



Active Dynamics

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Computer Animation



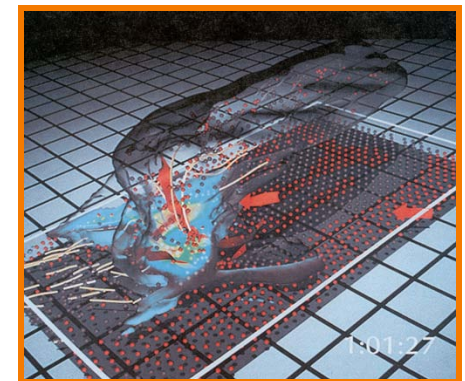
- Animation
 - Make objects change over time according to scripted actions



Pixar

→ Simulation

- Predict how objects change over time according to physical laws



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Simulation



- Kinematics

- Considers only motion
- Determined by positions, velocities, accelerations



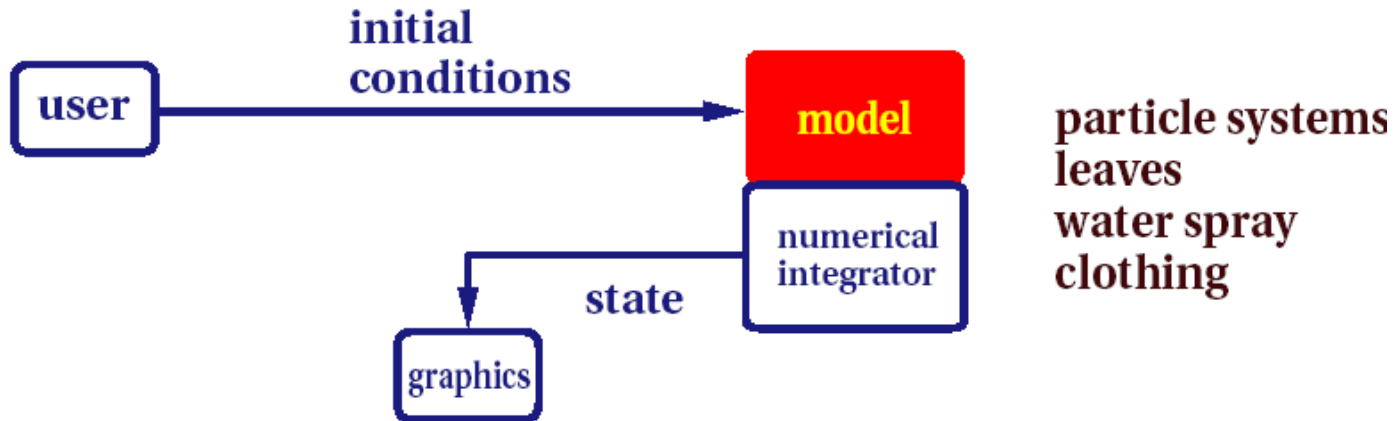
Dynamics

- Considers underlying forces
- Compute motion from initial conditions and physics

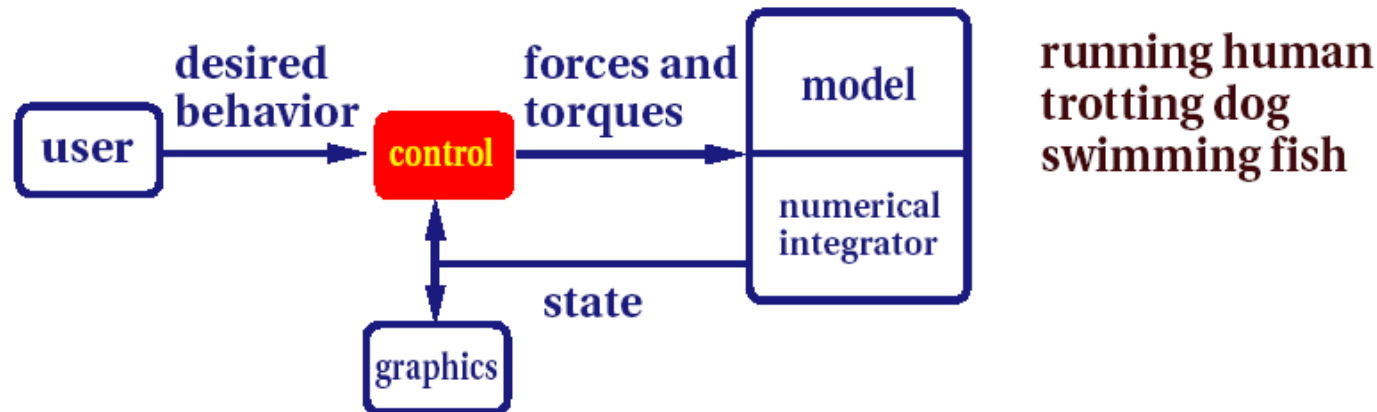


Passive vs. Active Dynamics

Passive--no muscles or motors



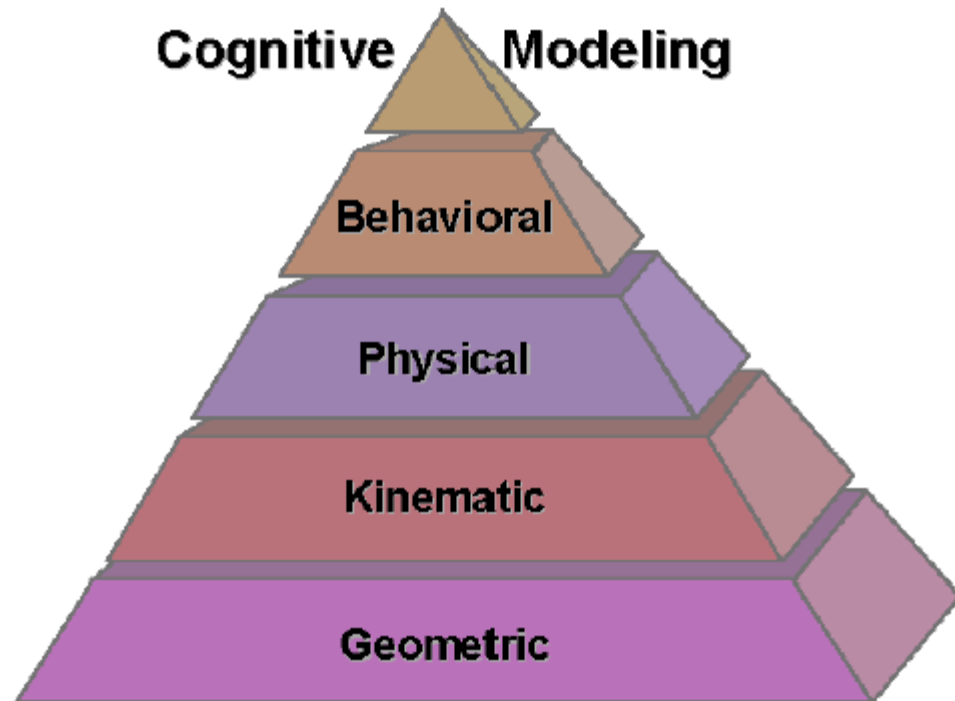
→ Active--internal source of energy



Active Dynamics



- Motions
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Motion



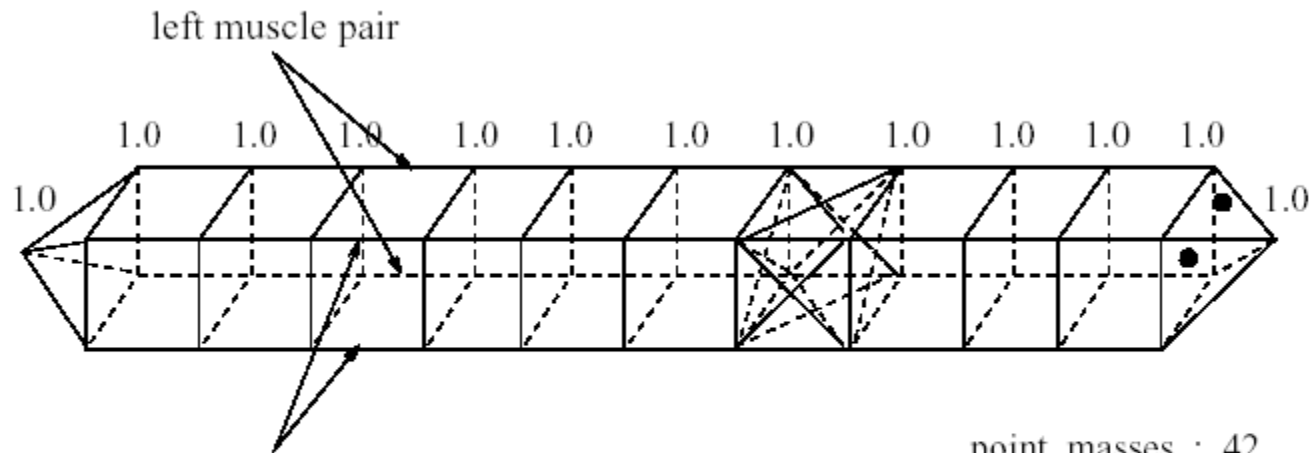
- Example 1: how do worms move?



