

# Developing Machine Learning for Metadata Standardization with HTCondor and Snakemake

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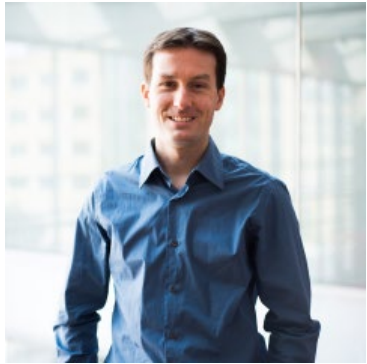
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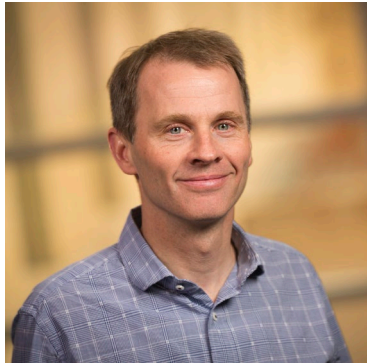
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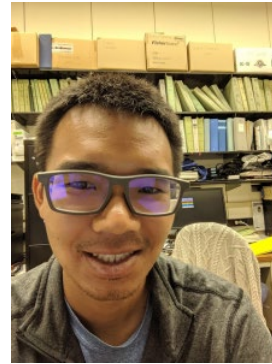
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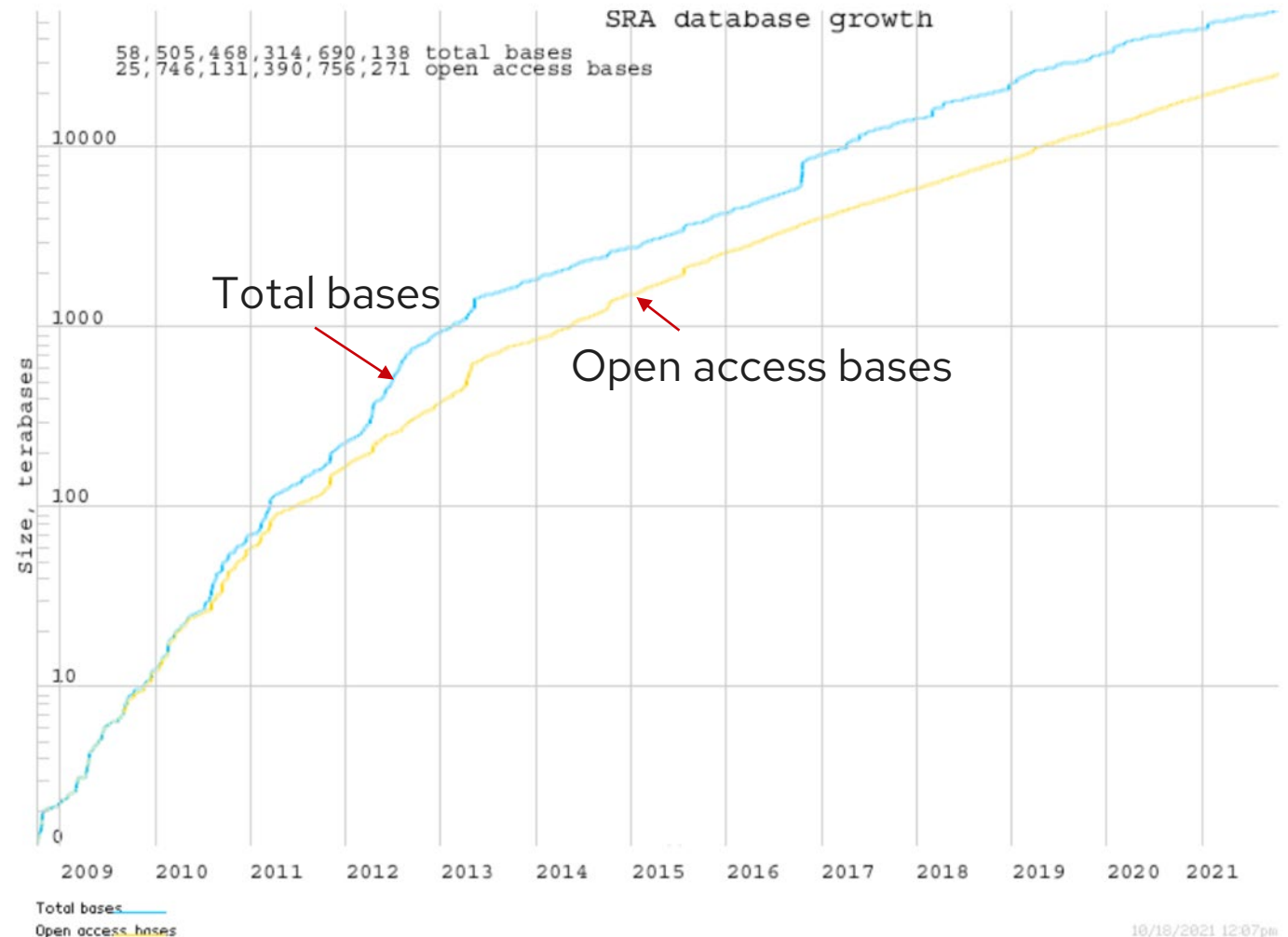
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# An abundance of (meta)data

