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## **Making Research Data FAIR:**

**Building a CIDOC CRM Extension  
for Humanities and Social Sciences (SDHSS)**

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# LE LARHRA DANS LES HUMANITÉS NUMÉRIQUES

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## LE LABORATOIRE

Le Laboratoire de Recherche Historique Rhône-Alpes est spécialisé en histoire moderne et contemporaine. [Lire la suite](#)

## L'AGENDA DU MOIS

Toutes les manifestations à venir : colloques, séminaires, ateliers, journées d'étude, soutenances de thèses, etc... [Voir l'agenda](#)

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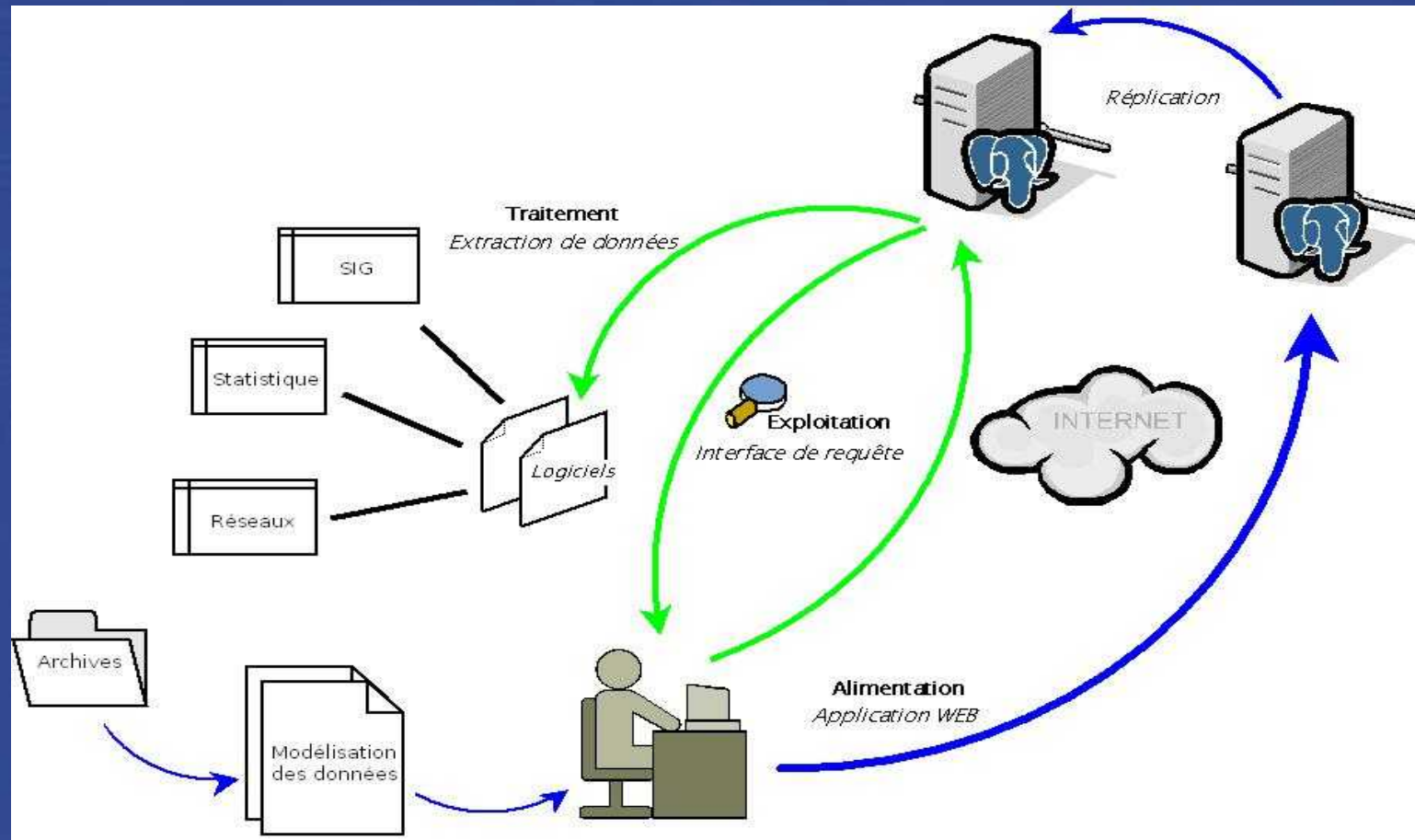
Les équipes du LARHRA organisent régulièrement des séminaires sur des sujets d'études très variés. [Lire la suite](#)

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The *symogih.org* project :

a collaborative **Virtual Research Environment**  
in the context of the Semantic Web  
and the FAIR principles

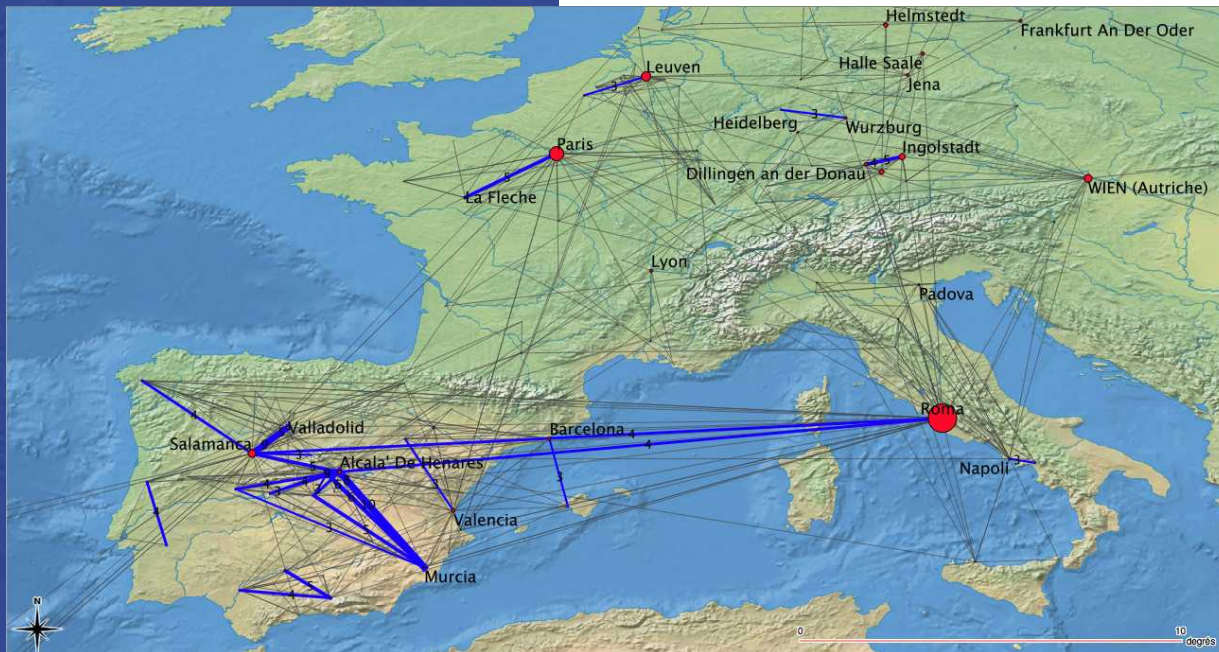
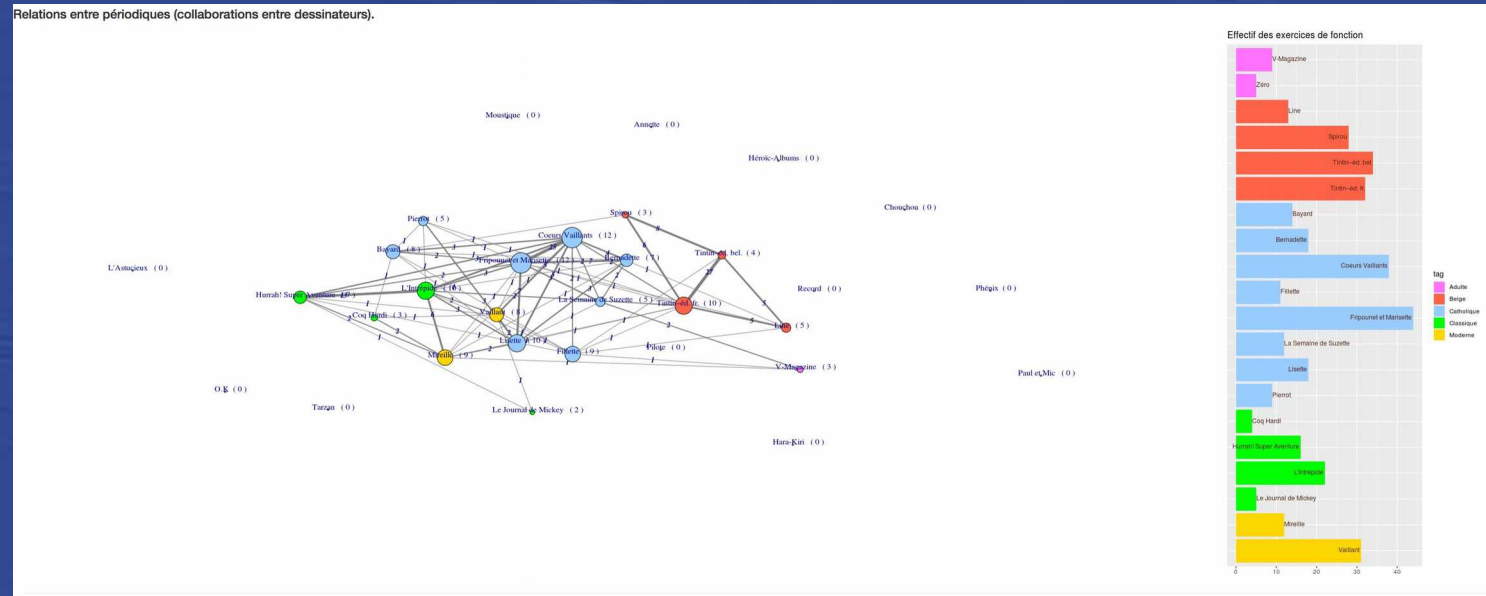
# The *symogih.org* virtual research environment



The « Système modulaire de gestion de l'information historique », *symogih.org* project was started in 2008.

About 50 scholars and students, and 15 national and international research projects used or are currently using the collaborative database to store and share historical information

# Interactive and collaborative data analysis Huma-Num RStudio-Shiny : <https://tinyurl.com/phn-shiny>



Centralité  
Centralité de :  
Degré

Choix des personnes  
 Activé  
NULL

Choix d'un ou plusieurs dessinateurs

Degré des sommets  
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Local, individual analysis  
QGIS and network analysis

# symogih.org project website : documentation of the common model and published (open) data



The screenshot shows the SYMOGIH website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Accueil', 'Documentation', and 'Membres'. Below this, a sidebar on the left contains three sections: 'Références' with links to 'Arborescence des classes de types d'unités de connaissances', 'Types d'informations', and 'Types de contenus'; 'Objets' with links to 'Acteurs', 'Acteurs collectifs', 'Objets abstraits', and 'Caractères sociaux'; and 'Sites propulsés par SyMoGIH' with a link to 'GEO-LARHRA'. The main content area features a title 'Système Modulaire de Gestion de l'Information Historique (SyMoGIH)', a sub-section 'Le projet', and two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph describes the project's goal of developing a generic model for historical data storage and selective publication, leading to a collaborative platform. The second paragraph details the platform's capabilities in storing primary data (social, economic, intellectual) in XML format, associated with spatial information, and mentions the role of a Geographic Information System (SIG). A list of features follows, highlighting progressive and evolutionary modeling of historical information through a knowledge unit dictionary. At the bottom, a large box contains the website URL.

**SYMOGIH**  
Références

Accueil | Documentation | Membres

Références

- Arborescence des classes de types d'unités de connaissances
- Types d'informations
- Types de contenus

Objets

- Acteurs
- Acteurs collectifs
- Objets abstraits
- Caractères sociaux

Sites propulsés par SyMoGIH

- GEO-LARHRA

## Système Modulaire de Gestion de l'Information Historique (SyMoGIH)

### Le projet

Le projet SyMoGIH a développé un modèle générique de stockage des données historiques permettant leur interopérabilité et leur publication sélective. A partir de ce modèle, une **plateforme collaborative** pour la recherche en histoire a été mise en place, utilisée par plusieurs chercheurs et projets.

Cette plateforme permet le stockage de données primaires concernant toute activité humaine (sociale, économique, intellectuelle, ...), de textes codés en XML (traités selon le standard proposé par la **Texte Encoding Initiative**), d'images et de leur métadonnées, tout en permettant d'associer à ces différents objets leur 'empreinte spatiale'. La réalisation d'un **système d'information géographique** (SIG) joue un rôle essentiel dans le projet.

La plateforme permet :

- la modélisation progressive et évolutive de l'information historique grâce à un dictionnaire de **types d'unités de connaissance** ;

<http://symogih.org>

# Project specific websites : Patrons de France

## PATRONS DE FRANCE



Systeme d'Information  
Patrons et Patronat  
Français  
XIXe-XXe siècles

Accueil Le corpus Aide à la consultation Consultation Sources dépouillées Contributeurs

### Accès rapide à la base

- Patrons
- Institutions
- Caractères sociaux
- Lieux

### Contributions et contact

Les détenteurs d'exemplaires de bulletins ou d'annuaires indiqués comme manquants dans les collections dépouillées jusqu'à maintenant sont invités à nous contacter en envoyant un message à [patronsdefrance@ish-lyon.cnrs.fr](mailto:patronsdefrance@ish-lyon.cnrs.fr).

### Consultation : liste des patrons

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Nom, prénom Année de naissance Lieu de naissance

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Nom, prénom	Genre	Année de naissance	Lieu de naissance	Année de décès
Acher, Maximilien	Homme	1862	Le Havre	1929
Acolas, Prospère	Homme	1838	Saint-Bonnet-Tronçais	1928
Adam, Alcide	Homme	1864	Ferrières	1931
Adam, Désiré	Homme	1859	Saint-Paul-du-Vernay	1929
Adenot, Henri	Homme	1904		1947
Ader, Clément	Homme	1841	Muret	1925
Adher, Pierre	Homme	1884		1955
Adnet, Aloïse	Homme	1848	Chalons-en-Champagne	1927
Agache, Donat	Homme	1882	Lille	1929
Agache, Edouard Donat Louis Joseph	Homme	1841	Lille	1923

<http://patronsdefrance.fr/>

# SPARQL Endpoint

Défi données MaDICS-ADOC 2018 : [tinyurl.com/data-challenge-2018](http://tinyurl.com/data-challenge-2018)




Enrichir et exploiter un corpus de données historiques  
publiées sous forme de LOD.

