



# Assemblers Internship Exit Presentation

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- End-Effector Force Calculations
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- Jigging End-Effector Mechanism
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# About Me

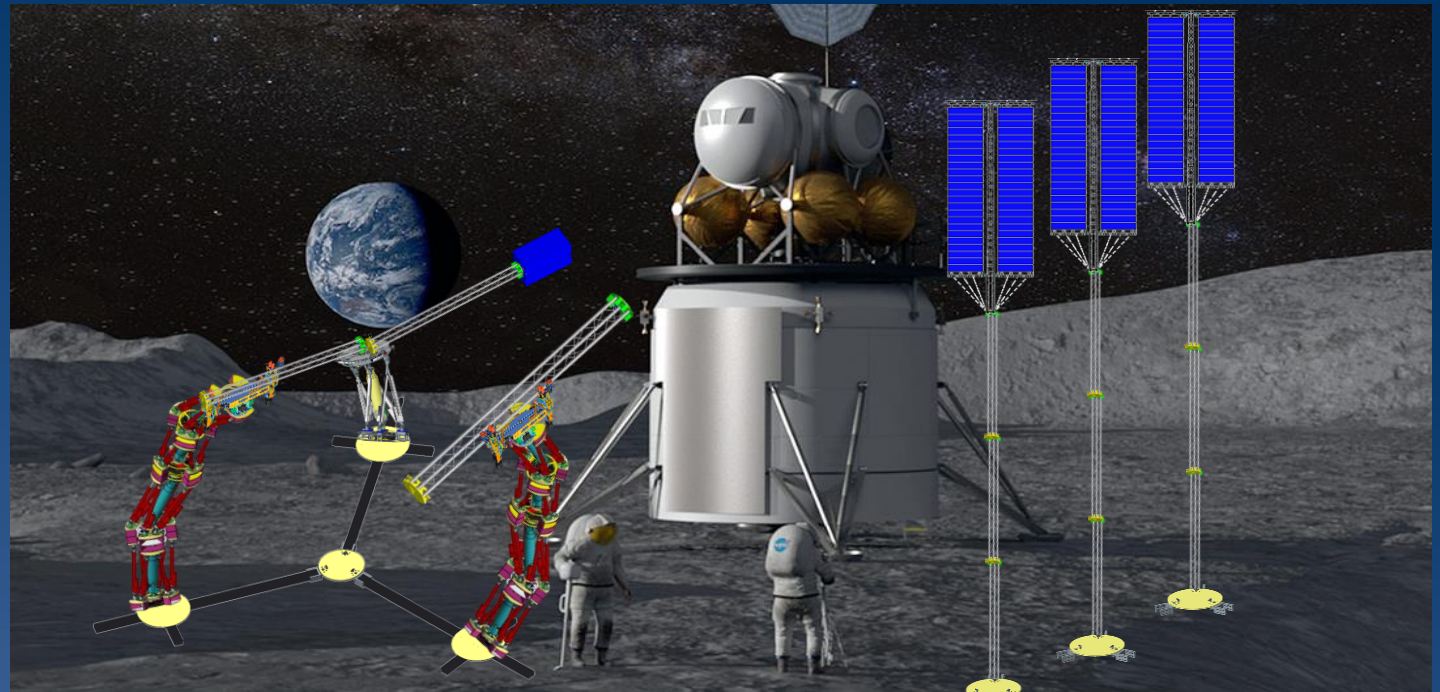
- Senior at Georgia Tech
- Mechanical Engineering Major
  - Concentration in Automation & Robotics
- From Rochester, NY
- Hobbies are basketball and cooking





# Assemblers Overview

- Autonomous, modular, robotic in-space assembly
- System based on multiple stacked Stewart Platforms
  - 6 degrees of freedom
- Components
  - Stewart Platform
  - End-Effectors
  - Base and Foundation
  - Test Articles







# Project Storyboard



## ACT – I: Work Site Preparation

- Work site preparation tasks allocated
- Material offloading
- Site inspection and preparation
- General Staging

## ACT – II: Foundation Preparation

- Foundation preparation tasks allocated
- Assembler Configuration
- Transport Material to site
- Foundation Setup
- Foundation inspection

## ACT – III: Structure Assembly

- Structure Assembly tasks allocated
- Component Jigging
- Component Joining
- Assembly inspection

## ACT – IV: Error Detection and Correction

- Error detection
- Error correction
- Situation reports
- Resume planned assembly queue

## ACT – V: Task Switching

- Next task allocated
- Next task execution
- Complete assembly inspection

## ACT – VI: Assembly Completion and Post Assembly Activities

- Validation Reports
- Agent switch to maintain and support mode
- Other post assembly task execution



# Abbreviations

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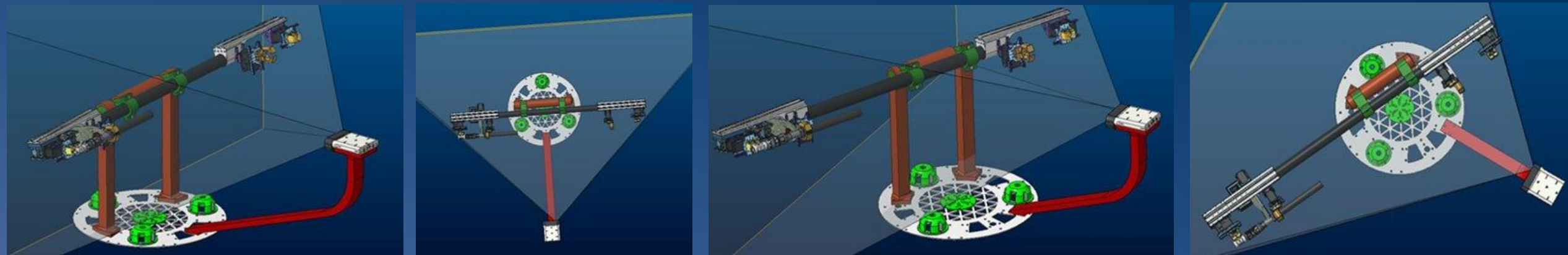
- COTS: Commercial Off-The-Shelf
- EE: End-Effector
- SAS: Strut Attachment System





