



Player Engagement in VR Cinematics

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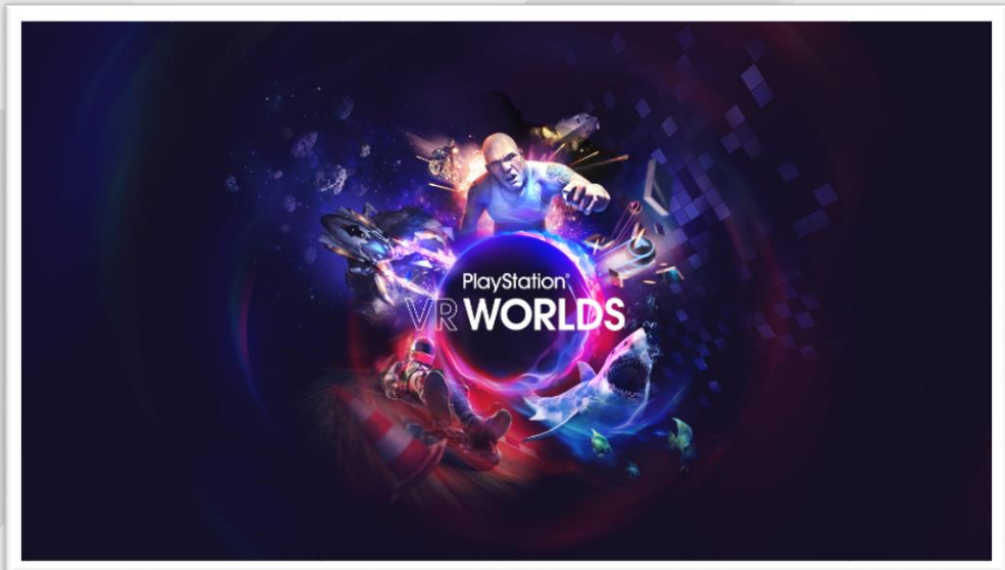
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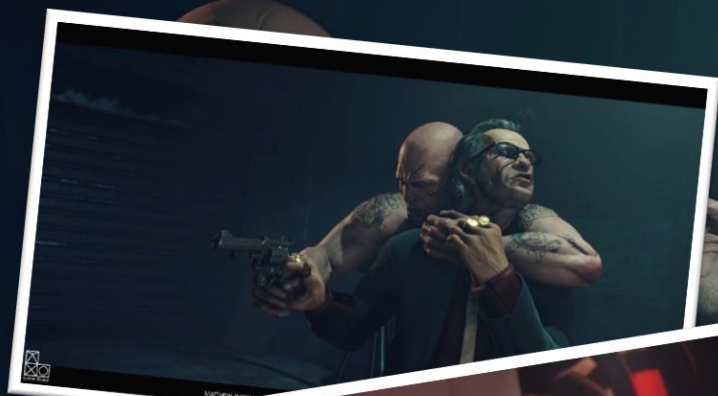