Le projet *SIPROJURIS*.



Système d'information des professeurs de droit (1804-1950)

**SIPROJURIS**

Bienvenue sur le site du projet SIPROJURIS.



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<http://siprojuris.symogih.org>



# Linked Open Research Data :

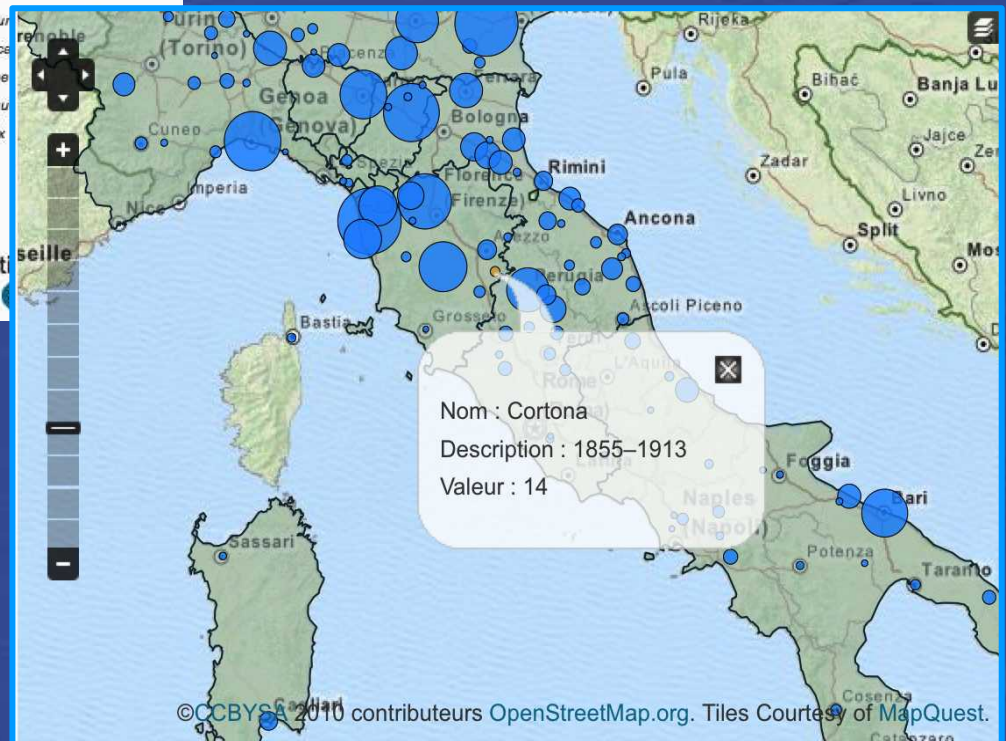
use the semantic web for historical research



## SPARQL – endpoint B3Kat

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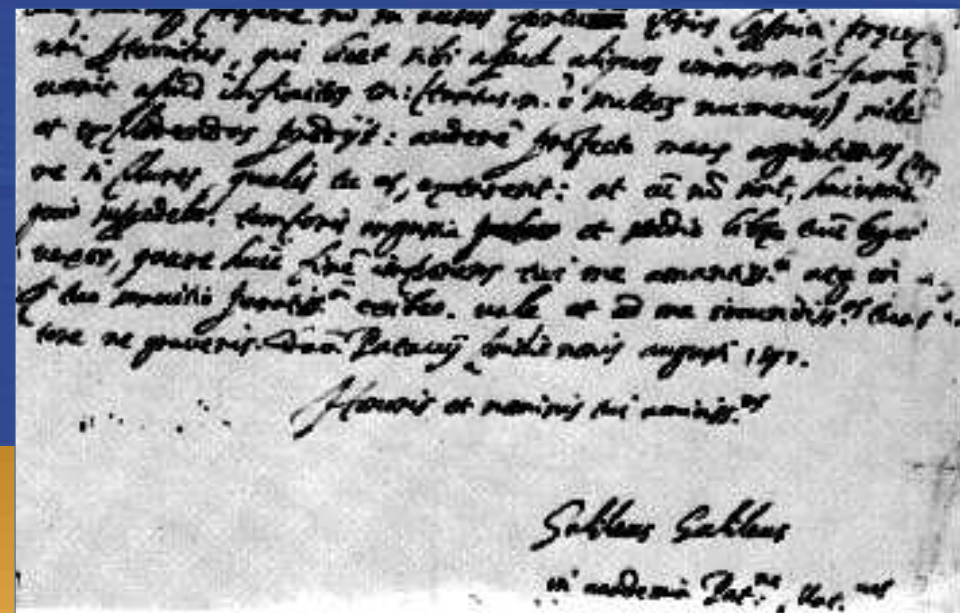
<https://lod.b3kat.de/doc/sparql-endpoint>





# Galileo Galilei, Letter to Johannes Kepler, Padua, 4. August 1597

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## SYMOGIIH.ORG

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- Objets abstraits
- Caractères sociaux
- Formes concrètes

## Galilei, Galileo - Lettre adressée à Kepler, Johannes

Info3366

Type d'information: **Lettre - TyIn1**

Date: 1597-08-04

### Composantes de l'information

Rôles   Textes   Sources

Libellé de l'objet	Type de rôle	Clé du rôle
Galilei, Galileo	auteur (être I')	InRo8646
Lettre à Giovanni Kepler, 04/08/1597	création (être une)	InRo8647
Kepler, Johannes	destination (être la)	InRo9279
Padova	localiser	InRo55897
Graz	destination (être la)	InRo55898

Galileo Galilei taught mathematics at the University of Padua from 1592 and 1610

**Factoids** : mentions of states of affairs in the sources

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## Galilei, Galileo - Enseigne : Mathématiques, auprès de : Université de Padoue

Info94542

Type d'information: [Enseignement](#) - TyIn97

Date: 1592

### Composantes de l'information

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Université de Padoue	concerner	InRo261101
<u>Mathématiques</u>	enseigné (être)	InRo261102

**Factual information**: states of affairs as such

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The issue of *research data interoperability*  
in historical sciences and, more in general,  
in the humanities and social sciences

Findable

Accessible

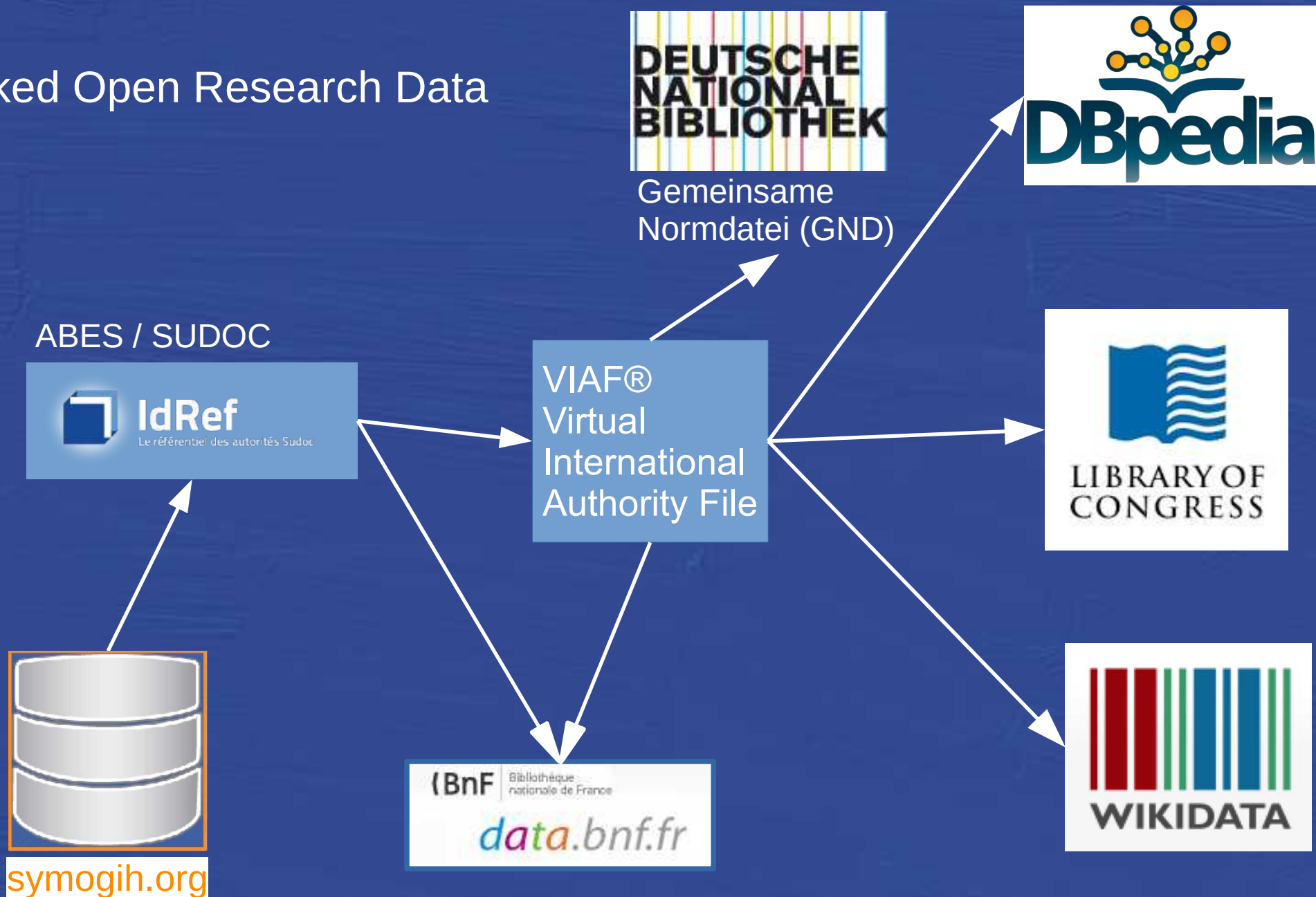
Interoperable

Re-usable

«There is an urgent need to improve the infrastructure supporting the **reuse** of scholarly data »

Wilkinson, Mark D., Michel Dumontier, Ijsbrand Jan Aalbersberg, Gabrielle Appleton, Myles Axton, Arie Baak, Niklas Blomberg, et al. “*The FAIR Guiding Principles for Scientific Data Management and Stewardship.*” *Scientific Data* 3 (March 15, 2016): 160018.

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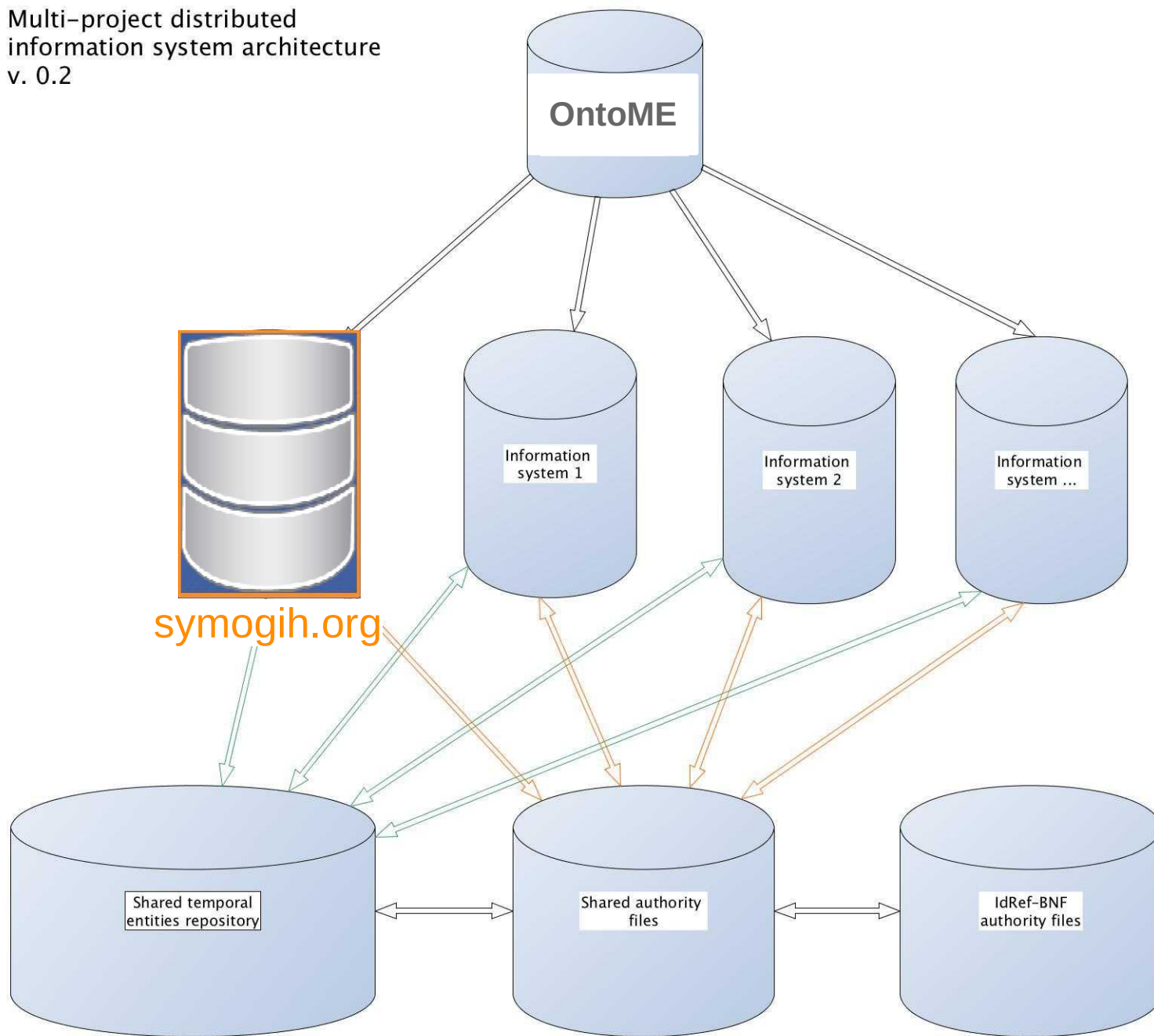
[symogih.org](http://symogih.org)

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# The FAIR Data Principles

## To be Interoperable:

- I1. (meta)data use a *formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation*.
- I2. (meta)data use *vocabularies that follow FAIR principles*.
- I3. (meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data.

