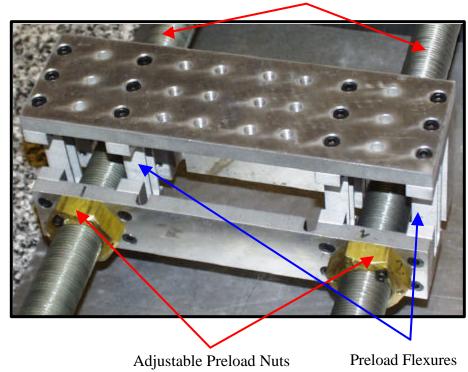
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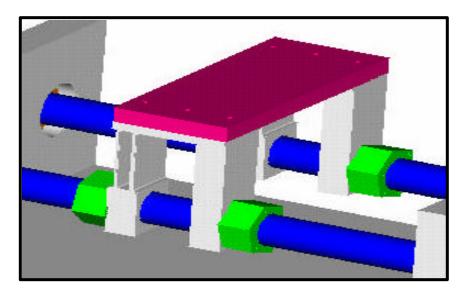
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## **Low-Cost Actuator/Bearing Structures**

- Can preload of a nut on a screw be done in three-dimensions instead of just one?
- Can threaded-rods, the cheapest machine elements, can be made a precision bearing and actuator?





1"-14 Greased Threaded Rods

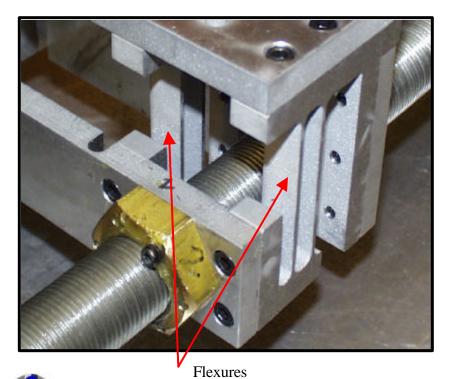


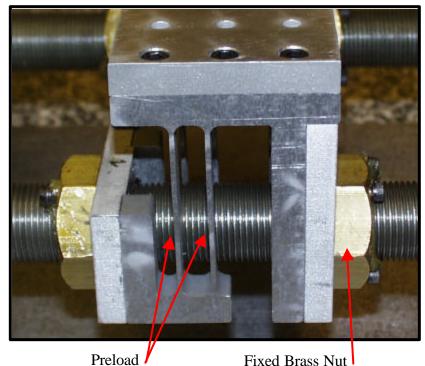
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## **Low-Cost Actuator/Bearing Structures**

• Preliminary tests were very encouraging!

		FR (Full Scale)	Full Scale Error Budget	Prototype Error Budget	Prototype Results
Accuracy	δx	.02	.006	.010	.007
	δy	.02	.010	.004	.001





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