- **The NCBI's Sequence Read Archive (SRA)**
- The largest publicly available repository of high throughput sequencing data
- Opportunity for aggregate analyses
- Metadata are free-text key-value pairs composed by individual submitters





# Free-text metadata is hard to mass-process and query

Property	Property value
cell line	BJ
cell type	fibroblasts
harvest time	72 hours post seeding
lentiviral transgenes	no
passage number	passage 5
source_name	Human forskin fibroblast, BJ (ATCC, CRL-2522)

Key derives  
meaning from value

References to external  
sources

Spelling errors



# Metadata standardization task

Free-text key-value pairs

Property	Property Value
Cell type	PBMC
Disease state	Lyme disease
Individual	Patient 01-20
Source_name	PBMCs
Time	Acute Lyme pre-treatment (V1)



Relations to standardized terms

Relationship	Term ID	Term Name
Consists_of	CL:0000842	Mononuclear cell
Consists_of	CL:2000001	Peripheral blood mononuclear cell
Has_phenotype	DOID:11729	Lyme disease
Has_phenotype	EFO:0000408	Disease
Underwent	EFO:000727	Treatment

Property	Property Value
Biomaterial_provider	AllCells, 1301 Harbor Bay Parkway Suite 200 Alameda, CA 94502, USA
Bioproject_id	PRJDB3120
Cell_line	Peripheral blood mononuclear cells
Description	Healthy person 5
Sample_name	N5
Sample_title	Small cellular RNA

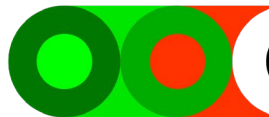
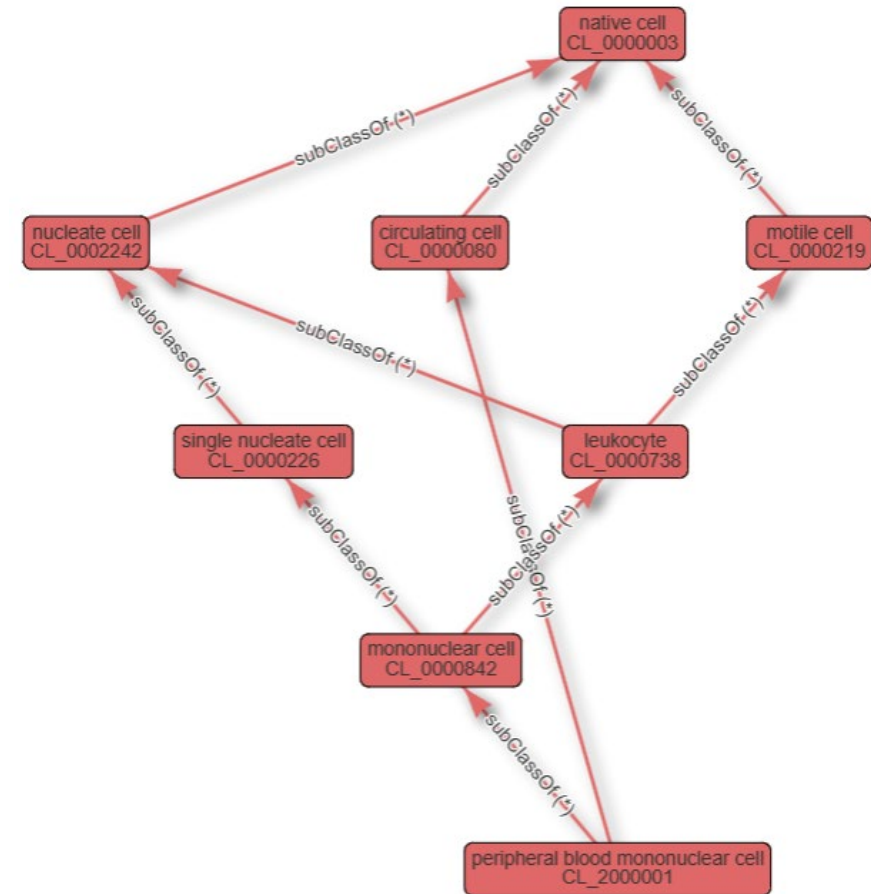


