



# Ontology-based text mining for microbiology research



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# How can we make sense of textual data

Over 60 million articles, 2.5 per year  
160 million scientific documents indexed

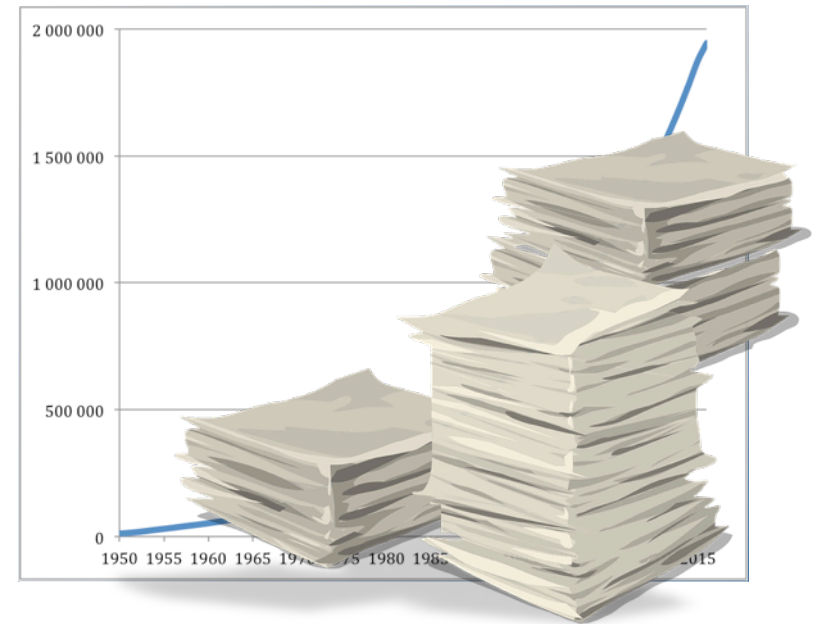
*The STM  
report, 2015*

*Orduña-Malea  
et al. , 2014*

50% of the papers are not read  
90% of the papers are not cited  
80% of the cited papers are not read

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Read before you cite!*



## Text-mining (TDM)

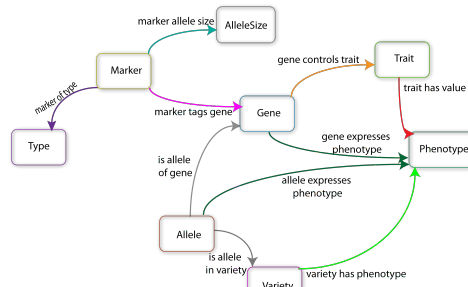
Make sense of textual data

Transform unstructured data into  
structured, machine-readable data

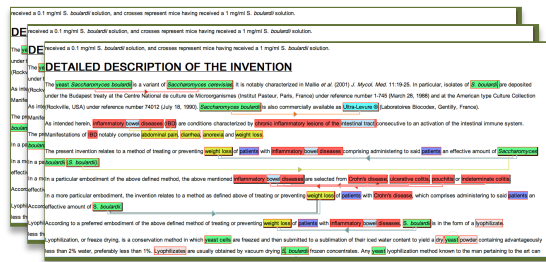
at the heart of the activity of non  
specialist researchers

# Research needs data integration, management, reasoning provided by formal representation

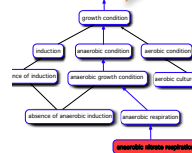
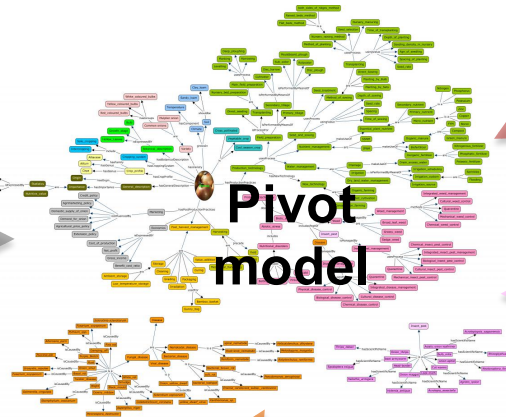
## Knowledge model of the text



