PicknPack

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KBBE.2012.2.3-03: Call: "Automation in food packaging systems"

- Food industry is facing:
 - high numbers of food products and varieties and packaging types
 - small batches and small runs
 - need for operational flexibility





KBBE.2012.2.3-03: Automation in food packaging systems

- Fresh and processed food
- Convenience and hygiene is important
- Integration of advanced technologies within robotics
- In-line quality control
- Intelligent management, ensuring traceability

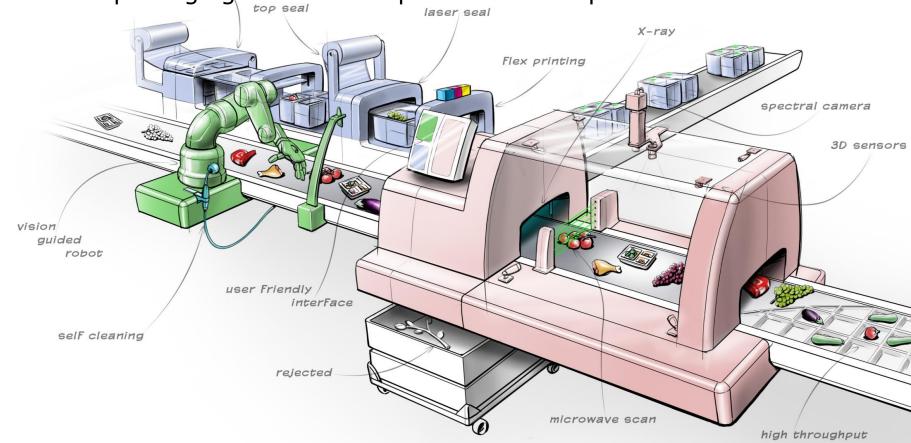






Flexible robotic systems for automated adaptive

packaging of fresh and processed food products







Partners & budget

Wageningen UR (NL)

Danish Technological Institite (DK)

Tecnalia (ES)

KU Leuven (B)

University of Manchester (UK)

Fraunhofer AVV (D)

Lacquey (NL)

ITENE (ES)

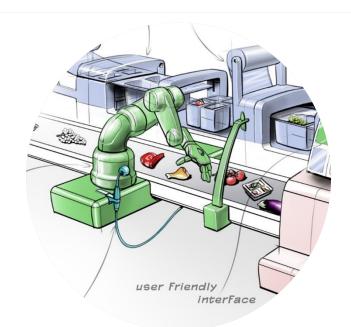
InnospeXion (DK)

Marel (IS)

Tecnalia-AZTI (ES)

Cam-Tech (DK)

XaarJet AB (S)
WAGENINGEN
UNIVERSITY Marks & Spencer (UK)



Budget € 12M

Funding € 9M

Duration: 4 years (Kick off: November 2012)

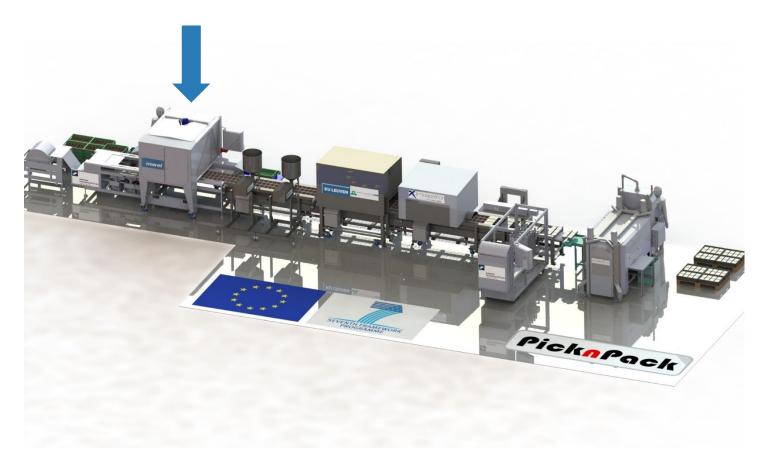






- Flexible sizes on every grid 40x40mm blocks
- Low cost mould
- Fast change over in seconds
- Fast and cheap designing lead time
- Short time to market
- Reliable forms