Relationship	Term ID	Term Name
Consists_of	CL:0000842	Mononuclear cell
Consists_of	CL:2000001	Peripheral blood mononuclear cell
Consists_of	EFO:0000322	Cell line
Part_of	UBERON:0000187	Blood

# Ontologies provide a framework for standardization



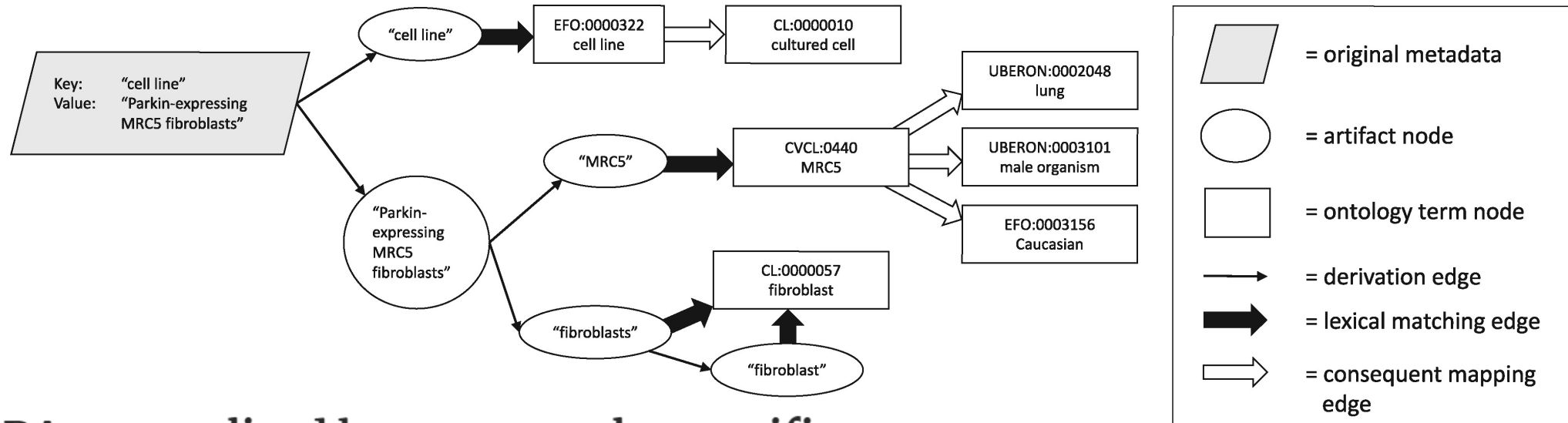
- An ontology formally represents entities, categories, and properties in a field of knowledge
- The terms in an ontology are uniquely identified
- Ontology relations relate specific terms to general terms that subsume them



