



From Data to Impact: Scaling Sustainability Across Manufacturing Enterprises

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Meet the experts



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Who we are

Software-as-a-Service Company

- HQ Germany, Europe and US Teams
- Founded by industry veterans with 30+ years experience in Stuttgart 2018
- 160+ employees
- Trusted by 50+ global manufacturers, including 10% of the Fortune 500's top manufacturers

Our Mission

Empower companies to make better, faster decisions and create compliant and sustainable products and supply chains through data-driven analysis.

Some of our customers





SCHAEFFLER





Lenovo









Schneider Electric

DMG MORI

























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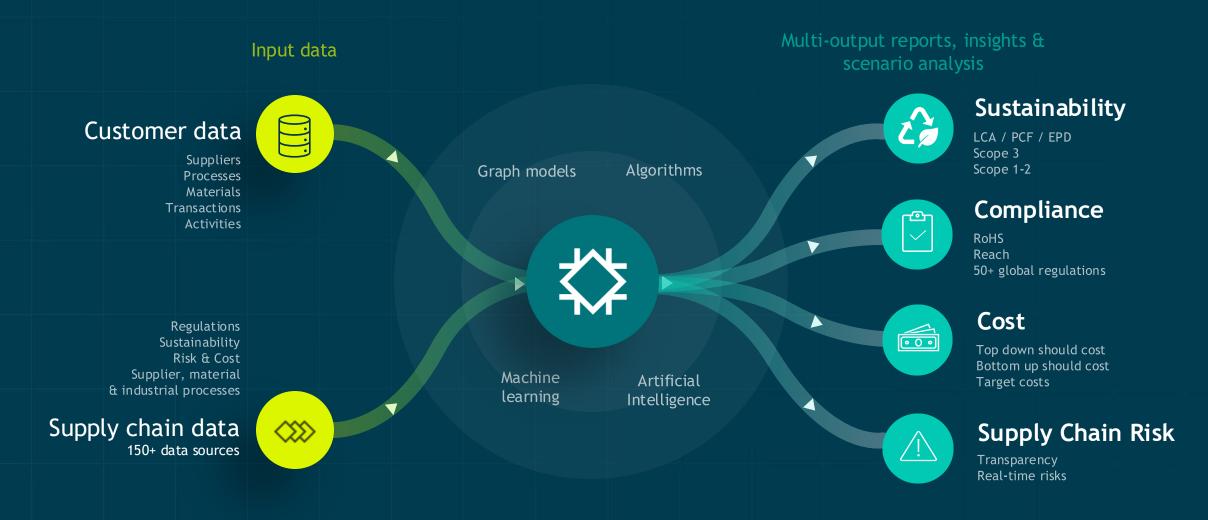






Product lifecycle intelligence

One product model, 60+ outputs





Manufacturing is facing headwinds





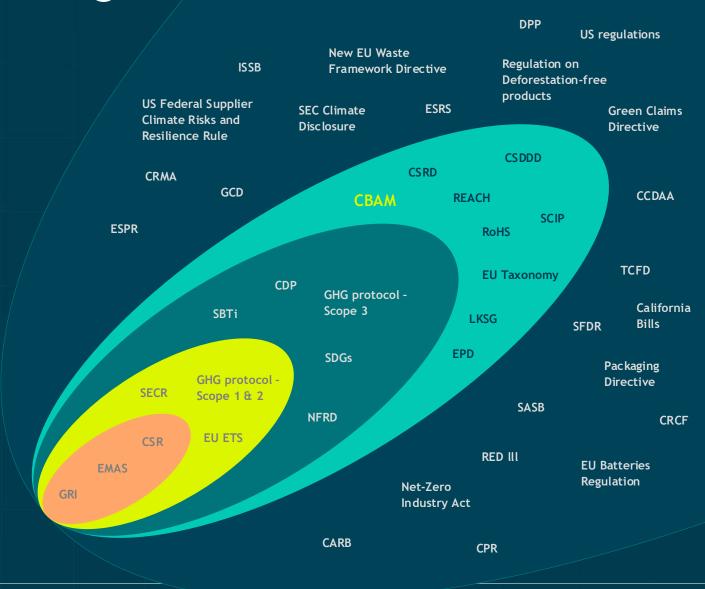
Reporting is becoming unmanagable

Exponential regulatory growth cannot be managed with a patchwork of solutions or individual efforts, especially if your data landscape is unclear

