Magnetic Levitation Haptic Interaction

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Outline:

Haptics - "Force Feedback"

Sample devices: Phantoms, Novint Falcon, Force Dimension Inertia, friction, hysteresis/backlash in linkages & motors Magnetic levitation alternatives: motion range, sensing, control issues Lorentz maglev devices:

- Magic wrist, UBC 1 & 2, CMU/Butterfly, layered coils design
- Videos

Planar maglev:

- Hawaii setup
- More videos
- Co-located display: ACHI talk

Conclusion

Haptic Interaction:

Active tactile and kinesthetic sensing and manipulation with the hand:



Haptic Interface: To physically interact with virtual or remote objects as real
 Device can reproduce dynamics – force feedback
 Simulation must calculate dynamics in real time for device controller
 Stiffness and damping is sufficient for static environment

Applications: CAD, medical simulations, entertainment...

Haptic Interaction (2):

Virtual Reality:

- Incredible graphics
- But poor interactivity
- Add haptic interface?

Haptic technology is limited:

Human hand sensitivity & dexterity: µm and khz Different approaches

possible: Glove, single fingertip, rigid tool...





Common Haptic Interface Devices:



Phantom Omni: Sensable/Geomagic



Phantom Premium 6D: Sensable/Geomagic



Force Dimension Delta





Novint Falcon

Force Dimension Sigma.7

3 DOF force (point contact) and 6 DOF force and torque (rigid body contact) options Magnetic Levitation Haptic

Interaction

Other Haptic Devices:

Exoskeletons:





Manipulators





Etc:



Haptic Rendering:

Virtual coupling is the

simplest way to integrate haptic interface device with real-time simulated environment



Very simple to very complex models for friction and texture haptics can be used



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generated from gaussian statistical distribution:



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General Purpose Haptics APIs:



sofa-framework.org

Maglev vs Linkages for Haptics:

Linkages:

- Friction
- Hysteresis/backlash
- Self-collision
- Bulky

Maglev:

- Motion range
- Stability
- Position sensing
- Types

Lorentz Magnetic Levitation:

Force from current in magnetic field:

$$f = -i \oint B \times dl$$

- 6 actuators needed for levitation
- Optical position sensing

Advantages:

- Force independent of position
- Noncontact actuation & sensing
- 6 DOF with one moving part

Disadvantages:

- Limited motion range
- Expensive materials and sensors



Position sensing for maglev:



Noncontact position sensing necessary to obtain bigid body position and orientation

1000 Hz update, and 0.01 mm resolution necessary for smooth maglev and haptics Optical position sensing methods:

- Optical motion trackers
- Position Sensing Photodiodes

Kinematics: Nonlinear multivariable functions must be inverted to find pose from sensors

$$S_{a,x} = \frac{I_z I_l [n_1 n_3 (1 - \cos \theta) - n_2 \sin \theta] + z}{I_l [n_1^2 + (1 - n_1^2) \cos \theta] + x + I_z - I_t} \qquad S_{a,y} = \frac{I_z I_l [n_1 n_2 (1 - \cos \theta) - n_3 \sin \theta] + y}{I_l [n_1^2 + (1 - n_1^2) \cos \theta] + x + I_z - I_t}$$
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Lorentz Force Maglev Haptic Devices:



IBM Magic Wrist, 1988



UBC Teleoperation Master, 1991



UBC Powermouse, 1997

IBM and UBC wrists:

First developed as fine motion positioners carried by robot arm

Used for haptic interaction with simulated surfaces, texture, and friction

Position bandwidths: ~50 Hz

Position resolution: $1-2 \ \mu m$

Motion ranges under 10 mm, 10 degrees

CMU Maglev Haptic Device:



Lorentz maglev device developed specifically for haptic interaction User grasps and manipulates handle in bowl set in cabinet top

Butterfly Haptics Maglev Haptic:



Refinement of CMU design for commercial production:

- Lighter, stiffer flotor
- Improved position sensing
- Faster control
- butterflyhaptics.com

Physical Simulation Environments:



Physically based dynamic rigid body simulation on host Simulation must be tightly coupled with haptic device controller

New Design for Increased Motion Range:



Setup for Handheld Haptic Interaction



Setup for Handheld Haptic Interaction

Larger coils arranged in 2 layers

Larger magnets and air gaps Magnetic Levitation Haptic Interaction

Planar Coil Array Maglev System:



- 27-coil array generates forces and torques on magnets
- Overhead rigid-body motion tracking sensor uses infrared LEDs for position feedback control (Northern Digital OptoTrak)
- Pseudoinverse of coil current to force-torque transform matrix to calculate currents for desired forces and torques at 1000 Hz
- Usable range ~40 mm height, unlimited yaw, \pm 45° tilt

Electromagnetic Modeling:



 Calculate 3D force and torque generated per Ampere between single coil and magnet over range of positions and orientations (offline, stored in interpolated lookup table)

 Combine forces and torques between all coils and magnets to form current to force and torque vector transformation matrix (online)

Levitated Handle for Haptic Interaction:



- Pen shape to be grasped by user
- LED position markers on top
- Magnets for force and torque feedback at bottom

Graphic/Maglev Haptic Co-Location:



Magnetic Levitation Haptic Interface

3D Display of Virtual Environment

- Magnetic levitation system generates forces and torques on user handle through thin flat display
- 3D rendered environment at real tool tip
- Virtual tool is direct continuation of user handle

Complete System:



Head tracker on side, instrument tracker overhead, maglev coils under display

Conclusion:

Future planned work:

- Develop new position feedback systems:
 - Smaller scale
 - Magnetic?
- Magnets on fingertip and palm instead of rigid instrument
- Improve control methods
- Integrate with general APIs

Future of maglev haptics:

- Supporting technologies continually getting better
- API and simulation software getting more available and better
- Components getting cheaper Magnetic Levitation Haptic Interaction