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research group



From Interactive robotics to Cobotics  
Basics, concepts of interaction and applications

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## Part 1

Examples of implementations

From Motion to Interactions with Human

From Robotics to Collaborative robotics

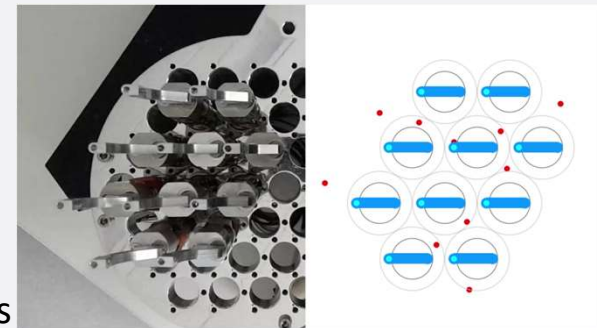
# Position control



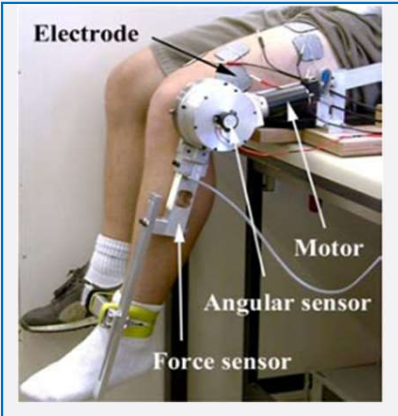
## Direct Drive Actuated Delta realized for **BOSCH Packaging Technology**

[Patent 2015] Device For Moving And Positioning An Object In Space, Huser M., Tschudi M., ..., Bouri M., Clavel R., Demarex MO., Device For Moving And Positioning An Object In Space, reference WO2012152559

Astrobots  
Robots for astrophysics surveys



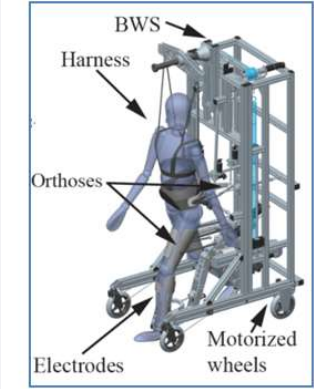
Rehabilitation Robotics  
for lower limbs



Feasibility – (2000)

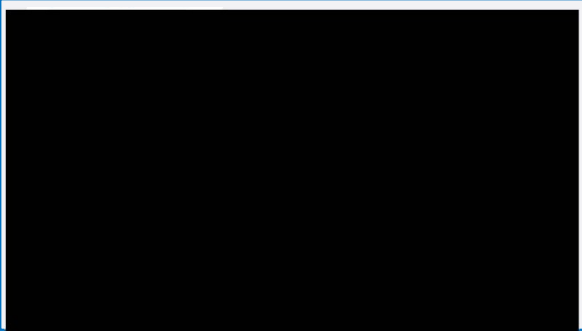


Prototype-0  
In clinical trial (2003 – 2005)

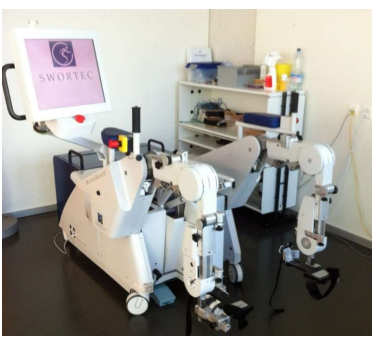


Concept – (2007)

Prototype-0  
In clinical trial (2008-2009)



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Product certified (2008)



Product certified (2013)





**TWICE**, Vouga, ICORR 2017  
Baud, ICORR 2019  
Fasola, ICORR 2019



**HiBSO**, Olivier et al. Rob & Aut Sys, 2015



**Autonomy**, Ortlieb et al, ICORR 2017

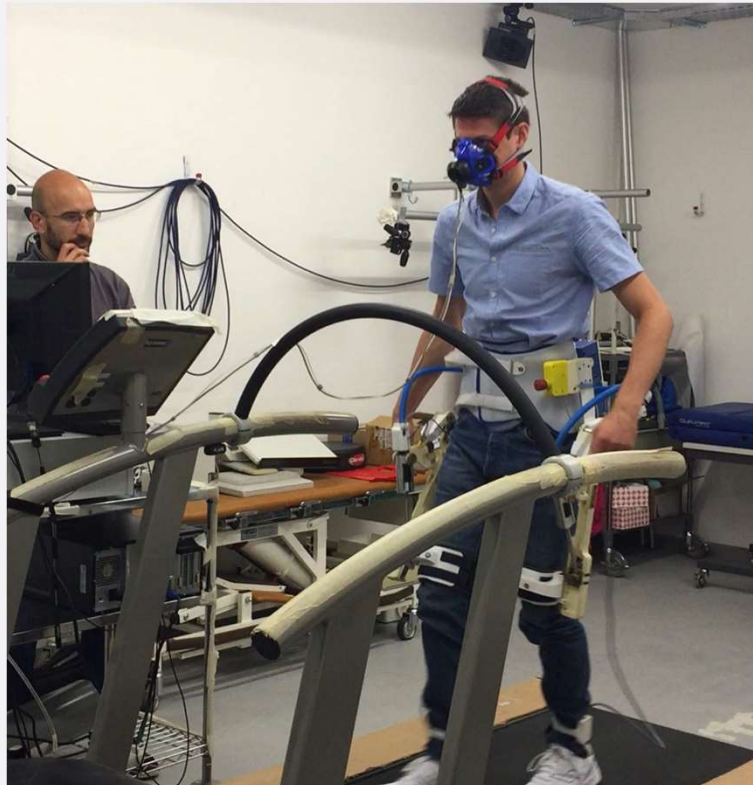
Daily living activities



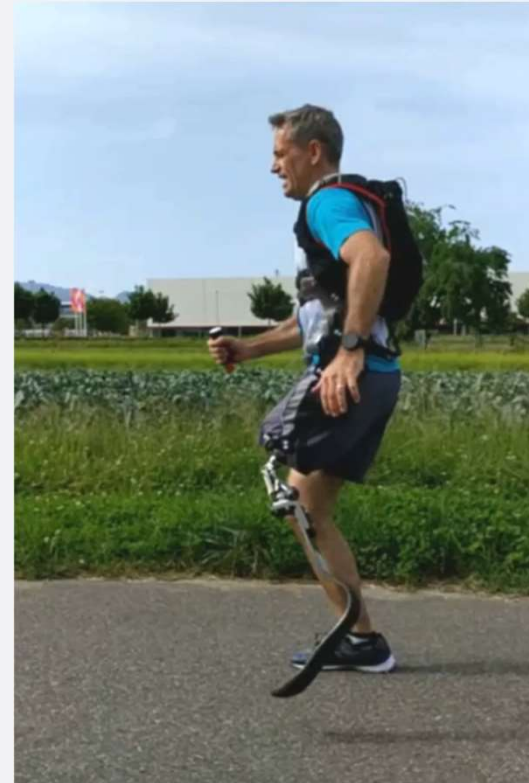
## Partially assist to enable gait or make it more effective



