# **BORO Analysis Tools**

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# Schedule

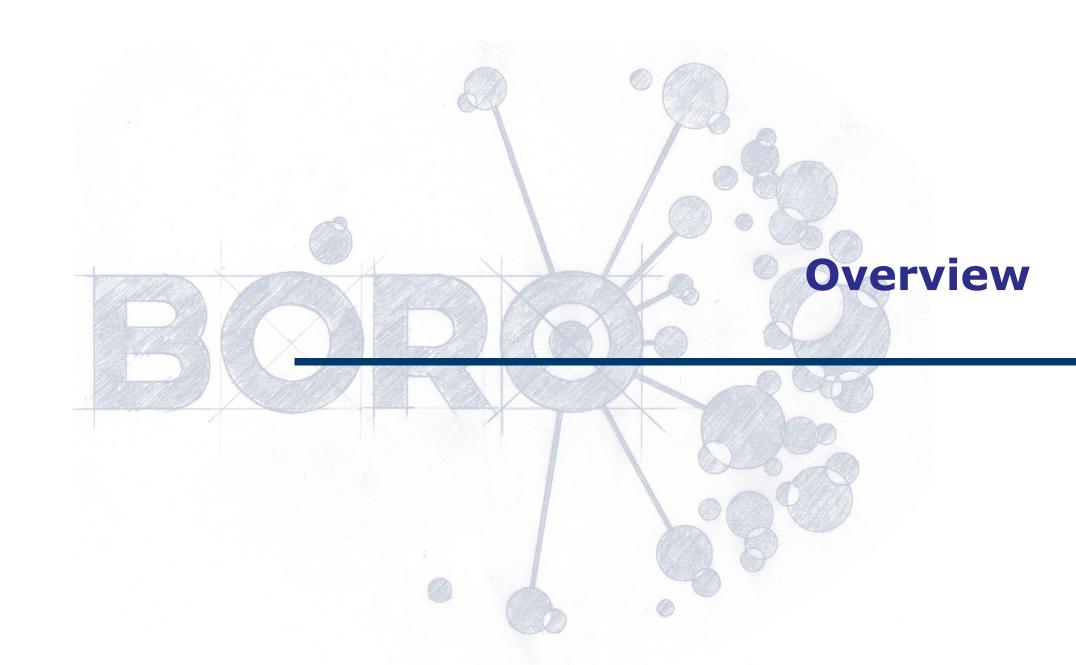
<b>Morning Sessions</b>		
	9:00 - 9:05	Session 0 – Introduction
	9:05 - 9:45	Session 1 – Context
	10:00 - 10:45	Session 2 – BORO Ontology
	11:00 - 12:00	Session 3 – Analysis Tools
Afternoon Sessions	11:00 - 12:00	Session 3 – Analysis Tools
Afternoon Sessions	<b>11:00 - 12:00</b> 1:15 - 3:30	Session 3 – Analysis Tools  Session 1 – Practical Examples





Reference

- Overview
- LOAD: Structured Data Table Migration
  - BORO Top Level Tables
- - Support Tools
    - Space Time Maps
    - Ontological Euler Diagrams
    - BORO UML
    - BORO eXcel Table (Manual) Pipeline
  - BORO KNIME Data Pipeline
- Project planning

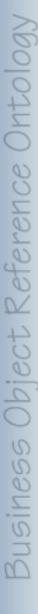






Reference

- To provide some 'practice' with ontologization interoperability pipelines
  - by recreating the first stage of an ontologization interoperability pipeline
    - With (simple) examples
  - directly experience some of the challenges (in an attenuated form)
- Probably significantly more 'practice' needed before one becomes expert





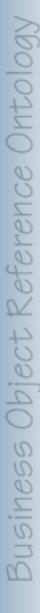
### Two practical problems

### **Practical problems**

lump of clay

**ISO Countries** 

The focus this afternoon will be on the first problem. If you manage to finish the first problem, the second problem is available.





### Six BORO Summer School tools

Abbreviation	Name	Stage
SDTM	Structured Data Table Migration	LOAD
STM	Space Time Maps	EVOLVE
OED	Ontological Euler Diagrams	EVOLVE
BUML	BORO UML	EVOLVE
BXTP	BORO eXcel Table (Manual) Pipeline	EVOLVE
BKnDP	BORO KNIME Data Pipeline	EVOLVE

NB: This is a list developed for the Summer School. There is a large range of evolving tools, which we have selected from. Note also, our default language/tool is Python not KNIME. KNIME has been selected for its no-code credentials – making it more appropriate here.

# **LOAD: Structured Data Table Migration**



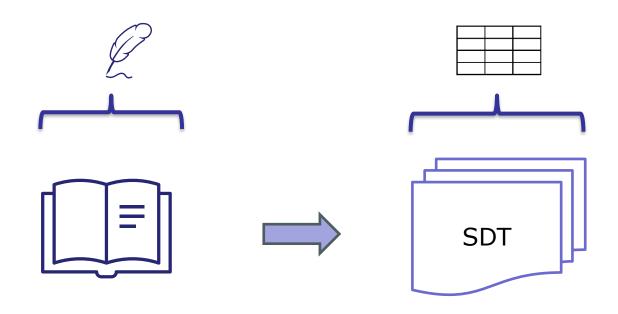
### Principle: shift (data) structure left

- A goal of the bCLEARer pipeline process is to shift left, as far a possible, the move to structured data
  - enable us to work with machines talking to machines as soon as possible
- If one starts with unstructured text
  - one needs to structure it
  - with the minimum intervention
  - preserving as much of the explicit structure as possible
- A good first step is a shift to simple tables
  - the simplicity of their structure helps to keep the structuring clear
- One goal of Load is to ensure one is working with structured data





# Structured data table migration

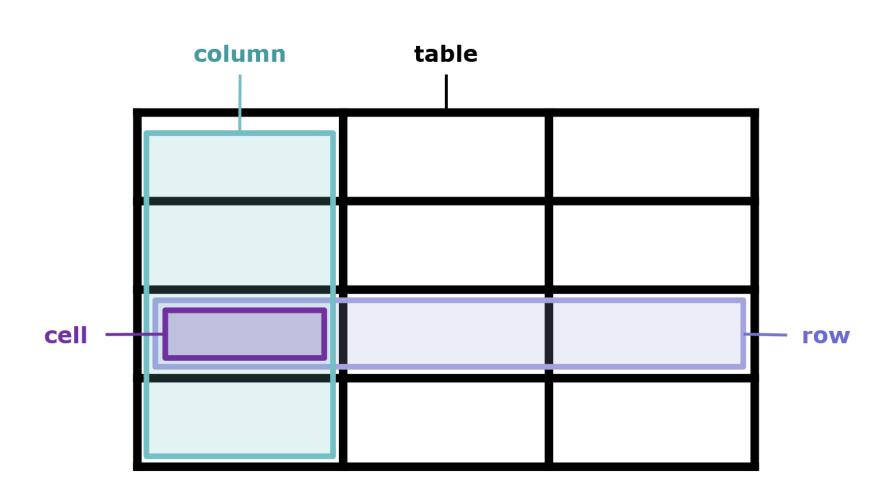


unstructured text

structured data table



### Base data table structure







# Base table composition structure

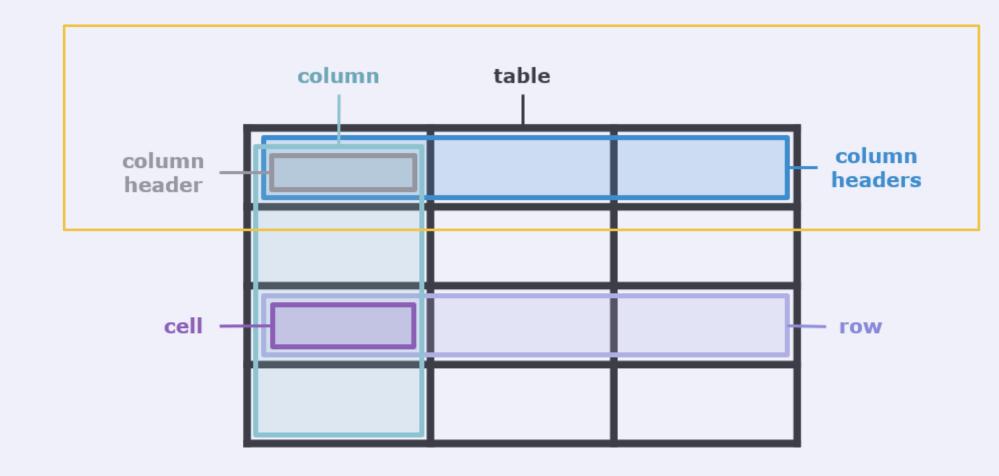
### base table composition structure

data type	structure type	table structure element	description
data item	table	row	composed of cells organised by column
data column	table	column	composed of cells organised by row - has a single column heading cell.
data cell	table	cell	the intersection of columns and rows - has content

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### Extended data table structure





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## Lump of clay - starting point

- We start with unstructured text:
  - "There is a lump of clay that, at time t1, is used to make an aesthetically valuable statue. At time t2, the statue is destroyed. At time t3, the same lump of clay is reshaped to make a different statue. This statue is aesthetically valuable too."

- NOTE: We do this here
  - and provide you with the results for the practical example.



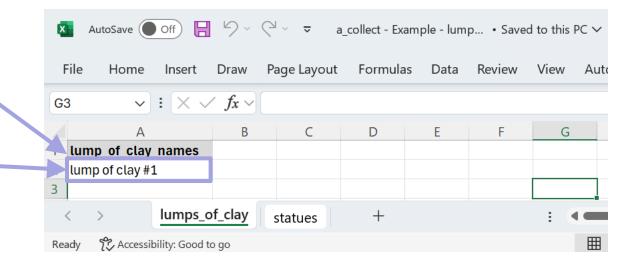
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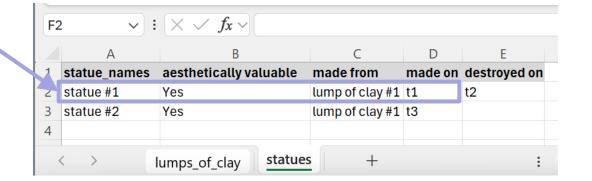




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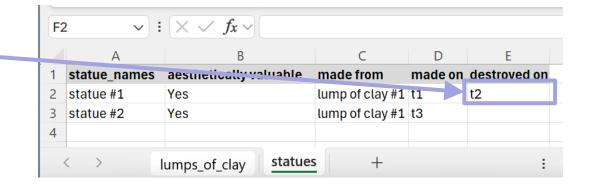


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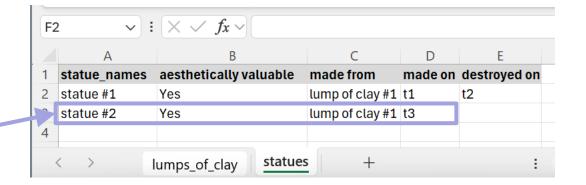




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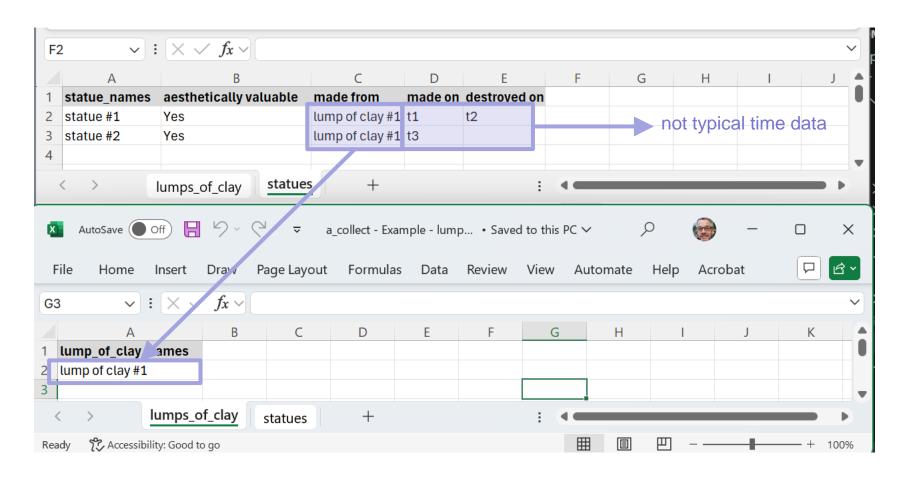
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## Lump of clay - structured data tables - proto time

