

Terminologie utilisateur,  
Terminologie d'interface,  
Terminologies de référence, et  
Terminologie d' agrégation

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# Déclaration de conflit d' intérêt

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- une association Européenne  
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Medical Enduser and Reference Interface Terminology

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# **“Investigation starts with a problem”**

## **Karl Popper**

International reference terminologies are in English.

Health care worker have the fundamental right to work, document, practice continuing education, search for point of care EBM information IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE.  
Evidence shows that it provides a more efficient information flow.

Many E-health engineers and medical informaticians speak of semantic interoperability, as if English is the only language in the world.

# Objective

Provide a hybrid healthcare interface terminology capable of

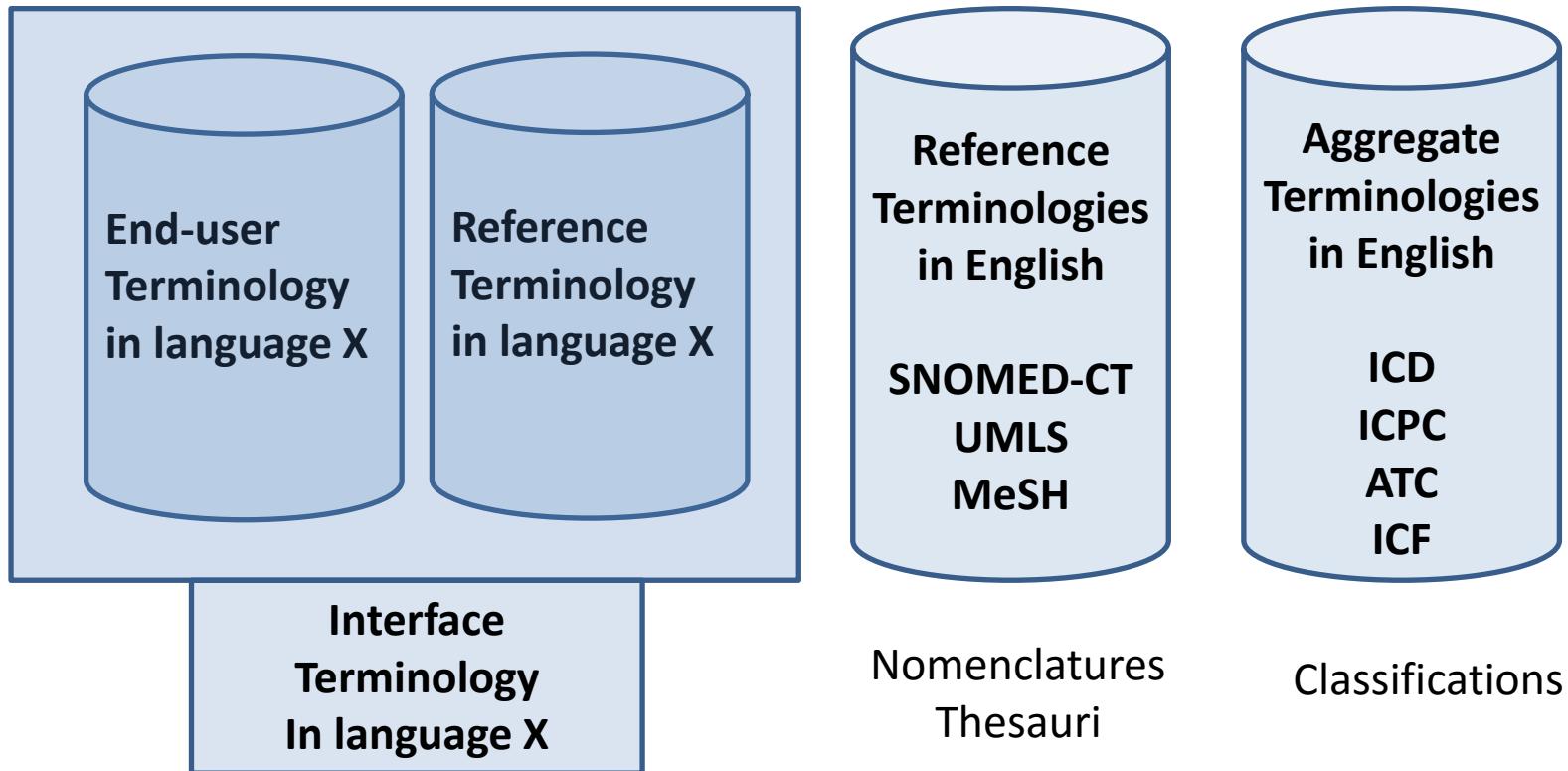
“Systematic collection of healthcare-related phrases (terms) to support clinicians’ entries of patient-related information into computer programs ...”

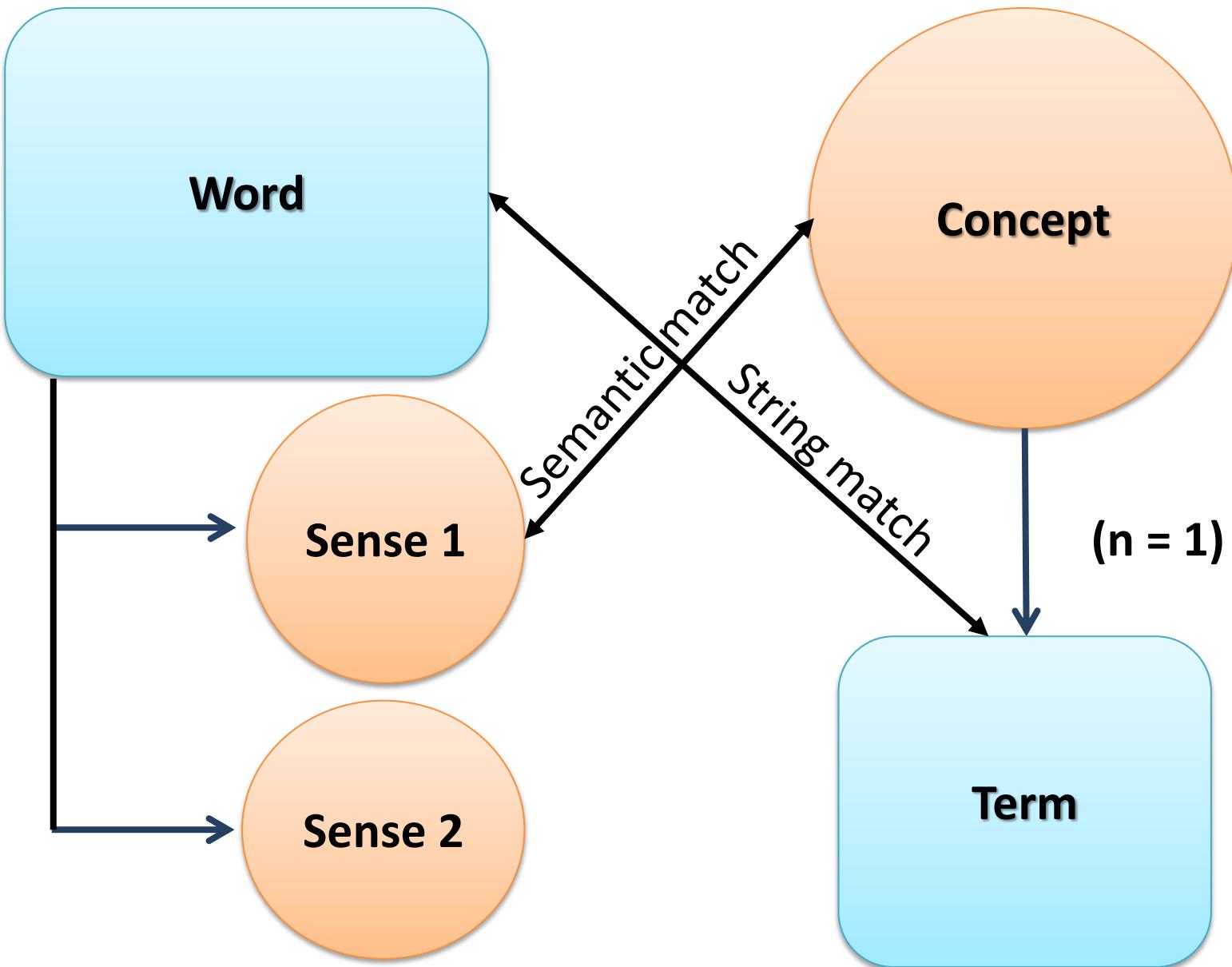
*Rosembloom et al, 2006*

That includes:

1. A conceptual reference terminology
  - Multidisciplinary, multilingual
  - Restricted to reference concepts
  - Linked to international nomenclatures, thesauri, classifications, ontologies
2. A series of specific end-user lexicons
  - One for each language
  - Bridged to the reference terminology
  - Connected to rich linguistic corpora for NLP