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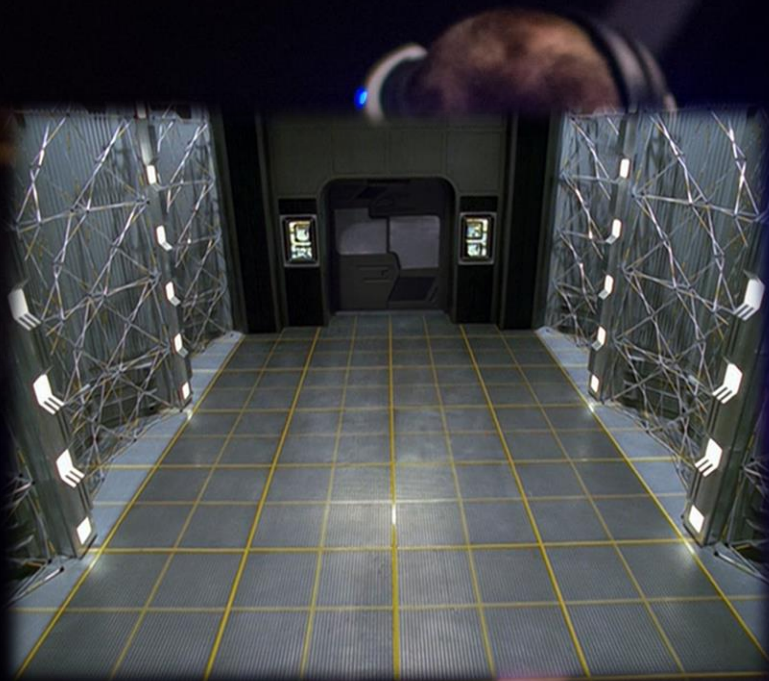
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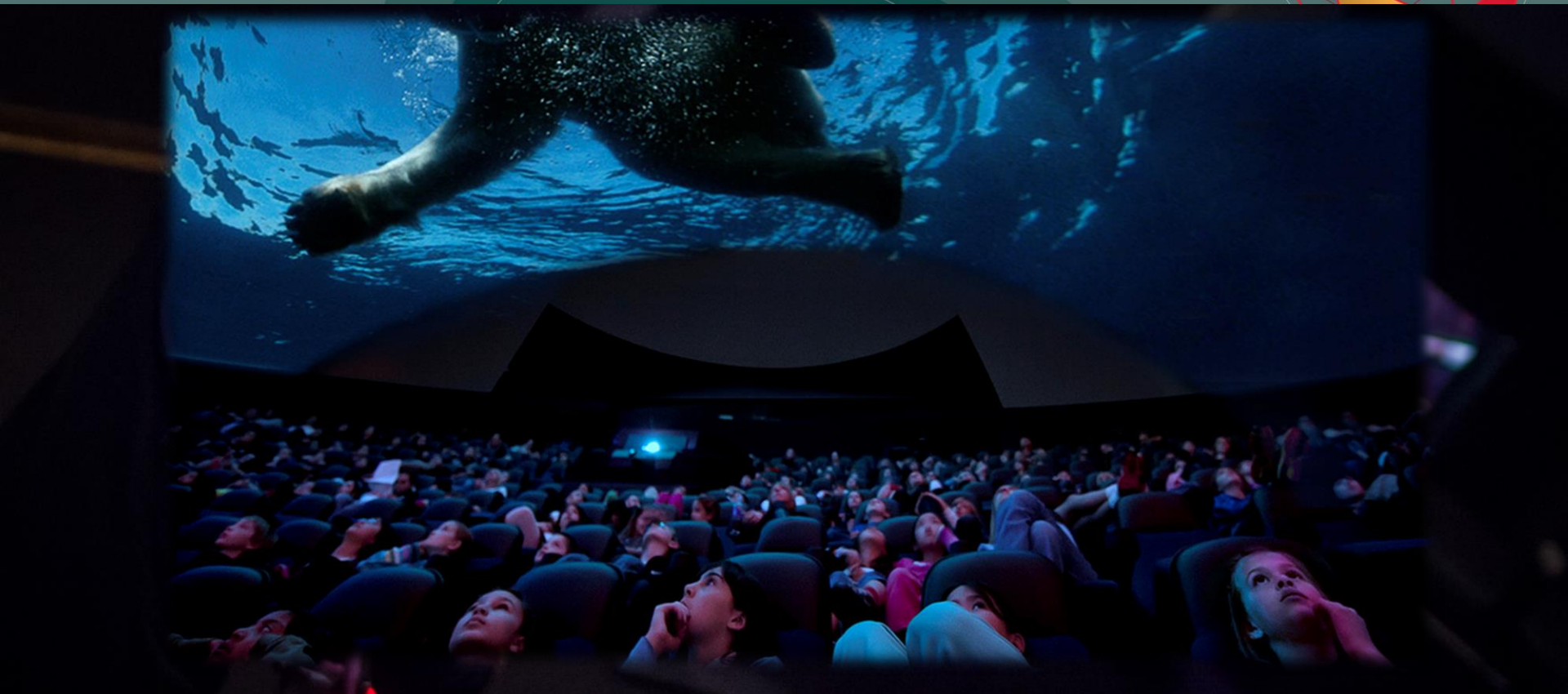
