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# **Robotics, Jobs and Economic Systems: Dynamics and Challenges in the USA, Europe and China**

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## 20 Years of EIIW: 2015 – Conference in Berlin and Wuppertal

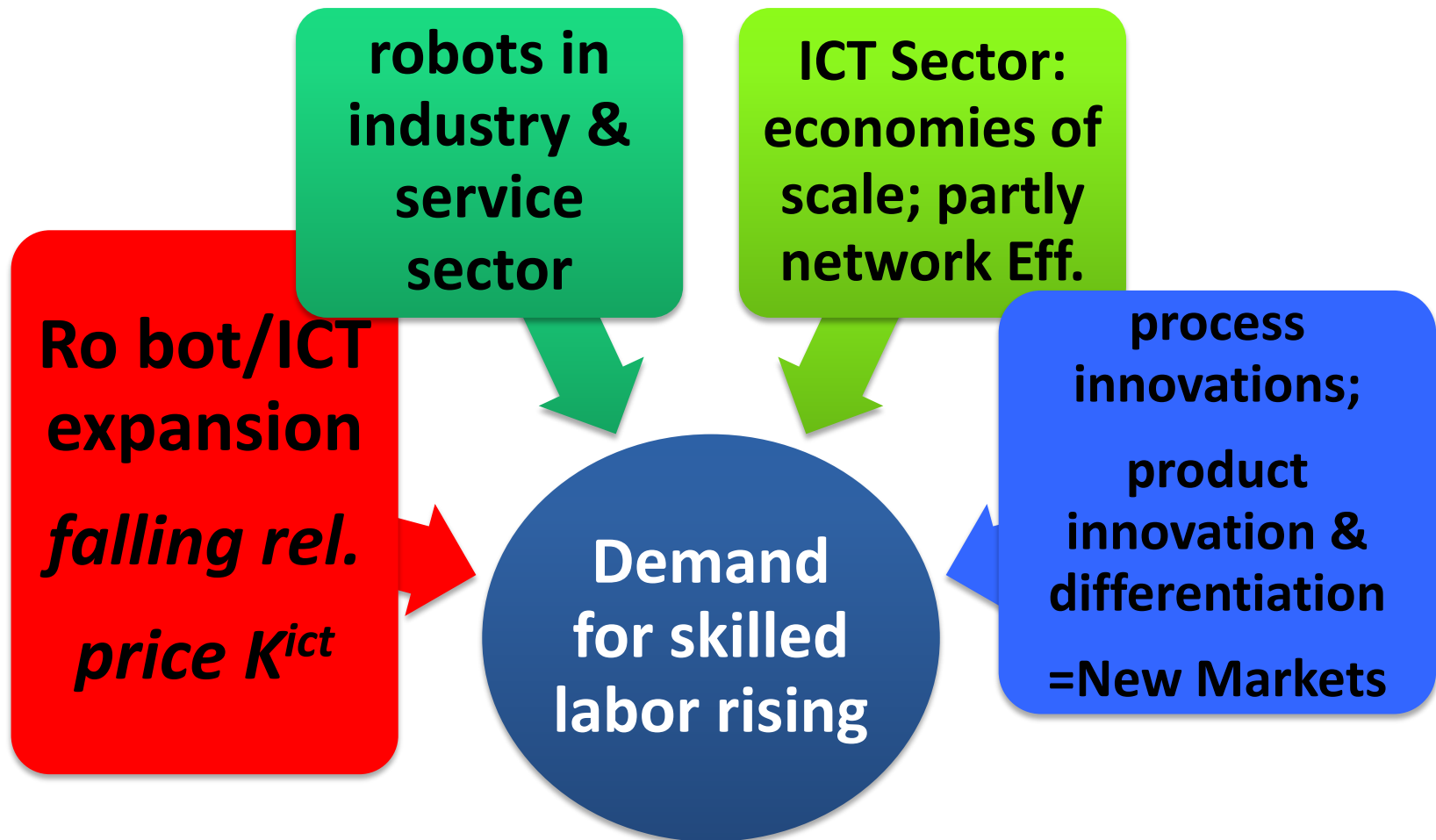
- **Award-winning research; *Euro Crisis anticipated in Oct 2008***  
National / International Networks



## Outline

- 1) Introduction: Digital Economic Expansion
- 2) Robotics and ICT – Dynamics in the US, Europe and China
- 3) ICT-Driven Changes in Economic Systems
- 4) Job Losses in Germany, France, USA and China?
- 5) Speeding up, Skill Upgrading and Institutional Reforms in Leading OECD Countries
- 6) Whither Economic Systems in the EU, the US, China

# Analytical Framework



## Key Issues

- **1) Expansion of robots which is not the same as expansion of Information & Communication Technology (ICT);**
  - **robots** raise productivity and wages, affect both unskilled and medium-skilled workers; **therefore no polarization effect**
  - **ICT as the broader digital technology seems to raise wage polarizatio** (along with industrial imports from China:see OECD)
- **2) Robots/ICT + economic globalization in a stable global system =** basis of global economic growth, rising per capita income in North and South = **wealth accumulation in N. & S.= higher global savings rate= higher demand for financial services**
- **3) If digital progress** would stall or if there is **deglobalization or global pol. Instability** **world output growth will slow-down = all kind of new conflicts that undermine prosperity**

Germany:  
robots use  
by sector;  
asymmetric

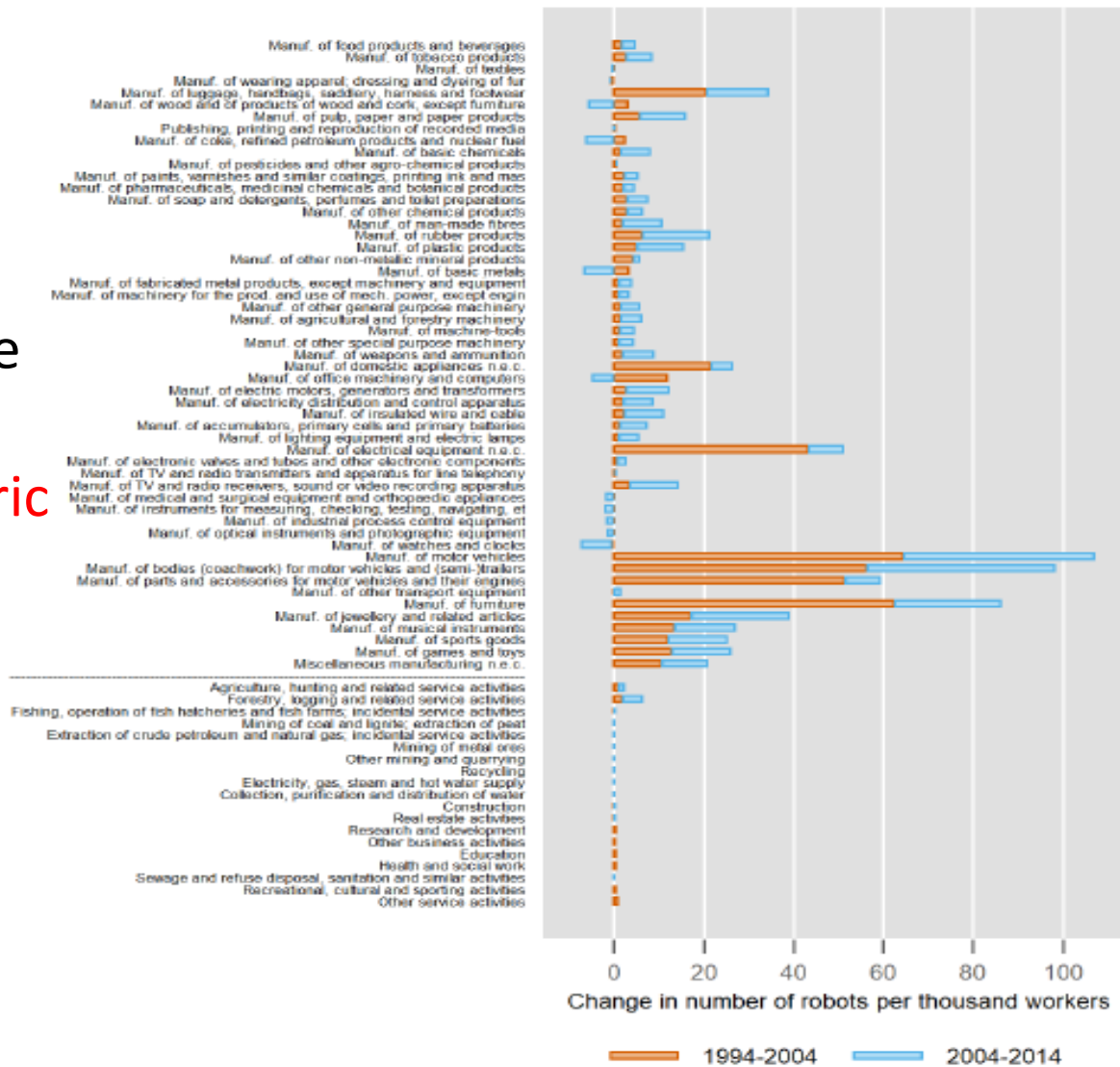


Figure 2: Industry-level distribution of robots

Notes: The figure displays the change in the number of robots per thousand workers by WZ 1993 industries (German Classification of Economic Activities, Edition 1993), for the two subperiods 1994-2004 and 2004-2014. Data for non-manufacturing industries in the first decade are only from 1998-2004.  
Source: International Federation of Robotics (IFR)

Source:  
The Research Institute  
of the Federal  
Employment Agency,  
Discussion Paper,  
30/2017

## Economic Digital Challenge

- 1) **Use of robots expanding** – difference across sectors; rise of **high-skilled employment**
- 2) **Industry4.0**: Who gains – Siemens/SAP/Dassault Systems or the leading 5 US digital social media companies & 2-3 companies from Asia?
- 3) **Europa rather weak in digital platform services**
  - **e.g. Uber = digital mobility services concept**
  - **Next: Flyber? = digital air travelling concept?**  
Established flight companies fighting to control the markets: Machineber – enormous economic

## Perspective: Technology-Prices-Demand-Growth: ATM Example from the US

- **1) Rationalization effects = less jobs**
- **2) Services prices fall = more bank branches are profitable = banks need to hire new workers; also banks have developed new „advanced“ banking services = more complex and useful products = higher profits = basis for sectoral growth**
- **3) how many (intra-/extra-sectoral) innovation spillovers?**



## NEW Digital Economic Expansion (compared to previous structural change)

- **Very fast** global expansion= unusual challenge for many
- **Cross Innovation:** e.g. ICT & Automotive, ICT and Health Care – **makes it rather complex challenge** and emphasizes innovation dynamics
- **Software beats digital equipment:** Whenever possible flexible software replaces hardware
  - Software sector with specific challenges: 1) global, 2) as start-up you have no collateral = need for more collateral, 3) big companies are rather rare; and if big they are GLOBAL (e.g. SAP in Germany, Dassault Systems in France, Philips NL)
  - **IAB analysis in Germany** shows that skilled digital workers **with more tasks= job enrichment** = contrary to traditional hyperspecialization pressure;
  - **Platform Economics & dig. social networks/value of data**

## The Value of Data

- **How much higher the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was due to trade in data: Trade volume of goods and services which are based on data and information in 2016 (million Euro)**

	Value of Data-based Trade (2016)	Share of GDP (in %)
USA	129,174	0.78
Japan	25,513	0.93
United Kingdom	13,313	2.56
Germany	12,925	2.45
France	7,427	1.70
Brazil	6,049	0.16
Italy	4,606	1.69
Netherlands	3,395	2.38
Spain	3,261	1.87
Sweden	2,304	1.85
Poland	1,691	1.09
Belgium	1,540	1.83
Denmark	1,283	2.37
Austria	1,257	2.15
Ireland	1,042	1.91

Note: Care should be exercised in interpreting the data for Brazil, Japan and the US as the comparability of the GDP effects is weakened due to a lack of the effect of the customers of data firms (e.g. revenues) and the related induced effects (e.g. higher tax revenues, higher wages)

Source: Adapted from Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft (2018), iwd, #9, table “Der Wert der Daten“, p. 10.; based on International Data Corporation (study for the European Commission)

## Analytical Basis

- **Job losses** in OECD countries
  - Partly due to **expansion of information & communication technologies**
  - **Partly due to rise of industrial imports from China** – leads to loss of jobs with medium wages= **leads to wage polarization**
    - *Particular risk for „middle jobs“; what to do with losers in structural change shaped by digitization and globalization (here China's expansion)*
    - **California as a good example** of digital success (also ahead in the US= interesting!!): **so many new jobs, no unemployment, but a problem with affordable rents for low skilled workers and certain immigrants**

## Digital Global Perspectives

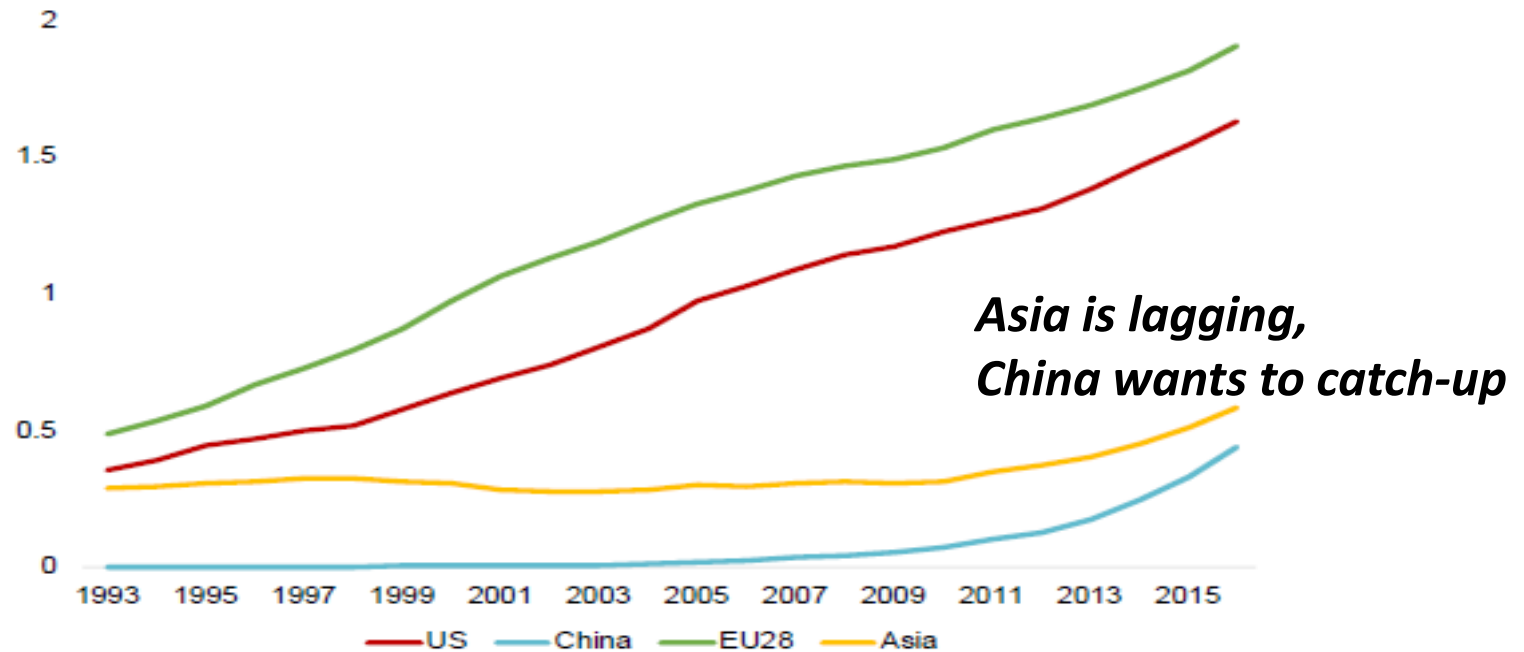
- **1) Maniyaka (2017, McKinsey 2017): Technology, jobs, and the future of work**
  - **1/2 of global population not online**
  - **Eliminating the digital gap in the South – and parts of the North= more jobs, higher GDP, particularly for women and the elderly;**
  - **only 5% of jobs could be fully automated in the short run, much depends on wages & price dynamics**
  
- **2) Digital economy is global – unclear framework**
  - **Will be difficult to tax digital income adequately= weaker states...**
  - **Will be difficult to have consistent effective global digital regulation (e.g. G20; ITU); China AND Russia do not want global regulation; US wants not much interference from EU and others; **US support for WTO and digital trade rules (products vs. services) is declining under Trump; US & China firms dominate****
  - **World Summit on the Information Society project should be continued! G20 & ITU could start new joint initiative**



