

**Chapter 1 : Optically transparent gripper for microassembly – University of Arizona**

*We have developed a set of dextrous micromanipulation primitives for reorienting and regrasping rectangular parts. The parts can be combined to build 3 dimensional microstructures. Some examples from Shimada et al [] are shown here.*

While most of the systems presented in the literature consider autonomous techniques, there is a growing interest in human-in-the-loop approaches. For reasons of responsibility, safety, and public acceptance, it is in fact beneficial to provide a human with intuitive and effective means for directly controlling these microrobotic systems. In this respect, haptic feedback is widely believed to be a valuable tool in human-in-the-loop teleoperation systems. This article presents a review of the literature on haptic feedback systems for microrobotics, categorizing it according to the type of haptic technology employed. In particular, we considered both tethered and untethered systems, including applications of micropositioning, microassembly, minimally invasive surgery, delivery of objects, micromanipulation, and injection of cells. One of the main challenges for an effective implementation is stability control. In fact, the high scaling factors introduced to match variables in the macro and the micro worlds may introduce instabilities. Another challenge lies in the measurement of position and force signals in the remote environment. The integration of microsized sensors may significantly increase the complexity and cost of tools fabrication. To overcome the lack of force-sensing, vision seems a promising solution. Finally, although the literature on haptic feedback for untethered microrobotics is still quite small, we foreseen a great development of this field of research, thanks to its flexible applications in biomedical engineering scenarios.

**Introduction** The field of microrobotics has been progressing fast since the last decade, and its applications have shown promising results in several robotic tasks at the microscale, such as controlled positioning Solovev et al. For reasons of responsibility, safety, and public acceptance, it is beneficial to provide a human operator with intuitive and effective means for directly controlling these microrobots Troccaz and Delnondedieu, ; Jakopc et al. In this condition, the operator should receive enough information about the controlled microrobot and the remote environment. Haptic feedback is one piece of this information flow. Its benefits typically include increased manipulation accuracy and decreased completion time, peak and mean force applied to the remote environment Massimino and Sheridan, ; Wagner et al.

**Literature Review** This article reviews the literature on haptic feedback systems for microrobotics, categorizing it according to the type of haptic sensing technique employed. Table 1 summarizes the features of the considered microrobotic systems.

**Haptic feedback for microrobotics applications.**

**Atomic Force Microscopy** Atomic force microscopy AFM is a high-resolution type of scanning probe microscopy with a resolution of fractions of a nanometer. An AFM probe has usually a sharp tip on the free-swinging end of a cantilever that is protruding from a holder. The cantilever deflection due to the interaction between the tip and the surface gives information about the mechanical properties of the environment Binnig et al. One of the first examples of haptic-enabled microrobotic system employed a scanning tunneling microscope coupled with a 6-degrees-of-freedom 6-DoF haptic interface Hollis et al. The vertical movement of the haptic device end-effector replicates one of the microscope tip, so that users can feel the topology of the environment. Few years later, Sitti et al. They addressed the problem of modeling the contact forces at the microscale and designed a scaled bilateral teleoperation controller for reliable contact force feedback. Using a Phantom Premium haptic device, the same group extended these results to 2-D and 3-D tele-micromanipulation scenarios Sitti et al. In the same years, Ferreira et al. The registered forces are provided to the human operator through a two-finger planar haptic device. They used an AFM wheatstone bridge-based sensor for the measurement of gripping forces, and a haptic interface to allow the operator to feel and control these forces. Later on, Bolopion et al. The master teleoperation system is composed of an Omega. The system was validated in an approach-retract teleoperation experiment between Paris, France, and Oldenburg, Germany. The same group presented a teleoperated system with haptic feedback for 3-D AFM-based manipulation Bolopion et al. It uses two independent AFM probes to collaboratively grasp and position microscale objects with known shape equations. Haptic feedback is based on dynamic-mode AFM data. It is used to provide information on the measured interaction forces and assist the user in improving

