

Adverse Outcome Pathway Networks and the AOP Knowledgebase

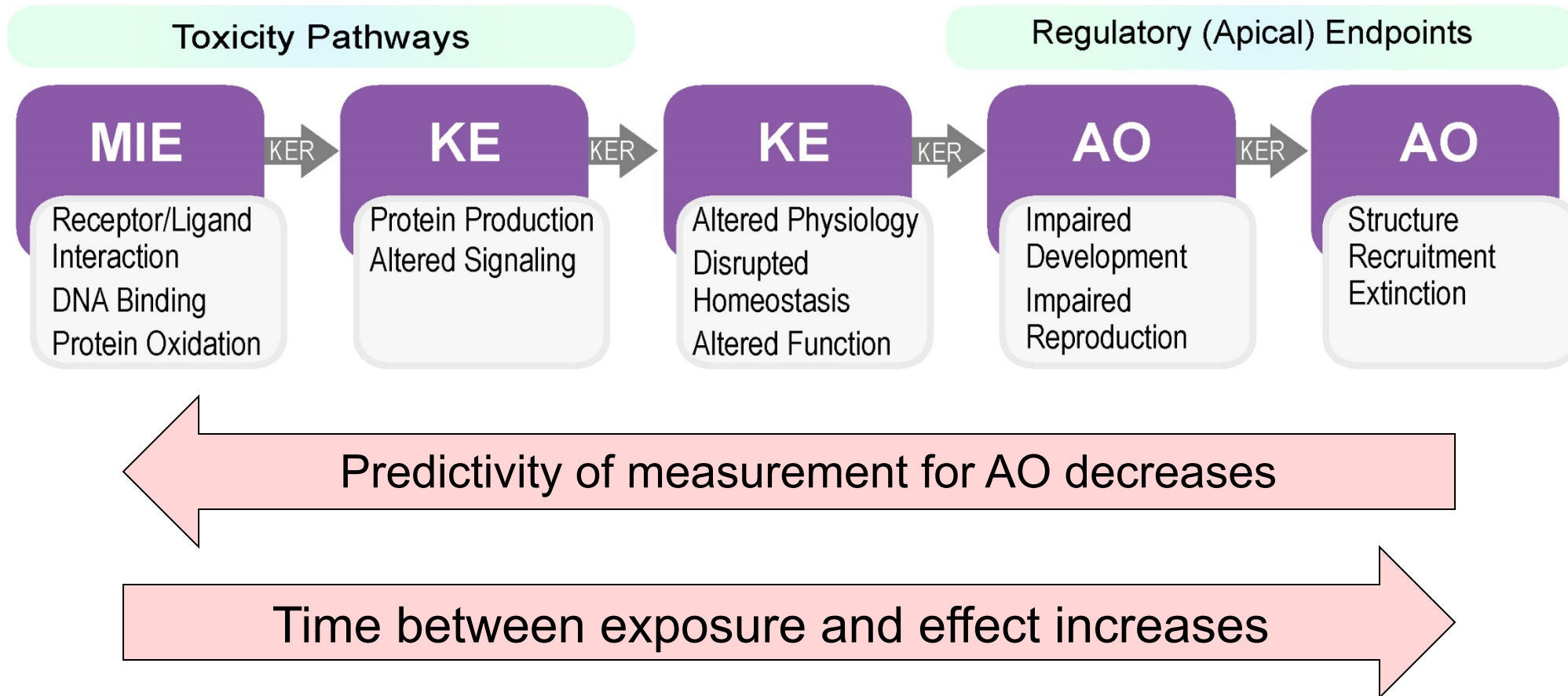
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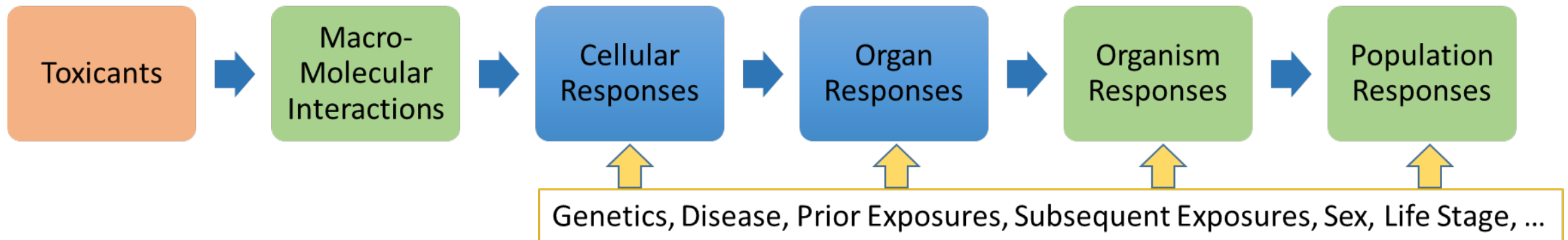
Outline

- Knowledge management
 - Evidence assembly
 - Data organization
 - Computational modeling
- AOP Networks
 - Automatic assembly by design
 - Basis for decision support tools
 - Challenges and opportunities

