# Fighting COVID-19 with Artificial Intelligence

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# About me: DANS-KNAW projects (2016-2021)

- CLARIAH+ (ongoing)
- EOSC Synergy (ongoing)
- SSHOC Dataverse (ongoing)
- CESSDA Dataverse Europe 2018
- Time Machine Europe Supervisor at DANS-KNAW
- PARTHENOS Horizon 2020
- CESSDA PID (PersistentIdentifiers) Horizon 2020
- CLARIAH
- RDA (Research Data Alliance) PITTS Horizon 2020
- CESSDA SaW H2020-EU.1.4.1.1 Horizon 2020

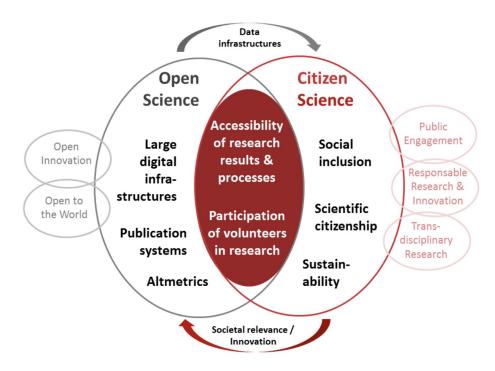


Source: LinkedIn

### 7 weeks in 2020 lockdown in Spain



### Moving towards Open Science



Source: Citizen Science and Open Science Core Concepts and Areas of Synergy (Vohland and Göbel, 2017)

### About CoronaWhy

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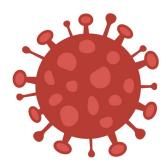
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### FIGHTING CORONAVIRUS WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We are a globally distributed, volunteer-powered research organisation, trying to assist the medical community's ability to answer key questions related to COVID-19

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#### Who we are?

Artur Kiulian started CoronaWhy because he realized that we are all in this together. Now CoronaWhy is an international group of 900+ volunteers whose mission is to improve global coordination and analysis of all available data pertinent to the COVID-19 outbreak and ensure all findings reach those who need them.

It's impossible to list everyone out but we will eventually.

1300+ people registered in the organization, more than 300 actively contributing!

### COVID-19 Open Research Dataset Challenge (CORD-19)

It's all started from this (March, 2020):

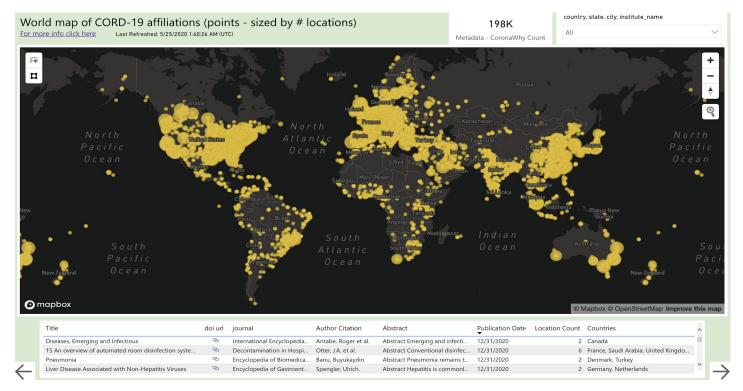
"In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and with the view to boost research, the Allen Institute for AI together with CZI, MSR, Georgetown, NIH & The White House is collecting and making available for free the COVID-19 Open Research Dataset (CORD-19). This resource is updated weekly and contains over 287,000 scholarly articles, including 82,870 with full text, about COVID-19 and other viruses of the coronavirus family." (Kaggle)



# CoronaWhy Community Tasks (March-April 2020)

- 1. Task-Risk helps to identify risk factors that can increase the chance of being infected, or affects the severity or the survival outcome of the infection
- 2. Task-Ties to explore transmission, incubation and environment stability
- 3. Match Clinical Trials allows exploration of the results from the COVID-19 International Clinical Trials dataset
- 4. COVID-19 Literature Visualization helps to explore the data behind the Al-powered literature review
- Named Entity Recognition across the entire corpus of CORD-19 papers with full text

### CORD-19 affiliations recognized with Deep Learning



Source: CORD-19 map visualization and institution affiliation data

### Collaboration with other organizations

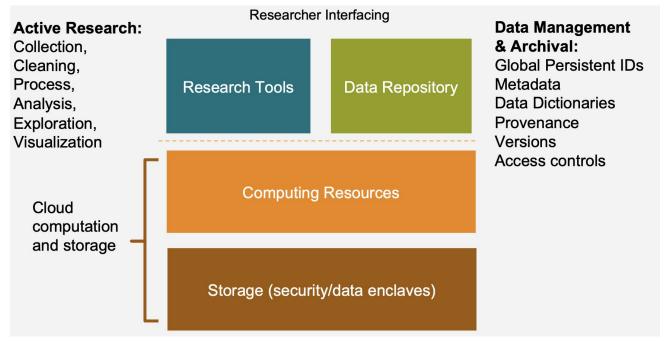
- Harvard Medical School, INDRA integration
- Helix Group, Stanford University
- NASA JPL, COVID-19 knowledge graph and GeoParser
- Kaggle, coronamed application
- Fraunhofer Institute for Intelligent Analysis and Information Systems IAIS, knowledge graph
- dcyphr, a platform for creating and engaging with distillations of academic articles
- CAMARADES (Collaborative Approach to Meta-Analysis and Review of Animal Data from Experimental Studies)

We've got almost endless data streams...

