Introduction to PowerMill Robot in Subtractive Manufacturing

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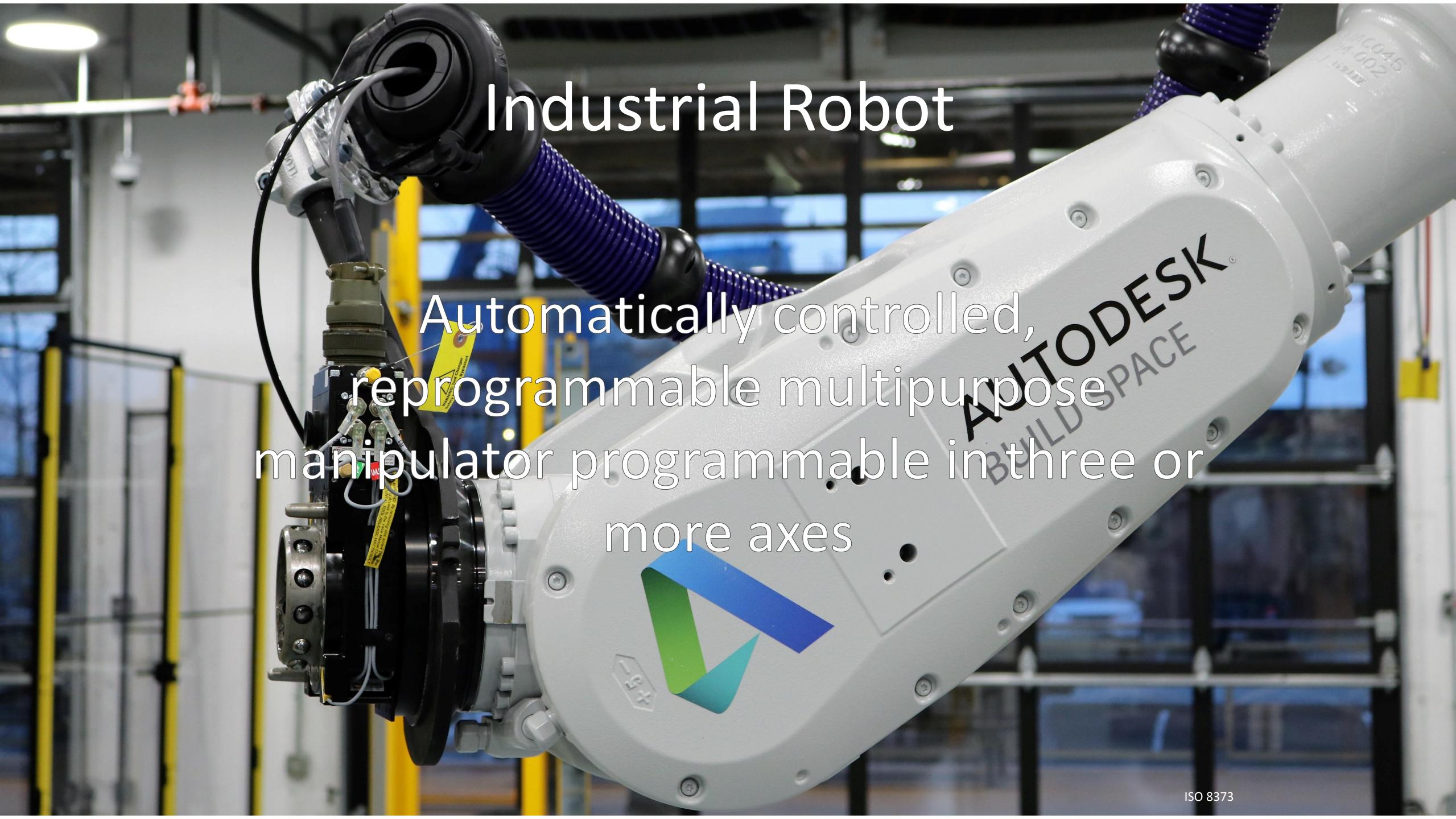
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Class Objectives

- Setting up a robot cell and positioning a part
- Creating basic toolpaths
- Simulating the toolpaths and checking for collisions
- Optimizing for safety and efficiency by applying constraints
- Posting Code



