



# Overview of the QSAR Application Toolbox

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## Recognizing the Need for the QSAR Application Toolbox

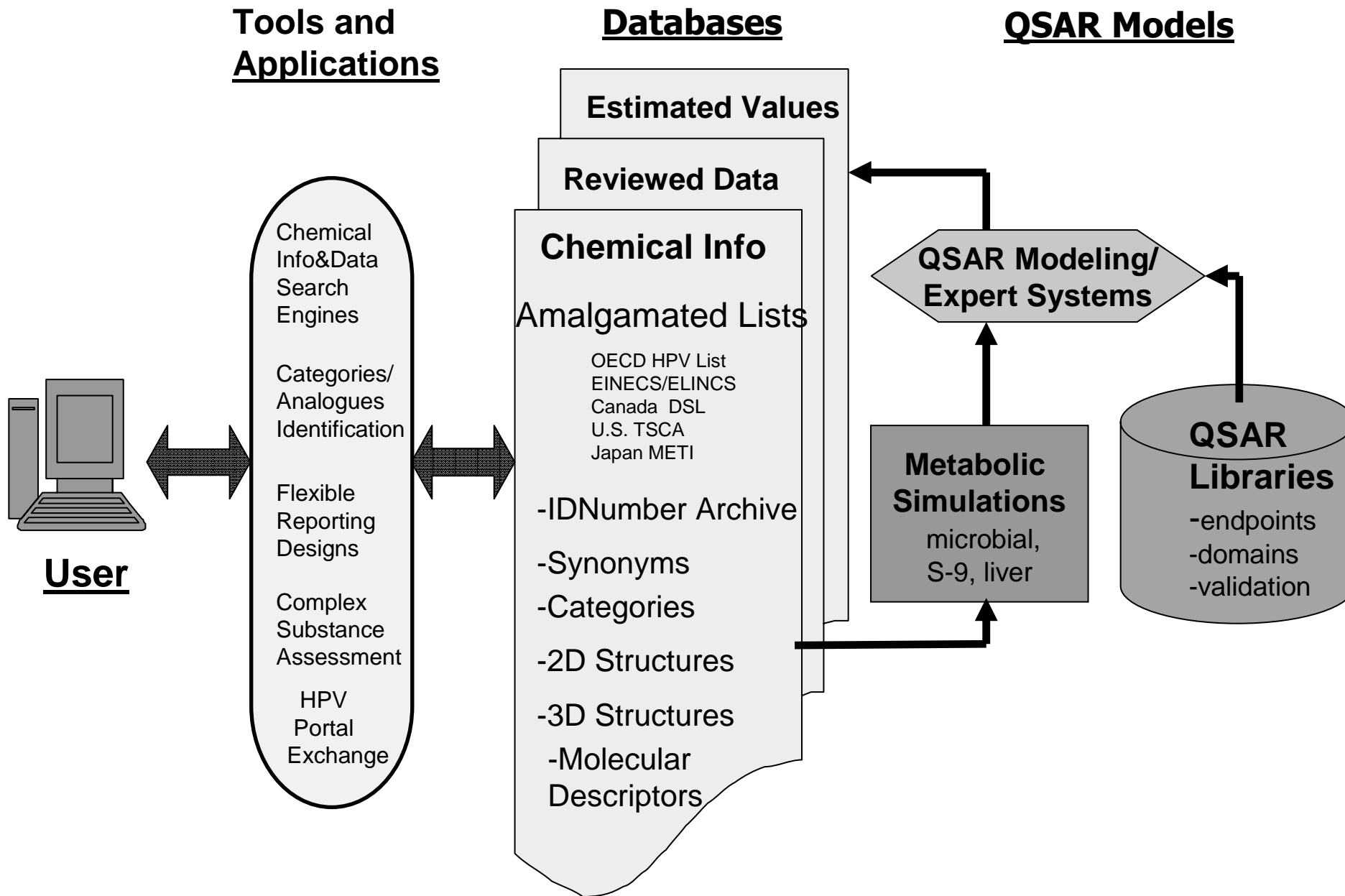
- Required data for risk assessments are available for a small percentage of chemicals
- QSAR methods offer the only non-testing alternative to fill data gaps and set priorities
- Most QSAR methods are computer-based but are viewed too complex for assessments
- A Toolbox will reduce complexity in the use of QSAR methods for reliable estimates



# Goals for the Pilot Version of the QSAR Application Toolbox

-Proof-of-Concept-

- Demonstrate that the Toolbox concept will make most QSAR methods readily accessible
- Apply QSAR methods to the formation of chemical categories and filling data gaps
- Illustrate the importance of the domain of application in making reliable QSAR estimates
- Integrate existing data, expert knowledge and QSAR models to facilitate risk assessments





## Outline of the QSAR Application Toolbox

- The QSAR Toolbox will house QSAR models, databases and regulatory application chassis
- The Toolbox chassis is a flexible simulator of the normal workflow of experts and specialists
- The chassis will link needed tools to speed information/options to the application experts
- User interfaces will be designed by the application experts to reduce complexity



## Typical Queries included in the QSAR Application Toolbox

- Describe the chemical(s) of Interest
- Are the chemical(s) included in regulatory inventories or categories?
- Has the chemical already been assessed by other agencies/organisations?
- Would you like to search for available data on assessment endpoints for each chemical?



