

# A PUBLIC FABRIC DATABASE FOR DEFECT DETECTION METHODS AND RESULTS

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## Abstract:

*The use of image processing for the detection and classification of defects has been a reality for some time in science and industry. New methods are continually being presented to improve every aspect of this process. However, these new approaches are applied to a small, private collection of images, which makes a real comparative study of these methods very difficult. The objective of this paper was to compile a public annotated benchmark, that is, an extensive set of images with and without defects, and make these public, to enable the direct comparison of detection and classification methods. Moreover, different methods are reviewed and one of these is applied to the set of images; the results of which are also presented in this paper.*

## Keywords:

*Fabric inspection, defect classification, machine vision system*

## 1. Introduction

Automation in inspection processes within the textile industry is an area which has been analyzed since the mid-1990s. This need, in industry in general, and in particular in the textile industry [1, 2], has been widely studied. Defect detection in this sector is an important factor in reducing costs, in terms of time, and therefore in customer satisfaction.

However, this is not a simple task, and considering the difficulties involved in textile defect detection, several methods have been presented over the past 20 years [3]. However, a comparison of results of different authors is difficult, if not impossible, due to the lack of information on the images used, the fact that the types of defect differ considerably, and the resolution is not the same. In addition, as mentioned in Refs. [4] and [5], due to the huge number of fabric defect detection algorithms and techniques, an effective comparison between fabric defect detection methods would be extremely significant, but most studies use different databases, different imaging systems, and different parameters. This means that the lack of a suitable public annotated benchmark makes it difficult for researchers to evaluate, in a quantitative way, the advantages of their algorithms over existing ones, and as such this lack represents a serious limitation on the development of effective and implementable algorithms in some fields, for example, in road lane detection [6], and which also happens in the textile industry. For this reason, it is important to have a public database that can be used by different authors for their studies and comparisons, since in many cases, as mentioned in Ref. [4], in the majority of the studies “the authors create their own databases by obtaining the images from factory environments

or by bringing them to the laboratory and the database is created with proper lighting settings. Therefore, the reliability and validity of the methods is far from objectivity.”

The aim of this paper was to compile a public annotated database of plain fabrics (uniform fabric textures), with and without defects, so that an accurate comparison of the different methods currently available as well as any future proposals is possible. Thus, the advantages of each method can be adequately appraised using this database.

In the following section, different works carried out on the detection of defects in fabrics are analyzed, analyzing the privacy of the databases used, the quality, and the defects evaluated. The remaining sections present a review of the detection methods applied, with particular focus on the use of Gabor filters. The database ([www.aitex.es/afid](http://www.aitex.es/afid)) is also presented, and finally the preliminary results obtained using the Gabor filter are given. With these data, researchers will be able to easily compare any newly proposed methods.

## 2. Related work and textile databases

To carry out the research work in the field of detection and classification of defects (Table 1), it is important to have a representative collection of samples, with and without defects, available that allow the results of each method used to be developed and evaluated. Table 2 summarizes the characteristics of previous work done in methods for fabric defect detection in terms of availability of images used, their properties, and type of defect and method of detection used

in each paper. The meanings of the acronyms used are given below Table 2 to help with understanding. We wanted to summarize in the clearest possible way the characteristics of the images and databases used in the previous works mentioned. In many papers, the images used are private and little information is provided about resolution or other capture properties. This makes it impossible to verify the results and present new methods, which improve results, as it is not possible to make a comparison of results using the same information [4, 5]. Another clear drawback in the papers covered in Table 2 is that the set of images is too small to generate acceptable results that have a general application. Regarding the catalog of defects, there is not excessive uniformity in the defects that are included in these studies.

Table 1 summarizes some fabric defect types, and they are described in Refs. [7-9]. The defects available in our database are marked with (\*). They are defects captured in a factory by a real system, after 6 months of reading. These are the most usual, and the others are more sporadic, although this may vary from factory to factory. It should be noted that 12 defects may appear to be few compared to 61, but it is the database that contains the greatest number of defects, taking into account the previous works evaluated in Table 2.

To analyze the more generic aspects, there are many different types of image databases used by researchers. For example, there is a segmentation database and benchmark published on the Berkeley Computer Vision Group website [42], used in Ref.

[43] to work on the problem of contour detection and image segmentation or in Ref. [44] to present a new algorithm for image segmentation, Tensor-Based Image Segmentation Algorithm (TBISA). Moreover, several papers such as Refs. [45-47] have used well-known texture databases for their studies, and these include Brodatz [48] and VisTex [49], used for the detection of defects in Ref. [50] too. Other, less well-known databases are KTH-TIPS [51] and CURET (Columbia-Utrecht Reflectance and Texture) [52]. The database of patterned fabrics used in Ref. [53] was provided by the University of Hong Kong. This database is not public. It is composed of a variable number of images as the database continues to grow over time, for example, 25 fabric images containing five types of defects in Ref. [15]; 30 defective images and 30 defect-free images in Ref. [54]; and 106 samples, 50 defect-free, and 56 defective in Ref. [55]. However, although the analysis of textures is a relevant aspect for textiles, and the techniques developed may have some application in this area, these works are not considered in this present paper as they do not focus on textiles and do not have images with defects available.