# Collaborations problems

- too much datasets shared without taking into account FAIR principles
- limited use of common domain specific ontologies (MeSH, Wikidata, ...)
- lack of the usage of controlled vocabularies
- collaboration in research between academic and industrial contexts is very low
- interoperability layer between different tools is limited or absent
- there is no common data infrastructure suitable for all use cases

# Collaborations and best practice data sharing



Merce Crosas, "Harvard Data Commons"

#### WHAT IS FAIR?

#### Findable:

FM-F1A FM-F1B

FM-F3

F1 (meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier;

FM-F2

F2 data are described with rich metadata;

F3 metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data it describes;

FM-F4

F4 (meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource:

#### Accessible:

A1 (meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardized communications protocol;

A1.1 the protocol is open, free, and universally implementable;

A1.2 the protocol allows for an authentication and authorization procedure, where necessary;

A2 metadata are accessible, even when the amage no longer available;

#### Interoperable:

I1 (meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge FM-I1 representation.

12 (meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles:

I3 (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data; FM-I3

#### Reusable:

R1 meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes;

R1.1 (meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license; FM-R1.1

R1.2 (meta)data are associated with detailed provenance; FM-R1.2

R1.3 (meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards;

FM-R1.3

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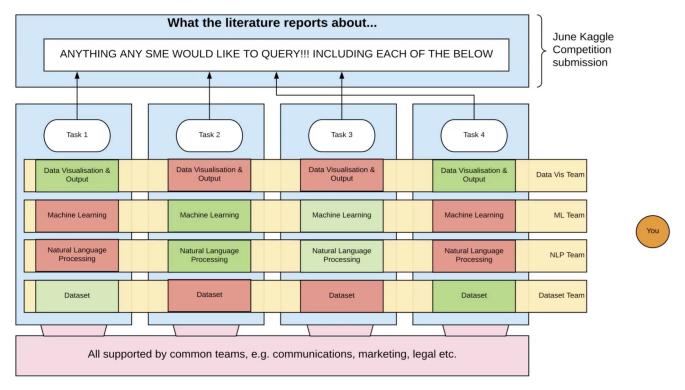
http://fairmetrics.org

https://github.com/FAIRMetrics/Metrics/blob/master/ALL.pdf



<u>DANS-KNAW</u> is one of worldwide leaders in FAIR Data (<u>FAIRsFAIR</u>)

### We need a horizontal platform to surve vertical teams



Source: CoronaWhy organization

### What is Dataverse and How It Can Help?

- Open source data repository developed by IQSS of Harvard University
- Great product with very long history (from 2006) created by experienced and Agile development team
- Clear vision and understanding of research communities requirements, public roadmap
- Well developed architecture with rich APIs allows to build application layers around Dataverse
- Strong community behind of Dataverse is helping to improve the basic functionality and develop it further.
- DANS-KNAW is leading SSHOC WP5.2 task to deliver production ready Dataverse repository for the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) communities CESSDA, CLARIN and DARIAH.

### Federated Dataverse data repositories worldwide

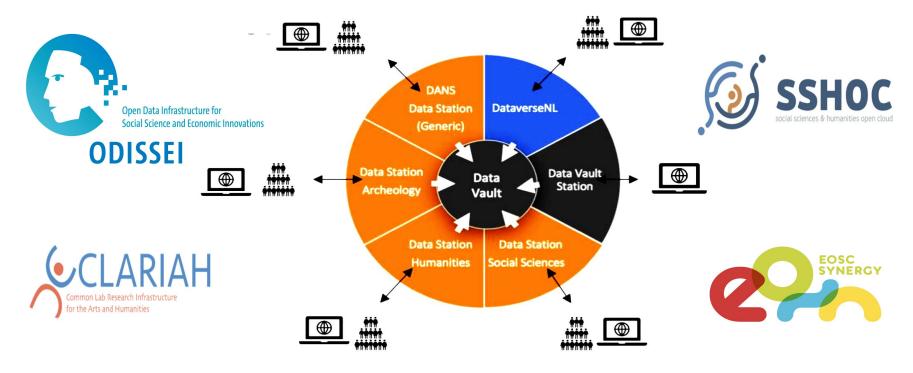


Developed at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) • with contributions from the Dataverse community (https://dataverse.org)

- Open-source
- 63 installations
- 6 continents
- 7K Dataverse collections
- 135K datasets
- 800K files
- 28M file downloads
- Metadata shared across repositories

Source: Merce Crosas, Harvard Data Commons

### Data Stations - Future Data Services



Dataverse is API based data platform and a key framework for Open Innovation!

