



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

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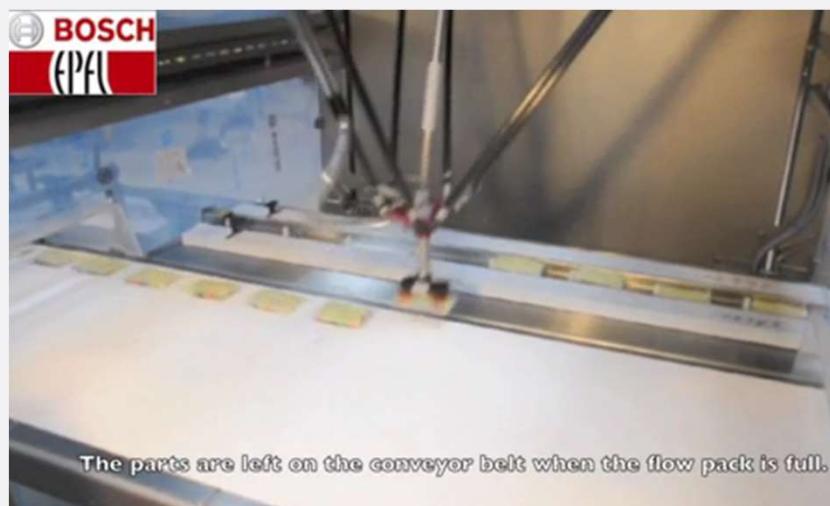
Part 1

Examples of implementations

From Motion to Interactions with Human

From Robotics to Collaborative robotics

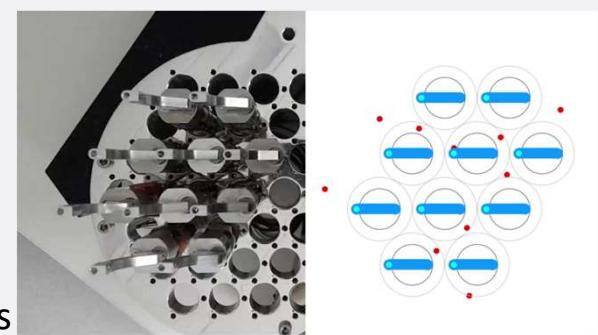
Position control



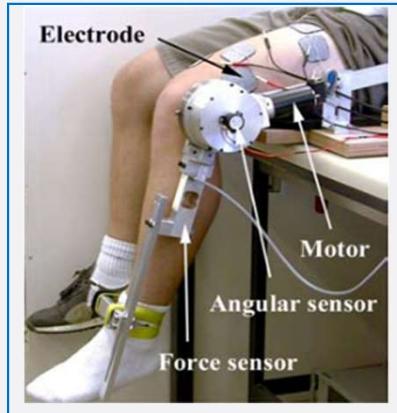
Direct Drive Actuated Delta realized for **BOSCH Packaging Technology**

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

Astrobots
Robots for astrophysics surveys



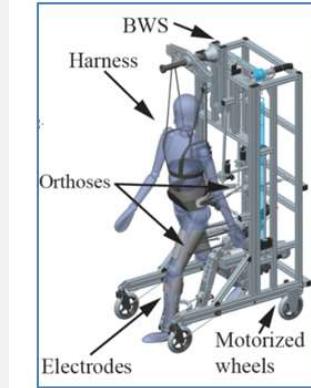
Rehabilitation Robotics for lower limbs



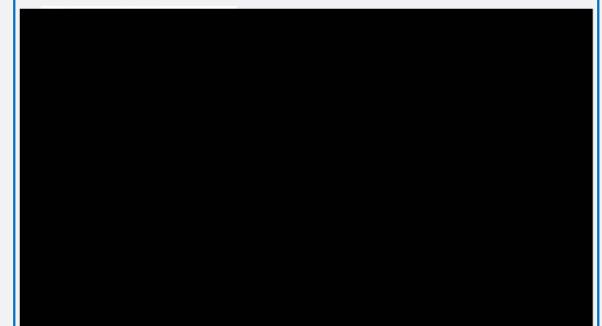
Feasibility – (2000)



Prototype-0
In clinical trial (2003 – 2005)



Concept – (2007)



Product certified (2008)



Product certified (2013)



TWIICE, Vouga, ICORR 2017
Baud, ICORR 2019
Fasola, ICORR 2019



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



Autonomyo, 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



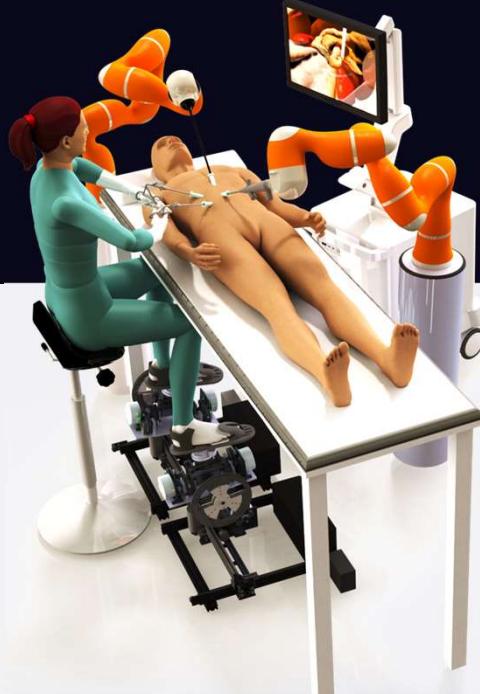
Runner: unilateral hip assist

Human-inspired Balance control





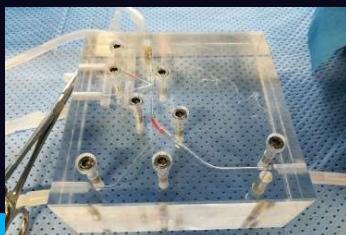
4 Handed manipulation to enhance robotic surgery [2017-2022]



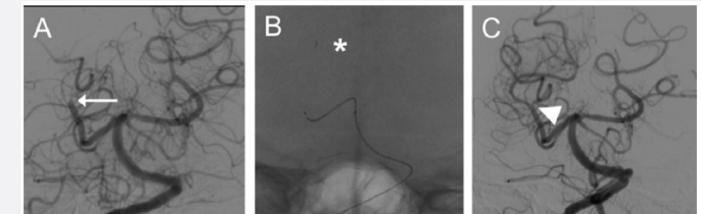
Haptic intervention for intelligent thrombectomy



