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# Knowledge Engineering in Food Computing – Selected Problems and Applications

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# Overview of the talk

- ❖ Background, context and motivations
  - Knowledge engineering
  - Food computing
  - TAISTI project
- ❖ Ontological modeling in the food domain
- ❖ Knowledge-based reasoning about substitutes
- ❖ Open challenges and opportunities

*...The best ideas shape at the crossroads of domains...*

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# Introduction



# What is knowledge?

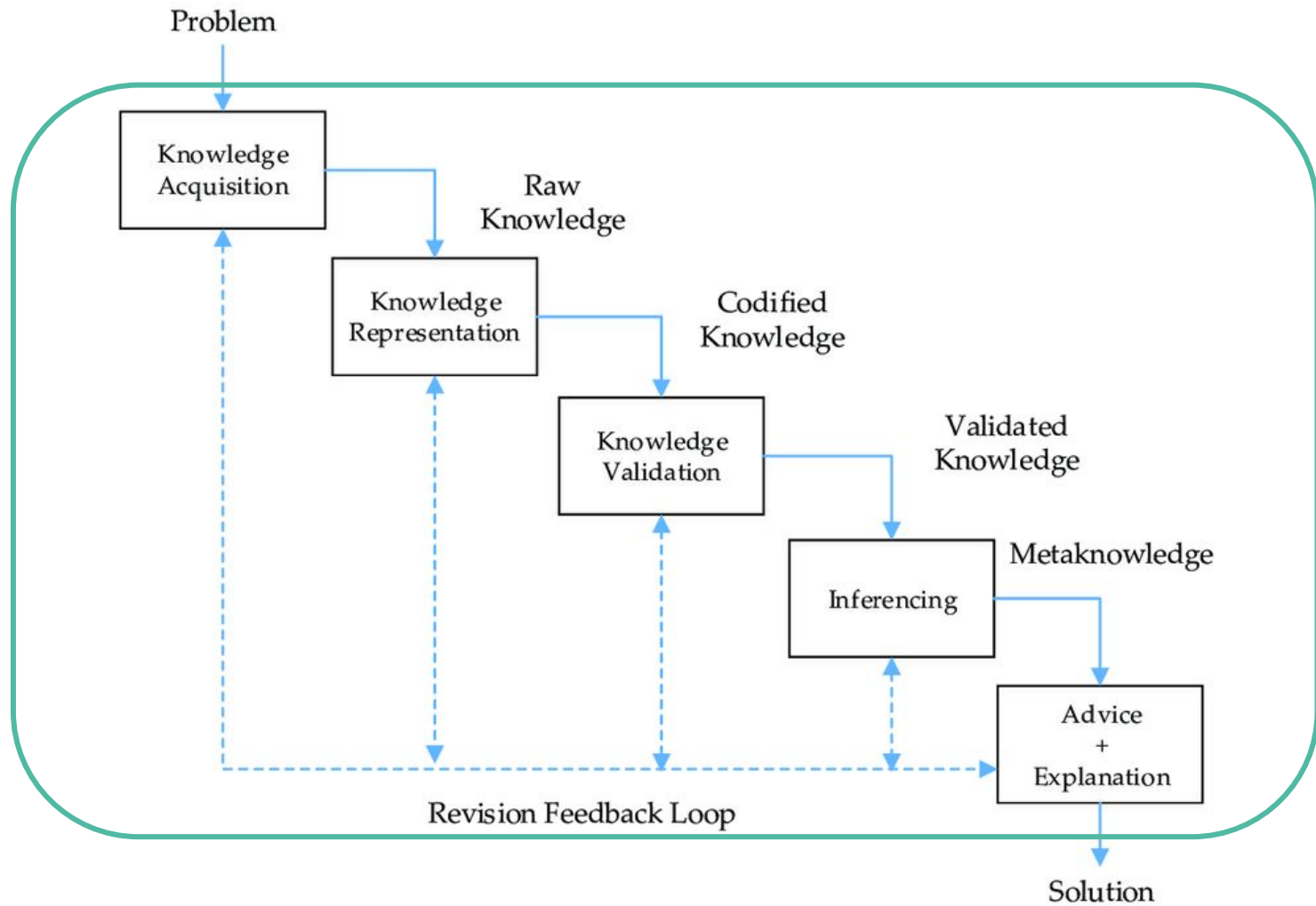


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What is  
knowledge  
engineering?





# What is food?

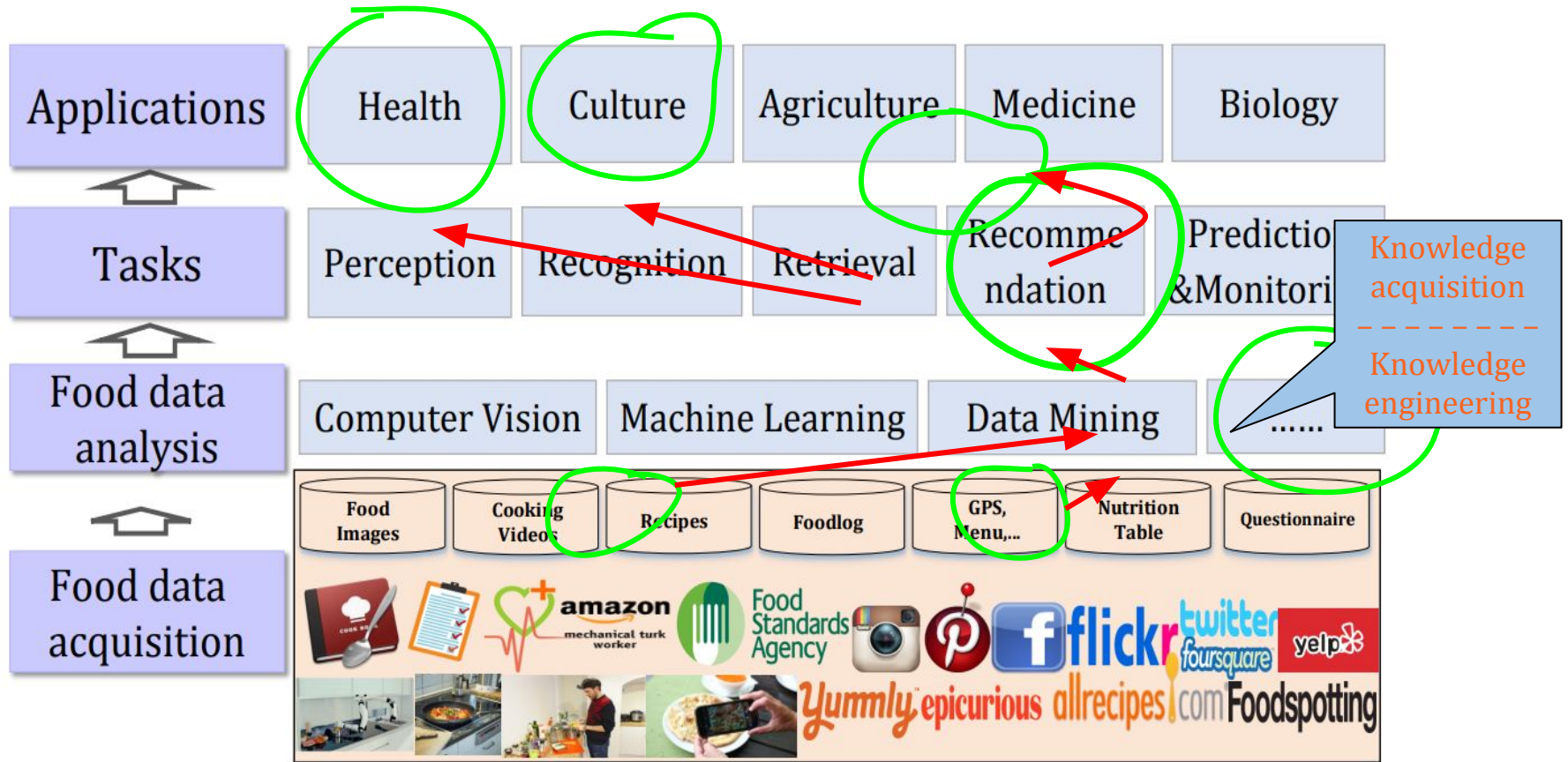
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# What is food computing?





# TAISTI: AI-based substitution recommendation



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A banner image showing a variety of fresh vegetables, including red and yellow bell peppers, tomatoes, and green beans, with the text 'What ingredient to substitute?' overlaid in large white font.

**What ingredient to substitute?**



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## TAISTI in a nutshell (<http://taisti.eu>)

- “Development of a Technology based on Artificial Intelligence for inferring Substitutable recipe Ingredients”
  - EEA and Norway grants - Financial contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
  - Programme „Applied Research”
  - Managed by the National Centre for Research and Development
  - Small grant scheme: 2 year project
  - 856 994 PLN in funding
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# Multidisciplinary research team

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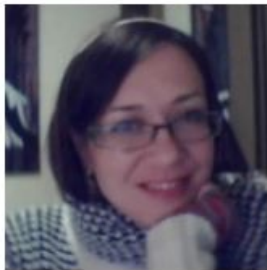
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# R&D problems and challenges

## 1. Knowledge curation

- a. Manual annotation (linguistics)
- b. Entity linking (information extraction, linking instances to existing categories and objects)

## 2. Knowledge acquisition, integration and modeling

- a. Existing sources: recipes, nutritional tables, ontologies
- b. Domain experts (translating unstructured informal knowledge into knowledge structured and formal)

## 3. *Machine learning-based recommendations*

## 4. Rule-based verification and explanation

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# Knowledge engineering questions

1. Where/What is the useful knowledge?
2. How to conceptualize/integrate/model it?
3. How to reason about it?







# Knowledge analysis and acquisition



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**So let's get to work!  
On substitution!**

**Because it's obvious what substitution is.... Or not?**

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# What is substitution?

Answers food technologist...

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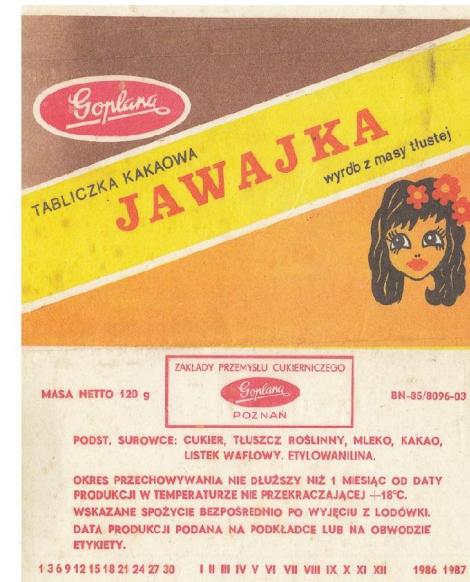




**Substitute:**  
ingredient(s) change,  
same technological  
process, final  
product similar to  
the original one



**Analogue (imitation):** ingredient(s) change,  
technological process may differ, the final product  
imitates the original one in terms of color, taste etc.





# Domain experts' sources...

Gluten w spożywczych zastosowaniach pozapiekarskich

Typ produktu	Zawartość glutenu %	Typ produktu	Zawartość glutenu %
Analogi owoców morza	1.3	Restrukturyzowane steki wołowe	3.6
Analogi mięsa krabiego	2.1	Frankfurterki	8
Analogi kawioru	1-30	Przekąski wysokobiałkowe	1-50
Analogi kielbasek	8-17	Pasty wysokobiałkowe	1.6
Analogi pulpetów i hamburgerów	10.6	Tortille	1-4
Imitacje serów	5.8-14.2	Ekstrudowane produkty błonnikowe z glutenem	20-23

(30). Pokazano w przeliczeniu na gini.

▼ M2

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## Substytuty soli

Grupa I	Dodatki			
E 338–452	Kwas fosforowy – fosforany – di-, tri- i polifosforany	10 000	(1) (4)	

▼ M2

Numer kategorii	Numer E	Nazwa	Maksymalny poziom (odpowiednio mg/l lub mg/kg)	Przypisy	Ograniczenia/wyjątki
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	E 535–538	Żelazocyjanki	20	(1) (57)	
	E 551–559	Dwutlenek krzemu – krzemiany	20 000		Okres stosowania: do dnia 31 stycznia 2014 r.
	E 551–553	Dwutlenek krzemu – krzemiany	20 000		Okres stosowania: od dnia 1 lutego 2014 r.

▼ M2

	E 620–625	Kwas glutaminowy – glutaminy	<i>quantum satis</i>		
	E 626–635	Rybonukleotydy	<i>quantum satis</i>		
		(1): Dodatki mogą być dodawane pojedynczo lub łącznie.			
		(4): Maksymalny poziom podano w przeliczeniu na P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> .			
		(57): Maksymalny poziom podano w przeliczeniu na bezwodny żelazocyjanek potasu.			

**[Scenario #1** - zamiana wynikająca z braku produktu; zamiennik musi odwzorowywać wartość odżywczą, tj. być również dobrym źródłem błonnika]  
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Persona X zdecydowała się na przygotowanie risotto. Jednak, gdy przyszło do sporządzenia potrawy okazało się, że zabrakło jej ryżu brązowego. W przepisie, który wykorzystywała nie było podanej informacji na temat składnika/składników, którymi można zastąpić ryż. Co więcej Persona X postanowiła odżywiać się zdrowo i zastanawia się, który możliwy zamiennik ryżu spełniałby jej oczekiwania, tj. nadawałby się nie tylko z technologicznego punktu widzenia, ale przede wszystkim byłby dobrym źródłem błonnika pokarmowego.

**[Scenario #2** - zamiana wynikająca z konieczności wykluczenia konkretnego produktu z powodu zdrowotnego; zamiennik musi spełniać wymagania zdrowotne]  
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Persona Y postanowiła przyrządzić na imprezę urodzinową deser mleczny z owocami. Jednak okazało się, że jeden z gości ma zdiagnozowaną alergię na białko mleka krowiego i orzechy. Aby całkowicie nie rezygnować z pomysłu przygotowania słodkiej przekąski, Persona Y postanowiła wymienić mleko na inny składnik. Niestety nie ma ona pomysłu, który produkt sprawdziłby się w tym przypadku jako dobry zamiennik mleka. Mąż podsunął jej pomysł, że może to być napój migdałowy. Jednak nie jest przekonana, czy będzie on odpowiednim zamiennikiem, gdyż wspomniany gość ma zdiagnozowaną alergię na orzechy.