AOPs Connect Toxicity Pathways to Regulatory Endpoints



Factors Determining Predictivity of Early Key Events

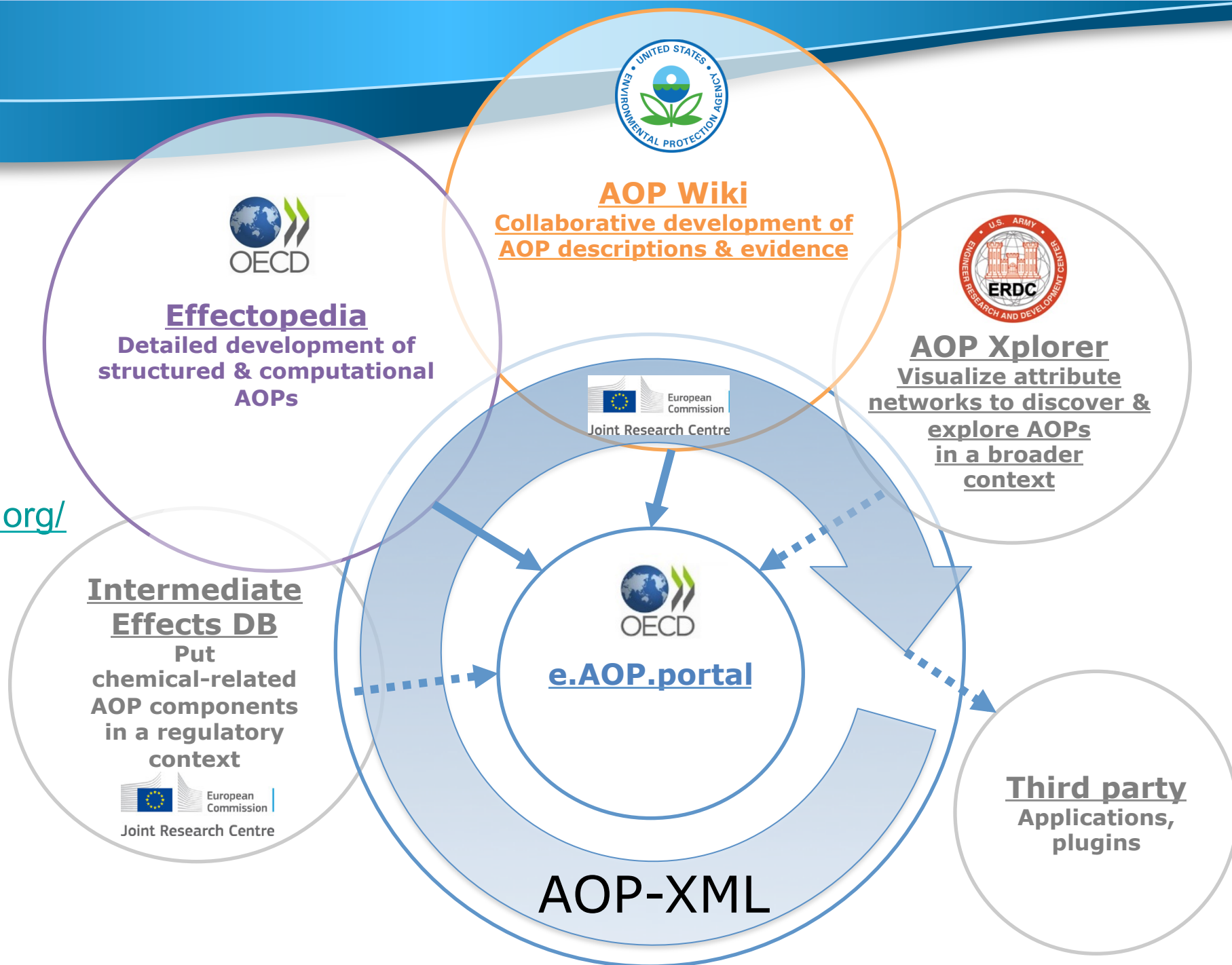


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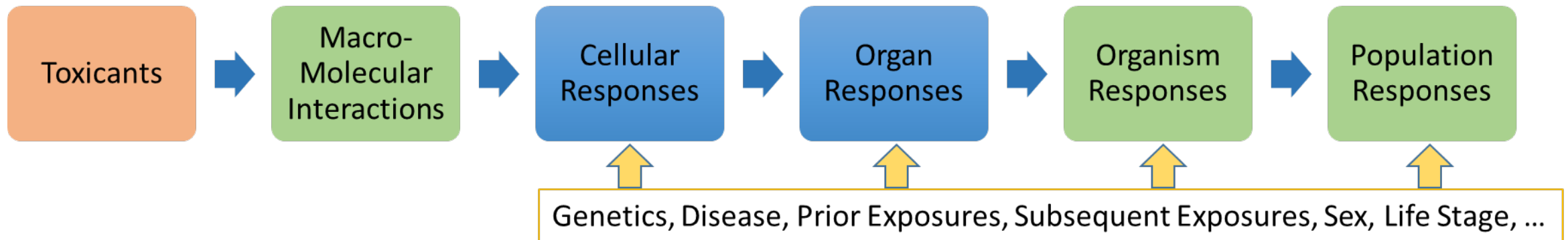
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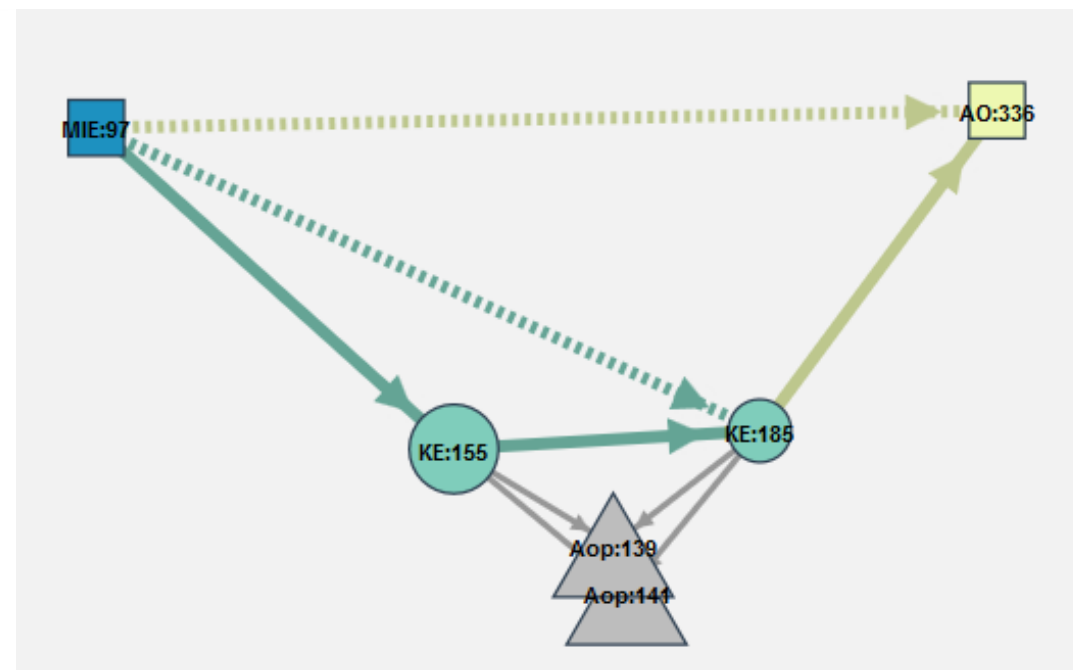
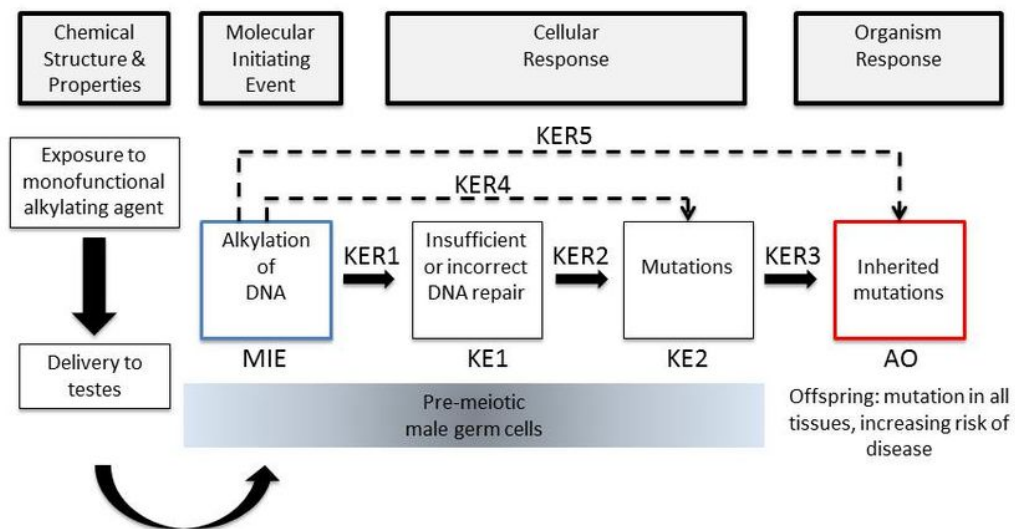
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Short name: Alkylation of DNA leading to heritable mutations



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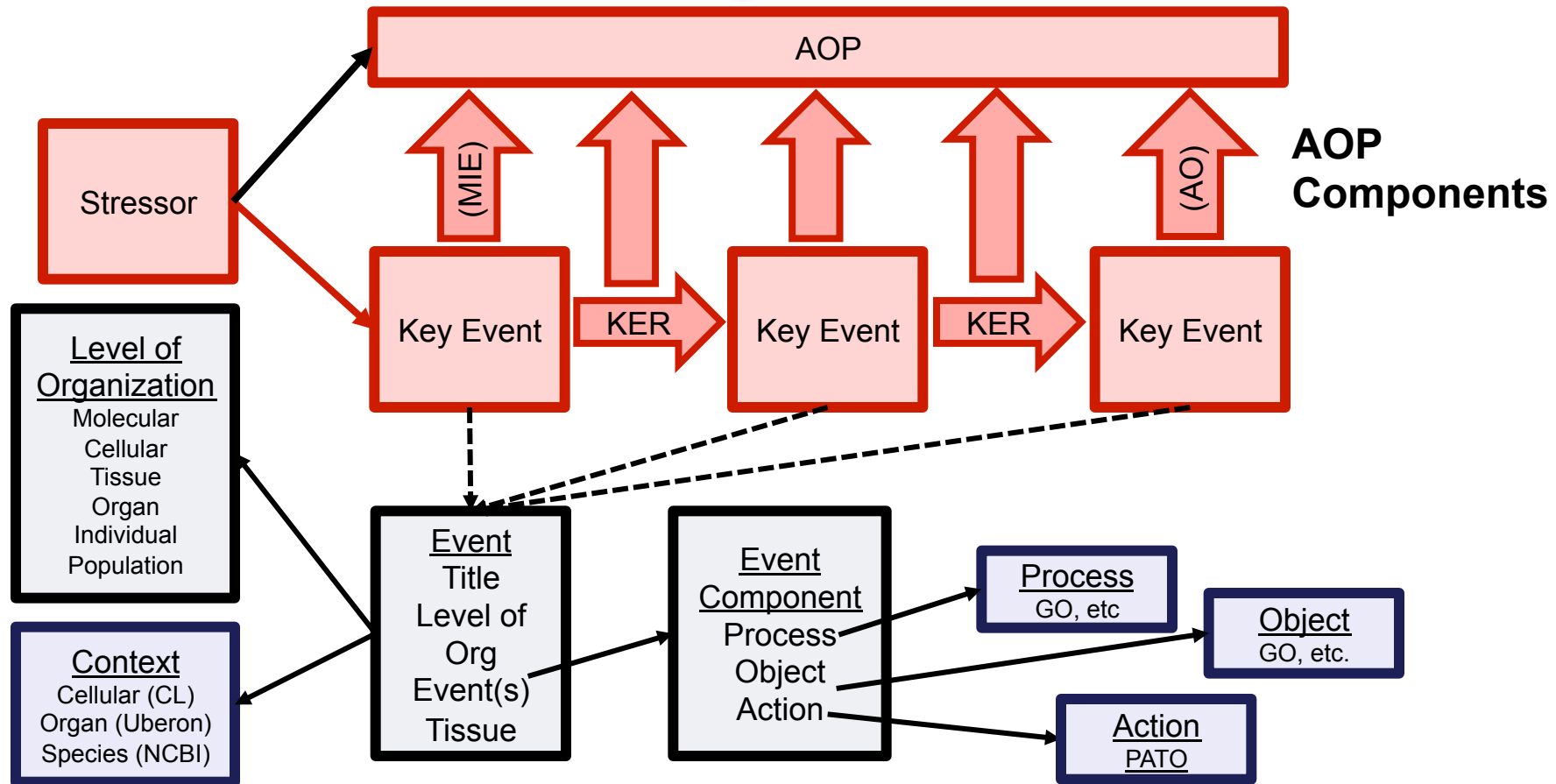
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Yauk et al., *Environ Mol Mutagen* (2015) 56:724-50. doi: 10.1002/em.21954.

Relationships Among Key Events and the Adverse Outcome

Event	Description	Triggers	Weight of Evidence	Quantitative Understanding
DNA, Alkylation	Directly Leads to	Insufficient or incorrect DNA repair, N/A	Strong	Moderate
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DNA, Alkylation	Indirectly Leads to	Mutations, Increase	Strong	Moderate
DNA, Alkylation	Indirectly Leads to	Heritable mutations in offspring, Increase	Strong	Moderate
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Ontologies that describe key events in existing AOPs



Event components-Definitions

- Process

Biological process, dynamics of the underlying biological system (e.g. receptor signaling). Ideally this represents the normal biology that is perturbed as part of the AOP not the perturbation itself.