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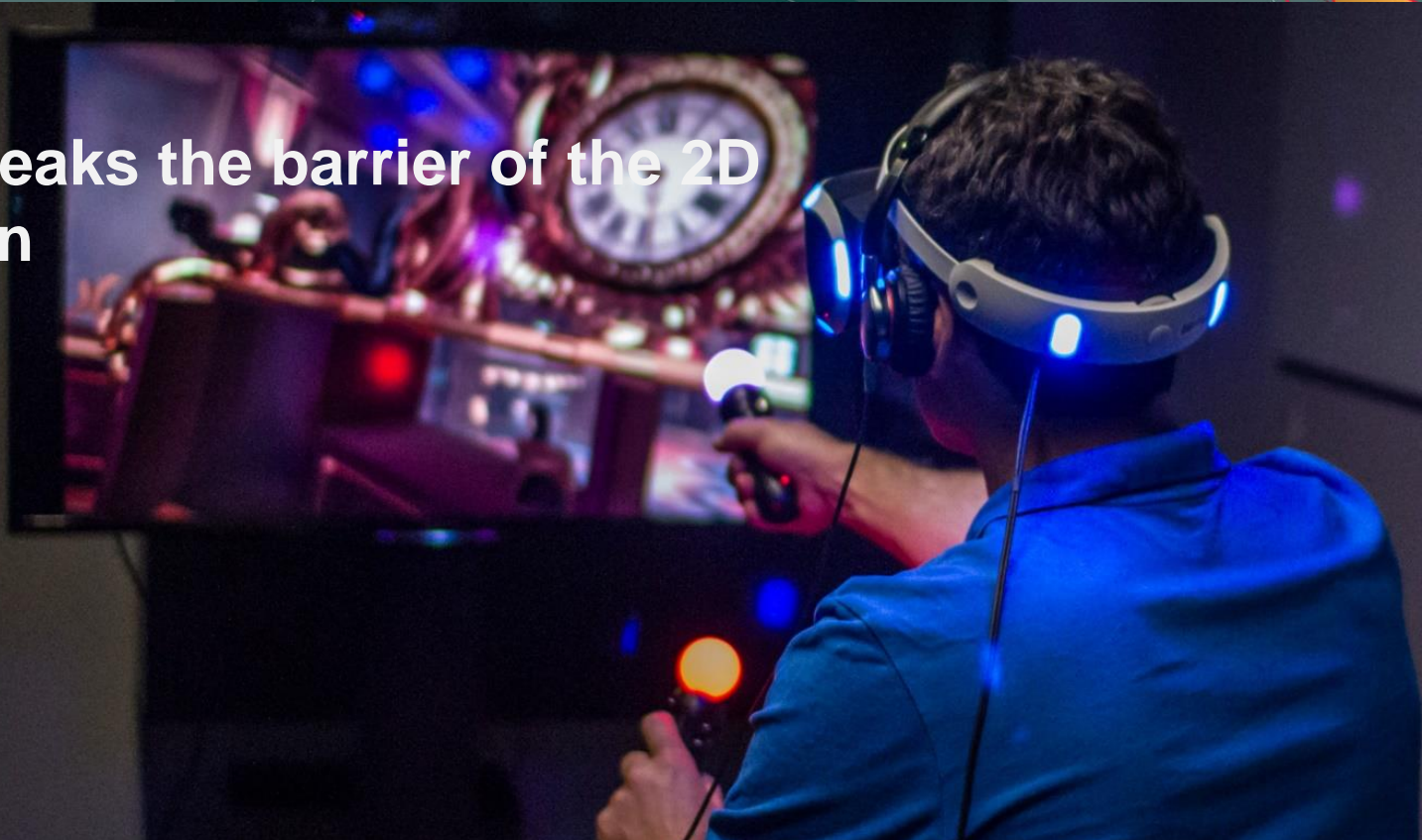
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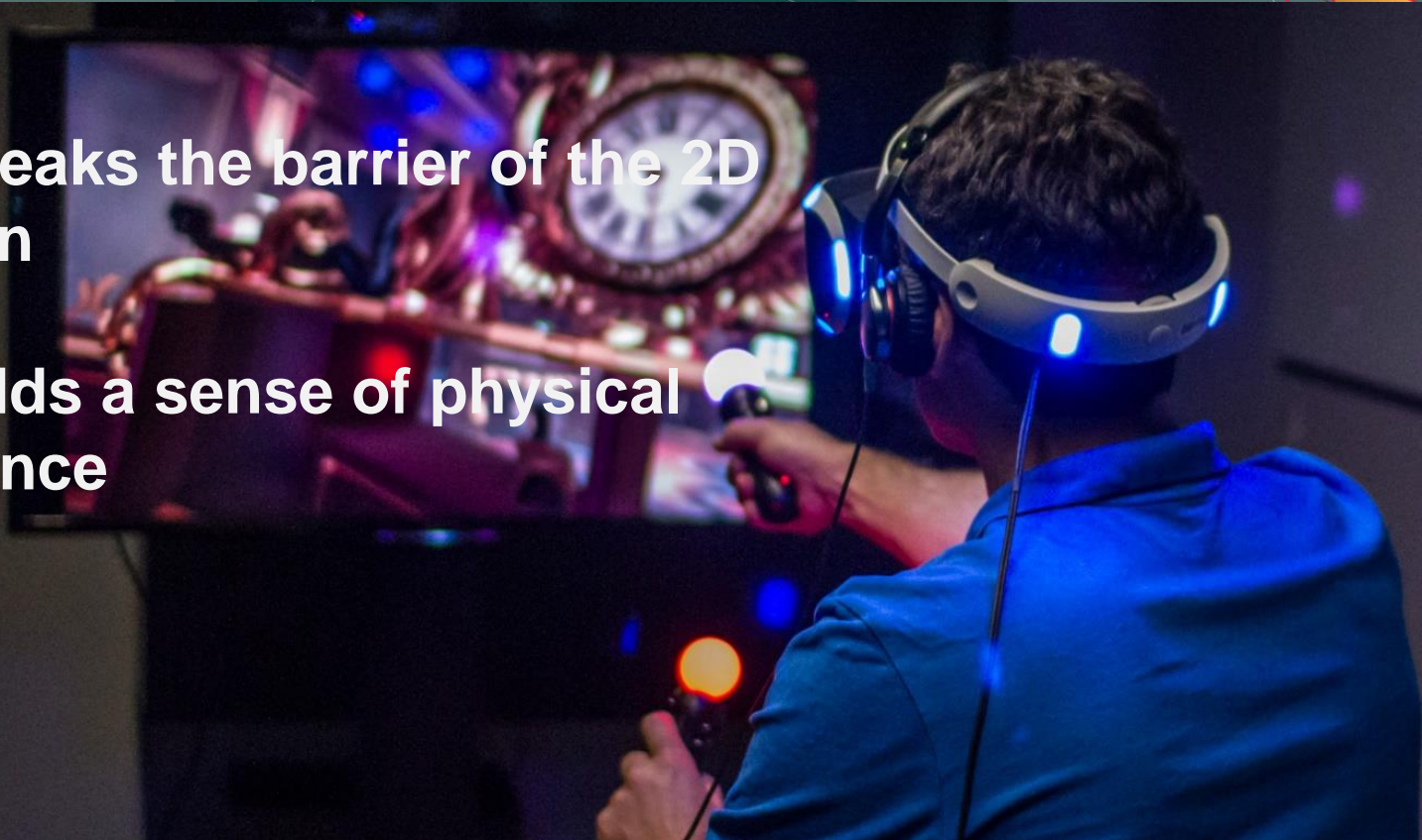


