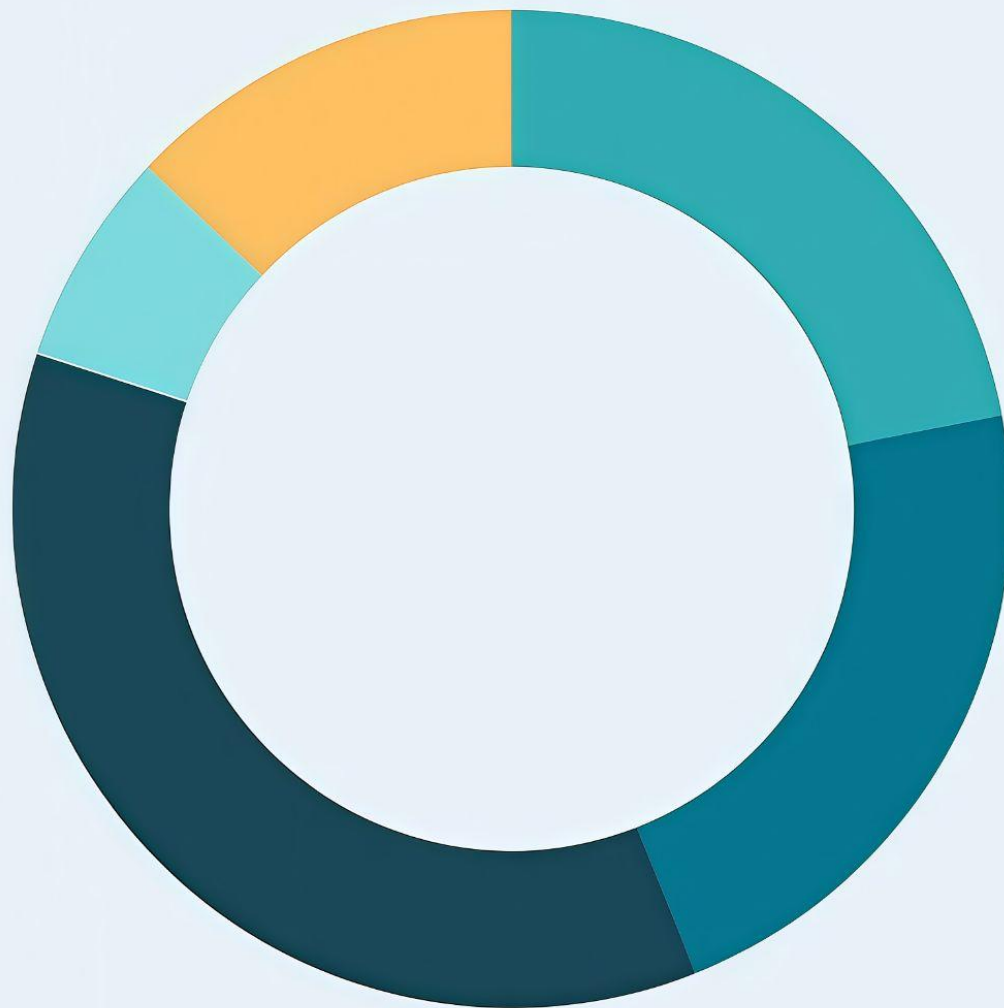


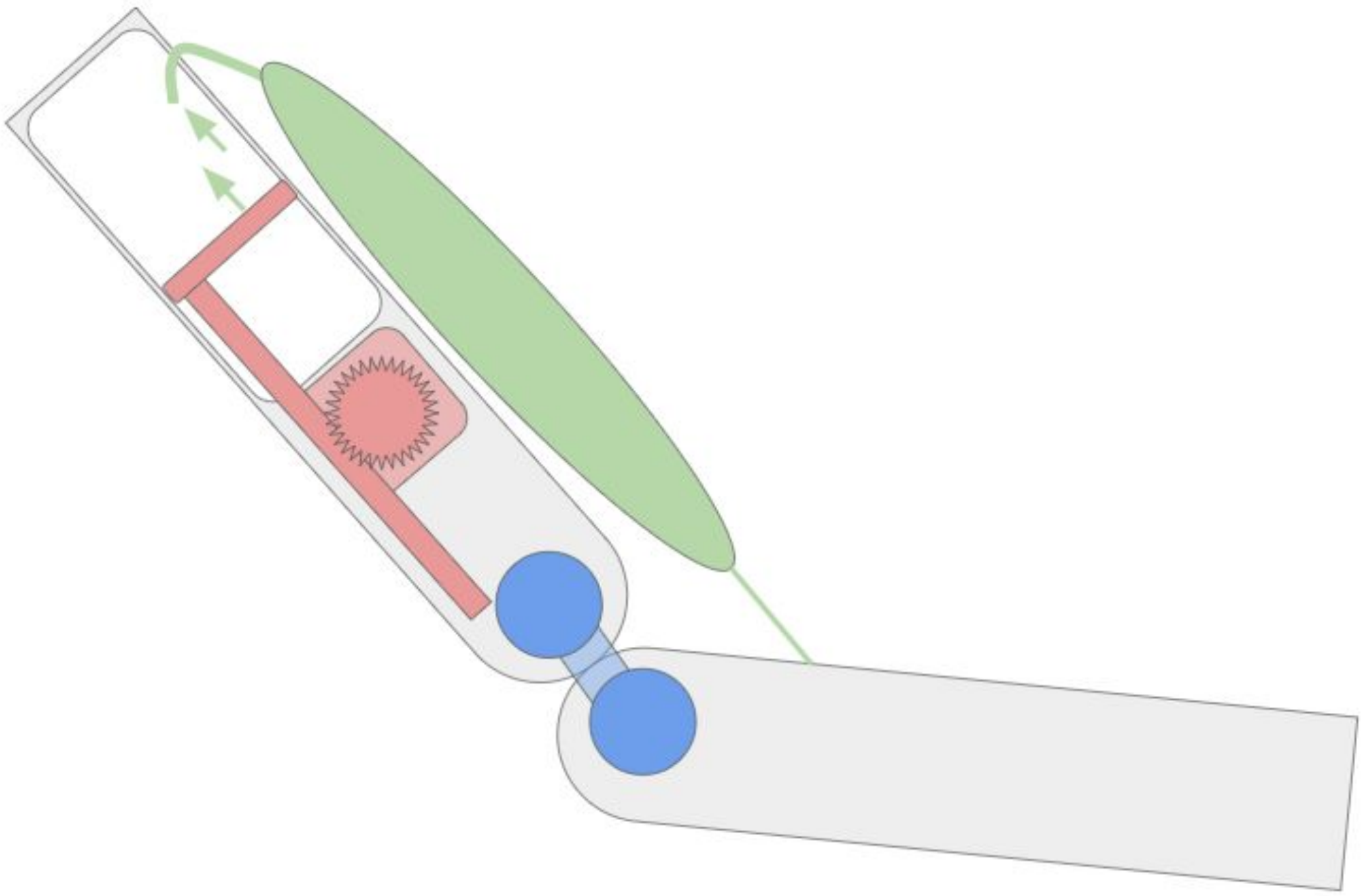
Average age of unpaid caregivers

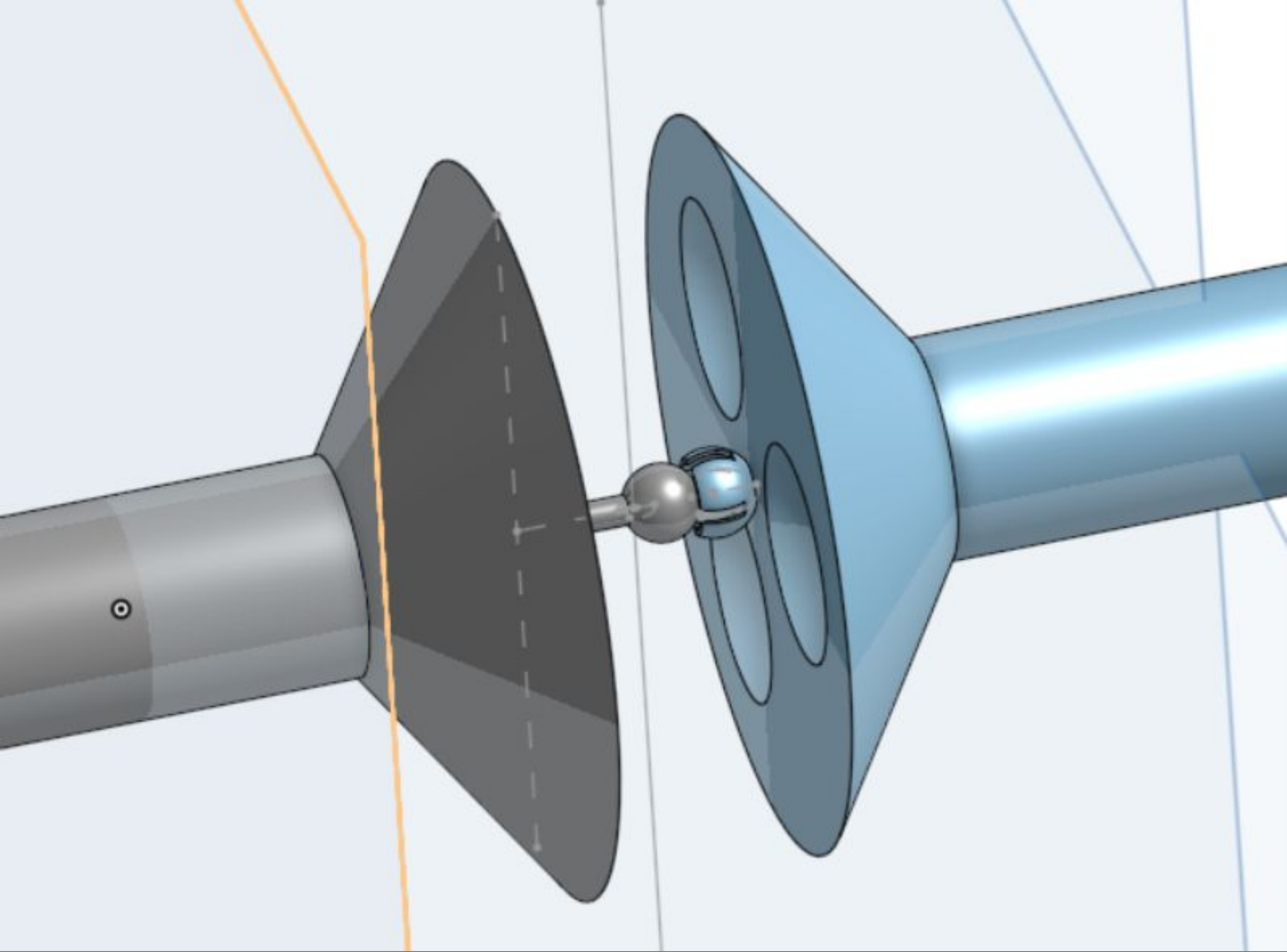
The median age of family caregivers is 50.1. This is because many people care for spouses, partners, or aging parents.