# Camera/SAS Mounts

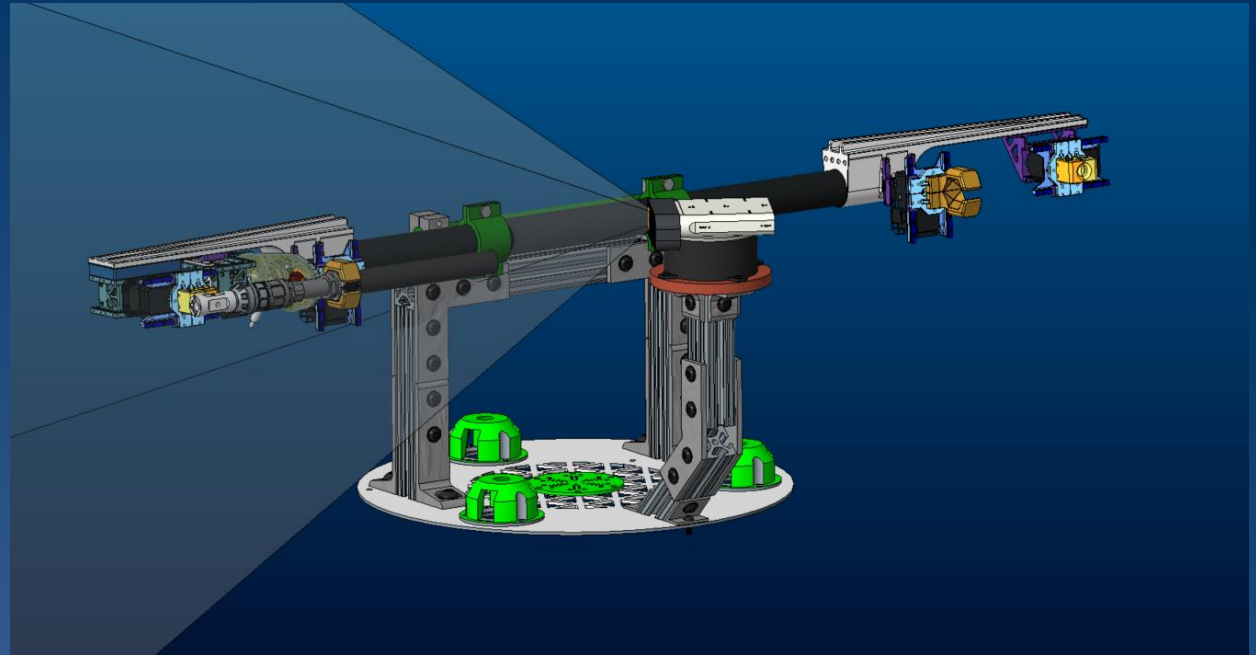
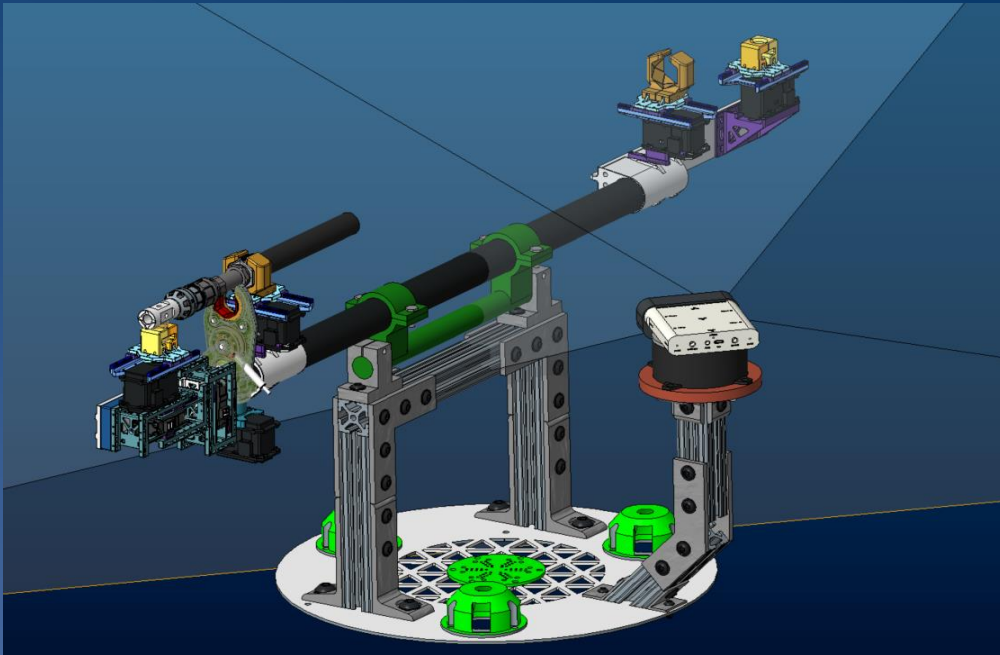
- Initial concept designs
- Issue with distance required for camera field of vision
- Multiple angles/positions tested





