

# Bamboo and Energy



# Bamboo: Its suitability as energy crop

- Bamboo is fastest growing plant on earth.
- Perennial “Woody Grass”, rapid growth : annual selective harvesting possible (no clear felling) for 50 years.
- Environmental protection: Soil erosion, water recharge, reclaiming degraded lands, etc.
- Additional benefits: Bamboo shoots (food security), fodder, multiple uses, etc
- Yield: 5 to 47 metric tons per hectare (Priority species: > 10 MT per annum).



# Energy or Calorific values comparison (Bamboo Vs Wood)

- Calorific value of dry bamboo: ~ 19 MJ/kg or 4500 Kcal/Kg (Scurlock, 2000)

Biomass	HHV	
	MJ / Kg	Kcal / Kg
Bamboo	19.8	4729
Eucalyptus	19.6	4681
Hybrid popular	19.7	4705
Willow	19.7	4705

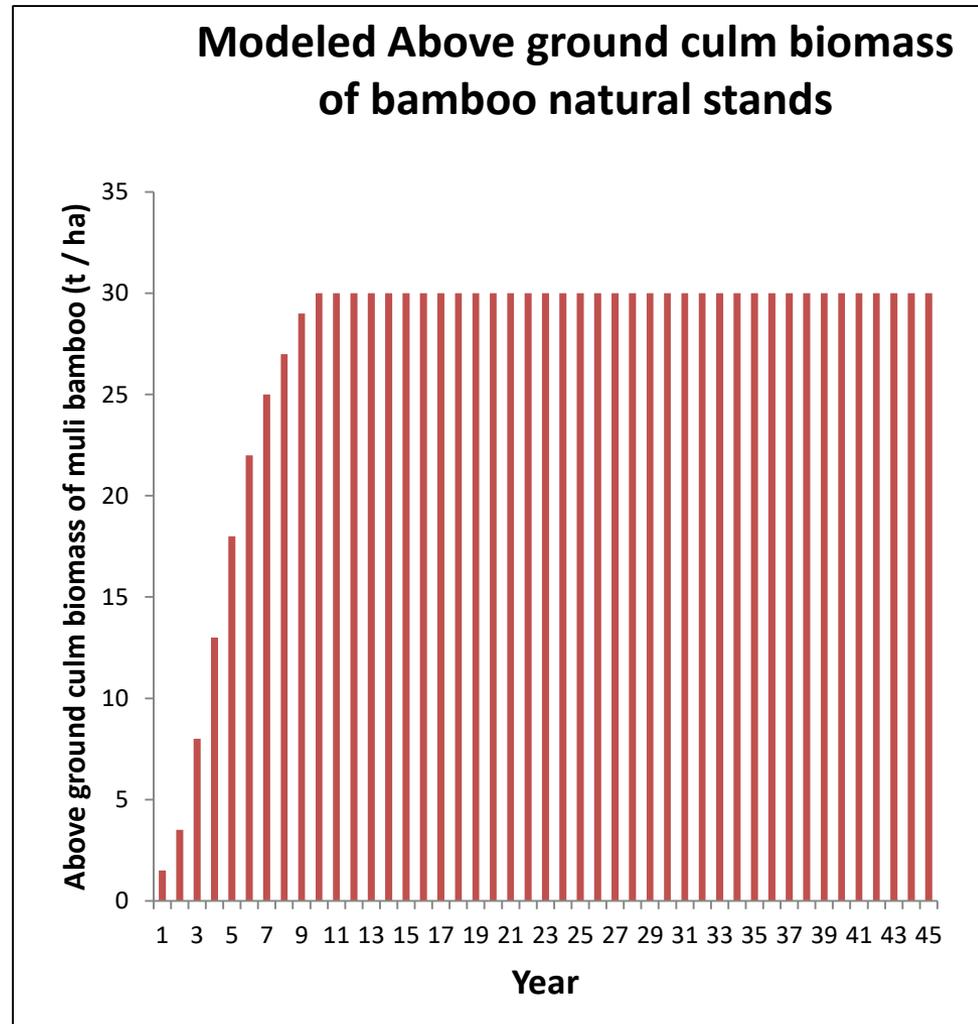
- Low ash and alkali content; C and H similar to wood.
- Calorific value of bamboo charcoal: 26 - 29 MJ/Kg or ~ 6600 Kcal/Kg