Snake Motion



Worm Biomechanical Model



right muscle pair

actuators : 20

springs' stiffness : 50.0

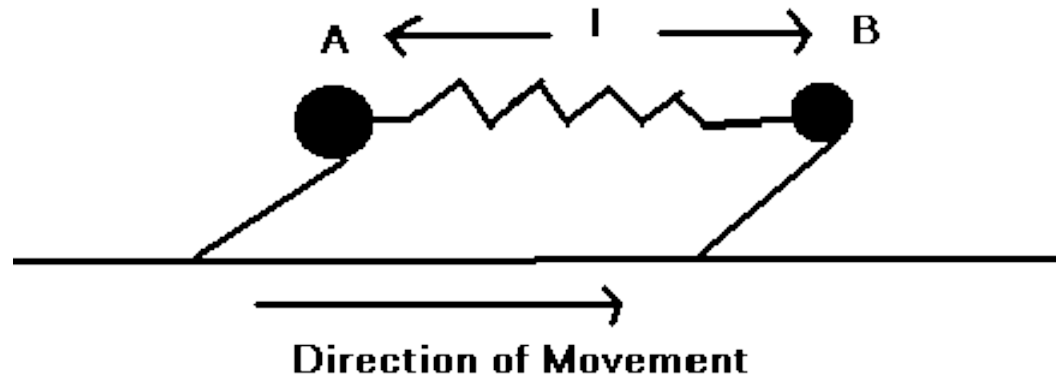
point masses : 42

DOFs : 126

size of the

state space : 252

Worm Physics



$$f = k(L - l) - D \frac{dl}{dt}$$

$$a = f / m$$

$$X = \frac{1}{m} \int \int f dt dt$$

f = force along spring direction

k = spring force constant

D = damping force

l = current spring length

L = minimum energy spring length

... plus forces due to friction with ground.

Her Majesty's Secret Serpent



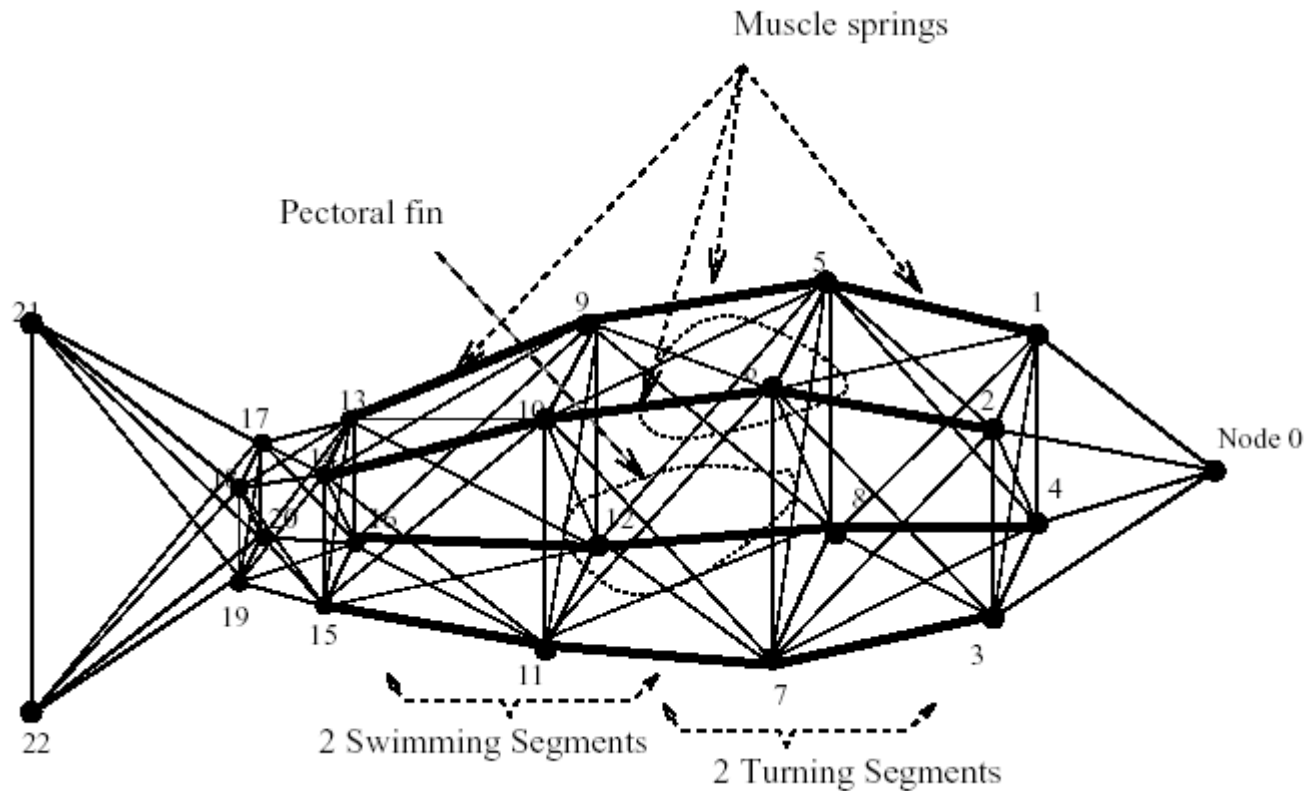
Fish Motion



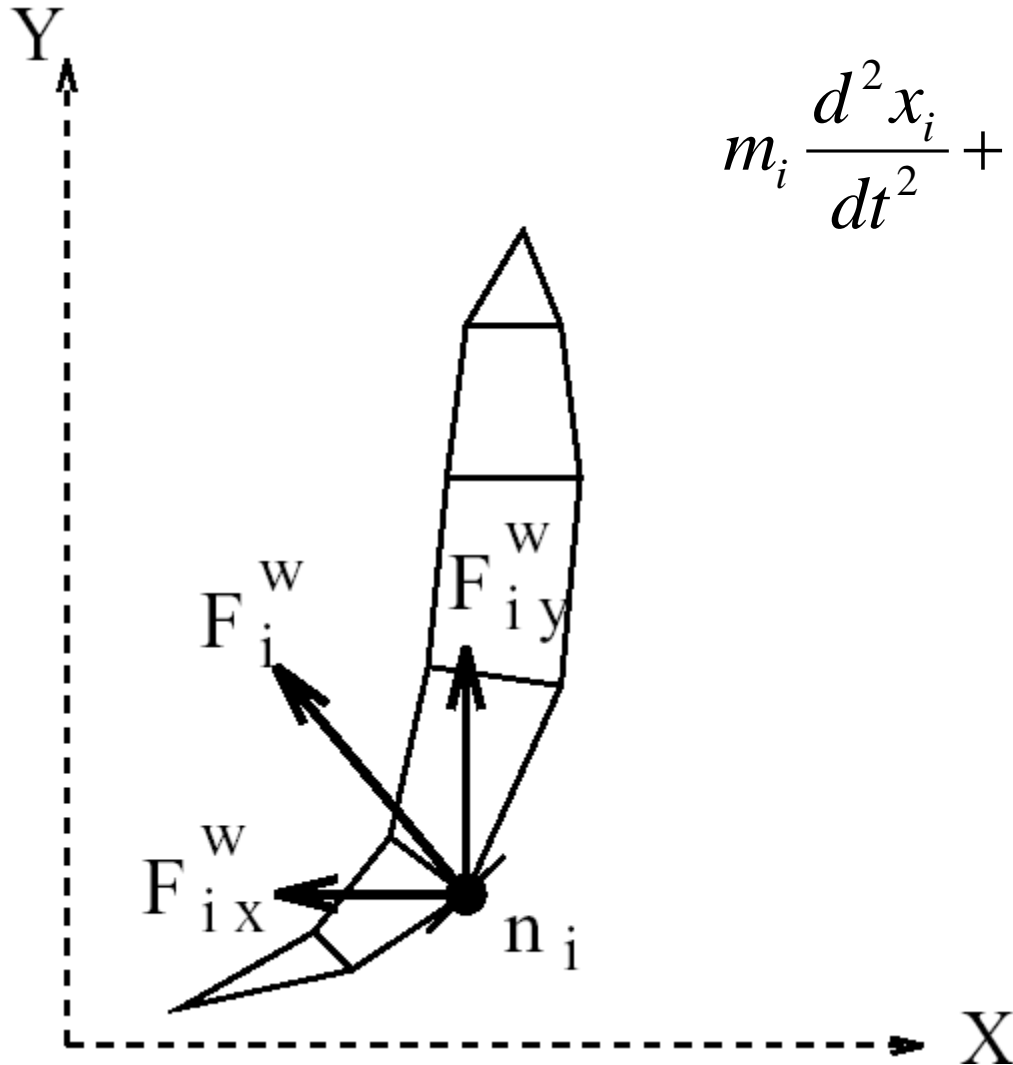
- Example 2: how do fish move?



