

Team 501: Landing System for Uncertain Terrain



Virtual Design Review 2

Team Introductions



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Objective

The objective of this project is to design a landing system capable of safely landing on the assumed range of hypothesized surfaces and terrains of 16 Psyche.

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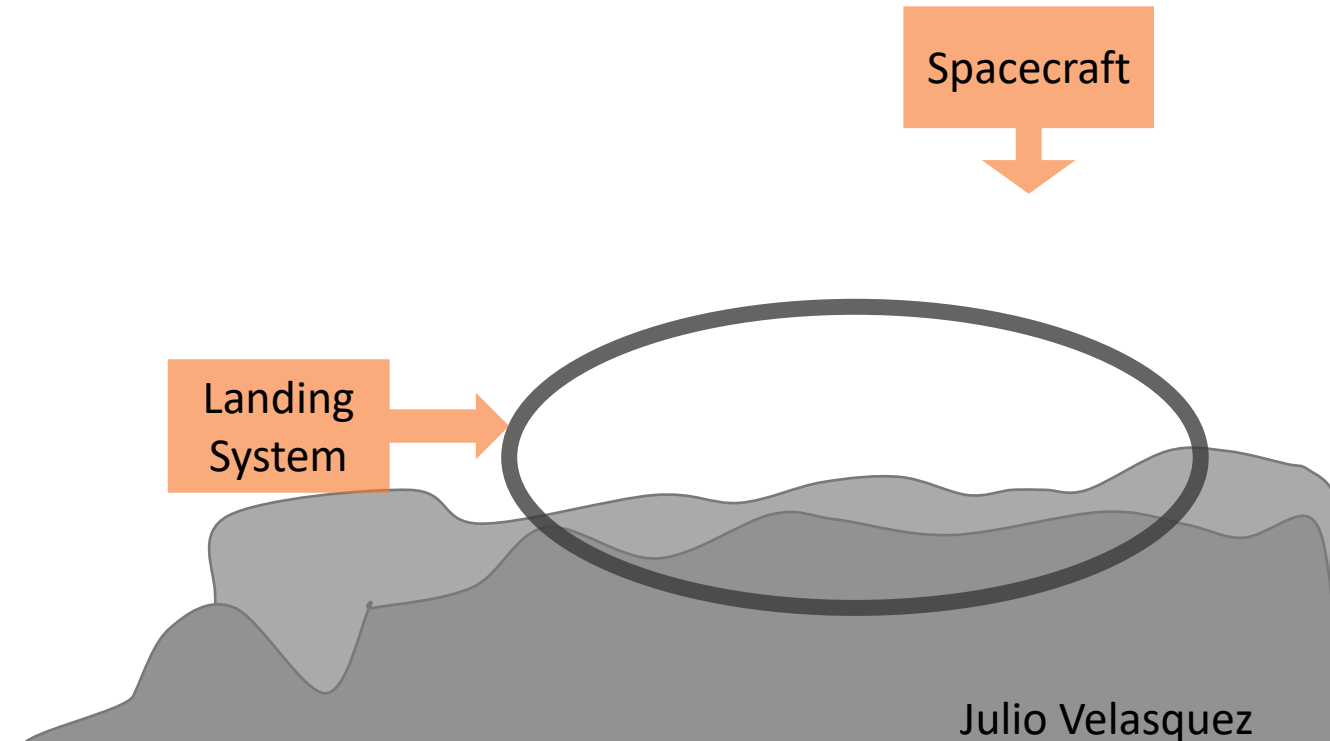


Project Overview

Psyche: Believed to be an exposed core of an early planetesimal that lost its rocky outer layers due to violent collisions billions of years ago

Our Mission:
To design the landing system (i.e. what lands/supports the spacecraft)

Terrain:
Psyche has hypothesized uncertain terrain (i.e. rocky, uneven and metallic)



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Customer Needs

The system is capable of successfully landing on the hypothesized terrains of Psyche.

The device can withstand or dissipate the potential energy from the fall and impact velocity.

The system is autonomous.

The system can support the weight of spacecraft and payload without damaging it.

The landing system supports the weight/size of the spacecraft based off previous missions.

The system does not have to be reusable.

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Assumptions

Operated in minimal gravity,
space temperatures and
conditions

Controlled autonomously
without manual
maneuvering of the
system

Spacecraft will carry landing
system without issue

Will not land in a hole or
other extreme conditions

Power to operate landing
system is supplied by
spacecraft

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Critical Targets

Dampens impact energy

Prevent lander from tipping

Lander can accommodate for any of the hypothesized surfaces

The lander is stable on Psyche's surface

The system can support the weight of the lander

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Targets

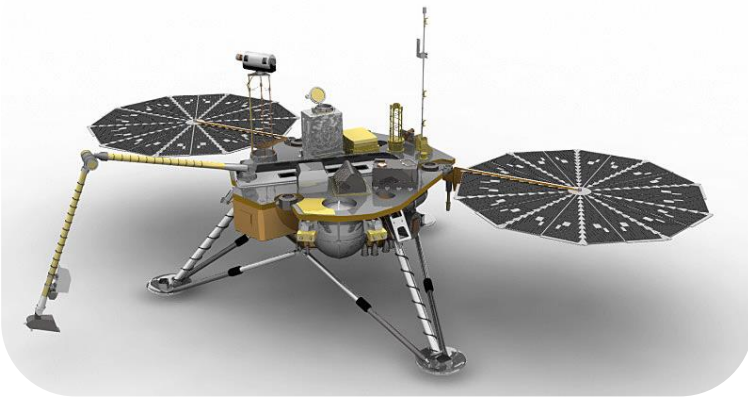
Operation	What's Being Measured/Quantified	Target
Houses Payload	Dimensions of CHONKE (estimated until dimensions received)	0.5 x 0.5 x 0.5 m
Houses Sensors	Acceleration, velocity, angular position sensors length and volume	0.254-12.7 mm; 1.29-025.81 mm ²
	Technology used to detect objects and measure distance (volume)	0.929-2.787 m ²
	Force sensors (volume)	5.81-19.35 mm ²
Houses Electrical Board	Dimensions	101.52 x 53.3 mm
Houses Actuators	Volume of actuators	0.019 m ²
Houses Wiring	Diameter of each wire	0.05 mm
Prevents Tipping	Tipping angle to correct	10 degrees
Support Weight	Weight of spacecraft, payload, and other instruments	1472 N
Prevents Enviromental Damage of Hardware	Cosmic dust and other particles size	0.1 mm
Dampens Impact Energy	Amount it needs to dissipate/dampen	2700 W
Impact Velocity	Maximum impact velocity	6 m/s
Reads Acceleration	Acceleration resolution to read	0.1 m/s ² and within 10% of real value
Mass of Lander	Mass	150 kg
Reads Velocity	Velocity resolution to read	0.1 m/s and within 10% of real value
Reads Position	Position resolution to read	0.1 m and within 10% of real value
Reads Angle	Angle resolution to read	0.1 degrees and within 10% of final value
Reads Topography	Measure elevations within range	~0.2 m
Adjusts Orientation	Angle of lander relative to surface (in any direction)	20 degrees
Secures Position on Astroid	Change in position on all three axis	0 degrees
Reduces Velocity	Velocity of the lander as it touches down on surface	<3 m/s



Existing Designs

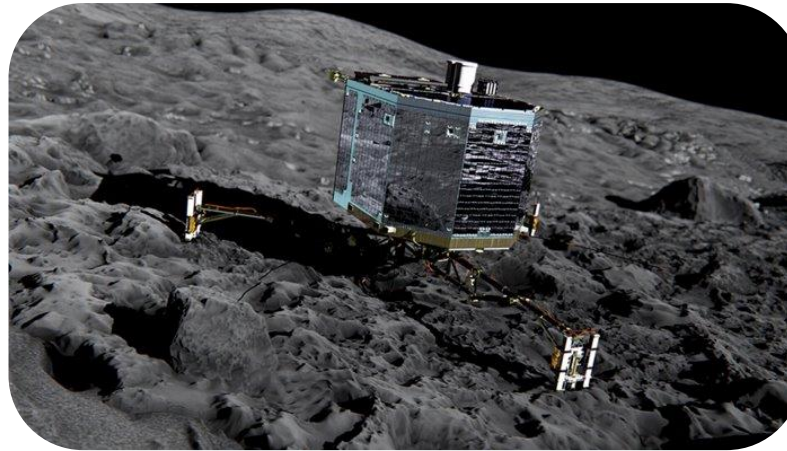
Mars Phoenix Lander

- Landed on Mars
- Rocky flat surface
- Set of 3 legs with 3 components
- Mass: 350kg



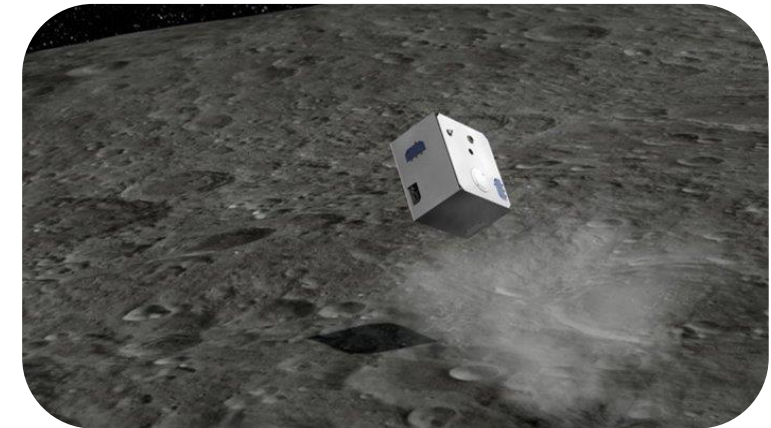
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Lander Components

Decided to divide into components of what we consider is the main areas of the landing system.

Suspension

- Dampening system
- Crushable components

Legs

- Geometry
- Number of legs
- Adaptability

Feet

- Ability to grip
- Adjustability
- Size

Sensors

- Orientation
- Acceleration
- Position

Base

- Position of leg attachment
- Connection type

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Concept Generation

Brainstorming



Biomimicry



Crapshoot



Forced Analogy



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Medium Fidelity Concepts

4 Impact Legs, Springboard Base, 3 Stability Legs

Single Impact Leg, Springboard Base, 3 Stability Legs

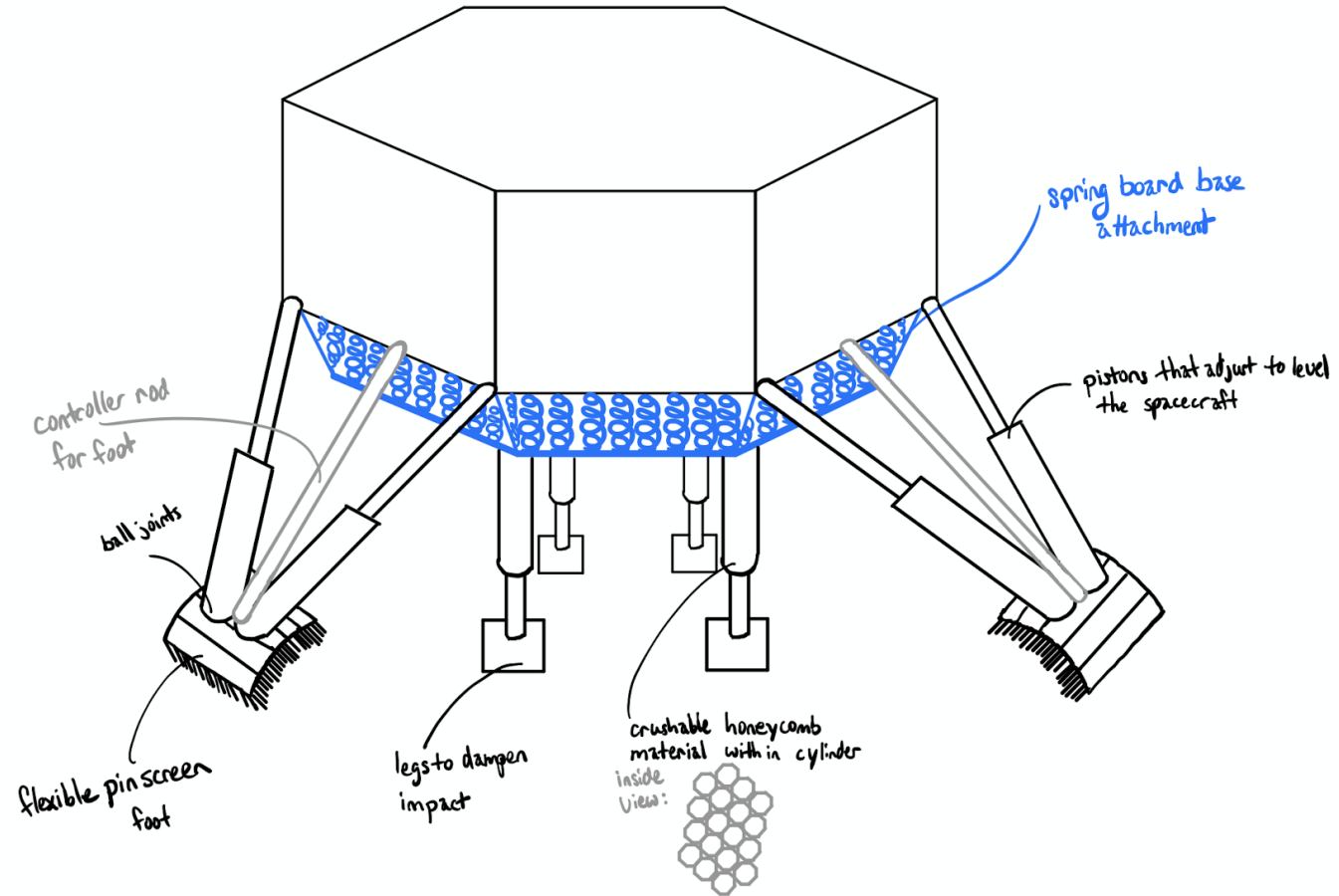
6 Impact Legs with 4-Webbed Stability Legs

Single Impact Leg with 6-Pointed Stability Legs

Single Impact Leg with 3-Webbed Stability Legs

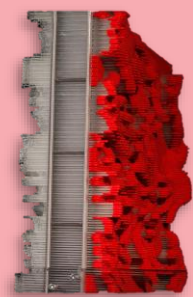
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4 Impact Legs, Springboard Base, 3 Stability Legs