Unscalable reliance on experts

Point solutions for each reporting need

- Internal data is siloed and messy
- Supplier data is incomplete and of low quality



Waste shipments

Right to

Repair

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Data deficiency sustains these problems

Focusing solely on product, risk, and cost data with a limited foundation will only exacerbate existing business problems and hinder future solutions for product and supply chain challenges.

- Current data coverage
- Future-proof data coverage





Material compliance and Sustainability have similar data requirements

Common customer adoption journey

Product compliance

Material & chemical compliance

Product sustainability PCF, LCA, Ecodesign etc

Corporate compliance Scope 3, CBAM, Green procurement, etc

Powered by Makersite





Business impacts are significant



Greenwashing



Italian oil giant Eni was fined €5 million over its greenwashing of palm-oil based diesel as 'green'. The company ran a major marketing campaign that deceived consumers by claiming its 'Eni Diesel+' had a positive impact on the environment.



Competition



P&G's slow sustainability efforts let Unilever grow and close the market share gap. While P&G lags, Unilever's mature 2024 Climate Transition Action Plan focuses on immediate, tangible results rather than distant promises.



Non-compliance



Apple had to temporarily withdraw AirPods from the Swedish market due to excessive lead levels of up to 17% in the product's soldering, caused by an unreliable Chinese supplier.

Dieselgate



EV race laggards



Palm oil sourcing

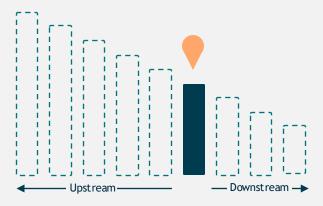




Data intelligence, the core of it all

Status quo

Partially aware of internal data but unaware of the entire value chain



Pitfalls of this phase

- Supply chain disruptions
- Regulatory penalties
- Nonexistent monitoring of critical sustainability metrics

Transition

Initial efforts for data integration, hygiene, and tier 1 data collection



Pitfalls of this phase

- Blind spots beyond tier 1 suppliers
- Delayed decisions from inconsistent data
- Data silos hindering sustainability efforts across product, procurement, etc