### Coming back to FAIR principles

FM [AID*]	Question	Dataverse Q'aire	Dataverse Optimized
Identifier type	1	DOI	DOI
F1A	2		
F1B	Not tested in Q'aire		
F2A	4A		
F2A	4B		
F3	5B		
F4	6A		
F4	6B		
A1.1	7A		
A1.2	8A		
A1.2	8B	N/A	N/A
A2	9		
11	10		
12	11		
13	12		
R1.1	13		
R1.2	14A		

#### DATAVERSE FAIR SUMMARY

- Strong support for Findable, Accessible, and Reusable principles
- Weak for Interoperable principles
- In agreement\* with FAIR test results (\*F3 was fixed after test)
- There is no FAIR "compliance"
- Instead, it's a process and can always be improved

#### Source:

Mercè Crosas,

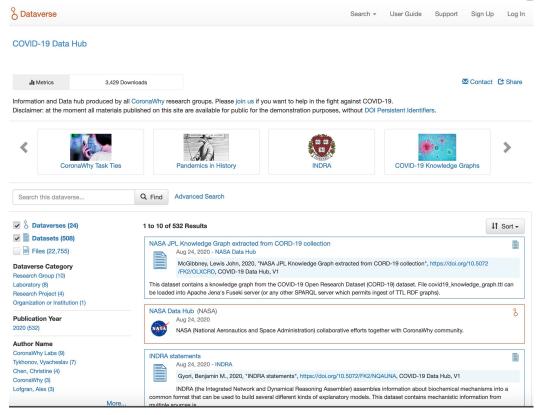
"FAIR principles and beyond: implementation in Dataverse"

### Benefits of the Common Data Infrastructure

- It's distributed and sustainable, suitable for the future
- maintenance costs will drop massively, as more organizations will join, less expensive it will be to support
- maintenance costs could be reallocated to the training and further development of the new (common) features
- reuse of the same infrastructure components will enforce the quality and the speed of the knowledge exchange
- building a multidisciplinary teams reusing the same infra can bring us new insights and unexpected views
- Common Data Infrastructure plays a role of the universal gravitation layer for Data Science projects

(and so on...)

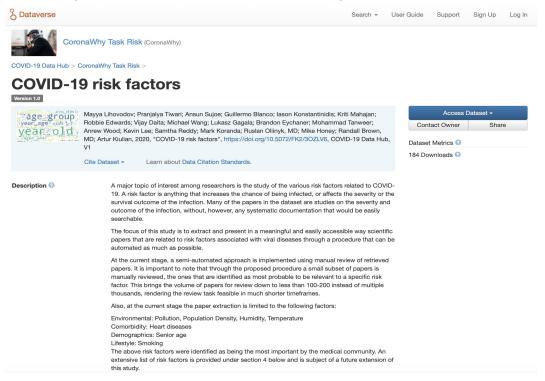
# Dataverse as data integration point



- Started in April, 2020
- Used by CoronaWhy vertical teams for the data exchange and share
- Intended to help researchers to make their data FAIR
- One of the biggest COVID-19 data archives in the world with 700k files (public and private)
- New teams are getting own data containers and can reuse data collected and produced by others

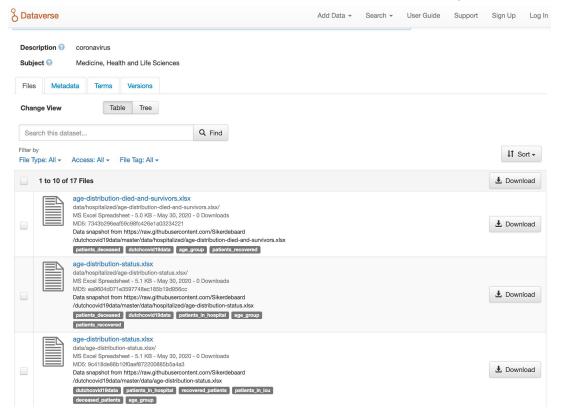
Visit <a href="https://datasets.coronawhy.org">https://datasets.coronawhy.org</a>

# Dataset from CoronaWhy vertical teams



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# COVID-19 data files verification



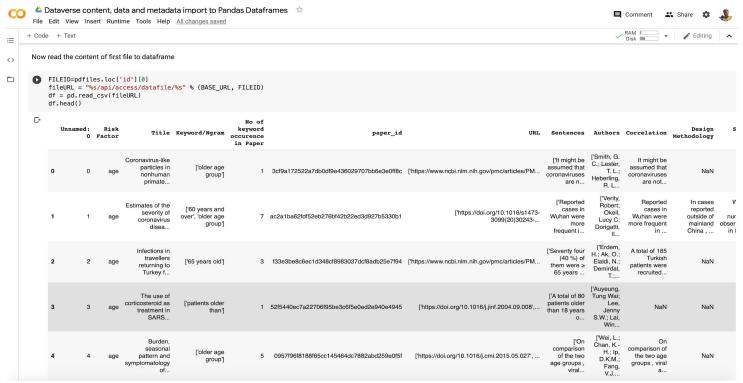
We do a verification of every file by importing its contents to dataframe.

