

# KUKA Approach to AI

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## Our way forward to win market share

VISION Clear choice for smart automation

MISSION Making life and work easier

### Systems

**KUKA**

Smart, safe & efficient production solutions



### Robotics

**KUKA**

Hardware, software & services for smart automation



### Swisslog

**SWISSLOG**

Data- & robotic-driven logistics automation



**KUKA China**

### Swisslog Healthcare



Material Transport & Pharmacy Automation



### Digital

**DEVICE INSIGHT** **VISUAL COMPONENTS** **mosadox**

Digital Solutions for Manufacturing lifecycle



#### Strategic Target

Strong **core business** as basis to drive new growth

**Top #2 globally | #1 in China**  
Become a volume player targeting 100.000 units

Becoming one of the leading companies in **data and robotic driven** logistics automation

Leading in automation – **#1 in Unit Dose Central Pharmacy and Material Transport.**

Improving productivity, resilience and sustainability by means of **digital manufacturing solutions**

# TOP 5 GLOBAL ROBOTICS TRENDS IN 2024

1  
AI AND  
MACHINE  
LEARNING



2  
COBOTS IN  
NEW  
APPLICATIONS



3  
MOBILE  
MANIPULATORS



4  
DIGITAL  
TWIN



5  
HUMANOIDS



Find out more at:

<https://ifr.org/ifr-press-releases/news/top-5-robot-trends-2024>

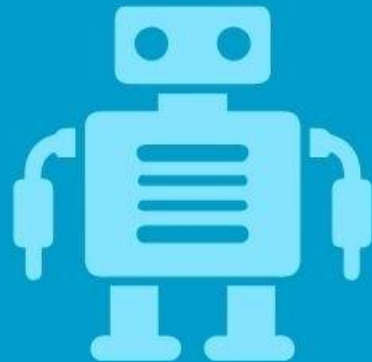


# TOP 5 GLOBAL ROBOTICS TRENDS IN 2025

**1**  
**PHYSICAL,  
ANALYTIC &  
GENERATIVE AI**



**2**  
**SINGLE PURPOSE  
HUMANOIDS**



**3**  
**SUSTAINABILITY  
AND ENERGY  
CONSUMPTION**



**4**  
**NEW FIELDS OF  
BUSINESS AND  
CUSTOMER  
SEGMENTS**



**5**  
**ROBOTS  
ADDRESSING  
LABOR SHORTAGE**



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## AI Offering – DevOps & Consultancy

### Generative AI



GenAI can create new and original content, such as text, images, music, and videos, by learning from examples. Most common GenAI Tool is “ChatGPT” from OpenAI.

### Computer Vision



Giving eyes to a computer, allowing it to see and understand pictures and videos just like humans do. It helps machines recognize objects, people, and scenes in the visual world.

### Data Science



Involves analyzing large amounts of data to find patterns, trends, and insights. It's like being a detective, using data to uncover hidden stories and information that can help make better decisions



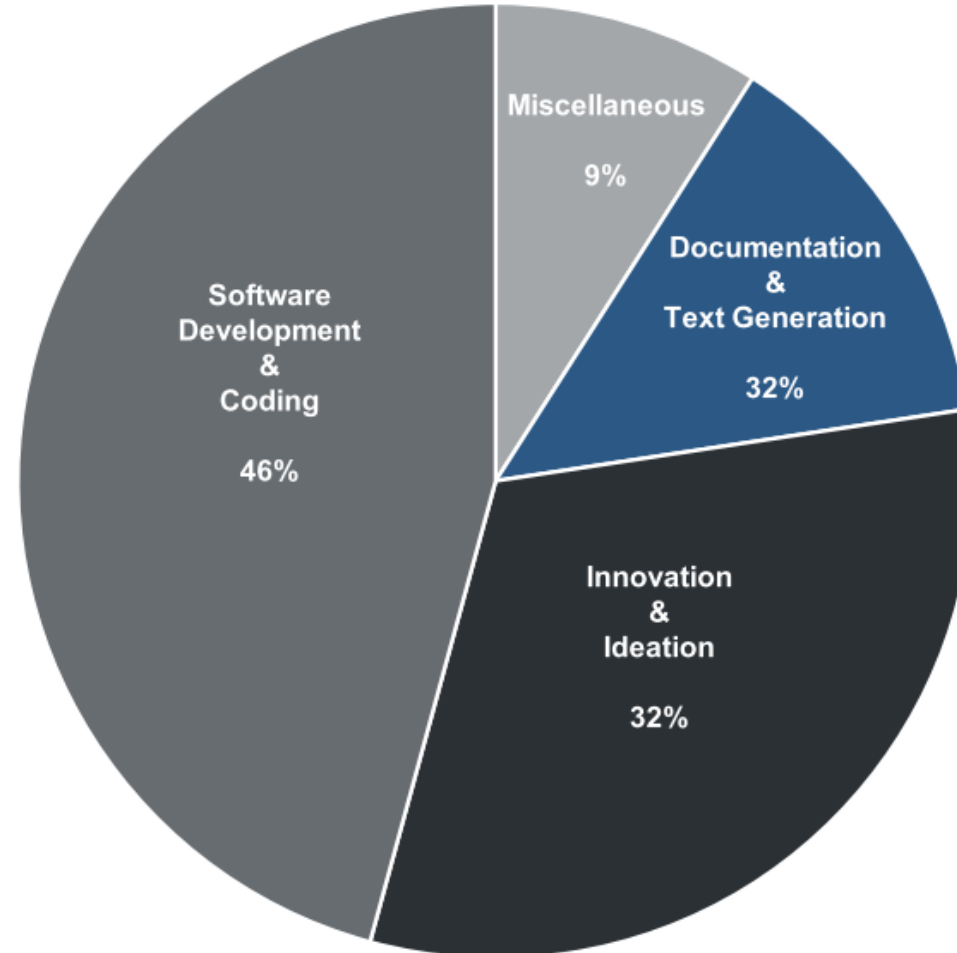
# How do the employees of KUKA Group want to use the Azure Open AI Services? Analysis of 356 use cases of the pilot registration process.

