Leveraging Practical Robotics in Manufacturing and Distribution

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What does the Market Think?

- When asked about current robotics use and whether they will evaluate robotics during the next 24 months, 16% said that they currently use robotics, while 15% are evaluating robotics, for a total of 31% now either using or considering robotics. That’s up from last year, when 9% said they use robotics and 13% were considering robotics.

- For applications, using or considering robotics for pick and place or parts transfer climbed by 8% to reach 41%, while using or considering robotics for palletizing declined by 8%. Use or consideration of robotics for pick to cart, order fulfillment (picker to part), truck loading, and transportation also were on the upswing.

- “Greater functionality with robotics, more flexibility of applications, and lower costs are driving this spike in current usage and evaluation of potential use,” .

- “As labor availability becomes tighter and labor costs increase, demand for robotics will increase.”

- Spending indications for automated guided vehicles (AGVs) also were up. For 2018, 7% use AGVs, up 1% from last year, while 14% said that they’re evaluating the use of AGVs during the net 24 months, which is up 2% from last year.
What does the Market Say?

Figure 1. 2015-2017 survey results: Trend of innovations being disruptive or a source of competitive advantage

- Robotics and Automation: 61% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 27% Support Ongoing Improvements, 12% Little to No impact
- Predictive Analytics: 57% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 32% Support Ongoing Improvements, 11% Little to No impact
- Internet-of-Things (IoT): 55% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 33% Support Ongoing Improvements, 12% Little to No impact
- Driverless Vehicles and Drones: 54% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 22% Support Ongoing Improvements, 24% Little to No impact
- Sensors and Automatic Identification: 53% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 37% Support Ongoing Improvements, 10% Little to No impact
- Inventory and Network Optimization Tools: 50% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 42% Support Ongoing Improvements, 8% Little to No impact
- Wearable and Mobile Technology: 44% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 35% Support Ongoing Improvements, 21% Little to No impact
- 3D Printing (Additive Manufacturing): 40% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 28% Support Ongoing Improvements, 32% Little to No impact
- Cloud Computing and Storage: 37% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 47% Support Ongoing Improvements, 16% Little to No impact
- Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies: 31% Disrupt or Competitive Advantage, 41% Support Ongoing Improvements, 28% Little to No impact

2017 MHI Annual Industry Report
Next-Generation Supply Chains:
What does the Market Think?

80% Believe the digital supply chain will be the predominant model within 5 years.

16% Say it is today.

Disruptive Technologies:
- Robotics & Automation: 61%
- Predictive Analytics: 57%
- Internet of Things (IOT): 55%
- Driverless Vehicles & Drones: 54%
- Sensors & Automatic Identification: 53%
- Inventory & Network Optimization Tools: 50%

Adoption Rate:
- In-use Today
- 5-Year Compounded Annual Growth Rate
What are we solving for and why?

Labor Shortage

Cost of Space

Cost of Labor
What do we think we know or our bias?

✓ They are limited in their application
✓ They aren't proven
✓ They are too expensive
✓ They aren't widely used
What is a robot?

A robot is a machine designed to execute one or more tasks automatically with speed and precision.
What are we accustomed too?
Automation Storage and Retrieval
Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs)
Industrial Robots for Palletizing & Assembly
What are the latest Robot Uses?

- Goods to Person
  - Robots Travel
- Person to Goods
  - Worker & Robots Travel
- Goods to Robot
  - Fixed Robots
- Robots to Goods
  - Mobile Robots
Goods to Person

Products are brought to packer/picker on shelf

Products are brought to packer/picker in tote
Person to Goods

Follow Me
Picker is paced by the bot. Once the pick confirmation is completed the bot automatically moves to the next location that a pick is required.

Follow You
Bot follows picker along predestined pick path. If picker stops bot stops. Picker uses hand held device to guide pick path.

Find Me
Bots are independent of pickers. Pickers travel main aisles in search of Bots positioned at pick location.
What are Collaborative Robots / Cobot?

- A **cobot** or **co-robot** (from **collaborative robot**) is a **robot** intended to physically interact with humans in a shared **workspace**. This is in contrast with other robots, designed to operate autonomously or with limited guidance, which is what most **industrial robots** were up until the decade of the 2010s.
- The Push: Collaborative robotics: Man and Machine working in common space
- Advanced force sensing and vision sensing provides a safe reliable work environment.
Goods to Robots
Robots to Goods

- AGV with Integrated collaborative industrial robot
What's holding us back?

- Flexibility
- Cost / PayBack
- Safety
- Long Term Maintenance
Questions
Overview of enVista

- Automation & Engineering firm based in Indianapolis, IN and Robotics Lab in Chicago, IL
  - ~ 50% Distribution Systems
    - Conveyor & Racking
  - ~ 50% Robotic Solutions
    - Pick, Pack, and Palletize
      - Food and Medical
- Design Build Firm
- Engineering
  - Mechanical,
  - Electrical,
  - Software (WCS and PLC)
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