

Robotics Training

Day 5

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Lecture assignment - Fill the blanks

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- Follow the webinar on Sensor integration in smart manufacturing robots and fill the blanks in the text
- 18 blanks to be filled
- The check and the correct answers are reviewed at the end of the webinar

Sensor integration in smart manufacturing robots

Safe robots rely on sensors

Traditional industrial robots:

- Own workspace
- Exact program
- Working blindly

New, safe robots rely on sensors:

- Vision
- Torque/force detection
- Position ensuring



Sensor technologies used in robots

- Torque sensors
- Proximity sensors
- Position sensors
- Sensor arrays
- Vision systems
- Lidar sensors



A position sensor from ABB

Sensors in industrial robots

With (smart) sensor technology industrial robots are more flexible than traditional industrial robots.

They can:

- choose paths
- perceive changes
- make judgments



Force/torque sensors

- Robot's sense of touch
- Usually located between robot and tool / object
- Also integrated torque sensors
- Gives robot the possibility to feel the correct point
- The robot can turn the screw or bolt to just the right torque



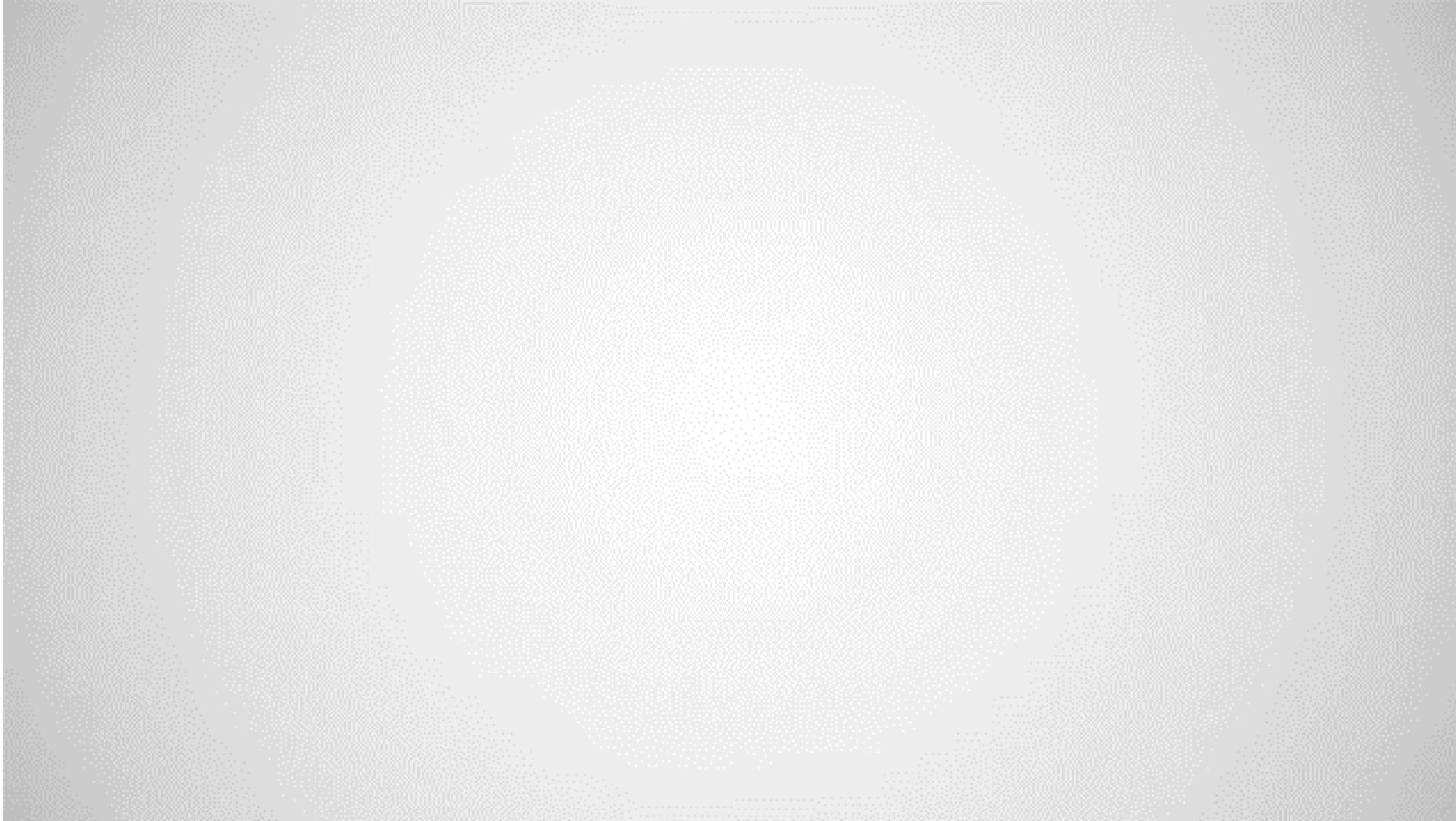
Force/torque sensors

- Can be purchased as an accessory
- For example, Robotiq's FT 300 force sensor can be purchased as an accessory for various co-operation robots



Picture: Robotiq

Torque sensor



<https://youtu.be/H8zni6Mkra0>

Collision detection sensors

- Not a specific sensor
- Different sensor can be used for collision detection
 - Vision
 - Force / torque
 - Accelerometer
 - Capacitive
 - Tactile pressure recognition
 - Current feedback measurement

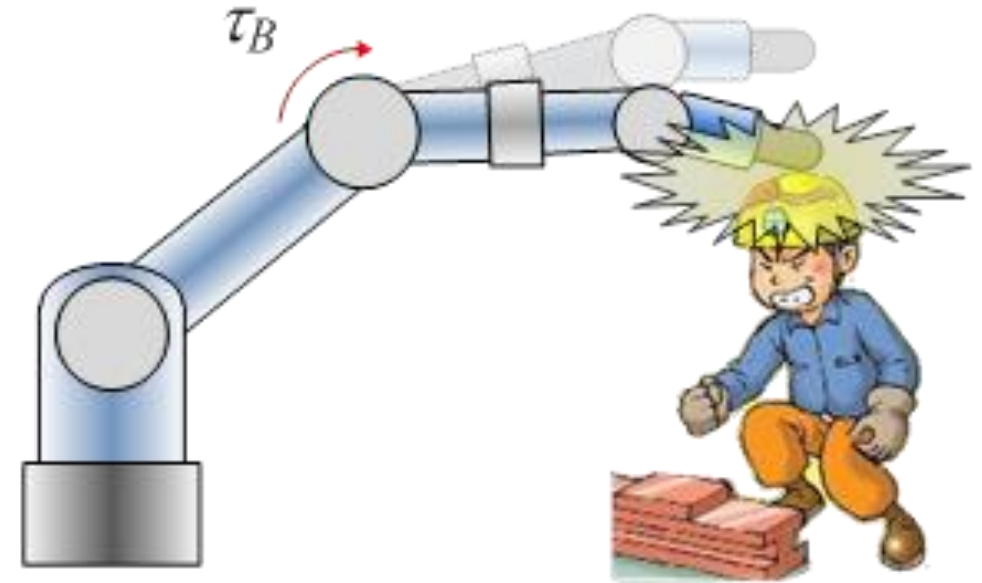


Image: <https://sites.google.com/a/webmail.korea.ac.kr/intelligent-robot-laboratory/manipulation/collision-safety>

Vision: 2D or 3D cameras

- Sight to the robot
- Location
- Quality inspection
- Sorting



Machine vision

Machine vision at SAMK

More than 15 years of research experience in machine vision

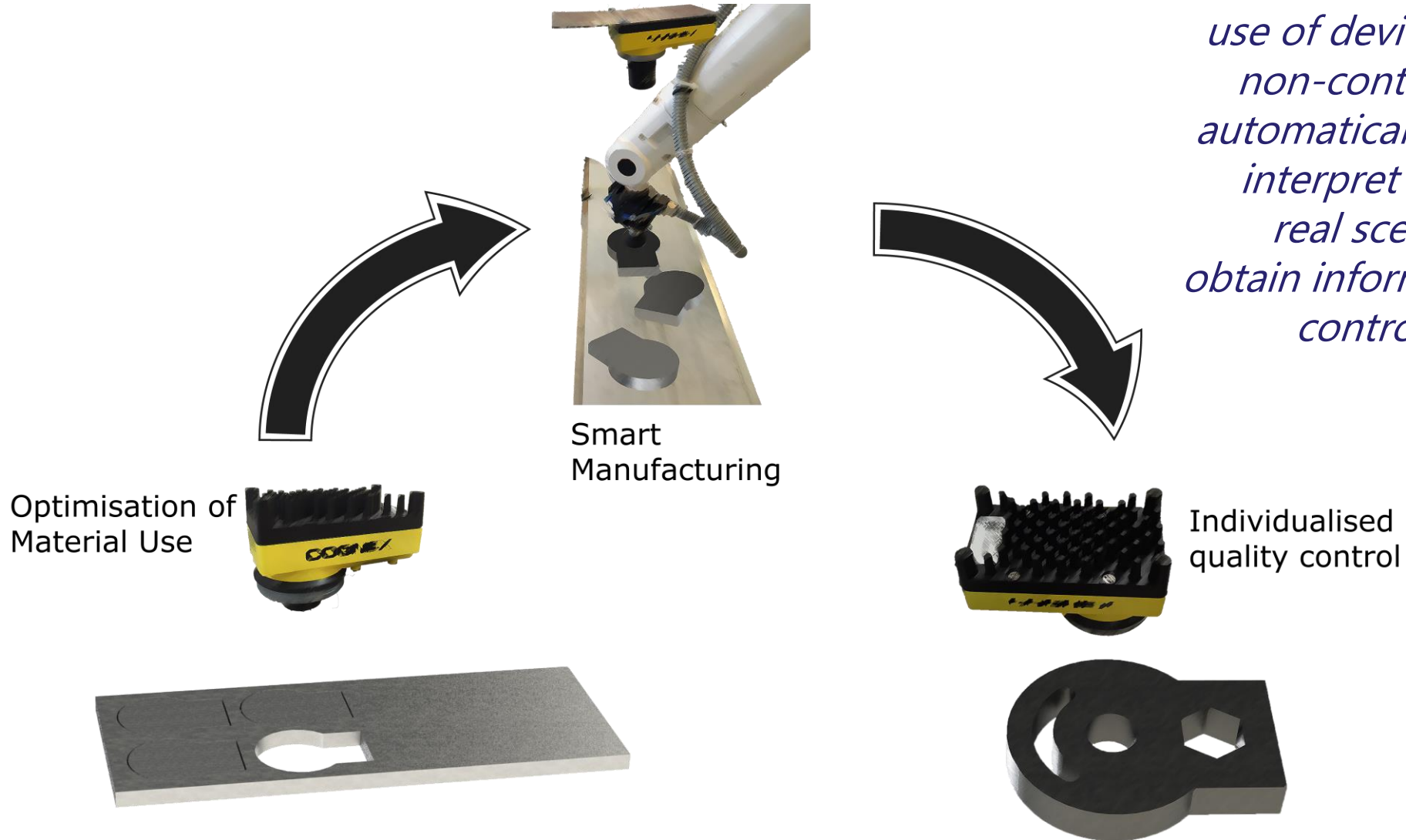
Applied research of machine vision from traditional machine vision systems to the latest special imaging techniques:

- Traditional machine vision systems
- Smart camera systems
- 3D imaging
- IR imaging
- Spectral imaging
- Lighting techniques



Machine vision definiton

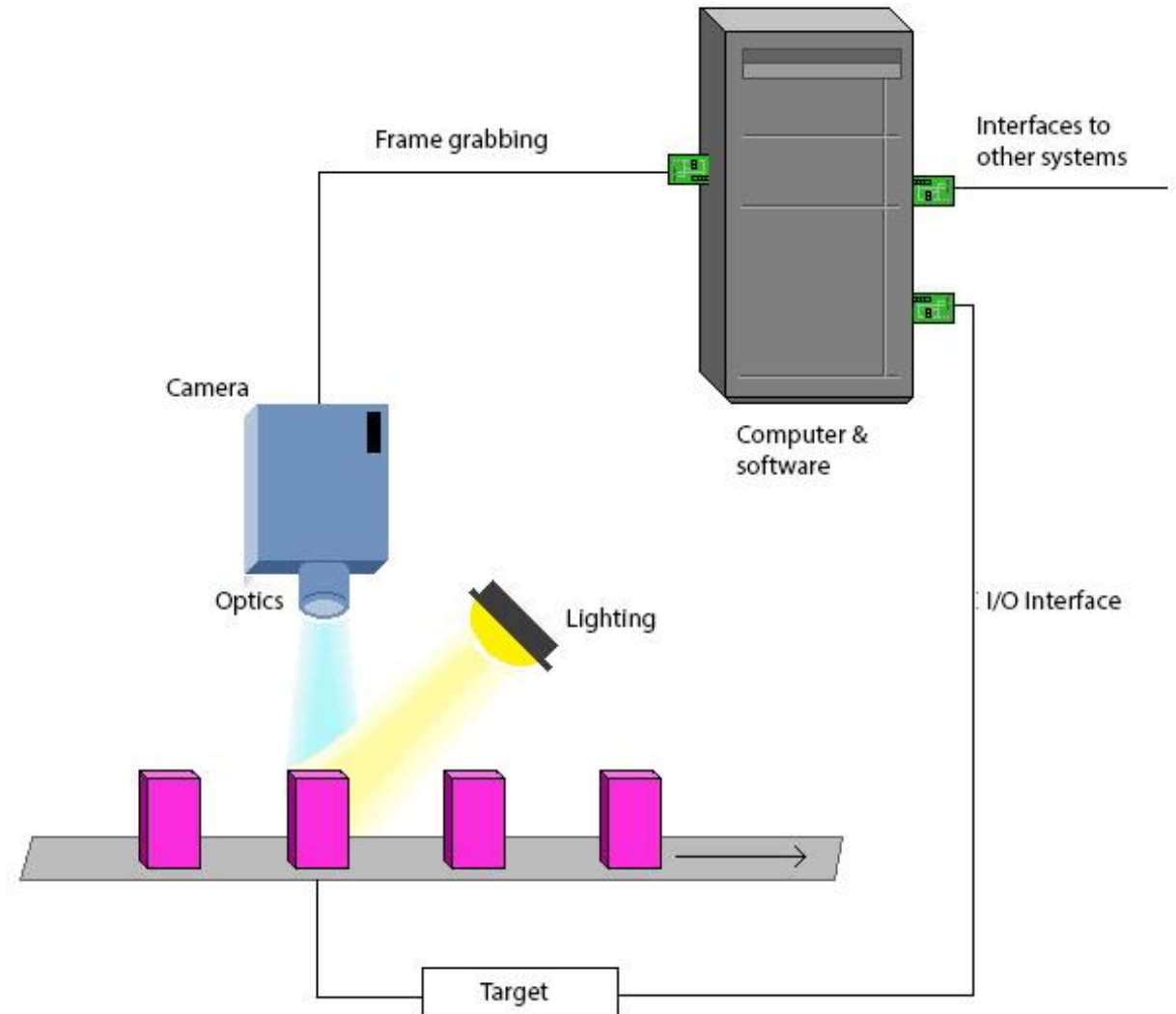
Machine vision means the use of devices for optical non-contact sensing to automatically receive and interpret an image of a real scene in order to obtain information and/or control machines or processes.



Applying Machine Vision in visible light wavelengths

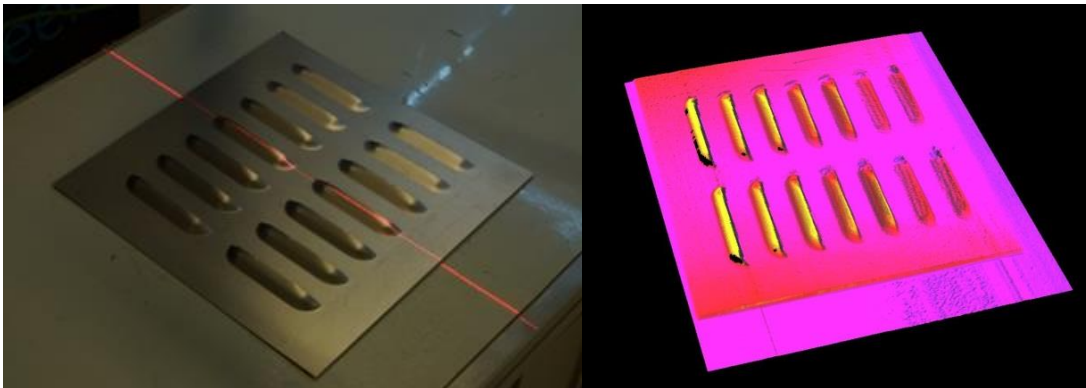
Traditional machine vision systems and smart camera solutions for product

- **Identification**
- **Measuring**
- **Sorting**
- **Robot guidance**



3D Imaging

- Shape inspection
- Volume measurement
- Control object slicing to same sizes
- Control robot bin picking or pick and place operations

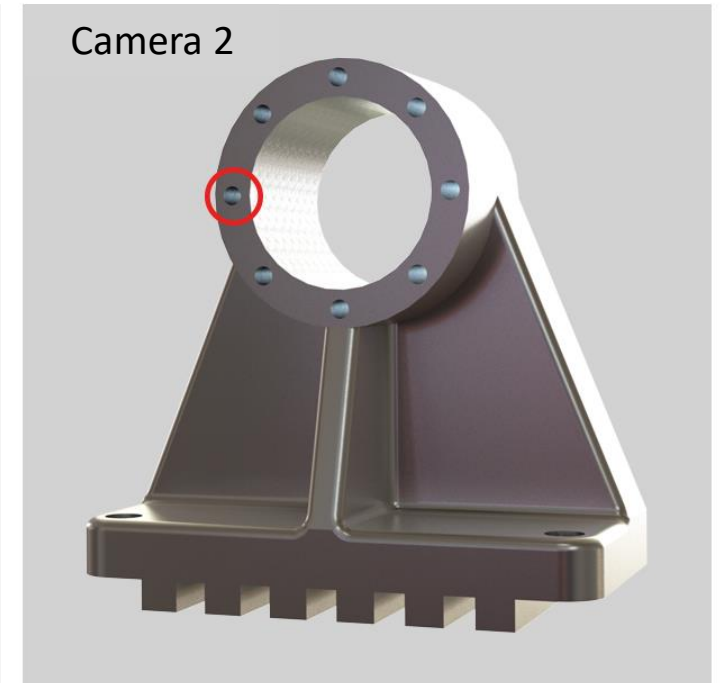
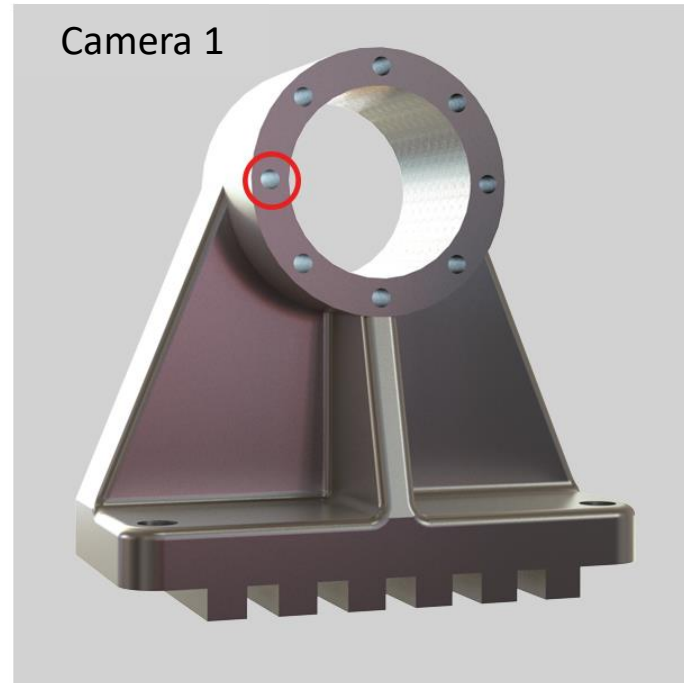
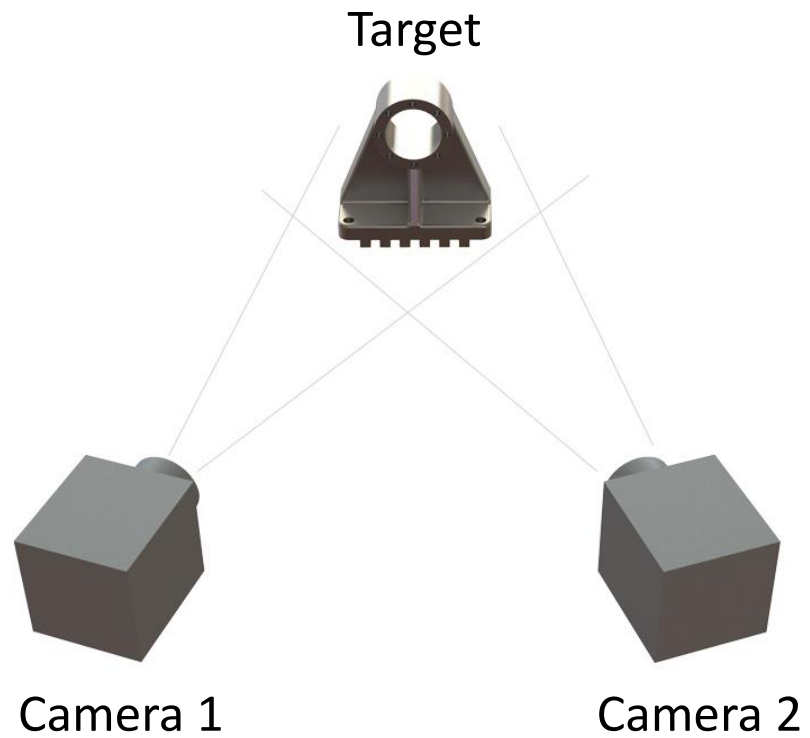


