

# Scientific Cyberinfrastructure Program

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# The Scientific Cyberinfrastructure (SCI) Program

## What is the SCI Program?

The SCI Program is distinguished from the other programs that have been introduced previously

- SCI is 1 of 2 programs charged with providing cross-cutting capabilities for DNTP
- Focus is on Scientific Cyberinfrastructure



**Scientific Cyberinfrastructure**

Novel Tools and Approaches



## What is Scientific Cyberinfrastructure?

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- support data storage and management
- provide data integration, annotation and analysis
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Scientific  
Applications,  
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Tools



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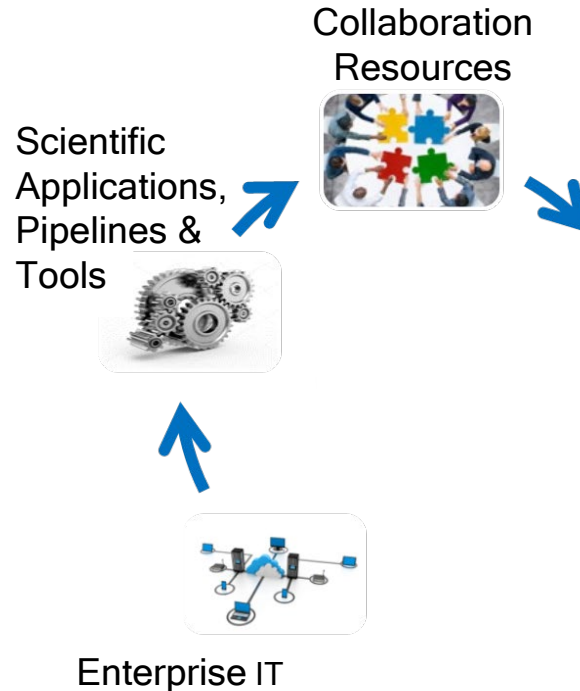


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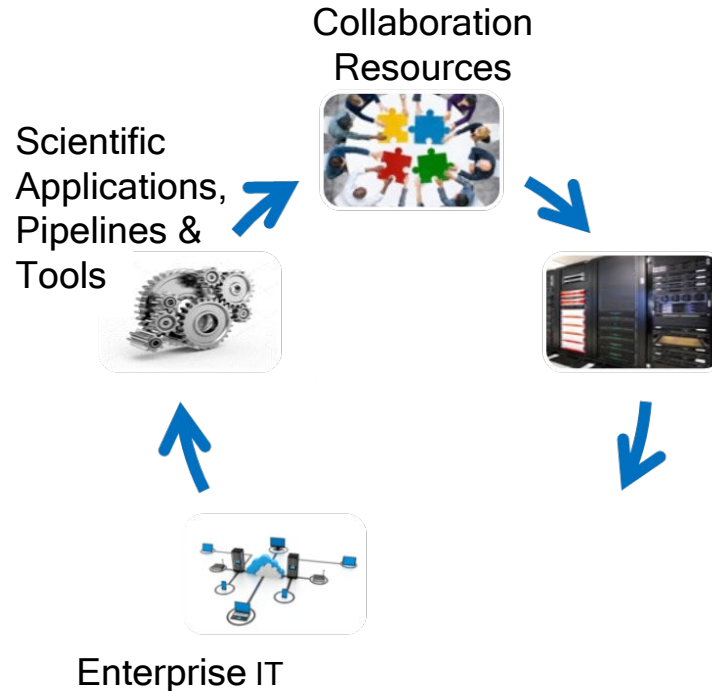


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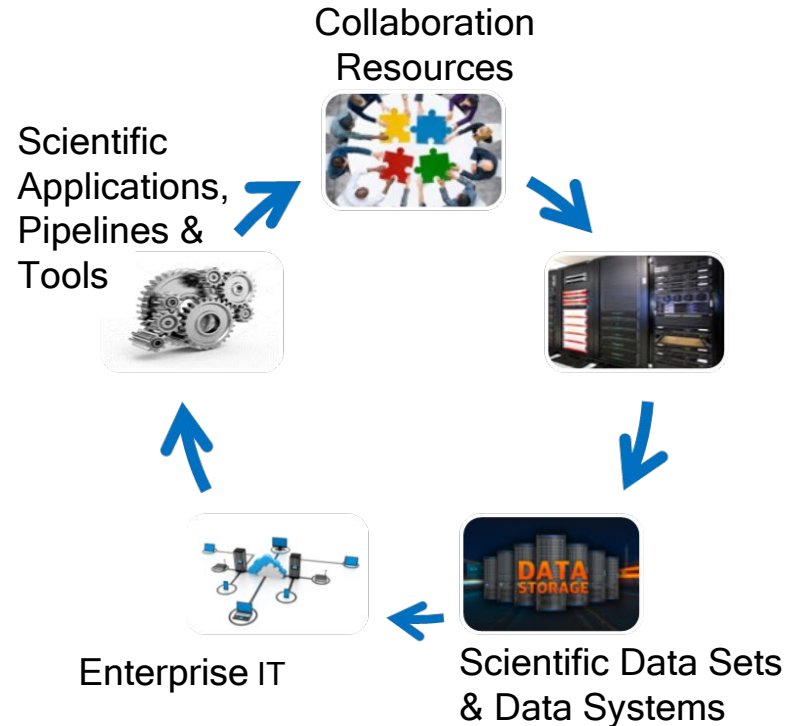