# Terminology : What's in a name ?

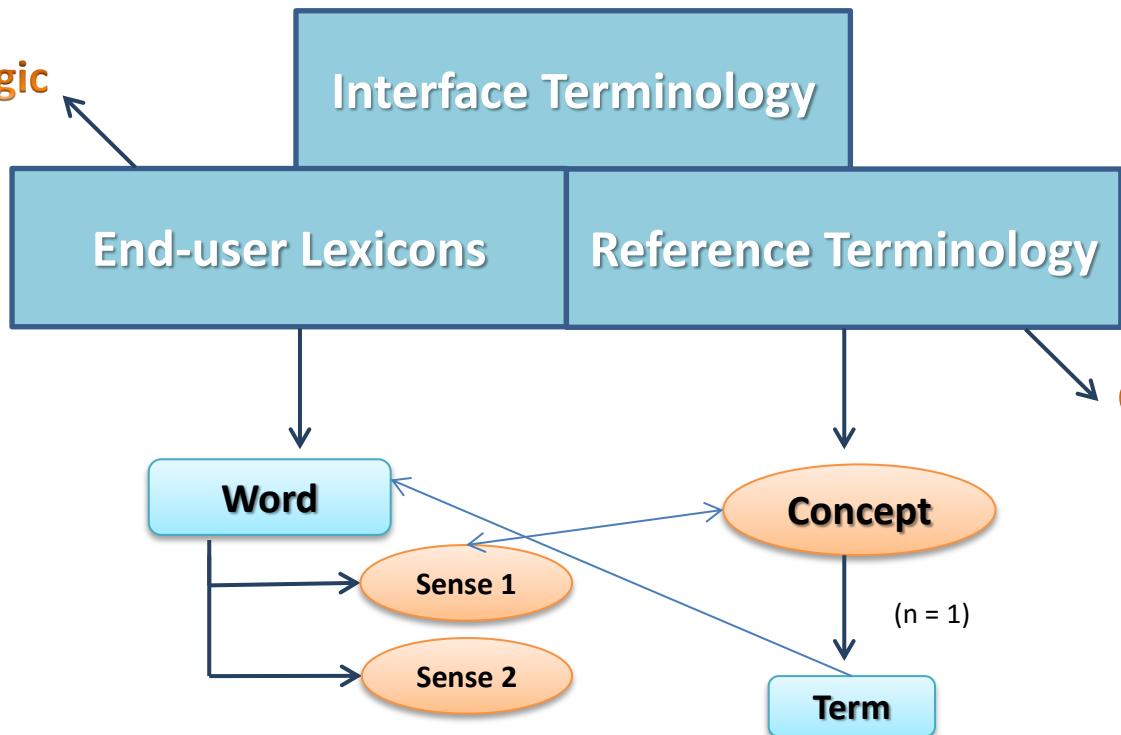




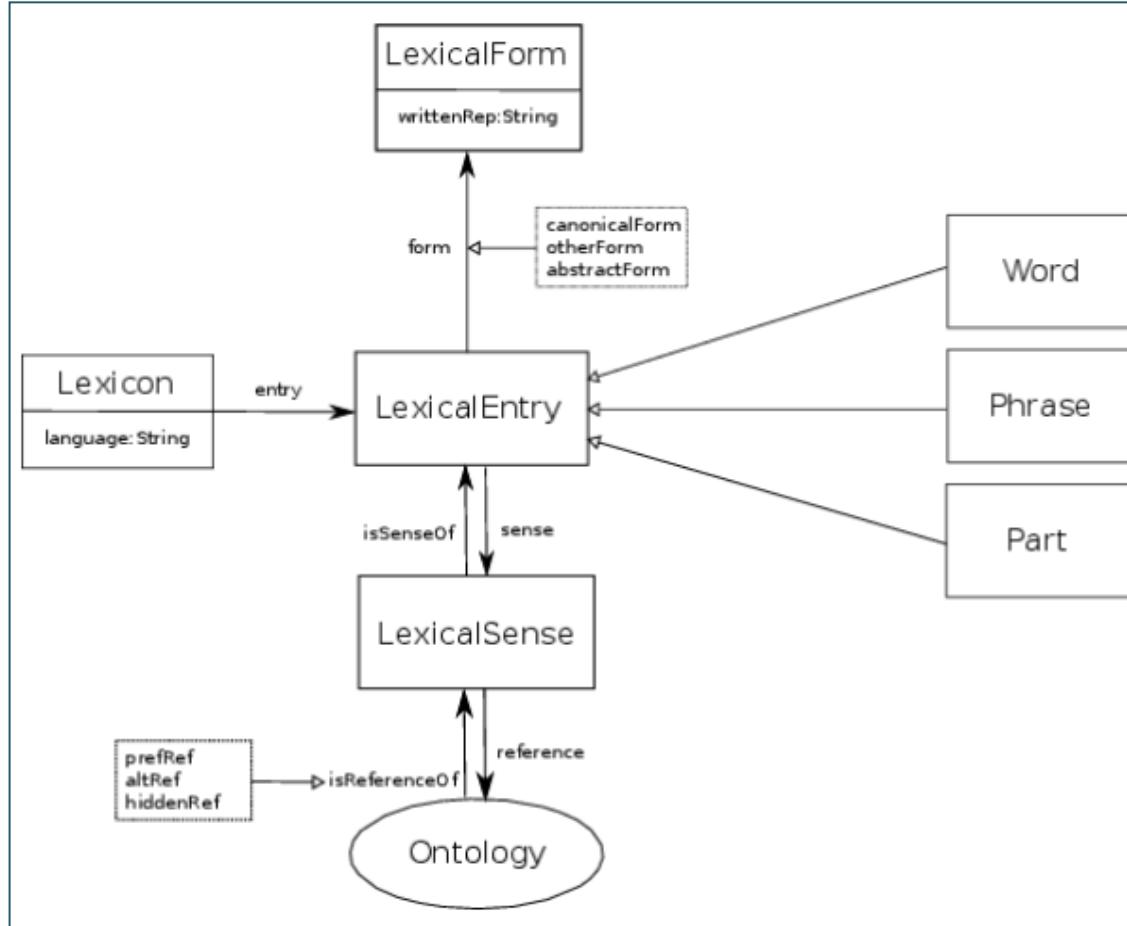
# Approach



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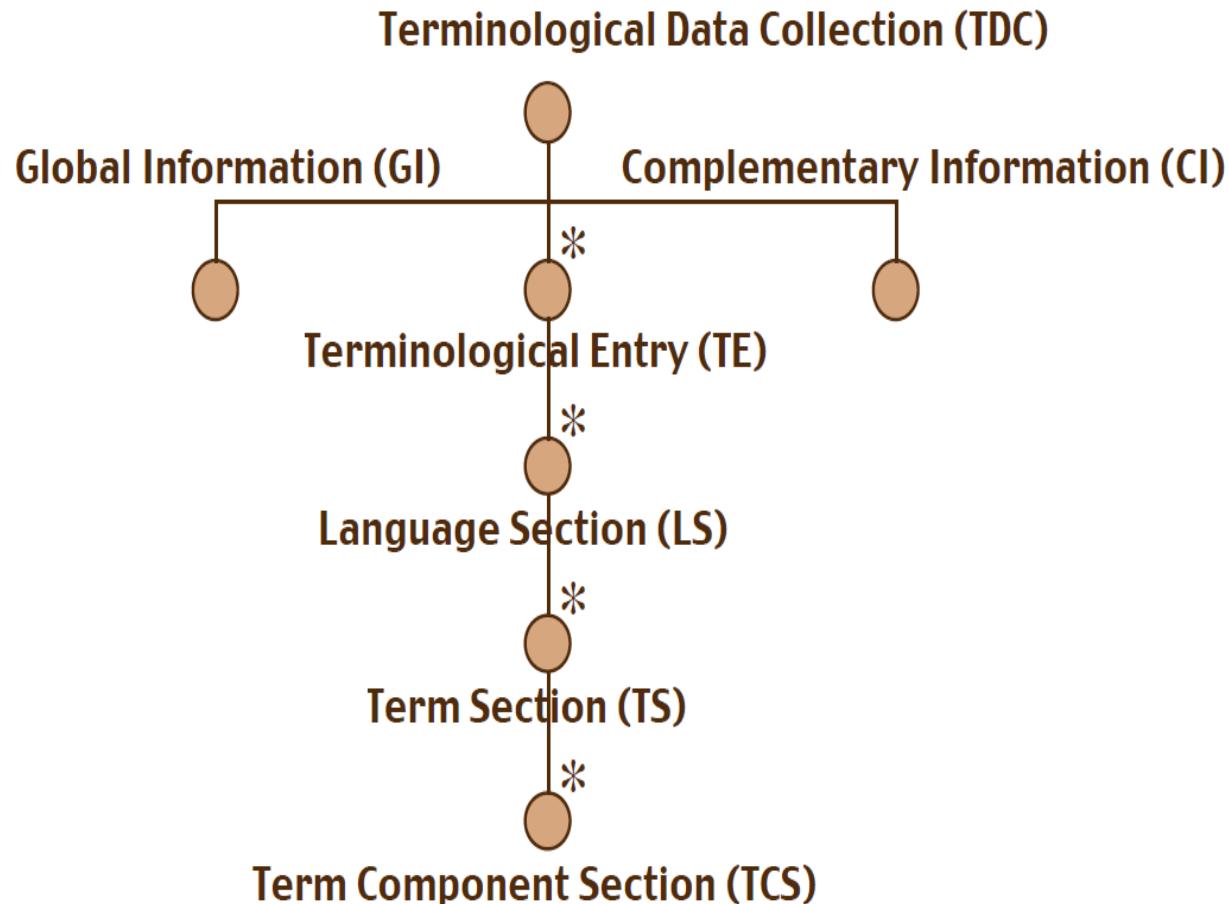


