

# 2019 PROJECT PEER REVIEW

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BIOENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

## Feedstock – Conversion Interface Consortium



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**Vision:** Quantify, understand, and manage variability in biomass from field through downstream conversion and to understand how biomass composition, structure, and behavior impacts system performance

Provide First Principles based knowledge related to unit operations

Provide transfer functions to bridge scales from bench to pioneer biorefinery

Provide valuation of intermediate streams which can be commoditized



**TOOLS FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPERS AND BIOREFINERY DESIGNERS**

# Quantifying, Understanding, and Managing Variability

## Material Variables

### Physical

Aspect ratio  
Particle size distribution  
Particle shape distribution  
Porosity  
Roughness  
Surface energy  
...

### Mechanical

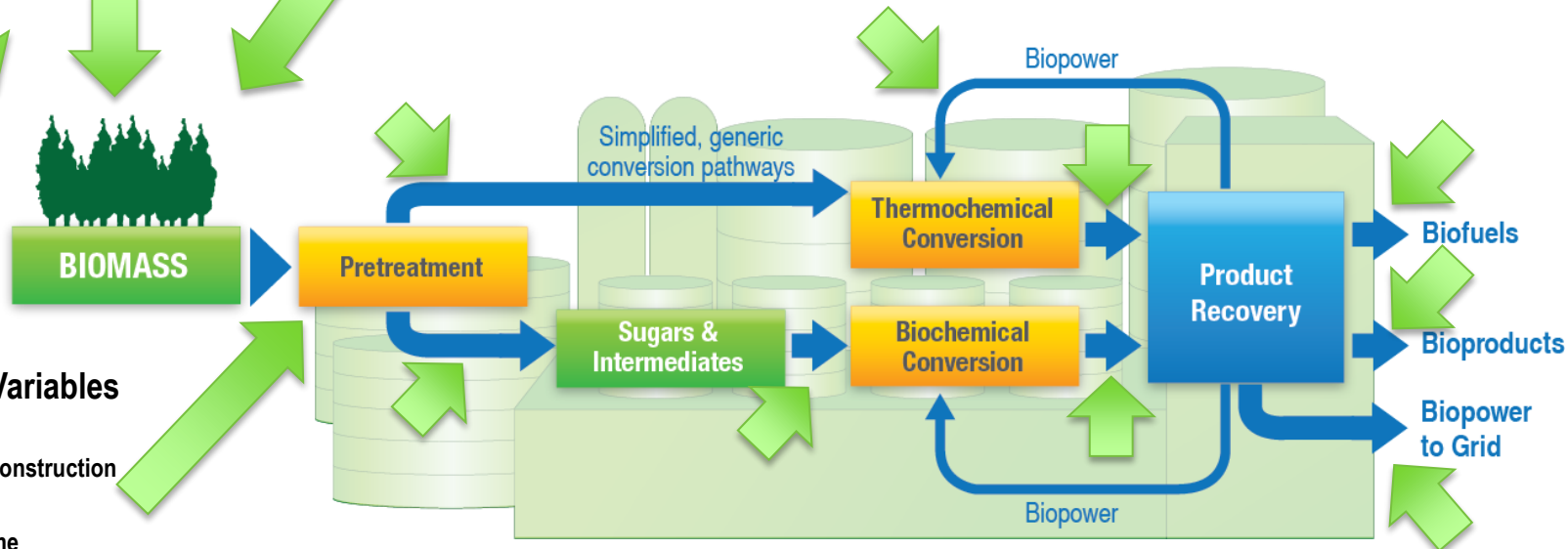
Abrasiveness  
Corrosivity  
Dilatancy  
Rheopecticity  
Shear strength  
Viscosity  
...

### Chemical

Glucan  
Glass transition temp  
Inorganics concentration (Na, K, Si, etc.)  
Moisture content  
S/G ratio  
...

### Process Variables

Loading level  
Materials of construction  
Mixing rate  
Residence time  
Vessel geometry  
...