# Camera/SAS Mounts

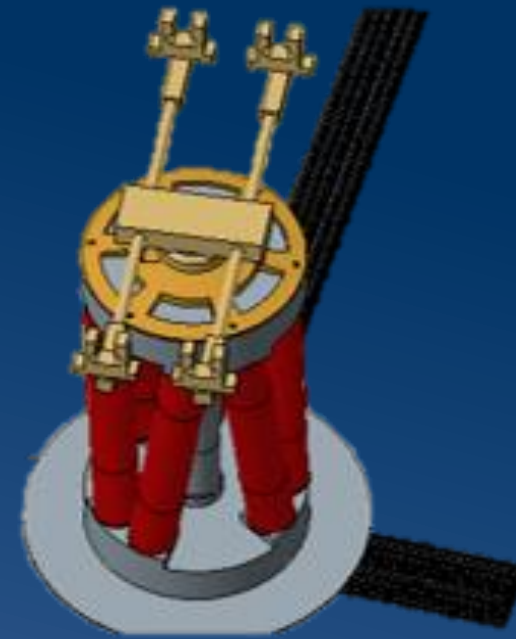
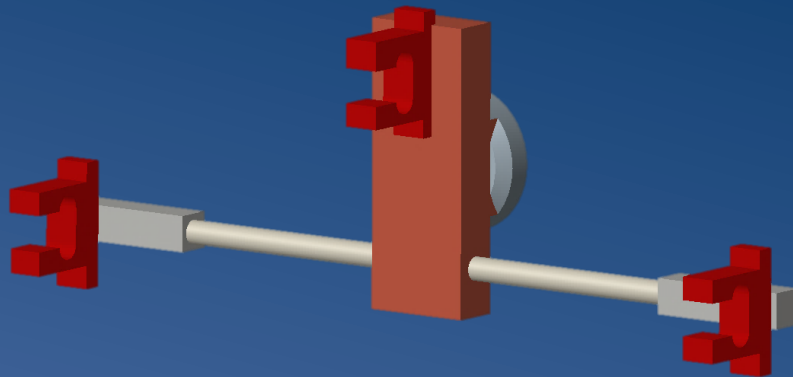
- Mainly 80/20 framing with COTS components
- Added turntable to camera base





# End Effector Concepts

- Truss Manipulator
  - Grab and move truss segments
- Truss Jigging
  - Aid and jig the truss segment during assembly

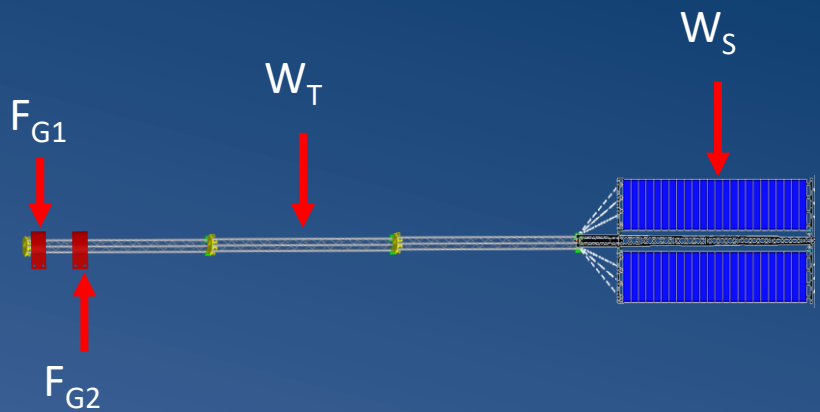






# Jigging EE Forces

- Jigging gripper in various holding positions
- Forces measured in lbs.



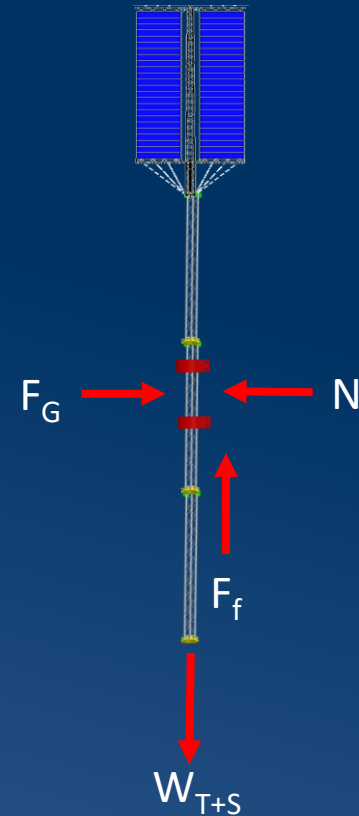
Grip Location	G1 Total	G2 Total	G1 Split	G2 Split
End	159.3	229.3	79.7	114.7
1/3	73.8	143.8	36.9	71.9
Middle	22.5	92.5	11.3	46.3
2/3	28.8	23.8	14.4	11.9



# Manipulator EE Forces

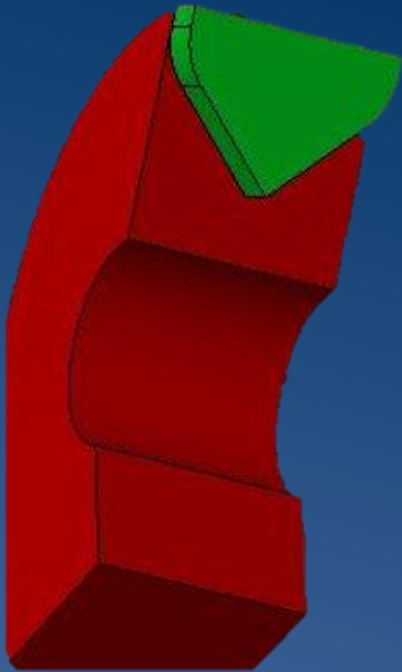
- Force on manipulator gripper in vertical position
- Verifications with motor specifications
- Gripper force needed for worst case ~32.9 lb.
- Force provided from lead screw ~60 lb.