# A Look at International and EU Statistics

## Robot Density in the US, China, EU28, Asia

**Figure 1: Robot density**  
*(robots per 1000 workers)*

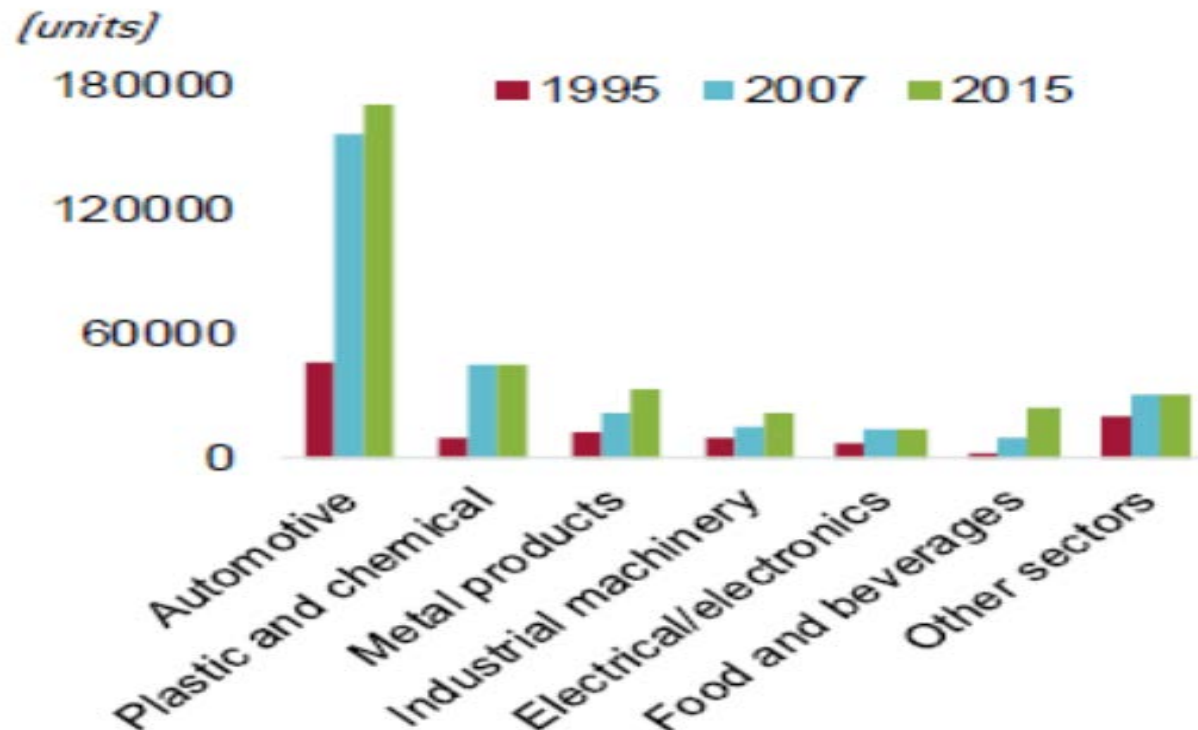


Source: Calculations based on IFR and EU-KLEMS

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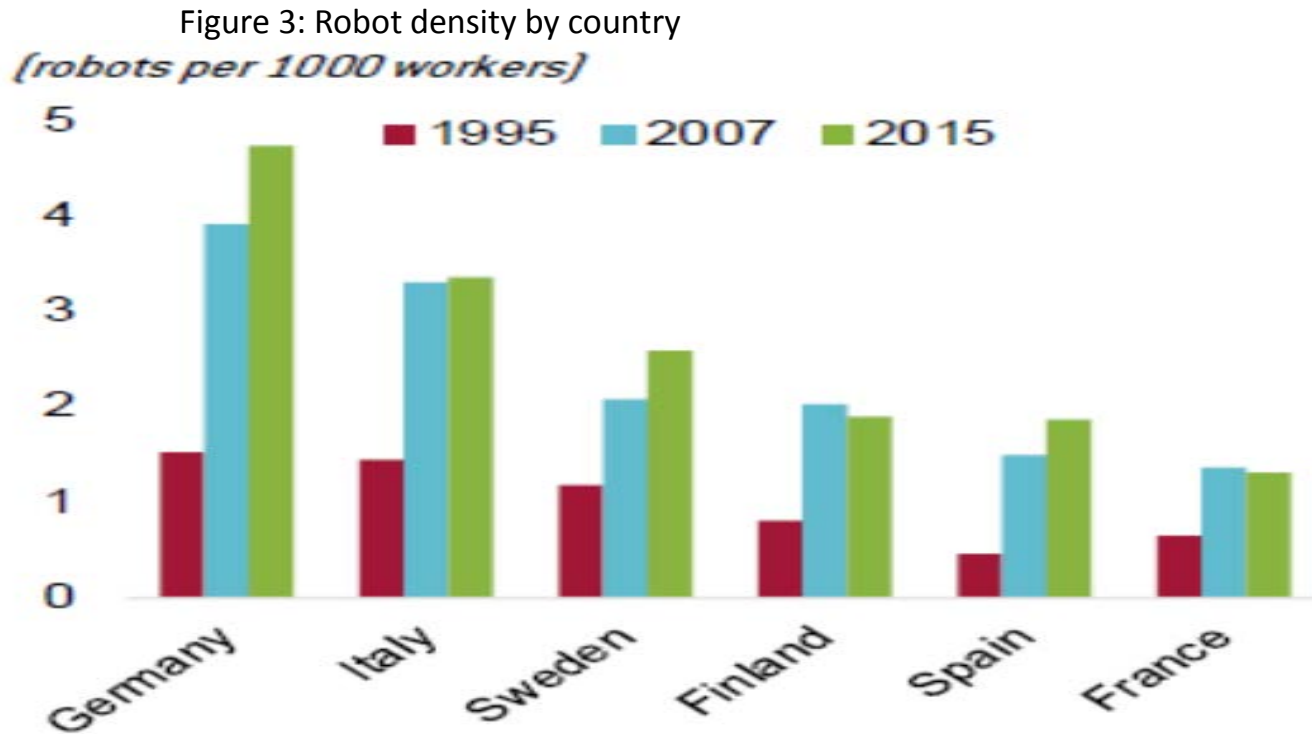
## Sectoral Industr. Robotization View in the EU: Automotive Is Clear Leader

Figure 2: Number of industrial robots, by sector



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## Robot Density Per 1000 Workers Selected EU Countries



Note: Displayed sectors are a subcategory of manufacturing while “Other sectors” also includes non-manufacturing sectors. Data for Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, UK. Calculations for robots per 1000 are based on employment in the total economy in the respective year.

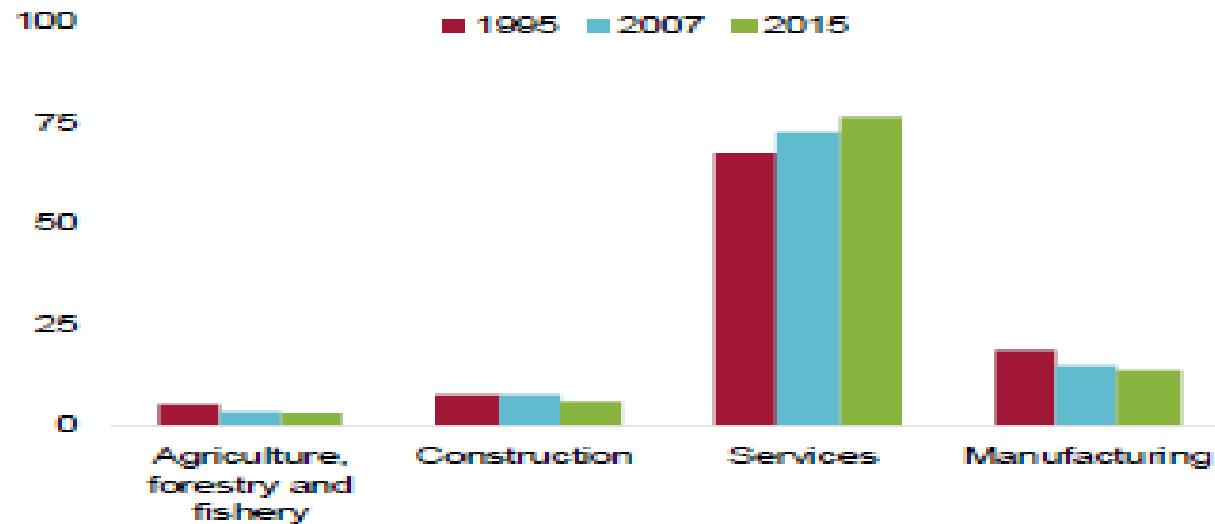
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# Sectoral Employment Shares in Selected Group of Euro-12 Countries

**Figure 6: Employment shares by sector**  
*(percentage shares)*



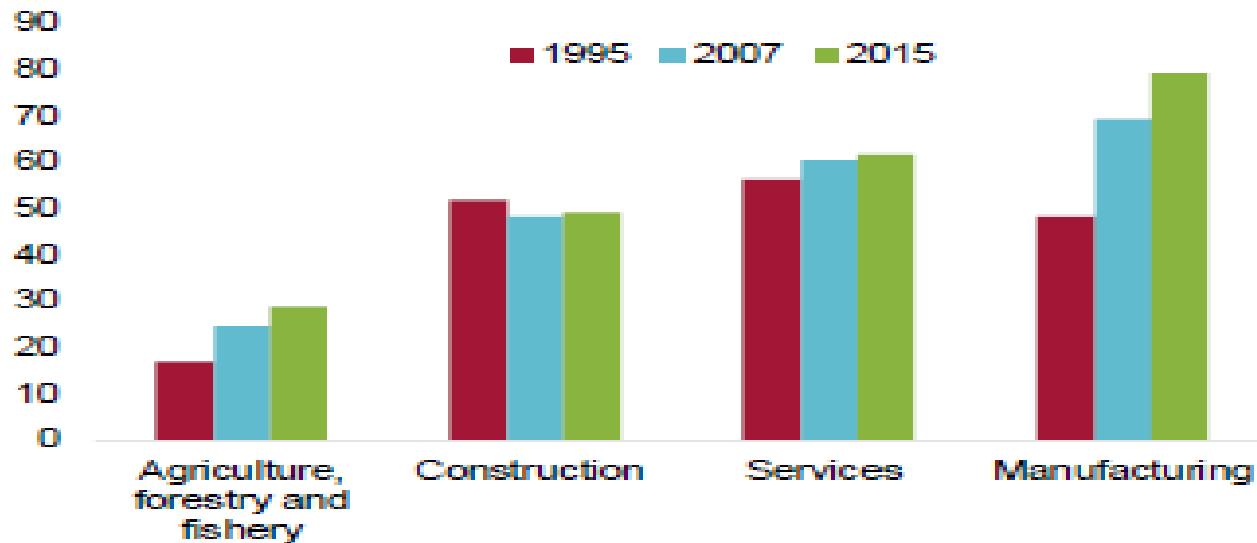
Note: Based on Euro Area-12 countries: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Source: AMECO.

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## Labour Productivity in Euro Area12 by Sector

**Figure 7: Gross value added per employed person by sector**  
*(1 000 euros per worker)*



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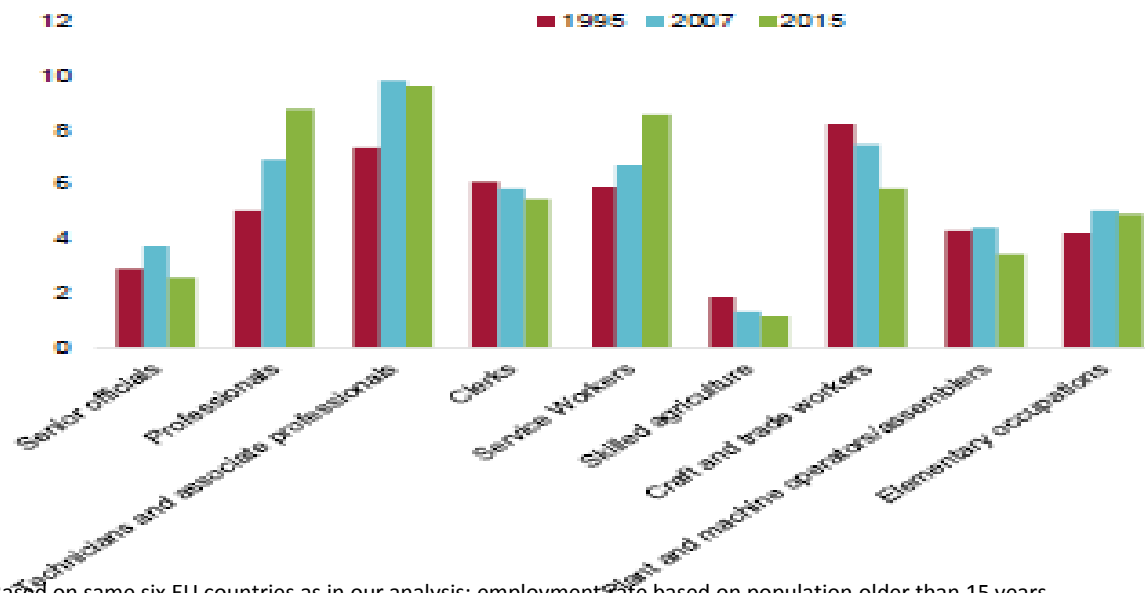
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# Employment Rate – by Occupational Group in the Total Economy (Selected EU Countries)

Figure 8a: Employment rate, by occupational group in the total economy

*(percentages)*



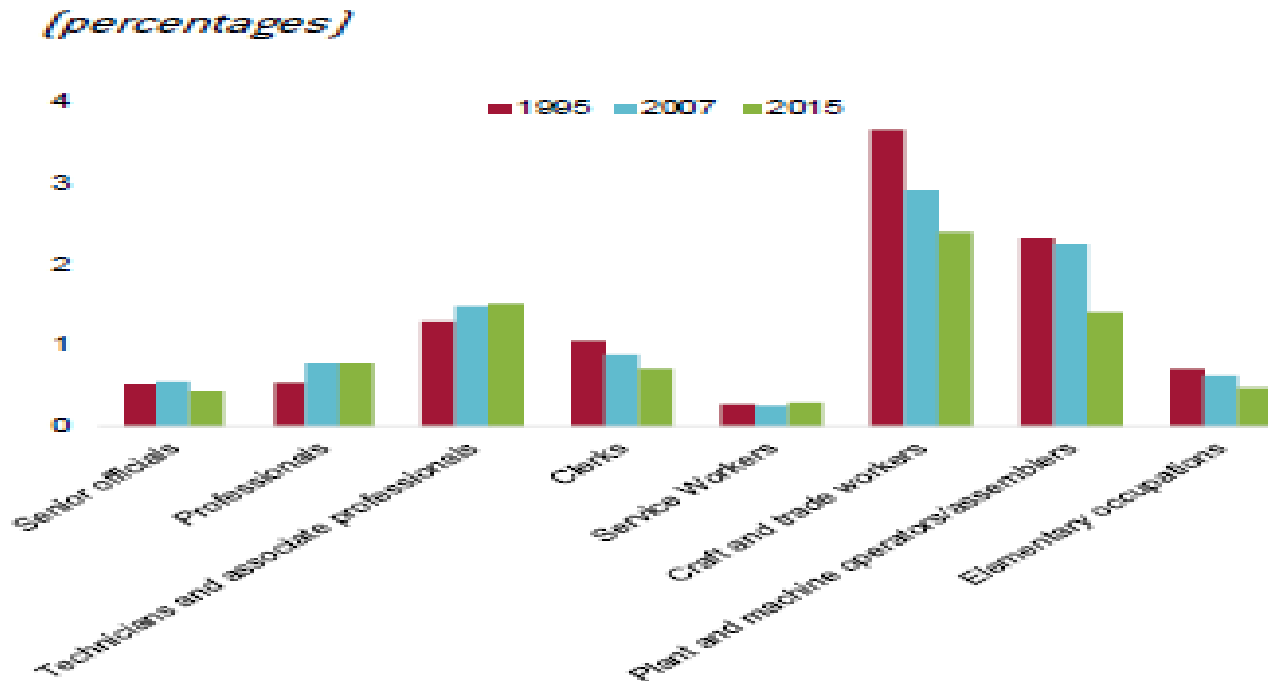
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# Employment Rate by Occupational Group (Selected EU Countries)

Figure 8b: Employment rate, by occupational group in the manufacturing sector



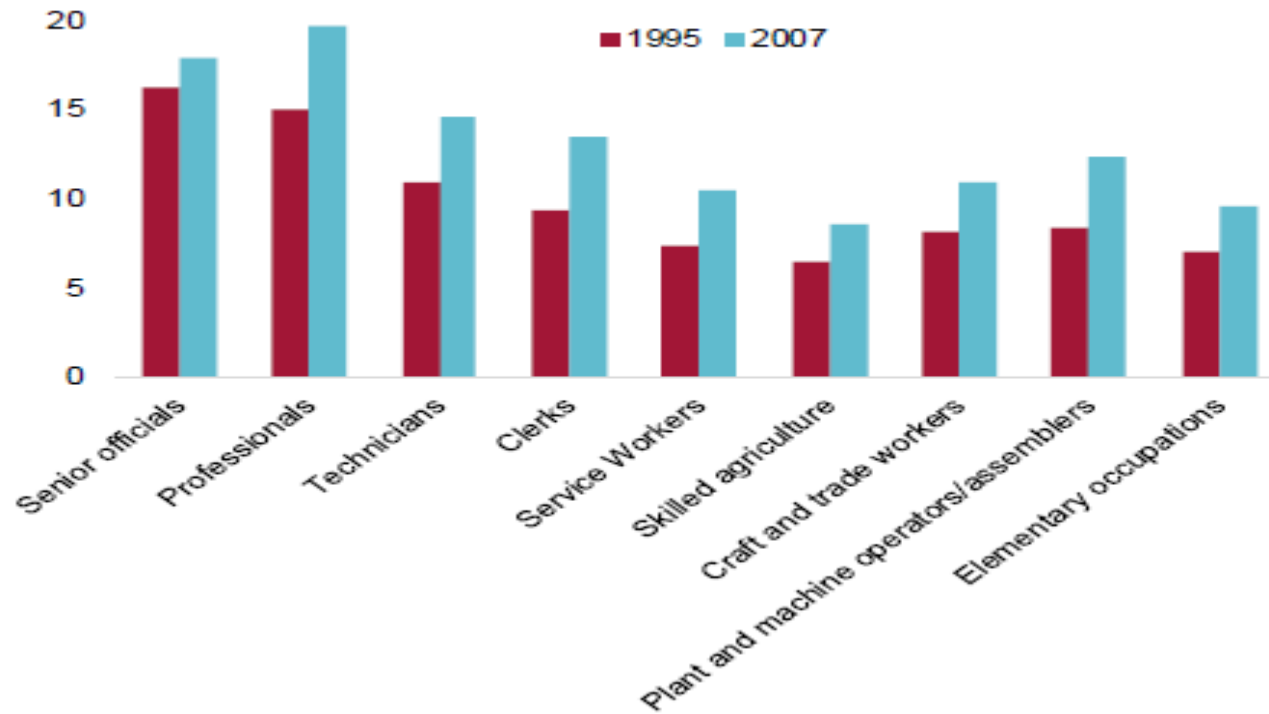
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# Hourly Wages by Occupational Group in Selected EU Countries

**Figure 9: Nominal gross hourly wages in euro, by occupational group**



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Findings of Südekum et al.(2017) **on Germany**: Robots will bring gross job losses but **no net job loss** – problem is decline of wage income-GDP ratio= **+inequality; .robots raise labor productivity but not wages.**