Industrial Robots Through The Years: 70s



Stanford Arm, 1974

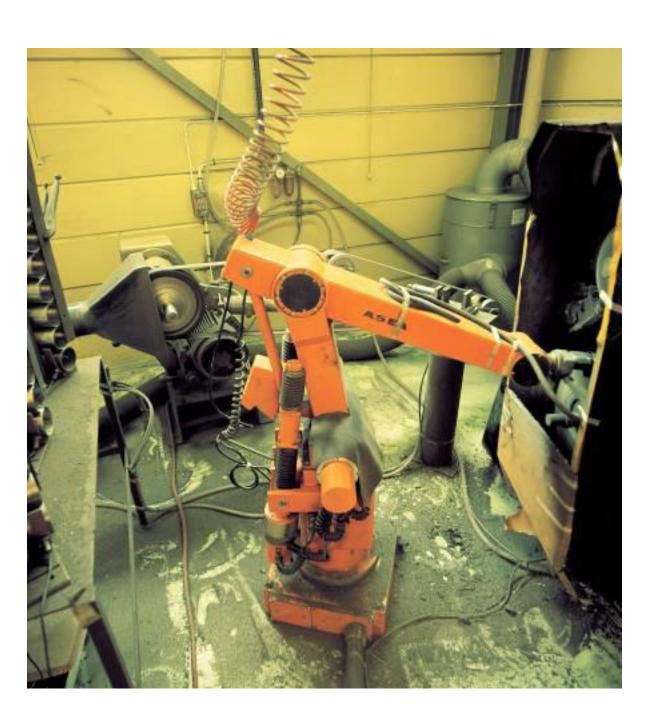


ABB IRB-6, 1976

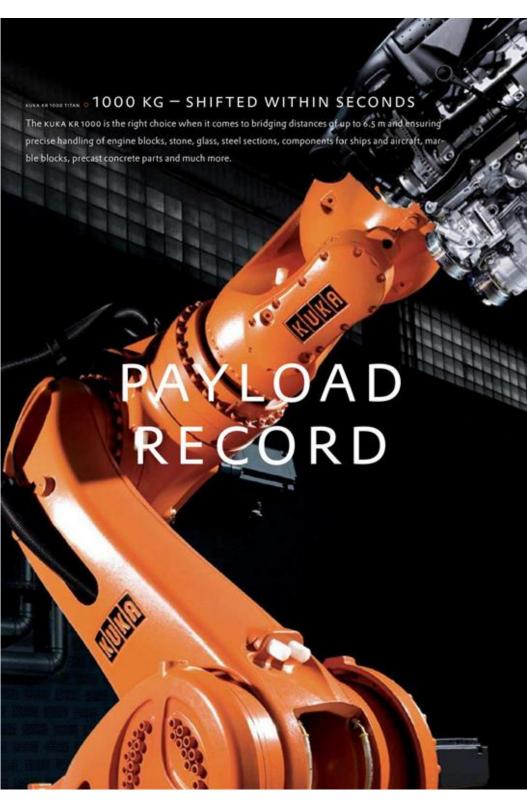


SCARA, 1978

Industrial Robots Through The Years: 90 – 00s



NX-100 Controller



KUKA KR-1000



COMAU Wireless Teach Pendandt

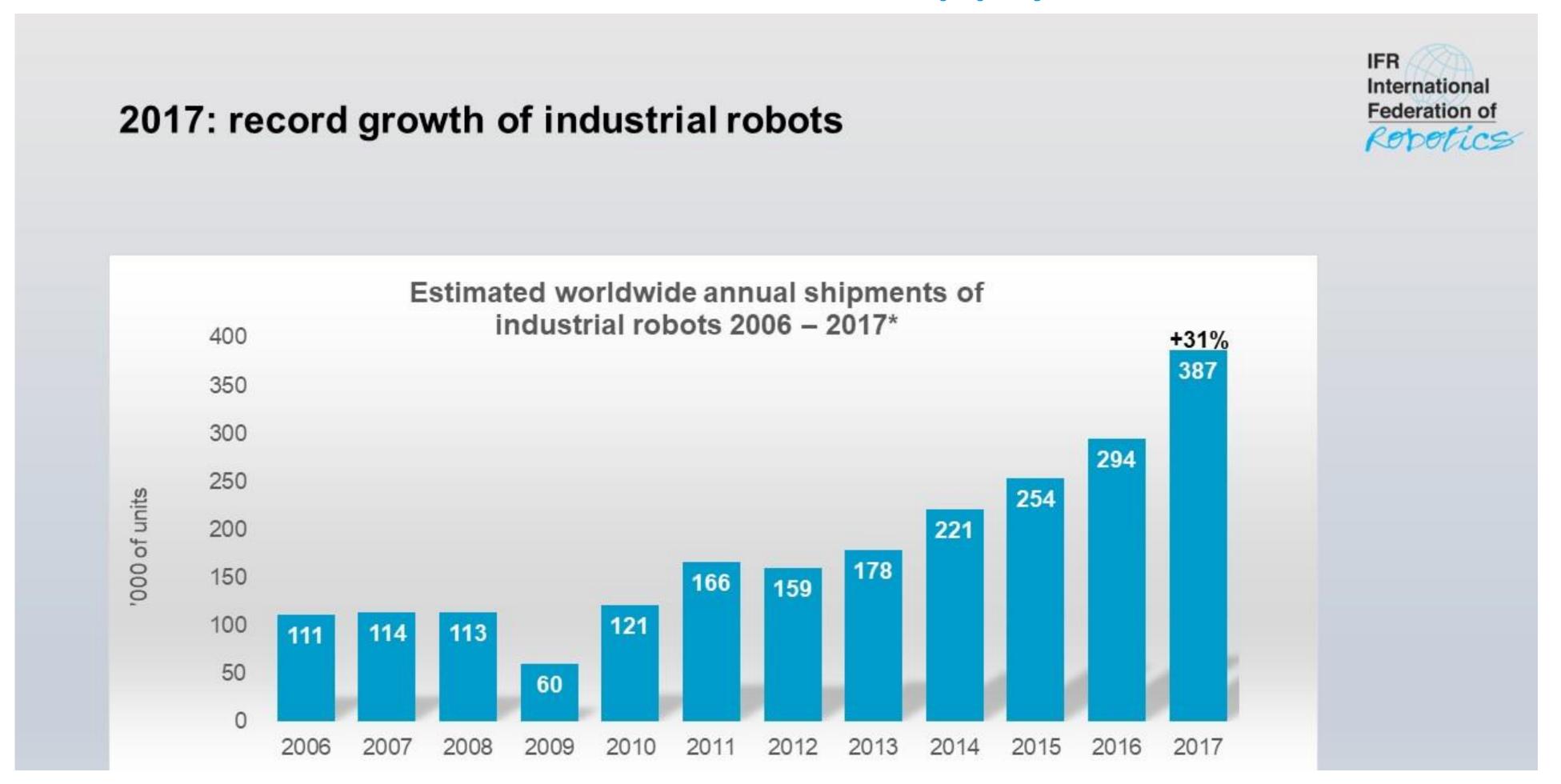
Industrial Robots Through The Years: Present Day