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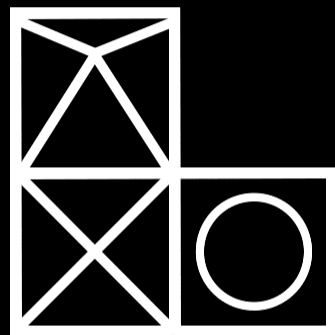
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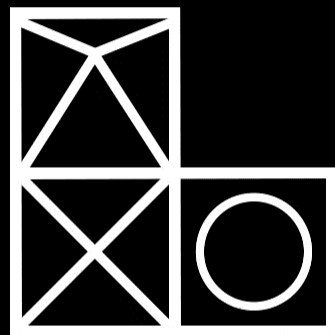
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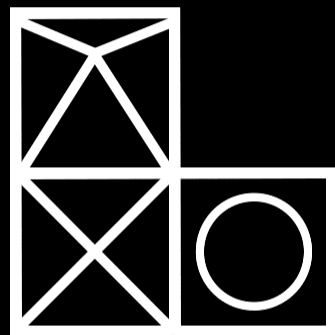
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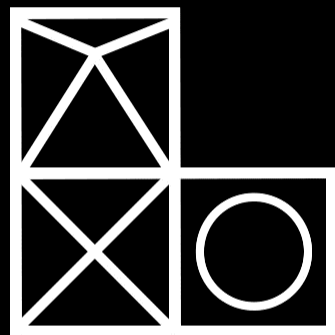




