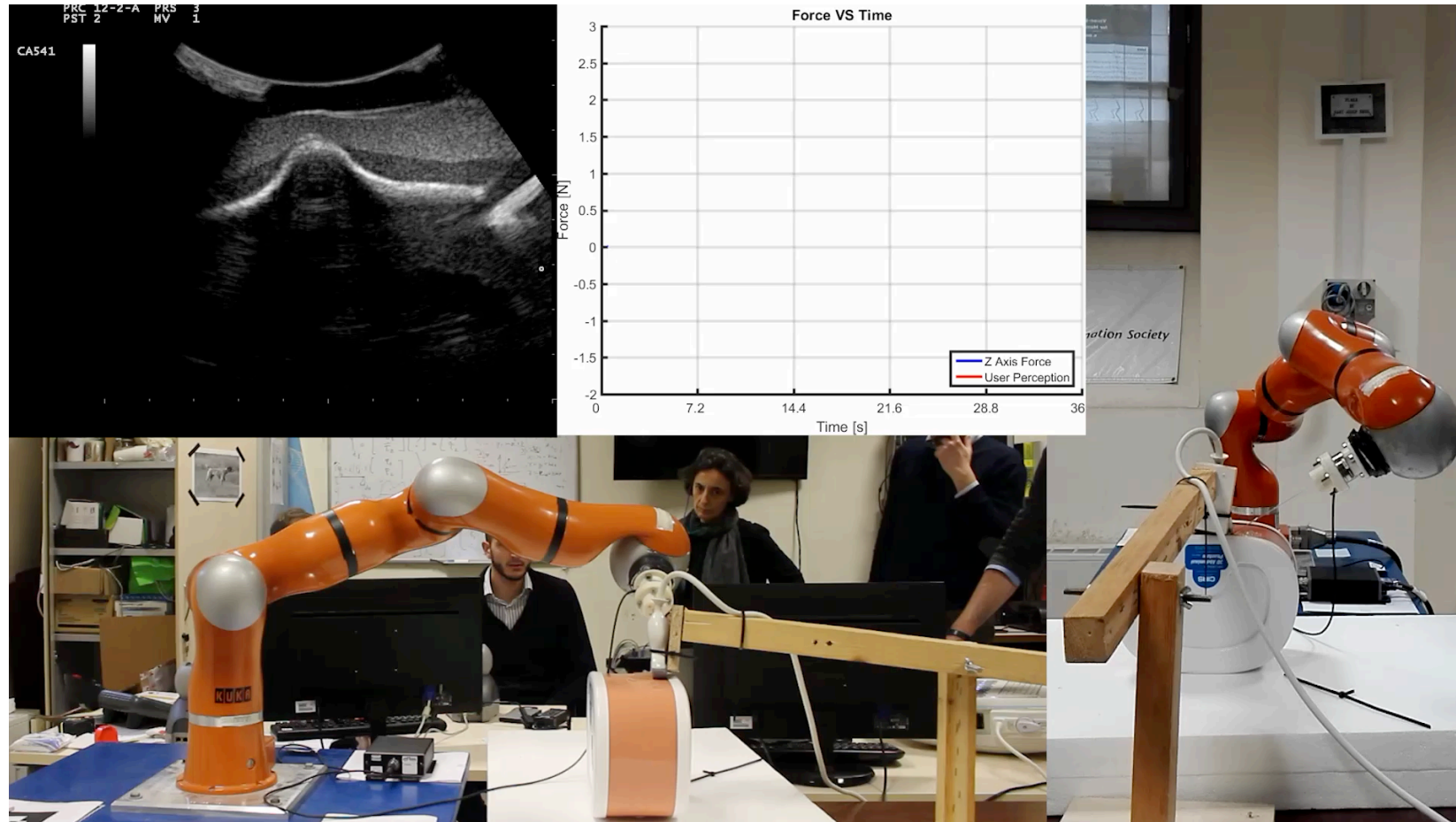
$$F_{sc} = \left( B_s + \frac{K_s}{s} \right) (V_h - V_e)$$

slave robot KUKA LWR has **position control** loops that are accurate, fast and reliable

$$V_{sc} = \Upsilon_s \left[ \left( B_s + \frac{K_s}{s} \right) (V_h - V_e) \right] = \Upsilon_s F_{sc}$$

**admittance control** of KUKA LWR robot

# Needle insertion steering teleoperation with Geomagic Touch & KUKA LWR4



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radiologist experiences transitions and bone contact on abdominal phantom

