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# Life Cycle Assessment for BIOGAS: Current Status, New Tool Trends, and Future Potential



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Who is speaking?

## Heather Dziedzic – Moderator, VP of Policy at ABC



Vice President of Policy for [americanbiogascouncil.org](https://americanbiogascouncil.org)

Heather joins ABC after nearly a decade in the utility industry, where she developed several industry-leading Net Zero strategies, stood up a new RNG development program, and led long term investment planning and policy development to support gas utility decarbonization.

Her experience in energy regulation and policy covers both electric and gas, from distributed energy and net metering to RNG and energy storage.

Prior to her work in biogas and other decarbonization technologies, Heather worked in the environmental, sustainability, and conservation space, leading restoration and mitigation projects, siting due diligence, environmental compliance and other conservation-focused field studies.

BS in Environmental Science from the University of Notre Dame, and a Masters in Energy Policy and Law from Vermont Law School.

Who is speaking?

## Joe Berti – CEO of P6 Technologies



CEO of [p6technologies.com](https://p6technologies.com) (SaaS-Based LCA Solution)

Entrepreneur (has launched 20+ software products)

Author of [thebookonsoftware.com](https://thebookonsoftware.com)

Was chief product office at IBM for Sustainability Software

- Mission was to apply AI across a 1.5B+ portfolio of products.
- In charge of Envizi, Supply Chain, B2B weather business, Maximo, Tririga and the Environmental Intelligence Suite.

CEO of Oniqua

- similar problem (millions of spare parts attempting to cleanse and match data)

Degree

- MS MIS, Finance - The Ohio State University

## Who is speaking?

# Kira Breslauer – Director of Product and Product Specialist Biogas/RNG



Director of Product of [p6technologies.com](https://p6technologies.com) (SaaS-Based LCA Solution)

### P6 Life Cycle Analysis

- industry leader who has been focused on delivering software solutions in carbon accounting and life cycle analysis

### Persefoni

- Product lead on carbon accounting software launch

### IBM

- Kira was part of a specialized team who launched the Environmental Intelligence Suite at IBM, a solution that combined weather data, AI, and analytics to solve some of the planet's most complex weather-related problems.

### Degree

- Masters in Product Development & Innovation, Carnegie Mellon University
- BA in Psychology, Boston College

