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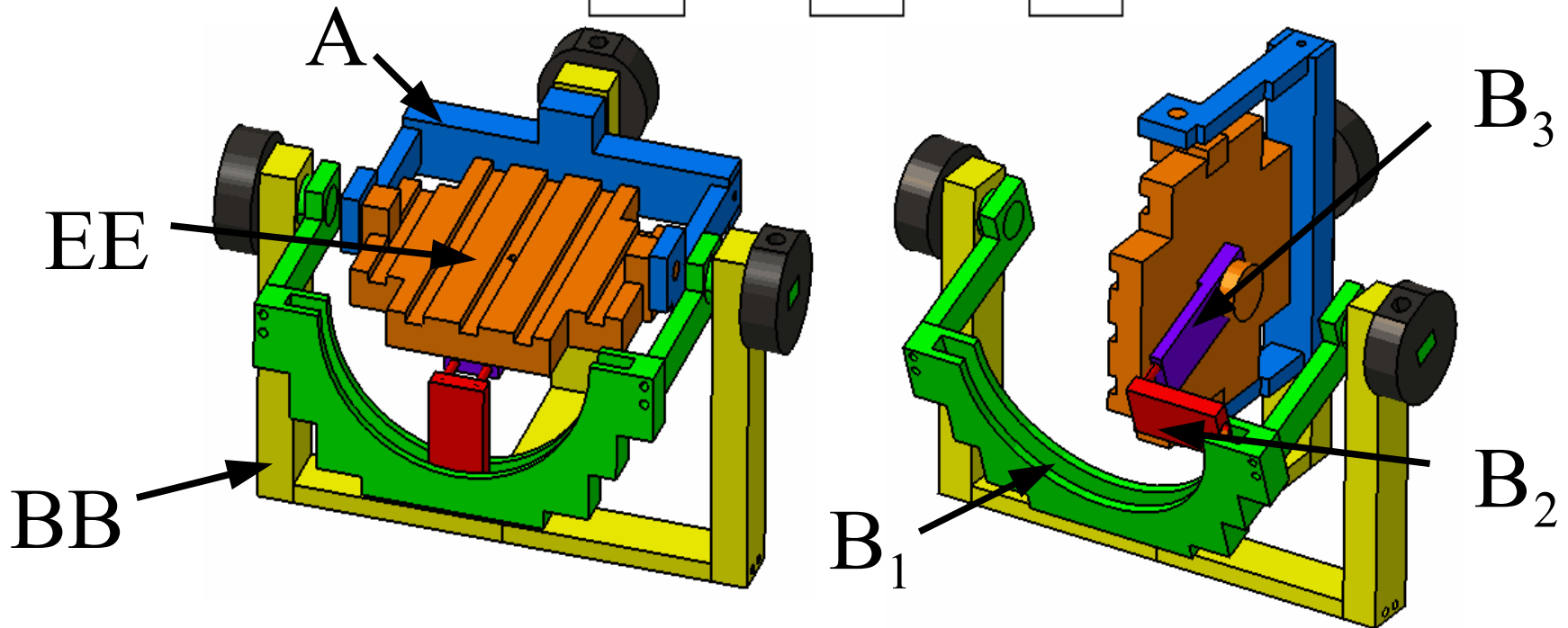
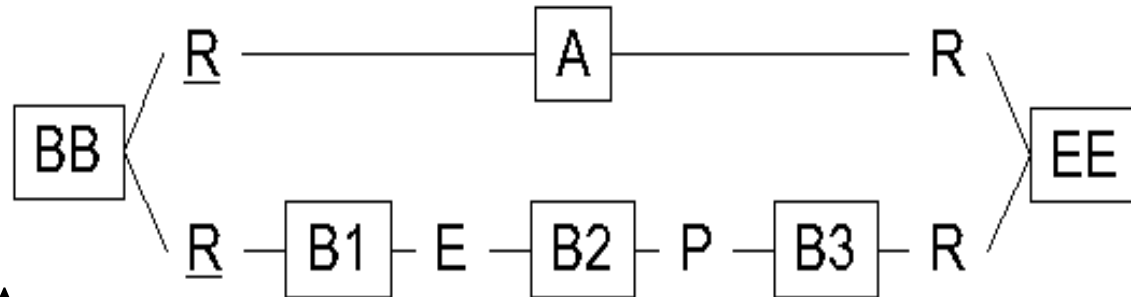
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  - 3 DOF milling machines
  - Additional DOF with Rotating Tables
  - Parallel Kinematics to reduce inertia

