

263-5805-00L

Physics-based Modeling
for Computational
Fabrication and Robotics

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Agenda

- **Introduction**
- Course Overview
- Course Topics

Introduction



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Course Overview: Lectures

- HG E 1.2, Wednesdays 3-5 pm
- <http://crl.ethz.ch/teaching.html>
- Slides / course material available on website

Course Overview: Lectures

Date	Lecture	Lecturer
Feb. 20	Introduction	Stelian / Moritz
Feb. 27	Primer on Numerical Optimization	Stelian
Mar. 6	Kinematics of Mechanisms (Simulation & Design)	Stelian
Mar. 13	Rigid Body Dynamics / Mass Distribution Optimization	Moritz
Mar. 20	Modeling Elastic Objects (FEM)	Moritz
Mar. 27	Design Optimization (Sensitivity Analysis)	Stelian
Apr. 3	Project Proposals	All
Apr. 10	Material Characterization	Kristina
Apr. 17	Generative Design: Shape Grammars	Kristina
Apr. 24	NO CLASS	
May 1	NO CLASS	
May 8	Generative Design: Graph Grammars	Kristina
May 15	<i>Advanced Topics</i>	?
May 22	<i>Advanced Topics</i>	?
May 29	Project Demonstrations	All

Course Overview: Tutorials & Assignments

- **Tutorials:** CAB G 56, Fridays 1-3 pm
- 3 programming assignments
- ~2 weeks
- done individually
- Grading: 15% each



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Course Overview: Tutorials & Assignments

Date	Tutorial	Assignment
Feb. 22	GitHub Classroom	
Feb. 29	Code Framework for Assignments	A1
Mar. 8	Q&A A1	
Mar. 15	A2	A1 due; A2
Mar. 22	OnShape Tutorial / Q&A A2	
Mar. 29	A3	A2 due; A3
Apr. 5	Q&A A3	
Apr. 12	NO TUTORIAL	
Apr. 19	NO TUTORIAL	A3 due
Apr. 26	NO TUTORIAL	
May 3	Q&A Project	
May 10	Q&A Project	
May 17	Q&A Project	
May 24	Q&A Project	

Course Overview: Project

- Physics-based modeling
- Implements (*one* or *more*) techniques from lecture / discussed papers
- Groups of 1-2 students (3 students: approval required)
- Grading: 55%
- There will be **awards!**



Course Overview: Project

Date	Lecture	Project
Feb. 20		
Feb. 27		start planning
Mar. 6		
Mar. 13		
Mar. 20		
Mar. 27		
Apr. 3	Project Proposal	plan due; start project
Apr. 10		
Apr. 17		
Apr. 24	NO CLASS	
May 1	NO CLASS	
May 8		status update due
May 15		
May 22		
May 29	Project Demonstrations	project due

Course Overview: Project

- Create a **project plan containing**
 - overall **idea** of the project *(abstract)*
 - lecture / paper **topics** that will be implemented *(scope)*
 - **milestones** and corresponding deadlines *(roadmap)*
- Reports / presentations / code
 - Apr. 3: **project plan** (report / presentation)
 - May 8: **status update** (report)
 - May 29: **project due** (report / presentation / code)

Course Overview: Project Plan (Apr. 3)

- Create a **project plan containing**
 - overall **idea** of the project *(abstract)*
 - lecture / paper **topics** that will be implemented *(scope)*
 - **milestones** and corresponding deadlines *(roadmap)*
- Hand in by Apr. 2:
 - **1 page** summary of project plan (**PDF**)
 - **3 min** presentation (**PPT**)
 - email link to zipped folder (Moritz Geilinger)

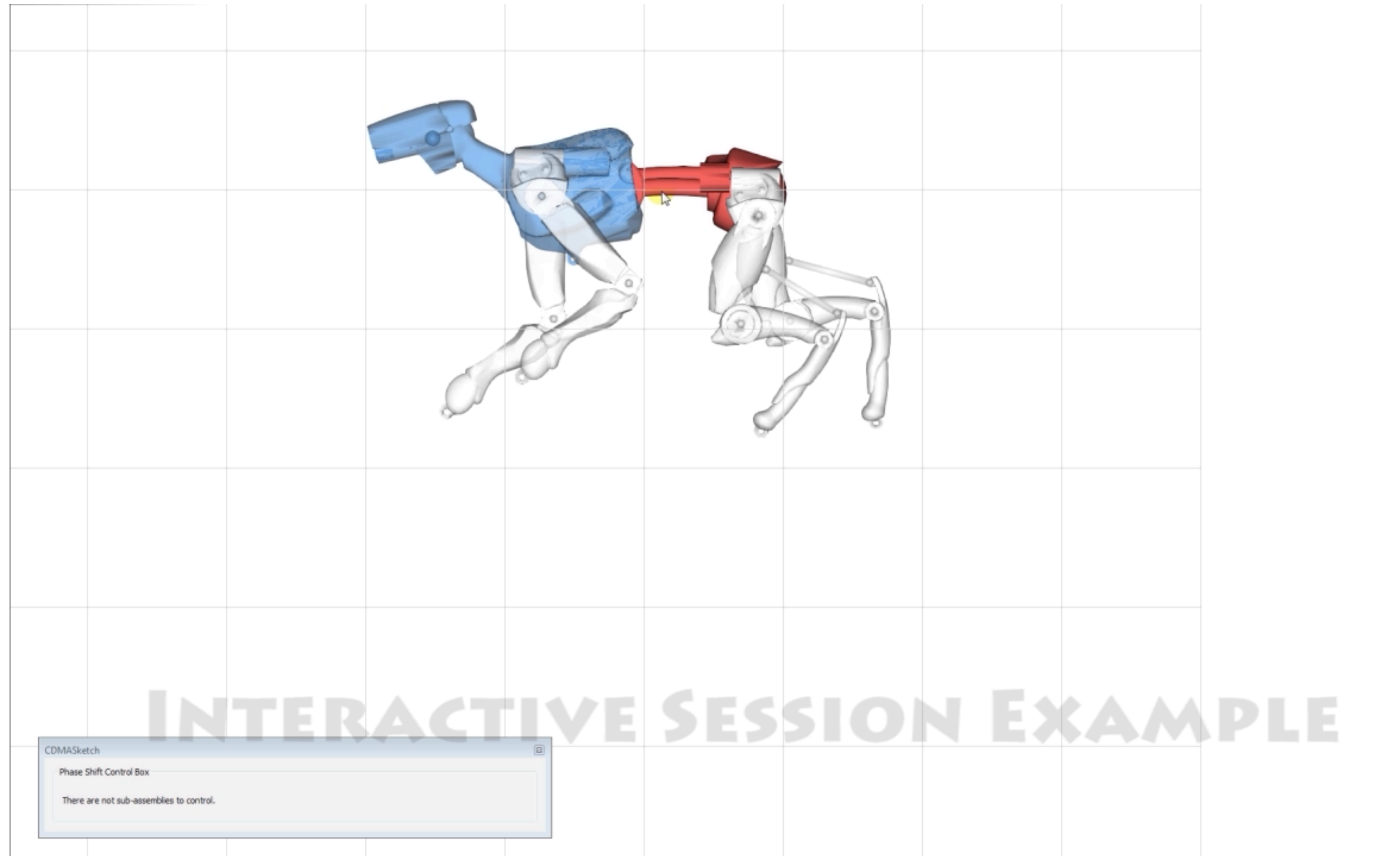
Course Overview: Grading

- Assignments: 15% + 15% + 15%
- Project: 55% (10% proposal; 30% project; 15% presentation)

