

# Intro to Robotics

## Lecture 14 Robotic Hand and Grasping

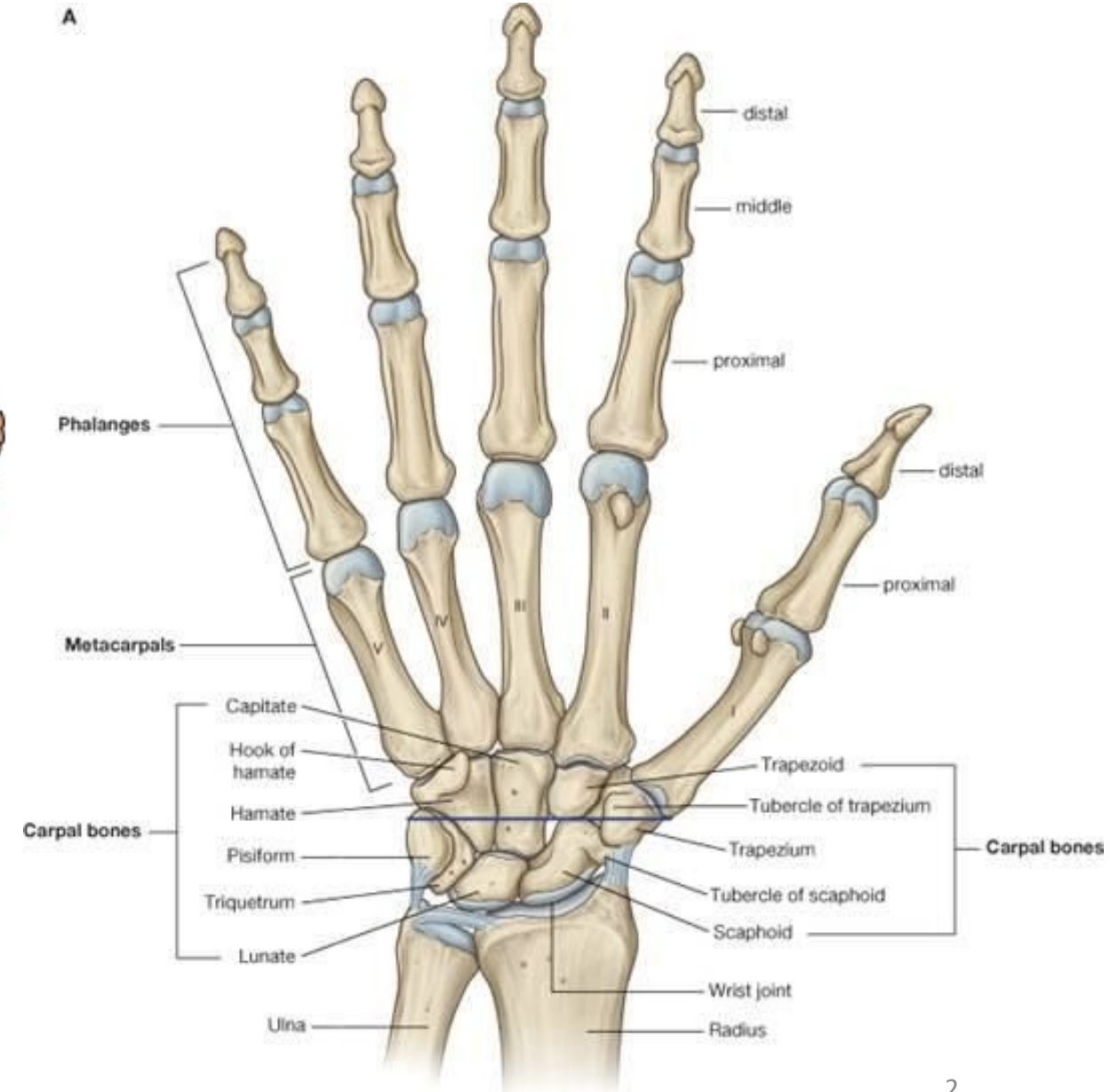
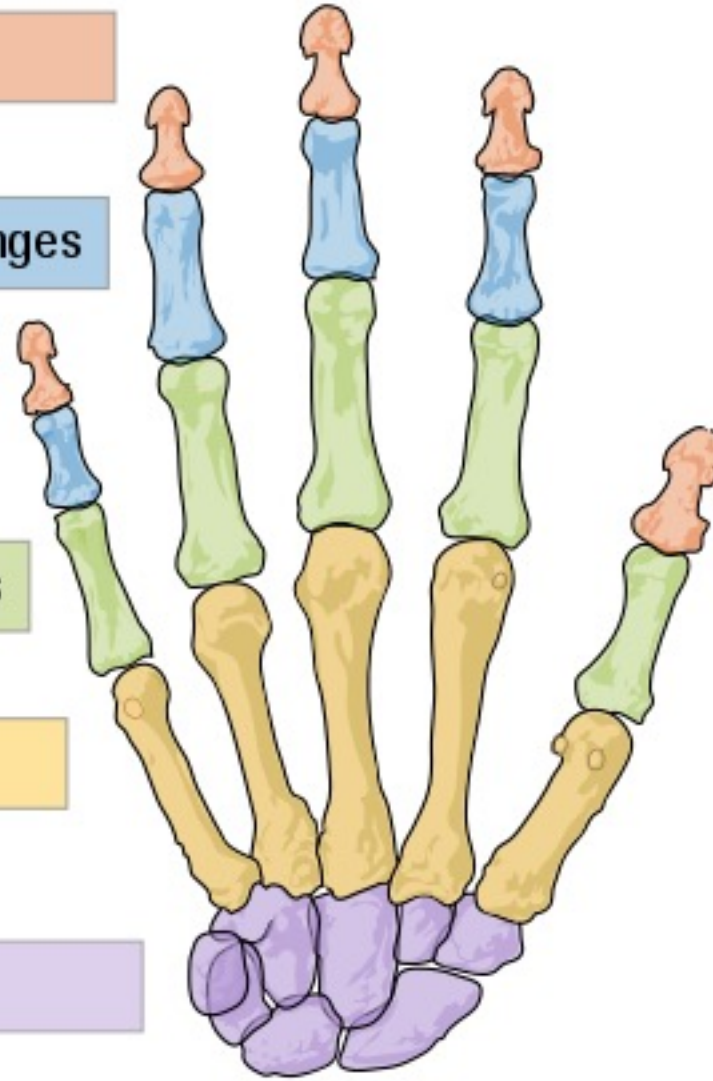
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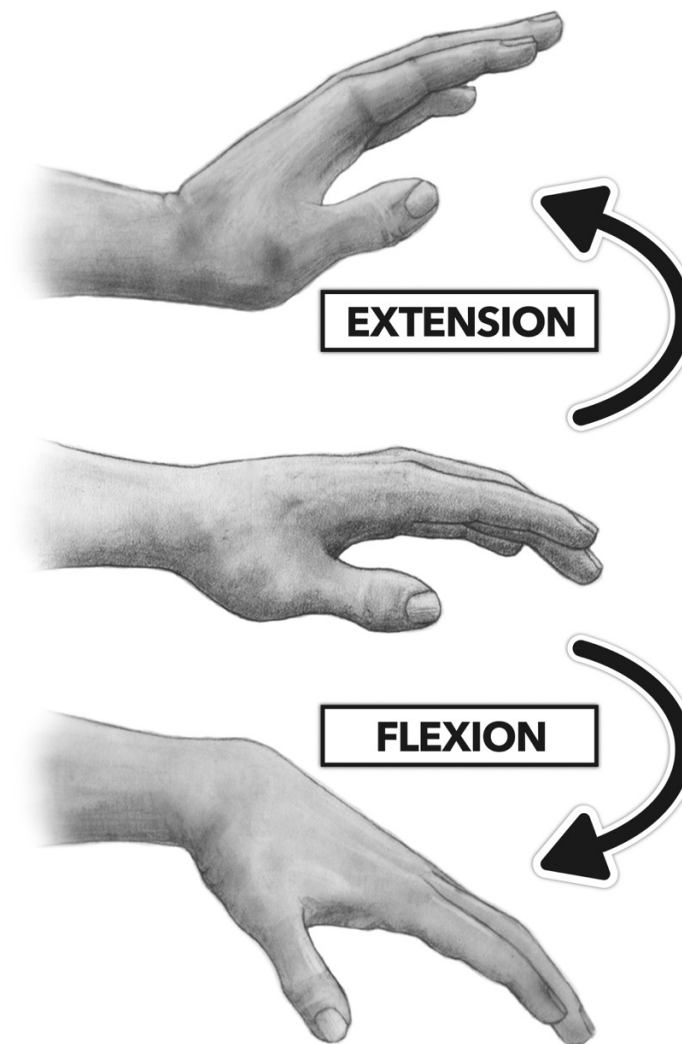
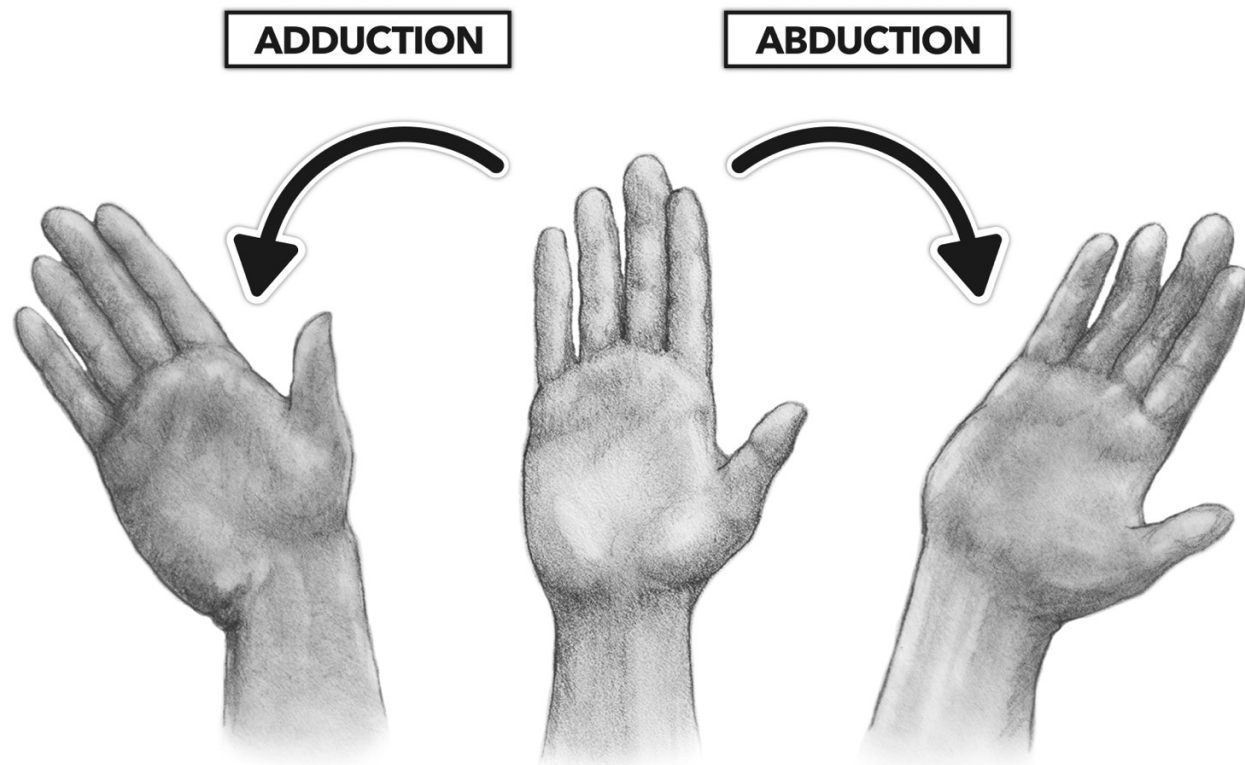
Intermediate phalanges