Autonomyo: 3 DoF / leg



HiBSO: bi-lateral hip assist



Runner: unilateral hip assist



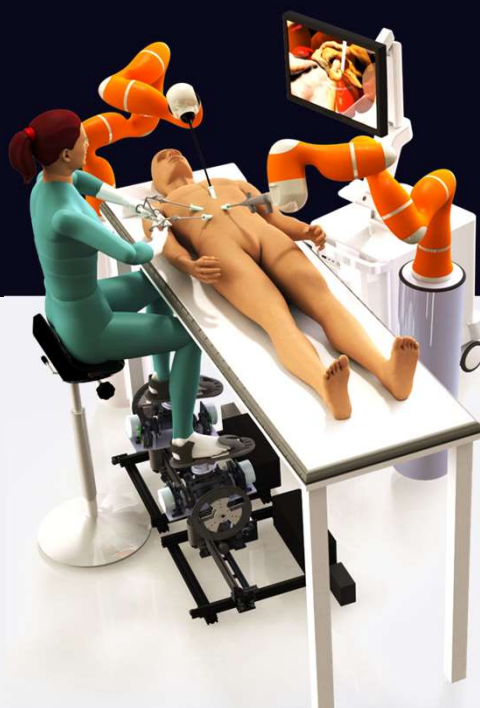
## Human-inspired Balance control



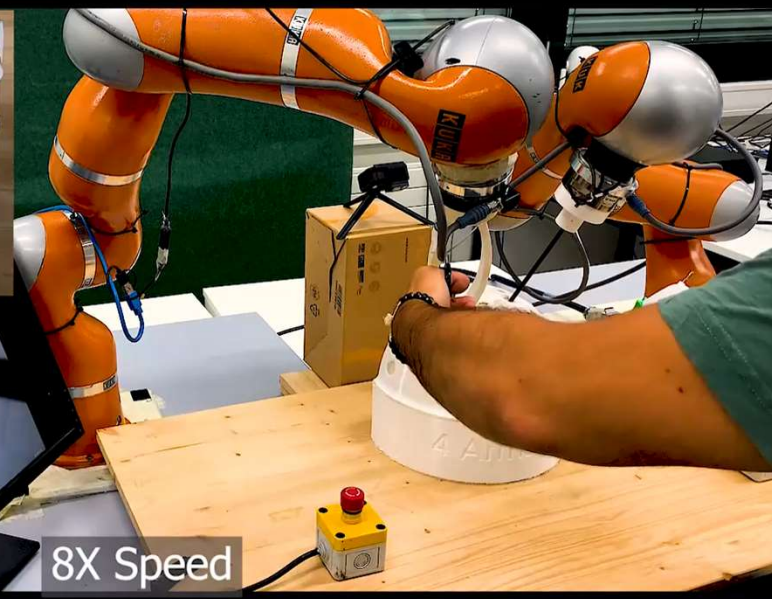
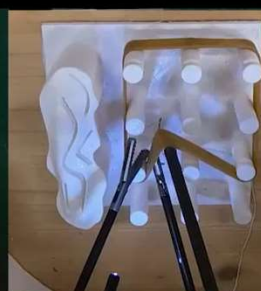
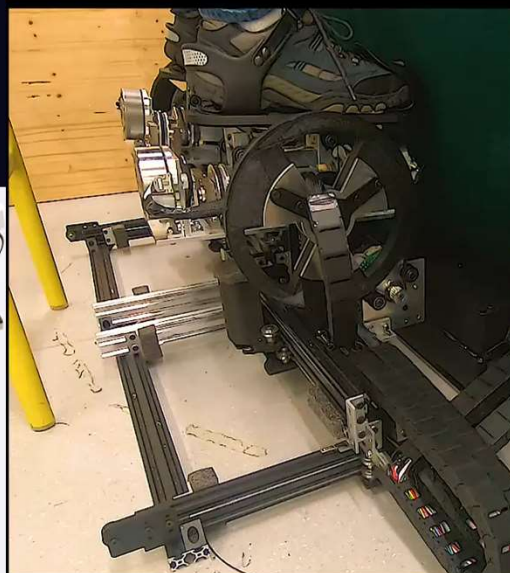




## 4 Handed manipulation to enhance robotic surgery [2017-2022]



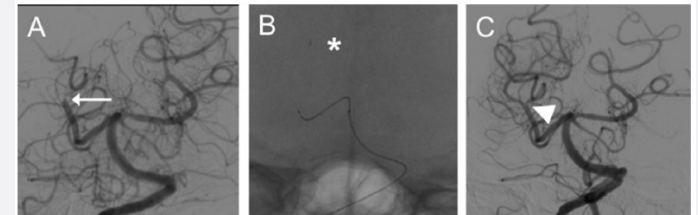
### Four Arm Laparoscopic Surgery Via Foot Interfaces



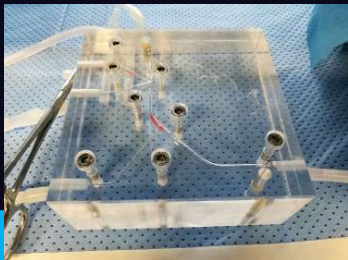
8X Speed

# Haptic intervention for intelligent thrombectomy

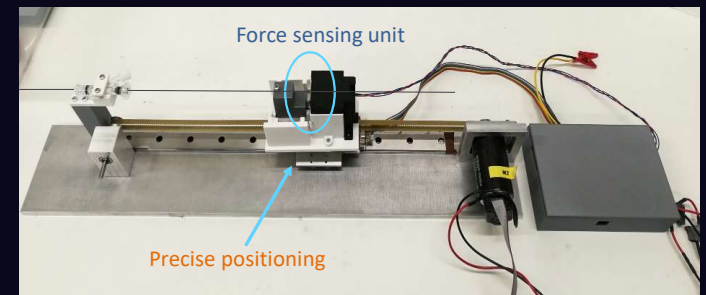
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Hôpitaux  
Universitaires  
Genève



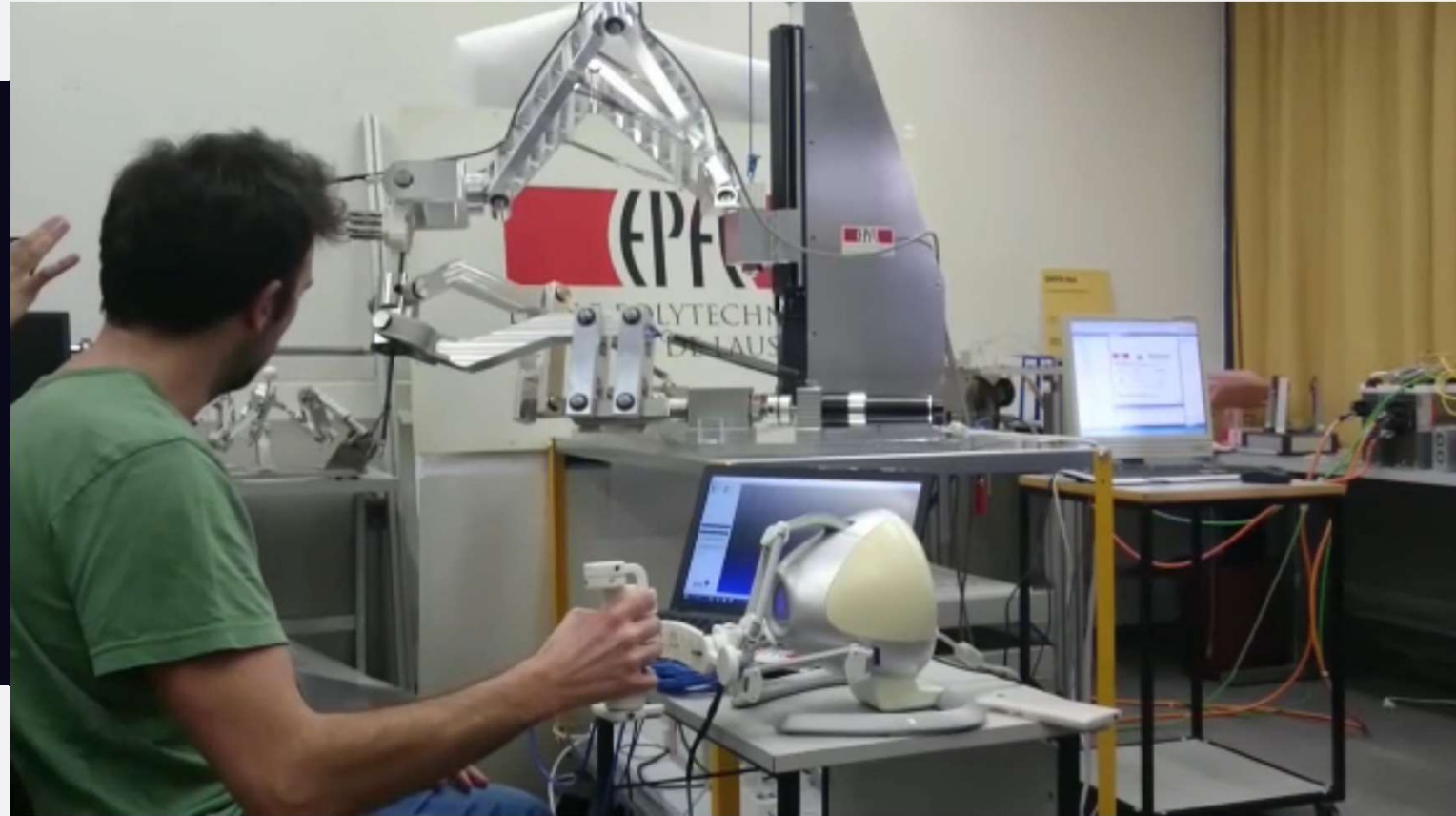
Hofmeister et al, 2017



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## Laparoscopic Surgery Requirements for force feedback [2016]

