

# Mechanical Design and System Validation of the FARHA-ONE facility



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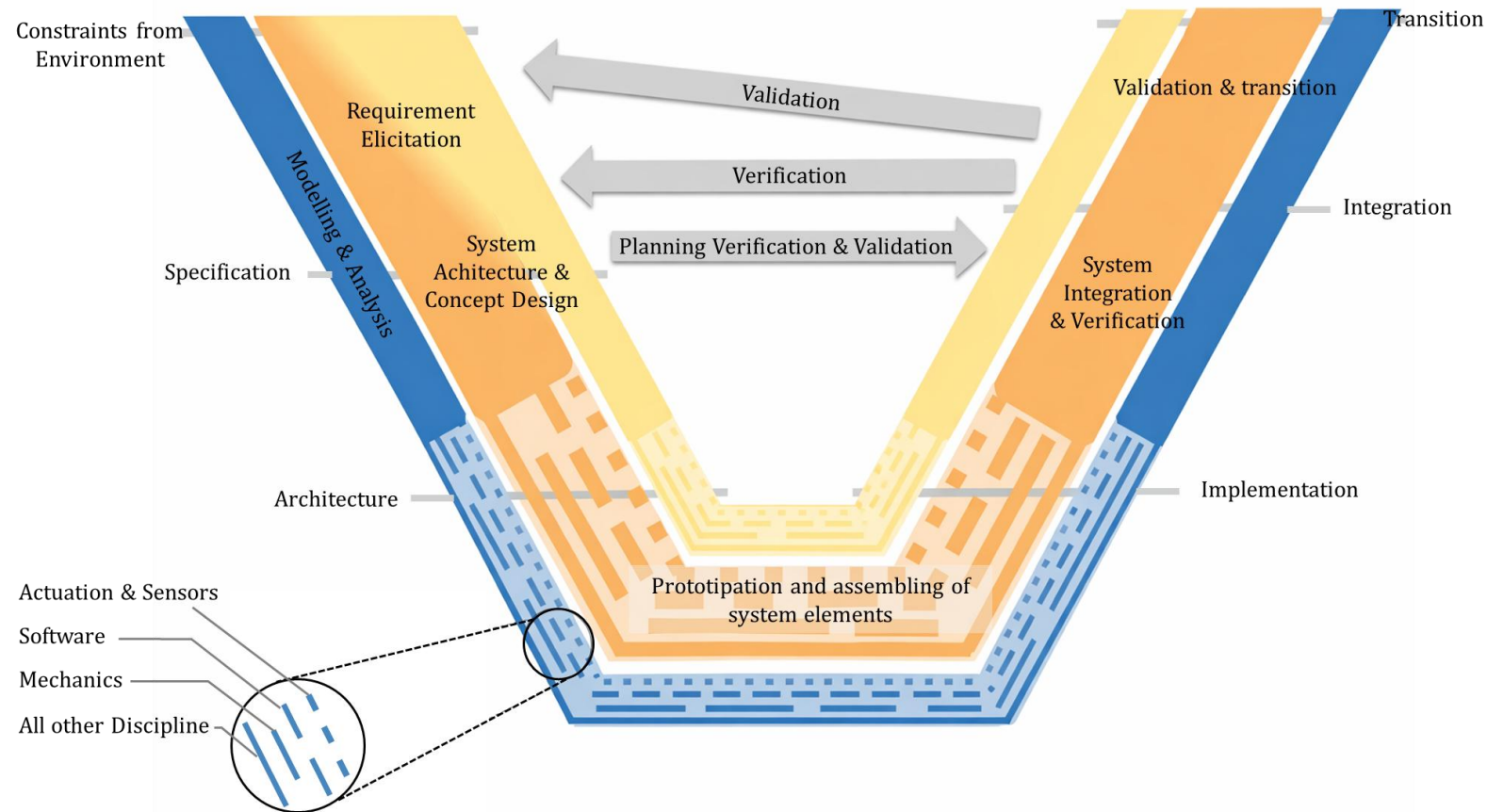
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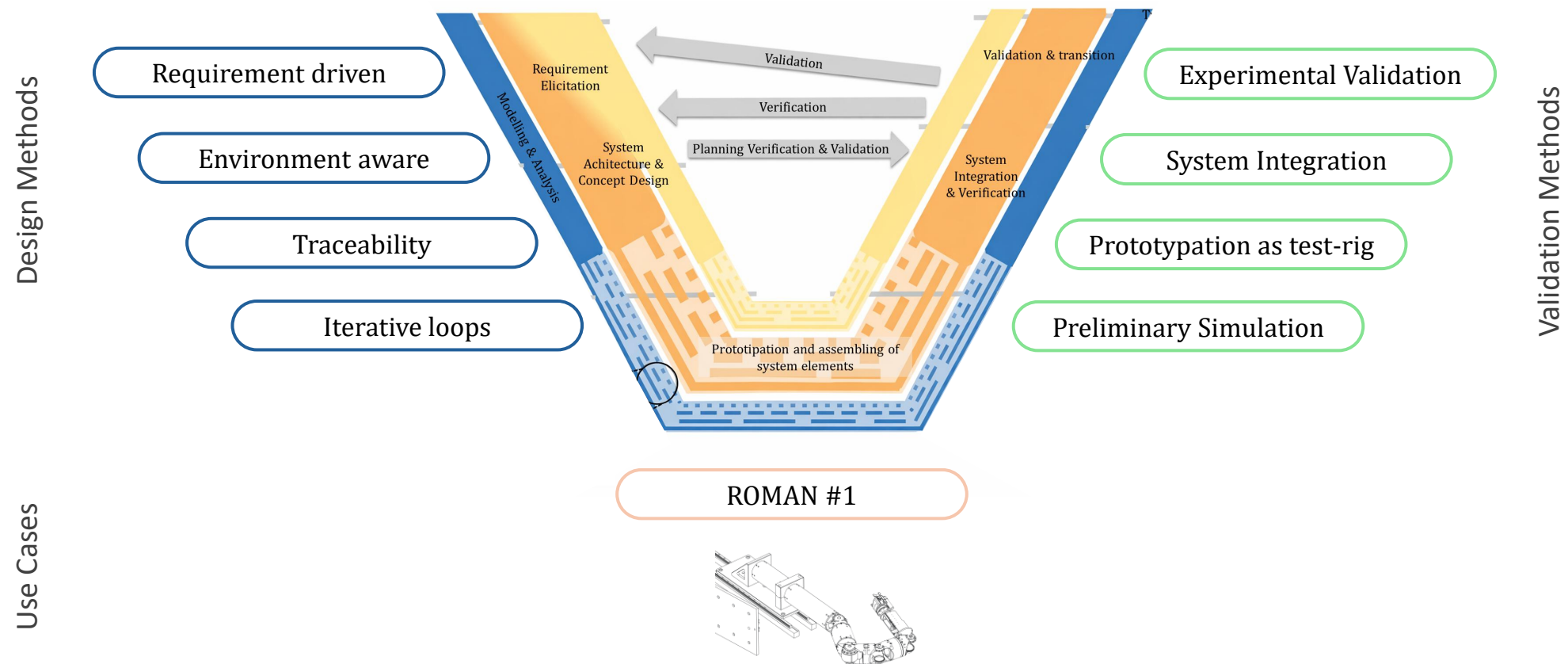
# Research Objectives

1. Define a structured, requirement-driven design procedure
2. Design a robotic manipulator tailored to the target environment
3. Validate the approach through numerical and experimental analyses



# A General Design Procedure for Robotic Systems

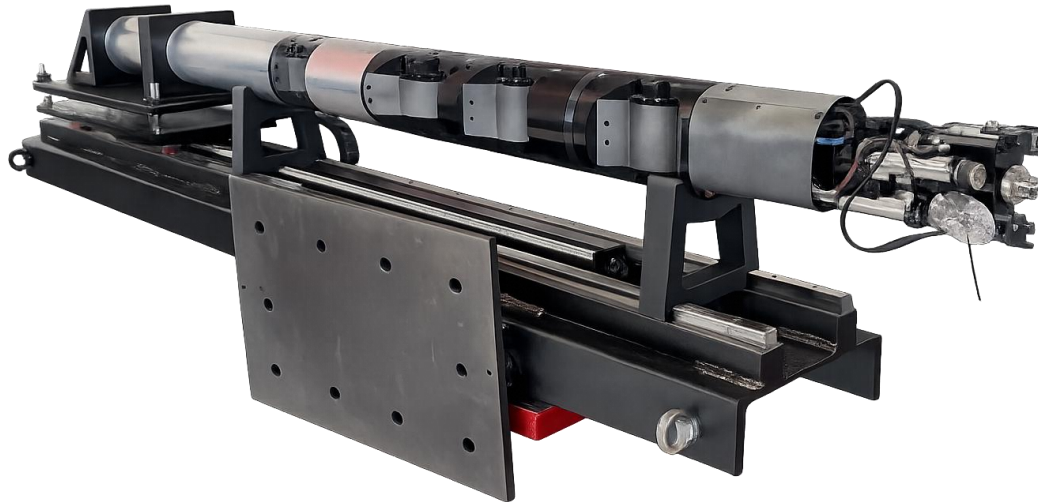
Workflow of the procedure and use cases



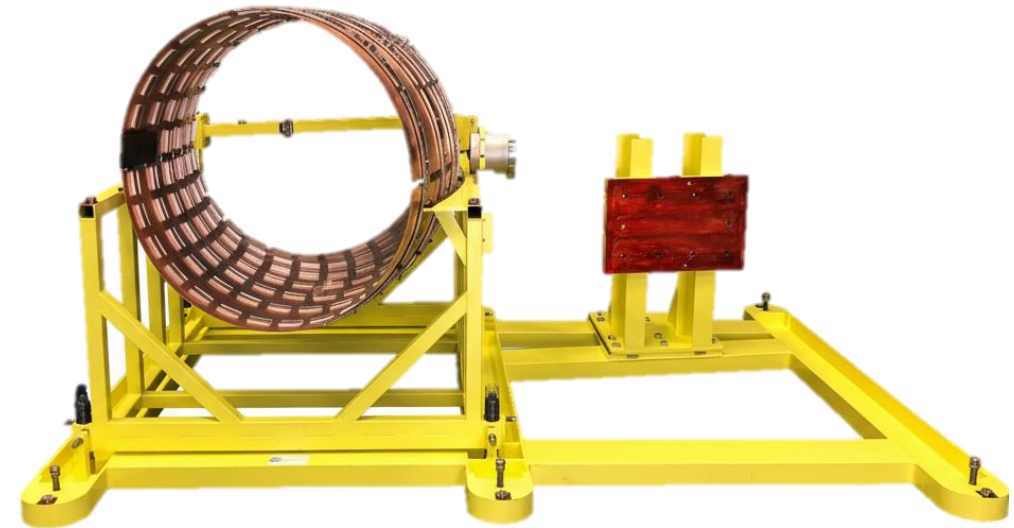
# Nuclear Fusion as an Extreme Use Case: Nefertari Project

Project goal: Realization of a Remote Handling Facility made up by two sub-module:

