

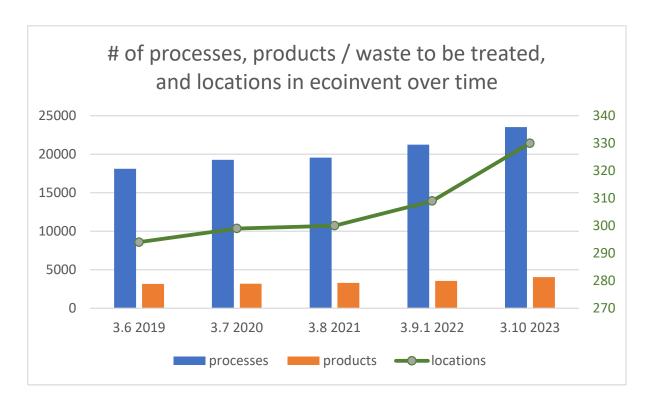
## **Topics**

- Need
- Approach
- Status
- How you can get involved



- ...comes from two sides:
  - A, demand for LCA data is increasing and LCA data need to be available for a multitude of products
  - B, current databases struggle to keep up, with updates of own data, and with inclusion of new data

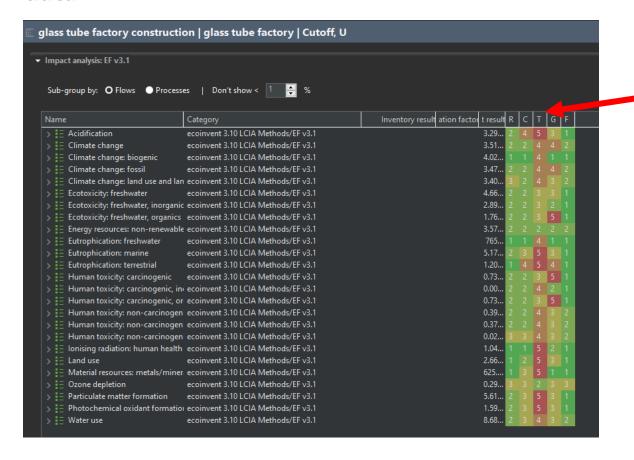
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ecoinvent			
version and			
year	processes	products	locations
3.6 2019	18121	3146	294
3.7 2020	19271	3185	299
3.8 2021	19565	3292	300
3.9.1 2022	21238	3550	309
3.10 2023	23523	4031	330

B, current databases struggle to keep up, with updates of own data, and with inclusion of new data



T: time as data quality indicator, ecoinvent 3.10 calculation.

5 = worst assessment, data is outdated

## Plus, technical flaws in existing database creation



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## **Starting considerations**

- There is quite a lot of data related to inputs and outputs and other LCA-relevant aspects for process datasets available – outside the LCA domain
- 2. There is of course also an increasing amount of LCA information and knowledge available
- 3. GreenDelta project LCA data machine -> logic for information assessment
- 4. Al directly (ask Al to create process datasets) somewhat pointless but Al can support

### **Towards the technical solution**

- 1. Combine top-down and bottom up
- 2. Model "atoms", truly smallest information units, for important elements
- 3. Important elements are processes, flows, locations
- 4. Initial database should not be in one of the existing reference systems (nomenclature and format) ILCD, EcoSpold, etc., but be agnostic, and be possible to be exported in these
- 5. Create process data sets and iteratively refine them
- 6. Where existing, use good, detailed models (transport, waste treatment)

### **Start**

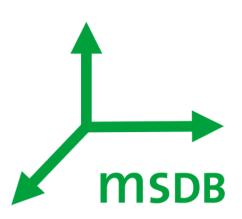
- 1. Combined Nomenclature, European Commission
- 2. Postulate datasets based on common knowledge
- 3. Refine datasets from open source information (PRTR, Wikipedia, UN Food database, satellite images, ..)...
- 4. Using reasoning and graph databases and models
- 5. Calculate data quality
- 6. ..until satisfactory

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This creates a massive sustainability database with traceable quality.

We call it the msdb.