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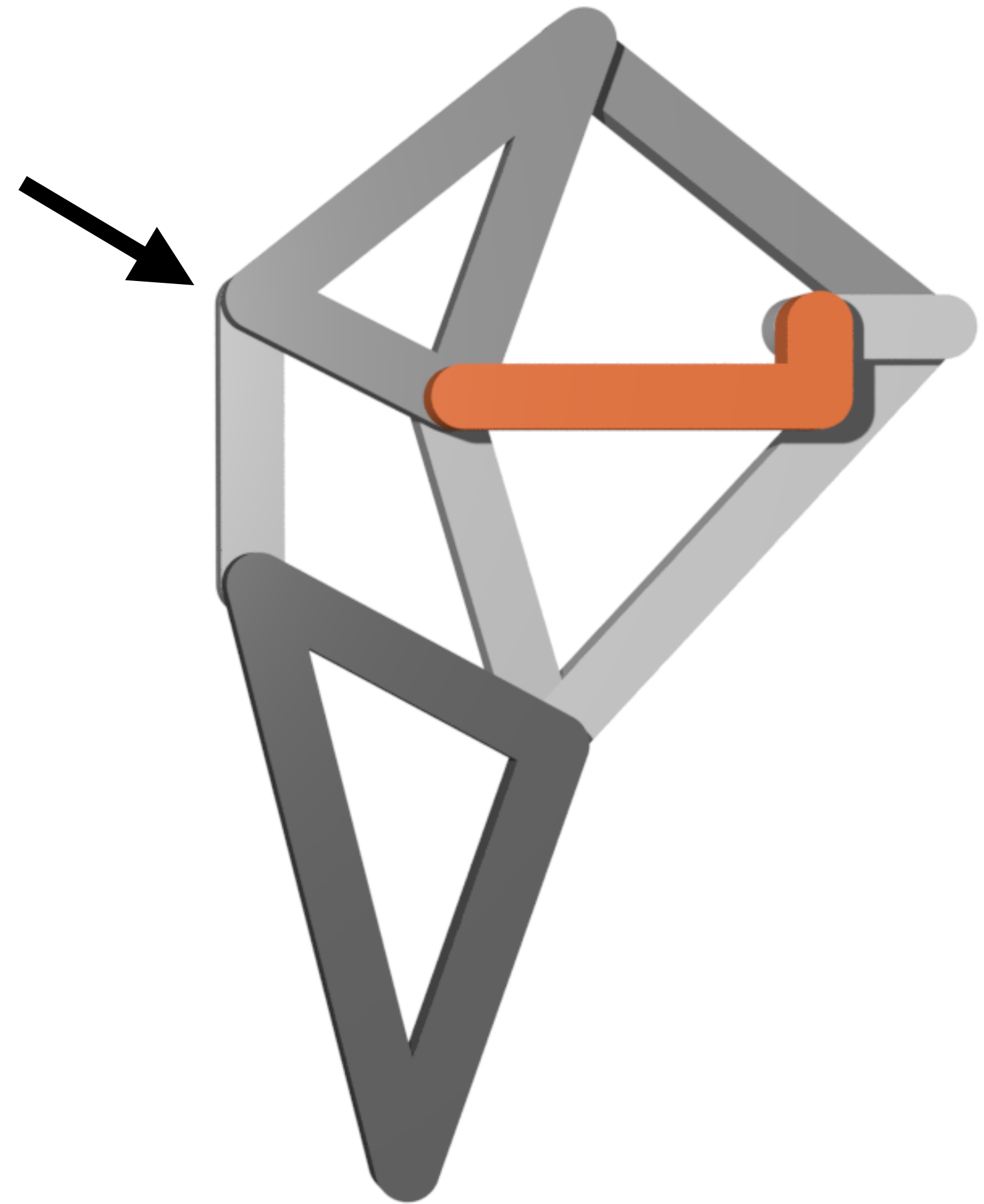
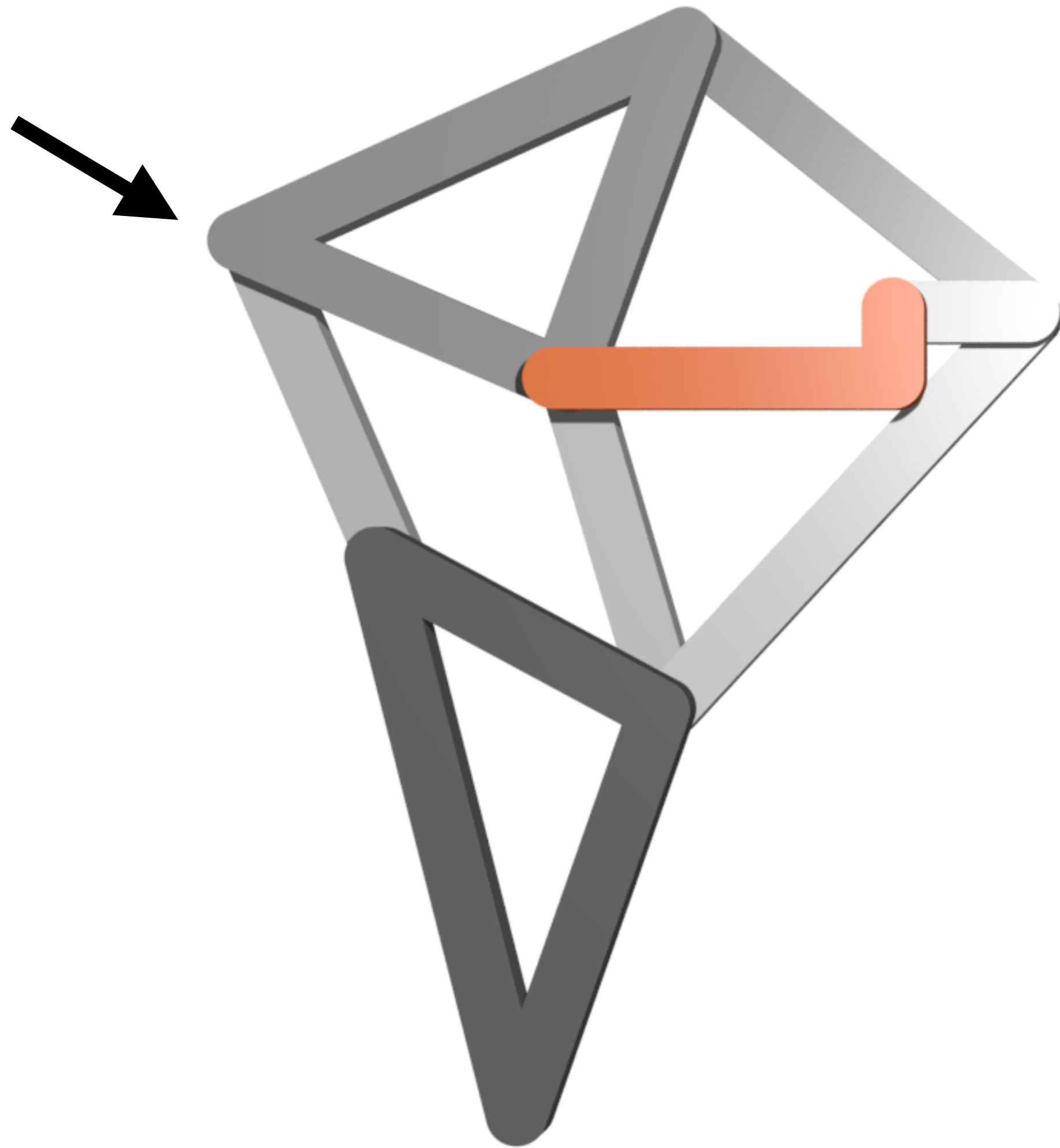
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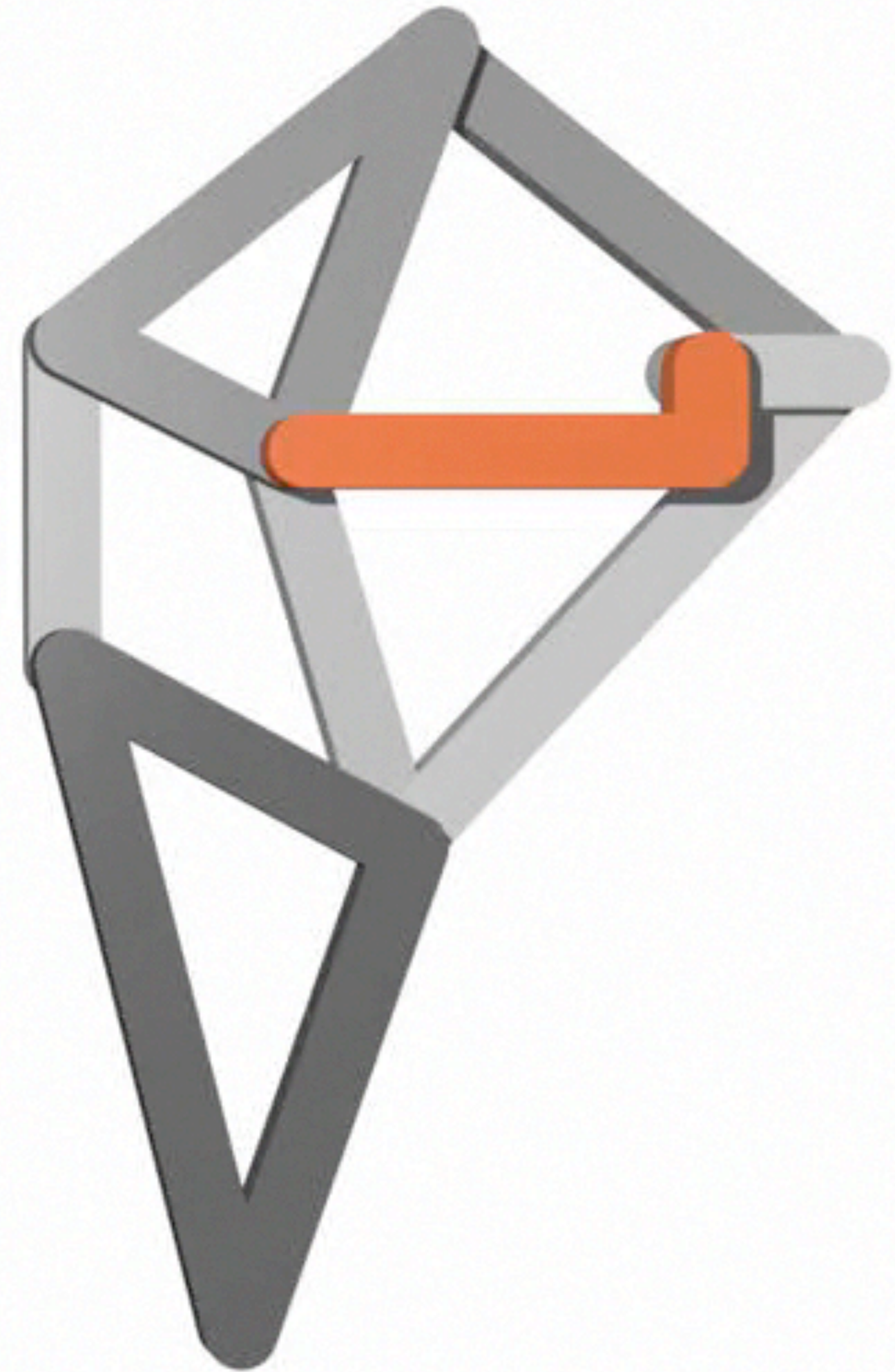
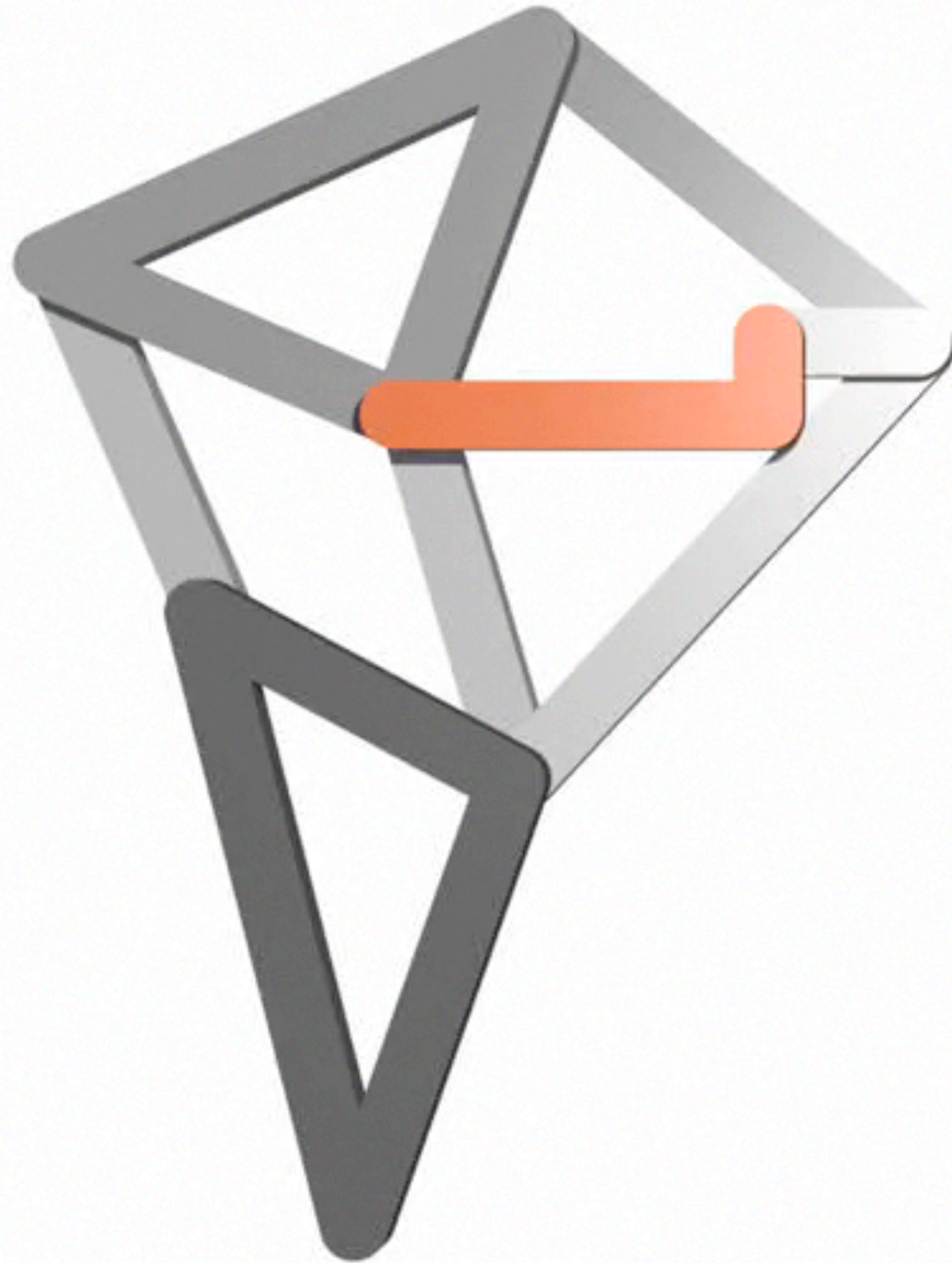
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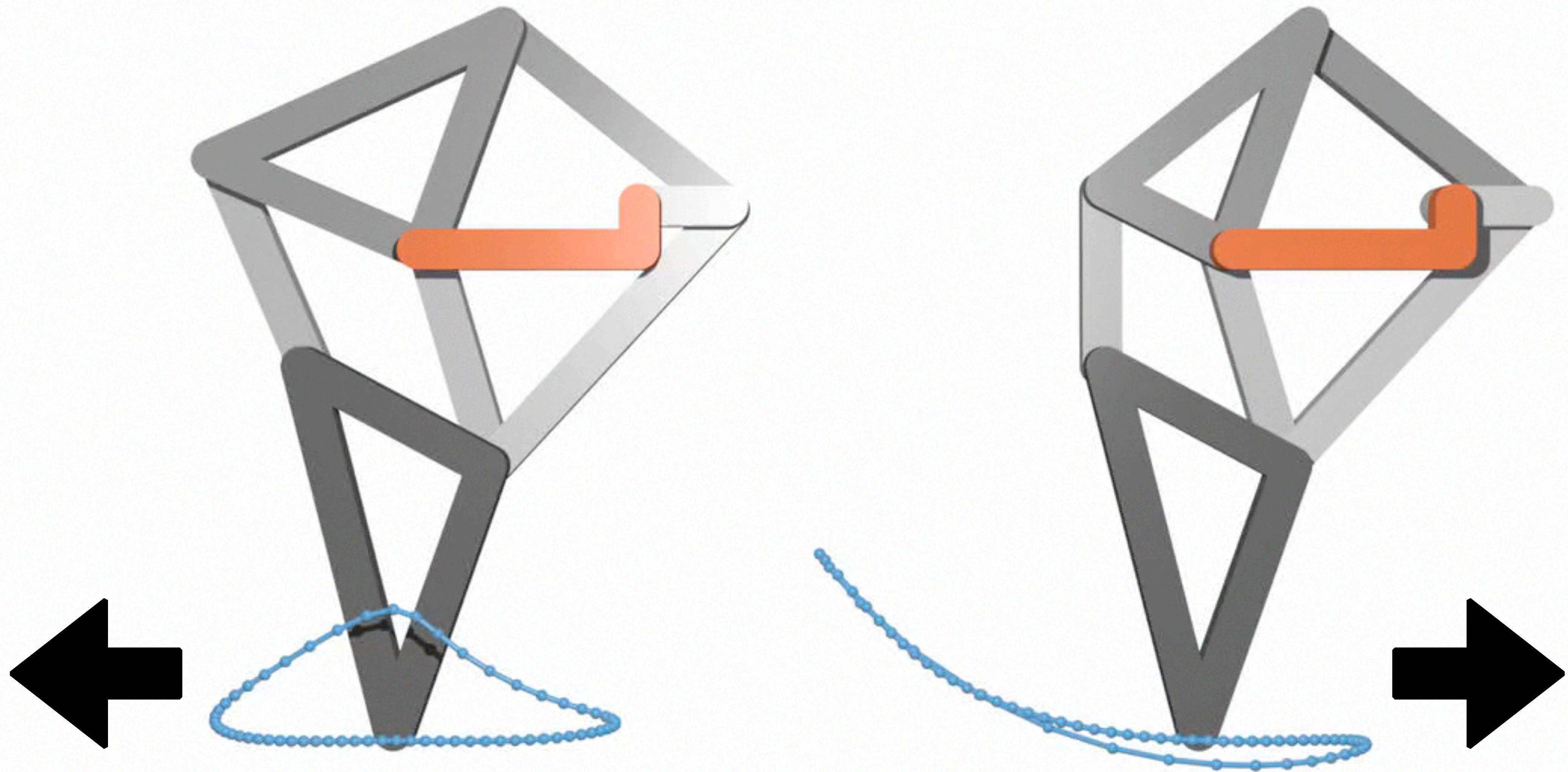
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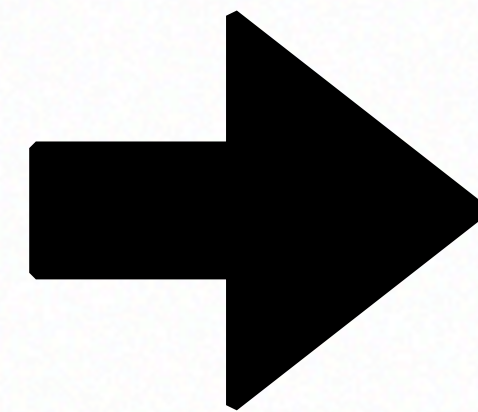
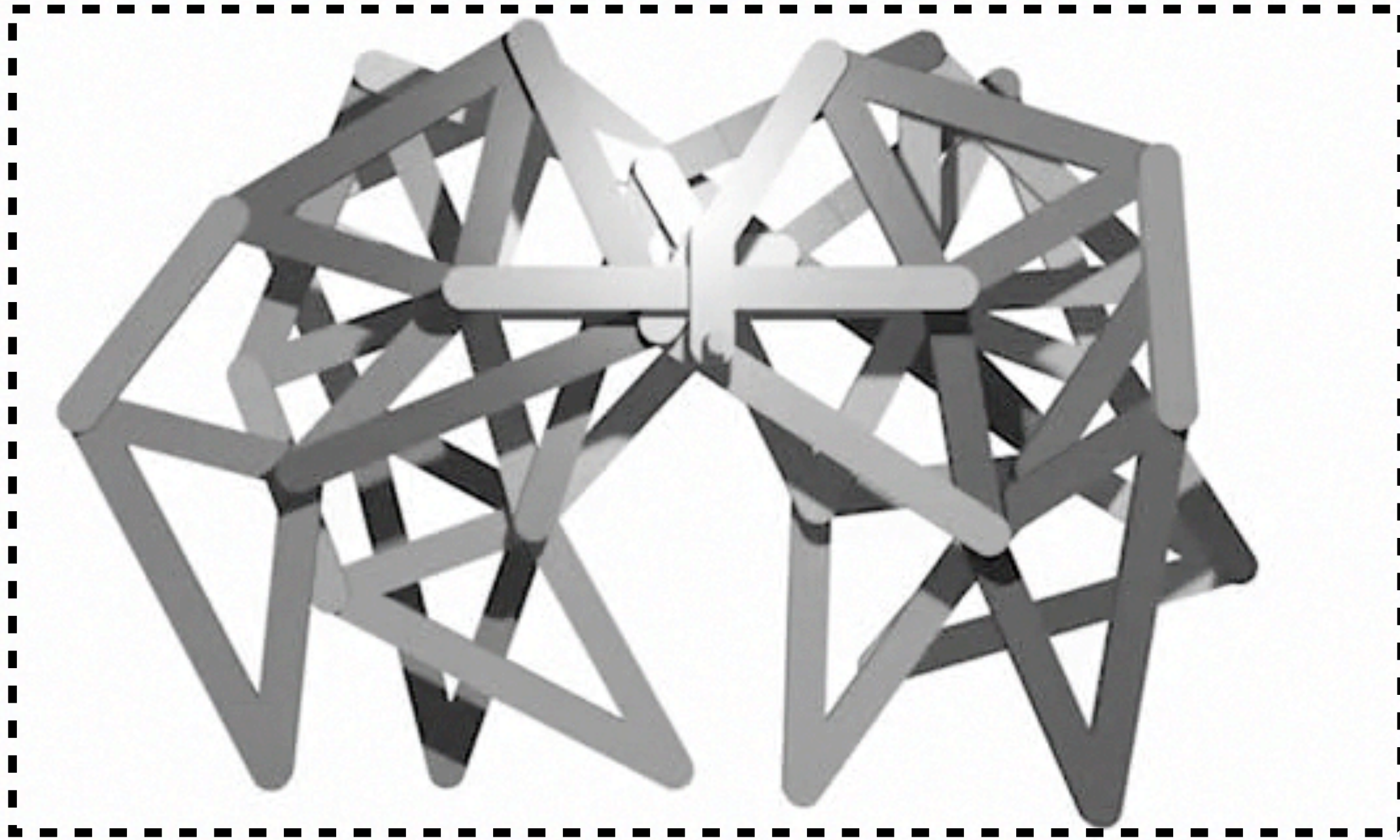
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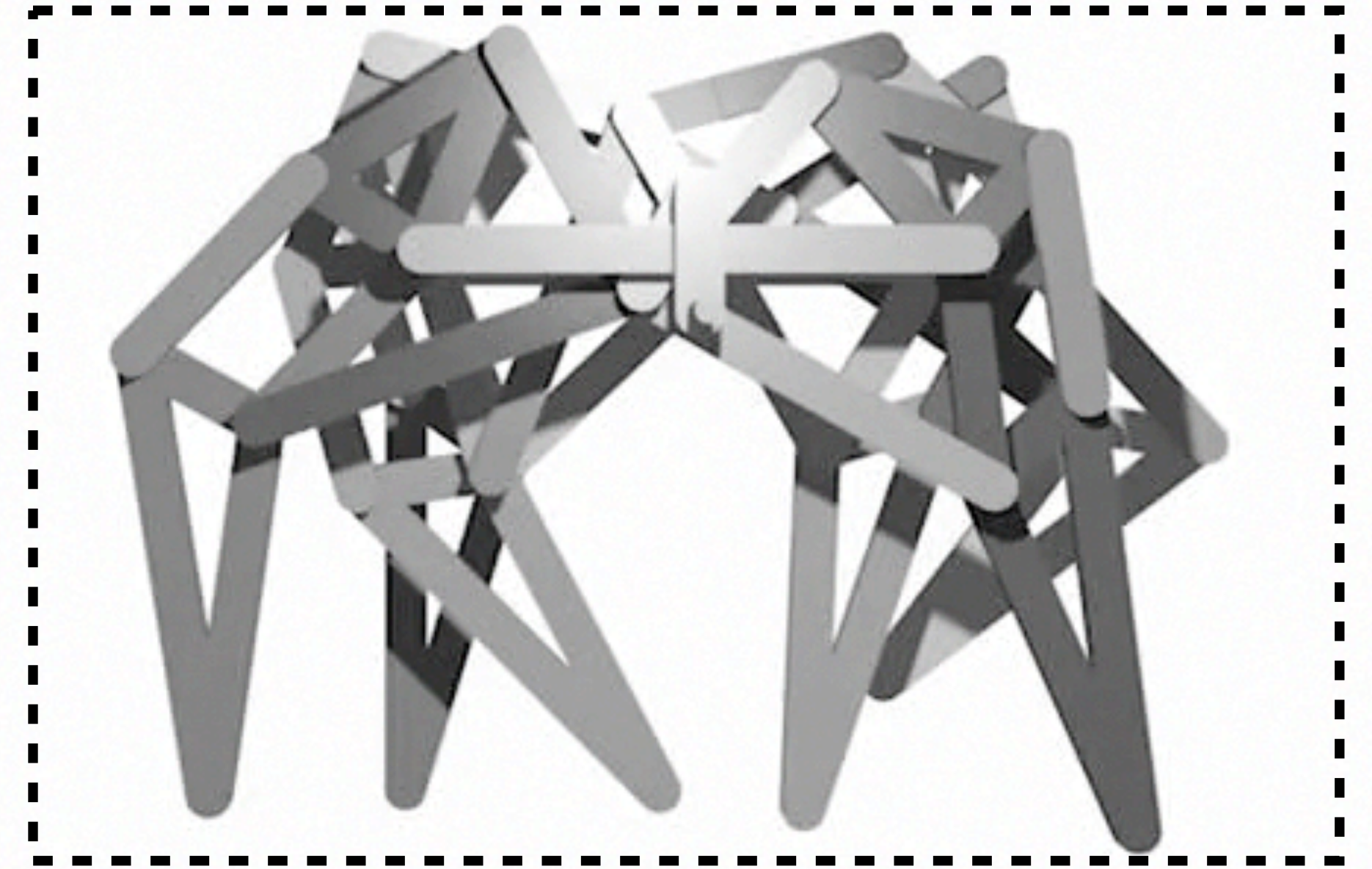
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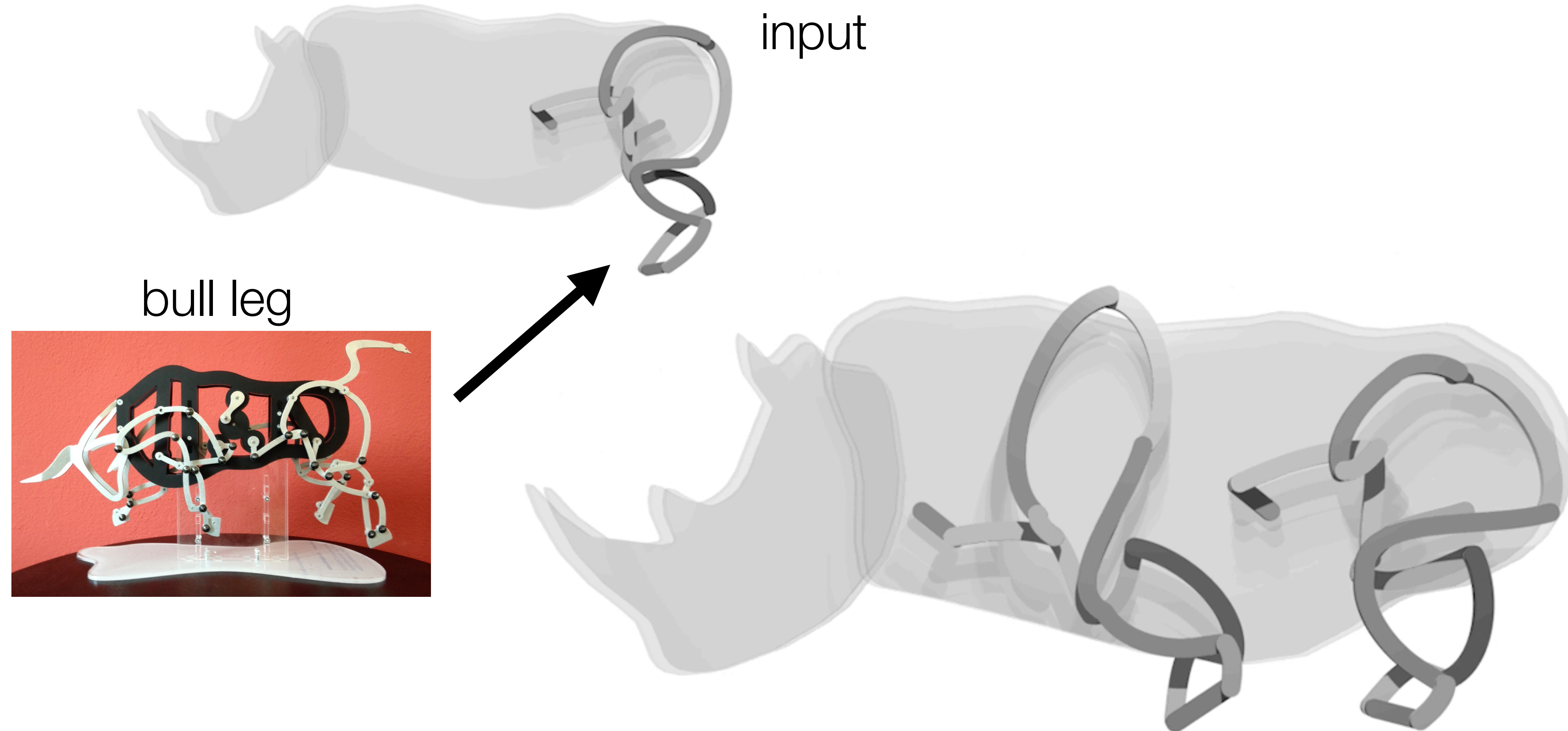
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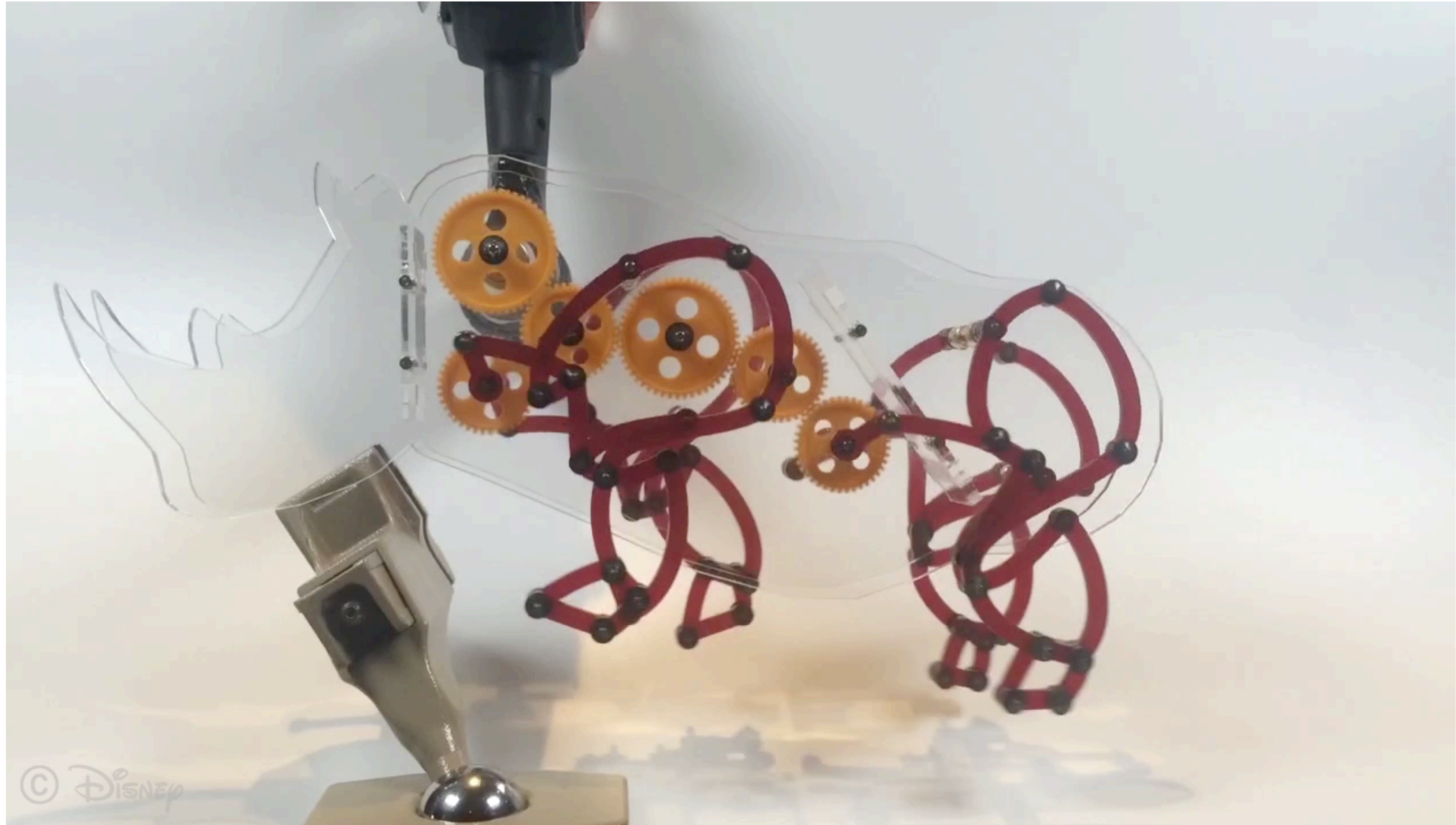
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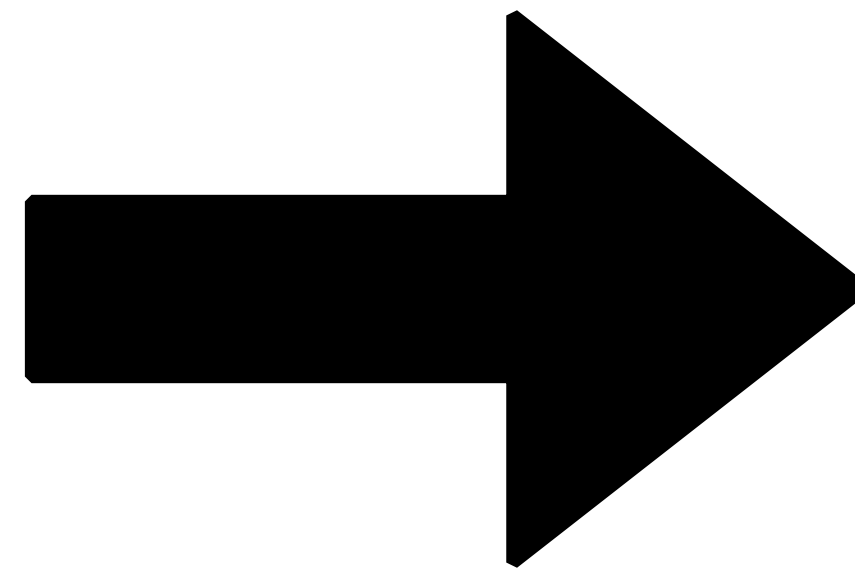
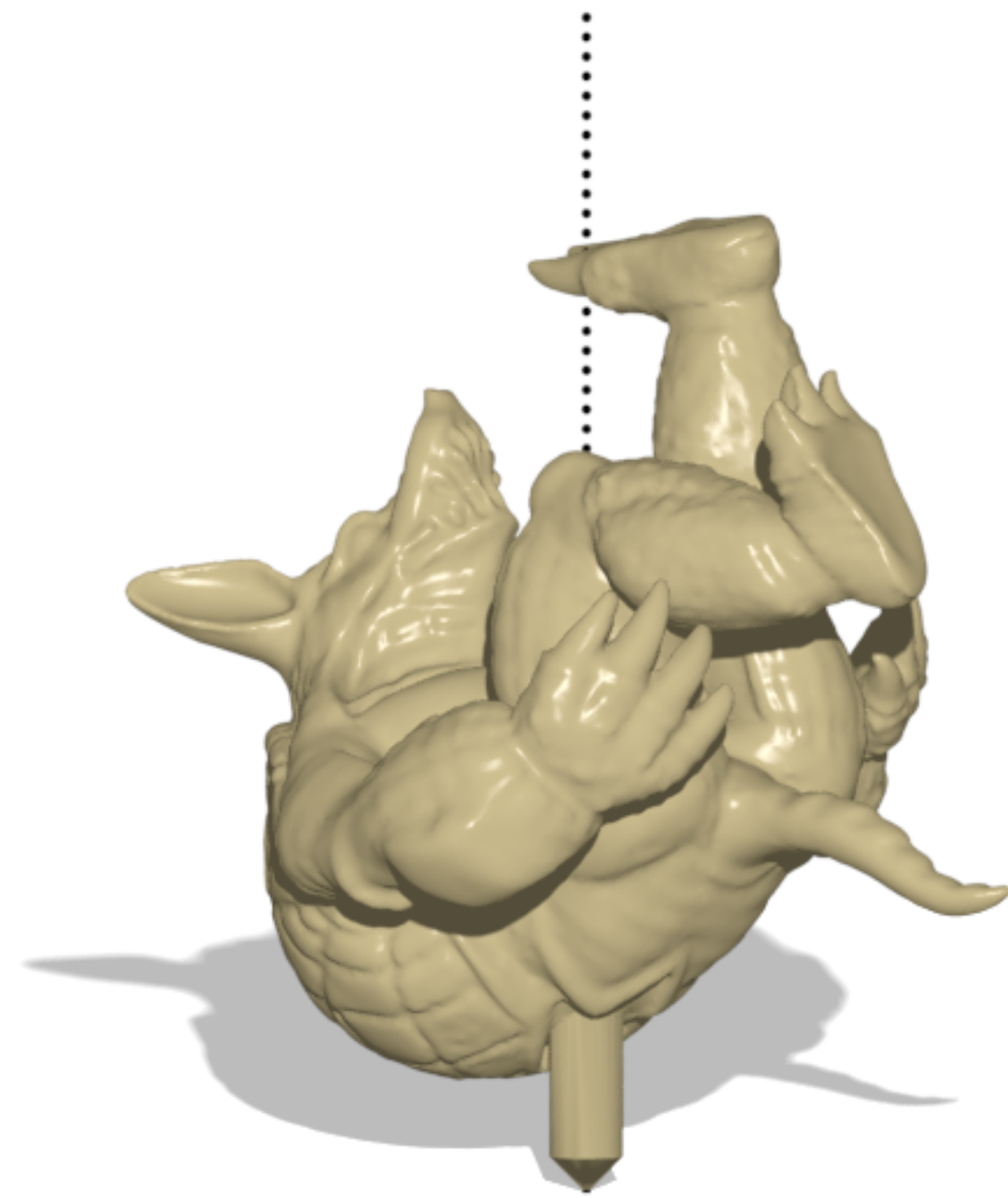
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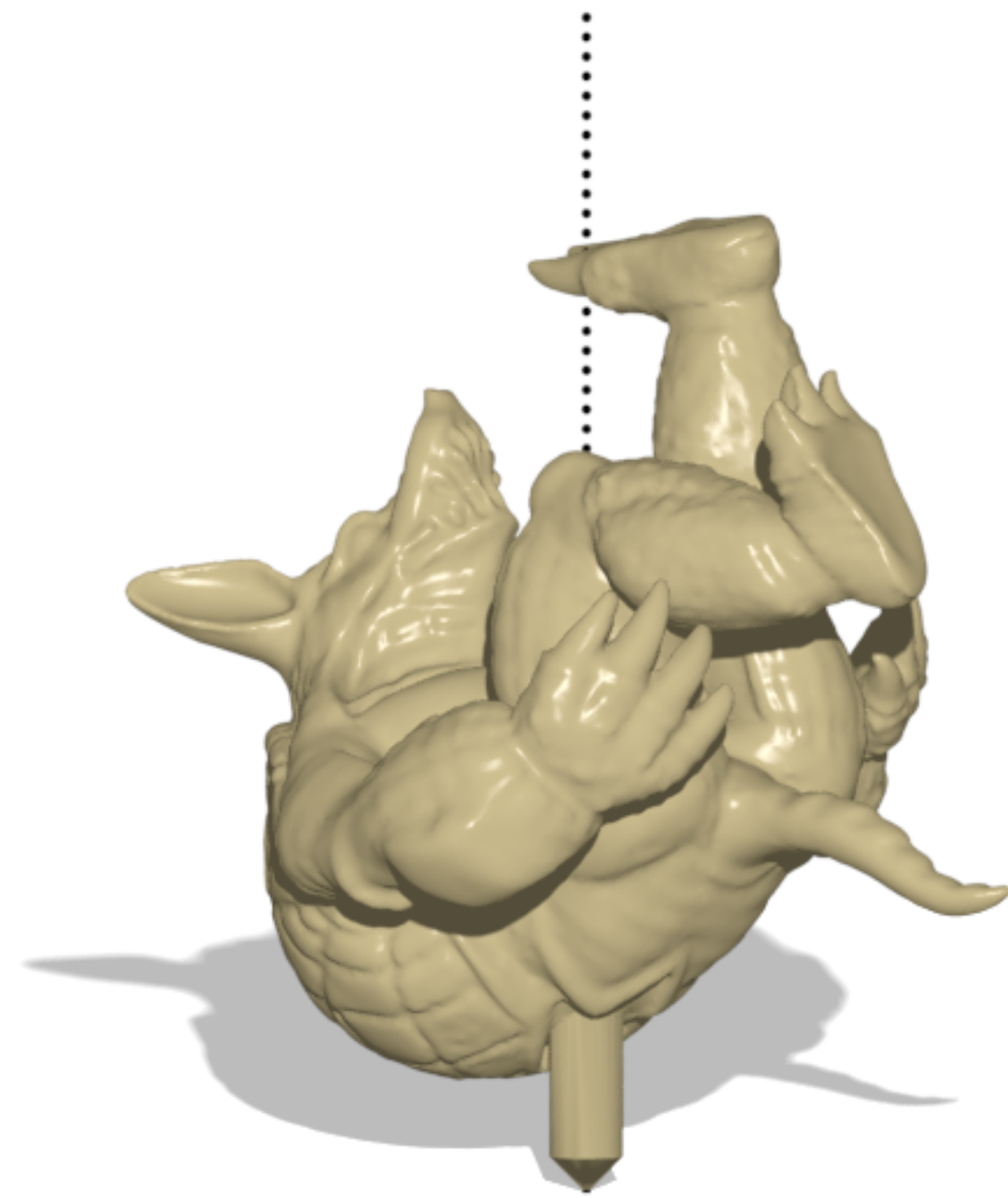
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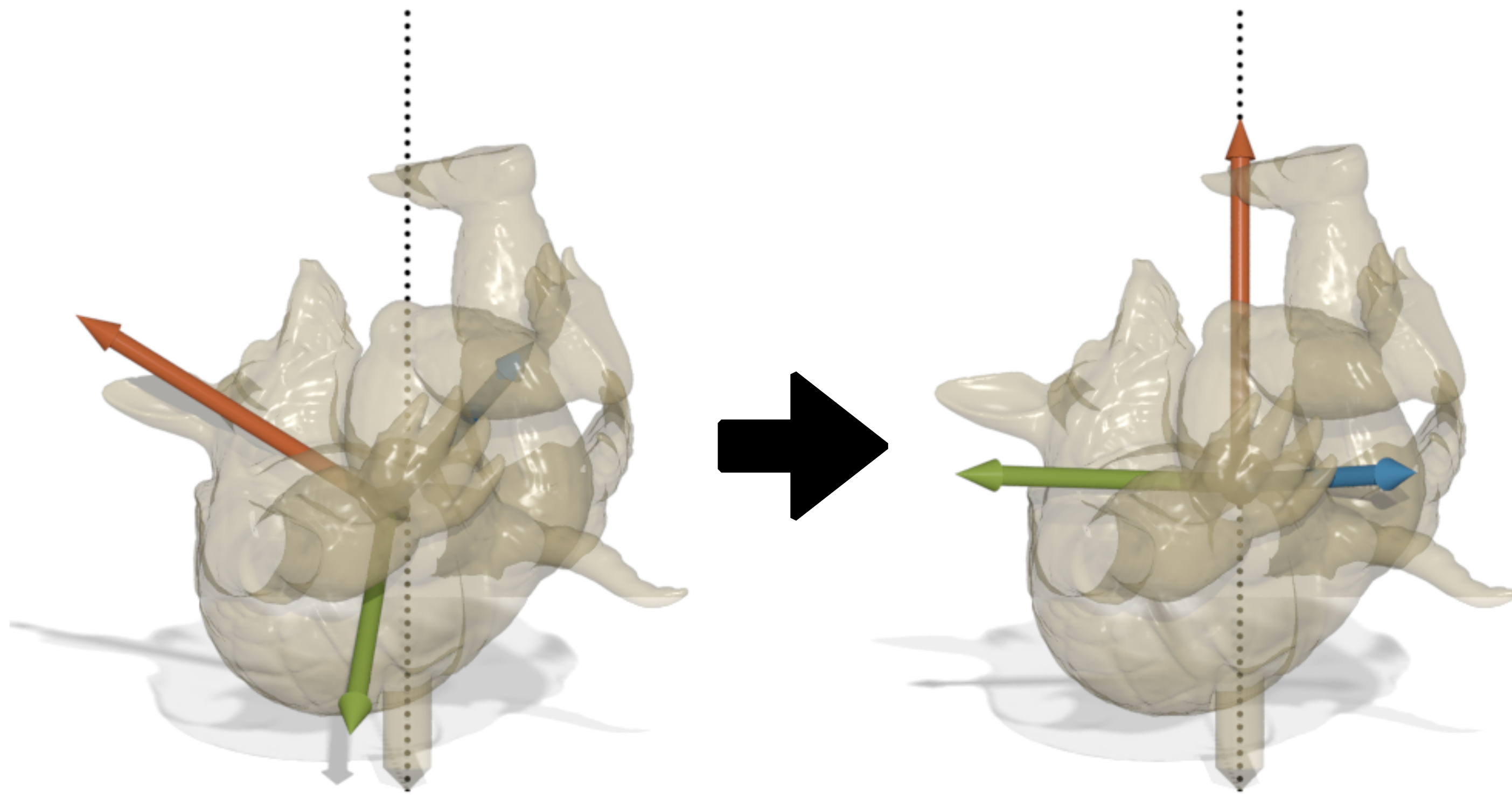
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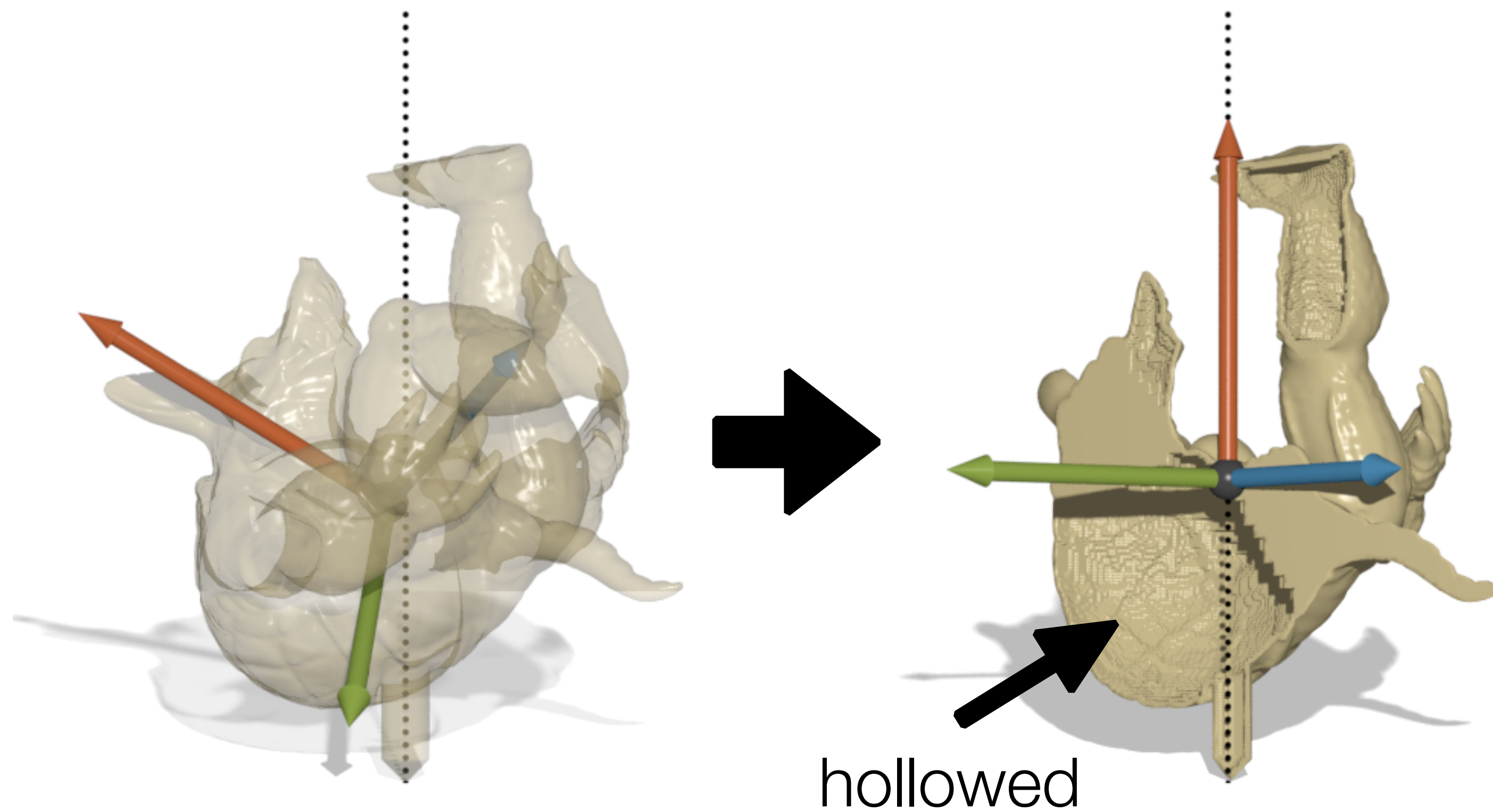
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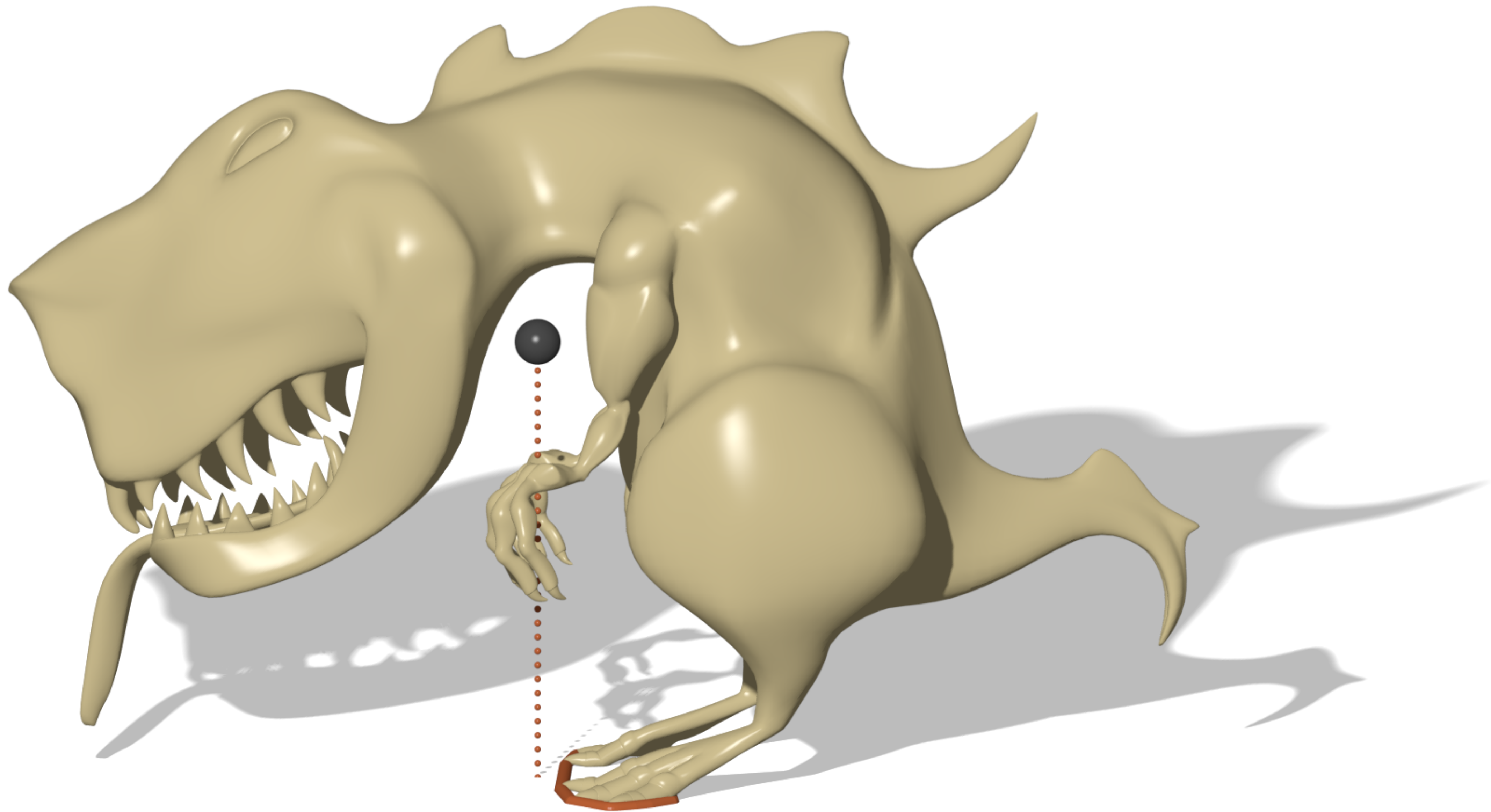


