Knowtator, a framework to annotate phenotype-genotype relationships relevant to Arabidopsis leaf growth and development

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AGRON-OMICS

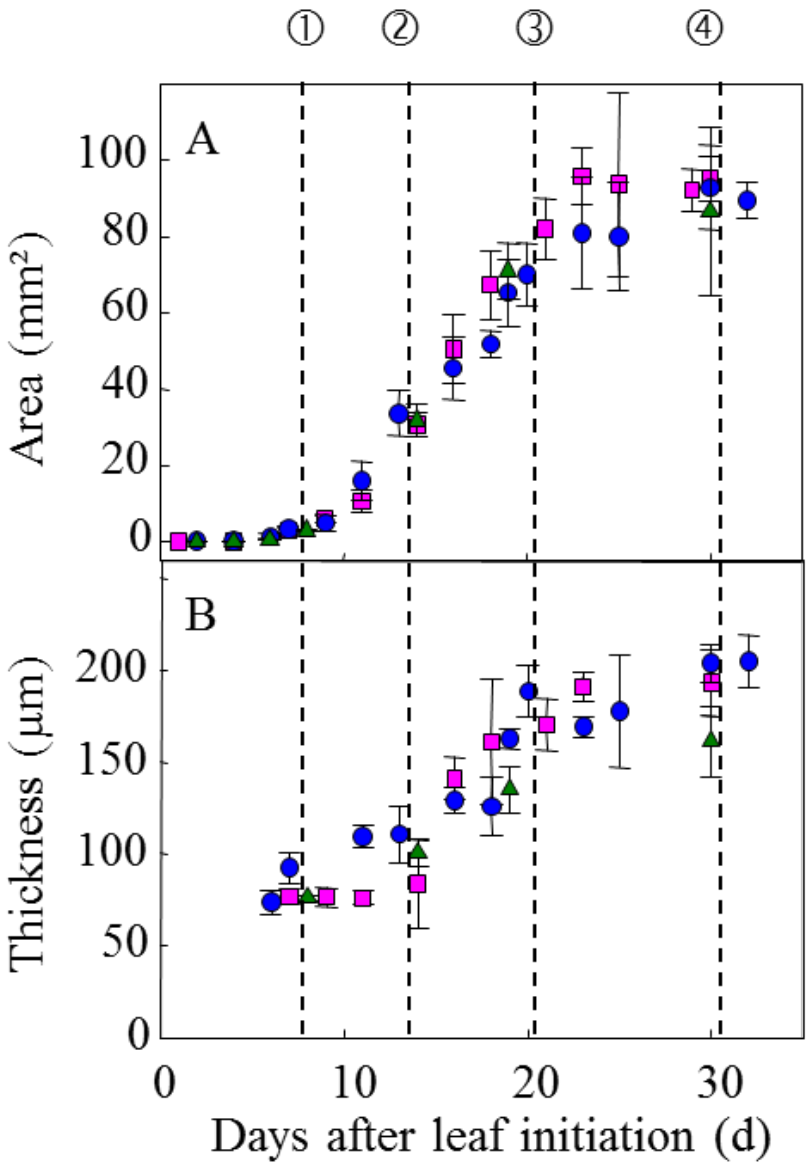
= **A**rabidopsis **GRO**wth **N**etwork integrating **OMICS technologies**

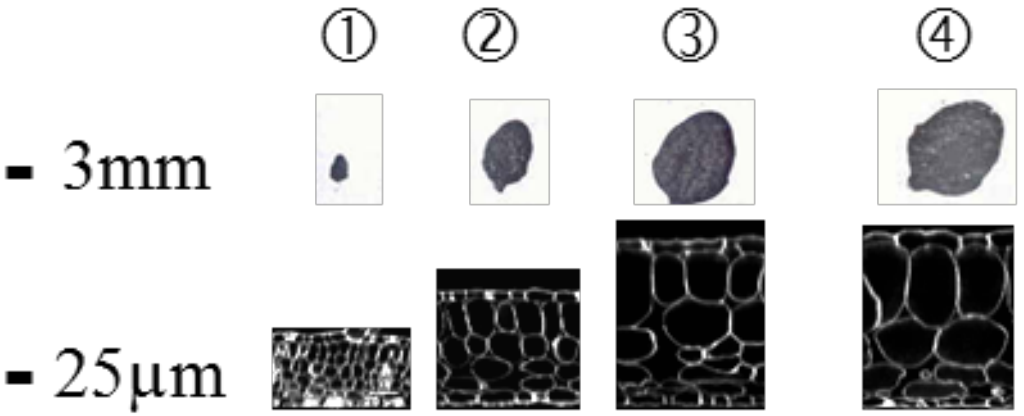
Focus: **leaf growth**

2. Development of tools for the research community

- **AGRONOMICS1 tiling array** covering both genome strands
- **pep2pro** for comprehensive proteome data analysis, **MASCP Gator** for integration and visualization of Arabidopsis proteomics data, ORFeome resources and cloning resources
- Protein-protein interaction networks- **Arabidopsis Interactome Mapping**
- Improved methods for protein localization studies
- Enzymatic and metabolic networks involved in biomass production
- Plant structure visualization by high-resolution X-ray computed tomography
- Data mining and integration, **CORNET , Arabidopsis Reactome**

http://www.agron-omics.eu/





Stage characterised by
(Boyes identifiers in SOW)

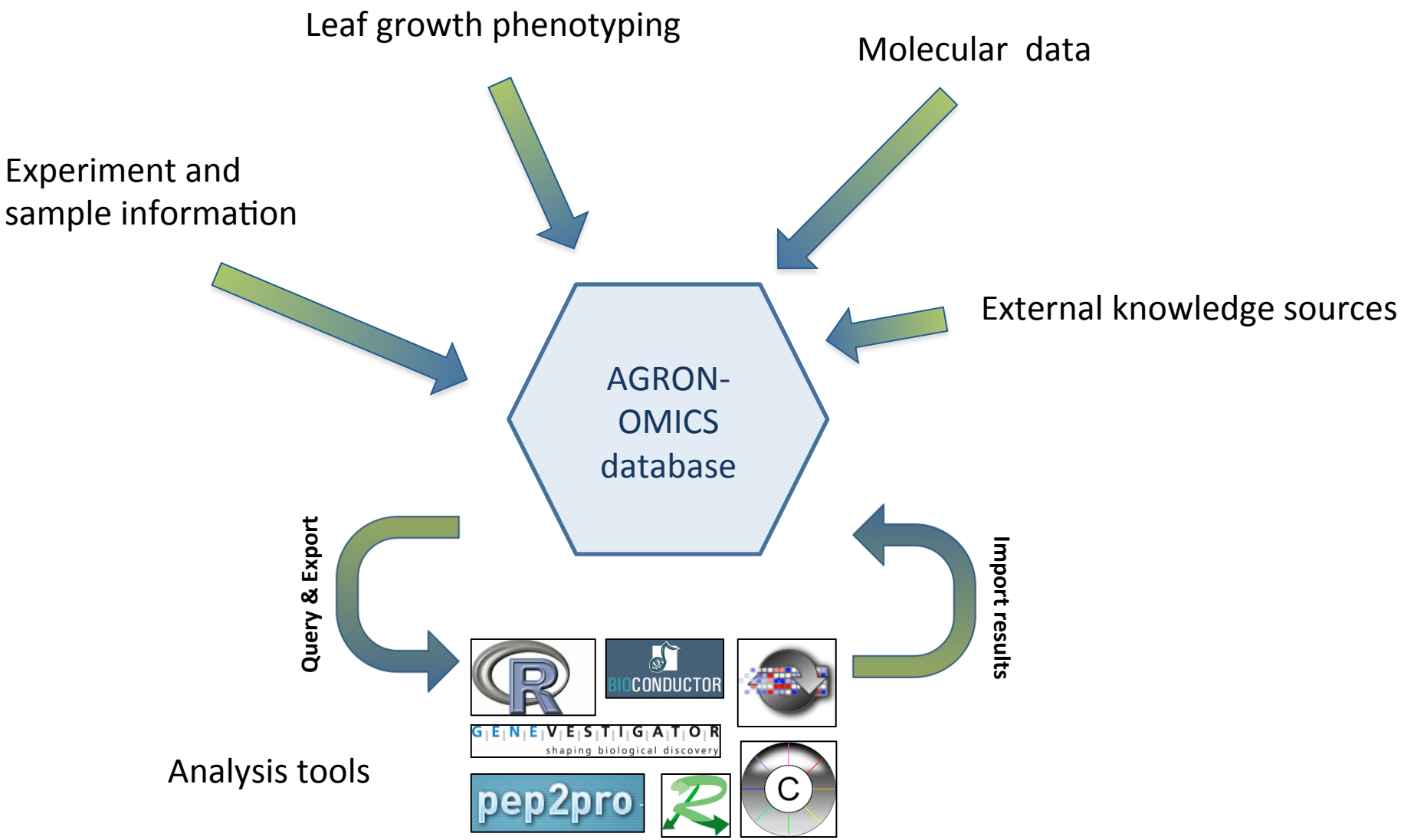
Stage 1
active cell division (1.07)