**Robotic Manipulator** for remote maintenance in the RFX-mod2

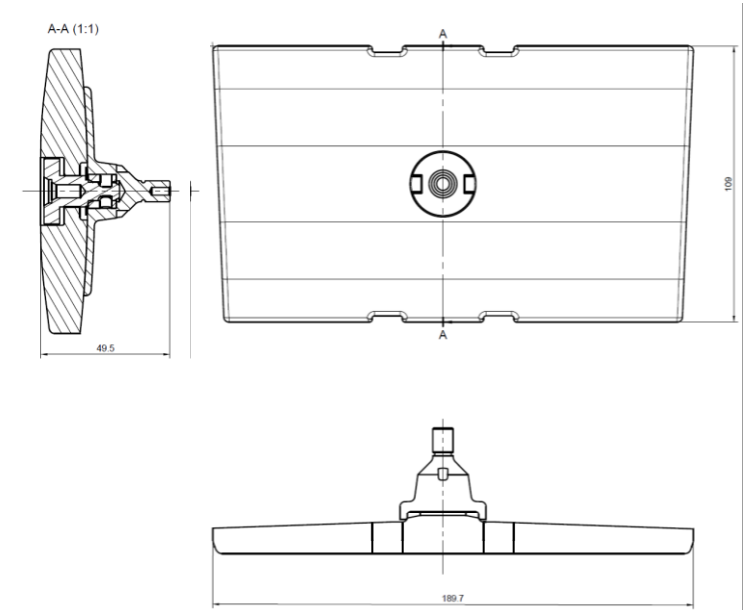
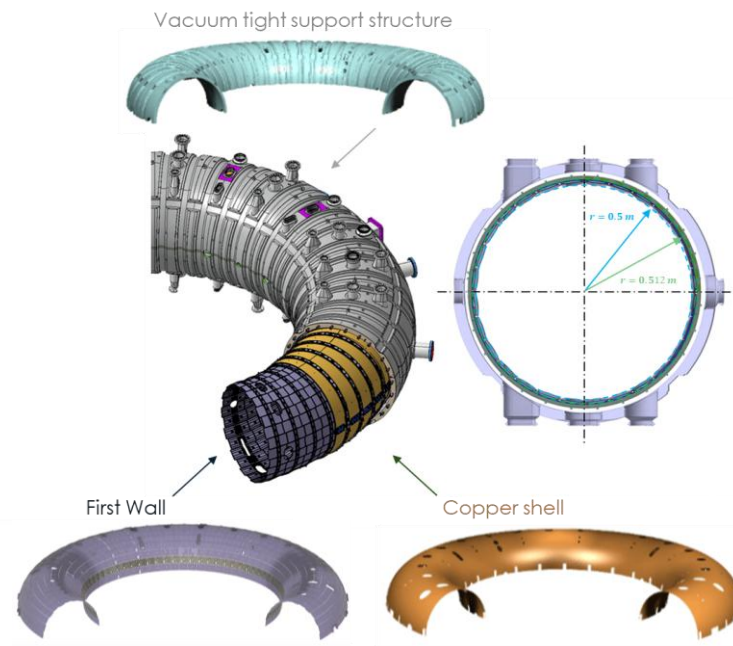
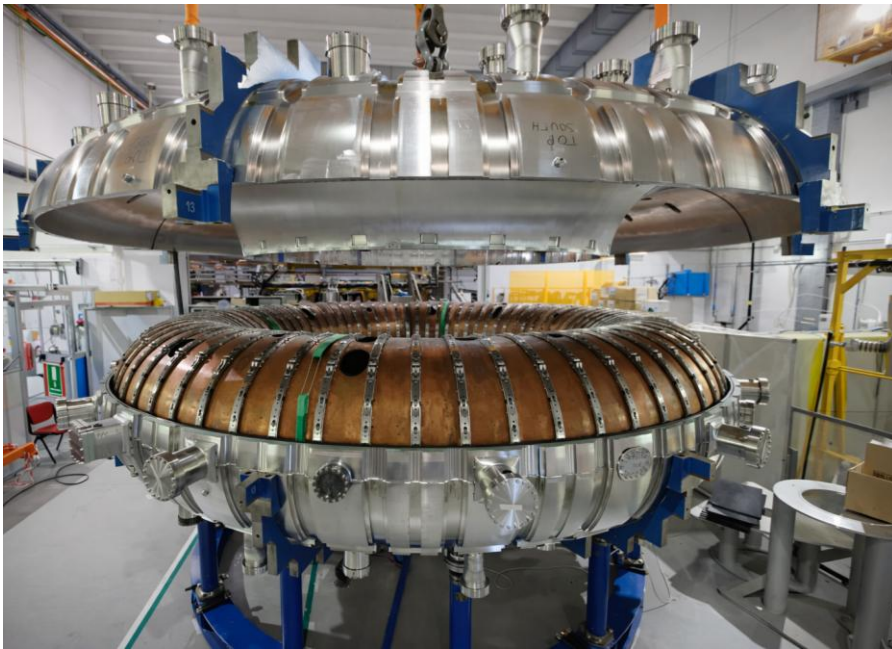


A 1:1 mock-up of a sector of the RFX-mod2



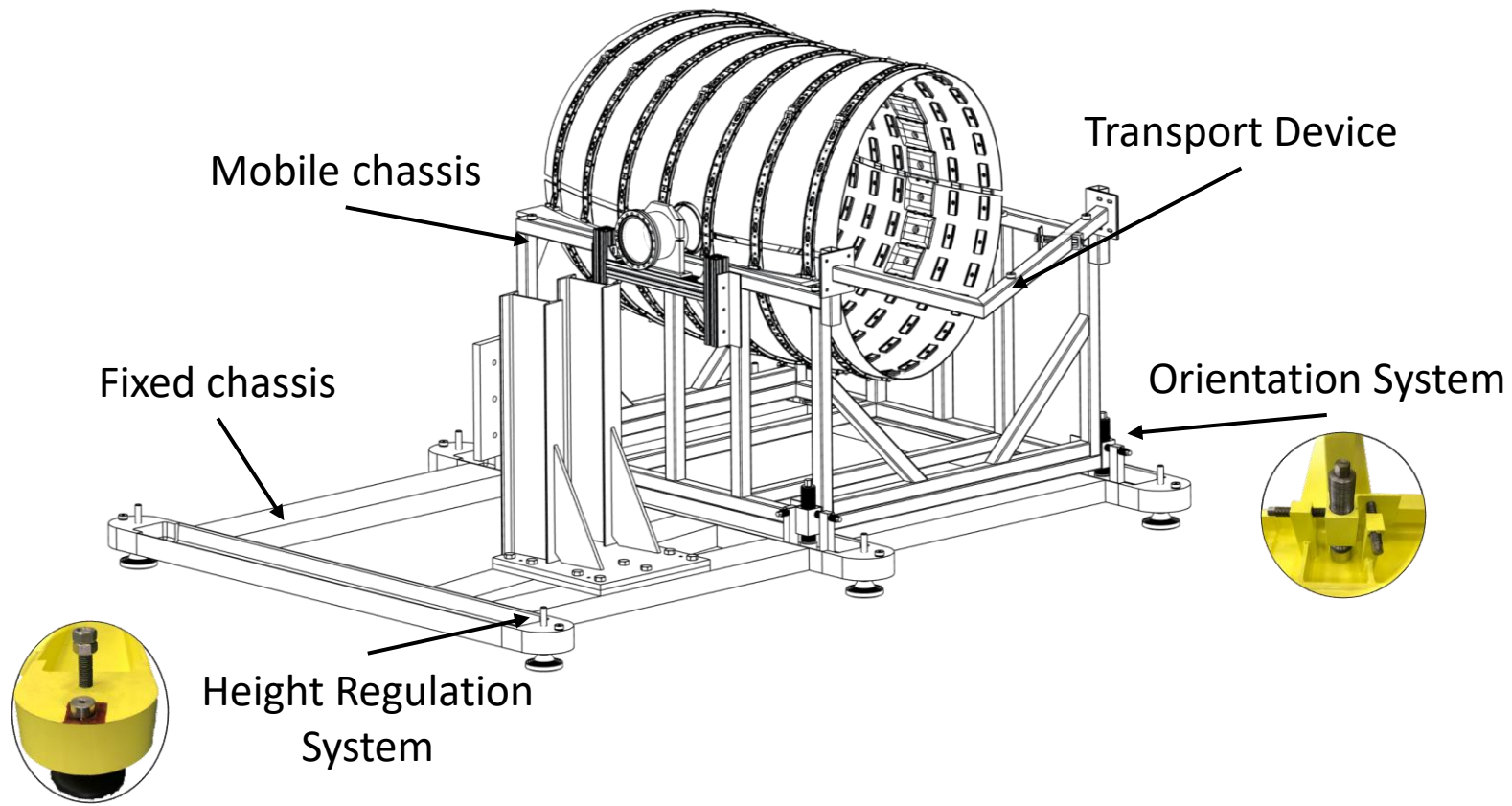
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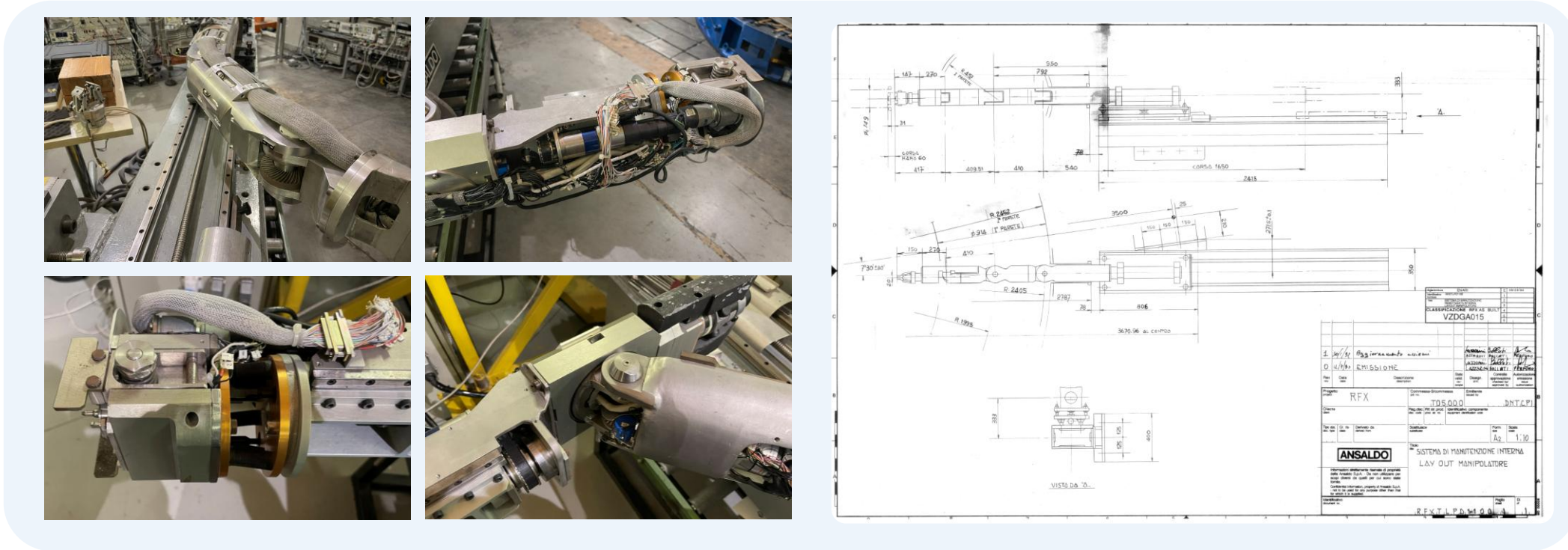
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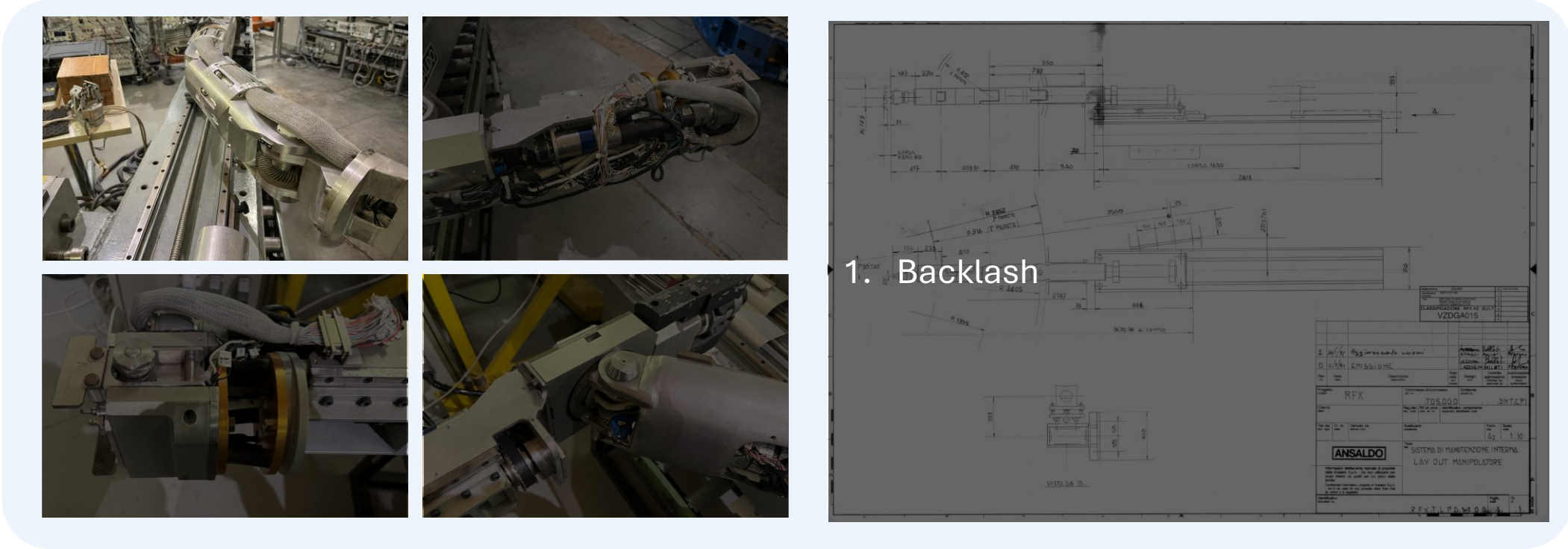
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Analysis of the needs and limits of the old robotic system to develop the new kinematic chain



