# Named Entity Recognition

**Extracting Protein Names from Text** 



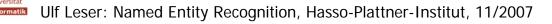
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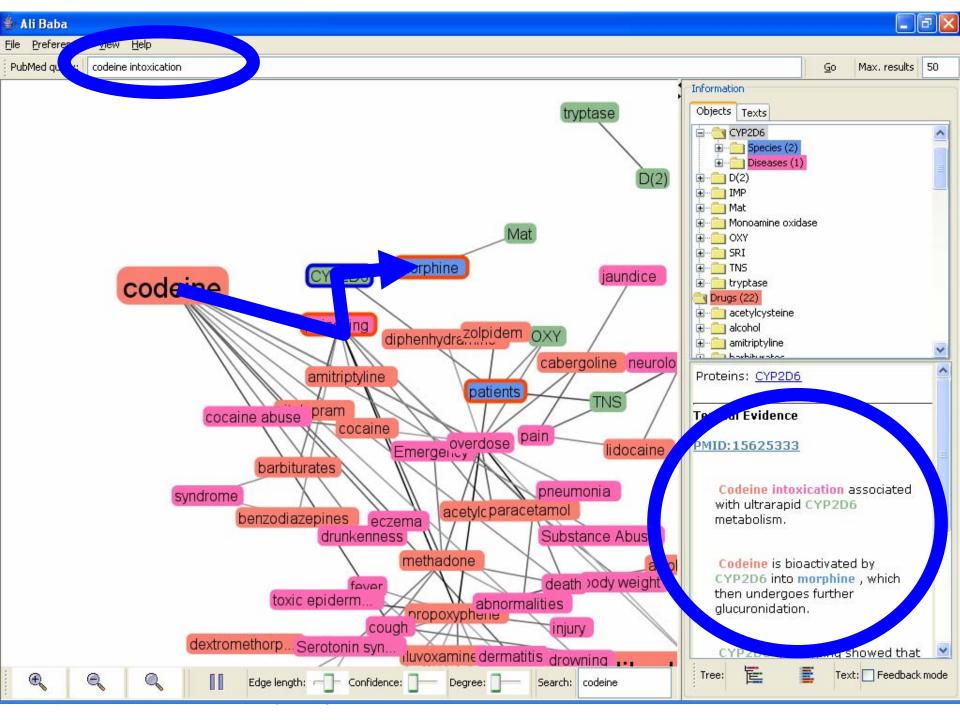


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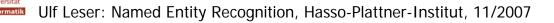
Case report from Univ. Hospital Geneva, thanks to Christian Meisel, Roche





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  - Potential cause is found quickly
  - Link to evidence provided
- Original article is at position 28 in PubMed result list



### Finding Relevant Knowledge

- "Find information about ..."
- Much knowledge is in text (and only text)
- Find articles with information about ...
  - PubMed/Medline
  - Information Retrieval



- Find information ... inside each article
  - Reading many abstracts is tedious
  - What about a "summarize results" button?

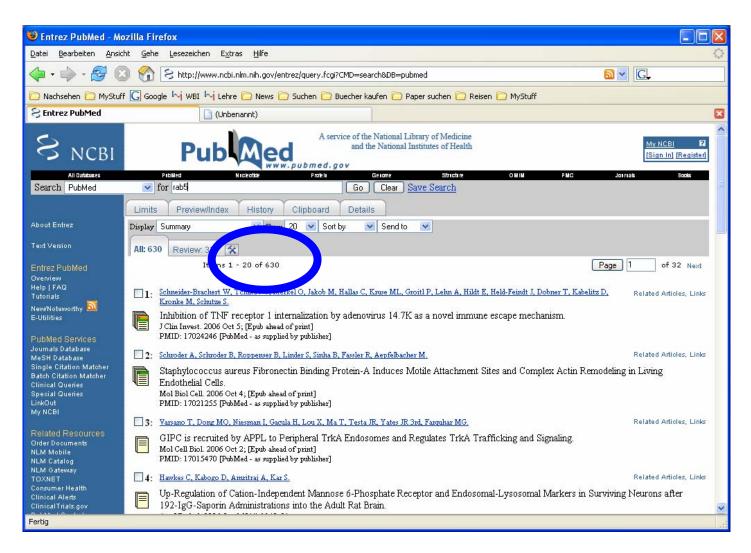
#### Question

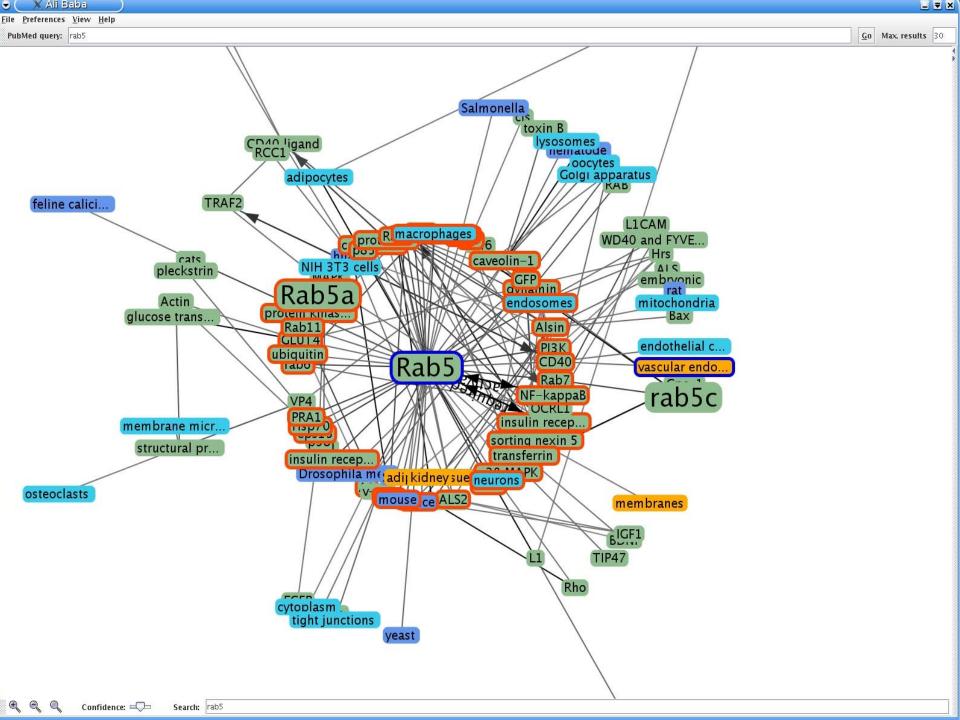
# "Which proteins are associated to RAB5?" Class of terms; not a term