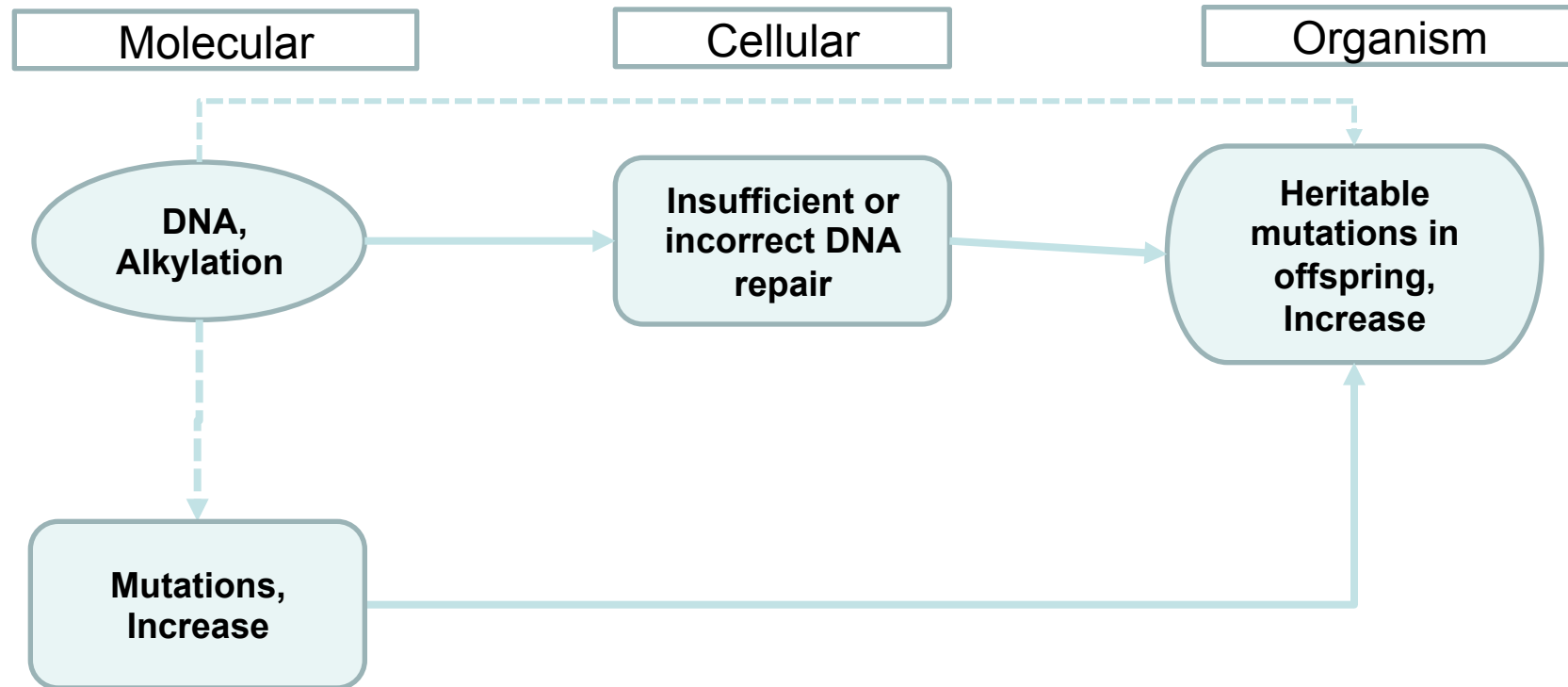
- Object

Biological object (e.g. specific biological receptor that is activated or inhibited). This term again represents the object only and is associated with the normal biology of the system.

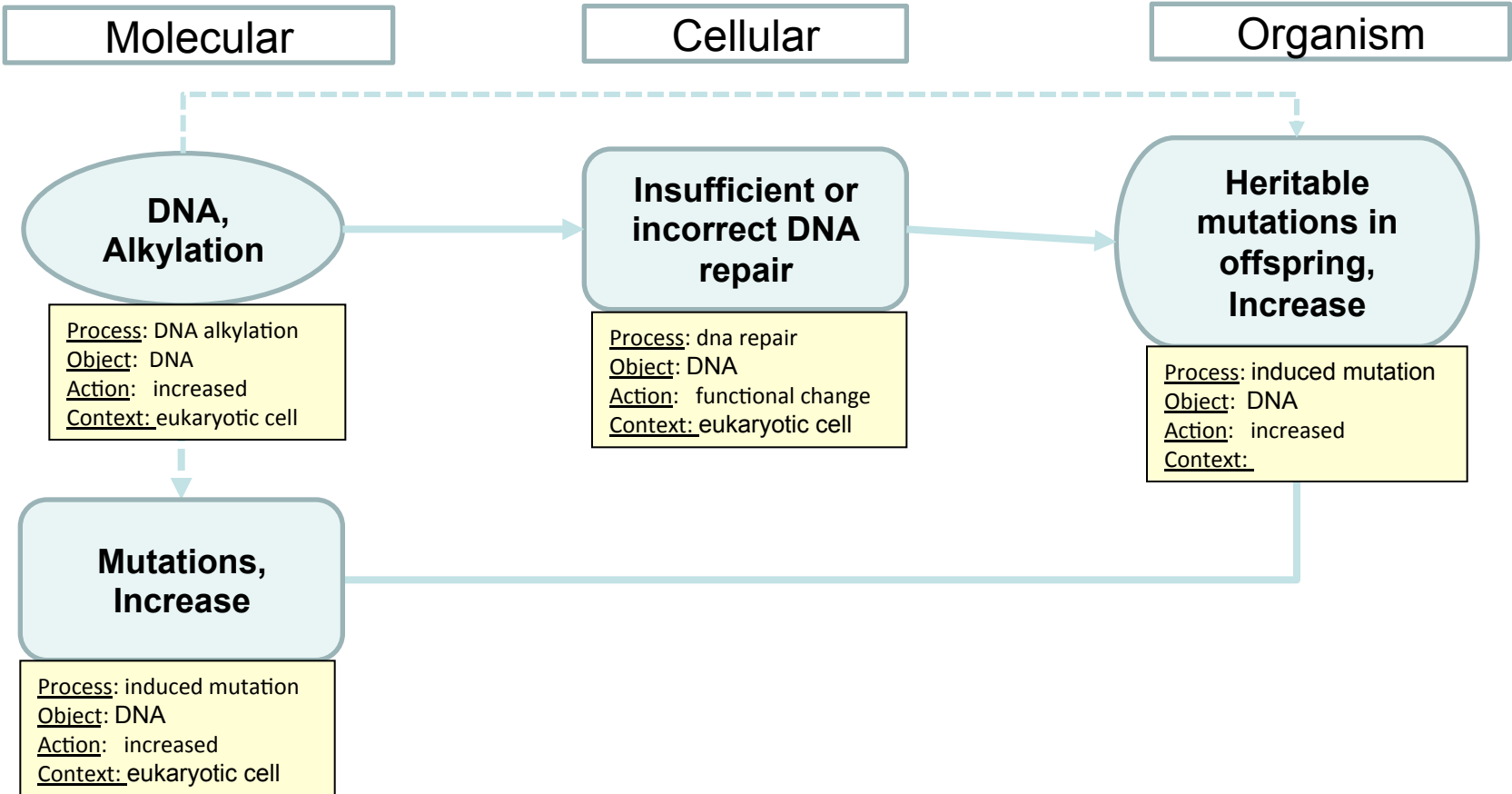
- Action

This represents **the perturbation of this system** described by the other two terms that results in this key event (e.g. ‘decreased’ in the case the a receptor is inhibited to indicate a decrease in the signaling by that receptor).

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What's new in the AOP Wiki

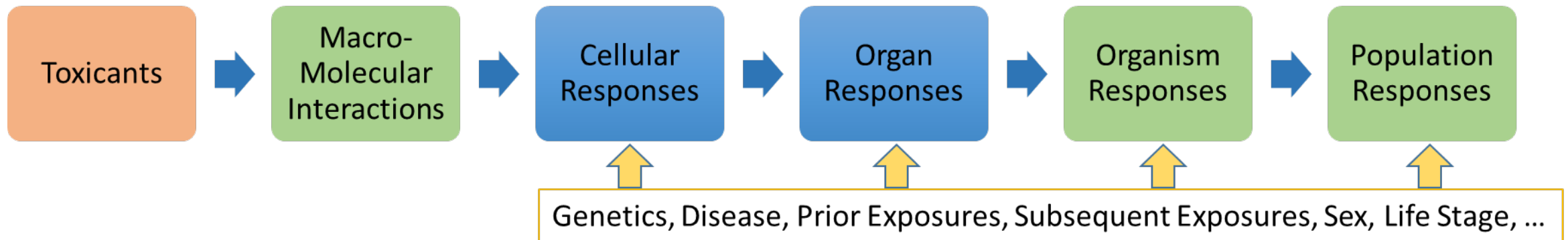
- The AOP Wiki now provides authors the ability to tag AOPs with terms from controlled vocabularies and ontologies.

- In order to harmonize the tagging of existing AOPs in the Wiki, we worked with authors to annotate all AOPs in the AOP-Wiki as of December 4, 2016.
- Currently working on instructions for authors to annotate their own AOPs in the future.

The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Add Event to AOP". The form has several input fields and dropdown menus. A "Create Key event" button is at the bottom of the form. A dashed box highlights a section of the form titled "New Event Component". This section includes the following fields:

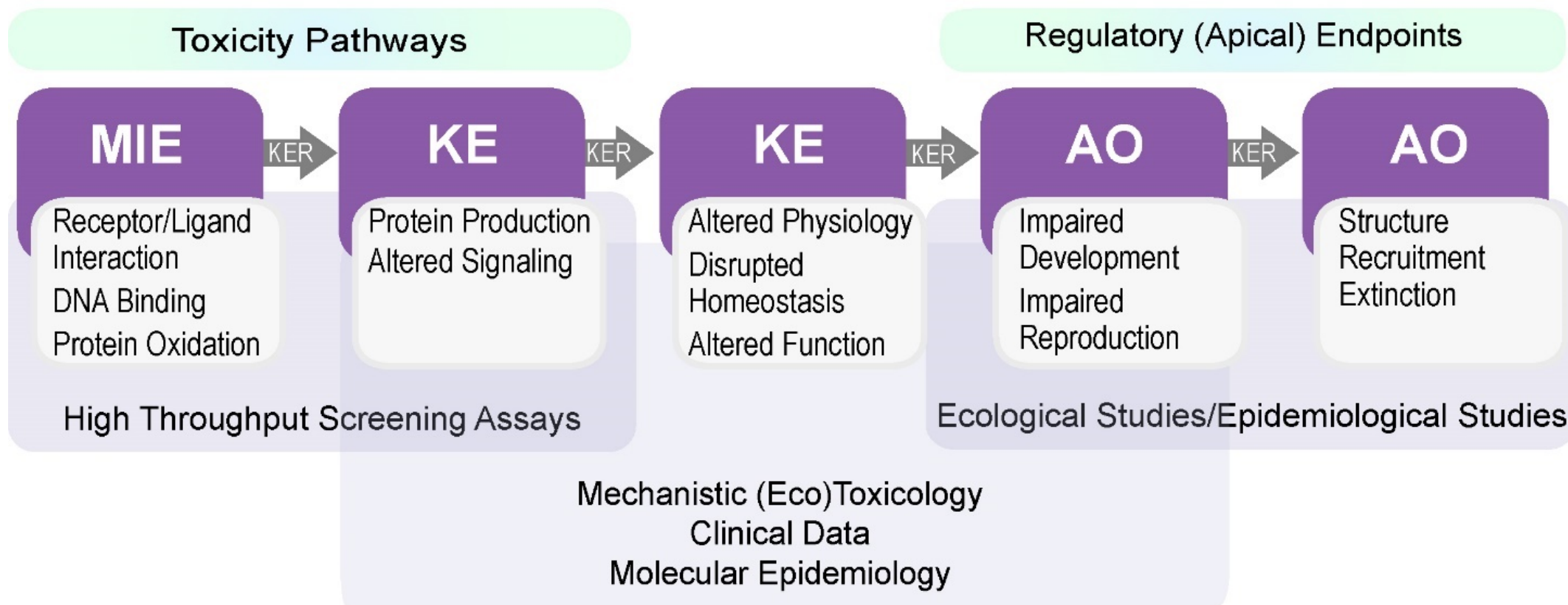
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- Action:** [Text box with "Decreased"]
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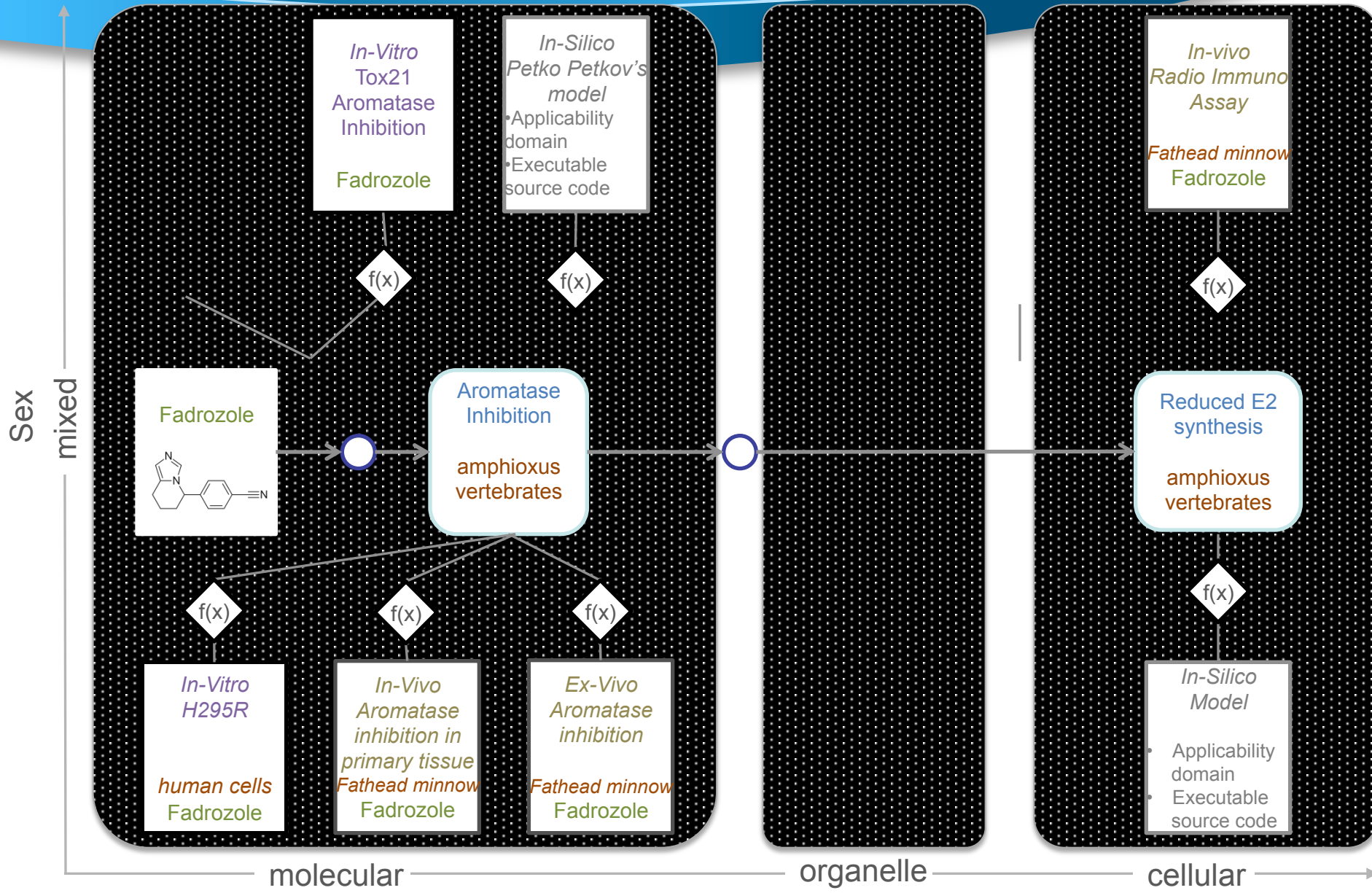
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AOP Provides Understanding & Scaffold for Data





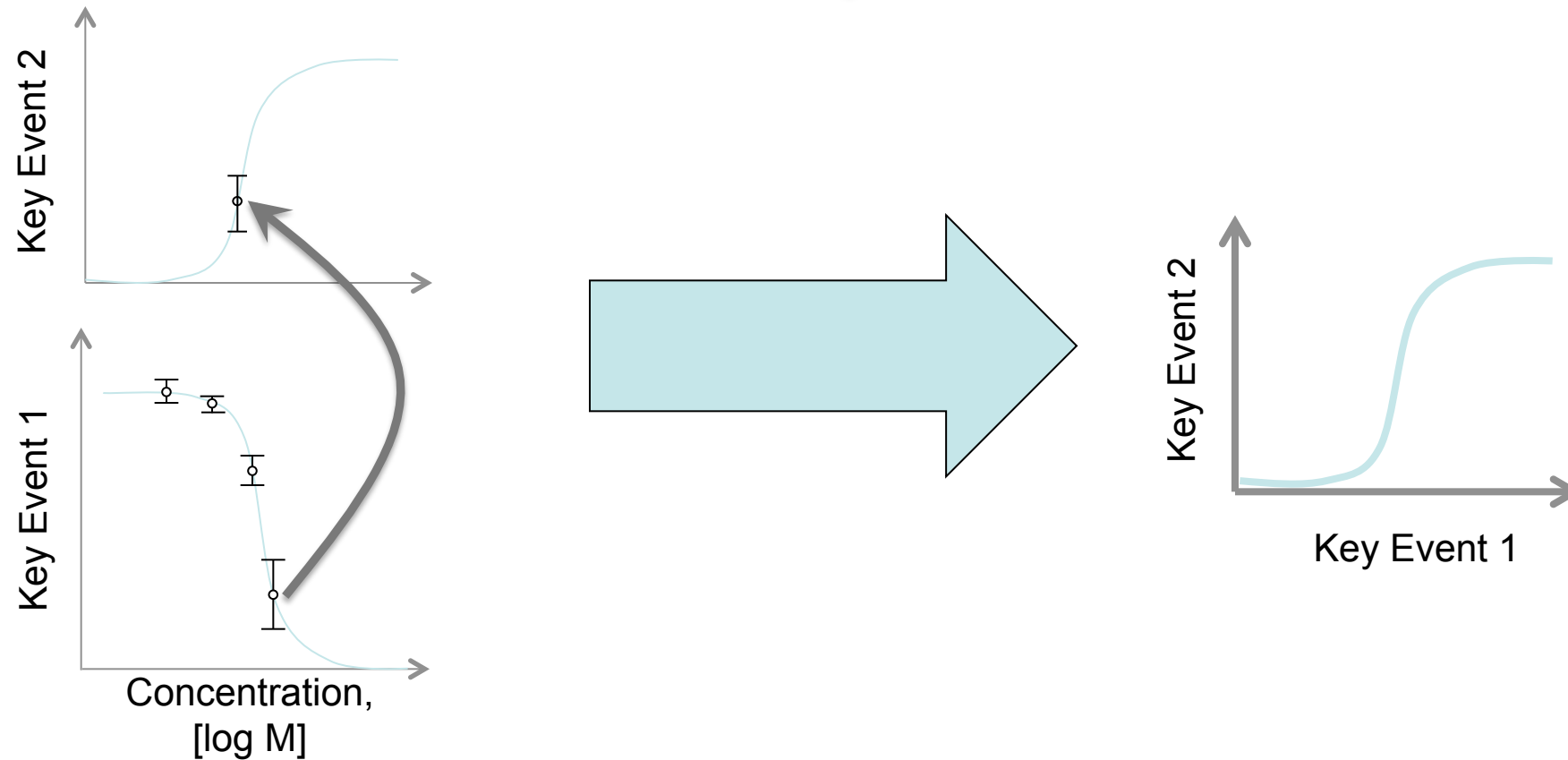
Sex mixed

Pathway Elements and quantitative information

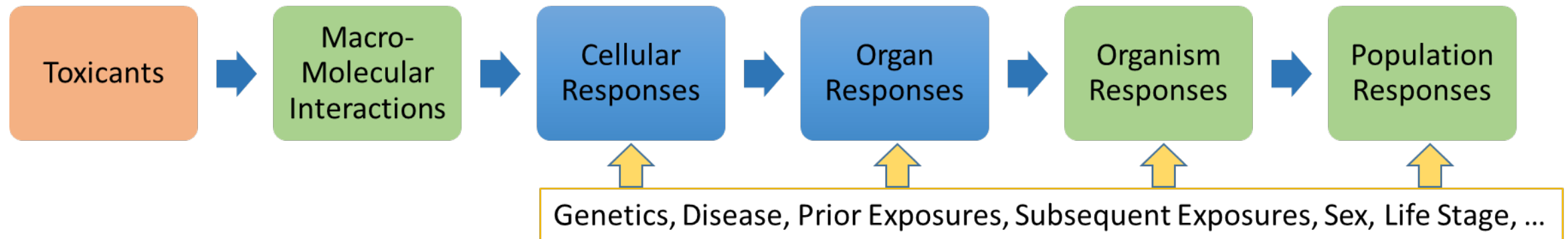
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Level of Biological Organisation