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- Would you like structural alerts for each chemical?
- Examples:
  - Acetolactate Inhibitors (herbicides)
  - Acetylcholine analogs (spasmolytics)
  - Acyl-ureas (sedatives)
  - Anthroquinone,1,4-dihydroxy (intercalating anti-neoplastics)
  - Benzhydryl, alpha-hydroxy (anticholinergics)
  - Benzopyran,2,2-dimethyl (K channel openers)
  - Benzothiadiazine,dihydro,1,1-dioxide (diuretics)
  - Beta-blocker (oxime type)
  - Chrysanthemic acid esters (insecticides)
  - Formamido oxime (antifungal;antihypertensive)

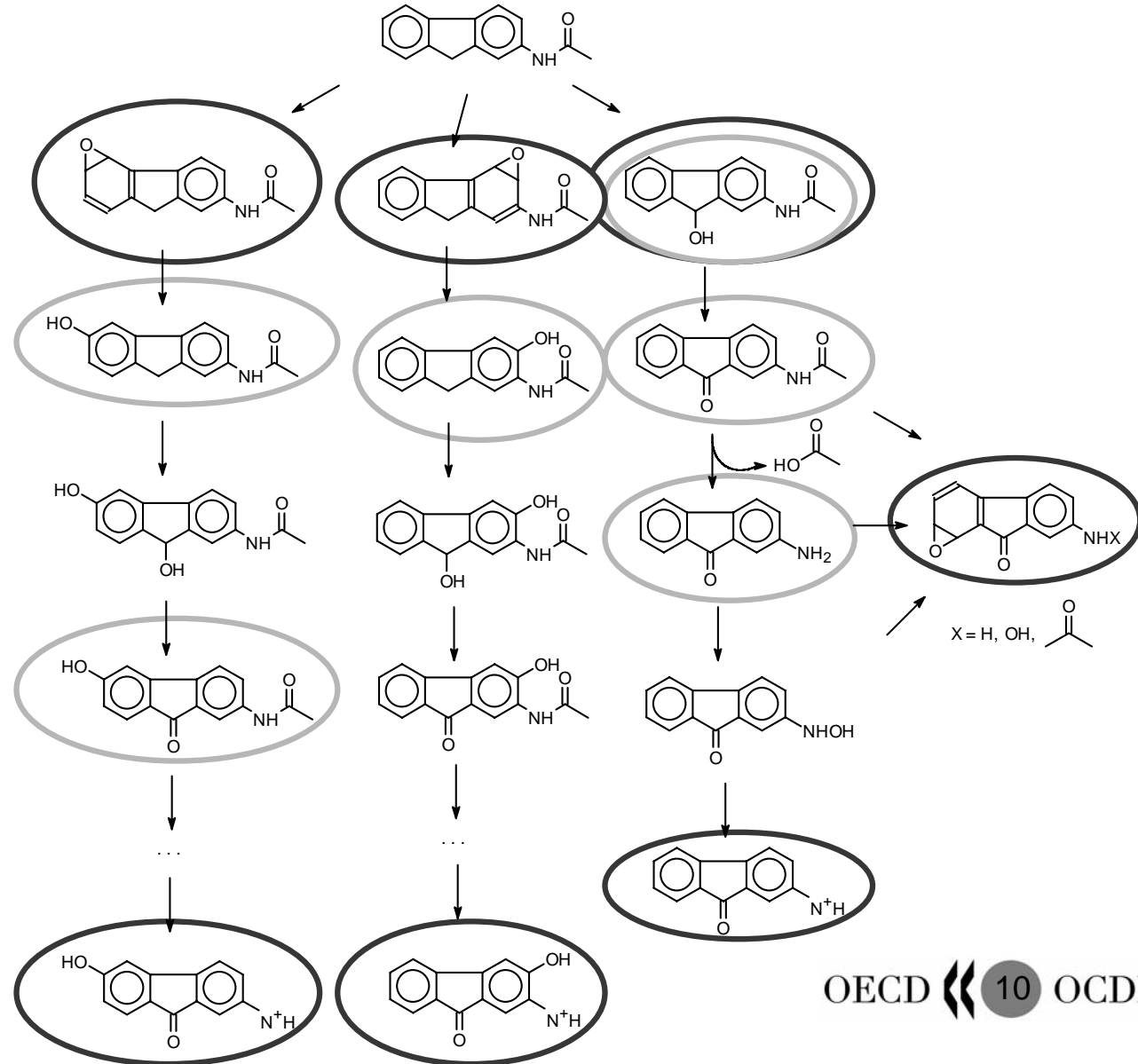


## Typical Queries included in the QSAR Application Toolbox

- Explore a chemical list for possible analogues for each chemical?
  - select analogue searches engines
  - customize chemical list of inventory
- Group chemicals based with molecular similarity analysis?
- Prune chemicals with anomalous metabolic pathways or toxicity mechanisms?