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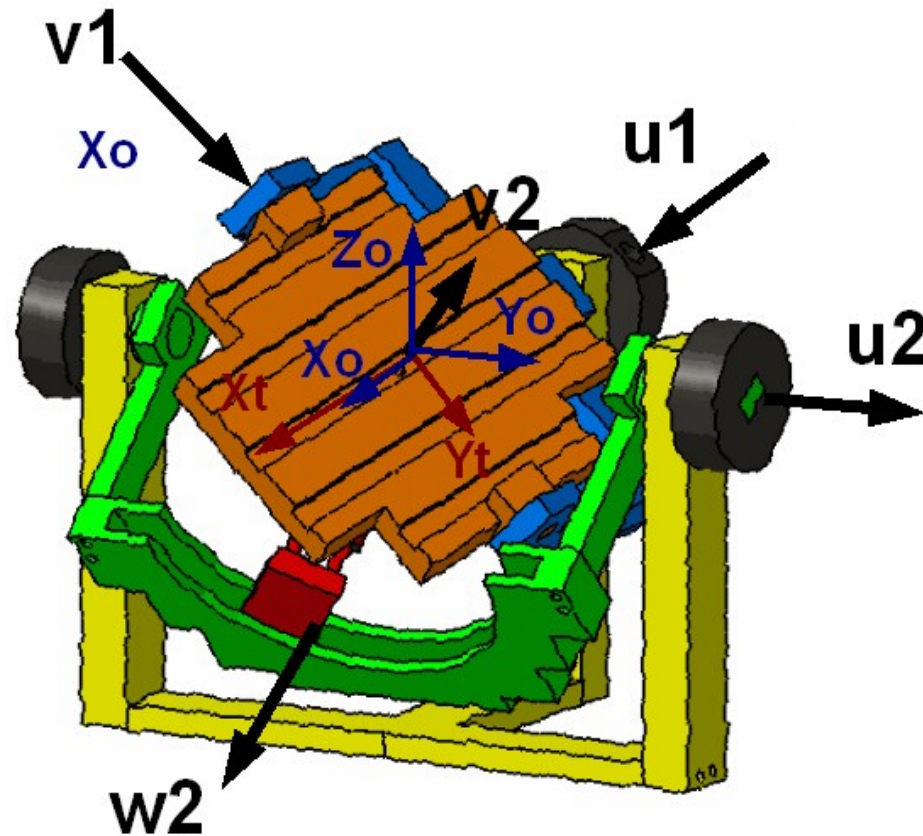
## • Kinematic design



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- **Kinematic design**

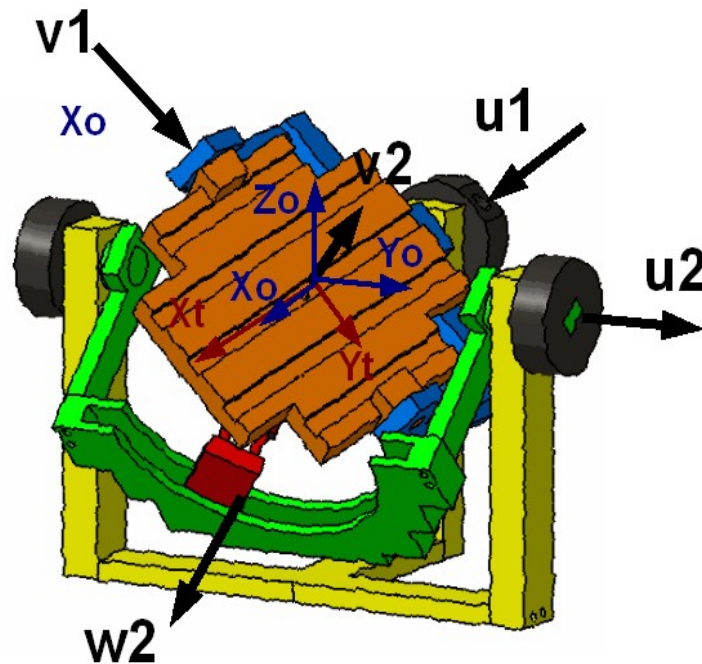
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- Kinematics
  - Inverse Kinematics
    - Simple



