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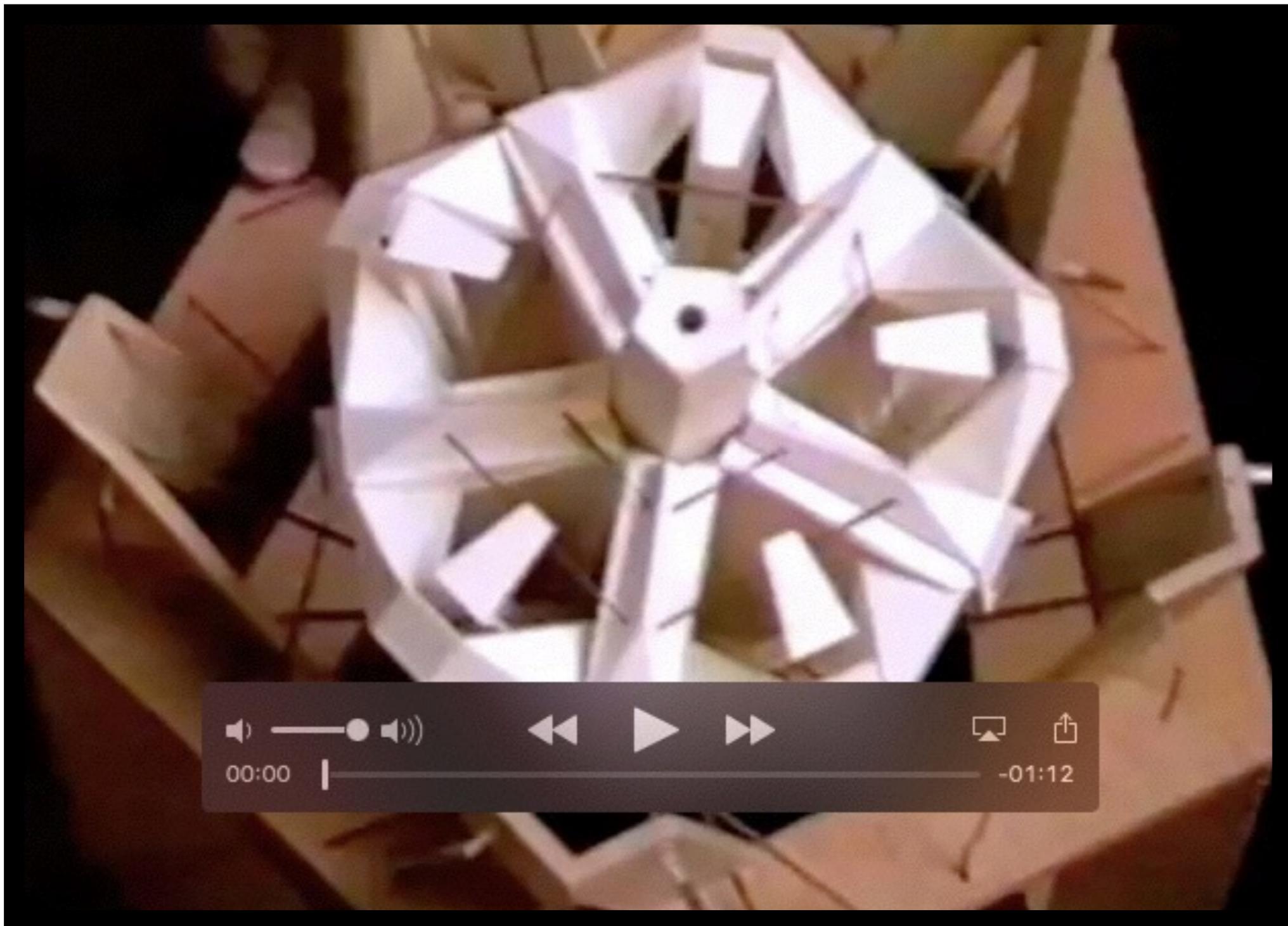
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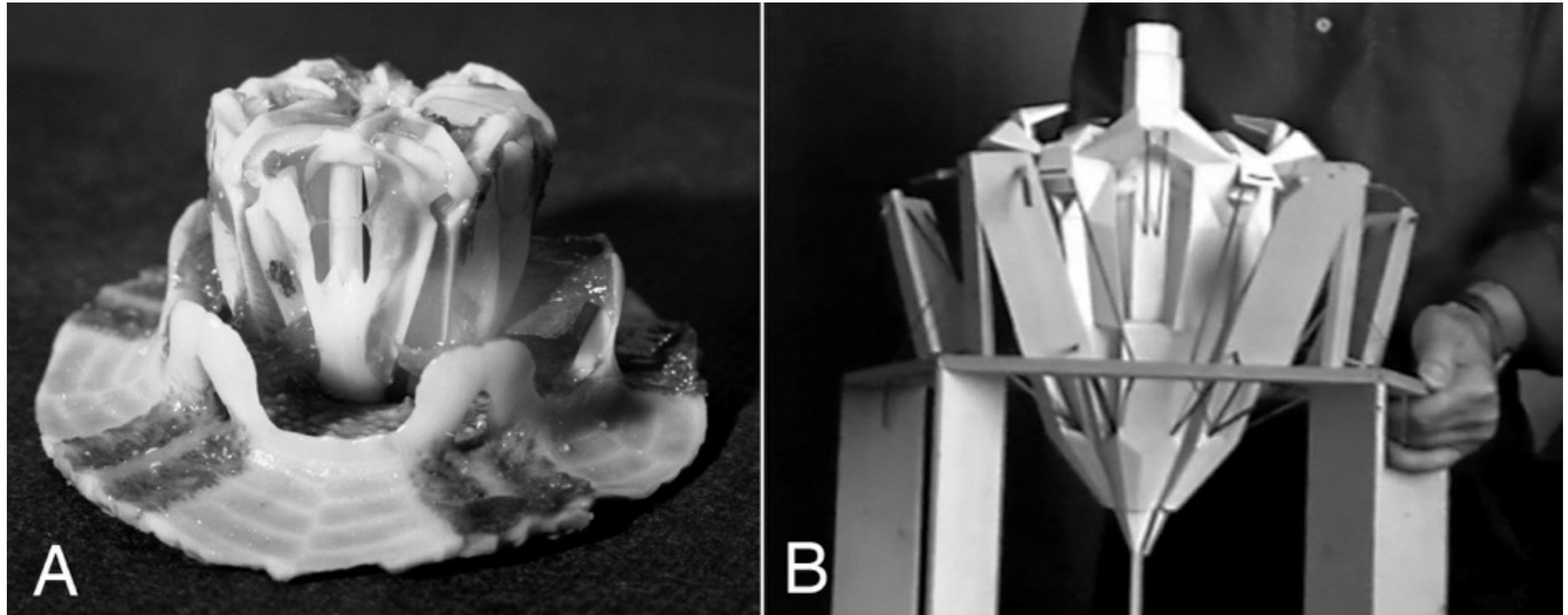
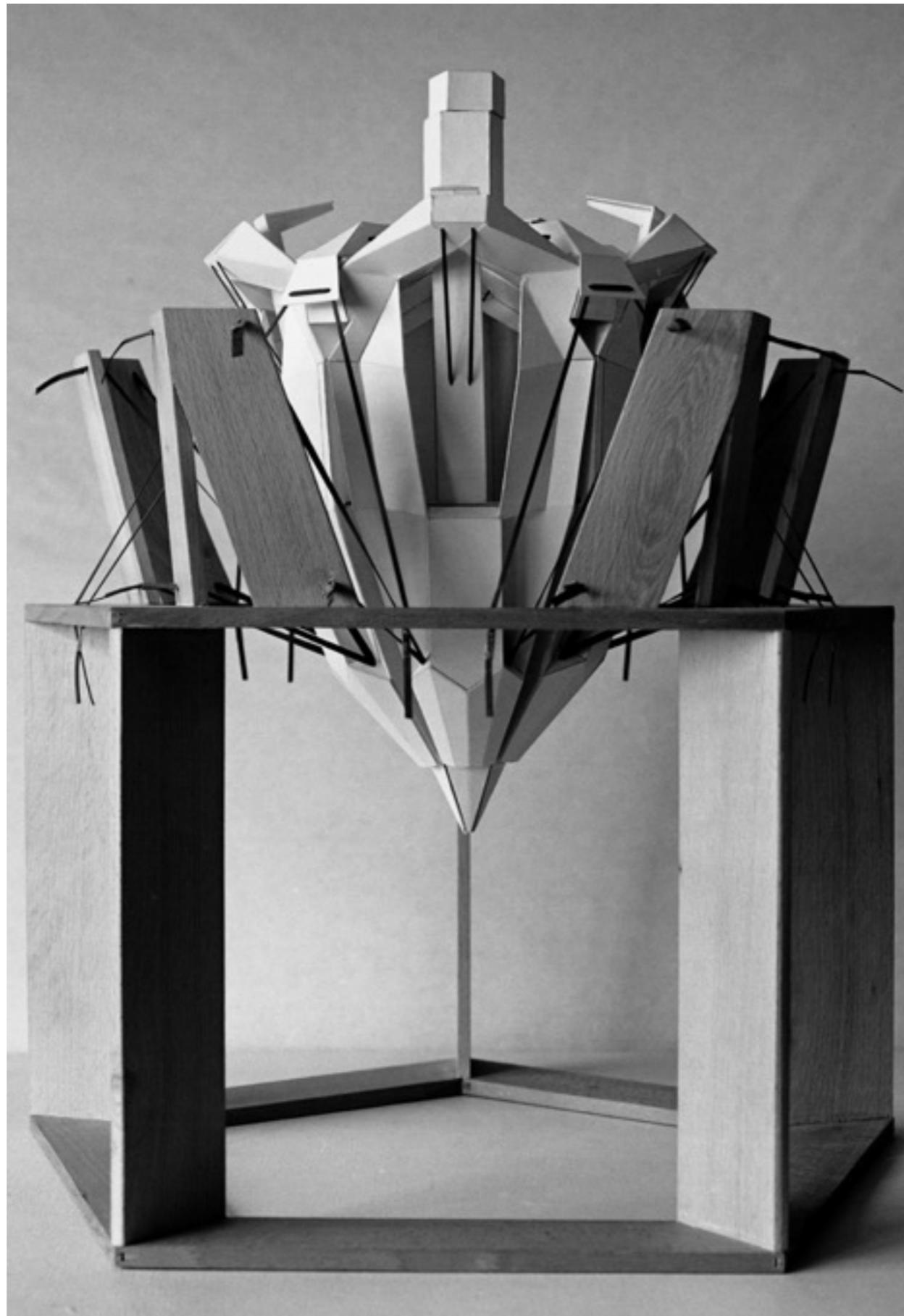


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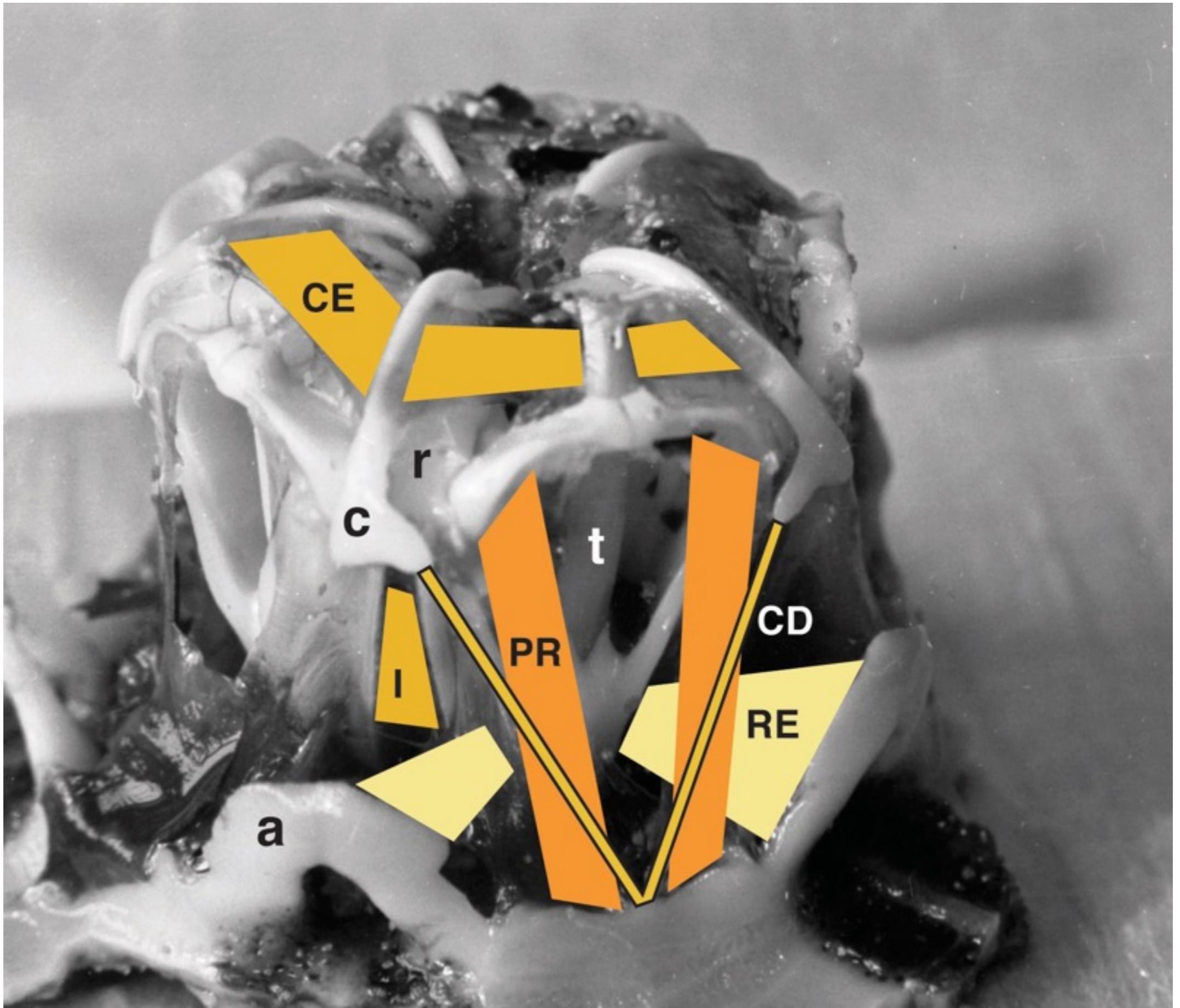


