

## Supplementary Material

# Soil carbon modelling in *Salix* biomass plantations: variety determines carbon sequestration and climate impacts

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**Table S1** Parameters used to model SOC changes in ICBM [46,58,60]

	k <sub>Y</sub>	k <sub>O</sub>	r <sub>e</sub>	h <sub>a</sub>	h <sub>b</sub>	i <sub>a</sub>	i <sub>b</sub>
Green fallow	0.8	0.0085	1	0.17	0.39	0.72	0.86 <sup>1</sup>
Salix <sup>2</sup>	0.8	0.0085	1	0.17	0.39	-	-

<sup>1</sup>belowground biomass input adjusted for 20cm soil depth

<sup>2</sup>Above and belowground input for *Salix* varieties calculated based on yield levels and biomass allocation

**Table S2** Initial values of aboveground (Y<sub>a</sub>) and belowground (Y<sub>b</sub>) young pool, and old pool (O) used in the ICBM calculation. The initial SOC stock was divided between the different pools (Y<sub>a</sub>, Y<sub>b</sub> and O) by using the ratio of each individual pool to the total SOC pool at steady state.

	Y <sub>a</sub>	Y <sub>b</sub>	O
Green fallow	0.31	0.62	27.92
Salix	0.31	0.62	27.92

**Table S3** Values used to calculate the biomass allocation between the different pools (stems, leaves, fine roots and coarse roots) at stages of growth as a percentage of their 3-year net primary production [61].

Year	Annual biomass allocation (% of 3-year total accumulation)			
	Stems (S)	Leaves (L)	Fine Roots (F)	Coarse Roots (C) <sup>1</sup>
n.1	11%	13%	19%	24%
n.2	47%	39%	38%	49%
n.2	41%	48%	42%	26%

<sup>1</sup>Coarse roots include the stumps and cuttings

**Table S4** The nitrogen (N) content in leaf litter was calculated according to the abscission leaf N content by variety and fertilization as reported by Weih and Nordh, 2002[41]. (Suffixes F0 and F+ denotes unfertilized and fertilized treatments)

Salix variety and treatment	Abscission leaf N concentration
Björn F0	1.04%
Björn F+	1.15%
Gudrun F0	0.66%
Gudrun F+	0.65%
Jorr F0	1.38%
Jorr F+	1.22%
Loden F0	0.94%
Loden F+	0.89%
Tora F0	0.90%
Tora F+	0.88%
Tordis F0	0.84%
Tordis F+	0.93%

**Table S5** The nitrogen (N) content of roots was calculated from the dataset by Manzoni et al., 2021[57]. As data for individual varieties included in our study are unavailable, mean root N-content of *Salix* cultivated in low nutrient (F0) and high nutrient (F+) conditions were calculated. *Salix* grown under low frequency watering were excluded from the calculation.

Mean N-content of roots			
	mg N/g dry wt.	Std dev.	% dry wt.
	13.02	5.0	1.30%
Salix_F0	8.35	1.3	0.83%
Salix_F+	17.6	2.1	1.76%

**Table S6** Energy input and emissions associated with production of pesticides, cutting, fertilizer and fossil fuels

Input	Amount	Energy [MJ/ha]	CO <sub>2</sub> [g/ha]	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/ha]	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/ha]	Reference
<b>Pesticide</b>						
- Roundup	5 l/ha	481.38	11958	0.4374	3.6693	(Ahlgren, 2004;
- Cougar	1 l/ha	118.86	2952.6	0.108	0.906	Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008)
<b>Cuttings</b>						
	18000 /ha	1120.98	1014369	158.40		Adapted from Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008
<b>Fertilizer</b>						
		Energy [MJ/kg]	CO <sub>2</sub> [g/kg]	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/kg]	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/kg]	Adapted from GaBi Database
- N (Ammonium Nitrate based)	100 kg/ha	35.2	2839	8	2	("GaBi Process data set: AN," 2018)
- P	14 kg/ha	7.79	489	1	0	("GaBi Process data set: TSP," 2018)
- K	47 kg/ha	5.54	342	0	0	("GaBi Process data set: KCl," 2018)
<b>Fuel production</b>						
Diesel			CO <sub>2</sub> [g/MJ]	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/MJ]	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/MJ]	
			5.78	0.0338	0.0000555	(Öman et al., 2011)
Natural Gas			5.53	0.275	2.6E-12	(Gode et al., 2011)

**Table S7** Data used to estimate emissions and energy usage for operations in the biomass procurement chain

Operation	Diesel [MJ/ha]	Energy [MJ/ha]	CO <sub>2</sub> [g/ha]	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/ha]	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/ha]	Reference
<b>Field Preparation</b>						
- Plowing	1870	1870	154000	129.8	0	(Börjesson, 2006;
- Harrowing	262	286	81400	68.2	0	Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008)
Planting	660	55000	46.2	0.00		(Börjesson, 2006)
Fertilizer Application	28.1	30.6	2186.4	0.95	0.0016	(Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008)
Stump Removal	674.5	735.2	52464	22.8	0.0374	(Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008)
<b>Harvest &amp; Chipping</b>						
	Harvest with self-propelled forage, Claas Jaguar 695					(Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008)
	Capacity [ton/h]					24.4
	Fuel Consumption [l/h]					40.0
<b>Field Transport</b>						
	Forwarding with Tractor 4WD, 100kW					(Nilsson and Bernesson, 2008)
	Capacity					
	Capacity [ton/h]					11.4
	Fuel Consumption [l/h]					19.0
<b>Road Transport</b>						
	Capacity [ton/load]					34.6
	Fuel Consumption [l/km]					0.58
	Load rate [% of distance]					54%
<b>Incineration</b>						
	Emission factors in large scale heating plant (50-300 MW)					(Paulrud et al., 2010)
	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/GJ]					6
	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/GJ]					11

**Table S8** Data used to model emissions and energy for the reference case

Green Fallow	Annual Yield (tons/ha)	4.8	Based on Aronsson et al., 2009
	N-content	2.81%	(Phyllis 2, 2009)
Annual mowing of green fallow	Mower-conditioner (Valtra 6600 tractor)		
	Fuel Consumption (kg/h)	12.9	(Lindgren et al., 2002)
	Cutting rate (ha/h)	2.53	
Natural Gas (NG) combustion	CO <sub>2</sub> [g/MJ]	56.8	(Gode et al., 2011)
	CH <sub>4</sub> [g/MJ]	0.001	
	N <sub>2</sub> O [g/MJ]	0.0001	
Energy efficiency of NG heat plant	Heat efficiency	90%	(Börjesson et al., 2010)
	Flue gas heat recovery efficiency	10%	
	Total efficiency	100%	

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