## To be Re-usable:

- R1. meta(data) have a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes.
  - R1.1. (meta)data are released with a *clear and accessible data usage license*.
  - R1.2. (meta)data are associated with their *provenance*.
  - R1.3. (meta)data meet ***domain-relevant community standards***.

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# Foundational ontologies & modelling best practices

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# A relevant distinction : information is not knowledge

## Historical factual information

“In 1592, Galileo Galilei was hired by the University of Padua, where he taught mathematics until 1610.”

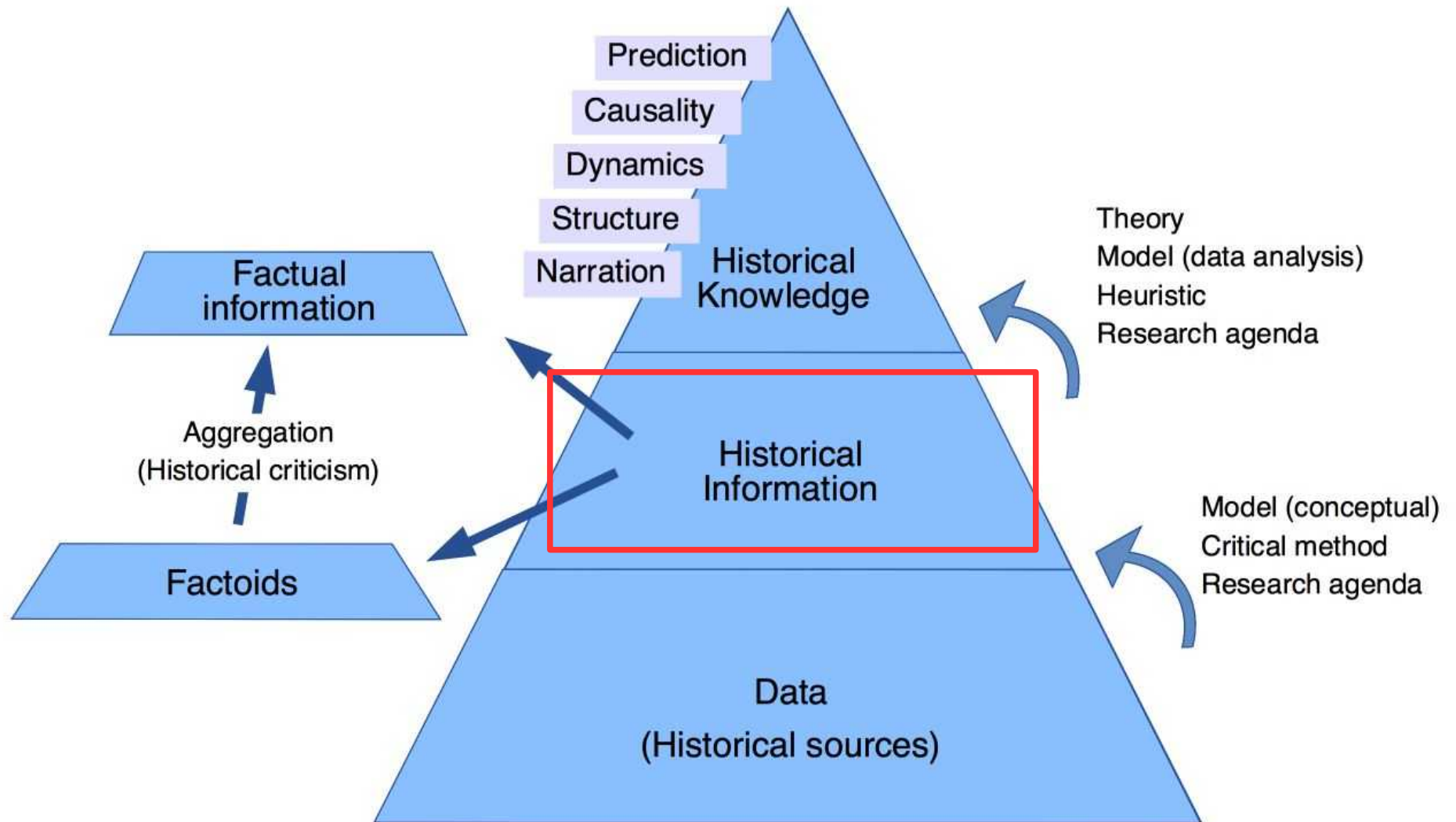
Letter by A to B, 11 March 1616 / Dictionary of astronomers, 2020

## Historical knowledge

“Galileo Galilei was convicted in 1633 not because of heresy but for political reasons, in the context of the Thirty Years' War.”

Dictionary of astronomers, 2020

# Factual information as the basis of the production of knowledge



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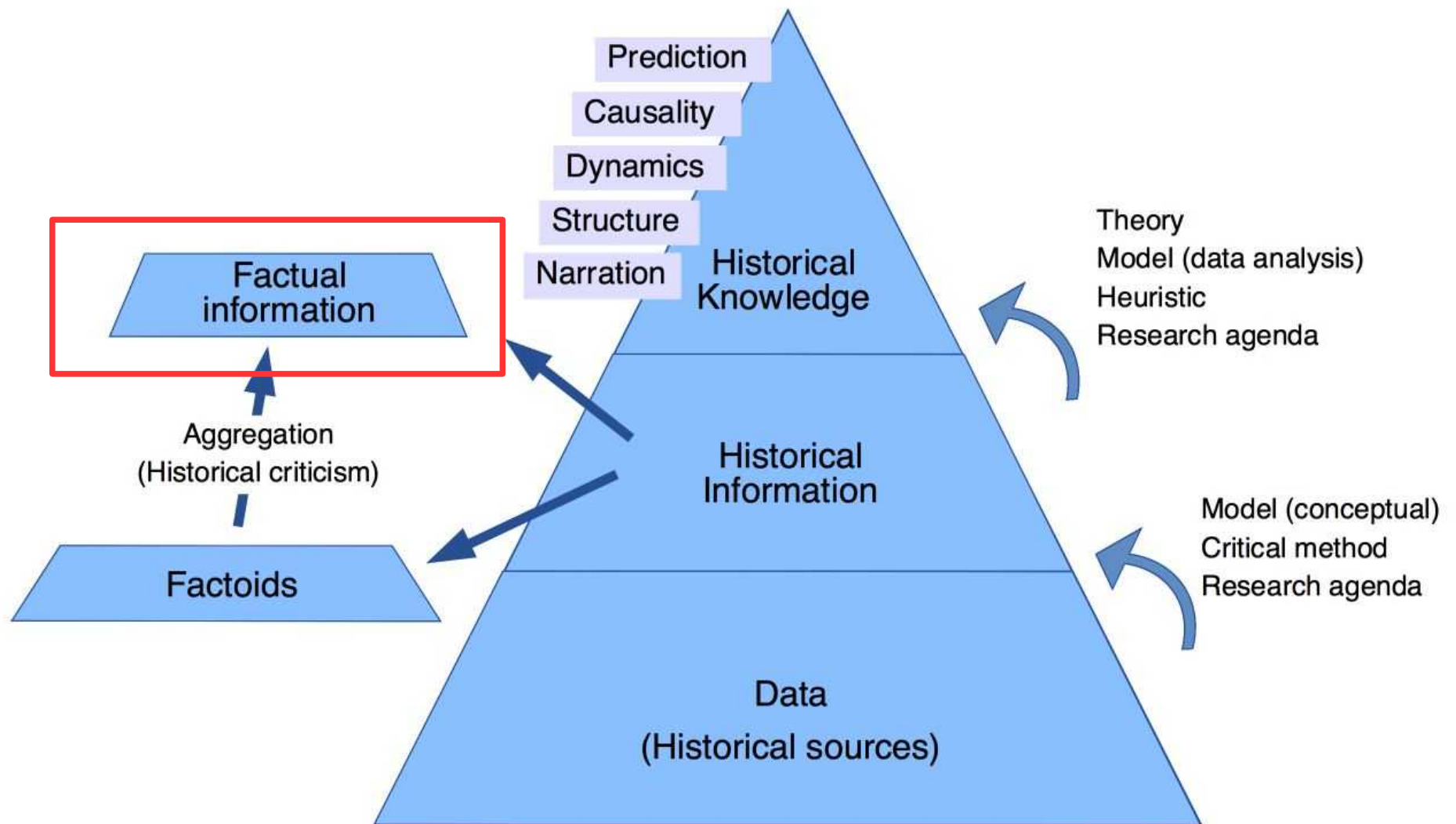
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# Our focus : modelling factual information



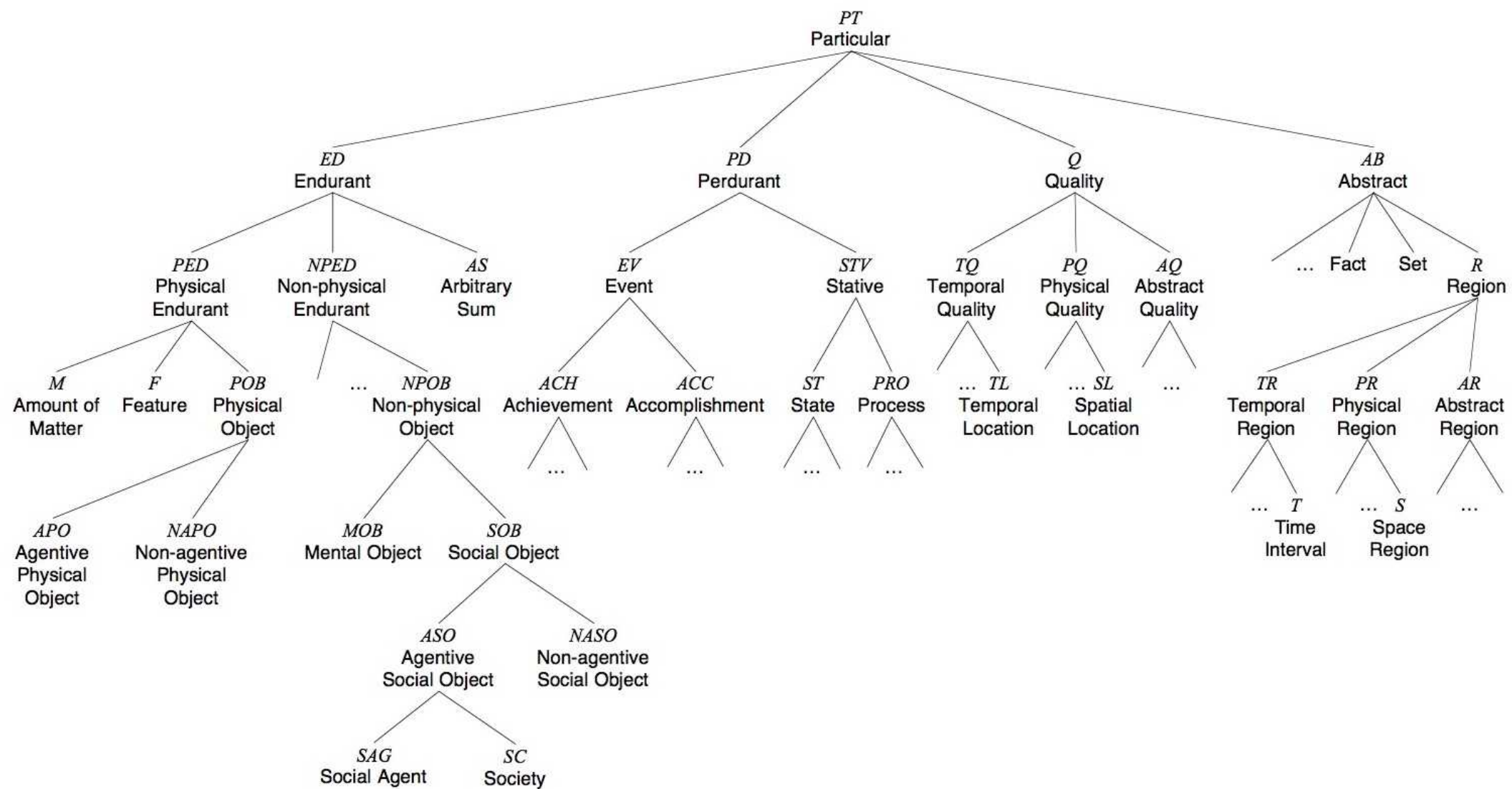
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The issue of a *suitable conceptualization* :

## **Foundational ontologies**

were developed to support the  
verification and improvement

of the **conceptualization** of a **domain of discourse**.



Descriptive Ontology for Linguistic and Cognitive Engineering (DOLCE) – a foundational ontology designed in 2002 in the context of the WonderWeb EU project, developed by Nicola Guarino and his associates at the Laboratory for Applied Ontology (LOA) – WonderWeb Deliverable D18, p.14

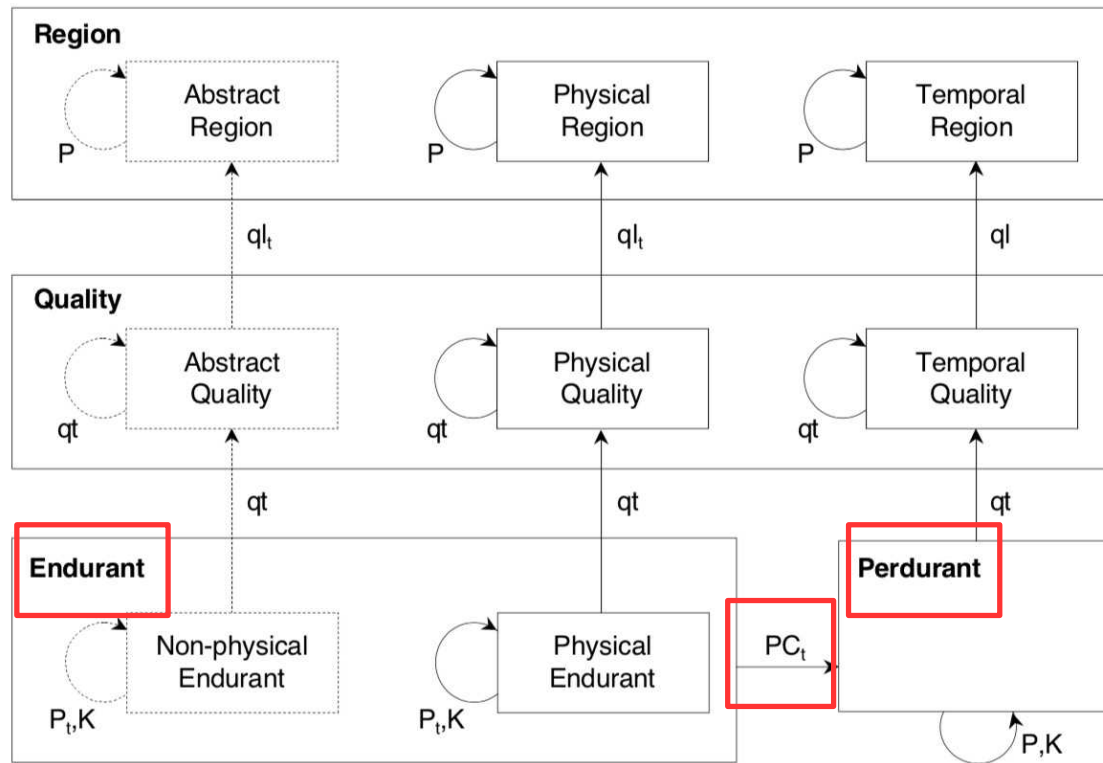


Figure 4: Primitive relations between basic categories (the dotted lines to the left indicate that we are less confident with what concerns non-physical endurants).

