

ROS-Industrial

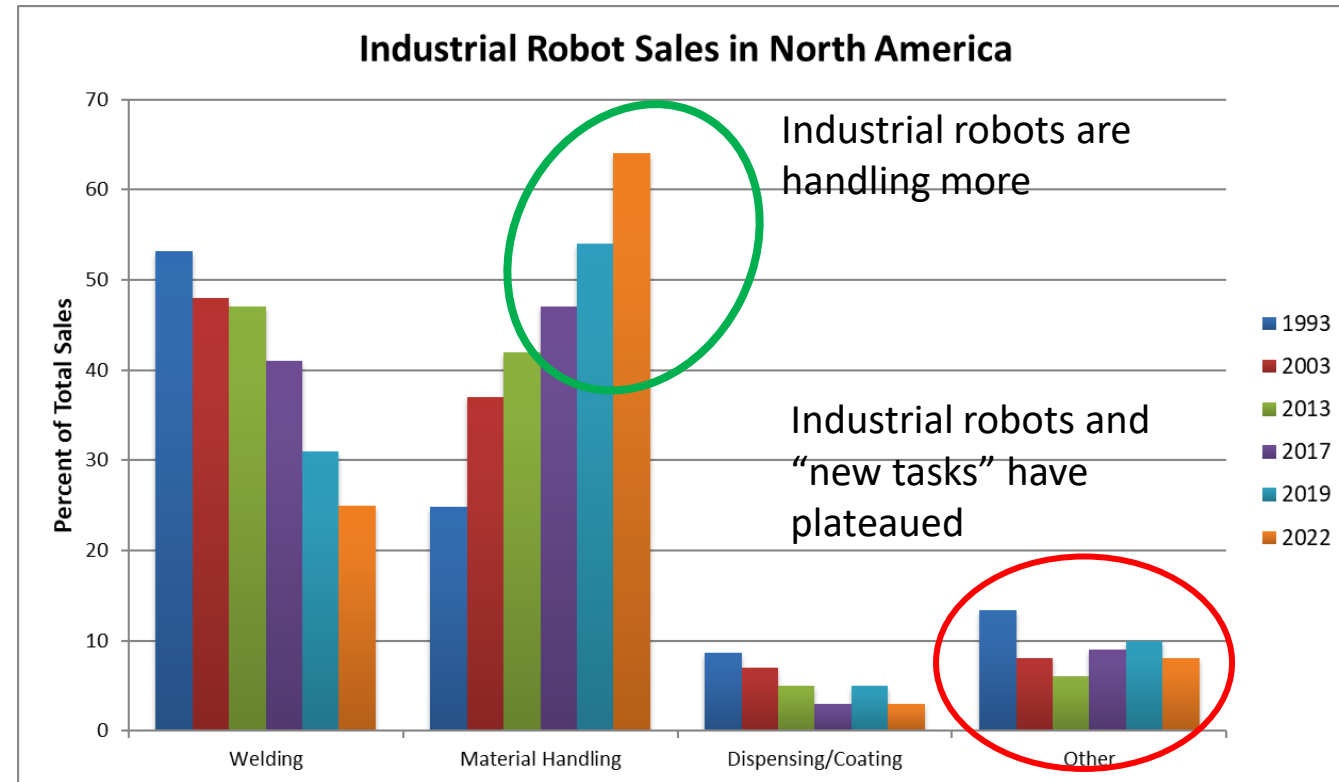
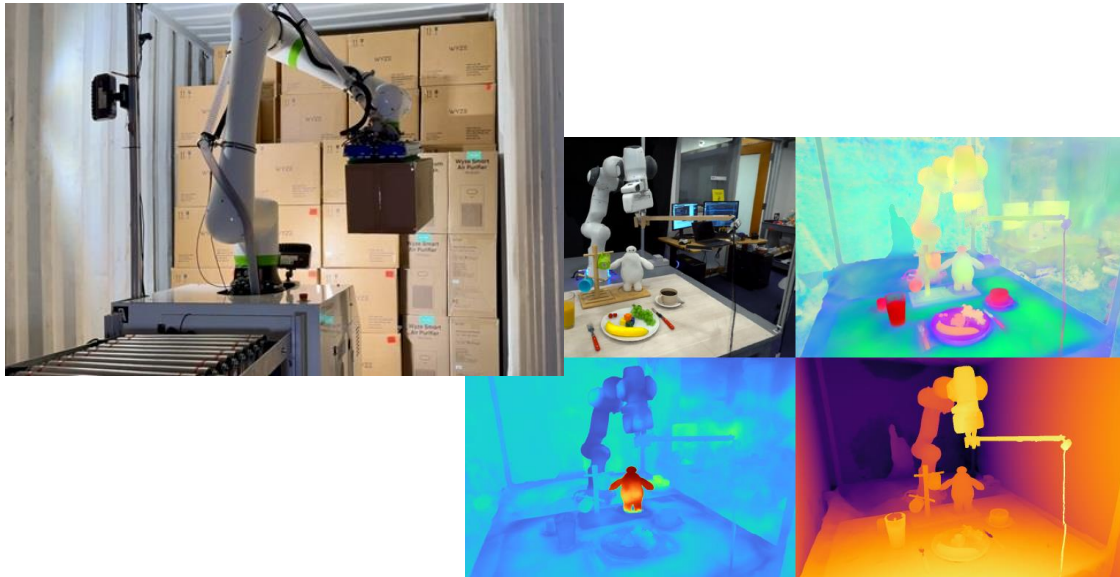
From Open-Source Repositories to Applications on the Floor

