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**Supplementary file S7:** Variance-covariance matrix of the fixed effects of the developed multi-response biomass model for aspen.

Effect		Stem			Branches			Foliage		Roots	
		Intercept	$\ln(d_s)$	$h$	Intercept	$d_s/(d_s+k)$	$h$	Intercept	$\ln(d_s)$	Intercept	$d_s/(d_s+k)$
Stem	Intercept	<b>0.01138</b>	<b>0.00784</b>	<b>-0.00589</b>	0.0009	0.005098	-0.00137	0.000145	-0.00013	0.002442	-0.00502
	$\ln(d_s)$	<b>0.007837</b>	<b>0.01412</b>	<b>-0.00667</b>	-0.00686	0.01576	-0.00132	-0.00004	0.00005	-0.00111	0.00372
	$h$	<b>-0.00589</b>	<b>-0.00667</b>	<b>0.00395</b>	0.00172	-0.00612	0.000857	-0.00003	3.5E-05	-0.00044	0.00083
Branches	Intercept	0.000897	-0.00686	0.00172	<b>0.3257</b>	<b>-0.6265</b>	<b>0.03681</b>	0.01166	-0.01329	0.07121	-0.1873
	$d_s/(d_s+k)$	0.005098	0.01576	-0.00612	<b>-0.6265</b>	<b>1.467</b>	<b>-0.1276</b>	-0.0133	0.01795	-0.07933	0.2401
	$h$	-0.00137	-0.00132	0.00086	<b>0.03681</b>	<b>-0.1276</b>	<b>0.01754</b>	-0.00036	0.00049	-0.00473	0.01004
Foliage	Intercept	0.000145	-0.00004	-0.00003	0.01166	-0.0133	-0.00036	<b>0.003089</b>	<b>-0.00248</b>	0.007638	-0.01628
	$\ln(d_s)$	-0.00013	0.00005	3.5E-05	-0.01329	0.01795	0.00049	<b>-0.00248</b>	<b>0.00335</b>	-0.008	0.02197
Roots	Intercept	0.002442	-0.00111	-0.00044	0.07121	-0.07933	-0.00473	0.007638	-0.008	<b>0.06771</b>	<b>-0.1591</b>
	$d_s/(d_s+k)$	-0.00502	0.00372	0.00083	-0.1873	0.2401	0.01004	-0.01628	0.02197	<b>-0.1591</b>	<b>0.4179</b>

Off diagonal blocks consist of the across equation covariances of the fixed effects, and block diagonal is variances-covariances matrix of the sub-model for the individual tree component (bold).