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3D Tool Tracking in the Presence of Microscope Motion



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• Problem:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXTEFoFJ9iA&t=617s



• Goal:







Paper Selection and why

- 1. S. Leonard, A. Reiter, A. Sinha, M. Ishii, R. Taylor, and G. Hager, "Image-Based Navigation for Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Using Structure From Motion," in *SPIE*, San Diego, 2016.
- 2. B. Allen, F. Kasper, G. Nataneli, E. Dutson, and P. Faloutos, "Visual Tracking of Laparoscopic Instruments in Standard Training Environments," in *MMVR*, Newport Beach 2011.





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Paper 1

• Problem:

- Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)
 - Used to treat chronic sinusitis, remove polyps, open up passageways
 - Near critical structures like nerves and arteries
- Navigation in FESS is difficult
 - Register endoscope video to CT
 - Current systems can only get 1mm accuracy
- Goal:
- 1. Register endoscope video to preoperative CT
- 2. Overlay areas of interest on the endoscope video



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUgrdIOVMUg



Key Result and Significance

• Key Result:

Registration Error	
Erectile Tissue	Non-Erectile Tissue
1.21 mm	0.91 mm

- Significance of Key result
 - Sub-millimeter registration results



Background

- Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS)
 - Removes cartilage and tissue from nasal passageway
 - Near critical structures like optic nerves, arteries
 - Complications include: cerebrospinal fluid leaks, blindness, difficulty controlling eye movement, excessive bleeding



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What did they do?

- Generate 3D point cloud from endoscope video using Structure from Motion and Bundle Adjustment
- 2. Register to CT scan using ICP
- 3. Overlay areas of interest segmented in the CT on the endoscope image



Figure 7: Overlay of a middle turbinate on the real image (in BRG format).



Structure from Motion and Bundle Adjustment

- Generate a Point Cloud
 - HMA (Hierarchical Multi-Affine) algorithm with SURF features to get accurate feature matching
 - Match points between each pair of endoscope images
 - Use multiple endoscope frames (as few as 15) to get a registration
- Use point cloud to estimate 3D structure
- Bundle Adjustment to estimate camera motion
- 6 DOF magnetic tracker used to find ambiguous scale factor in camera motion and 3D structure



Figure 2: Hierarchical Multi-Affine matching algorithm from two views.

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[1]

Register Point Cloud to CT Scan

- Use trimmed ICP (Iterative Closest Point) to register 3D point cloud to CT scan
 - Trimmed so it is robust to outliers
- Can solve for scale factor



Figure 1: Block diagram of our image-based navigation system. The images are sent to a computing server to compute the structure from motion and to register the result to the patients CT scan.



Experimental Setup

- 90s data collection
- Endoscope inserted in both airways
- Some cases had significant congestion differences between the CT and endoscope images
- Initial pose estimate for trimmed ICP given manually



(a) Point cloud registration with erectile tissues (middle turbinate).



(b) Point cloud registration with non-erectile tissues (nasopharynx). Figure 6: Registration of two point clouds to CT scans.



Results

- Registration Accuracy
 - No ground truth
 - TRE (error between CT surface and 3D point cloud)

Table 1: Average 70th percentile registration error

	Non-Erectile Tissues	Erectile Tissues	
\bar{e}_{ICP}	0.91 mm (0.2 mm)	1.21 mm (0.3 mm)][1

- Camera Pose error:
 - No ground truth
 - Segmented structure (middle turbinate) overlap of 86%



Conclusion

- Achieve state of the art registration accuracy
- Future work
 - Clinical validation
 - Improve robustness to initial guess, erectile tissue



My Assessment

- Punchline:
 - Endoscope: triangulate points like stereo by using multiple views
 - My problem is easier bc have stereo, I can try an easier approach like ICP first
- Weakness
 - True registration error unclear:
 - How good are your triangulated points?
- Relevance
 - Triangulating 3D point cloud
 - May do bundle adjustment to find camera movement between frames





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 training task.

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"VISUAL TRACKING OF LAPAROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS IN STANDARD TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS"





"Visual Tracking of Laparoscopic Instruments in Standard Training Environments"

- Problem:
 - Laparoscopic surgery is hard because of physical constraints, want a way to accurately gauge surgeon skill
 - Tracking tool movement better than just metrics like number tools dropped, can measure path length etc.
- Goal:
 - Track motion of laparoscopic tools from video



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Paper 2

- Key Result:
 - Tracking system in FLS (Fundamentals of Laparoscopic
 - Surgery) tool box
 - Tool shaft direction
 - Tool tip
 - Trocar position
 - Camera position



- Significance of Key result
 - Quantitative measure of laparoscopic surgical skill
 - Tool tracking alg



Background: Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery Toolbox

- Laparoscopic surgery requires specialized movements for tight spaces
- "training surgeons have little ability to self-assess" [2]
- Current tool tracking systems:
 - Magnetic
 - Mechanical links
 - Virtual Reality environment (use a joystick)
- Drawbacks:
 - Physical attachments
 - Unrealistic movements

[4] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROUGZ79Paxk



What did they do?

- 1. Extract tool contours from color image
- 2. Estimate direction of tool shaft
- 3. Search to find most probable tool tip position





Extract tool contours, tool tip from color image

- Color threshold to get black parts of image (b)
- Erosion and dilation to get only tool shaft
 (c)
- Search along shaft for abrupt change at tip
 - Color space
 - Gradient space
 - Confidence measure

$$P(T_G) = 1 - \frac{\|T_G - T_C\|}{\beta}$$



 (a) Unmodified frame from (b) Binary probability map of the FLS camera during a black regions. training task.



(c) Binary mask with isolated (d) Extracted lateral contours instruments. of instruments.





(f) Tracked position in 2D.





Estimate direction of tool shaft

- Find edges of tool, vanishing point in the image
- Lines parallel to the tool shaft in the world will pass through the vanishing point in the image
- d: direction of the tool in the world

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$$d = \frac{V}{\|V\|}$$



(g) The geometry of the image formation of [3] the instrument.



Search to find most probable tool tip position

- Tool tip in the world is the intersection of Line 1 and Line 2
 - If they don't intersect, find midpoint of shortest line between them



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Locating the trocar

• an image point R0 is found as the point closest to all of the tool edge points





http://www.medtronic.com/content/dam/covidien/library/global/en/pro duct/trocars-and-access/versaport-v2-trocar-f1.jpg

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My Assessment

- Interesting: get 3D geometry from 1 image, but we don't know how accurate it is
 - "validated visually"
- Weakness
 - Only specific training setting (they say this upfront), doesn't address problems in real surgical data like blood, water, specularity on tissue
 - Fixed camera (different from me)
 - No quantitative evaluation of results "validated visually"
- Possible next steps for this work
 - Apply tracking algorithm to real surgical data



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