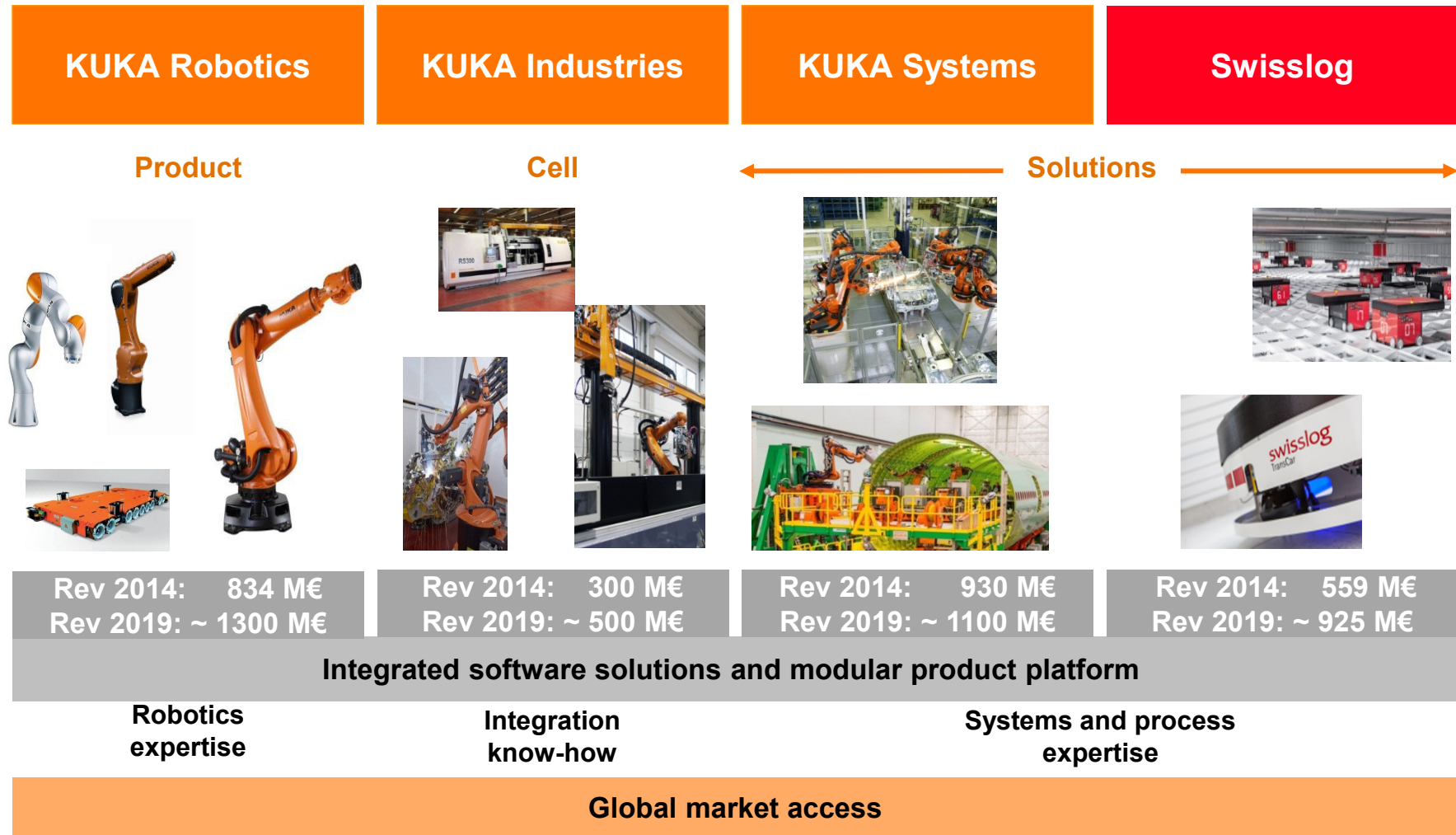
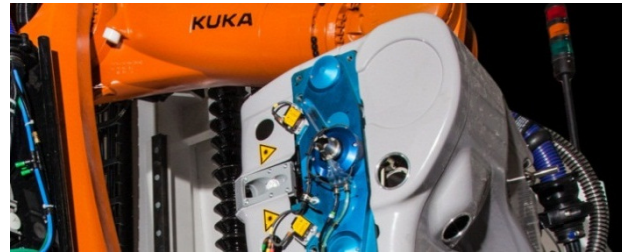


KUKA





■ **Aerospace**

- Devices and equipment for structural components
- Automated solutions for various process steps
- Technology bricks as Drilling & Fastening, Sealing, Painting, etc.

■ **Automotive**

- Body Structures
- Bonding Technology
- Assembly & Test
- Production Operations

■ **Advanced Technology Solutions**

- System solutions based on LBR iiwa
- Location-flexible process stations with human-robot collaboration





▪ **Robots**

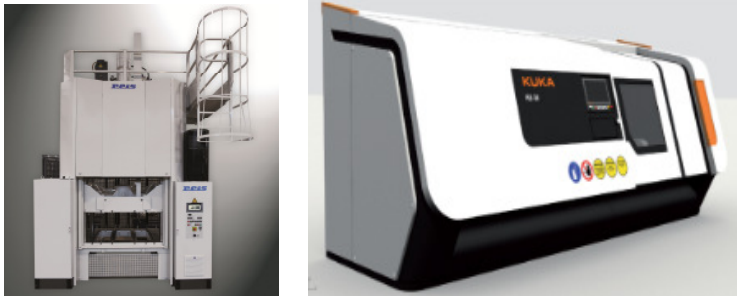
- Small robots
- Small payloads
- Medium payloads
- High payloads
- Heavy duty
- Special models
- Sensitive robotics with the LBR iiwa

▪ **Software**

- Controls
- Application modules
- Customer Service

▪ **Omnimove**





▪ **Arc & Laser Solutions**

- Welding cells and lines, arc and laser welding technologies and laser cutting

▪ **Casting Solutions**

- Production solutions for the casting industry with presses, cells and lines

▪ **Advanced Welding Solutions**

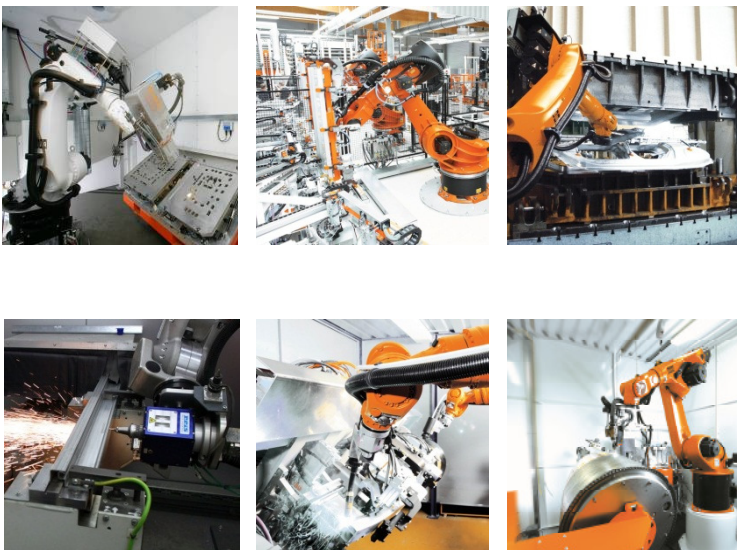
- Machines and robot-based solutions for friction and magnetarc welding joints

