

Industrial robotics

Periphery

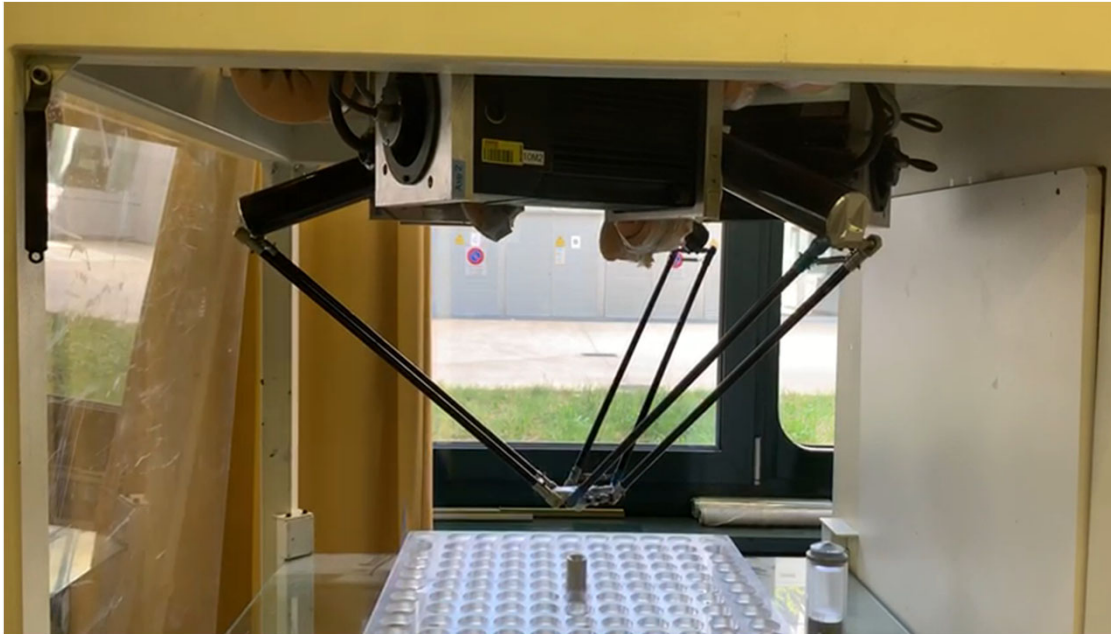
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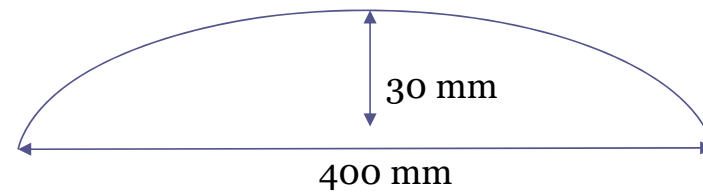


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0,4mm RMS_error @30 Ge acceleration pick_and_place

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A robot alone is useless!

There are physical and information interfaces between the robot and the components to be processed.

The various functions of the periphery are summarized as follows:

- 1. **Present** the parts to the robot at a specific location*
- 2. **Recover** the parts after defined operation (s), in a defined sequence;*
- 3. Ensure a **relationship** between the component reference frame and that of the robot (relative positioning);*
this function is essentially provided by the gripper which is fitted with an appropriate shape or system

4. Ensure a *reversible* robot-component link to allow the required operation;
By normal and frictional forces,
By magnetic forces (transfer of cans or jars with iron lids),
By vacuum; to ensure very short pick-up times, it can be effective to control the pick-up by contact with the part (reflex gripper);

*(!) an **on-board "tool" changer** may increase the flexibility of the robot, but brings **additional mobile mass**, complication and additional dimension errors; it is also possible to provide a fixed tool changer; in the latter case, the tool change will take longer;*

