



Application of Instrumental Virtual Reality Training (eIVR) in Cognitive Rehabilitation for People with Brain Injury

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Application of VR for MCI and dementia

 The Virtual Action **Planning** Supermarket (VAP-S) is a viable tool for assessing EF deficits among elderly persons with MCI, in a context to their reallife shopping ability. (Werner et al., 2009)







Application of VR for learning disabilities

A screen-based virtual kitchen was used to train 24 catering students with learning disabilities on fish, meat, fruit, and vegetable preparation tasks, hazard recognition, and fire drills.

Virtual training was found to be as beneficial as real training and more beneficial than workbook training in food preparation.

Training on hazard detection in the virtual kitchen was not more benefited than workbook training.

Learning procedural steps more benefited. (Brooks et al., 2002)



Development of VR in HK

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Virtual reality (VR)-based community living skills training for people with acquired brain injury: A pilot study

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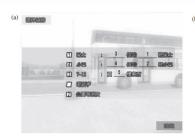
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Primary objective: The purpose of the present study was to test the usability and effectiveness of a newly-dereality (VR)-based community living skills training program for people with acquired brain injury (ABI).

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Virtual reality-based prospective memory training program for people with acquired brain injury

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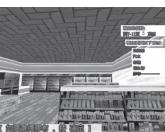


Figure 1. Screenshots of training program content. (a) Training menu (e.g. setting the number of stops before alighting from the bus, number of items to be bought in a convenience shop, place to meet a friend, etc.). (b) Using road crossing facilities (with vehicles moving in both directions and the proper of use of the zebera crossing according to traffic light signals). (c) Travelling by bus (getting to the right bus

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Evaluation of a computer-assisted errorless learning-based memory training program for patients with early Alzheimer's disease in Hong Kong: a pilot study

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Occupational Therapy Department, Kwai Chung Hospital, ²CY Functional Recovery Services, ³Psychogeriatric Team, Kwai Chung Hospital, ⁴Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, People's Background: Improving the situation in older adults with cognitive decline and evidence of cognitive rehabilitation is considered crucial in long-term care of the elderly. The objective of this study was to implement a computerized errorless learning-based memory training program (CELP) for persons with early Alzheimer's disease, and to compare the training outcomes of a CELP group with those of a therapist-led errorless learning program (TELP) group and a waitine-list control erroup.

Methods: A randomized controlled trial with a single-blind research design was used in the study. Chinese patients with early Alzbeimer's disease screened by the Clinical Dementia Rating (score of 1) were recruited. The subjects were randomly assigned to CELP (n = 6), TELP (n = 6), and waitine-list control (n = 7) orours. Evaluation of subjects before and after testino.



Figure 1 Examples of training scenarios. (A) Prospective memory and dual task training: prospective memory task, such as "switch off the stove after five minutes" while buying vegetables. (B) Face-name recognition training, combined with mnemonic memory strategies of association and spaced retrieval technique: selection photograph of same patient

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Introduction of VR IADL software

- Advantage of VR IADL (Flanagan et al, 2008):
- Bridge the gap between measurement tools and ability to function in natural environments.
- Provide a consistent environment of the same assessment or training task and provide various feedback (Schultheis et al, 2002).
- Safe setting to assess skills that might be too risky in the real world
- Fear of the reaction of others to faulty attempts in a natural environment are minimized.
- Can make mistakes without aversive consequences (Standen and Brown, 2005).

Generalization







Very similar

Somewhat similar

Different

Difference between virtual reality training and games

- > Report accuracy and reaction time
- ➤ Simulated steps of real tasks
- >Systematic cues and errorless learning
- Adjustable difficulty and speed





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Introduction of VR IADL software (eIVR)

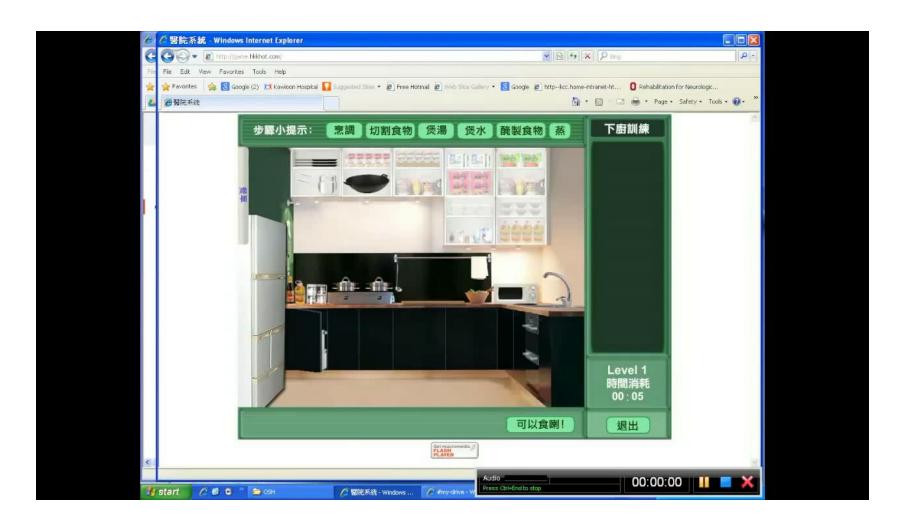
- Develop by local Occupational Therapists since 2005, consist of training and assessment modules.
- 2D, non-immersive design
- Reasons: learning steps, no cyber-sickness
- 5 modules:
 - ATM
 - MTR
 - Shopping
 - Cooking
 - Road safety
- 3 difficulty levels