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#### PubMed Results





### Outline of This Talk

- Text Mining (Information Extraction)
- Named Entity Recognition
  - Using Machine Learning
- Evaluation
- Disambiguation
- AliBaba Walk Through
- Conclusions

#### What we need to do

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#### Find Names Entities (= Entity Names)

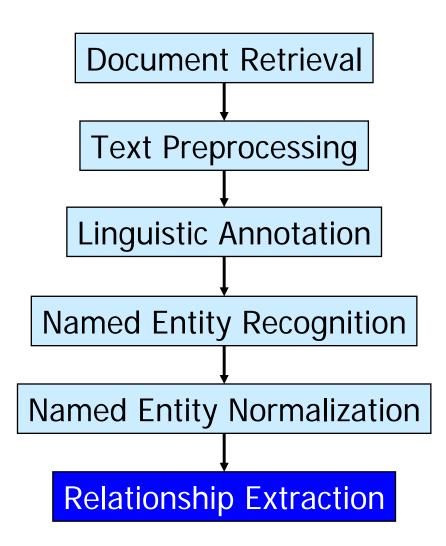
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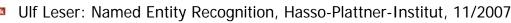
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#### **Find Relationships**

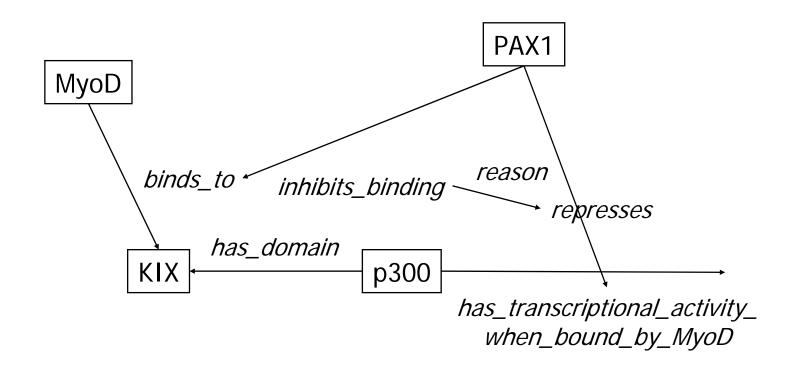
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### **Typical IE-Workflow**





"The PAX1 protein represses MyoD-dependent transcription by inhibiting MyoD-binding to the KIX domain of p300."



## Approaches to Text Understanding

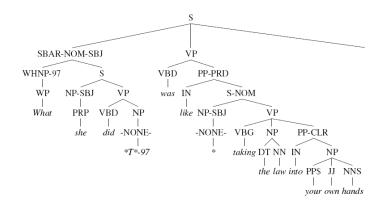
- "AI" approach
  - Natural language processing
  - Full parsing, complete syntax tree
  - Aims at "understanding" the text

#### • Text mining

- Simple NLP and machine learning
  - Stemming, part-of-speech (chunking)
  - Classification, pattern matching
- Pragmatic approach
- Usually not perfect
- Needs careful evaluation

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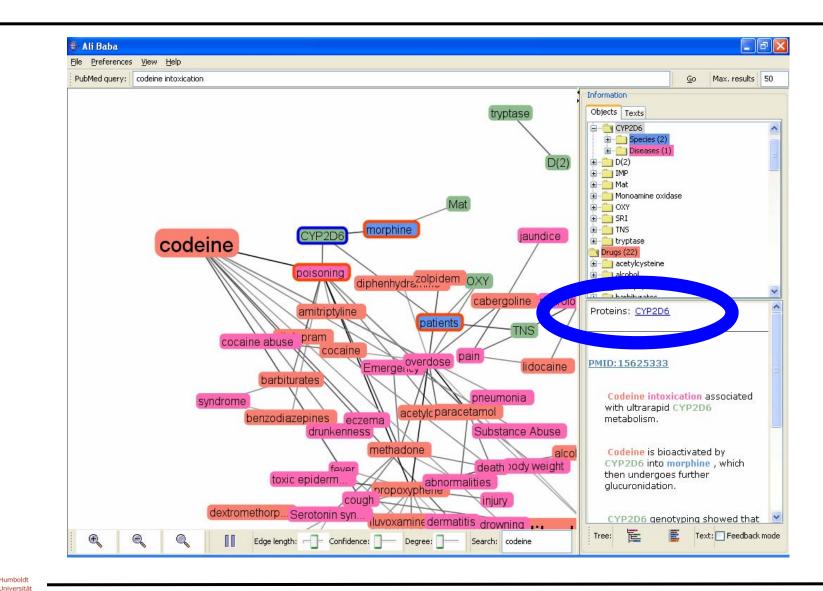
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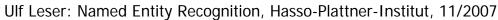
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## Named Entity Recognition