Stage 2
rapid cell expansion (1.11)

Stage 3
decreasing cell expansion (1.18)

Stage 4
mature leaf, no expansion and well before senescence (> 1.28)

The AGRON-OMICS database



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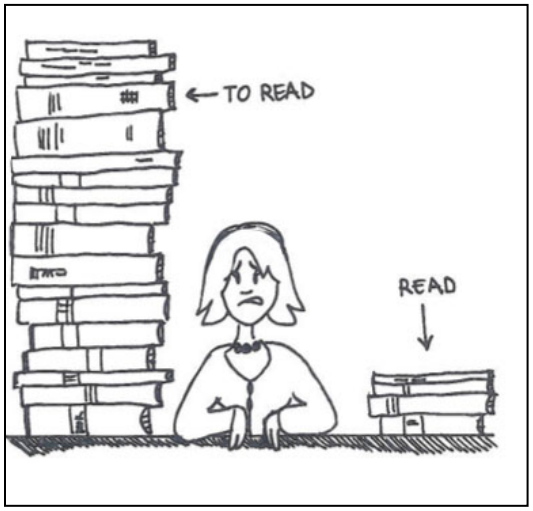
Need to access data in primary literature



There are no good comprehensive literature databases for plant research.

AIM: To capture and mine knowledge from literature

PREMISES:

- Papers about leaf growth and development
- Information collected with biomedical ontologies
- Structured statements that can be simplified and imported into relational databases

TASKS:

- Develop a method (test library, 174 papers)
- Annotate papers with volunteers (adding 109 papers)
- Merge with public molecular resources
- Deploy query and visualization tools

Further rules and restrictions

- Only Arabidopsis
- Only leaf data (also partly cotyledon, meristem, embryo)
- Restricted to the *Results* section
- Exclude reviews
- Information structure, one-to-one relations

What sort of information to record?

Relation	Example
Phenotype	The rot3-2 allele causes enlarged leaf blades
Gene expression	ANT mRNA accumulated in leaf
Feature	AtCPL2 contains one dsRNA-binding domain
DNA-protein interaction	ARF2 ... bound to the promoter region of GH3.1
Genetic interaction	hyl1 ... appeared to suppress the as2 phenotypes
Protein-protein interaction	AN3 interacted strongly with ... AtGRF9
Process	RHL2 ... involved during endocycles
Regulation of gene expression	AtCPL1 ... negative regulators of RD29A expression
Regulation of process	AN3 ... promoting ... cell proliferation
Regulation of phenotype	PHABULOSA ... influence leaf shape

Structured statement

Phenotype	The reduced leaf area in the *hub1-1* mutant was confirmed by morphological measurements of the fully expanded leaves 1 and 2

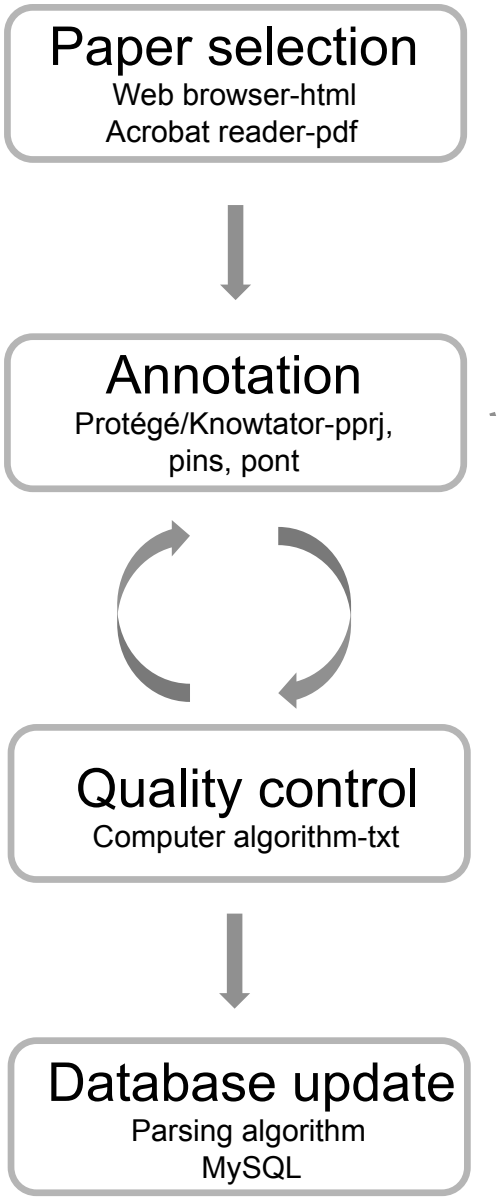
Slot	Original text	Ontology
Developmental stage	fully expanded leaves	3 leaf fully expanded_PO:0001053
Factuality		
Genotype	hub1-1	mutated gene_MI:0804 RDO4 HUB1_AT2G44950 loss of function_APO:0000011 homozygous diploid _APO:0000229
Growth condition		
Localisation		
Methodology		
Plant part	leaf	leaf_PO:0025034
Process		
Property	area	area_PATO:0001323
Value	reduced	decreased area_PATO:0002058

Biomedical ontologies

Defined terms
Avoiding redundancy and confusion
Established parent-child relationships
Community endorsed

Ontology	Acronym	URL	Reference
BRENDA tissue / enzyme source	BTO	http://www.brenda-enzymes.info	Gremse *et al.* 2011
Gene Ontology	GO	http://www.geneontology.org/	Ashburner *et al.* 2000
Molecular Interaction	MI	http://psidev.sf.net http://psidev.sourceforge.net/molecular_interactions/xml/doc/user/index.html	Hermjakob *et al.* 2004
Phenotype, Attribute and Trait Ontology	PATO	http://obofoundry.org/wiki/index.php/PATO:Main_Page	
Plant environmental conditions	EO	http://www.gramene.org/plant_ontology/ontology_browse.html#eo	Liang *et al.* 2008
Plant Ontology	PO	http://www.plantontology.org/	Jaiswal *et al.* 2005
The Arabidopsis Information Resource	TAIR	http://arabidopsis.org/	Lamesch *et al.* 2012