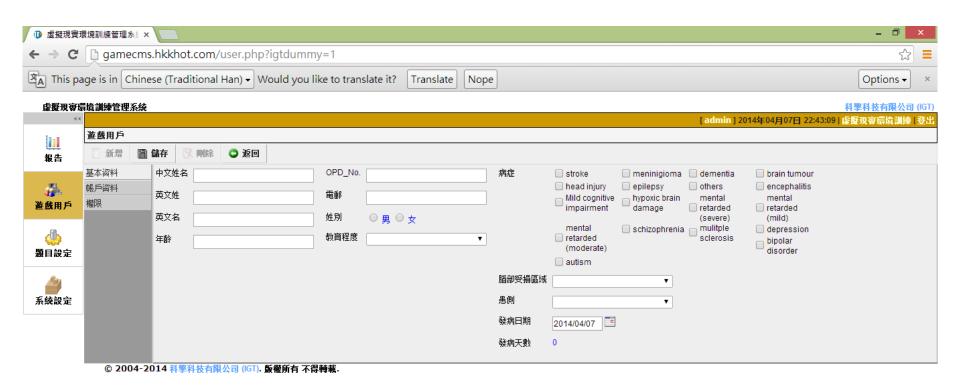
Introduction of VR IADL software (eIVR)

- Errorless training approach
- 6 score level (score 1-6) (Zhang et al., 2003)
 - No cue
 - Text cue
 - Highlighting/ Flash cue
 - Verbal cue
 - Arrow cue
 - Skip
- Assessment / Training

