

Rice Transplanter

- tiring, back-breaking work
- constantly bending over



BIG PROBLEM!

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Market (worldwide)

- 1.3 billion workers
- \$105 billion industry

China

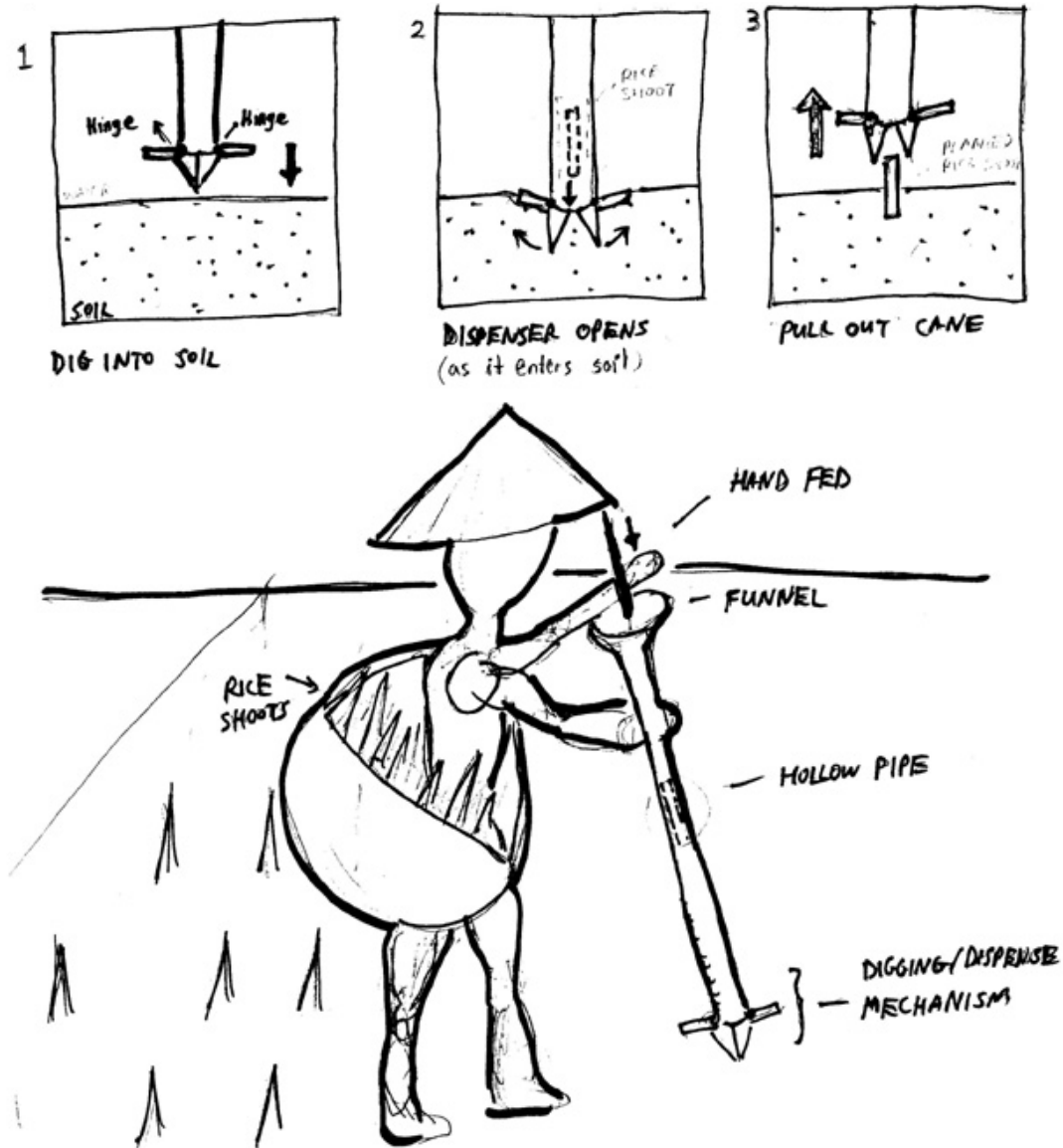
- 0.5 billion workers
- costs \$125 USD per hectare more to transplant by hand
- 28 million hectares
- manual labor is 50% cost of production



