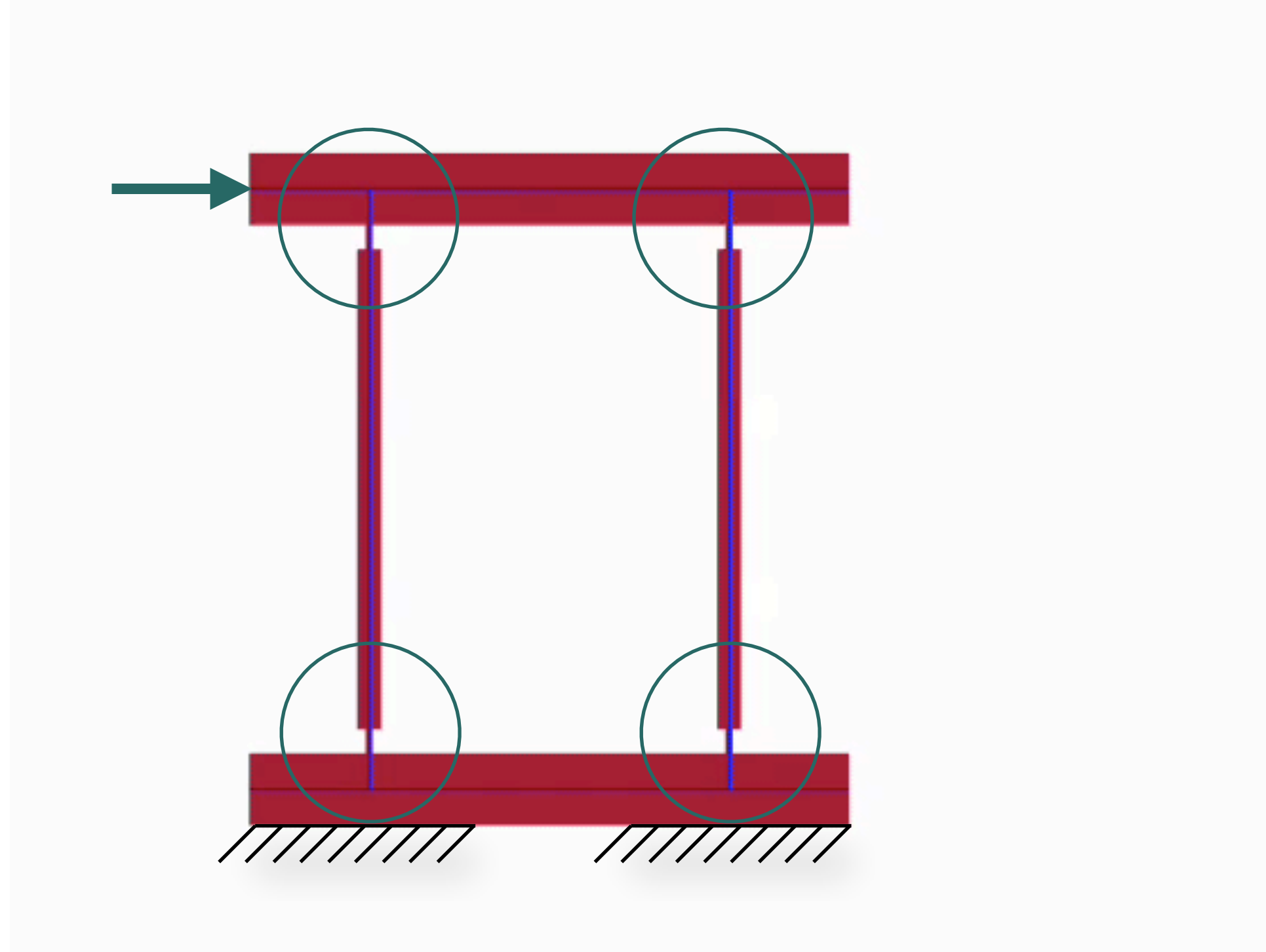


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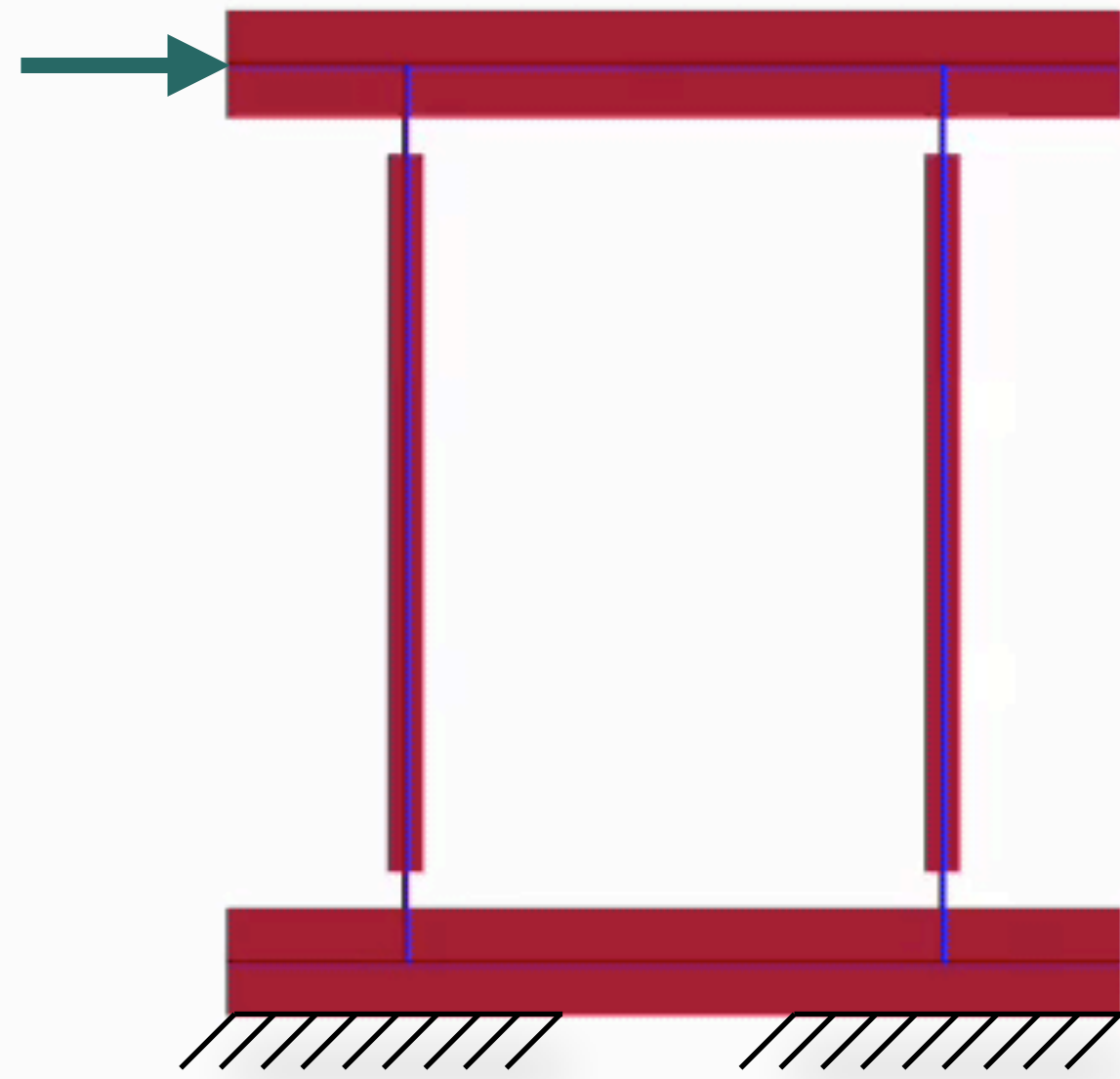
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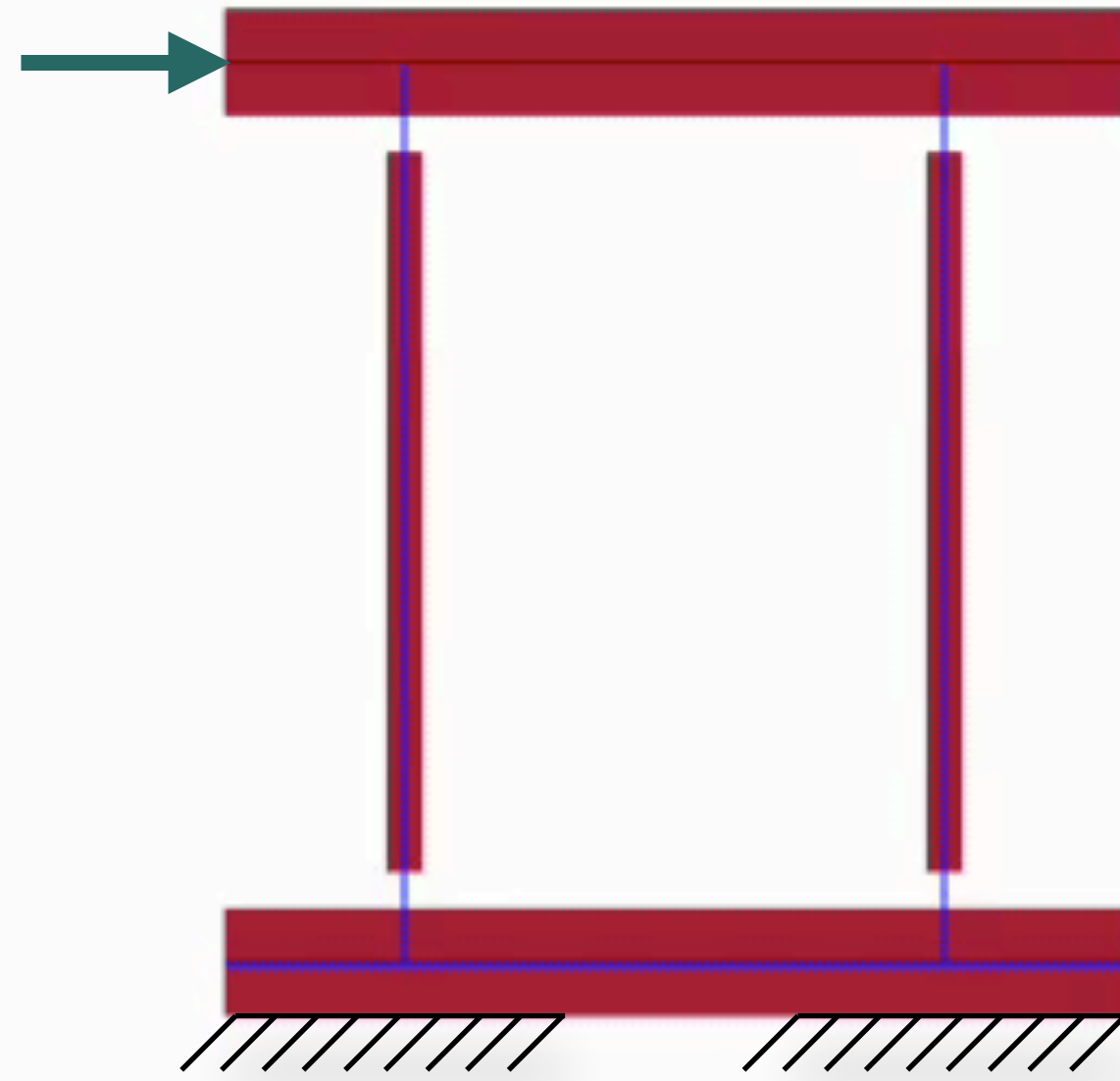
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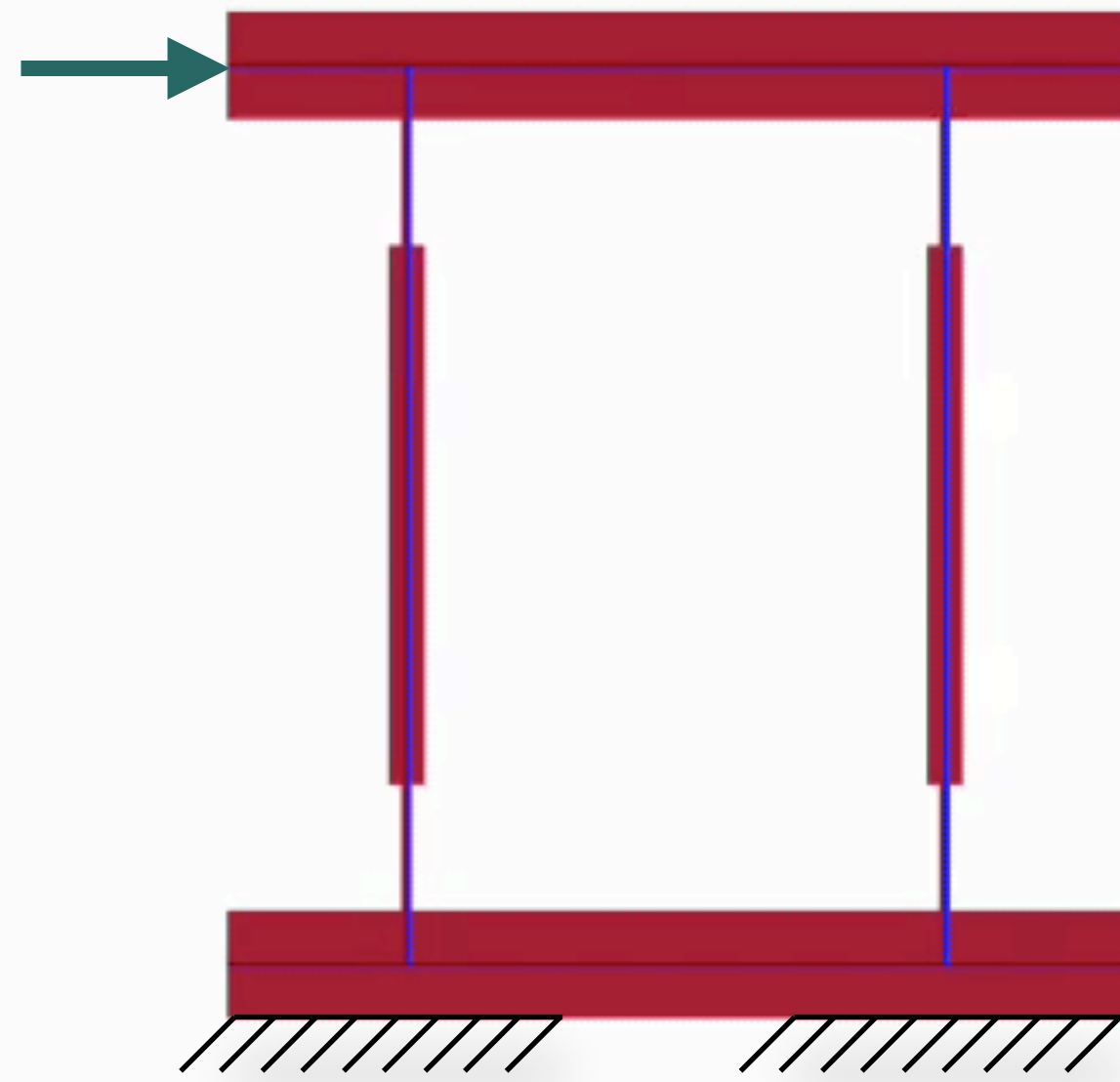
