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Global market research in animal health and agriculture

As **global leaders in market research** for animal health and agriculture, Kynetec helps companies around the world understand the dynamics of their marketplace, turning research into business opportunities and enabling clients to create winning strategies. We conduct **tracking studies** for monitoring **market trends**, **customized research** for answering unique business challenges and provide **market forecasts** to support your long-term vision, bringing you closer to your customers.



Conducting research
in more than

80

countries



Connecting with

100000s

vets, farmers and
pet owners



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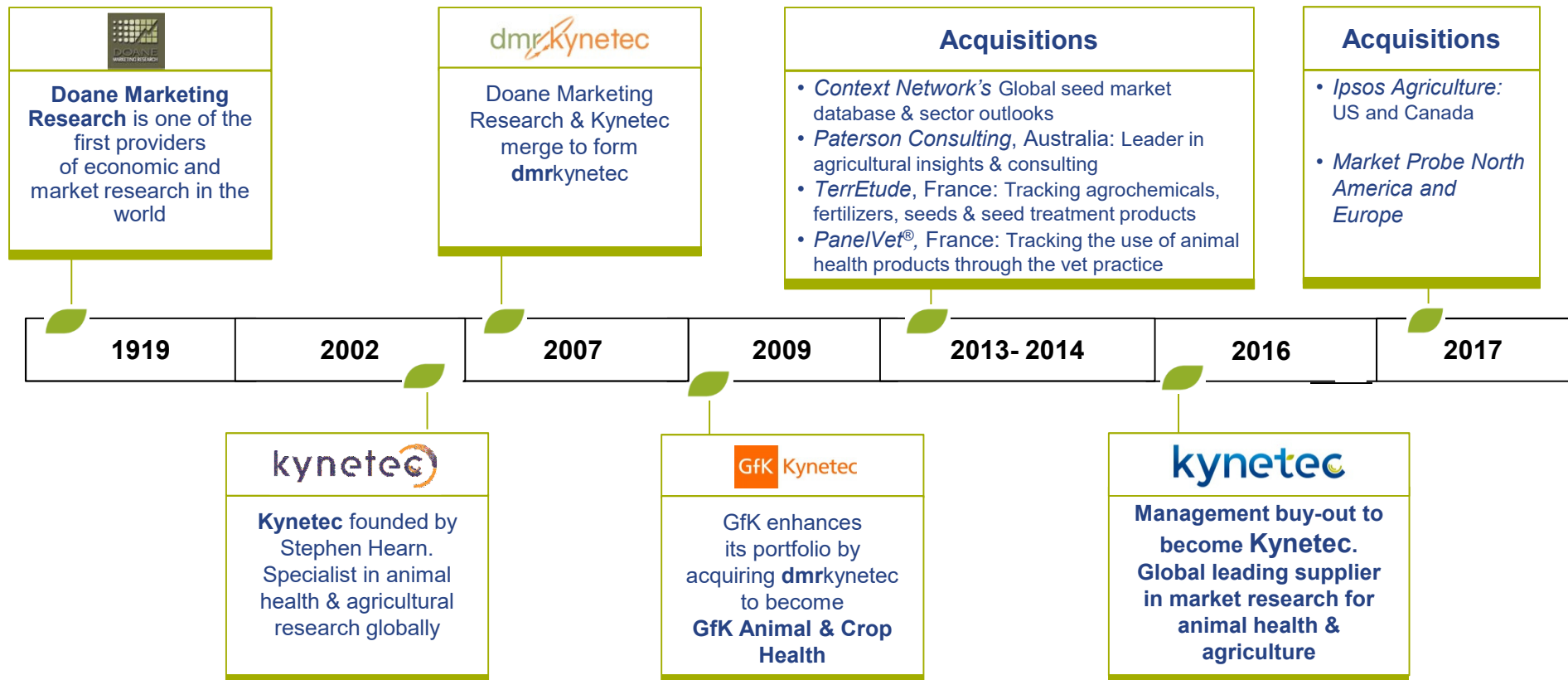


Global team of
more than

650

research professionals

Long history in understanding animal health & agriculture



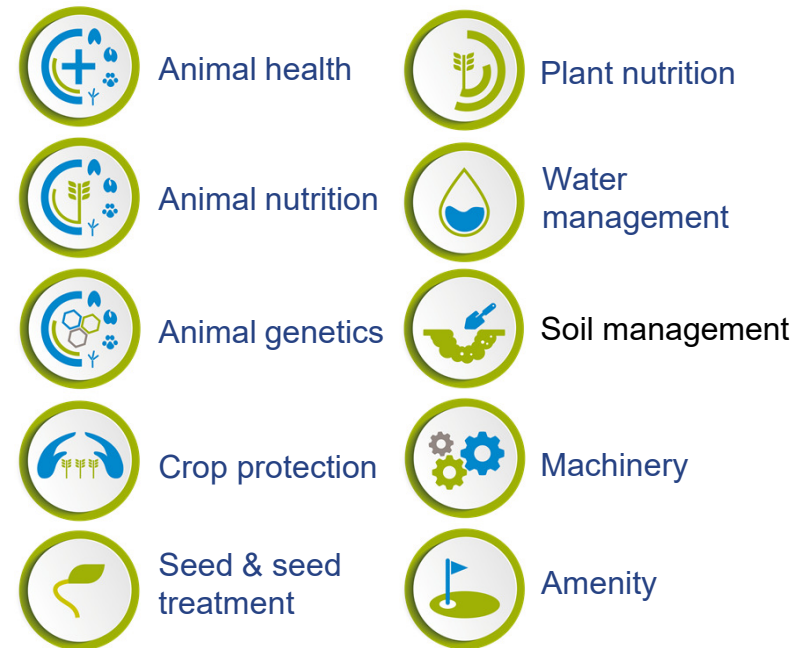
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Client challenges → Our thinking