The textile databases mentioned in Table 2 have been used by a wide range of authors. The PARVIS database [18] is private, without public access. It contains two kinds of textiles with 1117 elements. The Textile Texture-Database (TILDA) [19] was developed within the framework of the working group Texture Analysis of the DFG's (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) in the Technische Universität Hamburg in 1995. It has eight representative textile types. For each of the above classes, 50

**Table 1.** Fabric defect types

Defect type	Defect number	Defect type	Defect number	Defect type	Defect number
Floats	1	Cut selvage*	22	Net multiples	43
Broken end*	2	Crease*	23	Loom fly	44
Oil stains	3	Warp float	24	Missing draw	45
Slubs	4	Warp Ball*	25	Missing weft	46
Miss end	5	Foreign fiber	26	Kink	47
Broken yarn*	6	Knots*	27	Unrelated corpus	48
Miss pick	7	Harness breakdown	28	Burl	49
Spot	8	Contamination*	29	Colorfly	50
Big knot	9	Nep*	30	Broken needle	51
Broken pick*	10	Water damage	31	Barre	52
End out	11	Thick bar	32	Dropped stitch	53
Lines	12	Coarse end	33	Warp lacking	54
Fault yarns	13	Coarse filling	34	Open reed	55
Wrong draw	14	Knees	35	Soiled end	56
Dirty yarn	15	Weft crack*	36	Sloughed filling	57
Weft curling*	16	Ripped	37	Gout	58
Double weft	17	Double yarn	38	Knot with halos	59
Trip warp	18	Miss yarn	39	Thick node	60
Fuzzy ball*	19	Broken fabric	40	Holes	61
Slack end	20	Roving	41		
Thin bar	21	Thin place	42	No defect	00

\*Defects available in our database.

**Table 2.** Data from other related works

Paper	Database info	Characteristics of images	Fabric defects	Methods
[10]	PC	noi: 3700, 2000 ´ 512	4, 7, 11	Correlation
[11]	P	ndi: 42, nwi: 42, 256 x 256	Seven, and other seven fabric defects not specified	Wavelet packets
[12]	P	ndi: 45, nwi: 8, 128 x 128	3, 12, 15, 61	WT, GLCM
[13]	PC	noi: 12	3, 13	Mallat WT
[14]	PUB	256 x 256	2, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 17, 18	FIR filters
[15]	P	noi: 25, 256 x 256	2, 7, 20, 21, 43	Wavelets
[16]	USS	noi: 16	3, 13, 41	Gabor
[17]	PARVIS [18] TILDA [19]		PARVIS: 2, 3, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 32, 44, 45, 46 TILDA: 2, 3, 61, 20, 22, 37, 46, 47, 48	Second-order statistics
[20]	U		3, 8, 10, 61, 24	Filters + threshold + erosion process + labeling algorithm
[21]	U	ndi: 48, nwi:39, 256 x 256	19, 26, 28, 31, 49, 50	GWN and morphological filters
[22]	U	ndi: 56, nwi:64	2, 7, 14, 15, 20, 21, 32, 43	MAW
[23]	U		3, 10, 11, 61, 20, 33, 34, 35	Autocorrelation
[24]	TILDA [19]	noi: 400, 768 x 512	3, 61, 37	Gabor wavelets
[25]	PU	256 x 256	3, 5, 7, 46, 54	WT
[26]	PU		Centralized, long narrow, and irregular defects	Gray feature model
[27] [28] [29]	S [30] PC	S noi: 78, 256 x 256 PC 2048 x 256 or 768 x 256	1, 7, 8, 19, 26, 28, 31, 43, 47, 49, 50, 56, 57, 58, 59	2D GWT
[31]	PC	noi: 56	1, 3, 21, 60	Autocorrelation
[32]	P	nwd: 32	3, 61	Wavelets
[33]	P	ndi: 25, nwi:25	1, 10, 11, 12, 27, 49, 55, 57	Gabor
[34]	PC	256 x 256	3, 4, 27, 29, 46	AR model and SVDD
[35]	PU	256 x 256	5, 15, 61, 39, 42	GLCM and SVDD
[36]	TILDA [19]		Three groups: point defect, line defect, and surface defect	Regional growing PCNN
[37]	PU		Horizontal, vertical, and diagonal line defects	Wavelets
[38]	PUC SD	1920 x 1080	Horizontal, vertical, and diagonal defect	Gabor and PCNN
[39]	PUC	320 x 420	Defects not specified	SVM
[40]	PUC	ndi: 40, nwi: 60 400 x 400	3, 5	DNN
[41]	TILDA [19] Their own database PC	noi: 50, 768 x 512 ndi: 102, nwi: 102, 1050 x 1050	TILDA: 3, 8, 39, 61 Own database: defects classified into three groups: yarn arrangement, tonal defects, and subtle defects	Nonlocally centralized sparse representation

AR, auto regressive; B, backlighting condition; C, captured through cameras in a real prototype; DNN, deep neural network; FIR, finite impulse response; GLCM, gray-level co-occurrence matrix; GWN, Gabor wavelet network; GWT, Gabor wavelet transform; MAW, multiple adaptive wavelets; ndi, number of defect images; noi, number of images; nwi, number of images without defect; P, private (not accessible); PCNN, pulse-coupled neural network; R, resolution in width × height (8 bits per pixel); S, scanned images; SD, simulated defect; SS, simulated images; SVDD, support vector data description; SVM, support vector machine; U, unknown (no data given, no sample images); WT, wavelet transform.

### 3. Detection methods

TIF pictures (768 x 512 pixels, gray-level image 8 bits) were acquired through relocation and rotation of the textile sample. This database is difficult to access as users have to pay [4].

