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# **Environmental Savings Potential From the Use of Bamboo in Construction**

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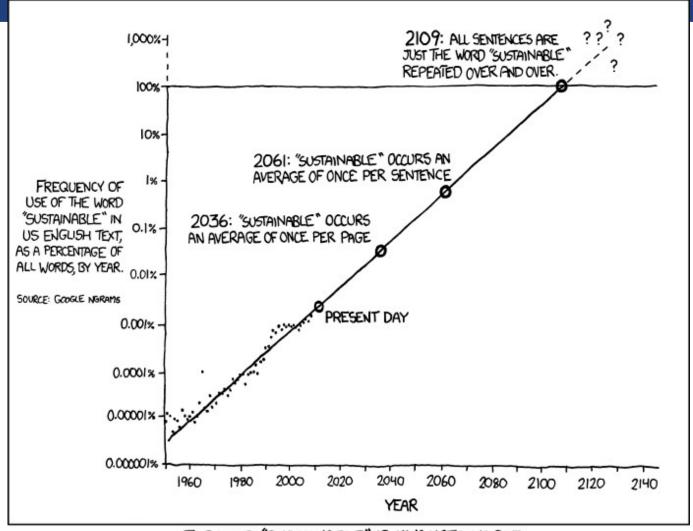








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THE WORD "SUSTAINABLE" IS UNSUSTAINABLE.

# Bamboo in modern architecture



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### Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

Quantitative methodology to assess environmental impact of products and services through their service life

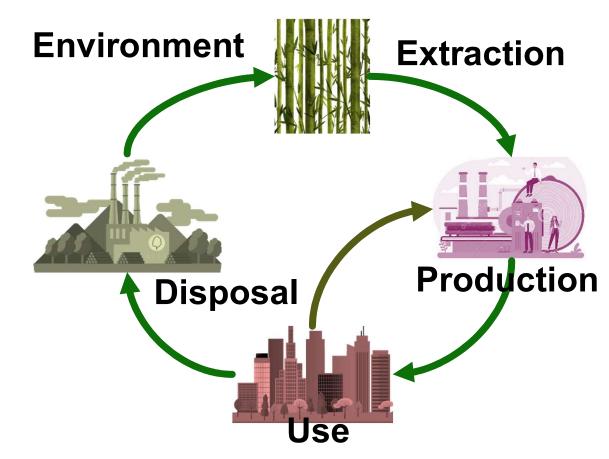
Serves as basis for many reporting and environmental declaration schemes (GRI, PEF, EPD)

Holistic approach considering: land-use, energy, materials, infrastructures and transport

Proposes an input-output relationship between human activity and the environment (Hellweg, 2014)

Produces information to support decision making processes

Defined in the ISO 14040 standards (1997)



# THzürich Challenges for LCA

To produce high quality life cycle inventory data representing:

- Diverse production processes
- Medium to small producers
- Global and local representativeness
- With very limited financial support



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### Development of Life Cycle Inventories

Collaboration with ecoinvent association, INBAR, CCRS@UZH, CSC-ETHZ

Framework for future datasets development

Can be adapted for context specific applications

#### Four Bamboo Species

- Bambusa Blumenana
- Guadua Angustifolia Kunt
- Phyllostachys edulis
- Dendrocalamus Asper

