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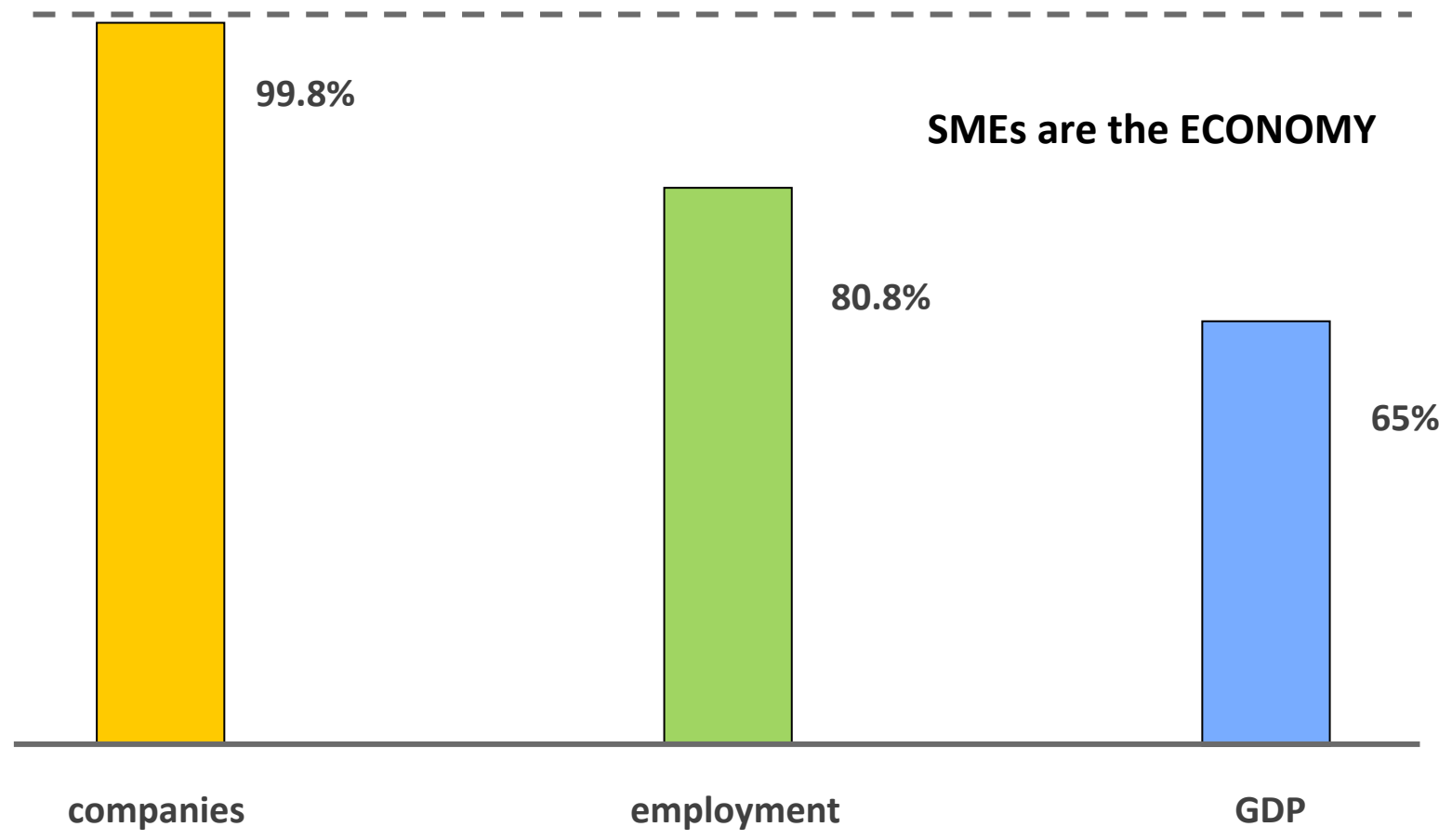
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keywords

- human-machine interfaces
- productive robotics
- Programming robotic cells
- input-output devices
- devices & sensors
- programming-by-demonstration
- CAD interfaces
- SOA: service-oriented architectures
- coworker scenario
- hyperflexible cell
- cognitive factory
- speech interfaces
- code generation



challenge - think about SMEs



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SMEs require radical new approaches:

- business models
- flexibility and agility
- integration
- robot automation
- HMI

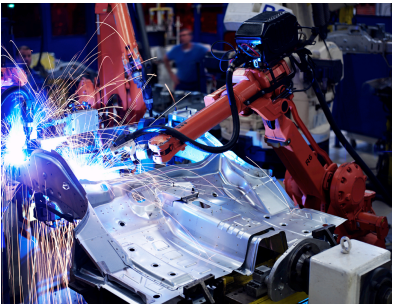
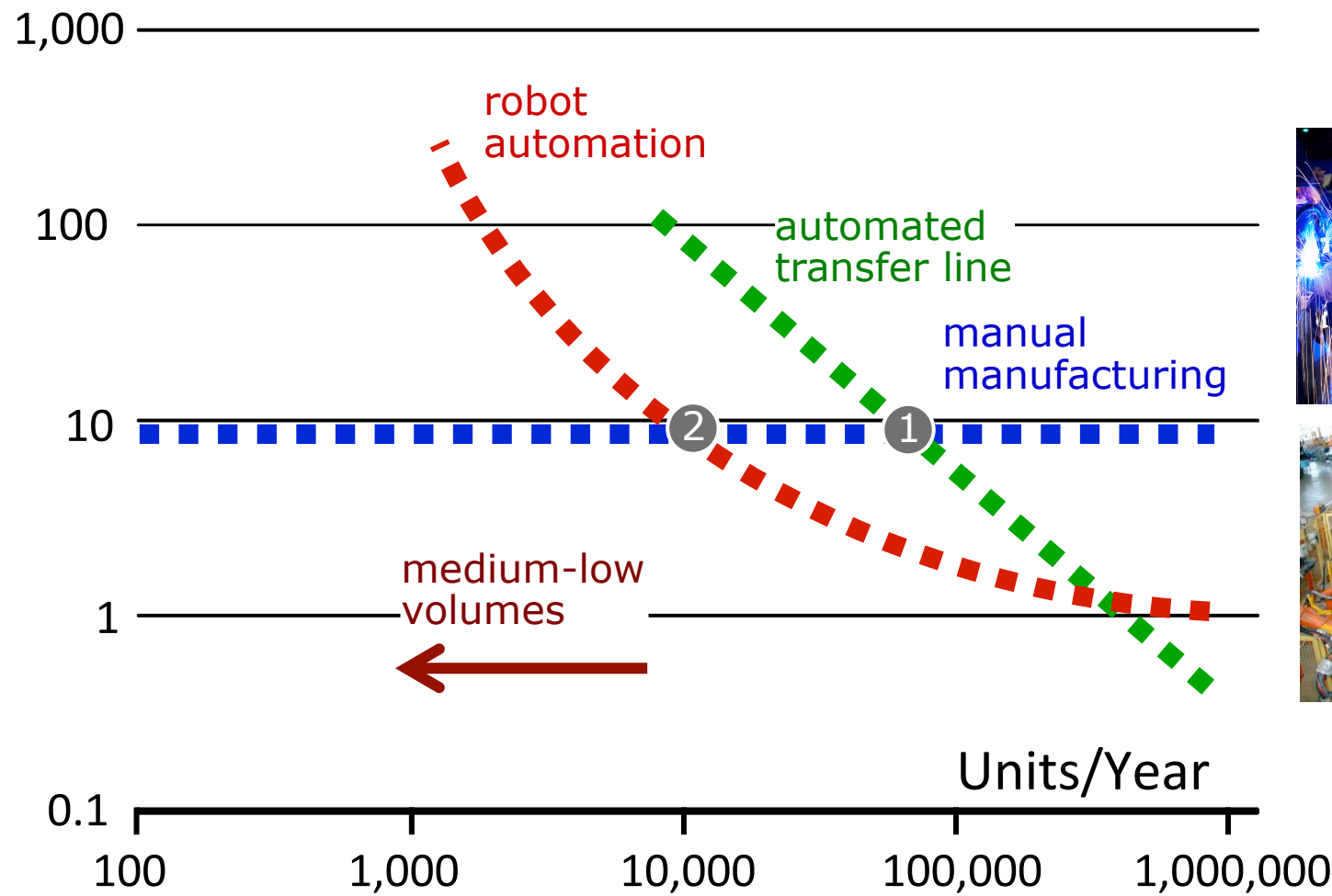


Everything is different:

- people
- requirements
- resources

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Unit Costs



introduction

flexibility is
the key.

Industrial robots are considered as a **cornerstone of competitive manufacturing** which aims to combine **high productivity, quality** and **adaptability at minimal cost**.

In 2007 more than one million industrial robot installations were reported with automotive industries the predominant users with a **share of more than 60%**.

However, **high-growth-industries** (in life-sciences, electronics, solar cells, food, and logistics) and **emerging manufacturing processes** (gluing, coating, laser-based processes, precision assembly etc.) **will increasingly depend on advanced robot technology**.

The production of industrial robots on the one hand, and the planning, integration and operation of robot workcells on the other hand are **largely independent engineering tasks**. In order to be produced in sufficiently large quantities, a **robot design should meet the requirements for the widest set of potential applications**.

Since this is **difficult in practice**, we can find **specially designed robots** for assembly, handling, welding, painting, palletizing, machining, etc.

the need is
here...

but... special
robots?

introduction

too much engineering...
too much code ...
too much time

4 times


Generally, a **robot workcell** consists of one or more robots with controllers and robot peripherals: grippers or tools, safety devices, sensors, and material transfer components for moving and presenting parts. Typically, the **cost of a complete robot workcell is typically four times the cost of the robots alone.**

radical change is needed...

A **robot workcell** is usually the **result** of customized **planning, integration, programming and configuration**, requiring **significant engineering expertise**.

Standardized engineering methods, tools, and best practice examples have become available to reduce costs and provide more predictable performance .

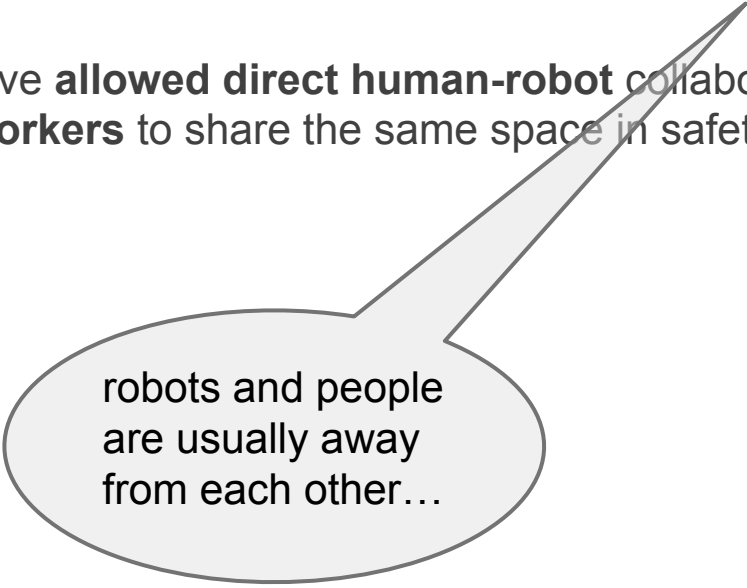
Today's industrial robots are mainly the result of the requirements of capital-intensive large-volume manufacturing, mainly defined by automotive, electronics and electrical goods industries. **Future industrial robots** will not be a mere extrapolation of today's designs with respect to features and performance data, but will rather follow new design principles addressing a wider range of application areas and industries. At the same time, new technologies, particularly from the IT world, will have an increasing impact on the design, performance and cost of future industrial robots.



International and national standards now help to quantify robot performance, define safety precautions, geometry and media interfaces.

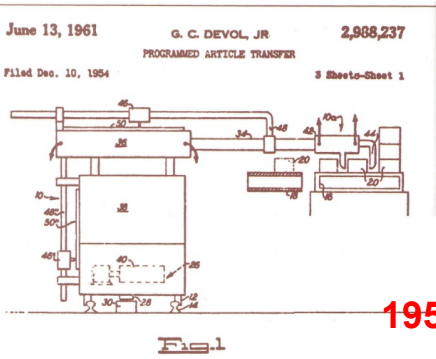
Most robots operate **behind secure barriers** to keep people at a safe distance.

Recently, improved safety standards have **allowed direct human-robot** collaboration **enabling robots and human factory workers** to share the same space in safety.

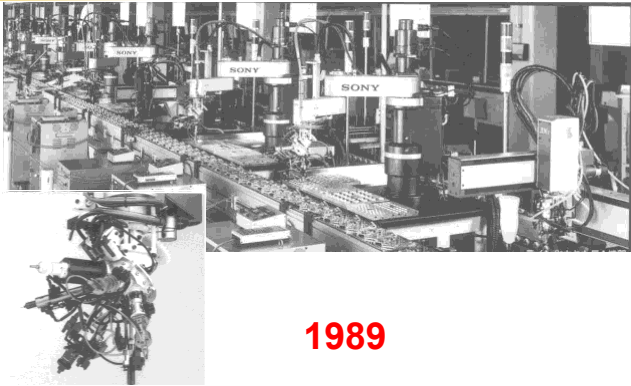
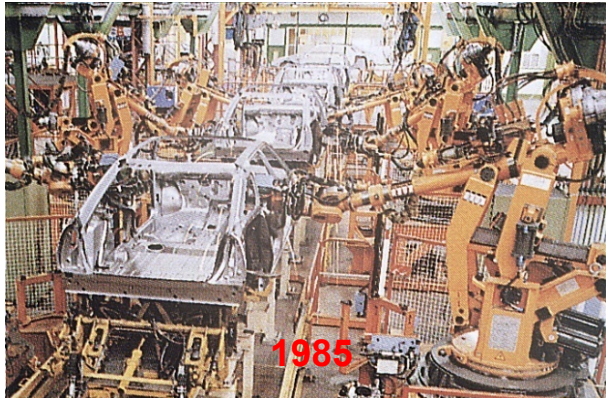
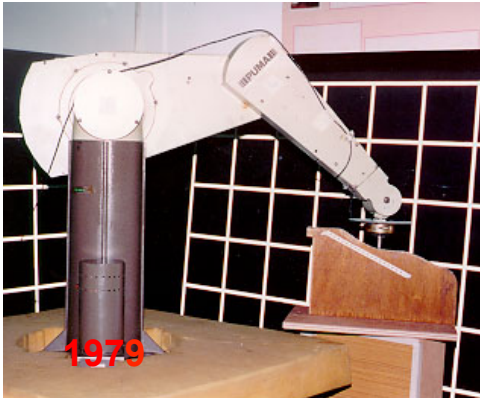
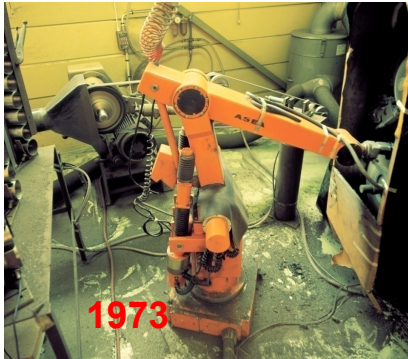
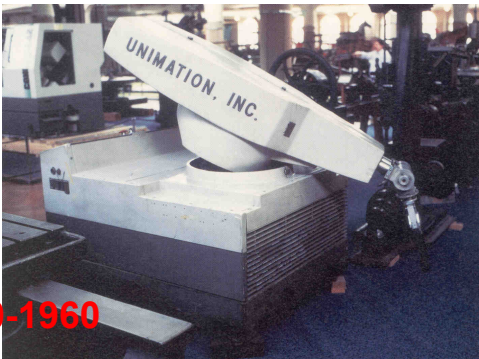


robots and people
are usually away
from each other...

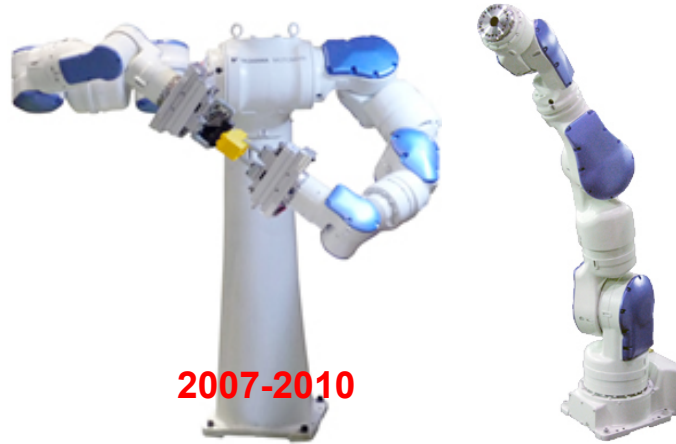
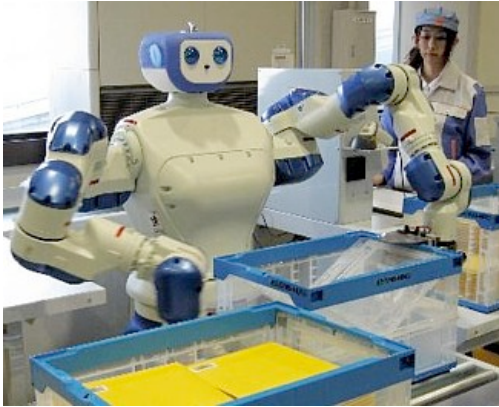
brief history



1950-1960



brief history



2007-2010



2009-2010



2009-2010

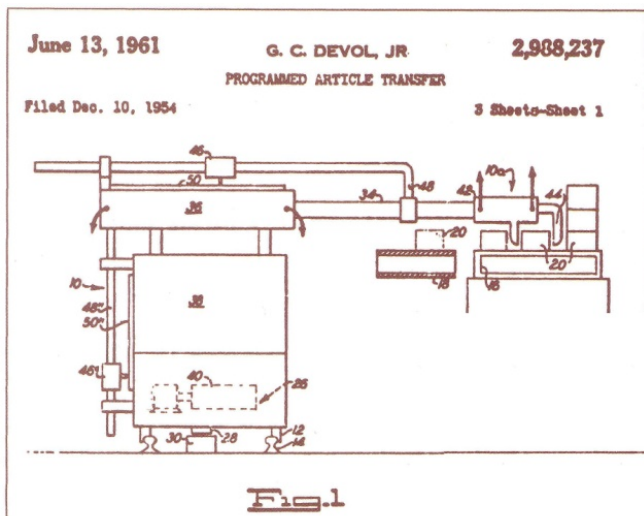
Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV)





The invention of the industrial robot dates back to **1954** when George Devol filed a patent on a *Programmed Article Transfer*.

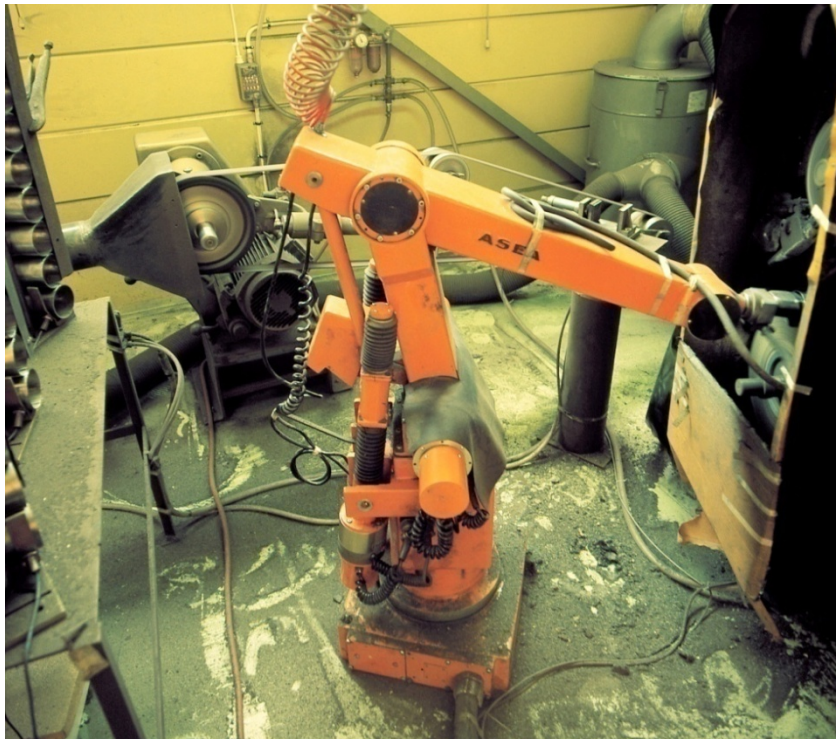
After teaming up with Joseph Engelberger, the first robot company, **Unimation**, was founded which put the first robot into service at a General Motors plant in 1961 for extracting parts from a die casting machine. Most of the hydraulically actuated “Unimates” were sold through the following years for workpiece handling and for spot-welding of car bodies. **An innovation driven industry was born**. However, it took **many years until** this industry became **profitable**.



brief history

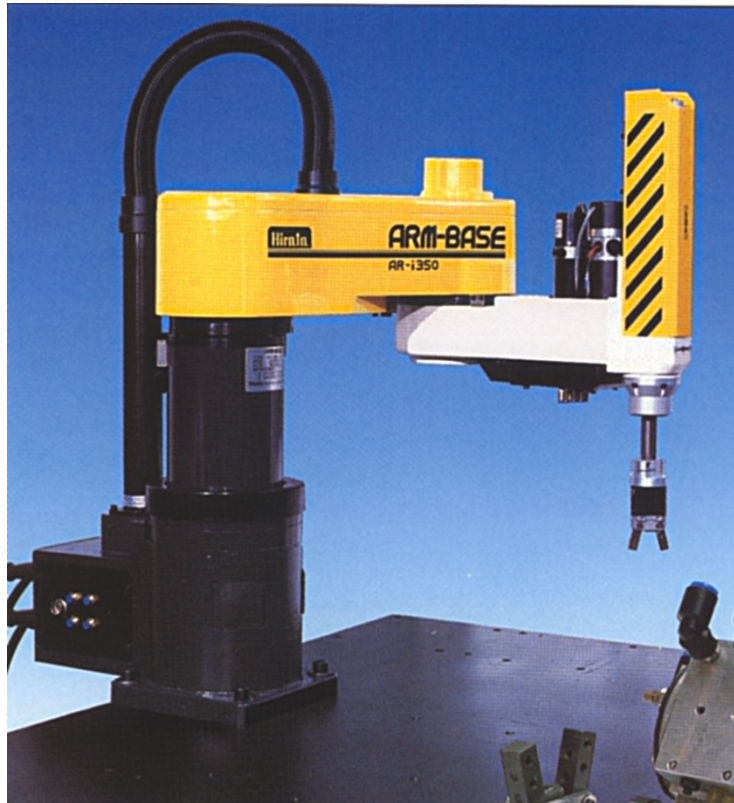


First introduced in **1973**, the **IRB-6** has been a **breakthrough** development as it was the **first serial robot** product which combined **all-electric-drives** technology and a **microcomputer** for programming and motion control. **The robot proved very robust.** **Life-times of more than 20 years** in harsh productions were **reported**.