The aim of this section was to give a general overview of the most commonly used methodologies in the detection of

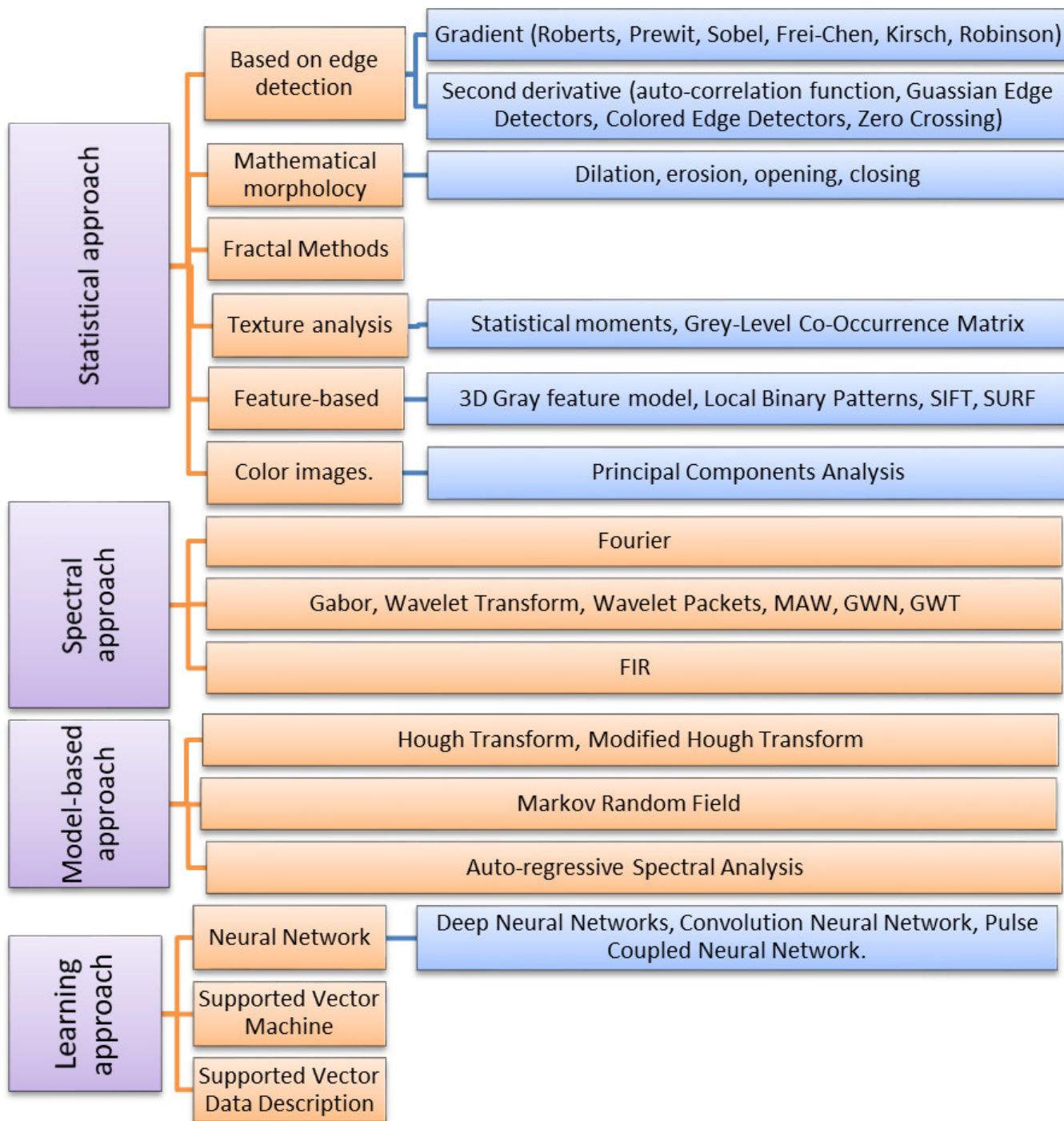


Figure 1. Classification of defect detection methods

defects. There are a number of different detection methods, and according to the bibliography, they can be divided into different groups.

Most authors divide these methods into three groups [1]: statistical, spectral, and model based, but in recent years, the learning approach has become important [4]. In this paper, fabric defect detection methods are categorized into four classes as shown in Figure 1.

The first group, statistical approach, includes a number of methods, such as those based on edge detection, which

apply a border detector to the image. These techniques cover the methods based on first-order derivative edge detection or gradient and those based on second derivative and the autocorrelation function [10, 23], Gaussian edge detectors, colored edge detectors, and zero crossing, as well as methods based on mathematical morphology [56], in which the geometric aspect and the topology of the objects are the relevant parameters. The fractal method is also used in textile detection [57]. On the other hand, the analysis of textures can be carried out using statistical methods that mainly involve the statistical moments and the gray-level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM) [35]. There are also feature-based techniques, in which a pixel

is assigned to one region according to the local features of the image in this pixel and in its immediate neighbors. This group encompasses segmentation techniques that work by gray level [26] and segmentation based on local binary patterns for defect detection in patterned and unpatterned fabrics [53]. Other methods based on features are scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT) technique [58] and other techniques based on SIFT such as speeded-up robust features (SURF) [59]. Other methods from this first group are those based on segmentation of images in color, for example, principal components analysis [60] and segmentation based on low-level features for color and texture [61].