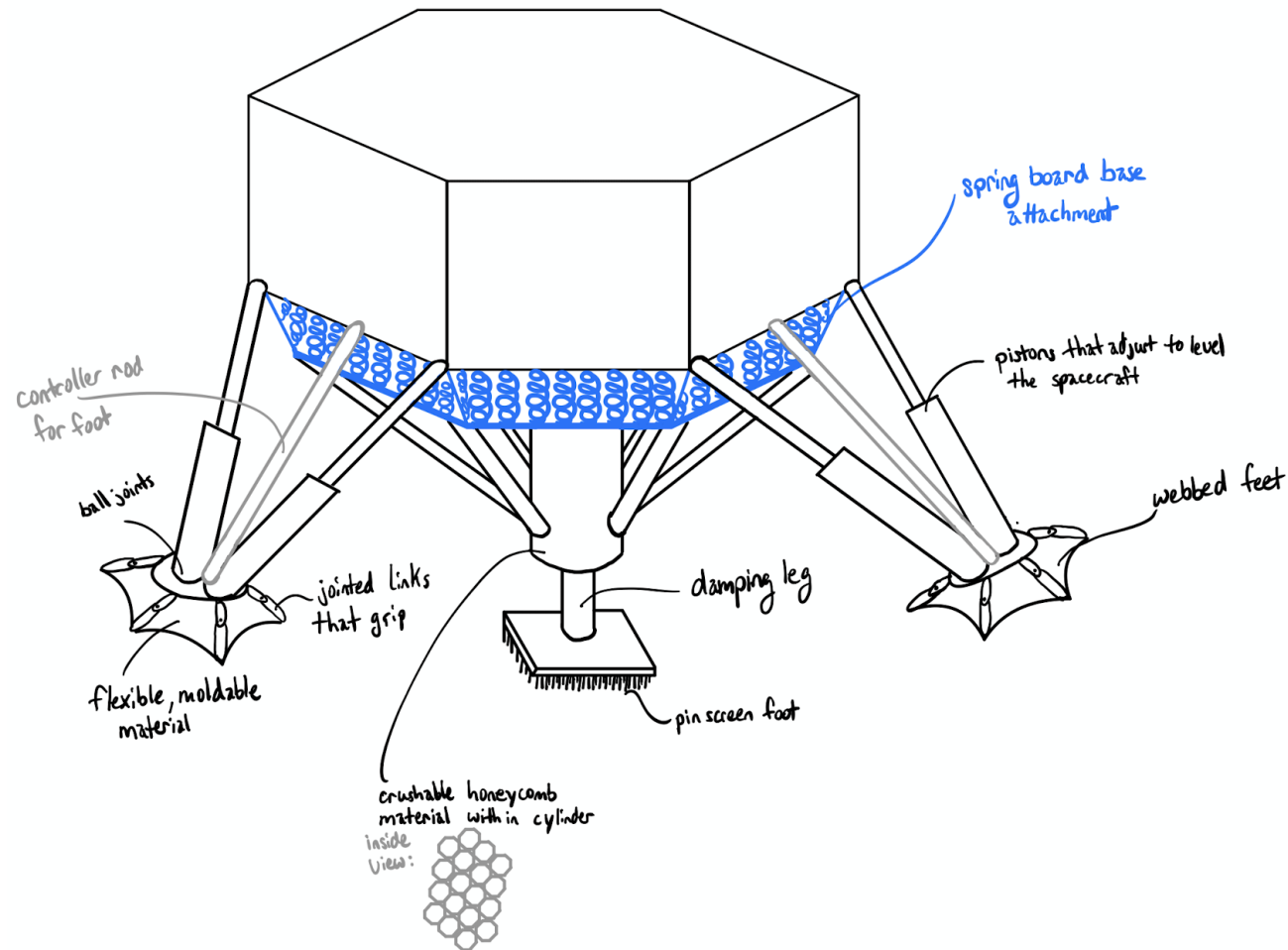
Key Features

- Springboard base for dampening
- Four crushable honeycomb structure legs
- Ball joint attached piston support legs
- Pin screen feet



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Single Impact Leg, Springboard Base, 3 Stability Legs

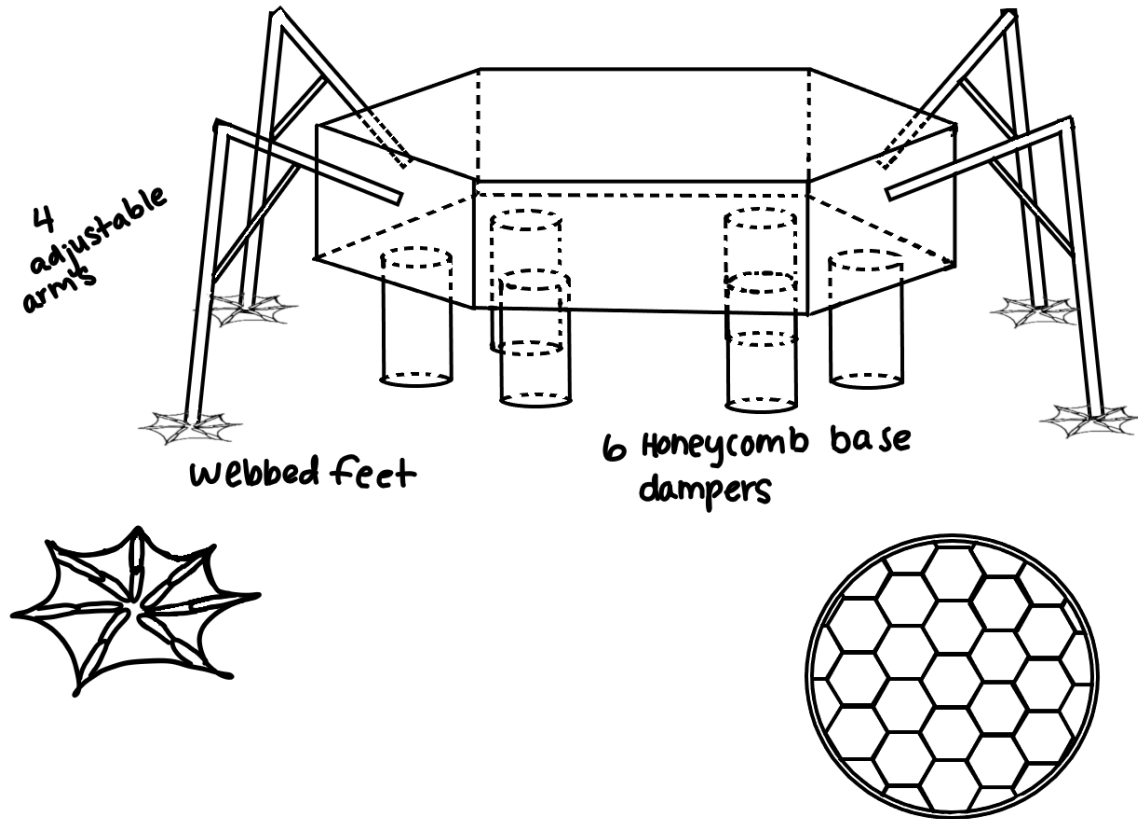


Key Features

- Springboard base for dampening
- One large crushable honeycomb structure leg with pin screen foot
- Ball joint attached piston support legs
- Webbed feet with individual moving links

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6 Impact Legs with 4-Webbed Stability Legs

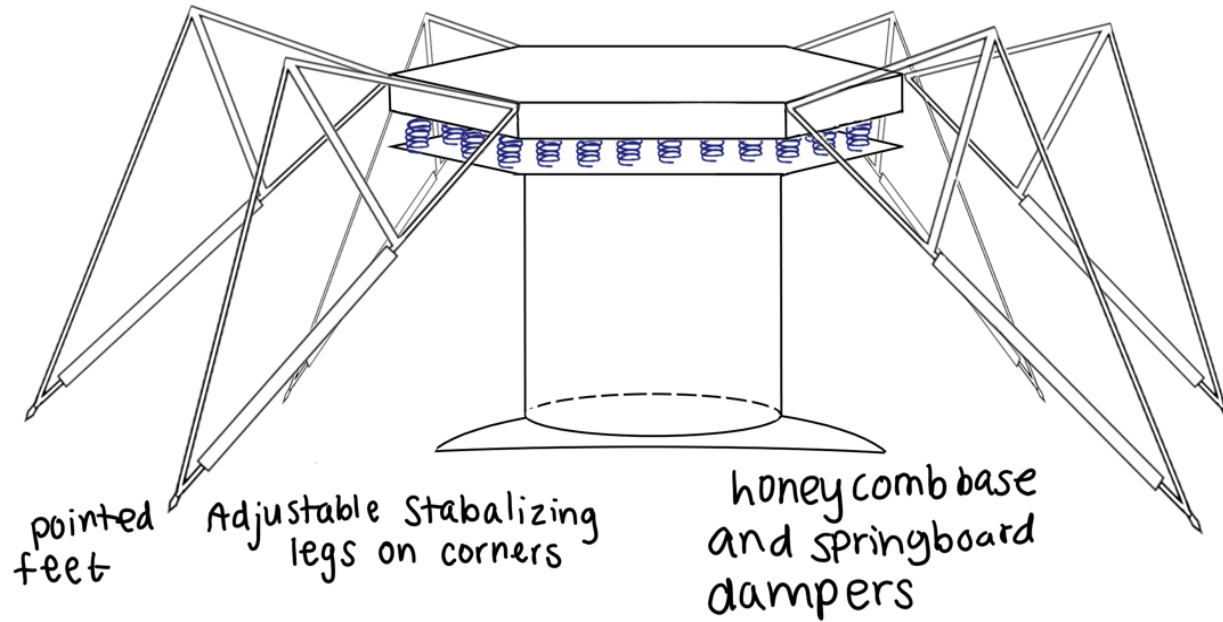


Key Features

- Six crushable honeycomb structure base legs for dampening
- Four adjustable positioning legs
- Webbed feet with individual metal links for gripping

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Single Impact Leg with 6-Pointed Stability Legs

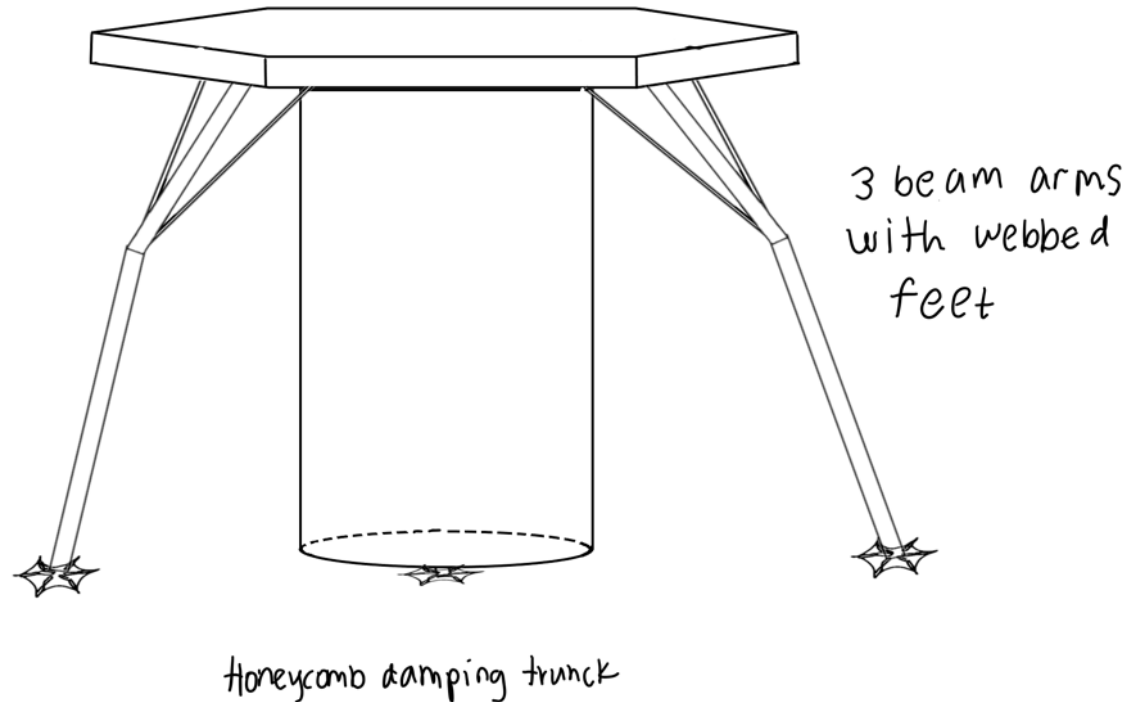


Key Features

- Springboard base for dampening
- One large crushable honeycomb structure leg
- Ball joint attached piston support legs
- Pointed feet

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Single Impact Leg with 3-Webbed Stability Legs



Key Features

- Large honeycomb damping trunk attached at the bottom of base
- Three 3 beam arms surrounding trunk
- Center beam internal honeycomb structure
- Webbed Feet