## Software Development & Coding

- “As a Software Developer i want to generate code and i want to check my docu writings, and many elses”
- “Code generation in Java and python for my projects. Chatbot functionality for knowledge base”

## Innovation & Ideation

- “Developing new and innovative solutions to complex problems.”
- “Brainstorming new ideas and approaches using Open AI technology.”



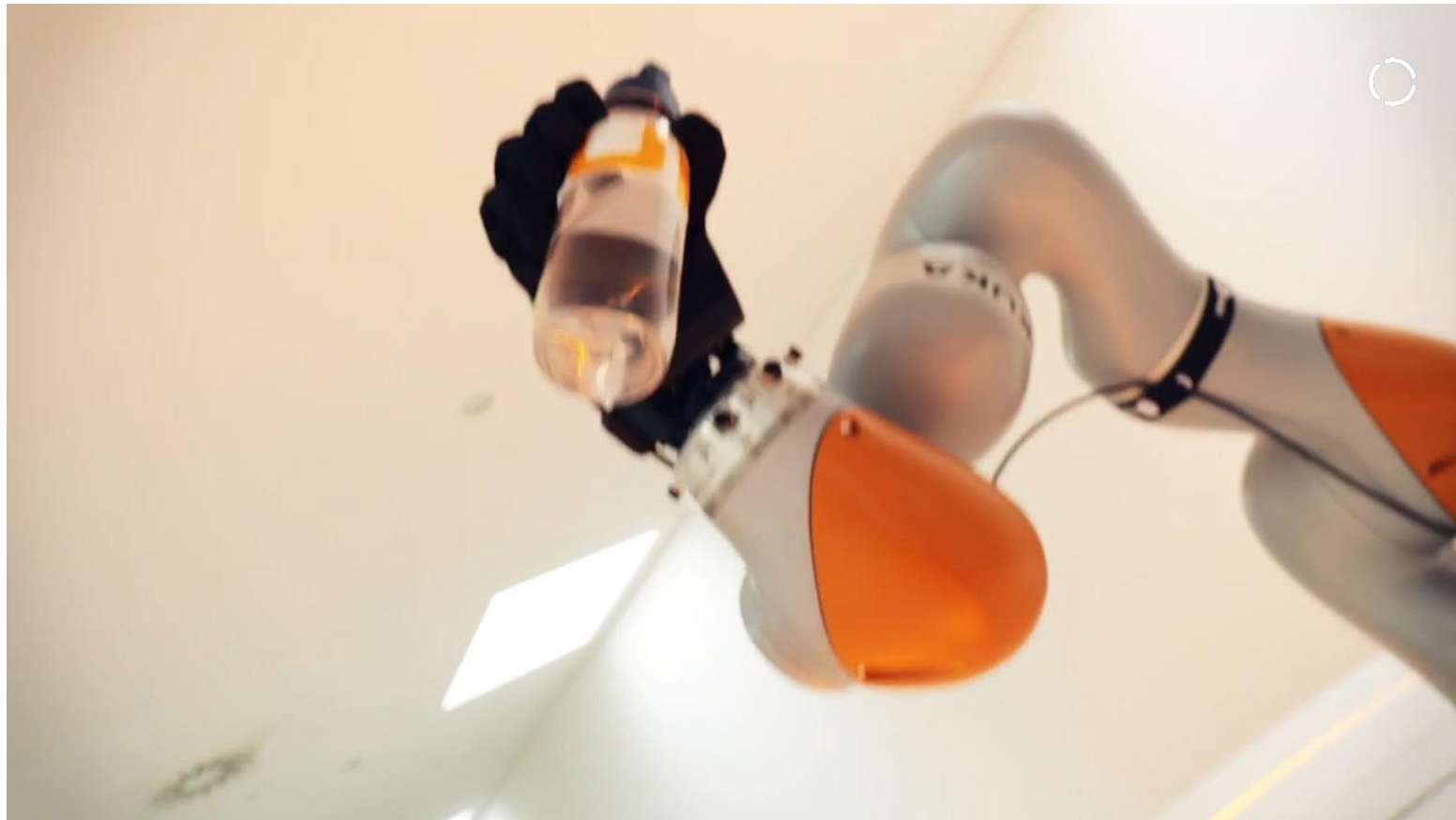
## Documentation & Text Generation

- “Quick creation of documentation and requirement specification: keyword-based creation of texts.”
- “I would like to test the Open AI service to evaluate a Use Case, which is about text summarization and QnA on the content of the document.”