## **Combined nomenclature**

 https://taxationcustoms.ec.europa.eu/customs-4/calculationcustoms-duties/customs-tariff/combinednomenclature en

2024, from https://tulli.fi/en/statistics/combined-nomenclature-cn

~ 16,000 categories

These are categories for products

cn_code	en
01	LIVE ANIMALS
0101	Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies
010121	
_	Pure-bred breeding horses
01012100	Pure-bred breeding horses
010129	Live horses (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01012910	Horses for slaughter
01012990	Live horses (excl. for slaughter, pure-bred for breeding)
010130	Live asses
01013000	Live asses
010190	Live mules and hinnies
01019000	Live mules and hinnies
0102	Live bovine animals
010221	Pure-bred cattle for breeding
01022110	Pure-bred breeding heifers "female bovines that have never calved"
01022130	Pure-bred breeding cows (excl. heifers)
01022190	Pure-bred cattle for breeding (excl. heifers and cows)
010229	Live cattle (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01022905	Live cattle of the sub-genus Bibos or Poephagus (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01022910	Live cattle of the subgents bibos of Poephagus (exc., pare-bred for breeding)
01022910	Cattle of a weight > 80 kg but <= 160 kg, for slaughter
01022921	
01022929	Live cattle of a weight > 80 kg but <= 160 kg (excl. for slaughter, pure-bred for breeding)
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01022949	Live cattle of a weight > 160 kg but <= 300 kg (excl. for slaughter, pure-bred for breeding)
01022951	Heifers "female bovines that have never calved" of a weight > 300 kg, for slaughter
01022959	Live heifers "female bovines that have never calved" of a weight > 300 kg (excl. for slaughter and pure-bred for breed
01022961	Cows of a weight > 300 kg, for slaughter (excl. heifers)
01022969	Live cows of a weight > 300 kg (excl. for slaughter and pure-bred for breeding and heifers)
01022991	Cattle of a weight > 300 kg, for slaughter (excl. heifers and cows)
01022999	Live cattle of a weight > 300 kg (excl. for slaughter, pure-bred for breeding and heifers and cows)
010231	Pure-bred buffalo for breeding
01023100	Pure-bred buffalo for breeding
010239	Live buffalo (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01023910	Live domestic buffalo (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01023990	Live buffalo (excl. domestic species and pure-bred for breeding)
010290	Live bovine animals (excl. cattle and buffalo)
01029020	Bovine pure-bred breeding animals (excl. cattle and buffalo)
01029091	Live domestic bovine animals (excl. cattle and buffalo and pure-bred for breeding)
01029099	Live bovine animals (excl. cattle, buffalo, pure-bred for breeding and domestic species)
0103	Live swine
010310	Pure-bred breeding swine
01031000	Pure-bred breeding swine
	Live pure-bred swine, weighing < 50 kg (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01039110	Domestic swine, weighing < 50 kg (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01039190	Live non-domestic swine, weighing < 50 kg
	Live pure-bred swine, weighing >= 50 kg (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
01039211	Live domestic sows, having farrowed at least once, weighing >= 160 kg (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
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0104	Live sheep and goats
010410	Live sheep
	Pure-bred sheep for breeding
	Live lambs "sheep up to a year old" (excl. purebred breeding animals)
01041080	Live sheep (excl. lambs and pure-bred breeding animals)
010420	Live goats
01042010	Pure-bred breeding goats
01042090	Live goats (excl. pure-bred for breeding)
0105	Live poultry, "fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls"
010511	Live fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, weighing <= 185 g (excl. turkeys and guinea fowls)
01051111	Grandparent and parent female chicks of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus laying stocks of a weight of <= 185
01051119	Grandparent and parent female chicks fowls of the species Gallus domesticus of a weight of $<=185$ g (excl. laying strength of $<=185$ g
01051191	Laying stock "fowls of the species Gallus domesticus" of a weight of <= 185 g (excl. grandparent and parent female c
01051199	Live fowls of the species Gallus domesticus of a weight of <= 185 g (excl. grandparent and parent female chicks and
010510	

Live domestic turkeys, weighing <= 185 g

## **Combined nomenclature**

### These are categories for products

> = 01 LIVE ANIMALS

> D 02 MEAT AND EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL

> 03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

> 🛑 04 DAIRY PRODUCE; BIRDS' EGGS; NATURAL HONEY; EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED

> 05 PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED

> III 06 LIVE TREES AND OTHER PLANTS; BULBS, ROOTS AND THE LIKE; CUT FLOWERS AND ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE

> 07 EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS

> 08 EDIBLE FRUIT AND NUTS; PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS

> 09 COFFEE, TEA, MATÉ AND SPICES

▼ ■ 10 CEREALS

> 1001 Wheat and meslin

> 1002 Rve

▼ ■ 1003 Barley

> 100310 Barley seed for sowing

> 100390 Barley (excl. seed for sowing)

> 1004 Oats

> III 1005 Maize or corn

> 1006 Rice

> = 1007 Grain sorghum

> 1008 Buckwheat, millet, canary seed and other cereals (excl. wheat and meslin, rye, barley, oats, maize, rice and grain sorghum)

> 11 PRODUCTS OF THE MILLING INDUSTRY; MALT; STARCHES; INULIN; WHEAT GLUTEN

> 🛅 12 OIL SEEDS AND OLEAGINOUS FRUITS; MISCELLANEOUS GRAINS, SEEDS AND FRUIT; INDUSTRIAL OR MEDICINAL PLANTS; STRAW AND FODDER

> 13 LAC; GUMS, RESINS AND OTHER VEGETABLE SAPS AND EXTRACTS

> 🚞 14 VEGETABLE PLAITING MATERIALS; VEGETABLE PRODUCTS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED

> II S ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MICROBIAL FATS AND OILS AND THEIR CLEAVAGE PRODUCTS; PREPARED EDIBLE FATS; ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE WAXES

> 16 PREPARATIONS OF MEAT, OF FISH, OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OR OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES, OR OF INSECTS

> 17 SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY

> 18 COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS

> 19 PREPARATIONS OF CEREALS, FLOUR, STARCH OR MILK; PASTRYCOOKS' PRODUCTS

> 20 PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS

> == 21 MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PREPARATIONS

> = 22 BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR

> == 23 RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL FODDER

> 124 TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES; PRODUCTS, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING NICOTINE, INTENDED FOR INHALATION WITHOUT COMBUSTION; OTHER NICOTINE CONTAINING NICOTINE, INTENDED FOR INHALATION WITHOUT COMBUSTION;

> = 25 SALT: SULPHUR: EARTHS AND STONE: PLASTERING MATERIALS, LIME AND CEMENT

> 27 MINERAL FUELS, MINERAL OILS AND PRODUCTS OF THEIR DISTILLATION: BITUMINOUS SUBSTANCES: MINERAL WAXES

> 128 INORGANIC CHEMICALS: ORGANIC OR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS OF PRECIOUS METALS. OF RARE-EARTH METALS. OF RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS OR OF ISOTOPES

> = 29 ORGANIC CHEMICALS

> 30 PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

> 31 FERTILISERS

> 🚞 32 TANNING OR DYEING EXTRACTS; TANNINS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES; DYES, PIGMENTS AND OTHER COLOURING MATTER; PAINTS AND VARNISHES; PUTTY AND OTHER MASTICS; INKS

> 33 ESSENTIAL OILS AND RESINOIDS; PERFUMERY, COSMETIC OR TOILET PREPARATIONS

> 13 SOAP, ORGANIC SURFACE-ACTIVE AGENTS, WASHING PREPARATIONS, LUBRICATING PREPARATIONS, ARTIFICIAL WAXES, PREPARED WAXES, POLISHING OR SCOURING PREPARATIONS, CANDLES A

> == 35 ALBUMINOIDAL SUBSTANCES; MODIFIED STARCHES; GLUES; ENZYMES

> 🖿 36 EXPLOSIVES; PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTS; MATCHES; PYROPHORIC ALLOYS; CERTAIN COMBUSTIBLE PREPARATIONS

> 37 PHOTOGRAPHIC OR CINEMATOGRAPHIC GOODS

> **38 MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS** 

> = 39 PLASTICS AND ARTICLES THEREOF

> 40 RUBBER AND ARTICLES THEREOF

> 41 RAW HIDES AND SKINS (OTHER THAN FURSKINS) AND LEATHER

> 42 ARTICLES OF LEATHER; SADDLERY AND HARNESS; TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS; ARTICLES OF ANIMAL GUT (OTHER THAN SILKWORM GUT)