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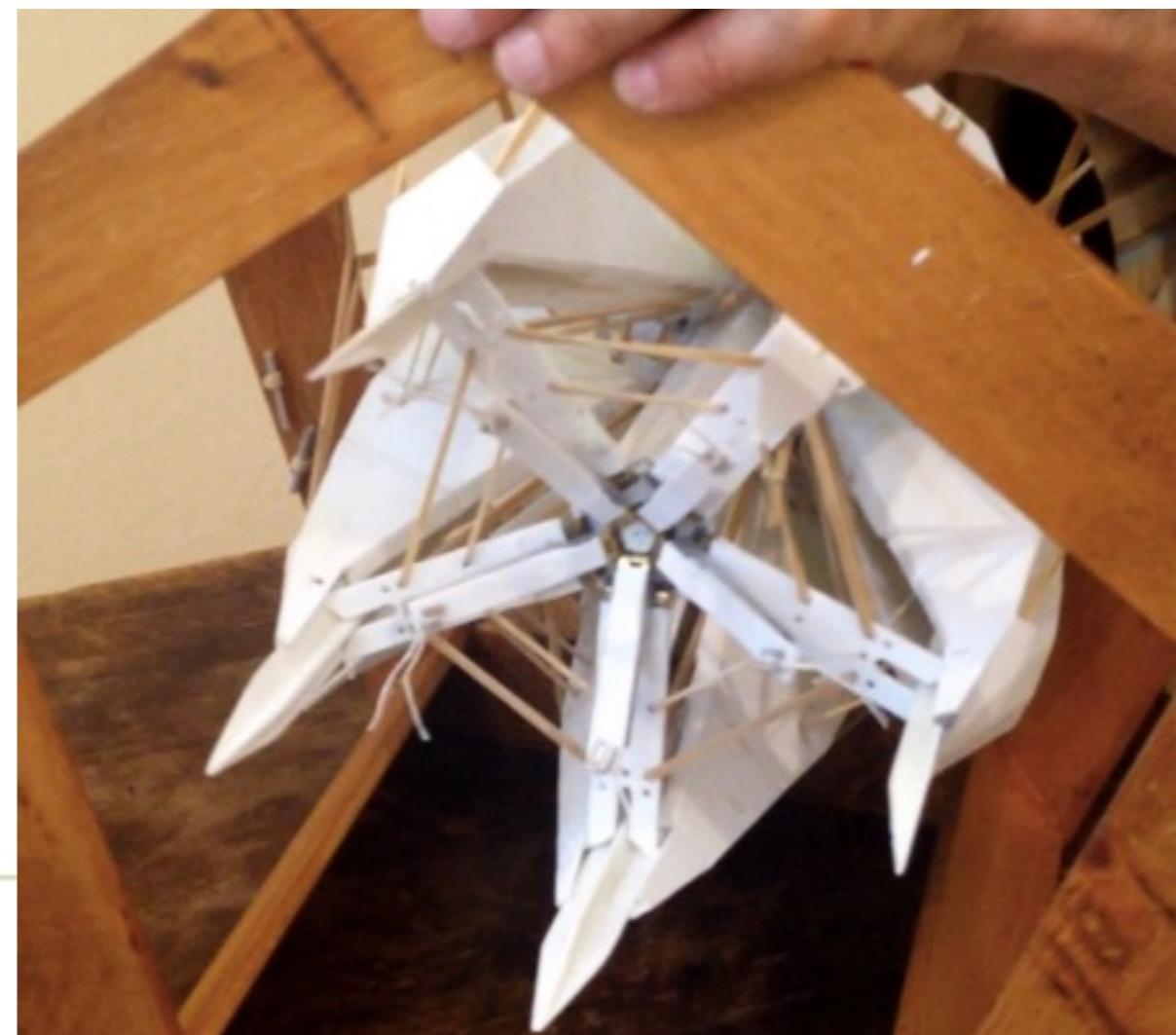
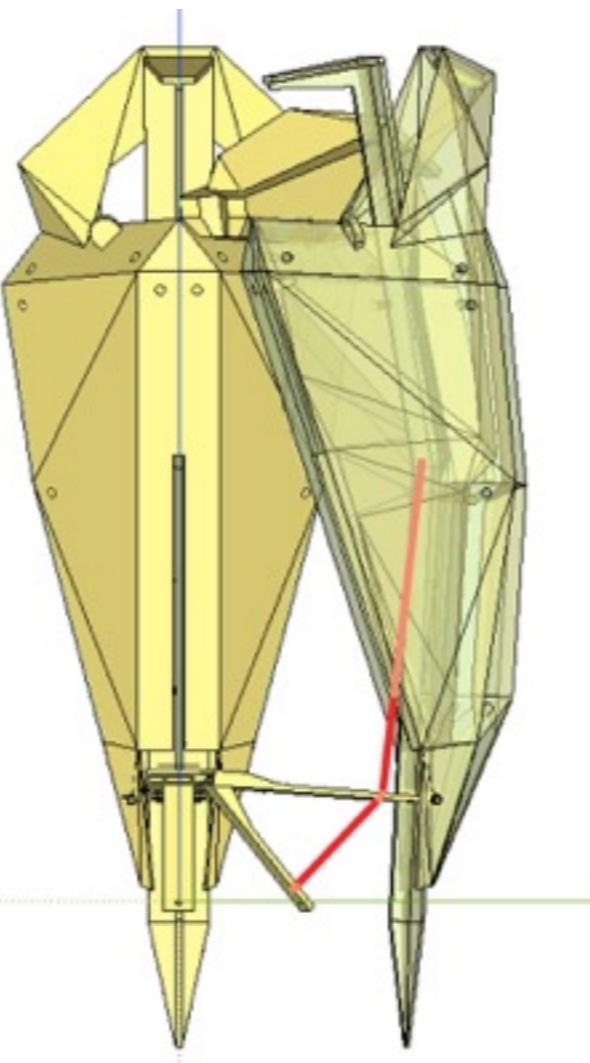
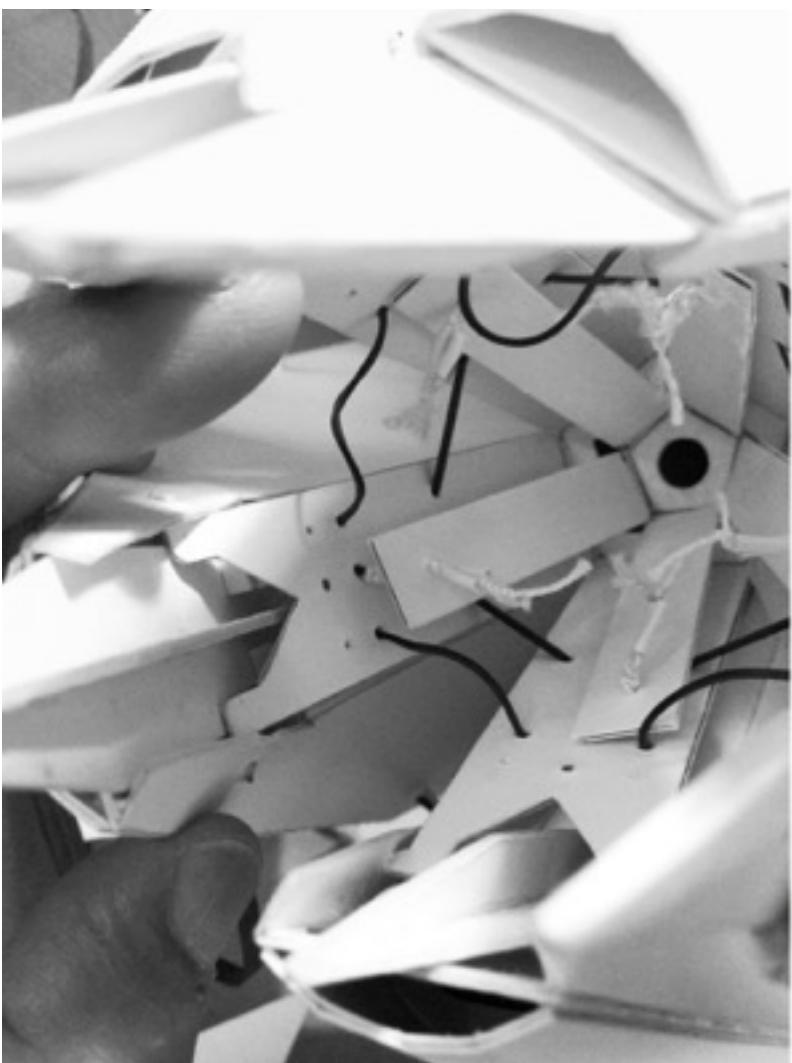