Cellosaurus



# MetaSRA is a rule-based system for metadata standardization



## MetaSRA: normalized human sample-specific metadata for the Sequence Read Archive

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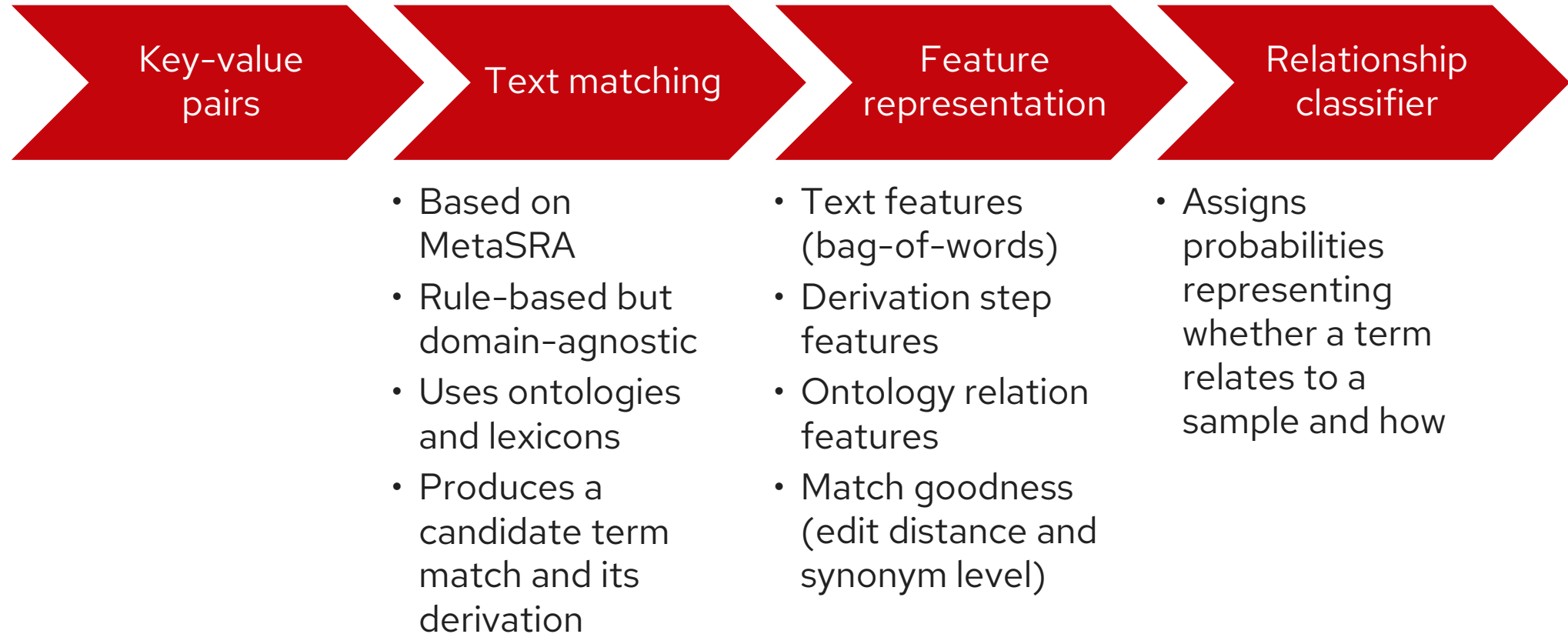
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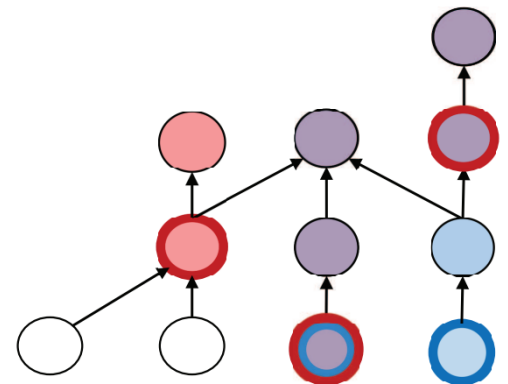
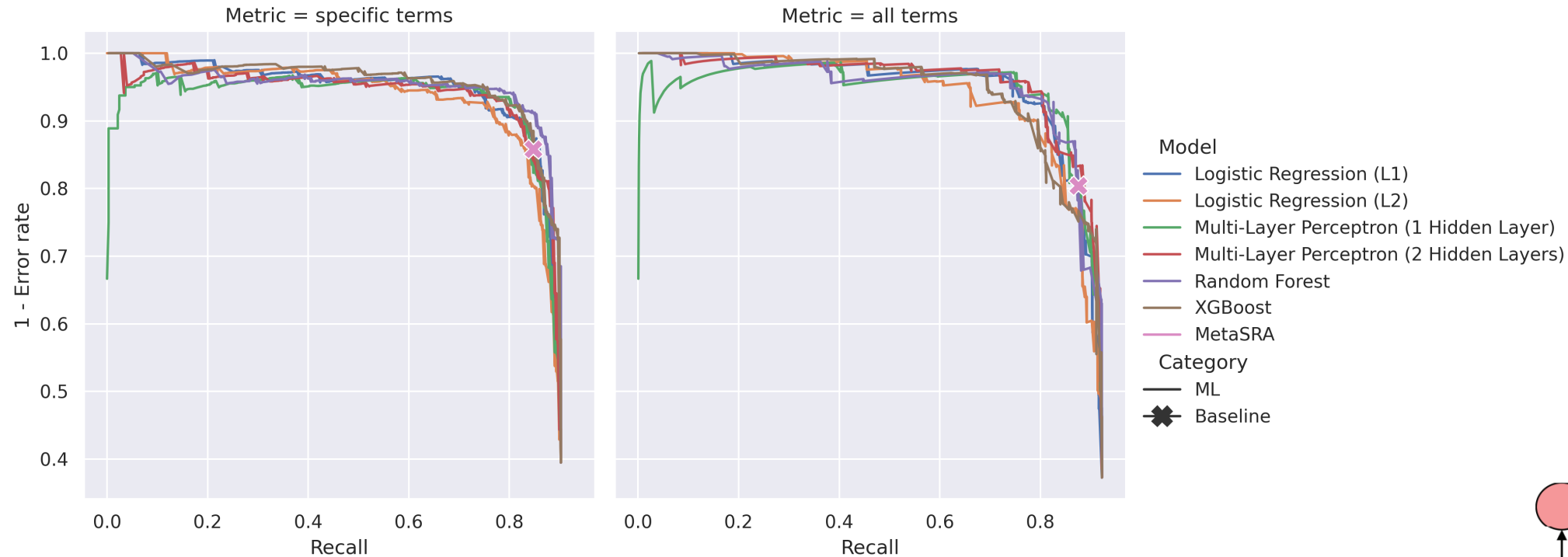
# ML4Meta: a machine learning approach