The *Selective Compliance Assembly Robot Arm (SCARA)* is particularly suited for assembly tasks as it combines rigidity in the vertical axis and compliance in the horizontal axis. In **1978**, the first Hirata AR-300 was put together. The SCARA design combines three or four rotational and one translational axis.



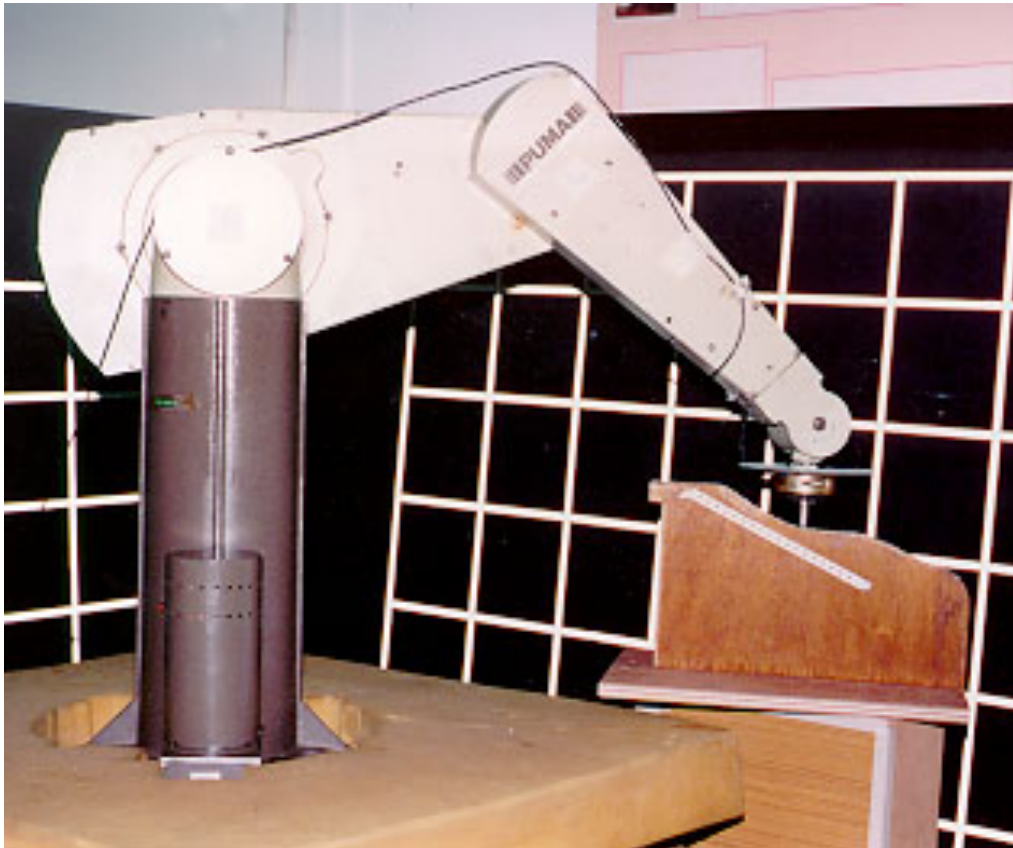


In **1974**, Cincinnati Milacron introduced the first microcomputer controlled robot. The first T3 (“**The Tomorrow Tool**”) models used **hydraulic drives**, later they were replaced by **electric motors**. The CM robotics division was acquired by ABB in the late 1970s.



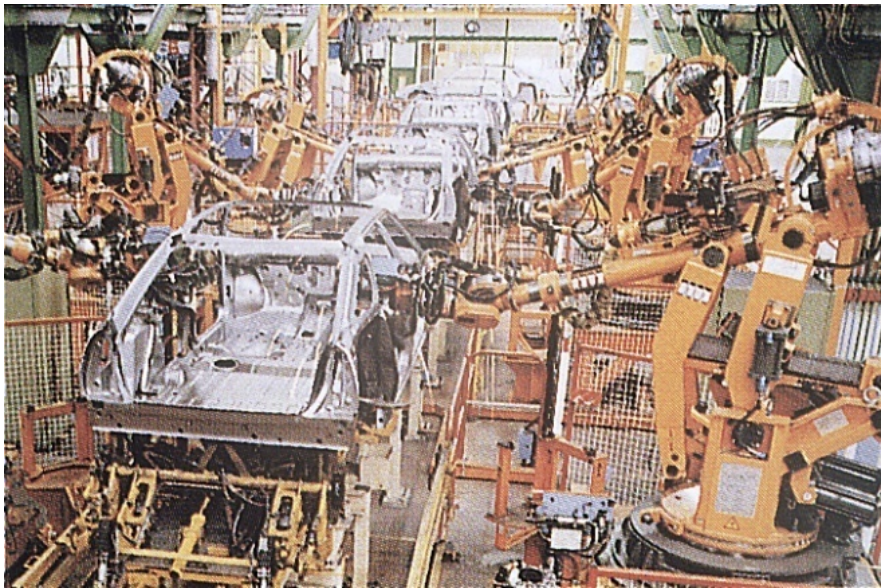


This 6 axis **PUMA** (Programmable Universal Machine for Assembly) came close to the dexterity of a human arm. After its launch in **1979** by Unimation it became one of **the most popular arms** and was used as a reference in robotics research for many years.



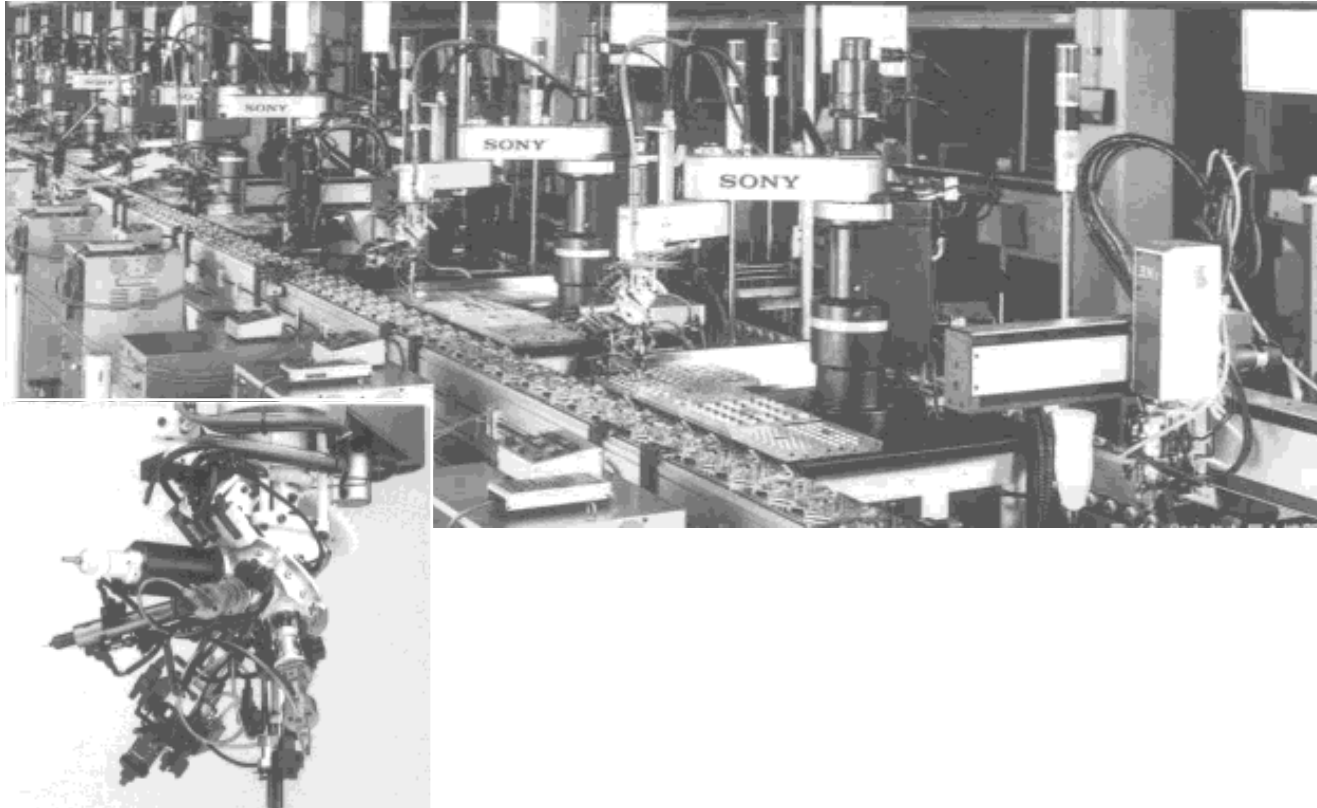


Spot welding quickly became a primary application for robots as these **jobs were particularly exhausting and hazardous for workers**. A typical car body welding line from **1985** is displayed. The car model shown is a French Citroën CX.





An automated VCR assembly line (ca. 1989) with SCARAs carrying a turret with multi-gripper tools. Typically five parts are added by one robot before the VCR is moved to the next station of the **fully automated assembly line**.





Parallel kinematic machines (PKM) represent an interesting approach to achieve **high stiffness** at **low inertia**, thus allowing **accurate, high speed motions**. Initially suggested by Clavel this 4 axis robot is used for high speed pick-and-place tasks. The robot reaches **accelerations of up to 10 g**.





The *KUKA light-weight robot (LWR)* is the result of a long research and development process towards an arm design with a **weight-to-payload ratio of 1:1**. The **7 axis arm**, which is suited for human-robot cooperation, imitates the **dexterity of a human arm**.



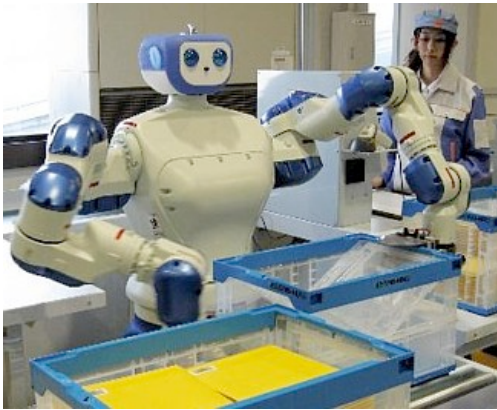


The **roboLoop** of Güdel is a curved-track gantry and transfer system. **One or more robot arms** circulate as carriers in a closed system. The system can be installed suspended, in gantry configuration, or as a floor-standing system. **A signal bus allows the control and coordination of multiple robo-carriers.**





Motoman's DA-20 dual-arm (family) robot provides **high-speed motion with two six-axis arms** (13 axis) that provide enhanced, **human-like flexibility** of movement. The robot also provides jig-less operation with one robot arm holding part while the other performs operations on the held part. The *7-axis IA20* is a powerful arm for assembly operations. The *SDA10D dual arm* (15 axis) robot system provides **human-like flexibility** of movement and **fast accelerations**.



DA-20



IA-20



SDA10D



A **huge number** of independent small manufacturers are offering **small**, open, **easy to use robot arms** with **customer selected number of joints, force-control, sensors**, etc. For example, Universal Robots (Denmark) and Barrett (USA).



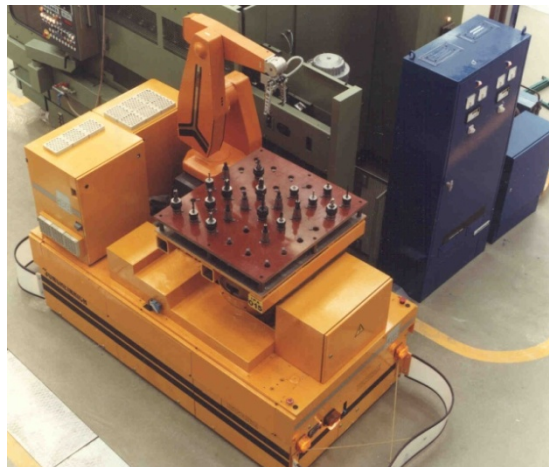
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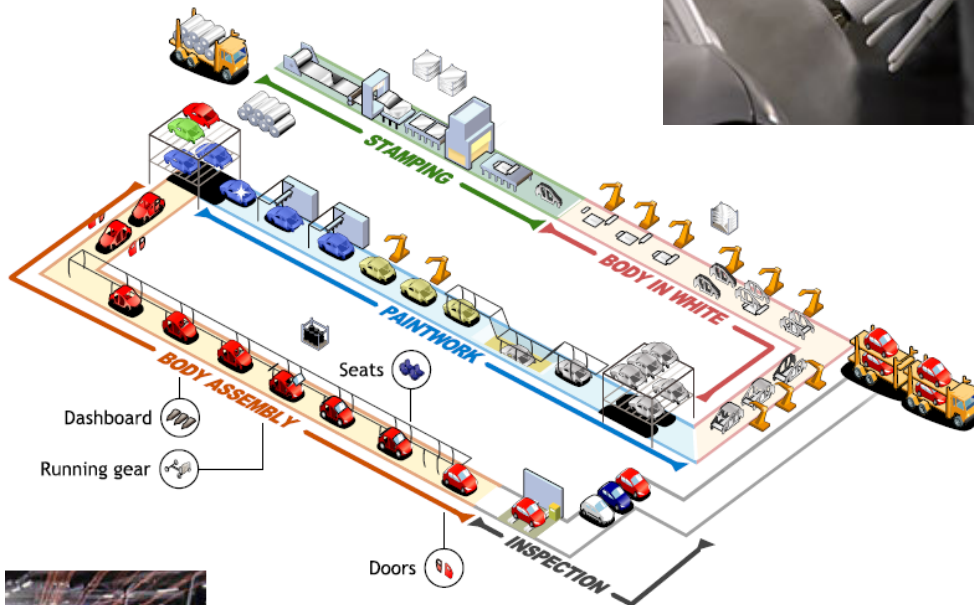


In parallel to industrial robots Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) have emerged. These mobile robots are used for moving workpieces or loading equipment from point to point. Within the concept of automated flexible manufacturing systems (FMS) AGVs have become an important part of their routing flexibility. Initially AGVs **relied on prepared floors such as embedded wires or magnets for motion guidance.** Meanwhile, freely navigating AGVs are used in large scale manufacturing and logistics. Usually, **their navigation is based on laser scanners which provide an accurate two-dimensional map of the actual environment for self localization and obstacle avoidance.** Early on **combinations of AGVs and robot arms were realized to automatically load and unload machine tools.** Only in some **selected environments** such as (un-)loading process equipment in the semiconductor industry, these mobile arms **were economically advantageous.**



typical applications

- Welding
- Painting
- Car body assembly
- Material transfer automation
- ...



main trends

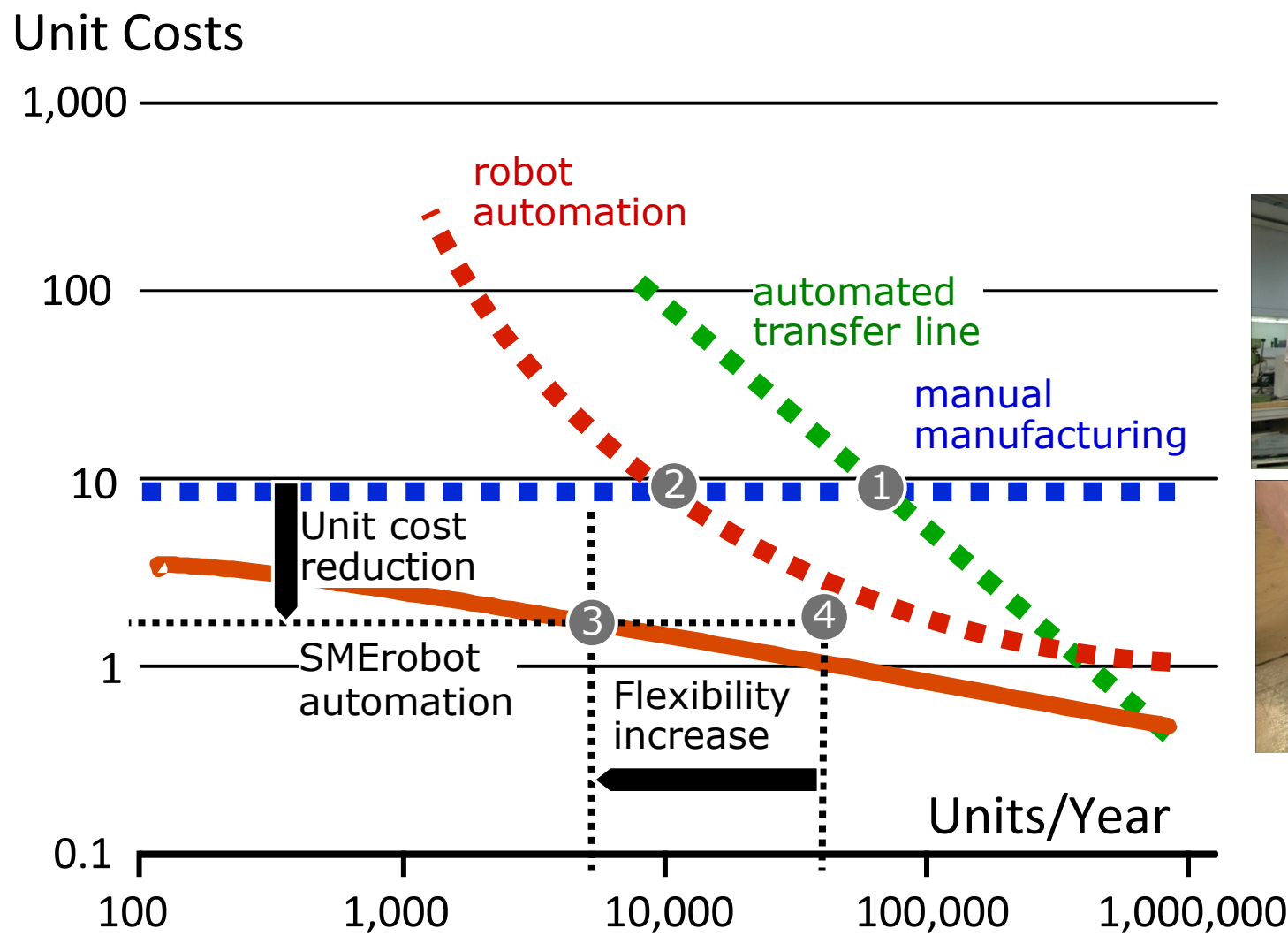
By 2007, the evolution of industrial robots was marked by the following main trends:

- The average robot unit price fell to about one third of its equivalent price in 1990 which means that automation is becoming more affordable.
- At the same time, the robot performance such as speed, load capacity, mean-time-between-failure (MTBF) has dramatically improved. These improvements provide a faster return on investment, particularly for small, short-run batch production.
- Off-the-shelf components from PC technologies, consumer software and the IT industry have contributed to improved performance-cost ratios. Today, most manufacturers integrate PC- based processors in their controllers as well as PC-related software for programming, communication, simulation, and maintenance.
- Multiple robots can be programmed and synchronized in real-time by one controller which allows robots to precisely cooperate on a single workpiece.
- Increasingly, vision systems for object identification, localization, and quality control become an integral part of the robot controller.
- Robots are networked by fieldbuses or Ethernet for control, configuration, and maintenance.