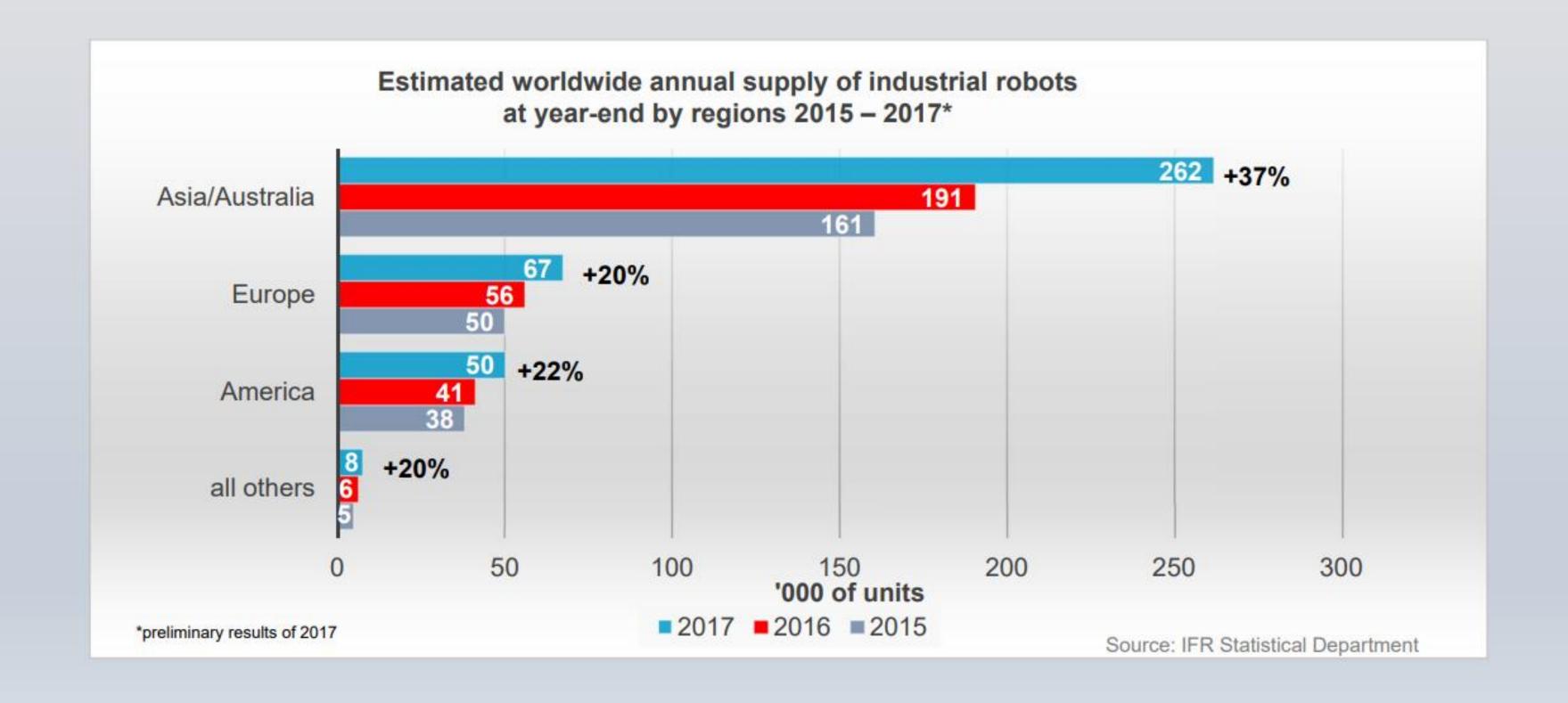
Industrial Robot Supply Trends



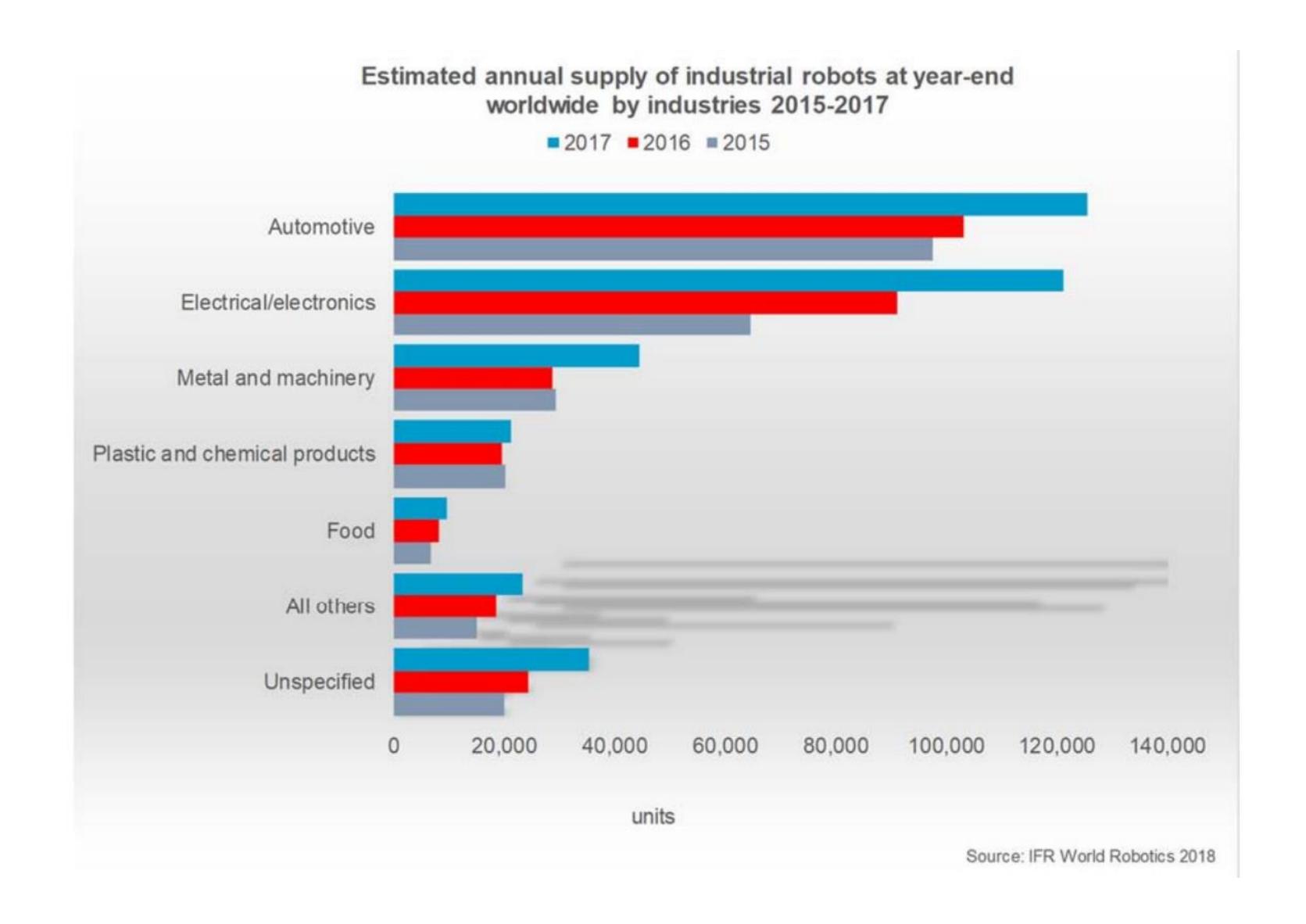
Industrial Robot Supply Trends By Region