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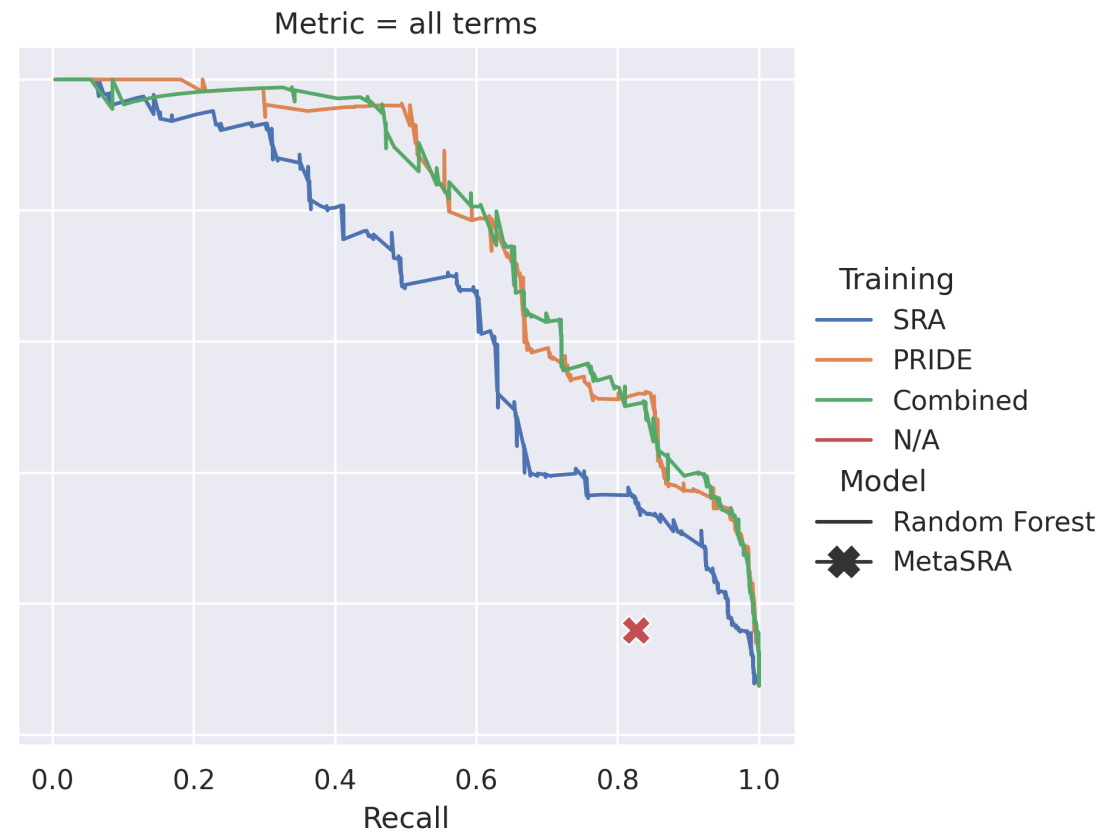
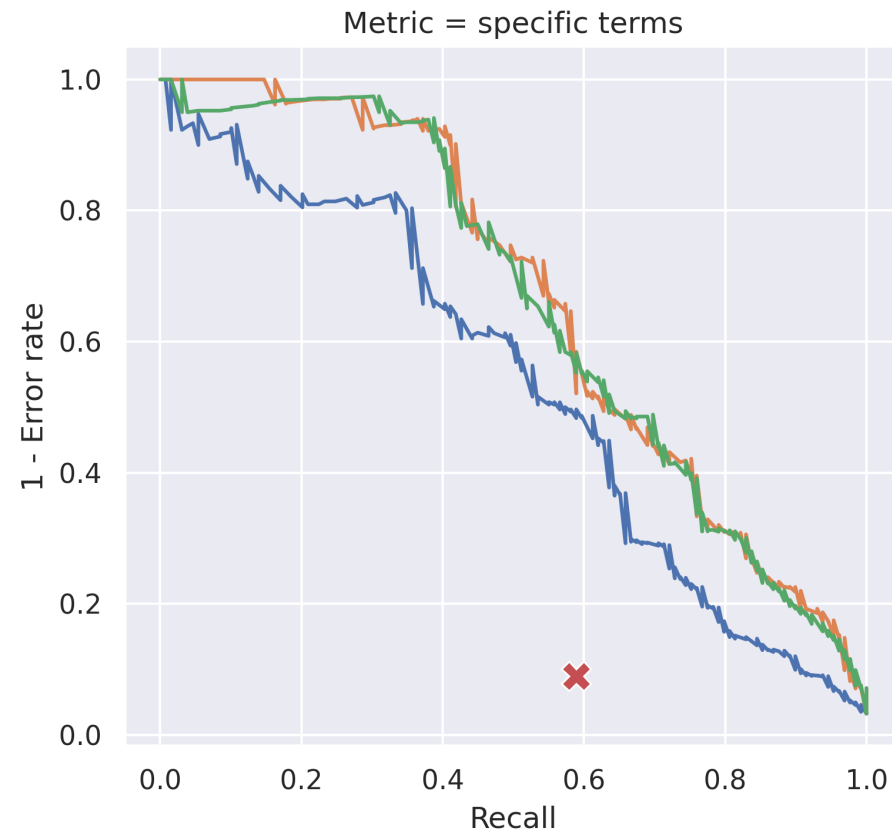