## Miscellaneous

- “I would like to use it to search for legislation and legal cases”
- “Assisting in develop marketing activities, roadshow content and mailings to customers. The use of AI greatly makes our daily work more effective”

## Object identification through AI algorithm (neural network)





## KRL Code Generation

*“Create a palletizing program that picks different colored blocks from a conveyor and sorts them on two pallets. Each color of block goes to its own pallet”*

+ clarify prompt if needed:

*“can you modify the program so that it places the blocks in 9x9 patterns on the pallet”*



## KRL Copilot

Welcome to the KUKA KRL Copilot Chatbot.

### Important Information

**i** Please be aware that your chat data and feedback is stored to improve KRL Copilot. Please don't include personal or sensitive data in your chat.

**⚠** Please test the generated code before using it on a real robot.

**👤** Create a palletizing program that picks different colored blocks from a conveyor and sorts them on two pallets. Each color of block goes to its own pallet

**🤖** **DAT file:**

```
DEFDAT PalletizingProgram
;Declaration of variables
DECL E6POS ConveyorPos={X 1000.0, Y 0.0, Z 500.0, A 0.0, B 0.0, C 0.0, S :
DECL E6POS Pallet1Pos={X 2000.0, Y 500.0, Z 500.0, A 0.0, B 0.0, C 0.0, S
DECL E6POS Pallet2Pos={X 2000.0, Y -500.0, Z 500.0, A 0.0, B 0.0, C 0.0, :
DECL CHAR BlockColor
ENDDAT
```



## AI@Simulation

### Use Cases:

- Create 3D scenes and layouts
- KRL-Code generation

### Advantages:

- Significant reduction in programming effort
- Reduced time for testing
- Less susceptibility to errors



FILE HOME MODELING PROGRAM DRAWING HELP CONNECTIVITY PROGRAMS

Copy Paste Delete Clipboard Manipulation (Select, Move, Jog) Size 100 mm Measure Exchange Robots Automatic Size Snap Align CAPUTILITIES

