Pelin Asa 2016
Xi’an University of Architecture and Technology/Wu Zhi Qiao
China
“Rural demonstration project”

building a village center in Macha, Gansu

To demonstrate the villagers that rammed earth is a viable material that can also look modern

June:
  Lighting analysis
  Elevation and section drawings
  3D modelling

July:
  construction
• June – July:
  Checking the previous
  Projects of Wu Zhi Qiao
  & rammed earth construction
  research trip
Ma’anqiao Village, Sichuan
Xianggelila, Yunnan
Macha Village, Gansu
Things learned,
some of which you do not learn at school

• Rammed earth construction
• ‘real life’ building projects – details, conventions, rules
• Construction process & methods
• Working with a group on a design project & acting with a group
+ tiny bit of Chinese

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Impact on my academic choices and career plans

• Definitely staying in civ arch! (civil engineering and architecture program)
• More construction, hands-on experiences
• Research/research trip
Most rewarding aspects

• Experiences that would not be possible if I was in China only as a tourist or in any other architectural/civil engineering job
• Mix of design, research and hands-on work
• And mix of architecture and engineering
• Working and interacting with a different group of people
• Travelling, lots of travelling