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Aim:

Improve on Curran through:

- Liberating microfibrillated cellulose (nanocellulose) from vegetable waste streams utilising an aqueous based process
- Improving mechanical properties by the controlled alignment and cross linking of nanocellulose fibrils
- Combining the resultant fibres with bio-based resins to produce a 100% biocomposite
- Demonstrate the sustainability of the above processes and materials, compared to existing materials, through a full life-cycle analysis (LCA)



Group 2 activities

- Enzymatic treatment / modification of fibres
- Chemical treatments of hemp fibres
- X-ray analysis of cellulose crystallinity
- Electron Microscopy for fibre surface analysis

