



Surgsim in everyday use

Figuring out
what to build and how to built it

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An evolving approach to surgical education

Patient



Surrogate Patient

Completion



Competence

Subjective



Objective

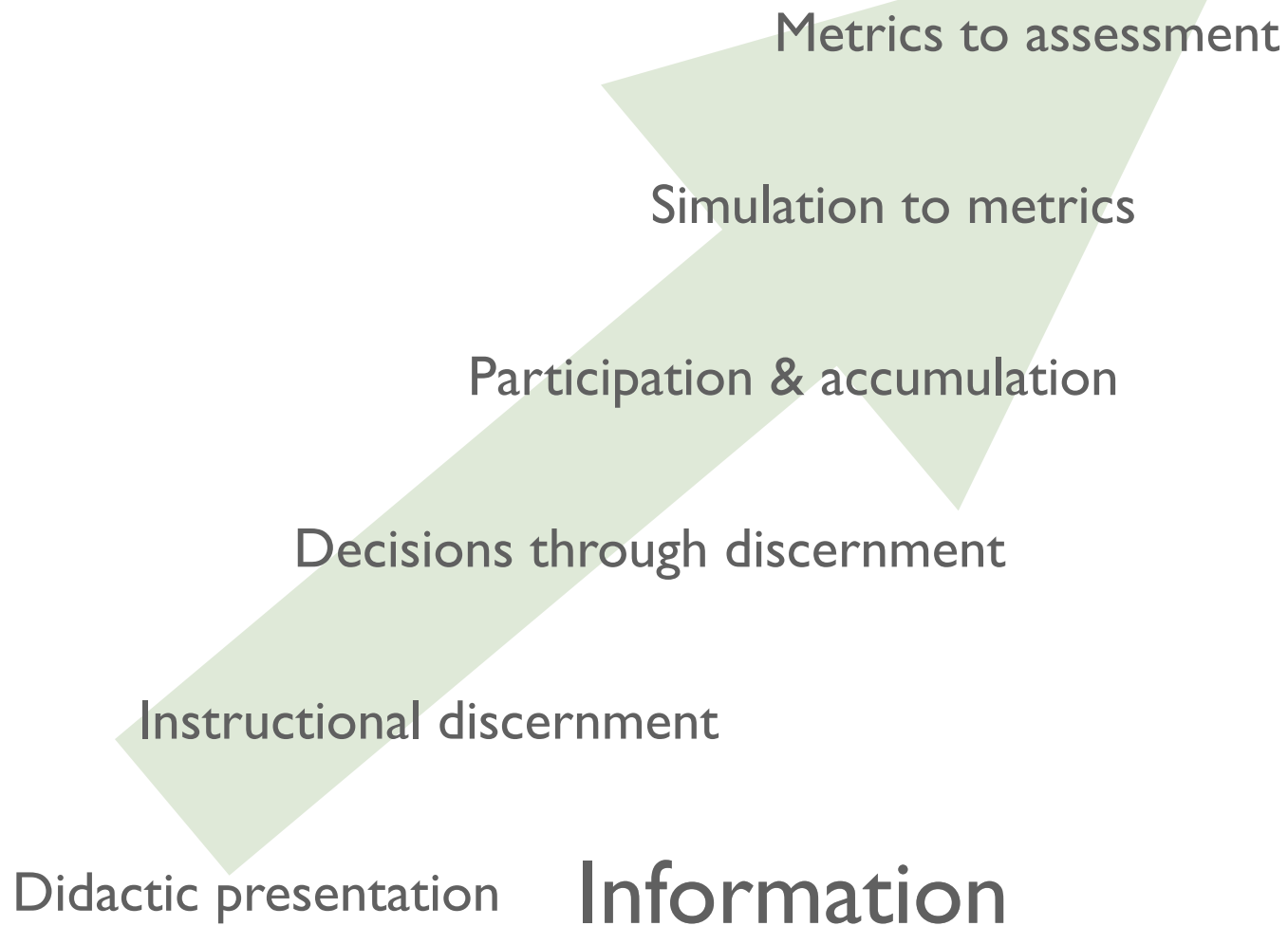
Opportunity



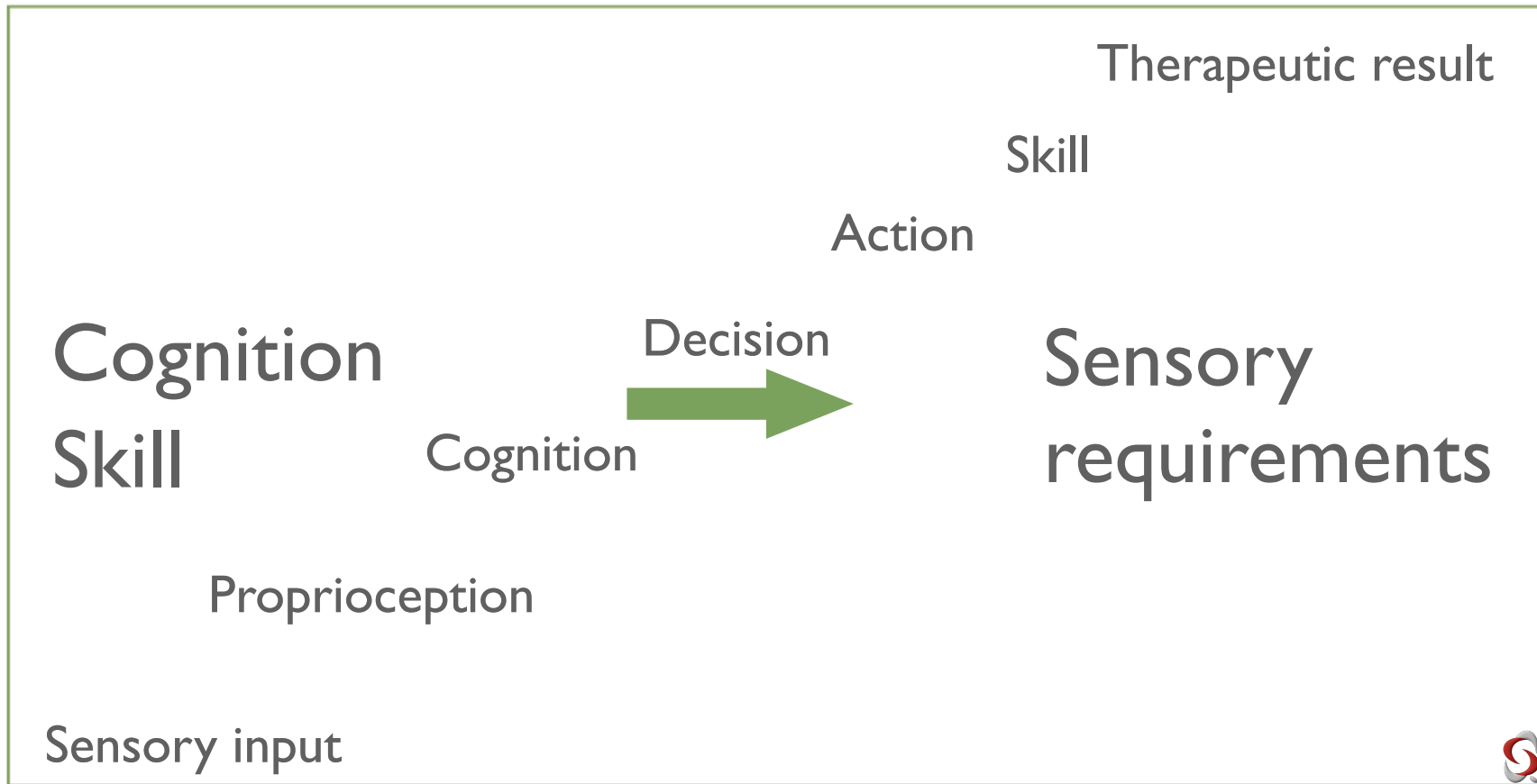
Curriculum



Competence Assessment defining competence



Proprioception & cognition



Unanticipated events & errors

Immediate