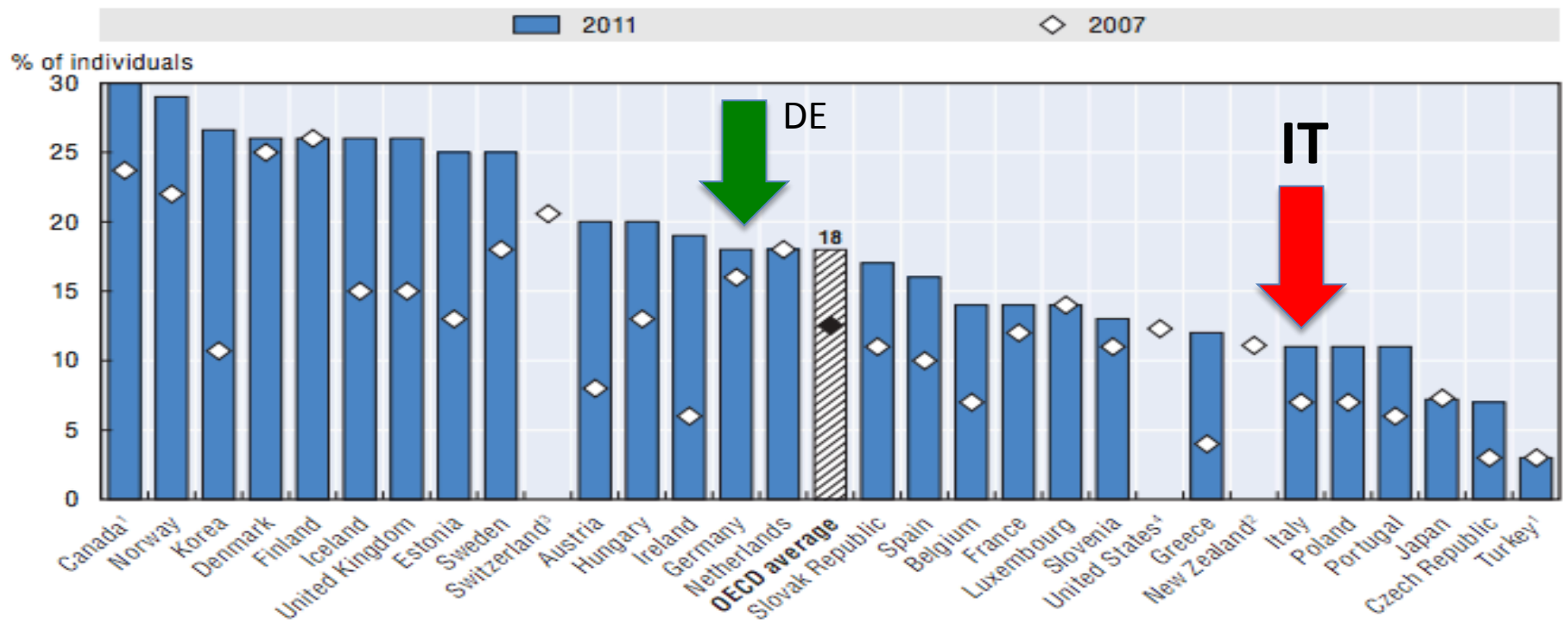
- „We find **no evidence that robots cause total job losses, but they do affect the composition of aggregate employment.** Every robot destroys two manufacturing jobs.
- This indeed accounts for almost **23% of the overall decline of manufacturing** employment in Germany over the period 1994–2014, roughly 275,000 jobs. But this loss was fully offset by additional jobs in the service sector. Moreover, robots have not raised the displacement risk for incumbent manufacturing workers. **Quite in contrast, more robot exposed workers are even more likely to remain employed in their original workplace, though not necessarily performing the same tasks,** and the aggregate manufacturing decline is solely driven by fewer new jobs for young labor market entrants.
- **This enhanced job stability for insiders comes at the cost of lower wages. The negative impact of robots on individual earnings arises mainly for medium-skilled workers in machine-operating occupations, while high-skilled managers gain. ..**

## Multiple Job Challenge: ICT/Robotics and Employment

- **1) make country a leader in digital technology:** leaders always win the productivity race – see California/US, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China
- **2) computer science in high schools not sufficiently established;** same in universities/applied universities (**consider example of Berkely!**)
- **3) how to avoid digital divide:** integrate everyboy in society (apply to North-South)
- **4) where could government assume a leadership role: E-government, E-health** (bad example of Germany; better is Austria, also Switzerland); digital education AND retraining; and where are the best performers in EU = basis for benchmarking – visit Estonia (ok, small and young= easier)
- **5) Job search: Make sure that country is leader in digital job-matching=** lower unemployment rate (leader in OECD is Canada; surprisingly poor performance Italy, Spain, Portugal; Germany is not a leader so far)



**Figure 3.19: Individuals in that used internet for job search(2011 or latest available year): ACTIVE benchmarking needed – why not use EU money to reward the top RELATIVE improvements (Top 3 Relative Olympics!)**



Note: Data from the EU Community Survey covers EU countries plus Iceland, Norway and Turkey. Individuals aged 16-74 years, except for Canada (16+), Japan (6+), Switzerland (14+). For countries covered by Eurostat, individuals were asked about activities they had carried out on the Internet in the last three months. For the other OECD countries, it generally refers to the last 12 months. Data refer for Eurostat countries to individuals who used the Internet in the last three months for job research or for sending job applications. Country notes: For Switzerland: Data refer to Internet users who used the Internet at least once within the last six months.

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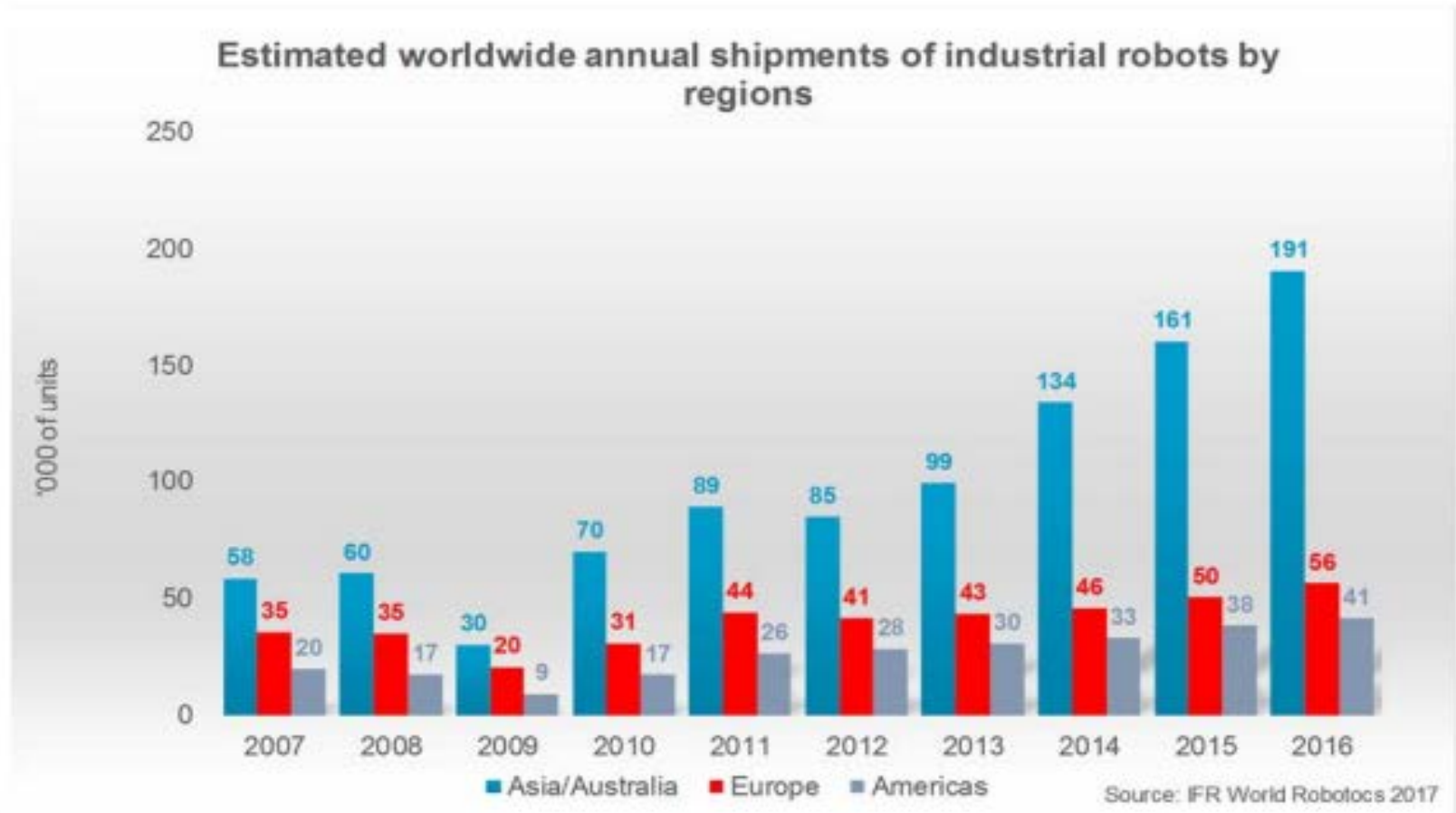
Source: OECD ICT Database and Eurostat Community Survey on ICT usage in households and by individuals, May 2012. Canadian Internet Use Survey, 2010 from Statistics Canada.



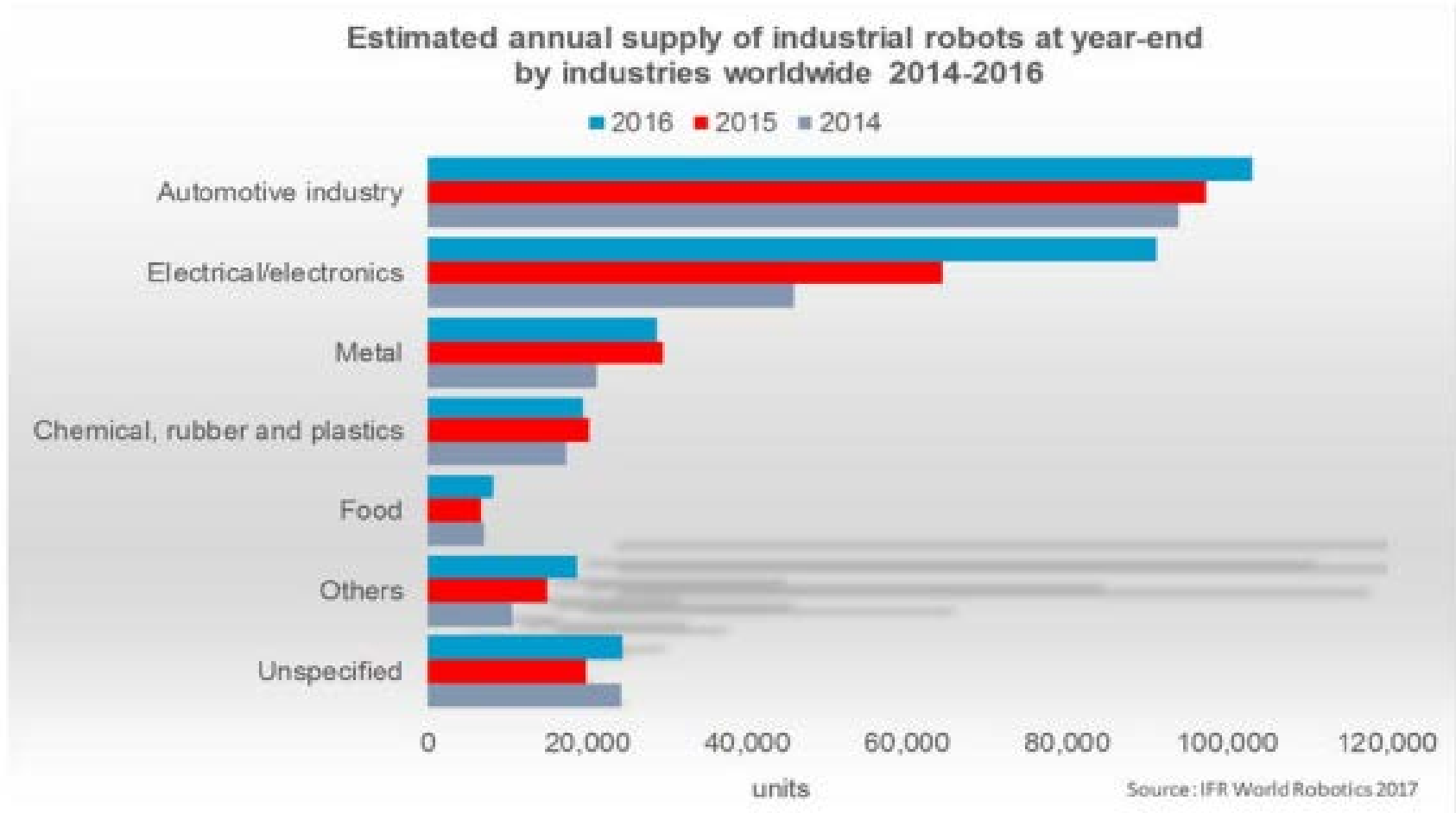


# Industrial Robots

## US+Canada (& Mexico) is a clear global leader



## Robots' expansion differs across sectors



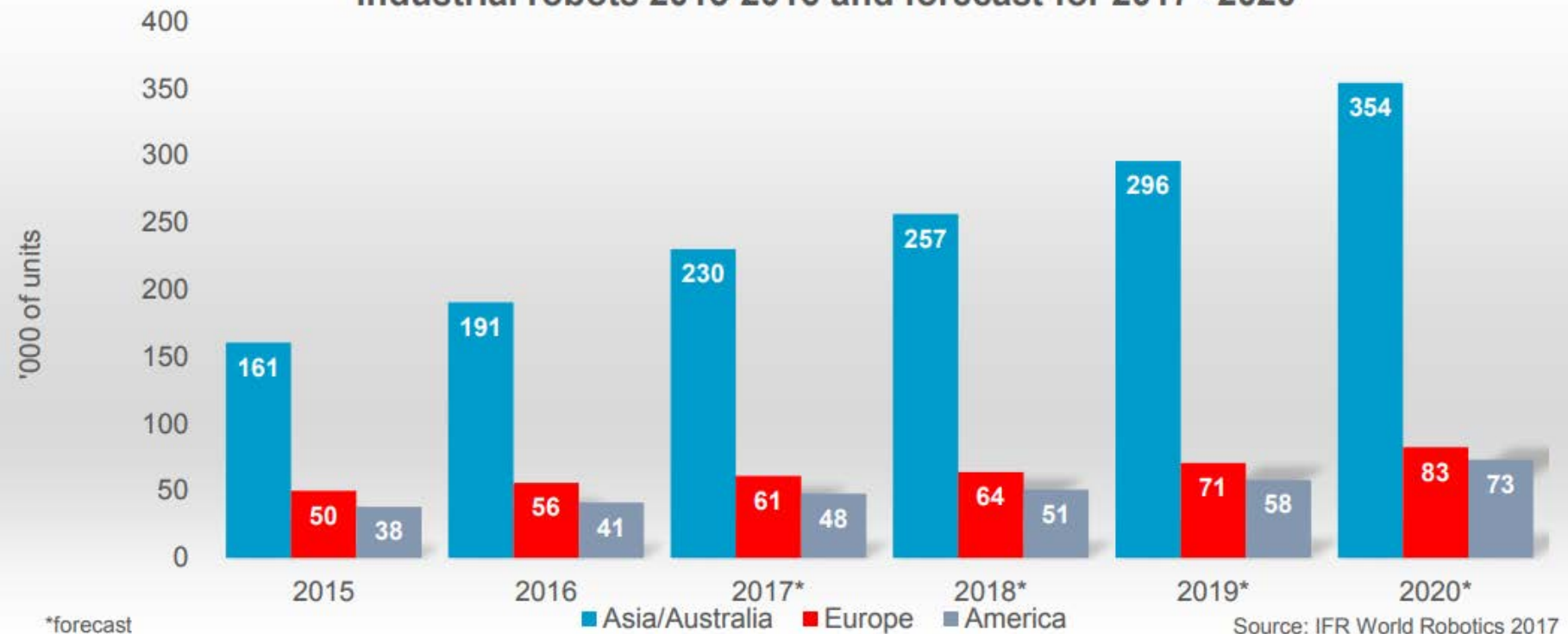
## Robots expansion is impressive, but software business is even better..