Spring-Mass Model for Fish



Hydrodynamic Locomotion

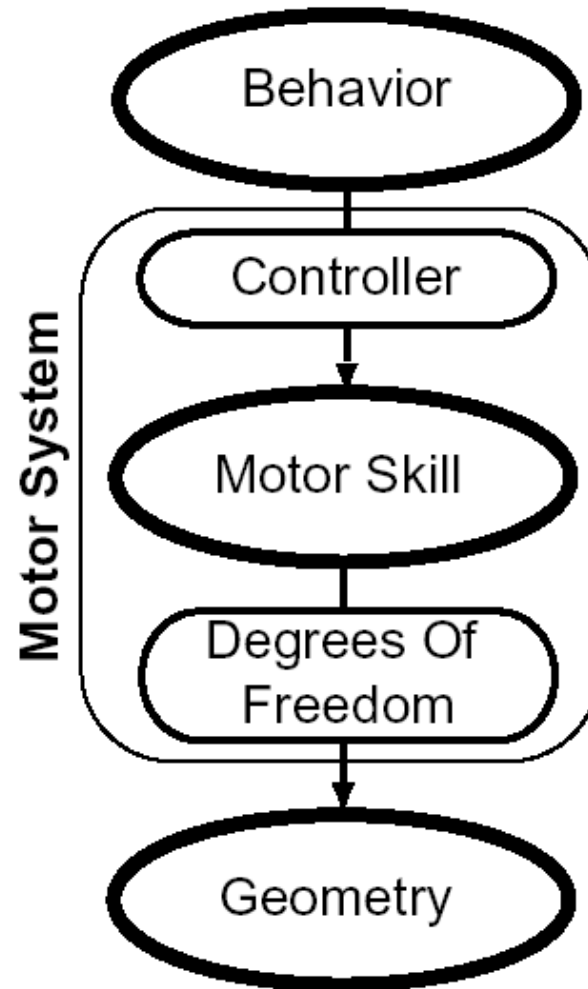


$$m_i \frac{d^2 x_i}{dt^2} + \zeta_i \frac{dx_i}{dt} - w_i = f_i^w$$

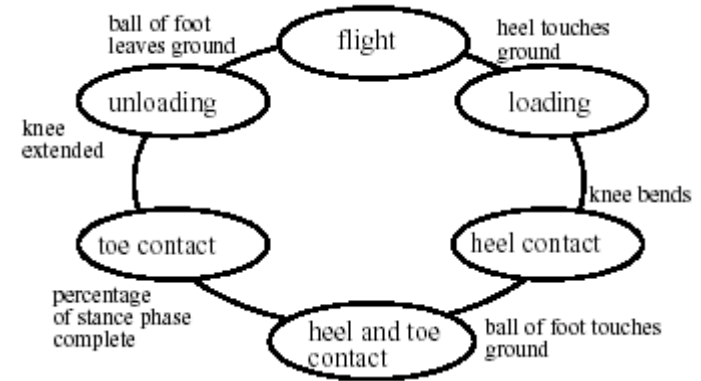
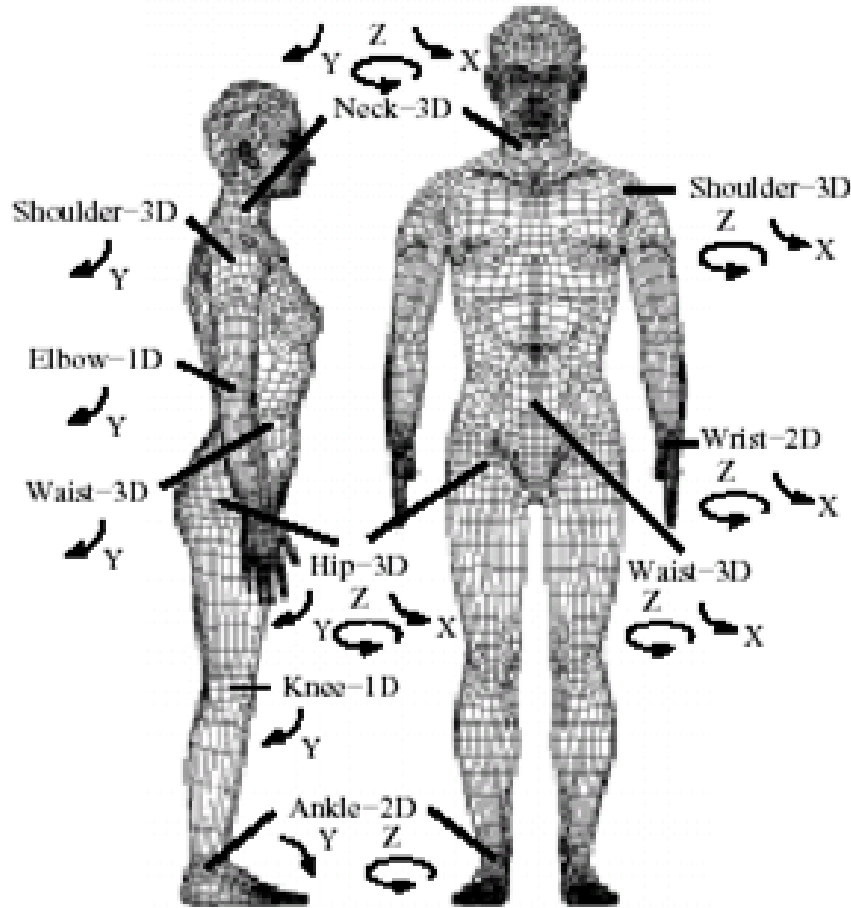
Swimming



Motor System



Animating Human Athletics



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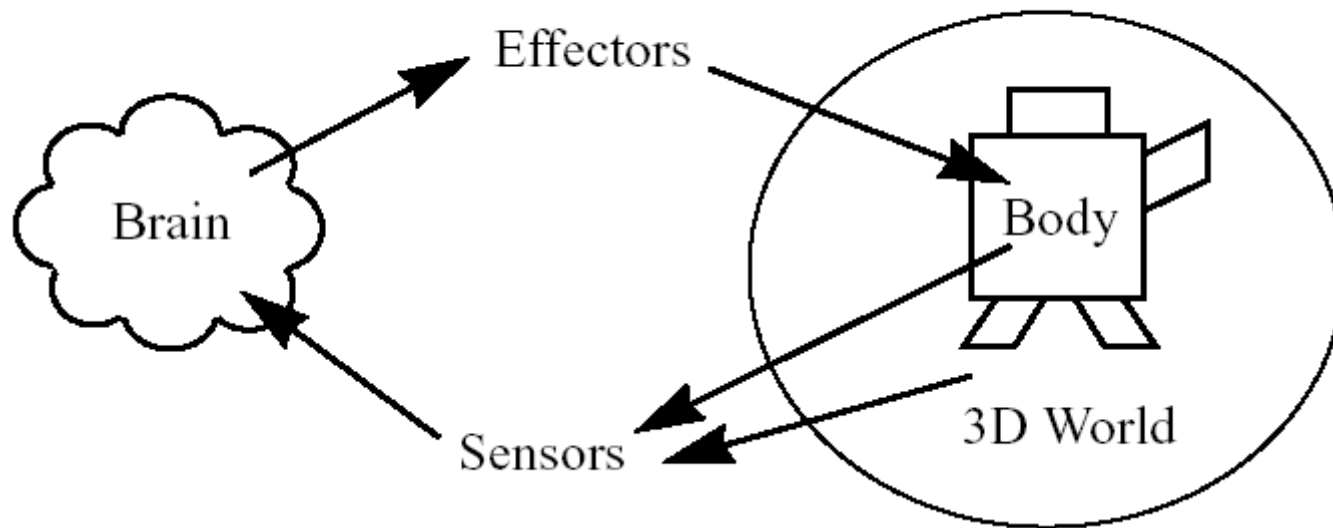