personalized
contextual
feedback

Doing/interpreting wrong

Why

Avoid/adapt

Iatrogenic event

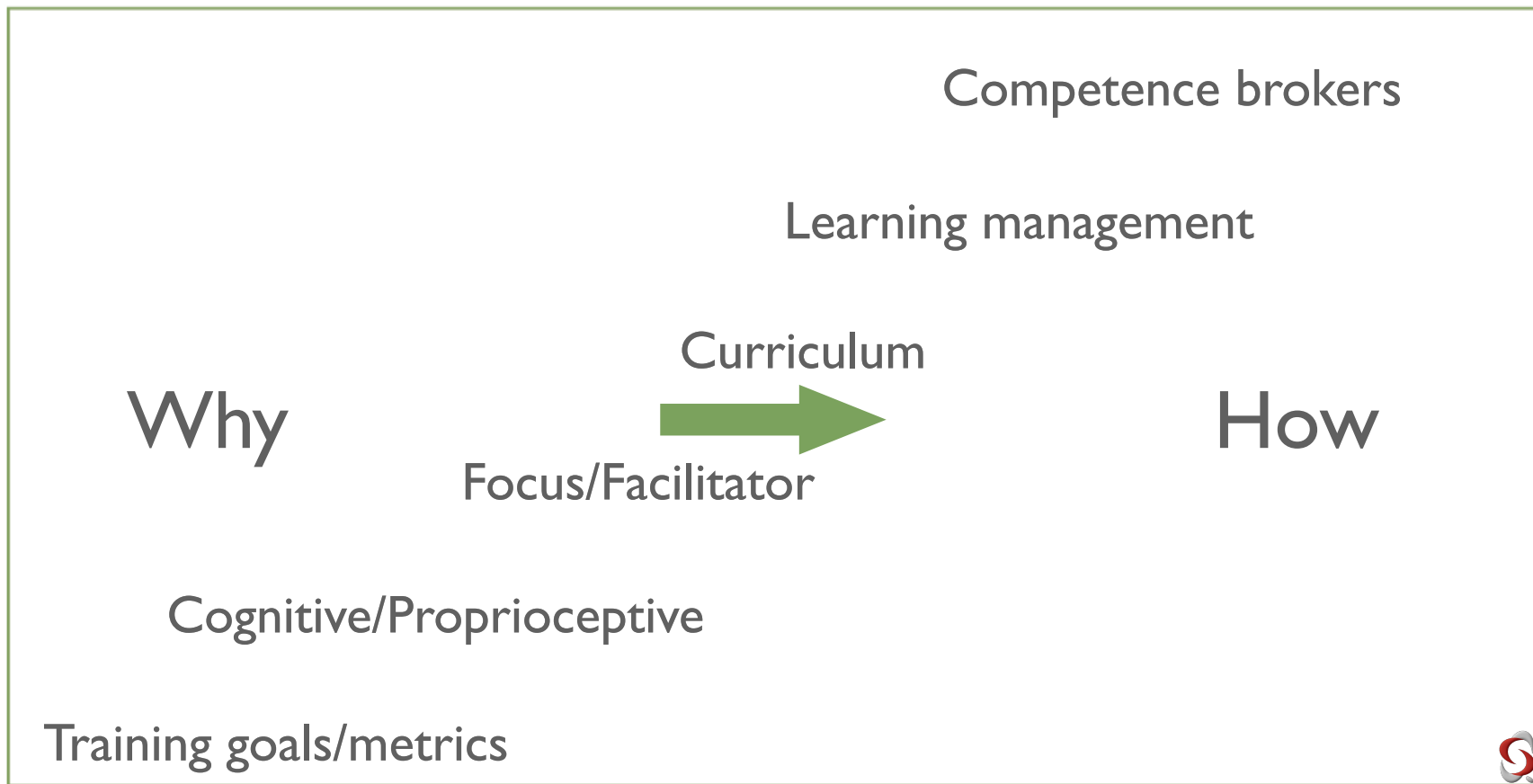
Teachable moment



M&M instead



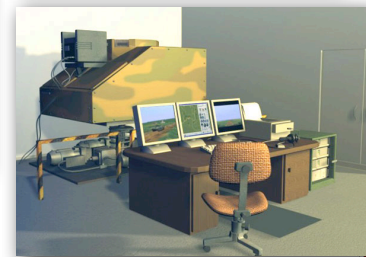
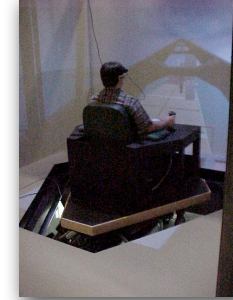
How to design a simulator

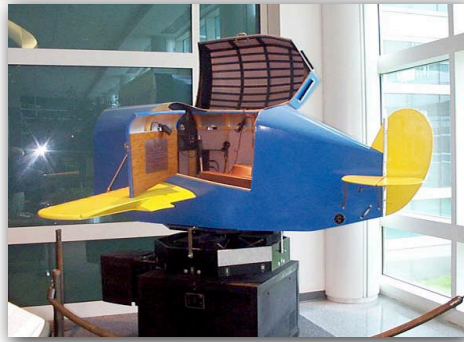
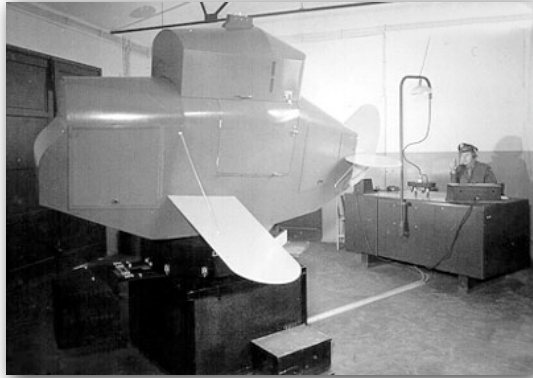


Simulation is

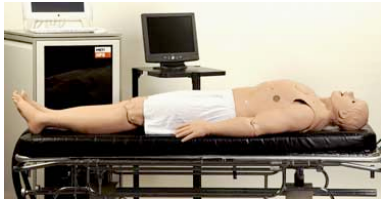
Suspension of disbelief
Widely used in flight training & high value/danger applications