Transparency

Harmonized and visible end-to-end data landscape enhancing decision-making

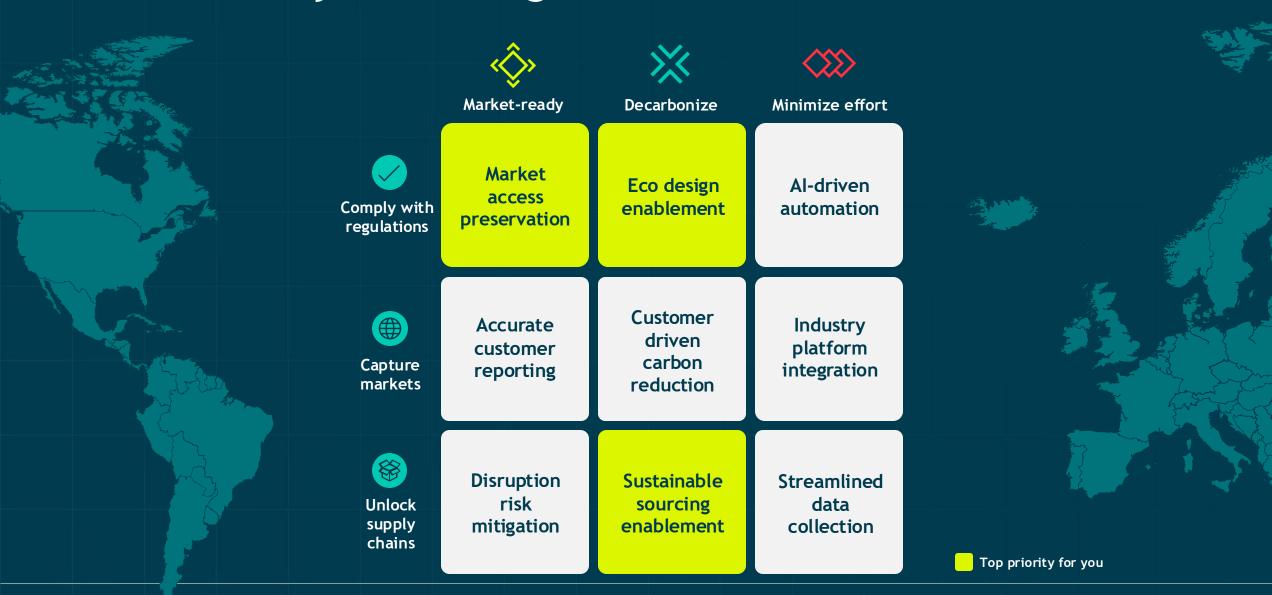


Benefits of this phase

- Strengthen regulatory compliance
- Turn sustainability into a profit driver
- Enable sustainable products and sourcing through data quality and collaboration



Product lifecycle intelligence benefits





Falling behind has consequences

Sustainability experts



LCA experts are in high demand and scarce. Without automation for their business customers—sales, procurement and product development—they are bogged down by repetitive reporting tasks

Sales



It is becoming a deciding factor and/or a hard criteria to deliver product-level reports to sell products

Factors causing manufacturers to lag

- Heavy reliance on manual work by experts, hindering scalability
- Outdated solutions require extensive data processing with unstable and unreliable data
- Internal data is siloed, preventing effective use for sustainability initiatives (i.e. LCA)
- Supply chain data is often incomplete and becomes more opaque deeper in the tier
- Manual LCAs and lack of scalable, accurate automation hinder advanced practices like Eco design or Green Procurement, letting competitors gain an edge

Product managers



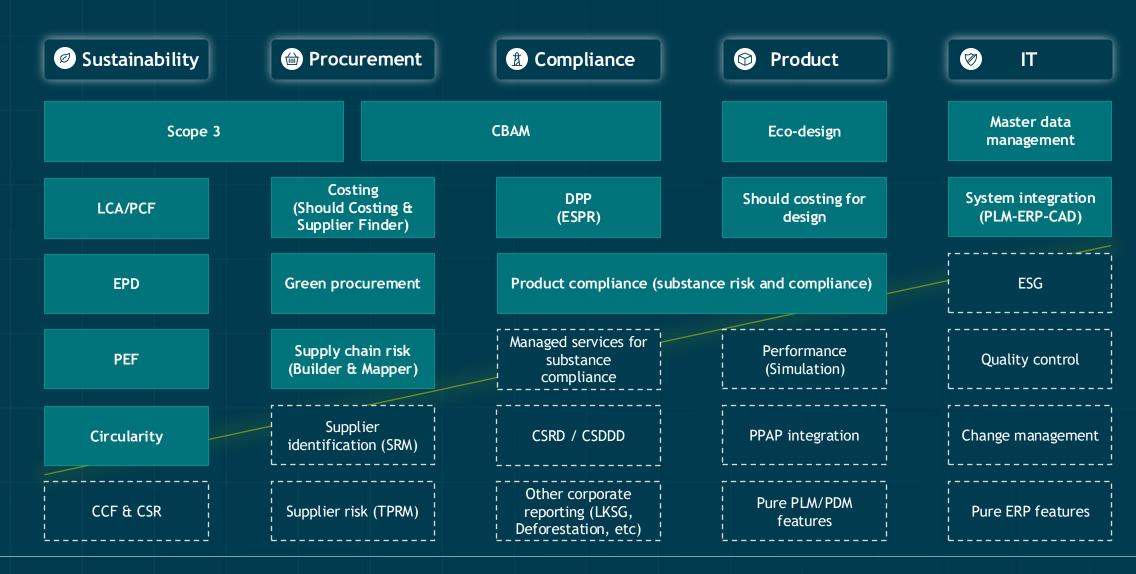
Corporate pressure from sales, procurement, and board levels demands sustainability at the design stage