# Identifying Plausible Metabolic Activation

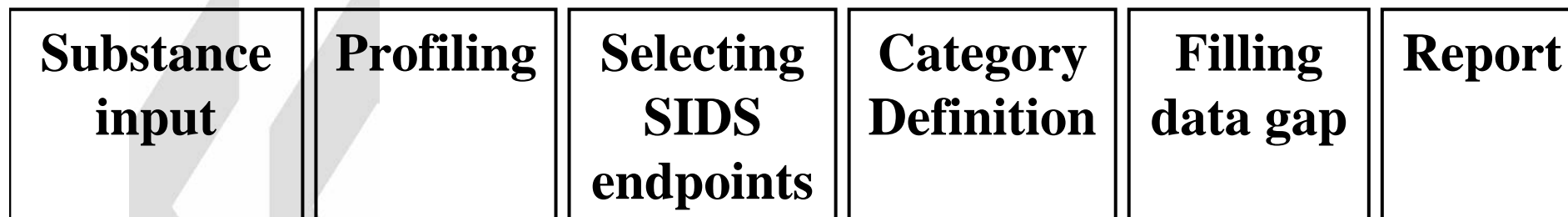




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- Include estimated values in the categories data matrix using read-across, trend analysis or QSAR models?
- Design the data matrix for printing/exporting results (harmonized templates default)

## One Logical Workflow Sequence

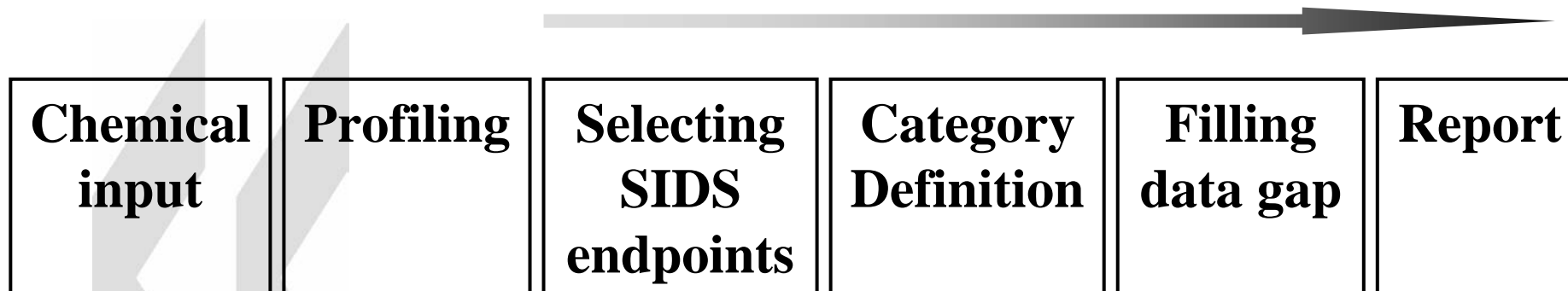


### User Alternatives for Chemical ID

- Name
- CAS#
- SMILES
- Drawing

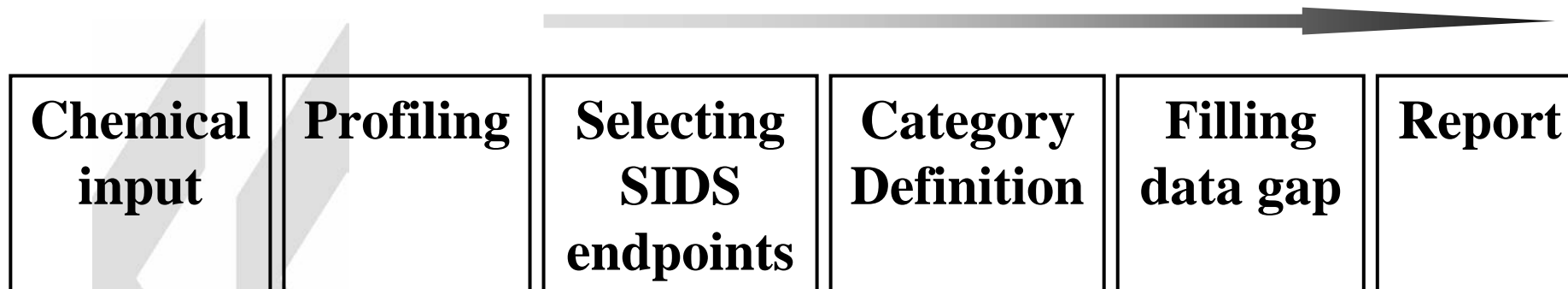
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- Create List
- Use Existing List
- Use Entire Inventory