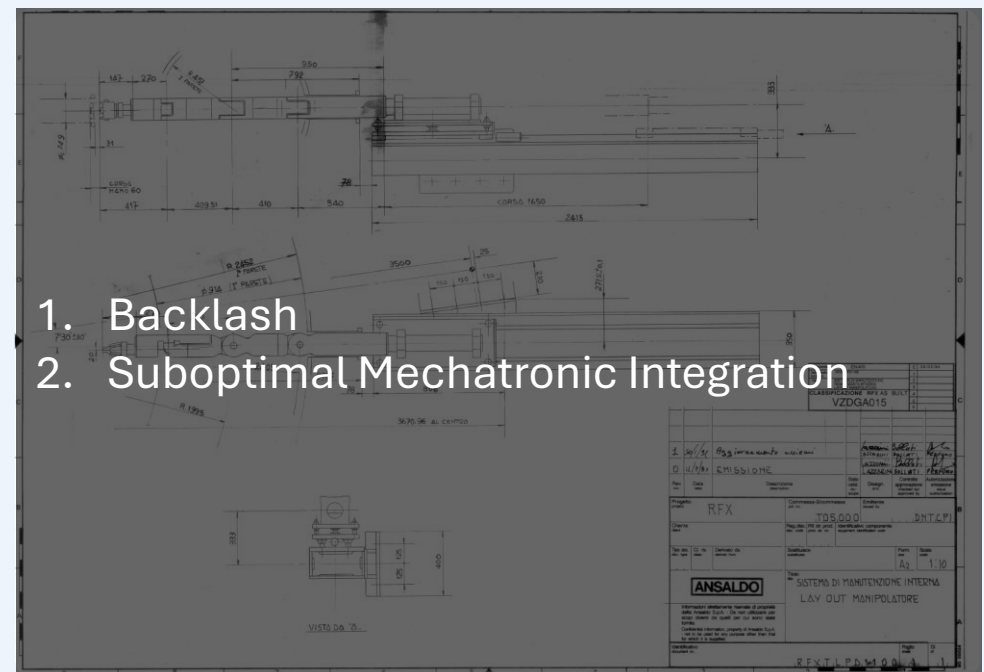
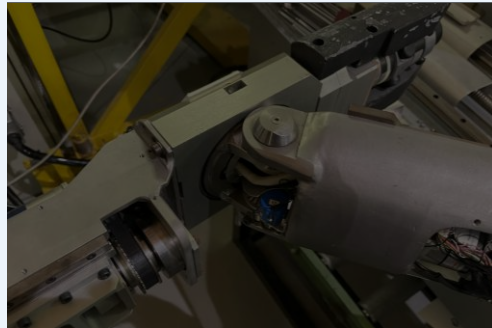
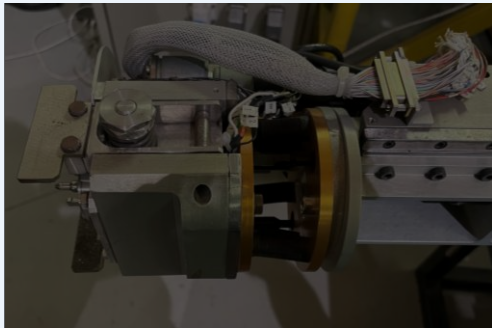
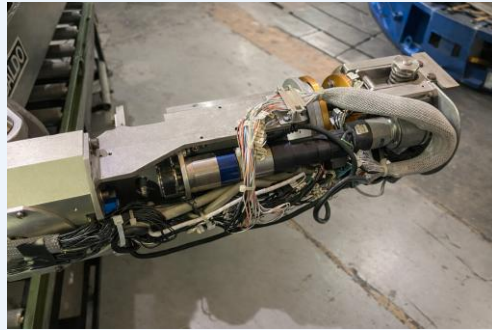
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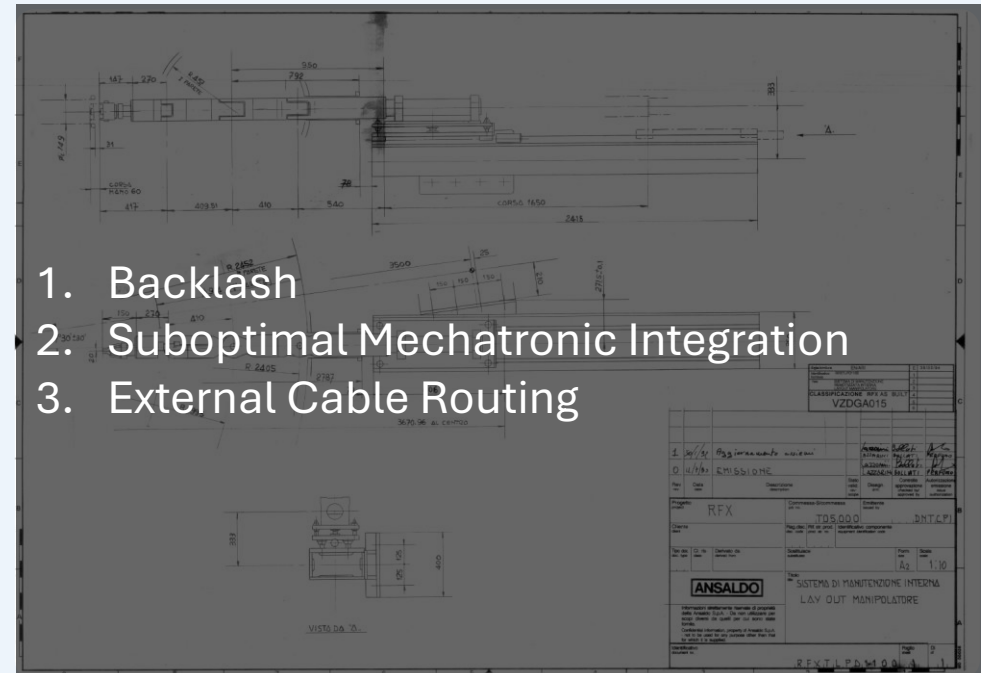
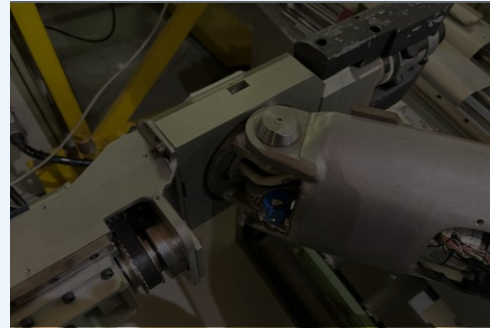
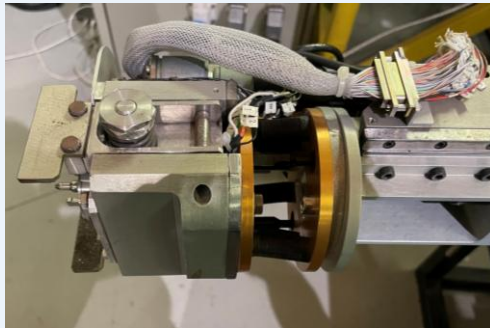
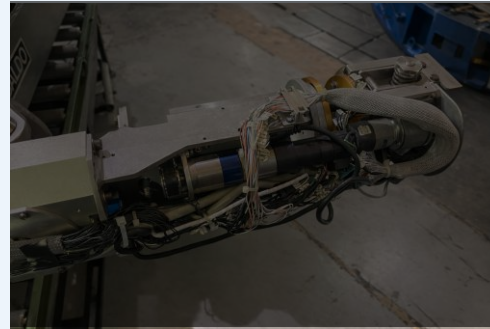
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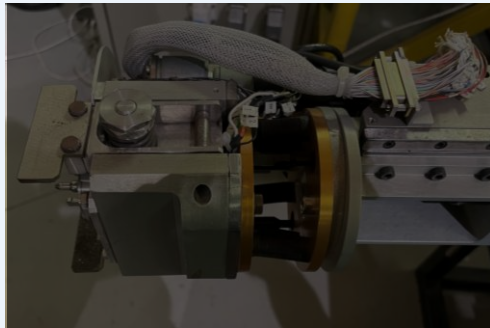
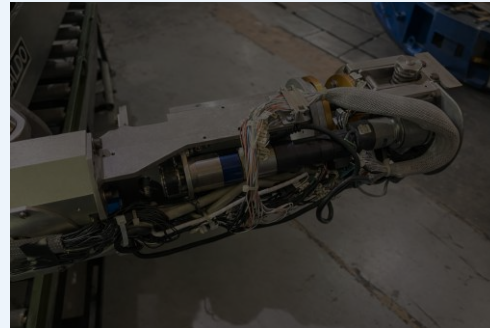
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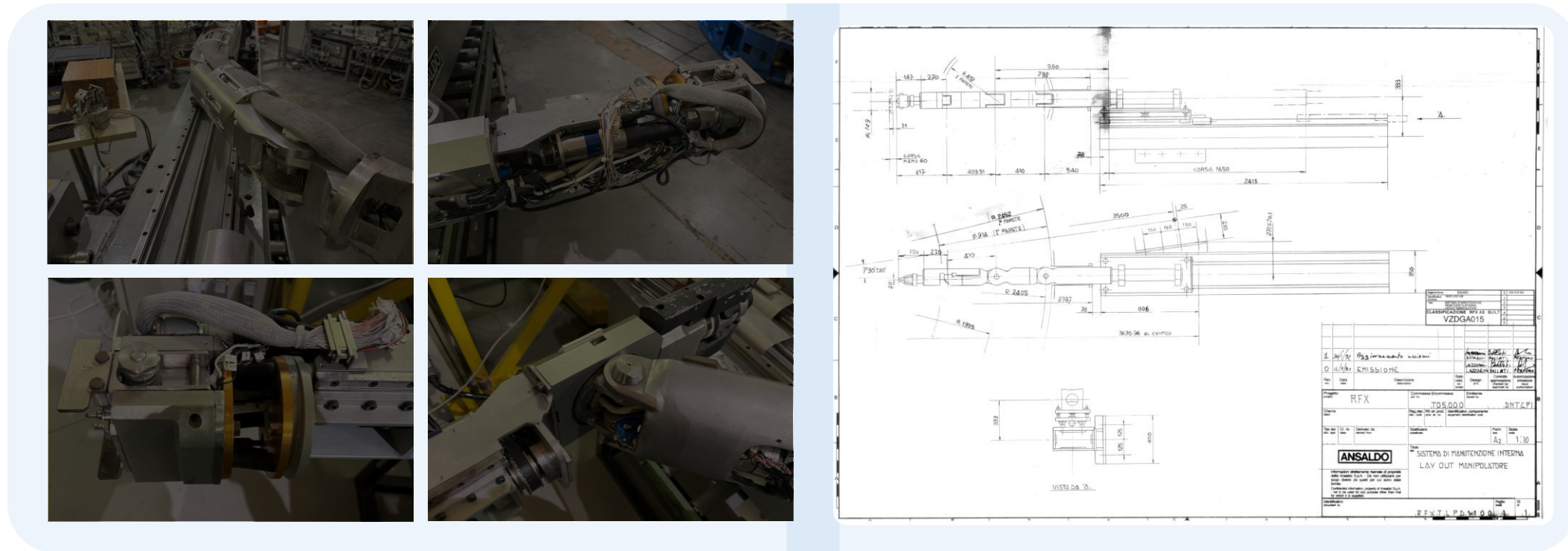


