

Planning and Navigation: an Overview of Scientific Activities

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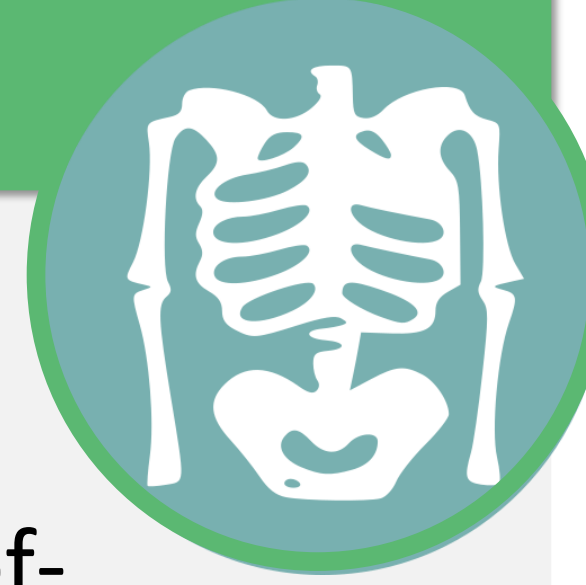


The Planning and Navigation team develops novel navigation technologies to safely plan and control the surgical interventions of the MIRACLE robot. To meet the requirements for its diverse field of research, the group is an interdisciplinary team of physicists, biomedical engineers, computer scientists, and mathematicians.



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Bone Segmentation and Labelling



In this project, we work with Big volumetric data and state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence methods to develop an algorithm for automated bone detection.