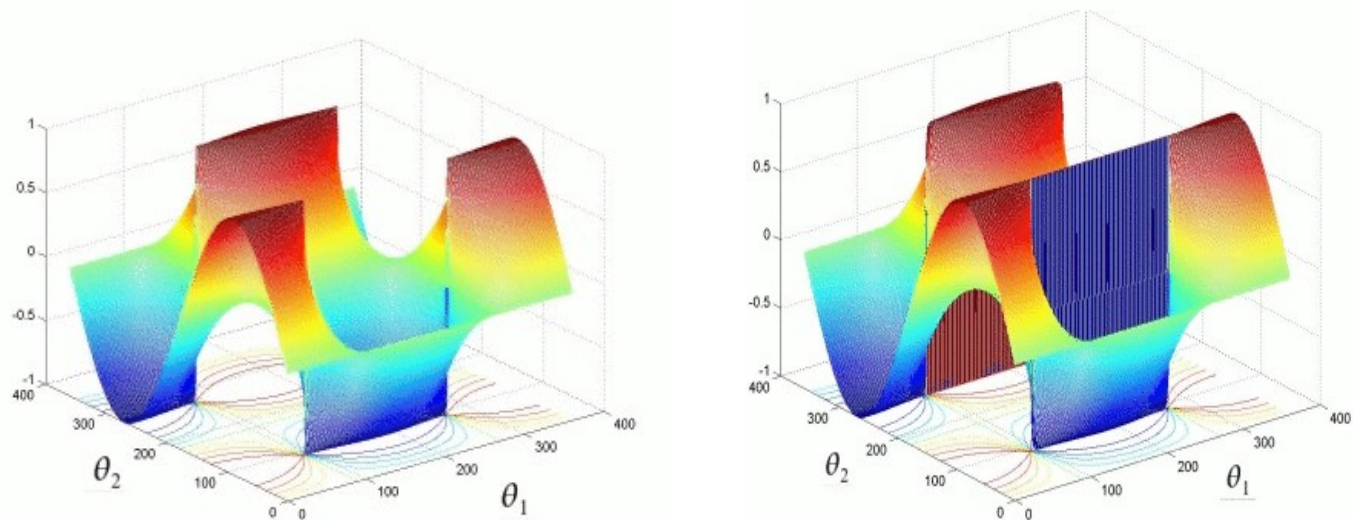
$$\theta_1 = \text{atan2}\left(\frac{{}_0\mathbf{v}_1(3)}{{}_0\mathbf{v}_1(2)}\right)$$

$$\theta_2 = \text{atan2}\left(\frac{{}_0\mathbf{v}_2(1)}{{}_0\mathbf{v}_2(3)}\right)$$

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  - **Direct Kinematics**
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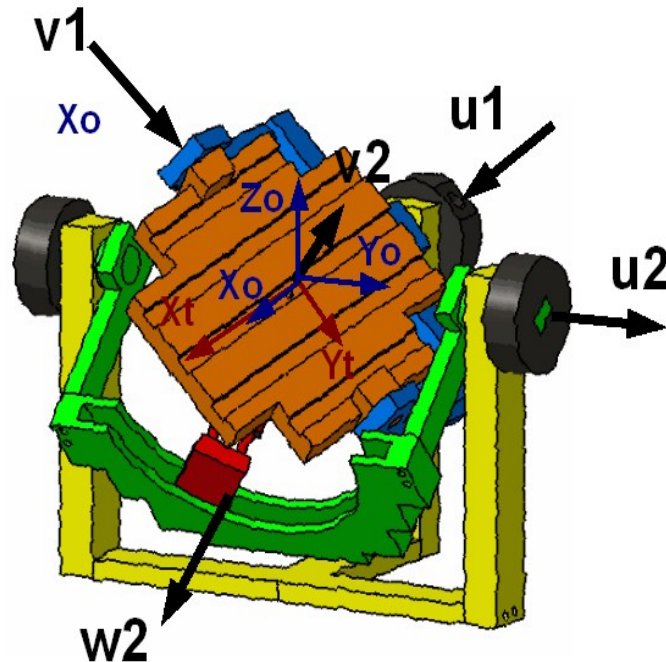