# Robotic surgery

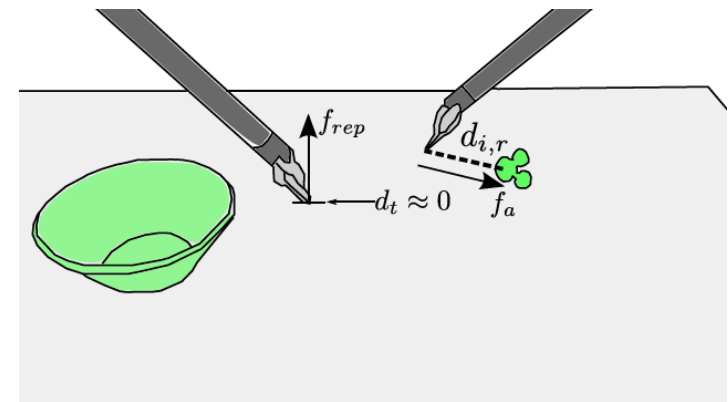
## portable daVinci simulator



- daVinci (dVRK) patient-cart modelled in V-REP with full kinematics
- 2 Geomagic Touch to emulate the daVinci Master Tool Manipulators
- teleoperation of the Patient Side Manipulators for a **pick & place** task
  - stylus **top** button = clutch system to handle kinematic dissimilarity
  - stylus **bottom** button = grasp/release function
- haptic guidance
  - **attractive** force towards target to ease grasping
  - **repulsive** force simulating contact of grippers with table surface



2 Touch + Oculus Rift HMD



# Robotic surgery

## portable daVinci Simulator



video

Connecting the Geomagic Touch

M. Ferro, D. Brunori, F. Magistri, L. Saiella, M. Selvaggio, G.A. Fontanelli, "A portable da Vinci simulator in virtual reality", 3rd IEEE International Conference on Robotic Computing, Naples, 2019, pp. 447-448

