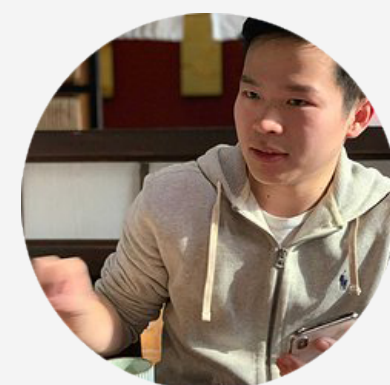


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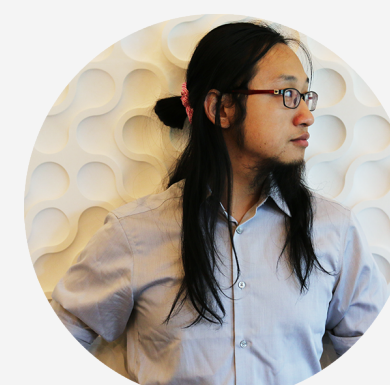
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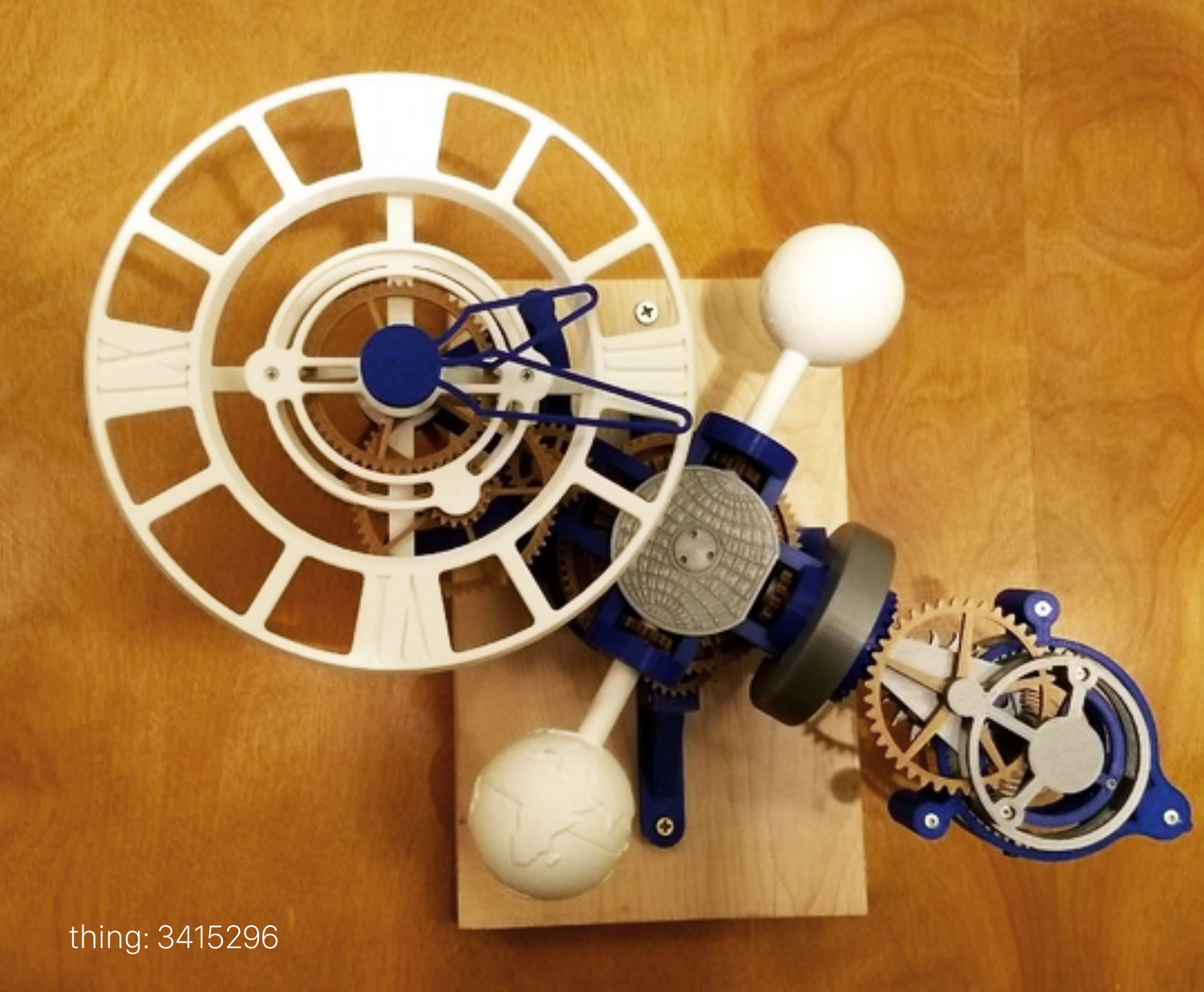
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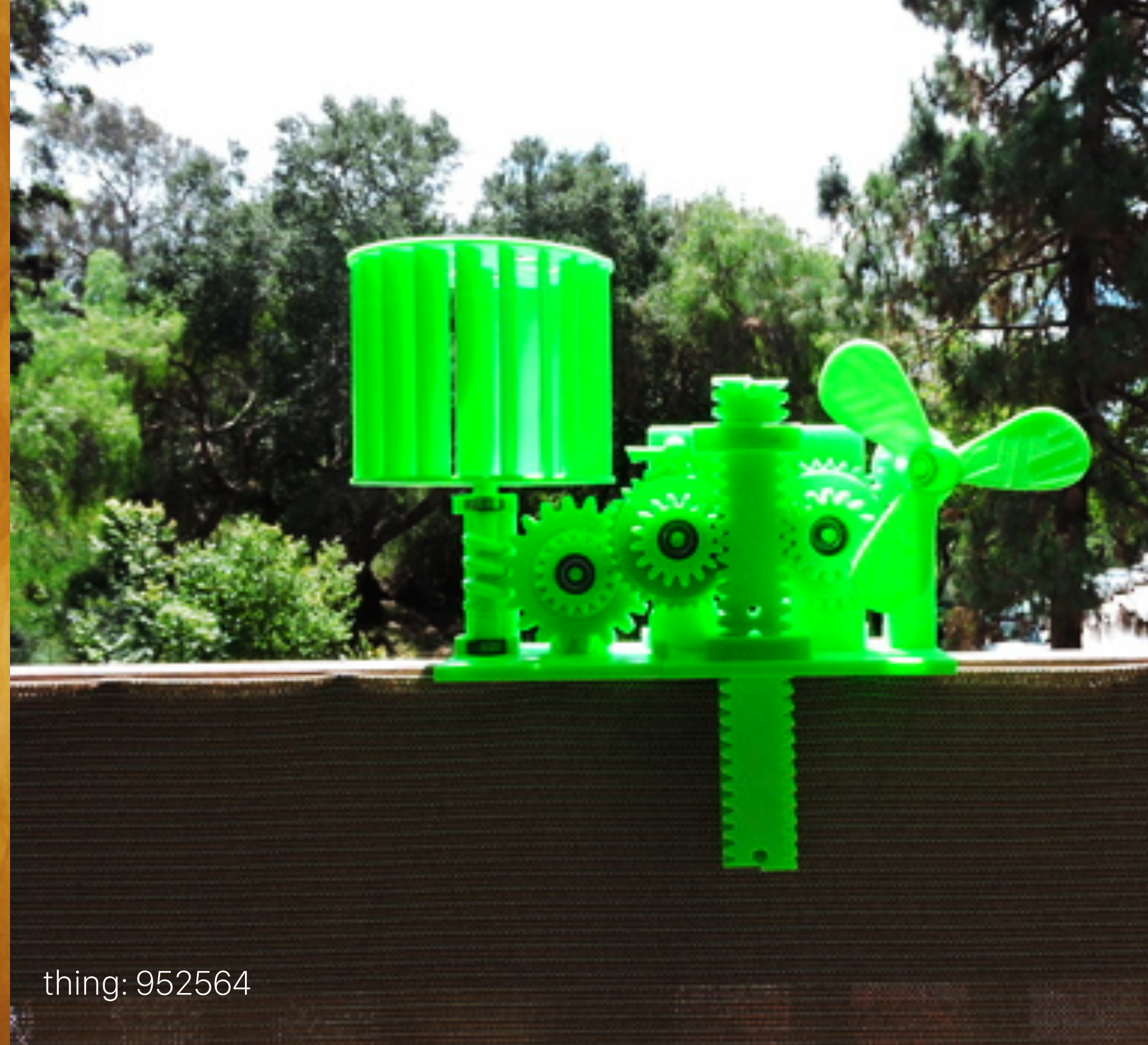
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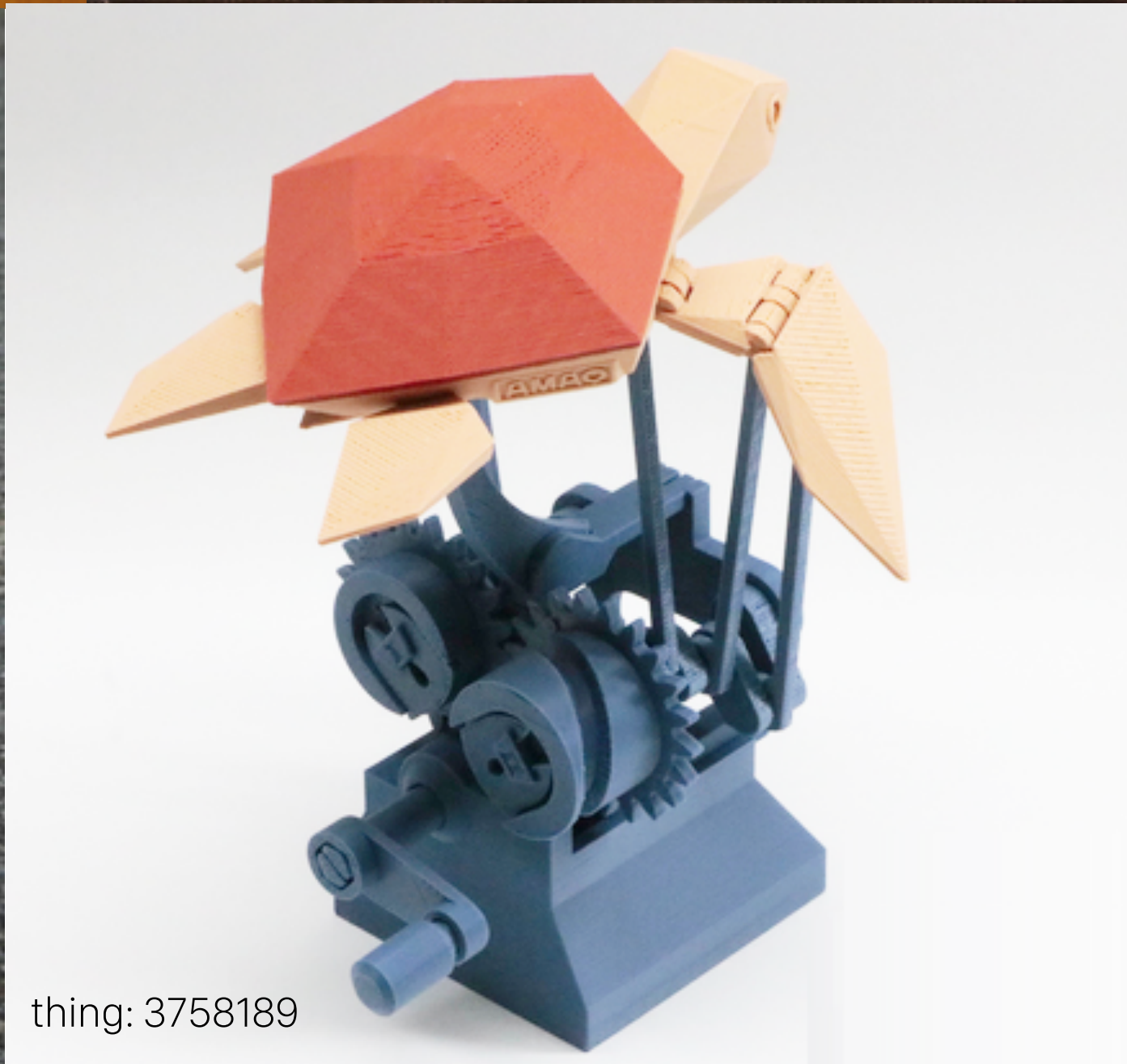
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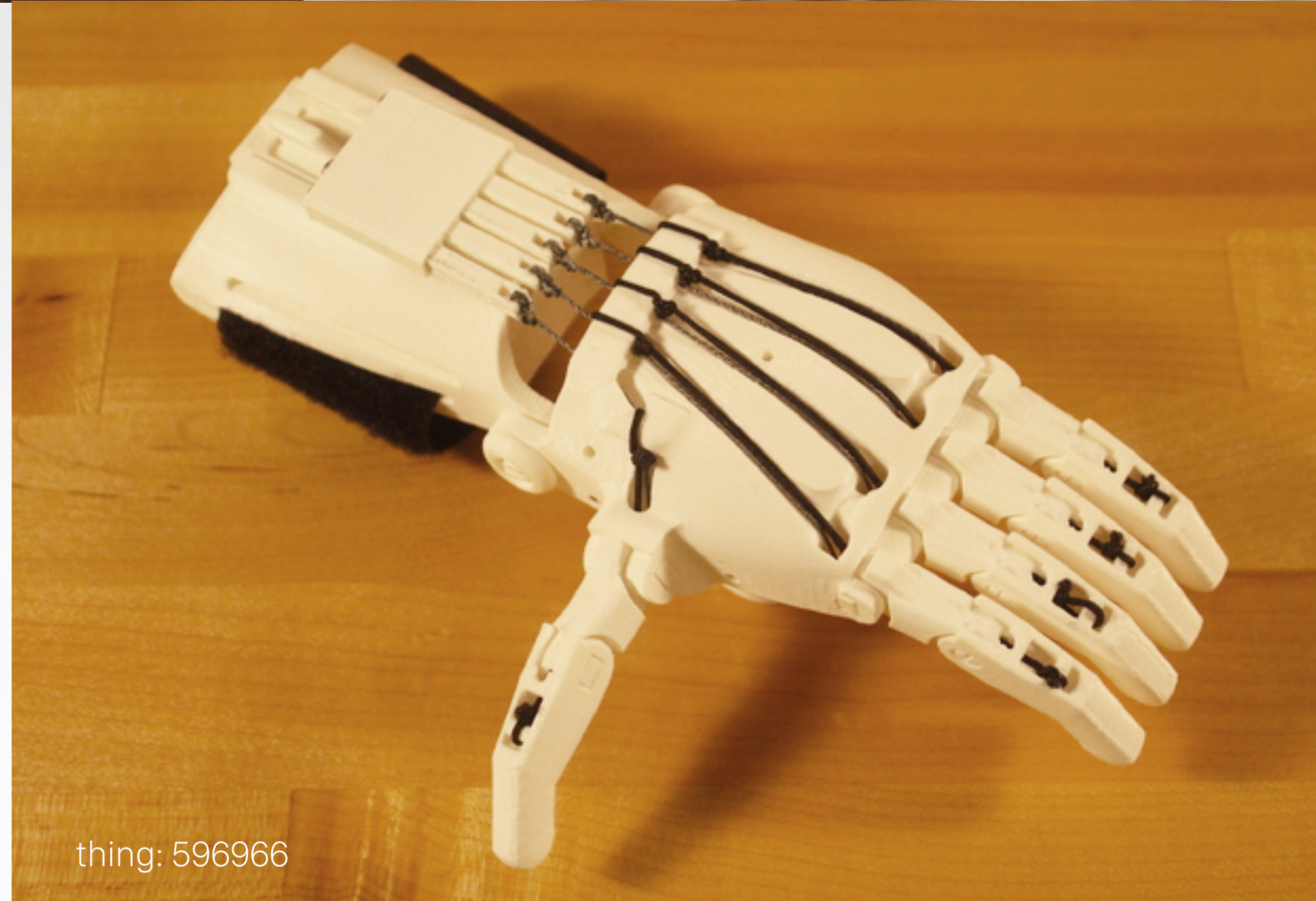
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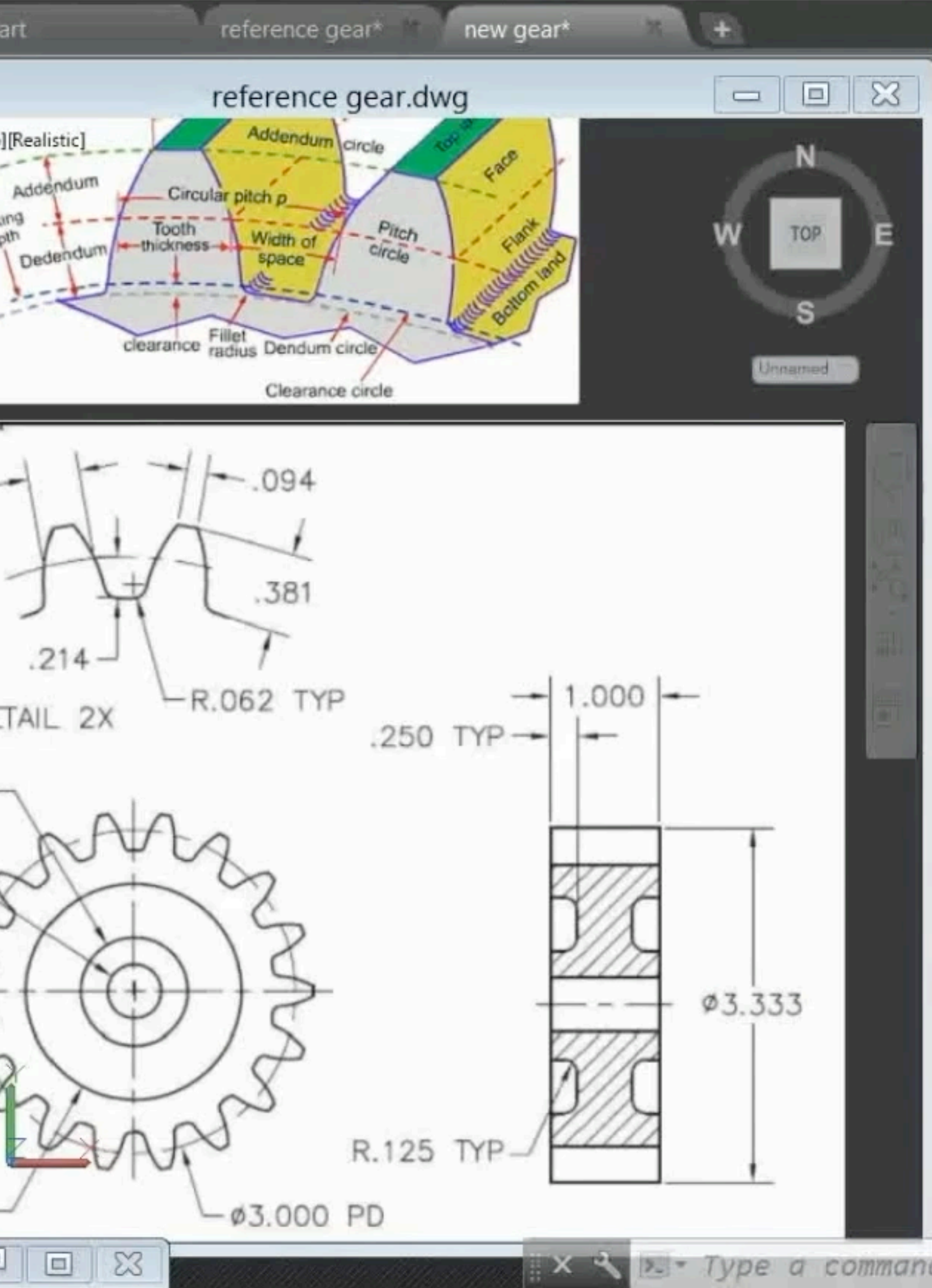
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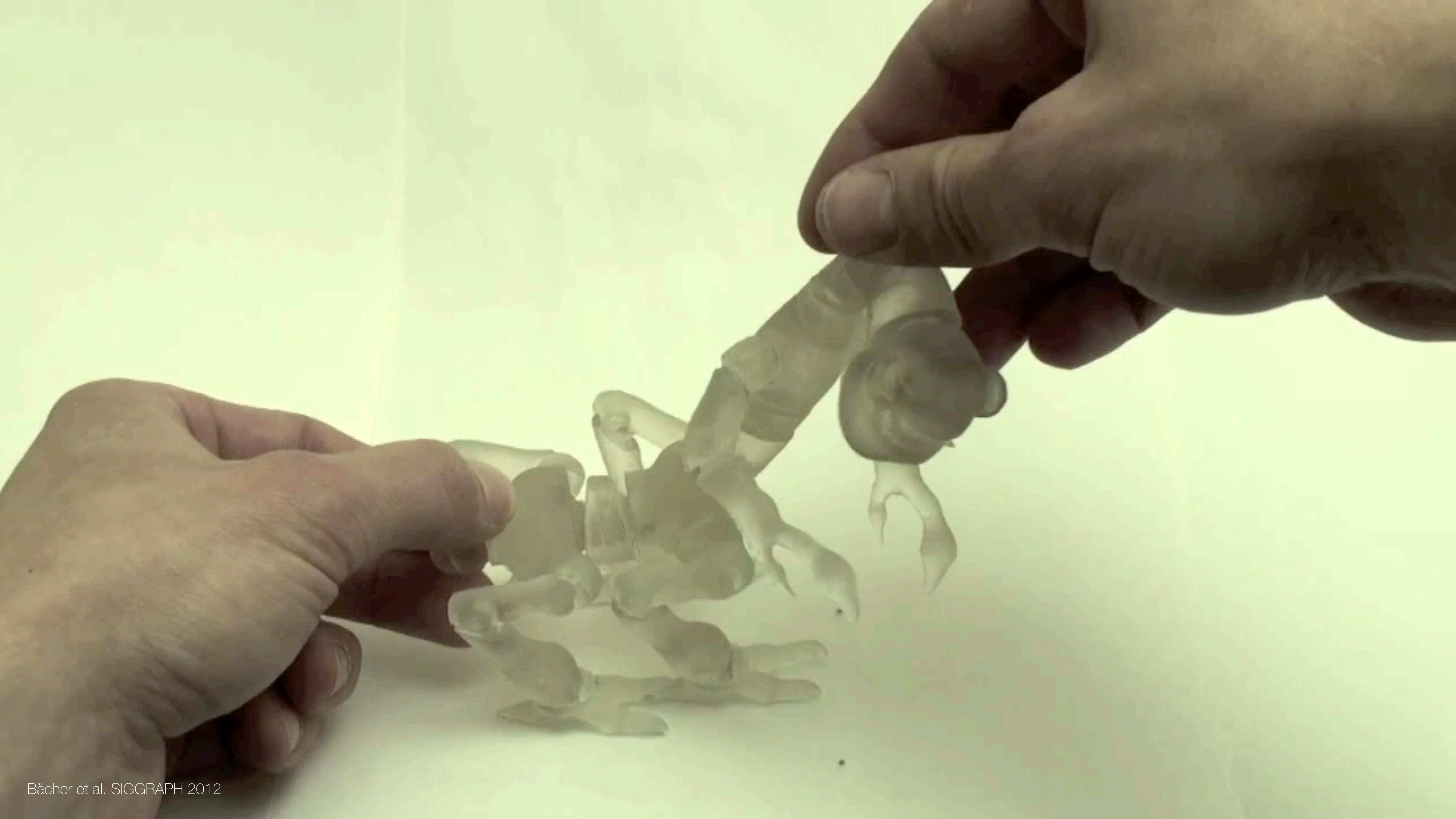