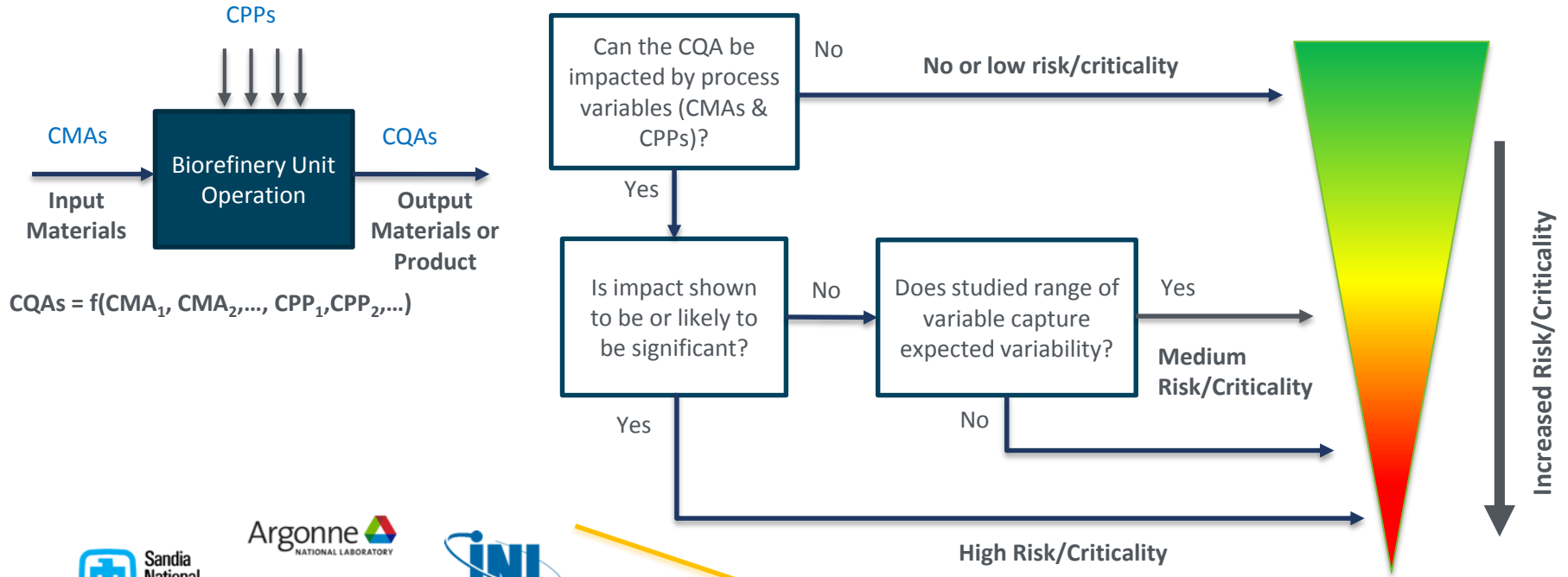
## How will we know if we've succeeded?

- **Predictable operations:** Knowledge of the first scientific principles governing the material and process variables are sufficient such that the process will perform as expected, as proven through theory, models, and experiments
- **Reliable:** Across a span of material and process variables, the process performs as expected over an extended period of time
- **Scalable:** Across a span of material and process variables, the process performs as expected across a variety of scales (from bench to pilot)