Transformation of Dose-Response to Response-Response

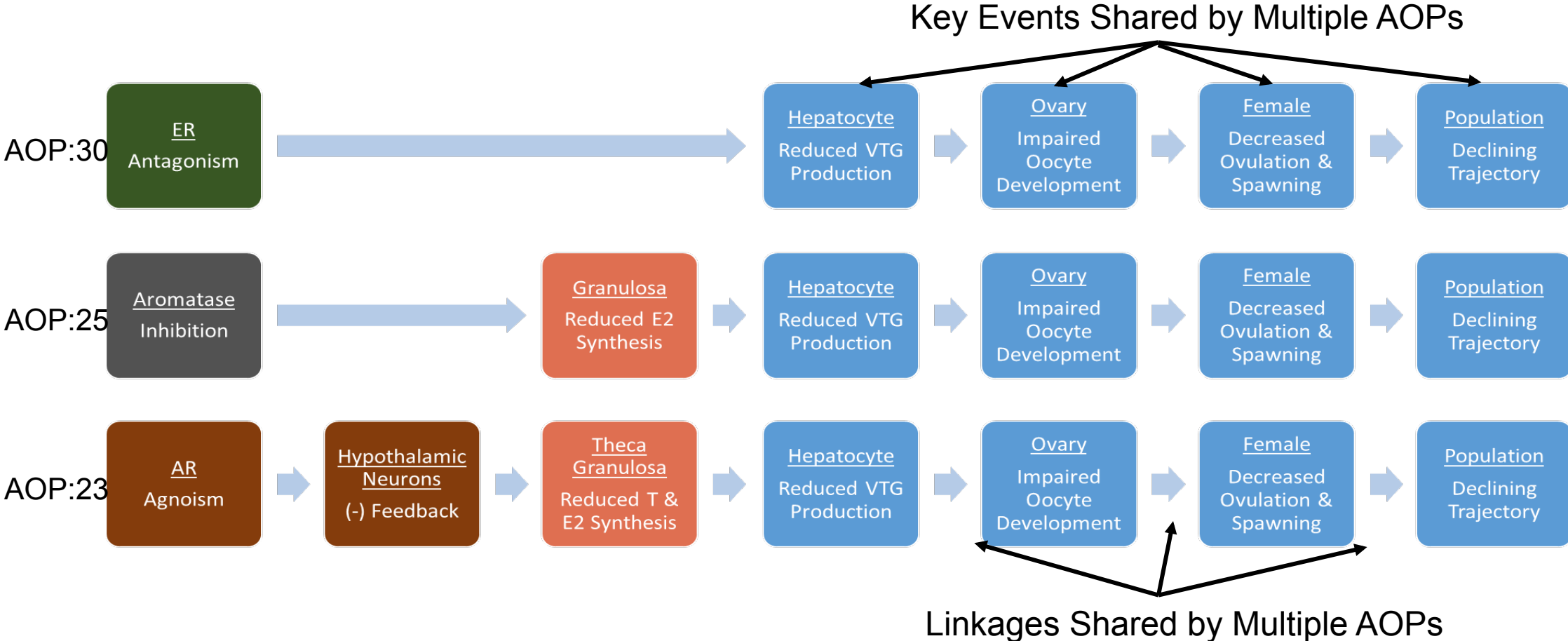


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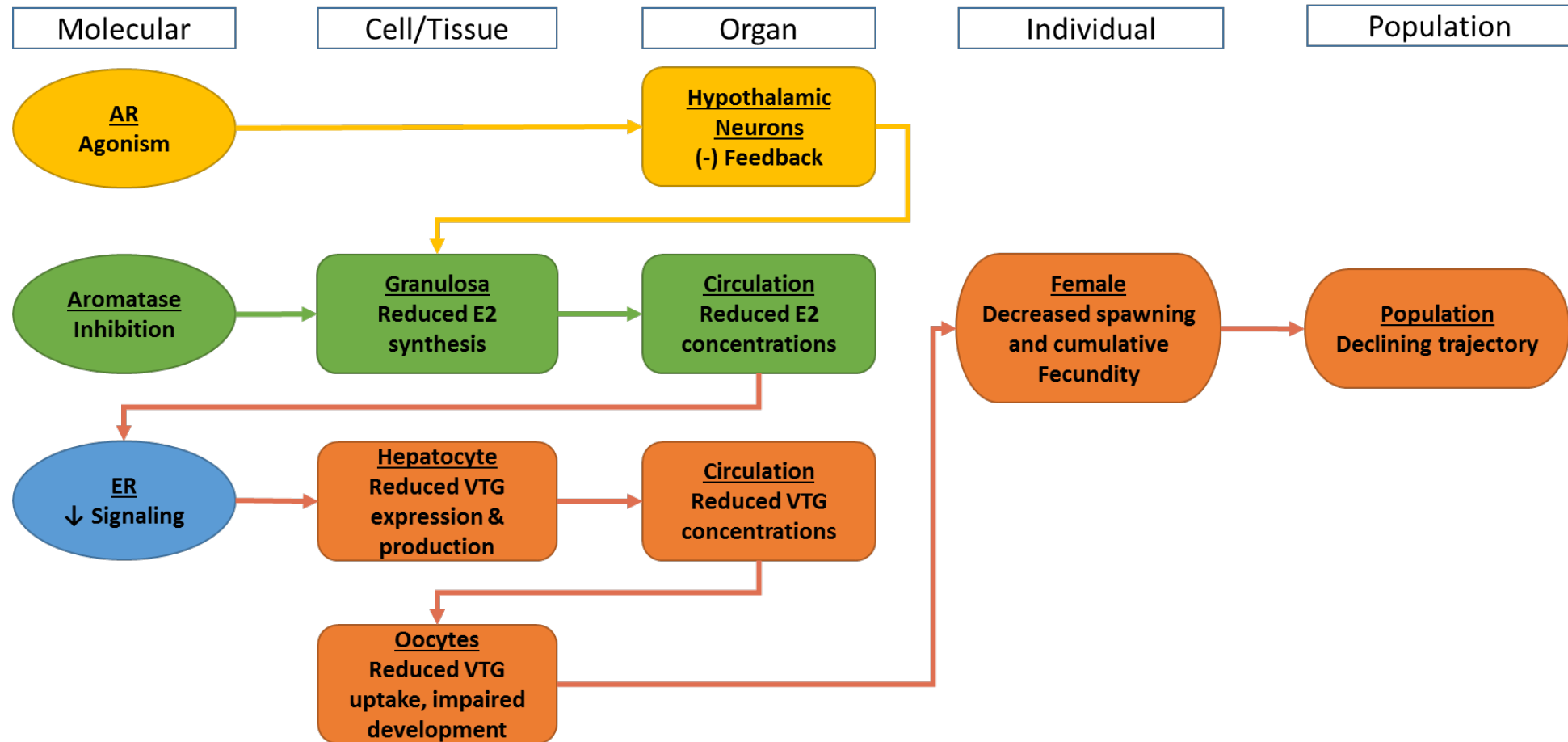


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AOP networks emerge as AOPs are entered into the AOP-Wiki