$$F = \frac{2T}{d} \left( \frac{\pi d - fl}{l + \pi f d} \right)$$

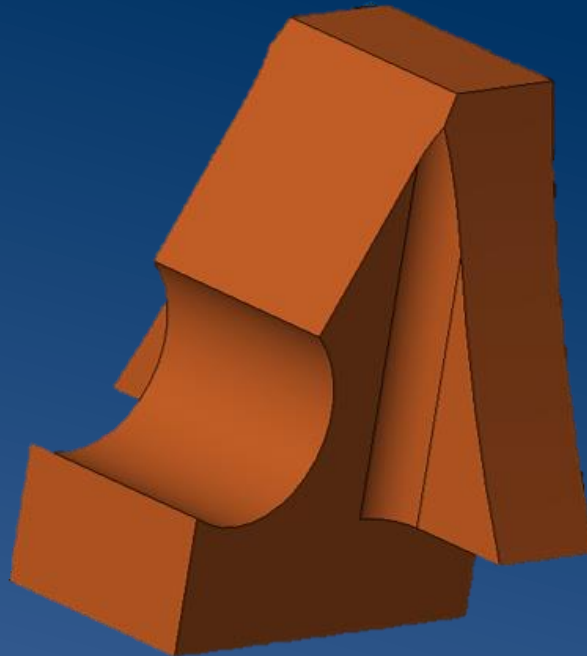




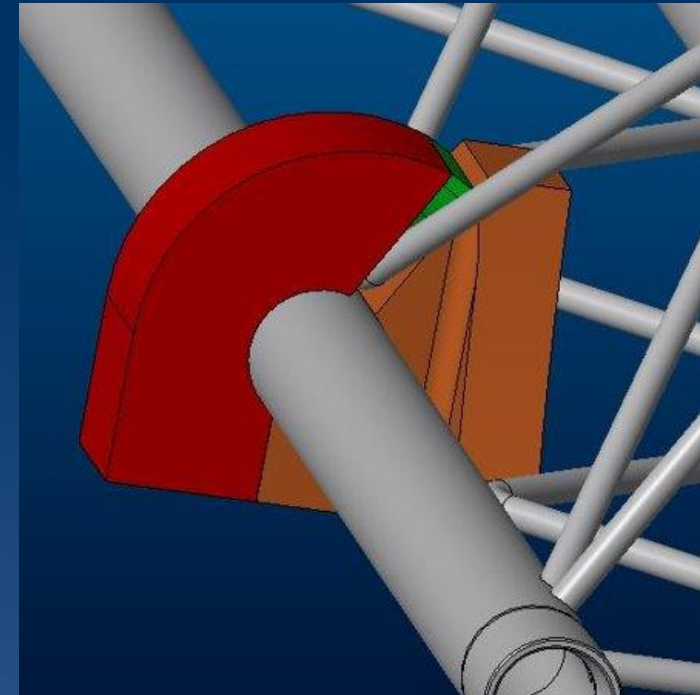
# Initial Gripper Fingers



Moving Finger



Stationary Finger

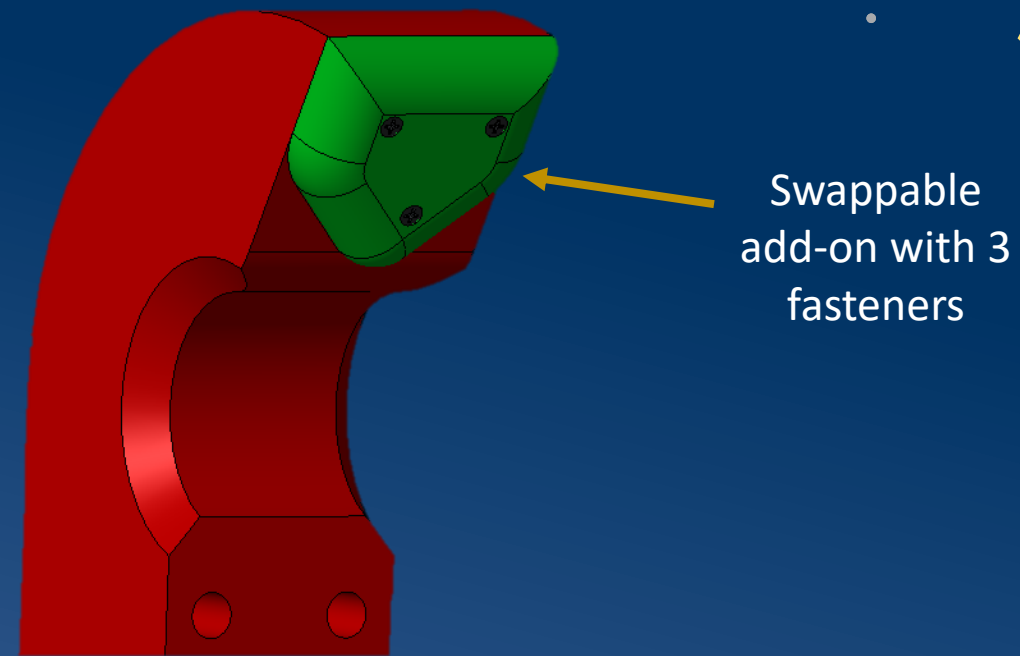
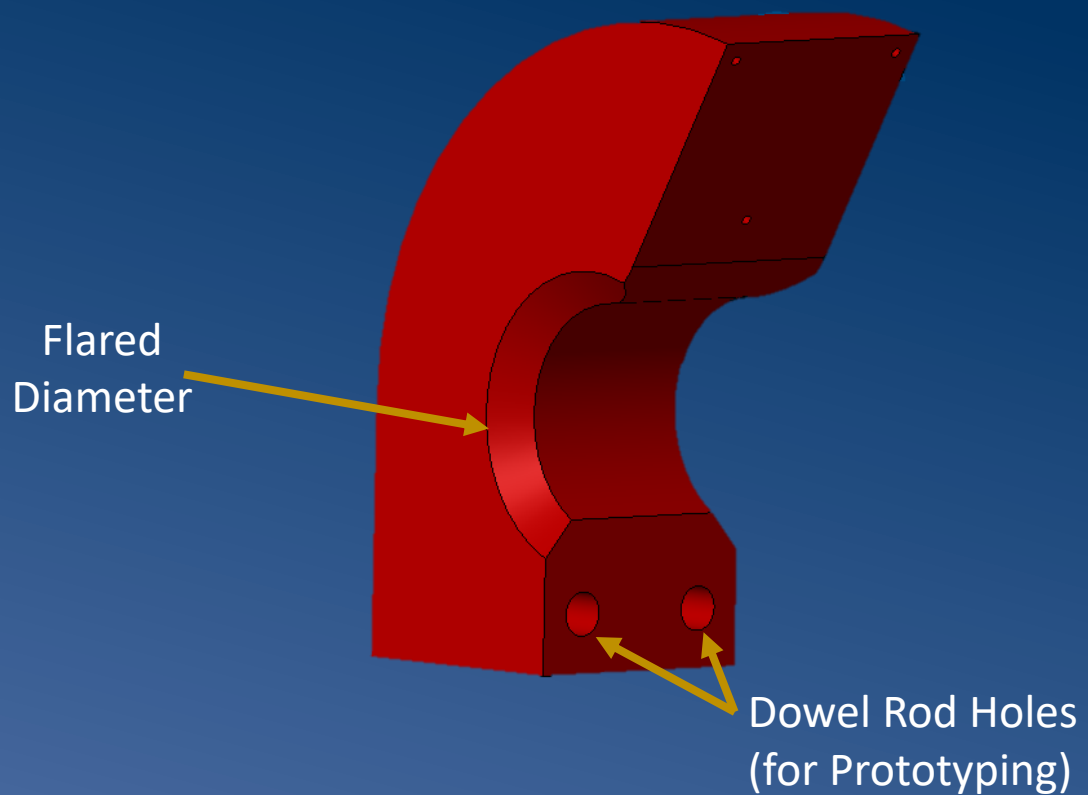