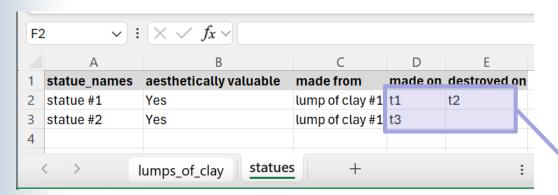


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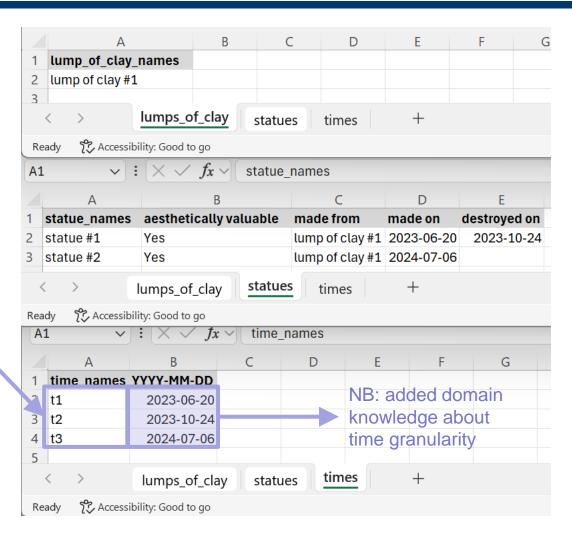




### Lump of clay - structured data tables - dataise time



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a\_collect - Example - lump of clay - stage 2 - dataise time.xlsx

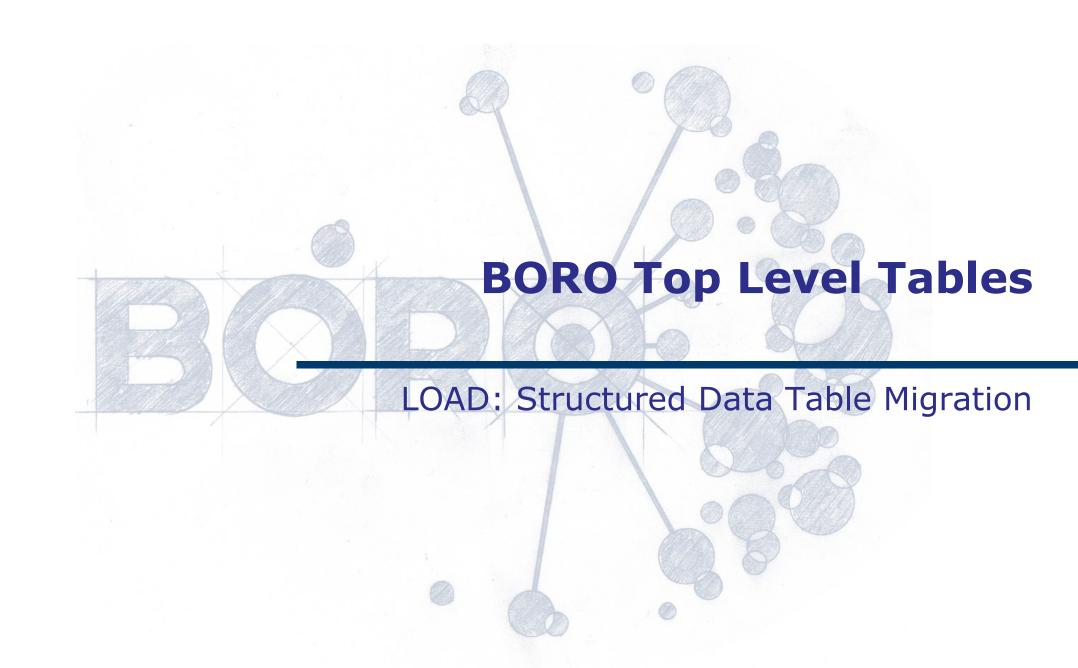


### **ISO Countries**

### Already structured data (table)

glish short name ghanistan pania geria	French short name Afghanistan (l') Albanie (l')	Alpha-2 code AF AL	e Alpha-3 code N AFG	lumeric 4
pania geria	Albanie (l')			4
geria		ΔΙ		
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	Algérie (l')	DZ	DZA	12
nerican Samoa	Samoa américaines (les)	AS	ASM	16
dorra	Andorre (l')	AD	AND	20
gola	Angola (l')	AO	AGO	24
guilla	Anguilla	Al	AIA	660
tarctica	Antarctique (l')	AQ	ATA	10
tigua and Barbuda	Antigua-et-Barbuda	AG	ATG	28
gentina	Argentine (l')	AR	ARG	32
menia	Arménie (l')	AM	ARM	51
uba	Aruba	AW	ABW	533
stralia	Australie (l')	AU	AUS	36
stria	Autriche (l')	AT	AUT	40
erbaijan	Azerbaïdjan (l')	AZ	AZE	31
hamas (the)	Bahamas (les)	BS	BHS	44
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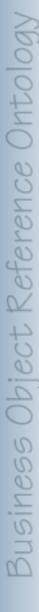
a\_collect - Example - ISO 3166 - Part 1 -- Country code.xlsx





### BORO top level tables

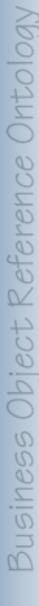
- The top level needs to be introduced to the pipeline
- Various ways of doing this
- Mere, we add it in directly at LOAD
  - this is done for you in the starter pack
- We add a simplified table version
  - suitable for the worked examples





# BORO top level tables - pure

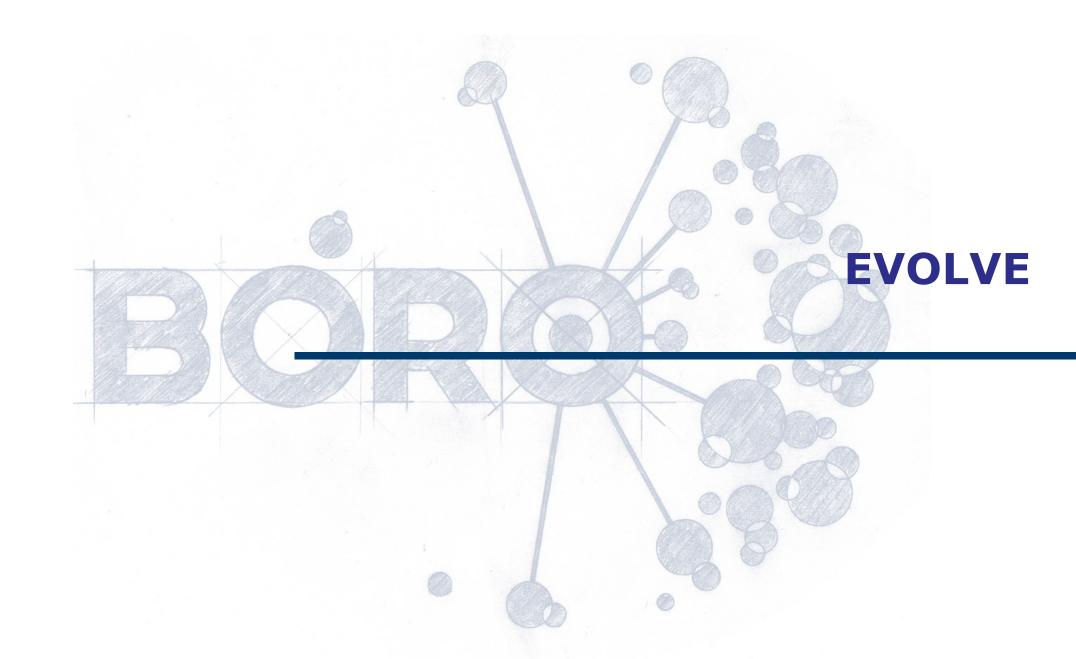
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Sets	bie_ids	names		
Individuals	bie_ids	names		
Tuples	bie_ids			
elements-sets	bie_ids	element_bie_ids	set_bie_ids	
parts-wholes	bie_ids	part_bie_ids	whole_bie_ids	
sub-super-sets	bie_ids	sub_set_bie_ids	super_set_bie_ids	
tuple-places	bie_ids	placing_bie_ids	placed_bie_ids	place_numbers





# BORO top level tables - pragmatic

table_names	column_1_names	column_2_names	column_3_names	column_4_names
Sets	bie_ids	names		
Individuals	bie_ids	names		
Tuples	bie_ids	place1_bie_ids	place2_bie_ids	place3_bie_ids
grounding-relation- places	bie_ids	relation-place- type_names	placing_bie_ids	placed_bie_ids
elements-sets	bie_ids	element_bie_ids	set_bie_ids	
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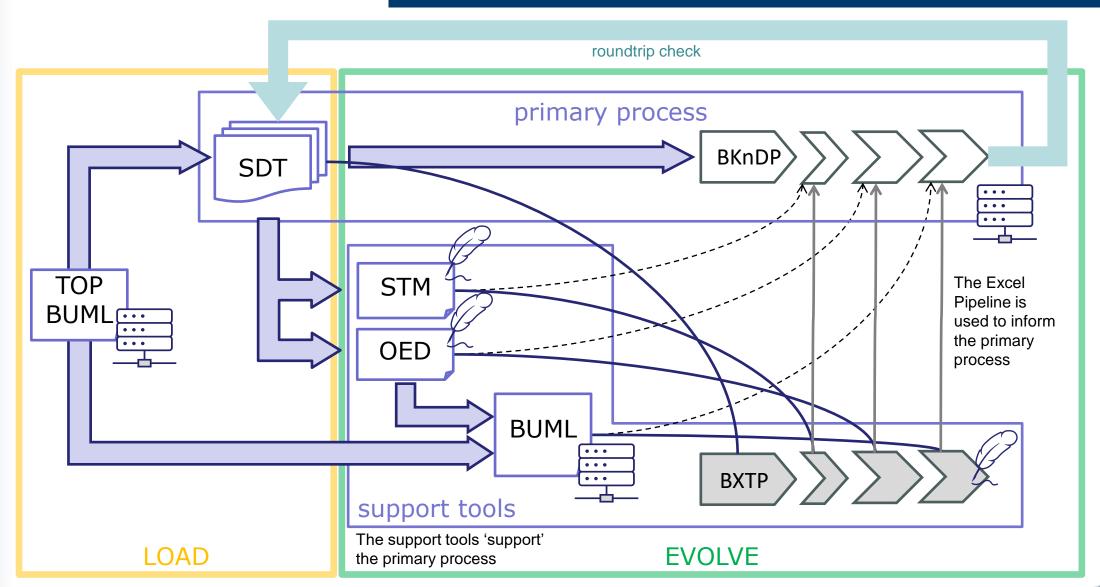


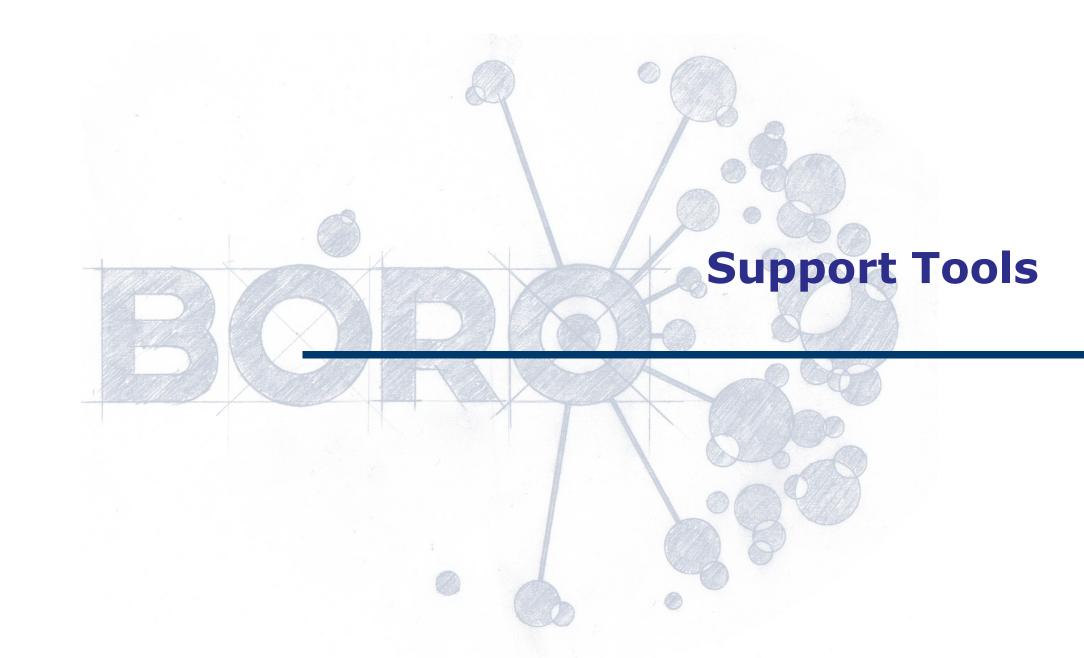
- Same process stages for both practical problems
- Broadly,
  - there is
    - a support process that 'designs' the pipeline
      - this has human aspects
    - a primary process that IS the pipeline
      - this is a 'pure' machine process
        - the process is executable, repeatable and inspectable
- Hopefully,
  - building the primary process will help you experience the practice on ontologising a pipeline

