# Concept Gen & Eval

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#### Overview

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## **Project Description**

- Our team was tasked with the challenge of creating a test stand for a robotic actuator.
- The stand will be made to test the robot actuator
- In order to test we must learn how to communicate with the actuator
- The actuator uses the CAN bus protocol
- The actuator has an integrated MIT Mini Cheetah controller

#### **Customer Requirements**

The customer asked that the team:

- Build a test stand for the actuator that will be able to withstand peak operating conditions
- Provide a method of measuring torque and speed of the motor
- Measure the amount of power that the actuator requires during different conditions
- Some additional requirements include: programming/validating various control modes, and (if time permits) retrofitting the exoskeleton

Note: These requirements have been listed in priority.

## **Concept Generation-Cuddeback**

- Prony Brake
- Inline Dynamometer
- Electronics beneath motor mounting



## **Concept Generation-Davidson**

- Prony Brake
- Temp and Speed readouts
- Simple dynamometer



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## **Concept Generation-Fisher**

- Touchscreen interface
- Held in place with screws
- Electronics middle of table
- 3D printed mounting for motors
- Dynamometer in between the motors



## **Concept Generation-Frieden**

- Frame made with 8020.net
  20-4040 aluminum extrusions
- Bolted to the table to provide support
- Controlled with 3d-printed electronics control box
- Operated using touchscreen control



## **Concept Evaluation**

- 1 improves
- 0 is a negative
- S is the same

| Criteria\Concept  | Chance               | Callum                   | Josh | Alex   |  |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------|--------|--|
| Safety            | 1                    | 1                        | 1    | 1      |  |
| Cost              | 0                    | 0                        | 0    | 0      |  |
| Min Deflection    | S                    | 0                        | 1    | 1      |  |
| Ease of Assembly  | 0                    | 0                        | 0    | 0<br>2 |  |
| Sum of 1          | 1                    | 1                        |      |        |  |
| Sum of 0          | 2                    | 3                        | 2    | 2      |  |
| Sum of S          | 1                    | 0                        | 0    | 0      |  |
| Note: The datum i | s a bar drilled into | o a <mark>tabl</mark> e. |      |        |  |



# Budget Planning

| Item  | Purchase Link | Quanity | Cost Per Unit | Shipping Cost | Total Cost | Budget Remainng | Purchase Request Submitted? |
|---|---------------|---------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| T-Motor AK80-9  | Link          | 2       | \$579.90      | \$0           | \$1,159.80 | \$1,840.20      | Yes                         |
| Teensy 4.1 Development board  | Link          | 1       | \$37.99       | \$0           | \$37.99    | \$1,802.21      | Not Submitted               |
| Husky 6 ft. Adjustable Height Solid Wood Top Workbench              | Link          | 1       | \$326.45      | \$0           | \$326.45   | \$1,475.76      | Yes                         |
| Husky 26 in. 4-Drawer Rolling Cabinet Tool Box Chest in Gloss Black | Link          | 1       | \$140.84      | \$0           | \$140.84   | \$1,334.92      | Not Submitted               |
| Markforged 800cc Onyx Filament Spool                                | Link          | 1       | \$207.44      | \$4.50        | \$211.94   | \$1,122.98      | Not Submitted               |
| Markforged Carbon Fiber CFF 50cc Fillament Spool                    | Link          | 1       | \$163.77      | \$4.50        | \$168.27   | \$954.71        | Not Submitted               |
| seeed studio Serial CAN-Bus Module Based on MCP2551 and MCP2515     | Link          | 1       | \$16.90       | 0             | \$16.90    | \$937.81        | N/A                         |

- Currently the purchase request form for the two T-Motor AK80-9 and Husky 6 ft Adjustable table have been submitted
- Budget will be updated as more materials are required and requested

## **Conclusion: Future Planning**

- Generate CAD models for motor mountings
- Create arduino sketch to control the motors
- Purchase and solder connectors for motors
- Purchase 80-20 extrusions