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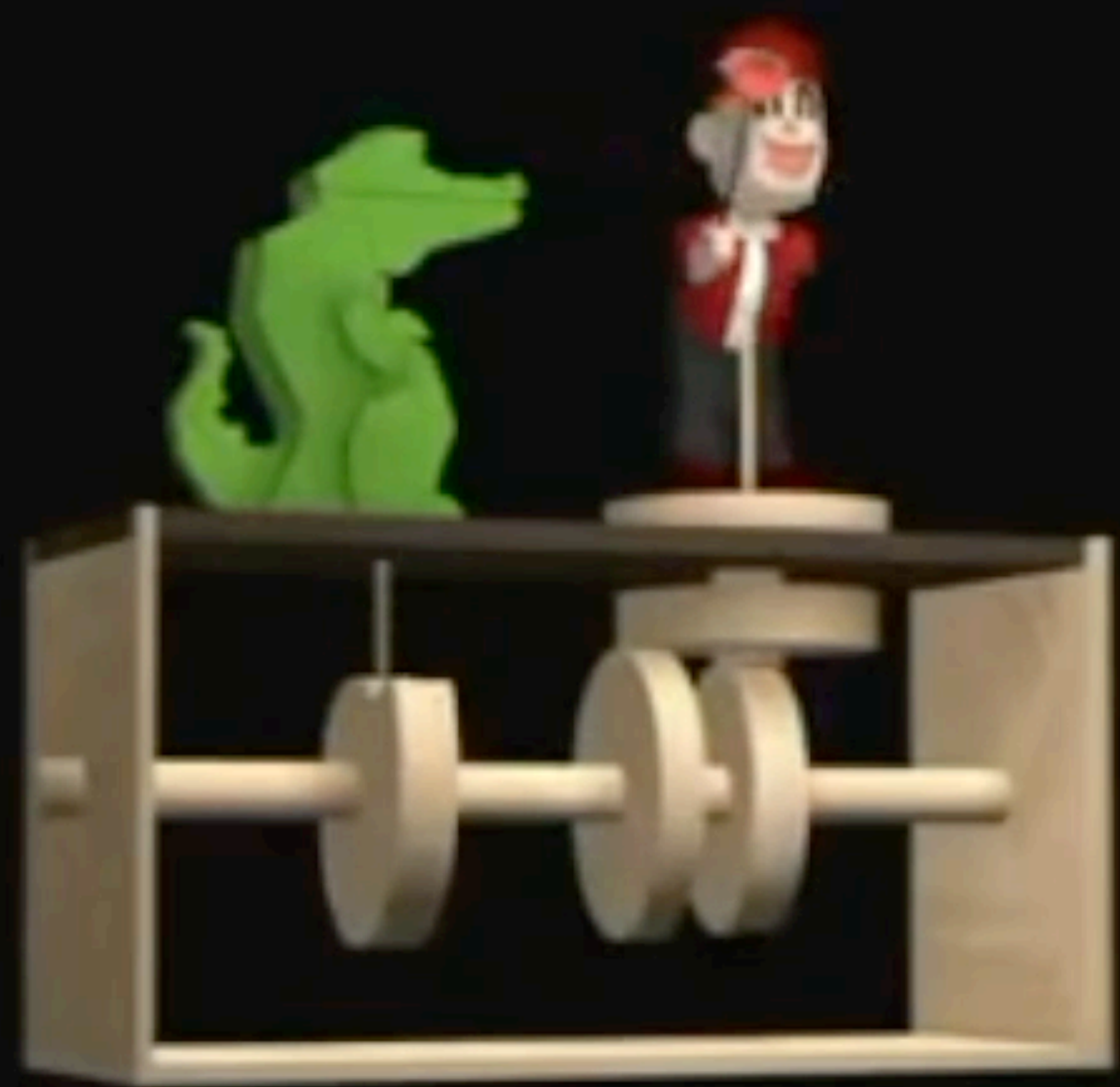
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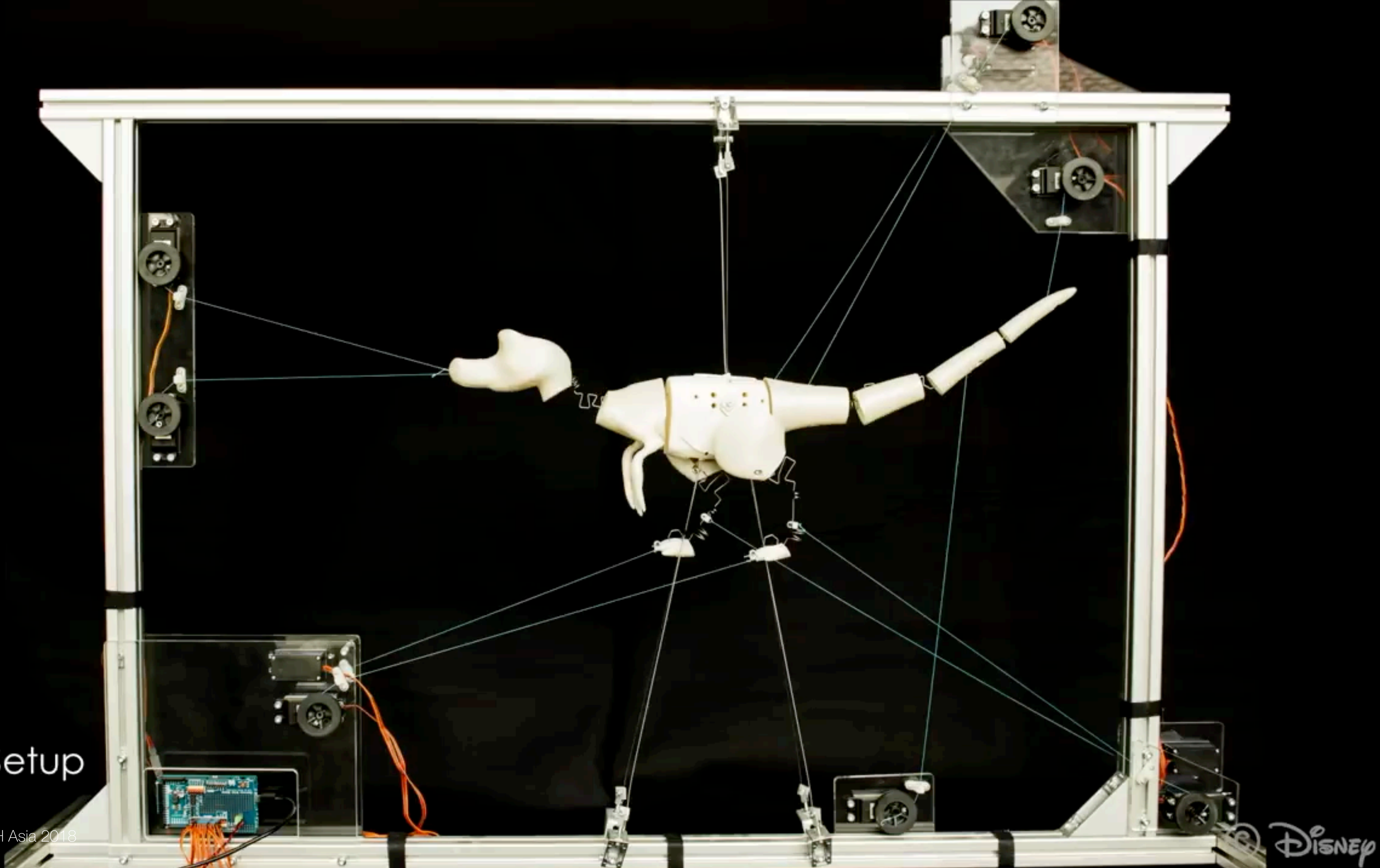


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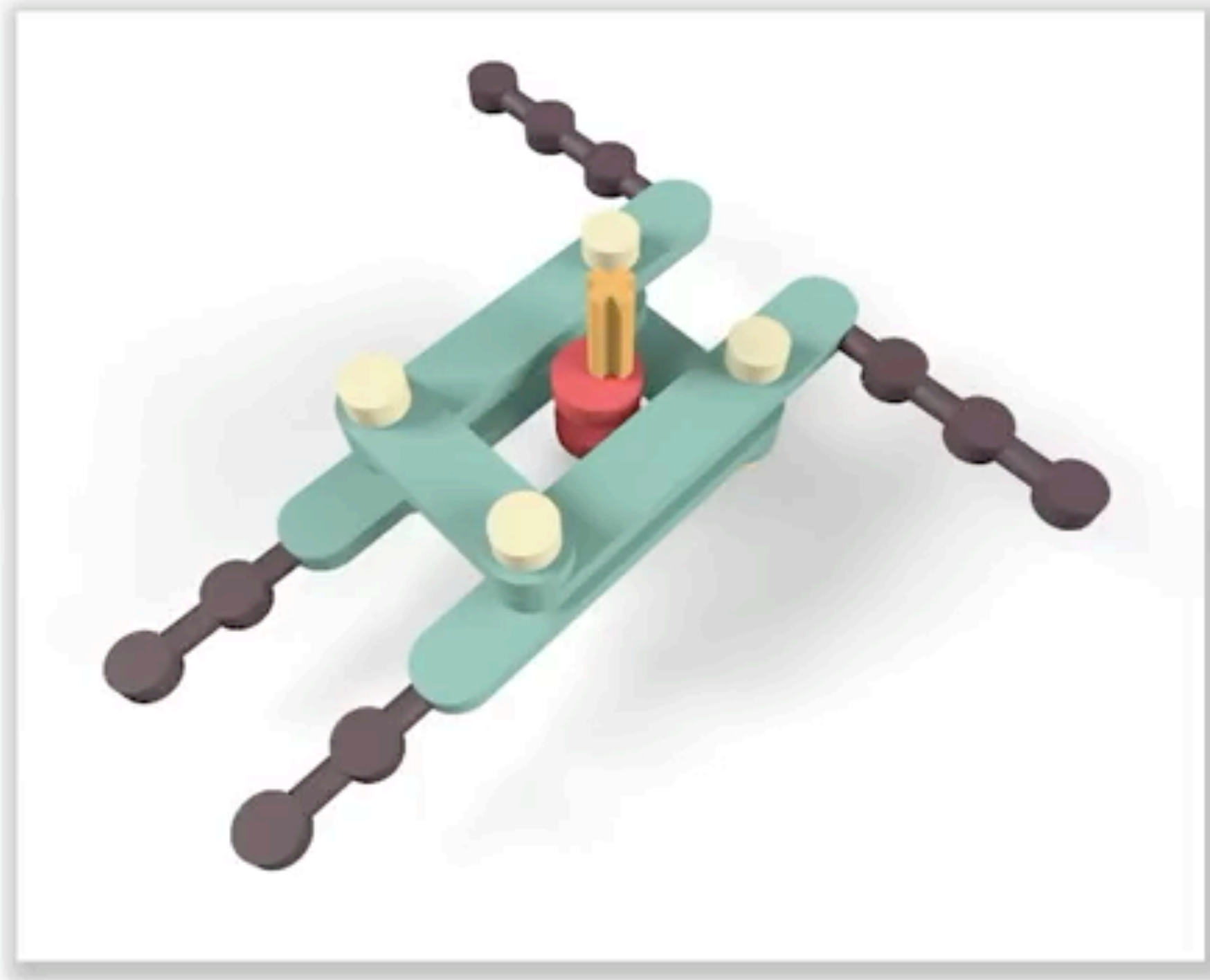


System Setup

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Template




Wind-up toy

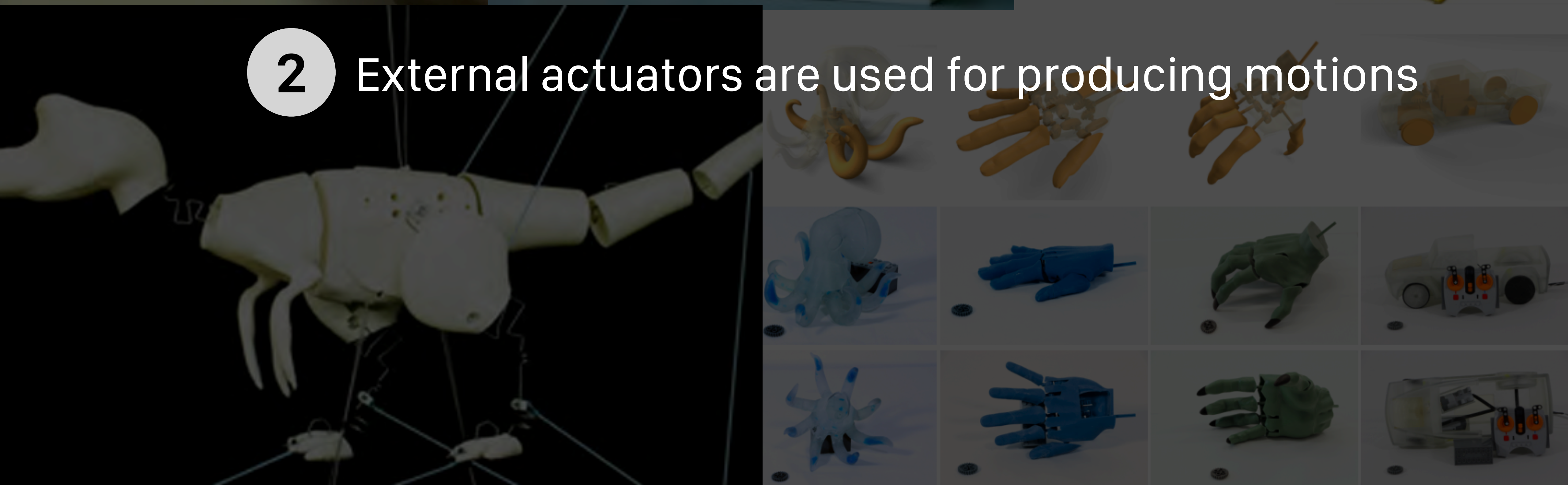
Target shape



Turtle



1 3D printable kinematic components for specific output movements

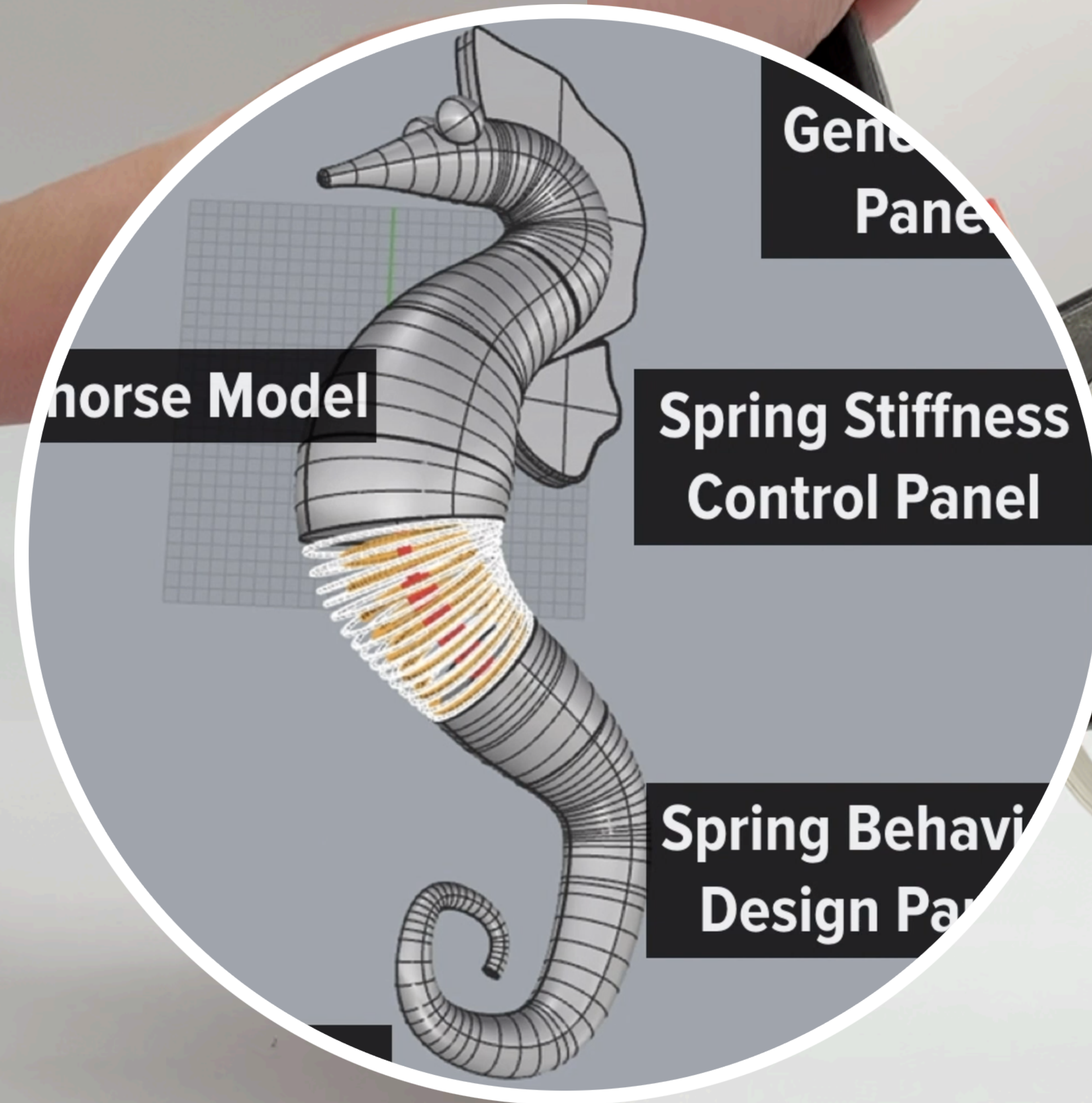


2 External actuators are used for producing motions

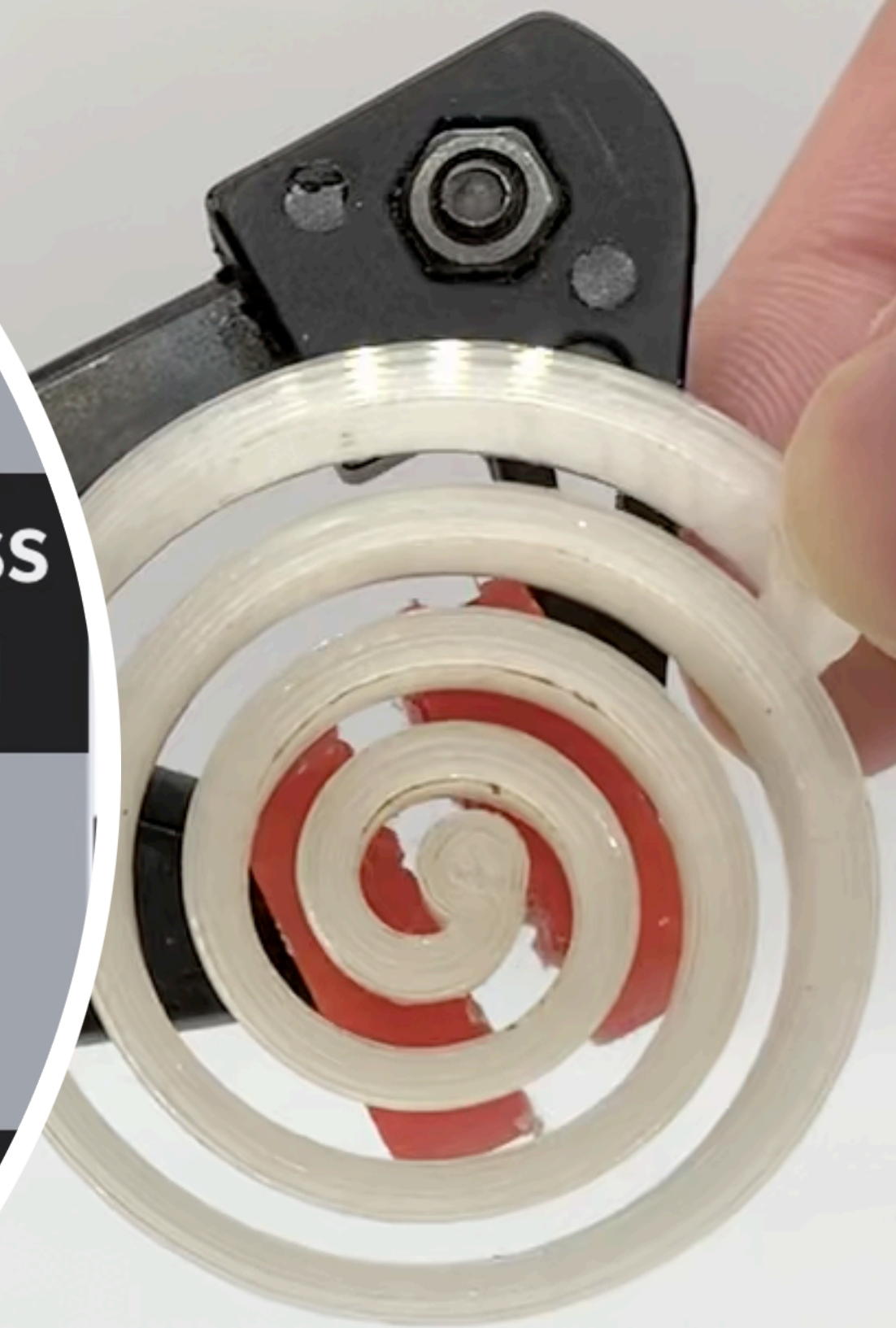
Can we create custom 3D printable motions using self-contained energy source?