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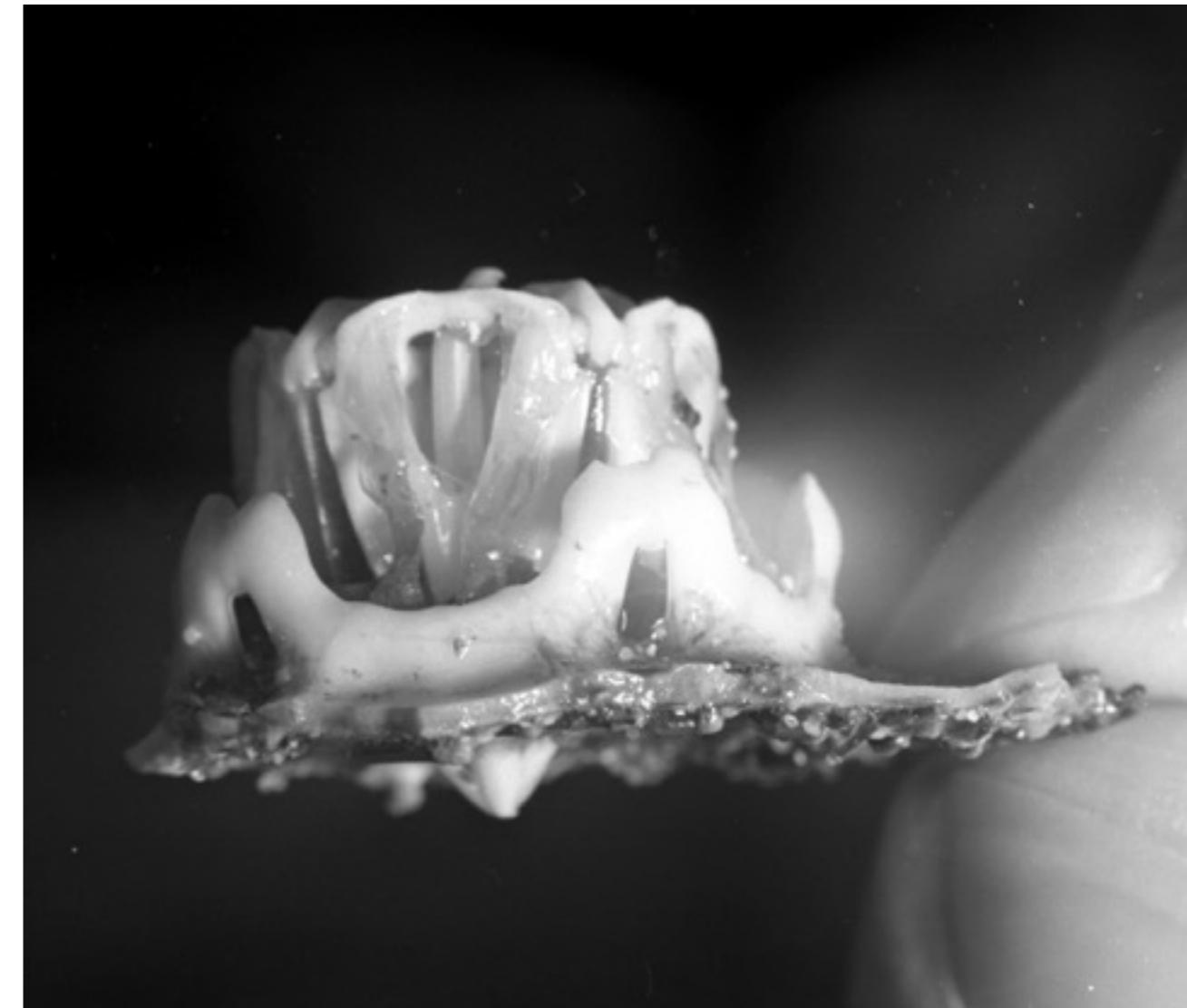
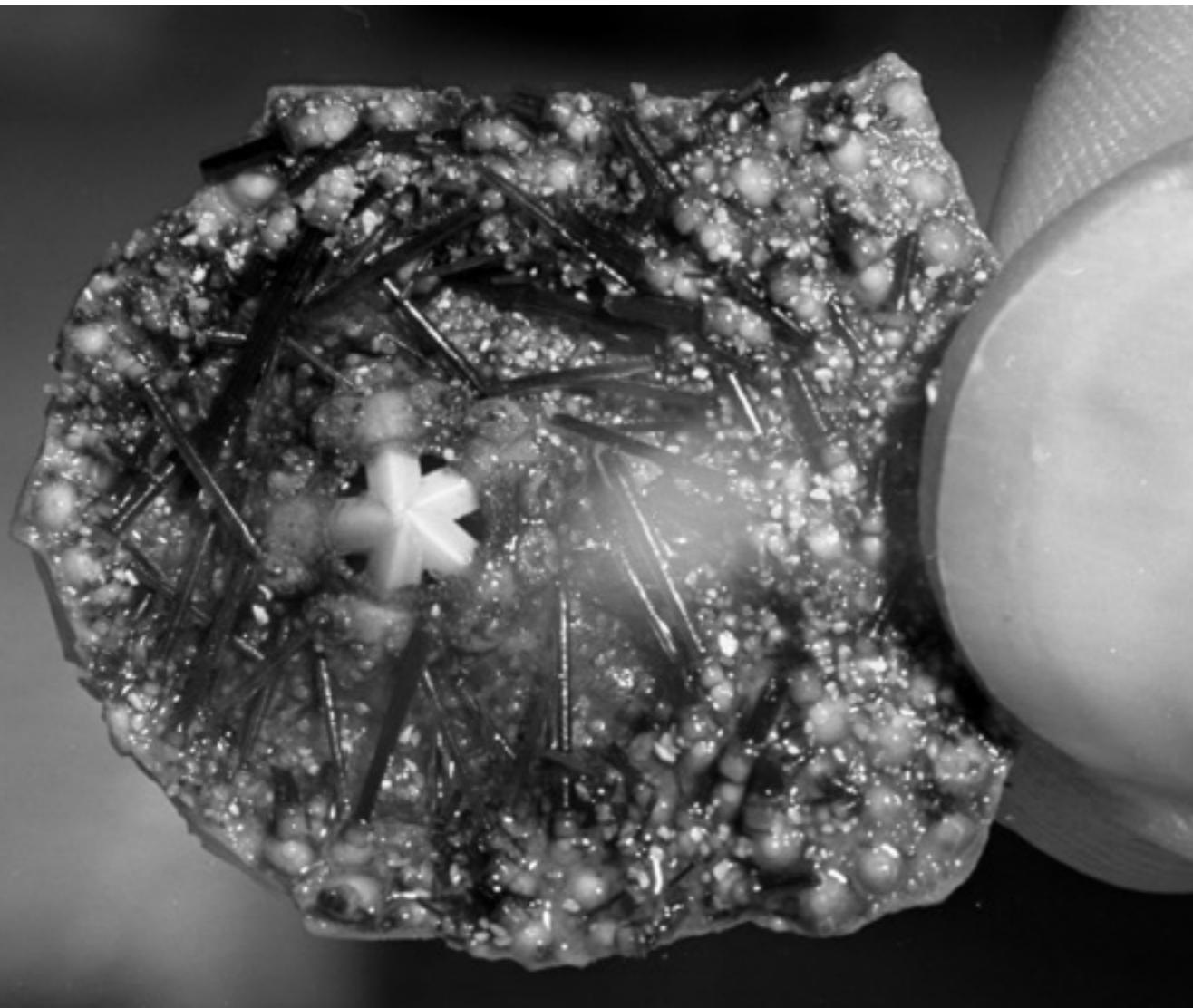


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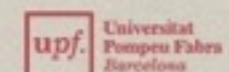
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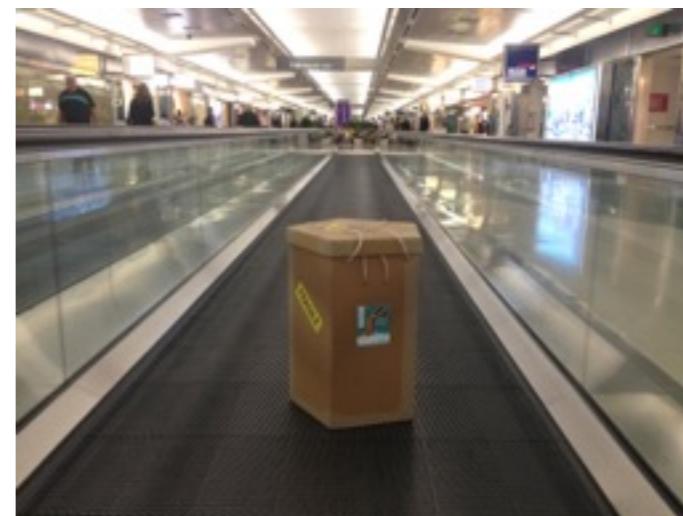
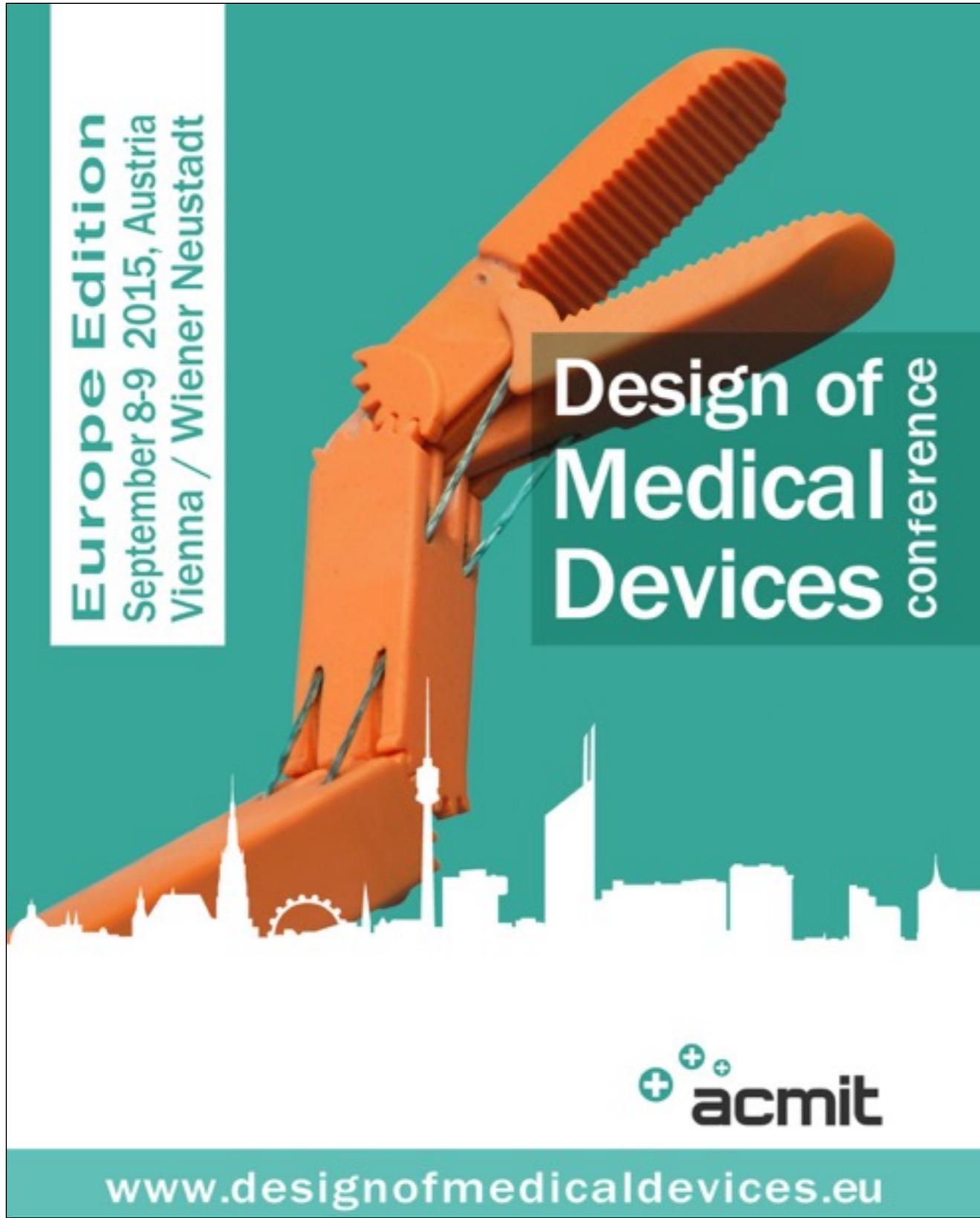
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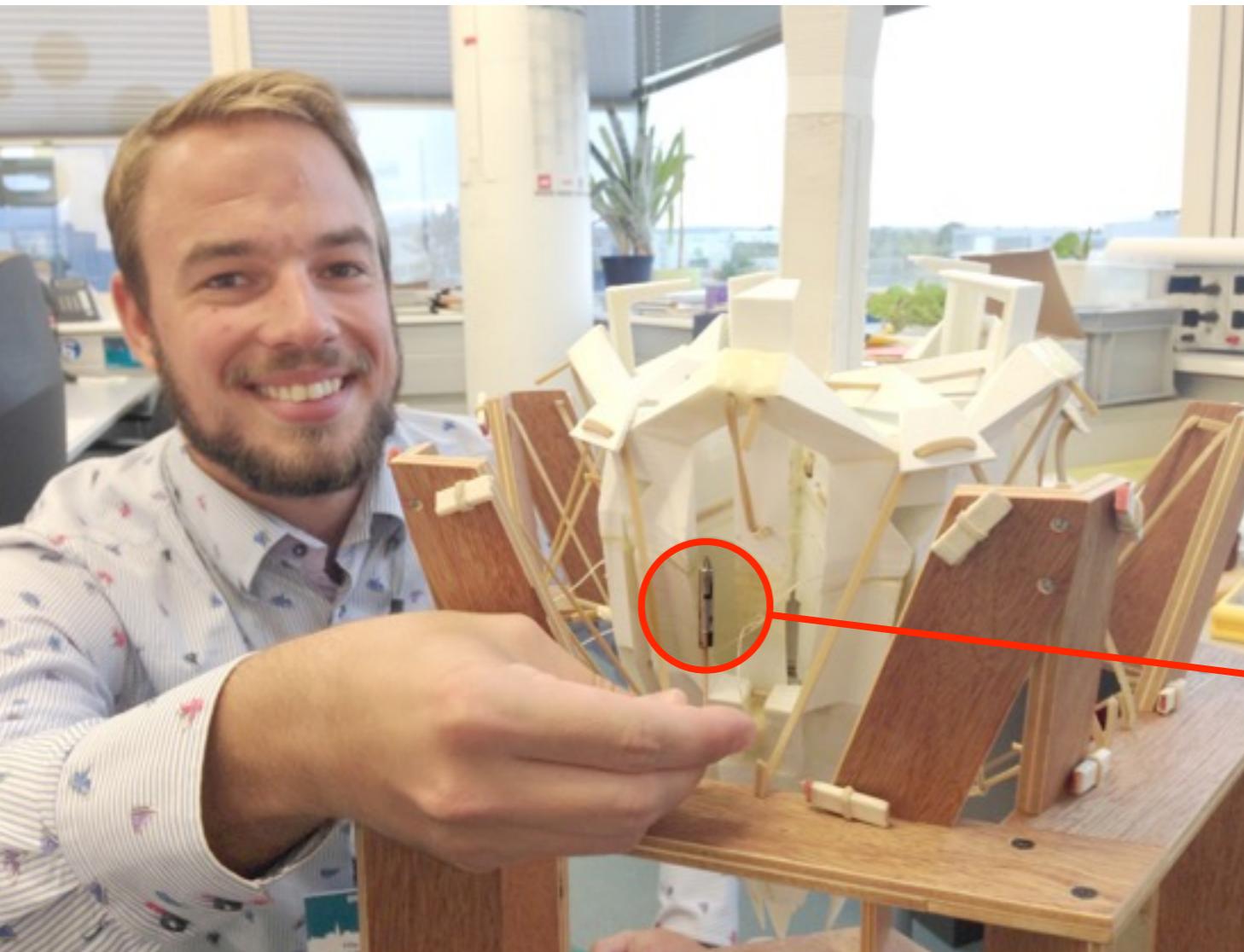
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## Giorgio Scarpa