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State of Industrial Robotics

- Strong investment in industrial robotics
- Through 2022 driven by material handling
- Focus on Agility
- Advances in machine vision leveraging AI



Courtesy of: A3-robotics-statistics

More than 10 years in robotics innovation

ROS – Robot Operating System

- Open Source
- Established to prevent re-inventing the wheel
- Maintained by Open Source Robotics Foundation
- Reusable Software Components
- >1,000,000 user downloads/mo

ROS

is...



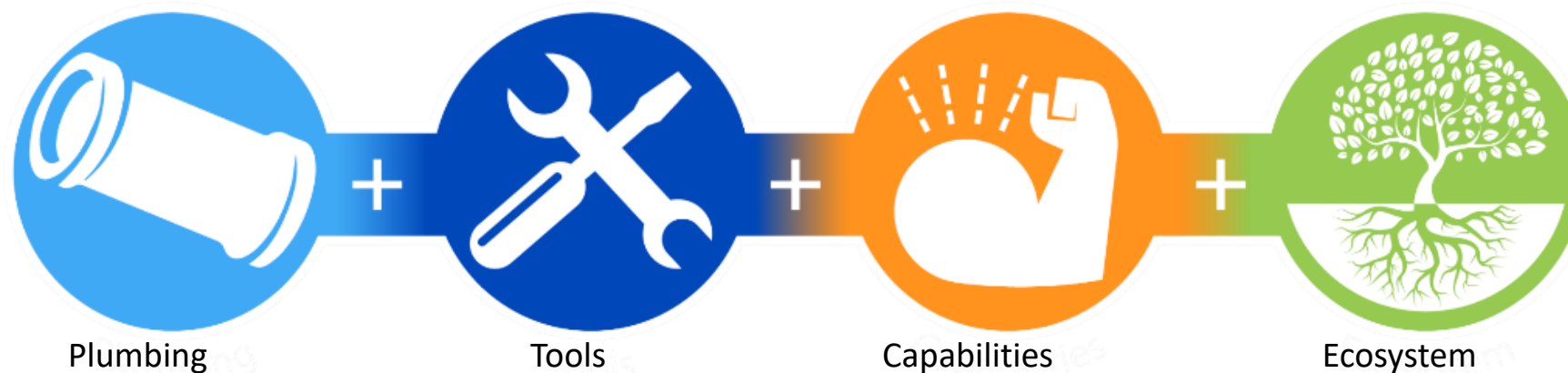
A **Middleware**
Framework



An International
Open-source Project



A Library of **Free**
Software and Tools for
Robotic Development



ROS Releases and Journey to Industry



2008

- PR2 and ROS start at a research platform for universities and research institutes



Jan 2010

- ROS 1.0 is released with tutorials
- 12 releases between 2010-2018



Dec 2017

- First Beta release of ROS 2.0 for general use



Dec 2018

- Actions support
- Navigation package



May 2019

- Multi-axis robot motion planning



Jun 2022

- Latest LTS release



10 Year Development Cycle

ROS 2.0 Industrial Use

Start using for next generation platform development

What is ROS-I?