Fulfilling expectations
Sensory consistency
Response to interaction







Medical simulation evolves



1970-90s
Human patient simulators

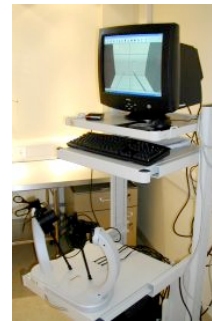


Anesthesia
certification



1987
Fibrendoscope

First simulator
Ethicon/Ixion
Preceptor



1995
MIST

Part task
OR to VR



2000 VIST
Full procedure
FDA carotid stent



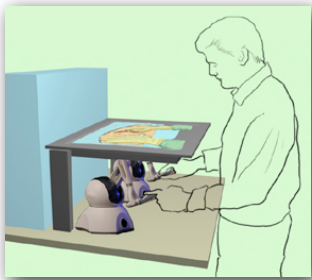
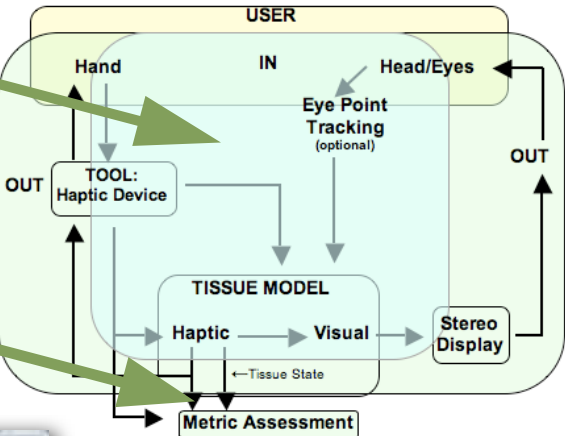
Simulator infrastructure