Spectral approaches are classified in Refs. [1] and [2] such as Fourier [62, 63] that work in the frequency domain to characterize the defects; Gabor [60, 64] used in the analysis of the textured images: wavelet transform (WT) that offers localized information from different directions [65, 66] and other algorithms based on these methods such as wavelet packets [11], multiple adaptive wavelets [22], Gabor wavelet networks [21], Gabor WT [29], Mallat WT [67], and approaches based on optimized filters, for example, finite impulse response (FIR) filters [14].

The third group of methods to be discussed is model based. These presuppose that some features of the object or region are previously known: straights, circular objects, etc. These include projections and Hough transform [68] or its variants modified HT [69]. Other methods based on models include Markov random field [70] used in fabric inspection and autoregressive spectral analysis [34].

The last group of techniques is learning approaches. The defect detection can be considered as a one-class classification problem [35, 34]. Several machine-learning-based texture classification methods have been proposed using artificial neural networks (ANNs), support vector machine (SVM), and support vector data description (SVDD). Algorithms based on ANN, or simply neural network (NN), have also attracted a lot of attention in defect detection applications; ANN is expected to be widely used in future fabric defect detection systems [4]. See Ref. [7] in which NNs have been used, and [36] and [38] in which pulse-coupled NNs (PCNNs) have been used for fabric defect detection. In Ref. [71], a color channel separation using an NN, which segments the jacquard image into color channel images, was carried out. Deep NNs (DNNs) are currently popular in defect detection, for example, in Ref. [40], the authors developed a method based on deep learning to fabric defect detection. Convolution NNs (CNNs) have attracted much attention in many fields such as object detection; in Ref. [72], CNN classification in combination with SURF is used to classify dry-washed textiles such as fiber with defect or without defect. Another classifier used for fabric defect detection is SVM [39]. The one-class classifier, SVDD, is adopted as the detector in Refs. [35, 34].

#### 4. Use of Gabor filters for fabric defect detection

Texture analysis methods can be used for problems related to classification, segmentation, synthesis, shape analysis, recovery of images in a database, etc. The detection method for defects used in the tests on images from the database presented in this paper is based on the use of Gabor filters. This is a spectral method based on texture analysis widely used in defect detection, including Refs. [73], [74], and others works such as [60, 75]. Gabor filters are considered to be the most successful method, of the non-feature extraction detection schemes, for detecting fabric defects [5]. Anyway, it was not the aim of this paper to determine which is the most appropriate method for defect detection, or to carry out a comparison of methods, but rather to show an example using the database proposed here.

Gabor filters are band-pass filters created as a result of the multiplication of a Gaussian envelope function with a complex oscillation. The main advantage of introducing this Gaussian envelope is that the Gabor functions are localized in both the spatial and frequency domain. The function of Gabor in the 2D space domain can be expressed as:

$$G(x, y; \lambda, \theta, \psi, \sigma, \gamma) = \exp\left(-\frac{x'^2 + \gamma^2 y'^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \exp\left(i\left(2\pi\frac{x'}{\lambda} + \psi\right)\right) \quad (1)$$

and  $y'$  arise from a movement and axis rotation given by  $\theta$ , in such a way that:

$$x' = x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta \quad (2)$$

$$y' = -x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta \quad (3)$$

where real and imaginary components of this complex function can be calculated as:

$$G(x, y; \lambda, \theta, \psi, \sigma, \gamma) = \exp\left(-\frac{x'^2 + \gamma^2 y'^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cos\left(2\pi\frac{x'}{\lambda} + \psi\right) \quad (4)$$

$$G(x, y; \lambda, \theta, \psi, \sigma, \gamma) = \exp\left(-\frac{x'^2 + \gamma^2 y'^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \sin\left(2\pi\frac{x'}{\lambda} + \psi\right) \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda$  represents the wavelength,  $\theta$  represents the orientation,  $\psi$  is the phase offset,  $\sigma$  is the typical Gaussian deviation, and  $\gamma$  is the spatial aspect ratio. A range of Gabor filters can be constructed, creating what is known as a filter bank. This is done by varying  $\lambda$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\psi$ , and  $\sigma$ .

Detection using Gabor filters can be carried out in two ways [2, 28, 33]: first, using a filter bank, and second using optimum filters. The use of filter banks reinforces the behavior of the segmentation process but generates a large quantity of data for processing [60] and the computing time needed is excessive. On the other hand, the optimum filters can counter these negative effects in specific problems. Optimum filters are used to detect a particular texture. Fewer filters are used, and therefore the filtering time is shorter; however, the choice of parameters is both crucial and complicated [64]. In Figure 2,

