

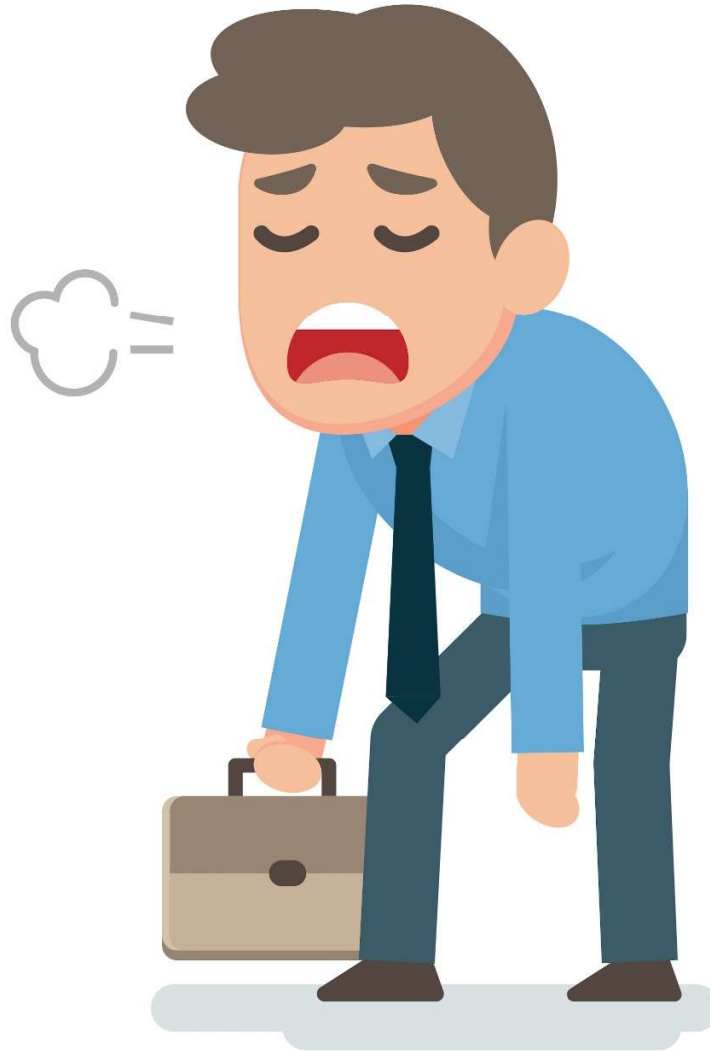


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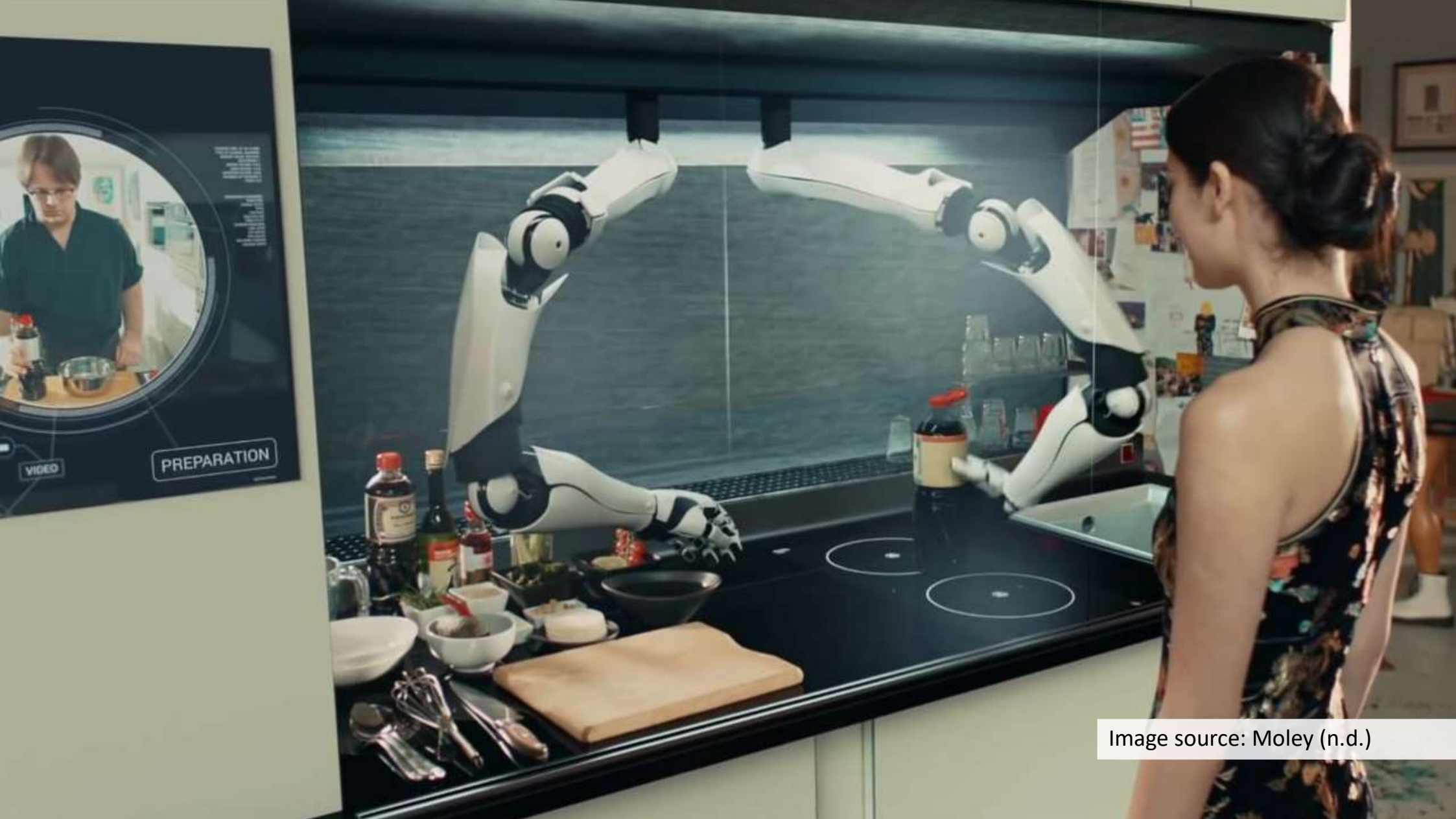


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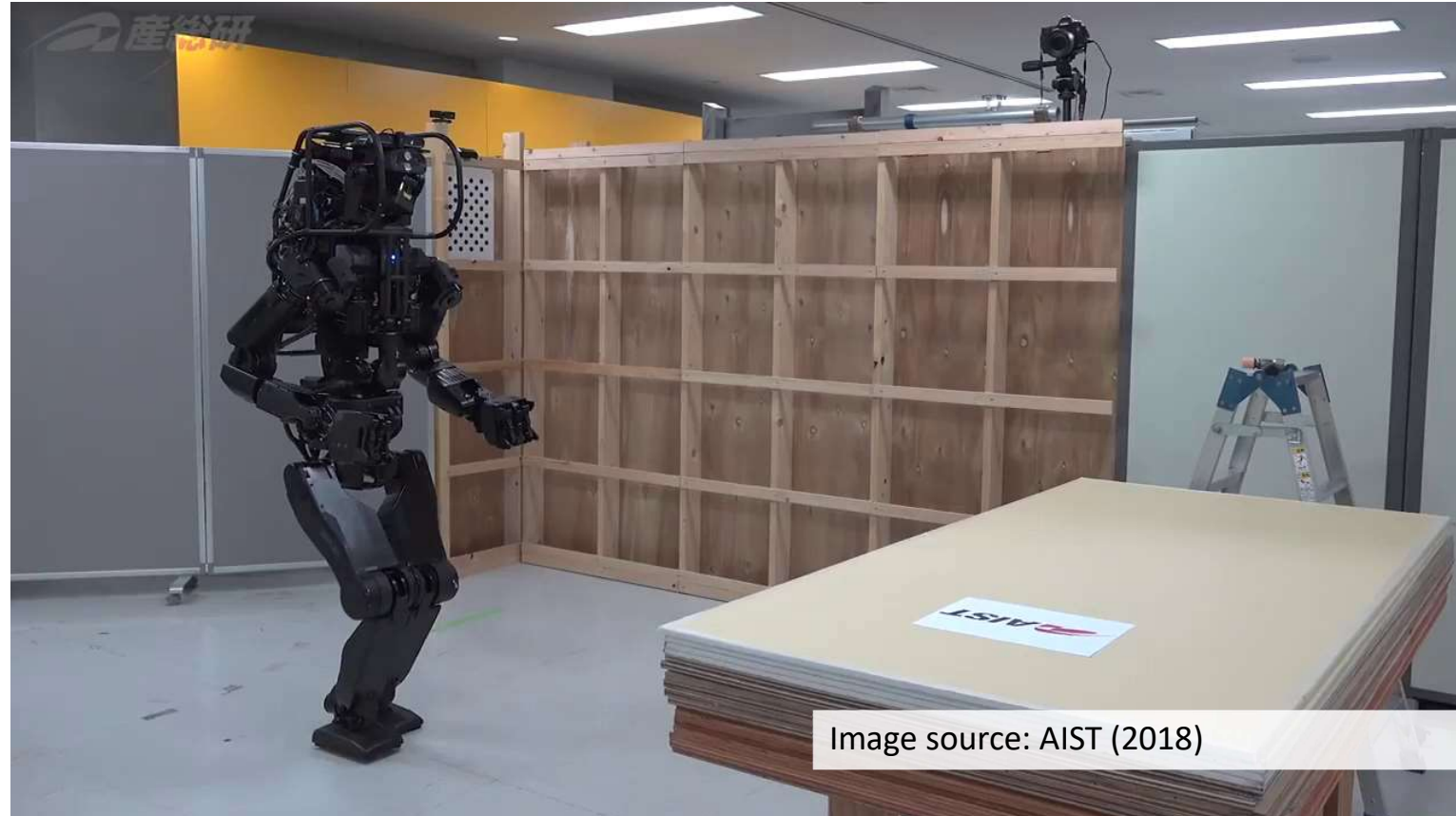


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Solution? TheNewMakers!

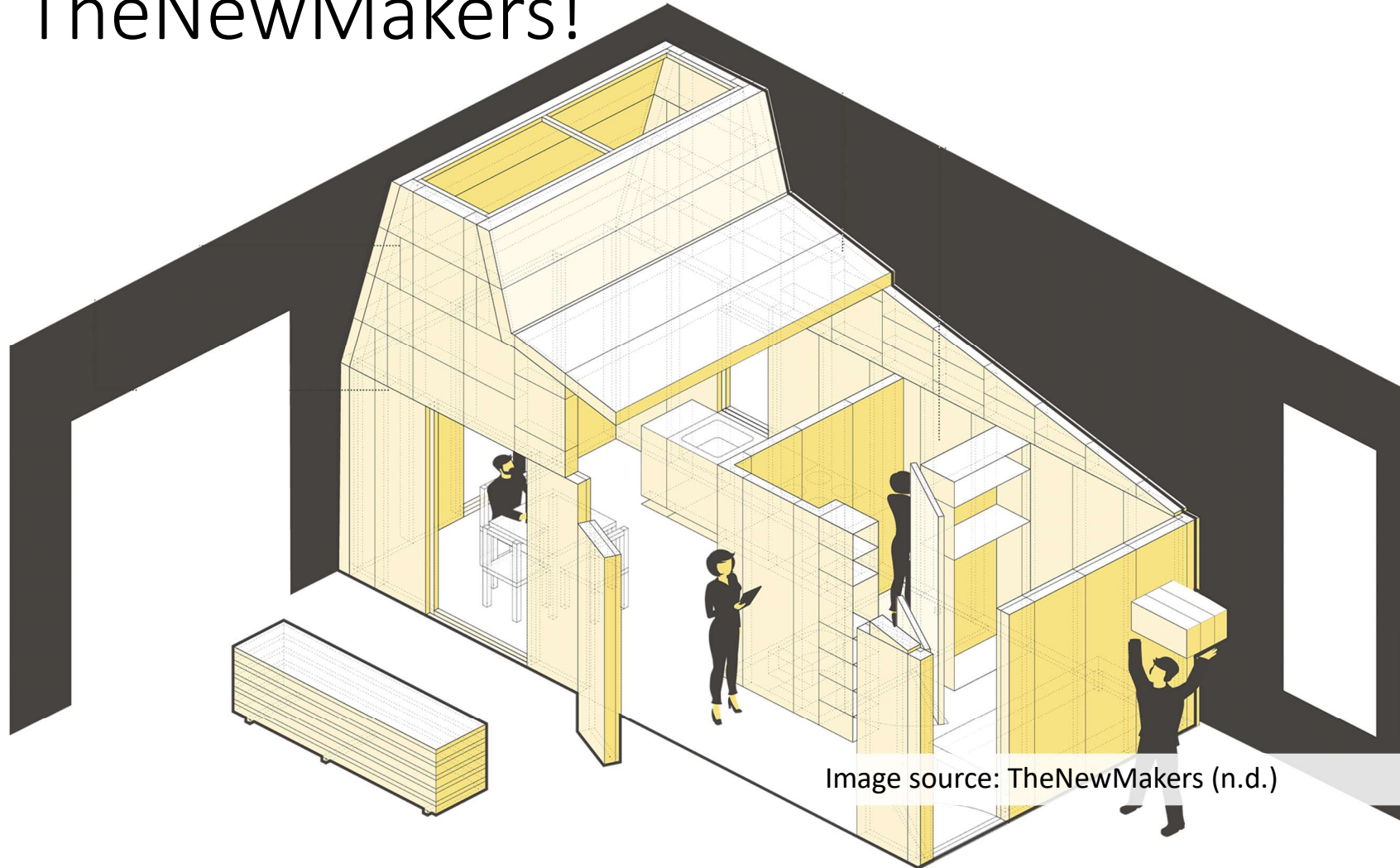


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TheNewMakers: Components

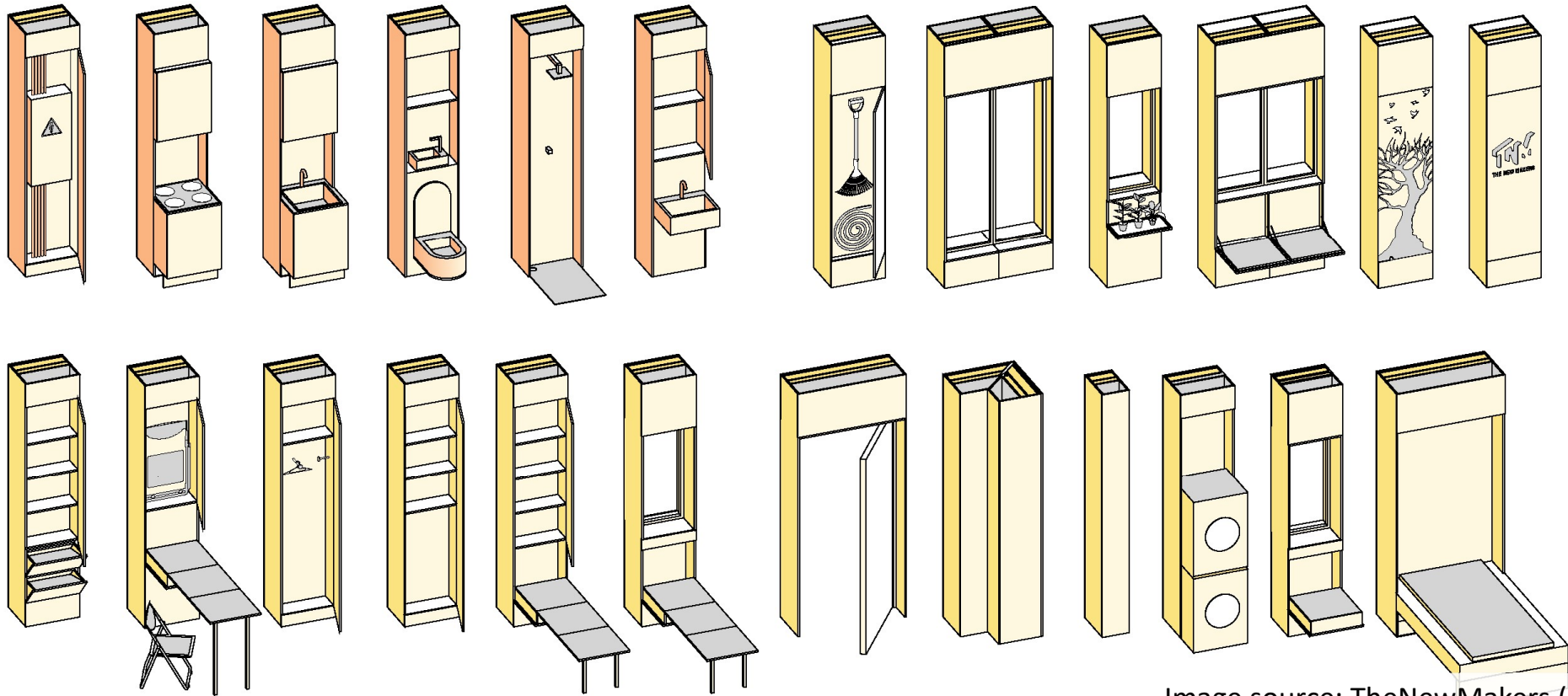
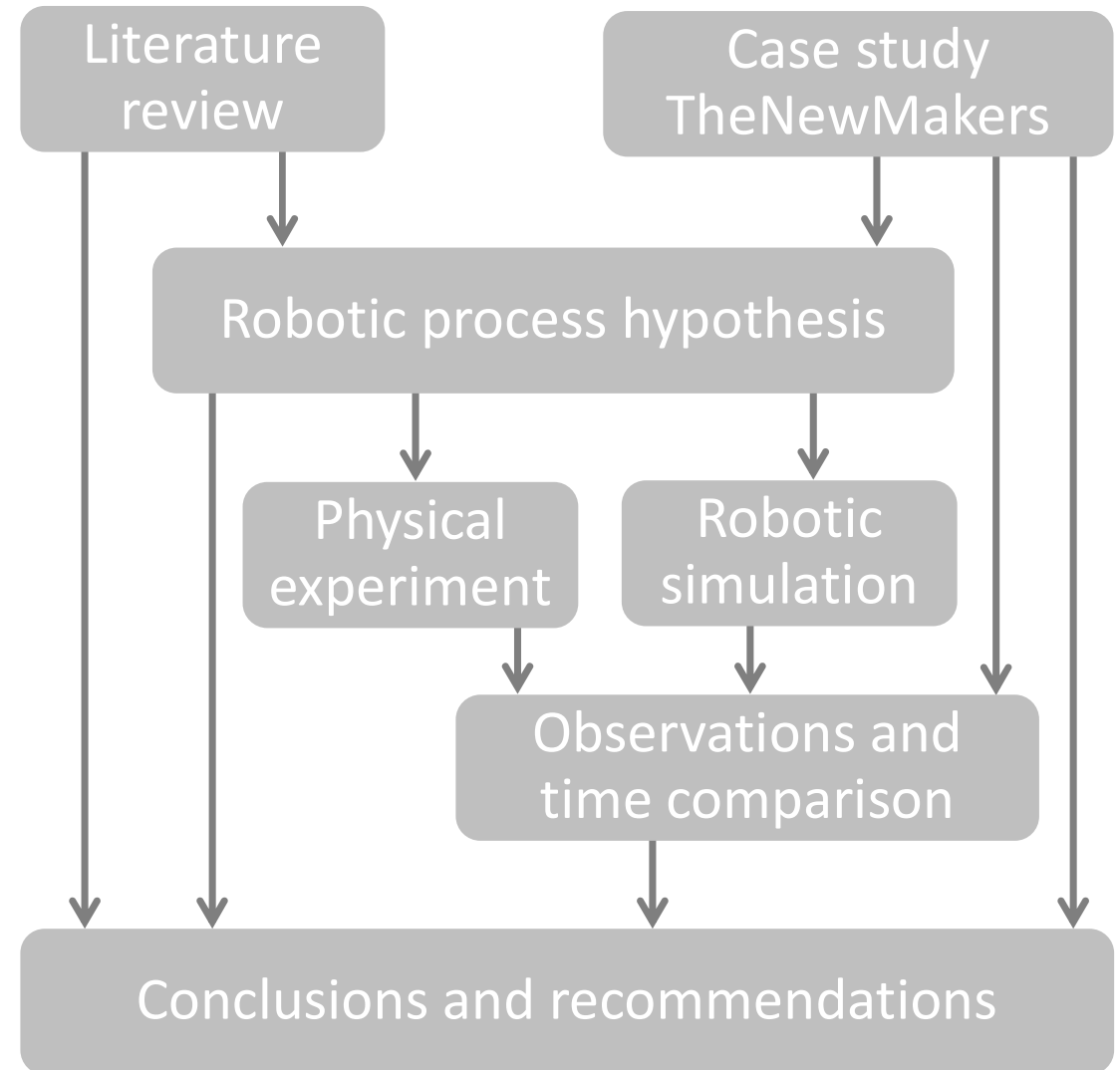