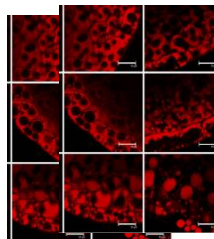
## Text



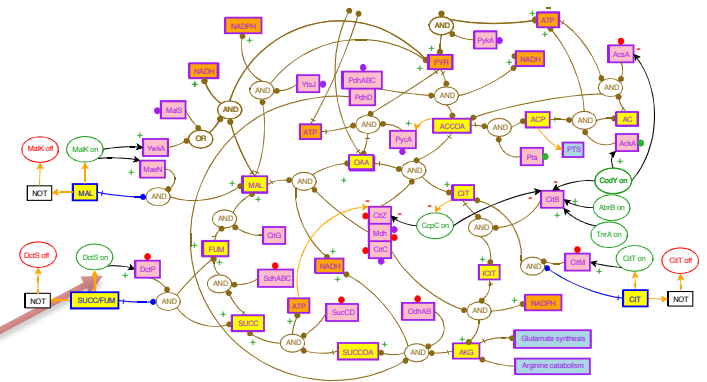
## Pivot model



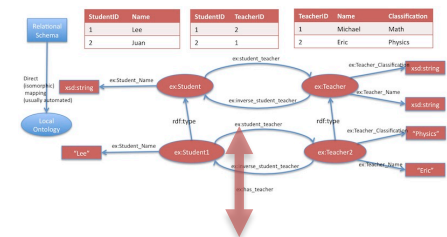
## Image



## Dynamic model



## Data model



## Data

Country	Unique Audience (000)	Time per Person (hh:mm:ss)
United States	142,052	6:09:13
Japan	48,558	2:50:21
Brazil	31,345	4:33:10
United Kingdom	29,129	6:07:54
Germany	28,057	4:11:45
France	26,786	4:04:39
Spain	19,456	5:30:55
Italy	18,256	6:00:07
Australia	9,895	6:52:28
Switzerland	2,451	3:54:34

Source: The Nielsen Company

# Text: a source of information that requires specific treatments

Massive, diverse and under-exploited scientific information  
Raising specific questions of access, analysis and interpretation

Handled at INRA by automatic *text-mining* methods  
deployed on the new European infrastructure **OpenMinTeD**



An example

- microbial biodiversity





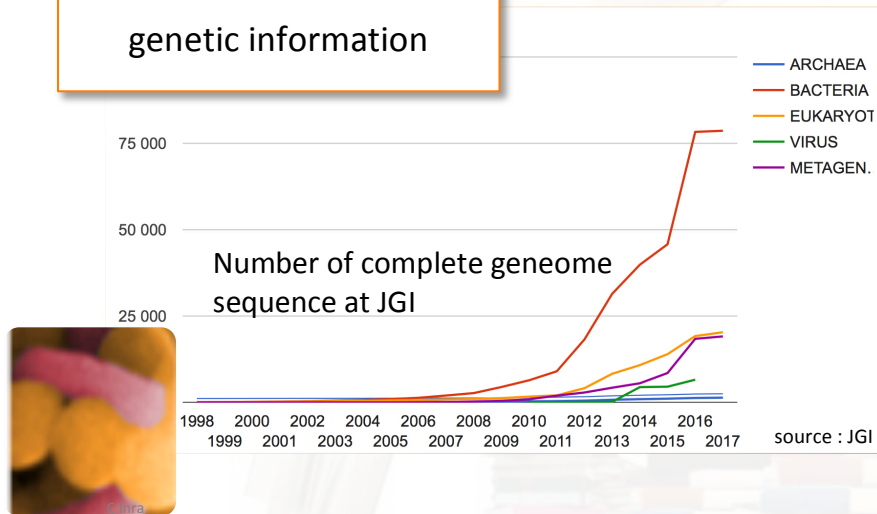
# Microorganisms, food and scientific literature

Billions of microorganisms everywhere, mostly unknown.