main trends

- **New financing arrangements** allow end-users to rent a robot or even have a robot workcell operated by a specialized company or even the robot supplier in order to reduce risks or to save on investment capital.
- **Training and education programmes** have become important services to the end-users to increase acceptance of robot technology. Specific multimedia material and courses aim at educating industrial engineers and workforce to effectively plan, operate and maintain industrial robot workcells.

challenge - think about SMEs



Robots are extensively used in large-volume market industries (like automotive and consumer electronics) to execute all sorts of operations. Consequently, robotics development was mainly driven by the needs of these high-volume industries, **which resulted in machines and systems less adapted to the needs of smaller, knowledge-based and innovation-driven businesses.**

Those companies, which constitute the **vast majority** of the European industrial tissue in **terms of turnover and employment**, **require less complex systems, easier to program and operate by non-skilled operators**, much more **flexible and agile.**

And this **means radical new approaches** in the **design, development, distribution and support** of the **future robotic systems.**

But it also requires the **adoption of manufacturing scenarios**, across all sorts of industries and business dimensions, where **maximum flexibility, productivity and agility** is obtained with **major reductions in the life-cycle costs of manufacturing equipment and skilled personnel.**

discussion – application pull

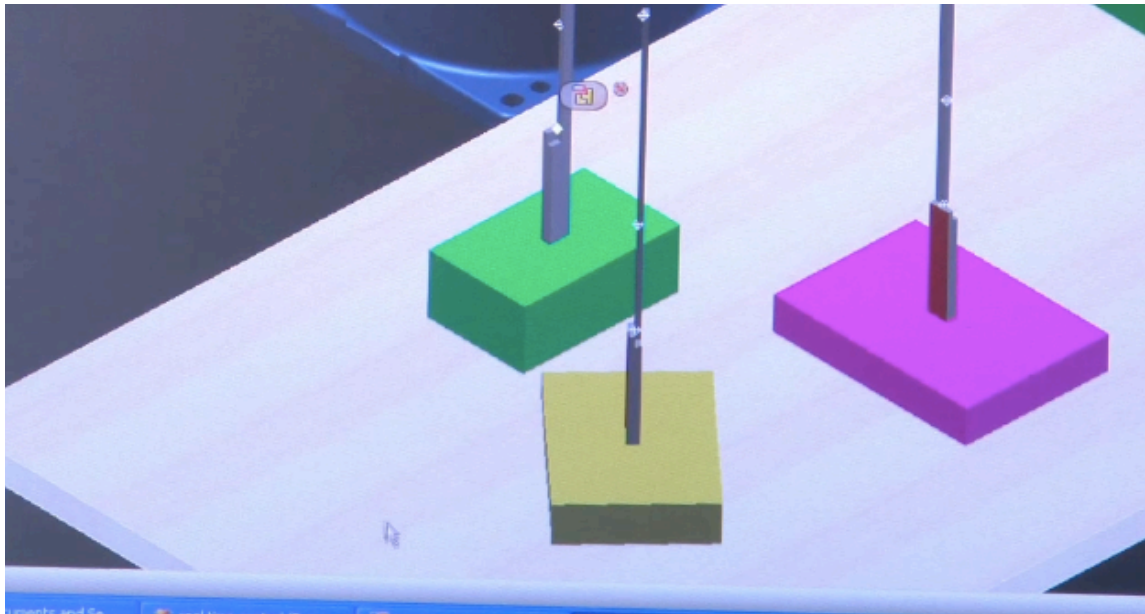
New families of robots need to respond to the needs of smaller businesses, **enabling integrators to easily develop robotic manufacturing solutions specially adapted to low-volume and emerging markets (*application pull*)**, i.e., solutions that can be **designed, installed, supported and maintained at much lower costs**, but also **easily operated by regular non-skilled personnel**.



Example: Universal Robots

discussion – technology push

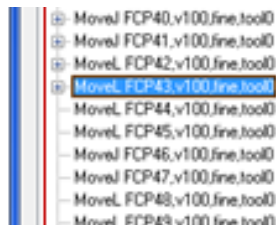
New families of robots need **also to interface better with humans and adapt easily to working conditions and setups**. This means that novel technologies from the world of ICT, sensors and electronic consumer markets will have a major influence on the design and performance of new robotic automation systems (***technology push***).



Example: CAD programming, devices and speech

discussion – creativity push/pull

The adoption of scenarios where humans and robots share the same workspace and need to cooperate to achieve a common goal (**co-worker scenario**), and/or where robots are designed to make decisions as the common task unfolds (**cognitive factory scenario**) requires machines that can incorporate knowledge from other non-technical disciplines, can interface with all sorts of sensors and other machines, can operate more or less autonomously responding to sensor information in accordance with built-in process knowledge, i.e., **machines that are hyper-flexible, open, fully based on standards, very easy to deploy and integrate into IT environments (plug-and-play), safe to integrate (human augmentation), easy to instruct interactively using human-like mechanisms (programming-by-demonstration instead of regular code writing), flexible to environment and component geometry, capable of high forces and moments without compromising safety, very easy to setup and start working (plug-and-produce) and adapted to customer needs (creativity push/pull).**



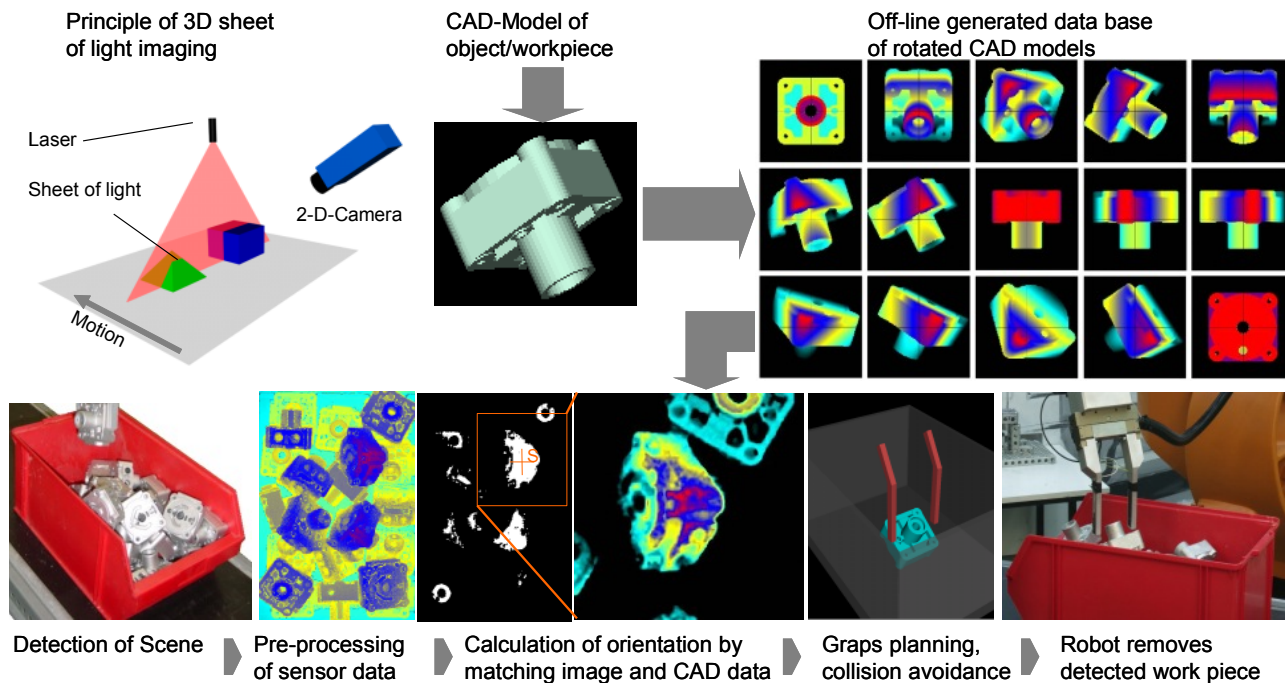
Example: Programming-by-demonstration

We cannot yet instruct a robot in the same way that one would instruct a human worker how to carry out a task. More specifically (*wish-list*) we would like to teach robots by:

- **Manually guiding the robot** to the positions of interest, or even along the desired paths or trajectories if human accuracy is enough.
- Having simple ways to make use of **CAD** data whenever available.
- **Using different complementary modalities** (paths of communication between the human and the robot), such as speech and gestures.
- **Choreographing the task movements**, for instance loops and conditions, without requiring extensive programming competencies.
- **Means of describing acceptable variation**, e.g. as expected or normal deviations from the nominal path.
- **Specification of how external sensing should be used for new types of motions or for handling unknown variation.**

non-traditional: been picking

A scene containing the objects is acquired by a 3D-sensor, e.g., based on the laser triangulation principle. Beforehand the **CAD-object-model** has been virtually turned in discrete spatial angles in an off-line calculation. Feature histograms for each view are generated and stored in a database. **A best match** between actual feature histograms and the simulated sets of histograms **determines the location of the object**. A grasp has to be selected and a **collision-free trajectory is generated**. A typical cycle time of a location process is between 1 and 3 s.

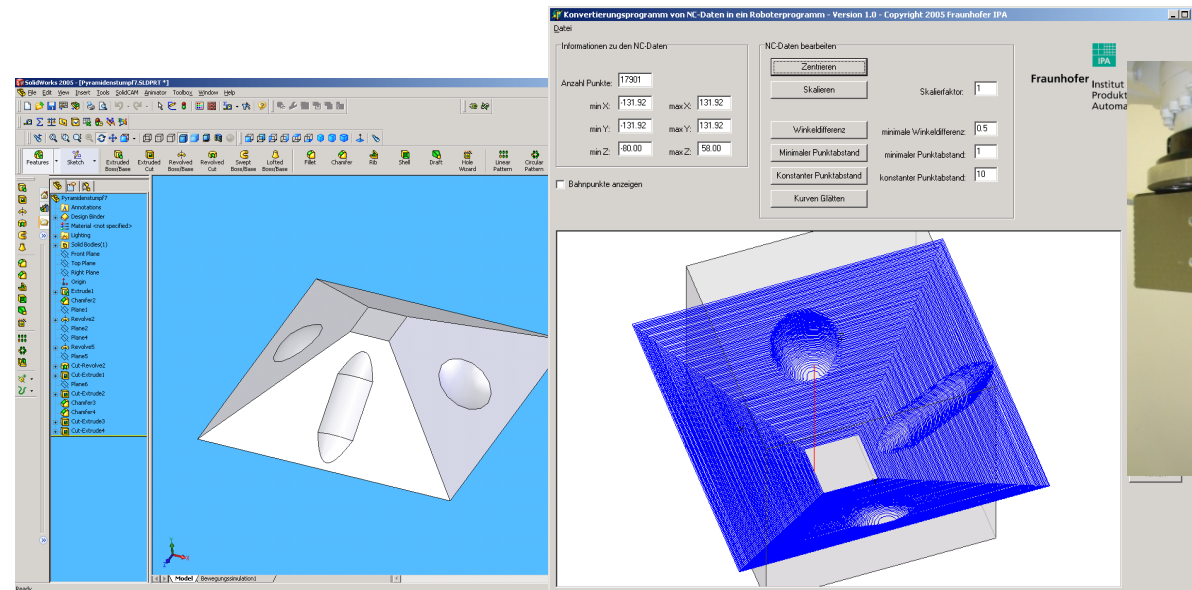
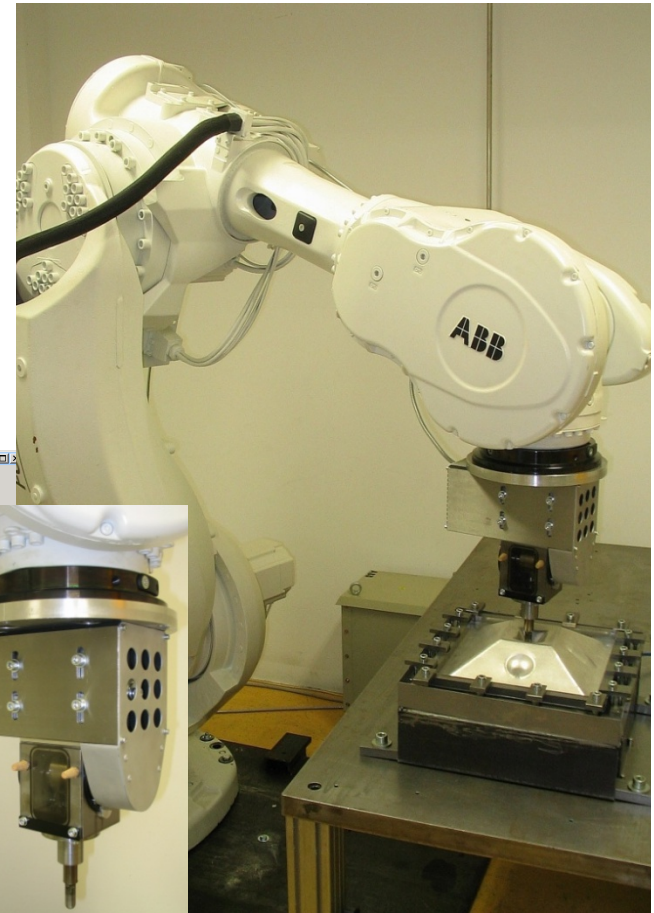


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non-traditional: machining

In this example, the forming process of metal sheets is based on an oscillating stamp (amplitude 1 mm, 50 Hz frequency) which locally plastifies the metal in incremental steps. From the CAD model (top left), the robot's trajectories are calculated on the basis of specific material models (bottom left). Each line represents a part of the tool trajectory. The robot's program is calculated automatically off-line and communicated to the robot controller when required.

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non-traditional: HMI

Inside a regular *workcell* which is secured by **light curtains**, the robot handles **gear boxes** at **regular speed** in **fully automated mode**. Upon approaching the **light curtain** at **reduced speed**, the worker grasps the **safety switch** which activates both the reduced-speed mode and the force-torque sensor. **The worker guides the robot almost effortlessly by its handle** so that the **gear-box** is balanced with precision into the **rear axle frame** for final assembly.



Pictures: Fraunhofer IPA

projects that supported our developments

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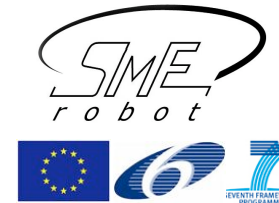
European Projects

- SMERobot™: 6th Framework Research Program (www.smerobot.org)
- ECHORD: 7th Framework Research Program (www.echord.info)



FCT projects

- Force Control in Industrial Robotics
- HLP for Industrial Robotics Cells: capturing human body motions



ADI & QREN projects

- Robotic Deburring for the Cutlery Industry: IVO Cutlery + FCTUC

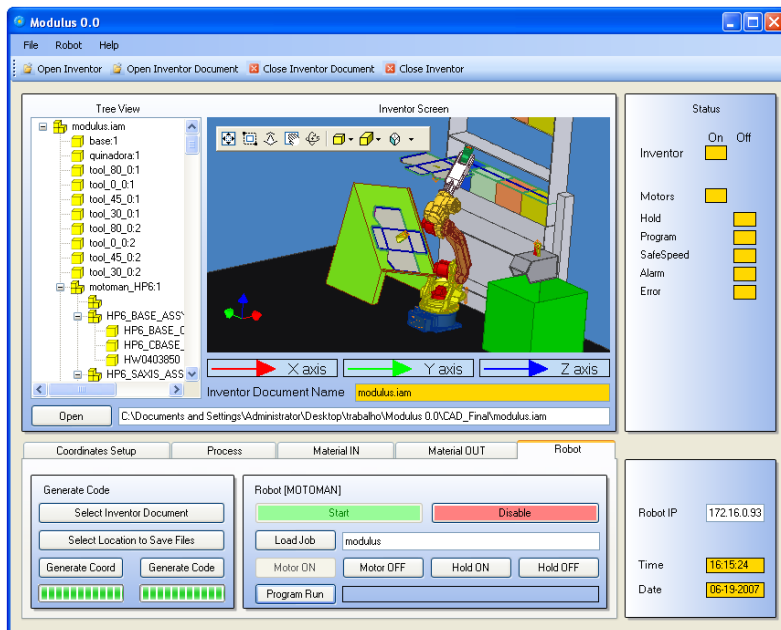
Industrial Projects

- Several in cooperation with equipment manufacturers (robots, sensors, etc.) and end-users

Internal Initiatives

- Robotic solutions for dental implantology
- Force control software
- Interface solutions related with several devices and sensors
- Speech interfaces

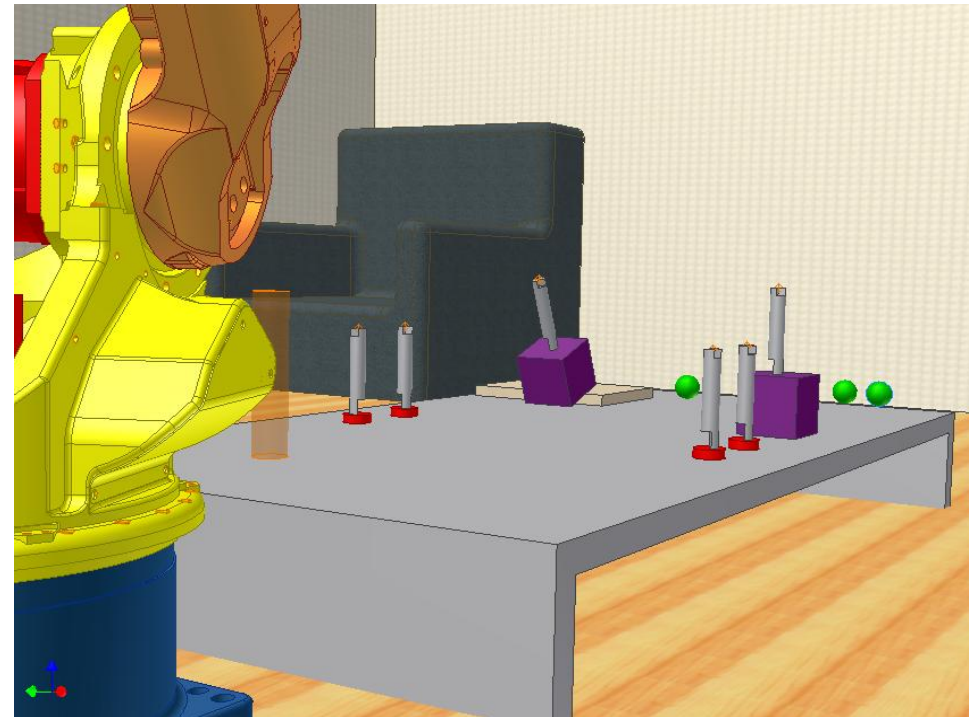
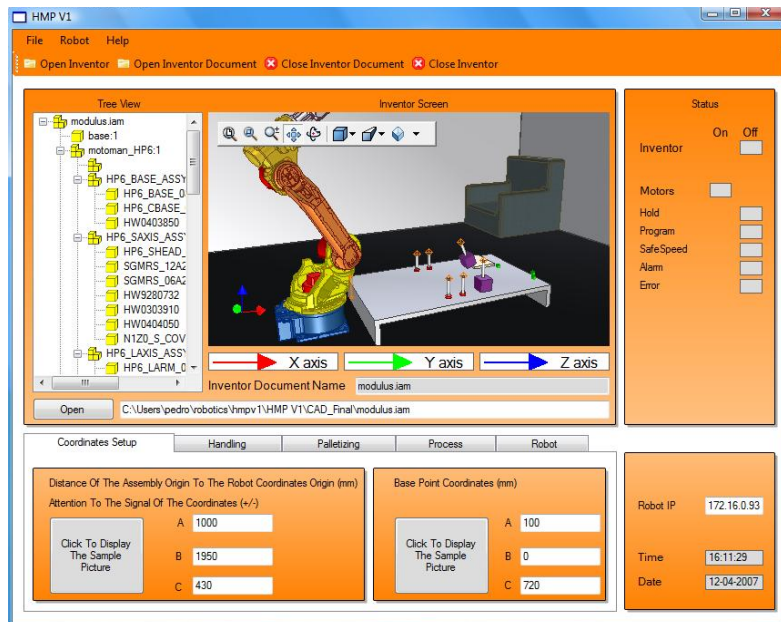
Programming - CAD



A CAD application could be the environment used for specifying how the robot should perform the required operations on the specified parts. This is not quite task-level programming since human operators do the overall planning.

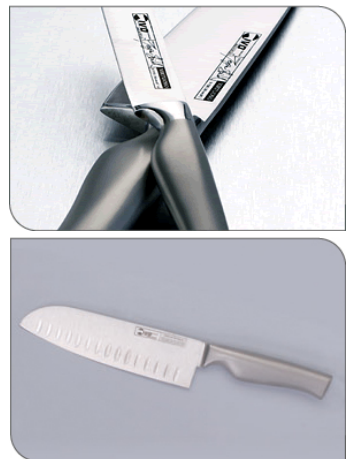
CAD software packages are **powerful 3D tools** and are now **very common** among manufacturing companies.

