

Improving Geometrical Set up of robot cells

Using Ball bars and probing

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Agenda

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Need

Off-line
Programming?



Close it!

The metrology
Loop !



Tool Box

Instrument &
solution



Q&A if time permits



Our service, your solution



Applications engineering



Custom turnkey solutions



End user retrofits

Hardware



Consultancy

Consumables supply



OEM fitment



Advanced products



Worldwide service and support

Software



Customer training

An industrial problem: Spot Welding with Offline Programming

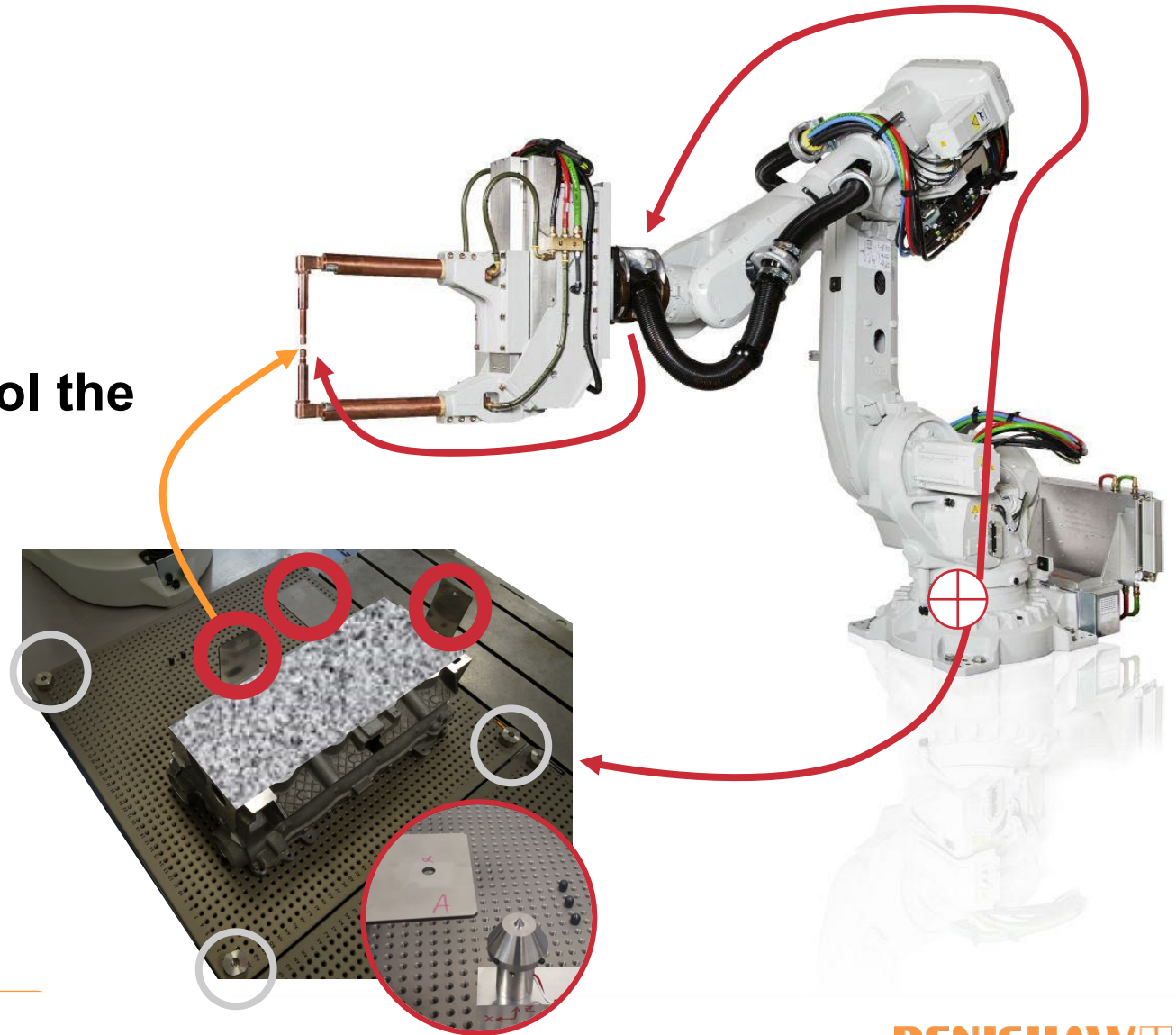
We calibrated a palette under CMM

- with Target points for welding
- with Reference Points

To execute the program, I need to control the tool in the part coordinate system:

- Where is the Electrode from the robot end?
- Where is the Part from the robot base?
- Can we trust the Robot?
- **We need to close the metrology loop!**