**[Scenario #3** - zamiana wynikająca z konieczności wykluczenia konkretnego produktu z powodu zdrowotnego; zamiennik musi spełniać wymagania technologiczne, tj. musi nadawać taką samą słodkość potrawie, jak cukier]  
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Persona Z jest w trakcie przygotowania nieczonych ciasteczek na spotkanie rodzinne. Dowiedziała się jednak



# Domain experts' analyses...

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
<a href="https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/16354/easy-meatloaf/">https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/16354/easy-meatloaf/</a>												
<b>Easy Meatloaf / mielony - pieczeń rzymska</b>												
1 ½ pounds ground beef	mielona wołowina											
1 egg	jajo											
1 onion, chopped	cebula											
1 cup milk	mleko											
1 cup dried bread crumbs	bułka tarta / krakersy											
salt and pepper to taste	sól i pieprz											
2 tablespoons brown sugar	brązowy cukier											
2 tablespoons prepared mustard	musztarda											
½ cup ketchup	keczup											
<b>Step 1</b>												
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).												
<b>Step 2</b>												
In a large bowl, combine the beef, egg, onion, milk and bread OR cracker crumbs. Season with salt and pepper to taste and place in a lightly greased 9x5-inch loaf pan, or form into a loaf and place in a lightly greased 9x13-inch baking dish.												
<b>Step 3</b>												
In a separate small bowl, combine the brown sugar, mustard												

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graph TD; WOLOWINA --> ROZGRZAĆ; JAJO --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; CEBULA --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; MLEKO --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; BUŁKA_TARTA --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; SÓL --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; PIEPRZ --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; CUKIER_BRĄZOWY --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; ROZGRZAĆ --> POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI; POŁĄCZYĆ_SKŁADNIKI --> UŁOŻYĆ_W_BLASZCIE; UŁOŻYĆ_W_BLASZCIE --> POŁAĆ_WIERZCH; POŁĄCZYĆ --> POŁAĆ_WIERZCH; POŁAĆ_WIERZCH --> PIEC["PIEC (1H, 175C)"];
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# Domain experts' analyses...

SKŁADNIKI PODSTAWOWE	ZAMIĘŃ NA:	WARUNEK 1:	WARUNEK 2:	WARUNEK 3 [STOSUNEK ZAMIANY]:	
<b>wołowina mielona</b>	wieprzowina	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	kurczak	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	indyk	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	łosoś biały	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	tuńczyk	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	ciecierzyca	ugotowana	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	soczewica	ugotowana	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	tempeh	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	soja	ugotowana	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	sojowe kotlety	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	fasola	ugotowana	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	grzyby	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	Seitan (gluten pszenny)	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	białko z owadów	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	bakłażan	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
<b>jajo</b>	jajo w proszku	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	
	len mielony	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	1:1	plus woda 100%
	chia mielona	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	10g:1szt	plus woda 100%
	agar agar	na zimno: TAK	pieczenie: TAK	5g:1 szt	plus woda 100%

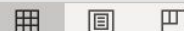
Pieczeń rzymska mielony SCHEMAT

**Pieczeń - ZAMIENNIKI**

Wieprzowina- KARTA PRODUKTU

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# Domain experts' analyses...

Wieprzowina	zależy który element kulinarny							
<b>ETYKIETY OGÓLNE:</b>	<b>LEKKOSTRAWNY</b> NIE	<b>BEZGLUTENOWY</b> TAK	<b>WEGETARIAŃSKI</b> NIE	<b>WEGAŃSKI</b> NIE	<b>BEZ LAKTOZY</b> TAK			
<b>ETYKIETY TECHNOLOGICZNE:</b>	<b>NA SUROWO</b> NIE	<b>DO GOTOWANIA</b> TAK	<b>DO SMAŻENIA</b> TAK	<b>DO PIECZENIA</b> TAK				
<b>ETYKIETY ODŻYWCZE:</b>	ŹRÓDŁO: żelazo, białko		MAŁO: <u>witaminy</u>	KALORIE: <u>120</u>				
<b>MOŻLIWA ZAMIANA NA:</b>	wieprzowina	kurczak	indyk	łosoś biały	tuńczyk	ciecierzyca	soczewica	tempeh
warunek 1 [stosunek zamiany]:	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	1:1	
warunek 2:	na zimno: TAK	na zimno: TAK	na zimno: TAK	na zimno: TAK	na zimno: TAK	ugotowana	ugotowana	na zimno
warunek 3:								
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warunek 5:								
<b>UWAGA DODATKOWA/KOMENTARZ:</b>								





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1	Title	Link	Ingredient	Vegetarian (ratio)	Vegetarian (food product)	Vegan (ratio)	Vegan (food product)
3	Yellow Bird	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/yellow-bird">https://www.food.com/recipe/yellow-bird</a>	4 ounces triple sec				
4	Yellow Bird	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/yellow-bird">https://www.food.com/recipe/yellow-bird</a>	3 ounces Tia Maria				
5	Yellow Bird	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/yellow-bird">https://www.food.com/recipe/yellow-bird</a>	20 ounces orange juice				
6	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	2 tubes cinnamon roll, refrigerated, with icing				
7	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	4 tablespoons butter, melted	1:1	margarine	1:1	margarine
8	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	6 eggs				
9	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	1/2 cup milk	1:1	oat drink	1:1	oat drink
10	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	2 teaspoons cinnamon				
11	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	2 teaspoons vanilla				
12	Cinnamon Roll French Toast	<a href="https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast">https://tasty.co/recipe/cinnamon-roll-french-toast</a>	1 cup maple syrup				
13	Bahamian Sky Juice	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice">https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice</a>	4 ripe coconuts				
14	Bahamian Sky Juice	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice">https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice</a>	1 cup evaporated milk		1 cup water + 6 tablespoons soy milk powder		1 cup water + 6 tablespoons soy milk powder
15	Bahamian Sky Juice	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice">https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice</a>	1 cup gin				
16	Bahamian Sky Juice	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice">https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice</a>	3 tablespoons sugar (optional)				
17	Bahamian Sky Juice	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice">https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice</a>	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon				
18	Bahamian Sky Juice	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice">https://www.food.com/recipe/bahamian-sky-juice</a>	1/2, 2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg				
19	Patriot S'mores	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/patriot-s-mores">https://www.food.com/recipe/patriot-s-mores</a>	1 sheet graham cracker (broken in half)				
20	Patriot S'mores	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/patriot-s-mores">https://www.food.com/recipe/patriot-s-mores</a>	2 pieces milk chocolate candy bars	1:1	dark chocolate	1:1	dark chocolate
21	Patriot S'mores	<a href="https://www.food.com/recipe/patriot-s-mores">https://www.food.com/recipe/patriot-s-mores</a>	1 marshmallow				

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jak ująć w tabeli, gdy jeden składnik jest zamieniany na dwa inne i np. potrzeba dodatkowego sposobu przygotowania?

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Agnieszka Lawrynowicz

Jędrzej

Agnieszka

A still life photograph of autumn produce. In the center is a small, round pumpkin with green and yellow mottled patterns. To its right is a larger, plain white pumpkin. In the foreground and background, there are clusters of small, bright yellow berries, possibly hawthorn or hollyhock berries, on green stems with leaves. The items are resting on a rustic, dark wooden surface. The background is softly blurred, showing more greenery and pumpkins.

# What is substitution?

Answers an ML engineer...

*Something that we learned that appears in similar context as the original ingredient*

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## But is similarity enough?

- People search for substitutes for various reasons: *allergies, diets, shortage of ingredients*
- Machine learning learns about *similar recipes*
- **But if we want to substitute something, it is because the original recipes was “wrong” in some respect, so the new recipe should be somehow similar, also different!**
- So how to model the substitution and reason about it?





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# What is substitution?

Has anyone defined it formally?  
Logicians? Linguists? ontologists?

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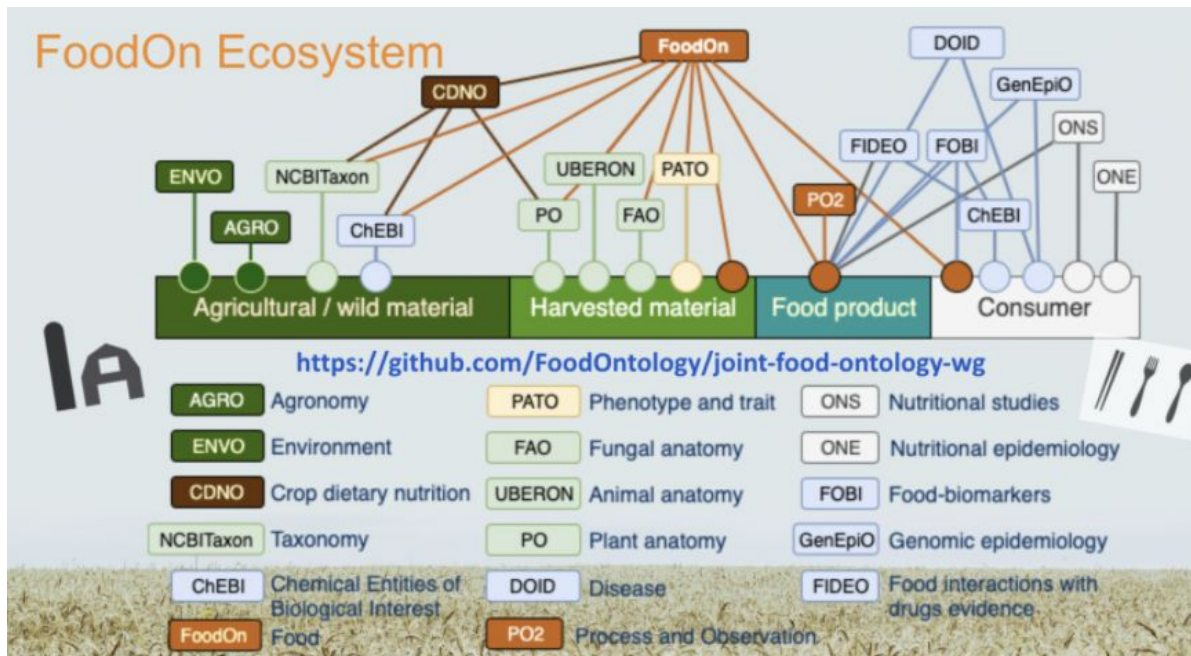


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H6 Quantitative experiment: own dataset - 74 rules for substitutions (pairs: ingredient & a few substitutes); 3 methods compared, first-acc@1, @5; secondAcc@1, @5; Qualitative experiment: visualization - embeddings cloud for regular

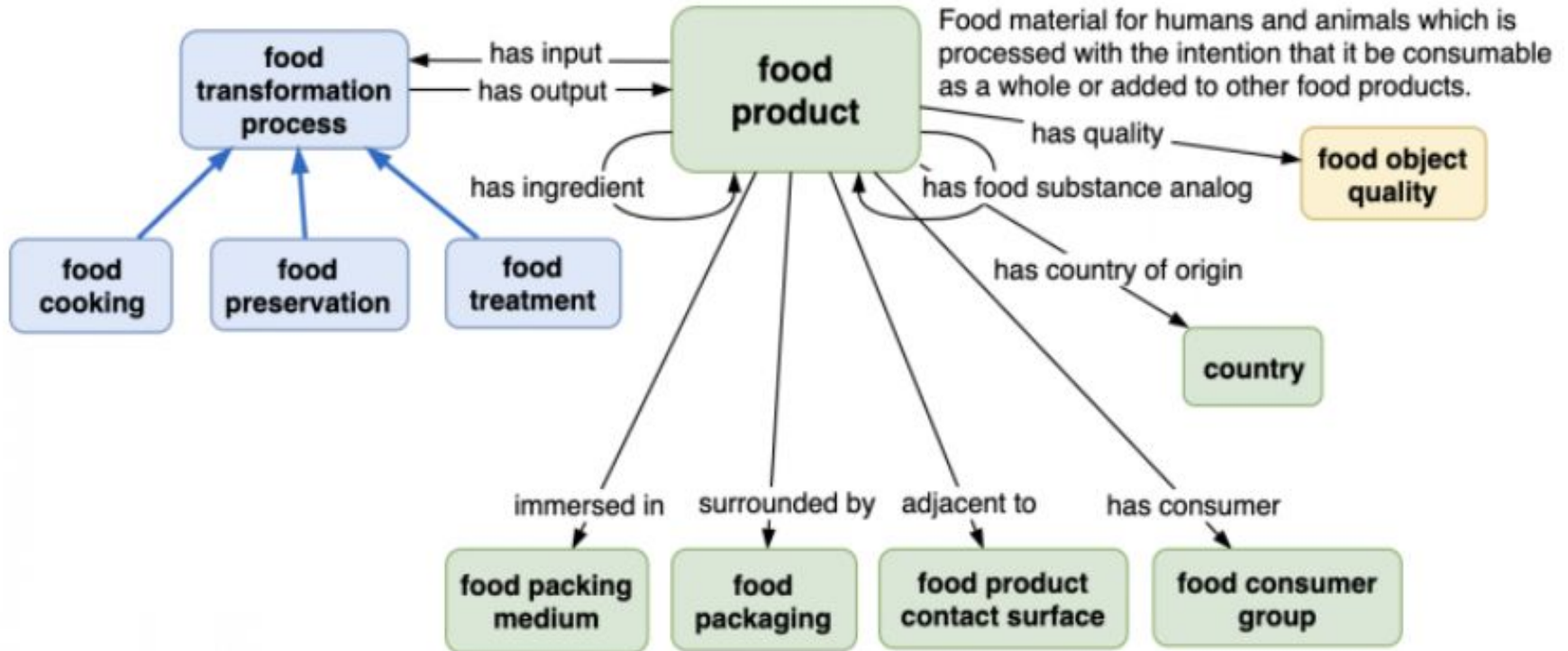
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1	reference	domain (e-commerce /food/linguistics...)	approach - method etc.	dataset - name, features etc.	input representation (embeddings)	evaluation - metrics, results, etc.
23	Achananuparp, Palakorn, and Ingmar Weber. "Extracting Food Substitutes From Food Diary via Distributional Similarity." ArXiv:1607.08807 [Cs], July 29, 2016. <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1607.08807">http://arxiv.org/abs/1607.08807</a> .	food	PPMI (positive pointwise mutual information), SVD, dot product as the similarity measure. Food products are represented using their main ingredients from a fixed taxonomy.	Webscraping of MyFitnessPal, enhanced with a manually built taxonomy (I. Weber and P. Achananuparp. Insights from machine-learned diet success prediction. In Proceedings of Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (PSB), 2016.)	SVD	MAP, NDCG, precision@1, precision@10
24	Akkoyunlu et al., "Investigating Substitutability of Food Items in Consumption Data."	food	A meal is represented as an itemset of food products, each meal is a node in a graph, nodes are connected iff they differ in at most one product. On the graph maximal cliques are mined and filtered, so each represents a context + a set of substitutable items. The set is then ranked according to a heuristic score inspired by the Jaccard index.	INCA 2 - the result of a 2006/7 survey on food consumption. ~4000 respondents. Possibly in French.	itemsets	none
25	Gaillard, Lieber, and Nauer, "Improving Ingredient Substitution Using Formal Concept Analysis and Adaptation of Ingredient Quantities with Mixed Linear Optimization."	food	Formal Concept Analysis (FCA) + heuristic search otherwise. Mixed linear optimization to adapt quantities.	1. WikiTaaable knowledge base, <a href="http://wikitaatable.loria.fr/">http://wikitaatable.loria.fr/</a> , but the URL doesn't seem to be alive anymore; 2. Crawled from <a href="http://yummys.com">yummys.com</a> , 1327 recipes.	itemsets	none