All column names (variables) extracted from tabular data available as labels in files metadata

We've enabled Dataverse data previewers to browse through the content of files without download!

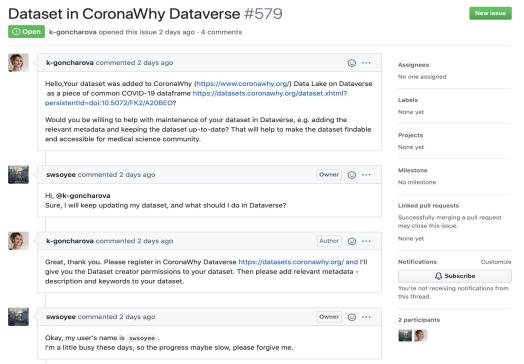
We're starting internal challenges to build ML models for the metadata classification

# Dataverse content in Jupyter notebooks



Source: Dataverse examples on Google Colabs

# COVID-19 Data Crowdsourcing



CoronaWhy data management team review of all harvested datasets and trying to identify the important data.

We're approaching github owners by creating issues in their repos and inviting them to help us.

More than 20% of data owners were joining CoronaWhy community or interested to curate their datasets.

Bottom-up data collection works!

How about sustainability and interoperability of this data infrastructure?

### Interoperability in the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

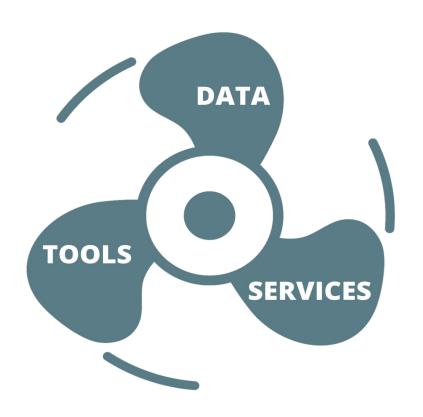
- **Technical interoperability** defined as the "ability of different information technology systems and software applications to communicate and exchange data". It should allow "to accept data from each other and perform a given task in an appropriate and satisfactory manner without the need for extra operator intervention".
- **Semantic interoperability** is "the ability of computer systems to transmit data with unambiguous, shared meaning. Semantic interoperability is a requirement to enable machine computable logic, inferencing, knowledge discovery, and data".
- Organisational interoperability refers to the "way in which organisations align their business processes, responsibilities and expectations to achieve commonly agreed and mutually beneficial goals. Focus on the *requirements of the user community* by making services available, easily identifiable, accessible and user-focused".
- Legal interoperability covers "the broader environment of laws, policies, procedures and cooperation agreements"

Source: EOSC Interoperability Framework v1.0

### FAIR data and services

a solid and sustainable infrastructure for the 'core' of the propeller image:

- mapping tables, protocols and other community emerging standards should not only **find a 'home'** (such as for instance FAIRsharing), but should also be **collectively endorsed** and used in practice by much more **coherent communities**
- to support the process of coordination within and across implementation, training and certification networks to minimise reinvention of redundant infrastructure components, including such things as thesauri and domain specific or generic ontologies protocols



Source: Go FAIR

### Our goals to increase interoperability on the global scale

Provide a custom FAIR metadata schema for European research communities:

- CESSDA metadata (Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives)
- Component MetaData Infrastructure (CMDI) metadata from CLARIN linguistics community

Connect metadata to ontologies and external controlled vocabularies:

- link metadata fields to common ontologies (Dublin Core, DCAT)
- define semantic relationships between (new) metadata fields (SKOS)
- select available external controlled vocabularies for the specific fields
- provide multilingual access to controlled vocabularies

All contributions should go to Dataverse source code and available worldwide!

# The importance of standards and ontologies

Generic controlled vocabularies to link metadata in the bibliographic collections are well known: ORCID, GRID, GeoNames, Getty.