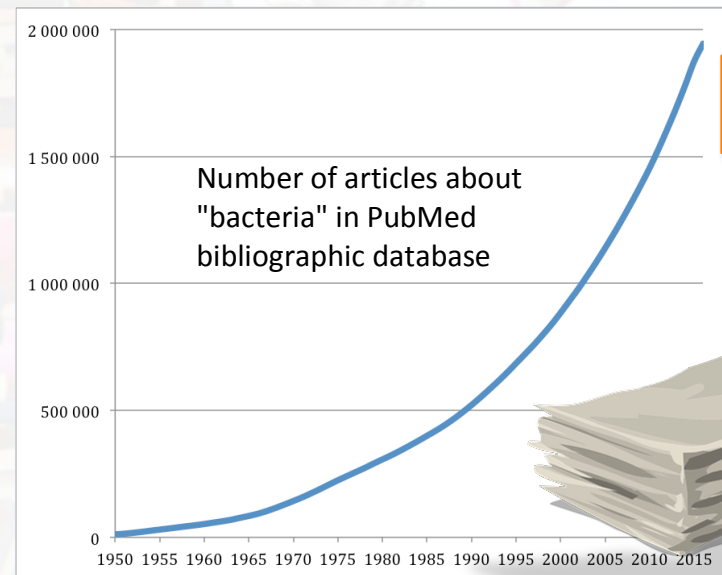
Play a critical role in food quality and transformation and its effect on health.

Microbiology research study their ecosystem and genetics for a better understanding, control and use.