**Botanically, bamboo is a grass  
..... And not a tree**



# Modeling biomass / carbon dynamics of bamboo forest

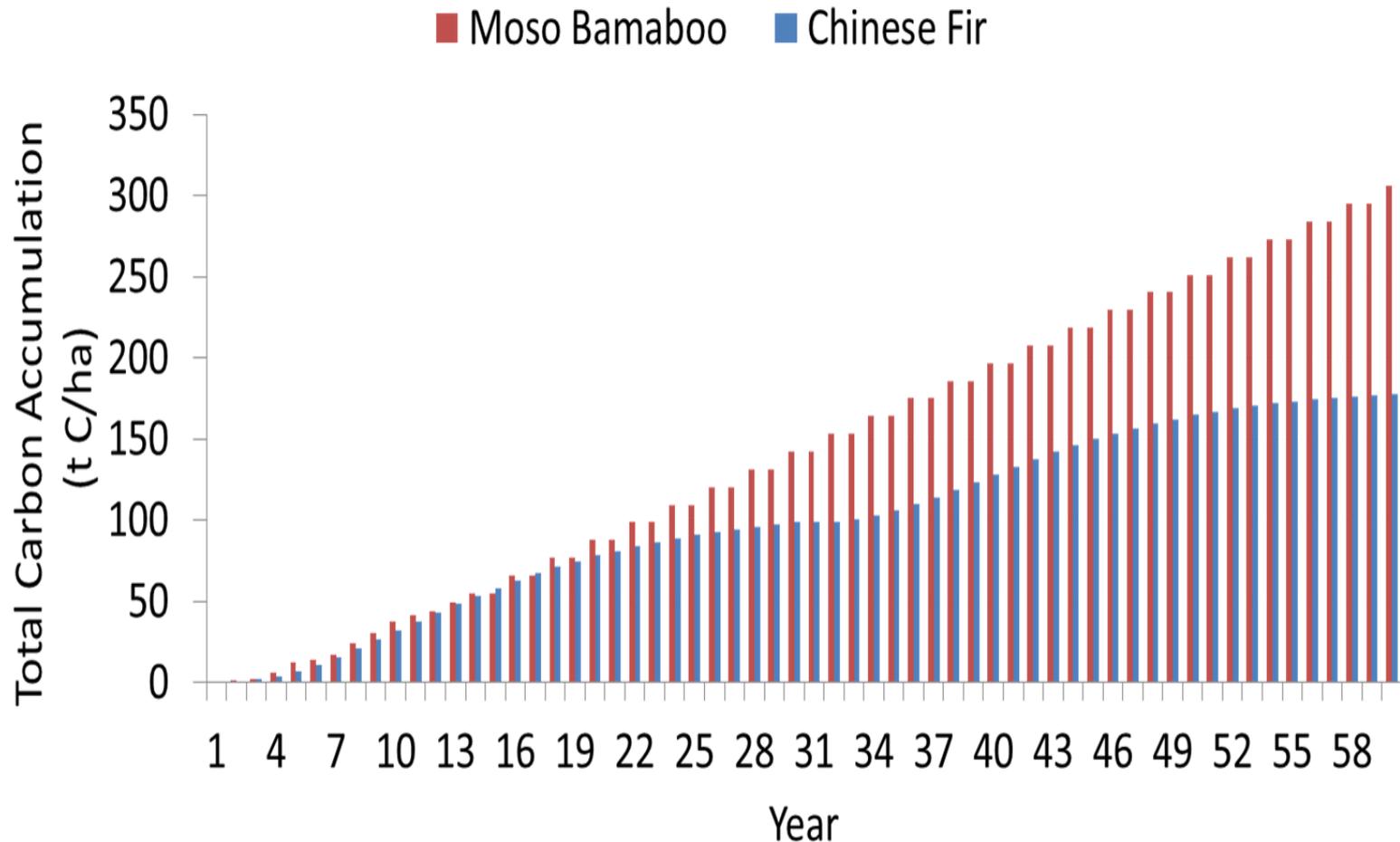
- Rapid growth and regrowth.
- Reach stable carbon in a period of 6 -10 years (beyond that, bamboo forests are carbon neutral (Liese, 2009)
- Above ground and high underground biomass ratio: 66: 34 percent
- Leaf litter: 6 – 8 percent of total biomass ( 1 to 37 MT per annum) (Kleinhenz and Midmore, 2001).
- Soil carbon: 15 – 17 percent of leaf litter and underground biomass.
- Gregarious bamboo flowering at end of life cycle.
- Active management necessary for improving carbon sequestration.





# Modeling carbon sequestration of Moso bamboo (INBAR, 2010)

- Fast growing, annual yielding crop
- When managed, bamboo can outperform fast-growing species in terms of carbon sequestration



# Bamboo and Energy: Fuel wood and Charcoal Production Technologies

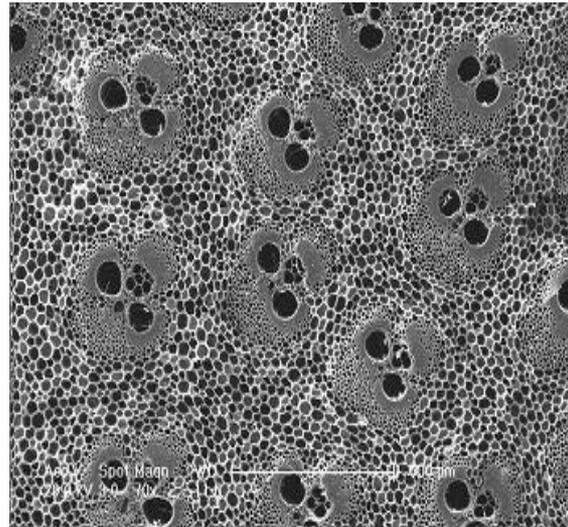


# What is Bamboo Charcoal?

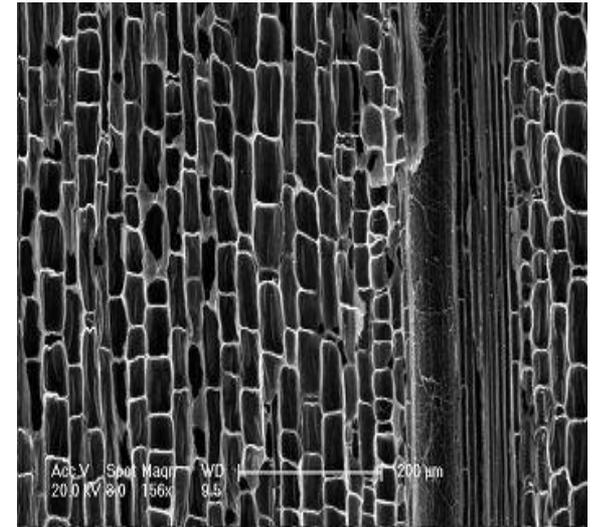
Bamboo charcoal is a product from bamboo materials in high temperature pyrolysis with no air or by controlling or limiting the airflow, i.e. oxygen.