▪ **Technology Solutions**

- Solutions for the manufacturing in the battery and solar industries

▪ **Customer Service und Technology Services**

- Service, spare parts and technology consulting





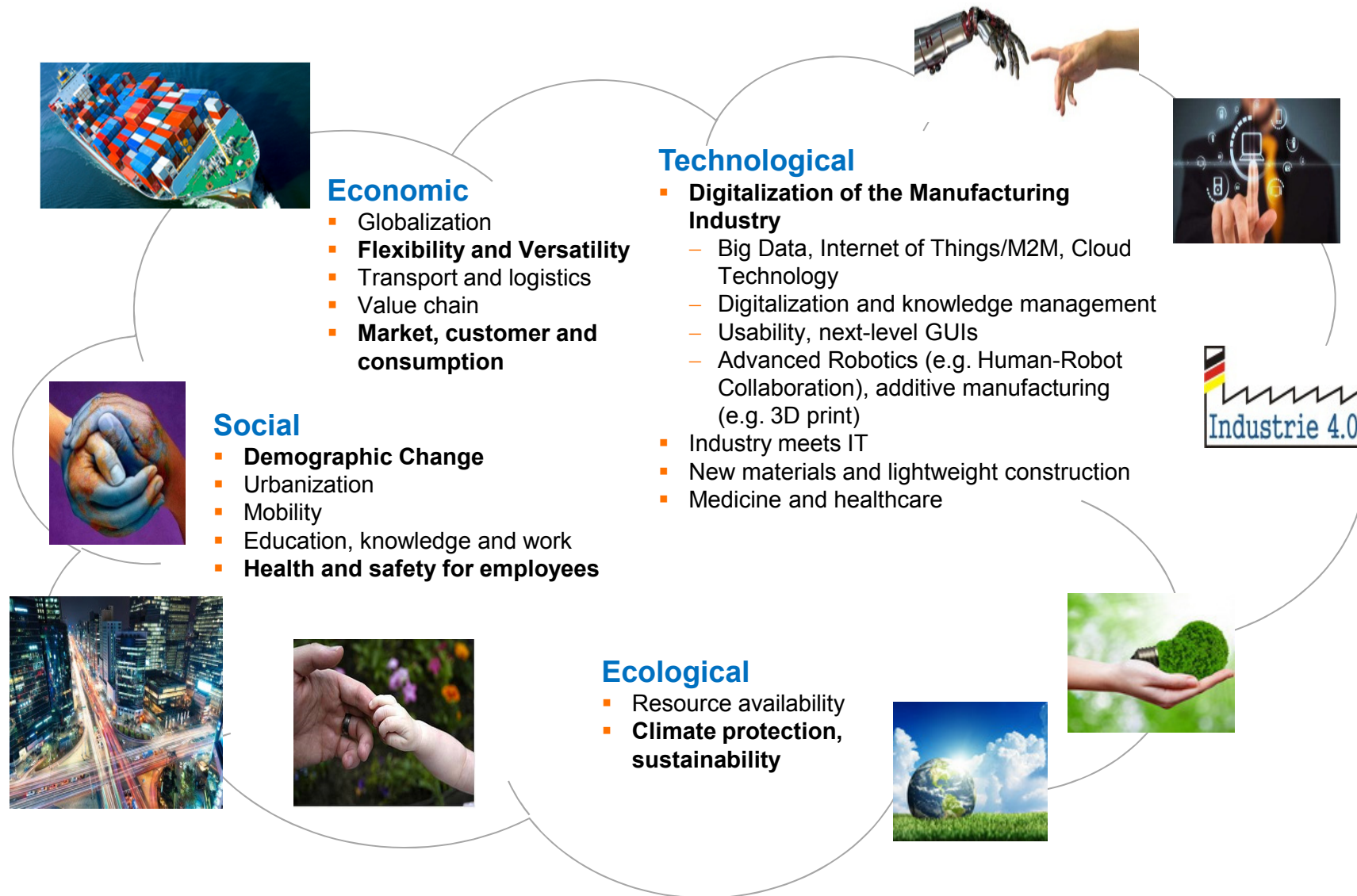
- **Warehouse & Distribution Solutions**
 - Storage and retrieval machines for pallet and small-part high-bay warehouses
 - Warehouse systems: from small parts to single items to pallets



- **Healthcare Solutions**
 - Automated material transport (hospital pneumatic tube system)
 - Driverless container transportation systems
 - Automated solutions for hospital pharmacies
 - Automation in patient care sector (medication management)

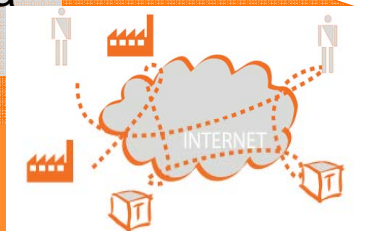






“Industry meets IT”

Connect components, systems and data of different systems with each other



Intelligent robot systems support humans in the factory of the future



Standardized Interfaces based on mainstream IT



Human in the Focus



Sensitive and safe robot-based automation solutions (LBR iiwa)



Robots enable humans to network in the digital world



1. **Human-Robot Collaboration**

- Demographic Change
- Versatile Production

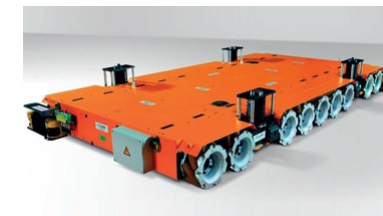


Smart Factory



3. **Mobility**

- Holistic Concept for Logistics & Production



2. **Intelligent control concepts enable the Connection to the IT- "Smart Platforms"**

- Digitalization of the Manufacturing Industry

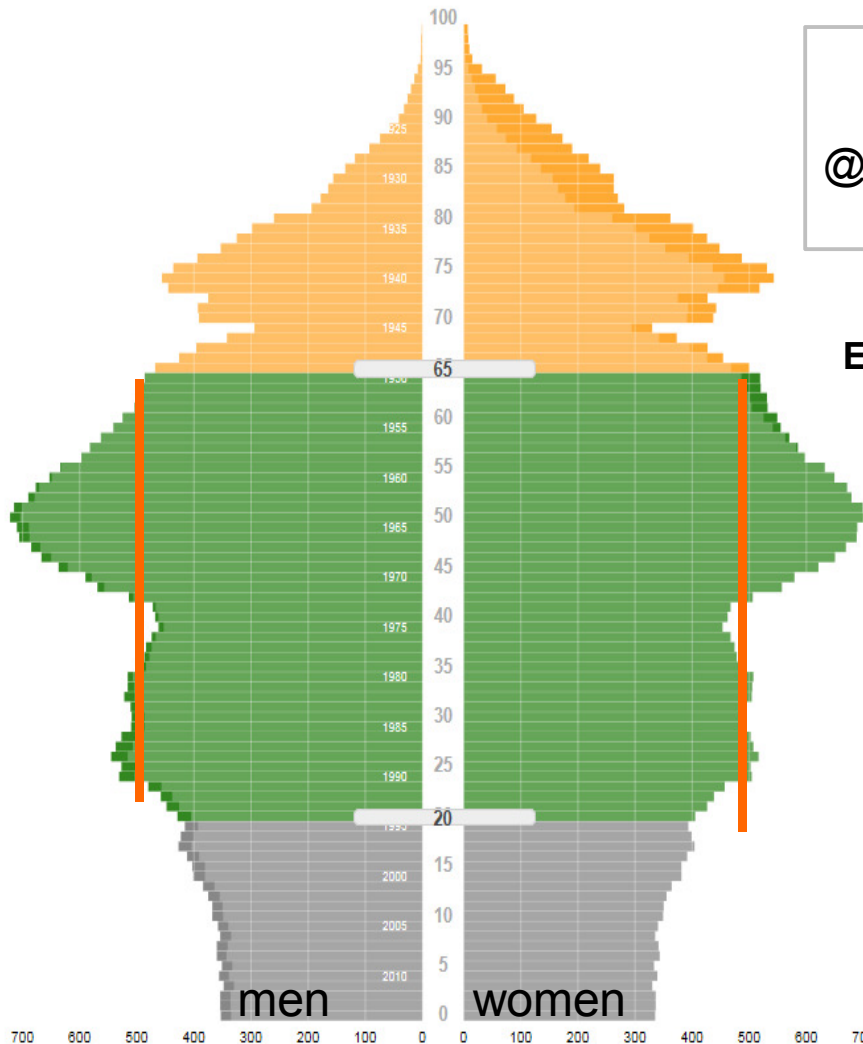


Social Change | Demographic Change leads to Changes in the Structure of Employment



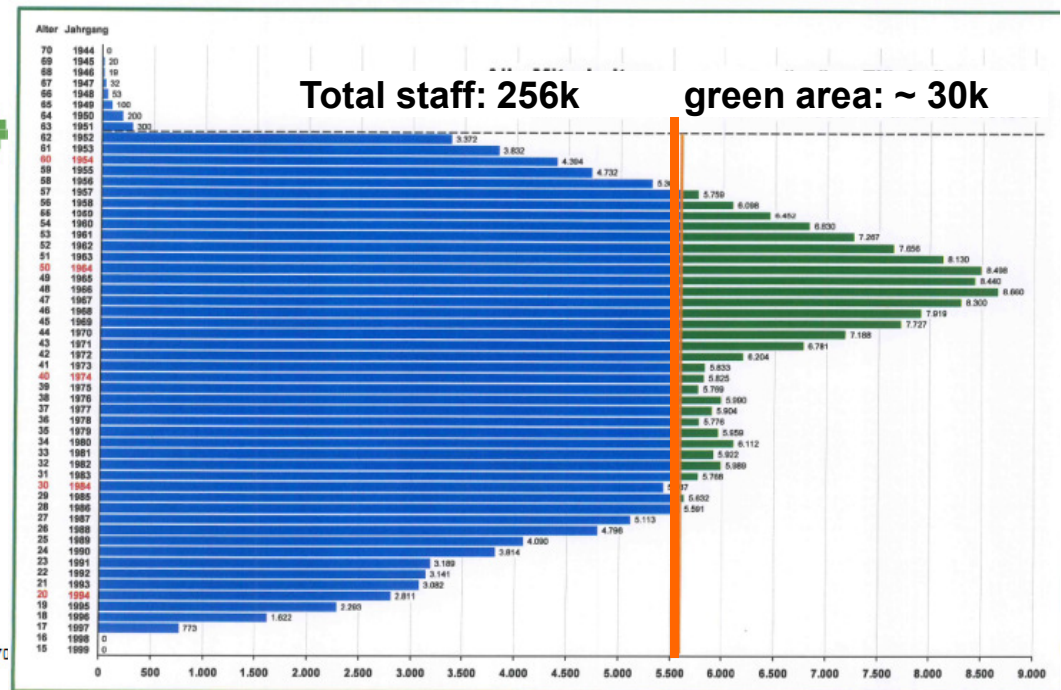
Average age of workforce in 2014: ~ 50 years