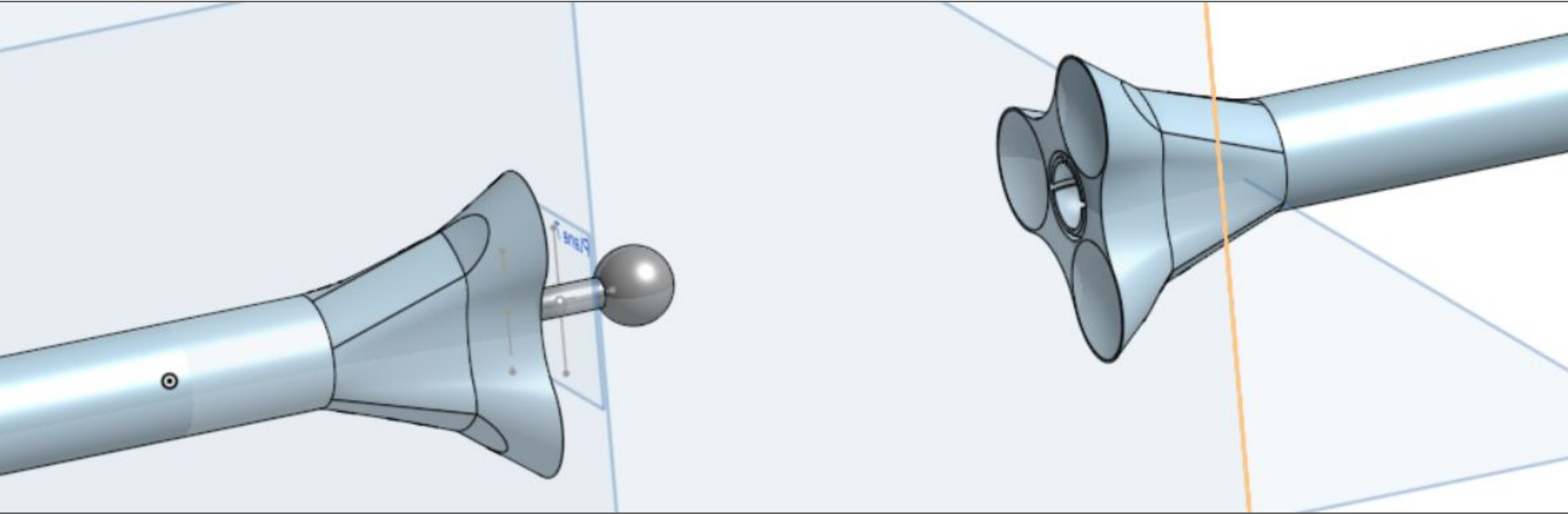
- 36% of caregivers are between 50 and 64
- 22% of family caregivers are between 18 and 24
- 22% of caregivers are 25-49
- 13% of caregivers are 65-74
- 7% of caregivers are over the age of 75

