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Design and realization of a new
backdrivable laparoscope manipulator

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State of the art

Commercially available **laparoscope manipulators**:



AESOP 3000
(Computer Motion, USA)



EndoASSIST
(Armstrong Healthcare, USA)



LapMan
(Medsys, Belgium)

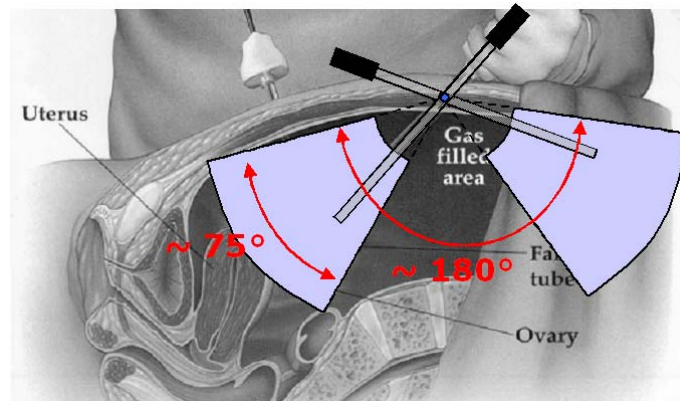
Drawbacks of these robots:

- **Weight and size**
- Lack of ergonomics: **simple motions only** (no diagonal)
- **Long set-up** procedure (depends on type of surgical procedure)
- Few programming possibilities
- No manual manipulation

Main goals of the project

Design of a new **laparoscope manipulator**:

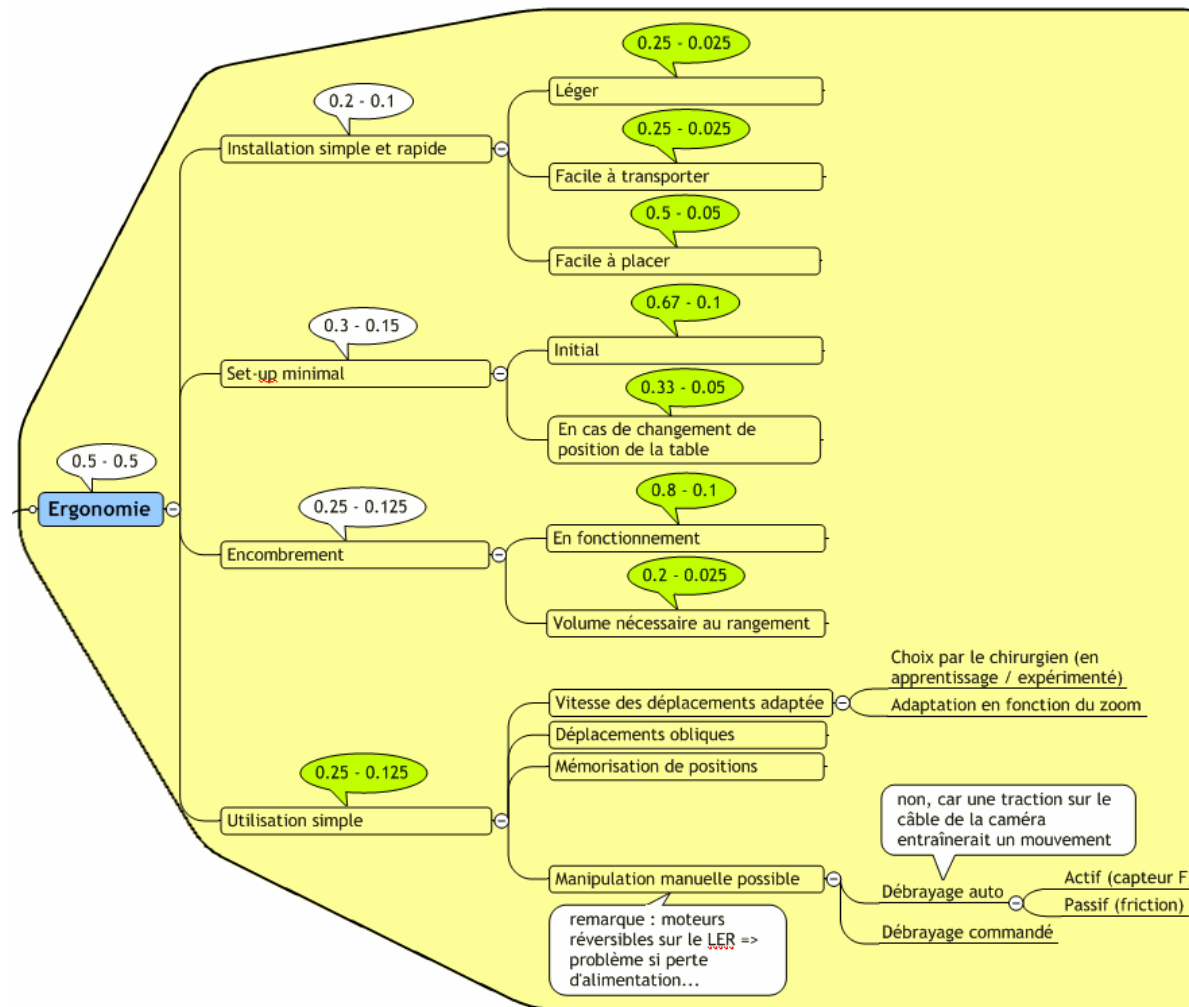
- **Ergonomic**, compact and lightweight
- Quick and **easy to install**
- Requiring **no set-up** (large workspace)



