



Robotically applied, 3D-sprayable Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) for Building Envelope Retrofits

The Solution: wall-EIFS

- + **Spray-applied using existing or novel bio-based sprayable insulation and finish materials**
- + **Operated from an x-y-z stage track or scissor lift with telescopic head**
- + **Sensing, spraying, and shaping performed by multipurpose robotic turret head**
- + **Evaluates existing conditions and quality of application with multiple sensing technologies mounted to turret head**
- + **Replicate or upgrade building appearance**
- + **Saves >50% in time, labor, and materials**
- + **Test & validate on 1-3 story solid masonry or wood framed buildings**

The Problem: Exterior Insulation Retrofits

- Existing masonry and wood frame buildings are difficult and expensive to retrofit with continuous exterior insulation
- Idiosyncrasy of existing buildings makes it difficult to integrate control layers
- Shortage of skilled manual labor
- Unsafe/difficult to access
- Hard to match aesthetics
- Bad installation results in building decay and threatens occupant health

The Team: Building Science + Robotics

Principals

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