

ExerSys: leveraging expert's knowledge to improve recommender systems for nutrition

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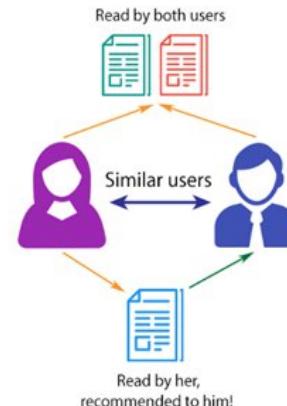
The exersys* project

Develop a RecSys for meals recommendation combining

- User preferences *thanks to « classic » recsys approaches*
- Nutritional constraints *thanks to knowledge graphs*

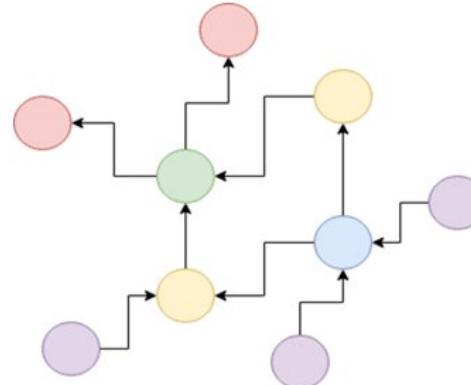
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Recommandation basée sur les
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apprentissage automatique



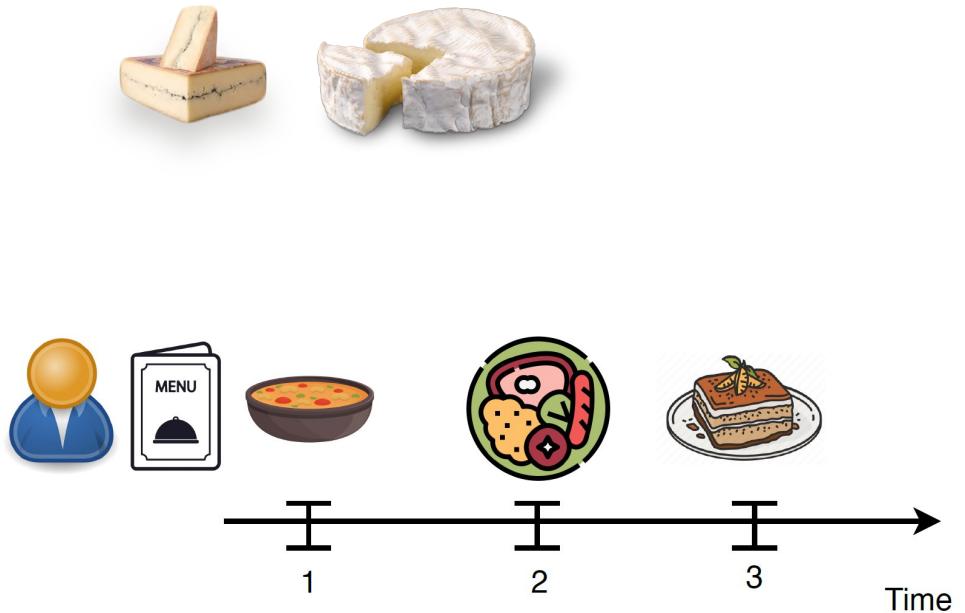
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Intégration de **contraintes nutritionnelles** grâce aux **graphes de connaissance**



Plan

- ExerSys genesis
- The (ongoing) ExerSys project
- The ExerSys project followUP



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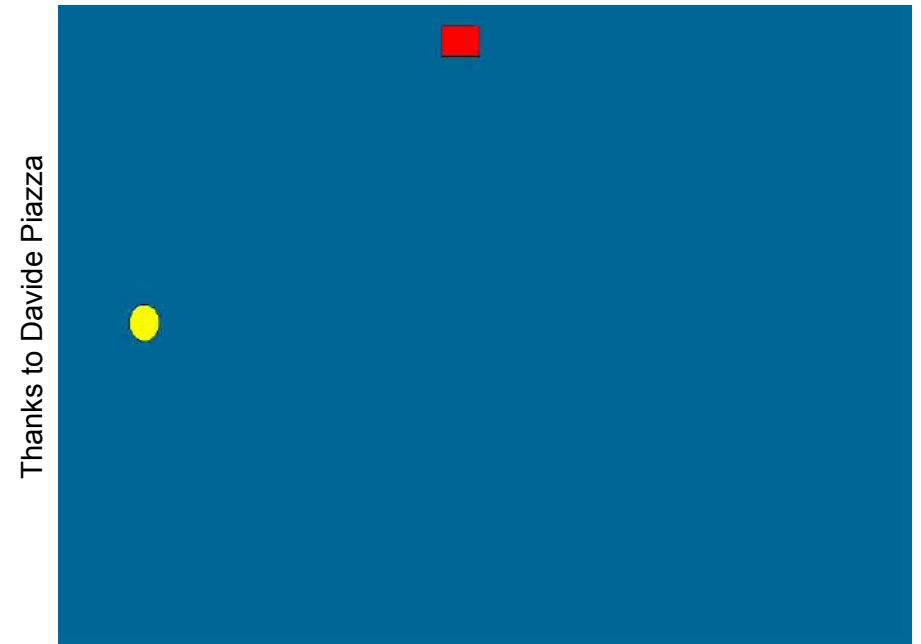
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- Before APT : probabilistic models (**PRM**) that take into account (not formalised) expert's knowledge



PRMs

A BN is the representation of a joint probability over a set of random variables that uses a DAG to encode probabilistic relations between variables

Combine advantages of relational data bases & **Bayesian networks**:

- natural domain modeling: objects, properties, relations;
- generalization over a variety of situations;
- compact, natural probability models.

➤ **Relational Schema** and **Relational slots** (and slot chain)

PRM system => (big) BN

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Ontologies

A KB = ontology + knowledge graph
Ontology = classes, properties, axioms
Knowledge graph = data organised following the ontology

- Represent the knowledge on a domain with
 - classes,
 - relations (or properties) between these classes and
 - instances of these classes.
- Used as a common and standardized vocabulary for representing a domain.
- Data can be collected in a **knowledge base** that organises them according to the structure defined by an ontology.

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Expert's knowledge can be structured (formalised) in an ontology and taken into account by the probabilistic model

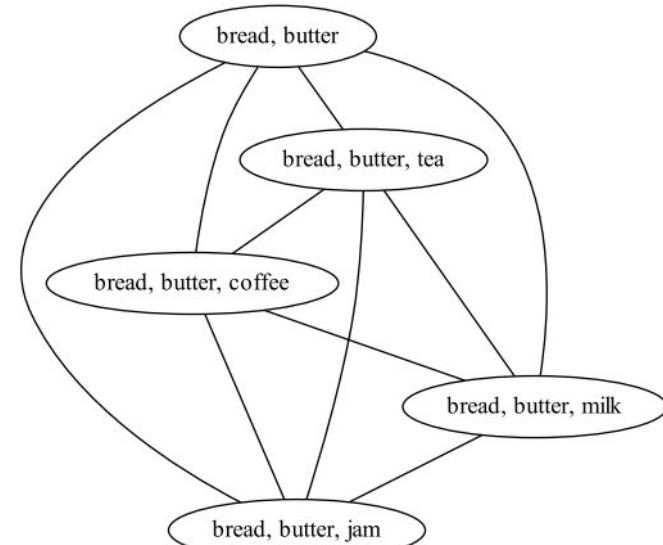
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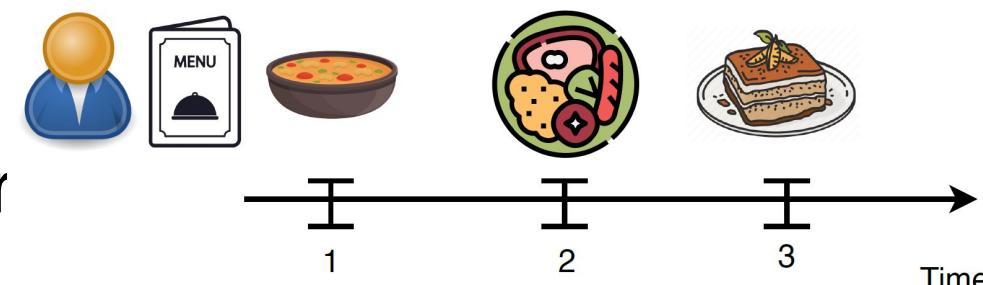
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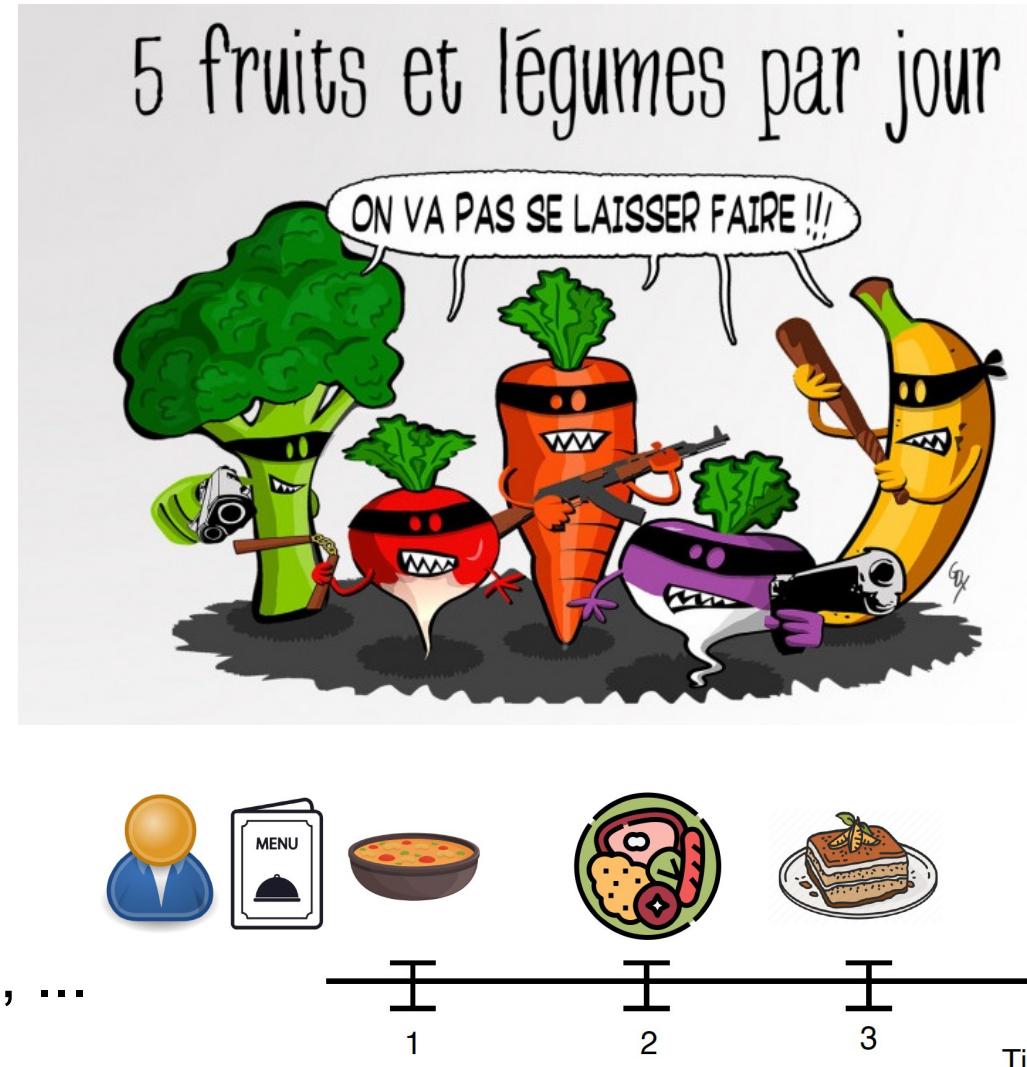
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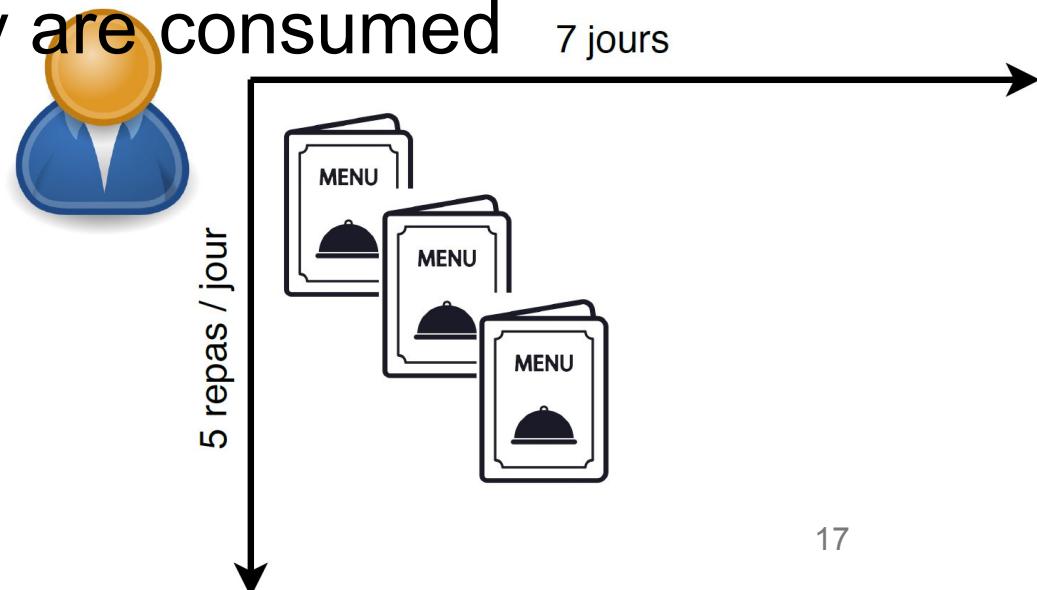
RecSys in nutrition : importance & originality

- Unhealthy diet => diseases
- Ineffectiveness of healthy diet campaigns
- Need of long-term, health-aware recs
- Meal rec ≠ dish rec ≠ item rec
 - Dish and Meal structure
 - Sequentiality : coherent sequence of dishes
 - Food items frequency
 - Rules : control over nutritional quantity/quality
 - Context : sex, age, home/office, friends/family, ...



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• **Meal mean lenght : 7/8 items**

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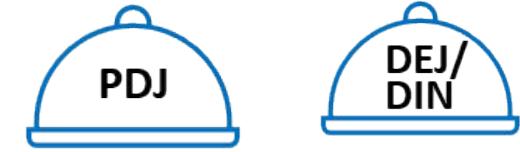
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We separately modeled breakfast and lunch&dinner

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- Sliding week
 - no bias for the week-end