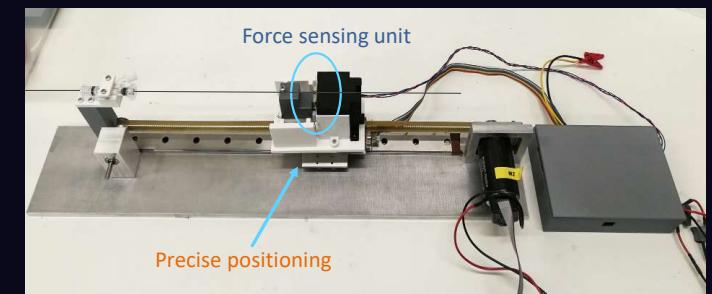
Julio Machi



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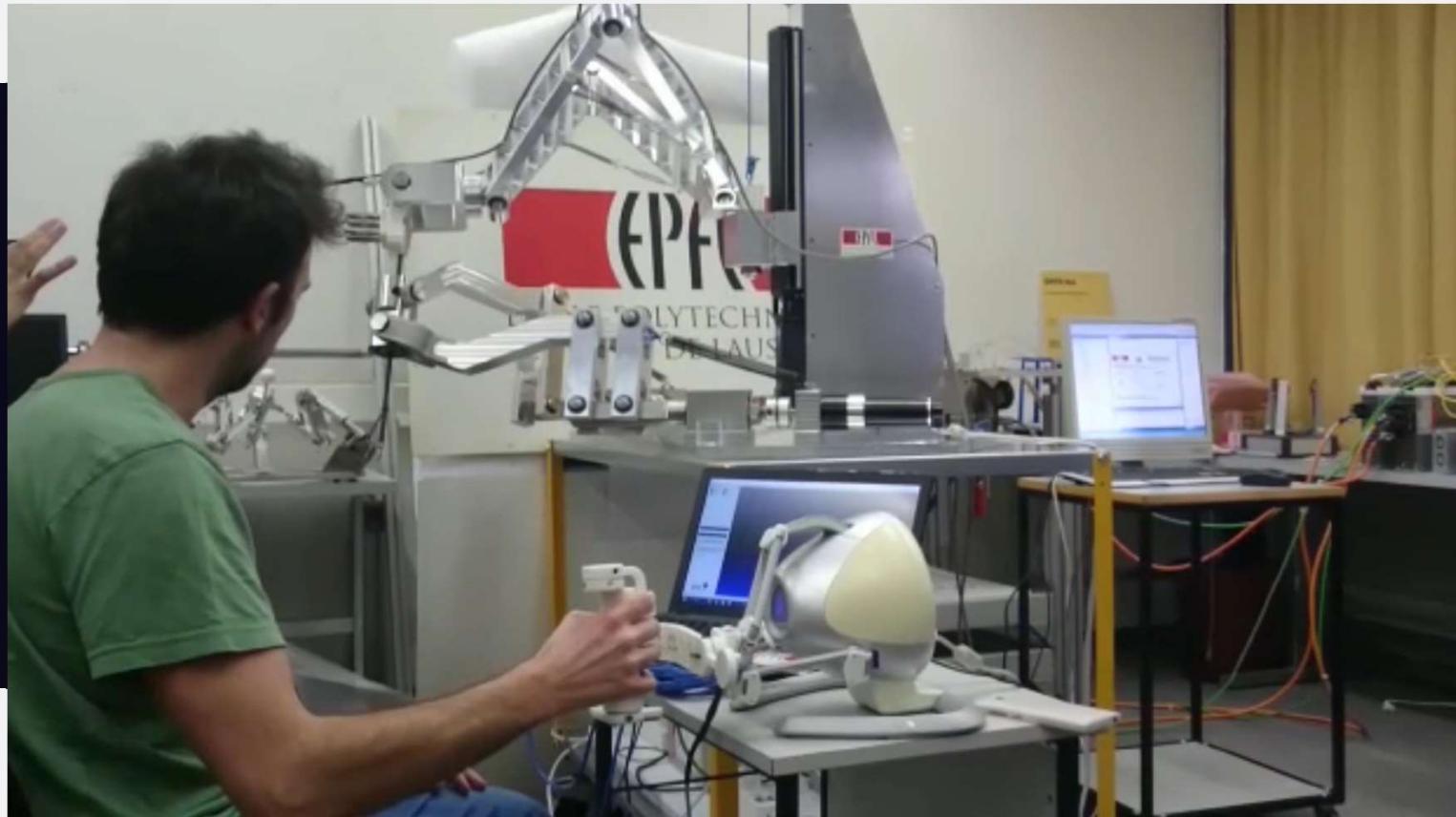


Hofmeister et al, 2017



Laparoscopic Surgery

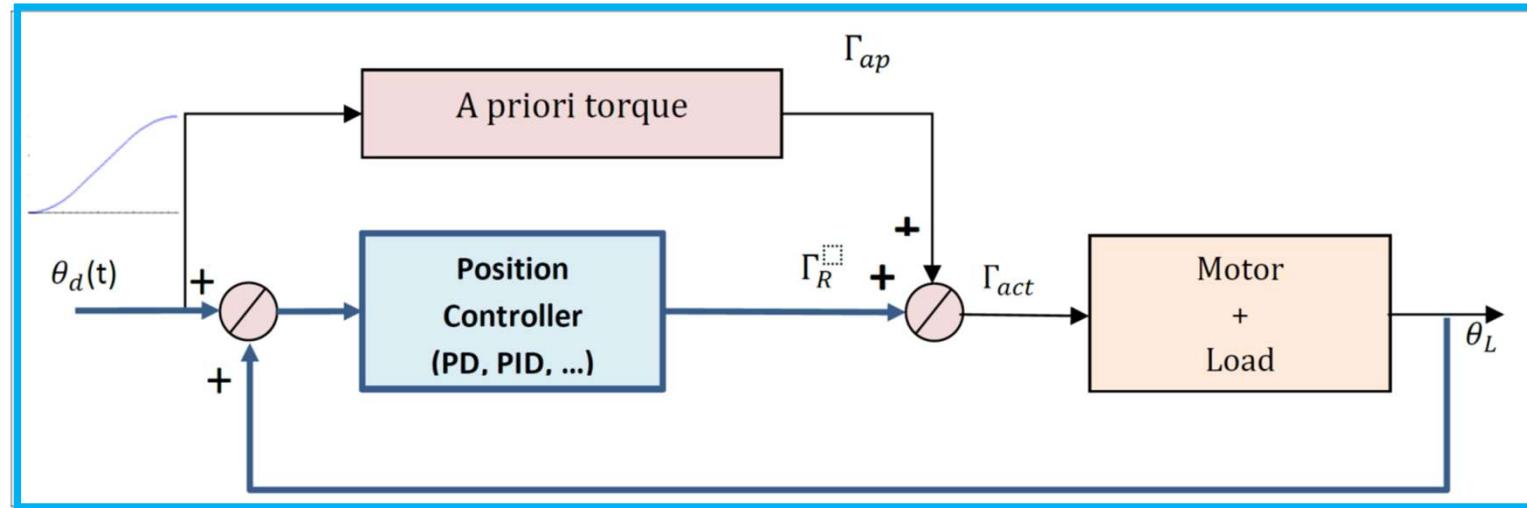
Requirements for force feedback [2016]



Part 2

Robot control strategies

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



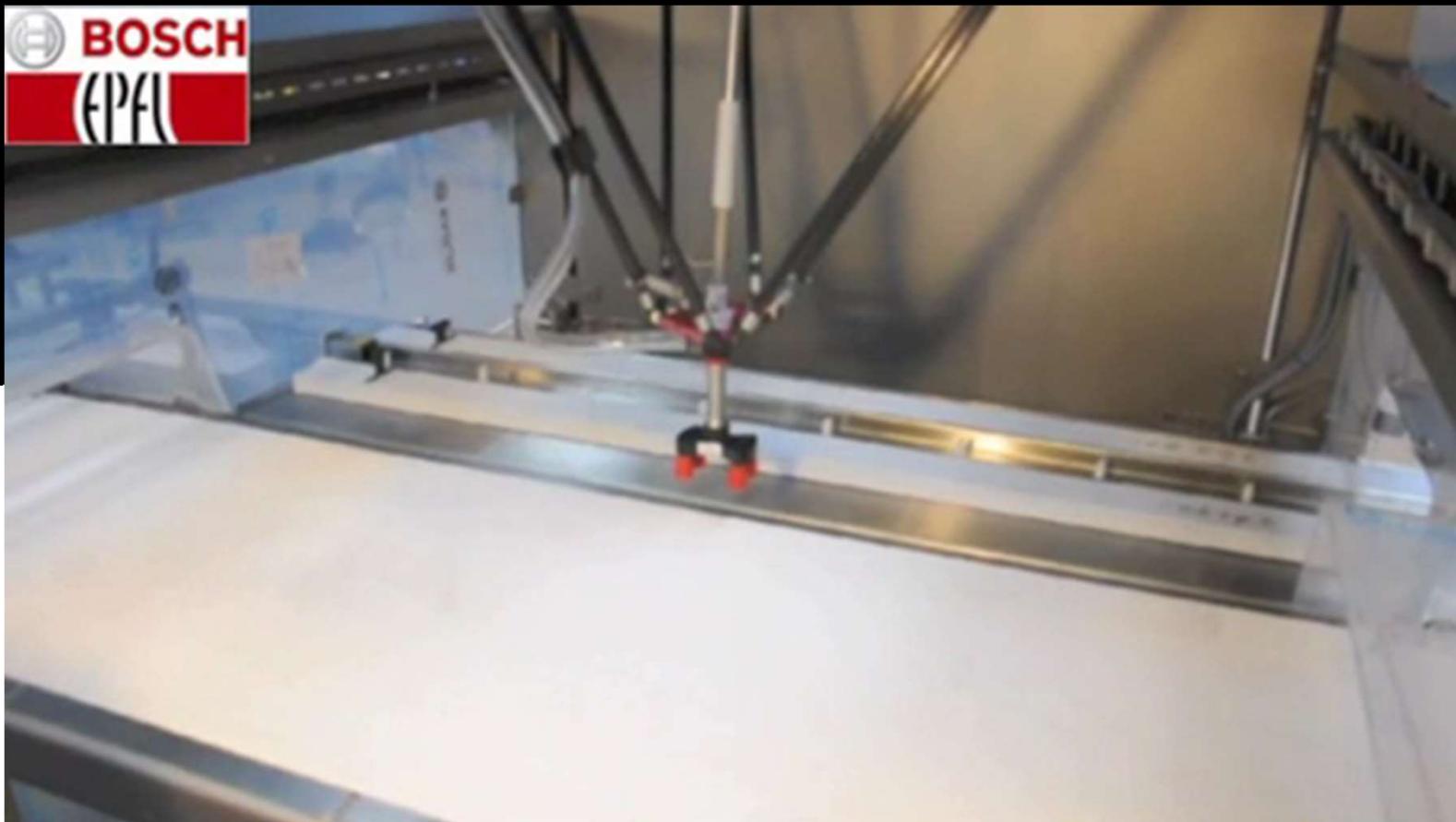
Feedforward compensation (a priori control) for position control



