



ReCOLNAT

a multiparty approach



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OBJECTIVES OF THE E-RECOLNAT INFRASTRUCTURE

7 776 837 specimens
2660 users
67 missions

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WEB PORTAL → <https://www.recolnat.org>

The herbarium project

the key facts

- mounting by an external service provider
- number of partners
- heterogenous data
- automated workflows



To mount:

1.500.000



To digitize:

2.200.000



Partners

3



Institutions

39



Collections

230



Persons involved

80/200

direct/indirect

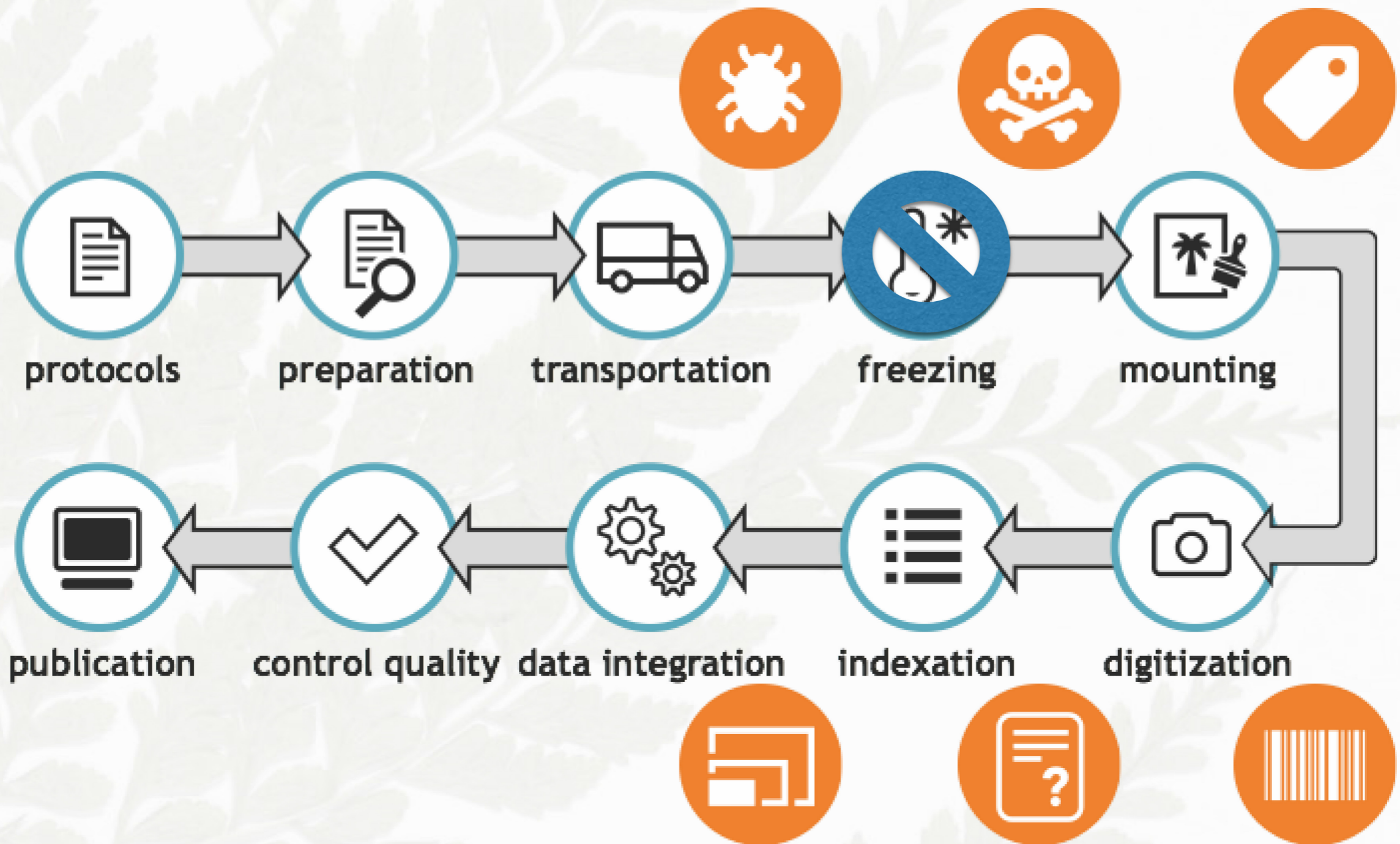


Production locations

5



The reality: lots of challenges



Which had to be solved by working together...

