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Virtual Reality Laparoscopy Surgical Simulator

Team Behind the VRLSS

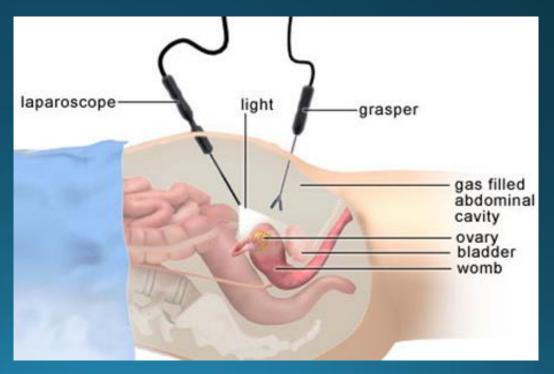
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What is Laparoscopy?

A Surgery done with the assistance of a video camera and several thin instruments inserted into abdominal Cavity trough small incisions made on the skin.



Why Laparoscopy?

- Less post operative pain
- Shorter hospital stay
- Faster recovery
- Fewer wound complications

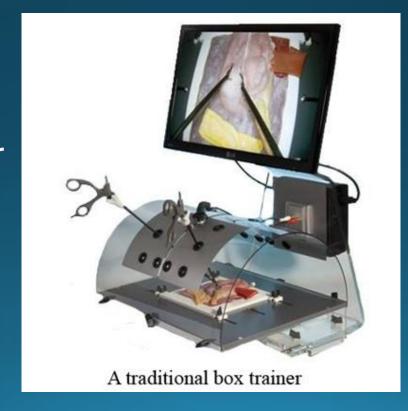
More than 7.5 Million Operations around the world using Laparoscopy [1]

Why Special Training?

- Need to use both hands
- Prevent Errors
- Working at 3D space looking from 2D view
- Instrument texture need special feeling
- Hand eye coordination
- Tactile Sensation
- To improve skills

Current Training Methods

- Animal or human cadaver models
- Live animal operations (some countries)
- Live operations
- Box trainer
- Virtual reality simulator





Animal or Human Cadaver Models

Animal Cadaver Models

Advantages	Disadvantages
CheapGood AvailabilityGood tissue handling when tissue is fresh	Anatomical differenceEthical concernsPotential risk of infections

Animal or Human Cadaver Models

Human Cadaver Models

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- High fidelity
- Same anatomy
- No issue of consent
- No time pressure

Disadvantages

- Costly
- Limited availability
- Bloodless tissue makes operating difficult
- Inability to standardize assessments due to individual variations

Live Operations

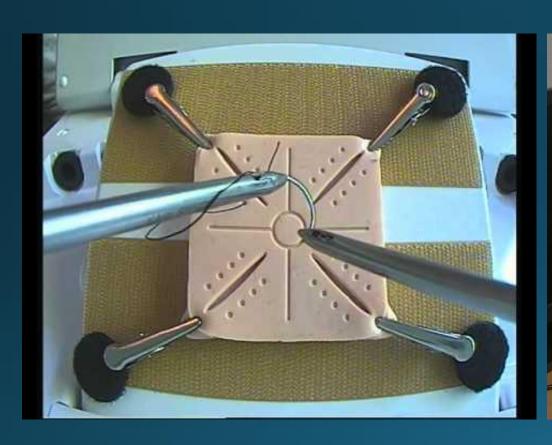
Advantages

- Exact anatomy
- Real operating theater environment
- More realistic feeling

Disadvantages

- Pressure of training vs. provision of a service
- Inability to standardize assessment due to individual variations

Box Trainer





Box Trainer cont.

Advantages	Disadvantages
 Reproducible and standardized Can be train isolated skills Haptic feedback 	Few tasksOutdated technologyNo anatomical structure

Virtual Reality Simulator

- More task
- Easy upgrade
- Mobility
- New trend
- Haptic Feedback
- Real Instruments
- Anatomical Models
- Operation Simulations





Problems with current Simulators

- High Cost
- Immobility
- Lack of plug and play feature
- Localize data storage



High Cost Problem



\$50,000 = Rs 6.5 Million

Lapmentor System



\$110,000 = Rs 14.3 Million Operation Modules \$15,000 = Rs 1.9 Million

Our Solution

- Low Cost
- Portable
- Plug and Play with Laptop or PC
- Evaluation Grading
- Easy upgrades
- Web based data storage