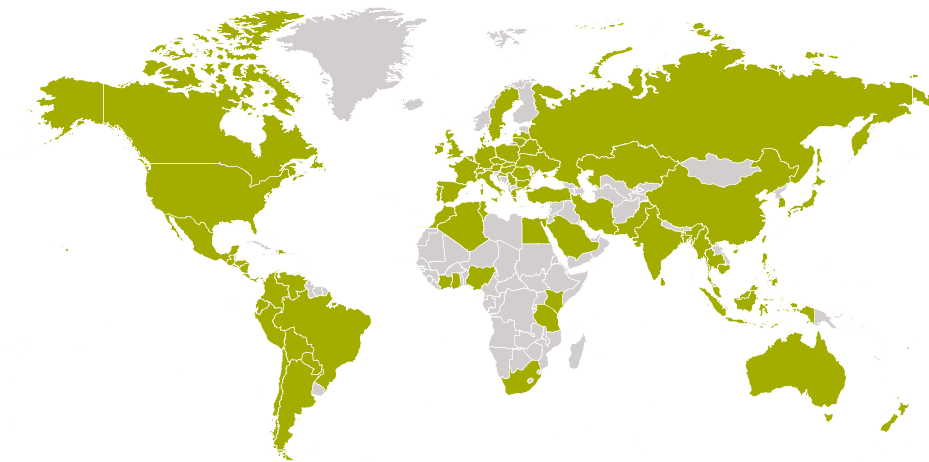
Market opportunity & innovation	Message management: Resonance, reach, recall
Brand & customer experience	Forecasting
Digital strategy & intelligence	Launch readiness & evaluation
Value & pricing optimization	Segmentation & positioning
User experience	Concept testing
Retail sales tracking	Market dynamics & competitive landscaping
Product design optimization	Packaging design optimization

Sector expertise



Connecting with clients & markets globally

Present in all major regions, and in most major markets

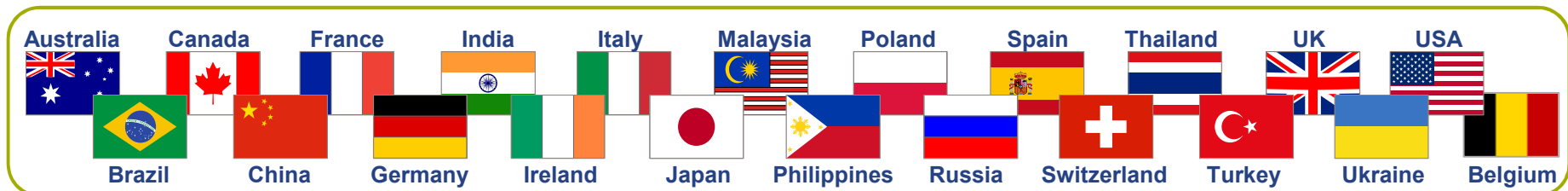


Global Reach & local presence

- Conducting research in more than 80 countries
- Employees present in 22 major agriculture & animal health countries

More than 650 talented professionals

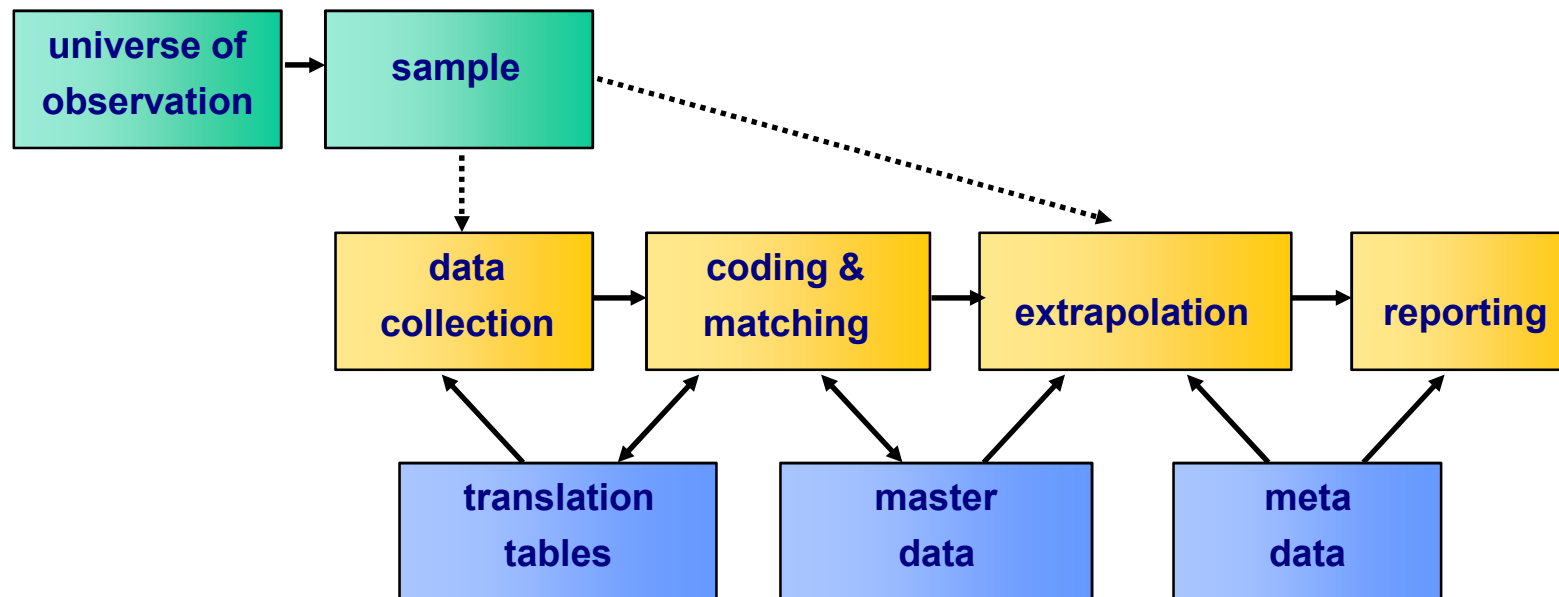
- 300 research professionals
- 300 skilled interviewers
- >80 research partners



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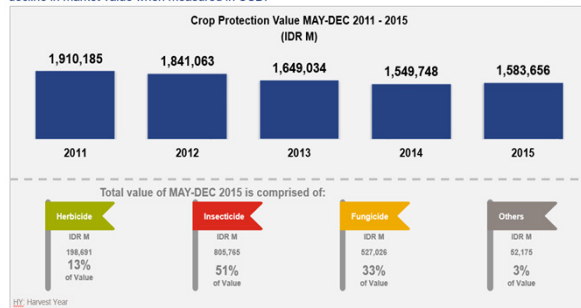
Panel market research methodology



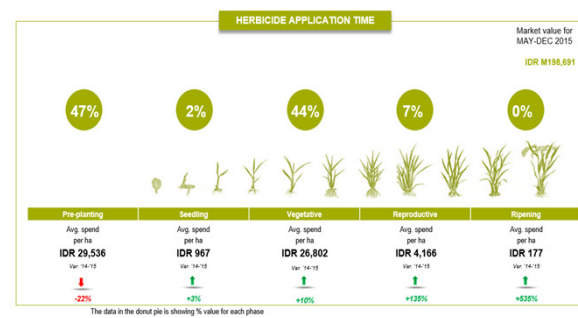
In many regions, we provide market insight reports that cover key categories segmented by defined regions.