# The ISO-Norm LMF : Lexical Markup Framework (ISO 24613)



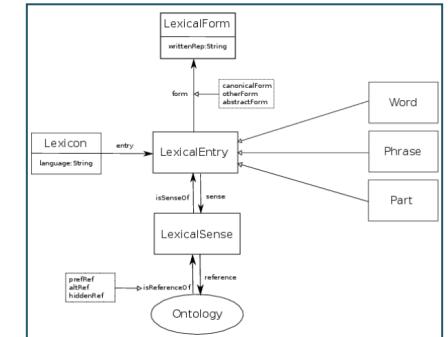
The Lemon core structure of a lexical terminology

# The ISO-Norm TMF : Terminological Markup Framework (ISO 16642)



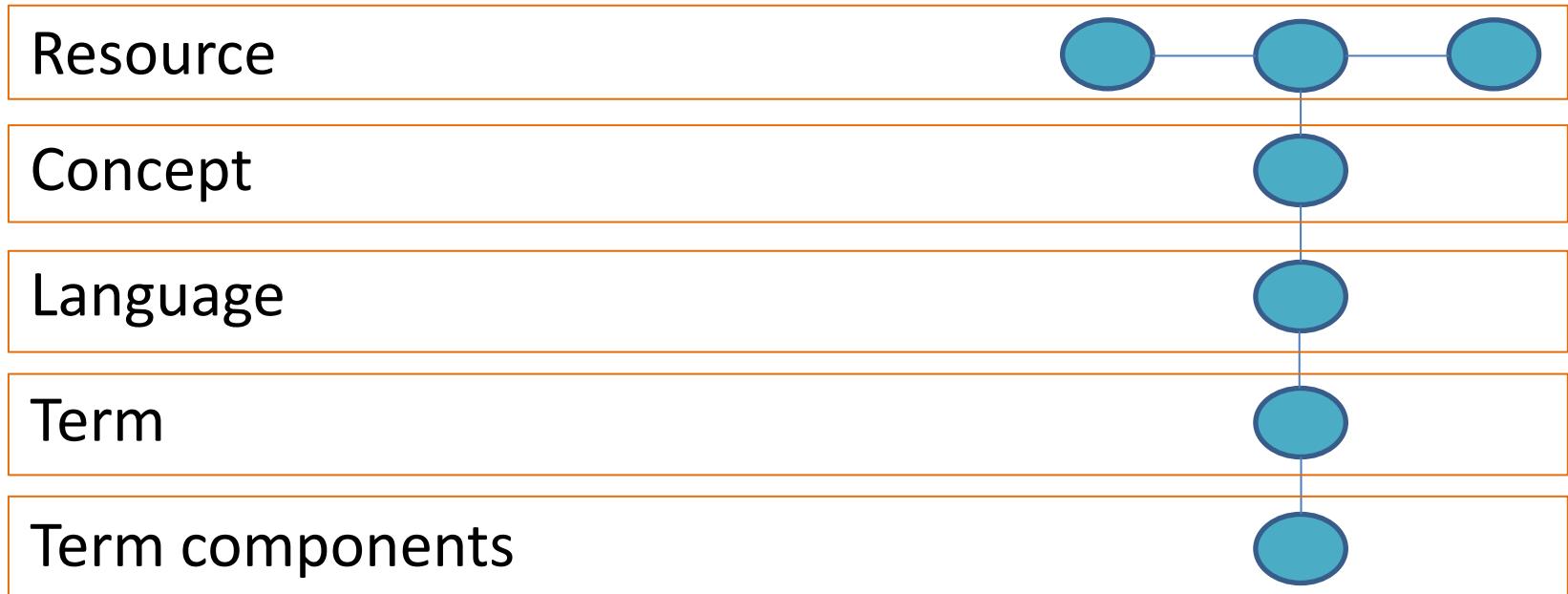
# Lemon/LMF-based End-user Lexicons

- ISO 24613 - Language Markup Framework (LMF) as a Requirement for the Lexicon
- Use of the Lemon model (LExicon Model for ONtologies) because:
  - Based on LMF
  - RDF-native model
  - Easy to link to data category registries (ISOcat)
  - The sense of a lexical entry can be defined by a reference to an external resource (E.g. our TMF-based resource)
  - More powerful and less verbose than the LMF model
  - <http://lemon-model.net/> (McCrae et al.)