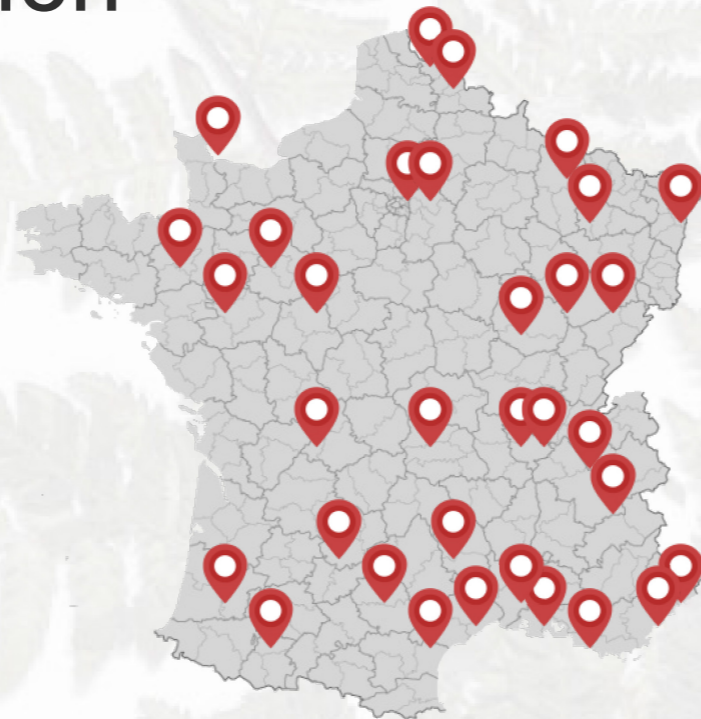
...which can be very difficult because:

1. **39 Collection holders:**
 - universities, municipalities, museums and natural history museums
 - heterogeneous collections
2. **Public Private Partnership with 3 partners:**
 - different goals
 - scientific knowledge
3. **Communication**
 - between the institutions, companies
 - cultures



Preparation

- Preparing the collections
- Packing, documentation, and logistical barcodes
- Transportation
- Freezing
- Storage



Mounting

Largest mounting operation in the world

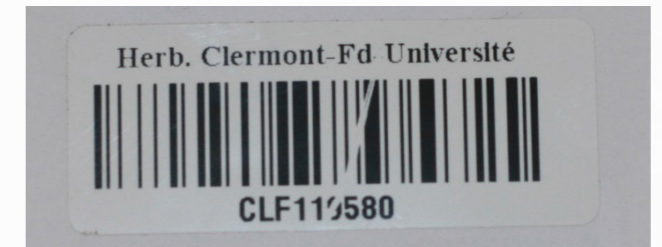
- One protocol for all:
 - paper strips with gummed paper or specimens sewed with needle and thread for a **reversible process**
 - gluing of the labels and barcoding
- Exceptions:
 - Historic Monument classification
- Issue solving (label interpretation) & quality control



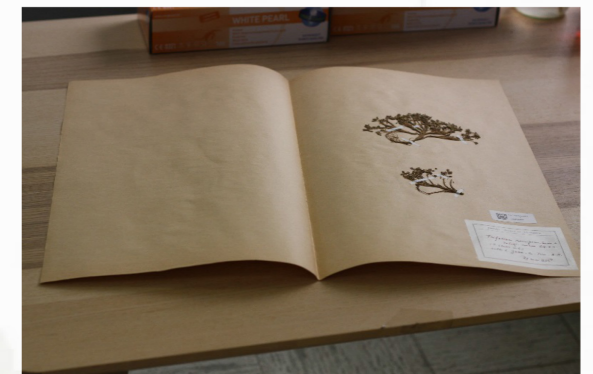
Digitization

Industrial standardized process...

...versus heterogeneous collections



- Direct versus indirect digitization
- Automated process
- One protocol for all?
- Dealing with exceptions:
 - Barcodes
 - Covers



Indexation

- Lost in information...
- Finding a common level of indexation:
 - The taxon
- Dealing with exceptions



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Conclusions of a multiparty approach

- One can find a way to deal uniformly with heterogenous data :
 - Ensure that everyone does his job in time and correctly.
 - Keep communicating
 - Be flexible in finding solutions

It is certainly possible to work with that many partners!

Merci de votre attention!

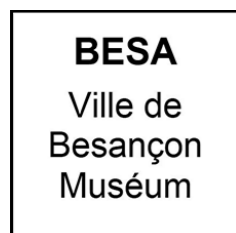
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