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# Definition of the Kinematic Architecture



## Requirements Elicitation

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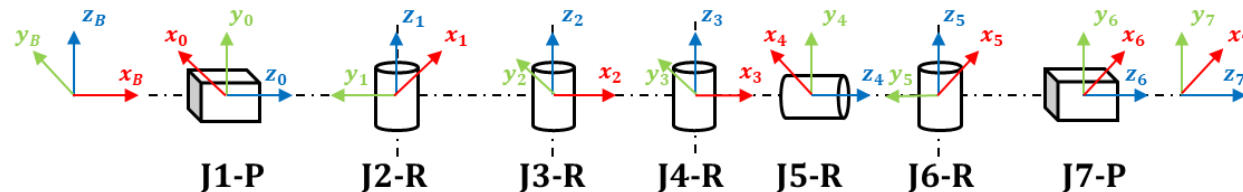
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**FR – 01** – Arm joints must be manually **backdriveable**

**FR – 02** – Reach of **four** poloidal sectors on both sides of the port

**FR – 03** – Reach of **all tiles** on all poloidal rings

**FR – 04** – **No contact** is allowed in the machine



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# Requested torque analysis – actuation sizing

Analysis oriented to define the mechanical properties of the arm and its actuators

**FR – 05** – System should perform a **pushing action** to disengage the tiles

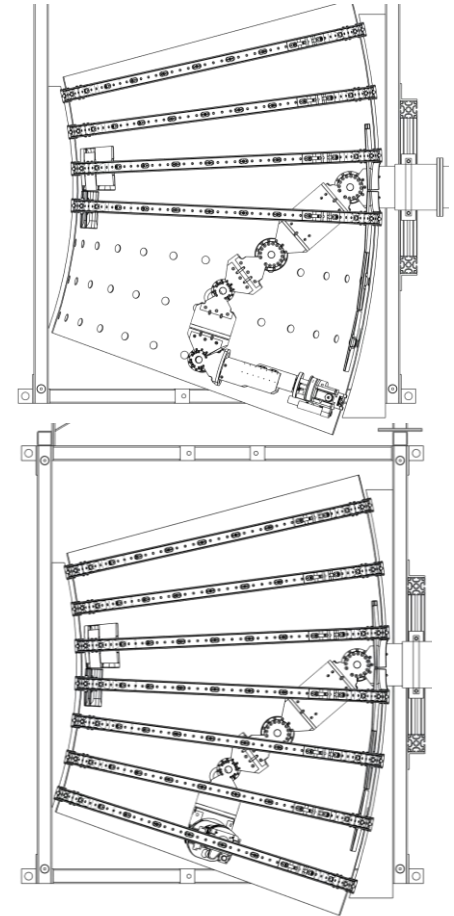
**FR – 06** – System should be able to push on **each tile position**

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**MR – 02** – Maximum axial deflection must be maximum **2.5 mm** under a nominal thrust of 150 N

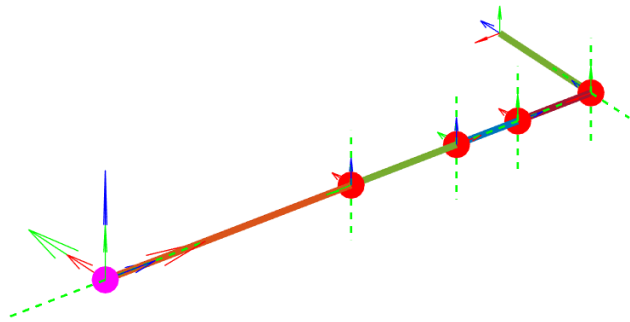
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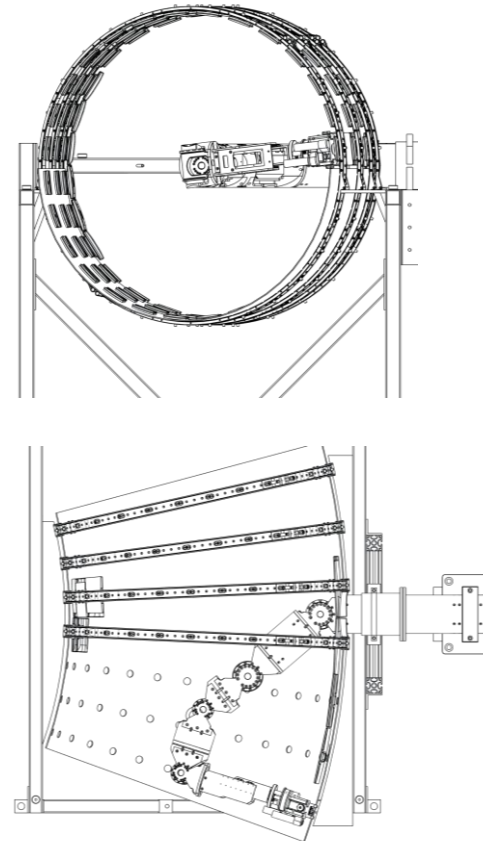
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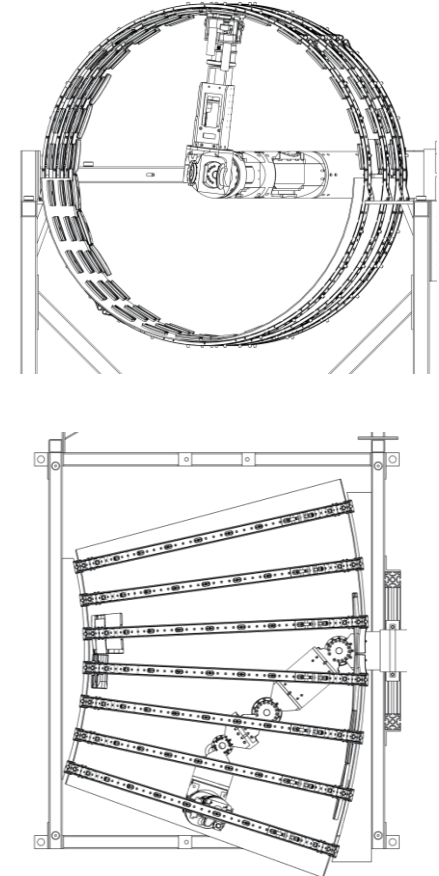


A **topological model** of the arm has been developed considering kinematic chain, hypothetical joint-masses and hypothetical joint-accelerations