- Named Entity Recognition (NER): Find all mentionings of entity names in text
  - For one class (genes) or multiple classes (genes, diseases, species, ...)
  - Entity names may span more than one token
  - Does not identify the entity
- Named Entity Normalization (NEN): Find all mentionings of entity names in text and assign each entity its canonical ID
  - "Canonical ID" is highly application specific
  - Typical approach: Map mentioning into a set of known objects
    - A dictionary, a database, a list, ...
    - Alternative: Find equal entities in multiple text duplicate detection"
  - What happens in case of incomplete dictionaries / new objects?
  - NEN is necessary to link entities to further information
- NER is prerequisite for NEN

#### Where is NEN?





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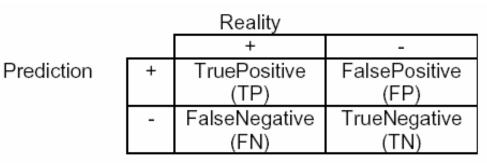
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Often has no clear answer

### Evaluation

• Quality of a NER method is measured in terms of precision and recall



- Precision = TP/(TP+FP)
  - Percentage of real hits among reported hits
- Recall = TP/(TP+FN)
  - Percentage of real hits found
- Trade-Off
  - Usually, NER algorithms compute a score per potential entity
  - Hopefully, the score correlates to the probability that a sequence of token is a mentioning
  - Use threshold on score
    - High threshold: Good precision, bas recall
    - Low threshold: Low precision, high recall

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	Real: Positive	Real: Negative
Alg: Positive	TP = 2	FP = 2
Alg: Negative	FN = 3	?

- Precision = TP/(TP+FP) = 2/4 = 50%
- Recall = TP/(TP+FN) = 2/5 = 40%

## NER: Two Main Approaches

- Dictionary-based
  - Build a dictionary of all known entities
  - Match every mentioning in the text against all dictionary entries
  - Usually: High precision, low recall (depending on dictionary)
    - Increase in recall though fuzzy string matching (or dictionary curation)
  - Advantages: Simple, fast, included NEN
  - Disadvantages: Bad performance
- Using classification / machine learning
  - Predict for each (seq. of) token whether it is an entity mentioning or not
  - Learn model based on manually annotated training text
  - Can be tuned towards balanced precision / recall
  - Advantages: Good performance, also recognizes unseen entities
  - Disadvantages: Slow, complex, needs training data, assumes some communality among entity names, requires additional NEN step



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### **Classification-Based NER**

- Various suggestions
- In the following
  - Convert each token into a feature vector
  - Binary classifier: Classify each token as ENT/NOENT based on vector
  - Classifier learns model from training text
    - Roughly: Learn typical feature values for tokens that are entity names
  - Recognize sequences of tokens forming one entity using a rule-based postprocessing
- Properties
  - Simple approach with limited success
  - Main problem: Disregards context of tokens
  - Better models: Include sequence of types of tokens into model
    - Hidden Markov Models, Random Fields, ...

#### From Token to Features

- Feature selection and construction is the main challenge in classification
- Be creative! Find commonalities! Don't think binary!
- Find hints!

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### **Exemplary Features**

Feature	Weight	Example	
Word	tf * idf	kinase	
n-grams			
N=1	tf * idf	k, i, n, a, s, e	
N=2	tf * idf	ki, in, na, as, se	
N=3	tf * idf	kin, ina, nas, ase	
Special signs			
HasNumbers	[1 0]	0] p300	
HasCapitals	[1 0]	abLIM	
AllCaps	[1 0]	DMD	
InitCap	[1 0]	Pax	
HasNumbers & Letters	[1 0]	cMOAT2, EST90757	
Context			
predecessing word	[1 0]	Gene	
succeeding word	[1 0]	Product	
distance to keywords 1/(1+dist)		(list of 15)	
Dictionary			
Word match	[1 0]		
Phrase match	[1 0]		



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### Example: Bayes' Classification

- Simple method based on conditional probabilities
  - Works surprisingly well in practice
- Given
  - Set O of training objects, two classes c<sub>1</sub>, c<sub>2</sub> (GENE or NOTGENE)
  - Objects are described as set F of binary features
    - hasNumbers(p300) = TRUE
- We seek p(c<sub>i</sub>|o), the probability of an object o∈O being a member of class c<sub>i</sub>
  - For every c<sub>i</sub> and every o
- Each o is assigned to c where  $p(c|o) = \operatorname{argmax} p(c_i|o)$
- Rewrite o into feature representation

$$p(c \mid o) = p(c \mid f_1[o], ..., f_n[o]) = p(c \mid f_1, ..., f_n)$$

#### Probabilities

- What we learn from the training data
  - The A-Priori probability p(f) of every feature f
    - For how many object f resolves to true?
  - The A-Priori probability p(c) of every class  $c \in C$ 
    - How many objects in the training set are of class c?
  - The conditional probabilities p(f|c) for feature f being true in class c
    - Proportion of objects in c with feature f among all objects in c
- Rephrase and use Bayes' theorem

$$p(c \mid f_1, ..., f_n) = \frac{p(f_1, ..., f_n \mid c) * p(c)}{p(f_1, ..., f_n)} \approx p(f_1, ..., f_n \mid c) * p(c)$$