dexterity and avoiding collisions. An AFM, together with a haptic interface and an augmented reality system has been also used by Vogl et al. Later on, also Iwata et al. It can be coupled with a SEM and provides haptic feedback through a Phantom Desktop interface, which is also in charge of controlling the cantilever-based probe of the micromanipulator. More recently, Bhatti et al. Interaction forces are characterized by estimating the forces sensed by the cantilever tip using geometric deformation principles. Three teleoperation systems for the telemanipulation of microsized objects with haptic feedback. A AFM gripper-based teleoperation system. B 3-D reconstructed cell deformations based on visual tracking data. All pictures are adapted with permission. Microscale teleoperation with haptic feedback requires scaling gains in the order of  $10^3$ , depending on the application. These high gains impose a trade-off between stability and transparency. They implemented a passivity-based position-position coupling scheme that ensures unconditional stability. Stability issues have been also addressed by Kim and Sitti, who introduced a scaled virtual coupling concept and derived the relationship between performance, stability, and scaling factors of velocity or position and force. Visual Sensing Kim et al. A 6-DoF Phantom Premium haptic interface provides the necessary force feedback and controls the positioning of the micromanipulator in the remote environment. The micromanipulator is equipped with a 2-DoF gripper, and multiple CCD cameras are used for position sensing. Similarly, Ni et al. The temporal precision of the asynchronous silicon retina is used to provide haptic feedback using an Omega. The same group also presented a haptic feedback teleoperation system for optical tweezers OT that attains high frequency Ni et al. It is composed of laser OT and an Omega. The force is estimated using a trap stiffness model that measures the relative position of the object with respect to the laser spot. The human operator controls the OT using the master haptic interface, and the pico-newton forces detected by a vision system are provided to the operator through the same haptic device. It is composed of a magnetic untethered microrobotic station and a Phantom Omni haptic interface. The difference between the actual and commanded position of the microrobot is used to provide force feedback to the human operator. Later on, the same authors also addressed the problem of estimating forces in real environments using a combination of Hall-effect and laser sensors Mehrtash and Khamesee, ; Mehrtash et al. It uses the produced magnetic flux information and the real position of the microrobot to estimate the forces applied by the robot to the environment. More recently, Pacchierotti et al. A particle-filter-based tracking algorithm tracks, at runtime, the position of the microsized agents in the remote environment. A 6-DoF Omega haptic interface then provides the human operator with haptic feedback about the interaction between the controlled microrobot and the environment, as well as enabling the operator to control the target position of the microrobot. Finally, a wireless magnetic control system regulates the orientation of the microrobot to reach the target point. A gripper exchange mechanism allows reaching for parts, and a microfabricated platform provides a structured working area. The human operator controls the microgripper through a Phantom Omni haptic interface, which is also able to provide force feedback about the interaction of the microgripper with the remote environment. More recently, Boukhnefer and Ferreira used a passivity-based approach for the bilateral control and robust fault tolerant control of a two-fingered microgripper system with haptic feedback. The considered haptic interface is a custom 1-DoF haptic feedback system driven by a DC motor. Since the sensed forces have the form of impulses, the system first filters the forces, it magnifies them, and then provides them to the human operator through the custom haptic interface. The same group recently devised a shared-control steering approach for this manipulation system that uses visual servoing techniques to help the operator in completing various micromanipulation tasks Vlachos and Papadopoulos, It is composed of a MEMS-based silicon triaxial force sensor, customized to act as a sensing probe. The sensor is mounted on a nanomanipulator with 3-DoF, and a Phantom Premium device is in charge of providing the sensed force to the operator. A Phantom Omni haptic device controls the position of a micropipette in the remote environment. The authors also investigated the importance of proper position and force scaling. More recently, Seifabadi et al. A micromotion piezo actuator is used as the slave robot, and a servo DC motor actuates the master handle. Force sensors are placed at both ends for haptic feedback, and a microscope system is used for real-time visual feedback. A sliding mode-based impedance controller ensures position tracking, while an impedance force controller is used at the master side to ascertain force tracking. By using a combination of position and rate control, the system requires small