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Research design: Detail

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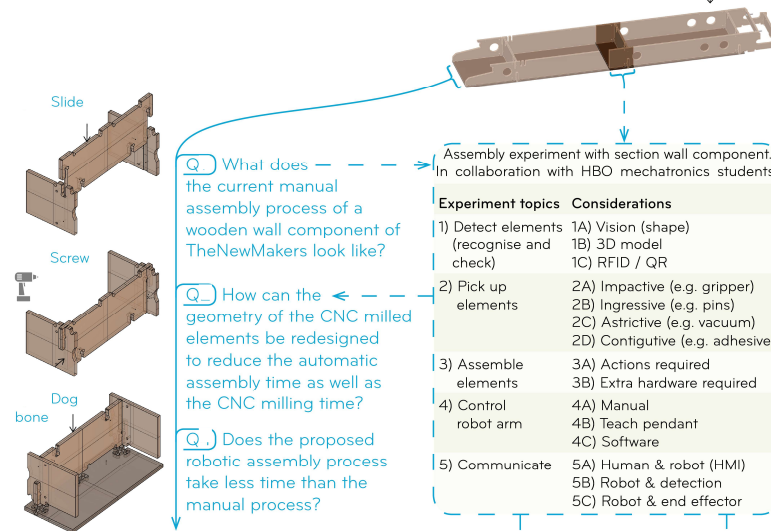
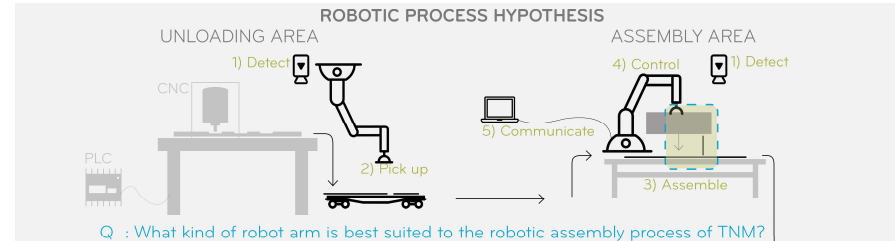


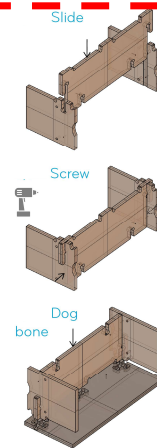
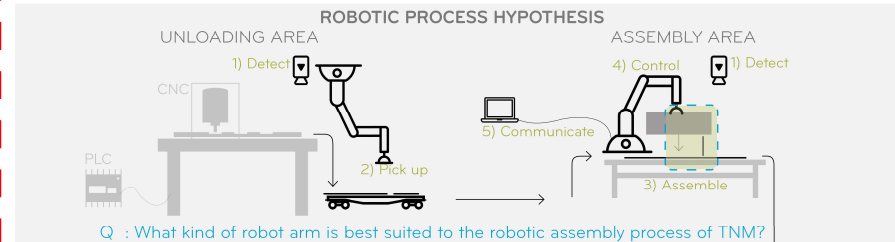
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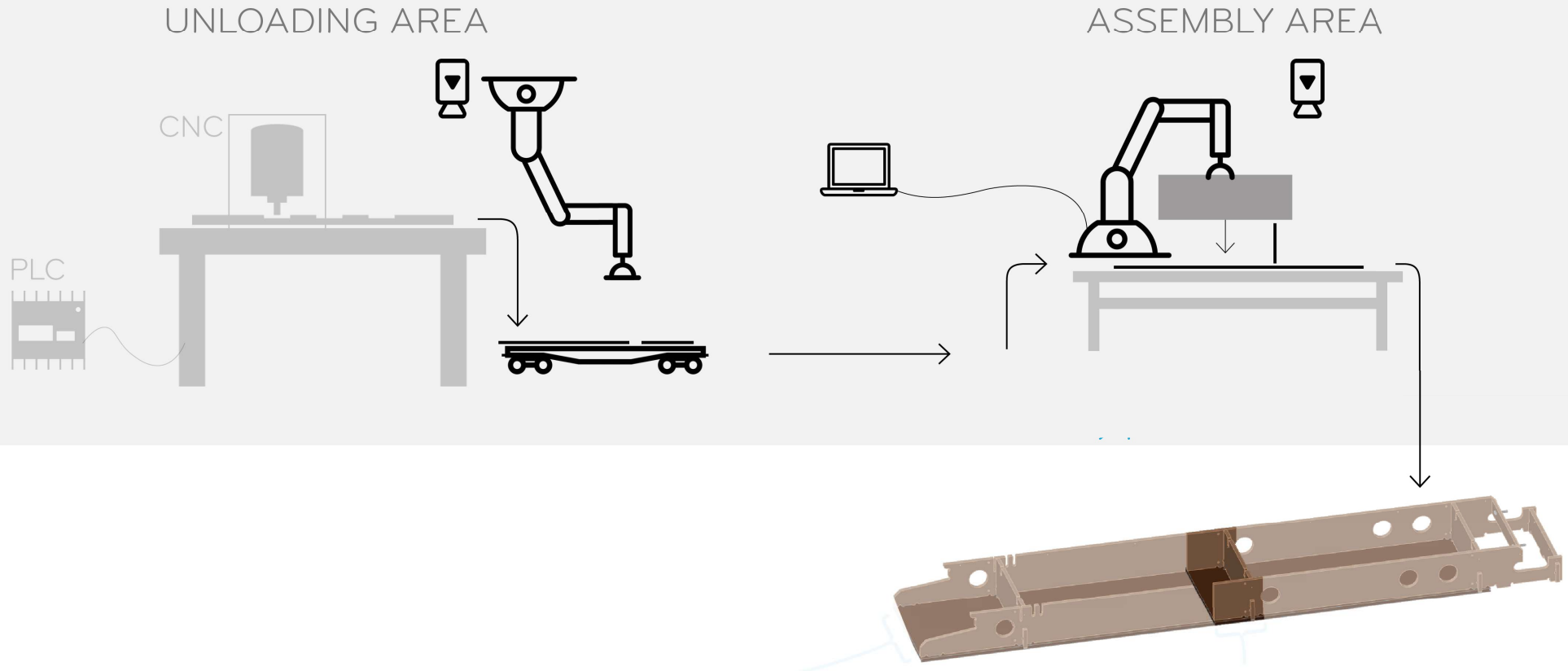


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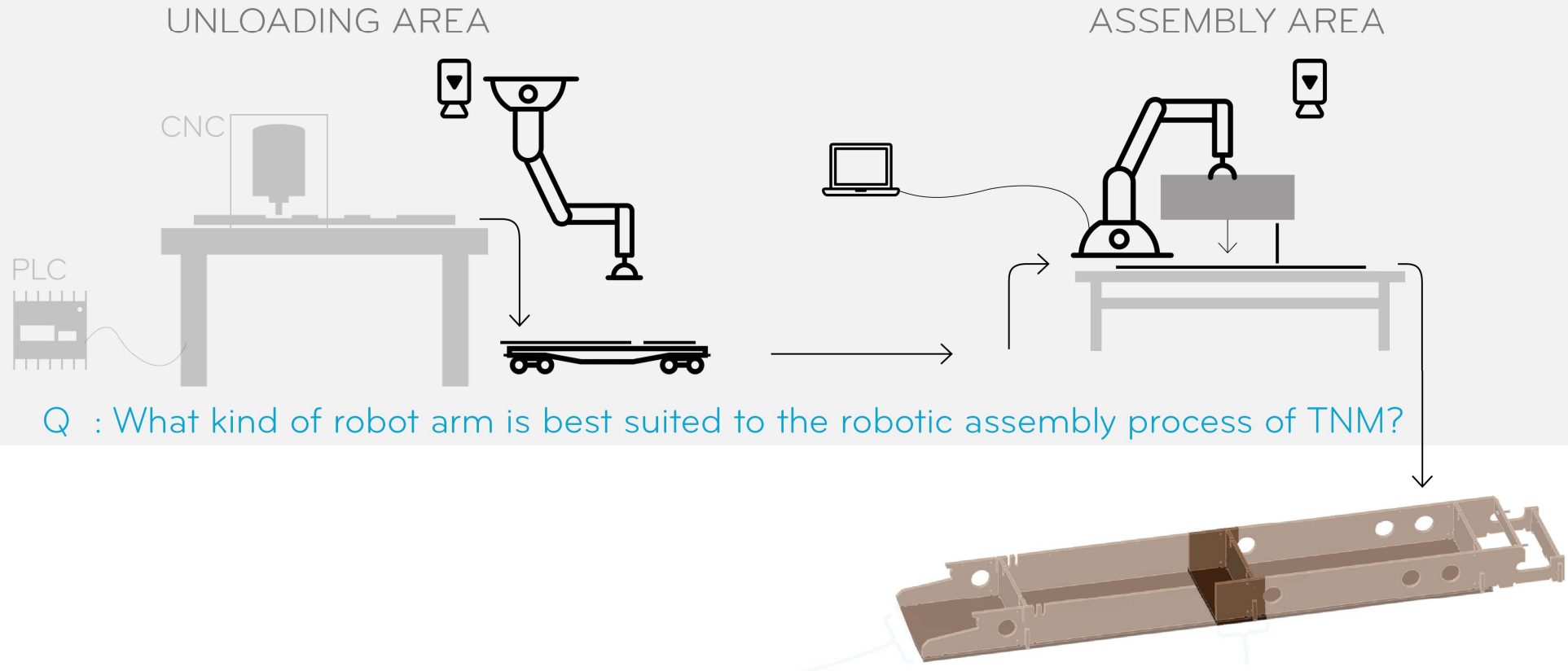
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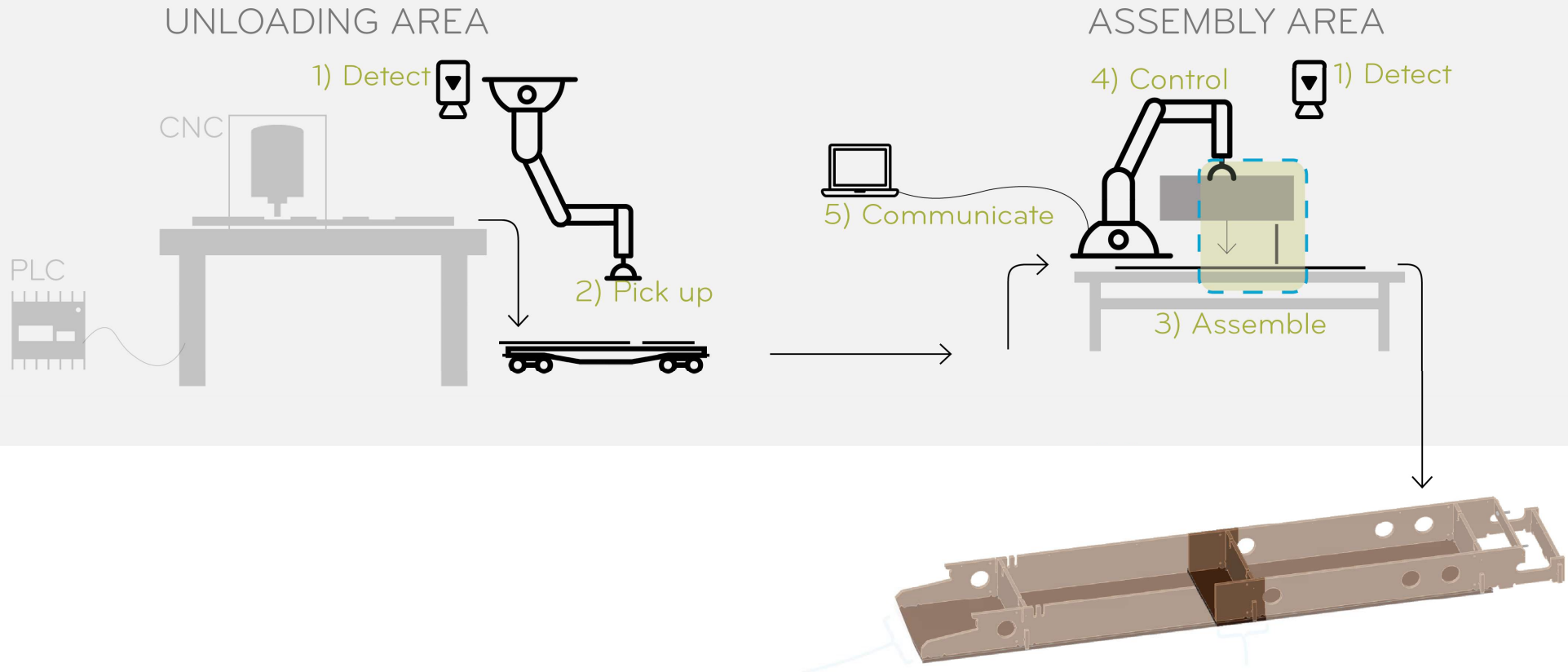
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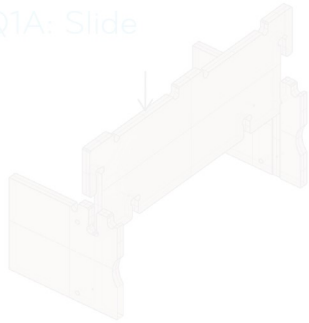


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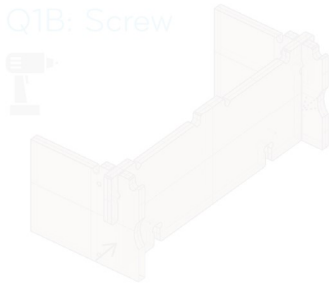
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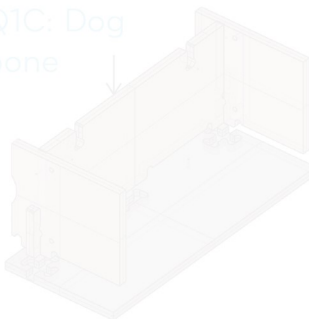
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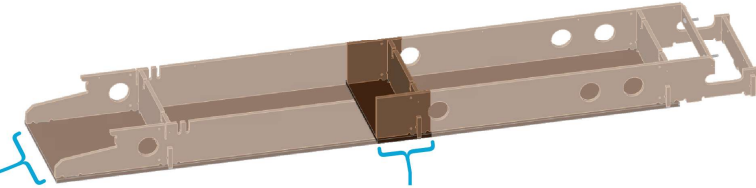
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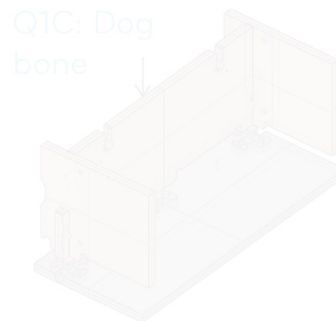
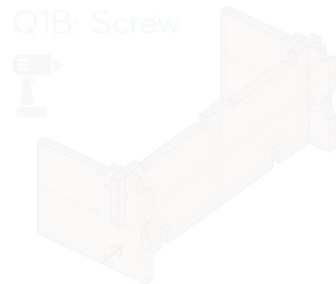
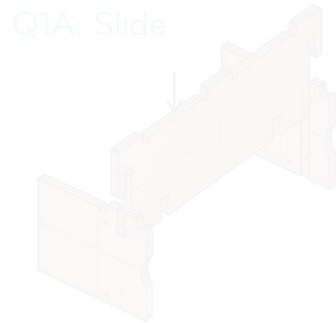
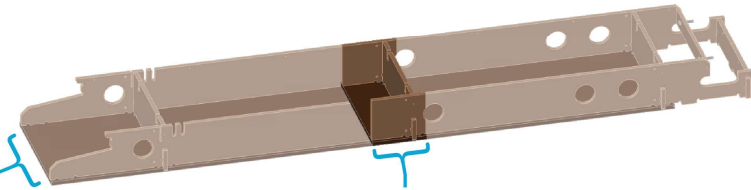
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Section experiment:
HBO students, small UR5 robot