Different values for  $v_2(1)$  if  $\theta_1$  is moved first (left) or  $\theta_2$  is moved first (right)

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- **Jacobian Matrix**
  - Closure Equations



$$\mathbf{v}_2 \perp \mathbf{w}_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 = 0$$

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$$\mathbf{v}_1 \perp \mathbf{u}_1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{u}_2 \times \mathbf{w}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_2)^T \\ (\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2)^T \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1)^T \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}$$



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$$\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\omega} : \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{u}_2 \times \mathbf{w}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_2)^T \\ (\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2)^T \\ (\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1)^T \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\theta \rightarrow \omega} = \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}$$

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→  $\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega} = 0$

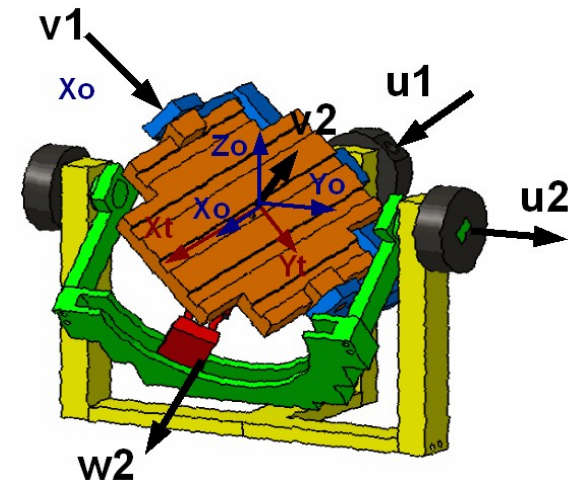
→  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \perp (\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1)$

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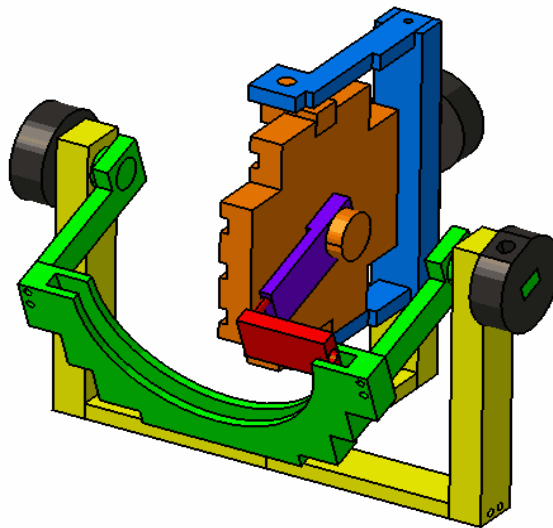
$$\longrightarrow \mathbf{A}^x \dot{\theta} = \mathbf{B}^x \omega^x: \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \mathbf{u}_2 \times \mathbf{w}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \\ \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{w}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_2)^T \\ (\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2)^T \end{bmatrix} \omega^x$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{\omega \rightarrow \theta}^x = \mathbf{A}^{x-1} \mathbf{B}^x$$