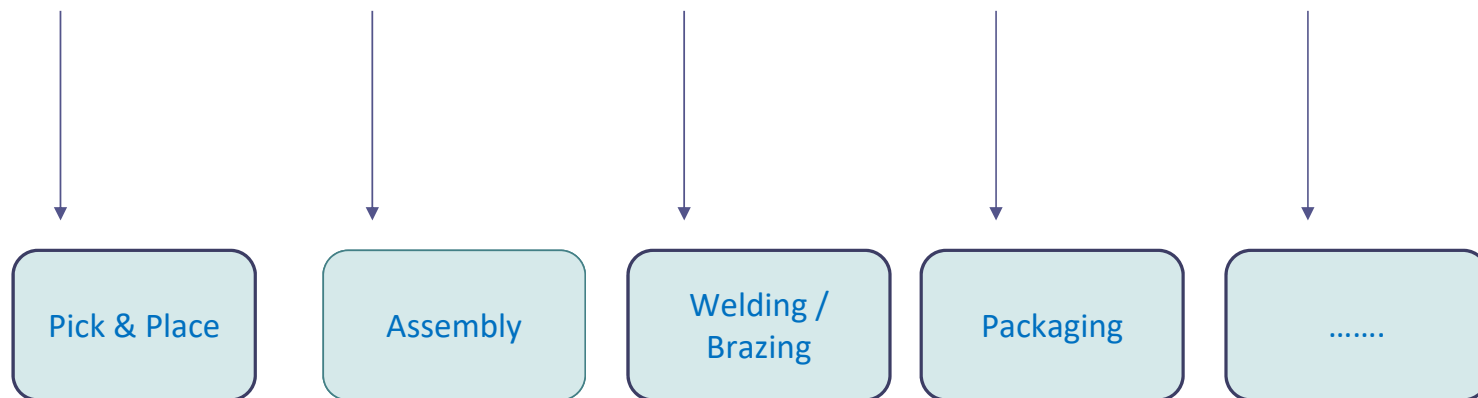
5. *Correct relative positioning errors between elements to be assembled by position sensors, by force sensors or by passive (RCC: Remote Compliance Center) or active compliant systems;*
6. *Ensure all other operations related to the work to be performed (press, US welding, machining, gluing, packaging, ...);*

(!) Operations can be performed by a tool that the robot picks up and moves or by a machine that is fed by the robot;

(!) Toolholders allowing interchangeability ensure greater flexibility by the fact that the robot can change tools autonomously.

The periphery is all that is outside the function of the robot's motion-

Peripheral components are closely linked to the application to be made.



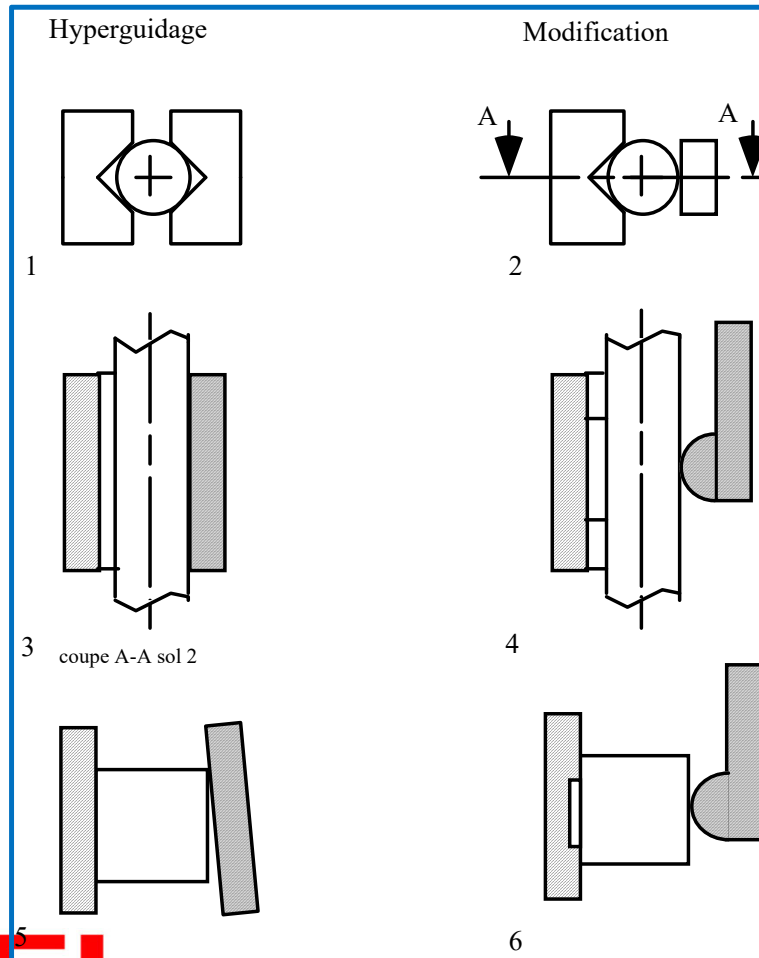


Grippers - concepts

A gripper will perform the following two functions:

- **Catch / release** (Unilateral – Bilateral or Multilateral)
- Referencing

Grippers - concepts



Some examples of grippers with **over constraint**; if necessary (reduction of contact pressure), the punctual contact can be replaced by a plate mounted on a joint or an elastic element.

Unilateral link

Fig.2
Holding and positioning device for
SMT assembly.