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High Fidelity Concepts

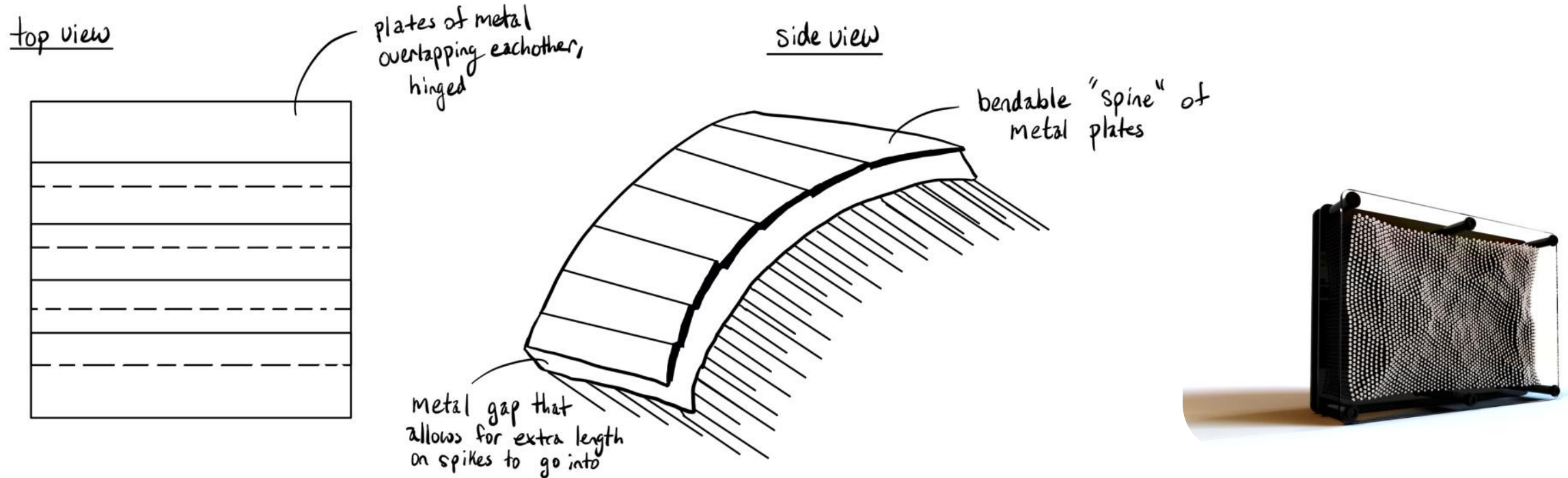
Double A-Arm
Suspension

Single A-Arms
Suspension

Grasshopper
Suspension

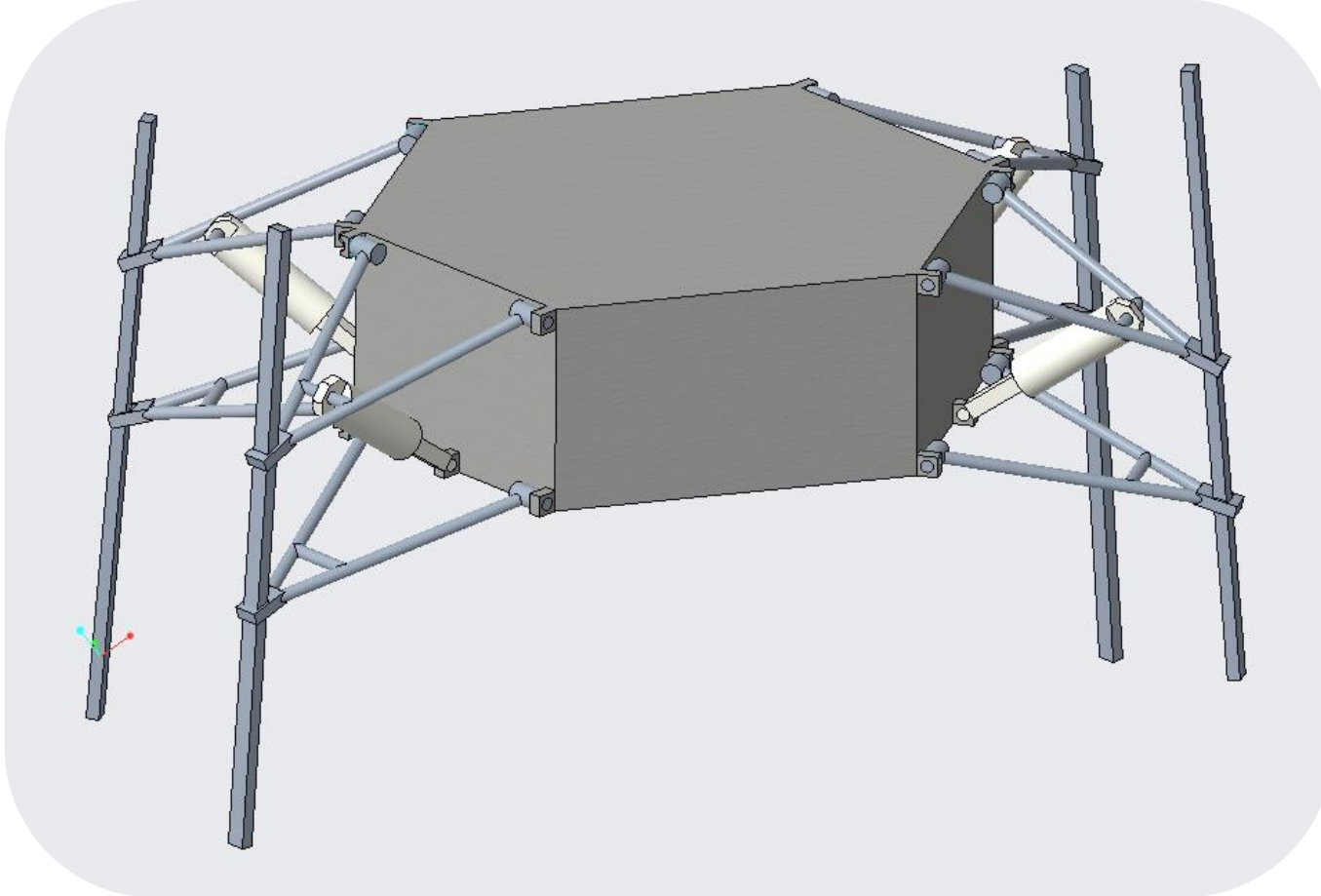
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Feet for High Fidelity Concepts



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Double A-Arm Suspension



Key Features

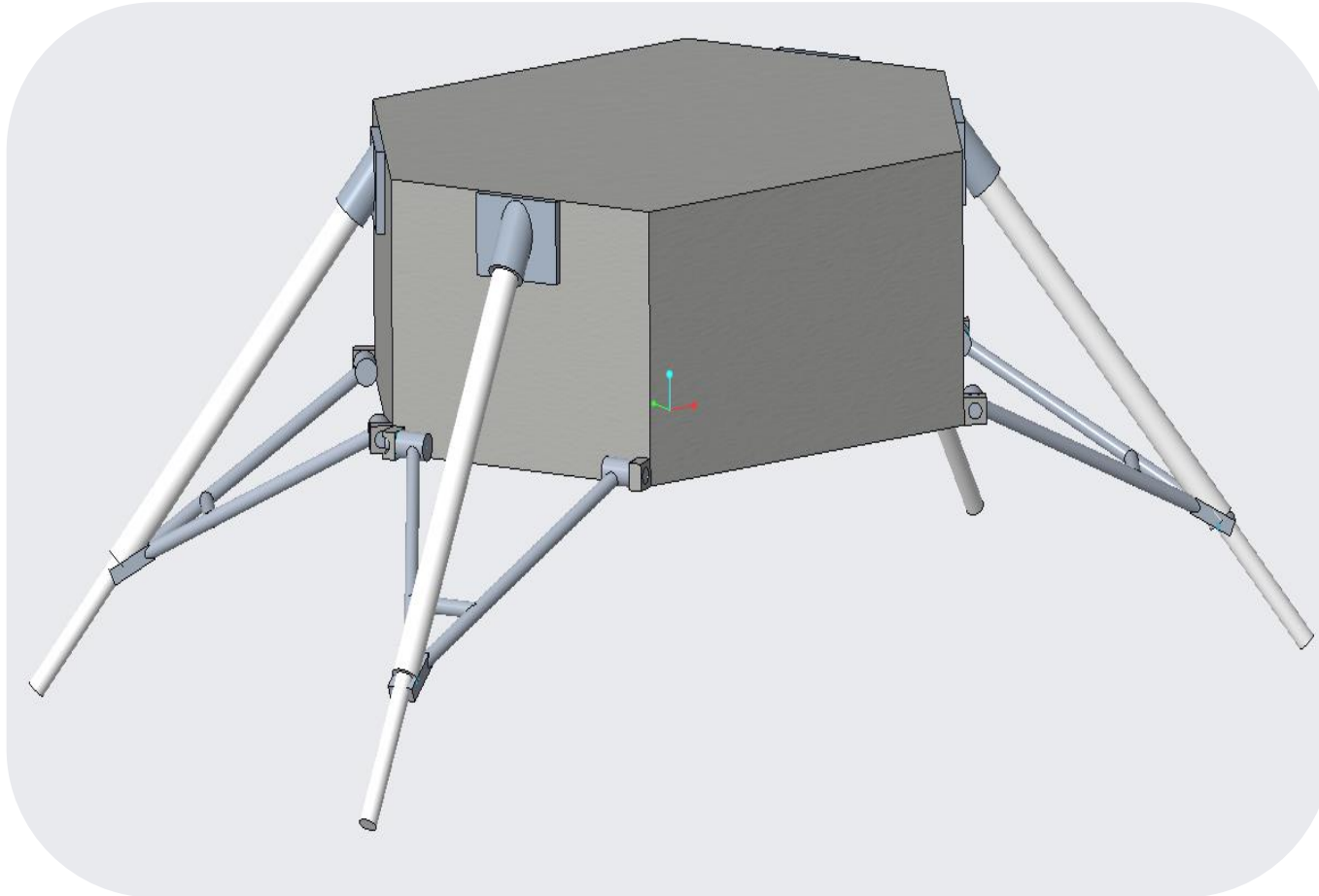
- 4 Crushable Cylinders
- Adjustable Rack and Pinion Legs
- Pin Screen Feet

Crushable
Cylinders will
absorb first impact

Racks and Pinion
adjust legs
independently

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Single A-Arm Suspension



Key Features

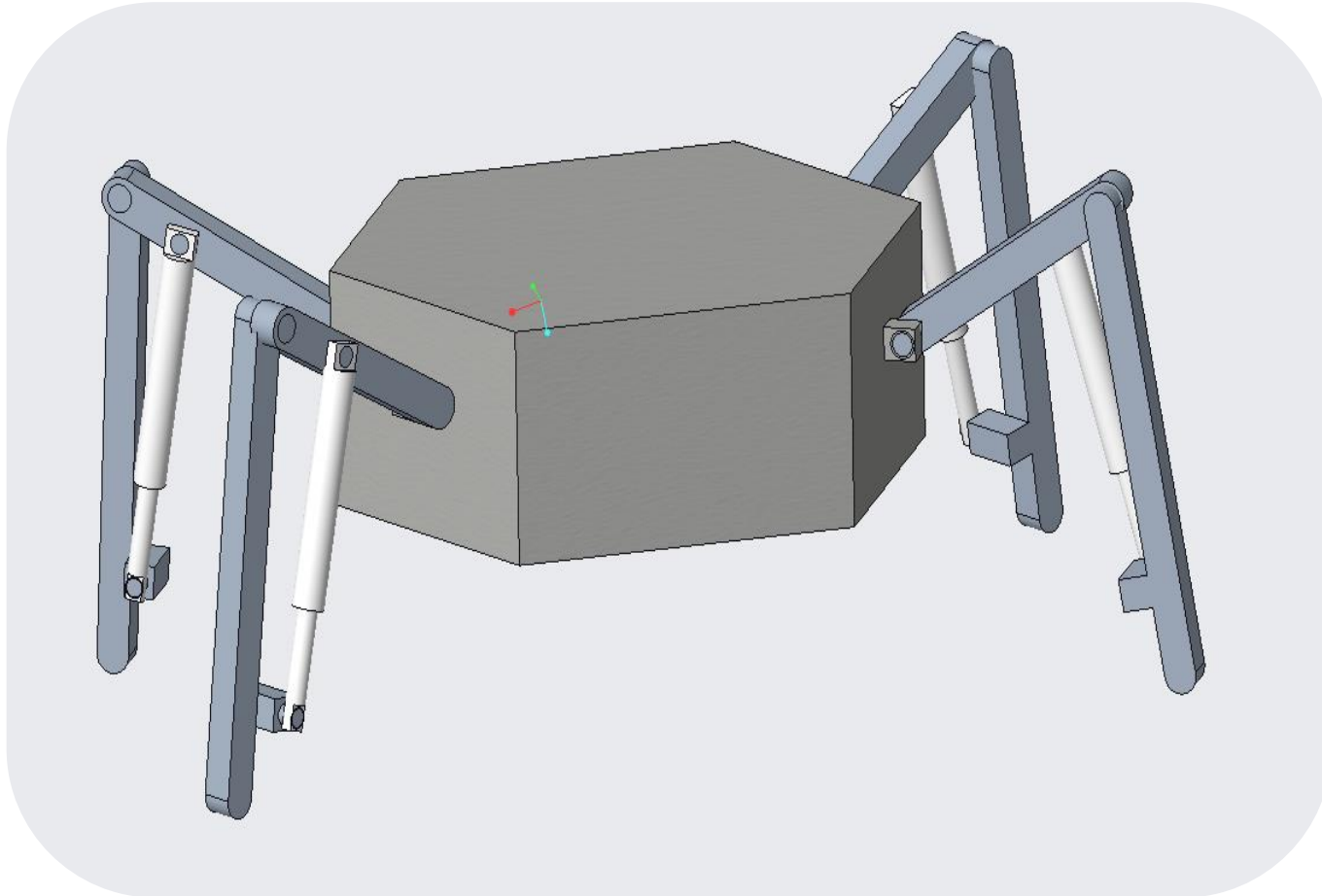
- Four piston legs for adjusting orientation
- Rigidly attached to spacecraft
- Single A-arm for leg support

Fixed Cylinders both absorb impact and adjust position

Feet connected with ball joints for better adjustability

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Grasshopper Suspension

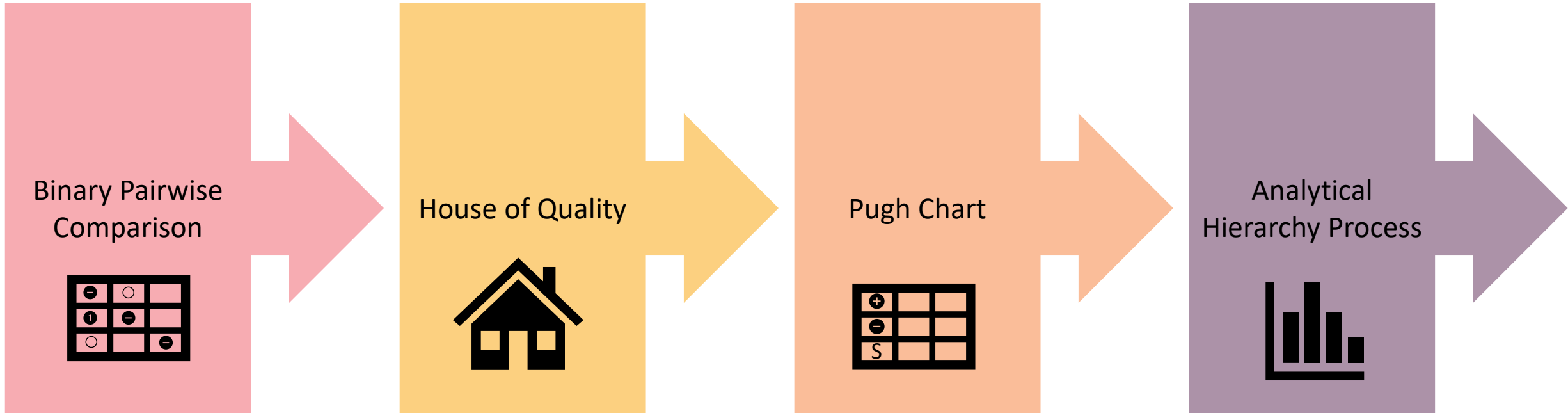


Key Features

- Four angled legs with revolute joints
- Piston connecting the two-leg links for adjustability
- Fully extended upon impact for dampening
- Legs adjust after touchdown