#### 4.2.7 Participation

(Dd63)  $PC_C(x, y) \triangleq \exists t(PRE(y, t)) \wedge \forall t(PRE(y, t) \rightarrow PC(x, y, t))$  (Const. Participation)

(Dd64)  $PC_T(x, y, t) \triangleq PD(y) \wedge \forall z((P(z, y) \wedge PRE(z, t)) \rightarrow PC(x, z, t))$   
(Temporary Total Participation)

(Dd65)  $PC_T(x, y) \triangleq \exists t(ql_T(t, y) \wedge PC_T(x, y, t))$  (Total Participation)

(Dd66)  $mpc(x, y) \triangleq x = \sigma_z(PC_T(z, y))$  (Maximal Participant)

(Dd67)  $mppc(x, y) \triangleq x = \sigma_z(PC_T(z, y) \wedge PED(z))$  (Maximal Physical Participant)

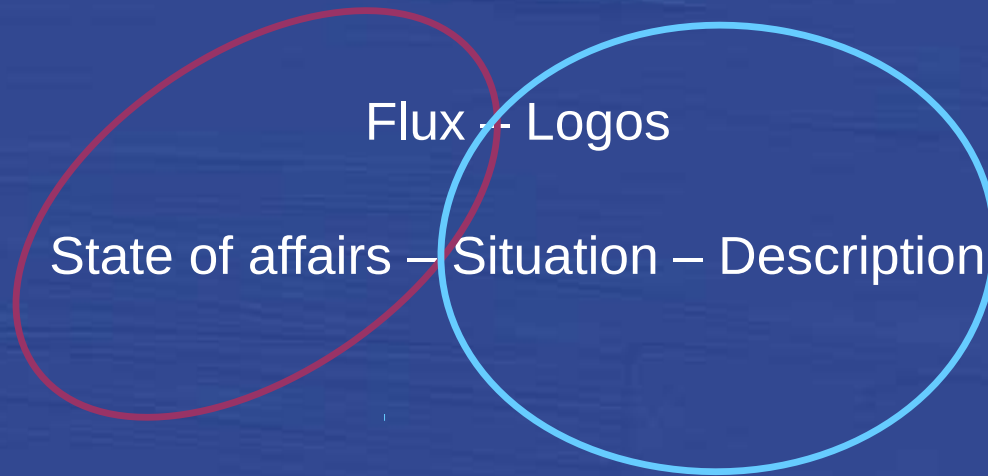
(Dd68)  $lf(x, y) \triangleq x = \sigma_z(PC_T(y, z))$  (Life)

# Descriptions and Situations (DnS)

Flux – Logos

State of affairs – Situation – Description

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State of affairs – Situation – Description