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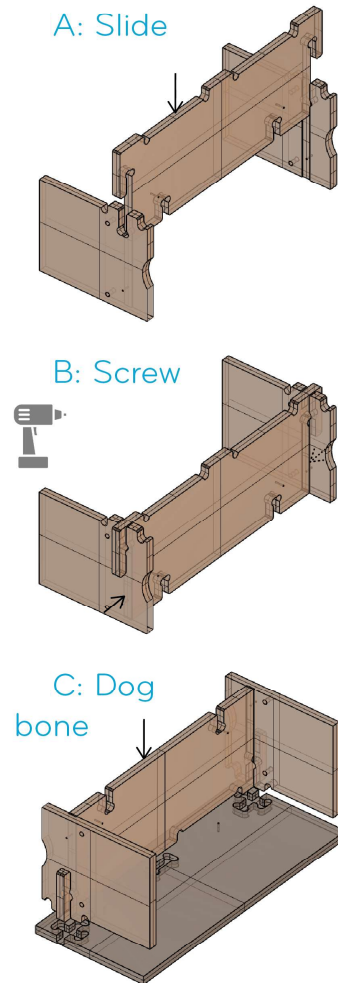
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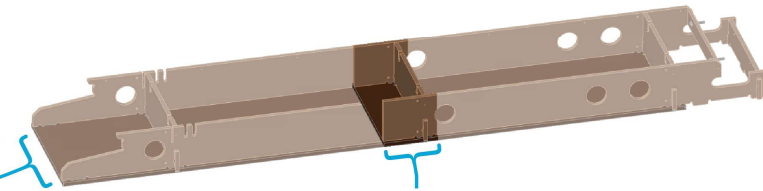
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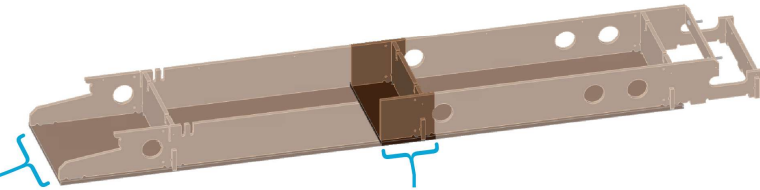
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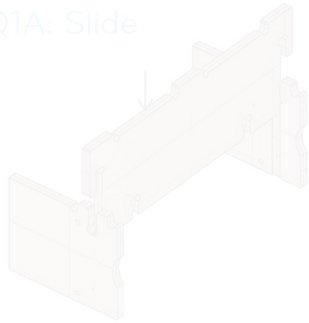


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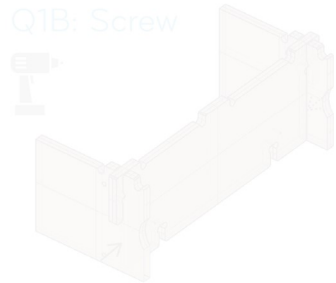
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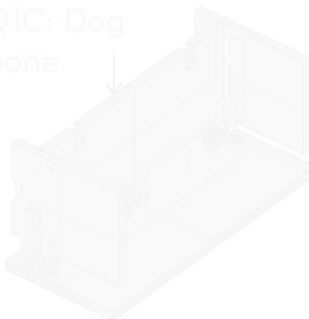
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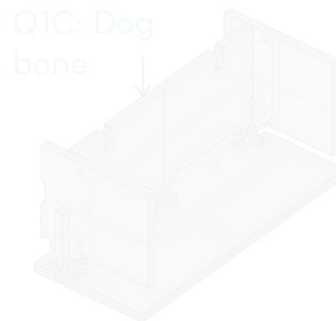
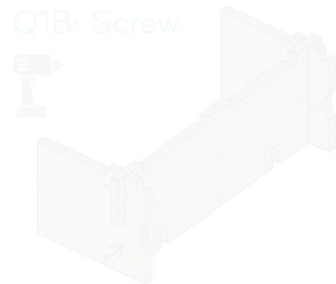
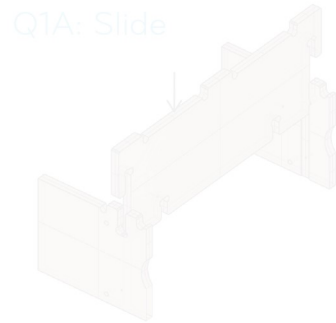
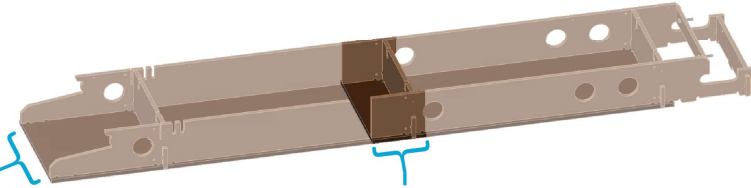
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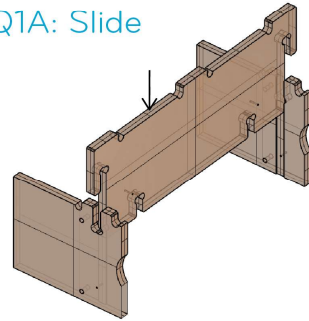
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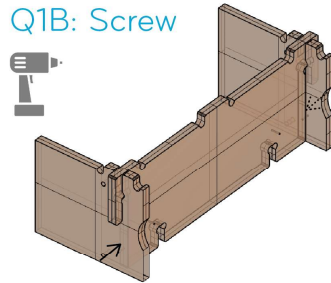
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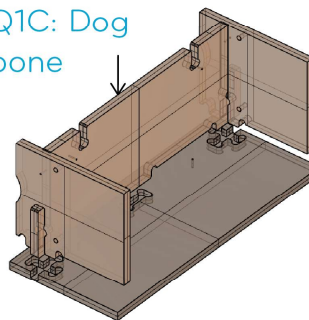
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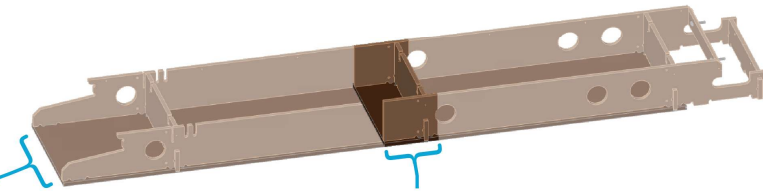
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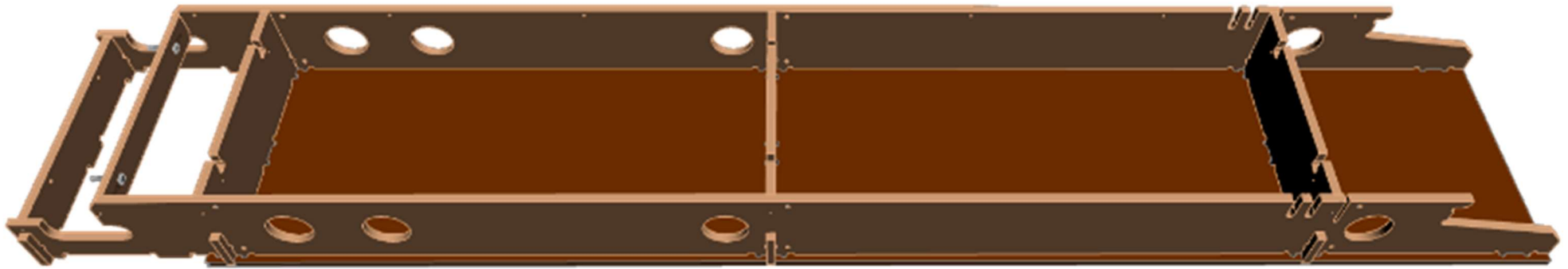
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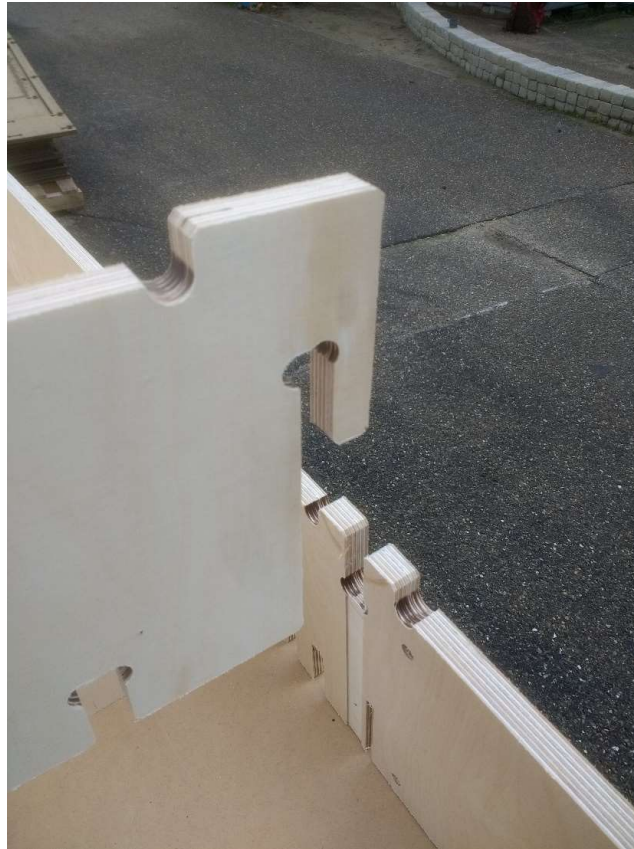
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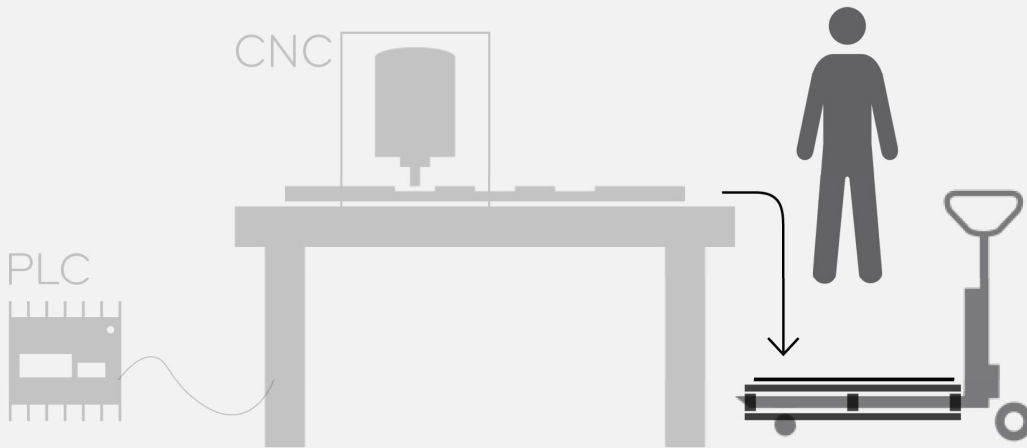
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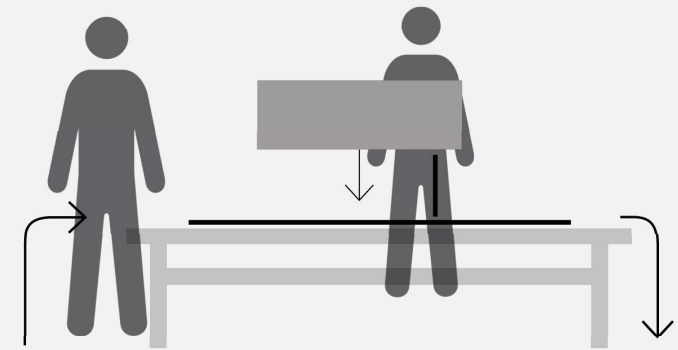
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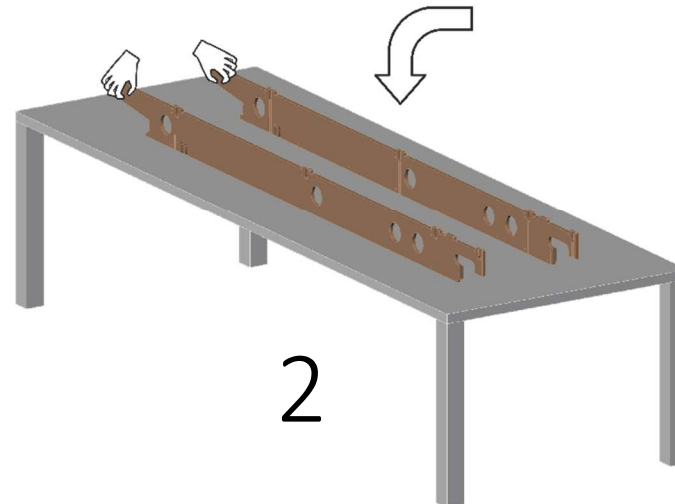
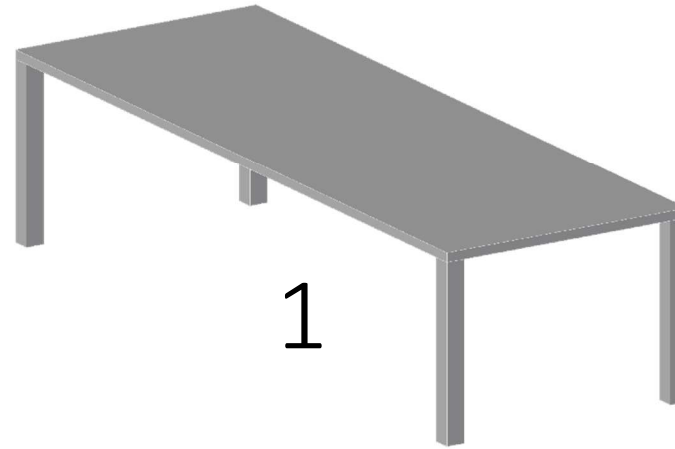
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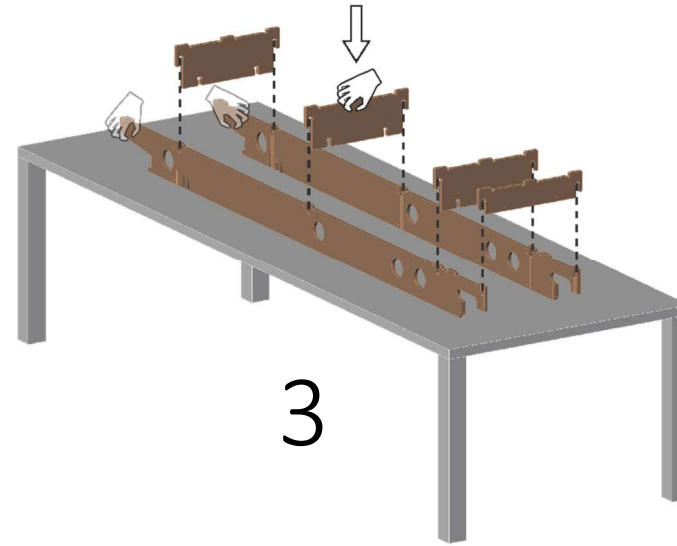
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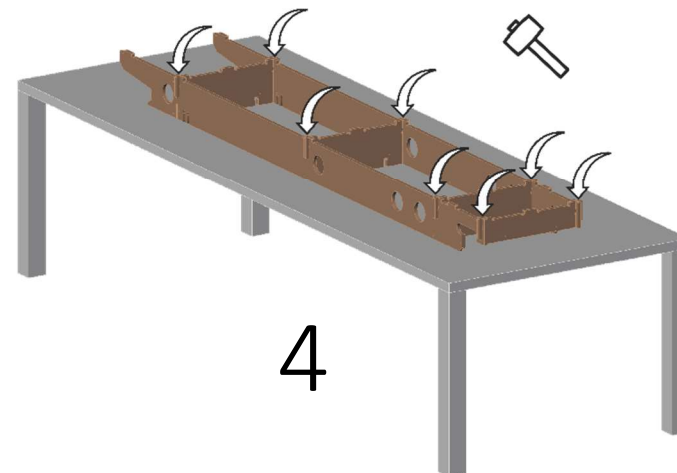
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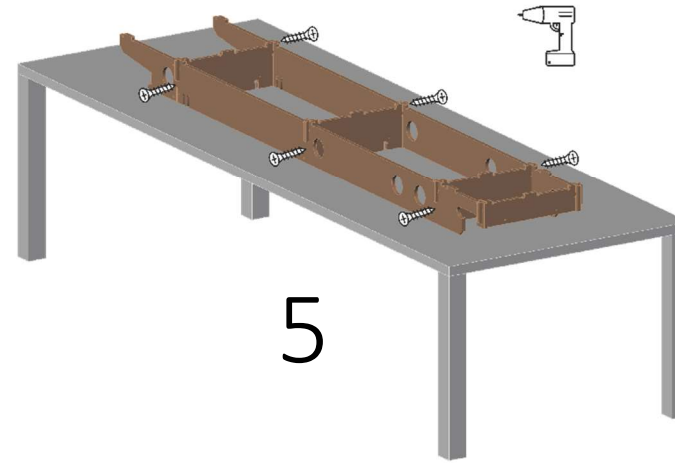


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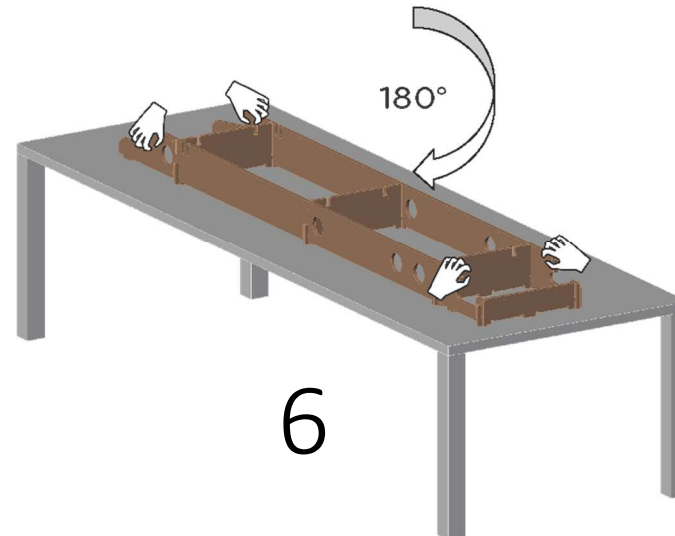


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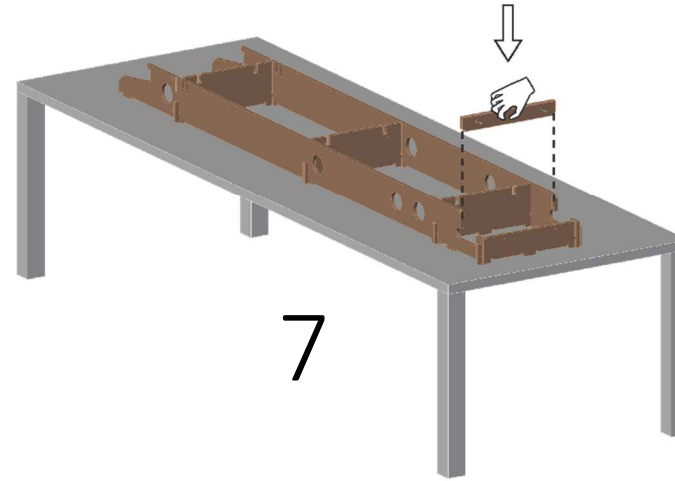


