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Smart robotics for
high added value
footwear industry



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Industrial requirements

- Quality: to reduce the retouching operations at the end of the line.
- Impact in current production process: coexistence of manual operations with robotized.
- Efficiency: reduction of manufacturing time.
- Production flexibility: handling a wide variety of models/sizes coexisting in the production line and allowing frequent model changes.
- Reduction of costs: tasks with higher added value.
- Working conditions: reducing the potential risk of harmful operations.
- Usability and maintainability: easy to use and maintain by no specialists in robotics.

Scientific objectives

- New programming approaches
 - CAD and sensor based programming.
 - Manual guidance devices.
- Sensor based control strategies
 - Force control based real time trajectory adjustment.
 - Visual servoing: to control the position of the robot's end-effector relative to the shoe.
- Manipulation
 - Strategies and devices for rigid and non-rigid parts manipulation.
 - Bimanual-multifinger manipulation.
- Footwear Manufacturing
 - Redesign of lasts.
 - Quality assurance: 2D and 3D defects.
 - Different manufacturing operations: roughing, gluing, inking, polishing, last removal, last manufacturing.
 - Packaging.