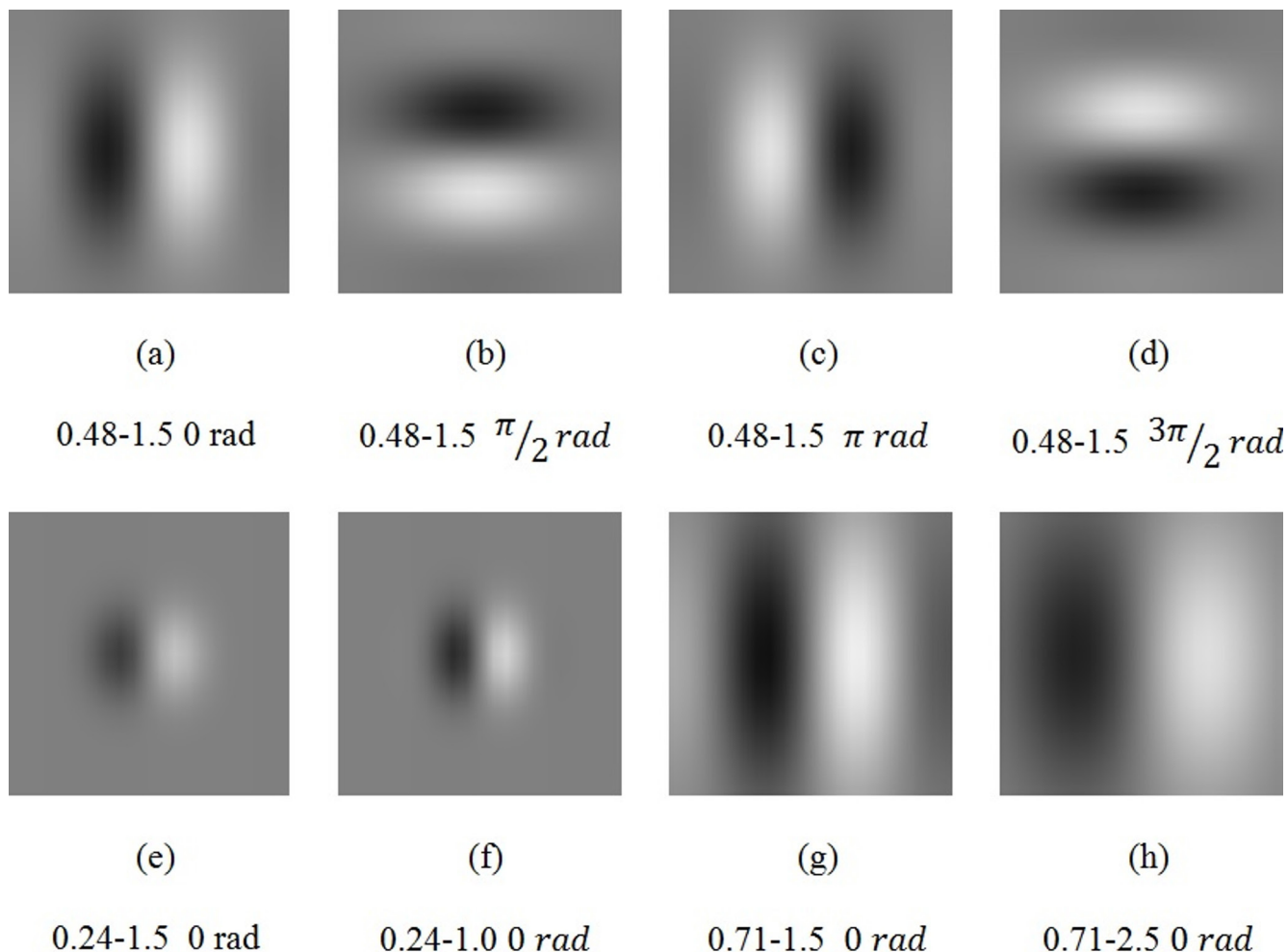


Figure 2. Images of Gabor filter kernels with different parameters  $\sigma-\lambda \theta$

different images of Gabor filter kernels are shown. The values of the parameters used are indicated below every image in the following order  $\sigma-\lambda \theta$ .

The two components of the Gabor filter (real and imaginary) may form a complex number or may be used individually. According to Mak et al. [28], the filter based on the imaginary part is to attenuate the areas without defect or highlight the areas with defect in the image. The value of  $\theta$  must be selected with great care to eliminate the base texture, and these parameters depend on the type of textile. The Gabor filter based on the real part is used to detect the contours of defect objects. In the literature, applications of only one type of filter can be found, such as in Ref. [33] in which the authors use an initial training stage to determine the filter parameters with a defect-free image and design an uneven Gabor filter to detect defects that have the same textural background as the sample.

## 5. Our database

### 5.1. Capture system

The system used to capture images is composed of a linear GigaEthernet camera, LED linear lighting, an encoder for the synchronization, a PC for processing and detection and a tablet for labeling, as shown in Figure 3. The camera has

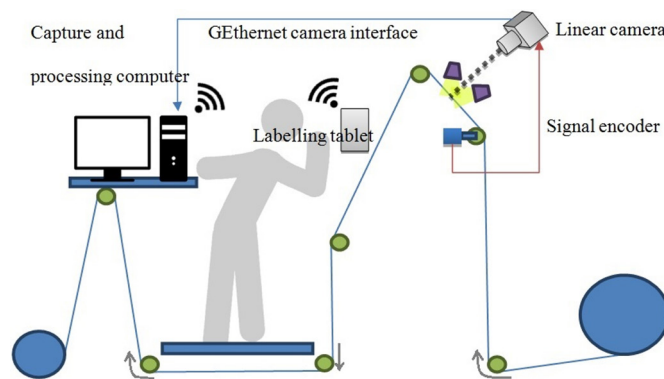


Figure 3. Plan of the capture system

4096-line capture pixels which, with a resolution of four pixels per millimeter, cover the same half of the fabric that is being inspected by the operator who has to manage the system and the tablet for labeling.

