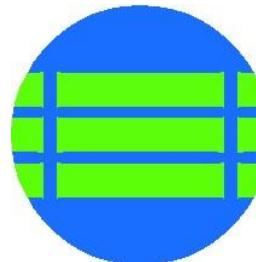


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Bamboo  
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Bamboo,  
beyond the hype.

*“A call for action”*

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Bio-based Advanced Structural Engineering



What is AMPHIBIA?



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**Technology-based** British company working on  
**Disruptive Manufacturing Technologies**  
& **Building Systems** for the mainstream use  
of **Bamboo** in **Construction**.

***Helping suppliers and manufacturers innovate and  
create value with bamboo...***



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## Untapped resource

**31.5 million ha**

Worldwide

Global Wood Scarcity by 2030 [1]

## Environmental credentials



**15x CO<sub>2</sub> Steel & 6x CO<sub>2</sub> Oak**

Cement = 1ton CO<sub>2</sub>/ton

Global Wood Scarcity by 2030 [1]

**US \$ 36bn**



**US \$64 million (USA)  
US \$159 (EU)**

## Growing demand

WPC & NFC = 206k ton & 92k ton (EU)



## Emerging economies Scalable model

Social and Economic development  
Preferential Tariffs (Import / Export)

[1] [Source 2011, Jonsson et al., Swedish-forest-sector-outlook](#)

# The TECHNOLOGY bit

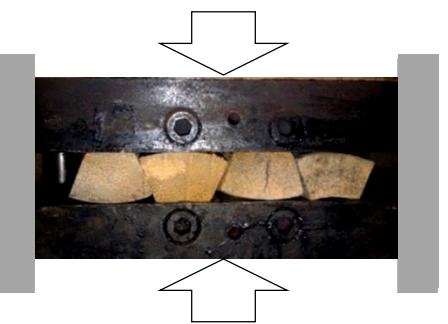


Bamboo

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- 
- ✗
- ✗

Advanced Manufacturing  
Technologies

- ✓ **2x** stronger
- ✓ **50%** less waste & glue
- ✓ **Faster** @ source
- ✓ **5x** less transport



Densified Bamboo  
Planks

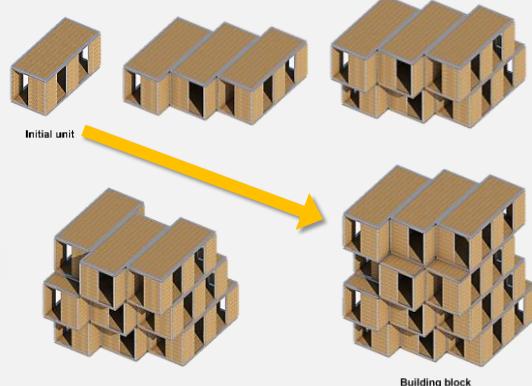


Engineered  
bamboo products

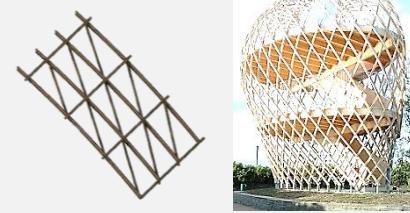


Lightweight systems

High Value Added bamboo **products**  
& Building **systems**



Prefabricated systems



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- ✓ Carbon negative
- ✓ No chemicals
- ✓ Structural