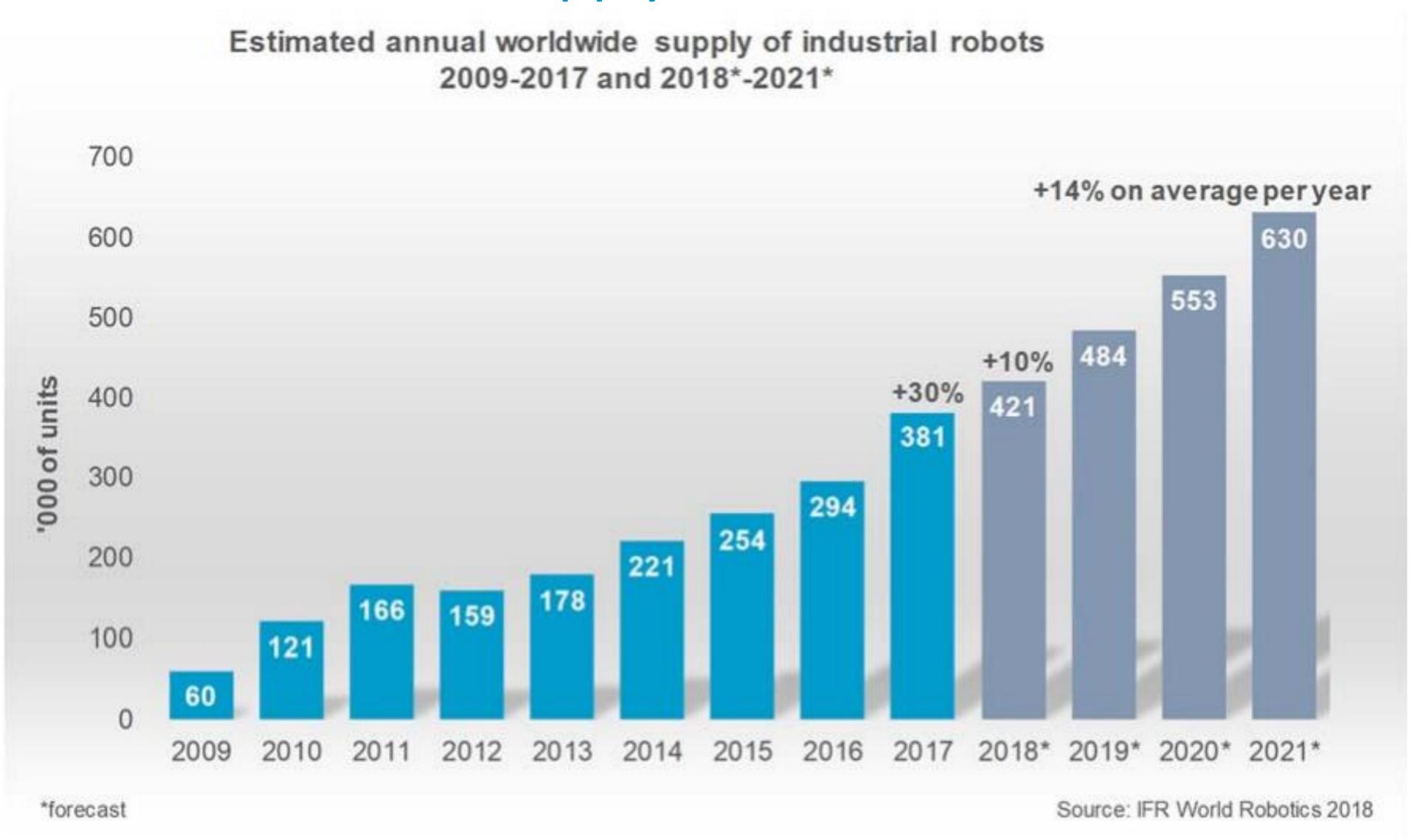




Industrial Robot Supply Trends: By Industry



Industrial Robot Supply Trends: Growth Forecast



Industrial Robot Statistics

73% OF SALES IN FIVE COUNTRIES

China, Japan, Republic of Korea, U.S.A & Germany

ASIAN MARKETS LEAD IN ROBOT DENSITY

• Korea: 553 robots per 10,000 employees

• Japan: 225

• U.S.A: 117

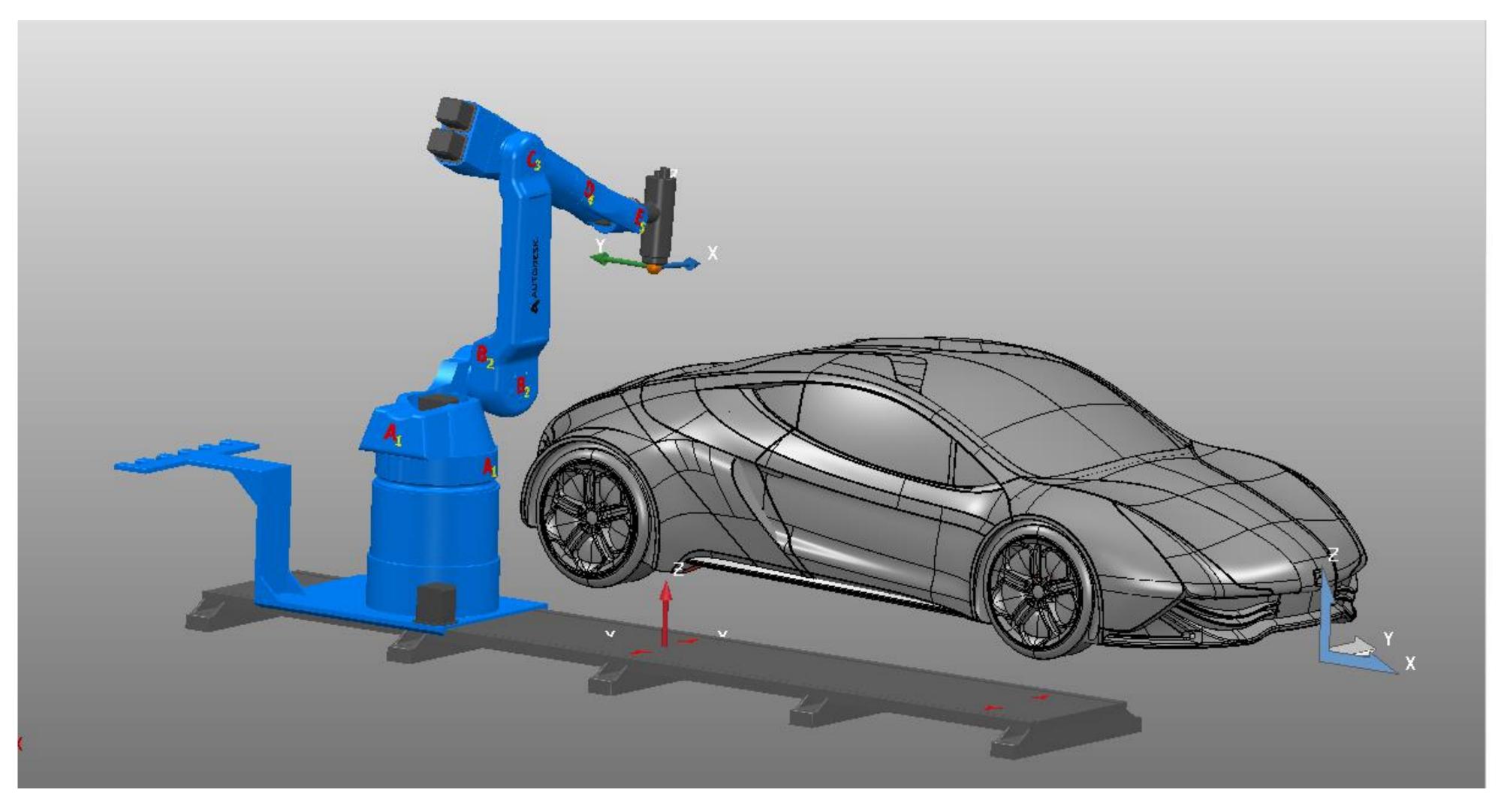
• Germany: 191

EMERGING MARKETS IN THE AMERICAS

Mexico and Canada

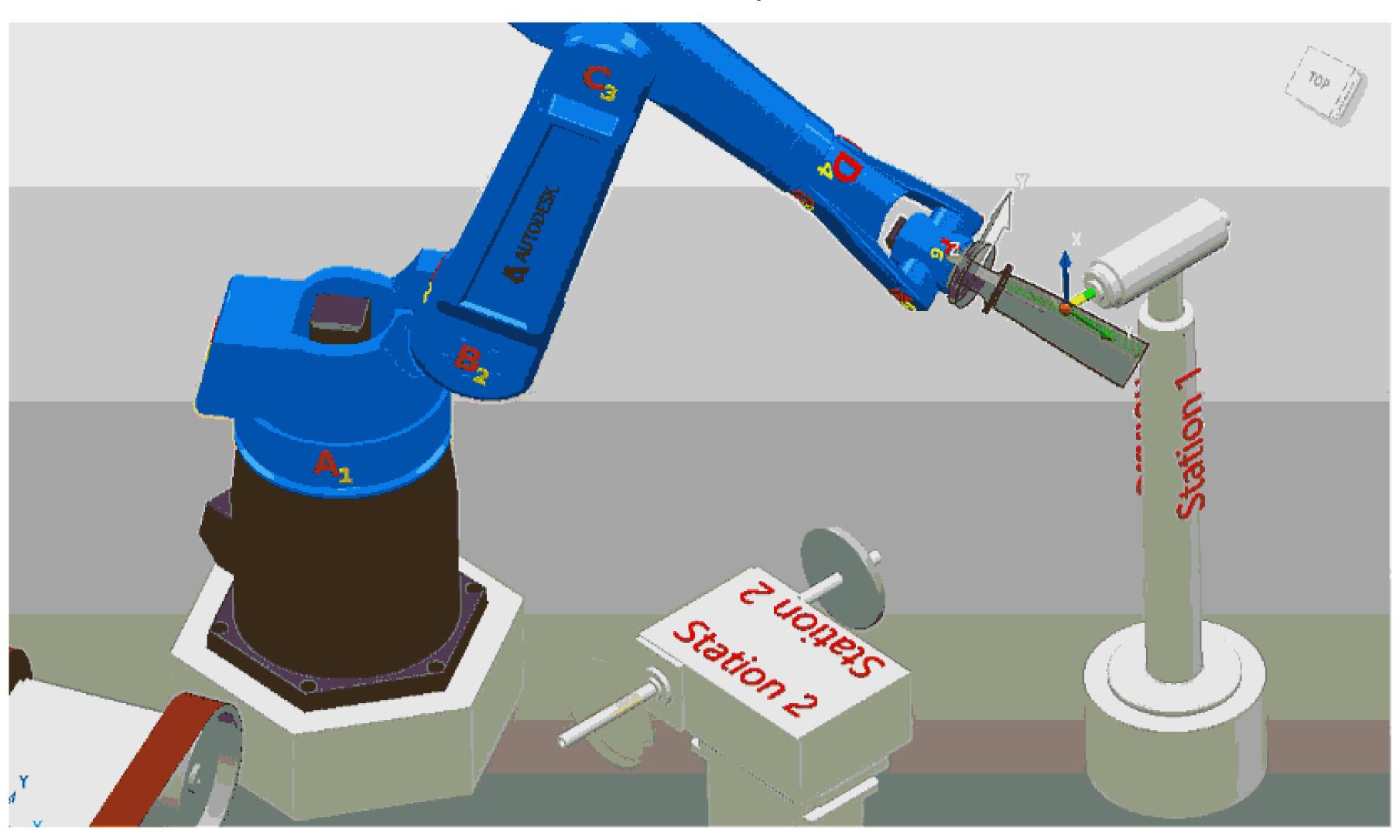
Advantages of Robots in Subtractive Manufacturing