Bamboo Charcoal



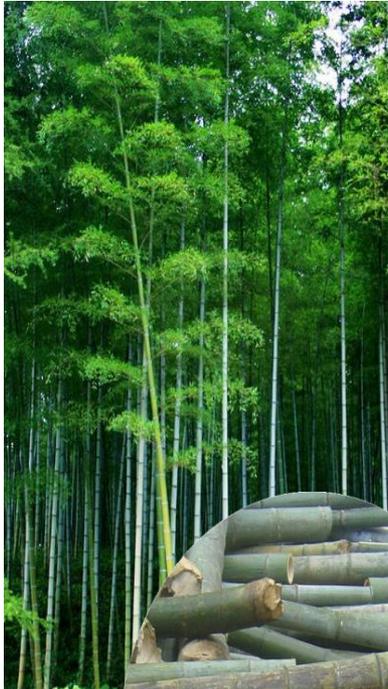
Cross Section



Vertical Section

# Charcoal

## How to obtain bamboo charcoal?



Bamboo



Equipment and  
Process



Charcoal

# Drum Charcoal



- Portable
- Low investment
- Charcoal Yield: 22 – 25 percent

# Drum Charcoal - Model 2



# Drum Charcoal - Model 3



# Drum Charcoal - Model 4



# Dome Charcoal





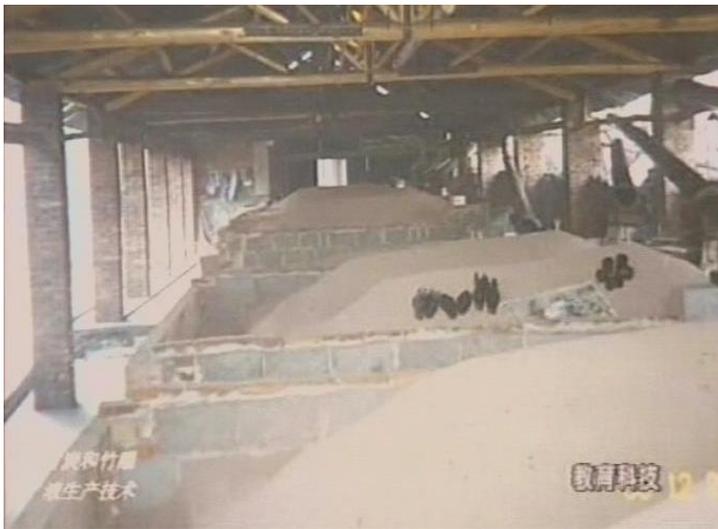






# Large Kilns for high quality charcoal production





Traditional kilns in China (vertical and horizontal)



Traditional kilns in Ghana



Mechanical kilns in China (Continuous (Left) and Periodic Types (Right))



Successional  
(vertical)

mechanical



**Furnace**





Mechanical and Traditional kilns in Taiwan, China



Traditional kilns in Korea

# Briquetting Enterprises

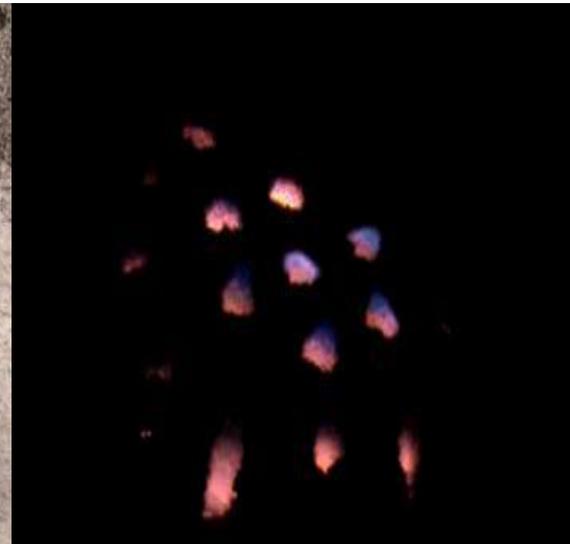




### **Ram-type and screw-type biomass briquettes from farming households**

Currently, four processing units are operational with a combined capacity of 12,000 tons/annum, which is \$500,000 new income to the farming households who would have otherwise just burned the residue in the fields.

