Innovative approaches to biomass multiplication

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The Biomass Feedstocks Innovation Programme aims to increase the production of sustainable UK biomass feedstocks.



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FINDINGS







achieve a higher yield



on a smaller land footprint



and a greater degree of quality control



Field Trials

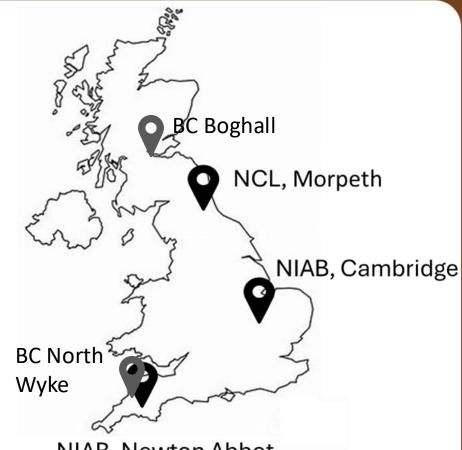
Field trials are being conducted for assessing the performance of willow cuttings generated in aeroponics system



Aeroponically multiplied



Conventionally multiplied



NIAB, Newton Abbot

Trial Site	Plots (No.)	Trial cuttings planted (No)
NIAB, Cambridge	162	3240
NIAB, Newton Abbot	126	2520
NCL, Morpeth	75	1500



What else can we do?







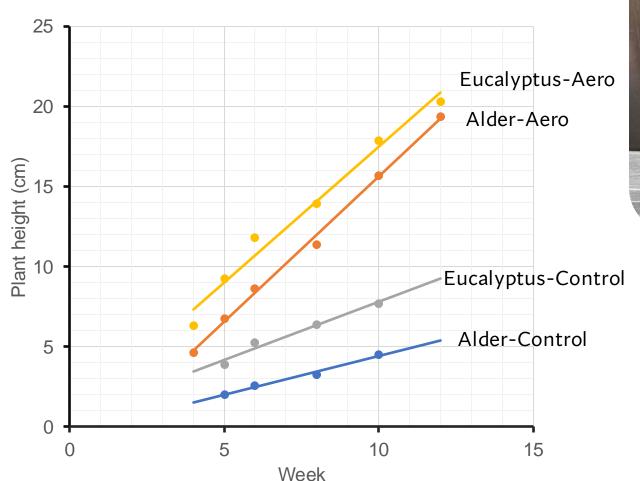
UK Tree Action Plan: The UK needs to plant 23,000 ha per year by 2050

Medicinal crop market is currently worth \$166b to rise to \$348b by 2028

Global market for plantbased proteins to rise to \$25b by 2030

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Accelerating forestry species









How can we make better decisions?



Building a digital twin to help us optimise operations, make better decisions and be more sustainable



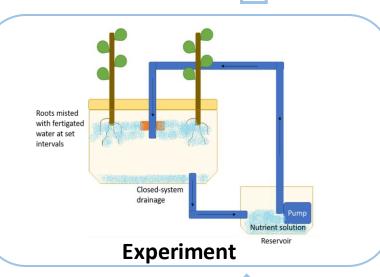
Digital Twin



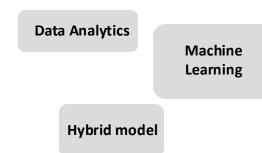
- Fluorescence photosynthetic rate measurement
- Environment -CO₂/Radiation/RH/Temp /pH/water flow rate

Data Collection





Digital Twinning



Digital Twin

Process Control & Optimisation

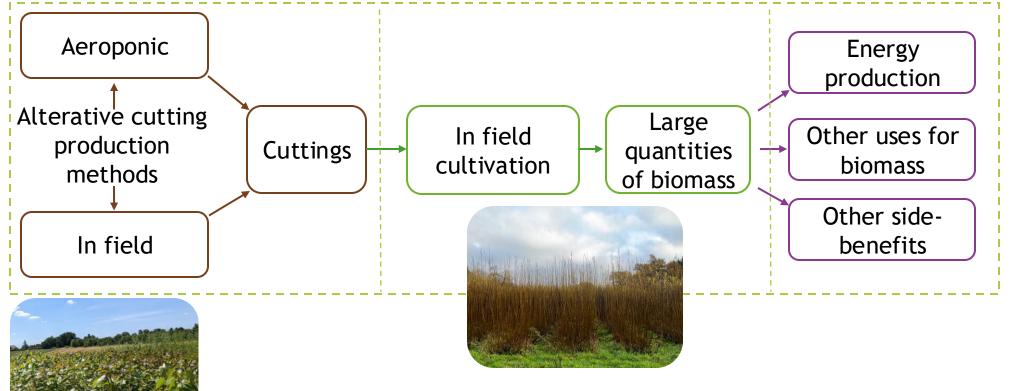
Commercialisation

Decision Making





Is it sustainable?



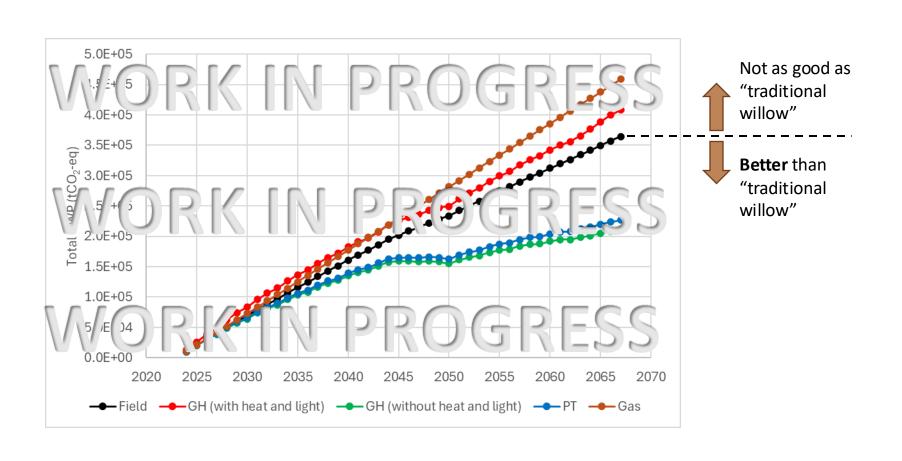
Environmental life cycle assessment



All results time sensitive 2023 \rightleftharpoons 2050+



Over time, our technology can improve environmental impact by accelerating field planting of SRC willow, despite slightly higher initial impacts

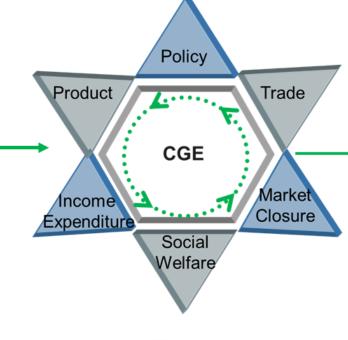


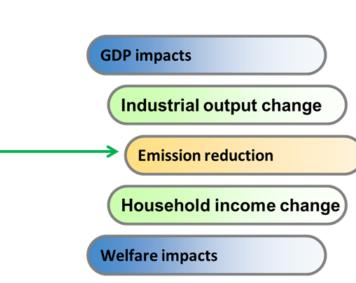


What might the wider benefits



















Got a great idea? We're keen to collaborate! Get in touch:

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Thank you for listening

Any questions?