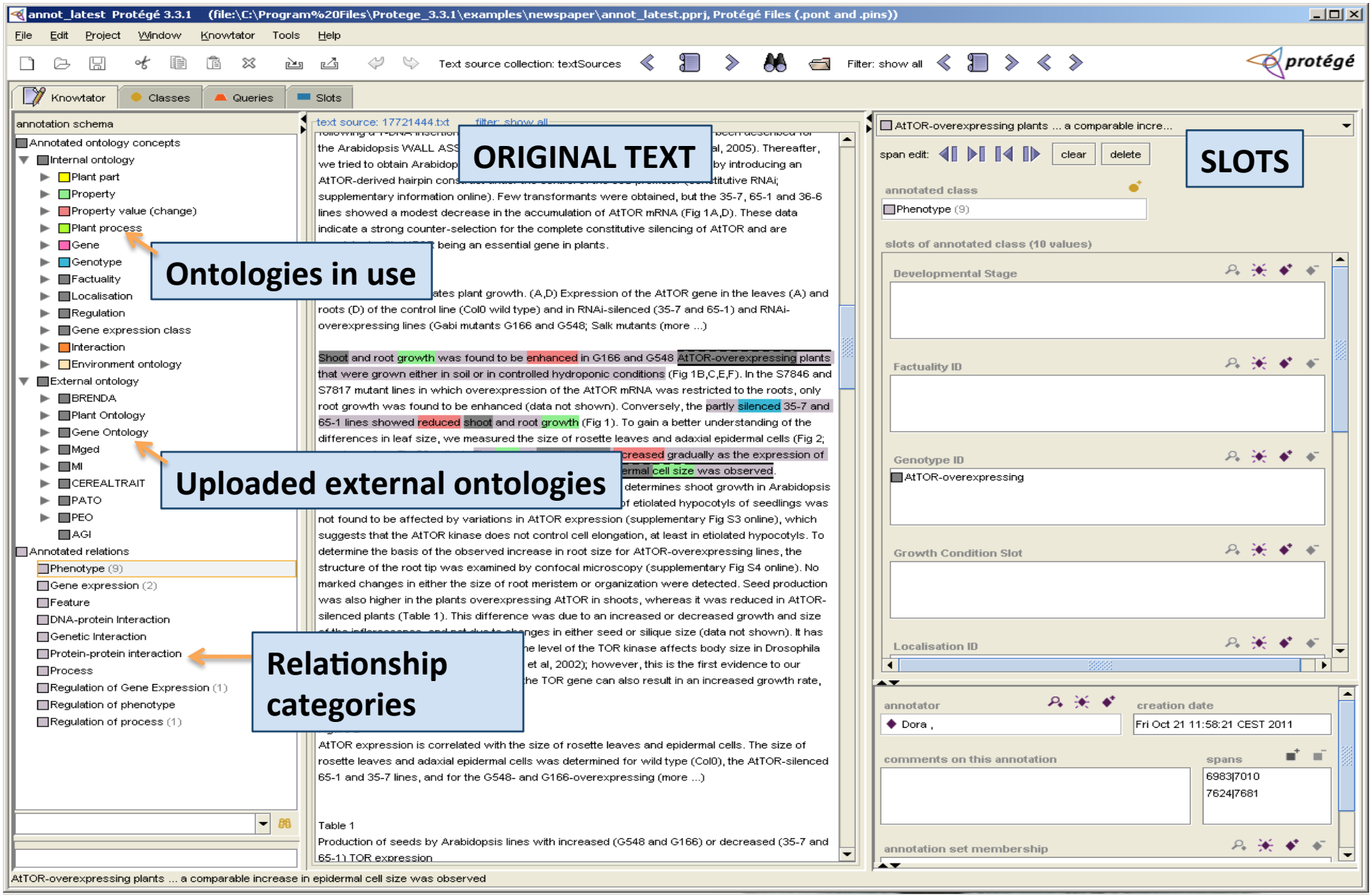
Annotation flow chart



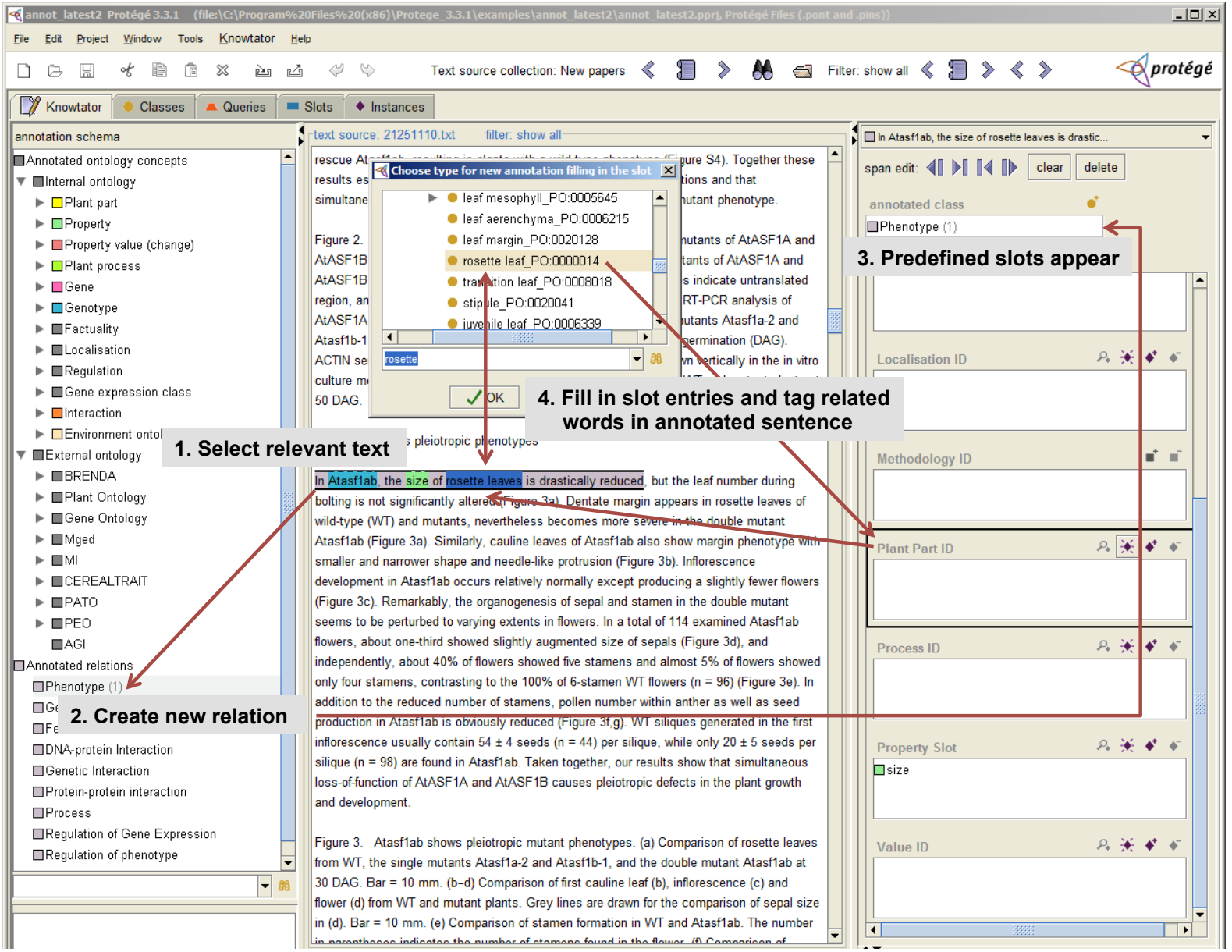
Knowtator, a custom annotation interface