operator hand motions to provide low mechanical impedance, high motion resolution, and force feedback over a substantial volume. Later on, Menciassi et al. At the operating table, a microgripper, instrumented with semiconductor strain gages as force sensors, is in charge of manipulating tissue samples. A fiber optic microscope monitor allows the operator to visualize the sample and the microgripper position. Finally, a Phantom haptic interface enables the human operator to control the position of the microgripper and feels the pulse in the considered microvessels. Within the same project, Santos-Carreras et al. More recently, Payne et al. The device uses a three-phase linear motor capable of generating forces that allow amplification factors up to 15 times. Capacitive Sensors Vijayasai et al. Force feedback is then provided to the operator using a Novint Falcon, which is also employed to control the position of the microgripper. The same system has been also employed in a chess piece pick-and-place game at the microscale Vijayasai et al. Electrostatic Active Sensors Mohand Ousaid et al. The stability of the teleoperation loop is guaranteed as the serial connection of passive systems yield a passive system. The slave probe is equipped with a force sensor, which uses electrostatic energy. The sensed force is scaled up and provided to the human operator through a custom 1-DoF haptic interface Mohand Ousaid et al. The authors tested the proposed system in microscale force sensing scenarios, such as feeling capillary forces while penetrating a water droplet Mohand Ousaid et al. Piezoelectric Sensors Ammi and Ferreira presented a bio-inspired cell micromanipulation system. Stereoscopic visual information is provided to the operator through a 3-D reconstruction method using vision-based tracking of the environment deformations see Figure 1 B.

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Teams can participate in up to three events: Microrobots must autonomously manipulate micro-components around fixed obstacles to a desired position and orientation superimposed on the substrate. The objective is to manipulate the objects as precisely as possible to their goal locations and orientations in the shortest amount of time. Microrobots must assemble a planar shape out of multiple microscale components located in a confined starting region. This task simulates anticipated applications of microassembly for medical or micromanufacturing applications. Each participating team will get one vote to determine the Best in Show winner. Each competing team must furnish its own microrobots, and equipment used to power, operate, and control them. The teams must provide their own cameras and microscope setup. Each team must set up their equipment for each challenge event within a minute window, and must take down their equipment in 5 minutes. Detailed information on the setup to be used in the competition, including the microscope, camera, and allowable auxiliary equipment for the teams are in Sections 3 and 4. Each team must also furnish its own micro-arenas, which must conform to the requirements detailed in the Challenge descriptions and in Section 2 of the Official Rules. The winner will be the team that can manipulate the different parts the fastest and most accurately to their goal configurations. The micro-arenas for this event will be furnished by the teams and will consist of a substrate with clearly defined boundaries and fixed obstacles Fig. The goal configurations for the different parts are to be superimposed on the substrate during actuation. Three different shaped parts are to be manipulated: The parts can be manually placed anywhere in the starting area but they must be in the starting orientations as shown. Precise dimensioning of the arena and goal configurations for the parts are provided in Section 2 Figure 1. Autonomous Manipulation and Accuracy Challenge: Arena schematic; Part dimensions and starting orientations. Each team will have 3 total trials to manipulate the parts to their goal locations and orientations, 1 trial for each part type. Each trial lasts 2 minutes. Once the trial begins, no human intervention is allowed. The parts goal configurations are shown schematically in Fig. Schematics of part goal configuration and placement locations Scores for each trial will be computed according to the equation below. The sum of all trial scores will be used to determine the winner, with the lowest score winning. Unsuccessful trials will be given a maximum score penalty. Successful trials are defined as trials that end with the entire manipulated part residing in the scoring left side region of the arena. It is calculated as: A set of triangular microfabricated components is placed in the starting region with the microrobots. Upon the signal of the referee, the microrobot begins assembling the components into the far end of the channel. The trial ends after 2 minutes, or when the team informs the referee that they are done. The assembly components are to be furnished by the competing teams, and must be in a right triangular shape. Components have to be assembled against the assembly channel wall far right or against other components with line contact, i. For example, in Figure 3 there are 4 densely packed components, earning a trial score of 4 points. If a trial ended with just the triangle labeled 1 densely packed against the right wall of the channel, a trial score of 1 will result. Alternatively, if just the triangles labeled 1 and 3 were in the positions shown, that is also a score of 1 since triangle 3 does not have line contact with the right assembly wall or triangle 1. However, if the trial results with only a single triangle in the assembly channel and not closely packed to any of the walls like the position of the triangle labeled 5, the trial score would be zero. Arena dimensions in microns for the Microassembly Challenge. Figure 4 shows two components assembled against the assembly channel wall. This configuration will receive a trial score of 1. This corresponds to having a triangle assembled against the right channel wall. However, since the two triangles are not edge-to-edge connected the second triangle does not count as being densely packed with the first. Figure 5 shows two components 3 and 4 assembled against the assembly channel wall and one component 5 assembled against a side wall. This would receive a score of 2 corresponding the placements of triangles 3 and 4. However, since triangle 5 is not edge-to-edge connected with the right assembly wall or to another triangle it does not count as being densely packed. Any component

