



# Transitioning Applications to Ontologies The VigiTerms Use Case

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  - ♦ Transitioning Thesaurimed with RDBToOnto
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# The Pharmacovigilance Issue

- ⇒ Drug'sAdverse Effect profile: Right dose of the right drug to the right patient
- Pharmacovigilant Partner:
  - ♦ CRPV de Paris-HEGP. 4 arrondissements de Paris (1, 14, 15, 16) + département 92.
  - ◆ 3,5 doctors and pharmacologists
  - ♦ >600 dossiers de PV/2007, mainly spontaneous notification
  - ♦ 500 cases reported in the national CR database (ArisG5) among them 300 serious AE and 20 fatal AE
  - Notificators: doctors (400), chemists (50), patients (10)



# **Case report information**

- ♦ Notificator identification,
- Patient characteristics
  - ♦ (initials, age, sexe, background)
- ♦ ➤ All the patient's drug(s)
  - ♦ (chronology, posology, drug route, indication)
- Produced adverse effect: Gravity, description, evolution, results of the ethiology test;...



# **Adverse Effect Case report**

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-un correspondant local de centre régional de pharmacovigilance l'oraque le médicament a été dispersei dans un autre étal de sement de sauté ;

-un contre régional de pharmacovigilance dans les métres con Le rôle des professionnels de santé en matière de phermacovigilance

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# Vigiterms project

- A French-founded (ANR) research project reusing TAO outputs
- The main objective is to improve the process of detecting a new unforeseen signal between an adverse effect and a drug.
  - → Easing case report documentation by Pharmacovigilants based on available resources:
    - the pharmacovigilance case report database,
    - the medical literature abstract (MedLine),
    - the medical terminologies and thesaurus,
    - the drug characteristics,
    - the external specialized databases or resources.



# VigiTerms project

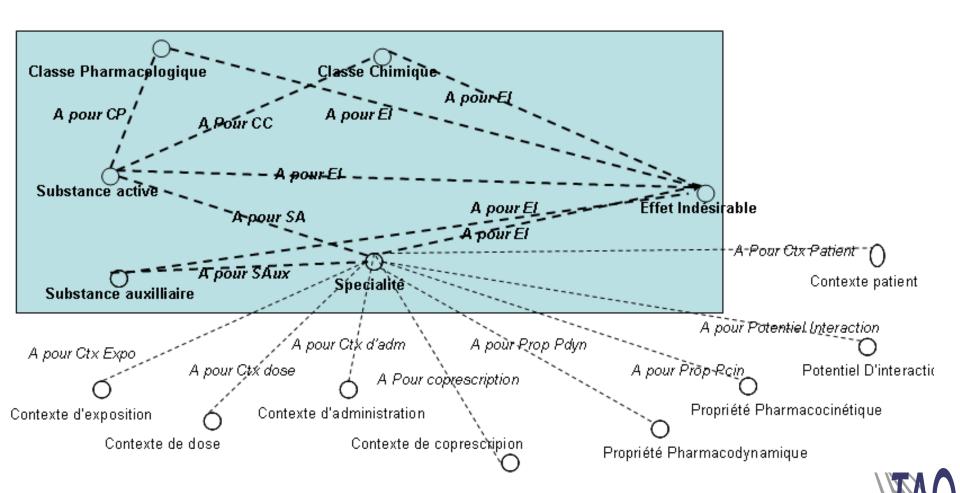
## **TAO** components are used to:

- Create a Signal Detection Ontology modelling adverse effects, drugs and the patient context
  - based on existing medical terminologies (such as WHO-ART, SNOMED, MedDRA) and existing drug databases (Thesorimed, Vidal)
- Annotate the medical and pharmaceutical literature available into MedLine, DrugDex, etc. for the case report documentation
- ♦ Transition the legacy application (Aris G5) which collects Adverse Effect Drug Reaction reports with detail on patients, drugs, adverse reaction details, etc.