Exponential growth of  
genetic information



Ecosystems, habitats, properties  
in millions of documents

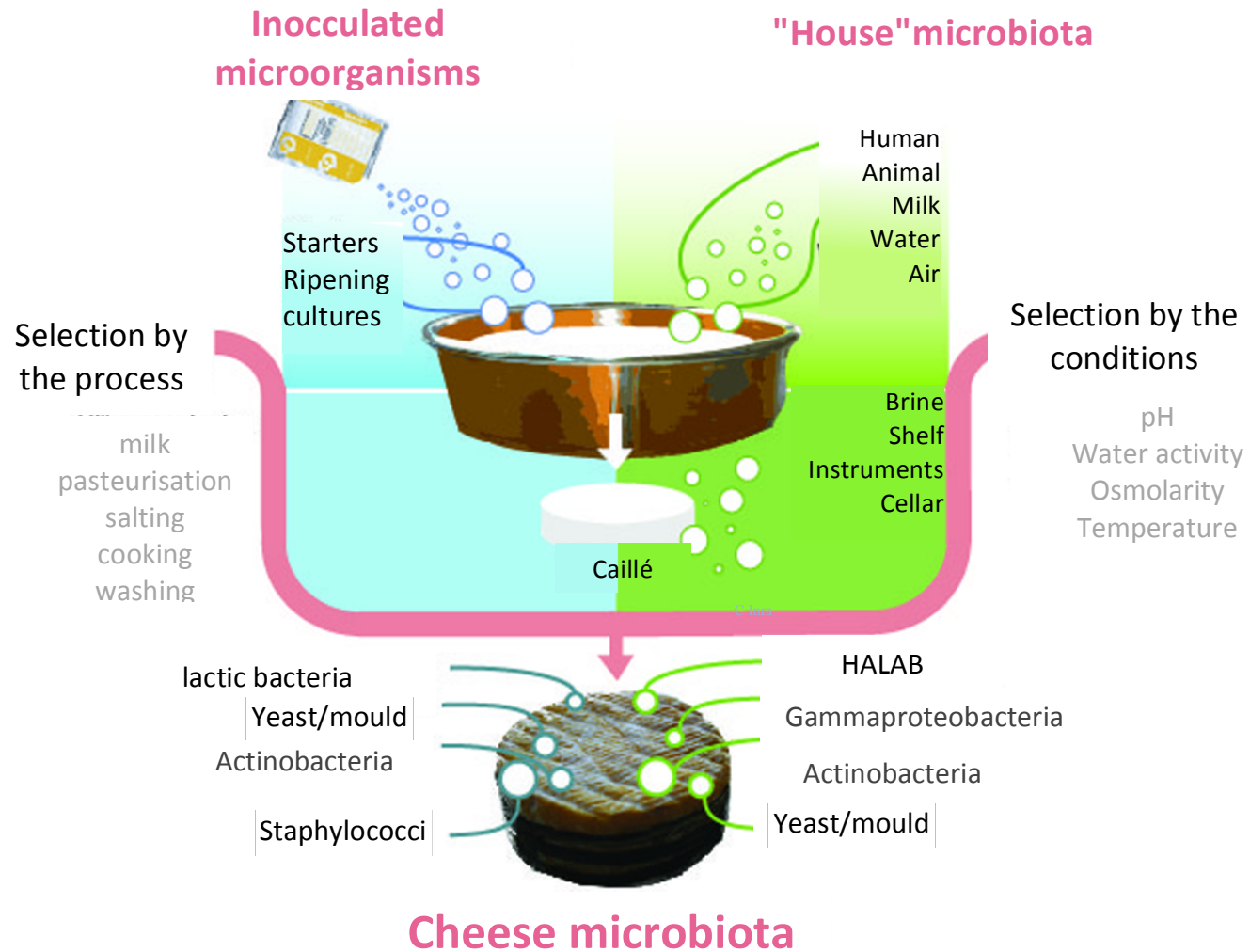


... and publications



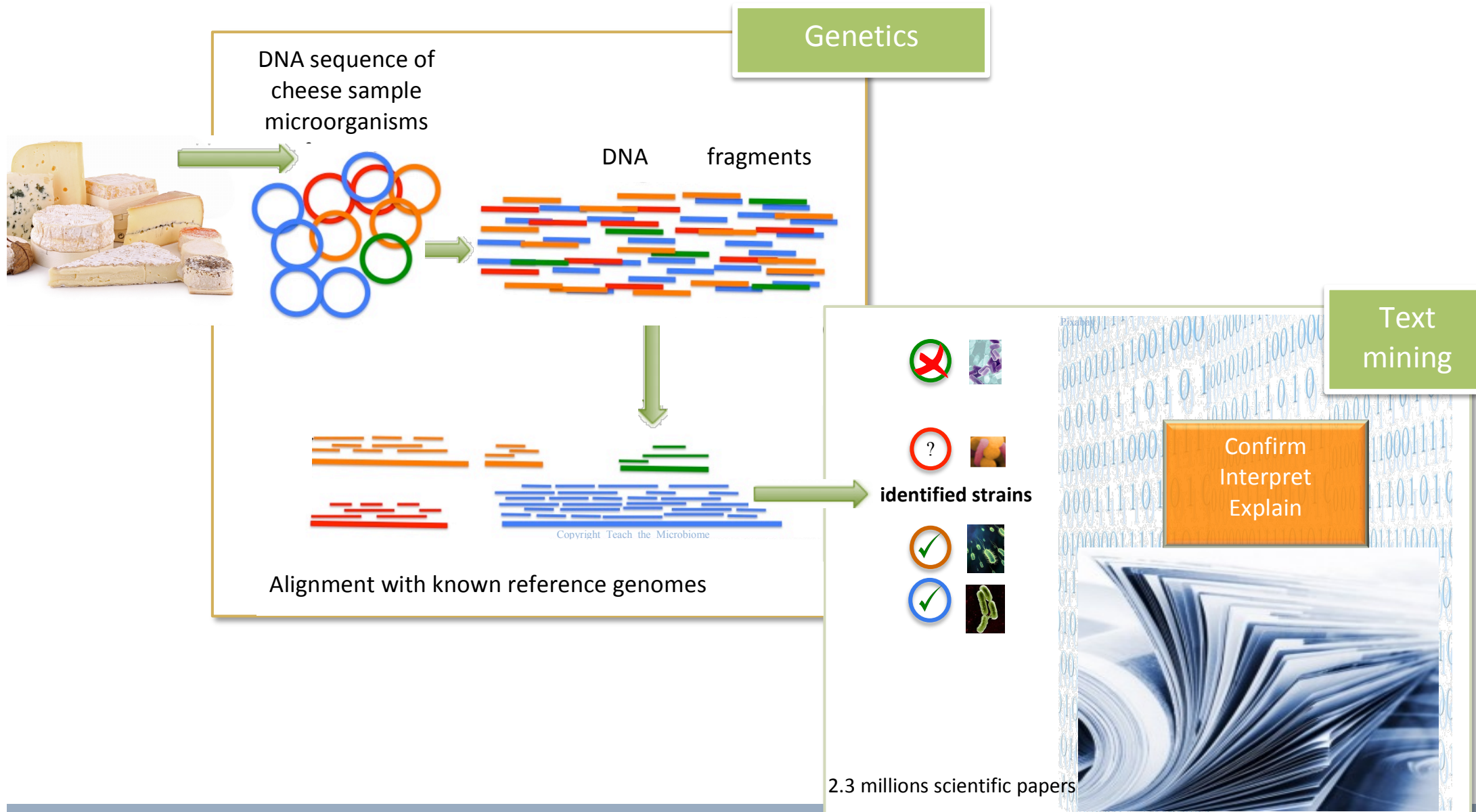
<http://cm1douzant.blogspot.fr/2014/11/contes-des-droits-des-enfants-2.html>

# What microbes in my cheese?



Irlinger et al., FEMS Microbiol Lett (2015) 362 (2).

# Identification of microorganisms by their DNA



Extracts of  
scientific articles

Habitat  
classes from  
ontology

two *L. monocytogenes* cheese dairy isolates