Fingers with Truss





# Moving Gripper





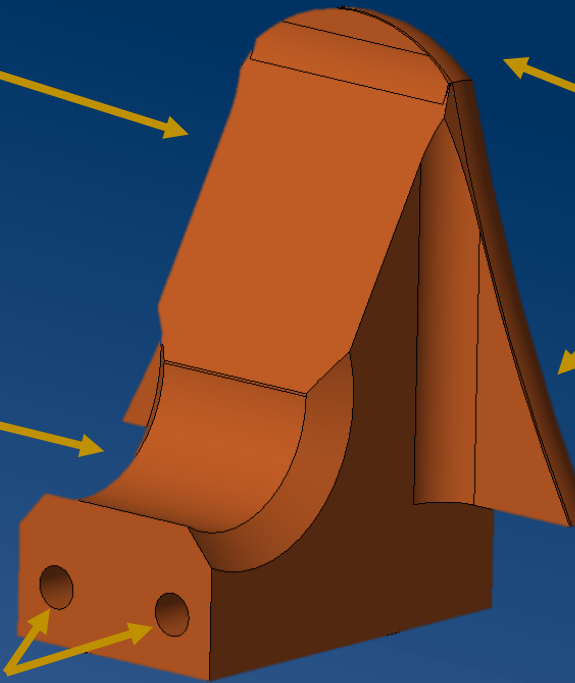
# Stationary Gripper

Angled Guide  
for Primary  
Truss Member

Rounded Top and Side  
Curves to avoid Secondary  
Truss Members

Flared  
Diameter

Dowel Rod Holes  
(for Prototyping)






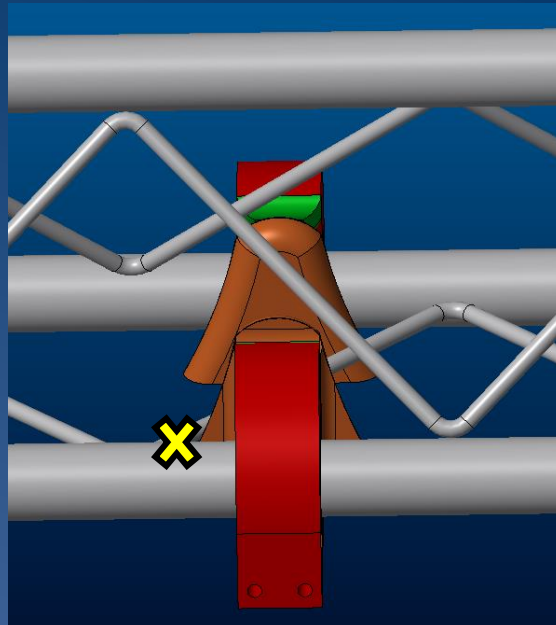


# Jigging EE Inch Worming

- Gripper fingers (intended for manipulator EE) would cause issues with inch worming movement
- Need modified EE design for jigging end effector with mechanism for truss translation