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Staging the fight







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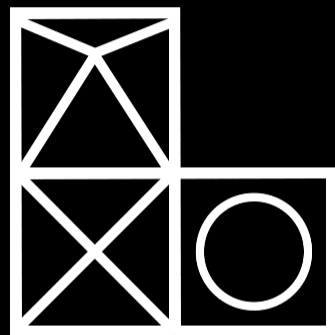
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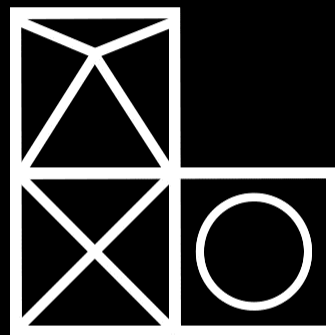
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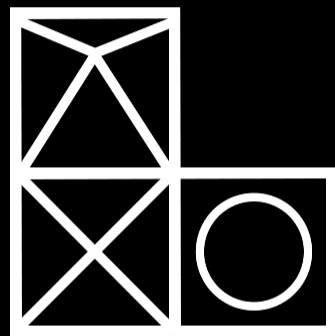
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Manipulating Time (shutterstock)







Character Interaction in VR





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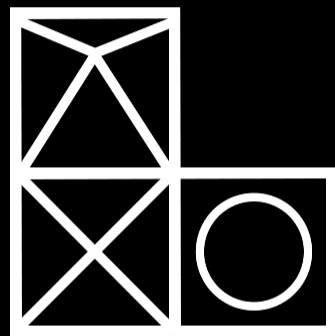


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HMD Position







animation network by Kinwai Lee

Parameters Messages Log Preview

Instance: **StateFront (2)**

Character: **ModelInterrogation**

Control Parameters

Y SetTimer_Duration

AlertLoopDuration: 100.0 5

StandLoopDuration: 100.0 5

HoldLookAdheseLoopTimer: 100.0 5

FrankCallTimer: 100.0 5

HoldLookAdheseLoopTimer: 100.0 5

Think_Loop_Time: 100.0 20

Y IK

PlayerHead_Pos: 0.281

Y: 0.0 0.0 1.517

Z: 0.0 0.0 0.340

HeadLookTarget_Pos: 0.391

Y: 0.0 0.0 1.517

Z: 0.0 0.0 0.340

EyeLookTarget_Pos: 0.401

Y: 0.0 0.0 1.512

Z: 0.0 0.0 0.340

SpineLookTarget_Pos: 0.391

Y: 0.0 0.0 1.523

Z: 0.0 0.0 0.340

Y AutoLimit

DC_AimLook_Blend: 0.0 0

DC_SpineLook_Blend: 0.0 0.3

DC_HeadLook_Blend: 0.0 0.5

DC_EyeLook_Blend: 0.0 1

DC_Nose_Eye_RotX: 45.0 2.161

DC_Nose_Eye_RotZ: 45.0 11.76

DC_Nose_Eye_RotX: 45.0 13.91

DC_Eye_RotX: 45.0 2.700

Rawer_HomeSpeedX: 0.0 0

EyelDiff_2044ccCombined: 45.0 16.15

Random99k: 0.0 0.359

TimeOut: 0.0 0

Raycast Mode

Type: **IKPinch**

Message: No message

Use preview script hook

Network Errors | Log

Highlight output from: Entire Network

Network diagram showing various nodes and connections, including: RoX, SpineLookK, HeadLookK, GeneratePose1, FilterEyes, Blend2_1, EyeLookK, Blend_Adhese, GeneratePose2, FilterEyes2, Blend2_2, EYEIDS_STATES, AlertLoopActivated, FaceActivated, FrankCallTimer, BTF, Ramp, FTO, MookLookAdhese, SKUpActivated, AlertLoopActivated_2, Abs, RRange, Subtract, BV, Divide, Ramp1, Compare, OperatorArithmetic1, OperatorSimpleTypeCn.



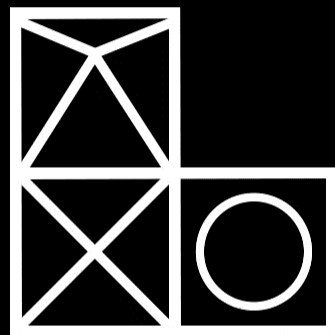
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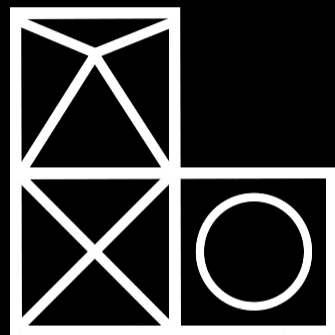
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Hand Motion



