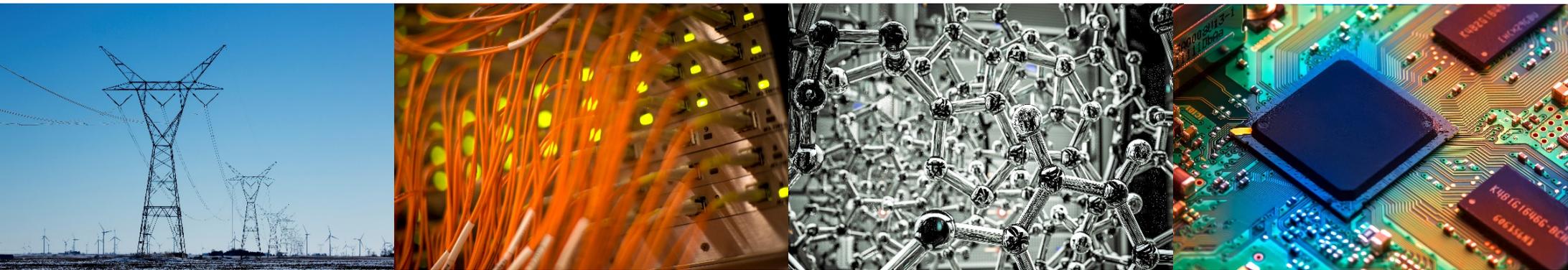


# Fault-Injection on a Haptic Rendering Algorithm in the Raven Surgical Robot

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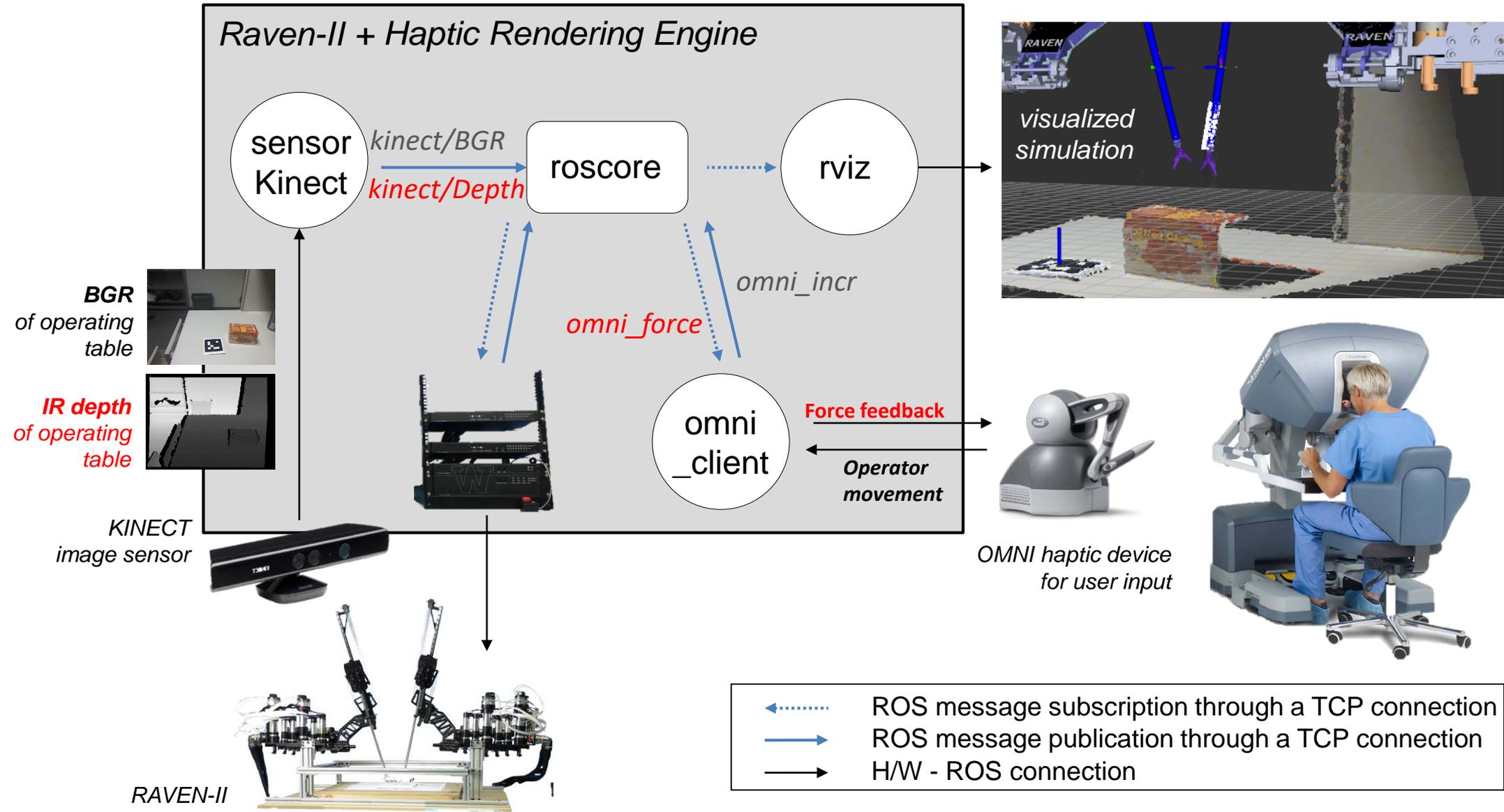
# Introduction and Motivation