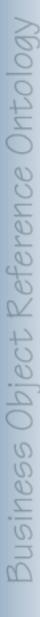




### **EVOLVE** - practical problem process







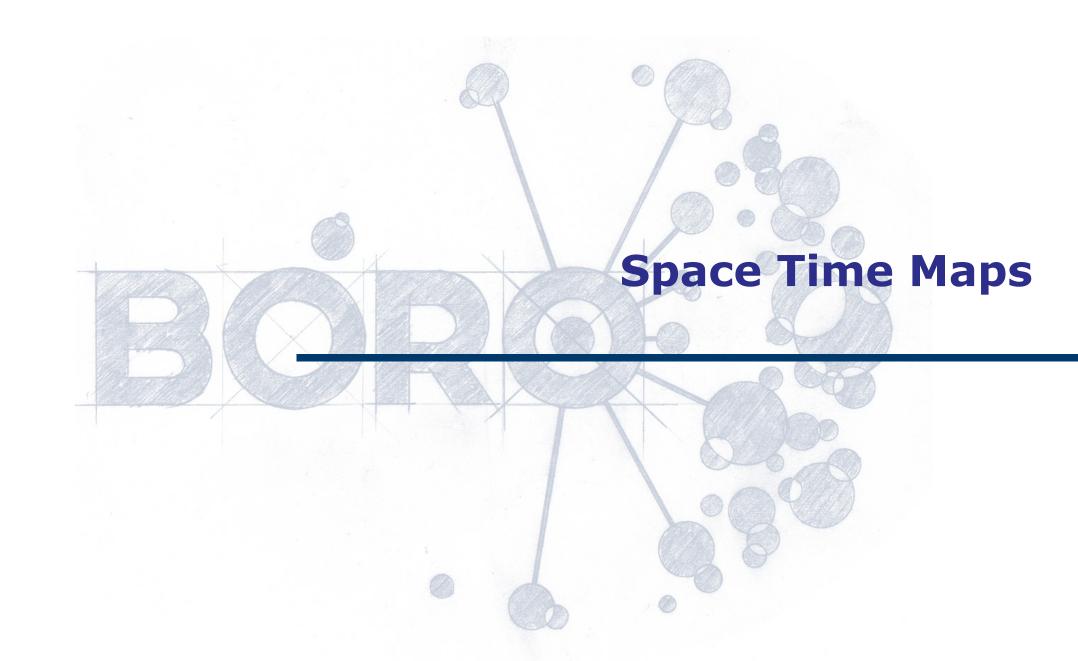


## Four BORO Summer School support tools

Abbreviation	Name
STM	Space Time Maps
OED	Ontological Euler Diagrams
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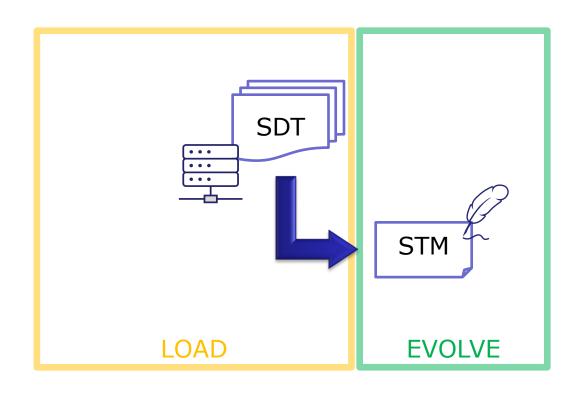
These Summer School 'tools' are part of a much wider, richer toolkit They are useful pedagogical devices

As often, with practices, once one gains competence with these, one deploys them in innovative radically different ways





# Practical problem process





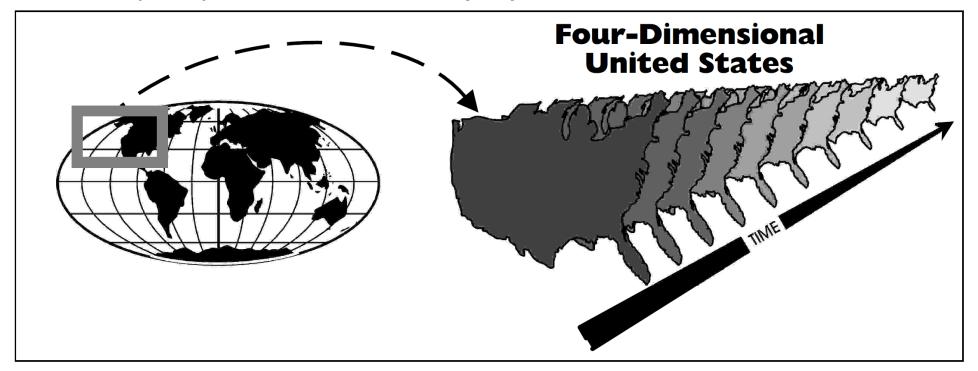
- STMs Focus on Individuals
  - other BORO objects are constructed from (grounded in) Individuals
- STMs are an intuitive way of visualising the mereology of Individuals
  - in particular the overlap and part hood relations
- As Individuals (in BORO) have a mereological extensional criteria of identity
  - the 'extensional' two-dimensional surface of a page (or screen) has sufficiently similar characteristics to represent 'directly' (visually) the mereology
  - humans find this a useful tool



- STMs are typically used as a first stage of analysis, where in the second stage these are translated into a BORO model
- STMs provide an easy way to visualise 4D elements in a domain
  - and as such are a useful way to start understanding them
- The STM visualisation aims to abstract the individuals to their mereological essentials
- Too time consuming to draw for the whole domain
  - so, collect representative examples of important 'typical' mereological relations
  - these are candidates for STMs



- BORO is an extensional ontology
  - the criterion of identity for Individuals is mereological (spatio-temporal) extension
  - or more colloquially four-dimensional (4D)

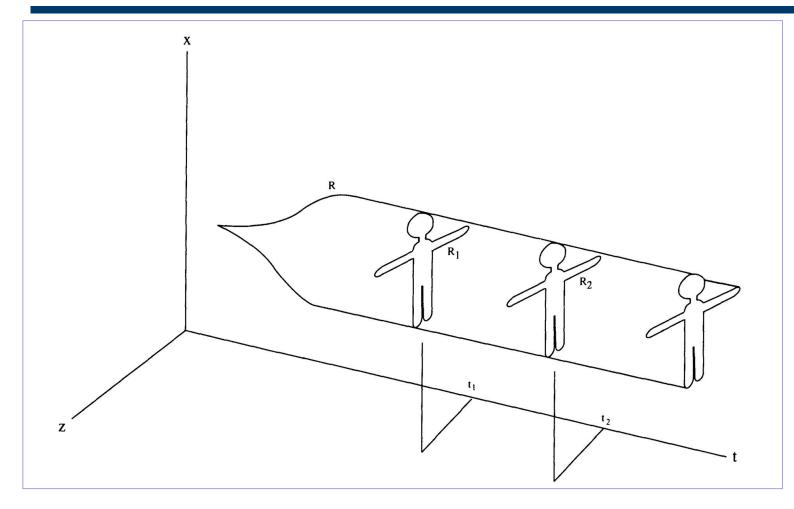




## Van Inwagen's space-time diagrams

Not that usual, but STMs appear in various places.

In this case, not quite the same, less focus on exact mereology.

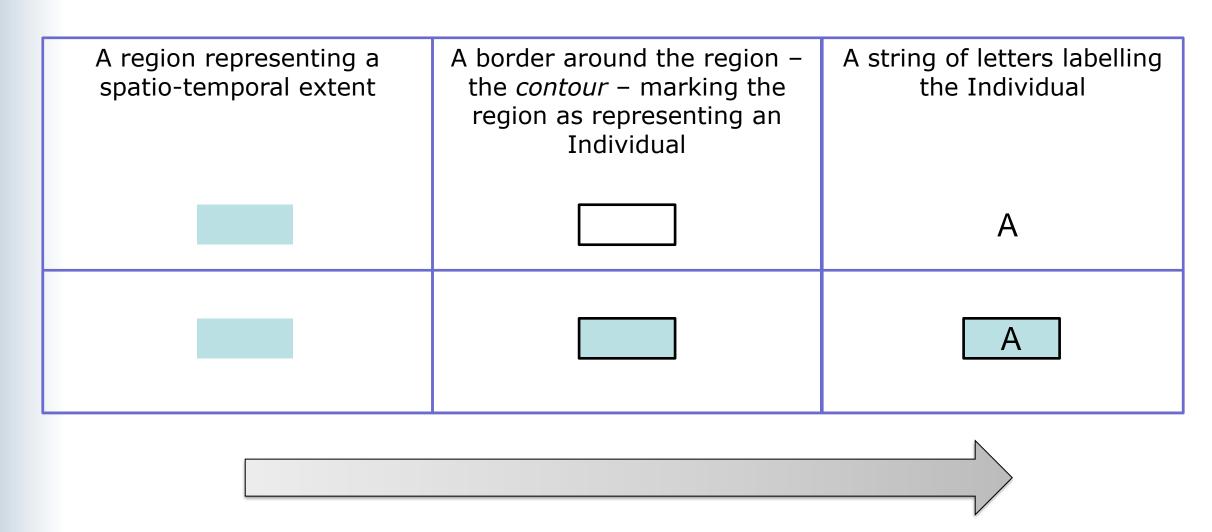


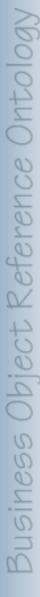
Van Inwagen, P. (1990). Four-Dimensional Objects. Noûs, 24(2), 245.





# Three components of an STM Individual







## The Gergonne five possible extensional relations

The Gergonne relations give the five possible ways in which two objects can simply share extension



coincident	contained	overlap	contains	disjoint
"if and only if every a is a b and every b is an a"	"if and only if every a is a b and not every b is an a"	"if and only if it is not the case that either every a is a b or every b is an a or no a is a b"	"if and only if every b is an a and not every a is a b"	"if and only if no a is a b"
		ab		

Based upon: J. A. Faris - The Gergonne Relations - The Journal of Symbolic Logic, Vol. 20, No. 3 (Sep., 1955), pp. 207-231 based upon: J. D. Gergonne, Essai de dialectique rationelle, Annales des mathematiques pures et appliquees, Vol. 7, (1817).