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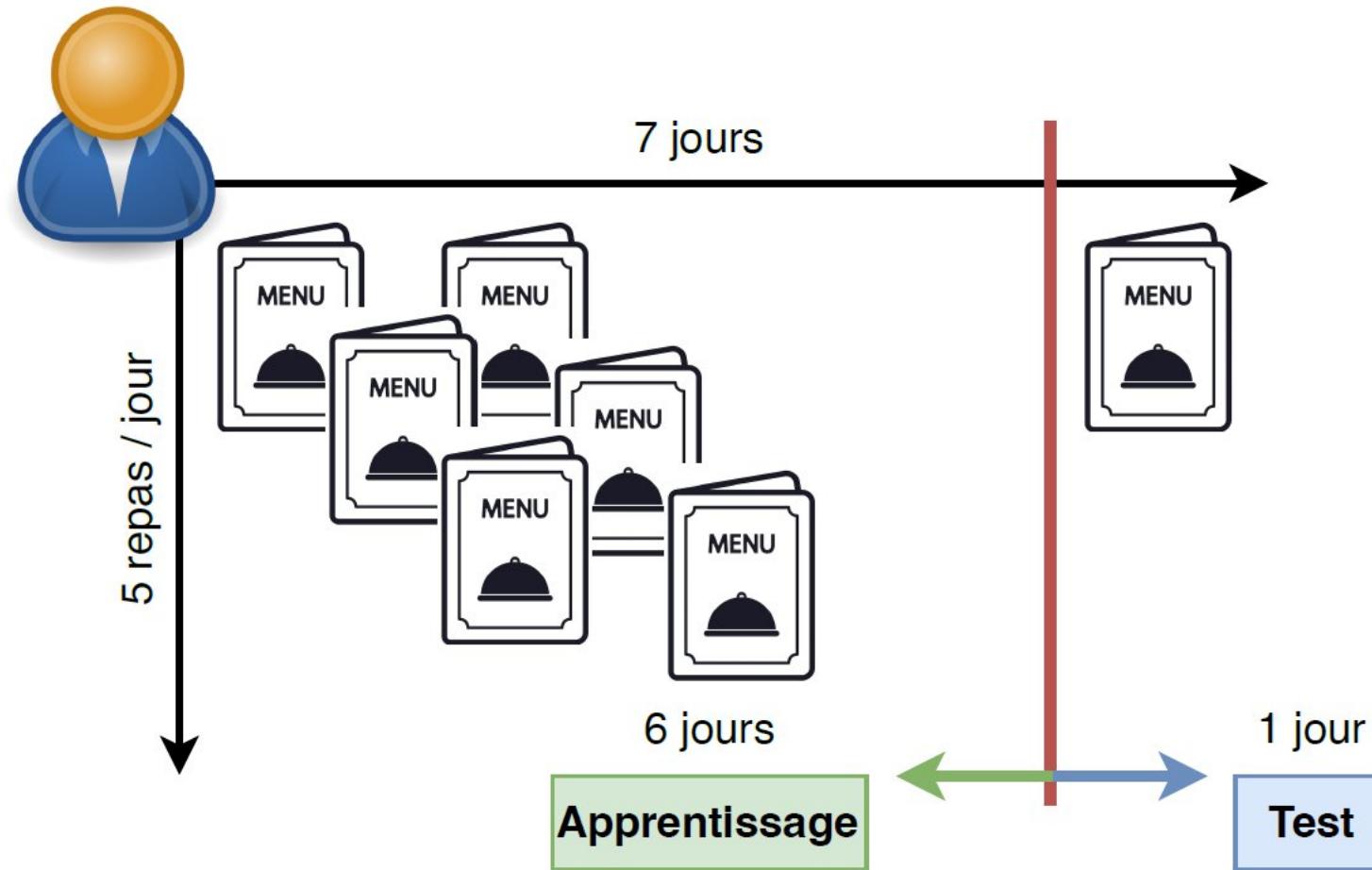
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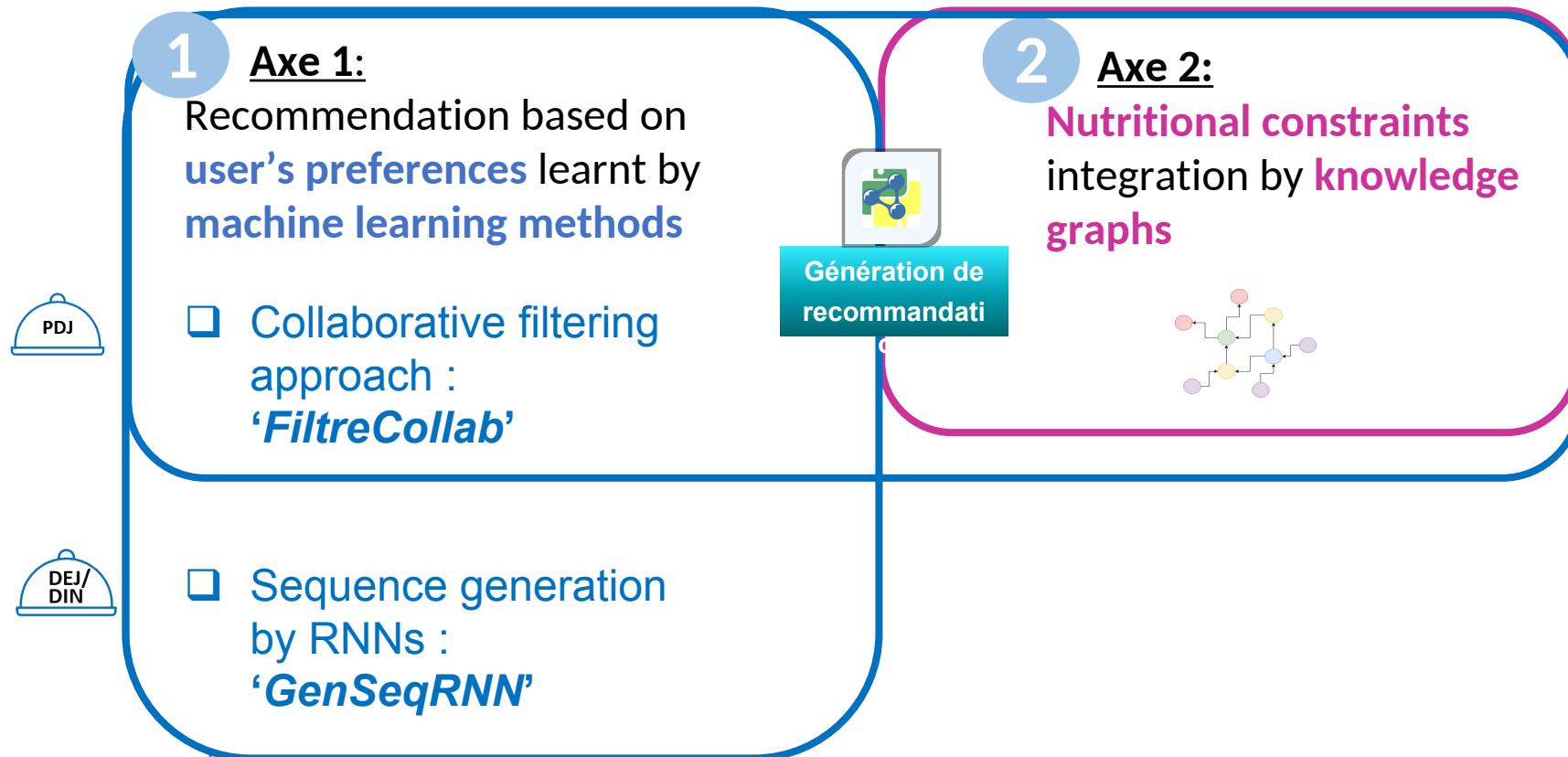
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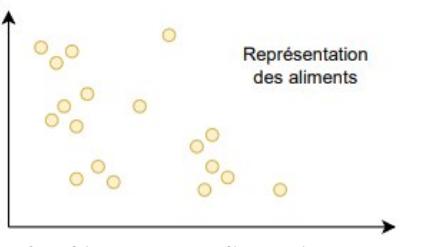


The exersys project : filtreCollab

Recommendation generation

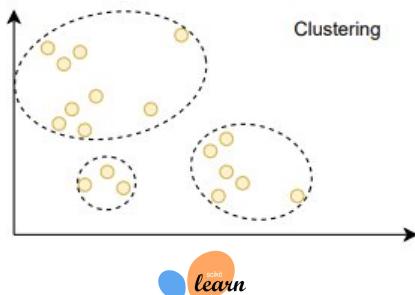
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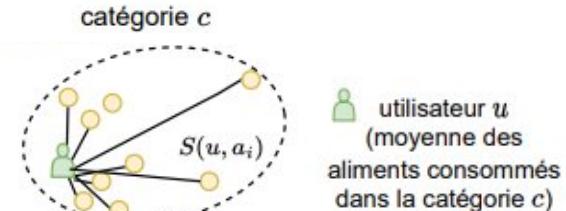
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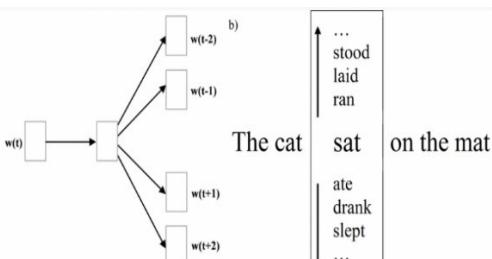


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Meal recommendation :

- Sampling
(1 food item per category already consumed and in $\beta\%$ of cases otherwise)
- Association/exclusion rules



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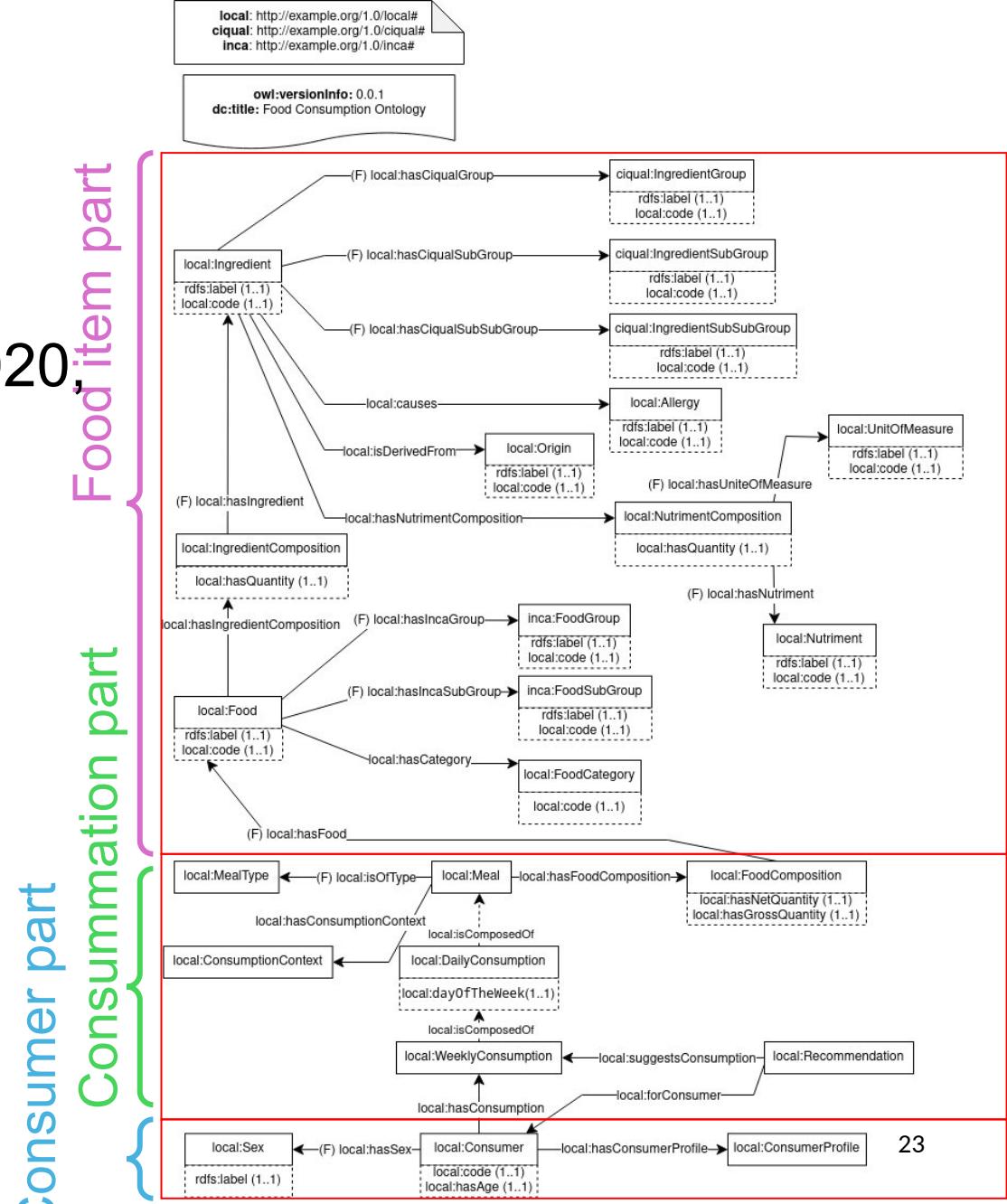
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The exersys project : the knowledge graph

Multiple sources of data : INCA 2, CIQUAL 2020,
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Consumer part

Food item part

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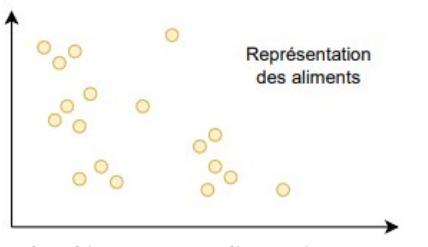
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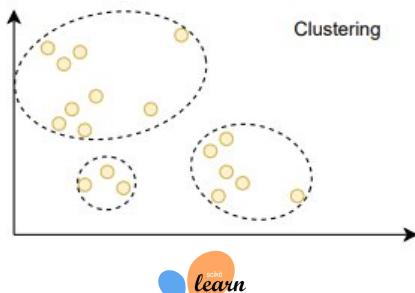
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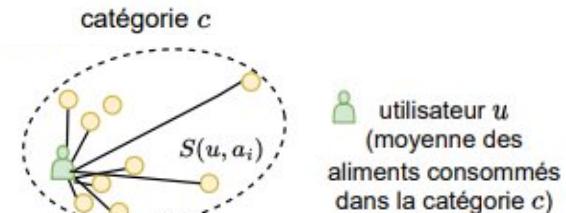
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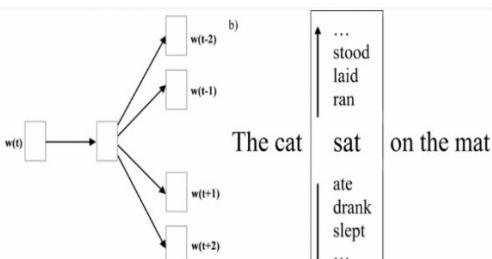
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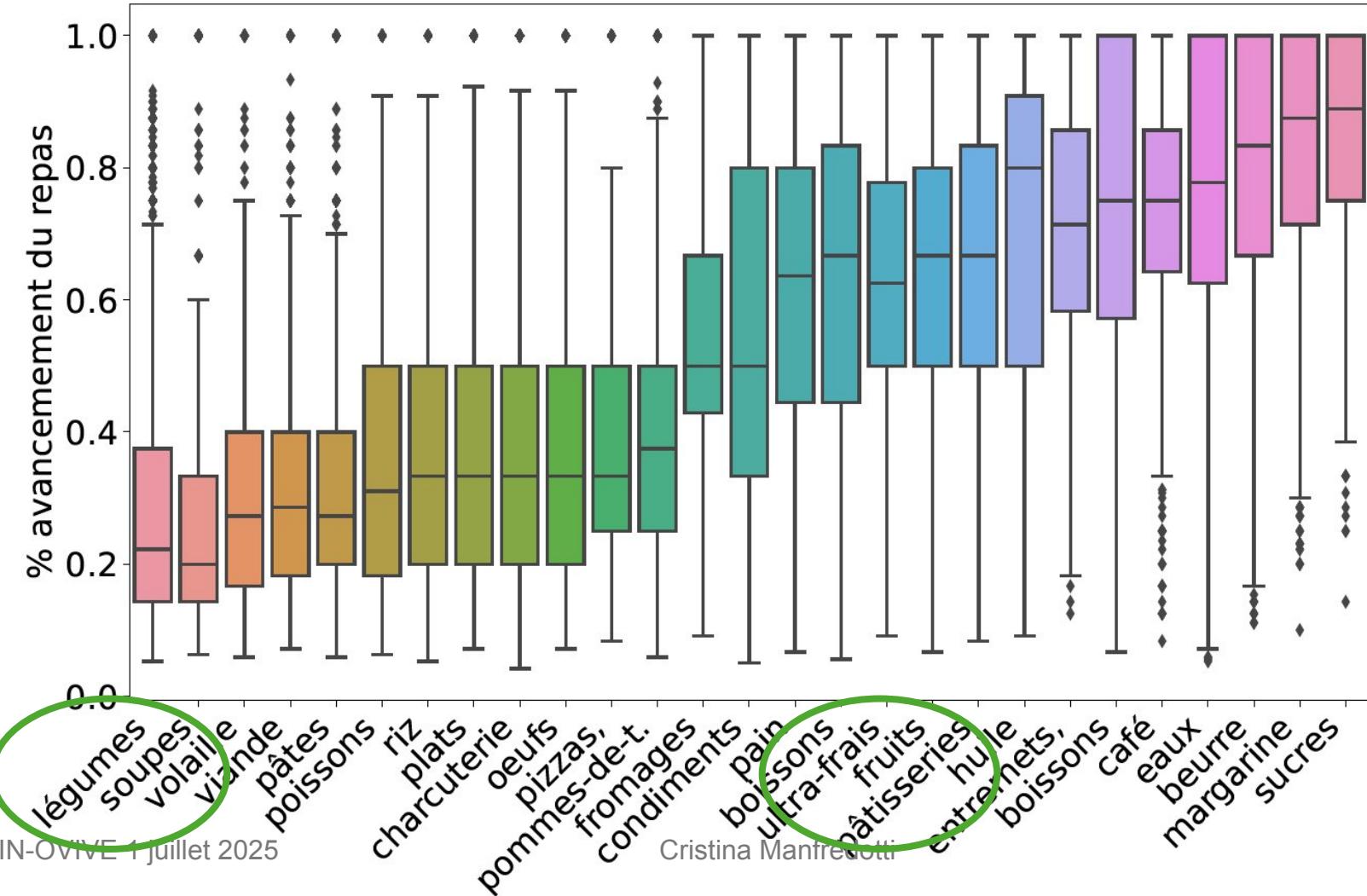
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INCA2 : sequentiality

Food items temporal distribution during lunch and dinner.