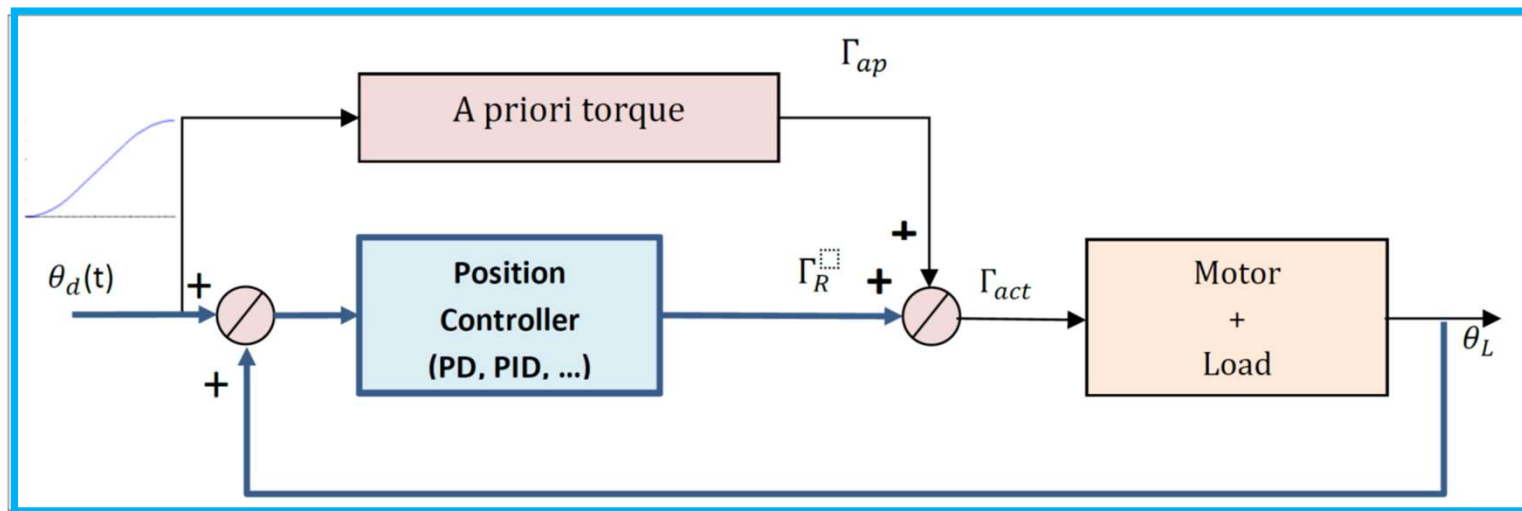




## Part 2

### Robot control strategies

$$\Gamma_{act} = \Gamma_{PID} + \mathcal{I}_{RL} \ddot{\theta}_d + M_d g r_g \sin(\theta_d) + k_{vis} \dot{\theta}_d + \Gamma_{dry}$$



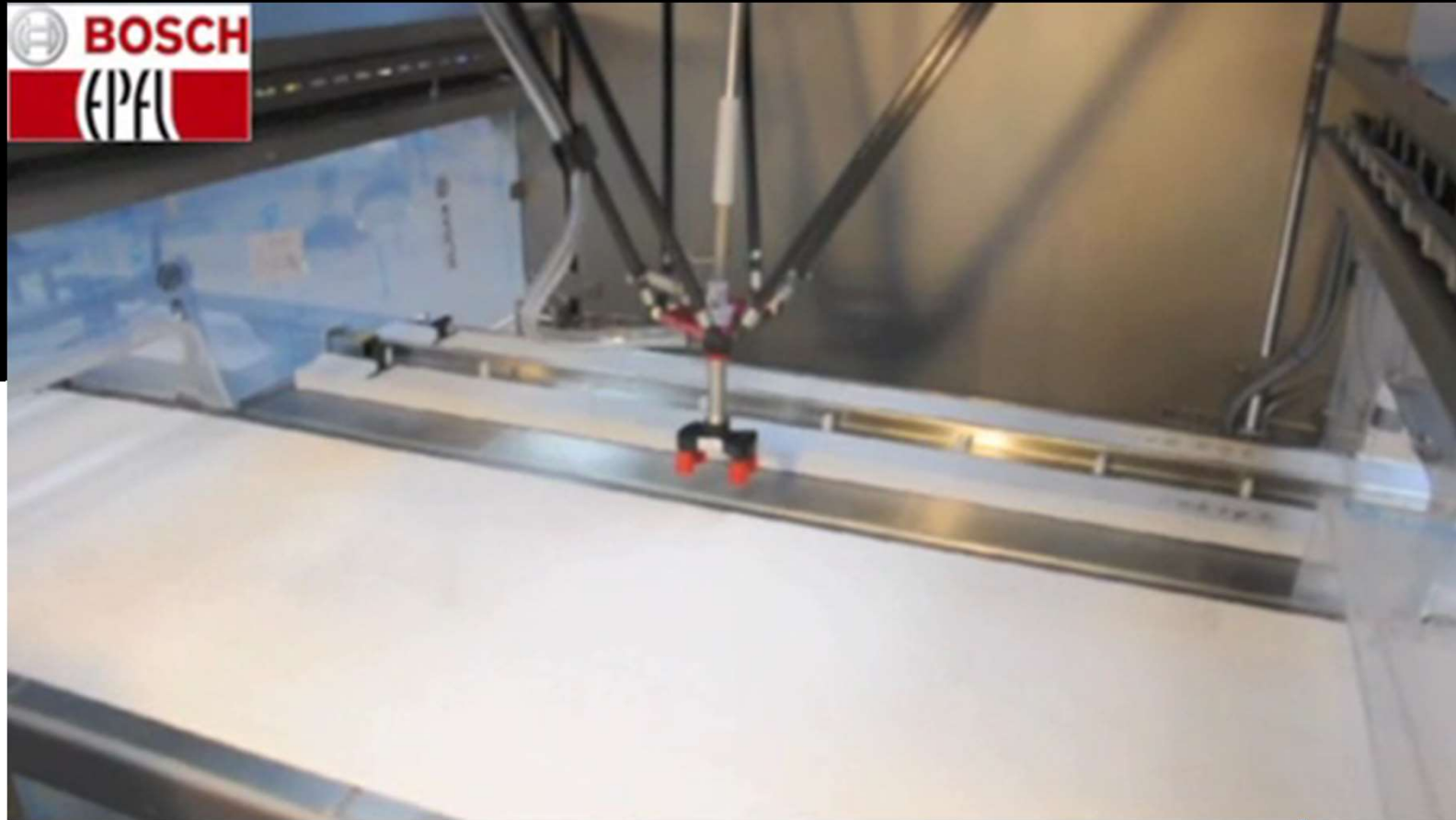
Feedforward compensation (a priori control) for position control



## Discussion

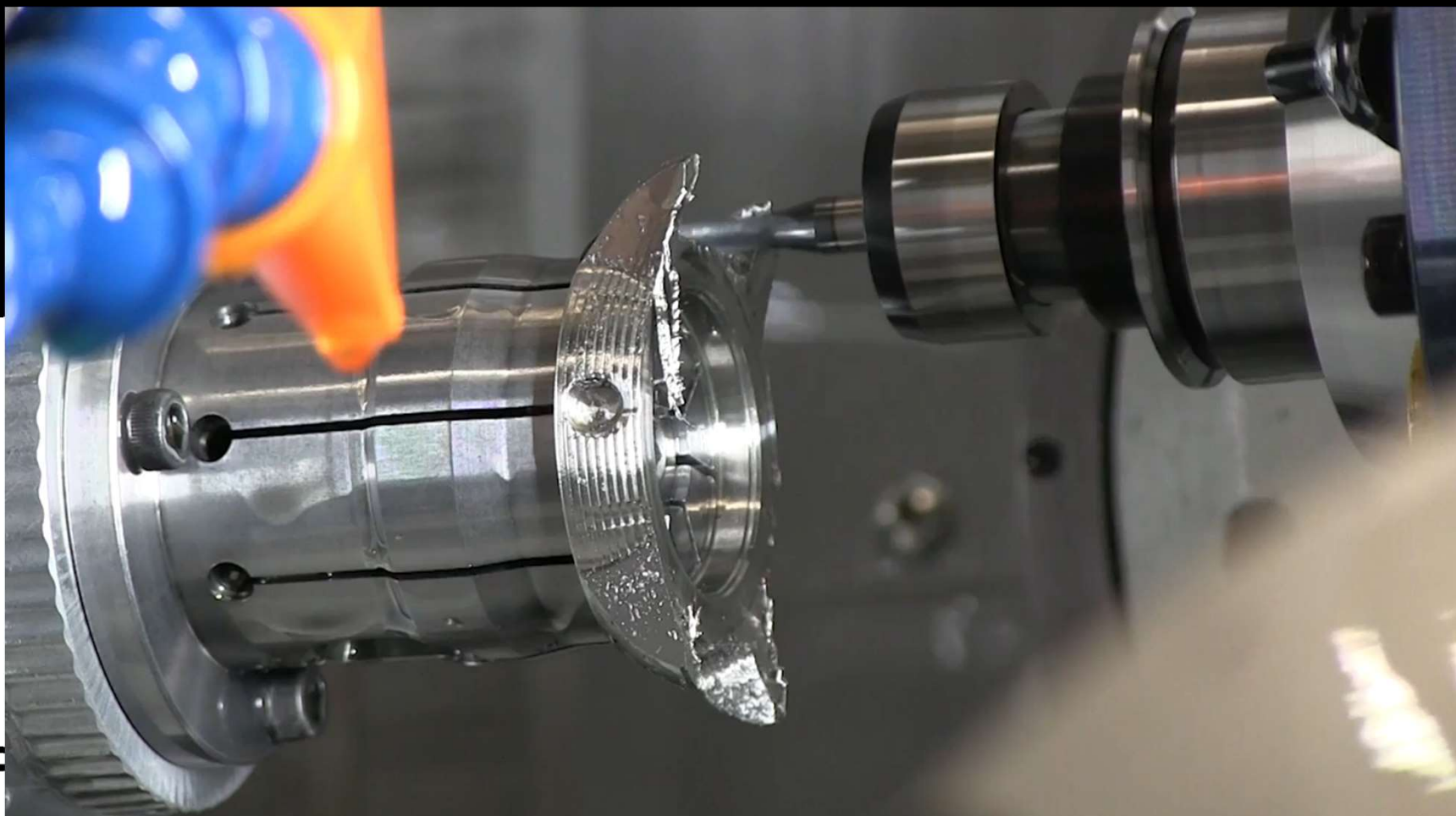
Identify the mode of control ?