Proximal phalanges

Metacarpals

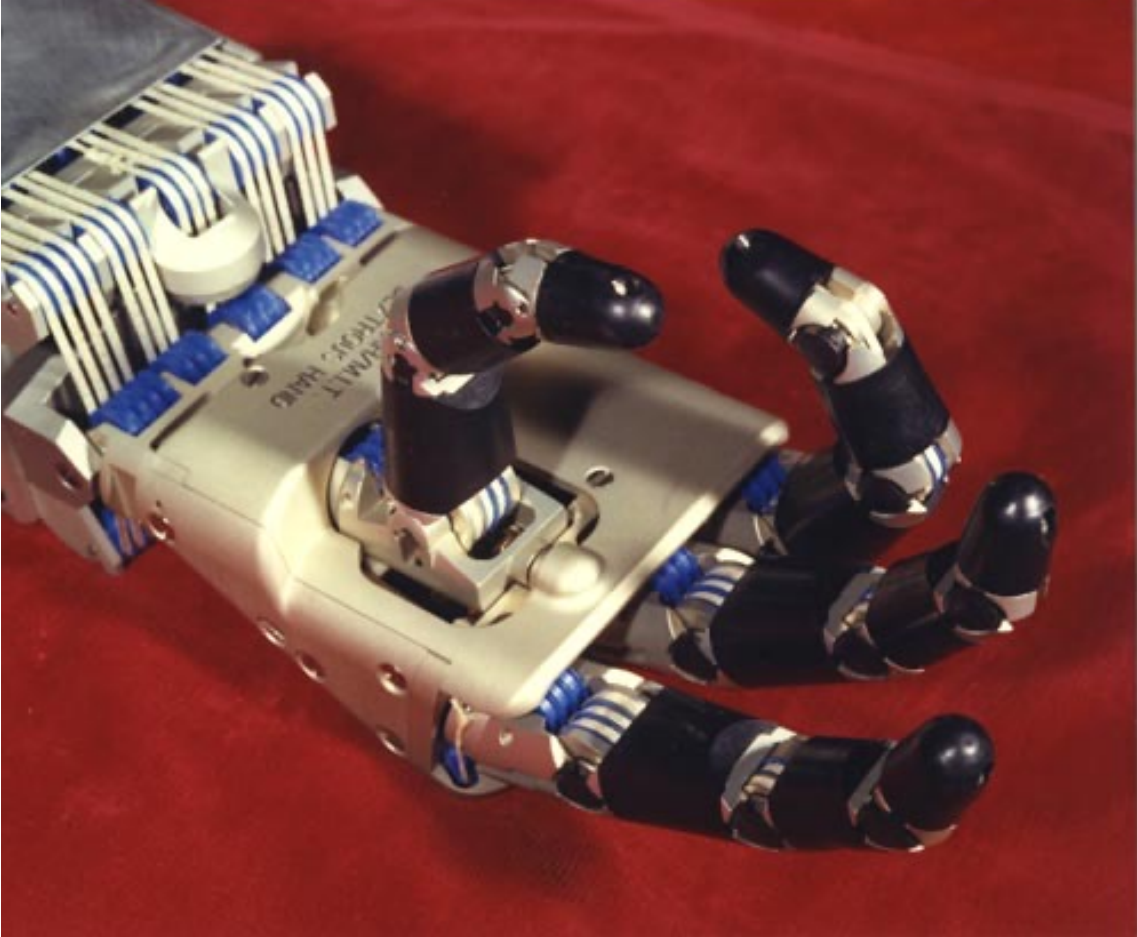
Carpals



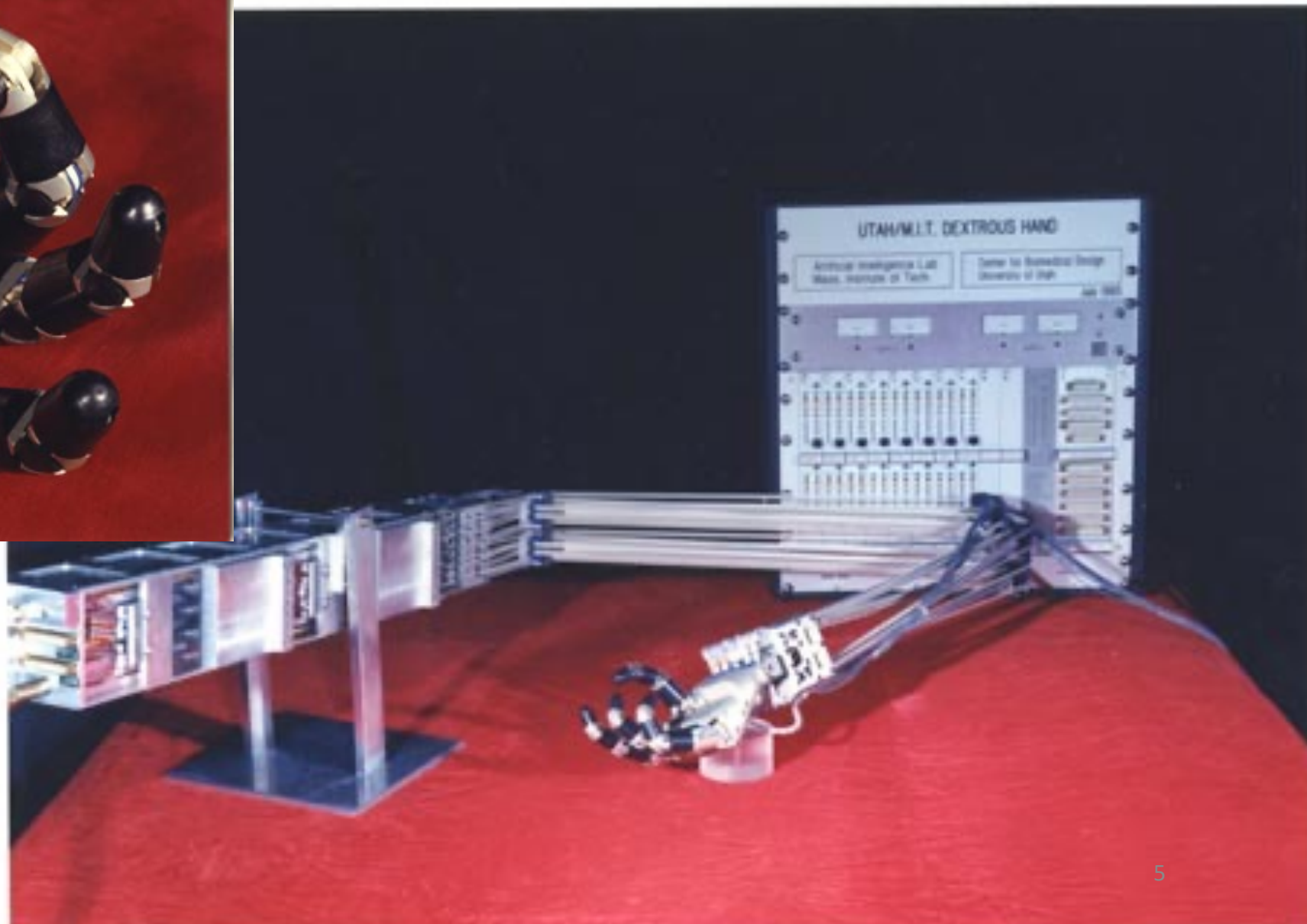








Utah/MIT Hand, 1983



# Anthropomorphic Hands



DLR/HIT Hand



NASA Hand



Bionic Hand



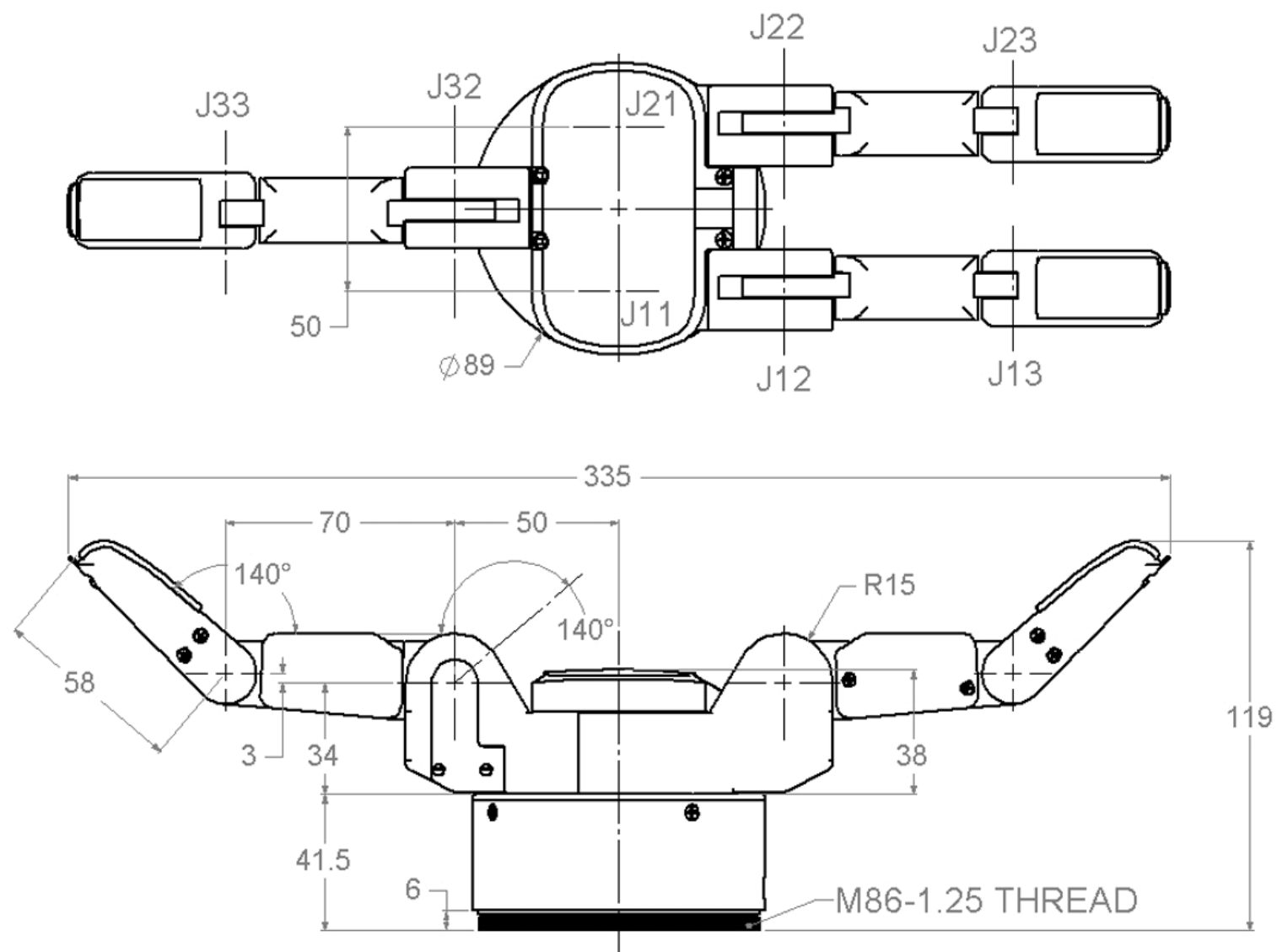
Shadow Hand<sup>6</sup>



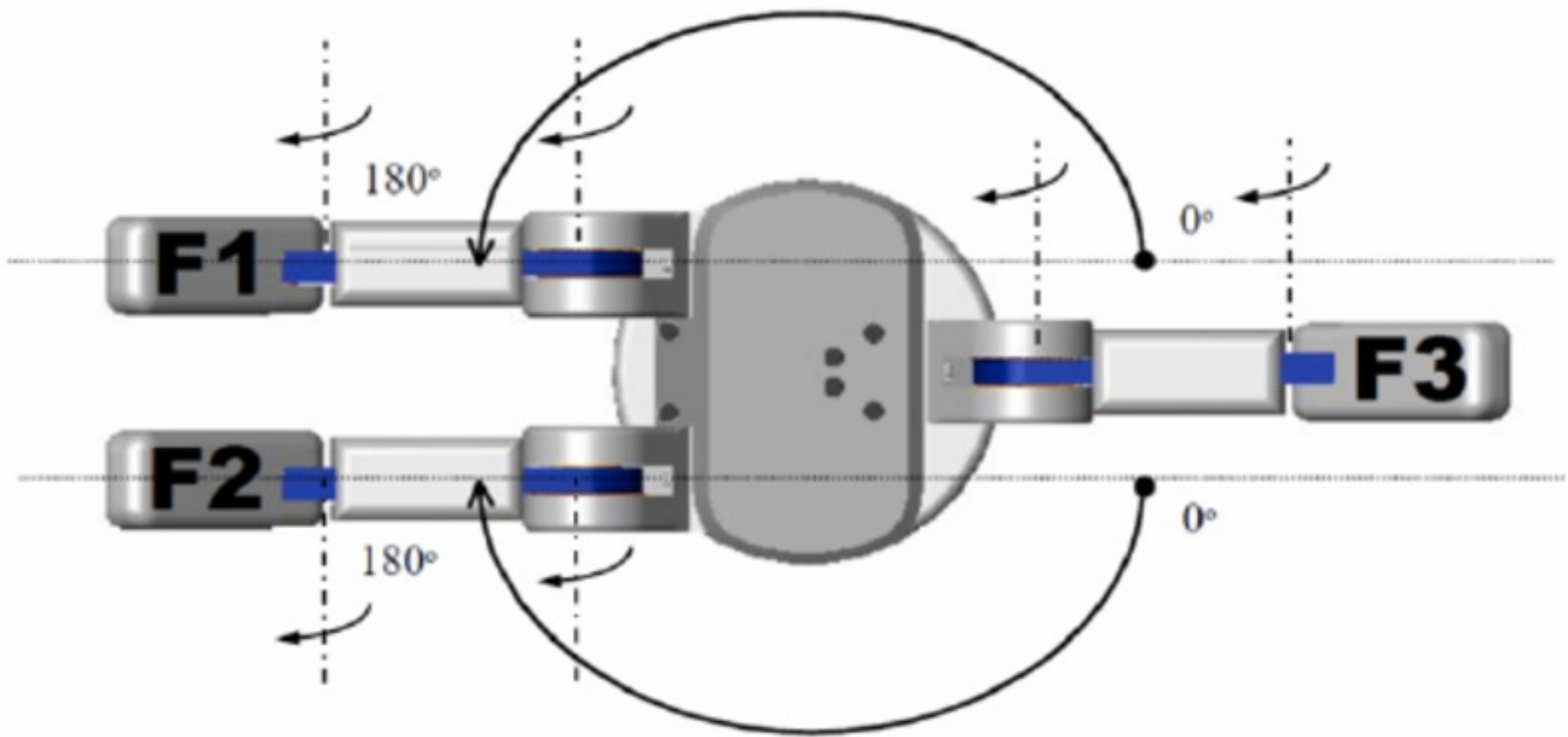
# BarrettHand

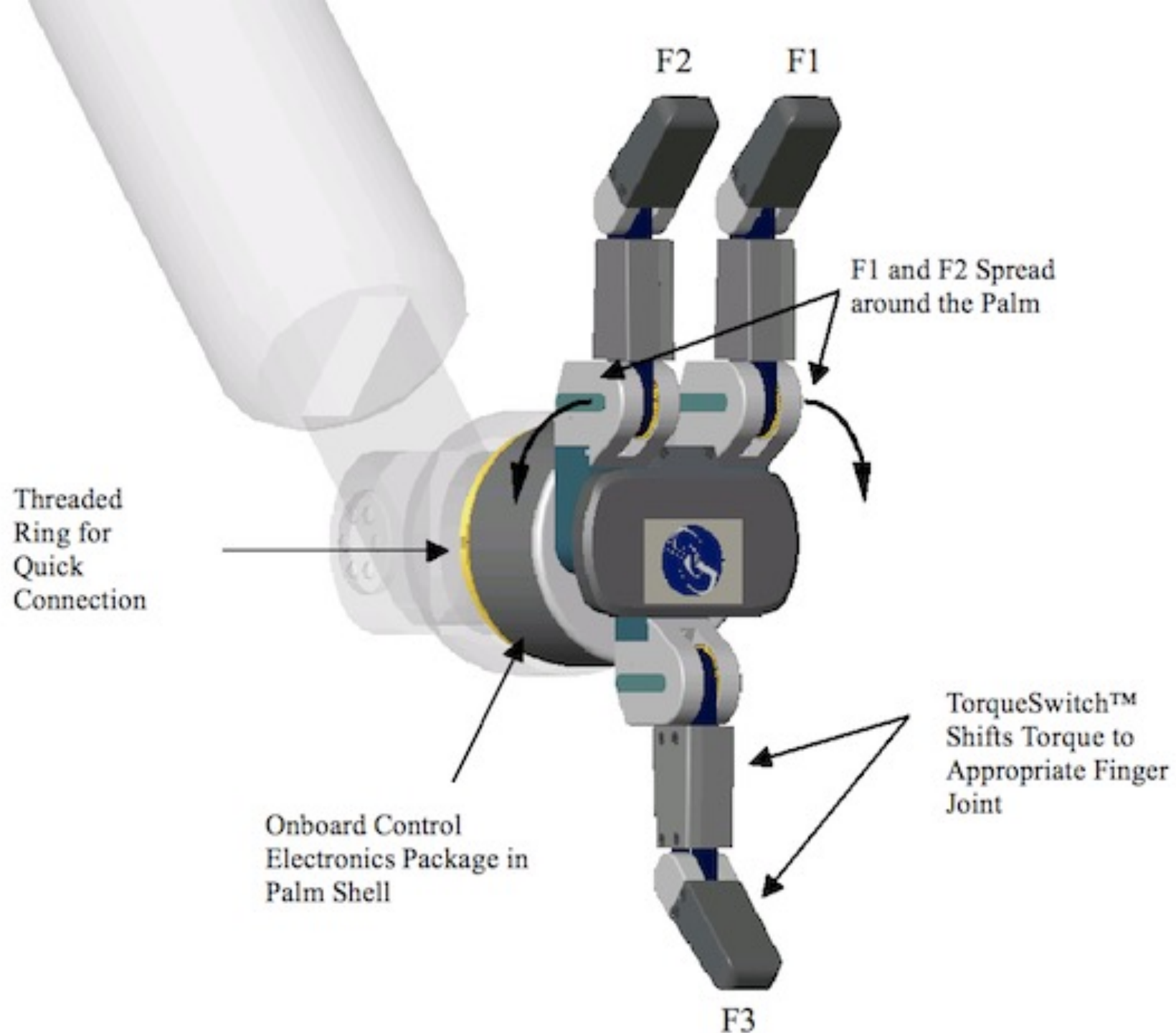


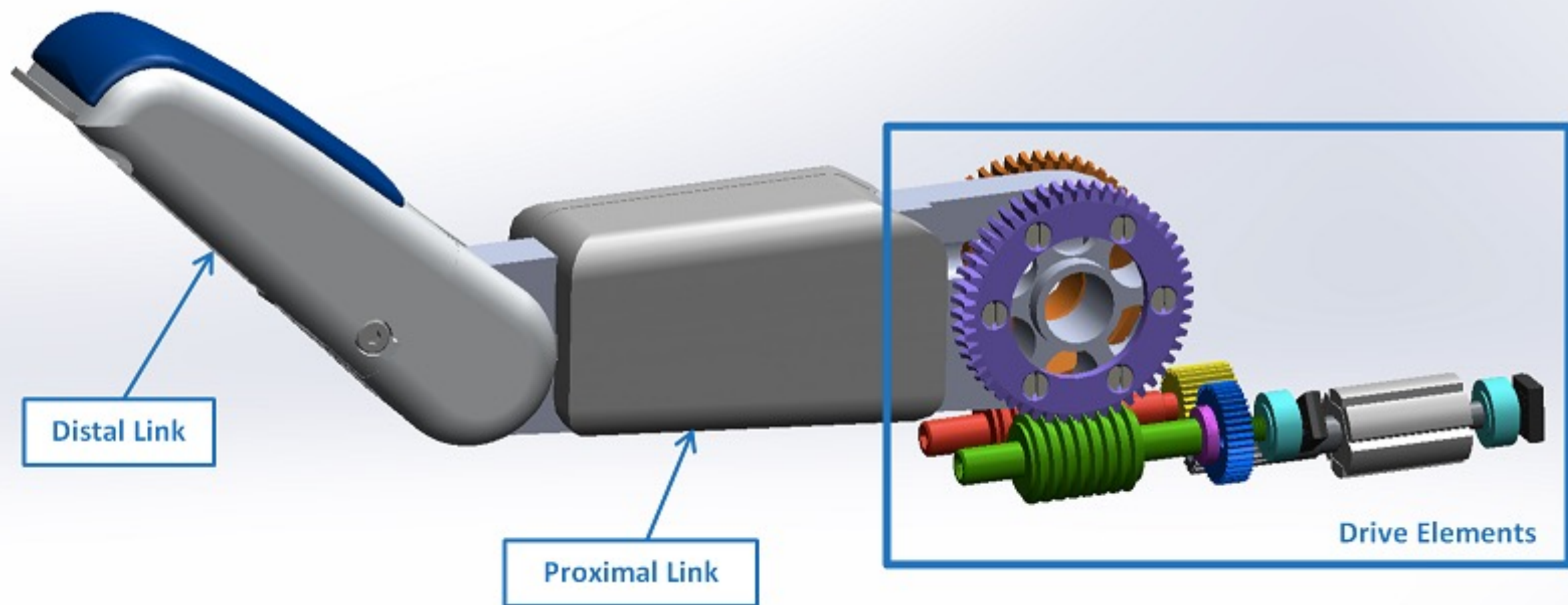
<b>Kinematics</b>	Total fingers: 3 Fingers which spread: 2 Joints per finger: 2 Motors per finger: 1 Axes of palm spread motion: 2 Motors for palm spread motion: 1 Total hand axes: 8 Total hand motors: 4
<b>Range of Motion</b>	Finger base joint: 140° Fingertip: 45° Finger spread: 180°
<b>Finger Speed</b>	Finger fully open to fully closed: 1.0 sec Full 180° finger spread: 0.5 sec
<b>Position Sensing</b>	12-bit absolute sensing at each motor with array of Hall sensors
<b>Weight</b>	Hand: 980 grams
<b>Payload</b>	6.0 kg
<b>Finger Forces (at tip)</b>	Active: 15 N Passive: 20 N
<b>Motor Type</b>	Rare-Earth brushless-DC servo motors
<b>Mechanisms</b>	Worm drives integrated with proprietary cable drive and breakaway clutch <sup>7</sup>