 = Interference Point



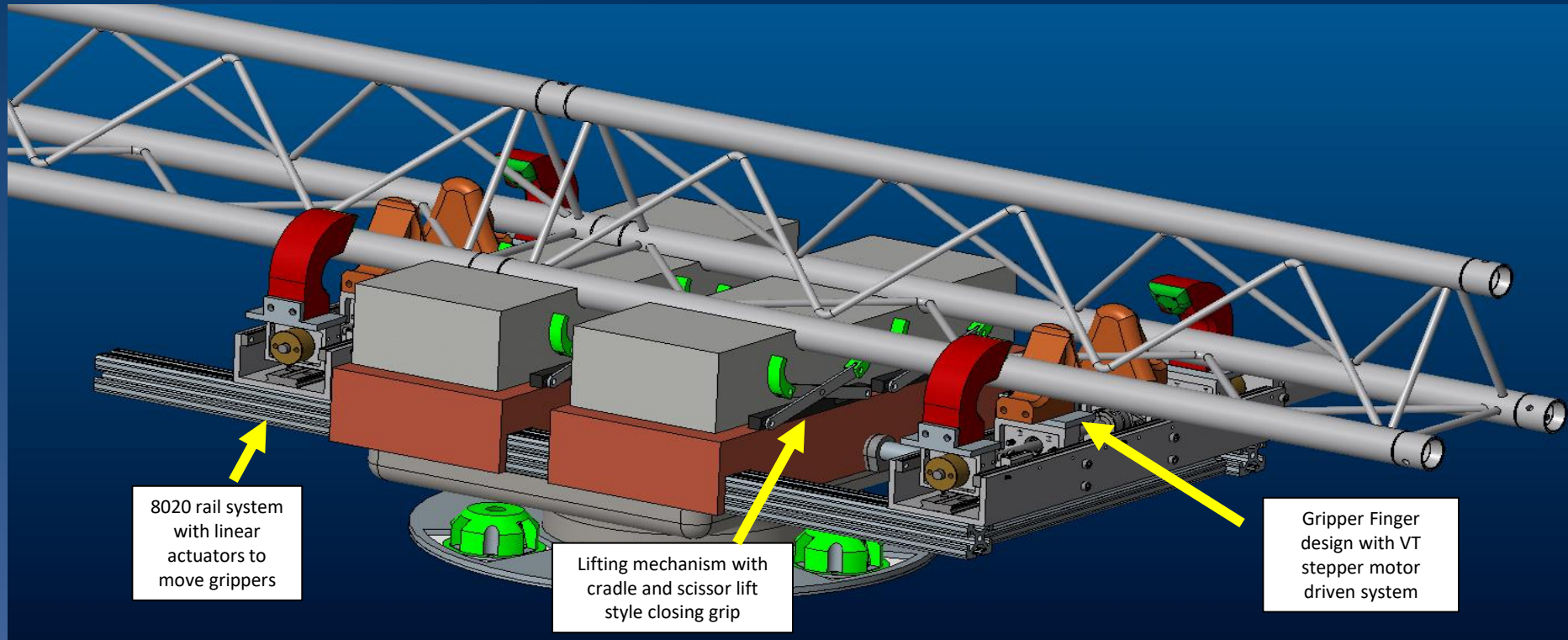
~1.5" movement  
before interference





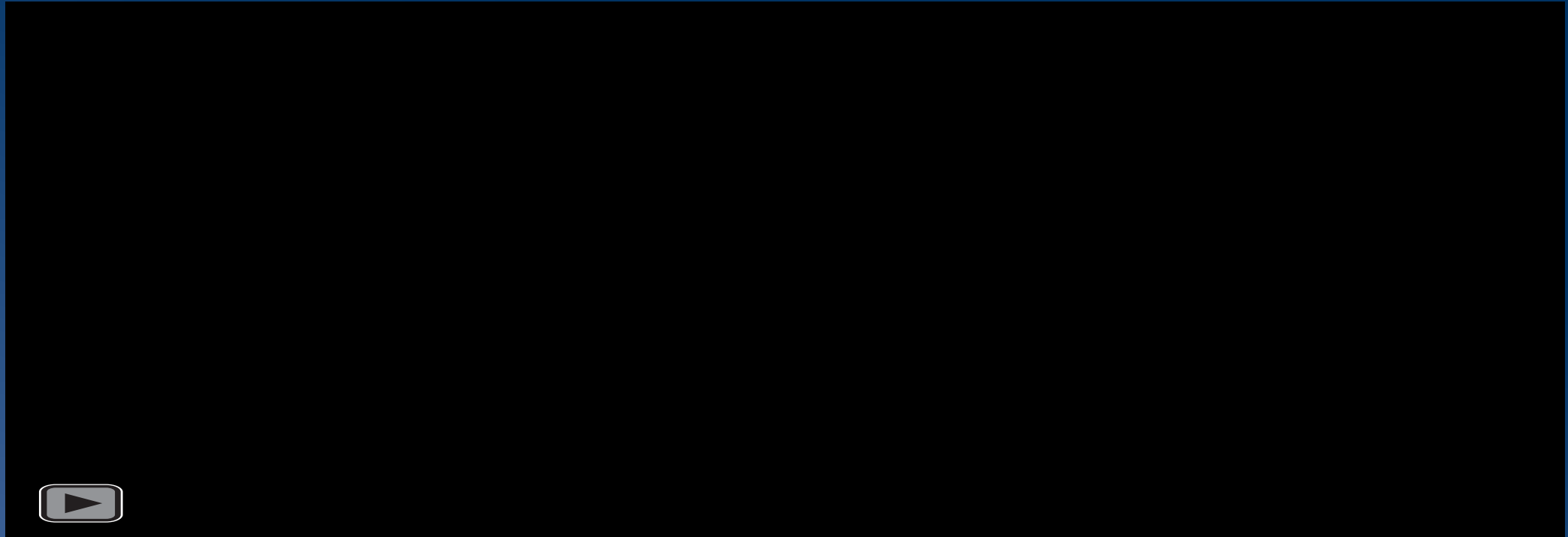
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- Move truss using to allow grippers to reset





