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Analisi dei parametri di utilizzo della *console* chirurgica Da Vinci® tramite elaborazione di segnali video

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Da Vinci SI Surgical System

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Three main components:

Surgical Console → Surgeon's Workspace

Robotic Arms → Operating Component

Vision Carriage → Connection Unit



Advantages:

- Patient Outcome
- Fast Learning → training with Dual Console System
- Ergonomics

Ergonomics in Surgery

How do you get it?

- Strumentation design
- Spatial distribution of the strumentation
- Team's coordination in the operating theatre

LAPAROSCOPY

- Wrong posture (standing)
- eye-hand misalignment
- Few d.o.f.



ROBOTIC SURGERY

Overcoming of ergonomics limits:
ONLY with a correct use
→surgeons training



↑
physical and
cognitive
stress
↓

Goal

Our Purpose:

Acquire information on the **usage of the console**

Final Goal:

Provide an evaluation system that

- assess **surgeon experience** in robotic operations
- allows the estimation of a well-structured **learning pattern** in the usage of DaVinci robot



Maximize benefits of robotic surgery



How

1. Detect surgeon arms movements

2. Detect the usage of the console instruments:

- **Right Clutch**
- **Left Clutch**
- **Camera Pedal**

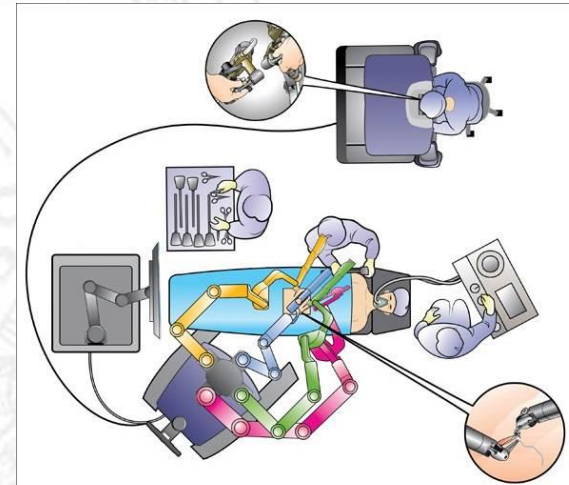


Monitoring of console instruments

- Acquisition with API Da Vinci → impossible
- Video signals Acquisition from the robot



Where? In the operating theatre
→ spaces evaluation to avoid interfering
with medical staff and equipment
→ ideal position: behind vision
carriage (core)



