

Improving institutional memory on the use of data from VetSTAT for estimating antimicrobial exposure risks

Workshop on evaluation of data and information sharing in One Health initiatives

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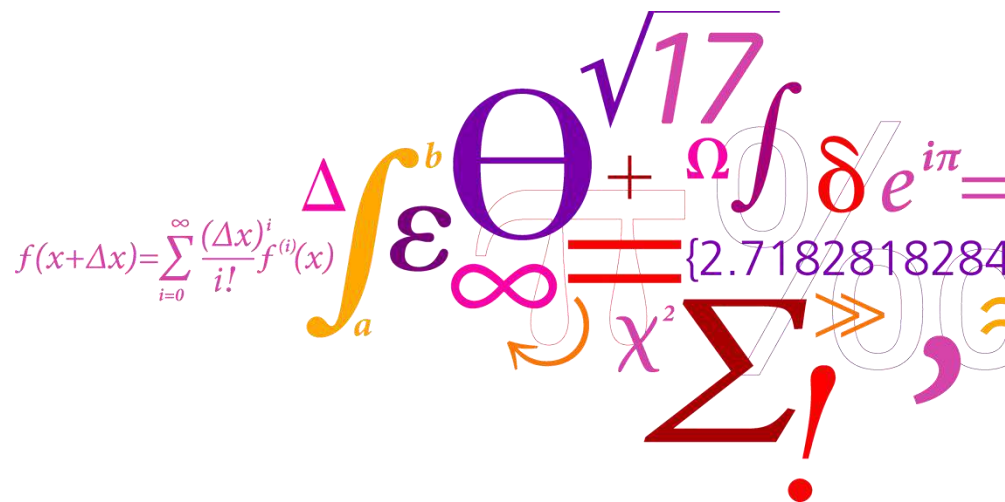
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Group name – we don't have one

- SPIDER (Study group on antibiotics Data in research)
- SINISTER (Studying veterinary antibiotics data for research)
- VEGAN (Vetstat Exploration Group for Antibiotic consumption)
- GRAVID (Group for Antibiotic Data)
- SUGAR (Study Group for Antibiotic data in Research)
- SANDRA (Studying Antibiotics Data in Research)
- VISIGOth (Vetstat exploration and Sharing Group)
- SIESTA (Suffering with vEtSTAT)
- SAD (Stuck with Antibiotics Data)

The beginning



Møde mellem phd-studerende der arbejder med VetStat

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Hej

Jeg har sammen med et par andre phd-studerende fra DTU snakket om, at det kunne være en god idé at holde et møde mellem os, der arbejder med VetStat i forskning.

How to get useful information out of Vetstat and how to best estimate antibiotic consumption

Camilla

- First meeting October 8, 2014
- Presentation of projects to each other
- What do I need from Vetstat?
- How does it fit into my project?

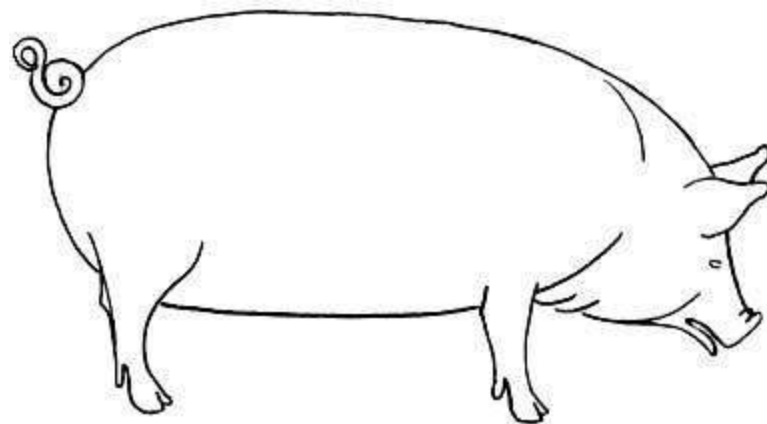
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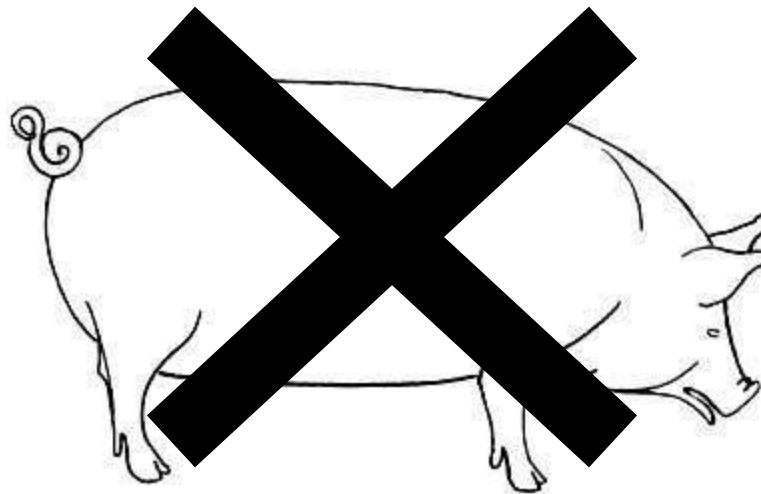
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Whenever you convert reality into data, you lose context

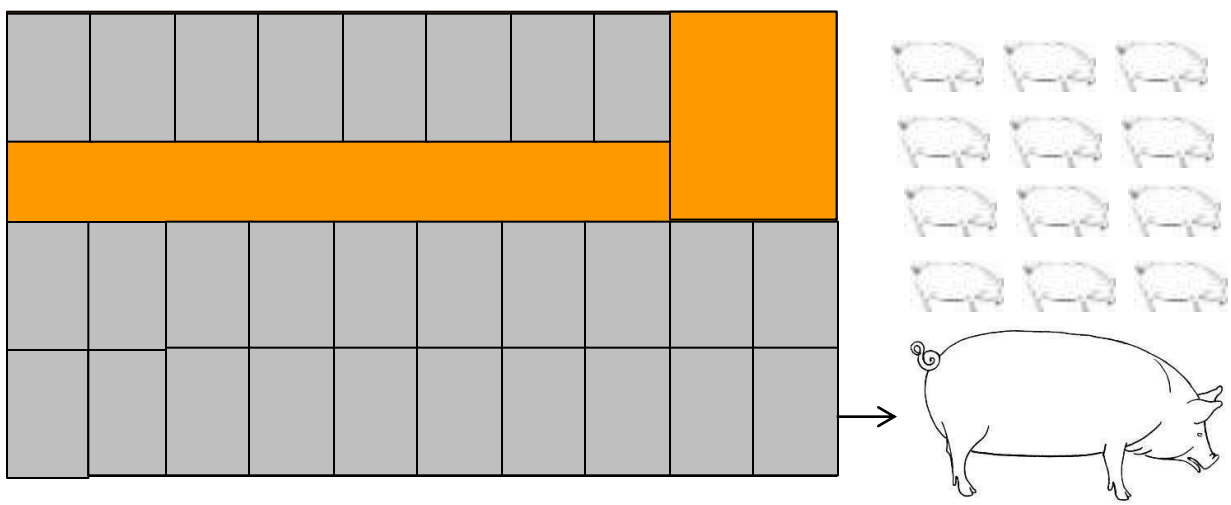
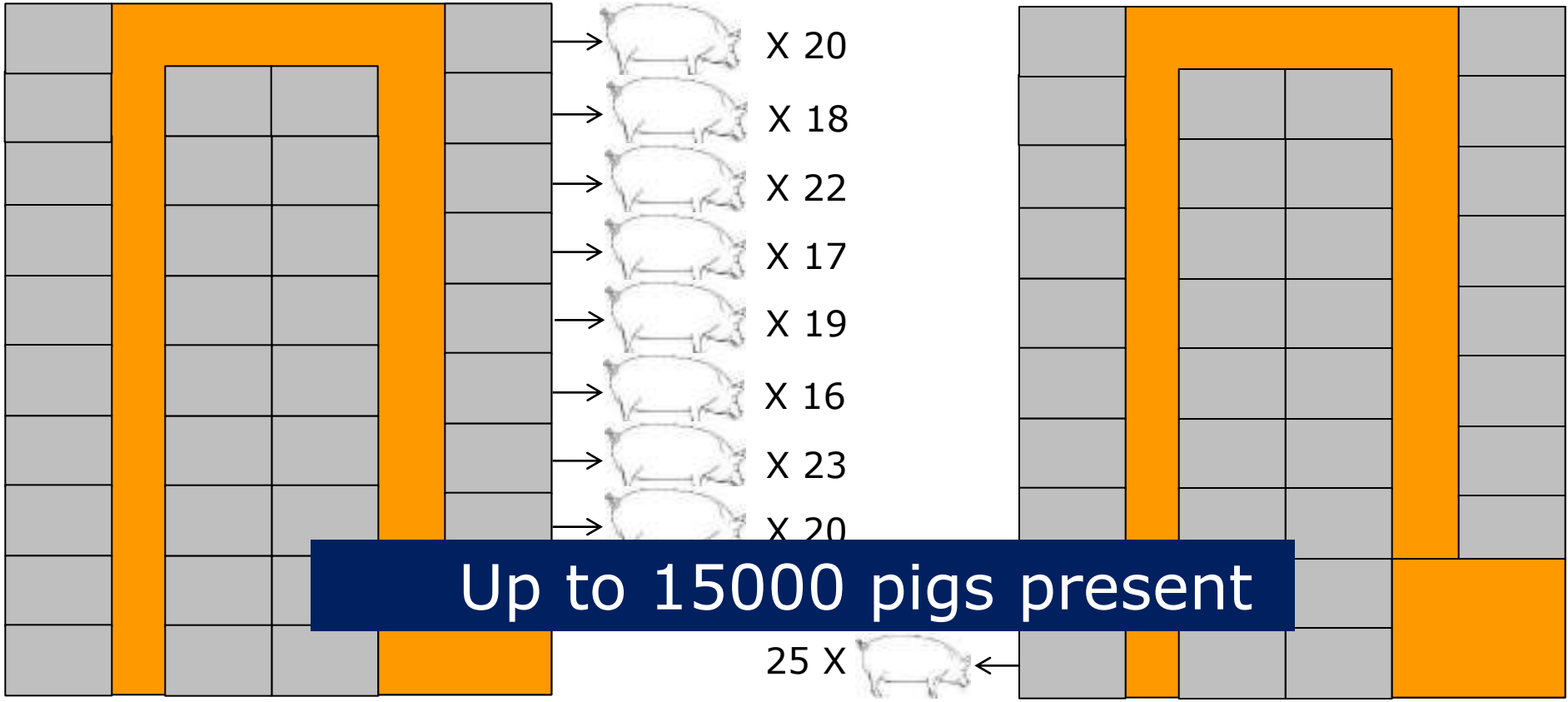