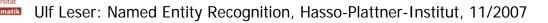
$$f$$
Term can be dropped; value is identical for all classes, and we only need the largest final value (not its actual value)

### Naive Bayes

- We have  $p(c | o) \approx p(f_1, ..., f_n | c) * p(c)$
- The first term cannot be learned with any reasonably large training set
  - There are 2<sup>n</sup> combinations of feature values
  - Every combination will be to sparse to obtain meaningful frequencies
- Solution: Be "naive"
  - Assume statistical independence of all features
- Then

$$p(f_1,...,f_n | c) = p(f_1 | c) * ... * p(f_n | c)$$

$$p(c \mid o) \approx p(c) * \prod_{i=1}^{n} p(f_i \mid c)$$



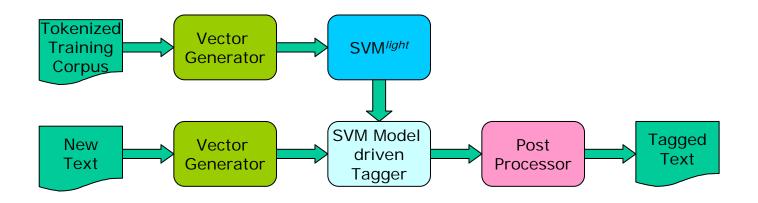
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#### • A-Priori

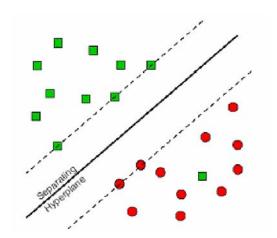
- P(c=gene)=3/7
- P(c=no)=1-p(c=gene)=4/7
- $p(f_1=1)=1/7$
- $P(f_2=1)=3/5$
- $P(f_1=1|gene)=1/3$ ,  $P(f_1=1|no)=0$
- $P(f_2=1|gene)=1/3$ ,  $p(f_2=1|no)=2/4$
- Smoothing:  $P(f_1=1|no)=0,01$
- Let's rate PAX5
  - hasCap = hasNumber=1
  - Gene or not?
  - $p(gene|f_1,f_2) = p(gene)*p(f_1|gene)*p(f_2|gene) = 3/7*1/3*1/3 = 3/63$
  - $p(no|f_1,f_2) = p(no)*p(f_1|no)*p(f_2|no) = 4/7*0,01*2/4 = 8/2800$

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Name	hasNumber	hasCap	class
AVP	0	1	gene
indicating	0	0	no
p300	1	0	gene
shc	0	0	gene
SSRIs	0	1	no
observed	0	0	no
MyoD	0	1	no

#### Complete Workflow



- Support Vector Machine (SVM) instead of Naive Bayes
  - More robust to errors in training data
  - Copes well with very high dimensional spaces
  - Copes netter with unbiased training set





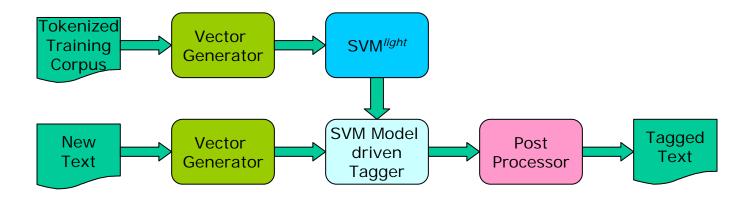
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### Biocreative Cup 2004

- Critical Assessment of Information Extraction Systems in Biology
- International competition, three tasks
- Training data and evaluation script provided by organizers in cooperation with database curators (Swiss-Prot)
- Test data available for one week
- Objective evaluation of all submissions by (published) scripts
- Major boost: Top systems reached 84 F-measure
  - Previous: best systems around 60 F-Measure
  - Virtually no further improvements since then

## Approach: SVM for NER



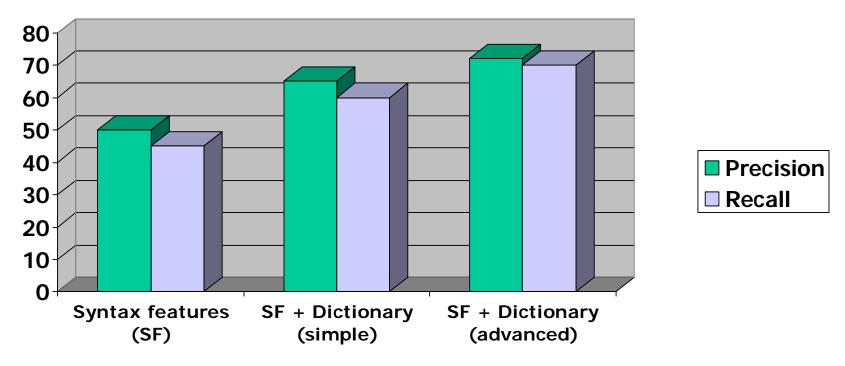
- Corpus of 7500 sentences
  - 140.000 non-gene words
  - 60.000 gene names
- Training SVM<sup>light</sup> on different feature sets
- Dictionary compiled from Genbank, HUGO, MGD, YDB
- Post-processing for compound gene names

## Post-processing

- SVM detects only single token candidates
- Most gene names are multi-token names
- Expand detected single-token genes based on set of heuristic rules
  - GENE NN\*→GENE GENENN\* GENE→GENE GENE GENEGENE (NN)→GENE (GENE)GENE protein→GENE GENEGENE ADJ GENE→GENE GENE GENE