# Manual Briquetting Enterprises



# Semi-mechanized pelleting enterprises (Alaknanda, Uttarakhand, India)



# Mechanized briquetting units (Mbeya, Tanzania & Uttarakhand, India)



# Mechanized Honey-Comb Briquetting (Coal dust, Vietnam)



# Mechanized honey-comb



# Bamboo and Electricity

- 1.2 Kg biomass produces 1 unit of electricity.
- Bamboo biomass is a suitable feed stock for electricity generation.
- Wastes arising out of industrial processes could be used for electricity generation.
- 100 per cent producer gas engine
- Combined diesel and producer engine
- Combined charcoal and electricity generation units

# Combined gasifier and charcoal production units



# Gasifier system for electricity generation (Uttarakhand, India)





# Technology: Bio-ethanol

- **Bio-chemical process:** The recalcitrant cellulose and hemi-cellulose in the biomass is converted into digestible glucose or sugars using pre-treatment methods and the resulting glucose is further converted into alcohol through the process of fermentation (Zhu et al., 2008; Zang et al, 2009; Leenakul and Tippayawong, 2010).

## Main Process:

Size reduction  
Pre-treatment  
Enzyme hydrolysis  
Fermentation  
Distillation

How Cellulosic Ethanol is Made

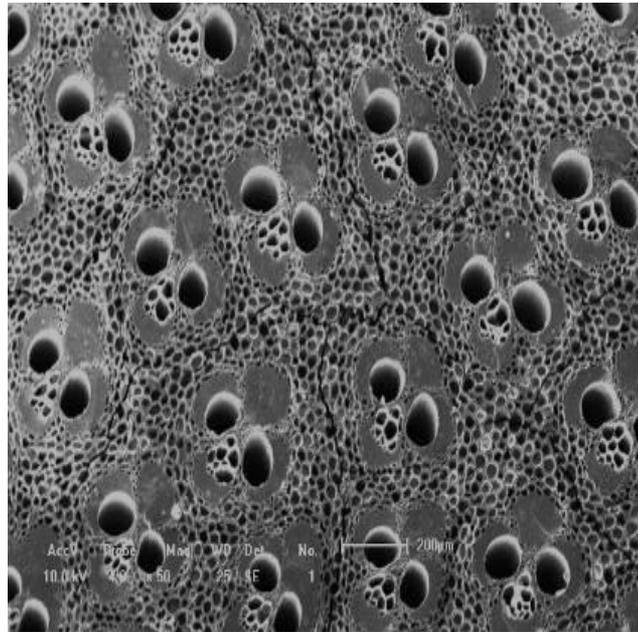




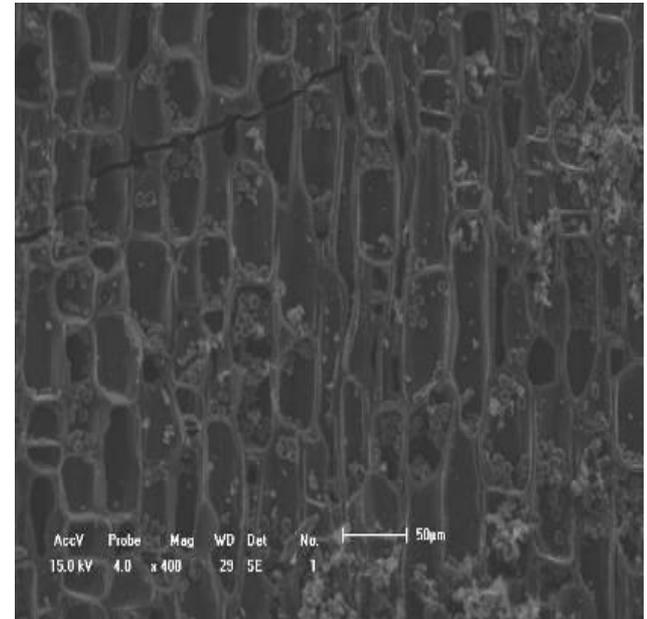
# Application

## Why is the application of bamboo charcoal?

**Bamboo  
Charcoal**



**Horizontal section**



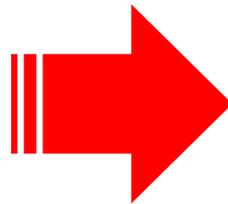
**Vertical**

**cross**

- **Porous material, large holes, small porous, microporous**

# Application

**What is the application of bamboo charcoal?**



Daily Use

Interior Decoration

Environmental  
Protection

Forestry and  
Horticulture

Other Uses

# Necessity

## Daily Use



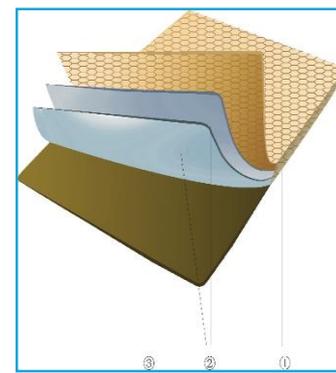
Health care



Skin protection



Fresh  
keeping



Electromagnetic  
shield



Fuel

# Necessity

## Interior Decoration



Dehumidification



Art work

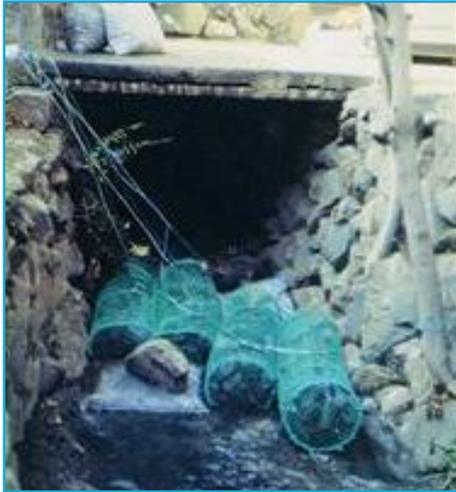


Building materials



# Necessity

## Environmental Protection



Wastewater  
treatment



Air  
purification



Drinking water  
purification

# Necessity

## Forestry and Horticulture



Feed additive



Soil improvement



Flowers and plants

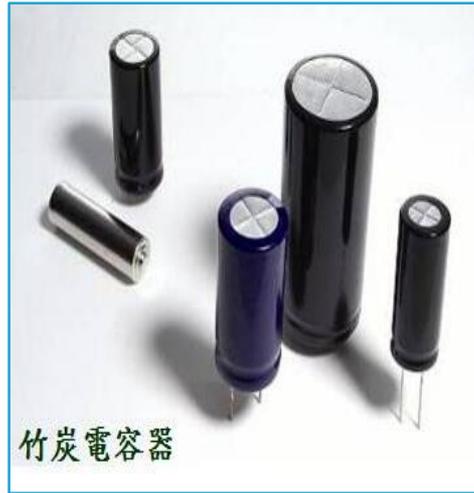