**developed in our Sapienza Robotics Lab – presented at Maker Faire in 2018 and 2019**

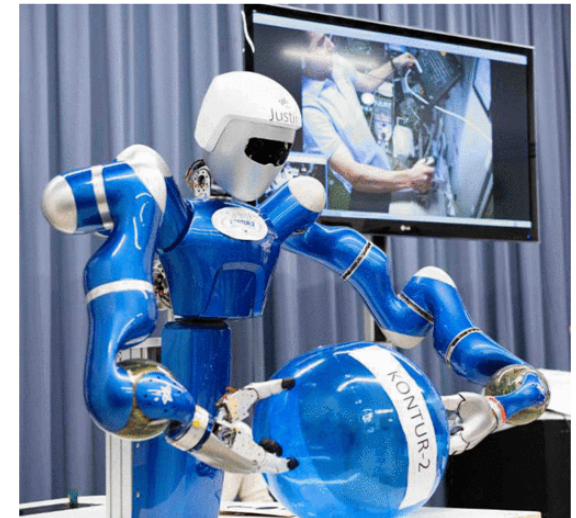
# Cooperative teleoperation

e.g. in space applications

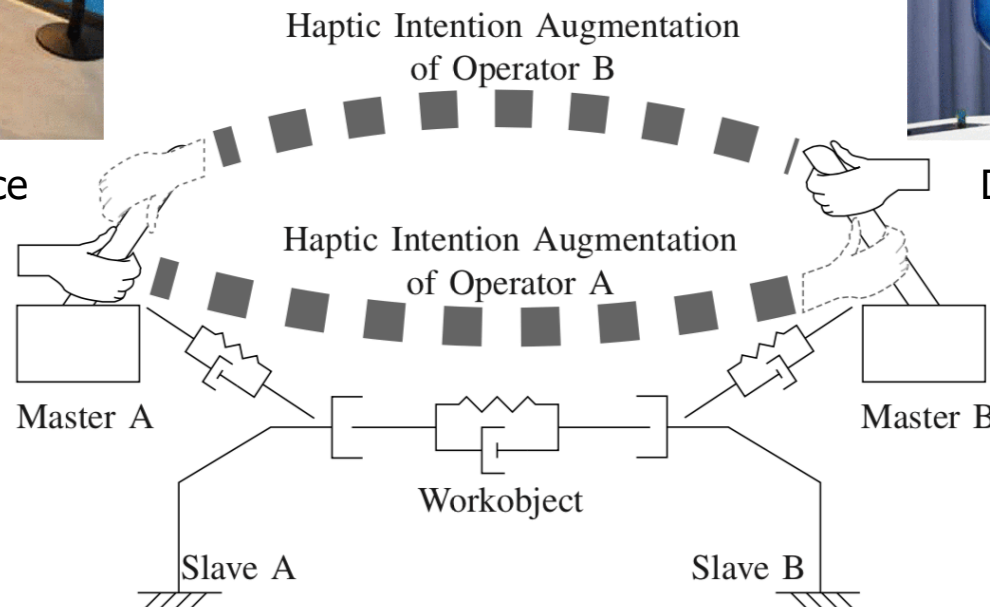


DLR HUG Haptic Input Device

2 human operators for  
2 remote manipulators  
cooperating in a task



DLR Bimanual Space Justin



J. Artigas *et al.*,  
IEEE ICRA 2016;  
M. Panzirsch *et al.*,  
IEEE ICRA 2017

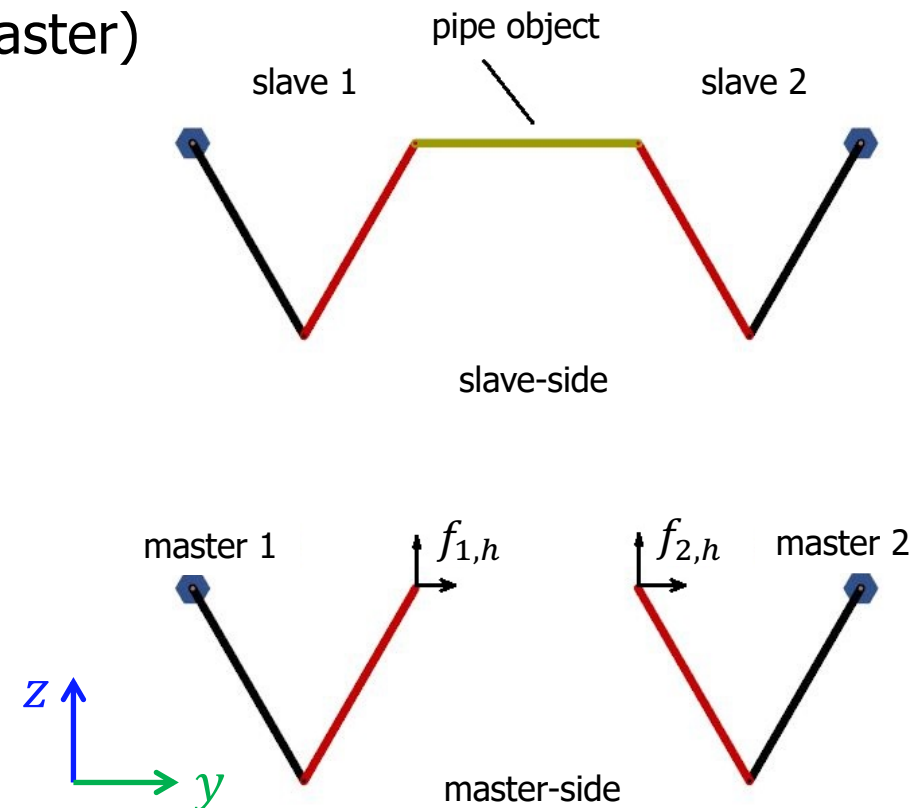
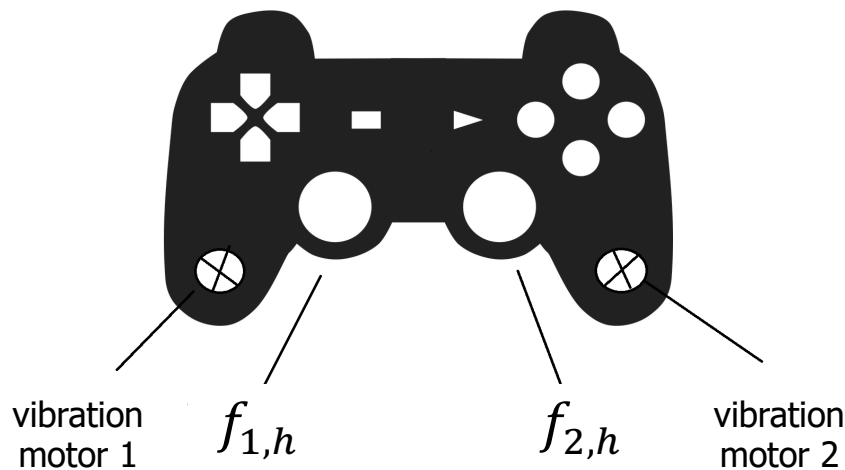
force feedback to each operator enhanced by info on motion intention of the other,  
as observed by force sensors mounted at the input devices