that moves out-of-bounds during the course of the trial will be counted as a gap in its final position at the end of the trial. If a robot moves out-of-bounds during the course of the trial, the trial will be scored as a foul. Any trial of the Microassembly Challenge that results in a foul will receive a trial score of 0. Higher scores beat lower scores. Please download the complete Official Rules Document for more details.

*This thesis is a contribution to the development of simple micromanipulators, having high resolution and several degrees-of-freedom, dedicated to the manipulation of miniature objects, the.*

Jochen Schlick ; Detlef Zuehlke Show Abstract In this paper a new gripper for microparts with dimensions of to micrometers is presented that is especially designed for industrial suitability. To achieve this goal well tested technology from micro- an macro handling devices are combined. The new gripper is made up of a symmetrical guiding mechanism based on flexure hinges of aluminum and it is driven by a pneumatic actuator. In the first step the maximal gripping force can easily be limited by the working pressure of the pneumatic actuator. The technology of pneumatic actuation is well known and reliable. Since minimization of size is not the primary goal, a long service life can be achieved by limiting the mechanical stress in the flexure hinges. A skirt of aluminum protects the guiding device against destruction caused by collisions. The new gripper has been realized and has been used in a microassembly station where it proved its reliability and robustness in thousands of gripping cycles thus demonstrating its industrial suitability. An experimental evaluation was carried out in order to assess the properties of the gripper. The development of centering electrostatic handling devices is described. Based on a planar design common microtechnical fabrication methods were used. Therefore the gripper electrodes can easily be miniaturized and the geometric form can be adapted to the shape of the objects to be handled. The optimization of the design of the gripper was done by using the Finite Element Method. This gave the possibility to improve the centering effect and the gripping forces without increasing the operating voltage. To enable the observation of the gripped parts with a camera, a transparent substrate was used Pyrex-wafer. This facilitates the integration of the gripper into a sensor controlled microassembly station. Furthermore first successful tests of functional models are described. Although the importance of hybrid integration techniques and hence the demand for assembly tools grows continuously a large part of these developments has not yet been used in industrial production. The first grippers developed for microassembly were basically vacuum grippers and downscaled tweezers. Due to increasingly complex assembly tasks more and more functionality such as sensing or additional functions such as adhesive dispensing has been integrated into gripper systems over the last years. Most of these gripper systems are incompatible since there exists no standard interface to the assembly machine and no standard for the internal modules and interfaces. Thus these tools are not easily interchangeable between assembly machines and not easily adaptable to assembly tasks. In order to alleviate this situation a construction kit for modular microgrippers is being developed. It is composed of modules with well defined interfaces that can be combined to build task specific grippers. An abstract model of a microgripper is proposed as a tool to structure the development of the construction kit. The modular concept is illustrated with prototypes. Sebastian Buetefisch ; Stephanus Buettgenbach Show Abstract This paper presents a micro gripper driven by a new piston type pneumatic micro actuator. The basic structure of the micro gripper and the actuator are fabricated by silicon dry etching in a single etch step. The device consists of a pyrex-silicon-pyrex sandwich structure which was mounted by anodic bonding. Alternatively a SU8 depth lithography process was used to realise the pneumatic driven micro gripper. The assembly of various micro parts including a recently presented tactile silicon 3D-micro probe is described. Enikov ; Kalin V. Our previous experience with such systems shows, that gripping and manipulation of microparts significantly differs from the assembly of macroscopic devices. The main difference stems from the increased role of the surface electrostatic forces and the reduced influence of body forces such as gravity. This paper describes one possible use of the surface forces in the development of a novel optically transparent electrostatic microgripper. The principle of operation, design and simulation of the new device are described. Several models describing the gripping force are also presented. The out-of-plane and in-plane holding frictional forces are measured as a function of the applied voltage for two common materials - silicon and nickel. The fabrication sequence and the materials used are discussed. The porous sponge-like scaffold is a three dimensional construct built by tiny unit parts of biodegradable polymer. This application requires the assembly of several parts by applying a suitable level of force. In this framework,