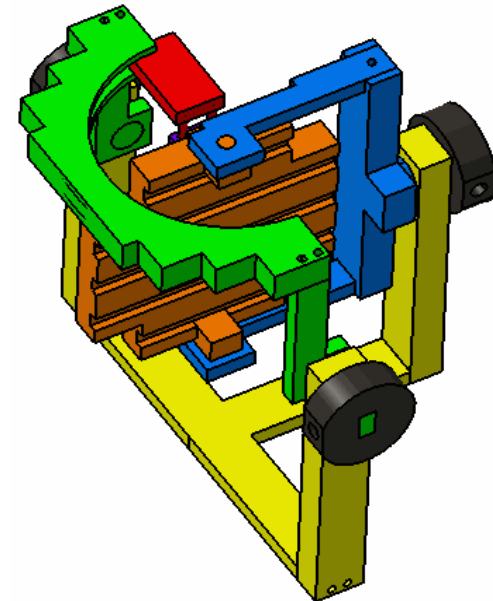
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## • Singularities



$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \pm \mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{v}_2 = \pm \mathbf{u}_2$$

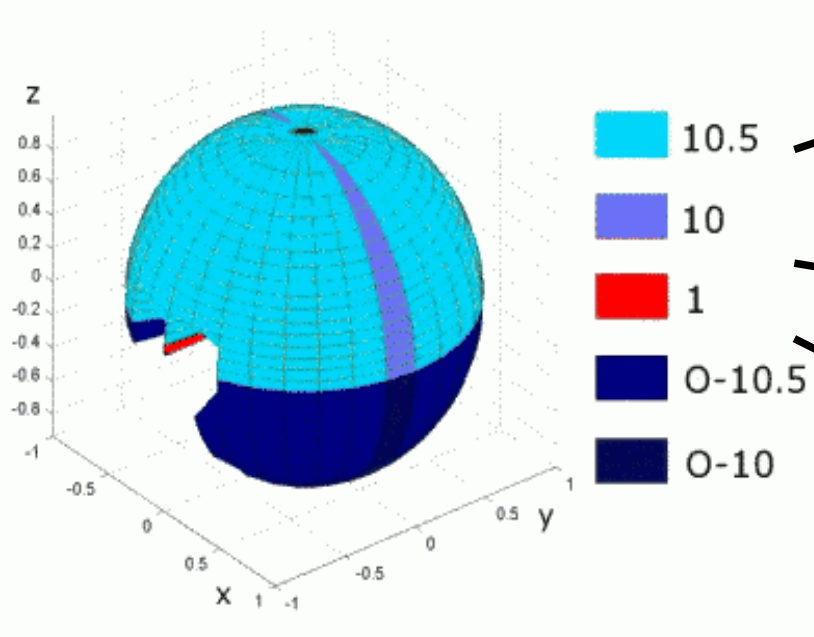


$$\mathbf{w}_2 = \pm \mathbf{v}_1 = \pm \mathbf{z}_0$$

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Mode Theta1 before Theta2

$$\mathbf{J}_{\theta \rightarrow \omega} = \begin{bmatrix} a' \\ b' \\ c' \end{bmatrix}$$

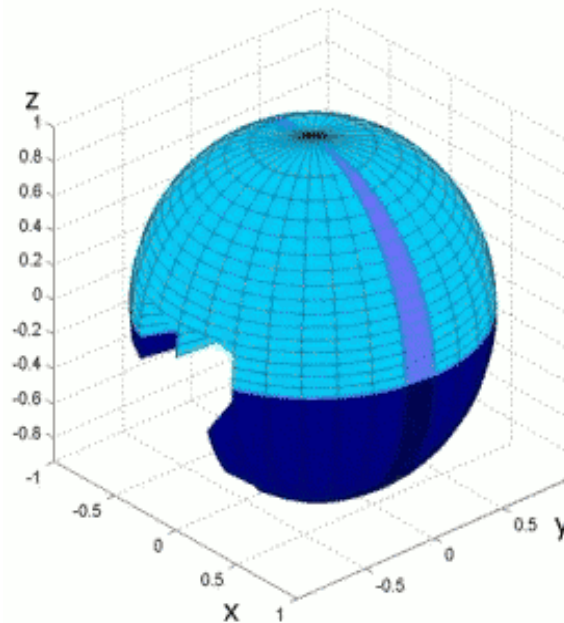
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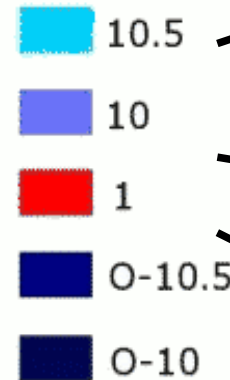
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Mode Theta2 before Theta1