# ML4Meta outperforms MetaSRA on SRA metadata



# ML4Meta generalizes to other datasets



# Development Workflow



Resource setup

Data and labels

Text matching

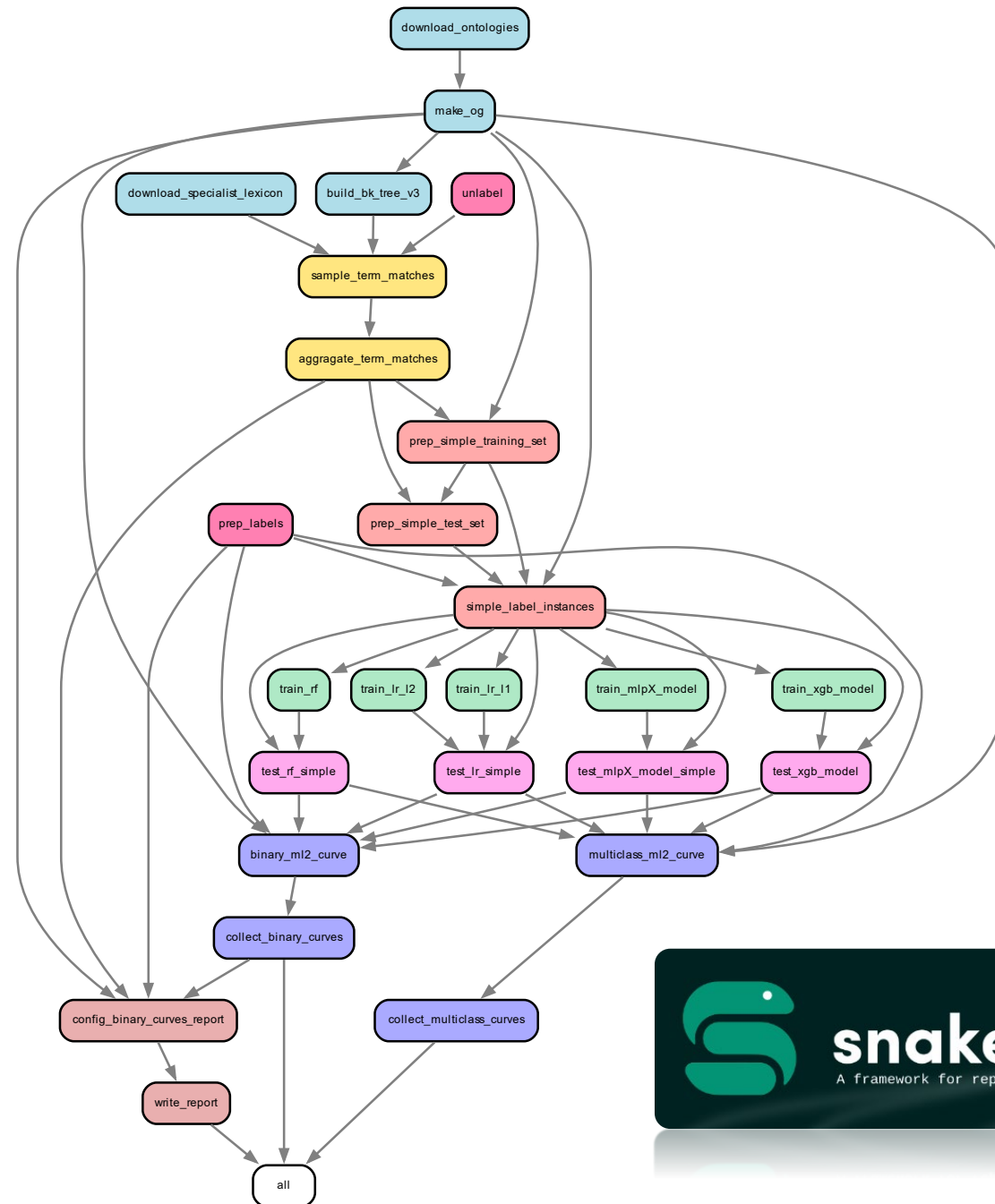
Feature generation

Model training

Model testing

Evaluation

Report generation





## YAML configuration

```
experiments:
  workspace/2023-05-11_sra-to-sra-with-chebi-experiment:
    run: true
    results:
      - binary_curves
      - multiclass_curves_report
    models:
      lr-l1: Logistic Regression (L1)
      lr-l2: Logistic Regression (L2)
      mlp1: Multi Layer Perceptron (1 hidden layer)
      mlp2: Multi Layer Perceptron (2 hidden layers)
      rf: Random Forest
      xgb: XGBoosted Trees
    evaluation_ontology: workspace/ontology_graphs/r1/ontology_graph.pickle
    training: workspace/sra-training-set_2023-05-11
    testing: workspace/sra-to-sra-testing-set_2023-05-11
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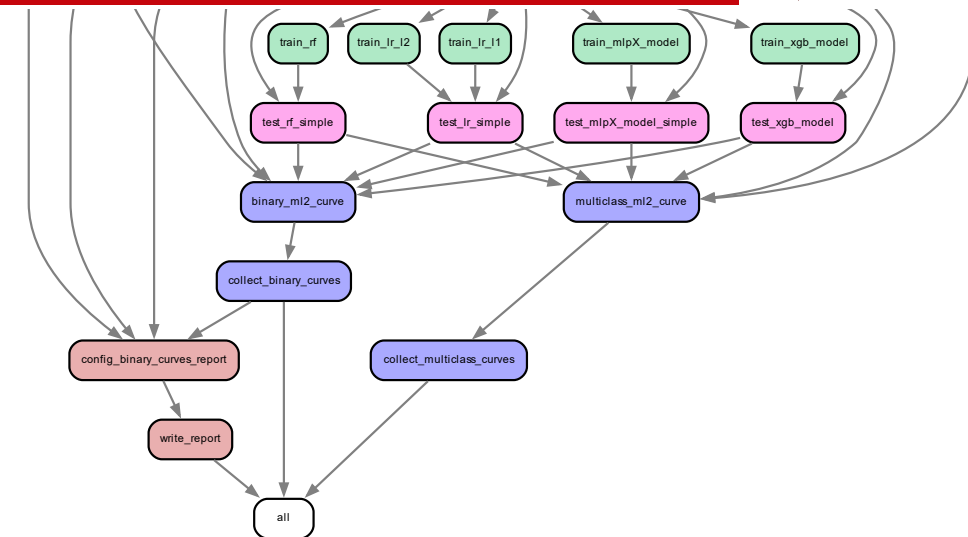
## Snakemake input functions