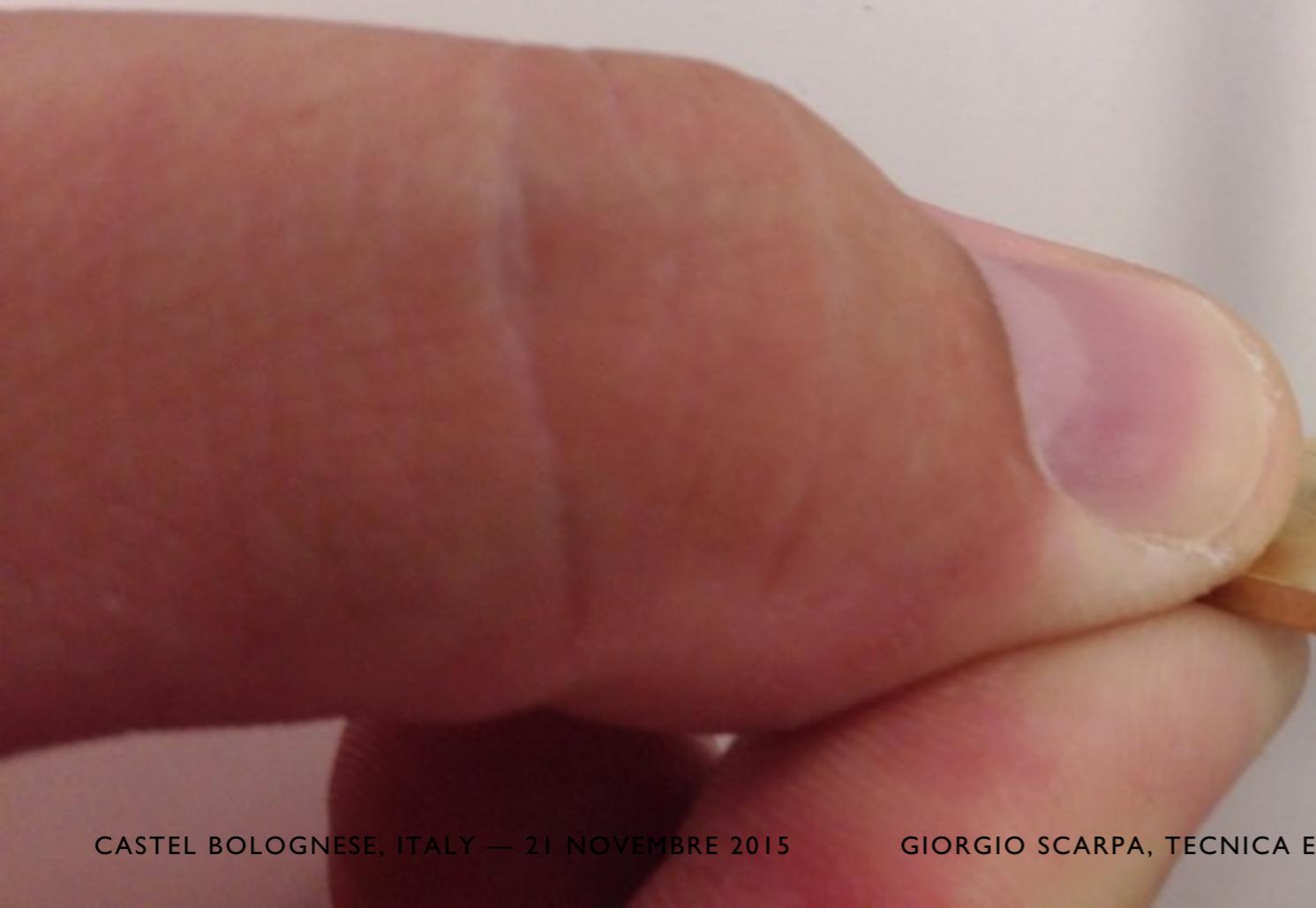


Born 1938 in Brisighella, Ravenna, and graduated at the Istituto d'Arte G. Ballardini of Faenza, Teaches Descriptive Geometry at the Istituto Statale d'Arte of Oristano, in Sardinia, where he lives and works, Since 1962 has been collaborating with the Cybernetics Centre of the University of Milan, which is directed by Professor Silvio Ceccato. He has been involved in research on visual perception trying to establish the characteristics and the possibilities of dynamism inherent in the various visual geometric figures. He has also been conducting research in the field of art education and has evolved a system of what he calls 'operative didactics'. This system makes use of results of analysis of mental processes in terms of operations. For a number of years now he has been particularly interested in the possibilities of transformability of geometric figures. He believes that objects have an aesthetico-didactic function which is realised through transformable geometric figures which can be changed from their two- to three-dimensional equivalent through a continuous process of manipulation. Scarpa calls himself an 'aesthetic operator'. Under this title he has participated in many exhibitions, particularly those dealing with new tendencies, kinetic art, and visual research, in Europe and India.

(Jelínek, Smit, Breedveld, UT Delft; ACMIT, Austria, 2014)



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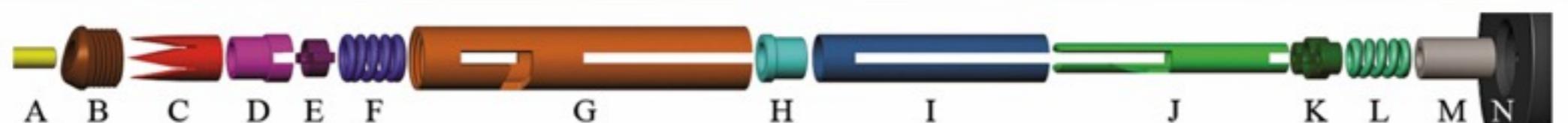
**Fig. 4** Sea urchin's chewing organ, Aristotle's lantern—left—providing an inspiration to the biopsy harvester's crown-shaped collapsible cutter (collapsed—center, at rest—right)



perfect tissue incision with biopsy retrieval in a single tool or procedure. Since accurate, laparoscopic, frontally acting biopsy har-

round, crown-shaped collapsible cutter was designed (Fig. 4, right), physically resembling Aristotle's lantern and enabling simultaneous tissue incision and enclosure. Since any hinged features would likely lack sturdiness at this scale, not to mention their manufacturing feasibility, the cutter had to be designed thin enough as to allow the collapsibility of the blades and thus the enclosure of the sampled tissue. Six symmetrical blades were chosen as optimal both for manufacturing feasibility and for creating a seemingly straight blade cross section for easy inward bending, while keeping the blade profiles wide and strong enough to prevent outward bending when retracted.

**Propulsion—Pilot Cutter Experiments.** The sea urchin's beak geometry and working principle were recognized as essential by harvester, combining frontal cutting . However, together with its muscle and difficult to replicate in a miniature and simple has been decided to modify the crown-shape that it would close automatically by forceps, to gain further insight and inspiration cutter actuation, an in vitro experiment was performed in the Tensile Testing Lab of our department. Its goal was to find out what forces such a cutter encounters during tissue penetration and to test its cutting capabilities. The crown-

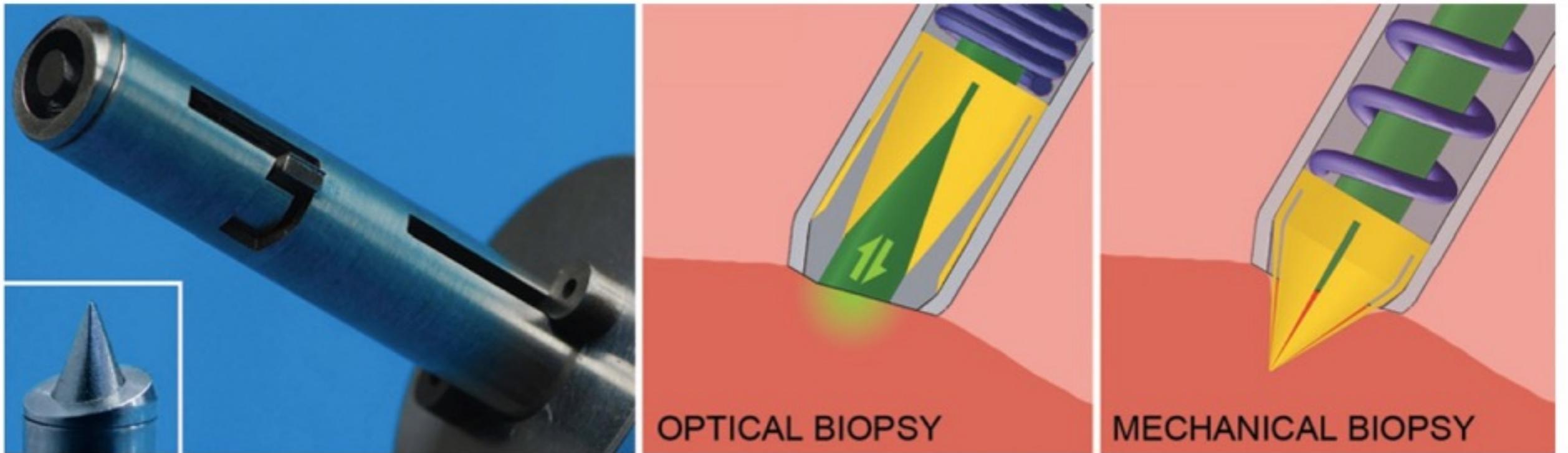


**Fig. 6** Exploded view of the spring-loaded biopsy harvester design with its 14 components (A–N), showing their mutual axial alignment

sea urchin's bulky exoskeleton. The beak bites through and encompasses even a very tough material, e.g., corals, by pressing the mutually fitting teeth together by axial translation, due to the basal attachment of the muscle tendons [22,23]. More specifically, Aristotle's lantern is open when protruding outwards and closed when retracted inwards. As demonstrated by Giorgio Scarpa's bionic model of Aristotle's lantern [24,25], by this means, the sea urchin can simultaneously cut off and enclose its food in a seemingly unified and continuous motion. The capability of the simultaneous tissue incision and enclosure by axial translation exactly fits the envisioned biopsy harvester's functionality needs. This is

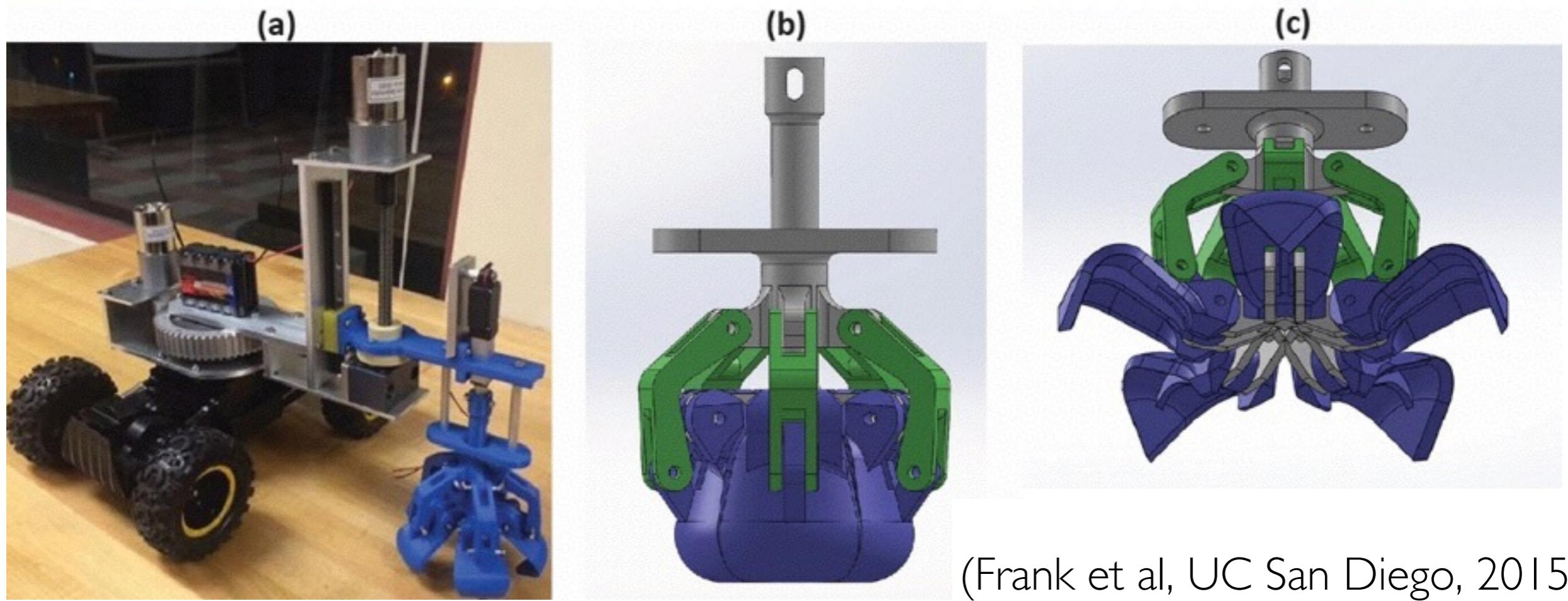
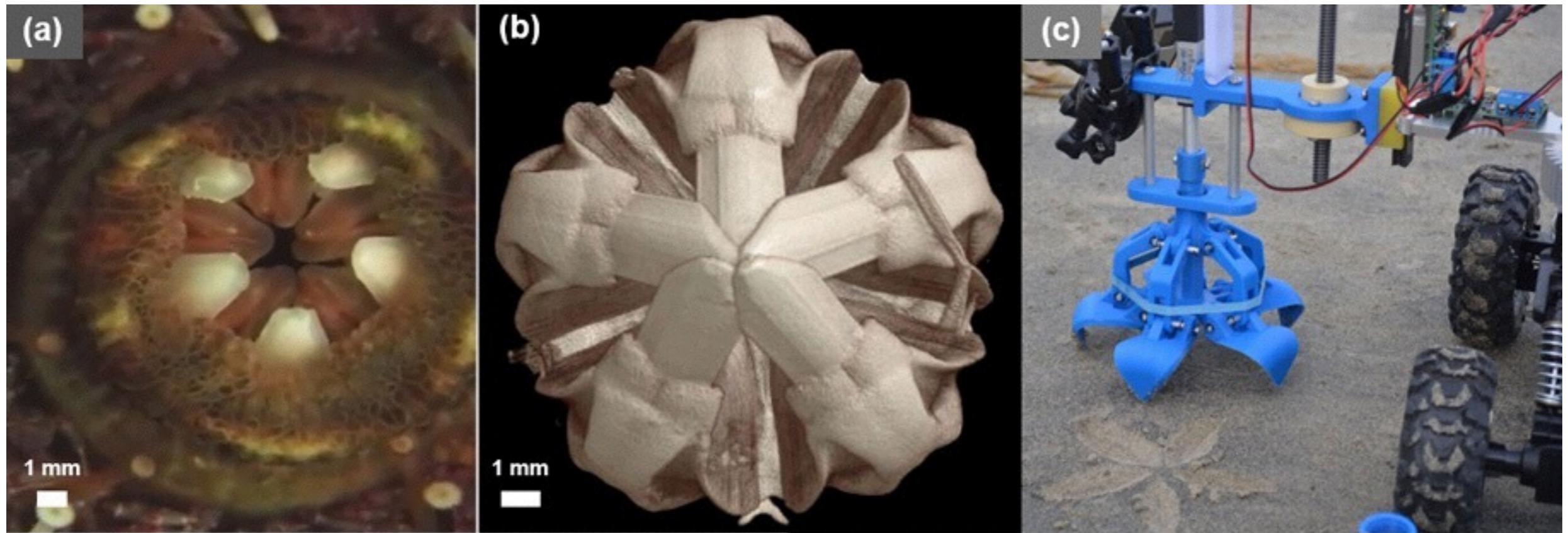
protocol was followed with the cutting experiments performed on a single piece of chicken breast. The collapsing motion of the cutter blades was not yet taken into account in this experiment, i.e., the cutter stayed open.