# Ontologies in the Food Domain



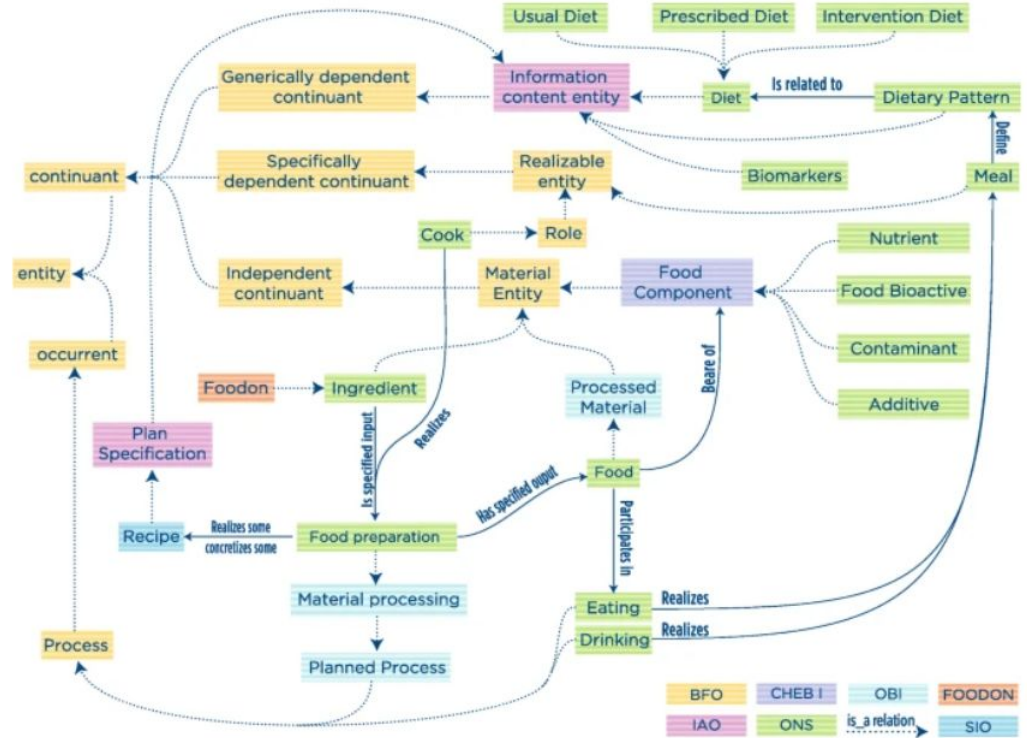


# FoodOn - facets of food, from harvest to consumption



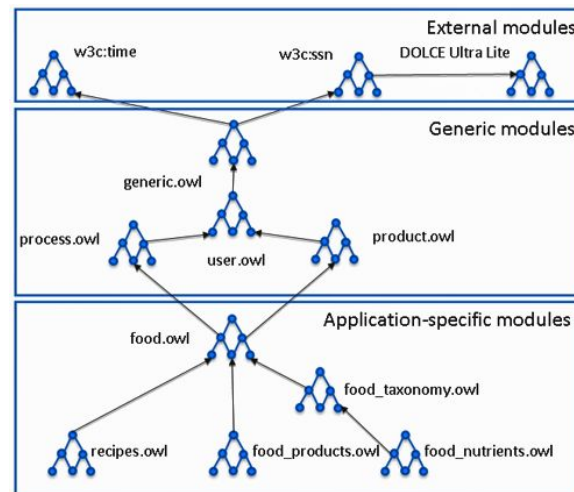


# Ontology for Nutritional Studies



# Other ontologies in the food domain

- FoodKG
- Ontology for Nutritional Studies (ONS)
- The SmartProducts Network of Ontologies (SPO)






# Comparative analysis of the ontologies

Selected aspect	ONS	FoodKG	SPO	FoodOn
Class defining a recipe	✓	✓	✓	✓
Class defining a meal	✓	✓	✗	✓
Class defining a component	✓	✓	✗	✗
Class defining a product substitute	✗	✗	✗	✓
Class defining food	✓	✓	✓	✓
Classes regarding drinking	✓	✗	✓	✓
Classes regarding processed food	✓	✓	✗	✓
Classes describing process of making food	✓	✗	✓	✓
Classes regarding diet	✓	✗	✓	✓
Classes regarding user preferences	✓	✗	✓	✓
Classes regarding product quality	✓	✓	✓	✓
Classes regarding taste	✓	✓	✗	✓





# Meal

ONS	FoodKG	SPO	FoodOn
<p data-bbox="324 339 386 364">YES</p> <p data-bbox="160 412 552 601">„A meal is an eating/drinking occasion which usually occurs at certain time during the day. During a meal, through processes of eating and drinking, food are consumed”</p> 	<p data-bbox="697 339 759 364">YES</p> <p data-bbox="620 445 832 532">„a class that links a recipe to a certain meal”</p> 	<p data-bbox="1039 339 1093 364">NO</p> <p data-bbox="948 445 1174 565">'MealType', 'MealCourseType' i 'MealCourse-Role'.</p> 	<p data-bbox="1460 339 1514 364">YES</p> <p data-bbox="1309 426 1657 558">„Any of the occasions for eating food that occur by custom or habit at more or less fixed times.”</p> <ul data-bbox="1251 645 1599 770" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 'meal (ready-to-consume)'</li> <li>● 'meal replacement (us cfr)'</li> <li>● 'meal replacement (weight-reducing)'</li> <li>● 'meal replacement food product'</li> <li>● 'meal replacement food'</li> </ul>

# Recipe

ONS	FoodKG	SPO	FoodOn
<p data-bbox="396 416 479 450"><b>YES</b></p> <ul data-bbox="272 541 602 754" style="list-style-type: none"><li>● has_part <b>some</b> 'action specification'</li><li>● has_part <b>some</b> 'objective specification'</li><li>● 'is about' <b>some</b> entity</li><li>● 'is about' <b>some</b> 'realizable entity'</li><li>● has_part <b>some</b> 'action specification'</li><li>● has_part <b>some</b> 'objective specification'</li><li>● 'is about' <b>some</b> entity</li><li>● 'is about' <b>some</b> 'realizable entity'</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="768 416 852 450"><b>YES</b></p> <p data-bbox="672 521 730 541">recipe</p> <ul data-bbox="672 549 929 696" style="list-style-type: none"><li>● breakfast recipe</li><li>● dinner recipe</li><li>● high glycemic recipe</li><li>● less than one hour recipe</li><li>● lunch recipe</li><li>● side recipe</li></ul> <ul data-bbox="633 718 929 849" style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 'almond biscotti'</li><li>◆ 'baked chicken tender'</li><li>◆ 'banana blueberry almond flour muffin'</li><li>◆ 'banana bread'</li><li>◆ 'beef nilaga'</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="1122 416 1205 450"><b>YES</b></p> <ul data-bbox="1000 554 1315 663" style="list-style-type: none"><li>● hasIngredient <b>min 1</b> IngredientPortion</li><li>● hasIngredient <b>only</b> IngredientPortion</li><li>● hasStep <b>only</b> CookingActivity</li><li>● WorkflowDefinition</li></ul>	<p data-bbox="1464 416 1547 450"><b>YES</b></p> <ul data-bbox="1387 582 1657 713" style="list-style-type: none"><li>- plan specification</li><li>- ● <b>device specification</b></li><li>- ● <b>food recipe</b></li><li>- ● <b>ingredient specification</b></li><li>- ● <b>step specification</b></li></ul>

# Substitution

Ontology	Substitution	Context	Limitations
FoodOn	a (symmetric) relation: 'has food substance analog' subclasses of class: 'food product analog'	dietary and allergen analysis	no links with food preparation process, recipes
FoodKG	heuristics based on explicit semantics and embeddings	dietary restrictions nutritional change	no ontological conceptualization
ONE		no term(s) for substitution	
ONS		no term(s) for substitution	





# Knowledge modelling in the food domain



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# 1. Conceptualizing what substitution is



# Three aspects of substitution

There is no such phenomenon as substitution per se. Substitution:

1. *is always made in a specific situation (**context**),*
  2. *has a direction and/or a specific goal (**direction**),*
  3. *is done with similar or related to object A, object B (**similarity/relatedness**).*
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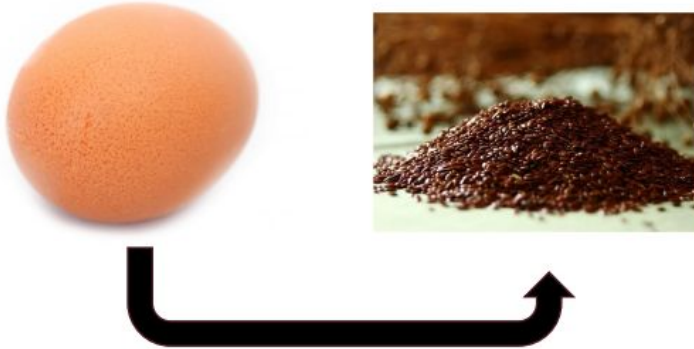


# What ingredient to substitute, why and how?

## Context:

**Constraints:** allergy, diet, health condition, lack of ingredient, ...

**Goals:** exclude a specific product for health reasons, increase the intake of a particular nutrient, make a dish less dense, ...



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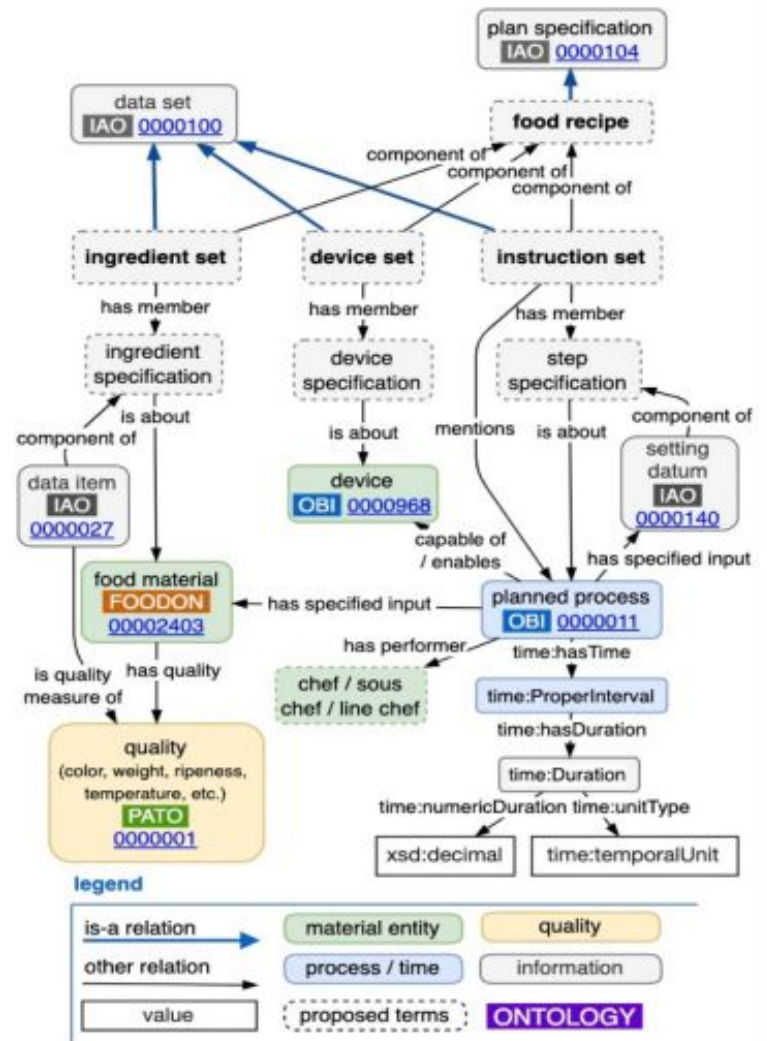
# Modeling substitution

- What related concepts should we include (context)?
- How to link our new model with the existing ones?
- Substitution: binary (simple) vs. n-ary relation
- What is a recipe: is it a plan, a process, a specification?