We test by driving a pin into a hole



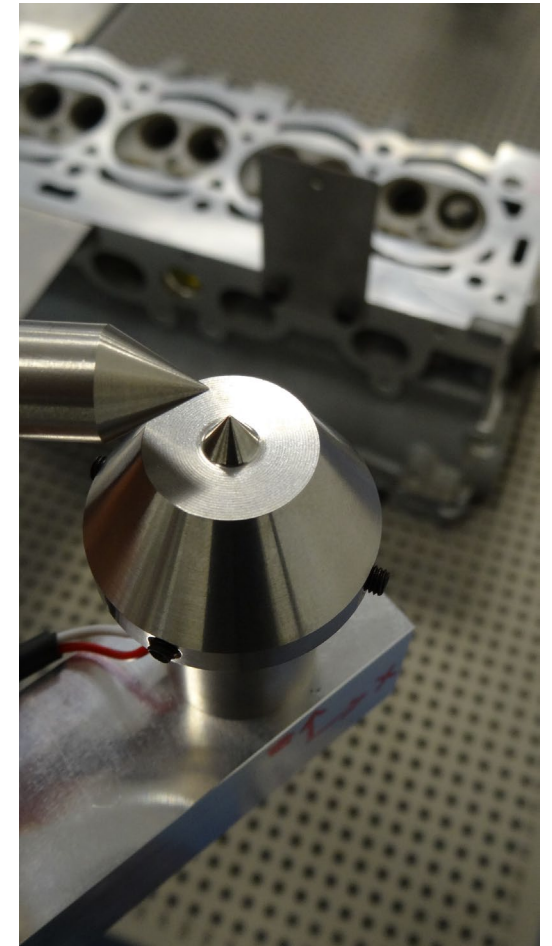
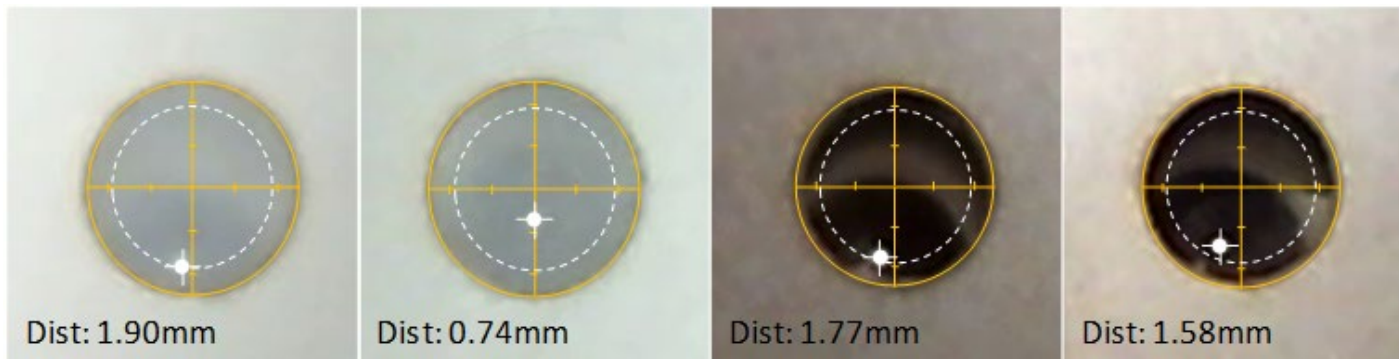
The standard Pin to Pin Method