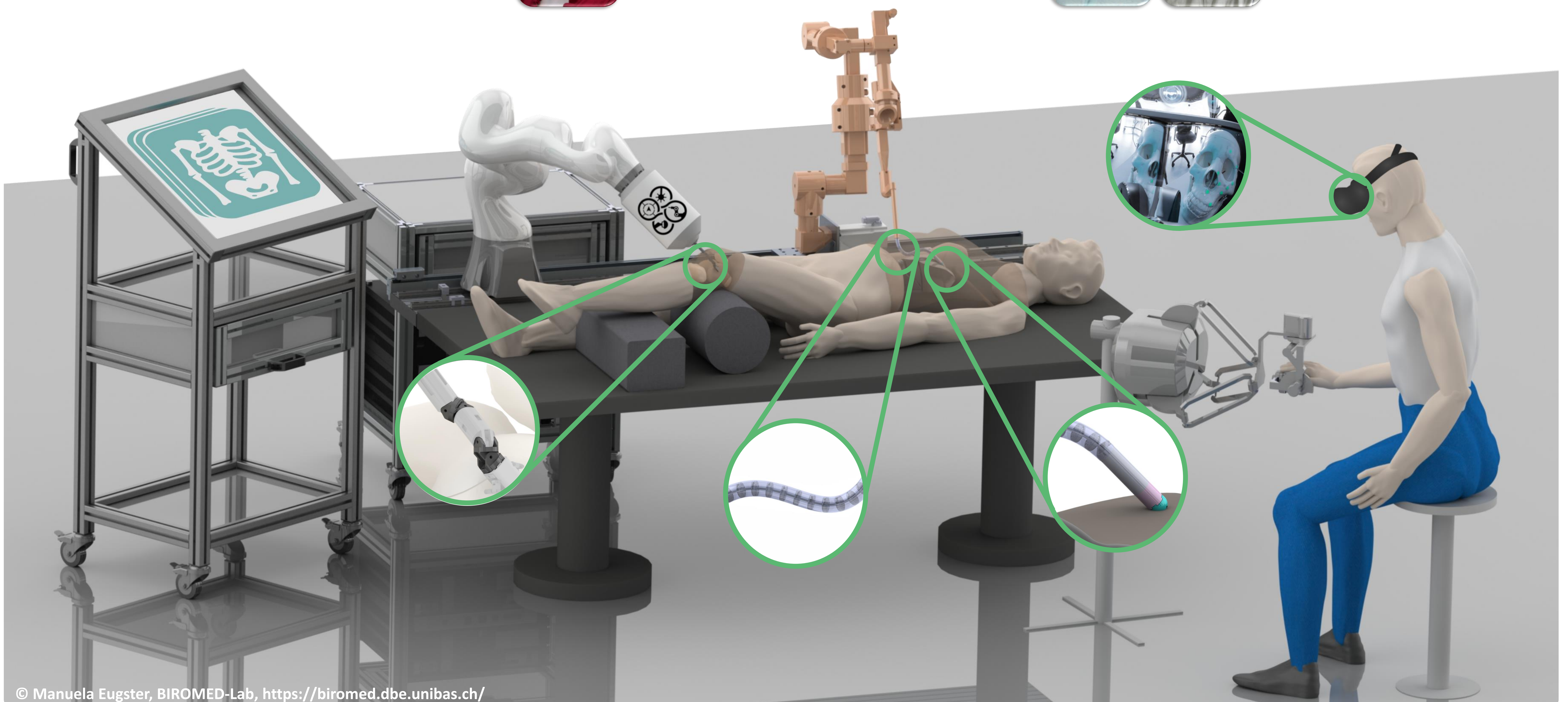
Planning System Software



Using Virtual and Augmented Reality techniques, we develop systems to intuitively plan and visualize the intervention of the MIRACLE robot before and during surgery [1].



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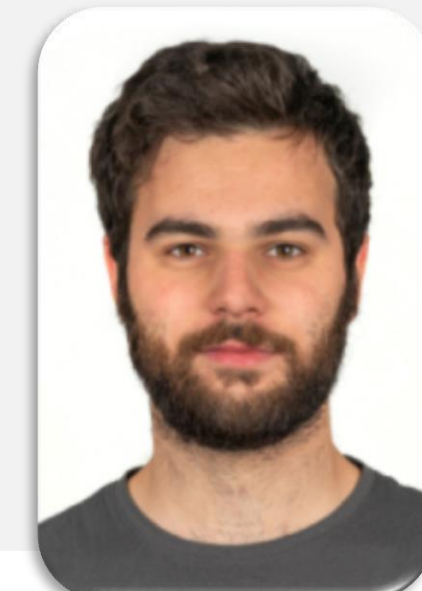


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Opto-Mechanical Position Sensor



We study a novel approach, based on an innovative angular sensor, to accurately determine the position and shape of an articulated endoscope [2].



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Fiber Shape Tracking System

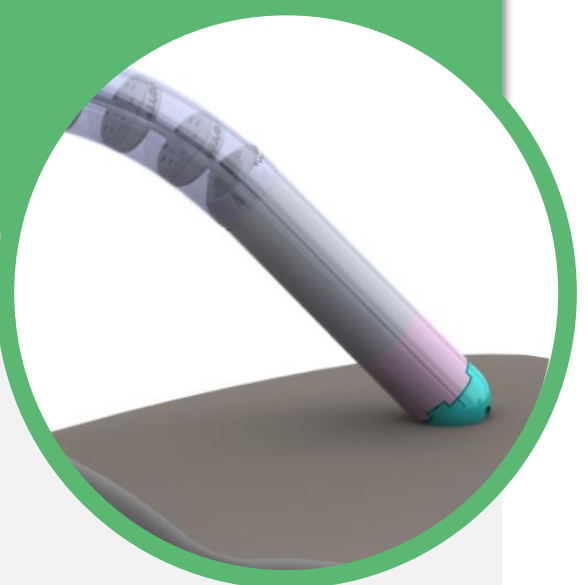


In this project, we develop a real-time navigation system for flexible robotic endoscopes based on fiber shape sensing technologies [3].



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Laser Depth Control



We use acoustic waves to reconstruct the structure of the bone and surrounding tissues, in order to estimate the depth of the laser cut [4].



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