Helical Spring



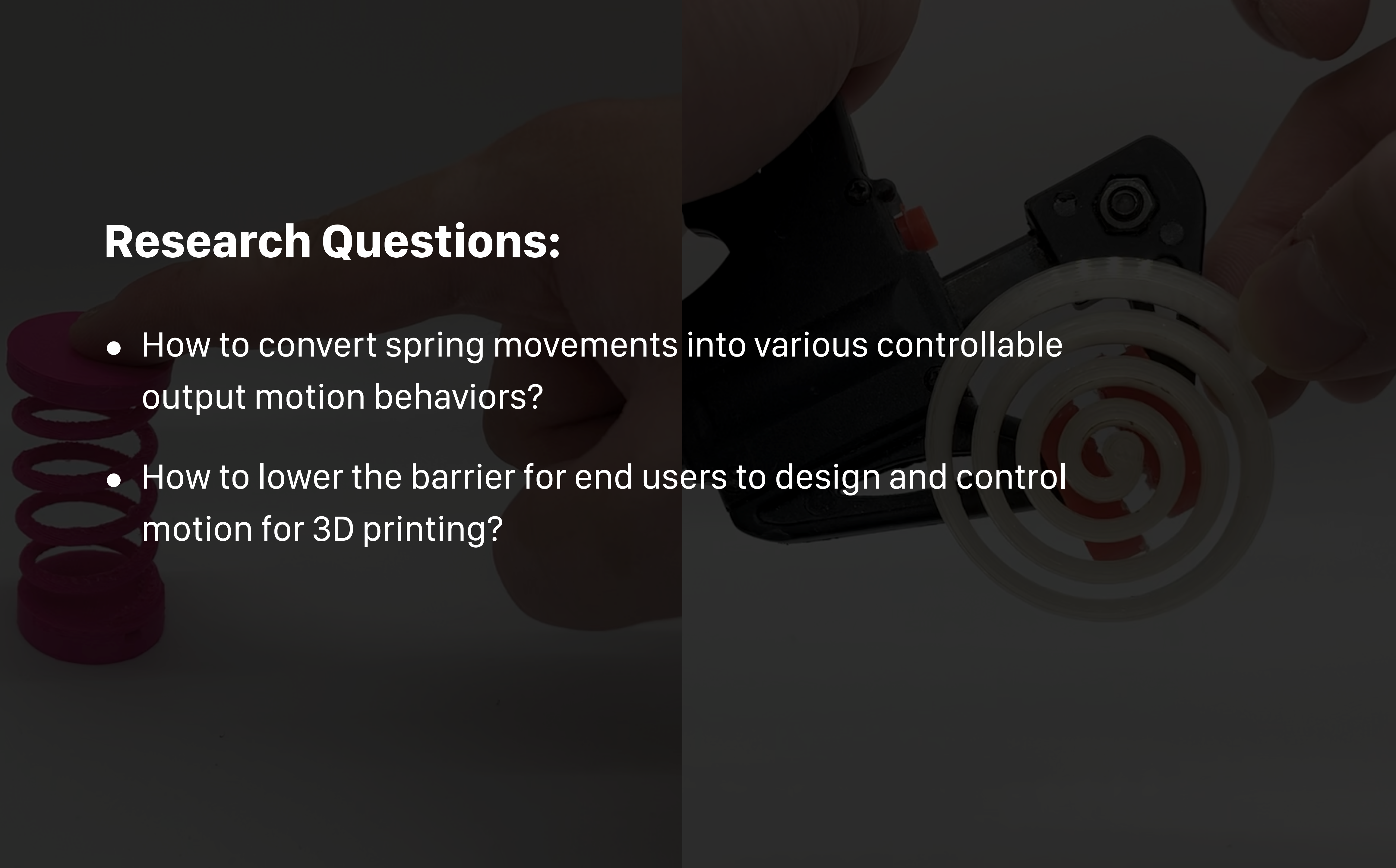
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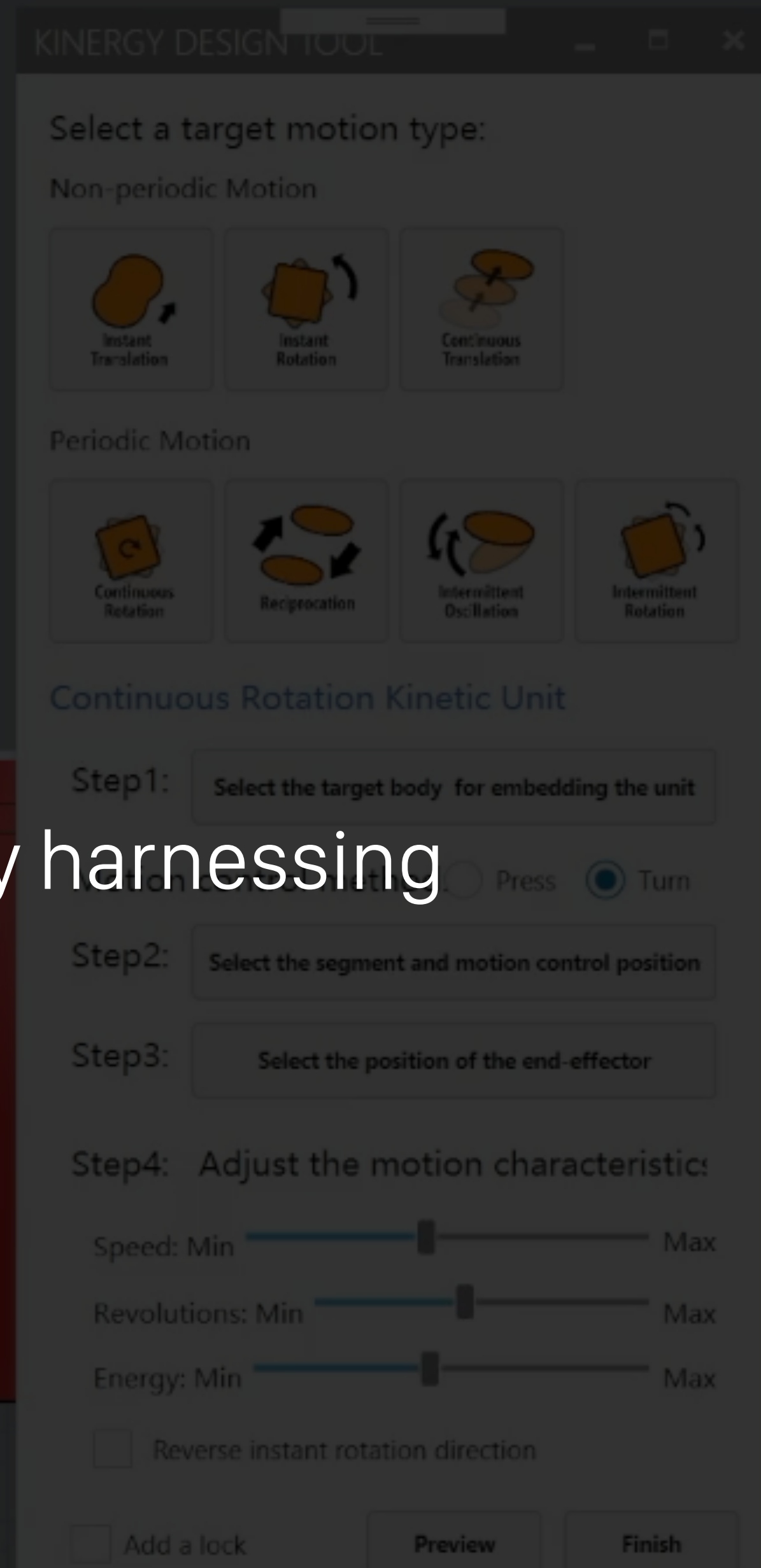
Research Questions:

- How to convert spring movements into various controllable output motion behaviors?
- How to lower the barrier for end users to design and control motion for 3D printing?

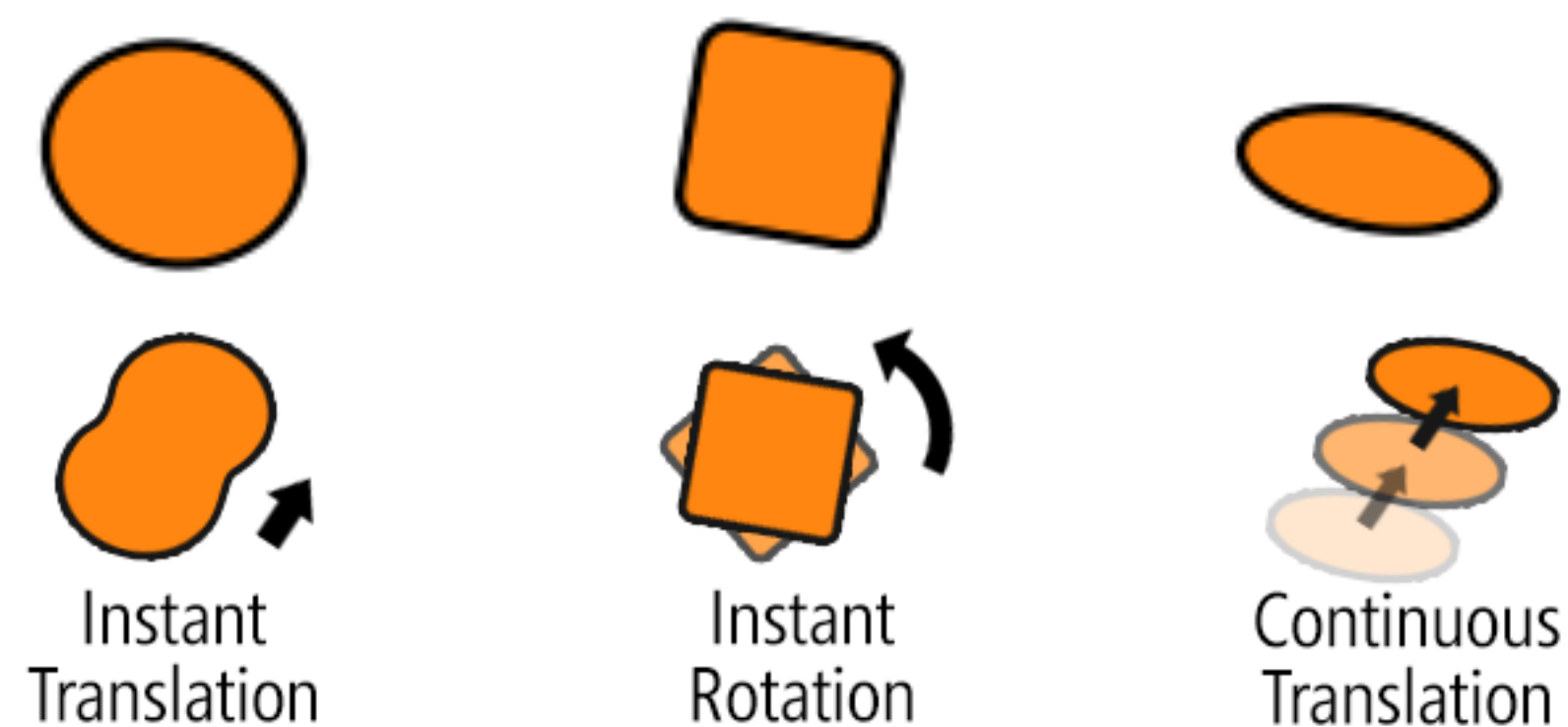


We introduce **Kinergy**

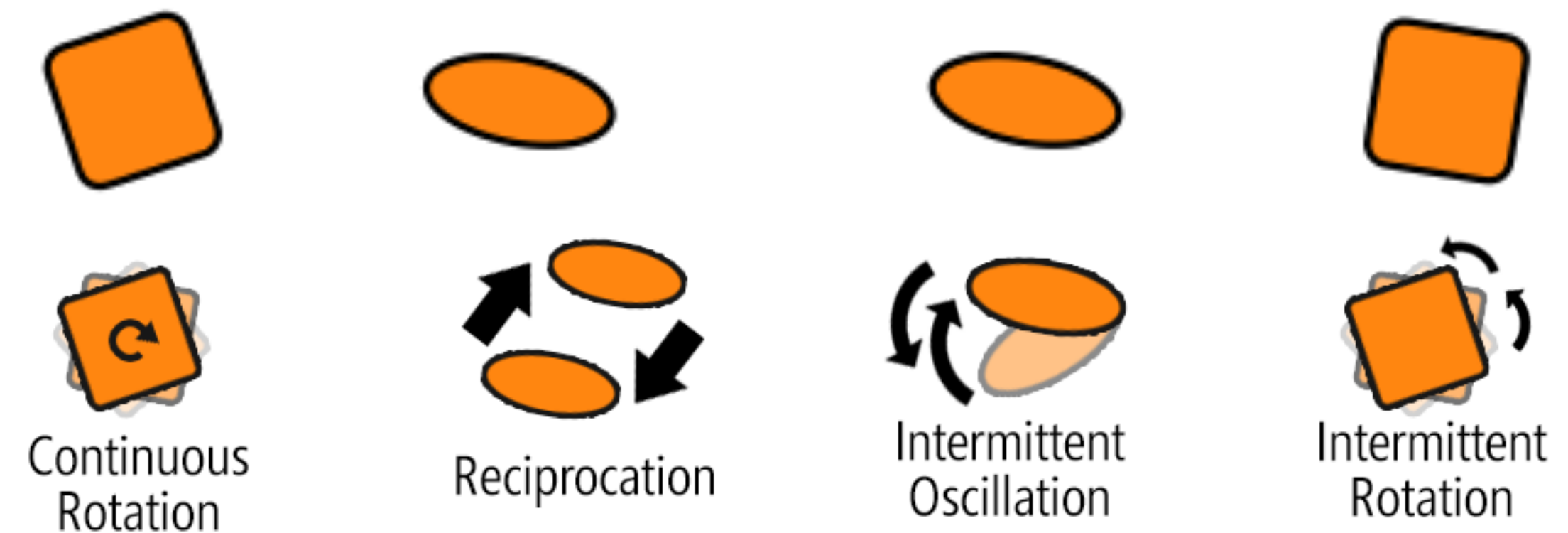
an interactive design tool to create self-propelled motion by harnessing the energy stored in 3D printable springs



To produce controllable output motion, we introduce 3D printable kinetic units—a set of parametrizable designs that use 3D printable **springs** **compliant locks**, and **transmission mechanisms** for



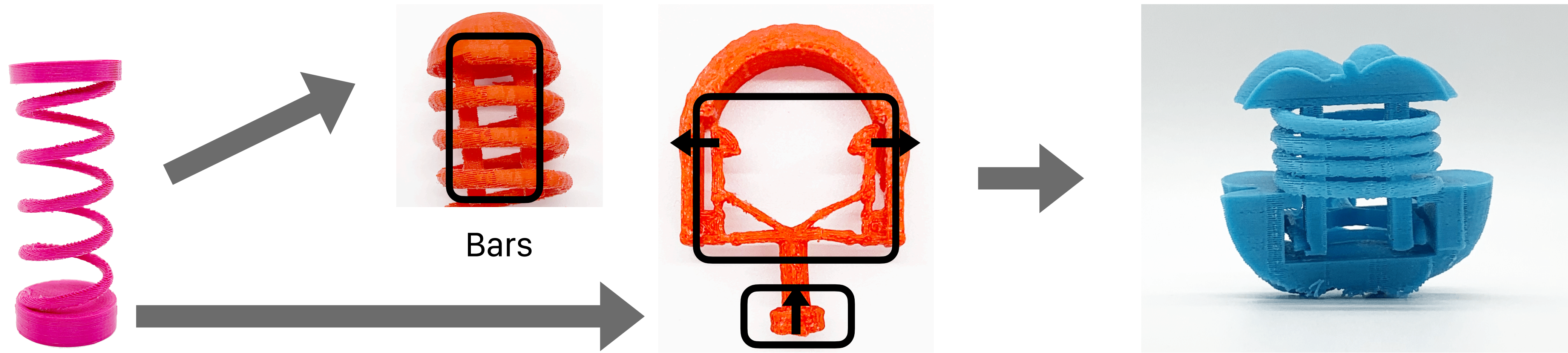
Non-Periodic Motion Types



Periodic Motion Types

Spring + Compliant Lock Mechanisms

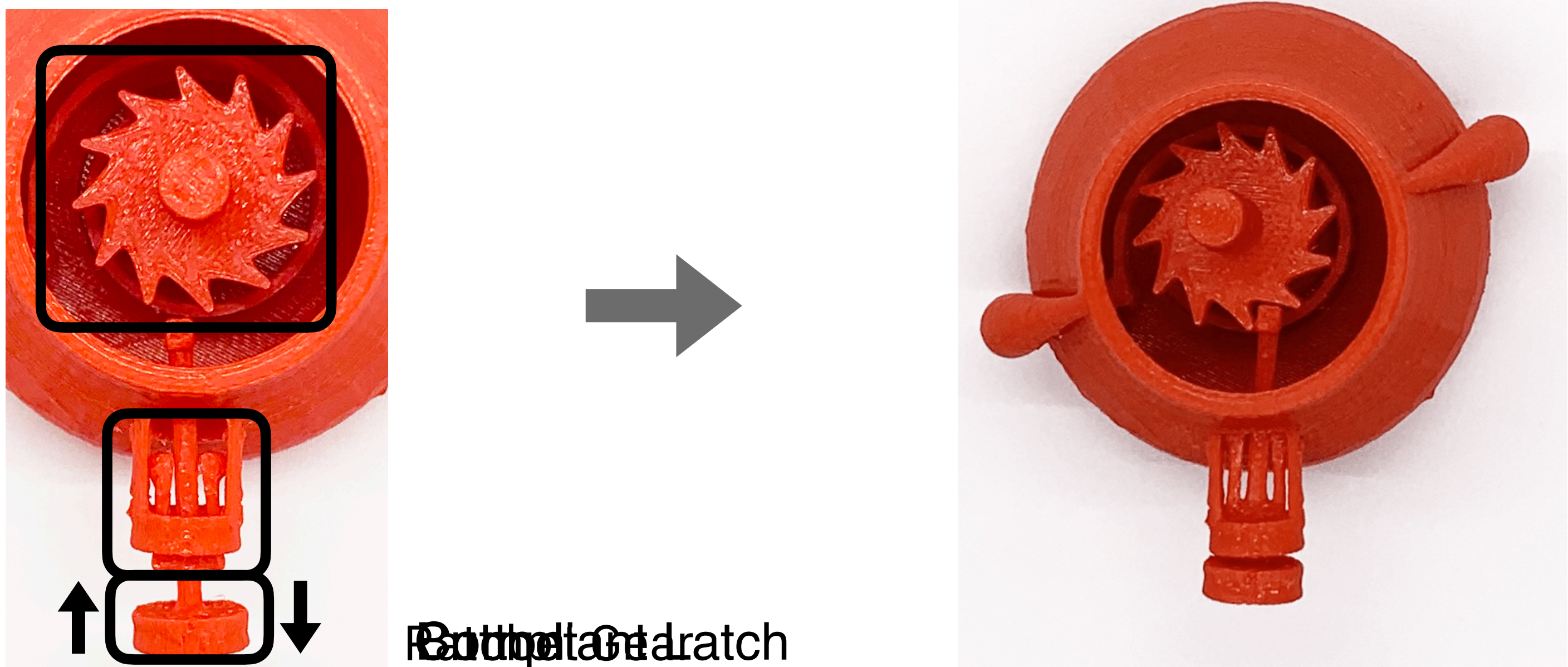
Harnessing the energy stored in springs



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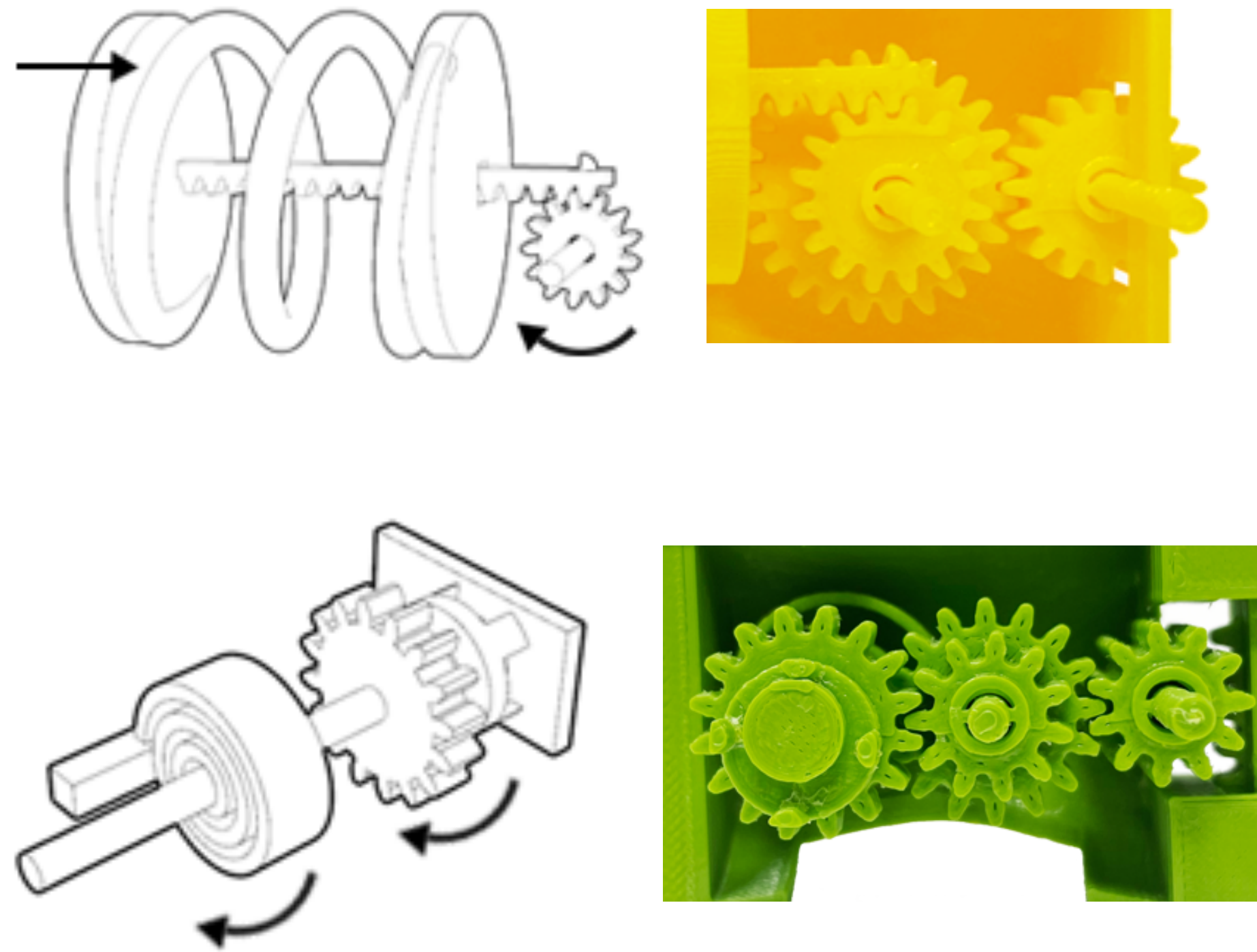