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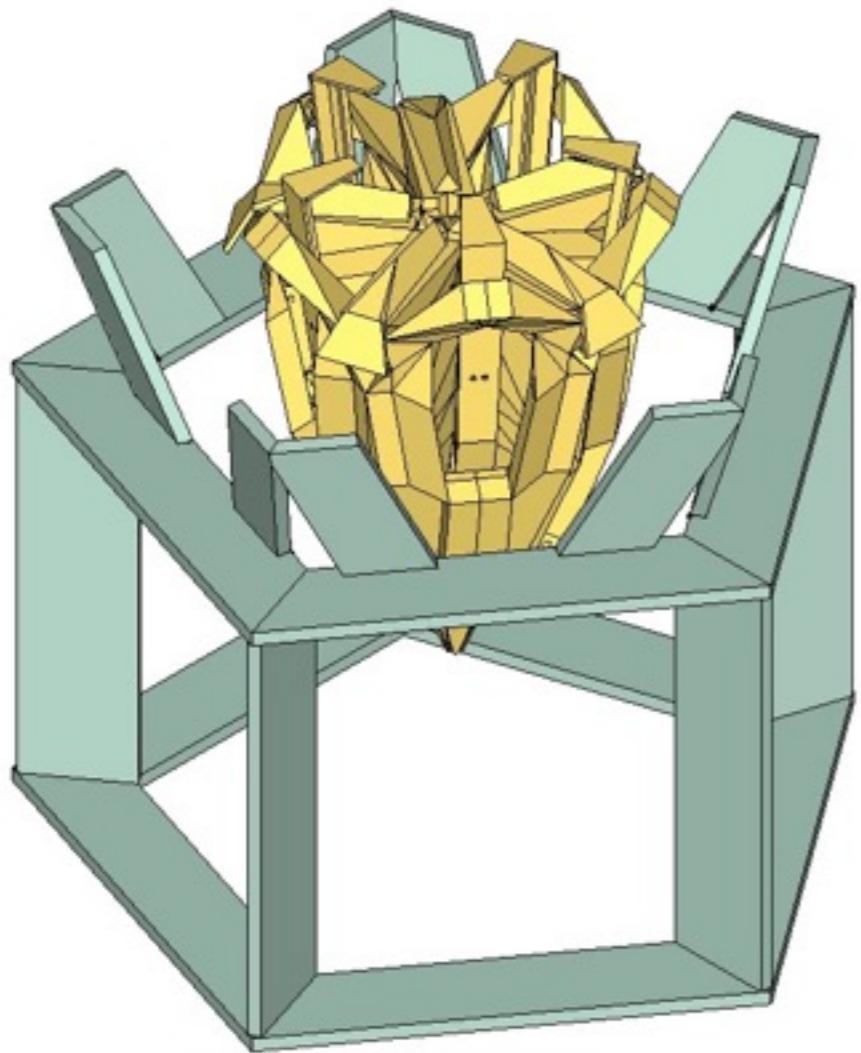


**Fig. 2 Keyhole biopsy harvester [6] and its working principle combining optical and mechanical biopsy**

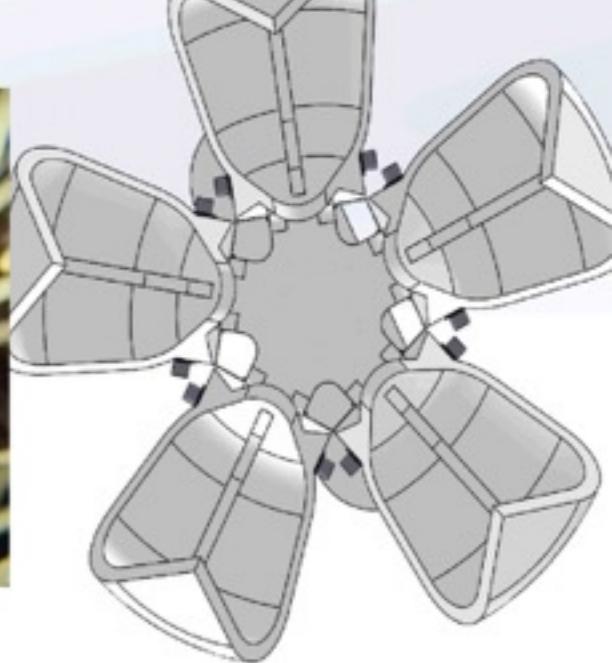
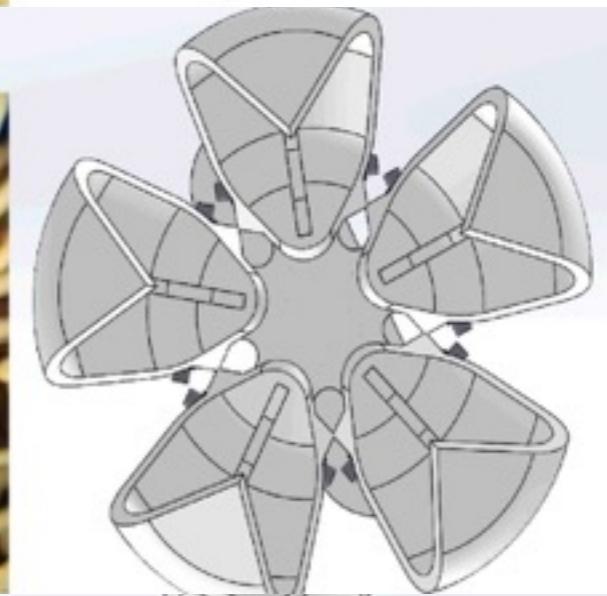
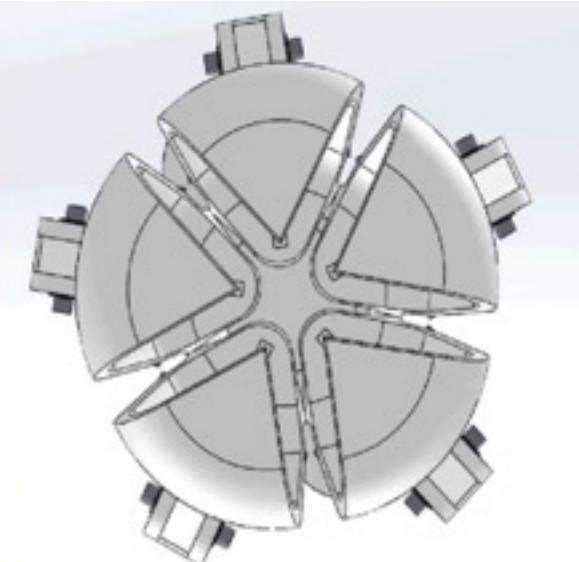
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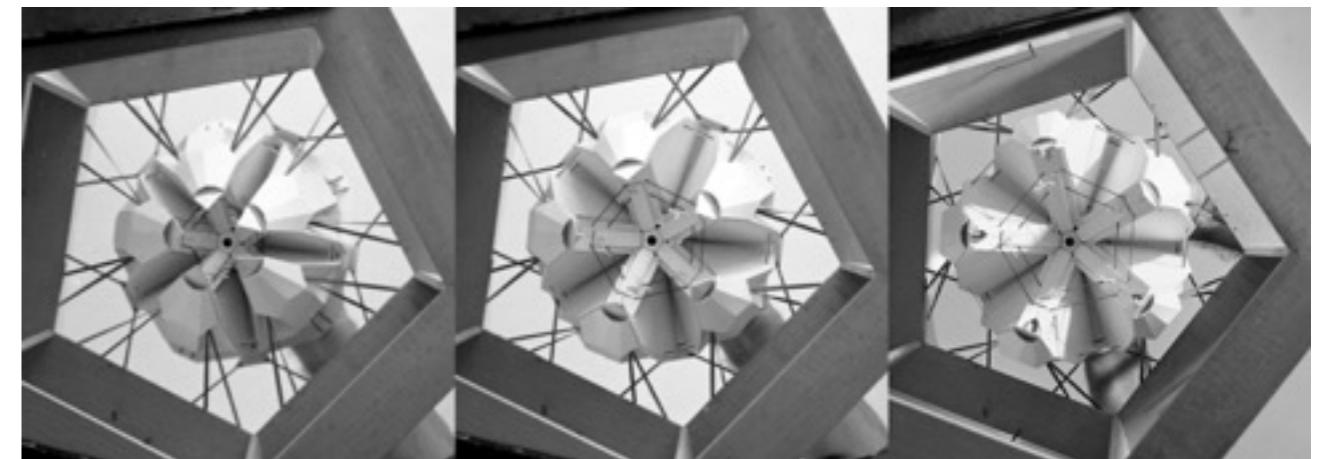
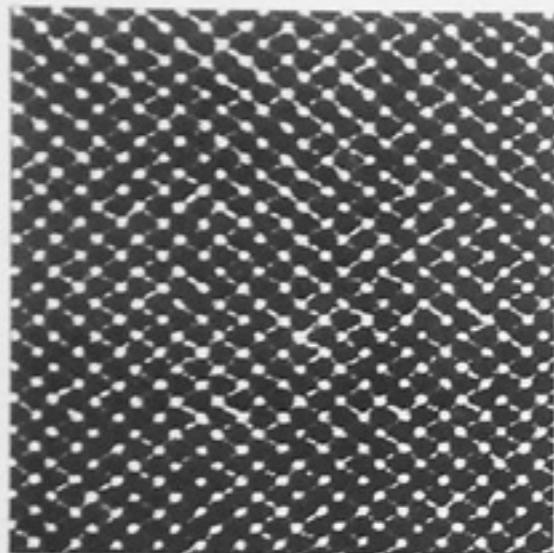
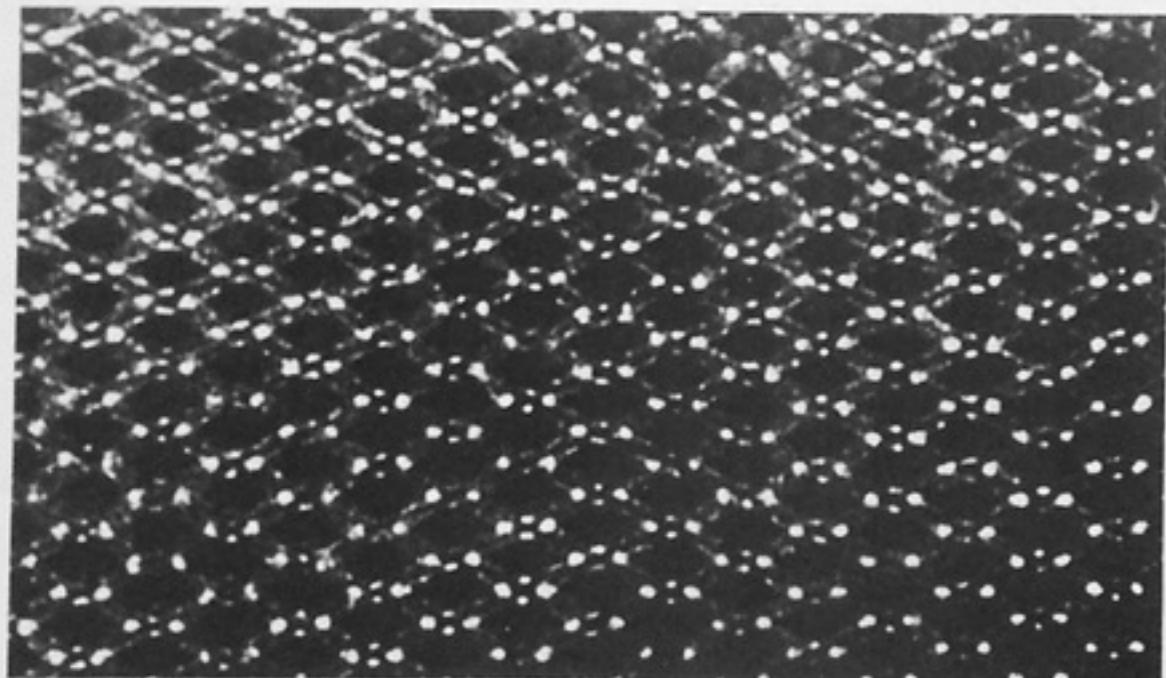


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Cristallo di tropomiosina. La microfotografia è una proiezione in un piano di un reticolo tridimensionale costituito da filamenti molecolari connessi trasversalmente e ingranditi 200 000 volte.