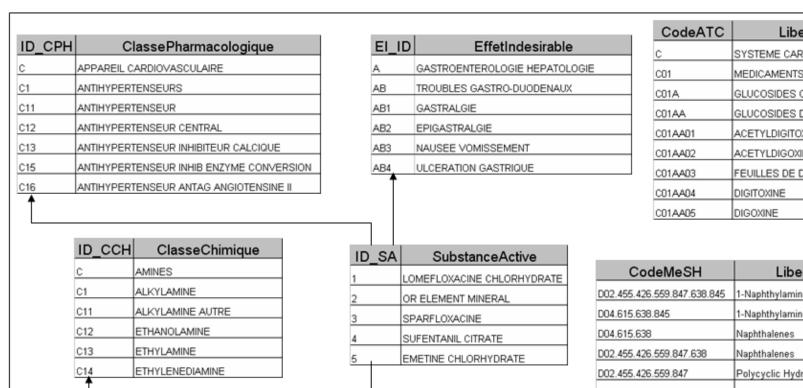
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existing drug databases such as the French Thesorimed with references to standard medical classifications



# Transitioning medical resources

Sub-part of Thesorimed database model to test the transitioning process with RDBToOnto

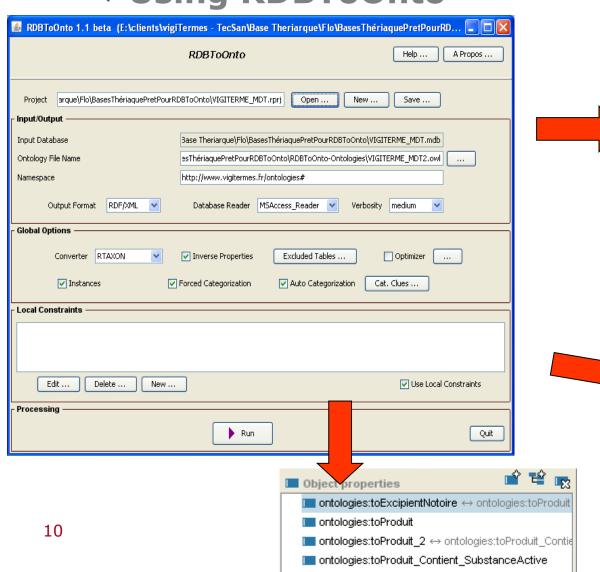


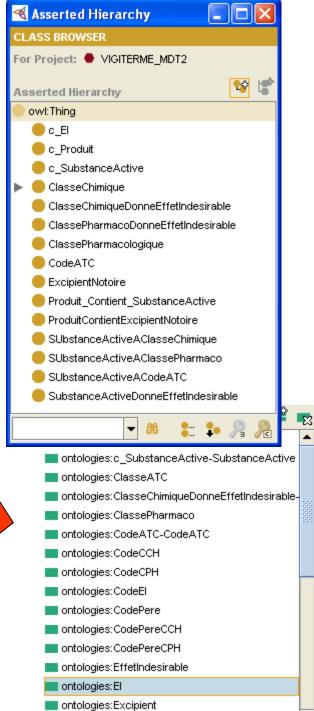
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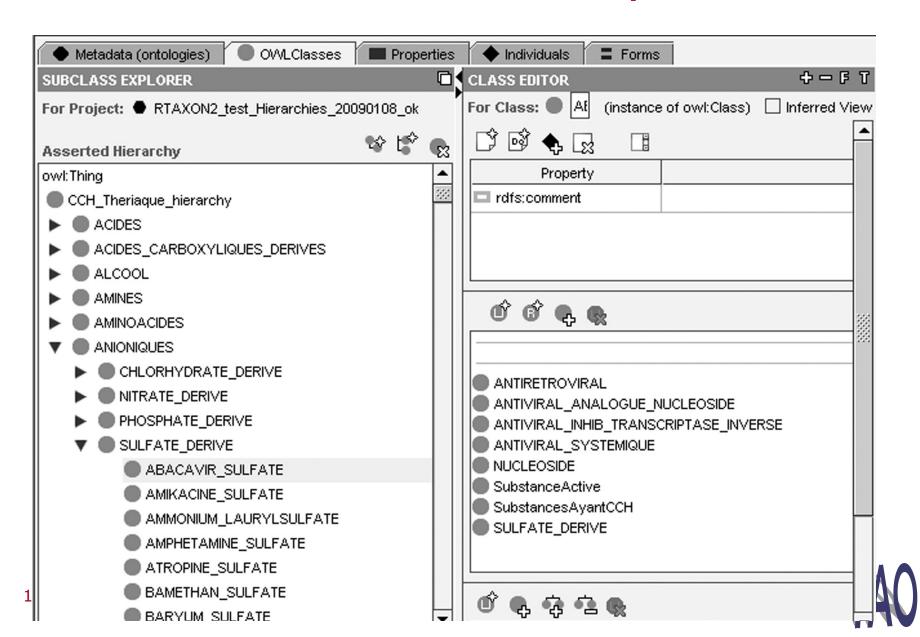
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## Using RDBToOnto