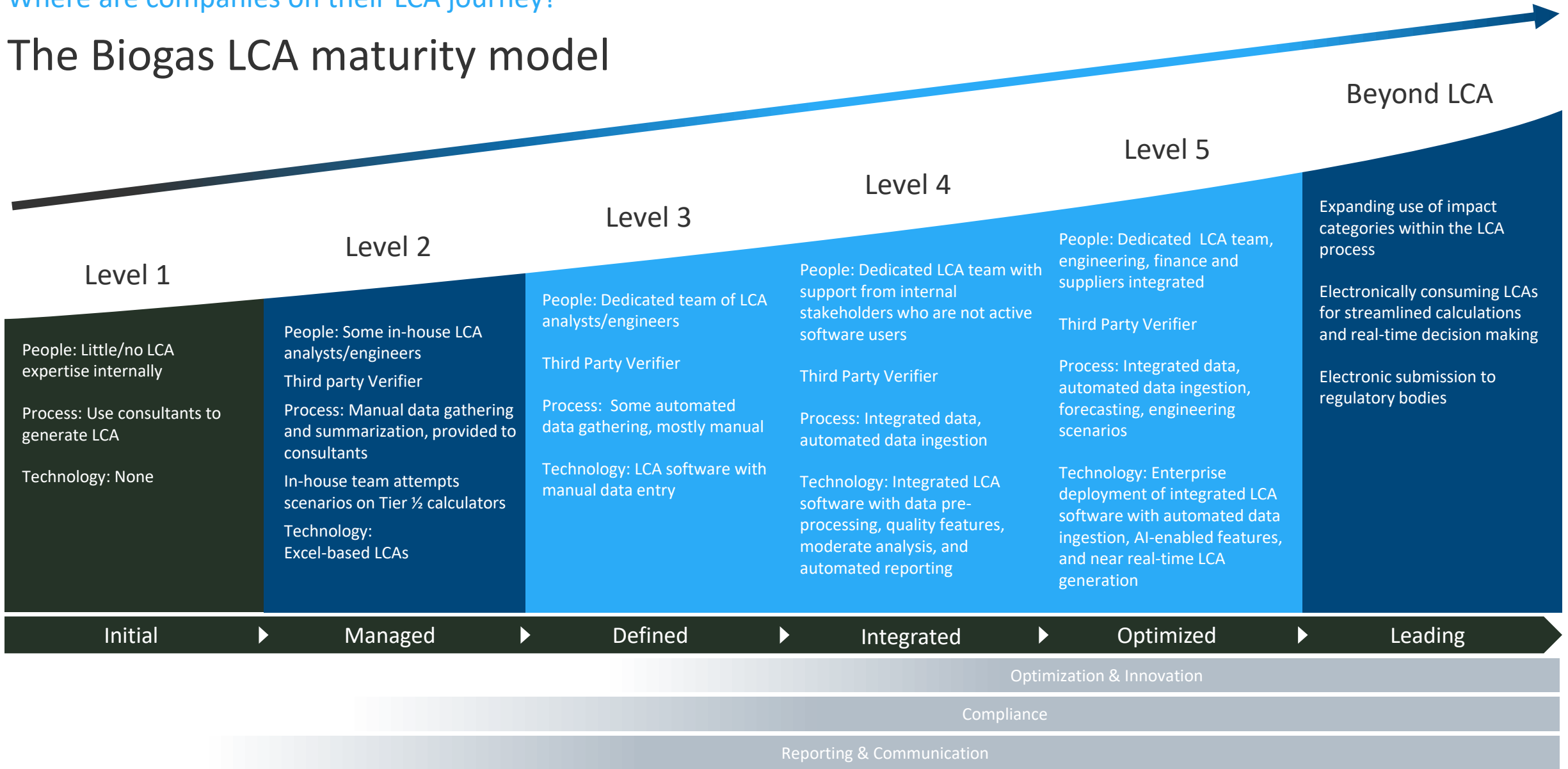
What will be discussed?

## In this session, participants will:

- Gain insight into where companies are on their LCA journey
- Understand the key drivers of LCA software adoption
- Learn how to meet the requirements from varying regulatory bodies, supported with software
- Discuss the challenges with the current approach
- Learn why scenario analysis is a critical part of designing and improving existing sites
- Discover how to extract more value from LCAs through leveraging an integrated, enterprise, solution
- Discuss how software solutions work with verifiers/ auditors

Where are companies on their LCA journey?

# The Biogas LCA maturity model



## What is the Problem?

# The regulatory environment is becoming more complex



## Prior World

Simpler or no regulatory requirements for transportation fuels



## Current Paradigm

Multiple regulatory agencies including LCFS (California), CFR (Canada), CFP (Oregon), CFS (Washington), IRA (Federal), ISCC, Red II (EU)