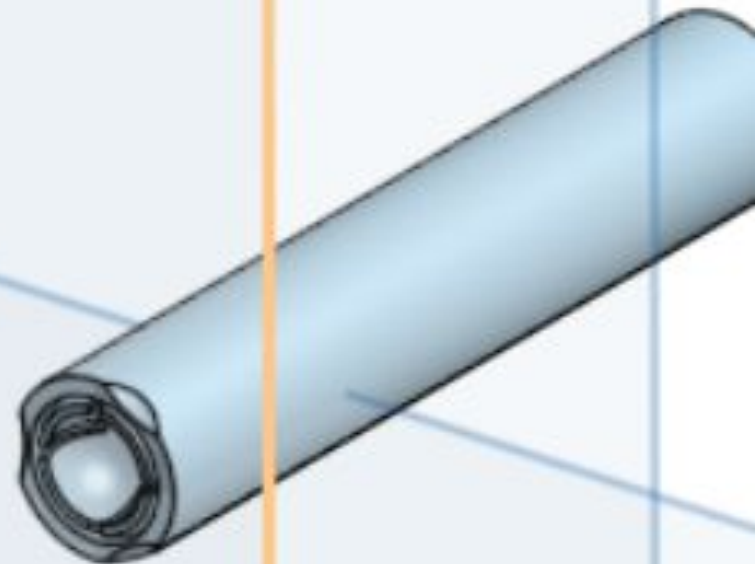
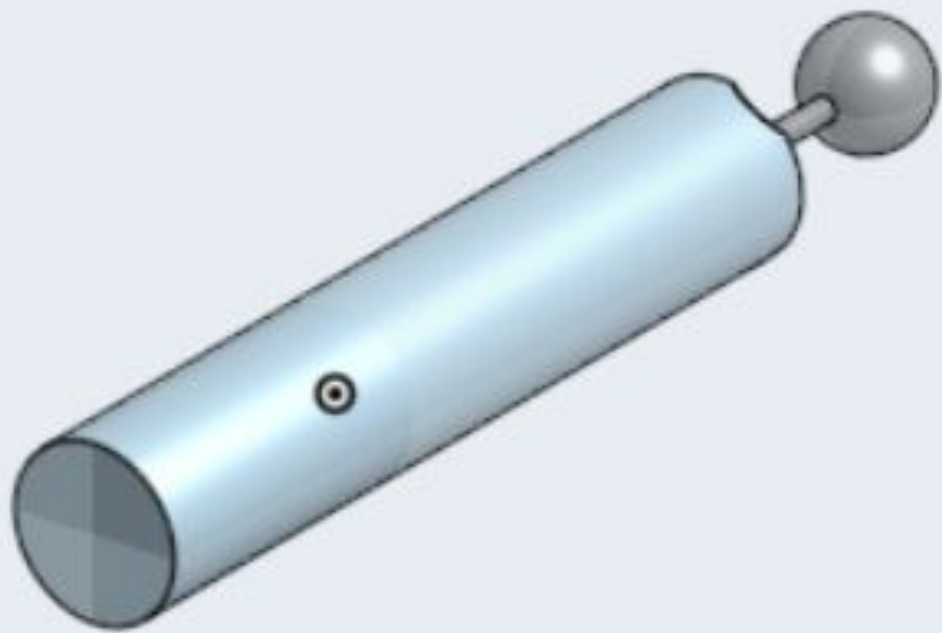