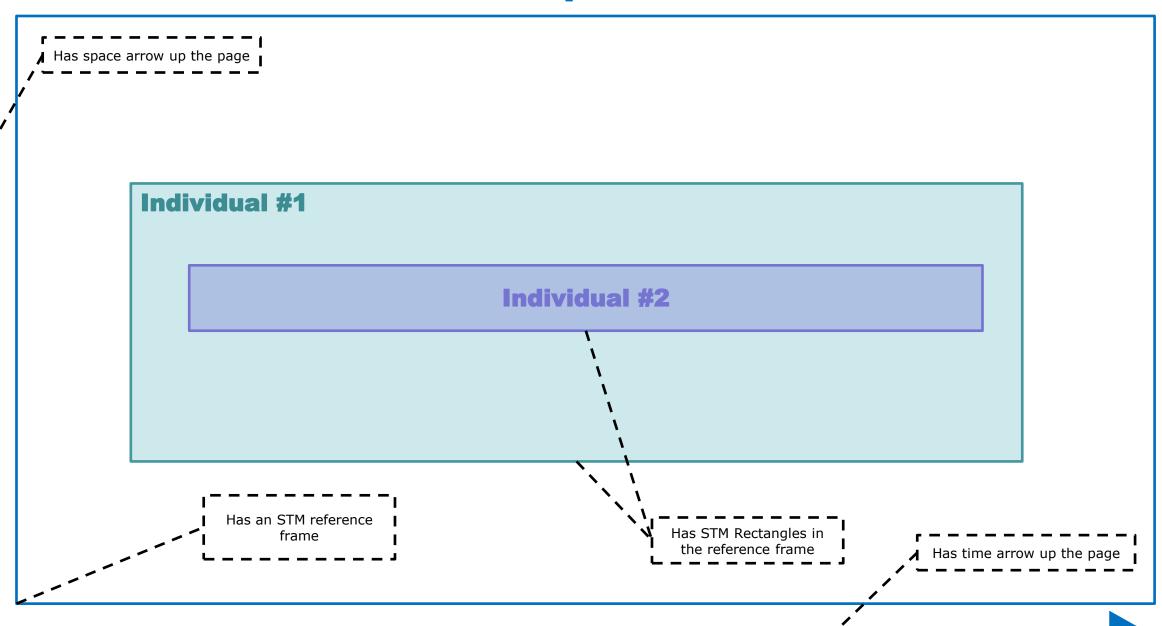


## How to recognise STMs

- Clues to look for
  - space axis along the left side of the page
  - time axis across the bottom of the page
  - reference frame contained within the axes
  - Individual rectangles (shapes) in the reference frame



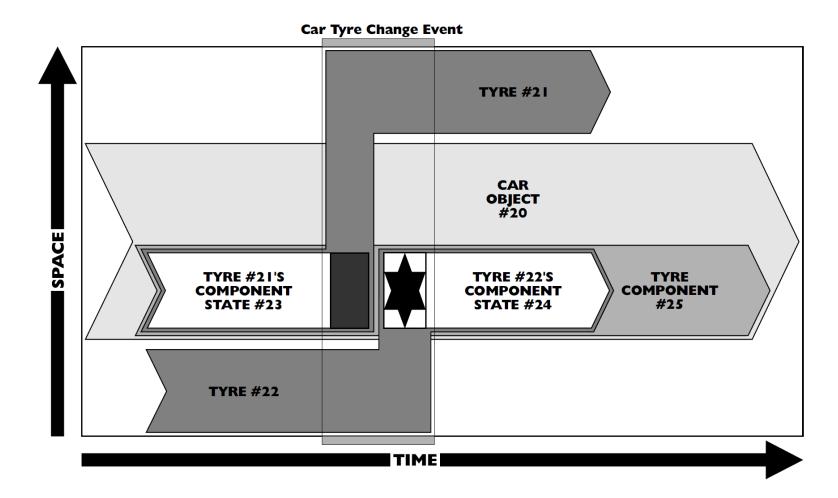
## **Lore ipsum**





## Patterns: overlap

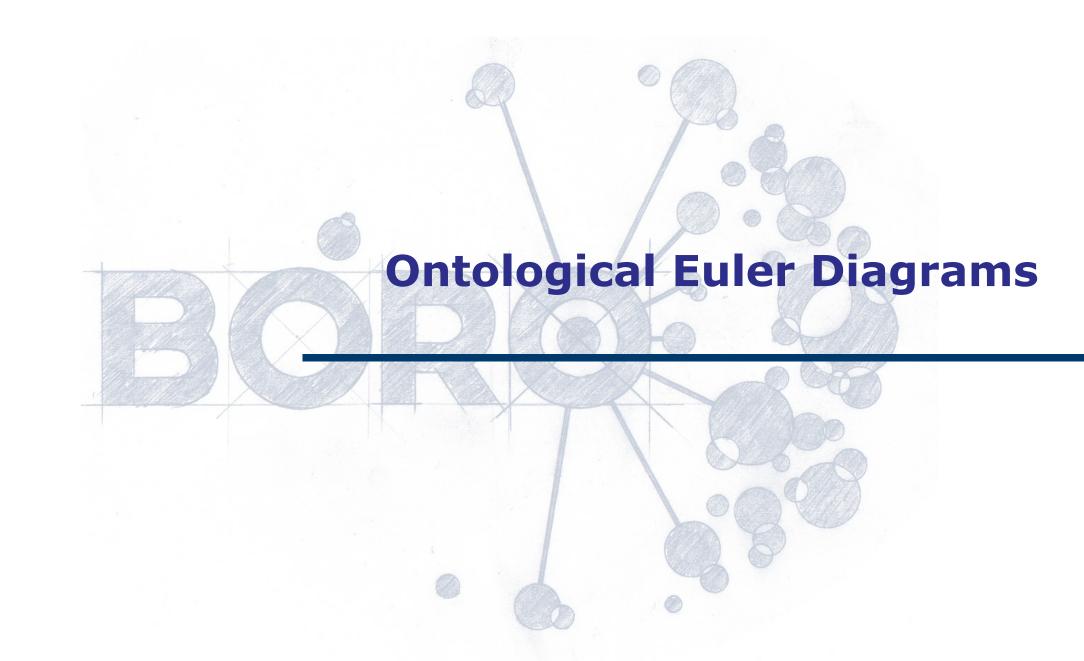
Figure 8.14: Car tyre change space-time map



From Business Objects: Re-engineering for Reuse

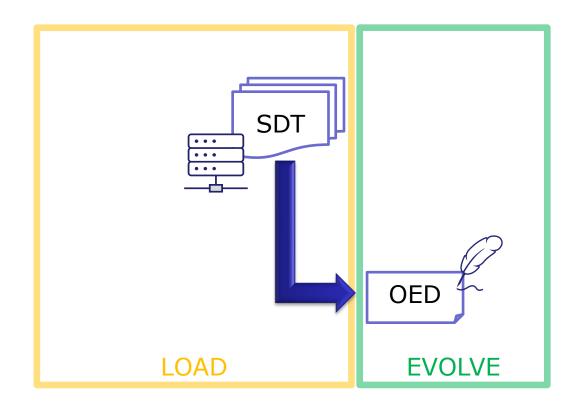


- The 2D reference frame picks out the relevant fragment of the 4D domain
- The domain's objects are shown as boxes
  - a box's boundary represents the Individual's real boundary
  - boxes' containment, overlap, etc. show the mereological relationships between Individuals
  - a box's name helps to further identify the Individual





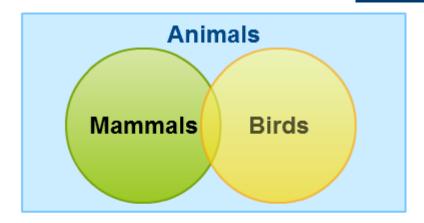
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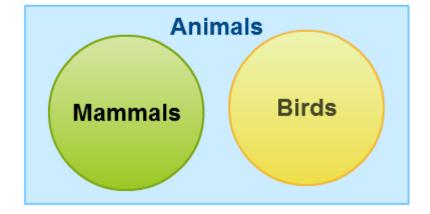


# Euler not Venn diagrams

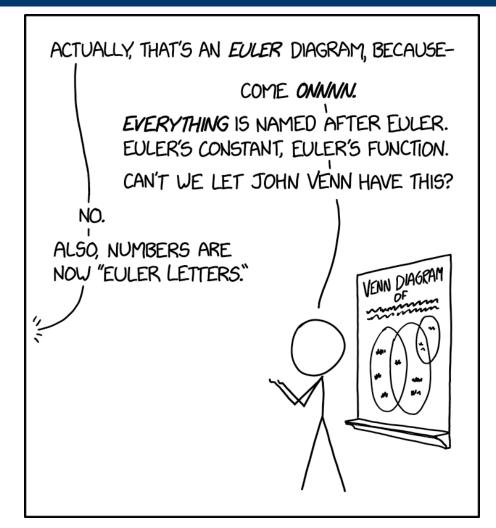
V E N N



E U L E R



A Venn diagrams show all combinations (even impossible ones).



https://xkcd.com/2721/



# Types in a BORO foundational ontology

- Sets' identity relations
  - from an ontological perspective, these will exist simpliciter
  - from an epistemic perspective, we may or may not know whether these exist
  - an ontological picture should not contain epistemological elements
  - to handle this issue, for the topic of the Euler diagram
    - we make a set identity relation omniscience assumption
      - in other words, all the identity relations between sets are known
- With this assumption, it makes sense to adopt
  - the 'Existential Import Convention'
    - where adding a region to the Euler diagram implies that it exists
      - in other words, it has members



# Sets in a BORO foundational ontology

- In BOROs' extensional ontology
  - given a Set's identity is grounded in its members
  - then the way in which two Sets' identity can be related are broadly
    - with the same members are identical
    - with different members are not identical
    - that share members are partially identical
    - with no members in common are disjoint





# Three basic extensional set patterns – for two sets

There are only three ways two sets can be 'identity' related

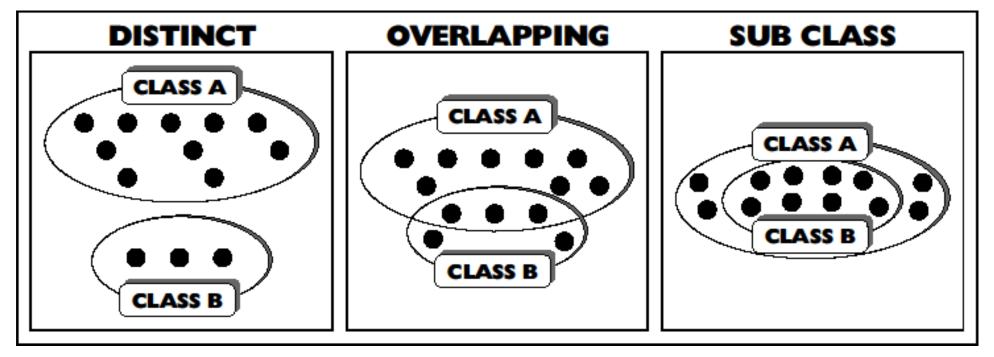
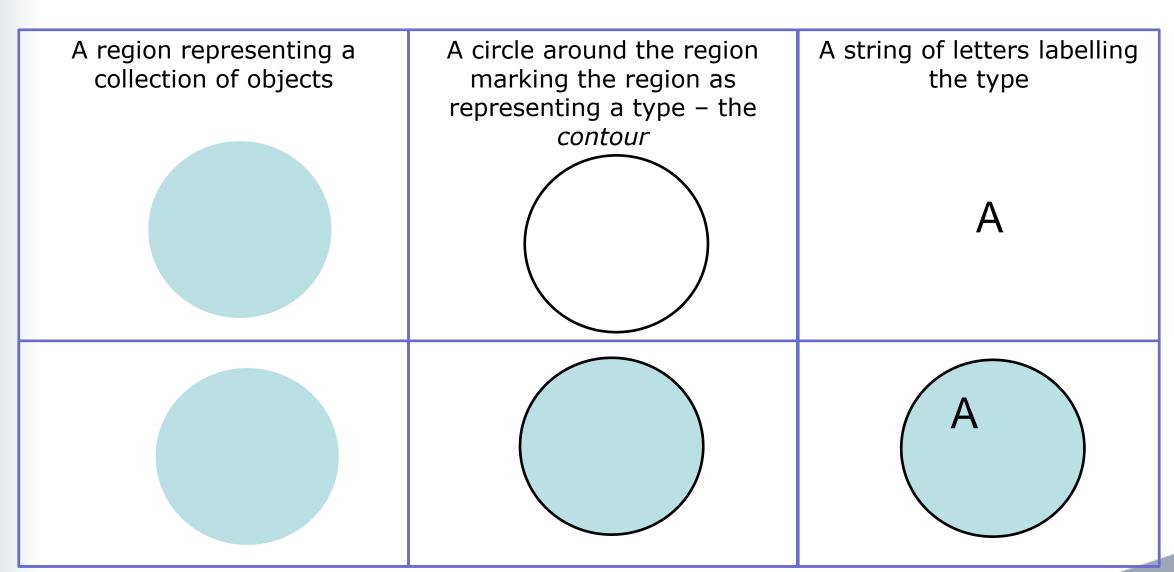


Figure 10.15 - Pattern for classes
From Business Objects: Re-engineering for Reuse