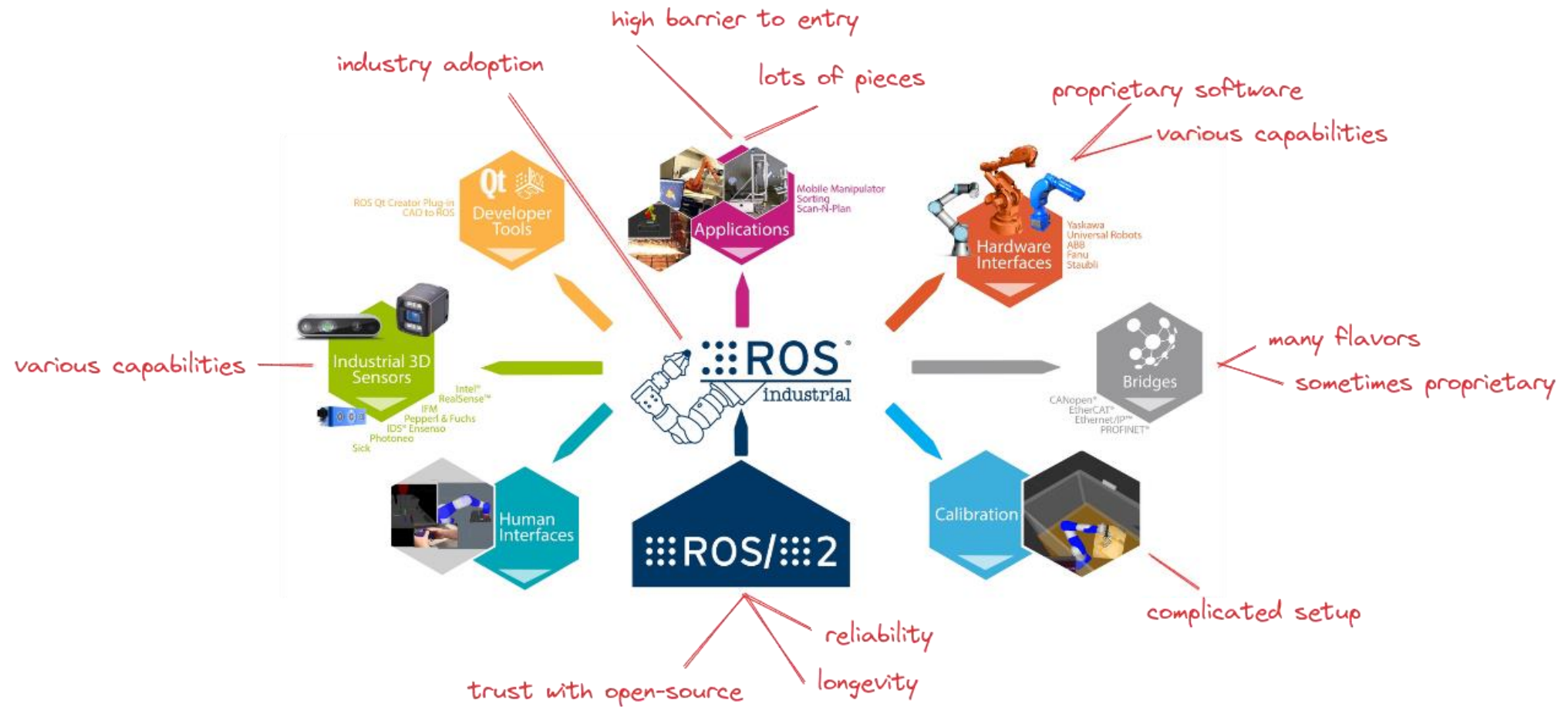
- Foundational libraries to enable interfacing with industrial hardware
- Utilities for calibration in industrial settings
- Development Interfaces and Application Toolsets
- Bridges and interoperability bridges