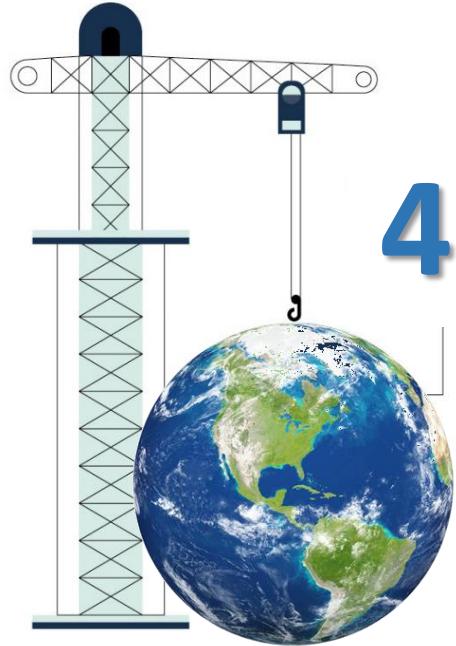
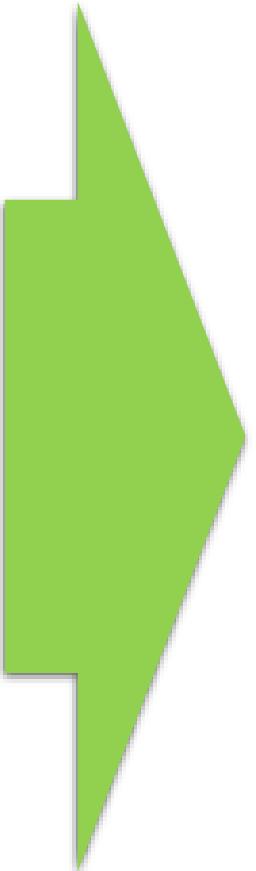
# CONSTRUCTION Industry



✓ Lightweight

✓ Structural

✓ Carbon negative



**World's  
40 % energy  
30 % GHG**

The built environment sector consumes **up to 40% of the world's energy and emits up to 30% of global greenhouse emissions.**  
Source: UNEP SBCI

The **IMPACT**

# PLAN of ACTION



**Suppliers**

**Manufacturers**

**End customers**

Prove the Technology

+

Cost

+

Product Demonstrations

**Lab to field**

Technology trials & Product development

**Value + Revenue**

Social & Economic development

# Challenges



CALL for ACTION





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- ✓ Protection by design
- ✓ High added value

# Poor man's timber

*Design for the poor = Poor design = Low added value*



Concept model of flood resistant Blooming bamboo home by H&P architects  
Source: [Design-boom](#)

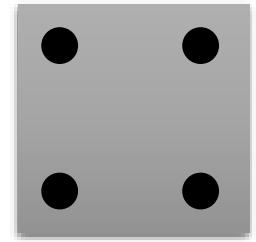


Casas elevadas de caña de Guadua by INBAR. Source: [La revista](#)

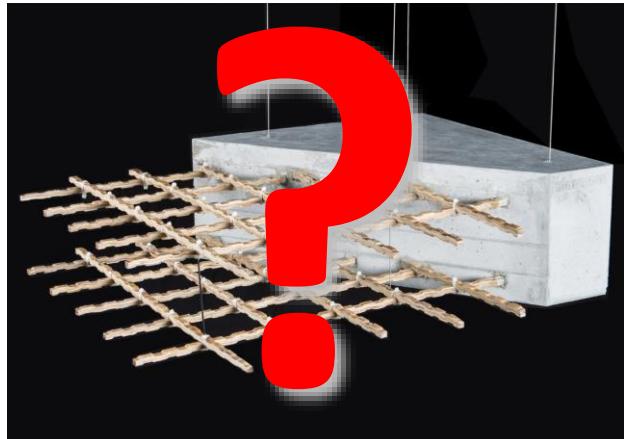
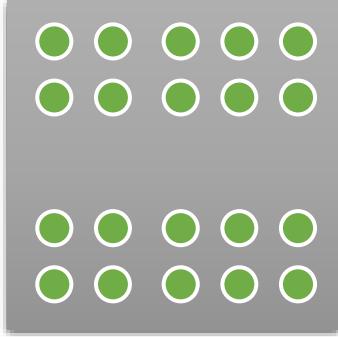
HIGH Added VALUE

# Not a steel replacement in reinforced concrete...!

✓ *It swells, crashes, and either requires more material and transformation (bamboo composite).*



**vs**



<https://www.dezeen.com/2015/11/04/bamboo-fibre-stronger-than-steel-dirk-hebel-world-architecture-festival-2015/>

<https://theconstructor.org/structural-engg/bamboo-reinforced-concrete-mix-design-construction/15054/>

Appropriate USE

# ***Bamboo reinforced concrete is an ill-considered concept ...!***

✓ *It is NOT: cheaper, safer, more durable, nor more sustainable than steel reinforced concrete.*