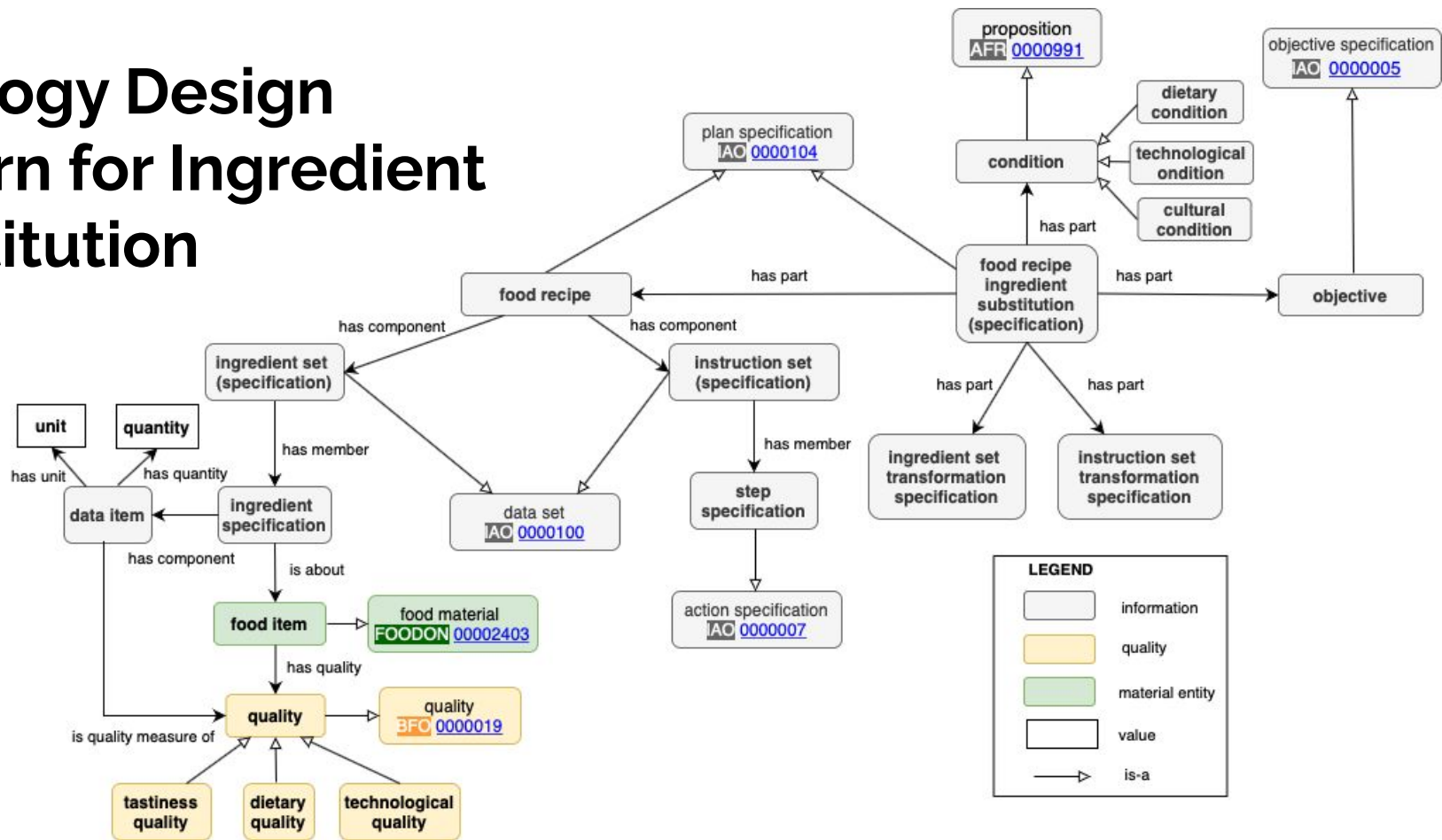
# Recent recipe ODP adopted in FoodOn

subclass of plan specification  
ingredients + instructions + devices  
links to FoodOn (food material) and  
other ontologies





# Ontology Design Pattern for Ingredient Substitution

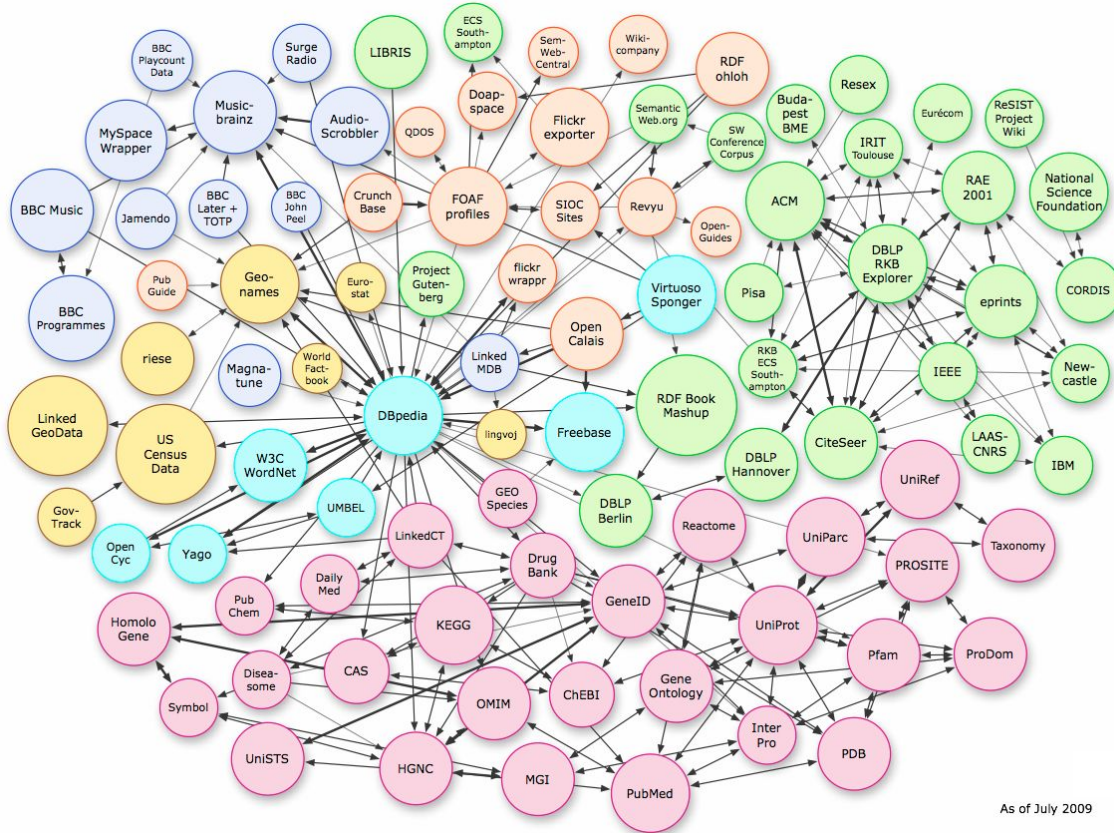


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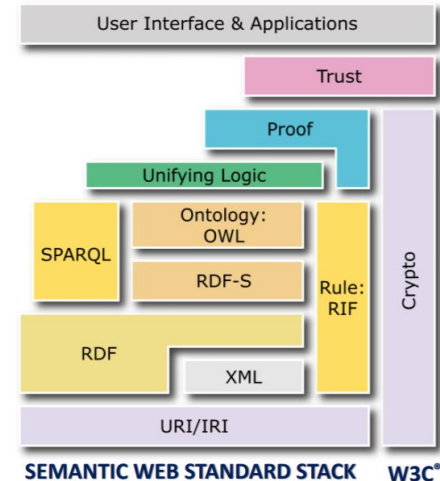
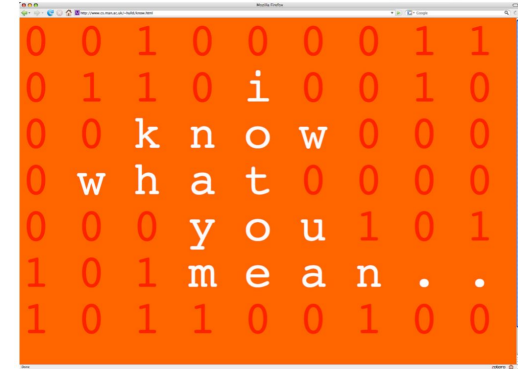
## 2. Building a knowledge graph for ingredient substitution



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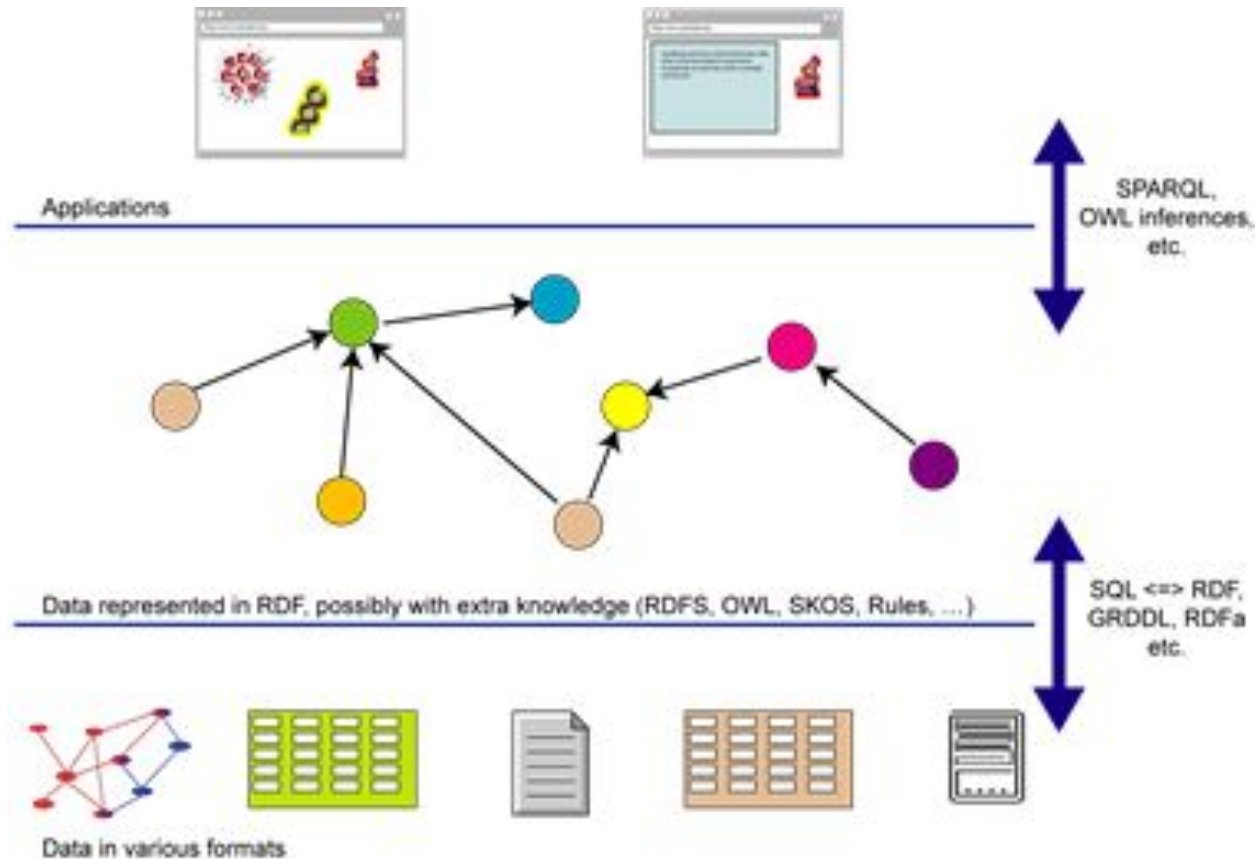


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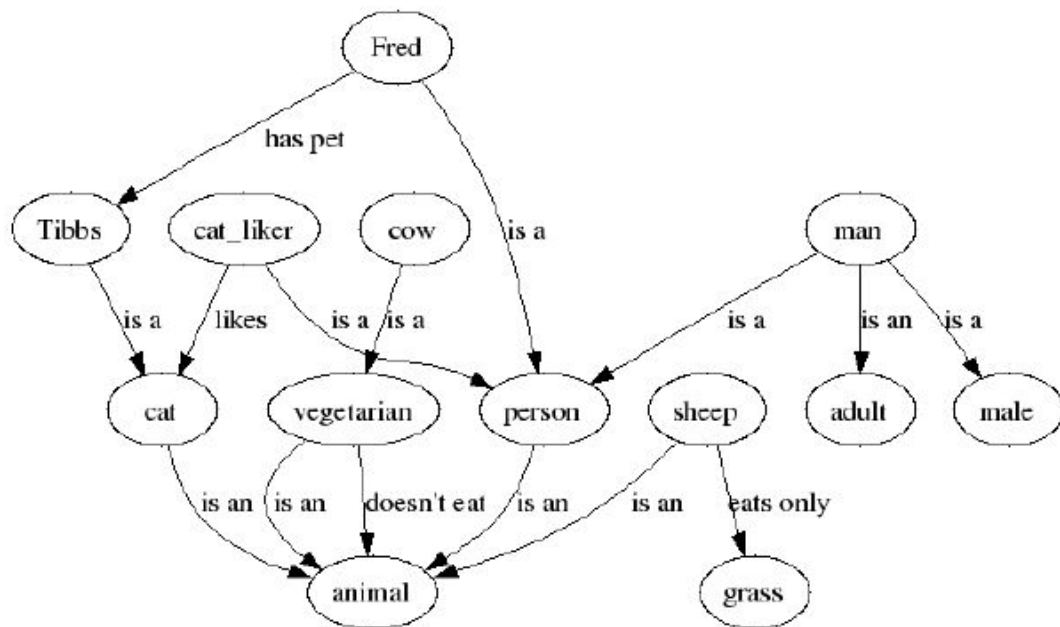