Traces Teach Overlay Menu Simulation configuration Show

Interfaces Signals I/O mapping editor Connect

Edit Detectors Enable Detectors Stop on Collision Collision Detection

To Reference To World Lock Positions

Color Highlight Stop at Limits Message Panel Output Limits

Kuka Stop Services Kuka Stop Services

Collect data Trace Settings Trace Diagram Trace

Restore Windows Show Windows

Import Positions Import Tools/Bases Mirror Positions Custom

Save/Load Signals ChangeBase ChangeTool KIOTools

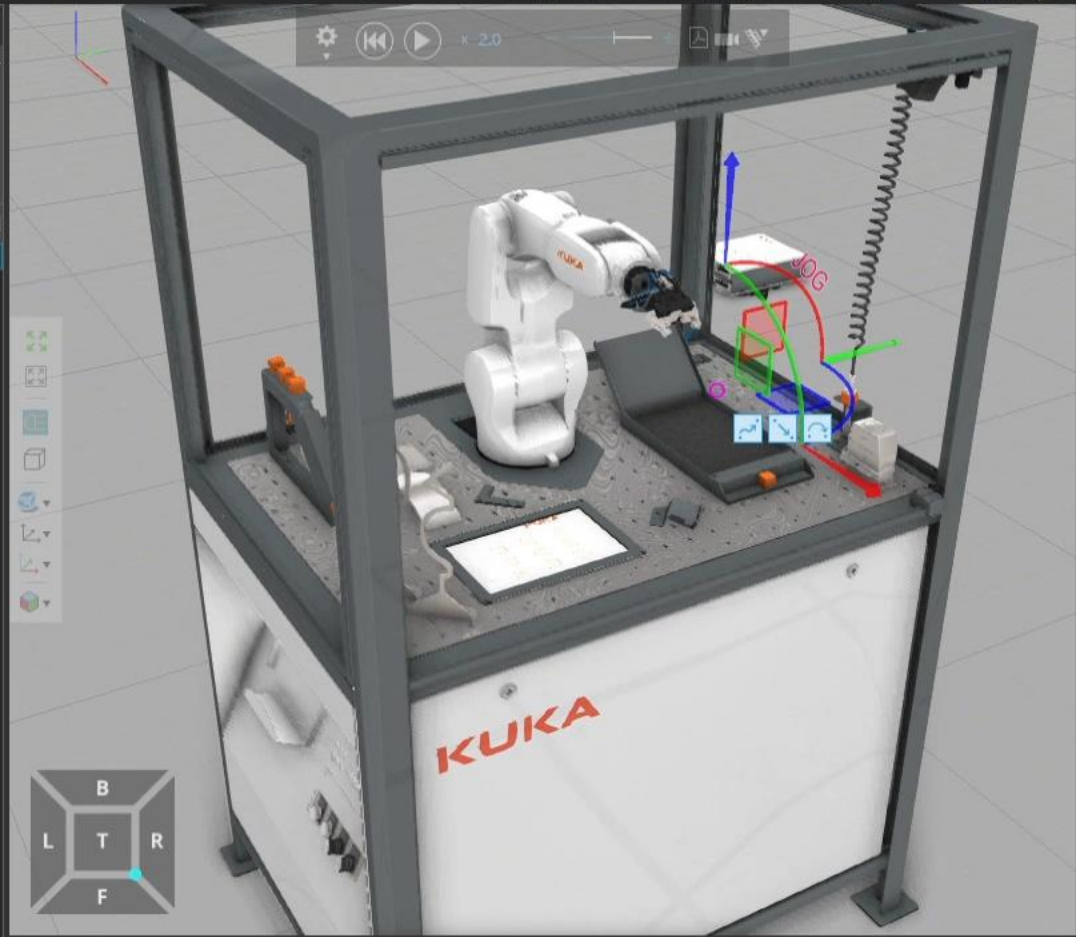
### Program Editor

HMI\MainProgram

- R1
  - Mada
  - Program
    - demo\_r2e\_modified\_for\_SIMULATION\_Interaction

MAINPROGRAM( ) Finished

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### Chatbot.Plugin.views.ChatbotViewM

Chatbot input Clear Chat history

clear main

Chatbot feedback

Sending message...  
Executing ...  
Main routine cleared

### Jog

Robot

KR 4 R600

Coordinates  World  Parer  Obje

X 611.758493 Y -0.640600 Z 1381.665900

A 0.000000 B 90.000000 C 0.000000

Base Null

Tool TOOL\_DATA[1]

Approach Ax +Z

Status 2 (010)

Turn 2 (000010)

External TCP False

Joints

A1 0.000000

A2 -90.0000

A3 90.00000

A4 0.000000 To

A5 0.000000

A6 0.000000 To

Snap Options

Edge Face

Edge & Face Frame

Origin Bound

Bisector

Set Position

Set Orientation

### Output

Extracting pack folder  
Extraction failed: File not found.

Output Monitoring window

Routine Properties Jog



## Xaba

### The problem

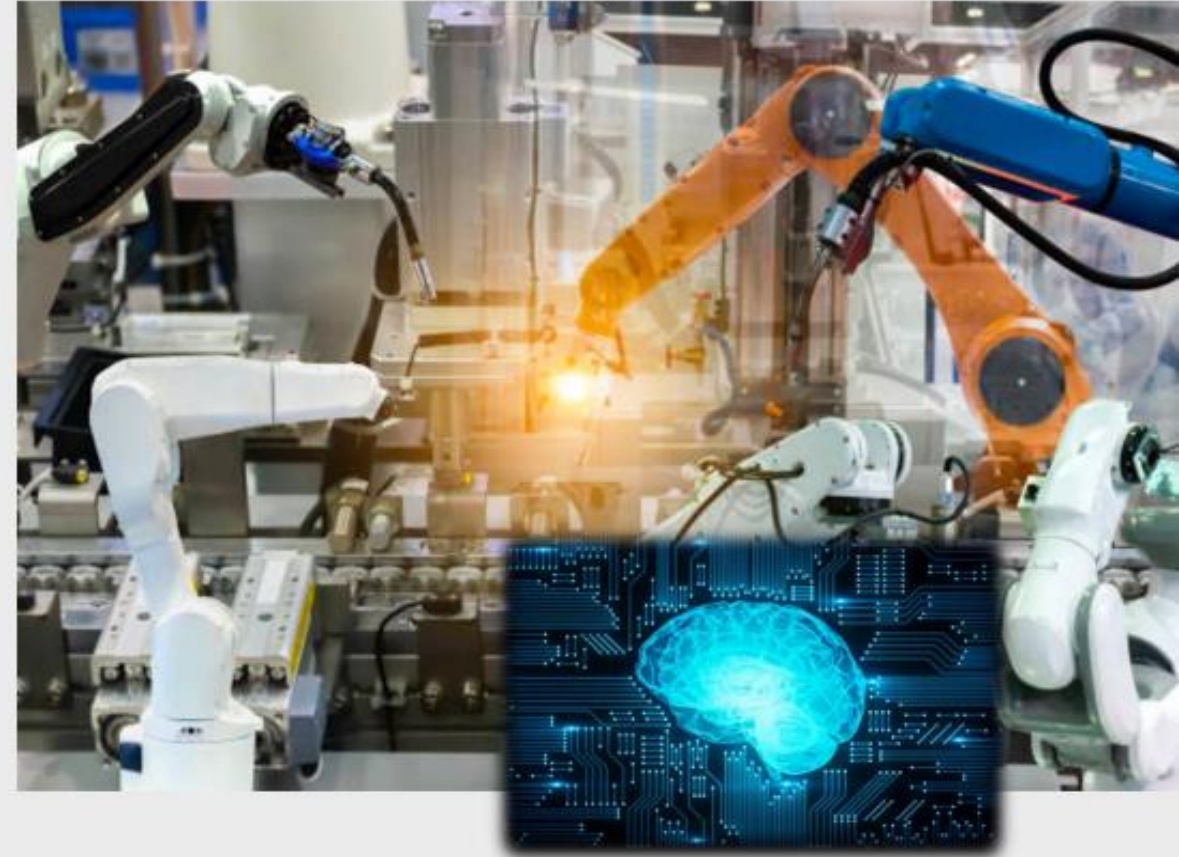
Robots are a powerful way to automate manufacturing processes, but are very expensive to purchase and operate:

- Average cost of an industrial robot: ~ \$70k
- Cost to install, program and calibrate it : ~\$300k
- Difficult to program: from a few weeks up to a few months for a single program
- **Approximately \$7 billion is spent annually on programming and deploying industrial robotics** due to the labor-intensive nature of the manual trial-and-error process involved
- Skilled labor shortage in robotics programming and deployment

## The solution

xCognition, a proprietary AI-powered software solution that greatly reduces the need for costly setup and maintenance.

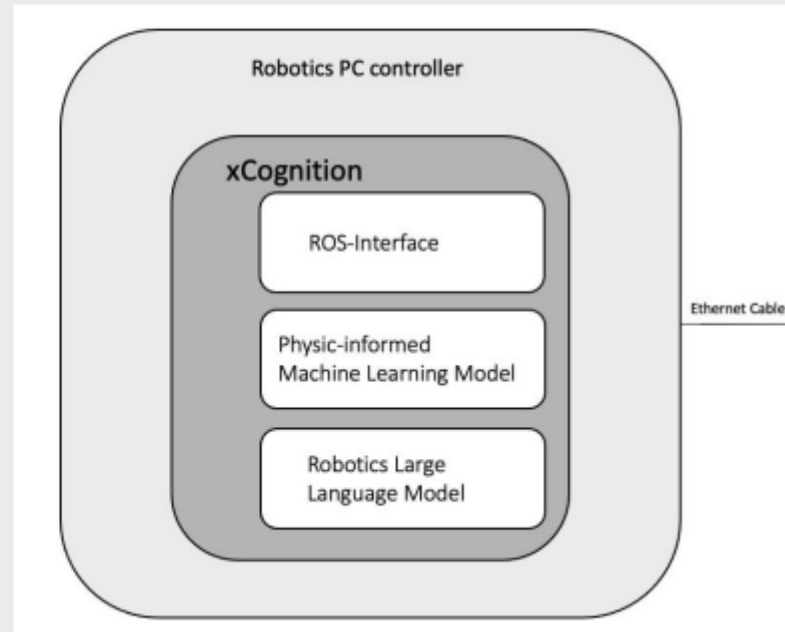
xCognition uses AI to learn precisely how and where a robot needs to move, automatically generating its control programs and self-correcting the robot when it gets off course.