Machining Workspace



Advantages of Robots in Subtractive Manufacturing

Versatility













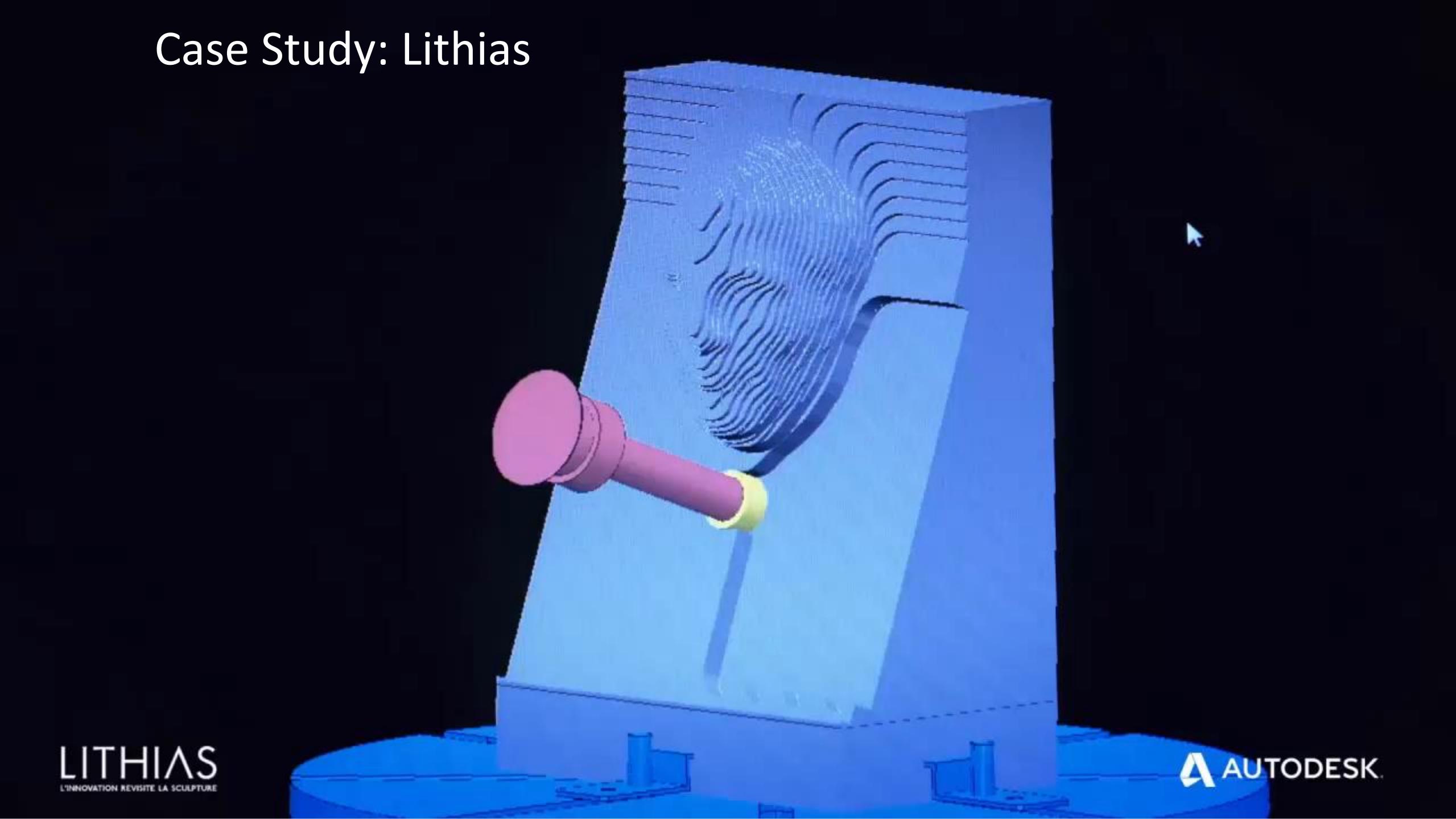










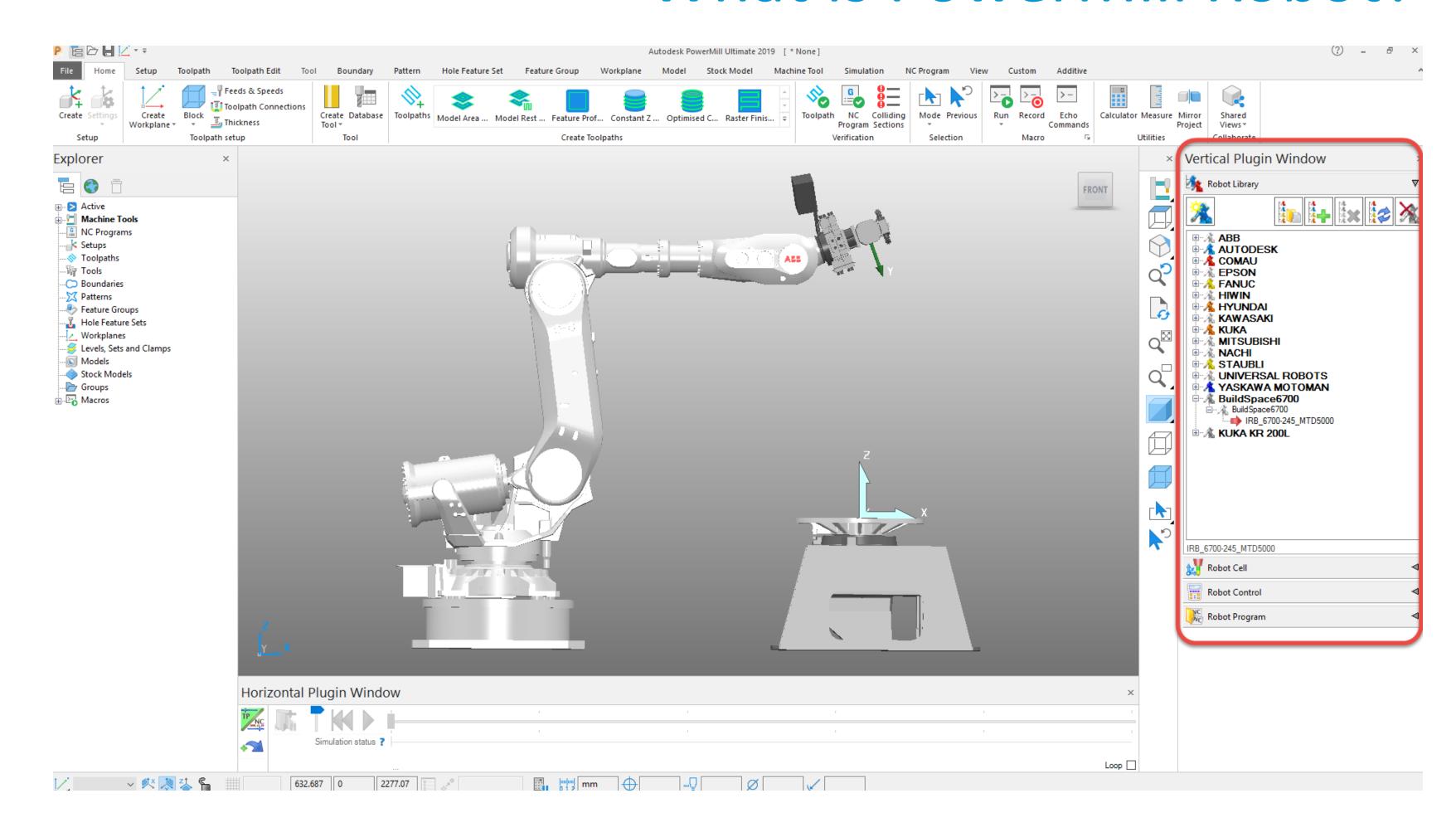








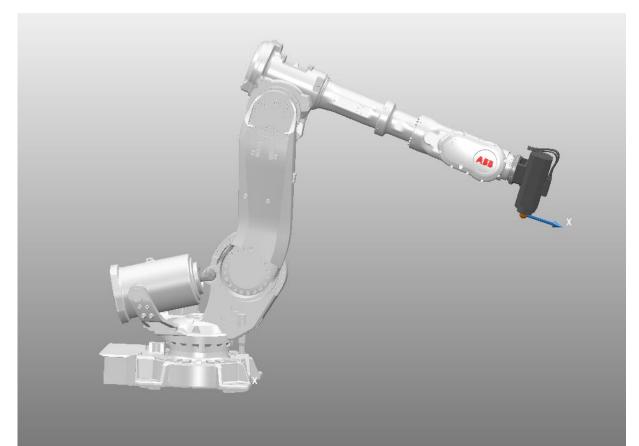
What is PowerMill Robot?



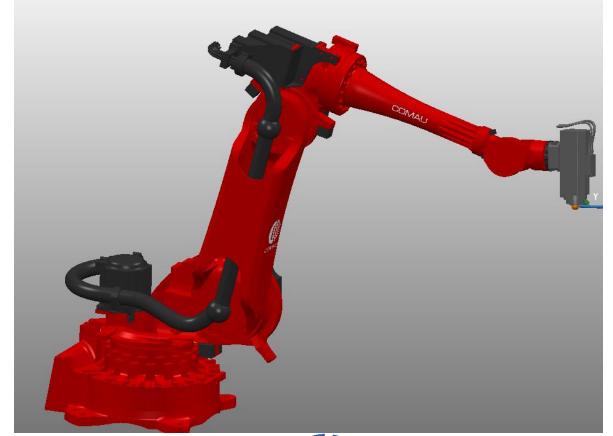
PowerMill is an expert 5 axis CAM software with great toolpath editing and control

PowerMill Robot is a plugin within PowerMill that applies toolpaths to a robotic arm

Supported Manufacturers in PowerMill Robot











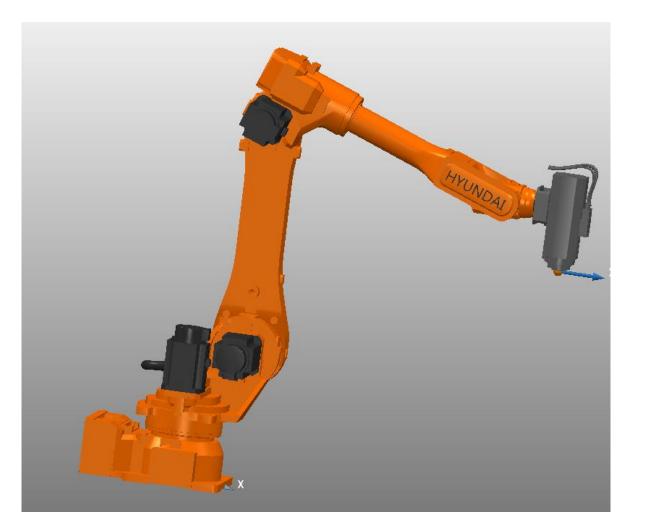




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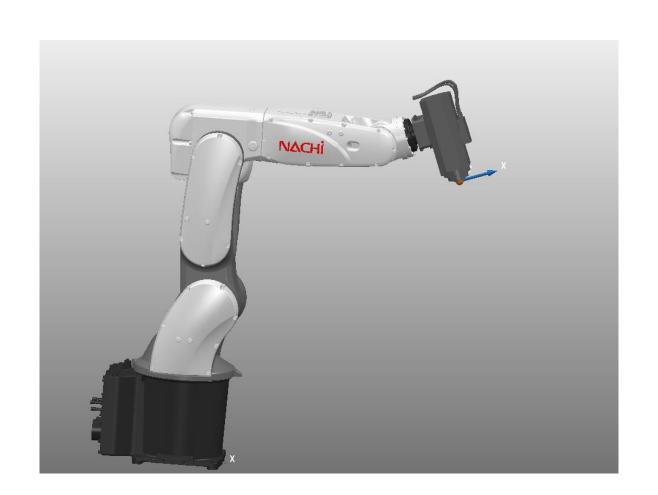