# Cooperative teleoperation with haptic augmentation



## Haptic intention augmentation for cooperative teleoperation

- multi-robot cooperation tasks enhanced by haptic feedback
- Simulink/Matlab simulation setup
- **two** 2R planar robots holding a **stiff** pipe (3-dim planar task)
- commands sent by a joystick (master)
- works also with **flexible** object

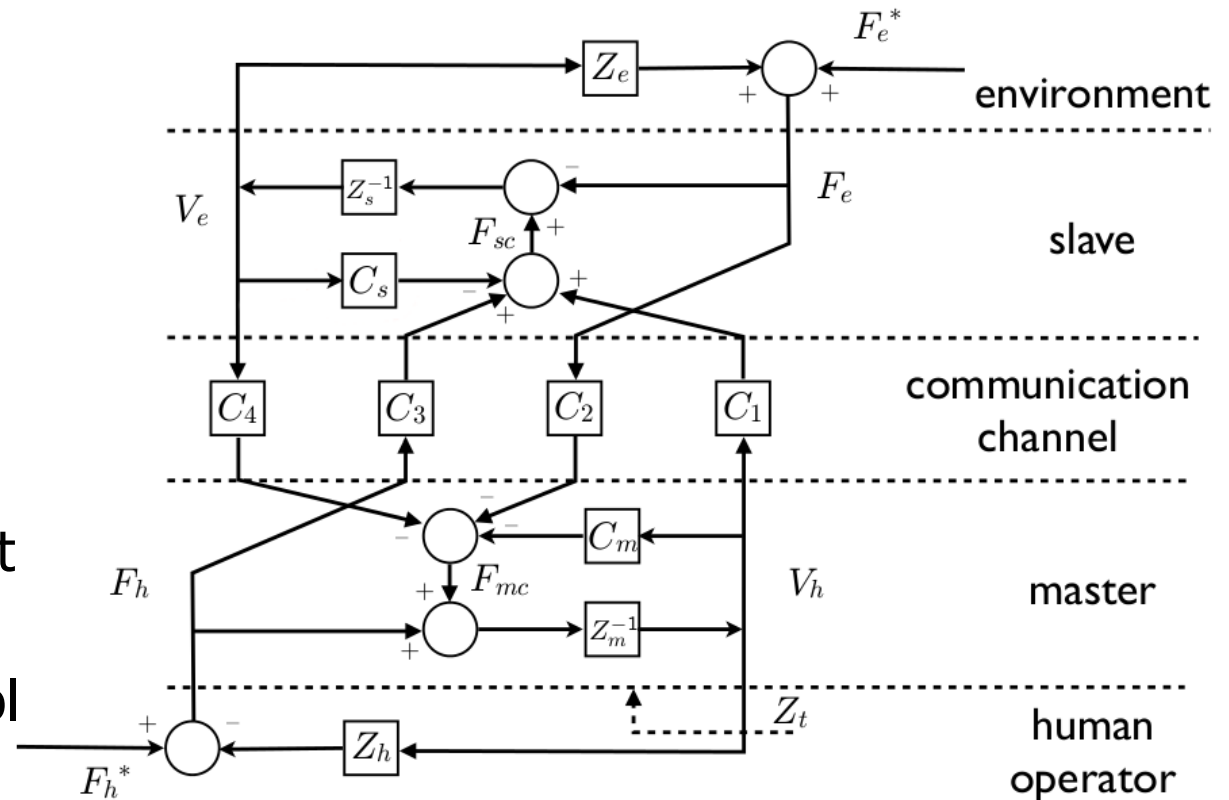




# Cooperative teleoperation control using the (4-way) general scheme

- two 4-way control architectures used for haptic augmentation characterized by

- two forward channels
  - applied human force forwarded to the slave
  - master position/velocity sent to the slave
- two feedback channels
  - measured environment force back to master
  - computed slave control force back to master



- haptic motion intentions of the users and environment forces are fed back to the master devices via **vibrations**