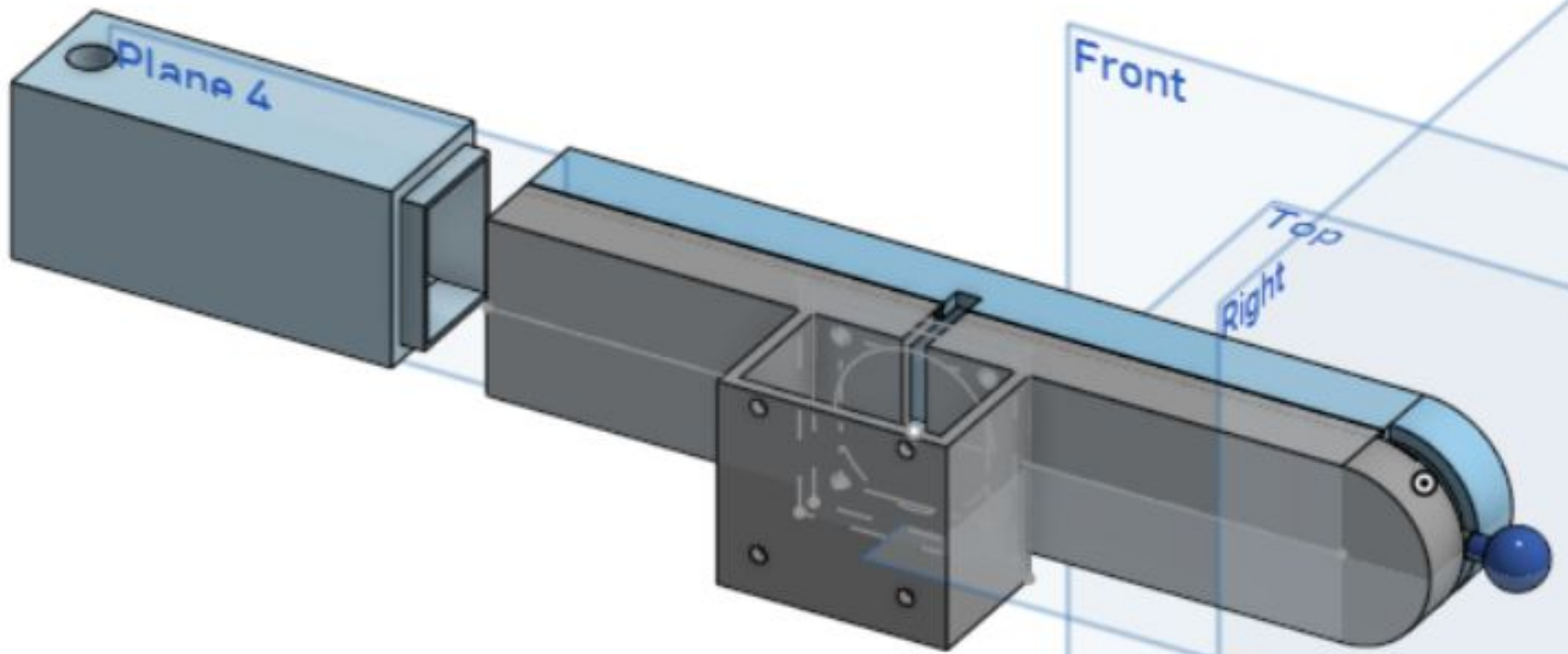


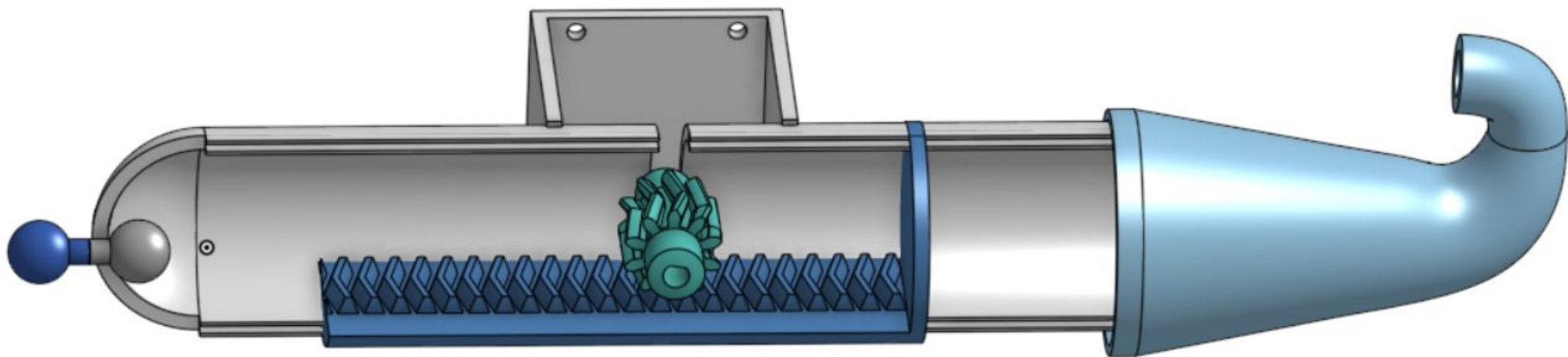