## What is xCognition

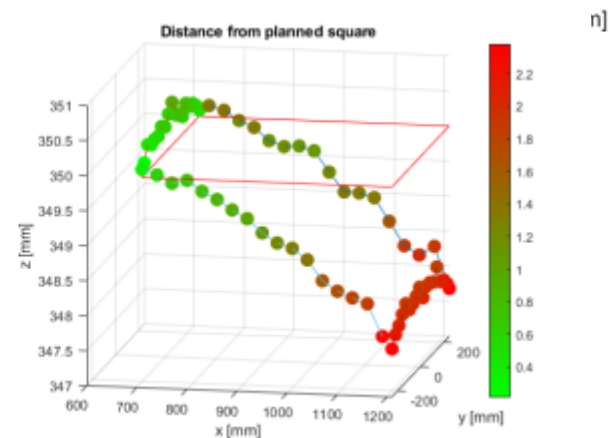
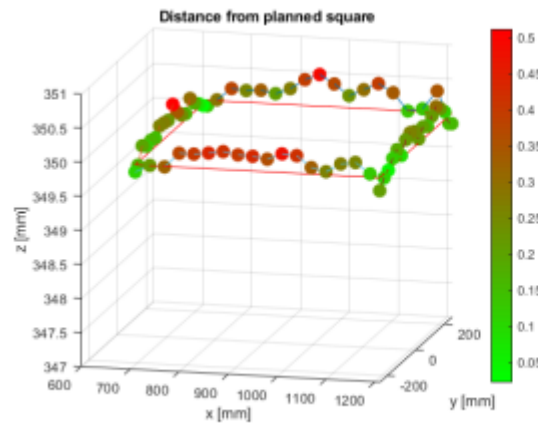
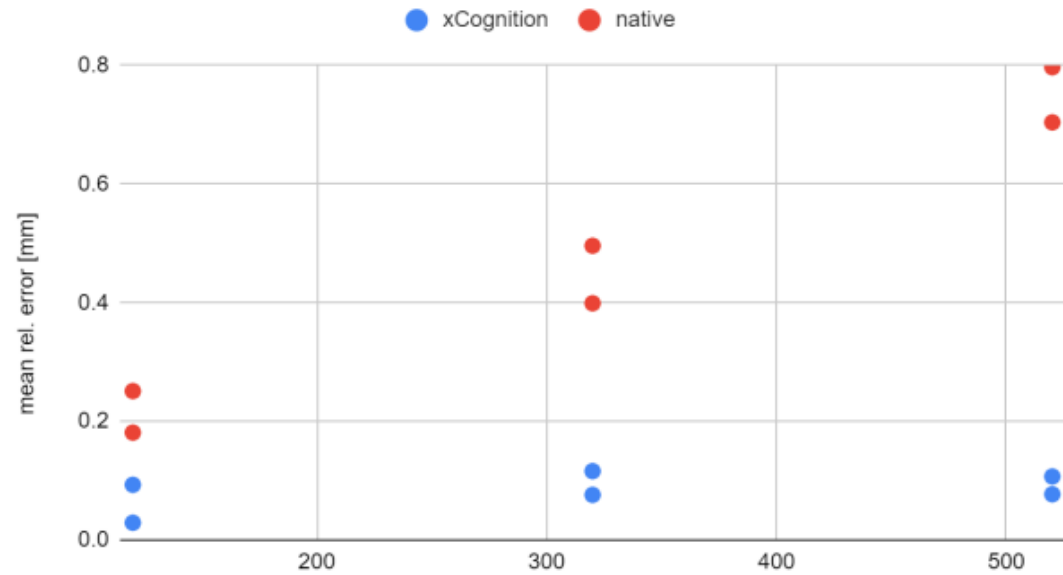
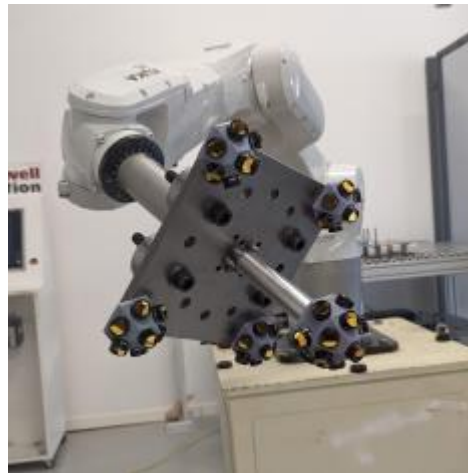
xCognition is a software application composed of three critical modules:

- **A proprietary Physics-informed Machine Learning model** representing a true digital twin, adaptable to any form of fabrication equipment and motion platforms.
- **A proprietary robotics rule-based Language Model** to automatically generate programs for robot.
- **A proprietary universal interface** Enabling Machine Learning models to be integrated into any existing or new process control equipment driving CNC machines, robotics or hybrid systems.