- Surgical robot widely adopted in medicine
- **Raven-II**: an open-architecture surgical robot
  - Built for research purposes
  - Based on open standards (Linux, ROS)
  - Hence, easy to add/upgrade/swap components and advance relevant technologies
- How about **reliability** and **security**?
  - What problems can the robot and its modules face?
  - How robust against them?
  - Any potential security threats?

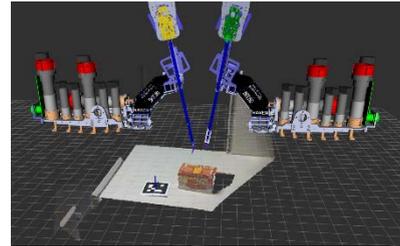
## Evaluation through **fault injection**

- Sample application: Haptic Rendering Module designed for Raven-II
- Algorithm heavily rely on data from the image sensor
- Inject faults into the message from “image sensor node” to “control algorithm”

# Environment Setup of Raven with the Haptic Rendering Engine



# Fault Injection Setup



img\_msg\_d.data[X-shift]

0

.....

img\_msg\_d.data[X]

0

Memory

roscore

rviz

omni\_client

kinectSensor

*sensorKinect.cpp*

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...
while (ros::ok()){
  cap.grap(); // capture a frame from the image sensor
  cap.retrieve(bgrImage, CV_CAP_OPENNI_BGR_IMAGE);
  cap.retrieve(bgrImage, CV_CAP_OPENNI_DEPTH_MAP);