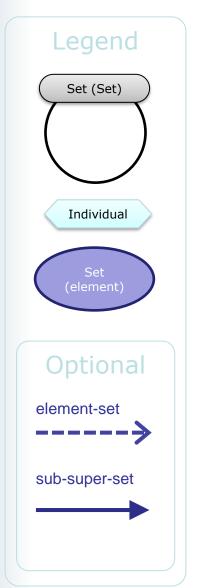
## Three components of an Euler set

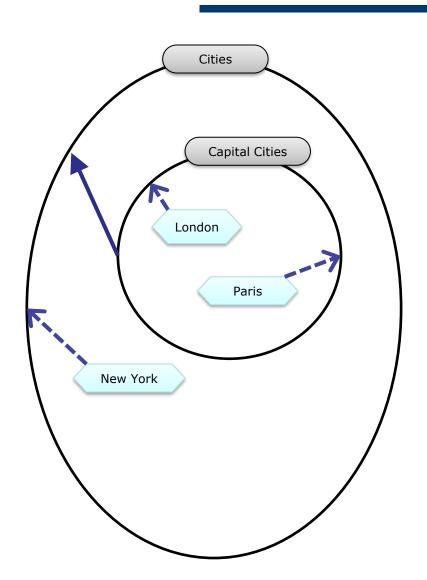


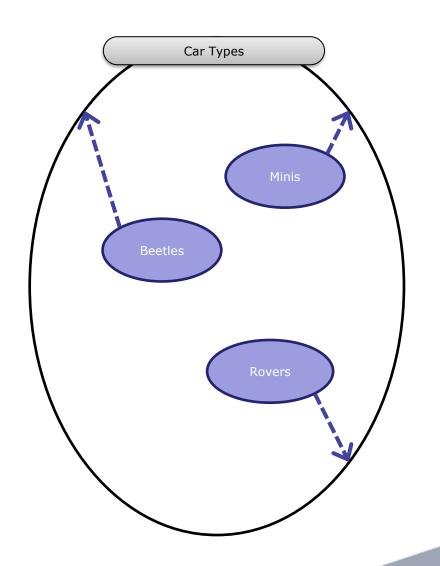




# Example simple order type OEDs

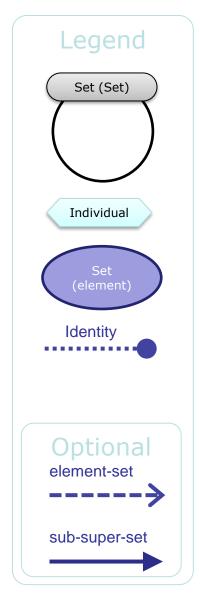


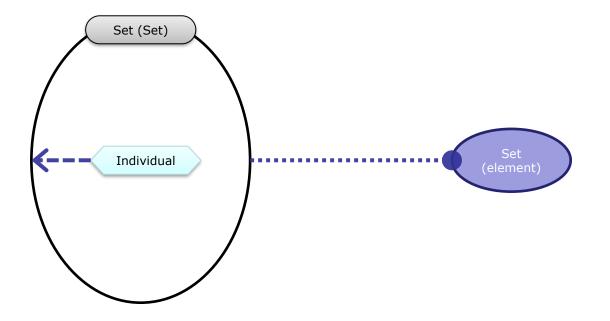






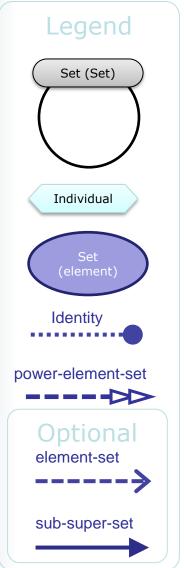
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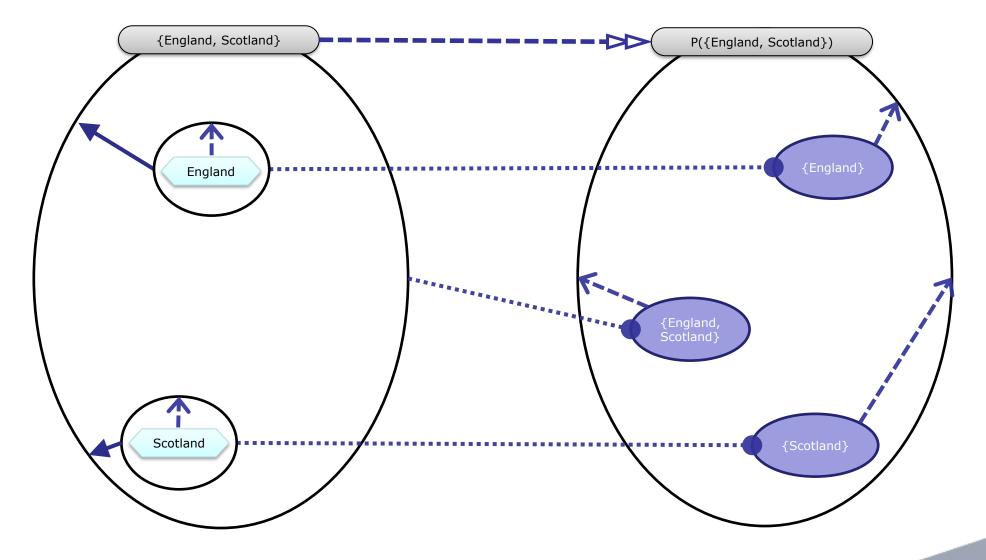






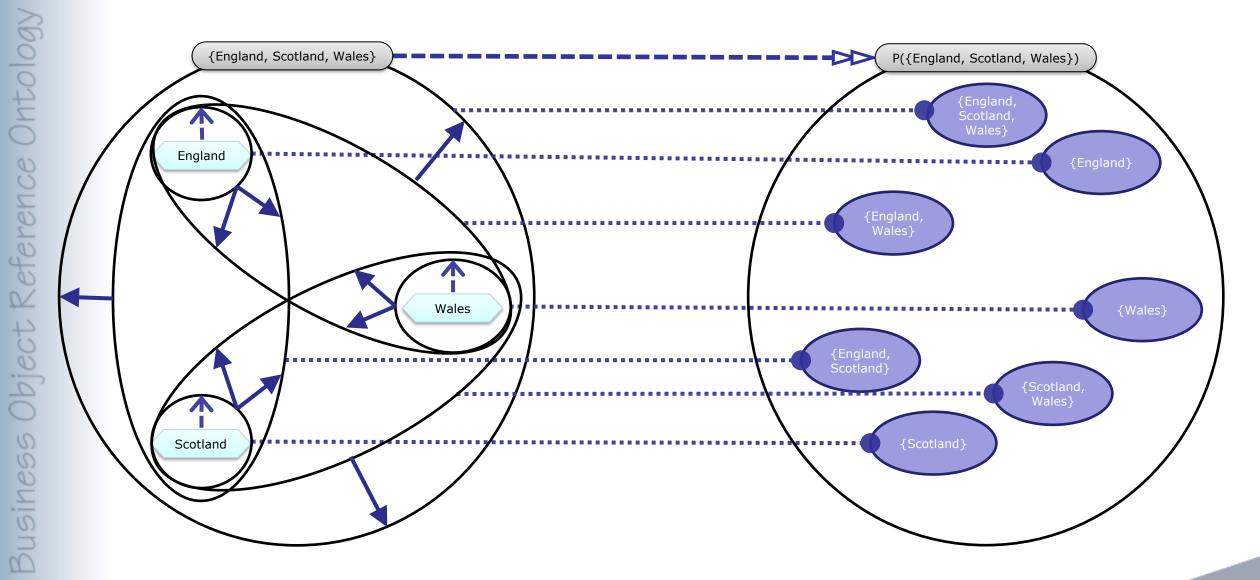
# OED powerset pattern: two member types

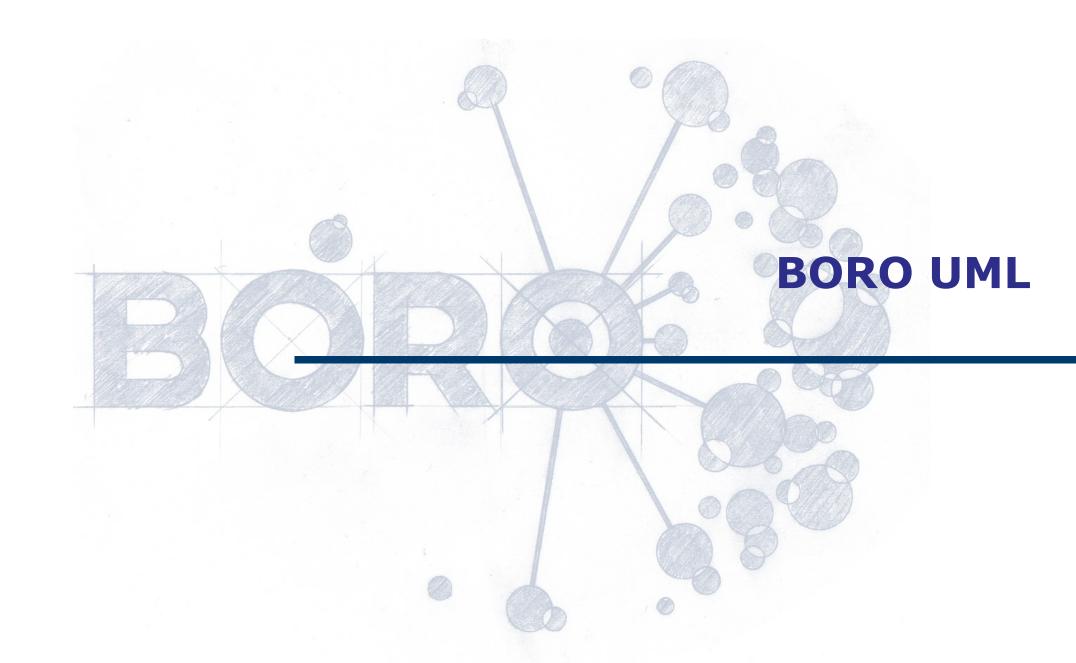






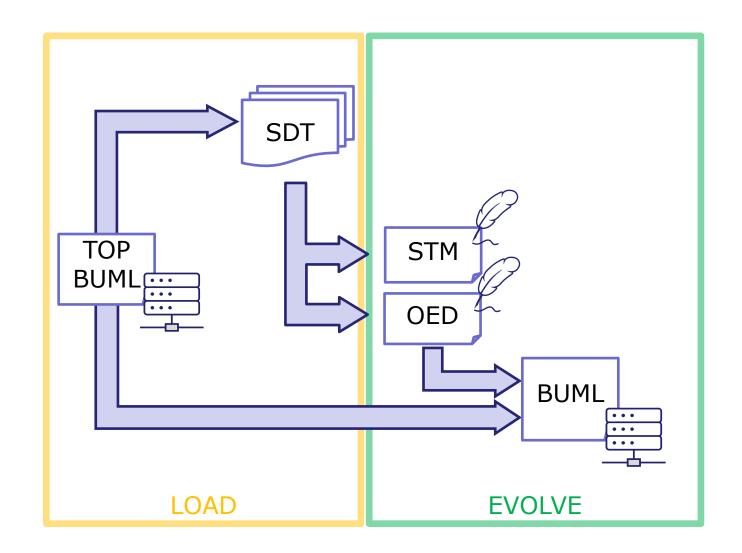
# Multiple order patterns: OED powerset pattern





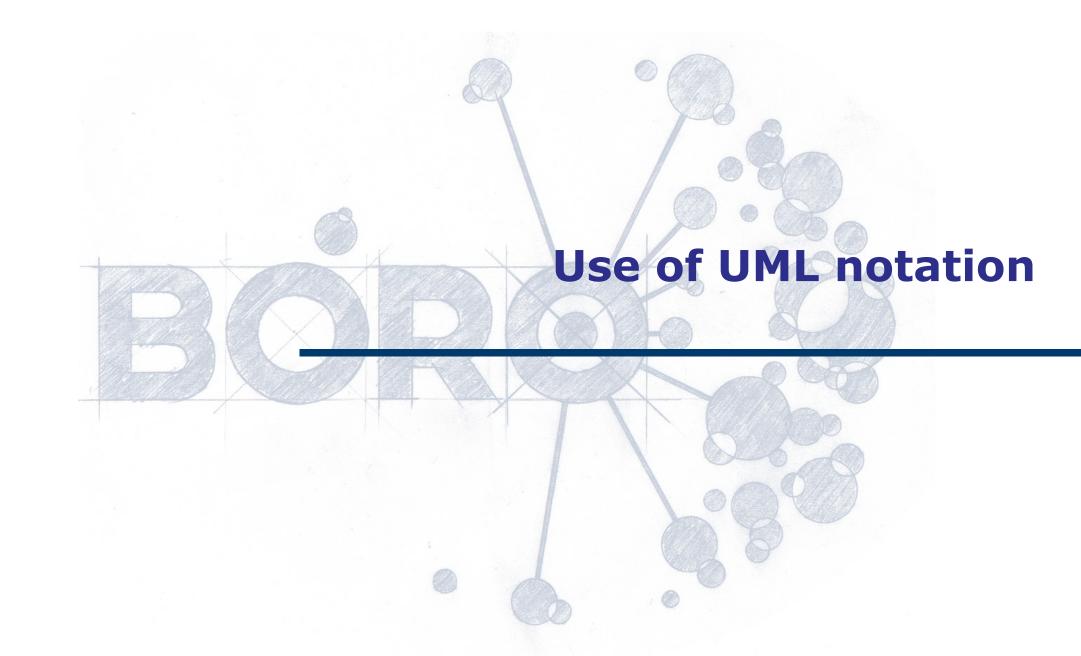


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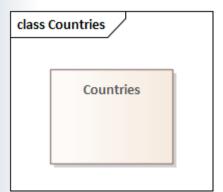


- BUML is the BORO variant of UML
- We use UML notation to visualise BORO ontological structure
  - UML classes
  - UML generalizations, dependencies, n-ary associations and associations
- In addition, we make use of stereotypes, for various purposes, e.g., to indicate the ontological category of the represented objects
- All of these are used with a specific sense, which sometimes may deviate from the UML conventions. The BUML sense is defined by the underlying constructional semantics
- We use Enterprise Architect to draw diagrams, but other software options are available





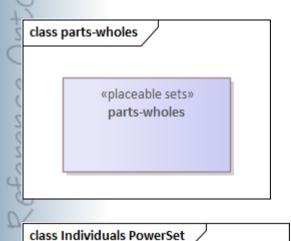
## Use of UML classes



We use UML classes to represent sets, e.g., sets of Countries.