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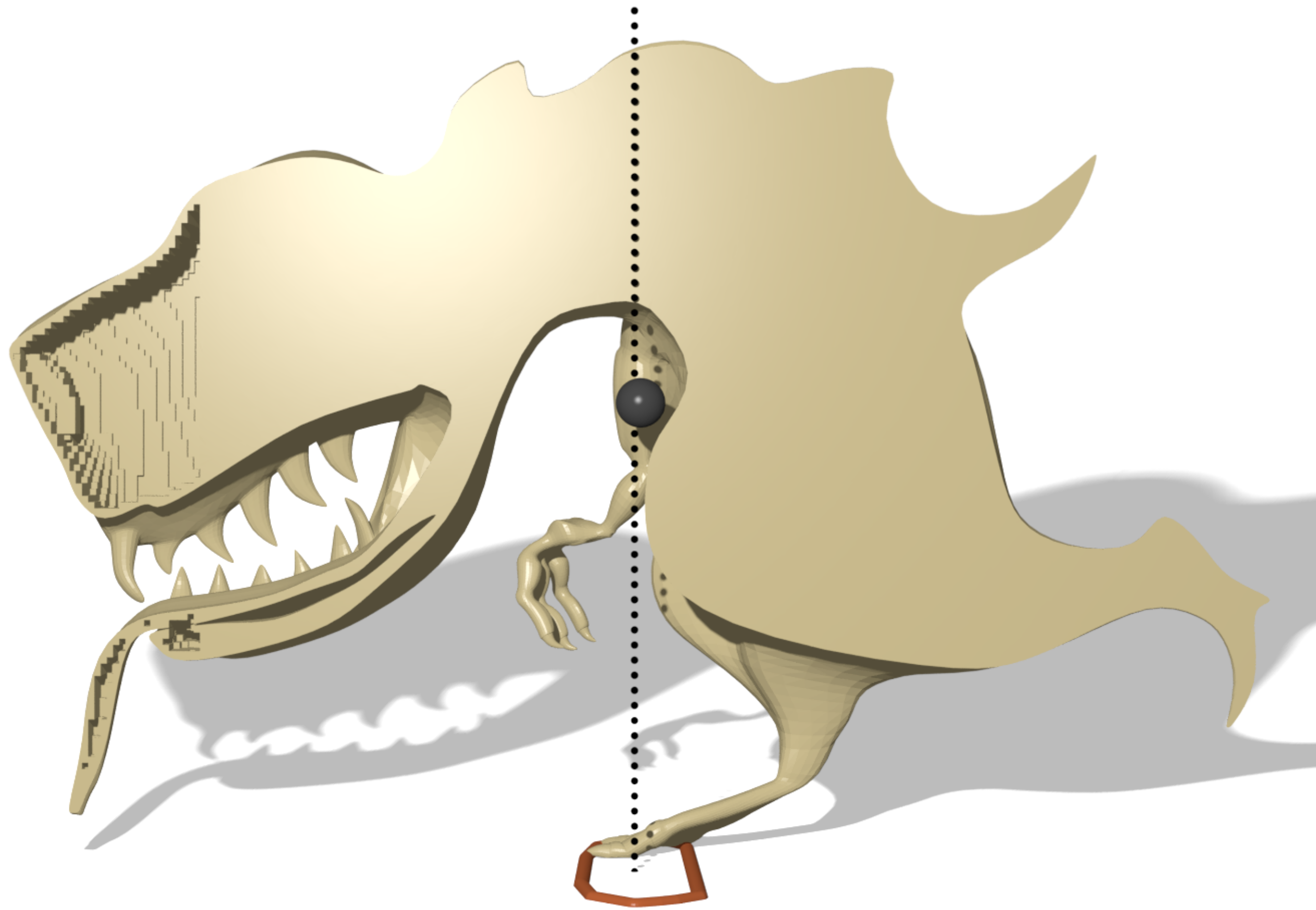