Consequently, **using those tools for robot programming is desirable** since the operator may start the off-line programming of the necessary manufacturing operations using the 3D model of the product.



programming – CAD & code generation

Demo – Prototype - Tool



SolidWorks Office Premium 2006 - [F2008(30Ma07)]

Project: F2008AM

Working Surfaces V1.0 (Test Version) - F2008AM_27Ago07(V01).KNF

Carregar modelo | Guardar modelo | Criar modelo | Apagar modelo | Acerca de WS | Sair

Sistema de eixos da face relativo ao universo

Origem	Orientação
x [mm]: -9.204	q1: 0.9993873
y [mm]: 16.994	q2: 0.0001067
z [mm]: 33.474	q3: 0.0030599
Def. origem	q4: 0.0348555

Propriedades do elemento

Elemento n.º 2 da superfície 3 de Amarelo

Centro geométrico: Orientação (quaterniões)

x [mm]	q1	q2	q3	q4
44.182	0.7087199	0.0439992		
-6.42	0.0691035	-0.7001966		
0.459				

Área [mm²]: 37.012

Definições do amarelo

Estado: ☒ Ok! Número de superfícies: 9

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Sup. 2	Ok!	Concava	6	F2008M01S2.dat
Sup. 3	Ok!	Concava	6	F2008M01S3.dat

Definições das costas da face

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Definições da parte de dentro da face

Estado: ☐ Indefinido! Número de superfícies: 0

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Definições das faces da face

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Amarelo

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Costas

(Câncava) - Superfície

Dentro

(Câncava) - Superfície

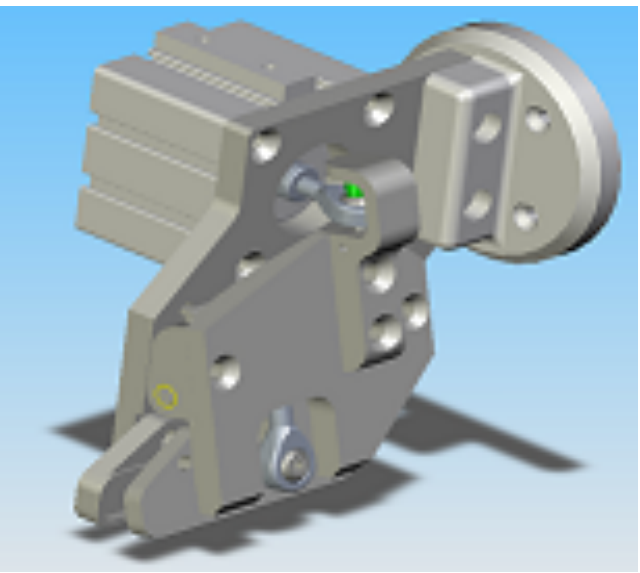
Face

(Câncava) - Superfície

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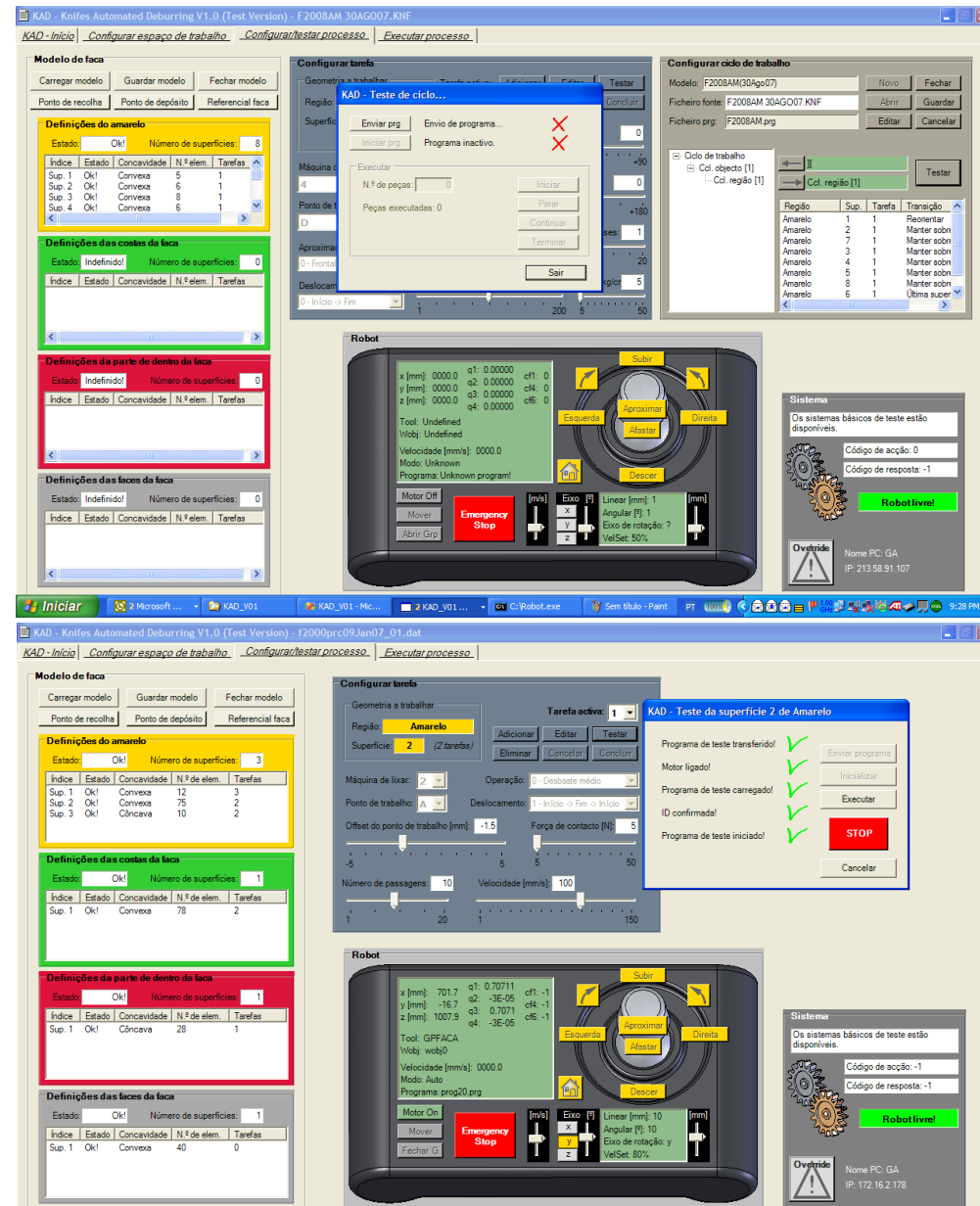
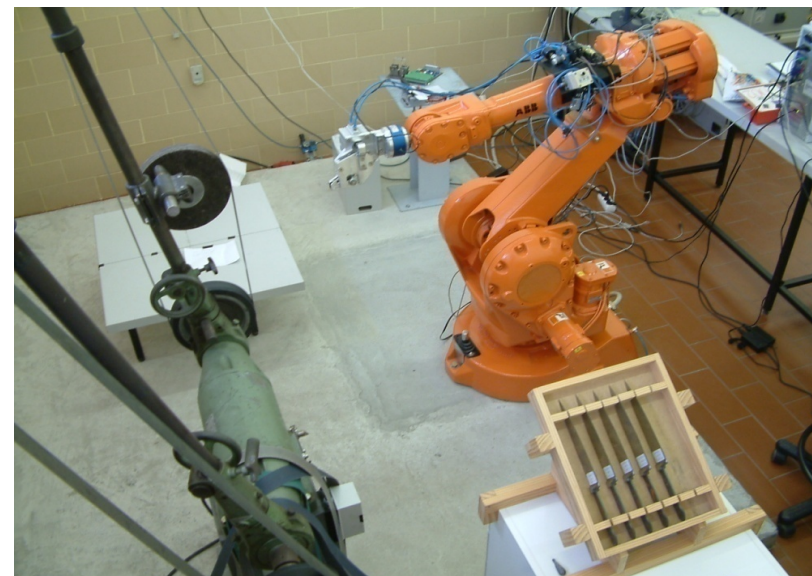
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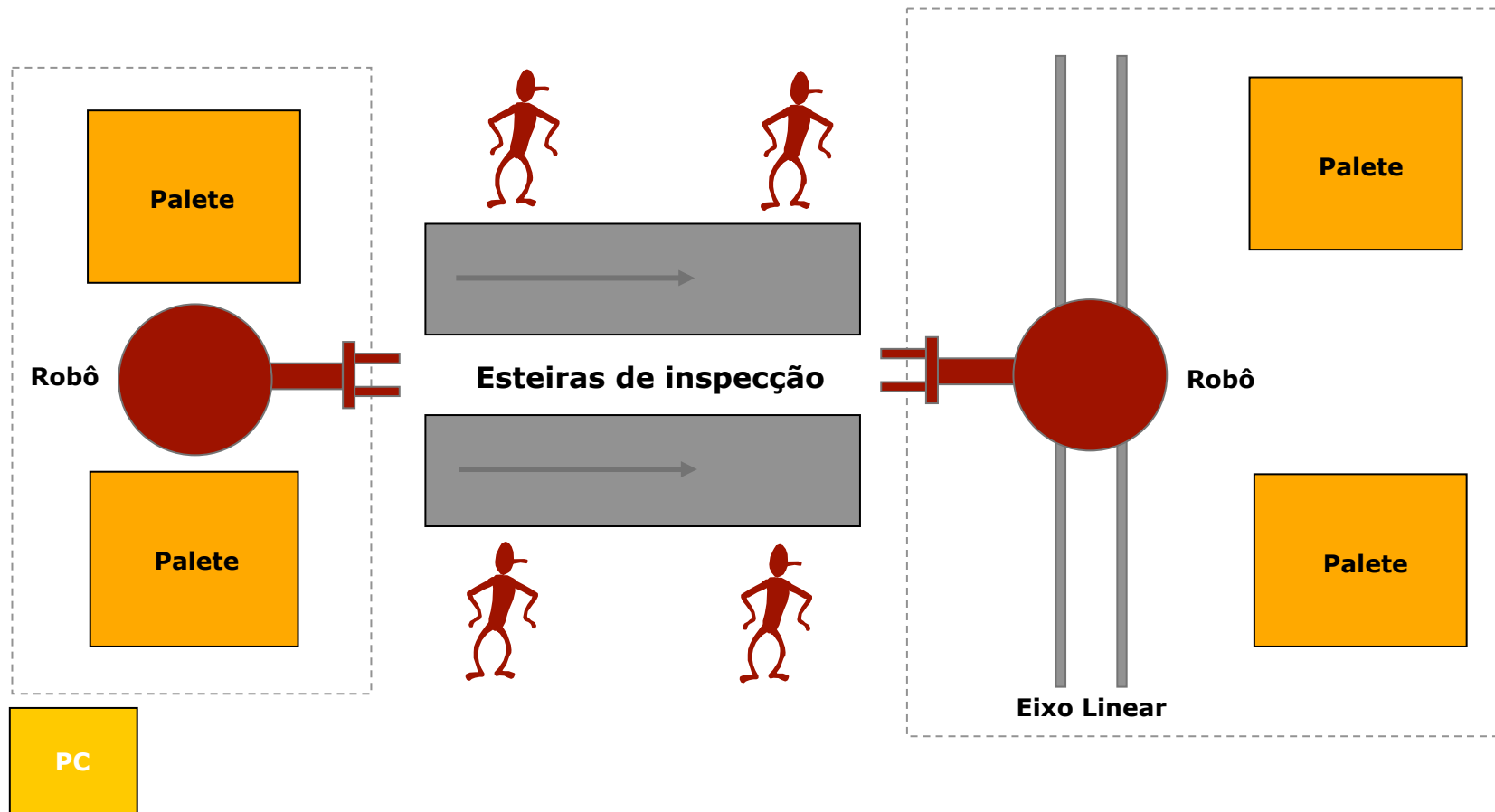
programming – CAD & code generation

Features:

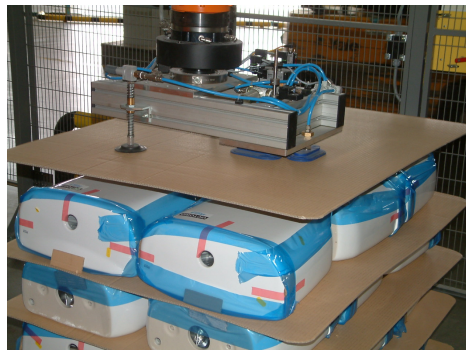
- CAD Model: *Solidworks* and *Inventor*
- Surface modeling defining where to debur and grind
- Import surfaces and code generation
- Code adjusted using a graphical HMI
- Using a FT sensor to adjust the code
- A new model takes 5 to 10 minutes to program.
- Demonstrated using an industrial prototype.



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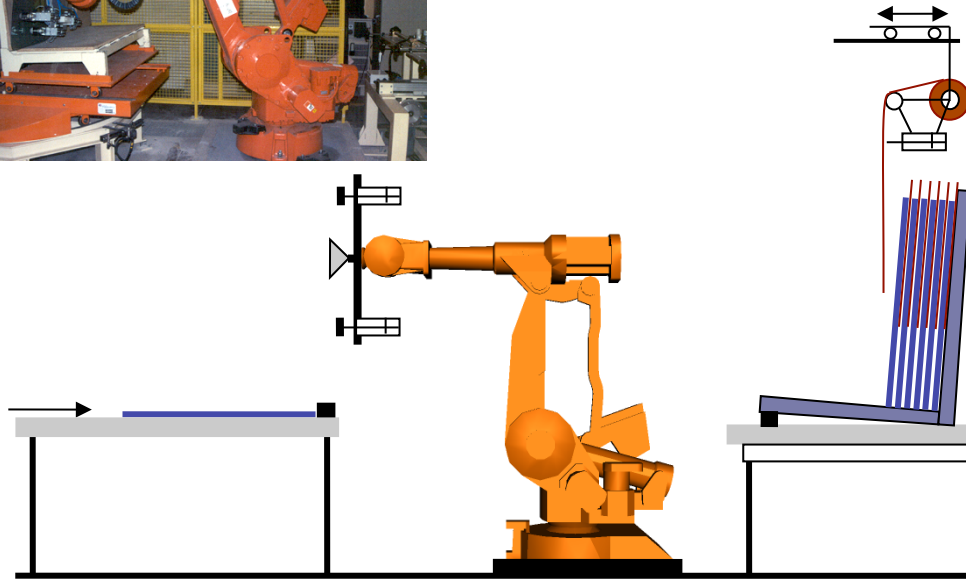
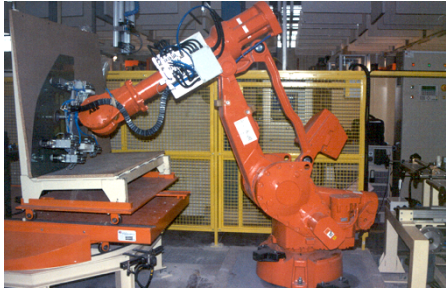
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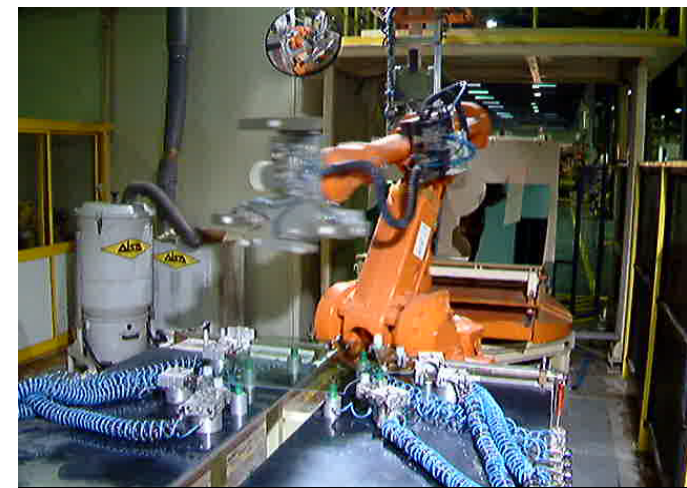
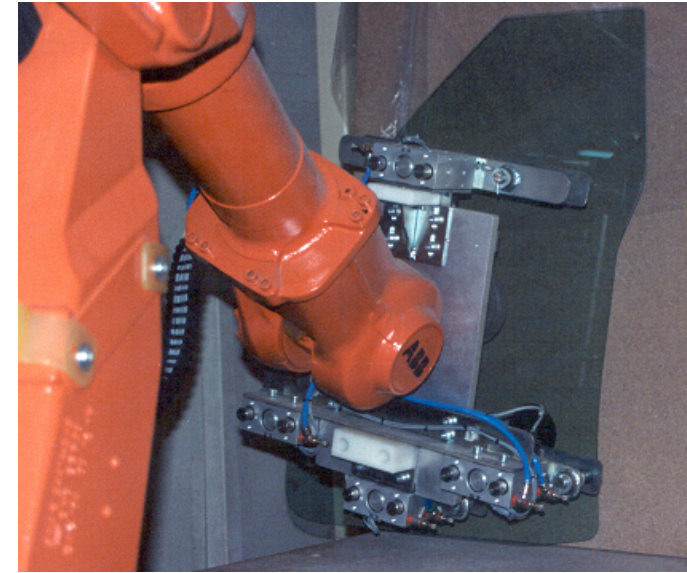
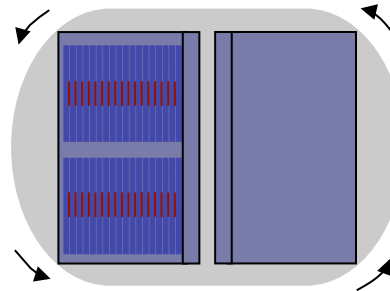


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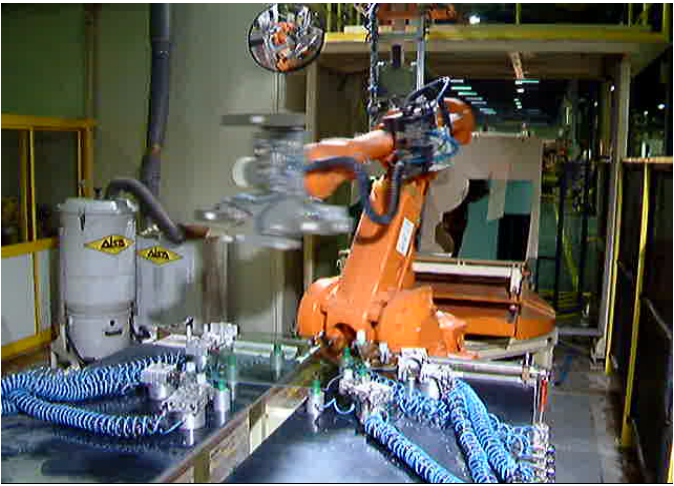
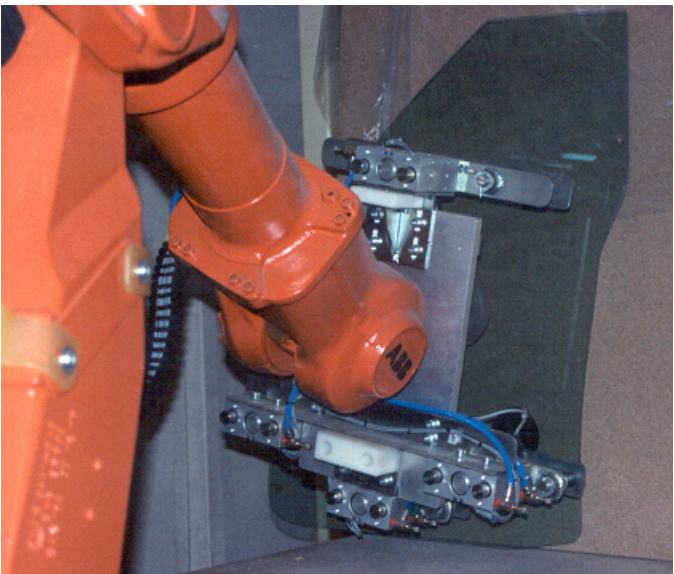
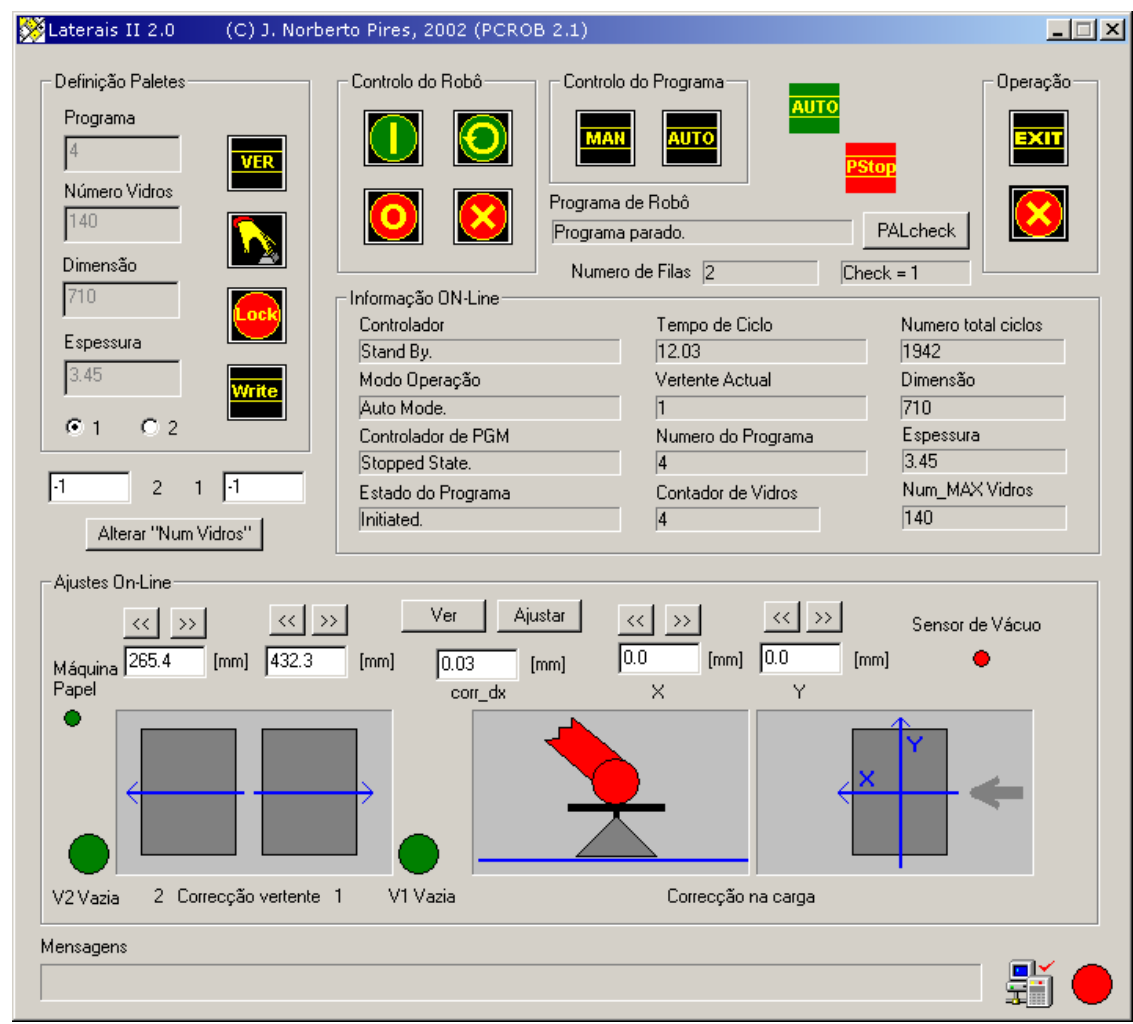