Learning Motions

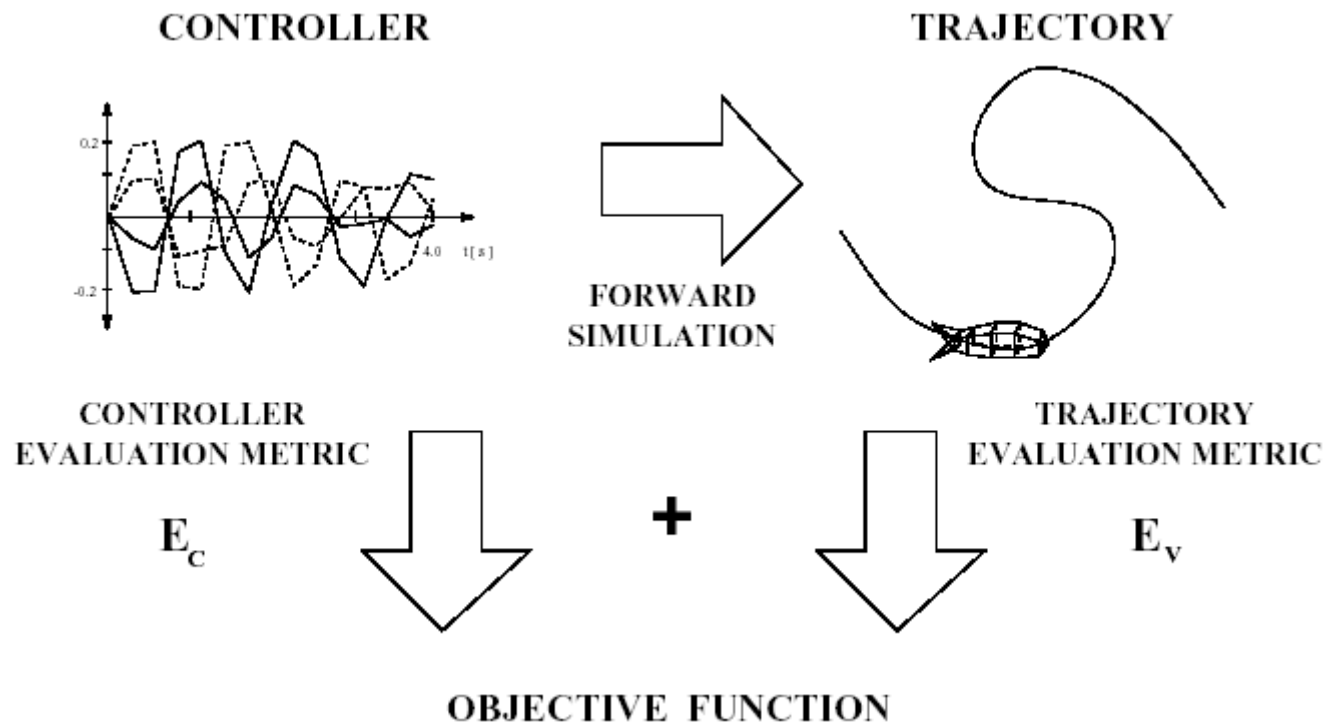


Control system

Physical simulation



Learning Muscle Controllers

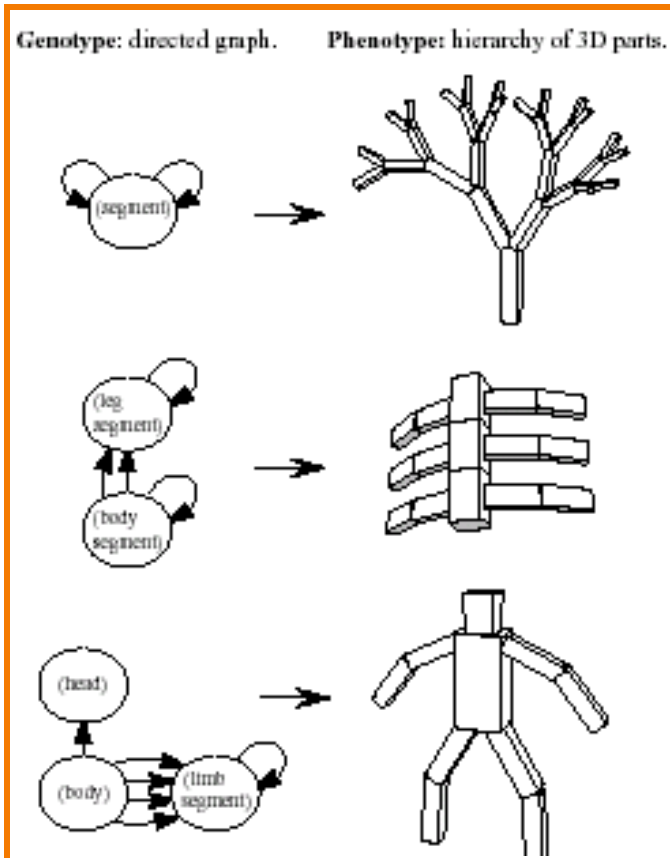


$$E(\mathbf{u}(t)) = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (\mu_1 E_u(\mathbf{u}(t)) + \mu_2 E_v(\mathbf{v}(t))) dt;$$