The acquisition system, which also carries out processing and labeling functions on the images, is done using a PC in which the same capture software has a server incorporated which receives the defect labeling data via sockets. The labeling is carried out using an Android application implemented in a tablet in which the operator, after introducing the data from the piece being manufactured, manages to mark all the defects found in the fabric (Figure 4). The labeling is sent to the server installed



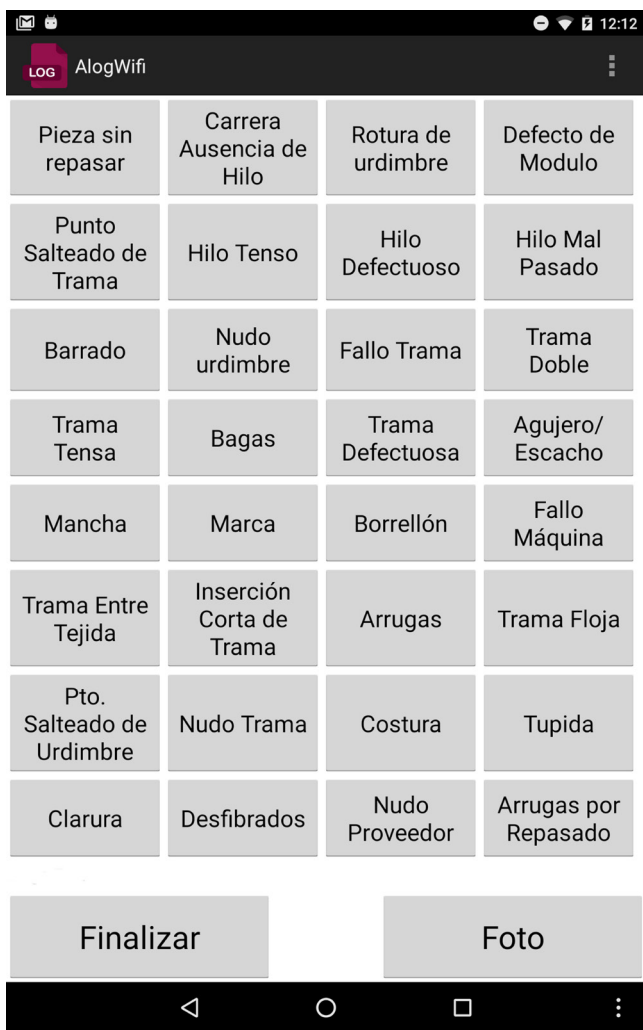


Figure 4. Android application to label defects

in the capture software which stores these data alongside the images captured. As the process to detain the production process when a defect is detected, and then label this defect, is carried out by the operator, the process is a manual one. The defect is then sought manually from among a small number of stored images. In this way, real, trustworthy information is obtained on the defects found on the fabric, and the results produced by the detection algorithms can be compared using this information.

5.2. The database

The database consists of 245 images of 4096 x 256 pixels captured by the system of seven different fabric structures. The fabrics in the database are mainly plain. There are 140 defect-free images in the database, 20 of every type of fabric. The other images, of which there are 105, contain different types of fabric defects which commonly appear in the textile industry (we have 12 types of defect). The large size of the images

Table 3. Values of the parameters selected in the detection method used

	$\theta$	$\sigma$	$\lambda$	$\psi$
Test 1	Odd filter: $0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2$	0.24	2.5	0
Test 2		0.29	2.5	0

ImageNumber\_DefectCode\_FabricCode.png

ImageNumber\_DefectCode\_FabricCode\_mask.png

Figure 5. Example of how the images of the database are denominated

allows users to work with different window sizes, increasing the number of samples.

These images can be accessed on the Internet (www.aitex.es/afid). The images have been named as shown in Figure 5.

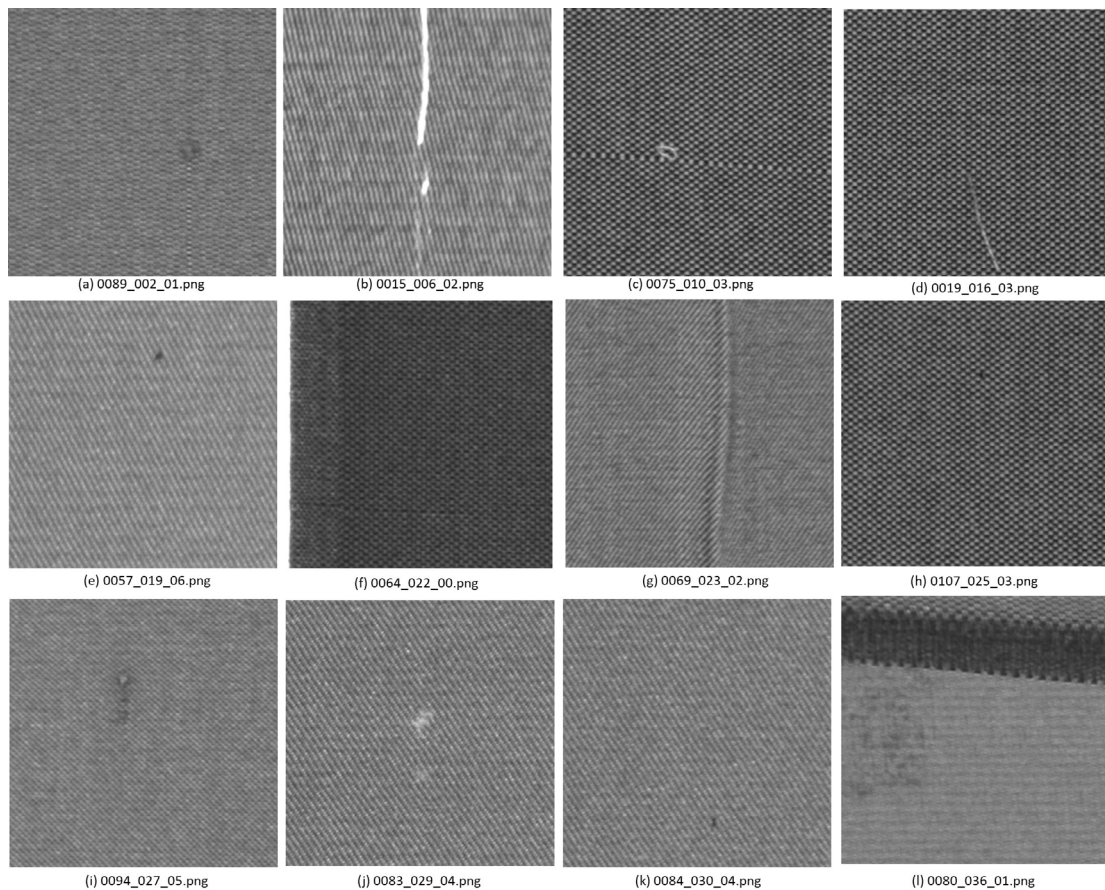
An example of the 12 defects and at least one example of each of the seven different fabric structures are shown in Figure 6. Each figure shows a region of interest (ROI) of 256 x 256 pixels, in place of 4096 x 256 original image, so that the structure and defects in the textile can be seen in detail.