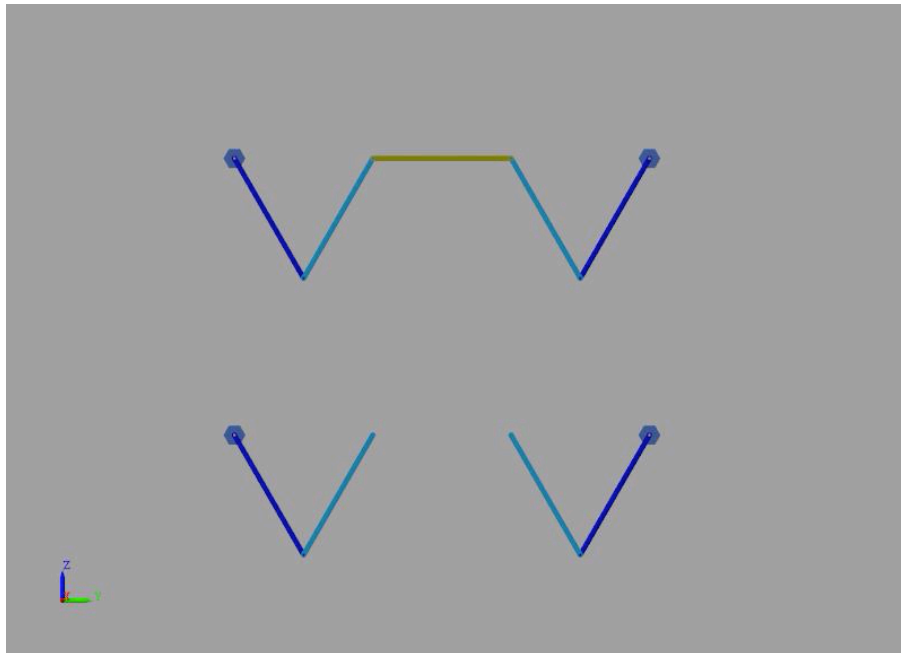
$$f_{1mc,FB} = G_1 f_{1e,z} + G_{12} f_{2h,z} \quad f_{2mc,FB} = G_2 f_{2e,z} + G_{21} f_{1h,z}$$



# Cooperative teleoperation comparison on a rigid object



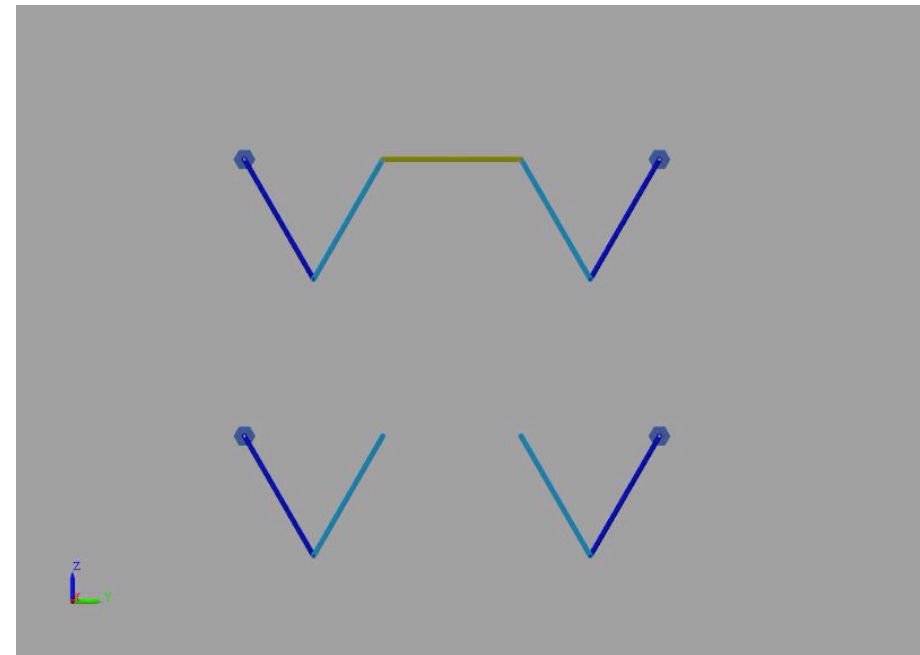
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when human operator 1 applies a force in the z-direction for a small time; operator 2 does not apply forces nor resists motion of the second master device