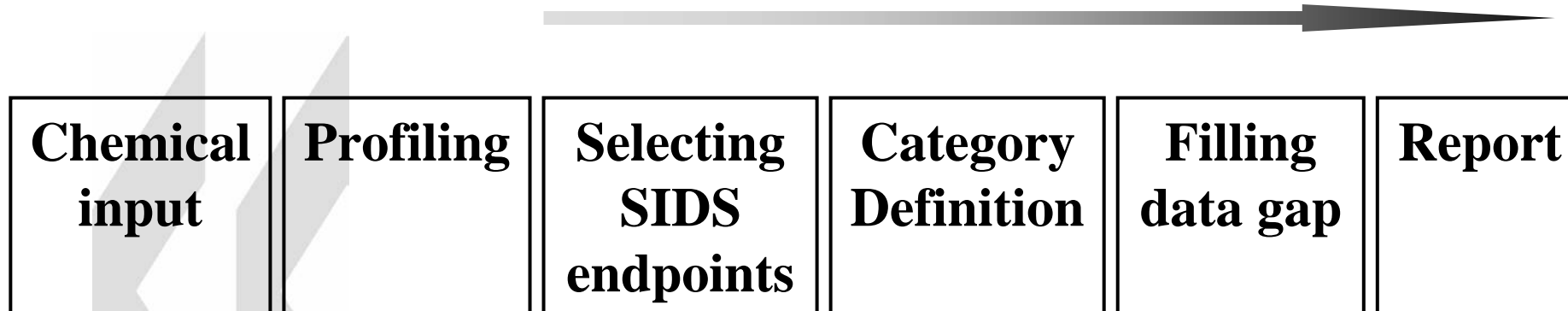
### **General characterization of chemical**

- **Inventory Affiliation: HPVC, LPVC, TSCA, DSL, etc.**
- **Substance Type: inorganic/organic, discrete, mixture, polymers, hydrolyzing compound, etc.**
- **Chemical Class/Category nitro, aldehyde, phenol, etc.**
- **Hazard/Risk Assessments**
- **Profile from Structural Alerts**



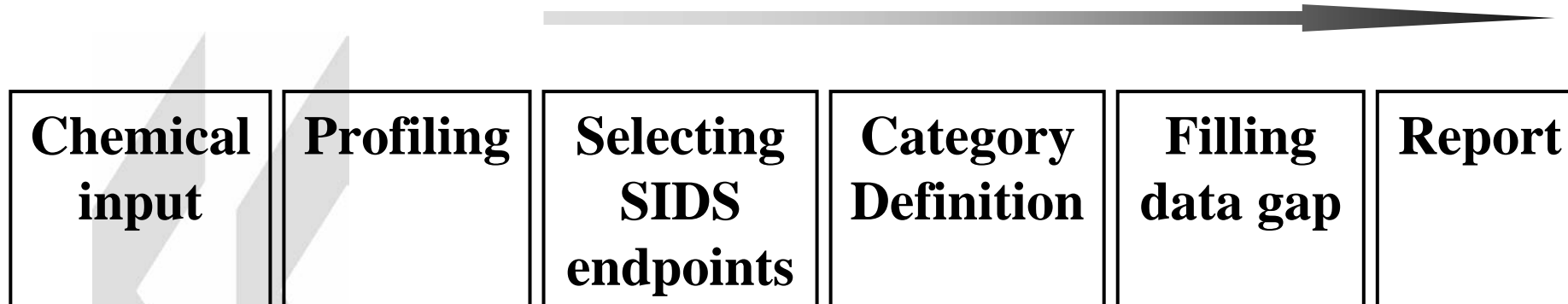
### **Select SIDS and Other Properties**

- **Toolbox Data Summary**
  - ✓ **Measured Data Summaries**
  - ✓ **Estimated Data Summaries**
- **Toolbox Links to High Quality Databases**
- **Metabolism Assessment Review**



### **Category formation**

- **Grouping chemicals into categories:**
  - **OECD Categories**
  - **Other Established Categories**
  - **AIM (EPA)**
  - **Super-fragments (Al Leo)**
  - **Atom-centered fragments (AMBIT, etc.)**
- **Pruning chemicals with anomalous behaviour:**
  - **Mechanisms**
  - **Metabolism**



**Data gaps filling approaches**

- **Read-across**
- **Trend analysis**
- **QSAR models**