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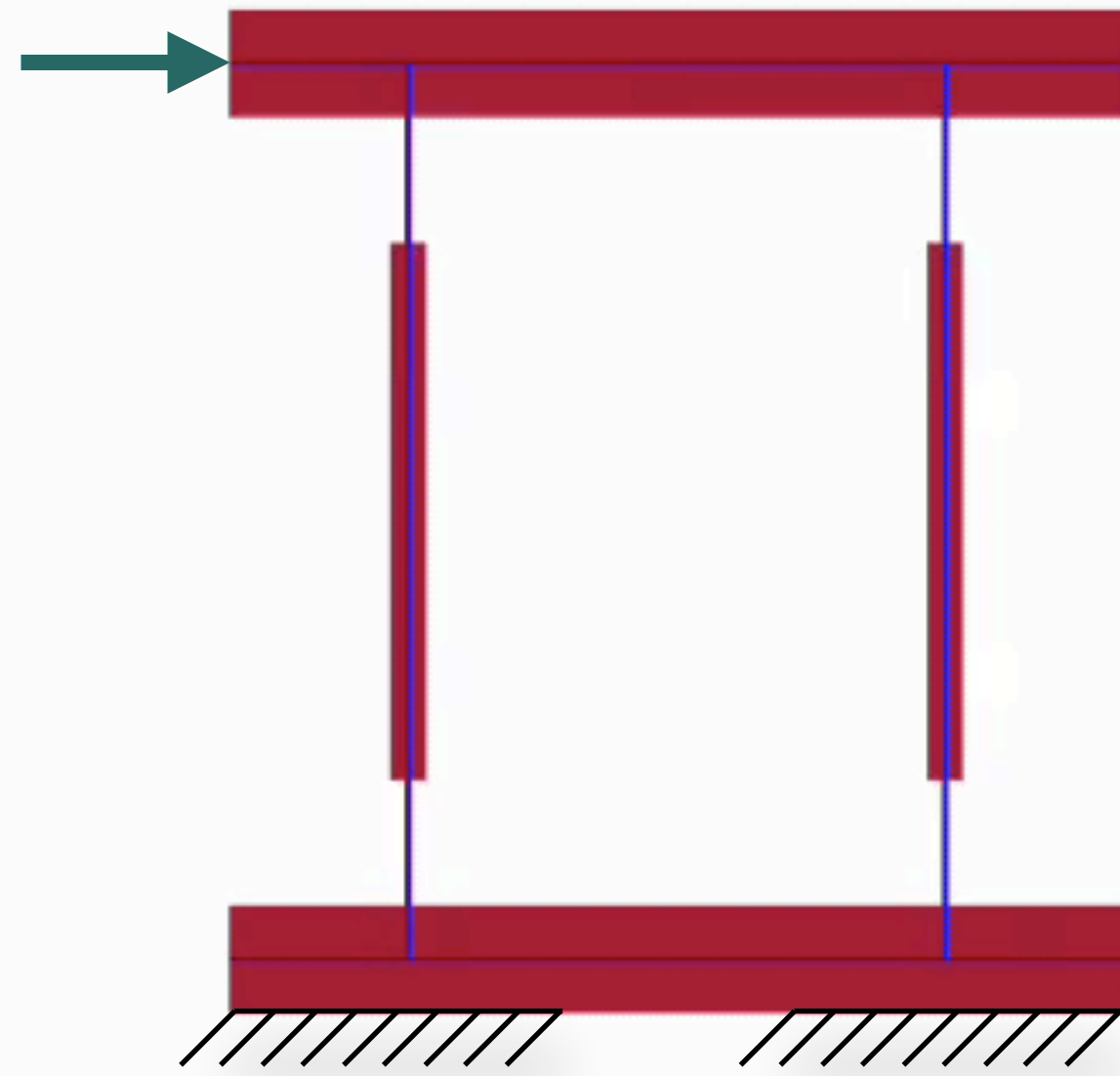
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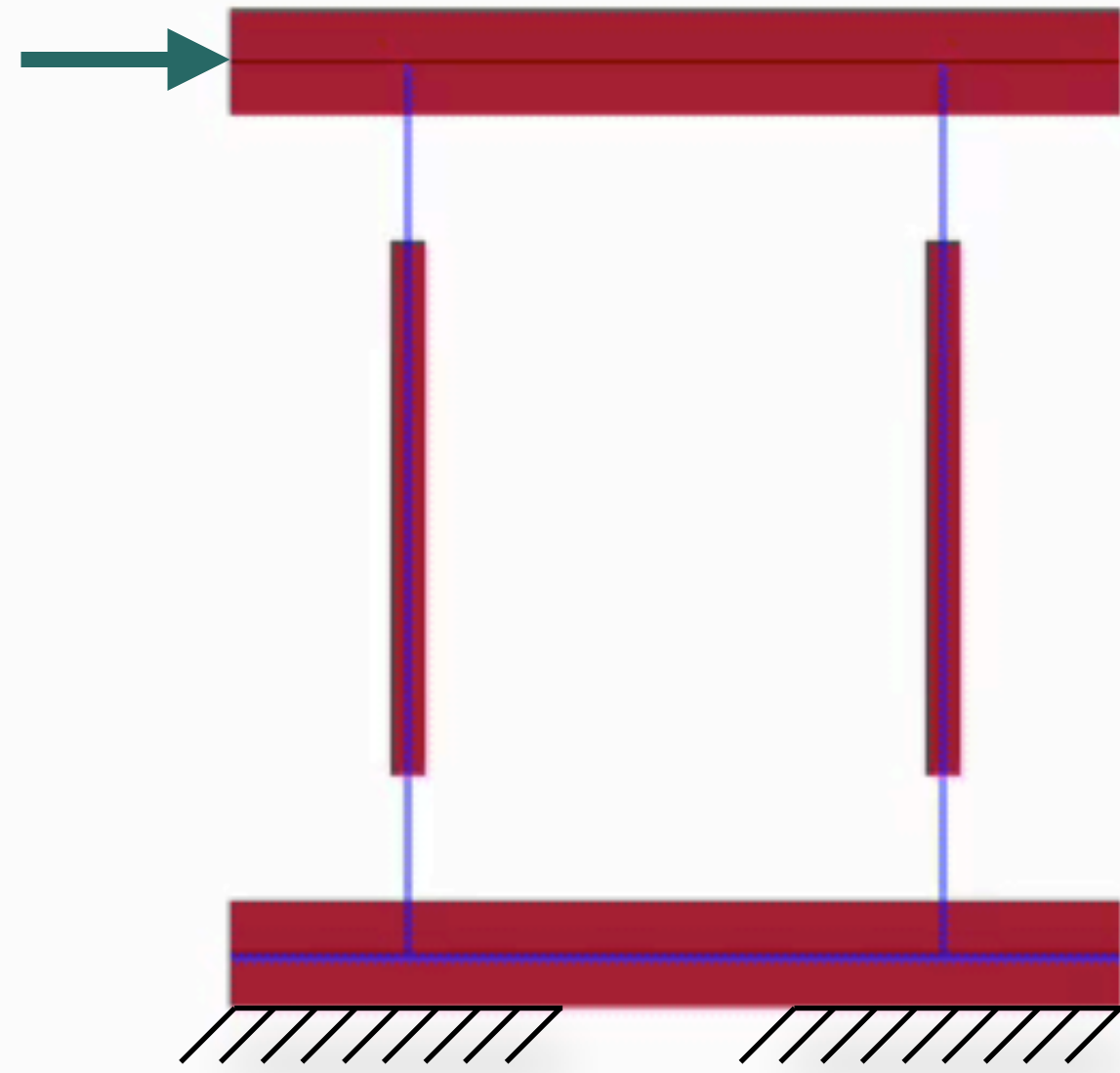
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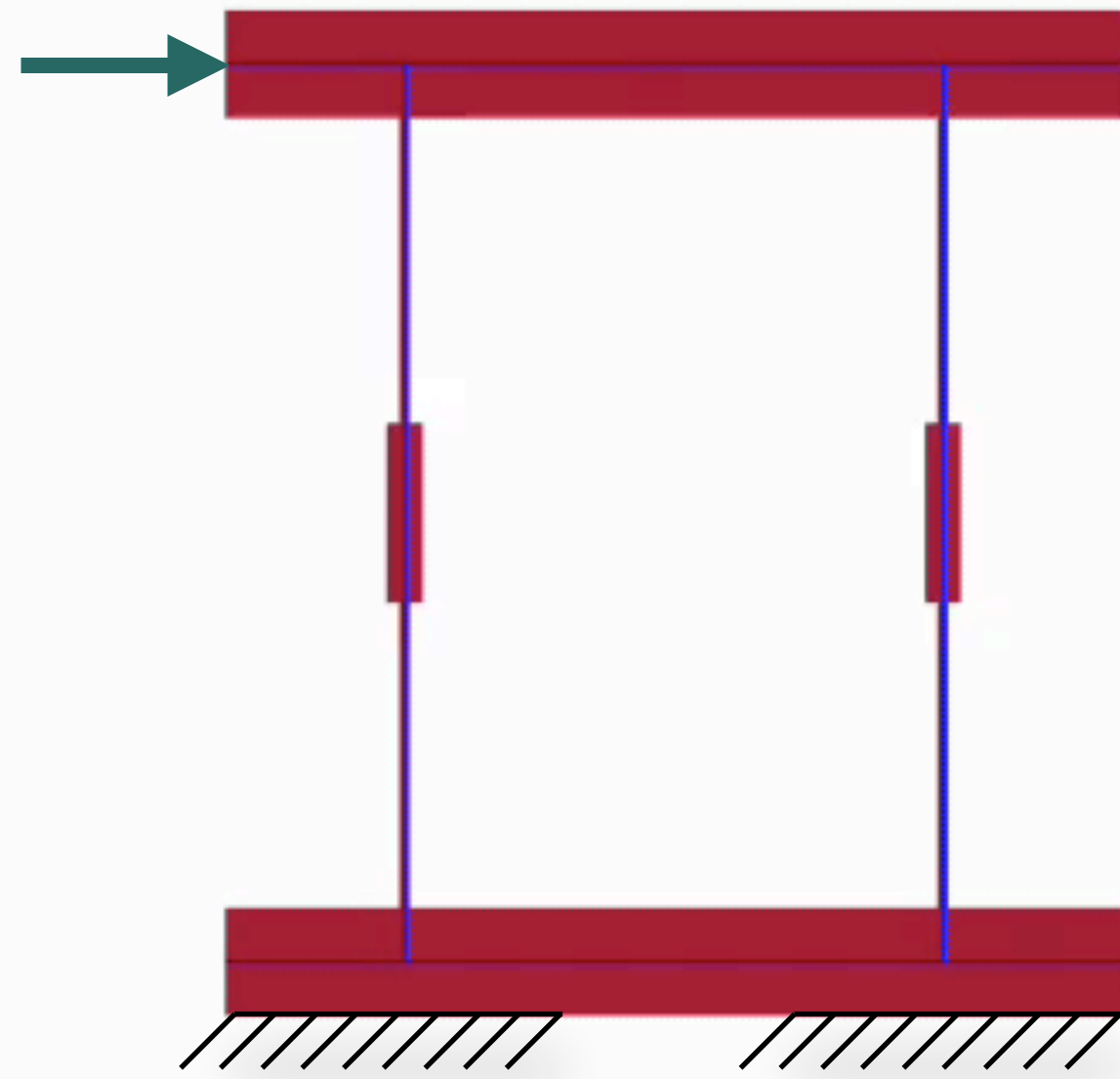