with haptic augmentation



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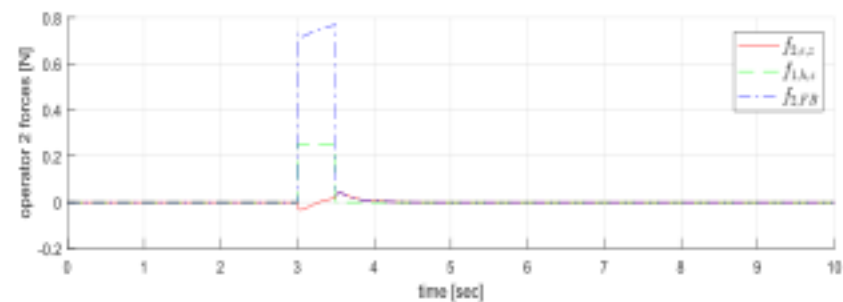
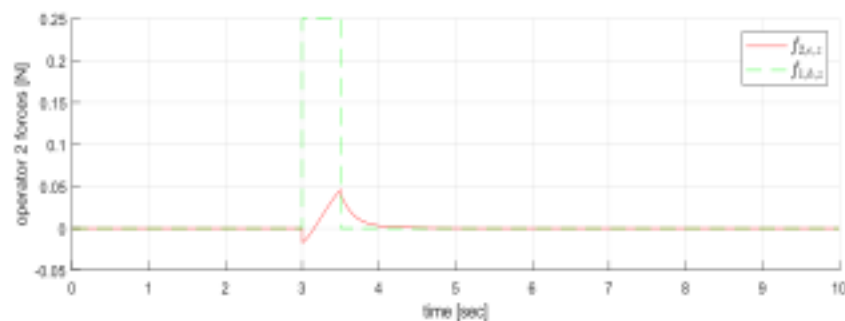
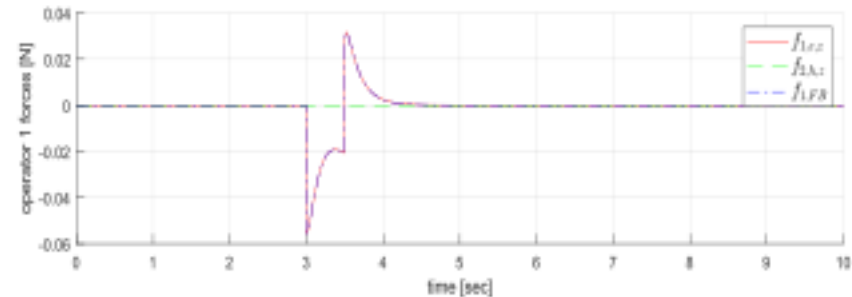
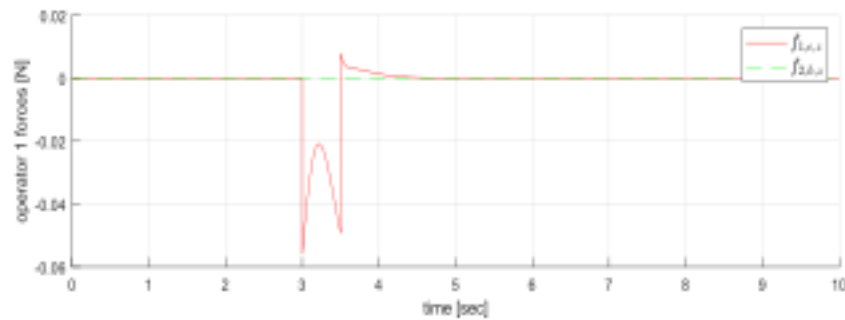
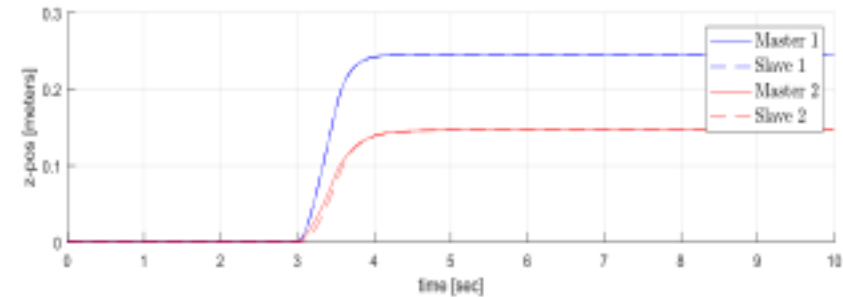
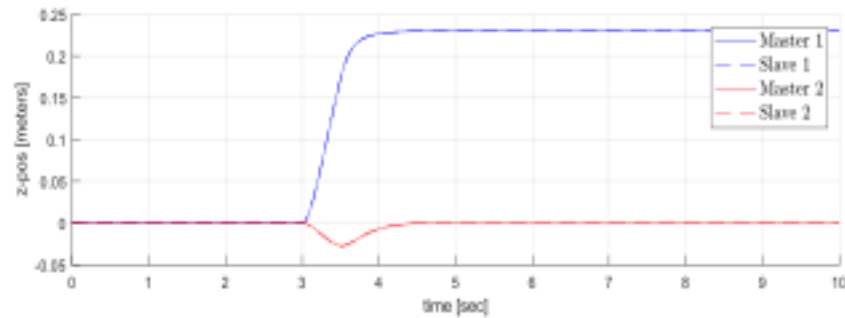
as operator 1 applies force on master 1, this is feedforwarded to master 2, providing the motion intention to operator 2; operator 2 does not resist this force, and master 2 (and so slave 2) starts moving in the same direction instantly