@ VW more than 30k people will retire in the next 10 years and cannot easily be replaced

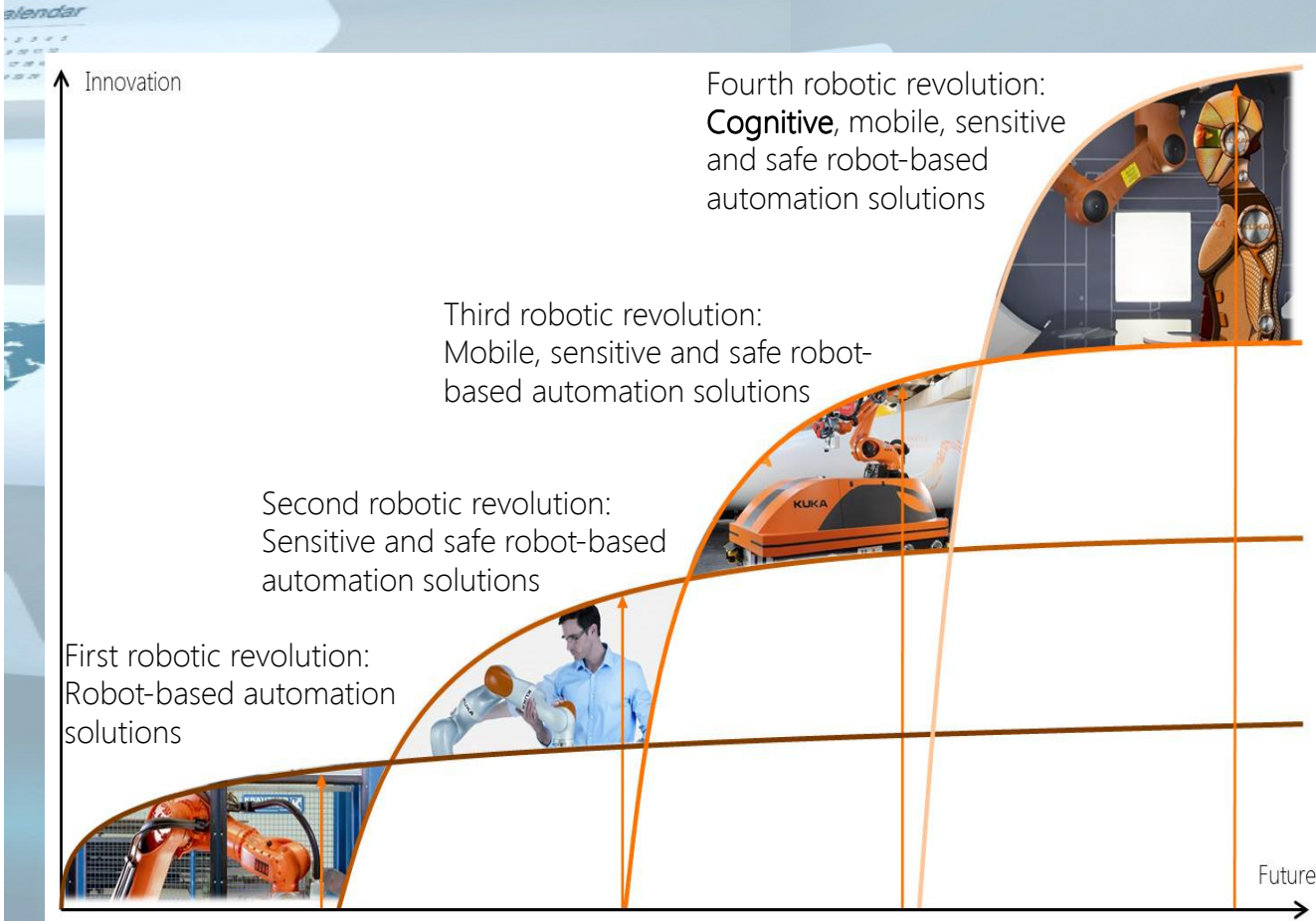


Age structure Germany 2014

Example: Age structure VW Germany, total staff 2014



Generation R – Dealing with Robots is just as natural as dealing with Smartphones for us today



1.





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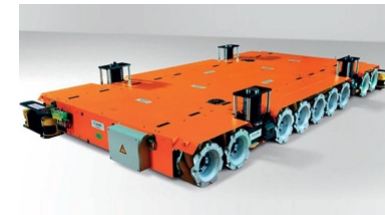


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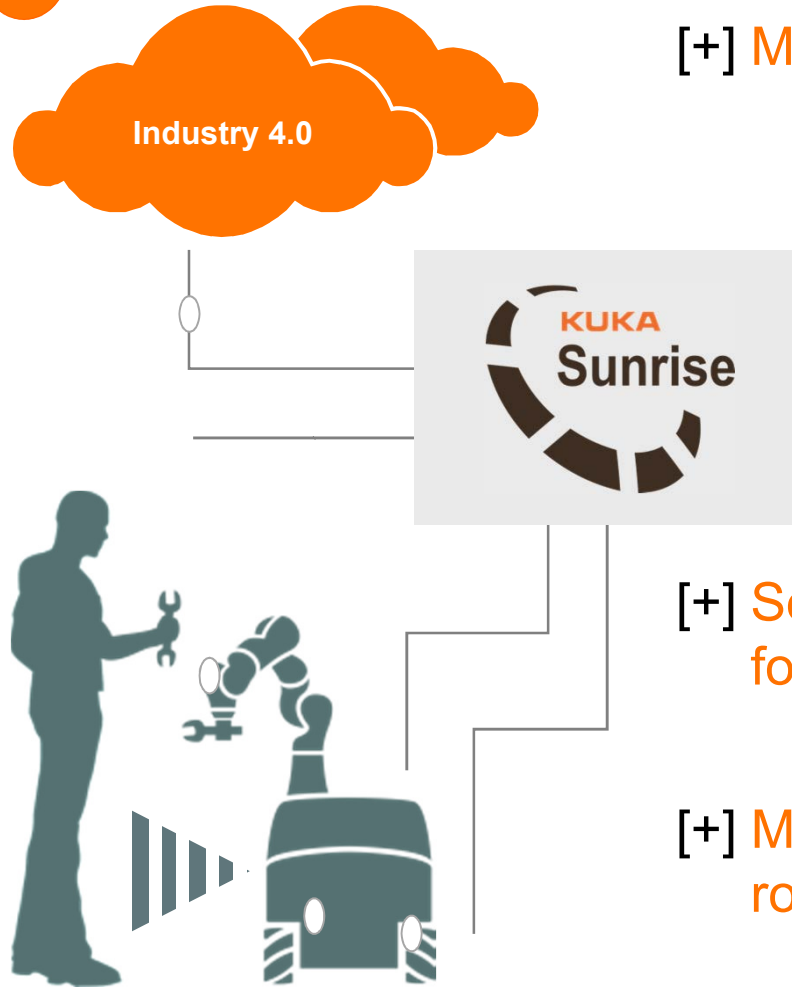


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[+] Mainstream IT & standardized Interfaces

[+] Human-Robot Collaboration

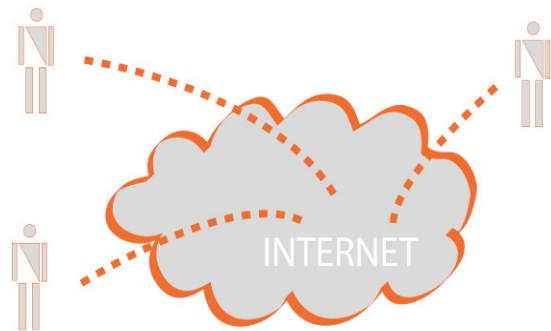
[+] Flexible automation with mobile and autonomous robots

[+] Sensor-based applications for Smart Solutions

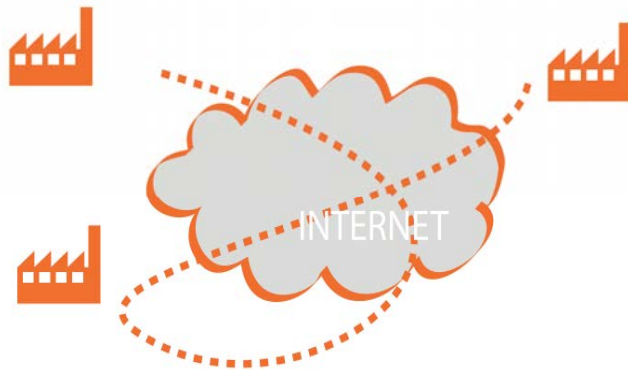
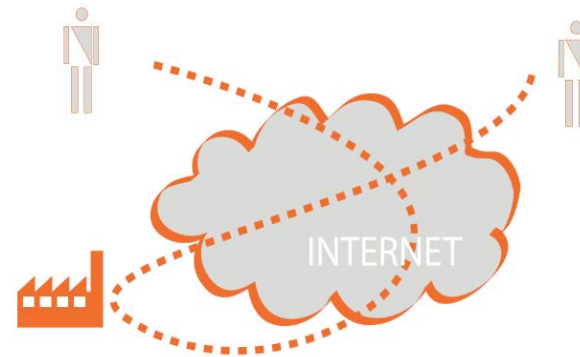
[+] Multi-kinematics for robot systems