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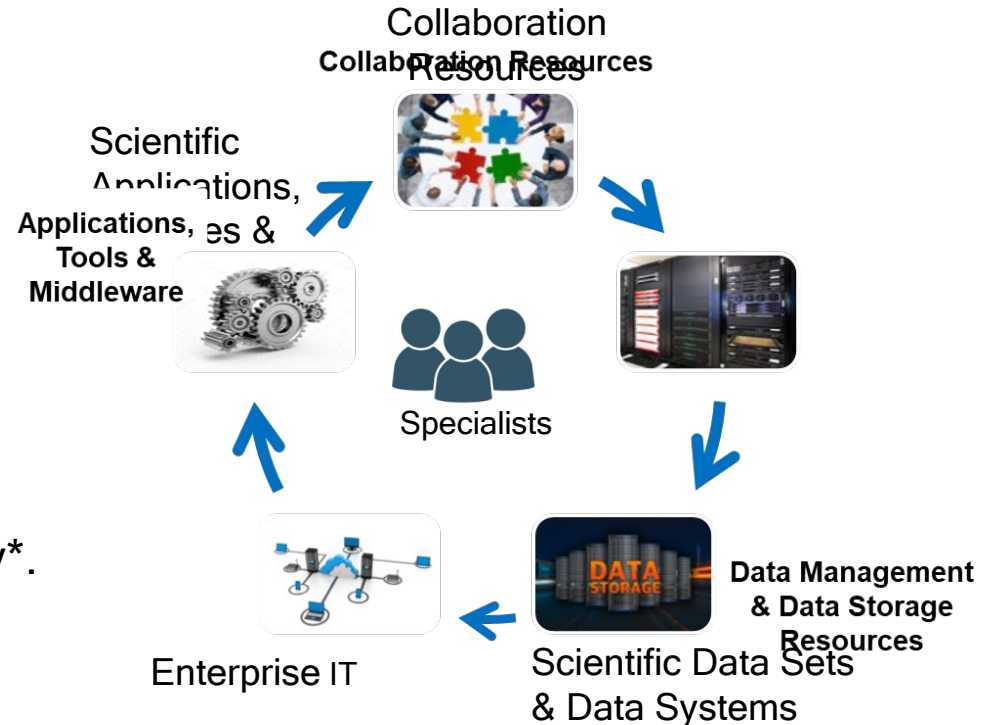


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# Definition of Scientific Cyberinfrastructure

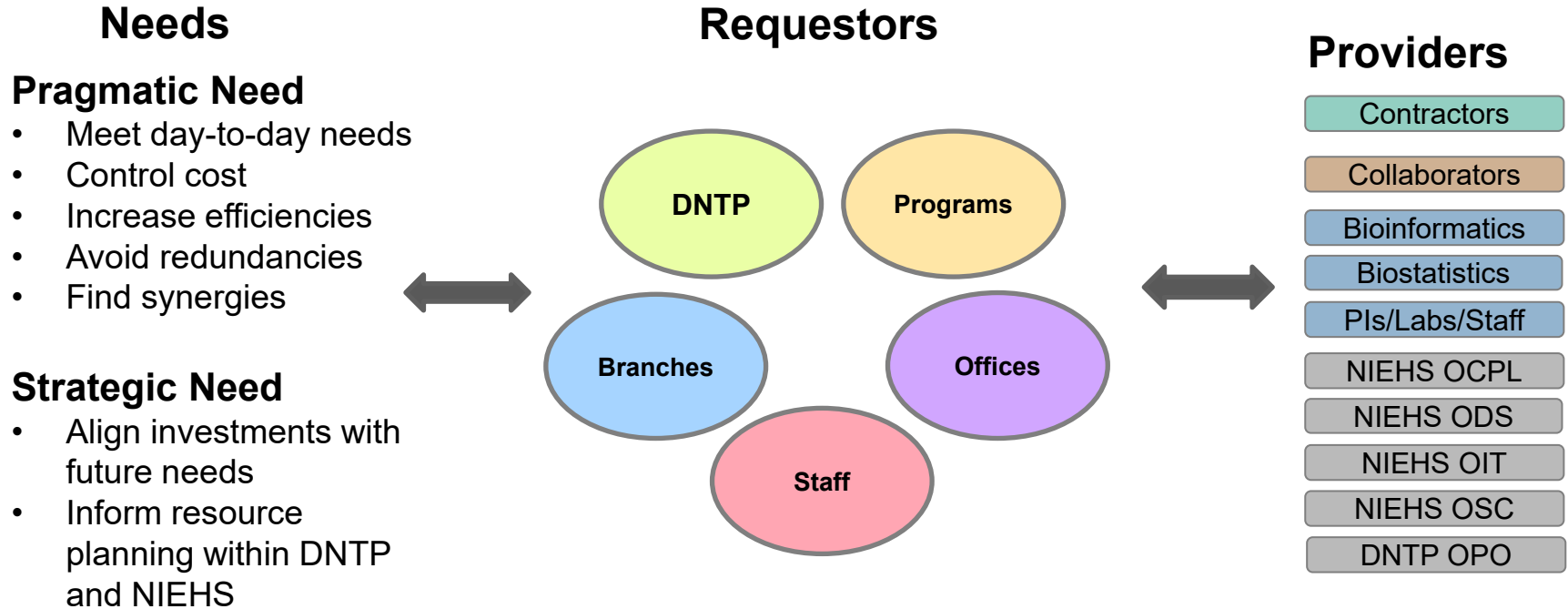
## SCI Program

- Core Key Area: Coordinate basic solutions common across DNTP SCI needs
- Data Management (DM) Key Area:
  - Collect, manage and publish all DNTP data
- Knowledge Management (KM) Key Area:
  - Adopt standardized language, metadata and data models within DNTP
- ToxChem Informatics (TCI) Key Area:
  - Organize, integrate, analyze and present diverse toxicology-related data
- Evidence Informatics (EI) Key Area:
  - Evaluate and support tools and methods for retrieval, extraction and interpretation of evidence from scientific literature and external knowledgebases