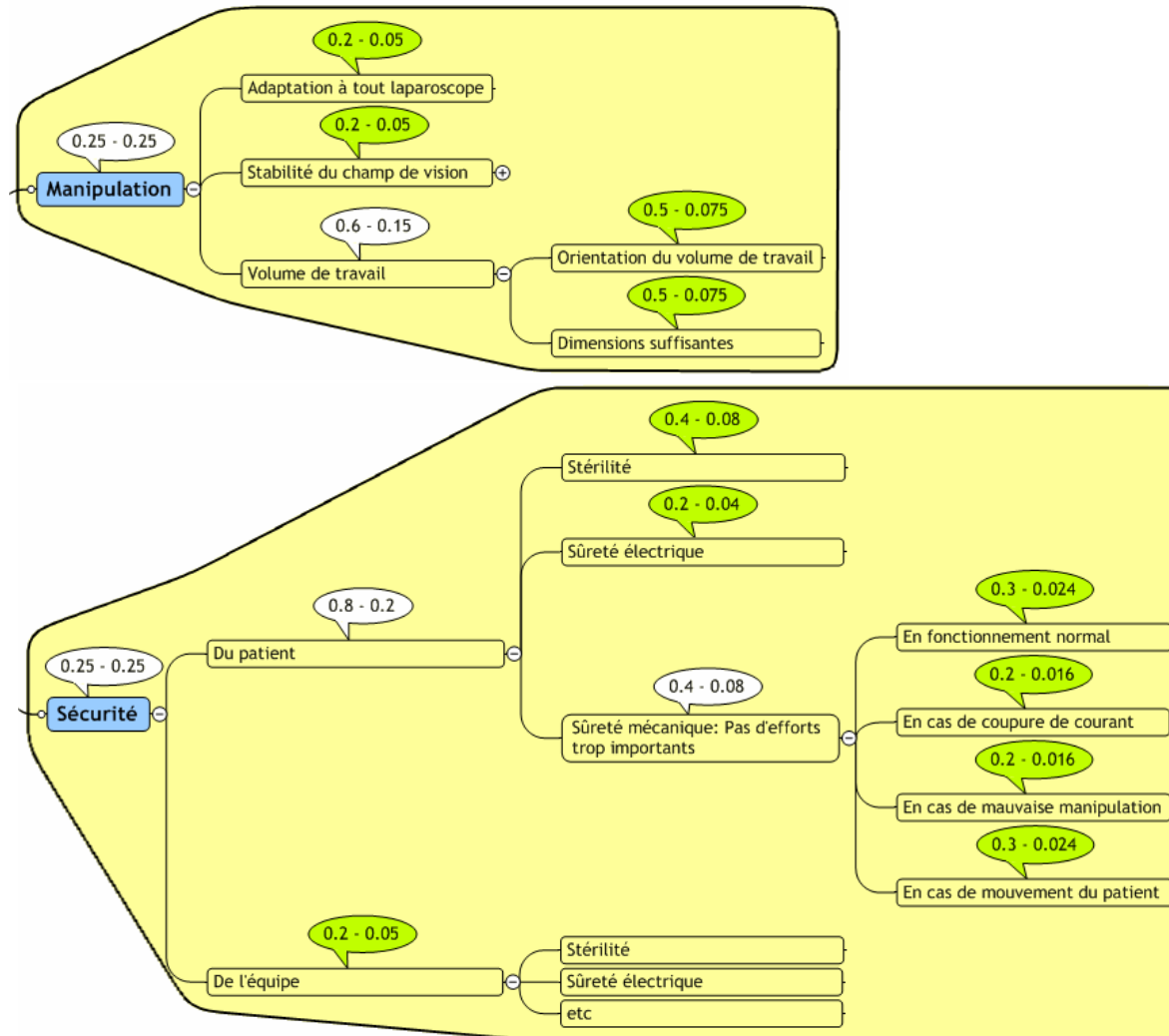
- **Backdrivable** (manual manipulation)
- With more **programmable functions** (manual definition of the maximum workspace, memorization of positions and automatic repositioning, automatic speed variation ...)

→ **Smarter, more universal and easier to use**

2nd step: Functional analysis



2nd step: Functional analysis (cont'd)



3rd step: Restriction of **solutions**

Position of the robot

	W_i	Ground	Table	Patient
Weight of robot	0.025	Heavy 1	Light 3	Very light 4
Easy transport	0.025	Difficult 1	Easy 3	Very easy 4
Easy installation	0.05	Very easy 4	Easy 3	Difficult 1
Bulk in the OR	0.1	Big 1	Small 3	Asverage 2
Bulk if not used	0.025	Big 1	Small 3	Small 4
Initial set-up	0.1	Average 2	Fast 3	Fast 3
Set-up if motion of table	0.05	Long 1	/ 4	/ 4
Mechanical stability	0.05	Very good 4	Good 3	Poor 1
Absolute Total		46.8%	78.1%	71.9%
Weighted Total		48.5%	77.9%	64.7%



Future works...

Next steps:

- Realization of a **passive prototype**
- **Trials** (stiffness, transparency, static balancing etc.)
→ **optimization** of the proposed design
- Choice of the **actuation** → active prototype
- Conception of the **control program** → Matlab/dSPACE
- Design of the **remote control** (joystick, voice control, head control, ...)
- Trials ad **validation**