## Delta Direct drive for fast pick and place





# Machining



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And what  
else?



# Stanford University Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

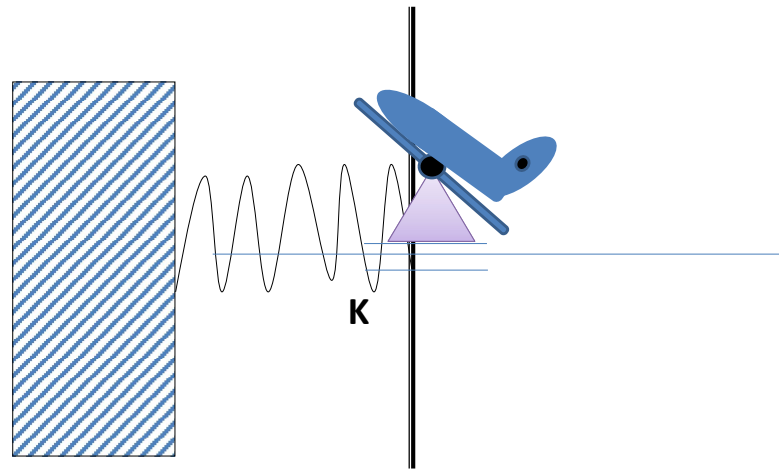
JediBot - Robot Sword Fighting

May 2011

<http://cs.stanford.edu/groups/manips>



# What is mechanical impedance ?



Mechanical impedance concerns **INTERACTION**.

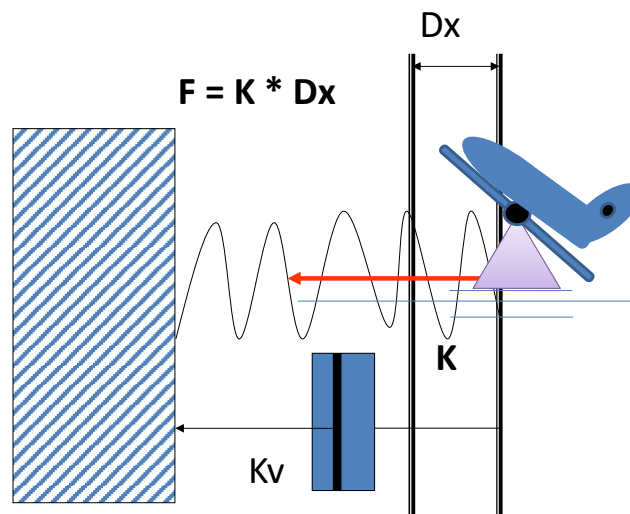
The simplest way to feel/implement interaction is a **SPRING**.

is oscillatory



## What is mechanical impedance ?

a **SPRING** ⊕ a **DAMPER**



Is stable

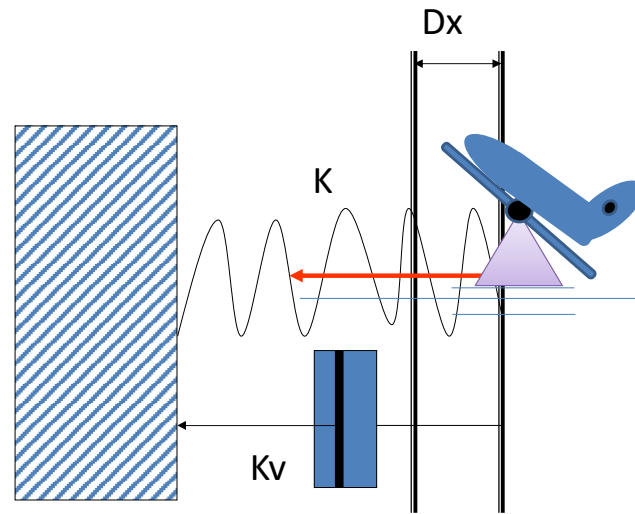
$$F = K * Dx + K_v * \frac{d(Dx)}{dt}$$



## Simulated impedance using an electrical actuator

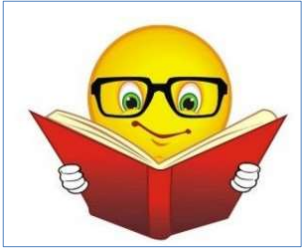


$$F_{\text{mot}} = K_p * Dx + K_d * d(Dx)/dt$$



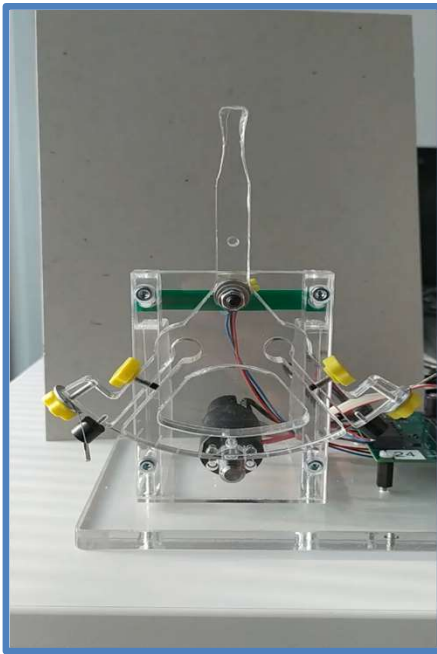
Mechanical Impedance denotes  
the quality of compliance : stiffness of the interaction ( $K_p$ ,  $K_d$ )



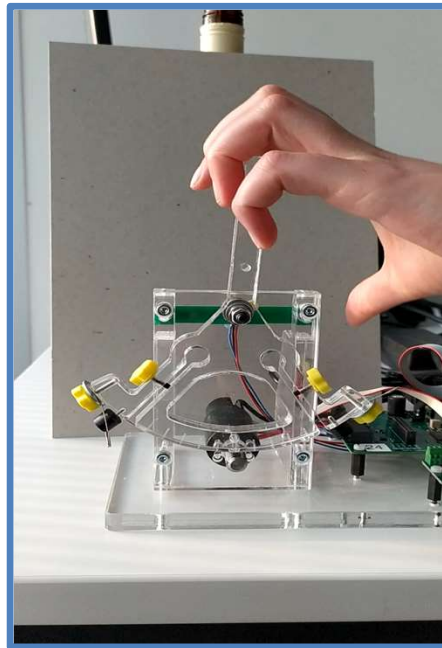


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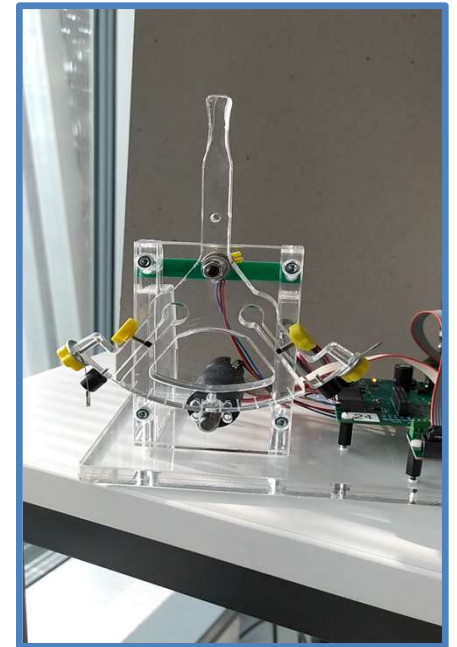
### Examples of behaviors