Requirements changing, making it more difficult to ensure compliance

Calculators and requirements vary by fuel type, regulatory body, geo



## In Process

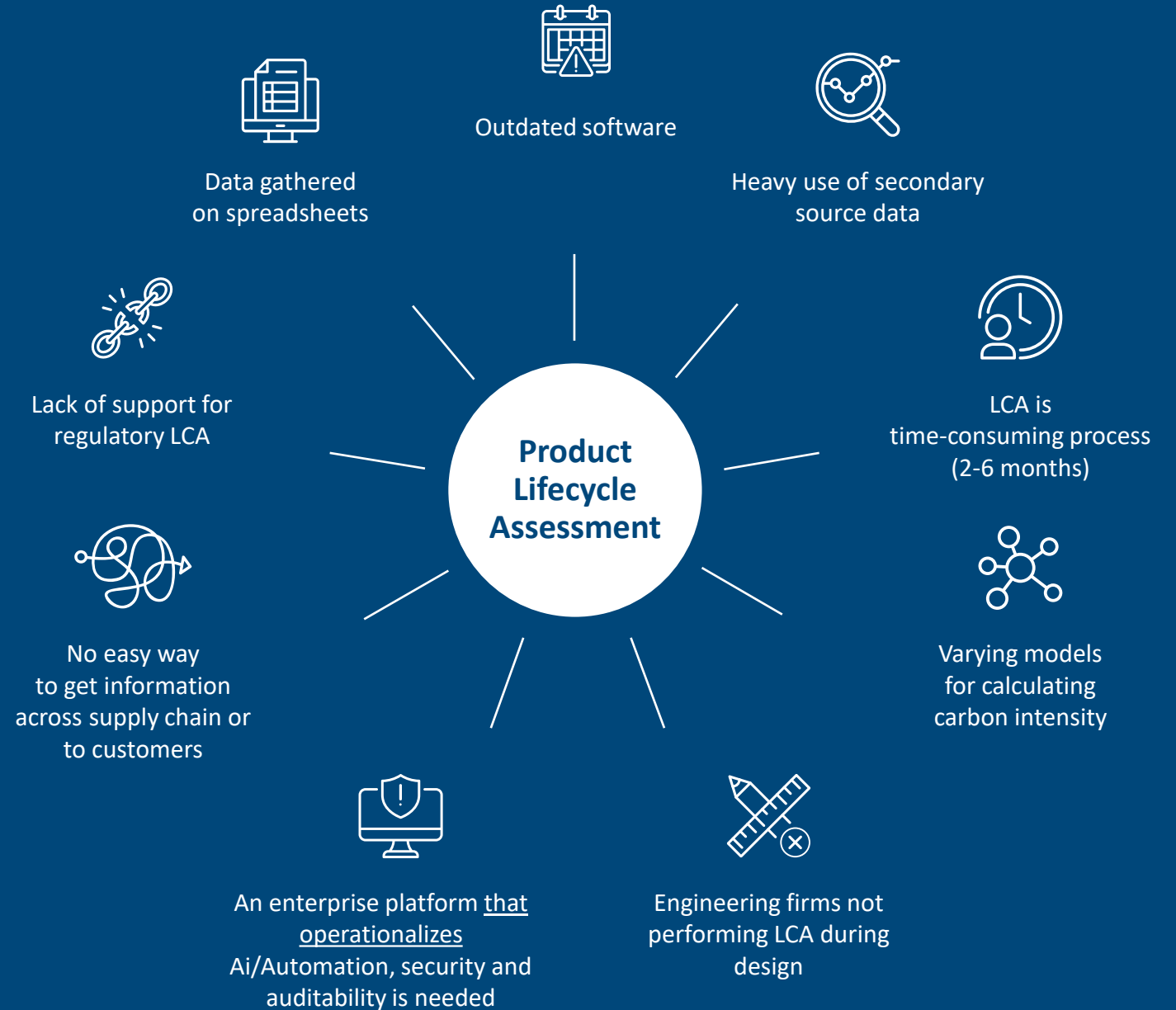
List others: Illinois, Hawaii, Michigan, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, & Vermont



What is the problem the LCA approach today?

# Life cycle assessment is the agreed upon approach, but it needs to scale

Value will come from running scenarios to make site/product improvements vs just for tax credits

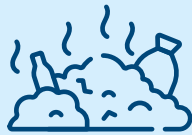


What are the types of BIOGAS LCA needed?

## The four main types of biomass-related LCA



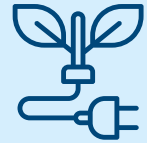
Dairy / Swine



Landfill Gas



Waste Water



Biomass

Are all LCA for regulatory agencies?