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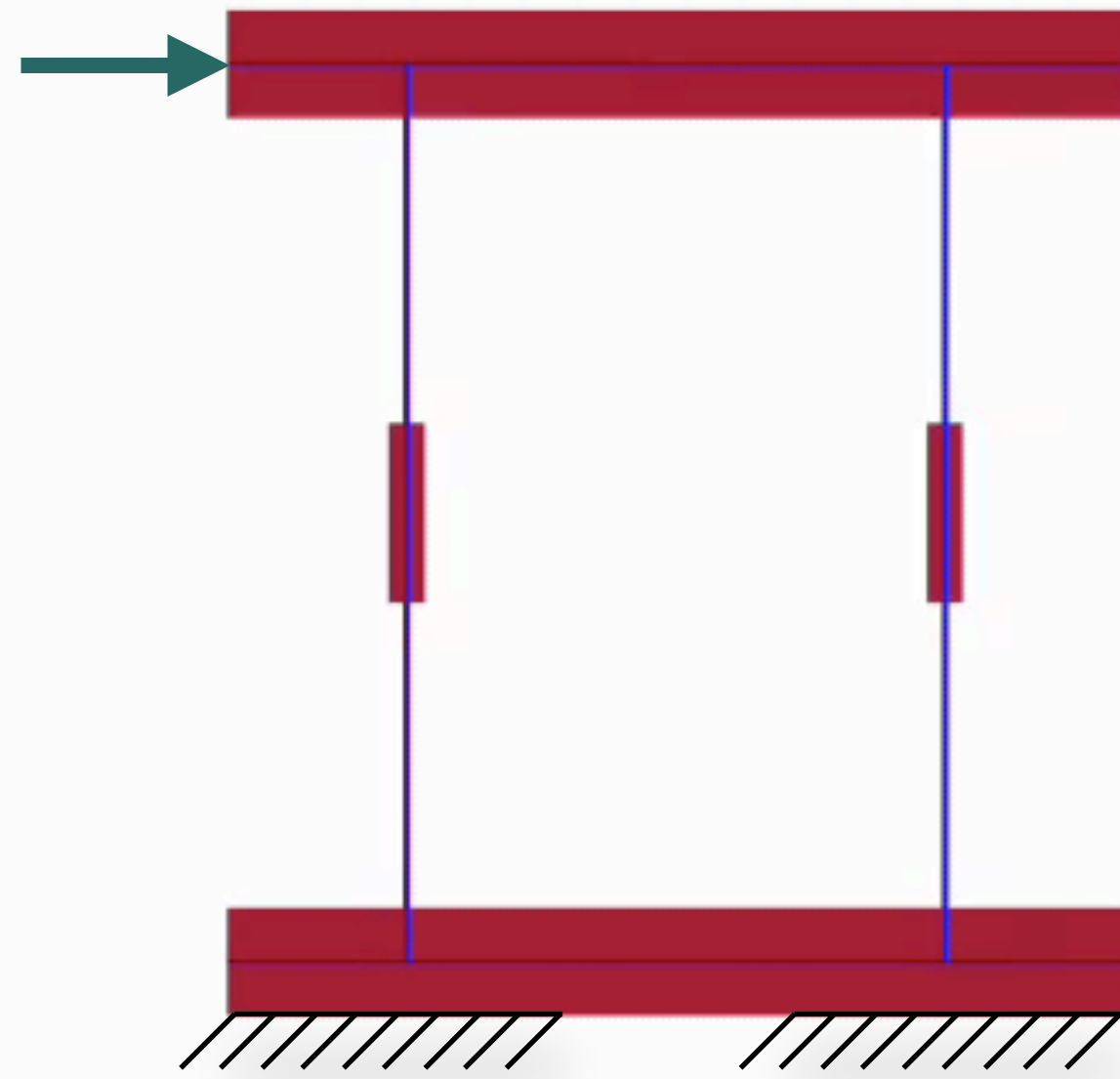
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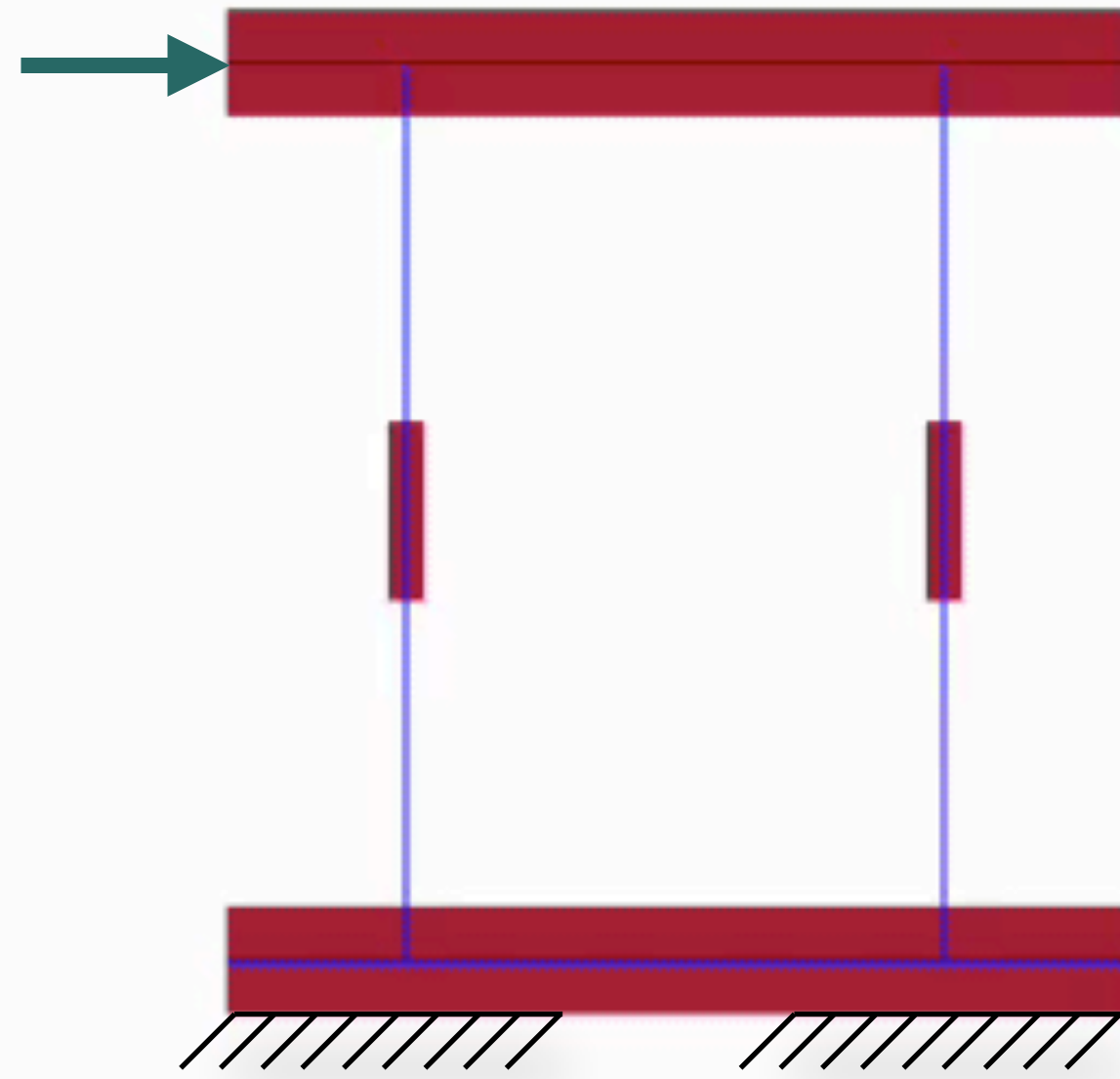
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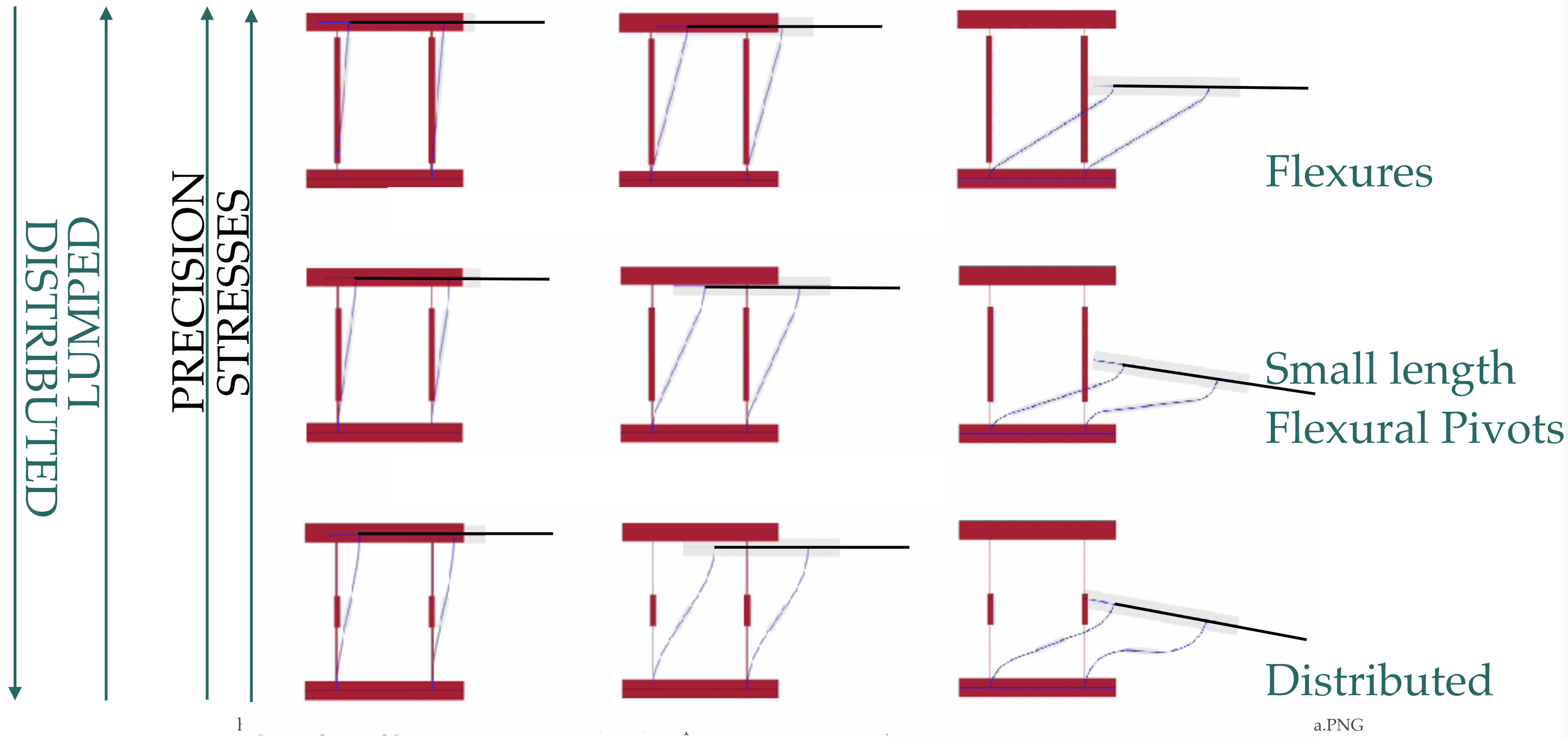
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# Perspective