3D Imaging technologies

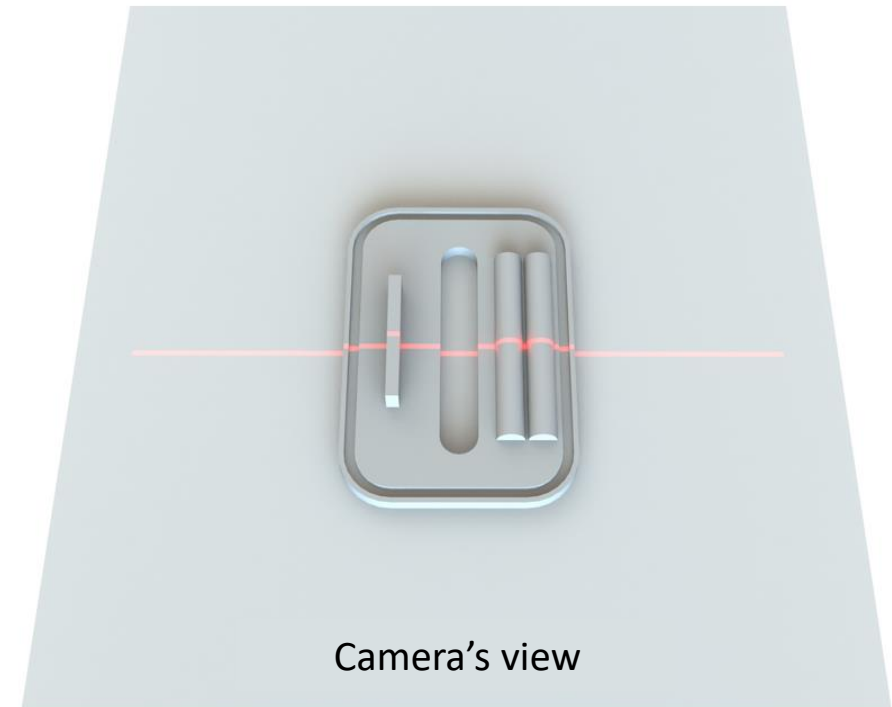
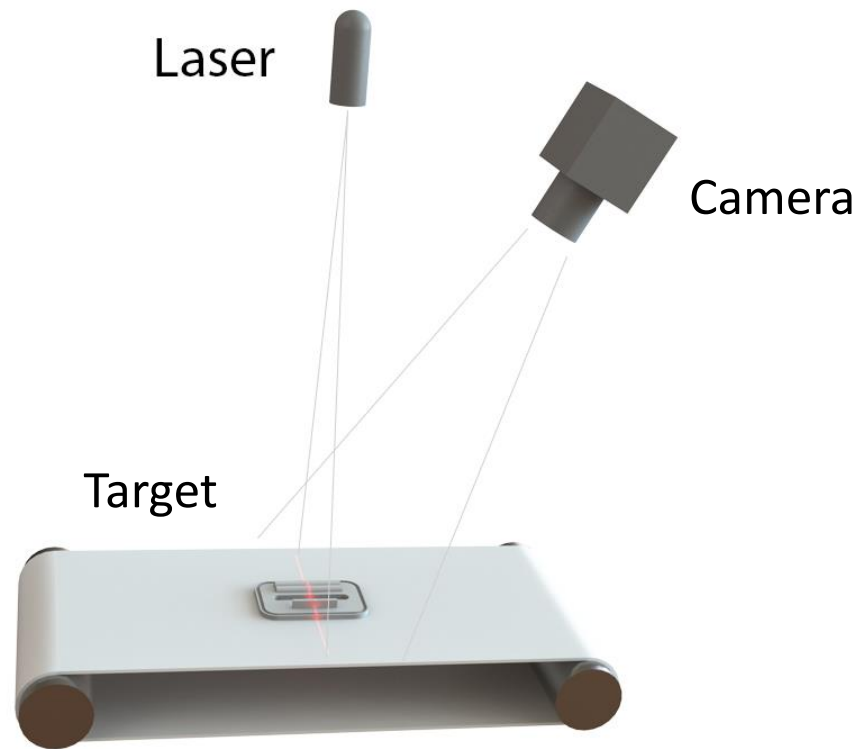
- The goal is to get a three-dimensional model of some existing, physical object
- There are many different imaging methods and each has its own pros and cons
- The main technologies are:
 - Stereo imaging
 - Techniques based on structural lighting
 - Time of Flight (ToF)



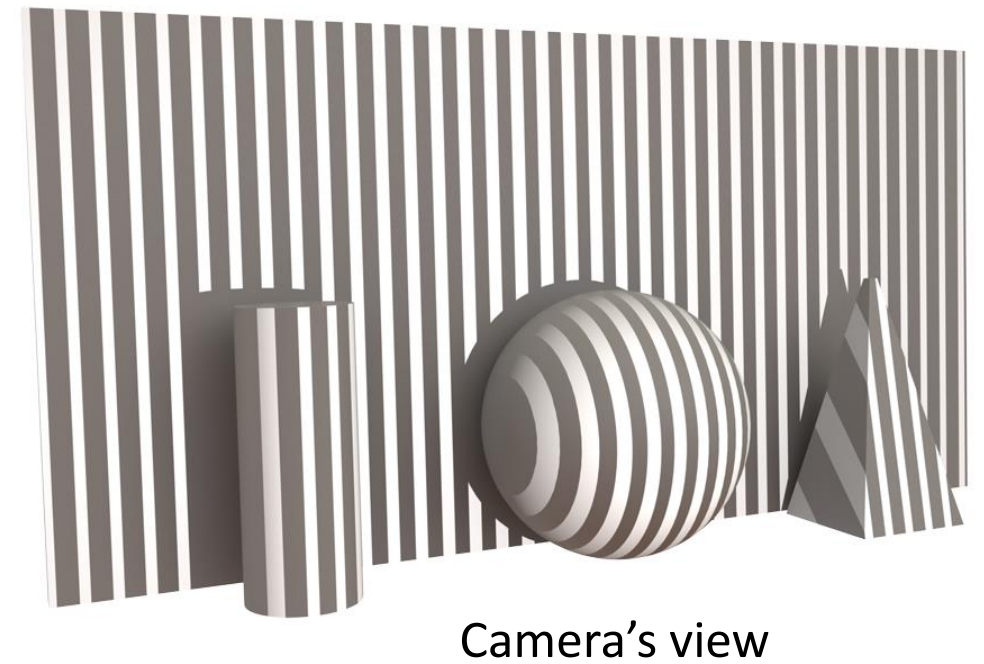
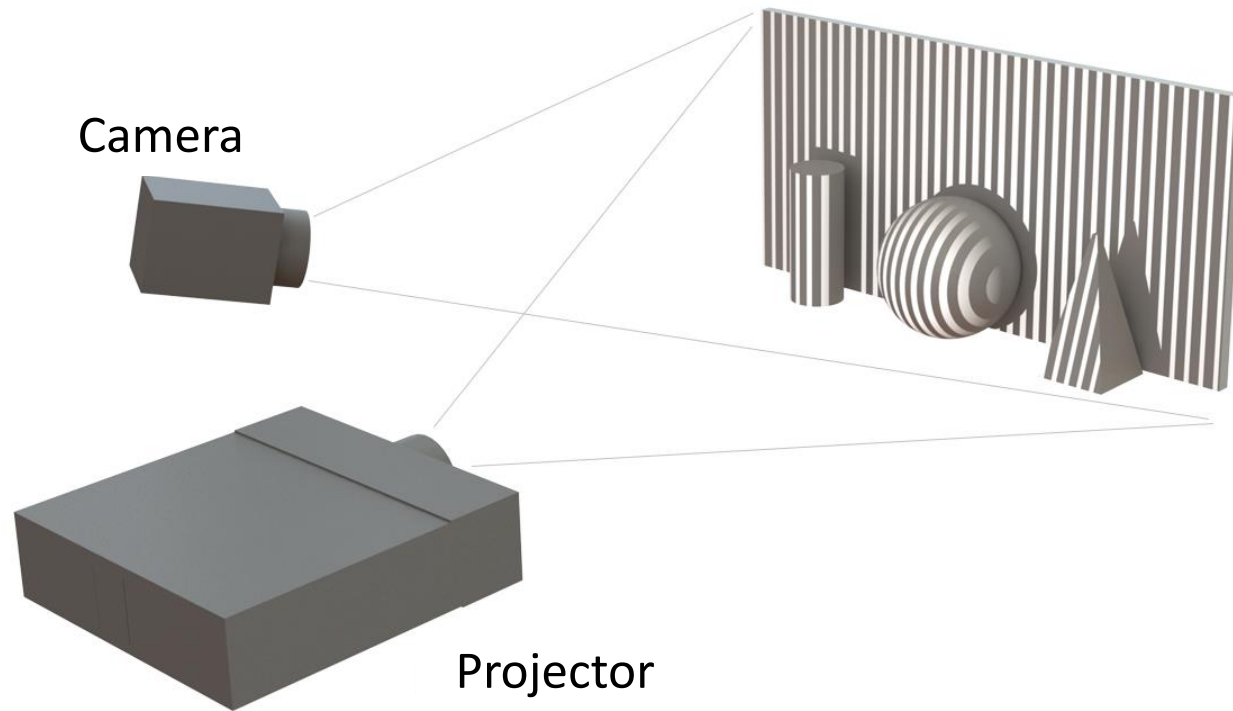
Stereo imaging