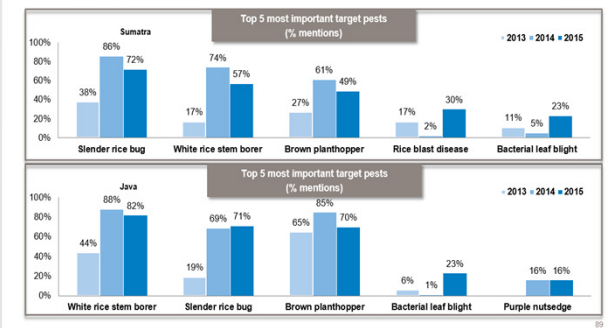
The crop protection (CP) market showed a marginal increase in May – Dec 2015, it must be noted that the weakened Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) masked a 9% decline in market value when measured in USD.



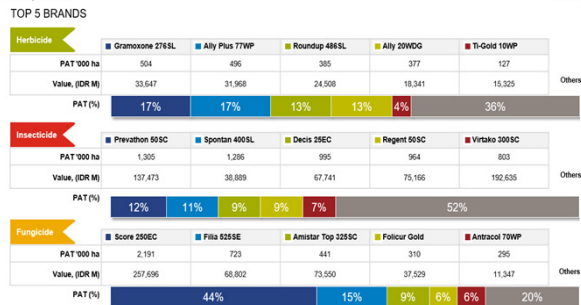
Due to the majority of rice in Indonesia grown via transplanting, very little herbicide is applied during the seedling phase. There has been a shift in farmer behavior towards post-emergent applications.



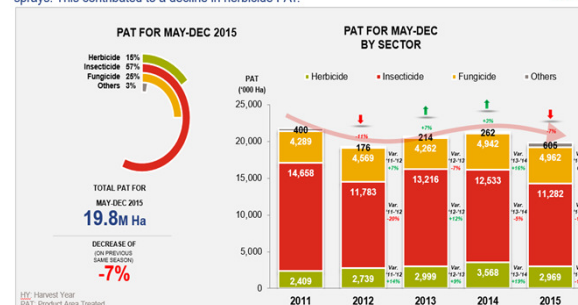
59% of North Sumatra and 33% of Aceh farmers identified BLB as one of the top three most important targets faced in May-Dec 2015. Blast was a great concern in Lampung and South Sumatra.



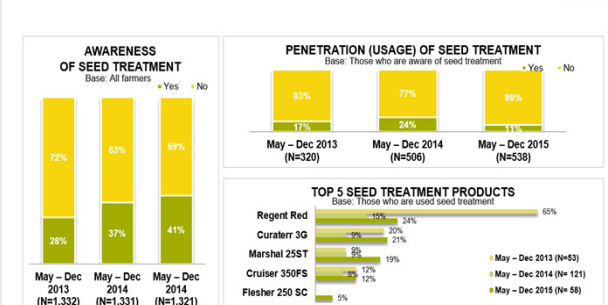
In May-Dec 2014 SCORE commanded a 54% PAT market share but this has declined to 44%. It is evident that the fungicide market is becoming more competitive.



The dry weather caused by El Niño resulted in reduced weed pressure. Farmers opted to control weed outbreaks by spot spray applications rather than blanket sprays. This contributed to a decline in herbicide PAT.



The level of seed treatment awareness has been increasing over the last 3 years. However, only a small proportion of farmers adopt this technology.



Broad selection of syndicated studies to meet client needs



VetTrak™



**VetTrak
Insight™**



VetTrak™
BDI/CDI Score



PetInsight™



SpecialtyTrak™



ParaTrak™



**Consumer
Perceived
Recommendations**



**Pet Care
Retail
Trackers**



**VetTrak
Forecaster™**



VetTrak EU™



Sigma AH™



PressTrak™
Vet



**Global Digital
Trackers Studies/CEE**



VetTrak™ Geo

Overview

- Tracks product consumption (dispensed doses and revenue) and inventory levels for key parasiticides and vaccines in the veterinary channel

Content

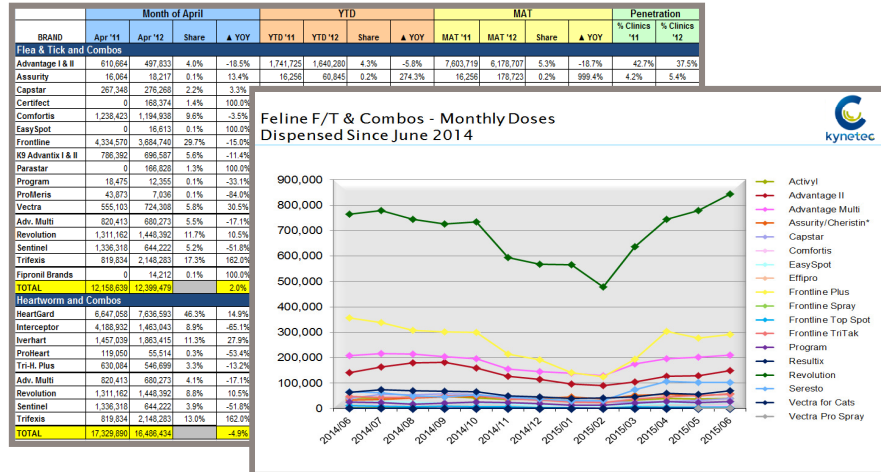
- Flea/tick, heartworm, GI worms, vaccines, NSAIDs, & Anti-infectives
- Metrics: Current Period, MAT, and YTD
- Includes up to 10 years' worth of historical data