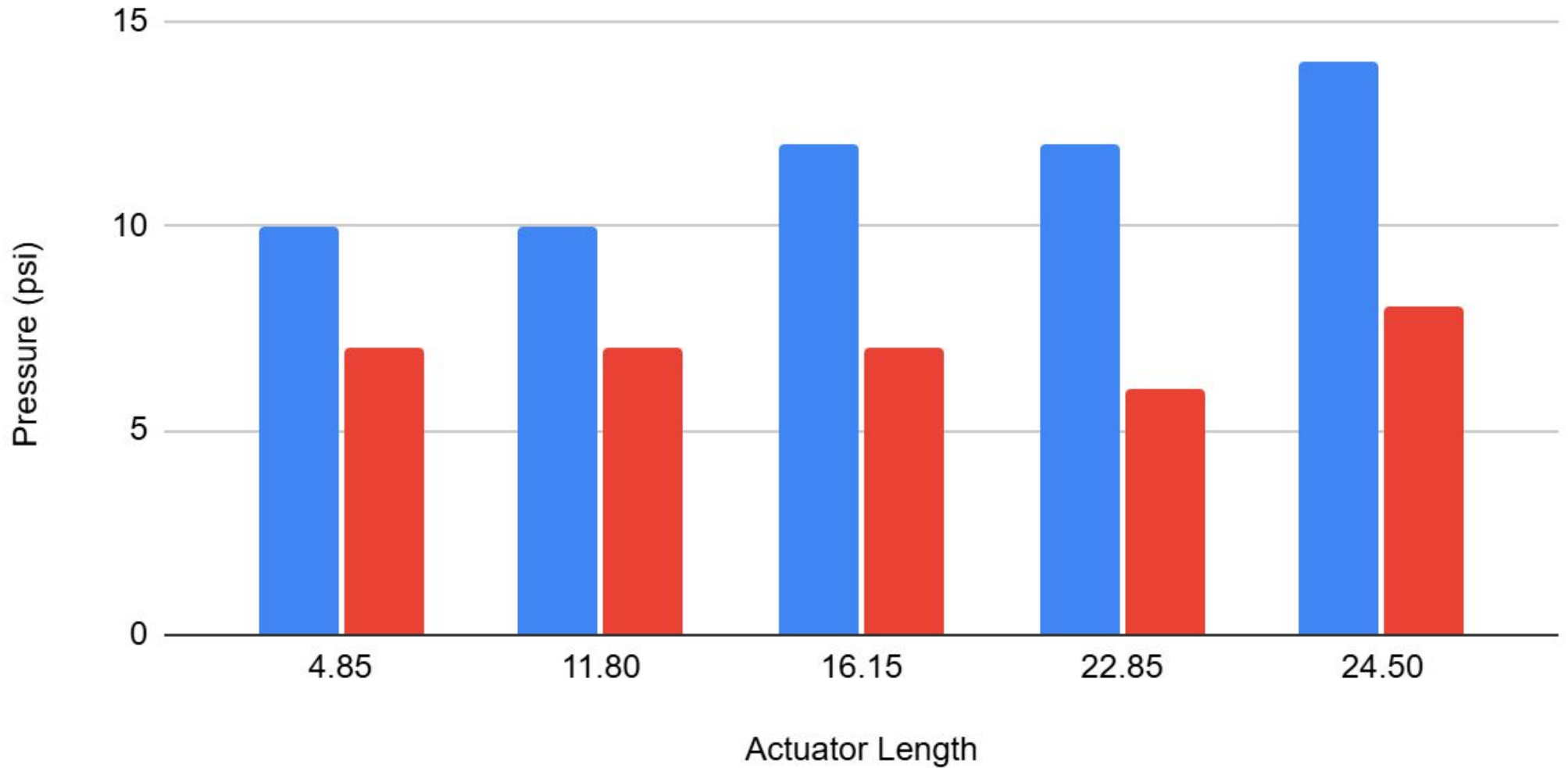




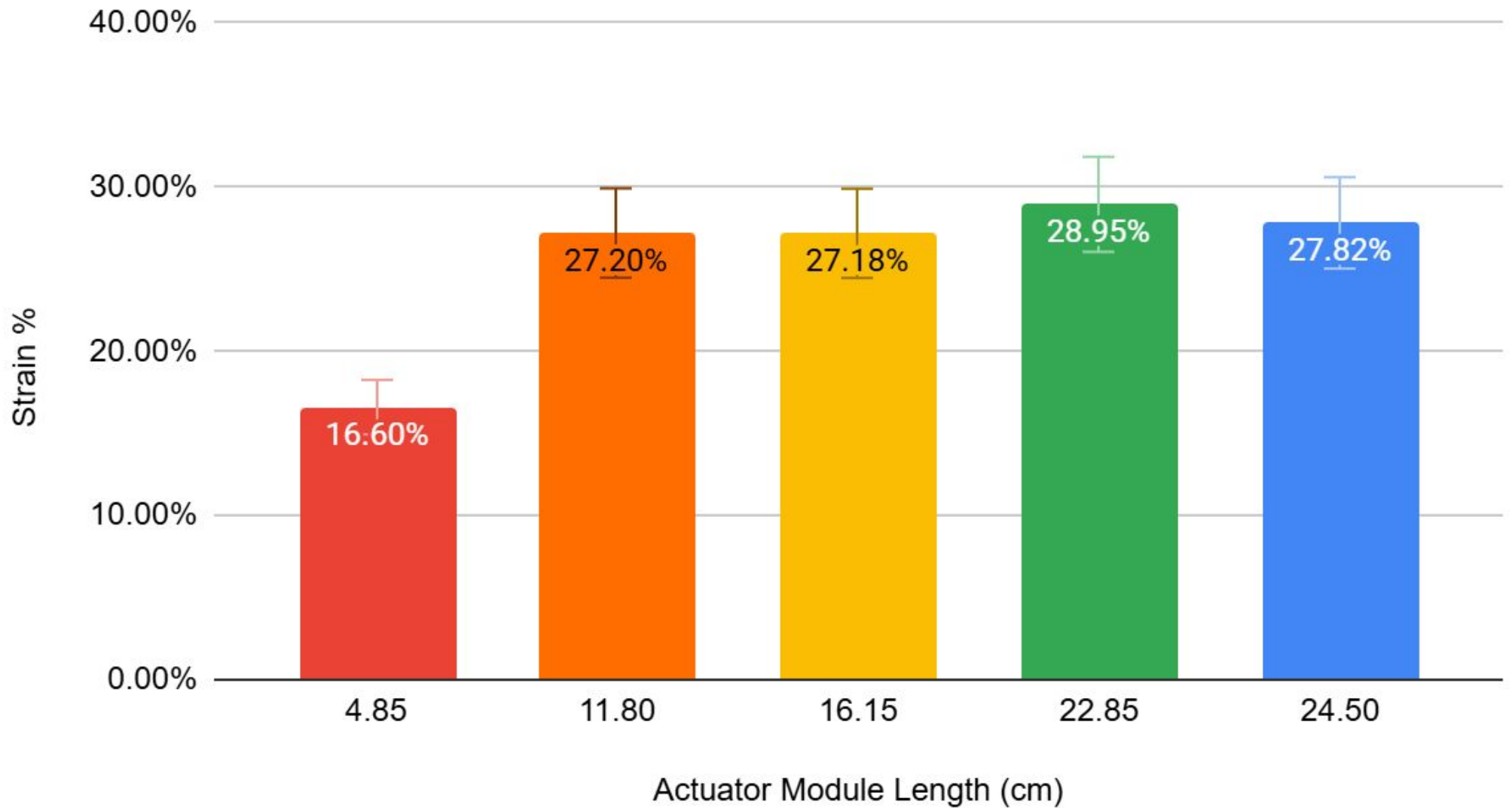


Initial Pressure and Pressure After