# Problem Statement & Rationale for SCI Program

## Challenge: Fulfilling needs across requestors and providers





## Objectives

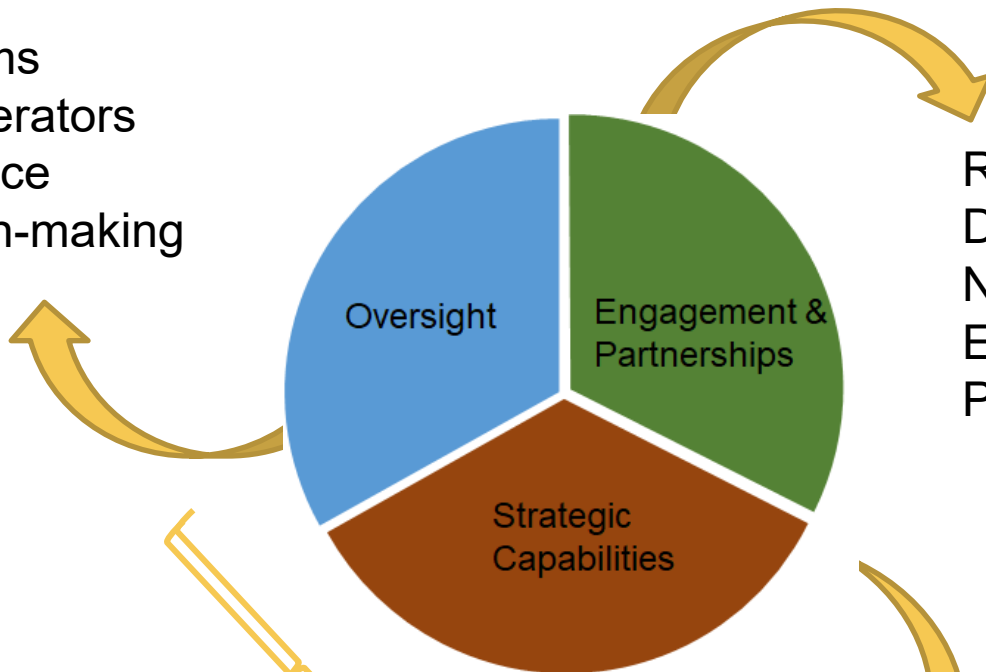
- Support day to day and strategic needs
- Engage and coordinate stakeholders and partners
- Provide innovative tools and capabilities for DNTP mission





# Overall Objectives

Governance teams  
Oversight of generators  
Prioritization advice  
Informed decision-making



Resource providers  
DNTP stakeholders  
NIEHS / NIH  
External stakeholders  
Public users

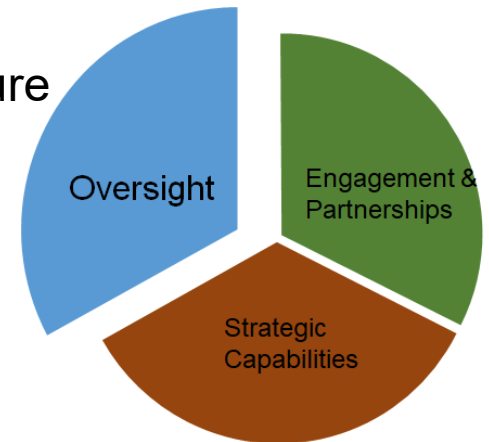
Prioritized and coordinated  
capabilities across the DNTP pipeline

Data management pipelines  
Knowledge management curation, annotation  
ToxCem tools and analyses



## Information for decision-making, prioritization, oversight of generators

- Lead Key Area Teams to provide advice, approval
- Information for decision-making by DNTP management
- Coordinate development of tools, analyses and pipelines
- Establish best practices for monitoring, leveraging and sustaining investment in scientific cyberinfrastructure
- Support DNTP compliance with NIH data sharing policy





