

# **Robots in society: Event 2** Service Robots

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## Innovative Technology and Science Ltd

- InnoTecUK set up in 2009 and it has grown to having ≈30 staff and a turnover of £2.3 million in 2016
- Progressive company with extensive networks and detailed expertise in Robotics, Automation, Sensors and Non-destructive testing (NDT)
- Focus was on developing new technology for NDT applications in hazardous environments via R&D projects in UK & EU
- Future expansion to product and service development and new robot applications (medical and non-medical sectors)













**Power Lines** 

Petrochemical

**Buildings & Structures** 

Oil Tanks

**Power Stations** 

Ship Hulls

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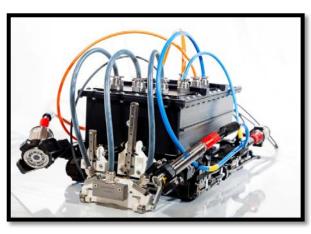
# **InnotecUK's main products**



HUNTER: Ferrous surfaces

- Magnetic wheels
- Camera system
- Payload (≈8kg)
- Adaptive to deploy various NDT systems





#### **MAJIC: Ferrous surfaces**

- High traction magnetic tracks
- Hi-res camera
- Laser system
- Inspection in air and underwater





#### **VORTEX: Non-ferrous**

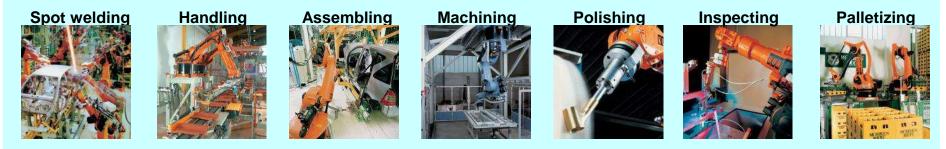
- Negative vacuum pressure adhesion
- Camera
- High traction wheels
- Payload (≈4kg)





### InnoTecUK **Emerging main robot sectors**

### **Industrial robots: powerful, precise robots for manufacturing**



### **Robots for hazardous environments: Hazardous environments**





Petrochemical



**Oil tanks** 

**Power stations** 

**De-mining** 











Service robots: Useful tasks (close human-robot collaboration)





Servant

Assistance



Person carrier



Medical robots

Surgery





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- service robot: robot that performs useful tasks for humans or equipment excluding industrial automation applications
- industrial robot: automatically controlled, reprogrammable multipurpose manipulator, programmable in three or more axes, which can be either fixed in place or mobile for use in industrial automation applications



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# II. Standard "Sitting Frontal" Impact region: Head Robot: KUKA KR6







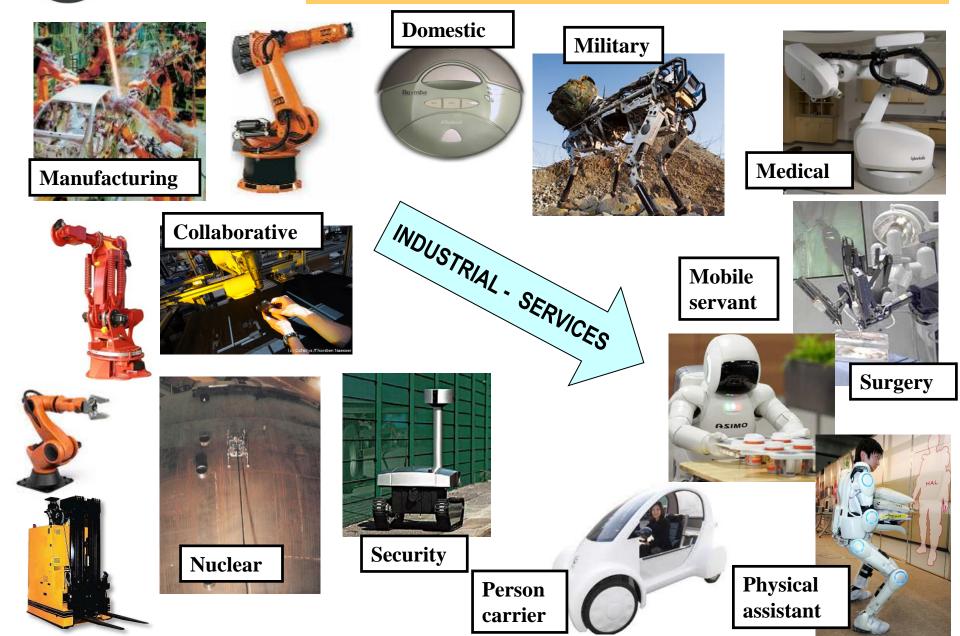
KUKA KR500 heavy duty arm

#### **KUKA Robocoaster Robot**





# **Expansion of robots to society**





### Industrial / service robots: Distinctions and future requirements.... SAFETY issues

	Industrial Robots	Service Robots	Need:
Working environments	Controlled and defined environments	Information structured/ unstructured environments	Flexibility
Users	Training for specified tasks in defined environments	Training to cover wide range of tasks in info structured/ unstructured environments	Usability
Safety	Machine dependent (ISO 10218-1)	Dependent on the robot and the user (ISO 13482)	Safety
Working philosophy	To keep robots and humans separated (see ISO 10218-1, -2; ISO TS 15066)	Robots and humans must share workspace for providing/ receiving the services (see ISO 13482)	Human-Robot Collaboration
Machine design	Flexible on commissioning for defined task	Flexible on demand for generic tasks/ users	- Effectiveness Reusable