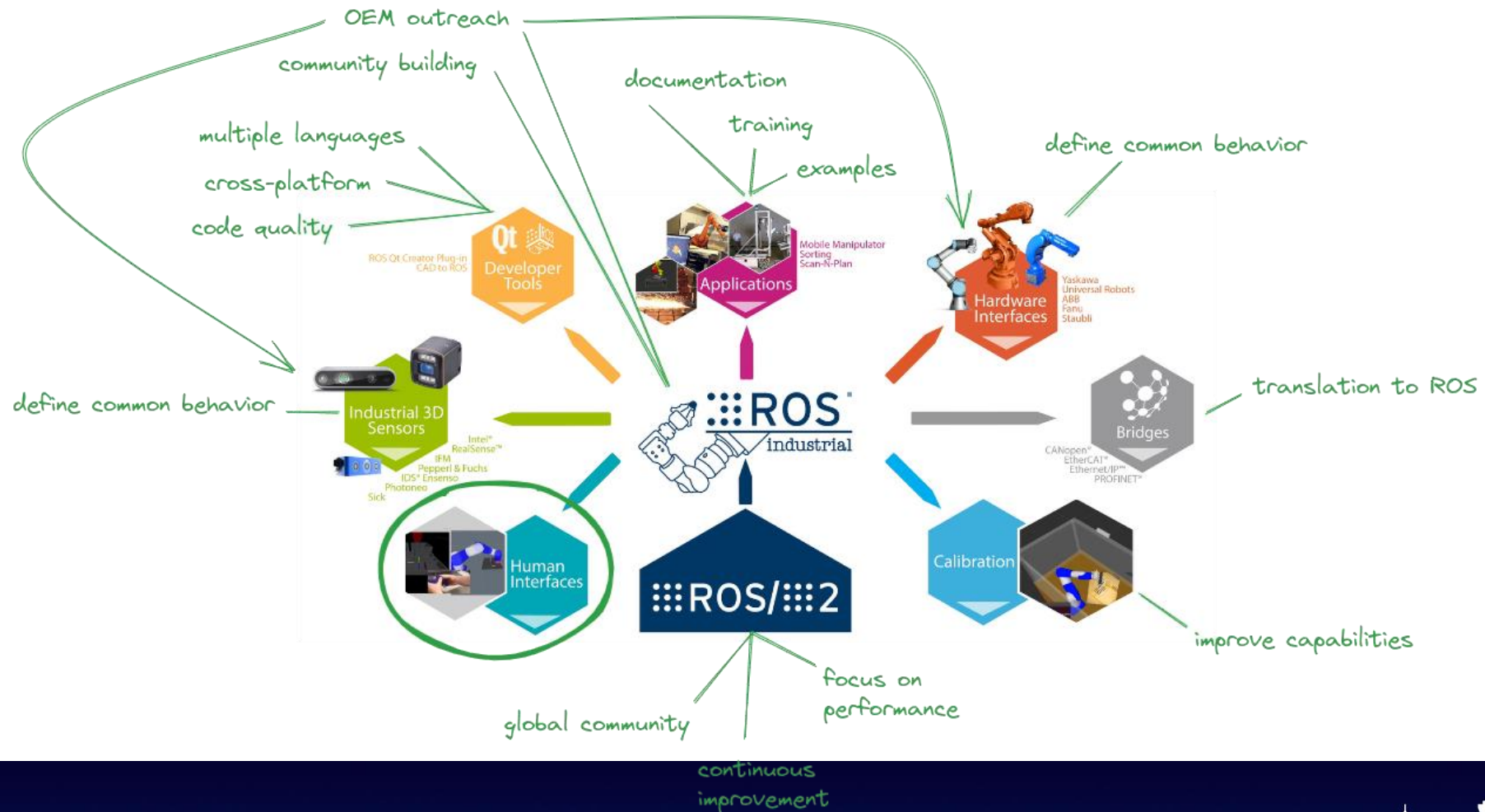
Roles SwRI plays...