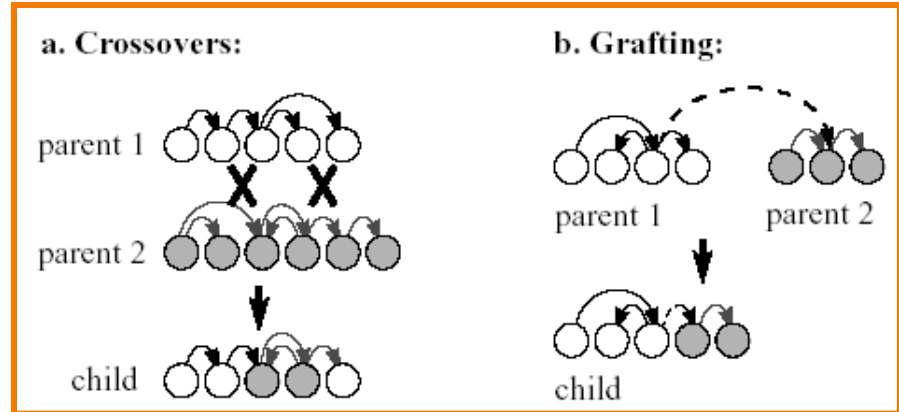
Learning to Swim



Evolved Virtual Creatures



Controllers

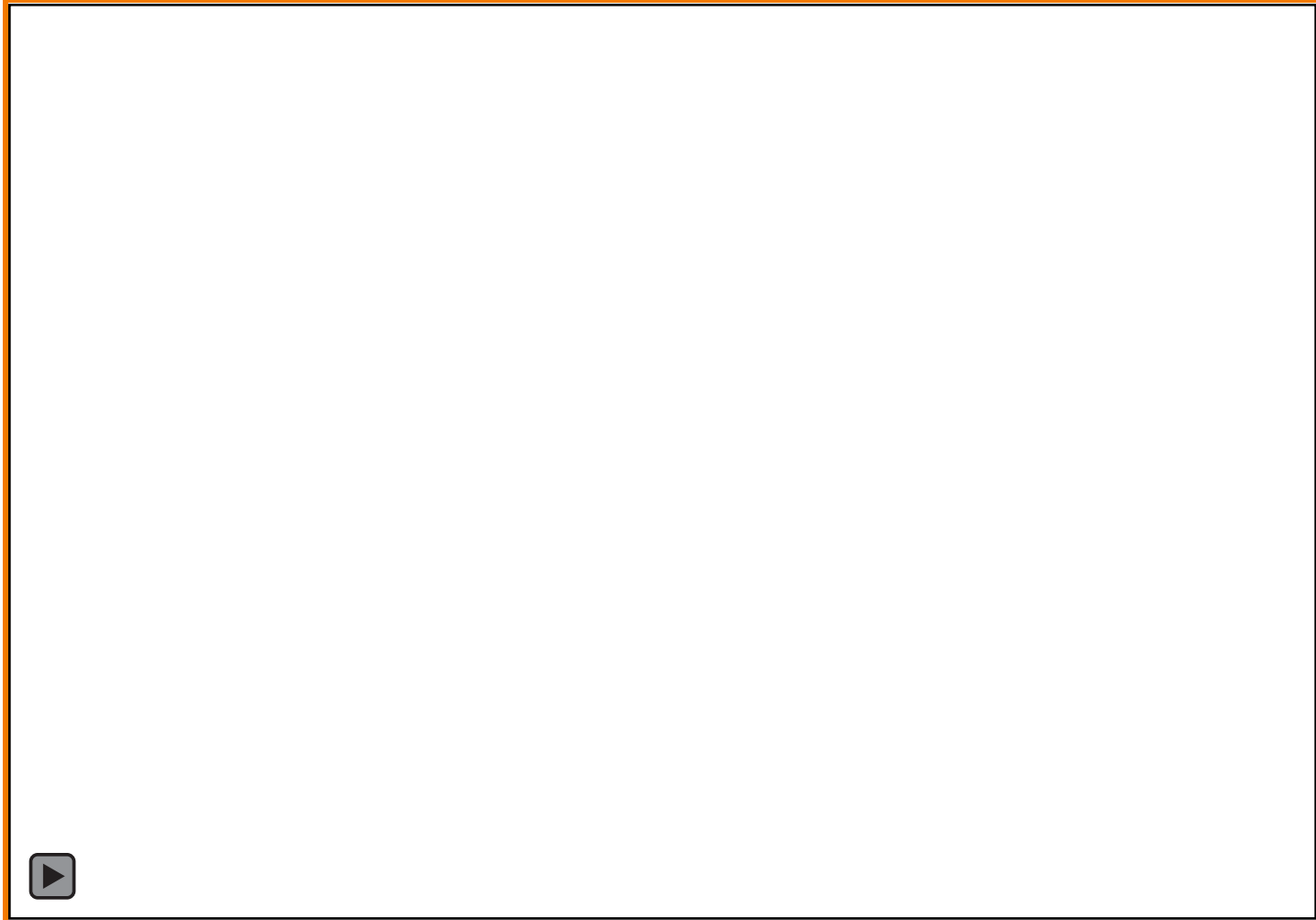


Mutations



Physics & Objective

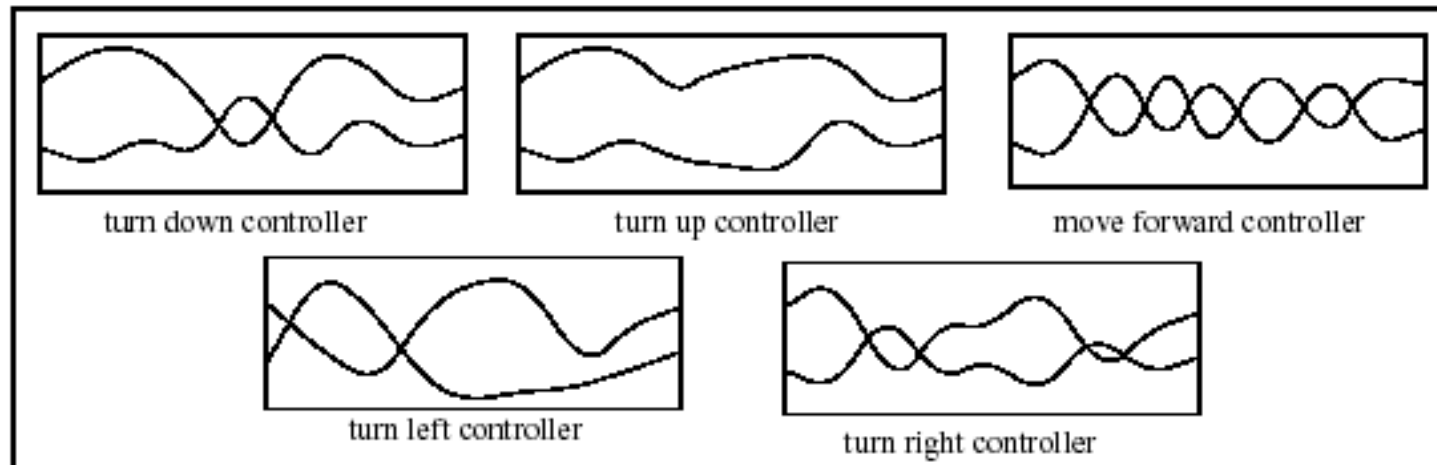
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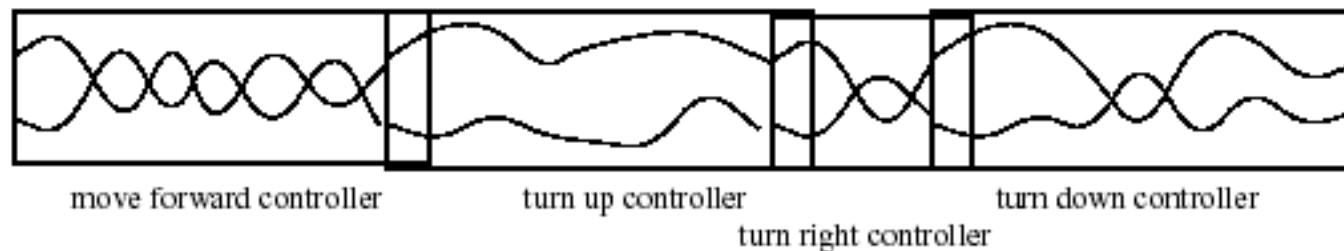
Multi-Level Controllers