Materials and Structures (2018) 51:102  
<https://doi.org/10.1617/s11527-018-1228-6>



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Bamboo reinforced concrete: a critical review**

Hector Archila · Sebastian Kaminski · David Trujillo · Edwin Zea Escamilla ·  
Kent A. Harries

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# Bamboo products as 'de-facto' sustainable

✓ Engineered bamboo vs other materials



## Rayon made from bamboo vs. Bamboo fibres

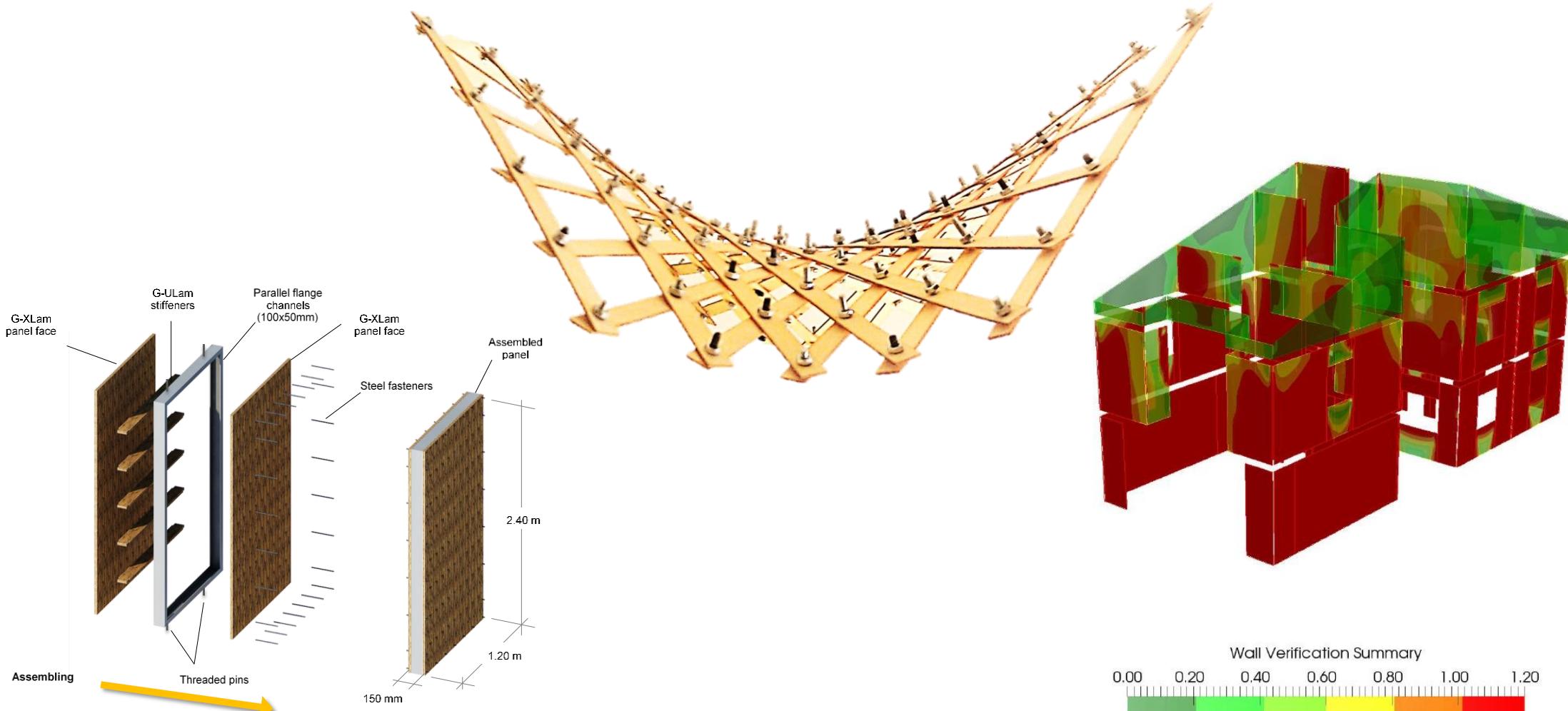