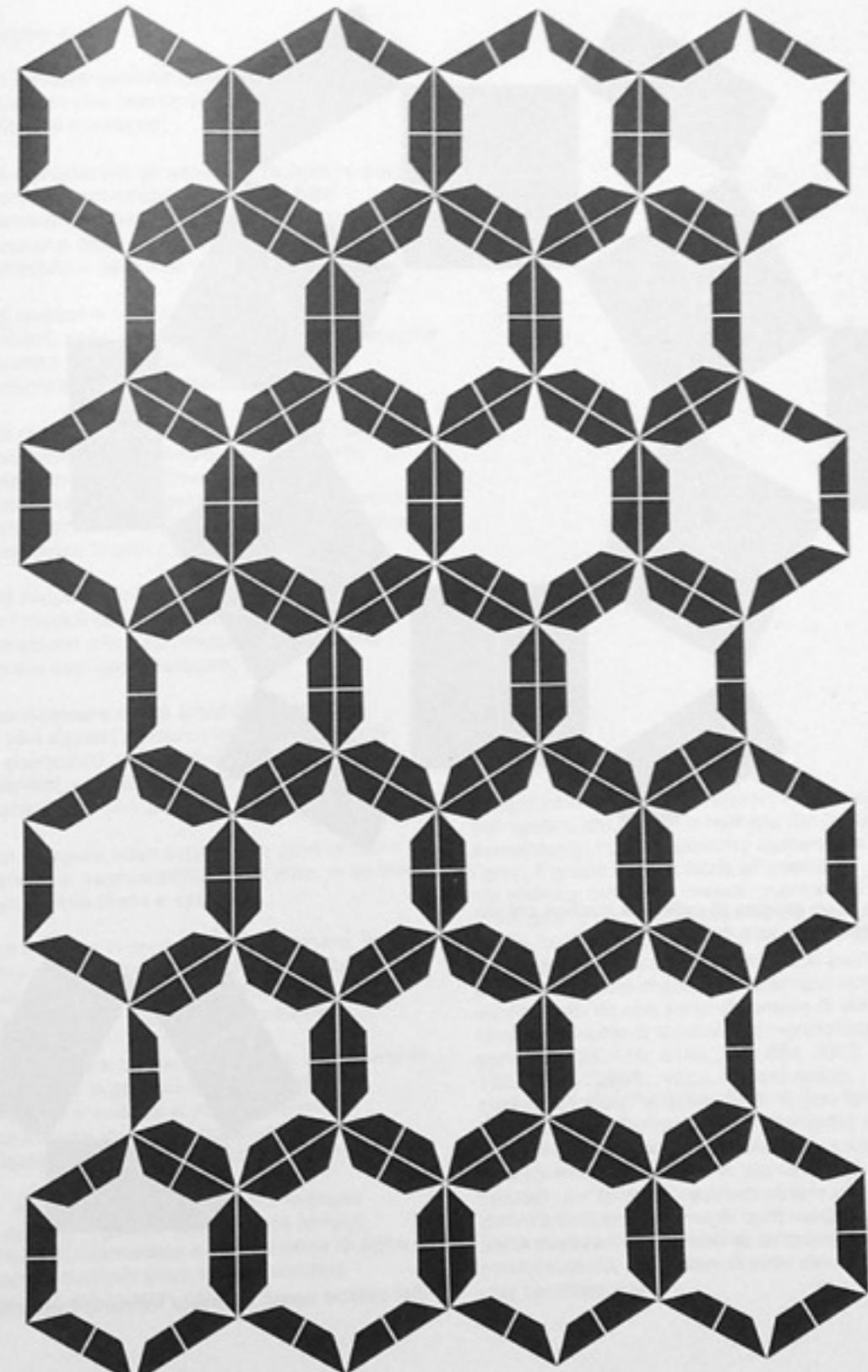


Microfotografia di una rete a doppio rombo di una fibra muscolare.

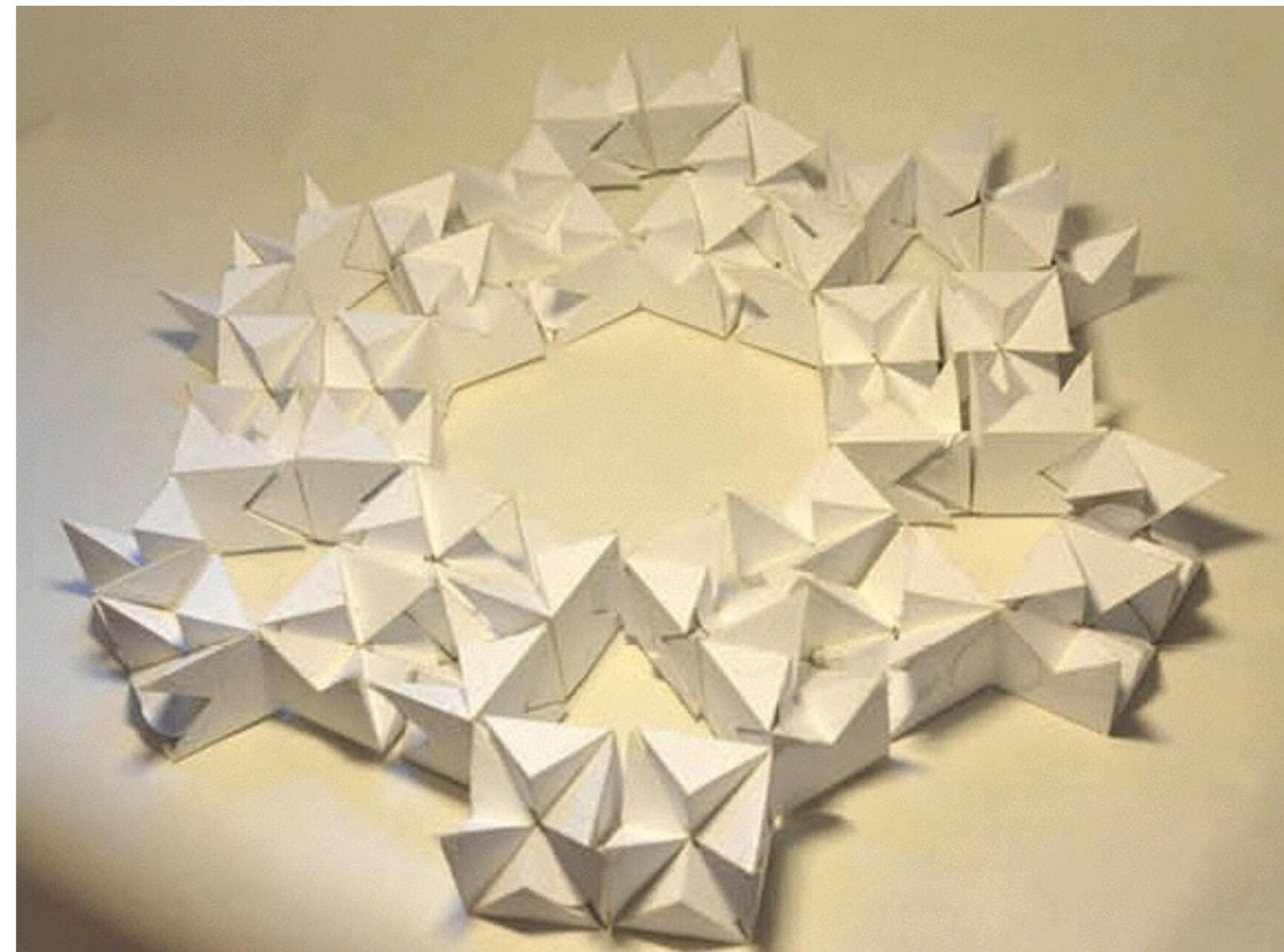
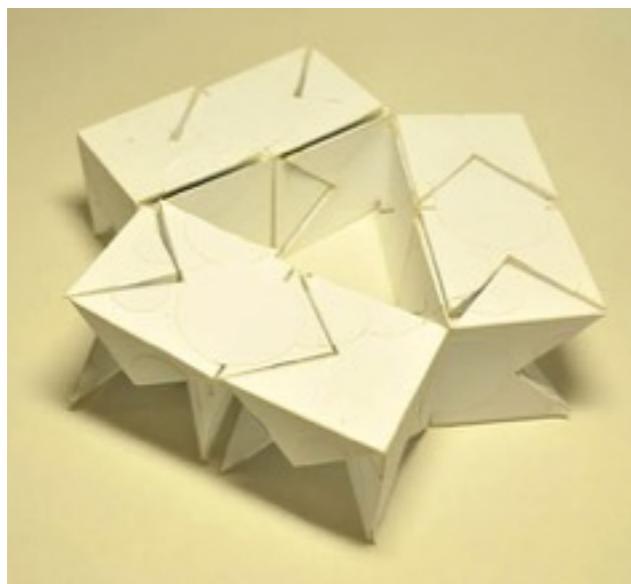
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(Trogu & Nies, prova modello, 2015)