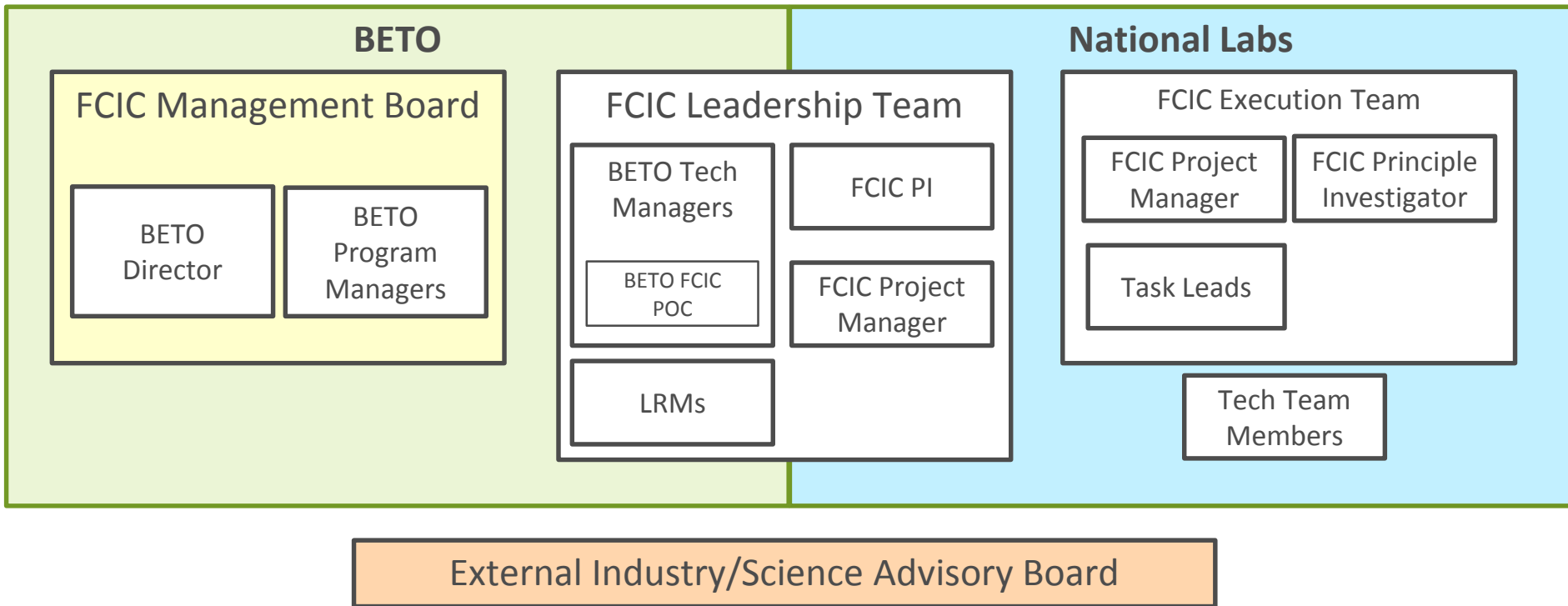
*Interface is a verb, not a noun*

# Quality by Design: A framework for systematically managing variability

## Schematic Flow Diagram for identification of CMAs/CPPs



# FCIC Leadership Structure



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## BETO

### FCIC Management Board

BETO  
Director

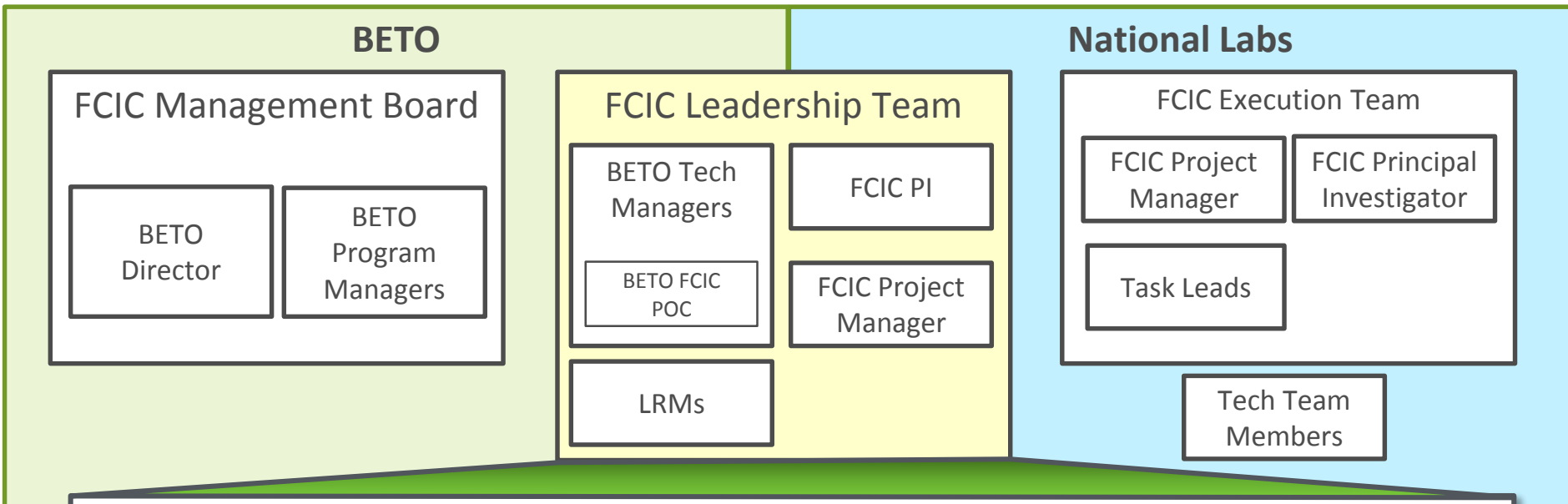
BETO  
Program  
Managers

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### FCIC Management Board

- Members
  - BETO Director and Program Managers (PM)
- Responsibilities
  - Meet twice yearly, or as needed
  - Advise Leadership Team on issues related to strategy and engaging w/ stakeholders
  - Approve changes in focus and direction / other major issues
  - Final approval of annual objectives for each FCIC task
  - Final approval of any DFO topics and subsequent awardees
  - Approve additions of members or other major changes in external advisory board
  - Ensure strategic vision of FCIC is aligned with BETO goals and strategy (MYP, etc.)