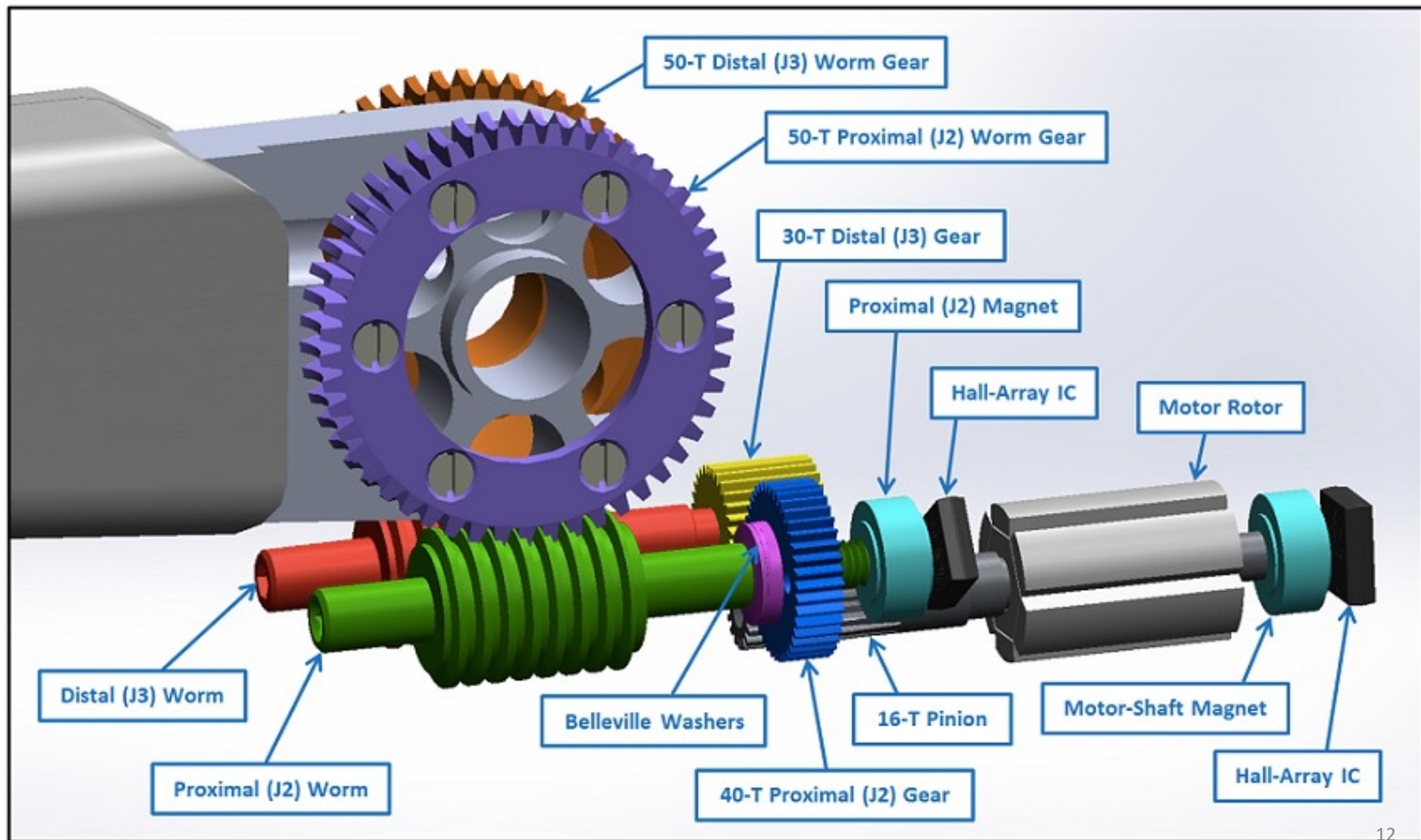


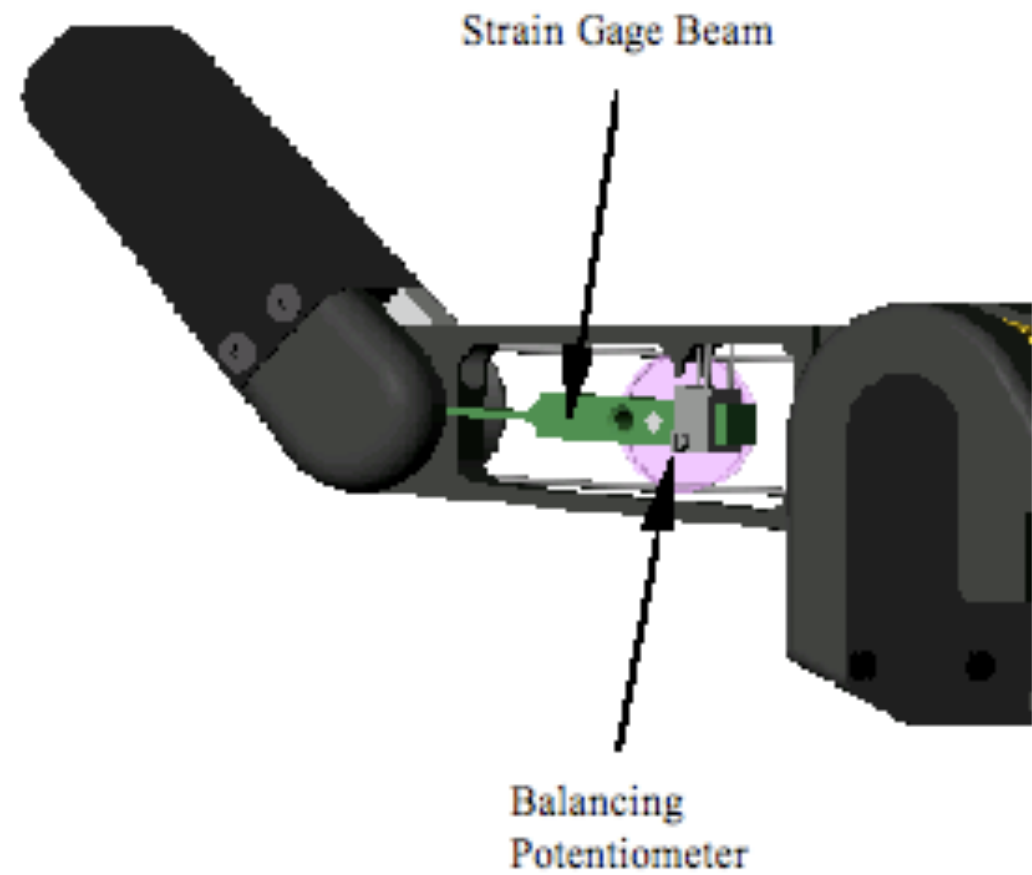
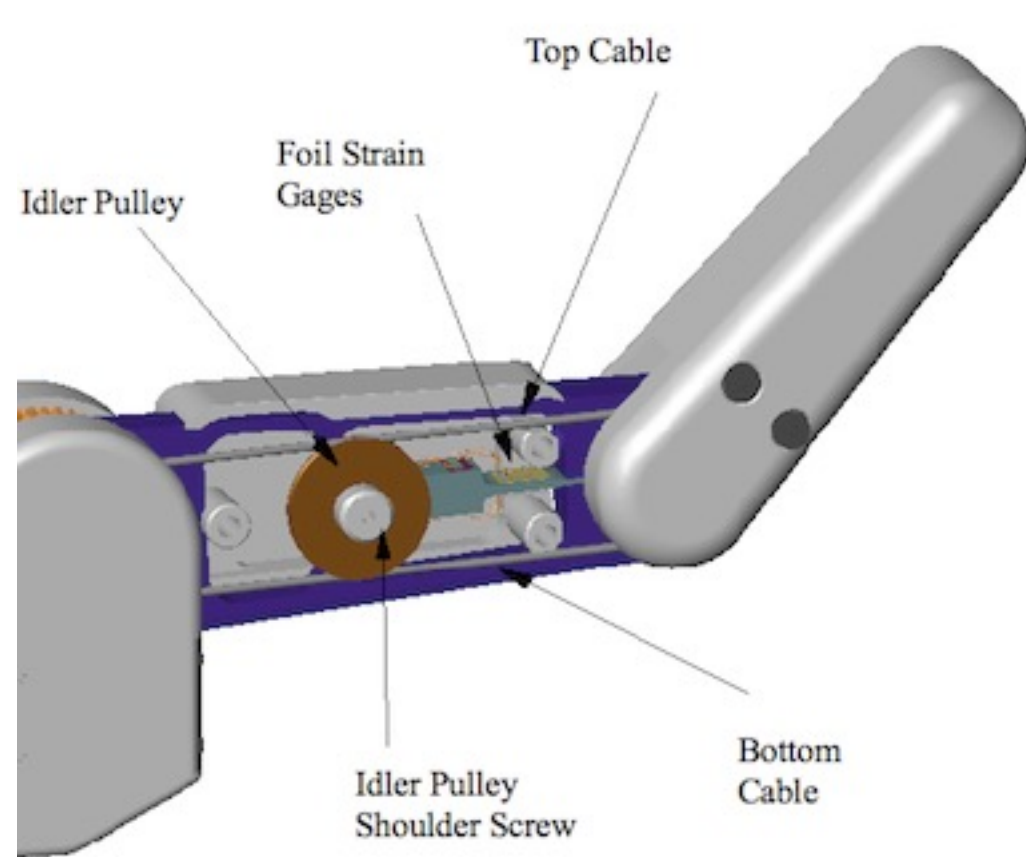












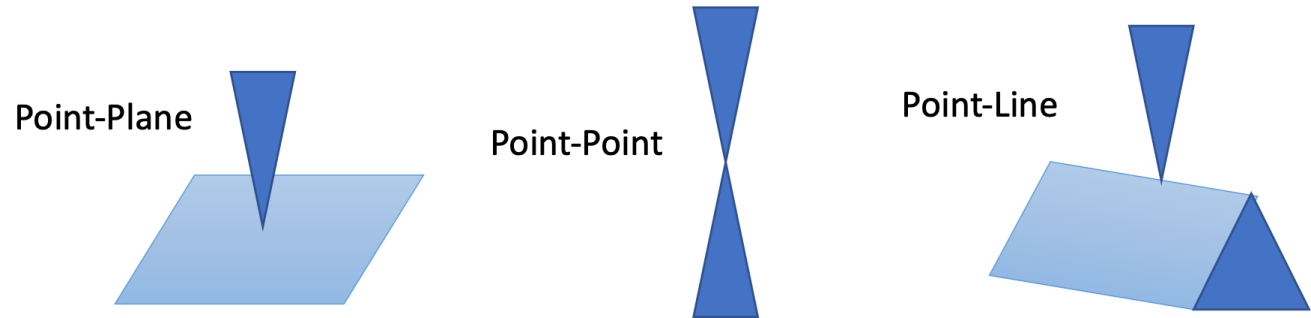
# Mechanic of Contact

- Contact forces
- Quasistatic
- What will have form closure, sliding, rolling
- Contact kinematics
- Velocity from finger (moving direction) will allow sliding, rolling



