Charcoal Extruder Fuel from Sugar Cane Waste

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Agenda

- Making charcoal
- Product design
- Charcoal cooks!
- Haiti implementation



Haiti: Deforestation & Poverty





65% in poverty



• 500 USD annual income
• 14% for wood charcoal

Alternative Fuel

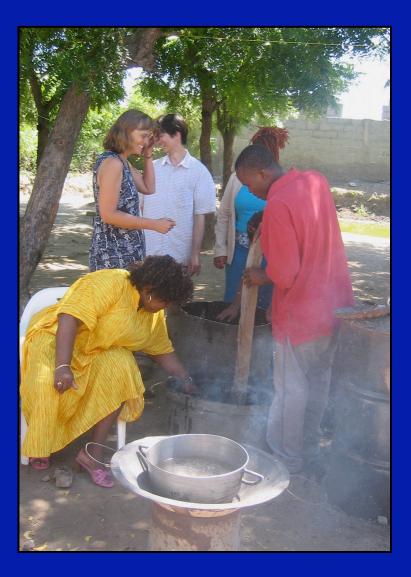


sugar cane

bagasse

Lead Customer

- Amy Smith
- Bagasse ⇒ charcoal
- Compaction device



Making Charcoal



mix

compress

cook

Design Goals



- Rugged
- Made in Haiti
- Low cost

Make useful fuel



Extrusion

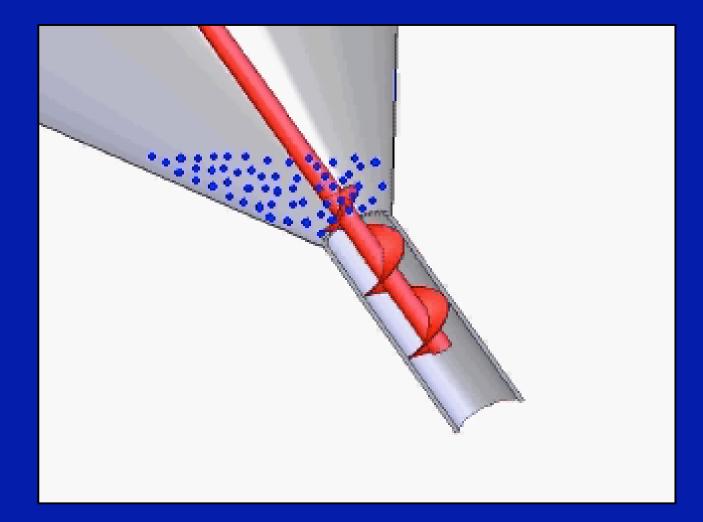
- Continuous
- Simple

Extrusion



Video Clip

Extrusion



Extruder Performance

- Operation

 2 min/meal
- Cost

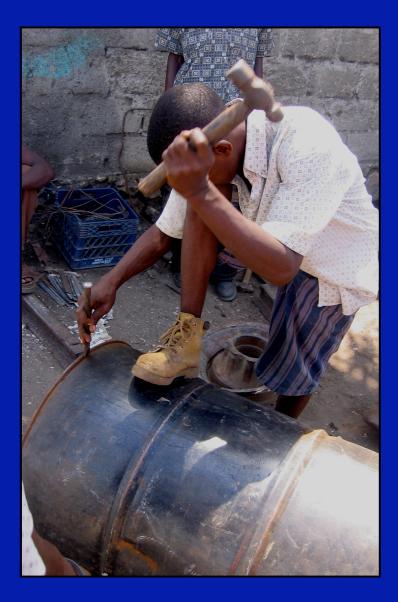
 63 USD parts
 25 USD labor



Made in Haiti

- Local materials
- Local metal-working skills





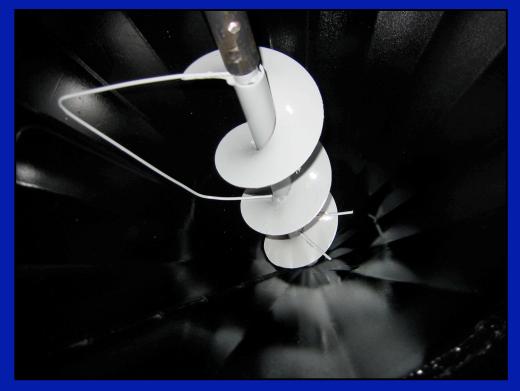
"Made in Haiti"



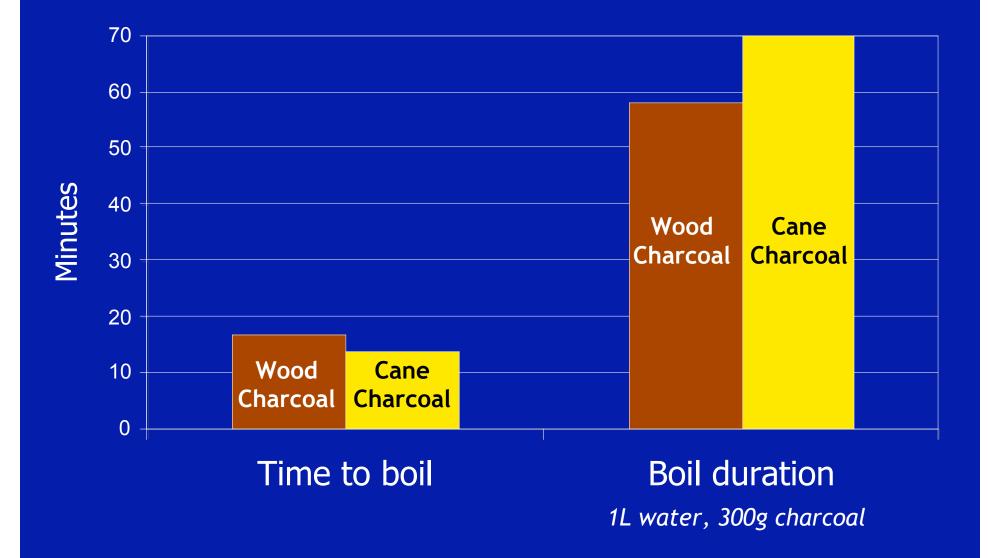
Feeding into Hopper

- Goals

 Continuous
 Efficient
- Variables
 - _ Angle of hopper
 - _ Screw threads exposed
 - _ Paddle to break up material



Does it Cook?



Going to Haiti

Instruction manual

Replicate by sight

Small family communities
 January: trial to collect feedback

Impact

One community
 _ Improve lives

Spread slowly
 _ Decrease deforestation

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Questions?

Alternate Slides

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Carbonization

Solid Fuel Smoke



Primary killer of young children

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