



**Enabling Technologies**  
 Lead: Mark Davis  
 Deputy FA Lead: Erica Gjersing

**3.1 Characterization of Biomass Features that Enhance Sugar Release**  
 Lead: Art Ragauskas

**3.1.1 Support for Identification of the TOP Recalcitrant Lines (Gjersing)**

- TASK: 1. High-throughput cell wall chemistry and recalcitrance screen (Gjersing)
- TASK: 2. Biomass analytical window (York)
- TASK: 3. Whole-cell wall NMR analysis with emphasis on lignin structure (Ragauskas)
- TASK: 4. Small-scale cell wall compositional assay with emphasis on carbohydrates degradation products and inhibitors (Decker)
- TASK: 5. Screening for cellulose crystalline, accessibility, and DP (Ragauskas)

**3.1.2 In-Depth Cell Wall Characterization (Ragauskas)**

- TASK: 1. Detailed structural analysis of TOP and ELITE reduced-recalcitrance switchgrass and *Populus* lines from FA1 (Ragauskas)
- TASK: 2. Characterization of pretreated switchgrass / poplar biomass along with pretreatment hydrolysates (Ragauskas)
- TASK: 3. Structural analysis of residues remaining after cellulase/CBP deconstruction of switchgrass and *Populus* (Ragauskas)
- TASK: 4. In situ imagery of deconstruction (Himmel)



**3.2 Omics Platforms for Systems Biology**  
 Lead: Tim Tschaplinski

**3.2.1 Transcriptomics & Resequencing (Brown)**

**3.2.2 Proteomics (Hettich)**

**3.2.3 Metabolomics (Tschaplinski)**

**3.2.4 Glycome Profiling (Hahn)**



**3.3 Advanced Pretreatment Configuration and Conditions**  
 Lead: Charles Wyman

**3.3.1 Enhance Understanding of Pretreatment Fundamentals and Control Recalcitrance (Wyman)**

**3.3.2 Integrate, Optimize, and Understand Pretreatment with Advanced Plants (Wyman)**

- TASK: 1. Response of modified plant materials to dilute acid pretreatment (Davis)
- TASK: 2. Response of modified plant materials to dilute ammonia pretreatment (Sanford, Hitz)

**3.3.3 Define and Validate Advanced Pretreatment Technologies that Remove Biomass Recalcitrance as an Economic Barrier to Biological Process (Wyman)**

**3.3.4 Demonstration of Improved Plants with CBP Organisms (Dumitrache)**

- TASK: 1. Rapid microbial assessment of changes in metabolic flux in modified CBP organisms (Davison)
- TASK: 2. Microbial assays to measure performance of CBP microbes on modified materials (Dumitrache)



**Science Integration**  
 Lead: Brian Davison



**3.5 Education and Outreach**  
 Lead: Westpheling



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**4.0 Comp Bio and Data Management**  
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