Basic requirements here:

- programming: adding new models
- human-machine interfaces
- on-line adjustment
- on-line monitoring
- integration
- multi-model production

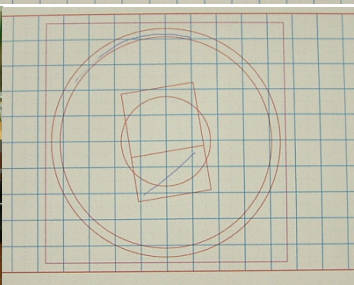
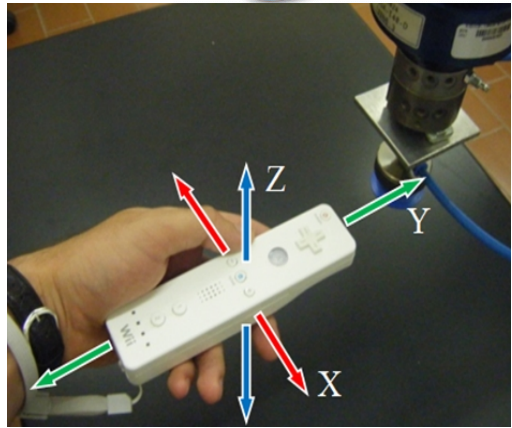
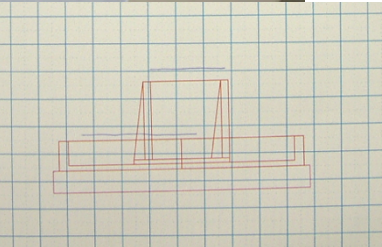
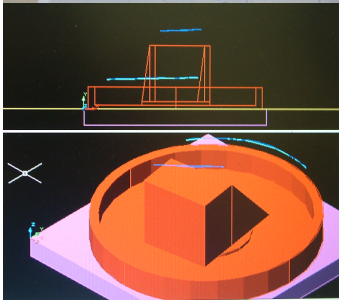
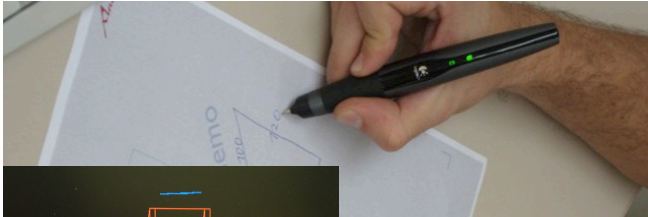
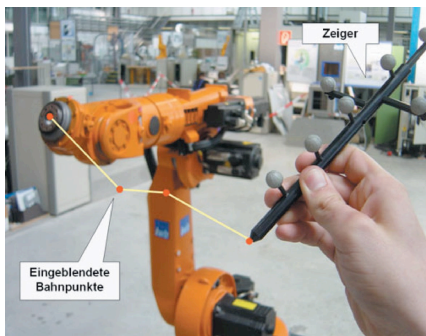
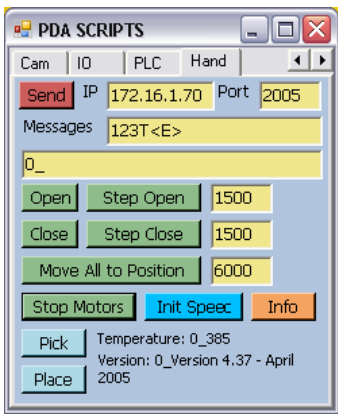
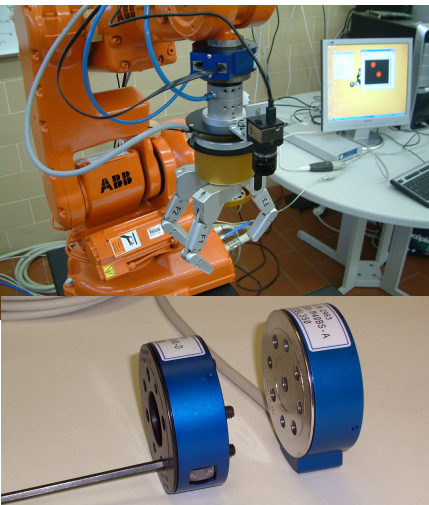


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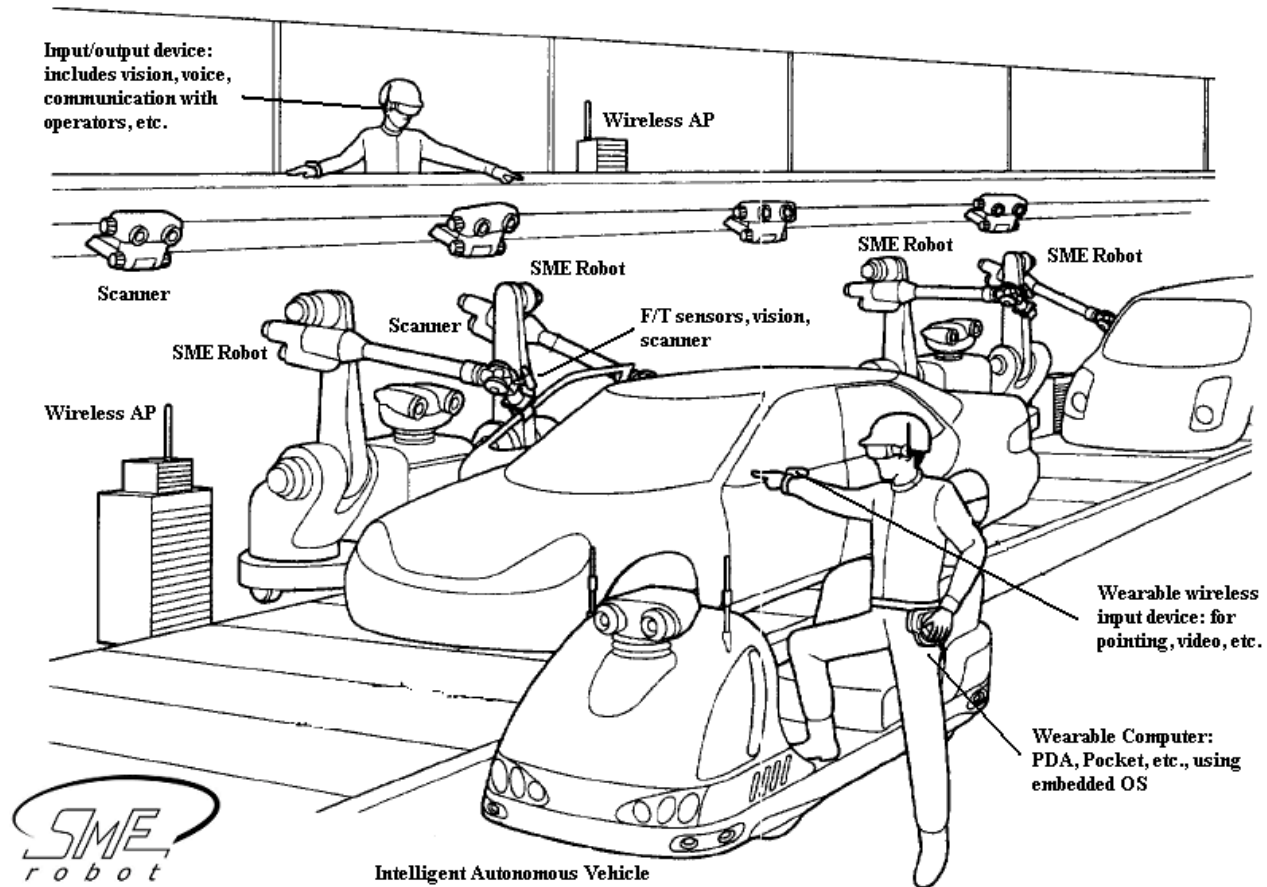
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programming – sensors & IO devices



SMErobot HLP framework

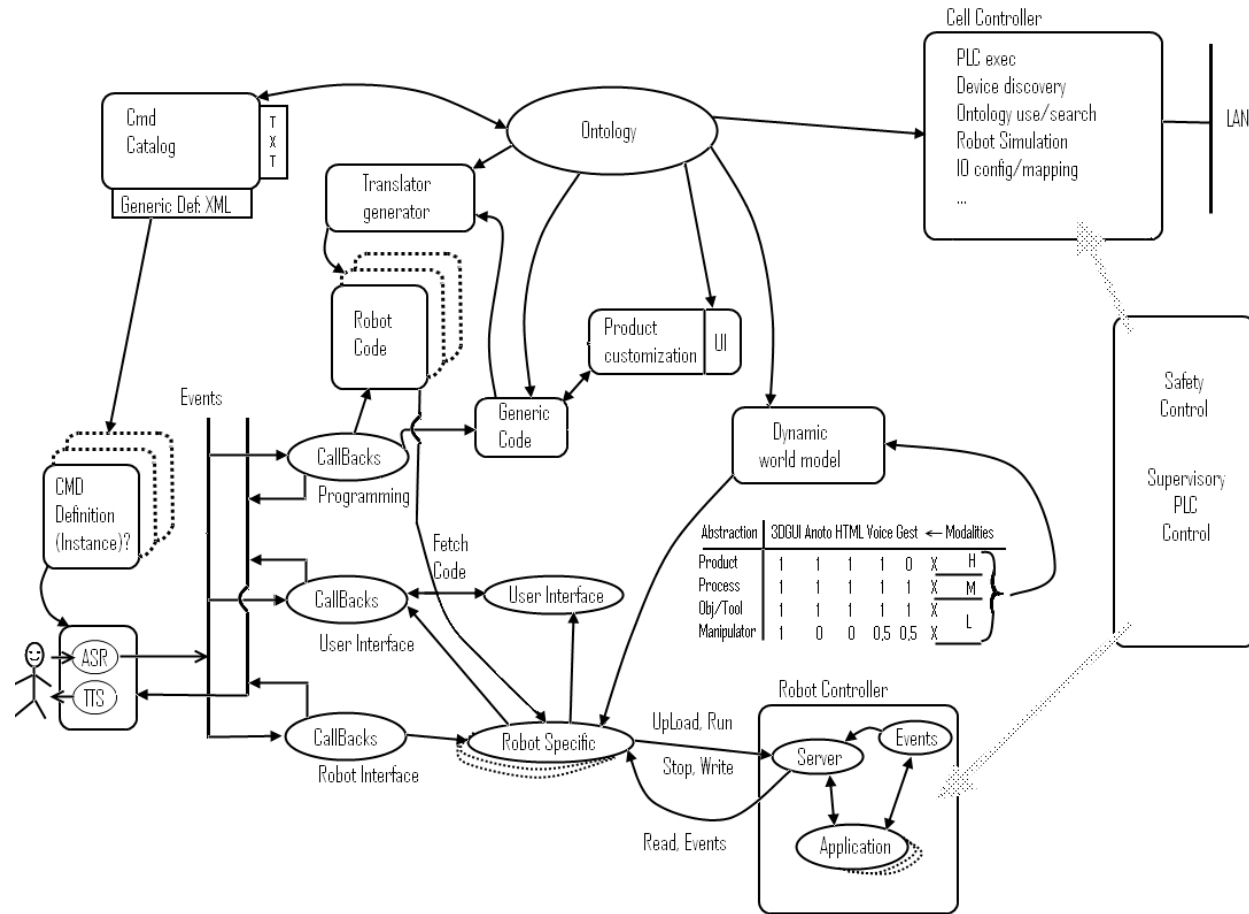
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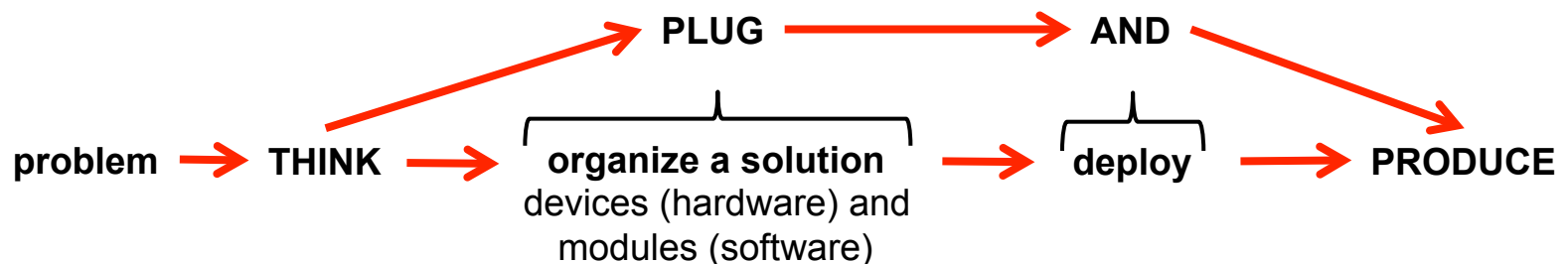
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HLP - discussion

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- **Extend the programming task** to inexperienced users, which don't want to have special and detailed robotics knowledge to use a robot system, and don't want to get into the lower programming levels to be able use a robot;
- **Command and configure robot systems**, instead of programming and setting them up on a lower level. Actions shall be defined on a high abstraction level as e.g. "Move object A from B to C" without defining all intermediate positions and including automatic collision avoidance strategies and automatic setting of movement parameters (e.g. speed, acceleration or interpolation mode);
- **Make programming an intuitive procedure** capable of teaching and commanding a robot system. This includes the use of graphical input/representation of user commands and program structures. The command flow and the data input shall be supported via graphical elements using standards, e.g. a style guide to arrange and position the command elements;

- **Integrate robot programming with cell programming.** This means introducing process information into the programming effort, extracting from there the detailed system programming necessary to achieve the required operation;
- **Integrate user interface devices** making the maximum out of them and integrating easily their functionality: plug-and-produce concepts are here fundamental;
- **Facilitate the re-programming task.** The re-programming of industrial robotic systems is still a difficult, costly, and time consuming operation. In order to increase flexibility, a common approach is to consider the work-cell programming at a high level of abstraction, which enables a description of the sequence of actions at a task-level.

The questions are:

How will the “programming” be done (the focus is on user-machine interfaces, input programming devices, command catalogs, etc., to avoid direct programming)?

How will the robot code be generated (adoption of a common framework independent of any specific robot programming language)?

How will the process knowledge be integrated (production sketches based on ontologies are a possibility, but also service-oriented architectures (SOA) and programming based on CAD packages)?

How will this work with any robot controller (platform independence)?

still open issues!!!

To address this problem several possibilities can be considered:

Improved task-level programming, using a high-level programming language: less technical, easier to use, generic, multi-robot. Such a language would provide a structure, constructs, and functions suited for manufacturing control. This results in several advantages with respect to the speed and ease of software development, its modifiability and maintainability, and its cost. Software quality can also be improved by enabling the developer to focus on the tasks to be performed rather than on the way in which they are performed.

Using a classical client-server approach, where servers are designed to run on robot controllers and implemented to be accessed using standard remote procedure calling or messaging protocols. The client applications are designed to handle the required user interfaces and the cell functionality, making calls to server functions (usually complex routines, or macros).

Using XML forms, including grammars, state charts, etc.. XML is a standard that can be used to specify manufacturing actions for the complete work cell without writing code, and without generating binary code.

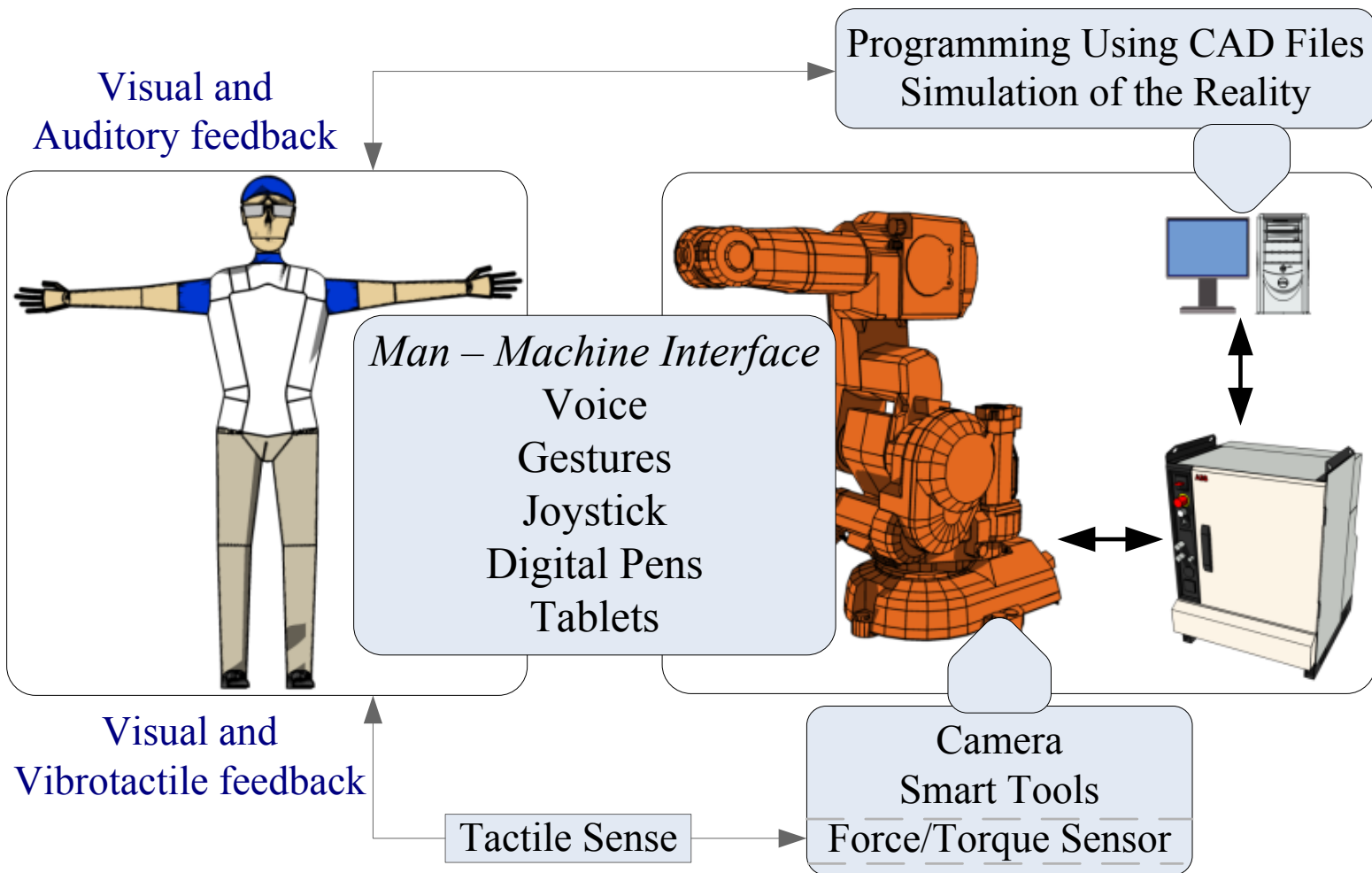
Using CAD packages to program robotic cells. This solution is an interesting approach since CAD packages are available at SMEs and users are usually prepared to use it. Code generation can be available, but it could also be based on services, or RPC/XIRP calls.