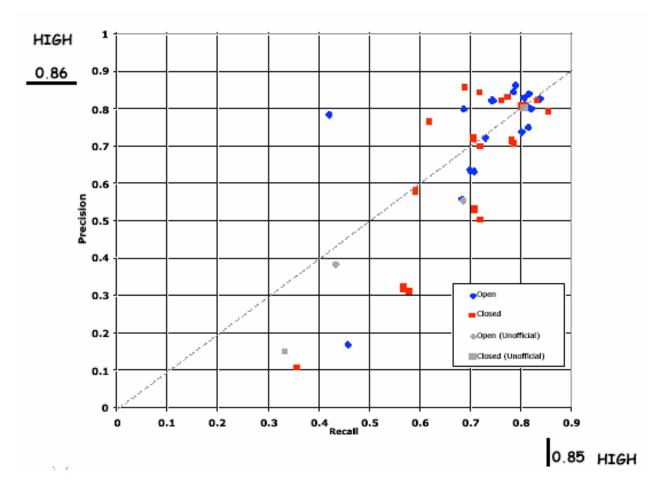


#### Performance



- Best result for BioCreative Cup: 73 F-measure
- Current feature set reaches 79 F-measure
- Raises from 73 to 83 for loose evaluation

#### **BioCreative: All Results**



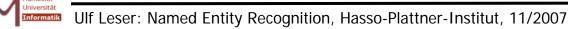
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## NER – What's Left?

- Most successful features found by trial&error
  - Brute force approach (apparently true for all Biocreative participants)
  - We achieve the same performance when using only 10% of all features
    - But which 10% ?
- NER results depend on type of object
  - Gene or protein is hard
  - Gene and protein is much harder
  - Cell type: 81; virus strains: 67; disease: ?; drugs: ? ...
- What is left?
  - Entity names are not really defined (borders)
  - Inter-Biologists agreement on type (gene, protein, RNA) and exact borders around 70% (Krauthammer et al. 2000)
  - Overfitting to annotators likely; need for better and internationally accepted annotated corpora
  - Community-language: Species-specific NER is very promising

# How far can we get without context?

- "DEAD" motif
- 12-kDa Ndk
- 12-tetradecanoate
- 15-kDa antigen of Dirofilaria immitis
- 16p13
- AAV promoter
- ACGCGT
- A-P diameter
- Bengal pink
- Bozozok / Dharma
- bZIP2
- C2H2 type ZFPs
- cAMP-regulated gene
- CAP SX1
- ...

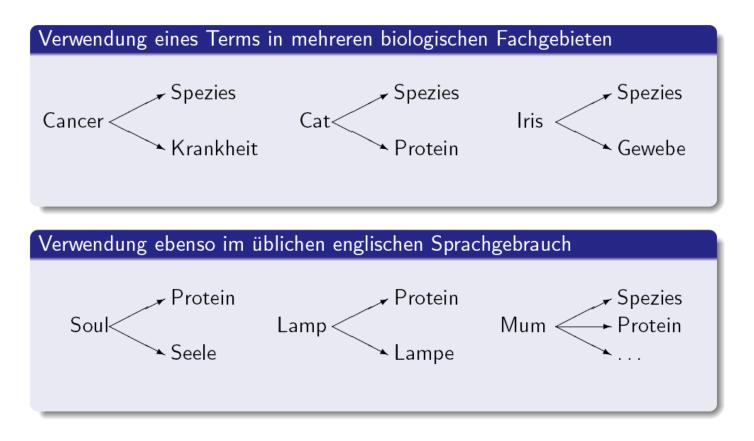


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# Ambiguity - Homonyms

 Often, entity names appear in exactly the same form elsewhere





#### Not a Rare Event

Entity class	Cell	Disease	Drug	Organism	Protein	Tissue	Common	Σ
Cell	_	5	2	0	0	123	0	130
Disease	5	_	5	18	4	3	3	37
Drug	2	5	_	9	67	1	15	- 99
Organism	0	18	9	_	175	4	38	239
Protein	0	4	67	175	_	2	55	300
Tissue	123	31	4	2	2	_	2	134
Common	0	3	15	38	55	2	-	108

Table 2: Amount of overlaps between terms of two classes.

- Class-specific dictionaries compiled from many sources
  - MeSH
  - UMLS
  - UniProt, EntrezGene
  - OMIM
  - ...

# Disambiguation

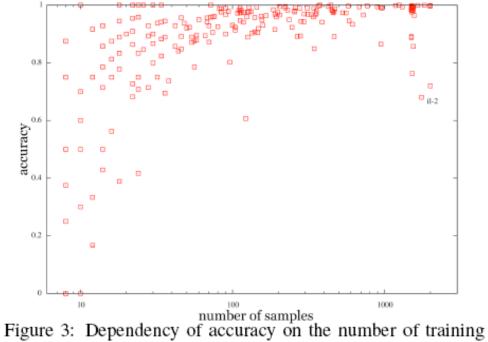
- Dictionaries don't help
  - Use English dictionary to find common names
  - Use class-specific dictionaries
  - Homonyms: Token appears in more than one class-specific dictionary
- Several approaches
  - Sense dictionaries, alignment with examples, etc.
- Machine learning approach
  - Rely on "one sense per discourse" assumption
  - Build training data sets for each sense of a name
  - Cast problem in a multi-class classification problem
  - Build one model for each name

