

Project Management and Software Development for Medical Applications (PMSD)

Needle tracking for ultrasound-guided biopsies with inside-out vision

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Motivation and problem statement

Problem:

- Needle tip location uncertain in ultrasound image
- Analyzing wrong cells might lead to wrong diagnoses

Motivation:

- Improve the healing process by less insertions
- Analyze the right cells

Solution:

- Software framework for needle and ultrasound tracking
- Visualization to assist the surgeons

• Areas of application:

- Biopsy for cancer screening or
- Applications in neurology

Partners:

- Klinikum rechts der Isar (IFL)
- FRAMOS GmbH

References: Image from FRAMOS Gmbh



Requirements and specification

- Reading project based papers
- Receive and display ultrasound image
- Receive needle pose in real-time
- Calibrate needle, needle vector, ultrasound plane, ...
- Calculate intersection point and distances
- Create Qt user interface
- Implement 3D Vision
- Implement Features



Reference: Project based on the paper:Stolka, Philipp J., et al. "Needle guidance using handheld stereo vision and projection for ultrasound-based interventions." Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention—MICCAI 2014. .

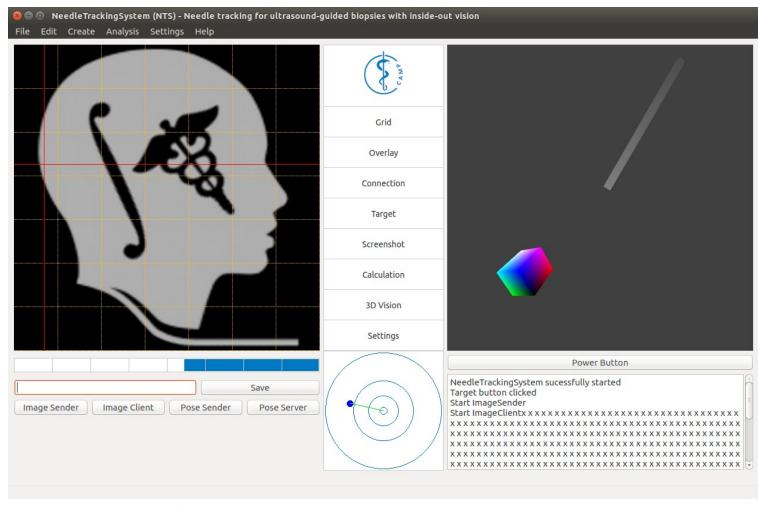
Gantt Chart





Reference: Gantt Chart generated by http://tomsplanner.de, 26.01.2016

NeedleTrackingSystem Software











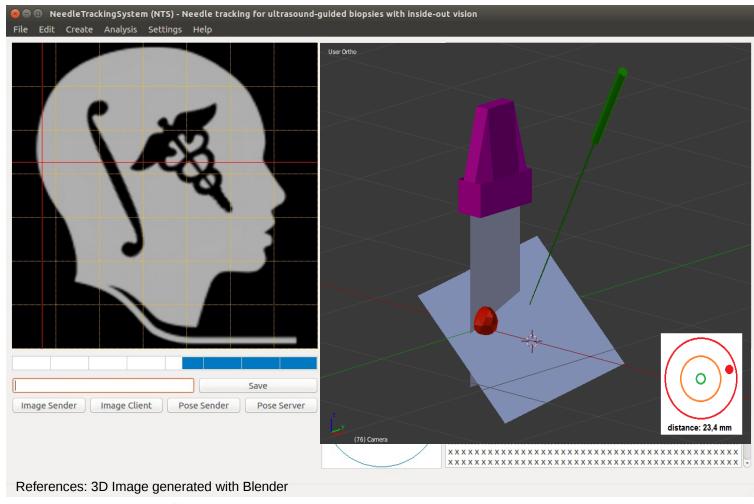








NeedleTrackingSystem Software











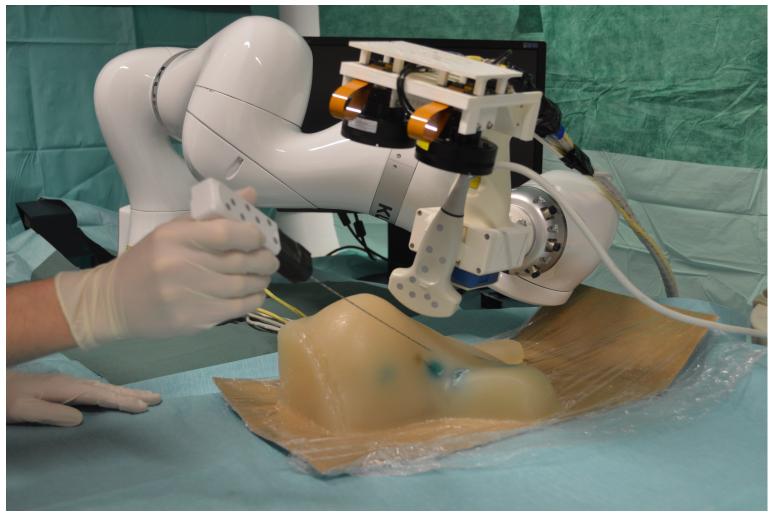








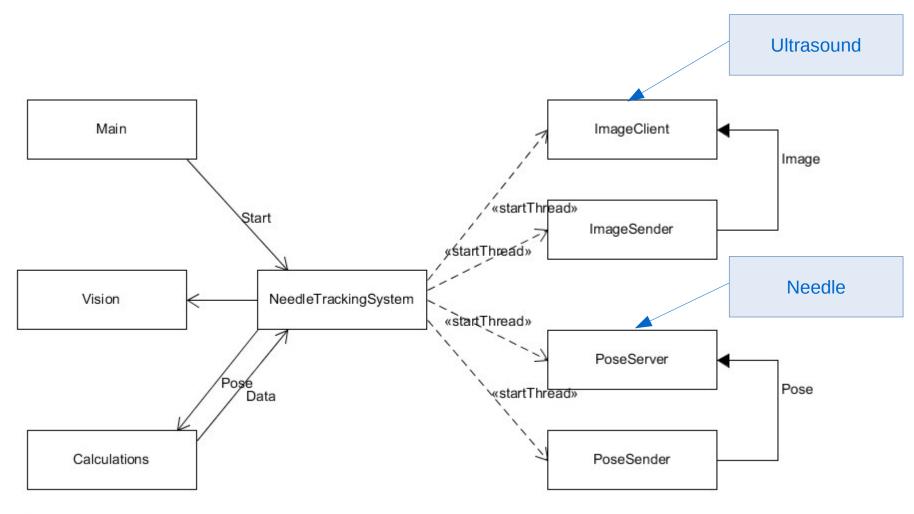
Ultrasound guided biopsy with inside out tracking





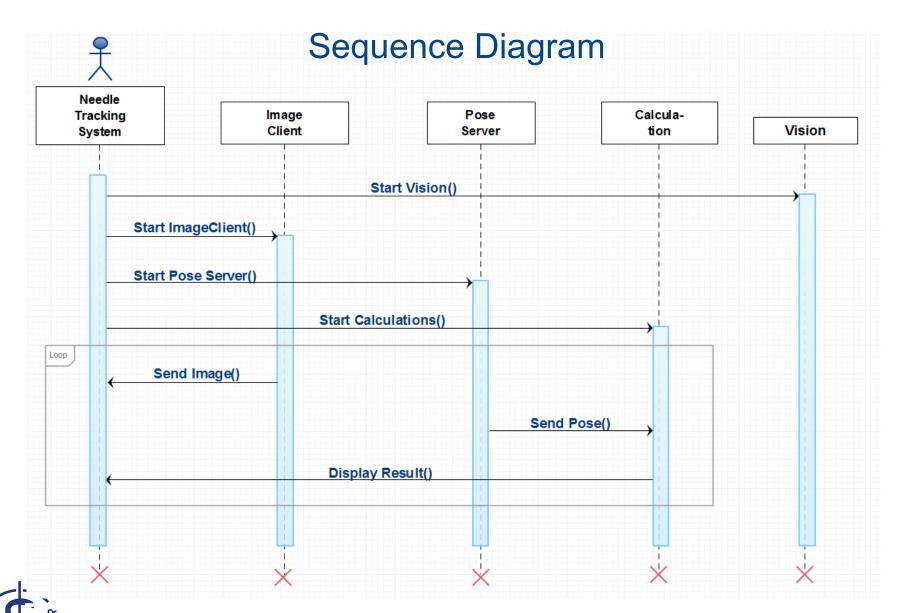
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Software structure