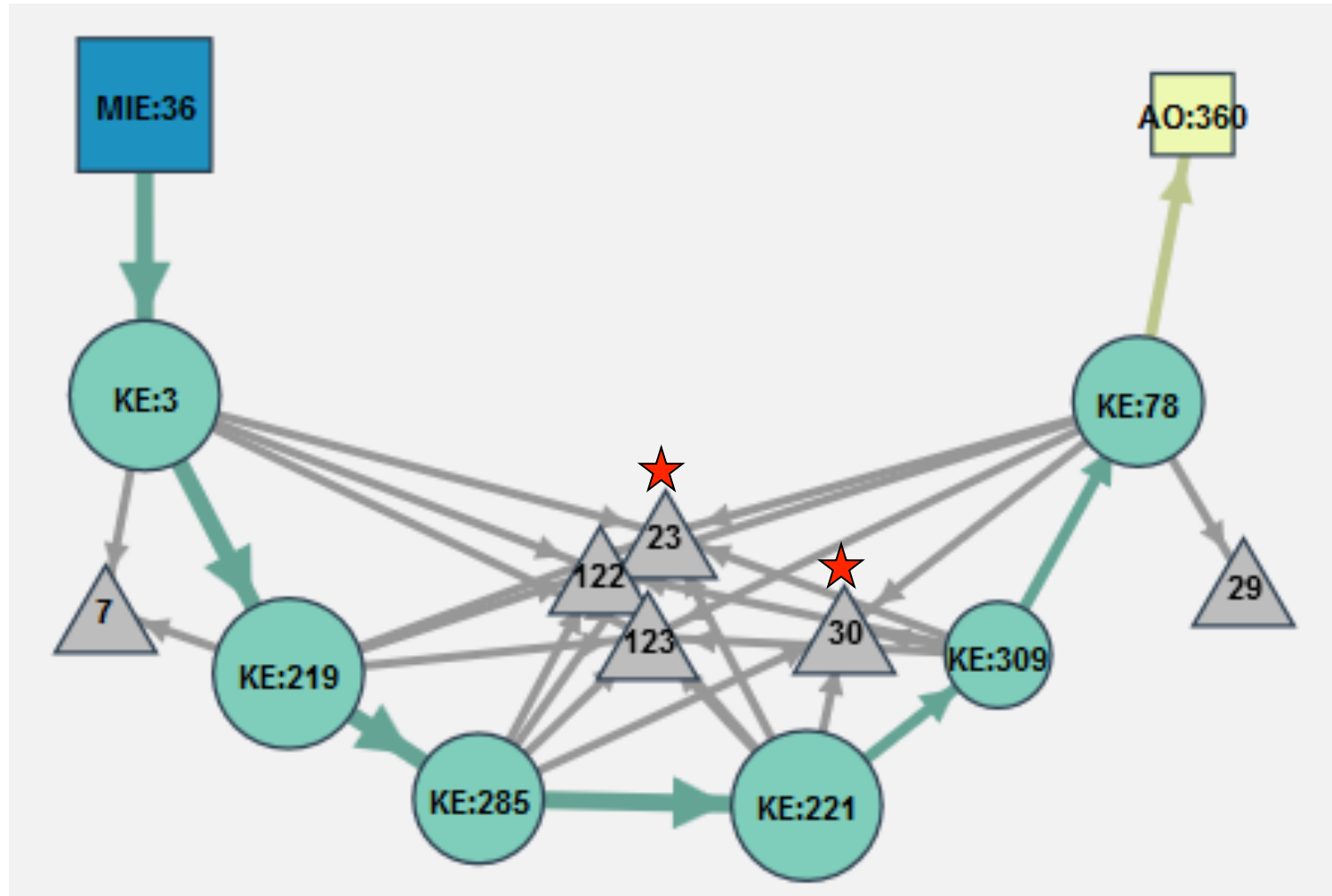
AOP Network as Stored in the AOP-Wiki



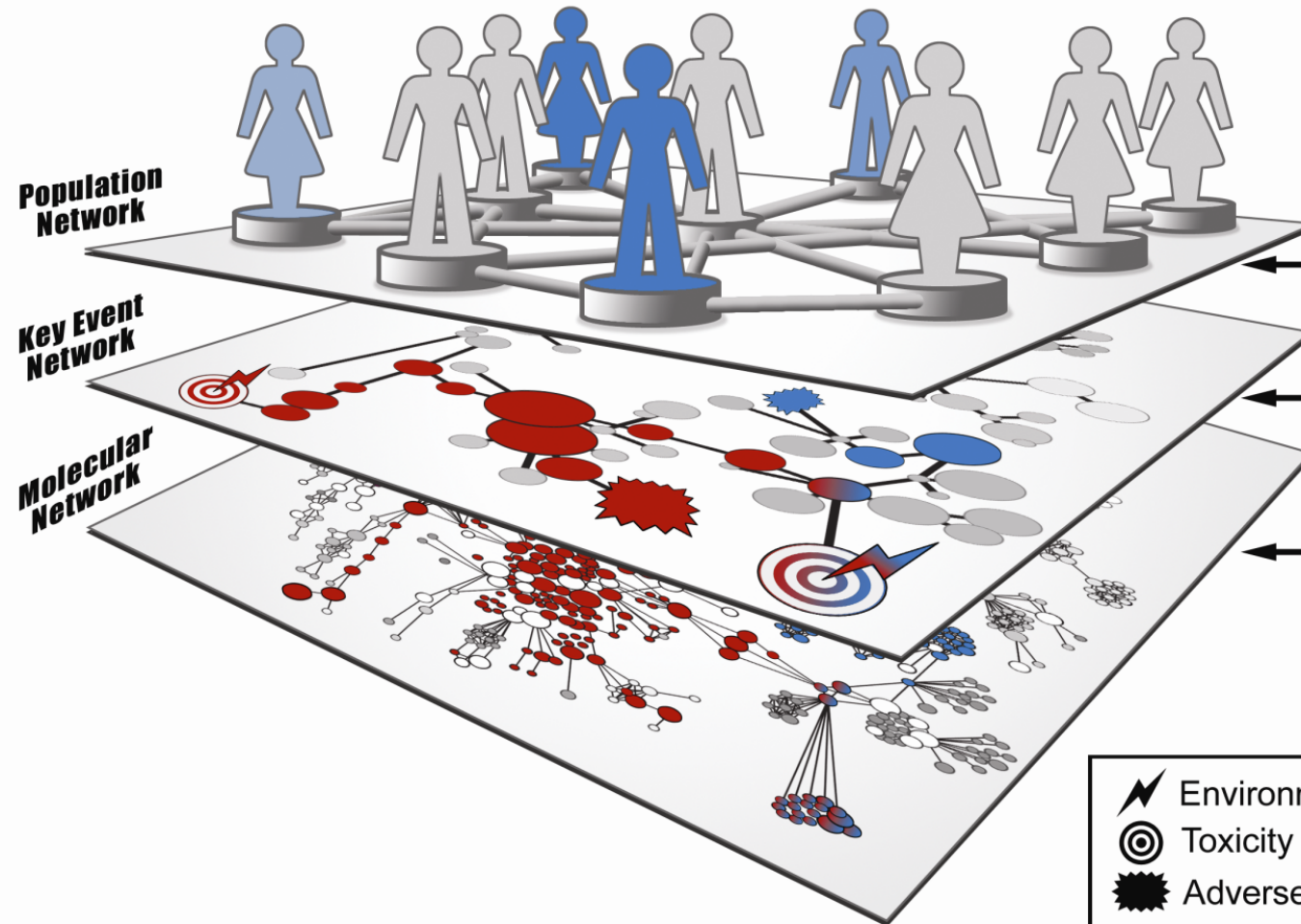
AOP Title [\[edit\]](#)

Aromatase inhibition leading to reproductive dysfunction (in fish)

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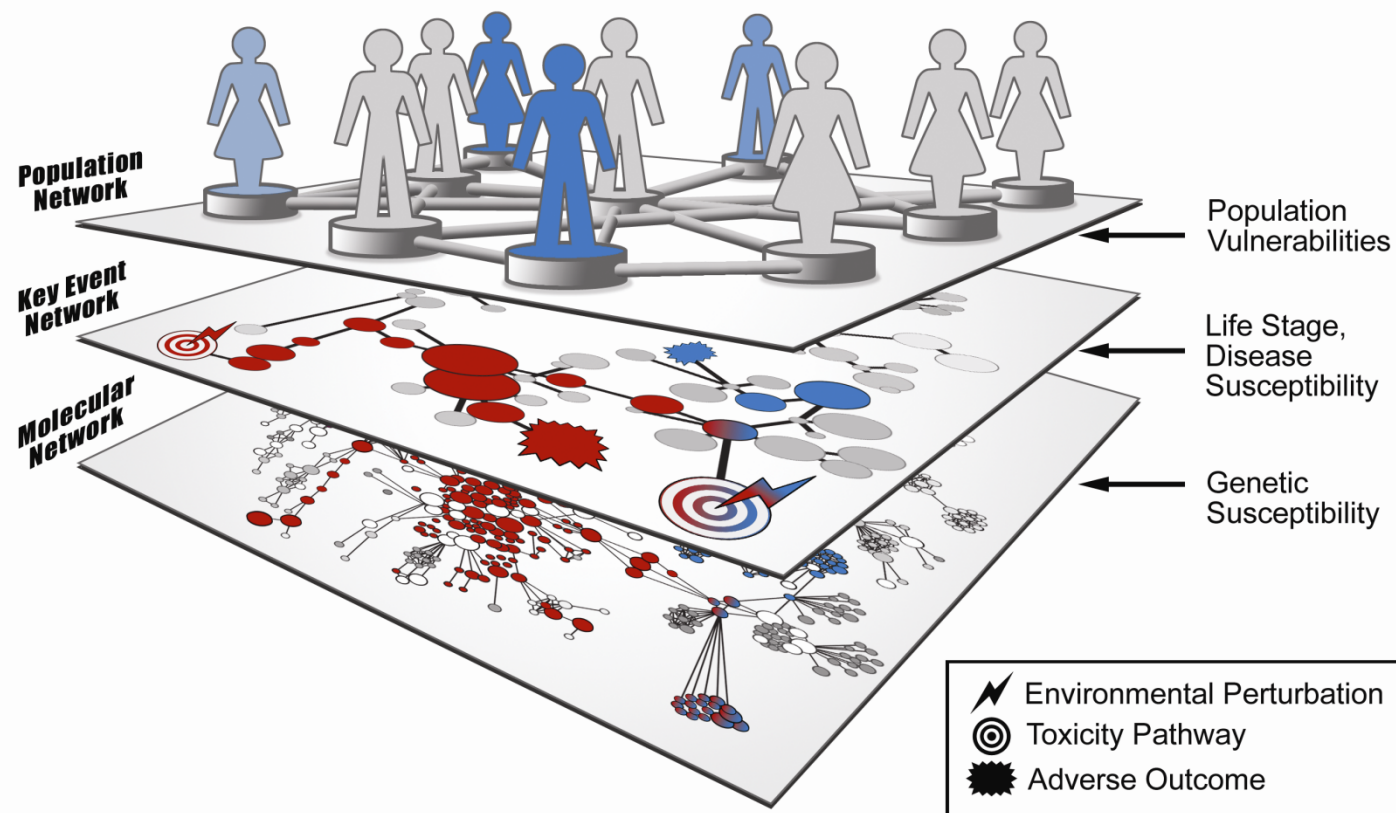


Chemical Interactions Emerge from AOP Networks



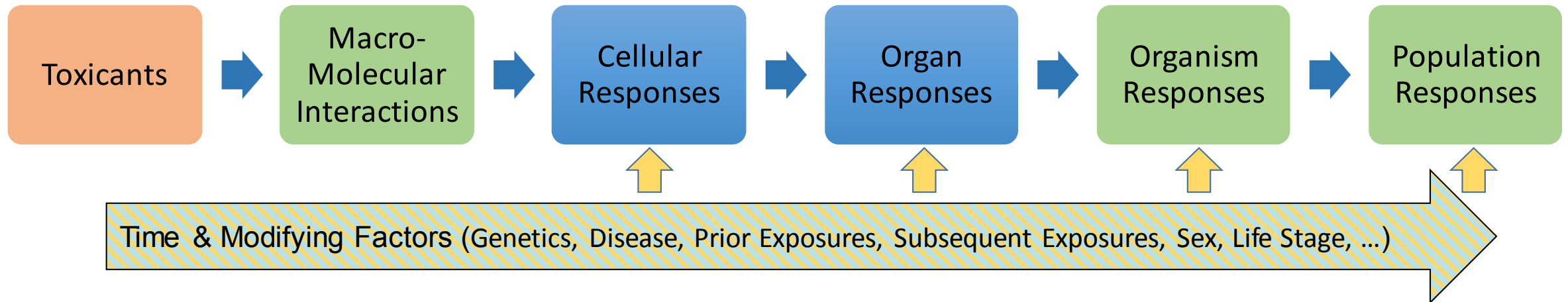
Nelms, M.D., et al.
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*in Chemical Mixtures
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AOP Networks Incorporate “Effect Modifiers”