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Selection Process



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Binary Pairwise Comparison

Withstands or dissipates the potential energy from the fall

Supports the spacecraft and associated components

Adjusts to the hypothesized terrains of Psyche

The system is autonomous

The system does not have to be reusable

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House of Quality

Supports
Weight

Secures
Position on
Asteroid

Dampens
Impact Energy

Reads
Lander Data

Prevents
Tipping

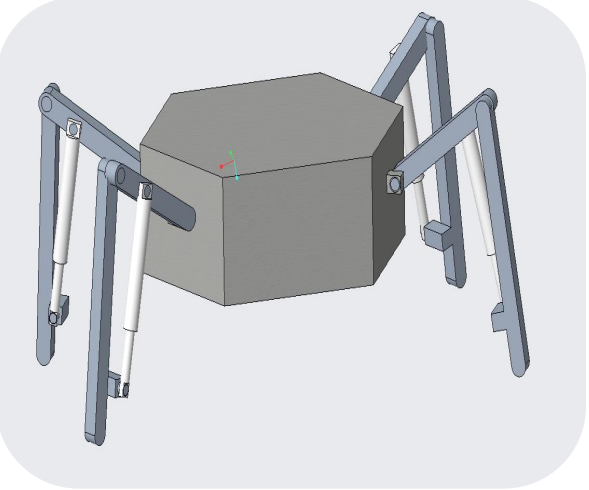
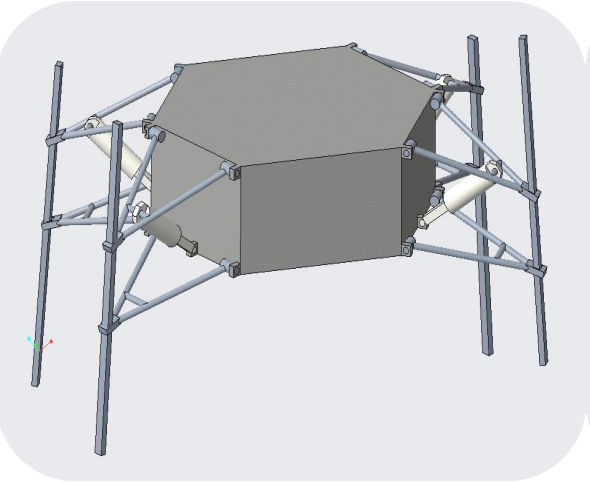
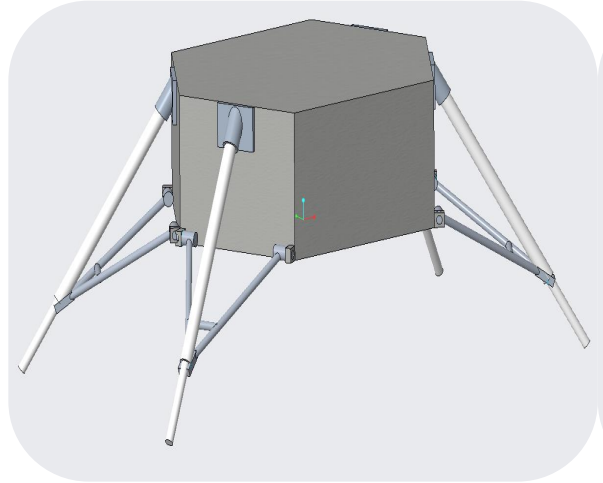
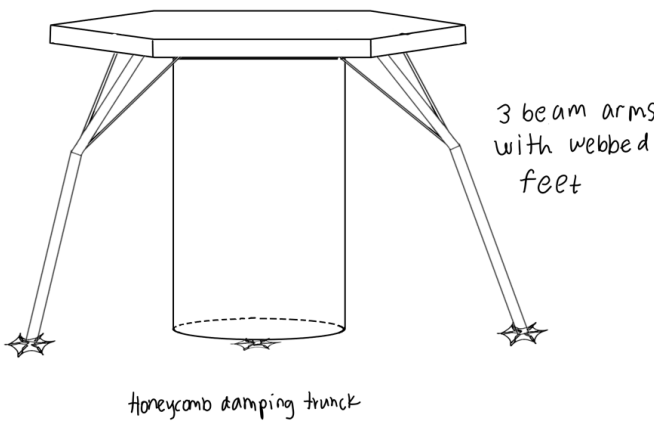
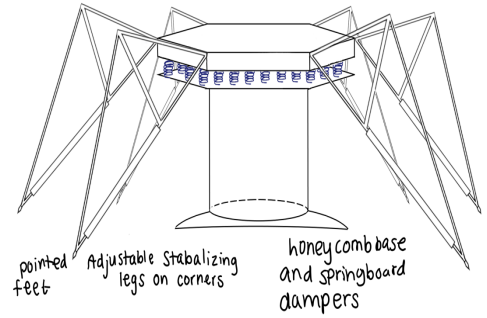
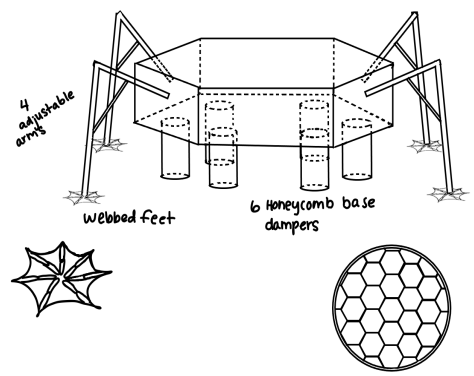
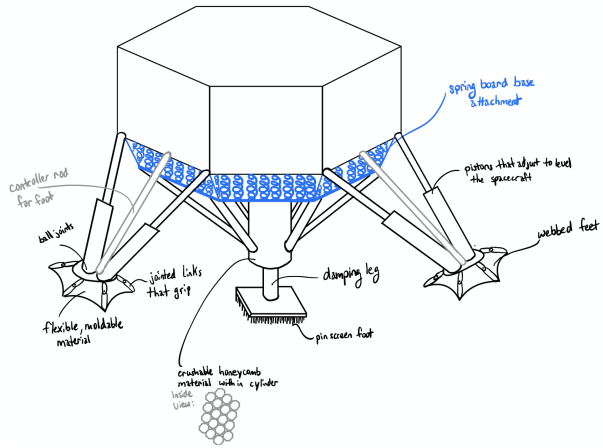
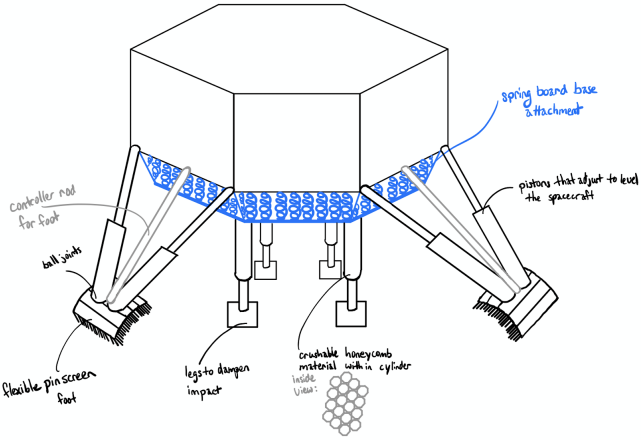
Adjusts
Orientation

Senses
Surrounding
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Houses
Components

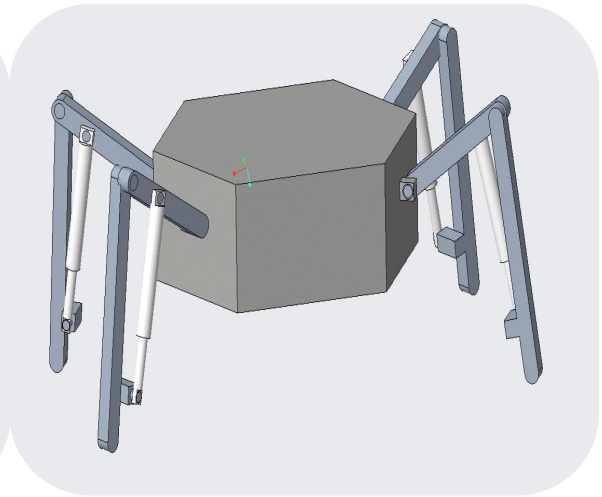
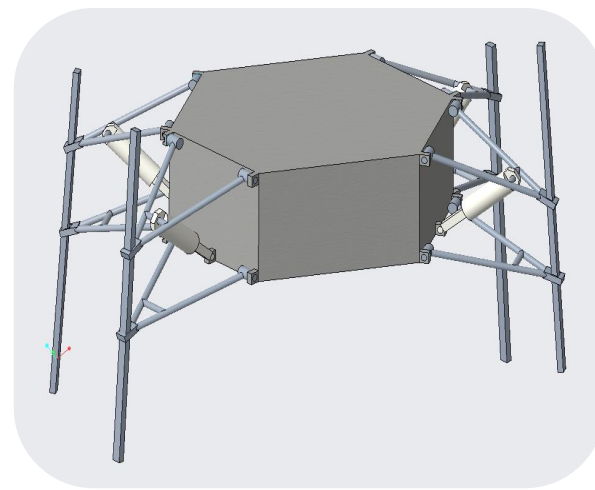
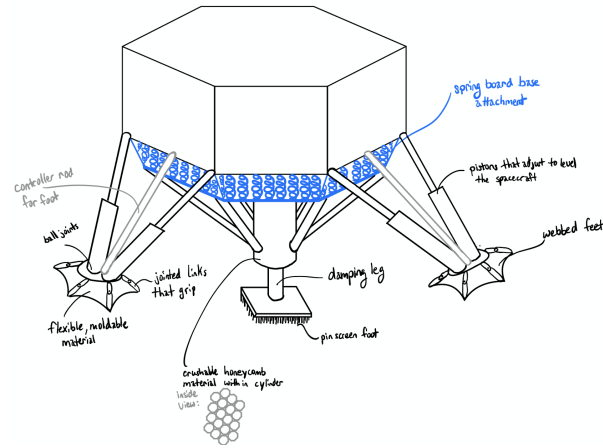
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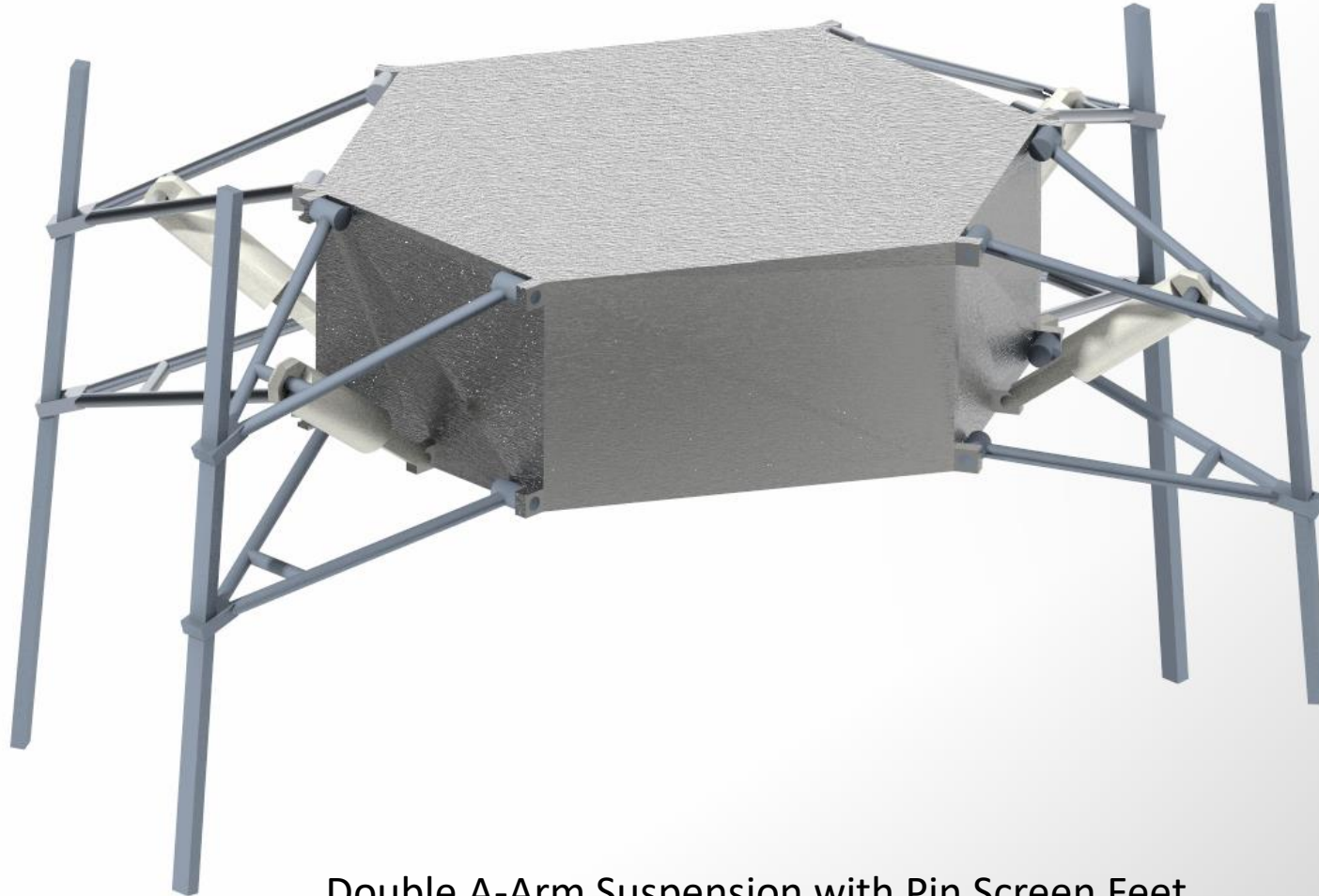
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Final Selection



Double A-Arm Suspension with Pin Screen Feet

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Future Work

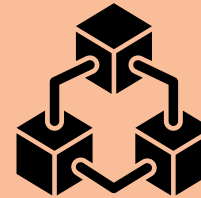
Further Research on
Crushable Components



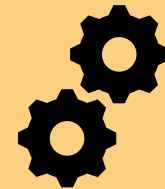
Establish Validation
Process for
Prototyping/Simulation



Simulate Model
and Individual
Components



Prototype
Components/System



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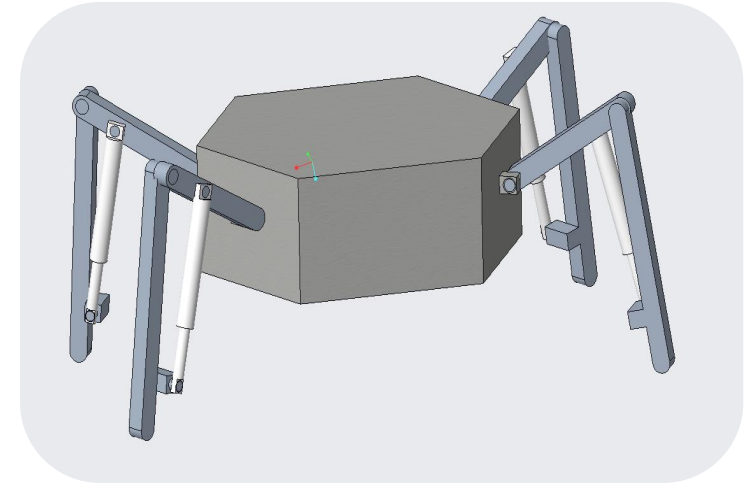
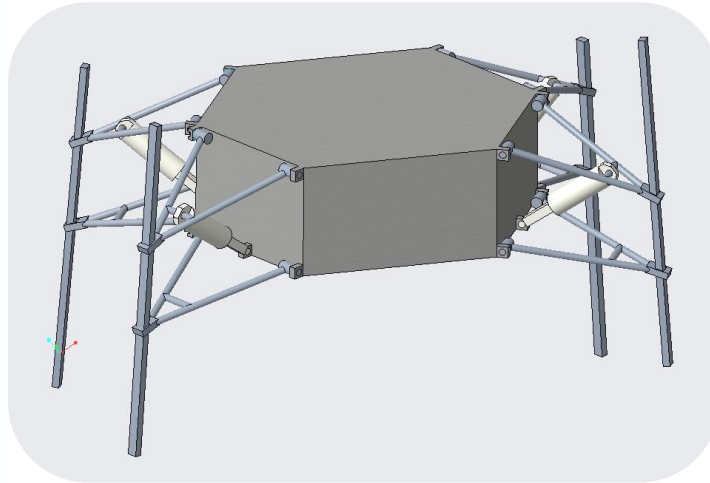
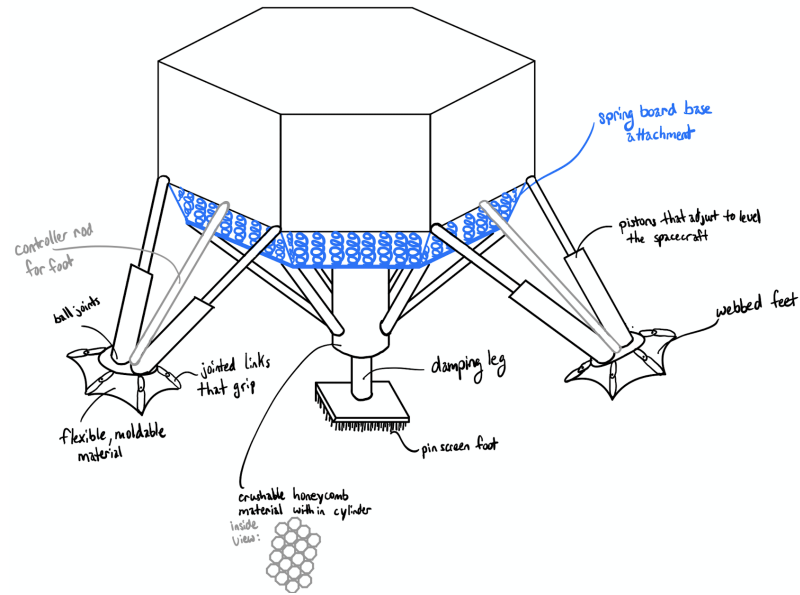
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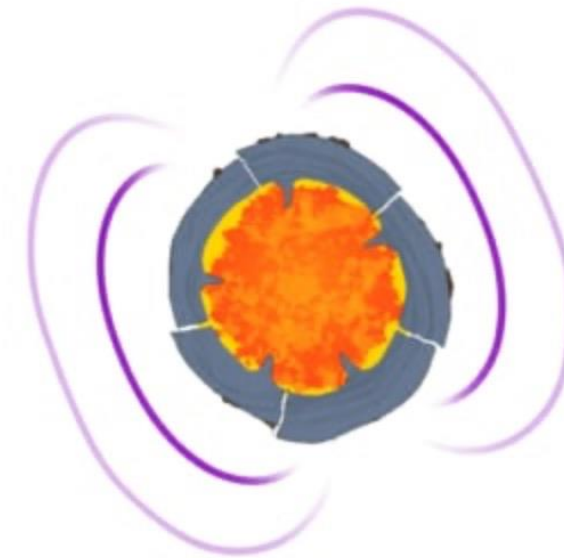
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About Psyche