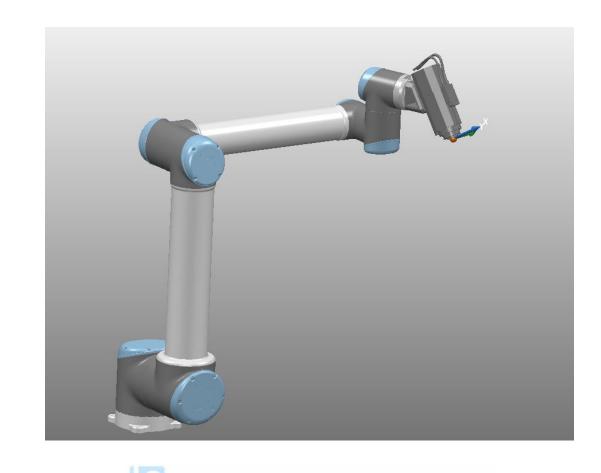


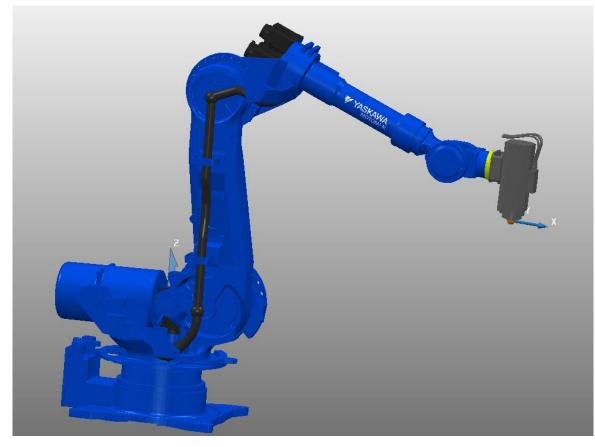


Supported Manufacturers in PowerMill Robot ...contd









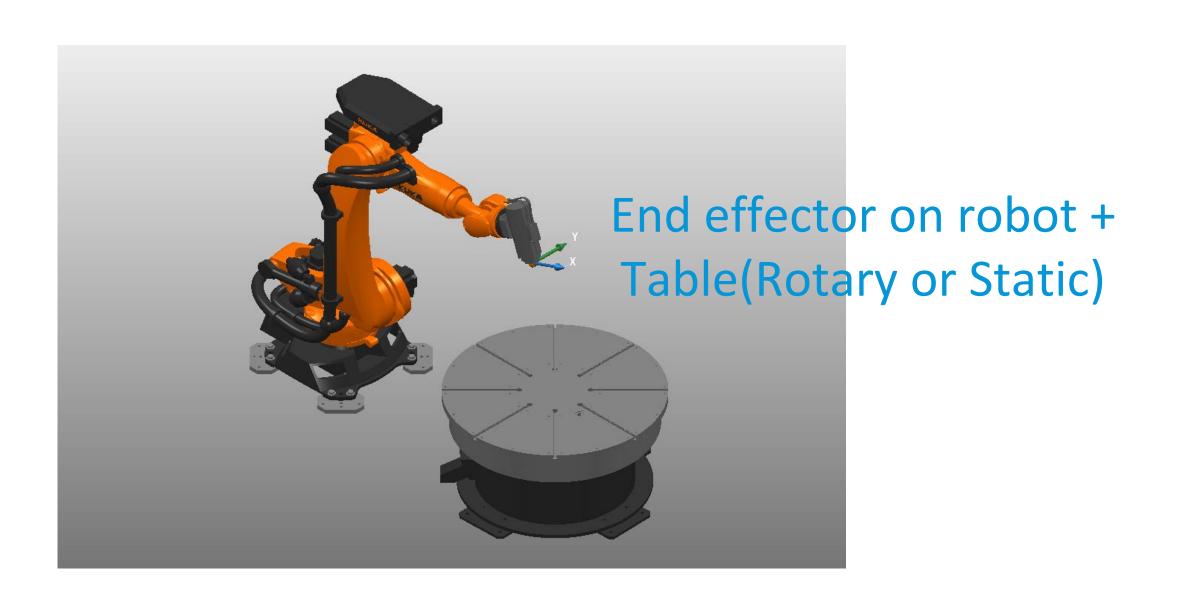




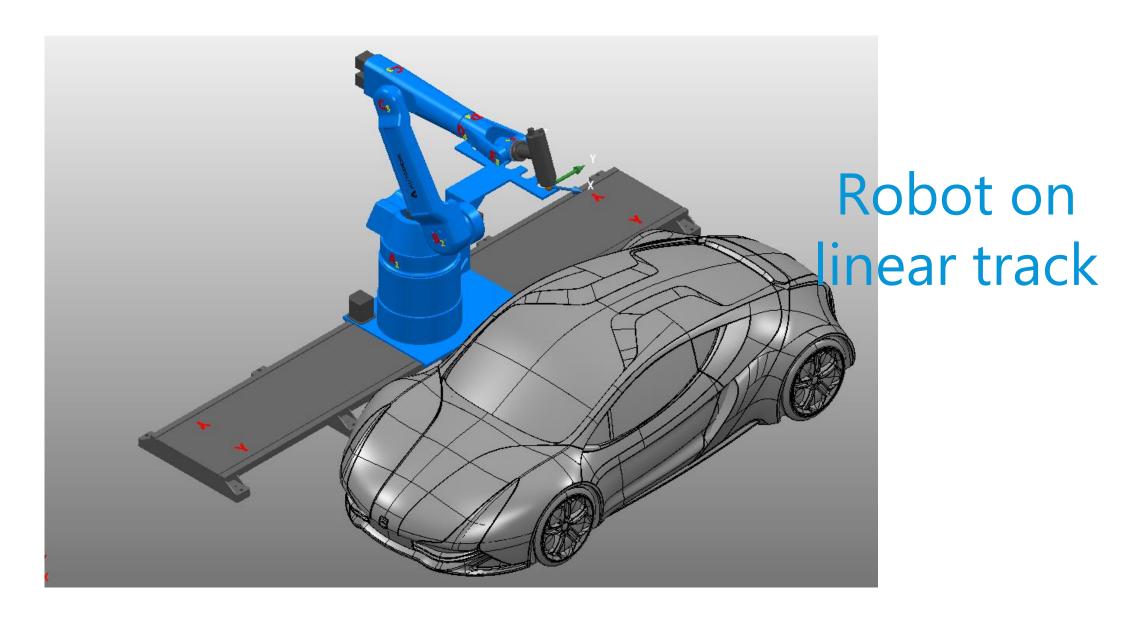
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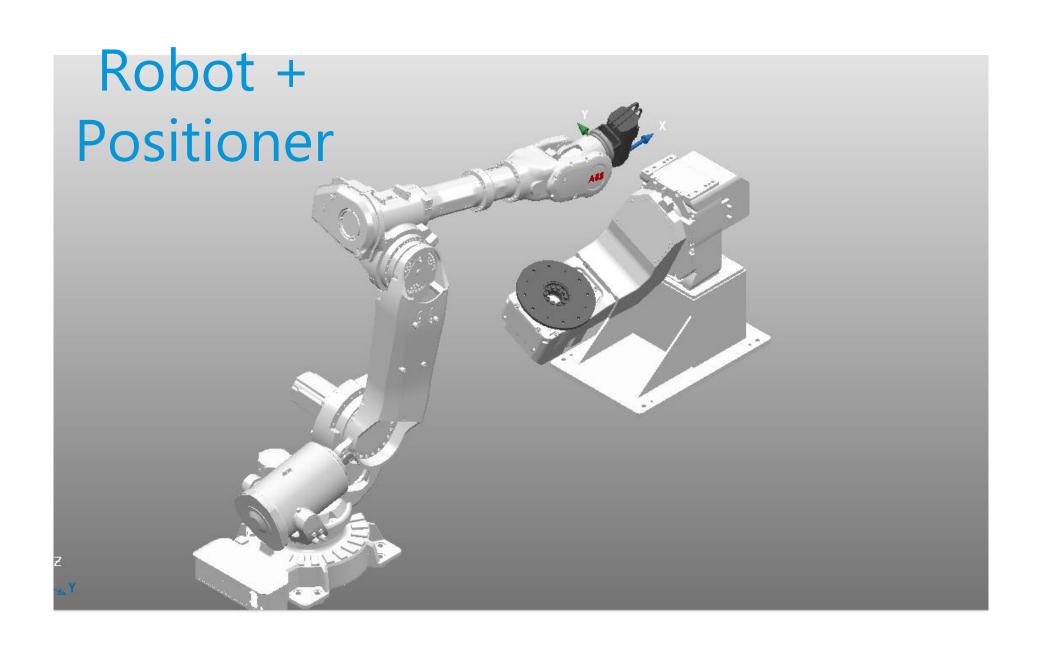
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Supported Kinematics