## xCognition physics-informed Machine Learning software





## Cognitive Robotics Machining

# Kuka Robotics Machining Aluminum Casting

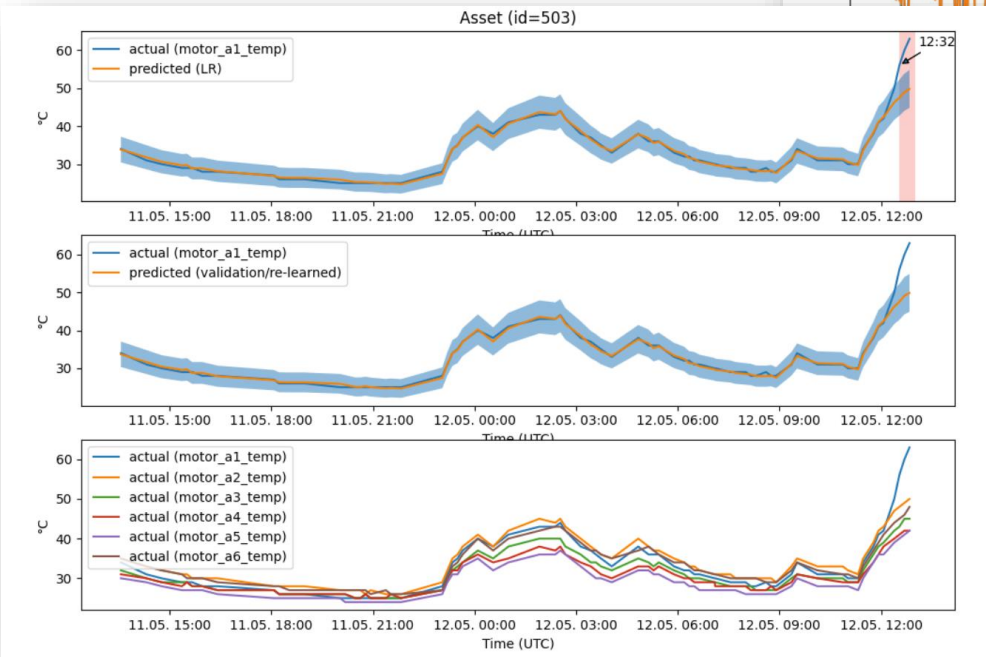
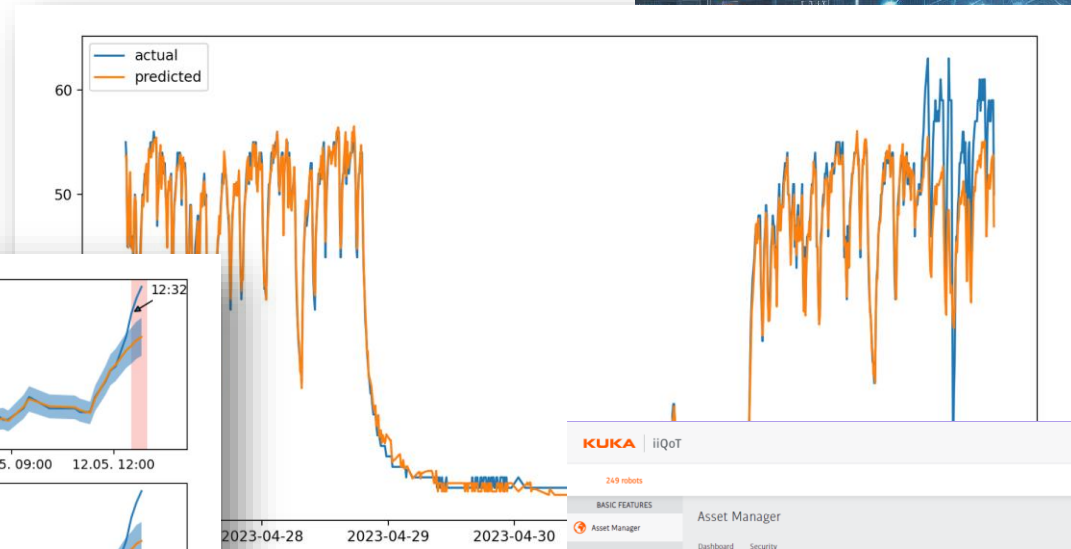
### Highlights

- Enables robots to Precise Machining on metallic casting
- Eliminates costs for expenses jigs and fixtures compensating for unpredictable machining tolerances
- Significantly reduce assembly costs





## Predictive Maintenance | AI + iiQoT



**KUKA iiQoT Asset Manager**

249 robots

**BASIC FEATURES**

- Asset Manager
- Changelog
- Messages
- Fault Diagnosis
- Maintenance
- Notifications

**ADVANCED FEATURES**

- Anomaly Detection
- Backup Manager

**Asset Manager**

Dashboard Security

**Robot type**

Value ↓	# Robots
BKR16R1610_2 C4	72 robots
BKR16_2 C4 FLR ZH16_2	48 robots
BKR6R700_2 C4SR 230	7 robots
BKR210R2100 EXTRA C4 FLR	5 robots

**Operating mode**

Value ↓	# Robots ↑
T1	158 robots
EXT	29 robots
ALUT	19 robots
invalid	2 robots

**System software version**

Value ↓	# Robots ↑
8.7	107 robots
8.6	99 robots
8.3	23 robots
8.5	18 robots

**My robots**

Connection status ↓	Robot name ↓	Working state ↓	Robot serial number ↓	Robot type ↓	Site ↓	Hall ↓	Cell ↓	Robot ↓
🟢	0	🔴	456733	BKR20R1810 C4	KUKA-Australia	-	-	-
🟢	11-030801	🔴	649004	BKR240R2900 ULTRA C4 FLR	KUKA-Germany-Augsburg	Halle 4	Matrix	-
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# KUKA