Simulation core

Interface/interaction

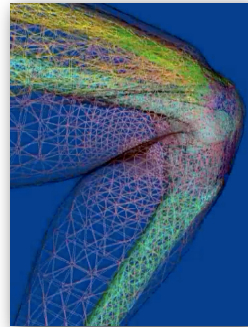
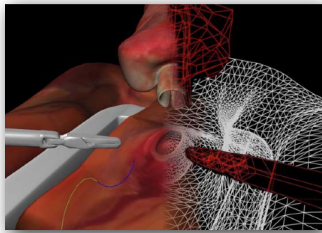
Learning infrastructure

Content creation

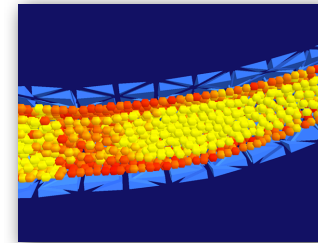


Replicate physical world

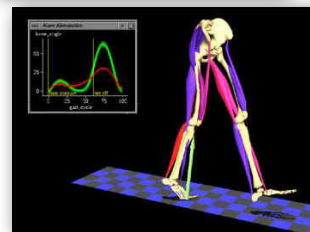
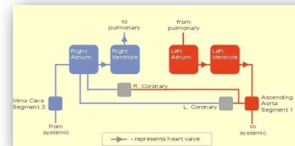
Mechanical
Interaction response