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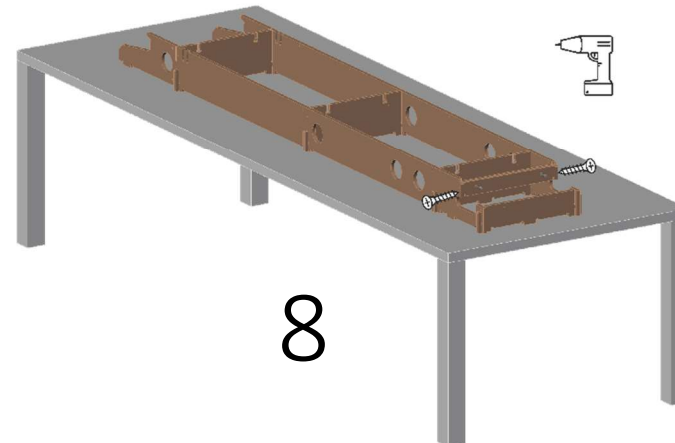


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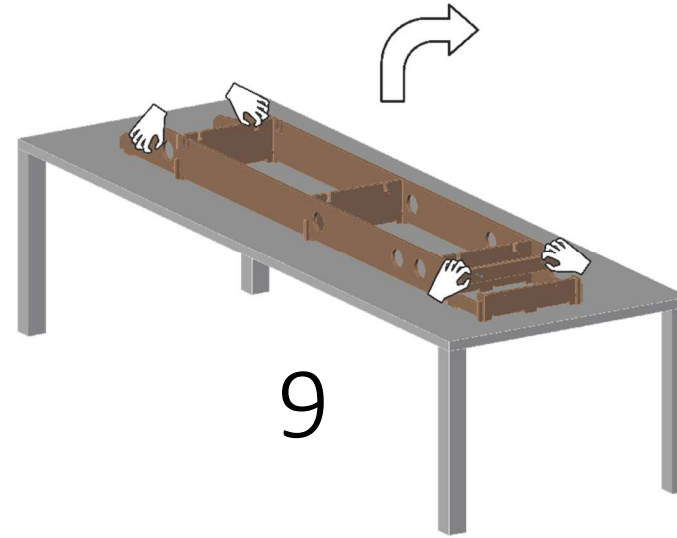


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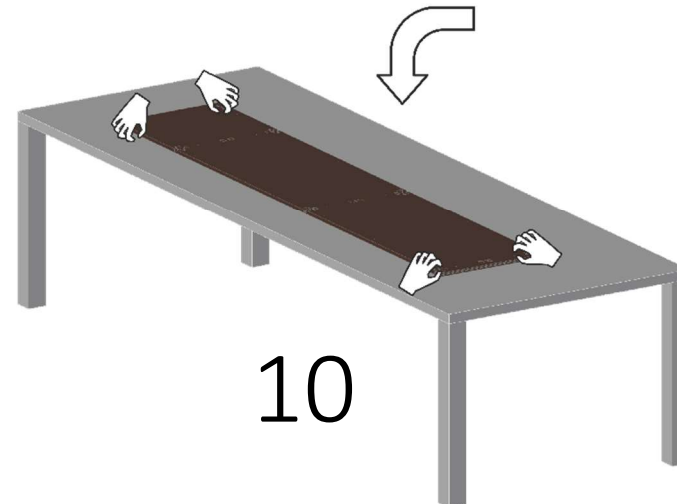


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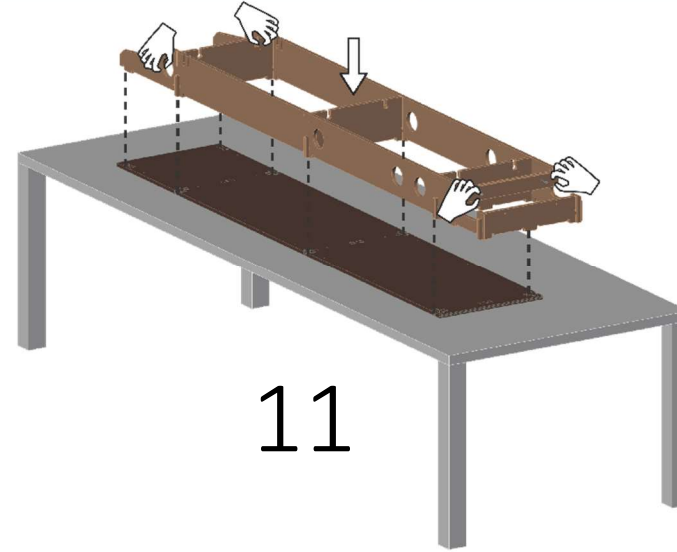


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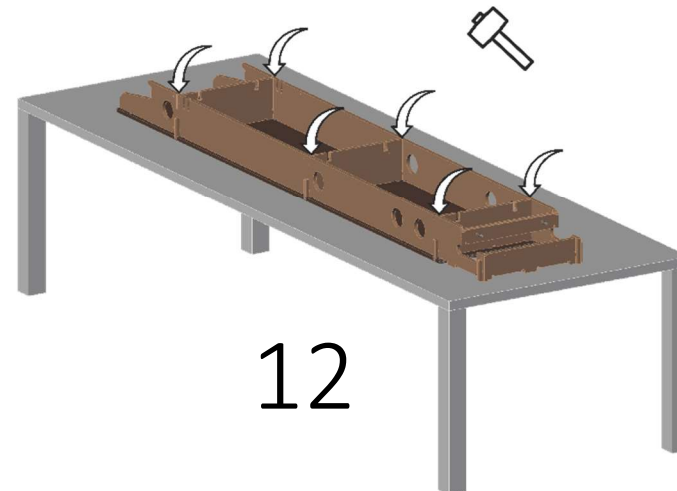


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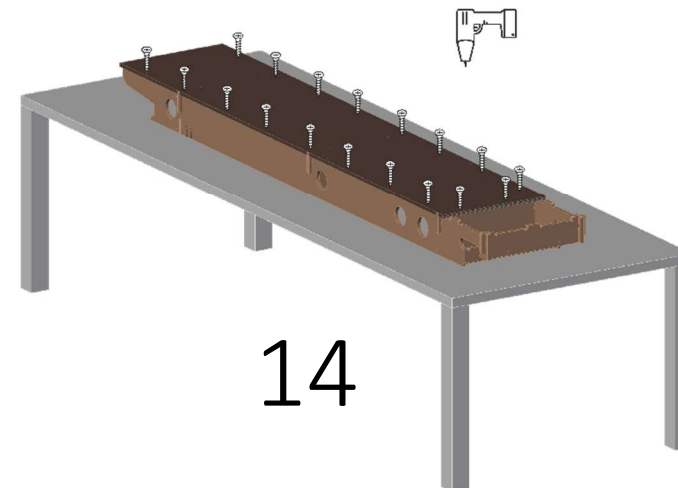
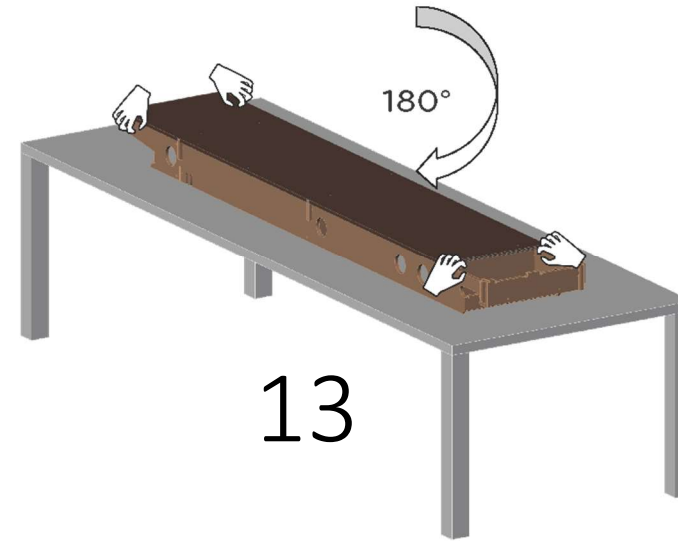


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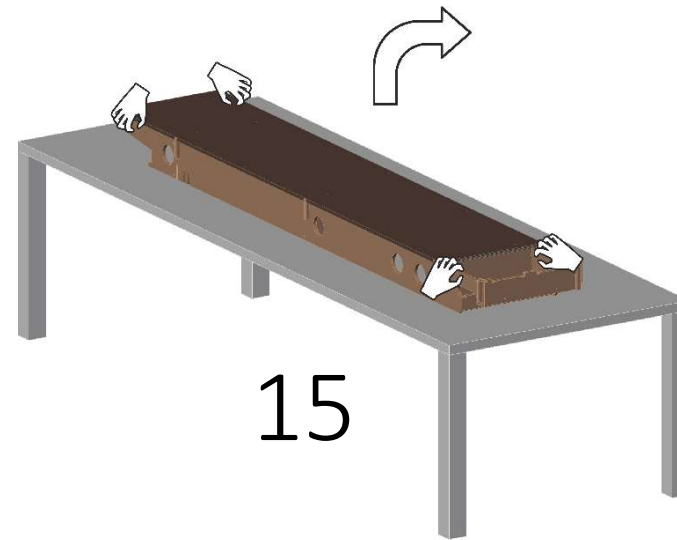


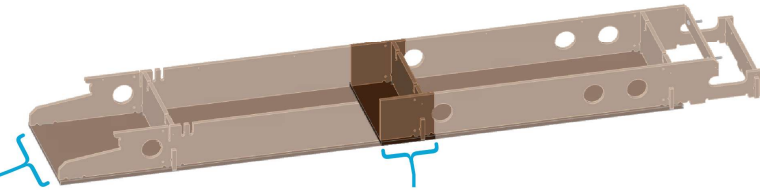
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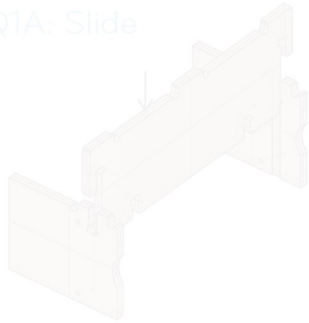


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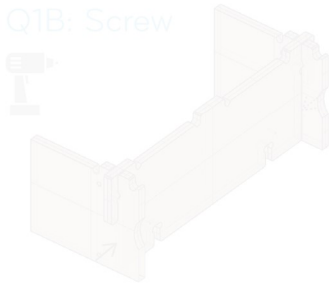




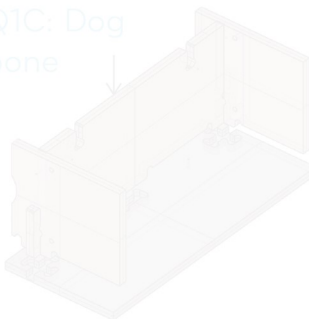
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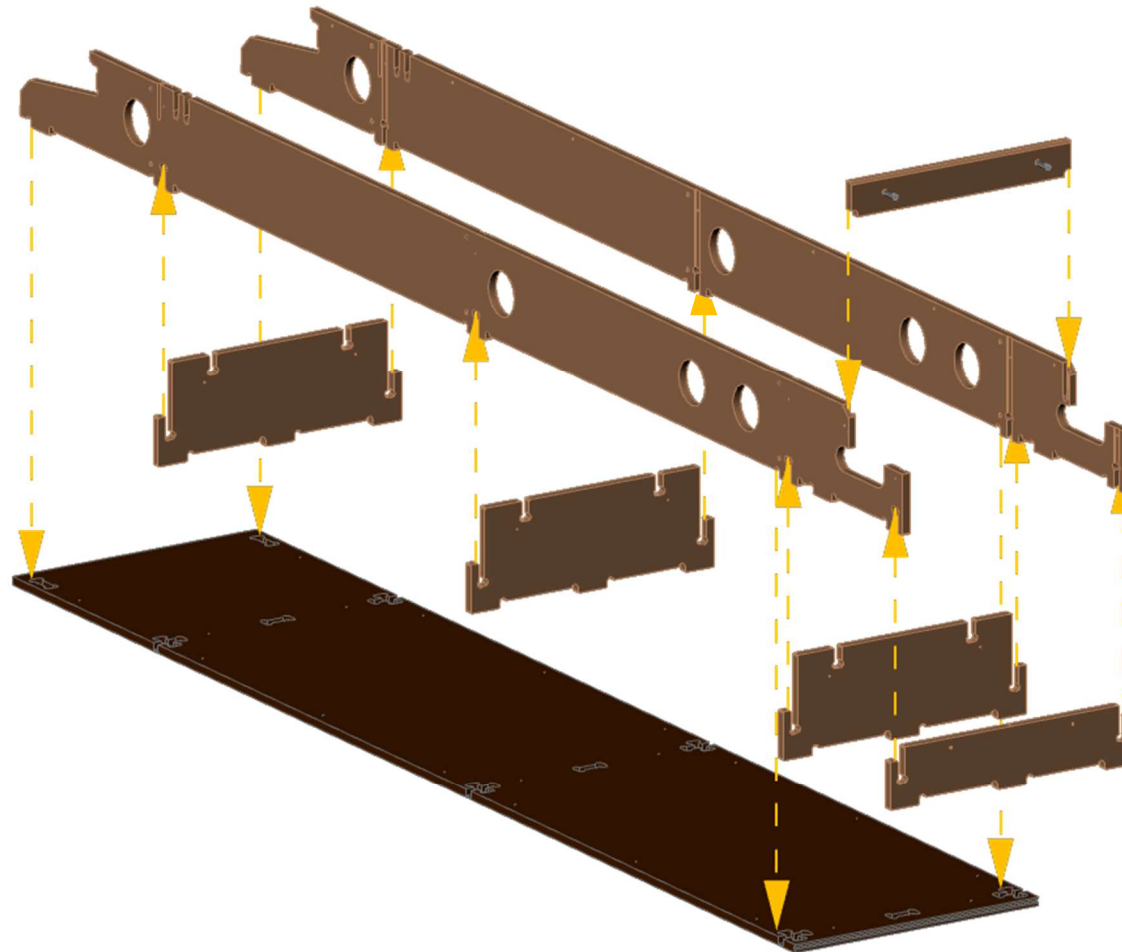
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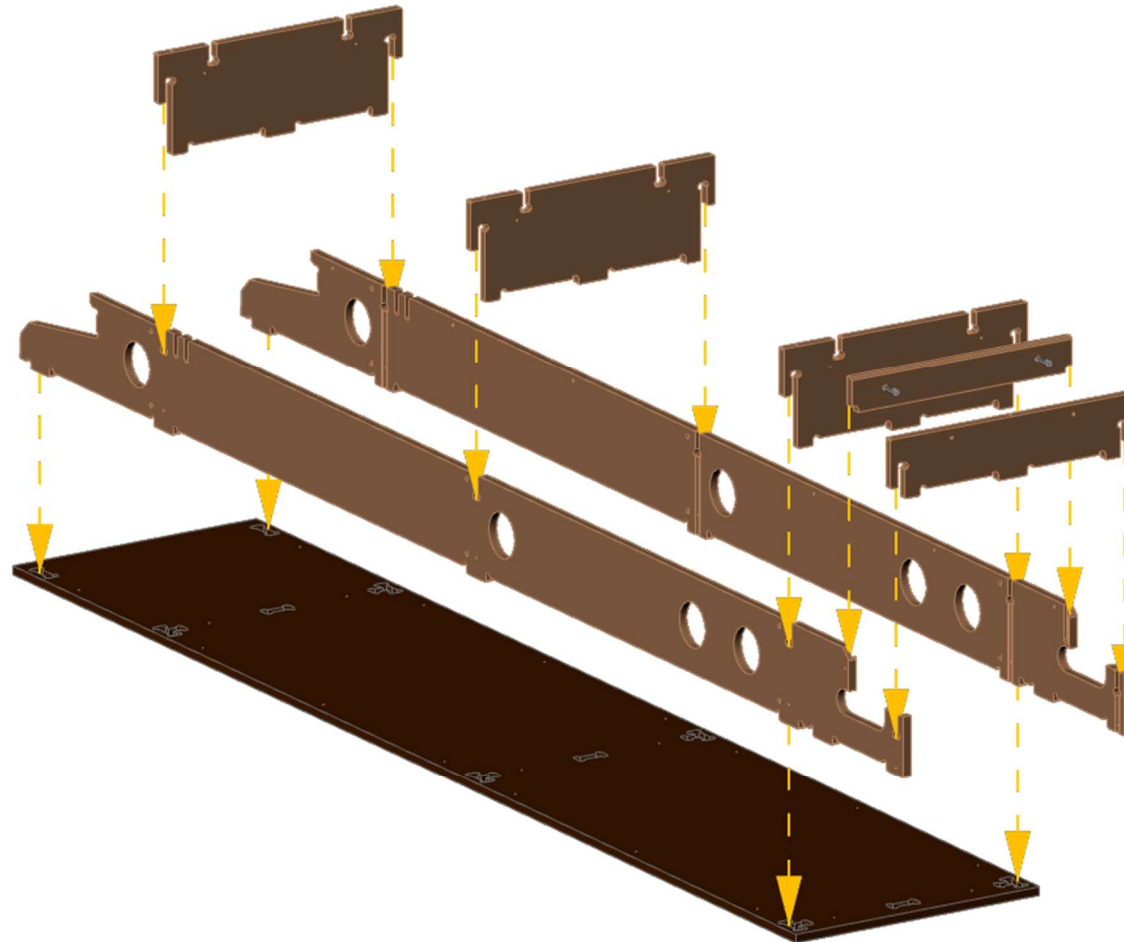
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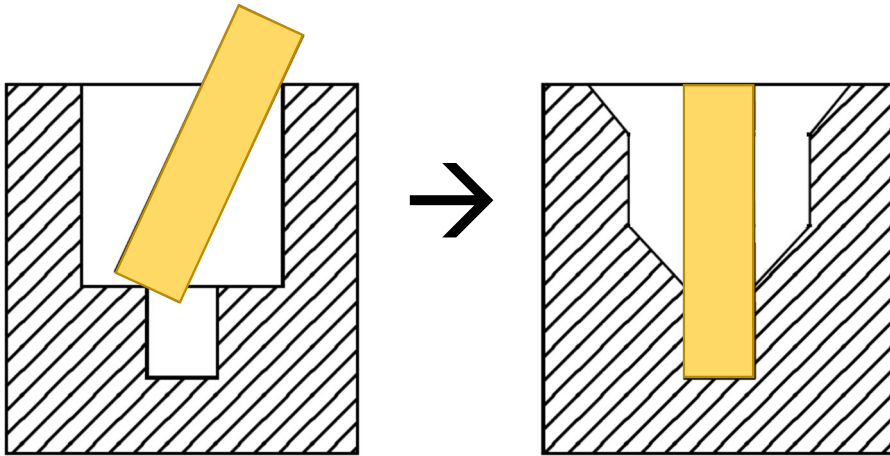
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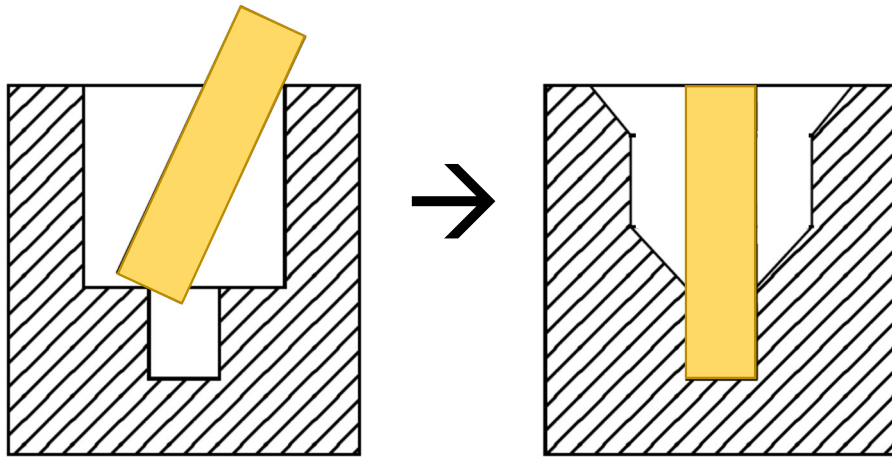
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DFA2 (re)design guidelines