Medical knowledge graphs powered by:

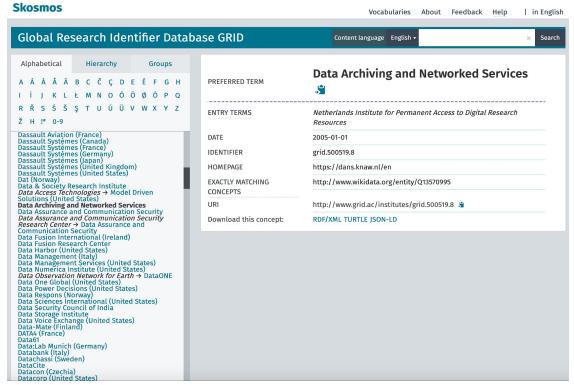
- Biological Expression Language (BEL)
- Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®) by U.S. National Library of Medicine (NIH)
- Wikidata (Open ontology) Wikipedia

Integration based on metadata standards:

MARC21, Dublin Core (DC), Data Documentation Initiative (DDI)

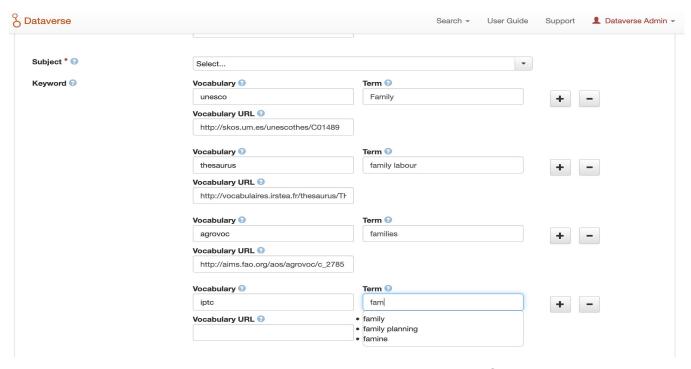
The most of prominent ontologies already available as a Web Services with API endpoints.

# SKOSMOS framework to discover ontologies



- SKOSMOS is developed in Europe by the National Library of Finland (NLF)
- active global user community
- search and browsing interface for SKOS concept
- multilingual vocabularies support
- used for different use cases (publish vocabularies, build discovery systems, vocabulary visualization)

# The same metadata field linked to many ontologies



Language switch in Dataverse will change the language of suggested terms!

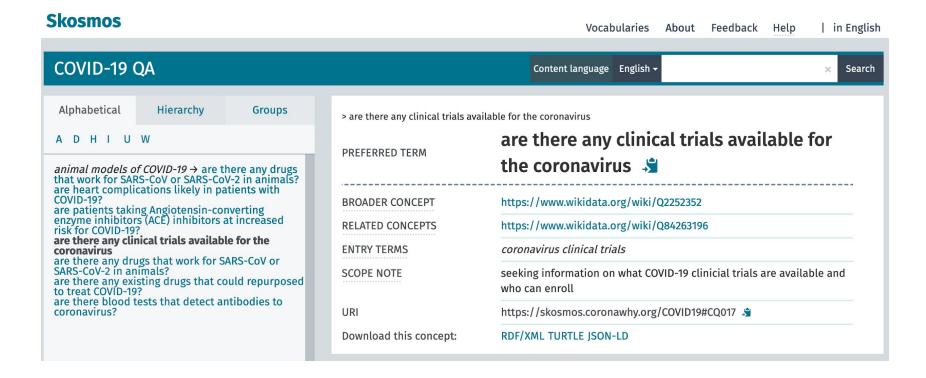
### Use case: COVID-19 expert questions

"In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Epidemic Question Answering (EPIC-QA) track challenges teams to develop systems capable of automatically answering ad-hoc questions about the disease COVID-19, its causal virus SARS-CoV-2, related corona viruses, and the recommended response to the pandemic. While COVID-19 has been an impetus for a large body of emergent scientific research and inquiry, the response to COVID-19 raises questions for consumers."

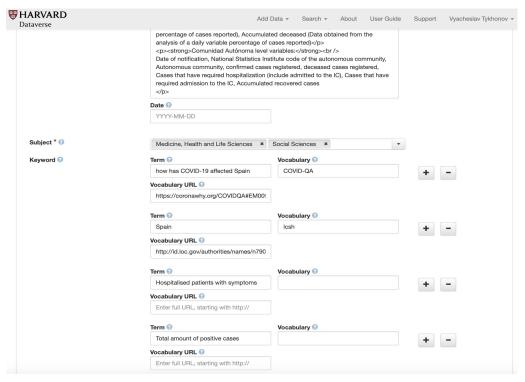
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question id: "EQ001",
question: "what is the origin of COVID-19",
query: "coronavirus origin",
background: "seeking range of information about the SARS-CoV-2 virus's origin, including its evolution, animal source, and first transmission into humans"
question id: "E0002",
question: "how does the coronavirus respond to changes in the weather",
query: "coronavirus response to weather changes",
background: "seeking range of information about the SARS-CoV-2 virus viability in different weather/climate conditions as well as information related to transmission of the virus in
different climate conditions"
question id: "E0003",
question: "will SARS-CoV2 infected people develop immunity? Is cross protection possible?",
query: "coronavirus immunity",
background: "seeking studies of immunity developed due to infection with SARS-CoV2 or cross protection gained due to infection with other coronavirus types"
question id: "EQ004",
question: "what causes death from Covid-19?",
query: "how do people die from the coronavirus",
background: "Studies looking at mechanisms of death from Covid-19."
question id: "E0005",
question: "what drugs have been active against SARS-CoV or SARS-CoV-2 in animal studies?",
query: "animal models of COVID-19",
background: "Papers that describe the results of testing drugs that bind to spike proteins of the virus or any other drugs in any animal models. Papers about SARS-CoV-2 infection in cell
culture assays are also relevant."
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Source: Epidemic Questions Answering