## Engage and partner with SCI providers

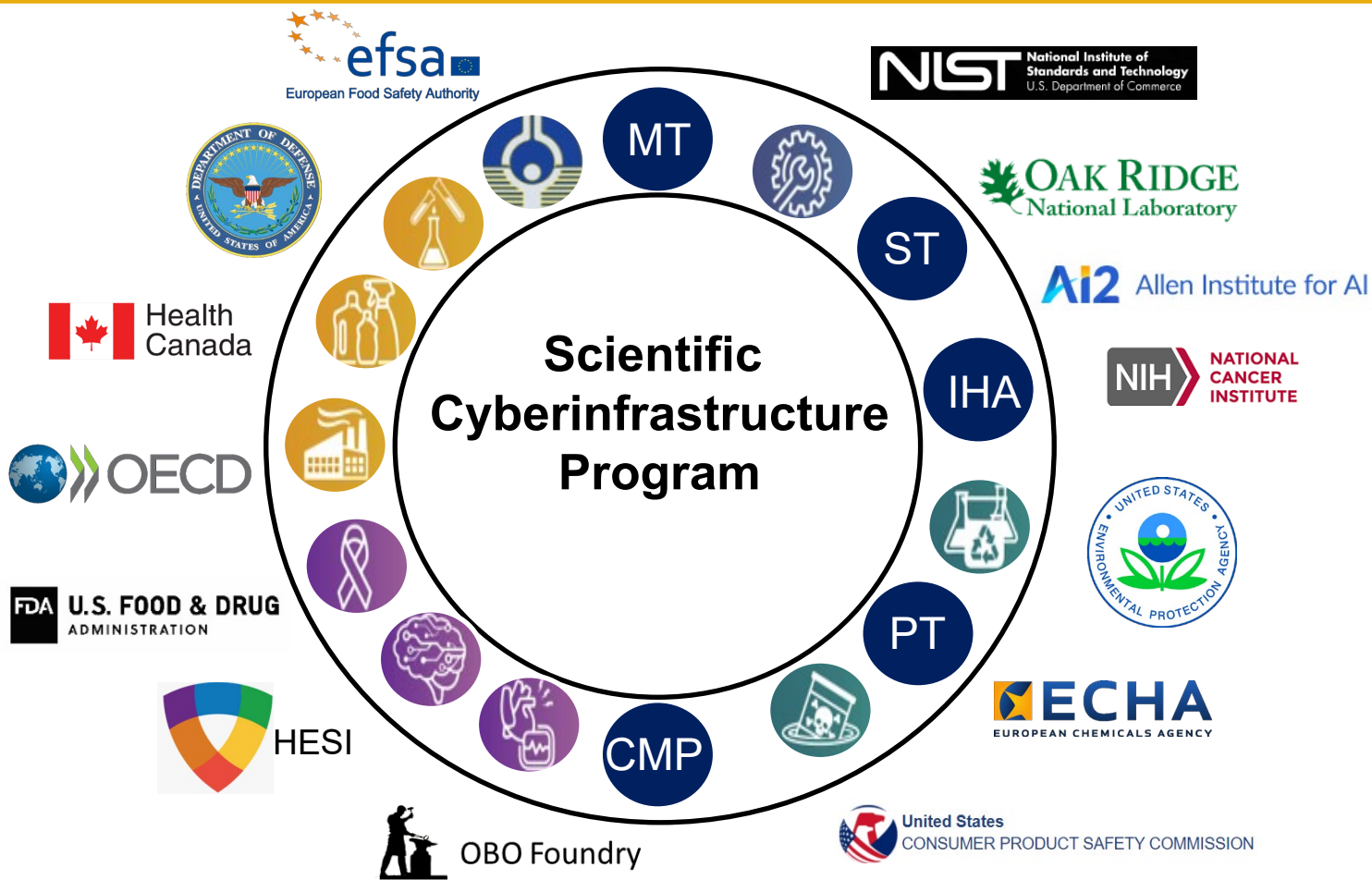
- Data generators
- Tool builders
- Data managers
- Data and tool maintainers
- DNTP Branches
  - MTB: Mechanistic Toxicology Branch
  - STB: Systems Toxicology Branch
  - IHAB: Integrative Health Assessments Branch
  - PTB: Predictive Toxicology Branch
  - CMPB: Cellular and Molecular Pathogenesis Branch







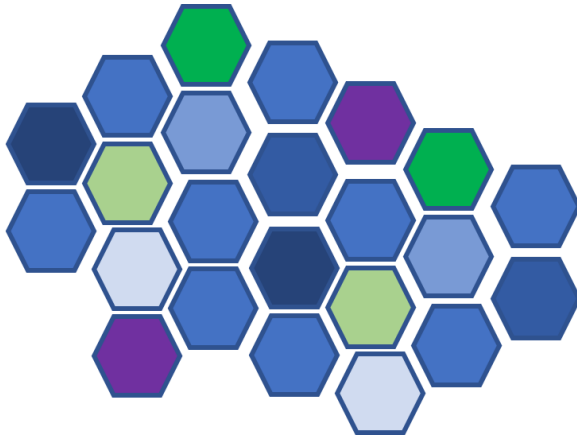
# Engagements and Partnerships





## Engage with stakeholders

- Common terms
- Coordinate data models, knowledge organization systems across partners
- Enhance tools for stakeholders