*L. monocytogenes* persisting in a cold-smoked fish processing plant.

*Listeria monocytogenes* contamination in Chinese beef processing plants.

*Listeria monocytogenes* isolated from artisanal Portuguese cheses-making dairy.

the presence of *L. monocytogenes* in samples collected from crab processing plant

Factory

Processing factory

Food processing factory

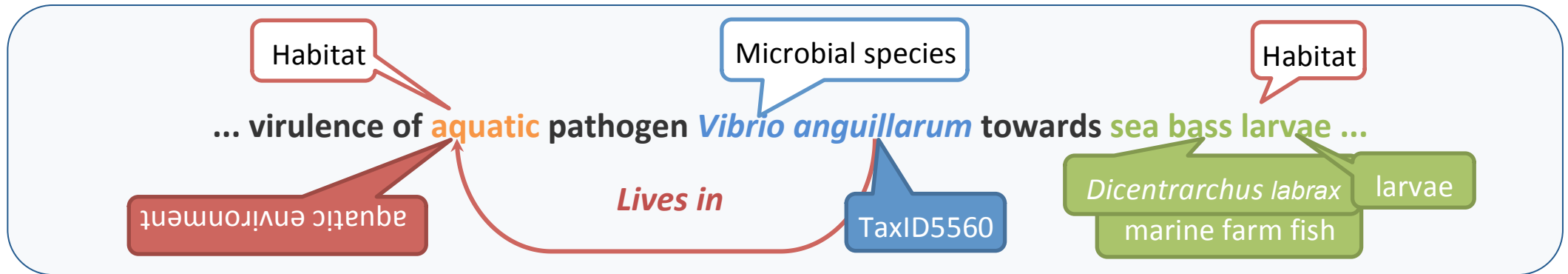
Dairy

### TDM challenge:

transform millions of  
text extracts into formal  
information despite the  
high variability

