

James Wolf  
Bamboo Master:  
The Journey













1995







**bamboohardwoods**<sup>®</sup>

SINCE 1995

















- Energy Consumption
- Glue Use
- Machining
- Waste
- Dust Extraction







SUNGSHIN VIETNAM





Vietnamese Tam Vong



Vietnamese Tre Gai









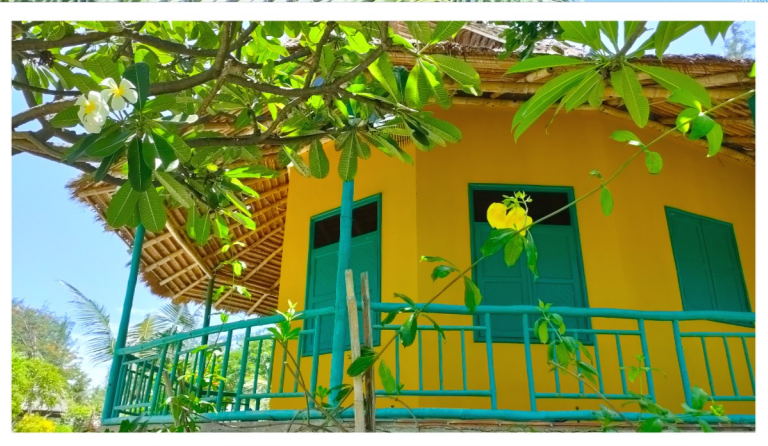




































BAMBOO HARDWOODS / BAMBOO LIVING is the only builder of bamboo houses that passes US building code.

## INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR BAMBOO CONSTRUCTION

- TYPE OF BAMBOO
  - LOCATION OF BAMBOO SOURCE
  - CHAIN OF CUSTODY
  - SPOT CHECKING BY 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY INSPECTORS
  - ADHEREANCE TO ESTABLISHED SPECIFICATION
  - ENGINEERING APPROVAL FOR EVERY BUILDING
  - FEES FOR TESTING
  - FEES TO REMAIN in the program
  - FEES FOR EVERY BUILDING
- Close to half a million dollars spent and continuing fees required to sell “approved” bamboo houses in the USA.









Tre Vang specialises in high quality design, development and production in bamboo and other materials. Our Bamboo Masters can provide you with the finest quality bamboo construction, materials and products.

Bamboo

Bamboo is the worlds fastest growing plant.

Tre Vang sustainably manages our bamboo plantations and we only buy the finest poles when we purchase from farmers and dealers. We practice more than Fair Trade by paying more and we teach and reward growers for switching to more sustainable practices.

- Commercial Construction
- Custom Furniture
- Construction Materials
- High Quality Production
- Export FOB by Container Load
- Local Projects by Contract



# BAMBOO MASTERS



[www.trevang.com.vn](http://www.trevang.com.vn)

High Quality Bamboo Production, Design and Materials.





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**Commercial Construction**

**Custom Furniture**

High design and originality is what set TreVang apart from the rest. We provide actual creation of what others couldn't dream of and can't produce. Skill, patience, engineering and experience guide us to the top as well. RISD graduate, James Wolf leads the design process and works together to direct and teach his talented craftspeople. Wolf also keeps communications with clients precise, clear



At TreVang, we select, treat and work with only a few types of bamboo the species that have proven themselves to be the "premium species", surpassing the strength, stiffness, longevity and insect resistance of other bamboos.

**Furniture & Custom Construction**  
We can build to your specifications, or offer you our designs.  
Furniture Examples: Mirrors, beds, chairs, sofa, tables, shop fixtures, displays...  
Construction Examples: Fences, entry gates, bars, gazebos, restaurant décor, spa details...

**High Quality Manufacturing**  
Tre Vang is consistently manufacturing the most exacting standards of high quality bamboo product to clients in USA, Europe and Japan. We understand bamboo and how important quality is to building a sustainable brand with bamboo products.

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You think I'm playin'



**Green Elf Toyworks**

100% Bamboo construction

Handmade

Water-based Finishes

EN71/3 safety rating CE

Award winning green design EU









Ride the Smooth Vibes





















Gavel Worlds #1  
National Championship #1  
Miami Vuelta #1  
Crusher in the Tushar #1  
Ridden by Team USA in the CX World  
and National Championships  
(podium finishes)













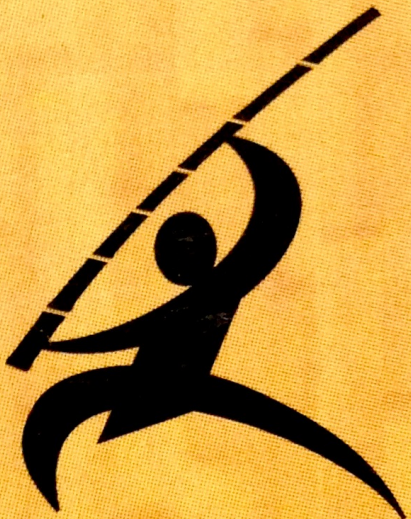
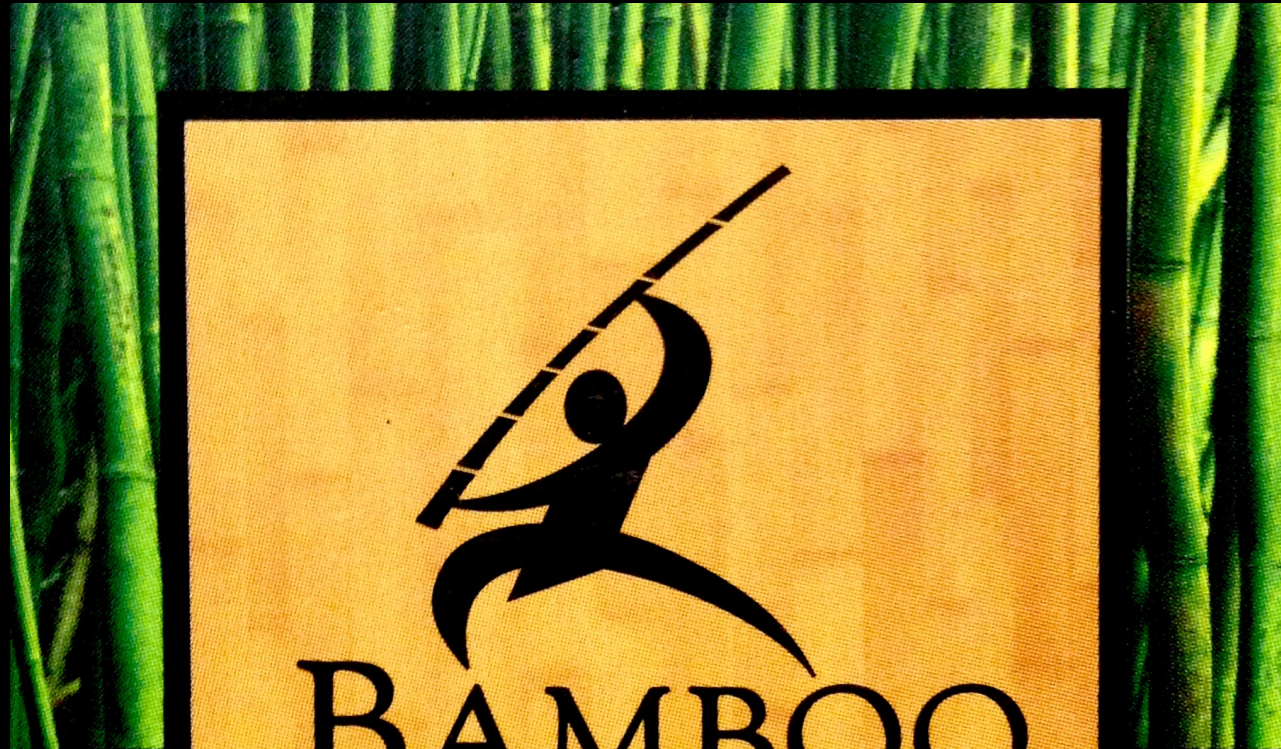
First Place Finish  
Single Speed  
Gravel Worlds 2019











BAMBOO  

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MASTER



Bamboo Master Farm







































Bamboo + Shipping Container = HOME







Bamboo Master NEW Factory





















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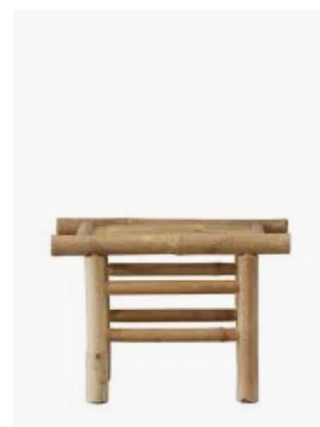
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Go with the flow...