#### Use of UML classes



«PowerSets»
Individuals PowerSet

Sometimes, sets contain higher-order objects, like tuples.

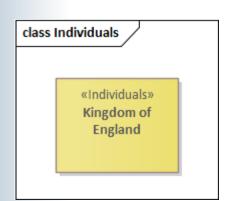
Stereotype <<pre><<pre>category of the represented objects,
But we do not expect you to follow this convention in your work study.

Sets may also contain sets.

Stereotype << PowerSets>> refers to the ontic category of the represented objects, But we do not expect you to follow this convention in your work study.



### Use of UML classes



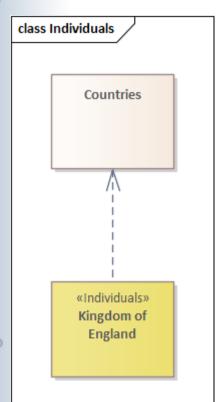
Also we use UML classes to represent Individuals.

Stereotype << Individuals>> shows the ontic category of the represented object, we do not expect you to follow this convention in your work study.

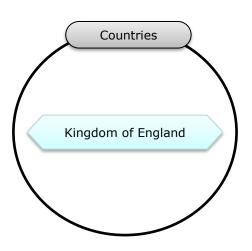


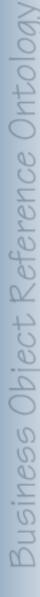


# Use of UML dependencies



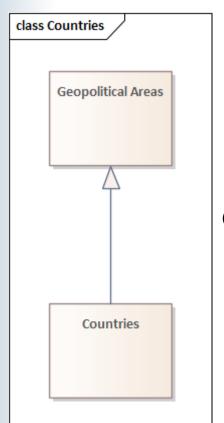
Dependency link shows element-sets (tuple).



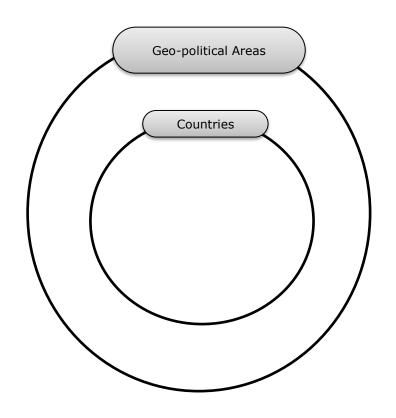




# Use of UML generalizations



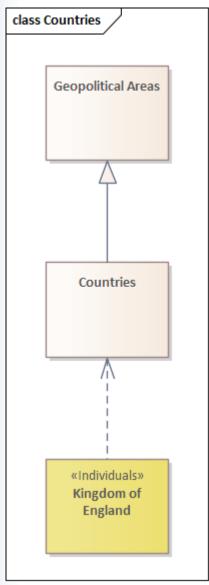
Generalization link shows sub-super-sets (tuple).

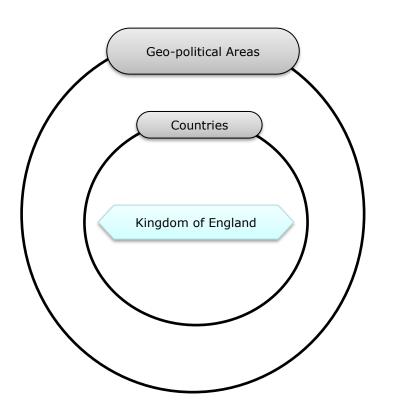


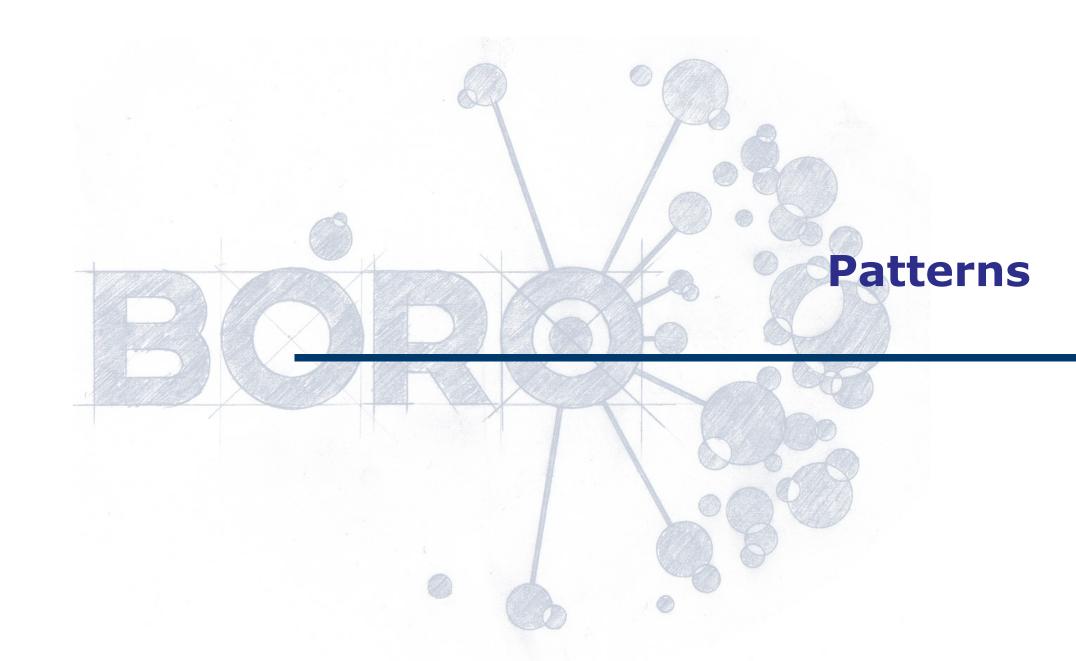




# Use of UML dependencies and generalizations



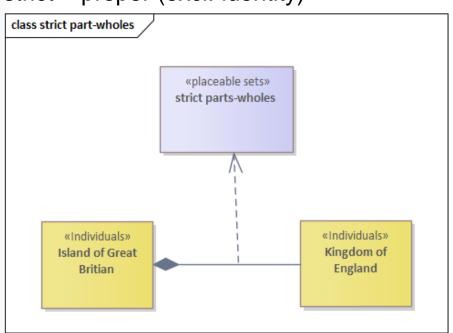






# Parts-wholes - basic pattern

#### strict = proper (excl. identity)



Kingdom of England

Island of Great Britain

UML composition shows part-whole (tuple).

<<pre><<place1>> and <<place2>> association stereotypes show,
respectively, the whole and the part.



# Parts-wholes - full pattern

class strict part-wholes Individuals parts-wholes «placeable sets» **Geopolitical Areas** strict parts-wholes Regions Countries «Individuals» England

parts-wholes includes identity tuples, e.g., <London, London>.

**Kingdom of England** 

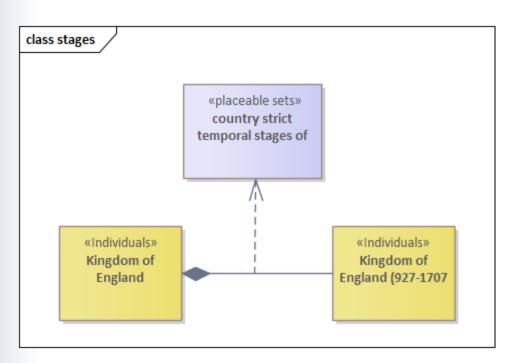
**Island of Great Britain** 

strict parts-wholes is a **set** of tuples, so it can have supersets (and subsets).

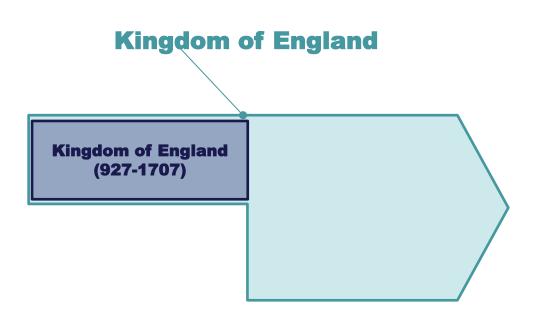
<<pre><<part>> and <<whole>> association stereotypes show,
respectively, the whole and the part.



## Temporal stages – basic pattern

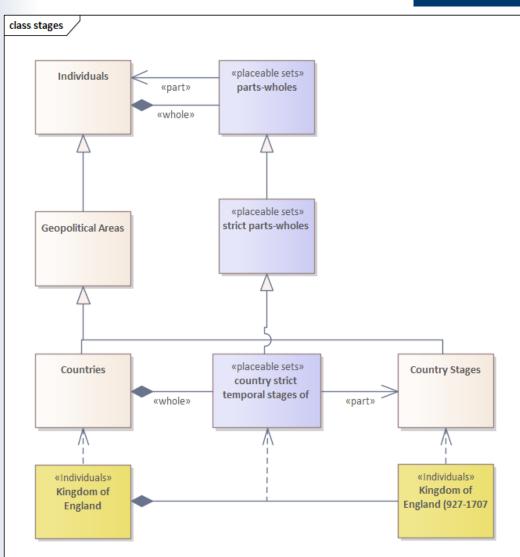


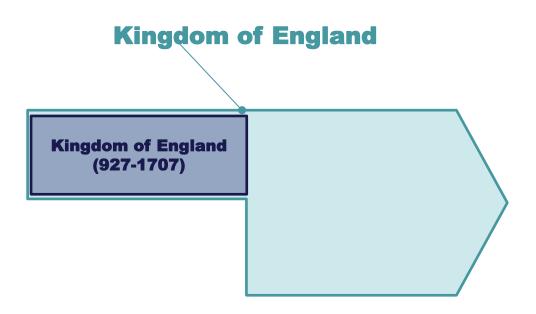
UML composition shows the temporal-stages (tuple).