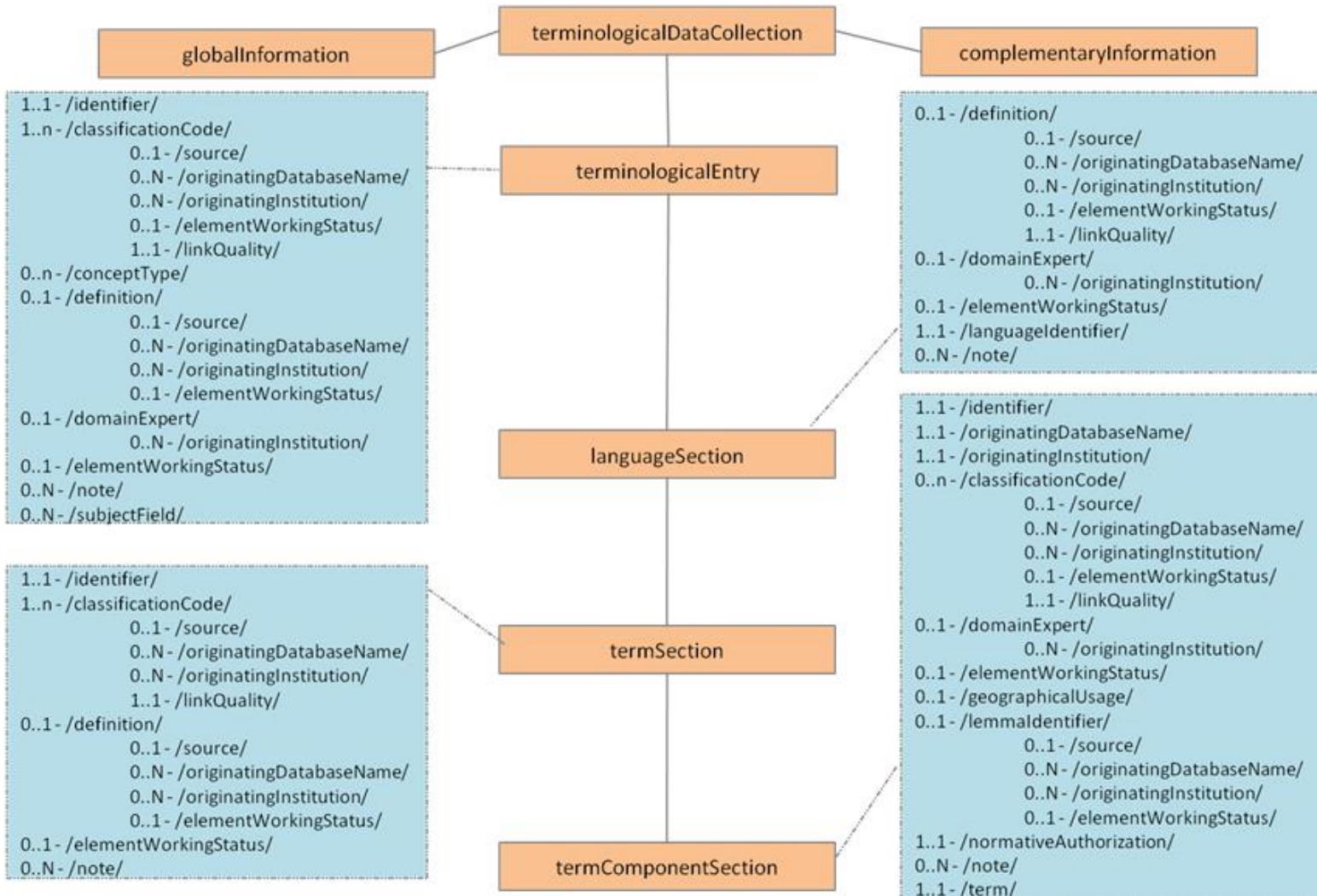
# TMF-based Reference Terminology

- ISO 16642: Terminological Markup Framework

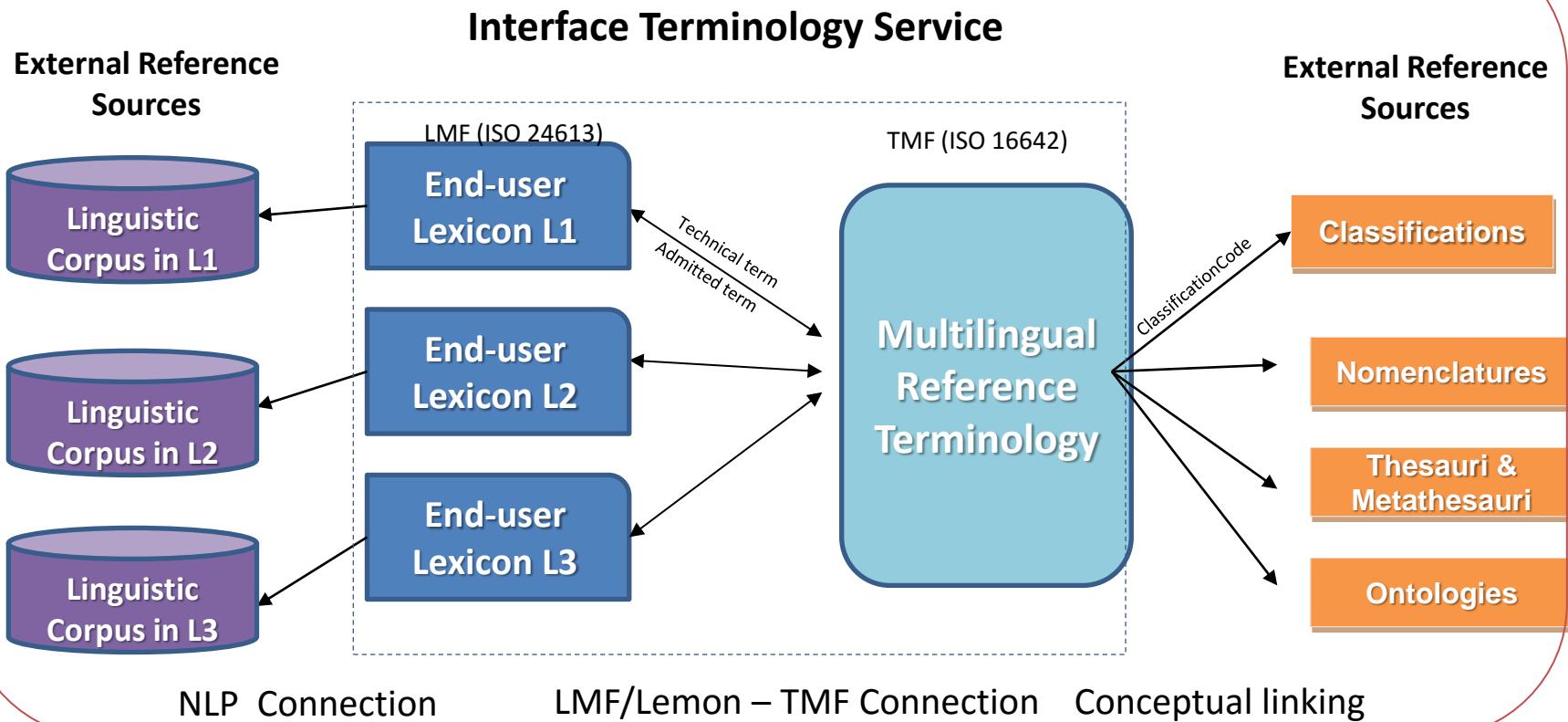


- ISO 12620 and ISOcat Data categories registry

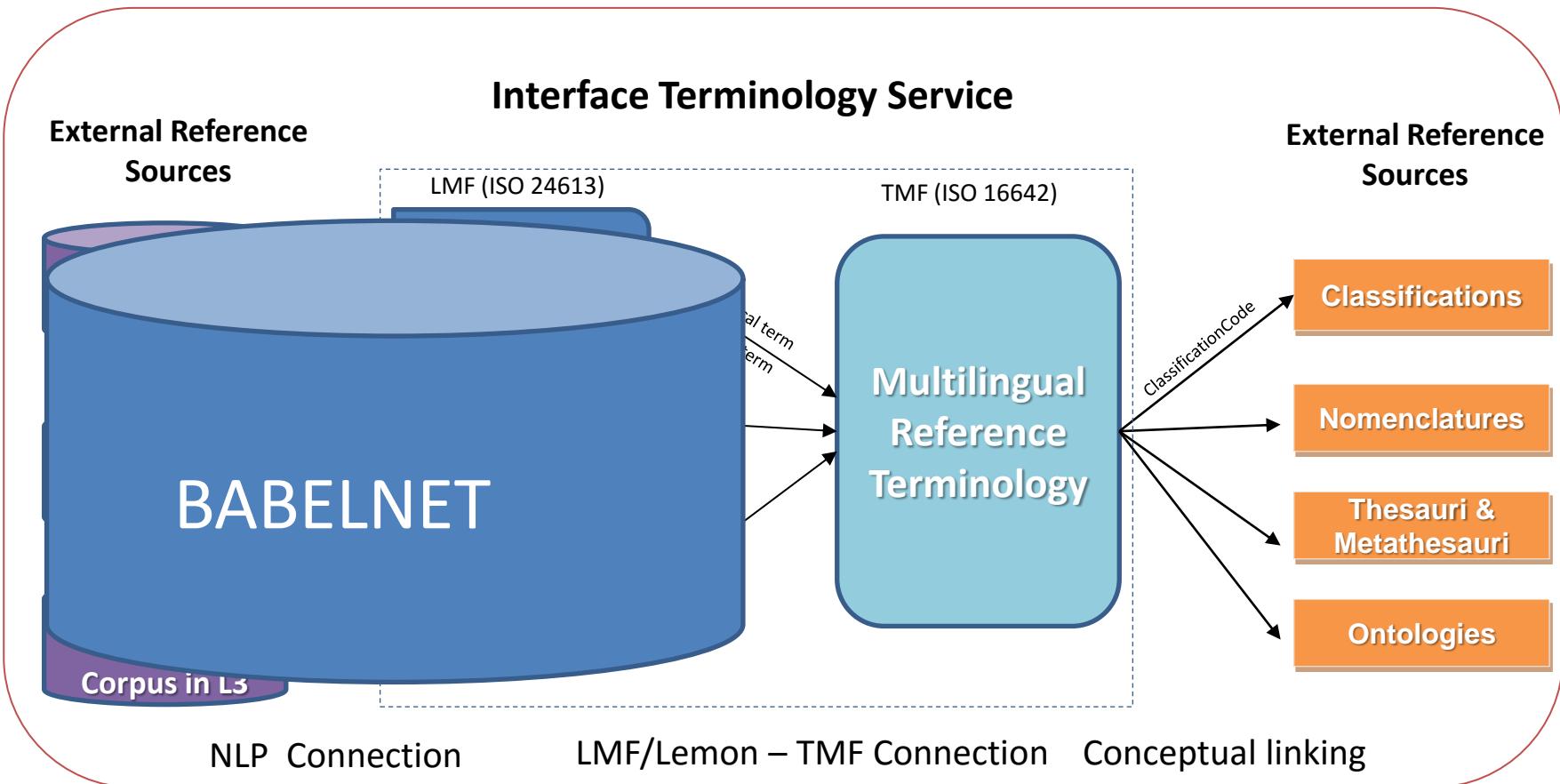
# TMF-based Reference Terminology



# Architecture



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# **International standards for multilingual terminologies**

## **Lexical terminologies**

### **ISO – Standard LMF (ISO 24613)**

Lexicons

Dictionarys, Glossaries, Vocabularies

Babelnet ([www.babelnet.org](http://wwwbabelnet.org))