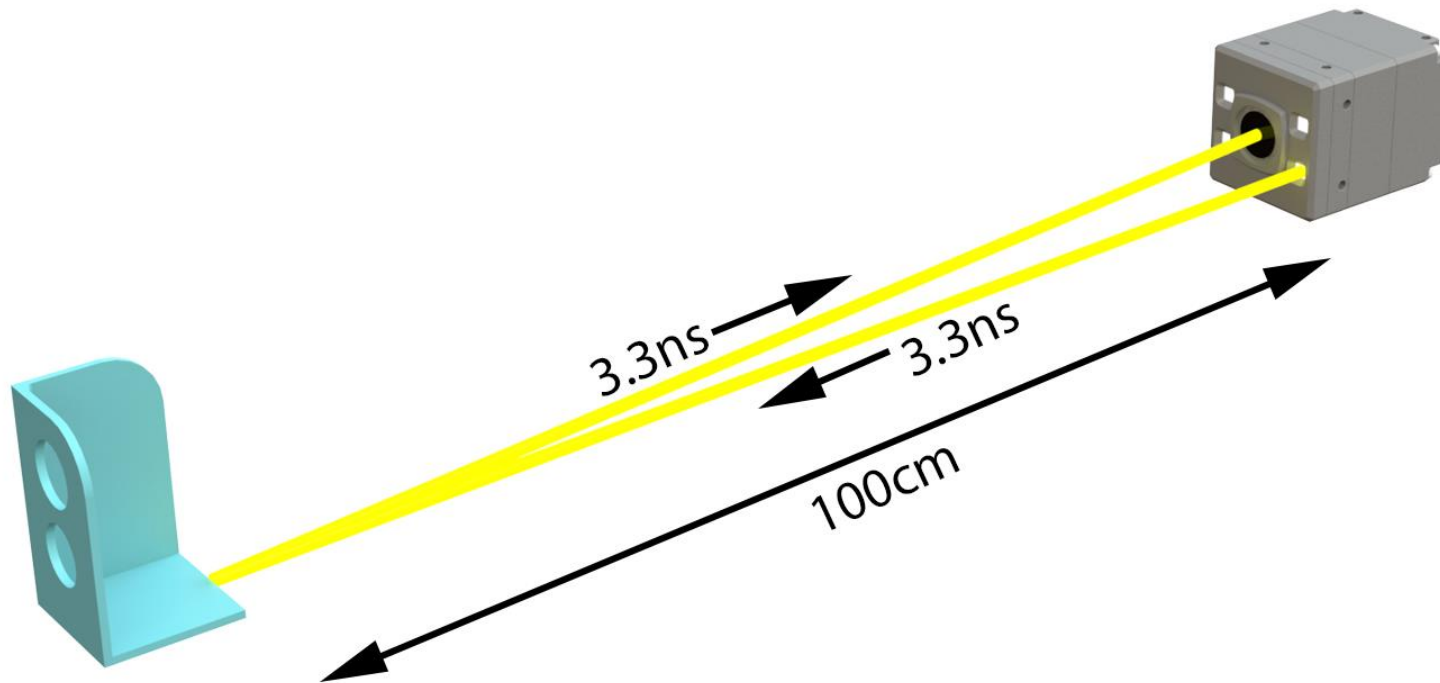
Structural lighting with laser line



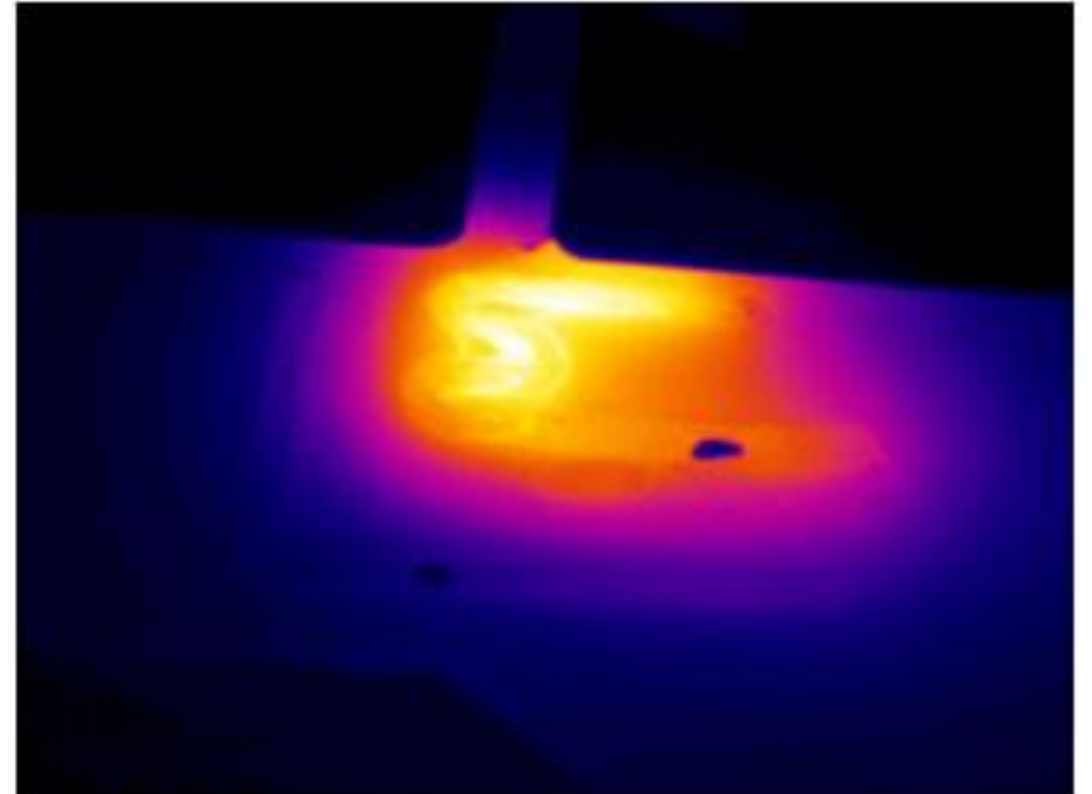
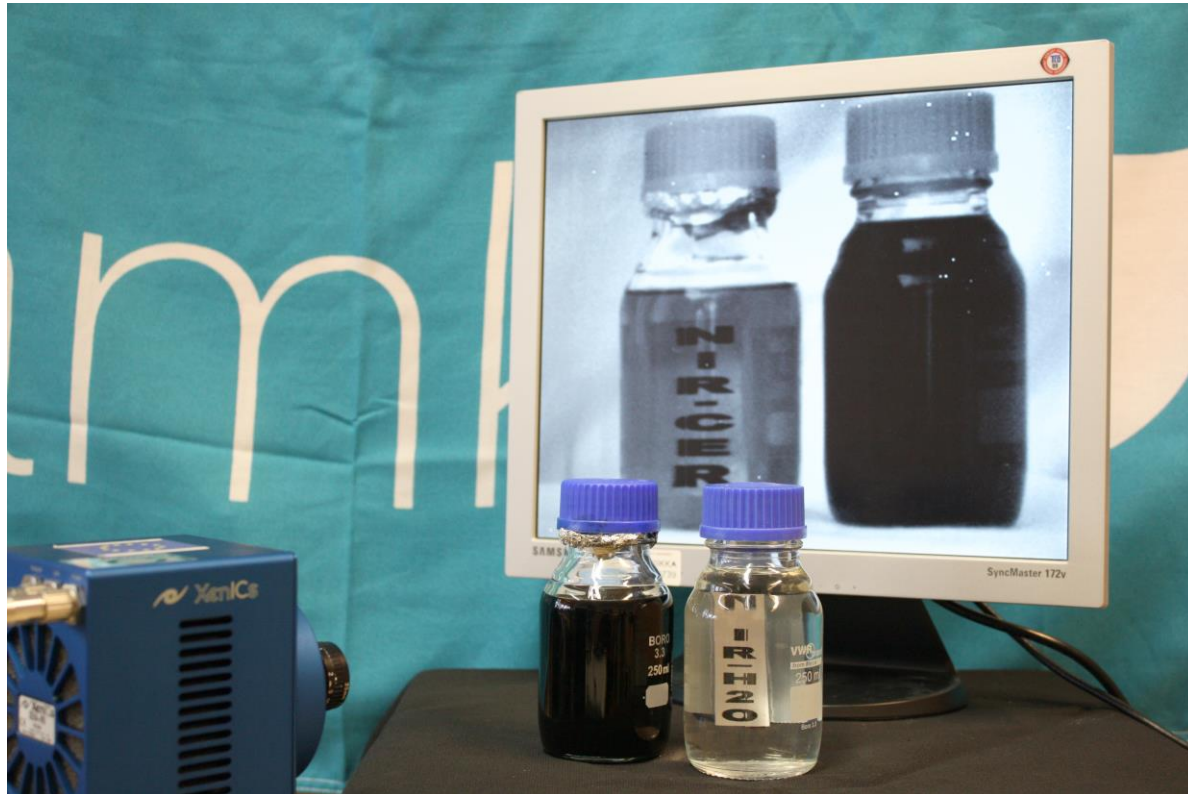
Structural lighting with lighting pattern projection