## The requirements for performing an LCA



Regulatory Market



Voluntary Market

## Why use software?

# Benefits of using software



Input data once, then generate varying regulatory reports



Better analytics



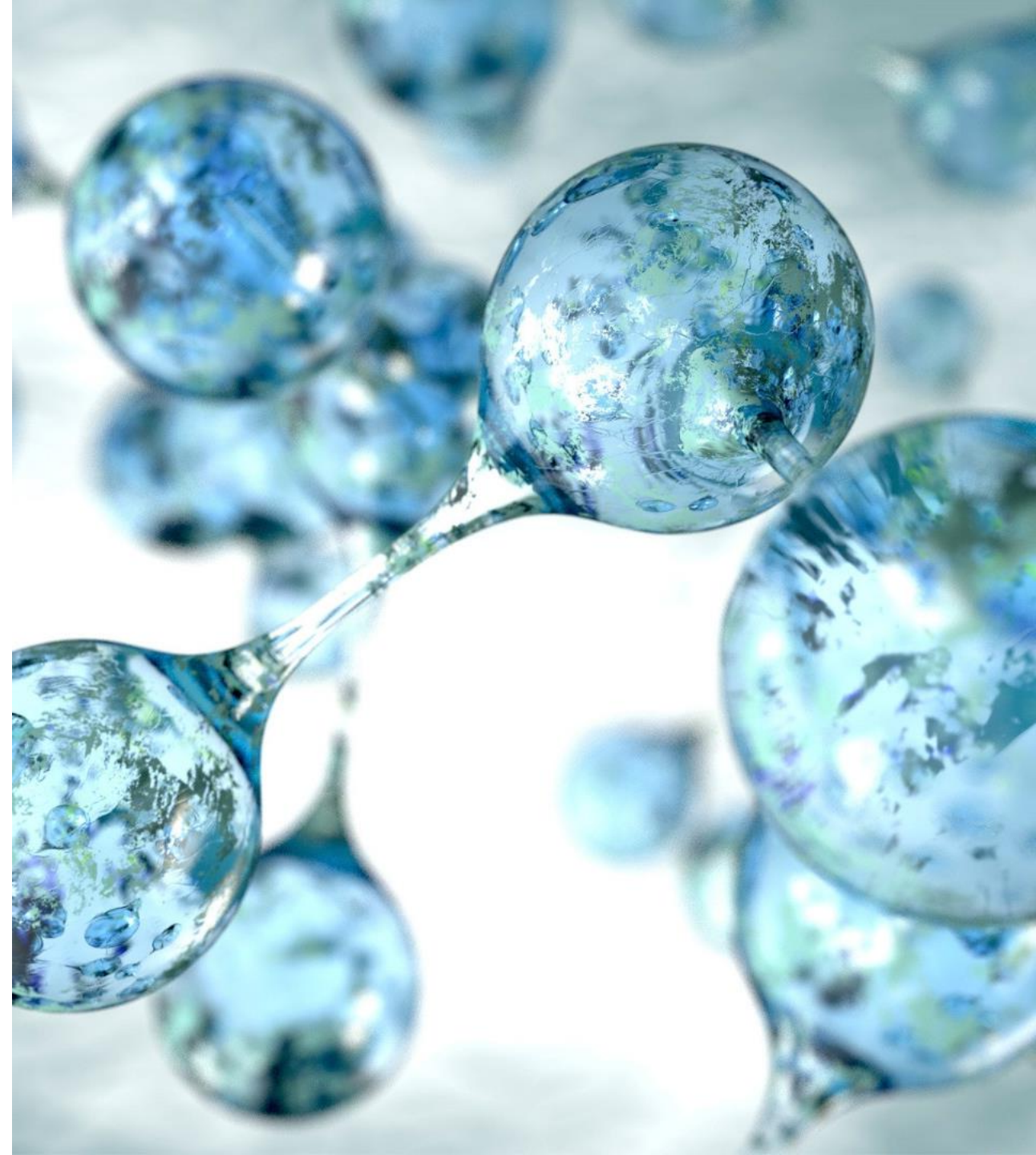
Time can shift towards scenario analysis, improving process/sites



Automated forecasts



Scaling team and repeatability in process



What types of scenarios would be useful?