ZEN GARDEN  
+ BAMBOO







**BAMBOO ACCENTS**

**BAMBOO WATER SPOUT & PUMP FOUNTAIN KIT**

**7" THREE-ARM**  
FITS 6"-15" DIAMETER BOWL

TURN ANY CONTAINER INTO A FOUNTAIN

**SUBMERSIBLE FOUNTAIN PUMP**  
50 GPH (2-wire)

HANDMADE WITH 100% NATURAL BAMBOO

The image shows the product packaging for the Bamboo Water Spout & Pump Fountain Kit. The packaging is a teal-colored card with white text and images. It features the brand name 'BAMBOO ACCENTS' at the top left. The main title is 'BAMBOO WATER SPOUT & PUMP FOUNTAIN KIT'. Below the title, there is a small image of the kit in a blue bowl. To the right, there is a section for the '7" THREE-ARM' kit, which 'FITS 6"-15" DIAMETER BOWL'. Below this, there is a section for the 'SUBMERSIBLE FOUNTAIN PUMP' which has a flow rate of '50 GPH (2-wire)'. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo that says 'HANDMADE WITH 100% NATURAL BAMBOO'. The central image on the card shows the bamboo pipes and pump components.



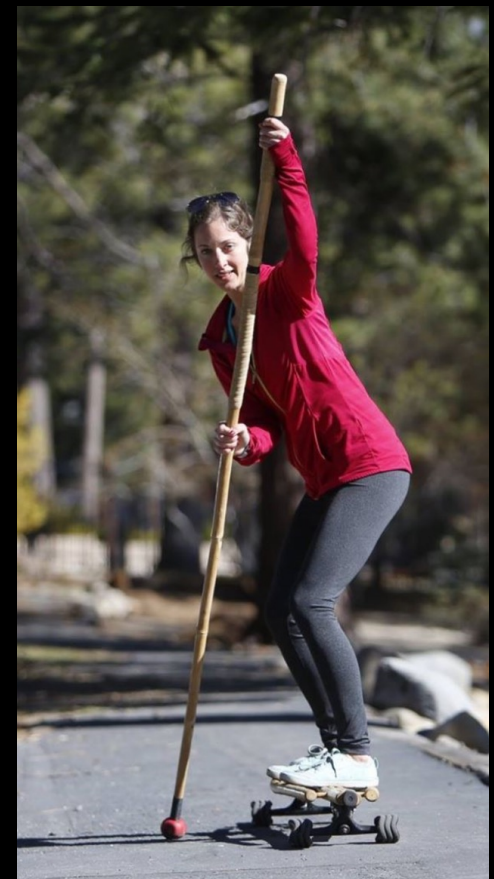






# Stick It

STREET SUP







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**Bamboo Side Table - Stool - Plant Stand - Accent Table - Indoor/Outdoor Use**  
 by boohugger  
 4.5 (4 ratings)

Price: **\$99.95 & FREE Shipping**. Details & FREE Returns  
 Get \$20 off instantly. Pay \$79.95 upon approval for the Amazon.com Store Card.

• **WHAT YOU NEED:** Looking to add an authentic Asian touch to an otherwise dull interior or garden? Would you like practical and stylish decor without having to spend a fortune? The Boohugger bamboo stand is the perfect solution!  
 • **PREMIUM QUALITY MATERIALS:** This multipurpose side table is made from superior quality, eco-friendly bamboo, grown naturally and sustainably on our bamboo plantation. Our bamboo is 100% safe and non-toxic, using no chemicals or dyes.  
 • **HANDCRAFTED BY A BAMBOO MASTER:** The Boohugger bamboo table is carefully crafted by experienced artisans who understand the importance of quality and attention to detail. You'll certainly be impressed by this stylish, sturdy and practical design!  
 • **MULTIPURPOSE:** Whether as a shower stool or towel rack, a plant stand, book or magazine shelf, coffee table, nightstand or terrace table, this top-quality bamboo stand is a must in every modern home, being suitable for indoor and outdoor use!  
 • **ORIGINAL GIFT:** Order the boohugger natural bamboo side table for yourself or as a thoughtful housewarming gift for a special friend, and you can be sure to win their appreciation. With only 4 screws and the required tool included, assembly will be no hassle!  
 † See more product details.

\$99.95 & FREE Shipping. Details & FREE Returns  
 Arrives: Jan 16 - 17  
 Fastest delivery: Mon, Jan 13  
 Order within 13 hrs 39 mins

Deliver to James - Bensville 12409  
 In Stock

Qty: 1  
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 Buy Now

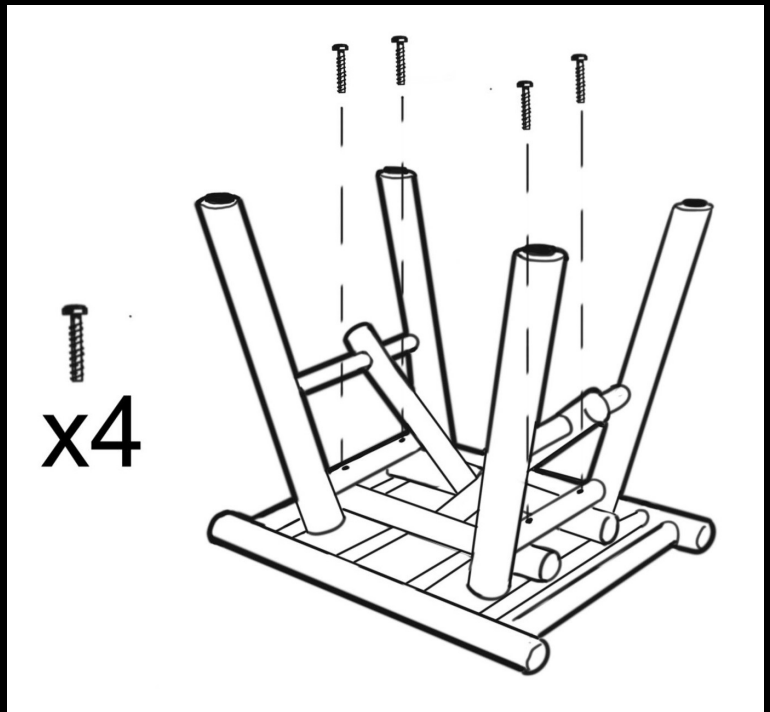
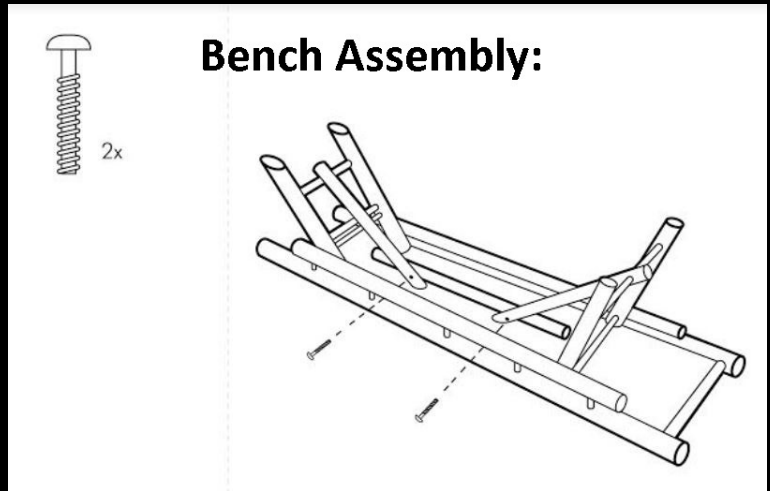
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**Bathroom Side Table**  
 Designed with **Plastic Feet** to protect your floors from scratching, and also protects the furniture from moisture if you are using it in the bathroom or outdoors.