We visually determine the frames with the out of the box robot tools

- The Tool Centre Point (TCP)
- The part alignment
- Residual MAX error : 0.31mm

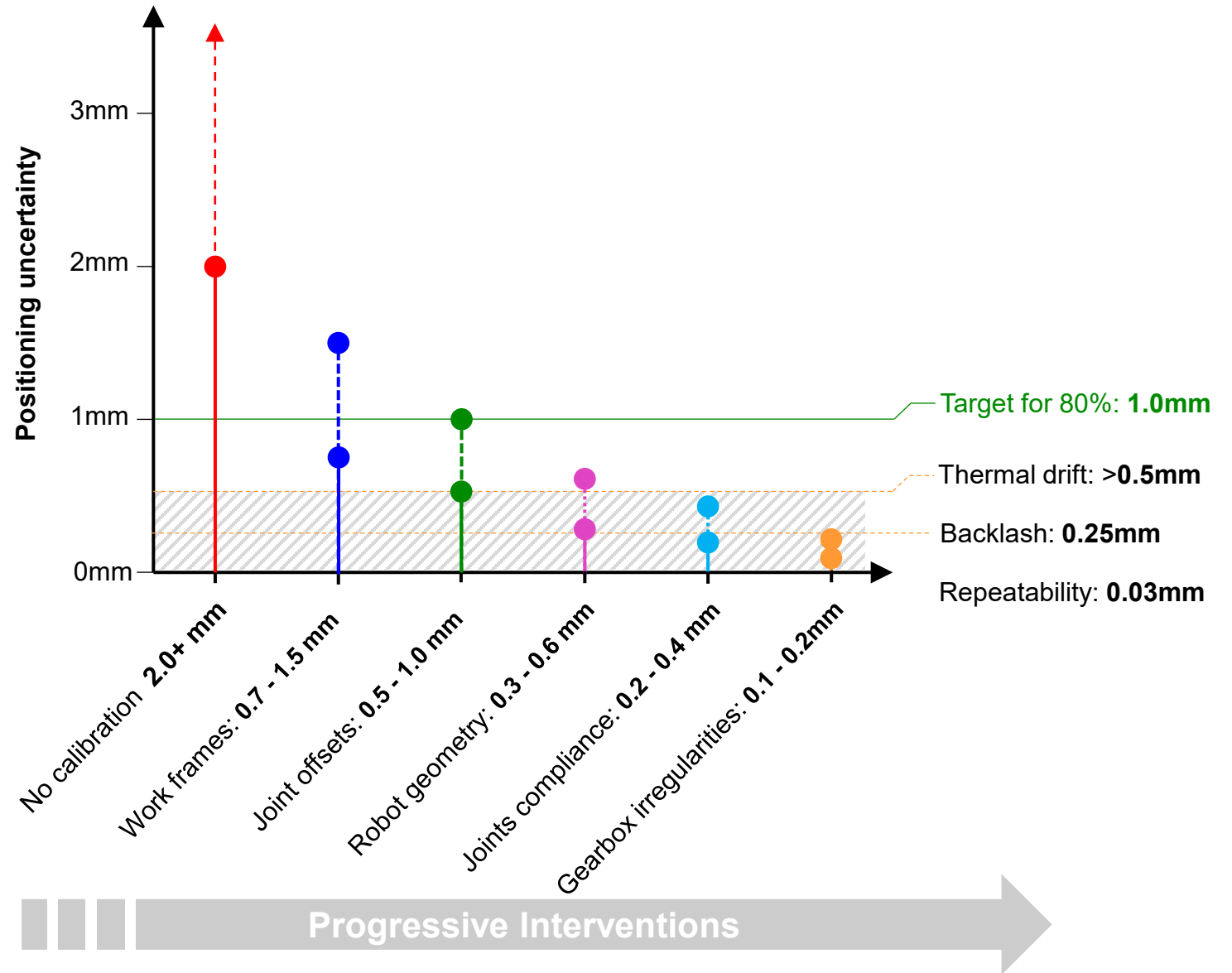
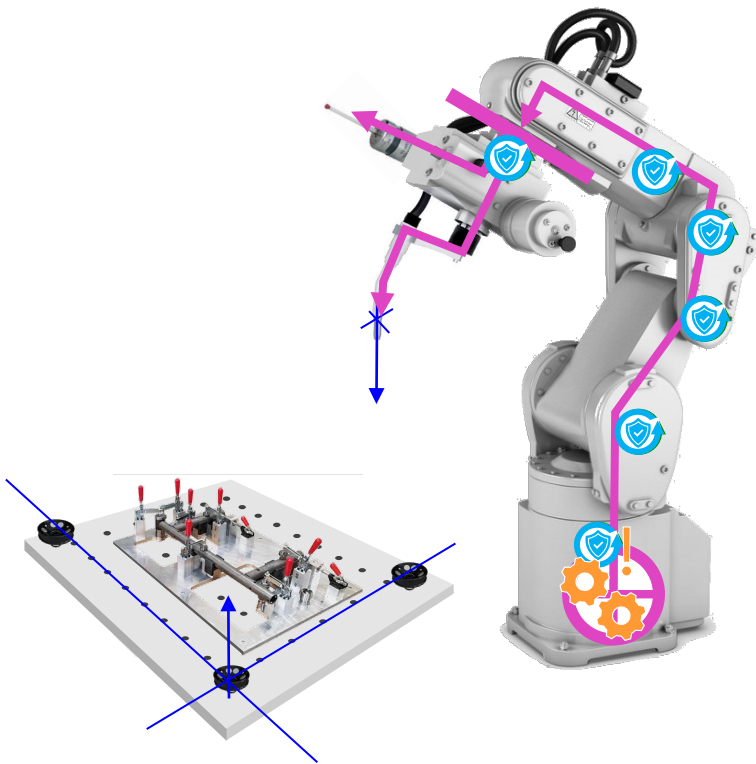
We visit our 4 positions and...

- We witness a max error of **1.9mm**



Improving Performance

Through progressive interventions



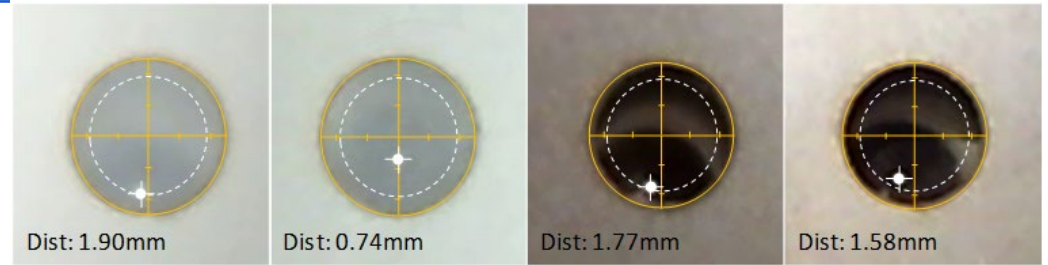
Using Renishaw Tools for Robots...