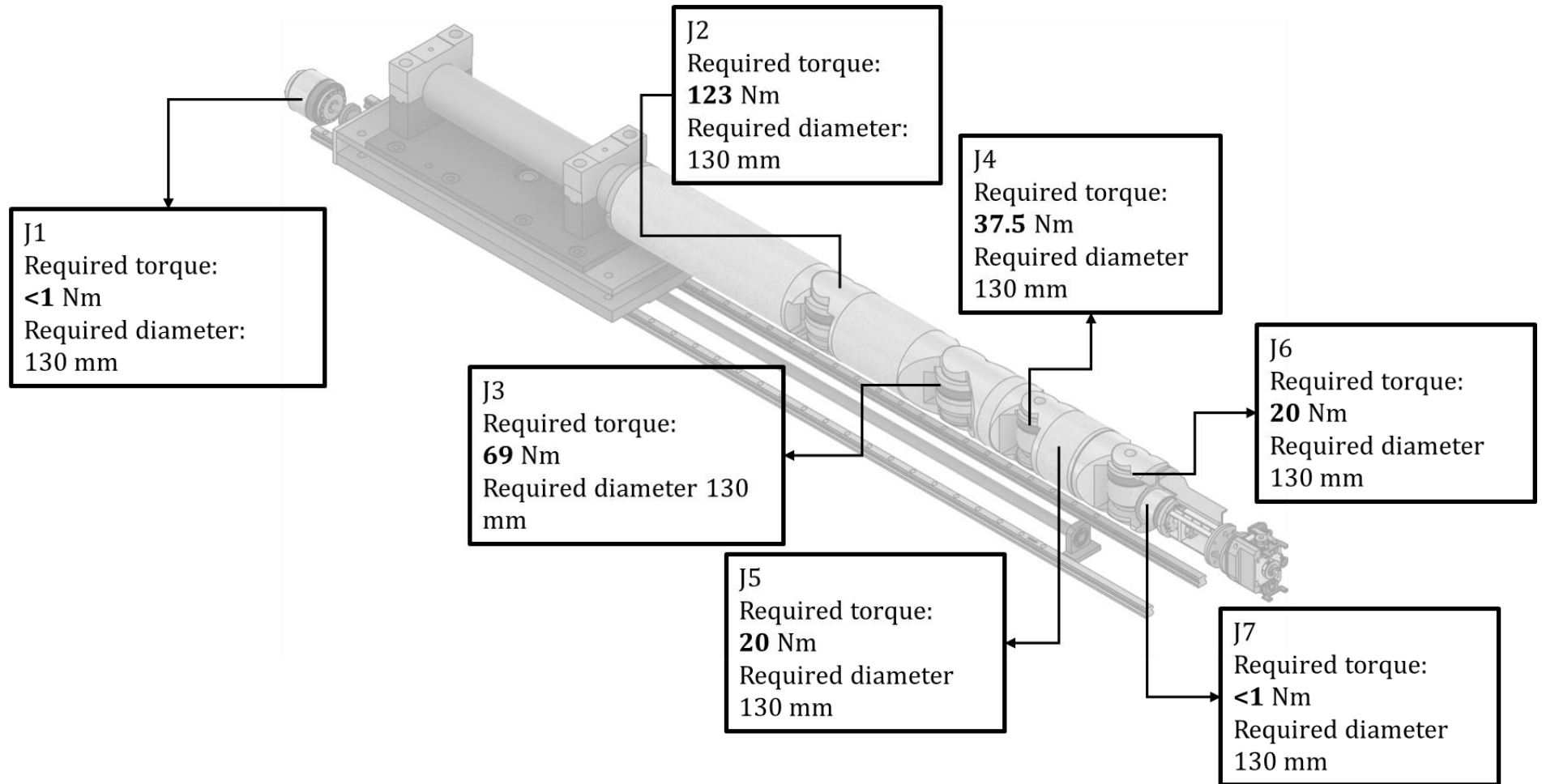
Critic configuration for gearboxes



Critic configuration for ball-bearings

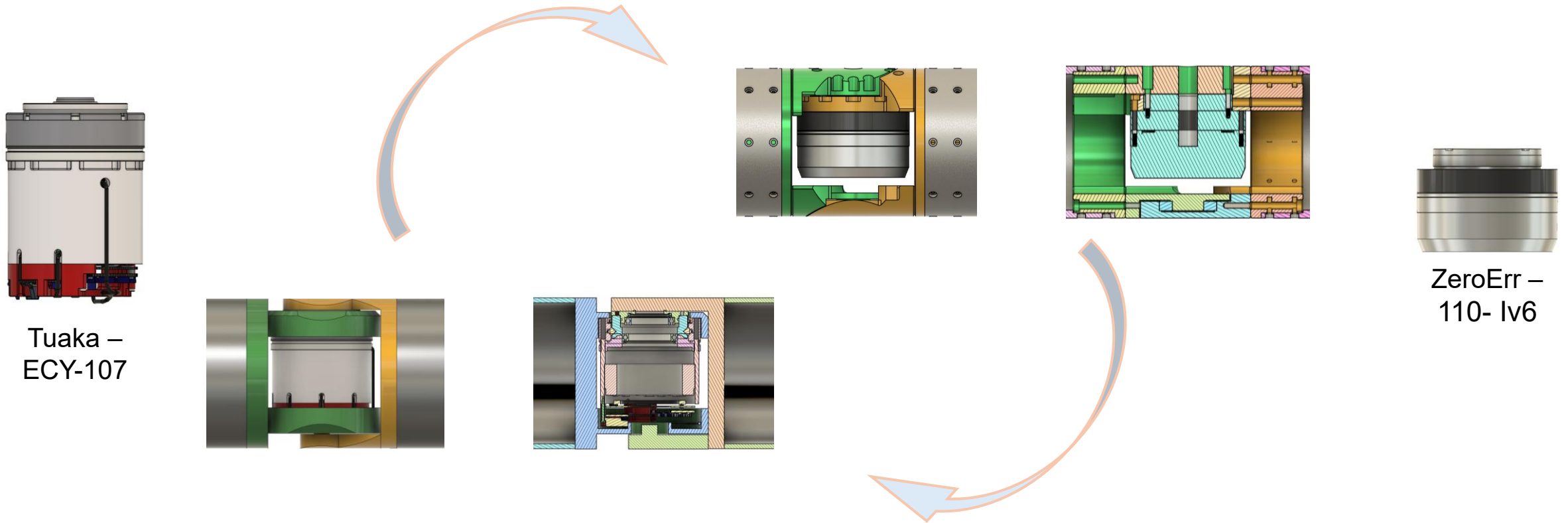


# Overview of the technical specifics of the arm



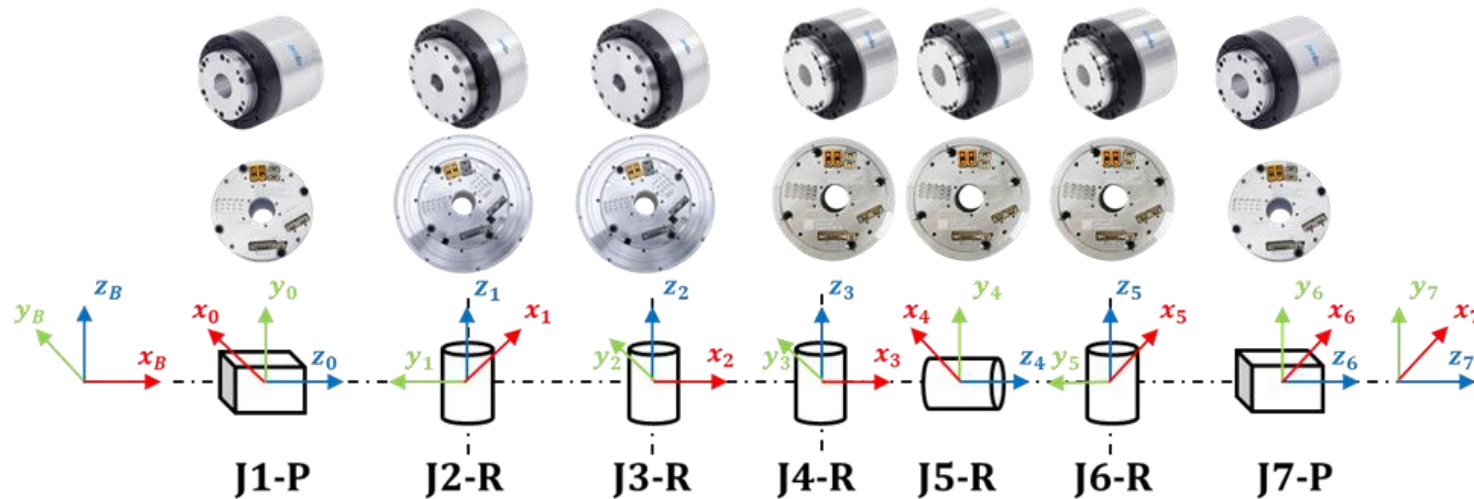
# Concept Generation: Joint-link interface design

Parallelized concept design generation to individuate the best mechanical interface between joint and link