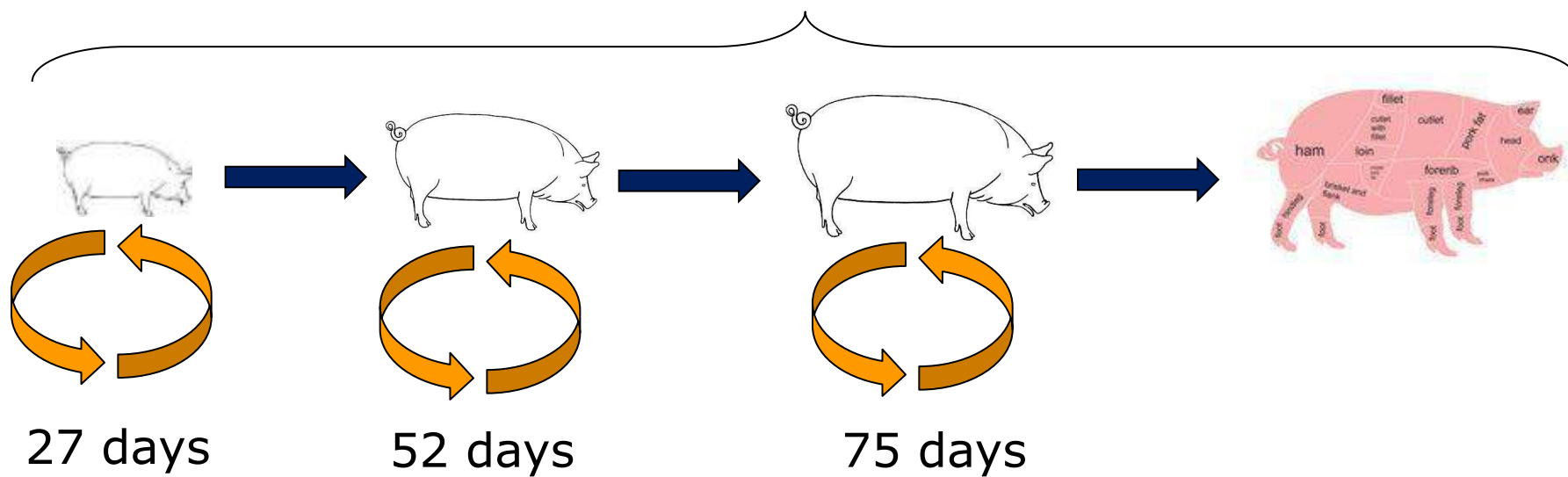
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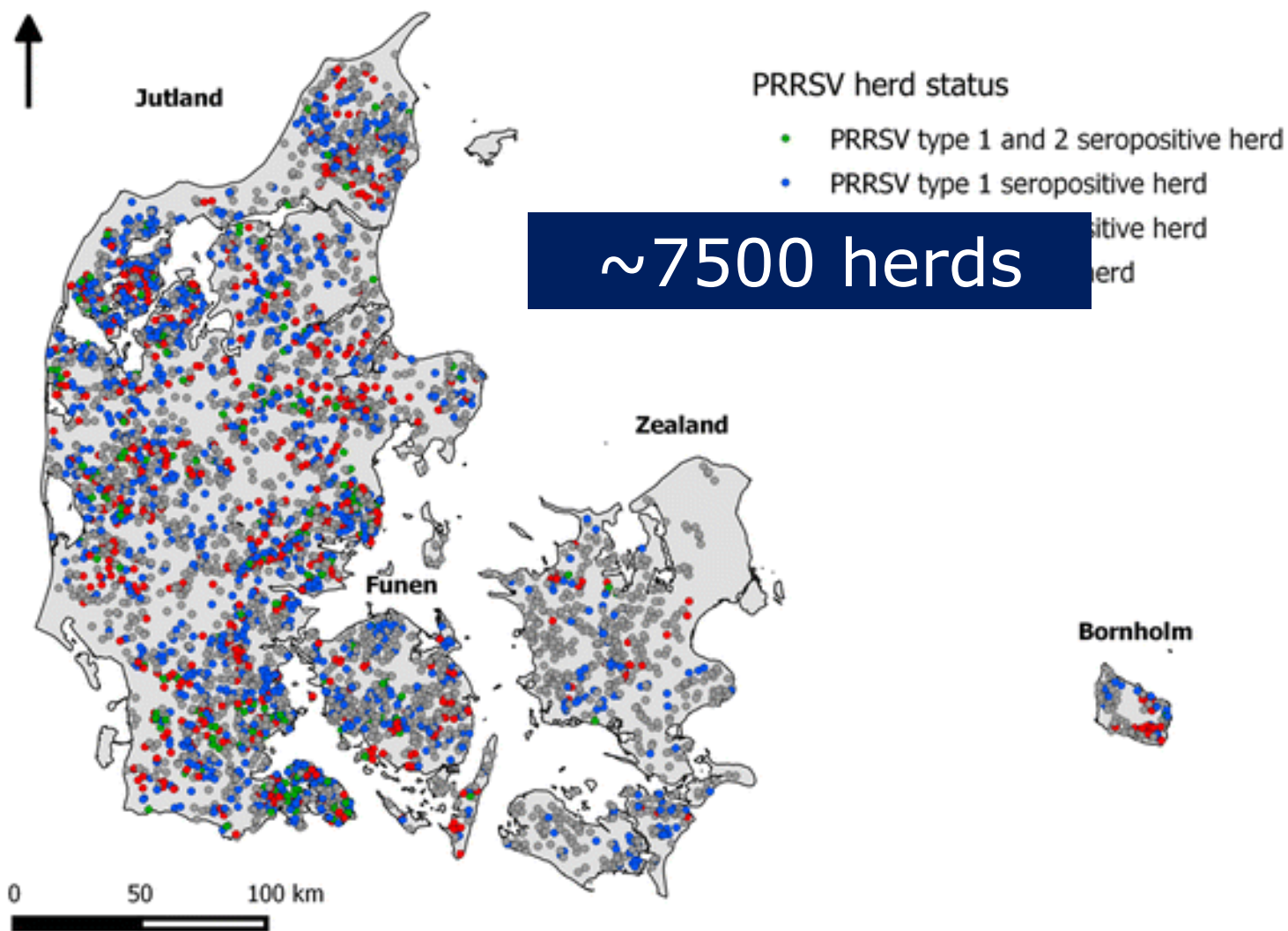
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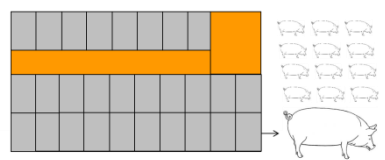
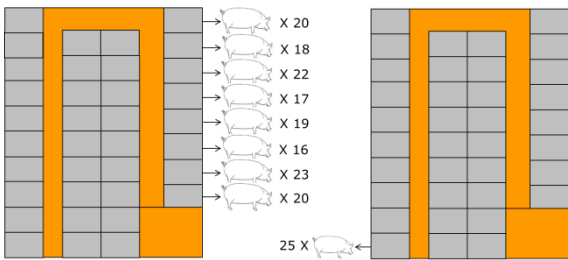