Time of Flight (ToF)

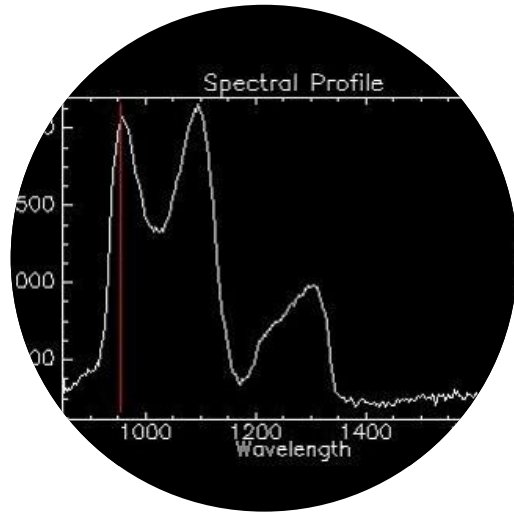


Infrared Imaging

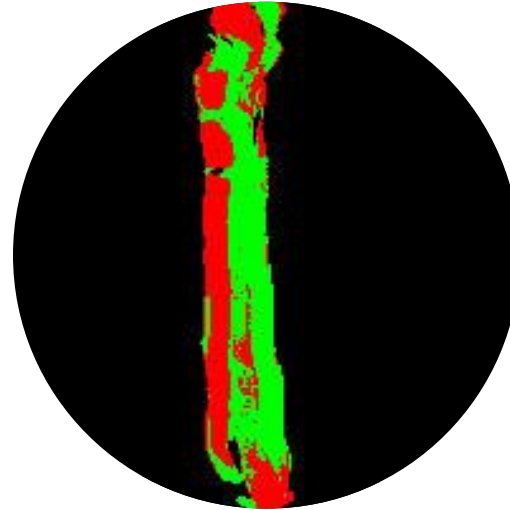


Spectral Imaging

An innovative combination of spectroscopy, machine vision and signal processing.

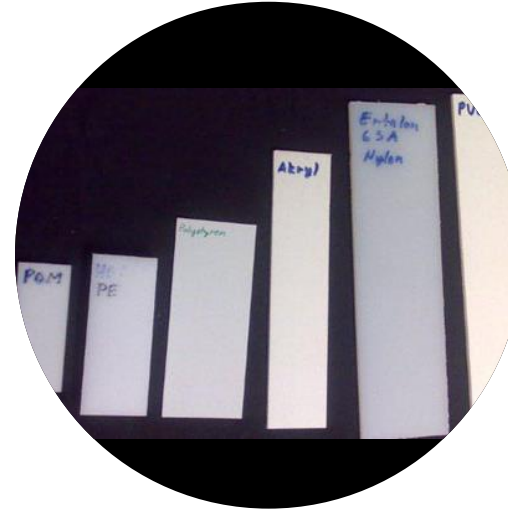


Spectrum of a pixel
= Intensity of
reflected light as a
function of
wavelength



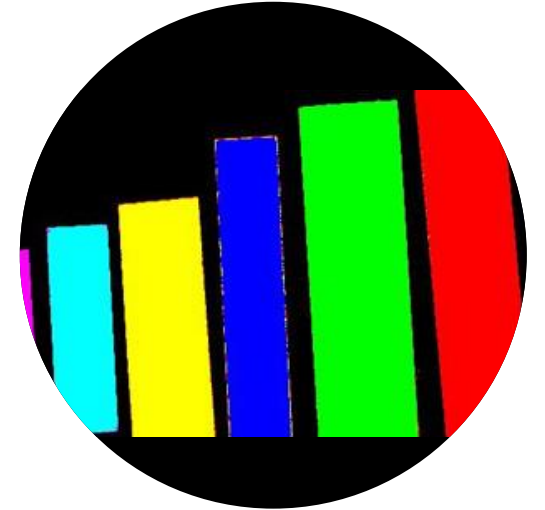
Visible light
spectral imaging

Colour
identification /
verification



Near infrared
spectral imaging

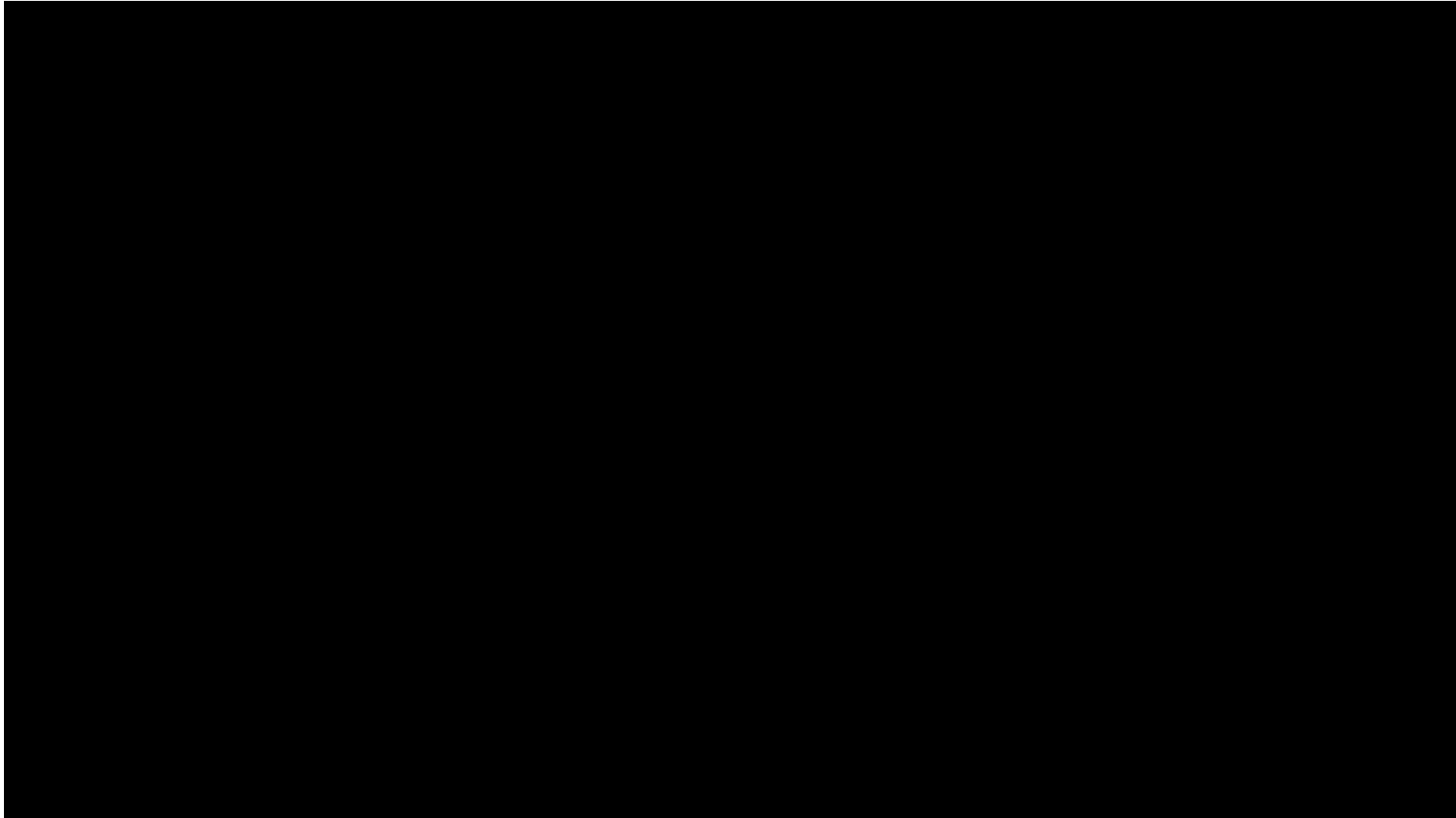
Material
identification



Sorting substances

Examples of machine vision in robot controlling

Smart camera controlled robot application for organizing playing cards



<https://youtu.be/bjQ7F3MqTco>

Flexible and product-independent 3D machine vision-controlled collaborative robot application for the food industry



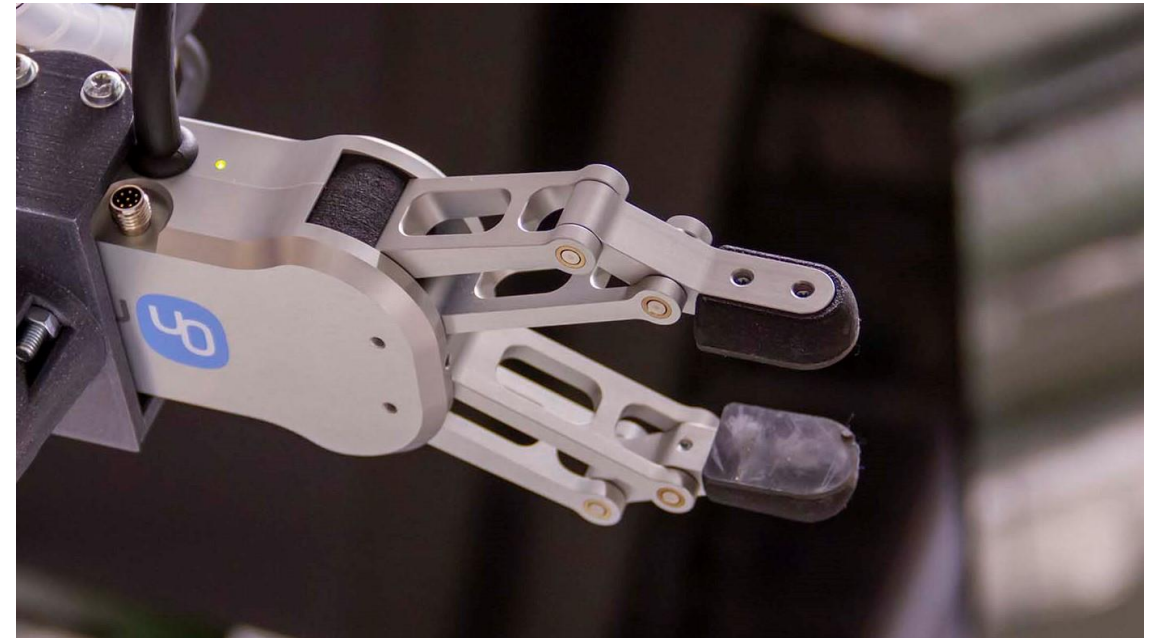
3D machine vision controlled bin picking of metal pipes



Smart tools for smart robots

What is a robot tool?