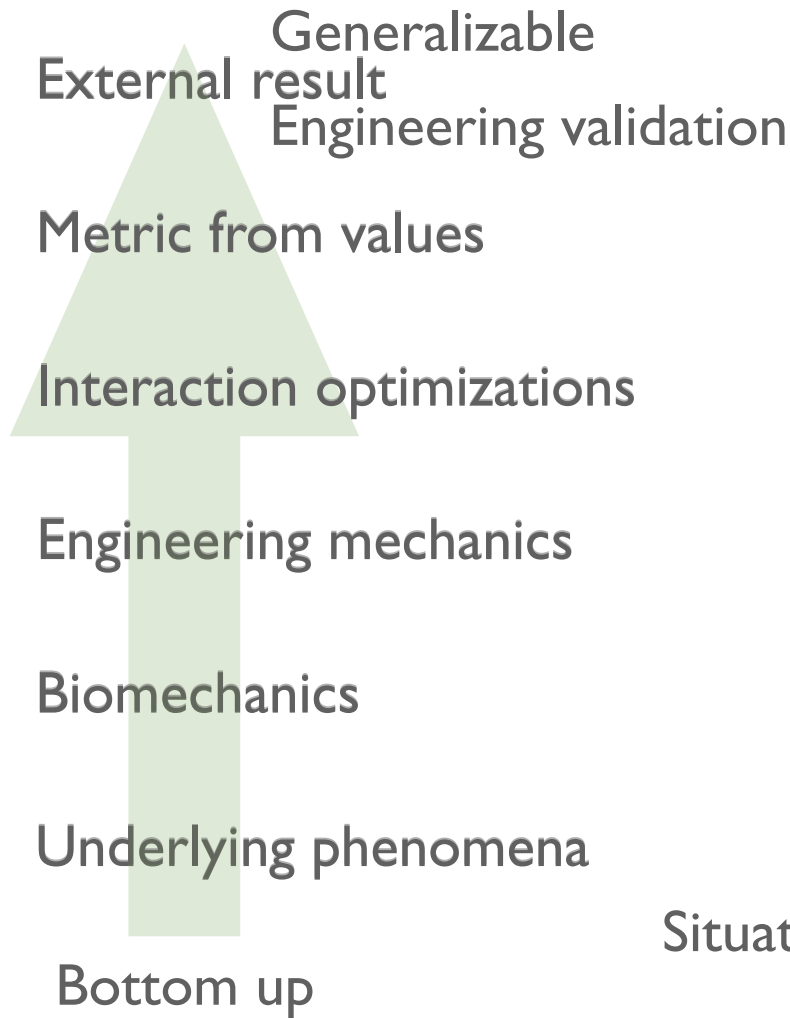
Fluid
Blood & others
Gaseous



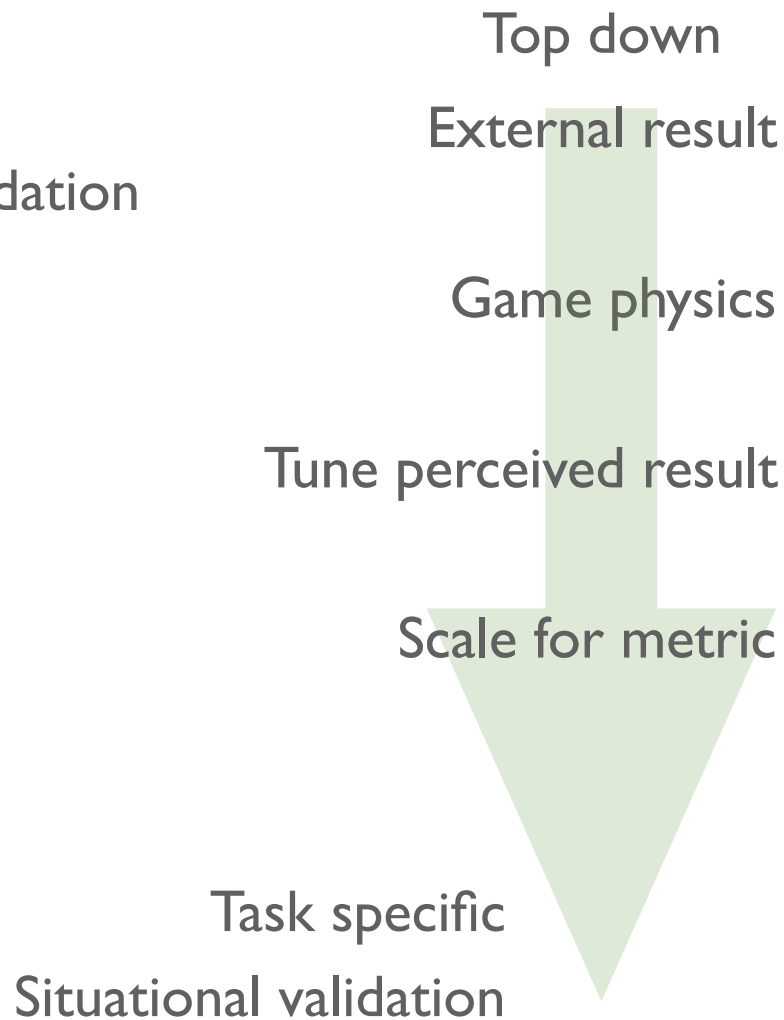
Systemic
Cardiovascular
Musculoskeletal
Linkage of systems



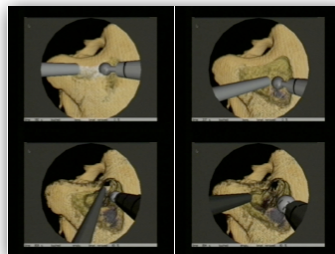
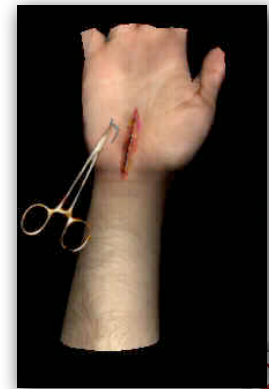
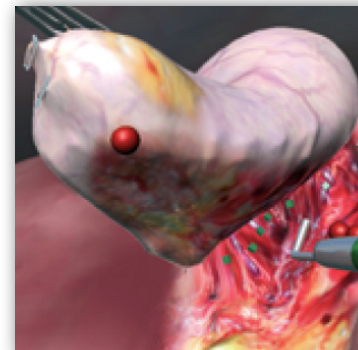
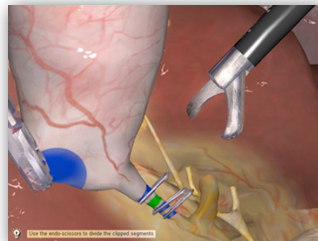
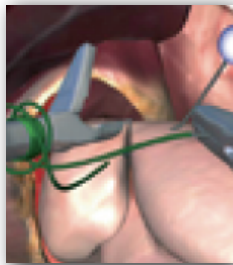
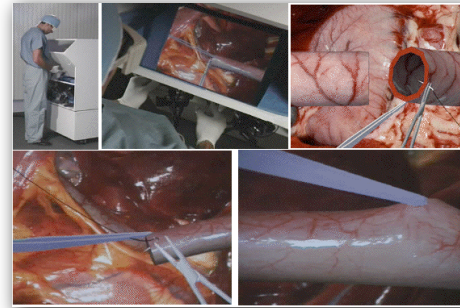
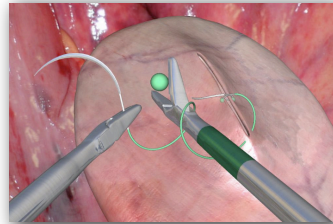
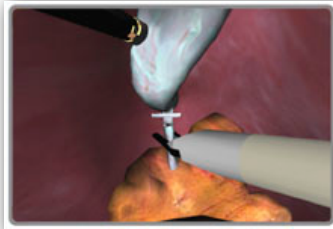
Physics



The big picture

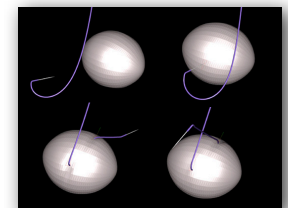
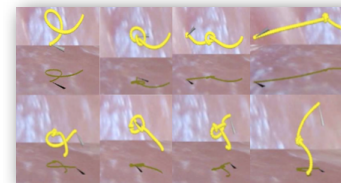
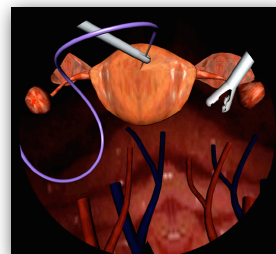
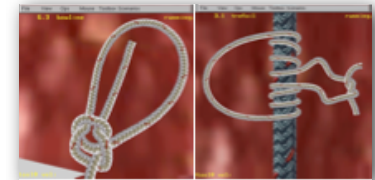
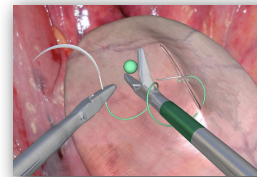
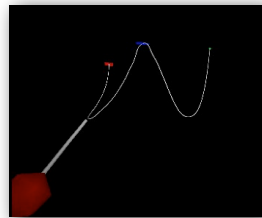
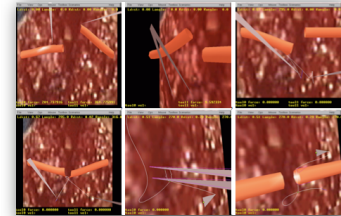
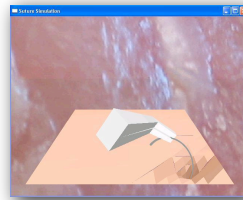