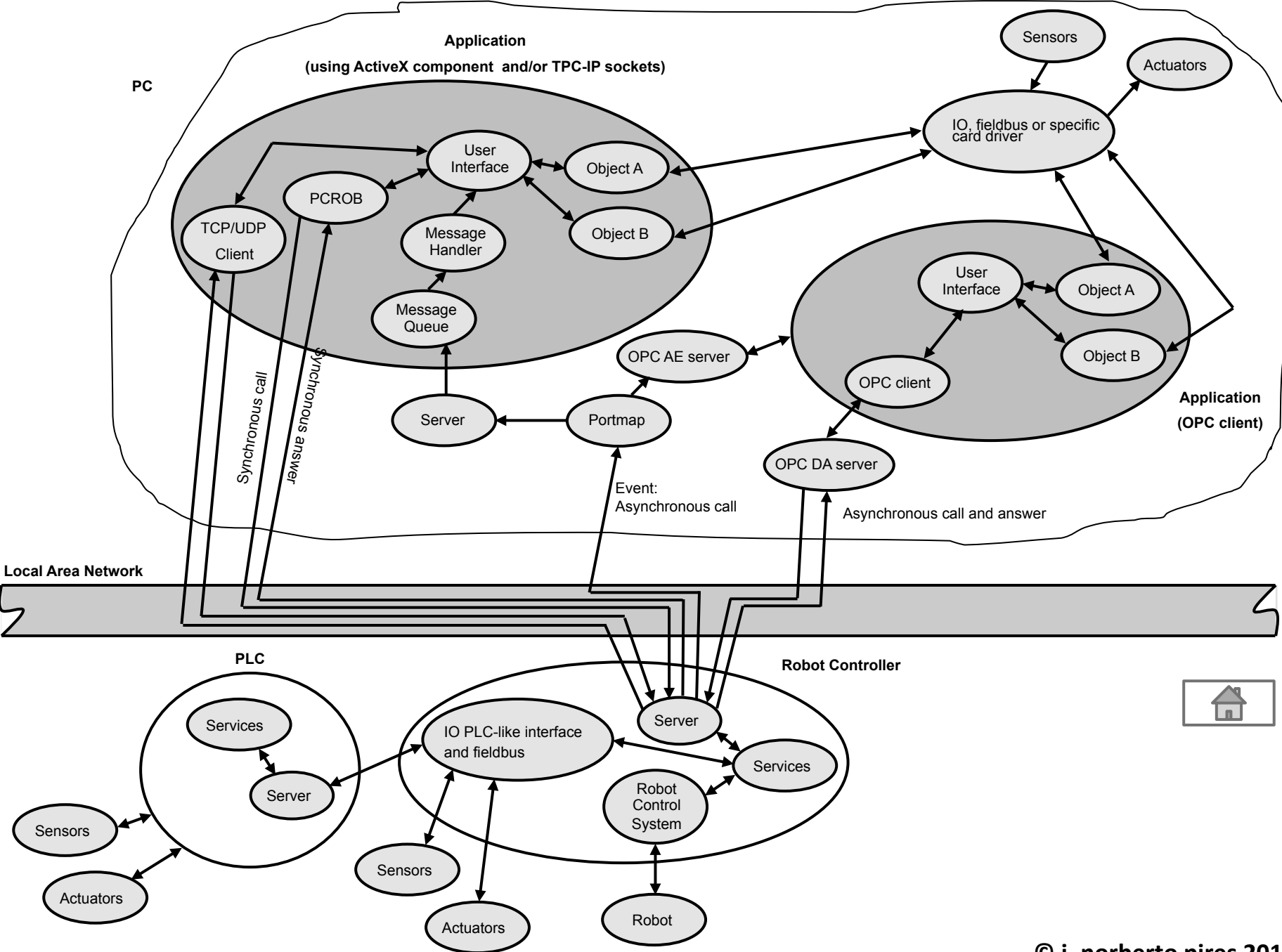
Using Service oriented architectures (SOA). One of the things that a SOA should be is a suitable platform for the development of HLP features, which can occur during orchestration of services when assembling a program.. One of the keys for HLP is environment sensibility which is easily reached with a “hot plug-and-play” discovery as we found in UPnP. In this scenario UPnP -discovery (peer-to-peer) takes advantage.

Using programming-by-demonstration techniques. This approach includes all the techniques that require the user to program the robot starting by teaching the motions and dealing with the obtained results at a higher level. In fact, while it is possible to record position and orientation data directly in the working scenario, all other interactions shall be defined on a high level: integration of peripherals, increasing the quality of the trajectory and adopting the program to the specific process. These interactions shall take place on a high level of autonomy or interaction with the user.

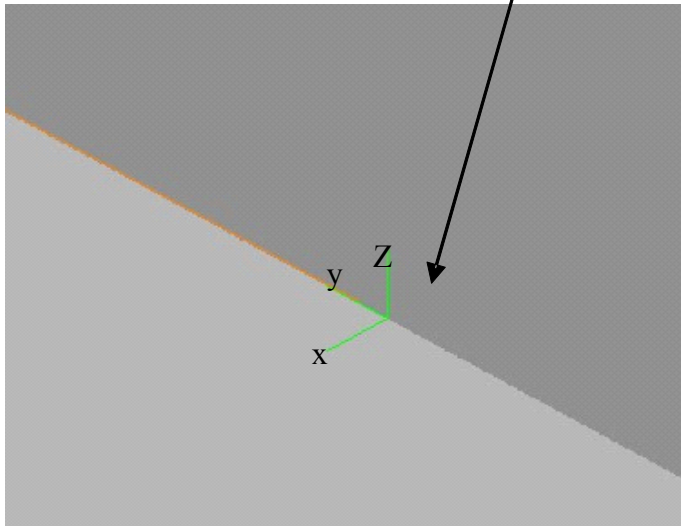
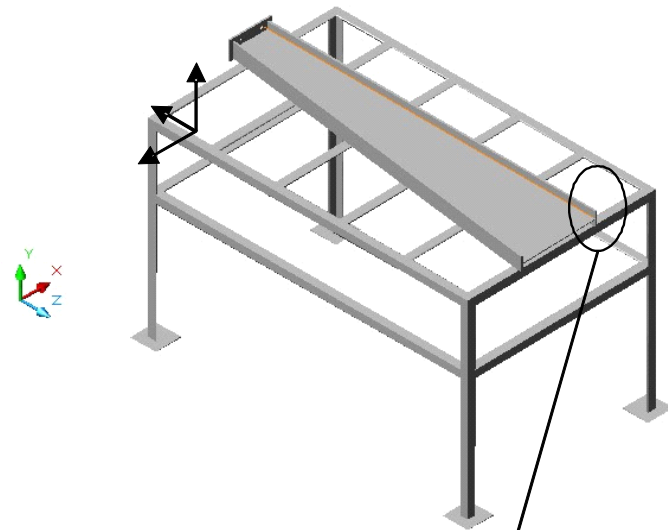
Integrating IO devices and systems: portable devices, speech interfaces, etc. This means the possibility to include these devices into the same high-level framework without going into the tricky details about how to program them, which can be done just by adopting SOA on a plug-and-produce environment.

HLP - discussion

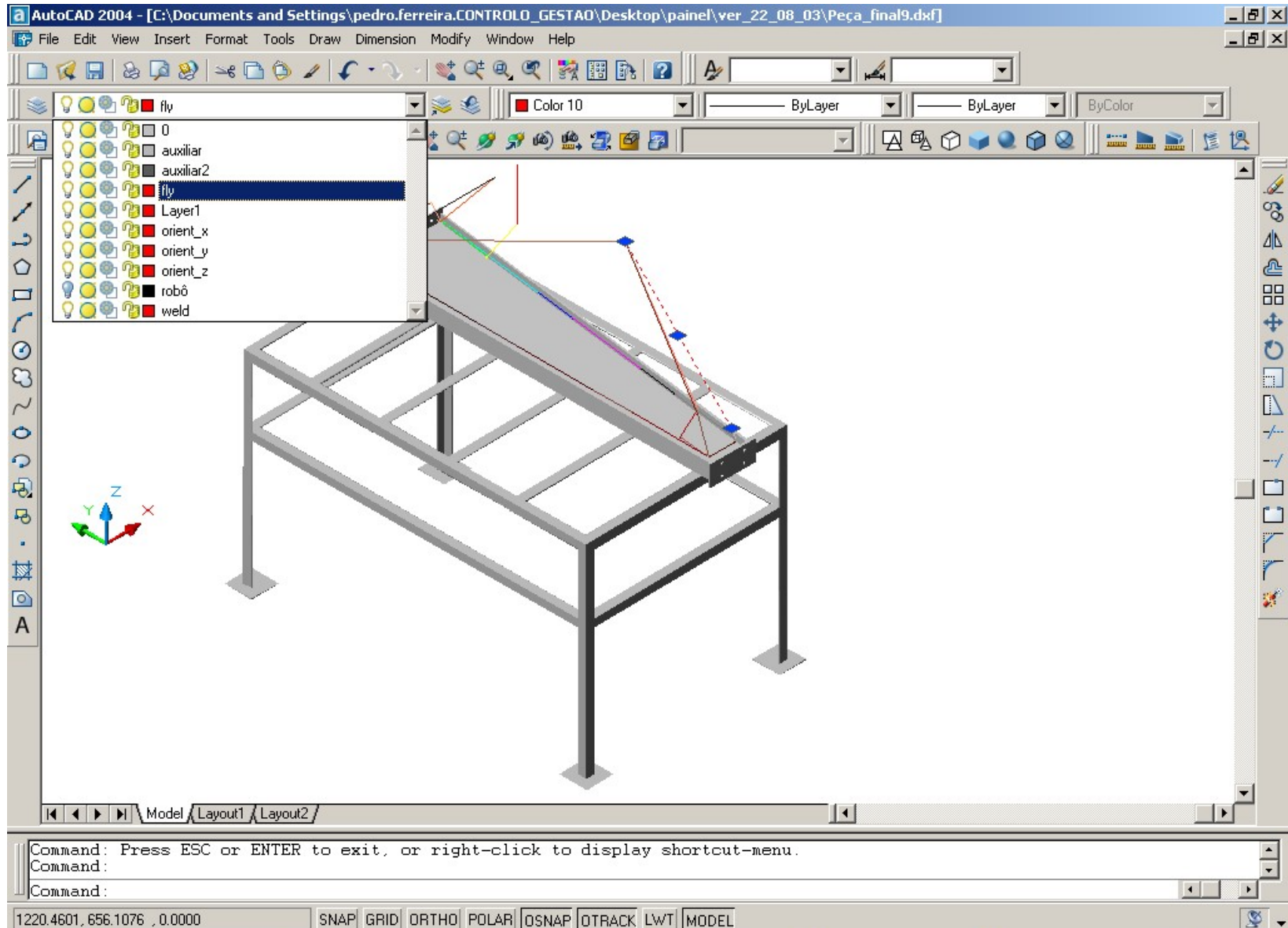




welding application – CAD interface



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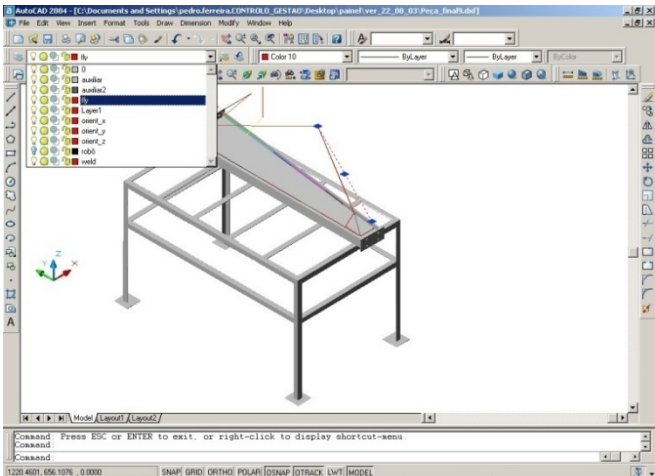


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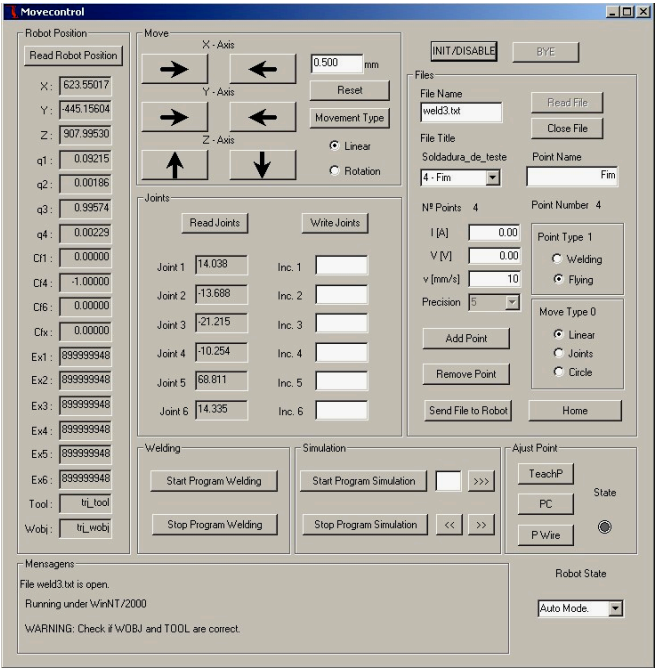
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Point 1	Point number X
Origin	Name of the point
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-444.451813	y value
730.853149	z value
0.091980	Quaternion q1
0.001690	Quaternion q2
0.995760	Quaternion q3
0.002070	Quaternion q4
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-1	cf4
0	cf6
0	cfx
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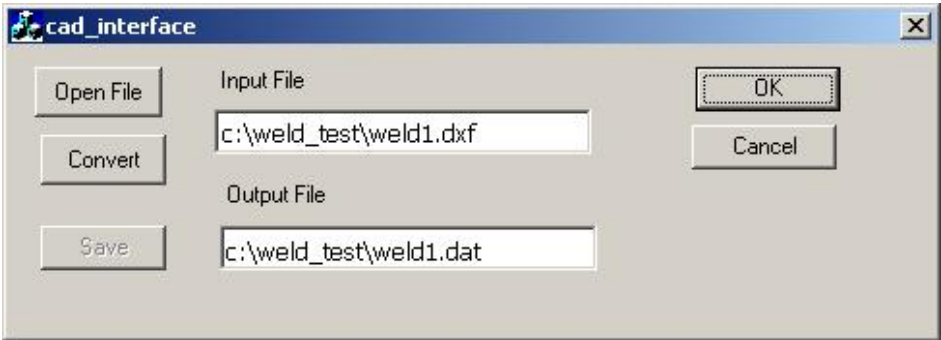
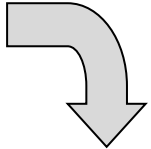
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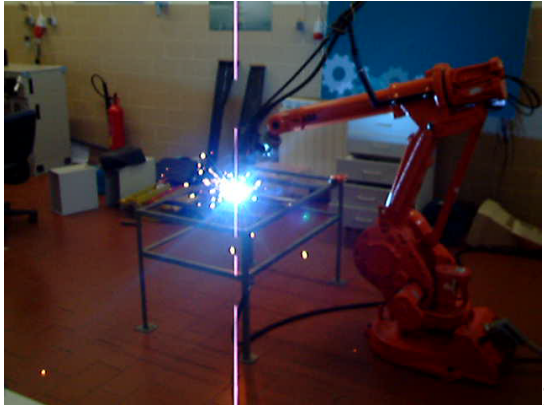
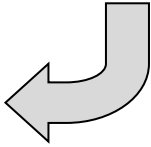
AutoCAD 2004



Visual C++ .NET



Visual Basic .NET



welding application – CAD interface

Movecontrol

Robot Position

Read Robot Position

X: 623.55017
Y: -445.15604
Z: 907.99530
q1: 0.09215
q2: 0.00186
q3: 0.99574
q4: 0.00229
Cf1: 0.00000
Cf4: -1.00000
Cf6: 0.00000
Cfx: 0.00000
Ex1: 899999948
Ex2: 899999948
Ex3: 899999948
Ex4: 899999948
Ex5: 899999948
Ex6: 899999948
Tool: tri_tool
Wobj: tri_wobj

Move

X - Axis
Y - Axis
Z - Axis

0.500 mm
Reset
Movement Type
☒ Linear
☐ Rotation

Joints

Read Joints Write Joints

Joint 1	14.038	Inc. 1	
Joint 2	-13.688	Inc. 2	
Joint 3	-21.215	Inc. 3	
Joint 4	-10.254	Inc. 4	
Joint 5	68.811	Inc. 5	
Joint 6	14.335	Inc. 6	

Files

File Name: weld3.txt
File Title: Soldadura_de_teste
Point Name: Fim
N° Points: 4
Point Number: 4
I [A]: 0.00
V [V]: 0.00
v [mm/s]: 10
Precision: 5
Add Point
Remove Point
Send File to Robot

Point Type 1
☐ Welding
☒ Flying
Move Type 0
☒ Linear
☐ Joints
☐ Circle
Home

Welding

Start Program Welding
Stop Program Welding

Simulation

Start Program Simulation
Stop Program Simulation

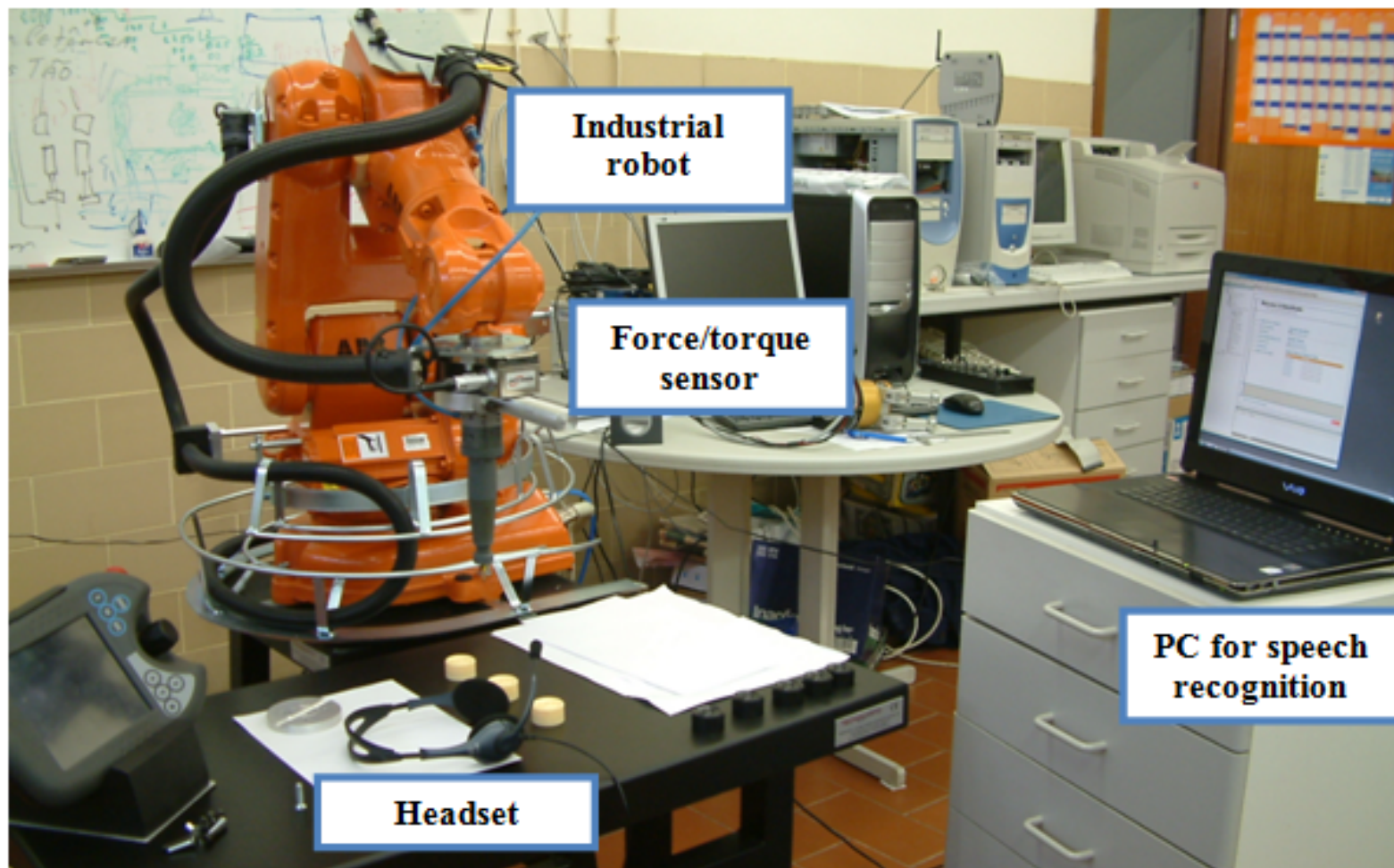
Ajust Point

TeachP
PC
P Wire
State
Robot State
Auto Mode

Mensagens

File weld3.txt is open.
Running under WinNT/2000
WARNING: Check if WOBJ and TOOL are correct.

using speech – programming-by demonstration



using speech – programming-by demonstration

1

2

3

5

Teach by showing and speech interface - J. Norberto Pires 2007

PROC jnpFC1()

MoveL FCP26,v100,fin,tool0

MoveL FCP27,v100,fin,tool0

MoveL FCP28,v100,fin,tool0

MoveL FCP29,v100,fin,tool0

MoveL FCP30,v100,fin,tool0

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MoveL FCP49,v100,fin,tool0

MoveL FCP50,v100,fin,tool0

WaitTime 2

MoveL FCP51,v100,fin,tool0

Index: Node: 18 Child: 0

Instruction: MoveL

Name: line18

Parameter1: FCP43

Parameter2: v100

Parameter3: fin

Parameter4: tool0

Parameter5:

Parameter6:

ADD

CHANGE

DEL NODE

Move UP

SAVE

NEW

Move DOWN

LOAD

Motor ON

Motor OFF

Prog RUN

Prog ST

Go Home

Send MOD

Load MOD

Unload MOD

Execute

Send Robot

IP 172.16.0.95

Robot: Msg Sent

Port 2004

write_num decision1 4002

Robot: Msg Receive

0

Init Speech

Load Grammar

Stop Reco

Microsoft Speech Recognizer 8.0 for Windows (English - US)

Microsoft Anna - English (United States)

Messages: Load module, master.