# Temporal stages – full pattern



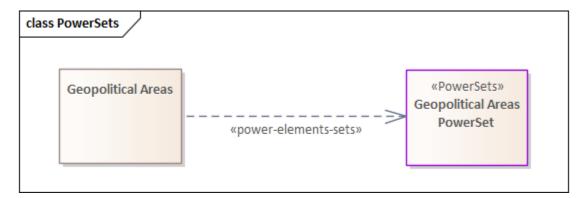


country strict temporal stages of is a **set** of tuples, so it can have supersets (and subsets)



## Powerset pattern

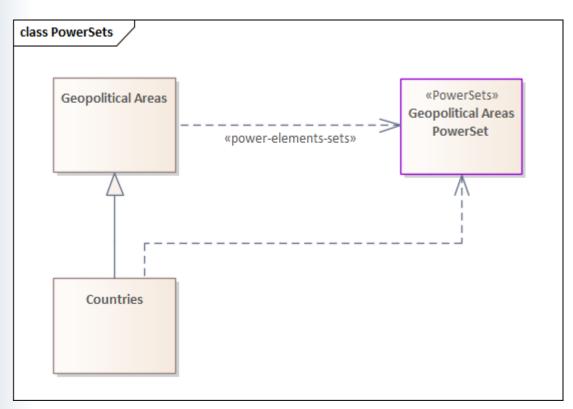
set of geopolitical areas set of all subsets of set of geopolitical areas



dependency stereotype shows the set and its powerset



# Powerset pattern – implicit tuples

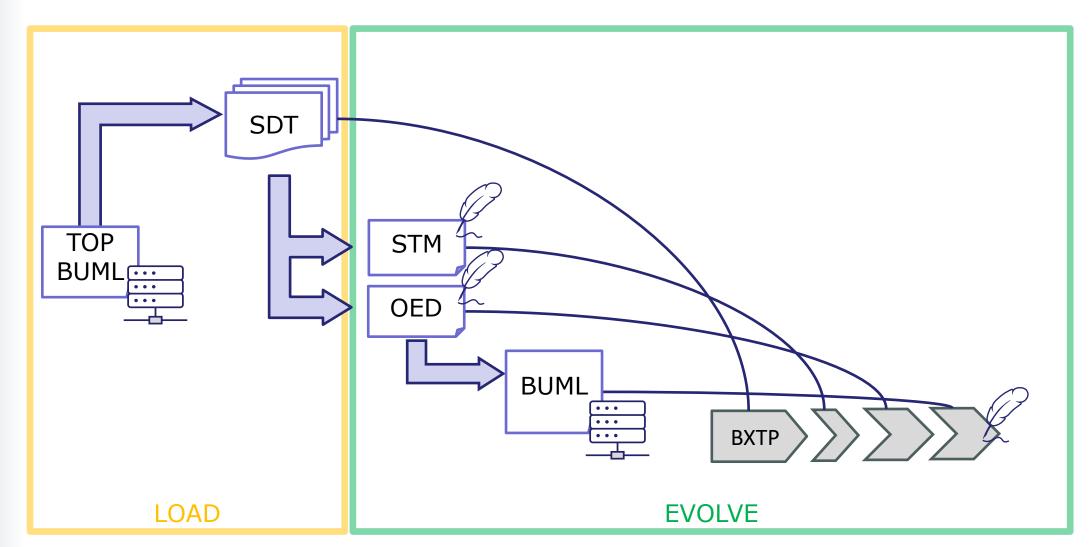


Dependency shows implicit element-set (tuple).

# **BORO eXcel Table (Manual) Pipeline**



# Practical problem process





#### Micro transformation pipeline architecture

- Define by contrast
  - not a single monolithic structure
    - for example, a single complex transformation between two schemas
- Pipeline consists of a network of simple micro transformations
  - the micro transformations are:
    - algorithmic they can be coded
    - simple to allow for maximal inspectability
    - are repeatable
    - aim to be reusable
      - there is an 'art' to finding high levels of reusability

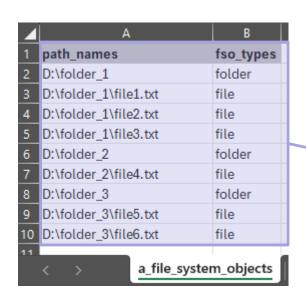


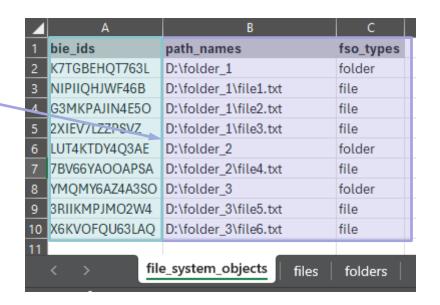
#### 'Formal' transformation patterns

- Repeatable, reusable 'formal' patterns
  - can use same computer code
    - with enough work



#### LOAD – bie-ise identifier pattern





A column is added to the beginning of the table

- Its name is 'bie\_ids'
- The cells uniquely identify the row of the table
   No changes are made to the other columns



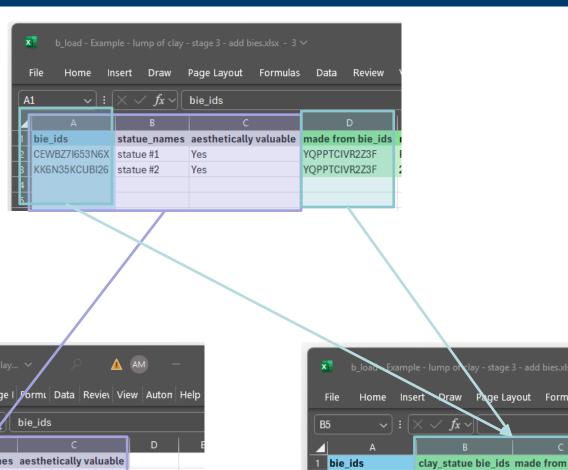
#### Column split pattern

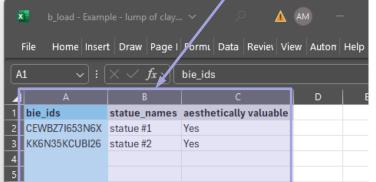
Note: the identifying bie\_ids column is 'inherited' by both split tables.

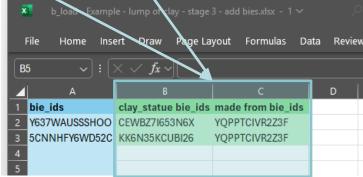
The pattern of inheritance can be of two types.

- 1. Identifier preserving
- 2. Identifier introducing.

This is driven by the intuition of the intended identity.

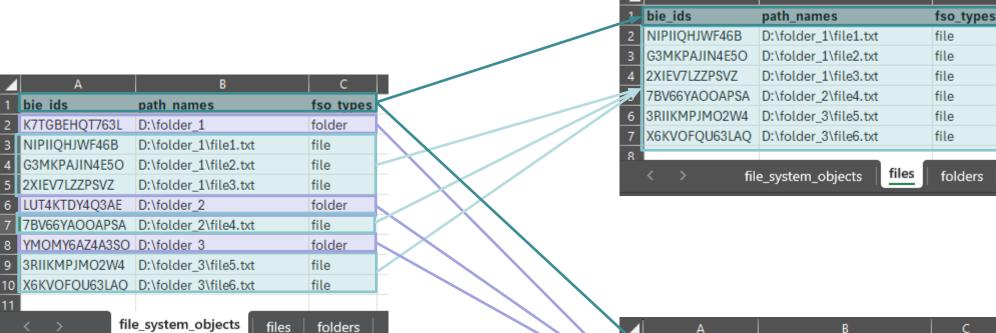






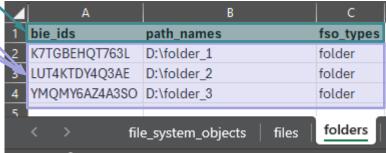


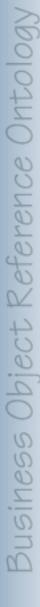
#### Row split pattern



#### Typically:

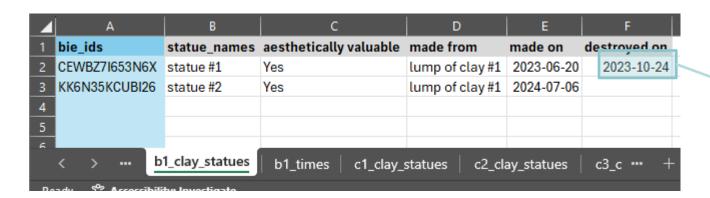
- The column heading row is in ALL output tables.
  - The output tables all have the same format
- All rows are in one or other of the split tables.



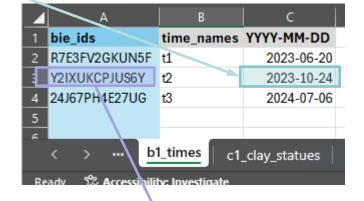




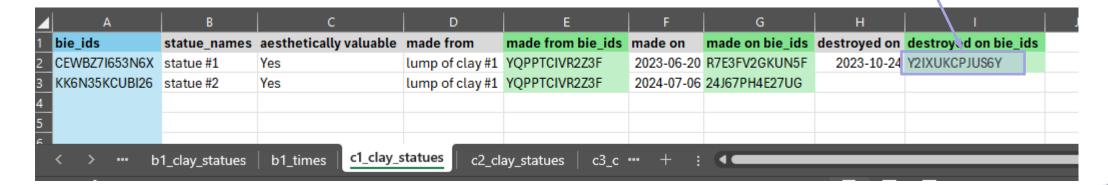
#### Implicit foreign key bie-ise pattern – stage 1 – add bie\_ids

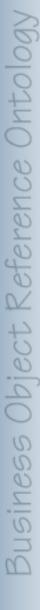


Some columns will be foreign keys This needs to be made explicit Match the value in the Foreign table



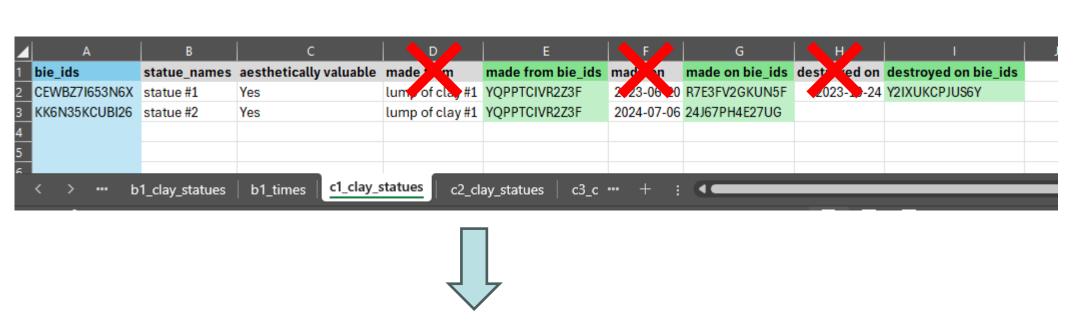
Add bie id to new column

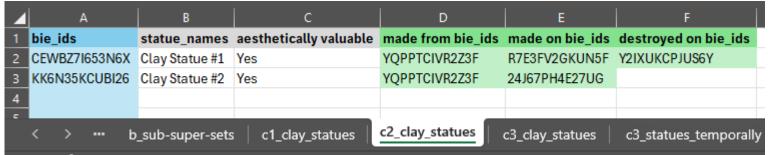






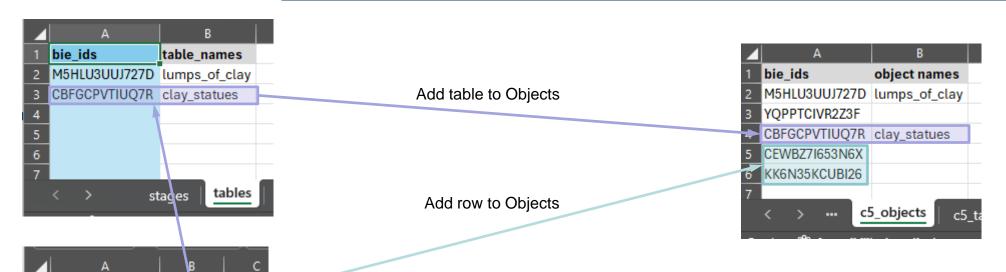
## Implicit foreign key bie-ise pattern – stage 2 – remove original columns







#### Table-Column heading pushdown pattern



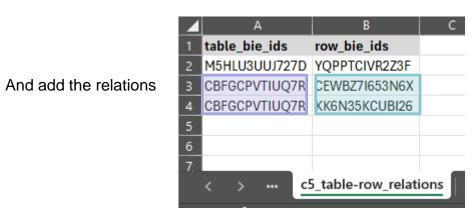
Tables and column headings can represent objects