## Scenarios



Onsite generation



Input analysis



Equipment



Weather

What is needed is an enterprise approach to LCA?

# What is needed is much broader than LCA



Collaboration across teams



AI / Automation



Security



Runs in cloud



Configurability



API / integration



Encryption



Backups



Regulatory compliance



Library of impact factor data



Version control



Global (at some point)  
(9+ languages, unit of measures)



Analytics



Collaboration across companies



Varying models

How will verification work for automated LCA software?

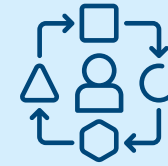
## The verification process



Approval + workflow for  
internal approval and  
external verification



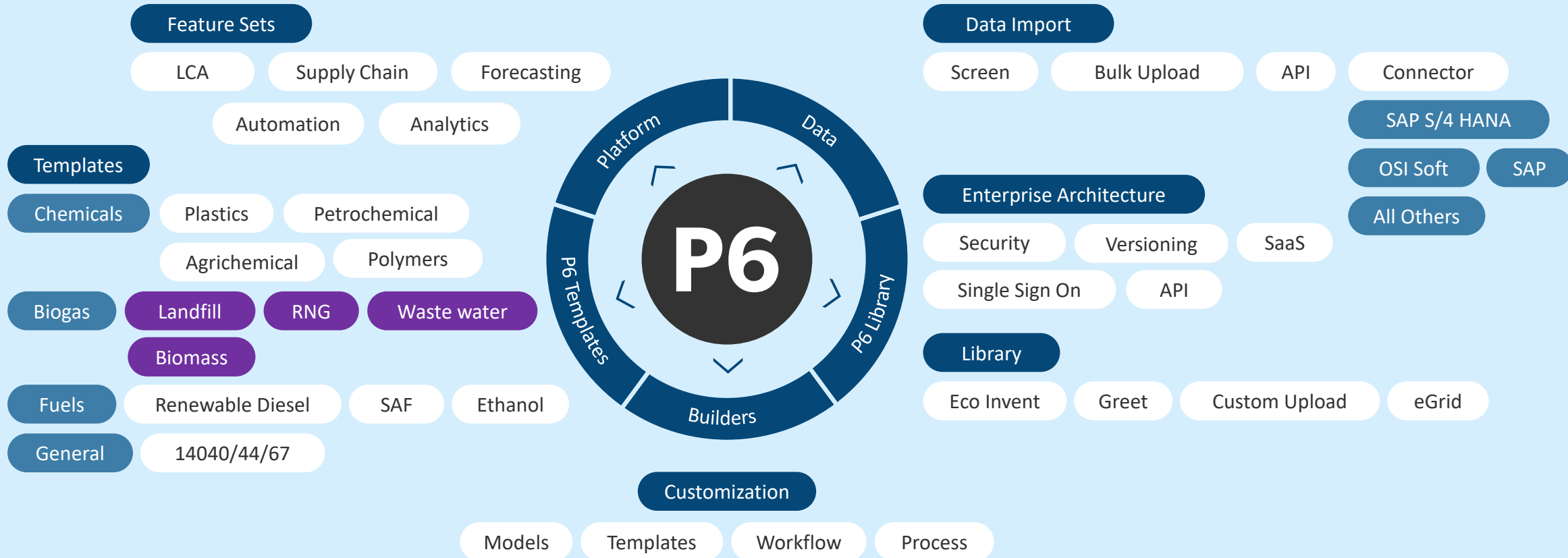
A documented  
methodology is needed for  
100% automated  
environments



External verification will most  
not likely change much, but  
will adapt to new  
technologies

# What does an enterprise software platform look like?

## Life Cycle Analysis Phases





# Q&A



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