Slinging in Terrain

Self-Leveling Spreader Beam for Adjusting the Orientation of an Overhead Crane Load

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Image of person wrestling with some complicated manipulation of some object. Focus on funny / relatability.
What already exists?

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- Spreader Beam with fixed slings
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• Remote Operation
• Automatically balancing
• Easy to use
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2. 4 winches
3. 2 linearly moving trolley assemblies
4. 2 linear rails
5. 2 stepper motor driven ball screw assemblies
6. frame mounted inertial measurement unit
7. microcontroller
8. 2 relay modules
9. Bluetooth module
10. 4 hook rigging points
Bluetooth Controller
Proof of concept
Relay modules
Stepper control
Load under frame
Load rotated
Frame balanced
Discussion

• Microcontroller capability
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• Diversify the range of crane use
Future steps

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Questions?