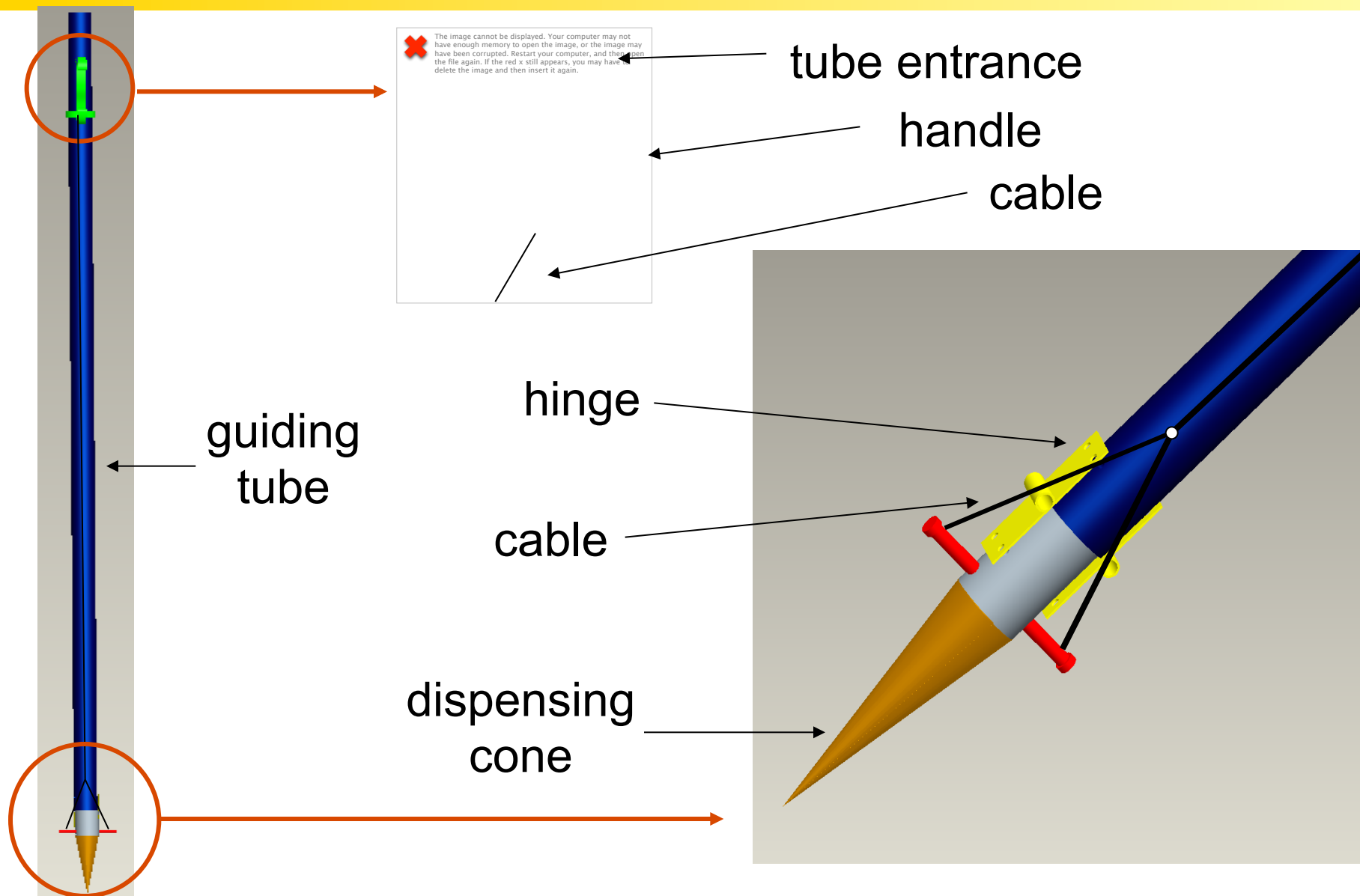
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Design intent