#### Global and Country datasets

- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- The Philippines

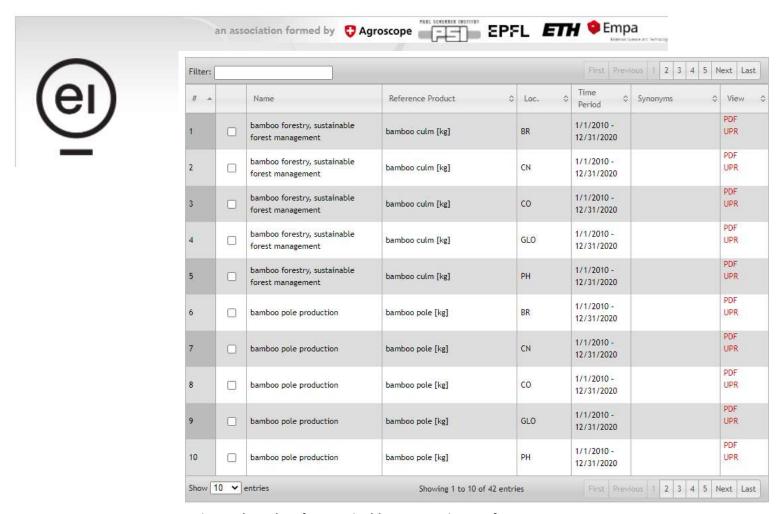
## Bamboo-based construction Materials

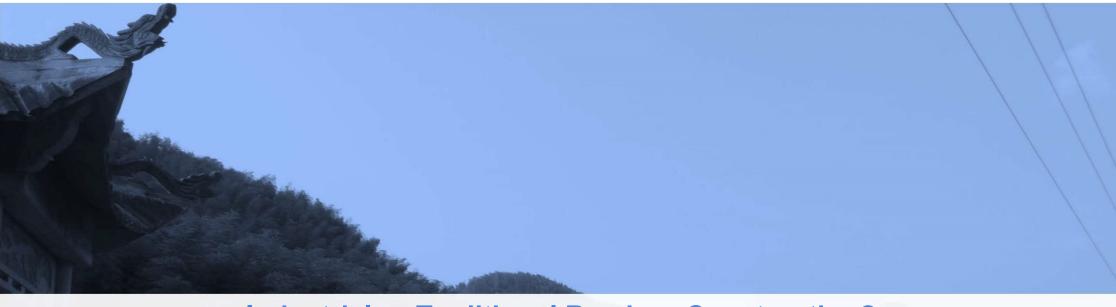
- Bamboo Forestry Sust.
   Managed
- Bamboo Poles
- Flattened Bamboo
- Woven bamboo mats

#### Under revision & development

- Glue laminated Bamboo
- Scrimber bamboo

# **THZÜrich** Development of Life Cycle Inventories





**Industrial or Traditional Bamboo Construction?** 



# Bamboo in the Built Environment

#### Low industrialized Materials

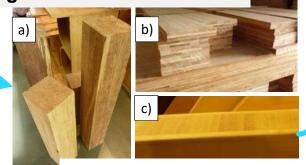


a)Bamboo pole; b) Flattened Bamboo; c) woven bamboo

#### Single-Storey House (SSH)

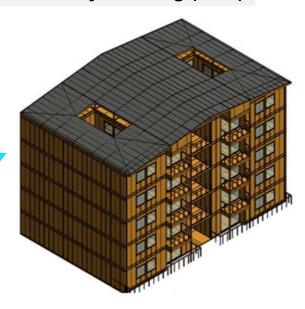


#### **Engineered Materials**



a)Scrimber Bamboo pole; b) Glue Laminated bamboo; c) cross laminated bamboo

### Multi-Storey Building (SSB)



### Industrial or Traditional Bamboo Construction?

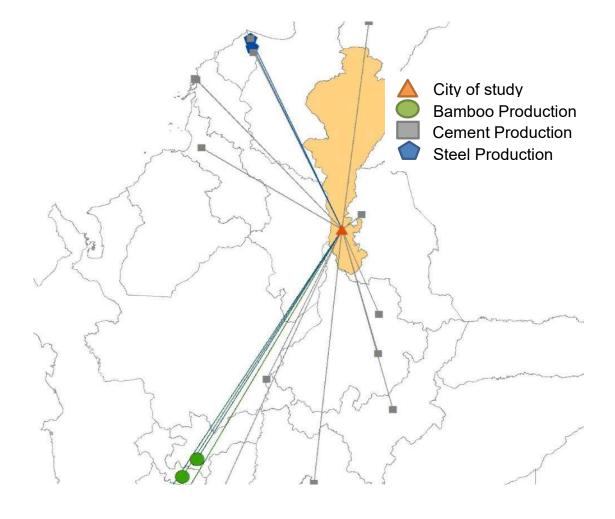
The LCIs of the materials were characterized by integrating LCI data and georeferenced data in a geographic information system (GIS)