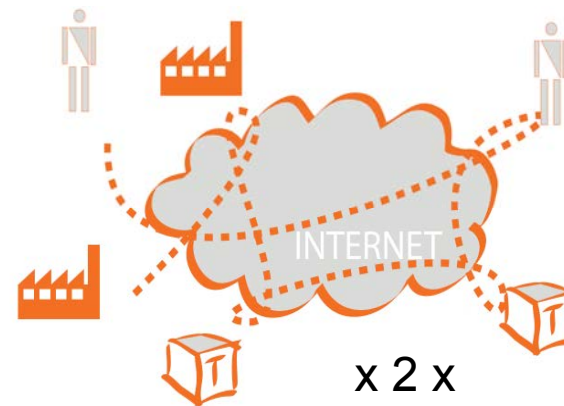
Human 2 Human



Human 2 Machine



Machine 2 Machine



→ Leads to new Eco Systems



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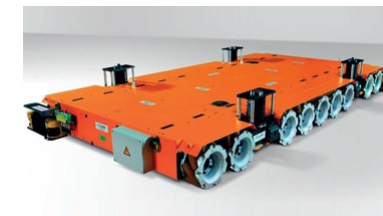


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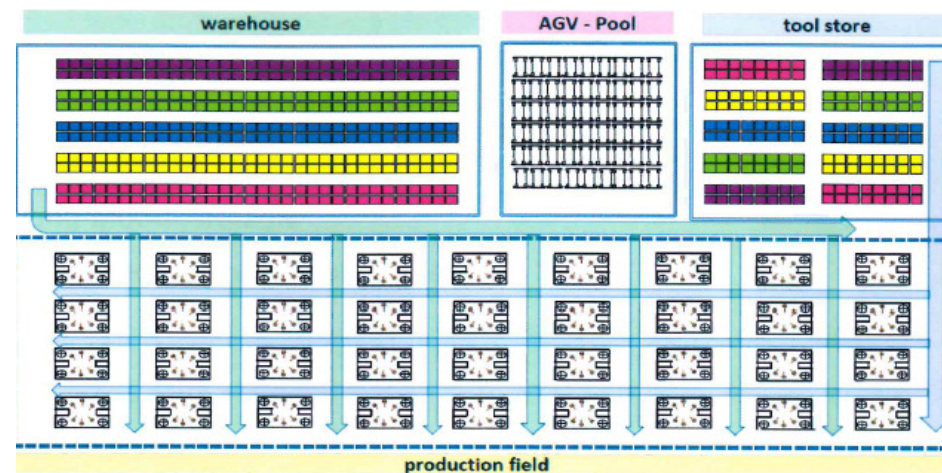
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3.

- Transformation of logistics know-how from warehousing and distribution to production logistics
- Gripping and handling concepts with the LBR iiwa
- Warehouse systems are completely independent of the order size
- Bottlenecks are reported automatically, projection based on empirical data
- Intelligent combination of automation and logistics know-how for an integrated production solution
- Flexible and versatile equipment for material handling



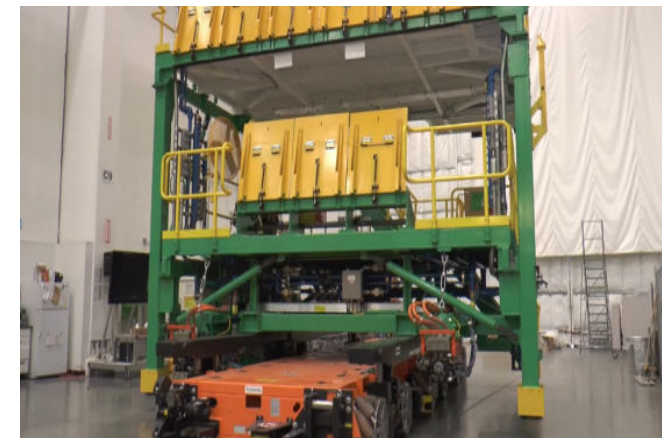


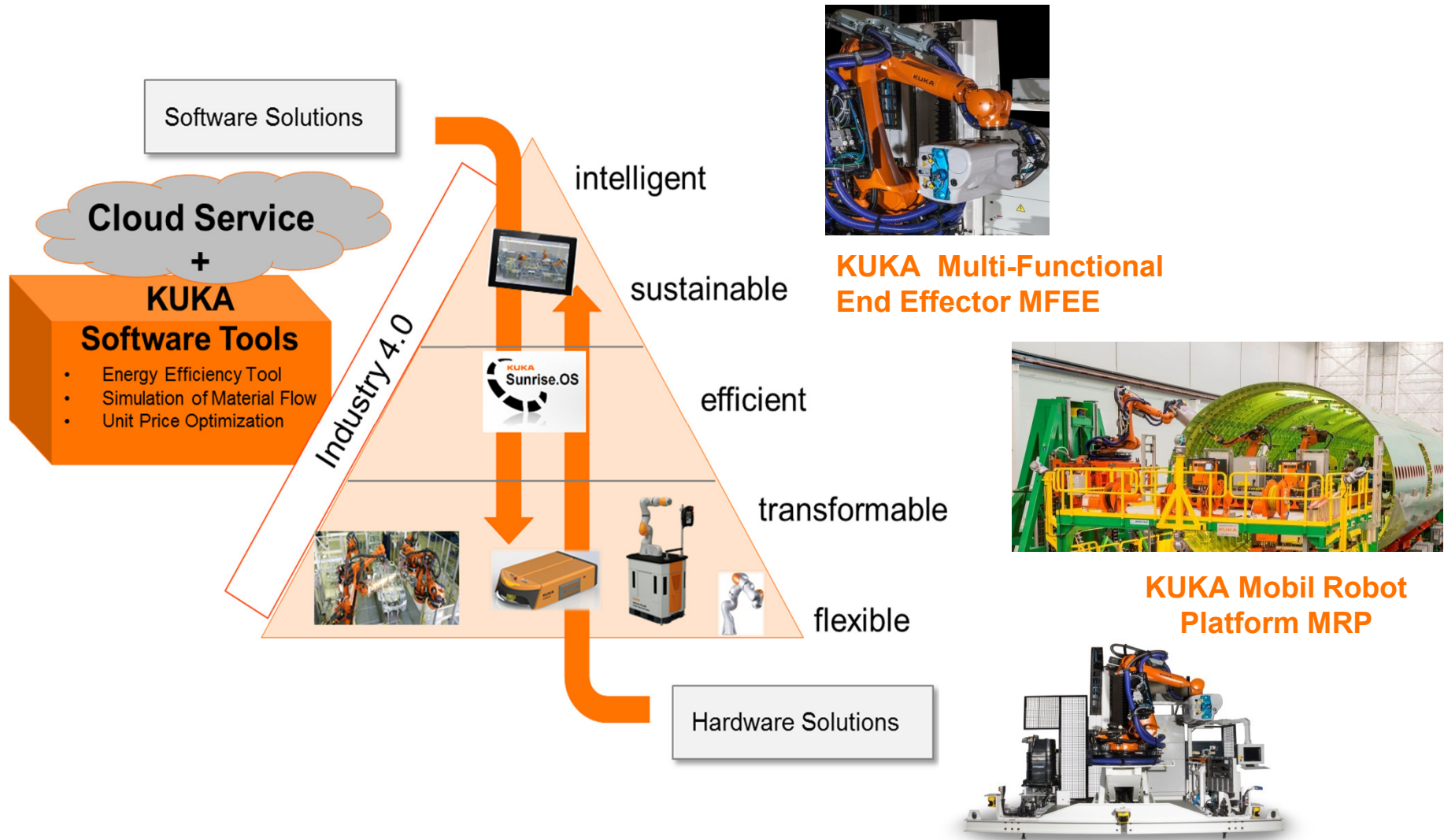
Smart Factory in Aerospace | Versatile & flexible Production and Handling Systems

KUKA



- Smart combination of Automatization and Logistics for handling and production
- Versatile and flexible equipment leads to a flexible and scalable production
- Re-usable assets → MFEE (Multi Functional End Effector, MRP Mobile Robotic Platform, Omnimove)