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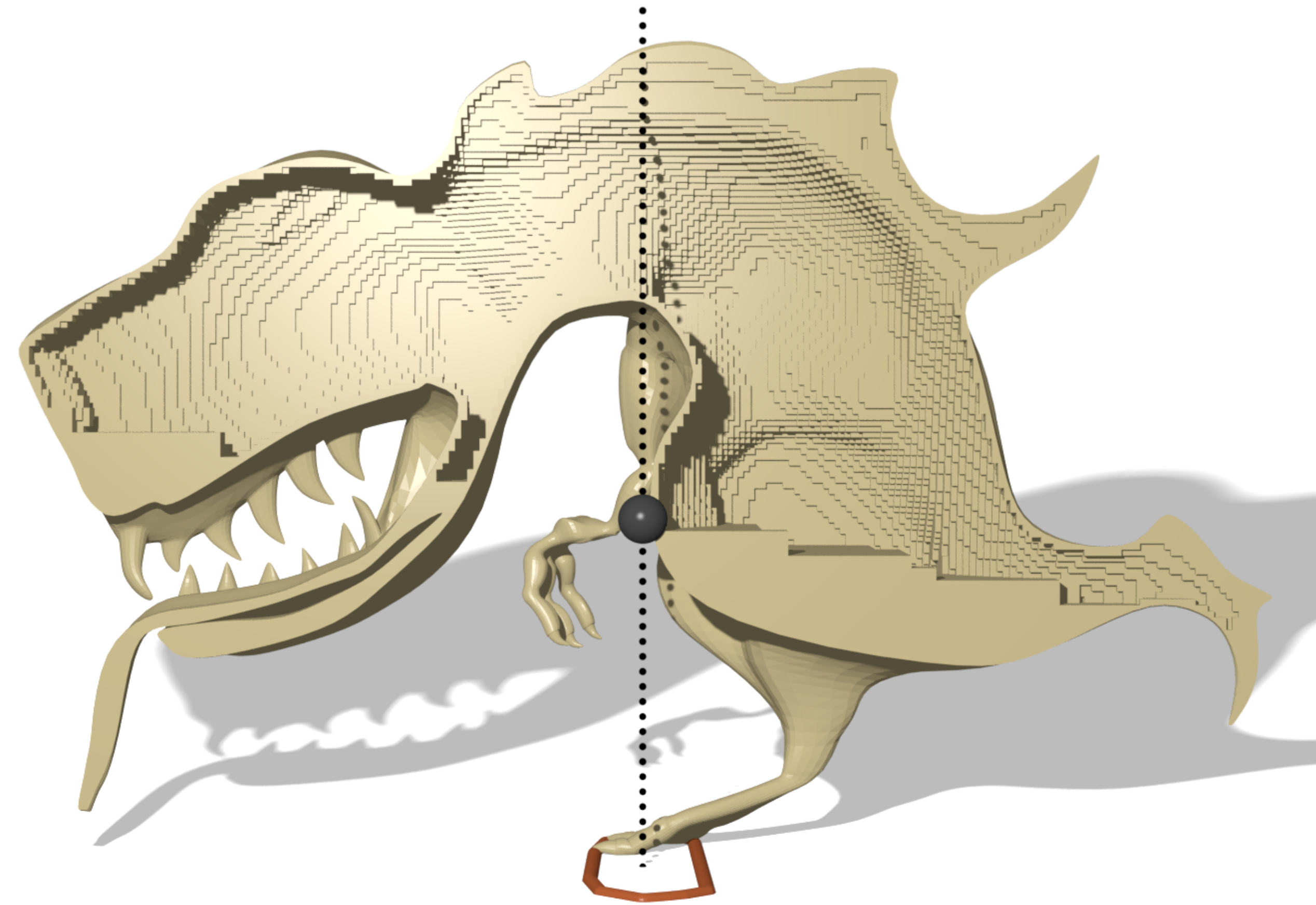
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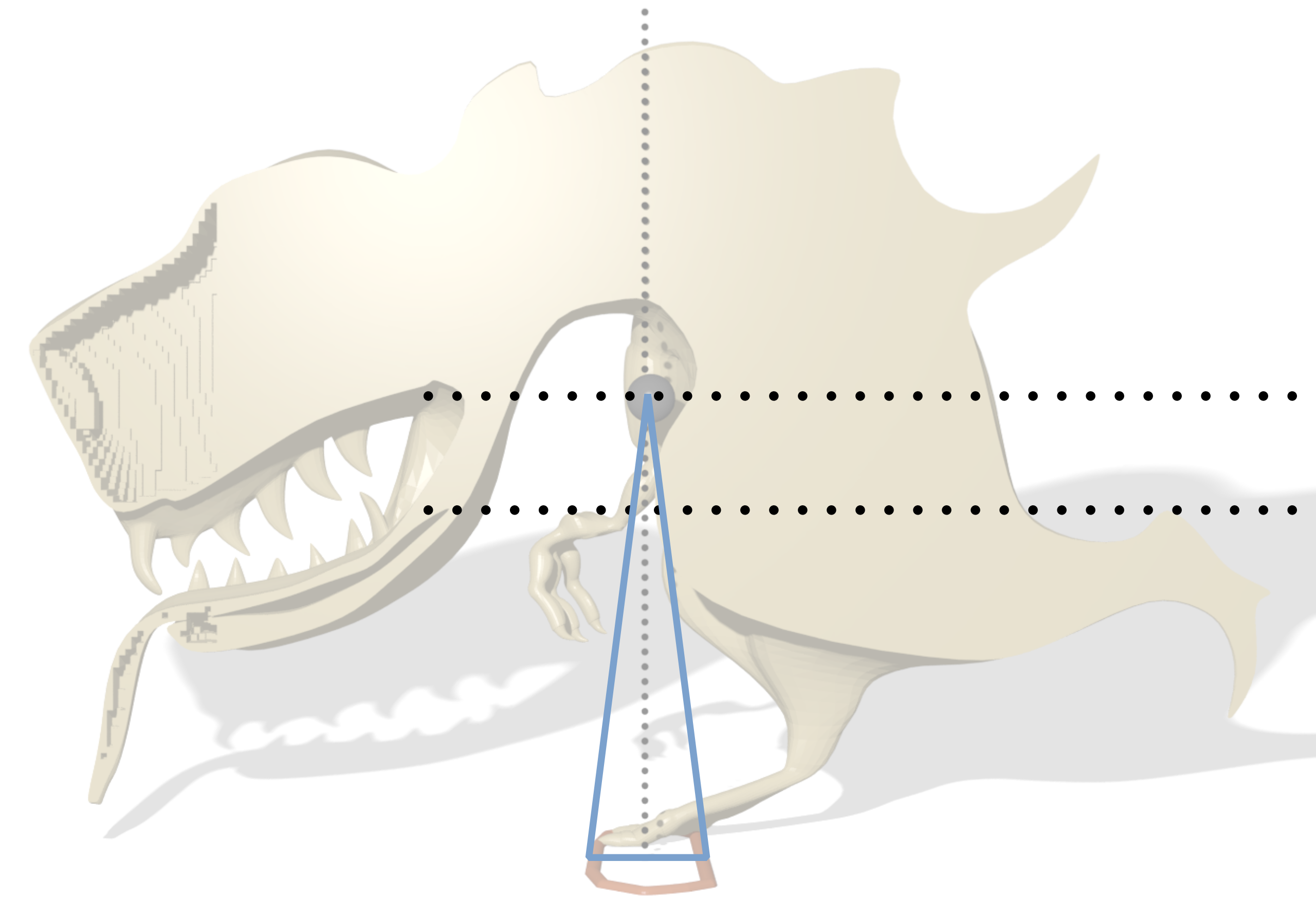


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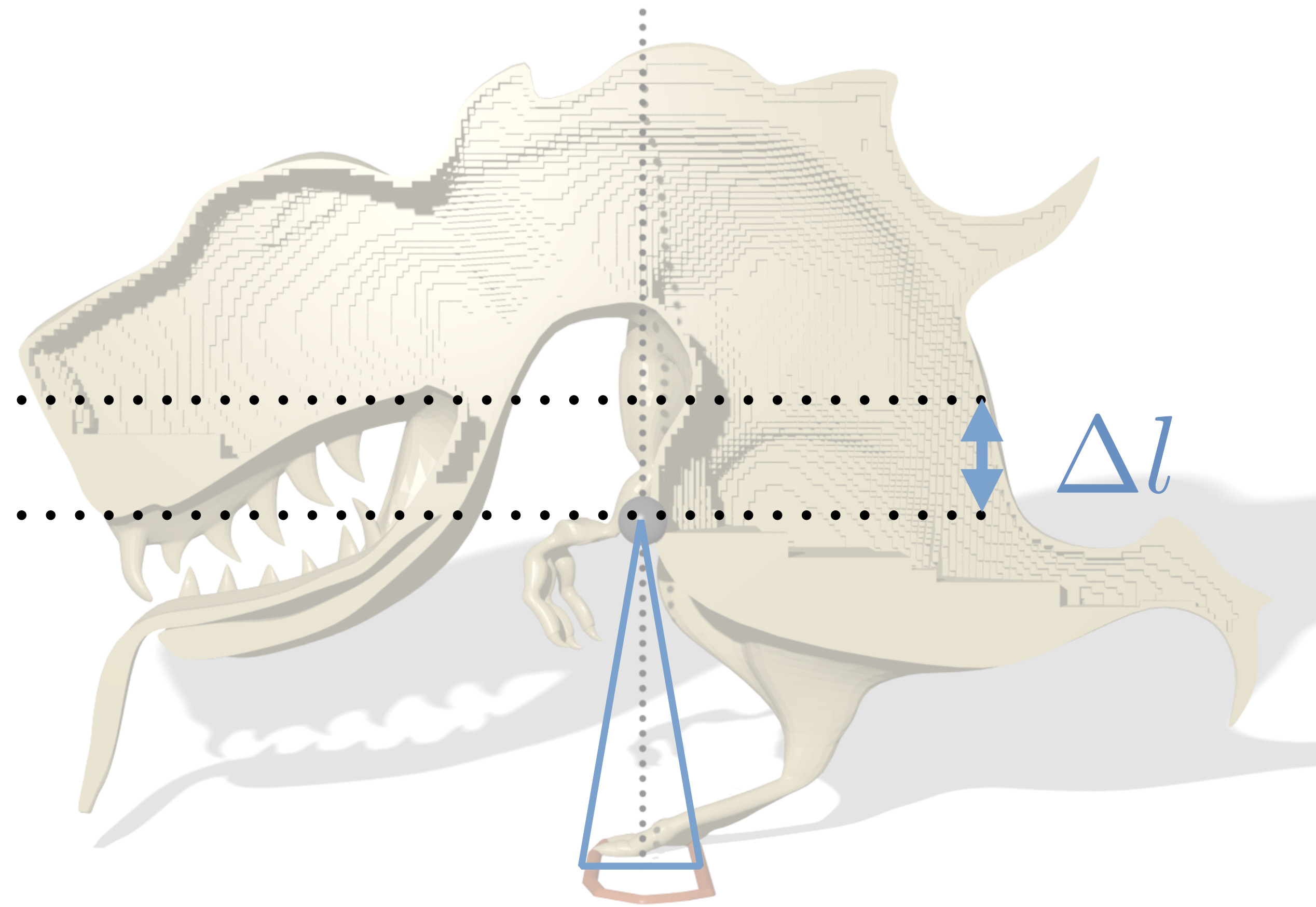


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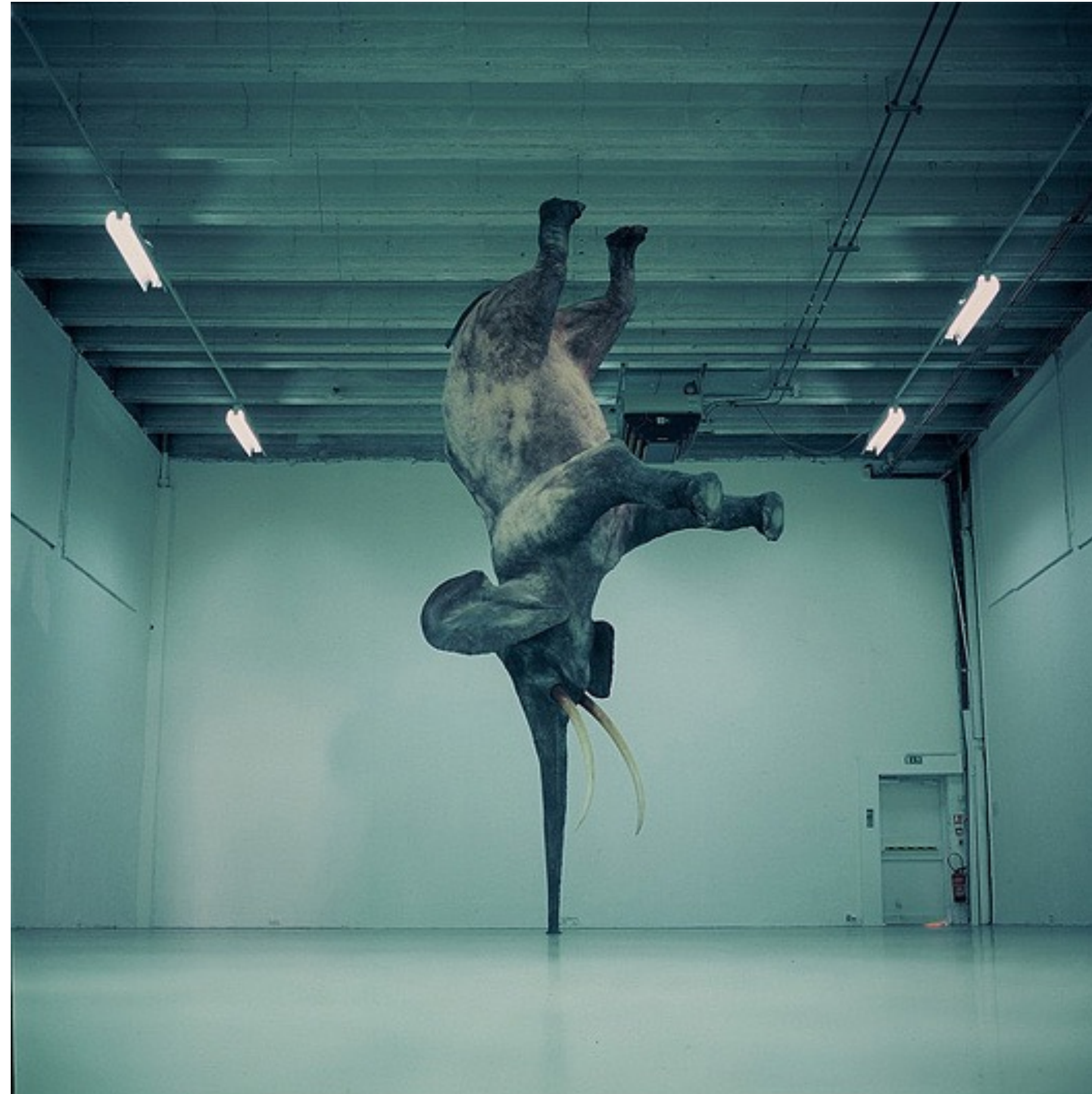
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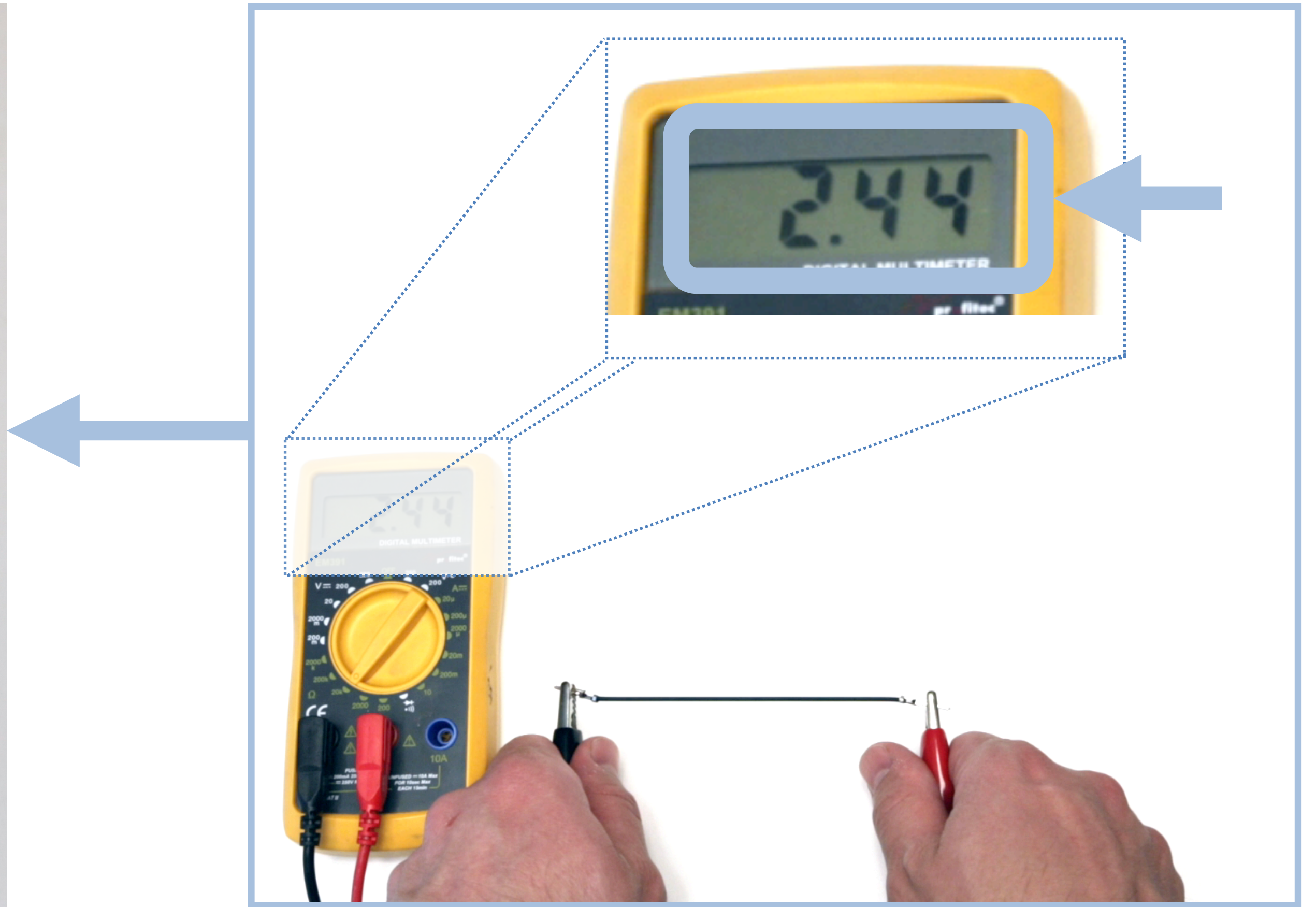
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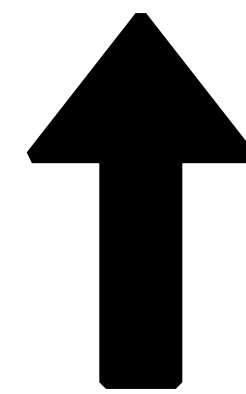
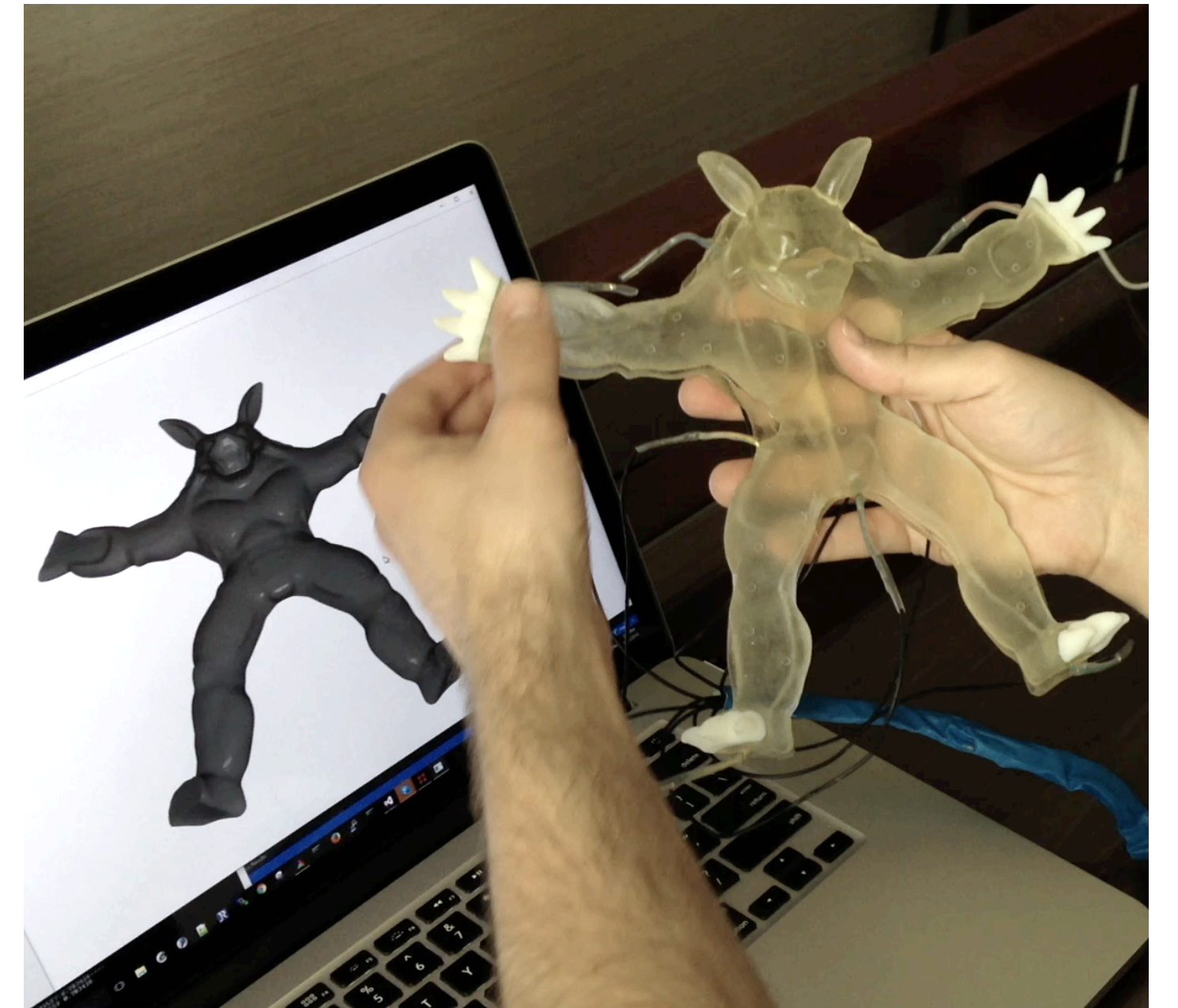
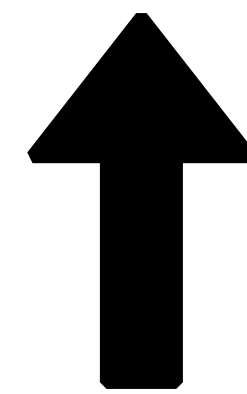
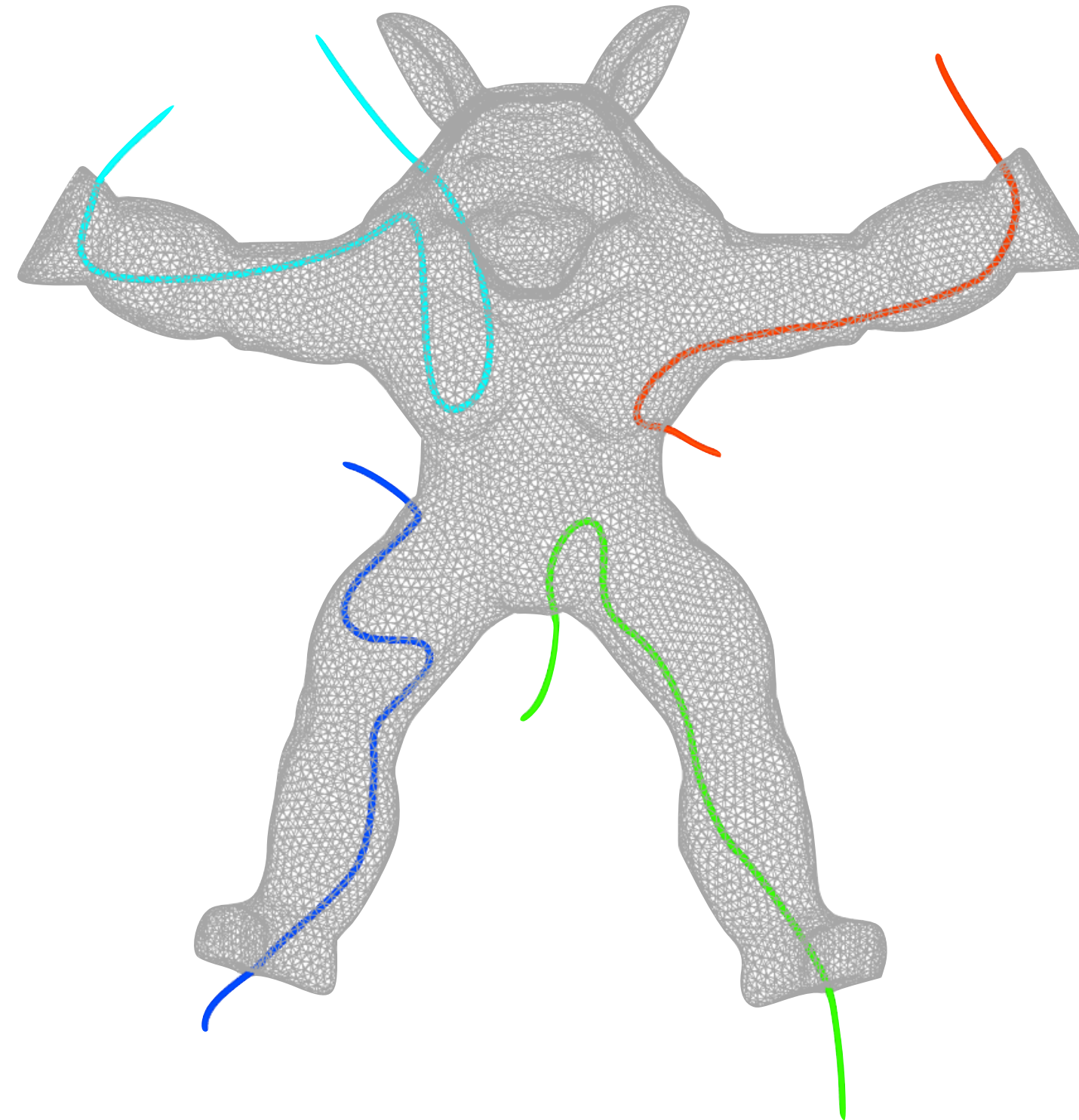
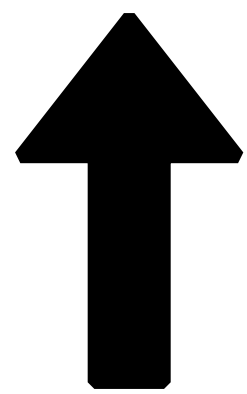