Descriptions  
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DnS

social phenomena

Person

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Role

physical or biological phenomena

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Person

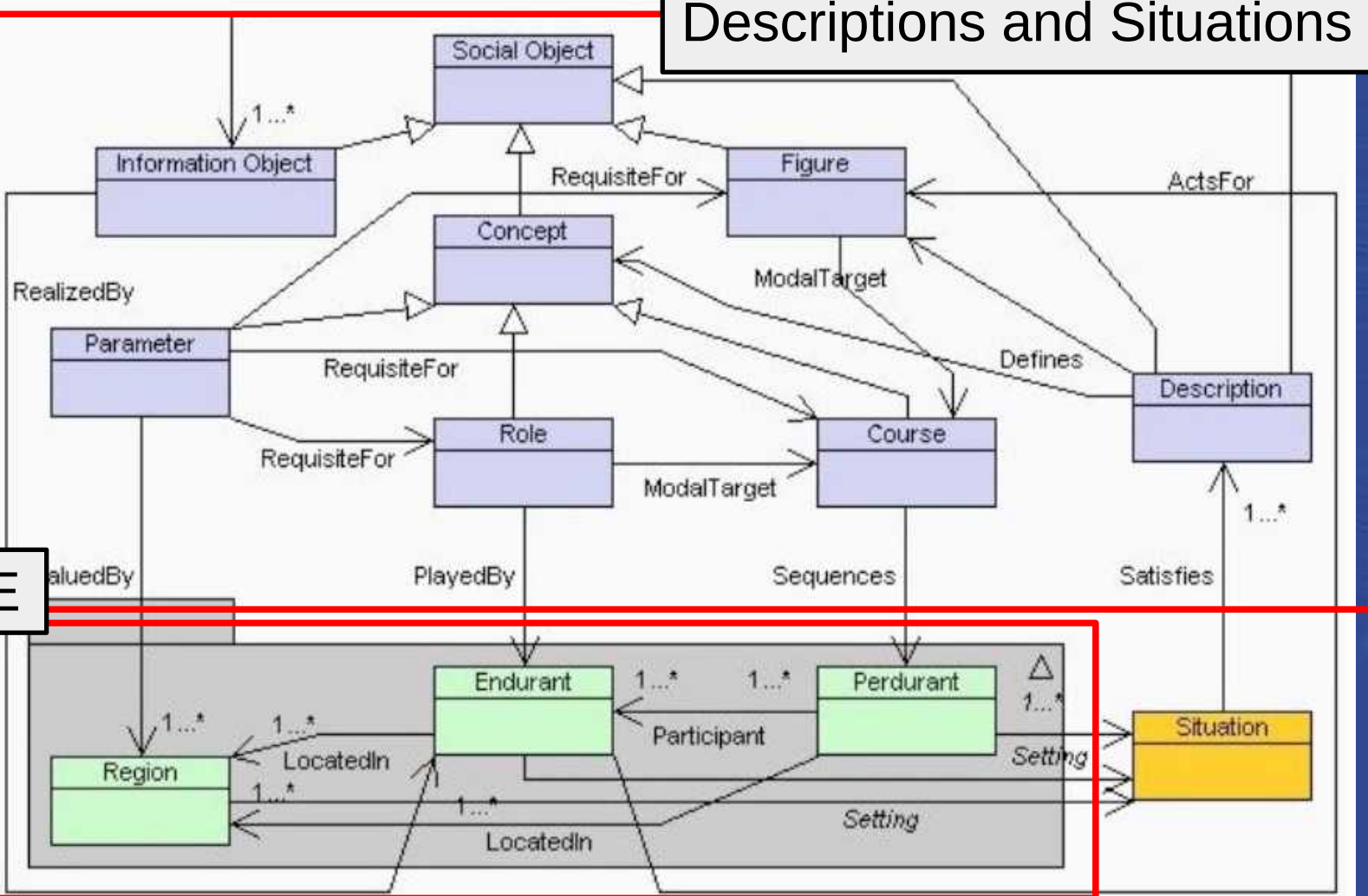
is born in

Town

Dog

is born in

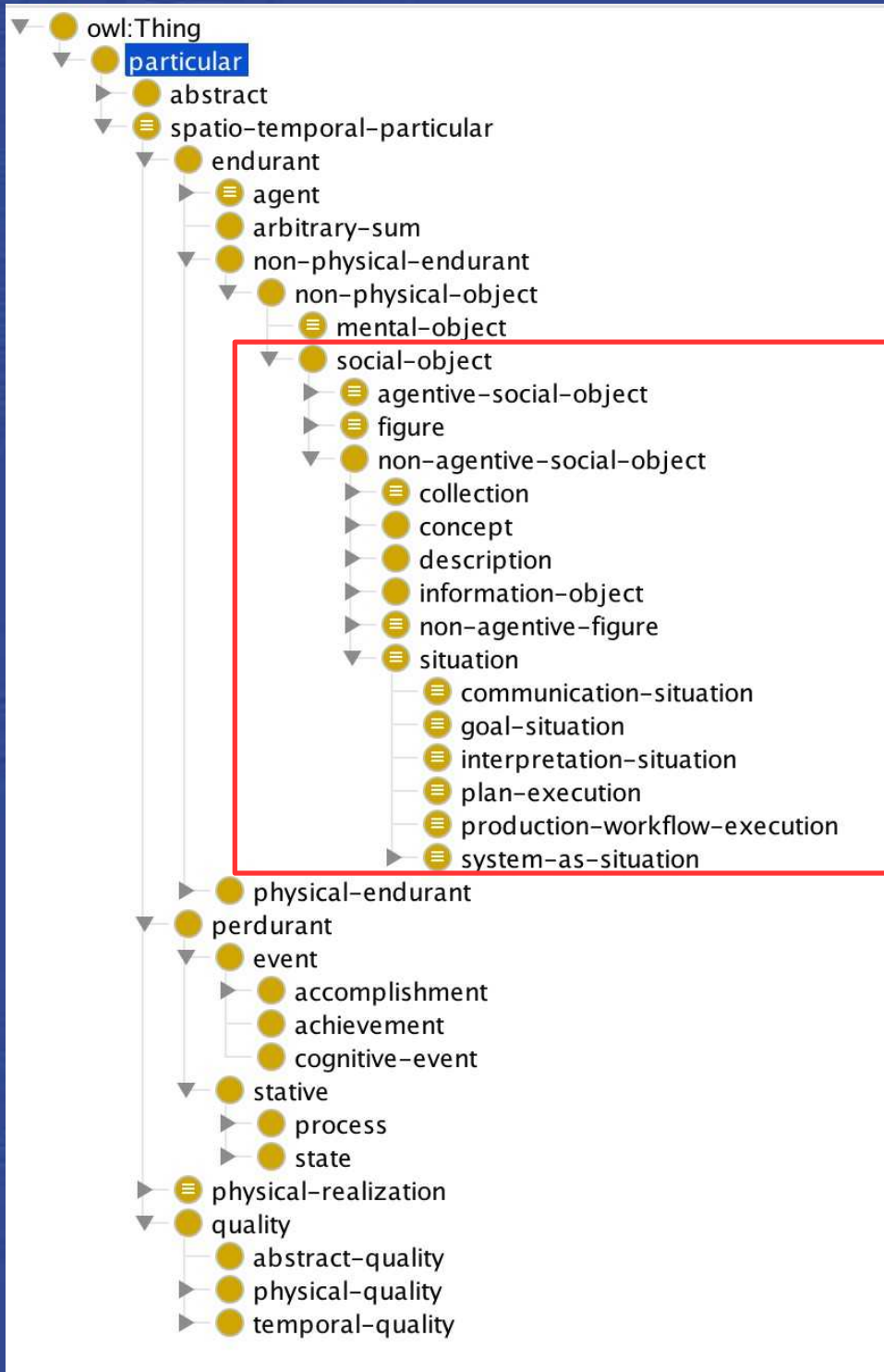
Village



DOLCE

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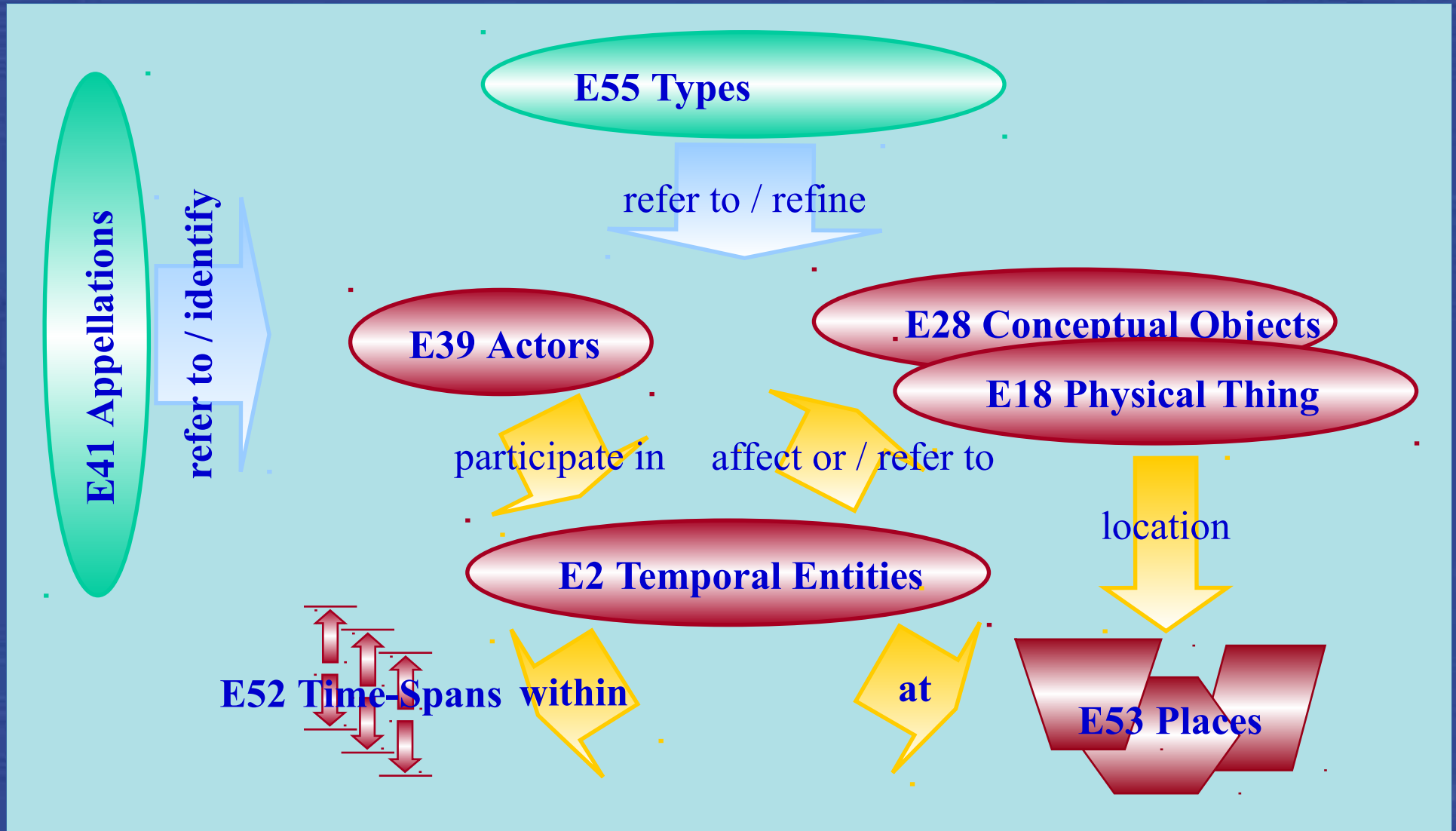
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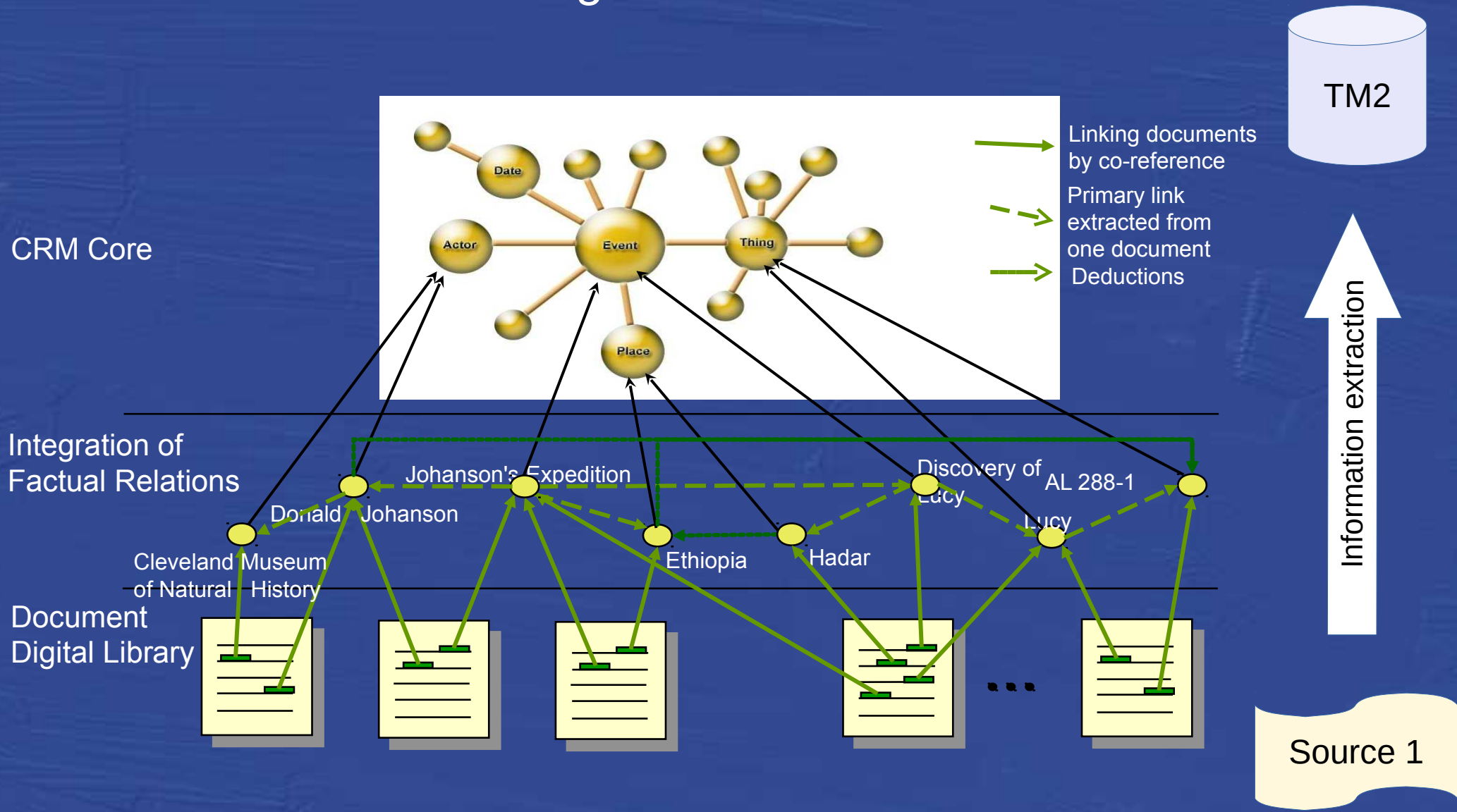
a high-level extension for humanities and social sciences

The CIDOC CRM ( ISO21127:2006 )  
A semantic framework that provides *interoperability*  
between different sources of **cultural heritage information**



Stephen Stead (2008)

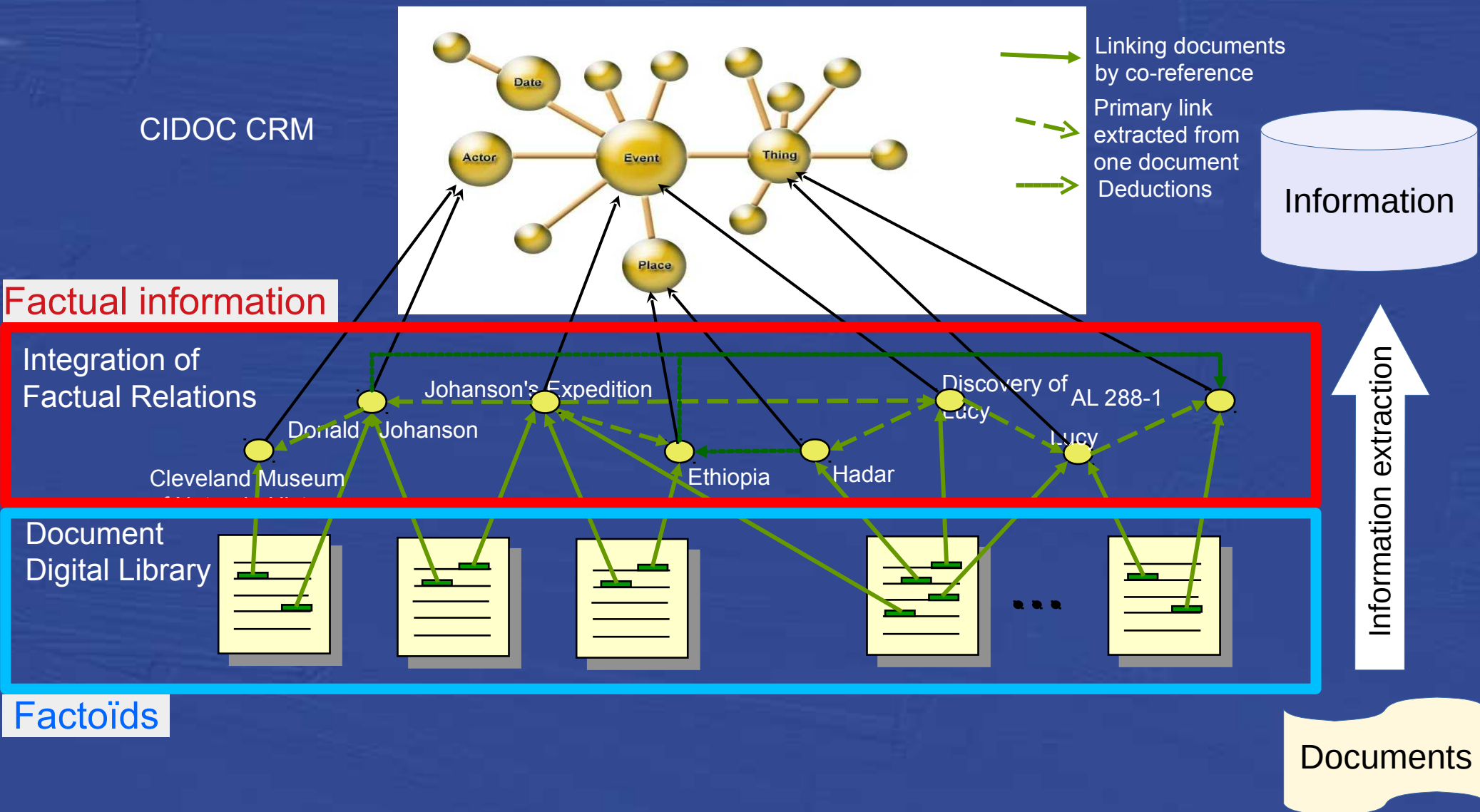
# Integration of information extracted from documents using the CIDOC CRM



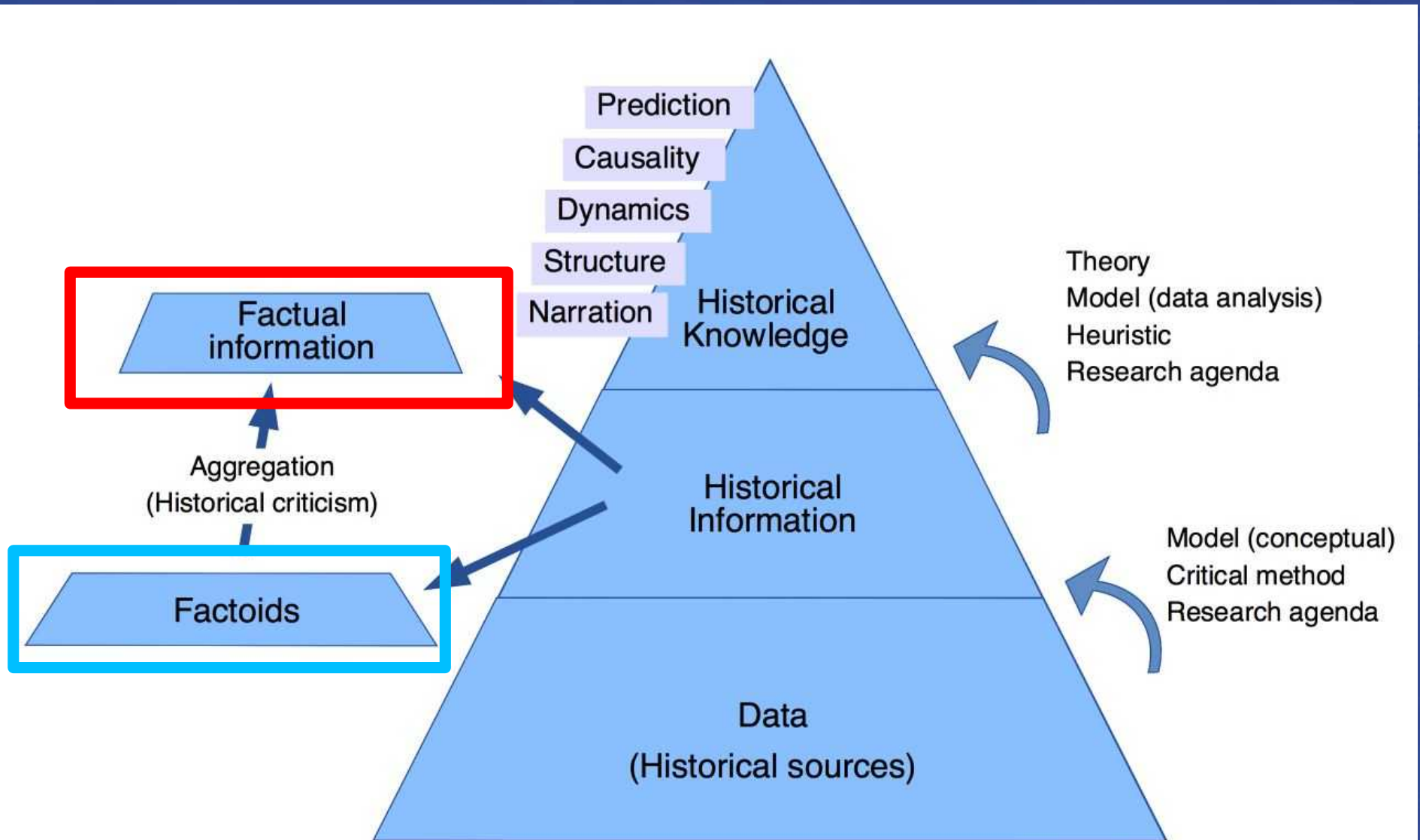
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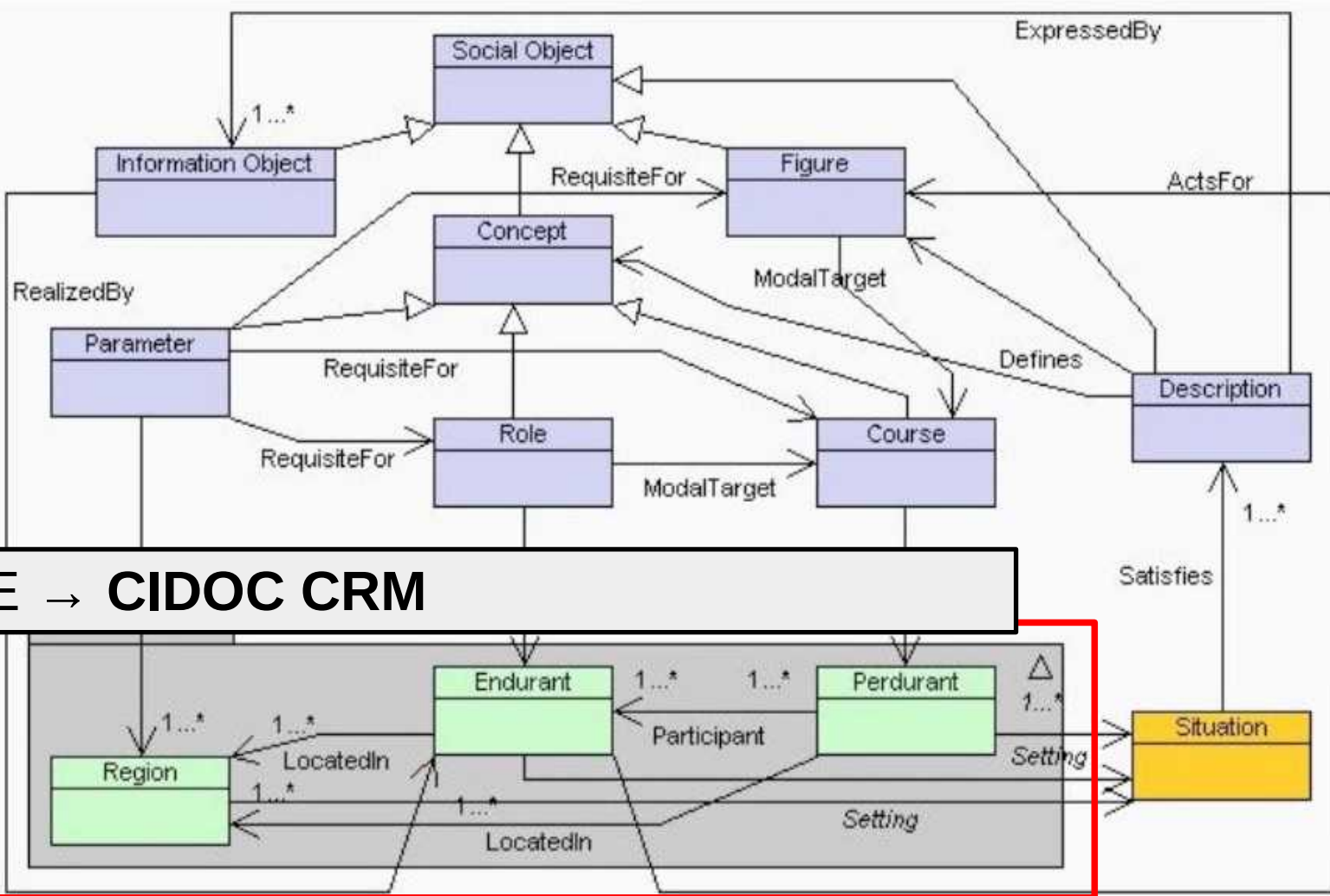
# Integration of information extracted from documents using the CIDOC CRM



