

Ontologies for Genotype, Phenotype and Environment interaction studies at the INRA



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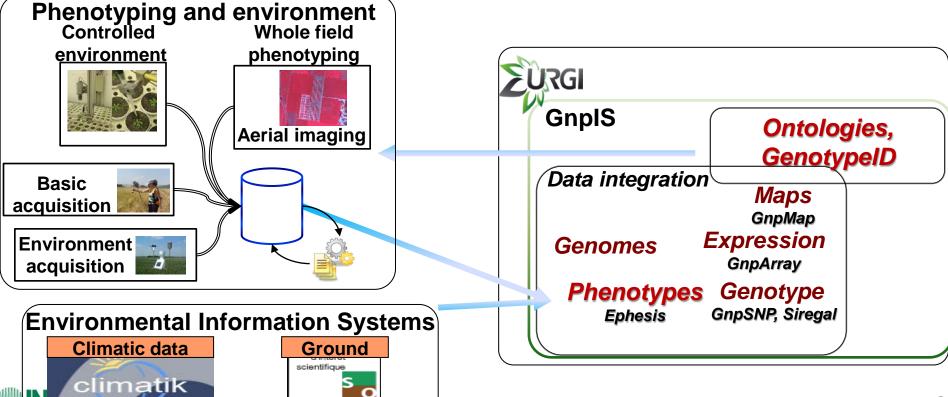
Ontologies and Informations system for GxE studies at the INRA

- IS project : GnpIS.Ephesis
- Who: Expert in phenotype x environment interaction studies.
- Why ontologies
- Which ontologies



Ephesis and GnpIS

- Integrative IS project for experimental trials
- Agronomical traits
- Environment data
- Physical individuals/trial elements rather than virtual genetic resources





Ephesis interface







Ontologies

Why

- Data standardization for Phenotyping
 - Inside species groups
 - Help new project
 - Recommended for international collaboration and publications.
 - Ease data interoperability and reusability.
- From Phenotyping to Genetic
 - Use of the same terms and ontologies ?
 - Mapping between ontologies ?
 - Special semantic links?





Ontologies

What

- Phenotype Variable, Traits
 - Value (numeric, list of notations, triplets, ...)
 - Date
 - Tracked in time: protein content during seed development
 - Unit
 - Protocol
 - Species specific
 - Might change from one group to another
 - Variable/OntologyTerm specialization : yield → plant yield, parcellar yield , subparcellar yield
 - Simple : plant height
 - Not so simple: Young leaf: color of the upper side of blade (4th leaf)
 - Cross references to existing vocabularies / ontologies (OIV, POC, ...)
 - Optionally allow to carry synonyms and / or French translations
- Environment



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Ontologies

Needs

- Easily subset existing ontologies : Specialized on a specific question
 - Favorites
 - Species tag
 - Specialized Trait ontologies strongly linked to international references. In this case we might a repository for publication.
- Short name → synonyms
- Heavy use of cross references
 - unit, protocols, allowed values, ...





Ontologies development

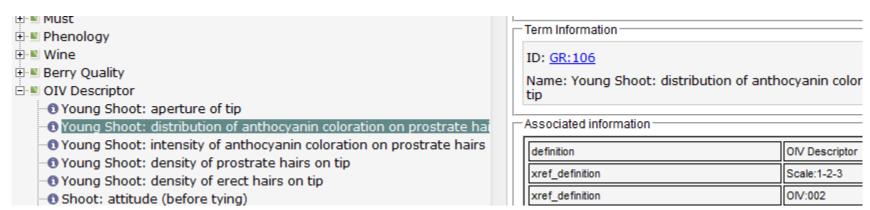
- PhenotypeRCN recommandations
 - Keep it simple
 - Begin little, merge later
- Ontologies by species groups
 - Extension of existing ontologies
 - Create new ontologies
 - Linked (Xref or semantic link?) to international references





Ontologies development Examples

- DROPS
- Agronomics
- Grape Ontology
 - Eric Duchène and Serge Delrot
 - OIV references (Organisation Internationale Vigne et Vin)
 - Available on Ontology lookup URGI: http://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/ontology-lookup







Short term perspectives

- Ontologies for INRA species group
 - Grape
 - Wheat
 - Maize
 - Arabidospis
 - Trees
 - Fruit trees
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- Collaboration with there partners