Methodology

- US: survey-based clinic inventory data is blended with data extracted from a panel of practice management systems
- Mixed mode survey (n~800) / PMS (n~8,000)
- Projected to the universe of independent companion animal clinics (N~25,000)

Deliverables

- Monthly using i-map3™ platform
- Powerpoint summary report
- Excel based pivot table reports
- Available 20 working days after month end



Benefits

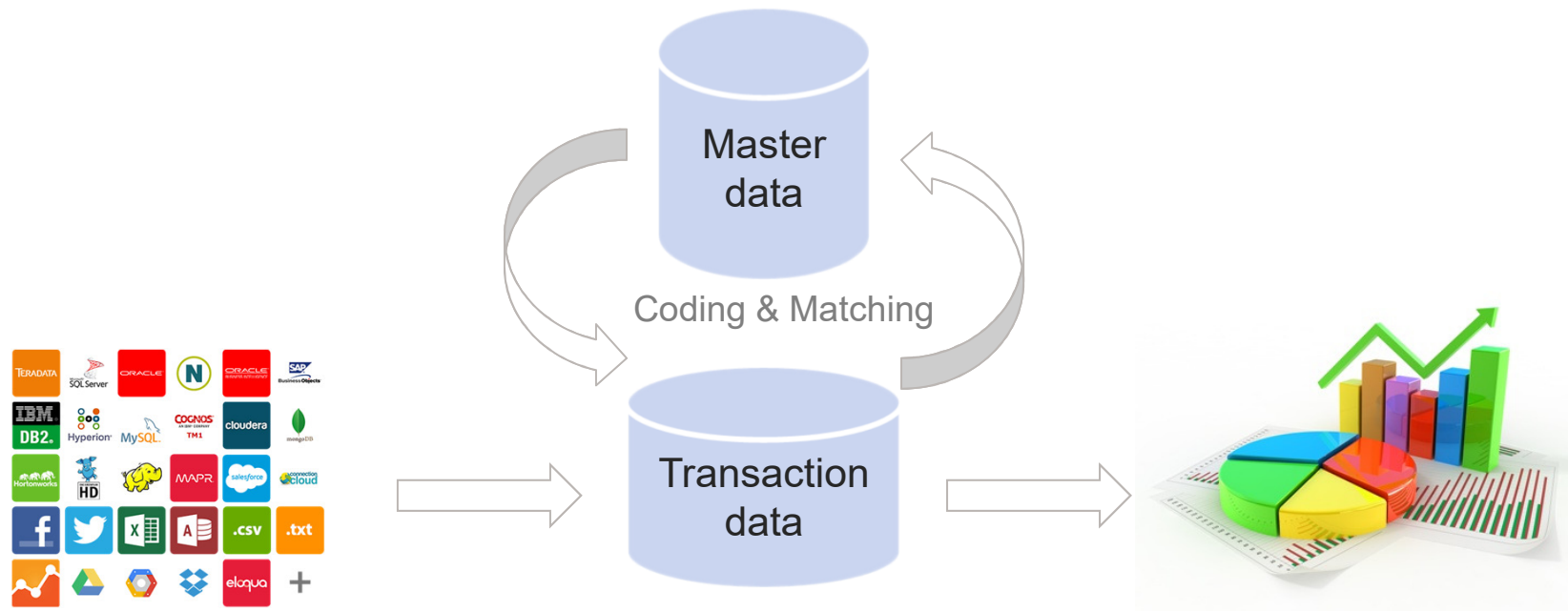
- Provides ongoing tracking of key metrics needed to manage your brand in the vet channel
- Tracks sales out of vet clinic – doses and dollars

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Panel-based market research

Simplified Data Production Workflow



Data Production for Panel Research

Key challenge: distinguish noise from data

Nature of transactional data

Transactional data are sourced from incontrollable sources and may contain arbitrary references to products and services applied in a Vet practice or clinic

Lining transactional data to master data

To be able to derive globally meaningful insights from transactional data, single transactions need to be linked to harmonized master data

Huge data volumes = huge problem?

In the work with big amounts of data, it is essential to minimize the need for manual work. For this reason, a specialized coding and matching solution is needed, supporting both master data management and the actual matching process. ICMS provided by Infacta is our tool of choice.



Current data production system

Integrated Coding and Matching System (ICMS)



Start Welcome Supervisor Statistics Coding/Matching Items Administrator Classification Translation

Masterdata Management System
Retailer Database
Advanced Coding System
Automatching
Enhanced Quality Facilities
Intelligent Pre-Processing

Integrated Coding and Matching System

ICMS / Version 1.1
 Powered by infacta

Welcome,
Thomas Ruf

- ICMS developed by Infacta GmbH, Germany
- Originally created for GfK hospital panel
- Main competitive advantages of Infacta:
 - 30+ years of in-depth panel production knowledge
 - Agile, pragmatic software development approach
 - Strategic technology partnerships
 - Emphasis on managing the production workflow
 - Specific component developments possible
- No licence fees, compensation based on managed system usage