Active Recognizer: Microsoft Speech Recognizer 8.0 for Windows (English - US)

Active Voice: Microsoft Anna - English (United States)

Hypothesis: robot robot load robot load module

Recognized command: robot load module

Confidence: 98,4319 %

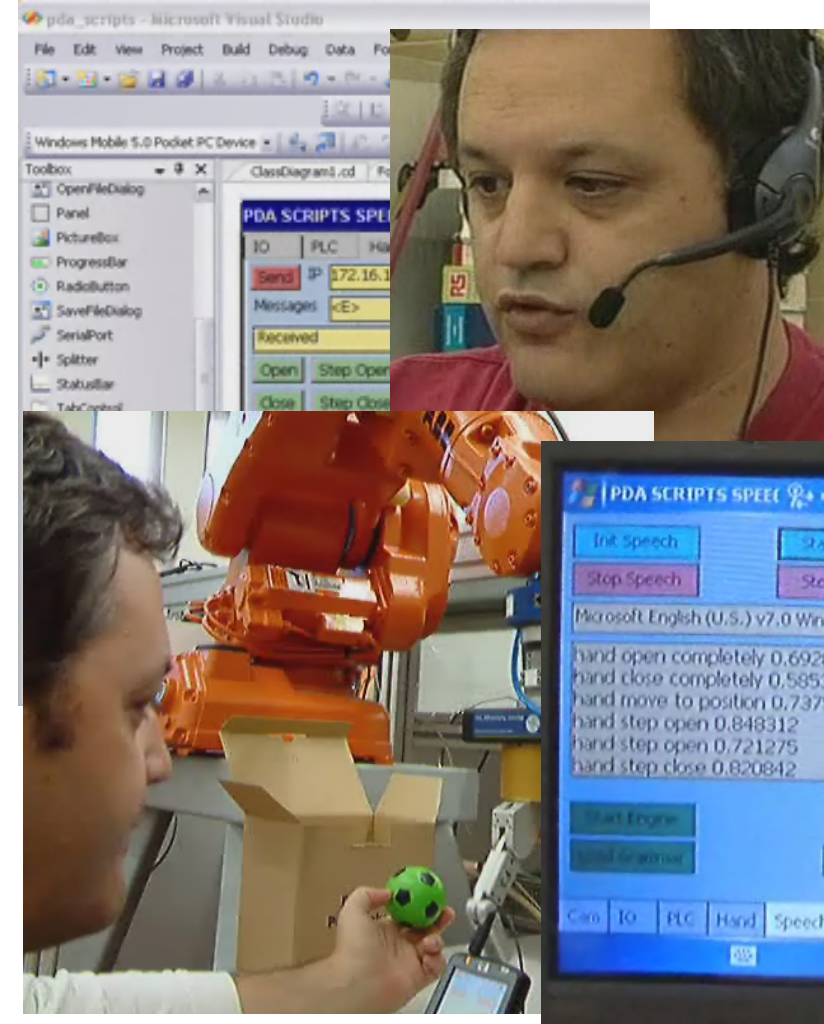
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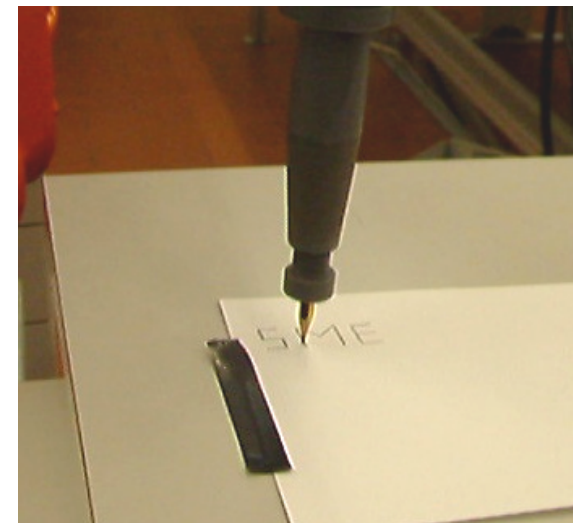
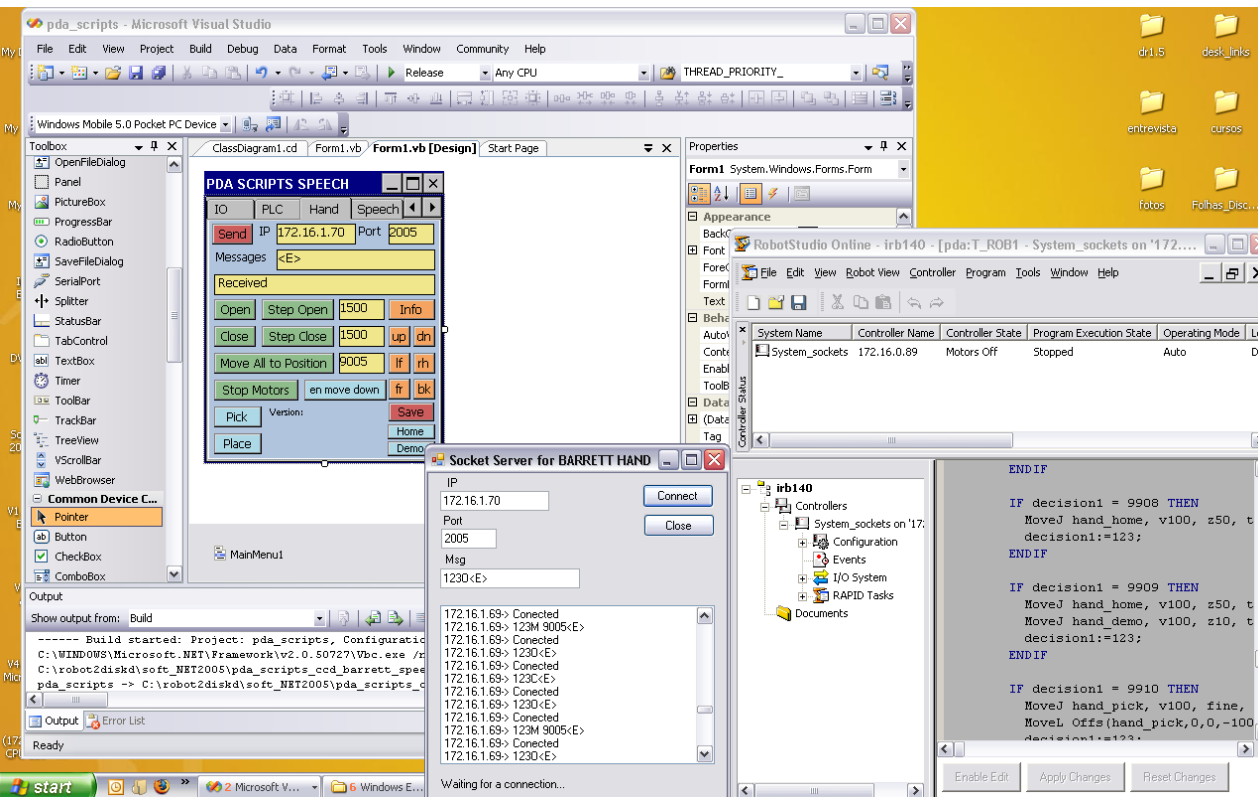
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using speech – programming-by demonstration

- Working based on XML grammars
- Actually using Microsoft SAPI 5.3, but it's independent of SR and TTS engines.
- Fully functional for English and Portuguese
- Fully tested at laboratory, using 80dB noise levels
- Fully tested under Windows 7/Vista/Xp, Windows CE and Windows Mobile 2003/2005
- Fully tested using ABB robots (S4 and IRC5 controllers) and a few MOTOMAN robots (latest controller only)
- Cooperation established with **MLDC – Microsoft Language Development Centre** to add dictation features to upgrade the actual command based approach.



PDA interfaces



- PDA interfaces based on TCP, UDP and RPC sockets.
- Work with any robot controller
- Fully programmable, using regular programming tools: VB, C#, C++
- Fully tested on PDAs running WinCE
- Developments can be exported to any WinCE device.
- Useful for robot programming: teach and program

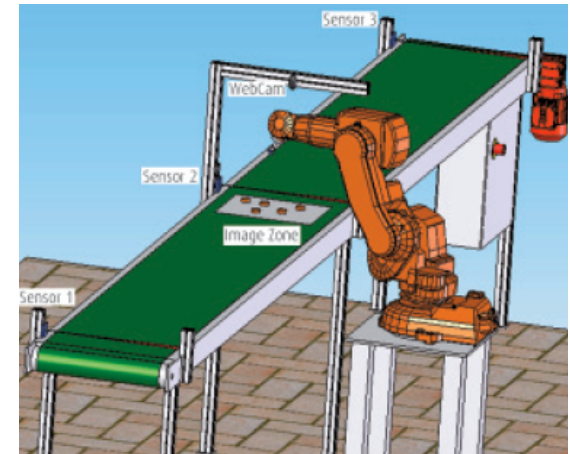
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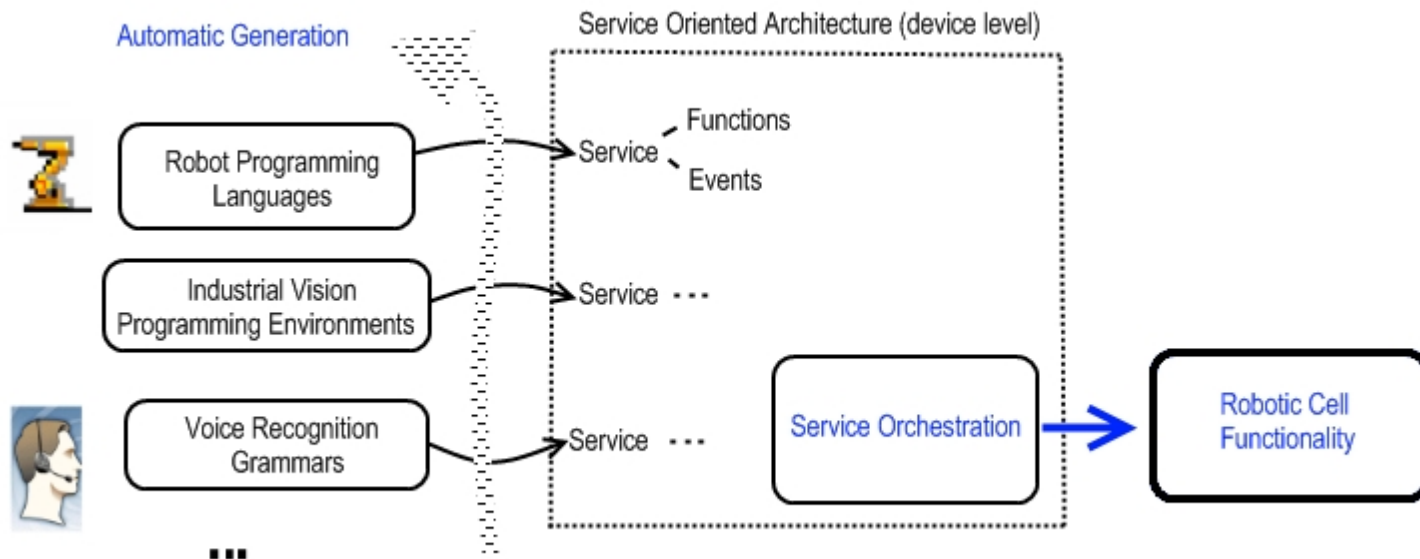
- Cameras, PLC's, RFID systems, ...
- Easy to program hard to integrate.

Robotic work-cell programming:

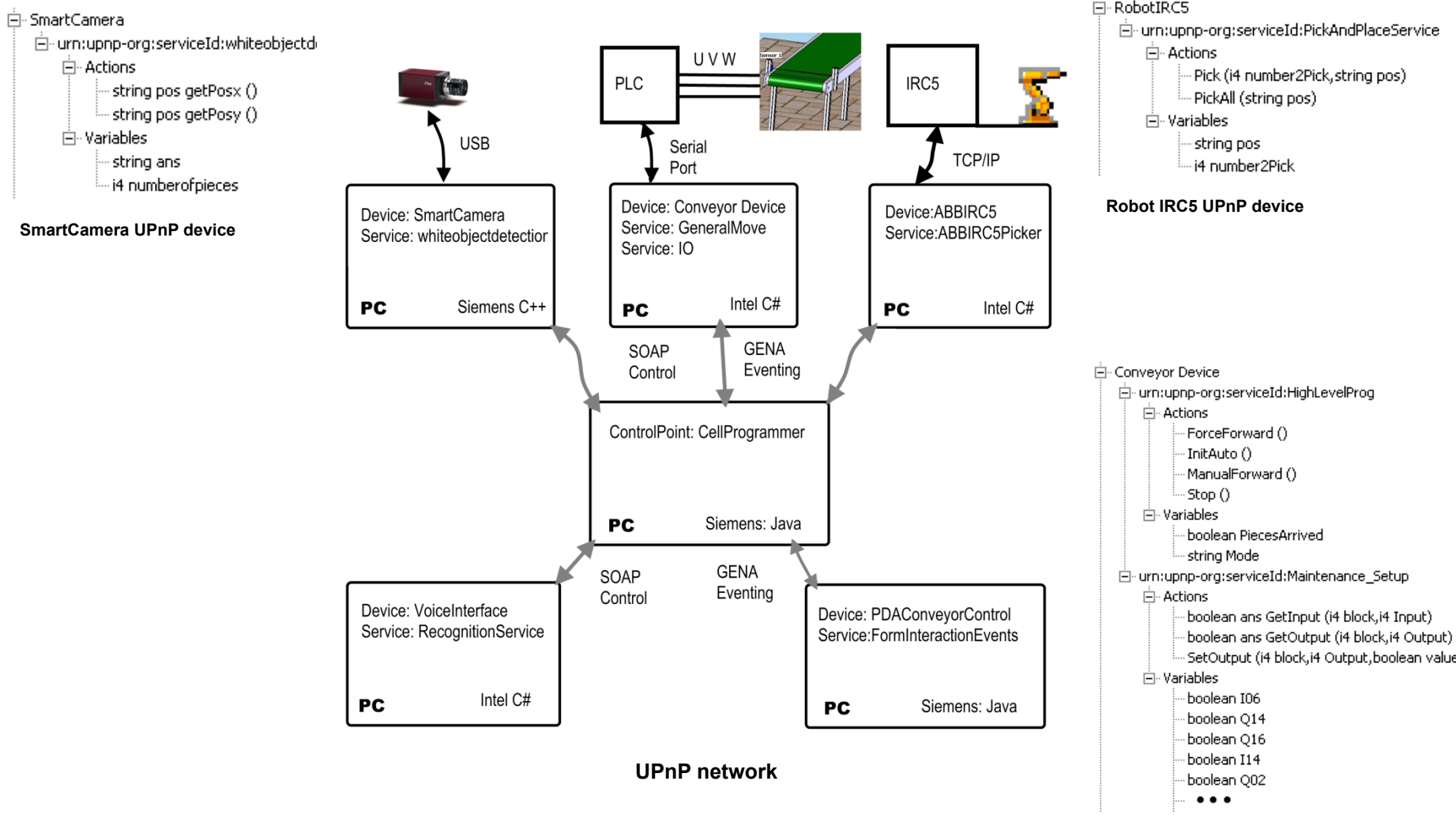
- Traditional programming languages (C#, Java, C++)
- Problem with the separation of concerns, computation and coordination, limits reusability.



Test platform



service oriented architectures



Robot Programs to service contracts

- Step forward to the dissemination of SOA in industrial environment
- Complete compatibility with the existing robot technology
- Significant reduction on cell setup time
- Gives the robot programmer power to expose functionality

service oriented architectures

UPnPCellCP

Network

Residential Gateway Device

Conveyor Device

urn:upnp-org:serviceId:HighLevelProg

Actions

Variables

urn:upnp-org:serviceId:Maintenance_Setup

SmartCamera

RobotIRC5

urn:upnp-org:serviceId:PickAndPlaceService

Actions

Variables

Voice Interface

urn:upnp-org:serviceId:RecognitionService

Variables

i4 RobotPick (Evented)

boolean ConveyorStop (Evented)

boolean ConveyorStart (Evented)

Program

->

StackPtr	Cmd/Event	Return	Arg 0	Arg 1
	Wait Voice Interface.RecognitionService.ConveyorStart	boolean		
	Call Conveyor Device.HighLevelProg.InitAuto			
	Wait Conveyor Device.HighLevelProg.PiecesArrived	boolean		
	Call SmartCamera.whiteobjectdetection.getPos	position		
	Call RobotIRC5.PickAndPlaceService.Pick		i4	position
	Wait RobotIRC5.PickAndPlaceService.FinishedPicking	boolean		
	Call Conveyor Device.HighLevelProg.ForceForward			
	Wait Voice Interface.RecognitionService.ConveyorStop	boolean		