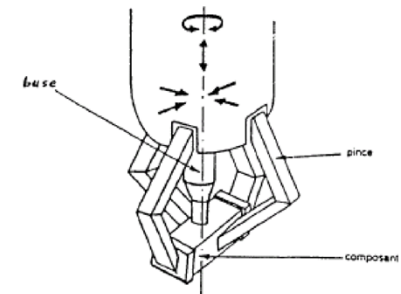


Fig.3
Bottle pick-up with special suction
cups.

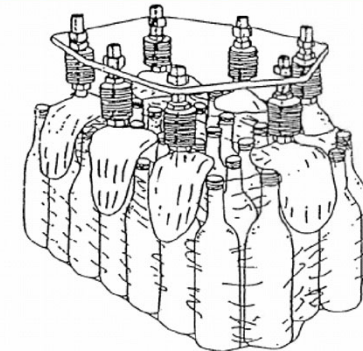
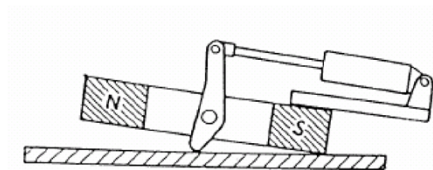


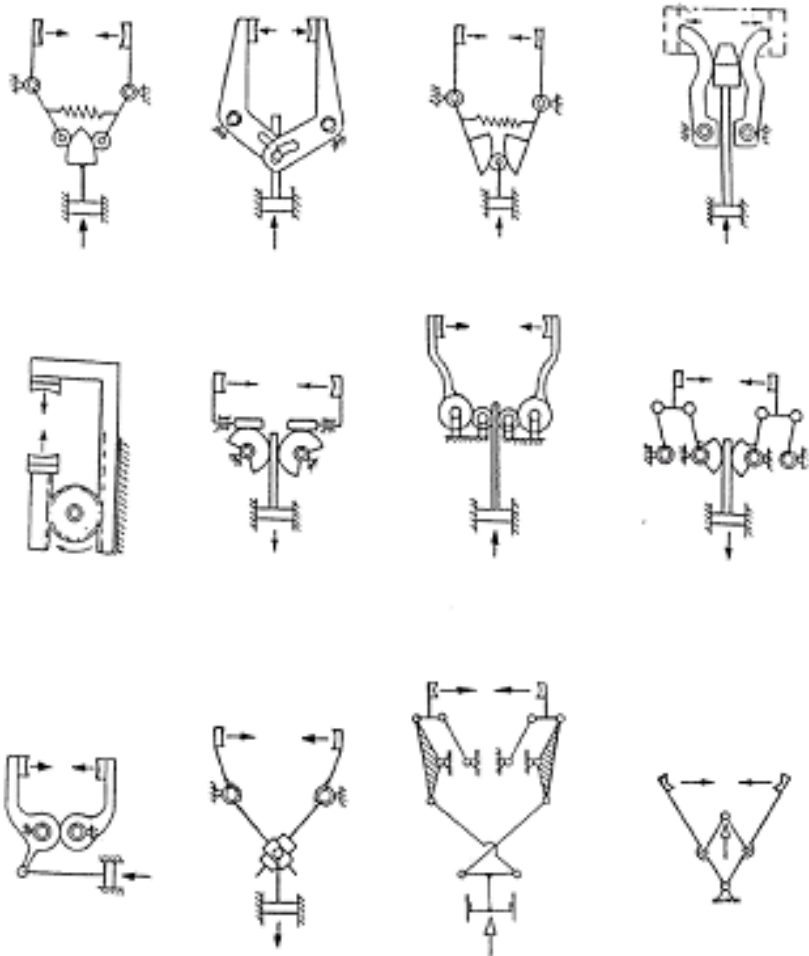
Fig.4
Permanent magnet with mechanical
ejection system.



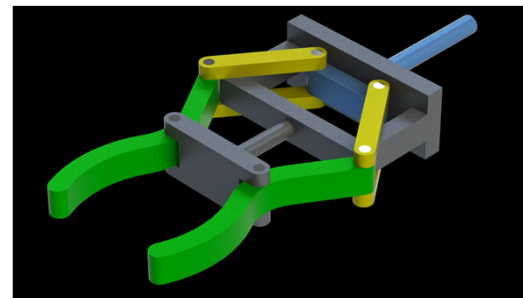
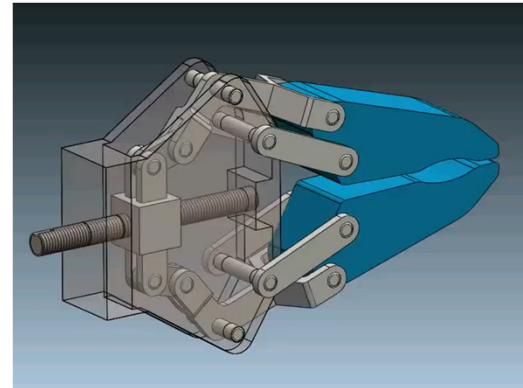
Expanding gripper / pneumatic LOG