## **Conceptual terminologies**

### **ISO – Standard TMF (ISO 16642)**

Controlled Vocabularies

Nomenclatures

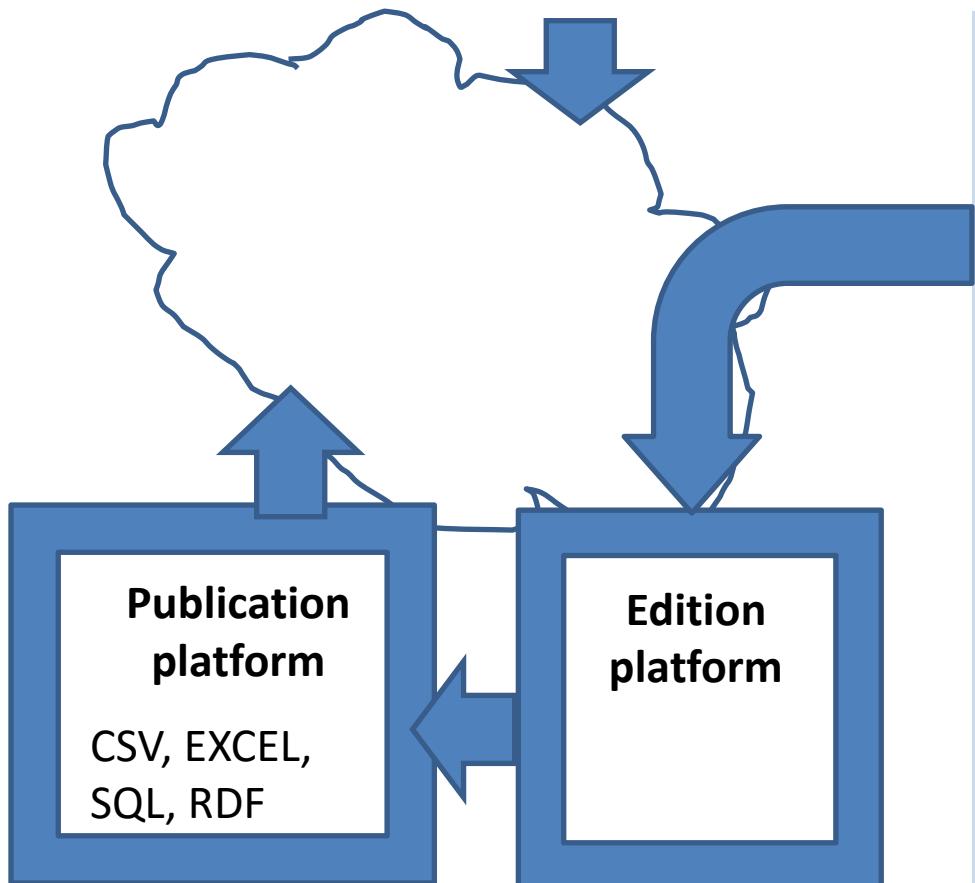
Classifications



**Fig 5. Resources and tools**

# Dissemination and Translation Website for a multilingual interface terminology

End-user (Human consultation)  
Web services (SQL, OWL)



**Site manager**

**Concept manager**

Concept committee

**Lexical managers**

Language 1 team

Language 2 team

Language 3 team

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...

Language n team

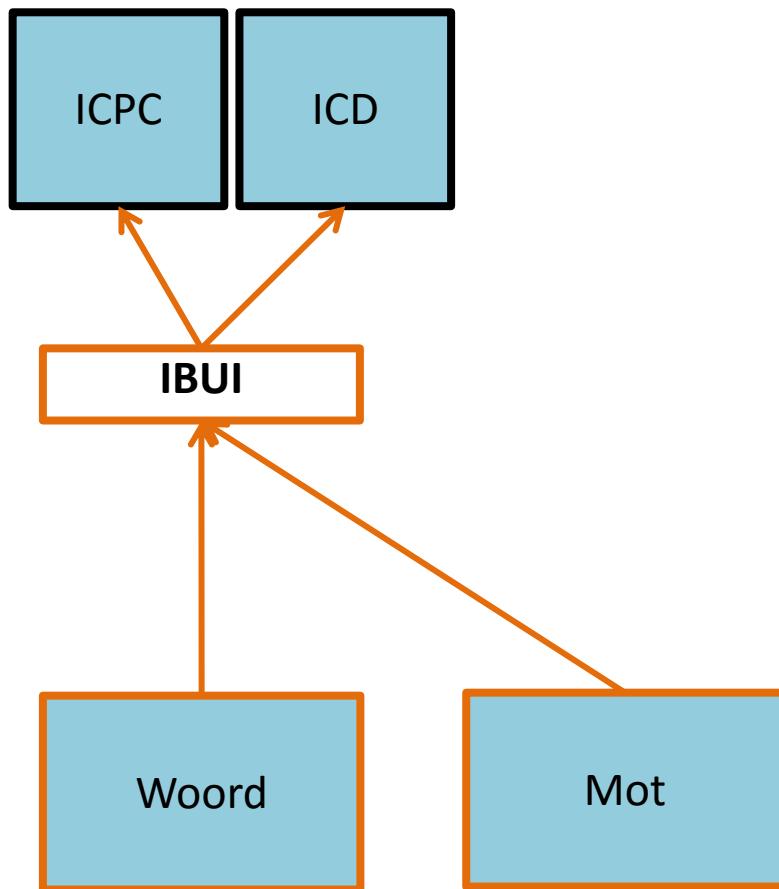
# Existing end-user terminologies in General Practice

ICPC-PLUS (Australia)

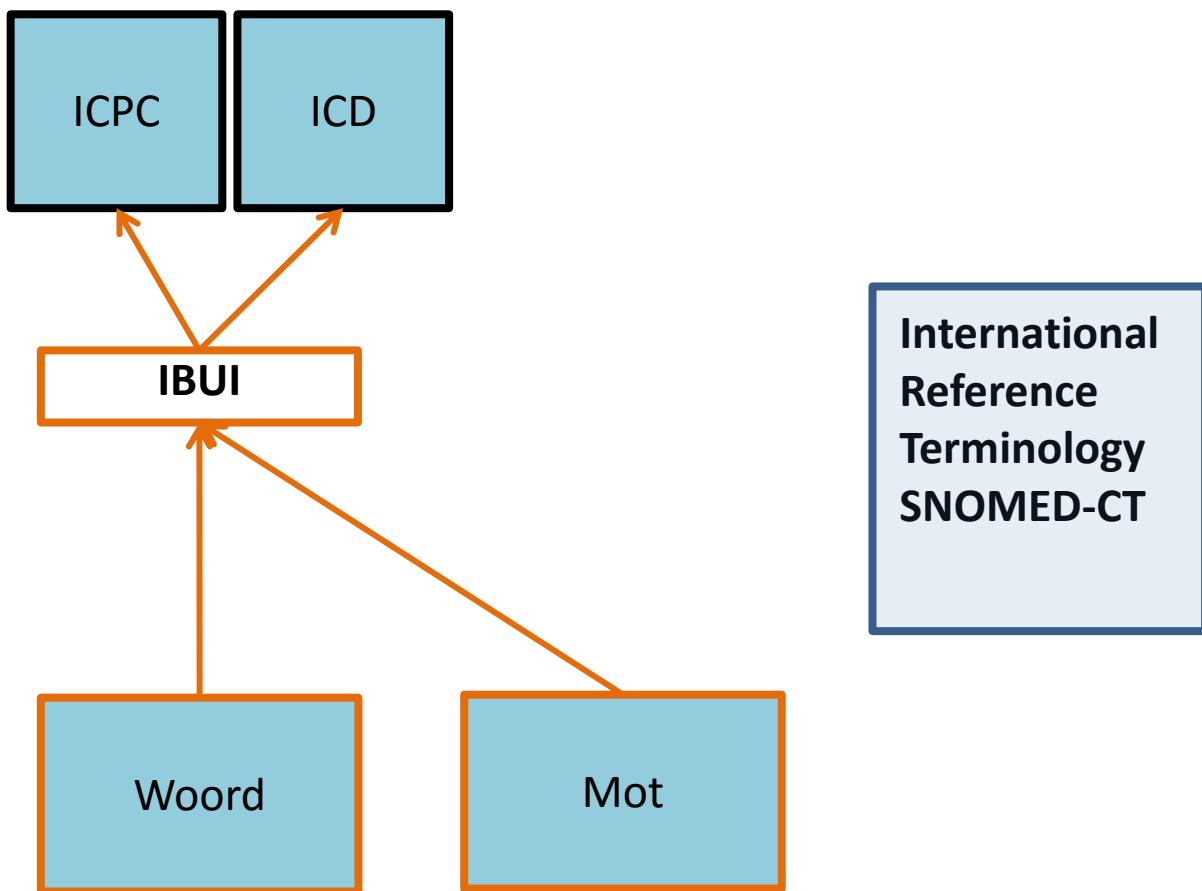
3BT (Belgique)  
Belgian, Bilingual, Bicoded