- A mechanical part that a robot moves from one point to another
- With the tool, the robot does something
- There are a lot of different tools and more are being planned all the time
- The most commonly used tool is some kind of gripper or gripper
- The tool can also be a tool involved in a specific process or job, such as a welding torch or paint sprayer



Tool features

- The tool or gripper should be as light weight as possible
- The robot's payload is divided between the tool and the part
- The tool should be very versatile when used with many different pieces
- When designing, it is worth considering how the gripper affects the workpiece
 - possible deformations caused by gripping forces



Classification of grippers

- Vacuum gripper
- Pneumatic grippers
- Hydraulic gripper
- Servo-electric grippers
- Grippers that open and close
- Two- or more-finger grippers
- Smart sensed grippers



Vacuum Gripper



Pneumatic Gripper



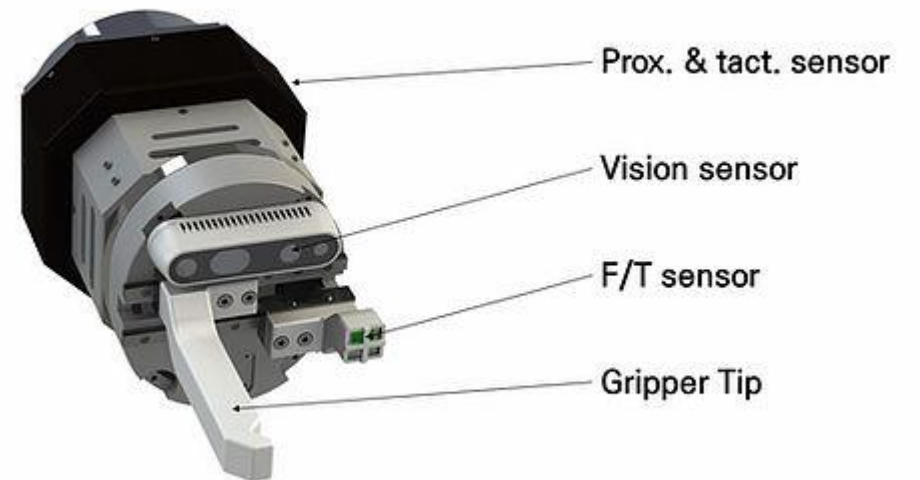
Hydraulic Gripper



Servo-Electric Gripper

Smart grippers

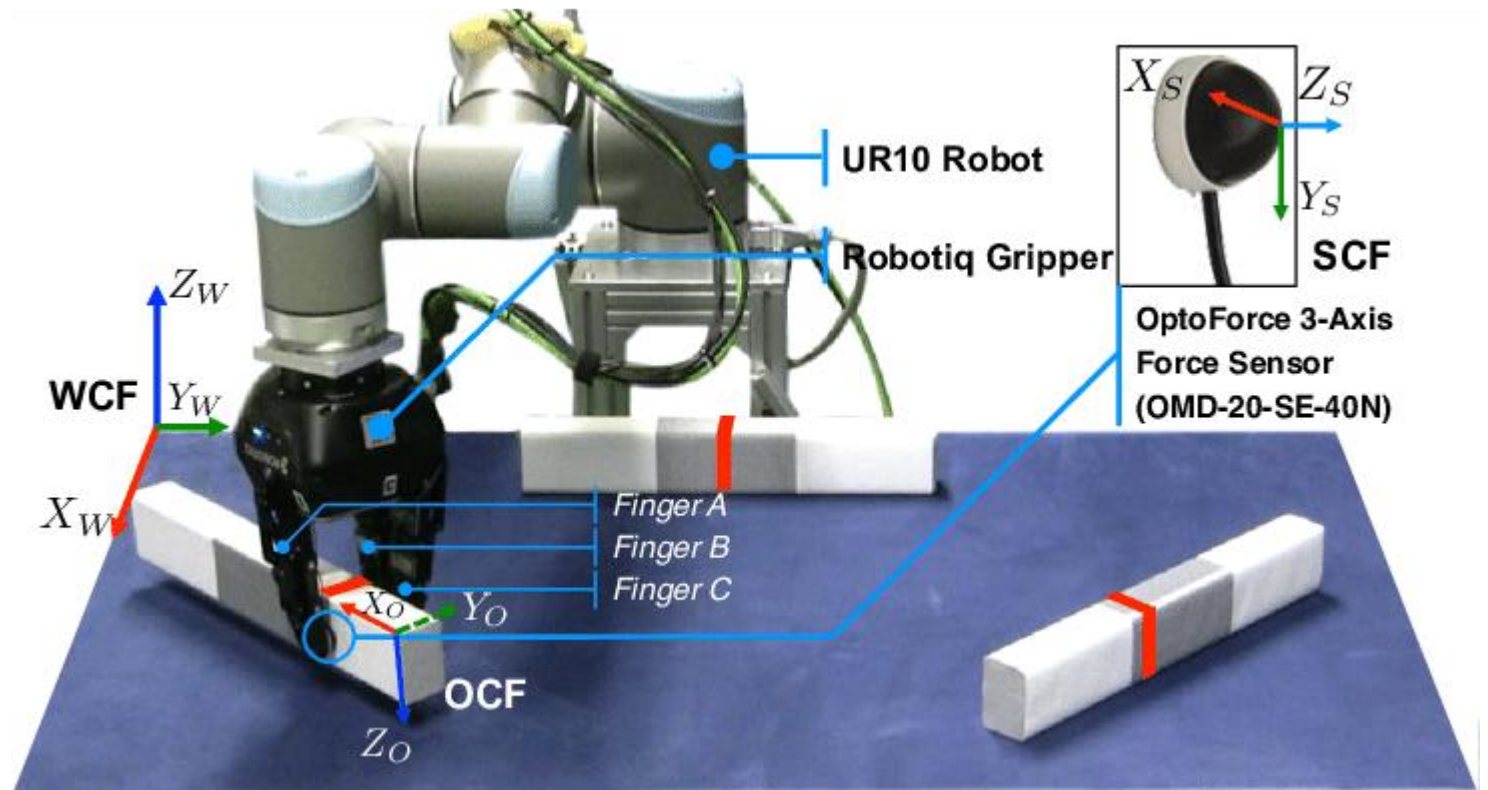
- Smart grippers are coming to the market right now
- Monitor the success of the work steps
- Prevent unnecessary interruptions
- Identify error situations
- Information about the internal state of the gripper



Picture: Aidin Robotics

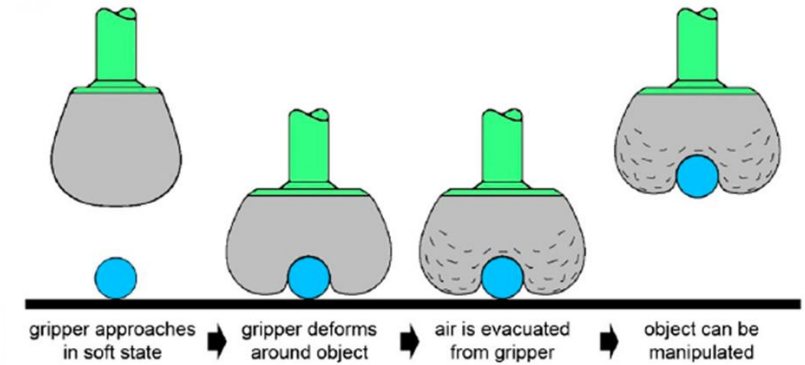
Sensors used in grippers

- Infrared or color sensors
- Ultrasonic sensors
- Encoders
- Mechanical switches
- Optical sensors
- Acceleration sensors
- Force/Torque sensors
- Proximity sensors
- Tactile sensors