Bilateral links / symetric

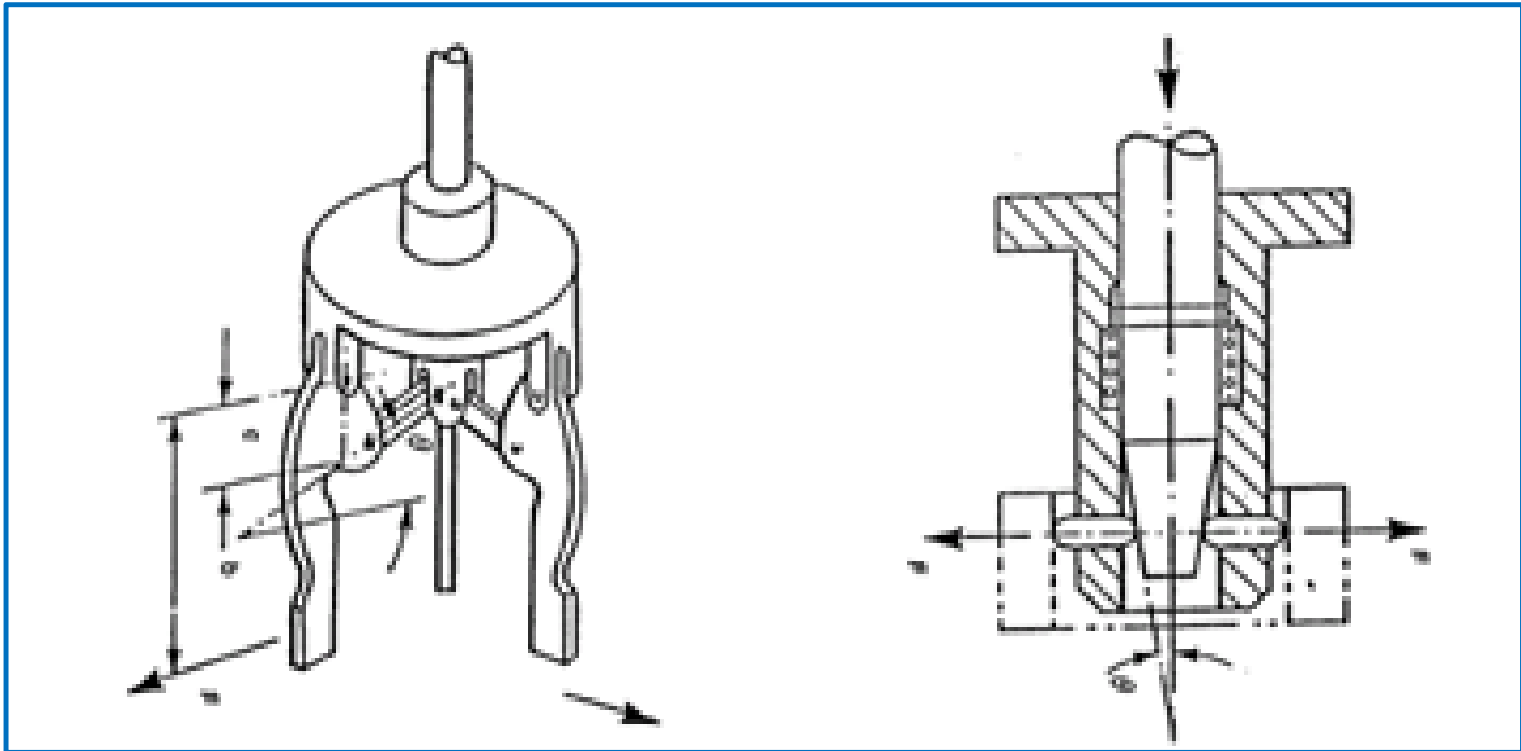


Brings flexibility to many diverse industries



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Multilateral links



3-finger gripper for external gripping and for internal gripping

Upto 4 fingers



- More rigid....
- More grip strength
- Hyper-guided

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3 finger centering gripper

Superior Clamping and Gripping



Other grippers

FESTO FinGripper Finger:



Universal Gripper

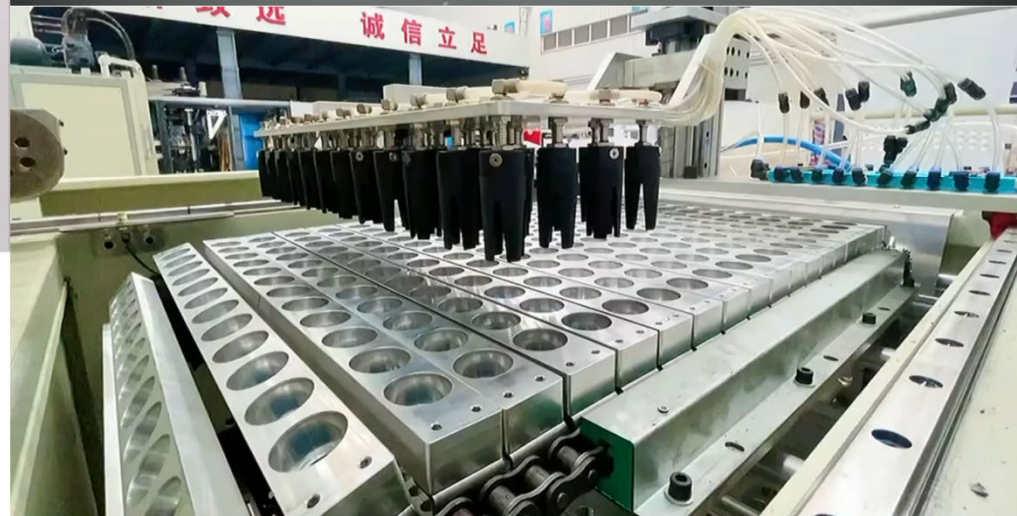
Universal Gripper

U. Chicago, Cornell, iRobot
May 2010

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Soft Grippers

HOW DOES A ROBOT
PICK UP A RASPBERRY
WITHOUT SQUISHING IT?



The reflex grip

A reflex gripper is automatically activated upon contact with the parts to be gripped Without the need for any electrical order from the PLC!

Several principles lend themselves to reflex grippers:

- mechanical.
- vacuum
- magnetic,

mechanical reflex

Pay attention to the shape of the parts!

