# **Collaborative robots in action**

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#### Welcome





Prof. Juha Röning University of Oulu Biomimetics and Intelligent Systems Group (BISG) Agenda



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- Simple applications
  - Pick and place
  - Machine tending
- Complex applications
- Summary
- Questions and Answers

## Introduction

#### What are collaborative robots



- Usually, robotic arms with 4-7 degrees of freedom
- Additional safety features that make them safer around humans
- "Teaching" mode
- Advantages
  - Easy to use and program
  - No need for security enclosing
  - Possibility of working alongside of humans
  - Can be build to be movable
- Disadvantages
  - Reduced speed and payload (FANUC CR-35IA high-load robot with payload 35kg)
  - Expensive
  - Not totally safe

## Introduction

Applications

- Pick and place
- Machine tending
- Actuators for mobile robots
- More complex task



Application



- Pick and place
- Moving items to or from conveyor belt
- Packing and packaging
- Palletizing
- When combined with sensors can be used in quality control or sorting



Machine tending



- Feeding materials to machine
- Removing processed parts from the machine
- Can operate some physical buttons

Integrating with machine vision





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- Material identification demo for GarBot
- Software is given area where object is
- Object location and surface orientation is determined
  using Intel Realsense depth camera
- Probing spectrometer is moved to object surface and infrared spectrum is measured



#### Seam following



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Seam following



- Seam is scanned with 2D laser scanner
- Robot follows the seam with end effector
- Could be used for example for gluing, sealing or welding
- Safety issues from laser scanner and end efferctor

Welding robot



- Oulu university of applied sciences
- UR10 arm and Kemppi A7 automated welding system
- Safety issues:
  - Welding gun and wire
  - Welding torch
  - Sparks during welding
  - Safety scanner



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**Mobile robots** 



- Mörri platform with Kinova Jacob arm
- With cobot mobile robots can interact with environment
- Mobile robot needs to be aware of its arm position or the arm needs to be moved to safe orientation during driving







- Cobots can be useful for automating repetitive tasks
- Collaborative robots' safety features are designed only for the arm and not for the end effectors
- Safety for application will need to be reviewed for each case



# Questions?

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