Plant Stand Shower Stool Side Table Easy Assembly



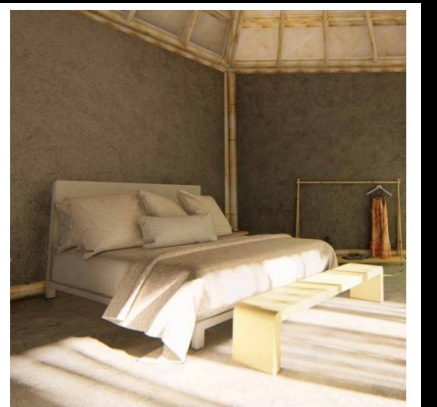
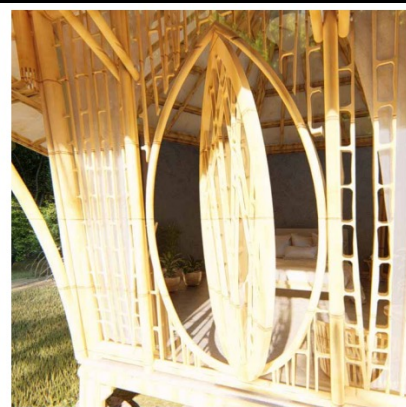
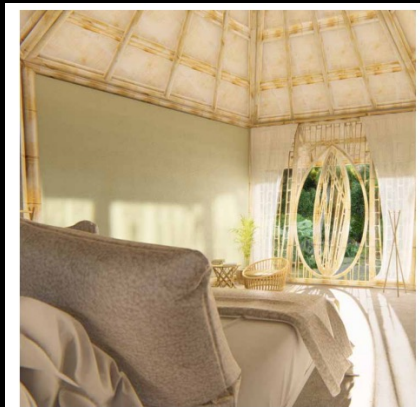




















CORNER CONSTRUCTION: Filled ends, parts built in jigs with modern tools, large dowel with smaller cross pinning of dowel





**EFFICIENCY – SAFETY – ERGONOMICS – PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

**BEFORE: 2 people, one holding and watching, another worker cutting with a knife, working on the floor**

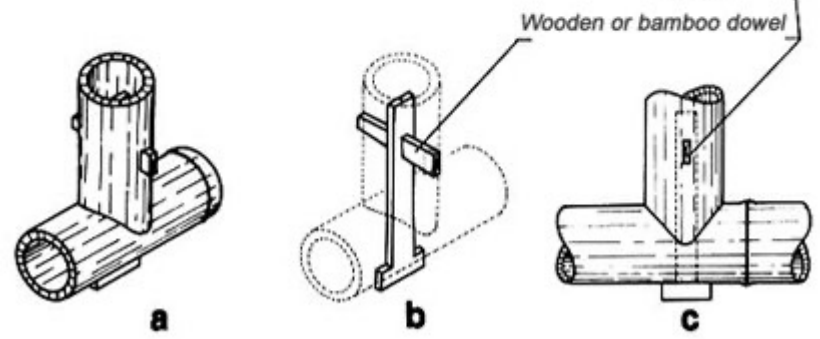
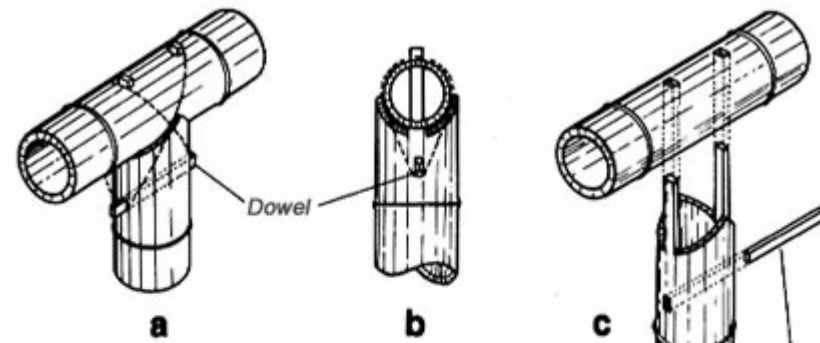
**AFTER: 1 person working in an ergonomic position, safe and secure work stand and with power tools**













# Bamboo Joint Testing

Carried out at PT Bamboo Pure on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

By James Wolf

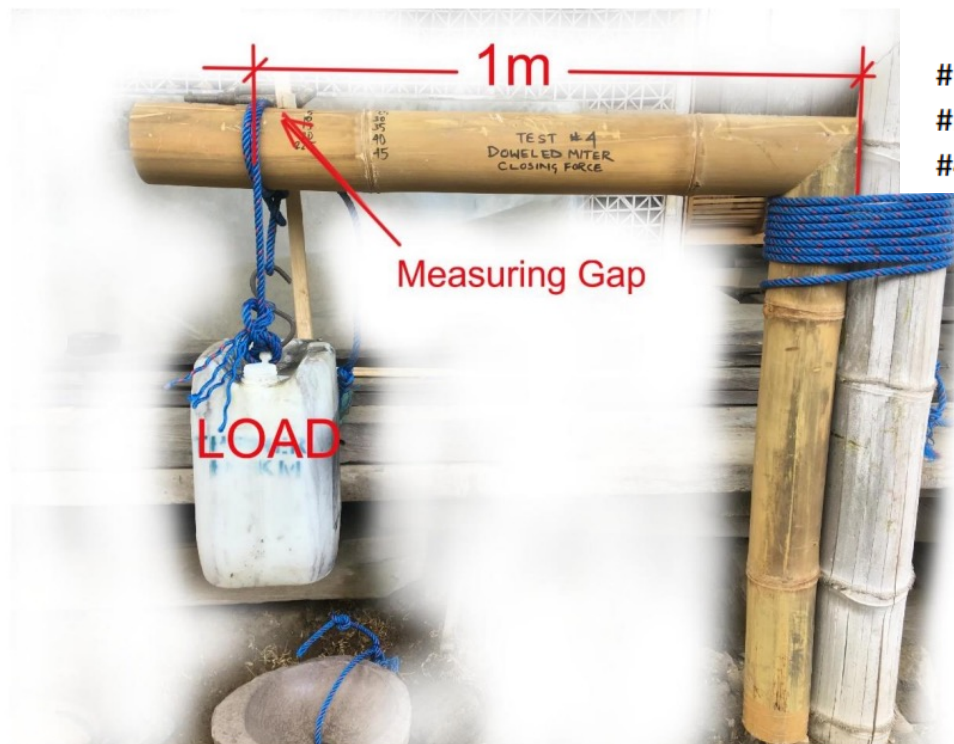
## Purpose

The purpose of the test was to compare several common and modified bamboo connections. To apply measured force and note the deflection and eventually the failure of each one.

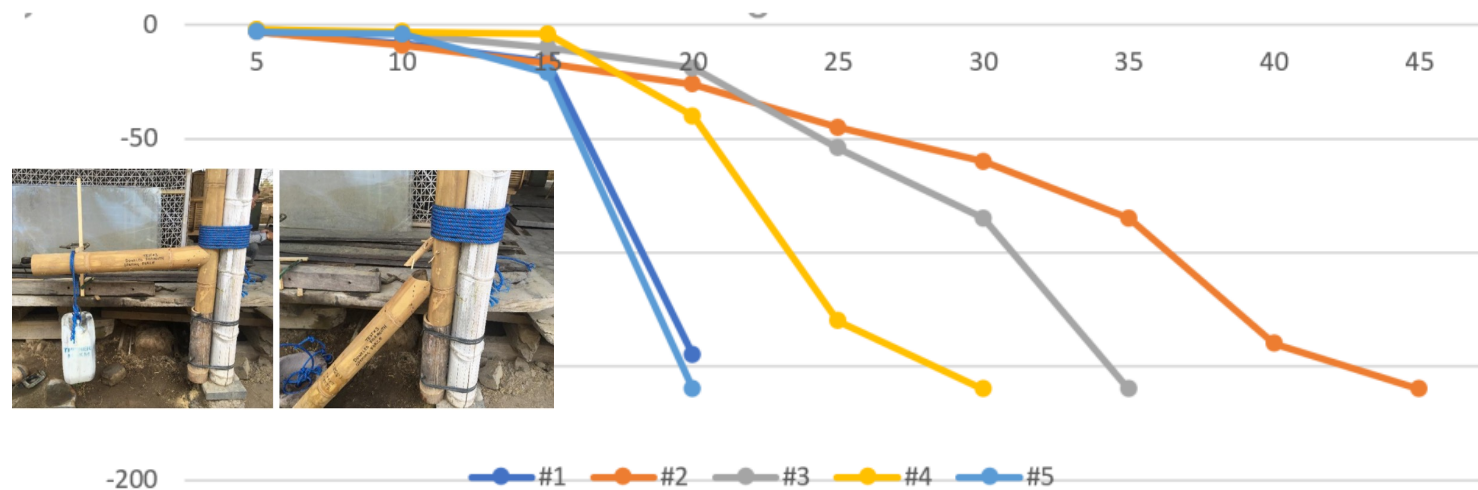
## Methodology

Joints were secured against a rigid beam with nylon rope. A downward force was applied at 1 meter from the outside of the joint. Load was gradually increased at intervals of 5kg and deflection was measured in millimeters. All samples were tested until the complete failure of the connection occurred.