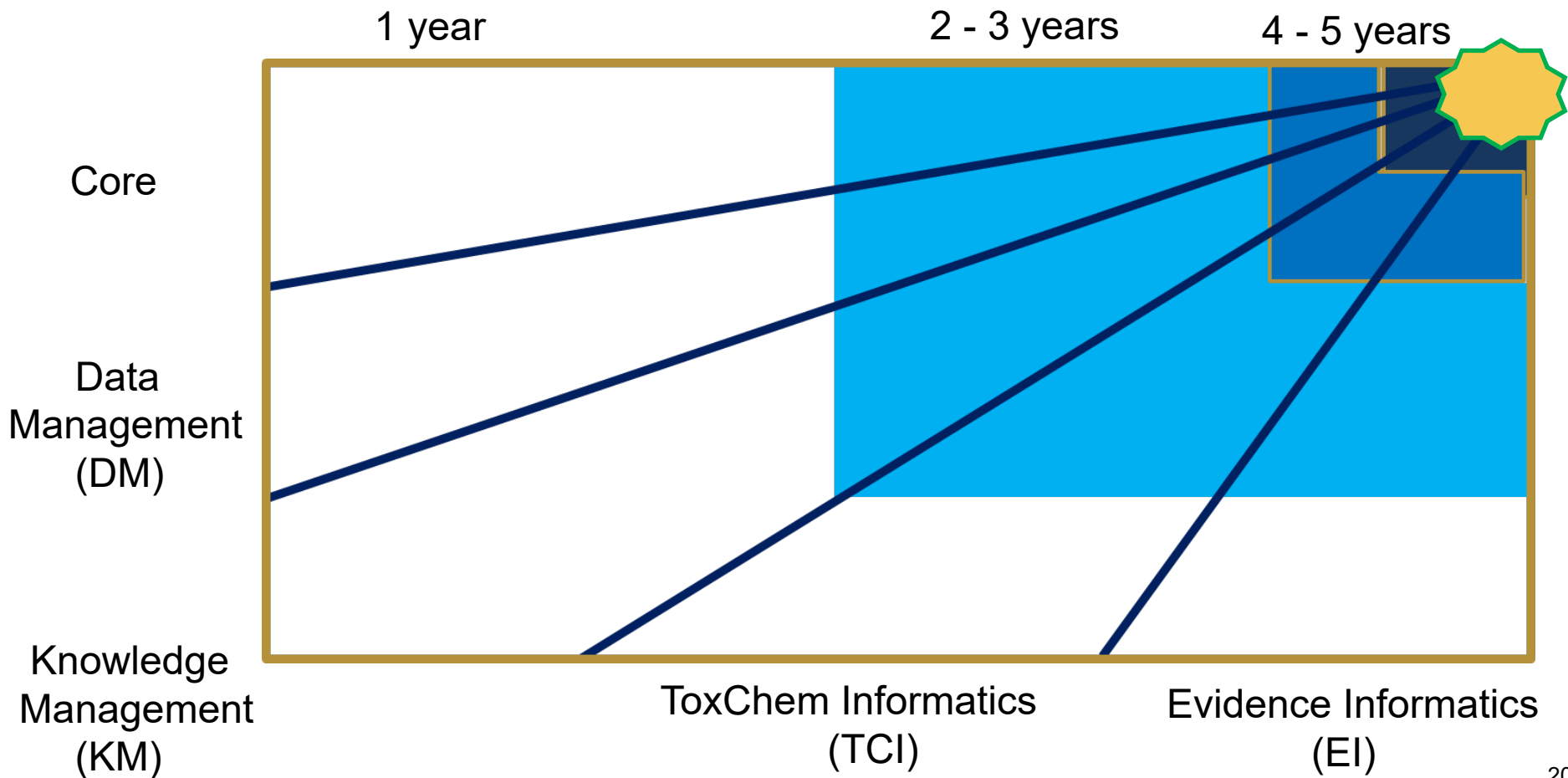
## Faster, better, smarter

- SCI resources to support predictive toxicology
- Advance automation of evidence-based informatics
- Champion automation for data management
- Advance automation of curation and annotation
- Support knowledge-discovery from integrated DNTP data





# Transformation Map





## Common solutions across SCI needs

4-5  
years



Data Science Curriculum  
Hybrid infrastructure

2-3  
years

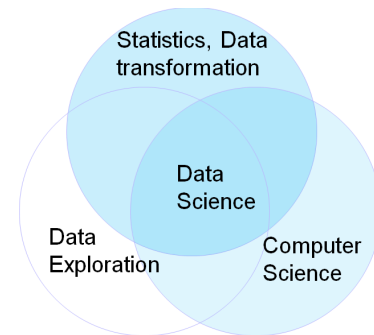
Establish

best practices to sustain  
investments  
Targeted training in DNTP  
tools, data and platforms