- “general-purpose text annotation tool”
- is a plug-in to Protégé, free, open-source platform to construct domain models and knowledge-based applications with ontologies
- flexible, can be adapted to the project
- easy to import and handle existing ontologies
- export to xml format
- small project files
- easy to share
- mistakes can be corrected
- relatively user friendly

Knowtator interface



Text tagging and annotation



Monitoring relation consistency

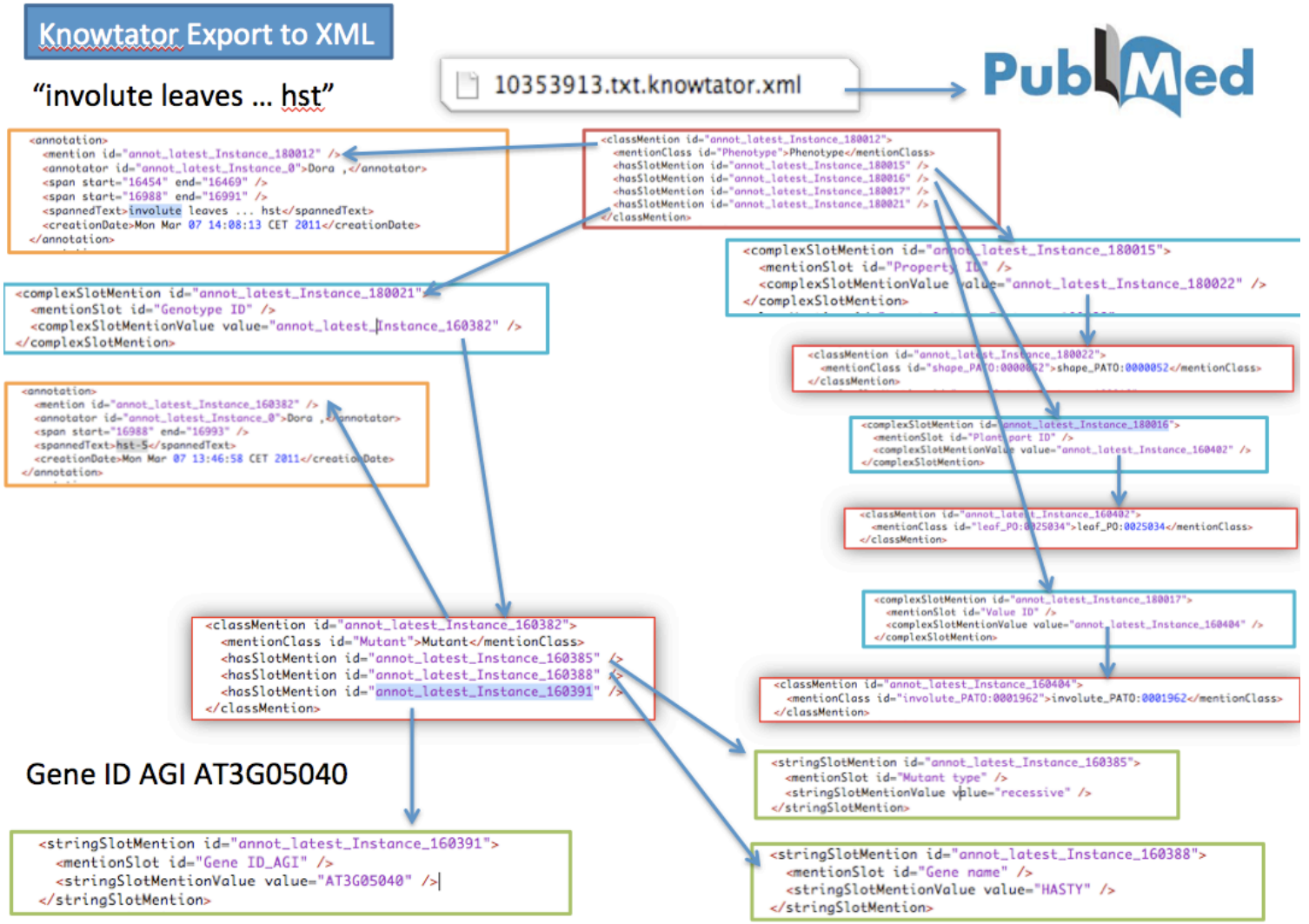
- Rigorous guidelines and training of community curators (hands-on sessions, documentation
- Records quality checked with scripts designed detecting different types of errors
  - completeness of relation annotations (i.e. were required slots filled)
  - consistency of ontology terms
  - report of orphan annotations or seemingly undefined ontology terms
- Logs examined by curators, relations adjusted when necessary

Relations produced by reference annotator highly consistent and complete 174 curated articles, the quality control script reported on average only **3.1** missing slots reported per article (not expected to be zero, missing textual info)
19,267 required slots in total, on average of 111 per article; 2.8% missing slots

Relations encoded originally by twelve community annotators contained on average **4.9** missing slots per article, dropped to **2.8**