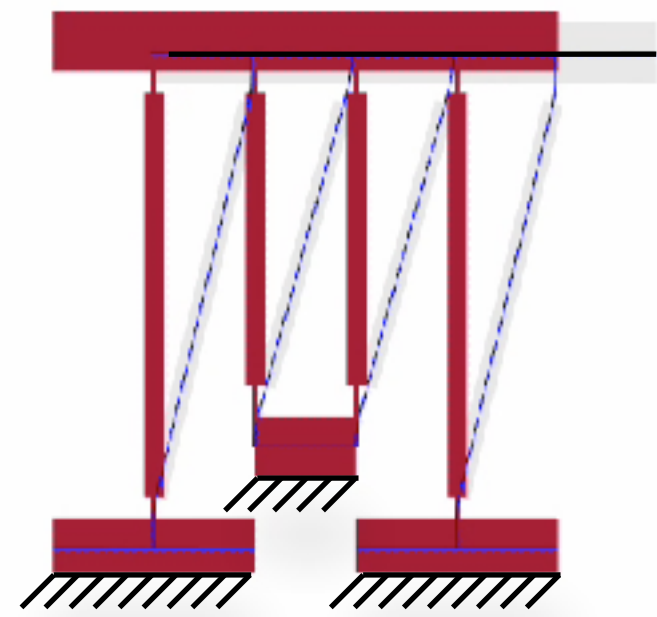
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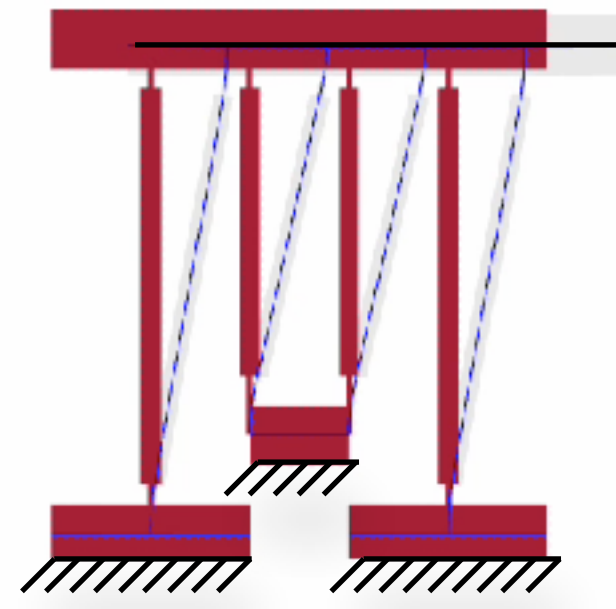
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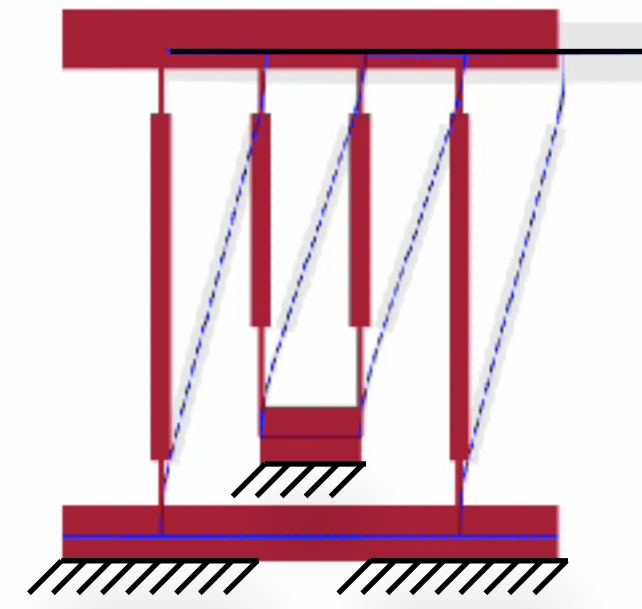
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Thinner, short