1 year

Transition to a common tool set

Provide monitoring to inform  
lifecycle planning



Leveraging data science



Training on DNTP tools

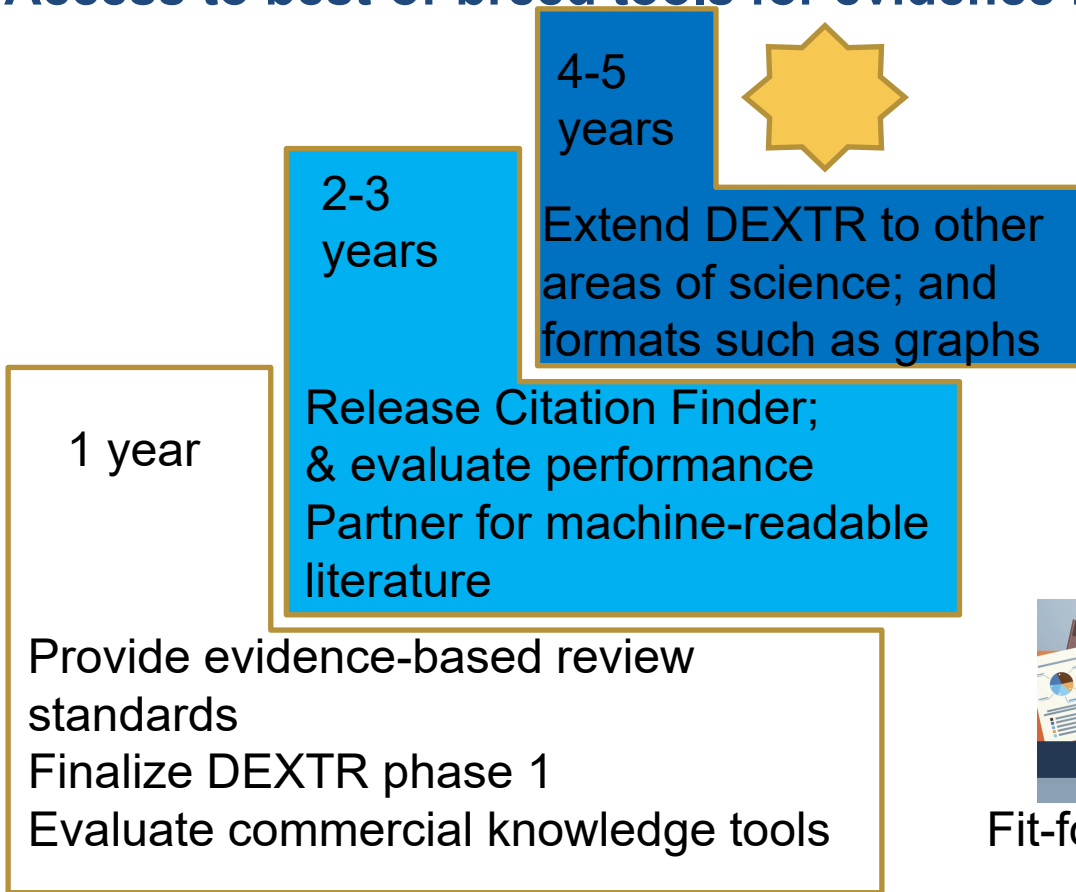


Developing the DNTP IT Tool Kit



# Evidence Informatics (EI) Key Area Team

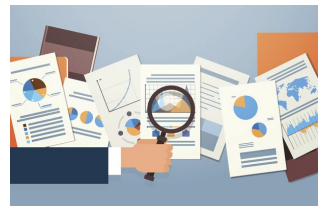
## Access to best-of-breed tools for evidence informatics



Access to essential tools



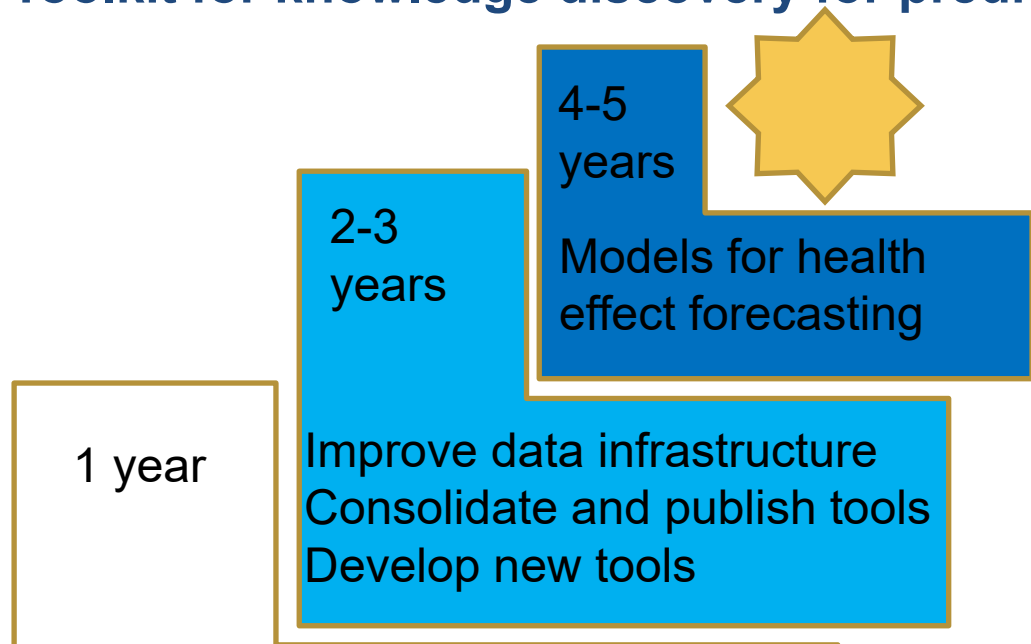
Assess impact of DNTP products



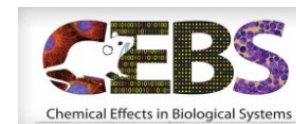
Fit-for-purpose literature assessments



## Toolkit for knowledge discovery for predictive toxicology



Update DNTP tools:  
(ICE, BMDExpress, Tox21 toolbox,  
ChemTox-informatics toolbox,  
OPERA, BioChemDB, DNT DIVER)