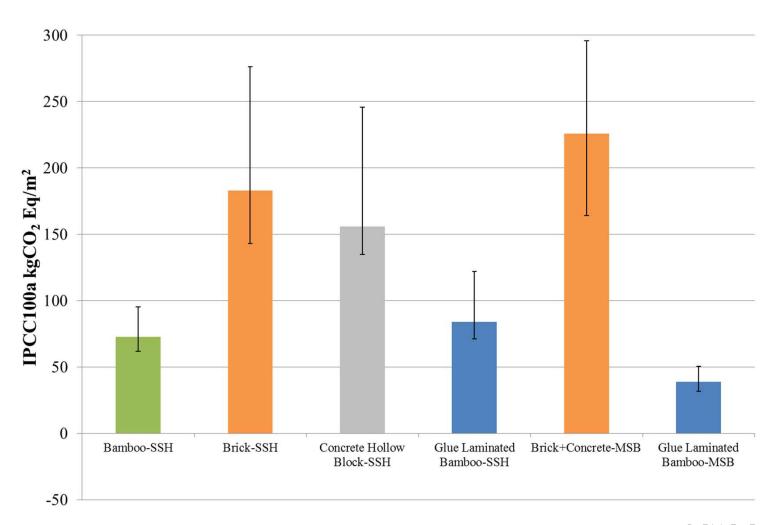
- Three scenarios for material production efficiency: high, medium and low performance
- Specific electricity for Colombia
- Three transport regimes for construction materials