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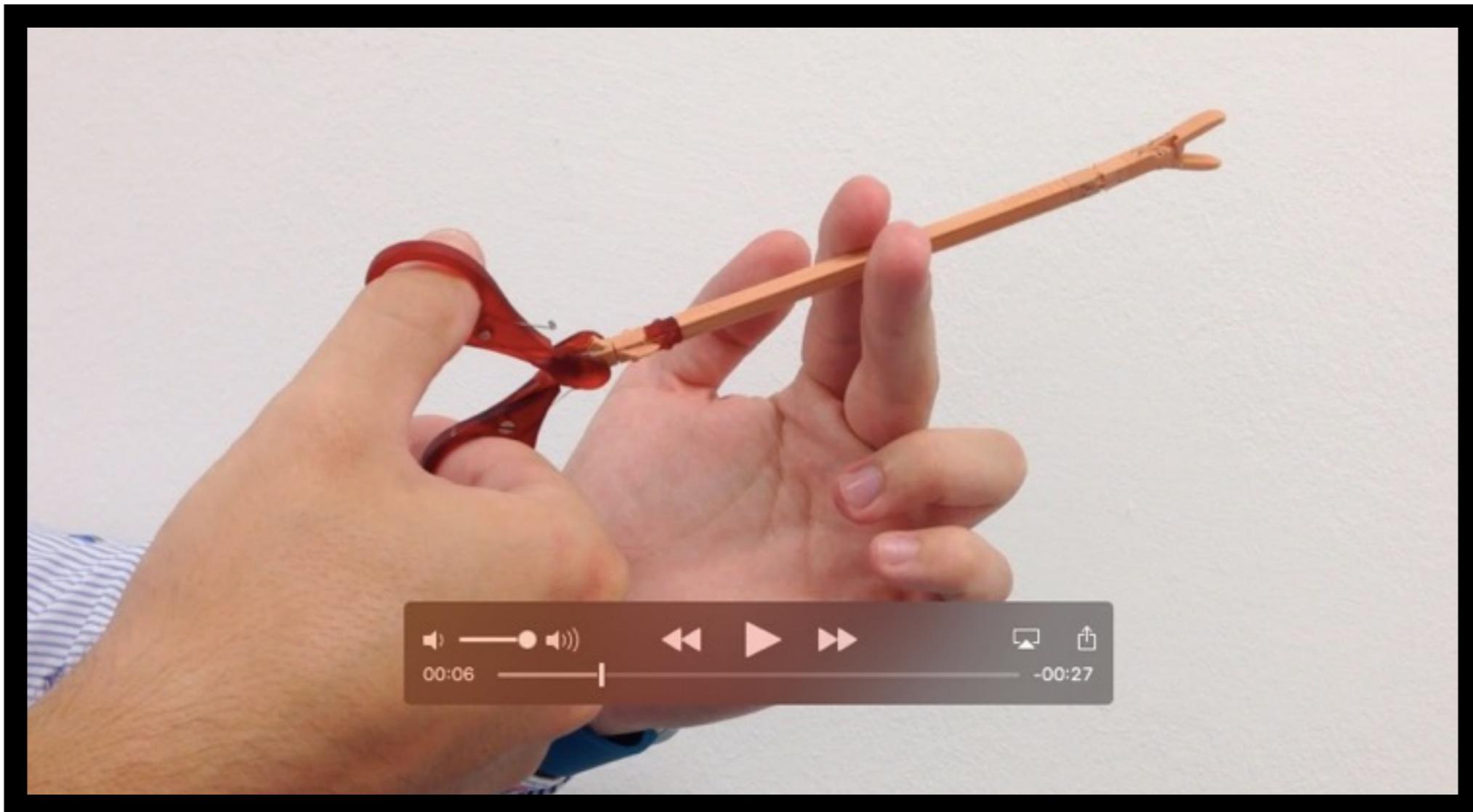
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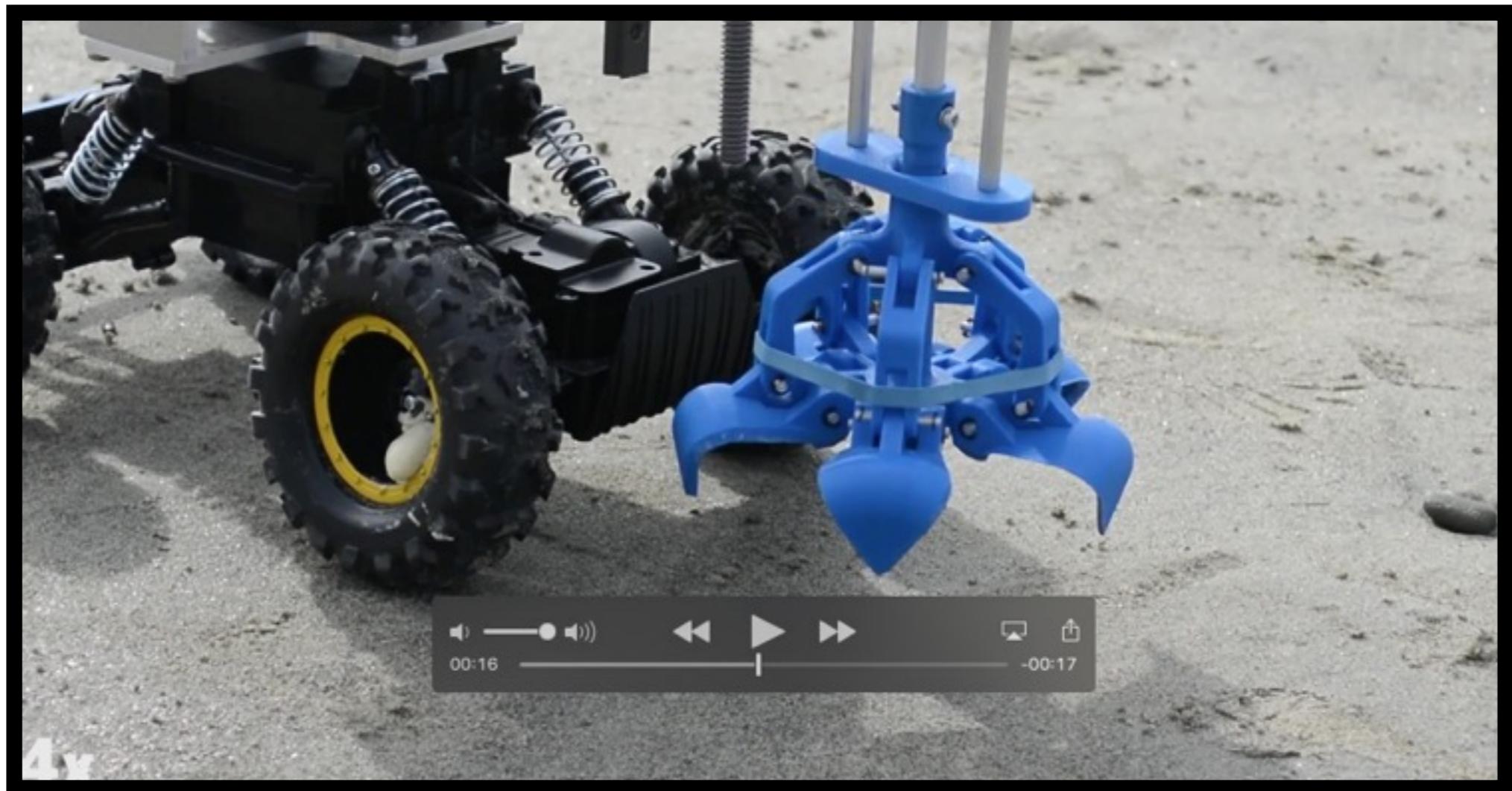
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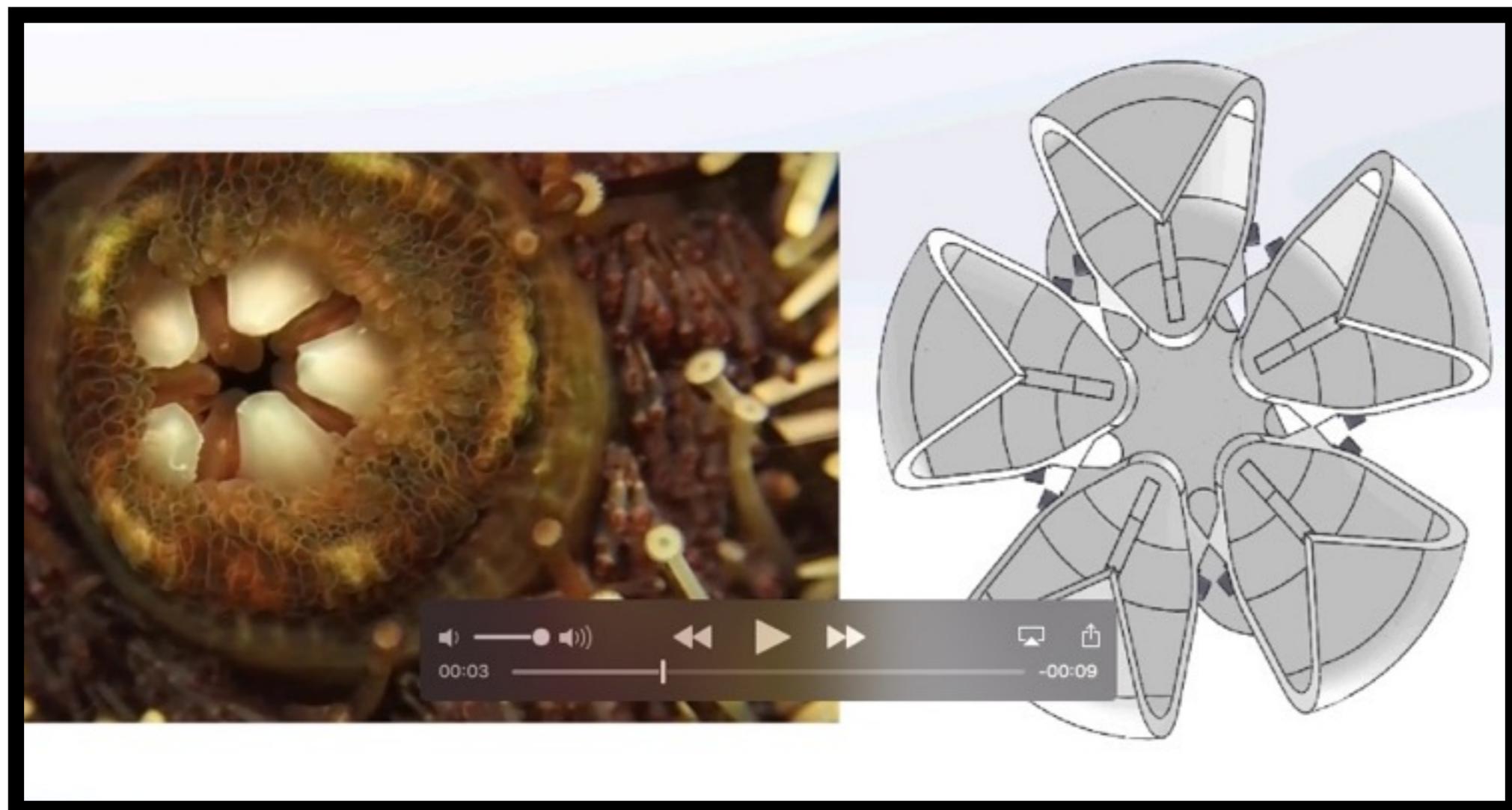
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Prototipo DragonFlex per biopsie