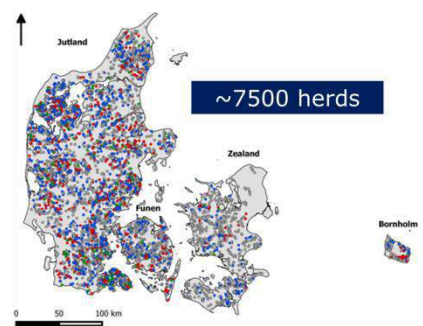
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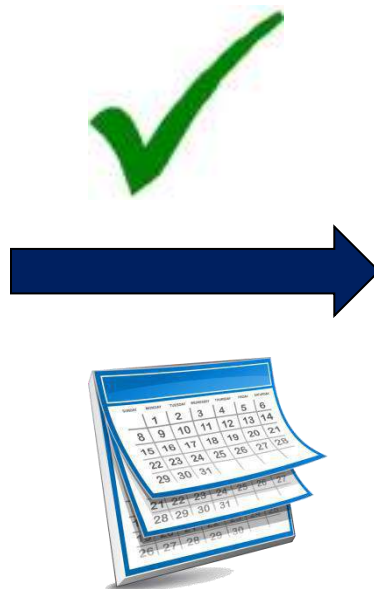


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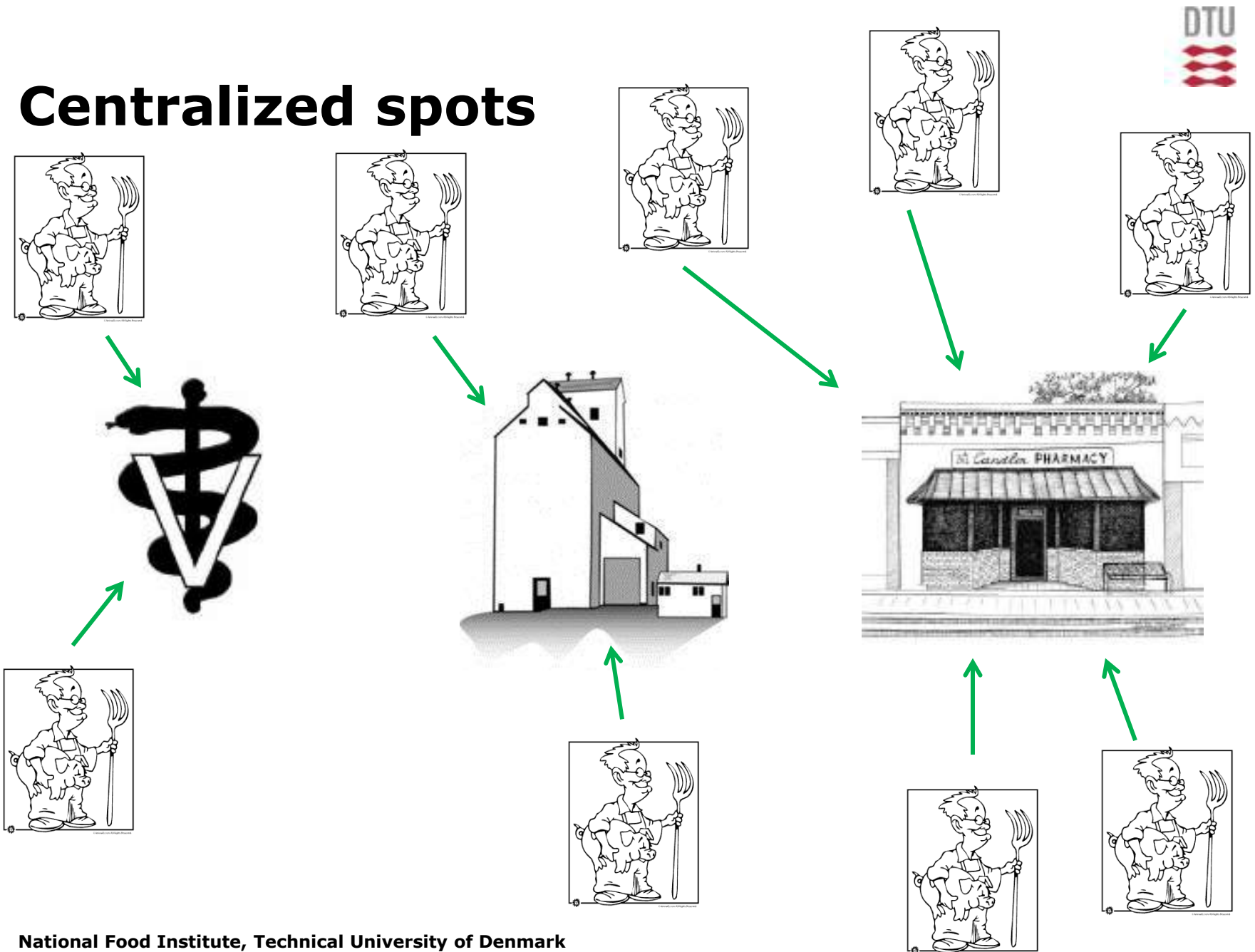