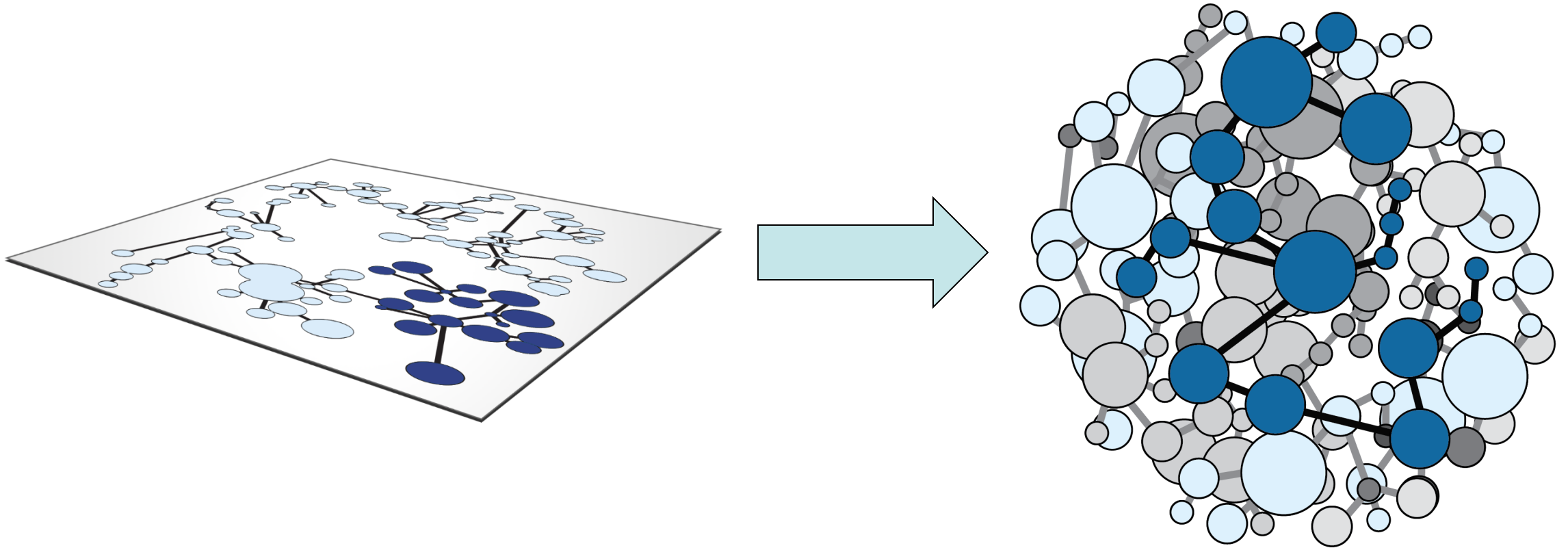
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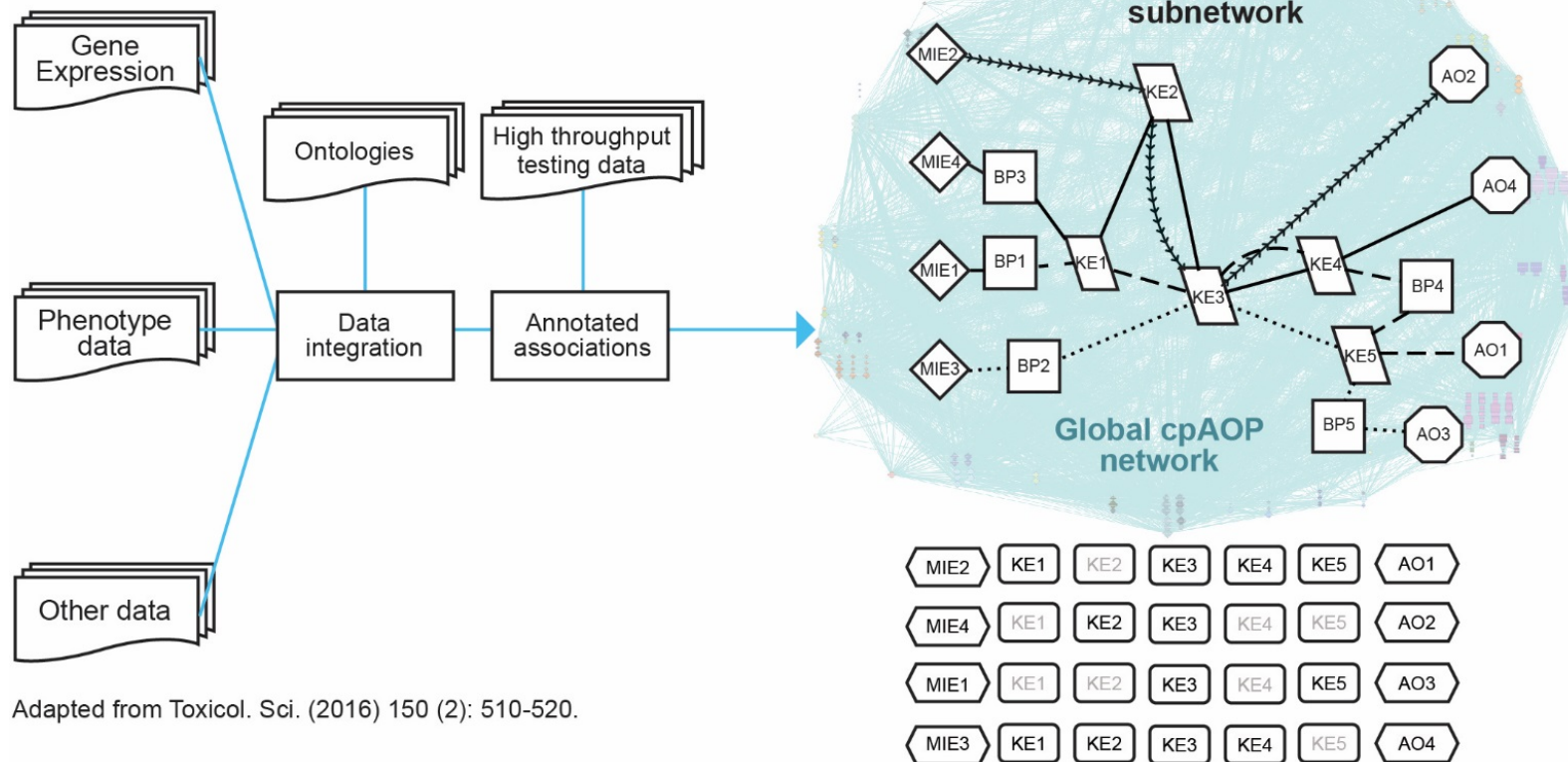


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Too many AOPs, too little time...



Integration of reference and experimental data



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Accelerating AOP Development

Associations
derived from public
data sources



AOP Wiki

Collaborative development of AOP descriptions & evidence



Effectopedia

Detailed development of structured & computational AOPs



AOP Xplorer

Visualize attribute networks to discover & explore AOPs in a broader context



e.AOP.portal

Intermediate Effects DB

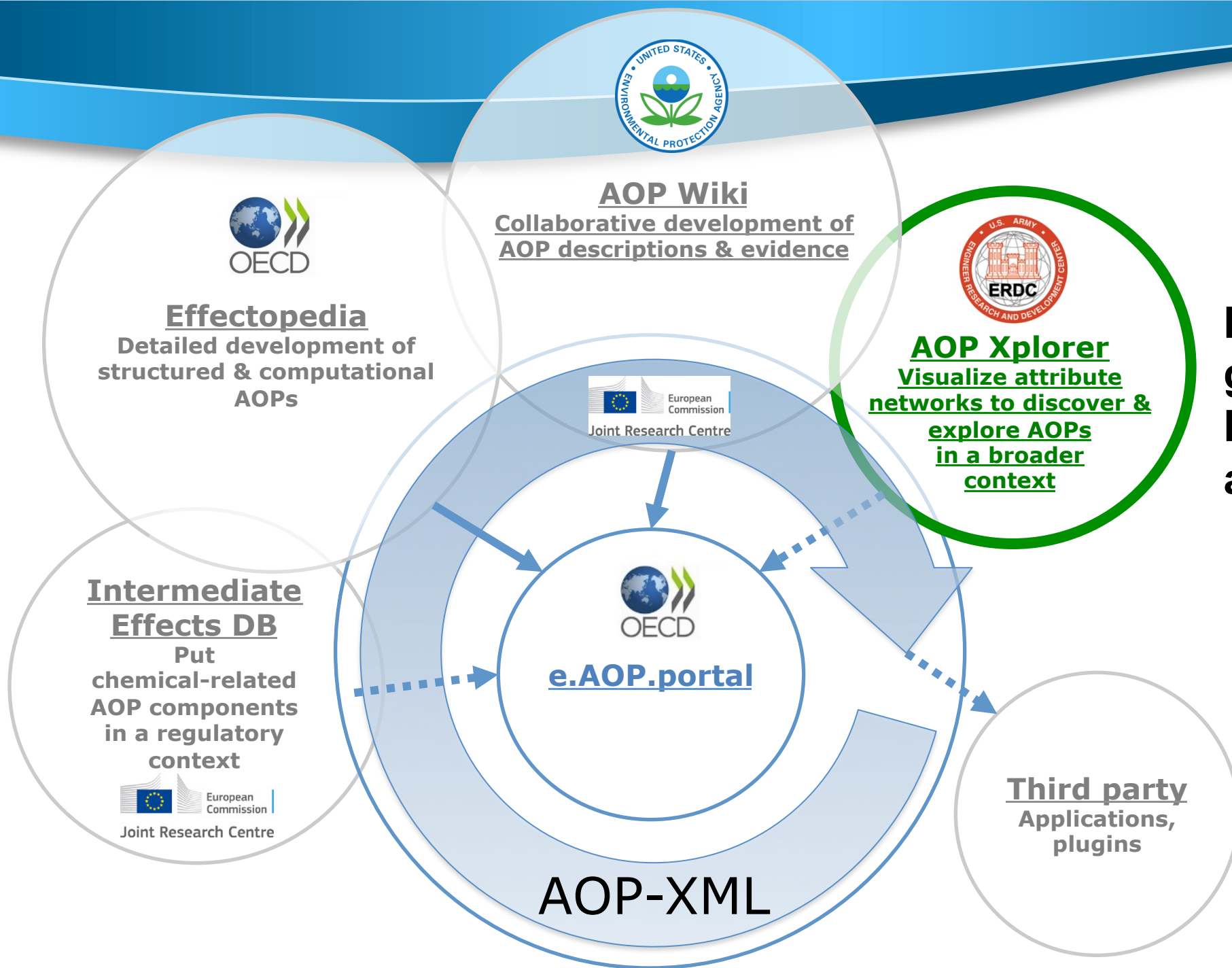
Put chemical-related AOP components in a regulatory context