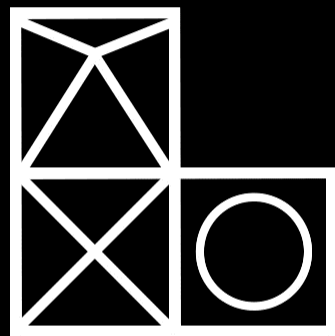




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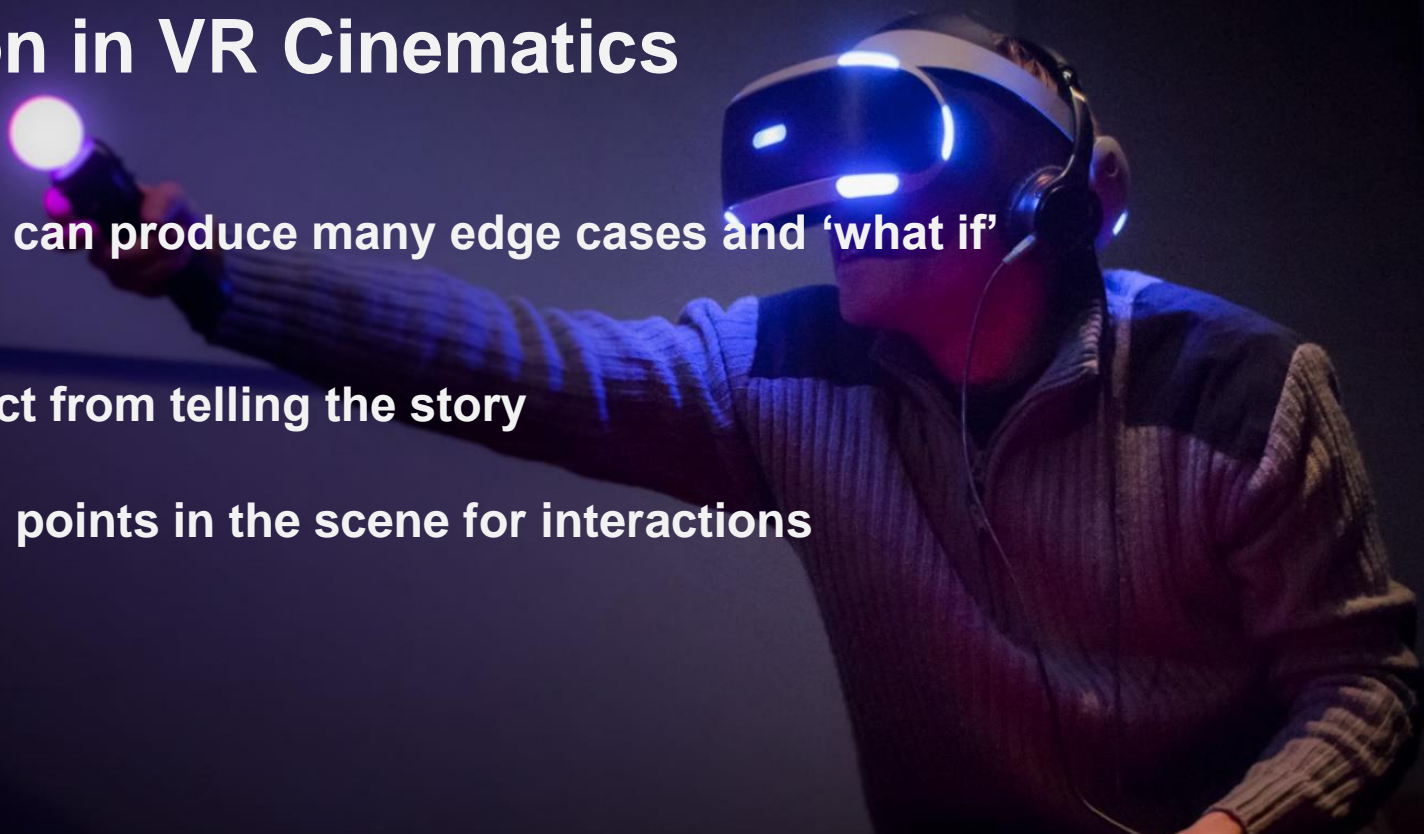