300.000 words and phrases, of which  
45.000 double coded to ICD and ICPC

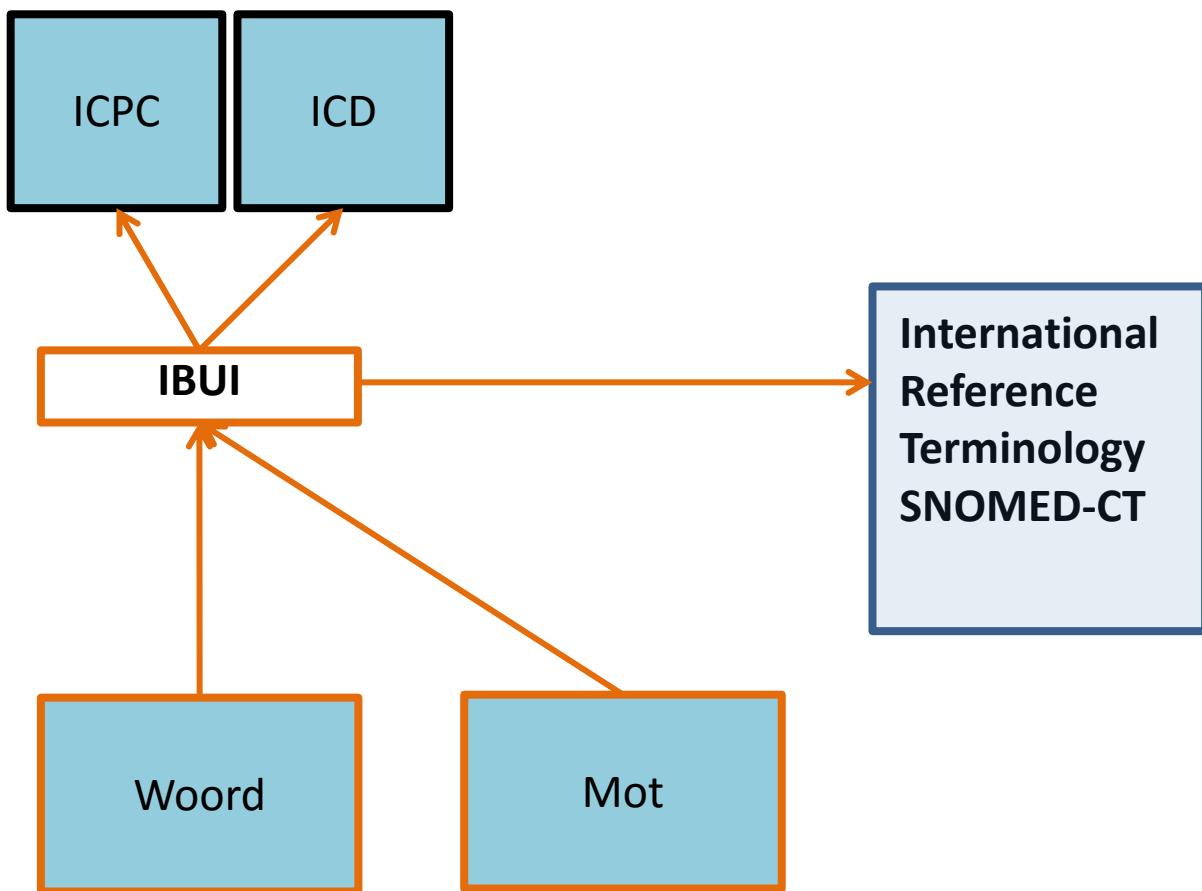
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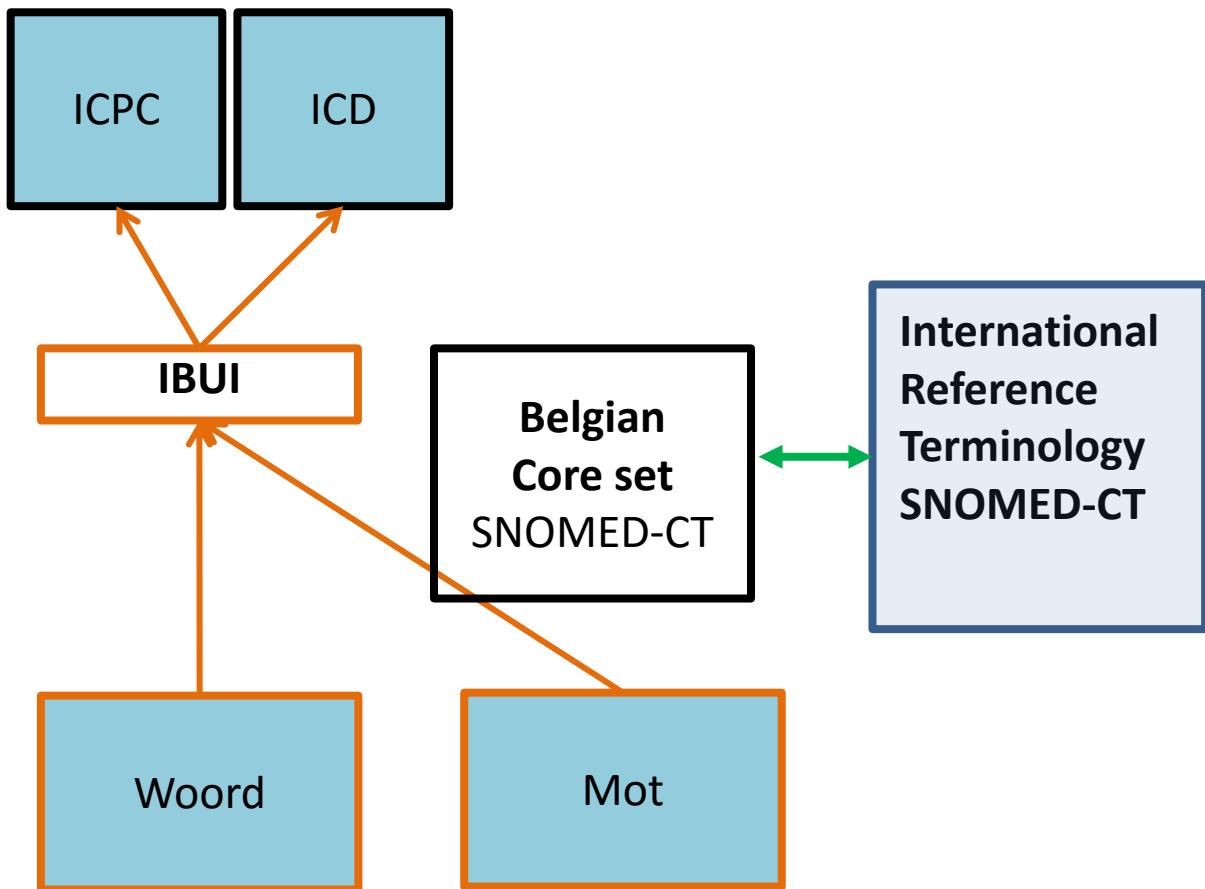
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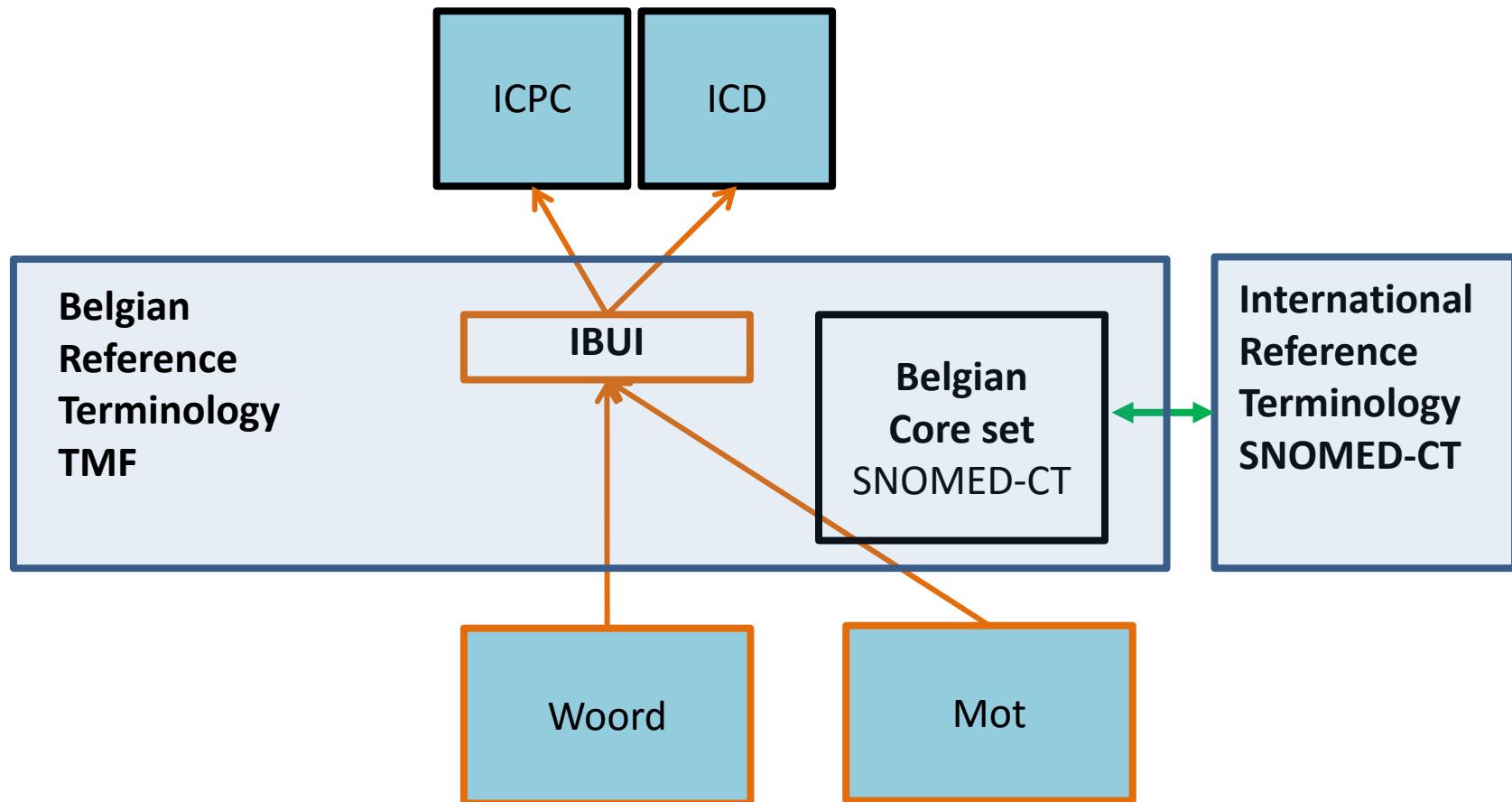
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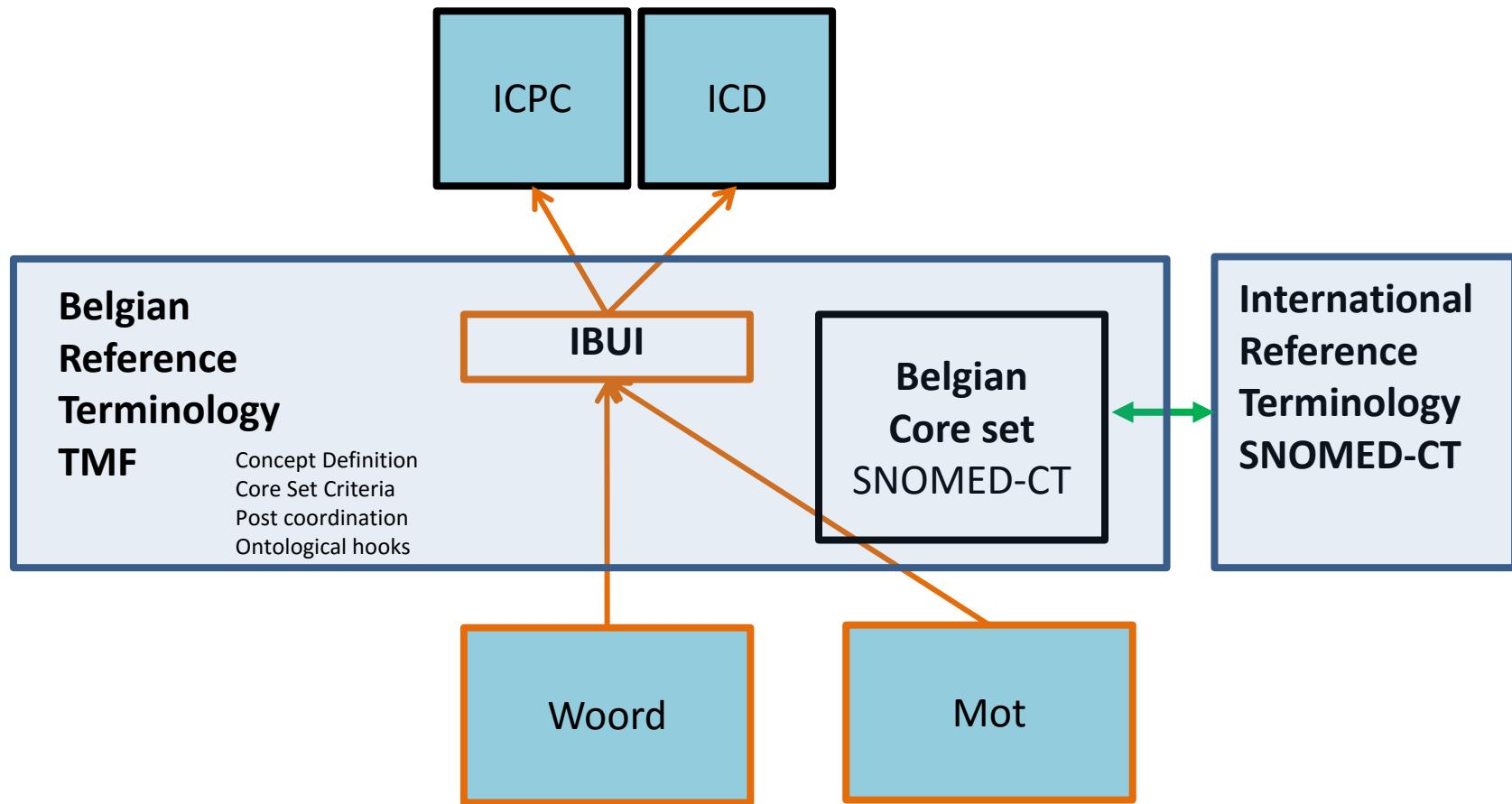
# 3BT Belgian Bicoded Bilingual Thesaurus + Belgian Core Set