# Movement Idea #1 Animation

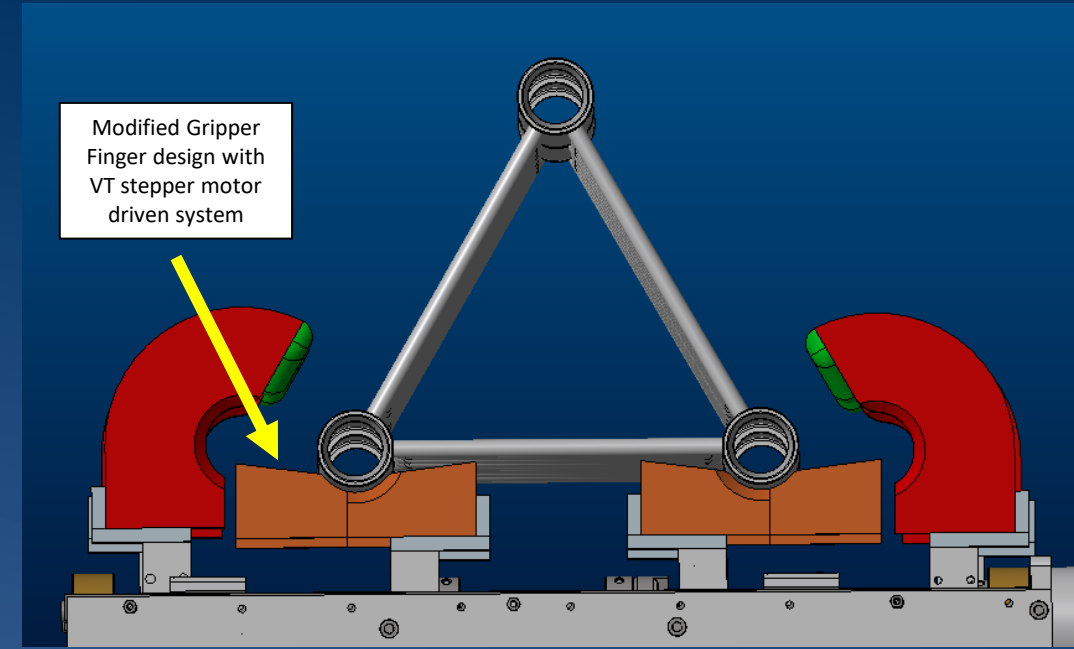
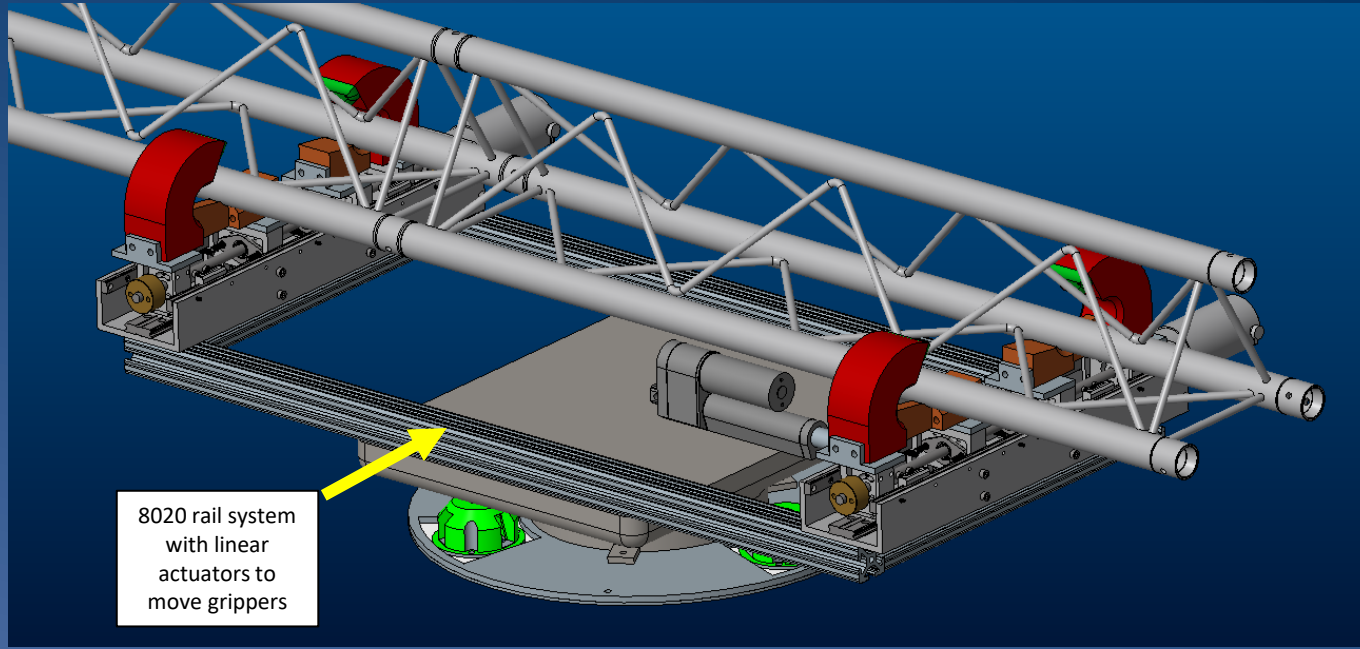


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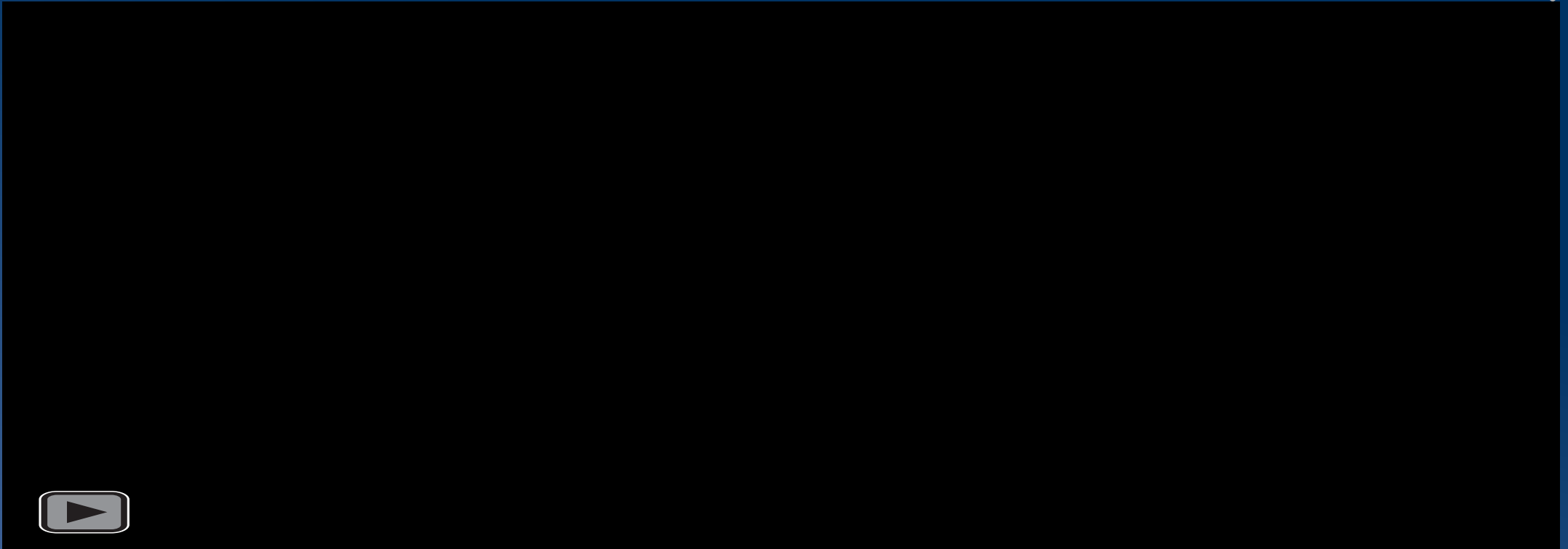
# Movement Idea #2

- Modified gripper from truss manipulator EE fingers
- Lowered height to avoid interference with secondary truss members