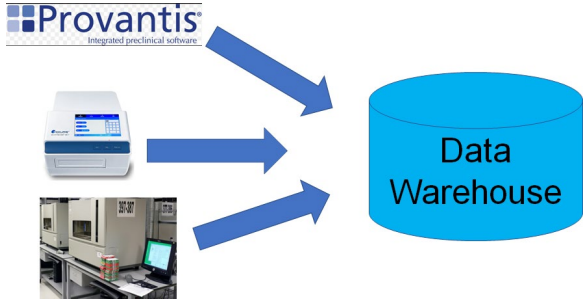
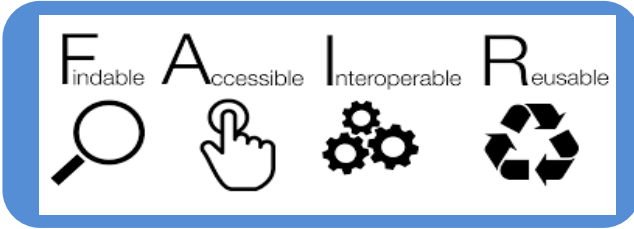
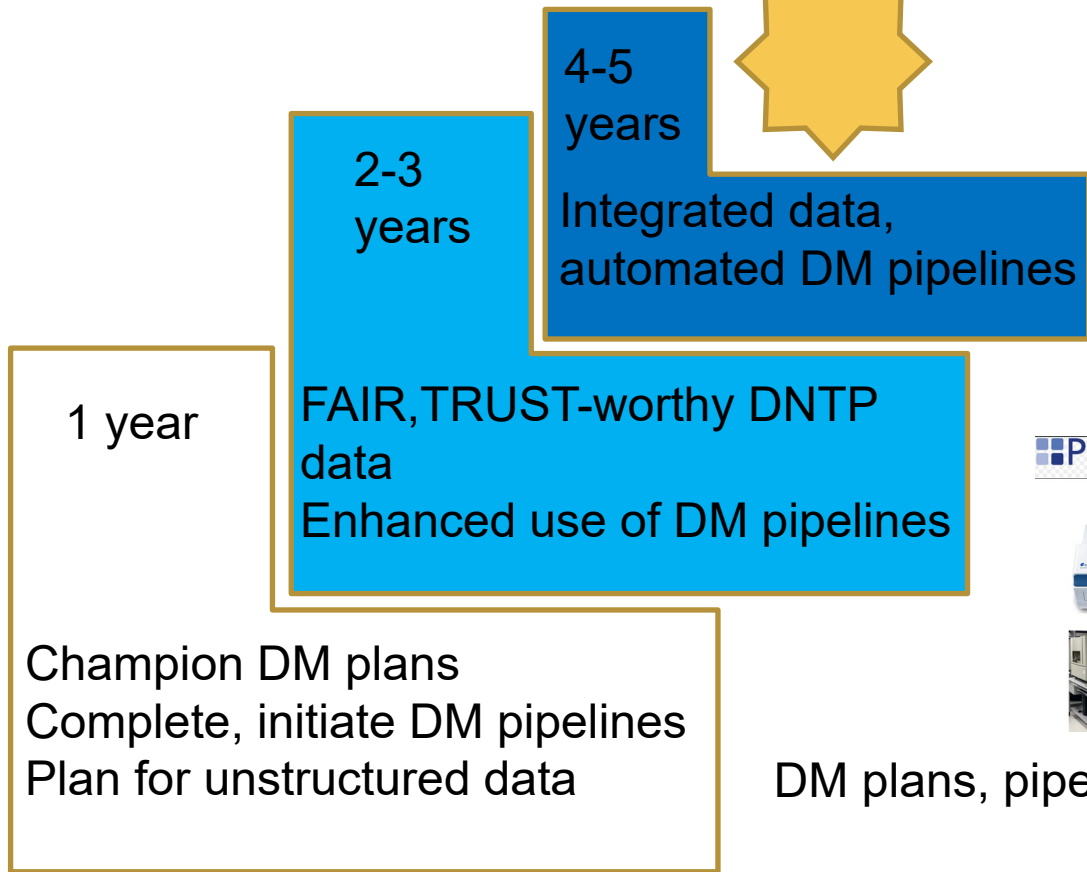
Developmental NeuroToxicity Data  
Integration and Visualization Enabling  
Resource (DNT-DIVER)





# Data Management (DM) Key Area Team

## Automated data ecosystem



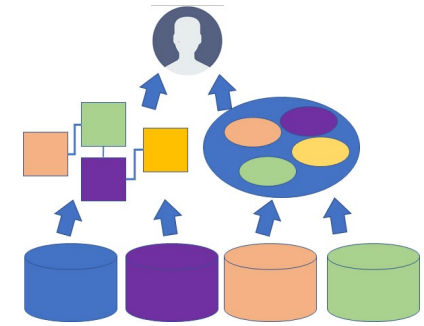
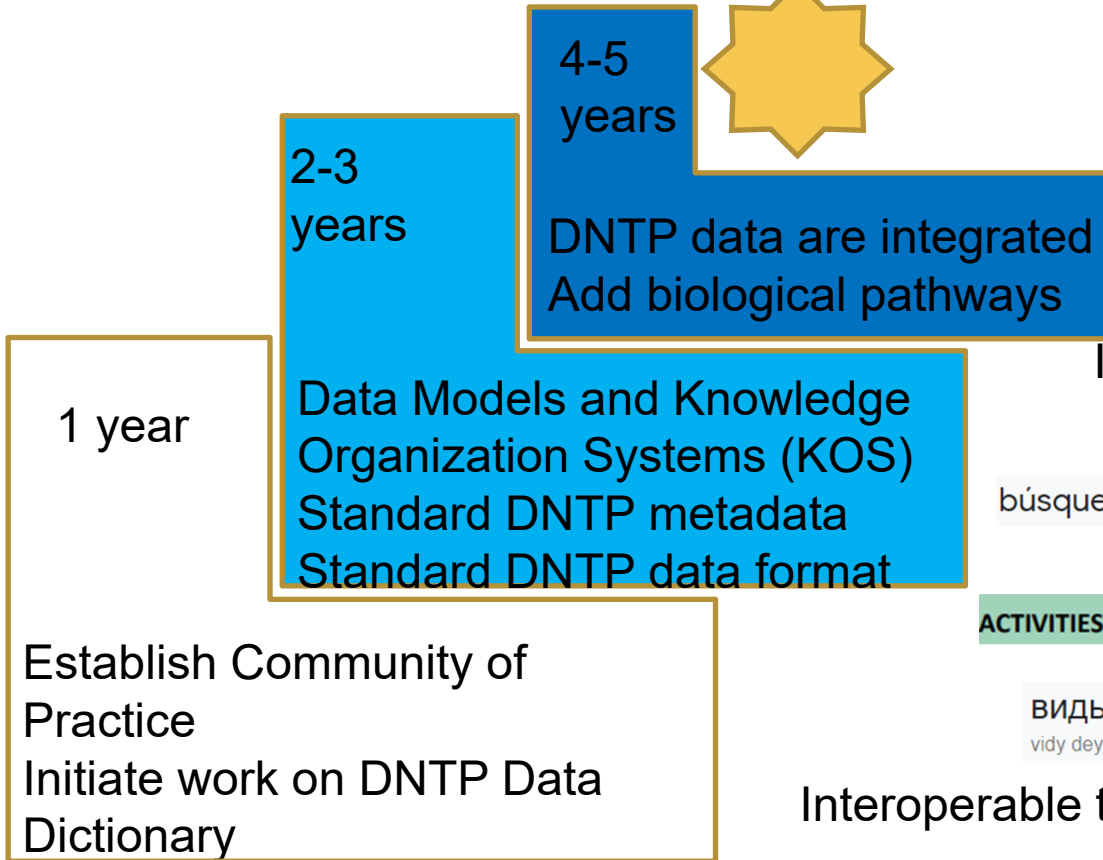
DM plans, pipelines automate data management