# Improving the RDBToOnto algorithms for generating deeper taxonomies

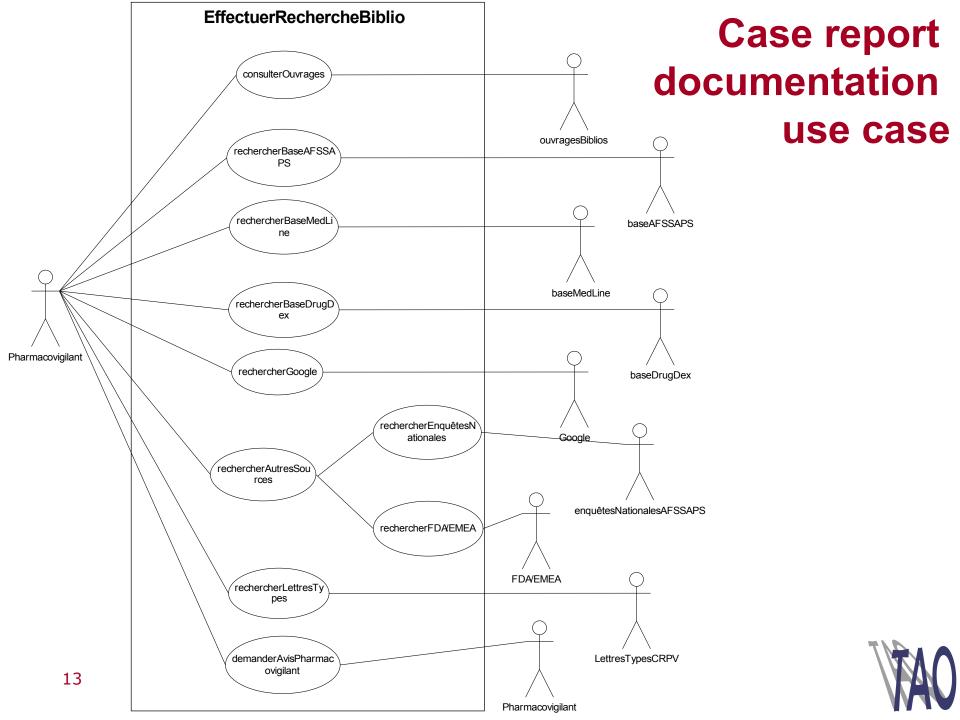


#### Pharmacovigilant Knowledge Store

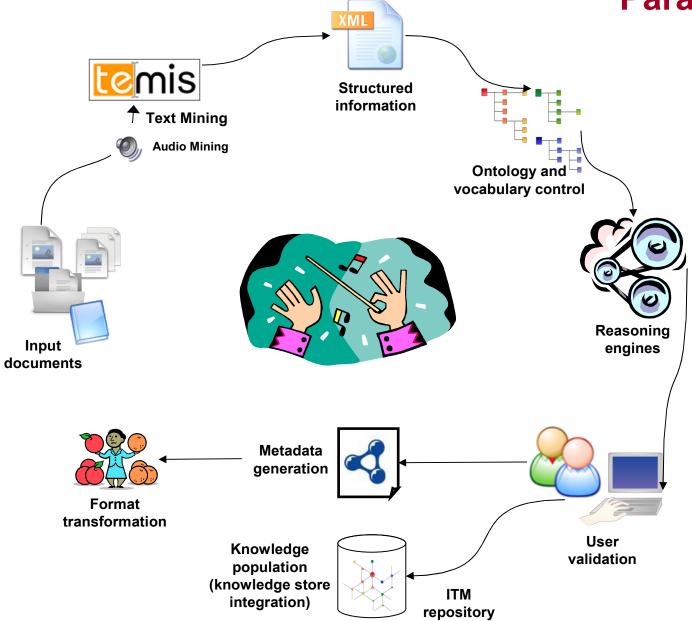
Storing and querying the Knowledge Store (ITM)