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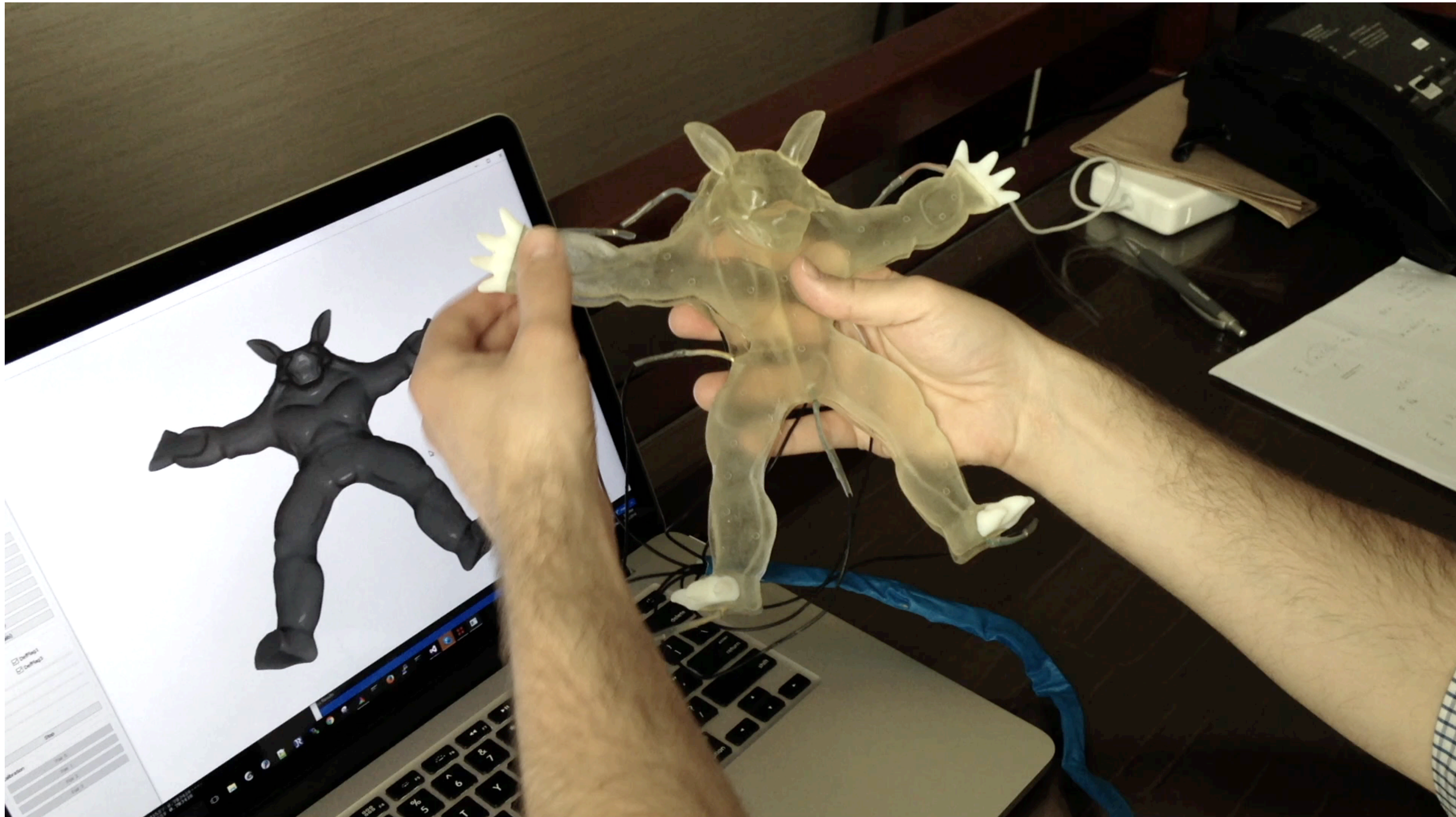
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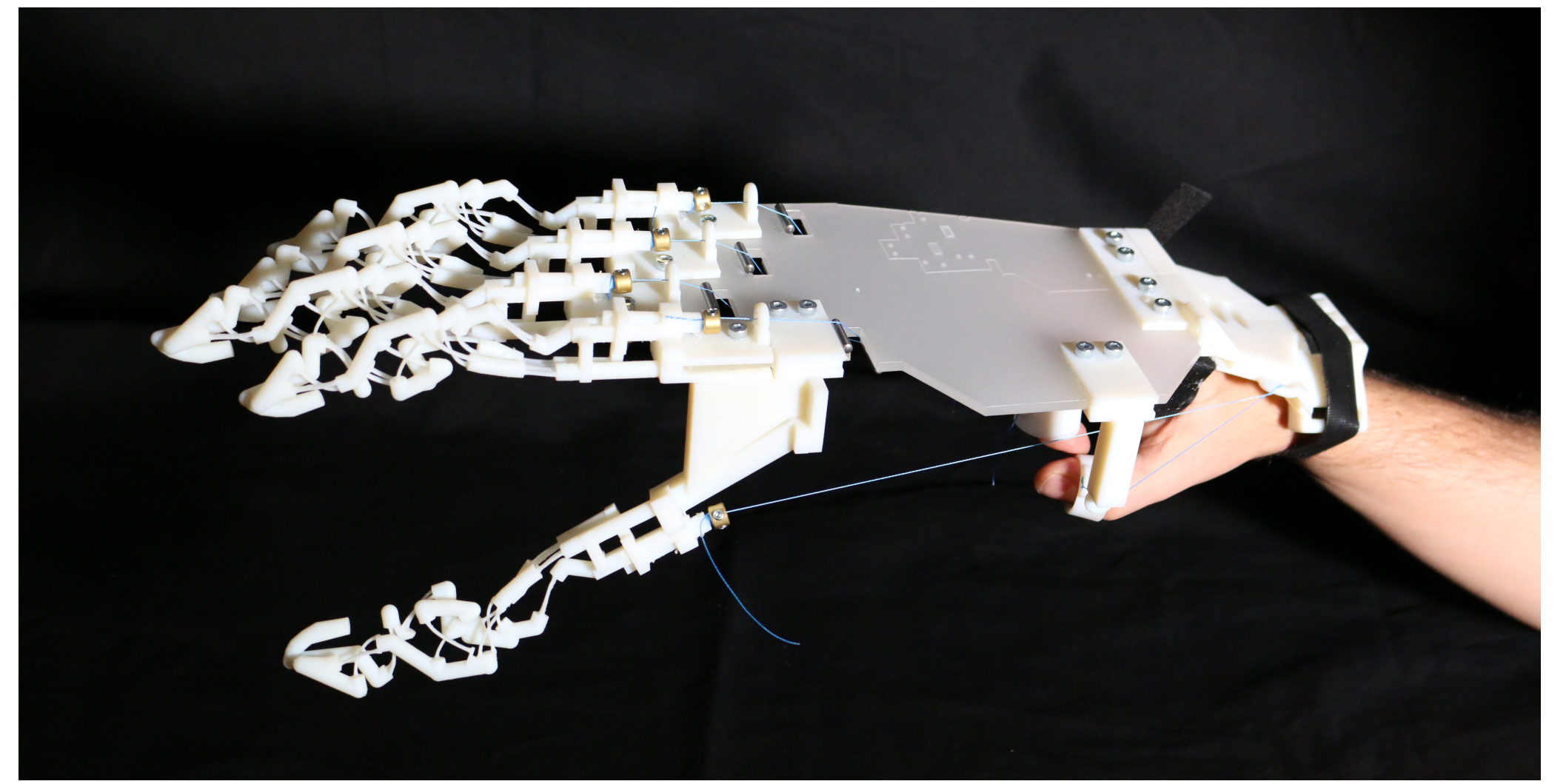
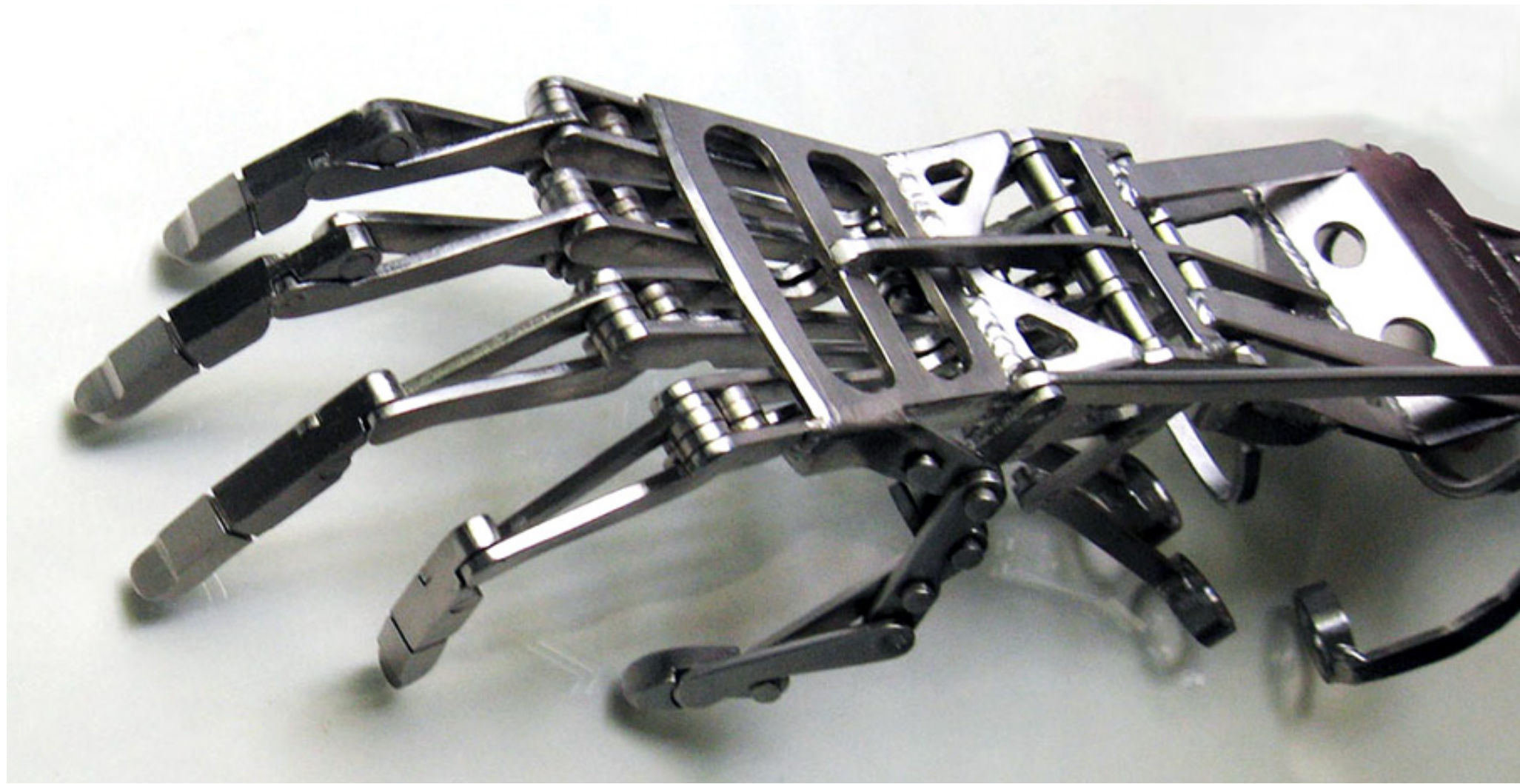
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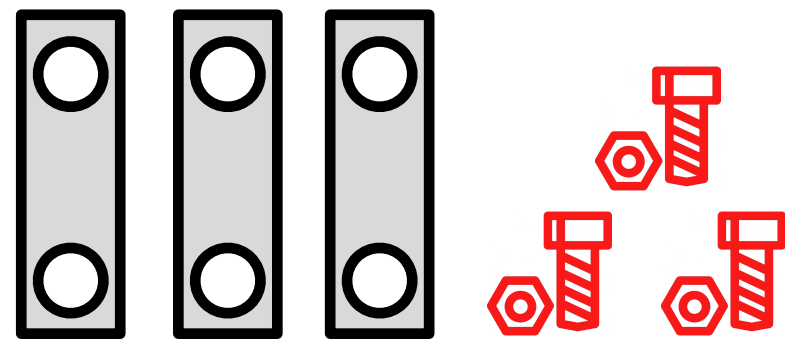
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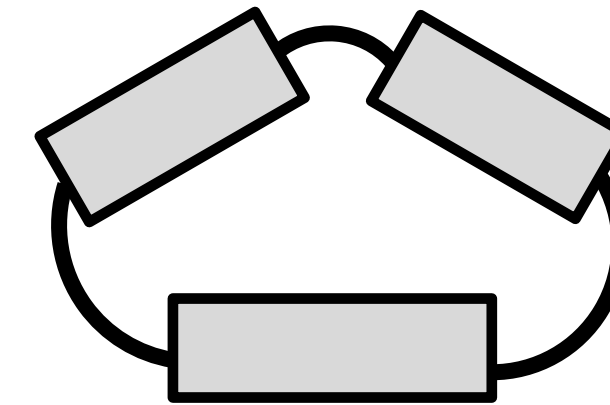
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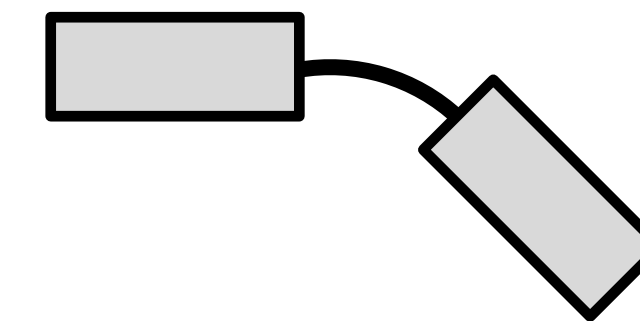
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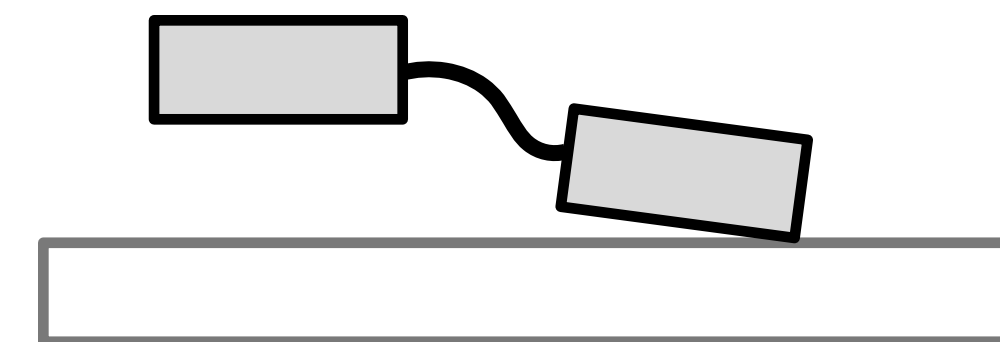
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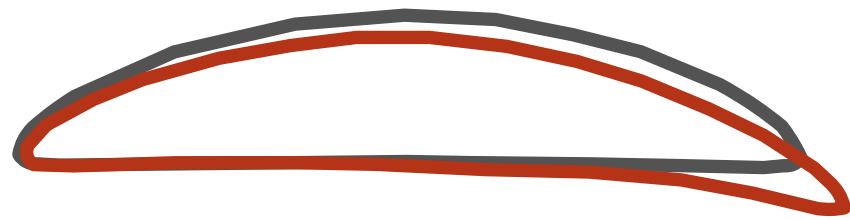
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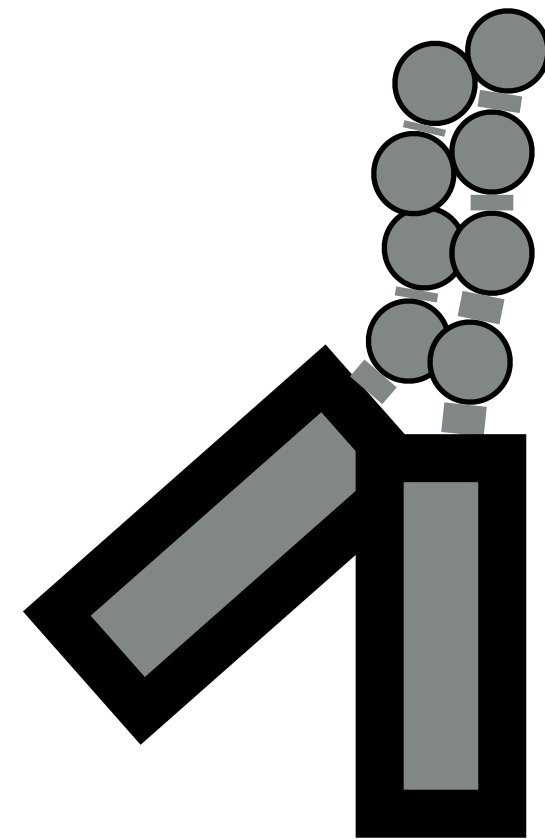
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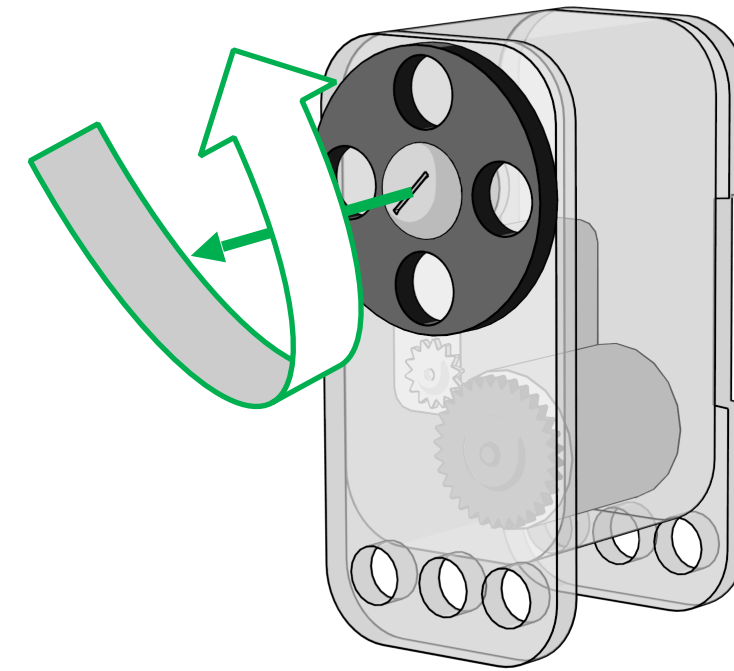
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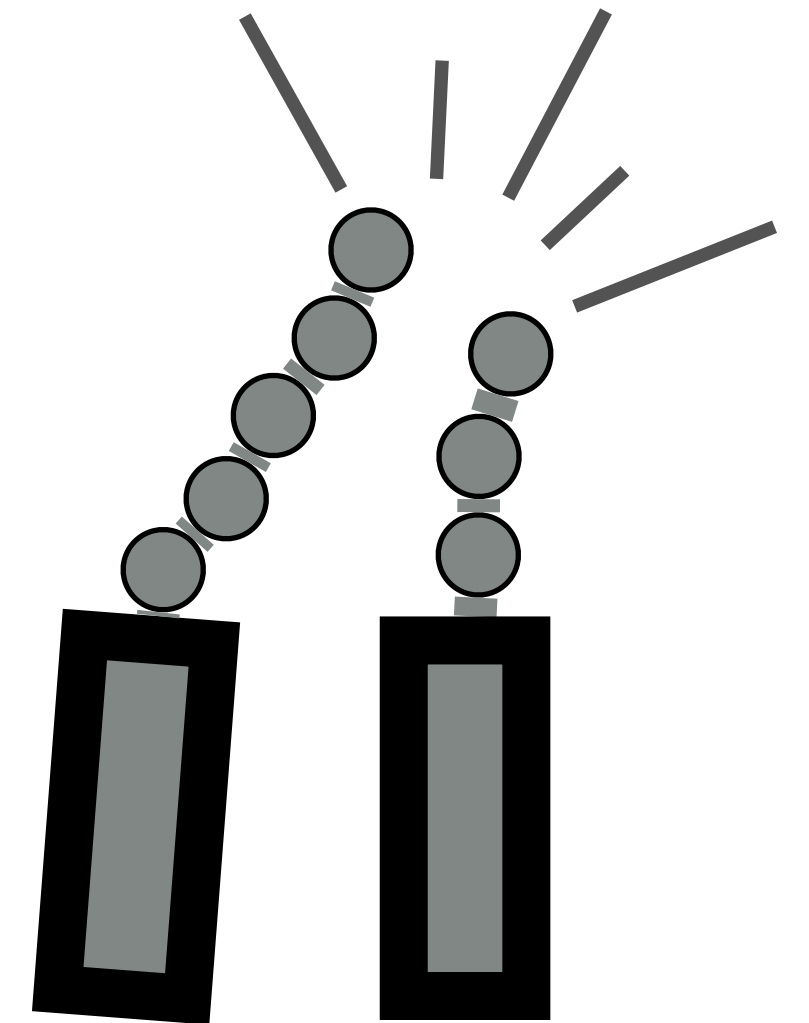
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Matching