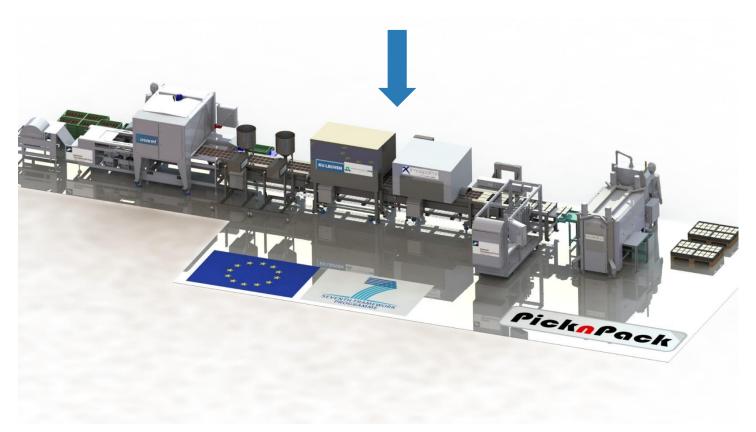






- Minimal additional machinery required
 - Minimal footprint
 - Minimal cleaning
- 3D-camera in working area
 - Real time feedback on success of grasp
 - Second attempt possible
 - Control of surrounding area
 - Automated calibration by "hand-eye" coordination
- Fast change of end effector
- CIP
- Quality data (weight, camera-features)

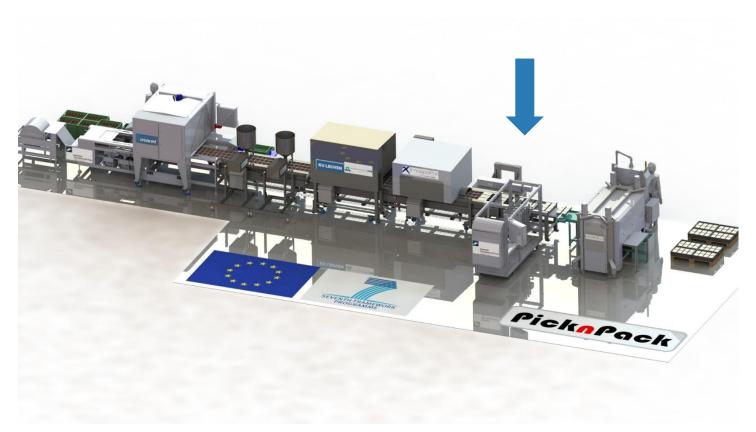






- New sensor technologies
 - 3D colour
 - 3D X-ray
 - Hyperspectral image analysis
 - Microwave scanning
- Automated fuse of sensor data
- Learning to new quality features and products by training







- Printer
 - Full colour quality print is possible (b/w in demo)
 - Only transparent foil on stock
 - Less waste
 - No change overs to other foils
 - Flexible print 4 batches delay-time form QAS
 - Possible in food environment
- Laser
 - Flexible seal shape, cuts and perforations
 - With seal integrity test a second attempt is possible
- Energy, machinery and cleaning savings



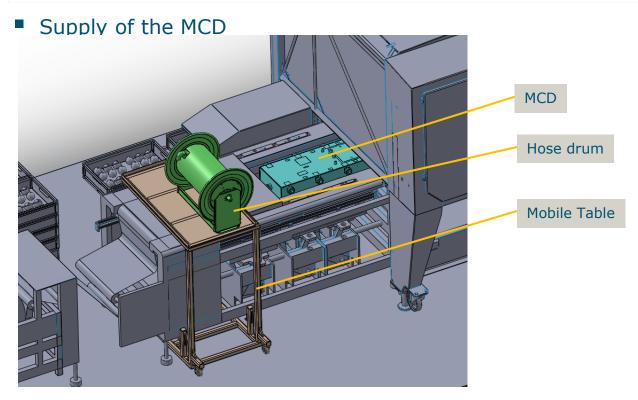




- Fast
- Flexible workspace
- Rectangular workspace, able to pack many crate lines
- Camera tracking of packages



Finalisation MCD





Clean In Place delta robot



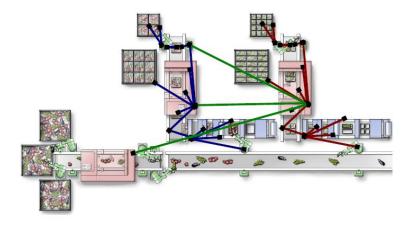


- Focus on food contact parts from inside the line
- Dryer cleaning
- Flexible modified program for every food product, machine
- Reproducible cleaning
- Savings on labour, water, contamination, chemicals, materials and machines



Data connection variability

Communication structure \neq **mechanical interconnections**!







- Auto discovery of software modules
 - No networks addresses have to be provided
 - Discovery via symbolic name
 - Line controller checks every module before running
- Production specific configuration of modules
 - Handled at line-controller
 - Stored in the line-database (Vendor neutral model)
- Software composition based on ontology
 - Processes, products and machines in a formal way
 - Modules, devices and components
- Back-tracing to all production steps
 - (Vendor independend)



Thank you

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