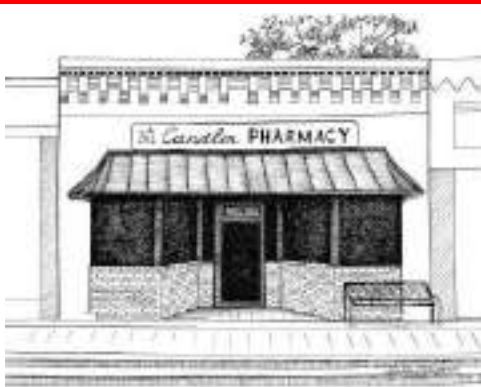
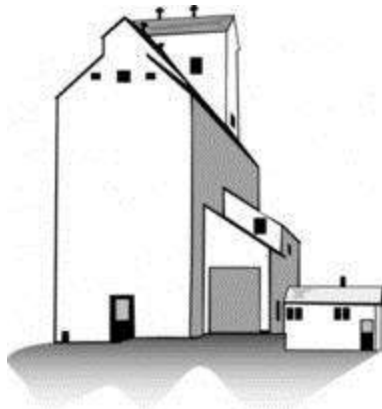
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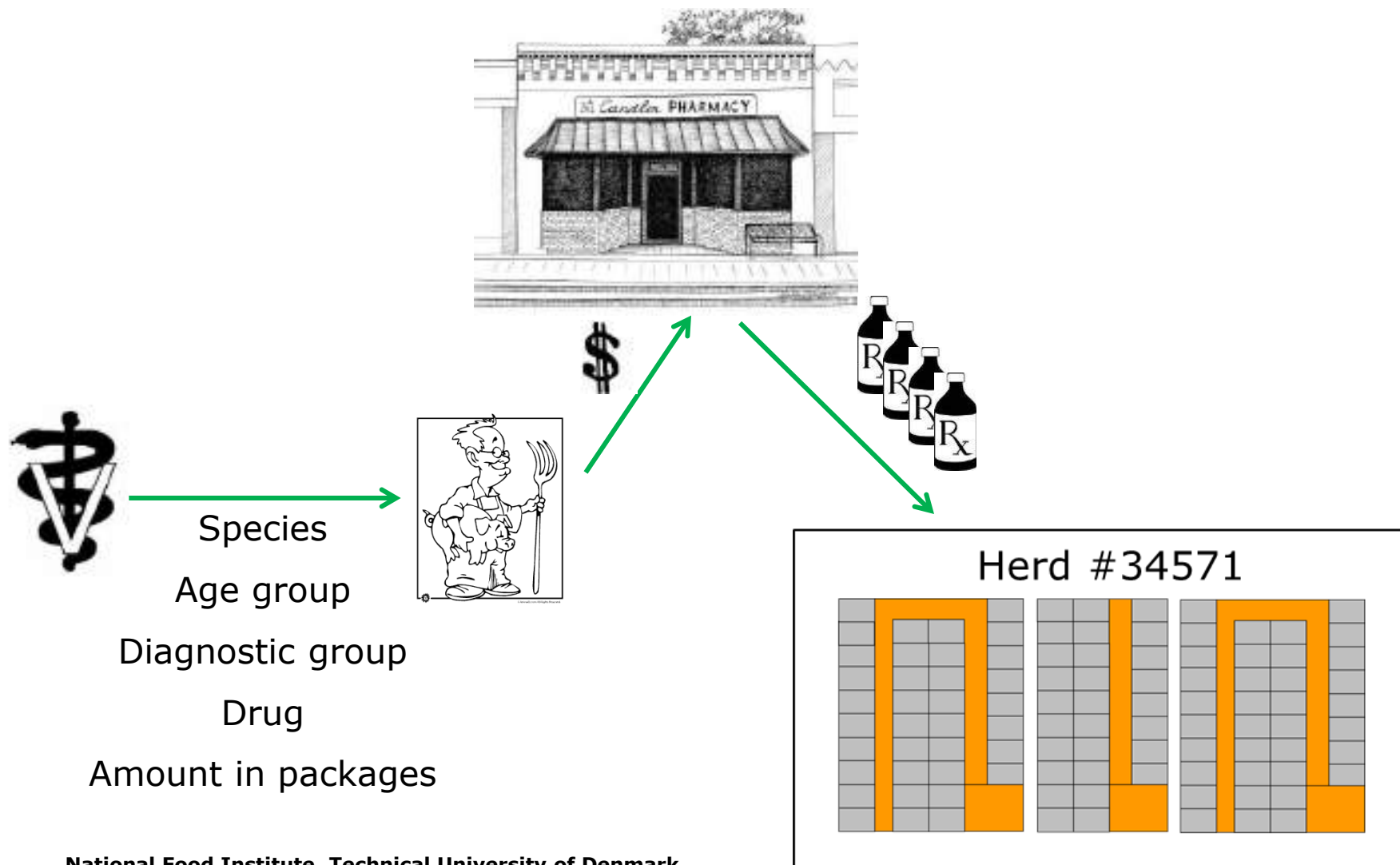
Centralized spots





> 95% of dispensed drugs

Information provided: what was purchased



So... although most people look for



Treatment patterns



Welfare indicators



AB consumption

- Age group
- Herd
- Period



Records of purchases of drugs made to fill a prescription from a veterinarian

Each prescription is made by an identifiable vet to an identifiable herd, for use in a certain species and age group, and due to a certain diagnostic group.



Important !

Differences between practices

Differences between vets

1½ year since practice

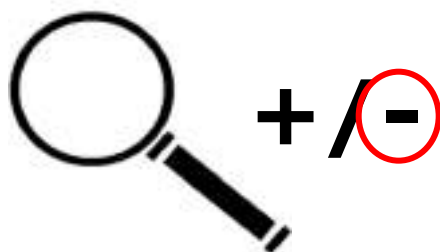
General rules are difficult, but...

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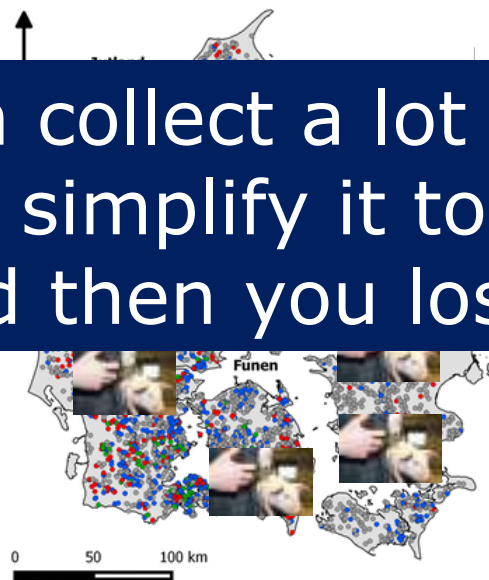


Approaches used by vets and farmers for disease diagnostic, treatment and prevention in different age groups

- Different vets, different clinical approaches
 - Same basis
 - Individual variations
- Different farmers
 - Individual ways to follow instructions "precisely"
- Pigs
 - Pigs in an age group not exactly the same age in days
 - Not exactly the same weight either
 - Don't eat exactly same amount of feed / medication



You can collect a lot of data, but you need to simplify it to be able to store it, and then you lose the context.



Group objectives

- ~~Evaluate Vetstat as a surveillance system~~
- ~~Find inconsistencies or flaws~~
- ~~Quantitative data quality assessments using a sample of herds~~

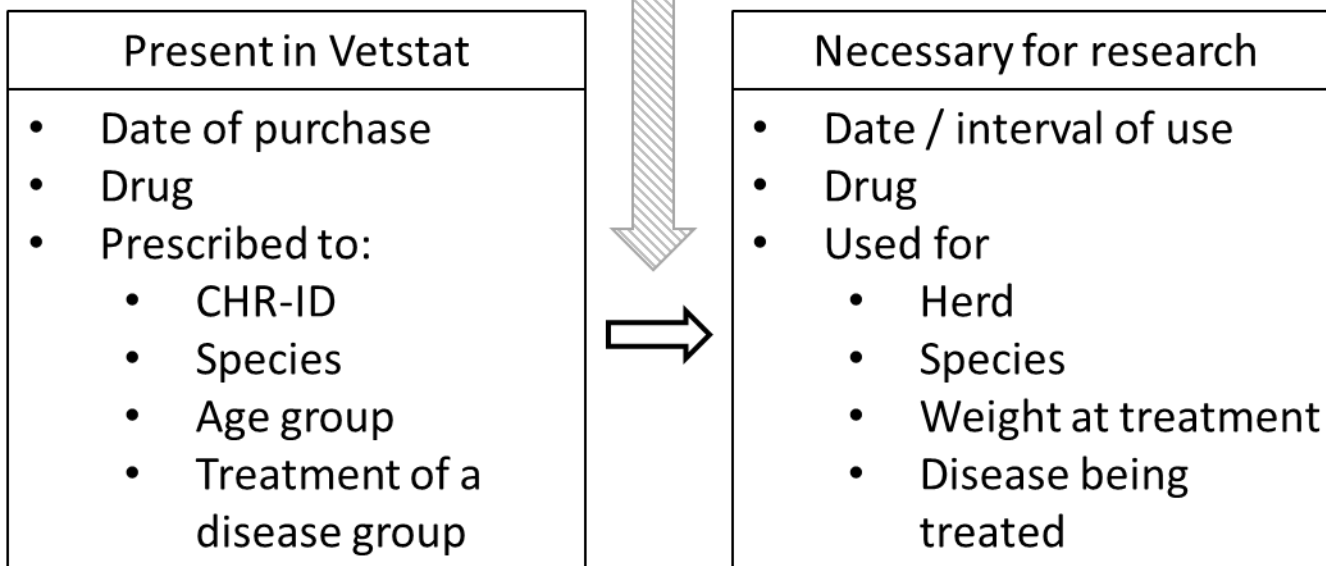
“Our audience is not Vetstat managers, but Vetstat users.”