Collision
Avoidance

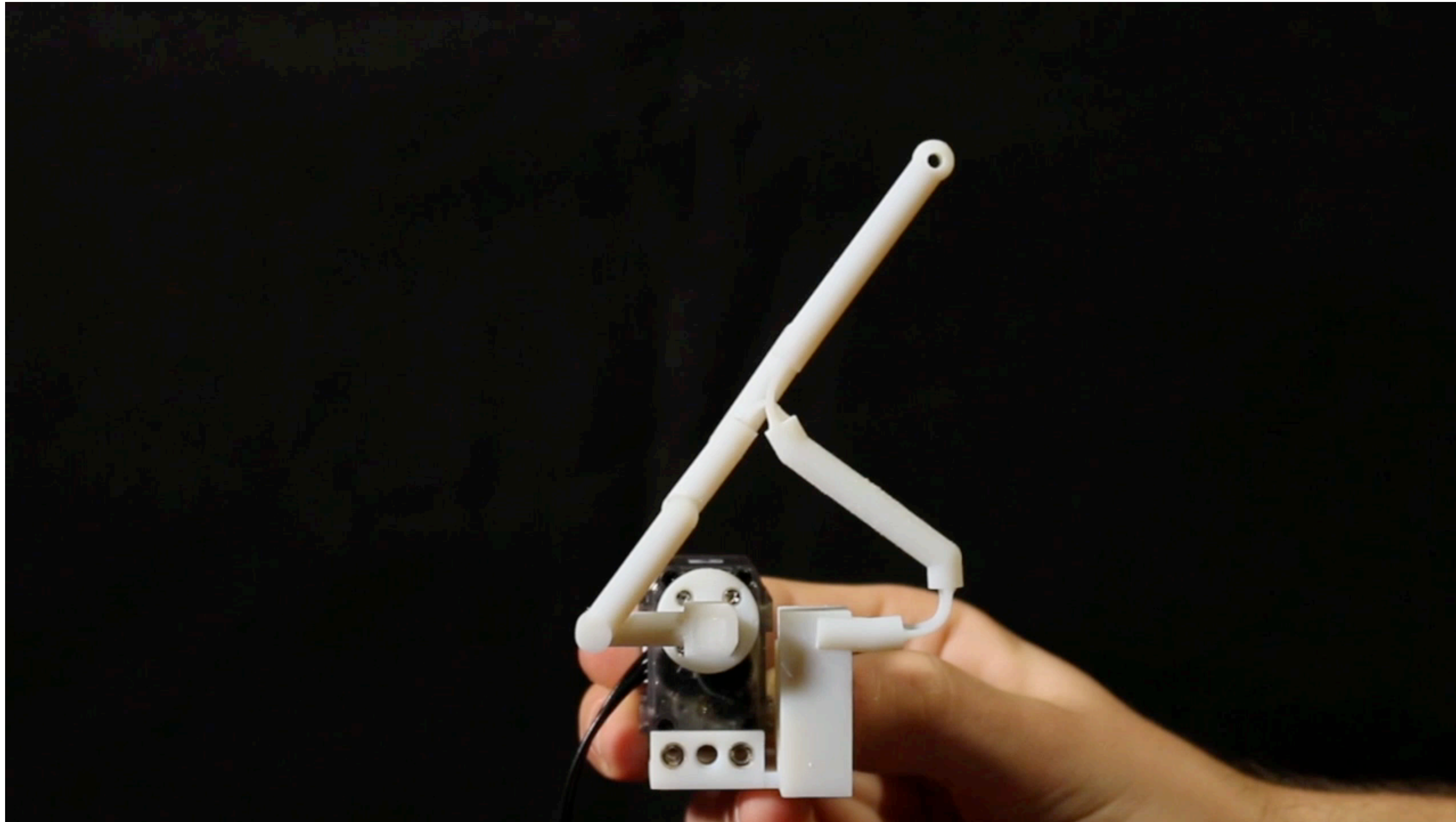


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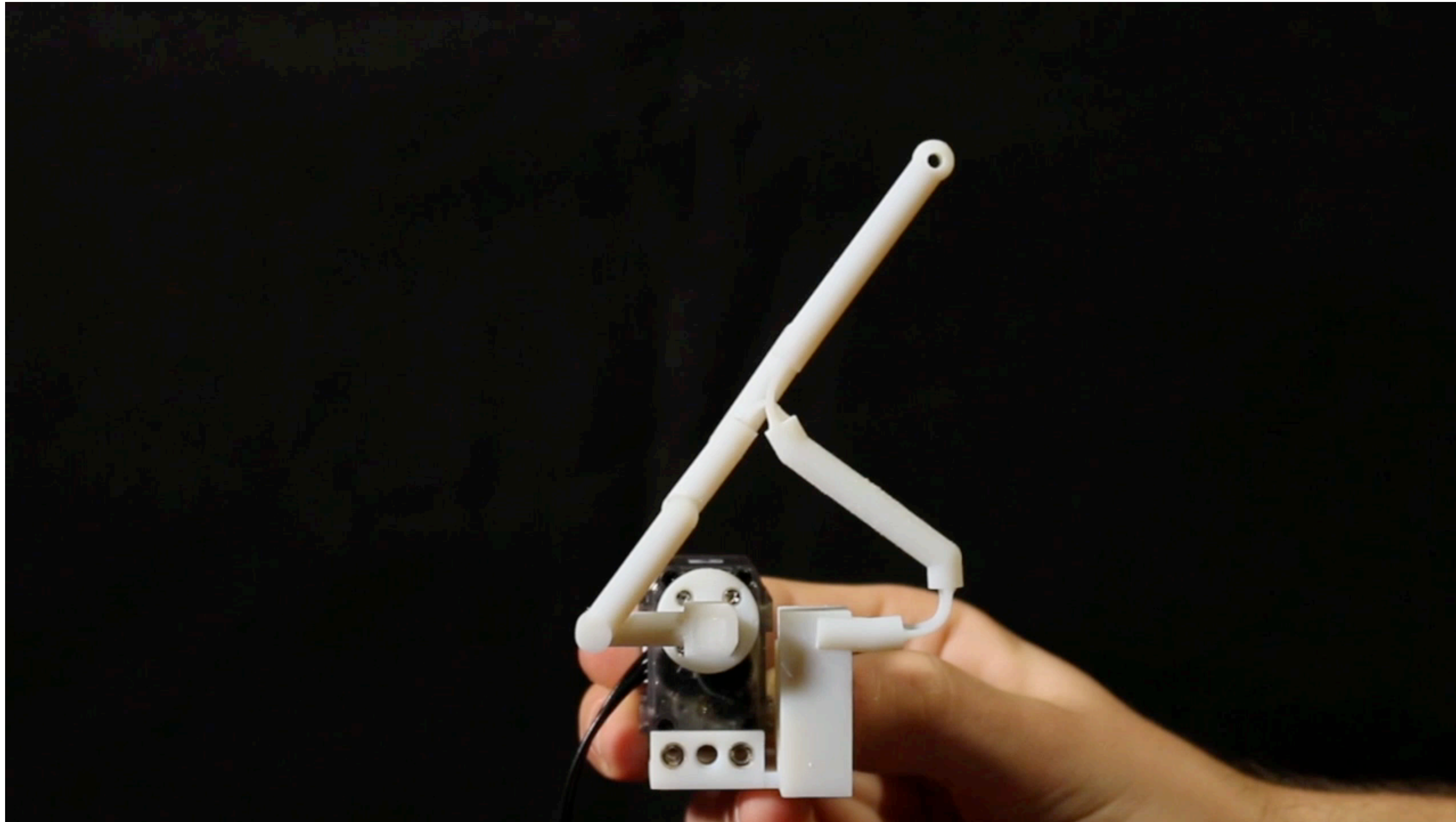


Failure
Avoidance

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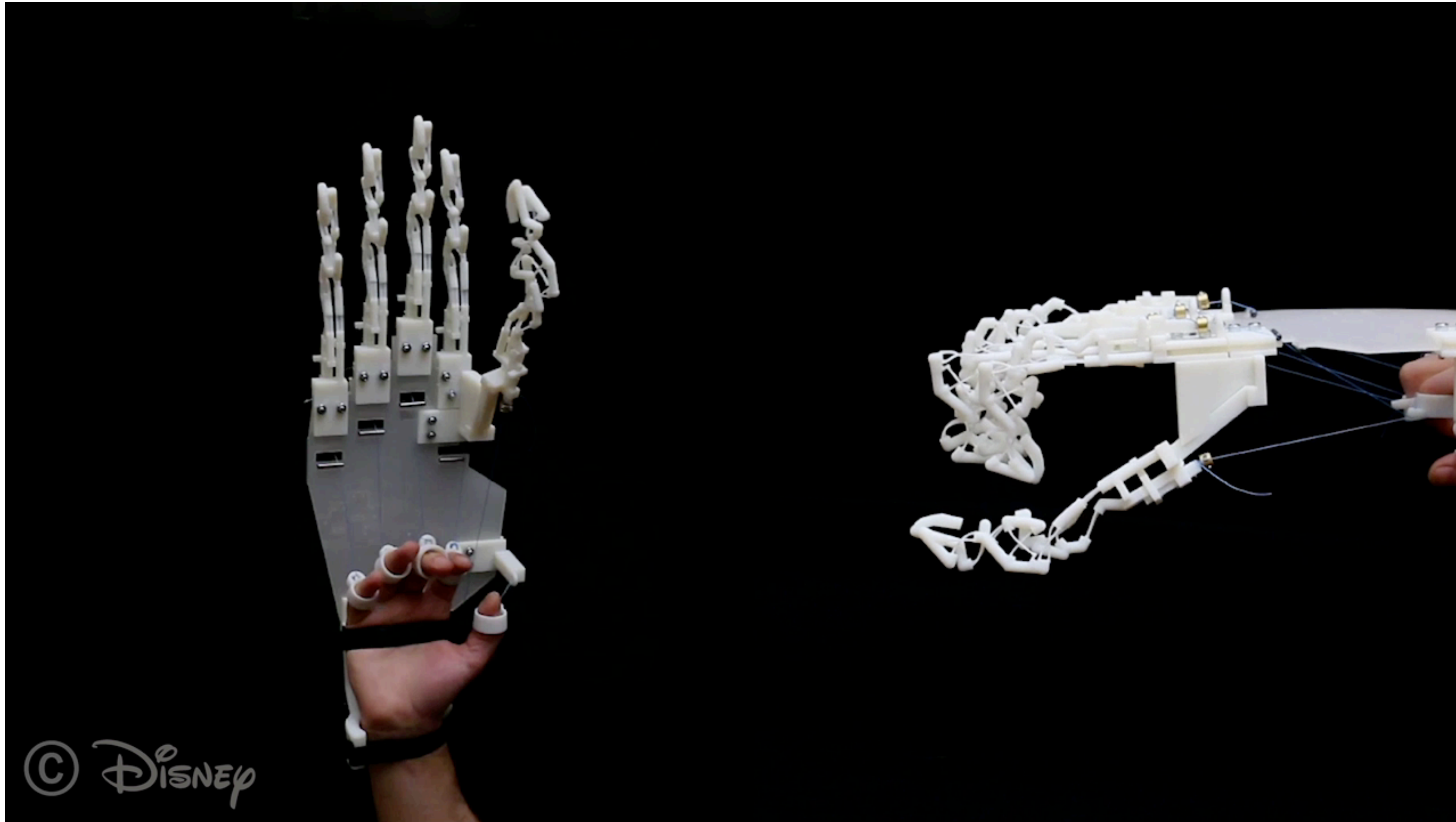