a monolithic shape memory alloy SMA microgripper was developed. It consists of two small fingers for grasping, an active part that changes its shape when heated and a parallel elastic structure used as a bias spring. The main aspect of the design is that all these elements are included within a single piece of material, but have different mechanical properties and serve as different functions. Using a new technology of Shape Memory Alloy laser annealing developed at EPFL, a local shape memory effect is introduced on the active part while leaving the remaining areas in a state where no shape memory effect occurs, i. The parallel elastic structure is used to provide a pullback force on cooling as well as to guide the finger movement. An electrical path is integrated to heat the active part and drive the gripper by Joule effect. This paper focuses on the principle of the micro-gripper, its design, calculations and describes the fabrication process. Some first experimental results are also presented. Sebastian Buetefisch ; Ralph Wilke; Stephanus Buetgenbach Show Abstract A three-axial tactile micro probe for the investigation of the mechanical behavior of micro grippers and other micro assembly equipment has been developed using silicon micromachining technology. The sensor has been used to measure the restoring forces of flexural hinges in a micro gripper gear, to calibrate an integrated gripping force sensor, and to measure the generated forces of actuators used in micro grippers. The tactile micro probe is an advancement of a 3-D force sensor presented earlier. Martel ; Torsten Koker; Ian Warwick Hunter Show Abstract Implementing instruments in the form of wireless miniature robots designed to operate at the atomic scale requires a positioning system capable of atomic resolution over a relatively large surface area. Interferometers or similar instruments are not adequate for such an environment because of the high probability that another robot obstructs the path of the laser during position measurement. Although a fleet of miniature robots distributed over a relatively large area can be supported simultaneously, the system is still far from reaching positioning accuracy down to the level of a single atom. This is why we are embedding the capability to detect surface features down to the size of a single atom using scanning tunneling microscopy STM techniques onto the miniature robots. The dynamic range of the scanning piezo-tube is one of many design issues that must be carefully planned. For instance, the scanning system must be capable of detecting each atom in the scan path in order to determine the distance by counting the number of atoms while the maximum scan range must reach the discrimination level of the infrared positioning system despite many artifacts such as non-linearity errors and hysteresis. The feasibility and the design of such system are described. Nelson Show Abstract When assembling MEMS devices or manipulating biological cells it is often beneficial to have information about the force that is being applied to these objects. This force information is difficult to measure at these scales and up to now has been implemented using laser-based optical force measurement techniques or piezoresistive devices. In this paper we demonstrate a method to reliably measure nanonewton scale forces applied to a micro scale cantilever beam using a computer vision approach. A template matching algorithm is used to estimate the beam deflection to sub-pixel resolution in order to determine the force applied to the beam. The template, in addition to containing information about the geometry of the beam, contains information about the elastic properties of the beam. In addition, we also discuss how this method can be generalized to measure forces in elastic configurations other than a simple cantilever beam. This opens up the possibility of using this method with specially designed micromanipulators to provide force as well as vision feedback for micromanipulation tasks. Sergej Fatikow ; Stephan Fahlbusch Show Abstract Microrobots are the result of increasing research activities at the border between microsystem technology and robotics. Today already, robots with dimensions of a few cubic- centimeters can be developed. Like conventional robots, microrobots represent a complex system that usually contains several different types of actuators and sensors. The measurement of gripping forces is the most important sensor application in micromanipulation besides visual servoing to protect the parts from too high surface pressures and thereby damage during the assembly process. Very small forces in the range of  $\mu\text{N}$  down to 0. Thus, the aim of our current research activities is the development of a high-resolution integrated force microsensors for measuring gripping forces in a microhandling robot. On the one hand, the sensor should be a device for teleoperated manipulation tasks in a flexible microhandling station. On the other hand, typical microhandling operations should to a large extent be automated with the aid of computer-based signal processing of sensor information. The user should be provided with an interface for teleoperated manipulation and an interface for partially