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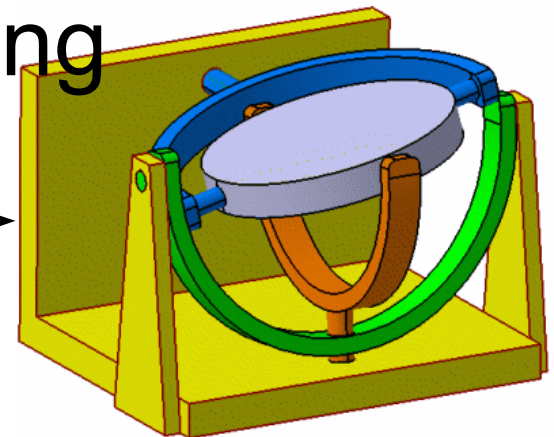
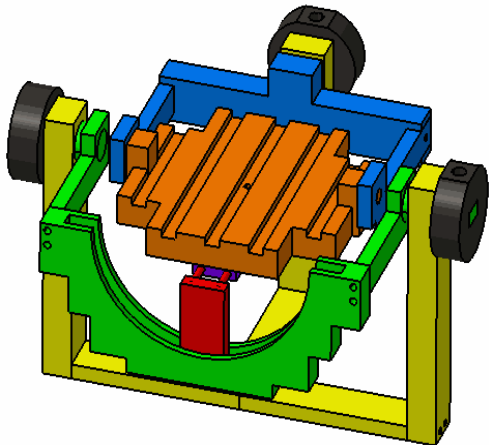
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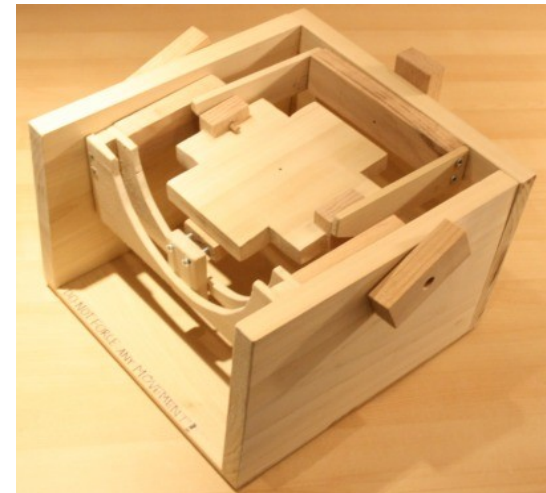
- **Advantages of the planar joint:**
  - Free access from the front when rotation center is above the surface
  - Larger Workspace
  - Higher manufacturing tolerances



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  - Singularities at obstructed orientations
  - Almost  $\pm 90^\circ$  in two directions
  - To be done: Controller





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## • Direct Kinematics

$${}^0\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos(\theta_1) \\ \sin(\theta_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_2 \perp \mathbf{v}_1 &\rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = 0 \\ \mathbf{v}_2 \perp \mathbf{w}_2 &\rightarrow \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 = 0 \\ |\mathbf{v}_2| &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

for  ${}^0\mathbf{v}_2(3) \neq 0$ :

$${}^0\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \tan(\theta_2) {}^0\mathbf{v}_2(3) \\ -\tan(\theta_1) {}^0\mathbf{v}_2(3) \\ {}^0\mathbf{v}_2(3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } {}^0\mathbf{v}_2(3) = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \tan^2(\theta_1) + \tan^2(\theta_2)}}$$