Knowtator output format

Protégé/Knowtator exports XML representing objects and pointers to objects



Parsing the data

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Record number 78
                  file : 10430960.txt.knowtator.xml
                 class : Phenotype
           spannedText : The rot3-2 allele causes ... short petioles
         Annotated_Text : Plant part ID=petioles|Genotype ID=rot3-2|Property Slot=NULL|Value ID=short
   Growth Condition Slot :
     Developmental stage :
          Plant part ID : petiole_PO:0020038
         Localisation ID :
          Property Slot : length_PATO:0000122
             Process ID :
               Value ID : decreased length_PATO:0000574
          Regulation ID :
      Gene expression ID :
           Gene studied :
       Interaction type :
        Protein studied :
     Interactor protein :
              Protein ID :
            Gene target :
     Genetic interactor :
          DNA target ID :
            Genotype ID : mutated gene_MI:0804
               Genotype : Gene ID=ROT3_AT4G36380 | Genotype_Zygosity=homozygous diploid _APO:0000229 | Mutant LOF_GOF ID=gain of function_APO:0000010
          Factuality ID :
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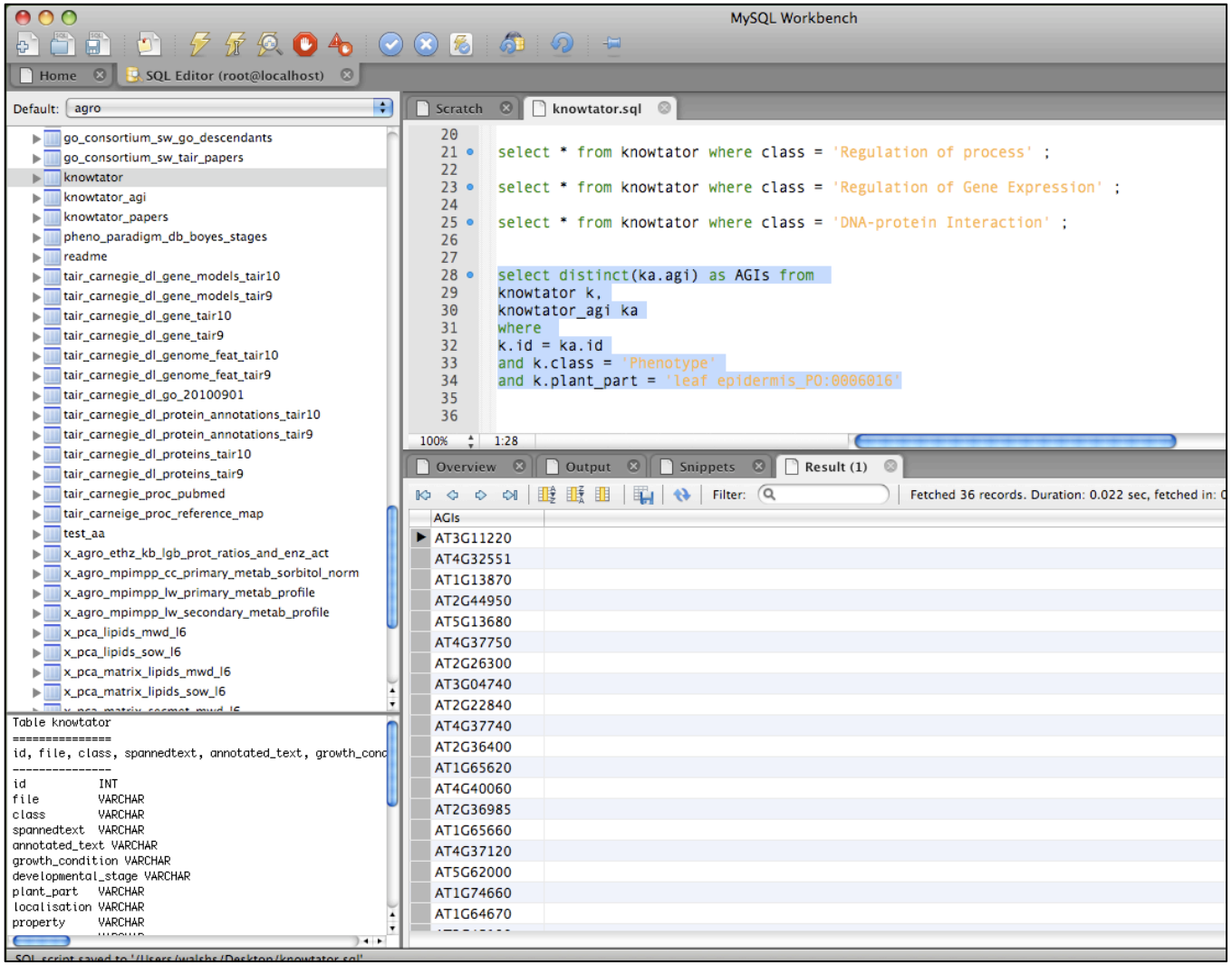
Parsing the data

Information type	Record
file	10430960.txt.knowtator.xml
class	Phenotype
SpannedText	The rot3-2 allele causes ... short petioles
span	10725|10749,10776|10790
Annotated_Text	Plant part ID=petioles|Genotype ID=rot3-2|Property Slot=NULL|Value ID=short
Developmental stage	
Factuality	
Genotype ID	mutated gene_MI:0804
Mutant info	Genotype_Zygosity=homozygous diploid _APO:0000229|Mutant LOF_GOF ID=gain of function_APO:0000010
AGI	Gene ID=ROT3_AT4G36380
Growth condition	
Localisation	
Methodology	
Plant part	petiole_PO:0020038
Process	
Property	length_PATO:0000122
Value	decreased length_PATO:0000574

KnownLeaf MySQL database

Now in a position to begin asking questions of the data as a whole

e.g. give list of AGIs involved in leaf epidermal phenotypes



Overview of KnownLeaf database content

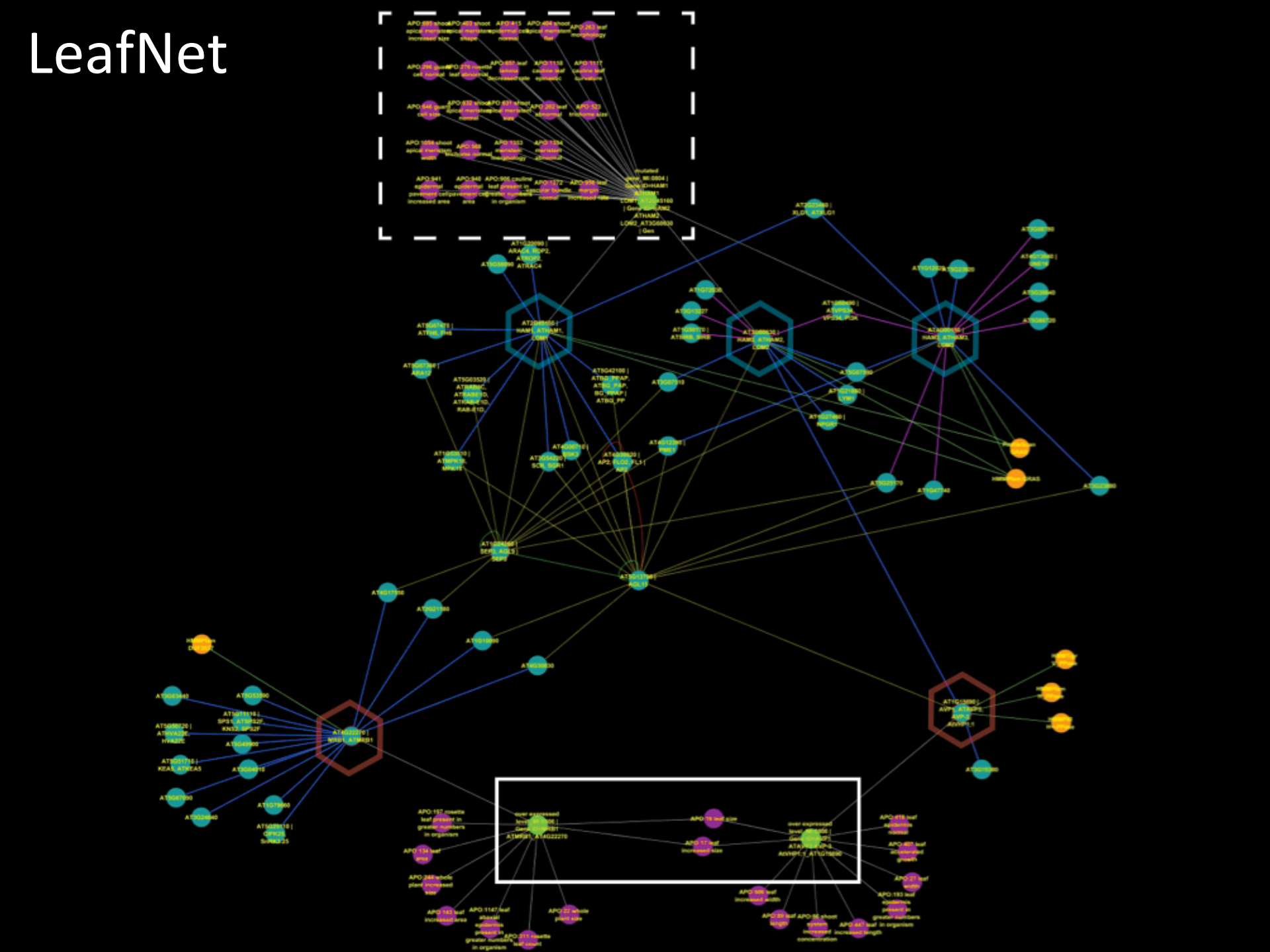
Relation category	# AGI	# unique AGI	Ratio
Phenotype	5608	381	14.72
Gene expression	4767	704	6.77
Genetic interaction	658	186	3.54
Feature	462	175	2.64
Protein-protein interaction	310	121	2.56
Process	235	140	1.68
Regulation of gene expression	204	70	2.91
Regulation of process	178	85	2.09
DNA-protein interaction	92	47	1.96
Regulation of phenotype	20		
Total	12534		