Modification

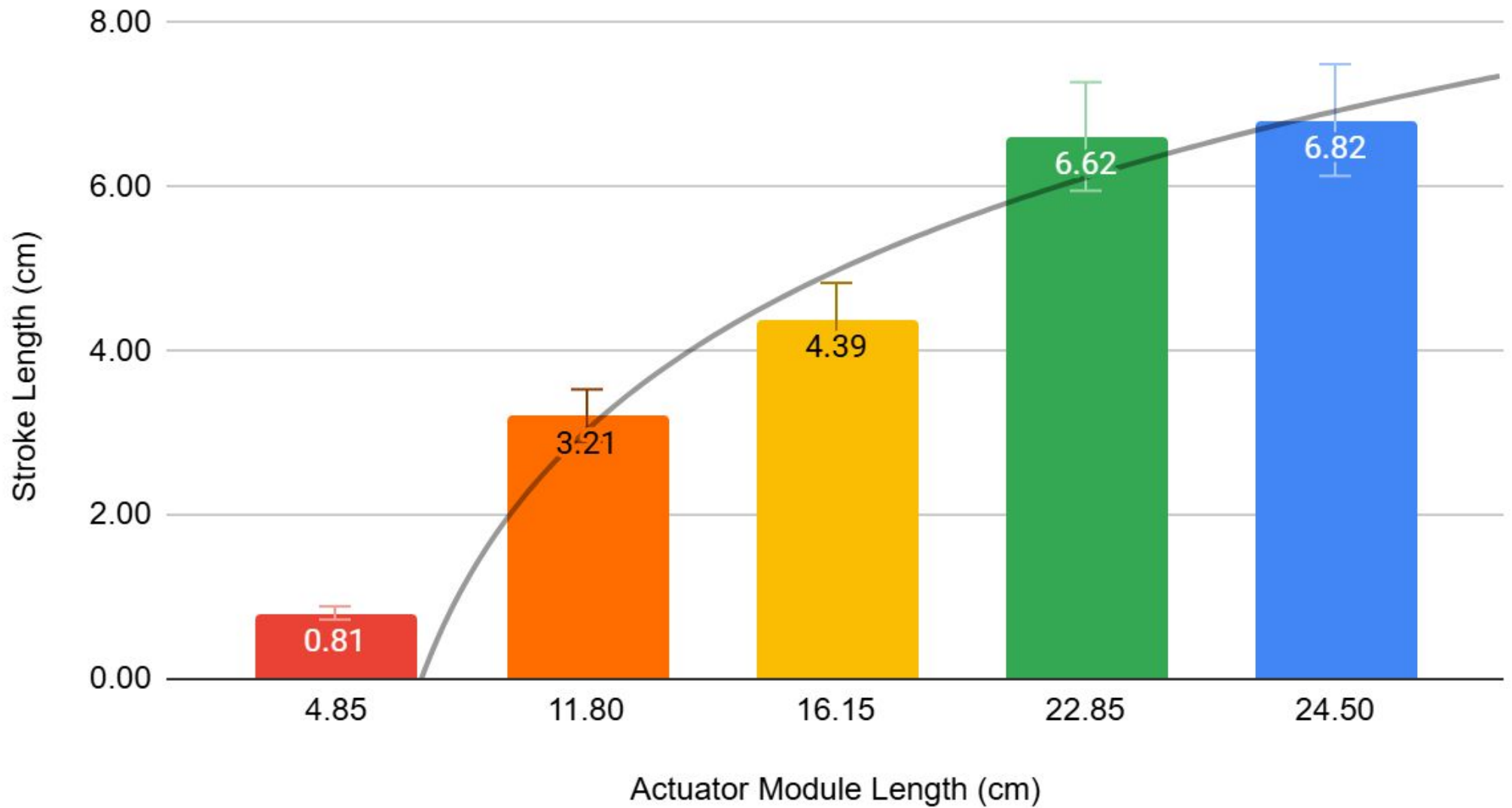
Initial Pressure Pressure After Modification