Tool tissue interaction



Suture

- ▶ Needle puncture
- ▶ Knot formation
- ▶ Tissue tearing
- ▶ Thread dynamics
 - ▶ Active splines
 - ▶ Coupled particles
 - ▶ Cossart frame



Physics implementation

- ▶ Open source vs. commercial solutions
 - ▶ Commercial physics packages better than current open source efforts
 - ▶ Driven by games
 - ▶ Nothing contains all the needed functionality
 - ▶ Need to extend existing work
 - ▶ No accepted open file format standards for surgsim (yet)
- ▶ Integration of metrics instrumentation
 - ▶ Need to access whatever physical variable is computed that is reflective of an objective measure of the task being simulated and observed/recorded



Hardware vs software

CPU centric approaches to date

GPU approaches emerging

Dedicated physics processor

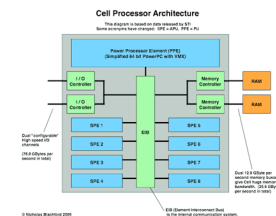
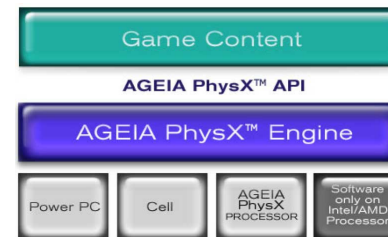
Sony PS3 cell processor