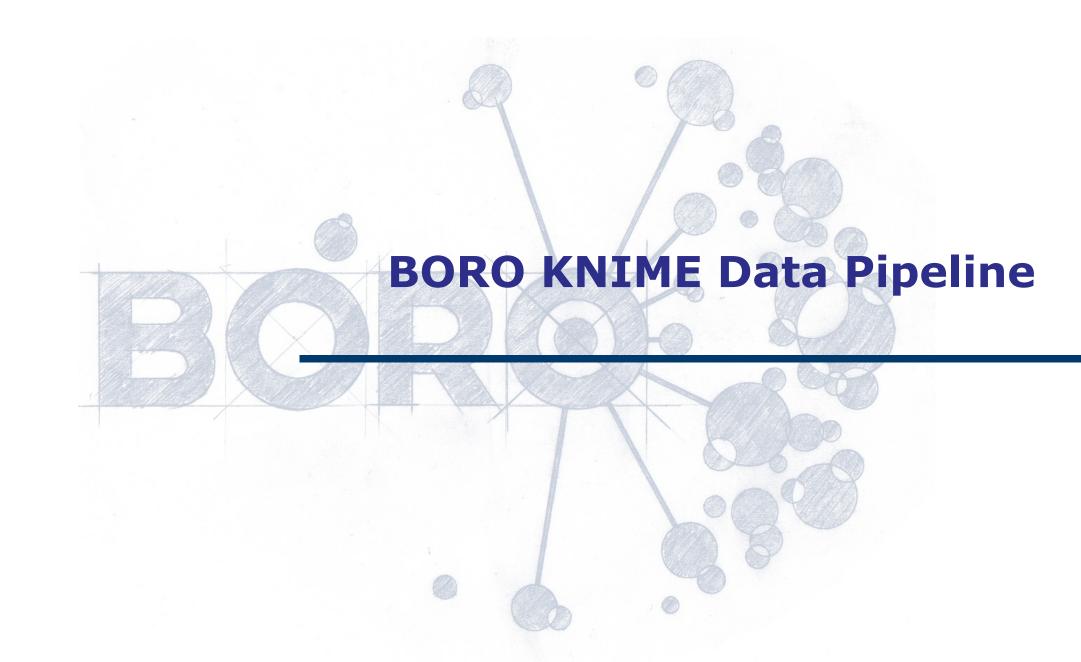
Useful to have these as rows in the domain.

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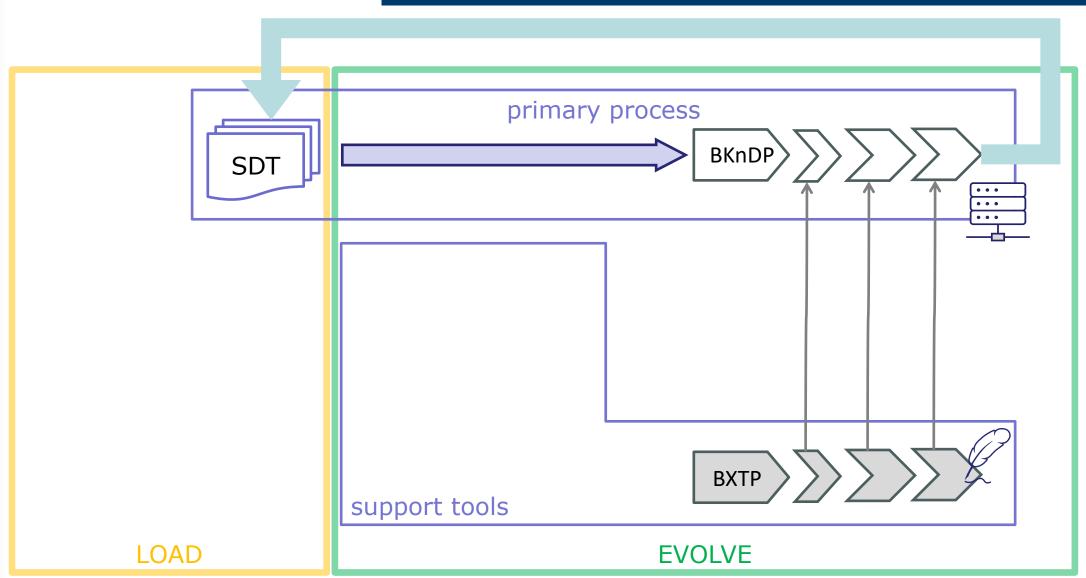
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### Practical problem process





- To attempt to automatically (using a machine/computer) transform the input into the designed output
  - acquire a feel for
    - the constraints upon these kinds of machine pipeline transformations
    - the nature of these kinds of machine pipeline transformations
- To attempt to build reusable micro transformations
  - acquire a feel for the reuse economics of transformation patterns

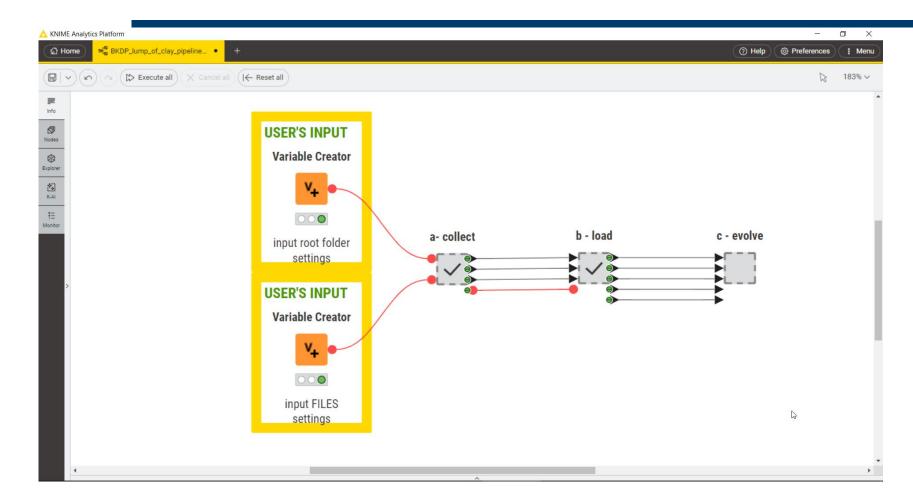


#### **BORO KNIME Data Pipeline**

- The 'BORO excel Table (Manual) Pipeline' should provide a sufficiently detailed specification of most of the micro transformations
  - the KNIME is an implementation of the specification
  - Developing the code to execute the transformation automatically should clarify the formal moves that need to be made

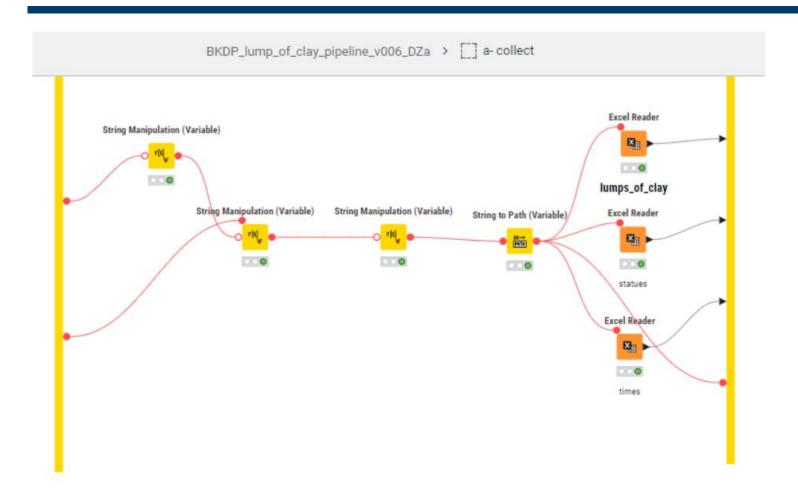


#### Knime top level – bCLEARer stages





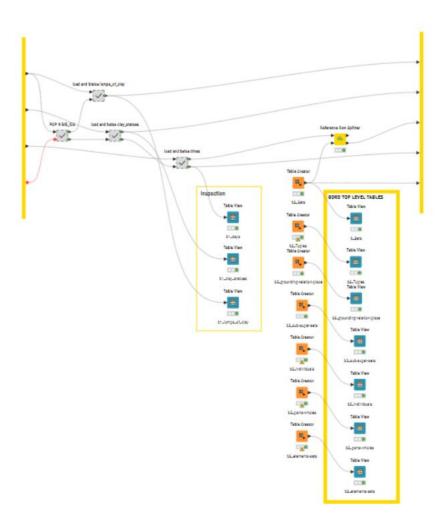
#### Knime COLLECT – done





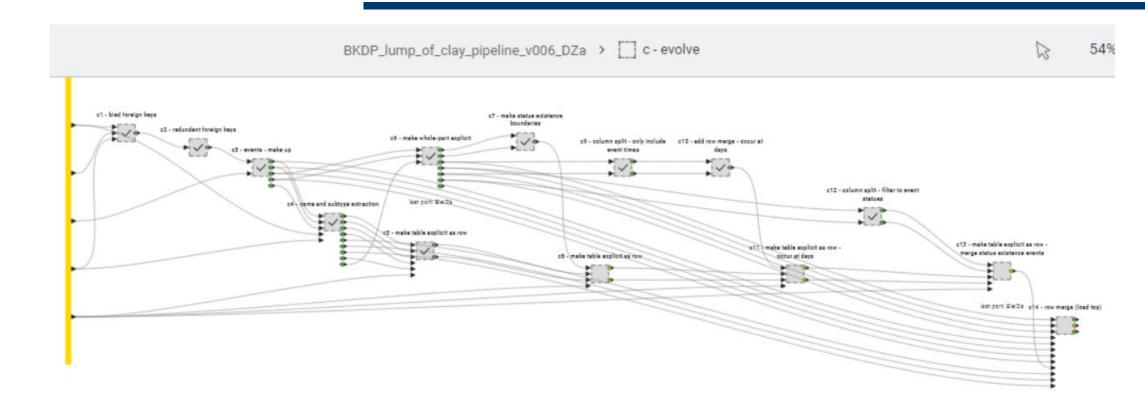
#### Knime LOAD – done

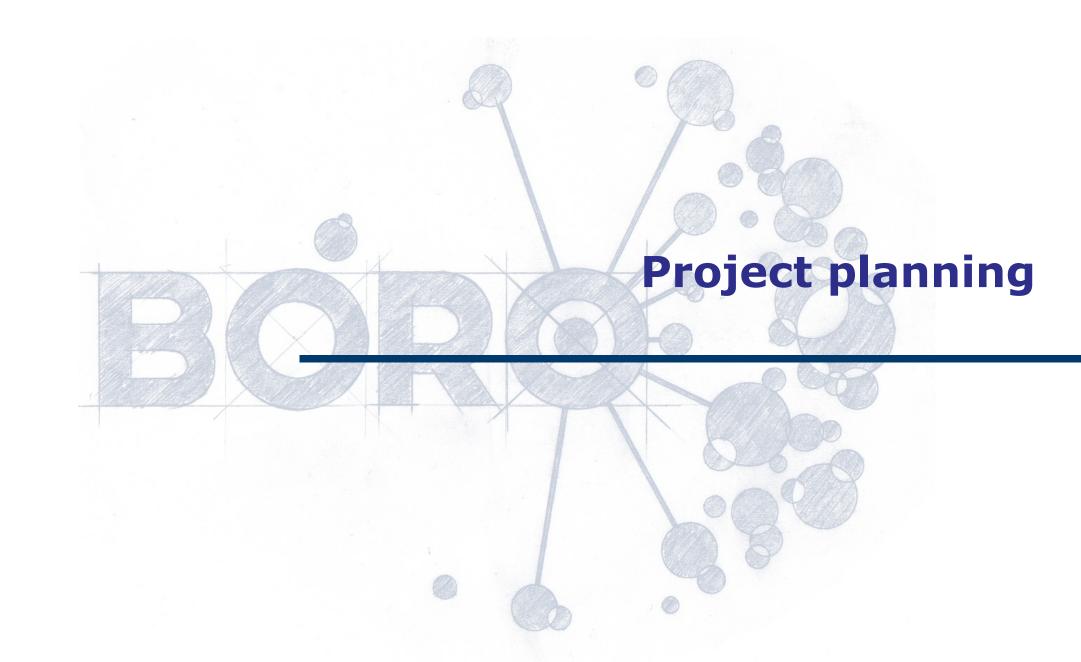
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#### Knime Evolve – work in here







#### Suggested project planning

- Remember everything is on GitHub
- Suggest you plan your 'project'
  - probably better to do a little of each task,
    - rather than just complete the first few
- Task order earlier tasks feed into later tasks
  - 1. STM
  - 2. OED
  - 3. BUML
  - 4. BXTP
  - 5. BKnDP
- Try to do at least 1, 2 and 4
  - if you can, try a little 5 (block out the last half hour to try)
- Remember task 5 has starter code









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