### COVID-19 questions in SKOSMOS framework



### COVID-19 questions in Dataverse metadata



- COVID-19 ontologies can be hosted by SKOSMOS framework
- Researchers can enrich metadata by adding standardized questions provided by SKOSMOS ontologies
- rich metadata exported back to Linked Open Data Cloud to increase a chance to be found
- enriched metadata can be used for further ML models training

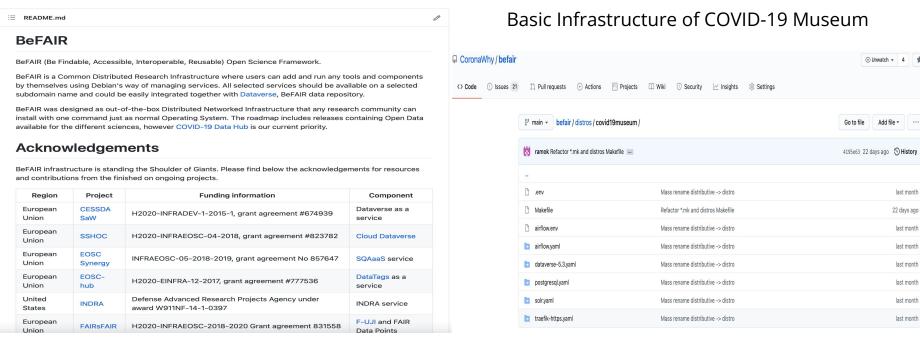
Source: <u>COVID-19 European data hub in Harvard Dataverse</u>

### Vision of the Operating System for Open Science

- Common Research and Data Infrastructure should be distributed and robust enough to be scaled up and reused for other tasks like cancer research.
- Services should be build from Open Source components.
- Data processed and published in FAIR way, the provenance information should be a part of the Data Lake.
- Data evaluation and credibility is the top priority, we need tools for the expert community for the verification of our datasets
- The transparency of data and services should guarantee the reproducibility of all experiments and bring new insights in the multidisciplinary research

### BeFAIR Open Science Framework





Visit https://github.com/CoronaWhy/befair

# BeFAIR infra in the nutshell



- flexible and "fluid" infrastructure that allows to connect any dockerized services in easy way
- all operations (start/stop/...) done with **make** command in "Debian way":
   make up; make down
- contains a various distributives (distros) with interconnected services exposed and managed by traefik proxy
- users can enable/disable both services and distros there in a convinient way with menuconfig command
- users can use BeFAIR both locally, on a server on deployed on Cloud
- maintenance of Docker containers is the responsibility of their developers,
   BeFAIR is an integration part, services could be on/off

# Supporting Semantic Web for Data



Historically most of datasets preserved in data silos (archives), not interlinked and lacking of standardization. There are **cultural**, **structural** and **technological** challenges.

#### Solutions:

- Integrating Linked Data and Semantic Web technologies, forcing research communities to share data and add more interoperability following FAIR principles
- Create a standardized (meta)data layer for Large Scale projects like Time Machine and CoronaWhy
- Working on the automatic metadata linkage to ontologies and external controlled vocabularies in order to get it linked in the Linked Open Data Cloud
- Using the Knowledge Graph for the Machine Learning

# Why Artificial Intelligence?

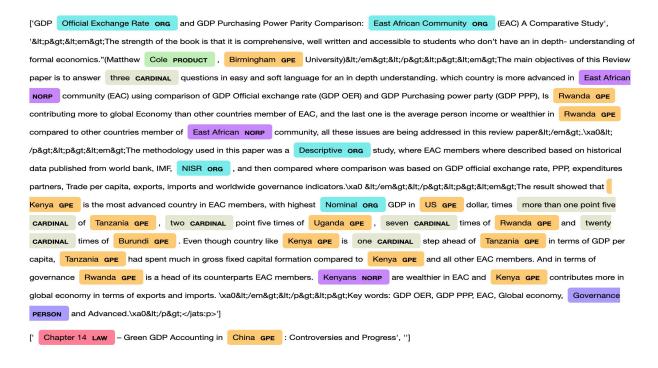


Human resources are very expensive and deficit, it's difficult to find appropriate expertise in-house.