# Cooperative teleoperation comparison on a rigid object



no augmentation

with haptic augmentation

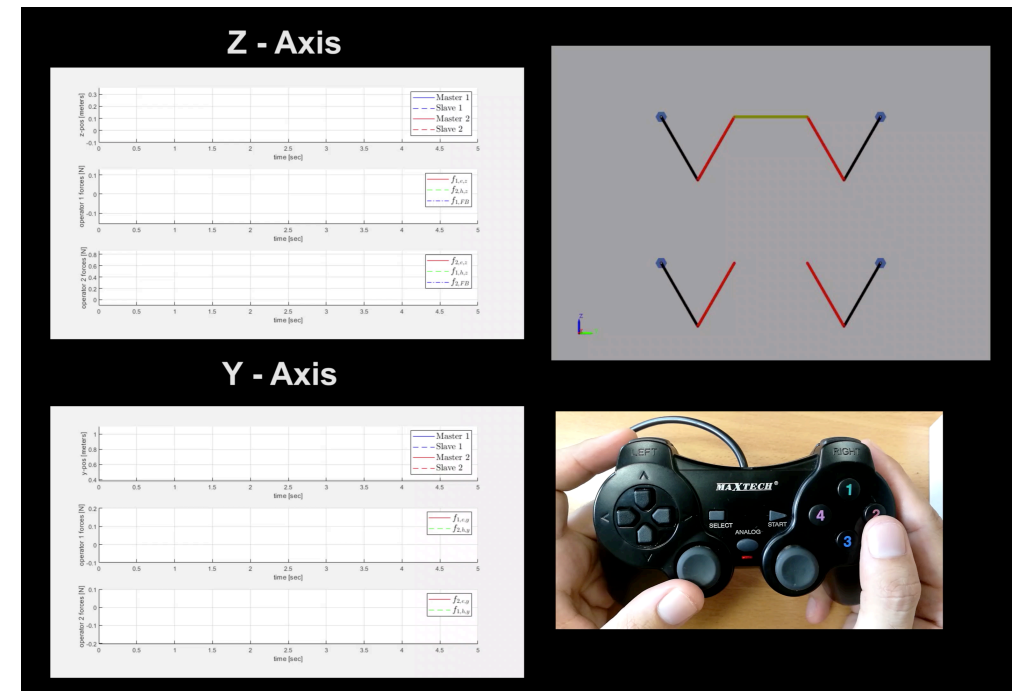
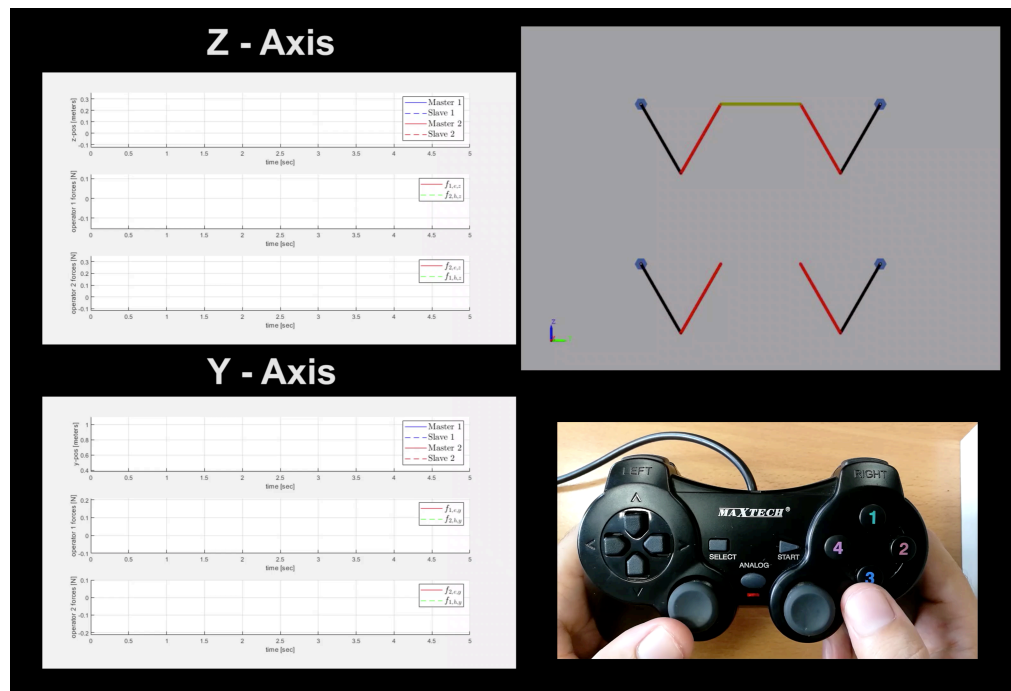