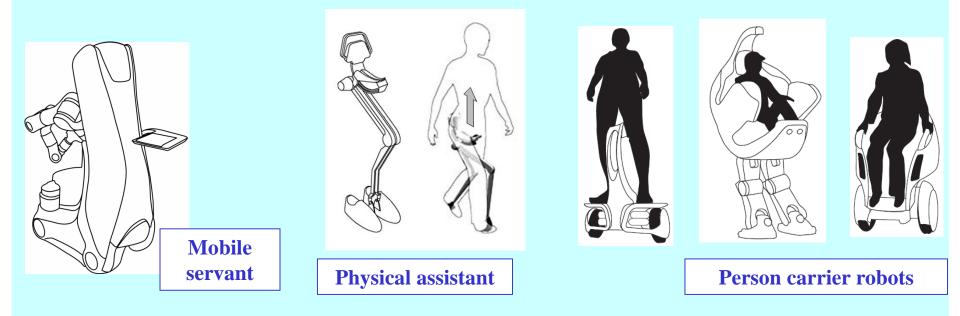
- Robots to do tasks that must be done but can't be done any other way
- Robots need to move out of the factory to "everywhere"
- Robots need to do a WIDE variety of "service" tasks rather than only "manufacturing" operations
- Robotics has good potential because society is "ageing" and more dependent on technology
  - New tasks for robots emerging in everyday life

# **WG1: Latest robot definitions**

- robot: programmed actuated mechanism with a degree of autonomy, moving within its environment, to perform intended tasks
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- industrial robot: automatically controlled, reprogrammable multipurpose manipulator, programmable in three or more axes, which can be either fixed in place or mobile for use in industrial automation applications
- **autonomy: ability to perform the intended tasks** based on current state and sensing, without human intervention
- **personal care robot:** service robot that **performs actions** contributing directly towards **improvement in the quality of life of humans**, excluding medical applications
- **medical robot:** a robot intended to be used as medical electrical equipment (MEE) or as medical electrical systems (MES)

## InnoTecUK Personal care robots: ISO 13482

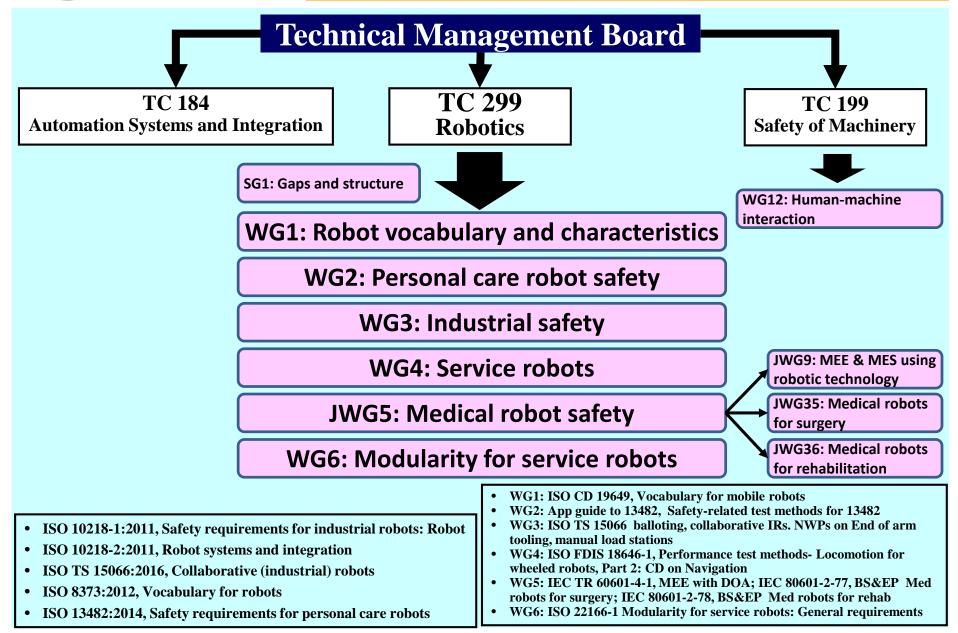
- **1. Mobile servant robot:** personal care robot that is capable of travelling to perform serving tasks in interaction with humans, such as handling objects or exchanging information
- 2. Physical assistant robot (PAR): personal care robot that physically assists a user to perform required tasks by providing supplementation or augmentation of personal capabilities
  - restraint type PAR: PAR that is fastened to a human during use
  - restraint-free type PAR: PAR that is not fastened to a human during use
- **3. Person carrier robot:** personal care robot with the purpose of transporting humans to an intended destination.