**Estimated annual worldwide supply of industrial robots  
2008-2016 and 2017\*-2020\***



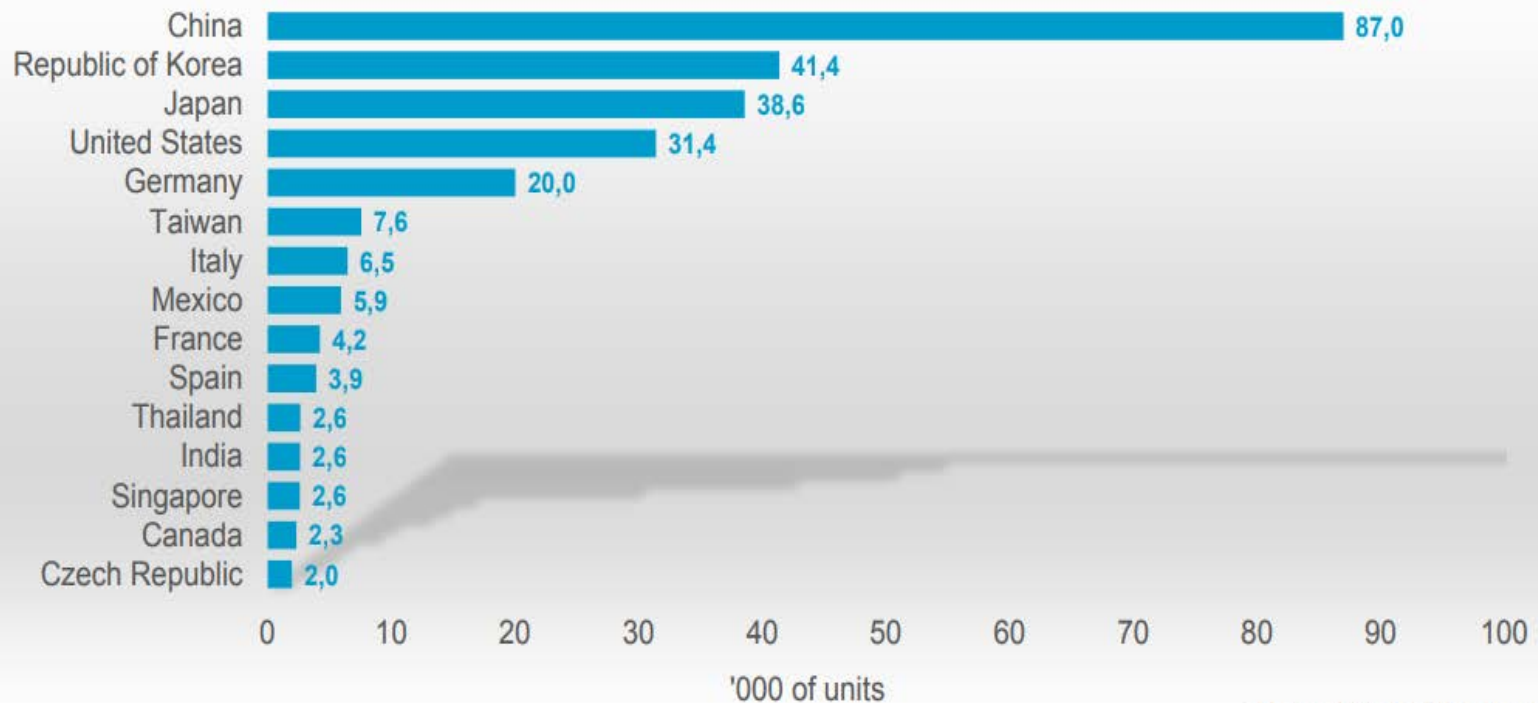
Source: IFR World Robotics 2017

### Estimated worldwide annual supply of industrial robots 2015-2016 and forecast for 2017\*-2020\*



## China, Korea, Japan, US, Germany, Taiwan, Italy, Mexico, France

Estimated worldwide annual supply of industrial robots  
15 largest markets 2016



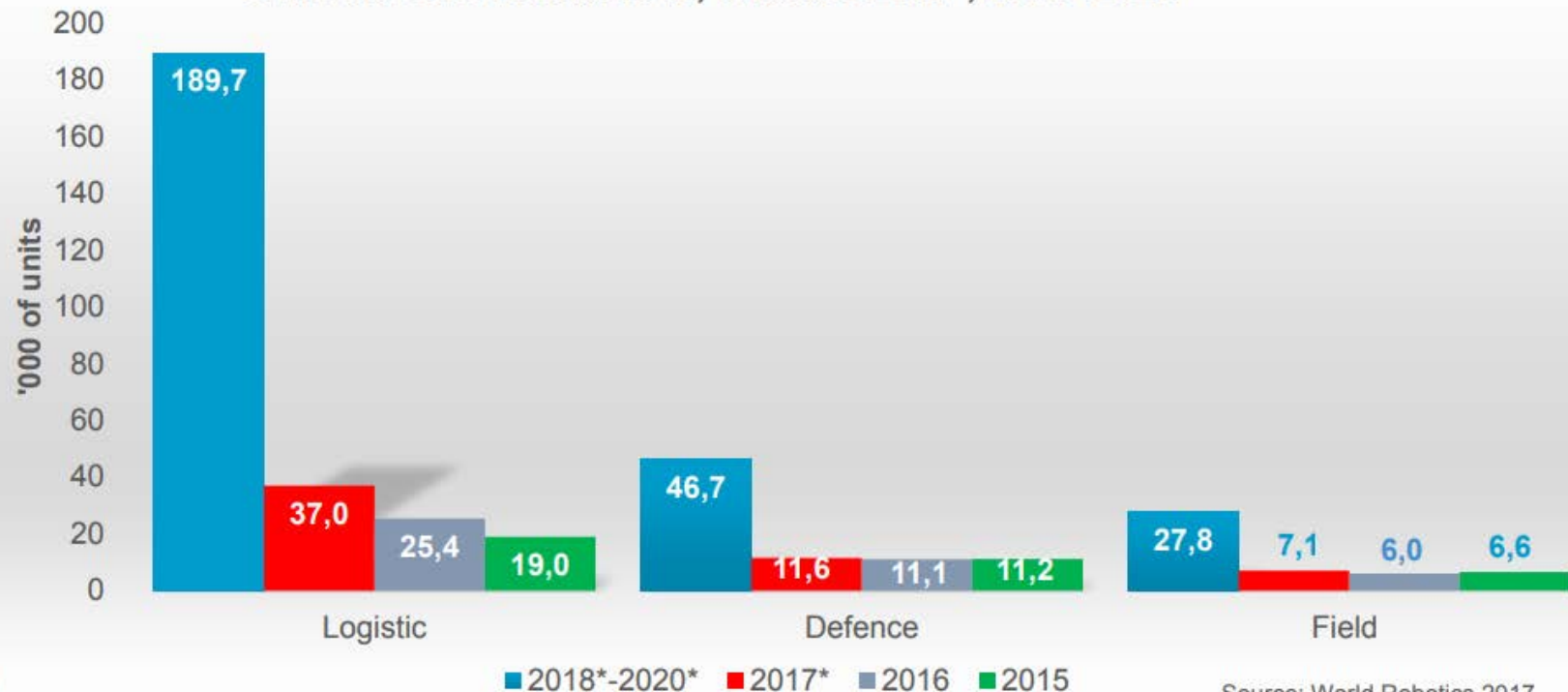
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# Service Robots

## Service Robots will expand rather fast after 2020 when ageing and lack of skilled workers generate rising demand for such robots

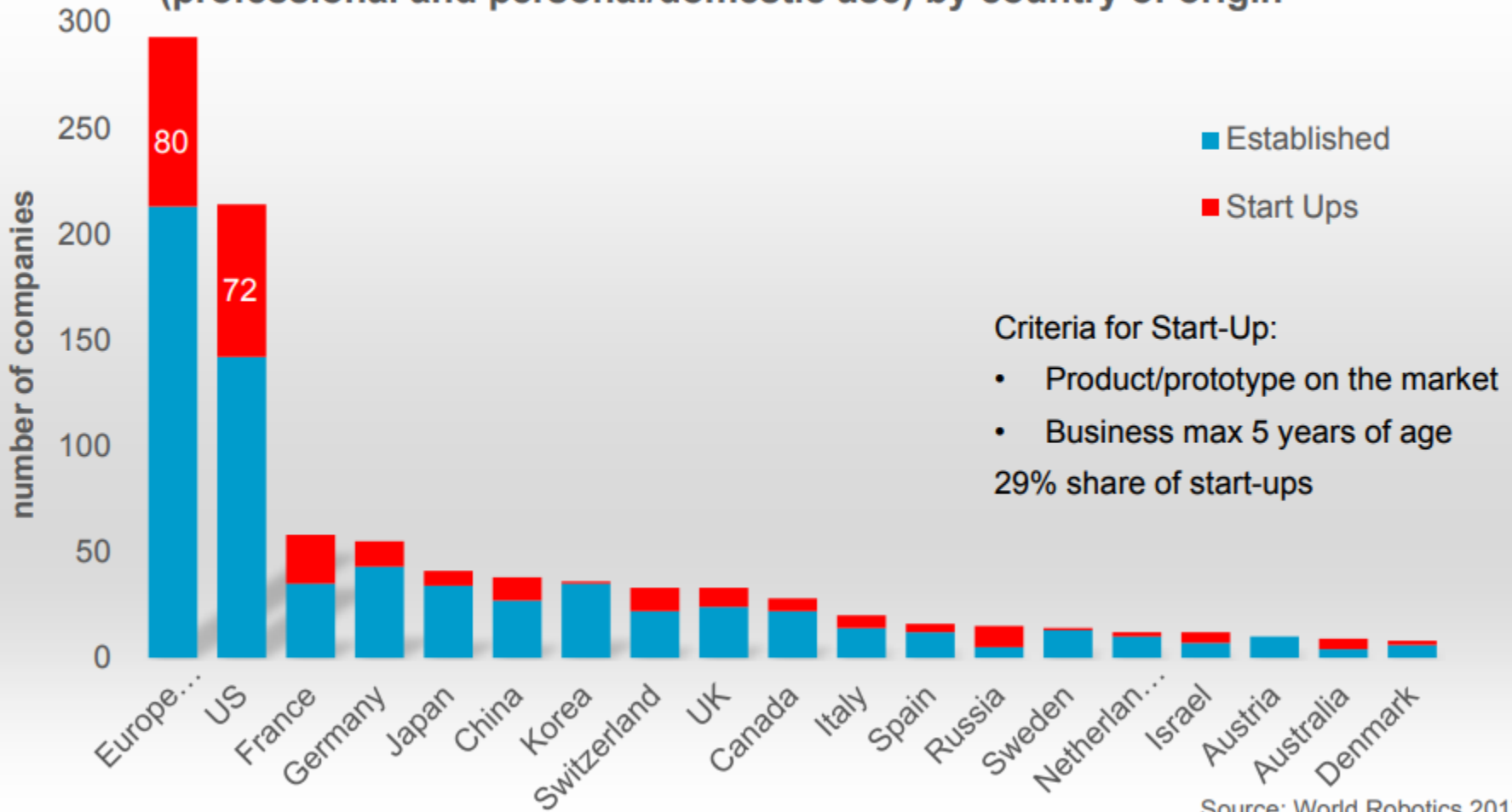
Service robots for professional use. Main applications  
Units sales 2015 and 2016, forecast 2017\*, 2018\*-2020\*



Source: World Robotics 2017



## Number of service robot manufacturers (professional and personal/domestic use) by country of origin



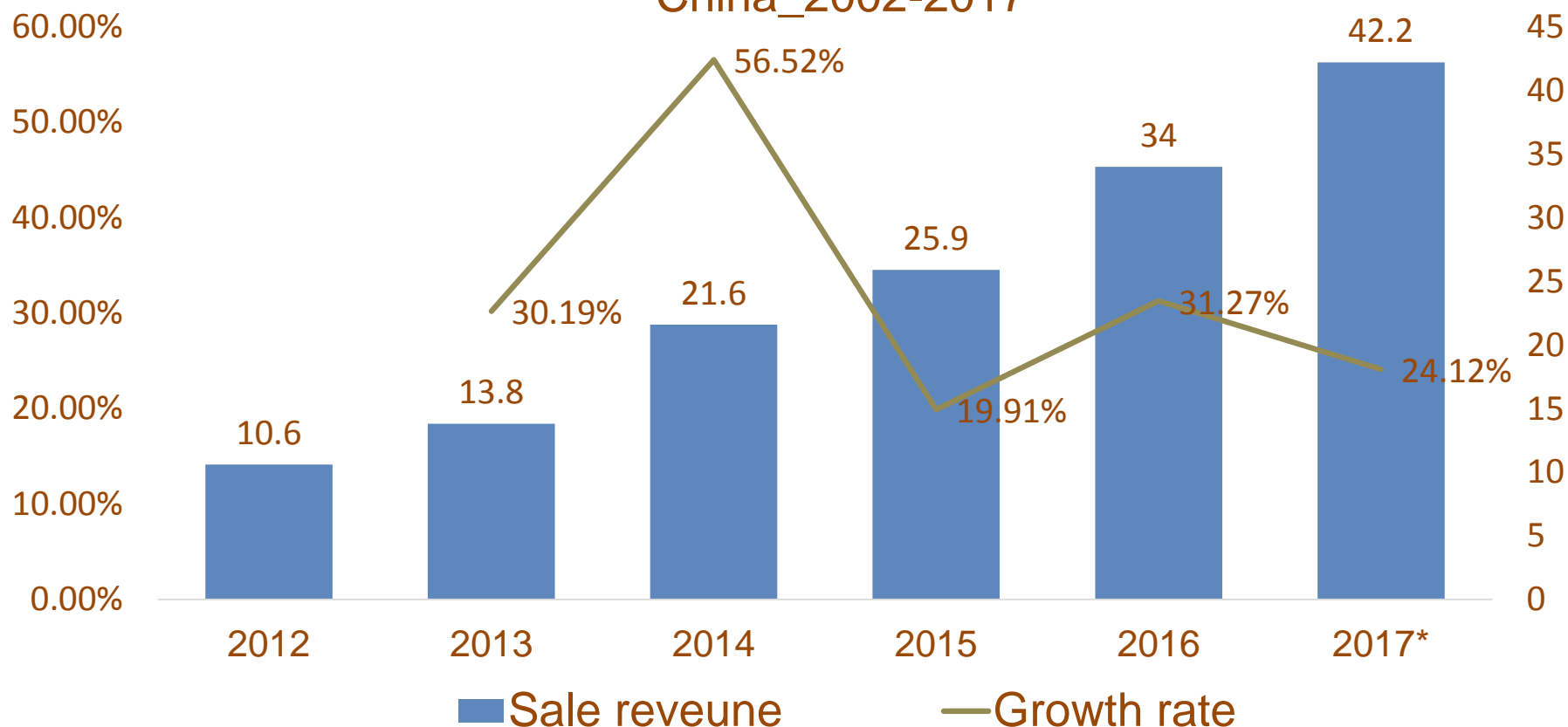
Source: World Robotics 2017

**Robotics in China: Government**  
**strongly** interested in Industry  
4.0;  
and in promoting digital  
networking;  
achieving global co-leadership in  
Artificial Intelligence; advantage:  
**big home market, overseas**  
***Chinese in the US & Europe***



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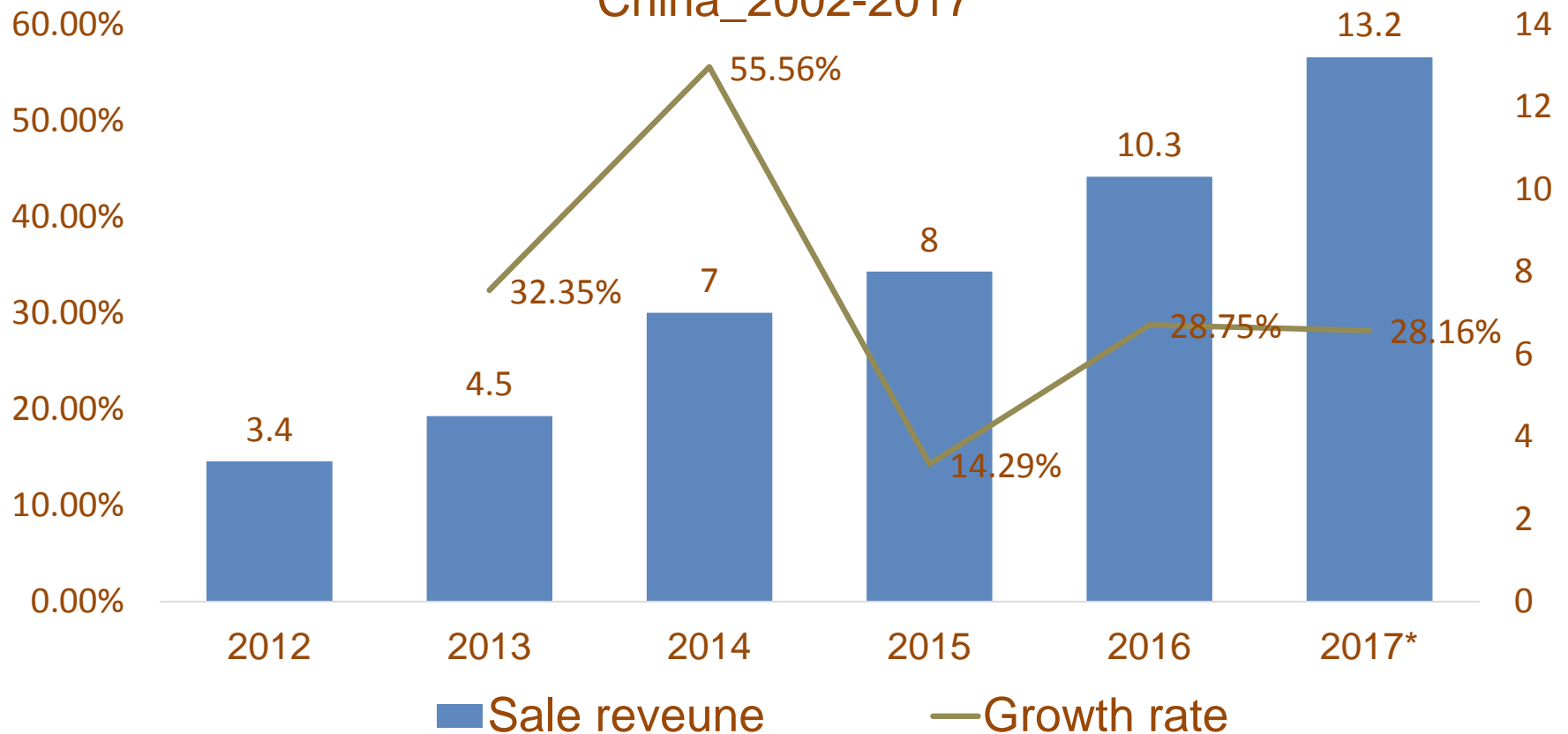
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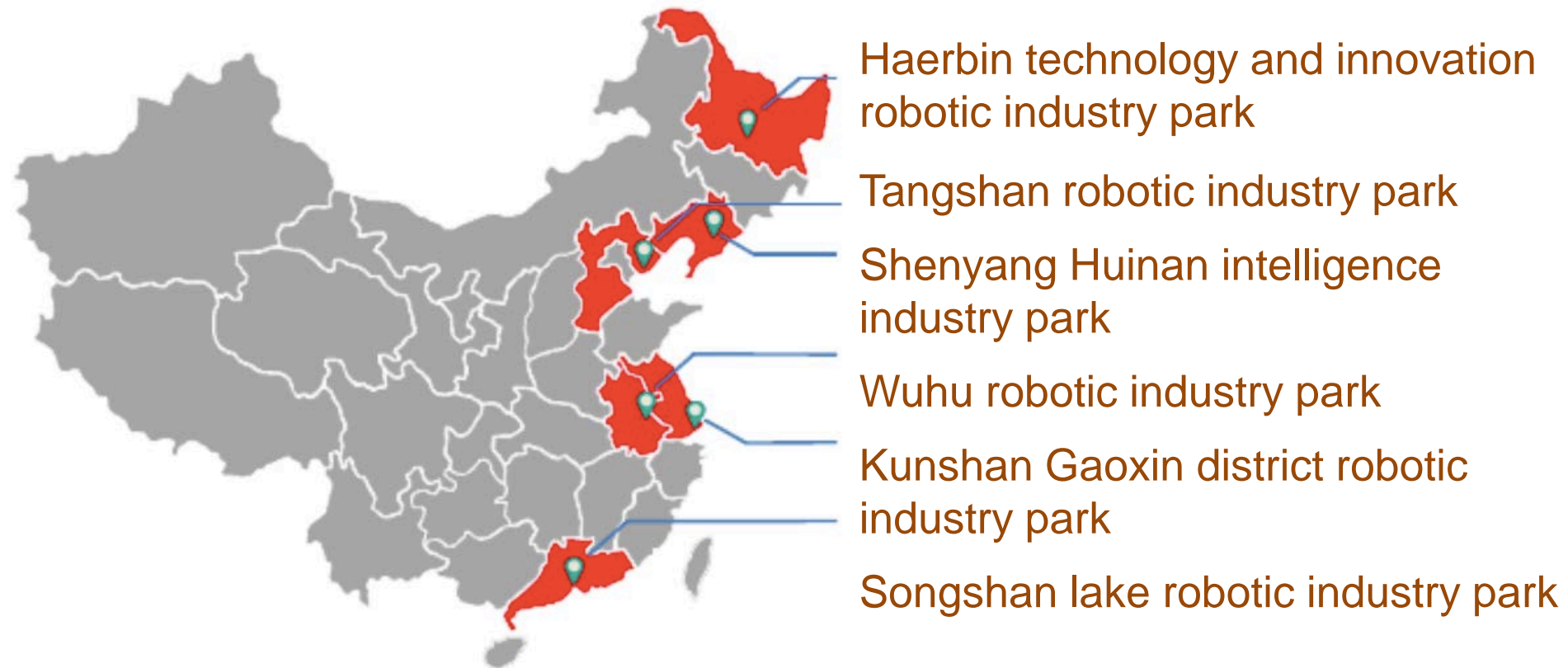
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# The First Echelon Leading companies