> 43 FURSKINS AND ARTIFICIAL FUR: MANUFACTURES THEREOF

> = 44 WOOD AND ARTICLES OF WOOD; WOOD CHARCOAL

> 146 MANUFACTURES OF STRAW, OF ESPARTO OR OF OTHER PLAITING MATERIALS; BASKETWARE AND WICKERWORK

> 147 PULP OF WOOD OR OF OTHER FIBROUS CELLULOSIC MATERIAL; RECOVERED (WASTE AND SCRAP) PAPER OR PAPERBOARD

> 48 PAPER AND PAPERBOARD: ARTICLES OF PAPER PULP, OF PAPER OR OF PAPERBOARD

> 149 PRINTED BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, PICTURES AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY; MANUSCRIPTS, TYPESCRIPTS AND PLANS

> 51 WOOL, FINE OR COARSE ANIMAL HAIR; HORSEHAIR YARN AND WOVEN FABRIC

> 53 OTHER VEGETABLE TEXTILE FIBRES; PAPER YARN AND WOVEN FABRICS OF PAPER YARN

> 54 MAN-MADE FILAMENTS

> 55 MAN-MADE STAPLE FIBRES

> 56 WADDING, FELT AND NONWOVENS; SPECIAL YARNS; TWINE, CORDAGE, ROPES AND CABLES AND ARTICLES THEREOF

> 57 CARPETS AND OTHER TEXTILE FLOOR COVERINGS

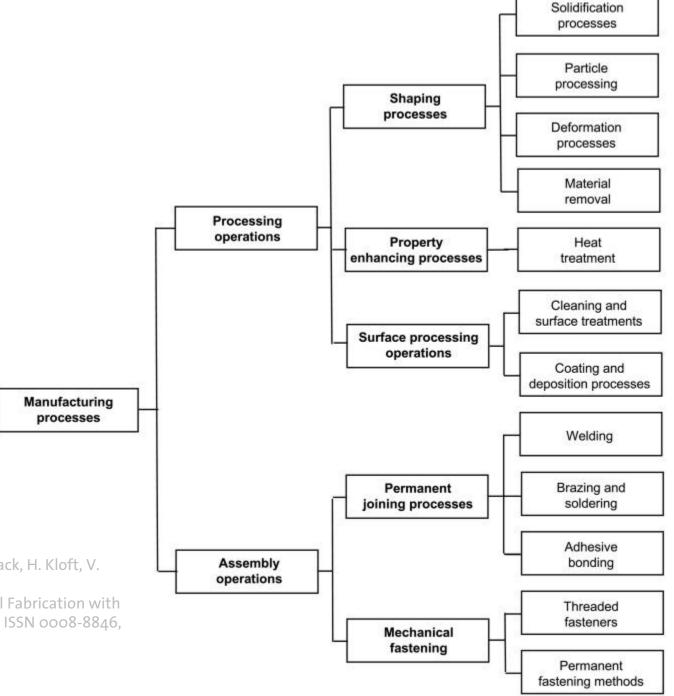
> b 58 SPECIAL WOVEN FABRICS; TUFTED TEXTILE FABRICS; LACE; TAPESTRIES; TRIMMINGS; EMBROIDERY

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- More messy; not one clean taxonomy.
- Many different proposals for different sectors, industries
- Often very 'high level' and not detailed.

R.A. Buswell, W.R. Leal da Silva, F.P. Bos, H.R. Schipper, D. Lowke, N. Hack, H. Kloft, V. Mechtcherine, T. Wangler, N. Roussel,

A process classification framework for defining and describing Digital Fabrication with Concrete, Cement and Concrete Research, Volume 134, 2020, 106068, ISSN 0008-8846, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cemconres.2020.106068.



-> Structure for the database as own development, based on the life cycle of products and public information

 Own definition: Archetypes of processes, with segments that add nuances/flavours, completed with information from LCA and Wikipedia etc..

