

# LCA Tool Ecosystem

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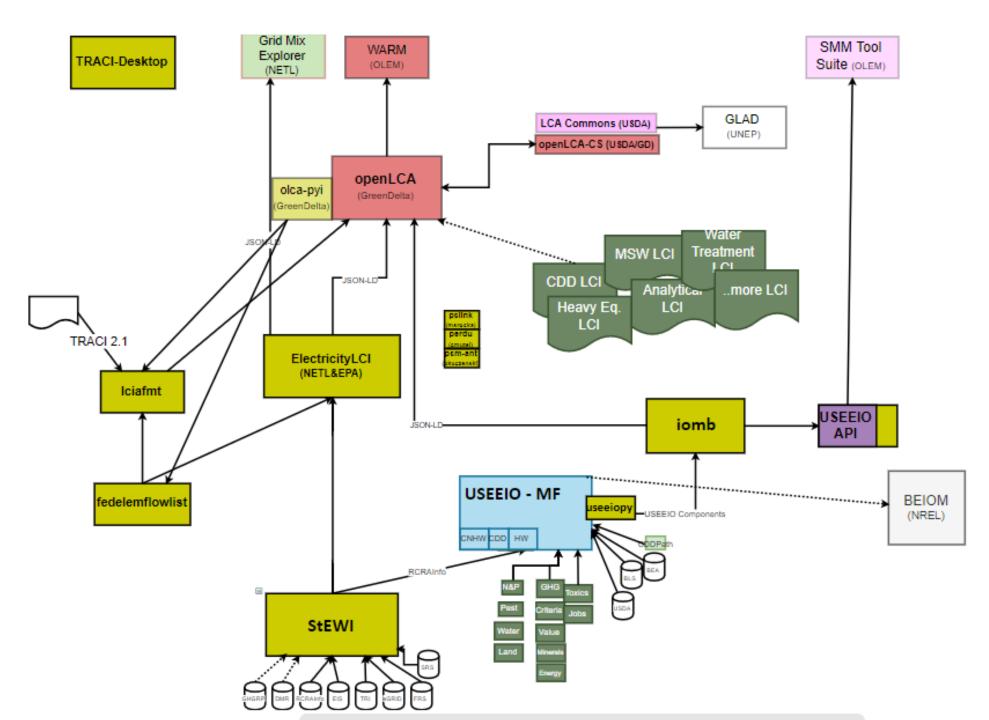


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## Ecosystem Overview





### StEWI

- Provides processed, standardized and combined data from US EPA databases
- StEWI



### fedelemflowlist

• Implements list creation as described in <u>EPA report</u> -<u>Federal LCA Commons</u> <u>Elementary Flow List</u>



### LCIA formatter

 Provides transparent flow conversion and formatting of LCIA methods from LCIA method providers to LCA tool importable format -<u>lciafmt</u>



# Electricity LCI

- Provides complete life cycle inventory for regionalized US electricity
- Electricity LCI



### USEEIO tools

- <u>USEEIO</u> is our EEIO model for the US with ~400 goods and service categories
- Build models with <u>USEEIO Modeling Framework</u>, uses <u>IO Model Builder</u> to export models for the API
- USEEIO API serves model results and metadata
- New tools Flow Sector Attribution models (FLOWSA)
- USEEIO will serve the EPA Sustainable Materials Management Prioritization Tool Suite (forthcoming)



### **Drivers for Tools**

- EPA program need driven
- Headquarters, regions, and states/tribes are the clients for end-products
- Written into our ORD strategic Research Action Plans
- The Federal LCA Commons provides the standards for final LCA outputs



# Why Tools?

- Preservation of knowledge
- Availability of methods
- Reproducible
- Good science/engineering practice



# Tools - Design

- Modularity and connectivity
- Design for internal and skilled external users
- Use platform independent, open source toolkit
- Create a transparent, reproducible data flow
- Produce standard formats
- Make it flexible
- Use standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- Write and use tests
- Package It

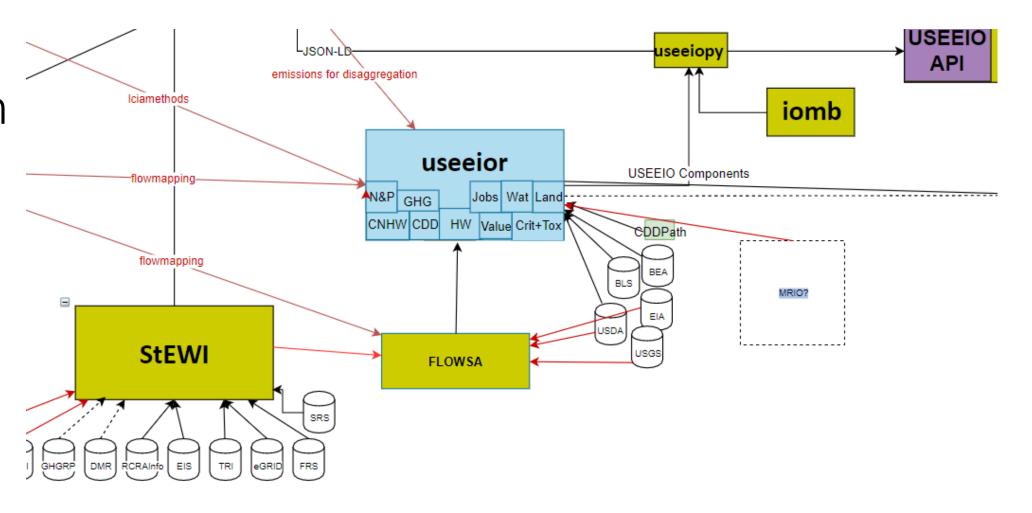


# Tools - Management

- git(hub) management and collaboration
  - Use versioning and releases
  - Use forks and pull requests
- Build partnerships
- Story: <u>ElectricityLCI</u>

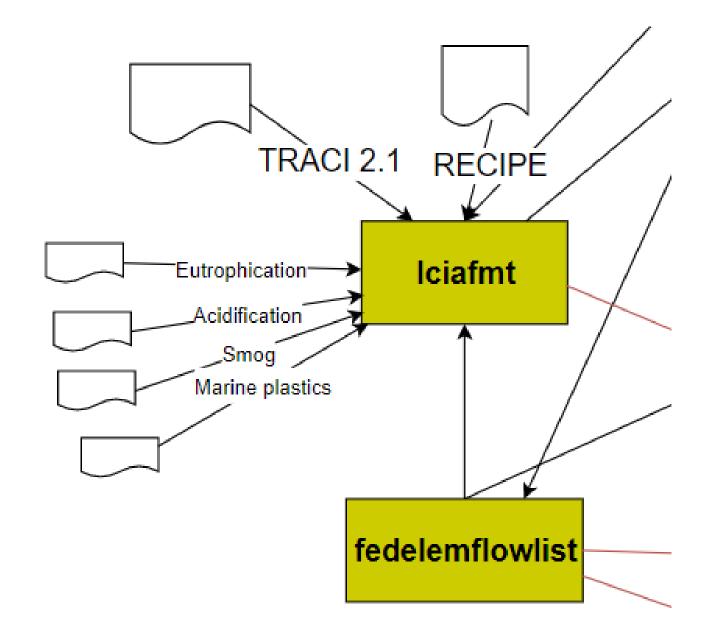


# USEEIO Near-Term Plans





# LCIA Plans





### Future Needs

- Connect USEEIO to a global MRIO
- Material tracking and IO
- Model hybridization



# Discuss collaboration opportunities



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