Believed to be an exposed core of an early planet that lost its rocky outer layers due to violent collisions billions of years ago

First mission to investigate a world of metal rather than of rock and ice

Offers possibility of finding information on planet cores



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About the Mission

Current Mission

Set to launch
August 2022
to survey
Psyche closer

Future Mission

If findings
found to be
interesting a
lander will be
sent at a
future date

Our Mission

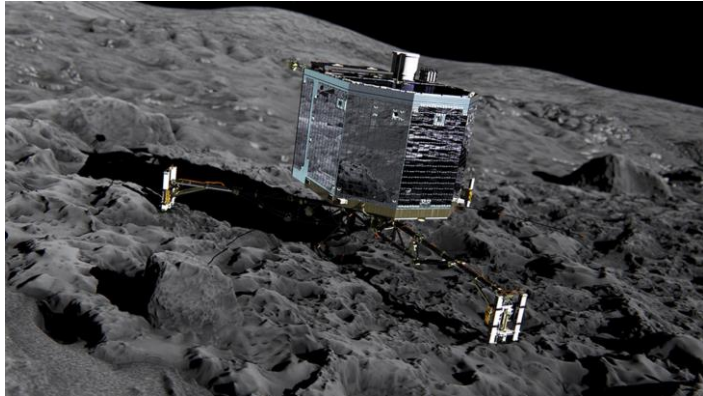
To design
the landing
gear for the
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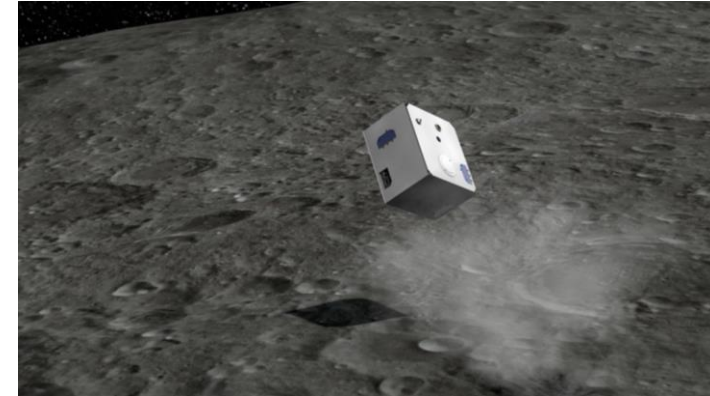
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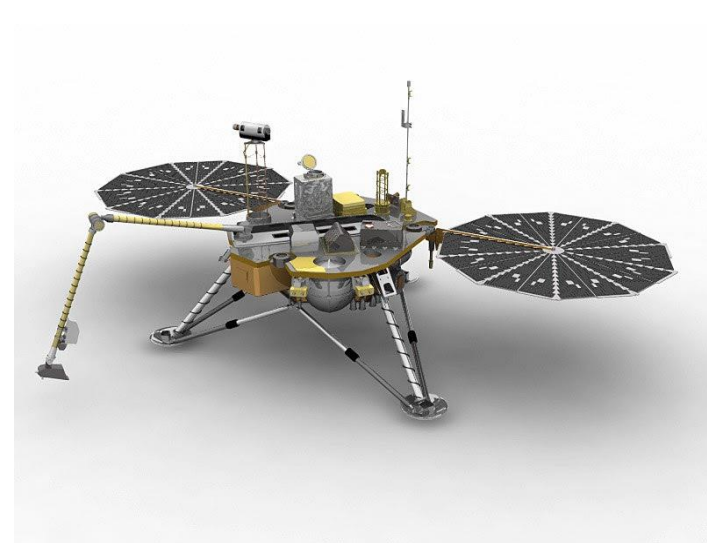
Initial Research of Past Landers

Lunar Module Eagle



- Landed on the moon
- Flat surface
- Manually controlled thrusters
- Mass: 7,327 kg

Phoenix



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Assumptions

Operated in minimal gravity, space like temperatures and conditions

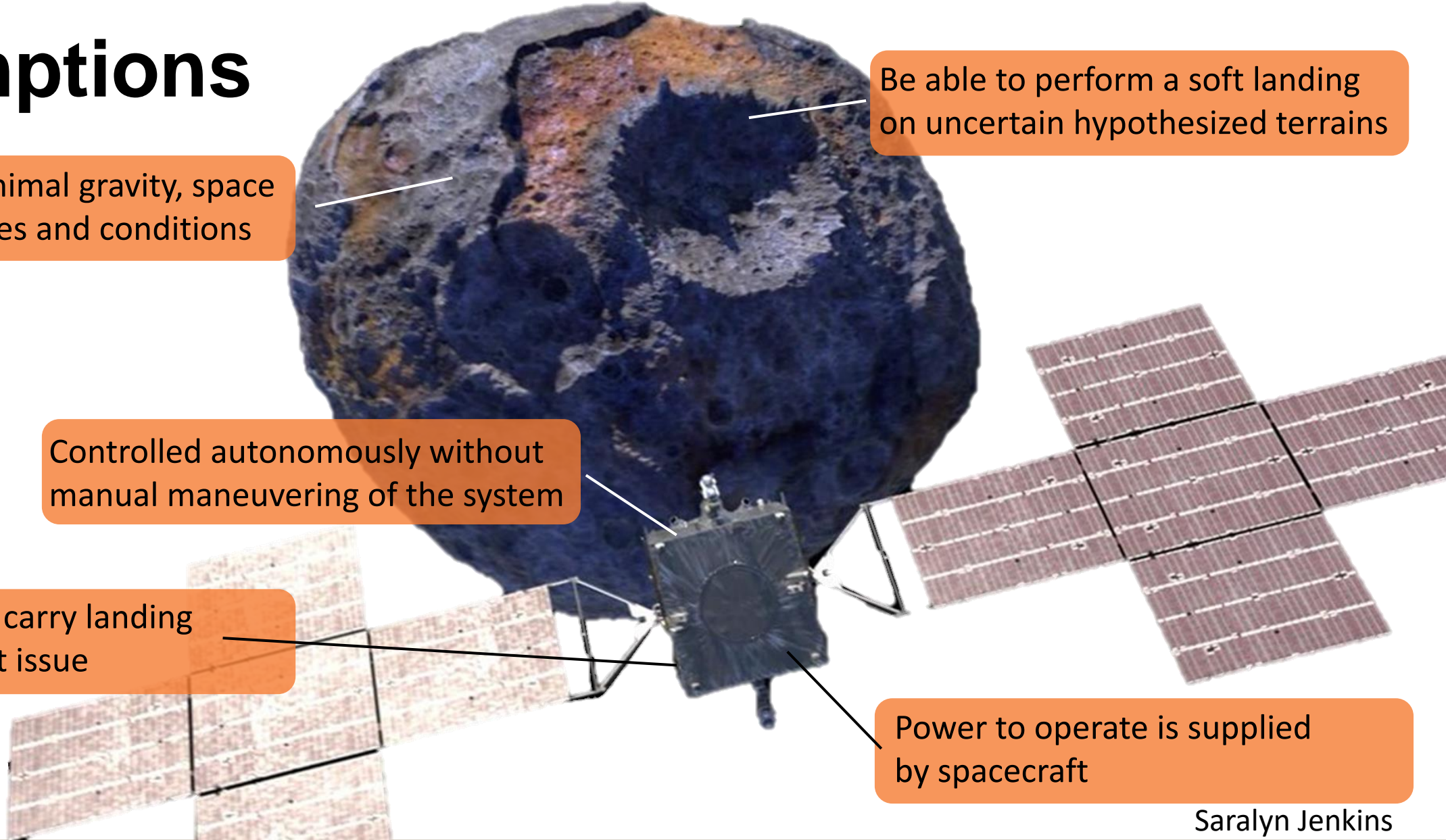
Controlled autonomously without manual maneuvering of the system

Spacecraft will carry landing system without issue

Be able to perform a soft landing on uncertain hypothesized terrains

Power to operate is supplied by spacecraft

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Key Goals

Account for various terrains such as high relief terrain with rocky debris, and metallic terrain



Protected from damage during landing



Prevent spacecraft from tipping and slipping

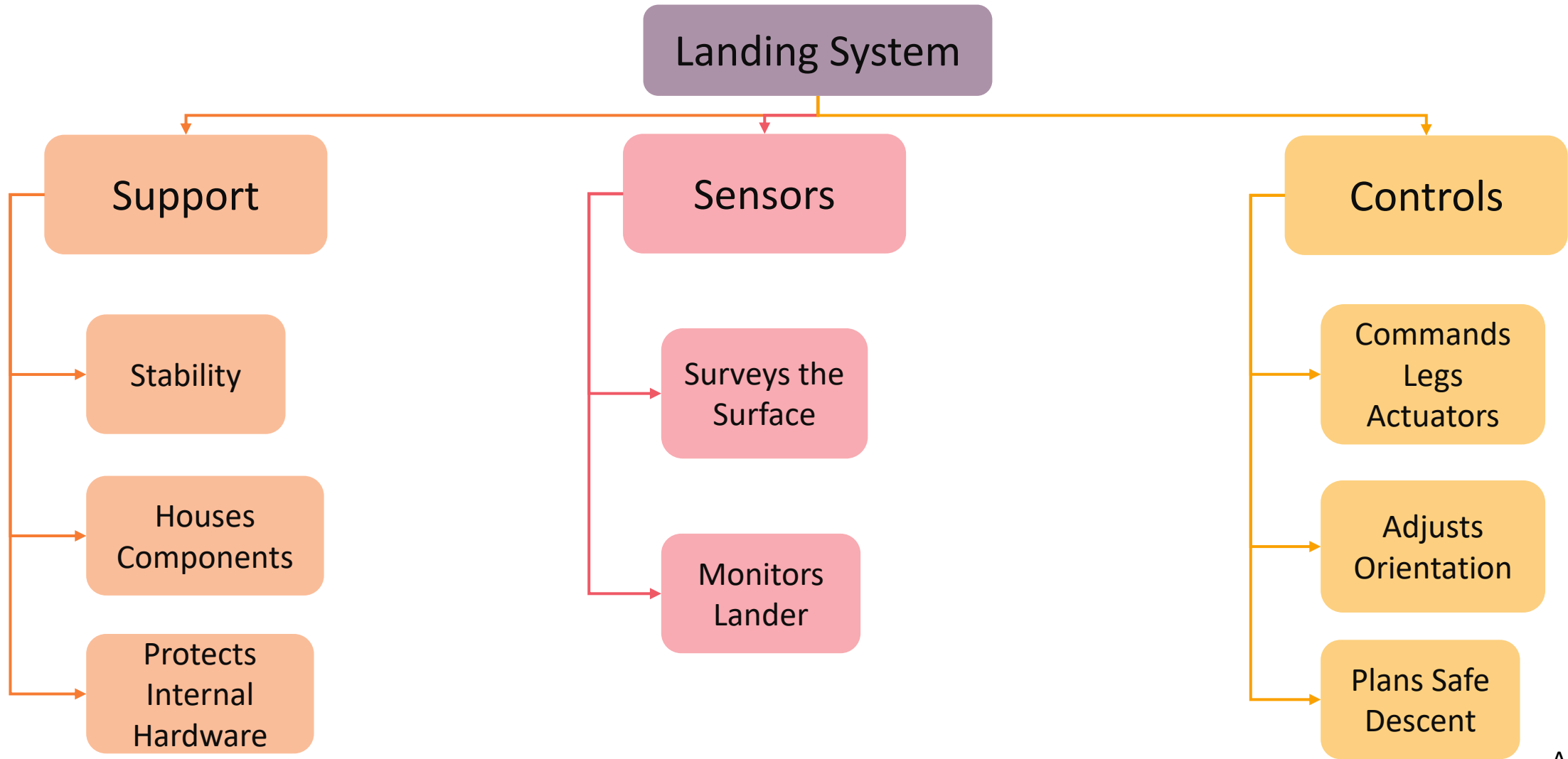


Absorb impact velocity during landing



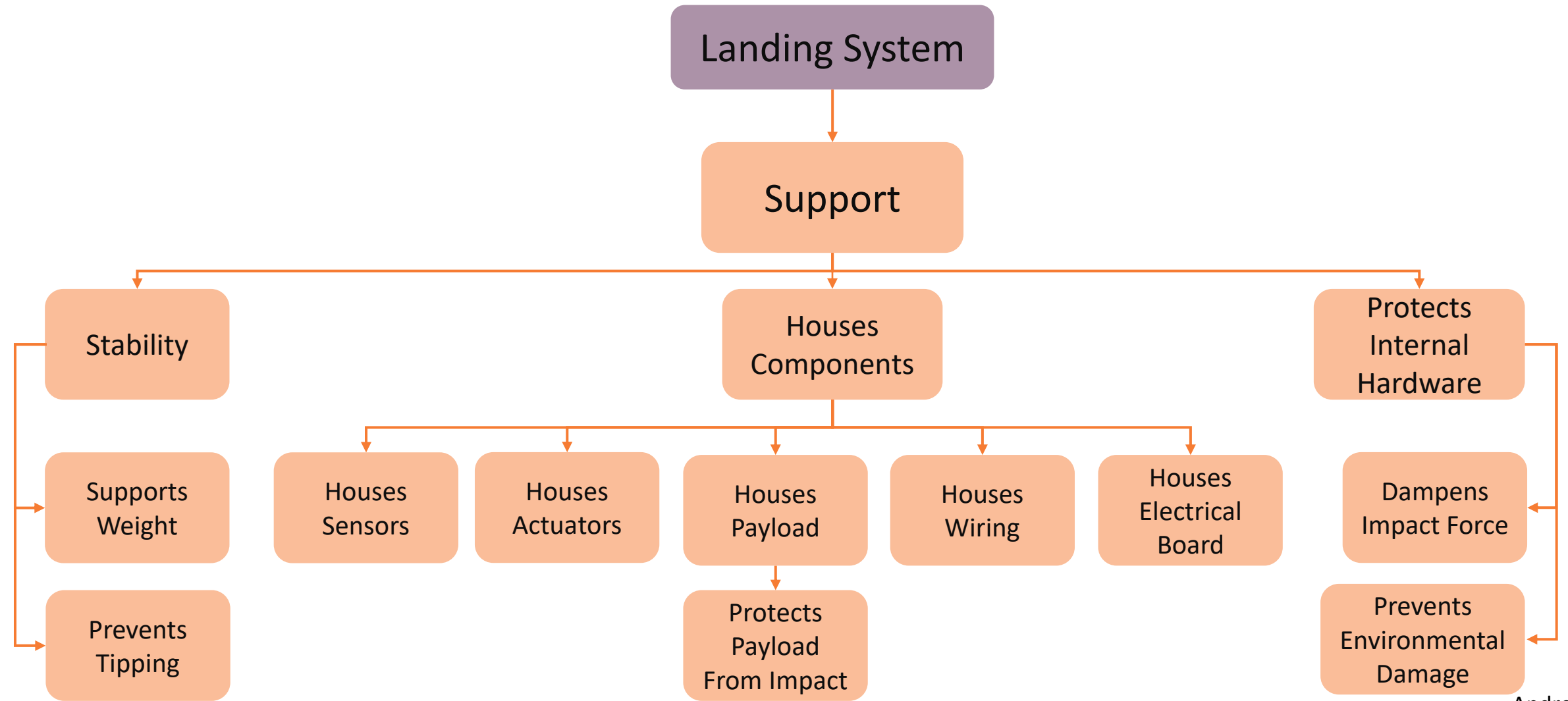
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Functional Decomposition