The exersys project : GenSeqRNN

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Axe 1:

Recommendation based on **user's preferences** learnt by **machine learning methods**

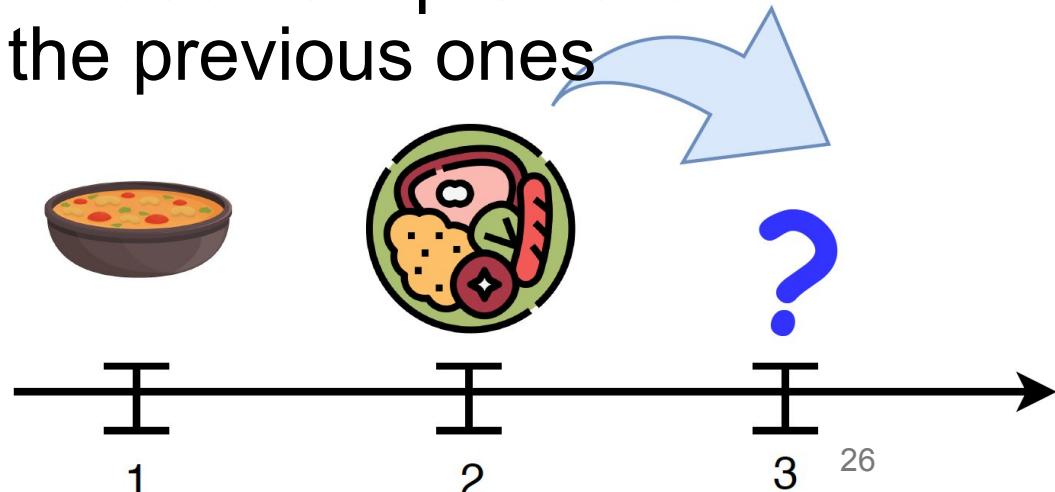
- Collaborative filtering approach : '*FiltreCollab*'
- Sequence generation by RNNs : '*GenSeqRNN*'



Recurrent Neural Networks:

$$h_t = g(W_1 a_t + W_2 h_{t-1})$$
$$\hat{p} = \text{softmax}(W_3 h_t)$$

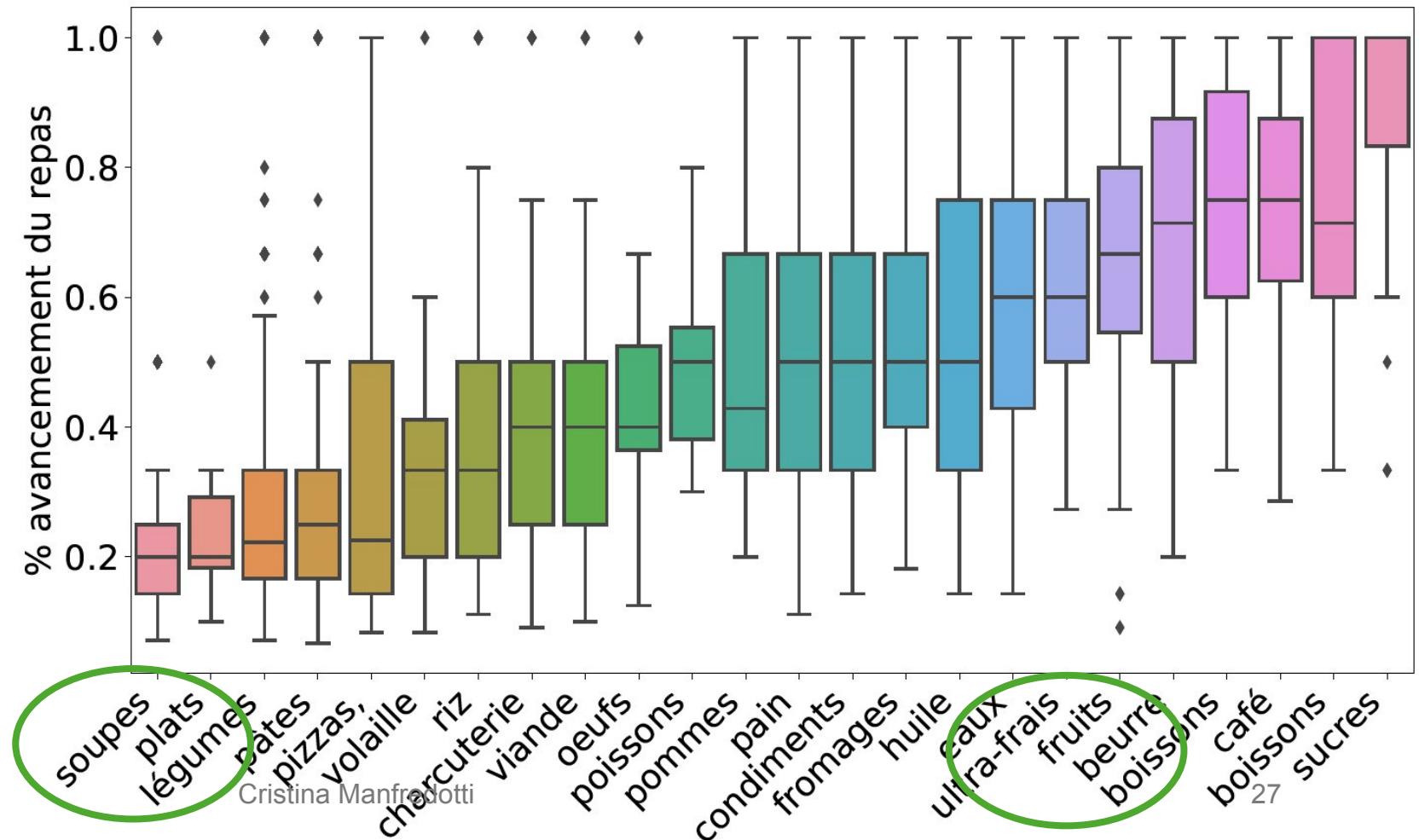
- Next food item prediction wrt all the previous ones



Test : sequentiality

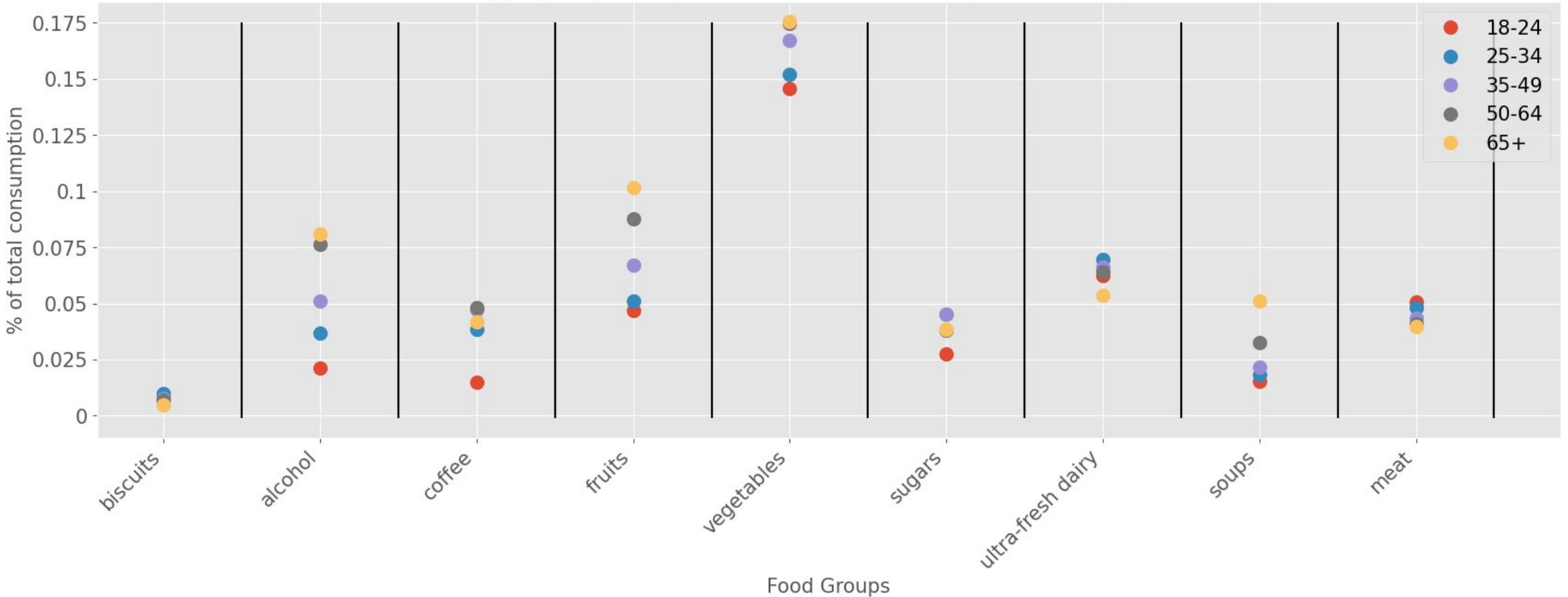
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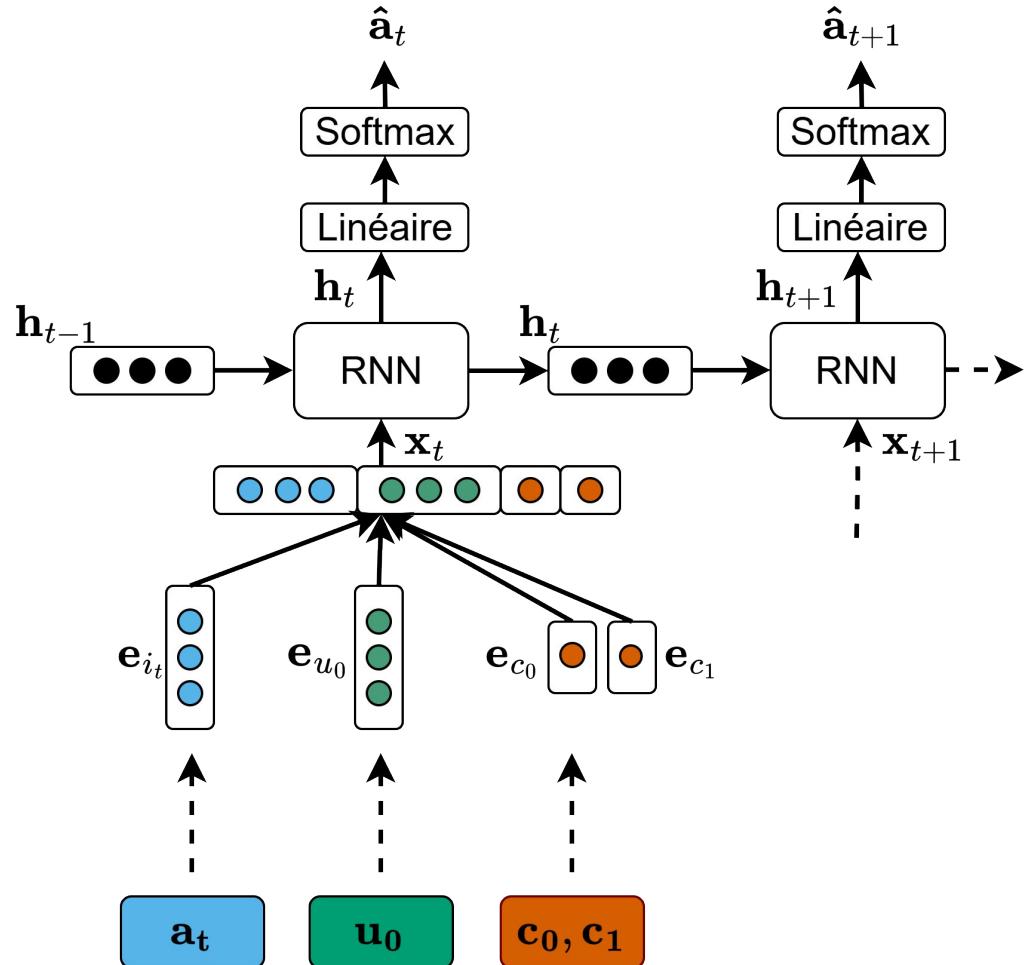


INCA 2 : context as a separator of consumptions

Age groups disparities with Food Groups consumption



Sequentiality : context and user integration



$$X = \{m_{u,d,r}\}$$

$$m_{u,d,r} = [a_1, \dots, a_t, \dots, a_T]$$

$$a \in \mathcal{A} \mapsto \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^z$$

$$u \in \mathcal{U} \mapsto \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^z$$

$$c \in \mathcal{C} \mapsto \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^z$$

$$\mathbf{h}_t = g(W_a \mathbf{a}_t + W_u \mathbf{u}_t + \sum_j W_{c_j} \mathbf{c}_j + U \mathbf{h}_{t-1})$$

The exersys project : user & context integration

Performance : prediction of the next food item

Modèle	MRR	Acc
(Item)	0.329	0.243
(Item,User)	0.405	0.328
(Item,User,Age)	0.413	0.336
(Item,User,Typtm)	0.429	0.355
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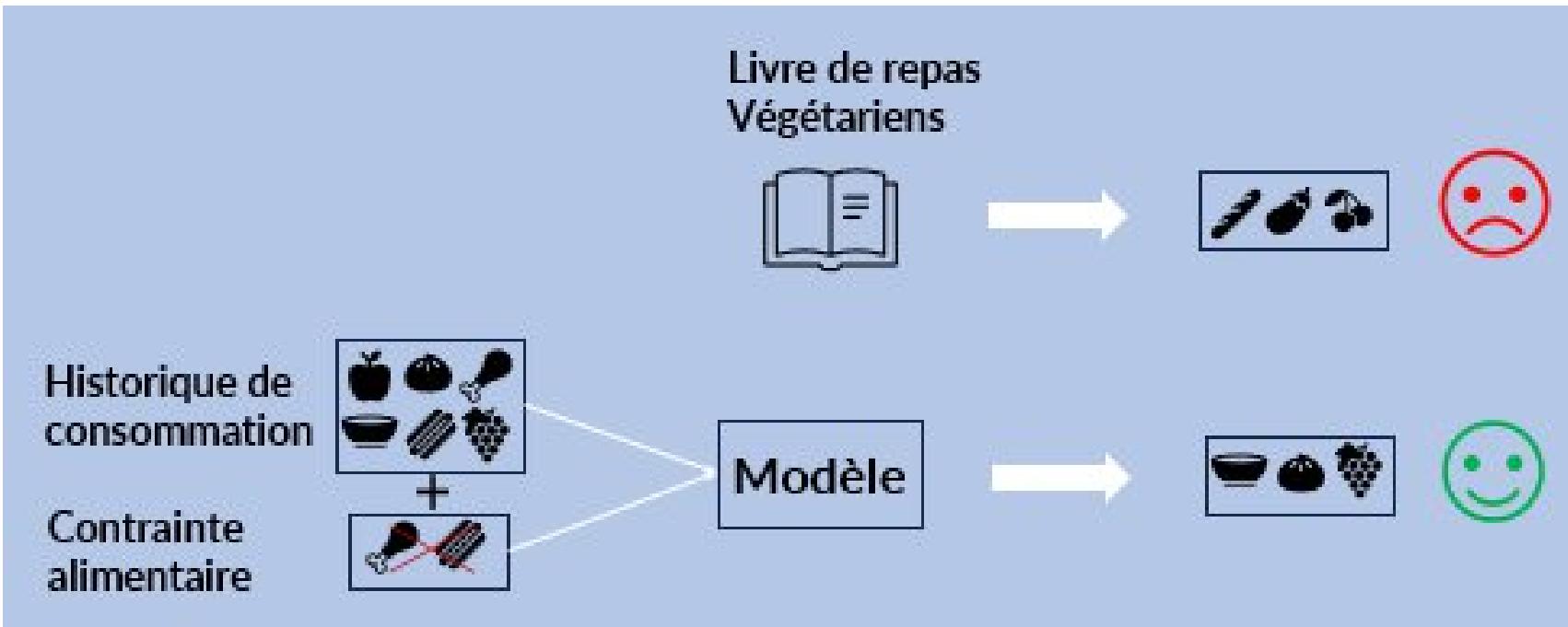
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Exactitude dysparity between food items wrt the type of meal:
Exactitude augment for the first 2 or 3 items

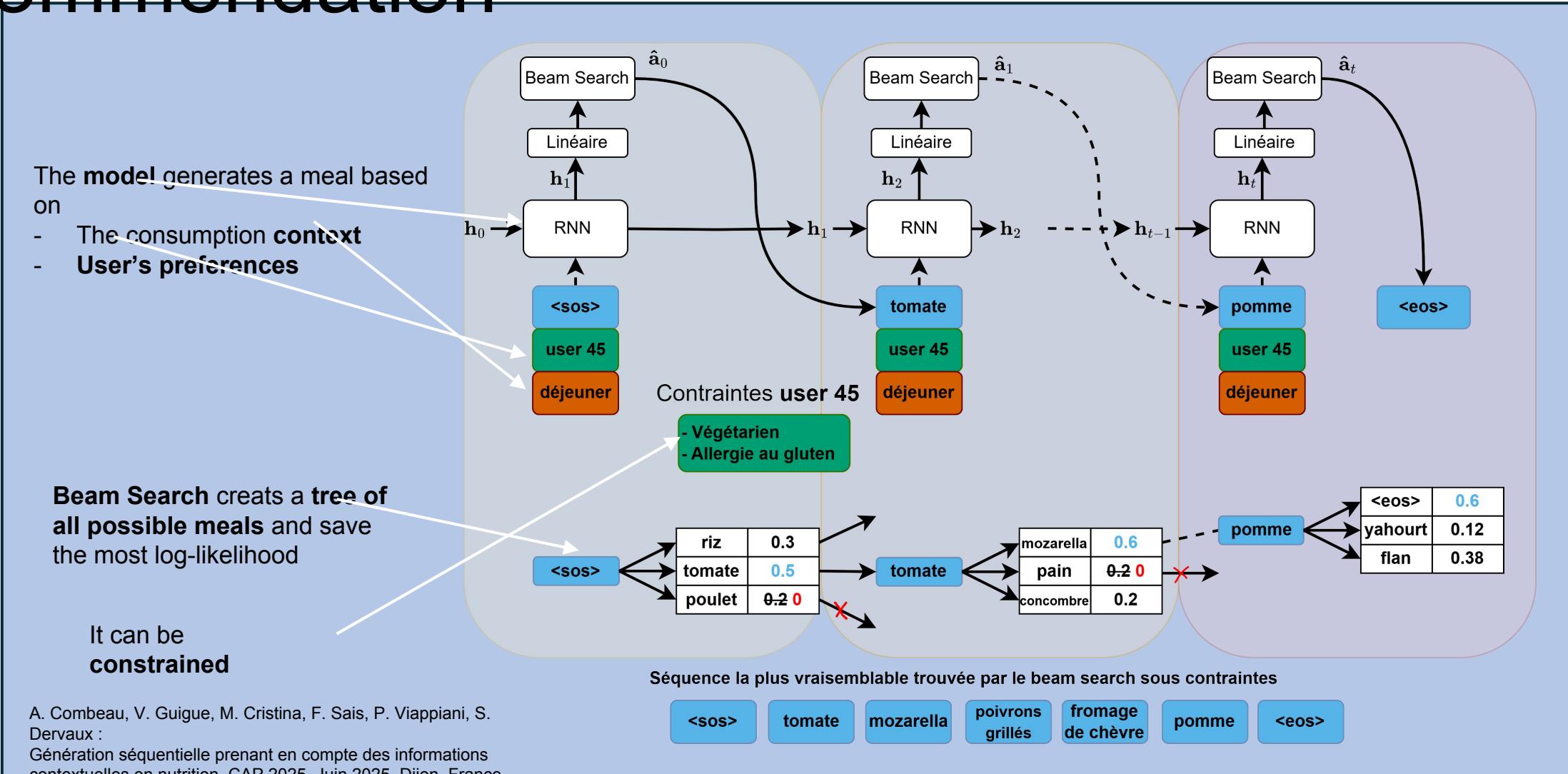
Modèle	Petit-déjeuner	Déjeuner	Dîner
Exactitude du premier élément			
(Item,User)	64.8	2.5	3.6
(Item,User,Typm)	75.9	8.0	13.3
Exactitude du deuxième élément			
(Item,User)	63.9	7.5	8.0
(Item,User,Typm)	65.6	9.2	11.3
Exactitude du troisième élément			
(Item,User)	63.5	12.5	16.0
(Item,User,Typm)	63.3	13.6	16.8
Exactitude globale des éléments			
(Item,User)	65.6	20.9	20.7
(Item,User,Typm)	68.4	22.5	24.4