#### **Archetypes:**

Animal husbandry **Energy conversion** Freight transport Generation / extraction of fuel Generation of materials, agriculture Generation of materials, other **Incineration** Material conversion Mixing of goods or materials Operation of means of transport Person transport Storing of goods or materials Transport, electricity Transport, pipelines Waste treatment

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#### **Flavours:**

cleaning
compressing
cooling
drying
filtering
sorting
wetting
machine operation

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## Example for a topdown "postulation" of a process dataset content, per archetype

#### 6.14. Betrieb Transportmittel - Erzeugungseinheit

#### Definition:

Betrieb von Transportmittel zum Transport von Gütern. Das Transportmittel bewegt sich.

Beispiel: LKW 3,5t Euro 4 innerstädtisch. Frachtflugzeug Boeing 747 interkontinental.

#### Inputs:

- Transportmittel (Infrastruktur)
- Treibstoff
- Hilfsstoffe, Wartung

#### Outputs:

- Betrieb Transportmittel als Dienstleistung
- Wahrscheinlich Emissionen Verbrennung
- Wahrscheinlich andere Emissionen aus Betrieb (Reifenabrieb, Bremsabrieb)
- Evtl. verbrauchte, verlorene Hilfsstoffe (Ölverlust, ...)
- Evtl. Abwärme

#### Prozessparameter:

- Evtl. Auslastung ρ, ρ ≤ 1
- Evtl. Katalysator, Emissionsklasse
- Evtl. Betriebsweise Transportmittel (bei LKW: Autobahn, innerstädtisch, ...; bei Flugzeug Langstreckenflug, Kurstreckenflug)
- Evtl. Transportverlust (verlorenes Gut, verdorbenes Gut, Eintrocknen, ...)

#### Beziehungen innerhalb des Prozesses:

- C-Gehalt Brennstoff = CO2-Gehalt Abgas \* VDV
- (weitere, die NOx und andere Emissionen beschreiben, auch H2O, in Abhängigkeit der Verbrennung, des Motortyps...)

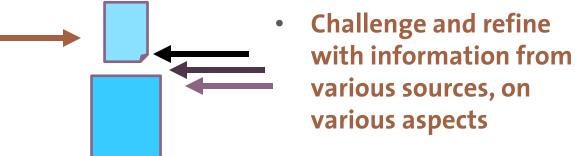
#### Sonstiges:

## Locations, finally

- ..are countries plus groups and sets typically addressed in LCA: Europe, North America Region, etc.
- Can be easily extended
- Different region has as consequence:
  - Different product providers (electricity grid, e.g.)
  - For some processes, different process settings, and not all processes can take place everywhere (growing wine in Scotland)

## Overall approach then

 Start with a task to make a dataset (process, product, location), from postulate



Output is a dataset where the "procedural changes" are documented, with an indication of quality

## How selection of better data and information is done

#### Two aspects:

a, Shannon entropy (~conditional probability: how likely is a certain information)

$$H(p|q) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i * log_2 \frac{p_i}{q_i}$$

b, data quality

## One example process: Soldering for surface mounted devices

- Quantitative reference: 1m2 soldered area
- Inputs:

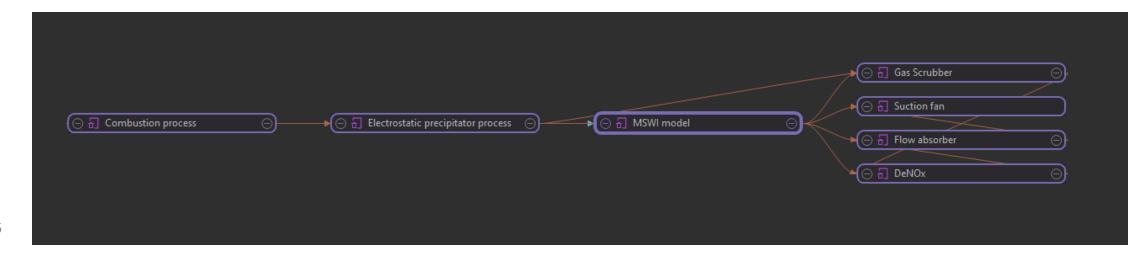
FLOWNAME	FLOWID	AMOUNT	AMOUNT_RELAMOUNT_QU	UNIT
solder, lead fre	ee	0.25		kg
PCB		1.05		m2
electronic com	ponents	0.1		kg
electricity		6.25		kWh
machinery		1.00E-10		piece
building		1.00E-15		piece
N2		0.75		kg
flux		0.25		kg