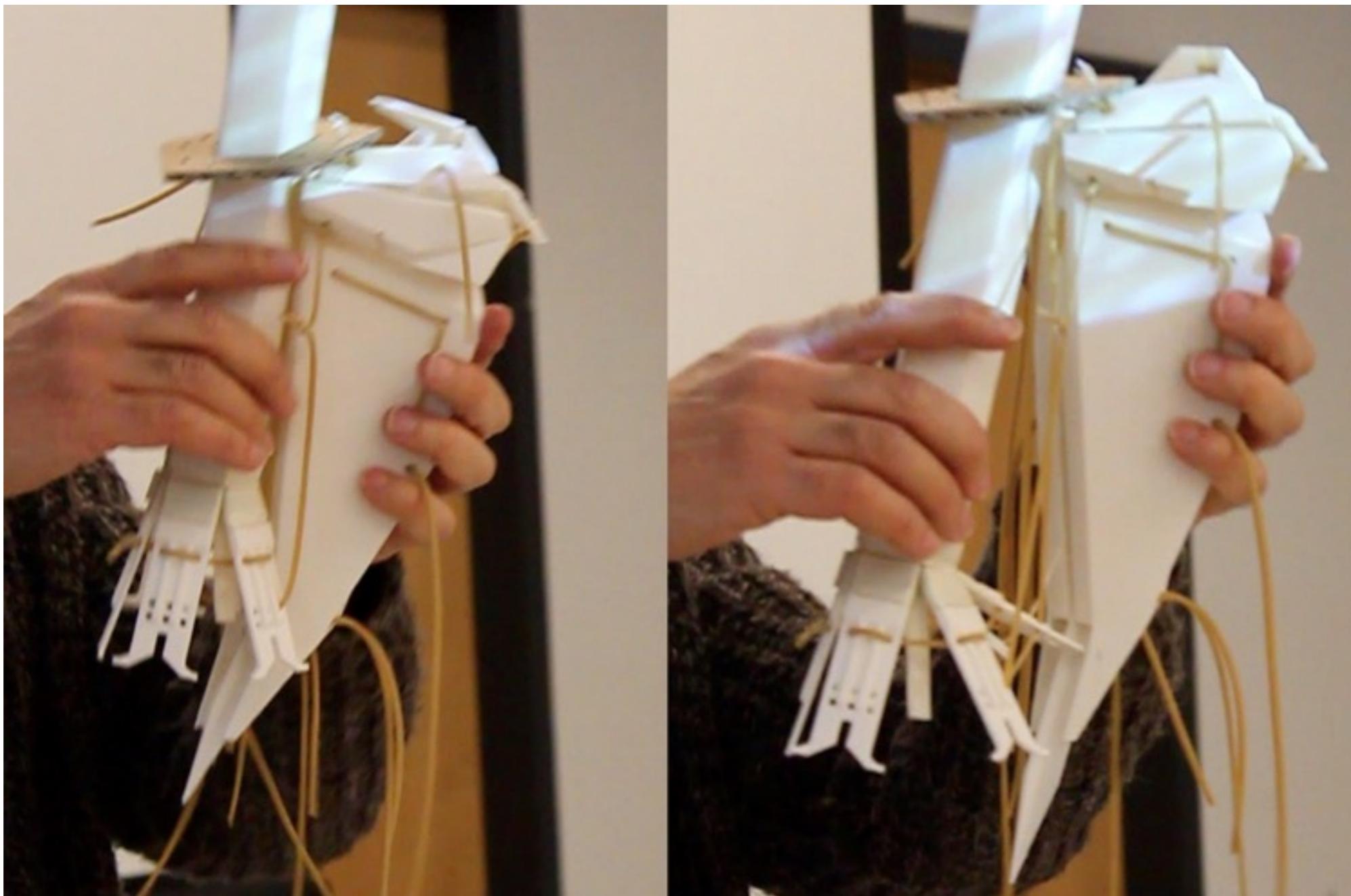
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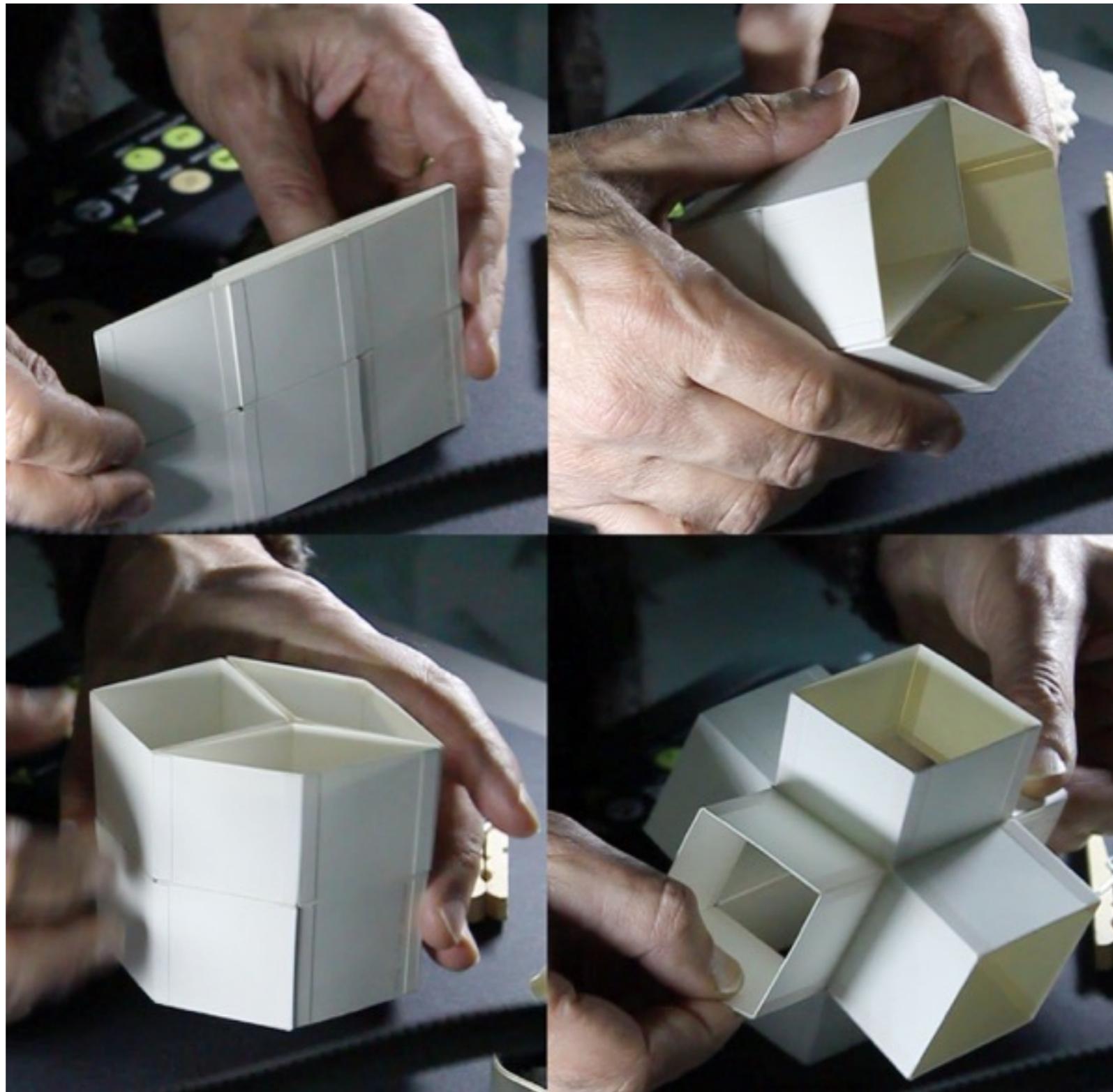
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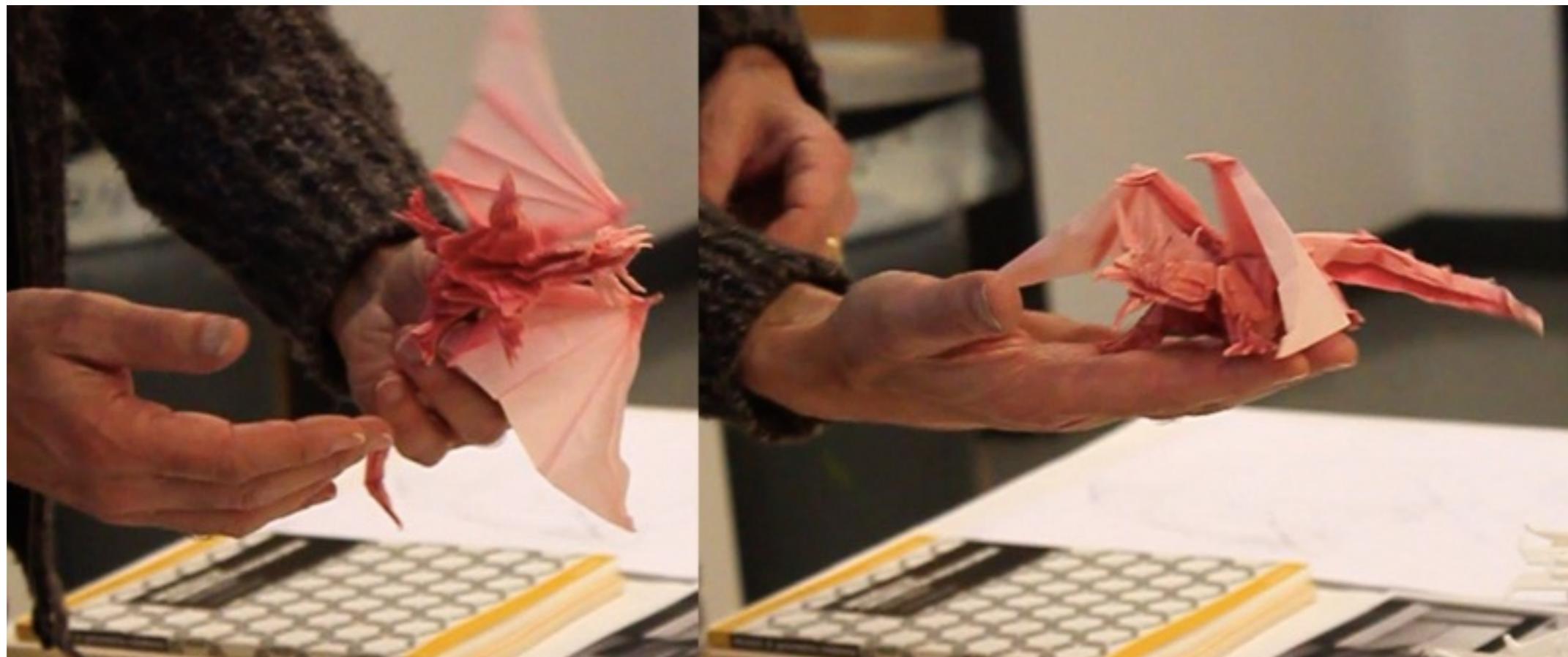
Lanterna, dente scorrevole, Scarpa, c. 1970. (Trogu, replica, 2015)



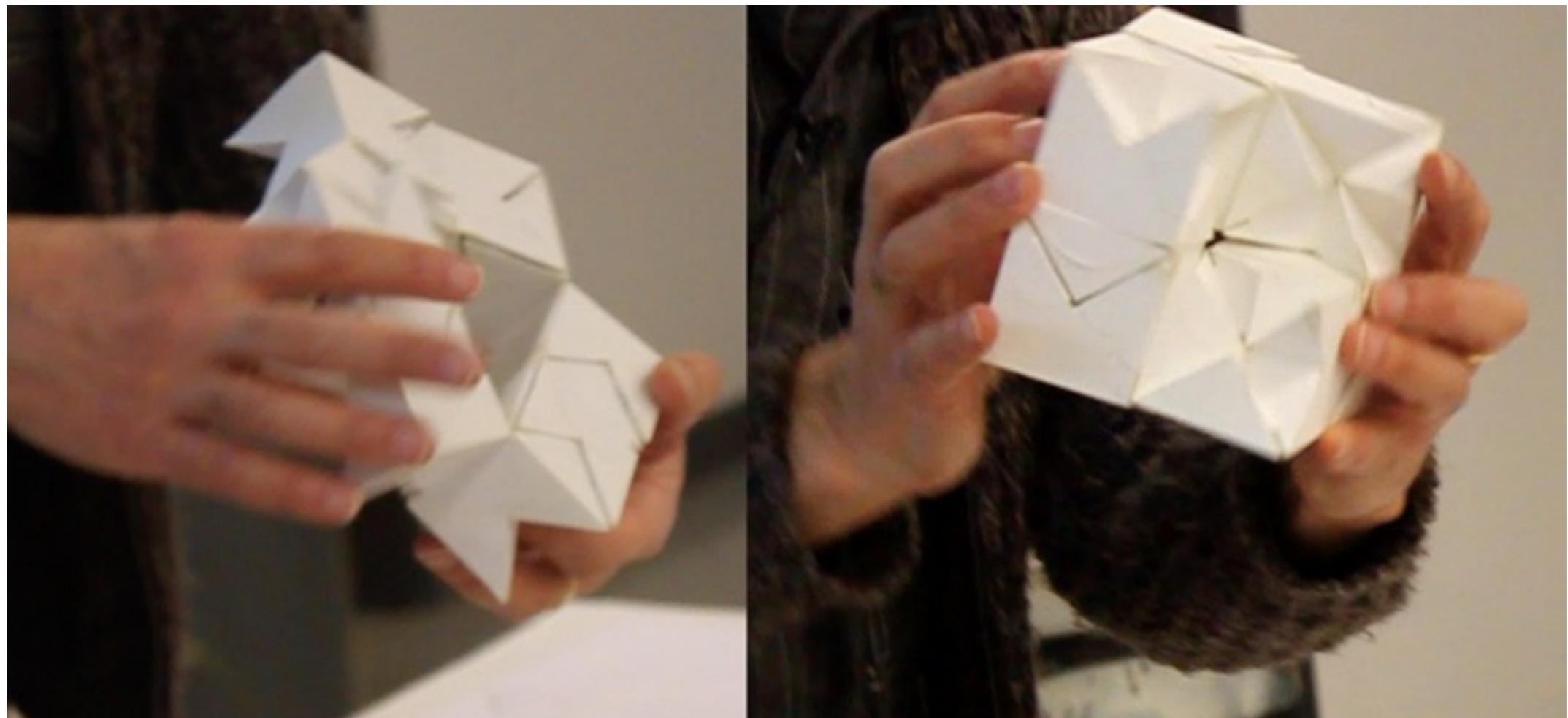
Oggetto cubico trasformabile, Scarpa, 1996.



(“Ancient dragon” realizzato da Francesco Trogu su modello e istruzioni di Satoshi Kamiya.)



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**Paolo Pasi** | La geometria dello spazio e i registri di rappresentazione semiotica

**Simone Cireddu** | Io mi ricordo. Sussidiario illustrato di *Giorgiografie* portatili

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**Pino Trogu** | L'attualità della ricerca di Scarpa nell'ambito tecnico-scientifico  
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# Pagina web di riferimento generale sul lavoro di Scarpa.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [online.sfsu.edu/trogu/scarpa/](http://online.sfsu.edu/trogu/scarpa/). The page is titled "Giorgio Scarpa" and describes him as an Italian designer, bionics researcher, teacher, and artist. It features a profile and videos by Pino Trogu from San Francisco State University. The page includes sections on the Bionic Model of Aristotle's Lantern, a Hexahedral Chain, and two books by Scarpa: "Modelli di Bionica" and "Modelli di Geometria Rotatoria". Each section includes a thumbnail image, a title, a video length, and a link to download a PDF.

**Giorgio Scarpa**  
Italian designer, bionics researcher, teacher, and artist.

Profile and videos by **Pino Trogu**, San Francisco State University [trogu at sfsu dot edu]

The short videos below refer to the topics of Scarpa's two books. The first is a bionic study of the mouth apparatus of the sea urchin, also known as Aristotle's Lantern, after the first detailed study of it by the Greek philosopher. The PDF of the book (unpublished draft English translation) is at right. The second shows one of the many "modular" chains described in the rotational geometry book, which focuses on rotational movement as a basic form generating process. Scarpa dissects the five Platonic solids and other solids into chains of hinged triangular pyramids that fold back into their enclosure cells. Both books were published as part of a now out-of-print series called "Design Notebooks", edited by the late Italian designer Bruno Munari. The covers of the books in that series are shown below. The other videos show more topological and bionic studies by Scarpa, including DNA models and studies of muscle structure.

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**Bionic Model of Aristotle's Lantern**  
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[Bioinspired Spring-Loaded Biopsy Harvester — Experimental Prototype Design and Feasibility Tests](#)  
Filip Jelinek, Gerwin Smit and Paul Breedveld  
Journal of Medical Devices 8(1), March 2014.

[Bionic Model of Aristotle's Lantern](#)  
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**Hexahedral Chain**  
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**Click here to download PDF of a sample of Mary Vieira's student work from the Kunstgewerbeschule, Basel, 1966-1967.**  
Various sections of the cube.

[Click image to download PDF of complete Geometry Models book. Unpublished English translation of Italian Edition: Modelli di Geometria Rotatoria, 1978.](#)

**Cubic chain of 24 modules. Designed by Florence Yuen. (PDF)** San Francisco State University, Fall 2010. Instructor: Pino Trogu. The design of the chain follows the principles and methods outlined in "Models of Rotatory Geometry", by Giorgio Scarpa.

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