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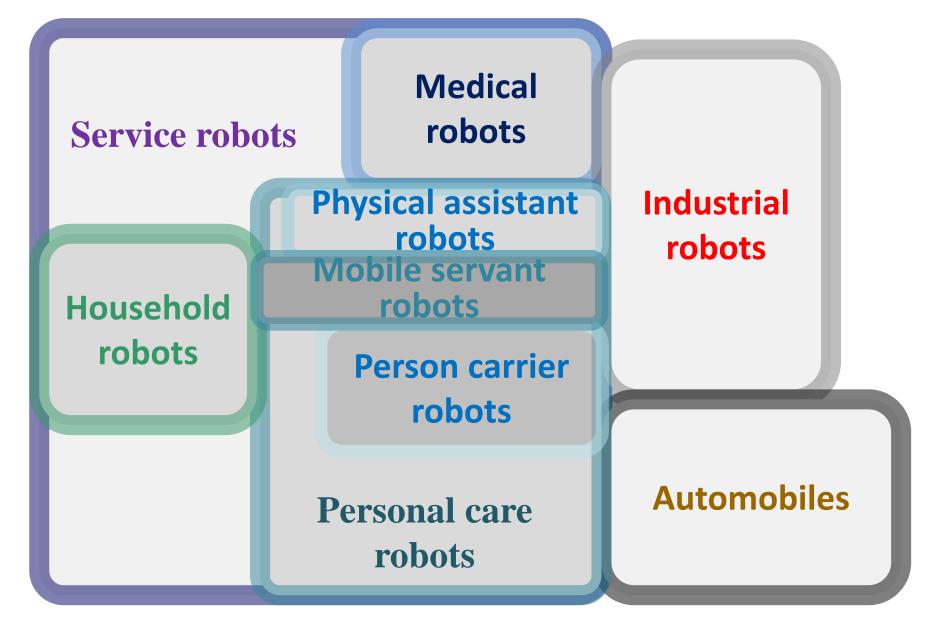


### InnoTecUK From Jan 2016: ISO TC 299 Robotics





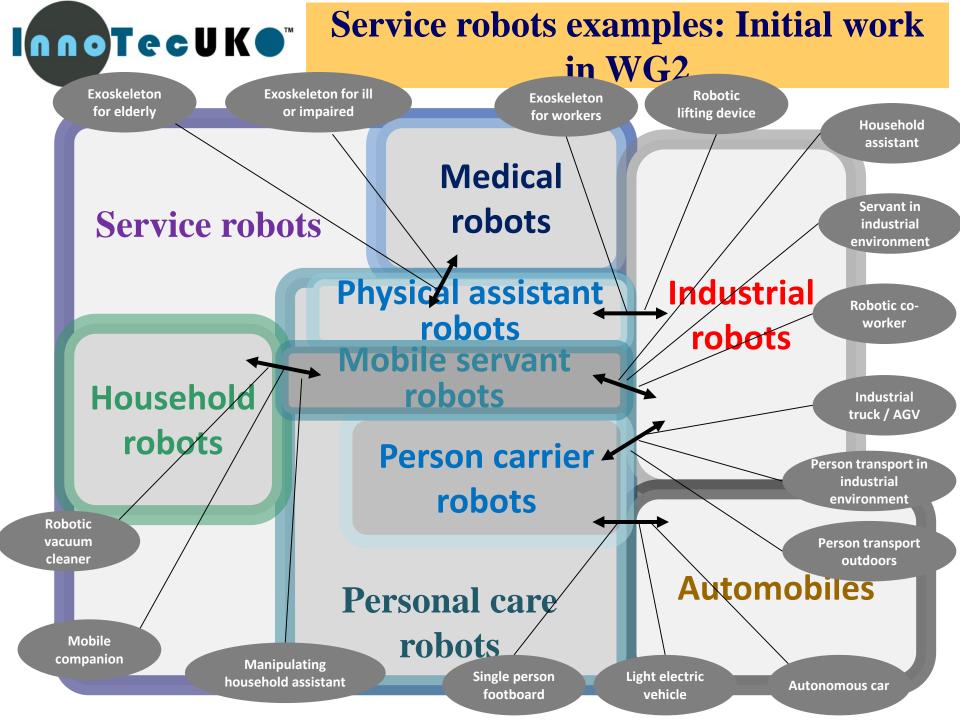
### **Service robots overlaps: Initial work in WG2**





## Wearable exoskeleton robots







# Conclusions

- Robotics is evolving and expanding to new service application domains where close human-robot interaction is essential
- New wide ranging challenges emerging:
  - Service robots: Personal care robots (machines)
  - Service robots: Medical robots (MEE + MES)
- As robot domain grows need to address boundary issues with other market sectors to avoid confusion
- Involvement of all stakeholders is essential for rapid and successful development of robotics for public benefit







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