# **Team Object**

# **Object Description**

The team object was inspired by constitutive modeling of the viscoelastic behavior of cartilage, referencing Khajehsaeid 2021 for inspiration - that being the use of a spring-dashpot Maxwell element. To structurally replicate said Maxwell object, the designed object comprises four components: a dashpot, a damper cylinder, a base, and a spring. The spring is repurposed from a pen, while the dashpot, damper cylinder, and base are fabricated through a Form3 3D printer using BioMed Clear resin. Anything attached to the spring will be securely assembled using glue as a permanent assembly technique, while the fitting of the spring-attached damper within the dashpot is obviously temporary. The dashpot's operation will be manually powered by hand, with linear actuation enabled by pushing & pulling of the square base to mimic the element's dynamics, and the star-shaped extrusions on the damper will ensure a precise and snug fit as a mistake-proof technique.

# **CAD Design**



#### **Assembly Process**

The dashpot, damper cylinder, and base were individually 3D-printed using BioMed Clear Resin via ME lab facilities. The damper cylinder was securely attached to the dashpot through a small gap on the dashpot. The spring was obtained from a typical ball-point pen, and was permanently joined with the damper using glue on its bottom end. The base is then attached to the top end of the spring, also through glue.

# **Bill of Materials**



Part name	Base	Dashpot	Spring	Damper Cylinder
Part number	1	2	3	4
Quantity	1	1	1	1
Part Description	A small square of plastic on the top of the spring, which the part is to rest on	A cylindrical structure which housed the damper	A small metal coil produced from the inside of a ballpoint pen and attached to the dashpot	A small cylinder of plastic attached to the lower portion of the spring within the dashpot
Raw stock	3.70 mL	34.30 mL	N/A	2.63 mL
Cost	3D Summed below	_	1 pen	_
Manufacturing method	3D printing (BioMed Clear)	_	Pen deconstruction	_
Total Cost	~\$14			

# Responsibilities

Chanul: Object description Griffin: Team object idea, CAD design, fabrication & assembly, bill of materials drawing & labeling, proof-reading Emilio: Assembly process, document formatting Jeffery: Assembly process Sydney: Bill of materials, edits to CAD, general formatting

### References

1) Khajehsaeid, H.; Abdollahpour, Z.; Farahmandpour, H. Effect of Degradation and Osteoarthritis on the Viscoelastic Properties of Human Knee Articular Cartilage: An Experimental Study and Constitutive Modeling. *Biomechanics* **2021**, *1*, 225-238. https://doi.org/10.3390/biomechanics1020019