

| Function 1 - Motion in XYZ axis | Function 2 - Concrete control/flow/extrusion |
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| Robotic arms | Super strong motor pushes concrete through a hose |
| Sliding mechanism | User turns an auger manually to push concrete through extruder |
| Tension mechanism | User powered motor (like a bike or something) |
| Pulley system | Use gravity to push concrete through |
| User controlled (like a hose) | Mix the concrete at the extruder |
| Magnetic system (magnets driving the motion) | Using a big moving reservoir like concrete trucks do |
| Moving bed instead of moving extruder, using strong motion platform | Having two separate reservoirs for concrete mix and water, then mixing in a third location to prevent concrete setting |
| Using a motor, moving extruder along a threaded rod | Using little spritzers to spritz the concrete with water as the concrete mix flows toward the extruder |
| Rollers/wheels to facilitate movement | Use a weight system that “tips” and lets a certain amount of concrete through a valve at a given time |

Selection Criteria for system level concepts:

- **Is not overly complex** - if a system is overly complex, it is expensive, hard to replicate, and hard to repair.
- **Does not exceed budget in terms of components required** - Expensive designs are unrealistic because the budget is not unlimited. Otherwise we could have robotic arms do everything.
- **Has a reliable degree of consistency** - If a system/design does not produce consistent results, it is not a design worth pursuing.
- **Safety factor, for both the user and overall design** - An unsafe design is a huge red flag for obvious reasons.
- **Does this system choice require other design choices in order to function?** - Sometimes certain design choices necessitate another sub-level system to work in a certain way, which may or may not be possible. This criteria would be for checking if there are any impacts to other systems as a result of the design choice in question.