# Movement Idea #2 Animation



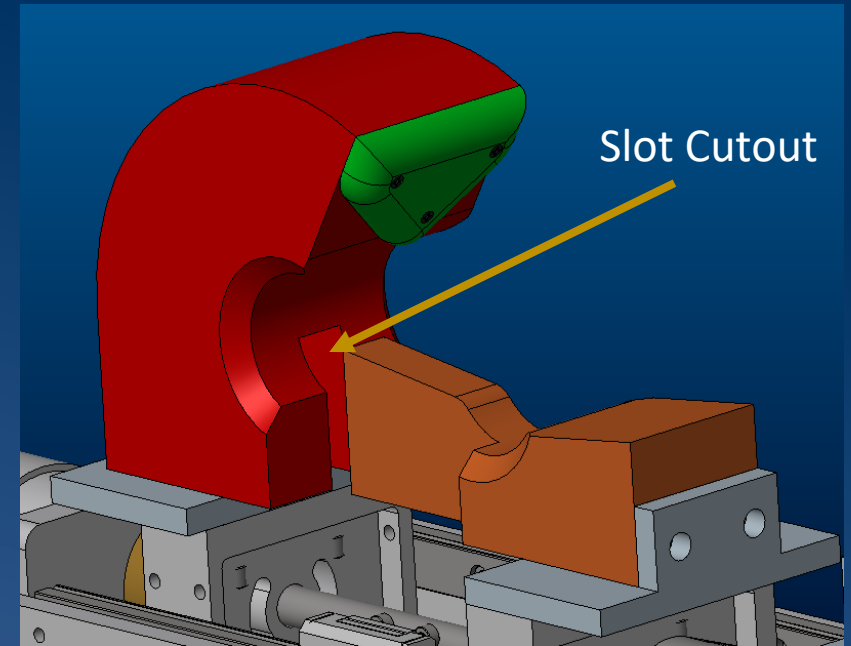
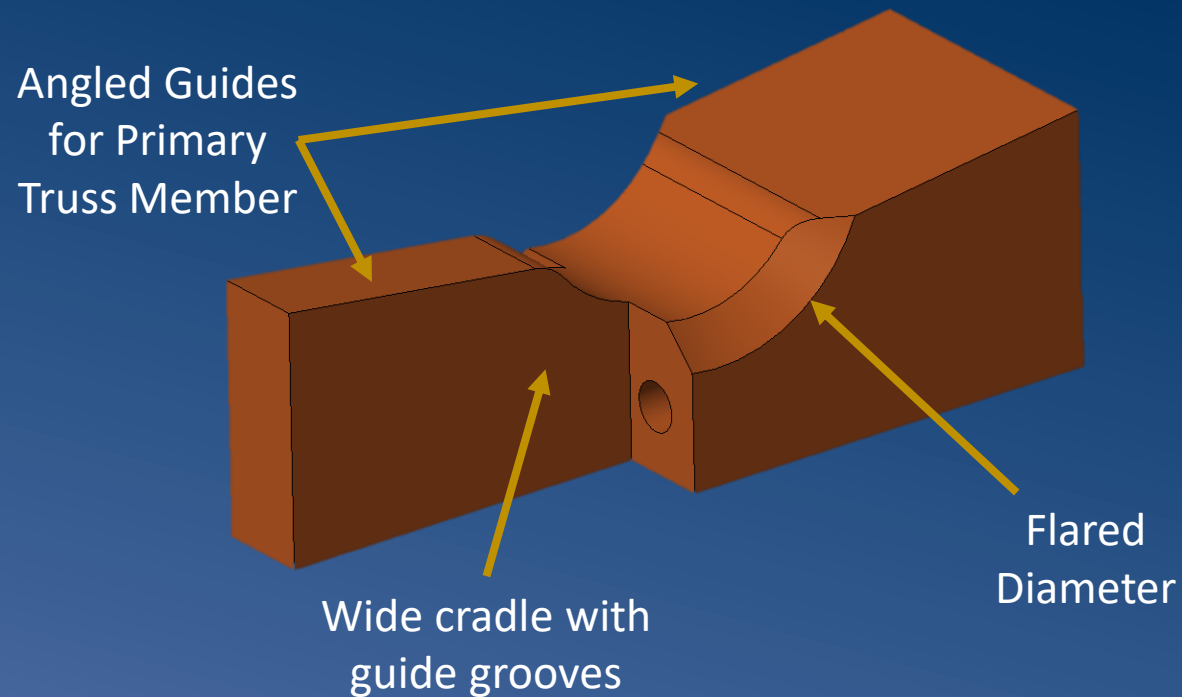
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# Gripper for Jigging End Effector

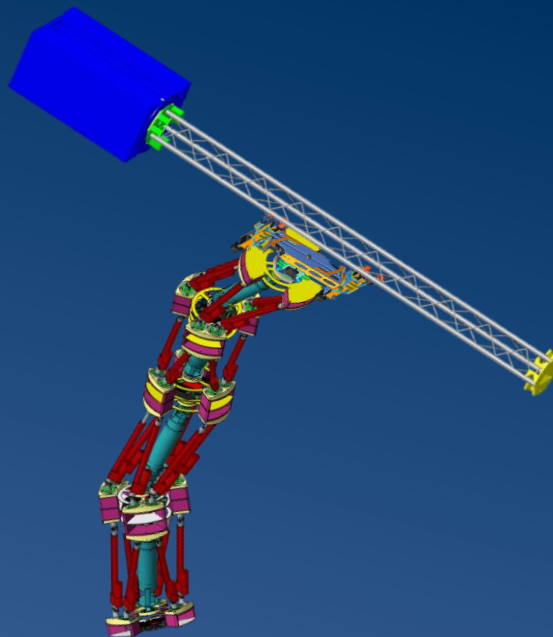
- Lowered height eliminates need for side guide grooves
- Wider stationary gripper allows for more stable cradle





# Takeaways

- In-Space Assembly and Robotics
- Learned a lot about Creo and conceptual design
- First time teleworking
  - M&E Standups
  - Sprint Reviews
- Future Plans
  - Classes at Georgia Tech
  - Career in robotics





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