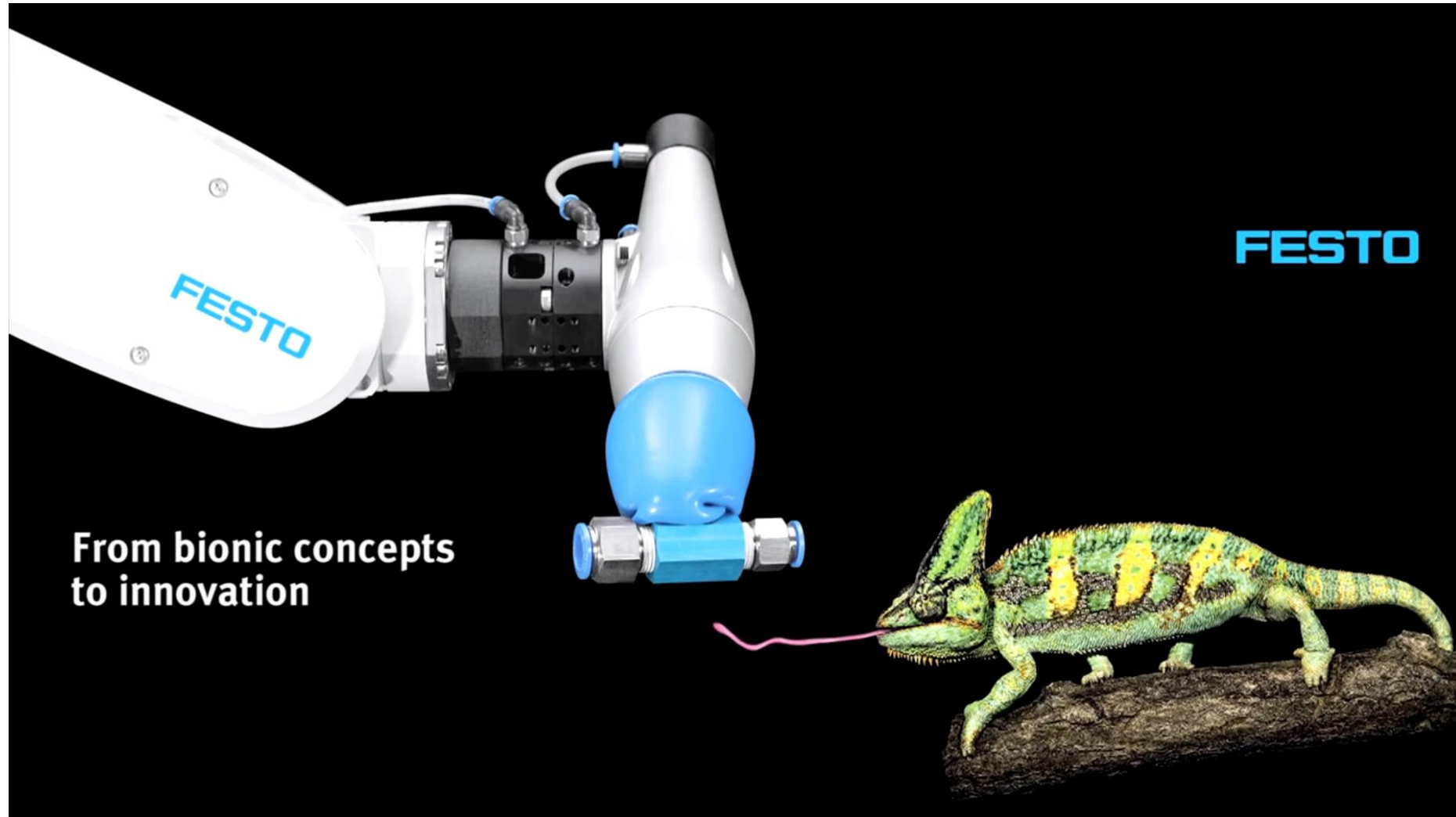
Flexible tools

- The soft suction gripper is shaped according to the shapes of the body
- Multi-cup vacuum gripper from which the required number of suction cups can be used
- Vacuum gripping system for multi-piece

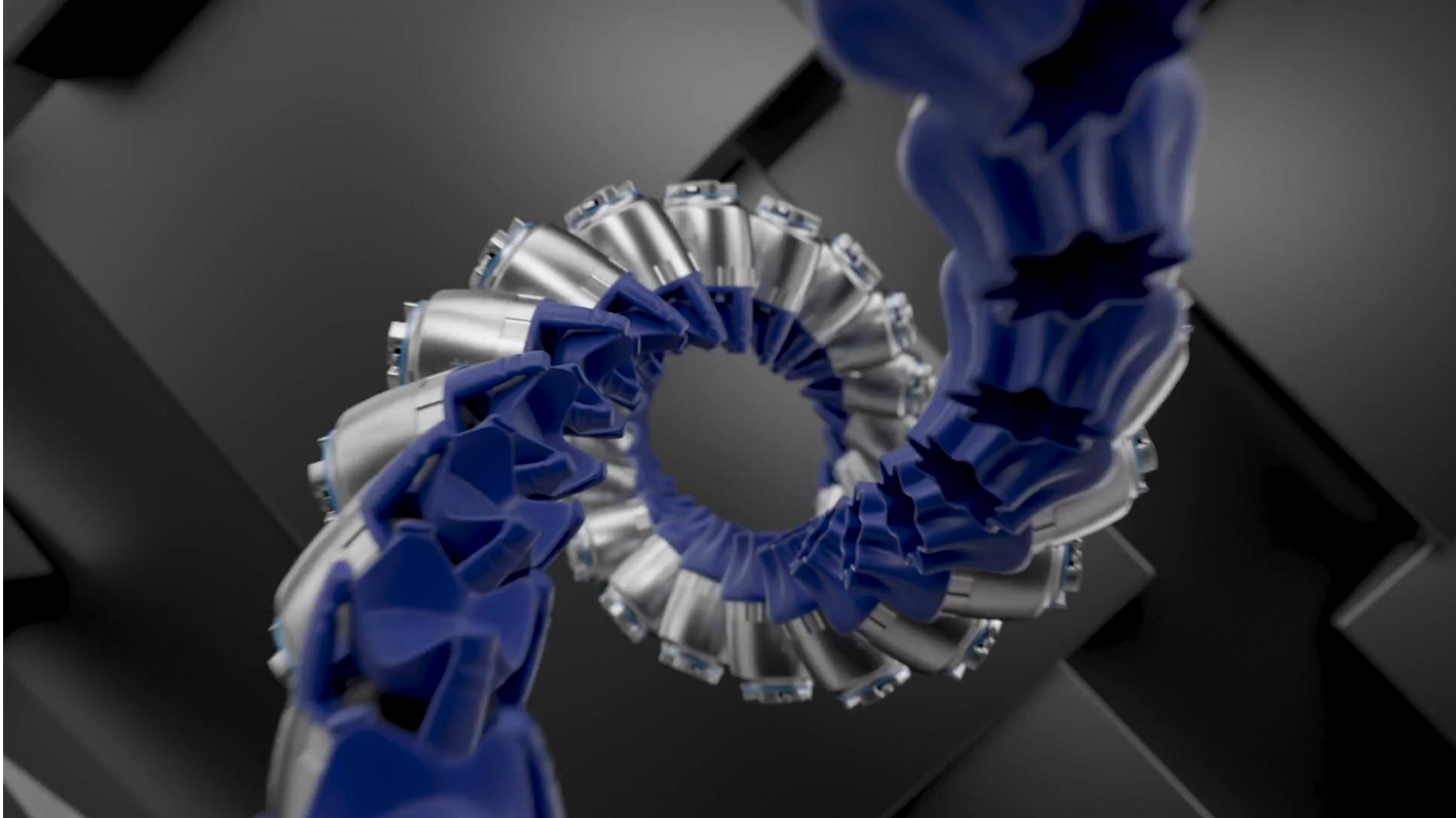


Examples of flexible grippers

Adaptive shape gripper



Soft gripper



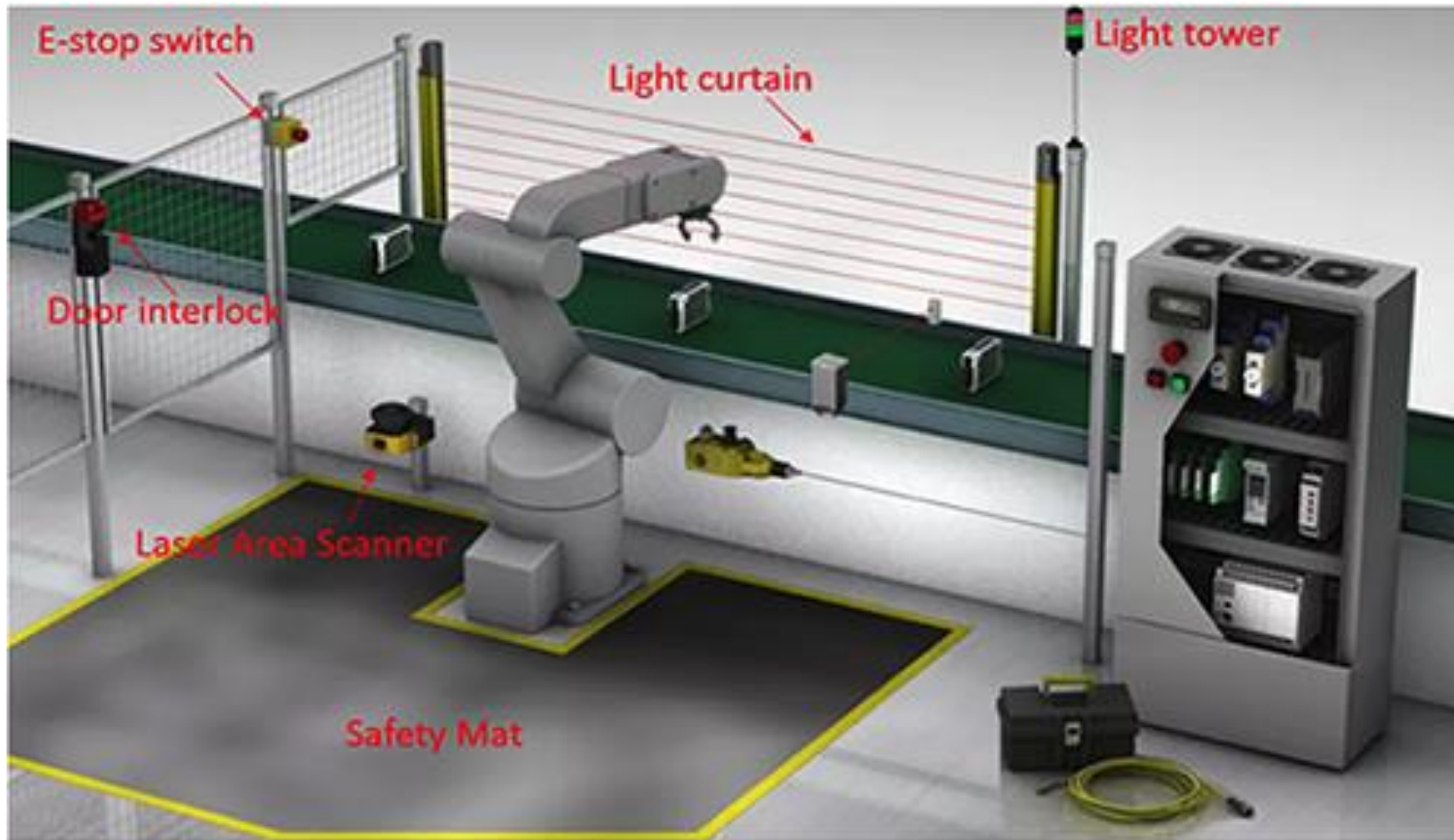
Safety in Robotic systems

- From a safety perspective, a robot is a challenging system
- The movements are:
 - Wide
 - Three-dimensional
 - Unpredictable
- A person unknown to the robot cannot guess how the robot moves