Industrial Robot	Service Robot			Special Robot
	Households	Medical	Public service	
新松 SIASUN	科沃斯 ECOVRCs	妙手机器人 Smart Robot Technology Group	优必选 UBTECH	中信重工 开城 智能 CITI Heavy Industries
新时达 STEP	康利优蓝 CANBOT	博实股份 BOSHI	大疆 dji	视讯 GQY
云南昆船 Kunchuan Company	优必选 UBTECH	天智航 TINAVI Medical Technologies	怡丰 yeefung	新松 SIASUN
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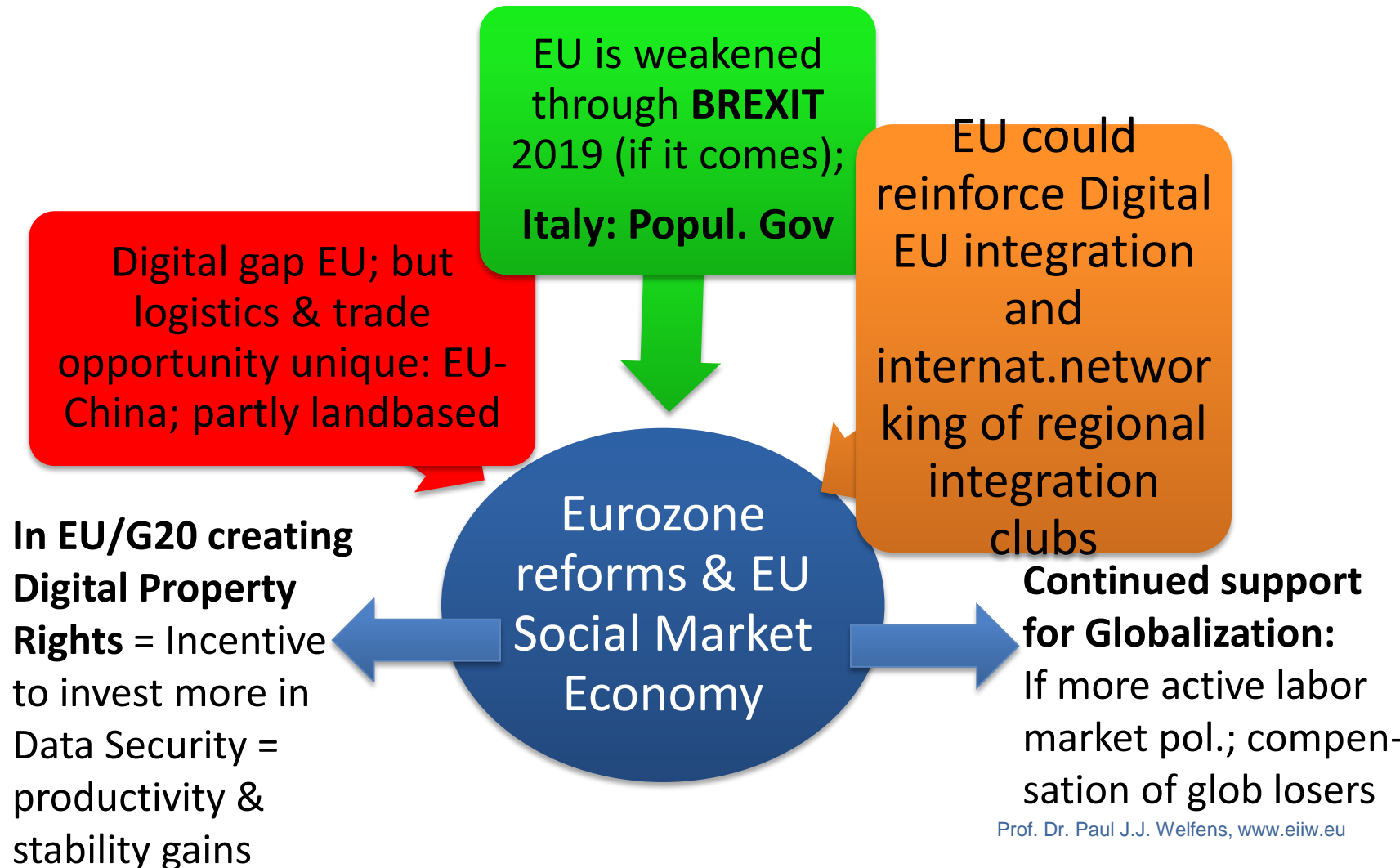
# Selected Special Robotic Industry Park



## The Likely Winners of Robot Expansion and ICT Are

- **Medium term:** Germany, France, Switzerland, Korea, Japan, USA, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Russia
- **In the long run** software beats hardware; software is more flexible – here the **US is the leading economy and China might become No. 2**
  - **Winner 1 is pure market economy**
  - **Winner 2 is authoritarian system**
- **EU is too slow for effectively dealing with digital progress** – with present institutional setting and EU Commission too inefficient; EU&Eurozone budget too small
- **EU has adopted digital** modernization programme
- **Main driver of global dynamics is US/Trump with protectionist policy** that will undermine globalization and global stability: aggressive trade policy coupled with contradictory policy (raises US CA deficit= pushing US towards ++protectionism)

# Prospects for EU





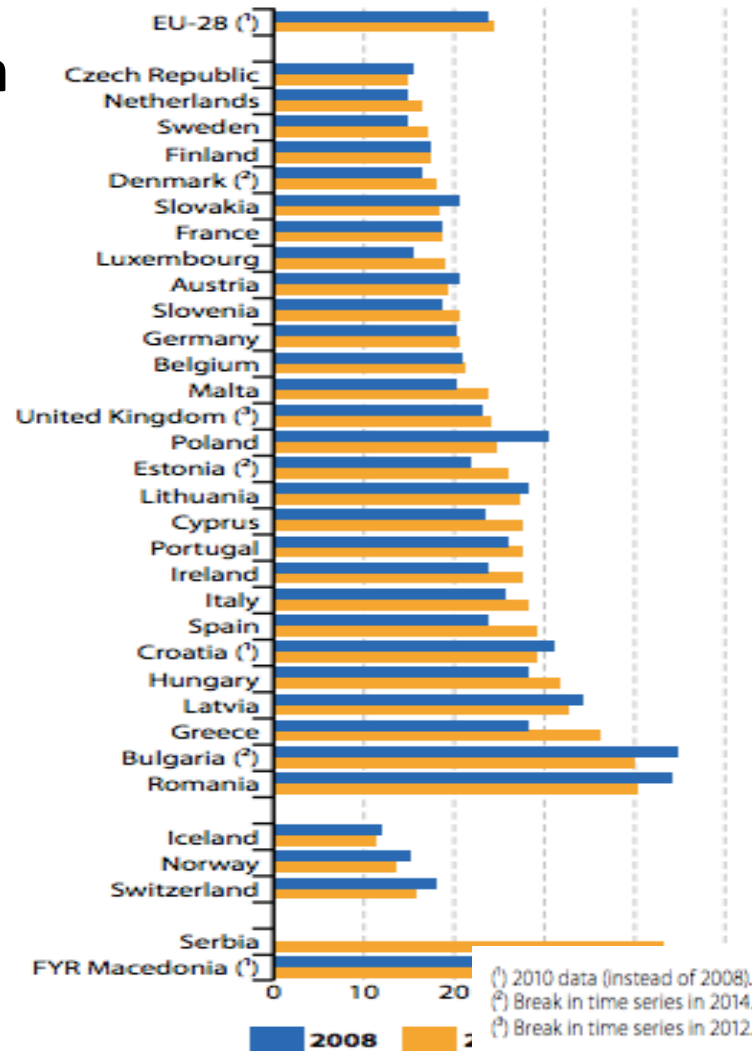
## Medium Term Challenges

- **Leading Robot producer countries = good economic prospects**
- **Leading Robot user countries = good economic prospects**
- Germany with Industry4.0 (Internet of the Things) will be a leader in the EU; German government wants cooperation with China – and China will be an Asian leader in Robotics in 2025
- **Robots + ICT expansion = rising inequality in the world economy**, partly also through digital financial globalization
- **Income from abroad increasingly non-taxed**(Föllmi on Switzerland) = contributing to a rising income share of superrich 1% in society(Pickety)
- Social Market Economy (EU type system) **could deal with challenges**
  - If more international cooperation in taxation **or more effective stronger regional integration; eg Eurozone with better tax system**
  - If government's social policy remains well focussed and limited – plus higher exp. on lifelong education; **thus allows growth to continue**
  - **If EU27/28 cooperates more strongly with Asia/China**; China has strong political preference to cooperate with Germany – for historical reasons/M&E as well as focus on big German market & machinery & equipment industry

**Figure 5.3: People at risk of poverty or social exclusion, by country, 2008 and 2014 (% of population)**

**Risk of new populism**

is rising as poverty risk high and rising  
 In many countries (e.g. Italy, UK, US);  
 & as US-EU28-China have not approach for consistent cooperation;  
 digital progress ok,  
 But rising inequality  
 In OECD countries  
 & new trade conflicts  
 =new instability



Source: Eurostat Statistical Books 2016 p.142; Smarter, greener, more inclusive? Indicators to support the Europe 2020 strategy-2016 edition.

(BREXIT) <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3217494/7566774/KS-EZ-16-001-EN-N.pdf>

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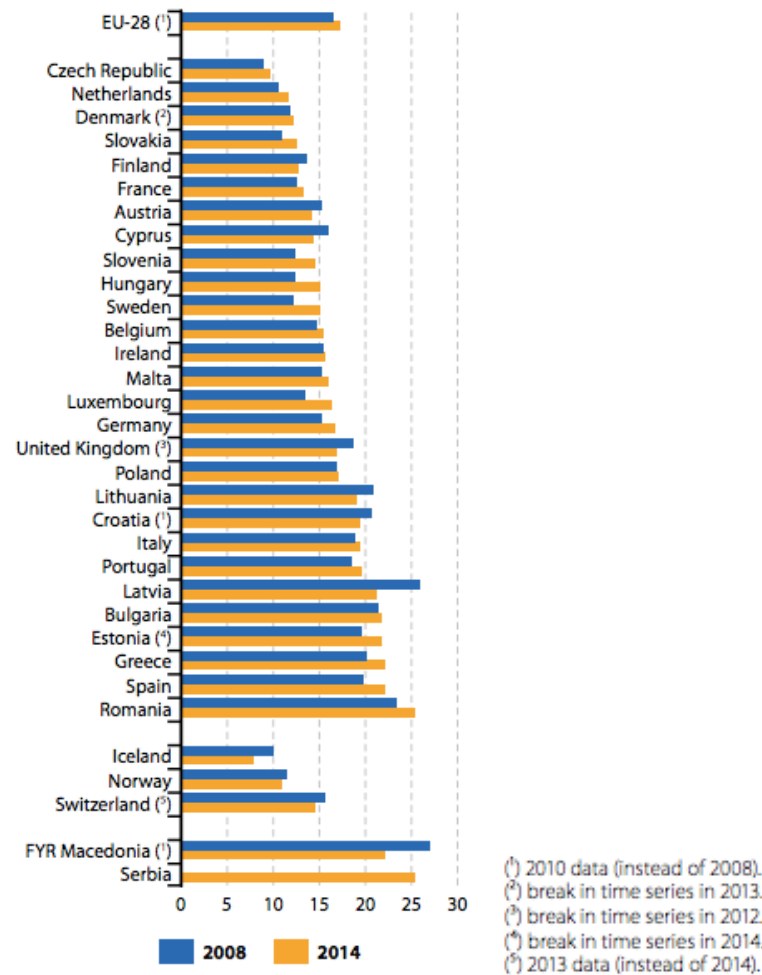
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## Potential Problems – New Perspectives

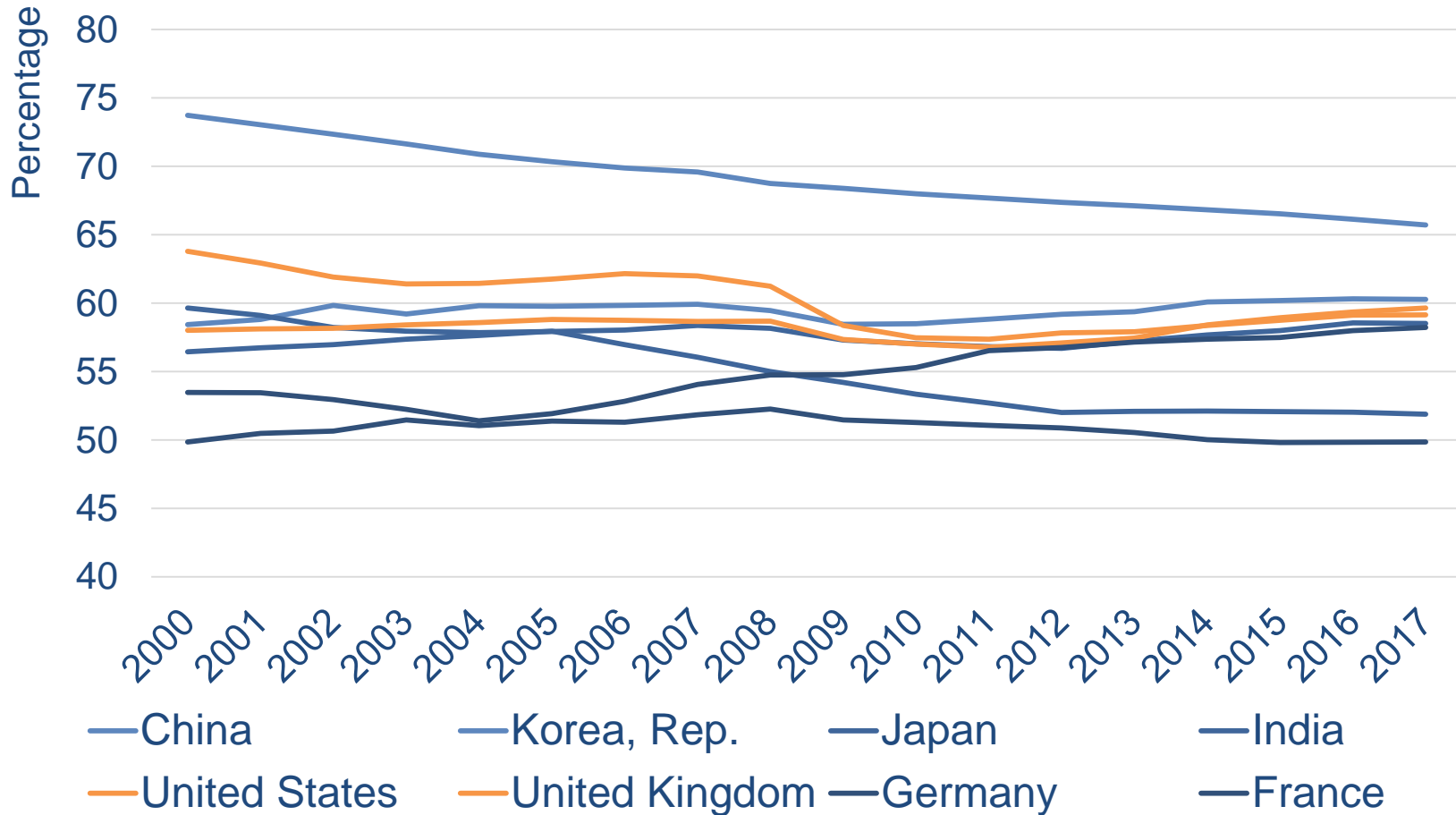
- **US powerful, but position unclear: If US follows Trump with Bilateralism** and aggressive trade policy Multilateral System – based on International Organizations – **globalization could collapse**; Europe/World back into a 19th century system of nationalist rivalries
- **Trump & BREXIT puts pressure on EU to reform** – unclear whether or not adequate reforms will be adopted. **BREXIT weakens Europe/the EU**
- Trump trade policy could undermine economic growth and stability
- WTO and other international organizations are needed for digital growth and international stability
- Digital progress should be easier to absorb if there is
  - *Adequate institutional reforms*
  - *Comprehensive re-training and education: EU countries better than UK and the US (?)*

**Figure 5.13: People at risk of poverty after social transfers, by country, 2008 and 2014 (% of population)**



# Employment to Population ratio for Selected Countries

Employment to population ratio, 15+, total(%) modeled ILO estimate



Appendix: Nicht-EU-Zuwanderer-**Armutsrisiko** rel. hoch: **EU-Einwanderungsgesetz** – wegen Binnenmarkt – nötig als Rahmen; **plus nationale Integrationsgesetze**

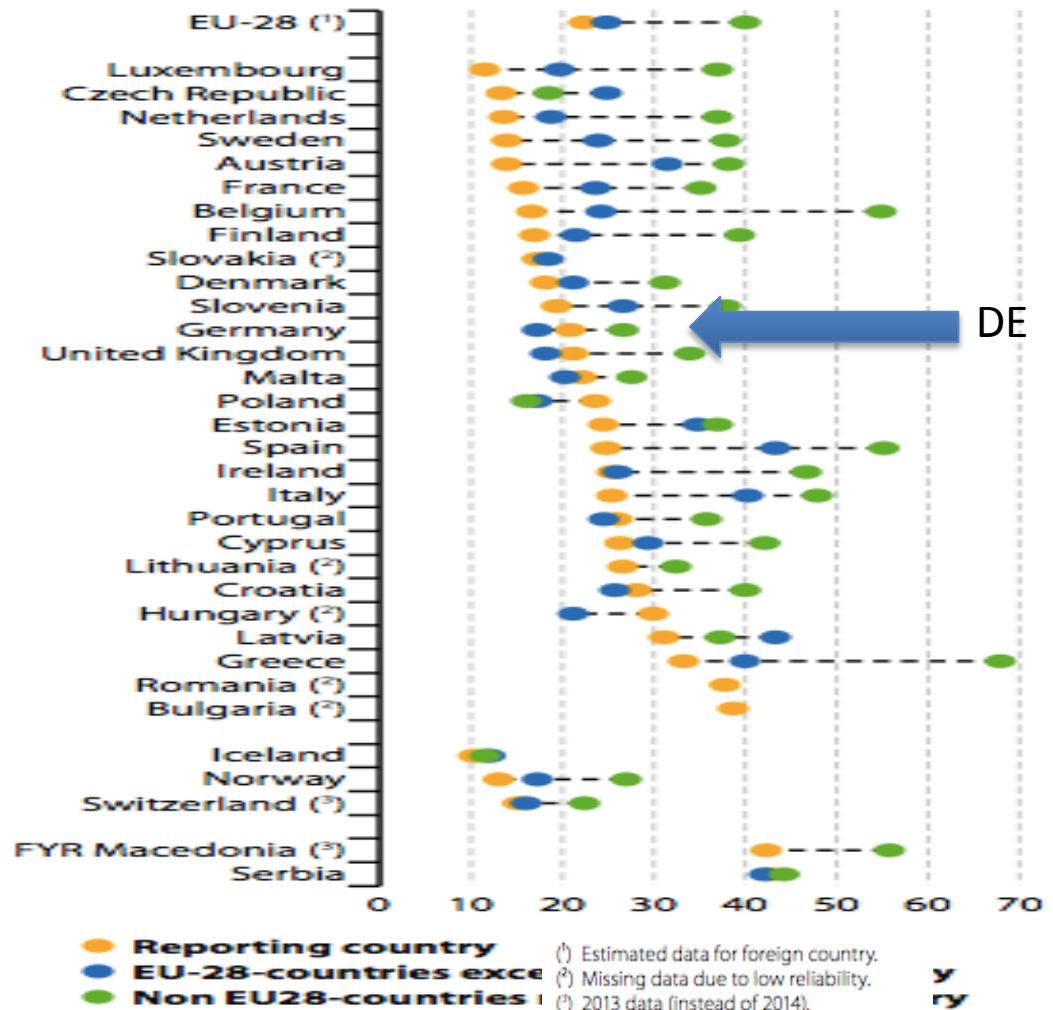
Abb. Zum Armutsrisiko in europäischen Ländern (Europa2020, 2016e)

\***Grün**=Nicht-EU-

Zuwanderer: erkennbar  
nötig, dass hier Verbesserung kooperativ o. via EU-Ergänzungspol.