# Contact Types

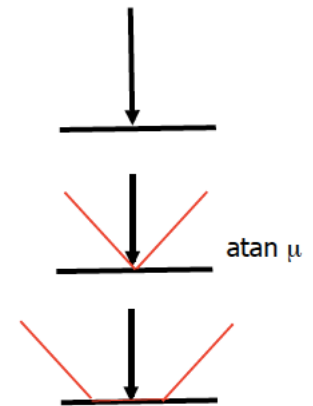
- Point: point on plane (stable), point on point or line (unstable)
- Line: line on plane or nonparallel line (stable), line on parallel line (unstable)
- Plane: plane on plane



Point contact with friction

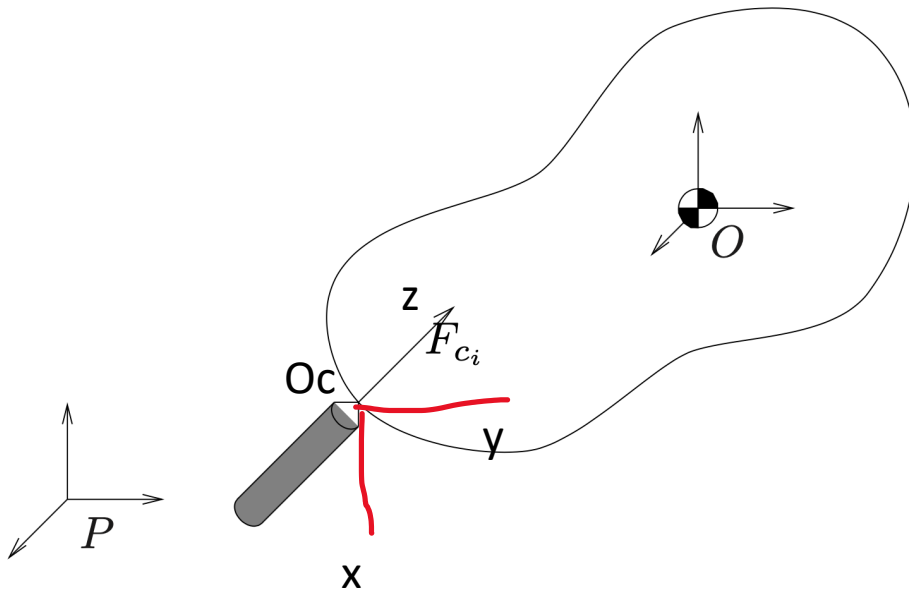
Hardfinger Contact

Softfinger Contact



# Frictionless point contact

- No friction between the fingertip and the object
- Forces can only be applied in the direction normal to the surface of the object
- Can push on an object, but it cannot pull on the object.



$$F_{c_i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} f_{c_i} \quad f_{c_i} \geq 0,$$

# Coulomb Friction Model

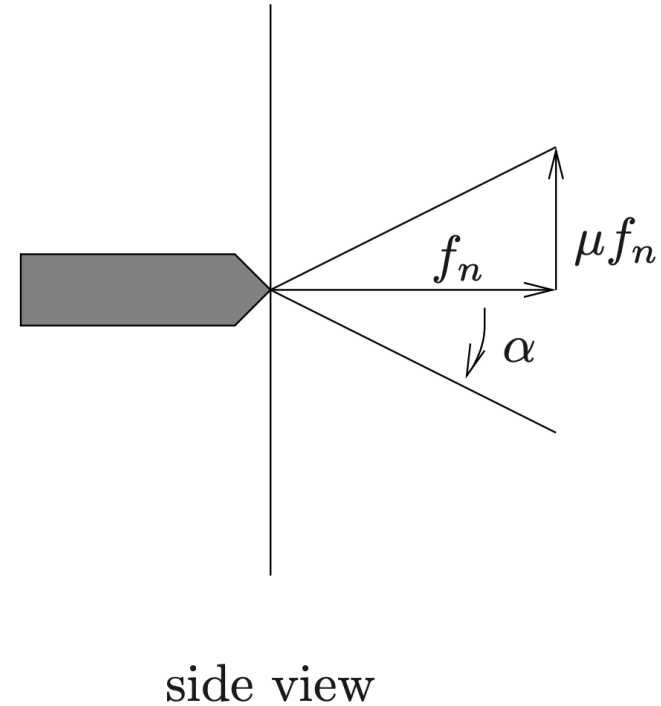
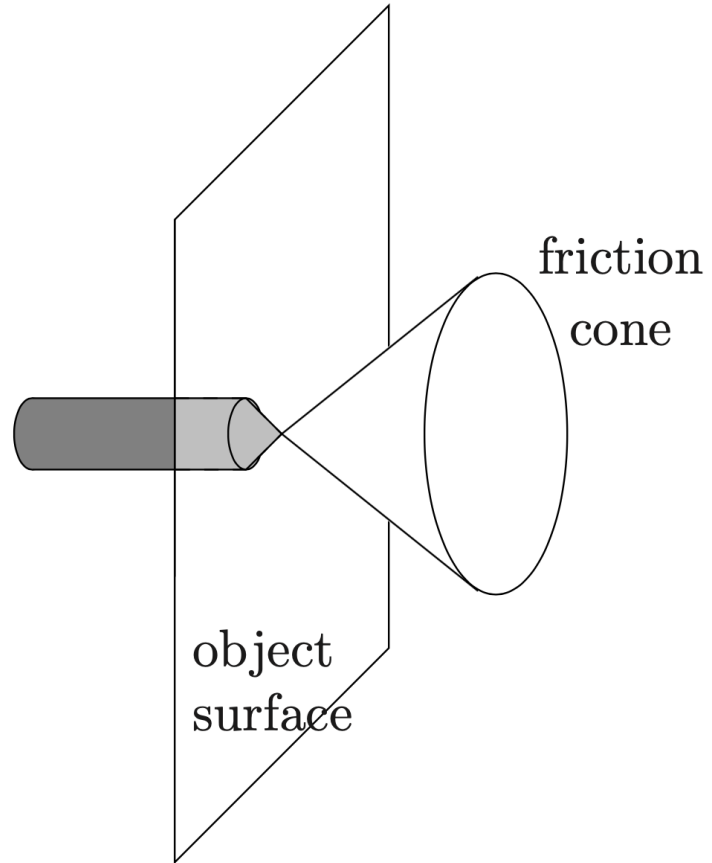
- How much force a contact can apply in the tangent directions to a surface as a function of the applied normal force.
- Empirical model which asserts that the allowed tangential force is proportional to the applied normal force, and the constant of proportionality is a function of the materials which are in contact.
- If we let  $f_t \in \mathbb{R}$  denote the magnitude of the tangential force and  $f_n \in \mathbb{R}$  denote the magnitude of the normal force, Coulomb's law states that slipping begins when

$$|f_t| > \mu f_n, \text{ where } \mu > 0 \text{ is the (static) coefficient of friction}$$



# Friction cone

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \mu.$$

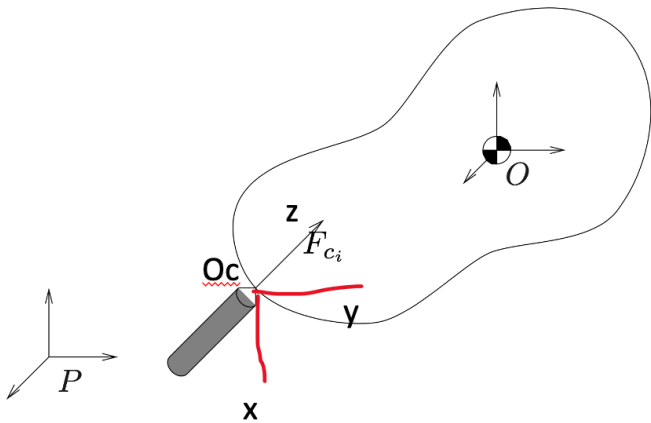


# Static Friction Coefficients for Some Common Materials

Steel on steel	0.58	Wood on wood	0.25-0.5
Polyethylene on steel	0.3–0.35	Wood on metals	0.2-0.6
Polyethylene on self	0.5	Wood on leather	0.3–0.4
Rubber on solids	1–4	Leather on metal	0.6

# Point Contact with Friction Model

- Friction between fingertip and the object
- Wrench (force and torque) applied to the object with respect to a basis of directions



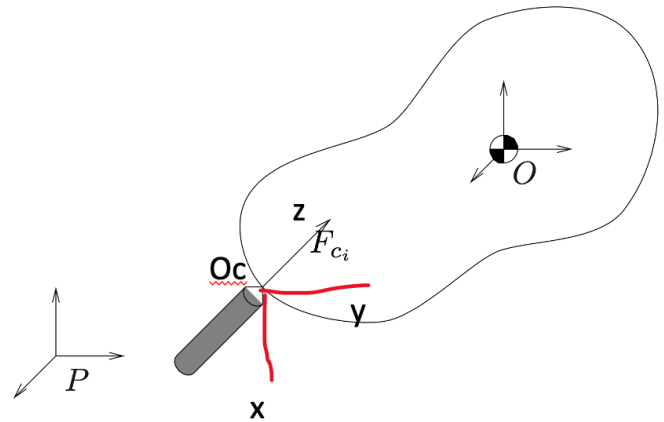
$$F_{c_i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} f_{c_i} \quad f_{c_i} \in FC_{c_i},$$

where

$$FC_{c_i} = \{f \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \sqrt{f_1^2 + f_2^2} \leq \mu f_3, f_3 \geq 0\}.$$

# Soft-Finger Contact

- Forces and torques about that normal



$$i = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} f_{c_i} \quad f_{c_i} \in FC_{c_i}$$