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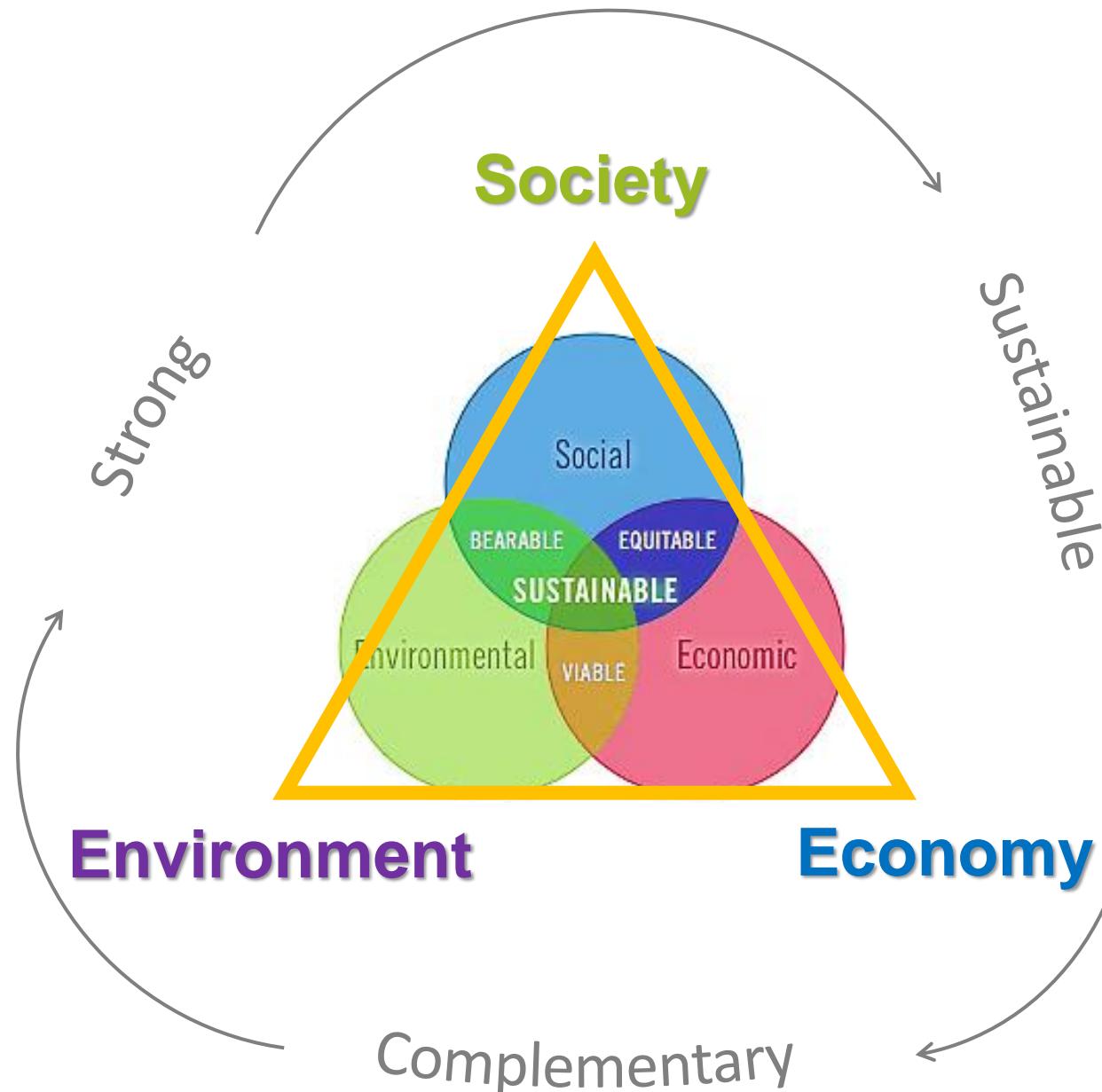
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# Hybrid materials & systems

Product design + Manufacturing + Feasibility (Tech + Commercial)



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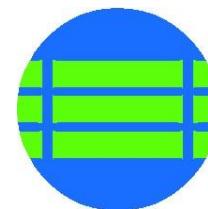
# 17 UN Global objectives

*End of poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030*



BALANCE

# Gracias - Thanks !



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