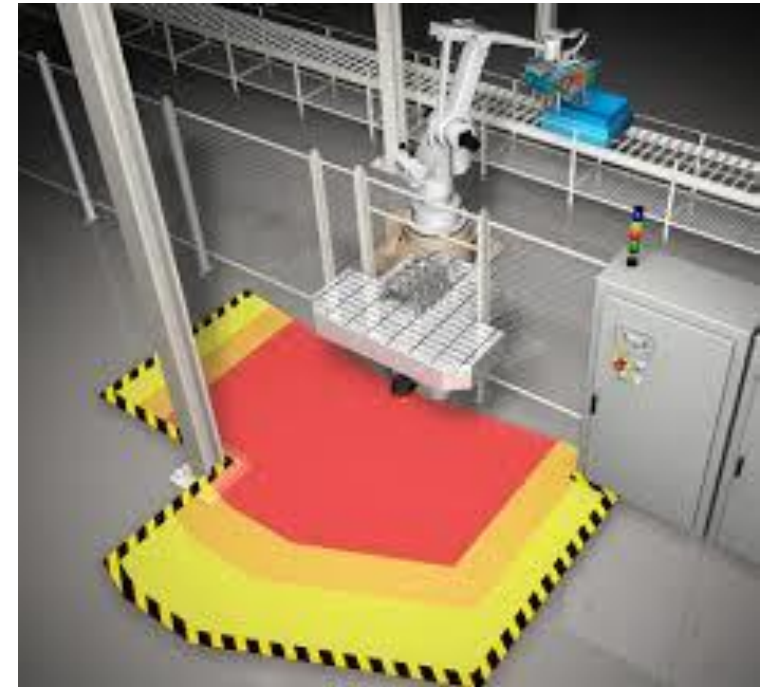
Picture: Sick

Safety equipment of robotic systems



Safety mat

- 10-15 mm thick, rubber mat
- When a person steps on the carpet, the mechanical contact is passed as control information to the robot
- The operating principle is:
 - Compressed air solutions
 - Optical fiber
 - Electromechanical solutions (most common): two metal plates, the contact of which can be detected electrically
- Allows the protection of very differently shaped areas
- Just becoming in more common use



Kuva: Rockwell Automation

Safety scanner

- Optical safety device
- Measuring the time it takes of a light beam to reflect from an object
- The laser beam is reflected usually by a rotating mirror
- If the reflection is abnormal, there is something in the safety area
 - The angle of rotation of the mirror allows the scanner to determine the location of the object



Picture: Sick

Safety scanner

- The advantage over a light curtain is the possibility to monitor multiple parallel entrances
- Operating range 1-7 meters, the warning area is ~10 meters
- Response time and resolution depend on the size of the monitored area
- Usage increased significantly in recent years



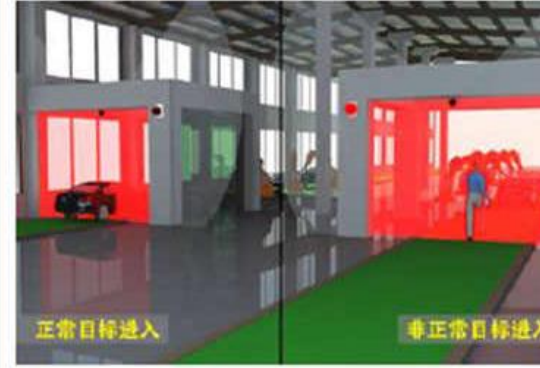
Safety scanner

Commonly used:

Vehicle Collision Avoidance



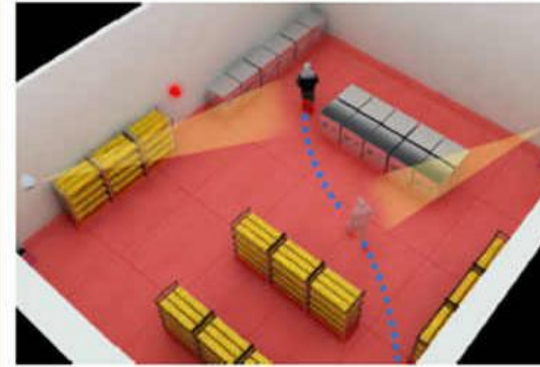
Safety Zone Protection



Robot Navigation

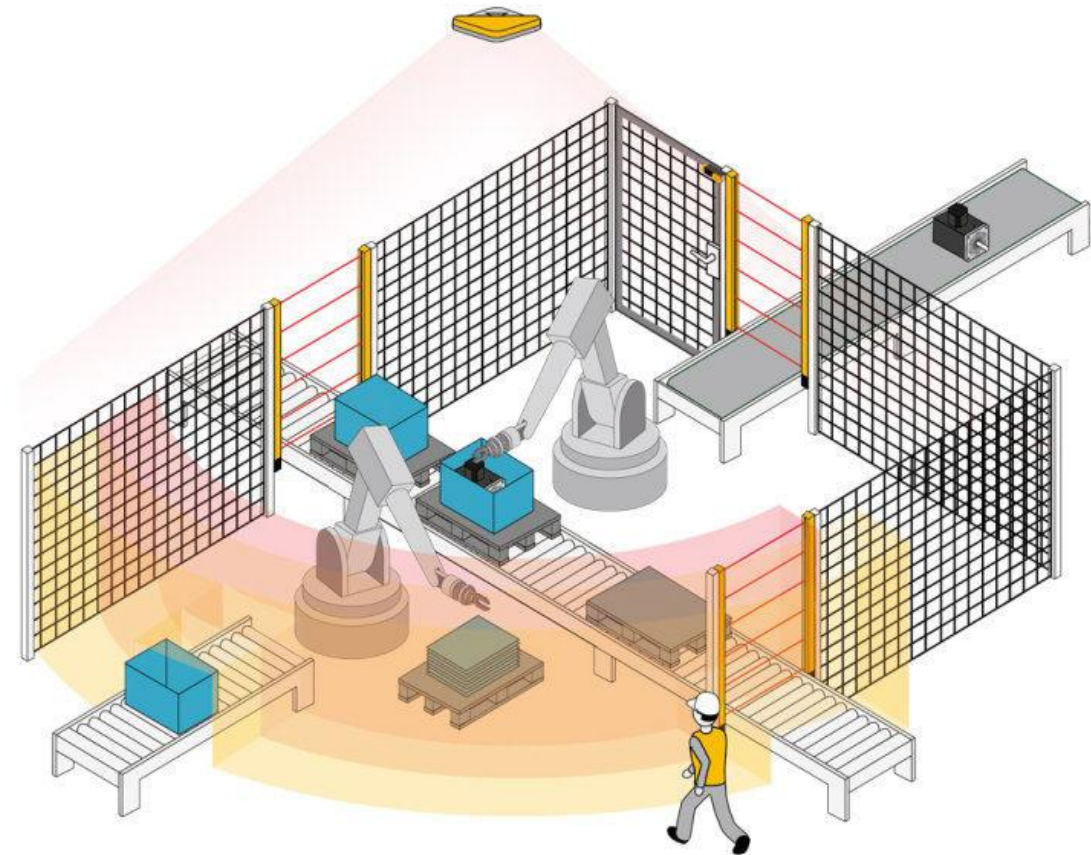


Video Tracking



Machine vision based safety sensors

- Developed a lot in recent years
- Prices still high, but will certainly be used at least in challenging systems
- Usually based on 3D imaging techniques + analysis of the image changes
- The size and shape of the monitored area can be almost anything
- The response times are not yet that quick
→ Warning and safety areas must be larger



Pilz SafetyEYE: up to 72 square meters observation at a time

Sources of information

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Fill the blanks - answers 1

Sensors

Industrial Robots have practically worked completely blind.

The new safe robots rely on a variety of sensors. The torque sensor, or in other words the force sensor, of course measures the force, but its significance when integrated into the robot comes from the fact that it gives the robot a sense of touch.

Position sensors are needed for the basic operation of robots.

They are attached to each robot joint. They measure the position of each joint and report it to the robot control.

Fill the blanks - answers 2

Machine vision

Machine vision definition says that machine vision means the use of devices for optical non-contact sensing to automatically receive and interpret an image of a real scene in order to obtain information and/or control machines or processes.

In a traditional machine vision system, there is a camera with the optics needed to capture just a specific subject.

3D imaging can be used for example in shape inspection and quality assurance, volume measurement and controlling of robot in bin picking or pick and place operations.

Long wave infrared imaging, which is usually known as thermal imaging, gives information that we can't get with our own eyes.

Fill the blanks - answers 3

Smart tools for smart manufacturing

The robot tool is actually the part of the robot that the robot moves while it is working.

The tool or gripper should be as light weight as possible so that the robot can handle also the parts not just the gripper alone.

Smart grippers can be used to monitor the robot's gripping and part handling functions.

Flexible grippers should be used when the shape of the part is difficult for a traditional gripper.

Fill the blanks - answers 4

Safety in robotic systems

From a safety perspective, a robot is a challenging system. The movements of the robot are wide, three-dimensional and unpredictable.

The advantage of a laser scanner over a light curtain is that a single scanner can monitor multiple parallel entrances.

Thank you!

Questions?



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