# Necessity

## Other Uses



Activated charcoal



Capacitor



Cooking



Food

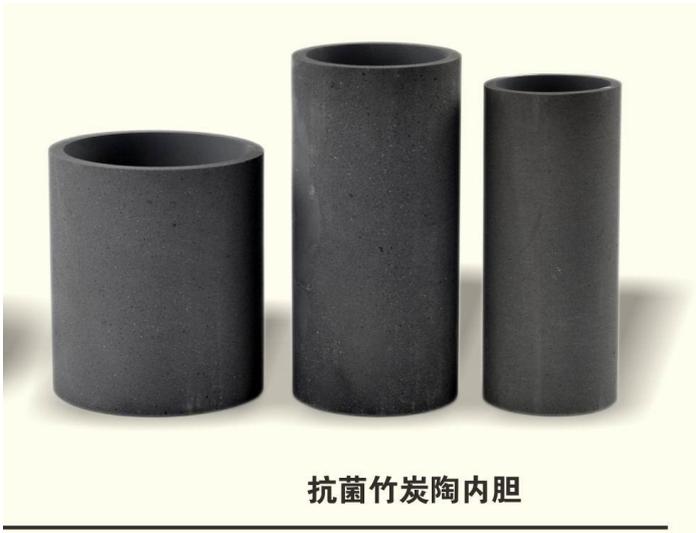




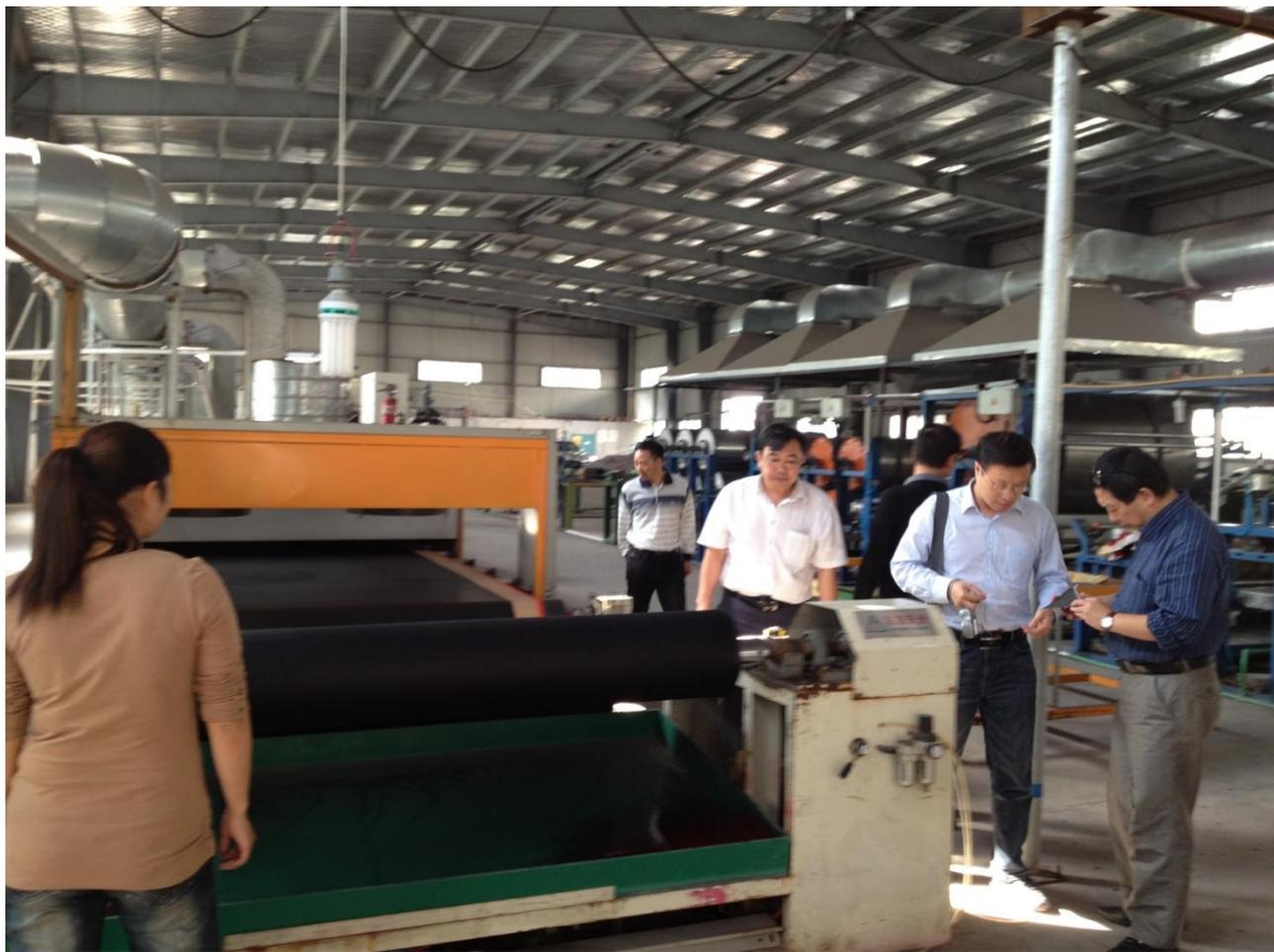


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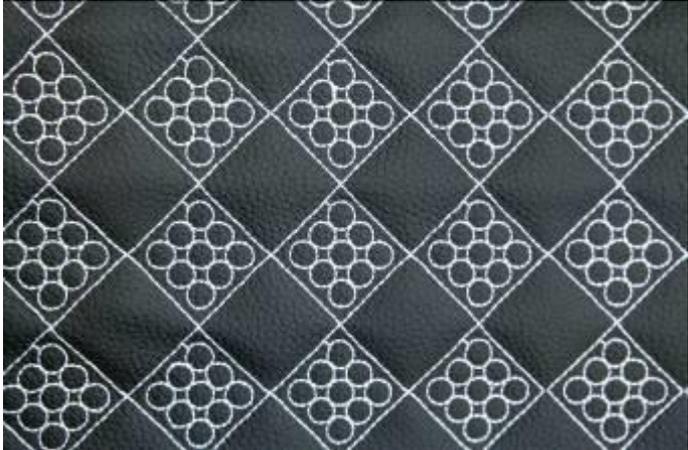






功能性聚氨酯炭基复合材料生产线

# Charcoal-Leather



# Charcoal root crafts



## Bamboo Charcoal Ceramic





Beijing opera





processing

bamboo



textiles



blending

**Bamboo Yarn 竹碳紗**

PAIHO GROUP

Functions of Bamboo Yarn Products

1. to emit infrared rays and improve blood circulation.
2. Due to the porous structure, it can absorb humidity and deodorize.
3. Twice activated Bamboo Yarn products can resist static electricity and electromagnetic waves.
4. Bamboo Yarn has been certified by Taiwan Industrial Technology Research Institute to be able to emit 85 - 95% infrared rays.

- 純天然環保的竹碳紗，具有遠紅外線功能，可促進血液循環，釋放負離子。
- 竹碳的多孔質特性，可吸溼除臭。
- 經2次活化的竹碳製品，具有抗電磁波、抗靜電功能。
- 微米研磨技術，配合生化科技抽紗，成品經工研院檢測，具有遠紅外線，放射率達85%~95%。

Carbo  
nization



Spin  
thread

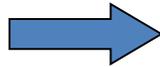


grinding

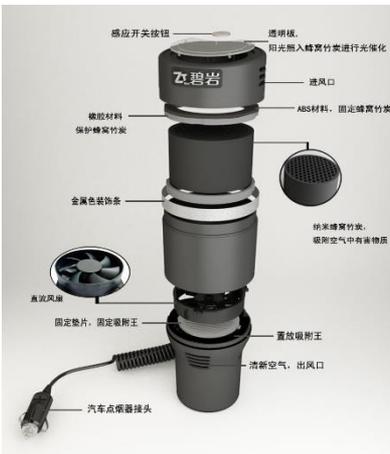
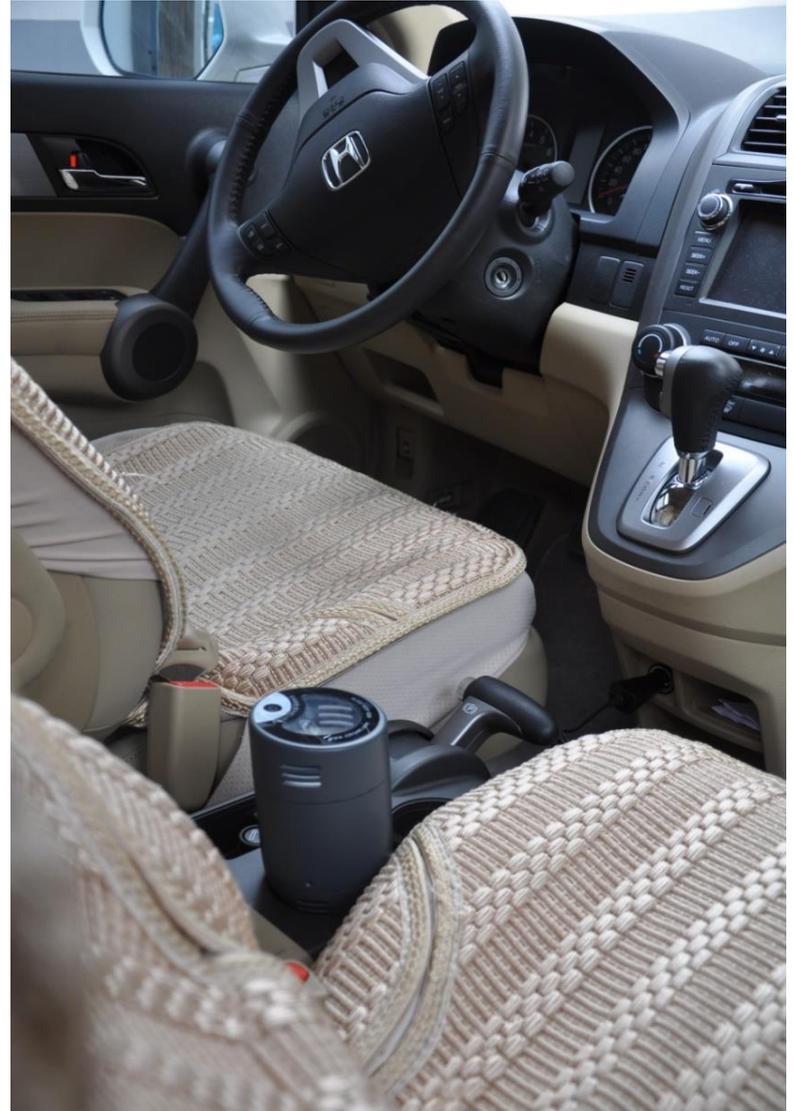