The exersys project : individual recommendation

A veggie meal generated following user's preferences is better than a generic veggie meal



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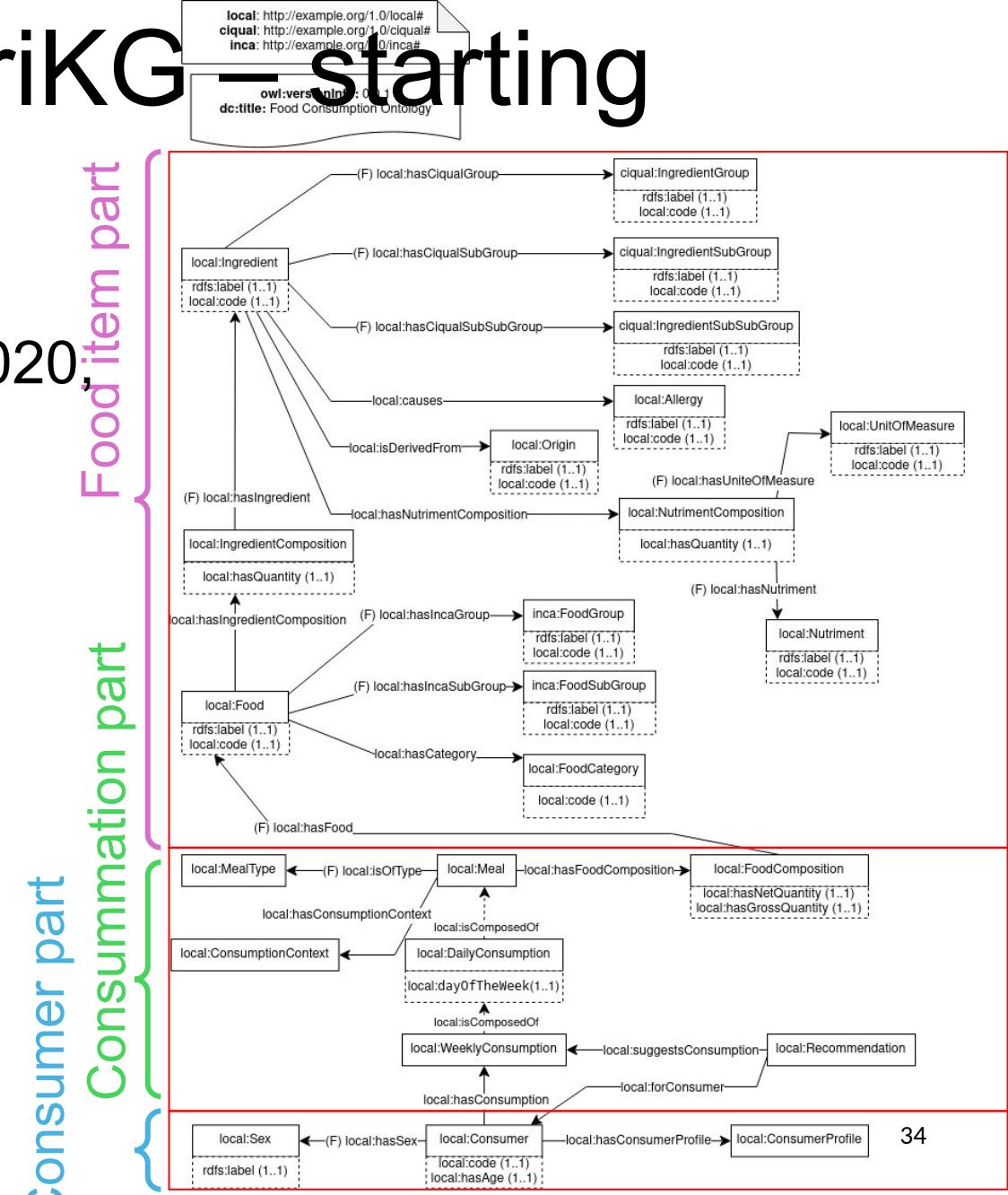
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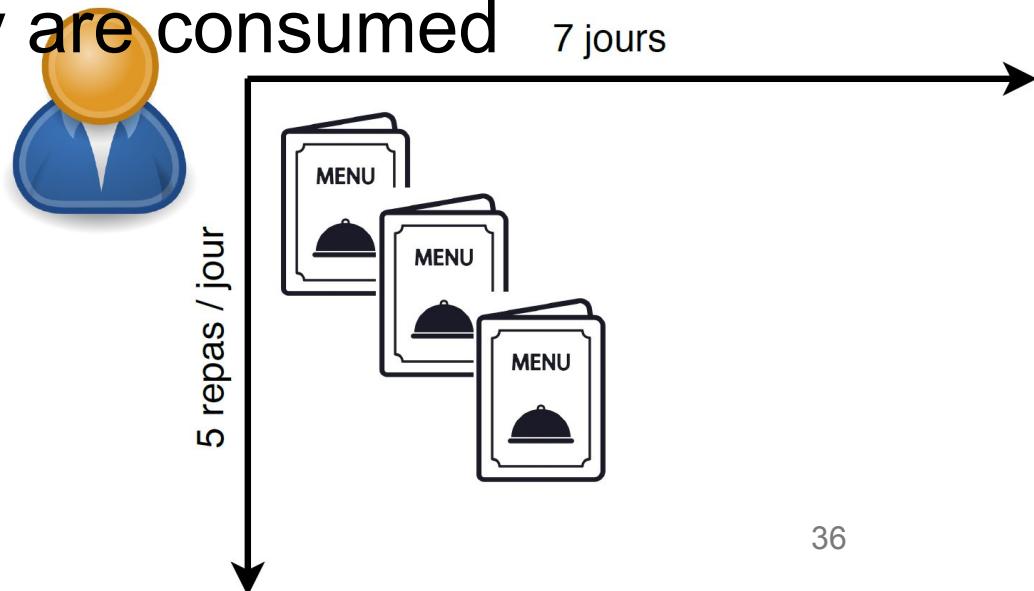
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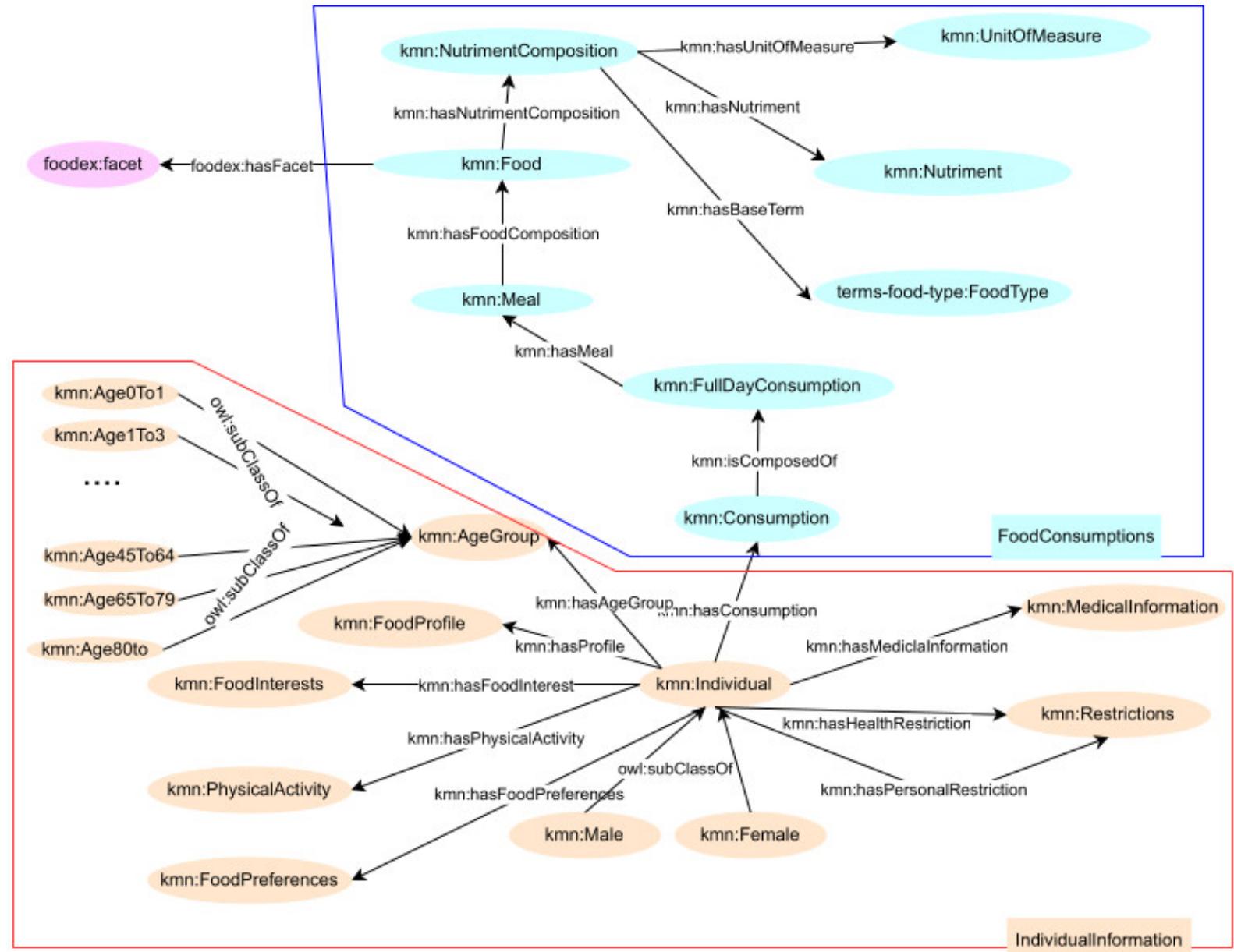
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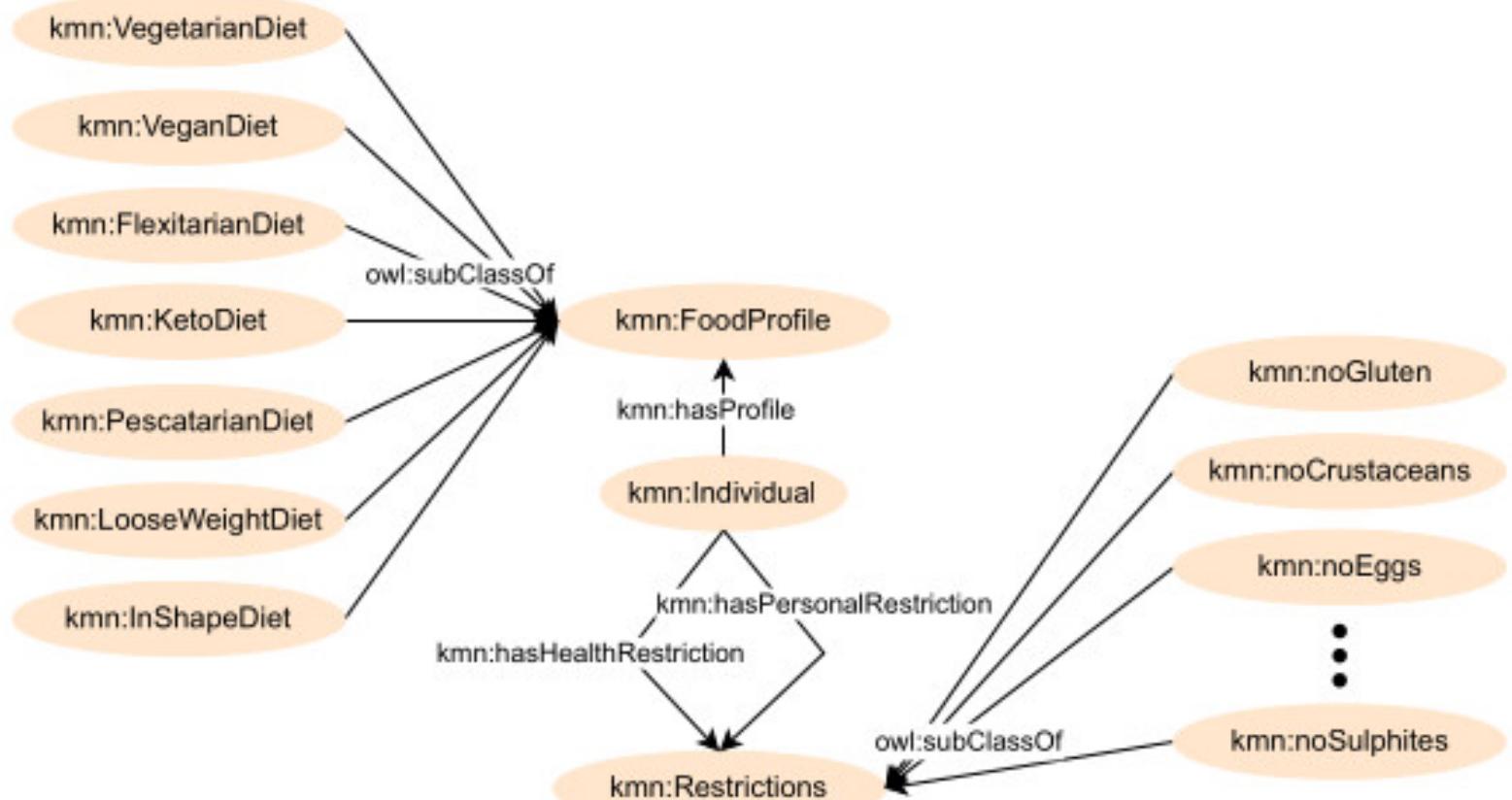
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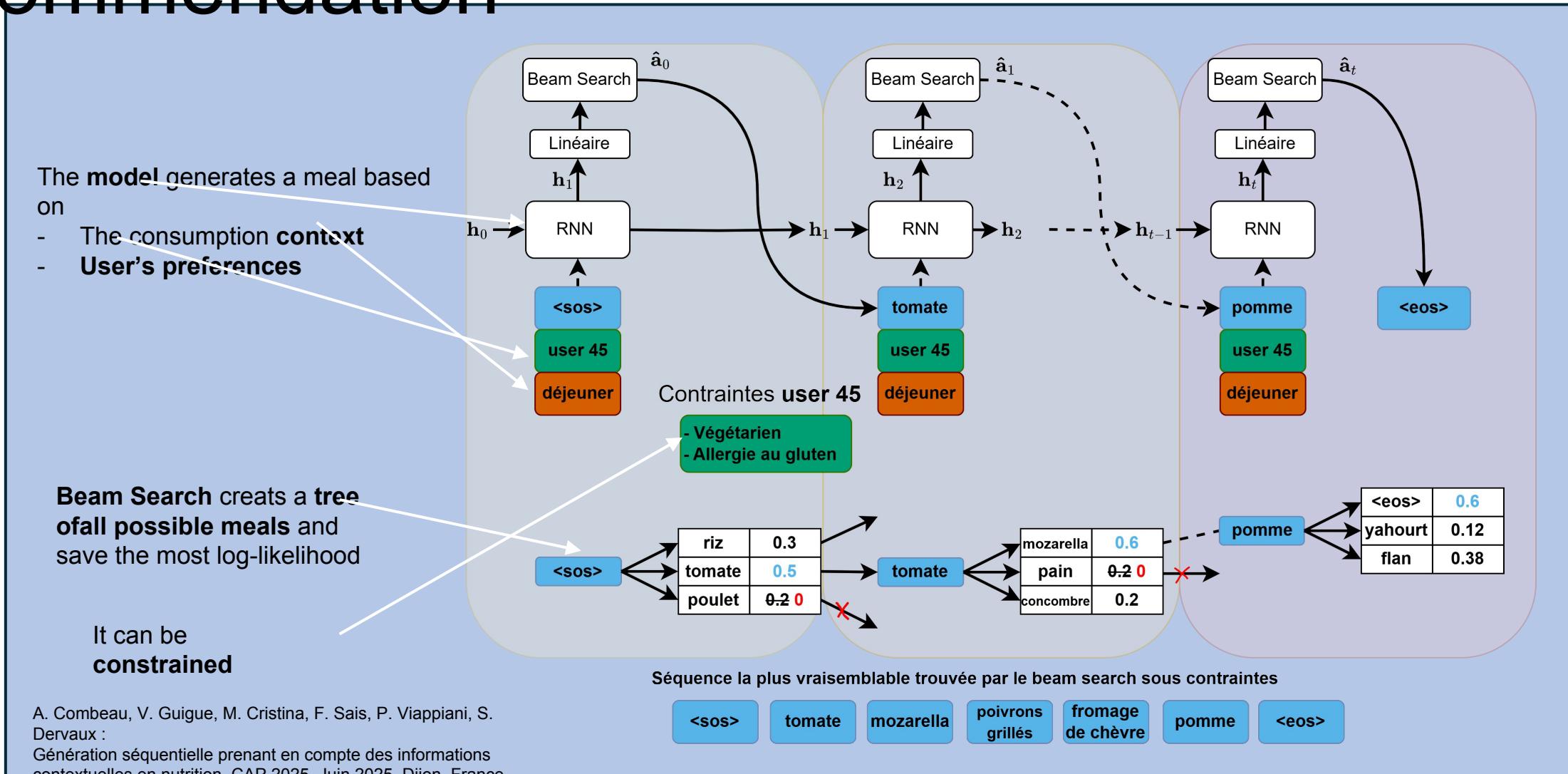
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NutriKG : restrictions and user profiles