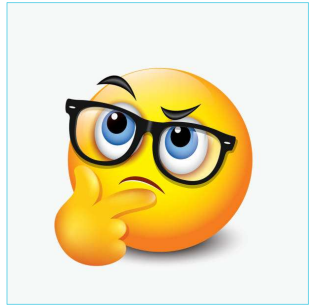
Stiff



compliant

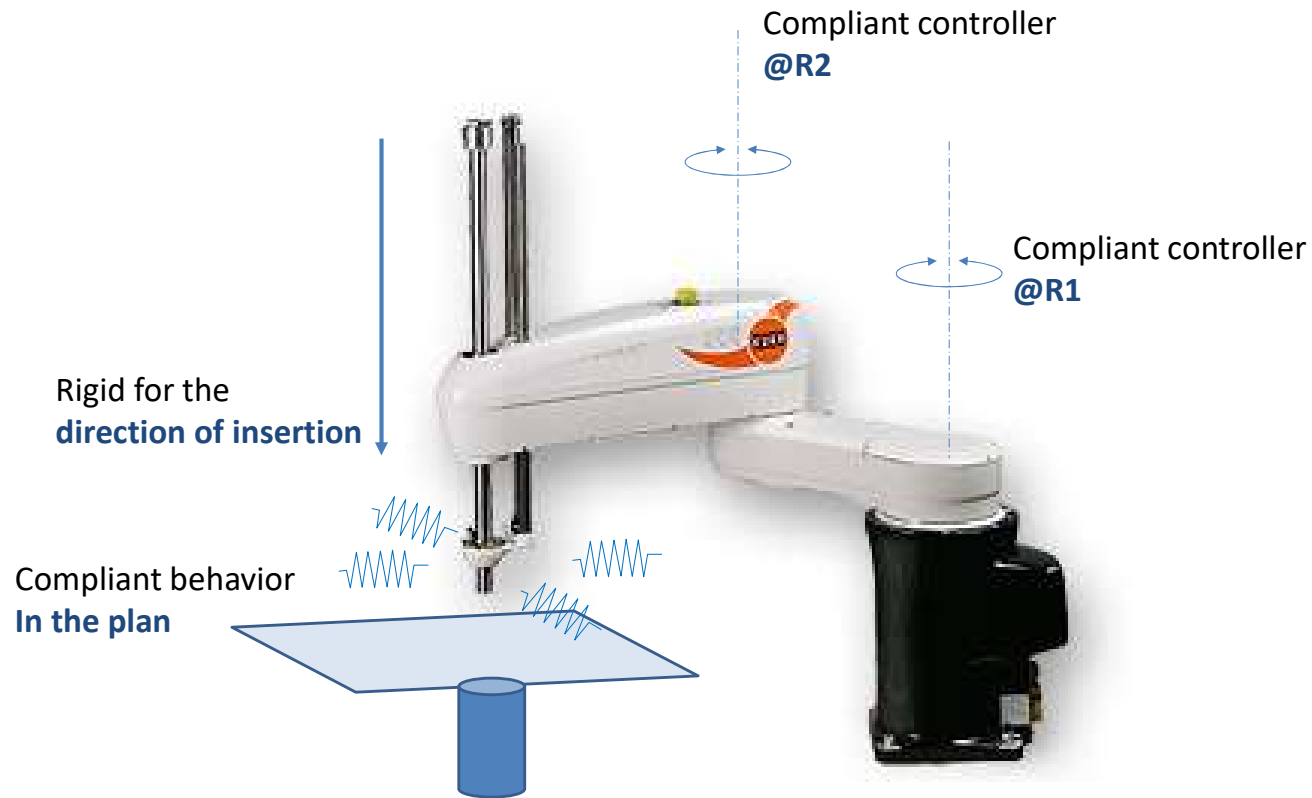


damped

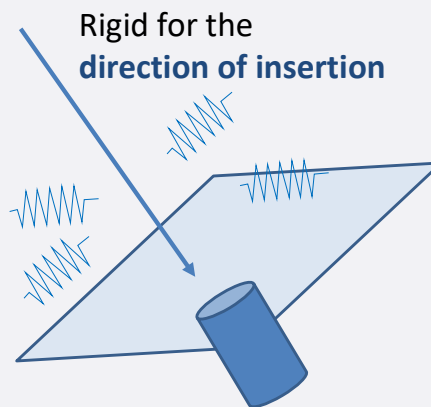


# What is “Selective Compliance” ?

The SCARA, a mechanically **selective compliant** robot



## 6 Dof selective compliance...



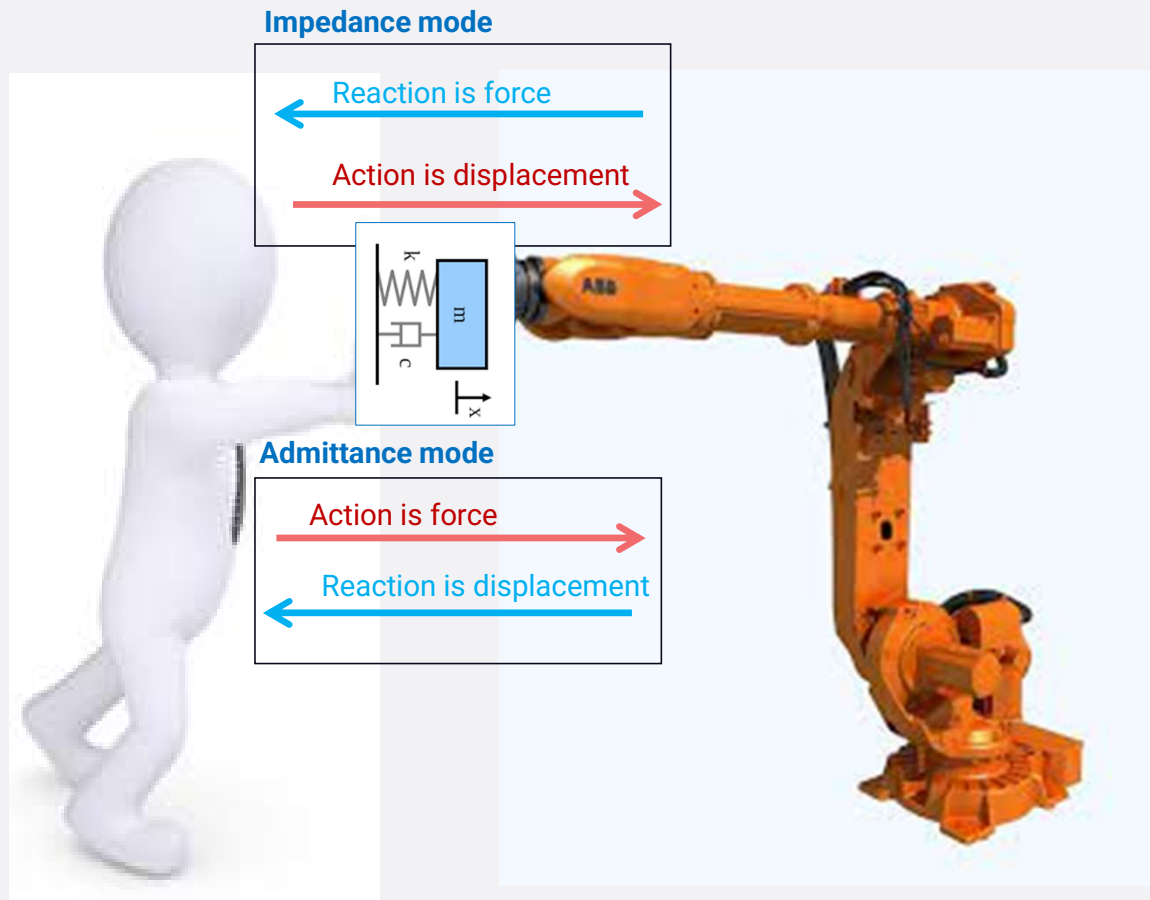
Compliant behavior  
In the inclined plan



Control strategies may implement a selective compliance for any single or combined directions (dofs)



## Did you say “Impedance” or “Admittance” ?







**That is it, for this short tour on control concepts!**



## Part 3

Tell me about “Cobots”

La « **Cobotique** » concerne l’implémentation d’une solution robotique centrée autour de la **collaboration avec l’humain**.

La **Cobotique** est la science d’ingénieur qui traite de la « **Robotique Collaborative** : Collaborative Robotics ».

Il s’agit souvent

- d’une **[interaction robot-humain]** **[partageant une tâche donnée]**,
- d’une **programmation du robot apprise de l’humain**.

Dans tous ces cas, **la proximité du robot avec l’humain est importante** et **la sécurité** de ce dernier l’est encore plus.

M. Bouri, 2021



## Part 3

Tell me about “Cobots”

“**Cobotics**” concerns the implementation of robotic solutions centered around **collaboration with humans**.

**Cobotics** is the engineering science that deals with “**Collaborative Robotics**”.

It is often

- about a [ **robot-human interaction**] [ **sharing a given task**],
- a robot **programming learned from the human**.