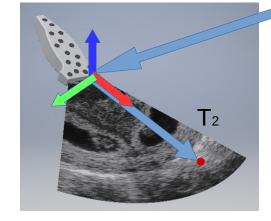


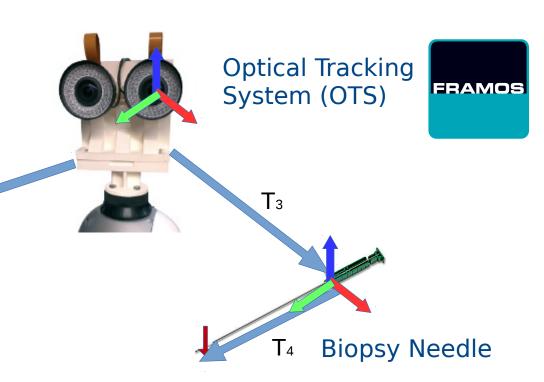
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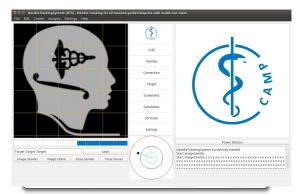


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Ultrasound Transducer







Needle Tracking System



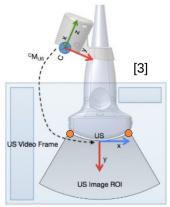
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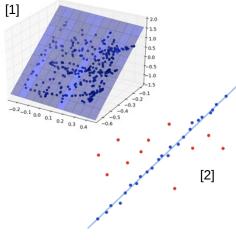
Calibrations

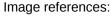
Pivot Calibration
 (To get the transformation from needle to tip, fCal)
 Move the needle with fixed tip



- Plane Fit
 (To get the ultrasound plane, pcl)
 Collect several points on ultrasound plane
- Line Fit
 (To get the needle vector, pcl)
 Guide needle through a tube
- Ultrasound startpoints
 (Touch startpoints with needle tip)







- [1] Plane Fit: http://fab.cba.mit.edu/classes/864.11/people/Moritz Kassner/img/blue plane.png, 26.01.2016
- [2] Line Fit: http://pointclouds.org/documentation/tutorials/random_sample_consensus.php#random-sample-consensus, 26.01.2016
- [3] Stolka, Philipp J., et al. "Needle guidance using handheld stereo vision and projection for ultrasound-based interventions." Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention–MICCAI 2014. Springer International Publishing, 2014. 684-691.



Calculations

$$P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$$
 $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$
 $P = P_1 + u(P_2 - P_1)$
 $E : Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$

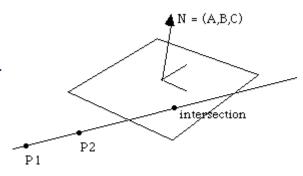
Intersection between needle vector and ultrasound plane
 Where would the needle go inside?

$$u = \frac{Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D}{A(x_1 - x_2) + B(y_1 - y_2) + C(z_1 - z_2)}$$

• Distance between needle tip and ultrasound plane How far the needle has to get inserted?

$$d = \frac{(Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D)}{\sqrt{(A^2 + B^2 + C^2)}}$$

 Distance between target and needle vector How should the needle be rotated?





References:

Image and formulas from: http://paulbourke.net/geometry/pointlineplane/, 26.01.2016

Project Outlook

- Improve the calibration process (Integrate calibration process into software, Achieve better accuracy
- Add additional features (Target, Screencast, Config files, Select the target)
- Complete the 3D visualisation and settings
 (Add navigation, Meshes for ultrasound and needle, Add options)
- Verify the software (Guarantee that everything works correct)
- Improve the tracking device (Smaller tracking device, Mounted on ultrasound transducer)
- Solve the needle problem (Stiffer needle, Consider physical model for needle deflection)



Project Retrospective

- Proof of concept is provided
- Not yet usable for real biopsies
- Much more work than expected
- Too much focus on presentations



Thank you for your attention!

Do you have any questions?