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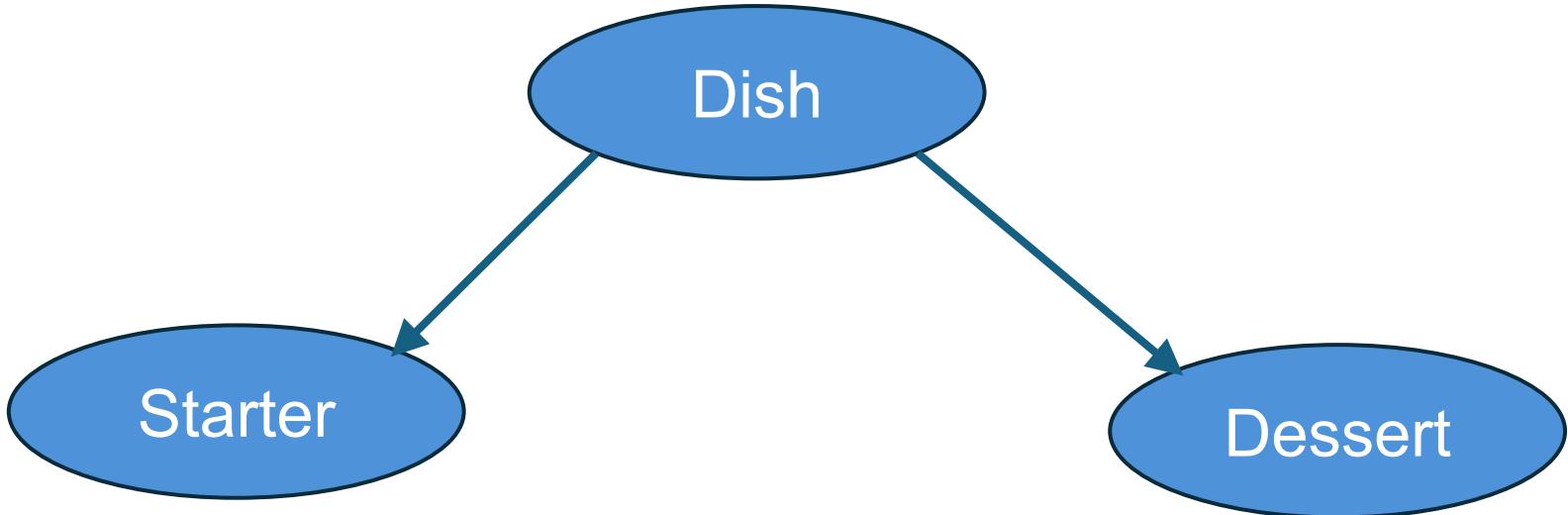
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The exersys satellite project : sequentiality vs causality

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2.



Meal-Dinner_consumption-7_consumer-INCA2-110207

Nom des consommations	Ordre de prise de l'aliment
"plain omelete cooked in butter"	1
"plain cooked bacon"	2
"boiled potato"	3
"non light salted butter added during cooking"	4
"escarole, raw"	5
"vinegar"	6
"fresh clementine or mandarin"	7
	8

Meal classification : 14 rules

.....> Rules order very important

Table: explicit food items groups classification

Entrée	Plat principal	Dessert	Boisson
38 – Soupes	17 – Viandes	8 - Pâtisseries	31 - eau
40 - Entrées	18 – Volailles et gibiers	10 – Ultra-frais laitier	32 - BRSA
	19 - Abats	28 - Glaces	33 – boissons alcoolisées
	36 – Pizzas, quiches	29 - Chocolat	34 - café
	37 – Sandwiches, casse croutes	42 – Compotes et fruits cuits	35 – boissons chaudes
	39 – Plats composés	41 - Entremets	

Example : Consommateur 110207 (INCA2) - Dîner 7

Rule 1 : explicit food items classification

Boisson	"contrex still water"	8
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Rule 2 : « entrée » non explicit based on nutrition

→ teneur en fibre, eau, énergie, qte + position dans le repas

Entrée	"boiled potato"	3
Entrée	"escarole, raw"	5
Boisson	"contrex still water"	8

Rule 3 : non explicit dessert classification

Les seuls concernés sont les fruits frais + sec
Pourquoi ?

- tous les autres dessert sauf les fruits sont classés dès la règle 1 en explicite
- les fruits peuvent être aussi bien des entrées que des desserts (pamplemousse, melon, etc)

Entrée	"boiled potato"	3
Entrée	"escarole, raw"	5
Dessert	"fresh clementine or mandarin"	7
Boisson	"contrex still water"	8

2 autres règles suivent la règle 3 mais n'ont pas eu d'influence sur cette classification

Rule 6 : eggs

→ grp 12, 2 rôle possibles : Entrée ou Plat selon la qte + la présence ou non d'une entrée après l'œuf étudié

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Rule 7 : charcuterie

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Rule 9 : managing dish absence

→ l'entrée la plus calorique, qui n'est pas un fruit, change de rôle et devient Plat

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Rule 13 : managing positional errors

les entrées qui suivent un plat sont converties en plat

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pas de ligne 4 et 6 !

Non classified food items

-> ils font partie d'un groupe : les bases alimentaires
-> on ne leur affecte pas de rôle

Bases alimentaires

INCA2 :

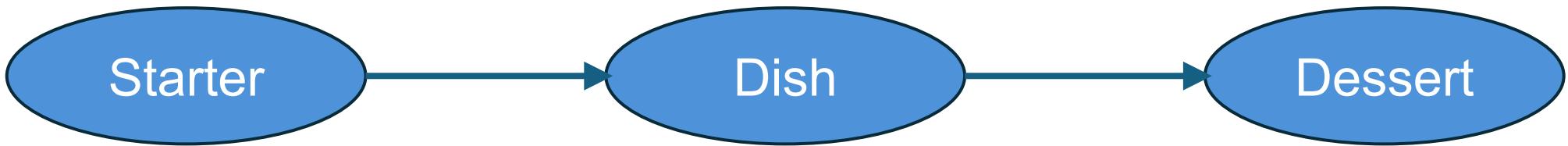
Beurre, huile, margarine, autres graisses, sucres et dérivés (sauf bonbons), pain, condiments et sauces

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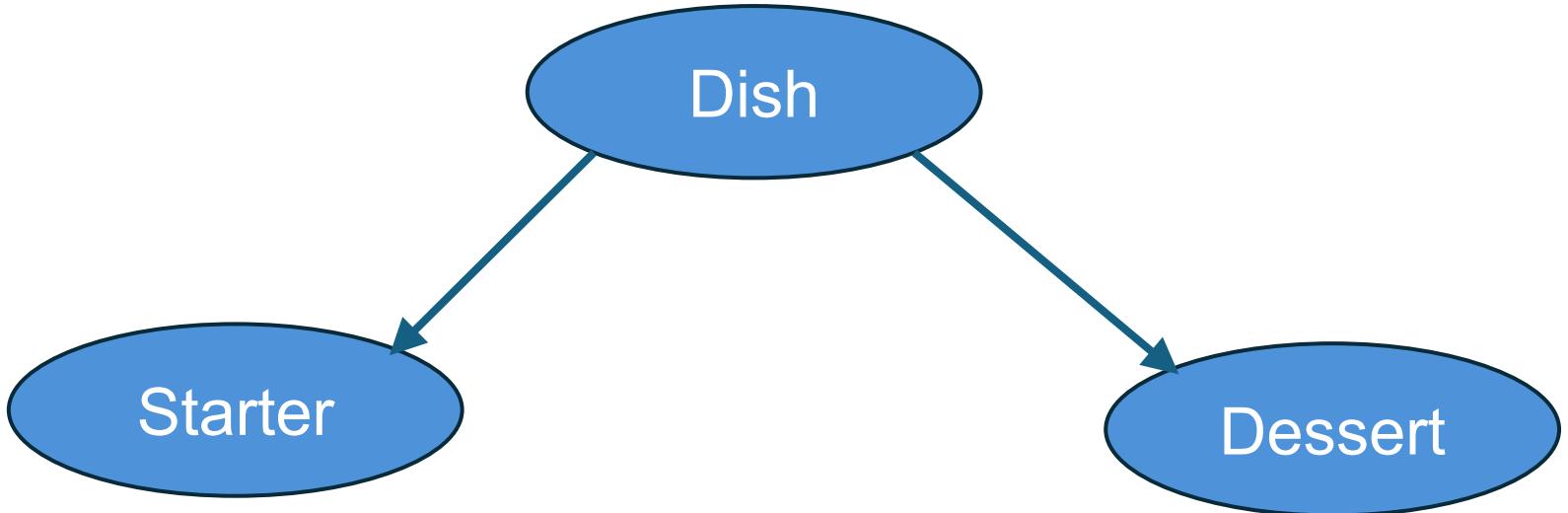
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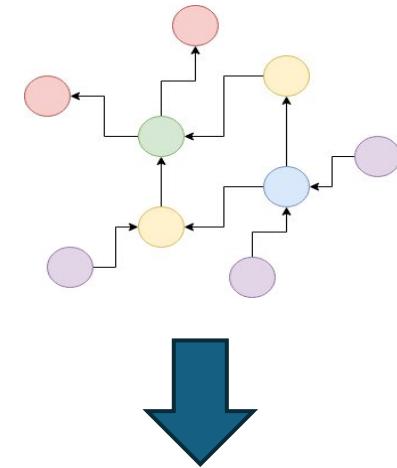
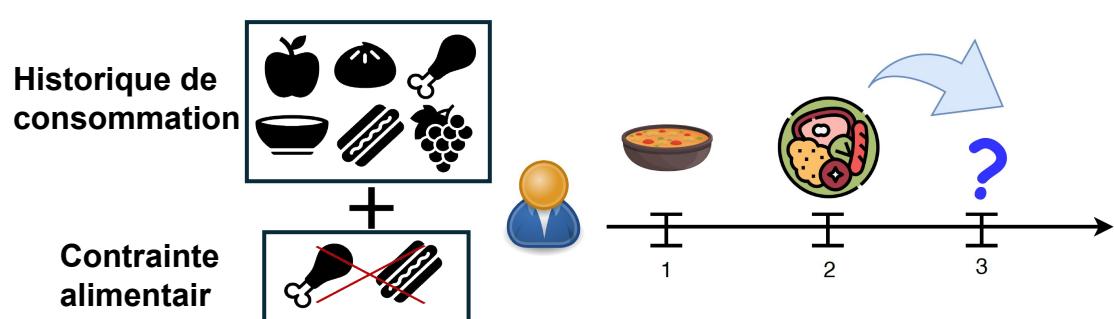
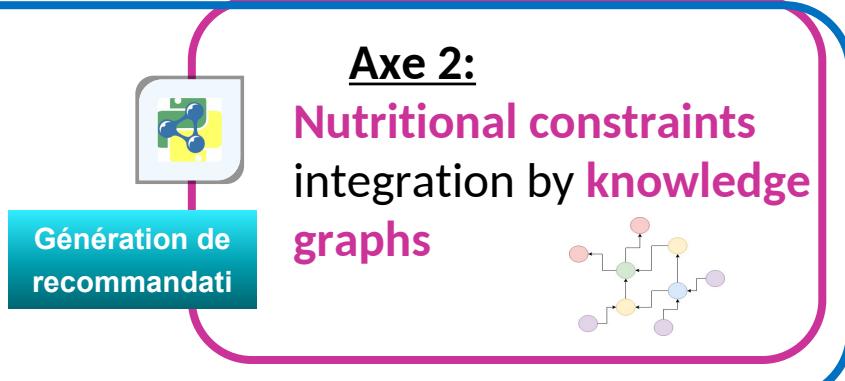
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The exersys project

Developing a RecSys for meals recommendation

- Axe 1:**
Recommendation based on **user's preferences** learnt by **machine learning methods**



CLASSIFICATION

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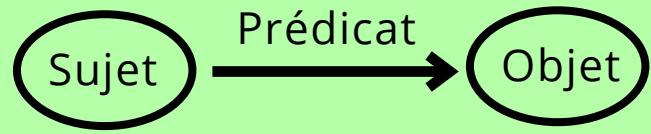


Sequentiality
vs
Causality

NutriKG : meal classification

RDF

- Format standard pour représenter des données liées .
- Basé sur des triplets :



?food kmn:energy ?energy

Graphe de connaissance :
donner un sens aux données

+ 800 000 lignes de consommations

Ontologies (OWL)

- Définir des règles sémantiques (classes, hiérarchie)

```
kmn:Male a owl:Class ;  
rdfs:label "Male" ;  
rdfs:subClassOf kmn:Individual .
```

SPARQL

- Langage de requête utilisé pour extraire des connaissances du graphe

```
SELECT ?food  
WHERE {  
?food kmn:codgr ?codgr .  
FILTER(?codgr IN (12,17)})
```

The exersys project : Sequence generation with user

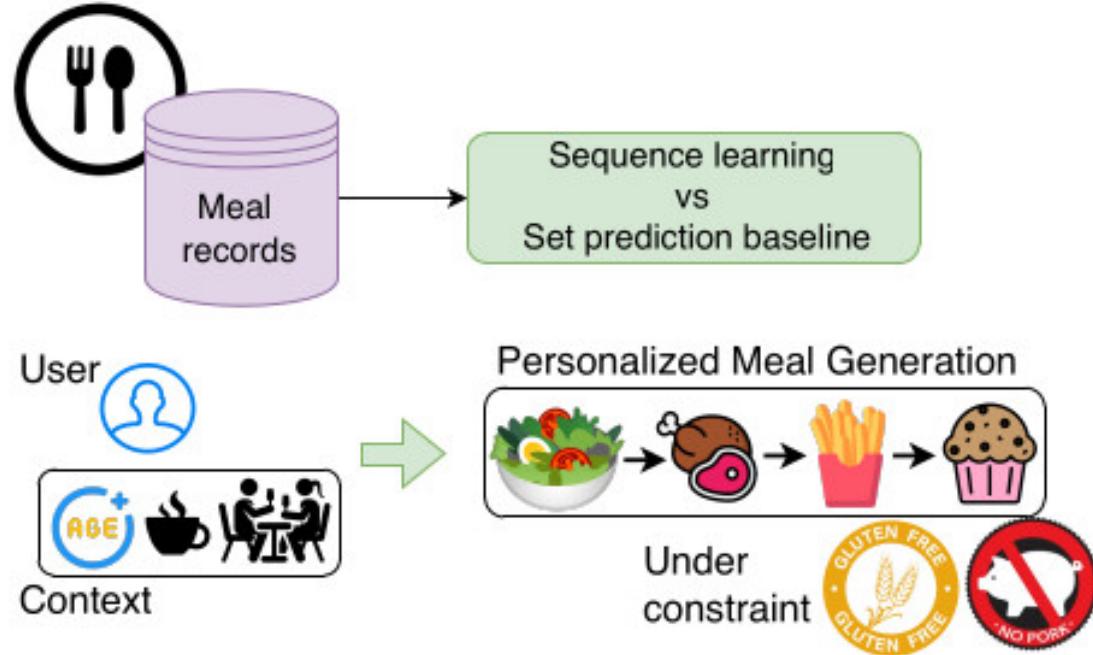
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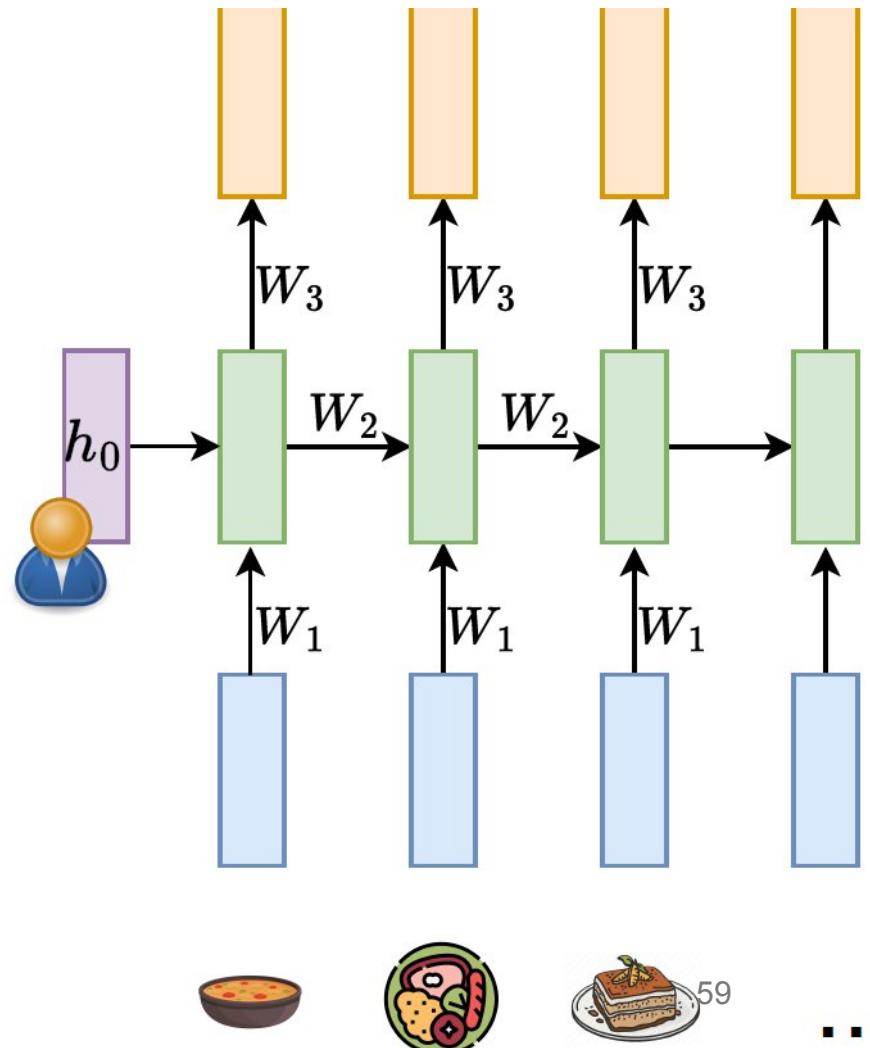
Sequentiality modeling : RNN