Representation of collected annotations merged with public knowledge sources

- Interactive graph in Cytoscape
- Selected Knowtator relations part of a larger network of objects to interpret and further expand these relations
- Represented edges
  - Co-expression (ATTED-II mutual rank score ≥ 25)
  - Protein-protein interactions (Y2H, AI-1 interactome)
  - Phenotype relations (gene-mutation-phenotype)
- Seeded nodes
  - Genes/proteins annotated via Knowtator (AGI code)
  - Proteins that vary significantly across leaf development (Bärenfaller et al., 2012, Mol Syst Biol)
  - Connected protein/gene (co-expression, PPI)

-> LeafNet: 19,055 nodes connected by 39,649 edges

LeafNet



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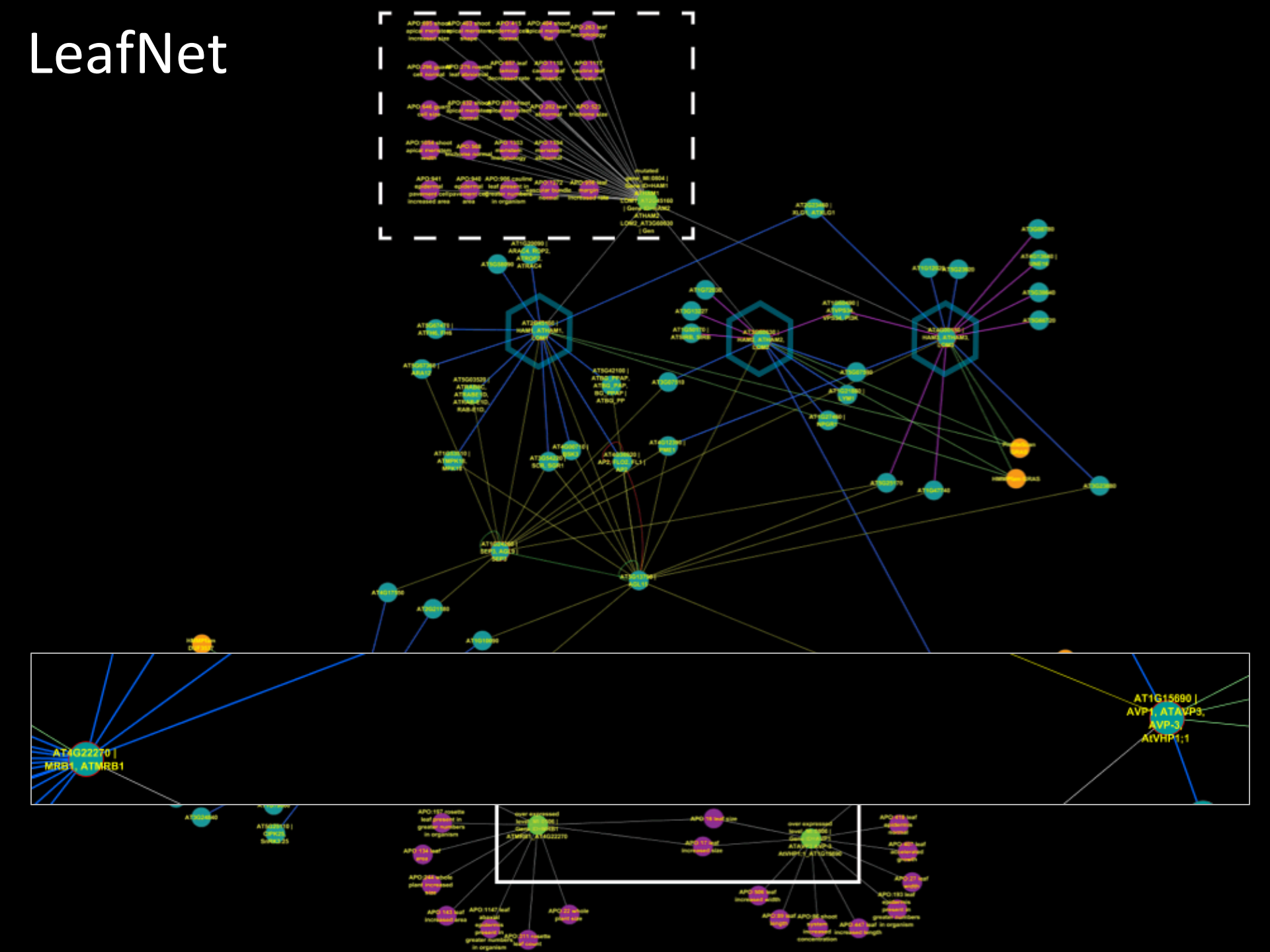