- Not there to “fix” the system → not broken!
- Cleaning data and selecting herds → basic step in every study
- Errors and inconsistencies → vary between extractions

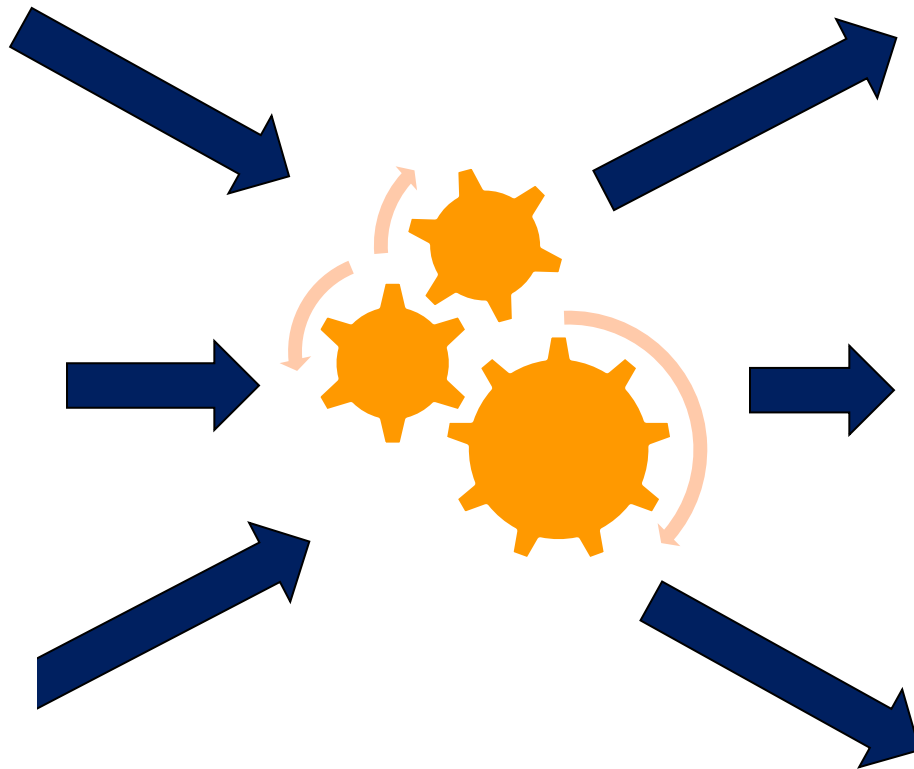
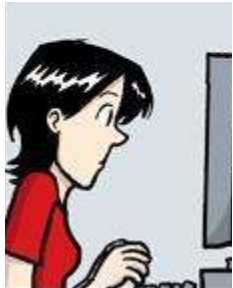
Group objectives

Translation process

Key challenge: interpretation of purchase and prescription data as information on use



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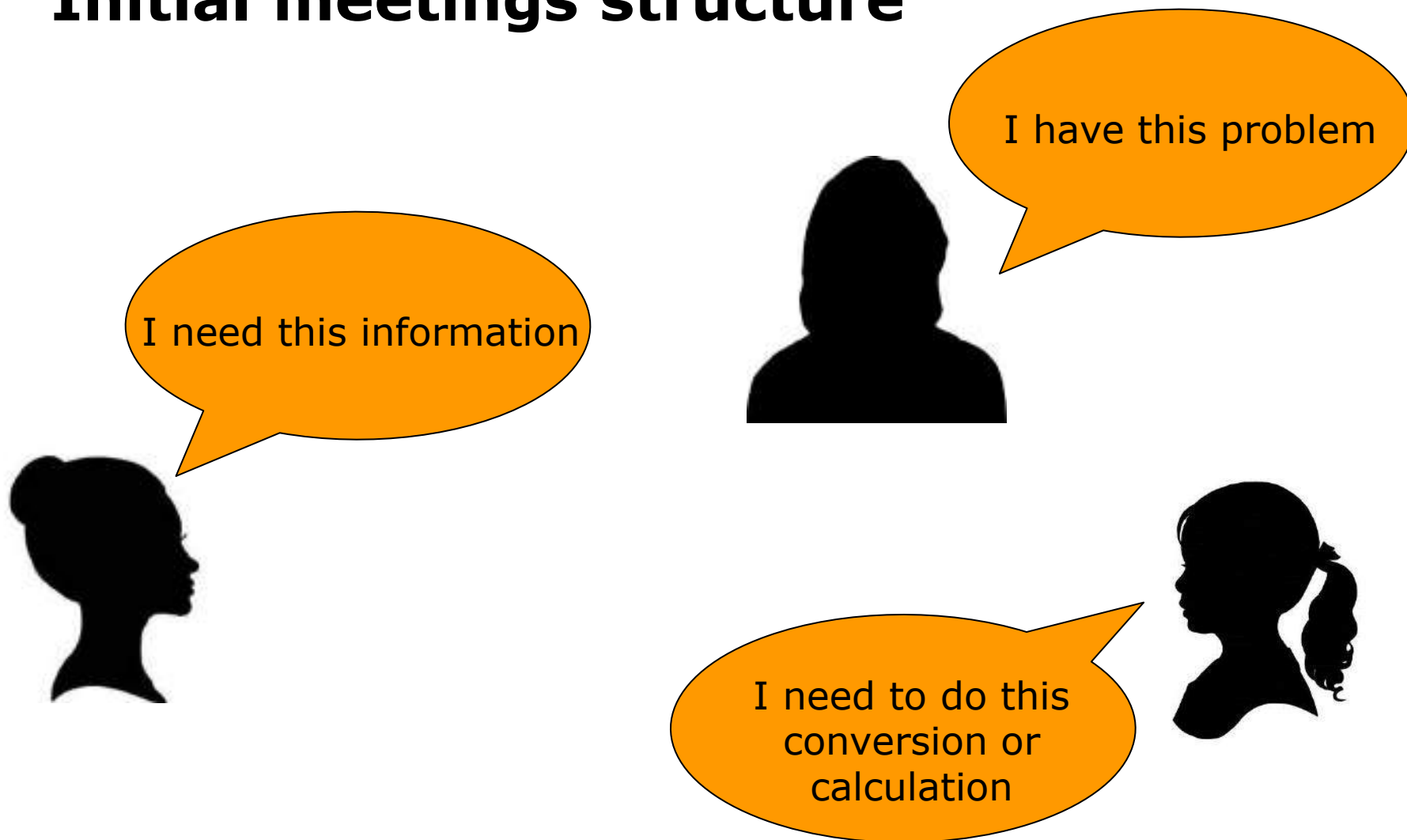