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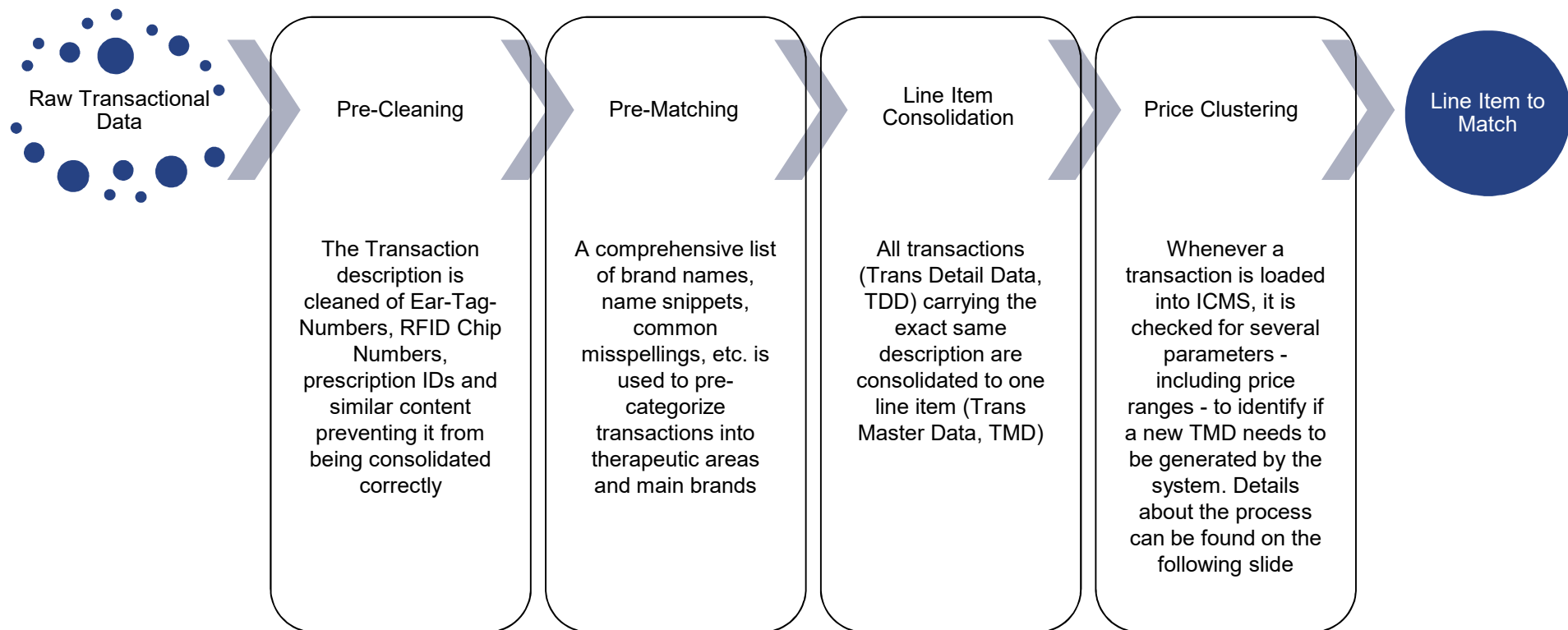
Status Quo

Transactional data of several data sources are the basis of the work in ICMS

Source	# of Transactions
Provider 1	125.462.534
Provider 2	56.847.183
Provider 3	2.203.730
Provider 4	490.590.998
Total	675.104.446

Matching close to 700mio transactions is not feasible in an efficient way, so we need to apply methods of data concentration

Simplified Process of Cleaning pre ICMS

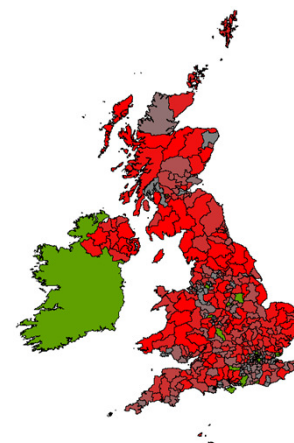


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Example: Frontline combo spot-on, large dogs (6 x 2.68ml)

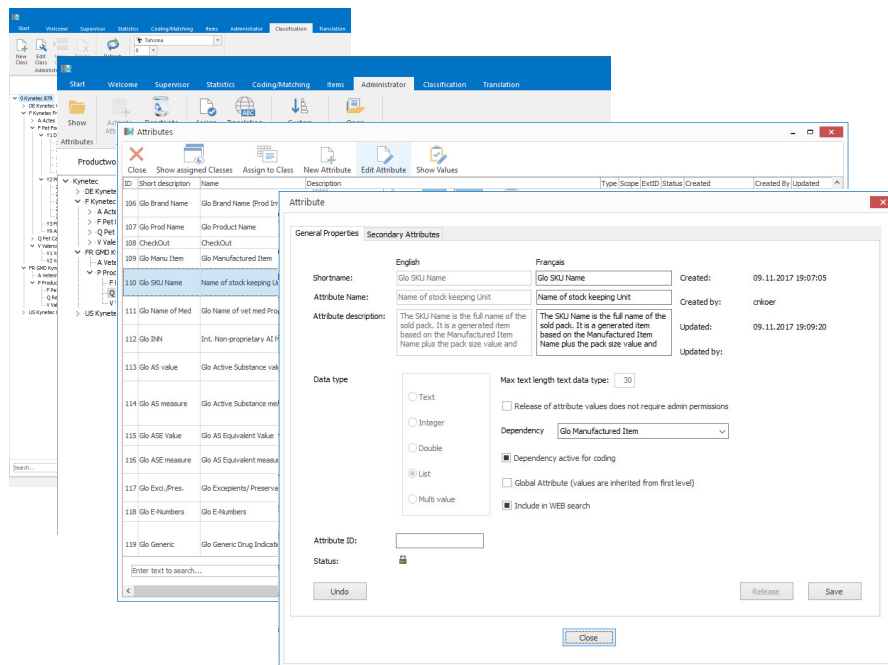
CEESA1	H INSECTICIDES/ECTOPARASITICIDES (EARS EXCL. ANTIFUNGAL INCL.)	23 categories
CEESA2	H01 INSECTICIDES/ECTOPARASITICIDES (EARS EXCL. ANTIFUNGAL INCL.) PETS	101
CEESA3	H01A INSECTICIDES/ECTOPARASITICIDES (EARS EXCL. ANTIFUNGAL INCL.) PETS Flea and ticks	239
CEESA4	H01A03 INSECTICIDES/ECTOPARASITICIDES (EARS EXCL. ANTIFUNGAL INCL.) PETS Flea and ticks Drops	285
CEESA5	H01A03A INSECTICIDES/ECTOPARASITICIDES (EARS EXCL. ANTIFUNGAL INCL.) PETS Flea and ticks Drops Dogs	152
ATC2	C1 SML ANIMAL ECTOPARASITIC	80
ATC3	C1A SML ANIMAL ECTOPARASITIC	123
ATC4	C1A1 SML ANIMAL ECTOS-TOPICAL	203
Product group	FRONTLINE COMBO DOG	c. 6,000 product groups
Product	FRONTLINE COMBO SPOT ON LDOG 6X2.68ML	c. 24,000 SKUs
Manufacturer	MERIAL AH	c. 700 manufacturers
Form	SPOT ON	128 formulations
Mode of admin.	TOPICAL	21 modes of administration
Legal category	POM-V	4 legal categories



FRONTLINE COMBO SPOT ON LDOG 6X2.68ML
MAT Current Year GBP

Attribute Management

General Process (outlined in detail on following slides)




Definition of Product World

Set up and description of attributes per product world

Definition of inheritance model and association of attributes to layers

Accepted values for attributes to be inserted or reverse engineered from source data.

