Supplementary Experiment of SKiT: a Fast Key Information Video Transformer for Online Surgical Phase Recognition

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1. Visualization of Different-level Features

Visual examples of different-level features are presented in Figure SM1, obtained through PCA and t-SNE methods. The recorded key feature g and fused feature were used to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed Key-recorder in improving phase recognition performance. These findings provide strong evidence of the benefits of the keyrecorder.

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(a) Examples of visualized comparison between different-level features using PCA.



(b) Example of visualized comparison between different-level features using t-SNE with varying perplexity parameters (Video41 on test set of Cholec80).

Figure SM1: **Illustrative examples of the different-level features.** PCA and t-SNE techniques are employed to visualize various level features, such as spatial feature e, local temporal feature l, local key feature k, global recorded key feature g, and fused feature, using video examples from the Cholec80 test dataset. The phase labels are indicated by different colors, while different points correspond to distinct frame features of the video.