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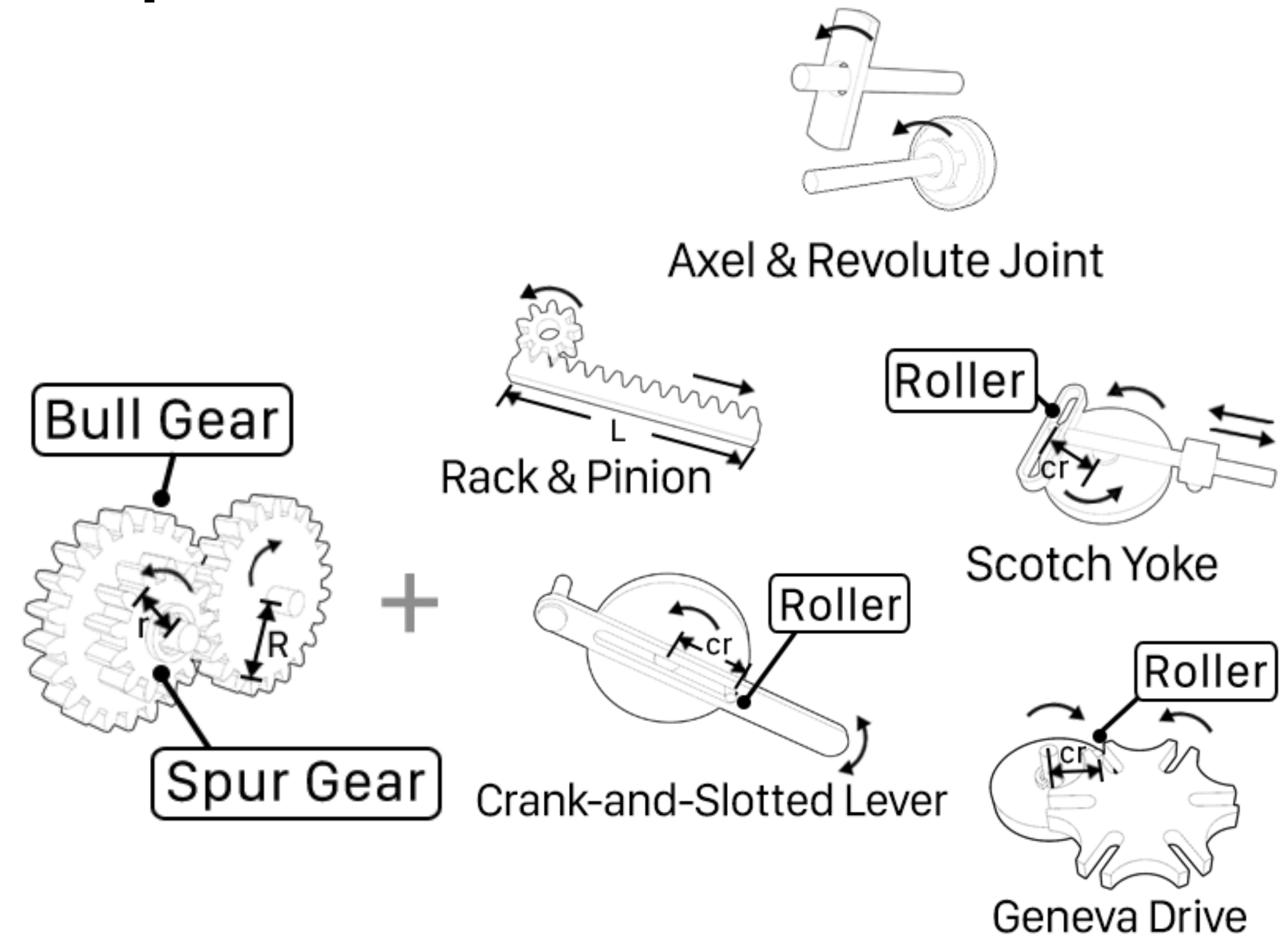


Compliant Latch

Translating spring movement into desired output motion

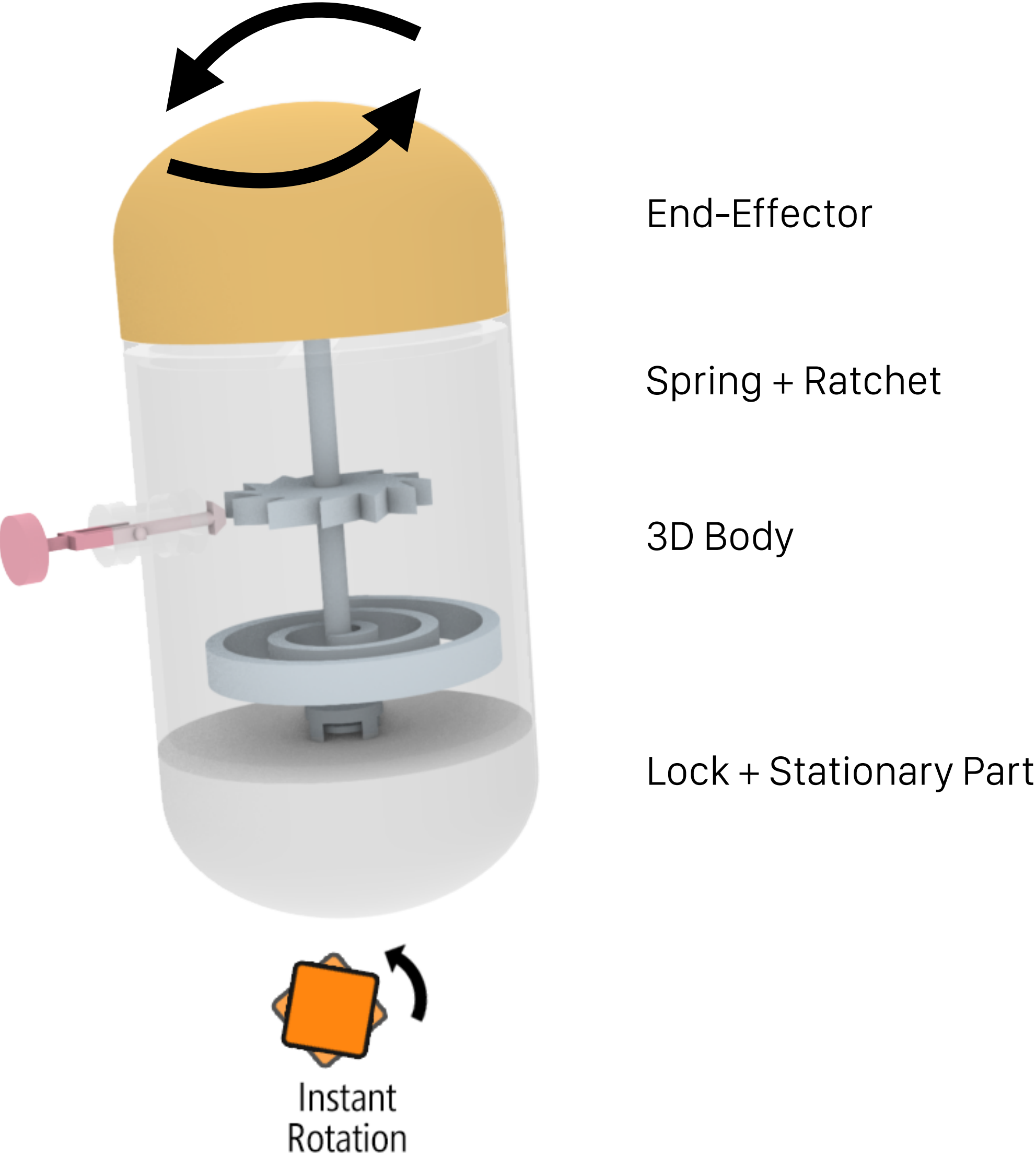
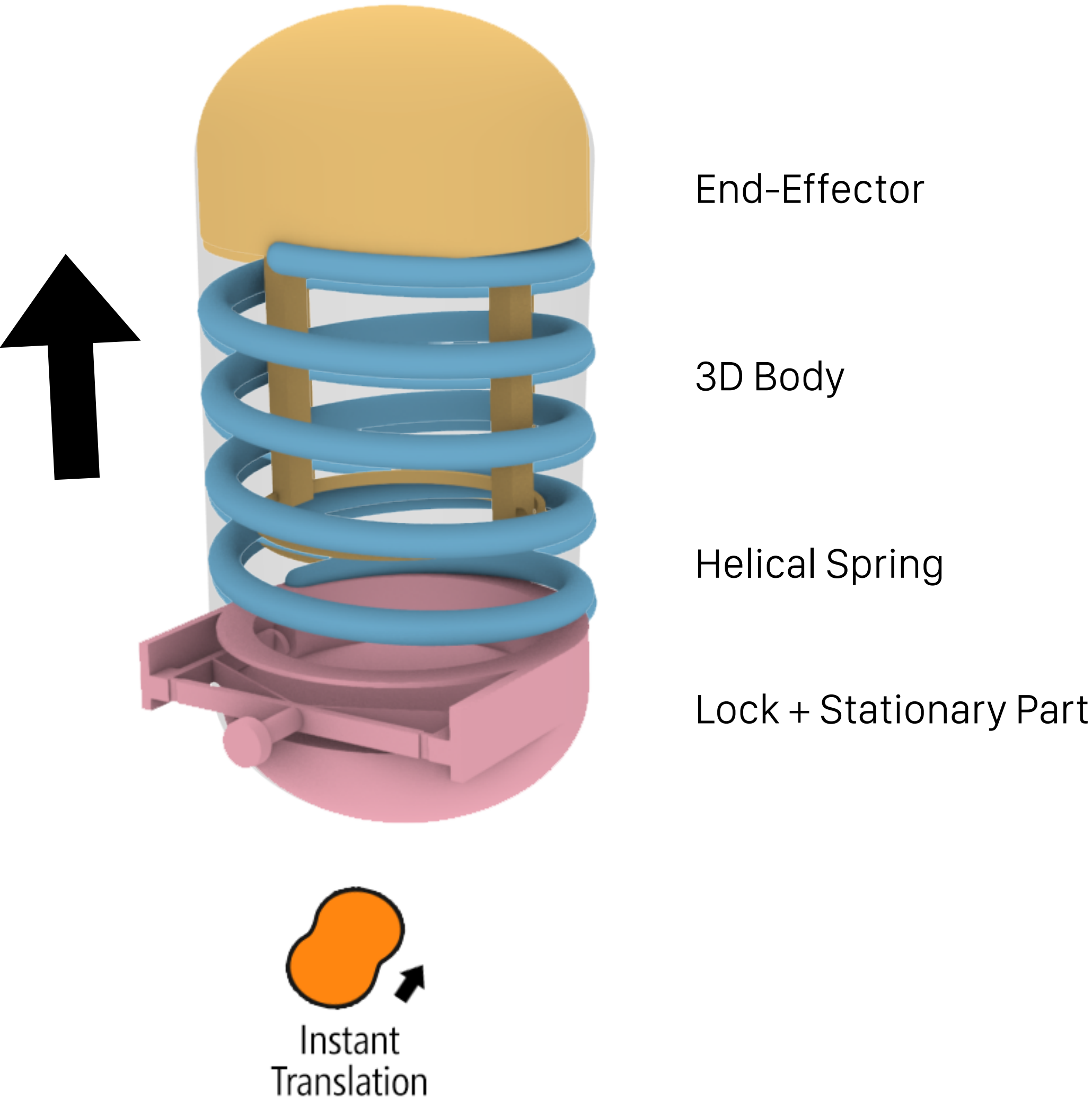


Interfacing Spring & Gear



Gear Trains + Kinematic Elements

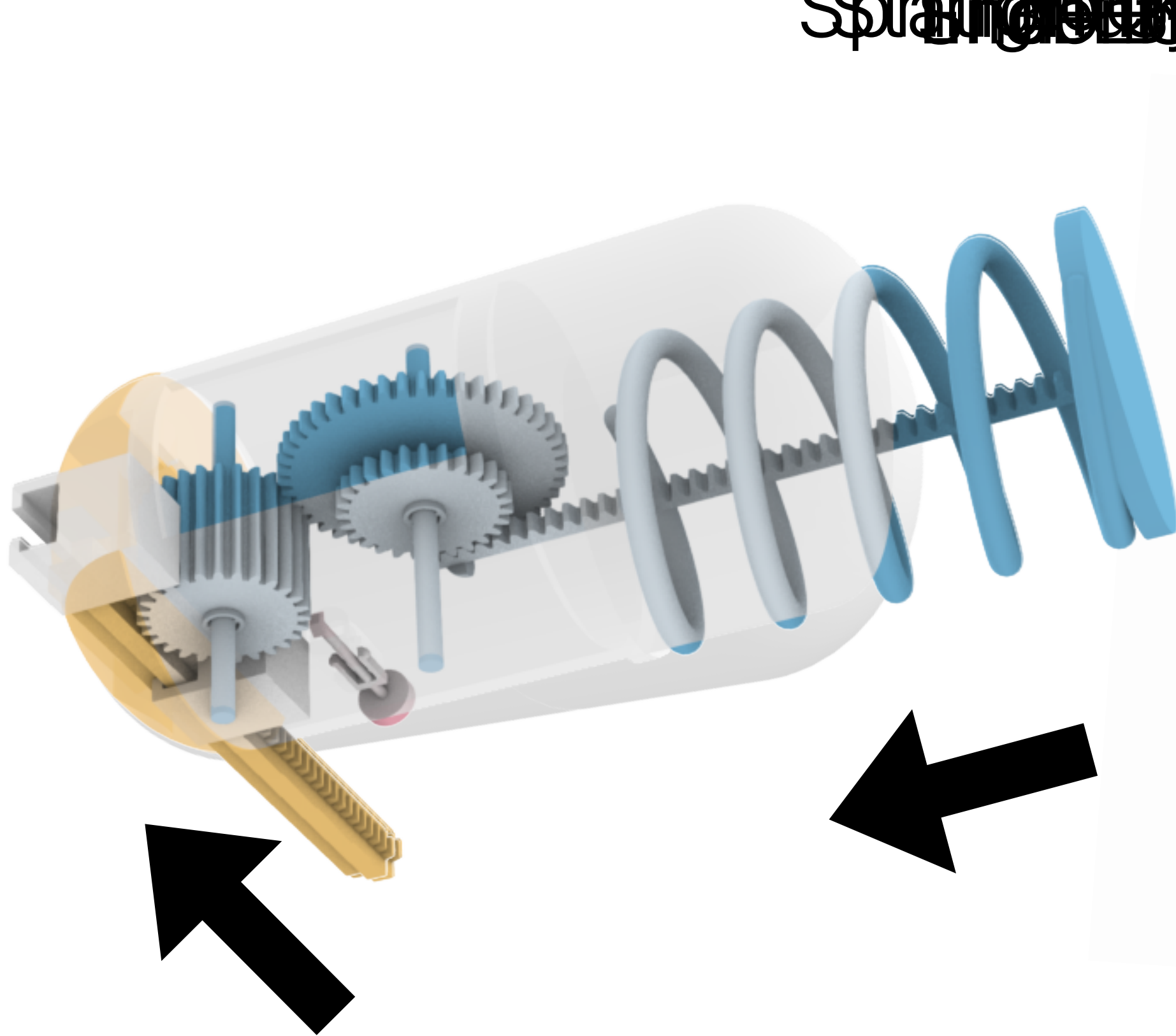
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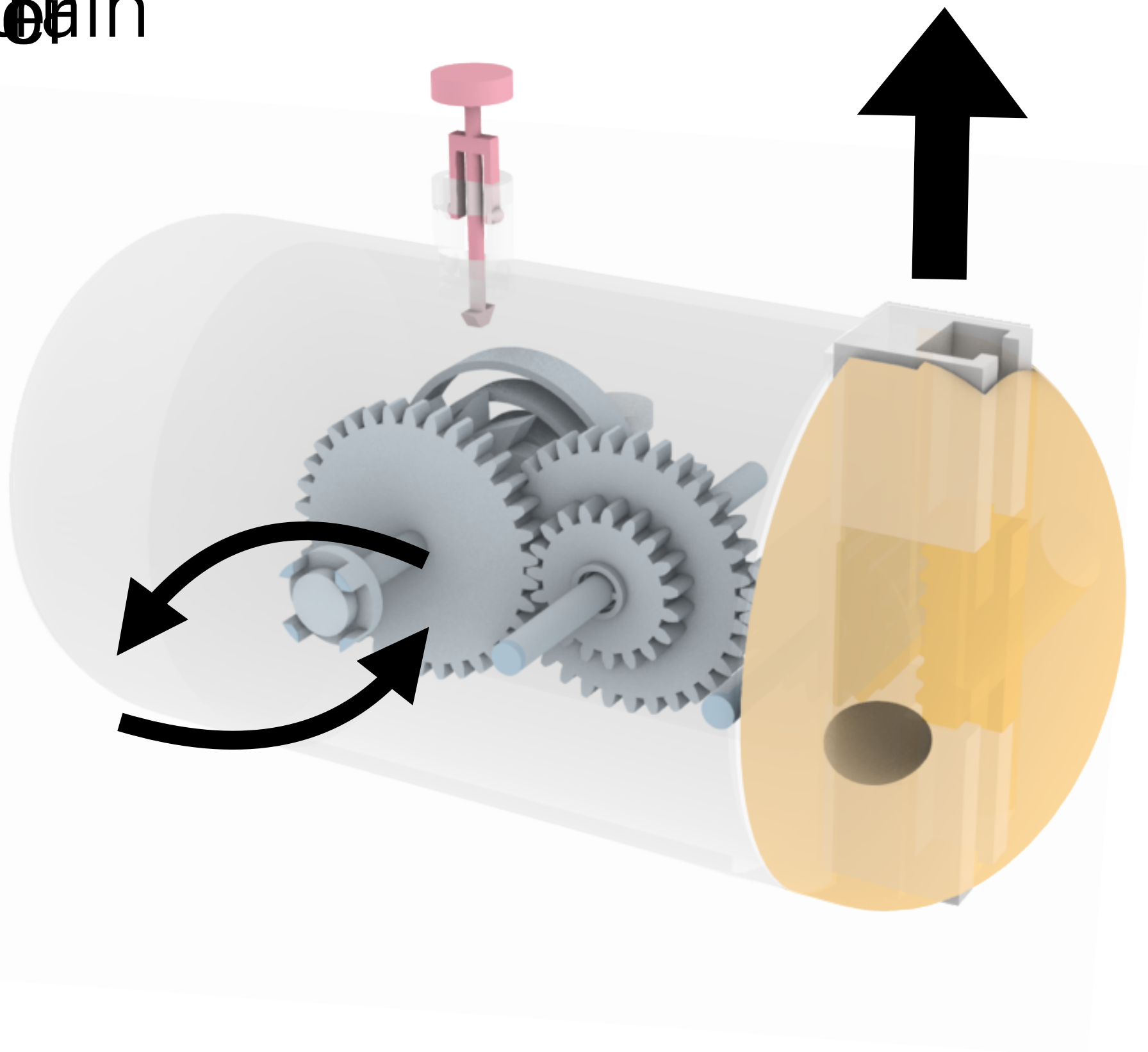
Non-Periodic Motion Types

Spring Loaded Motion

Continuous Translation



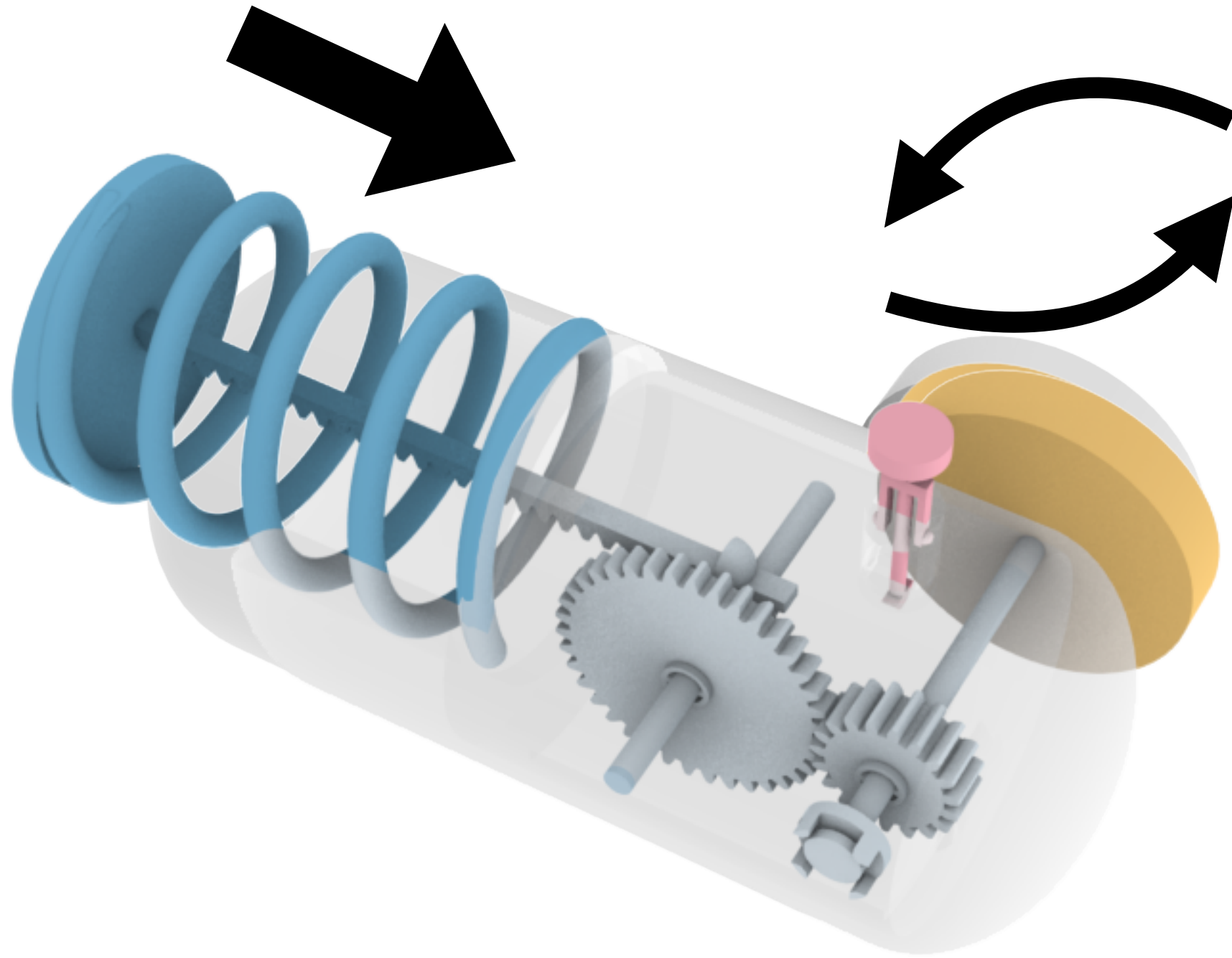
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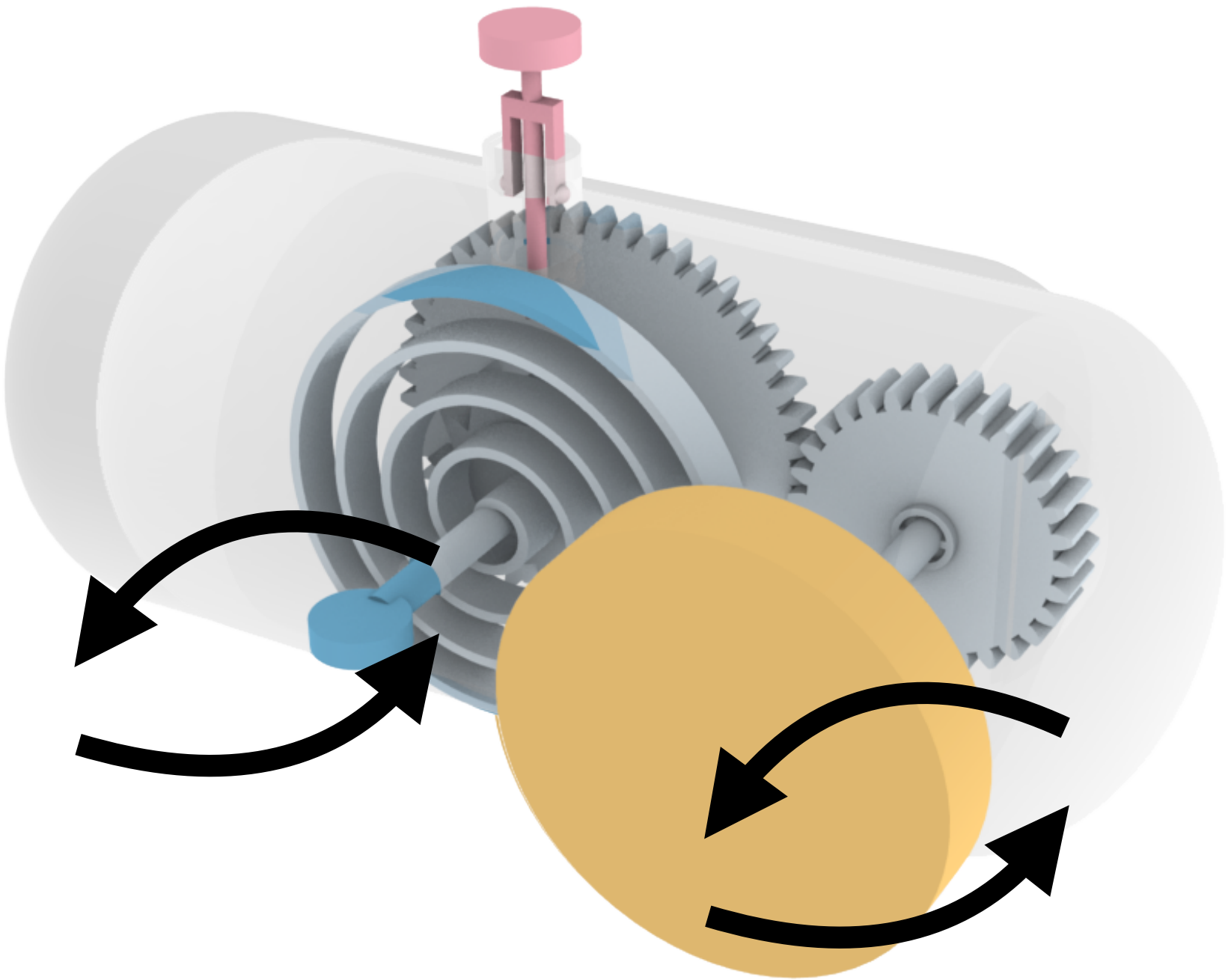
Turn Control