10,000 habitats of *Listeria monocytogenes* described in PubMed

# Information extraction



- 1. Entity recognition** = detection (text boundaries) and broad type assignment
- 2. Entity normalization** = assignment to a category from a large set, >2,500 in OntoBiotope ontology
- 3. Relationship prediction** = links entities together over sentences, microorganism to their properties

## Artificial Intelligence methods

Natural language processing for semantics analysis

Machine learning for generalization from examples

Knowledge-intensive approach to deal with sparse small data



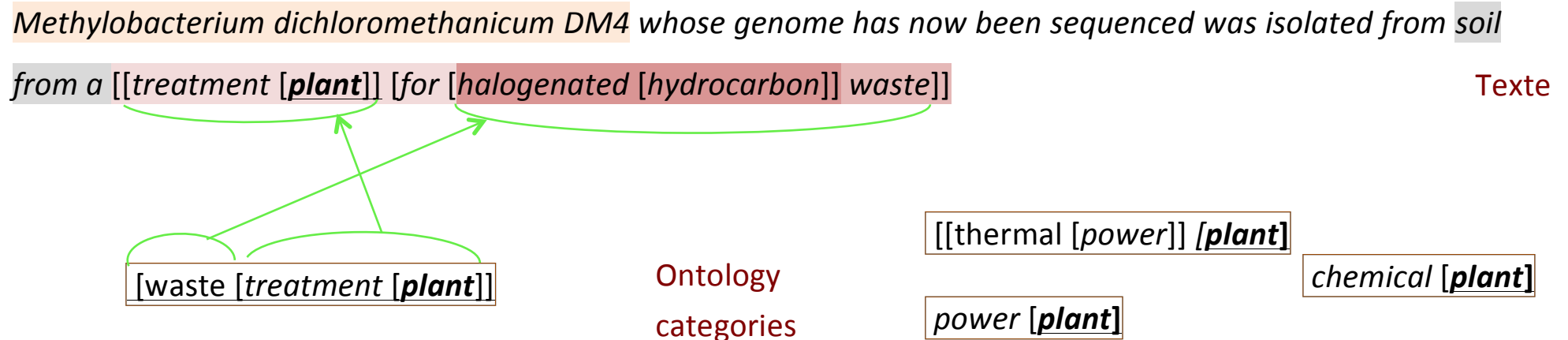
# Entity recognition and normalisation

**Entity recognition** by term extraction by BioYateA

## Entity normalization

by *Honor*, a 2-steps method to map the text terms to the labels of the ontology categories