Sequence prediction :

- Reconstructing a full sequence
- How to take into consideration the user ? The context ? First item prediction ?

User integration :

1. User = initial hidden state
 - First item prediction
2. User => concatenated with food items
 - Elegant architecture and less sensible to forgetting



Sequentiality modeling : user integration

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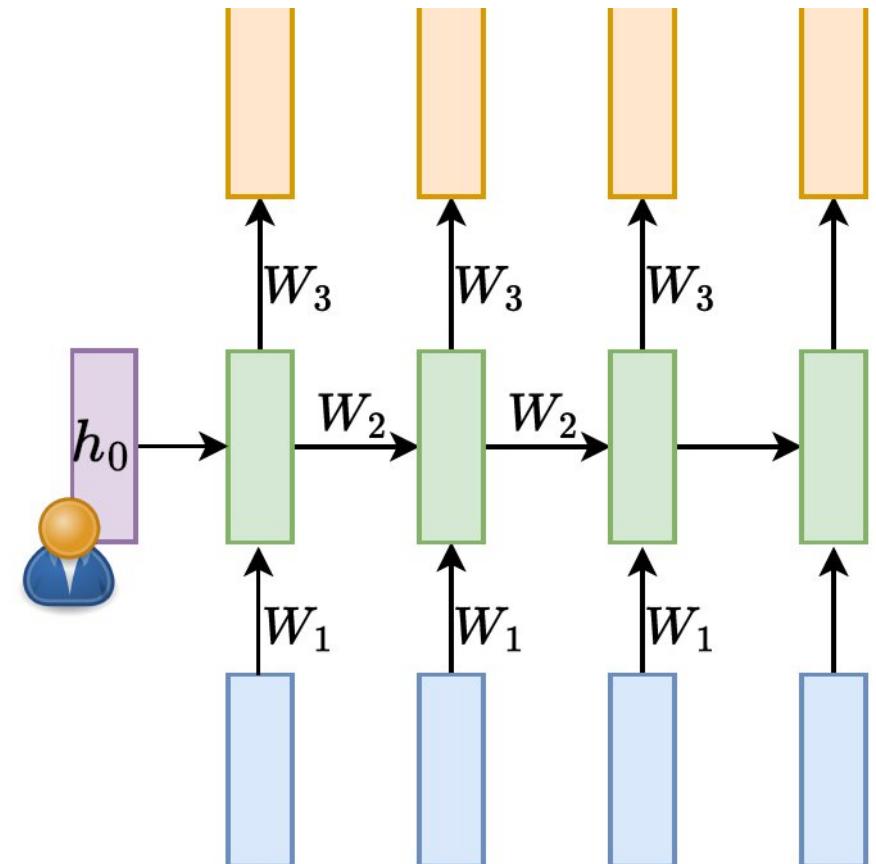
$$m_{u,d,r} = [a_1, \dots, a_t, \dots, a_T]$$

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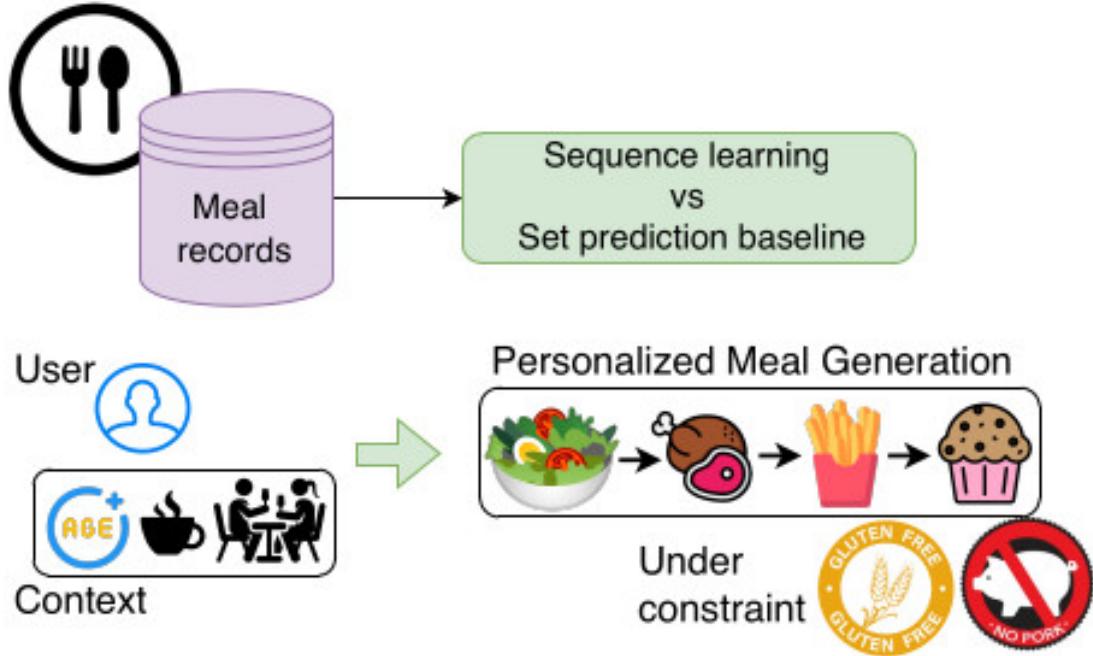
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The exersys project : context integration



$$\forall (u_i, m_{u_i, d, r}) \rightarrow \text{context } c \in C$$

Contexts :

- User or meal characteristics
- age or meal type

$$c \in C \mapsto \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\mathbf{h}_t = g(W_a \mathbf{a}_t + W_u \mathbf{u}_i + \sum_j W_{c_j} \mathbf{c}_j + U \mathbf{h}_{t-1})$$

Test : exact prediction

Métriques	Tx	Tx-Top3	Tx-CAT	Tx	Tx-Top3	Tx-CAT
Modèles	DEJ+DIN			PT-DEJ		
Sans utilisateur	0.11	0.25	0.20	0.38	0.60	0.47
Util. = \mathbf{h}_0	0.13	0.27	0.24	0.66	0.78	0.73
Concat. Util.+Alim.	0.16	0.30	0.24	0.71	0.83	0.77
Aléatoire	0.003	0.01	0.023	0.018	0.055	0.023

Tx : good prediction rate for the next food item,

Tx-Top3 : good prediction rate in top3.

Tx-Cat : good prediction rate for the INCA2 category.

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Plan

- Background : how I got here and what I learnt from this exercice
- Accomplished research
 - Experts' knowledge and PRMs
 - Experts' knowledge for RecSys
- Drawbacks and Future Works

Experts' knowledge : common points

- How **EK** can **improve** the learning of a probabilistic model for inference and prediction and the recommandation of an item in a RecSys for nutrition
- We dealt with applications where **data are scarce**, **EK** helps in enriching them :
 - They specify them
 - They constraints them
- **EK** help in **explicability** and add **rules** (=> causality)

Experts' knowledge : future works

- Relying more on the knowledge graphs
 - Exersys => *planned*
 - PRMs => *to investigate*
- Data linking
 - INCA2 + INCA3
 - Transfer learning
- Expert inclusion and visualisation
- Using the mapping for RecSys

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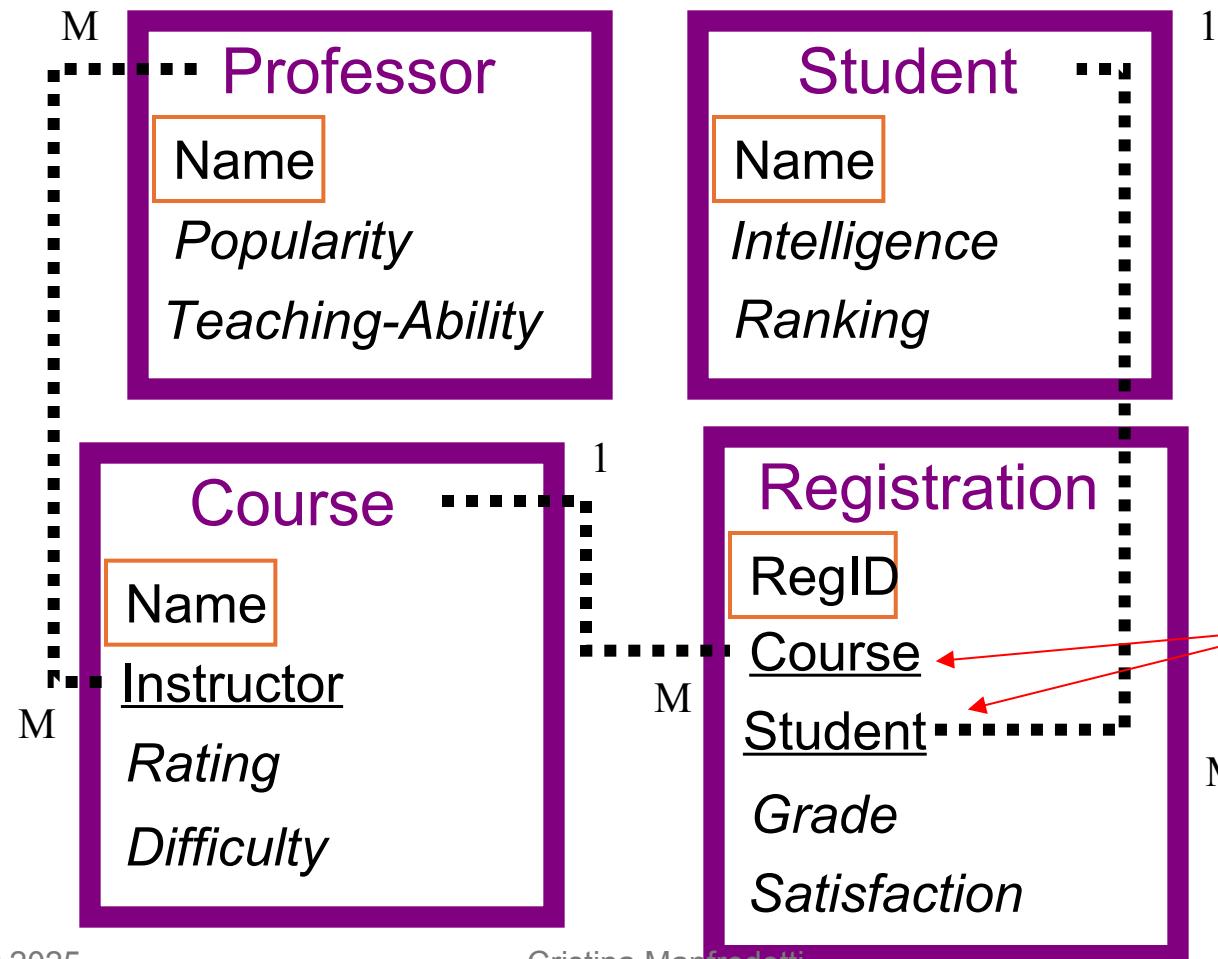
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PRM – Relational Schema [Getoor 01]

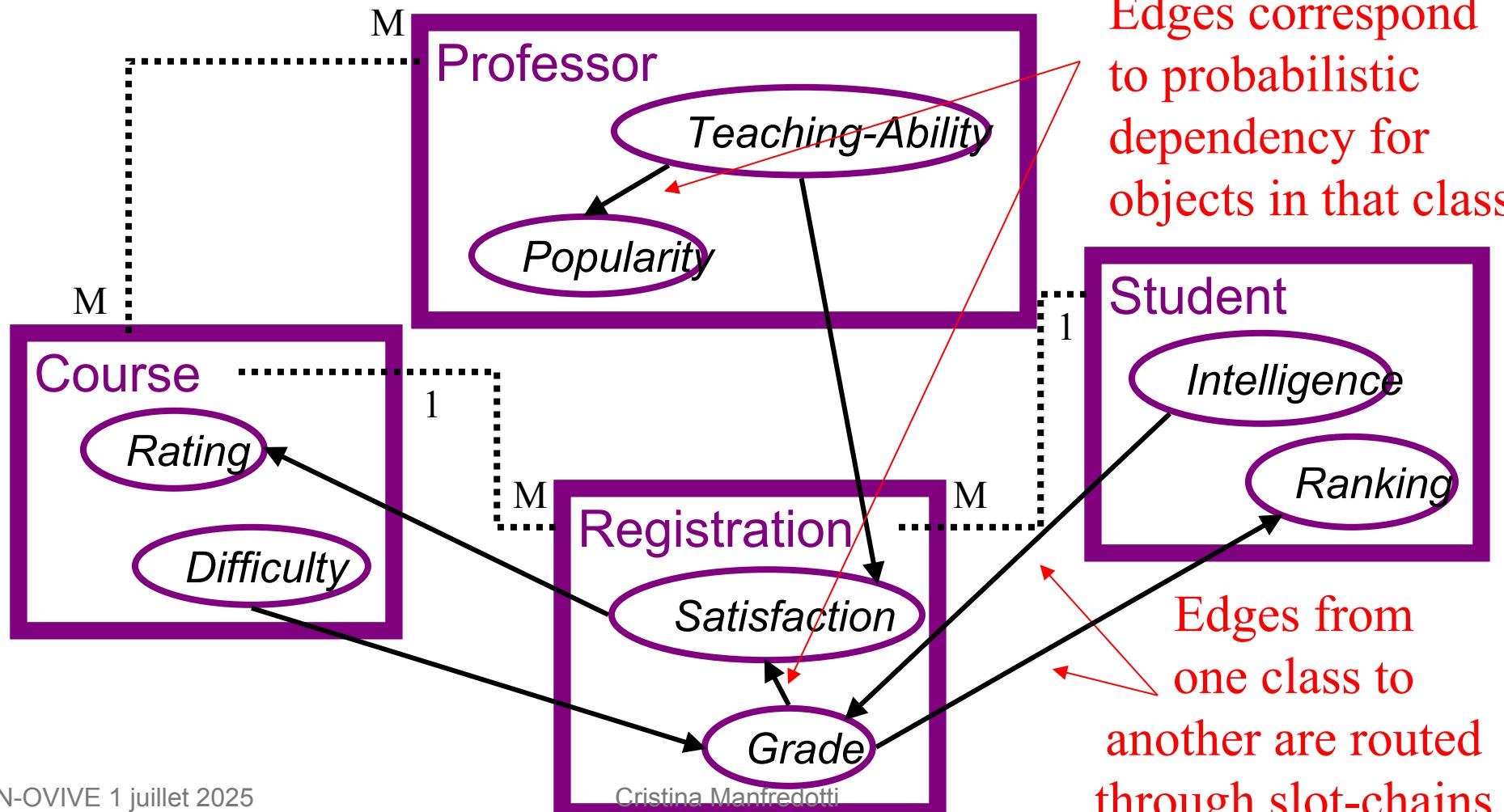
University Domain Example



Underlined
attributes
are
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PRM definition