- Independent steward of open source tool development for industry
- Assist entities in leveraging open source, where appropriate to develop and implement IP more efficiently
- Deliver first of a kind solutions into new operational environments
- Assist in tech transition
- Teach clients to be self sufficient to enable growth of developed solutions
- Develop in a way to ensure leverage/scalability

Challenges



Solutions



Tech Vision Supported by Industry

- **ROS-Industrial Consortium** acts as an ecosystem where different players – end-users, equipment providers, system integrators, institutes of research and training partners **come together to advance and proliferate Open Source robotics**



Strategy for Development

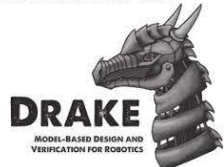


Environment Layer (Movelt, Tesseract, Dart, etc.)



Messages,
Topics

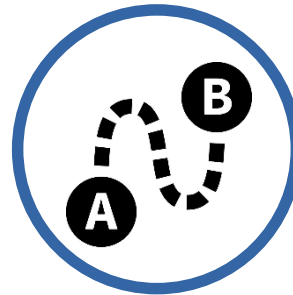
ROS 1 / ROS 2 / Middleware Layer



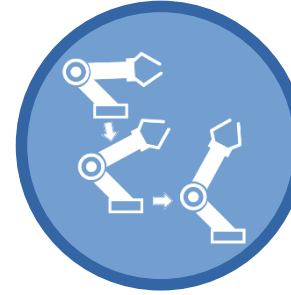
Independent of ROS



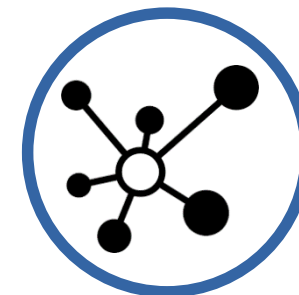
Collision
Detection



Motion
Planners



Kinematic
Solvers



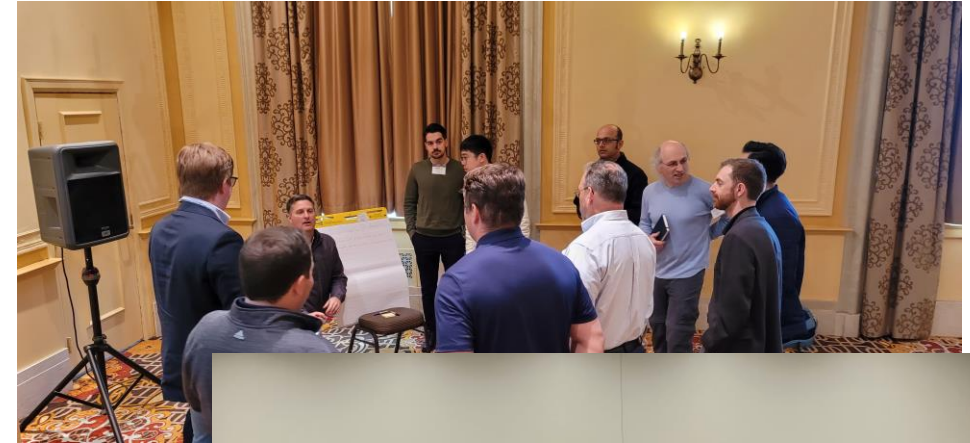
Connectivity
Structure

Build ROS1 or
ROS2, these
are
independent

Continue to support deployed end-user ROS1 systems with new capabilities as they are developed even if for a ROS 2 solution

Network and Foster Collaboration

- In person conferences, training events, meetups
- Write ups and additional broader reach collaborative initiatives beyond the ROS community
 - American Welding Society
 - Founders' Society of Americas
 - Coaters' Association
 - Remanufacturing Industries Council
 - Manufacturing Innovation Institutes