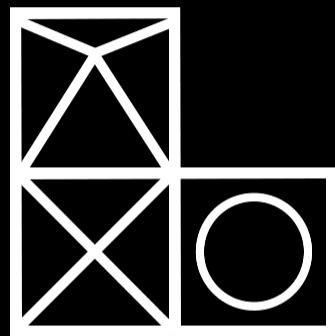




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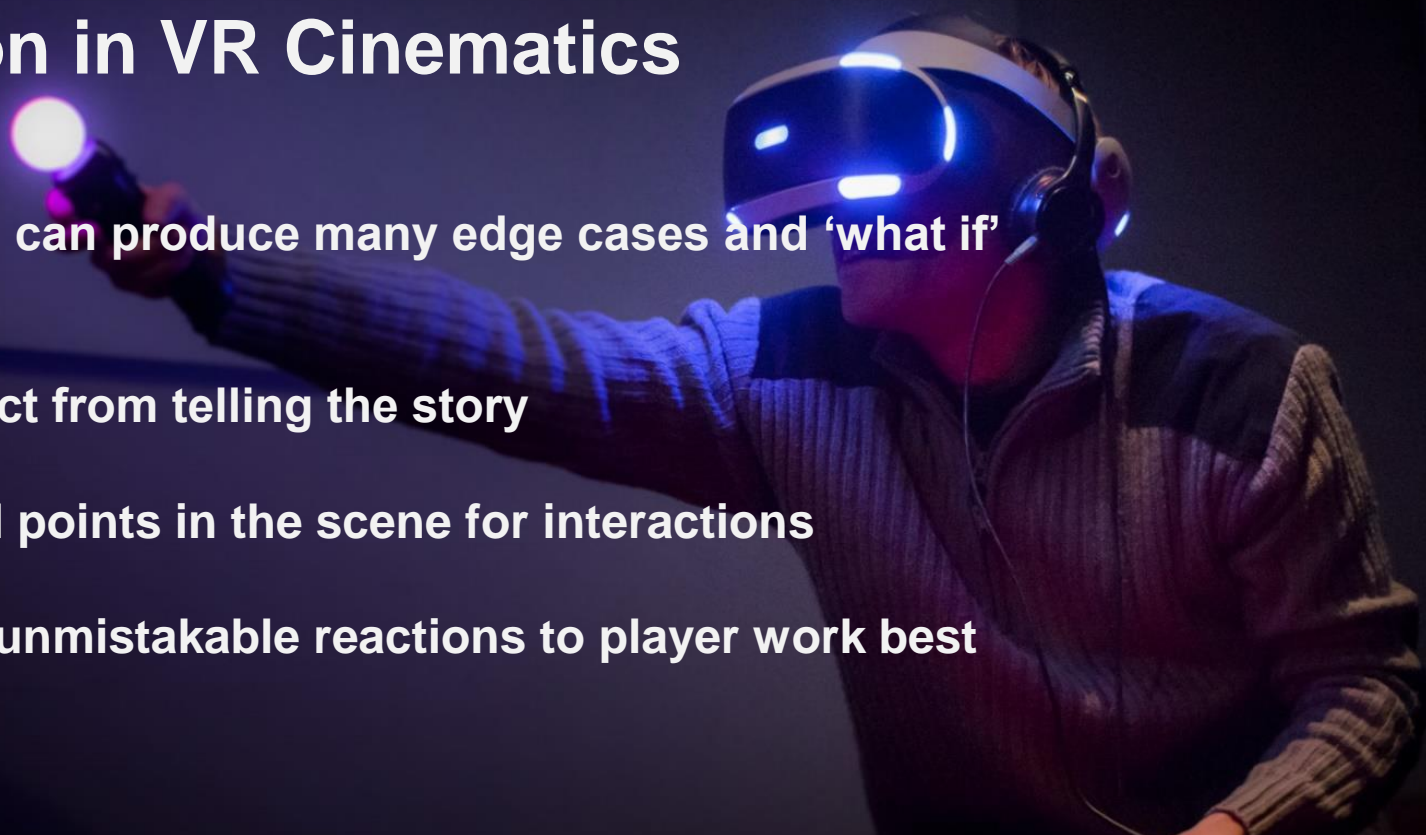