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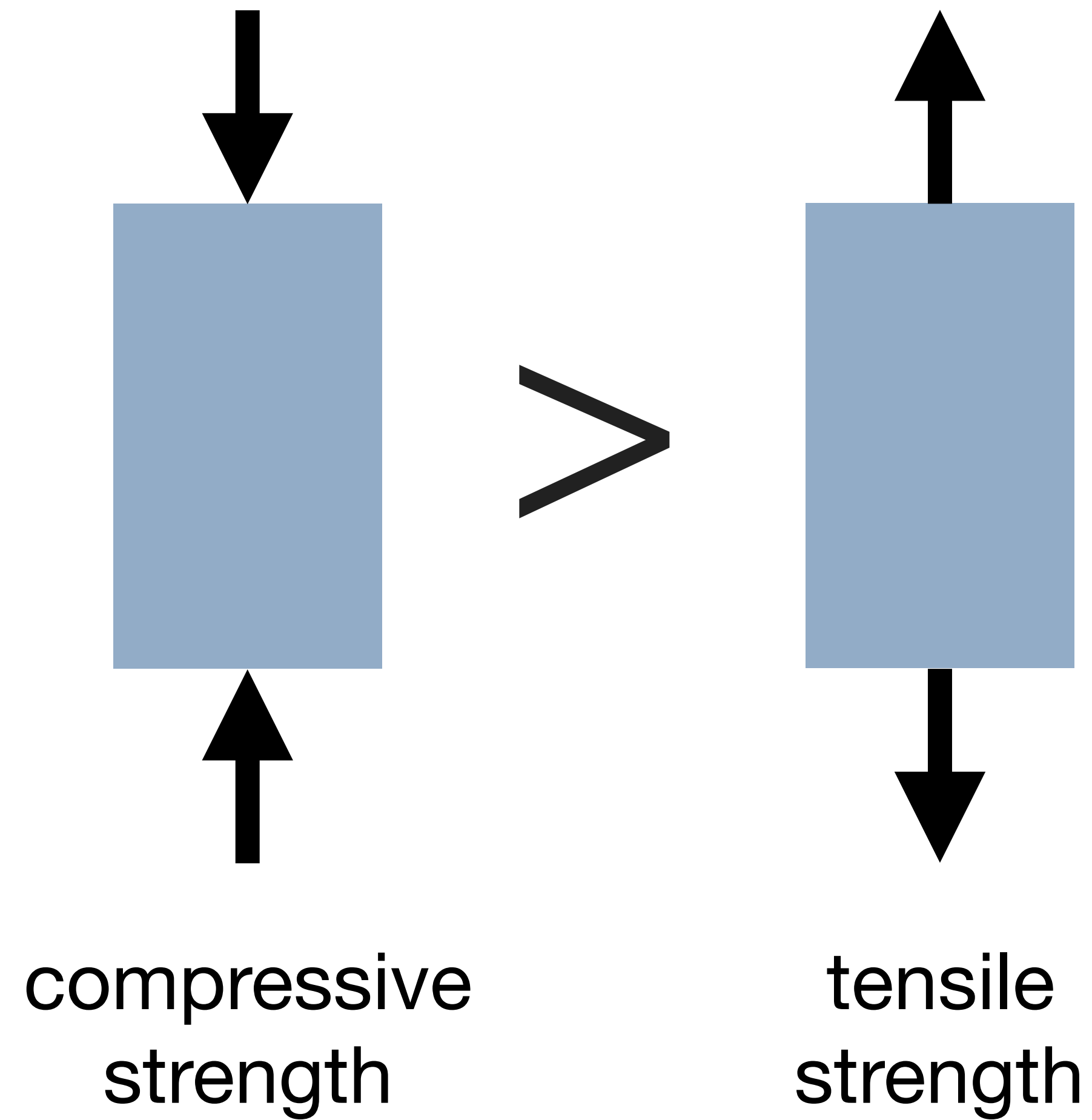
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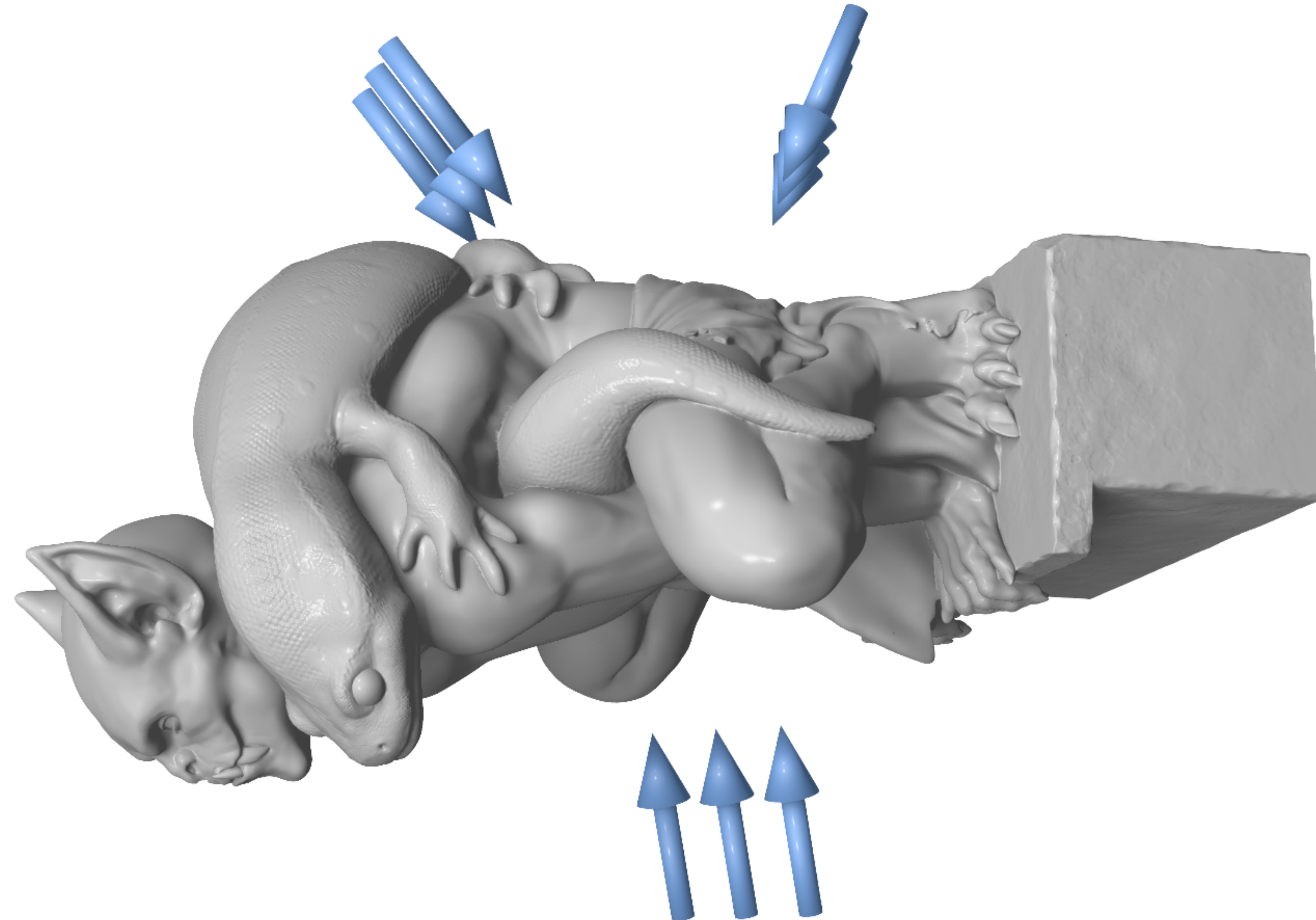
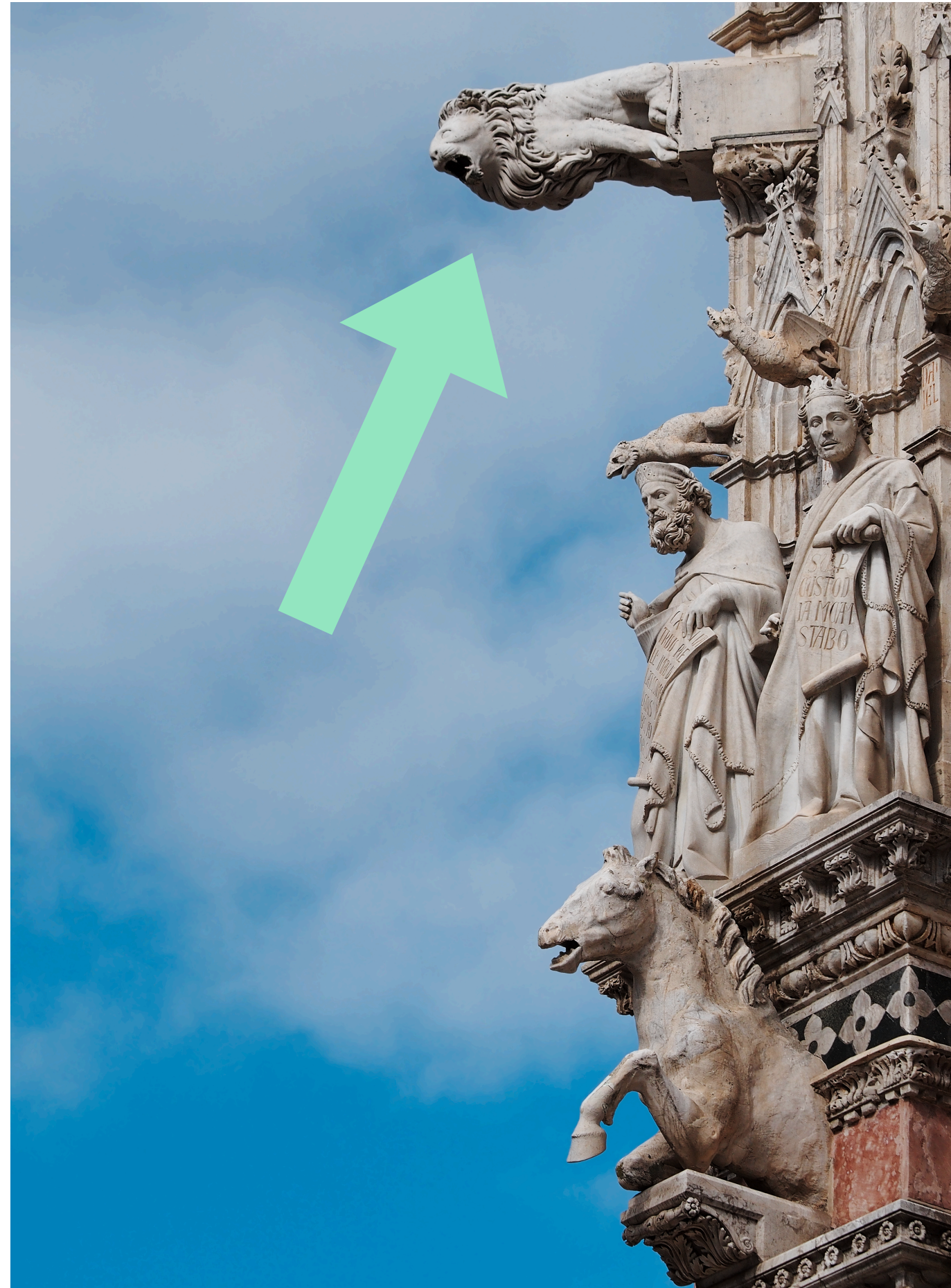


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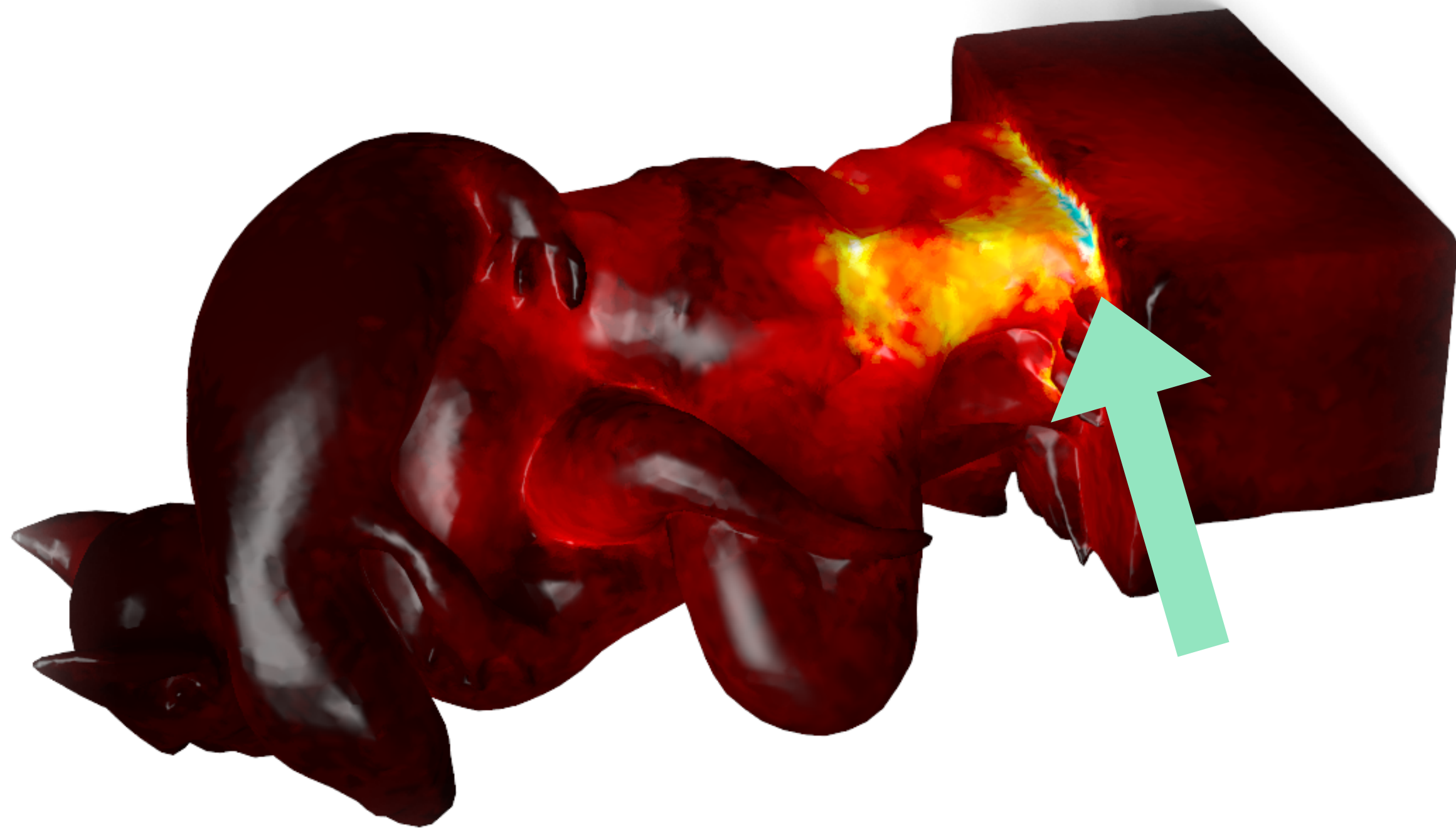


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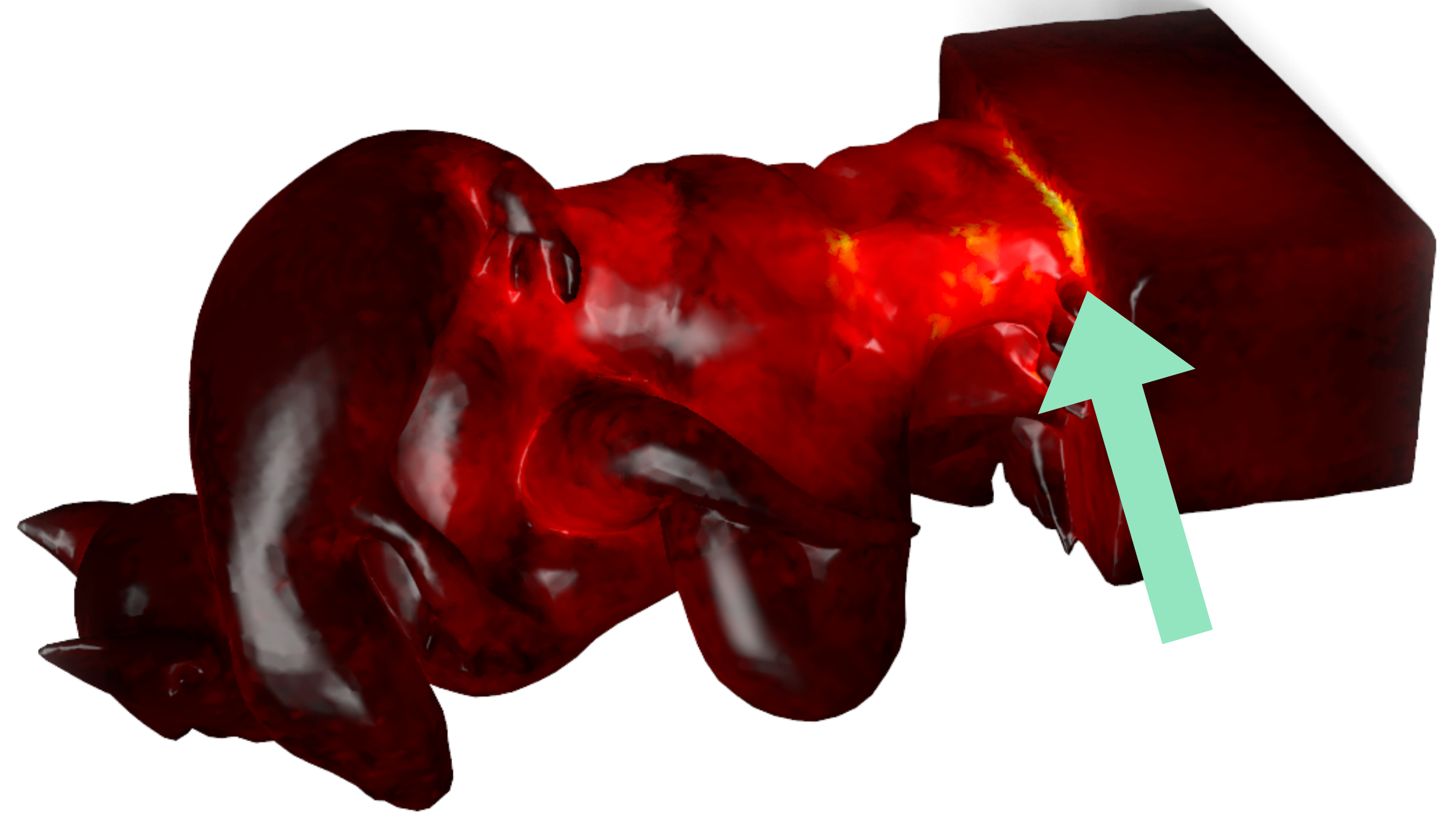


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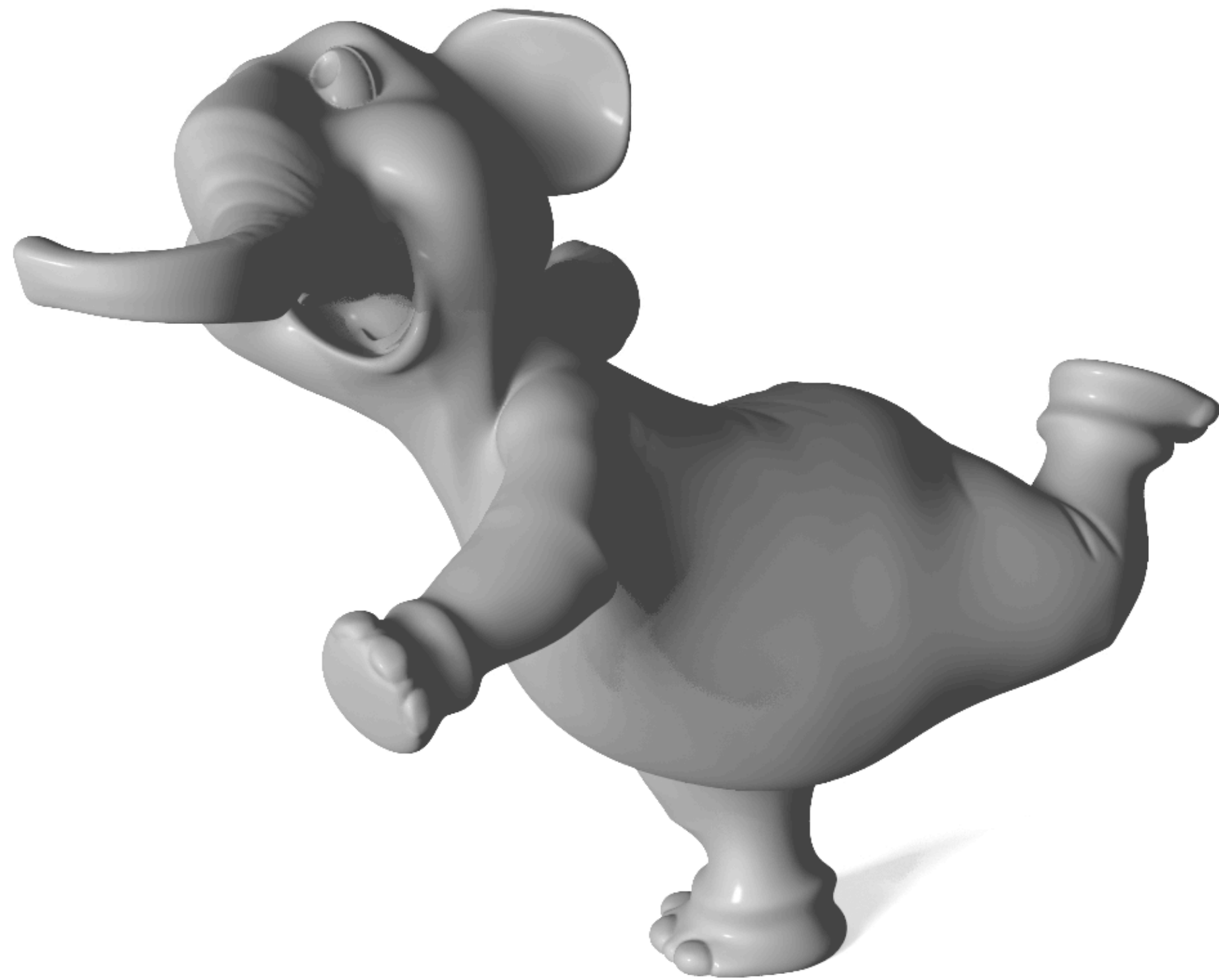
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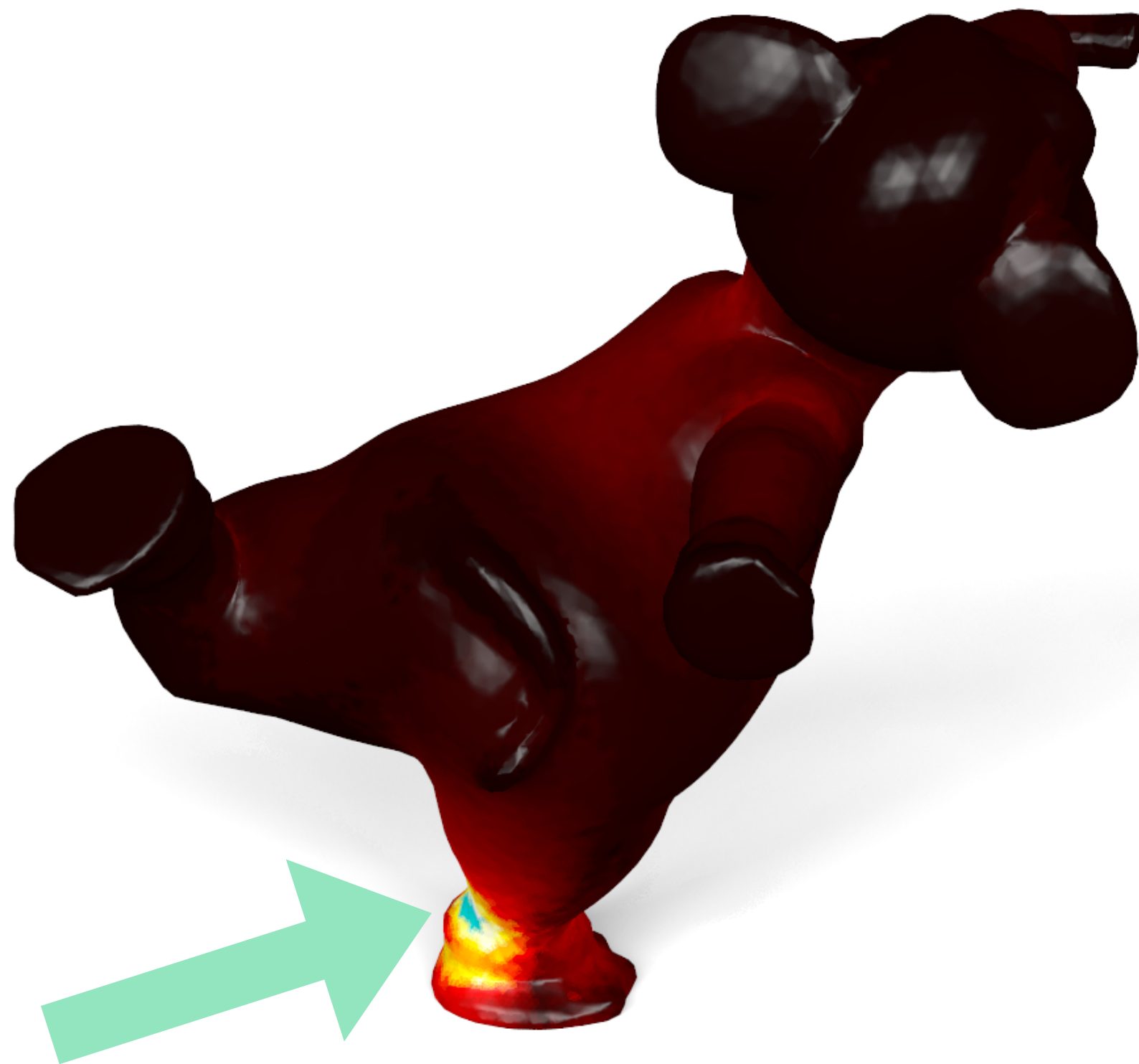