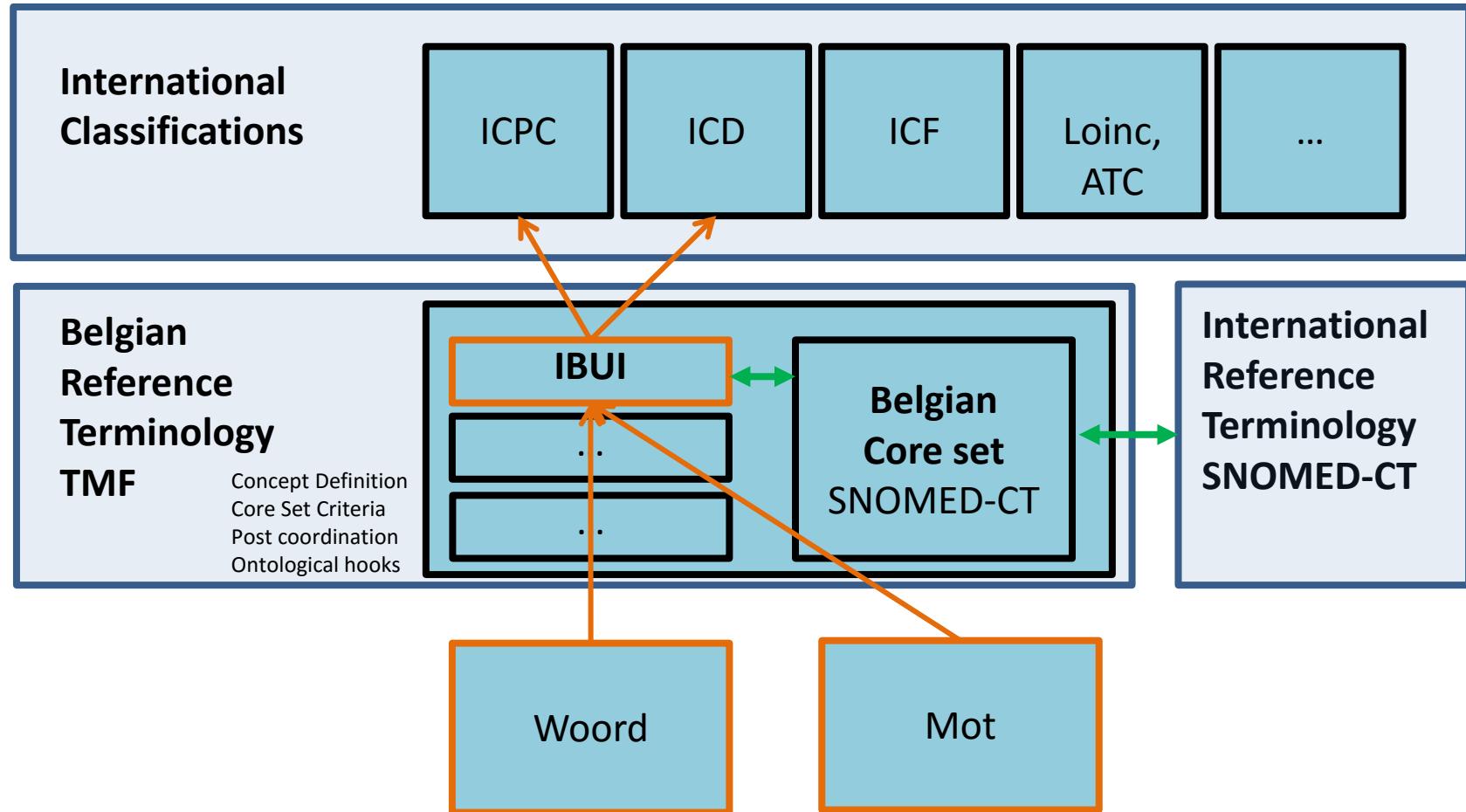
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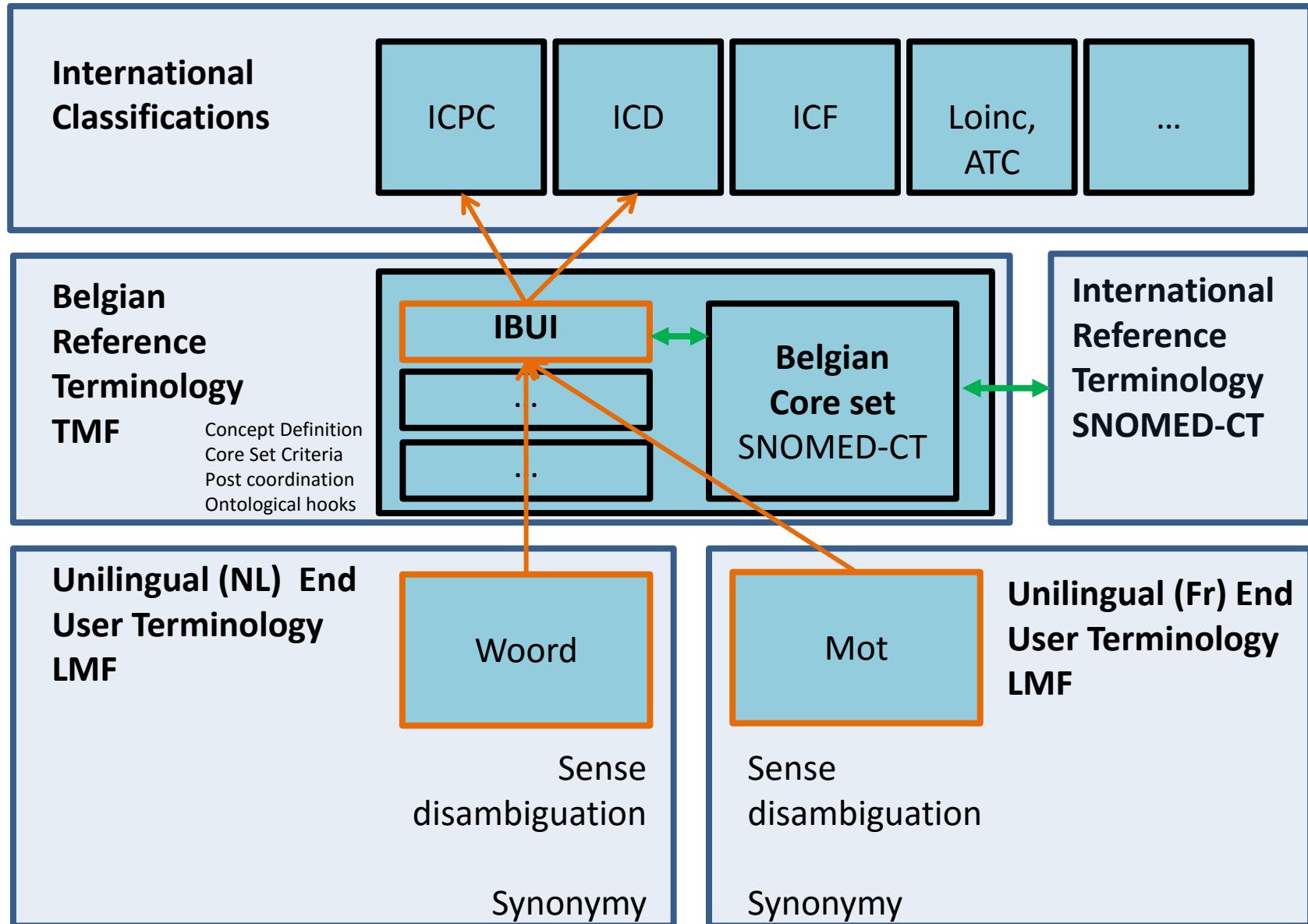
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# **For the end-user approach**