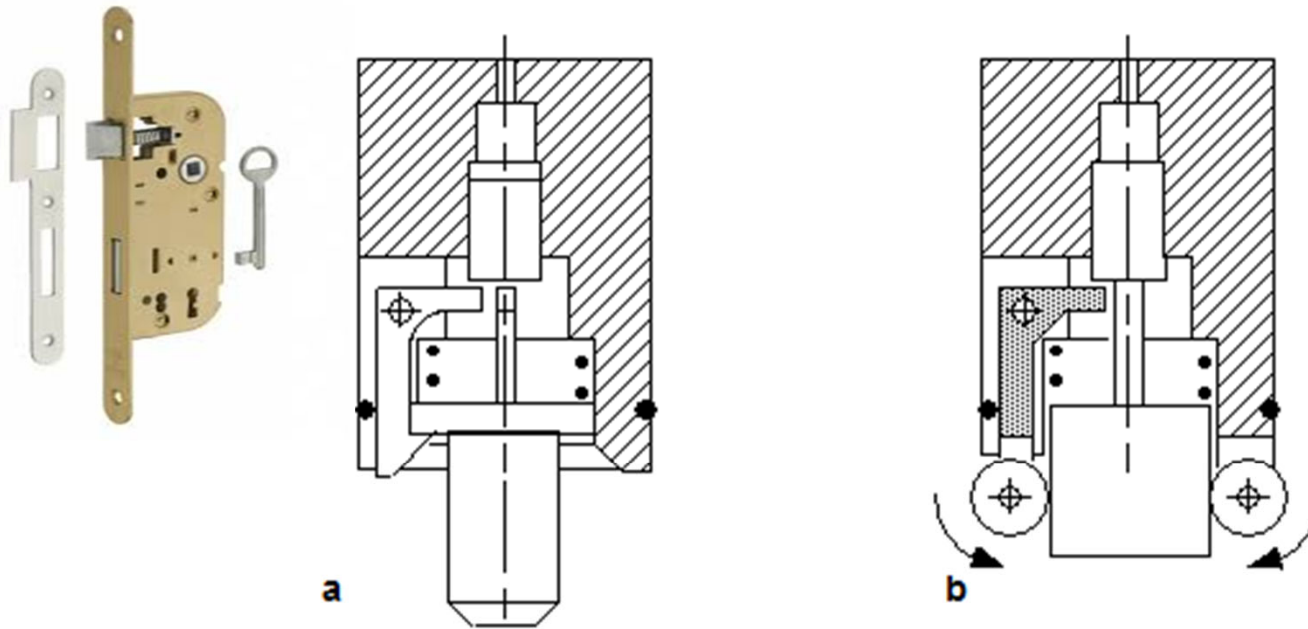
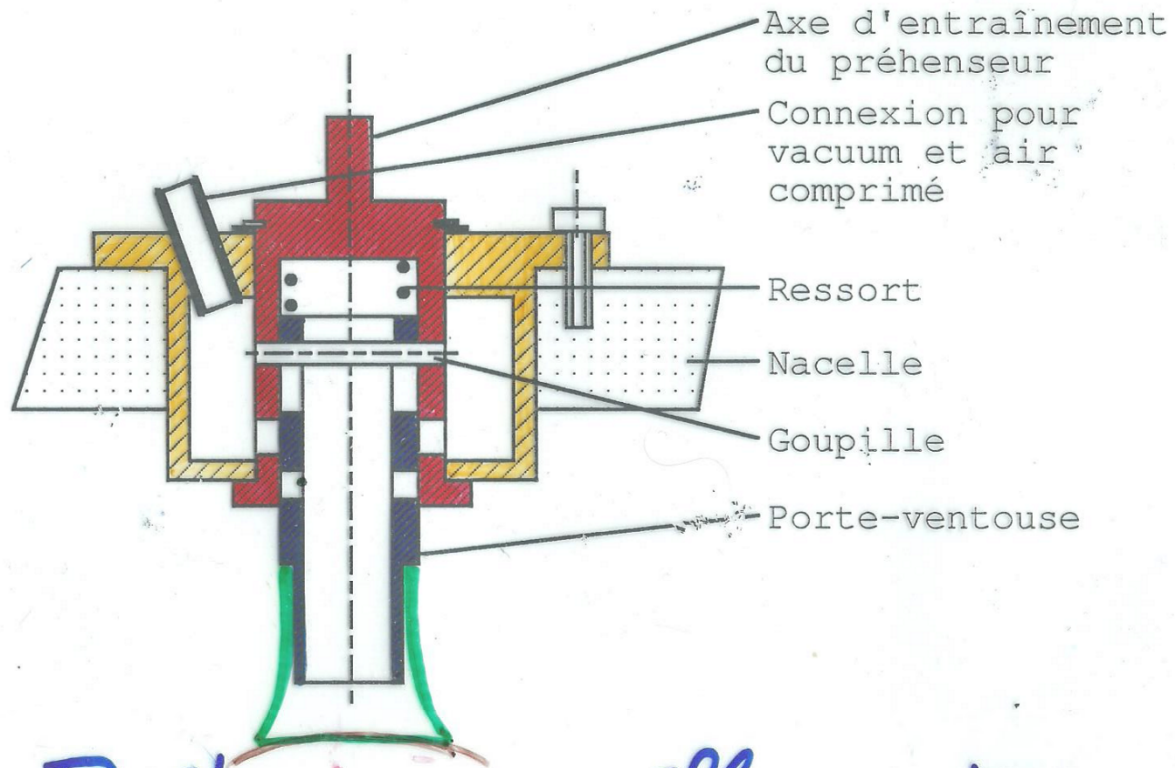
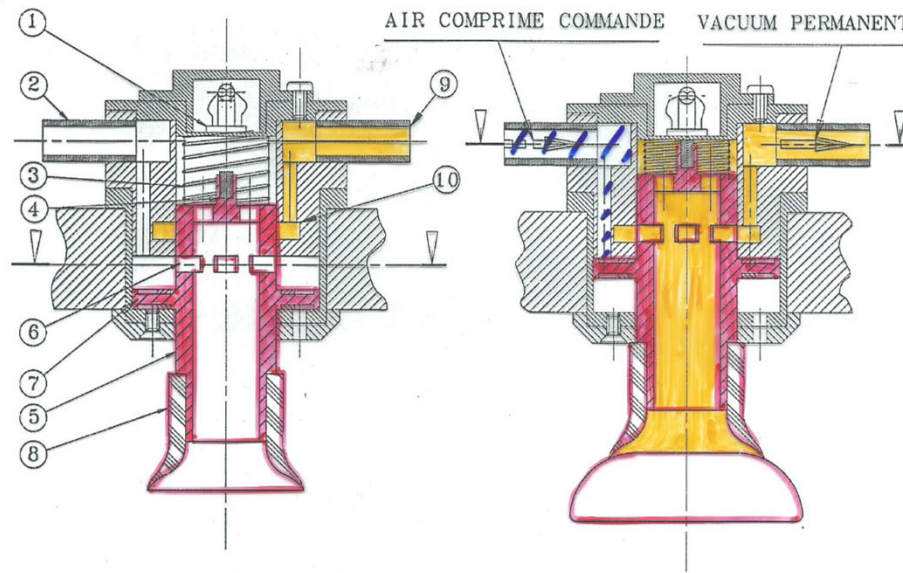


Fig.8. Préhenseurs mécaniques à prise réflexe:
a) à 3 cliquets,
b) à 2 roues libres.