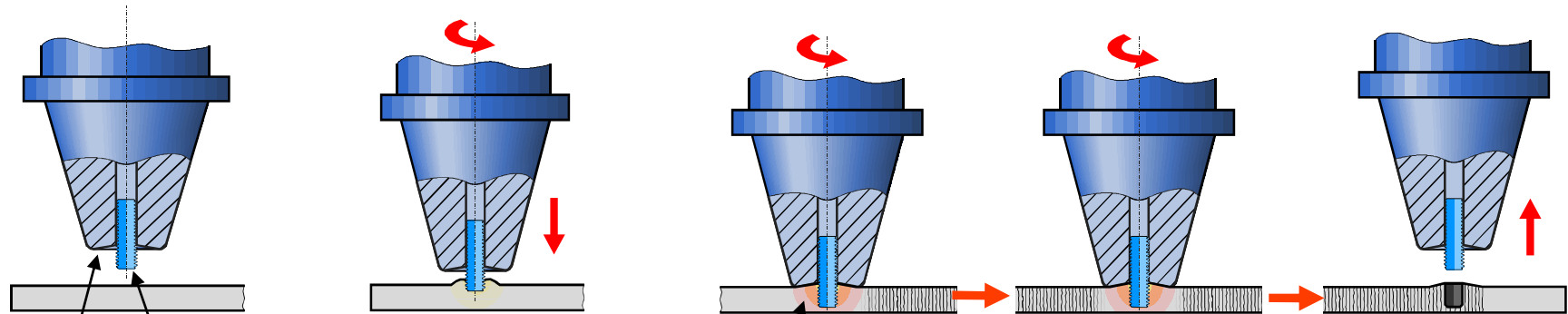
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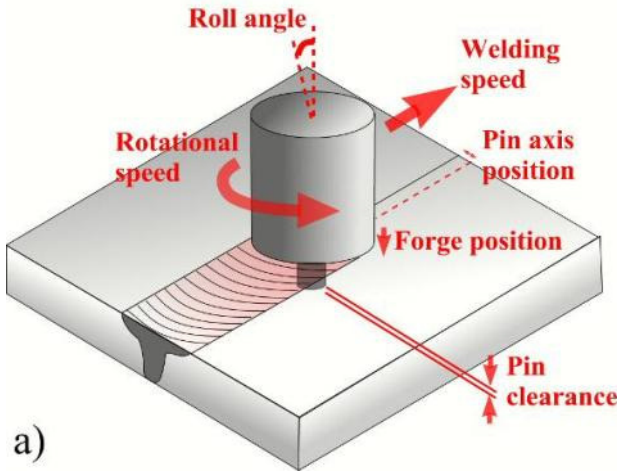
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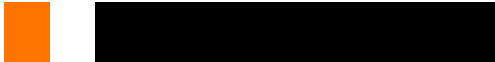
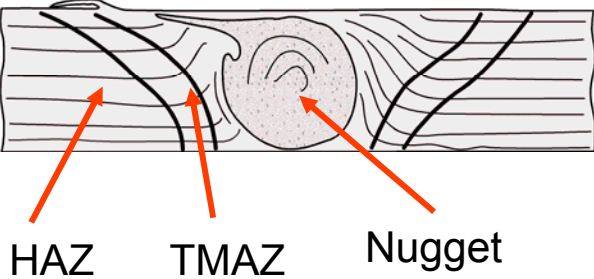
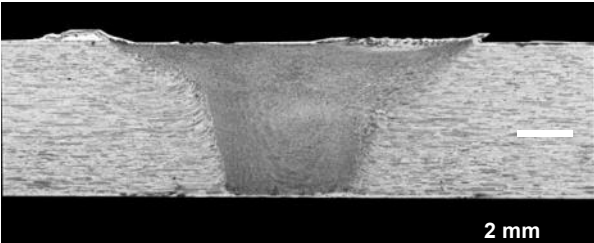
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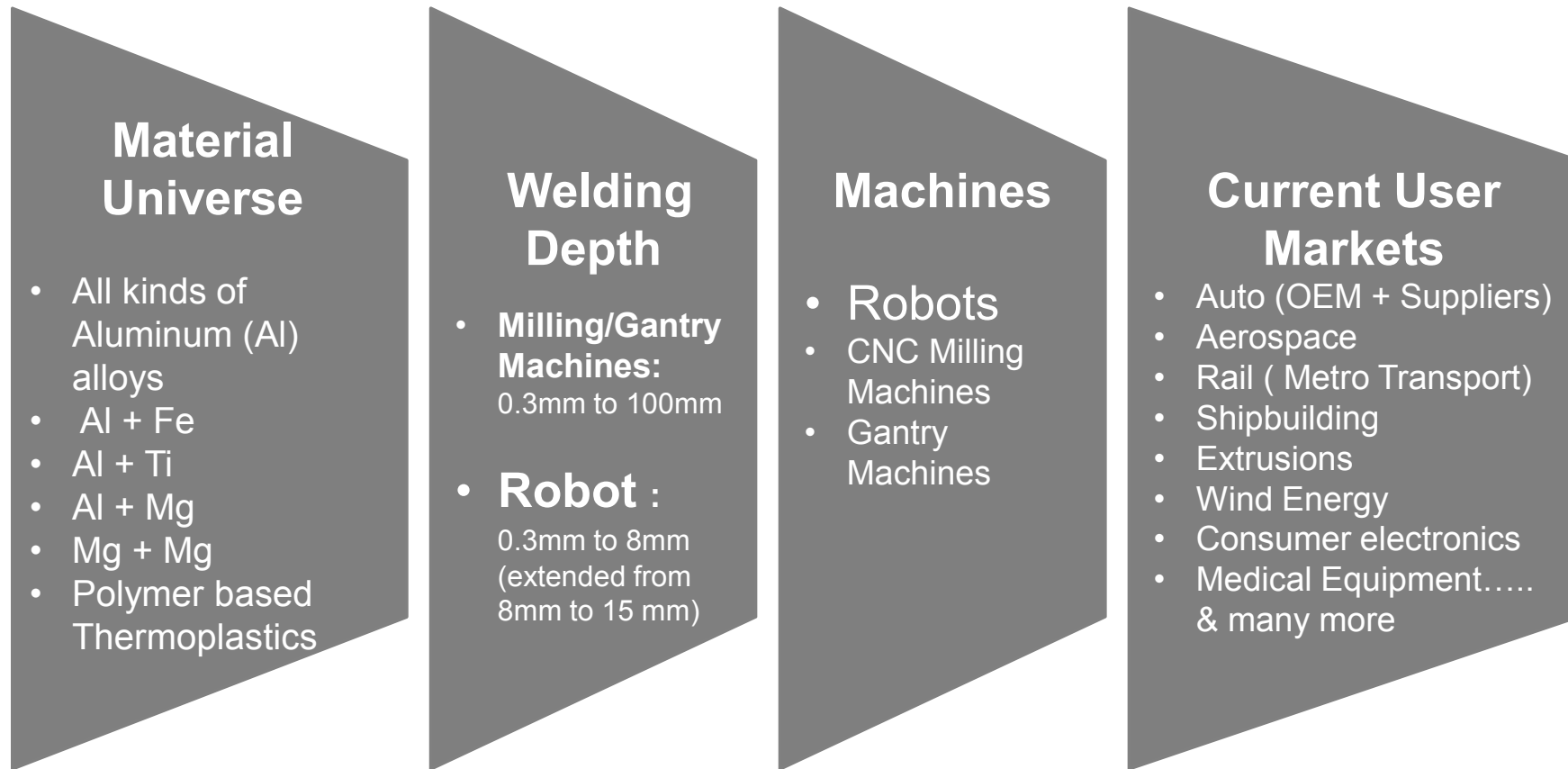
source: iw b , TU Munich



friction heat is generated



FSW Technology Landscape



source: Airbus-IW



Introduction – FSW Application



welding of fuselage of the Eclipse 500 Business Jet



structural component of the McLaren 12 C
(source: McLaren)



structural component of the Panoz Esperante
(source: Friction Stir Link)



Introduction – Application fields

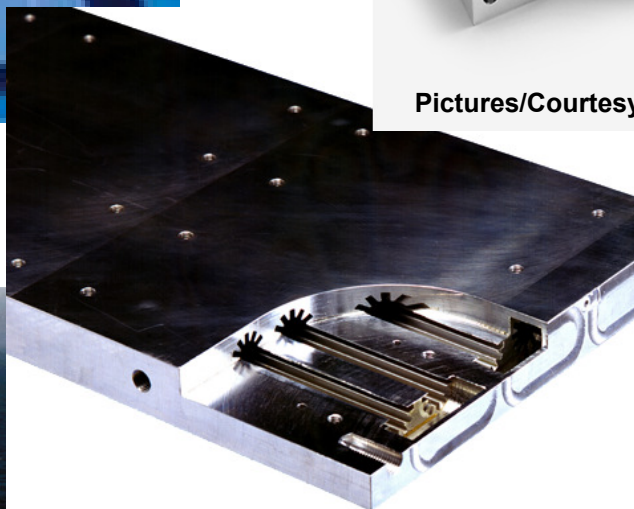


Pictures/Courtesy: sapa:



shipbuilding

(HSC Gotland Ferry)
(source: Internet)



Electronic components manufacturing



railway manufacturing

Shinkansen
(source: Internet-Hitachi)





Relevant machines for FSW

German Engineering. Since 1898.

KUKA. The key figures.

KUKA YOUR IDEAS.

Sustainability. An integral feature of our corporate culture.

KUKA. Diversity & flexibility.



