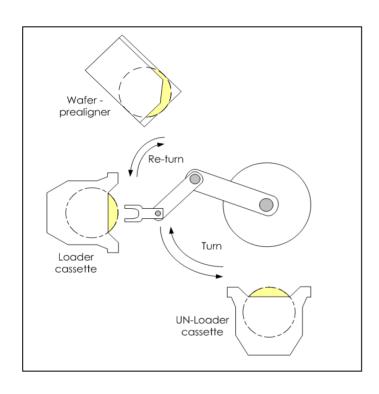


WHY SCARA?

A Comparison between 3-axis r-theta robot vs. 4-axis SCARA robot

The Reason





A radius layout, for wafer carrier(s) and aligner..... bigger footprint, is a compromise for r-theta robot

The 3-axis r-theta robot is the mostly adopted wafer handling robot for decades in semiconductor industry, people would wonder why shall they change to SCARA (Selective Compliance Articulated Robot Arm) type if current robot "didn't break, why fix it?"

In addition to the 30~50% higher throughput with its motion blending feature, SCARA also provides reduced tool footprint for many applications.

R-Theta vs. SCARA

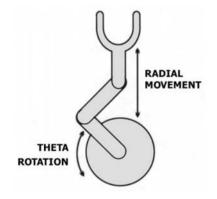




Competitors' R-Theta

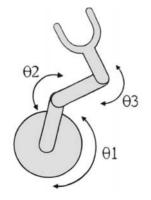
IR-820 SCARA

(Limited Range of movement, has dead zones)



Forearm and aftarm are mechanically coupled equating to less range of movement. R-Theta robots can not do a linear move in an arbitrary x/y direction.

(Selectively Compliant Articulated Robot Arm)





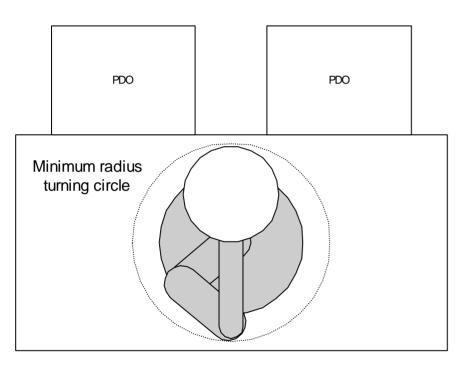
Each of IR-820's three independent Theta axes rotates 640° eliminating "dead zones, requiring smallest footprint

EFEM Footprint

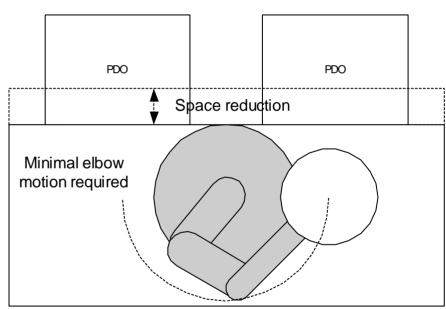








EFEM with traditional R-theta Robot

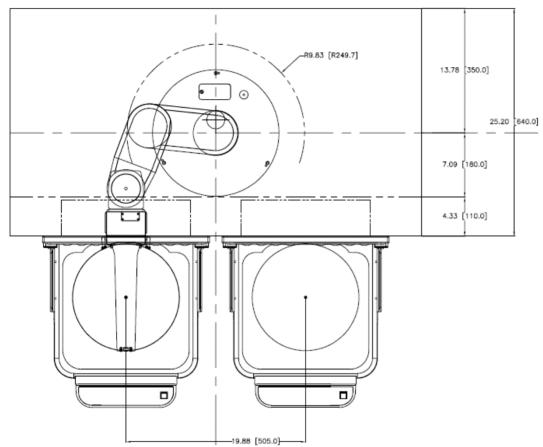


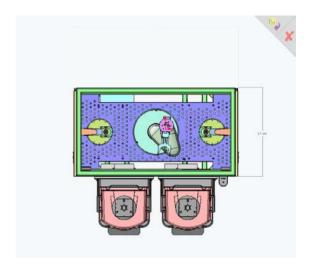
EFEM with SCARA Robot

~ 10% footprint shrinkage!

Sample 2-FOUP Layout





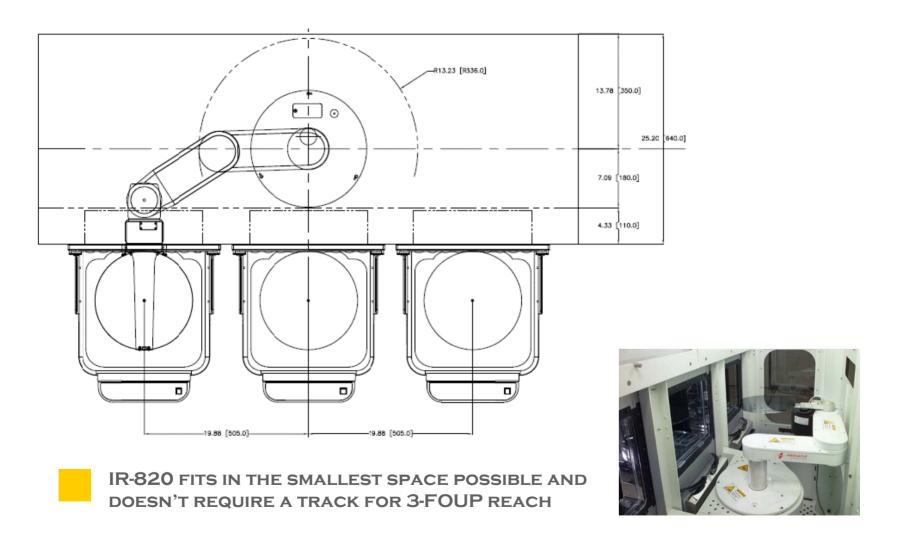






Sample 3-FOUP Layout





NOTE: End-effector length: 12"