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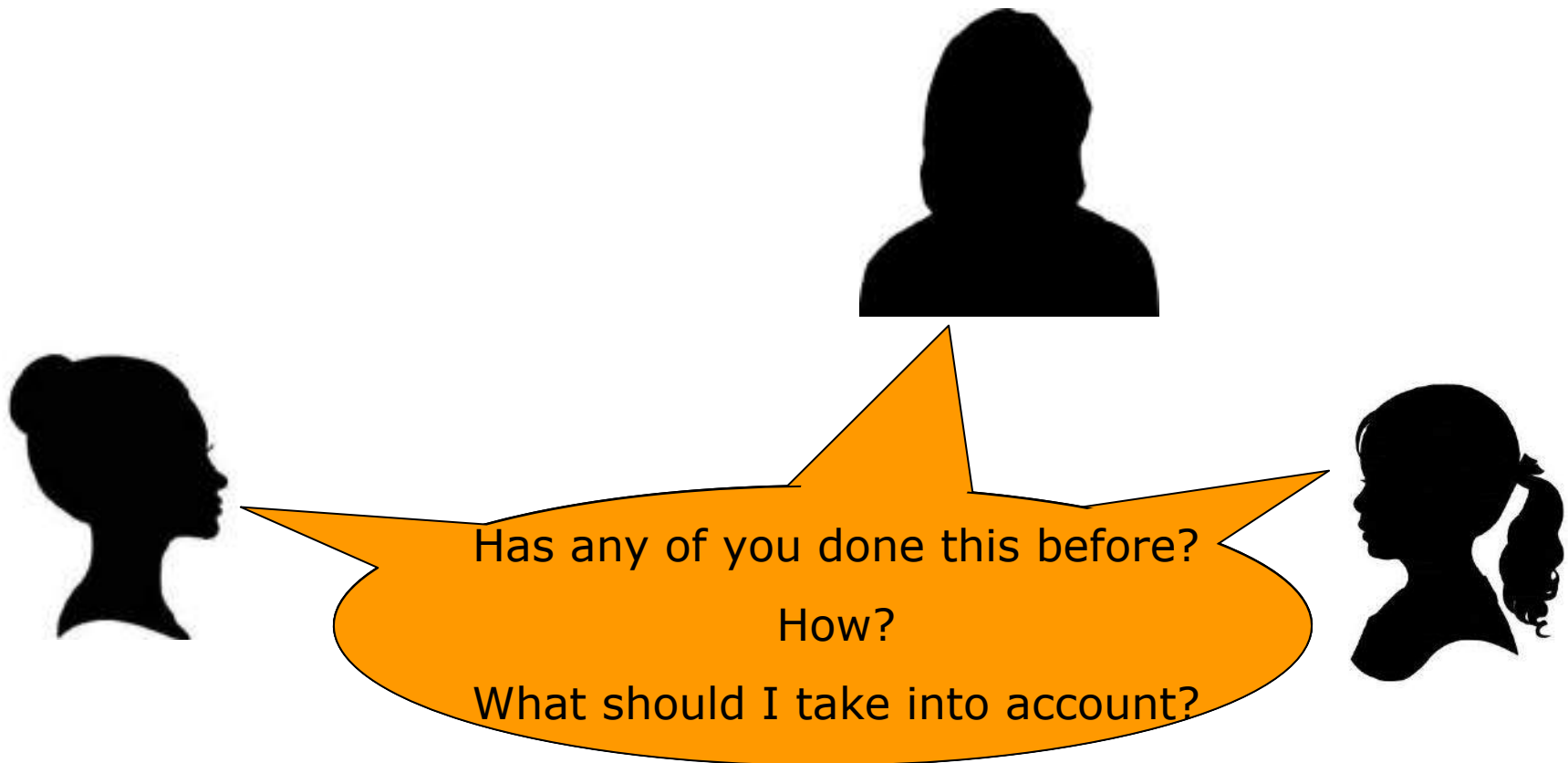
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Reproducible

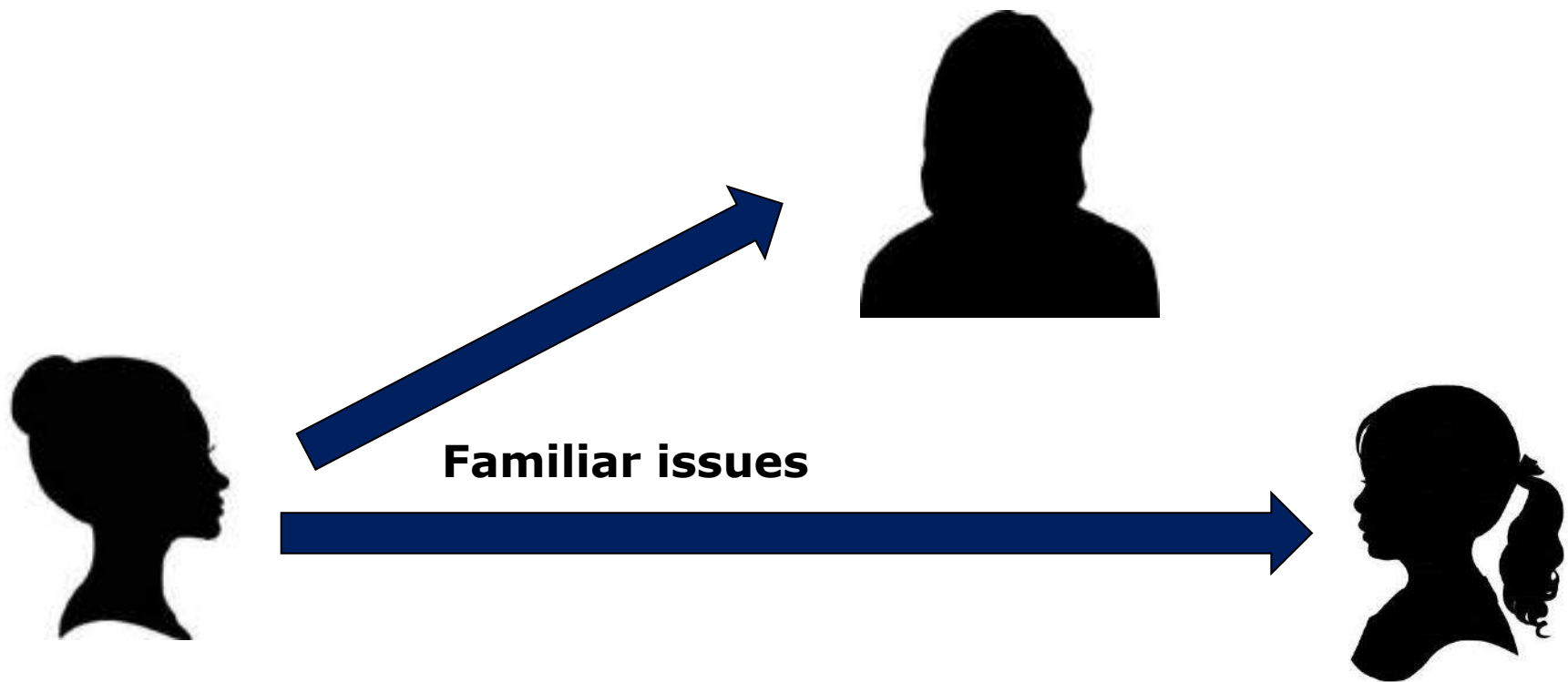
Initial meetings structure



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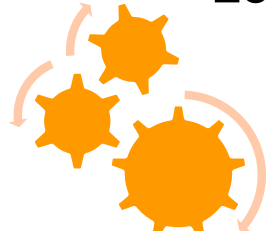
New issues

- Database documentation
- Variable X: what does it mean?
- In which context was it collected?
- Which legislation does it refer to?



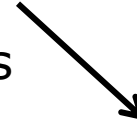
Database documentation

- Exists
- It's good and complete
- Not very accessible

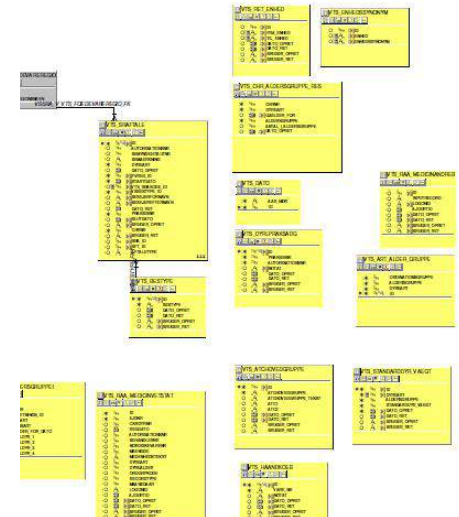


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- Database structure
- Meaning of variables



Senere ændringer til forskriften
BEK nr 43 af 18/01/2012



Senere ændringer til forskriften
BEK nr 1443 af 17/12/2014



National Food Institute, Technical U
Researcher images by Jorge Cham

Database documentation

- Only available in Danish
- ~30% of MSc and ~50% of PhD:90 nationalities (DTU)
- Not very practical as a viable research tool
- Other countries look up to Vetstat as reference for their own systems
- One Health sharing perspective

Group spirit

- Information sharing

Easier for people using or being inspired by Vetstat now

More likely that people can understand and reproduce it

Facilitates data sharing in the future.