  // convert the image to a ROS message
  img_bridge_d.toImageMsg(img_msg_d); breakpoint
  ...
  // publish the ROS message to roscore
  pub2.publish(img_msg_d);
  ...
}
...

```

**Fault # 1**

**breakpoint:**  
sensorKinect.cpp:300  
**command:**  
set img\_msg\_d.data[X]  
= img\_msg\_d.data[X-shift]  
...

GDB through  
TCP connection

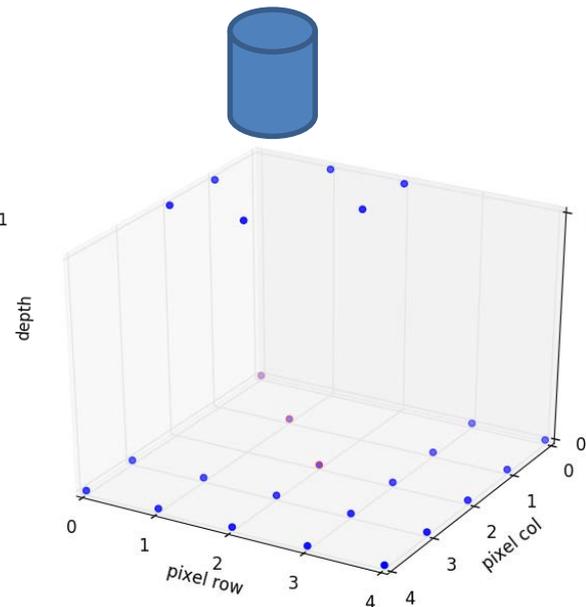
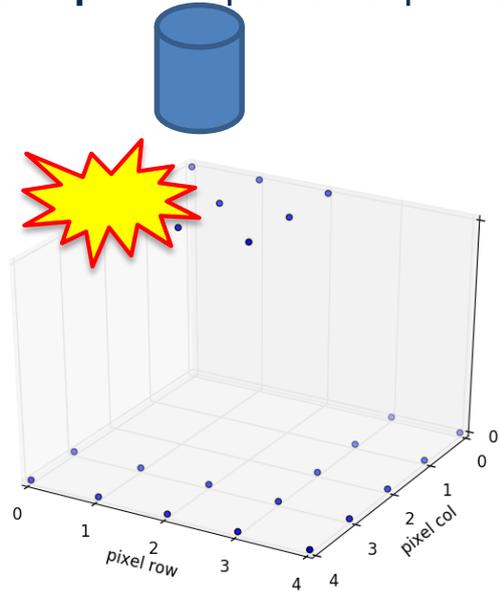
**Injector**

# Fault I: Loss of Granularity in Depth Map

- **Reliability Issue:** Message can lose information during transition:  
e.g., hardware failure, network problem, etc.
- Leads to loss of granularity
- **Fault Model:**
  - Neutralize the depth of a portion of pixels chosen at random

1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