#### Solution:

- Building AI/ML pipelines for the automatic metadata enrichment and linkage prediction
- applying NLP for NER, data mining, topic classification etc.
- building multidisciplinary knowledge graphs should facilitate the development of new projects with economic and social scientists, they will take ownership of their own data if they see value (Clio Infra)

## Using modern NLP frameworks (spacy, for example)



Recognised entities can form a metadata layer and stored in Dataverse

# How to control Artificial Intelligence



#### Problem:

It's naive to fully trust Machine Learning and AI, we need to support a "human in the loop" processes to take a control over automatic workflows. Ethics is also important, fake detection problem.

#### Solution:

A lot of "human in the loop" tools already developed in research projects, we need to support the best for the different use cases, add the appropriate maturity, for example, with CI/CD and introduce them to research communities.

## Human in the loop

"how do we build a smarter system?" to "how do we incorporate useful, meaningful human interaction into the system?"

#### INTERMEDIATE FEEDBACK

"HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, SO FAR?"

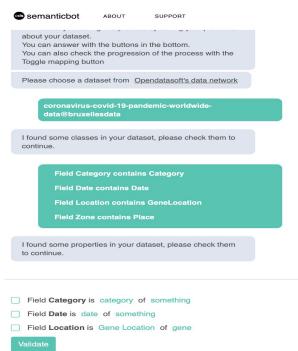


INTERACTION & CURATION

"NOT BAD, BUT MORE LIKE THIS ... "

General blueprint for a human-in-the-loop interactive AI system. Credits: Stanford University HAI

# Semantic chatbot - ontology lookup service





Source: Semantic Bot

### Hypothes.is annotations as a peer review service

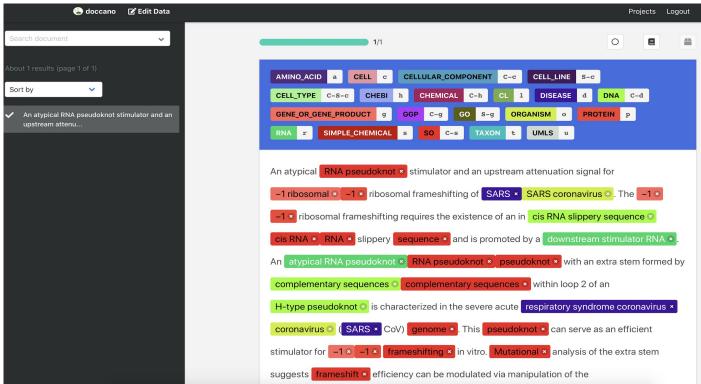




- Al pipeline does domain specific entities extraction and ranking of relevant CORD-19 papers.
- Automatic entities and statements will be added, important fragments should be highlighted.
- 3. Human annotators should verify results and validate all statements.

#### Doccano annotation with Machine Learning

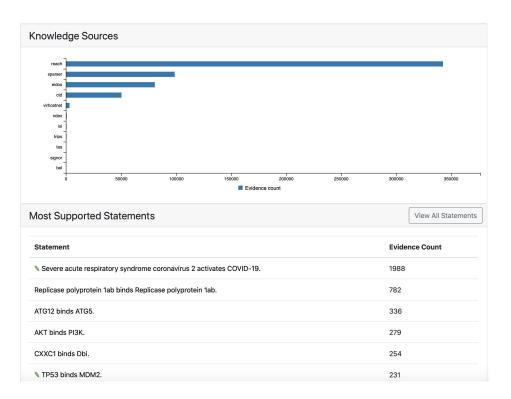




Source: Doccano Labs

### Statements extraction with INDRA



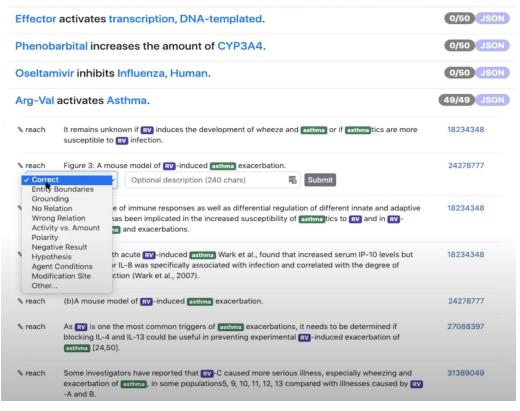


"INDRA (Integrated Network and Dynamical Reasoning Assembler) is an automated model assembly system, originally developed for molecular systems biology and currently being generalized to other domains."

Developed as a part of Harvard Program in Therapeutic Science and the Laboratory of Systems Pharmacology at Harvard Medical School.

http://indra.bio

## Knowledge Graph curation in INDRA





# Building domain specific knowledge graphs

- We're collecting all possible COVID-19 data and archiving in our Dataverse
- Looking for various related controlled vocabularies and ontologies
- Building and reusing conversion pipelines to get all data values linked in RDF format

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<http://www.protezionecivile.gov.it/dataset/covid19/national-trend/observations/20200224> a qb:Observation ;
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The ultimate goal is to automate the process of the Knowledge extraction by using the latest developments in Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning. We need to organize all available knowledge in a common way.