- **Blau**=EU-Zuwanderer
- **Orange** = Einheimische

Figure 5.9: People at risk of poverty or social exclusion by group of country of birth, by country, 2014 (% of population aged 18 and over)



Source: Eurostat Statistical Books 2016 p.149; Smarter, greener, more inclusive? Indicators to support the Europe 2020 strategy-2016 edition.

Access: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3217494/7566774/KS-EZ-16-001-EN-N.pdf>

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# Applications for Patents for Inventions and Utility Models according to the section of IPC in China from 2002 to 2015

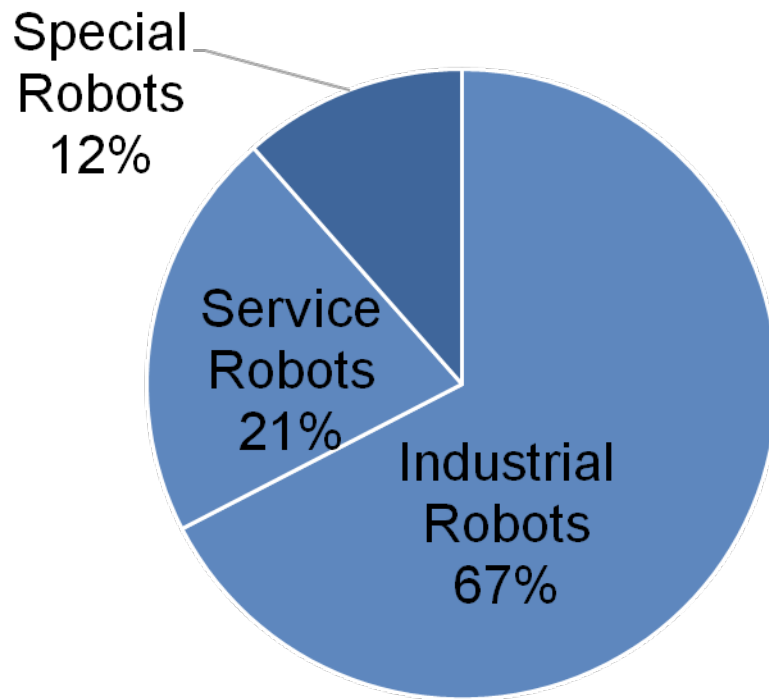


(sectoral share in percentage)

Classification	Year														Total growth rate 2015/2002
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>A-H Total</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
<b>Section A Human necessities</b>	20.50%	18.90%	19.30%	19.40%	19.90%	19.10%	18.00%	16.70%	18.00%	17.40%	17.00%	16.90%	19.20%	19.10%	<b>-6.83%</b>
<b>Section B Performing operation: Transportation</b>	22.60%	20.80%	18.50%	18.80%	19.40%	20.50%	19.20%	20.40%	21.90%	22.40%	24.20%	25.50%	23.00%	25.00%	<b>10.62%</b>
<b>Section C Chemistry; Metallurgy</b>	7.40%	8.50%	10.30%	10.80%	9.70%	8.50%	6.80%	7.30%	6.60%	7.80%	7.80%	7.80%	10.00%	10.00%	<b>35.14%</b>
<b>Section D Textiles; Papers</b>	2.10%	1.80%	1.80%	1.80%	1.90%	2.00%	1.70%	1.60%	1.90%	2.00%	1.90%	1.70%	1.70%	1.60%	<b>-23.81%</b>
<b>Section E Fixed constructions</b>	8.00%	7.50%	6.70%	6.80%	7.00%	6.80%	6.40%	5.90%	6.70%	6.40%	6.50%	6.80%	5.60%	5.90%	<b>-26.25%</b>
<b>Section F Mechanical engineering</b>	15.10%	14.10%	12.20%	11.70%	12.80%	14.20%	13.80%	13.40%	13.80%	13.30%	13.40%	13.40%	11.10%	11.20%	<b>-25.83%</b>
<b>Section G Physics</b>	11.30%	13.50%	14.10%	13.90%	14.00%	13.70%	15.90%	15.40%	13.90%	13.80%	13.50%	13.30%	15.00%	14.30%	<b>26.55%</b>
<b>Section H Electricity</b>	13.00%	15.00%	17.10%	16.80%	15.30%	15.20%	18.10%	19.30%	17.20%	16.90%	15.80%	14.60%	14.20%	12.90%	<b>-0.77%</b>

Source: SIPO

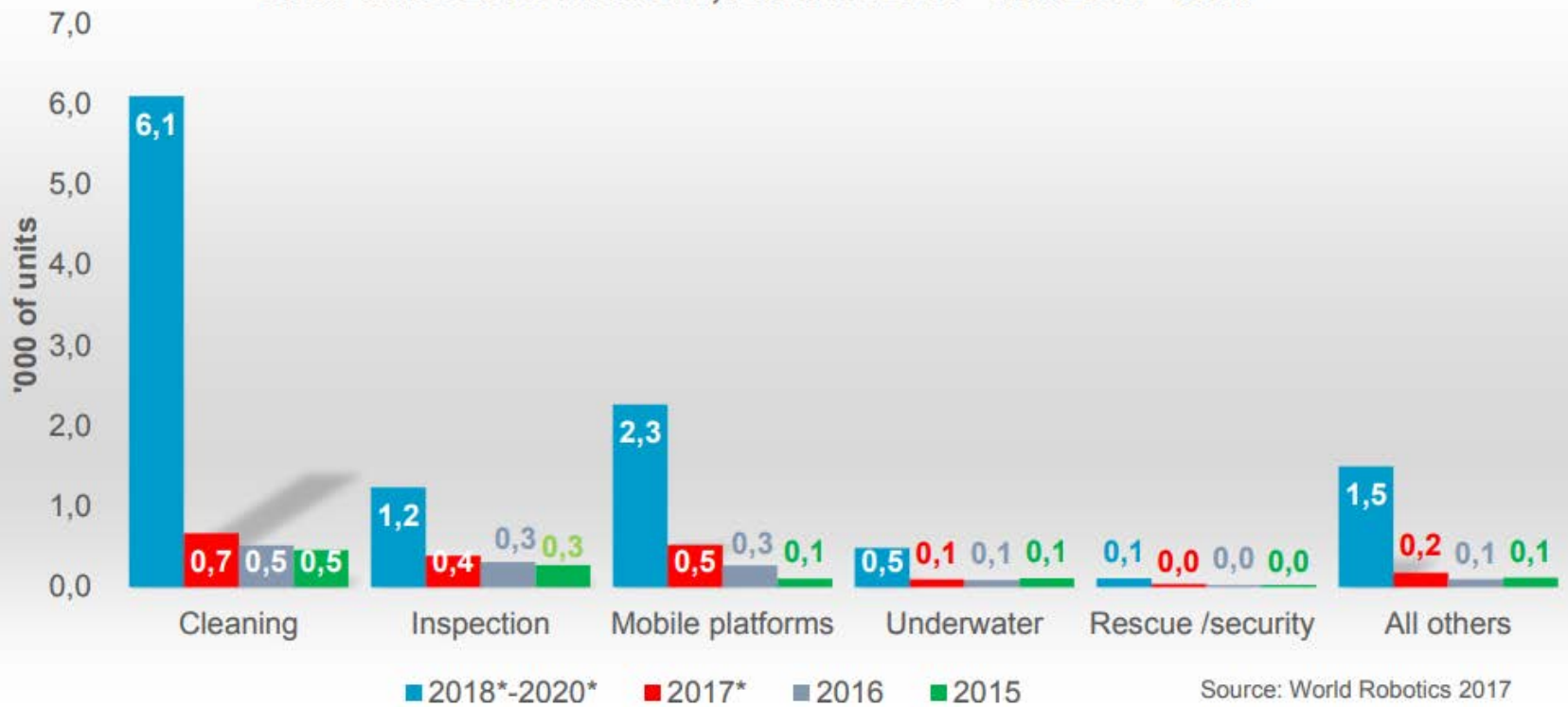
# The Robots Market Scale in China\_2017



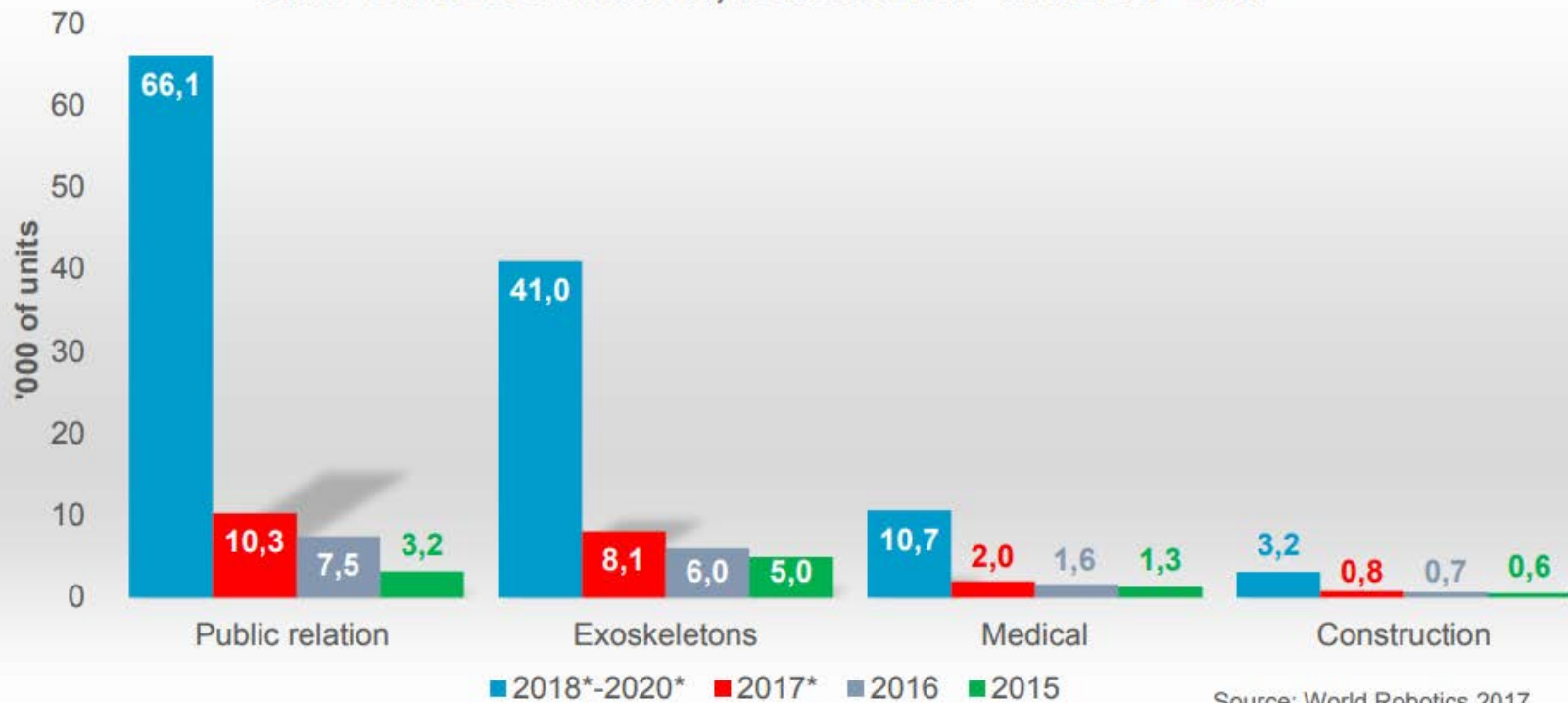
	<b>The Robots Market Scale in China_ 2017 (100 million USD)</b>
<b>Industrial Robots</b>	42.2
<b>Service Robots</b>	13.2
<b>Special Robots</b>	7.2

Source: 2017 Chinese Robotic Industry Development Report, Chinese Institute of Electronics

### Service robots for professional use. All other applications - 2 - Units sales 2015 and 2016, forecast 2017\* and 2018\*-2020\*



### Service robots for professional use. All other applications - 1 - Units sales 2015 and 2016, forecast 2017\* and 2018\*-2020\*

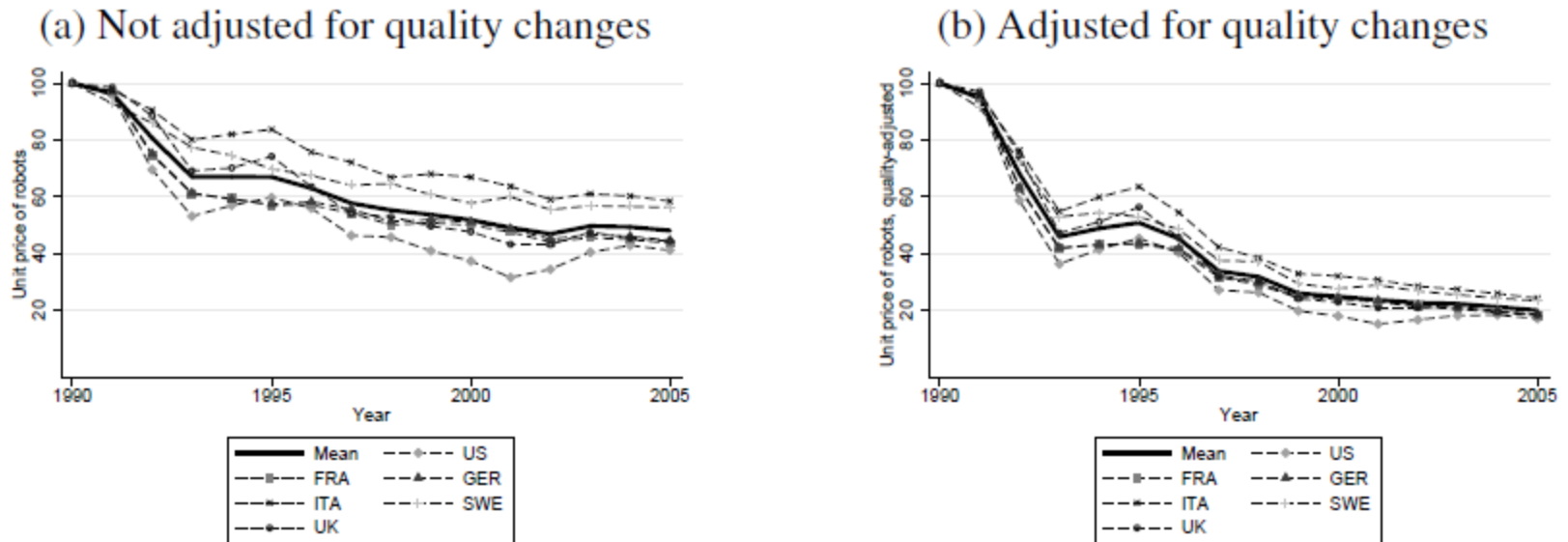


\*forecast

Source: World Robotics 2017

# Relative price of robots falling= **incentive to invest more in Robots**

Figure 1: The Price of Robots in Six Countries 1990-2005

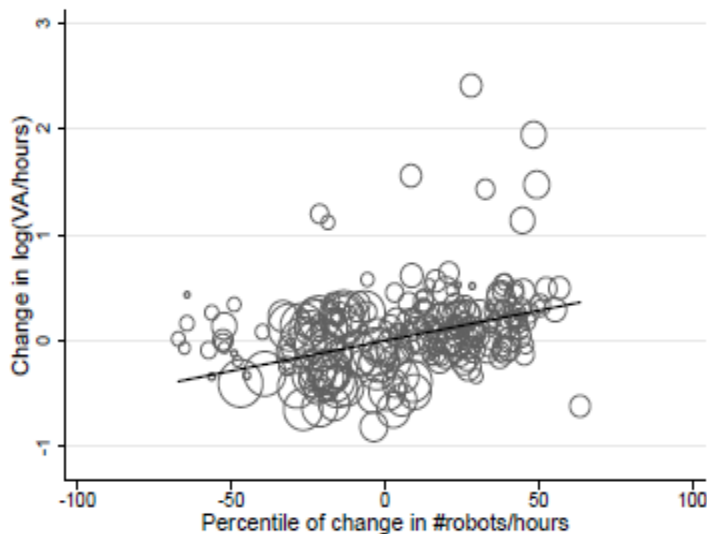


Graetz, Georg/Guy, Michaels: (2015), Robots at work. CEP Discussion Paper No 1335. [http://www.sherpa-robotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Robots\\_at-Work.pdf](http://www.sherpa-robotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Robots_at-Work.pdf)

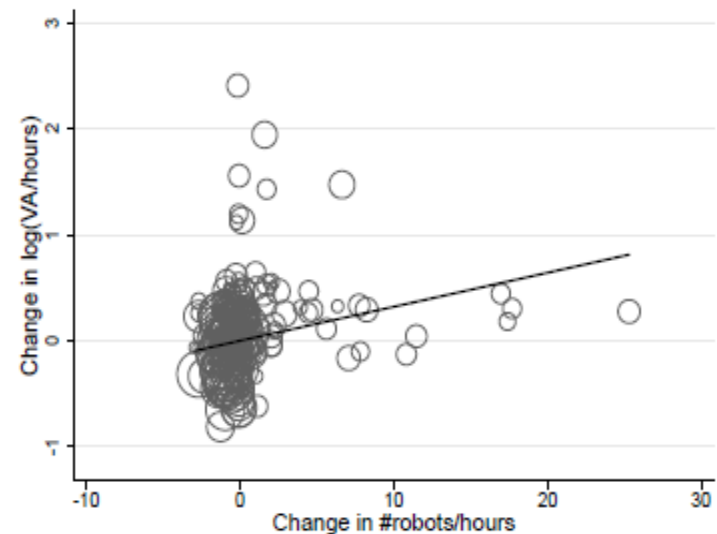
**Productivity and Robotics=Dynamic field=Slightly pos. correlated;**  
**however, product differentiation is the key element/innovations= higher profits for robotics-using firms**