Pin to Pin
Method

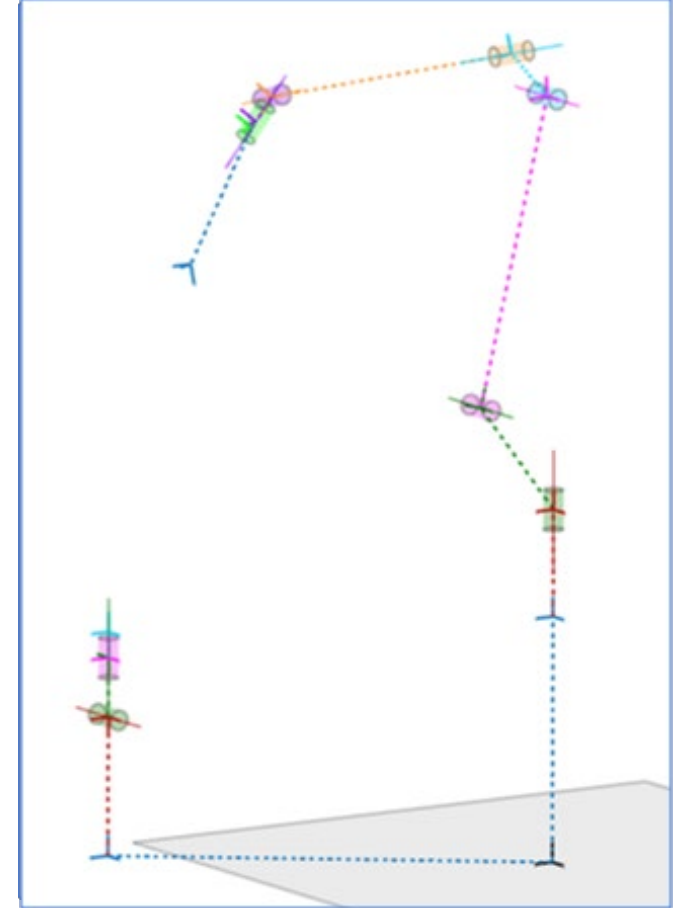
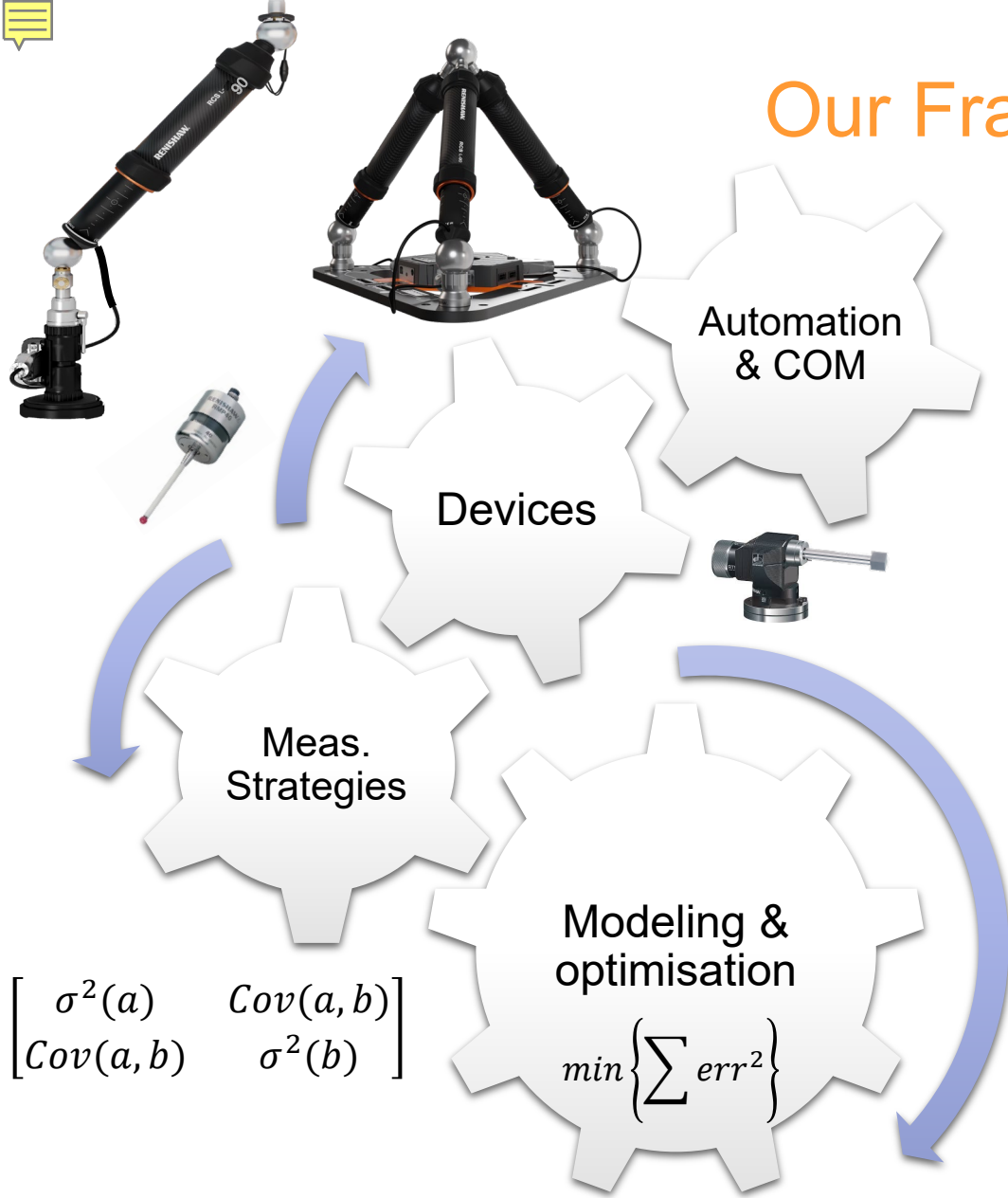
Part Frame
Pin to Pin Method