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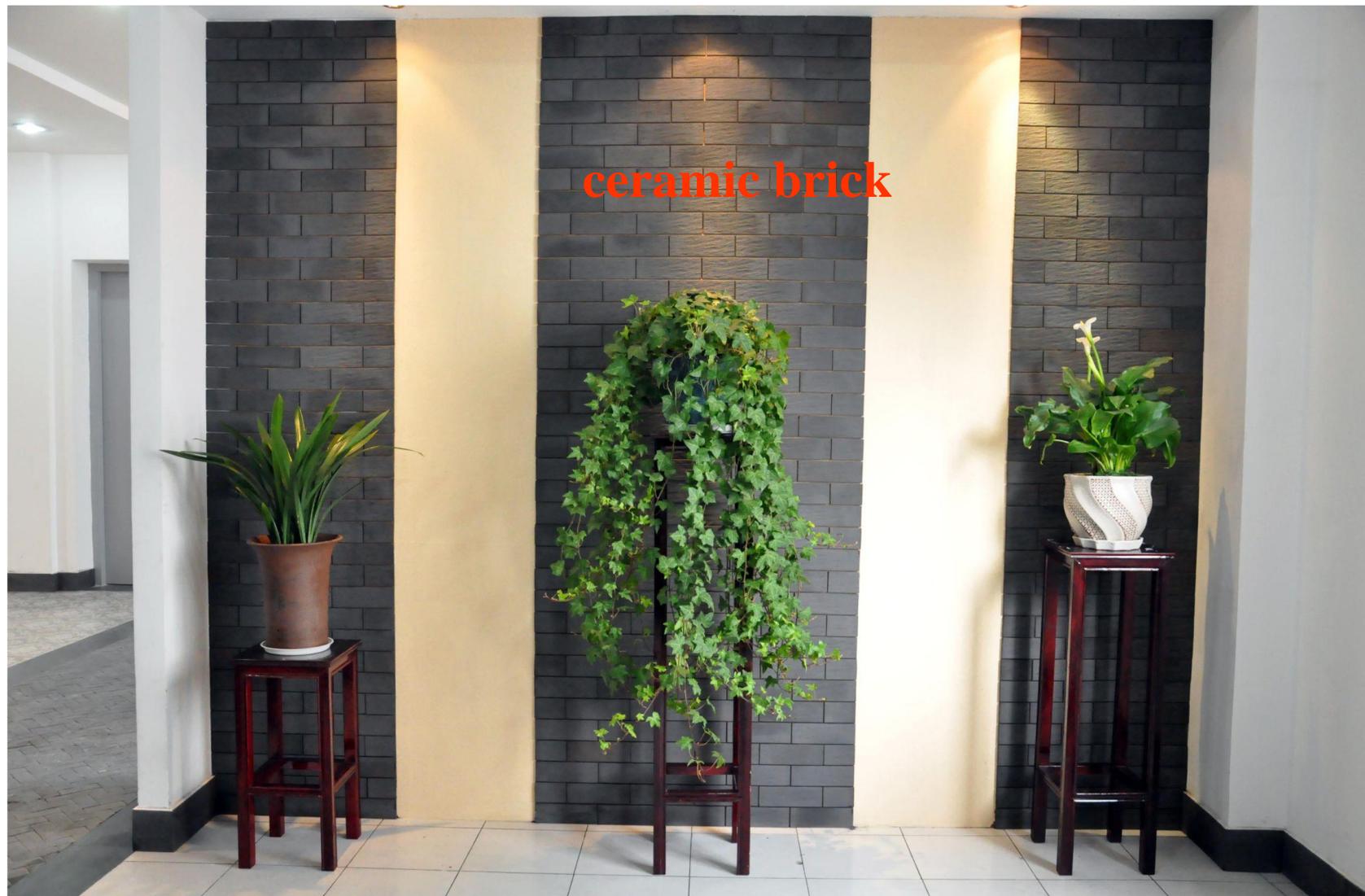