Getting Into It

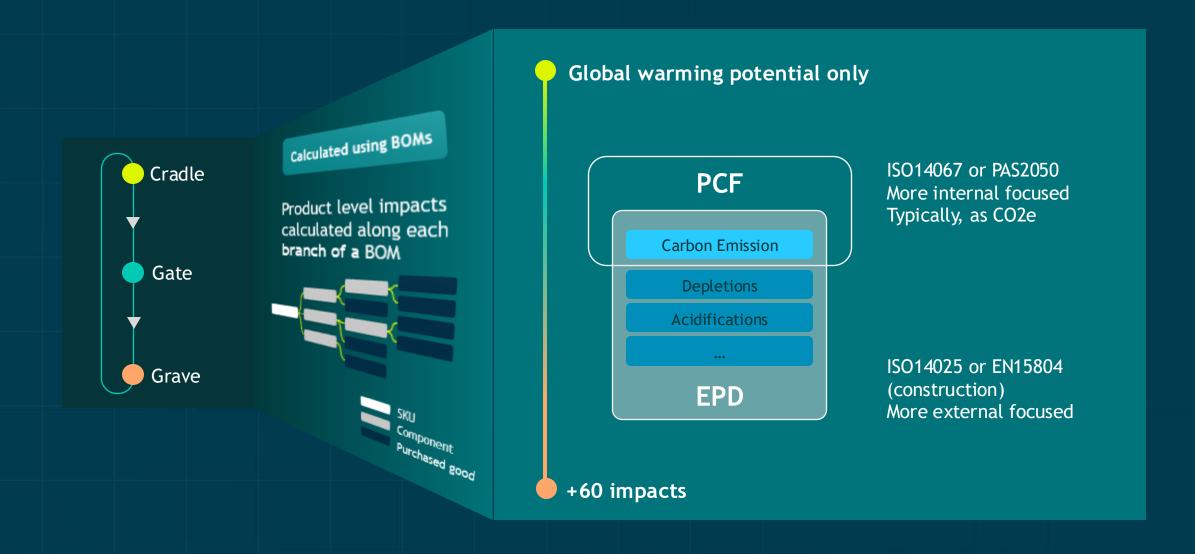


Providing untapped data to key teams





It's not only about carbon emissions





Unlock sustainability, for real this time



Alternatives



Decouple cost from scale

Our approach to automation ensures that cost and resources do not increase over time or with increasing product coverage

Faster go-live

4-8 months for 100% product coverage as opposed to a limited number of products per year

Put your data to work

Clean, connect, and enrich your product data for collaboration in compliance, ecodesign, & green-procurement workflows