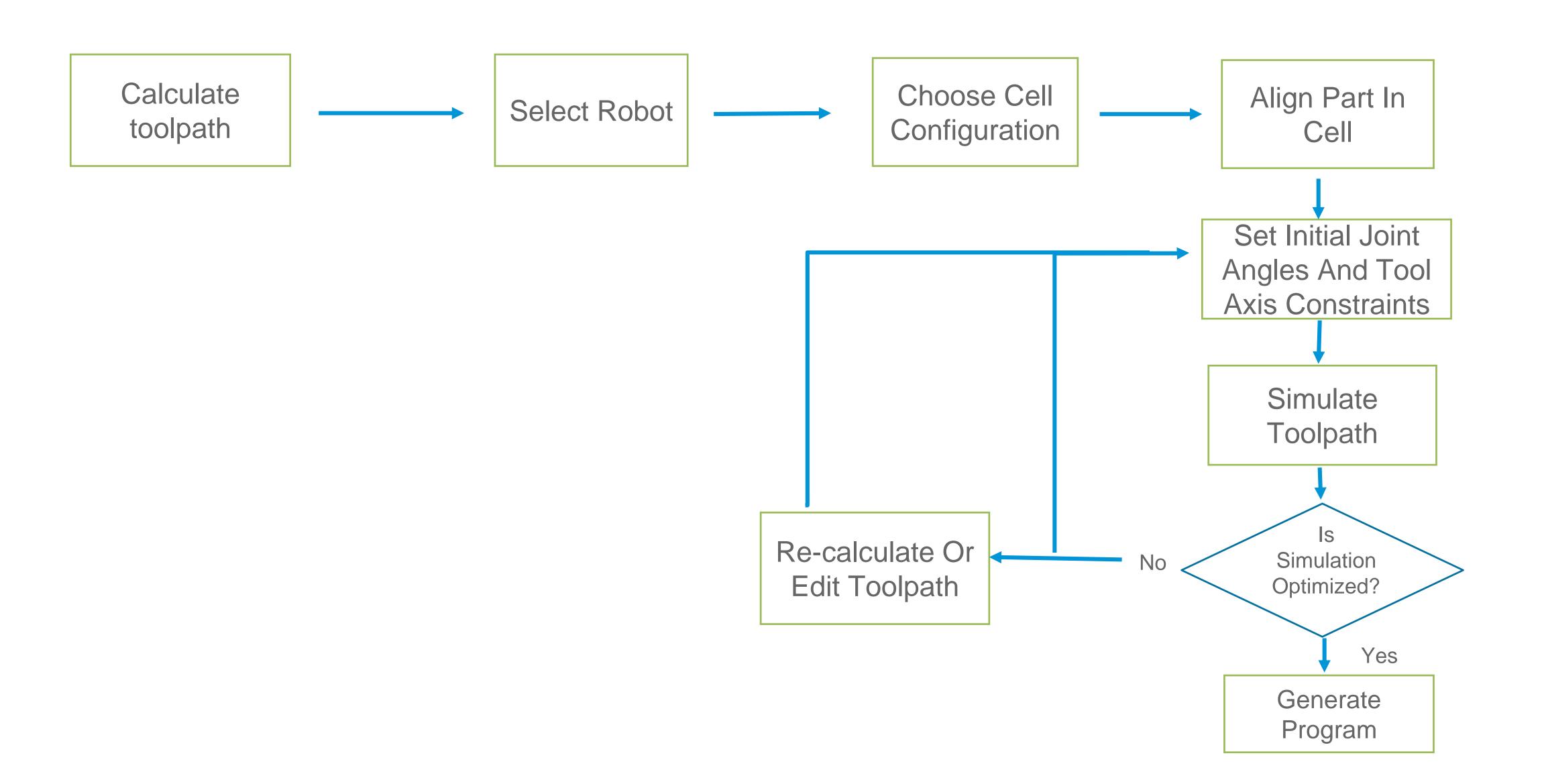






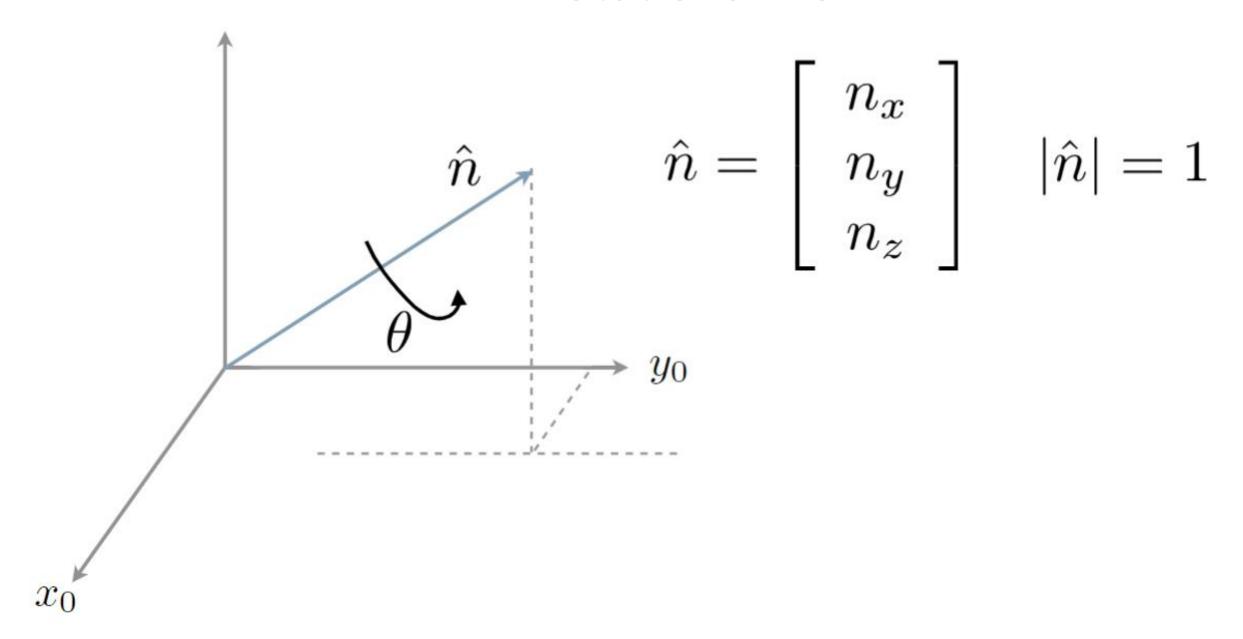


Workflow



Some Key Terminology

Quaternions: A compact way to represent rotations in 3D



$$Q = (\cos(\theta/2), \ n_x \sin(\theta/2), \ n_y \sin(\theta/2), \ n_z \sin(\theta/2))$$