Typical Test set-up:



## Comparative Analysis

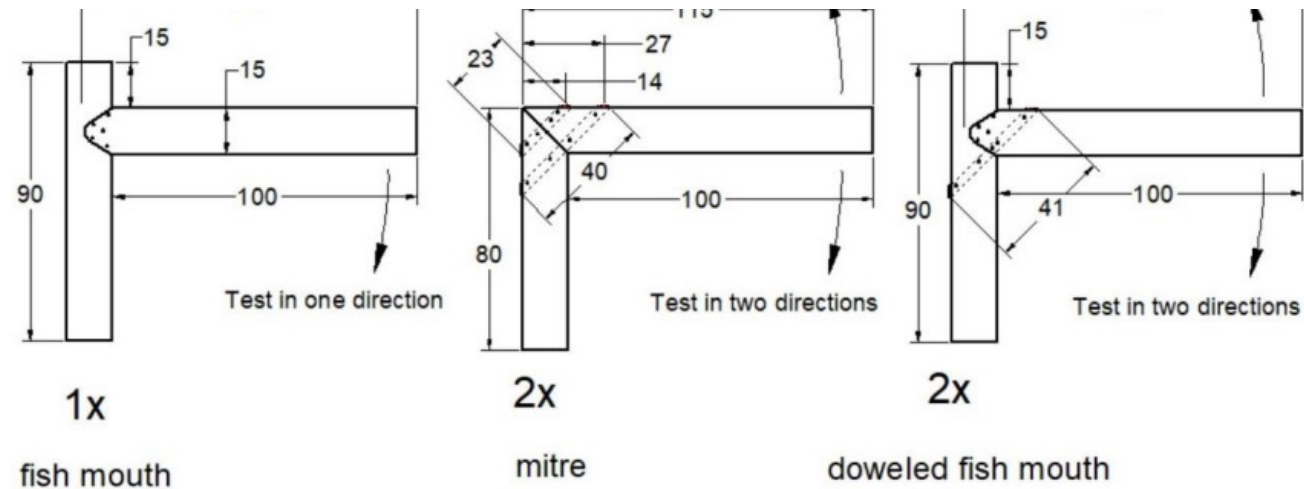


#1 fish mouth - #2 doweled fish mouth - #3 doweled fish mouth - #4 mitered - #5 mitered

#1 and #5 had the lowest failure strength (under 20kg)

#2 had the highest failure strength (over 40kg)

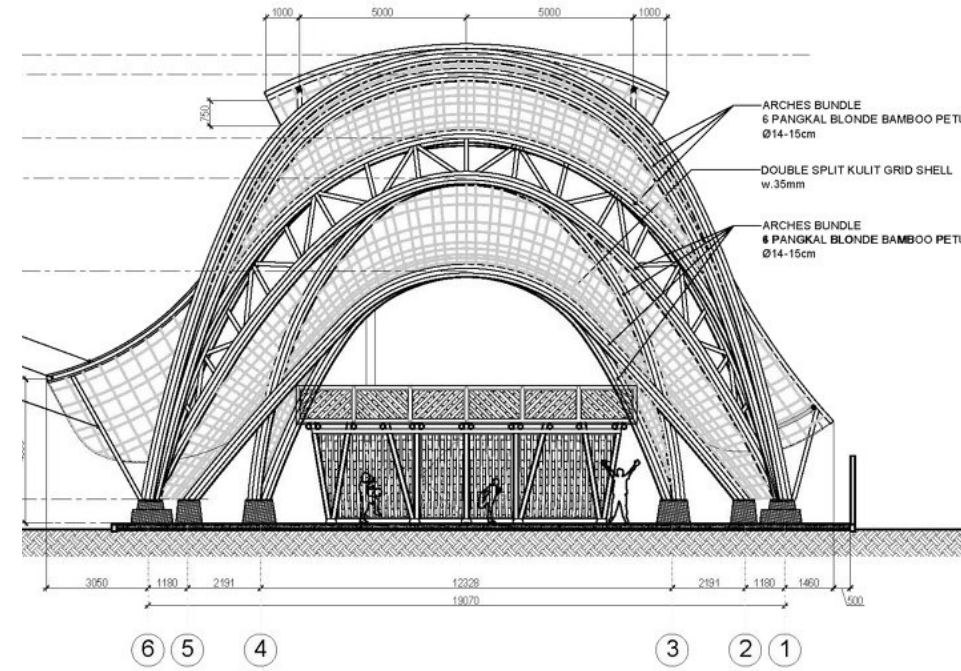
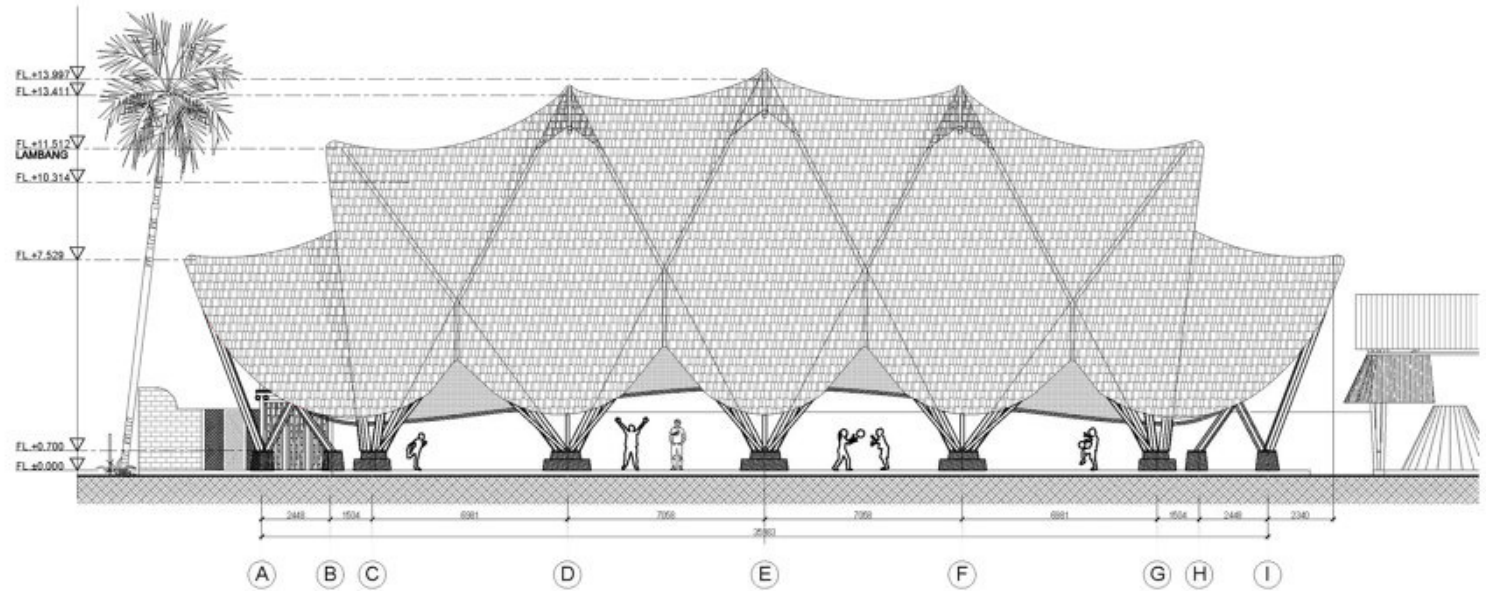
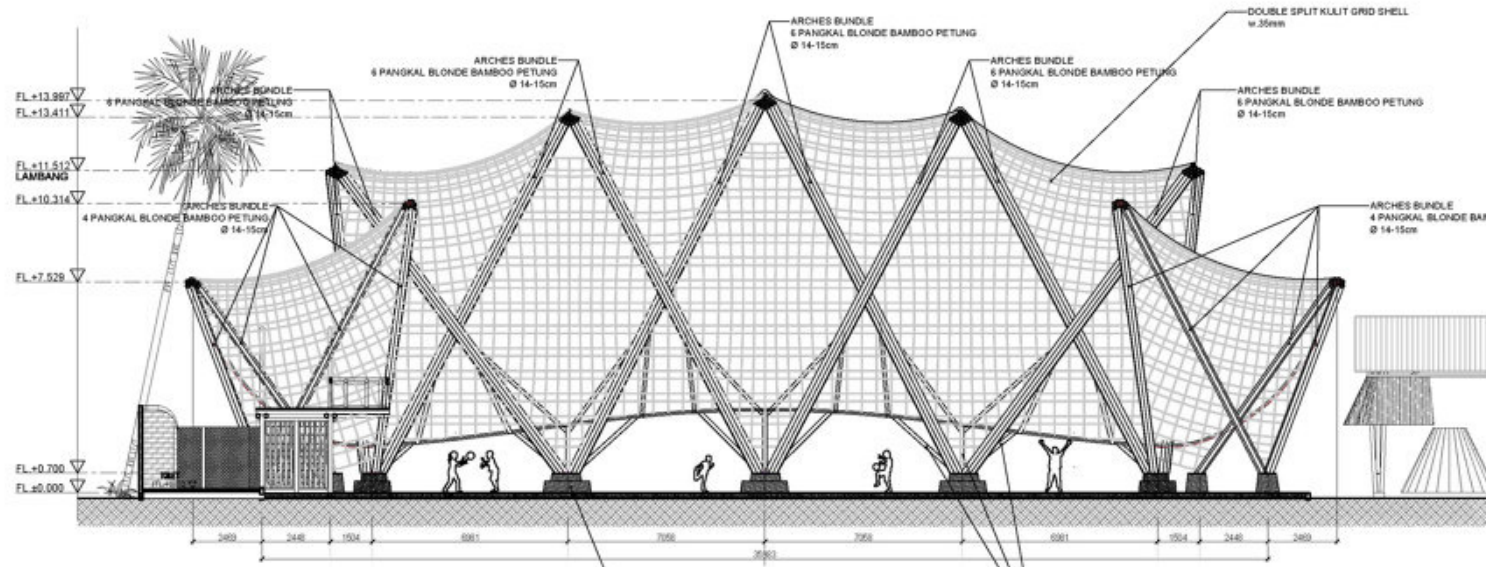
#4 and #5 had the highest stiffness (before failure)