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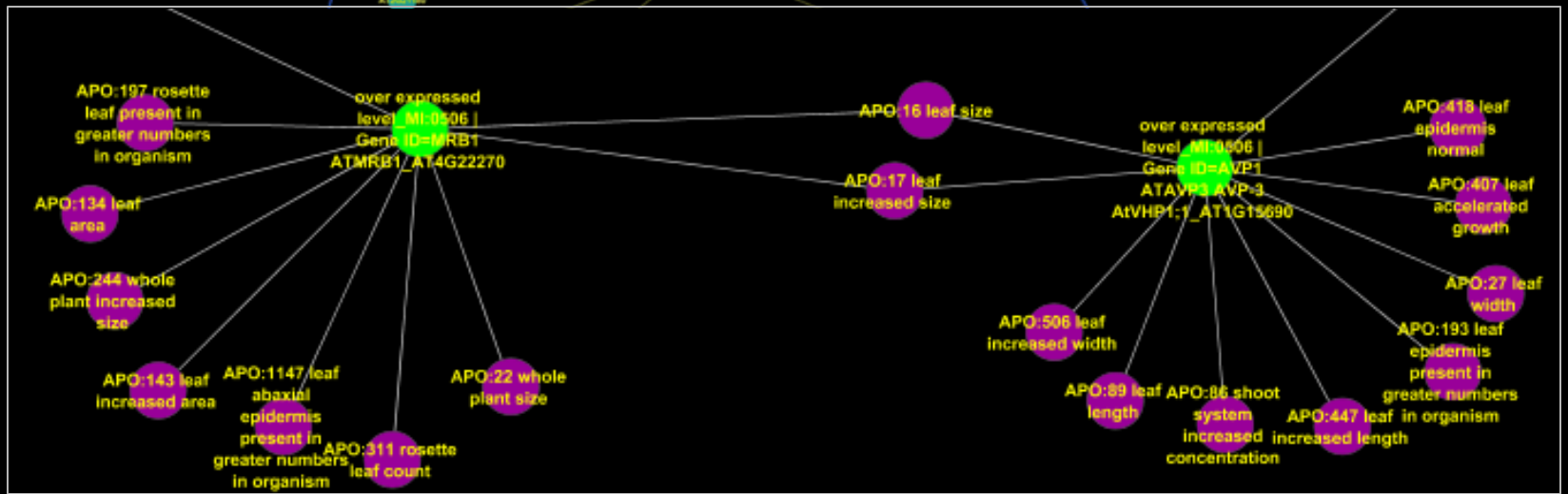
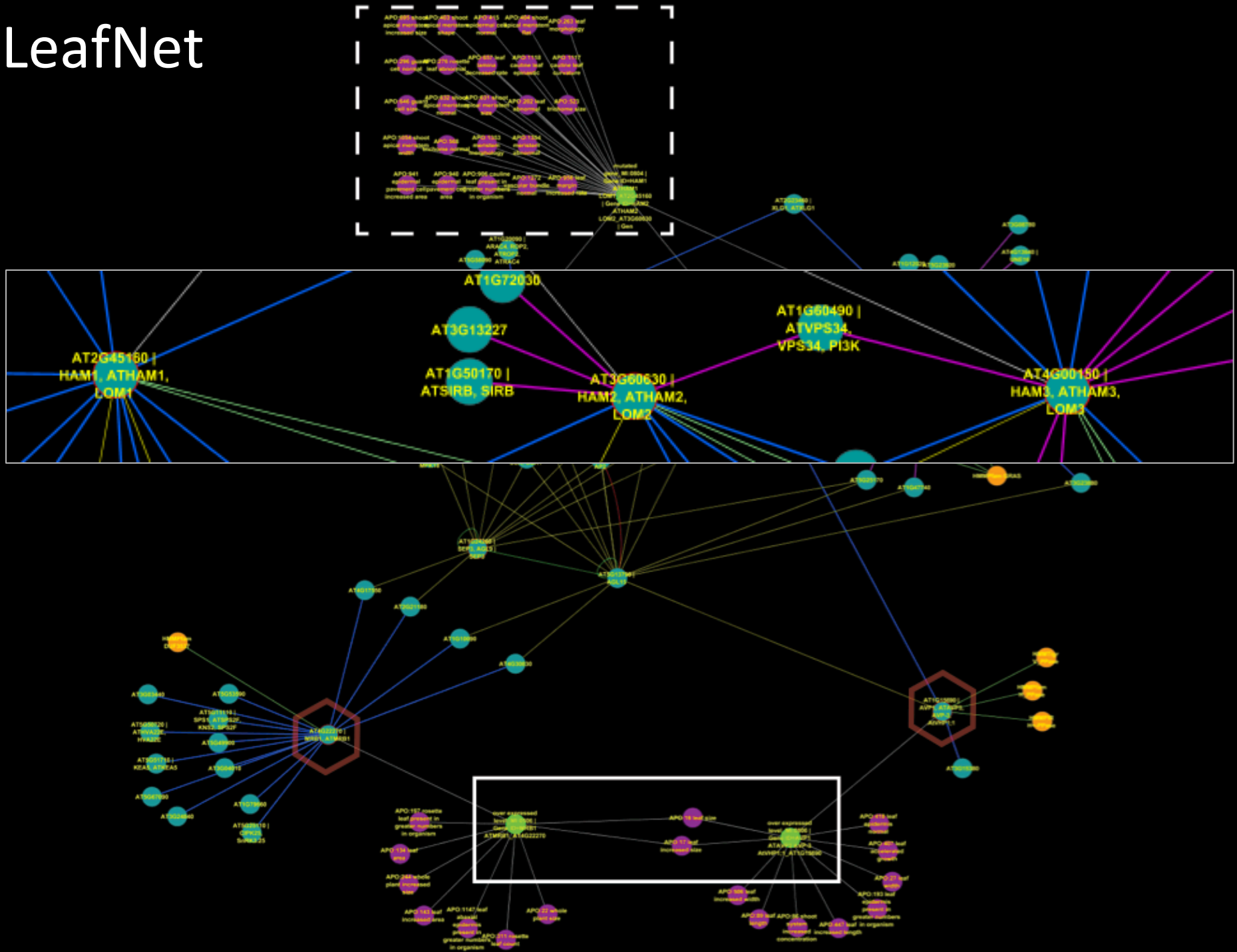
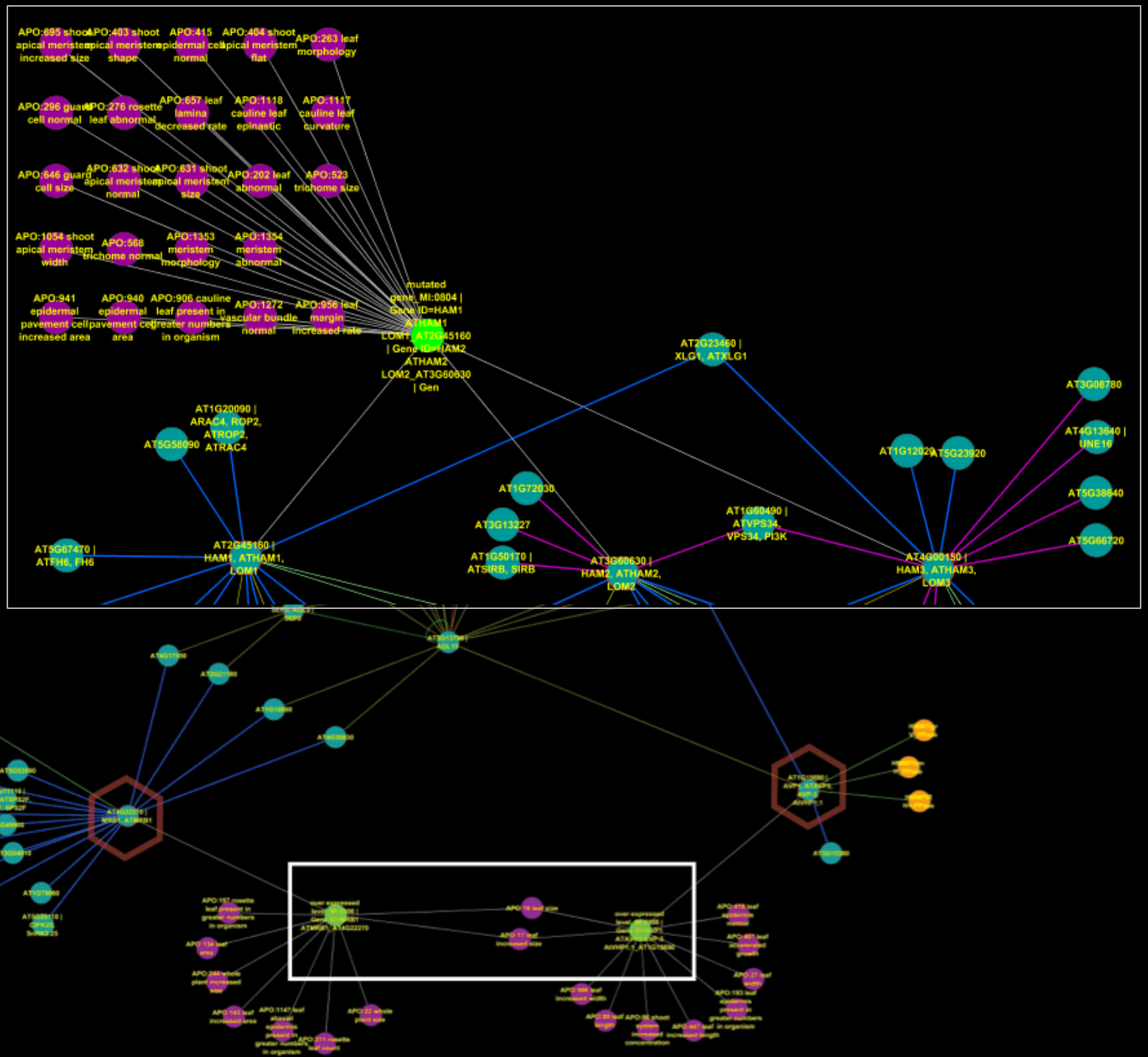

