Dream Team CalEarth

Final Presentation





Mission



Increase the demand for sustainable construction by creating a global trend for "Superadobe" homes by flag shipping in the US and Europe.



Video



Solutions developed by the Dream team

This video gives an introduction to different products that could make the SuperAdobe construction process less labour intensive.



Earth Funnel

- The user can load an entire layer of SuperAdobe bag on to the tool.
- The user can hold, position and fill the bag with a just their own two hands
- The bag is automatically deposited as the user moves around the the layer
- The tool can be assemble on site with laser cut material and a rivet gun, no other tools are needed.





Earth Funnel: Next Steps

- Add 4 handles
- Secure the rubber band better to stop it sliding off
- Instructions to explain how to use
- Explore best material
- Make the larger funnel smaller to reduce awkwardness





Low Cost Pipe Compass



Pros

- It can rotate and maneuver over different construction elements easily.
- It can fold flat vertically when not in use to accommodate uninterrupted movement on the build site.
- It is stable and easy to attach and detach and move to different layers.
- It is affordable and robust. (can withstand dusty build sites)



Low Cost Pipe Compass

- Pipe compass needs to be integrated with the digital measuring device. (Currently they are not)
- Needs a product designer to convert the 3D printed files into moulds for casting HDP Polymer.
- A test from start to end of production and assembly needs to be tested to make the product store ready.
- A rough estimate of 5000\$ is needed for this product to be made product ready.







LIDAR Compass: Status

- Works!
 - Successfully measures geometry vs. model, and displays pass/fail with green laser
- Effectively a functional proof of concept
- Needs some functional improvements
 - DXF import missing
 - Not yet self-contained
 - Missing physical features like cover, rotation platform, and ground mount
- Needs some quality improvements
 - Laser stability/accuracy
 - Algorithm accuracy
 - Maybe laser smoothness?
 - Maybe higher-frequency sampling?





LIDAR Compass: Next Steps

- Functionality improvement
 - Improve measurement and feedback algorithms
 - Switch feedback laser microcontroller to something slightly faster for timing accuracy and stability.
 - Complete software incl. DXF handling and phone interface
- Packaging improvemnet
 - Finish and fully integrate physical structure
- Release data
 - Finish packaging design documentation in releasable formats.





Overall Next steps

- On site testing
- Collecting user feedback
- Promoting to open source online community
 - Hackaday
 - Github









Q & A



Thank you