Outputs:

FLOWNAME	FLOWID	AMOUNT AMOUNT_F	RELAMOUNT_QU UNIT	FLOWTYPE
soldered area		1	m2	PRODUCT
electronic waste		0.15	kg	
Nox	to air	0.15	kg	
2-Propanol	to air	0.05	kg	
production waste, hazardous		0.05	kg	WASTE
production waste, non hazardous		0.1	kg	WASTE

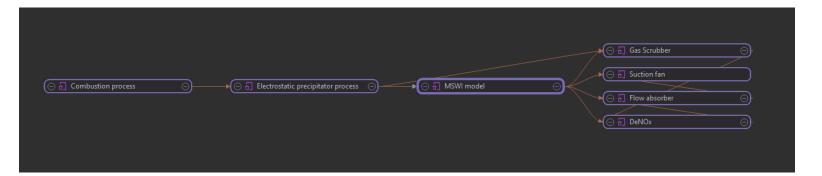
## Some important processes modelled in full, so far

- Transportation (EU Commission transport models, COPERT etc., refined and extended) -> fuel consumption and emissions per payload e.g., very recent and verified
- Waste water treatment, depending on waste water composition (TU Vienna etc. models)
- Municipal solid waste incineration, per waste composition (model from GreenDelta), heavily parameterised



## Some important processes modelled explicitly so far

 Municipal solid waste incineration, per waste composition (model from GreenDelta), heavily parameterised



MSWI combustion DeNOx energy conversion flow absorber gas scrubber #x c\_pFG\_66\_71 fx c\_SO2aus # Chk\_FGTemp\_in # Chk\_FGTemp\_out # Chk\_FGWater # Delta\_m\_Al\_acid # Delta\_m\_Al\_lime # Delta\_m\_As\_lime # Delta\_m\_Cd\_lime fx Delta\_m\_Chlorid\_acid # Delta\_m\_Chlorid\_lime # Delta\_m\_Co\_acid # Delta\_m\_Co\_lime # Delta\_m\_Cr\_acid 🏂 Delta m Cu acid # Delta\_m\_Cu\_lime # Delta m Dust acid # Delta\_m\_Dust\_lime ♠ Delta\_m\_Fe\_lime # Delta\_m\_Fluorid\_acid # Delta\_m\_Fluorid\_lime # Delta\_m\_Hg\_lime # Delta\_m\_Mn\_acid # Delta\_m\_Mn\_lime # Delta\_m\_Mo\_acid

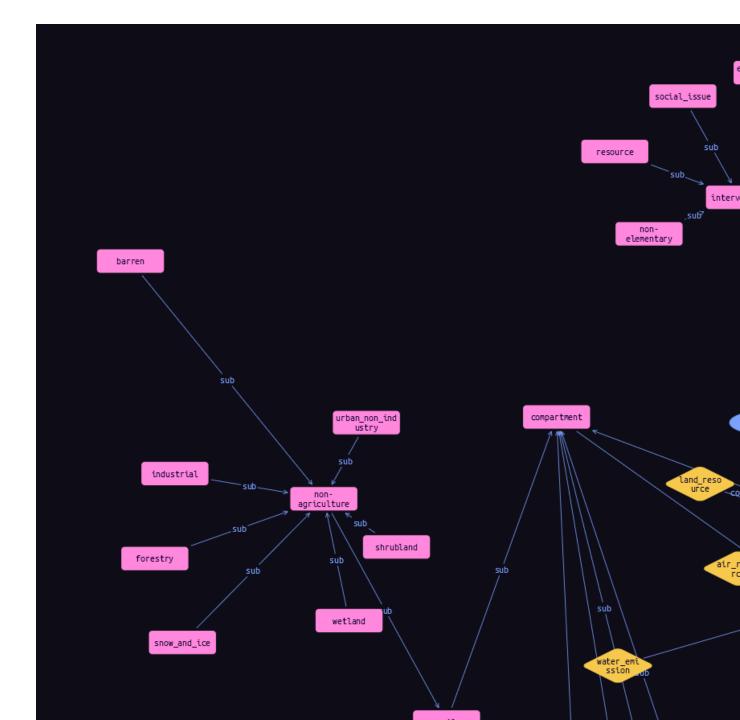
# On "atomistic modelling": e.g. elementary flows:

- intervention
- compartment
- flow

As three independent entities that can be combined as needed

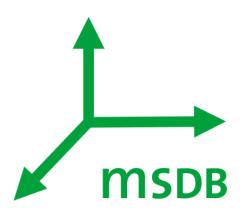
→ Model becomes more flexible and powerful

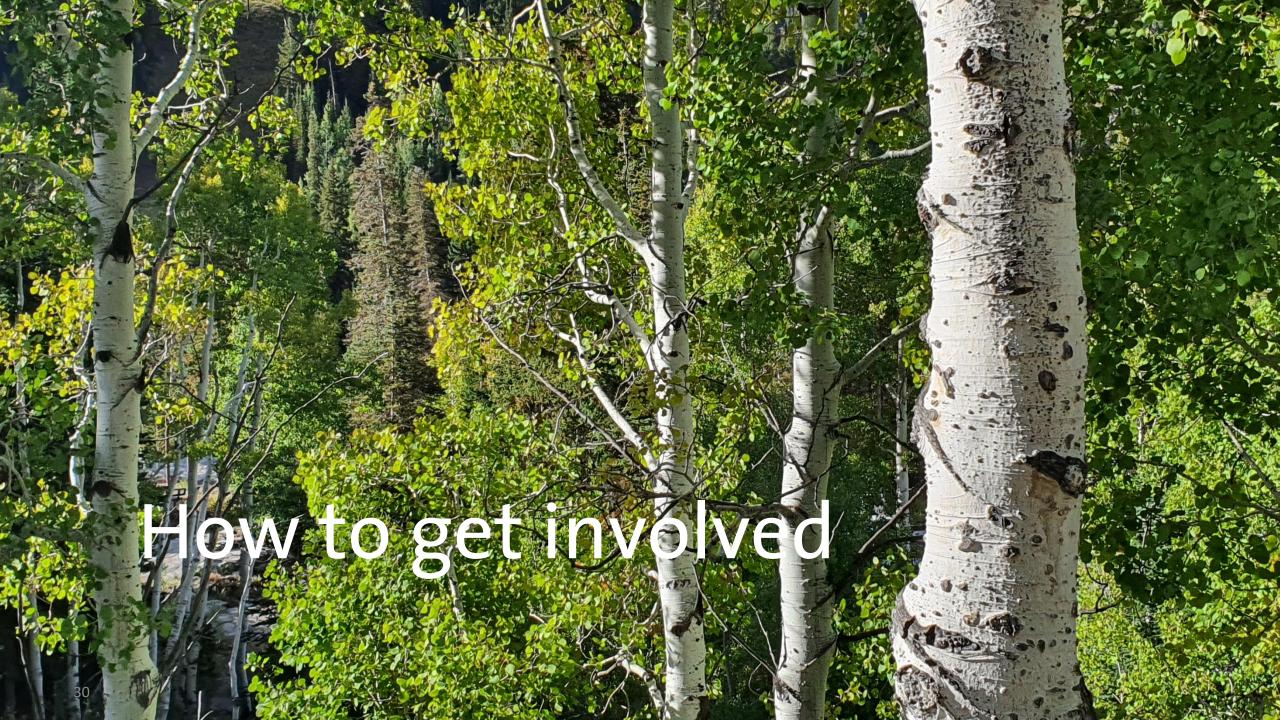
(screenshot from overall model, excerpt, TypeDB)



## **Overall:**

- A massive database with about 500,000 datasets to come, triplets of product, process, location.
- The database is based on a system that is able to create datasets for any database, on the spot
- It can integrate, and gets better, with inclusion of more, specific information sources.
- It will be able to produce datasets in line with several reference systems (e.g., different flow reference systems, inclusion of infrastructure or not, ...)
- This is of course not easy, but needed.





## How to get involved

- If you have access to good, useful, .. data that is not bound to a protected license, then please contact us (no system processes but could be details for processes, efficiencies, ...)
- Otherwise: we plan to release a first version ~ end of this year, and will have a first external reviewer round then; contact us also then (but: we planned this already some years ago and were then distracted and did not proceed).