Figure 2: Growth of Productivity and Robots 1993-2007

(a) Percentile of Change in Robot Density



(b) Change in Robot Density



Graetz, Georg/Guy, Michaels: (2015), Robots at work. CEP Discussion Paper No 1335. [http://www.sherpa-robotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Robots\\_at-Work.pdf](http://www.sherpa-robotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Robots_at-Work.pdf)

**Table 1: Descriptive statistics**

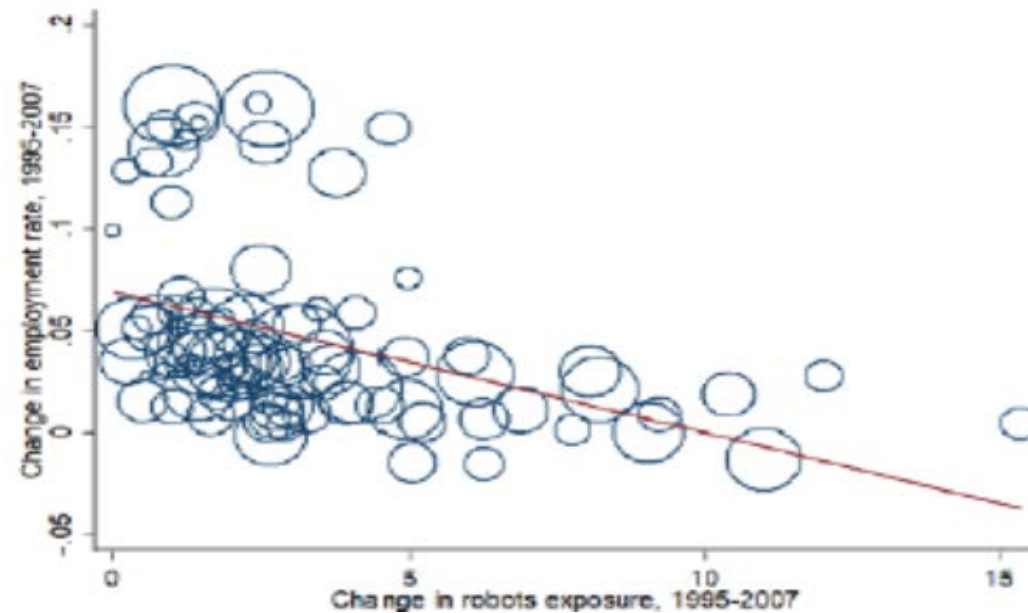
	# Obs.	Mean	Standard deviation	Min	Max	Change (mean)	Change (SD)
<b>Dependent variables</b>							
Employment rate <sup>1)</sup>	111	0.480	0.080	0.319	0.686	0.046	0.048
Employment rate (15-64)	111	0.583	0.091	0.382	0.768	0.077	0.053
Gross nominal hourly wages	1780	9.469	4.900	0.054	35.707	3.647	4.601
Gross nominal weekly wages	1780	349.955	183.948	2.143	1328.583	98.059	157.321
<b>Variables of interest</b>							
Industrial robots per 1000 workers	113	1.562	1.502	0.000	7.236	3.252	2.828
IT capital per 1000 workers <sup>2)</sup>	92	1.346	0.372	0.402	2.224	1.770	1.603
<b>Control variables</b>							
Population (in million)	107	2.227	1.829	0.025	10.900		
working age population (share)	104	0.817	0.048	0.679	0.894		
Medium and high education (share)	111	0.517	0.193	0.198	0.746		
Manufacturing employment (share)	108	0.209	0.072	0.043	0.365		
Routinization Index	101	0.189	0.134	-0.077	0.512		
Offshoring Index	101	0.058	0.084	-0.126	0.294		
Δ exposure to Chinese imports	92	0.00009	0.00007	0.00000	0.00041		
Δ exposure to US imports	92	-0.00005	0.00009	-0.00066	0.00008		

Note: values are presented at 1995 level; changes between 1995 and 2007, wage data based on demographic cell structure

1) employed individuals divided by population older than 15 2) in million Euros

Source: Chiacchio, Francesco; Petropoulos, Georgios; Pichler, David (2018), The Impact of Industrial Robots on EU Employment and Wages: A Local Labour Market Approach, Bruegel Working Paper, 2, 18. April 2018, URL: [http://bruegel.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Working-Paper\\_02\\_2018.pdf](http://bruegel.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Working-Paper_02_2018.pdf). p. 16.

Figure 12a: Change in exposure to robots and in employment rate – Total economy  
(Change in percentage points)



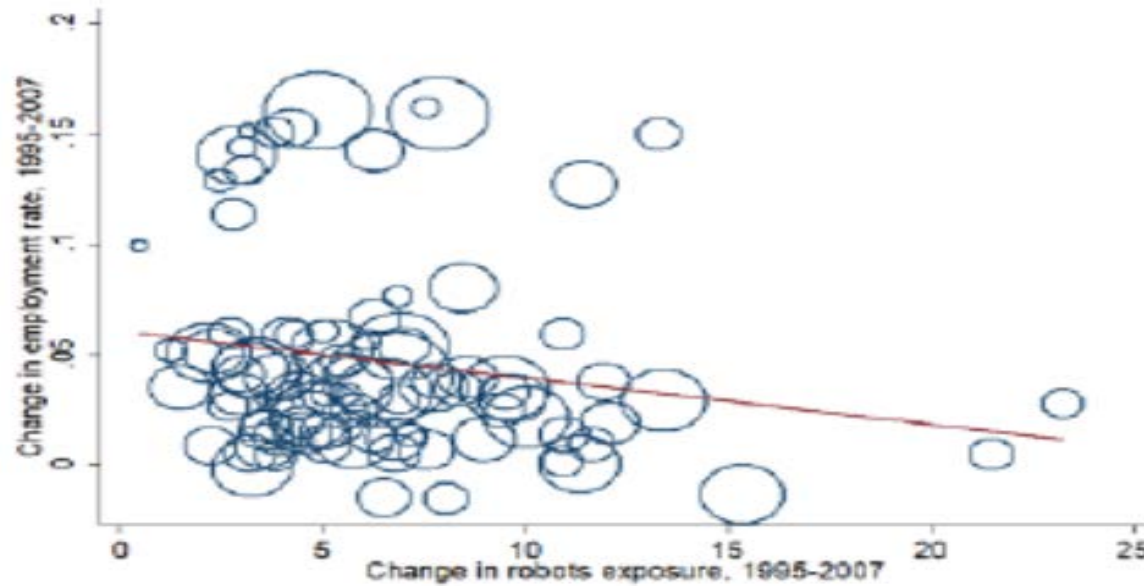
Source: Calculations based on IFR, Eurostat, EU Klems.

Note: Circles represent relative size (working age population) of each of the NUTS2 regions considered.

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Figure 12b: Change in exposure to robots and in employment rate – Industry  
(Change in percentage points)

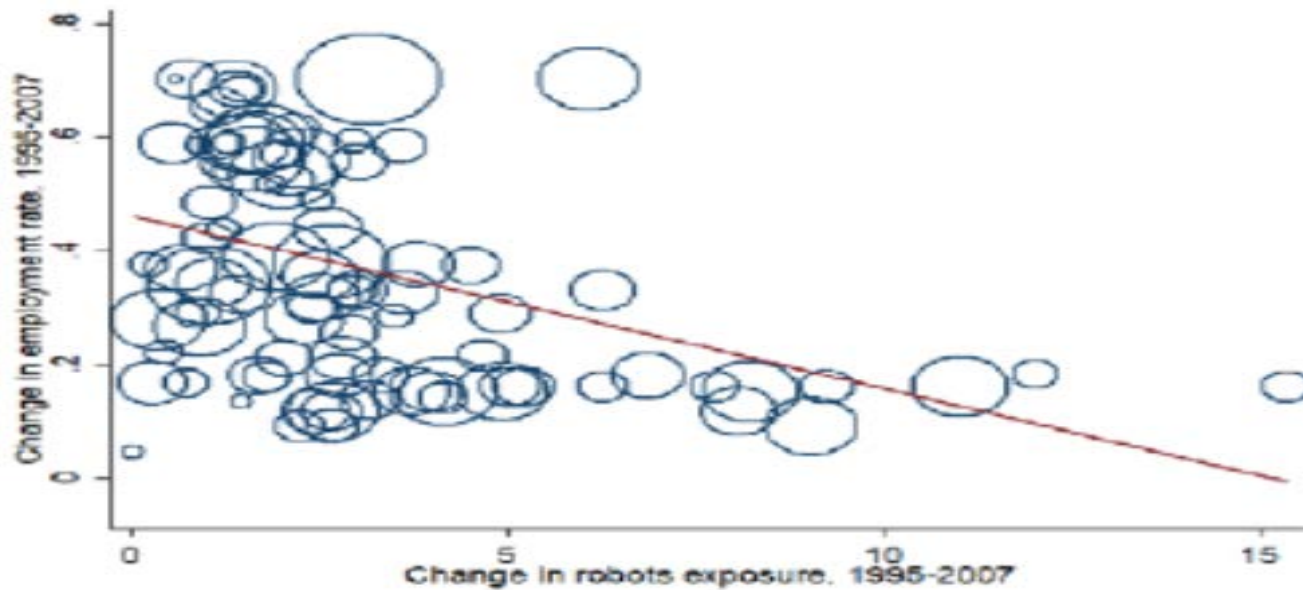


Source: Estimation based on sample as described in Section 2.4.

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Figure 13a: Change in exposure to robots and in log hourly wages – Total economy  
 (Change in percentage points)

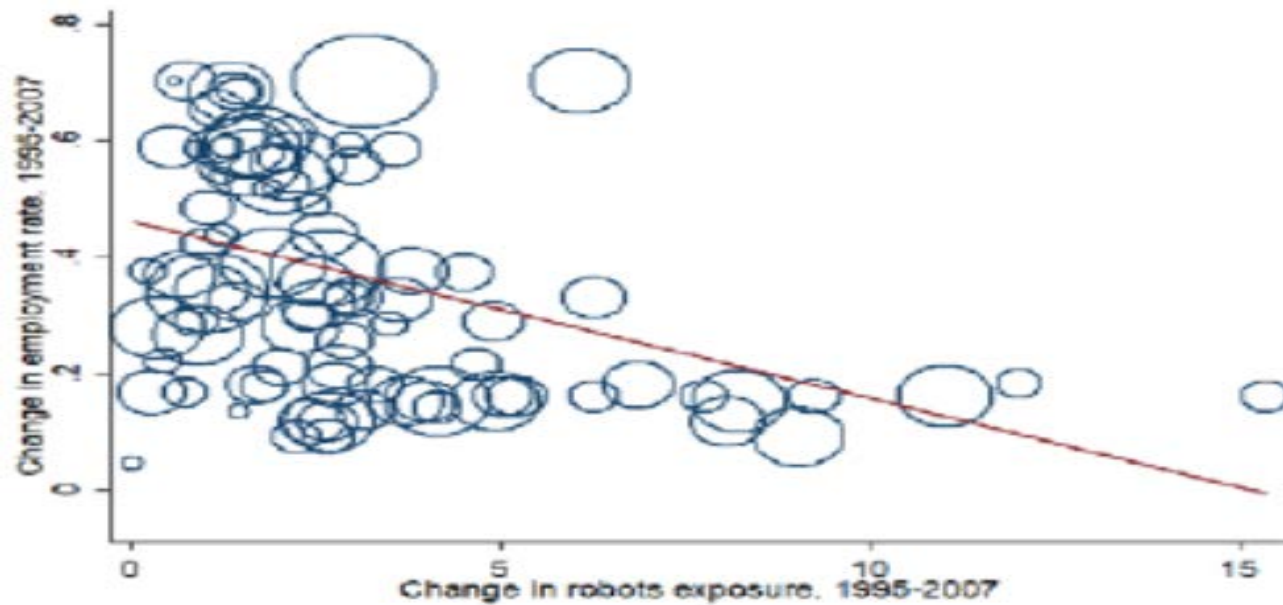


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Figure 13b: Change in exposure to robots and in log hourly wages – Industry  
(Change in percentage points)



Source: Estimation based on sample as described in Section 2.4.

Note: Circles represent relative size (working age population) of each of the NUTS2 regions considered.

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*Table 2: Impact on employment for Total Economy*

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate
Change in exposure to robots (1995-2007)	-0.0045 (0.0039)	-0.0031**** (0.0010)	-0.0016**** (0.0005)	-0.0016**** (0.0005)	-0.0027**** (0.0009)	-0.0026**** -0.0007	-0.0016**** [-0.0018, -0.0011]	-0.0020* [-0.0104, -0.0002]
North dummy		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Demographics			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Broad manufacturing share				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routinization, offshoring, import exposure					✓	✓	✓	✓
Change in exposure to IT capital (1995-2007)						✓	✓	✓
Instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	UK and DK robot exposure, EPL in 1990	UK and DK robot exposure, $\Delta$ EPL 1995-2007
Observations	1,382	1,382	1,308	1,292	1,129	1,129	1,129	1,129
R-squared	0.1819	0.2334	0.3389	0.3461	0.3551	0.2008	0.1999	0.2005

Wild cluster bootstrapped standard errors in parentheses; WRE 90% confidence intervals in square brackets. Data in demographic cells.

\*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.10$

Source: Chiacchio, Francesco; Petropoulos, Georgios; Pichler, David (2018), The Impact of Industrial Robots on EU Employment and Wages: A Local Labour Market Approach, Bruegel Working Paper, 2, 18. April 2018, URL: [http://bruegel.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Working-Paper\\_02\\_2018.pdf](http://bruegel.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Working-Paper_02_2018.pdf). p. 19.

**Table 3: Impact of exposure to robots and IT capital on employment - Total Economy**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate	Employment rate
Change in exposure to robots (1995-2007)	-0.0012 (0.0018)	-0.0017 (0.0015)	-0.0020* (0.0011)	-0.0021*** (0.0007)	-0.0028*** (0.0008)	-0.0018*** [-0.0018, -0.0011]	-0.0020* [-0.0104, -0.0002]
Change in exposure to IT capital (1995-2007)	0.0175*** (0.0000)	0.0193*** (0.0000)	0.0217*** (0.0000)	0.0219*** (0.0000)	0.0231 (0.0153)	0.0231** [0.0052, 0.0315]	0.0231*** [0.0072, 0.0312]
North dummy		V	V	V	V	V	V
Demographics			V	V	V	V	V
Broad manufacturing share				V	V	V	V
Routinization, offshoring, import exposure					V	V	V
Instruments	-	-	-	-	-	UK and DK robot exposure, EPL in 1990	UK and DK robot exposure, ΔEPL 1985-2007
Observations	1,382	1,382	1,308	1,292	1,129	1,129	1,129
R-squared	0.1541	0.1582	0.1787	0.1795	0.2008	0.3547	0.3552

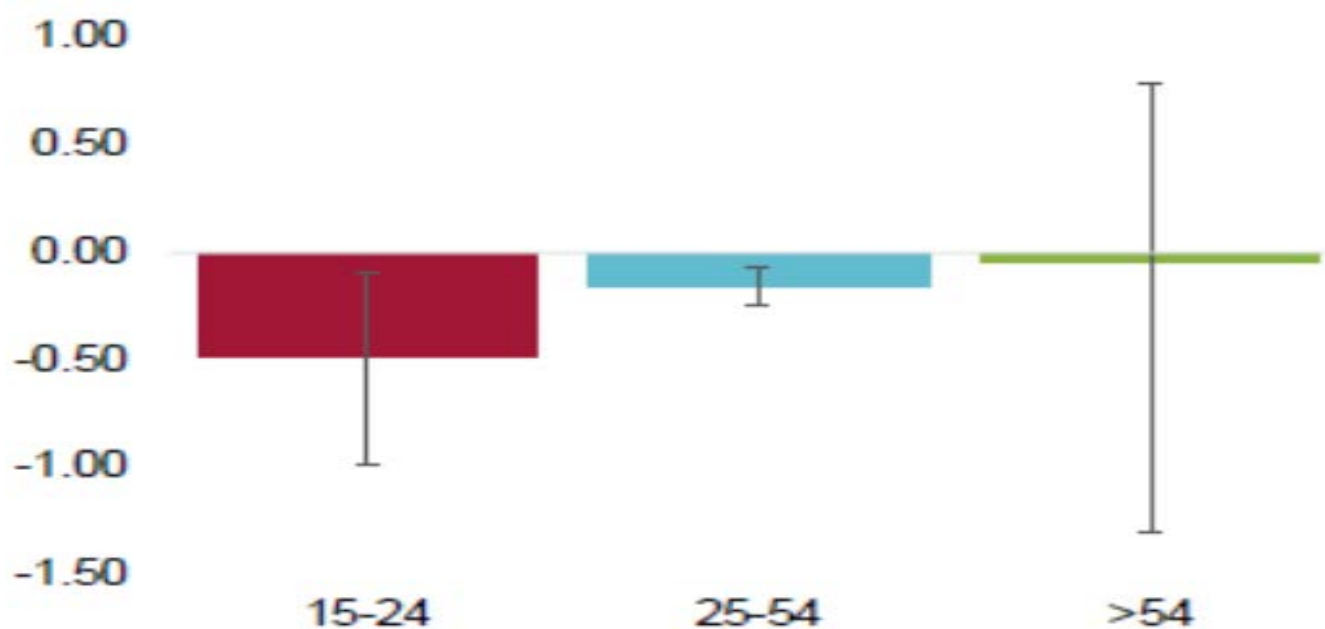
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\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.10

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Figure 14a: Employment effects of exposure to robots by age group

(Change in employment rate from 1 more robot per 1000 workers in the economy, in p.p.)