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Chamfer?	Points
Yes	9
No, but guiding surfaces	3
No and no guiding surfaces	1

DFA2

Component level

- Reduce number of elements
- Unique elements
- Base object
- Design base object
- Assembly directions
- Parallel operations
- Chain of tolerances
- Disassembly
- Packaging

Element level

- Need to assemble element?
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Assembly score

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Assembly score

DFA2: Assembly score

Geometry	Assembly score	
	Component level	Element level
Version A - Original	36,5%	48,4%
Version B - DFA2	55,6%	51,9%
Improvement of version B compared to version A	1,5	1,1

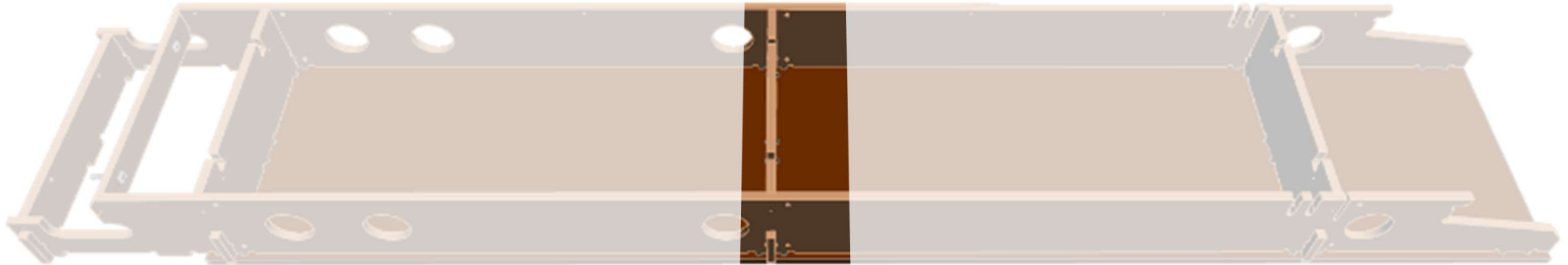
Simplest possible assembly process

- No hammer

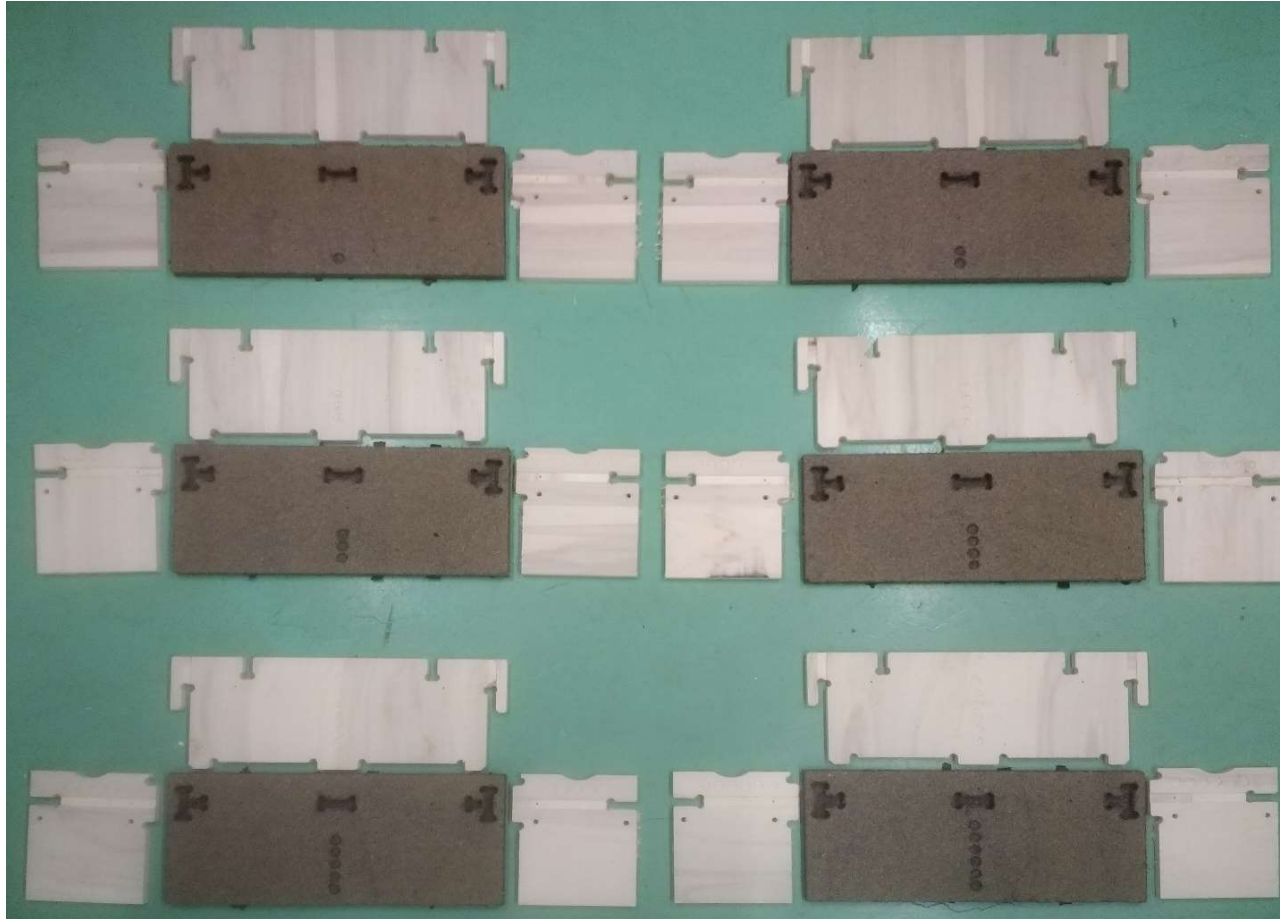
Simplest possible assembly process

- No hammer → Extra gap tolerances
- Robotic experiment
 - Physically try and test
 - Geometry version B - DFA2

Robotic assembly experiment: Section



Robotic assembly experiment: Extra gap tolerances



Robotic assembly experiment: UR5 cobot

Payload [kg]	Reach [mm]	Mass [kg]
5	850	18,4



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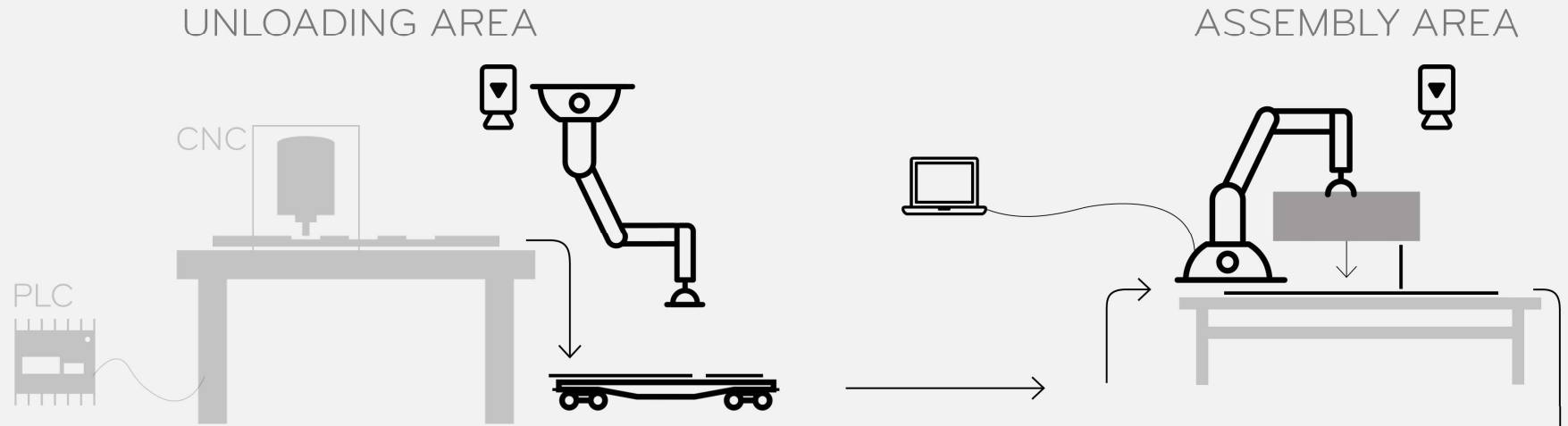
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Geometry versions

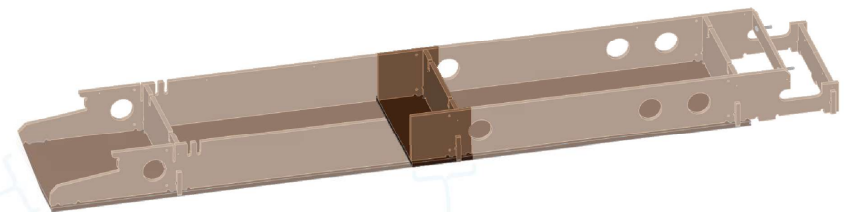
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ROBOTIC PROCESS HYPOTHESIS



Q3: What kind of robot arm is best suited to the robotic assembly process of TNM?



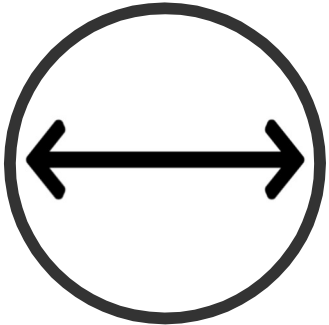
Robot arm choice

- Limitations
 - 1 robot arm
 - Fixed to the floor

Robot arm choice



Payload [kg]



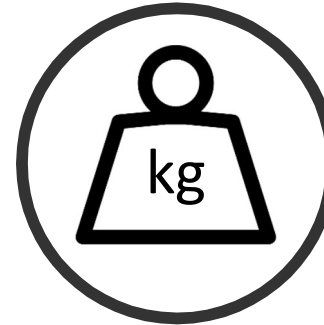
Reach [mm]



Velocity [m/s]



Repeatability [mm]



Mass [kg]



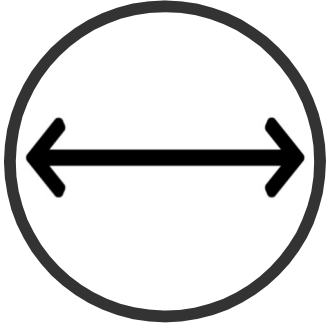
Estimated TCO (Total Cost of Ownership) [€]

Icons source: Noun Project (n.d.)

Robot arm choice: constraints



Payload [kg]
 $\geq 100 \text{ kg}$



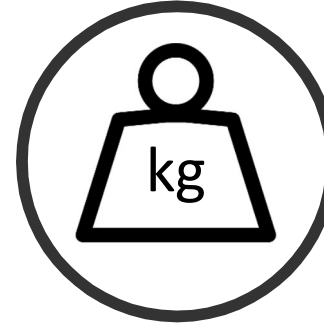
Reach [mm]
 $\geq 2.500 \text{ mm}$



Velocity [m/s]



Repeatability [mm]



Mass [kg]



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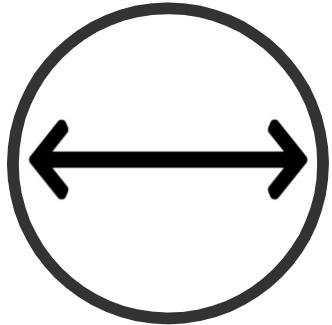
Robot arm choice: **weighted priority** (1=min, 5=max)



Payload [kg]

≥ 100 kg

5



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5



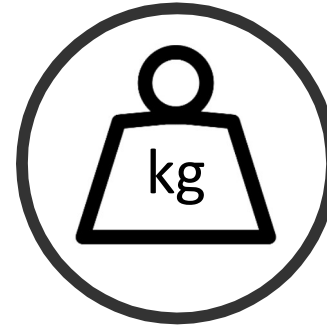
Velocity [m/s]

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Repeatability [mm]

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Mass [kg]

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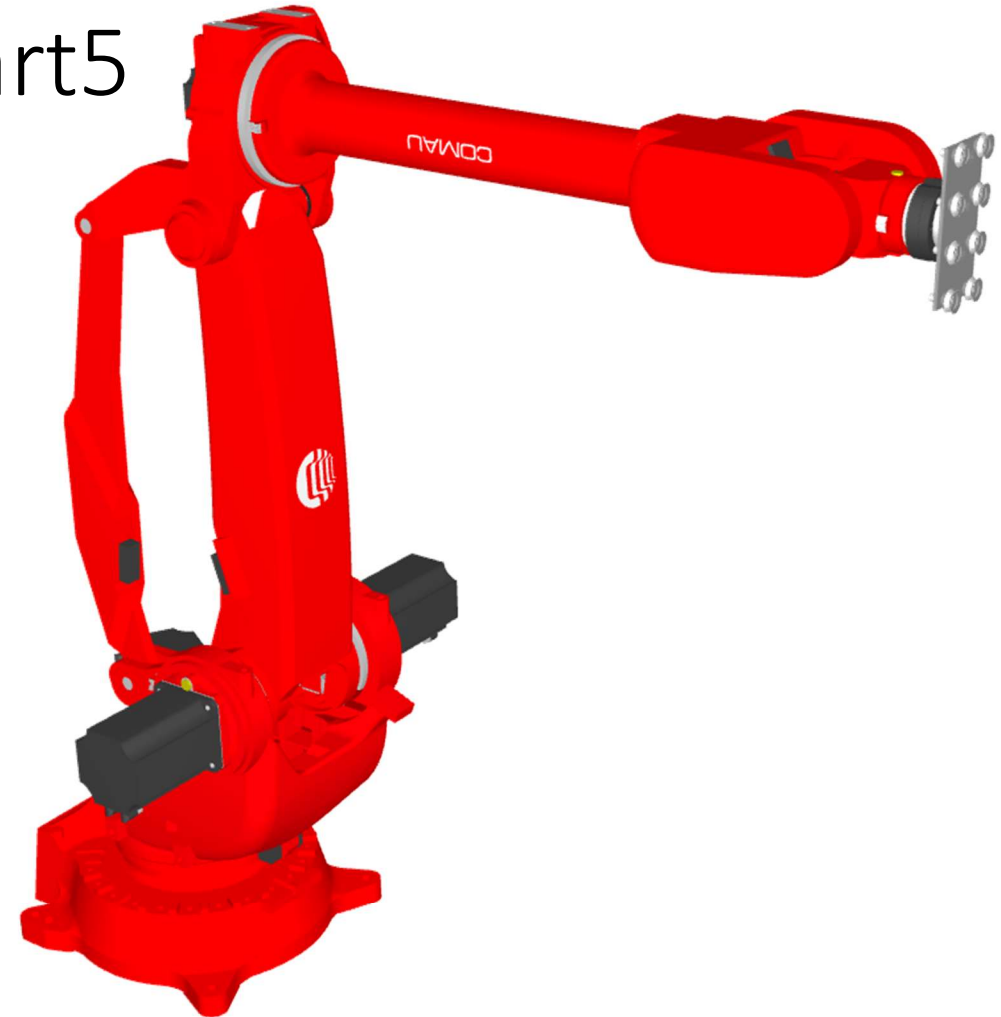
Robot arm choice: RoboDK library

Robot arm	Company	Payload [kg]	Reach [mm]	Repeatability ± [mm]	Velocity [°/s]	Mass [kg]	Base type [mm]	Base area [m2]
Smart5 NJ 110-3.0	Comau	110	2.980	0,07	110-230	1.070	Ø 700	0,385
KR 120 R2500 pro	KUKA	120	2.500	0,06	120-292	1.049	830x830	0,689
KR 120 R2700 HA	KUKA	120	2.696	0,05	101-292	1.104	830x830	0,689
IRB 6400 2.8 120	ABB	120	2.800	0,10	90-190	2.230	Ø 800	0,503
KR 150 L120/2	KUKA	120	2.810	0,20		1.140		
KR 120 R2900 extra	KUKA	120	2.896	0,06	115-292	1.084	830x830	0,689
Smart5 NJ 130-2.6	Comau	130	2.616	0,07	110-230	1.050	Ø 700	0,385
S-430iW	FANUC	135	2.643	0,30	105-210	1.300	610x771	0,470
KR 150 R2700 extra	KUKA	150	2.696	0,06	115-219	1.068	830x830	0,689
KR 150-2	KUKA	150	2.700	0,06	100-238	1.245	830x830	0,689
RX260	Stäubli	150	2.831	0,07	104-230	1.900	?	?

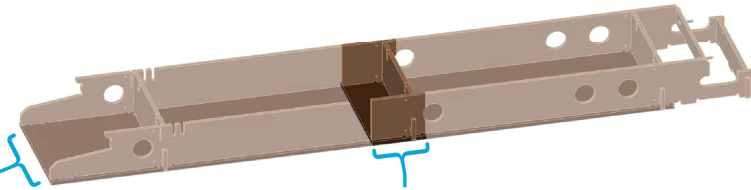
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Criterion:		Maximum payload	Maximum reach	Maximum velocity	Repeatability	Mass	TCO	TOTAL weighted score
Weighted priority:		5	5	4	3	1	1	
Robot arm	Company							
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KR 120 R2500 pro	KUKA	2	1	3	3	2	2	40
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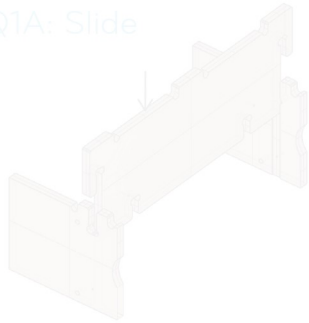
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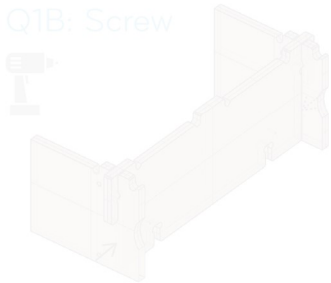
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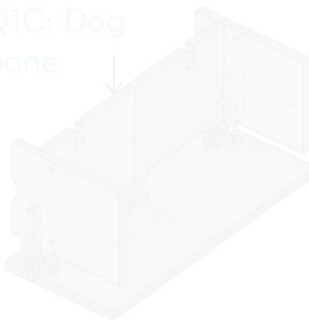
Q1A: Slide



Q1B: Screw



Q1C: Dog bone



Q1 What does — — — — —
the current manual
assembly process of a
wooden wall component of
TheNewMakers look like?