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Matching transactional data

In many cases, transactional data doesn't come in a format ready to use.

For this reason, additional matching to meaningful master data is required to deliver insightful information from unharmonized data.

StartWelcomeSupervisorStatisticsCoding/MatchingItemsAdministratorClassificationTranslation

Web Search

Refresh

Set Comment

Delete Comment

Item StatusAll

Match Item

Move Item

Assign Coding

Others

New Item

Attributes

Copy Item

Save and Match

Don't Save

Uncomplete

Raw Data

Translations

Item Details

Limit to20

Reset Filter

Supplier ItemsCreate ItemHistoryCustom Search

Item MatchingHistoryPrerelease

Description	Species	Value	Price	Units	GTIN	Procode1	Procode2	Created	Updated	Updated by	Comments
Click here to define a filter											
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Matching transactional data

Transactions window

Description	Species	Value	Price	Units	GTIN	Procode1	Procode2	Created	Updated	Updated by	Comments
Click here to define a filter											
\$ALIM	CHIEN	2,323 €	24,71 €	94		ME \$ALIM	-	21.07.2017 16:33:13			
\$ALIM	CHAT	945 €	20,10 €	47		ME \$ALIM	-	21.07.2017 16:33:13			
\$ALIM	LAPIN	38 €	12,53 €	3		ME \$ALIM	-	21.07.2017 16:33:14			
\$ALIM		48 €	48,42 €	1		ME \$ALIM	-	21.07.2017 16:33:19			
\$ALIM CRITAL CARE	LAPIN	19 €	18,67 €	1		ME \$ALIM	-	21.07.2017 16:33:14			
\$MED	CHAT	695 €	19,30 €	36		ME \$MED	-	21.07.2017 16:33:12			
\$MED	CHIEN	3,391 €	17,94 €	189		ME \$MED	-	21.07.2017 16:33:13			
\$MED	CHIEN	20 €	20,00 €	1		ME \$ALIM	-	21.07.2017 16:33:14			
\$SOINS	CHIEN	105 €	15,01 €	7		AC \$SOINS	-	21.07.2017 16:32:59			

All relevant information of the transactional data can be displayed to enhance coding quality through more reference information

In addition to this, all columns can make use of filters and customized searches

Description (All) Species

(Custom...)

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Custom Filter

Show rows where:

Description

like

AND OR

Use _ to represent any single character

Use % to represent any series of characters

OK Cancel

Matching transactional data

Master Data window

Item Master

Price correctness

17 %

Score rating

Auto Search

Custom Search

GTIN	Marque	Animaux	SKU	Matching transactional data	Fabricant	Ref-Preis	Score
08713184055804	NOBIVAC	CHIEN	NOBIVAC CHP SUSP INJ FL+SOLV. 50X1DOS		MSD	229,04 €	11,75
08713184056801	NOBIVAC	CHIEN	NOBIVAC CHP SUSP INJ FL+SOLV. 10X1DOS		MSD		11,75
08714015018593	DURAMUNE	CHIEN	DURAMUNE CHP LYO/SUSP FL 25X1 DOS		ZOETIS		11,75
03660144008880	CHP	BOVIN,CAPRIN,LAPIN,OVIN,PORCIN,VOLAILLE	CHP PDR ORALE SEAU 1X2.5KG		COOPHAVET		11,59

The auto search is triggered whenever a transactional data entry is selected. It displays the best results of the search using google full text search algorithms.

Columns of additional reference data can be selected based on the full list of master data attributes. Additionally data based on recent translations of transactions to master data items such like reference price or date of latest link are available

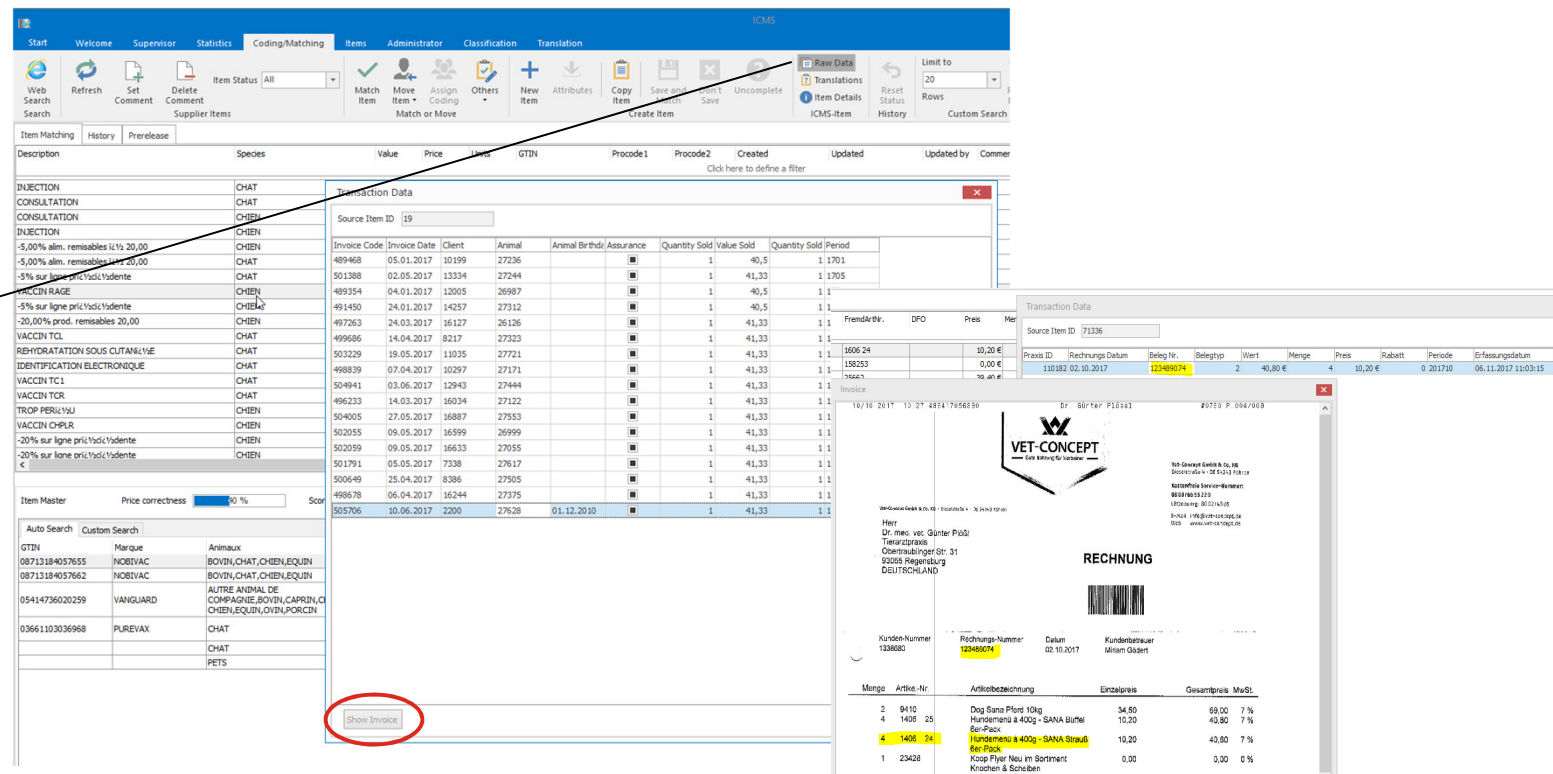
An indicator of the correctness of the price of transaction versus the master data item is available to be able to further qualify translations. In this case the quality is too low to establish a direct link.