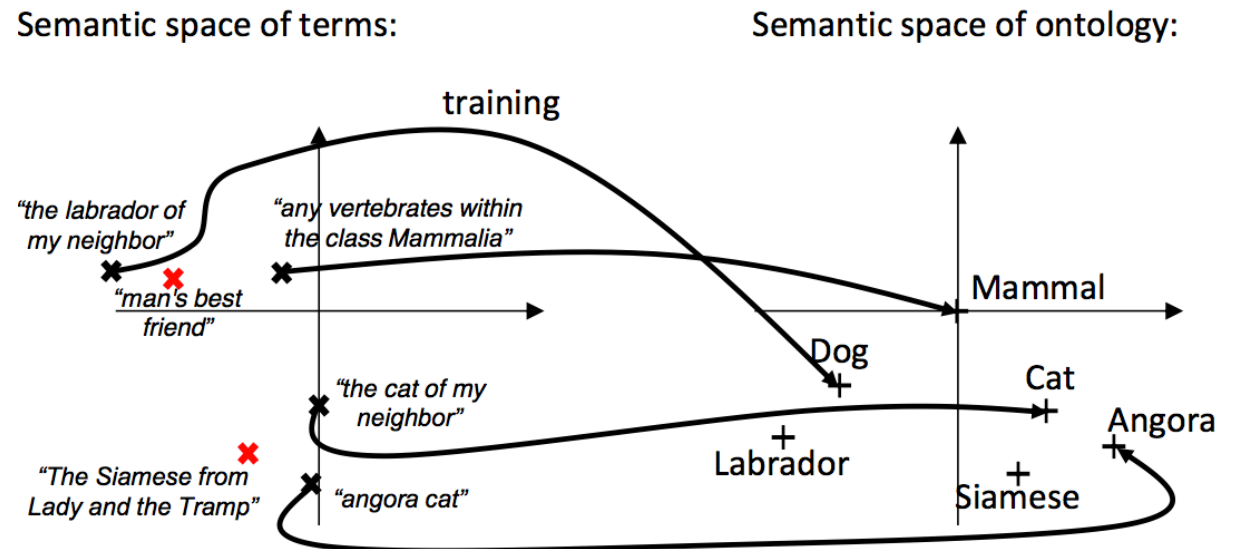
Step 1. *ToMap* computes term similarity using syntactic structures (syntactic heads and subterms) and word similarities





# Entity recognition and normalisation

Step 2. *Contes* learns the projection of the term vector space to the ontology category vector space by linear regression from training examples using the ontology structure



System	Score
HONOR with domain specific heuristics	<b>0.73</b>
Distant supervised HONOR	<b>0.72</b>
ToMap with domain specific heuristics	0,66
Turku (2017)	0.63
BOUN (2016)	0.62
ToMap	0,61
CONTES	0.61

*Honor* system over performs other state of the art systems, as measured on Bacteria Biotope BioNLP-Shared Task 2016

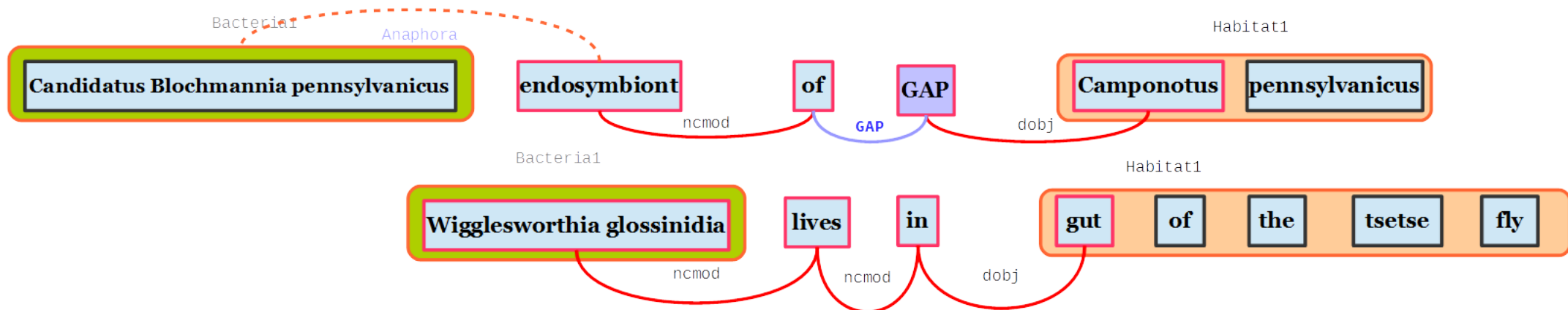
# Automatic extraction of binary relationships, AlvisRE

System	PRE	REC	F-M
AlvisRE	0.51	0.70	0.59
Boun revised	0.52	0.53	0.53
LIMSI revised	0.42	0.60	0.49
TEES-2.1-2	0.82	0.28	0.42
IRISA-TeXMex	0.46	0.36	0.40
Boun	0.38	0.21	0.27
LIMSI	0.19	0.04	0.06