Q2 How can the ← — — — —
geometry of the CNC milled
elements be redesigned
to reduce the automatic
assembly time as well as
the CNC milling time?

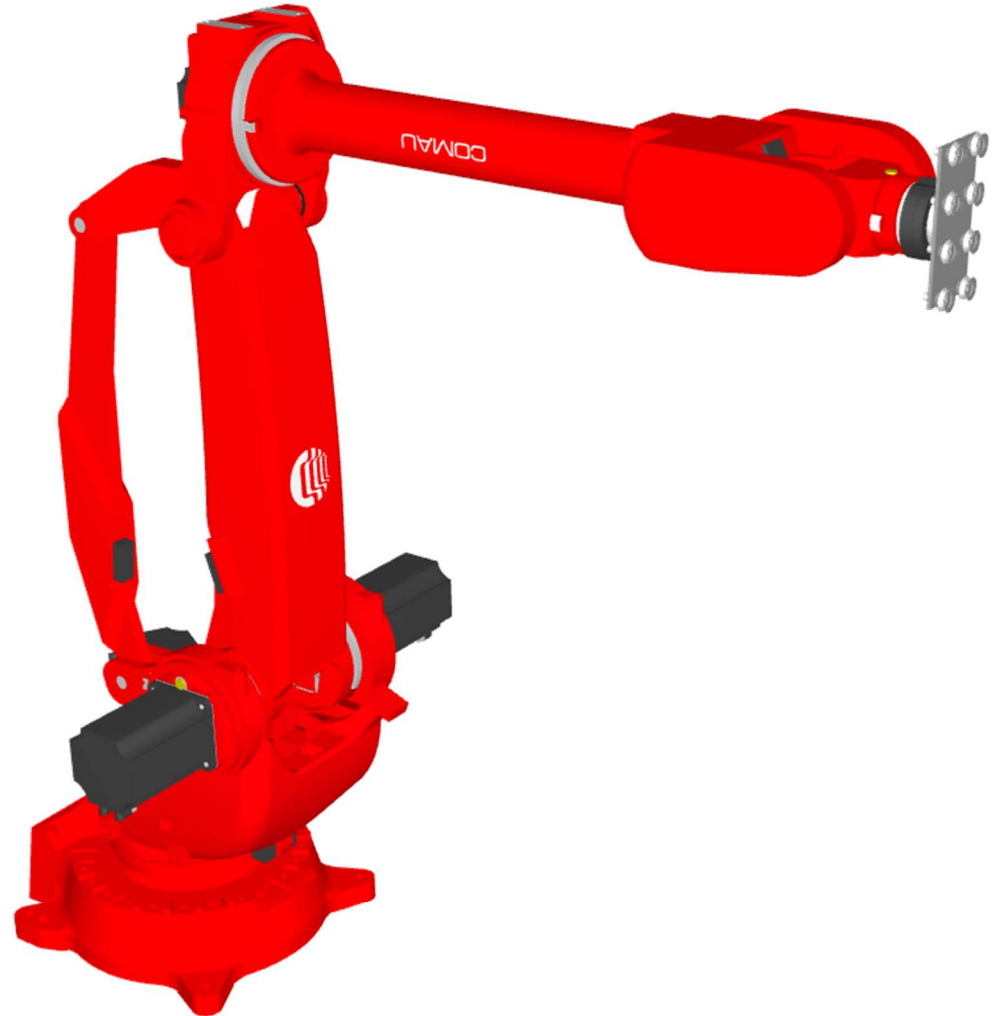
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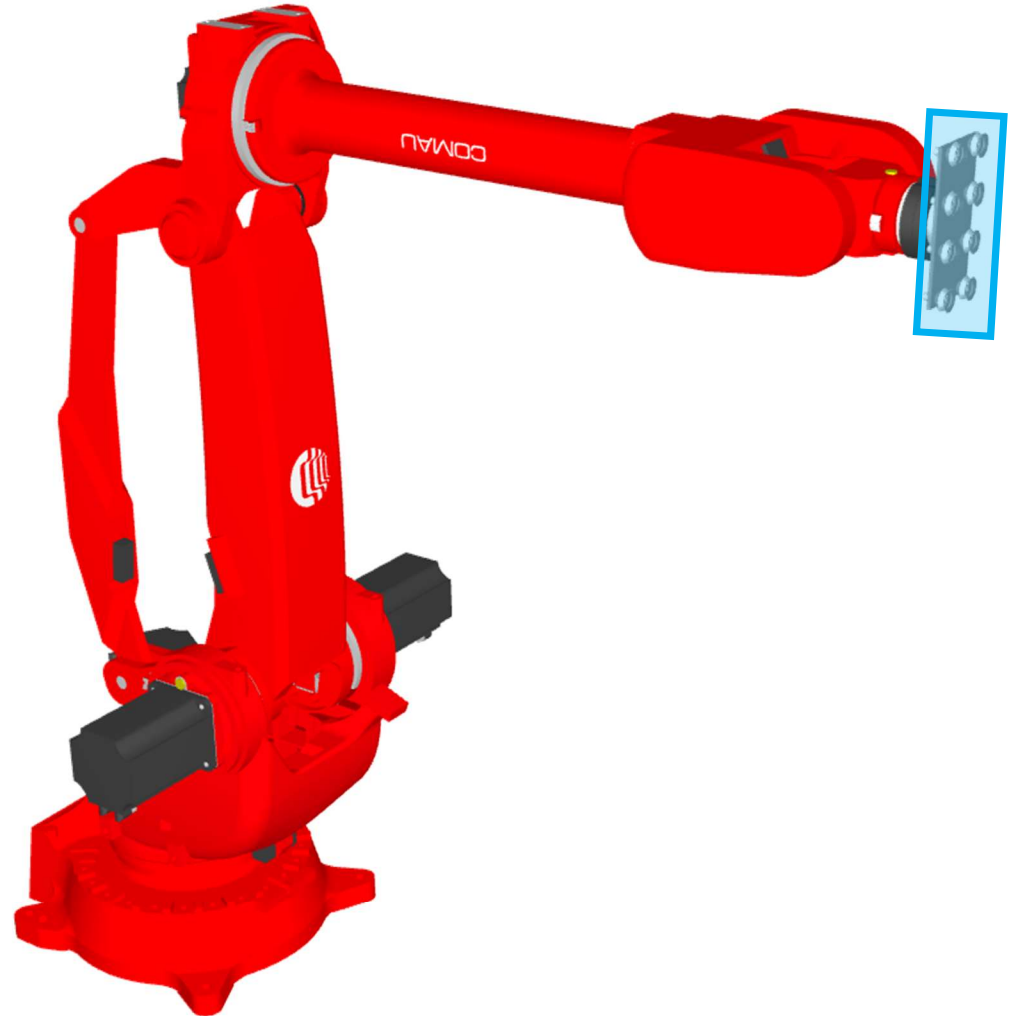
Robotic simulation

- RoboDK and Python
- Robot Smart5



Robotic simulation

End effector



Robotic simulation: Movements

- Linear movement
- Circular movement
- Joint movement (fastest)

A ————— B

A  B

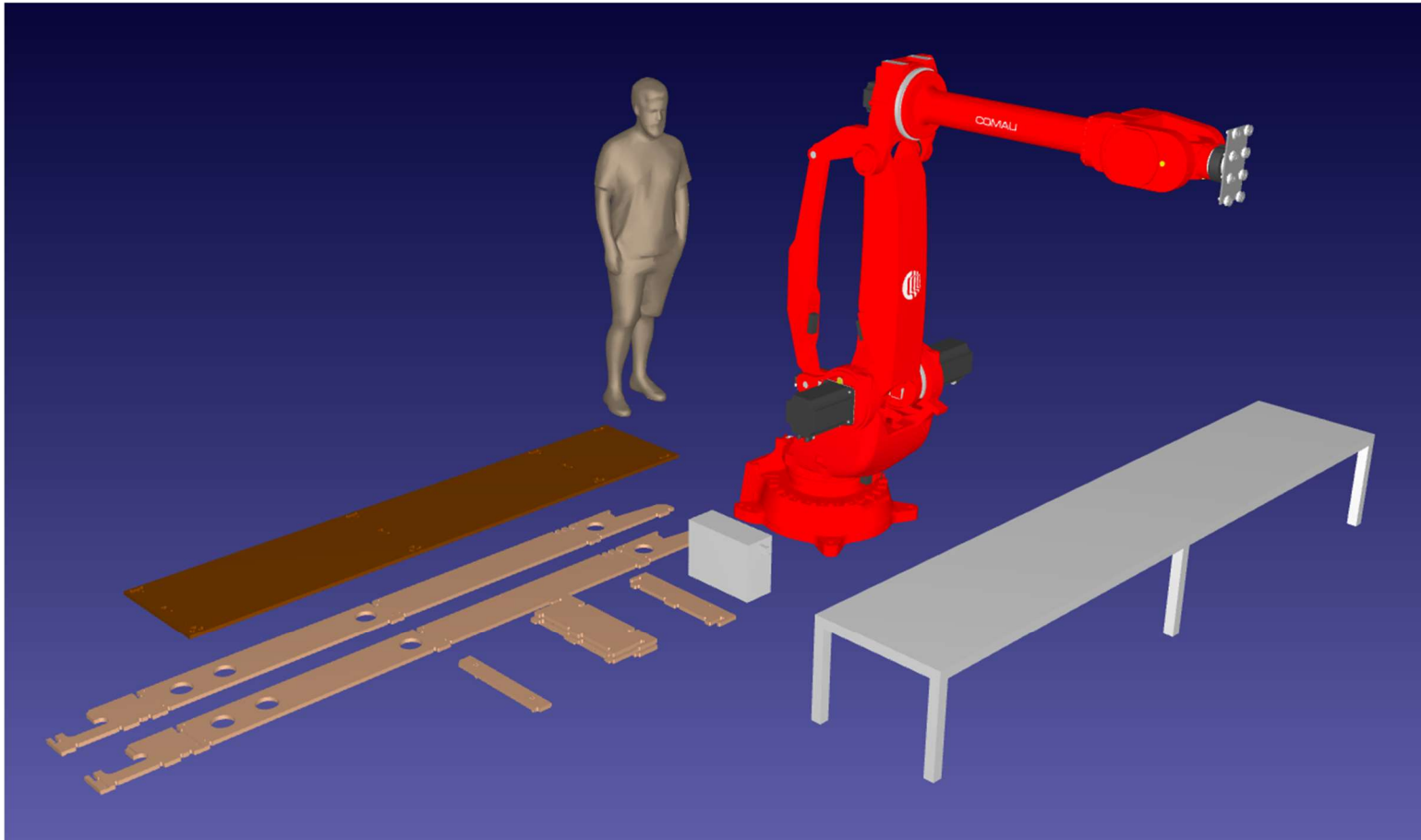
A  B

Robotic simulation: Screws



Image source: Festool (2019)

Robotic simulation



Human arm 7 DOF (Degrees Of Freedom)

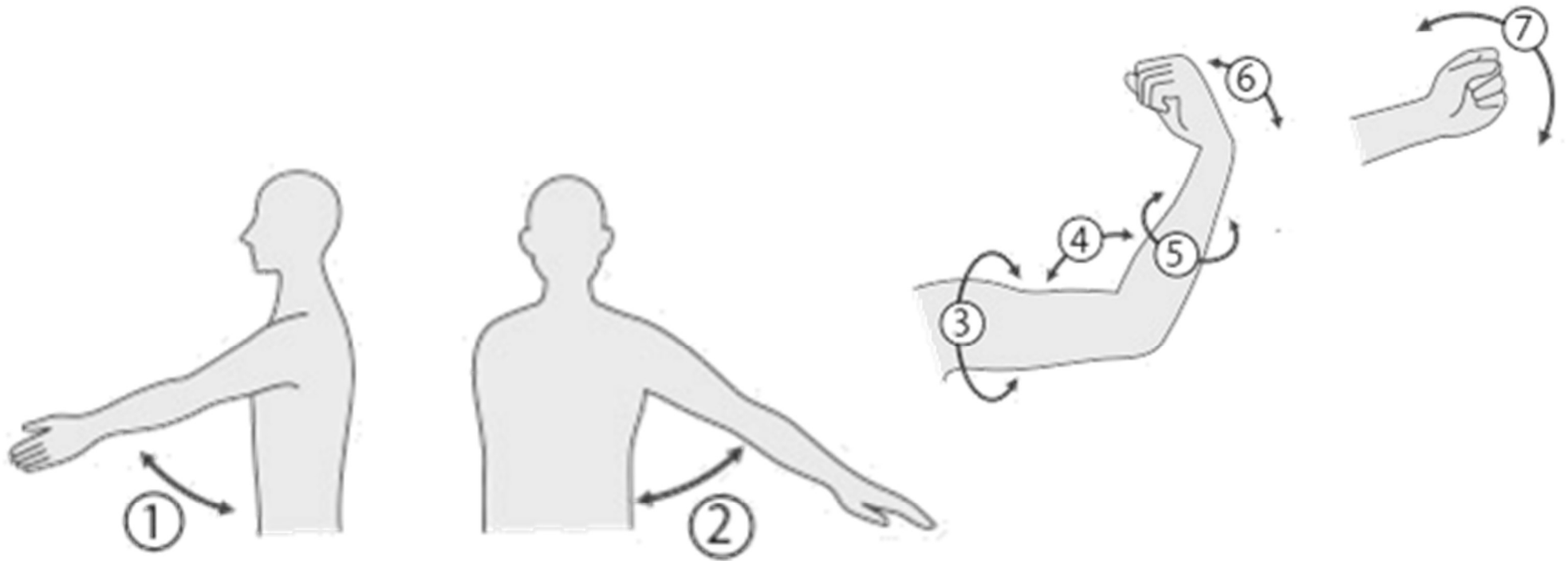
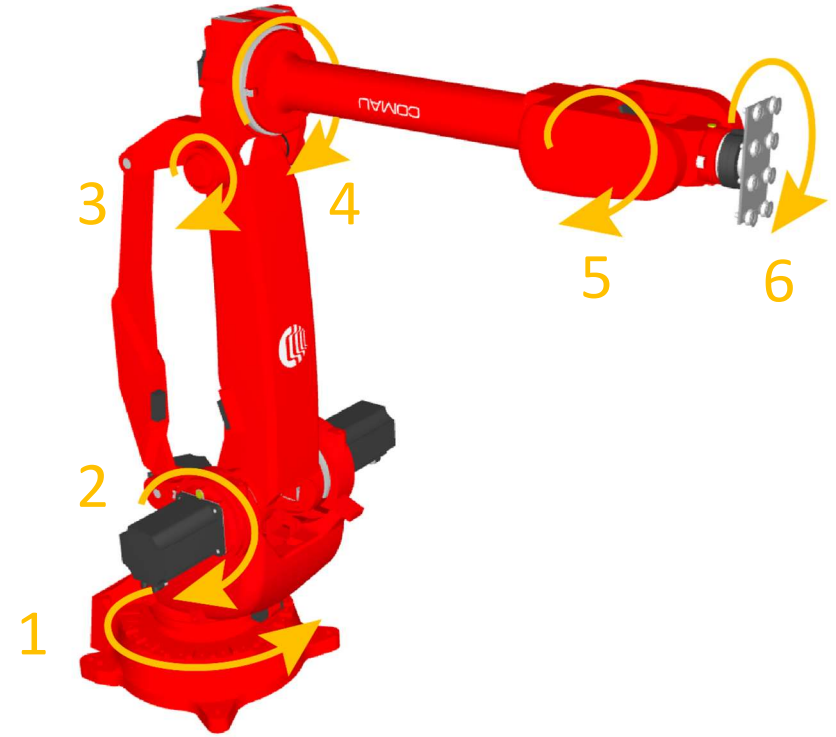