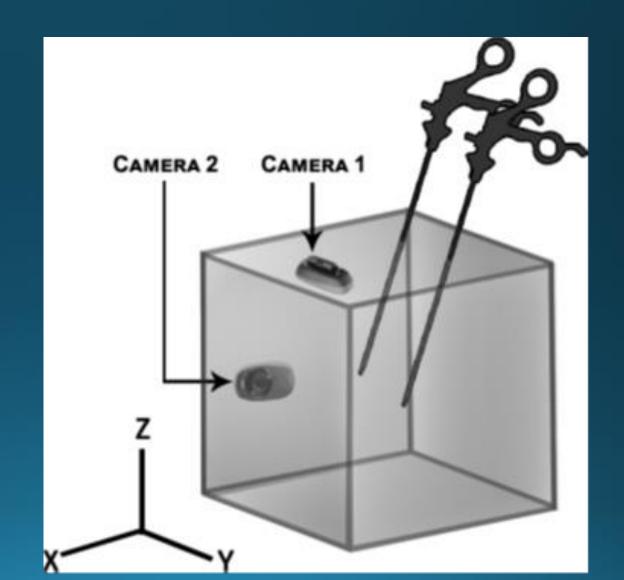


Technology Behind the VRLSS

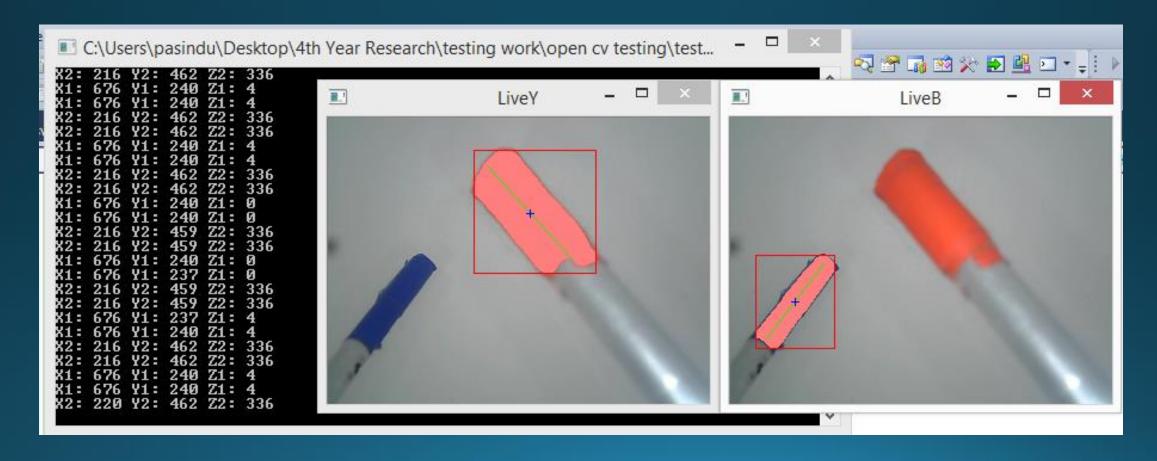
- OpenCV object tracking algorithm
- Arduino based micro controller
- 3D max
- Unity3D game engine
- C# application for parallelism



Instrument Positioning



OpenCV object tracking algorithm



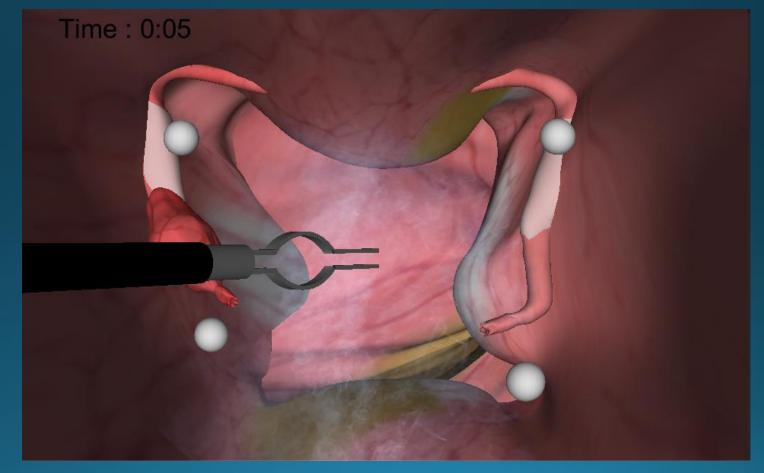
Forceps open and closing simulation



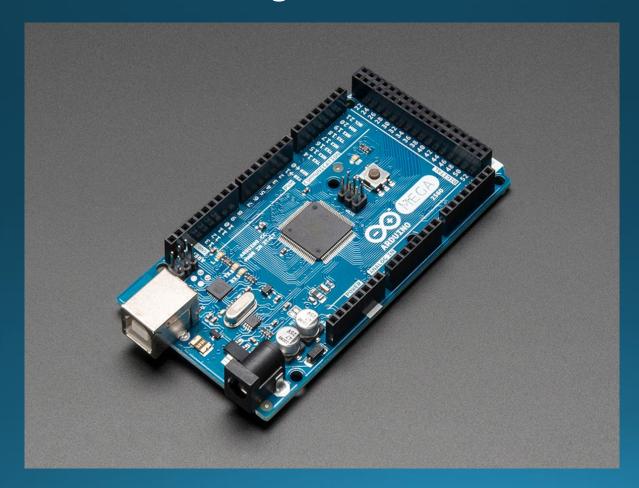
Rotational Knob Simulation



Diathermy Unit Simulation



Arduino Micro Controller to get sensor data



Demo

Future of the Project

- Operation Simulations
- Assessment System
- Real Operations simulation to understand the complex problems
- Dynamic Simulations

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