#### Works Well

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# Training Data

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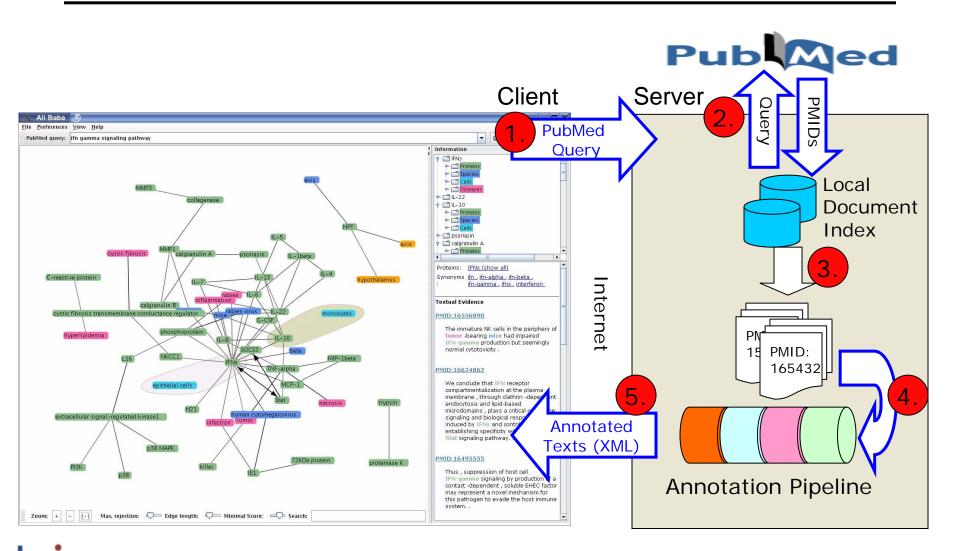
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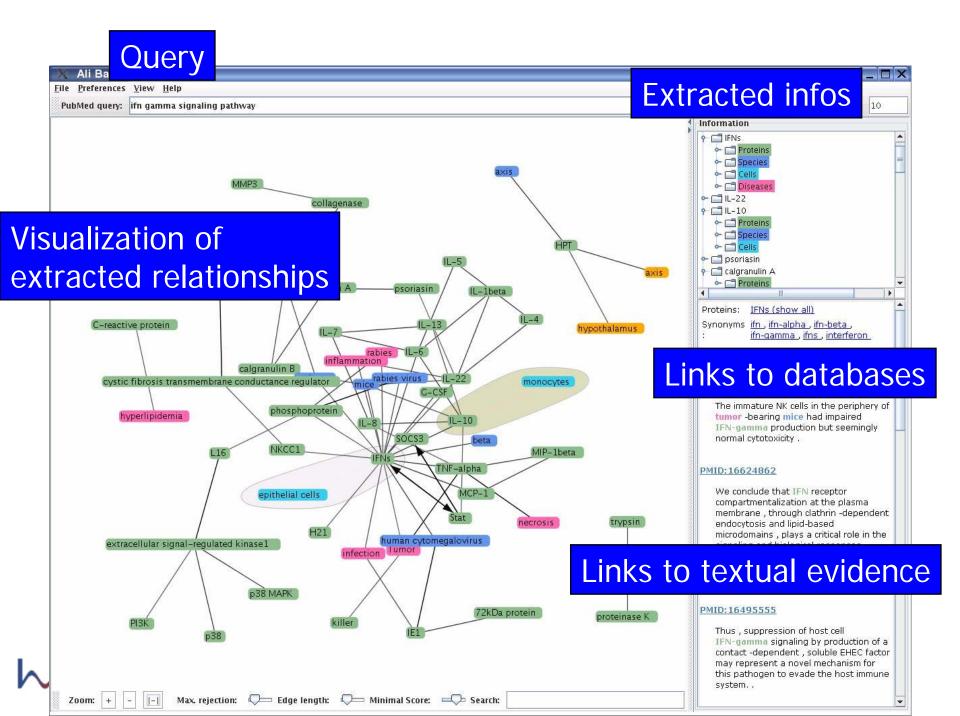
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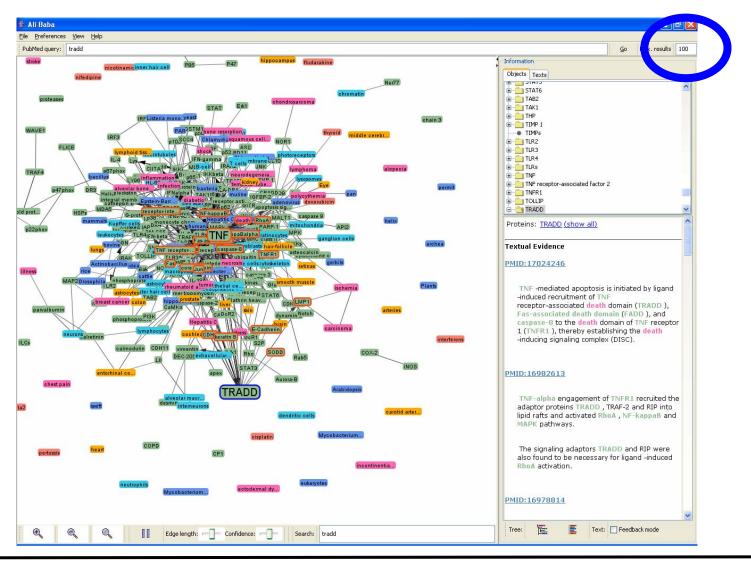


## Walk-through

 "Which proteins are associated with the TNF-alpha associated death domain (TRADD)?"