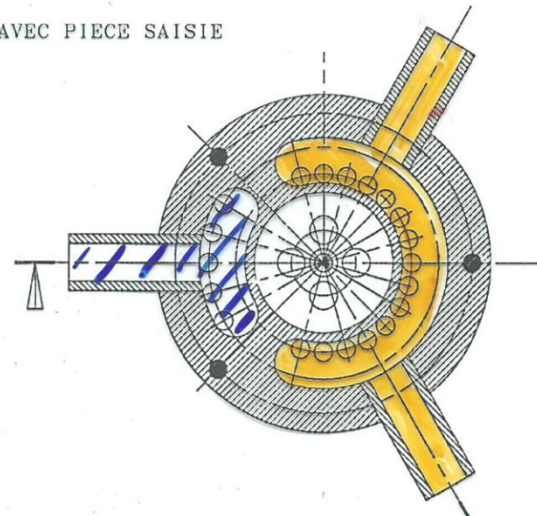
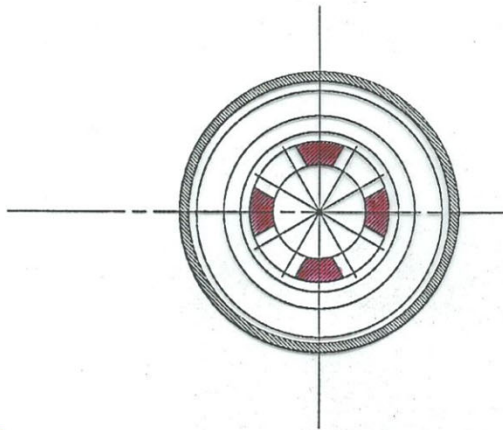


Préhenseur réflexe à
vacuum et air comprimé



a) POSITION DE REPOS

b) AVEC PIECE SAISIE



Mechanical versus Pneumatic!

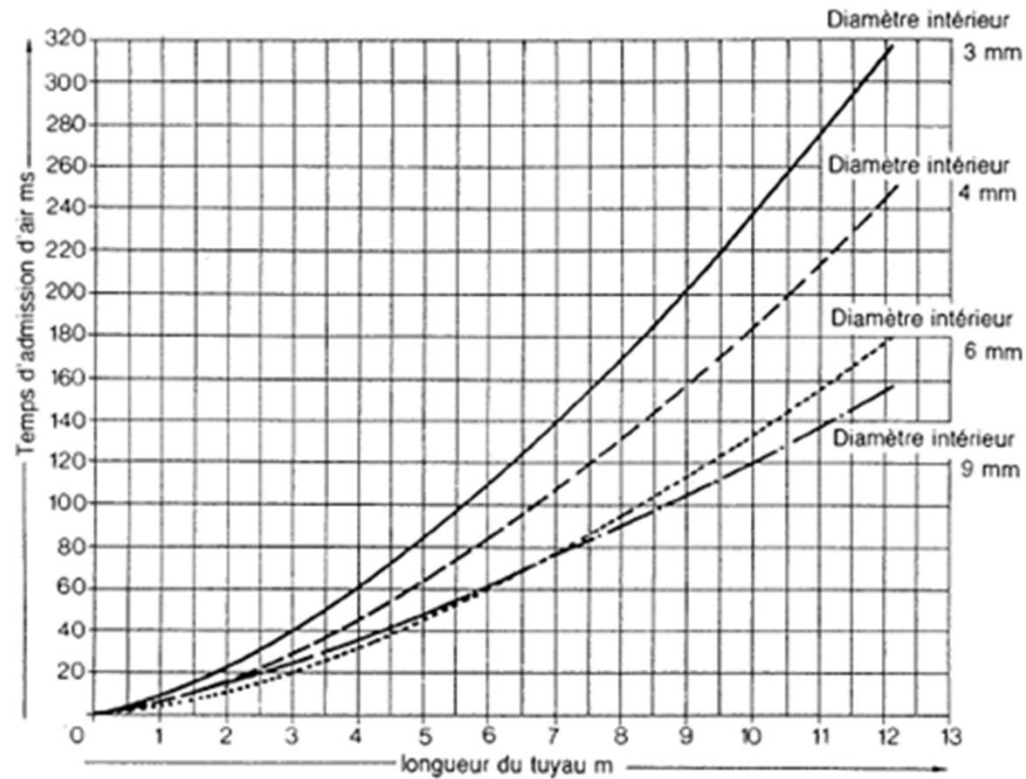


Fig.10 Temps d'admission d'air pour différents tuyaux en fonction de leur longueur; pression de service: 6 bars. Source: Festo.