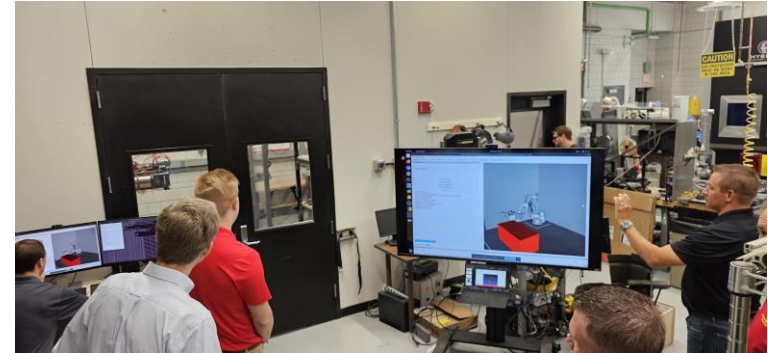
Training & Educational Resources

- Workshops
- Training
 - ROS-I Training Events
 - Member hosted
 - Rotating special topics
 - Labs
 - Reference Resources
 - Example Applications



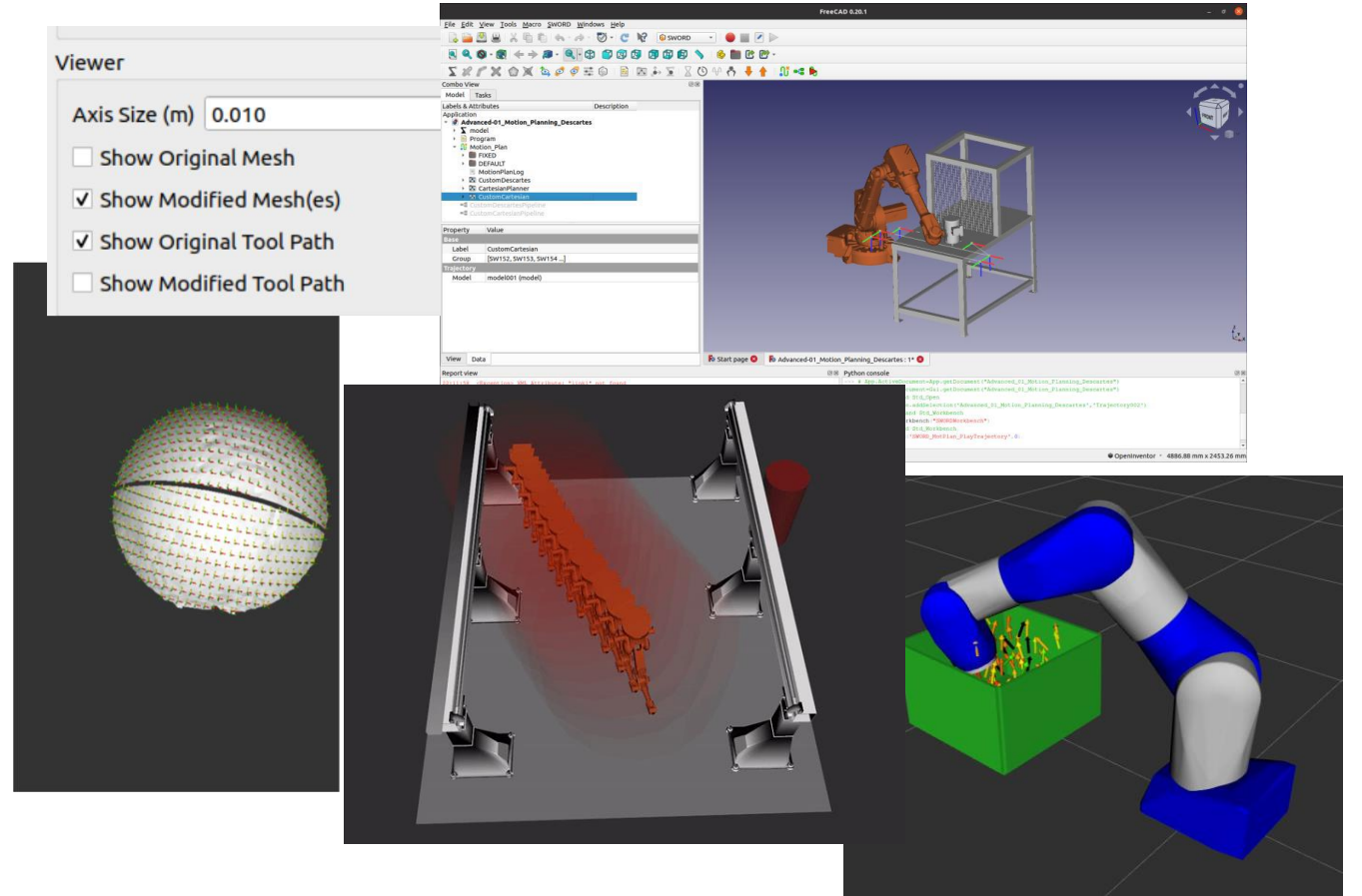
Collaborative Projects

- Focused Technical Projects – Members join a team to work on a core technical challenge manifesting in an application example
 - Robotic Blending – now on Milestone 5 championed by the Steel Founders’ Society of America