the University Domain



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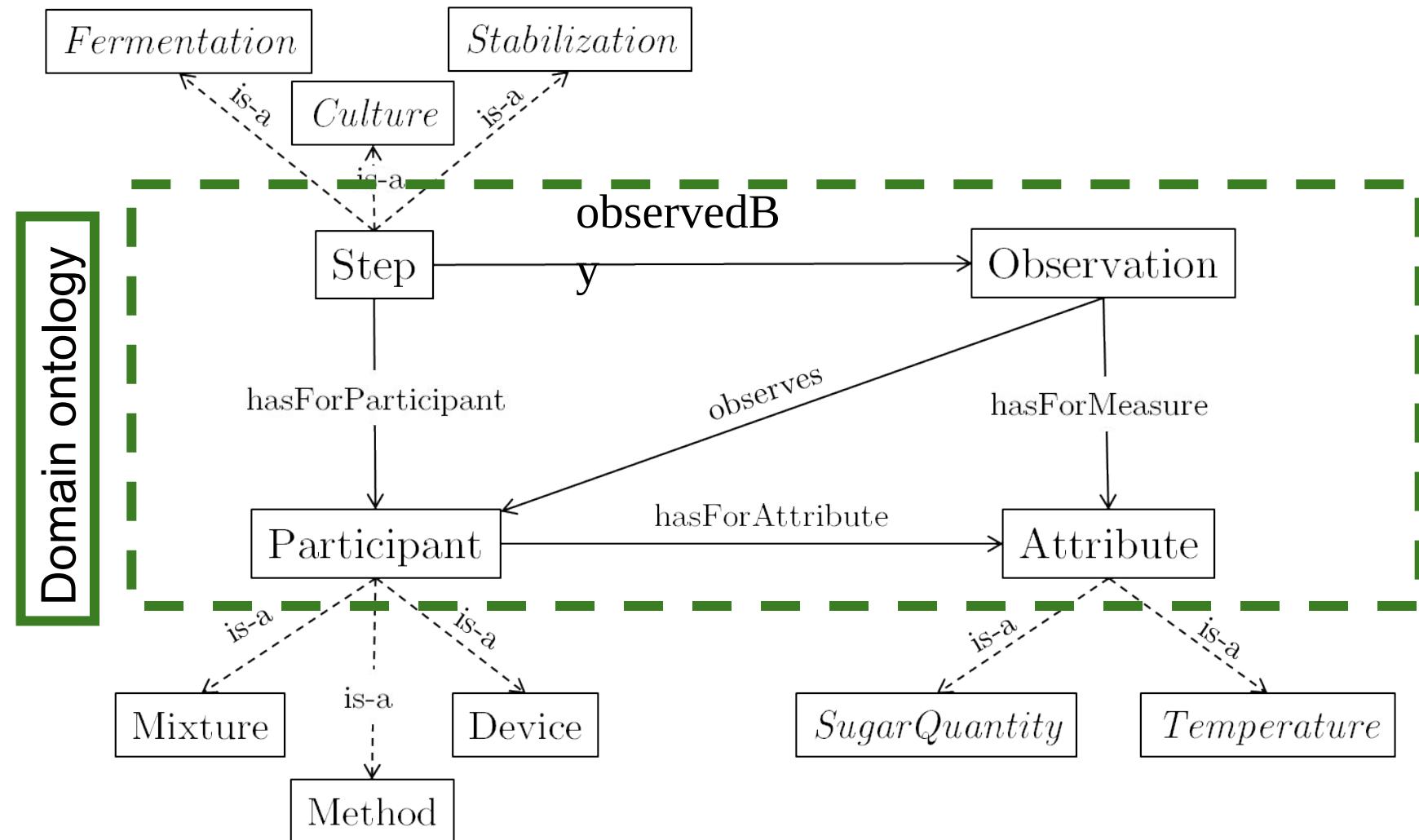
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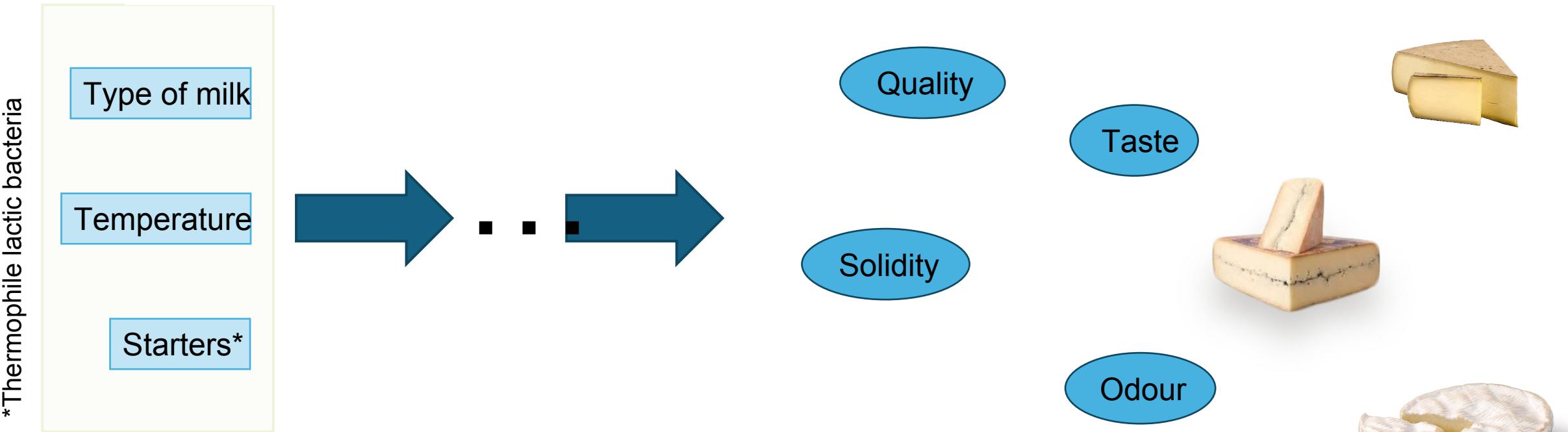
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The Process and Observation Ontology [Ibanescu16]



Modeling Cheese fabrication Process

QUESTION: *Which attributes can define the final product? How?*

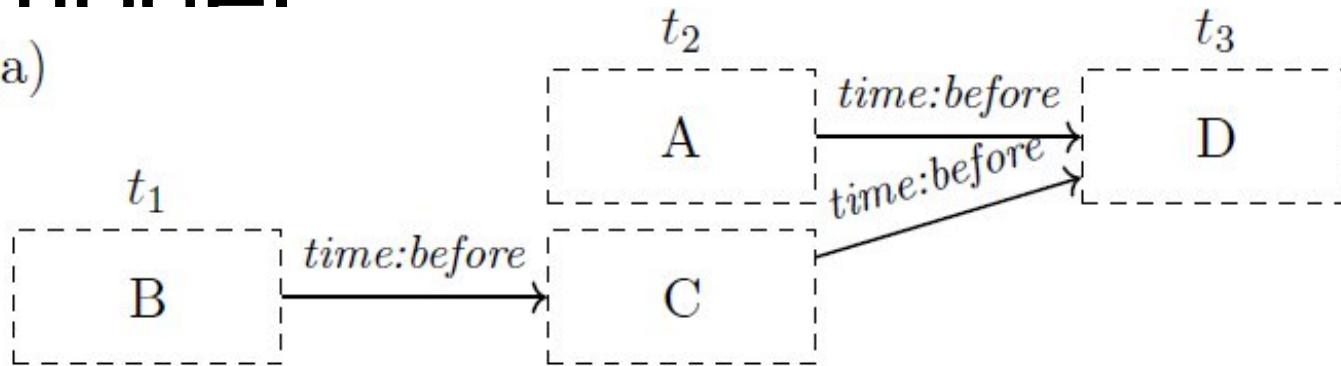


TrueFood project : to what extent the characteristics of some hard cooked cheese is affected by the use of various composition of different milks and by the use of different technological conditions.

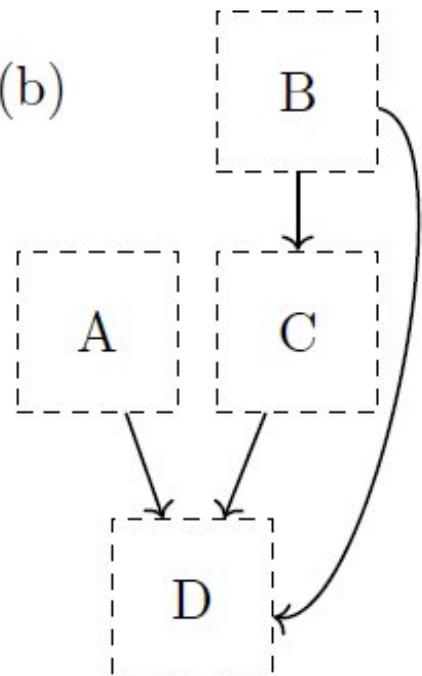
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Mapping ontology and PRM : the stack model

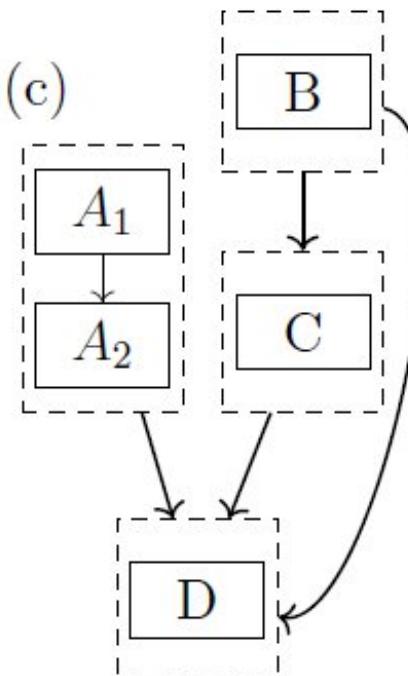
(a)



(b)



(c)



Defined by **two constraints**:

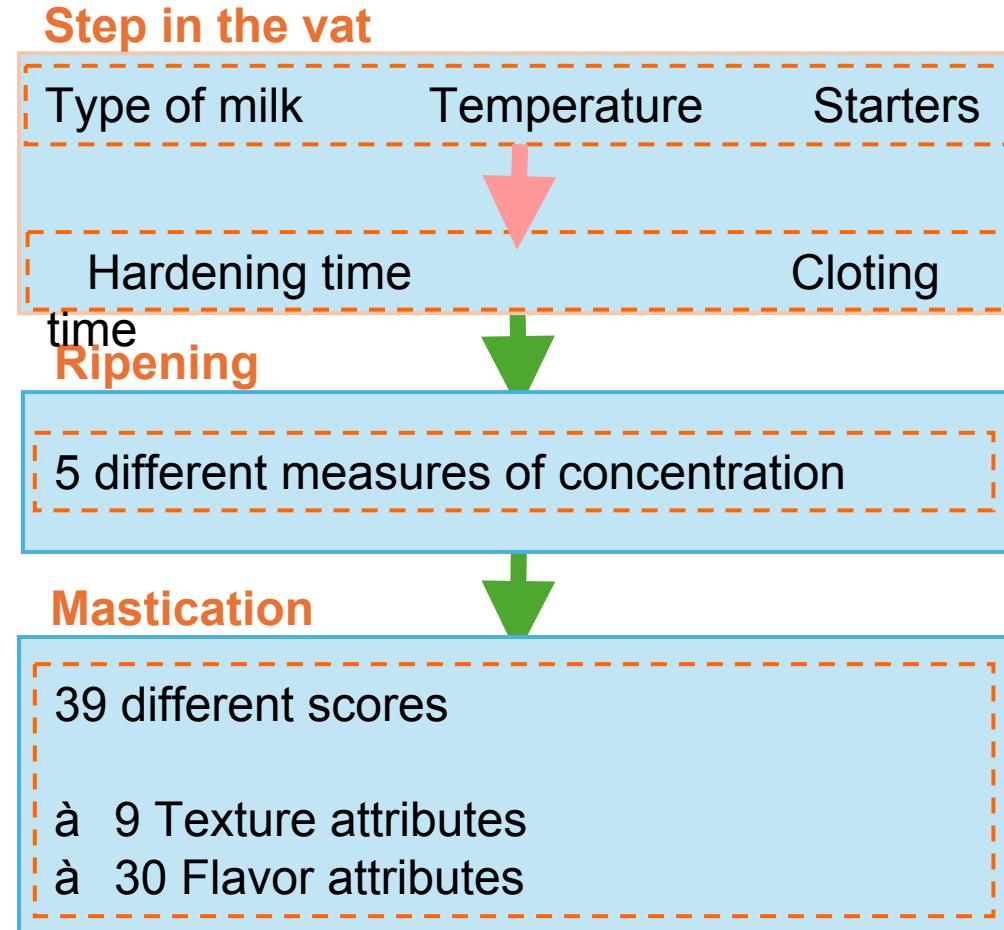
- **temporal** (given by the ontology)
- **causal** (given by the expert)

They define the ordering with which we learn

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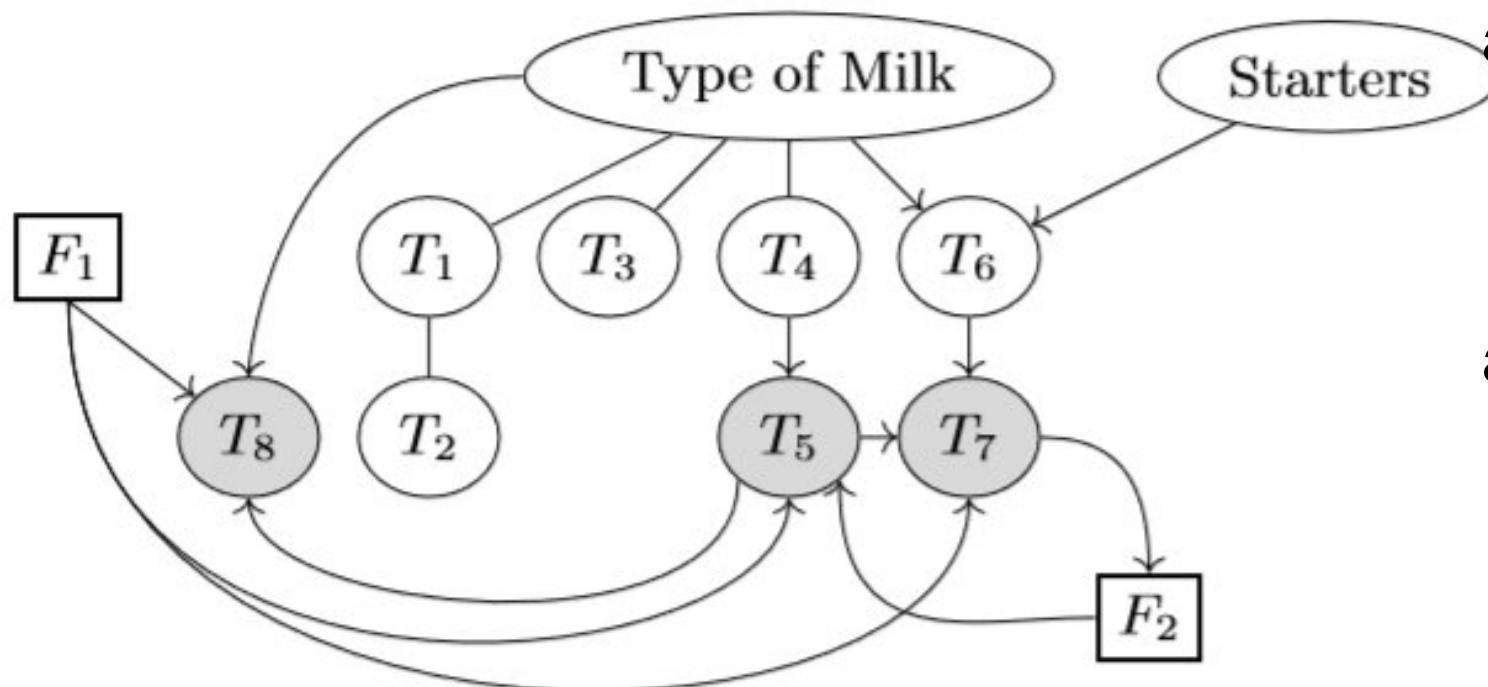
Construction of the **relational schema** with the expert



Interpretation

Excerpt of the Essential Graph:

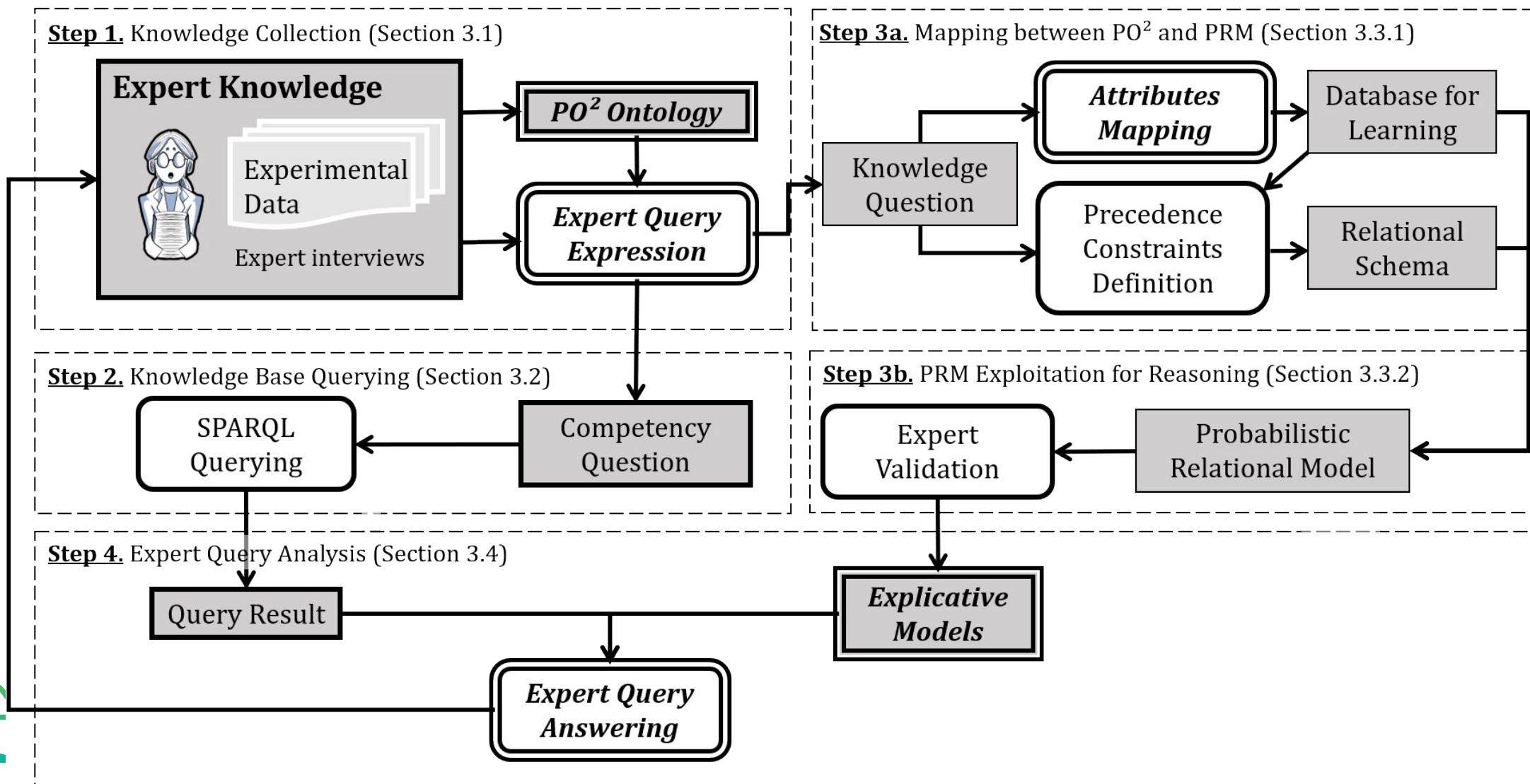
- T texture attributes
- F groups of flavor attributes



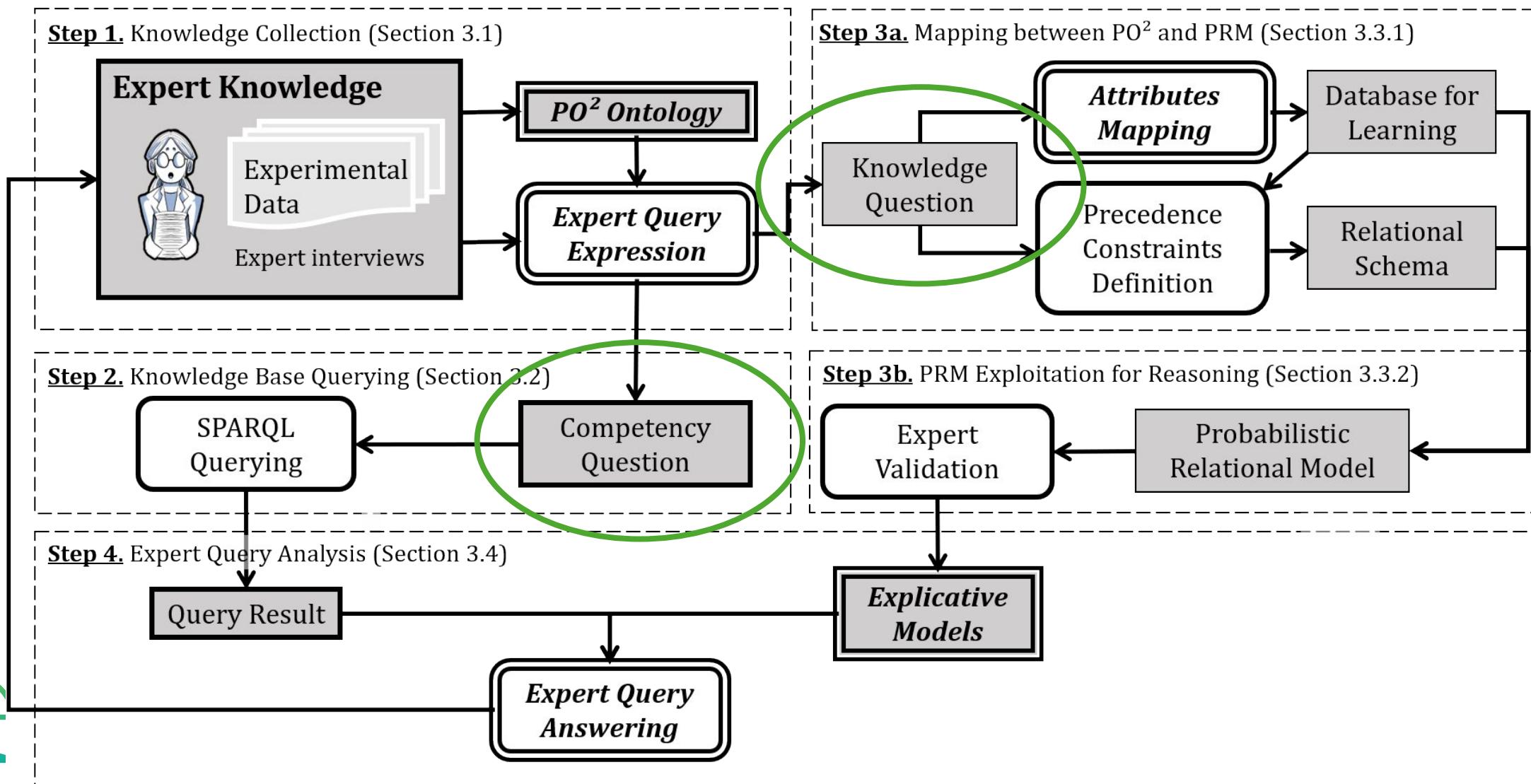
- à The type of milk mostly explain all **texture attributes**
- à The **flavor attributes** are hardly explained by the control parameters

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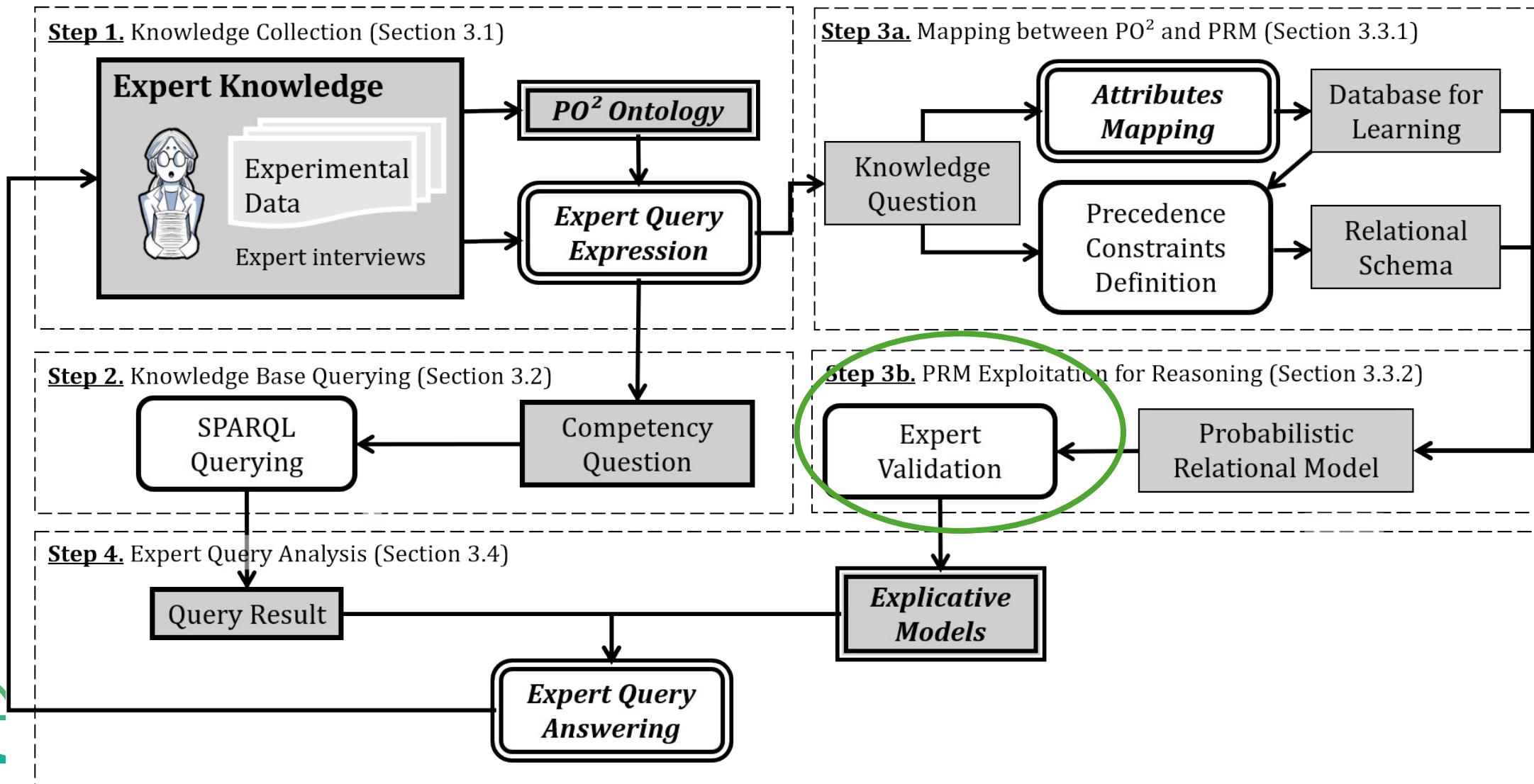
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Food packaging biocomposite manufacturing

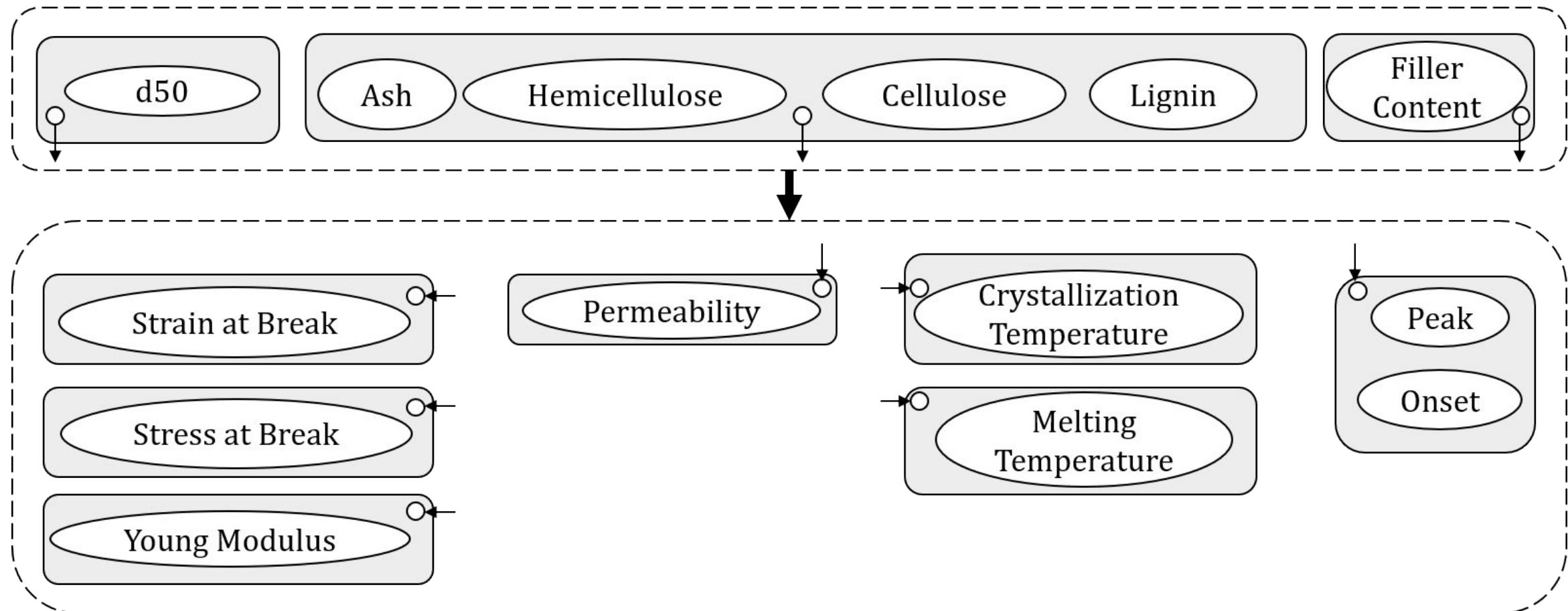
- PHBV : bacterial bio-polymer, biodegradable, **expensive**
- **Idea** : Mix it with lignocellulosic fillers (LF)

- It reduces the overall cost
- But modulates the functional properties

LF = Dry fractions of organic residues

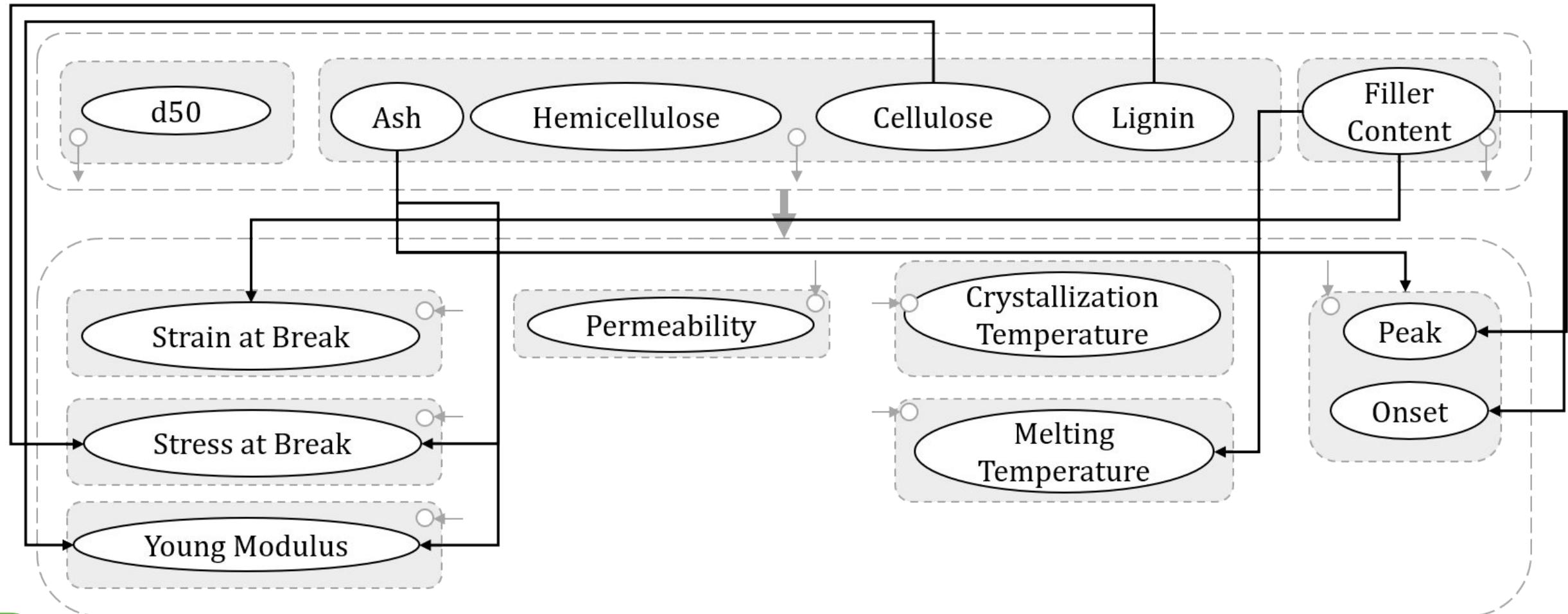
Question : find the right compromise between the maximum acceptable filler content (wrt overall product), filler size and resulting properties

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QUESTION: *Which parameters explain the thermal degradation temperatures?*

Mapping ontology and PRM : POND



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		Peak Temperature		
]0.72; 0.95]]0.95; 1]]1; 1.16]
Filler Content				
]	2; 4]	0.09	0.82*	0.09
]	4; 11]	0.38	0.52*	0.1
]	11; 21]	0.91*	0.09	0
]	21; 50]	0.6*	0.2	0.2

Conditional Probability Table showing the influence of the Filler Content over the Peak Temperature distribution. * shows the maximum likelihood.

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RecSys in the nutrition domain : substitutions

meal graph $G = (V, E)$:

- Meal context $\P[bread \cdot butter] \diamond$
- substitutable set $\P[coffee \cdot tea \cdot milk \cdot jam \cdot nothing] \diamond$.

Discovering substitutable sets

=

mining maximal cliques in a graph

Substitutability score : takes into account associativity as well