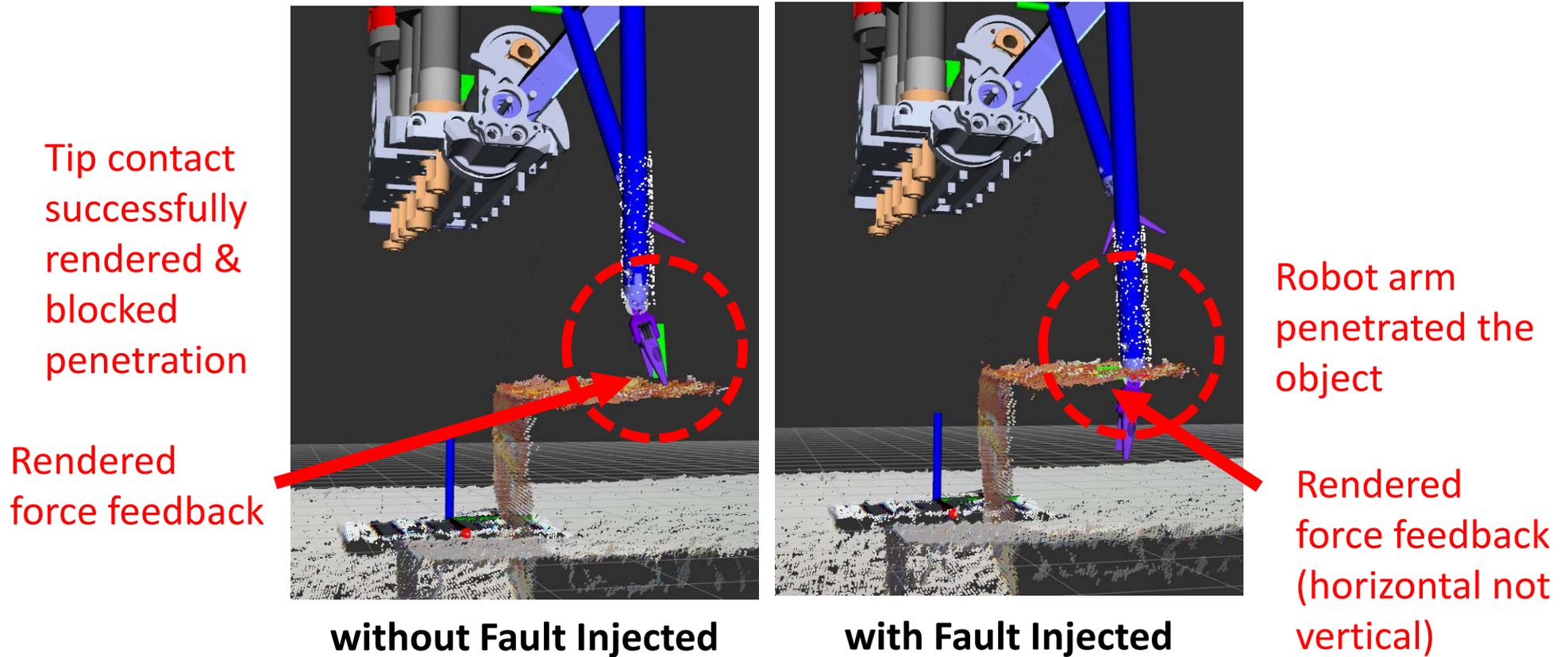
**Original Depth Map**  
(ground truth)



0	1	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

**Corrupted Depth Map**  
(actual input for algorithm)

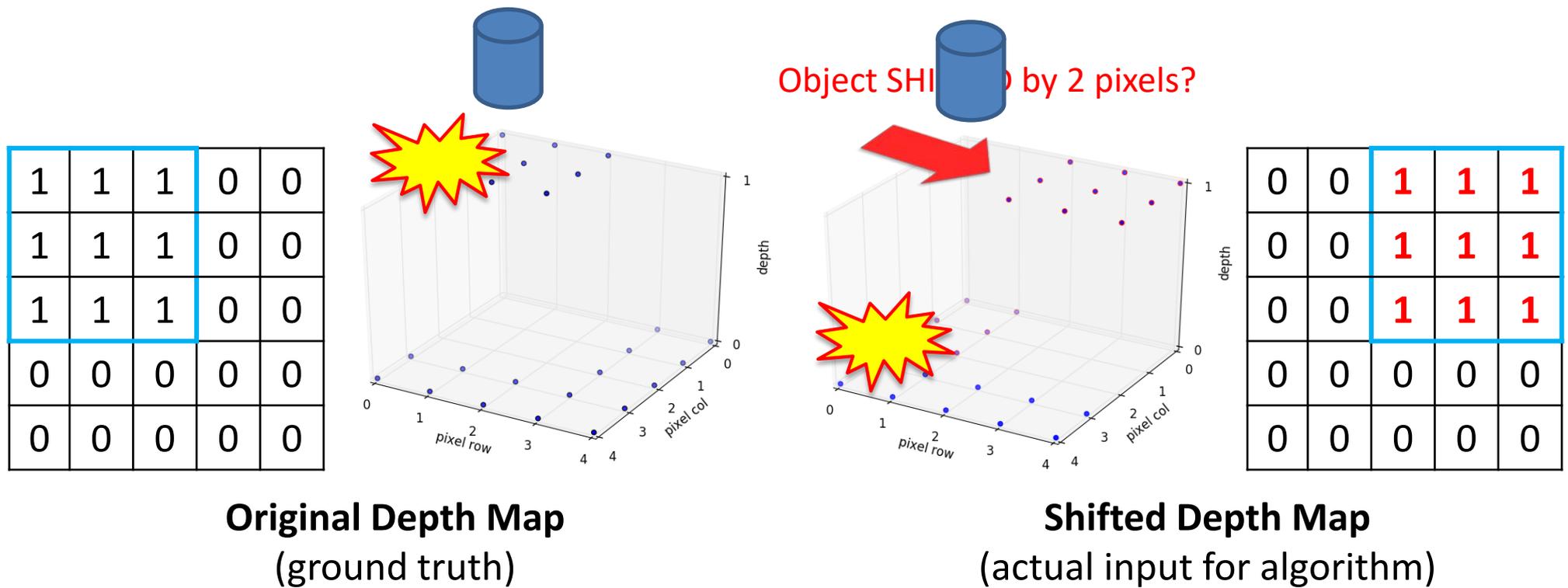
# Fault I: Injection Result



- In reality: no blockage at surface
  - Damage underlying surface (e.g., patient tissue)
  - Robot suffers a heavy load without notice

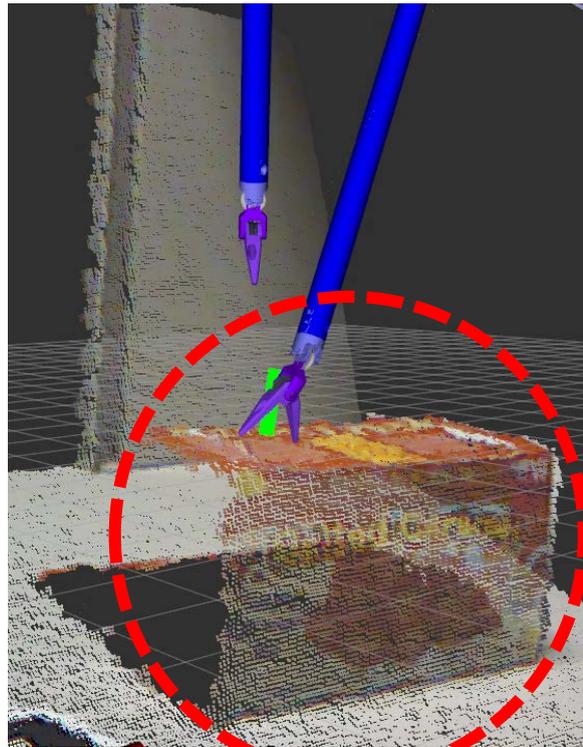
# Fault II: Shifted Depth Map

- **Security Threat:** Attacker can manipulate the message w/ malicious intent
- **Fault Model:**
  - Shift the memory contents as if the object has moved

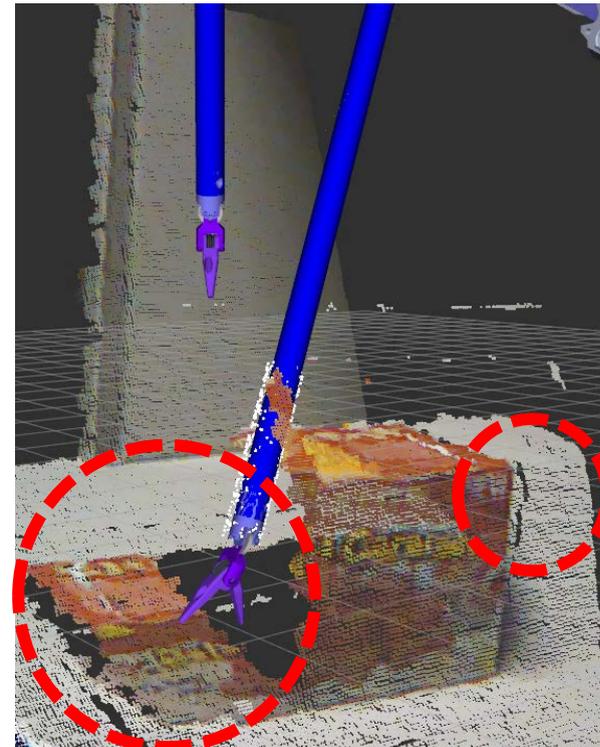


## Fault II: Injection Result

Object under operation rendered in 3D while operating table remaining flat



without Fault Injected



with Fault Injected

Volume added to table surface

Object under operation flattened (same depth level as table)

- If we also corrupted the BGR message, can obfuscate the operator to think that the object is in **a different location**

# Conclusion

- Using fault injection, demonstrated possibility of neutralizing a haptic feedback engine:
  - Reliability Issue: hardware failure in image source or network issue
  - Security Threat: intentional manipulation of input data
- Need validation of input source and detection of corruption
- Future Work:
  - Advances in fault models
  - Additional source of faults (e.g., corrupt the “omni\_force” message)
  - Vulnerabilities in applications and the ROS framework
  - Protection against known faults