Intel massively multi-core CPU

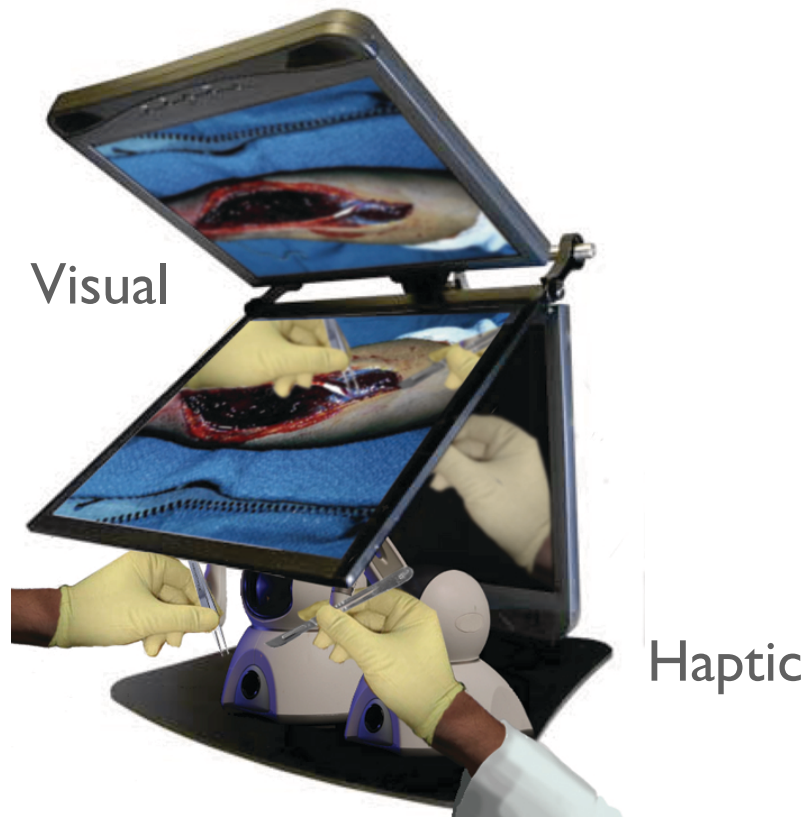
Ultimate winner unclear

Open physics interface

OpenGL



Interaction/interface



Interaction

Tool manipulation → Proprioception → Haptics

Finger contact → Tactile → Surrogate anatomy

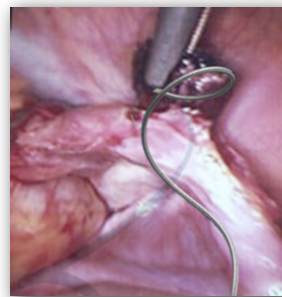
Haptics → Devices



Haptics fidelity

Perception not replication

Sight + ~~Psychophysicists~~ + smell



Visuo-haptics



Haptics devices

Position
Force



3 DOF



\$2,000

Position + orientation
Force + moment



6 DOF



\$50,000



Haptic interface



Immersion



MPB



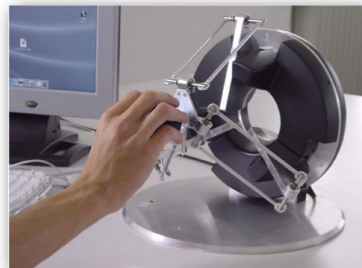
SensAble



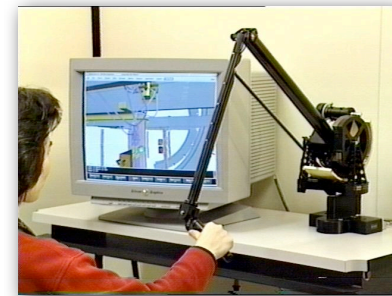
Novint



Haption



Force Dimension



Location-based entertainment

Multisensory feedback in practice



Commercial Product Areas

- ▶ Rigid endoscopy
- ▶ Flexible endoscopy
- ▶ Endovascular
- ▶ Needle insertion
- ▶ Ophthalmic
- ▶ Dental
- ▶ Ultrasound
- ▶ Human patient simulators



Advanced Simulation Corp.

Anesoft

Brown & Herbranson

Delltatech

DenX

Garmaud

IDEA

Laerdal

METI

Haptica

Immersion

Medic Vision

Medical Simulation Corp.