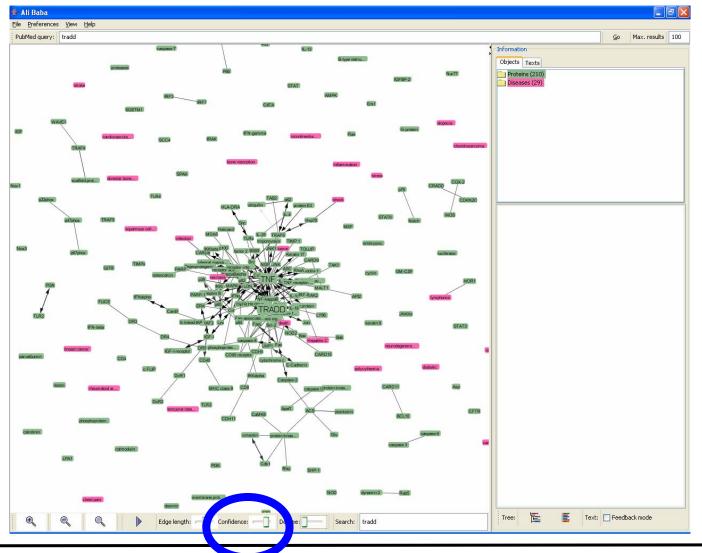
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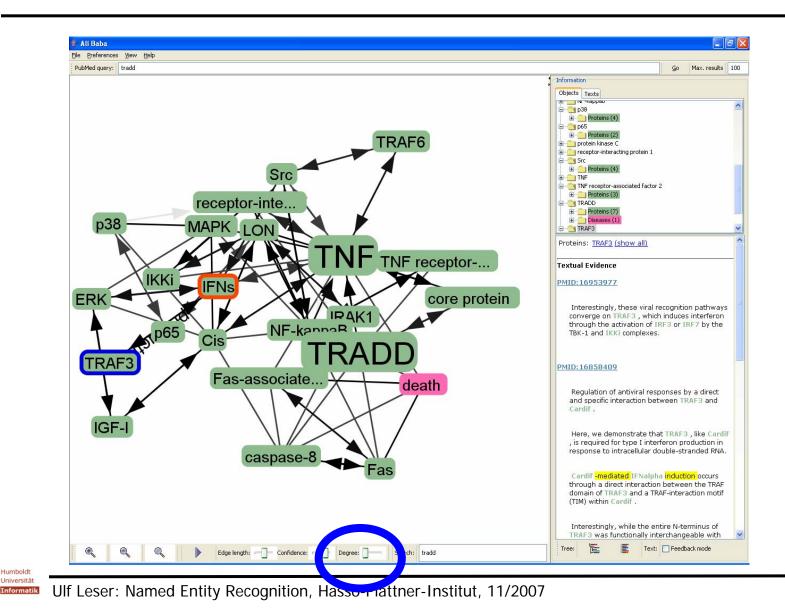
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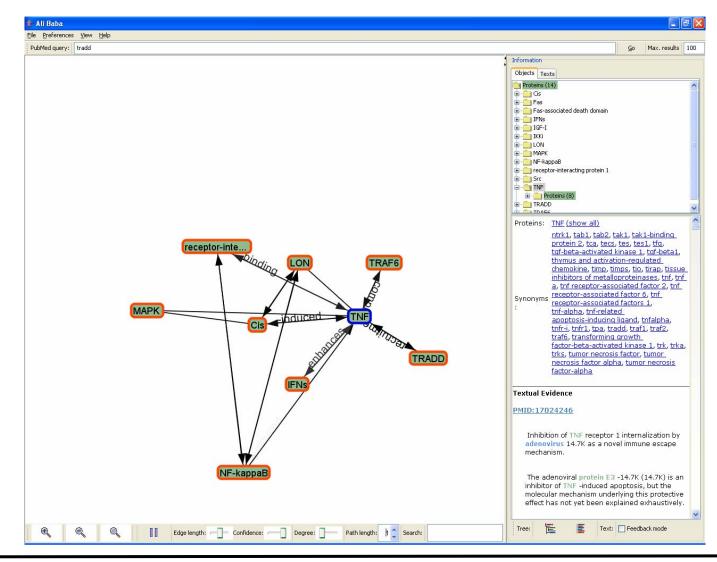
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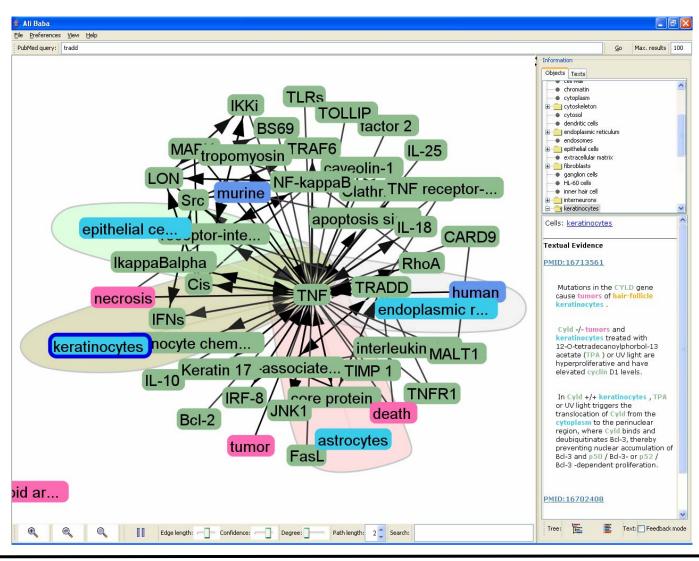