Periodic Motion Types

Spring-Loaded Train



Press Control

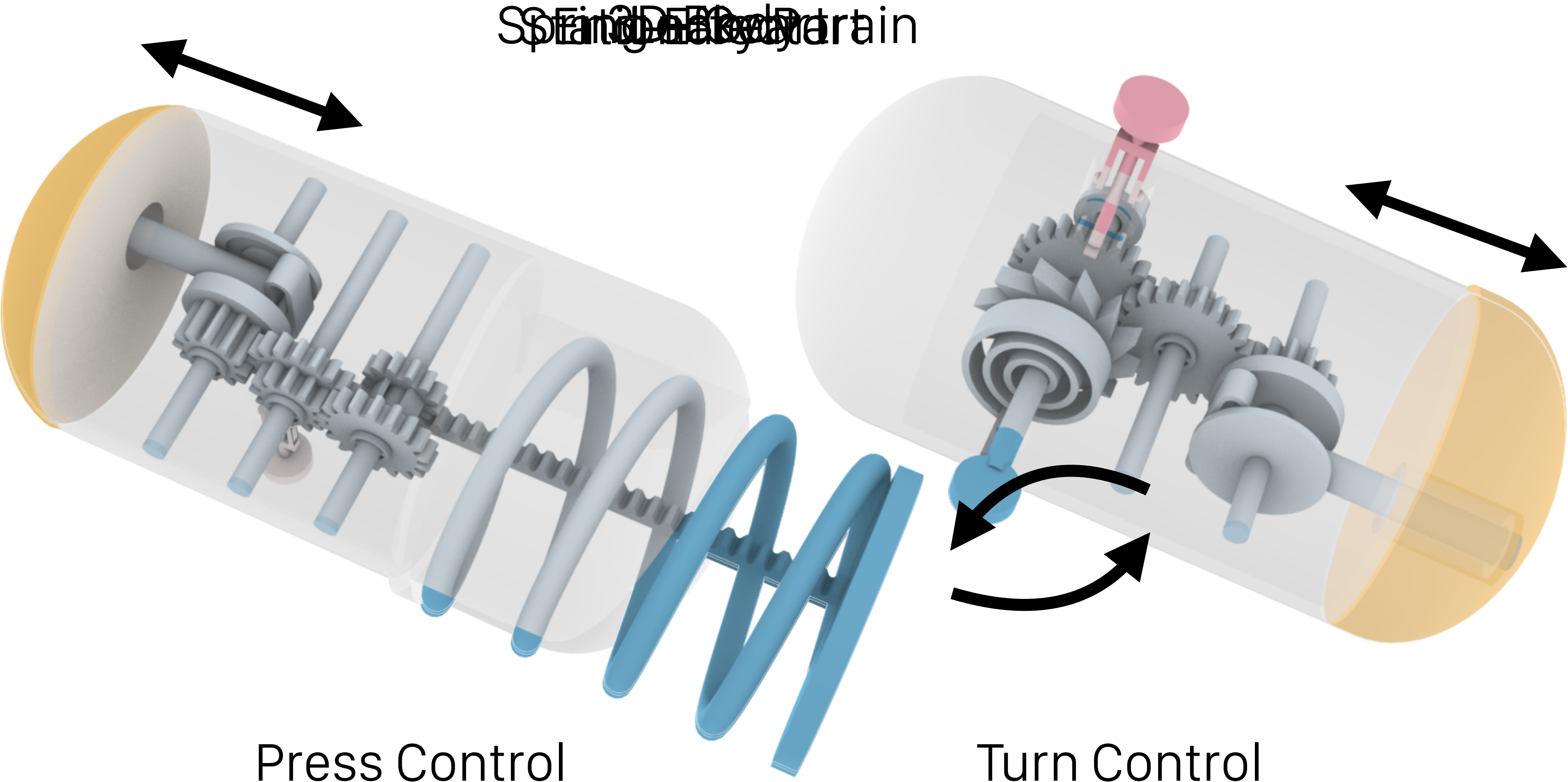


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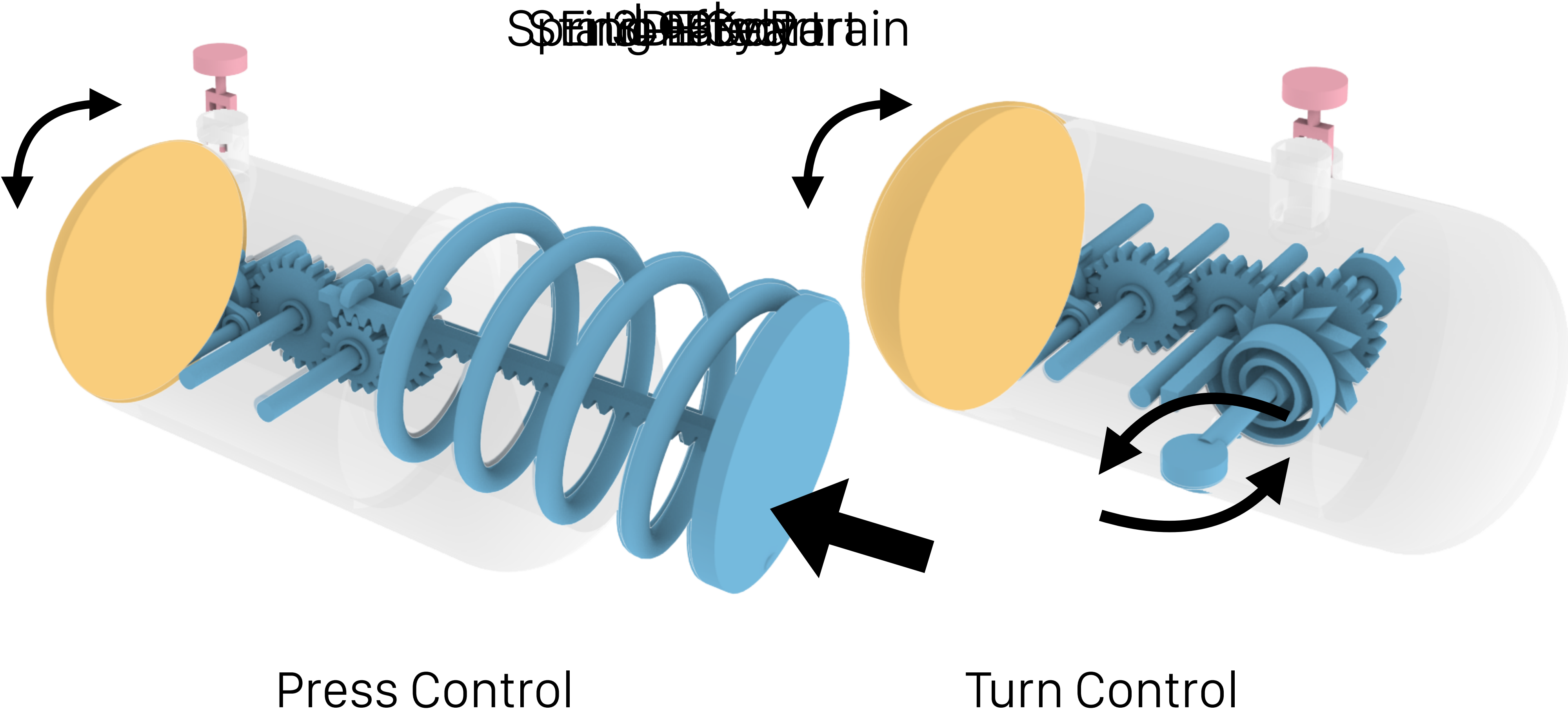


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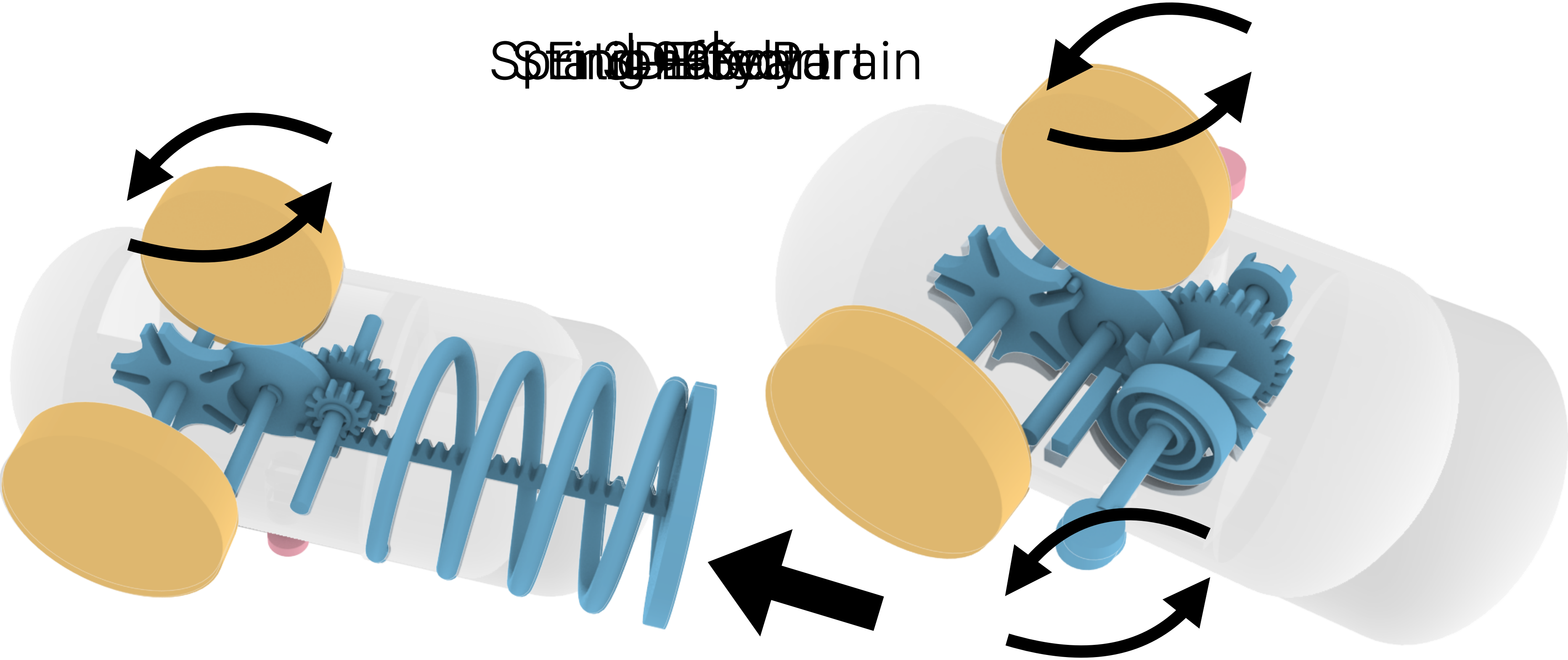
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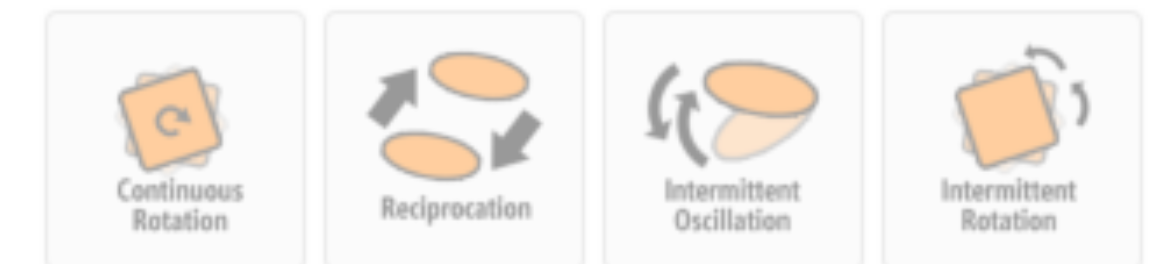
Kinergy User Interface

Select a target motion type:

Non-periodic Motion



Periodic Motion



Continuous Rotation Kinetic Unit

Step1: Select the target body for embedding the unit

Motion control method: ☐ Press ☒ Turn

Step2: Select the segment and motion control position

Step3: Select the position of the end-effector

Step4: Adjust the motion characteristics

Speed: Min Max

Revolutions: Min Max

Energy: Min Max

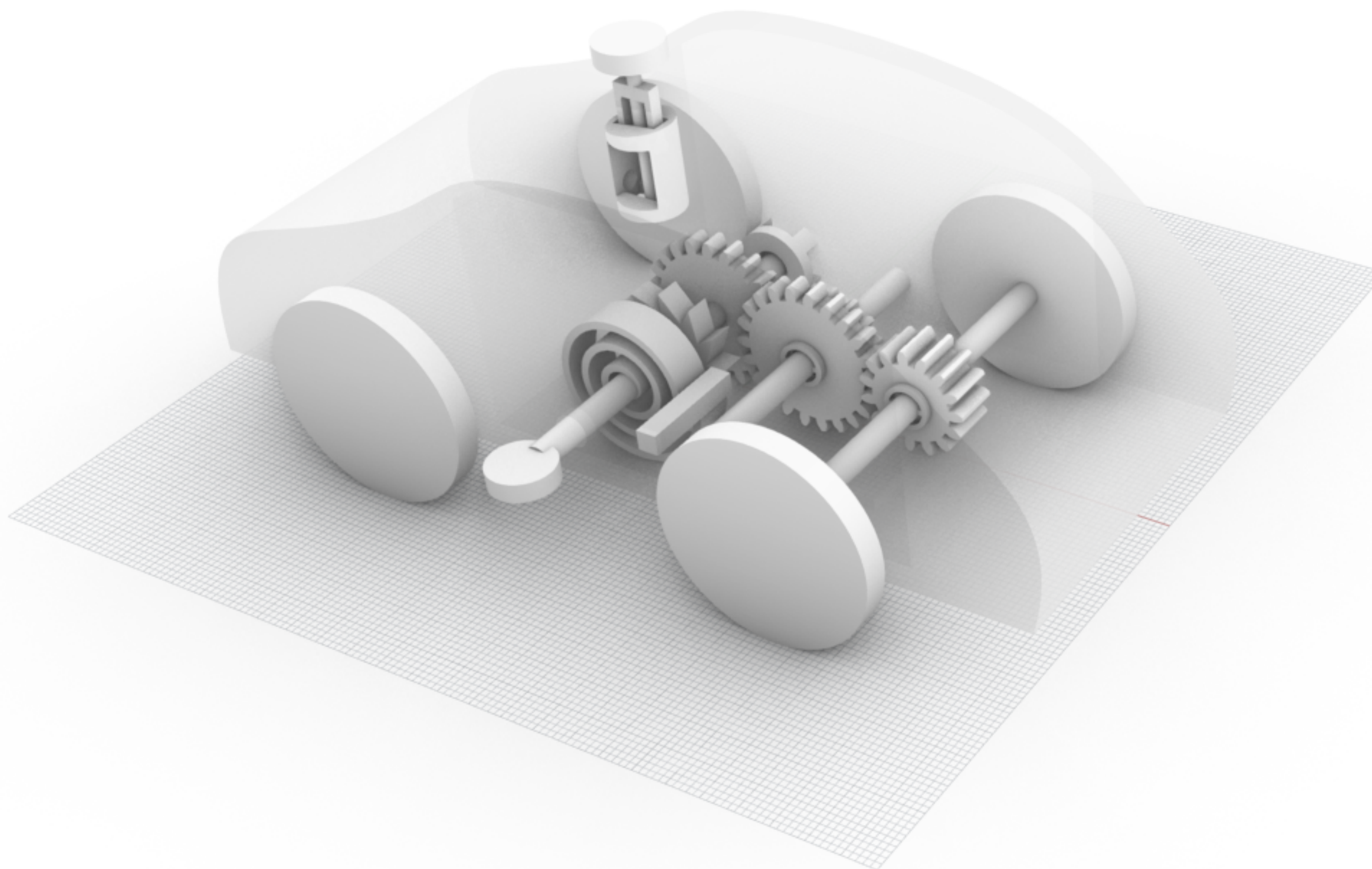
☐ Reverse instant rotation direction

☒ Add a lock

Preview

Finish





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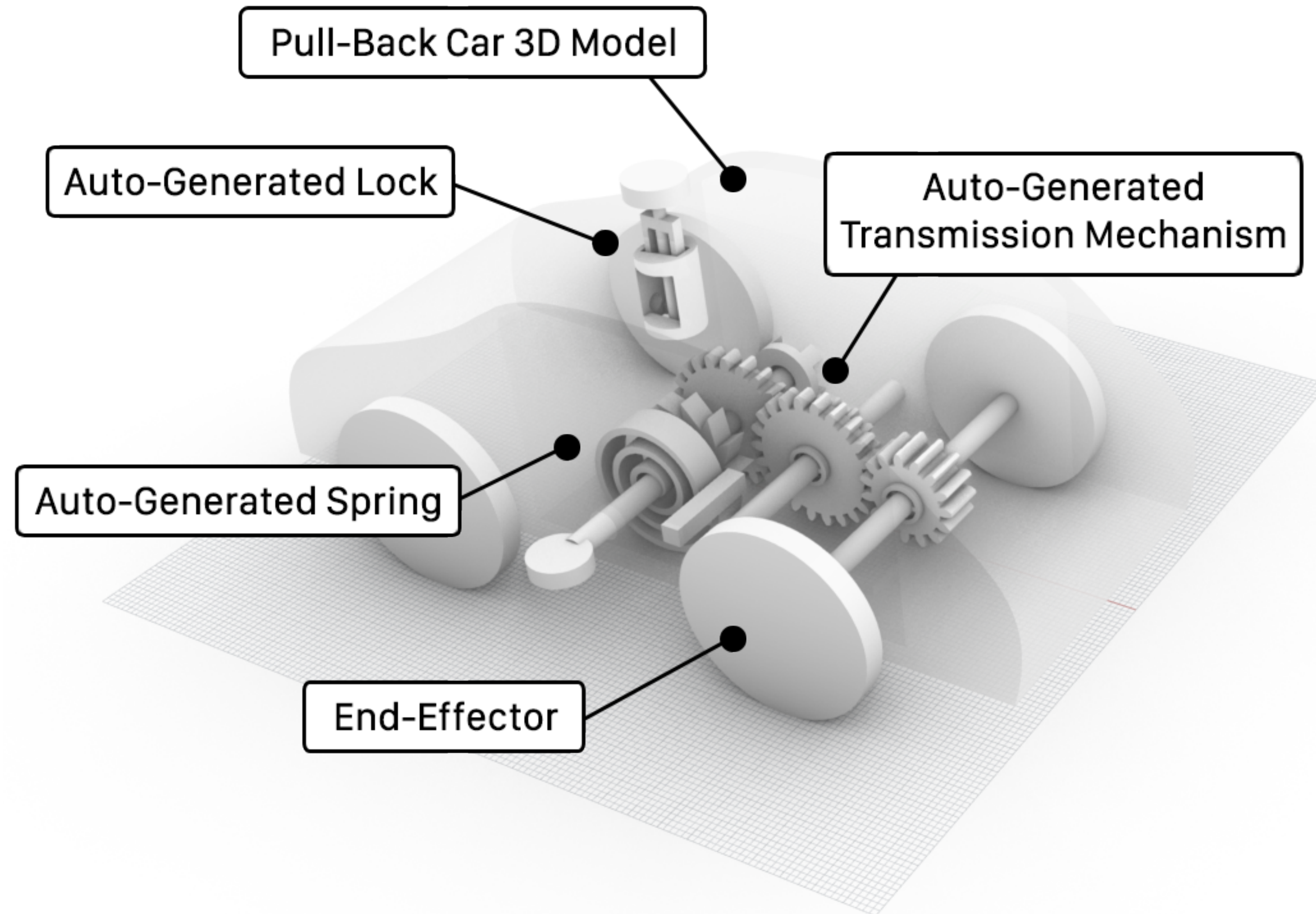
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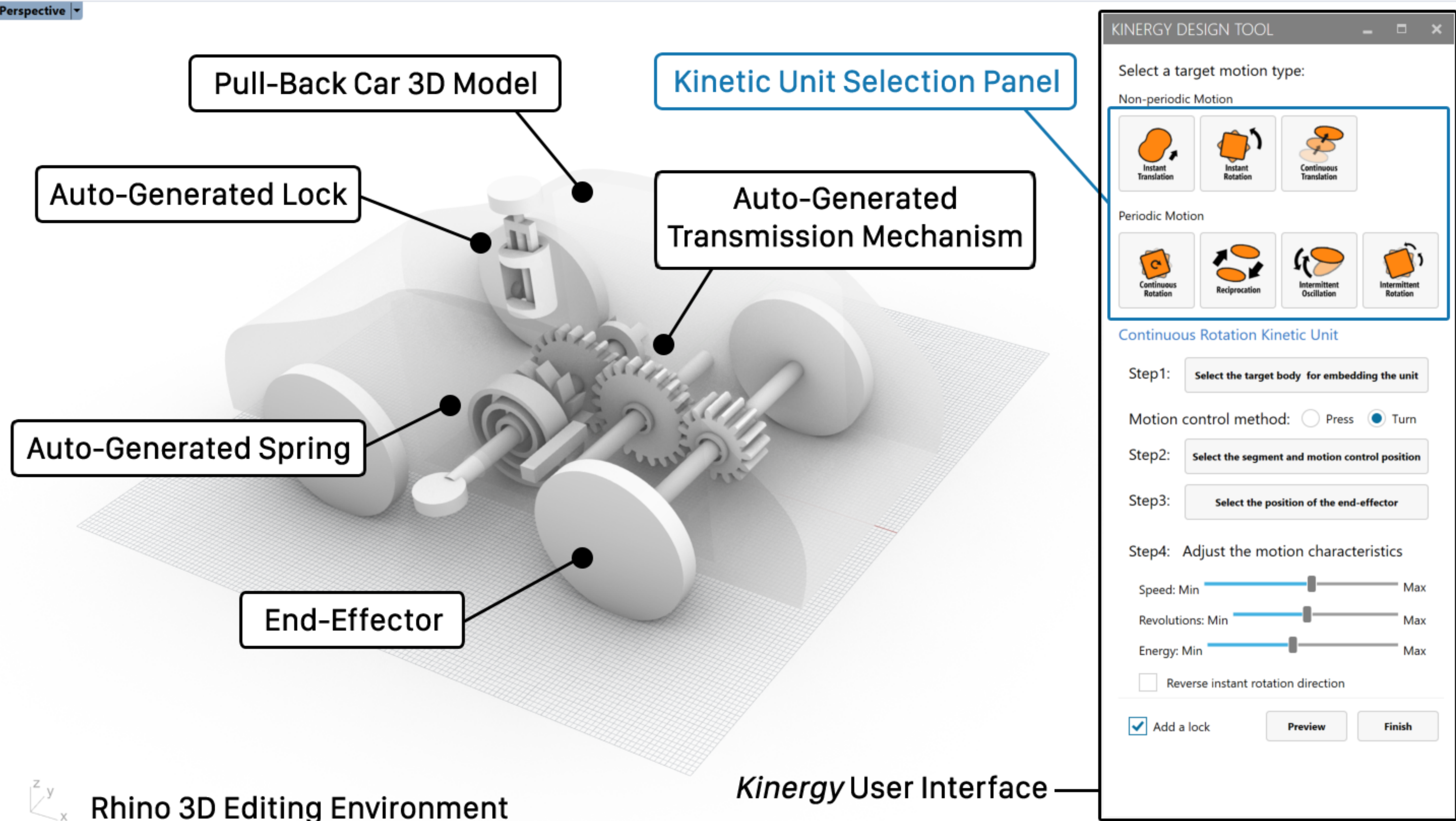
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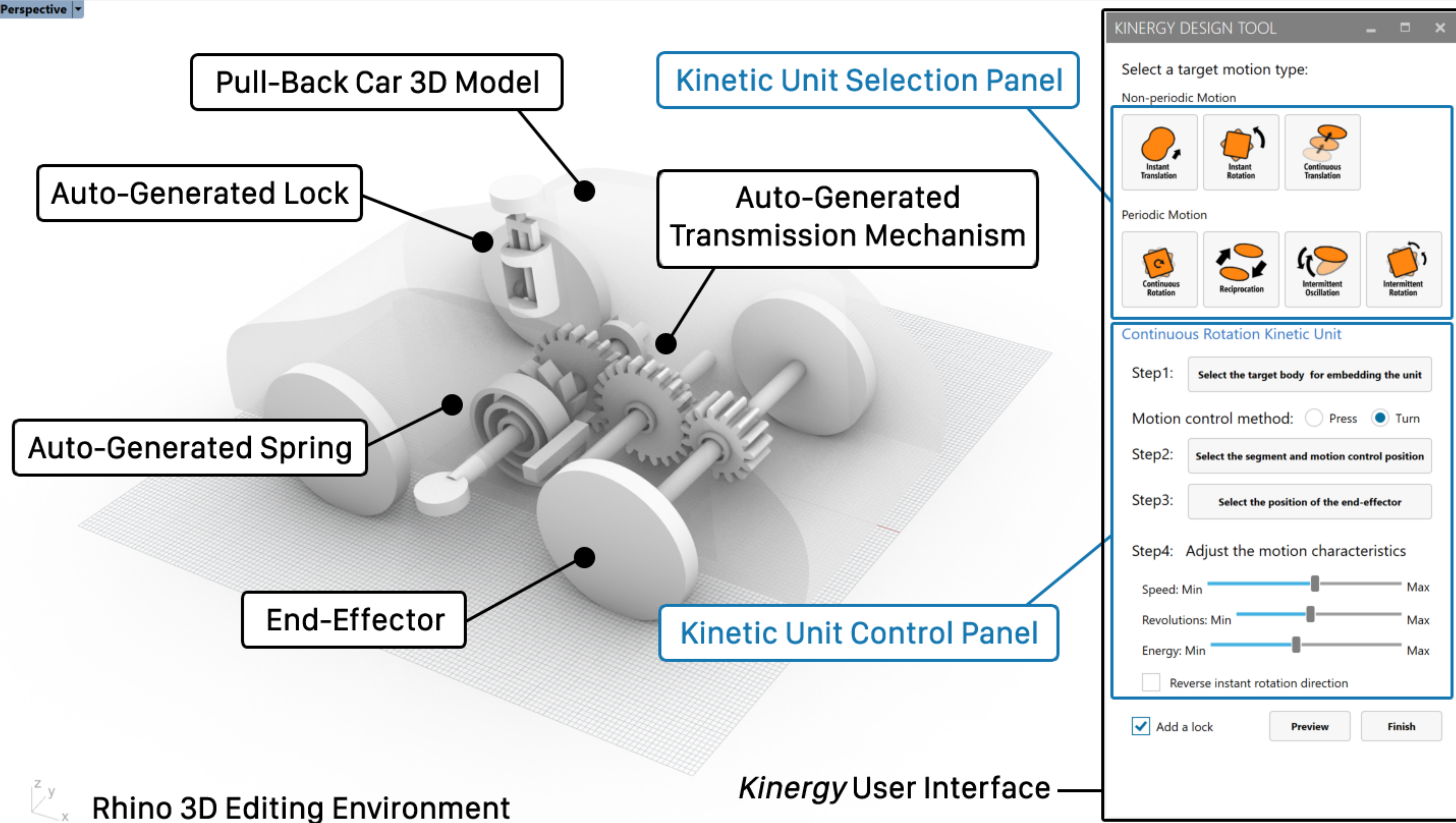
Step4: Adjust the motion characteristics

Speed: Min MaxRevolutions: Min MaxEnergy: Min Max☐ Reverse instant rotation direction☒ Add a lock

Preview

Finish





Instant Translation Kinetic Unit

Step1:

Step2:

Step3: Adjust the motion characteristics

Displacement: Min Max

Energy: Min Max

Step4:

☐ Add a lock

Instant Rotation Kinetic Unit

Step1:

Step2:

Step3:

Step4: Adjust the motion characteristics

Revolutions: Min Max

Energy: Min Max

☐ Reverse instant rotation direction

☐ Add a lock

Continuous Translation Kinetic Unit

Step1:

Motion control method: ☐ Press ☐ Turn

Step2:

Step3:

Step4:

Step5: Adjust the motion characteristics

Speed: Min Max

Distance: Min Max

Energy: Min Max

☐ Add a lock

KINERGY DESIGN TOOL

Select a target motion type:

Non-periodic Motion

☐ Instant Translation ☐ Instant Rotation ☐ Continuous Translation

Periodic Motion

☐ Continuous Rotation ☐ Reciprocation ☐ Intermittent Oscillation ☐ Intermittent Rotation

Continuous Rotation Kinetic Unit

Step1:

Motion control method: ☐ Press ☒ Turn

Step2:

Step3:

Step4: Adjust the motion characteristics

Speed: Min Max

Revolutions: Min Max

Energy: Min Max

☐ Reverse instant rotation direction

☒ Add a lock

Auto-Generated Spring

End-Effector

Kinetic Unit Control Panel

Non-Periodic Motion Control Panel



Rhino 3D Editing Environment

Kinergy User Interface

Continuous Rotation Kinetic Unit

Step1: Motion control method: ☐ Press ☐ TurnStep2: Step3:

Step4: Adjust the motion characteristics

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Reciprocation Kinetic Unit

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Intermittent Oscillation Kinetic Unit

Step1: Motion control method: ☐ Press ☐ TurnStep2: Step3: Step4:

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Intermittent Rotation Kinetic Unit

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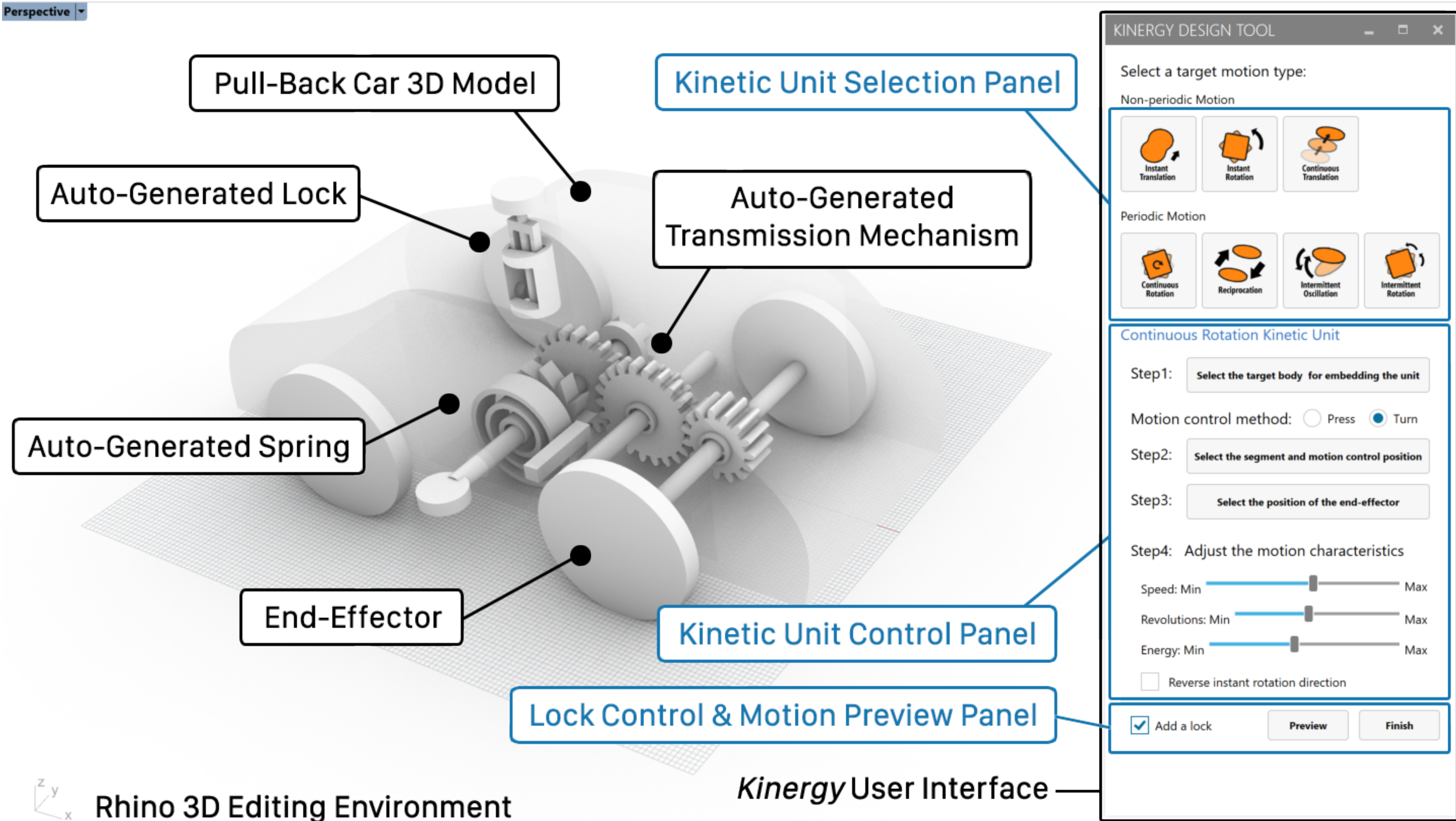
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Kinetic Unit Control Panel

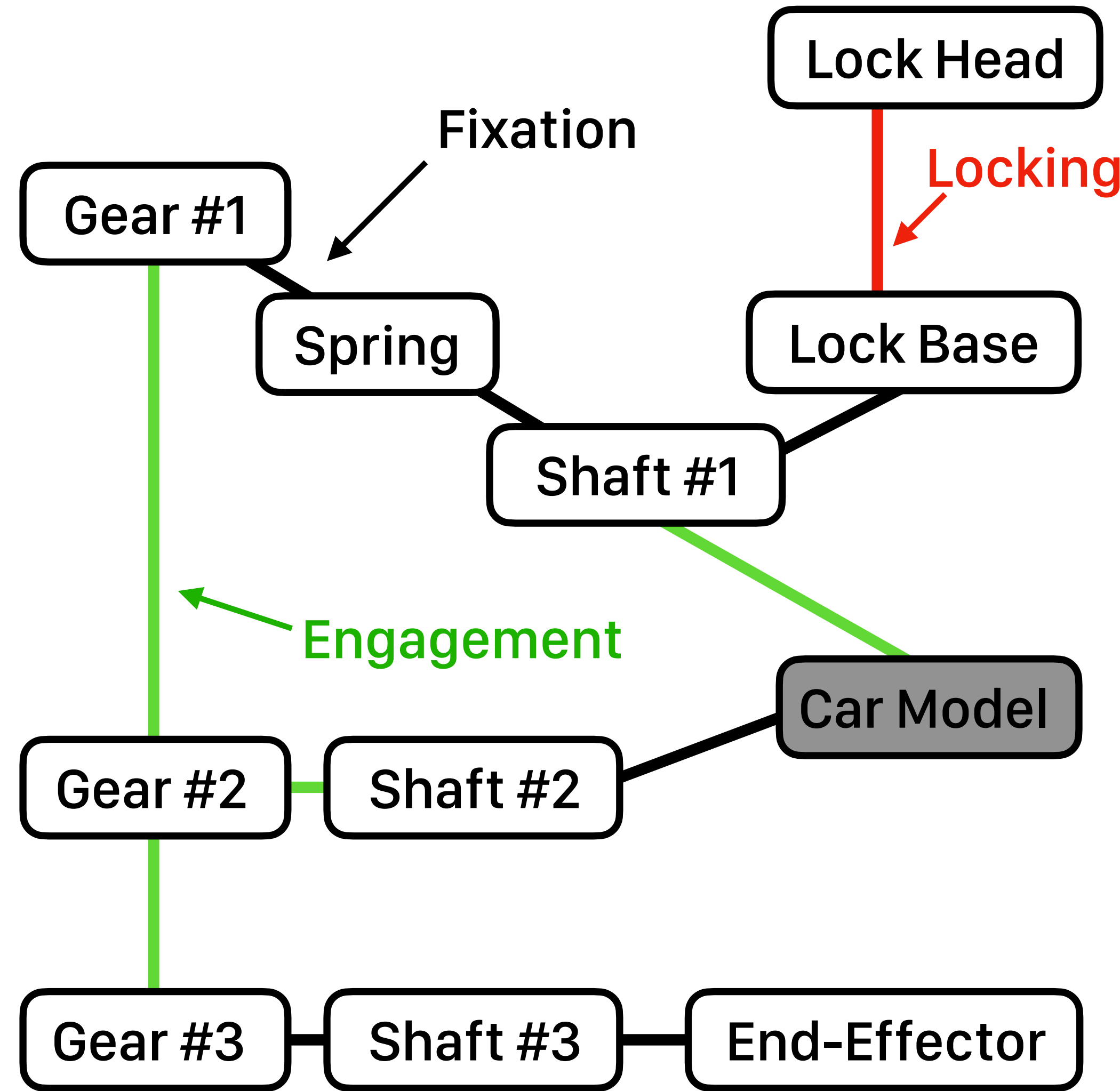
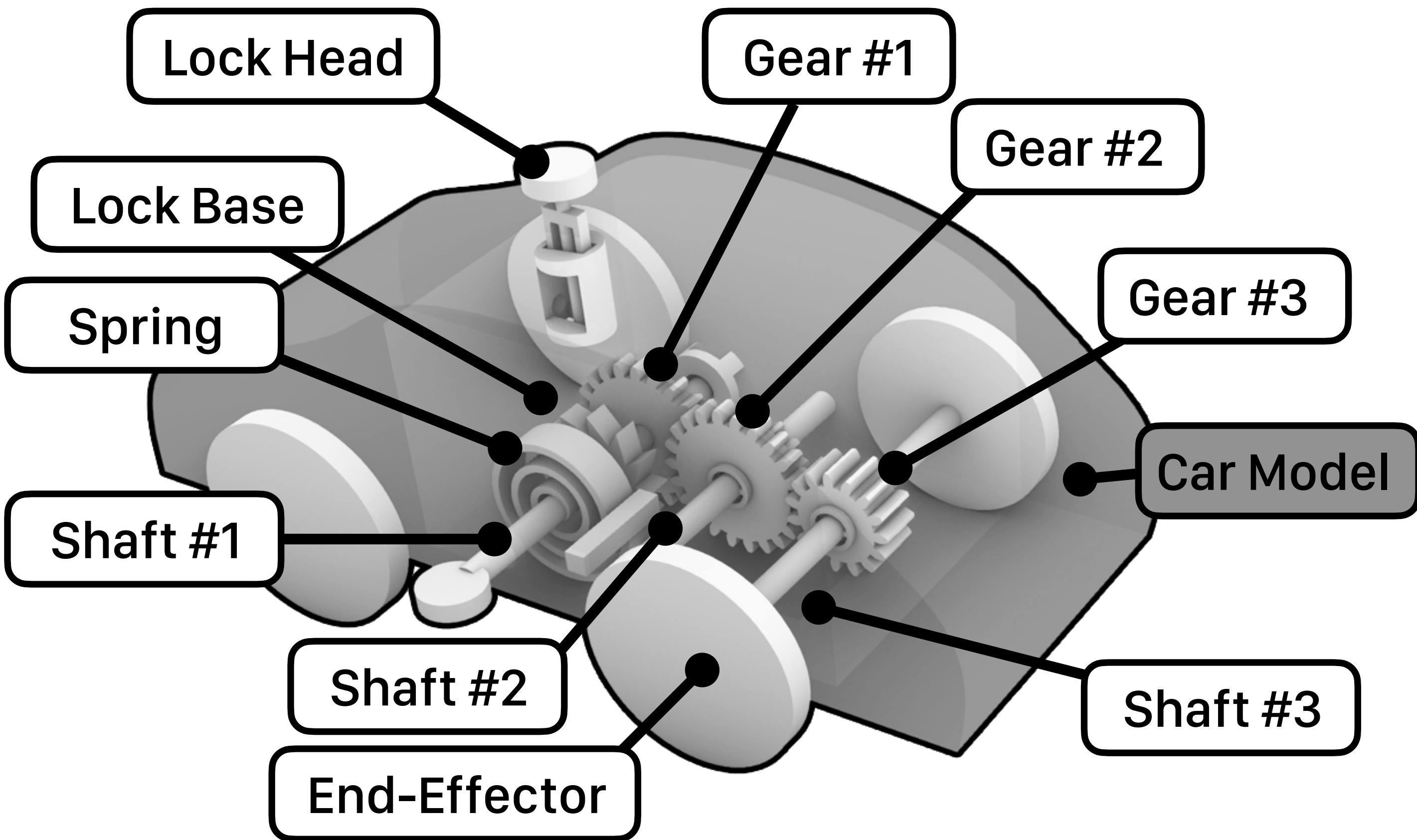
Periodic Motion Control Panel

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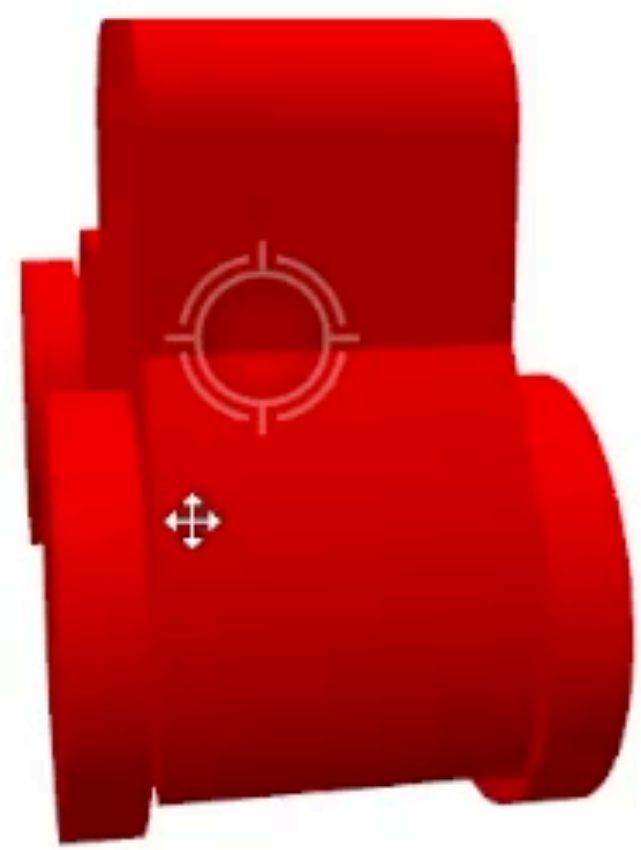
Motion Preview