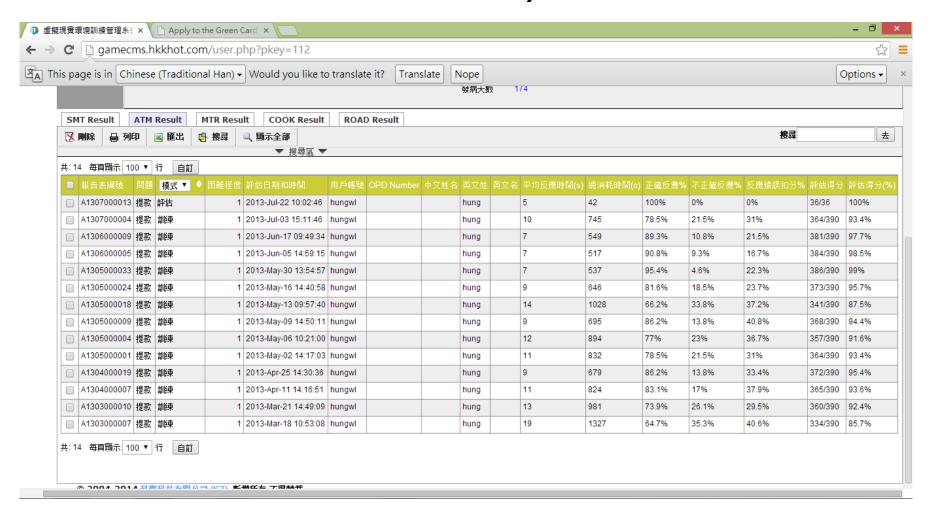
Video demonstration

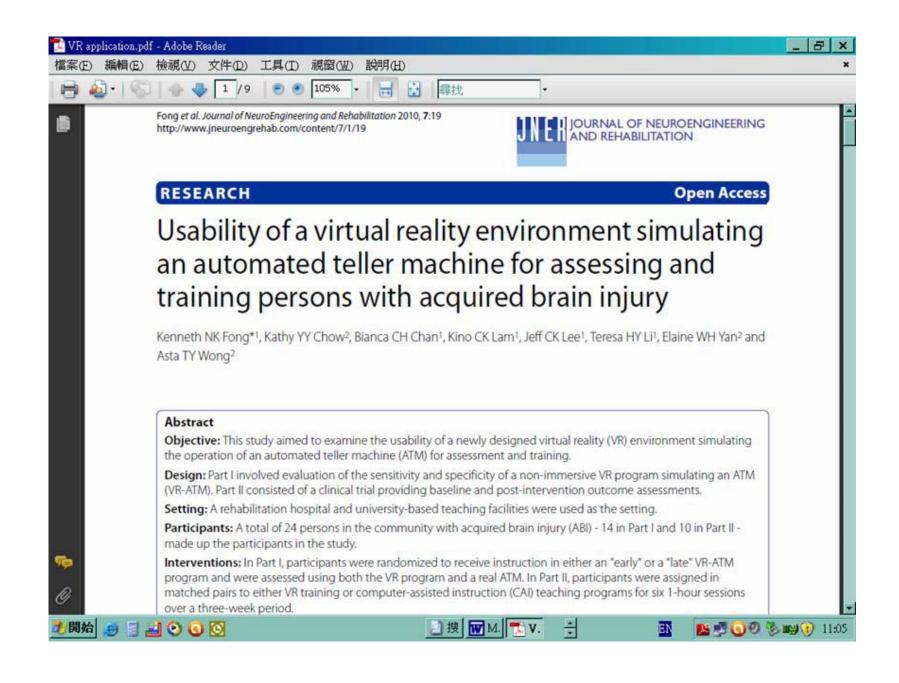


Database



Database (Result of individual client)





Study: Part I

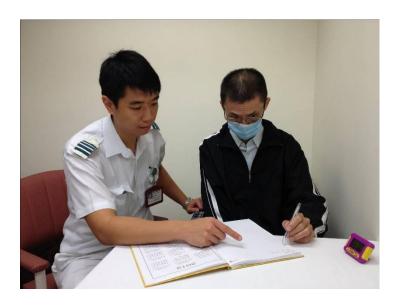
- To investigate the validity of VR(ATM) as assessment tools
- The assessment will simply have a dichotomous result: failure or success in ATM using.
- ability of VR(ATM) to assess accurately whether the individuals will be fail or succeed while using real ATM



Part II

- to compare the effectiveness of VR(ATM) and conventional cognitive training in training up clients with ABI
- Both program consisted of six 1-hour sessions
- Content: basic ATM skills in cash withdrawal and funds transfer





Result

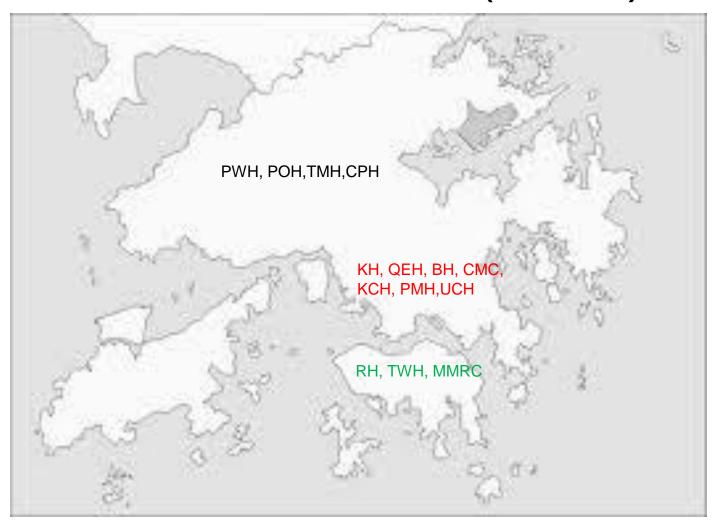
- Correlation between VR ATM and real ATM. Significant for both cash withdraw and transfer (p=.001)
- VR(ATM) was found to be more effective than CAI training in funds transfer than case withdrawal.
- equally easy for the subjects to learn simple task.

Cost effectiveness= save 4-5 therapist interaction hours

Pilot result profile of different disease group in cooking task (making coffee)

Diagnosis	Avg Reaction time	Avg. Errors
MCI	41 seconds	2
Head Injury	25 seconds	0
Stroke	30 seconds	0
Meningioma	25 seconds	0

Active User list (n=16)



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Future development plan

- Construct result profile of different disease groups (Dementia, MCI)
- Develop new VR programme which may not be easy to carry out in real situation (escalator, crossing the road)

Bring home messages

- Design of VR should base on treatment aims (learning steps or highly interactive)
- VR could be ecologically valid assessment as well as treatment
- Generalization process is important to carry out treatment effect to daily life

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