MedSim

Melerit

Mentice

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Select Vest Systems

Simbionix

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SimQuest

SimSurgery

SimuLife

Simulation

Surgical Sciences

Touch of Life

Verifi

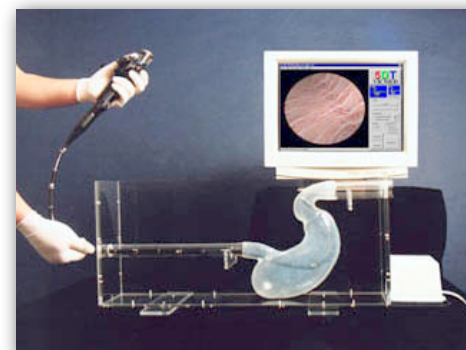
VirtaMed

VRMagic

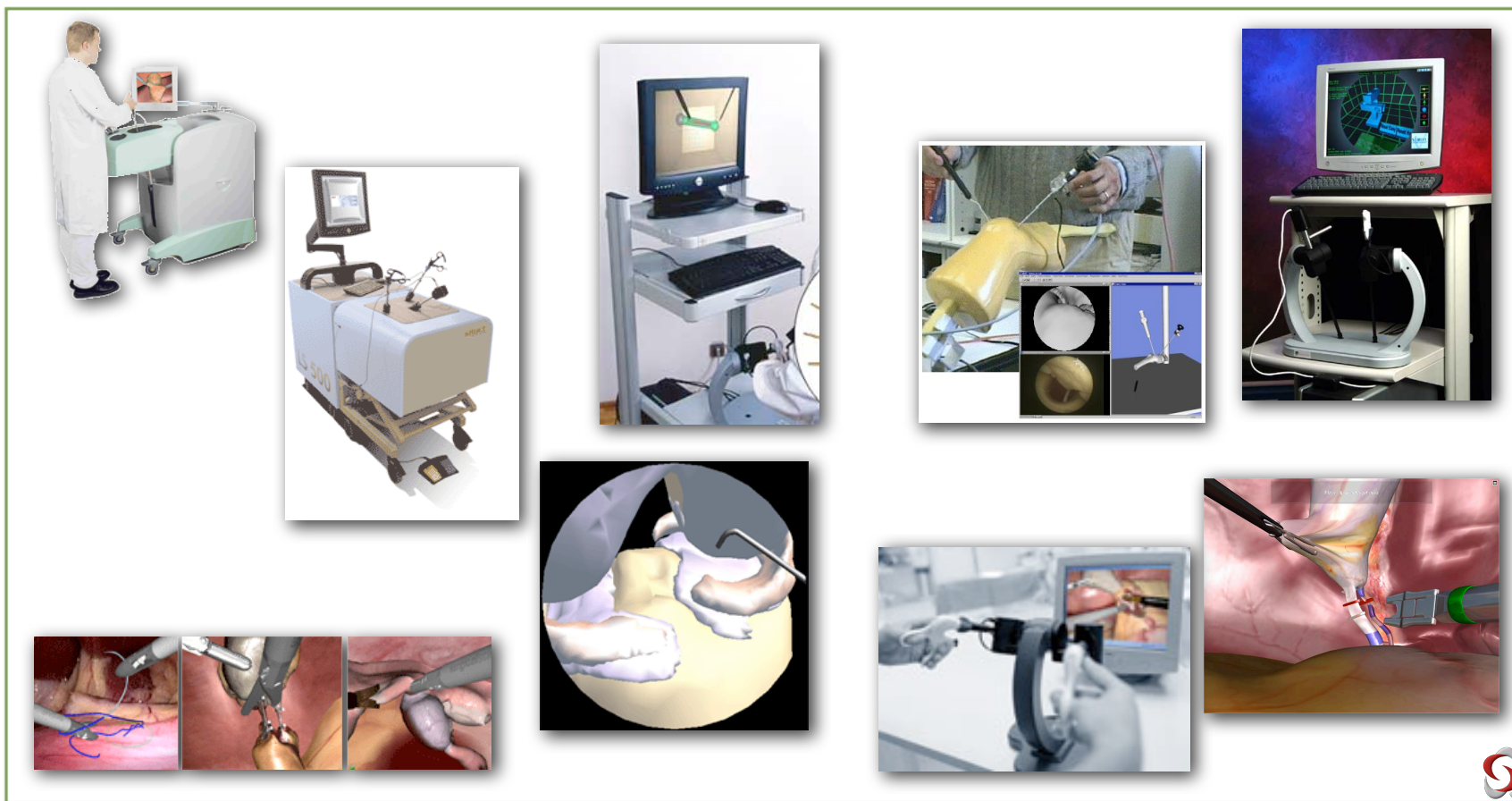
Yantric



Flexible endoscopy examples



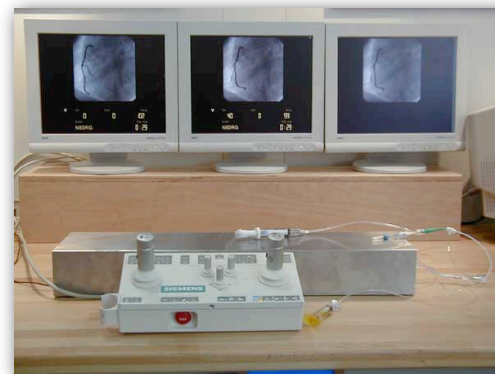
Rigid endoscopy examples



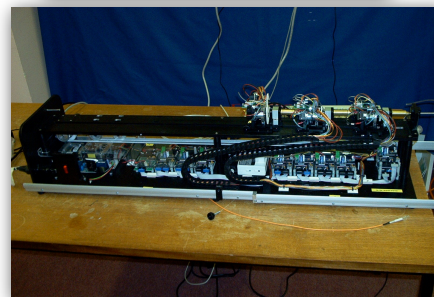
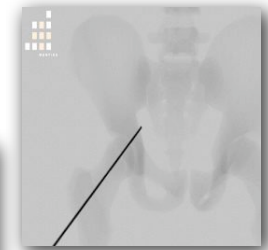
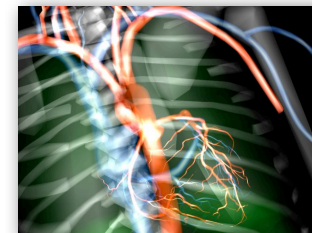
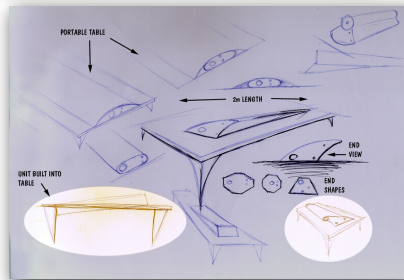
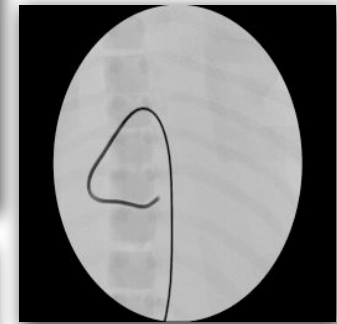
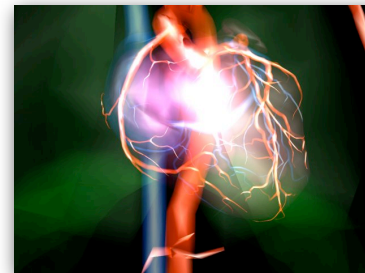
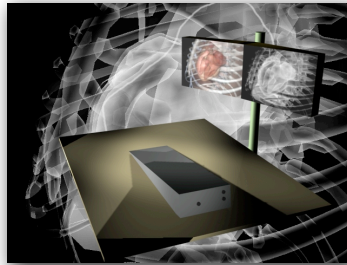
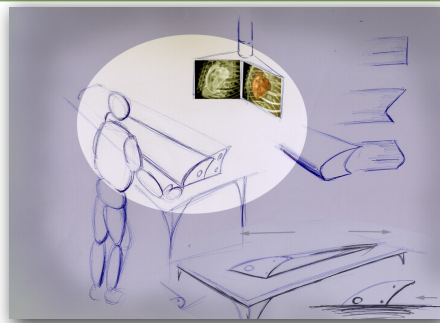
Needle insertion examples



Endovascular examples



Building your own



Design Philosophy

- ▶ Build it only if you have to
- ▶ Work from your strengths
- ▶ Compartmentalize
- ▶ Increment & Iterate
- ▶ Use standard tools
- ▶ Use standard data formats & interfaces
- ▶ Make scalable
- ▶ Web accessible as much as reasonable
- ▶ Establish a cost budget to constrain design



Continual application of design constraints

All that can be left is the product



Infrastructure

- ▶ Multiple processes, processors or machines
- ▶ State accessible
- ▶ Support high level design
- ▶ Well documented interfaces
- ▶ Debugged, stable codebase
- ▶ Integration of time sampled continuous and discrete event processes
- ▶ Support detailed runtime debugging



Infrastructure

- ▶ Remote debugging
- ▶ Scriptable
- ▶ Variables exposed for recording/modifying
- ▶ Debug variable & condition bounding



Multiple Physical Parameters

- ▶ Multiple data structures for same entity
- ▶ Optimal data structures for optimal algorithms
- ▶ Mapping between representations
 - ▶ Pre-computation as much as possible
 - ▶ Intelligent, localized, asynchronous remapping when changed
 - ▶ Multi-thread, multi-process capable
- ▶ Data created from single source
 - ▶ Automated conversion to optimal data structure