Also a quality indicator of the strength of the overlap of the full text search is provided. Here first experiences need to show if an automated matching from a score threshold could be implemented to minimize manual work.

Matching transactional data

Data Source Investigation

A click on Raw Data shows all transactions with the same transaction text. Systems that are based on invoice data can directly show the scan of the invoice with a click on show invoice.



The screenshot displays the ICMS software interface. The main window shows a list of transactions with columns for Description, Species, Value, Price, Ligne, GTIN, Procure1, Procure2, Created, Updated, and Commer. A 'Raw Data' button is visible in the top right corner. Below the main list, there is a 'Transaction Data' window showing a detailed view of a transaction, including fields for Invoice Code, Invoice Date, Client, Animal, Animal Birthdate, Assurance, Quantity Sold, Value Sold, and Quantity Sold Period. A 'Show Invoice' button is highlighted in the bottom right corner of the Transaction Data window. To the right of the Transaction Data window, there is a 'Transaction Data' window showing a detailed view of a transaction, including fields for Source Item ID, Invoice, and a table of items with columns for Menge, Article-Nr., Artikelbezeichnung, Einzelpreis, and Gesamtpreis. The bottom right window shows a scanned invoice from 'VET-CONCEPT' for a dog named 'Dag Sana Pford 10kg'.

Outline

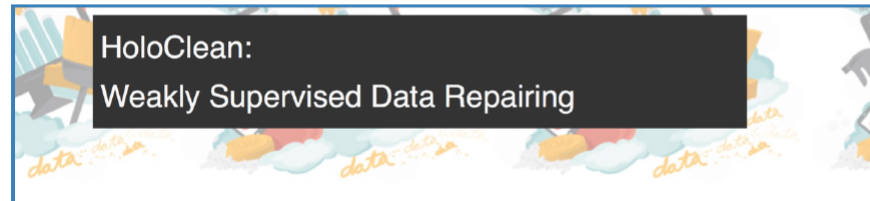
- Kynetec business overview
- Panel-based market research
- Current data production workflow
 - Preparation of incoming data for matching
 - Master data coding
 - Transactional data matching

• A Use Case for Machine Learning?!

HoloClean

Repair as an Inference Problem

- Blogpost and VLDB 2017 paper
- Open source www.holoclean.io



HoloClean: Holistic Data Repairs with Probabilistic Inference

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sources, with quantitative data repairing methods, which leverage
statistical properties of the input data. Given an inconsistent dataset
as input, HoloClean automatically generates a probabilistic pro-
gram that performs data repairing. Inspired by recent theoretical

did not perform any correct repairs. This is because these methods
limit themselves to only one of the aforementioned signals, and ig-
nore additional information that is useful for data repairing. We

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Repair as an Inference Problem

Input

Dataset to be cleaned

	DBAName	Address	City	State	Zip
t1	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608
t2	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60609
t3	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60609
t4	Johnnyo's	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608

Denial Constraints

- c1: DBAName → Zip
- c2: Zip → City, State
- c3: City, State, Address → Zip

Matching Dependencies

- m1: Zip = Ext.Zip → City = Ext.City
- m2: Zip = Ext.Zip → State = Ext.State
- m3: City = Ext.City ∧ State = Ext.State ∧ Address = Ext.Address → Zip = Ext.Zip

External Information

Ext. Address	Ext. City	Ext. State	Ext. Zip
3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608
1208 N Wells ST	Chicago	IL	60610
250 E Erie ST	Chicago	IL	60611
2806 W Cermak Rd	Chicago	IL	60623

The HoloClean Framework

1. Error Detection Module

- Use integrity constraints
- Leverage external data
- Detect outliers
- Identify possible repairs

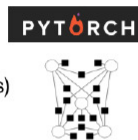


2. Compilation Module

- Automatic Featurization
- Statistical analysis and candidate repair generation
- Compilation to factors/tensors

3. Repair Module

- Ground probabilistic model
- Statistical learning (weights)
- Probabilistic inference