```
def input_to_collect_binary_curves(wildcards):
    return expand(
        f'{wildcards.experiment_dir}/binary_curves/{{model}}.csv',
        model = config['experiments'][wildcards.experiment_dir]['models'].keys()
    )
```

## Snakemake rule definitions

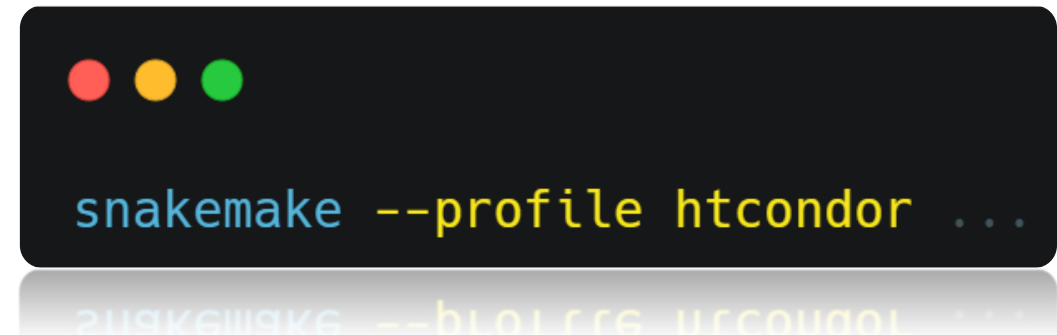
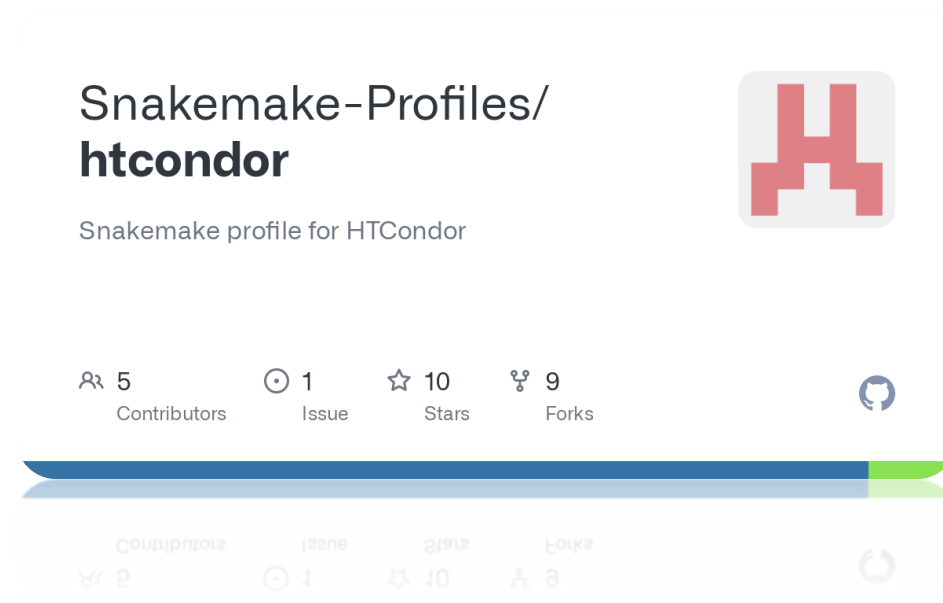
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rule collect_binary_curves:
    output:
        result = '{experiment_dir}/binary_curves.csv'
    input:
        input_to_collect_binary_curves
    run:
        import pandas as pd
        pd.concat([
            pd.read_csv(f, index_col=['model', 'threshold'])
            for f in input
        ]).to_csv(output.result)
```

## Workflow execution



# The HTCondor profile brings the power of HTCondor to Snakemake

- Simple configuration and usage
- Implemented using the HTCondor Python API
- Each Snakemake rule becomes a Condor job





# ML development with Snakemake and HTCondor: Strengths and weaknesses

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- ▲ Snakemake is backend-agnostic and portable
- ▲ Avoids re-generating dependencies in subsequent executions
- ▲ Python syntax
- ▲ Input functions are powerful
- ▲ Data-dependent workflow definition
- ▲ Defining workflows with configuration files makes iterative development easy
- ▼ Snakemake is file-based
- ▼ The Snakemake HTCondor profile is harder to configure without a network share
- ▼ Snakemake process needs to stay running on submit node throughout workflow execution

**THANK YOU!**