TCP
Pin to Pin Method
Residual « 0.31mm »

Error
1.90mm



Our Framework for Robots





Renishaw RCS P-Series Probe Calibration

From the model to the identification with a probe on a robot

$$err = \sqrt{\|\vec{CP}\| - R}$$

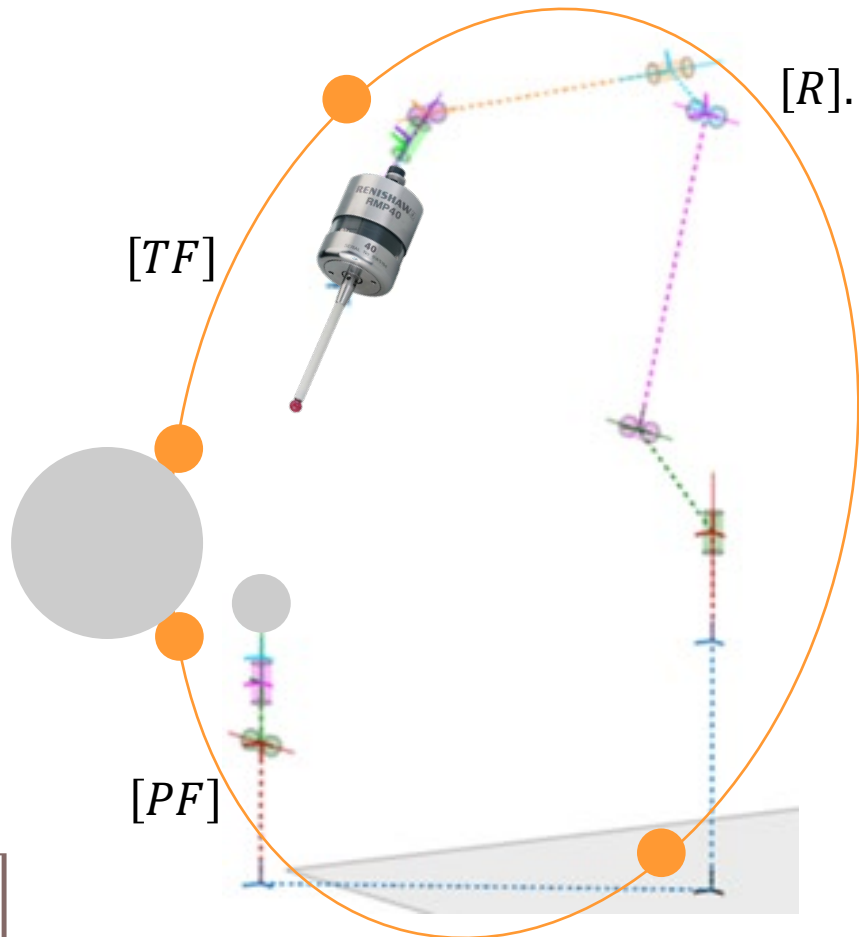
$$err = \sqrt{\|\vec{Tr}([PF]^{-1} \cdot [R] \cdot [TF]) - \vec{OC}\| - R}$$

$$err = \sqrt{\|\vec{Tr}([PF]^{-1} \cdot [R] \cdot [TF] \cdot [\Delta TF]) - \vec{OC}\| - R}$$

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$$\min \left\{ \sum err^2 \right\}$$

$$[H] = \begin{bmatrix} [Rotation] & \begin{bmatrix} Tx \\ Ty \\ Tz \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