APO:197 rosette leaf present in greater numbers in organism
over expressed level_MI:0506 | Gene ID=MRB1 ATMRB1_AT4G22270
APO:16 leaf size
APO:17 leaf increased size
over expressed level_MI:0506 | Gene ID=AVP1 ATAVP3 AVP-3 AtVHP1;1_AT1G15690
APO:418 leaf epidermis normal
APO:407 leaf accelerated growth
APO:27 leaf width
APO:193 leaf epidermis present in greater numbers in organism
APO:447 leaf increased length
APO:86 shoot system increased concentration
APO:89 leaf length
APO:506 leaf increased width
APO:134 leaf area
APO:244 whole plant increased size
APO:143 leaf increased area
APO:1147 leaf abaxial epidermis present in greater numbers in organism
APO:311 rosette leaf count
APO:22 whole plant size

LeafNet


AT1G72030
AT3G13227
AT1G50170 | ATSIRB, SIRB
AT2G45160 | HAM1, ATHAM1, LOM1
AT3G60630 | HAM2, ATHAM2, LOM2
AT1G60490 | ATVPS34, VPS34, PI3K
AT4G00150 | HAM3, ATHAM3, LOM3

LeafNet


APO:895 shoot apical meristem increased size
APO:403 shoot apical meristem shape
APO:415 epidermal cell normal
APO:404 shoot apical meristem flat
APO:263 leaf morphology
APO:296 guard cell normal
APO:276 rosette leaf abnormal
APO:657 leaf lamina decreased rate
APO:1118 cauline leaf epinastic
APO:1117 cauline leaf curvature
APO:646 guard cell size
APO:632 shoot apical meristem normal
APO:631 shoot apical meristem size
APO:202 leaf abnormal
APO:523 trichome size
APO:1054 shoot apical meristem width
APO:568 trichome normal
APO:1353 meristem morphology
APO:1354 meristem abnormal
APO:941 epidermal pavement cell increased area
APO:940 epidermal pavement cell area
APO:906 cauline leaf present in greater numbers in organism
APO:1272 vascular bundle normal
APO:956 leaf margin increased rate
mutated gene, MI:0804 | Gene ID=HAM1 ATHAM1 LOM1, AT2G45160 | Gene ID=HAM2 ATHAM2 LOM2, AT3G60630 | Gen
AT2G23460 | XLG1, ATXLG1
AT3G08780
AT4G13640 | UNE16
AT1G12020
AT5G23920
AT5G38640
AT5G66720
AT1G20090 | ARAC4, ROP2, ATROP2, ATRAC4
AT5G58090
AT1G72030
AT3G13227
AT1G50170 | ATSIRB, SIRB
AT1G60490 | ATVPS34, VPS34, PI3K
AT5G67470 | ATFH6, FH6
AT2G45160 | HAM1, ATHAM1, LOM1
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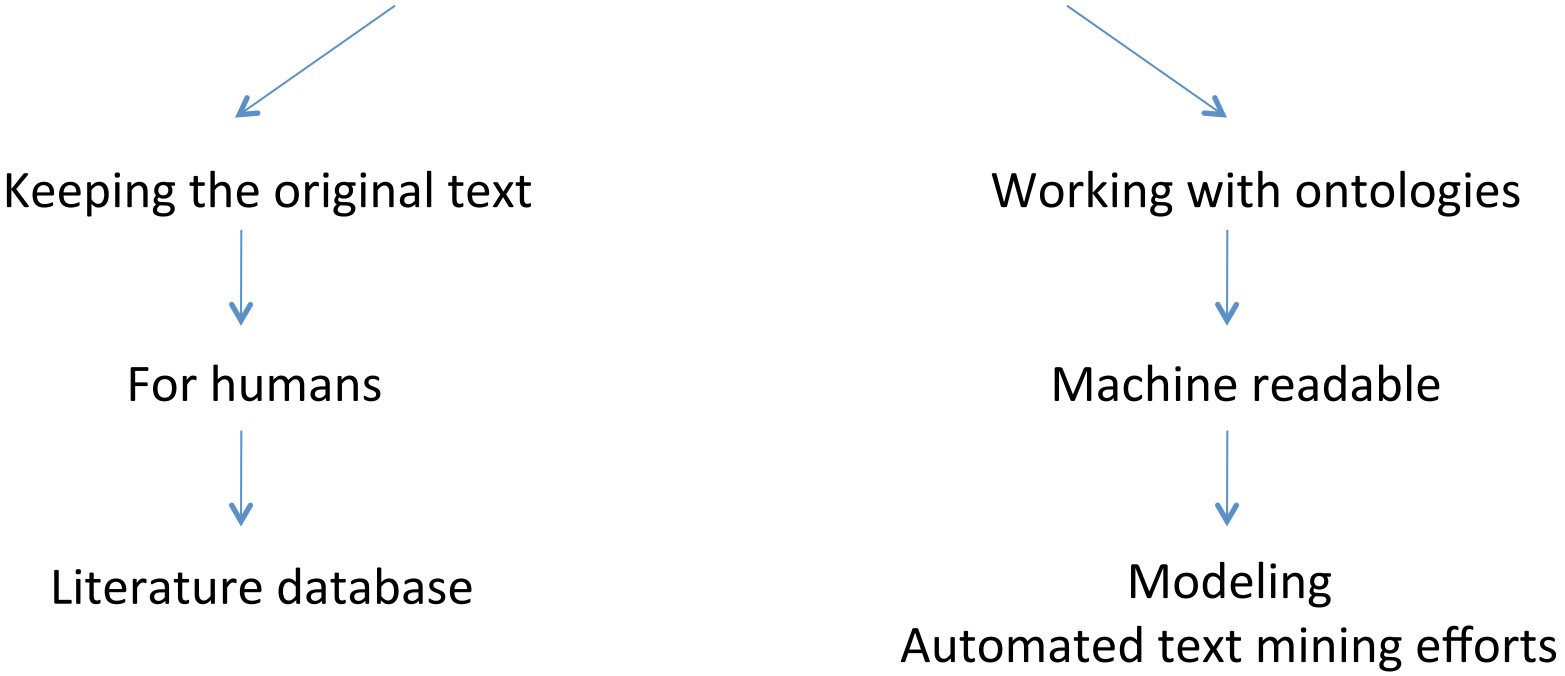
Knowtator is useful for literature annotation



3 papers/day

Training to use the program: 3 hours intro, few days of practice

Easy to share projects (6 relatively small files + textsources)

Program is free

Engage your community

- Biological systems are complex, many genes/proteins are involved in any given process
- Many scientific articles are published… or will be soon
- Few willing annotators
- Long term benefits obvious, short term investments not so
- Practical tools are required

Perspectives

- Mining of the KnownLeaf database
- Exploration of LeafNet graphs to generate hypotheses
- Exhaustive annotation of all relevant papers in the “leaf growth and development” domain (now about 1/3)
- Implementation of the Leaf Knowtator annotation system in other domains
- Training of machine learning algorithms embedded in automated text mining tools with the Knowtator-generated data set
- All tools and data will soon be made public
  … except spanned text because of copyright restrictions

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