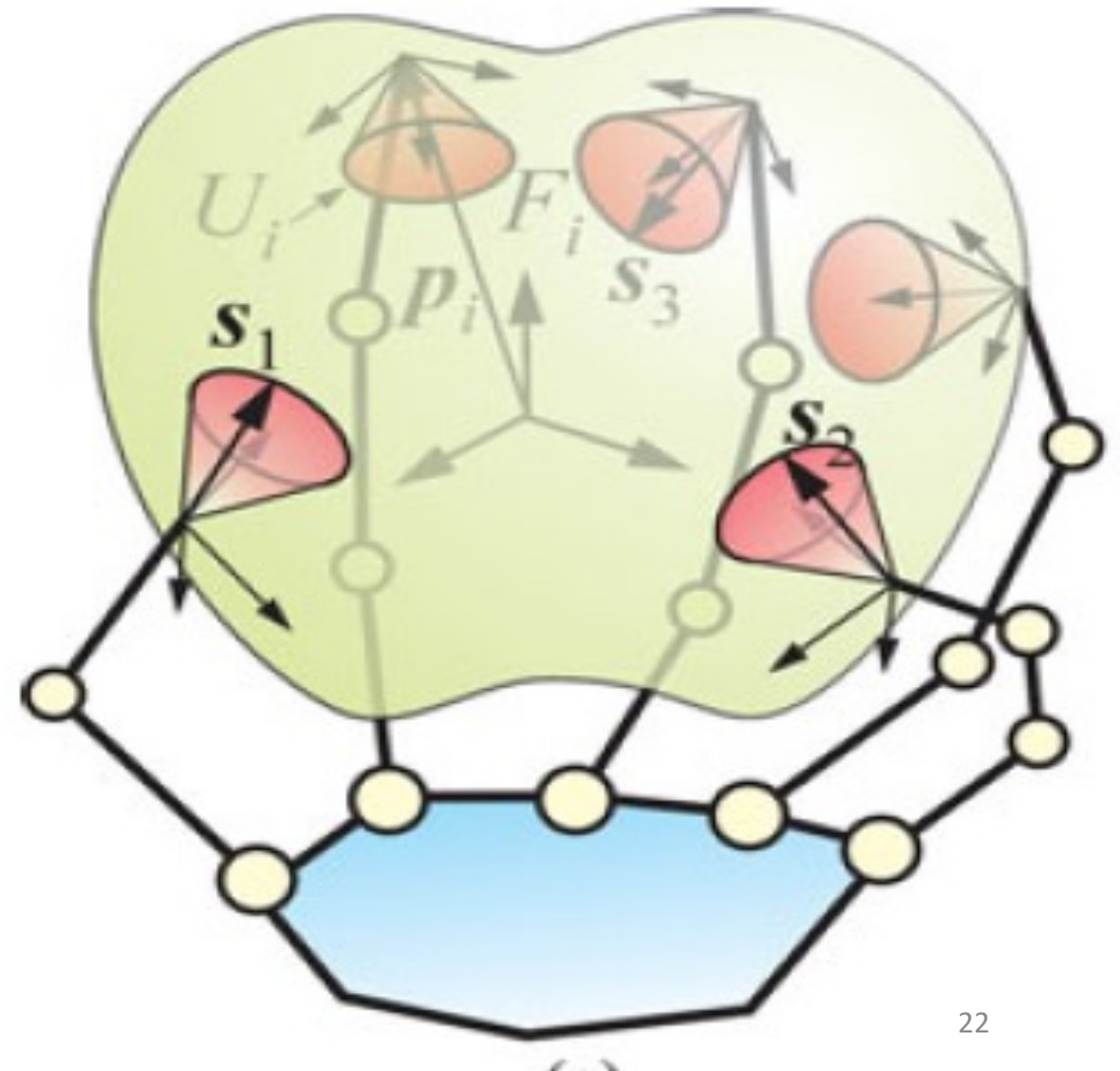
- Friction cone becomes (where  $\gamma > 0$  is the coefficient of torsional friction )

$$FC_{c_i} = \{f \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \sqrt{f_1^2 + f_2^2} \leq \mu f_3, f_3 \geq 0, |f_4| \leq \gamma f_3\}$$



# Grasping Problem with Multiple Fingers

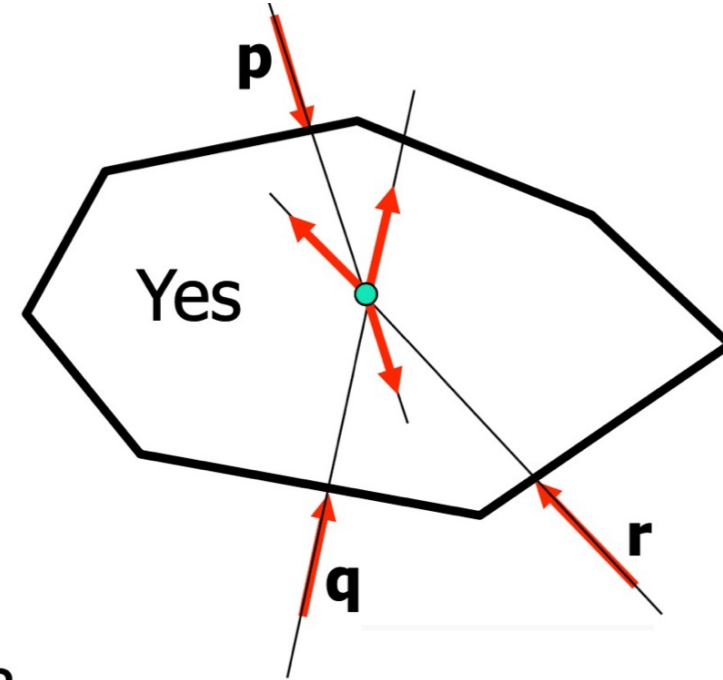
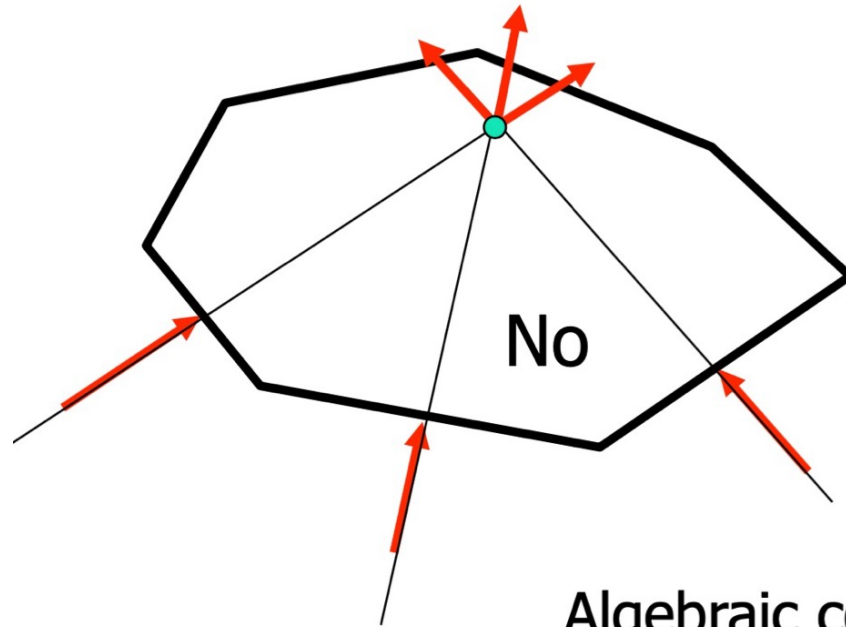
- Existence: given an object and constraints determine if closure exist
- Analysis: given an object and contacts determine if closure applies
- Synthesis: given an object, find contacts that result in closure



# Grasping Problem with Multiple Contact Points

- Force closure: fingers resist any external force
- Torque closure: fingers resist any external torque
- Equilibrium: the contact forces can balance the object weight and external forces