- Make it public
- Circulate
- Create materials in English

Tak
Fødevarerstyrelsen!

Group output 1: manuscript

- “Improving institutional memory on challenges and methods for estimation of pig herd antimicrobial exposure based on data from the Danish Veterinary Medicines Statistics Program (VetStat)”
- 11 selected challenges and solutions to overcome them
- Solutions based on group consensus
- Challenges divided in three sections

Group output 1: manuscript

Data quality and system structure

- Challenge 1: Lack of consistency between datasets extracted at different time points
- Challenge 2: Incorrect values in supplementary data
- Challenge 3: Prescriptions divided into more than one entry
- Challenge 4: Negative entries
- Challenge 5: Incorrect identification number of prescribing veterinarian

Group output 1: manuscript

Antimicrobial exposure estimation

- Challenge 6: Incorrect animal species, age group or disease group identification code
- Challenge 7: Discrepancies between registered and actually treated age and disease group
- Challenge 8: Time lag between date of purchase and date of use

Group output 1: manuscript

Calculation of Animal Daily Doses and data handling

- Challenge 9: Product identification for ADD calculations
- Challenge 10: Doubling the purchased amount for combination products when calculating active ingredient
- Challenge 11: Standardize the amount of antimicrobials purchased at herd level

Challenges vs. Errors

- Challenge 3: Prescriptions divided into more than one entry
Different drug batches must be in different rows
Affects estimates based on number of prescriptions
- Challenge 4: Negative entries
Retractions of prescriptions entered in the system
Main issue: over- or underestimation in time slices

Challenge 10: Doubling the purchased amount for combination products when calculating active ingredient



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13672	BORGAL VET.	1	htgl.	100.000	ml	QJ01EW13	4

ID	VARE_ID	AKTS_ID	STYRKE	ENHED_STYRKE	ENHED_PR_ENHED
6251	13672	350	200.000	mg	ml
6252	13672	258	40.000	mg	ml

ID	AKTIVT_STOF	VSANTIBIO_ID
258	Trimethoprim	11
350	Sulfadoxin	11

APOTEK_NR	VARE_ID	PAKNINGSANTAL	ALGR_ID	ORGR_ID	DYREART	CHR_NR	reg_id	VARE_TEKST	AKTIVT_STOF
10400	13672	3	55	11	15	28400	16898626	BORGAL VET.	Sulfadoxin
10400	13672	3	55	11	15	28400	16898626	BORGAL VET.	Trimethoprim

Challenges vs. Errors

- Challenge 3: Prescriptions divided into more than one entry
- Challenge 4: Negative entries
- Challenge 10: Doubling the purchased amount for combination products when calculating active ingredient

System artifacts

Challenges vs. Errors

- Challenge 8: Time lag between date of purchase and date of use

Loss of context

Challenges vs. Errors

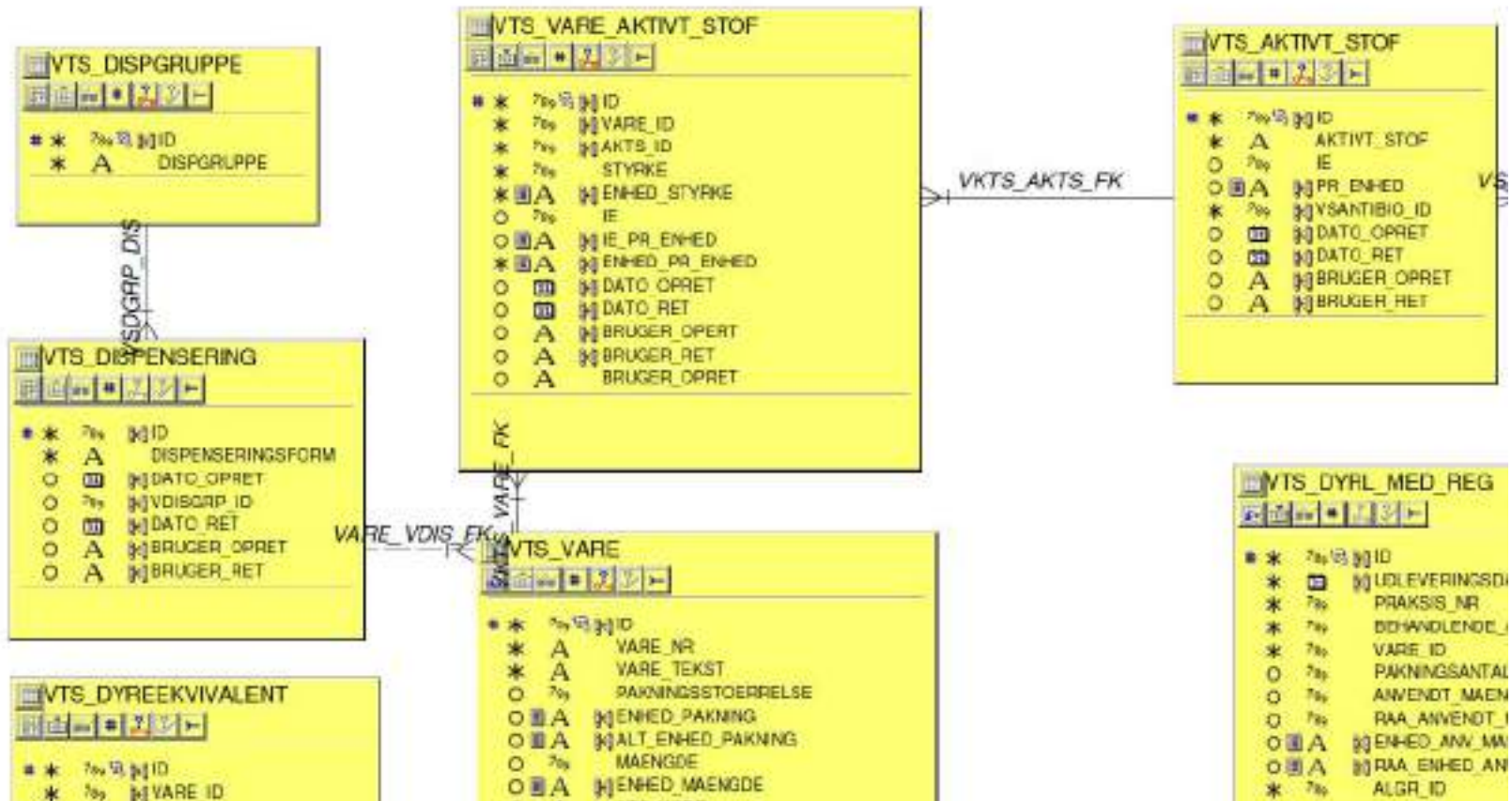
- Challenge 11: Standardize the amount of antimicrobials purchased at herd level
 - Population data not available in Vetstat
 - CHR and trade database are independent systems