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Robotic simulation: Joints

6 DOF

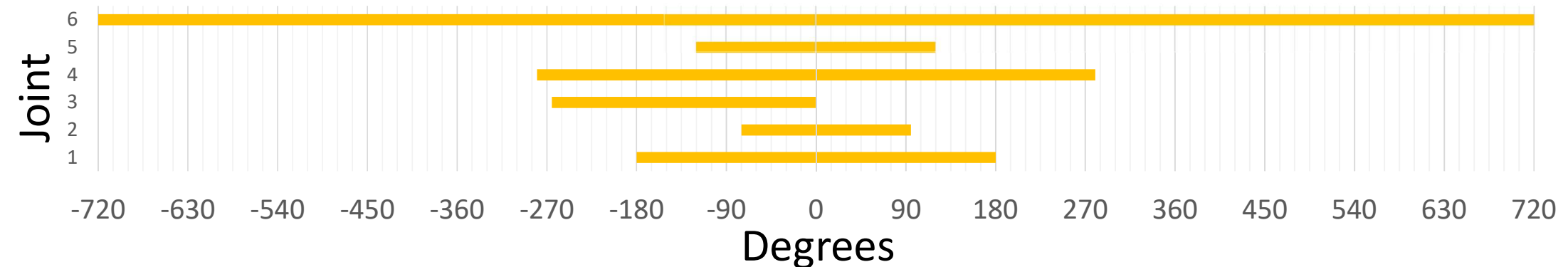
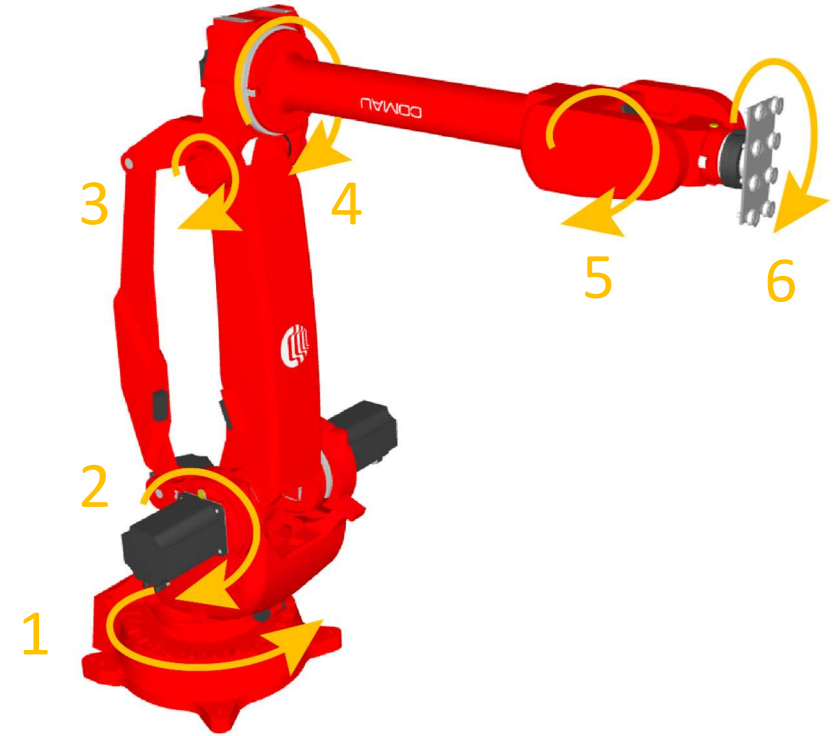
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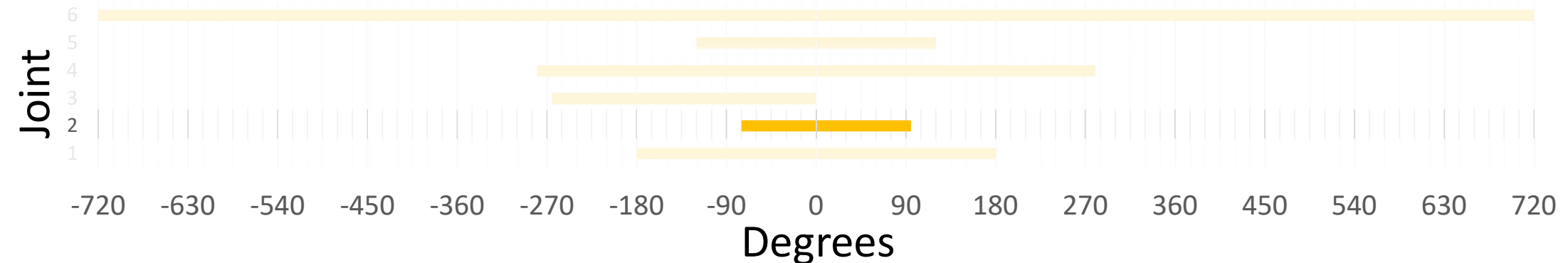
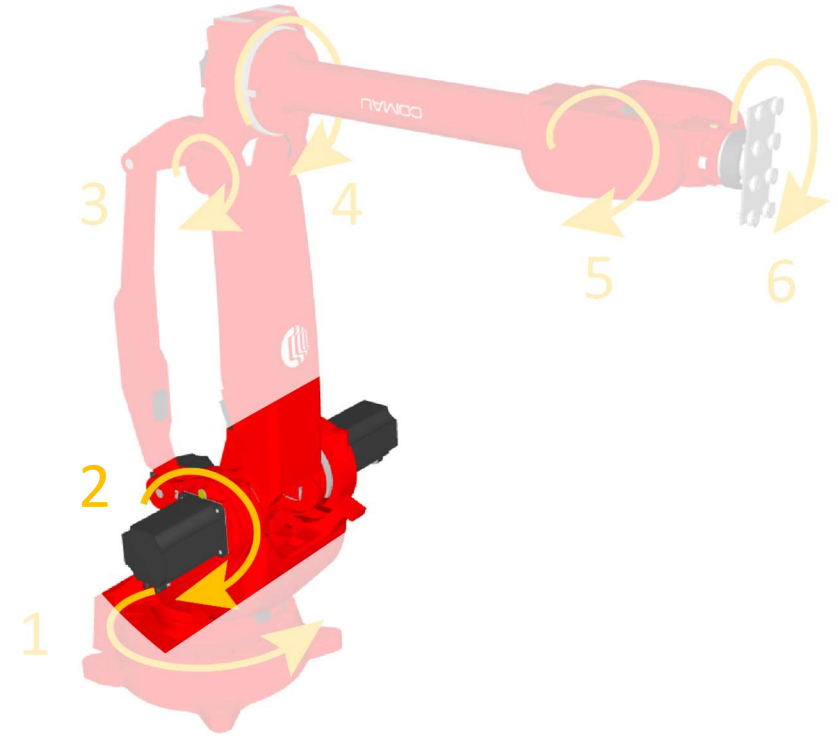
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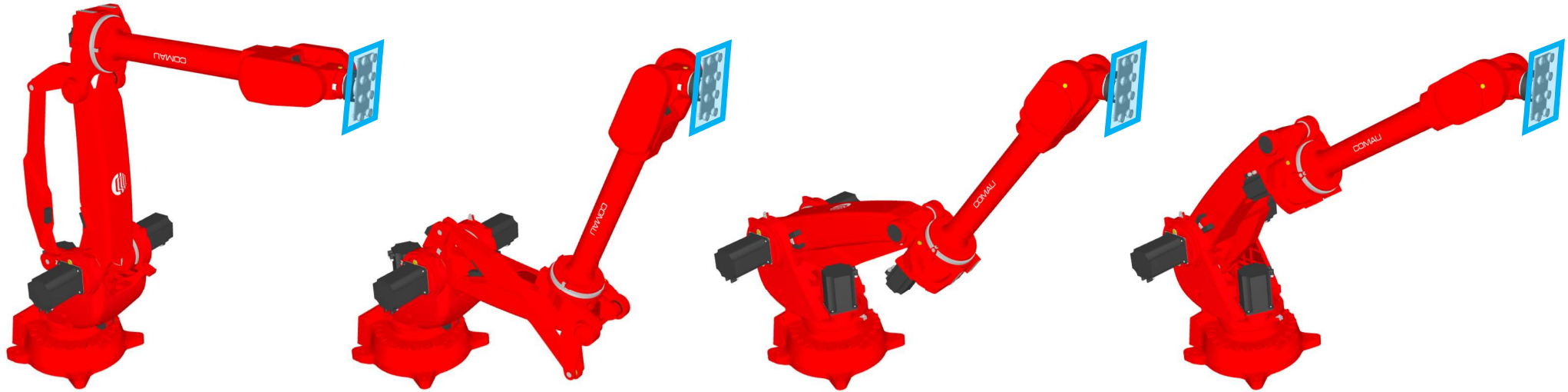
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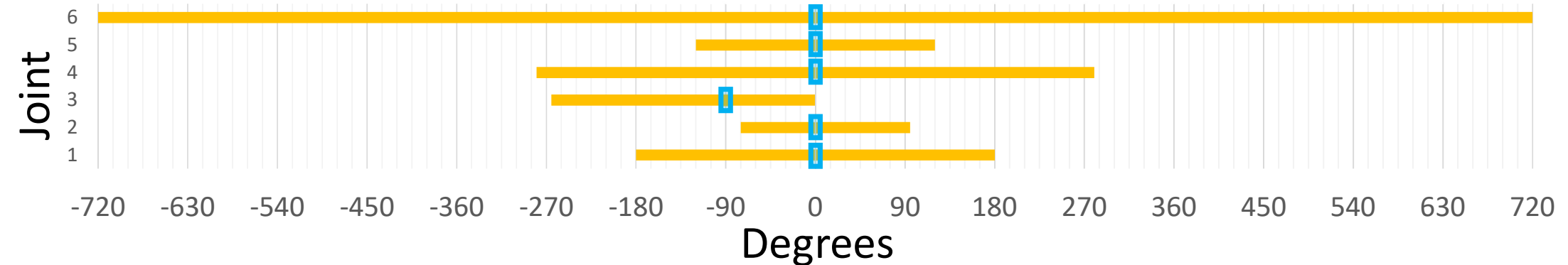
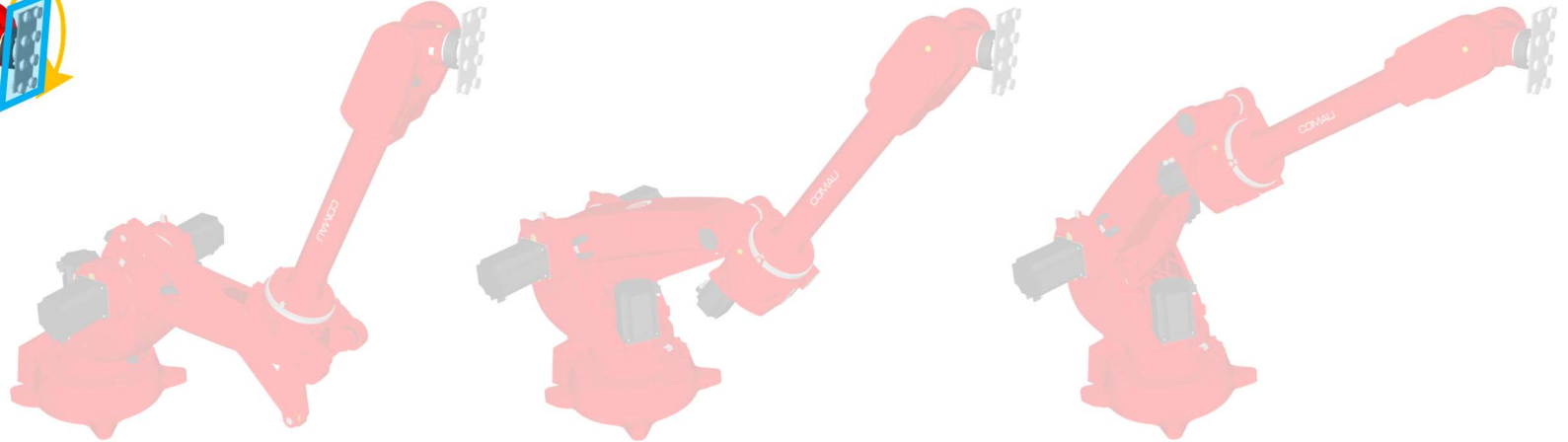
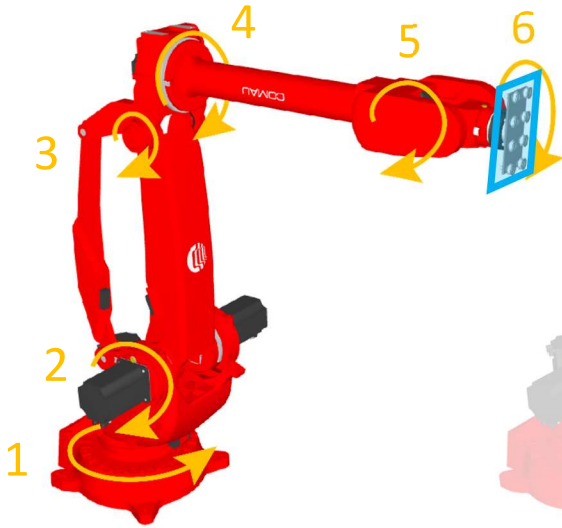
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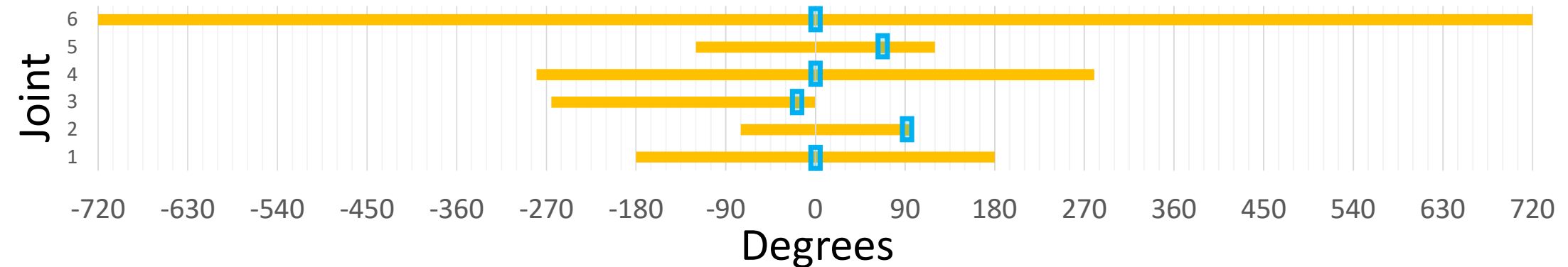
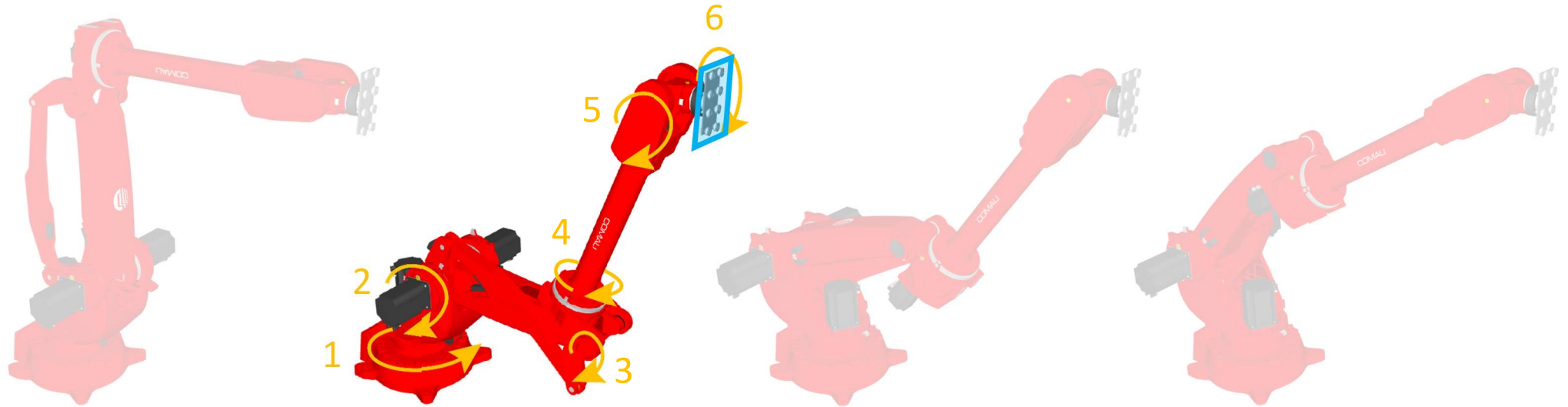
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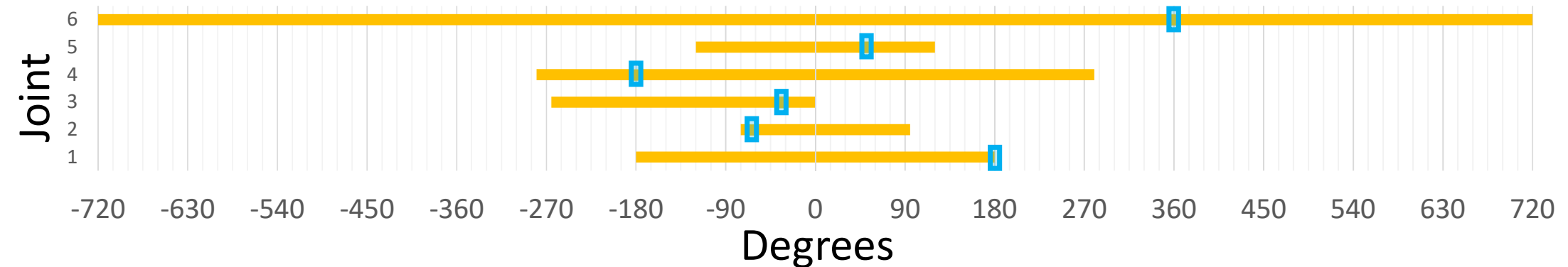
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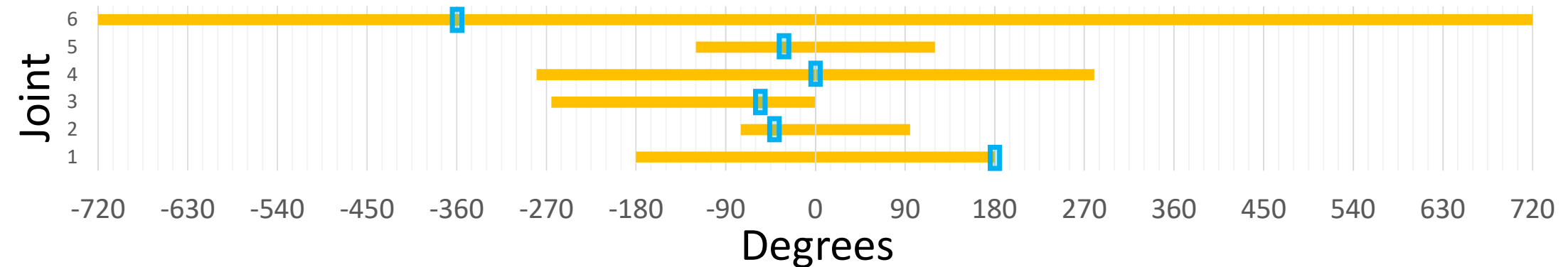
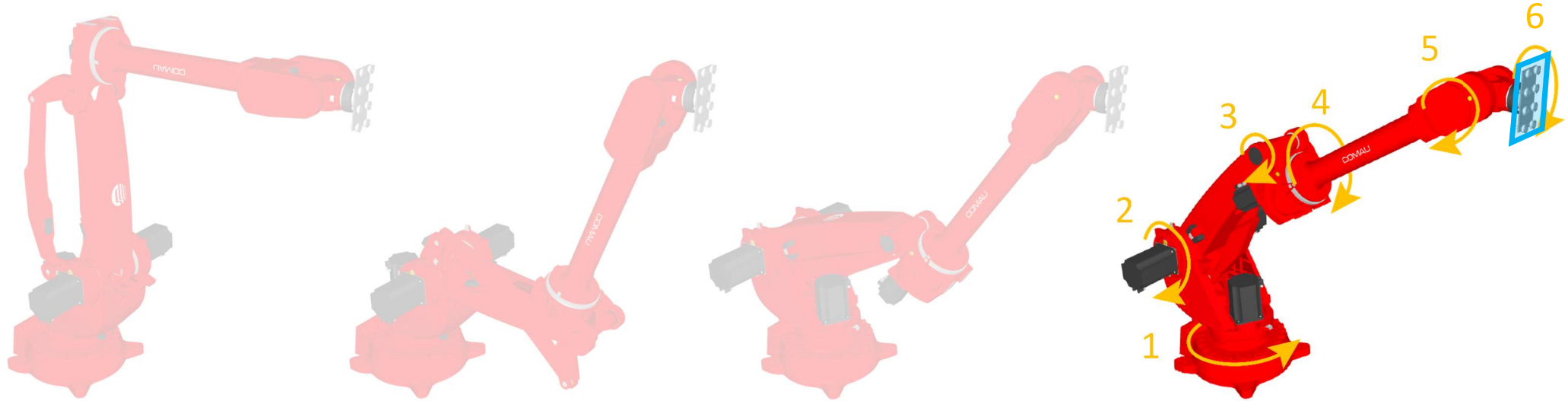
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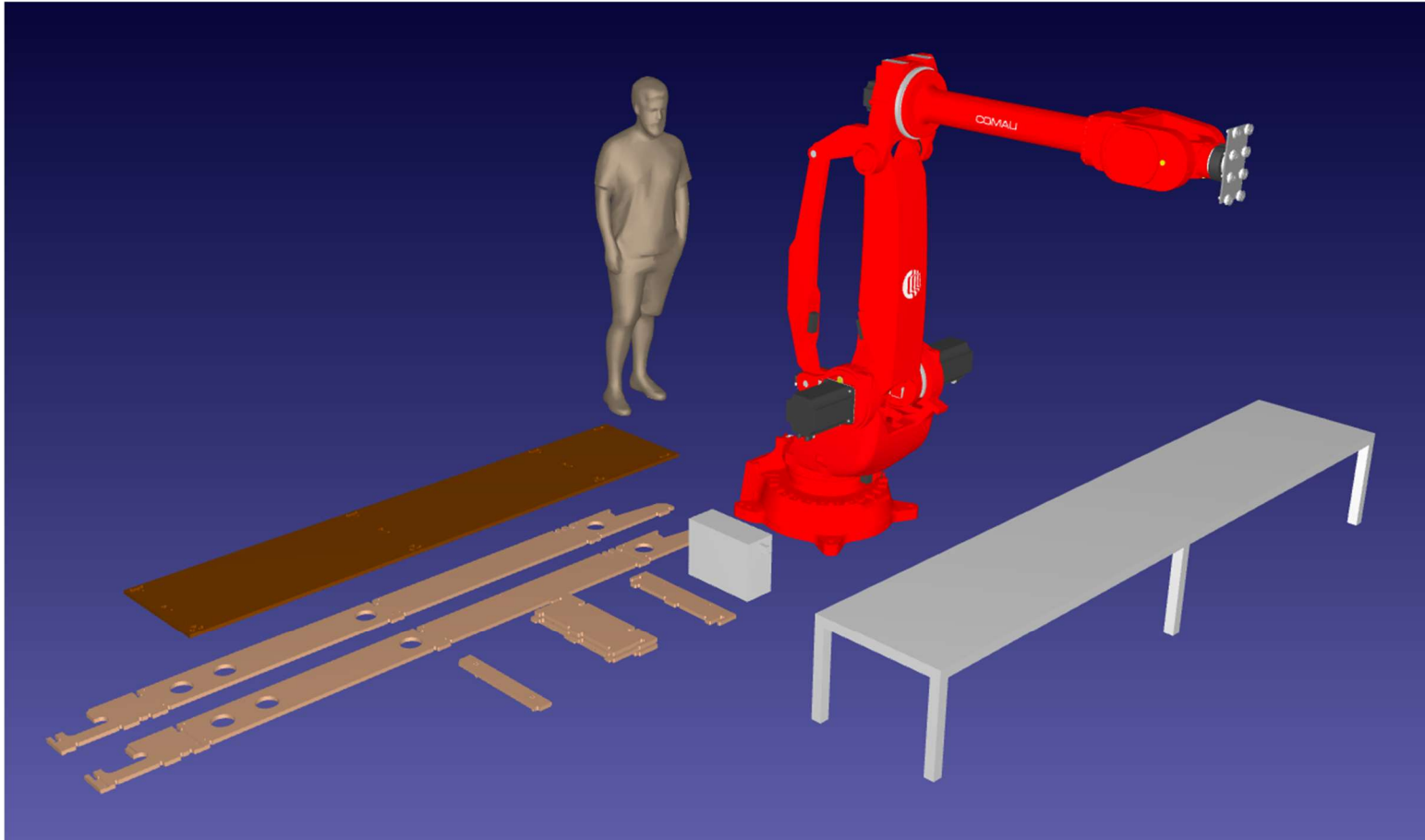
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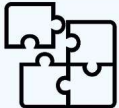
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Robotic simulation