In all these cases, **the proximity of the robot to the human is important** and the **safety of the human** is even more important. Translated with [www.DeepL.com/Translator](http://www.DeepL.com/Translator) (free version)

M. Bouri, 2021

## Cobots - examples

### Universal robots



One of the most known “cobots”

[Link to Universal robots](#)

[Full video link](#)

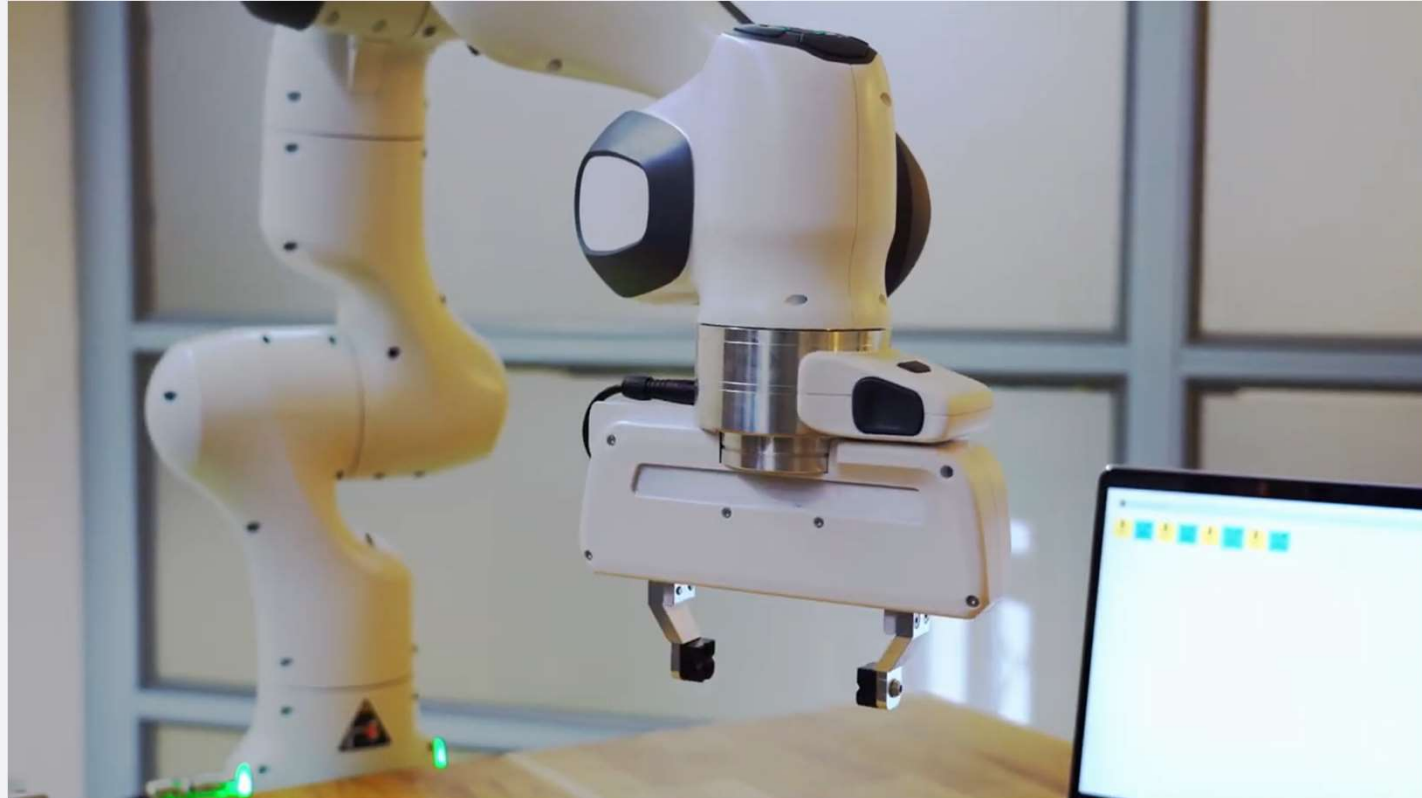


## Cobots - examples

### Franka emika

One of cheapest “cobots”

[Link to Franka](#)



# Cobots

## Part 4 – Values and applications

### Collaboration



- Shared workspace
- Learn from employee
- Direct collaboration

### Footprint



- Easy to implement
- Need less space (no cage)

### Safety



- The higher the collaboration the higher the safety



## Cobots

### Part 4 – Values and applications

Collaborative industrial robots are a class of robots that perform **tasks in collaboration with workers in industrial settings**.

The IFR defines two types of robots designed for collaborative use.

[1] One group that complies with the International Organization for Standards (ISO) norm 10218-1 which specifies requirements and guidelines for the inherent safe design, protective measures and information for use of industrial robots.

[2] The other group that does not satisfy the requirements of ISO 10218-1. This does not imply that these robots are unsafe. They follow different safety standards, for example national or in-house standards, other applications (for example healthcare, food preparation and in public spaces) are covered by separate ISO norms and will **therefore not be included in the IFR statistics** on collaborative industrial robots.

[Ref. Ifr.org]