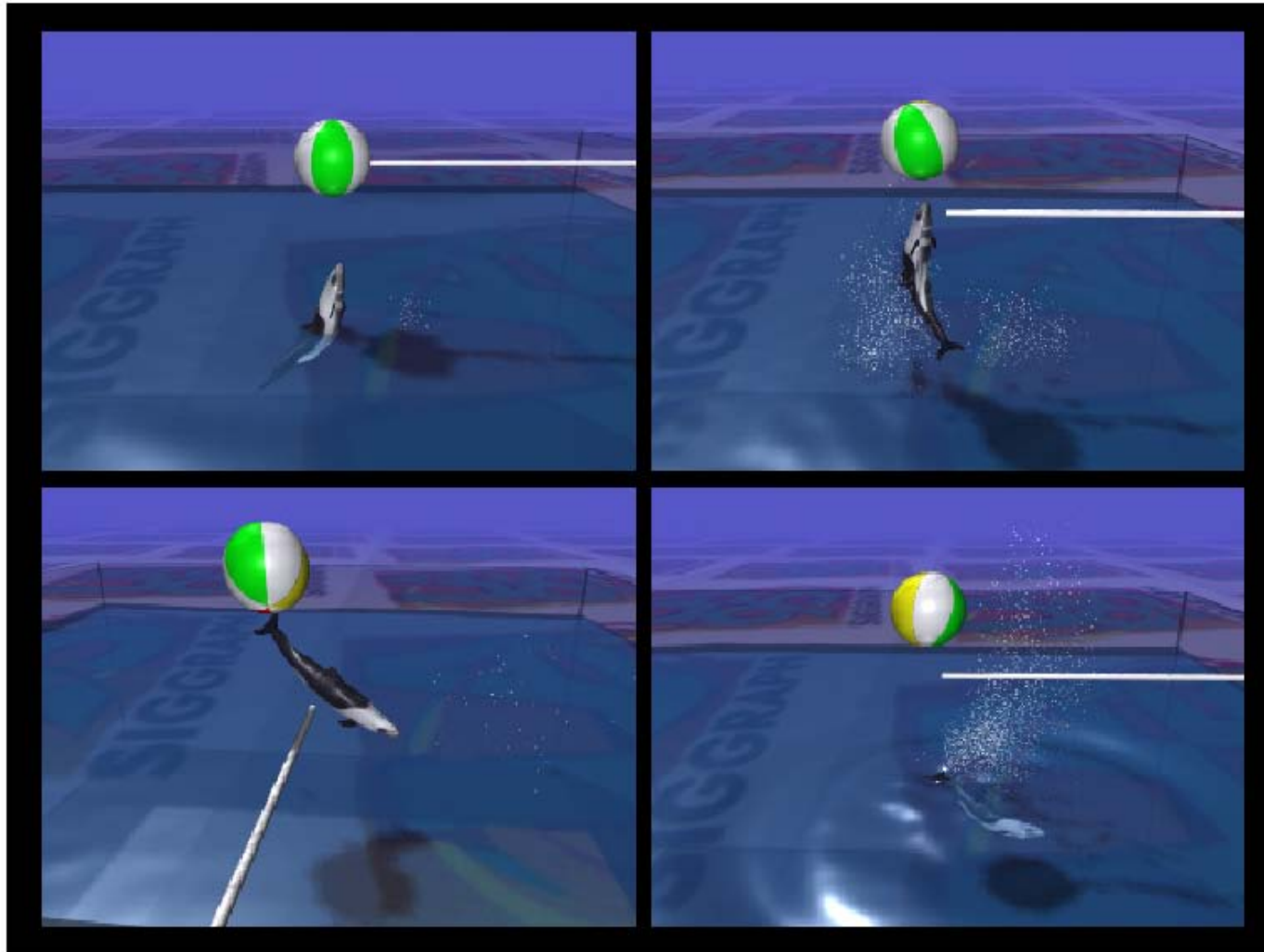
BASIC ABSTRACTED CONTROLLERS



HIGHER ORDER CONTROLLER USED FOR JUMPING OUT OF WATER



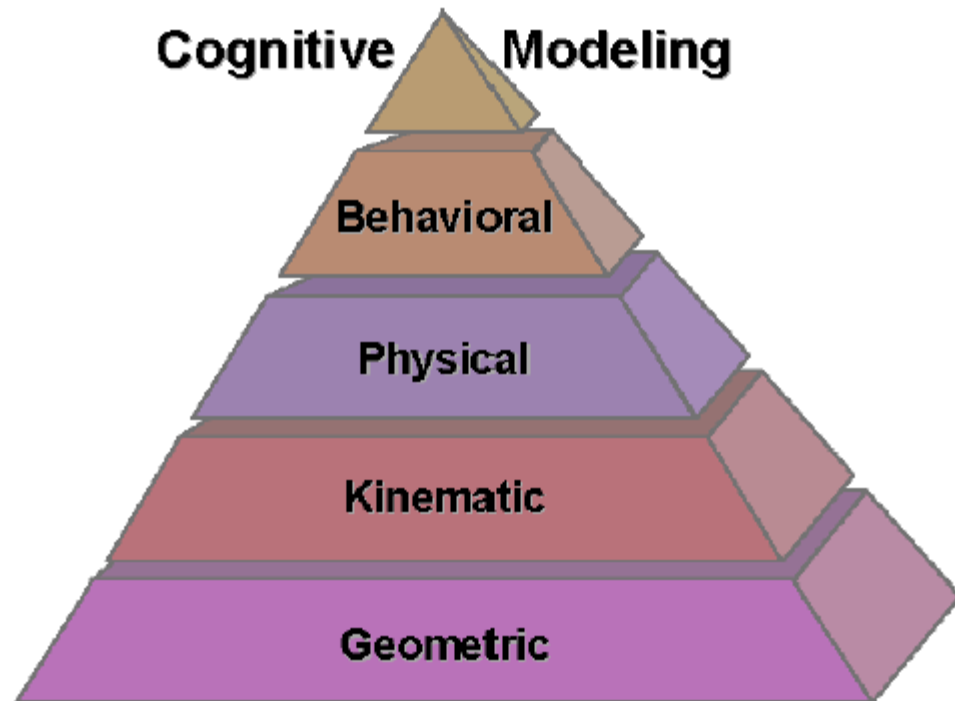
Learning Complex Motions



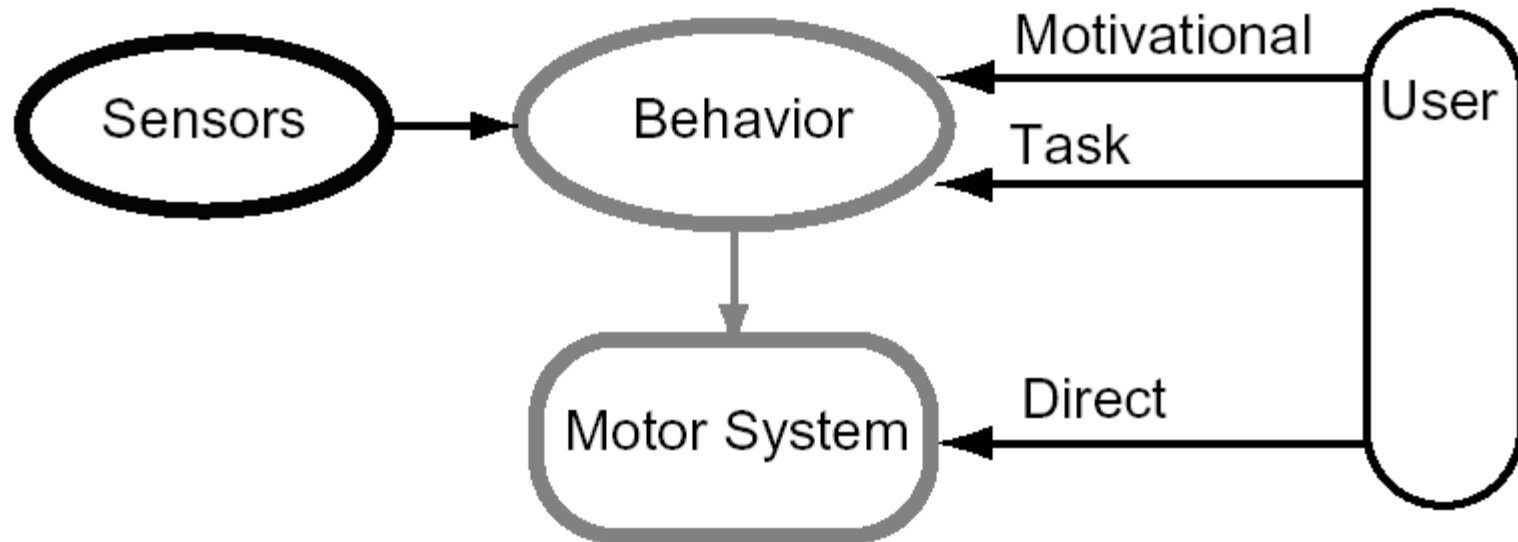
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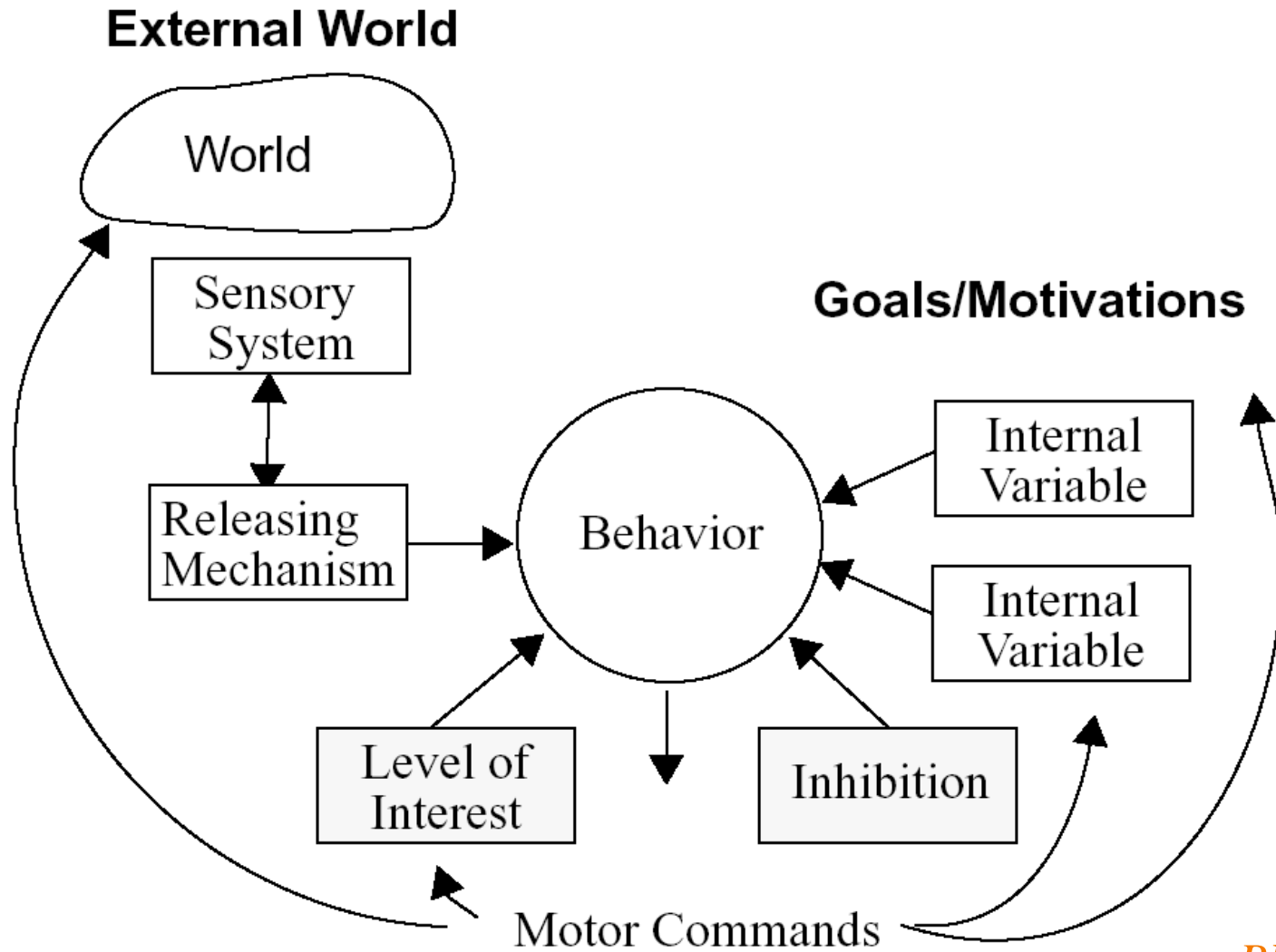
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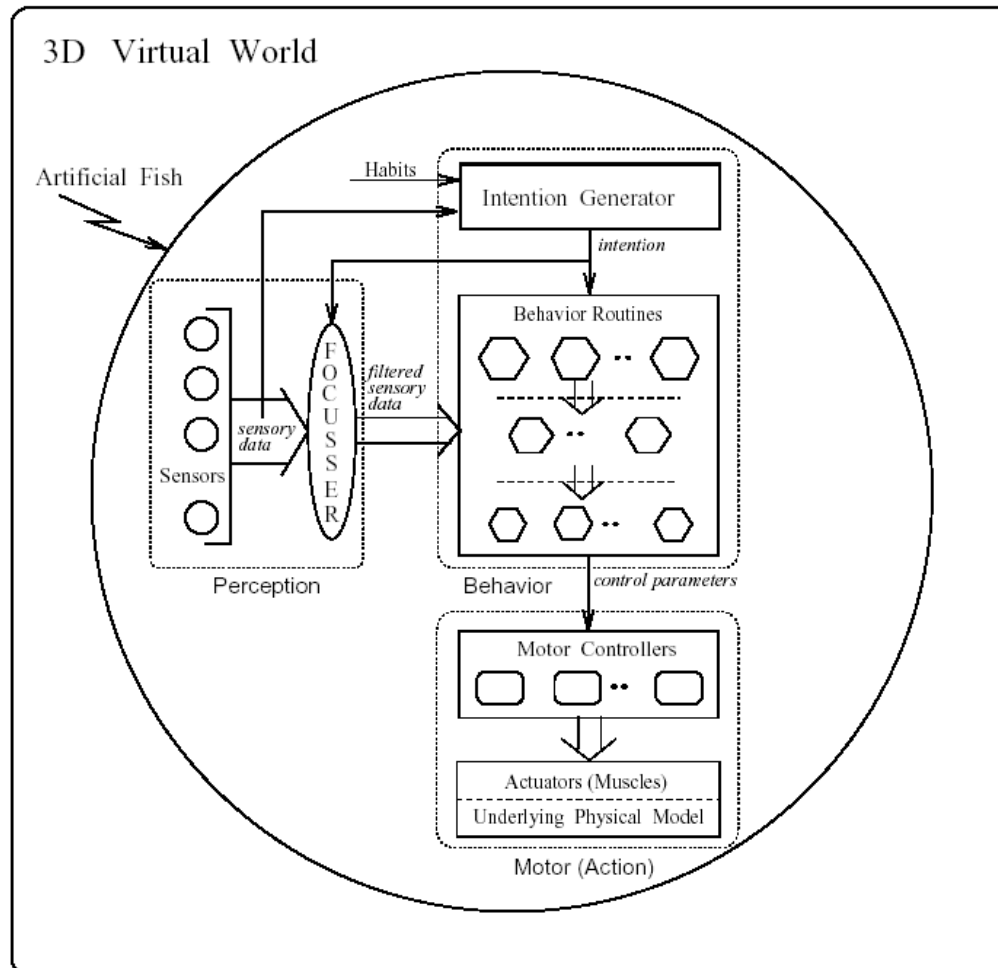
Behavior