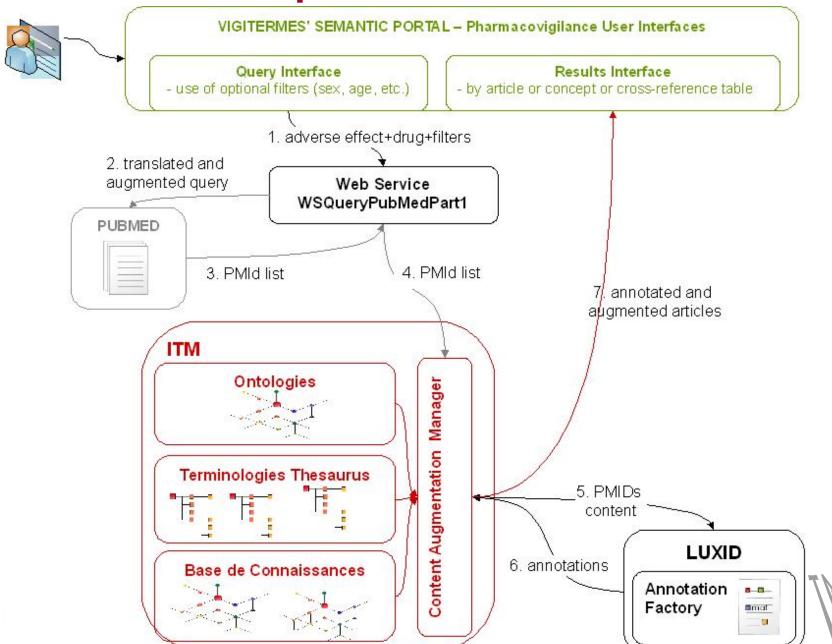


Ontology Population & Semantic annotation Paradigms





# **Case report Documentation Workflow**

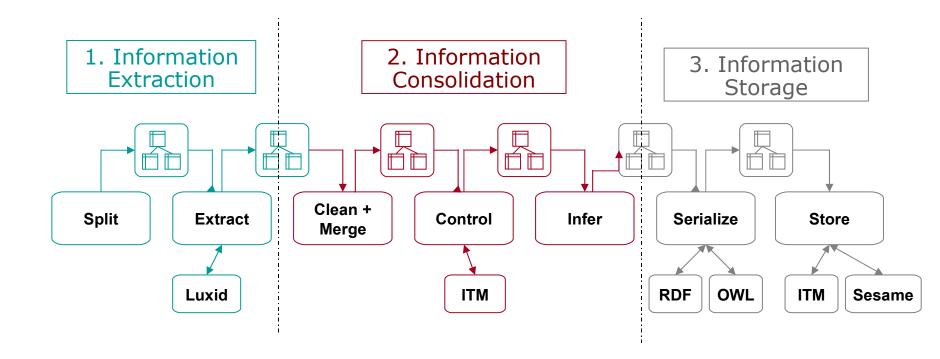


# **Content Augmentation Process**

- Defining the CA process as based on 3 main steps:
  - ♦ Information Extraction
  - ♦ Information Consolidation
  - Information Storage
- Having a unique exchange format between each step
- Having a set of consolidation services according to the objectives and tools at disposal of the target application
- Being open-source and thus, each component must be independent from any existing platform or tool
- Relying on a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)



# **CA** manager pipeline



- Processing pipeline
- Common Analysis Structure (CAS) (cf. UIMA)



#### **CA-Manager applied to Case Report Documentation**

Demo of CA-Manager





#### **Conclusion & Future work**

#### Purpose

- Support case report documentation
- Detect new signals

#### On going work

- Integrating components together
- Defining text mining patterns
- Integrating existing ontologies and terminologies together in an ontology model for pharmacovigilance
- User interfaces for reporting and interrogating case reports

#### Future plans

Implement data mining component based on LCA techniques to detect automatically new signals based on the knowledge base

#### **End**

Questions? Discussion welcome!