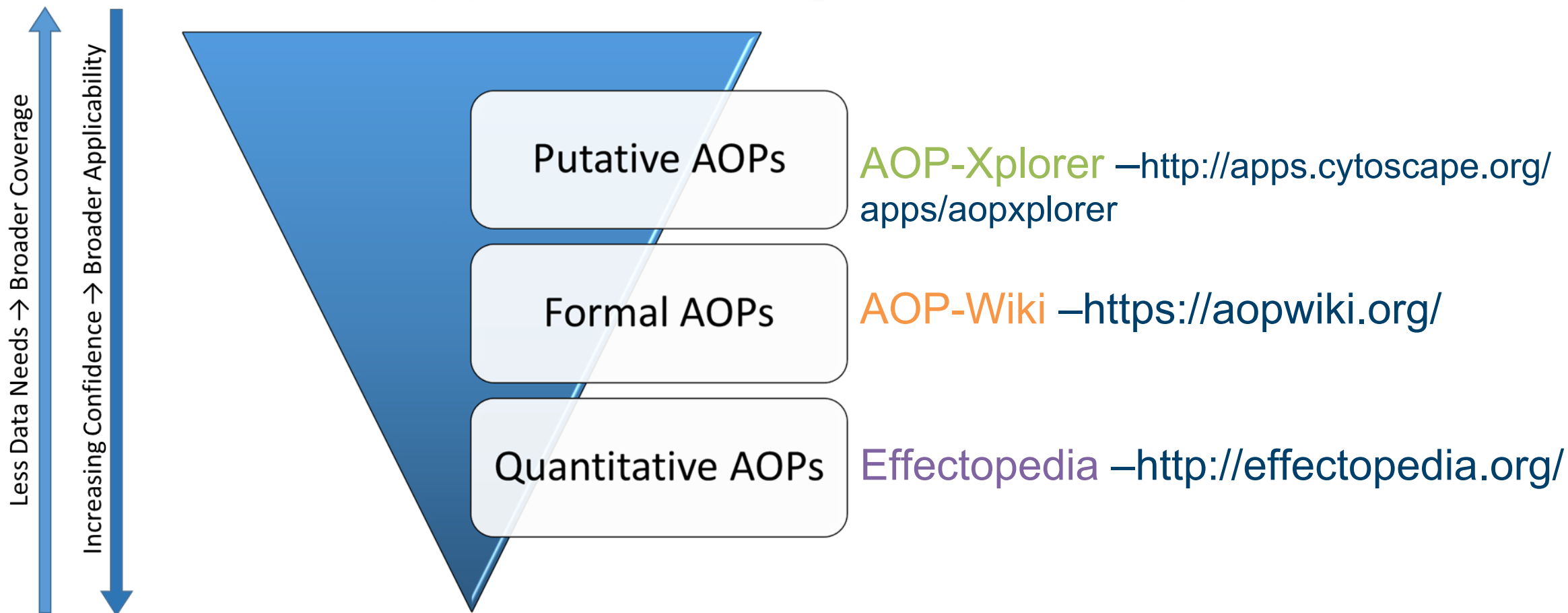
Third party Applications, plugins

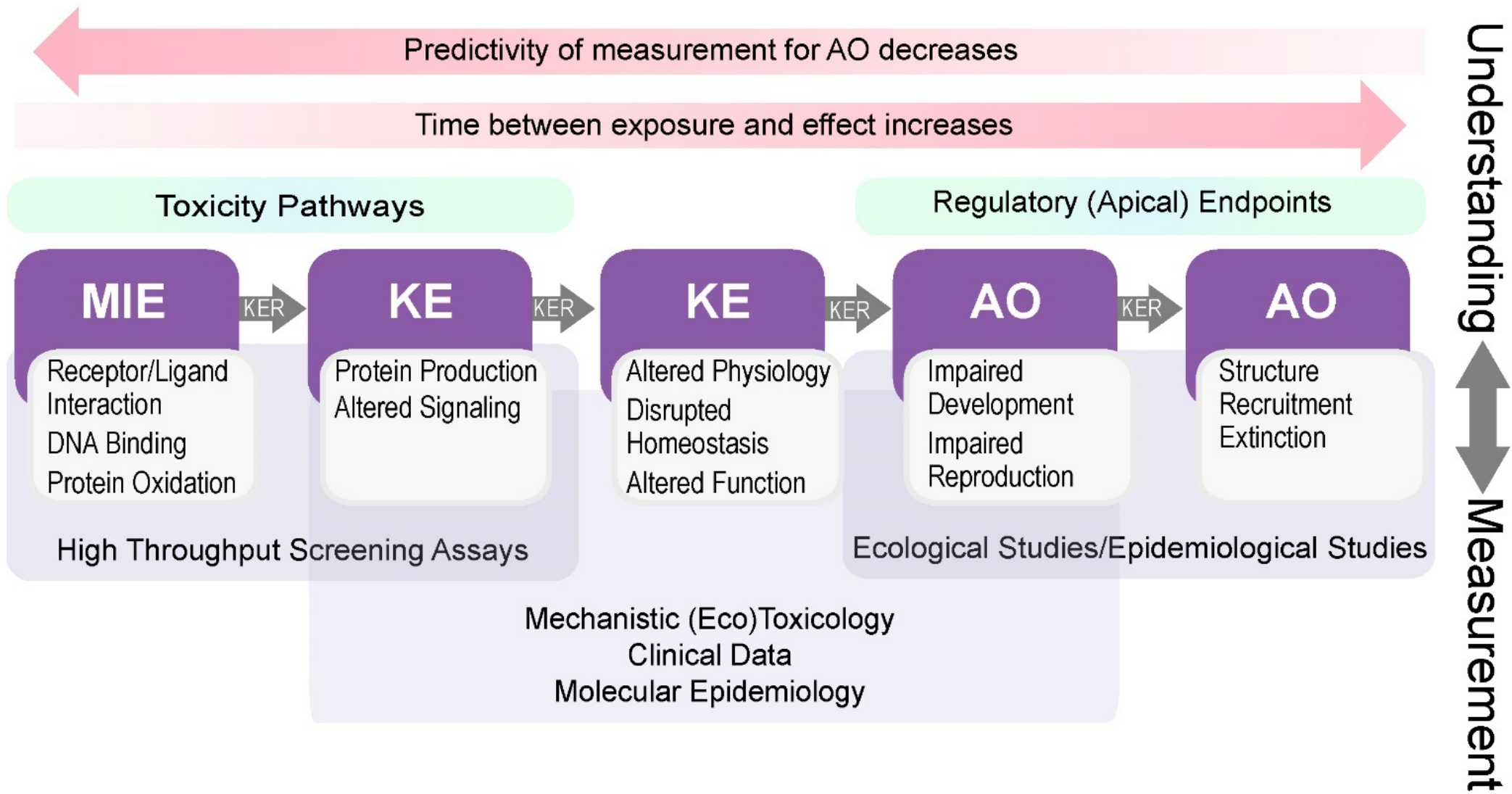
AOP-XML

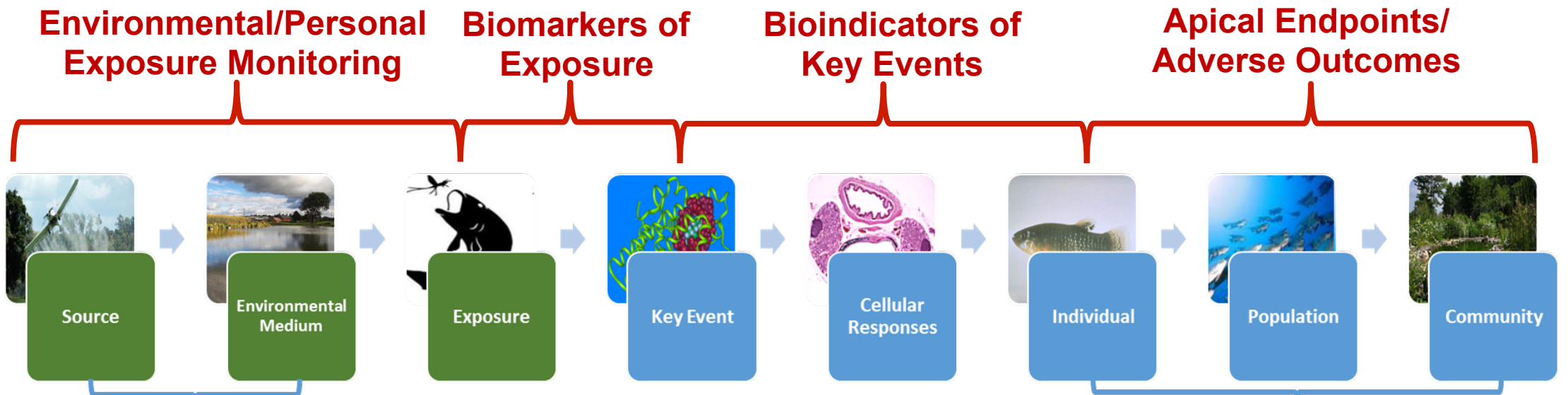
https://github.com/DataSciBurgoon/aop_networks



OECD AOP-KB (<http://aopkb.org/>) Supports All Stages of Development







What is regulated

Toxicity Pathway, NRC 2007

Criteria for regulation

Aggregate Exposure Pathway, Teeguarden 2016

Adverse Outcome Pathway, Ankley 2010, Villeneuve 2014

Measurement ↑
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