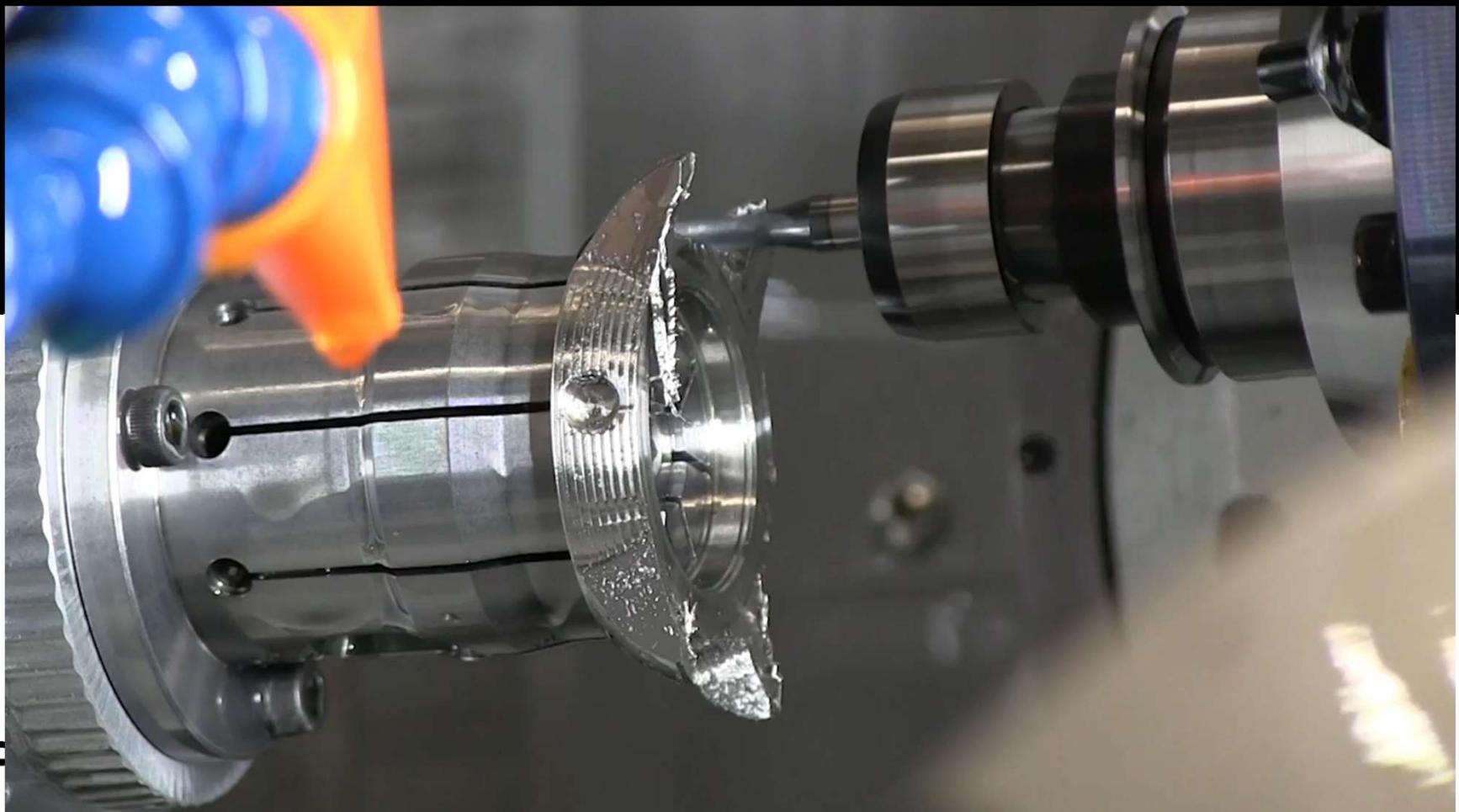
Discussion

Identify the mode of control ?

Delta Direct drive for fast pick and place



Machining



And what
else?



Stanford University Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

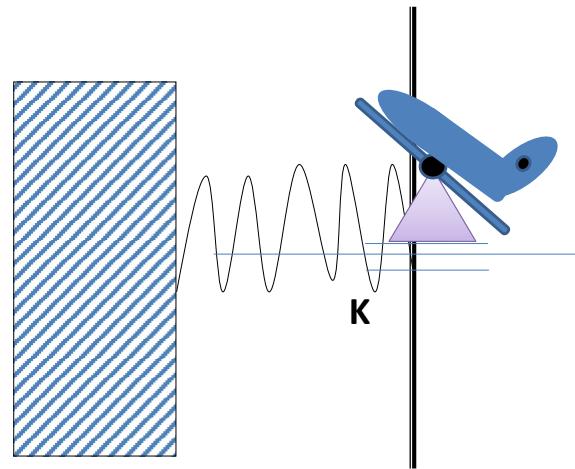
JediBot - Robot Sword Fighting

May 2011

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



What is mechanical impedance ?