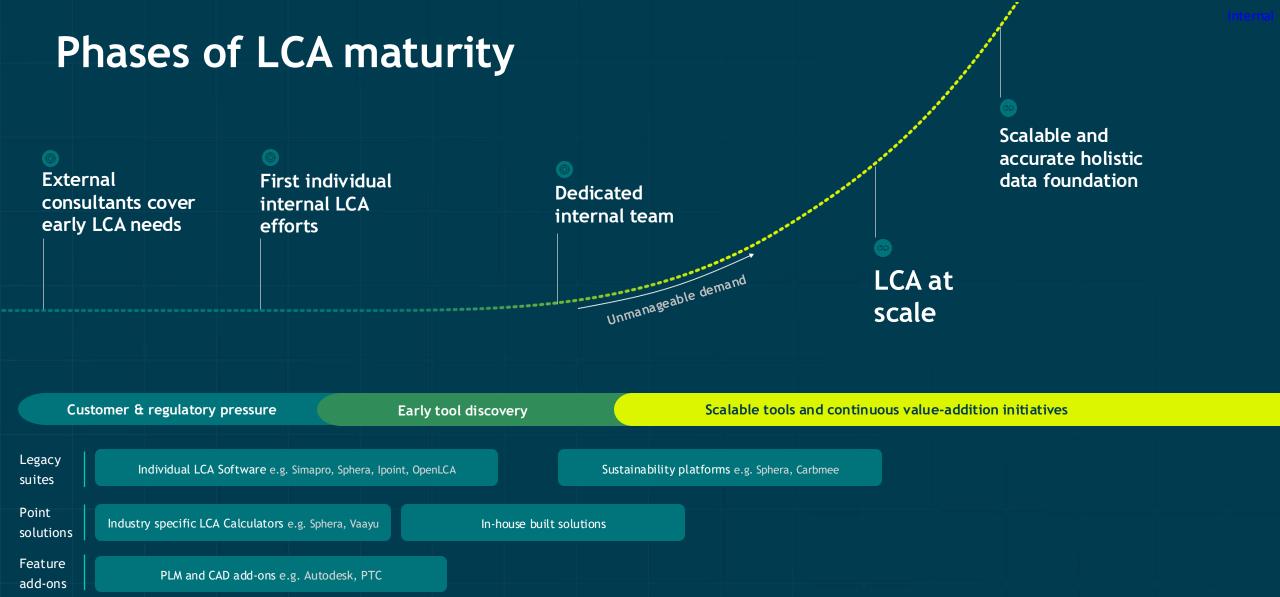


Leveraging LCAs at Scale for Enterprise Manufacturing

LCA evolution in manufacturing







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LCA/EPDs at Scale

Process





Ingest data from source systems

Automatic transformation of data and mapping to 3rd party LCA databases



Creates a model for each product and component

Output

- Automatically generated models with reproducible quality and mappings, i.e. 2 people will get the same results
- ✓ One model per product eliminates the need for scenarios, because variation of products is covered



Let's compare

Traditional LCAs/EPDs

Outcome

One model with scenarios

Poor reproducibility because the same item can be mapped to different 3rd party datasets

Error prone data entry process

Labour intensive

An average that is representative of the group but not of the product

LCAs/EPDs at scale

Outcome

Absolutely reproducible

Errors are only linked to data errors at the source

No manual work

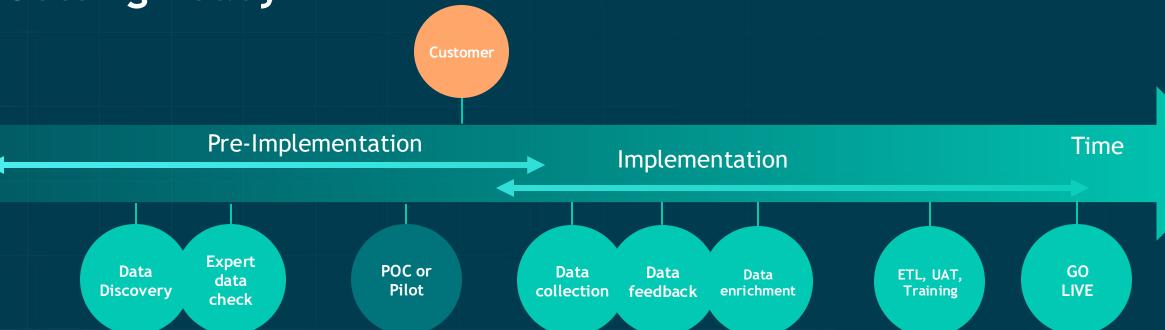


Best Practices



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Getting Ready



We take a look at your data and encourage you to involve the right stakeholders at an early stage. LCA Experts and Presales examine the source data and provide feedback.

A joint POC or pilot project with a reduced scope provides further insights into your source data and system landscape, preparing you for a full rollout.

Once the implementation starts, we will conduct indepth workshops with your IT team to identify all necessary data. We will provide open feedback and suggest potential actions you should take. We will enrich the data and connect it to Makersite, ideally via a Data Lake or similar solution.

Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) is where we connect the raw source data to Makersite. Combined with the training, you will be able to perform the user acceptance test and finally **go live!**



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What is proper data management?