McKibben Actuator Strain % for Different Module Lengths



Stroke Length for Different Actuator Lengths



$$F = P \cdot A$$

Where P is the required pressure (min. 6 psi) and A is the cross-sectional area of the cylinder ($\pi \cdot r^2$; $r = 0.01\text{m}$)

$$F = 41368.5_{(\text{pascals})} \cdot \pi \cdot 0.0001 = 13.00\text{N}$$

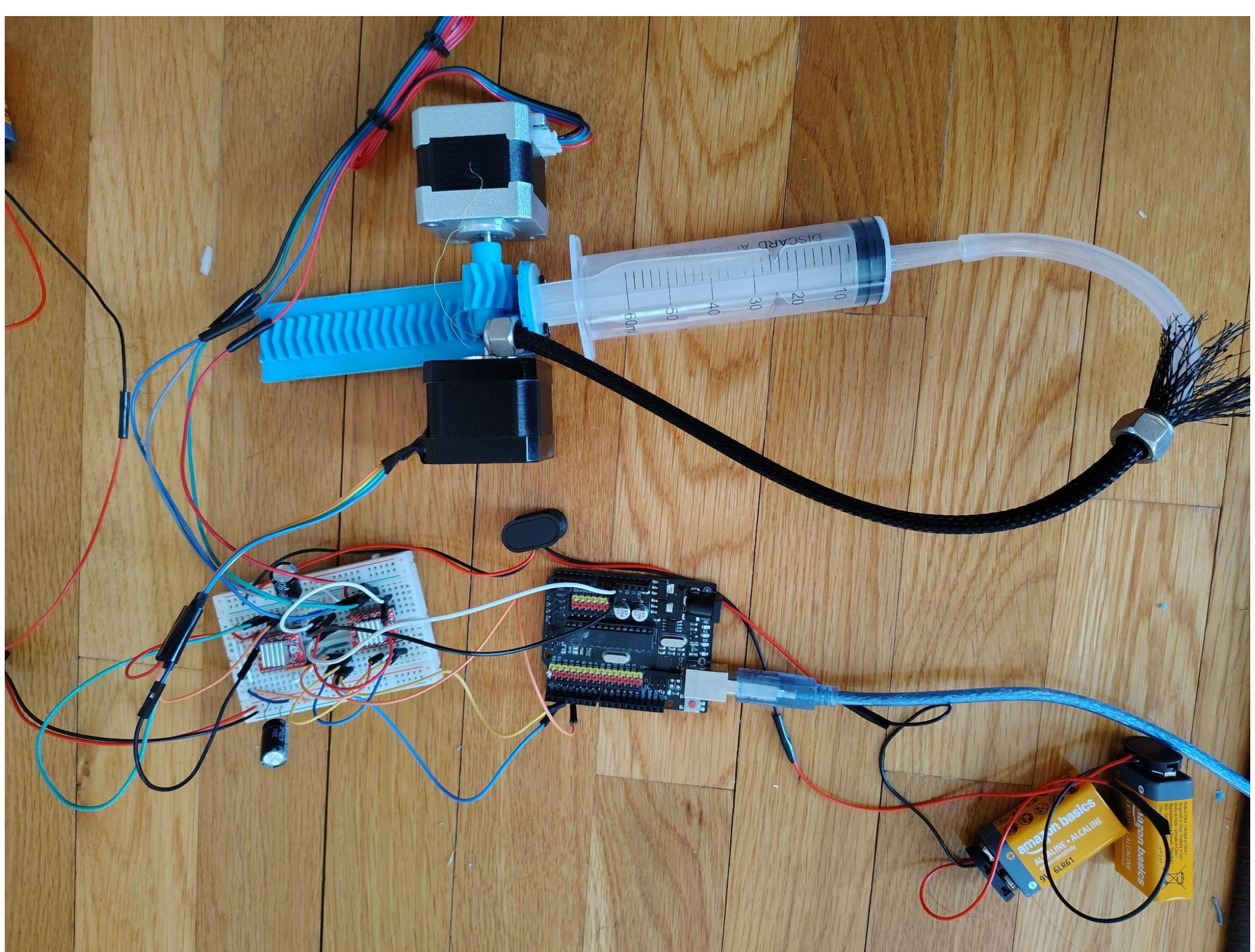
This indicates that 13 Newtons of linear force are required to inflate the actuator to maximum contraction

$$F = P\pi r_0^2 \left(3\cot^2(\theta_0) \left(1 - k \left(1 - \frac{h}{h_0} \right) \right) - \csc^2(\theta_0) \right)$$

This equation describes the force exerted by a McKibben Actuator inflated with gauge pressure P , an initial outer braid angle of θ_0 (18.30°), radius of r_0 (1.35cm), initial and final length of h_0 and h (21.25cm and 16.00cm), respectively, and a fudge factor k (generally 1.30) to account for possible friction during contraction

$$F = 128.05\text{N}$$

Due to the friction-reducing measures implemented, k is assumed to be 1.00 , and P is defined as the minimum observed pressure for maximum contraction (6 psi)





0.9 PSI
7.5
SET