automated manipulation of microobjects. In this paper, a concept for the measurement of gripping forces in microrobotics using piezoresistive AFM atomic force microscope cantilevers is introduced. Further on, the concept of a microrobot-based SEM station and its applications are presented. Several experiments have been carried out in the fields of manipulation and simulation to assess the dramatic improvement haptic information brings to manipulation. This system is particularly well suited for scaled manipulation such as micro-, nano- and biomanipulation. Not only can it perform geometric and force scaling, but it can also include fairly complex physical models into the control loop to assist manipulation and enhance human understanding of the environment. In a first stage, we will be able to feel in real-time the topology of a given sample while visualizing it in 3D. The aim of the project is to make manipulation of carbon nanotubes possible by including physical models of such nanotubes behavior into the control loop, thus allowing humans to control complex structures. In this paper, we give a brief description of our device and present preliminary results of its interfacing with the AFM. Antoine Ferreira; Claude Cassier; Yassine Haddab; Patrick Rougeot; Nicolas Chaillet

**Show Abstract** Concerning the teleoperation between different scale worlds, it is important to take into account the scaling effect problem in terms of manipulator precision, human sensation, environment accessibility, dexterity, etc. To consider these different problems, this paper presents the development of a new macro-micro teleoperated micromanipulator, with two kinds of micromanipulation systems: The natural force feedback sensation exerted on the piezoelectric microgripper is given through a teleoperated two-fingered planar hand mechanism. This system provides the human operator with natural force feedback sensation and augmented visual feedback while telemanipulating objects in the micro world. Firstly, the bilateral control system with active force feedback based on hybrid master-slave technologies is modeled. The results include the use of force feedback and power assist in order to demonstrate the feasibility and practicability of the micro-teleoperated system. Then, in order to improve the visual feedback issued from the optical microscope of the station, a virtual micro 3D environment is proposed. By combining 2D microscope images and augmented reality-based programming techniques, we reconstructed exactly the operational microworld. Finally, some experiments have been carried out in order to verify the validity of the proposed bilateral control scheme and to calibrate the developed virtual model incorporating visual and haptic feedback. Burgert; Jan Malasek; Sylvain M.

An 8x8 array of electrodes collects intra-cortical neural signals and connects them to an analog front end. The front end amplifies and digitizes these microvolt-level signals with 12 bits of resolution and at 31KHz per channel. The electrode array is made up of 1mm tall, micron square electrodes spaced microns tip-to-tip. A flex circuit connector provides mechanical isolation between the brain and the electronics, which are mounted to the cranium. Power consumption and management is a critical aspect of the design. The entire system must operate off a surgically implantable battery.

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