Execution

Run from Start

Run from Curr Ptr

Stop

UPnP Events

Variables

New Variable

Name

Type

boolean

integer

string

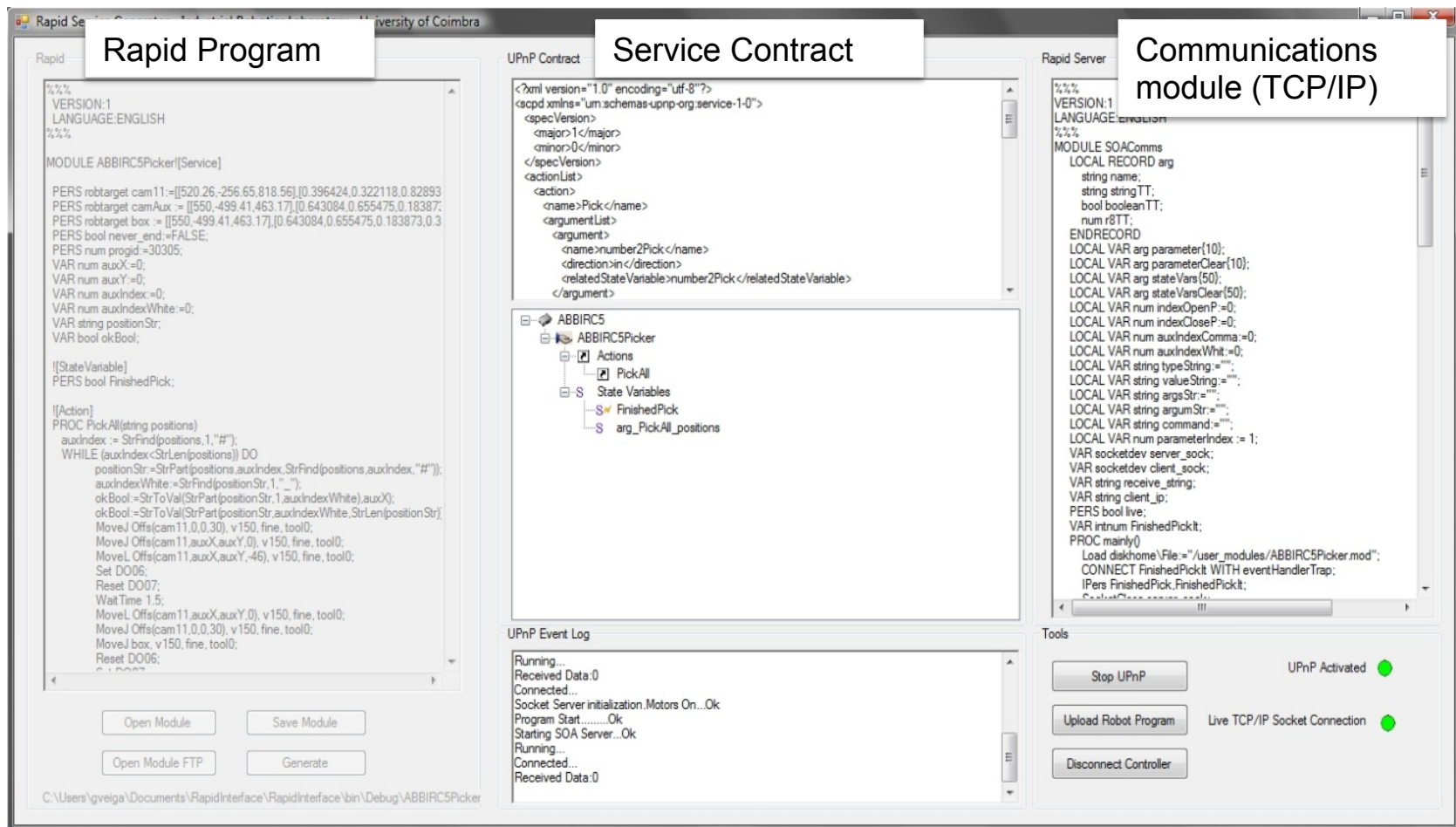
Create

Variables List

Type	Name
position	string

Cell programmer

service oriented architectures



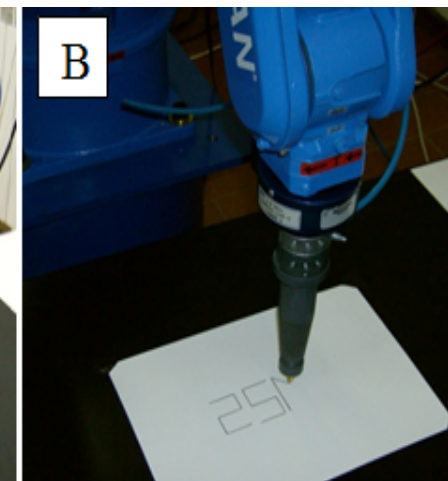
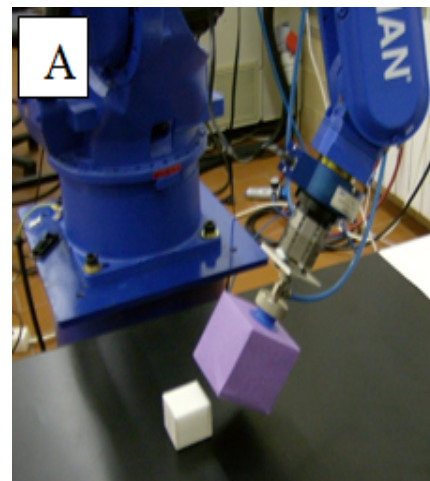
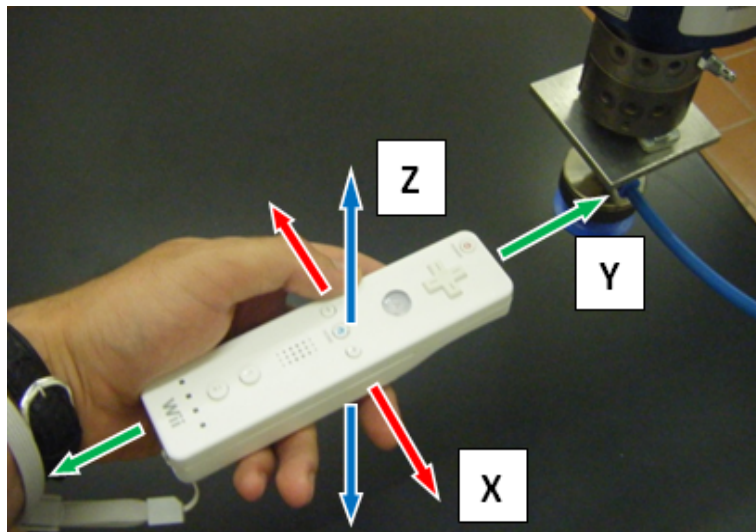
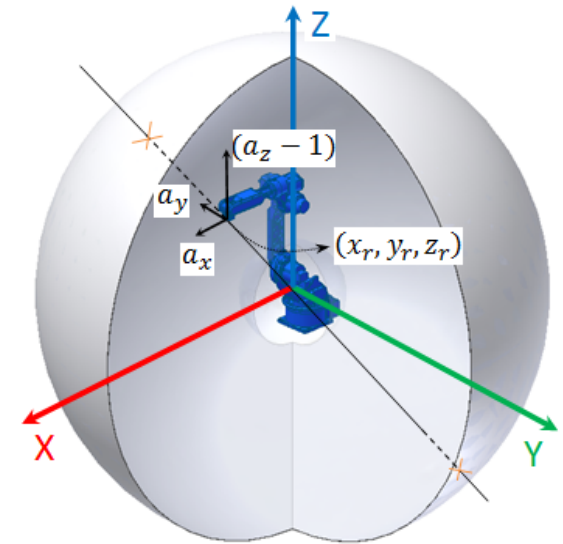
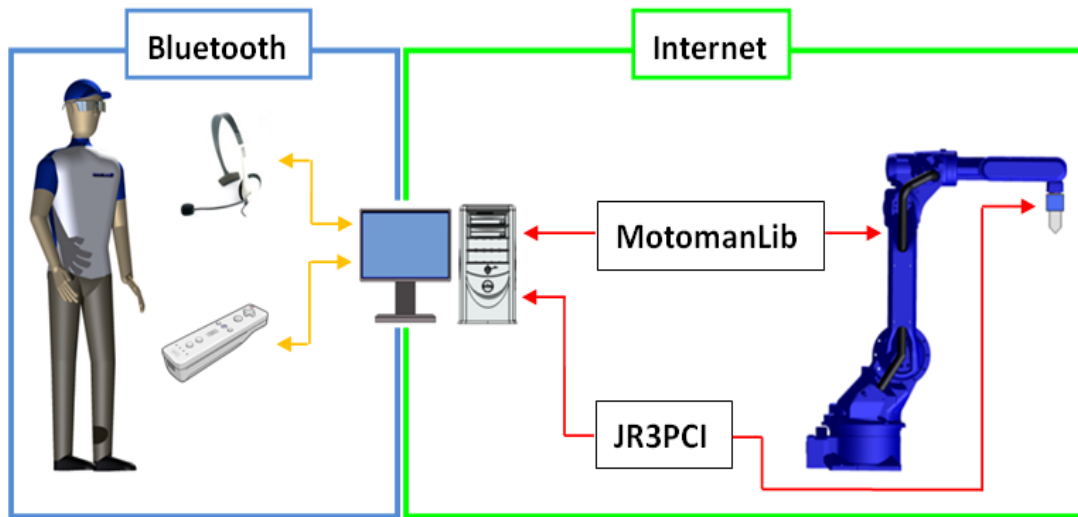
The screenshot displays the RAPID service generator interface, which is divided into three main panels:

- Rapid Program:** This panel contains the source code for the service. It starts with a version and language declaration, followed by a module definition for `ABBIRC5Picker`. The code includes several variables, a `PROC PickAll` function, and a `WHILE` loop that handles the picking process. At the bottom, there are buttons for `Open Module`, `Save Module`, `Open Module FTP`, and `Generate`.
- Service Contract:** This panel shows the XML representation of the service contract. It includes a `<specVersion>` section with major and minor versions, and an `<actionList>` section defining the `PickAll` action with its arguments and direction. Below the XML, there is a tree view showing the structure of the service, including `ABBIRC5`, `ABBIRC5Picker`, `Actions`, `PickAll`, `State Variables`, `FinishedPick`, and `arg_PickAll_positions`.
- Communications module (TCP/IP):** This panel shows the code for the communications module, which includes a `PROC main` function that initializes the service and connects to the `FinishedPick` event. It also includes a `SocketClose` function. At the bottom, there are buttons for `Stop UPnP`, `Upload Robot Program`, and `Disconnect Controller`.

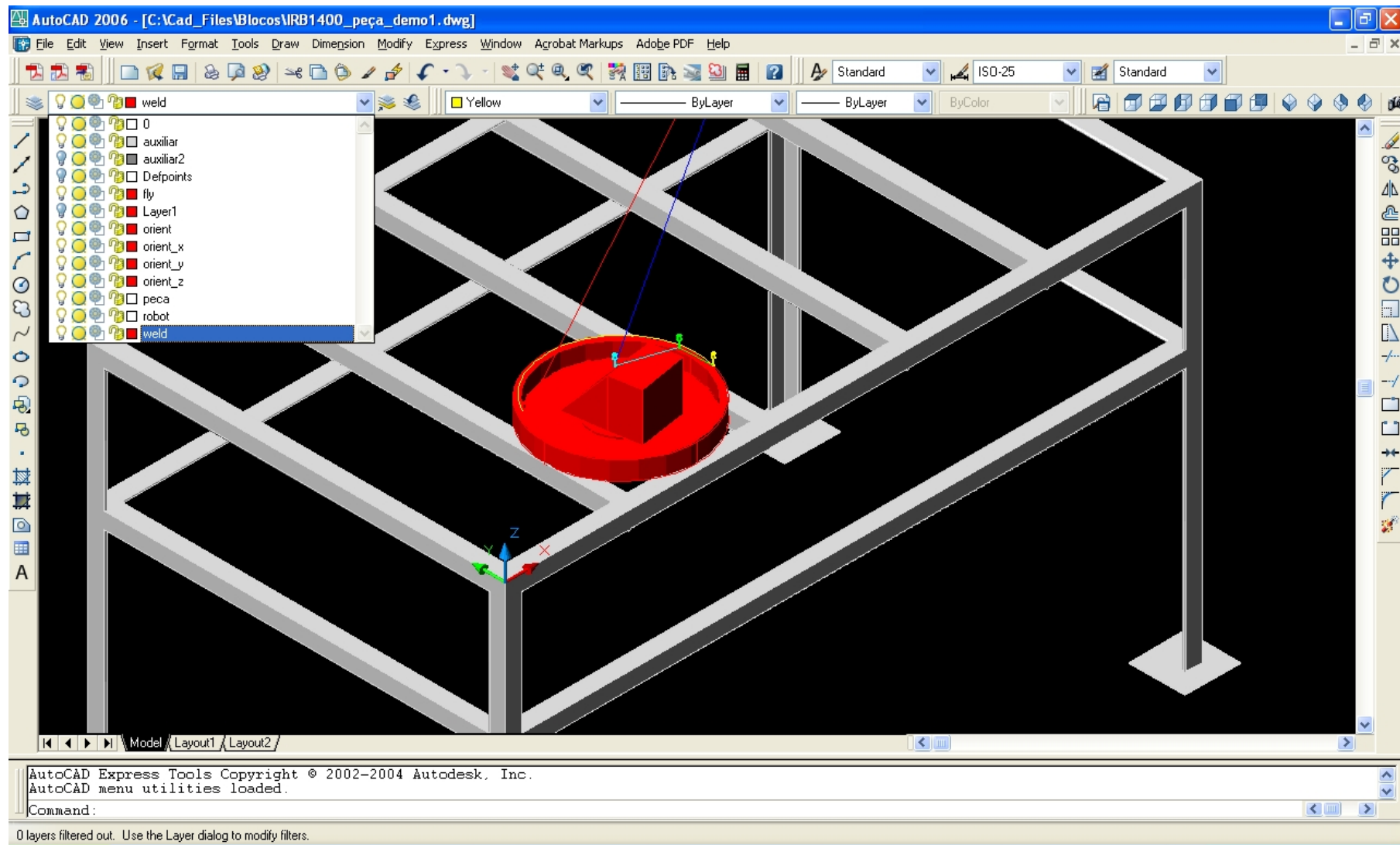
At the bottom of the interface, there is a **UPnP Event Log** showing the status of the service, including `Running...`, `Received Data:0`, `Connected...`, `Socket Server initialization.Motors On...Ok`, `Program Start.....Ok`, `Starting SOA Server...Ok`, `Running...`, `Connected...`, and `Received Data:0`.

RAPID service generator

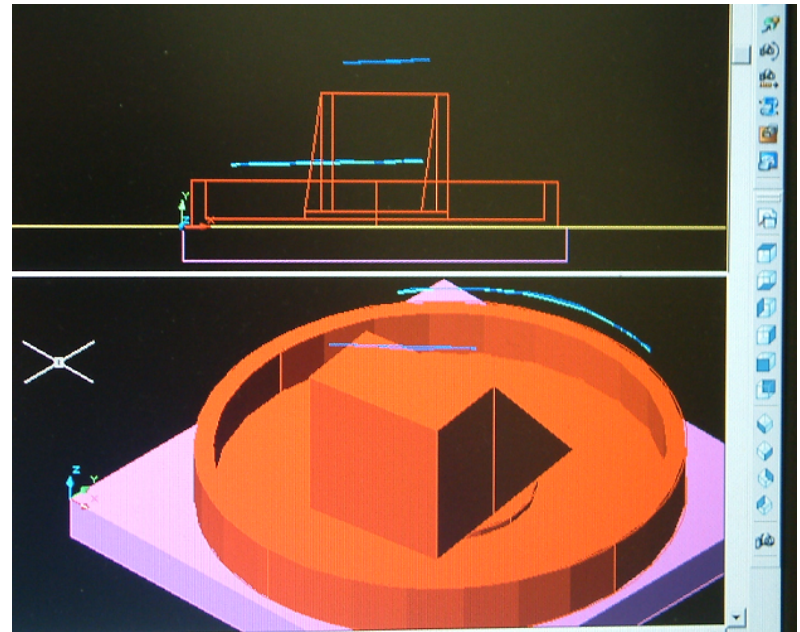
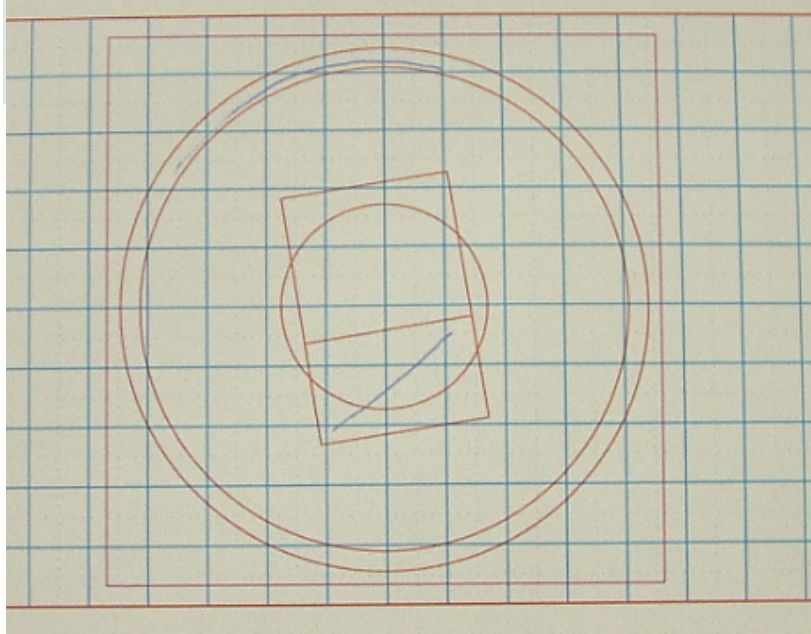
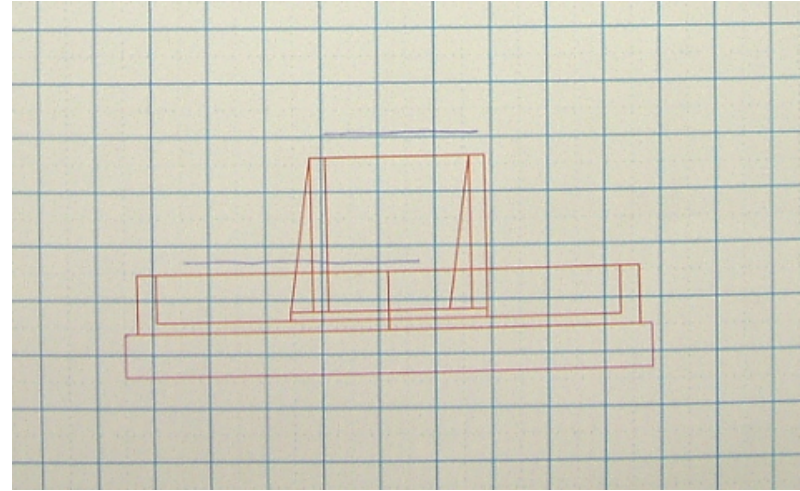
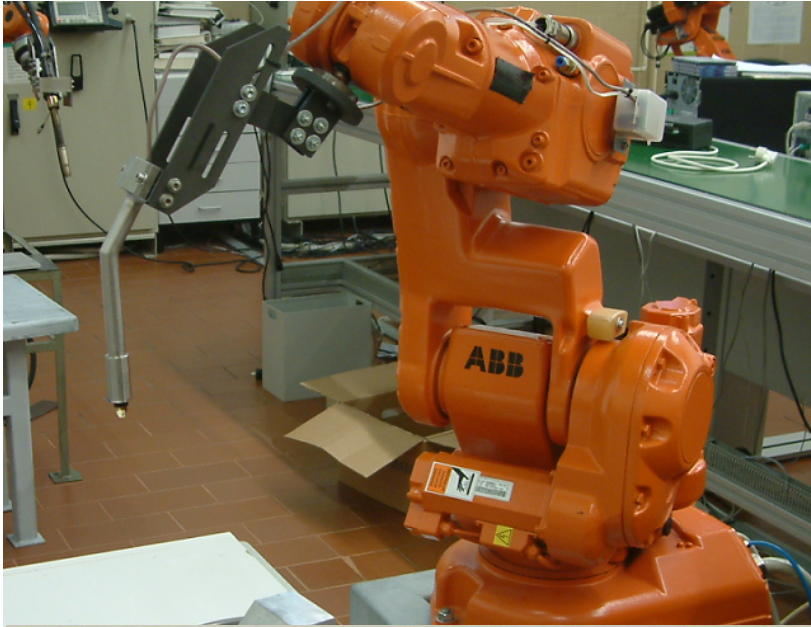
devices that capture gestures



devices for programming



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The perspective here is the *coworker scenario*.

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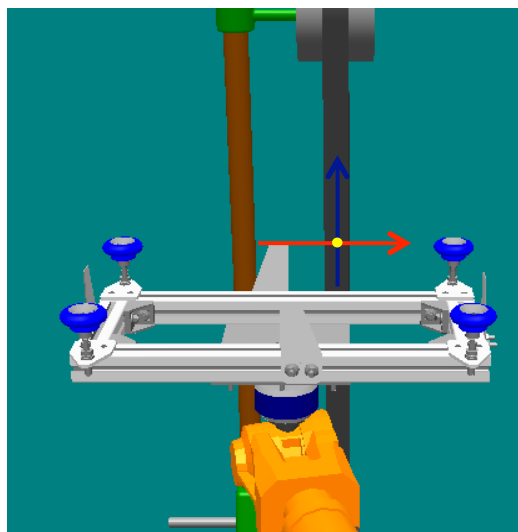
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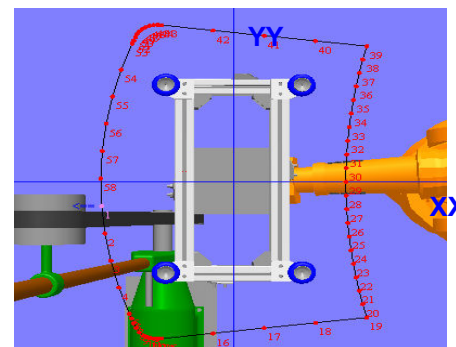
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Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships



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books & papers

conclusions & long term challenges

- human-machine interfaces: simpler, natural and human-like
- human-machine cooperation: coworker, hyperflexible, cognitive

- plug-and-play
- plug-and-produce
- modular design
- less expensive

agility

stronger, flexible and
easier automation

- simple and natural way of programming

teamwork

real cooperative work,
the robot as a human
coworker

better jobs

Makes manufacturing
more attractive for
humans

flexibility

agility

think & produce

instruct a robot in a way
similar to the way we
“instruct” other humans

- more software
- less hardware
- more intelligence



Human-Machine Interface devices for robotic manufacturing cells

- from the *coworker* to the *cognitive factory* scenario

file - <http://robotics.dem.uc.pt/norberto/appHMI.pdf>

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