Thin, short



Thin, long

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Fully Compliant Double Parallelogram Linkage

Platform almost horizontal

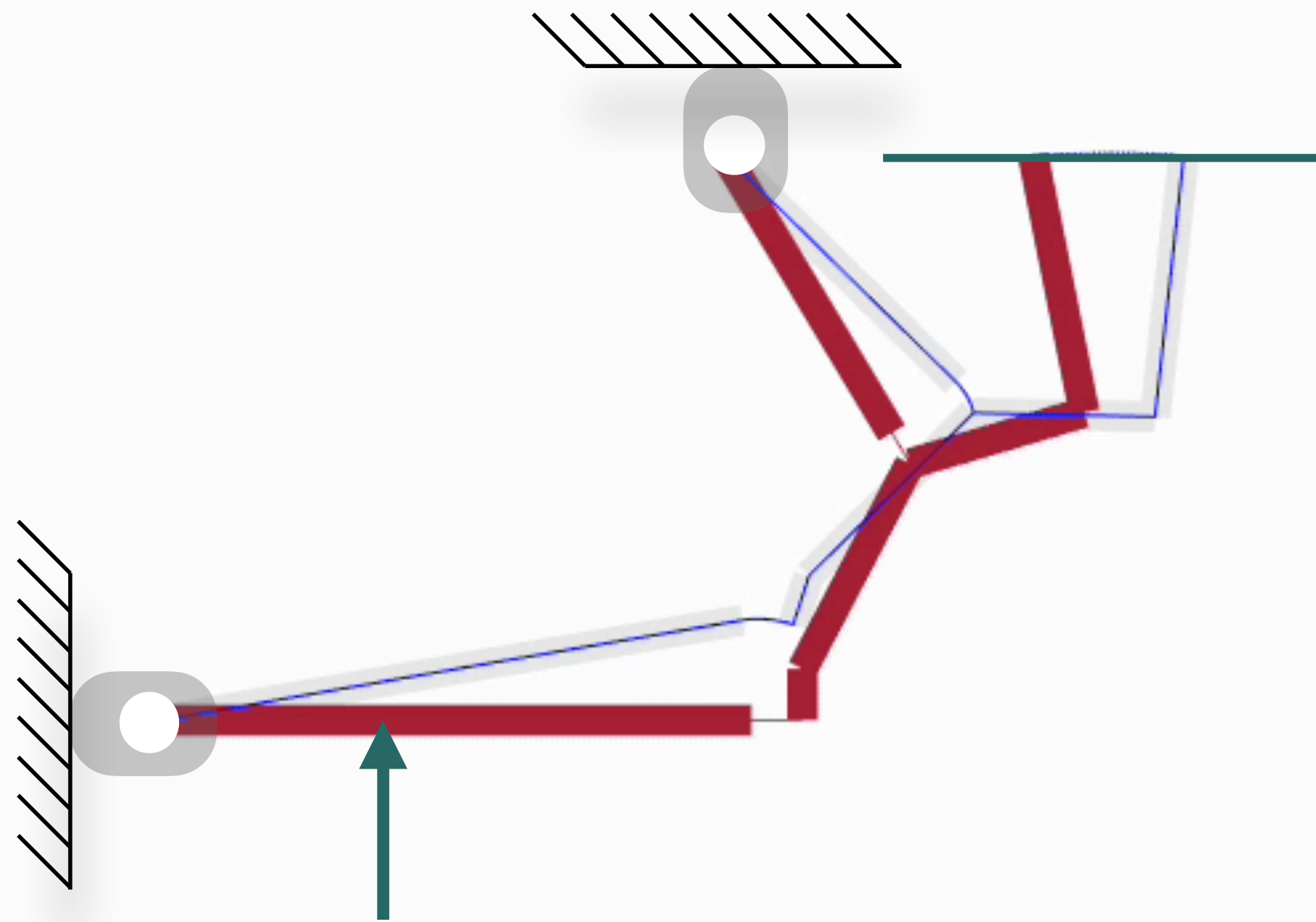
Platform does not get lowered much

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Flexure based Straight line tracer

Almost all known linkages with **kinematic pairs** can be converted into a

Fully Compliant (flexure) Mechanism

## Concerns

Stress concentration

Parasitic (out of plane motion)

Kinetostatics

What should be the stiffness?

Failure: Plastic deformation

Change of stiffness/properties

Called **living/plastic hinge**

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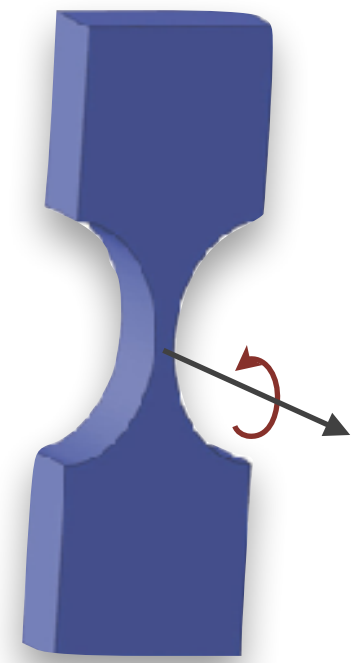
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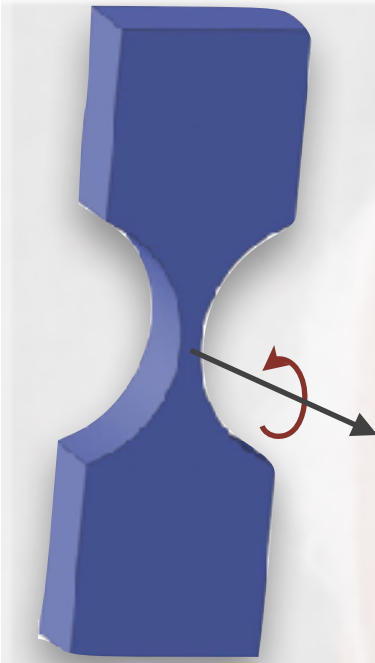
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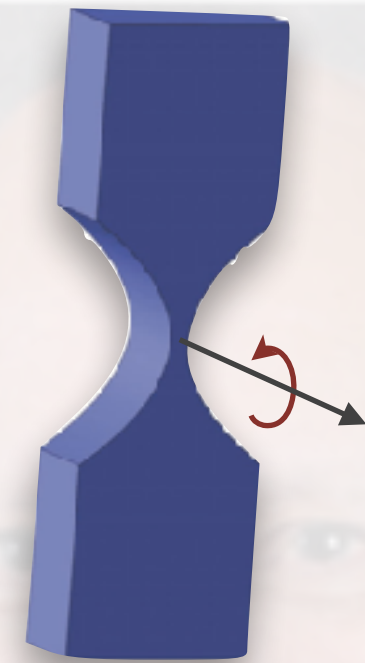
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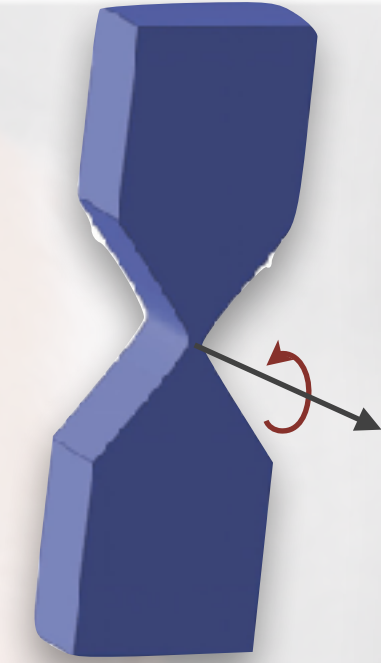
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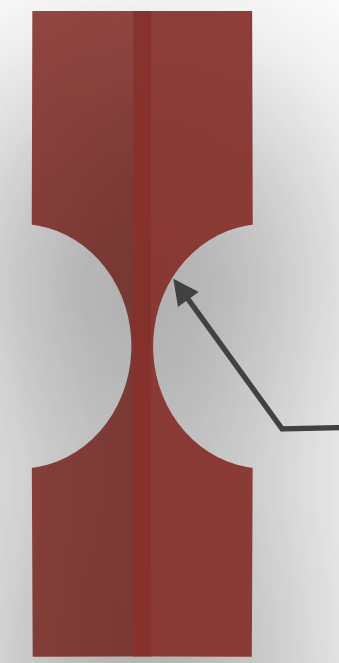
Circular



Parabolic

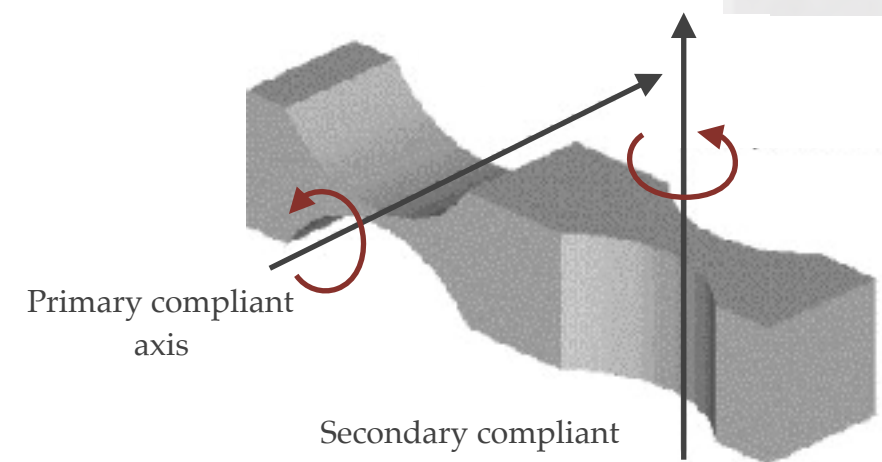


Hyperbolic

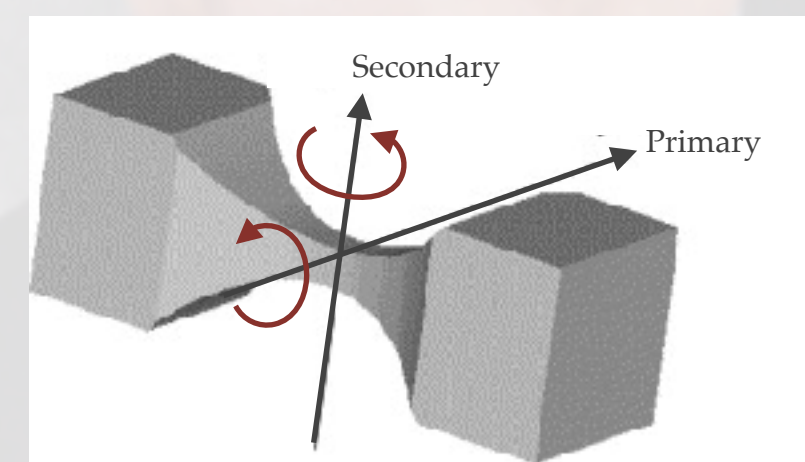


Conic section

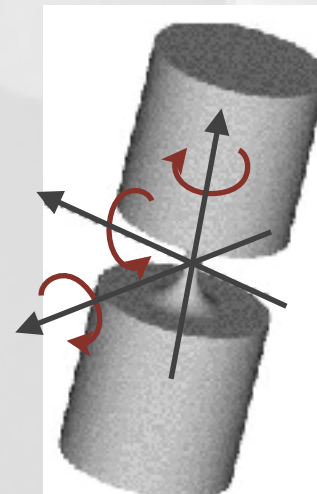
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Non collated notches