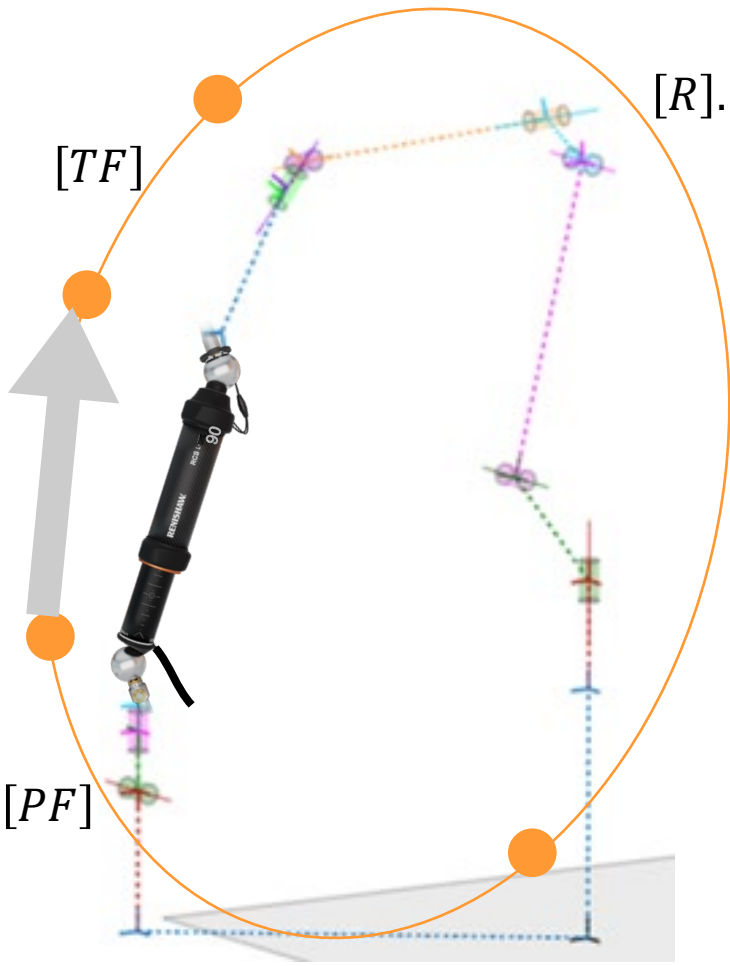




Renishaw RCS L-90 for a TCP identification

From the modelling to the identification with a ball bar

$$err_i = (\overrightarrow{Tool}_i - \overrightarrow{Pivot}) \cdot \overrightarrow{Dir} - Length_i$$
$$err_i = (\overrightarrow{Tr}([PF]^{-1} \cdot [R] \cdot [TF]) - \overrightarrow{Pivot}) \cdot \overrightarrow{Dir} - Length_i$$
$$min \left\{ \sum err^2 \right\}$$





Renishaw RCS T-90 for joint offset calibration

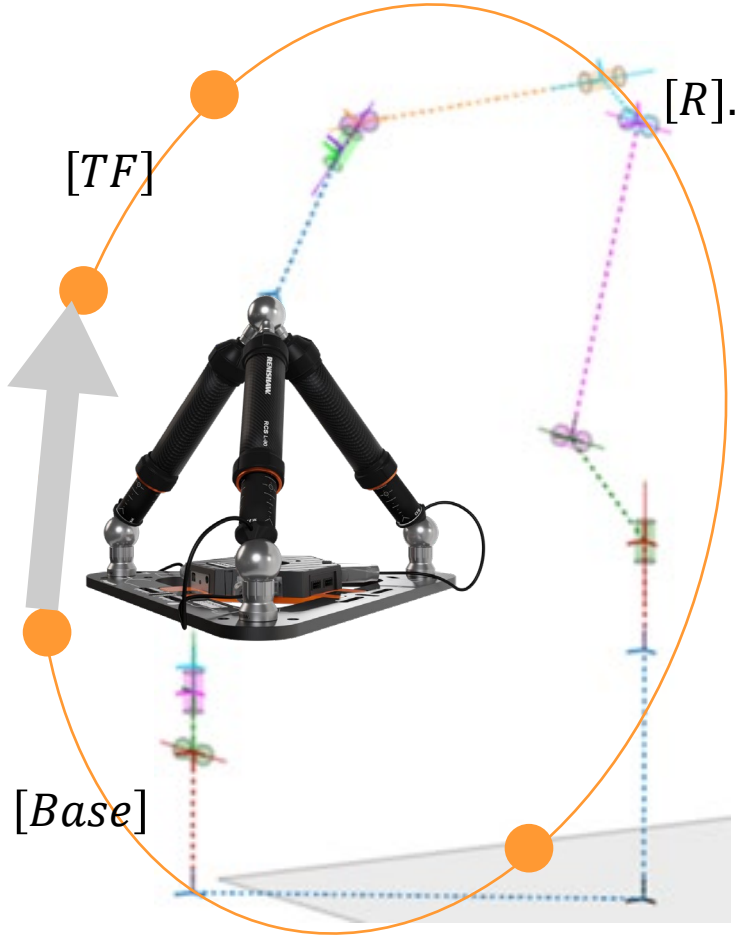
From the model to the identification with a tripod of ball bars

$$\overrightarrow{err}_i = \overrightarrow{Tr}([Base]^{-1} \cdot [R_i] \cdot [TF]) - \overrightarrow{TriPod}_i$$

$$[R] = [A_1] \cdot [A_2] \cdot [A_3] \cdot [A_4] \cdot [A_5] \cdot [A_6]$$

$$\overrightarrow{err}_i = \overrightarrow{Tr}([Base]^{-1} \cdot [A_1] \cdot [A_2] \cdot [A_3] \cdot [A_4] \cdot [A_5] \cdot [A_6] \cdot [TF]) - \overrightarrow{TriPod}_i$$