## Cobots

### [Value 3] Safety –in collision

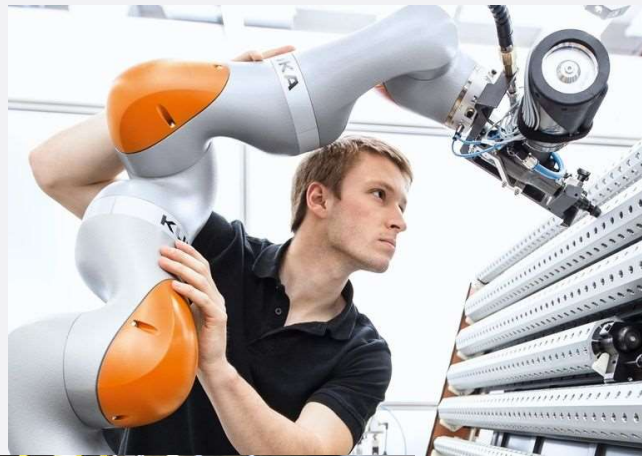
not even afraid





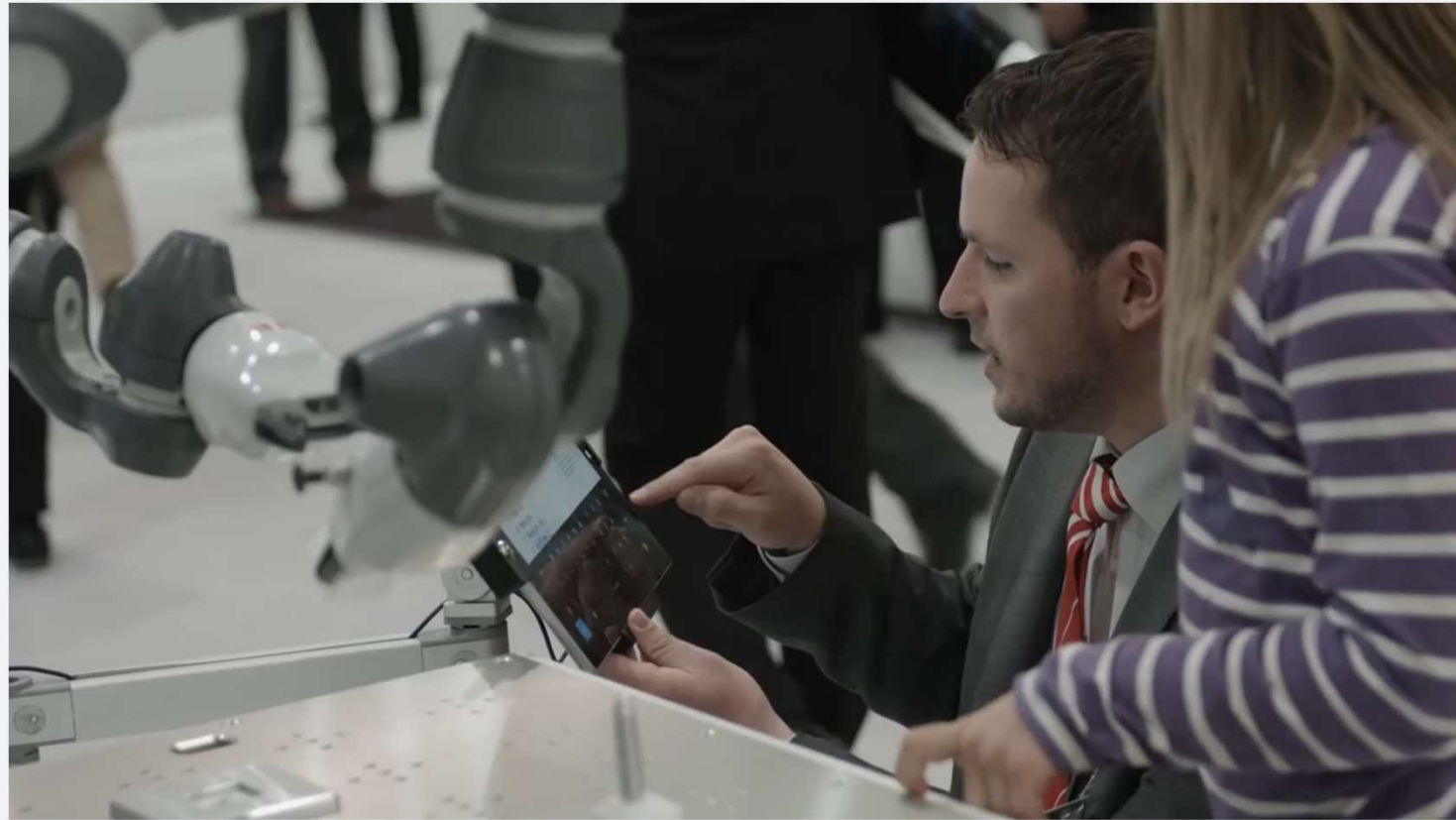
# Cobots

## [Value 1.1] Collaboration : Shared workspace



## Cobots

[Value 1.2] Collaboration : Programming by learning / from operators



## Cobots

[Value 1.3] Collaboration : co-working / co-manipulation



## Cobots

### [Value 2] Footprints

- More relevant for bi-manual cobots



Siasun DSCR3



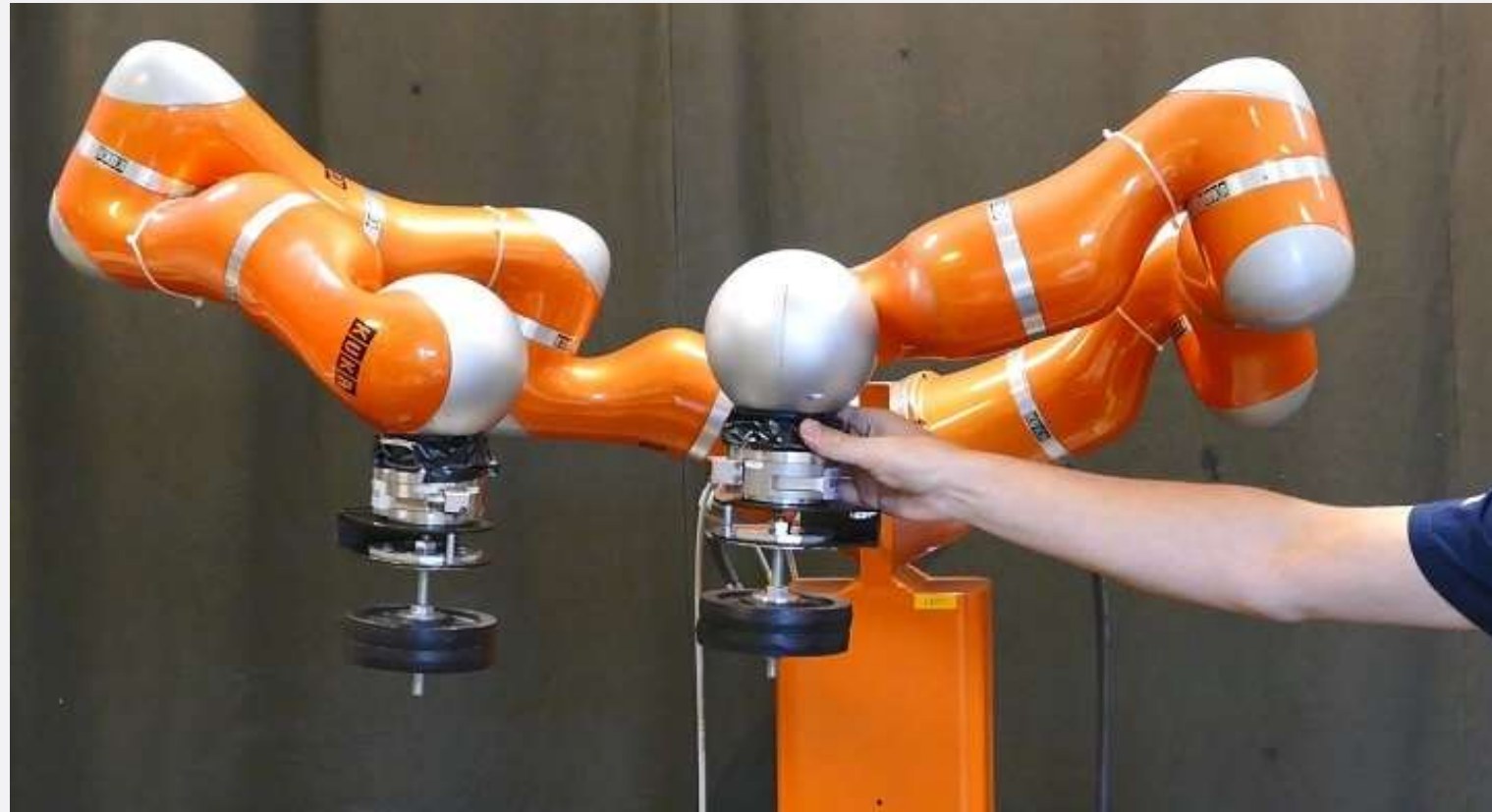
Kawasaki  
duAro1 dual SCARA



ABB  
Yumi



Dual or single arm?



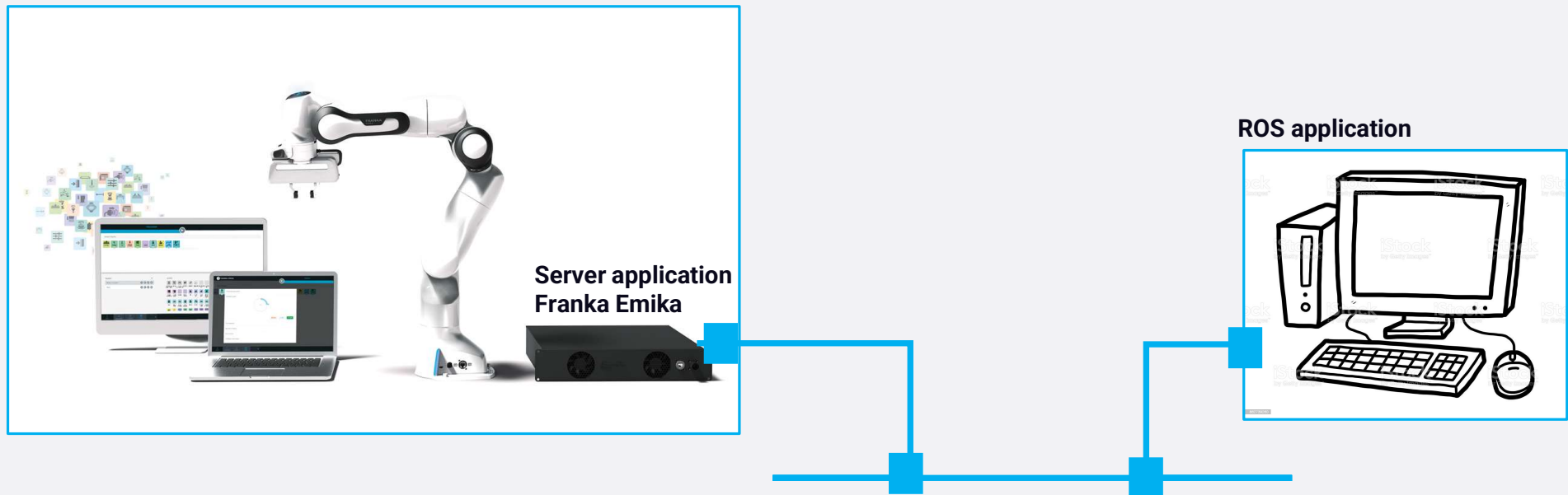
Definitely YES or NO ?



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## Cobots

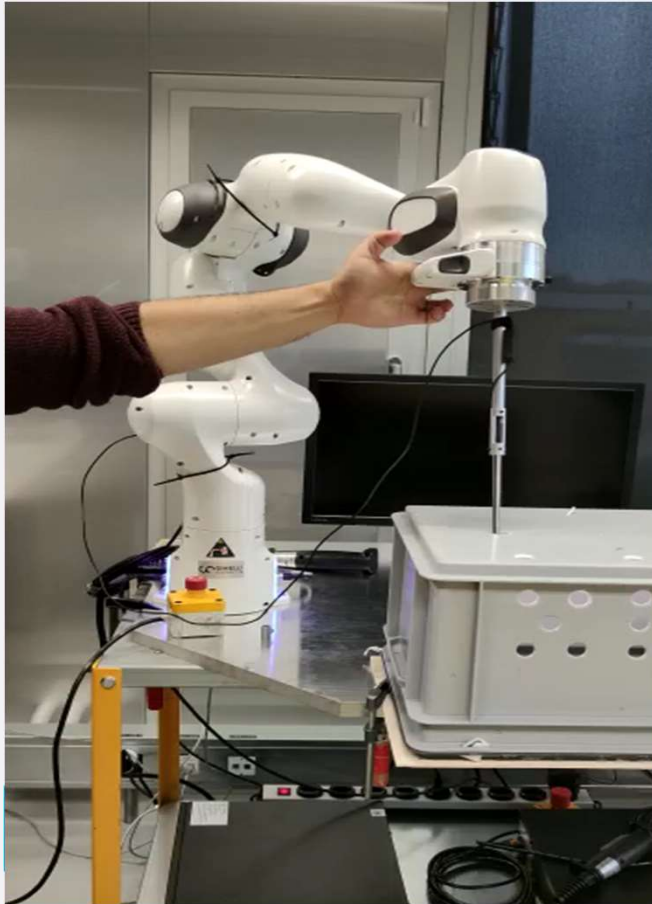
[Other values] Open to implement new control strategies / using ROS