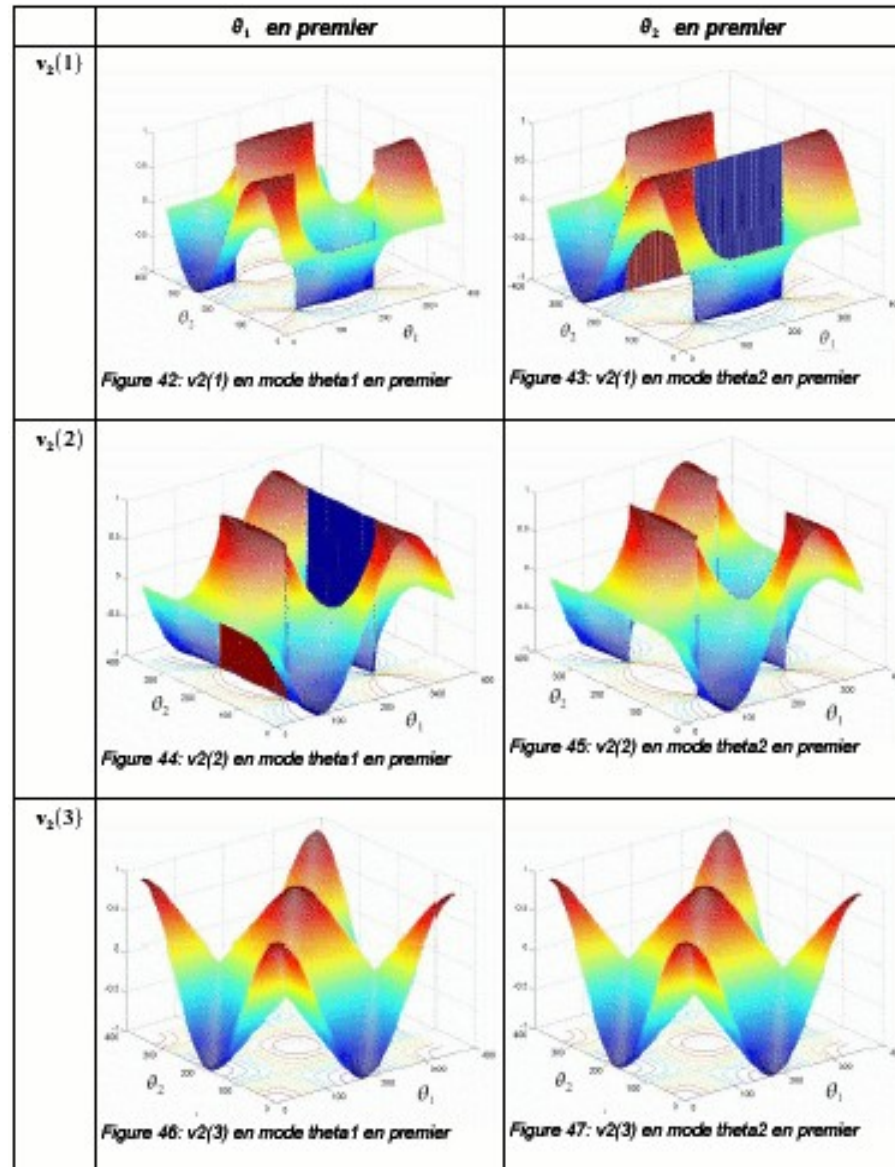
for  ${}^0\mathbf{v}_2(3) = 0$

multiple geometrical solutions

$$\longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{z}_t \times \mathbf{y}_t, \quad \mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{v}_1, \quad \mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{v}_2$$