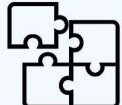
Compare time [s]

Assembly method:				 Robotic simulation
Q2 geometry version:	Version B - DFA2 (Design For Automatic Assembly)			
Extra gap tolerances:				yes
 1. Assembly [s]				187

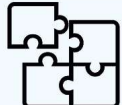
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 1. Assembly [s]	456	389	366	187

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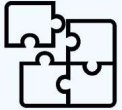
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Robot 1,96 times faster

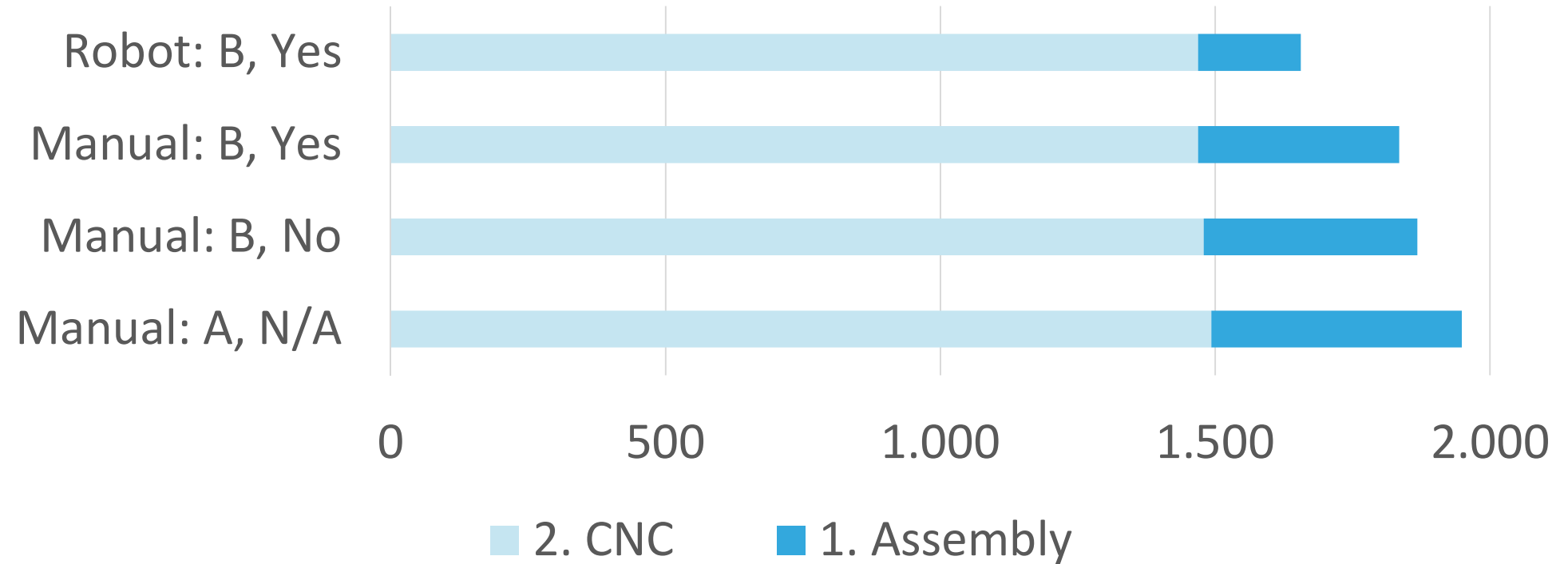
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 2. CNC [s]	1.493	1.479	1.469	1.469
 1+2 = Total time	1.949	1.868	1.835	1.656

Compare time [s]



Conclusions & recommendations

Main research question

How could the elements of a wall component of TheNewMakers be redesigned for automatic assembly while taking less time to assemble than the current manual process?

Conclusions

Q1) Geometry version A - Original

Q2) Geometry version B - DFA2 with extra gap tolerances

Q3) Robot: Smart5 by Comau

Q4) Robotic process is faster

Recommendations

Robotic process

- Workflow of TNM
- Unloading area
- Compare with manual process
- Design end effector
- Limitations
- Geometry modifications
- Structure wall component

Design a new construction method based on:

- Robotic assembly
- TNM building system
- DFA2 design guidelines

Robots will help us!

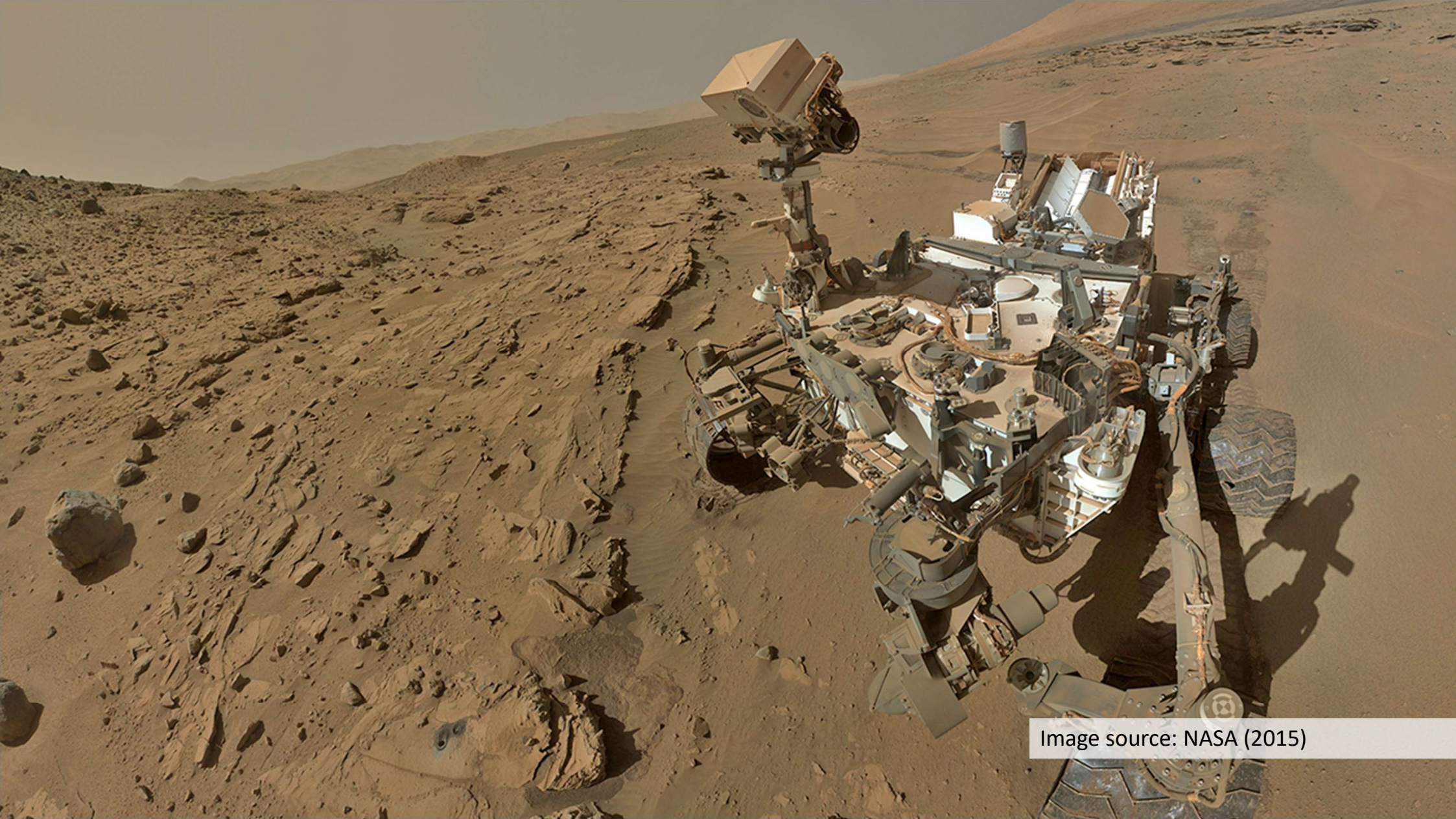


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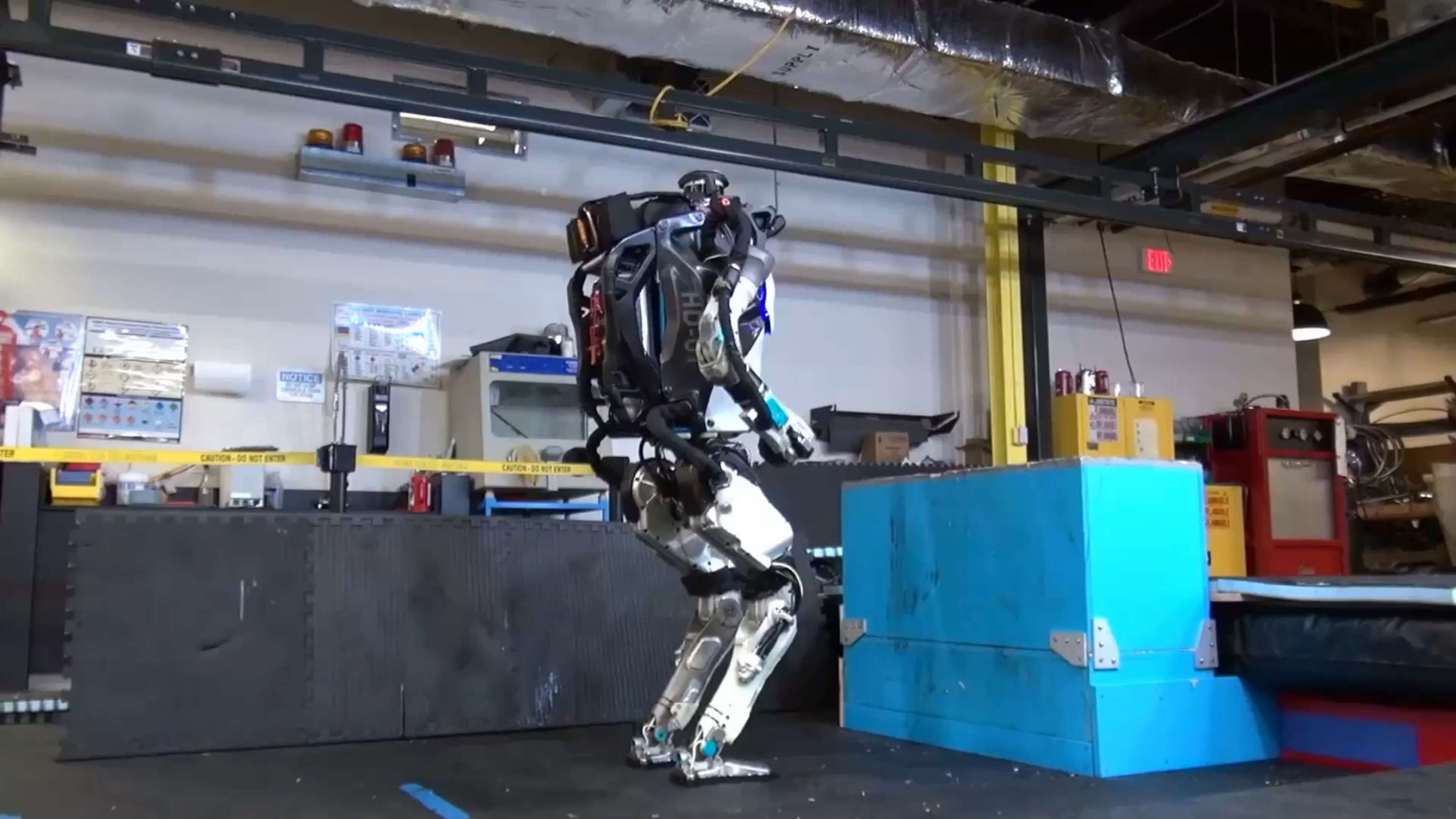




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Google Duplex

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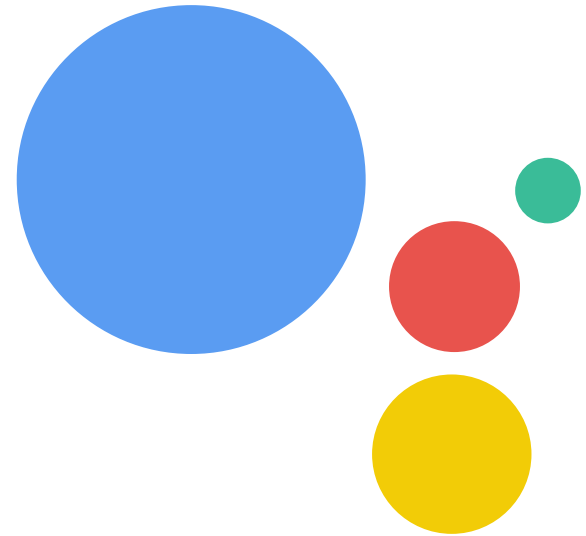


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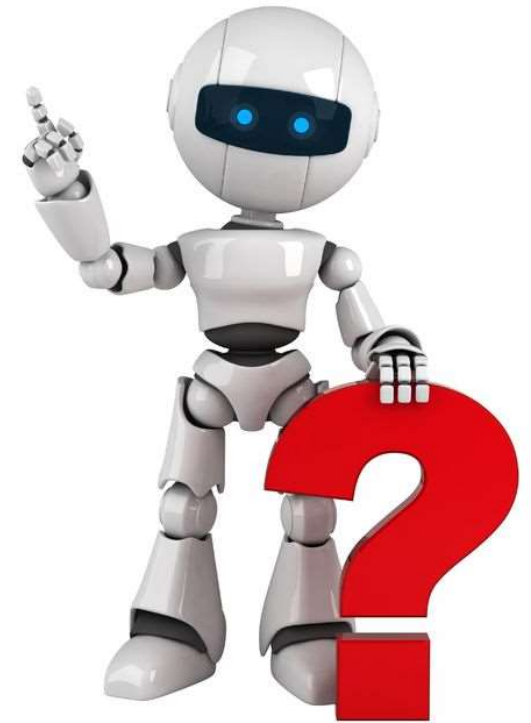


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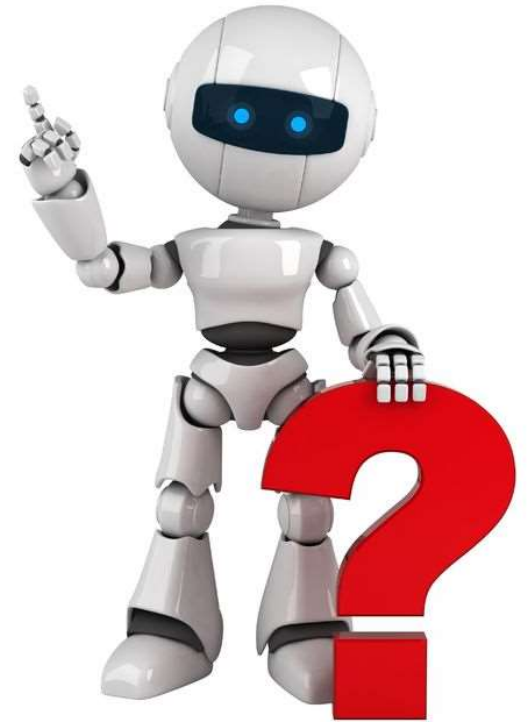


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