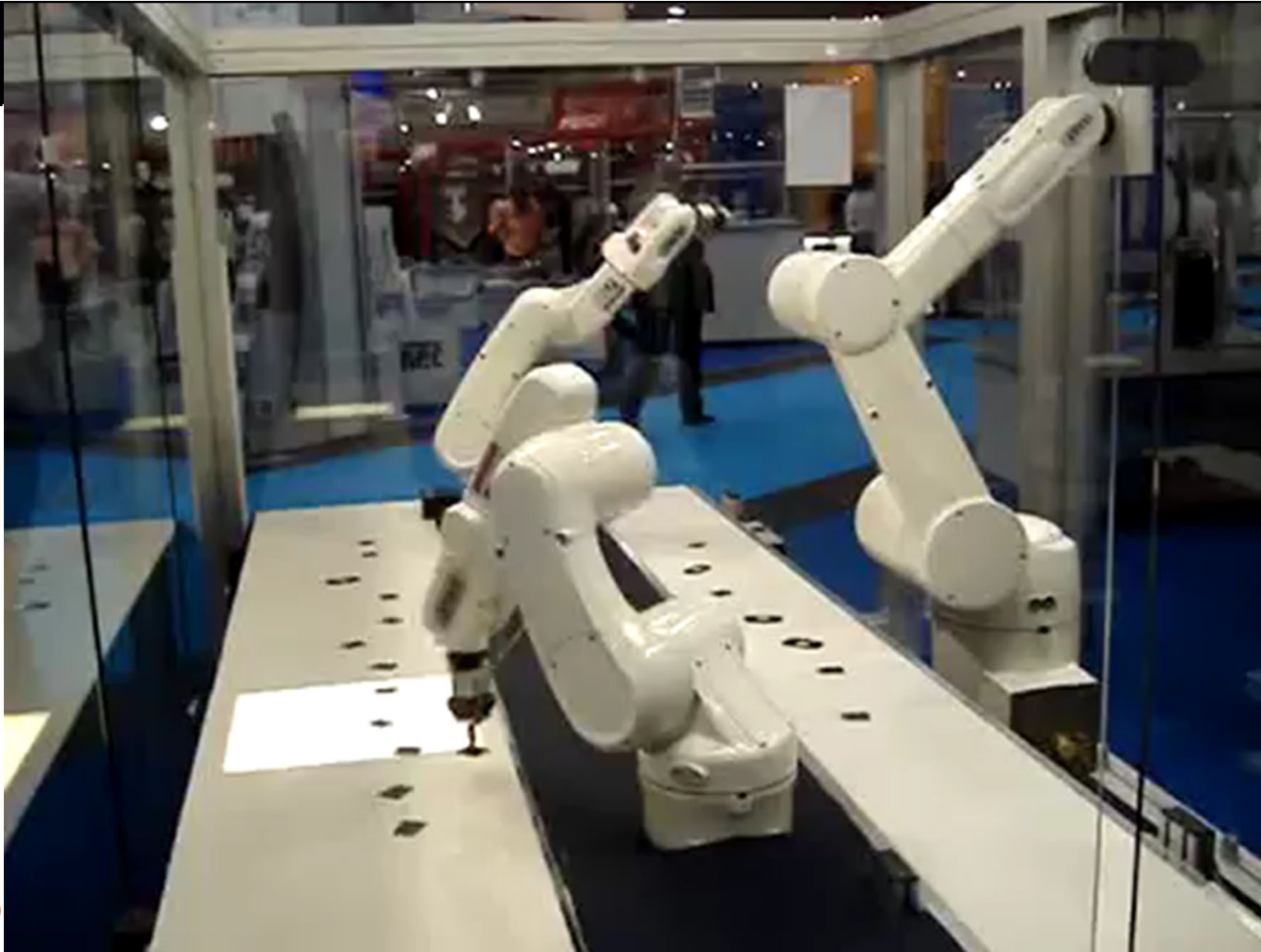
Applications and examples

THE ART OF PRECISION



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Vibrating bowl








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