UNPRECEDENTED  
The Arc at Green School







Testing Testing 1 2 3



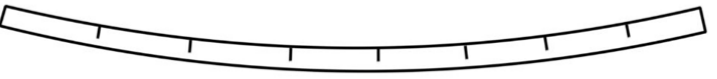
# YOUNG'S MODULUS TESTING TO FAILURE on PETUNG BAMBOO POLES WITH "RUBRUB"

Tests carried out at PT Pure Bamboo by James Wolf in June 2020

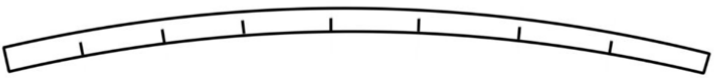
Test 1,2,3 Compression on rubrub, w/ glue and pins. Max Avg. Load: 314kg



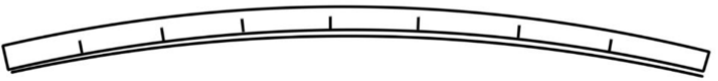
Test 3,4 Compression on rubrub, no glue and no pins. Max Avg. Load: 777kg



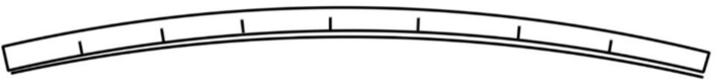
Test 8 Tension on rubrub w/ pins. Max Avg. Load: 102kg



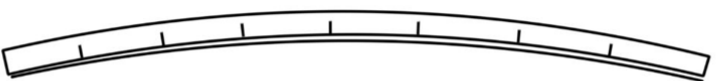
Test 6,7 Tension on rubrub w/ pins, w/ tension splits on bottom. Max Avg. Load: 158kg



Test 9,10 Tension on rubrub, w/ tension splits on bottom. Max Avg. Load: 159kg



Test 11, 12 Tension on rubrub, w/ tension splits, additional screws. Max Avg. Load: 264kg



Test 13, 14 Tension on rubrub, w/ 2 tension splits & more screws. Max Avg. Load: 483kg



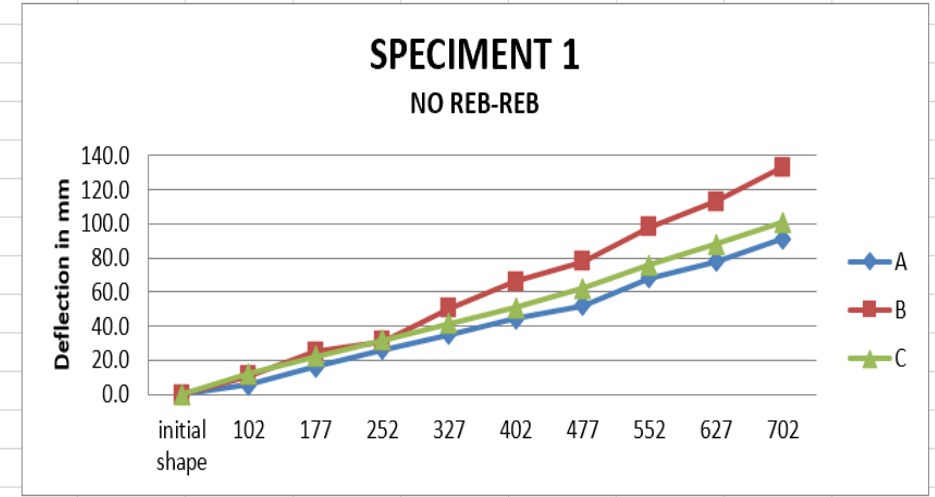
2 sets of splits side by side





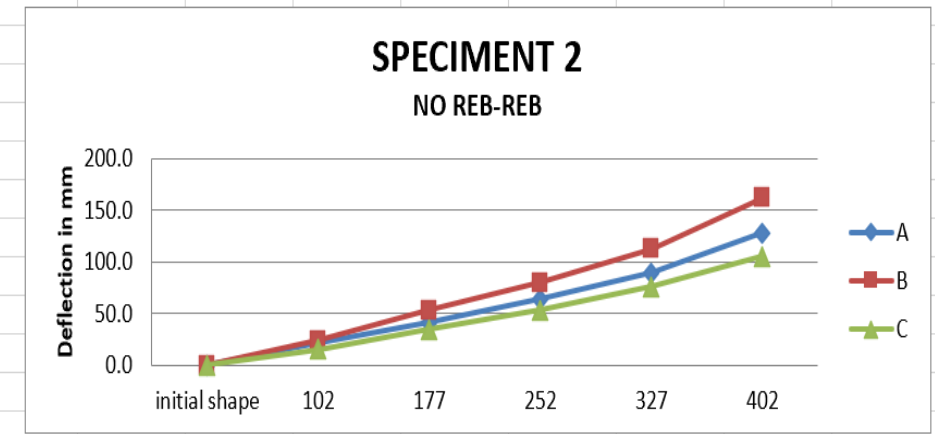
10	SPECIMENT 1					
11	Test No	Load	Total load	A	B	C
12	initial shape	-	initial shape	0.0	0.0	0.0
13	1	75	102	5.5	11.0	12.0
14	2	75	177	16.0	25.0	22.0
15	3	75	252	26.0	31.0	32.0
16	4	75	327	35.0	50.5	41.5
17	5	75	402	44.5	66.0	51.0
18	6	75	477	52.0	78.0	62.0
19	7	75	552	68.0	98.0	76.0
20	8	75	627	78.0	113.0	88.0
21	9	75	702	91.0	133.0	101.0
22	10	75	777	CRACK		

BAMBOO POLE SPEC		
D1	153.0	mm
t1	31.0	mm
D2	142.5	mm
t2	17.7	mm
D3	126.0	mm
t3	9.6	mm
SPAN	6.0	m
HUMIDITY	30.0	%
PART	BOTTOM HALF	



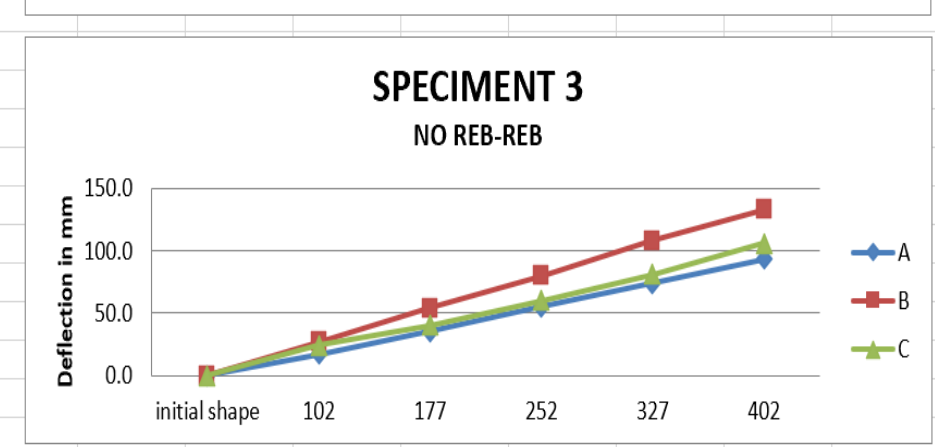
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28	2	75	177	41.0	53.0	34.5
29	3	75	252	64.0	80.0	53.0
30	4	75	327	89.0	112.5	76.0
31	5	75	402	128.0	162.0	105.0
32	6	75	477	CRACK		