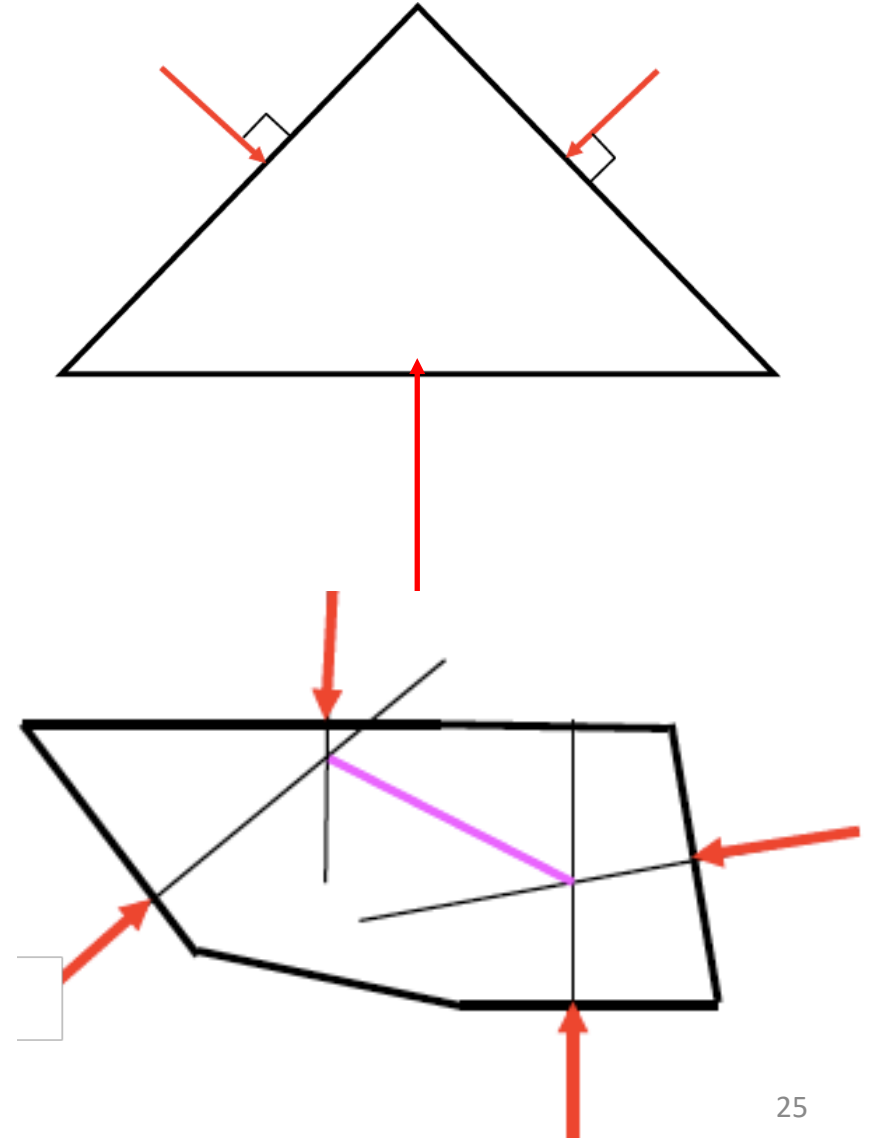
# Frictionless Point Contacts



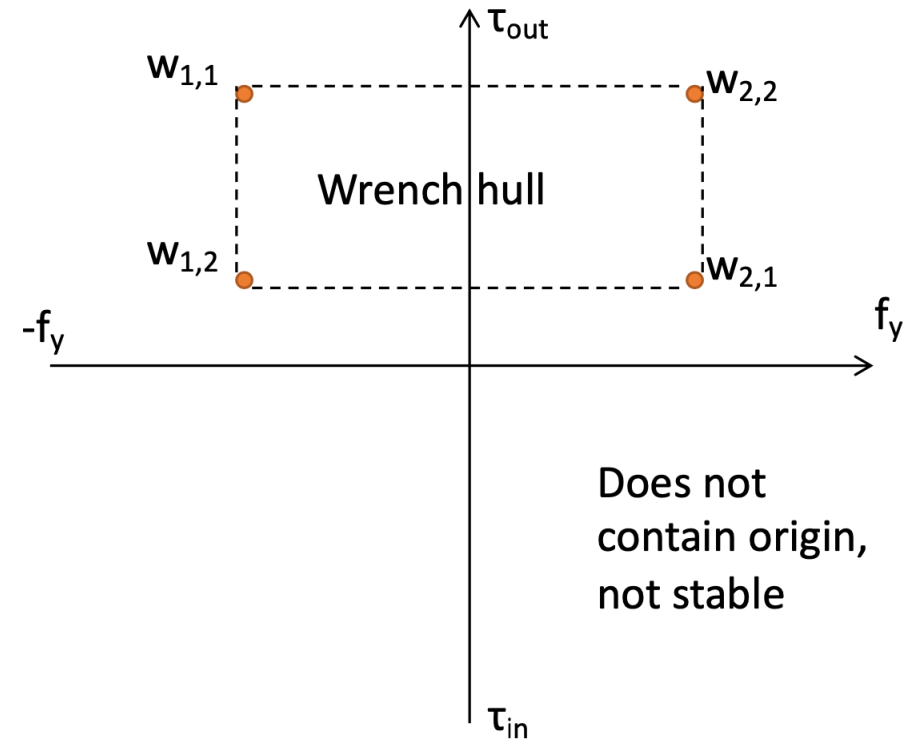
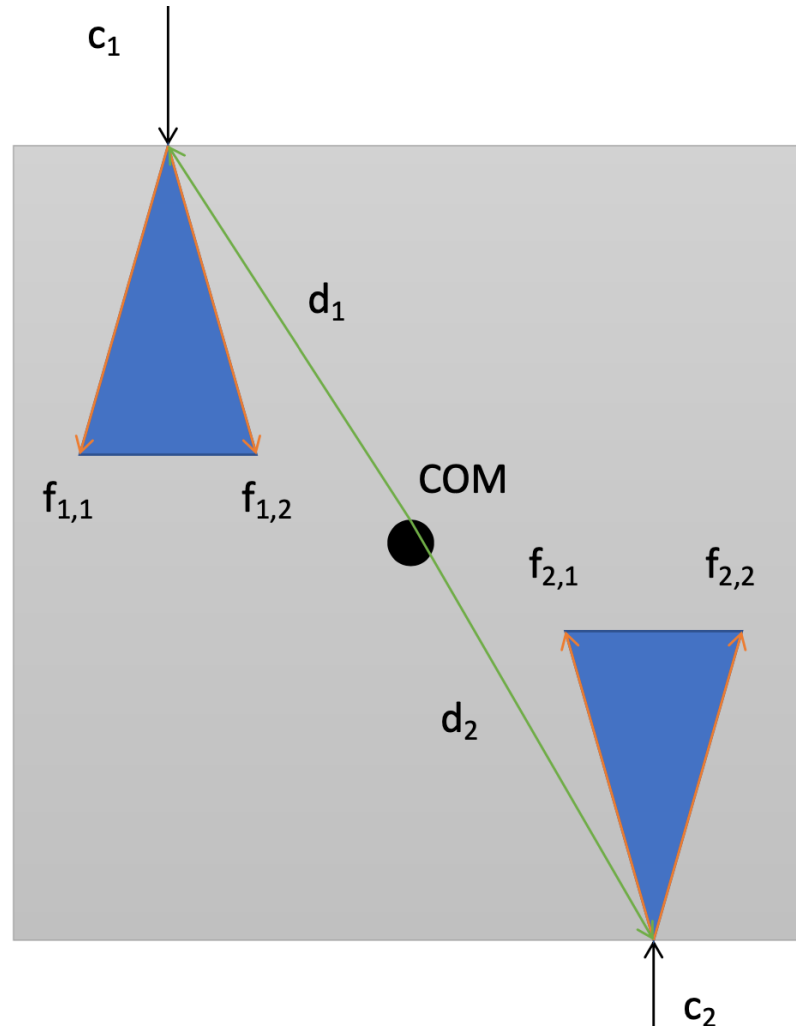
Algebraic condition?  
For force vectors  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}$ ,  
there must exist  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$   
s.t.  $\alpha\mathbf{p} + \beta\mathbf{q} + \gamma\mathbf{r} = 0$

# Frictionless Point Contacts

- Force must be normal to object boundary
- Force must point into object's interior
- Force-direction closure
  - Translate forces to center
  - They compose to generate any desired resultant force
- Torque closure
  - Translate forces to intersection points; they can be adjusted to point at each other and away from each other to generate torque



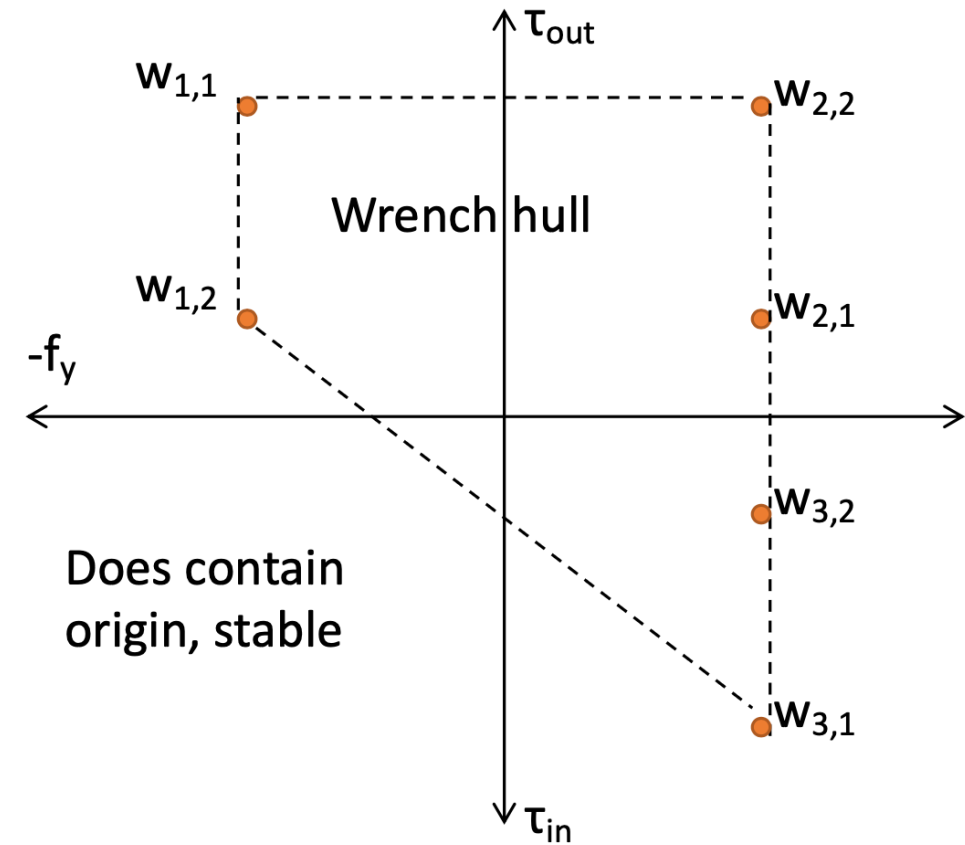
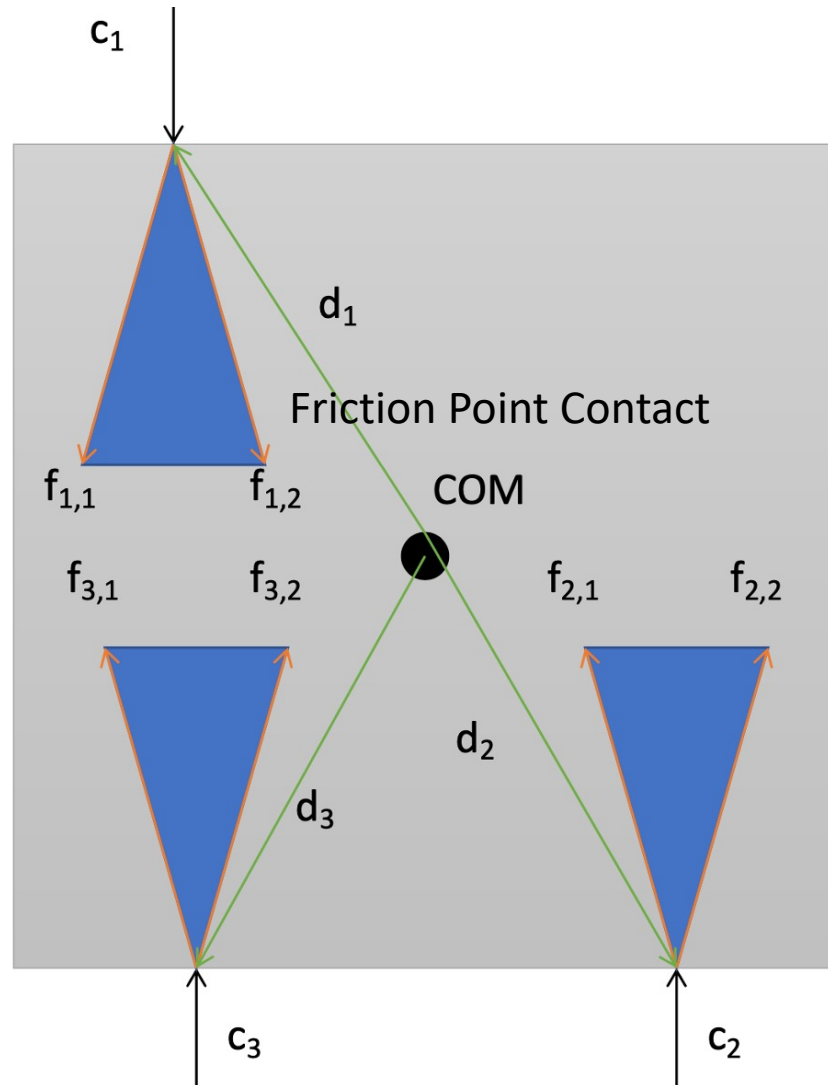
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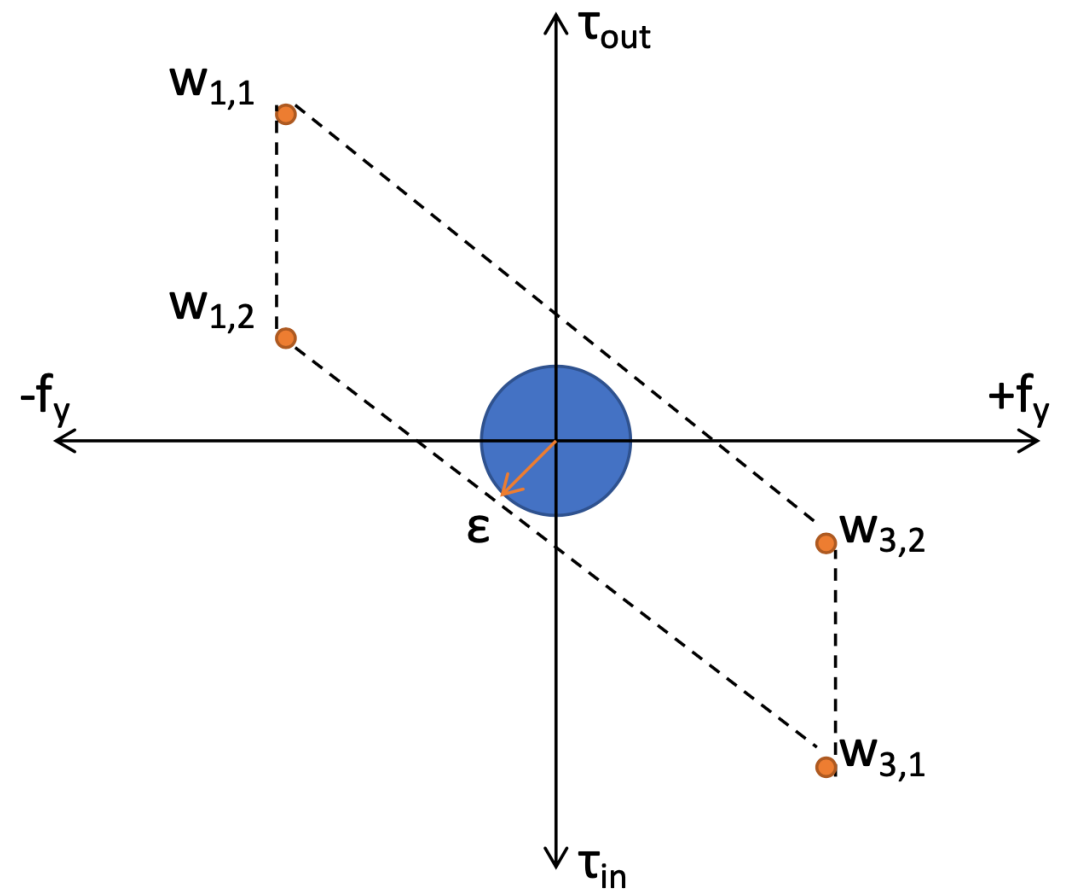
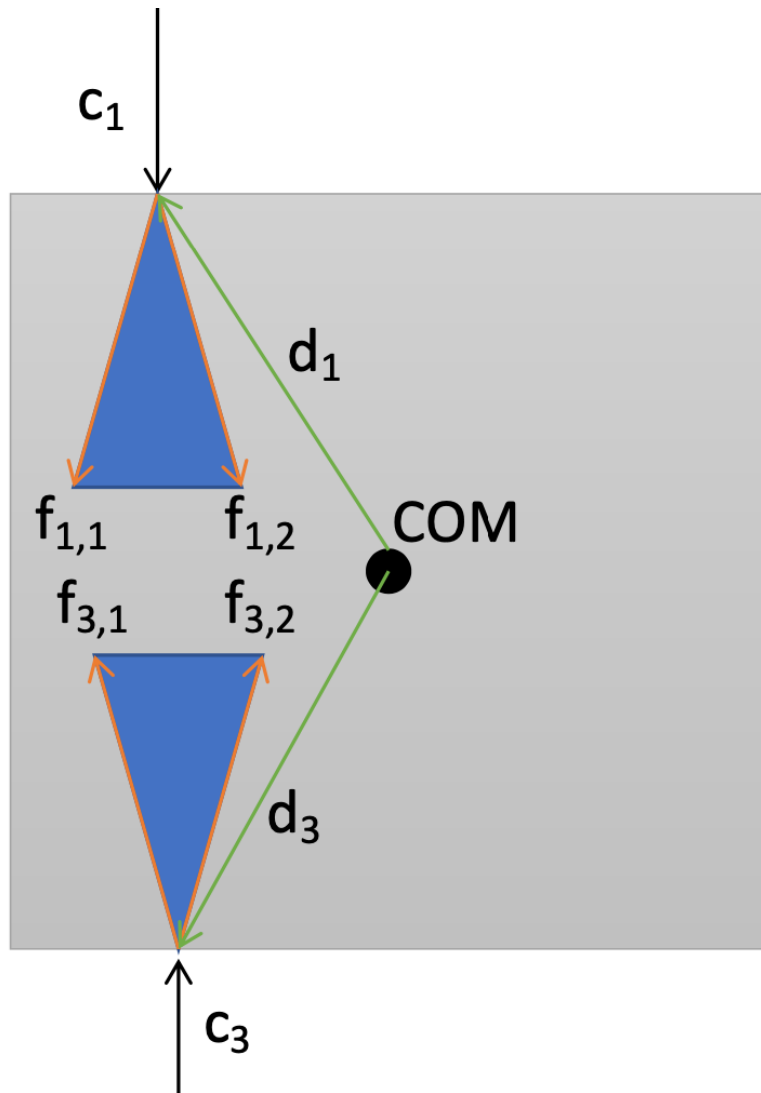