purification air pulltion



ceramic brick

**Bamboo charcoal environmental protection decorates a wall**



**In addition to smell toilet decorates**



**Bathroom decoration with charcoal composite material**



**TV setting wall**

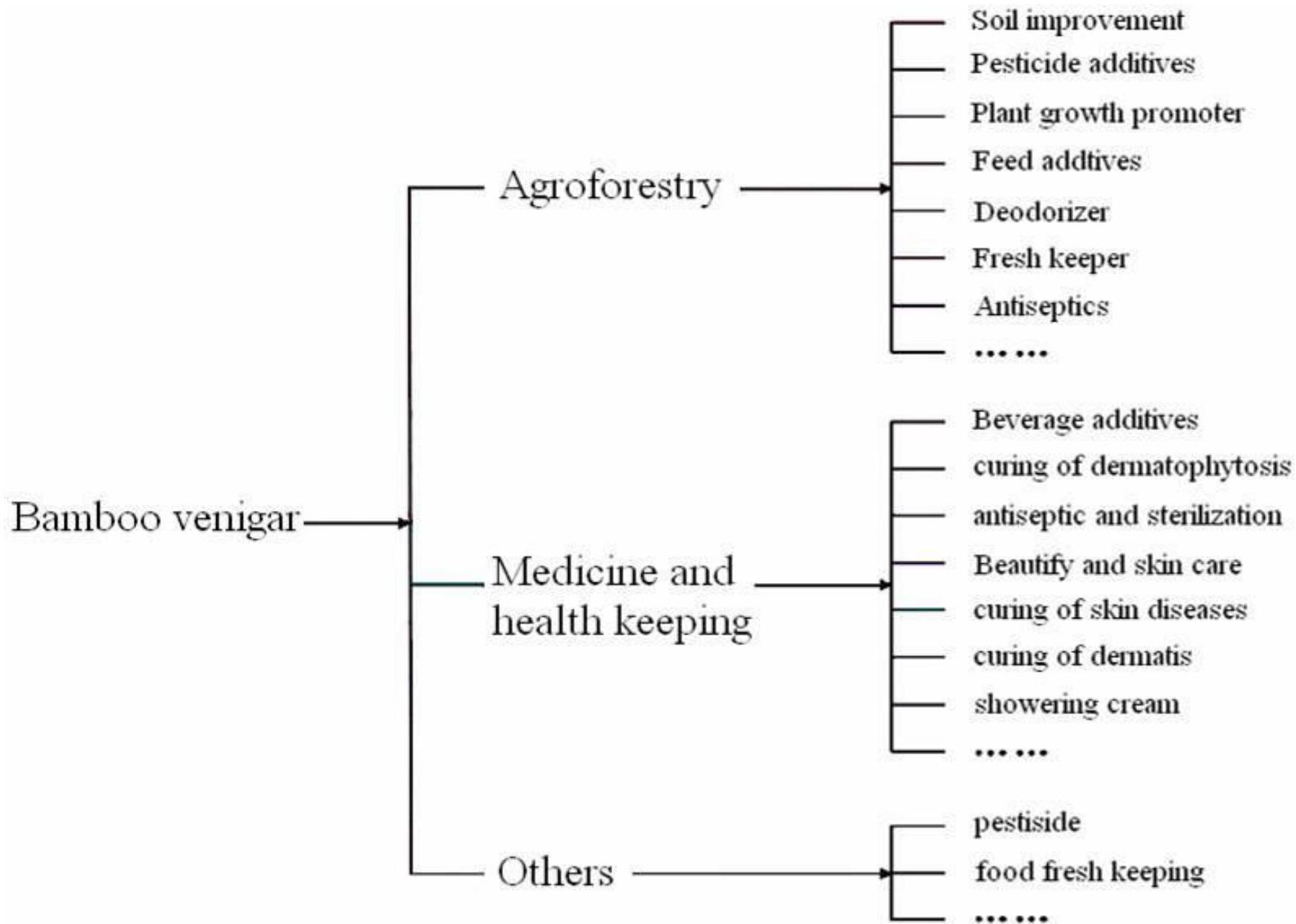
# Bamboo vinegar

- Bamboo vinegar is a liquid produced during the pyrogenic decomposition of bamboo. Its color is puce, the smell is strong and irritant. The composition of the bamboo vinegar is very complicated, mainly include: water, organic acids, phenols, ketones, alcohols, etc., there are in total more than 200 components.
- The formation of bamboo vinegar is also a complicated process. The yield is largely depending on the specie of the bamboo, the moisture content of the material as well as the pyrolysis techniques. The components of the vinegar also changes, it depends on the method of collection, the pyrogenic temperature, and the storage method, etc..

# Bamboo vinegar



**water, organic acids, phenols, ketones, alcohols, etc.**





Athlete's foot  
/beriberi





**Anti-bacteria lotion**

**Body soap**  
**Perfumed soap**









Shampoo





**Bamboo vinegar skincare**

# Bamboo vinegar series made in China



# Plant growth agent and foliar fertilizer



# Thank You