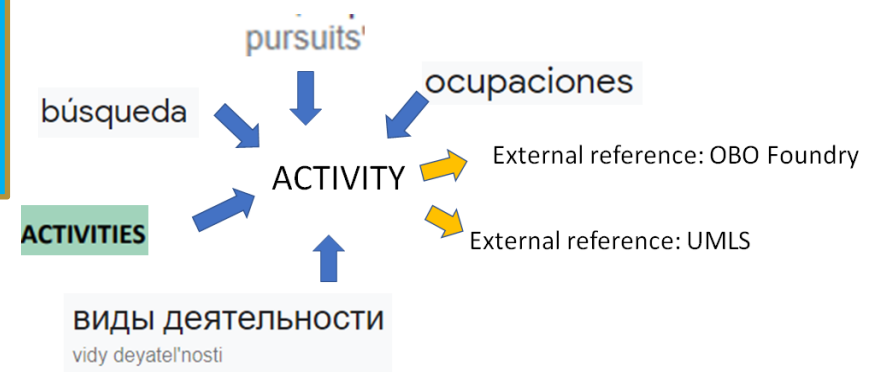


# Knowledge Management (KM) Key Area Team

## Curated data in biological context



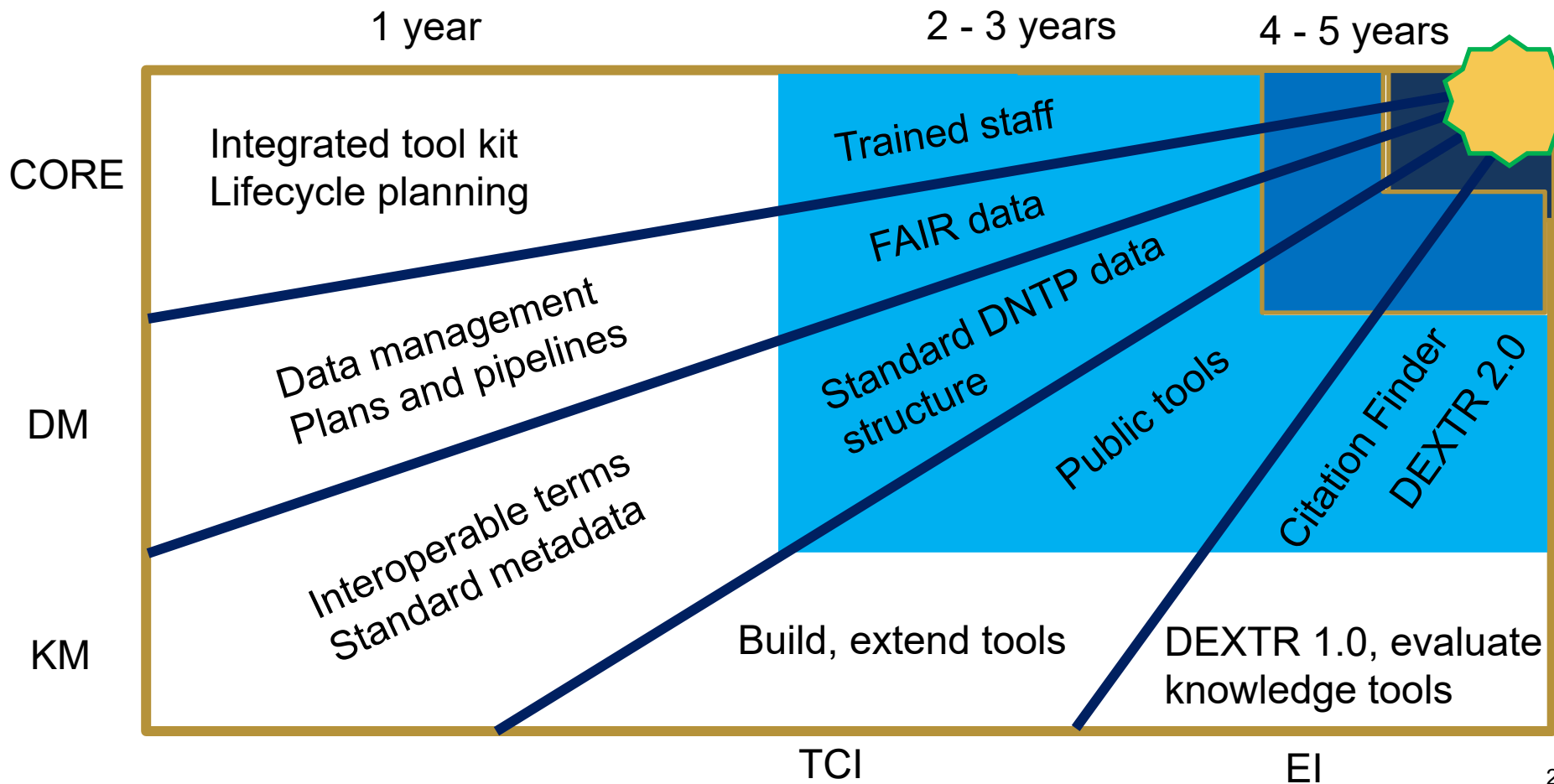
## Interoperable data models, KOS



## Interoperable terms linked to external reference



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OIT	Office of Information
OSC	Office of Scientific Computing
OPO	Office of Program Operations