# Integration of factual information



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**DOLCE → CIDOC CRM**

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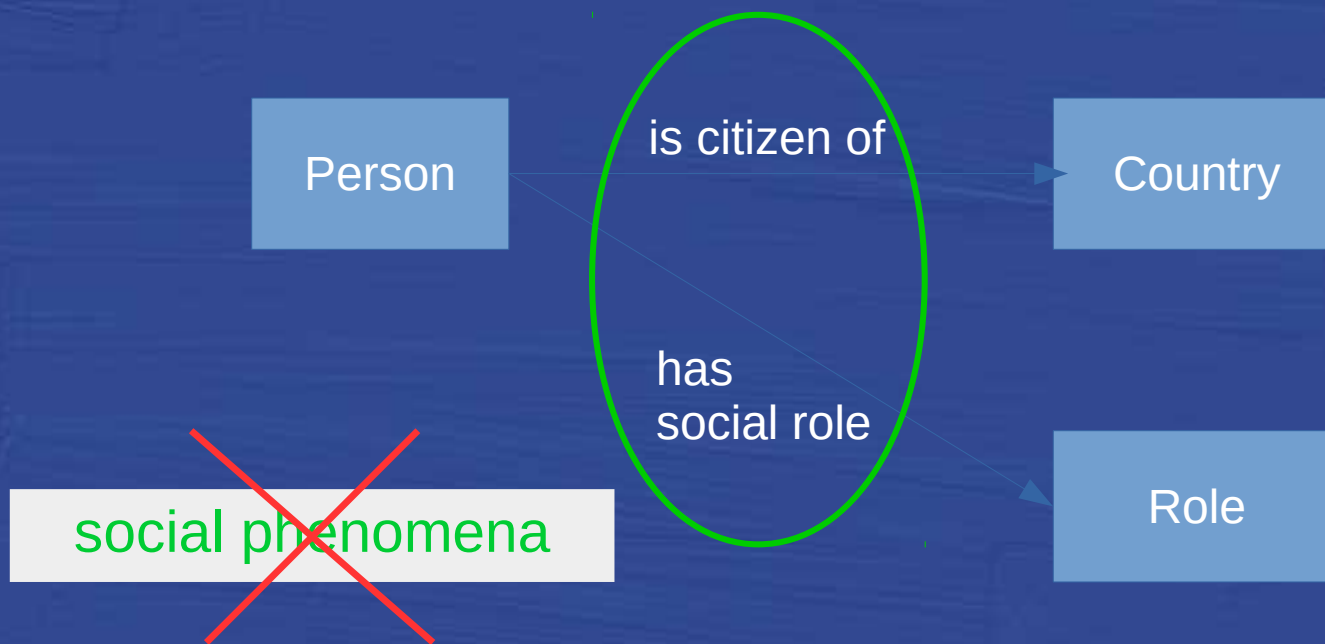
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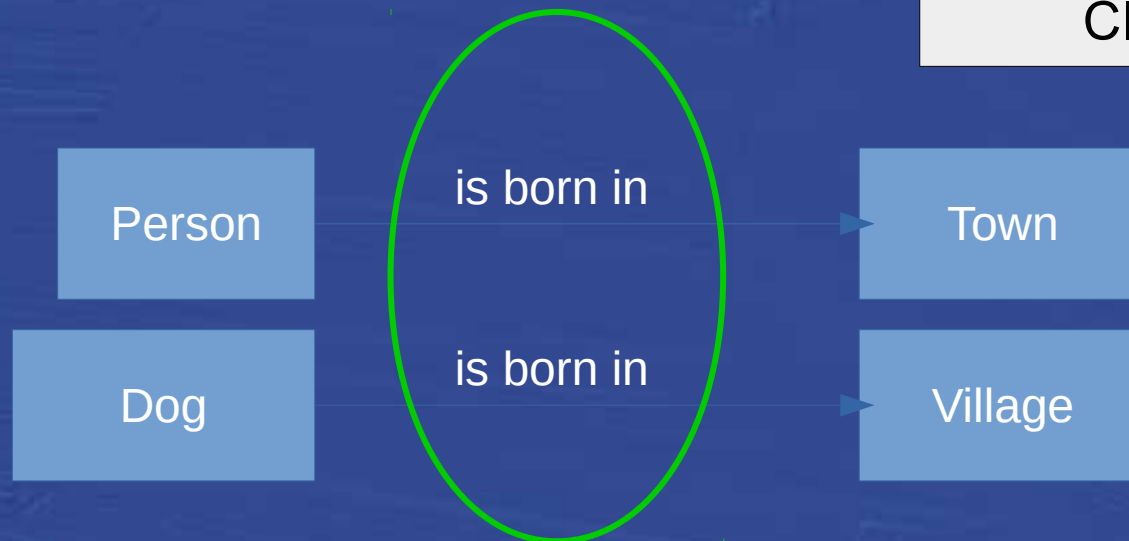


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# Semantic Data for Humanities and Social Sciences (SDHSS) CIDOC CRM Top-Level Extension

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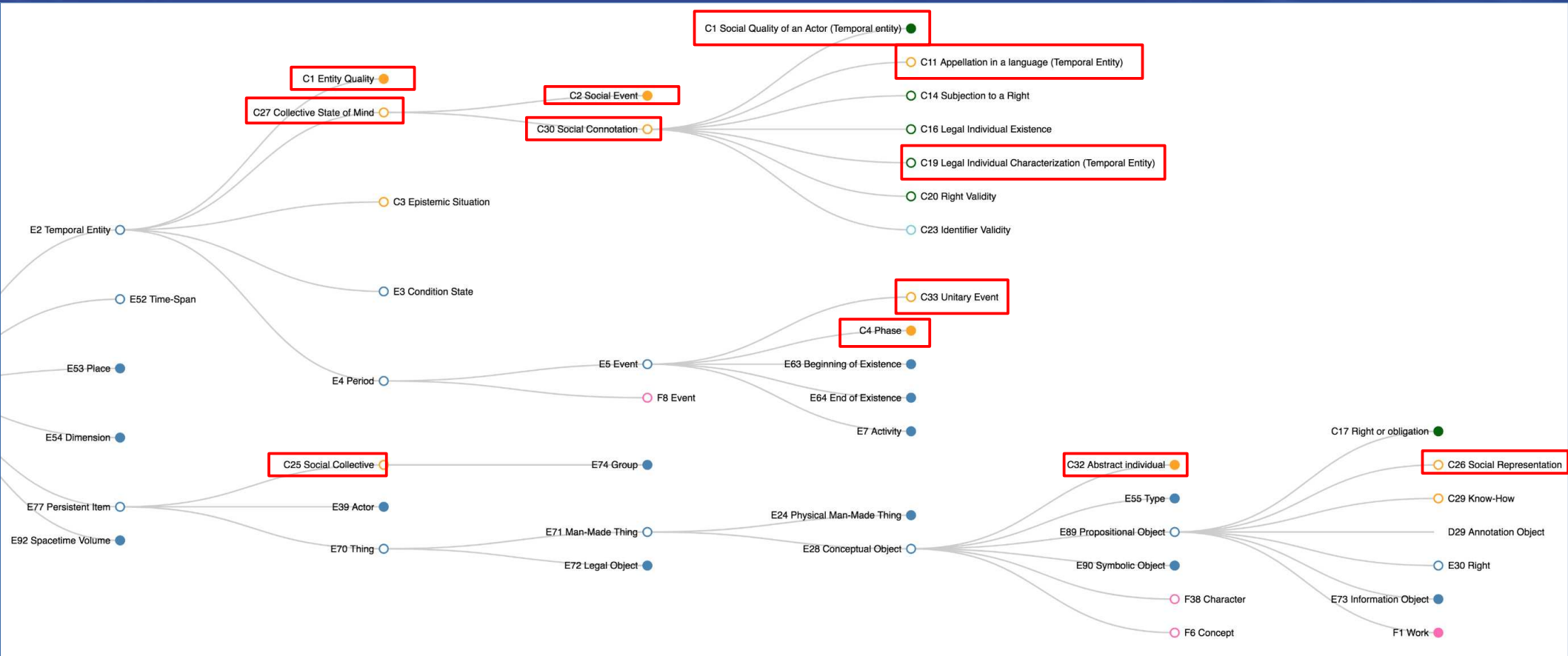
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The extension of CIDOC CRM for semantic data for humanities and social sciences (SDHSS) stems from the need to conceptualise the reality in the world, and more specifically factual information, from the point of view of historical research. The [ontological commitment](#) is therefore related to the domain of discourse of history but insofar as history, as a discipline that studies the life of humans and societies in the past, is interested in all the different aspects of social, economic, political, religious, literary and cultural life, the scope of this extension could be defined as the whole of social and human life, apprehended from the descriptive point of view, and global approach to reality, that characterises historical research.

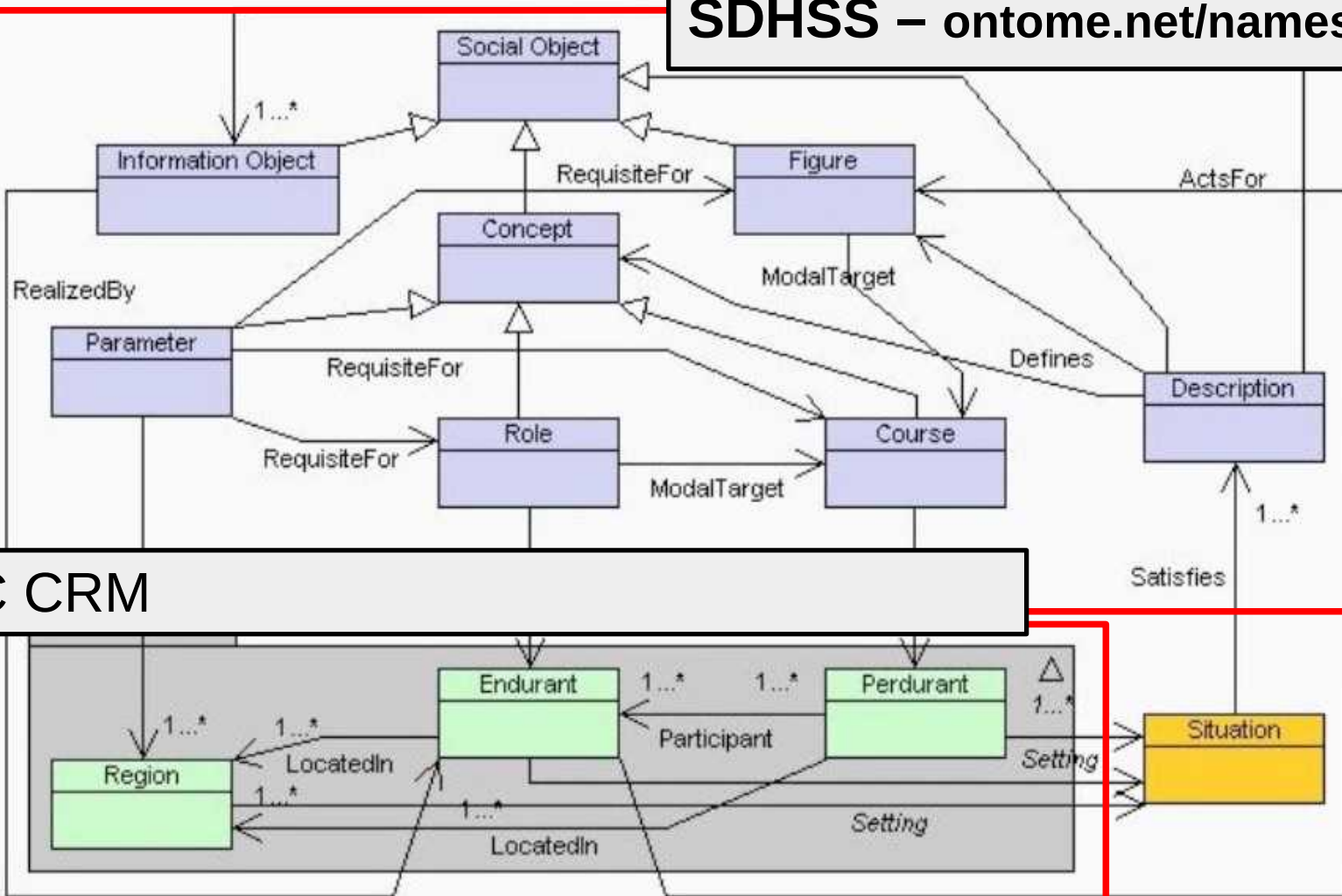
This definition of the scope or domain modelled is based on the conviction that in a [constructivist approach of scientific knowledge](#), a conceptualisation and data model can only be developed from the point of view of a specific discipline because *scientific objects* do not exist in the absolute but depend on the method and research agenda. They depend on the perspective or epistemic context researchers adopt in considering states of affairs: *scientific objects*, and [semantic models modelling them](#), are not declared to be the only appropriate and exclusive representation of *things* in the pre-Kantian sense but defined as *intentional objects* constructed from the point of view of a discipline and methodological approach in relation to things in the world. Scientific objects are not the things in the world themselves, even if they must necessarily refer to them by way of observation or experimentation, if a scientific and therefore realistic approach is to be maintained. This corresponds to the notion of inter-objectivity in social sciences relying on the distinction between things in themselves and things as perceived, experienced and discussed by human subjects, in their [shared intentionality](#) and in relation to their social practices and context.