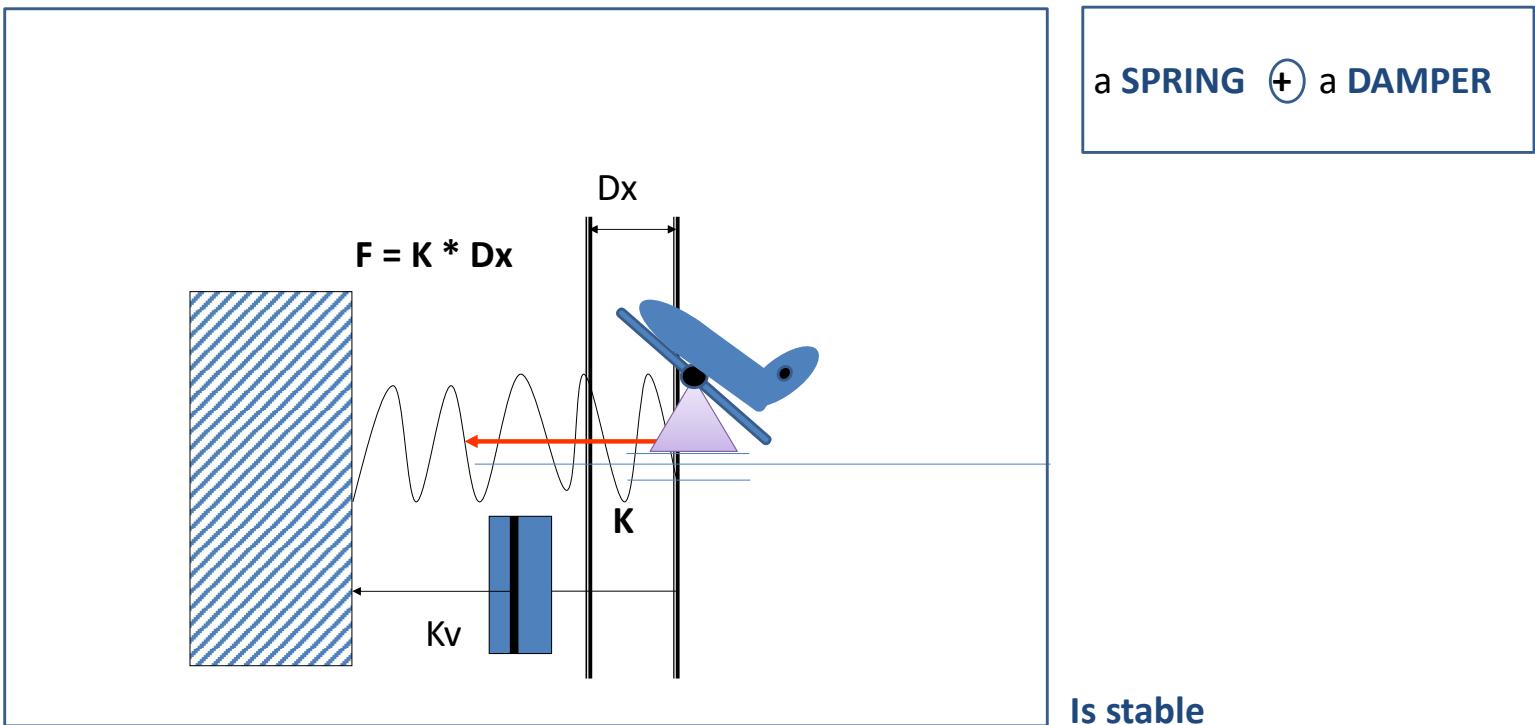
Mechanical impedance concerns **INTERACTION**.

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

is oscillatory



What is mechanical impedance ?



a SPRING + a DAMPER

Is stable

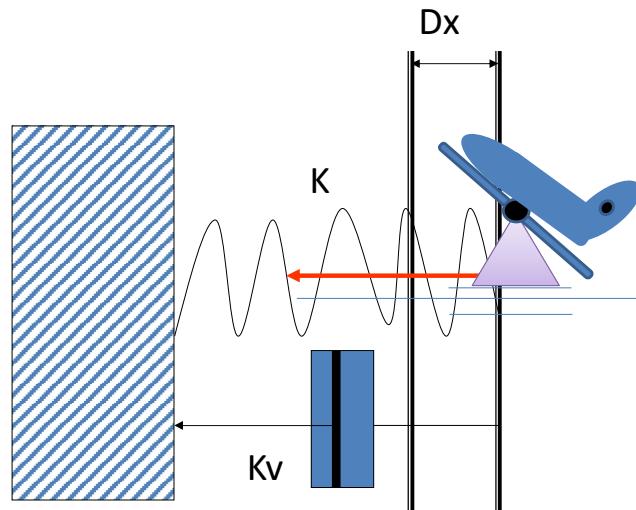
$$F = K * Dx + Kv * d(Dx)/dt$$



Simulated impedance using an electrical actuator



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

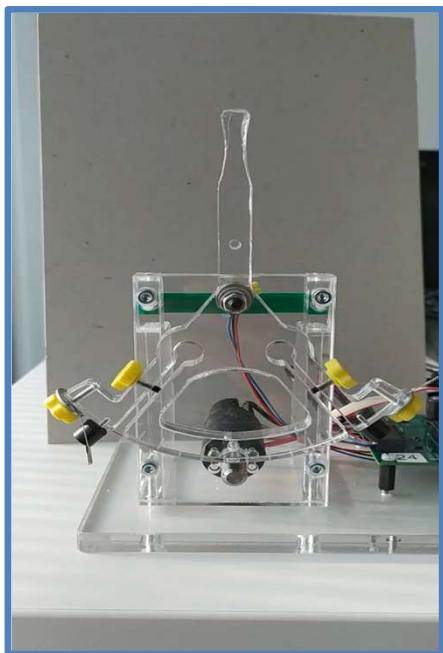


Mechanical Impedance denotes
the quality of compliance : stiffness of the interaction (K_p, K_d)