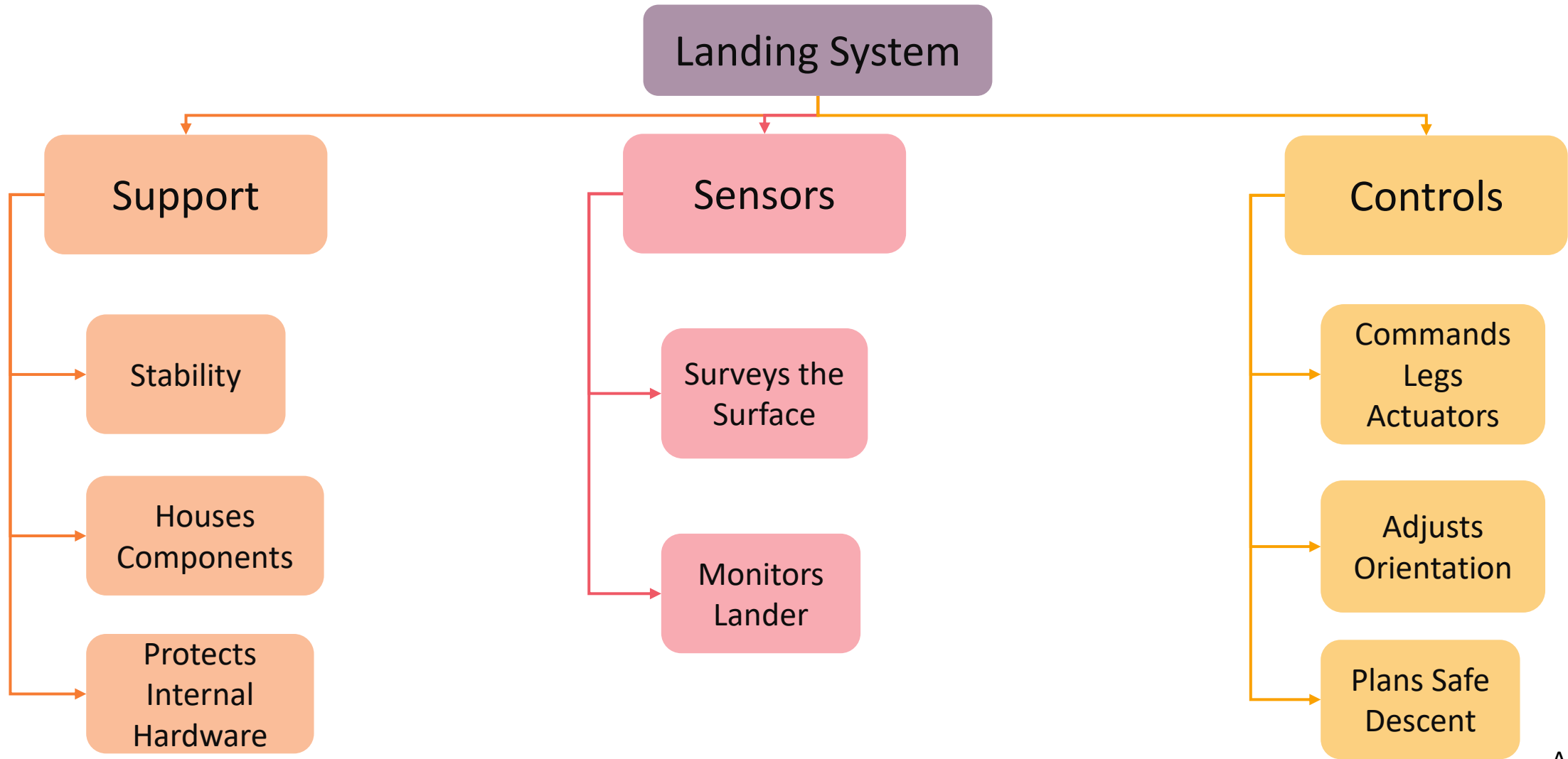
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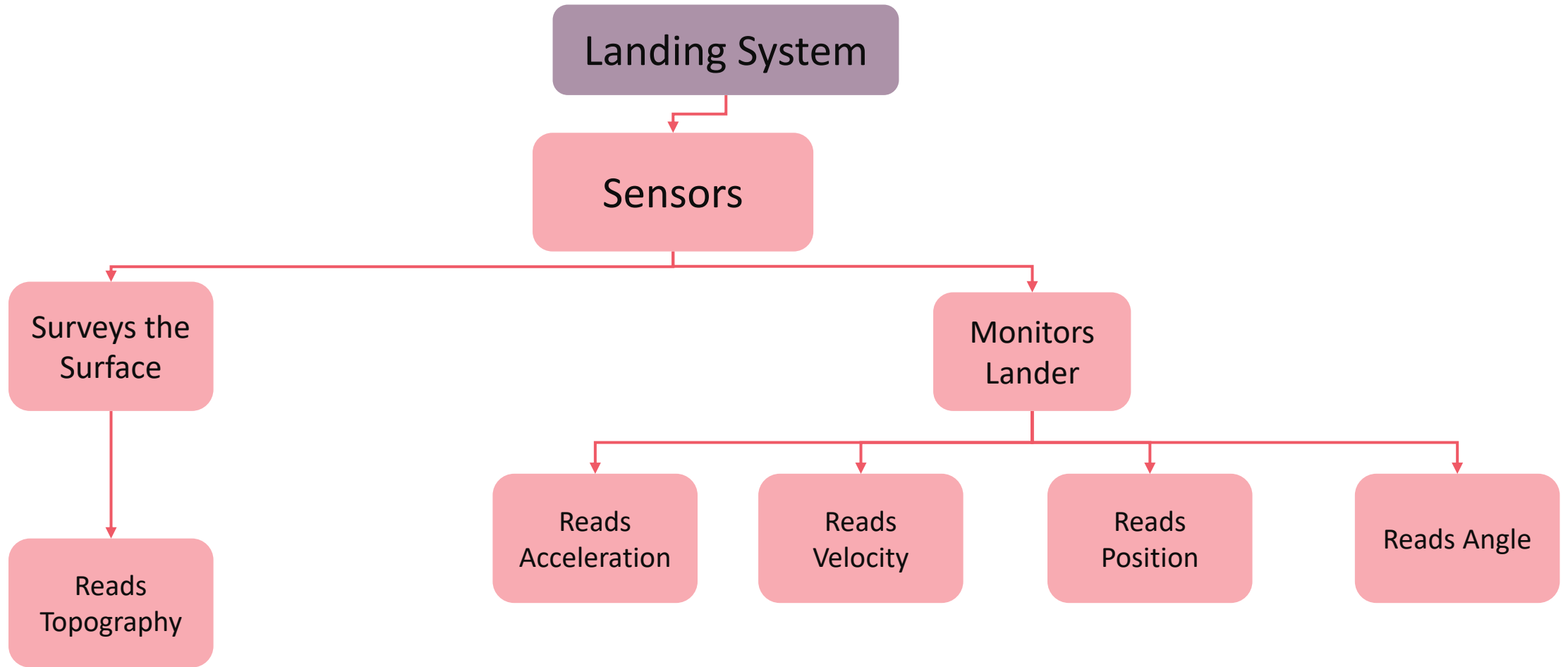
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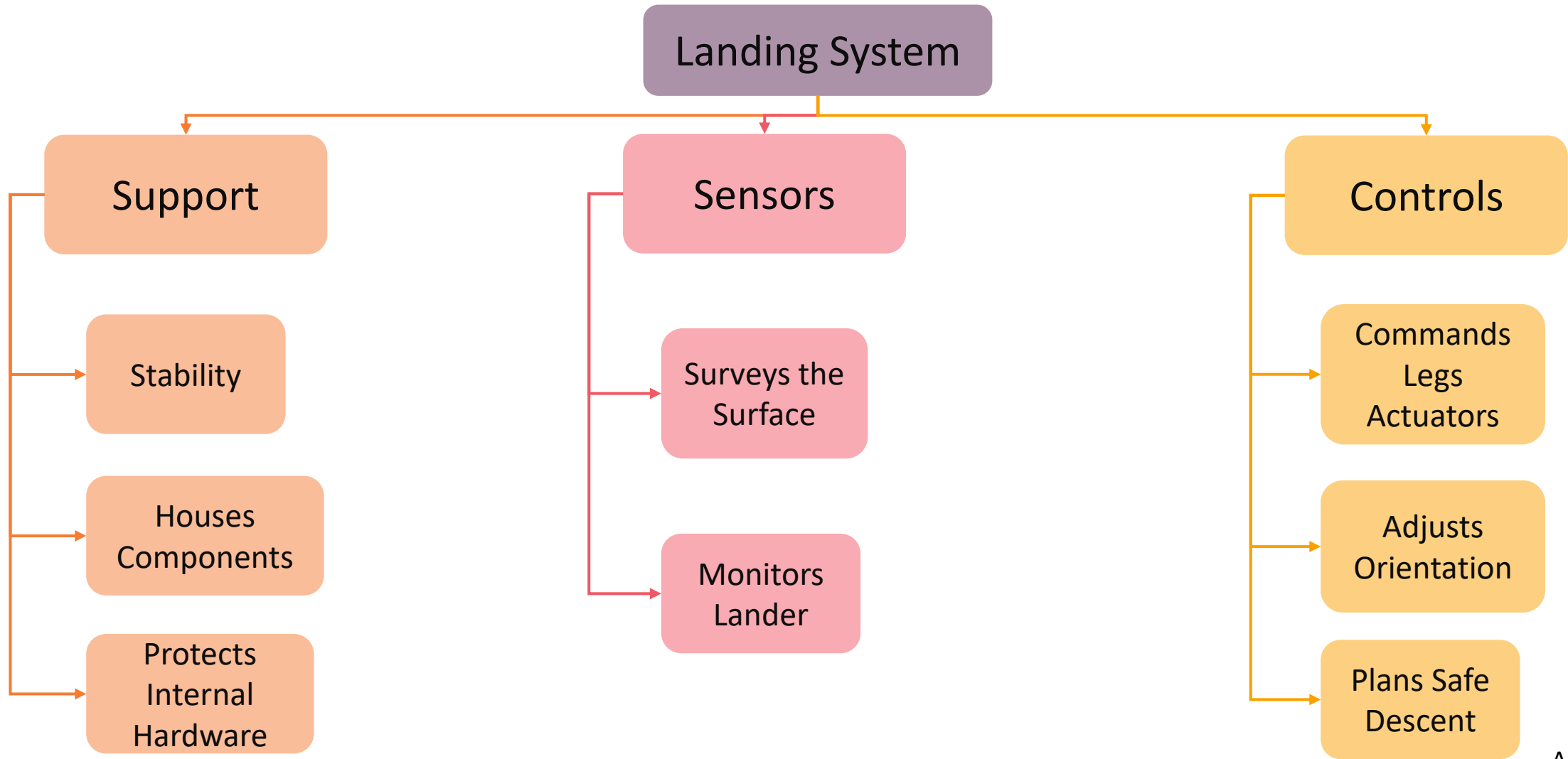
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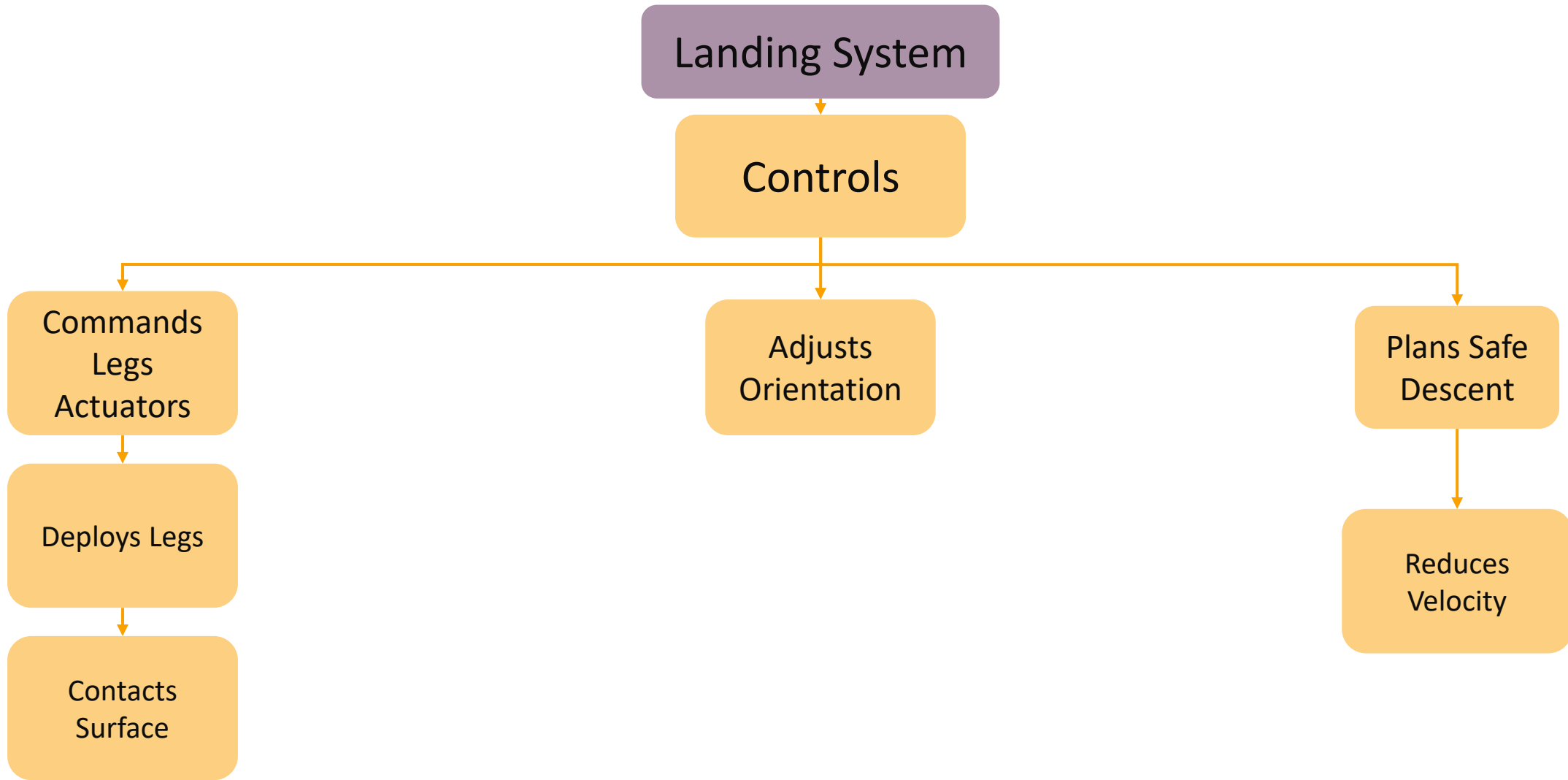
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Functional Decomposition Matrix