# 1: abstract representation layer based on graphs



- $Man \equiv Person \sqcap Adult \sqcap Male$ ,
- $CatLiker \sqsubseteq \exists likes.Cat$ ,  $Sheep \sqsubseteq \forall eats.Grass$ ,
- $Person(fred)$ ,  $Cat(tibbs)$ ,  $hasPet(fred, tibbs)$

## 2: ontologies: formal specification of a conceptualization



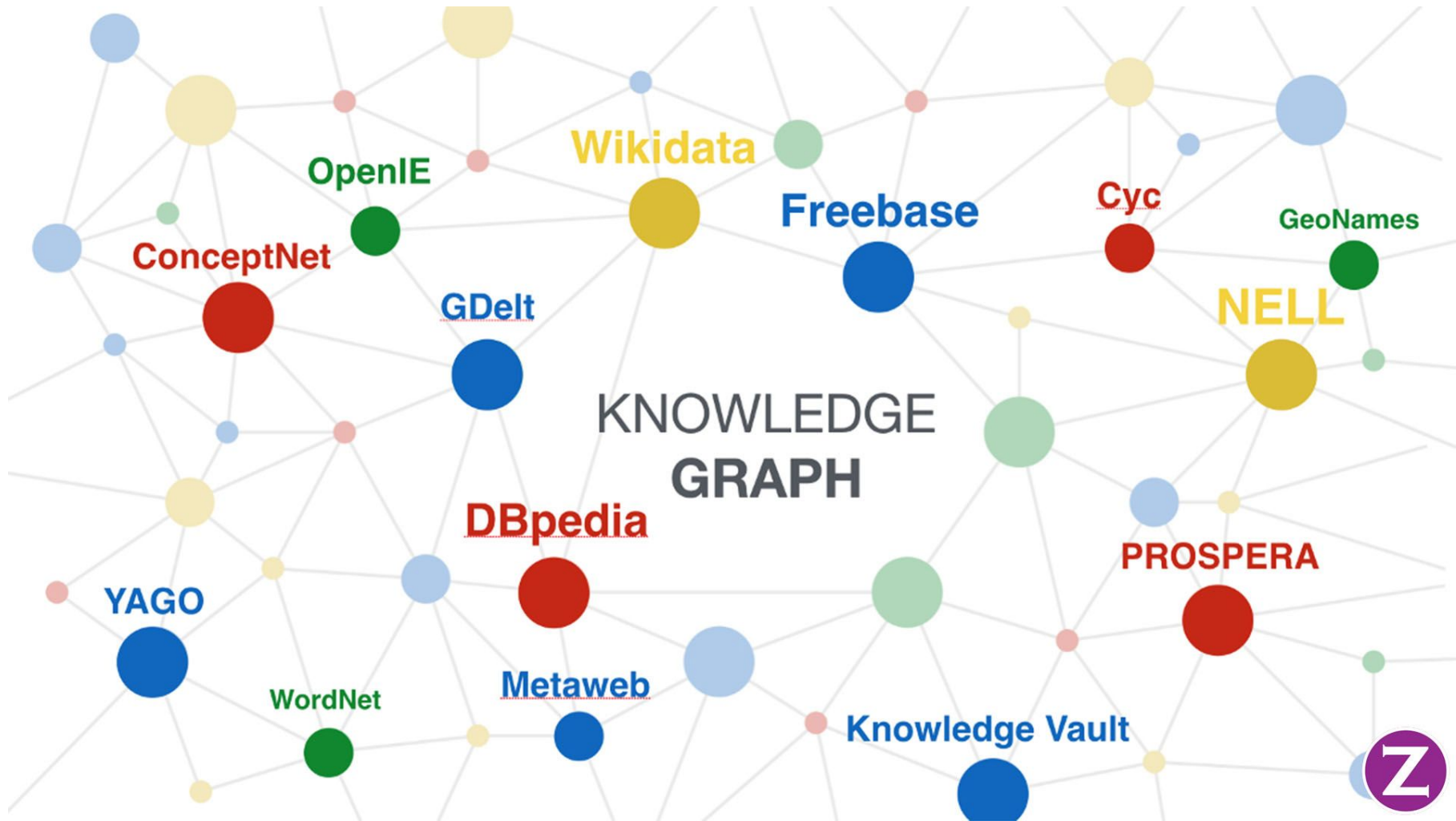
# Semantic Web 20 years later...





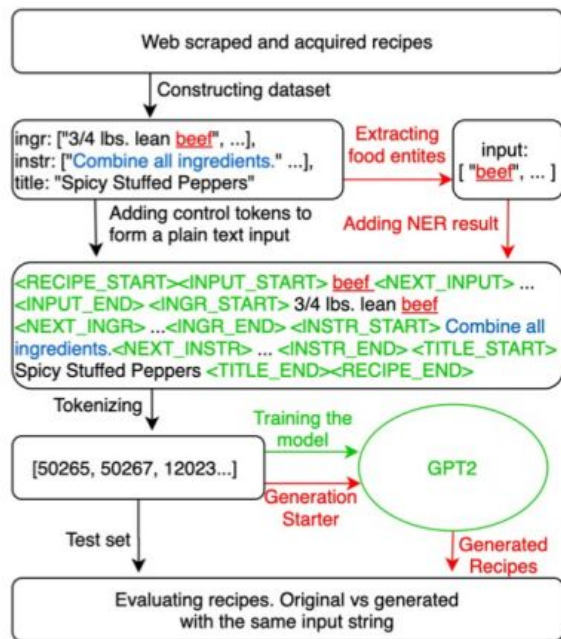
# Google introduces Knowledge Graph...





# Data: RecipeNLG

RecipeNLG dataset, partly based on the Recipe1M+ dataset, and providing over 1 million new, preprocessed and deduplicated recipes





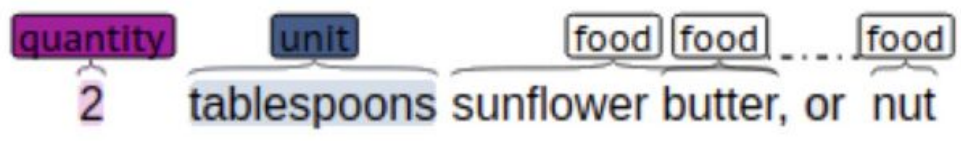
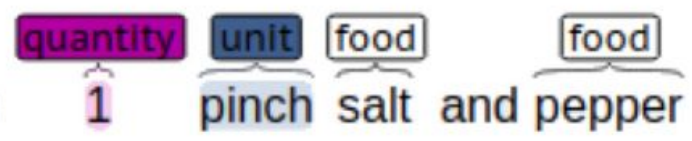
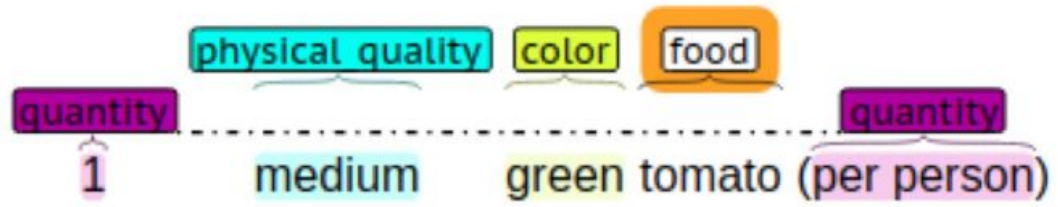
# TASTEset - Recipe Dataset and Food Entities Recognition Benchmark

Tagset:

- FOOD as the name of an ingredient (e.g. bread, mayonnaise, salt, tomato),
- QUANTITY as a quantity (usually expressed by digits or a float),
- UNIT as a unit of measurement (e.g. bunch, cup, grams, jar, millimeters, slices, stalks, tablespoon, teaspoon)
- PROCESS as the attribute of the ingredient, usually referring to an action to be taken to prepare the ingredient (e.g. chopped for parsley, crushed for garlic, grated for ginger, minced for garlic),
- PHYSICAL QUALITY as the characteristic of the ingredient (e.g. boneless for chicken breast),
- COLOR as the color of the ingredient,
- TASTE as the flavour (e.g. bittersweet, butter-flavoured, sweet, semi-sweet),
- PURPOSE as the purpose of using the ingredient in the recipe (e.g. for dusting about flour, for garnish about sunflower seeds, for frying about canola oil, and as topping about sour cream),
- PART as a part of the ingredient required by the recipe (e.g. yolks and whites as parts of the eggs).



# TASTEset: entity examples

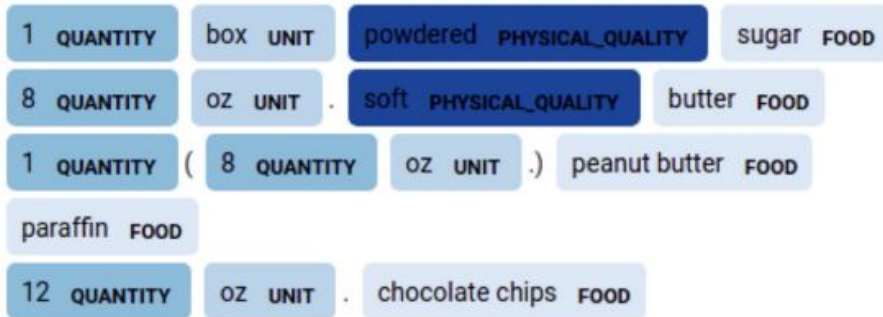


# TASTEset

- 700 recipes with more than 13,000 entities to extract
- manual annotation covered 3,788 ingredients of varying complexity
- state-of-the-art baselines of named entity recognition models

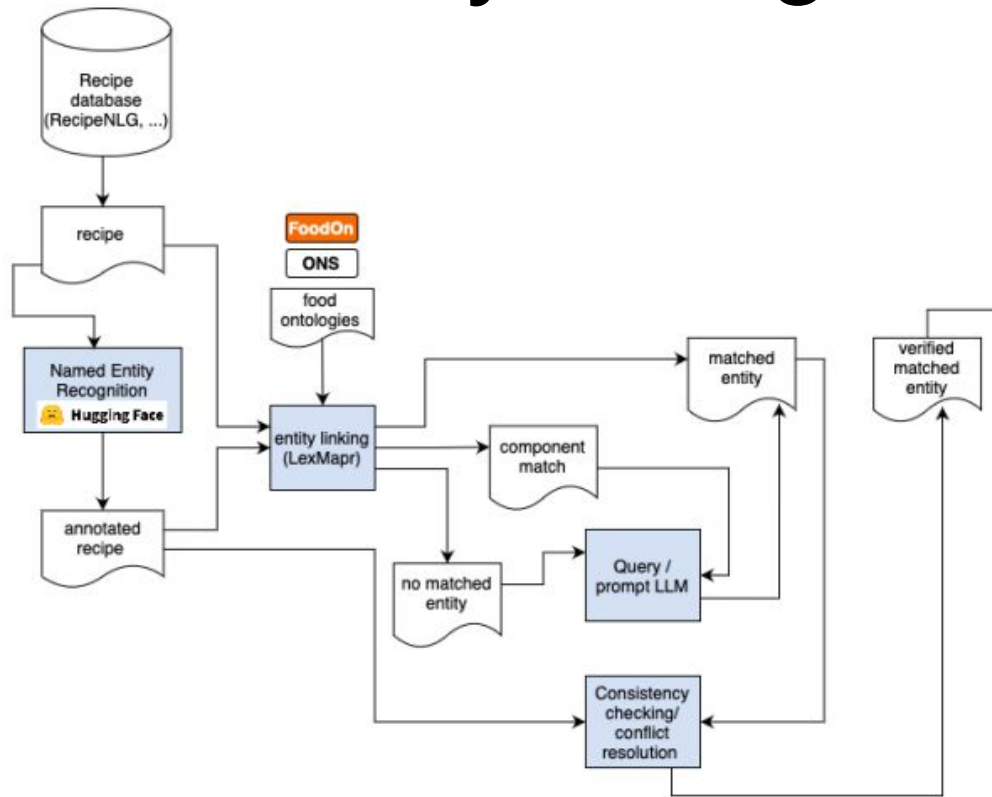
## List of ingredients

- 1 box powdered sugar
- 8 oz. soft butter
- 1 (8 oz.) peanut butter
- paraffin
- 12 oz. chocolate chips





# Named Entity Recognition + Entity Linking



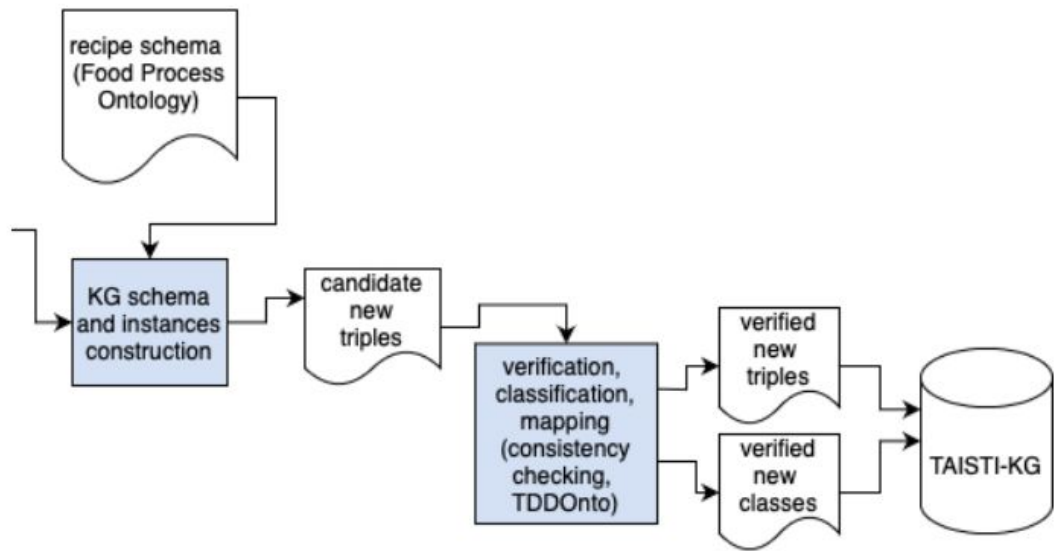
# Entity linking - LexMapr

green onions (chopped)