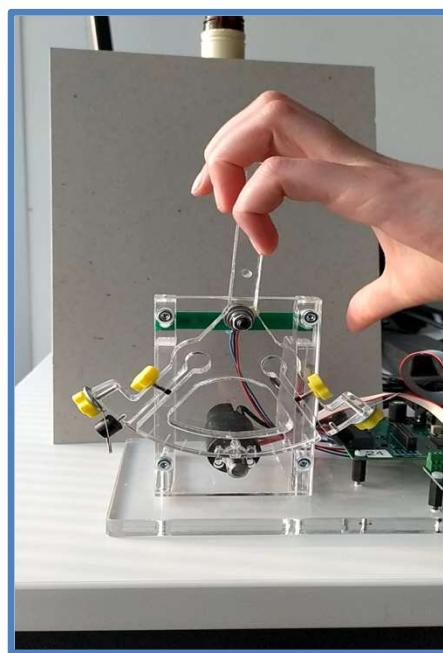


Simulated impedance using an electrical actuator

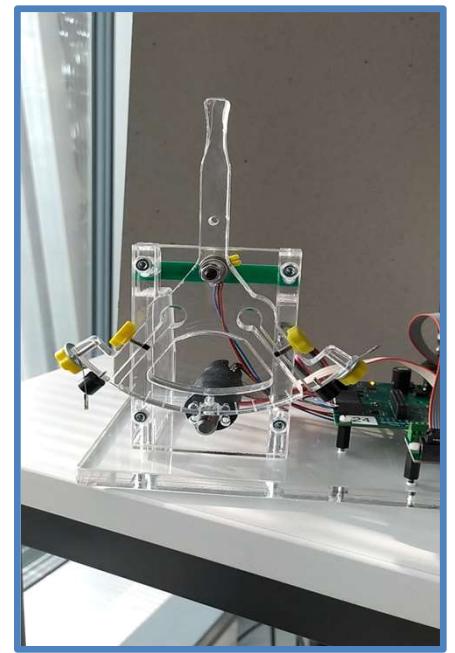
Examples of behaviors



Stiff



compliant

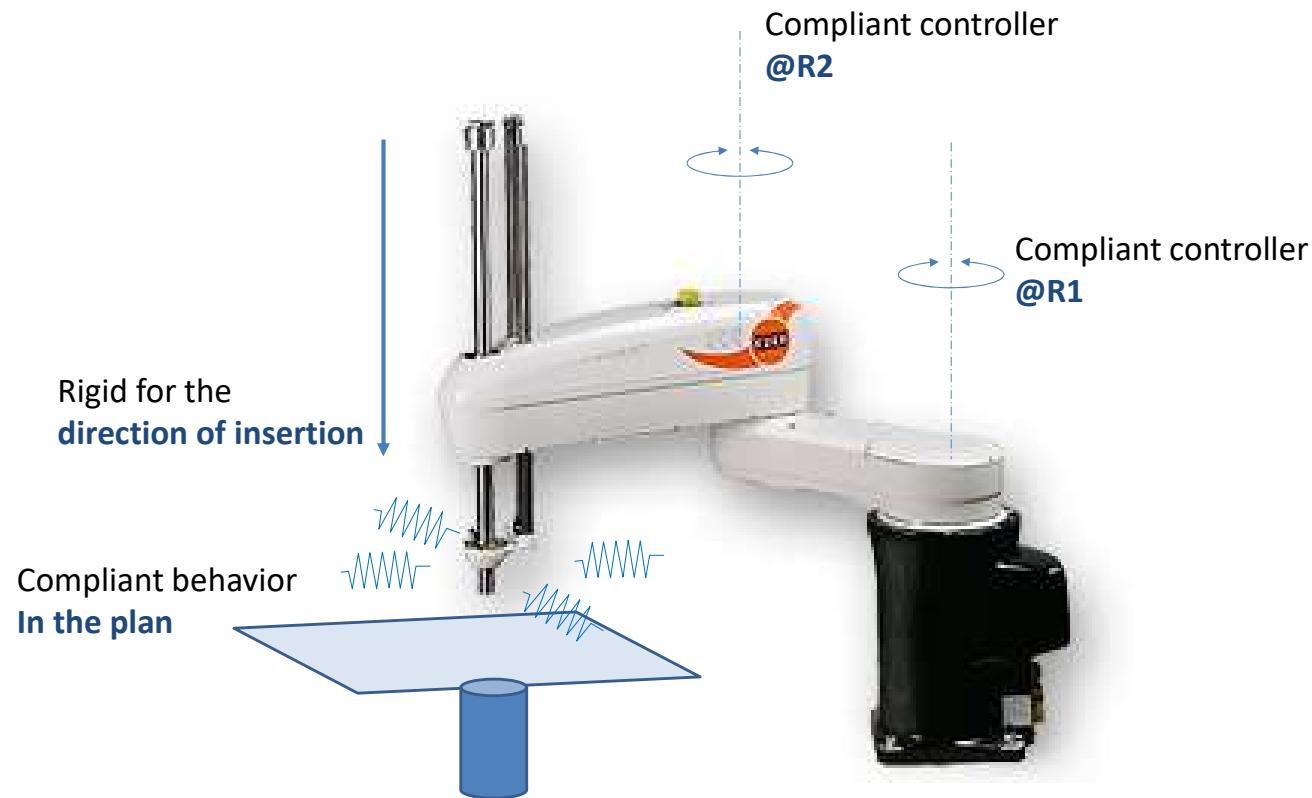


damped

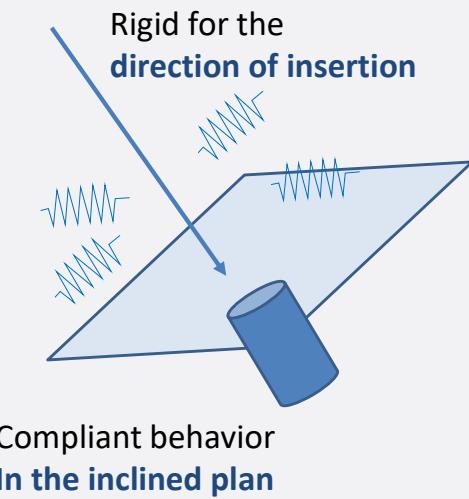


What is “Selective Compliance” ?

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



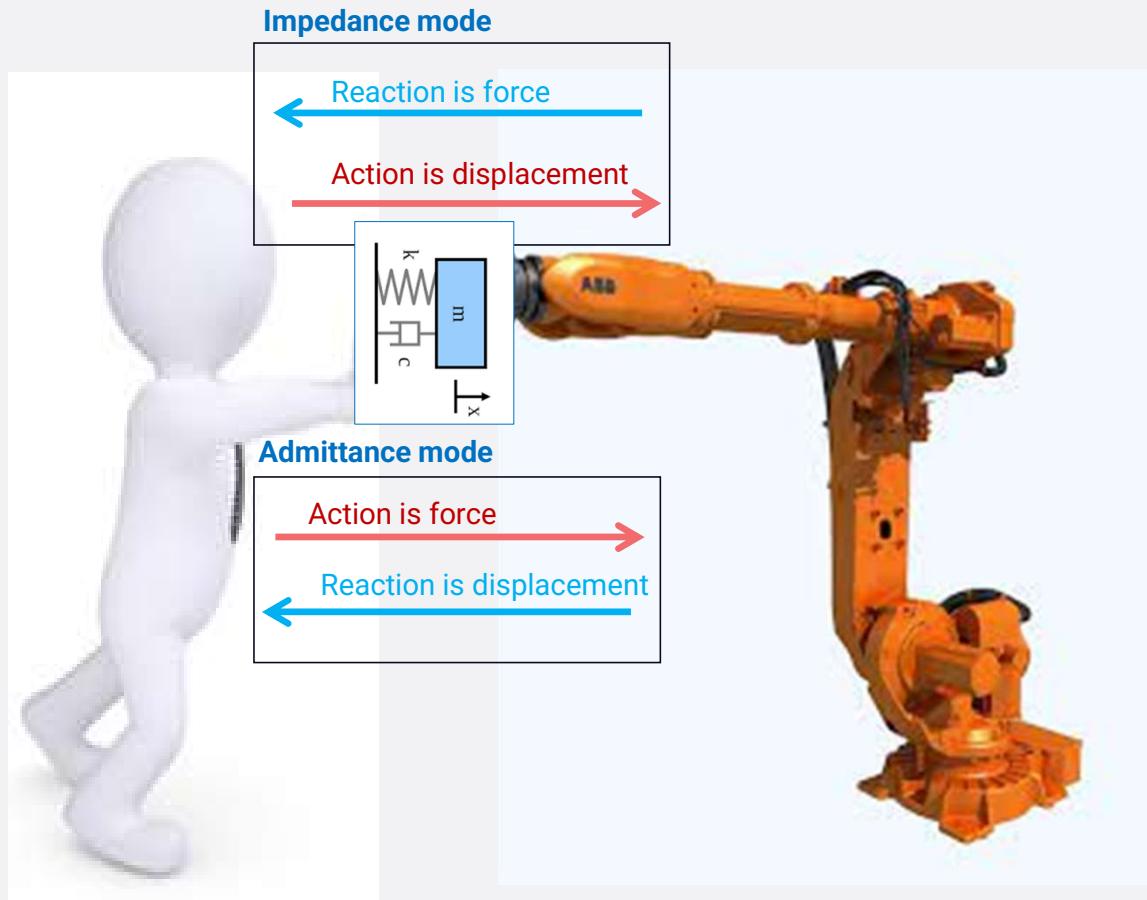
6 Dof selective compliance...



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 (free version)

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Cobots - examples

Universal robots



One of the most known “cobots”
[Link to Universal robots](#)