 - Delivering capability with contributions from a partner University into a working foundry
 - Delivering capability back to the Scan-N-Plan workshop
 - https://github.com/ros-industrial-consortium/scan_n_plan_workshop
 - Enable students to get exposed to delivering software contributions in a way that is leverageable
 - Benefit to the entire ROS-I Community

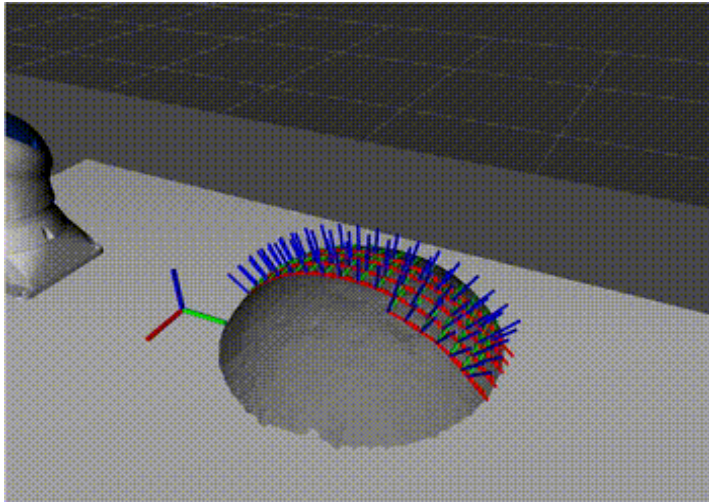


Tools built on member voice

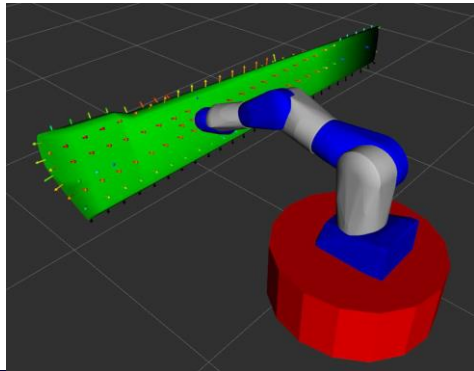
- SWORD
- REACH
- Coordinated Motion
- Optimization-based motion planning
- Improvements to tool path planning