Different machine concepts suitable for FSW

Special FSW machines



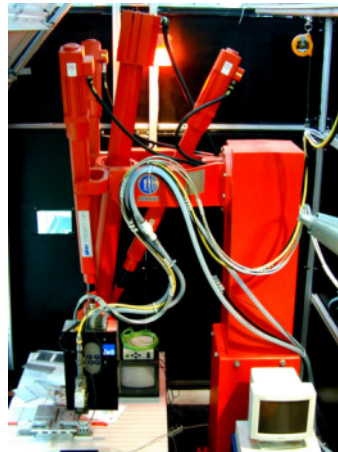
source: ESAB

CNC milling machines



source: Heller

Parallelkinematic Systems (Tripods, Hexapods)



source: Airbus-IW/KUKA

Articulated arm robots



Comparison

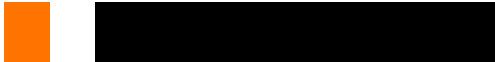
| | FSW machine | milling machine | parallel-kinematics | articulated arm robot | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| control | | | | | |
| stiffness | | | | | ← Solved; force control |
| space requirement | | | | | |
| working area | | | | | |
| 3D-capability | | | | | |
| welding depth | | | | | ← Limitation ^{1*)} |
| invest | | | | | |

advantageous
 balanced
 less advantageous

source: iw b , TU Munich



1*) → Articulated arm robots represent a flexible tool, which are suited for FSW on thin profiles (testet from 0,3 mm to 8 mm Al alloy, 2xxx, 5xxx, 6xxx, 7xxx).

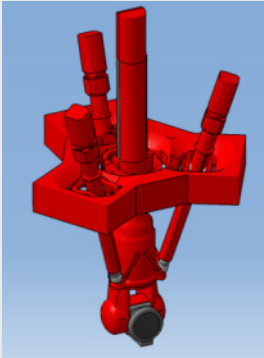


Available FSW Platforms



CAPITAL COST

Parallel Kinematic Machines



- Advantages**
- high payload & stiffness
 - accuracy
 - 3D-capability
- Limitations**
- cost
 - workspace

Gantry-Type FSW Machines

- Advantages**
- high payload & stiffness
 - accuracy
 - workspace
- Limitations**
- cost
 - non reconfigurable



Source: Eclipse Aviation

Modified Machining Centres



Source: MAKINO

- Advantages**
- low cost
 - high payload & stiffness
 - accuracy
- Limitations**
- workspace

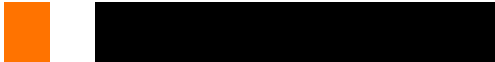
Serial Industrial Robots



- Advantages**
- low cost
 - payload
 - 3D-capability/workspace
 - reconfigurable
- Limitations**
- stiffness
 - low dynamics

source: CNRC

WORK ENVELOPE



Today
Heute



Innovation



Future
Zukunft



Source: ZLP Nord-Süd, DLR



History of RoboFSW



Start 2003 -> request from SAPA

2004 / July -> request from EADS

2005 / Feb -> Consortium

- Airbus, EADS
- iw, KUKA Roboter

2007-> order for electrical spindel
and new robot to CNRC Montreal
also to BMW

2008 -> finish Airbus project

2009 -> FSW robot to AUDI

2010 -> Eurocopter + LTH (casting)

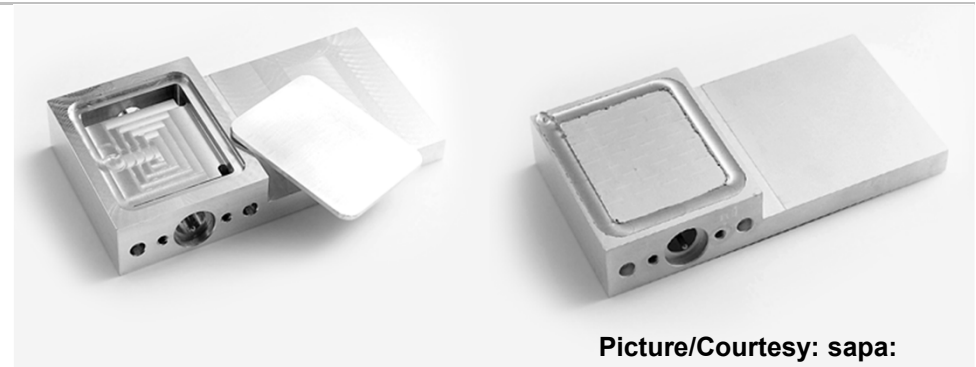
2011 -> electronic ind.

2012 -> electronic ind.

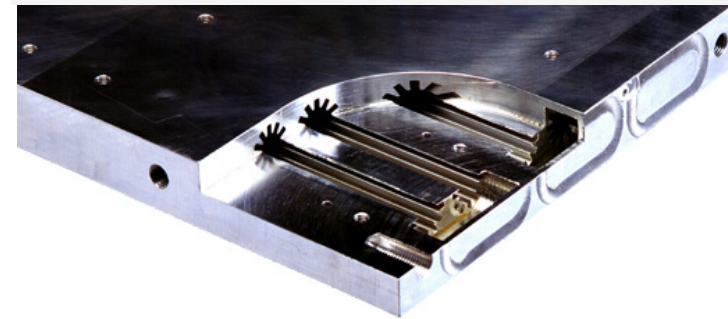
2013 -> automotive (Daimler)

2014 -> railway (Hitachi), aero (ShinMaywa)

2015 -> aero



Picture/Courtesy: sapa:



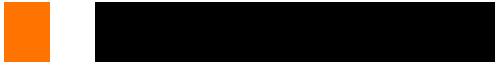
Picture/Courtesy: AIRBUS- IW



Capability of a high payload articulated arm robot



The „RoboFSW“ consortium for evaluation (2004)



Capability of a high payload articulated arm robot



Initial - classic FSW system (2004)

Robot

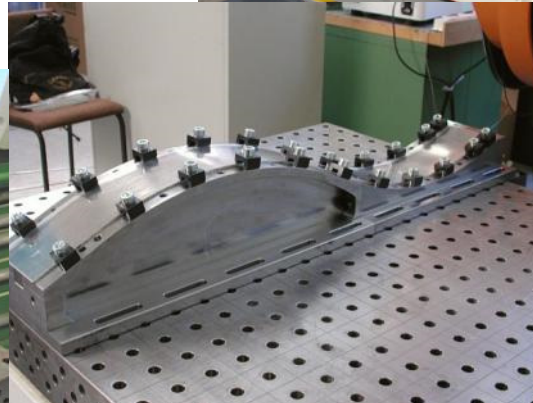
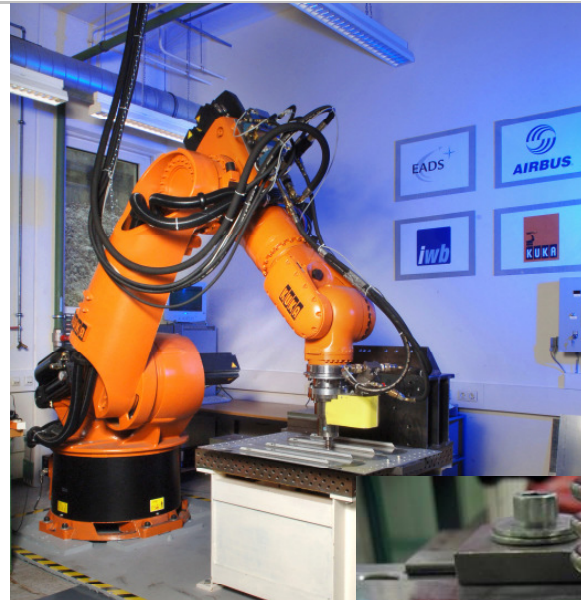
- KUKA KR500
- modified to realize higher process forces – KR 500MT

Welding head

- hydraulically driven
- rotation speed up to 2800 rpm

Process forces

- force sensor between flange and welding head
- process force controlled without any additional axes