When? During a training session / at the end of a surgical operation

Video Acquisition 1

How? Hardware and software connection between Core – User PC

Core Patch panel with Video Output Connection

User PC with Acquisition Software



S-Video

USB



Video Capture Device

Video Acquisition 2

Data Transfer

Touchscreen monitor → video output



PC monitor

Right Clutch

Left Clutch

Camera Pedal

Controllers

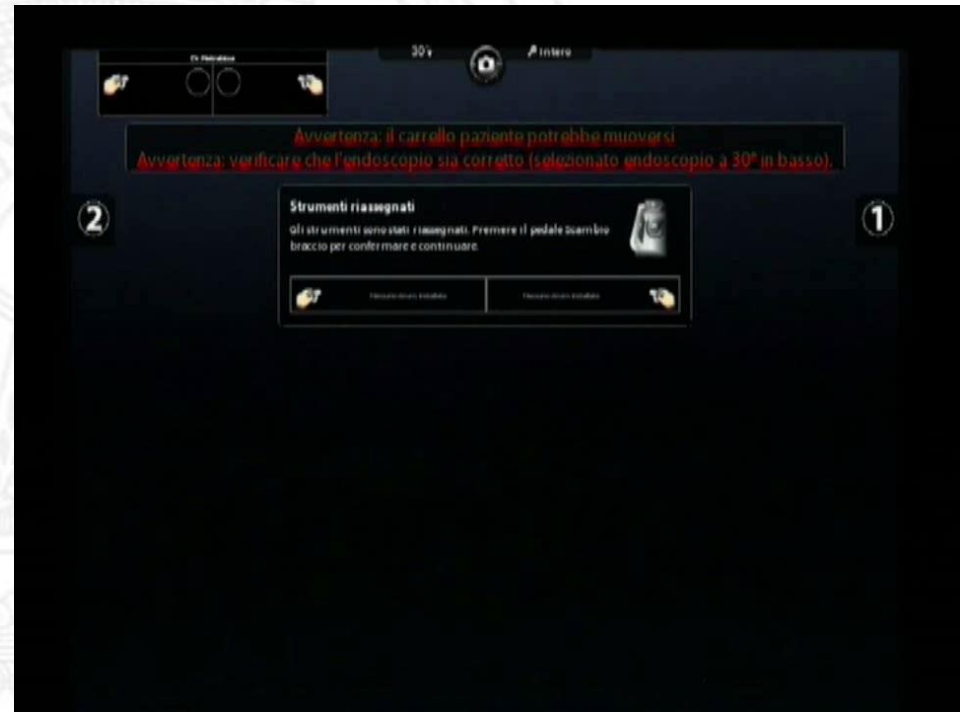


Video Signal 1

Surgeon at the console



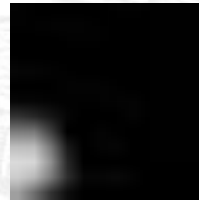
Acquired Video



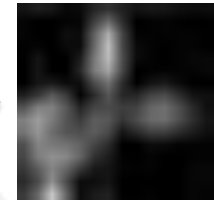
Video Signal 2



Left Clutch



OFF

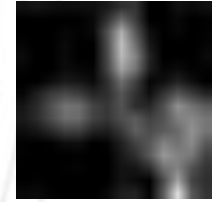


ON

Right Clutch

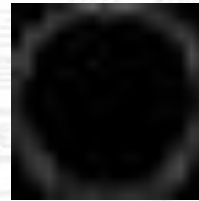


OFF



ON

Camera Pedal



OFF



ON

Video Processing

Purpose: **Icons Change** detection in the video → transition **on/off**



Analyse video data through a Matlab routine

Recording Pattern → Recording starts with the simultaneous activation of the three devices

Workflow:

Video Cropping



Video Import in Matlab



Video Processing



Output: Indices of the Console Usage



Implemented Techniques:

- Frame Comparing
- Template Matching

Frame Comparing

Technique Description:

Detect Changes by comparing each frame with the following one

Threshold Setting:

- Mean difference between frames of a video section with only noise
 - Mean difference between an 'on' frame and an 'off' frame
- Mean = Threshold



Comparison > Threshold	→	CHANGE
Comparison < Threshold	→	NO CHANGE

Problem: Video Initial Flicker → not to be considered



Region of Interest's reduction? Not Good

Template Matching

Technique Description:

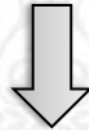
Detect Changes by comparing each frame with a Model-frame (off) → Template

Threshold Setting:

$$\text{Threshold} = \text{diff_on_off} - 0.2 * (\text{diff_on_off})$$

← Mean difference between
Template and an 'on' frame

↓ **percentage** → adjustable parameter



Comparison > Threshold	→	ON
Comparison < Threshold	→	OFF

Advantages:

- No Flicker problem
- Recognizes rapid changes



More **robust** and **reliable** method

Illustrative Indices of the console usage

1. **Number of uses** (activations) of each instrument during a recording

→ not representative if the instrument is quickly turned on/off many times during a recording → many uses of short duration

2. **Percentage of usage** of each device

More significant measure of mean usage

Recording Example Results

Time: 96 sec

Frame Rate: 25 fps

RIGHT CLUTCH:

1. Number of activations = 4
2. Percentage of usage = 2,9%

LEFT CLUTCH:

1. Number of activations = 4
2. Percentage of usage = 2,3%

CAMERA PEDAL:

1. Number of activations = 2
2. Percentage of usage = 16,3%

Next Steps

1. Make a video recording during a real surgical operation → verify the strength of the algorithm

2.

Console usage data
(Indices)

Movement Data from
Shimmer sensors

+ Da Vinci experts surgeons knowledge

Standard evaluation system that asses surgeons skills with the robot
→ Useful for educational purpose



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