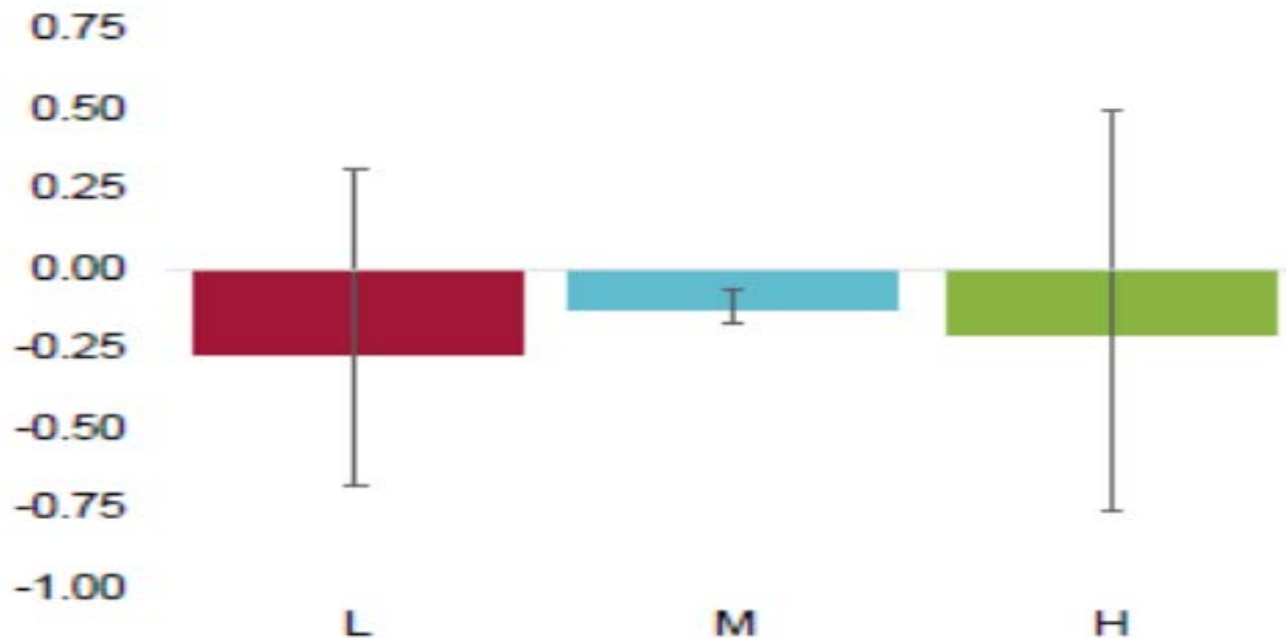


Note: Estimates based on full specification and 2SLS; WRE 90% confidence intervals.

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Figure 14b: Employment effects of exposure to robots by education group

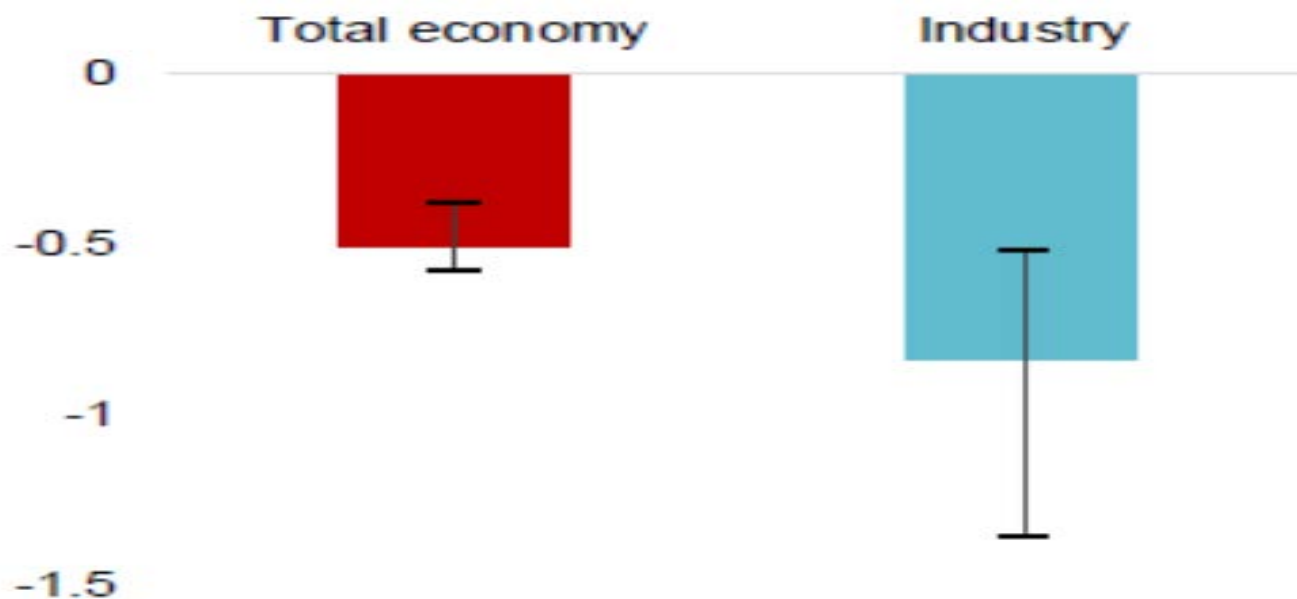
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Figure 15a: Cumulative employment effects of exposure to robots in industry and total economy (Change in employment rate from the observed change in robots per 1000 workers, in p.p.)

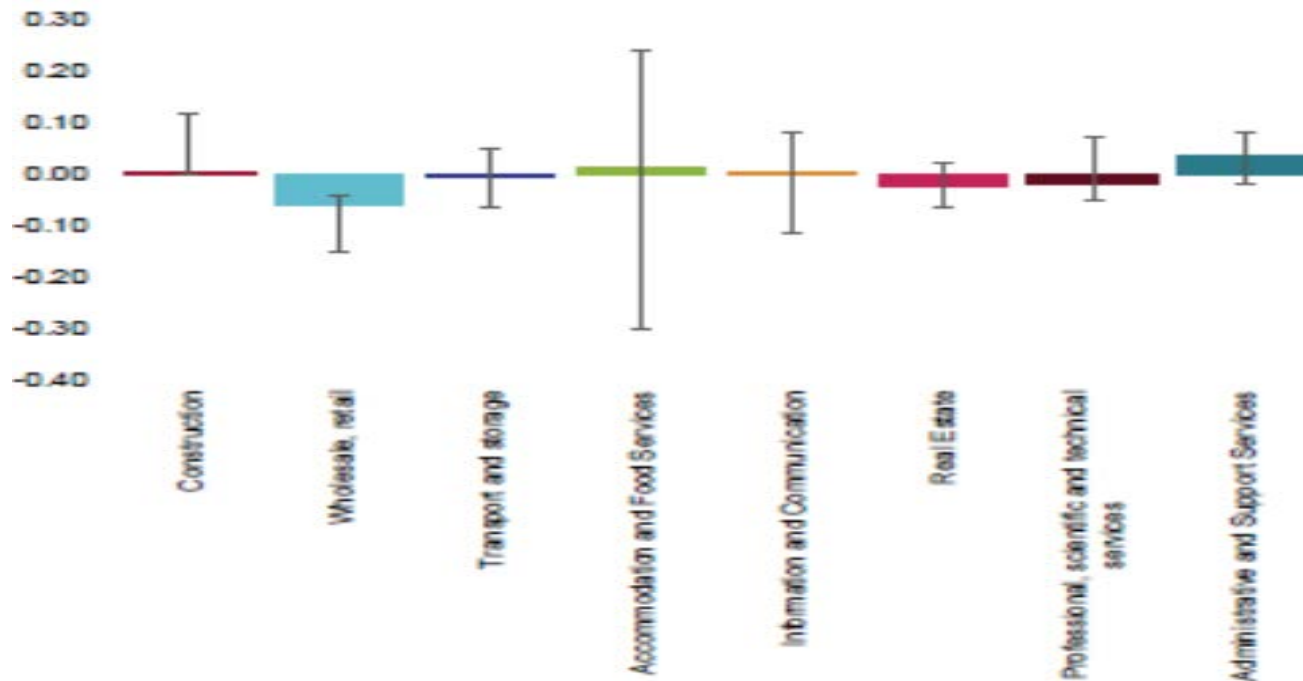


Note: Estimates based on full specification and 2SLS (Table 2, column 7, and Table A1, column 4, respectively); WRE 90% confidence intervals.

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Figure 15b: Employment effects of exposure to robots by education group  
 (Change in employment rate from 1 more robot per 1000 workers, in p.p.)

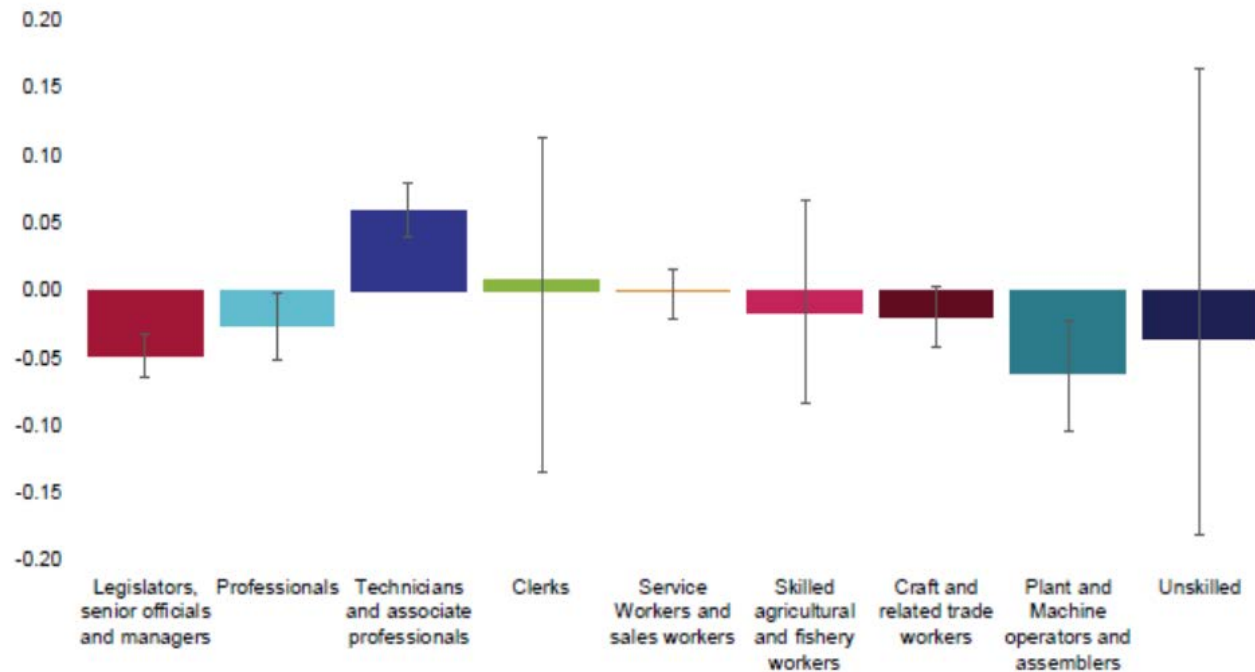


Note: Estimates based on full specification and 2SLS; WRE 90% confidence intervals.

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Figure 16: Employment effects of exposure to robots by occupation

(Change in employment rate from 1 more robot per 1000 workers in the economy, in p.p.)



Note: Estimates based on full specification and 2SLS; WRE 90% confidence intervals.

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**Table 4: Impact on wages - Total Economy**

	(1) Hourly wages	(2) Hourly wages	(3) Hourly wages	(4) Hourly wages	(5) Hourly wages	(6) Hourly wages	(7) Hourly wages	(8) Hourly wages
Change in exposure to robots (1995-2007)	-0.0275 <sup>***</sup> (0.0089)	-0.0144 <sup>**</sup> (0.0073)	-0.0091 (0.0153)	-0.0100 (0.0274)	-0.0044 (0.0085)	-0.0048 (0.0072)	-0.0083 <sup>*</sup> [-0.0480, -0.0080]	-0.0139 [-0.1732, 0.0372]
North dummy		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Demographics			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Broad manufacturing share				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Routinization, offshoring, import exposure					✓	✓	✓	✓
Growth in IT capital					✓	✓	✓	✓
Instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	UK and DK robot exposure, EPL in 1990	UK and DK robot exposure, ΔEPL 1995-2007
Observations	1,337	1,337	1,266	1,251	1,135	1,135	1,135	1,135
R-squared	0.0738	0.1589	0.1672	0.1748	0.2620	0.2757	0.2756	0.2708

Wild cluster bootstrapped standard errors in parentheses, WRE 90% confidence intervals in square brackets. Data in demographic cells.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.10

Note: Estimates based on full specification and 2SLS; WRE 90% confidence intervals.

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**Table 4: Dependent variable: ln(Employment); whole sample (2,404 observations)**

	(1) POLS	(2) FE	(3) GMM-SYS
ln(Employment) <sub>t-1</sub>	0.927*** (0.007)	0.651*** (0.036)	0.902*** (0.034)
ln(Value added)	0.065*** (0.007)	0.072*** (0.010)	0.081*** (0.024)
ln(Cost of labor per employee)	-0.189*** (0.020)	-0.422*** (0.044)	-0.236*** (0.022)
ln(Investment in physical capital) <sub>t-1</sub>	0.009*** (0.002)	0.009*** (0.002)	0.008 (0.006)
ln(ETC) <sub>t-1</sub>	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.001)
ln(R&D) <sub>t-2</sub>	0.002 (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)	0.004 (0.003)
Time-dummies	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sectoral-dummies	Yes	No	Yes
Constant	0.265*** (0.049)	2.485*** (0.247)	0.386*** (0.089)
Wald test time-dummies (p-value)	20.27*** (0.000)	17.10*** (0.000)	10.13*** (0.000)
Wald test sectoral-dummies (p-value)	4.39*** (0.000)	-	4.07*** (0.000)
R <sup>2</sup>	0.99		
R <sup>2</sup> (within)		0.66	
AR(1) (p-value)			0.000***
AR(2) (p-value)			0.449
Hansen test $\chi^2(96)$ (p-value) (129 instruments)			0.653

Notes: -Robust standard errors in parentheses; -\* significance at 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\* 1%.

Source:  
IZA Institute of Labor Economics, 01.2017

**Table 5: Dependent variable:  $\ln(\text{Employment})$ ;  
High-tech (684 observations) and Low-tech firms (1,720 observations)**

	HIGH-TECH FIRMS			LOW-TECH FIRMS		
	(1) POLS	(2) FE	(3) GMM-SYS	(1) POLS	(2) FE	(3) GMM-SYS
$\ln(\text{Employment})_{t-1}$	0.925*** (0.015)	0.725*** (0.048)	0.878*** (0.029)	0.923*** (0.007)	0.590*** (0.047)	0.908*** (0.033)
$\ln(\text{Value added})$	0.055*** (0.016)	0.045*** (0.017)	0.084*** (0.021)	0.072*** (0.059)	0.092*** (0.012)	0.087*** (0.022)
$\ln(\text{Cost of labor per employee})$	0.232*** (0.057)	-0.418*** (0.078)	-0.284*** (0.061)	-0.180*** (0.018)	-0.423*** (0.054)	-0.236*** (0.030)
$\ln(\text{Investment in physical capital})_{t-1}$	0.012*** (0.003)	0.009** (0.004)	0.007 (0.009)	0.008*** (0.002)	0.009*** (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)
$\ln(ETC)_{t-1}$	-0.001 (0.002)	0.001 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
$\ln(R\&D)_{t-2}$	0.009*** (0.003)	0.002 (0.004)	0.017*** (0.006)	0.004 (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)
Constant	0.519*** (0.127)	2.466*** (0.258)	0.695*** (0.174)	0.322*** (0.049)	2.564*** (0.332)	0.317*** (0.109)
Wald test time-dummies (p-value)	5.73*** (0.000)	6.13*** (0.000)	3.17** (0.027)	17.30*** (0.000)	12.83*** (0.000)	4.92*** (0.000)
Wald test sectoral-dummies (p-value)	5.34*** (0.001)	-	3.17** (0.027)	3.48*** (0.000)	-	73.71*** (0.000)
$R^2(\text{POLS}) / R^2 \text{ within (FE)}$	0.99	0.63		0.99	0.68	
AR(1) (p-value)			0.000***			0.001***
AR(2) (p-value)			0.050**			0.063*
AR(3) (p-value)			0.377			0.251
Hansen test (p-value)			0.495			0.336
			$\chi^2(77)$ (97 instruments)			$\chi^2(77)$ (111 instruments)

Notes: - Robust standard errors in parentheses; - \* significance at 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\* 1%.

**Table 6: Dependent variable: ln(Employment);  
Large (1,233 observations) and Small firms (1,171 observations)**

	LARGE FIRMS			SMALL FIRMS		
	(1) POLS	(2) FE	(3) GMM-SYS	(1) POLS	(2) FE	(3) GMM-SYS
ln(Employment) <sub>t-1</sub>	0.919*** (0.011)	0.850*** (0.015)	0.893*** (0.053)	0.898*** (0.011)	0.590*** (0.048)	0.871*** (0.045)
ln(Value added)	0.058*** (0.009)	0.066*** (0.011)	0.068** (0.028)	0.075*** (0.012)	0.075*** (0.016)	0.080*** (0.025)
ln(Cost of labor per employee)	-0.139*** (0.017)	-0.166*** (0.022)	-0.202*** (0.032)	-0.224*** (0.032)	-0.426*** (0.065)	-0.266*** (0.039)
ln(Investment in physical capital) <sub>t-1</sub>	0.007*** (0.002)	0.007*** (0.002)	0.014 (0.009)	0.010*** (0.002)	0.010*** (0.003)	0.023*** (0.007)
ln(ETC) <sub>t-1</sub>	-0.0001 (0.001)	-0.0003 (0.001)	-0.002 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)	-0.006** (0.003)
ln(R&D) <sub>t-2</sub>	0.001 (0.002)	0.003 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)	0.002 (0.002)	0.001 (0.002)
Constant	0.262*** (0.059)	2.466*** (0.258)	0.479*** (0.115)	0.513*** (0.077)	2.484*** (0.188)	0.558*** (0.113)
Wald test time-dummies (p-value)	16.04*** (0.000)	117.73*** (0.000)	14.37*** (0.000)	7.23*** (0.000)	4.82*** (0.000)	2.82*** (0.005)
Wald test sectoral-dummies (p-value)	3.53*** (0.000)	-	3.14** (0.000)	3.32*** (0.000)	-	2.48*** (0.000)
R <sup>2</sup> (POLS) / R <sup>2</sup> within (FE)	0.98	0.58		0.99	0.61	
AR(1) (p-value)			0.000***			0.000***
AR(2) (p-value)			0.019**			0.888
AR(3) (p-value)			0.156			-
Hansen test (p-value)			0.687			0.190
			$\chi^2(77)$ (110 instruments)			$\chi^2(77)$ (129 instruments)

Notes: - Robust standard errors in parentheses; - \* significance at 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\* 1%.

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