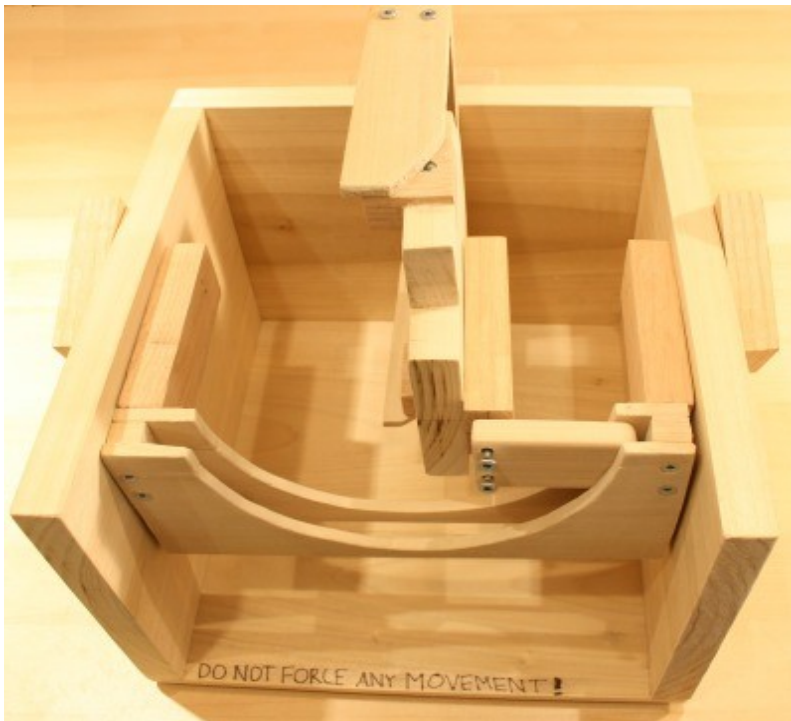
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```
% Title:      drill_orientation
% Author:    Stefan Bracher (http://stefan.bracher.info)
% Date:      07.09.2006
% Description: Finds the table position to a drill orientation
%             Returns 0 when not possible
% Dependencies: none
%
% Syntax:     [T1, T2]=drill_orientation(drill)
%
% Input:      drill:  drill vector
%
% Output:     T1 : Corresponding table orientation mode
%             Theta2->Theta1
%             T2 : Corresponding table orientation mode
%             Theta1->Theta2

function [T1, T2]=drill_orientation(drill)
T=[1 0 0 0; 0 1 0 0; 0 0 1 0; 0 0 0 1]; % Using the horizontal orientation
threshold=1e-6; % what is regarded as zero

%%%%%%MODE THETA2->THETA1 %%%%%%%%%%%
%Turn around y
roty=-atan2(drill(1),drill(3));
if ((drill(3)==0)&&(drill(1)==0))

    roty=sign(drill(2))*pi/2;
end
roty_deg=roty*360/(2*pi);
Roty=[cos(roty) 0 sin(roty) 0; 0 1 0 0; -sin(roty) 0 cos(roty) 0; 0 0 0 1];
T1=Roty*T;
drill_i=Roty(1:3,1:3)*drill;

%Turn around x0
rotx=atan2(drill_i(2),drill_i(3));
rotx_deg=rotx*360/(2*pi);
Rotx=[1 0 0 0; 0 cos(rotx) -sin(rotx) 0; 0 sin(rotx) cos(rotx) 0; 0 0 0 1];
T1=Rotx*T1;
drill_f=Rotx(1:3,1:3)*drill_i;
%Check:
if ((abs(1-drill_f(3))<threshold)&&(abs(drill_f(1))<threshold)&&(abs(drill_f(2))<threshold))
%ok
else
T1=T;
end
```

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%%%%%%MODE Theta1->Theta2%%%%%%%%%%
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```
% turn around x_0
yt=[0 1 0]';
R=[0 drill(2) 0]';
r=norm(R-drill);
rotx=sign(drill(2))*(pi/2-asin(r));
rotx_deg=rotx*360/(2*pi);
Rotx=[1 0 0 0; 0 cos(rotx) -sin(rotx) 0; 0 sin(rotx) cos(rotx) 0; 0 0 0 1];
T2=Rotx*T;
drill_i=Rotx(1:3,1:3)*drill;
R_i=Rotx(1:3,1:3)*R;
yt_i=Rotx(1:3,1:3)*yt;
```

```
%turn around yt
R_iZ=[0 0 1]'-R_i;
R_idrill_i=drill_i-R_i;
if (norm(R_idrill_i)==0)
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    rotxy=0;
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```
else
    rotxy=acos(dot(R_iZ,R_idrill_i)/(norm(R_iZ)*norm(R_idrill_i)));
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end
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```
if (sign(drill_i(1))>0)
rotxy=-sign(drill_i(1))*rotxy;
end
```

```
if (sign(drill_i(1))<0)
rotxy=-sign(drill_i(1))*rotxy;
end
```

```
rotxy_deg=
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