Collated notches



Multi-axis

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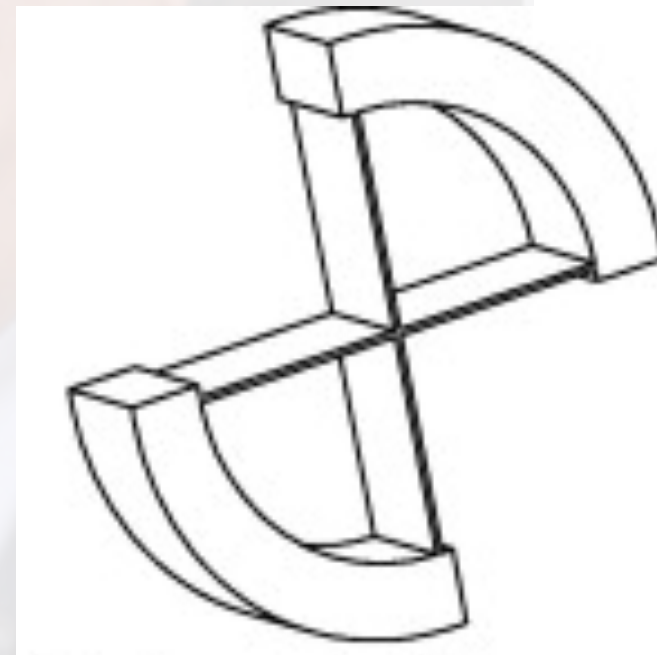
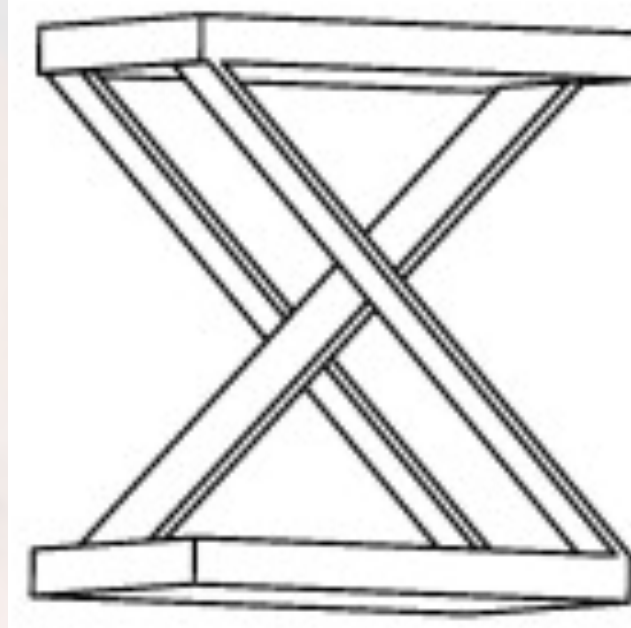
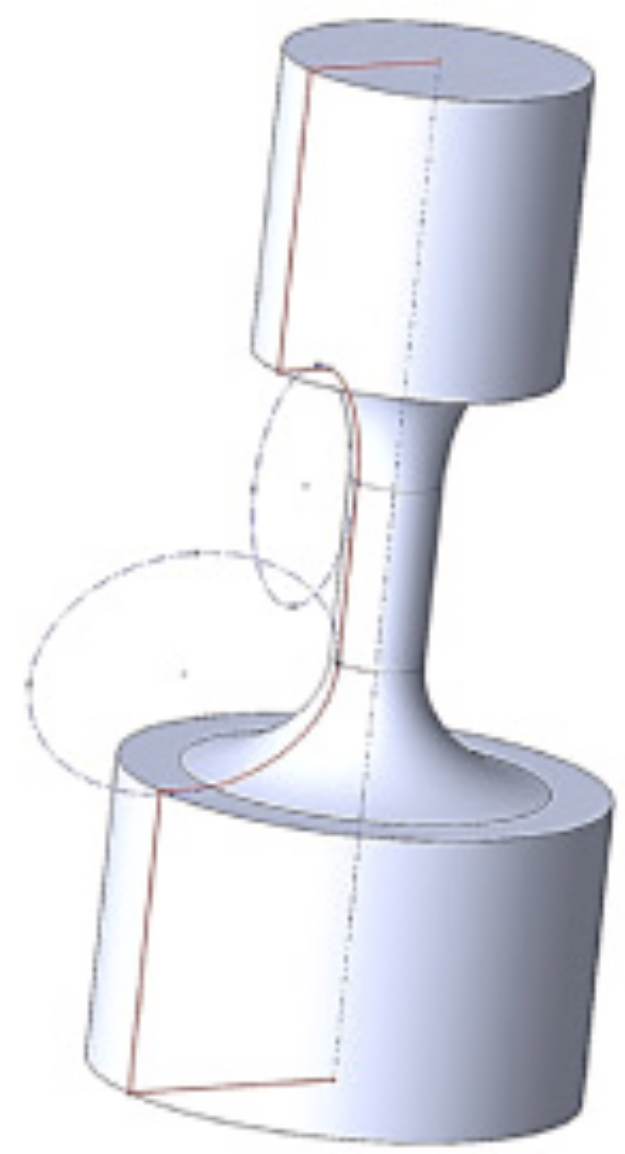
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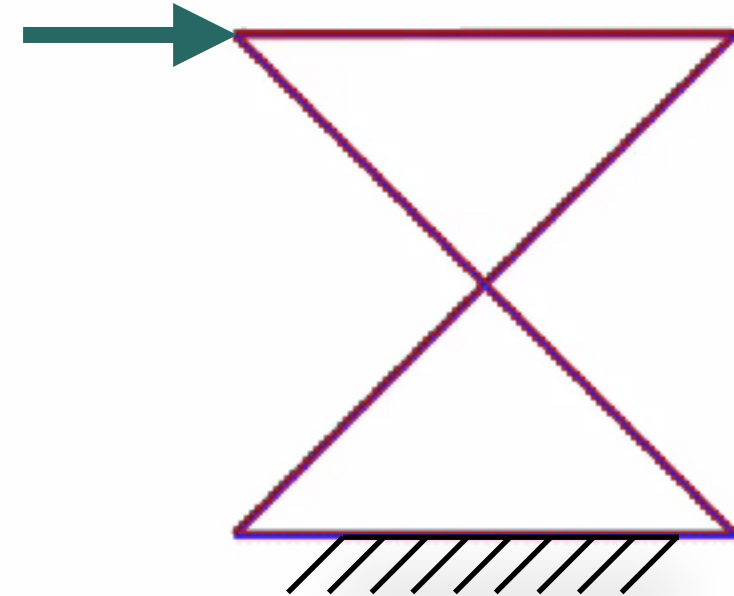
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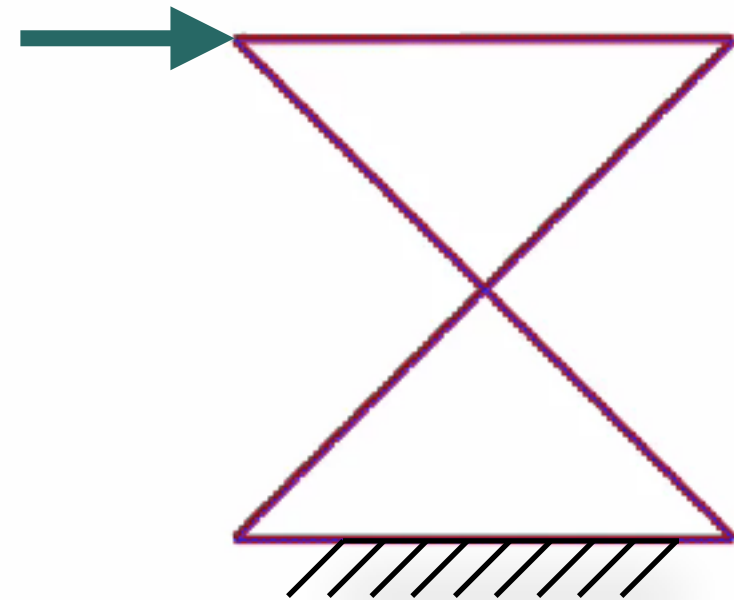
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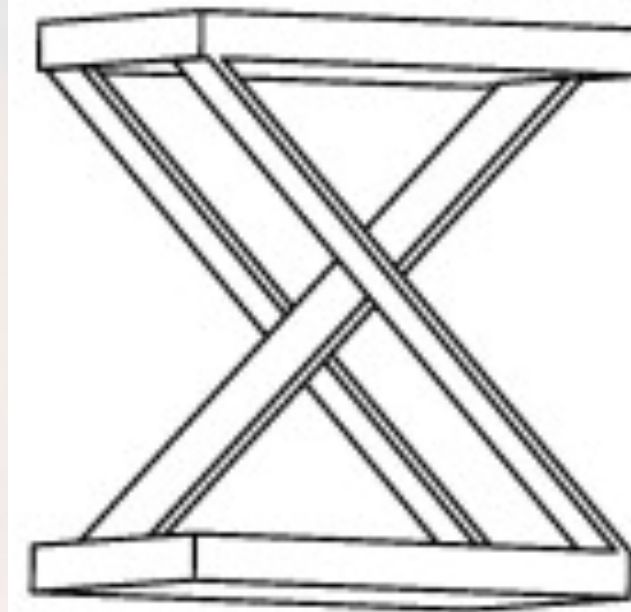