## KUKA MixedReality

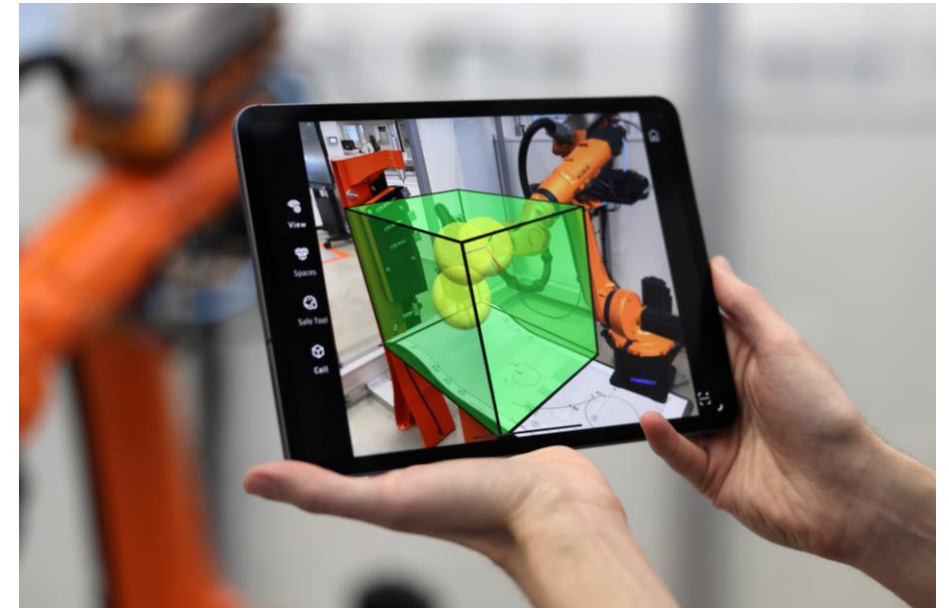
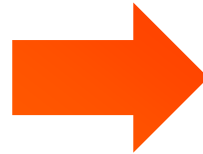
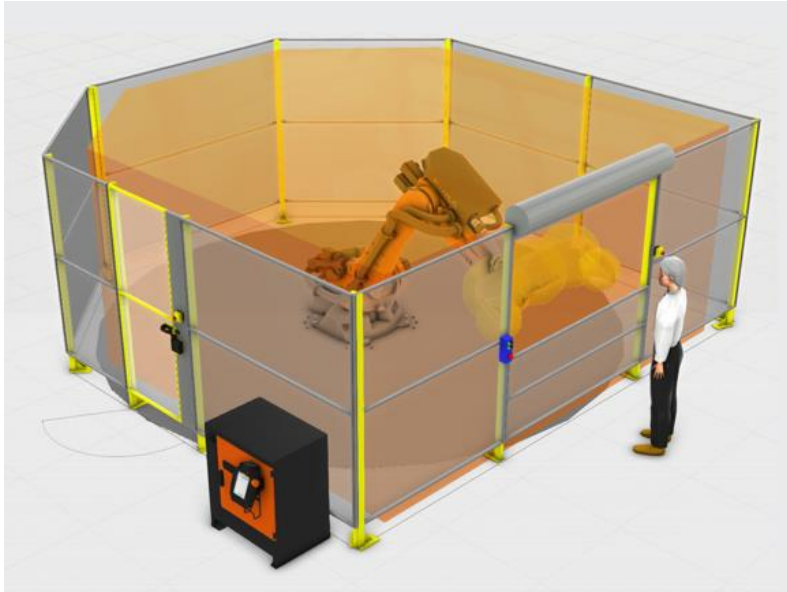
The next step to simplify robot commissioning



**KUKA MixedReality**  
Visualisation of data to speed up and simplify commissioning



## Mixed Reality | Improvement of the safety acceptance process



### Problem:

Users do not know exactly where the security rooms are today



**Overview** over safe configuration within a few moments, avoidance of incorrect configurations



**Speed** – Support for validating the configuration of KUKA.SafeOperation saves time



## IFR statements for Robotics and AI

The use of Artificial Intelligence offers a tremendous opportunity for the robotics industry to respond to these customer and societal needs.

AI itself is not new to robotics. Vision and learning intelligence has been built into robots for many years. Robots excel at tasks humans find difficult – strenuous, repetitive, dull, dirty or dangerous. AI can make robots better at fulfilling those tasks: more capable of learning; able to learn by experience, rather than programming; able to work in dynamic environments, or around people. It is rapidly changing what is possible.

What does this mean in practice?

Independent studies have suggested that Japan may face a shortage of more than 11 million workers by 2040, as its population ages rapidly. Similar forecasts in the U.S. suggest more than 2.1 million manufacturing jobs there will be unfilled by 2030. And earlier this year, more than half Germany's companies said they were struggling to fill vacancies due to a lack of skilled workers.

Elsewhere, robots today use vision and learning abilities to navigate autonomously without guidance, to transport items efficiently around the factory or warehouse.

AI can even enhance maintenance in the production line. Using AI planning and programming software, designing the most efficient movement path for a robotic arm takes a fraction of the time of an engineer programming the same path manually; turning a 90-minute maintenance task into a two-second adjustment.

Ease of use and access to automation is more important than ever for more industries, segments and geographies. Generative AI has the potential to be a game changer – making robots even more accessible for small and medium-sized businesses, by making programming and coding faster and easier, lowering barriers even further for robots to be integrated and adapted to different environments.

Imagine being able to just speak to a robot and it performs a new task straight away: the intelligence it needs to do that is in AI.

The new generation of AI is a powerful tool to help us continue this journey, to make work better – for individuals, for businesses and for the environment.



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