# Cooperative teleoperation comparative live demos



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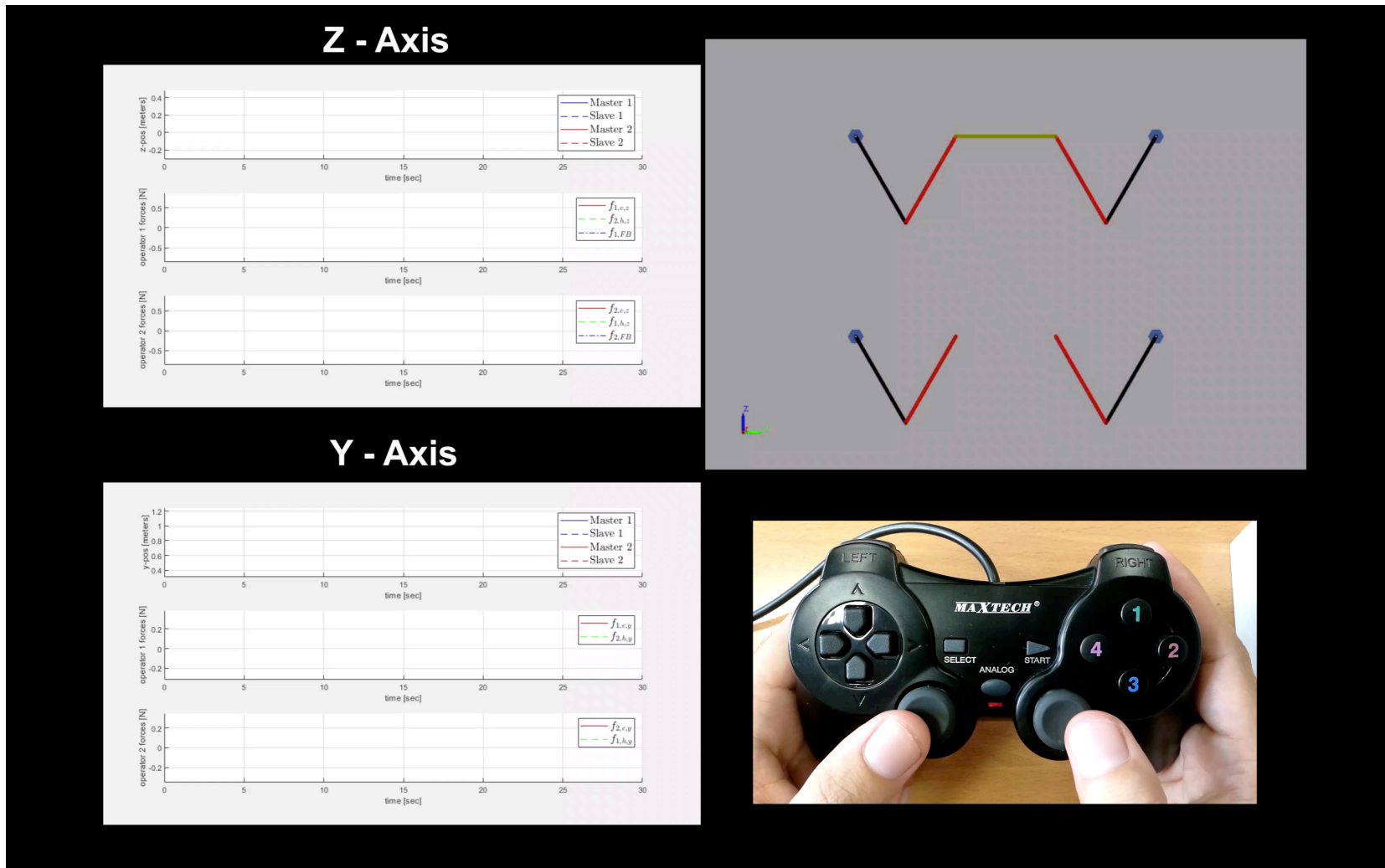
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# Cooperative teleoperation final live demo with haptic augmentation





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