Center gets displaced if not careful — relatively flexible



Center almost fixed — relatively rigid

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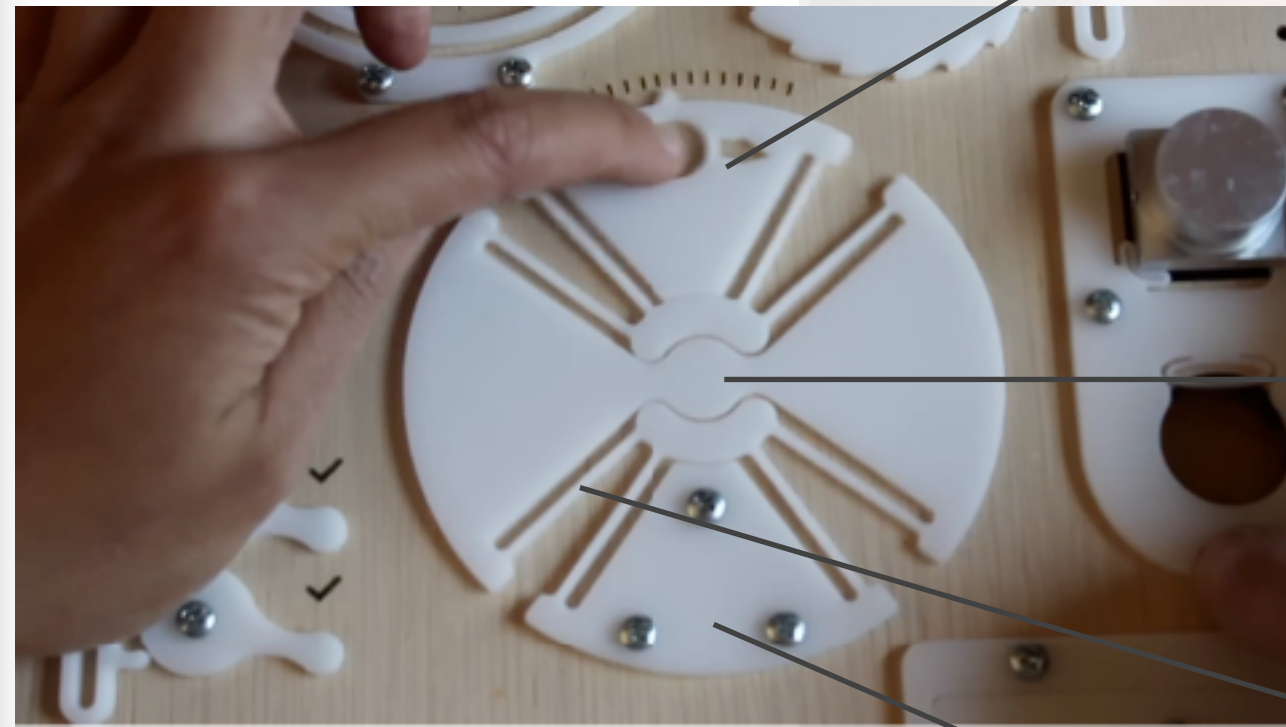
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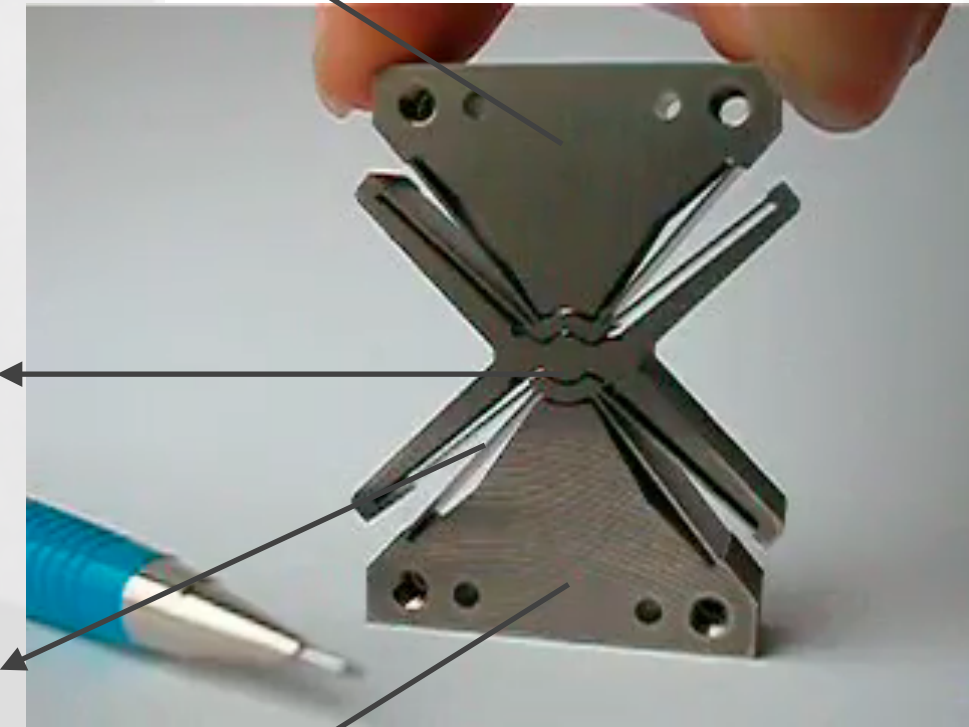
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**Christophe Yamagata**