# Cobots

## Example of 2-scenarios

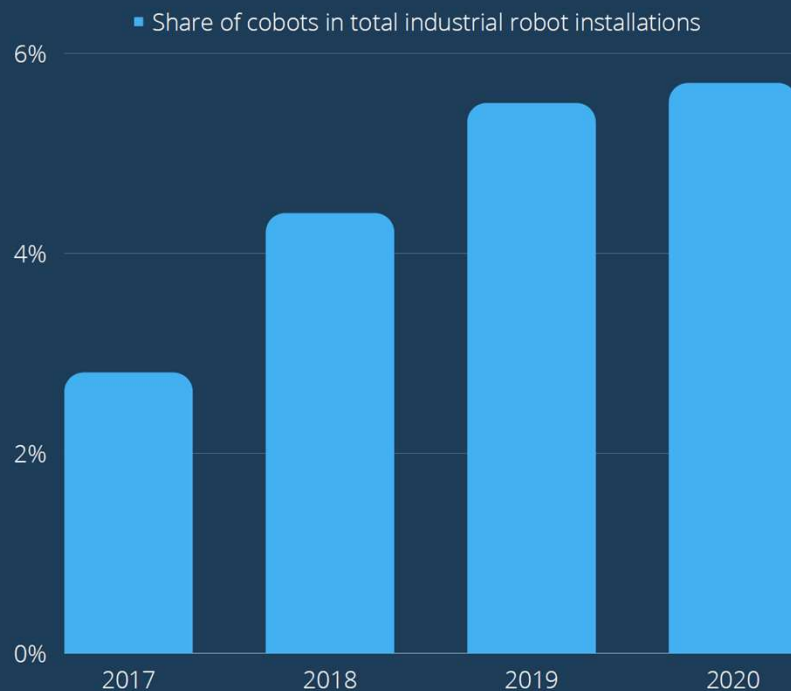
Scenario 1- Being more specific in defining workspace limits



Scenario 2- admittance control/ robot guidance



# Numbers



## Growth of the market

- 22'000 of newly depolyed cobots which is 6% growth from 2019-2020
- 5.7% share of the industrial robot intallations

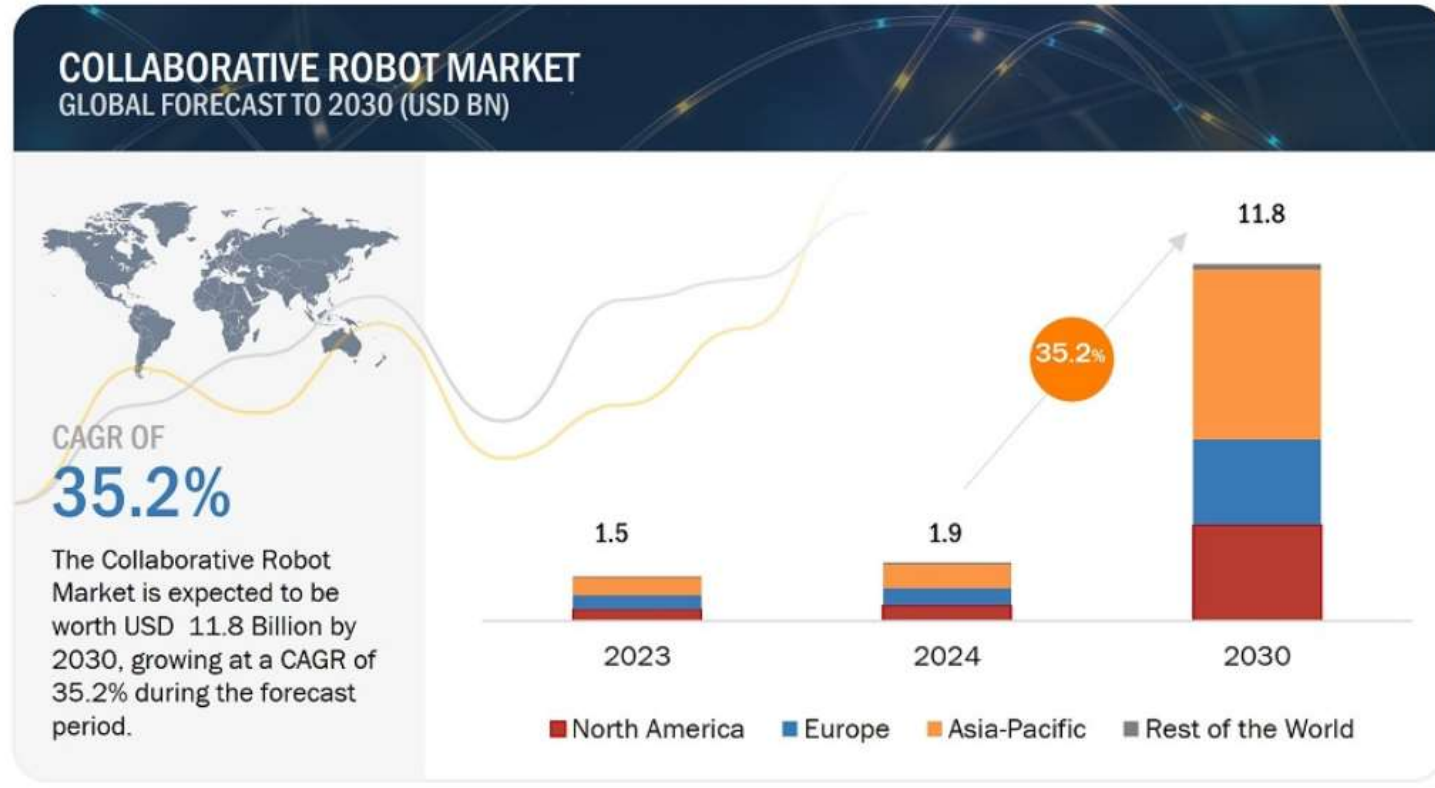
## Competitiveness and opportunities

- New suppliers have entered the market
- COVID-19 provided excellent conditions for growth



# Numbers

[source [marketsandmarkets.com](https://marketsandmarkets.com)]



## Applications

Nonexhaustive [source IFR.org]

**For tedious, repetitive and  
unergonomic tasks-  
[Co-manipulation]**

To improve manufacturing productivity when used to automate tedious, repetitive tasks that do not need to be performed at very high speeds and that do not require human dexterity. These include fetching and carrying materials and parts, holding heavy parts in position for employees to work on them, feeding machines, conducting quality inspections and performing a variety of assembly tasks such as placing and screwing parts, applying adhesives and coating or polishing surfaces.

## Applications

Non exhaustive [Source IFR.org]

**For tedious, repetitive and  
unergonomic tasks-  
[Co-manipulation]**

**In production lines that include workers**

Though the range of tasks a collaborative robot can perform is impressive, there are still many tasks that are easy for humans but hard to automate cost-effectively. These include dealing with unsorted parts and irregular or flexible shapes, or tasks that require continuous fine-tuning of pressure applied to surfaces in tasks such as polishing and grinding. The majority of production lines - particularly in assembly - are therefore most productive when they combine robots and workers, each doing the tasks they perform best. A key advantage of collaborative robots is that they can be easily incorporated into production lines working alongside humans.

## Applications

Non exhaustive [Source IFR.org]

For tedious, repetitive and  
unergonomic tasks-  
[Co-manipulation]

In production lines that include workers

In short or variable production runs

Programming collaborative robots is fast for most applications and doesn't require extensive training. This makes collaborative robots viable for manufacturers with short or variable production runs as the robot can be quickly re-tasked to the new run.

Comparative user guide...  
[Link](#)

## Collaborative Robots Comparison

COBOT	↕ PAYLOAD (KG) ↕	HORIZONTAL REACH (MM)	↕ REPEATABILITY (MM) ↕	↕ DOF ↕
ABB Dual-Arm YUMI	0.5	559	0.02	14
ABB Single-Arm YUMI	0.5	559	0.02	7
AUBO i3	3	625	0.03	6
AUBO i5	5	924	0.05	6
AUBO i7	7	1150	0.03	6
AUBO i10	10	1350	0.05	6
Automata Eva	125	600	0.5	6
Bosch APAS	5.5	911	0.03	6
Comau e.DO	1	478	1	6
Denso Cobotta	0.5	342.5	0.05	6
Dobot CR6-5	5	902	0.03	6
Dobot Magician	0.5	320	0.2	4
Dobot Magician Lite	0.25	250	0.2	4
Doosan Robotics Mo609	6	900	0.1	6
Doosan Robotics M1509	15	900	0.1	6
Doosan Robotics M1013	10	1300	0.1	6
Doosan Robotics Mo617	6	1700	0.1	6



## Open discussion

**Do you believe in “Cobotics” ?**

**Do you find it particular ?**

[illegible]