## Machine learning method based on *shortest dependency path kernel*

- Dependency path computed by CCG and abstracted by Alvis Grammar.
- Anaphora resolution
- Word distance based on word embeddings
- Global alignments computed between dependency pathes (edit distance allowing gaps + Needleman-Wunsch dynamic programming algorithm)
- Empirical Kernel Map transformation

BioNLP '13: Bacteria Biomes - Task 2



## Implementation and use

- All methods implemented in interoperable tools,
- combined into TDM workflows on **OpenMinTeD platform**
- Services on microbiology available at **IFP Migale Bioinformatics** platform
  - Semantic search engine **AlvisIR**
  - **Florilege** database
- *OntoBiotope* ontology available on **AgroPortal**

openMINTEd

# Back to microbiology: text-mining explains *Psychrobacter aquimaris* presence in cheese samples

Alvis Search Engine

"Psychrobacter aquimaris" ~location "bacteria habitat"

**Psychrobacter aquimaris** sp. nov. and **Psychrobacter namhaensis** sp. nov., isolated from **sea water of the South Sea** in Korea.

2.4451745

2005 *International journal of systematic and evolutionary microbiology*

**Abstract** Two Gram-negative, non-motile, non-spore-forming, slightly halophilic bacterial strains, SW-210(T) and SW-242(T), were isolated from **sea water of the South Sea** in Korea, and were characterized taxonomically by means of a polyphasic approach. The two isolates grew optimally at 25-30 degrees C and in the pres

## Querying and parsing PubMed yields

- 2,3 millions documents
- 8,3 microorganisms
- 18,5 millions habitats and phenotypes assigned to more than 2500 hierarchical classes
- 7,4 millions relationships



OntoBiotope Database

Welcome to the Ontobiotope database. You can browse through bacteria and their habitats found in over 700,000 PubMed abstracts. You can start exploring the data either by bacteria taxonomy, or by the bacteria habitat ontology.

Psychrobacter aquimaris

Search habitat

Bacteria / Proteobacteria / Gammaproteobacteria / Pseudomonadales / Moraxellaceae

Psychrobacter: **Psychrobacter aquimaris**

bacteria habitat

**Psychrobacter aquimaris**

**Marine environment**

The researcher understands :  
added salt brings *P. aquimaris* to  
cheese



# Using Florilege database for food research and innovation

what bacteria for a new salted cheese?

Welcome Taxon lives in Habitat Habitat is inhabited by Taxon Taxon exhibits Phenotype **Phenotype is exhibited by Taxon** <http://genome.jouy.inra.fr/Florilege/>

Search relations by phenotype

9 relations for the phenotype "halotolerant"

Source:   
GenBank  
CIRM  
DSMZ

Taxon:  ☒ QPS only

SOURCE TEXT	PHENOTYPE	RELATION TYPE	TAXON	SOURCE
9327565	halotolerant	is exhibited by	Saccharomyces cerevisiae	OpenMinTeD
25039289	halotolerant	is exhibited by	Lactobacillus plantarum	OpenMinTeD
17897213, 25542205	halotolerant	is exhibited by	Bacillus pumilus	OpenMinTeD

what known habitat for *Lactobacillus plantarum*

FJ915735, FJ915814, FJ915815	Lactobacillus pl		camel milk	GenBank
FJ538531, FJ538504, FJ538512	Lactobacillus plantarum	Lives in	cattle	GenBank
HM462426, HM462423, AB326301	Lactobacillus plantarum	Lives in	cheese	GenBank
HM218104, HM218301, FJ607272	Lactobacillus plantarum	Lives in	dairy industry	GenBank
FJ227310, FJ227315	Lactobacillus plantarum	Lives in	drink	GenBank

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