* for each (Fr, idx &Fl, idx) in Fs:

if (MAidx (Fr, window=5) & MAidx (Fl, window=5) <= 0.3) & (init\_seg\_ididx = 0):

remove Fr, idx &Fl, idx

Fr, idx: idxth data point of the right prong force profile.

Fl, idx: idxth data point of the left prong force profile.

Fs: SmartForceps force profile time-series.

MAidx (*X*, window=*w*): Moving average of time-series *X* with a window size of *w* at idxth data point.

init\_seg\_ididx: Initial segmentation ID (i.e., 0: OFF, 1: ON) at idxth data point.

**Fig. S1 | Pseudo code for rule-based data point filtering to balance *ON* and *OFF* data samples.**

A rule-based algorithm was designed to remove the excessive inactive time points when the rolling average with a window of 5 for the left and right prong forces were less than or equal to 0.3N. Data points with overlapping 0 (*OFF*) labels in both rule-based and manually labelled indices were removed.



**Fig. S2 | The U-Net model architecture used for segmentation of force signals.** The graph shows detailed procedure names and attribute values for force profile segmentation model. The network comprised of different *convolutional* *encoder* and *decoder* operations with residual connection bypath and intermittent operations, e.g., *batch normalization*, *activation*, *max pooling*, and *concatenation layers*, and a final segment classifier with *activation*.The visualization was created in <https://netron.app>.



**Fig. S3 | The InceptionTime model architecture used for force profile pattern recognition on time-series of segmented force profiles.** The graph shows detailed procedure names and attribute values for skill classification model (depth size = 8). Note: the network for task recognition has slight differences (e.g., depth size = 10) which is not included in the report to avoid duplication. The network included multiple layers including a stacked series of *convolutional layers* to learn the features followed by a concatenation *layer*, a *bottleneck layer* to reduce the dimensionality accompanied by a *max pooling layer*. The extracted features, as a new dimension, were fused into the network after *resampling* and *normalization*. as a new dimension to the network. The last layer shaped the probabilities of different classes, e.g., surgical proficiency scores or the task categories. The visualization was created in <https://netron.app>.



**Fig. S4 | The LSTM architecture used as an experimental model for force profile pattern recognition on time-series of segmented force profiles.** The graph shows detailed procedure names and attribute values for task recognition model. Note: the network for skill classification recognition is not included in the report to avoid duplication. The network was comprised of an *LSTM layer* with *TanH activation* to interpret the extracted features, a *dropout regularization layer*, a *ReLU activation layer*, **and an output layer with *Softmax activation* providing the probability distribution of each surgical task class.** The visualization was created in <https://netron.app>.

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**Fig. S5 |** **Accuracy and loss function values during training and validation steps for force profile segmentation using U-Net model.** History results for model accuracy and loss function value over 50 epochs overlaid for both training and validation iteration. a) The minimum validation loss function value occurred at epoch 28 and was 0.0878 (training loss = 0.0827). b) The historical accuracy for training has a consistent improvement over the trials and achieved 0.98 in training and 0.97 in validation.

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**Fig. S6 | The prediction performance for the segmentation model through receiver operating characteristic curves.** The ROC plots illustrate the diagnostic ability of the binary classifier in the segmentation model as the discrimination threshold varies by plotting the TPR (sensitivity or recall) against the FPR (1-specificity). a) Shows the class 0 (*ON*) ROC curve with AUC value of 0.99. b) Visualizes the class-based comparison of ROC curves along with the macro-average (independently for each class) and micro-average (aggregative contribution for all classes) showing an AUC of 0.99 in both settings. Note that One-vs-One and One-vs-Rest class AUC has identical results given the 2-class problem in hand.

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**Fig. S7 | Illustrating the trade-off between true positive rate and positive predictive value in different probability thresholds in segmentation.** a)Micro-averaged (aggregative contribution for all classes) precision-recall score (area under the curve) for both classes were 0.99 (a) which was similar for each individual class of forceps *ON* and *OFF* (b). b) The inclusion of ISO-F1 curves show that for all the points in the precision/recall space, most instances have F1 scores over 0.8 in the classification problem.

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**Fig. S8 |** **Accuracy and loss function values during training and validation steps for force profile surgical skill pattern recognition using InceptionTime model.** History results for model accuracy and loss function value over 100 epochs overlaid for both training and validation iteration. a) The minimum validation loss function value occurred at epoch 23 and was 0.4760 (training loss = 0.4362). b) The historical accuracy for training has a consistent improvement over the training trials but becomes steady after around epoch 50 indicating an overfitting situation (achieved 0.98 in training and 0.68 in validation). To avoid overfitting, early stopping at epoch 23 was implemented.

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**Fig. S9 | The prediction performance for the skill classification model through receiver operating characteristic curves.** The ROC plots illustrate the diagnostic ability of the binary classifier in the skill classification model as the discrimination threshold varies by plotting the TPR (sensitivity or recall) against the FPR (1-specificity). a) Shows the class 0 (*Expert*) ROC curve with AUC value of 0.85. b) Visualizes the class-based comparison of ROC curves along with the macro-average (independently for each class) and micro-average (aggregative contribution for all classes) showing an AUC of 0.85 in both settings. Note that One-vs-One and One-vs-Rest class AUC has identical results given the 2-class problem in hand.

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**Fig. S10 | Illustrating the trade-off between true positive rate and positive predictive value in different probability thresholds in the skill classification.** a)Micro-averaged (aggregative contribution for all classes) precision-recall score (area under the curve) for both classes were 0.85. b) The scores for each individual class of *Novice* (class 0) and *Expert* (class 1) were 0.82 and 0.87, respectively. The inclusion of ISO-F1 curves show that for all the points in the precision/recall space, almost half of the instances have F1 scores over 0.6 in the classification problem.

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**Fig. S11 |** **Accuracy and loss function values during training and validation steps for force profile surgical skill pattern recognition using InceptionTime model.** History results for model accuracy and loss function value over 150 epochs overlaid for both training and validation iteration. a) The minimum validation loss function value occurred at epoch 116 and was 0.0974 (training loss = 0.0120). b) The historical accuracy for training has a consistent improvement over the training trials but becomes steady after around epoch 40 indicating an overfitting situation (achieved 0.99 in training and 0.97 in validation). To avoid overfitting, early stopping at epoch 116 was implemented.

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**Fig. S12 | The prediction performance for the skill recognition model through receiver operating characteristic curves.** The ROC plots illustrate the diagnostic ability of the classifier in the skill classification model as the discrimination threshold varies by plotting the TPR (sensitivity or recall) against the FPR (1-specificity). a) Shows the class 0 (*Coagulation*) ROC curve with AUC value of 1.00. b) Visualizes the class-based comparison of ROC curves along with the macro-average One-vs-One and One-vs-Rest comparison values (independently for each class) to be 1.00 as well as the micro-average (aggregative contribution for all classes).

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**Fig. S13 | Illustrating the trade-off between true positive rate and positive predictive value in different probability thresholds in the task recognition.** a)Micro-averaged (aggregative contribution for all classes) precision-recall score (area under the curve) for all classes were 1.00. b) The inclusion of ISO-F1 curves show that for all the points in the precision/recall space, most of the instances for all classes have F1 scores over 0.8 in the classification problem. The precision-recall score for each class was: *Coagulation* (class 0) = 0.99, *Pulling* (class 1) = 1.00, *Manipulation* (class 2) = 1.00, *Dissecting* (class 3) = 0.99, and *Retracting* (class 4) = 1.00.