Output

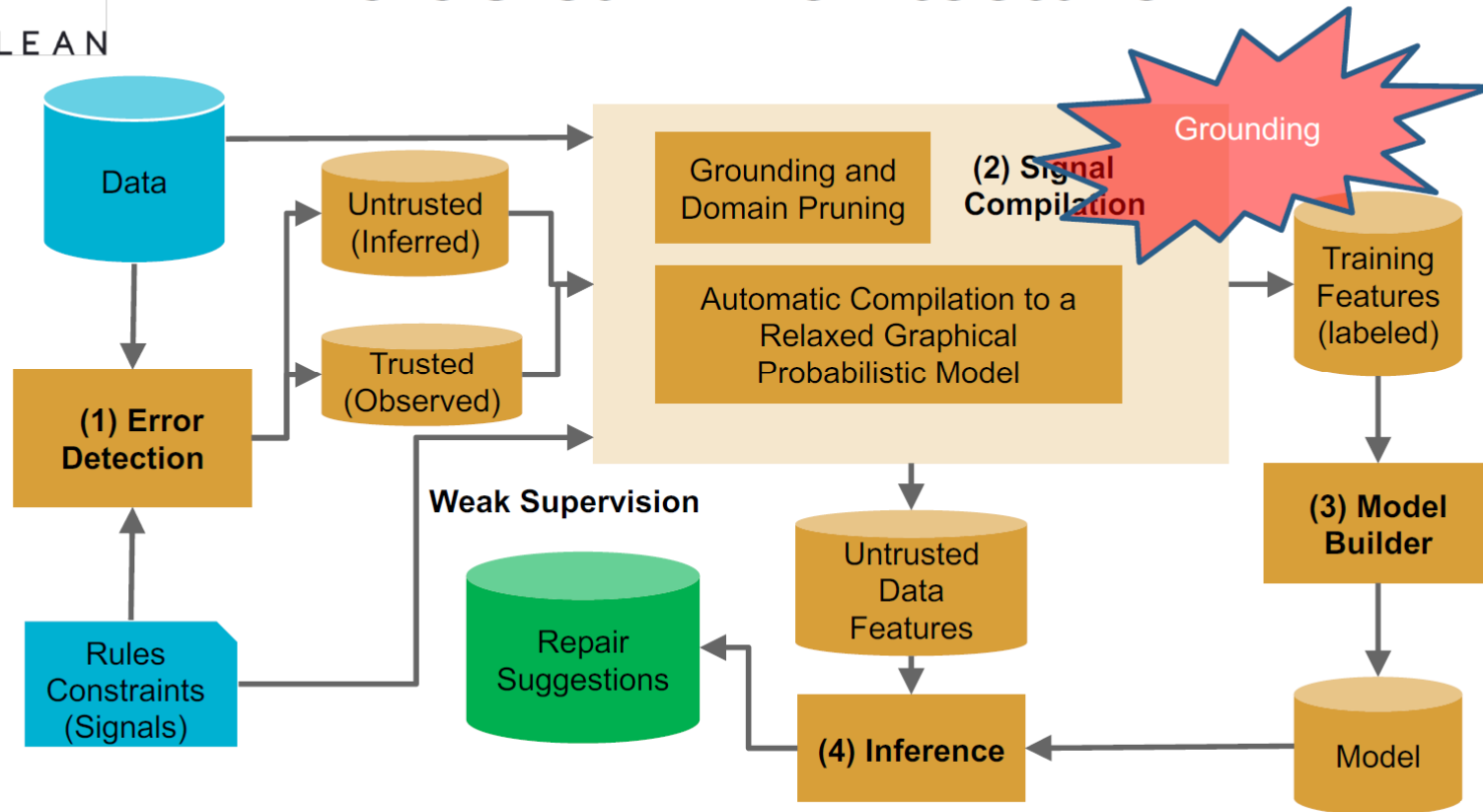
Proposed Cleaned Dataset

	DBAName	Address	City	State	Zip
t1	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608
t2	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608
t3	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608
t4	John Veliotis Sr.	3465 S Morgan ST	Chicago	IL	60608

Marginal Distribution of Cell Assignments

Cell	Possible Values	Probability
t2.Zip	60608	0.84
	60609	0.16
t4.City	Chicago	0.95
	Cicago	0.05
t4.DBAName	John Veliotis Sr.	0.99
	Johnnyo's	0.01

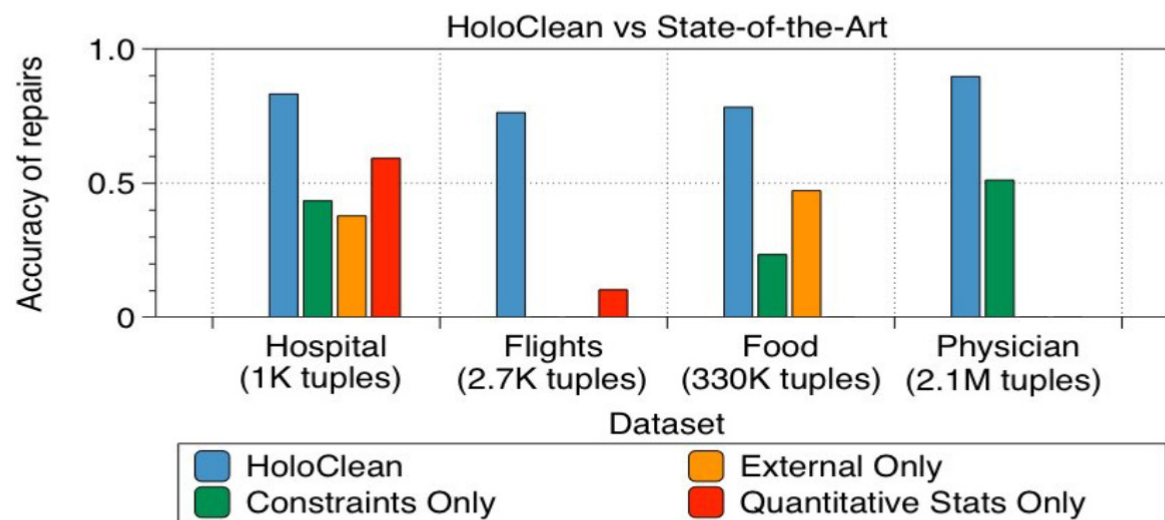
HoloClean Architecture



HoloClean Key Ideas

- **Domain Pruning:** Limit the active domain for random variable
 - Values that appear in the table
 - Use co-occurrence to prune even more aggressively
 - Borrow ideas from missing value imputation
- **Tying Weights:** *Learn one weight per constraint not per factor (Templated MLNs)*
- **Constraint Relaxation:** Relax constraints over sets of random variables to features over independent random variables.

HoloClean Results



HoloClean: our approach combining all signals and using inference

Holistic[Chu,2013]: state-of-the-art for constraints & minimality

KATARA[Chu,2015]: state-of-the-art for external data

SCARE[Yakout,2013]: state-of-the-art ML & qualitative statistics

Results of the application of HoloClean to Kynetec data matching