# FCIC Leadership Structure



## FCIC Leadership Team

- Members
  - BETO Technology Managers, LRMs, FCIC PI, and FCIC PM
- Responsibilities
  - Set vision for FCIC and maintain focus on vision throughout the consortium's membership
  - Assess performance against goals at least annually, w/ input from External Advisory Board
  - Celebrate team successes and recognize contributions
  - Provide frequent feedback to team
  - Make decisions on funded tasks and budget breakdown

# BETO FCIC Team



Alison



Kevin



Jim



Mark



Beau



Liz

## DOE Staff

Program Managers	Technology Managers
Alison Goss-Eng (FSL)	Mark Elless (FSL)
Kevin Craig (Conversion)	Beau Hoffman (Conversion)
Jim Spaeth (ADO)	Liz Moore (ADO)
ORISE Fellows	Support Contractors
Shaina Aguilar	Owen Goldstrom
	Andrew Kobusch
	Art Wiselogel



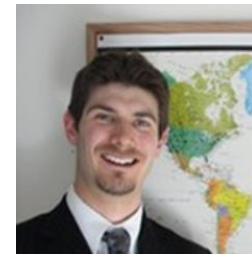
Shaina



Art



Andy



Owen

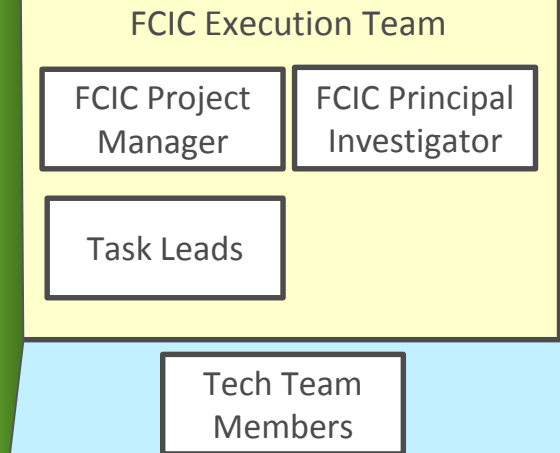


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## FCIC Execution Team

- Members
  - FCIC PI, PM, task and sub-task AOP PI's, Co-PIs
  - At least one member per lab
- Selected Responsibilities
  - Lead research execution under AOP
  - Identify gaps / overlaps and recommend mitigation
  - Look for cross collaboration opportunities and minimize 'silos'
  - Update changes in FCIC priorities, strategies, and operations with lab staff and management
  - Take responsibility for resolving personnel issues
  - Communicate staffing and personnel changes/concerns to the FCIC Leadership Team in a timely manner
  - Manage AOP development and responses to lab calls (if necessary)
  - Establish and work with External Advisory Board
  - Mentor team leads and PIs; arbitrate and resolve disagreements between PIs

## National Labs



board

# FCIC Leadership Structure

## FCIC Team Skills

- Technical
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Materials and Metallurgical Engineering
  - Tribology (friction& wear)
  - Microbiology, Synthetic Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - Thermodynamics
  - Analytical (Physical, chemical, biological)
  - Modeling (CFM, FEM, DEA, NN, AI, Process)
  - Data management / data analysis
  - Statistical analysis.
  - Techno economic analysis
  - Life Cycle Analysis