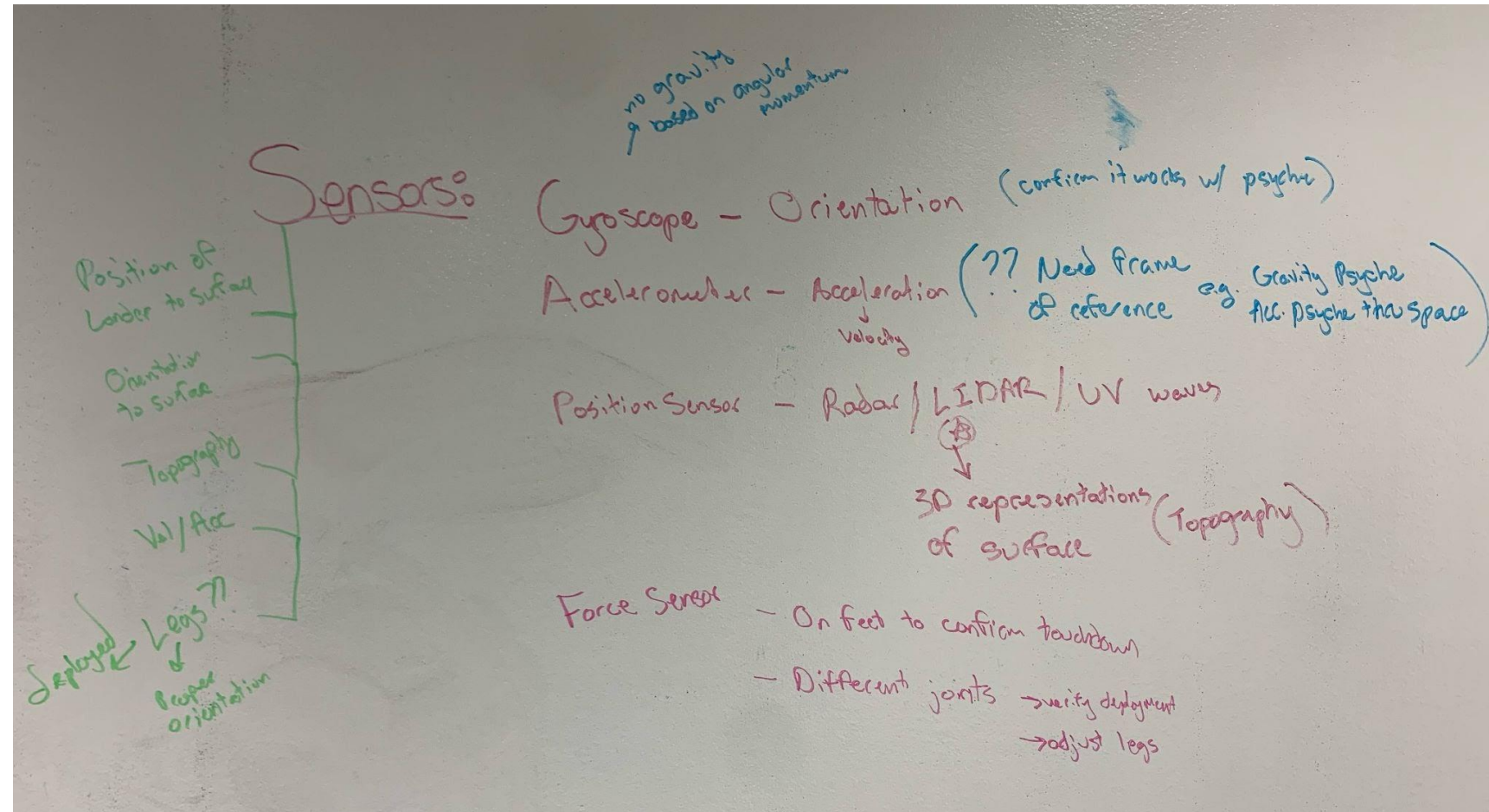
Minor Functions	System/Major Functions		
	Support	Sensors	Controls
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Houses Sensors	×		
Houses Actuators	×		
Houses Electrical Board	×		
Houses Wiring	×		
Prevents Tipping	×	×	×
Supports Weight	×		
Prevents Environmental Damage of Hardware	×		
Dampens Impact Forces	×		
Reads Velocity		×	
Reads Position		×	
Reads Angle		×	
Reads Topography		×	
Deploys Legs	×	×	×
Reduced Velocity		×	×

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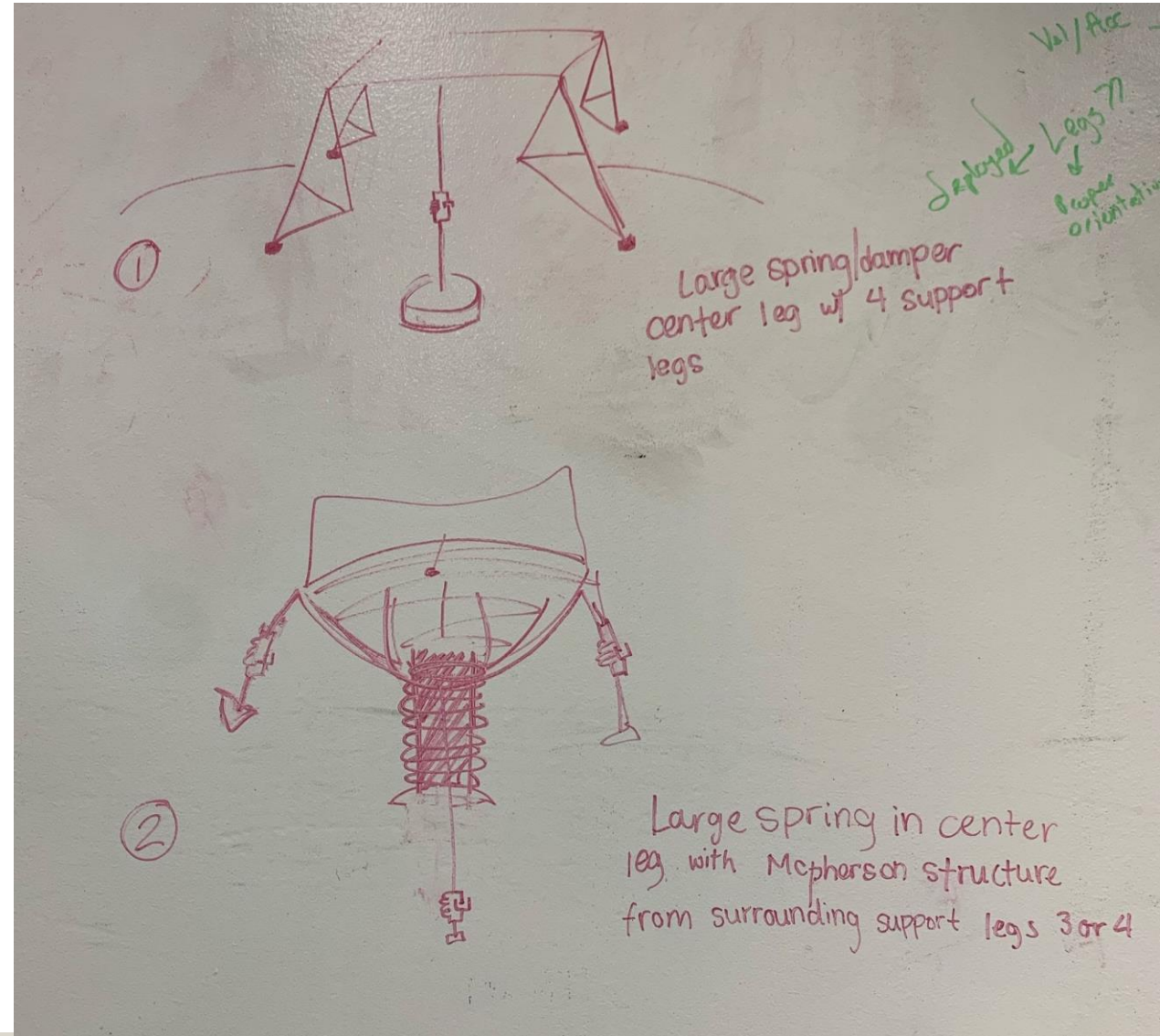
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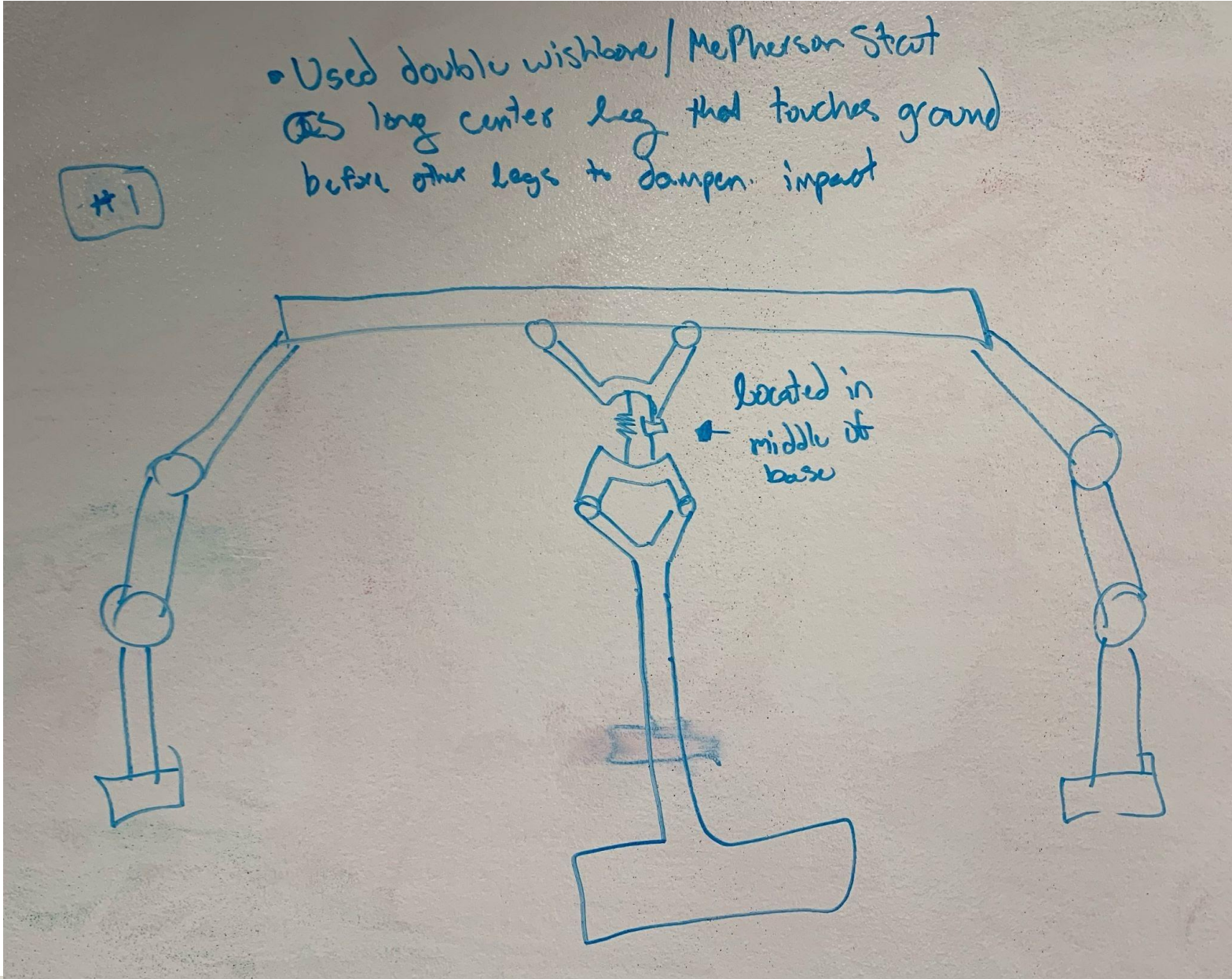
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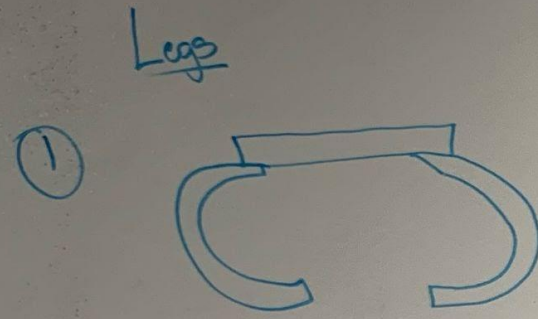
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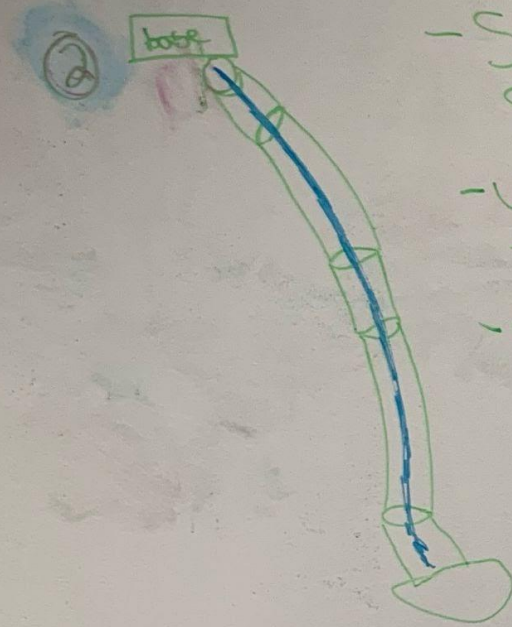
Legs



- Curved legs like some special olympic runner blades design
- inherit spring/damper properties in design

- Like:
- Dampening Properties
 - Easy to deploy

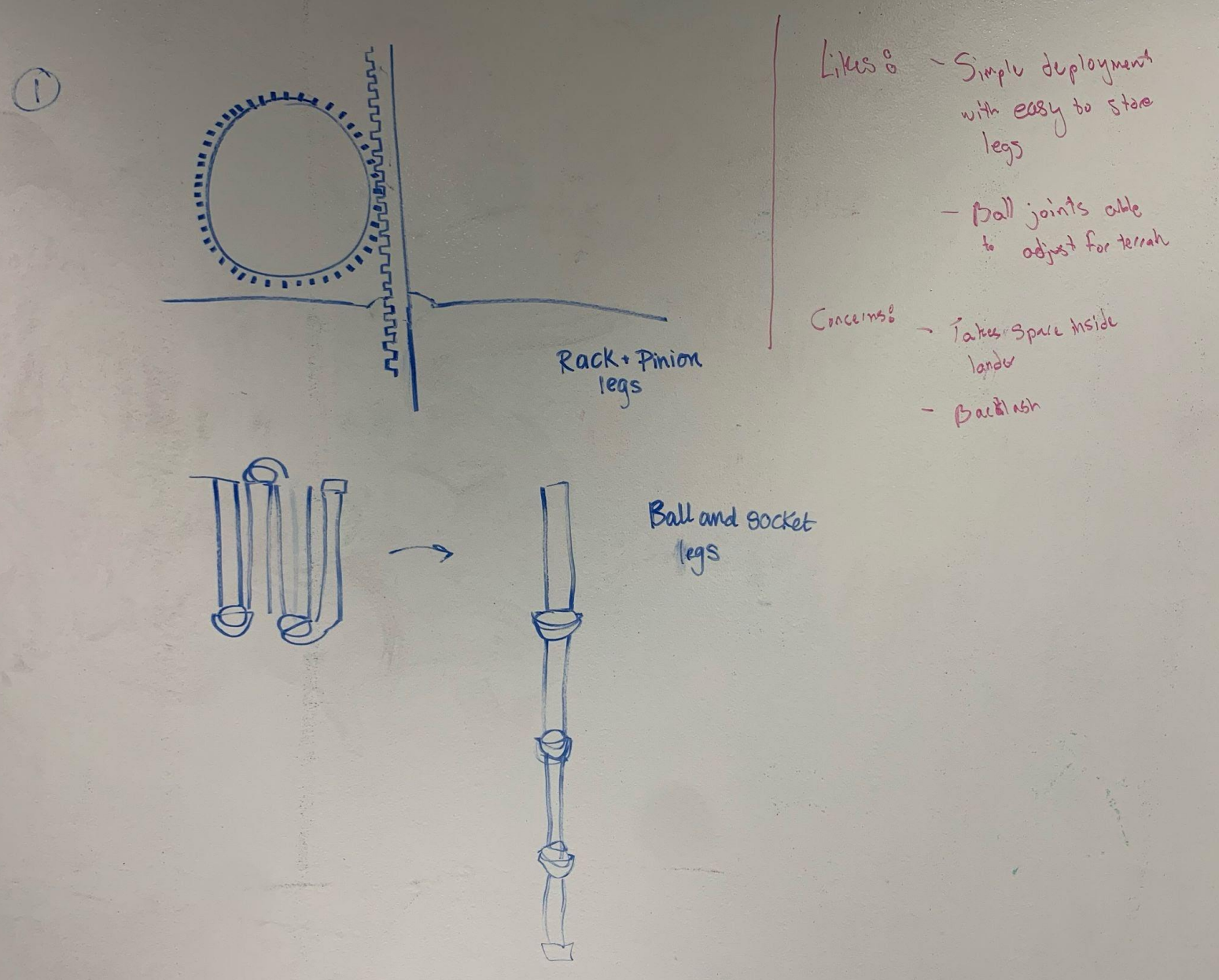
- Concerns:
- Material properties
 - ↳ how to get strength and flexibility in space temp