The database available on the Internet also contains the segmentation mask of all the images with defects in such a way that the white pixels indicate the defective area, and the rest of the pixels are black. The masks have been marked and created by hand from the original image. As the defect is sometimes difficult to localize in the original image of 4096 pixels in length, these masks will help other researchers localize the defects in this set of images, as the original image can be compared with its respective mask. Four examples are shown in Figure 7.

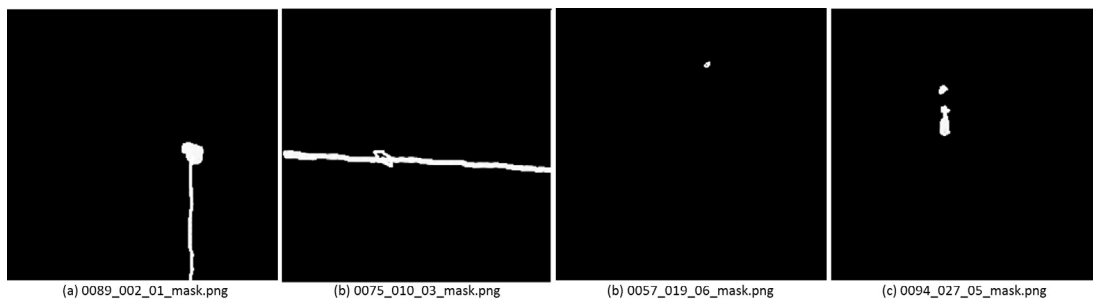
6. Experimental results

The processing of the images for the detection of defects consisted of an initial preprocessing before the application of a Gabor filter bank. A bank of filters was used in which an uneven filter was applied for different values of  $\theta$  ( $0, \pi/2, 3\pi/2$ ). That is to say, Gabor was applied four times, only varying the values of  $\theta$ , while the rest of the values used in the filter, sigma, lambda, and psi, were always fixed in a particular test. When using Gabor, an important step is to determine the most appropriate parameters. After analyzing thousands of fabric images, the values that offer the best results for defect detection have been identified, and these values are used in this paper. Table 3 summarizes the values used in the tests presented in this paper, only the values of  $\sigma$  are changed, while the values for  $\theta, \lambda,$  and  $\psi$  are fixed. After the application of each Gabor filter, the image is thresholded and the shape of the defect is reflected in the obtained image. Each shape of defects is added to a final image, that is, the complete defect can be obtained through image addition. After that, a morphology filter is applied to the complete defect image. Finally, the contours corresponding to the defects are sought and these are marked as a result of the detection.

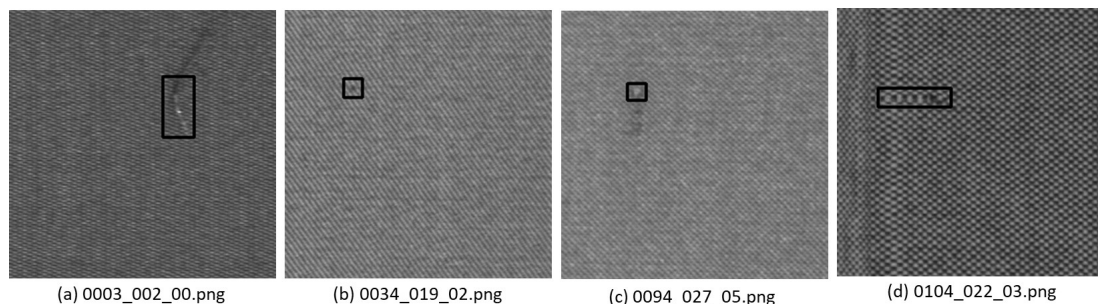
Figure 8 shows the selection of the results obtained with the defect detection method used. The images show a ROI of 256 x 256 pixels in which the defect is located. In the final stage of the detection process, the defect detected is framed in the original image with a rectangle. As an example, four different textile samples containing four different defects are shown.