BAMBOO POLE SPEC		
D1	133.6	mm
t1	12.7	mm
D2	139.5	mm
t2	11.5	mm
D3	152.0	mm
t3	22.0	mm
SPAN	6.0	m
HUMIDITY	27.0	%
PART	BOTTOM HALF	

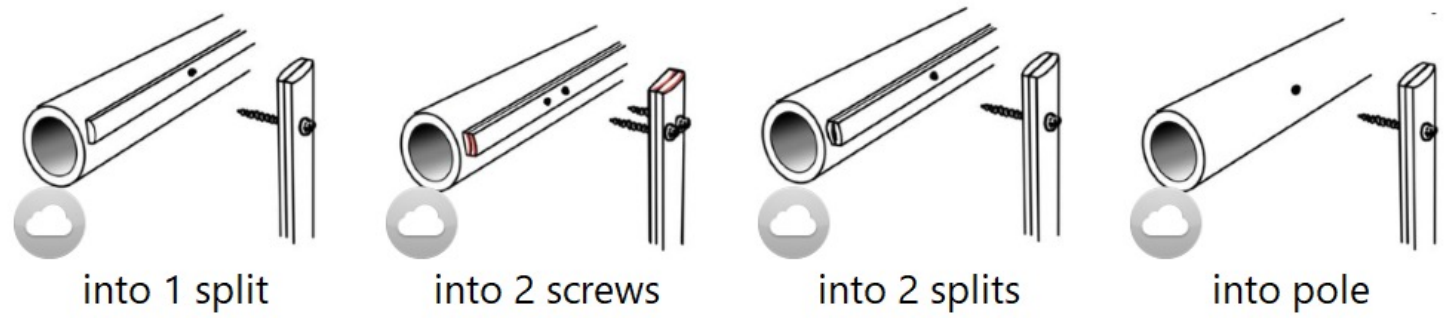
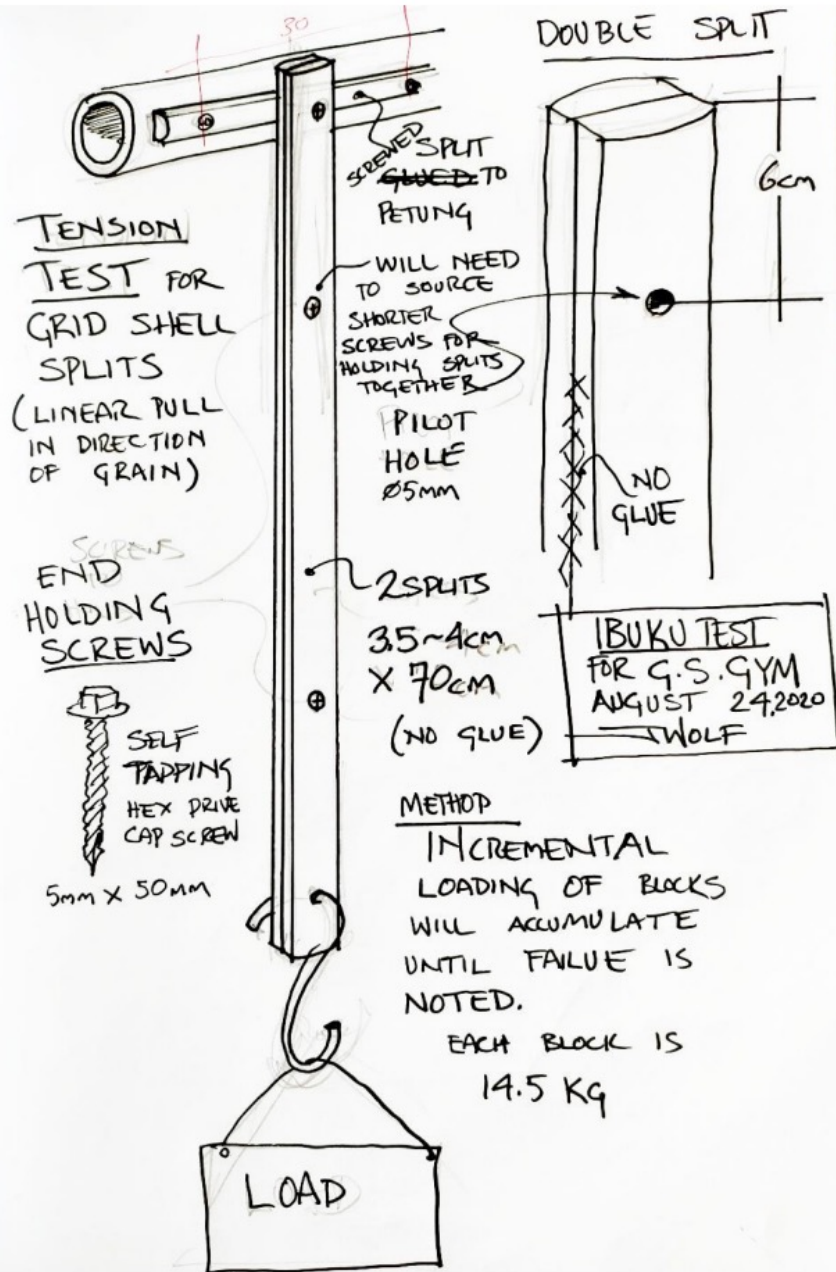


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38	1	75	102	17.0	27.0	24.0
39	2	75	177	35.5	54.0	40.0
40	3	75	252	55.0	80.0	60.0
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42	5	75	402	93.0	133.0	106.0
43	6	75	477	CRACK		

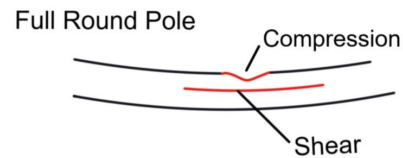
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D2	144.6	mm
t2	17.7	mm
D3	126.7	mm
t3	9.0	mm
SPAN	6.0	m
HUMIDITY	46.0	%
PART	BOTTOM HALF	







### POLE, Rubrub, Splits



Rubrub on Bottom



Rubrub w/ 1 Split Strip



Rubrub w/ 2 Split Strips



### FAILURE MODE:

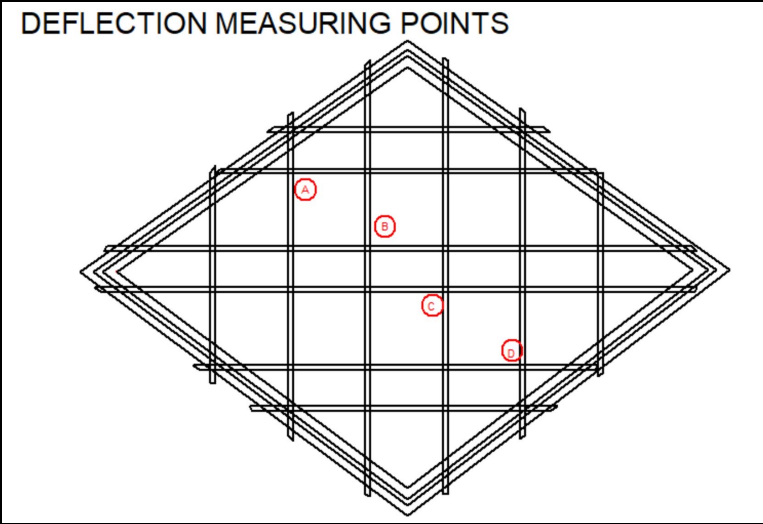
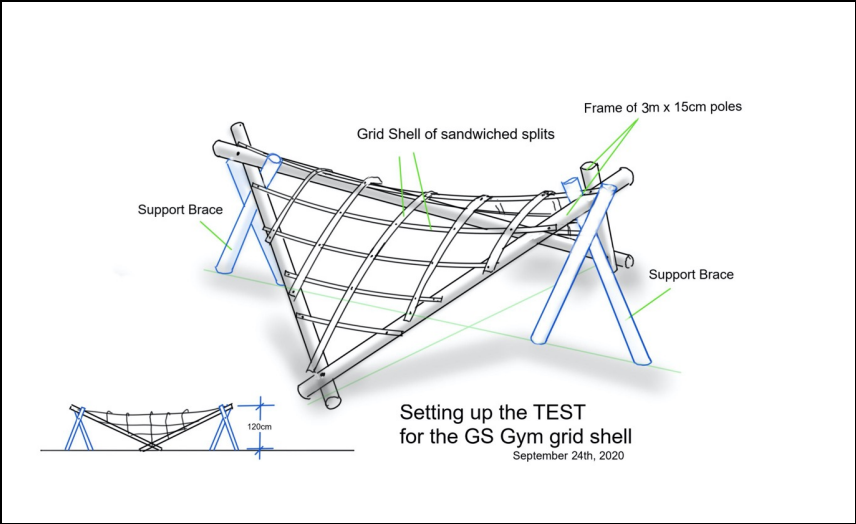
Shear splitting and compression failure on top at 702kg