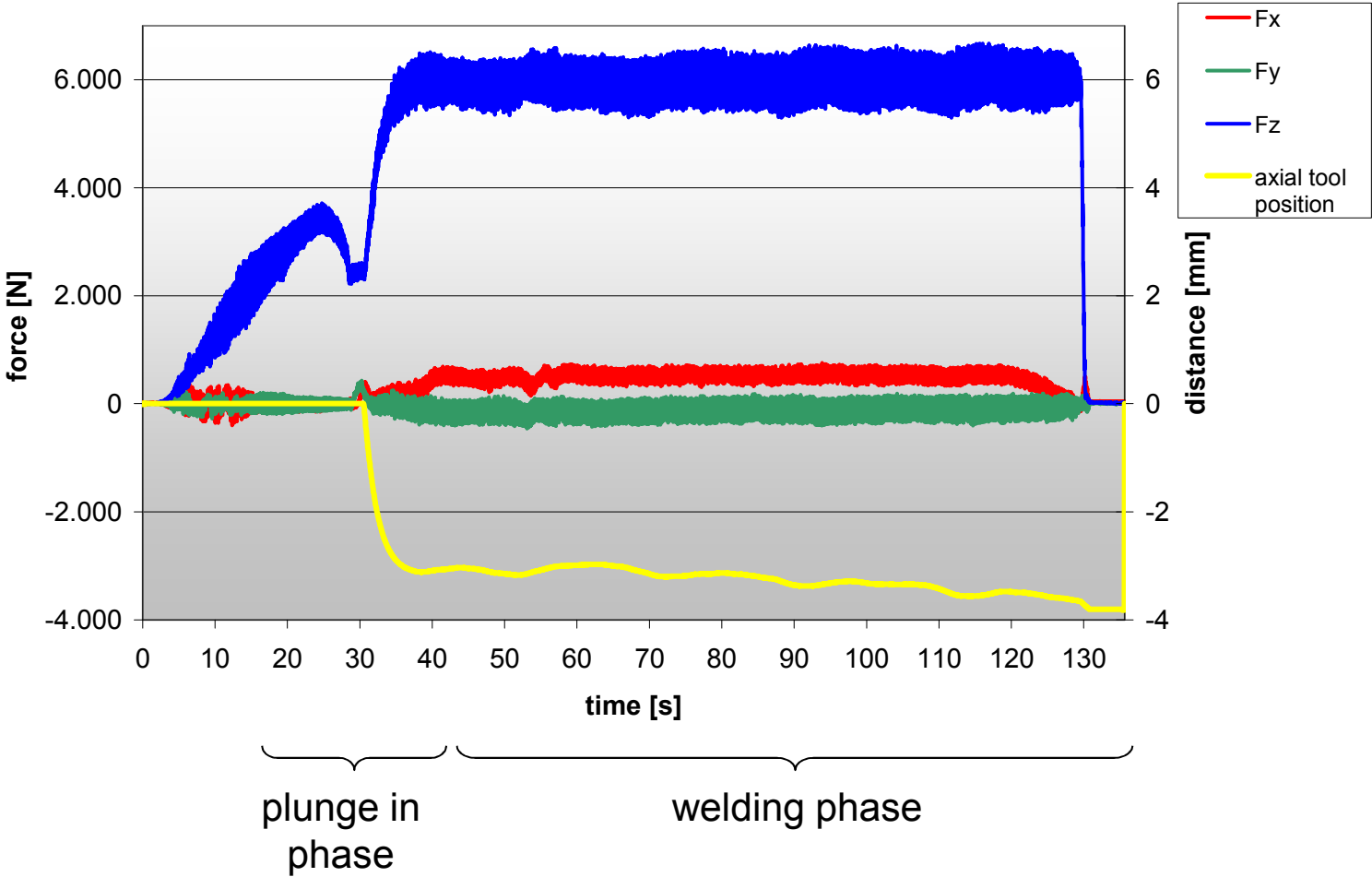
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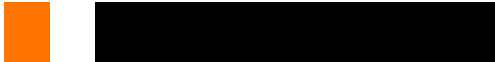
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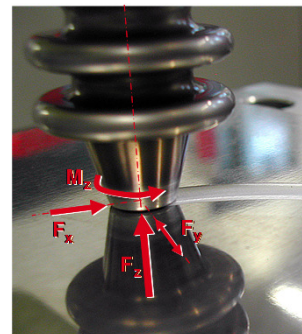
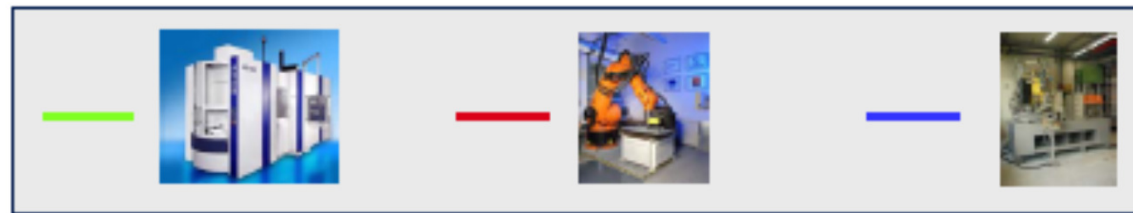
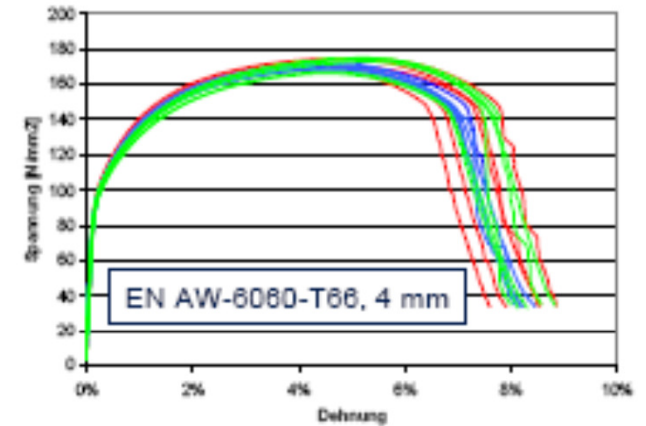
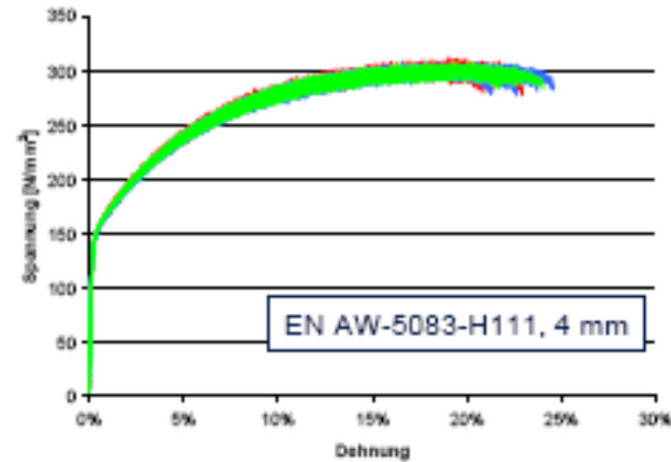
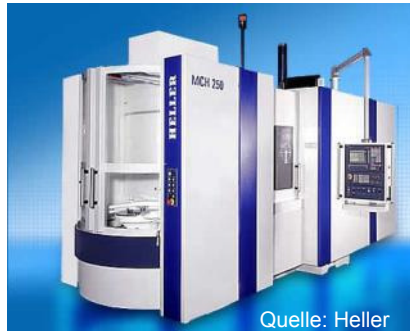
Force controlled welding mode without additional axes



source: iwb/Airbus - IW



Capability of a high payload articulated arm robot compared with other FSW Machines (Heller and ESAB)



Without Quality difference between the machines - Benchmark:

- modified milling machine
- KUKA articulated arm
- esab FSW laboratory machine

source: iw / Airbus-IW



Results - capability of the robot welds

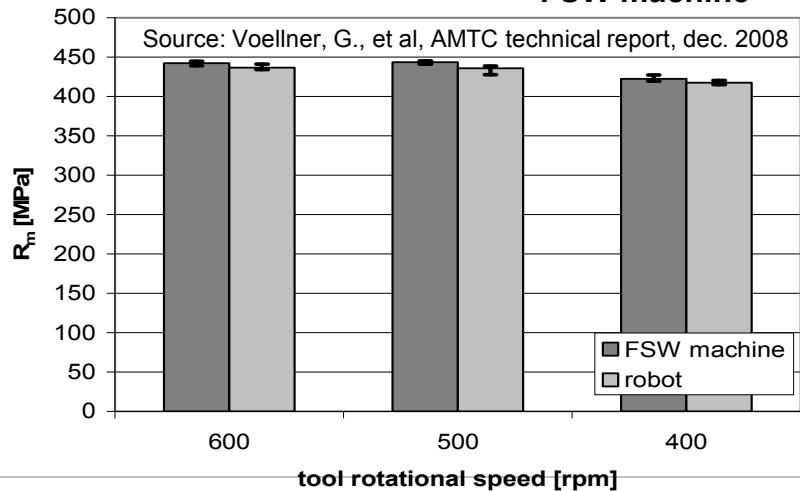
Properties of resulting Butt joints

2,3-mm 2024-T3 Butt weld



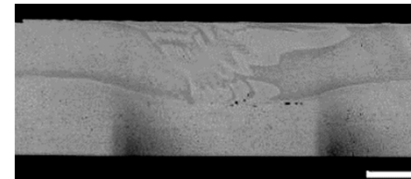
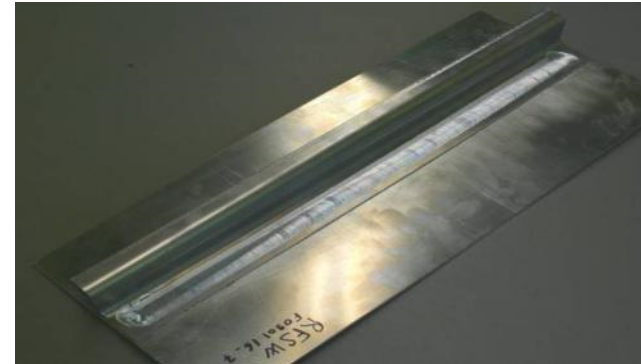
Robot

FSW machine



Properties of resulting Lap joints

1,6-mm 7075-T6 stringer on 2,3-mm 2024-T3 skin



Robot

FSW machine

- Equivalent cross sections were observed for Butt and Lap welds
- Good correlation between tensile properties of robotically-welded butt welds compared to FSW machine