## National Labs

### FCIC Execution Team

FCIC Project  
Manager

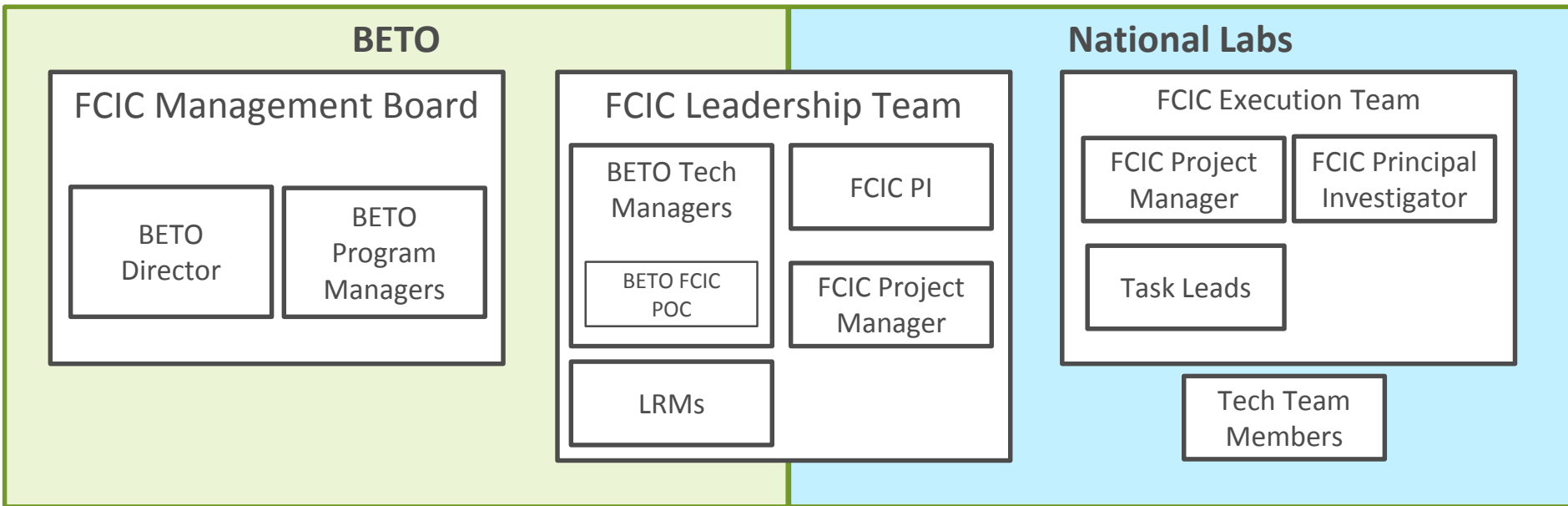
FCIC Principal  
Investigator

Task Leads

Tech Team  
Members

Board

# FCIC Leadership Structure



## External Industry/Science Advisory Board

**External Industry/Science Advisory Board**

- Members
  - Biomass industry experience
  - Adjacent industry experience
  - Science background

# Peer Reviewer Introductions

Name	Affiliation	Previous Peer Review Experience
Brandon Emme	ICM	FCIC Reviewer 2017
Glenn Farris	AGCO	New
Dr. Lorenz (Larry) Bauer	Consultant	TC Reviewer 2017
Andrea Slayton	Consultant, Slayton Technical Services	DMT Reviewer 2017
Dr. Benjamin Levie	Formerly Weyerhaeuser	New, w/MR experience

# Session Agenda

FCIC					
Day 4 - Thursday, March 7, 2019					
Start Time	End Time	Presentation	ID#	Organization	PI
8:15	8:30	FCIC Session Welcome and Overview of Session		BETO	Beau Hoffman
8:30	8:50	FCIC Overview Presentation – 2017 and 2018	530	NREL	Dr. Michael Resch
8:50	9:30	Feedstock Variability and Specification Development	15	INL	Dr. Allison Ray
9:30	10:00	<b>Break</b>			
10:00	10:40	Process Integration	121	NREL	Dr. Ed Wolfrum
10:40	11:20	Feedstock Physical Performance Modeling	22	INL	Dr. Tyler Westover
11:20	12:00	Process Controls and Optimization	302	INL	Dr. <u>Quang Nyugen</u>
12:00	1:00	<b>Lunch</b>			
1:00	1:40	System-wide Throughput Analysis	25	INL	Dr. David Thompson
1:40	2:20	Industry Engagement and Project Management	31	NREL	Dr. Michael Resch
2:20	3:00	FCIC Future Plans (FY19 and beyond)	531		Dr. Zia Abdullah
3:00	3:15	<b>Break</b>			
3:15	3:45	Pretreatment and Process Hydrolysis	126	NREL	Dr. Mel Tucker
3:45	4:30	<b>Reviewer / Lead Reviewer De-briefing</b>			

FY18 Work

Future Work

Project relevant to FCIC  
(being scored in Biochem Conversion)