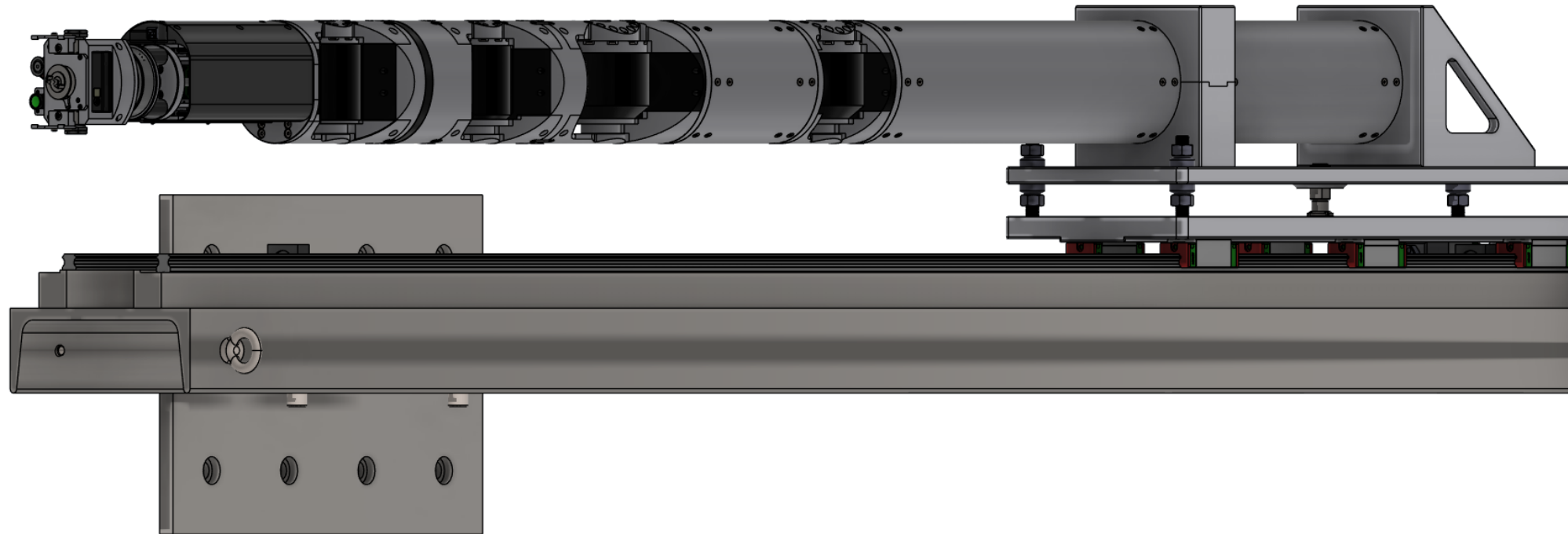


# Technical Specification of the actuation unit

Roman's Actuators										
	Brand	Model	Power Input Voltage [V]	Power [W]	Gear Ratio	Brake	Sensors	Hollow bore diameter [mm]	Communication	Torque sensor
J1	ZeroErr	eRob70H50I-FHM-18ET	48	75	50	NO	HPMTE*	18	EtherCAT	Virtual
J2	ZeroErr	eRob110H100I-FHM-18ET[V6]	48	723	100	NO	HPMTE*	18	EtherCAT	Virtual
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J4	ZeroErr	eRob80H100I-FHM-18ET	48	146	100	NO	HPMTE*	18	EtherCAT	Virtual
J5	ZeroErr	eRob80H100I-BHM-18ET	48	146	100	YES	HPMTE*	18	EtherCAT	Virtual
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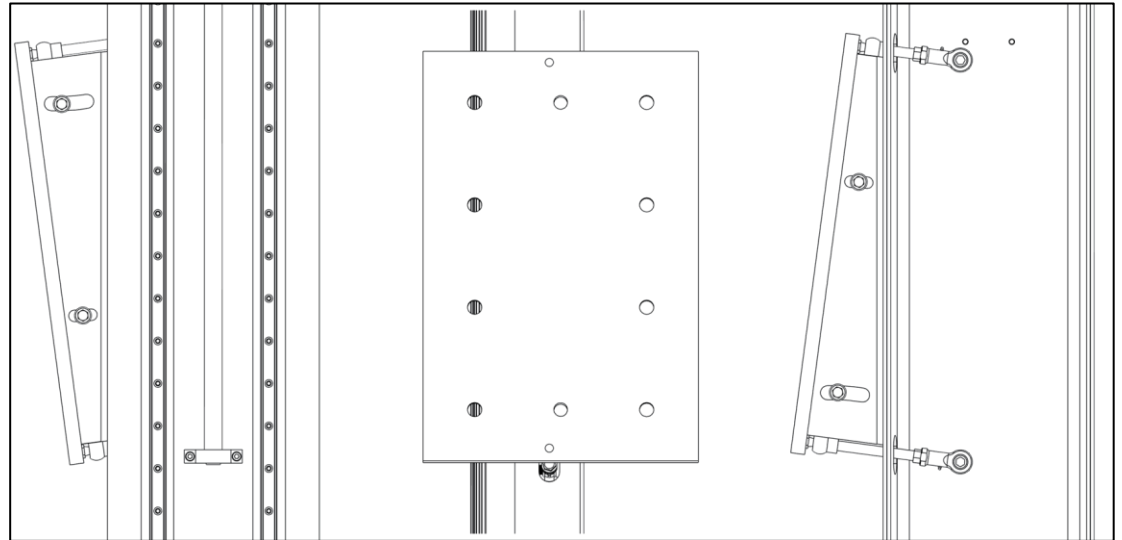
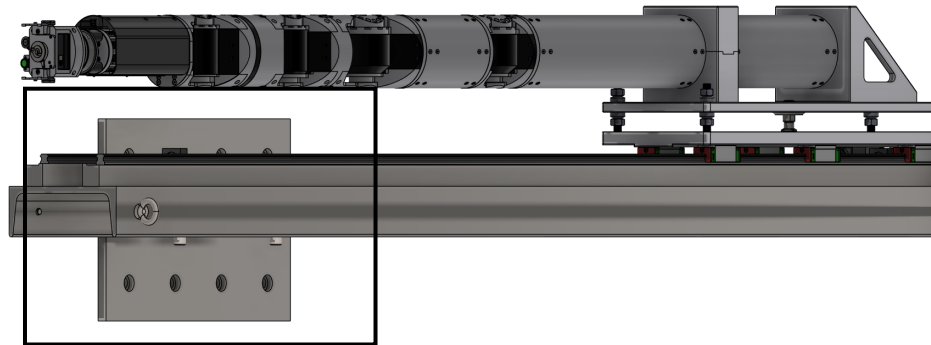


# Concept Generation: Design of the whole structure



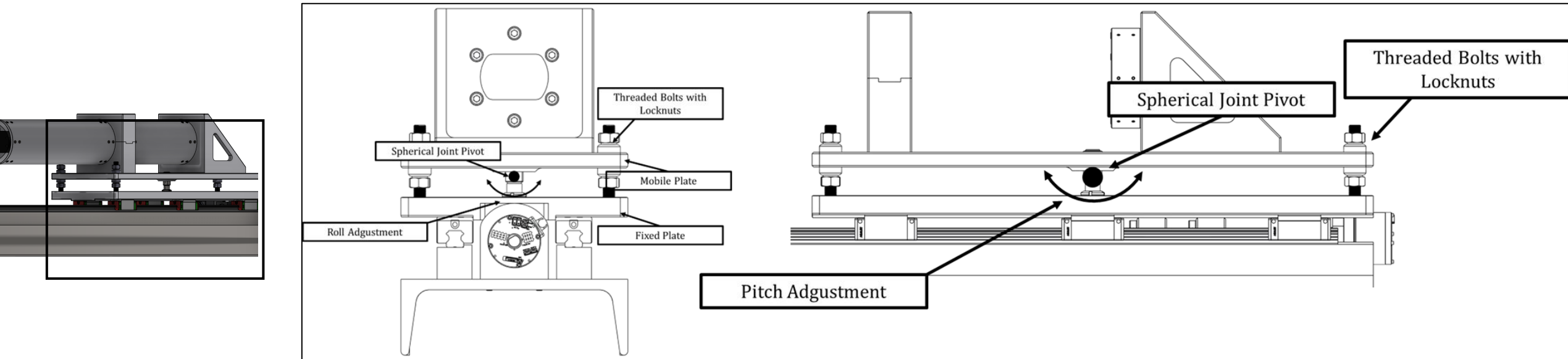
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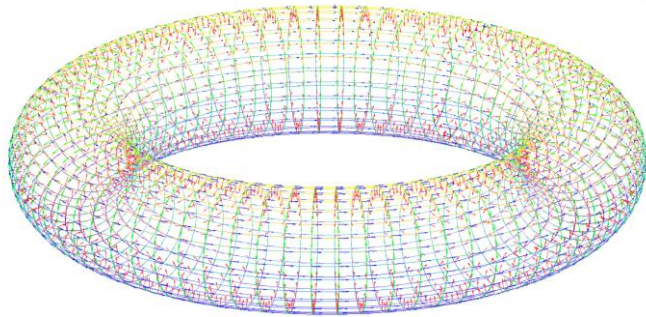


# Verification in simulation: kinematic analysis

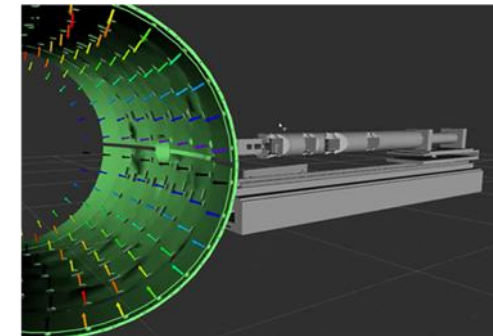
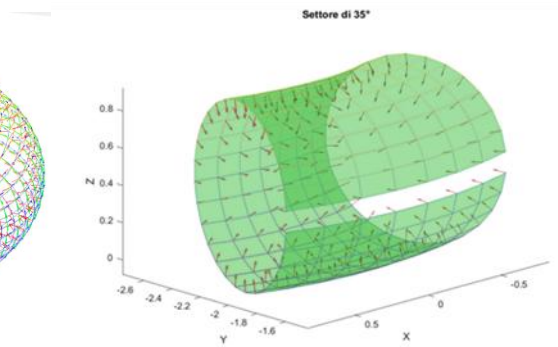
Reachability analysis and collision avoidance analyzed in ros2-environment

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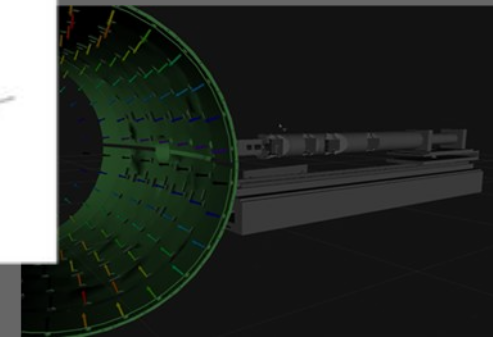
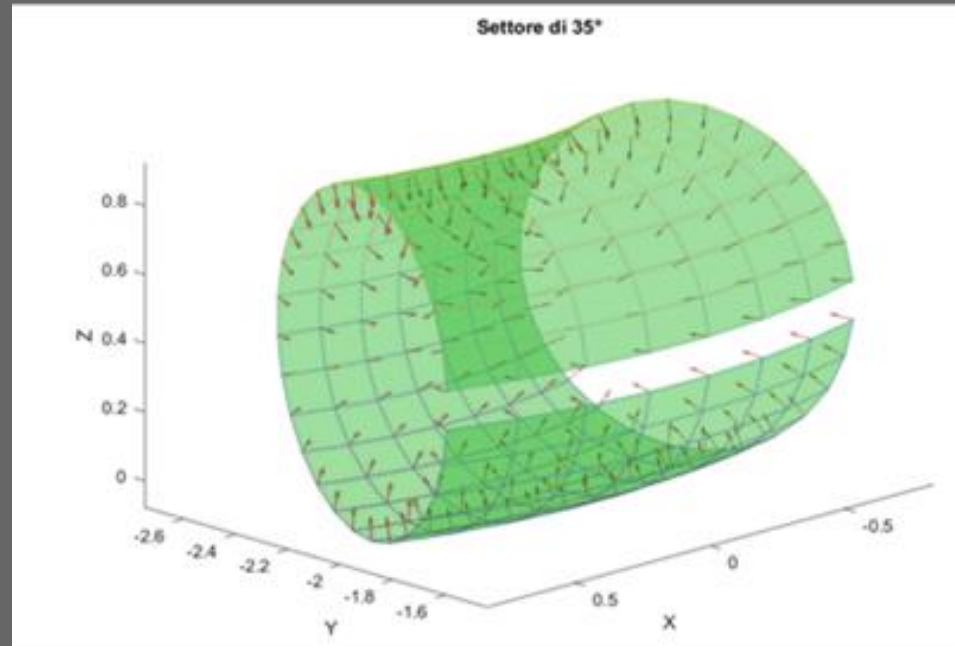
Point cloud generation of the tiles frame poses