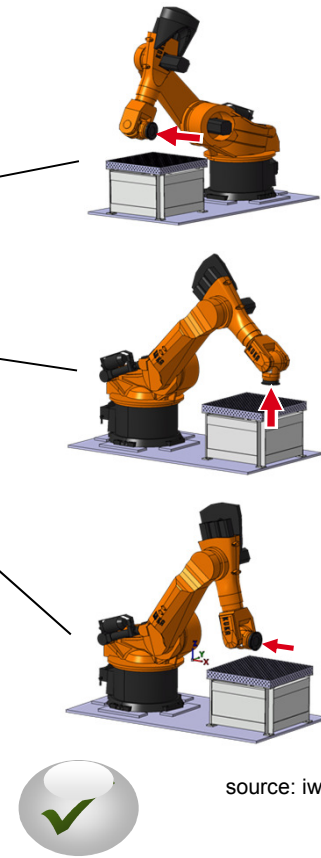
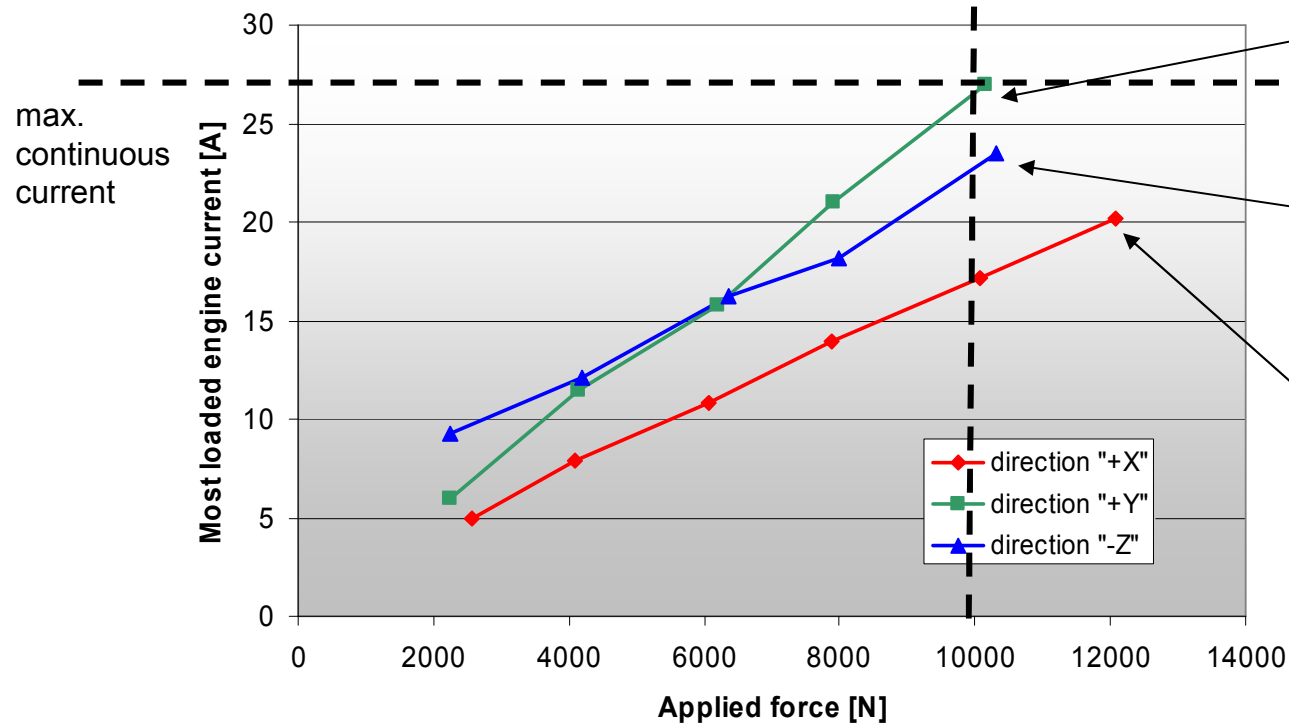
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Push button for more weld examples



Engine currents at different loads (most loaded engine, medium range)



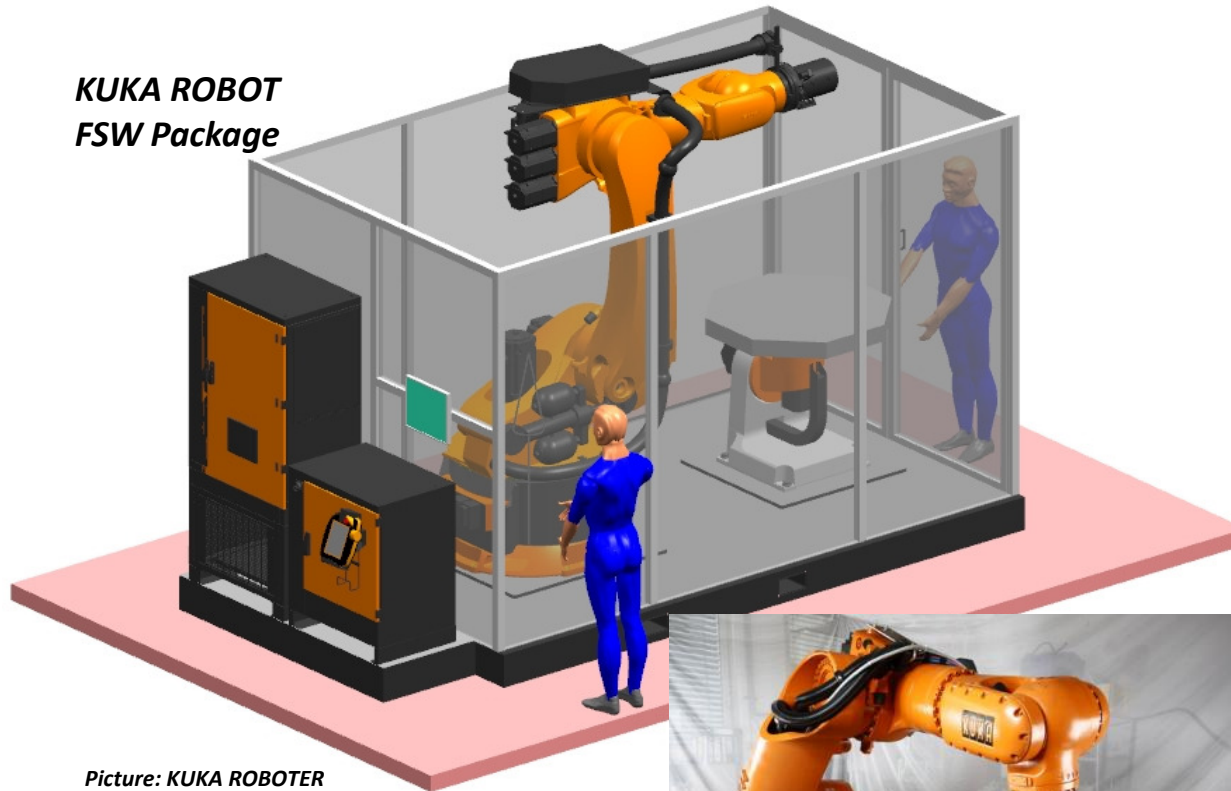
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→ **process forces of up to 10 kN can be achieved in every basic end-effector orientation** (in defined Positions of robot work room more Process forces; on request scalable up to 18 KN)



Actual classic FSW system package

KUKA ROBOT
FSW Package



Picture: KUKA ROBOTER

1. KUKA KR 500-3 MT
2. KUKA KRC4 8.2
3. Integrated spindle drive as 7th axis of the robot control cabinet KRC4
4. Spindle (~45Nm, 3500-5000 rpm)
5. Technology cabinet
 - Hydraulic unit
 - Spindle coolant unit
 - Safety PLC (Siemens ET200s F-CPU)
 - Interface for customer cell
6. Energy supply including K-Box



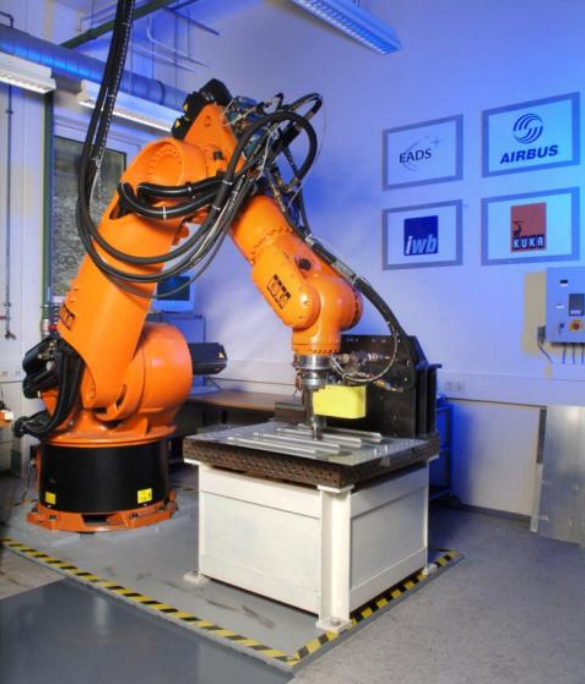
Development (→success)



Solution 2015



First robot solution 2004



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for the innovation:
Robot based FSW with DeltaN
with the




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