Team 501: Landing System for Uncertain Terrain

Virtual Design Review 4

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Team Introductions



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Objective

The objective of this project is to design a landing system capable of safely landing on the 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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Spacecraft



Assumptions

Test model and forces are analogous to Psyche mission variables



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Critical Targets

Dampens impact energy

Prevent lander from tipping

Lander can accommodate for any of the hypothesized surfaces



The system can support the weight of the lander

The lander is stable on Psyche's surface

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Validation of Targets

<u>Constraints:</u> Mass of Lander and Gravity	Psyche: 150 kg 0.144 $\frac{m}{s^2}$	Earth: 23 kg 9.81 $\frac{m}{s^2}$	Measure mass with appropriate scale to ensure following values are valid	
Max Impact Velocity	Psyche: 6 m/s	Earth: 0.92 m/s	Read from sensors	
Dampens Impact Energy	Psyche: 2700 J	Earth: 9.73 J	Virtual simulation of model and inspection of failed components	
Supports Weight	Psyche: 21.6 N	Earth: 225.63 N	Measure weight of final working prototype, multiply by gravity	Saralyn Jenkins



Concept Selection









Grasshopper Suspension Double A-arm Suspension

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Original Landing Feet Design

Pin screen with closely packed pins that conform to shape of surface it is placed on



Uneven terrain made of paper

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Adjustment of Design: Suspension





Original Design (Feet Not Shown)

Modified Design (Legs and Feet Not Shown)

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Adjustment of Design: Knuckle



Original Design of Knuckle

Modified Design of Knuckle

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Adjustment of Design: Additional Damping





Creo Simulation: Knuckle







Creo Simulation: Rack and Pinion







3D Print of Model - Original



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Prototype/Testing Planning

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Continuing/Future Work

Experimentation with Sensors

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Adjust Parts List and Order Parts for Prototype



Simulate Model and Individual Components



Begin Building Test Rig and Pieces of Prototype

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