Kinetic Unit Enabled Pullback Car Example

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KINERGY PREVIEW WINDOW

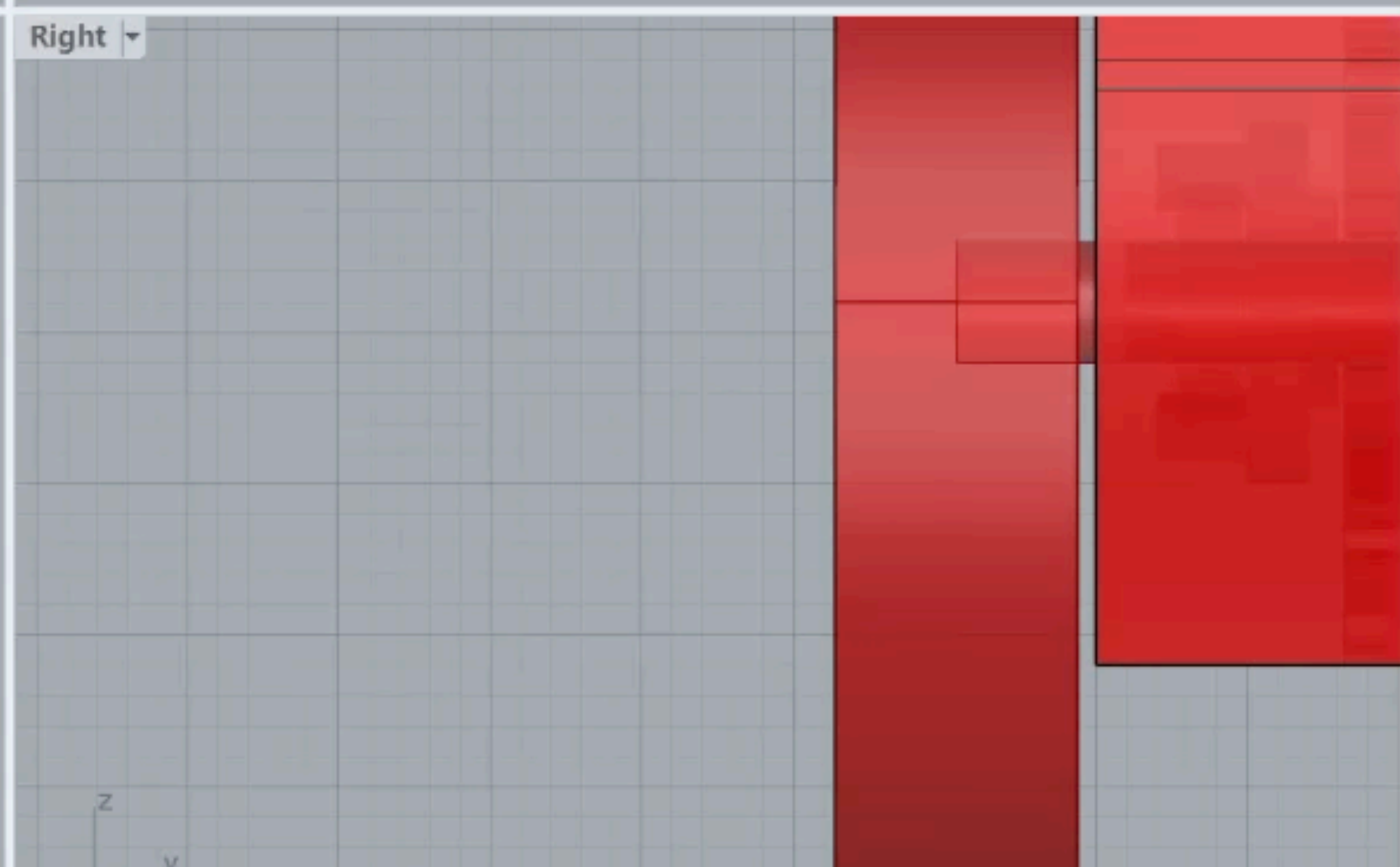
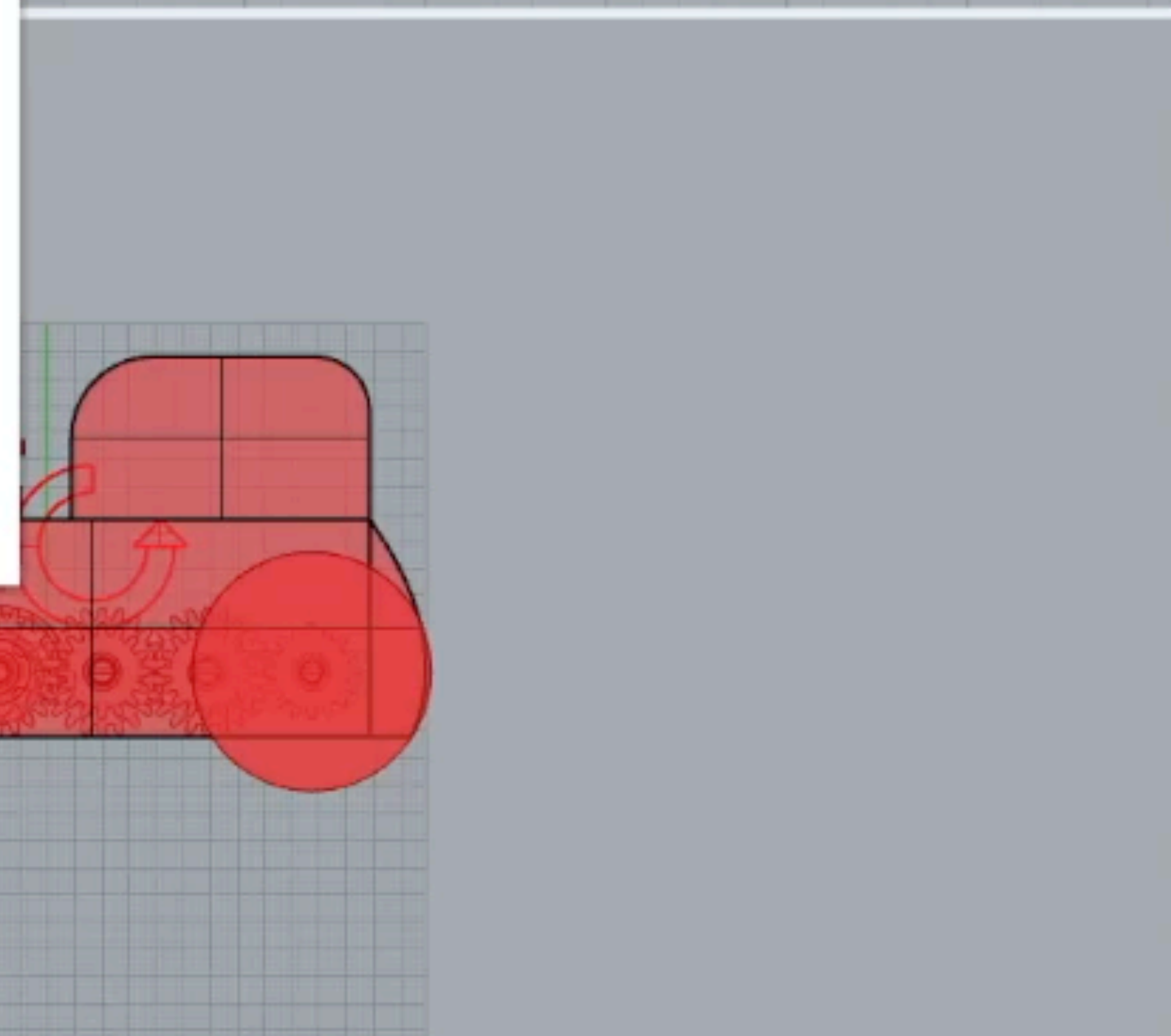
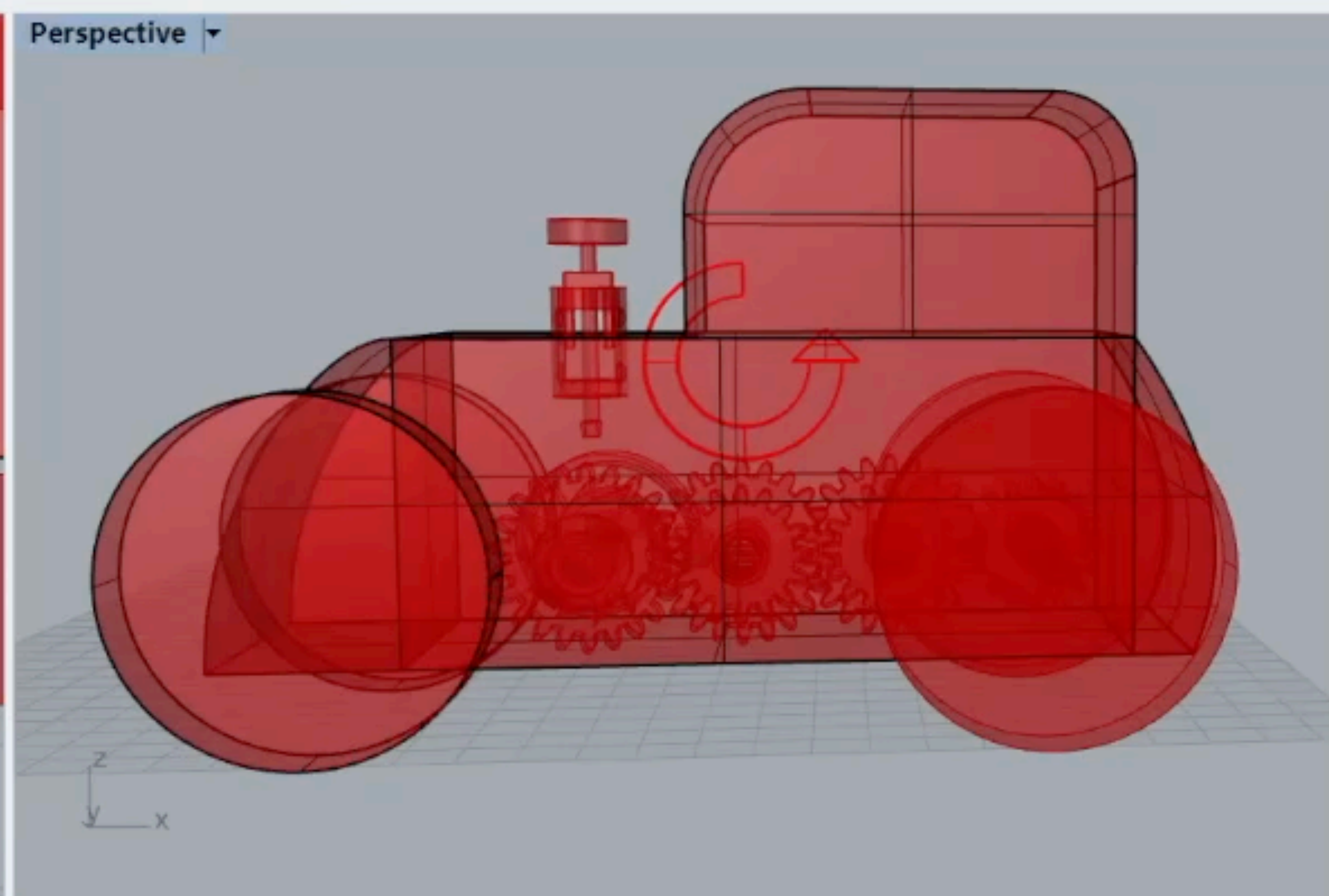
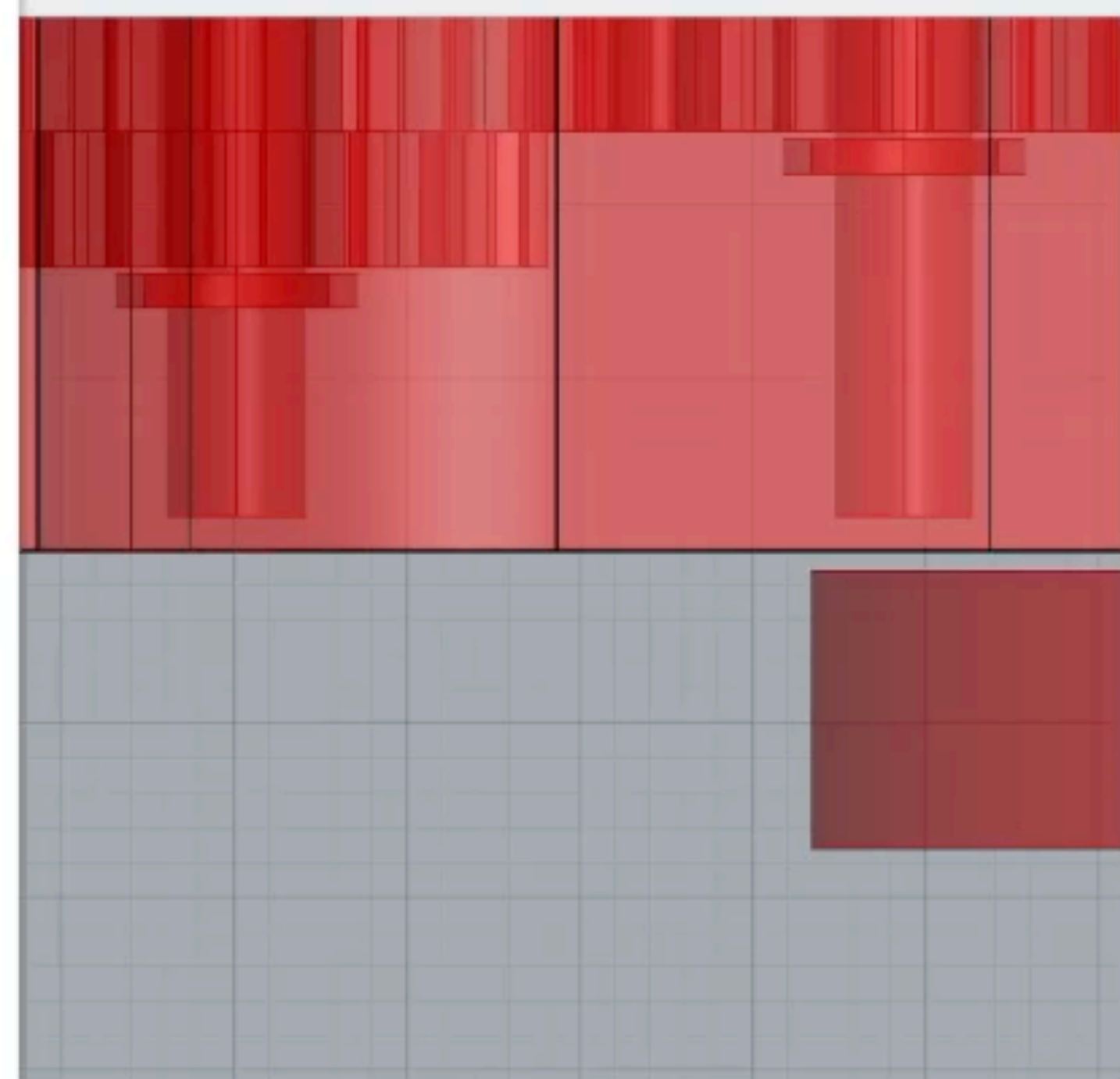




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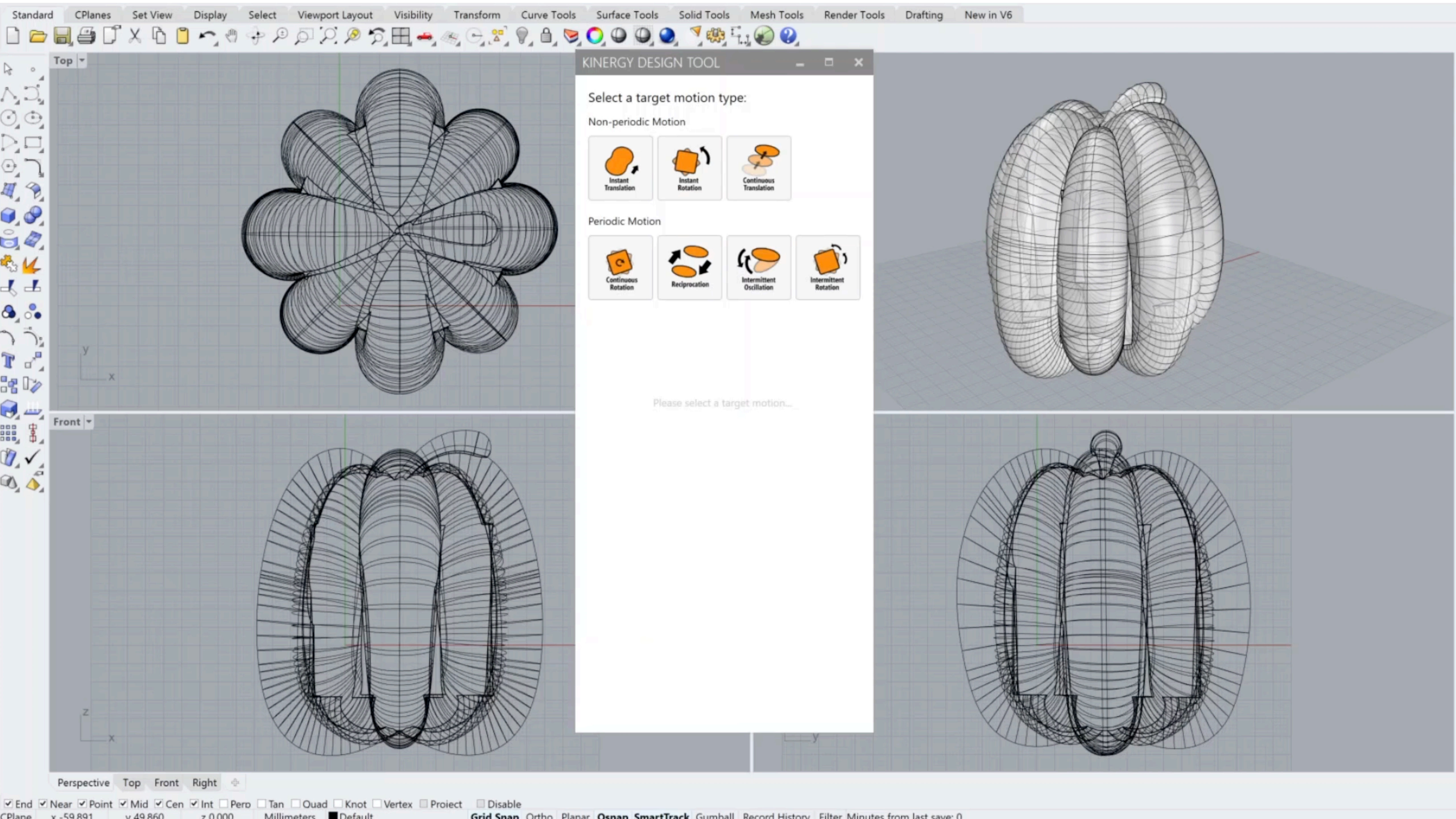
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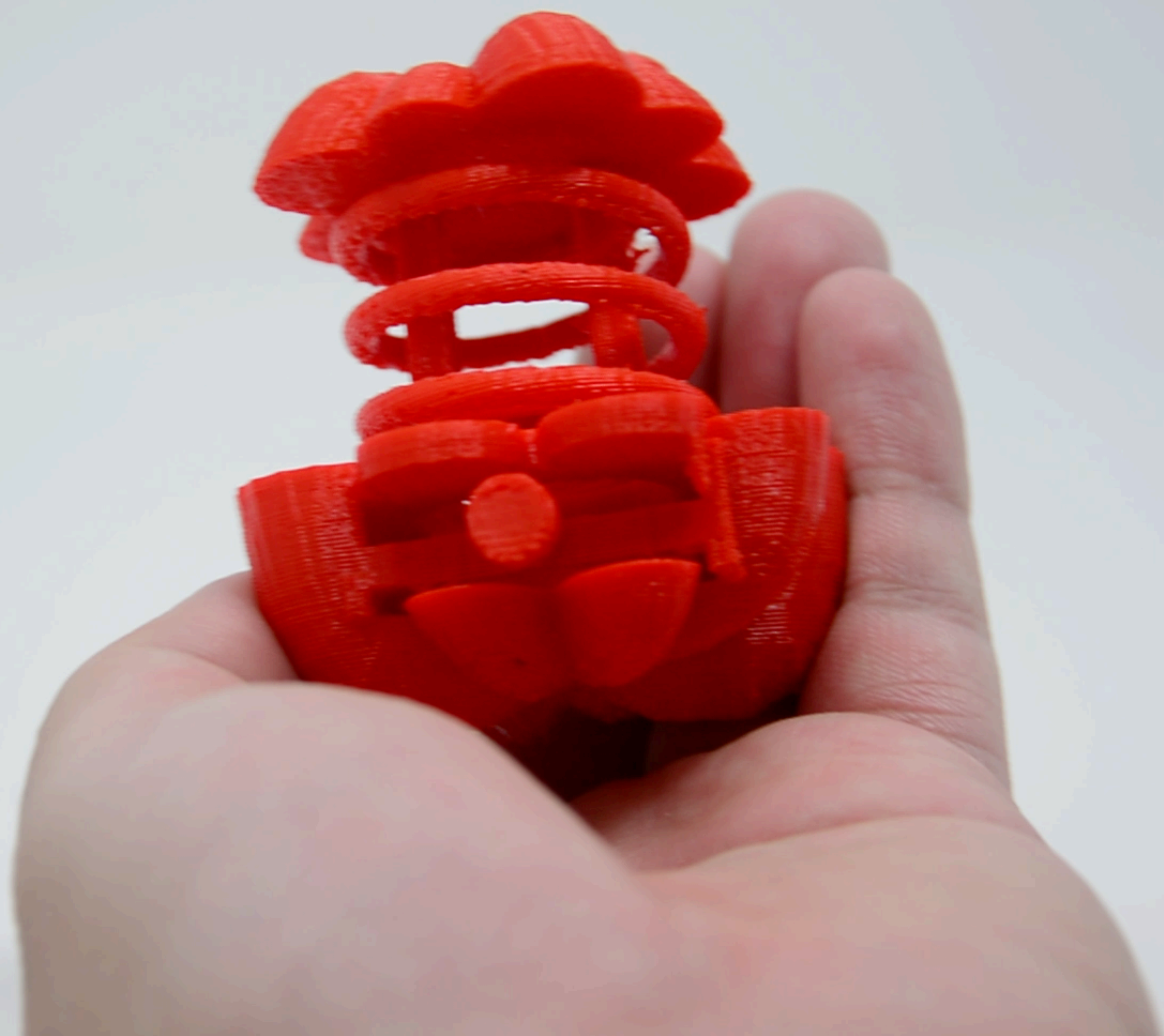
ights ☒ Blocks ☒ Control Points ☒ Point Clouds ☒ Hatches ☒ Others ☐ Disable ☐ Sub-objects



Walkthrough:

making a self-popped Mr. Halloween Pumpkin using
an [instant translation](#) kinetic unit

