Detection and correction of specular reflections in thoracoscopic images

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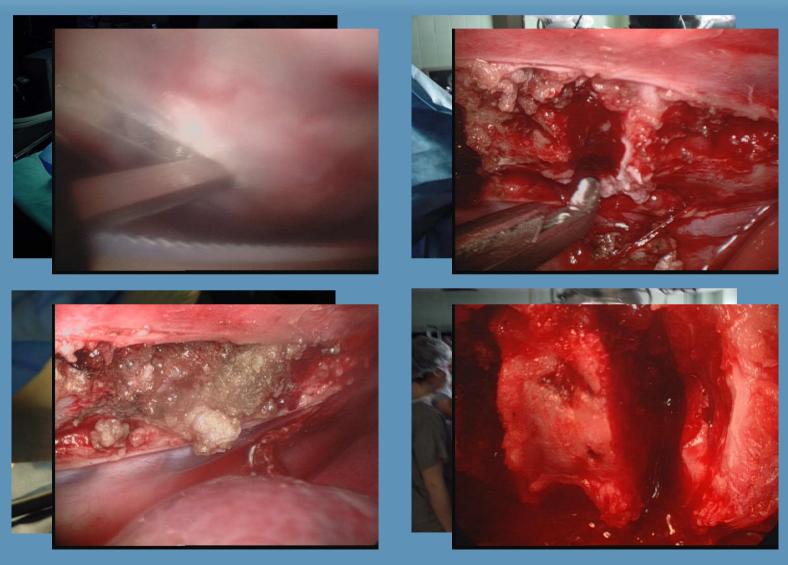
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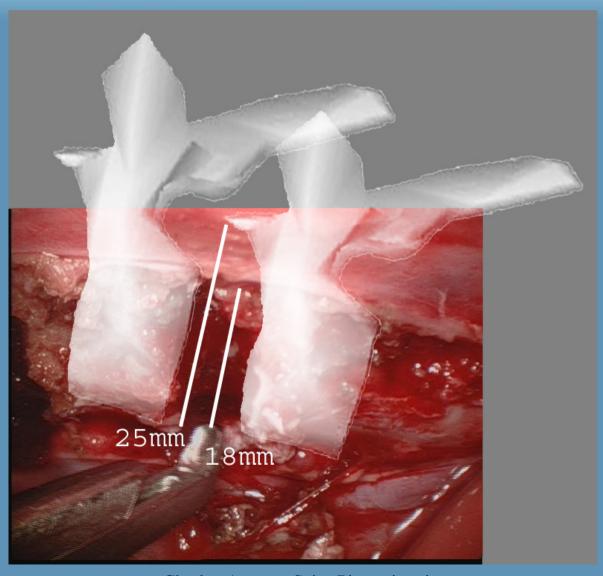
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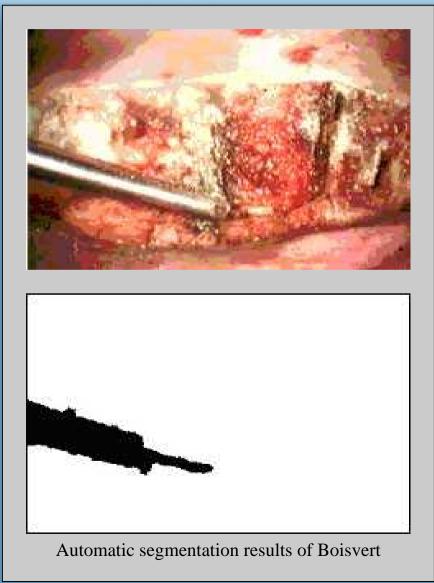
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Augmented reality



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The problem



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Goals

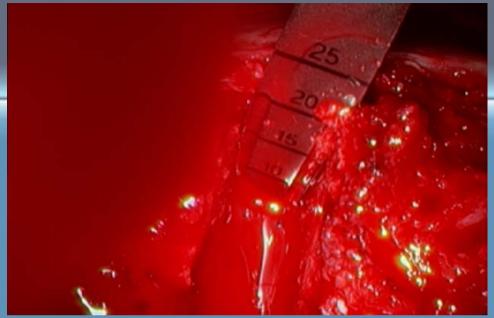
Main goal :

• Automatic detection and correction of the specular reflections.

• Specific goals:

- Enhance the specular reflections.
- Denoise the intensity histograms.
- Automatic detection of the specular bump.
- Automatic extraction of the specular lobe.
- Automatic filling of the hole in the specular mask.

Results



Color image

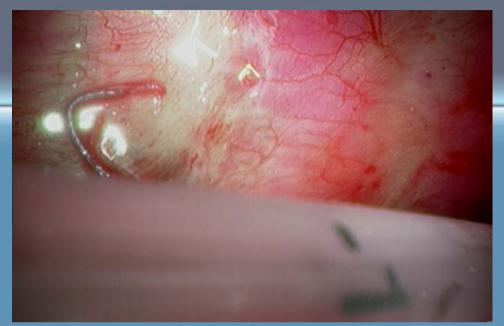


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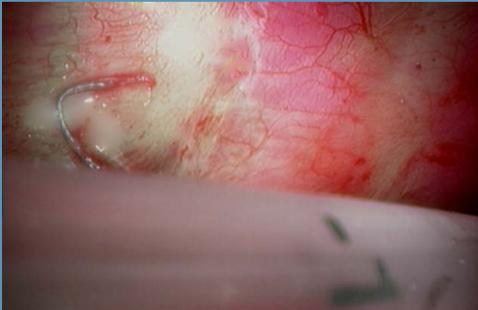


Detected reflections

Results



Color image



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Detected reflections

Discussion and conclusion

- Conclusive results for the specular spike detection.
- Robust in presence of fat tissues.
- Real-time detection of the specular reflections.
- New technique for the detection and the correction of specular reflection in thoracoscopic images has been validated on real images.
- New algorithm for the specular reflection enhancement.
- New algorithm for specular reflection detection.
- Elaboration of a dynamic threshold for the intensity descent.

Questions