[ontome.net/namespace/11](https://ontome.net/namespace/11)

# SDHSS and extension for social life



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& modelling best practices

DOLCE + Descriptions and Situations  
& object-oriented modelling principles

Generic, domain related core ontology

CIDOC CRM

SDHSS

Domain related extensions

Research agenda

CRM  
Archaeo

FRBRoo

Society  
& Law  
(SDHSS)

Literary life  
(SDHSS)

Research agenda

CRMsoc

CRMgeo

Education &  
Universities  
(SDHSS)

Ships &  
navigation  
(SDHSS)

Research specific data model

Projects' research specific extensions

Application profiles

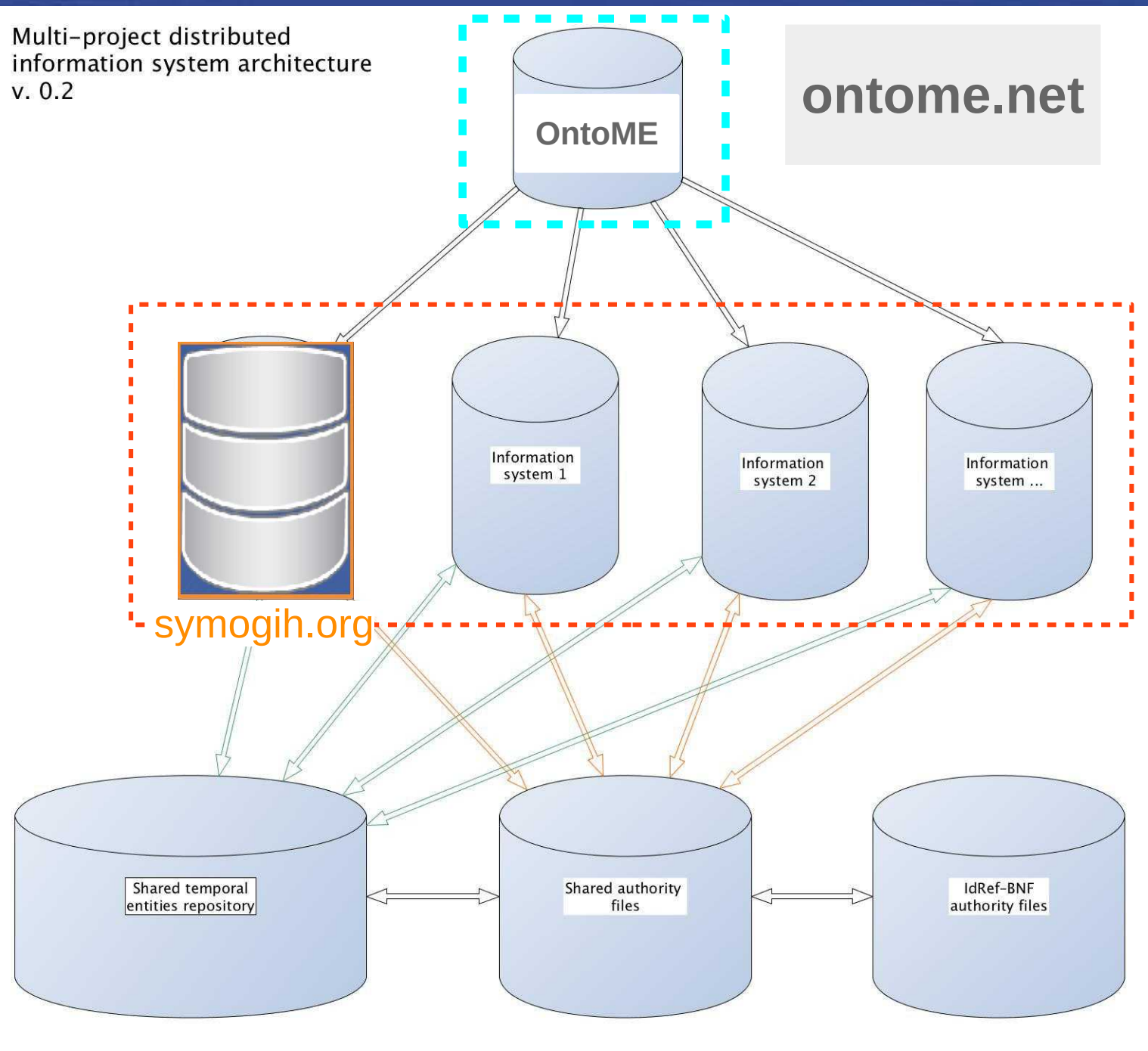
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Interoperable research data

3.

Developing extensions devoted to specific sub-domains  
and managing a communal ontology development

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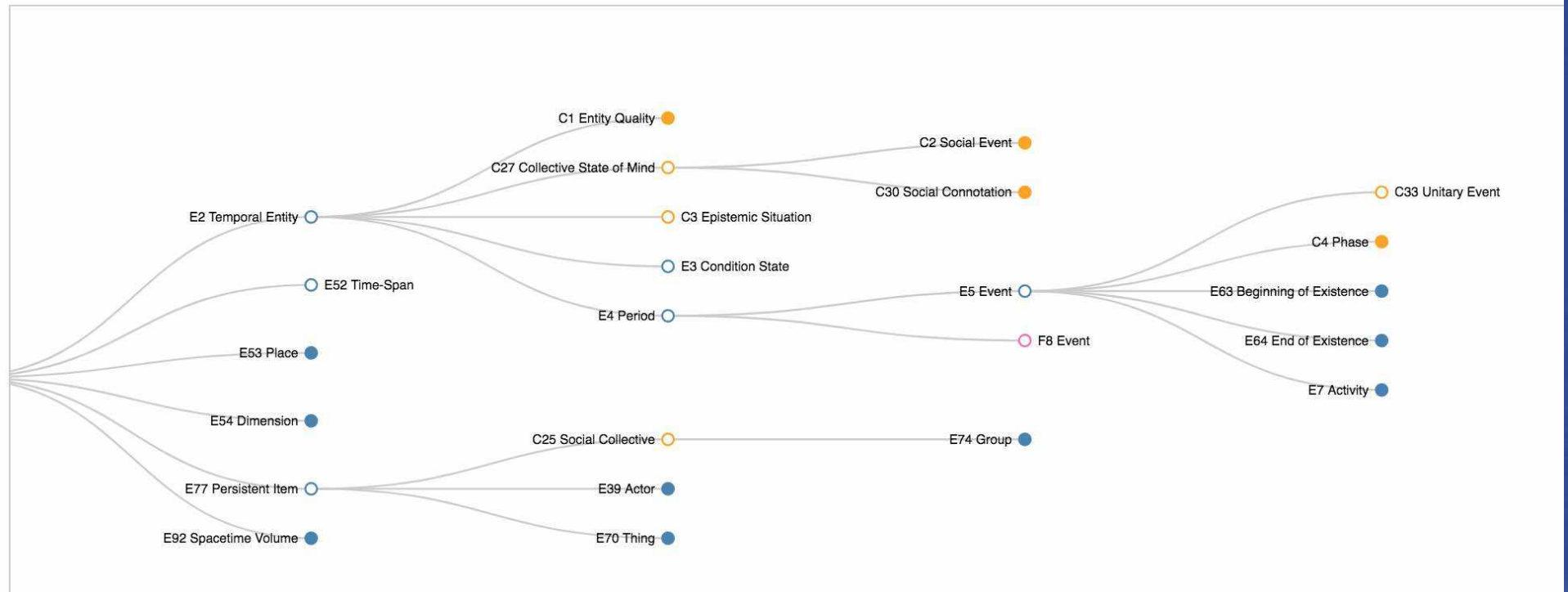


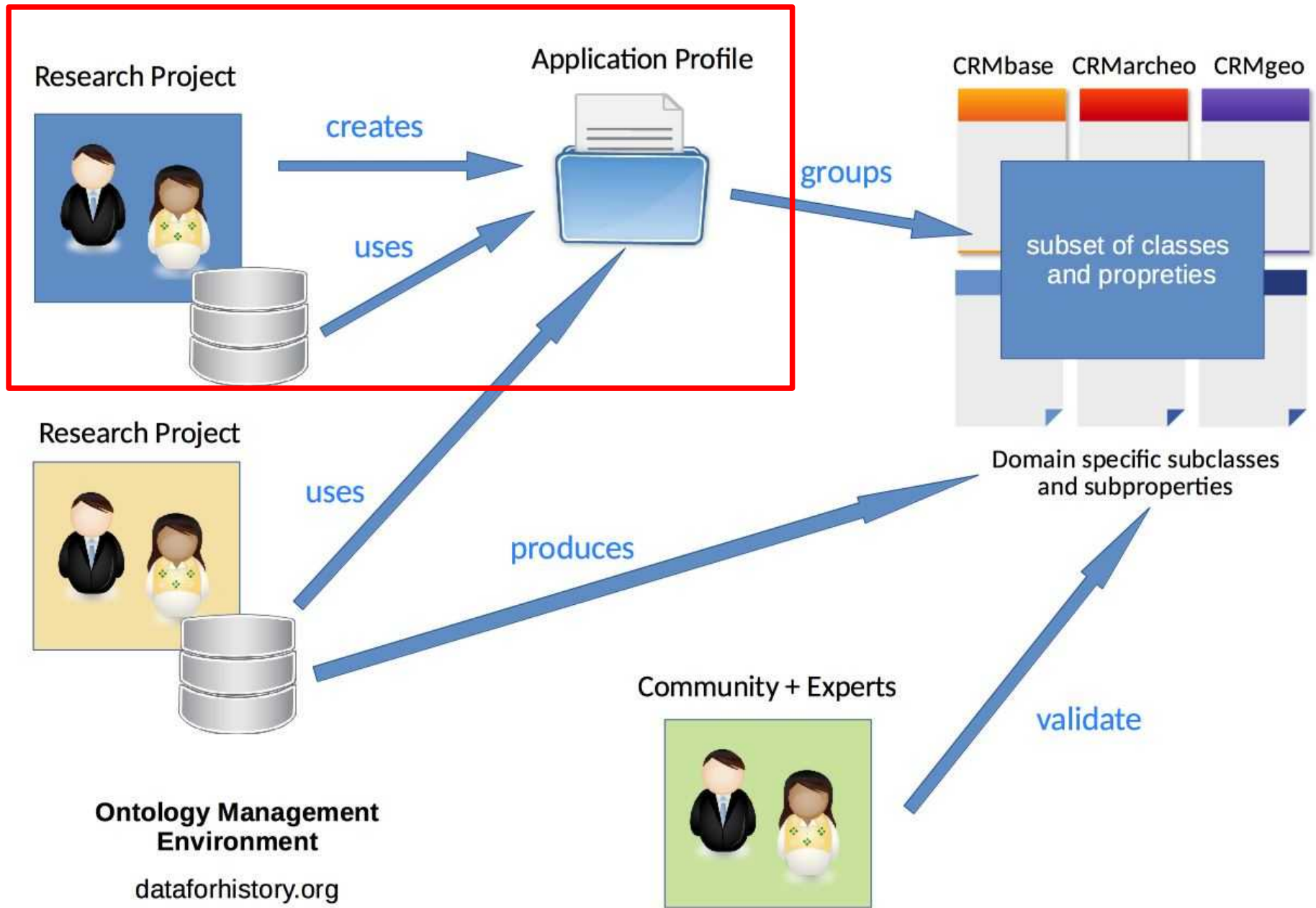
## Classes tree

C2 Study (#424) ▾

Reset

 Use mouse wheel





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# Retrieve your project's application profiles from an API

<https://ontome.net/api/classes-profile.json?lang=en&available-in-profile=8>

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5:
  pk_class: 61
  identifier_in_namespace: "E67"
  class_standard_label: "Birth"
  fk_system_type: 9
  type_label: "Temporal Entity"
  root_namespace: "CIDOC CRM"
  profile_association_type: "selected"
  pk_profile: 1
  profile_label: "BHP new data model v. 0.1"
  pk_project: 1
  project_label: "BHP - symogih.org"