$$\min \left\{ \sum err^2 \right\}$$

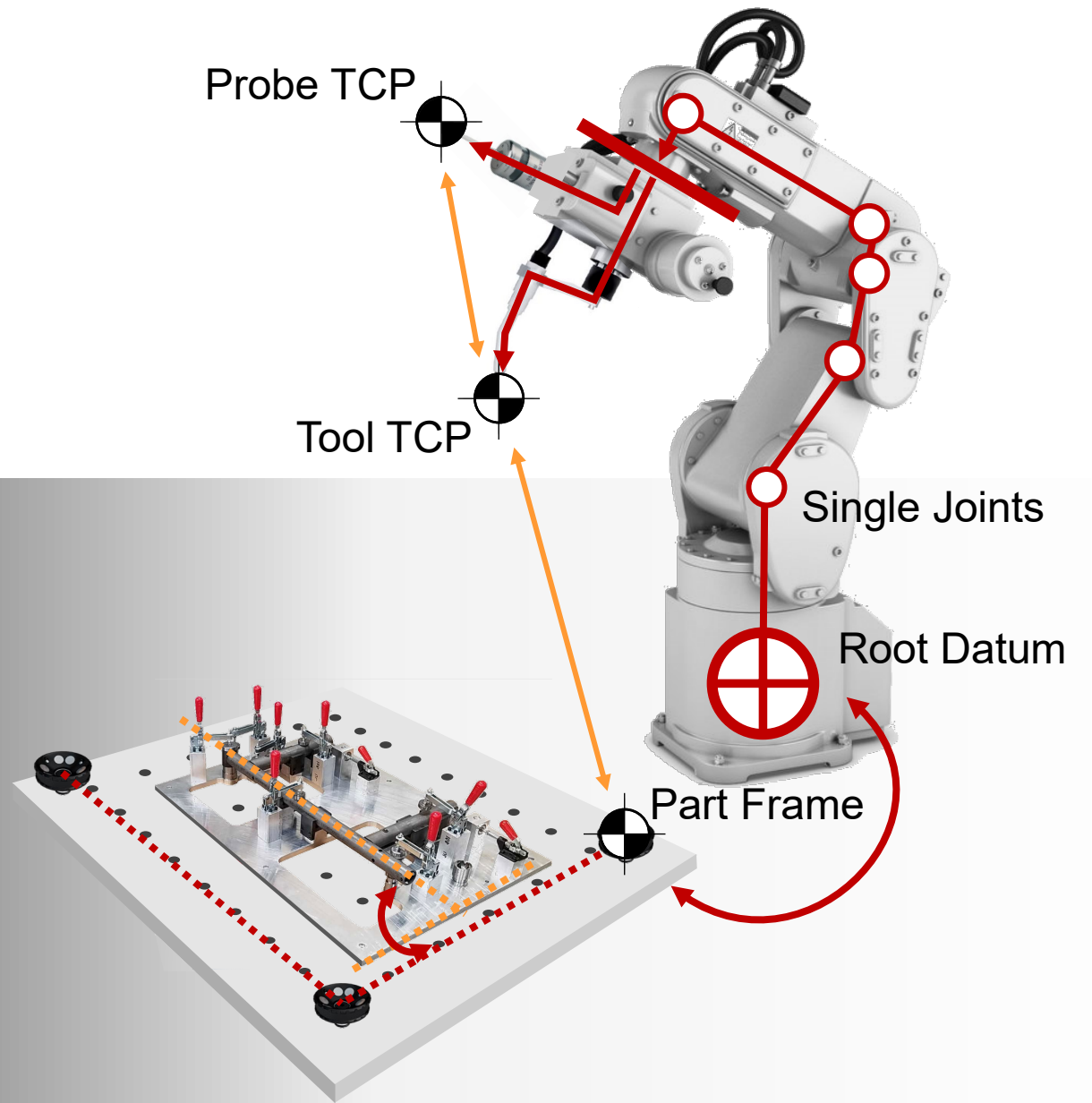




Closing the Loop

Applying sound metrology principles

-  Offline Programming
-  Zero Manual Intervention
-  Automatic Cell Recovery



Manual and visual Pin to pin method



Out of the box method – anything else?

Reproducible ? – Not really

Robot unidirectional repeatability: $<10\mu\text{m}$

R&R on pin to pin TCP: $700\ \mu\text{m}$!

Introducing the RCS Product Line

Aiding the commissioning, diagnostics and service

- Global launch in May/June 2023
- Bringing Renishaw's proven technology, plus 50 years of metrology know-how, to Industrial Automation
- A Ballbar and Tri-ballbar kit for precise 1D and 3D tests - Automating calibration, setup, diagnostics and service
- A range of probing kits which are calibrated to 6DoF for alignment and automated recovery routines