## **The choice between:**

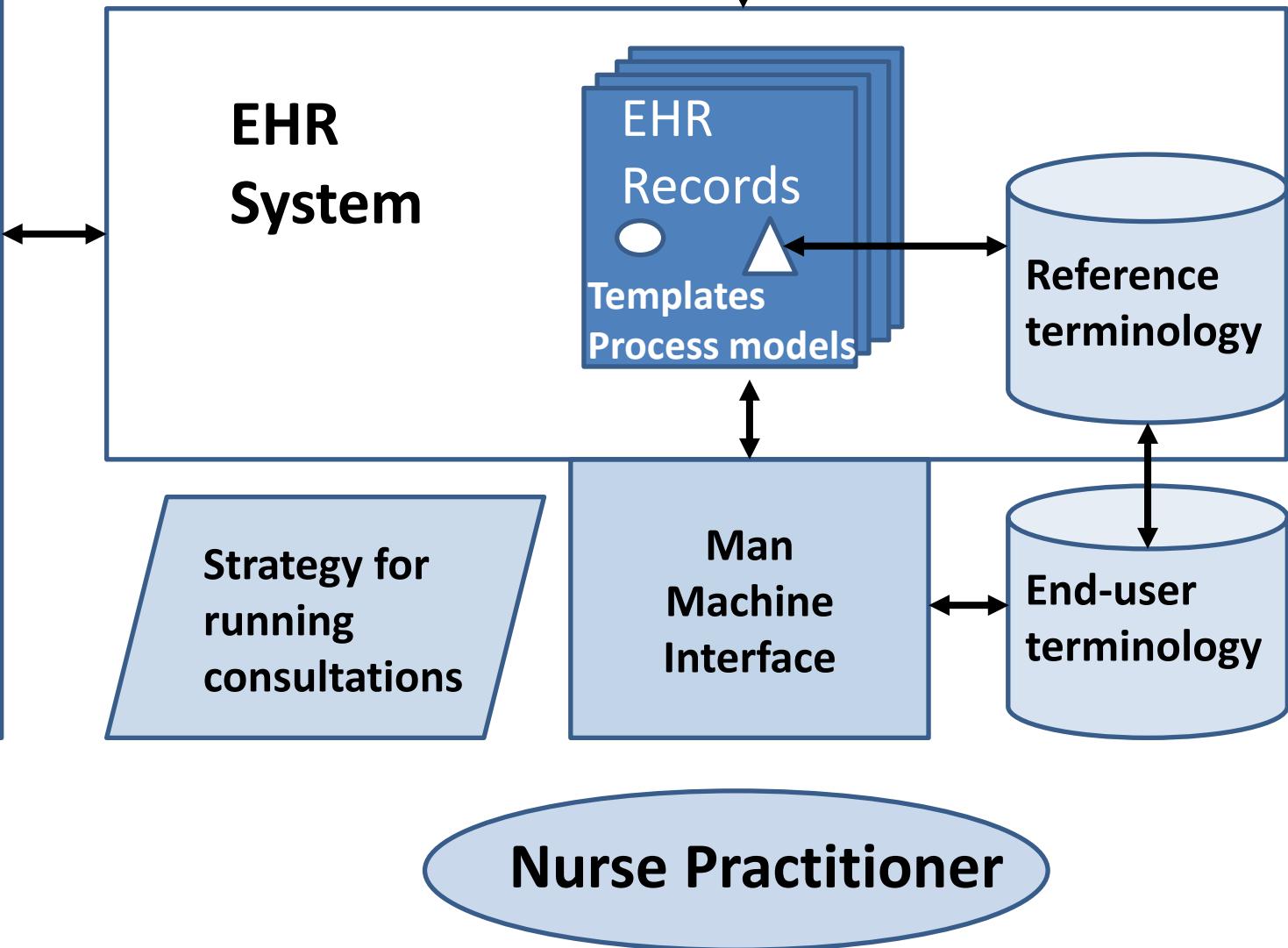
- An end-user thesaurus with translated SNOMED-CT Terms**
- An end-user thesaurus linked to a standardized Interface Terminology**

# **The context of the terminology problem In the Electronic Health Record**

# Nursing Management Minimum Data Set SUMEHR

## Export Interchange Format

External  
EBNursing  
Knowledge  
Sources  
and  
Decision  
Support  
Systems



## Semantic layer for iso-semantic information

Information  
model 1  
OpenEHR

Information  
model 2  
HL7

Information  
model 3  
ISO 13606

Information  
model 4  
epSOS  
Value Sets

International  
reference terminology  
SNOMED  
(comprehensive )

International  
reference terminology  
UMLS  
(comprehensive )

Classification  
system 1  
ICPC  
(low granularity)

Classification  
system 2  
ICD  
(high granularity)

Thesaurus  
MeSH  
(information retrieval)

Local reference terminology (core set)

Local end-user terminology (linguistic)

# **CONCLUSIONS**

Ce ne sera pas demain la veille de la révolution

Mais on peut toujours débuter, en sachant le chemin