Redundancy level analysis of the arm inside the machine

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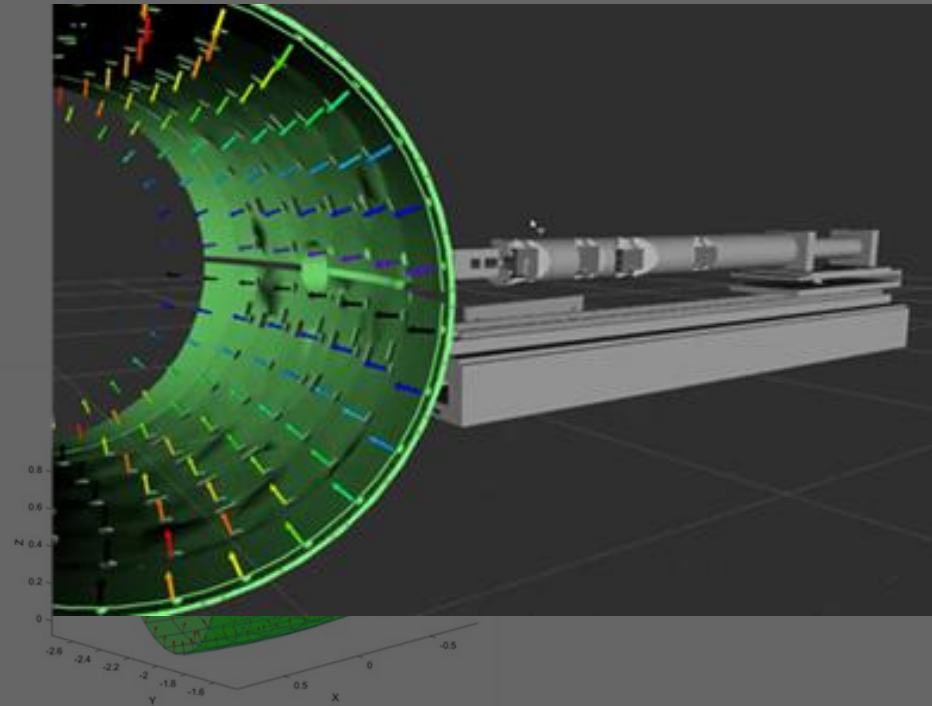
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Reachability analysis with an evaluation of the redundancy level of the arm inside the machine

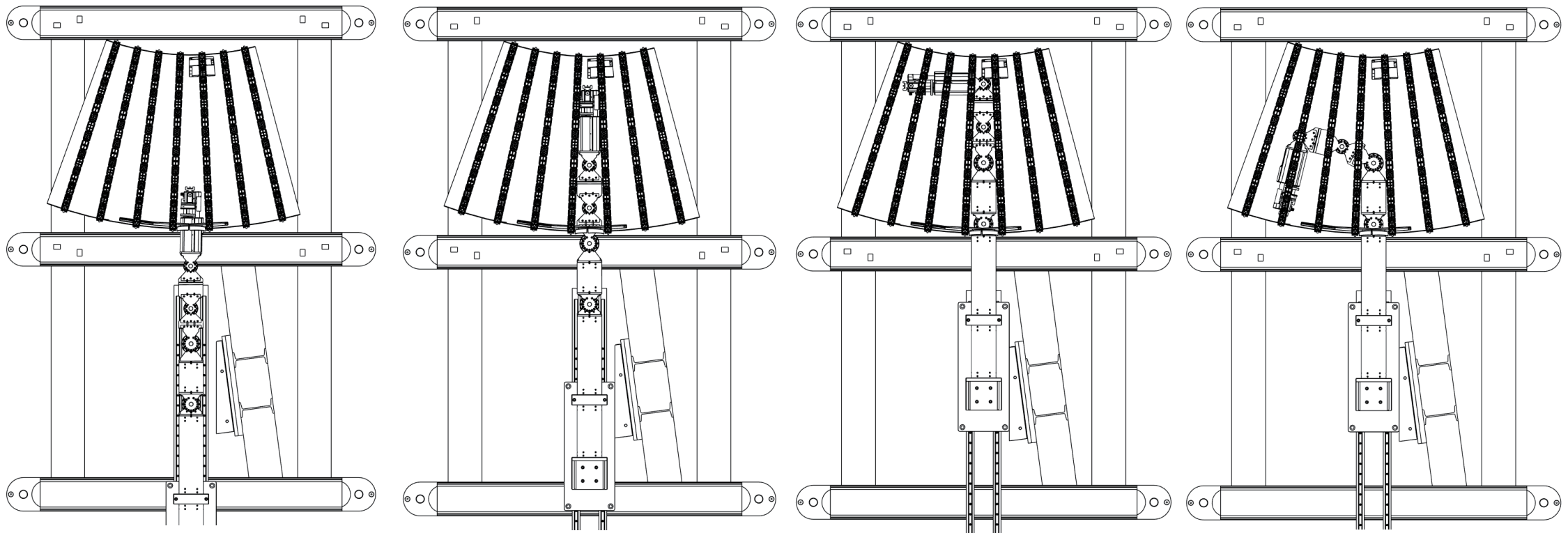
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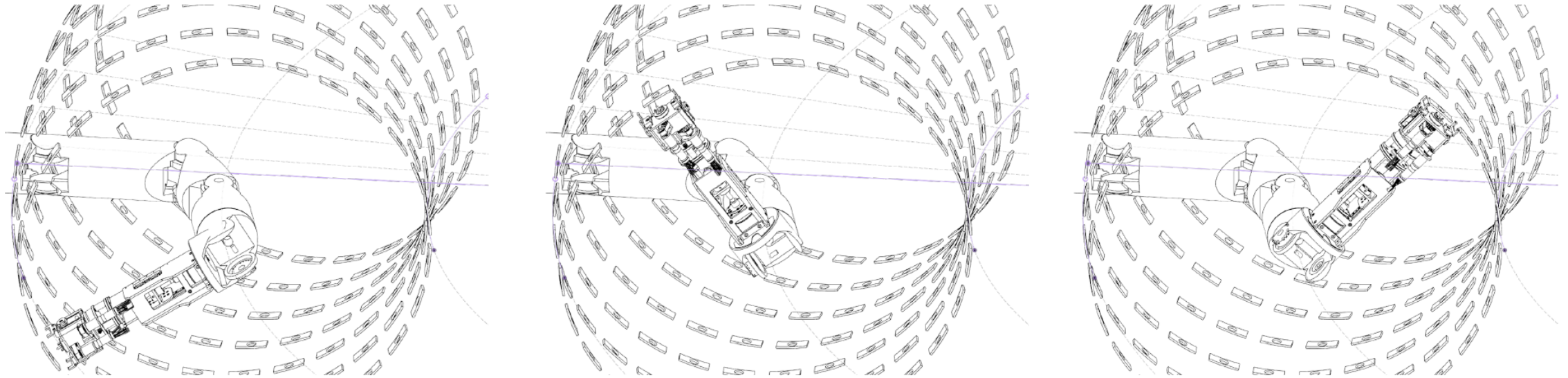
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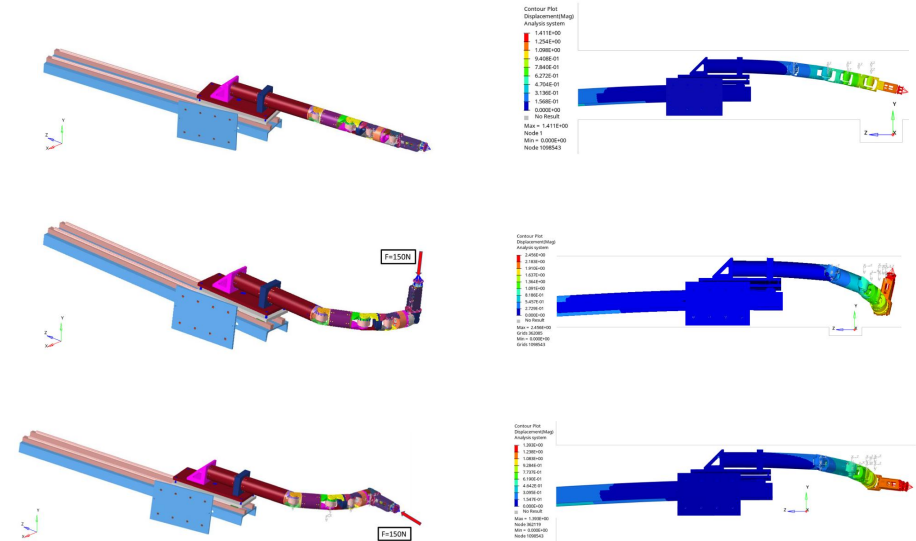
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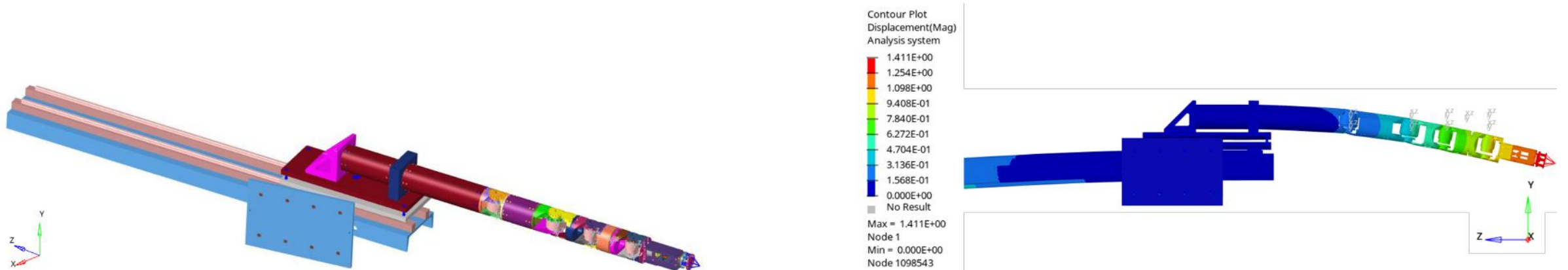
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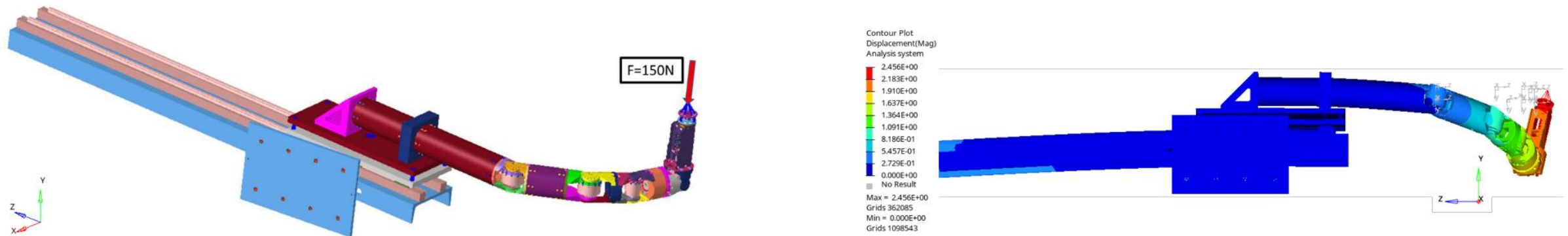
Vertical deflection evaluation – straight configuration