- Structure based off of Spiders
- Use **fluid** to contract expand the legs to position them
- Use of many ball joints
- Variation: - Have string to replace fluid
- Increase/Decrease slack with rack and pinion
- ↳ Can put in each segment to control individually

- Concerns: - What fluid for space

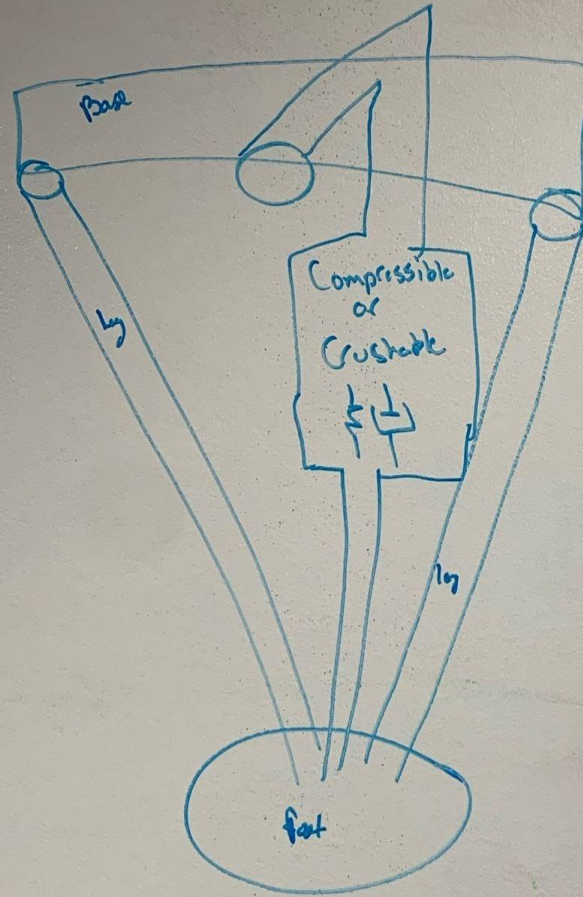
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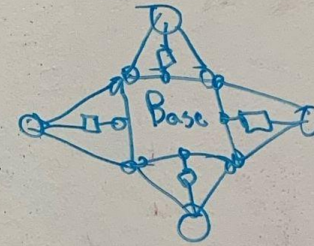
- Likes:
- Simple deployment with easy to store legs
 - Ball joints able to adjust for terrain
- Concerns:
- Takes space inside lander
 - Backlash

Legs

Leg



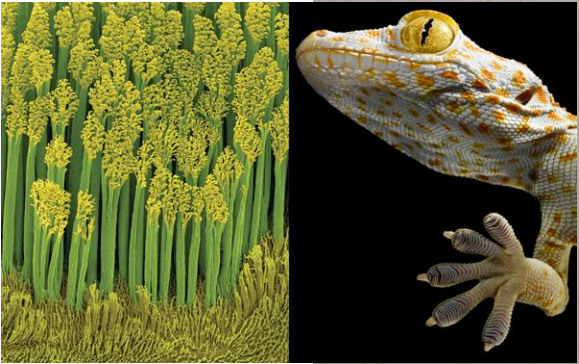
- Each leg component consists of 3 pieces
 - 2 support parts
 - 1 impact absorption



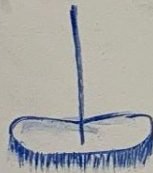
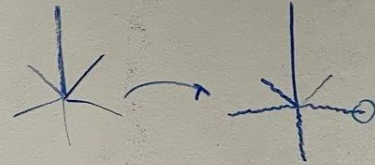
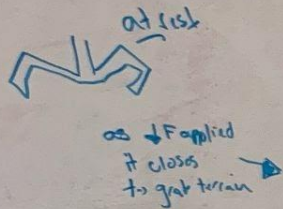
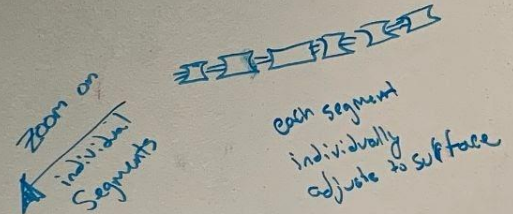
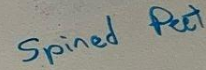
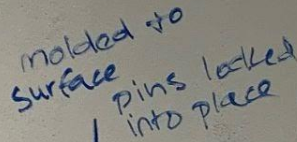
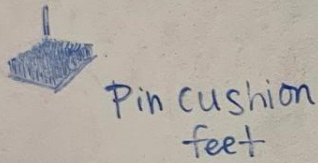
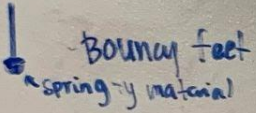
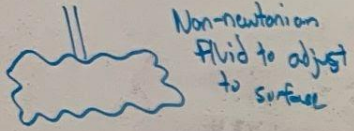
- Likes:
- Dampens forces
 - Reliable (used on Mar missions)

- Concerns:
- Only has been used on missions where terrain was known

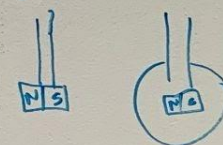
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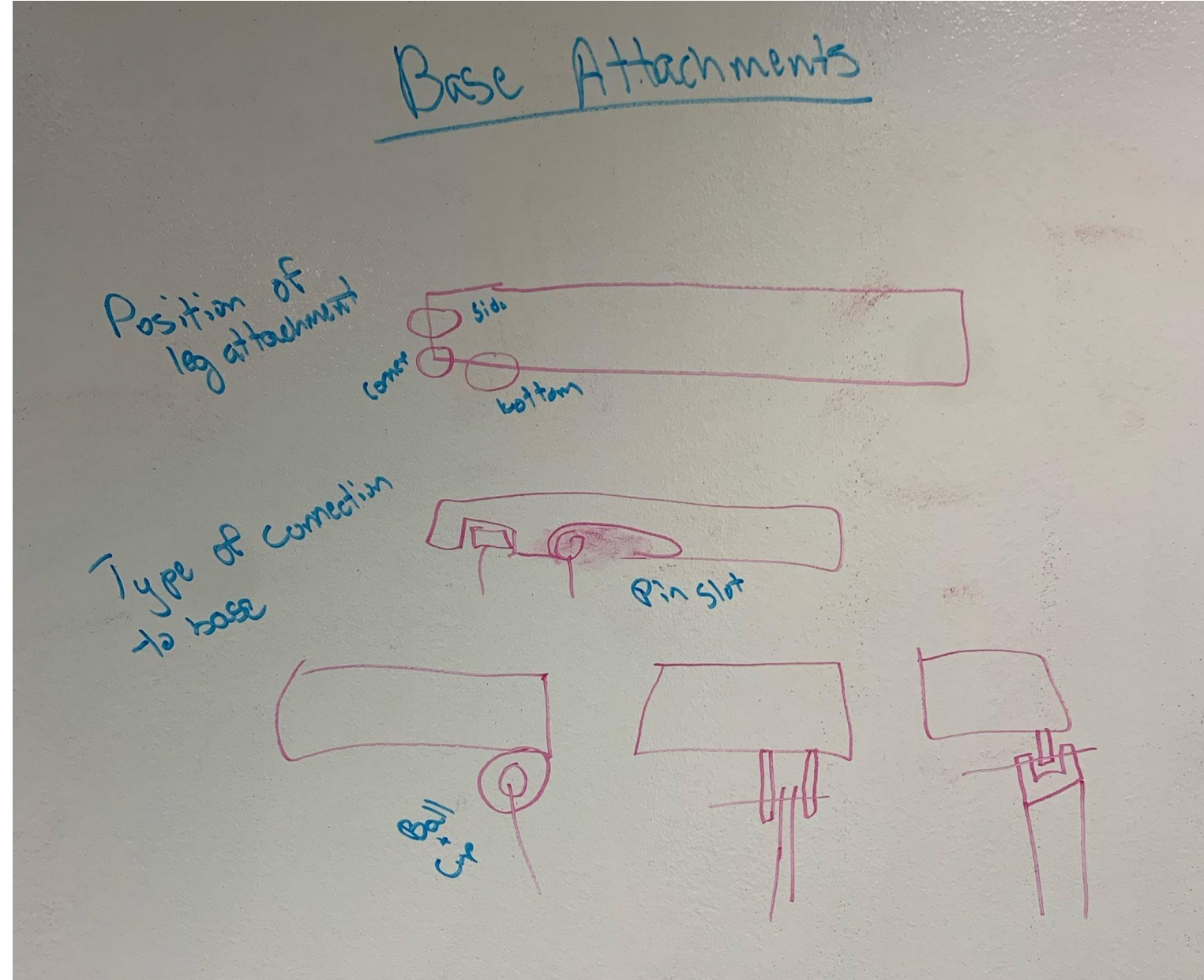
material? tiny hairs that fit into cracks/voids + attracted to surface
Van der Waals forces



Or add small magnets to all other feet structure

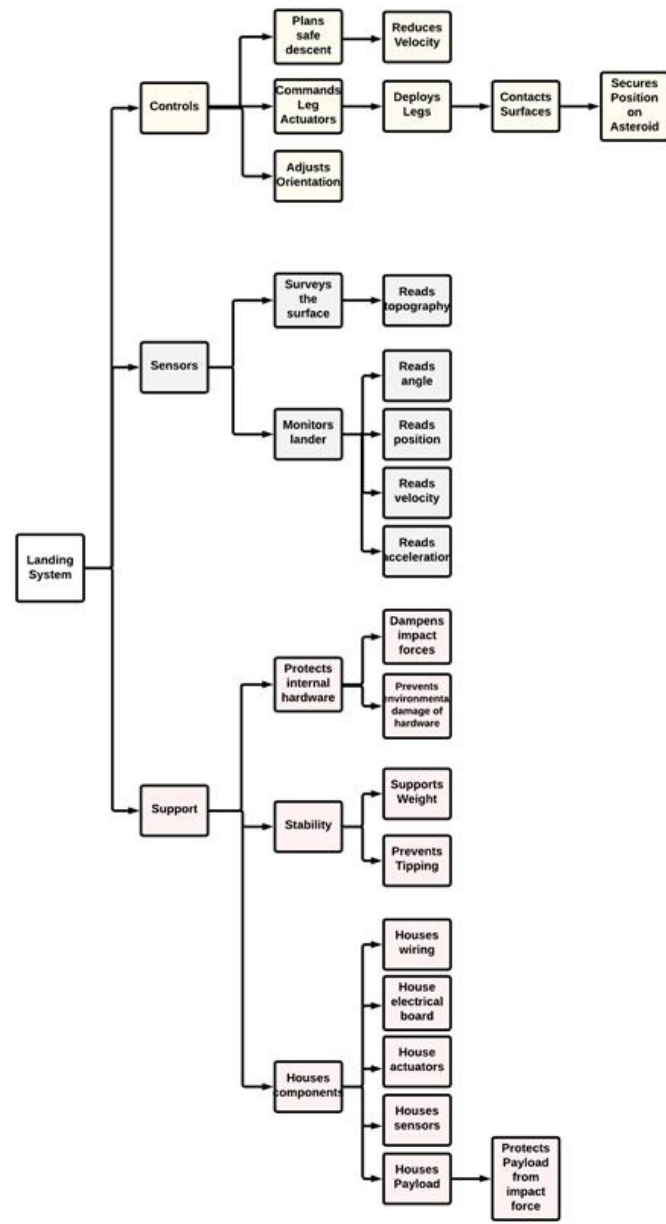
Concerns - Does magnetic field harm our instruments

Base



Functional Decomp Backup





Functional Decomposition Matrix

MINOR FUNCTIONS	SYSTEM		
	Major Function		
	Support	Sensors	Controls
Houses Payload	X		
Houses Sensors	X		
House Actuators	X		
Houses Electrical Board	X		
Houses Wiring	X		
Prevents Tipping	X	X	X
Supports Weight	X		
Prevents Environmental Damage of Hardware	X		
Dampens Impact Forces	X		
Reads Velocity		X	
Reads Position		X	
Reads Angle		X	
Reads Topography		X	
Deploys Legs	X	X	X
Reduces Velocity		X	X

Customer Needs

Question Asked	Customer Statement	Interpreted Need
What is the possible size/weight of the spacecraft the landing gear will support?	"Look at previous missions to small planets for reference sizes. Look at other landers and the rovers they carried, but we don't want to send something big and expensive."	The landing system supports the weight/size of the spacecraft based off of previous missions.
Does the spacecraft have storage underneath?	"Yes, look at the rover previously made by a FAMU-FSU Team for a reference size."	The system can support the CHONKE Rover without damaging it.
What is the estimated impact velocity of the spacecraft?	"It will be similar to that of previous space missions to land on small planets."	The device can withstand or dissipate the potential energy from the fall and impact velocity.
What are the possible landing sites at Psyche?	"Let everyone know that the lander will be able to handle the hypothesized terrains. Better knowledge of where to land will come after completion of the upcoming orbiter mission. From the orbiter we can determine where the best place is to land and set the lander to go there."	The system is capable of successfully landing on the hypothesized terrains of Psyche i.e. rocky, mostly metal, ect.
Is the team responsible for the control of the impact velocity of the spacecraft?	"Assume the lander has been brought to a reasonable impact velocity by other equipment. This impact velocity would be based off previous space missions and what you conclude."	Ability to withstand impact and land from assumed impact velocity.
Is the spacecraft returning to Earth? If so, is the team responsible for the landing system for the return?	"No, assume the spacecraft is staying on Psyche."	The system does not have to be reusable.
Does the landing system require any remote controls for manual maneuvering?	"The system needs to be autonomous. Psyche is too far to pilot any spacecraft."	The system is autonomous.