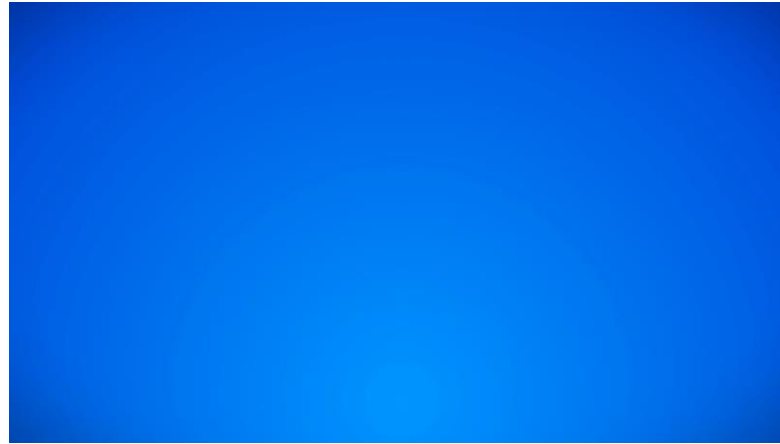
ROS-I Capabilities & Modules



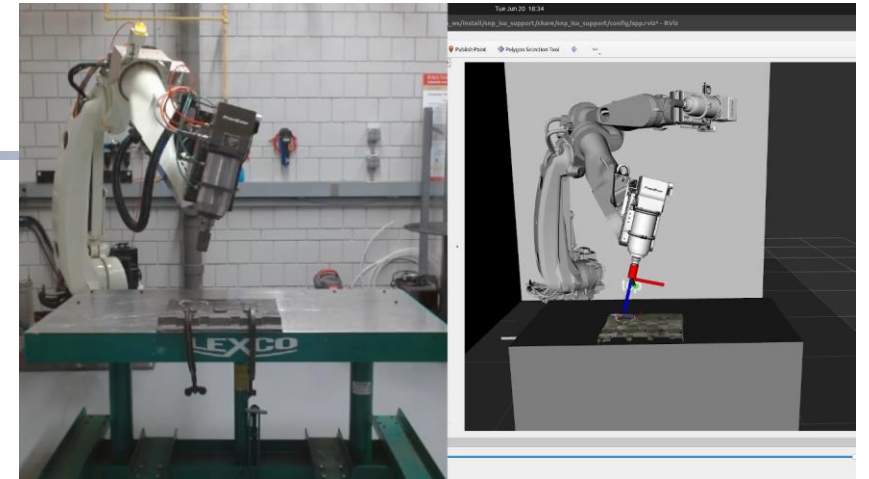
Cartesian Tolerance Waypoints



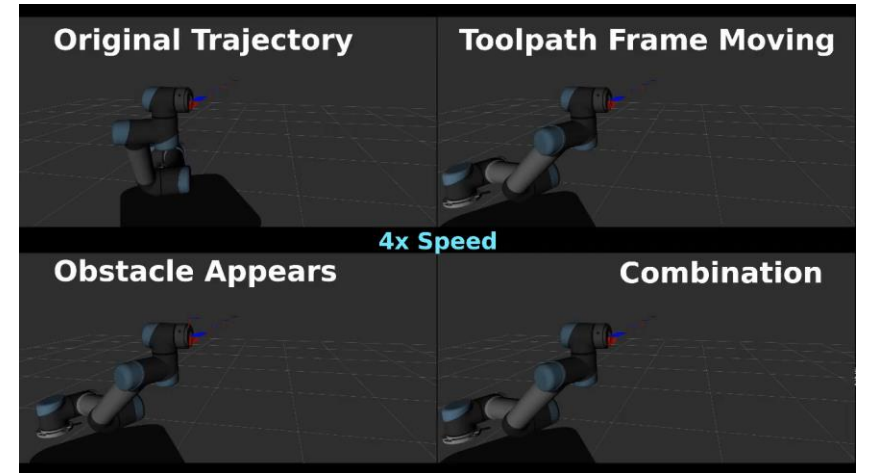
REACH



<https://youtu.be/-6yAk05et1Q>



Robotic Blending Milestone 5



Coordinated Motion

Resources for the Community

- ROS-Industrial
 - Home: rosindustrial.org
 - Documentation: wiki.ros.org/industrial
 - Code: <https://github.com/ros-industrial>;
<https://github.com/ros-industrial-consortium>
 - Training: http://ros-industrial.github.io/industrial_training/
 - Training Docs: <https://industrial-training-dev.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
 - Tesseract: <https://github.com/tesseract-robotics>
 - Upcoming Events (<https://rosindustrial.org/events-summary/>)