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A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Straight configuration	
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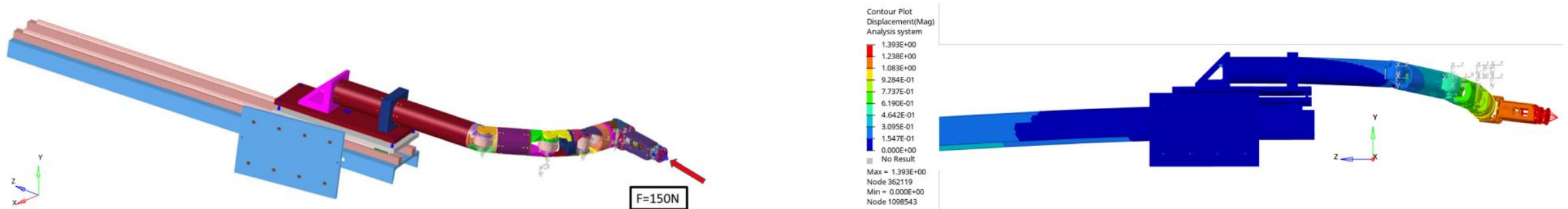
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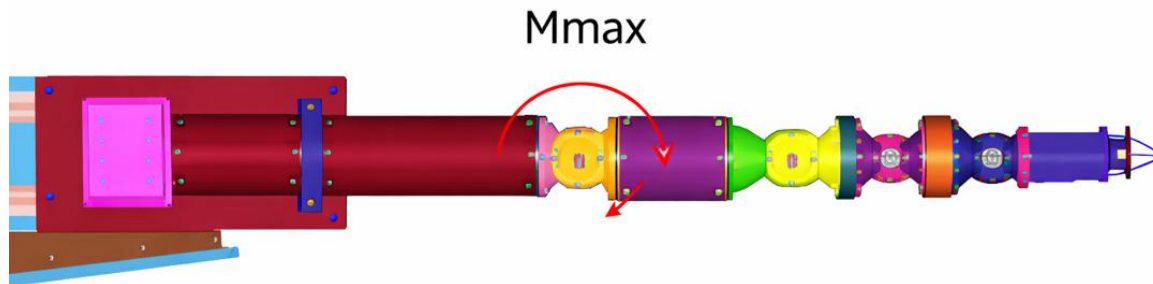
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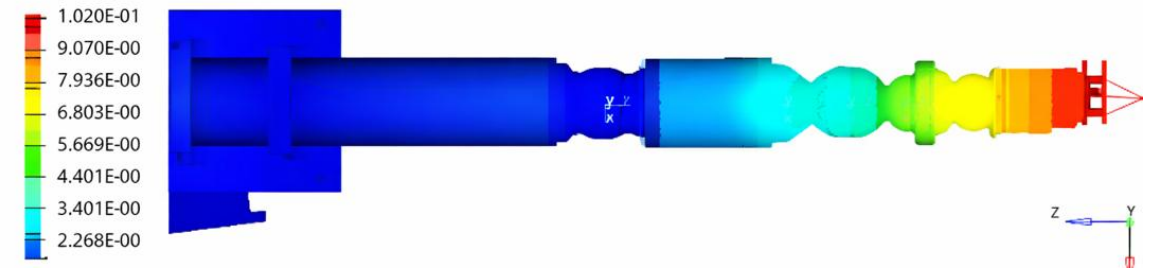
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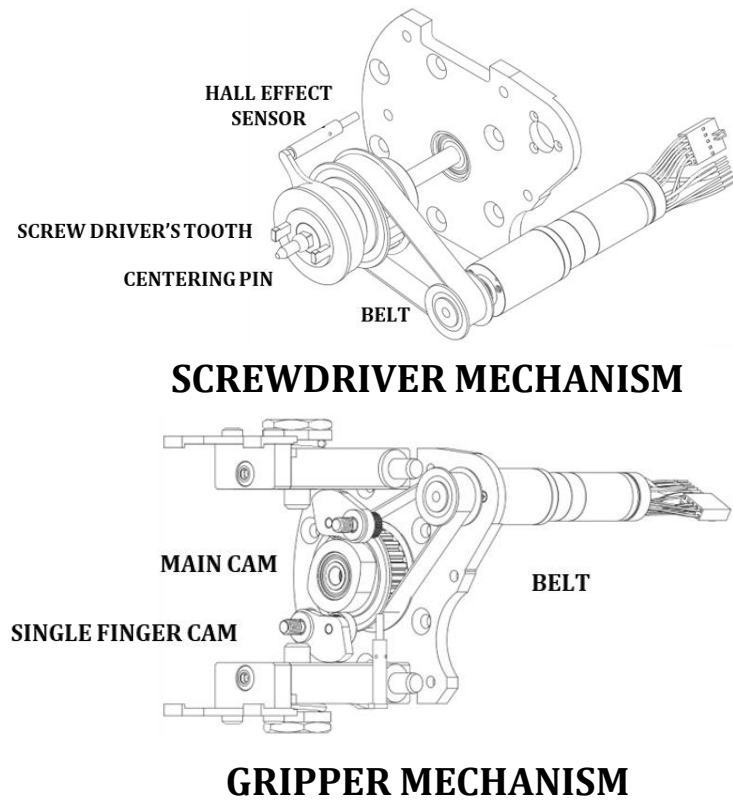


Contour Plot  
Displacement(Mag)  
Analysis system



# ROMAN maintenance routine operations end-effector

A task-oriented customization of a robust and reliable gripper



# Validation of ROMAN system

Facility Acceptance Test of the robotic arm subsystem

Structural Dimensioning

Joint ROM

EE Reliability

Full-Load Deflection

Repeatability

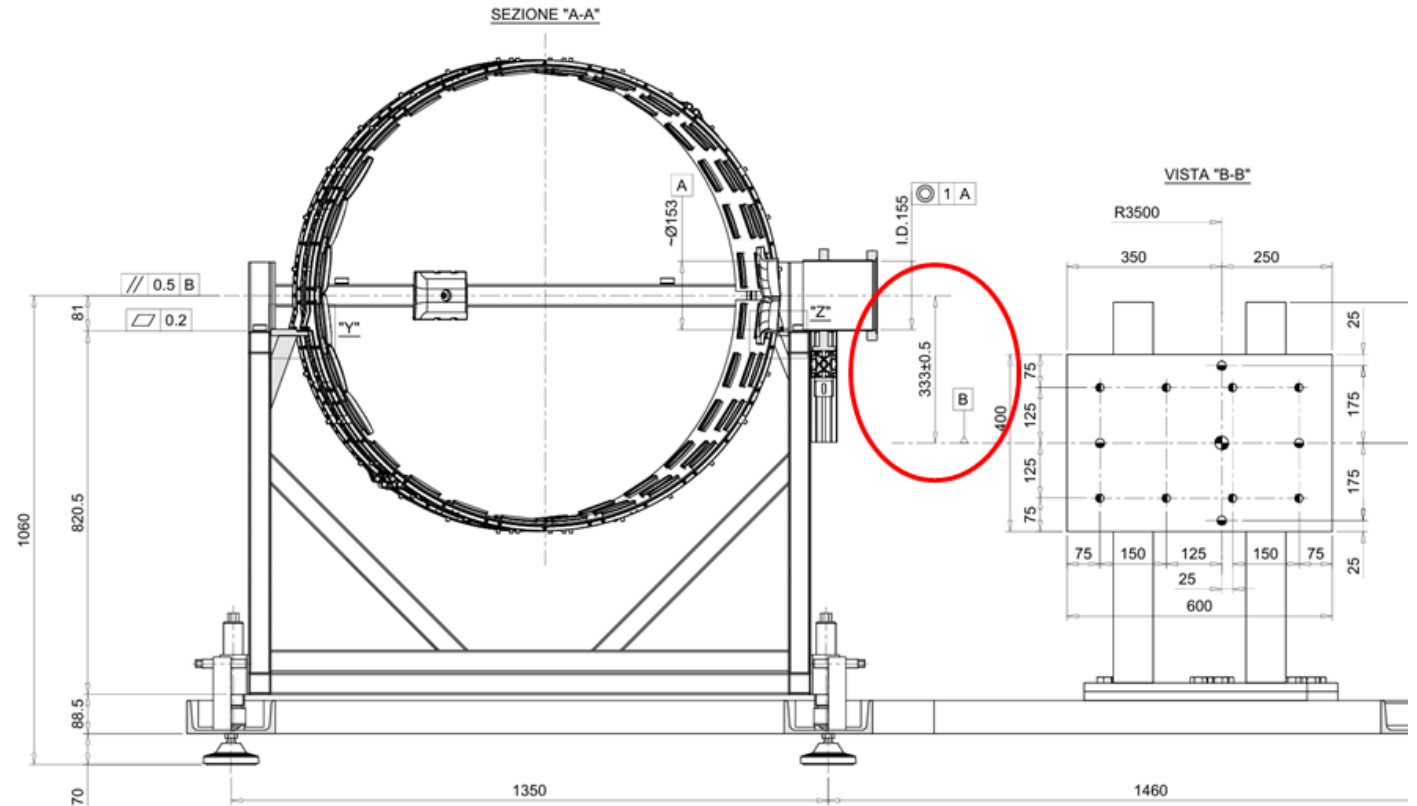


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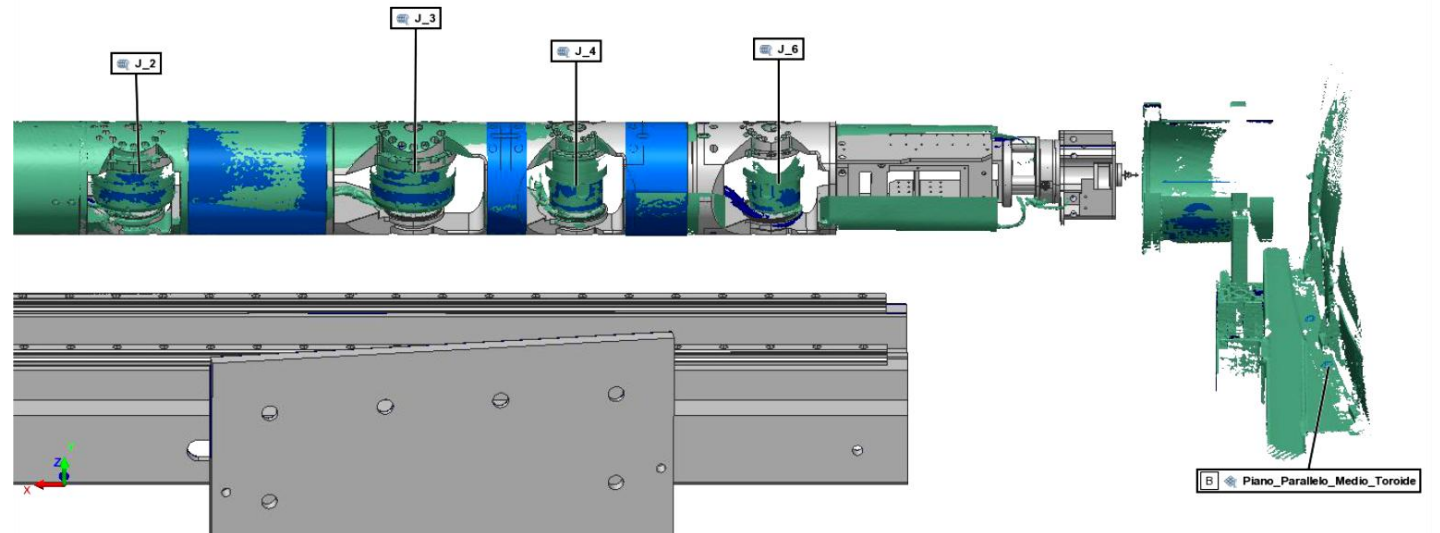
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FR – 08 – System must ensure **coaxiality** of the **arm longitudinal** axis with access port axis

FR – 09 – System must ensure **orthogonality** of the **vertical joint** axis with the mid toroidal plane



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# Thank You!



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