6:
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  identifier_in_namespace: "histC7"
  class_standard_label: "Human being existence"
  fk_system_type: 9
  type_label: "Temporal Entity"
  root_namespace: "Data for history"
  profile_association_type: "selected"
  pk_profile: 1
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Geovistory

geovistory.com/projects/84760/edit

Home / Your Projects / Maritime history

All ship voyages

Date: Apr 2, 1595 AD

Activated Place: Jakarta ID

Value of Place at Date: 0

show details

geovistory.com

CESIUM Ion Data attribution

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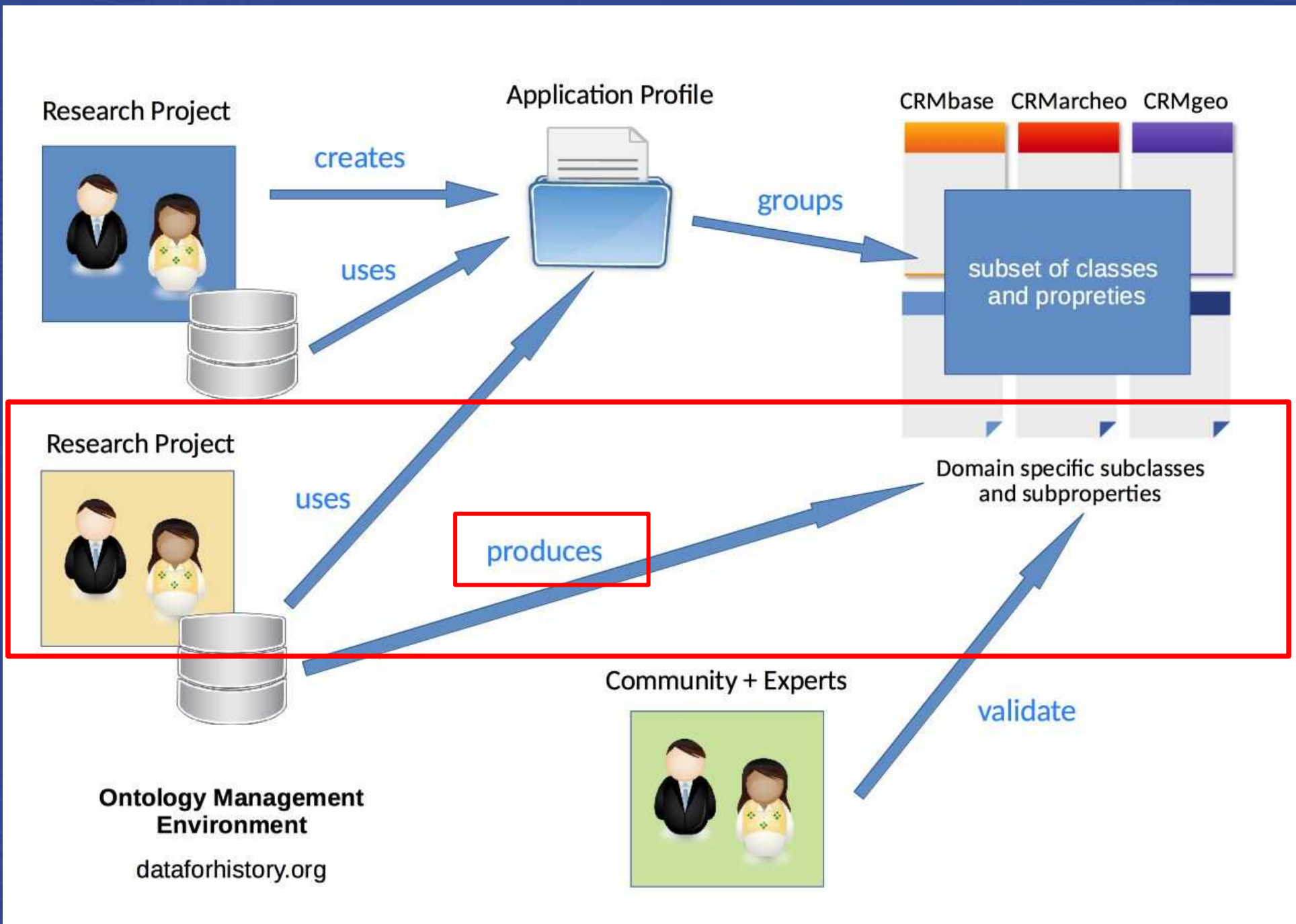
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Active: Jakarta ID

Settings

feedback

Geovistory : a new VRE for the symogih.org project  
developed by *kleiolab.ch* (Basel)



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Maritime History:  
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## Man-Made Object – E22

## Ship – C2

### C2 Ship

Subclass of: [E22 Man-Made Object](#)

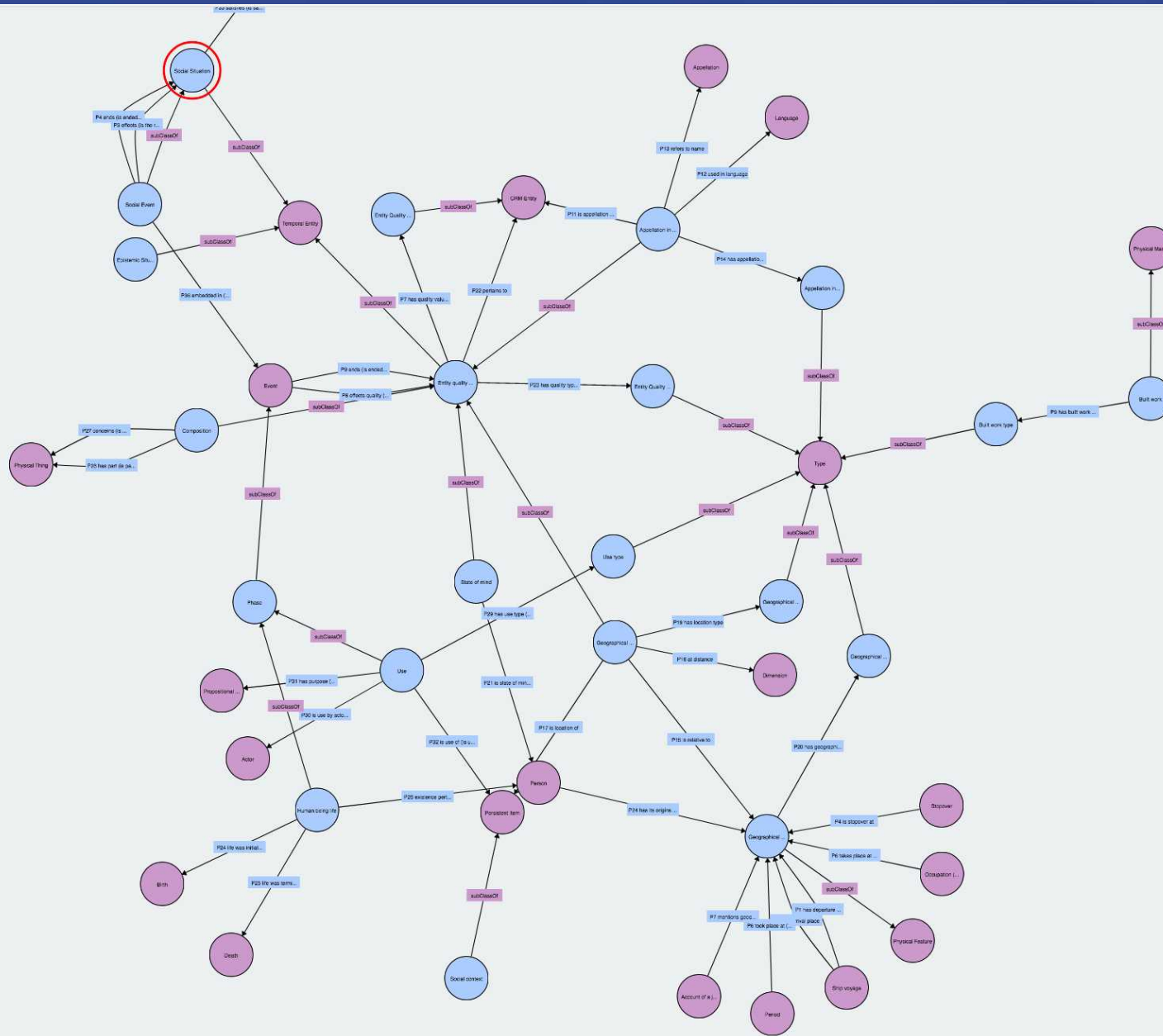
Scope note: Used to denote a watercraft that travels the world's oceans and other sufficiently deep waterways, carrying passengers or goods, or in support of specialized missions, such as defense, research and fishing.

Examples: tba

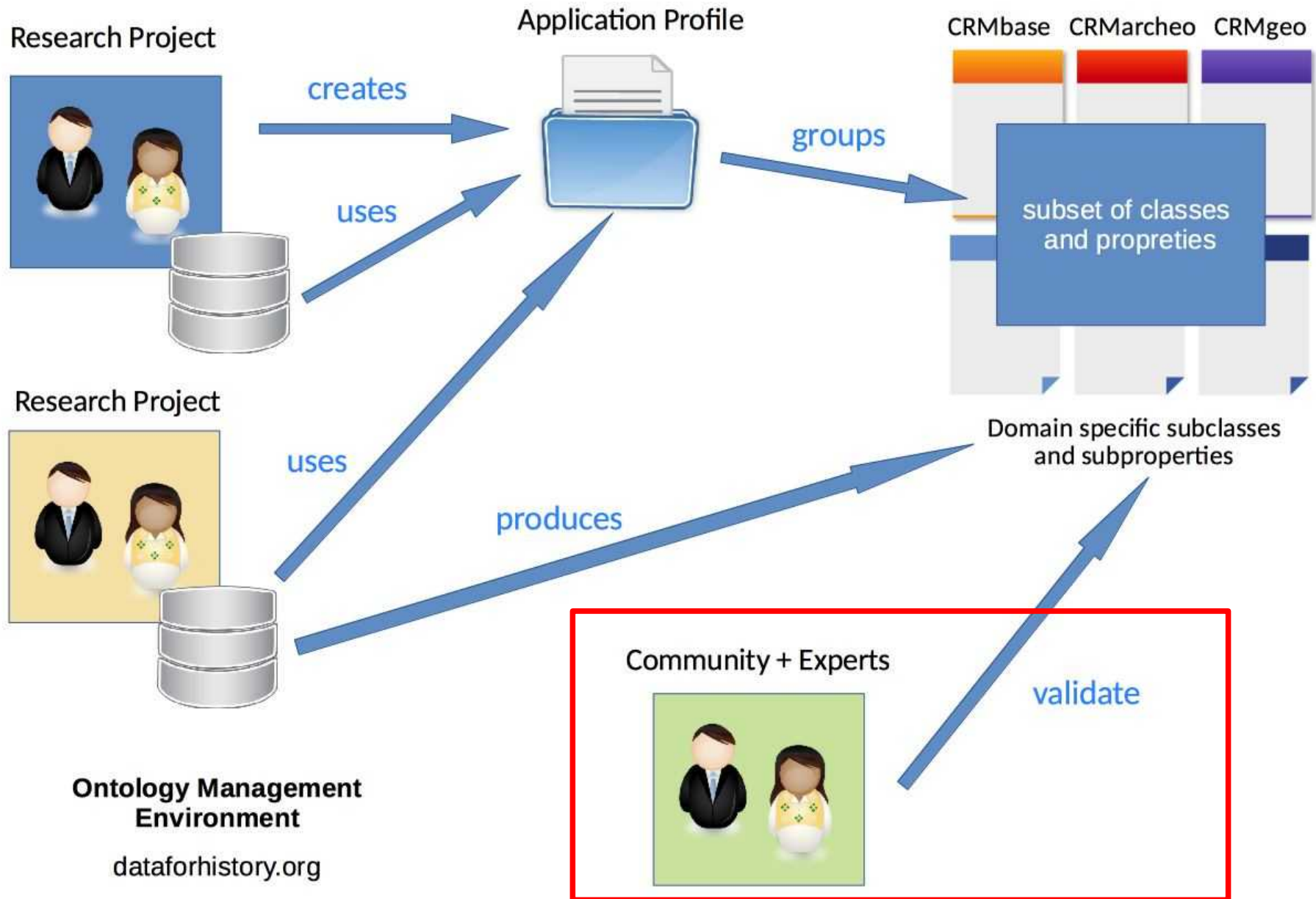
In First Order Logic:  $C2(x) \supset E22(x)$

Outgoing properties: [P6 has ship type](#) → [C3 Ship type](#)

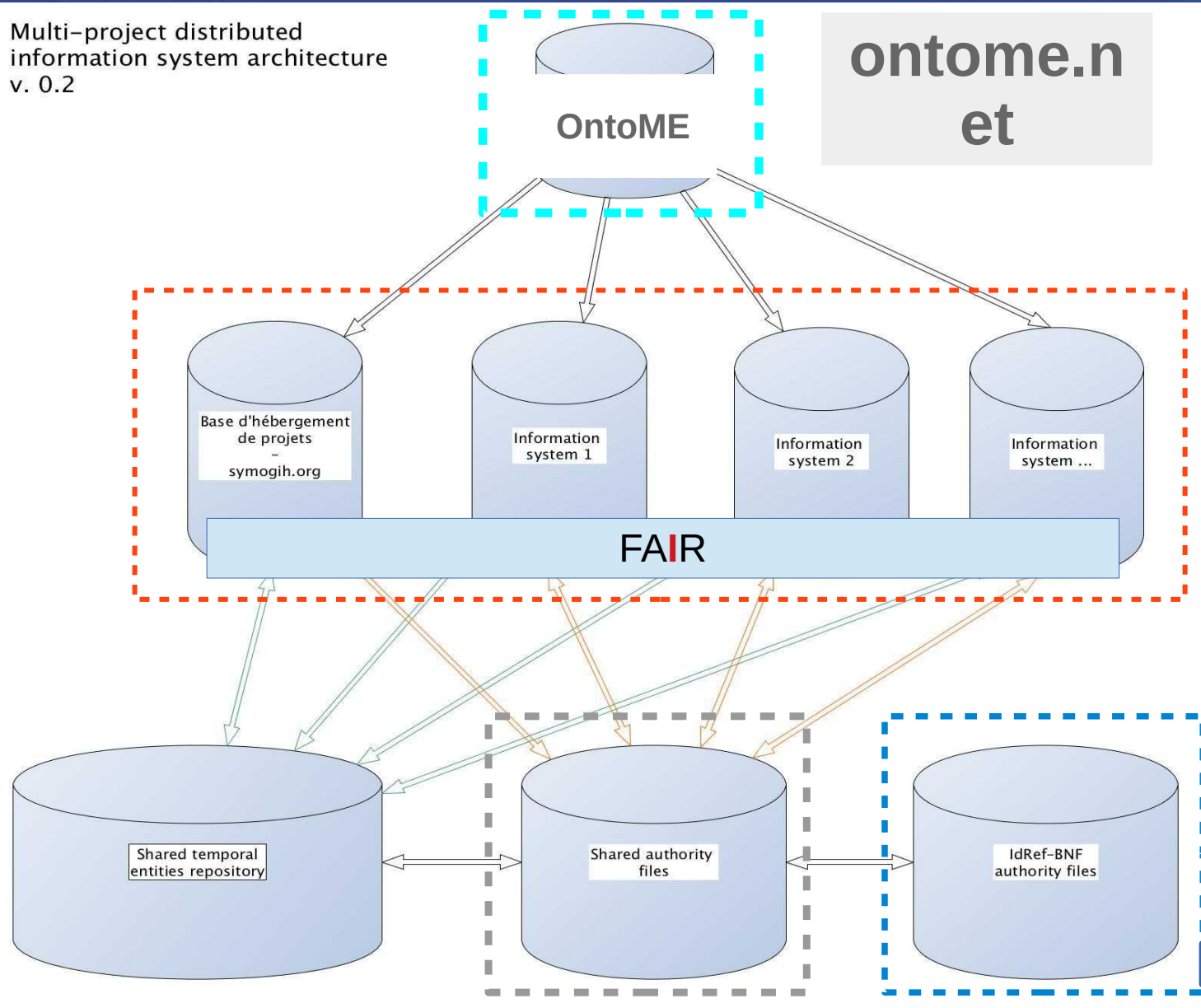
Incoming properties: [C1 Ship voyage](#) → [P3 carried out by](#)  
[C12 Shipbuilding](#) → [P7 has built](#)







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