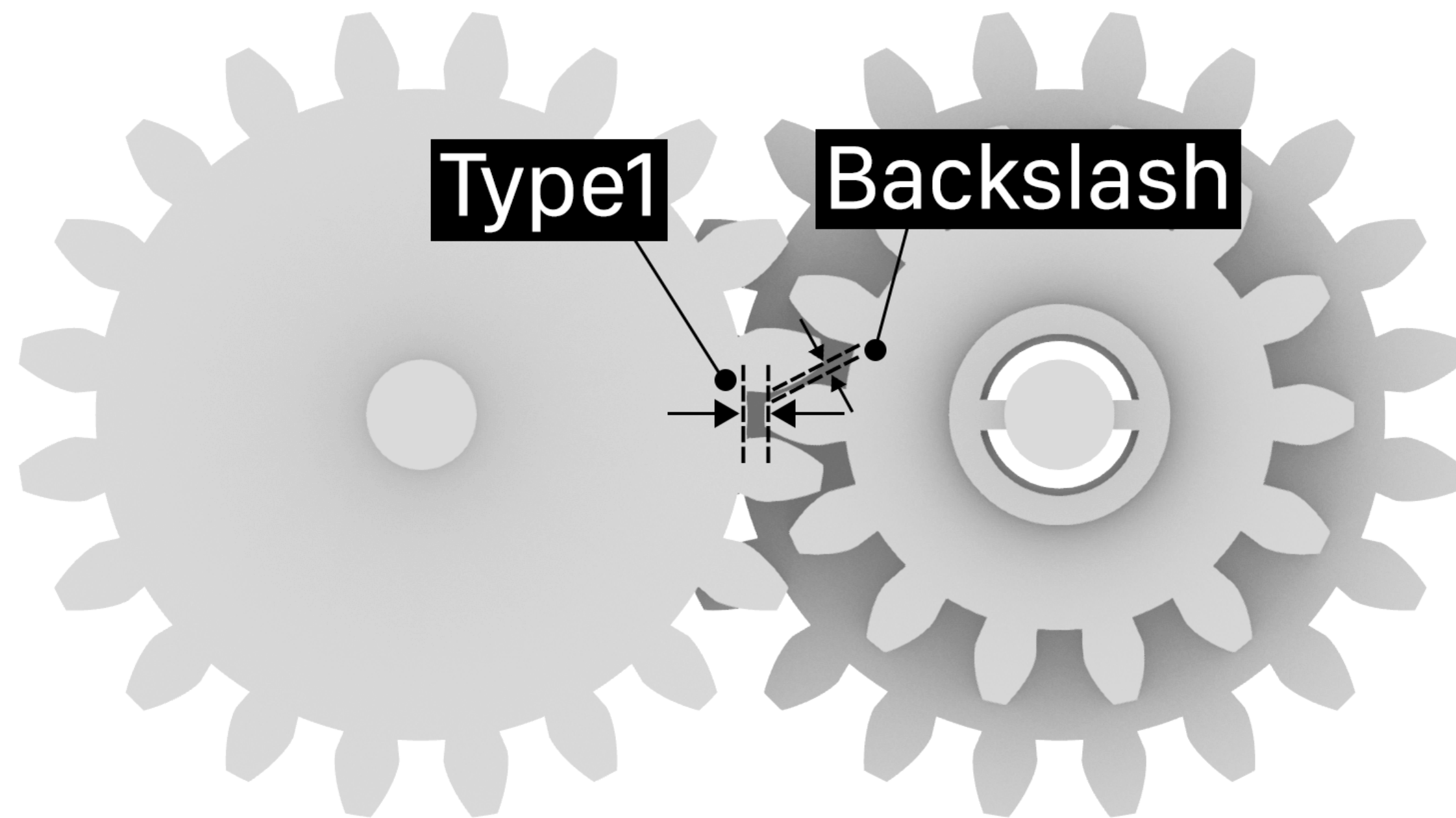




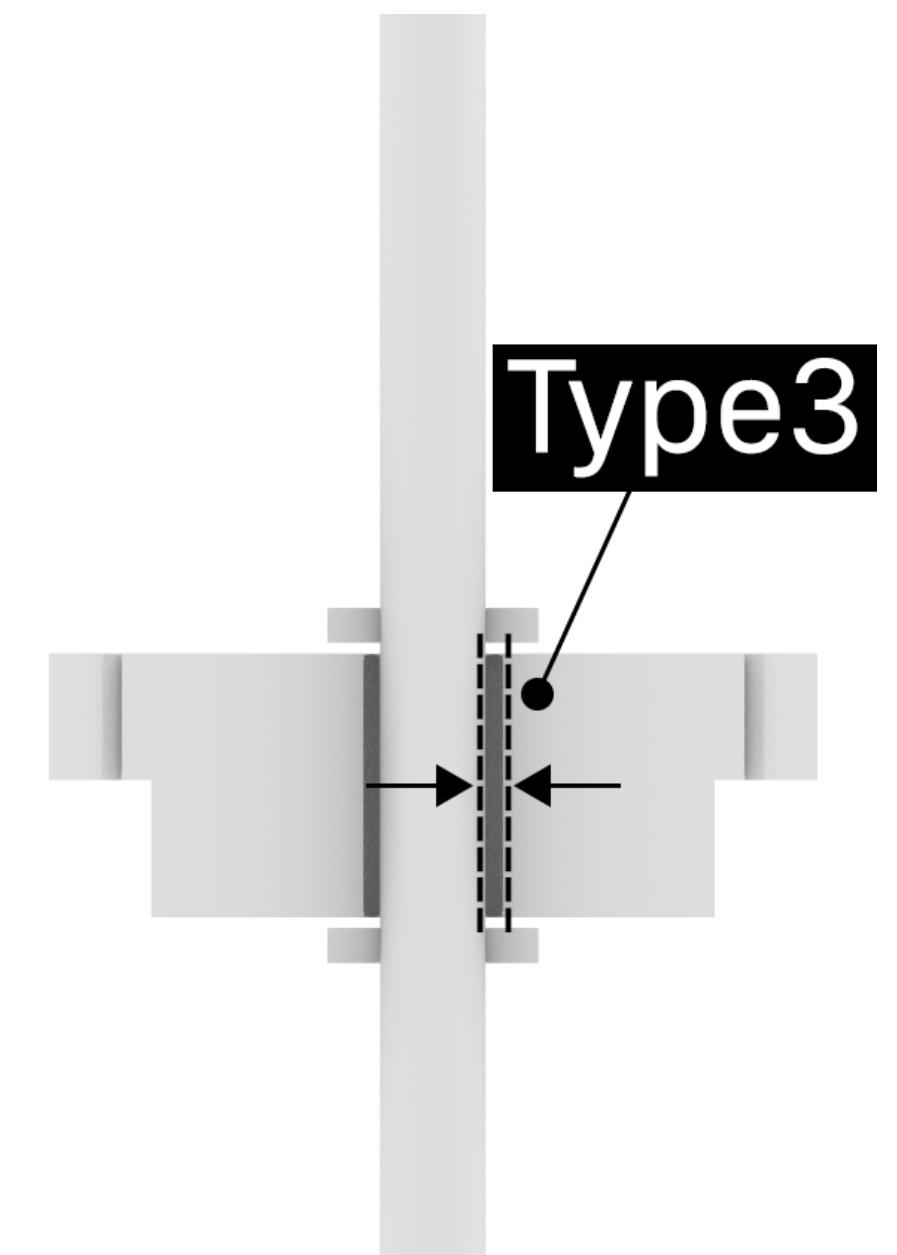
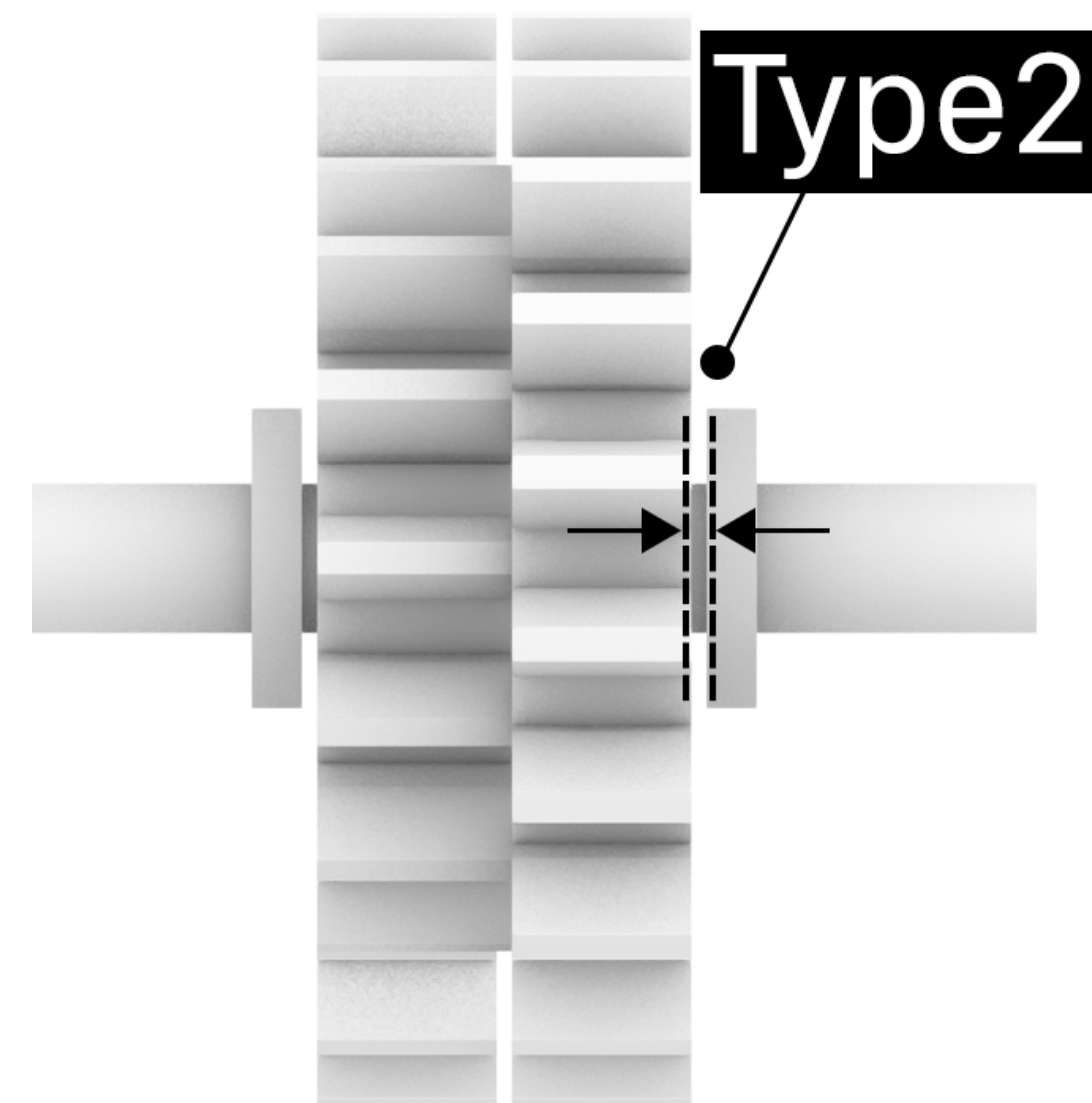


Fabrication

Tolerance Types



Slicer: Ultimaker Cura
3D Printer: Ultimaker 3 & 3 Extended
Printing Material: PLA
Supporting Material: PVA (water dissolvable)



With a printer that uses a 0.4mm-sized printing nozzle and 0.15mm printing layer height

Type 1: 0.3mm
Type 2: 0.25mm
Type 3: 0.35mm

Slicing and Printing Settings

Printing orientation

Exclusive slicing tolerance
A minimal negative **0.04mm**
horizontal expansion

Default Slicing



Optimized Slicing



additional
support

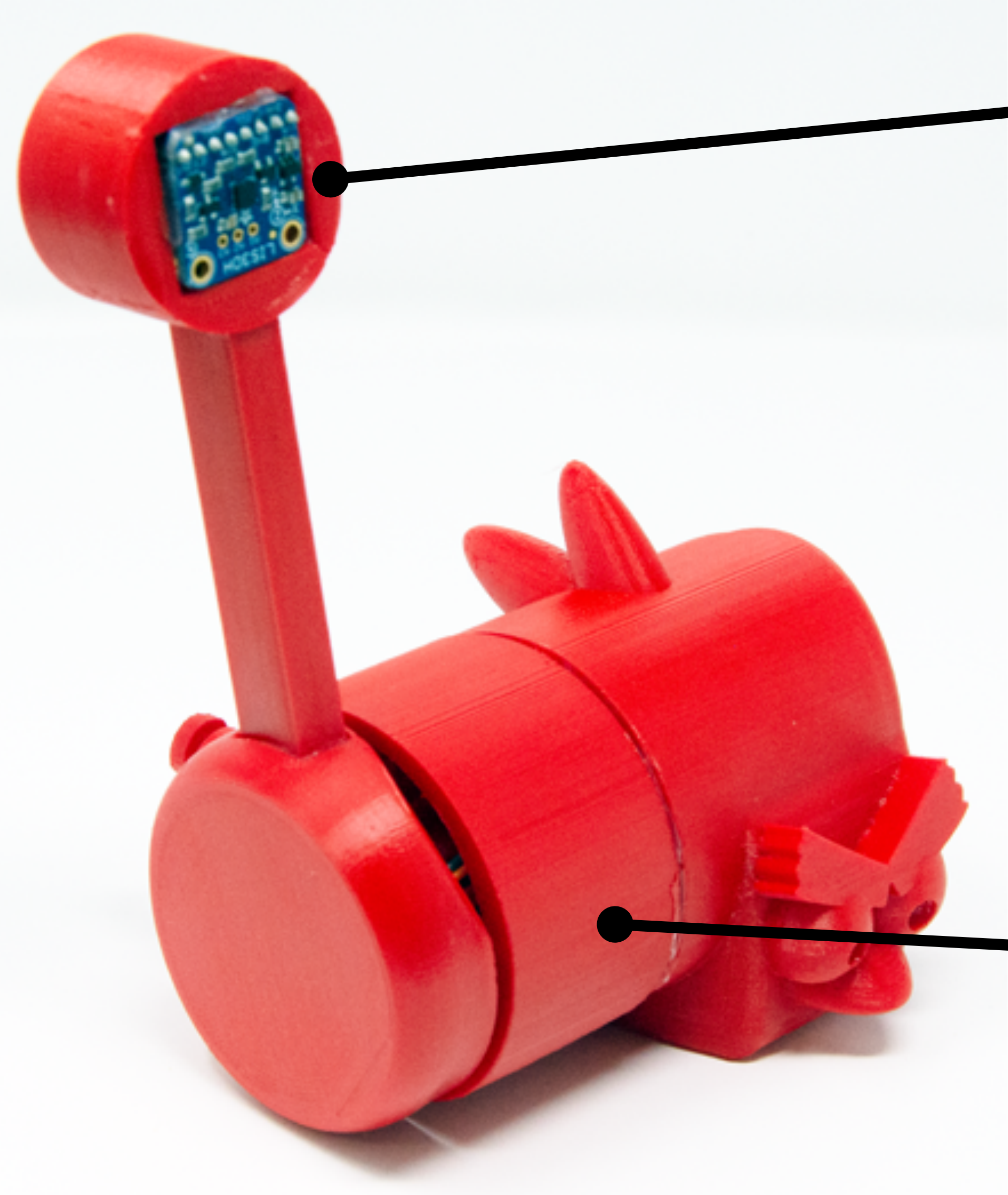
Kinergy Applications



Self-Opening Umbrella



Instant Translation
Kinetic Unit



Accelerometer

Circuit (hidden)

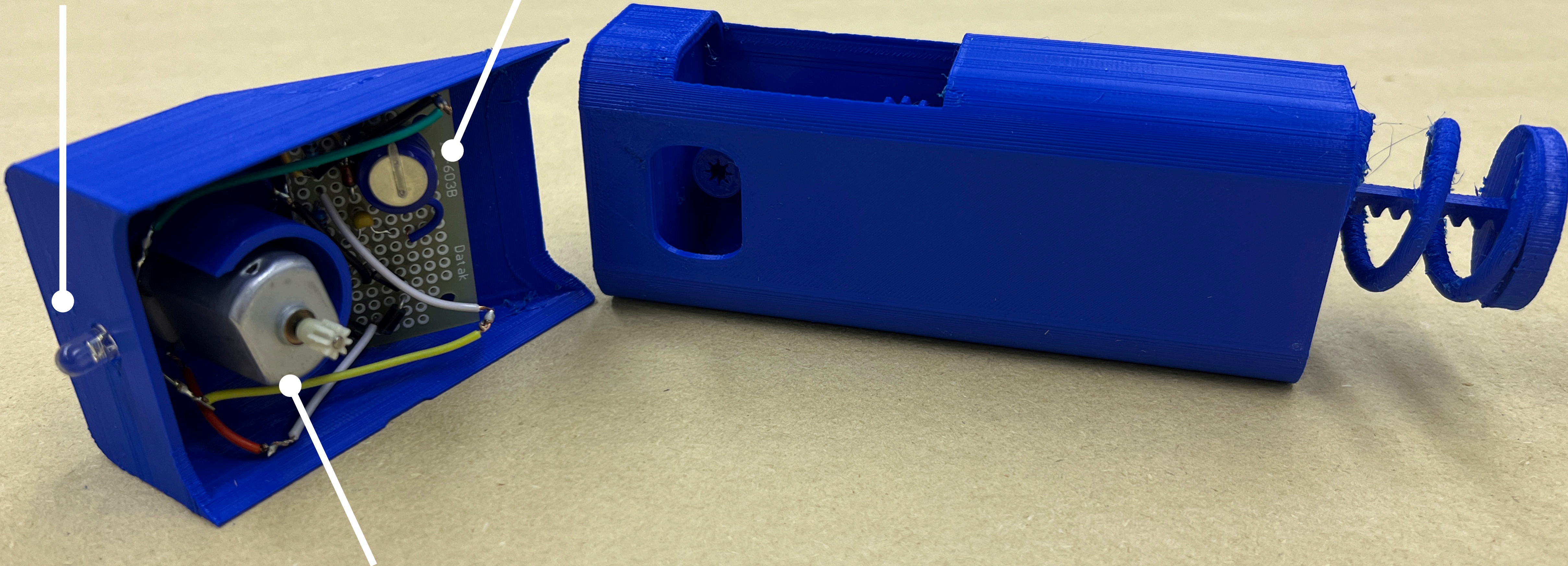


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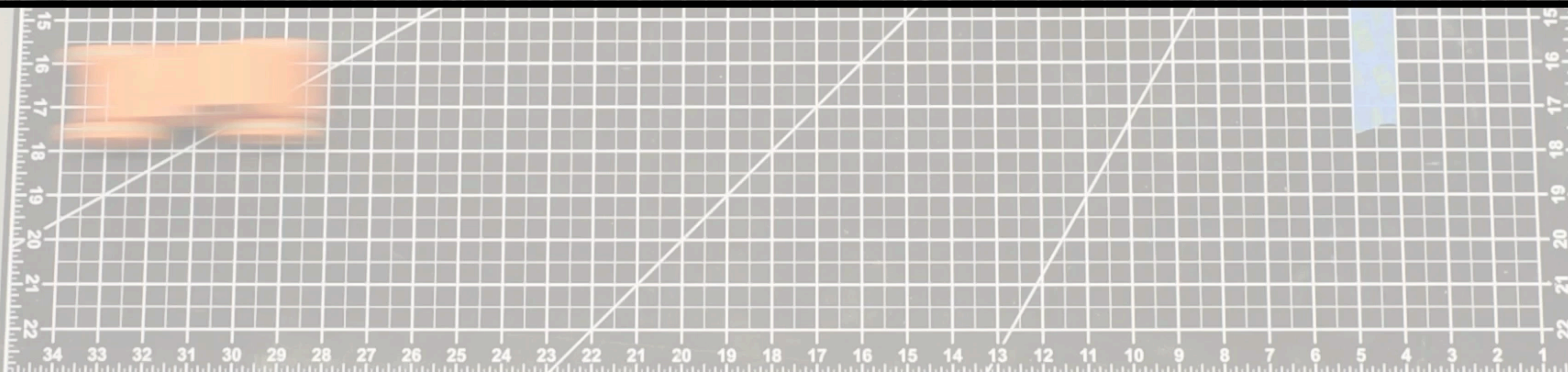
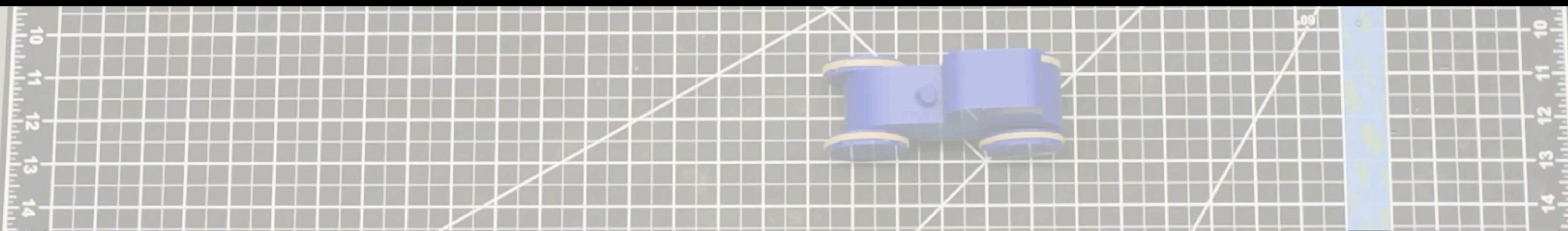
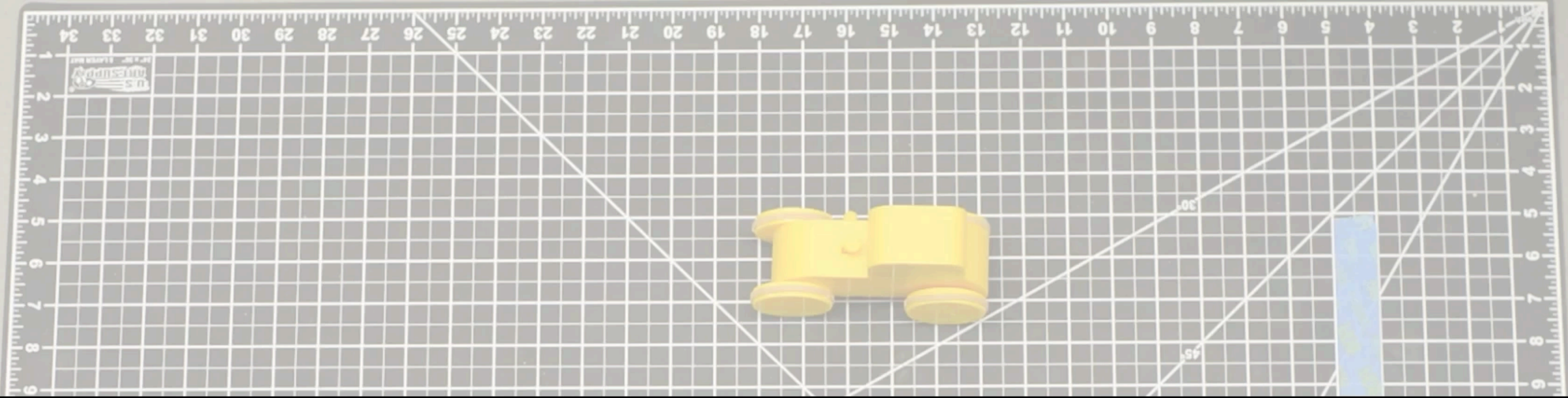
Bridge Rectifier

Motor





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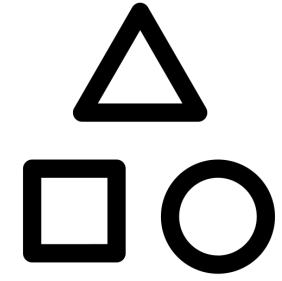
Trash Can



Continuous Translation
Kinetic Unit
(Press Control)



Future Work



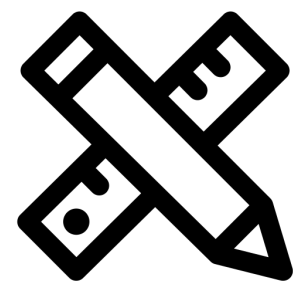
Geometry Complexity: size limitations, object topology



Printability and Robustness: anisotropy of 3D printing, resolution, materials, printing methods, friction



Energy-Releasing Triggers: custom triggers, concatenating multiple kinetic units



Design Tool Improvements: instructional guidances, compatible with other 3D printing methods, realistic simulation, design workshop

THANK YOU

Code:

<https://github.com/makeabilitylab/Kinergy>

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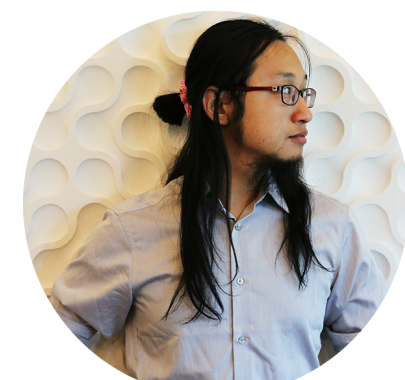
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