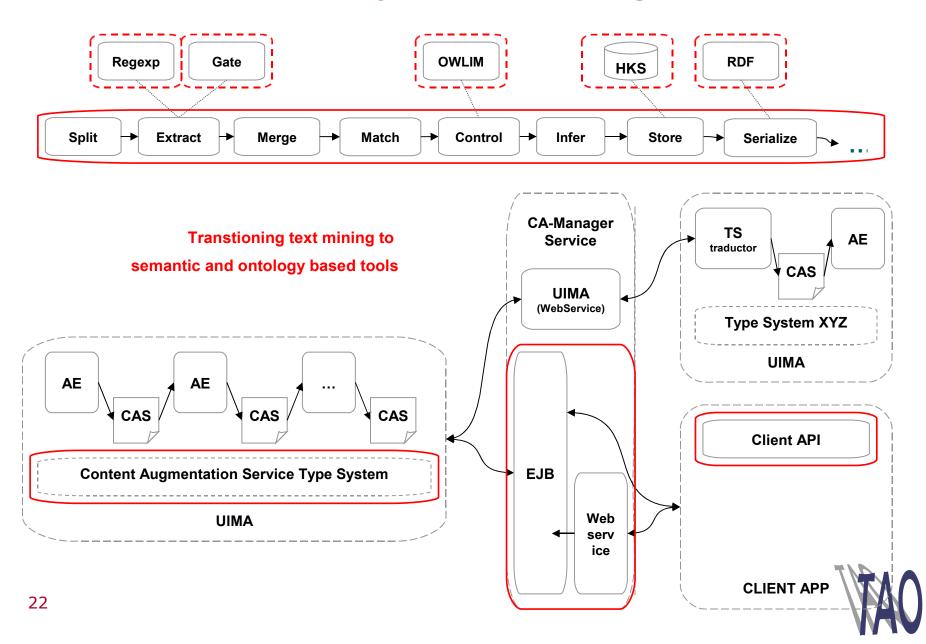


#### Achieved in second year : CA-Manager architecture

- Choice of UIMA as CA-Manager backbone.
  - ♦ IBM open-source framework
  - « UIMA supports the development, discovery, composition and deployment of multi-modal analytics for the analysis of unstructured information and its integration with search technologies »
  - Benefits:
    - Ability to define flexible processing flows
    - distributed & pluggable components
    - ♦ XML configuration of components
    - ♦ A common data structure between components
    - Sharing & reusing open-source components
- Other solution: 100% webservices
  - No need to have webservices inside internal components of TAO
  - Potentially slow & hard to maintain
  - Lots of things to reimplement



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- ♦ The architecture
  - ♦ Is a specialized UIMA pipeline
  - Focuses on transioning text-mining results to semantic tools
  - Is meant to hide UIMA complexity if not required
  - Provides a \_service\_ (simple, remote)
  - Benefits from UIMA framework (process configuration, distributed architecture, connection to other UIMA based tools, etc.)
  - Is pluggable (possibility to write a connector to a new external tool)
- Added value (how is it better than just UIMA?)
  - ◆ Definition of a generic Common Analysis Structure
  - Mapping language to map IE results to CAS
  - Specialization of UIMA pipeline
  - Connectors to various external tools
  - ♦ Hide UIMA complexity



#### Achieved in second year: CA-Manager

Demo of CA-Manager





# **CA-Manager: Coming next**

#### ♦OK so far :

- Specifications and architecture
- **♦**KCIT integration
- Working prototype

# ♦ Coming next :

- **♦**HKS integration
- Ontology-based controls
- **♦**SA-WSDL generation
- ◆Integration with annotation GUI
- Open-sourcing