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Process foundation

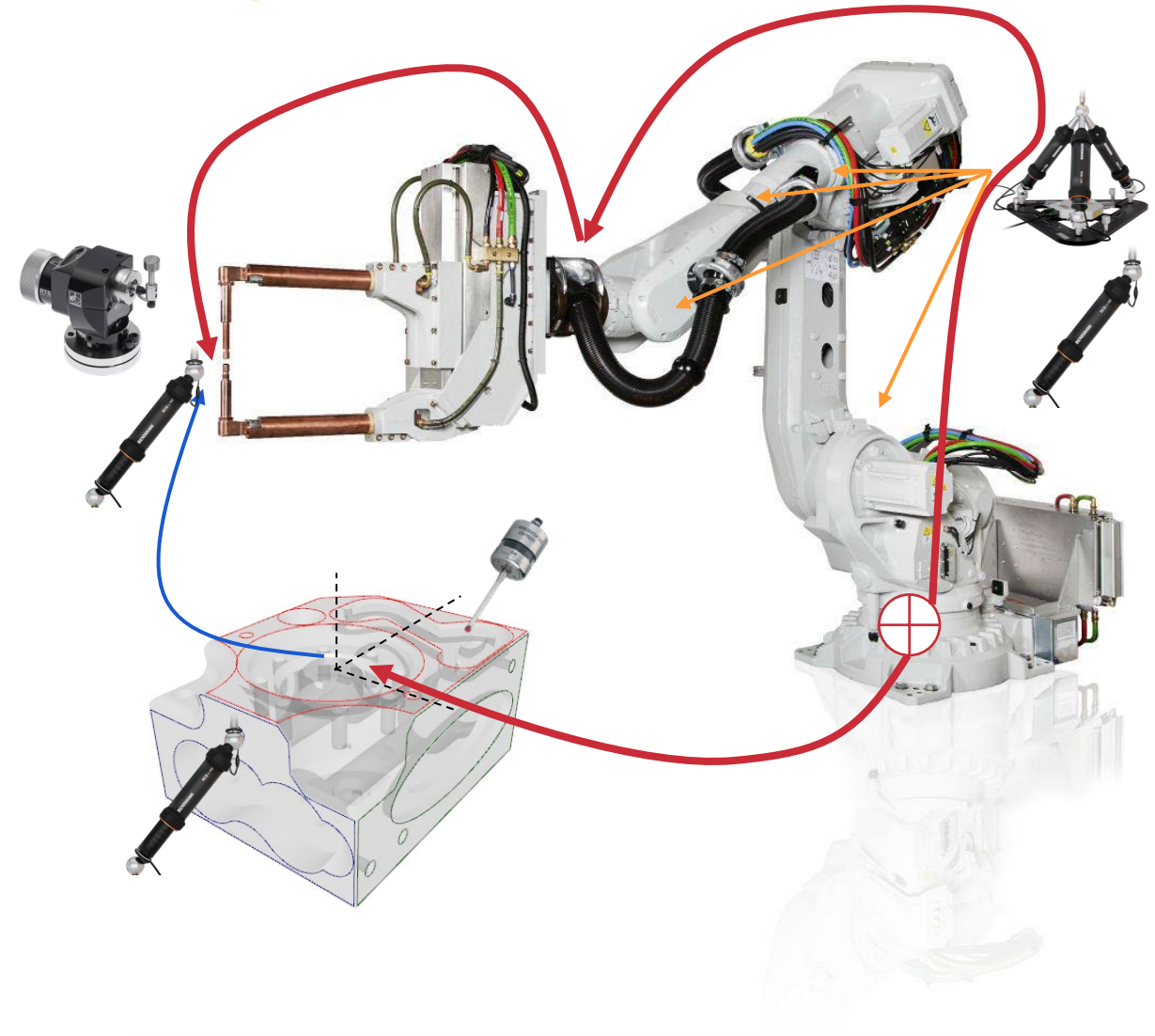
- Joint offsets 
- Verification / Diagnostics 

Process settings

- TCP 
- Part Frame 

In-Process Control

- Part Frame/ Tool Frame 
 - Simple and complex alignment
- Measurements 
 - Best Fit, distance, angle

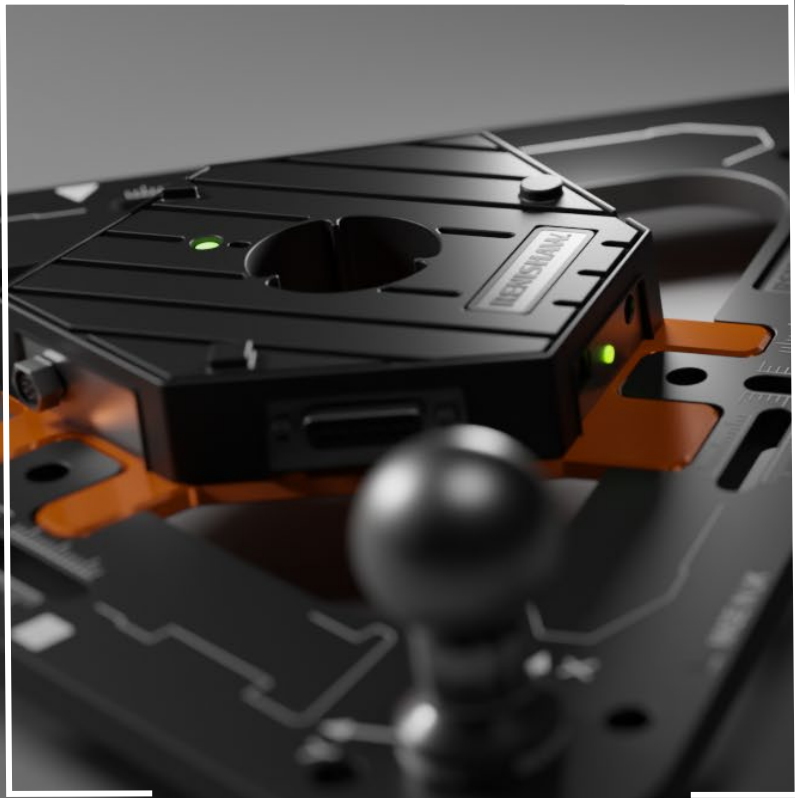


Any questions?

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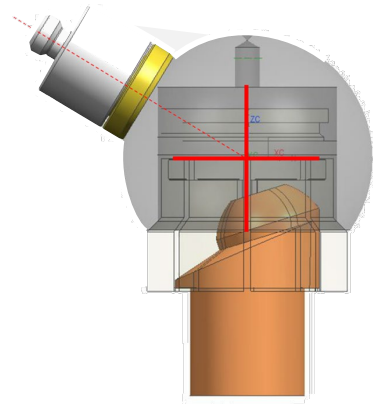
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Tools in a toolkit



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Permanent in-process