Data management is the systematic organization, storage, and maintenance of data.

Highly important, as it:

- Enhances operational efficiency,
- Drives scalability, and
- Enables verification.

Cost of poor data quality

A Gartner survey estimated the average annual cost at \$12.8 million per organization.
Additionally, 95% of respondents in an Experian survey reported that poor data quality harms business performance.

Centralized data is key

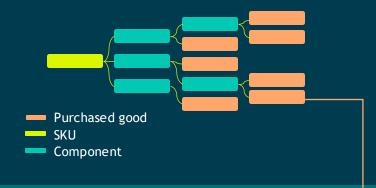
PwC has highlighted that companies focusing on ERP data modernization and shifting to a single cloud-native platform are better positioned for digital transformation. This approach enhances speed, flexibility, insights, decision-making, and enables hyper-personalized customer experiences.



Makersite's holistic solution

LCA

Product level impacts along the supply chain to easily identify hotspots and the areas to work on.



Scope 3.1

Transactional data enriched with supply chain data on a product level to obtain accurate Scope 3 calculations.



Data foundation

Supplier engagement

Primary data collection seamlessly integrates into Makersite's data foundation, improving the already high-quality LCA and Scope 3 data built on granular secondary data.





How it Works in Makersite



Real Life Examples



New Surface Pro slashes footprint by 28%

Microsoft's carbon reduction struggles

- Outdated and generic models: LCA relied on obsolete, generic processes and secondary data that did not reflect the latest technologies and product-specific supply chains
- Manual and time-consuming: Data collection and entry for LCA were manually intensive, limiting scalability and widespread adoption across multiple products

Achievements



Scalable approach for complexproducts with 28,000+ material/process flows

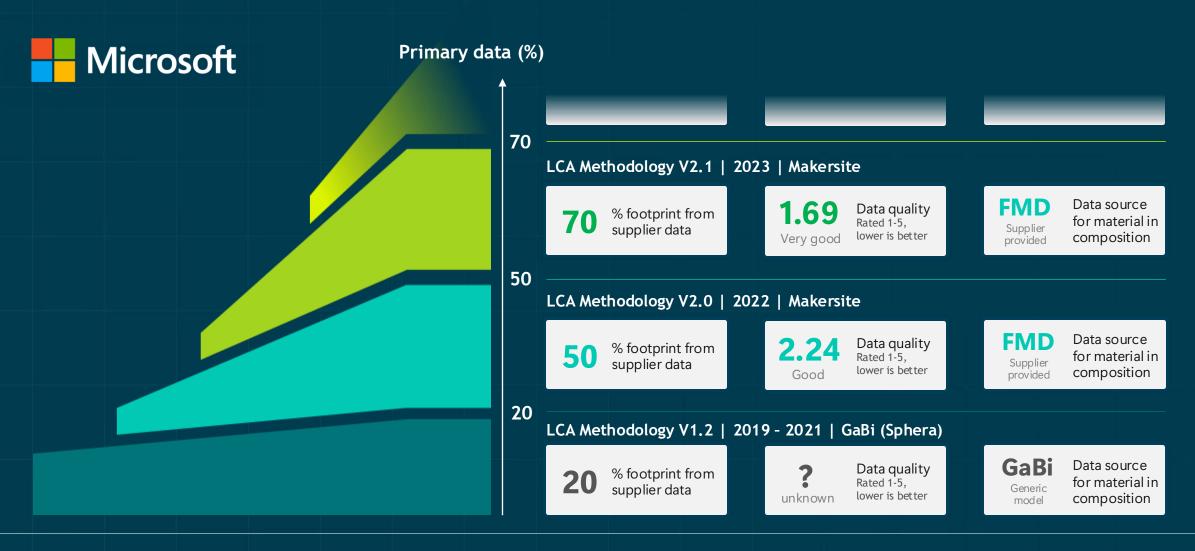
Accuracy Improvements - 20% Primary data to 70%

80% focus on reduction, less time spent on modeling





Microsoft LCA methodology evolution





Q&A



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