['onion (chopped):FOODON\_03316397', 'scallion (whole, raw):FOODON\_03311340']    Component Match



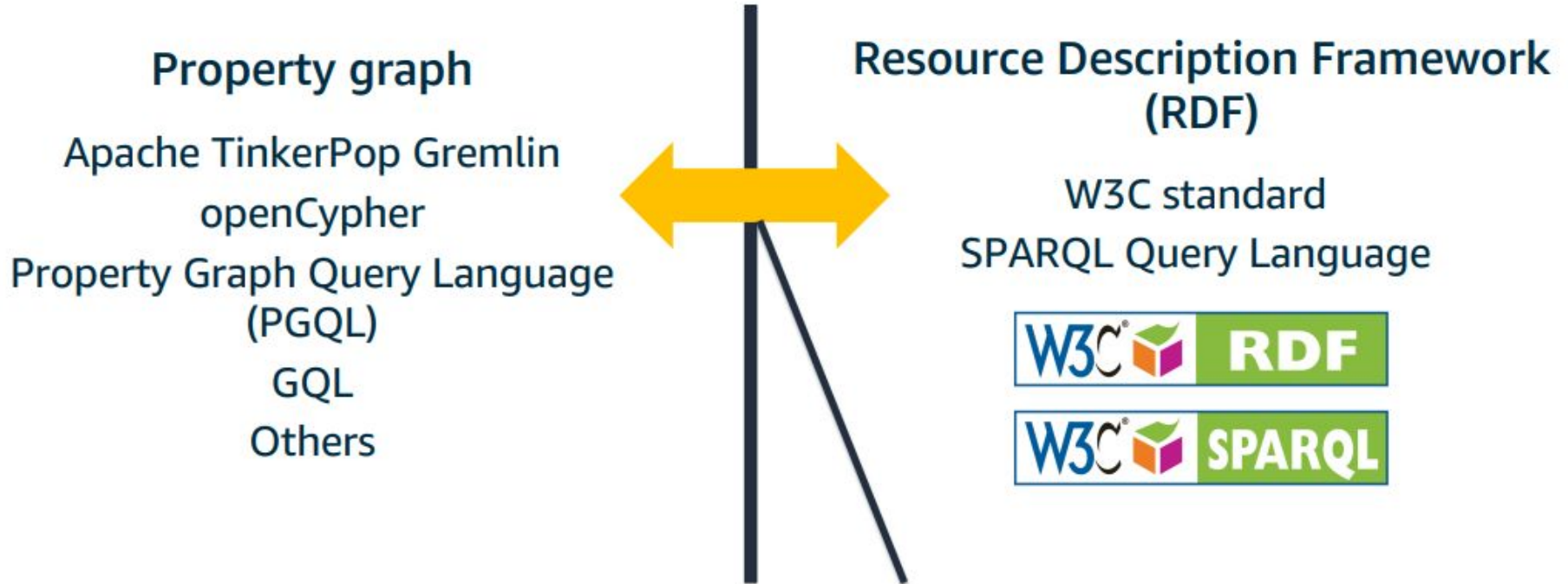
# Knowledge graph authoring





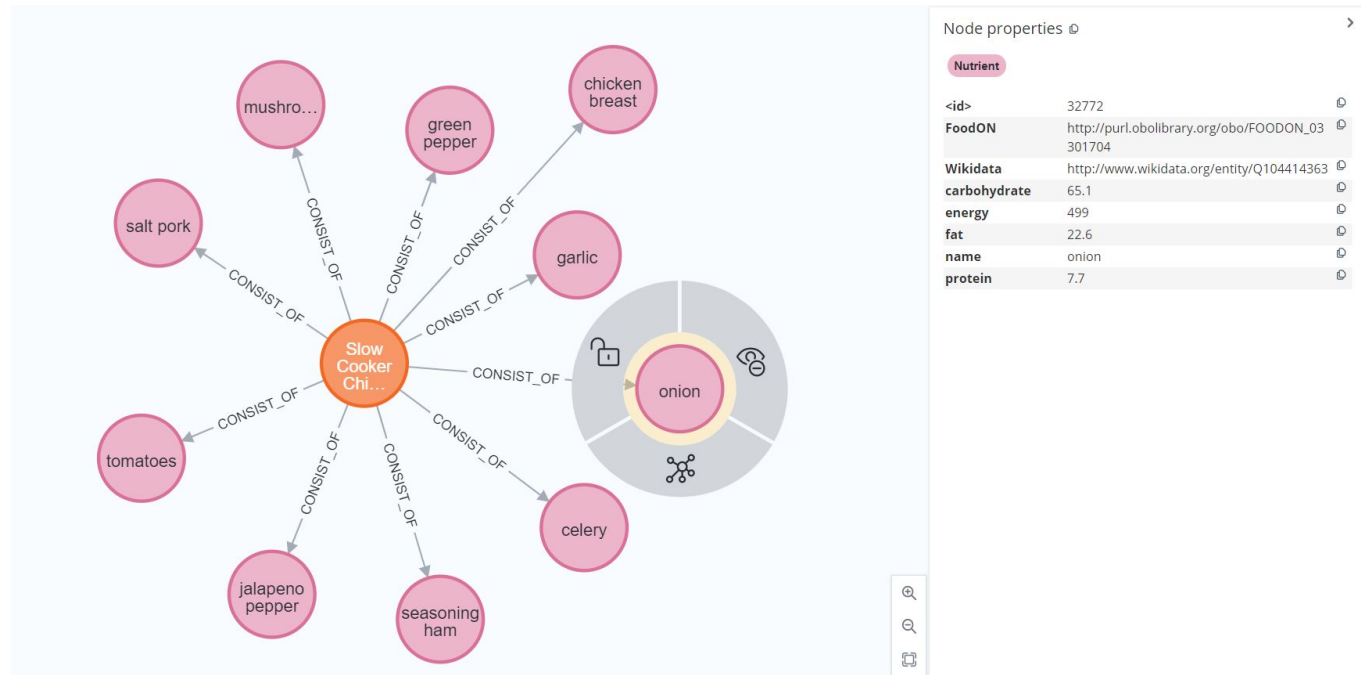
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# Graph models and frameworks






# “Knowledge graph” in neo4j





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# “Knowledge graph” in neo4j



Node properties 🔗 >

**Recipe**

<id>	21	🔗
instructions	1.Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat, and cook the turkey until evenly browned. Season with garlic powder, Italian seasoning, and pepper. Dra... <a href="#">Show all</a>	🔗
name	Turkey Mushroom Stew	🔗



Node properties 🔗 >

**Nutrient**

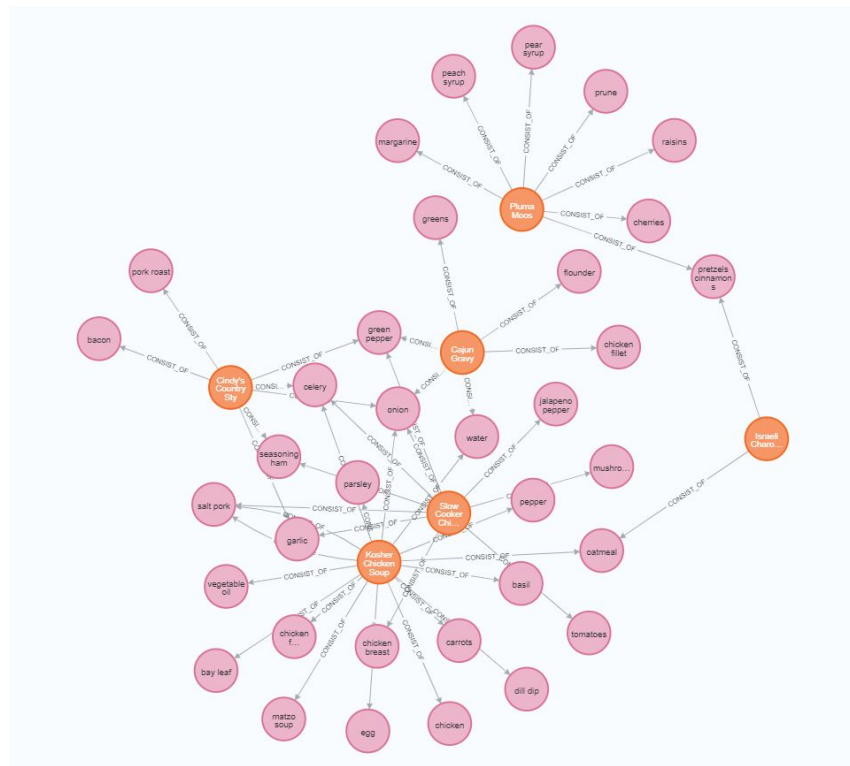
<id>	29955	🔗
FoodON	<a href="http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/FOODON_03310788">http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/FOODON_03310788</a>	🔗
Wikidata	<a href="http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q65524294">http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q65524294</a>	🔗
carbohydrate	65.9	🔗
energy	243	🔗
fat	0.32	🔗
name	apple	🔗
protein	0.93	🔗

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# “Knowledge graph” in neo4j



- ▼ 0 {6}
- name : milk
- ▼ Protein {2}
- Amount : 1.03
- unit : g
- ▼ Energy {2}
- Amount : 70
- unit : kcal
- ▼ Carbohydrate, by difference {2}
- Amount : 6.89
- unit : g
- ▼ Total lipid (fat) {2}
- Amount : 4.38
- unit : g
- ▼ foodPortions [3]
- ▼ 0 {2}
- gramWeight : 246
- portionDescription : 1 cup
- ▼ 1 {2}
- gramWeight : 30.8
- portionDescription : 1 fl oz
- ▼ 2 {2}
- gramWeight : 0
- portionDescription : Quantity not specified





Reasoning about the  
integrated knowledge





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# Research objectives for reasoning in TAISTI (not everything!)

1. To propose a *logic-based method* for **identifying ingredients** in food recipes that do not meet the specified *constraints*
2. To propose a logic-based method for **pruning “wrong” substitutes** from a list of substitutes proposed by ML models

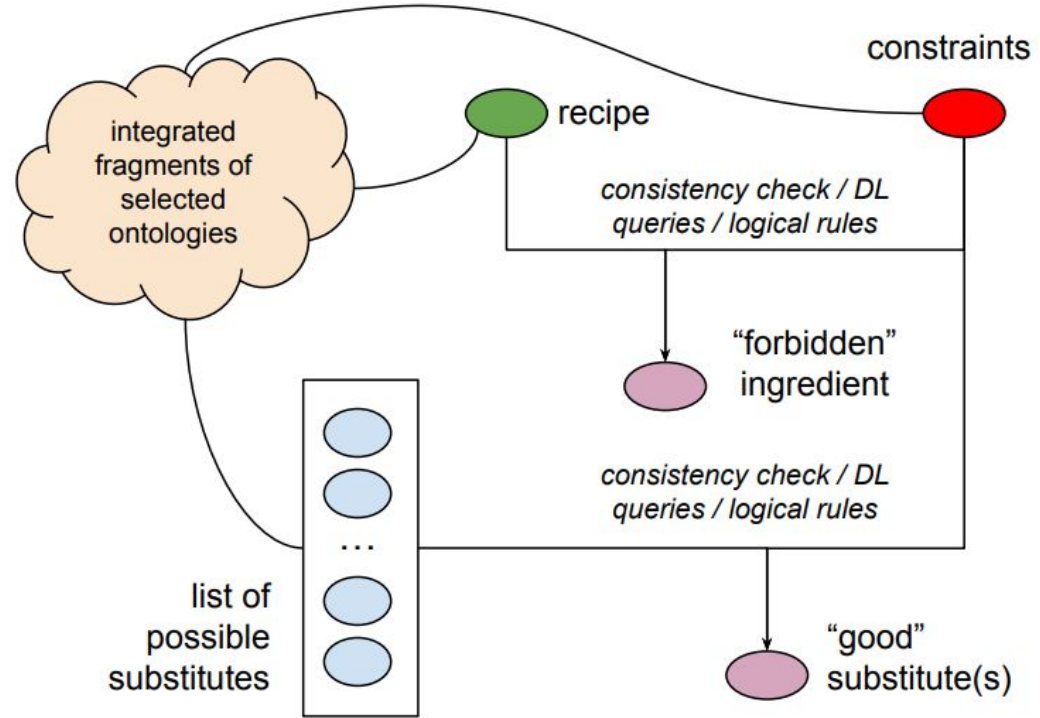
In fact, more questions arise from the above....