Software: OpenLCA

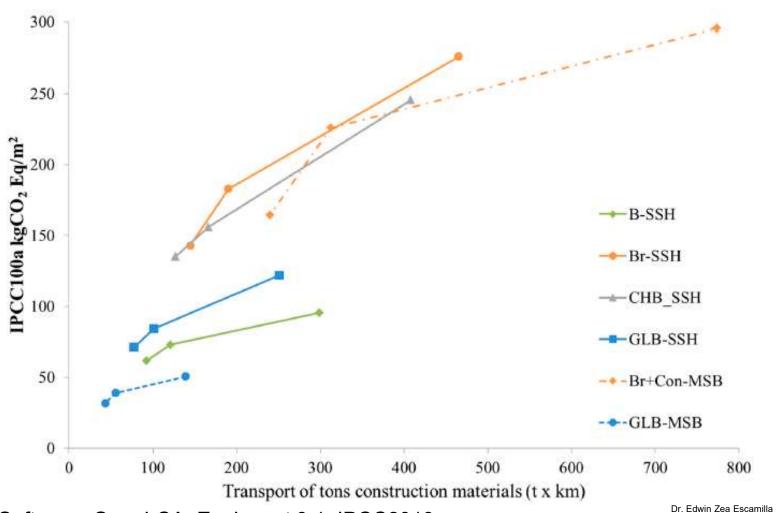
Database: Ecoinvent 3.7

**Evaluation Method: IPCC2013** 





Software: OpenLCA, EcoInvent 3.1, IPCC2013

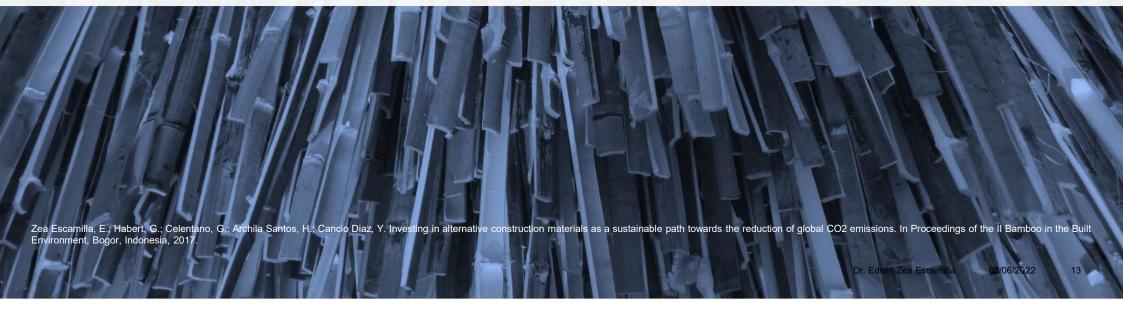


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Software: OpenLCA, EcoInvent 3.1, IPCC2013



Investing in alternative construction materials



### **ETHZÜrich** Investing in alternative materials

The Paris Agreement sets out 29 Articles that cover:

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Financing
- Technology development and transfer,
- Capacity building
- Transparency of action and support,
- Facilitating implementation and compliance. Insight

Climate change mitigation – Article 5:

"Parties should take action to conserve and enhance....sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases....as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1(d), of the Convention, including forests."





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When CO<sub>2</sub> counts: Sustainability assessment of industrialized bamboo as an alternative for social housing programs in the Philippines



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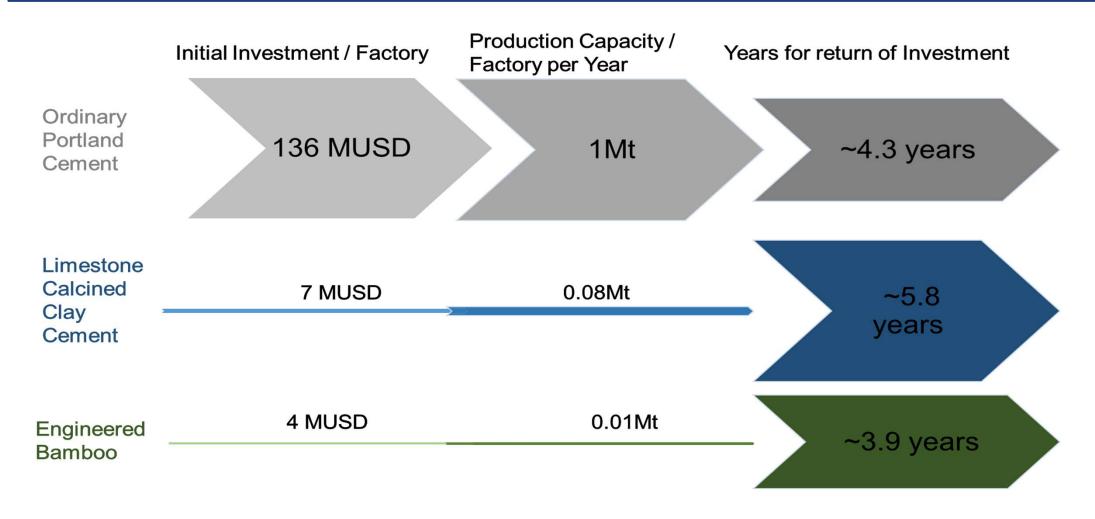
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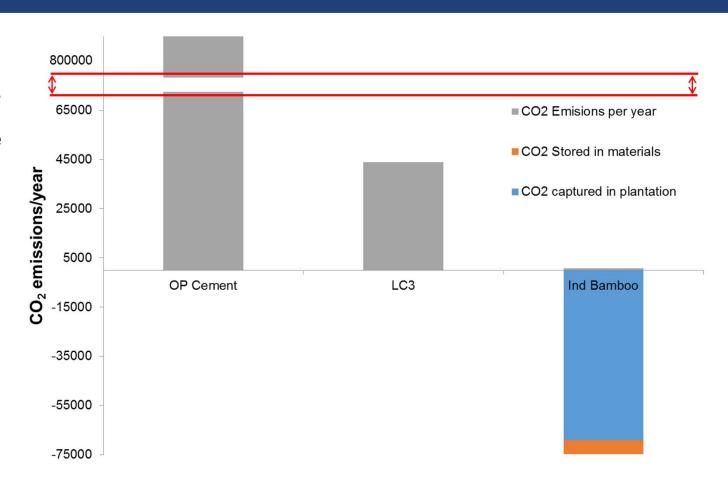
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### ETHzürich Results