### **CLARIAH** conclusions



"By developing these decentralised, yet controlled Knowledge Graph development practices we have contributed to increasing interoperability in the humanities and enabling new research opportunities to a wide range of scholars. However, we observe that users without Semantic Web knowledge find these technologies hard to use, and place high value in end-user tools that enable engagement. Therefore, for the future we emphasise the importance of tools to specifically target the goals of concrete communities – in our case, the analytical and quantitative answering of humanities research questions for humanities scholars. In this sense, usability is not just important in a tool context; in our view, we need to empower users in deciding under what models these tools operate." (CLARIAH: Enabling Interoperability Between Humanities Disciplines with Ontologies)

Chicken-egg problem: users are building tools without data models and ontologies but in reality they need to build a knowledge graph with common ontologies first!

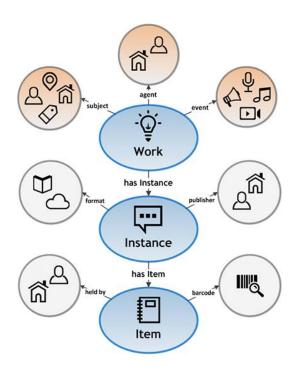
# Linked Data integration challenges

- Word Wide Web Consortium
- datasets are very heterogeneous and multilingual
- data usually lacks sufficient data quality control
- data providers using different modeling schemas and styles
- linked data cleansing and versioning is very difficult to track and maintain properly, web resources aren't persistent
- even modern data repositories providing only metadata records describing data without giving access to individual data items stored in files
- difficult to assign and manually keep up-to-date entity relationships in knowledge graph

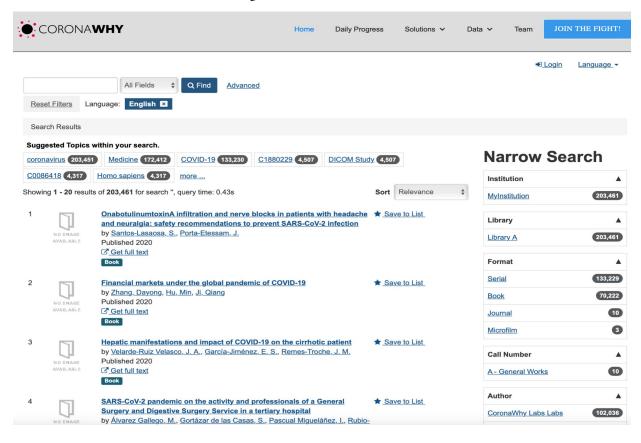
CoronaWhy has too much information streams that seems to be impossible to integrate and give back to COVID-19 researchers. So, do we have a solution?

## BIBFRAME 2.0 concepts

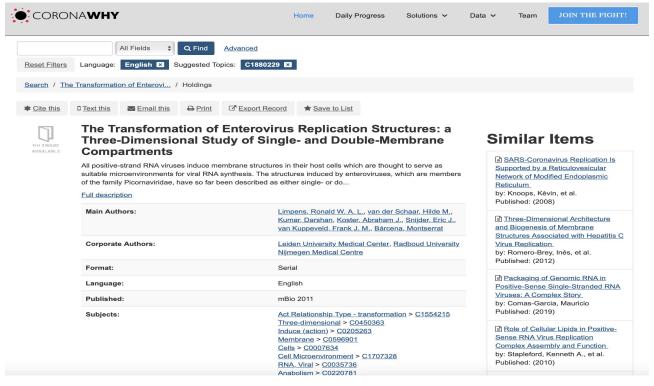
- **Work**. The highest level of abstraction, a Work, in the BIBFRAME context, reflects the conceptual essence of the cataloged resource: authors, languages, and what it is about (subjects).
- Instance. A Work may have one or more individual, material embodiments, for example, a particular published form. These are Instances of the Work. An Instance reflects information such as its publisher, place and date of publication, and format.
- **Item.** An item is an actual copy (physical or electronic) of an Instance. It reflects information such as its location (physical or virtual), shelf mark, and barcode.
- **Agents**: Agents are people, organizations, jurisdictions, etc., associated with a Work or Instance through roles such as author, editor, artist, photographer, composer, illustrator, etc.
- **Subjects**: A Work might be "about" one or more concepts. Such a concept is said to be a "subject" of the Work. Concepts that may be subjects include topics, places, temporal expressions, events, works, instances, items, agents, etc.
- **Events**: Occurrences, the recording of which may be the content of a Work.



### CoronaWhy COVID-19 Portal



# Landing page of publications from CORD-19



Source: CoronaWhy Portal - VuFind page

# Raw structured data extracted from the page

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rdf:t	уре	rdfs:Clas	
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