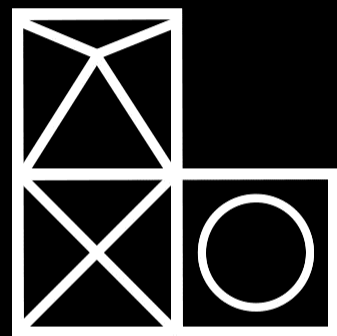




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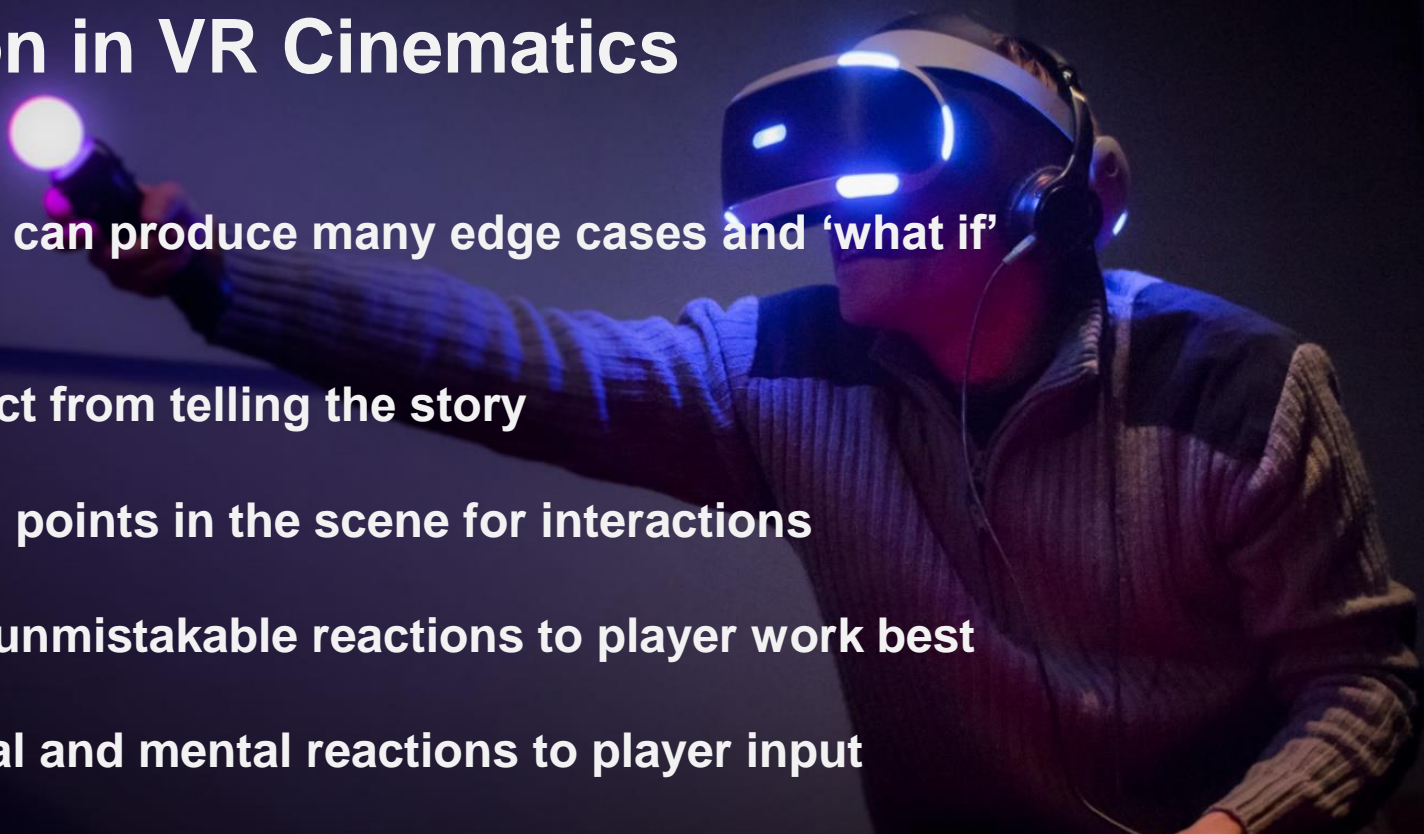






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- Add physical and mental reactions to player input





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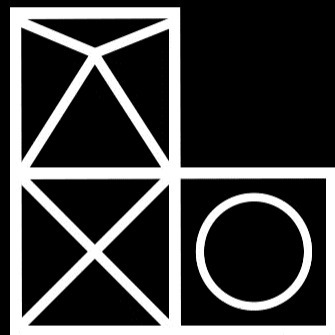




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