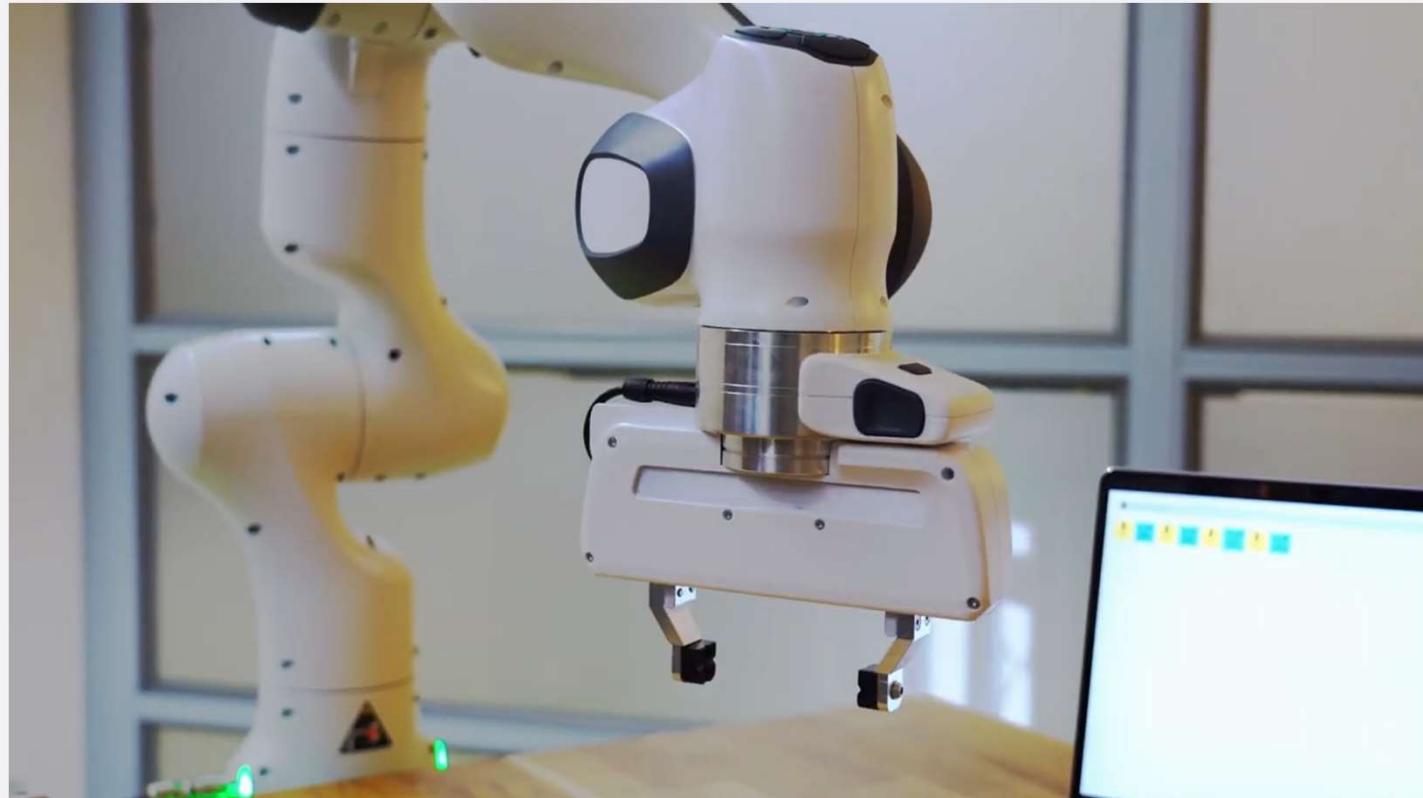
[Full video link](#)