Q = (1, 0, 0, 0) represents 0 deg rotation

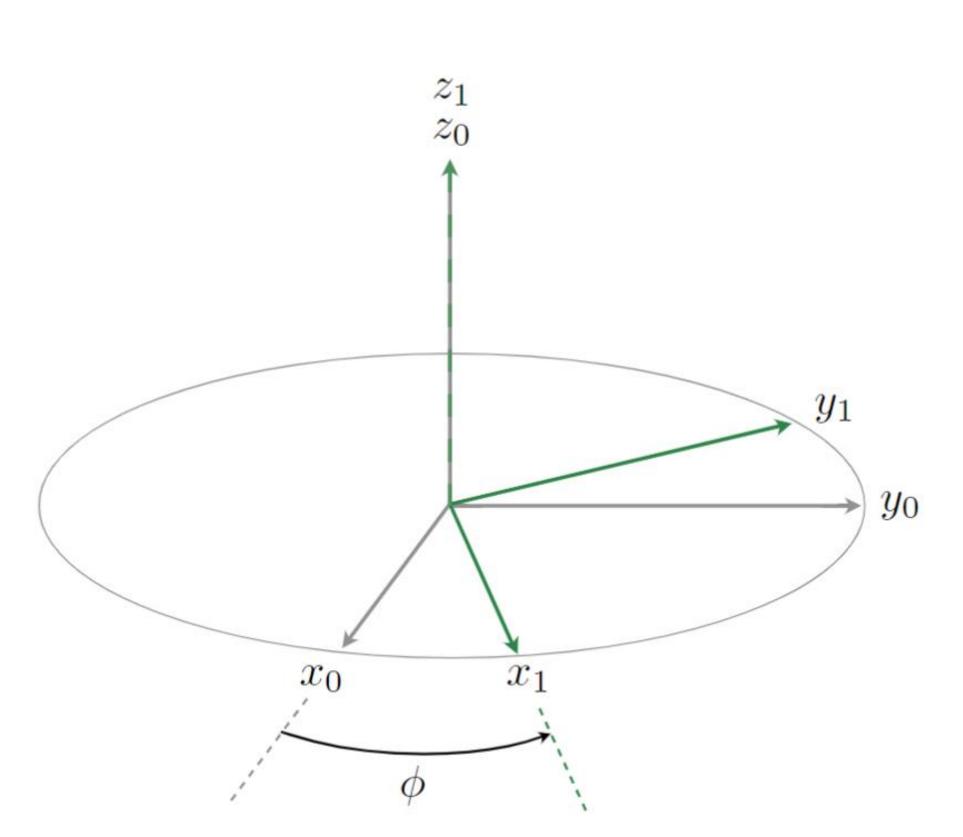
Q = (-1, 0, 0, 0) represents 360 deg rotation

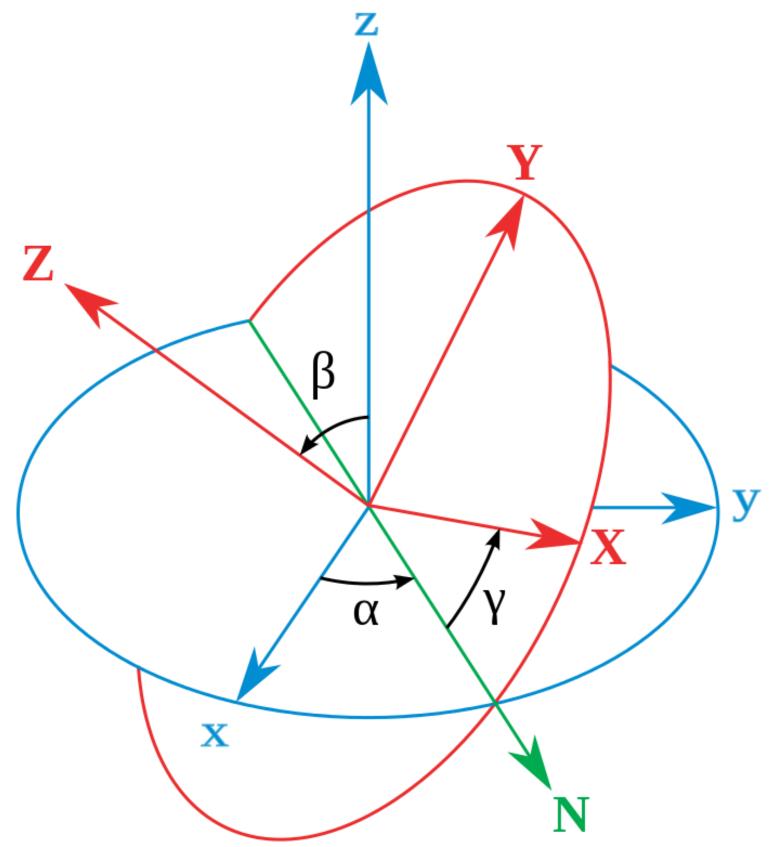
Q = (0, 1, 0, 0) represents 180 deg rotation about X axis

Q = (0.866, 0, 0, 0.5) represents 60 deg rotation about Z axis

Some Key Terminology

Euler Angles: Define orientation with 3 rotations about intermediate coordinate systems

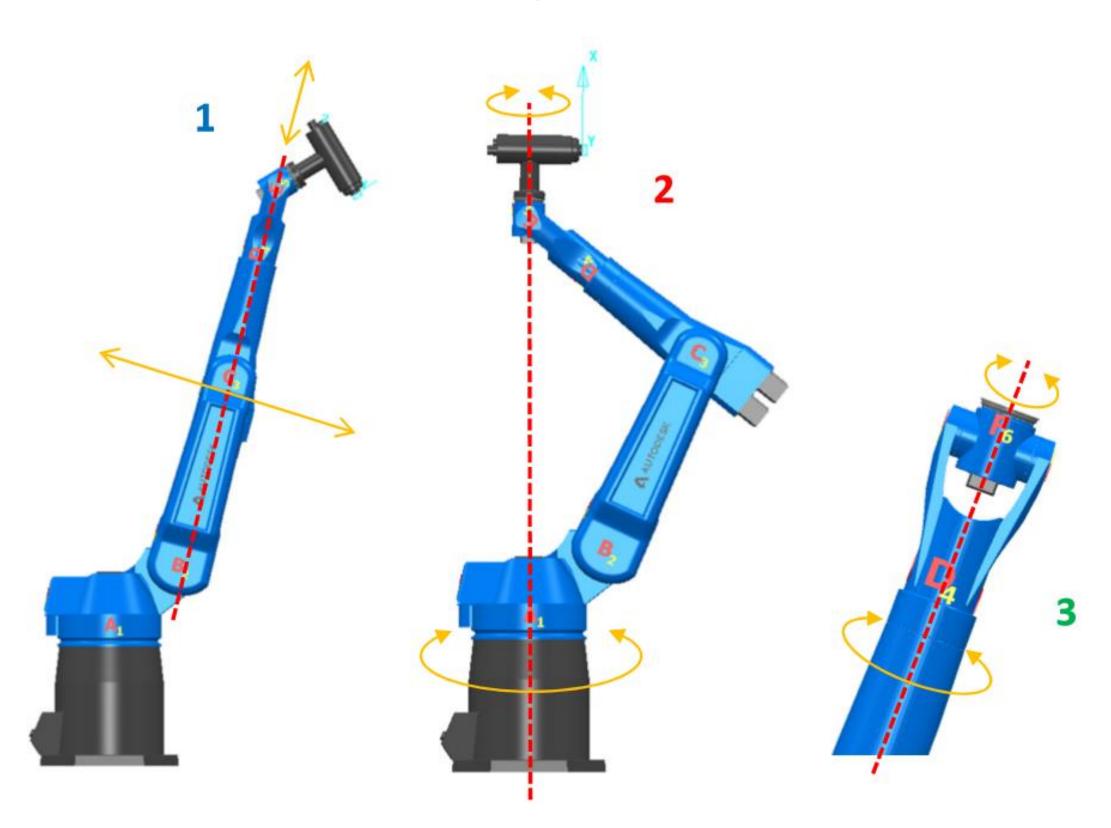




There are 12 conventions, e.g Z-Y-Z, Z-X-Z, Y-X-Y but we use Z-Y-X in PowerMill Robot

Some Key Terminology

Singularities



When multiple axes are aligned resulting in infinite number of solutions



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