Shear followed by the bottom sections separating off and then the top strip bending at 102kg

Shear followed by lower sections levering off the split then cracking or bending of the top strip at 264kg

Shear happening later, splits holding the load in tension and then compression failure at the top edge at 481kg







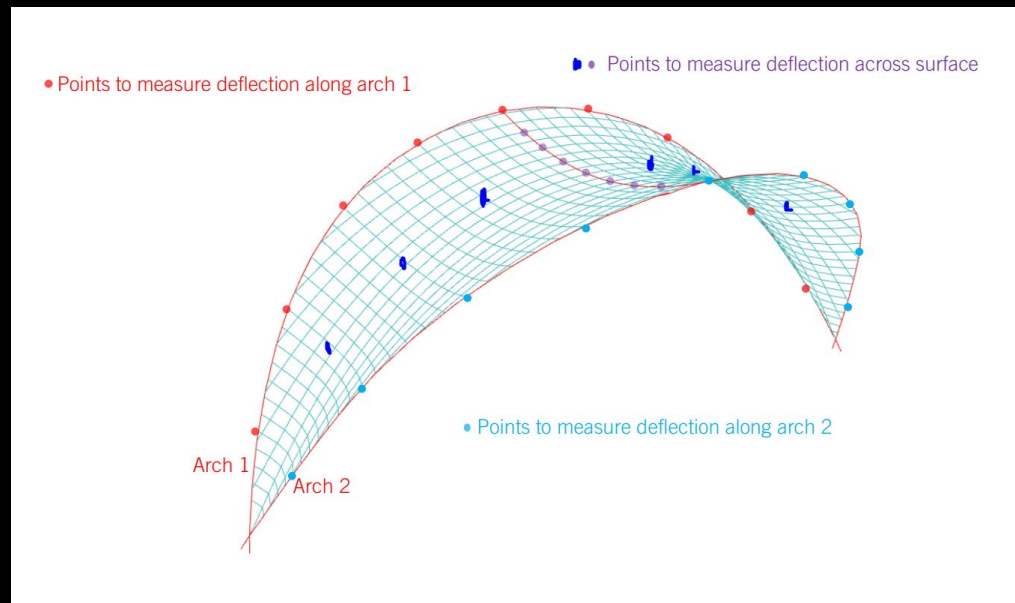
# Youngs Modulus test on Petung Bamboo

Tests performed at PT Bamboo Pure on July 9th and 10th 2020





## Final saddle test – FULL scale





## GREEN SCHOOL ARC TESTING

- Single Petung Pole
- Rebreb on Single pole in Tension
- Rebreb on Single pole in Compression
- Results of adding Supporting Splits
- Testing types of Glue available
- Screws in Split spacing
- Screws at end of Splits
- Types of Screws Testing
- Bundle of 4 Petung in Tension
- Bundle of 4 Petung in Compression
- Above with variations in number and positioning of Splits
- Grid shell at scale Testing
- Bundle of 6 Petung in Tension
- Bundle of 6 Petung in Compression
- Above with variations in number and positioning of Splits
- Full Scale arch and grid shell test





Lets DO THIS!