- What knowledge do we need?
  - How to model constraints (and everything else)?
  - How to reason about this knowledge?
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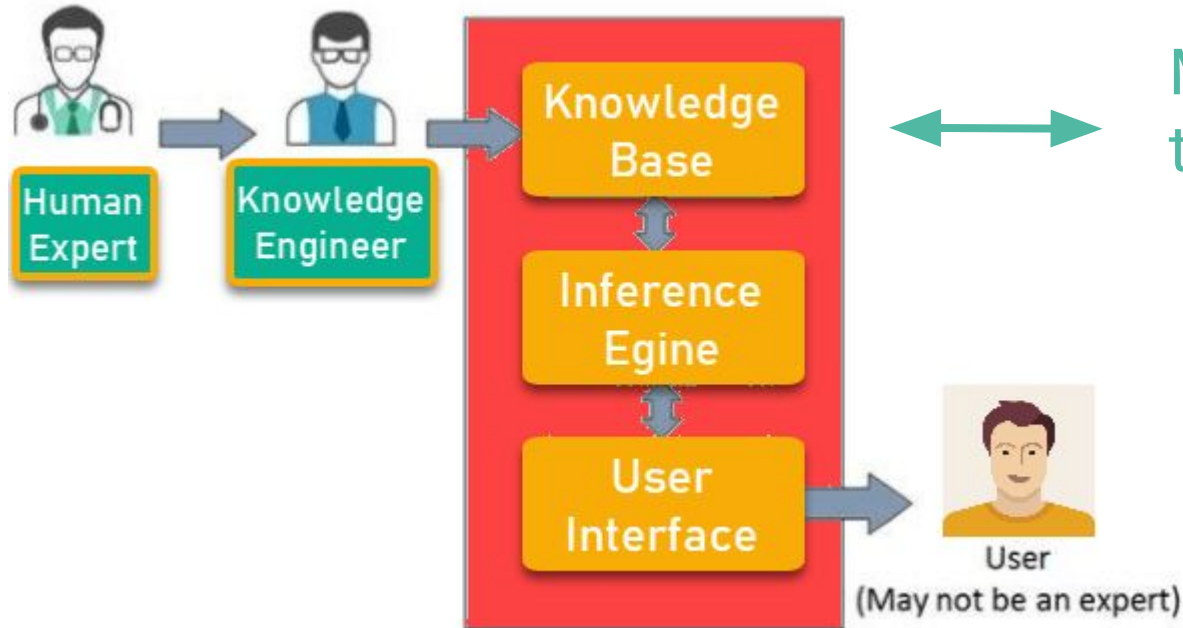




# Overview of the proposed model



# Methodology: as for a knowledge-base system



Main operations on the knowledge base:

- TELL
- ASK

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**TELL - what  
knowledge do we  
need to put in the KB?**

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# 1: Recipe datasets → knowledge graph

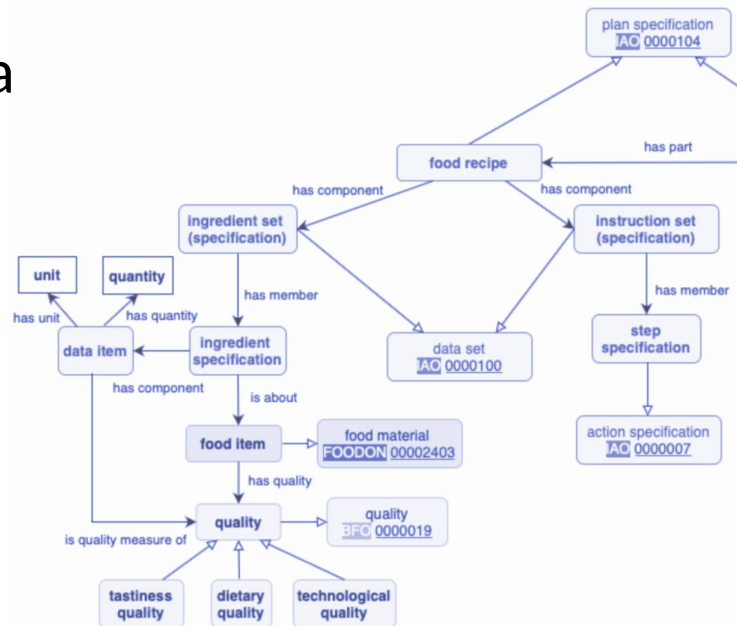
- Semi-structured data sources

- text, images
- ingredients sets
- instructions sets
- nutritional data

- Data acquisition

- APIs
- crawling, scrapping
- database dumps

- Annotation + Entity linking





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## 2. Food-related ontologies and knowledge graphs

- FoodOn - “A farm to fork ontology”
- Ontology for Nutritional Studies, Ontology of Nutritional Epidemiology
- Smart Products Ontology
- FoodKG - knowledge graphs with recipes
- Tables of nutritional data
- EU regulations on allergies vocabulary

*EVERYTHING IS (OR SHOULD BE) CONNECTED...*

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### ***3. Domain experts' knowledge***

- How domain experts talk:
  - “It’s not that easy...”
  - **“It depends...”**
  - “It works for baking, but not for frying...”
  - “Everything could be substituted, the possibilities are endless...”
  - “Why would one want to substitute it?”





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# Knowledge graph/ontology design

## Classes:

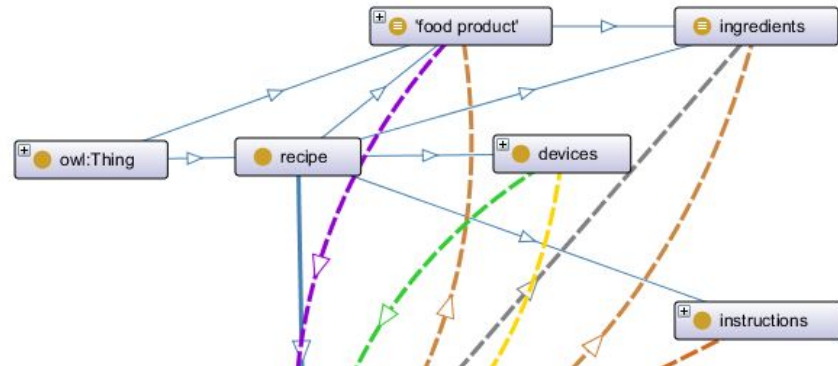
- Recipe
- Ingredient spec.
- Food product
- **Diet**
- **Allergy**

## Object properties:

- **acceptableIn** - (food product → diet)
- **unacceptableIn** - food product/recipe → diet
- **hasAllergicTrigger** - (food product → allergy)
- **hasIngredient/isNeededFor** - (food product ↔ recipe name)
- **isSubstituteFor** - food product → food product
- **useFor** - instructions (specific steps) → recipe name

## Data properties:

- *hasCalorificContentValue*
- *hasCarbohydratesContentValue*
- *hasFatContentValue*
- *hasProteinContentValue*
- *hasVitaminsContentValue*



# Ontology imports and populating with instances

The screenshot displays a web-based ontology editor interface. The top navigation bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Reasoner', 'Tools', 'Refactor', 'Window', and 'Help'. The address bar shows the URL 'subFoodV2 (http://www.semanticweb.org/subFoodV2)'. Below the address bar, the breadcrumb path is '> diet > diet by nutritional composition > low-carbohydrate, high-protein, high fat diet'. The main workspace is divided into three panes:

- Left Pane:** 'Class hierarchy: low-carbohydrate'. It shows a tree structure starting with 'owl:Thing' and including classes like 'allergy', 'data set', 'device specification', 'diet', and 'diet by nutritional composition'. The 'diet by nutritional composition' class is expanded to show subclasses like 'DASH diet', 'globalized diet', 'gluten free', 'high fat diet', and 'high-carbohydrate diet'.
- Middle Pane:** 'Class hierarchy: diet by type of'. It shows a tree structure starting with 'owl:Thing' and including classes like 'allergy', 'data set', 'device specification', 'diet', 'diet by food organism', 'diet by nutritional composition', 'diet by type of food', 'food material', 'food product', 'ingredient specification', 'plan specification', and 'step specification'. The 'diet by type of food' class is expanded to show subclasses like 'infant breast milk diet', 'infant formula milk diet', 'lacto-ovo vegetarian diet', 'lacto-vegetarian diet', 'non-beef diet', 'non-pork diet', 'ovo-vegetarian diet', 'pescetarian diet', 'semi-vegetarian diet', 'vegan diet', and 'vegetarian diet'.
- Right Pane:** A detailed view of the class 'low-carbohydrate, high-protein, high fat diet'. It includes:
  - Annotations:** 'low-carbohydrate, high-protein, high fat diet' with the identifier 'ONS:1000040' and the URL 'http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/ONS\_1000040'.
  - IAO\_000115 [language: en]:** A descriptive text: 'Low-carbohydrate diets restrict carbohydrate consumption relative to the average diet. Foods high in carbohydrates (e.g., sugar, bread, pasta) are limited, and replaced with foods containing a higher percentage of fat and protein (e.g., meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, eggs, cheese, nuts, and seeds), as well as low carbohydrate foods (e.g. spinach, kale, chard, collards, and other fibrous vegetables).'.
  - rdfs:seeAlso:** A link to 'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-carbohydrate\_diet'.
  - rdfs:seeAlso:** The identifier 'PMID:18635428'.
  - hasExactSynonym [language: en]:** The identifier 'low-carbohydrate, high-protein, high fat diet'.
  - Description:** 'low-carbohydrate, high-protein, high fat diet'.
  - Equivalent To:** A plus sign icon to add equivalents.
  - SubClass Of:** A plus sign icon to add subclasses, with 'diet by nutritional composition' listed as a subclass.
  - General class axioms:** A plus sign icon to add axioms.

# Ontology imports and populating with instances

The screenshot displays a web-based ontology editor interface for the 'subFoodV2' ontology. The main window is titled 'ingredient specification' and shows a class hierarchy on the left and usage information on the right.

**Class Hierarchy:**

- owl:Thing
  - allergy
  - data set
  - device specification
  - diet
  - food material
  - grain plant
  - ingredient specification (selected)
  - plan specification
    - food recipe
    - step specification

**Usage:** california garlic salt ingredient specification

Found 9 uses of 'california garlic salt ingredient specification':

- air fried sunfish ingredient set
  - air fried sunfish ingredient set 'has member' 'california garlic salt ingredient specification'
- california garlic salt ingredient specification
  - Individual: 'california garlic salt ingredient specification'
  - 'california garlic salt ingredient specification' rdfs:label "california garlic salt ingredient specification"
  - california garlic salt ingredient specification 'is about' 'garlic salt'
  - california garlic salt ingredient specification 'Type' 'ingredient specification'

**Direct instances:** california garlic salt ingredient

For: 'ingredient specification'

- black pepper ingredient specification
- butter-flavored cooking spray ingredient specification
- buttermilk ingredient specification
- california garlic salt ingredient specification (selected)
- fish fillets ingredient specification
- panko breadcrumbs ingredient specification
- paprika ingredient specification



# Instantiation of the substitution pattern (experts modeling the actual substitution)

## KARTA PRODUKTU DLA CIECIERZYCY

### Etykiety ogólne

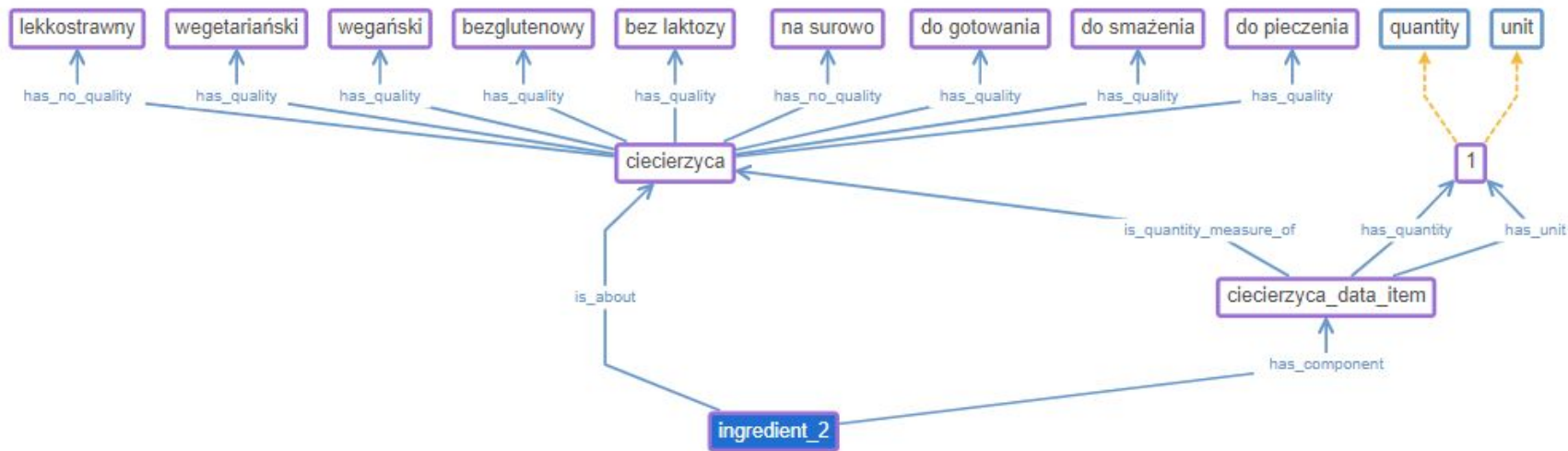
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NIE	TAK	TAK	TAK	TAK

### Etykiety technologiczne

na surowo	do gotowania	do smażenia	do pieczenia	
NIE	TAK	TAK	TAK	

### Etykiety odżywcze

źródło	mało	kalorie		
białko, węglowodany	witaminy	120		





**ASK - what questions  
to ask and how to  
answer them?**

# Ontology-based query answering

„With what vegan product can we substitute beef in a ‘roast romaine’ recipe?”

```
SELECT DISTINCT ?recipe ?food_item
WHERE{ ?recipe_ingr_sub rdf:type food:food_recipe_ingr_subst_spec.
       ?recipe rdf:type food:food_recipe.
       ?set rdf:type food:ingredient_set_specification.
       ?spec rdf:type food:ingredient_specification.
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}
```