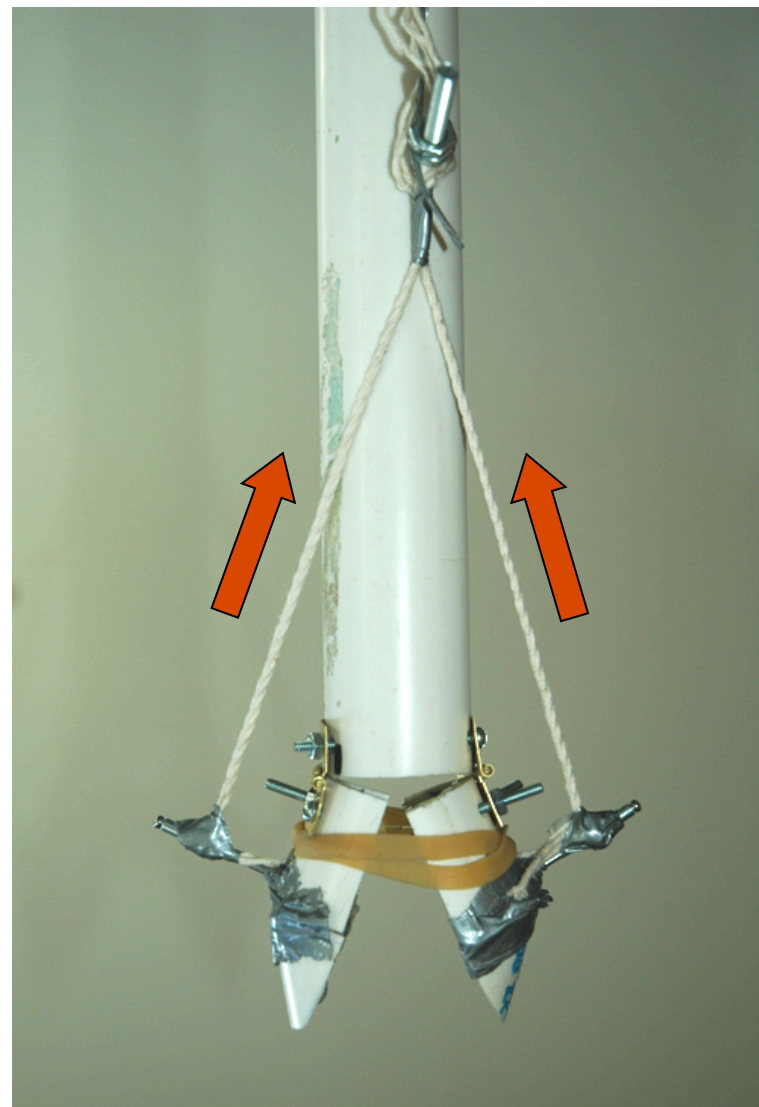
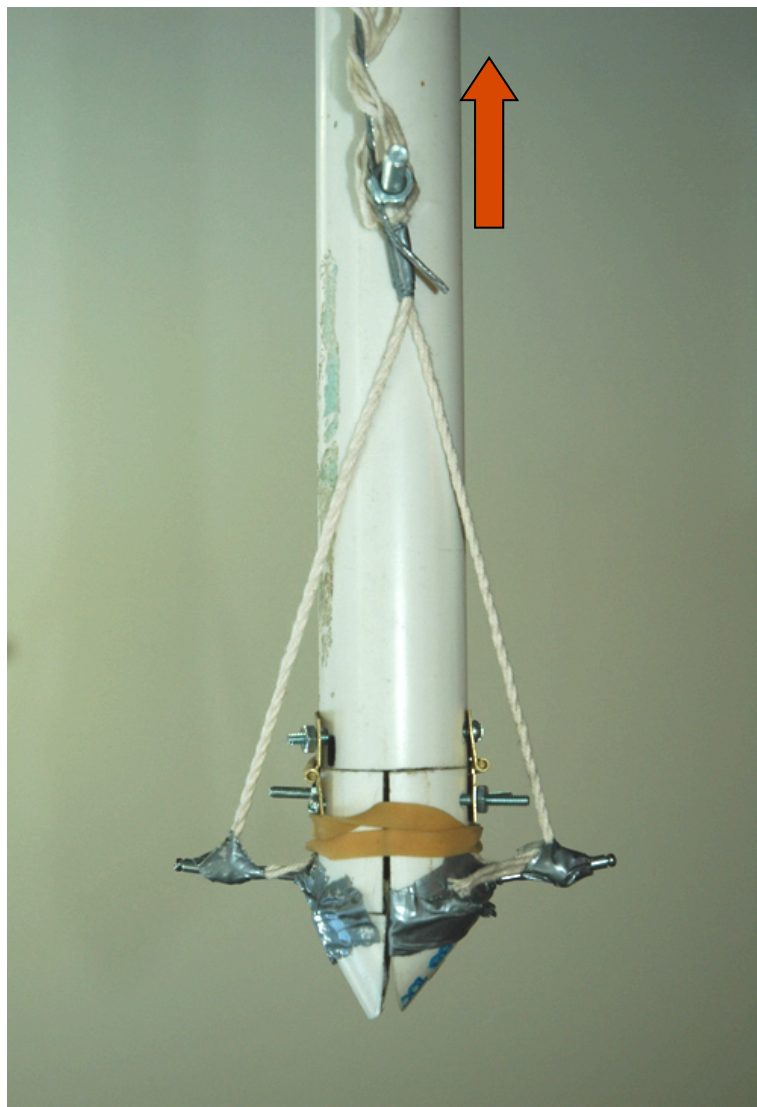
- simple
- ergonomic
- portable
- manageable in mud
- low-cost



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Next Steps

- adjust tube diameter
prevent tube blockage
- optimize dispensing cone shape
strengthen the cantilever
- replace hinges with torsion springs
restoring force to reset dispensing cone
- shield cable
prevent cable from breaking or clumping with mud