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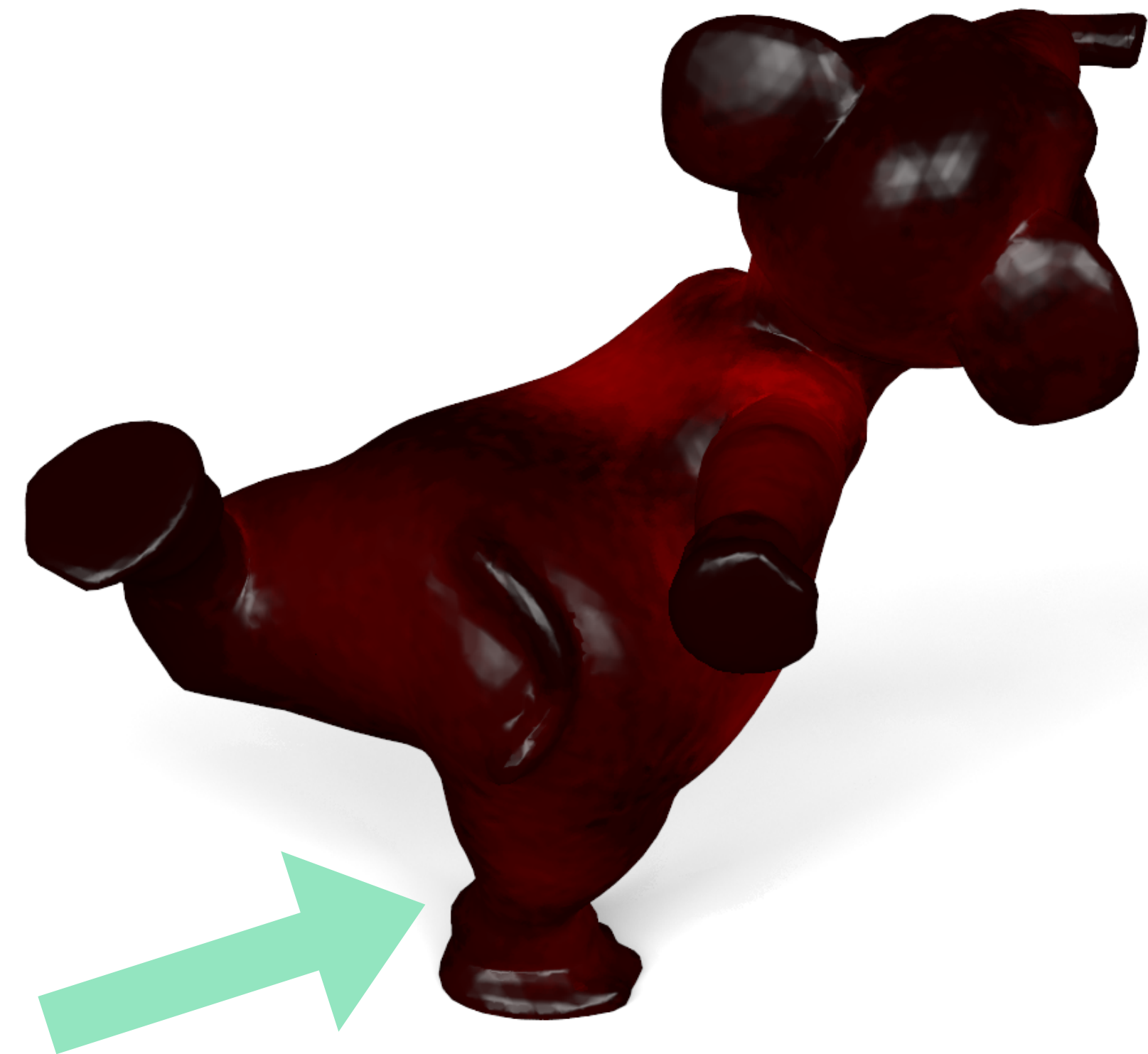


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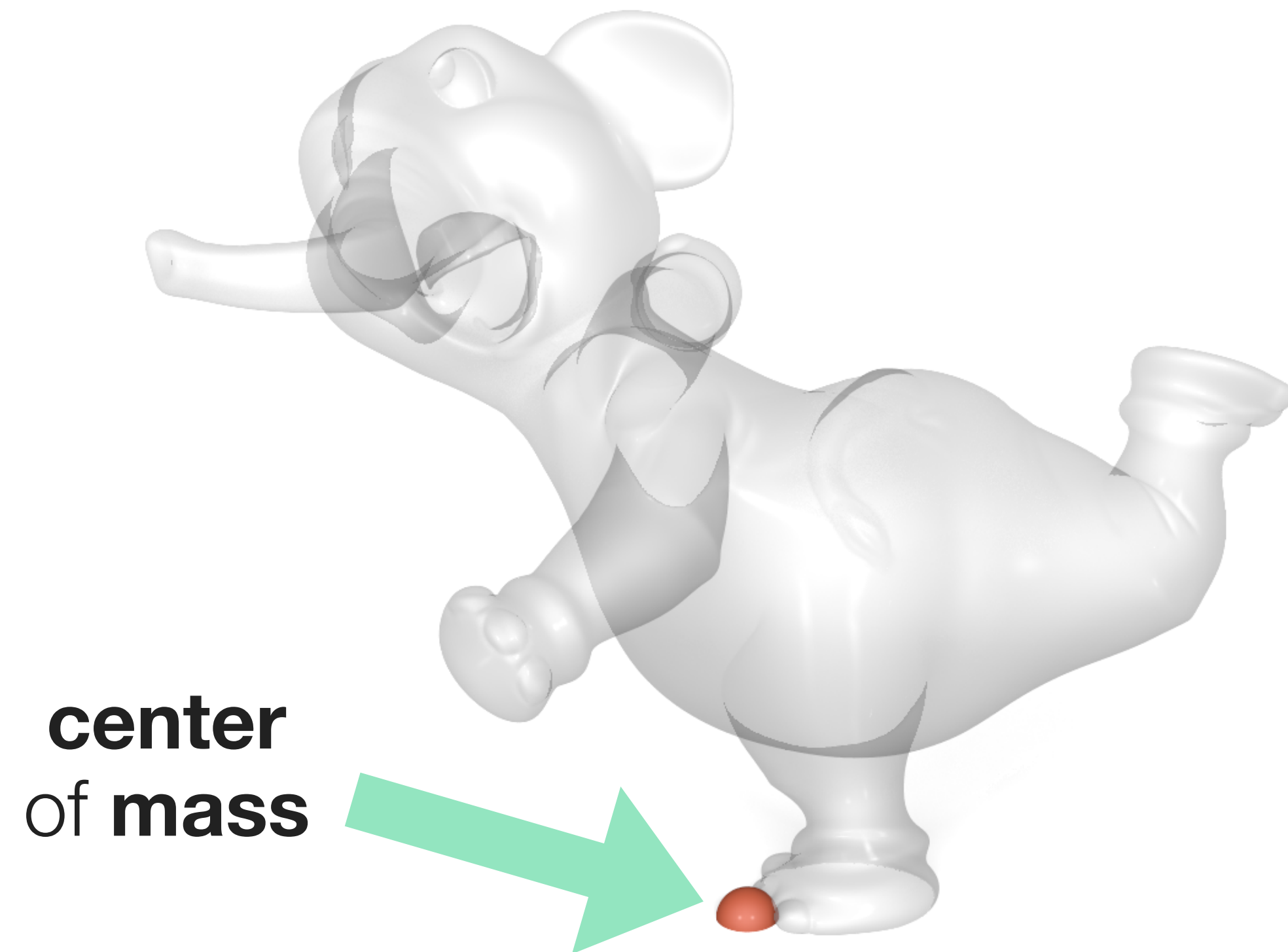


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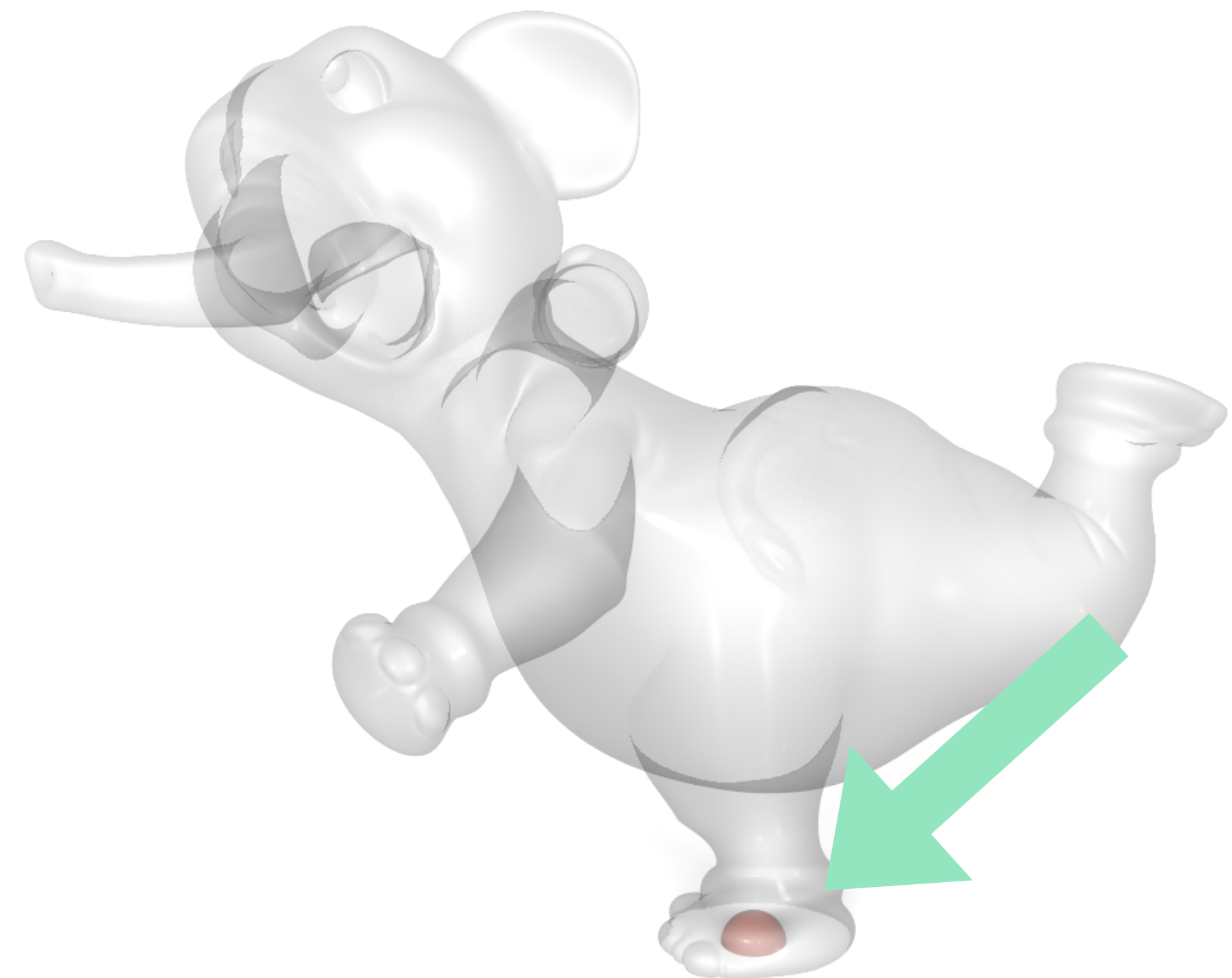


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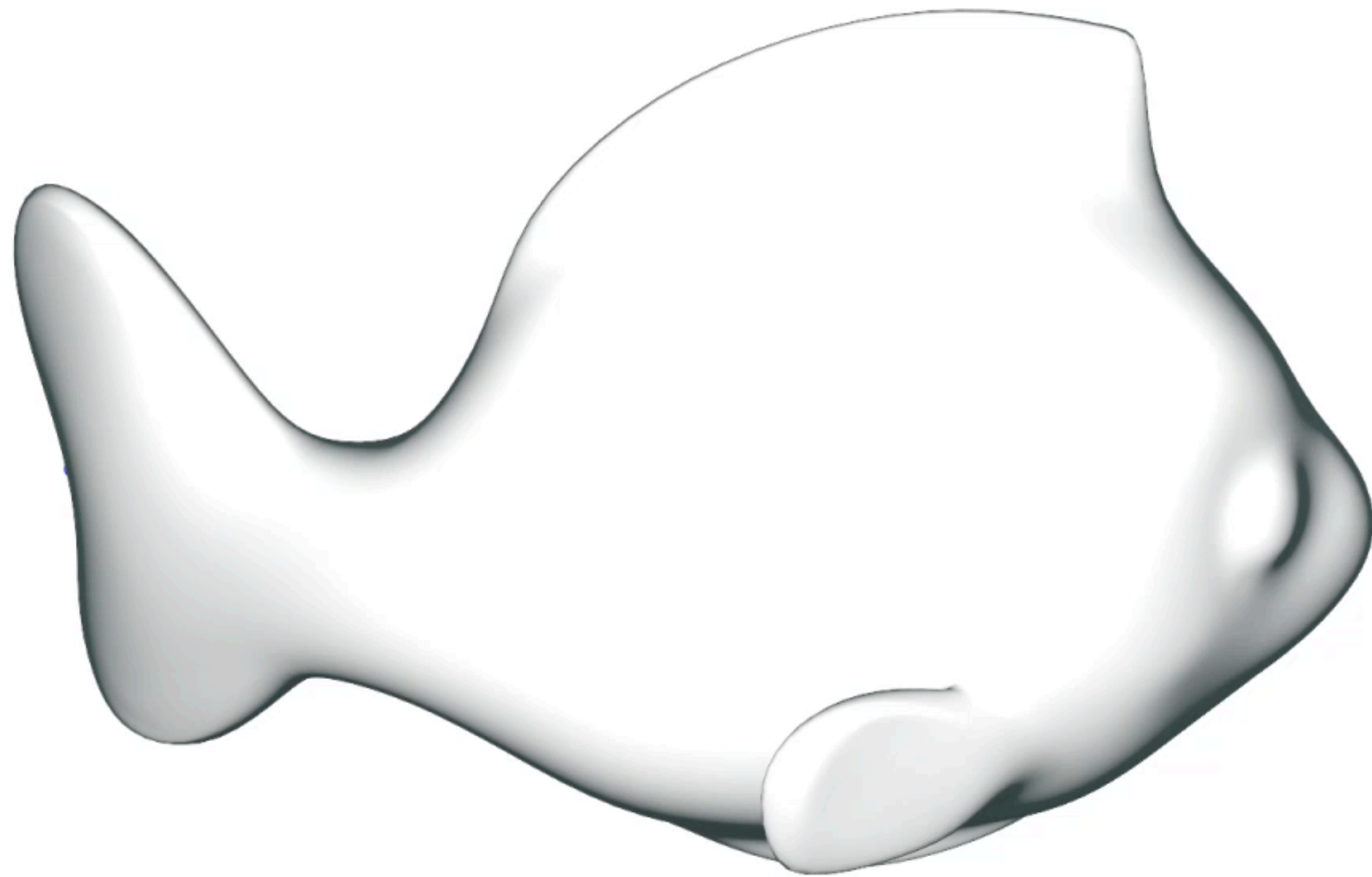


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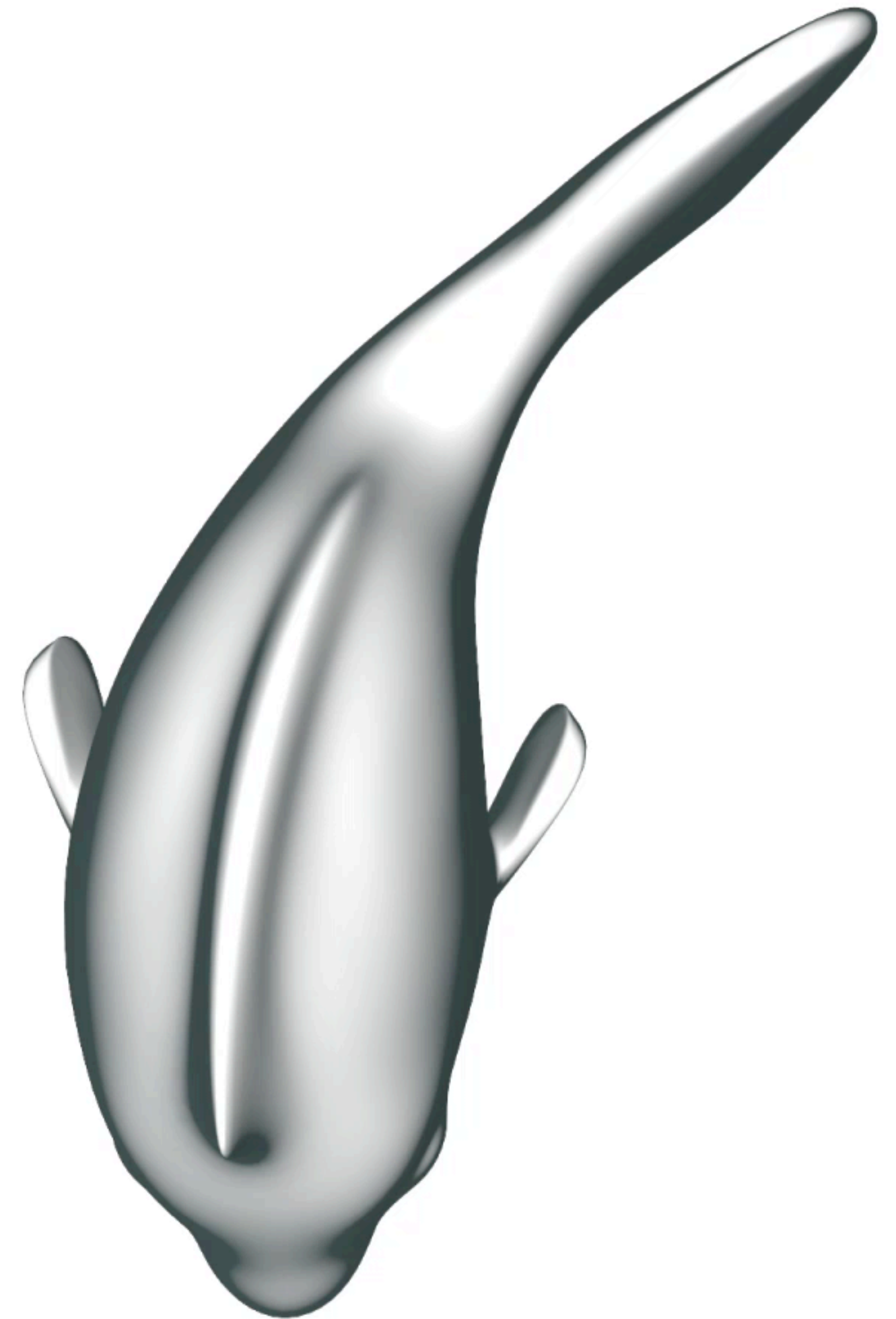


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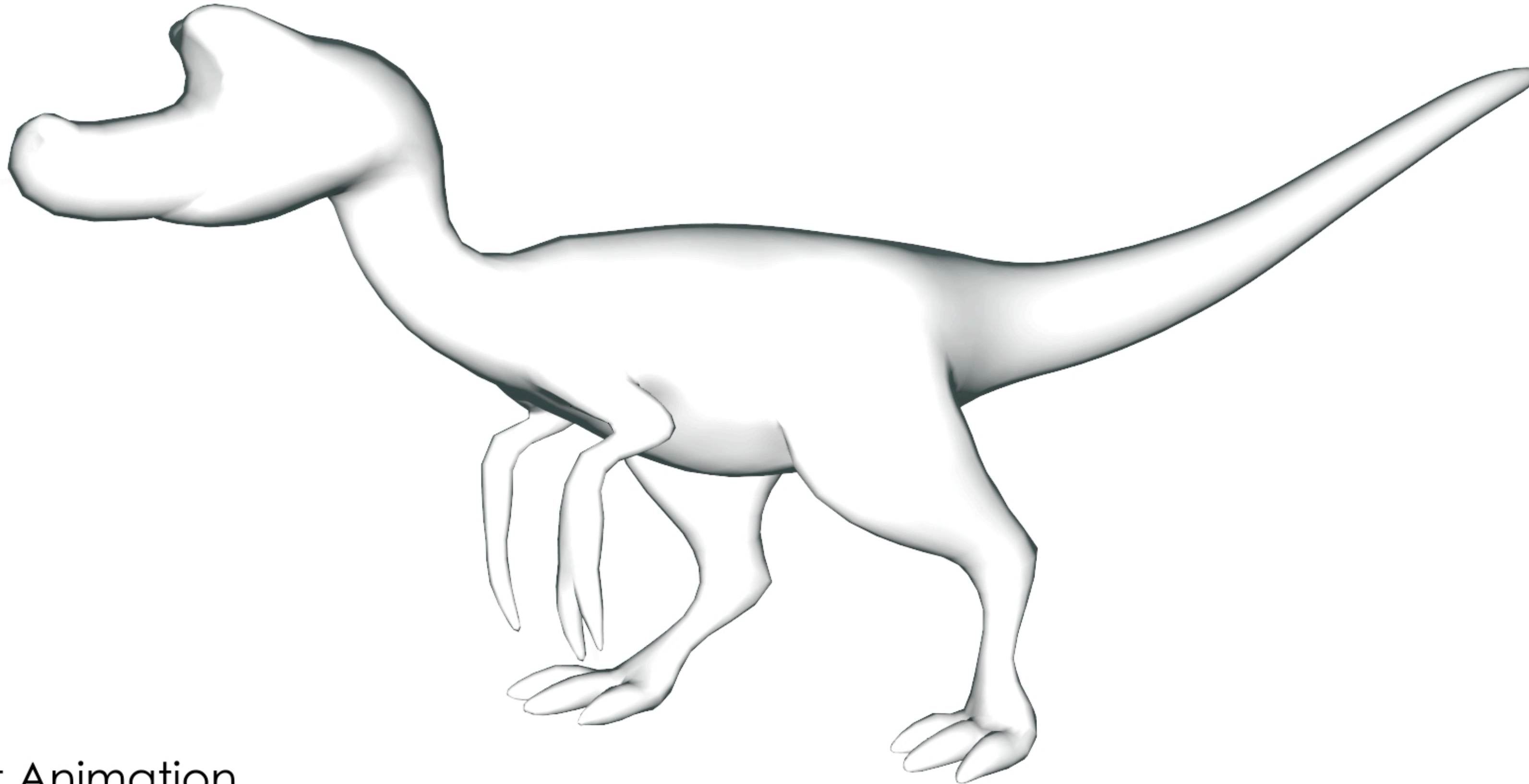
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Input Animation

Blue: target positions

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Input Animation

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