**Figure 6.** ROI of 256 x 256 pixels from original examples 4096 x 256 of defective fabrics, with the names used in the database. (a) broken end, (b) broken yarn, (c) broken pick, (d) weft curling, (e) fuzzy ball, (f) cut selvage, (g) crease, (h) warp ball, (i) knot, (j) contamination, (k) nep, and (l) weft craft. ROI, region of interest



**Figure 7.** ROI of 256 x 256 pixels of the image mask of Figure 6 (a), (c), (e), (i). ROI, region of interest



**Figure 8.** Examples of fabric defect detection. (a) broken end, (b) fuzzy ball, (c) knot, (d) cut selvage

The performance of the defect detection scheme used can be determined in different ways. Some authors state that there are two ways to measure the accuracy of detection [2]: (1) detection success rate (DSR) or (2) sensitivity and specificity.

DSR, also known as detection accuracy, can be defined as the number of samples correctly detected divided by the total number of samples, defective and defect free (6). The DSR is a metric used by different researchers, see Refs. [2] and [7].



Other relationships used are detection rate (DR) (7) and false alarm rate (FAR) (8).

$$DSR = \frac{\text{number of samples correctly detected}}{\text{total number of samples}} \times 100 \tag{6}$$

$$DR = \frac{\text{number of defective samples correctly detected}}{\text{total number of defective samples}} \times 100 \tag{7}$$

$$FAR = \frac{\text{Number of defect free samples detected as defective}}{\text{Total number of defect free samples}} \times 100 \tag{8}$$

where the accuracy of the method using metrics such as “specificity” is defined as correct detection of defect-free samples (10), and “sensitivity” or correct detection of defective samples (9) is evaluated. To calculate these values, the definitions of true positive (TP), false positive (FP), false negative (FN), and true negative (TN) are necessary (Table 4).

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \times 100 \tag{9}$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP} \times 100 \tag{10}$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = DSR = \frac{TN + TP}{TN + FP + FN + TP} \times 100 \tag{11}$$

Based on the metrics mentioned above, the results of the evaluation of the method used in this paper are now presented. The parameters for these tests are previously summarized in Table 3. It is worth highlighting that the number of samples for each defect is not the same. This is so because the data were collected from a real installation where the defects appear at different rates. During the months in which the data were being collected, there were defects that were never registered or only occasionally registered, which also helps to focus the defect detection, avoiding a situation where methods are being developed that only detect a particular type of defect, when this type of defect hardly ever occurs during production. However, this distribution may be different in other production plants in which different threads and weaves are used.

The testing results were quantified using sensitivity to show how accurately defective samples were classified, specificity

**Table 5.** Performance analysis of the method used

	Sensitivity or DR (%)	Specificity (%)	FAR (%)	DSR (%)
Test 1	82/105=78.10	TN/140=136/140=97.14	2.90	88.98
Test 2	91/105=86.67	TN/140=124/140=88.57	11.4	87.76

DR, detection rate; DSR, detection success rate; FAR, false alarm rate; TN, true negative.

to show how accurately defect-free samples were classified, false alarm, and accuracy as the correct classification rate of all samples (Table 5). As can be seen, the results improved in the second test.

If the parameters are more “conservative” (test 1), the DR is lower but the FN and FA are almost insignificant, 4/140. However, if the parameters are modified (test 2), increasing the value of  $\sigma$ , the DR increases but more false defects are obtained. In Ref. [2], an exhaustive review about automated fabric defect detection methods is given, with many of the works mentioned obtaining similar results to those shown here. Although the values obtained are not very high, the objective of the paper was not the detection method as already mentioned. In addition, it must be taken into account that they are real defects, with greater difficulty of detection to those presented in other papers such as Ref. [32] where the authors accomplished 91% and 100% DSRs for 16 images of holes and 16 images of oil stain, respectively, using ANNs.

The parameters can be varied and different values can be used according to the textile type; thus, false defects and detection in general would be improved; however, this is outside the scope of this present work.

## 7. Conclusions

Defect detection in industrial textile manufacture is a basic need for which efficient economical solutions must be sought. In recent years, a number of different methods have been developed to detect these defects, some of which have been successful to a greater or lesser degree, although it has generally been impossible to verify the exact degree of success achieved. This is due to the use of a collection of private images, which are not publicly available, and thus they cannot be used to verify any proposed results or make comparisons between methods. In this paper, a set of annotated images and their corresponding segmentations is presented, with and without defects, of different types of plain textiles. This set of images is now available on the Internet. The images were obtained from

**Table 4.** Definitions of TP, FP, TN, and FN in defect detection

	Image defective	Image defect free
Detected as defective	TP	FP
Detected as defect free	FN	TN

FN, false negative; FP, false positive; TN, true negative TP, true positive.

a real production plant and were generated from a wide range of defects, and moreover, came from seven different textile types with a range of different textures. The capture system was complemented with a detection system based on Gabor filters which proved the reliability of this technology for real-time deployment in industry. This technology will be extremely important in the coming Factory 4.0 trend. Regarding future lines of research in this field, the aim is to install more machines in other factories, so that the database of images with and without defects can continue to grow. At the same time, the objective is to develop mechanism to handle and manage this large quantity of data. Moreover, the volume of data that hopefully will eventually be achieved will mean that Big Data techniques can be used for the detection and classification of defects.

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