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



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Cobots

[Value 1.1] Collaboration : Shared workspace



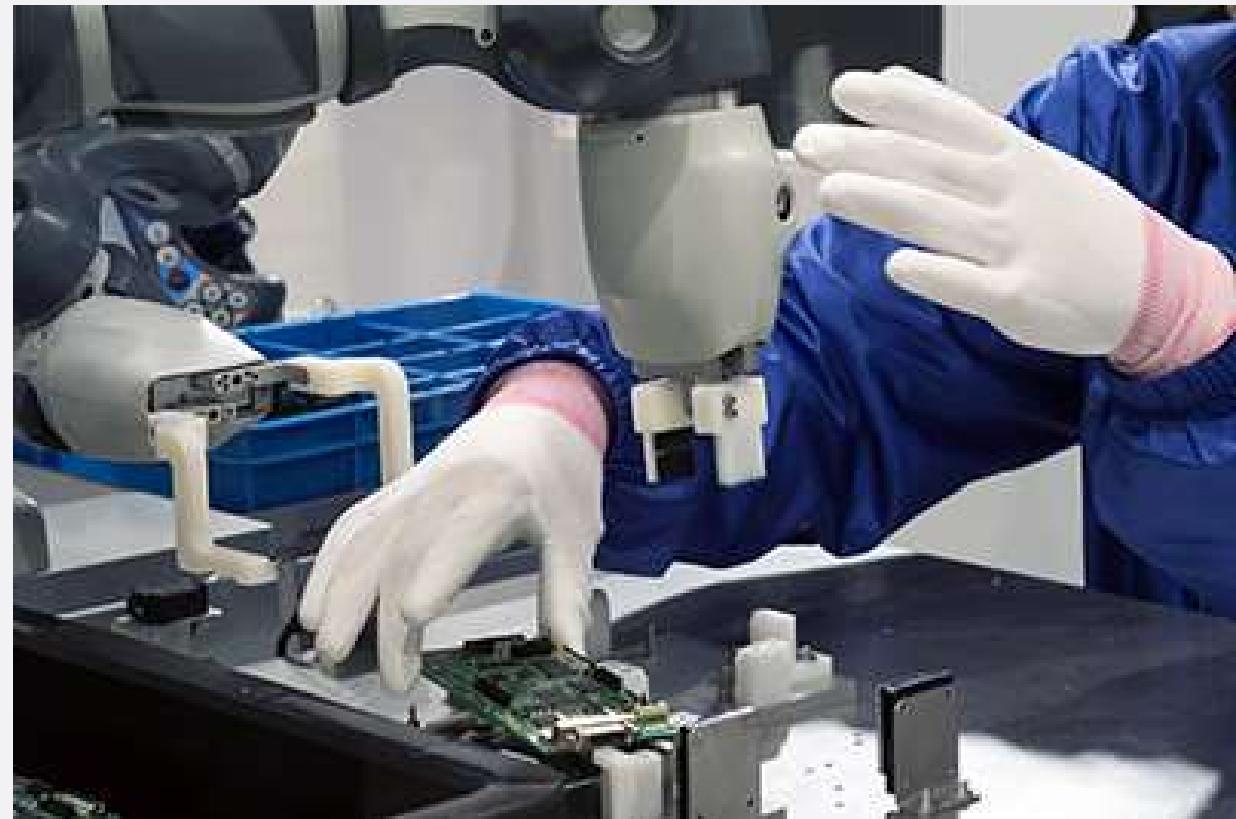
Cobots

[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

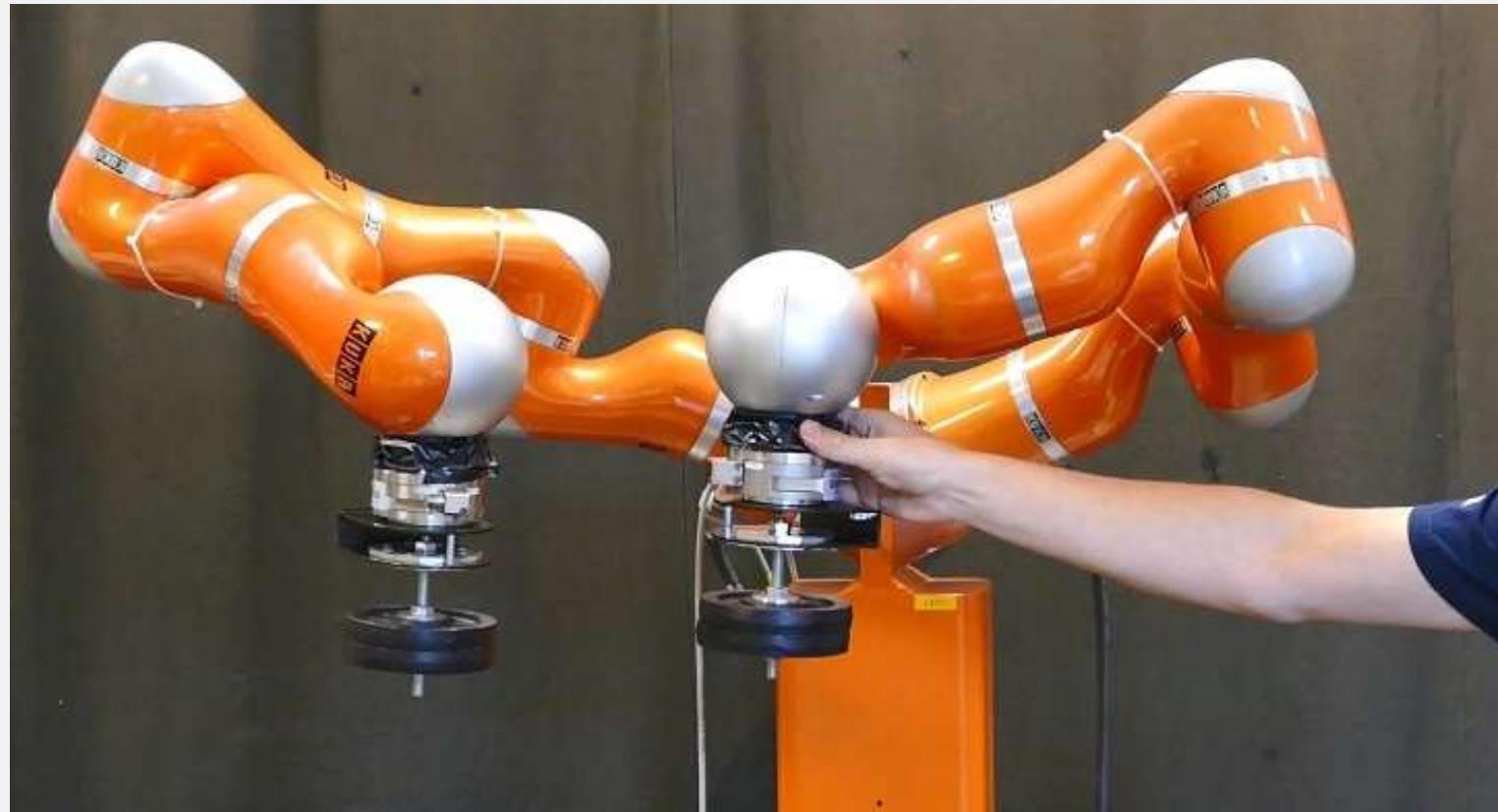


Kawasaki
duAro1 dual SCARA

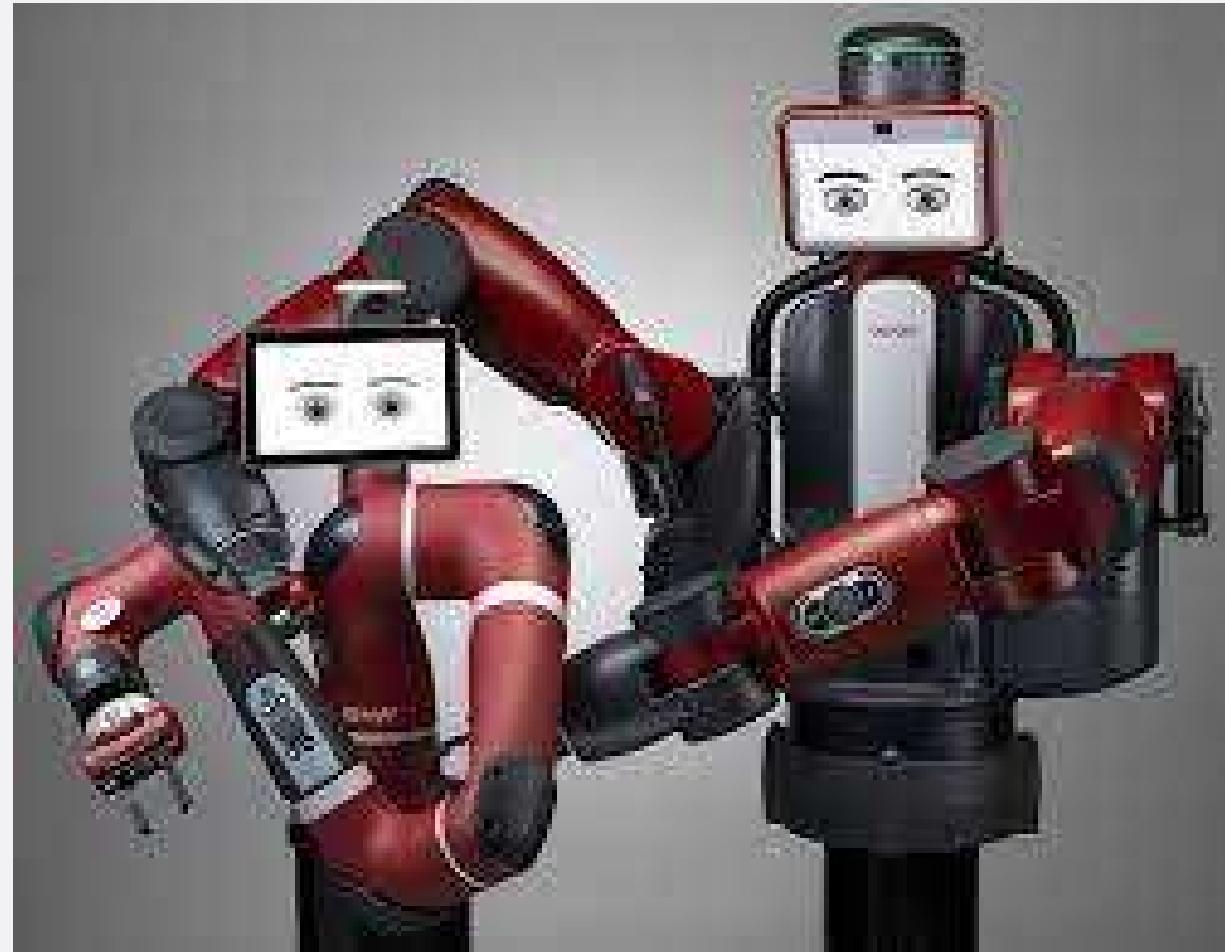


ABB
Yumi

Dual or single arm?



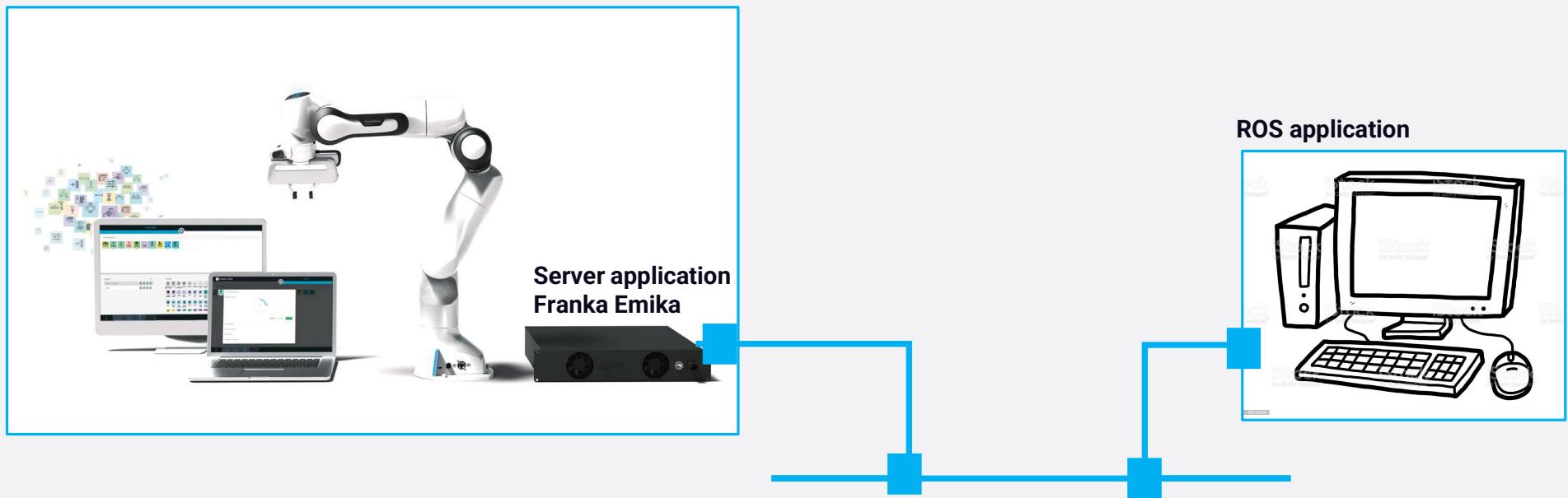
Definitely YES or NO ?