Mobile Block

Butterfly Block

Large Deformation beams

Stationary Block

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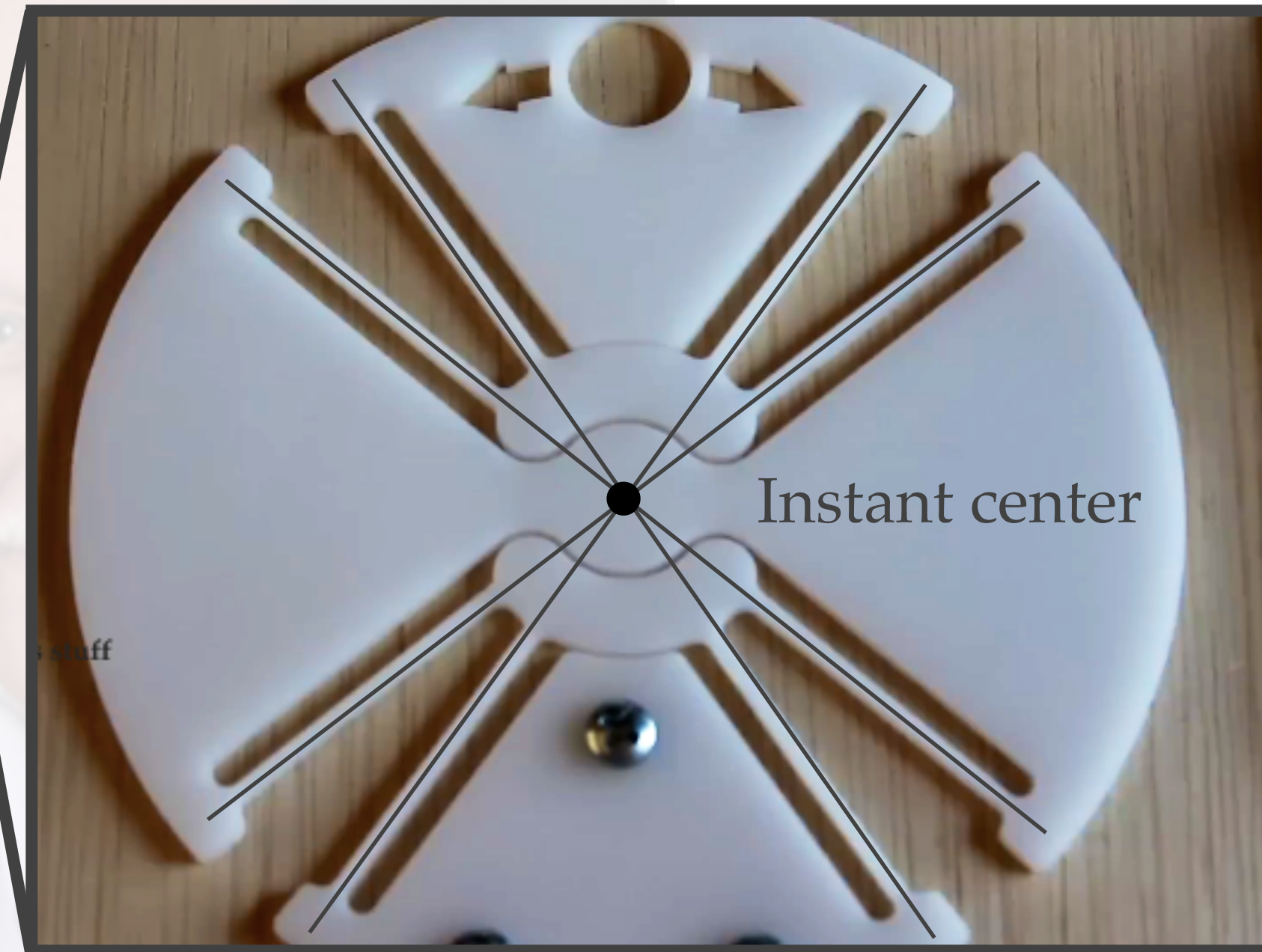
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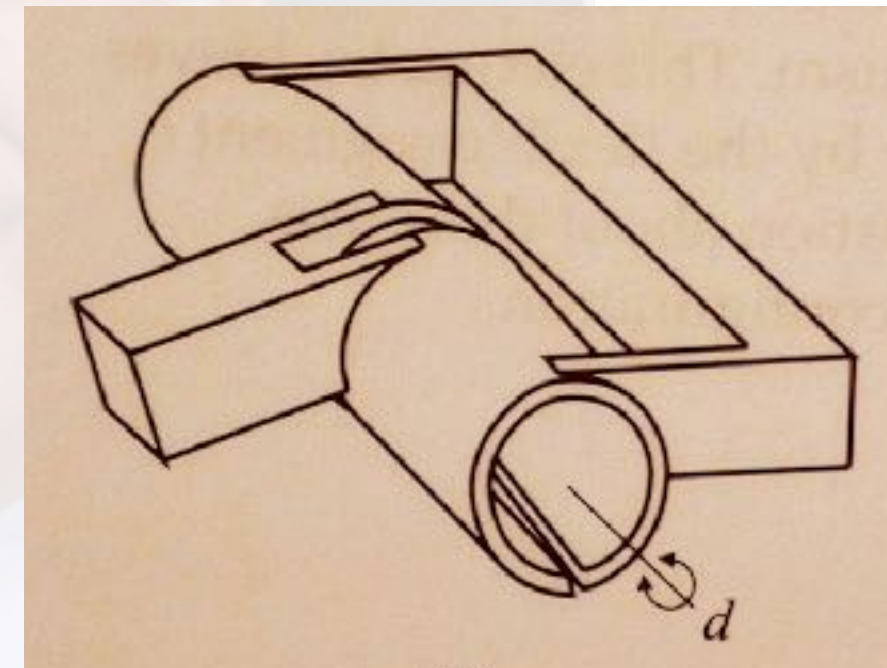
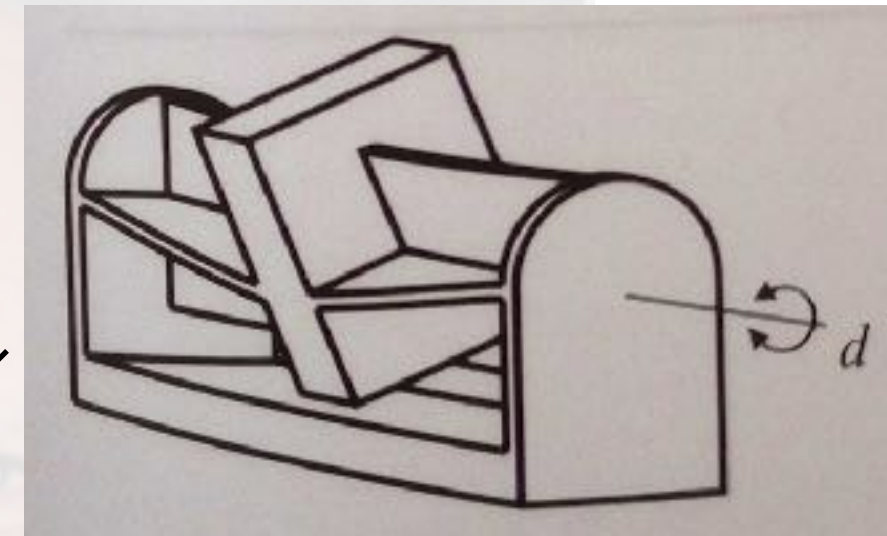
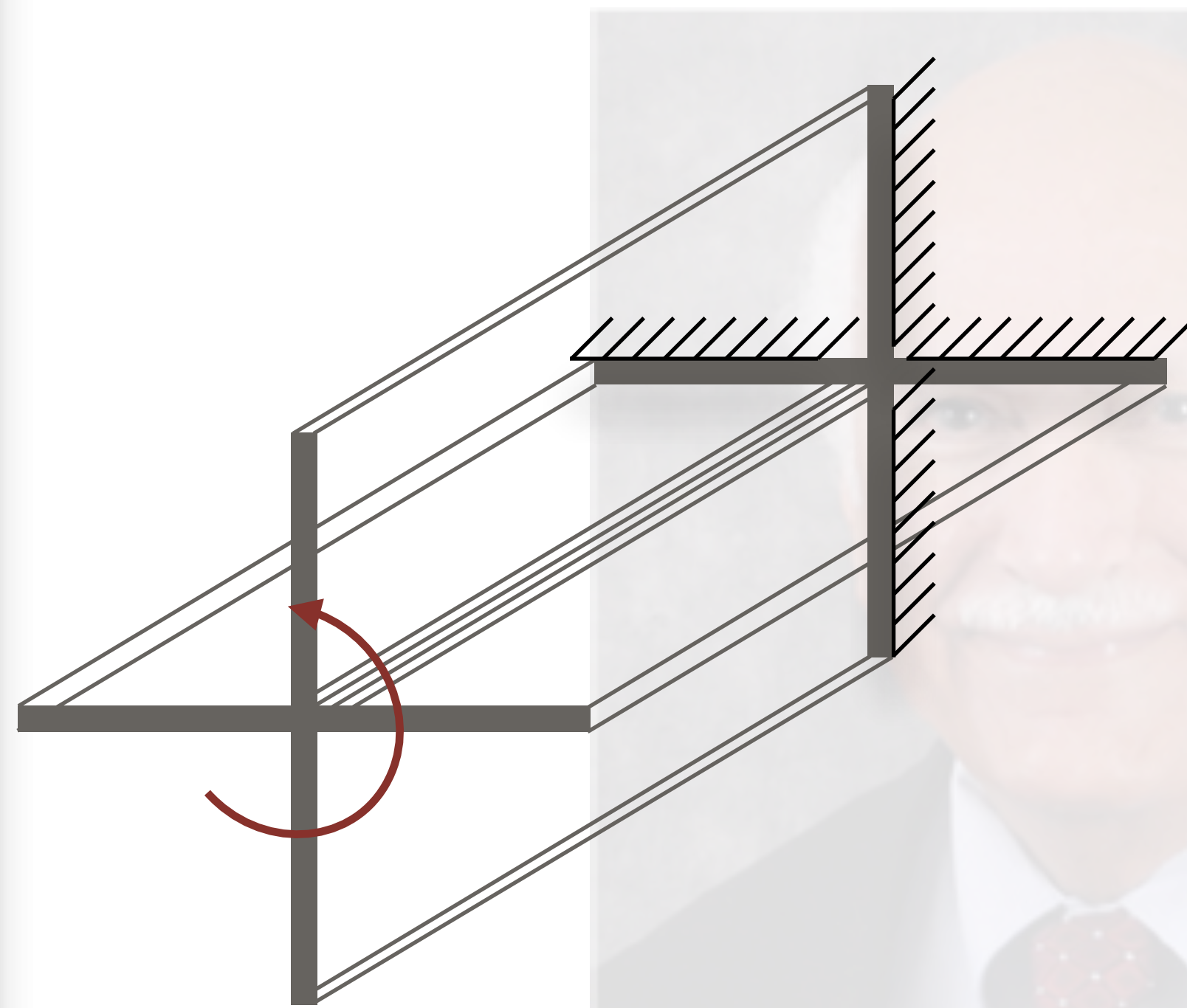
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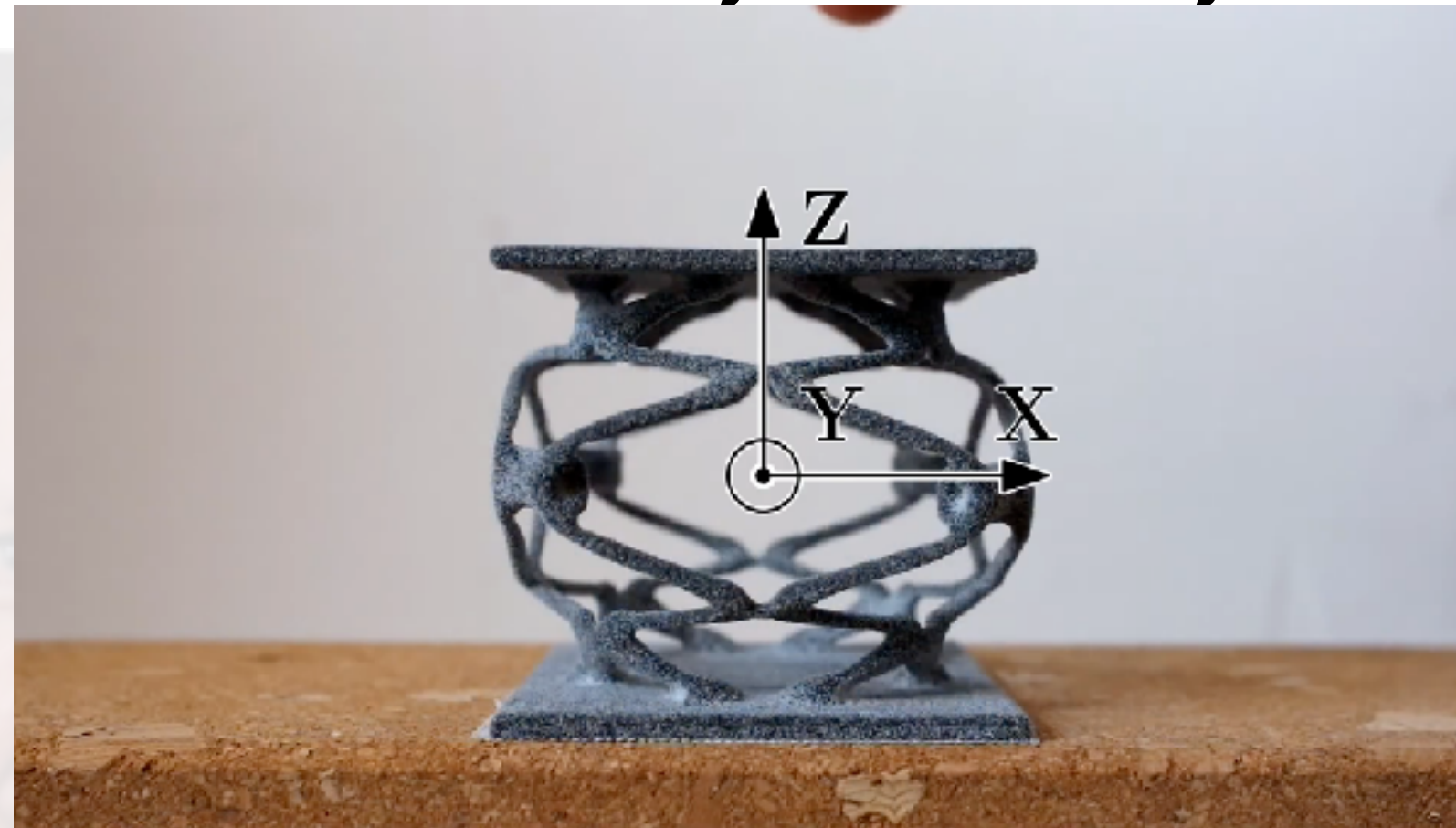
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Two axis

Precision



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHqkL6dLo2M>

Precision ?

All such monolithic setups permit rotations  
Is the Pseudo hinge almost fixed? (Precision)  
Is there parasitic (e.g., out of plane) motion?

Adequately stiff?  
Adequately strong?

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