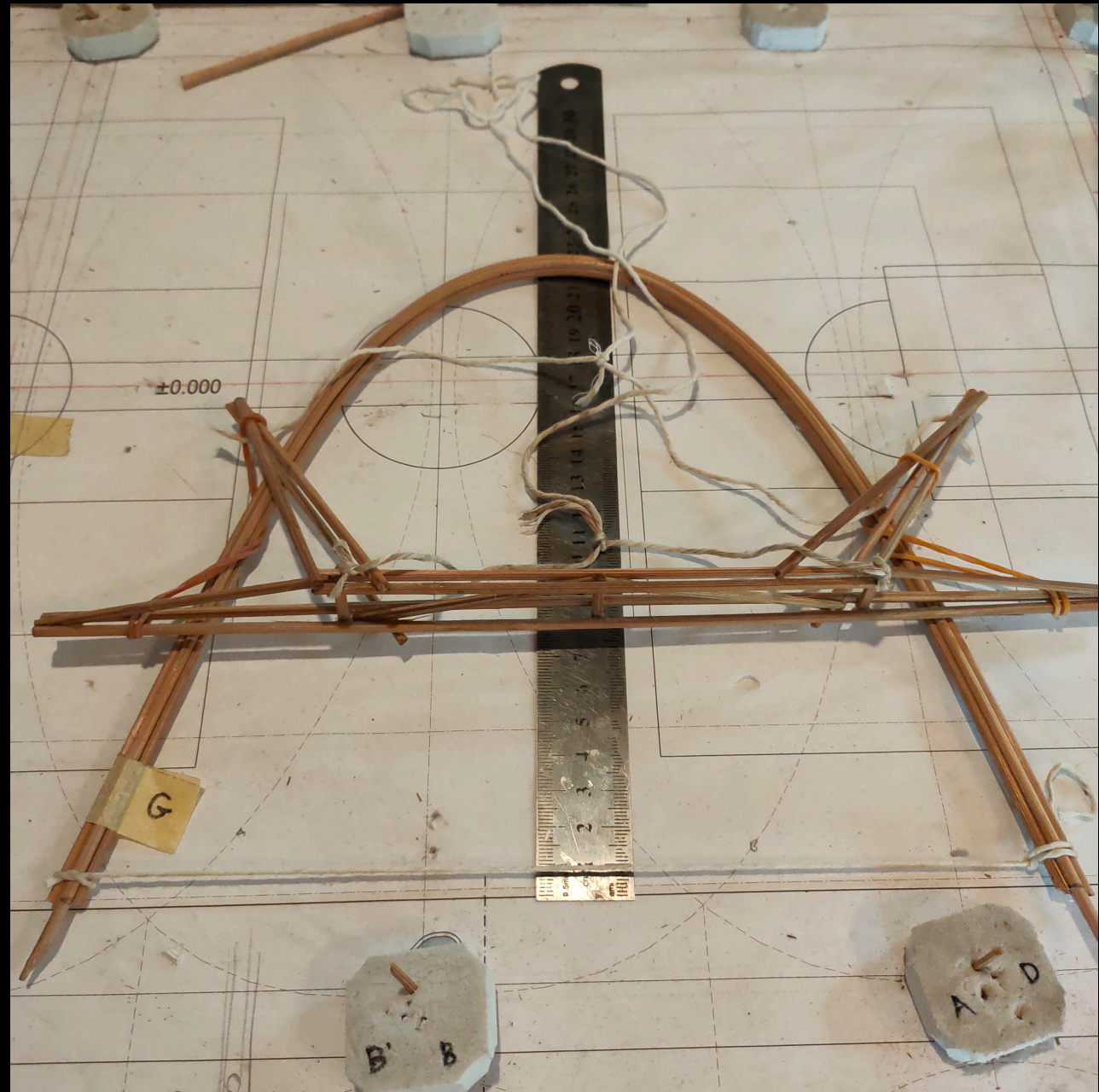


# Arch Assembly Sequence





Lifting Brace































**Architectural  
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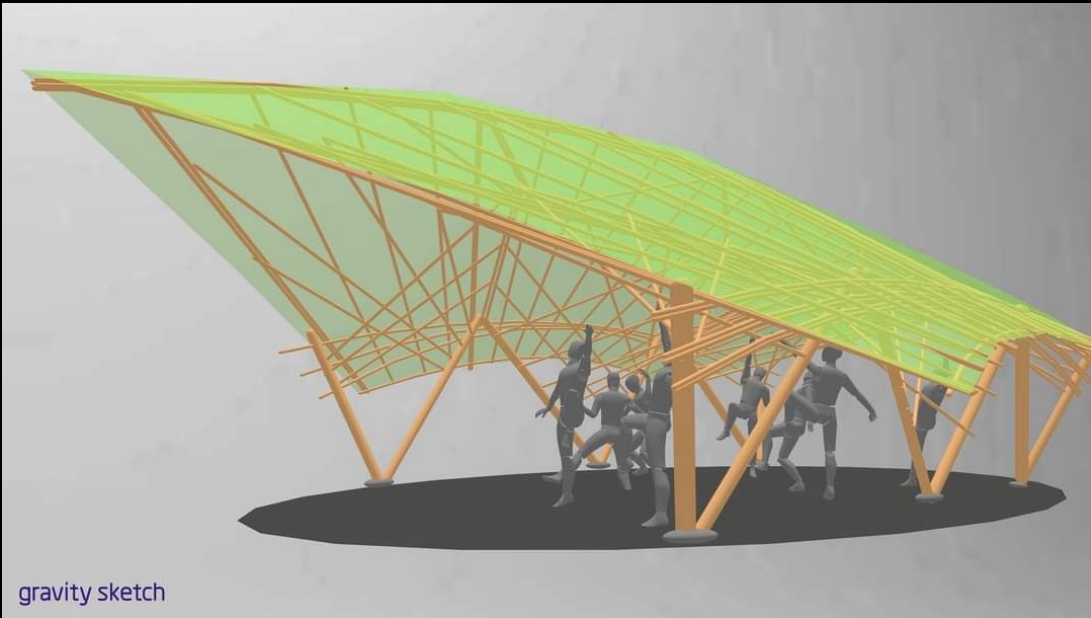




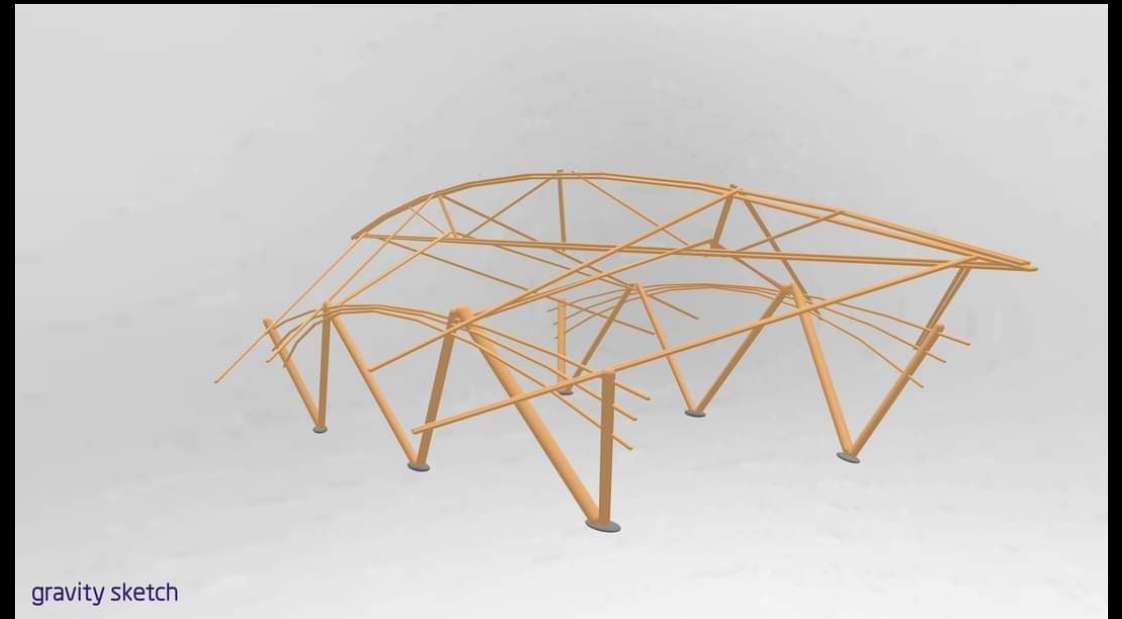








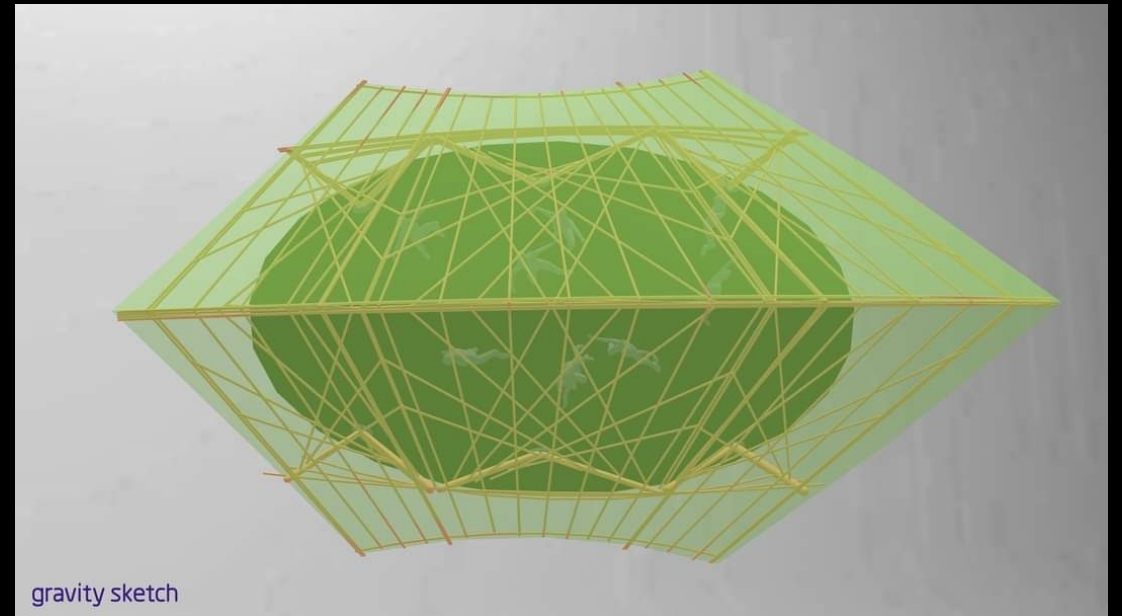
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KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER



Design

Creativity

Bamboo

Environment

Business





### High Labor Input

- Makes it difficult to go mainstream
- Its hard to find skilled labor
- Wages keep rising

In order to be competitive, we must refine the processes and improve manufacturing efficiency.





## Bamboo has a PR Problem

- People have a low expectation for it
- Bamboo is seen as the “poor man’s lumber”
- Historically, bamboo products have been of bad quality and buildings short lived

In order to elevate the status, we must do bamboo better than what's been done before.





## Bamboo can be the substitute

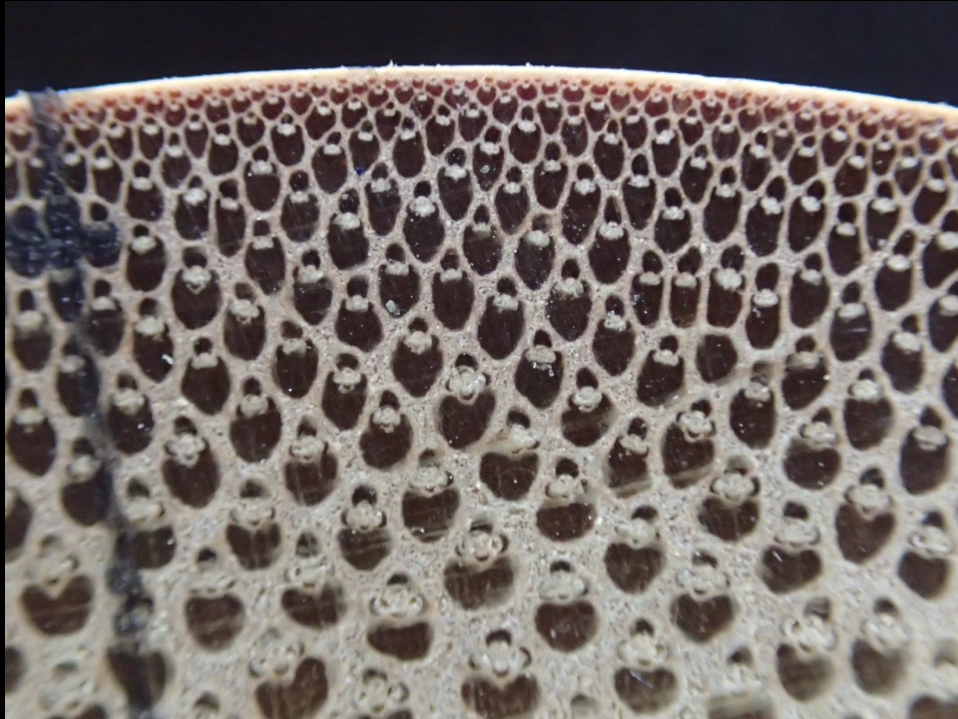
- Replace plastic
- Replace steel and concrete
- Reduce pollution
- Create Green Jobs
- Use bamboo for more of our needs
- Innovate NEW applications

If it can be done in bamboo then  
LETS DO IT!



## Design By Nature

The best natural tubing in the world has been in constant R&D for millions of years. We can learn from it and apply it to modern needs. There is so much natural technology going on in bamboo that we have to learn from.



## High Tech Applications

If you test and look at the engineering properties of strength to weight ratio, lateral stiffness, rotational compliance and viscoelasticity, you see that bamboo lends itself to perform as good or better than so called "high tech" materials.



> James  
Wolf

Follow your dreams





THANK YOU!