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Cobots

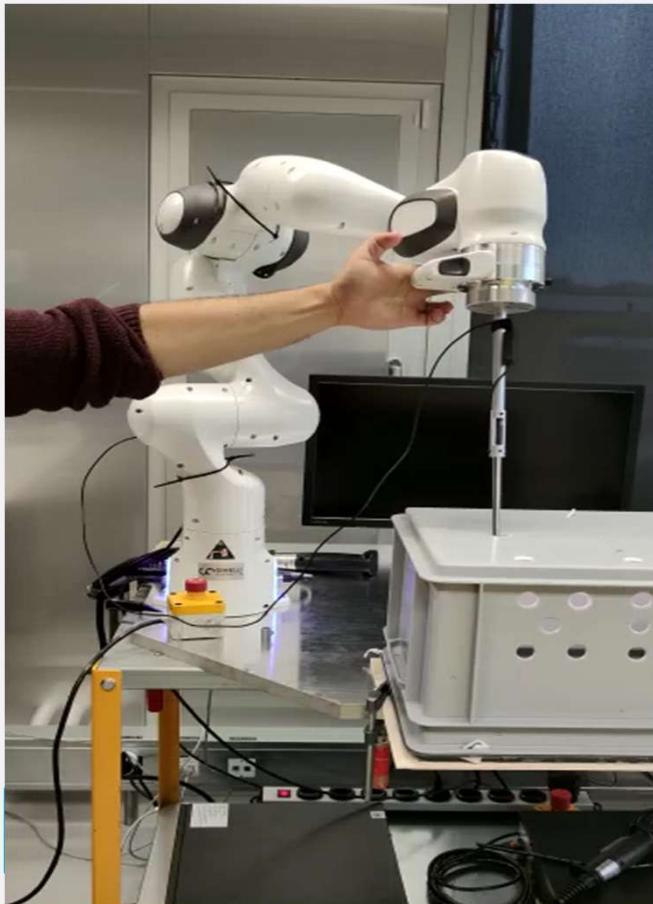
[Other values] Open to implement new control strategies / using ROS



Cobots

Example of 2-scenarios

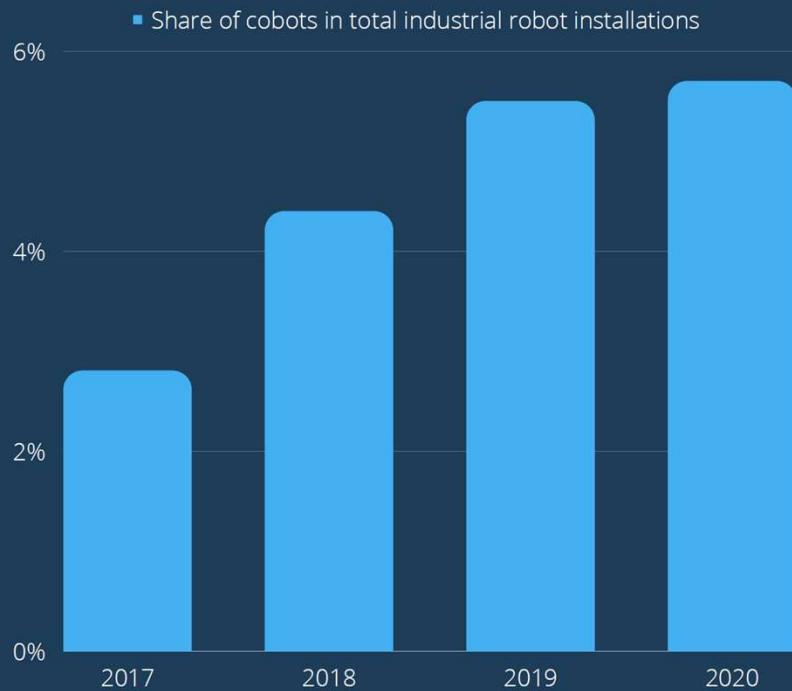
Scenario 1- Being more specific in defining workspace limits



Scenario 2- admittance control/ robot guidance



Numbers



Growth of the market

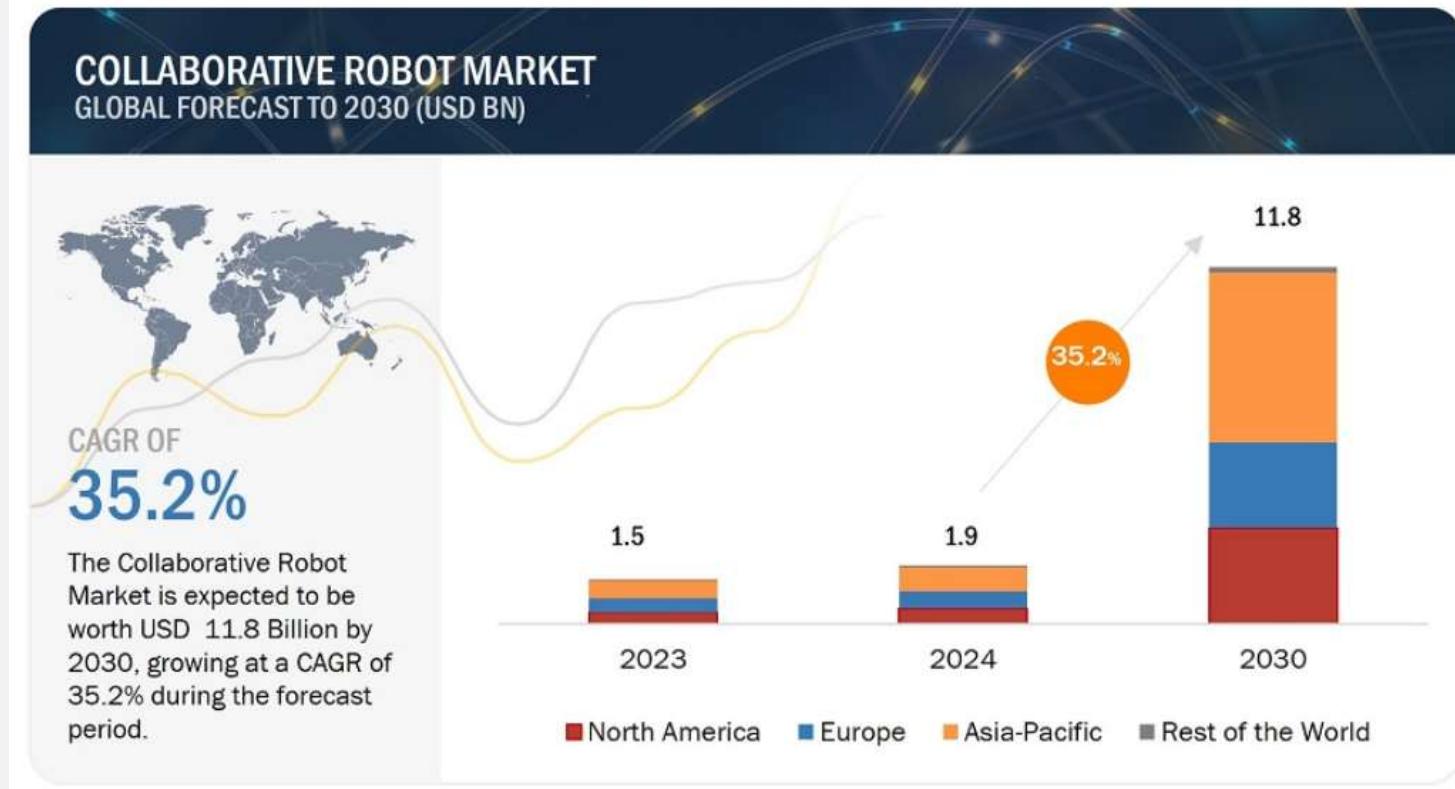
- 22'000 of newly deployed cobots which is 6% growth from 2019-2020
- 5.7% share of the industrial robot installations

Competitiveness and opportunities

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

Numbers

[source 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	1.25	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 ?