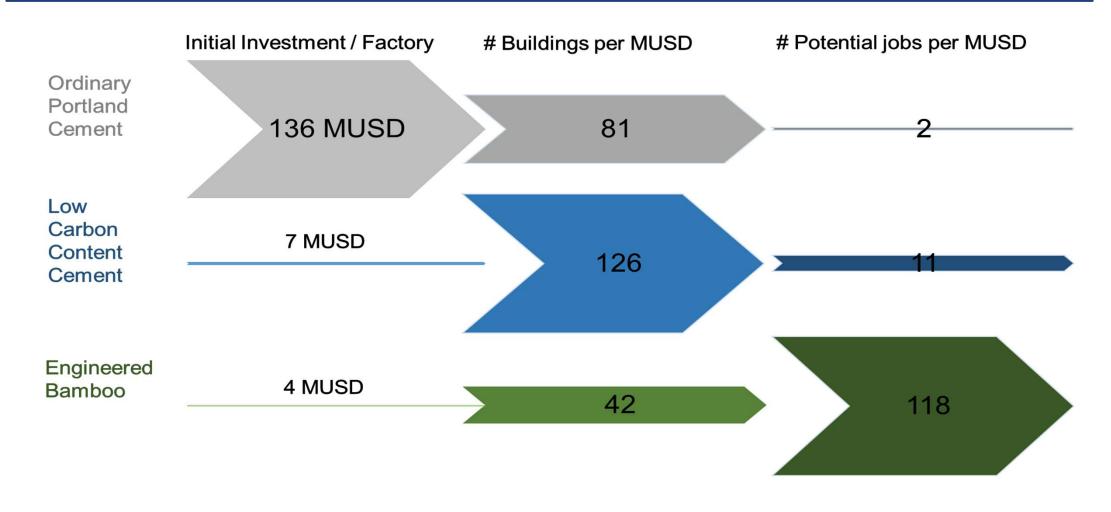


CO<sub>2</sub> stored in plantation is significantly larger that the storage that ca be achieved in the built environment

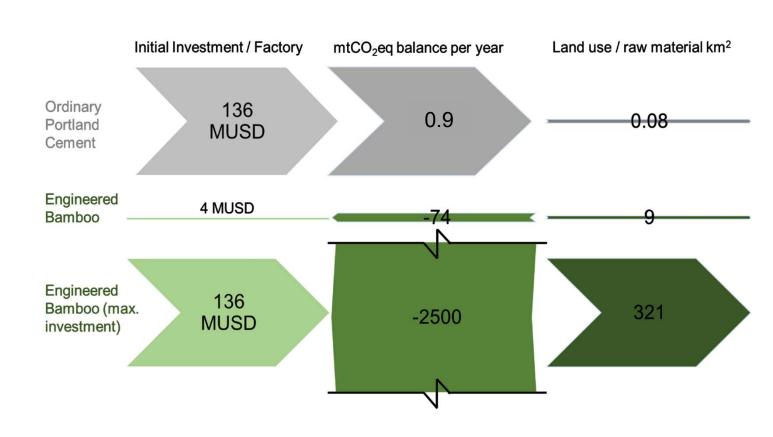


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### ETHzürich Results



Investments should be aimed to support the development of sustainable value chains connecting the bamboo forest to the built environment



### **ETH**zürich Final Remarks

Bamboo is a regenerative construction material

Developing sustainable values chains for bamboo based construction materials should be the focus

Bamboo is the material that can spearhead a sustainable transition towards NET-ZERO built environment NOW!!!



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