$F_x$  is similar as  $f_y$

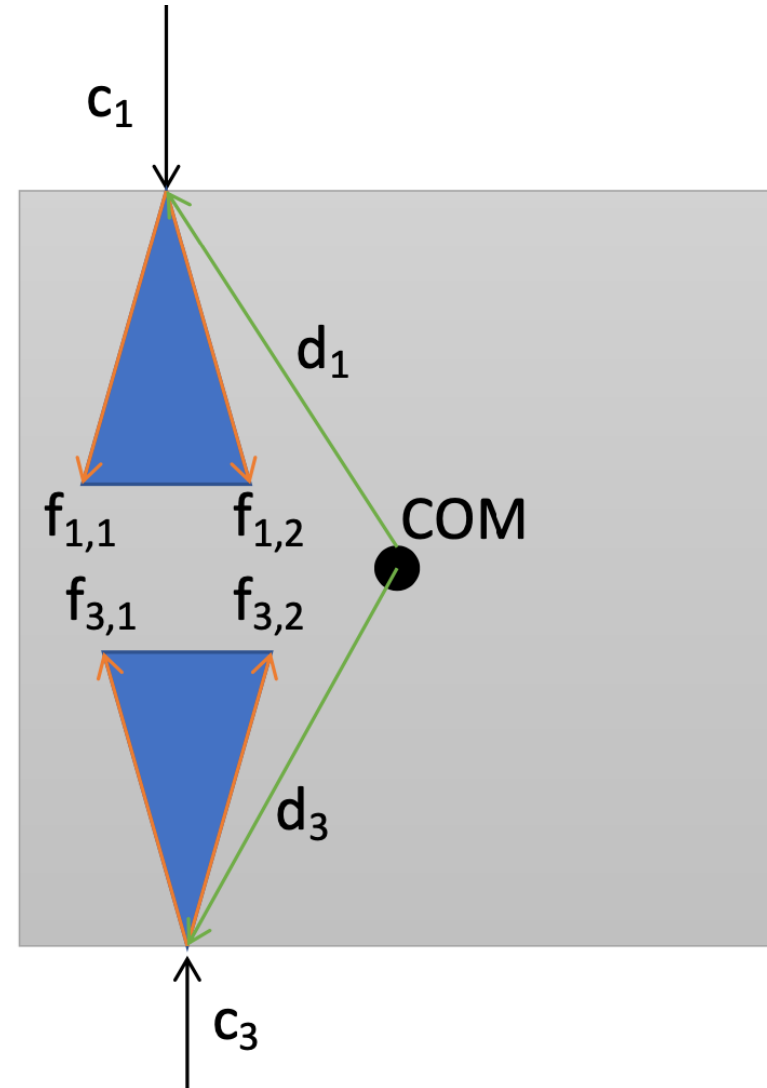
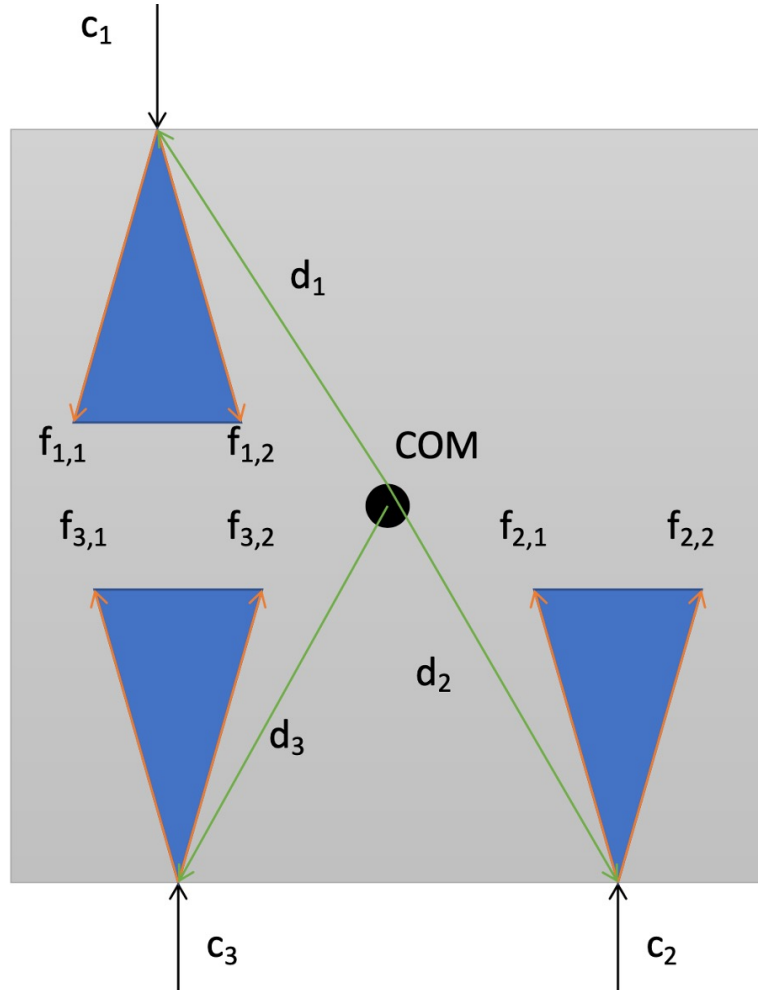


# Friction Point Contact





# Comparing two grasps



# Grasp

- A set of wrenches that can be achieved

$$F_o = G_1 f_{c_1} + \cdots + G_k f_{c_k} = [G_1 \quad \cdots \quad G_k] \begin{bmatrix} f_{c_1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{c_k} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$f_c \in FC,$$

- $G_i$  = wrench basis matrix including transformation from local contact-reference frame to global object-centric reference frame
- $G=[G_1 \dots G_k]$  =grasp map  
Transforming all applied forces and torques to achievable wrenches

# Grasp Qualities - Force Closure

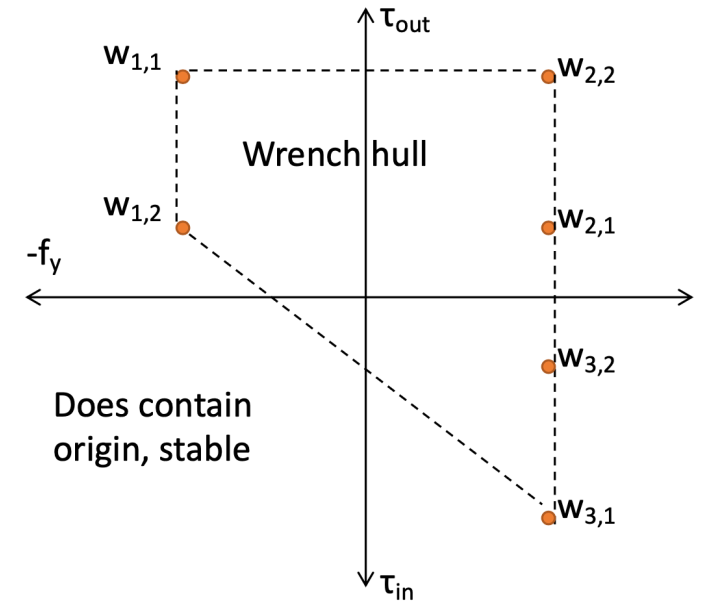
- Frictional properties of the object can be used to immobilize the object

- Test force closure

Input: Contact locations

Output: Is the grasp in Force-Closure? (Yes or No)

- Approximate the friction cone at each contact with a set of wrenches
- Combine wrenches from all cones into a set of points  $S$  in wrench space
- Compute the convex hull of  $S$
- If the origin is inside the convex hull, return YES. If not, return NO.



- Intuition: the convex hull represents the positive linear combination of all the wrenches



# Grasp Quality

- A grasp is a force-closure grasp IF for any external wrench  $W_t$  there exist contact forces  $f_c \in F_c$  such that
- $G f_c = -W_t$
- i.e., if able to apply **sufficient force** at each contact, every external wrench can be compensated for.
- Quality is how well a grip can resist disturbances
- How little finger force you need to can resist disturbances

# Grasp Quality

- Quality is how well a grip can resist disturbances
- Worst case scenario
  - How efficiently can a grip resist disturbance wrenches at its weakest point?
  - Weakest means the direction (in wrench space) at which the sum normal force is converted to the desired wrench least efficiently
- The point on the wrench hull that is closest to the origin is the weakest point
- Disturbances in the opposite direction are hardest to resist
- Metric  $\epsilon$  = The radius of the largest ball that can be enclosed in the wrench hull
  - Varies from 0 to 1 due to normalization of wrenches