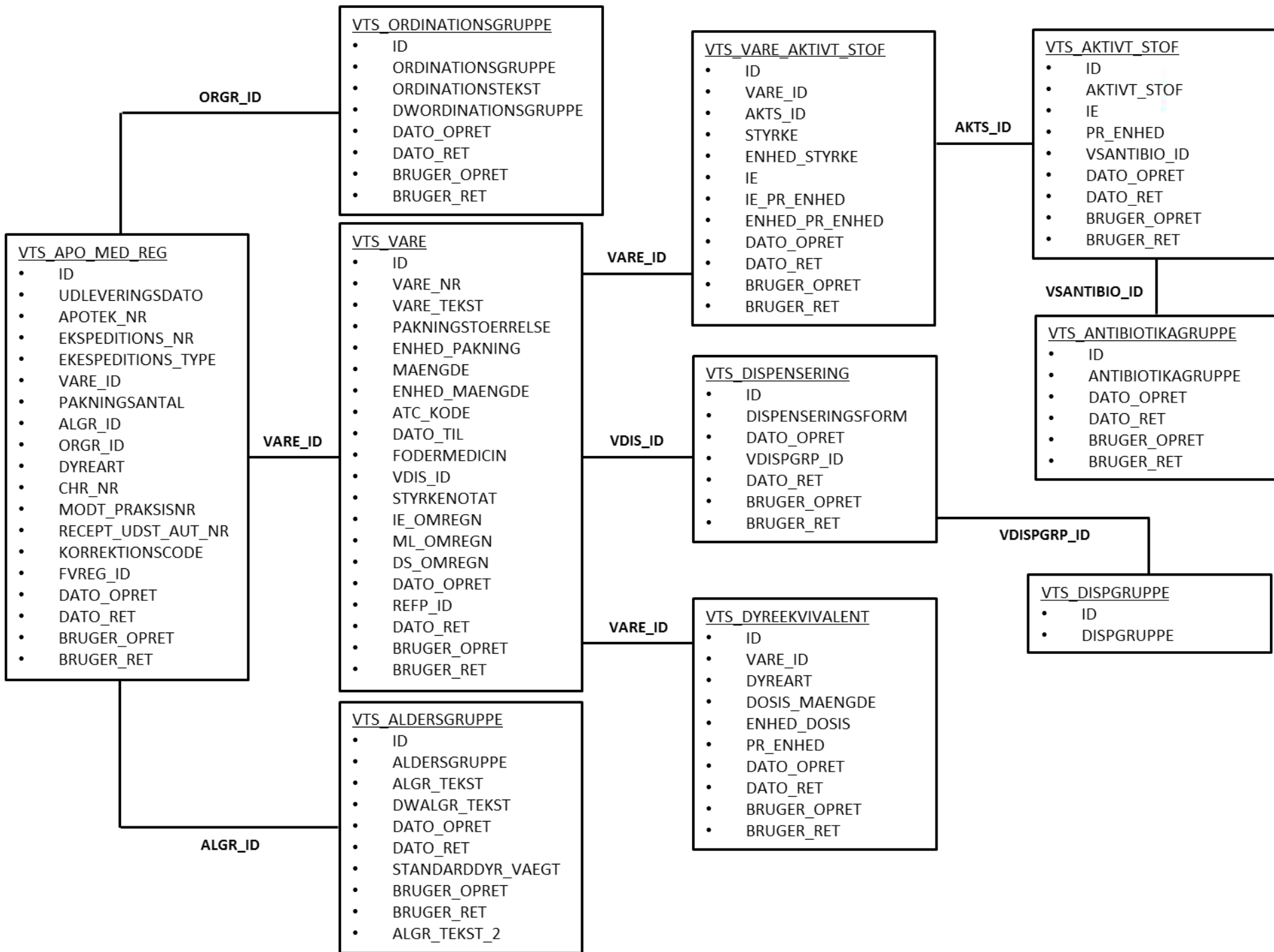
Matching with complementary data
source

Group output 2: database diagrams

- Original diagram is still more complete
 - Good for database people
 - Complete assessment of the system
- Our “for dummies” version
 - More straightforward
 - Easier to find variables and links between datasets
 - Easier if you’re only working with pigs and pharmacy-bought antibiotics

Group output 2: database diagrams





Group output 3: variables description table

Microsoft Excel - Variables name and description				
A	B	C	D	E
Dataset		Variables		
Name	English name and description	Name	Name in English	Description(s)
VTS_APO_MED_REC	VTS_PHARMACY_RECORD	UDLEVERINGSDATO	PURCHASEDATE	Date in which the purchase was made.
	Records of sales performed by pharmacies	APOTEK_NR	PHARMACY_NR	Identification number of the pharmacy where the purchase was made.
		EKSPEDITIONS_NR	PURCHASE_NR	Number of the transaction.
		EKSPEDITIONS_TYPE	PURCHASETYPE	Variable originating from the pharmacy billing system. Assigns records with
		VARE_ID	PRODUCT_ID	Linking variable with dataset VTS_VARE.
		PAKNINGSANTAL	PACKAGEQUANTITY	Number of packages of the product which were sold. Further detailing of t
		ALGR_ID	AGE_ID	Linking variable with dataset VTS_ALDERSGRUPPE.
		ORGR_ID	DISEASE_ID	Linking variable with dataset VTS_ORDINATIONSGRUPPE.
		DYRSART	ANIMALSPECIES	Species of the animal for which the product was prescribed.
		CHR_NR	CHR_NR	Identification number of the hand for which the product was prescribed, a
		MODT_PRAKSISNR	RECEIVING_PRACTICENR	When a product is sold to a veterinarian for in-situ use, this variable is fille
		RECEPT_UCDET_AUT_NR	PRESCRIBING_VETERINARIAN_NR	Unique identifier of a veterinarian assigned by DVTA.
		KORREKTIONS_CODE	ASK_ERIK	Not in use by Vetstat. Originally used by the pharmacy to assign correction
		FVREG_ID	FVREG_ID	Not in use. Originally referred to FVST regions.
VTS_ORDINATIONSGRUPPE	VTS_DISEASEGROUP	ORDINATIONSGRUPPE	DISEASEGROUP	Diagnostic group coded as numbers.
	Diagnostic group of the disease for which the drug has been prescribed	ORDINATIONSTEKST	DISEASEGROUPTEXT	Diagnostic group in text.
		ORDINATIONSGRUPPE	DISEASEGROUP	Disease group with combined number code and text.
VTS_ALDERSGRUPPE	VTS_AGEGROUP	ALDERSGRUPPE	AGEGROUP	Animal age groups coded as numbers.
	Age groups or production categories of the animals for which the drug has been prescribed	ALOR_TKST	AGEGROUP_TEXT	Textual description of the age groups. E.g. "sows/piglets", "weaners", "st
		DVALGR_TKST	AGEGROUP_TEXT	Age group with combined number code and text.
		STANDARDOMV_VARET	STANDARD_ANIMAL_WEIGHT	Standard weight for a given age group.
VTS_VARE	VTS_PRODUCT	VARE_NR	PRODUCT_NR	Identification number of the product. Non-unique, values can be re-used
	Product information, at label level	VARE_TKST	PRODUCT_TEXT	Name of the product described in that row.
		PAKNINGSTOERELSE	PACKAGESIZE	Number of sub-units found in one package. E.g. one package may contain s
		ENHED_PAKNING	PACKAGE_UNIT	Unit of the sub-units contained in the package. E.g. flask, applicator, enve
		MAENSGOE	AMOUNT	Numerical value for the amount of the preparation contained in each sub-u
		ENHED_MAENSGOE	AMOUNT_UNIT	Unit of the preparation contained in the sub-unit. E.g. ml, grams, etc.
		ATC_KODE	ATC_CODE	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical (ATC) classification system code for the
		DATO_TIL	DATO_TIL	Date until which prescriptions of a registered product will be accepted in t
		FOODMEDICIN	FOODMEDICINE	Dichotomous variable, if the product is supposed to be instead in food, the
		VDS_ID	VDS_ID	Linking variable with dataset VTS_DISPENSERING.
		STYKKENOTAT	CONCENTRATIONMEMO	Total solid concentration of active ingredients found in the product, with
		IE_OMREGN	IU_CONVERSION	Numerical value of the preparation amount in International Units (IU).
		ML_OMREGN	ML_CONVERSION	Numerical value of the preparation amount in mL.
		DS_OMREGN	DS_CONVERSION	Numerical value of the preparation amount in DS.
		RSEF_ID	ASK_ERIK	Assigns when the pharmacy hands out another, but similar product to the

Group output 4: networking

- Two universities, three institutes
- Same Vetstat data management dialect
- Comfortable to call, ask, discuss and suggest
- Generalizable codes in R and SAS for most approaches
- Soon: postdocs/other jobs
 - Other universities
 - Other institutes
 - Other countries
 - Extend the network
 - Get fresh, outside-view revisions of the approaches

Final messages:

Whenever you convert reality into data, you lose context information.

Every observed value of x is actually $x|\delta$,
where δ is the context in which x was observed.

It can be hard to avoid problems if you're aware of them, but it is nearly impossible if you're not.

Thank you!

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