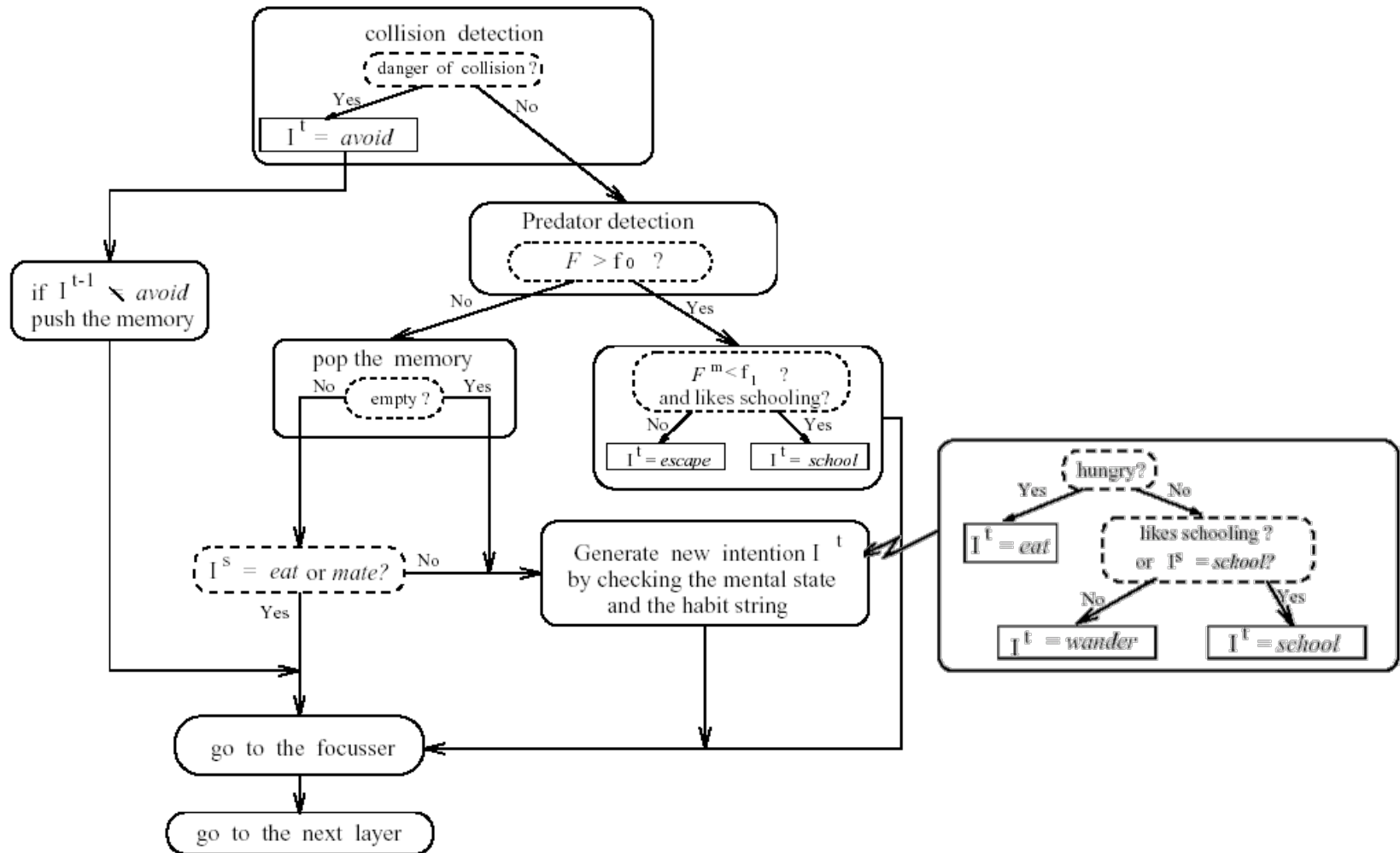
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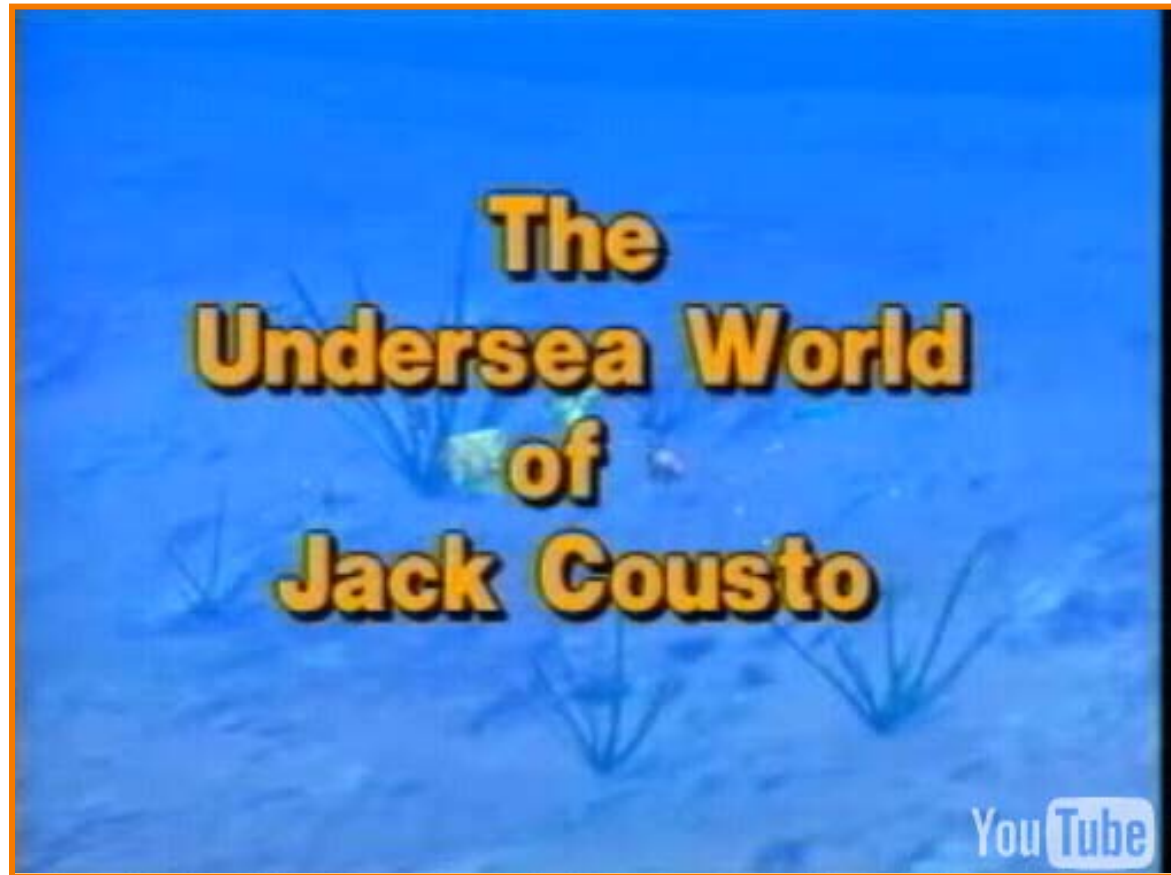
Fish Behavior Controller