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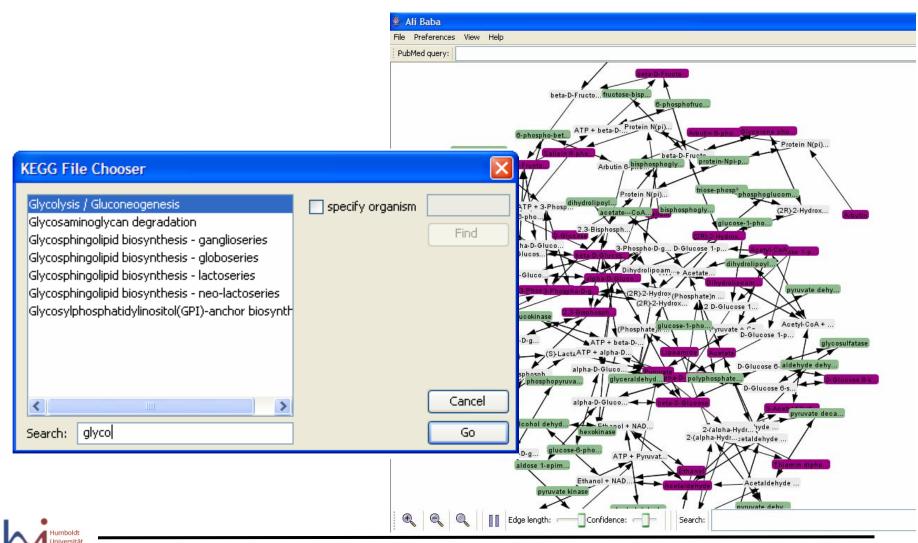
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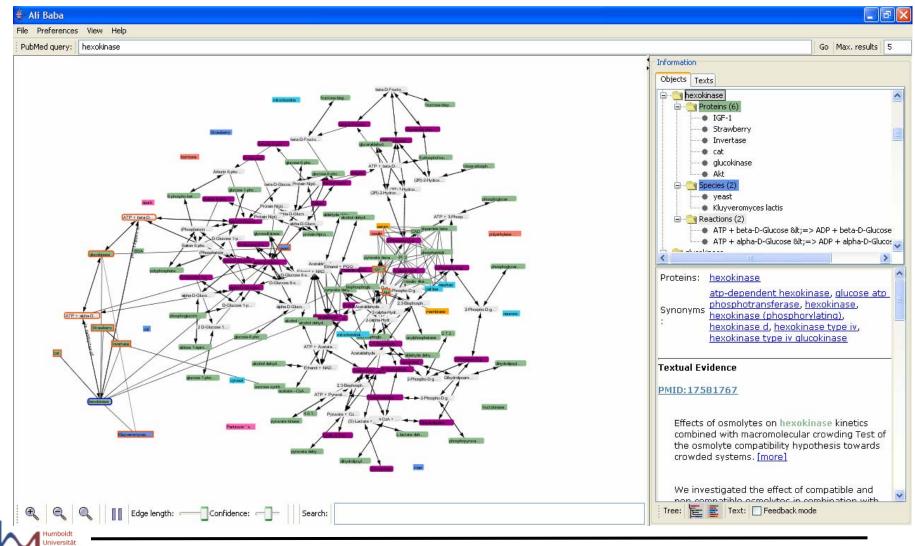
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#### **Overlays** (experimental)



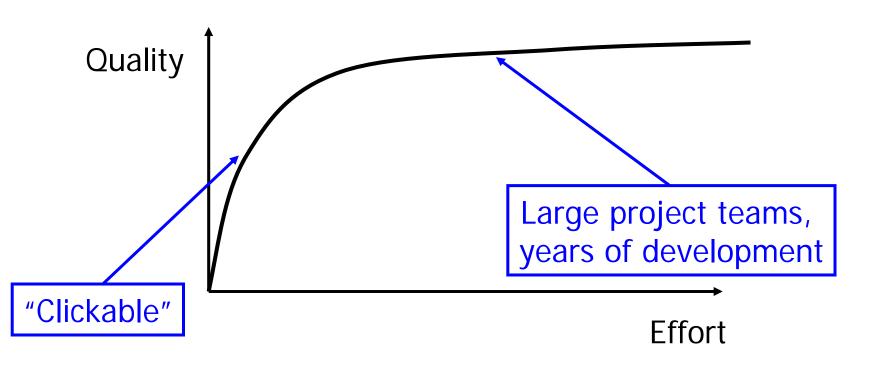
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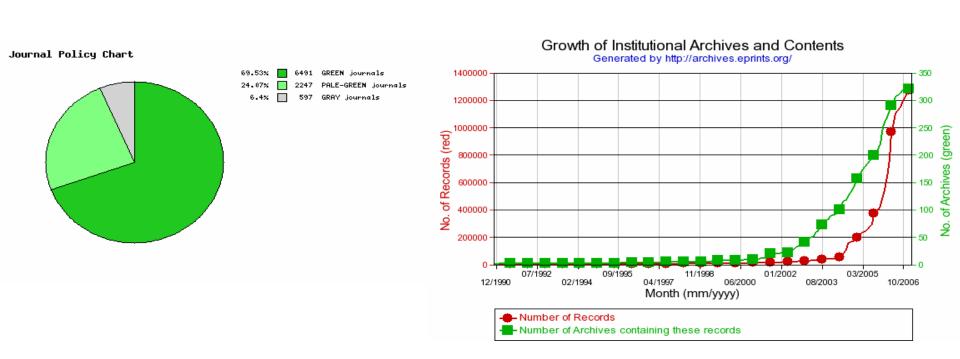
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- Text Mining
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  - Using Machine Learning
- Evaluation
- Disambiguation
- AliBaba Walk Through
- Conclusions

#### **Text Mining Performance Curve**



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• Scalability is becoming really important



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