# Ontological reasoning



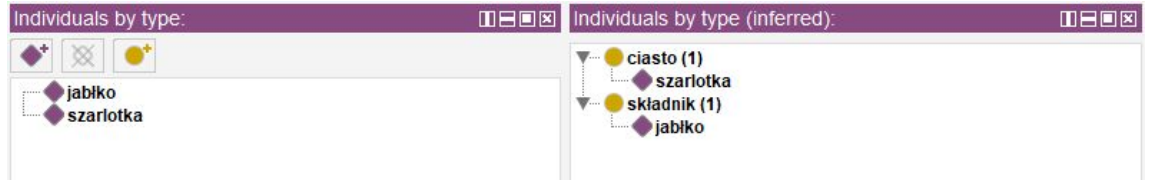
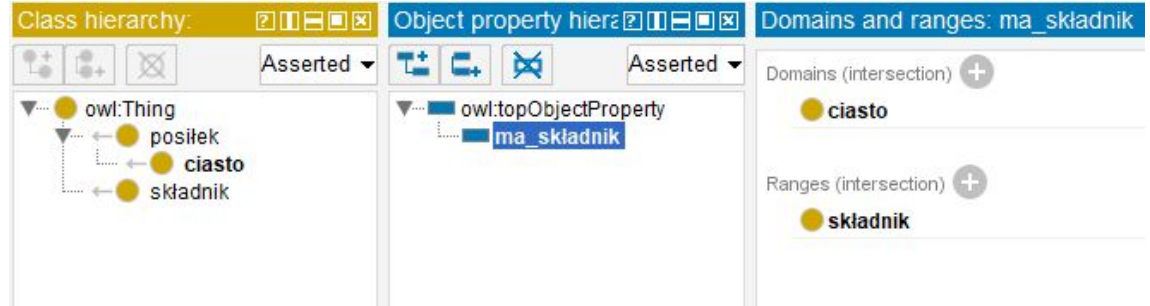
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- 'ingredient\_set\_(specification)' (1)
- 'instruction\_set\_(specification)' (1)
- condition (1)
- data\_item (2)
- dietary\_quality (5)
- food\_item (11)
- food\_recipe (1)
- ingredient\_set\_transformation\_specification (1)
- ingredient\_specification (2)
- instruction\_set\_transformation\_specification (1)
- quality (1)
- quantity (2)
- step\_specification (5)
- technological\_quality (4)
- unit (2)
- wieprzowina**

Individuals by type (inferred): wieprzowina

- 'food\_recipe\_ingredient\_substitution\_(specification)' (1)
- 'ingredient\_set\_(specification)' (1)
- 'instruction\_set\_(specification)' (1)
- condition (1)
- data\_item (2)
- dietary\_quality (5)
- food\_item (12)
  - bulka\_tarta
  - wolowina
  - cebula
  - cukier\_brazowy
  - musztarda
  - wieprzowina**
  - ciecierzycza
  - mleko
  - keczup
  - jajo
  - sol
  - pieprz
- food\_recipe (1)
- ingredient\_set\_transformation\_specification (1)

# Ontological reasoning





# Modeling rules and DL queries (1a)

High-level queries for identifying unacceptable or even dangerous ingredients



For *recipe:Recipe* and *my\_diet:Diet*, we obtain an unacceptable ingredient **a**

```
FoodProduct(a) AND Recipe(recipe) AND Diet(my_diet) AND  
isNeedeFor(a, recipe) AND unacceptableIn(a, my_diet)
```



For *recipe:Recipe* and *my\_allergy:Allergy*, we get a dangerous ingredient **a**

```
FoodProduct(a) AND Recipe(recipe) AND  
Allergy(my_allergy) AND isNeedeFor(a, recipe) AND  
hasAllergicTrigger(a, my_allergy)
```





# Modeling rules and DL queries (2a)

High-level queries for pruning “wrong” substitutes

For a given *recipe:Recipe*, *my\_diet:Diet* and *isSubstitute(a,b)*

```
FoodProduct(a) AND Recipe(recipe) AND isNeededFor(a,  
recipe)
```

```
AND FoodProduct(b) AND isSubstituteFor(a,b)
```

```
AND Diet(my_diet) AND unacceptableIn(b, my_diet)
```



For a given *recipe:Recipe* and *my\_allergy:Allergy*

```
FoodProduct(a) AND Recipe(recipe) AND isNeededFor(a,  
recipe)
```

```
AND FoodProduct(b) AND isSubstituteFor(a,b)
```

```
AND Diet(my_diet) AND hasAllergicTrigger(b, my_allergy)
```



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# Logic model in Answer Set Programming

## Answer Set Programming

- Declarative programming paradigm
- Non-monotonic reasoning and logic programming
- Stable model semantics

## Expressive KR language

- Roots in Datalog
  - Default negation, disjunction, constraints, aggregates
  - Weak constraints, functions, lists, sets, exist.quantifiers
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# Hard and weak constraints in ASP

Absolutely forbidden ingredients:

```
:- foodProduct(X), recipe(Recipe), allergy(my_allergy),  
isNeededFor(X, Recipe), hasAllergicTrigger(X, My_allergy).
```

“If possible, avoid...” / “Optimize quantity of...”:

```
:~ foodProduct(X), recipe(Recipe), diet(My_diet),  
isNeededFor(X, Recipe), unacceptableIn(X, My_diet). [1]
```

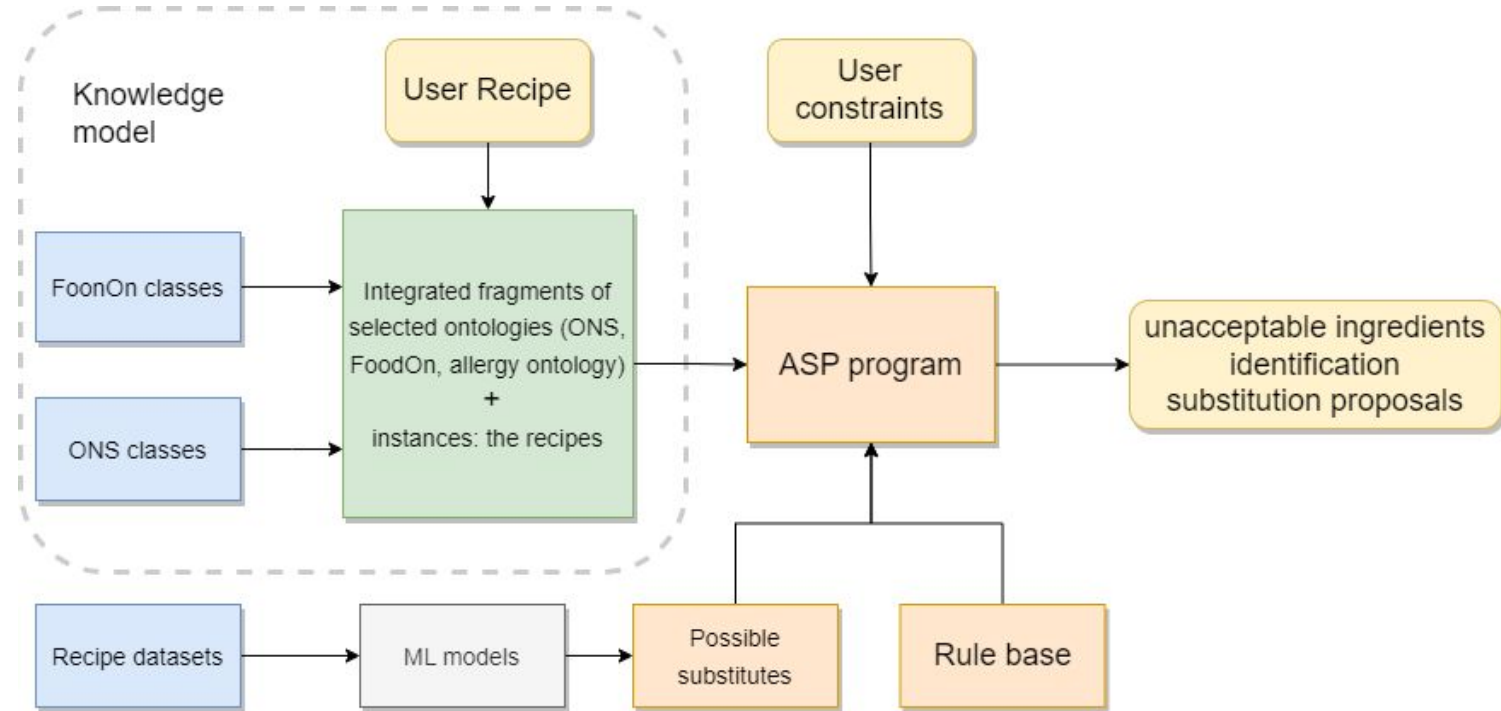
```
:~ foodProduct(Y), recipe(Recipe), diet(My_diet),  
isNeededFor(Y, Recipe), unacceptableIn(Y, My_diet). [2]
```

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# Knowledge model (architecture of the solution)



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# Rule base of diets and allergies

% D1: vegan diet

```
unacceptableIn(X, vegan_diet) :- isSubclassOf(X, meat).
```

% D2: gluten-free diet

```
unacceptableIn(X, glutenfree_diet) :-  
derivesFrom(X, wheat).
```

% A1: seafood allergy

```
hasAllergicTrigger(seafood_allergy, X) :- isSubclassOf(X,  
seafood).
```

% A2: sesame allergy

```
hasAllergicTrigger(sesame_allergy, sesame_seeds).
```

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## Preparation: substitute proposals

% S1: inferring substitutes from functions

**isSubstituteFor**(A,B) :- foodProduct(A), foodProduct(B),  
hasFunction(A,F), hasFunction(B,F).

% S2: inferring substitutes from ML-based recommendations

**isSubstituteFor**(A,B) :- foodProduct(A), foodProduct(B),  
ml\_similar(A,B,S), threshold(T), S>T.

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# Model to reason about substitution

%% I: Guess - In the given context, a substitute can be either good or bad

```
goodSubstitute(A,S) | badSubstitute(A,S) :-  
isSubstituteFor(A,S).
```

%% II: Check ( Constraints)

% C1: exclude substitutes that are allergic triggers

```
:- goodSubstitute(X,S), hasAllergicTrigger(Allergy,  
S).
```

%% III: Optimize (Weak constraints)

% W1: if possible, exclude substitutes unacceptable in the given diet(s)

```
:-~ badSubstitute(X,S), unacceptableIn(S, Diet). [1]
```

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# Input/output rules for users

% R1: Identifying original ingredients that are wrong

```
must_replace(X) :- recipe(Recipe), allergy(Allergy),  
isNeededFor(X, Recipe), hasAllergicTrigger(Allergy, X).
```

% R2: Identifying original ingredients that are wrong

```
should_replace(X) :- recipe(Recipe), diet(Diet),  
isNeededFor(X, Recipe), unacceptableIn(X, Diet).
```

% R3, R4: Projection rules for cleaner output

```
suggestion(I,S) :- must_replace(I), goodSubstitute(I,S).
```

```
suggestion(I,S) :- should_replace(I), goodSubstitute(I,S).
```

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# Concluding remarks on reasoning

- ontological modeling and logic programming for knowledge-based substitution
  - integration of selected parts of existing ontologies populated with several recipes
  - logic program in ASP that allows to reason about recipes and substitutions based on constraints regarding allergies and diets
    - identify wrong ingredients with hard and weak constraints,
    - reason about possible and appropriate substitutes.
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# Summary and outlook



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# Research questions revisited

1. Where is the useful knowledge?
    - a. domain experts → **elicitation, formalization**
    - b. ontologies → **YES!** and still room to enrich
    - c. other resources → **datasets, LLM, NER+EL**
  2. How to conceptualize/integrate/model it?
    - a. **integrate; ontologies + rules + constraints + ...**
  3. How to reason about it?
    - a. **induction (ML)**
    - b. **deduction (logic, constraints, *optimization*)**
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## What we did...

Lots of knowledge engineering tasks:

1. Knowledge acquisition from domain experts
2. Knowledge **integration** reusing existing sources
3. Building **new resources** with NER and EL
4. Knowledge **modeling** and **reasoning**





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# Open challenges for further research

- Further knowledge base **refinement**, integration of new resources, new cases, motivations etc.
  - Improving the **knowledge representation** of recipes and substitution (static ingredients + dynamic processes; flavour etc.)
  - Expanding the **rule base** about diets, allergies, etc.
  - Reasoning about substitution
    - **inferring** substitute candidates
    - constraints and optimization based on **numerical** values
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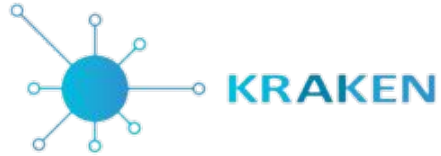
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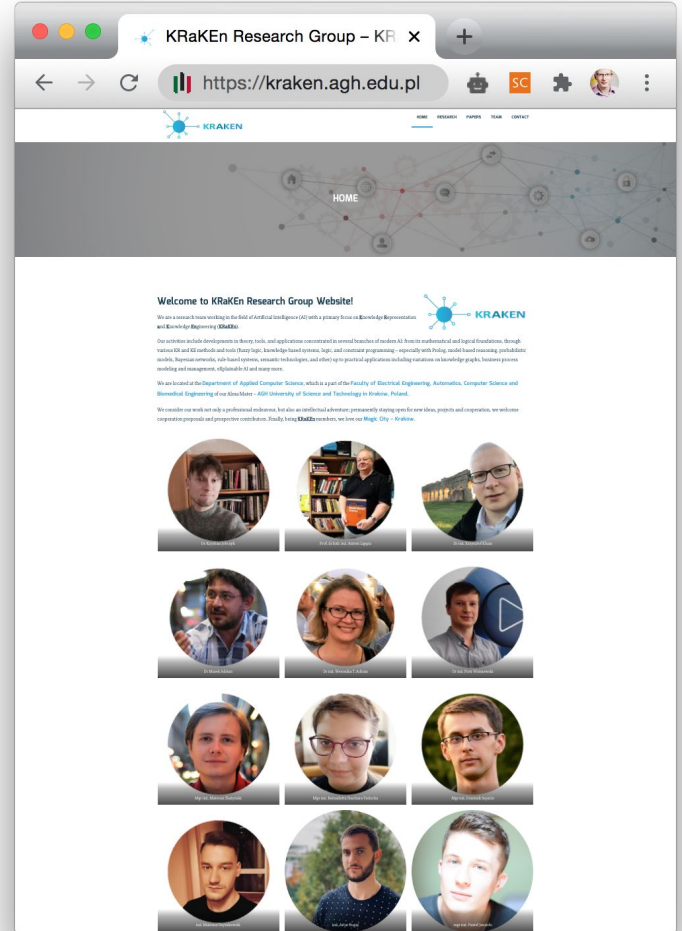
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