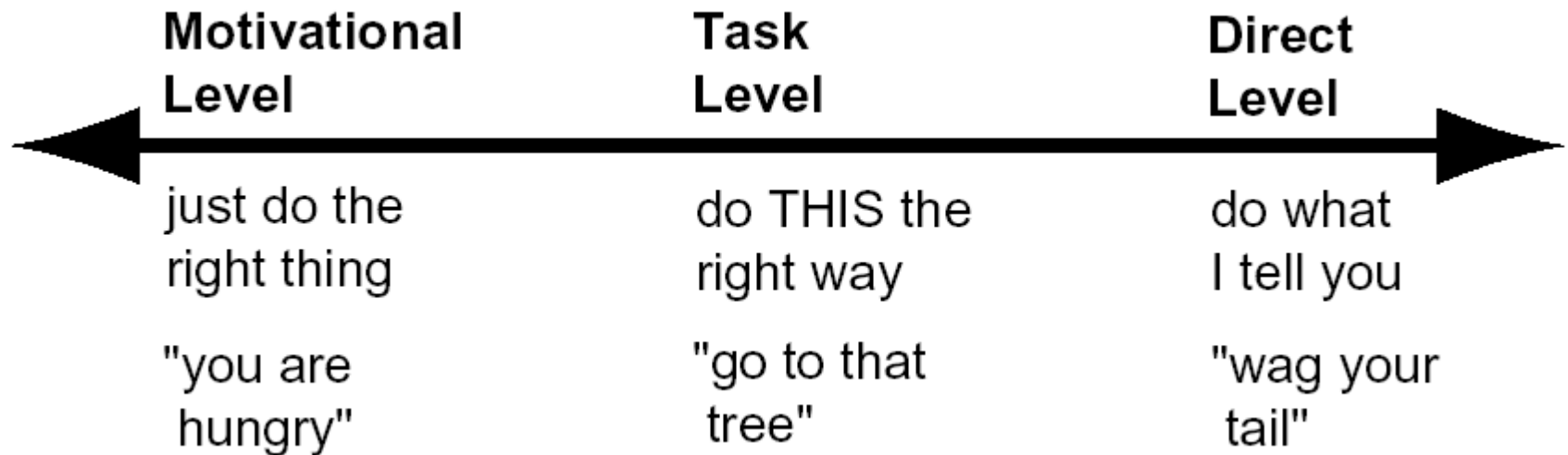
Intention Generator



Underwater World of JC



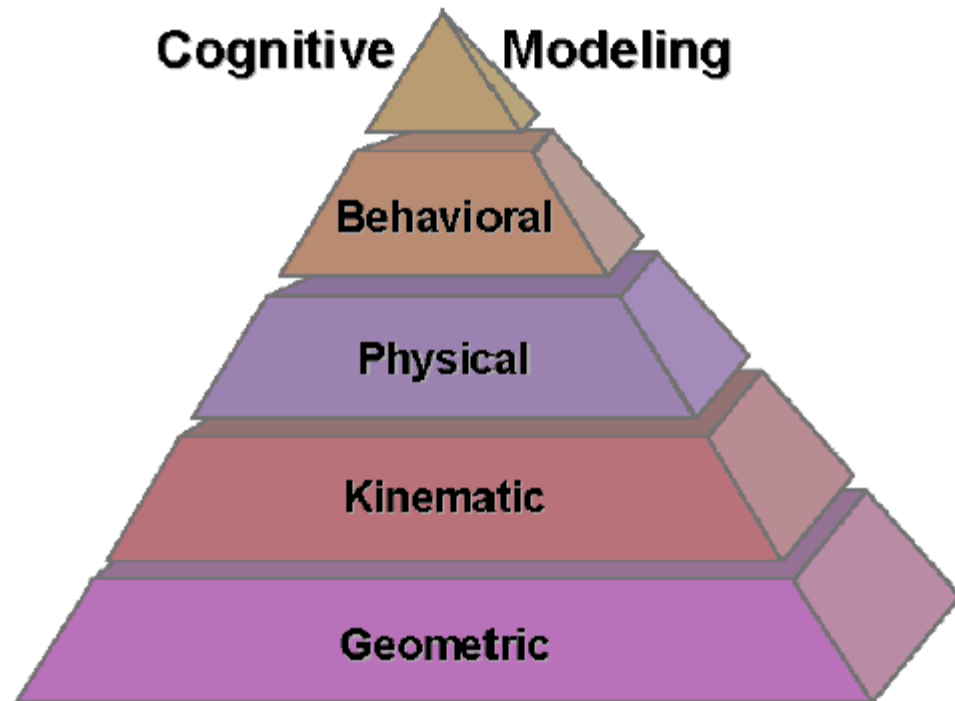
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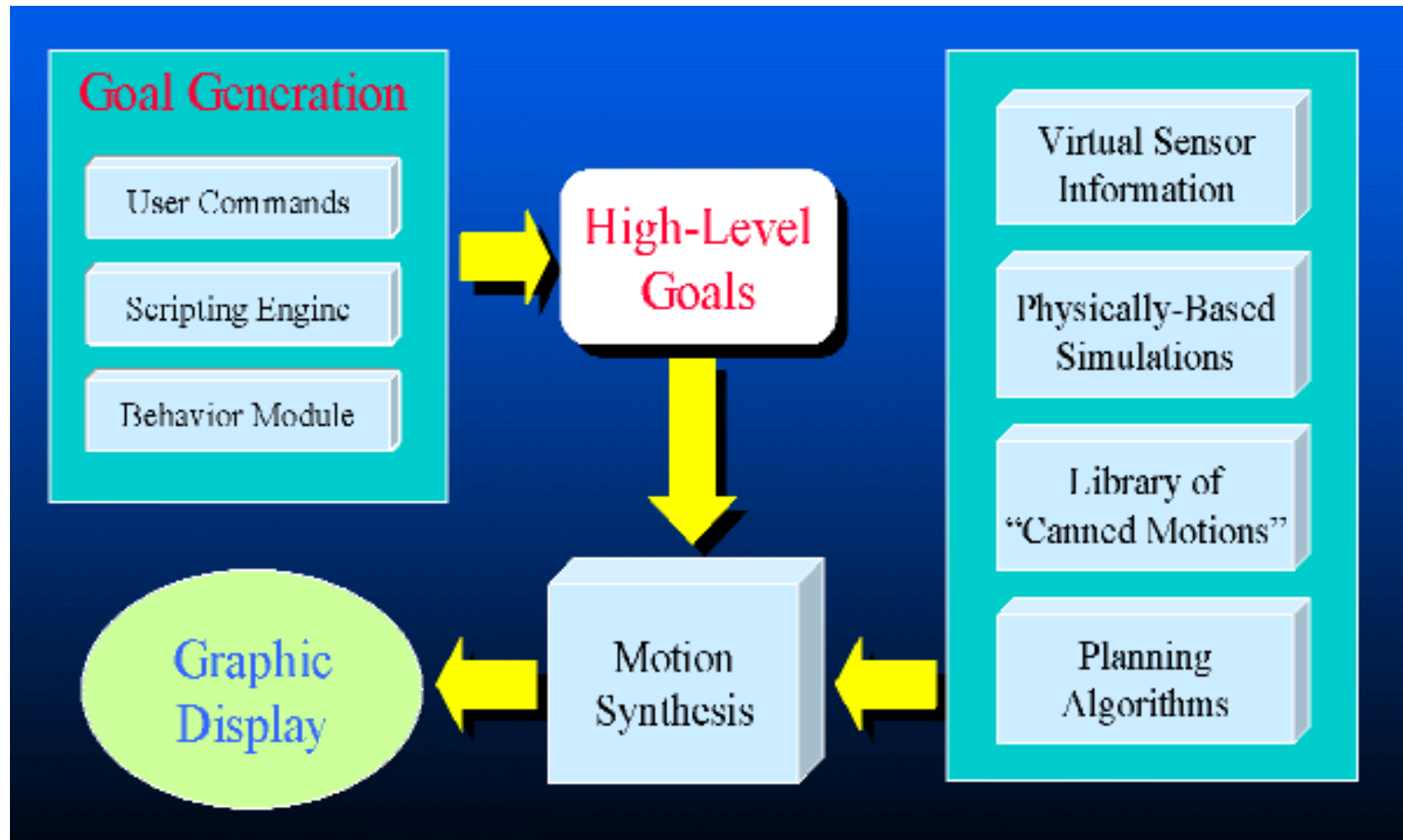
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Motion Planning



Summary



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