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La Universidad de Zaragoza participa en un proyecto europeo para automatizar procesos industriales



Automatizar trabajos que se basan de fuerza manual y el procesamiento de productos deformables como alimentos, ropa, juguetes o artículos de piel es un desafío tecnológico importante en la industria ya que requiere adaptarse en la actualidad. La realización de algunos de estos tareas por sistemas robóticos sería, sin duda, un factor importante para mejorar la competitividad de esas industrias y las condiciones y calidad de vida de los trabajadores.

Estos tareas se realizan habitualmente manualmente, por ejemplo, ensambles los piezas de piel de un regalo sobre la mesa. El desarrollo de robots o sus equivalentes para los movimientos manipulativos de objetos con formas irregulares produce desafíos o lesiones otros, exponen diferentes riesgos como: la caída en ambientes restringidos y bajo objetos desajustados, e incluso pueden ser entrapados, lo que produce una producción insegura como niños o adultos.

Investigadores españoles, franceses y portugueses se han unido para tratar de aportar a la industria soluciones robóticas que permitan manipular productos deformables de manera

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April 10, 2018

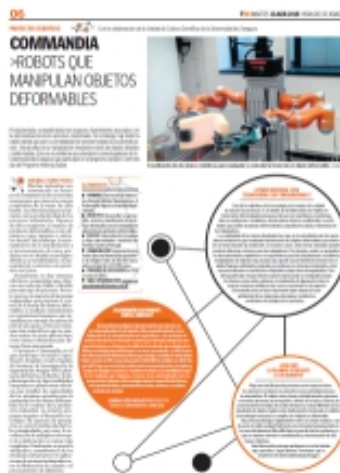
Signing of ERDF agreement



Juan Antonio Corrales (SIGMA) in the signing of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Concession Agreement in Santander on April 10, 2018.

April 10, 2018

COMMANDIA in Heraldo de Aragón



The newspaper Heraldo de Aragón dedicates a full page to project COMMANDIA.

May 7, 2018

Meeting at INESCOP



Kick-off meeting of the COMMANDIA consortium at INESCOP on May 7th.

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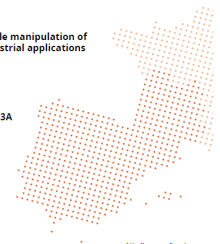
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Objective

To improve the competitiveness and working conditions of industries where deformable objects have to be directly manipulated by human operators in order to correct their shape during production.

Expected results

This project is intended to develop and propose a set of new techniques and technologies for robotic perception, control and planning in order to dynamically handle deformable objects using a group of collaborative mobile manipulators. These new robotic functionalities will be applied to various industrial tasks that industrial partners have identified as priority areas in the near and longer term.

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Robots to improve working conditions:

The University of Alicante participates in a project for deformable products industries such as footwear.

June 8, 2018

Conference: The digital challenge in the footwear sector. INESCOP-Economía3

D. Miguel Davia, Head of Advanced Manufacturing at INESCOP, presented in the forum “El reto digital en el Sector Calzado”, on 7th March 2018, the keynote “Servicios de apoyo desde Inescop a la digitalización del Sector Calzado” (“Support services from Inescop to the digitization of the Footwear Sector”). economia3.com

July 13, 2018

Paper: A Vision-Driven Collaborative Robotic Grasping System Tele-Operated by Surface Electromyography

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Journal: Sensors 2018, 18(7), 2366; <https://doi.org/10.3390/s18072366>

Abstract: This paper presents a system that combines computer vision and surface electromyography techniques to perform grasping tasks with a robotic hand. In order to achieve a reliable grasping action, the vision-driven system is used to compute pre-grasping poses of the robotic system based on the analysis of tridimensional object features. Then, the human operator can correct the pre-grasping pose of the robot using surface electromyographic signals from the forearm during wrist flexion and extension. Weak wrist flexions and extensions allow a fine adjustment of the robotic system to grasp the object and finally, when the operator considers that the grasping position is optimal, a strong flexion is performed to initiate the grasping of the object. The system has been tested with several subjects to check its

performance showing a grasping accuracy of around 95% of the attempted grasps which increases in more than a 13% the grasping accuracy of previous experiments in which electromyographic control was not implemented.

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September 7, 2018

Paper: Agarre bimanual de objetos asistido por visión

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Author: J.A. Castro-Vargas, B.S. Zapata-Impata, P. Gil, J. Pomares
 Conference: Tejado Balsera, Inés, et al. (eds.). Actas de las XXXIX Jornadas de Automática: Badajoz, 5-7 de Septiembre de 2018. ISBN 978-84-09-04460-3, pp. 1030-1037

Abstract: Manipulation tasks of objects, sometimes, require the use of two or more cooperating robots. In the industry 4.0, assistance robotic is being more and more demanded, for example, to carry out tasks such as lifting, dragging or pushing of both heavy and big packages. Consequently, it is possible to find robots with human appearance addressed on helping human operators in activities in which these types of movements occur. In this article, a vision-assisted robotic platform is presented to carry out both grasping tasks and bimanual manipulation of objects. The robotic platform consists of a

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metallic torso with rotational joint at the hip and two industrial manipulators, with 7 degrees of freedom, which act as arms. Each arm mounts a multifinger robotic hand at the end. Each of the upper extremities uses visual perception from 3 RGBD sensors located in an eye-to-hand configuration. The platform has been successfully used and tested to carry out bimanual object grasping in order to develop cooperative manipulation tasks in a coordinated way between both robotic extremities.

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Paper: Non-Matrix Tactile Sensors: How Can Be Exploited Their Local Connectivity For Predicting Grasp Stability?

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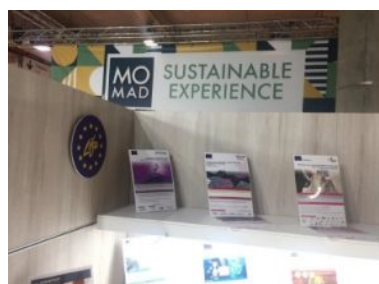
Abstract: Tactile sensors supply useful information during the interaction with an object that can be used for assessing the stability of a grasp. Most of the previous works on this topic processed

tactile readings as signals by calculating hand-picked features. Some of them have processed these readings as images calculating characteristics on matrix-like sensors. In this work, we explore how non-matrix sensors (sensors with taxels not arranged exactly in a matrix) can be processed as tactile images as well. In addition, we prove that they can be used for predicting grasp stability by training a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) with them. We captured over 2500 real three-fingered grasps on 41 everyday objects to train a CNN that exploited the local connectivity inherent on the non-matrix tactile sensors, achieving 94.2% F1-score on predicting stability.

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MOMAD 2018



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MOMAD, acronym for fashion in Madrid (MOda en MADrid), is a fair that takes place usually in September in Madrid fair pavilion, Ifema. MOMAD is the largest fashion showcase of the Iberian Peninsula for the presentation of new collections, new brand and retail concepts, lifestyle and trends.

Under the umbrella brand of ShoesRoom by MOMAD, footwear companies exhibit at MOMAD Fashion and Accesories show. Moreover, ShoesRoom also takes place in winter as a separate event, so they can present Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer collections.

September 30, 2018

Lineapelle exhibition



Lineapelle is an international exhibition held in Milan, about innovation focused in leather, accessories, components, fabrics, synthetics and models.