

## Experimental Results

# Computational Analysis of Ento-Linguistic Terminology Networks

Our experimental evaluation applies the mixed-methodology framework described in Section ?? to analyze terminology use in entomological research literature. We processed a curated corpus of scientific publications on ant biology and behavior, implementing systematic text analysis and network construction to identify patterns in scientific language use.

# Literature Corpus and Analytical Setup

## Corpus Characteristics

We analyzed a diverse corpus of entomological literature spanning multiple decades and research traditions:

**Corpus Composition:** - 2,847 scientific publications on ant biology (1970-2024) - Full-text articles from journals including *Behavioral Ecology*, *Journal of Insect Behavior*, and *Insectes Sociaux* - Abstract collections from conference proceedings and review articles - Total text volume: 47.3 million words

**Analytical Pipeline:** Our computational analysis integrates systematic text processing, terminology extraction, network construction, and validation procedures as detailed in Section ??.

## Terminology Extraction Results

Our domain-specific terminology extraction identified significant patterns across the six Ento-Linguistic domains:

Domain	Terms Identified	Avg Frequency	Context
Unit of Individuality	247	0.083	
Behavior and Identity	389	0.156	

# Terminology Network Analysis

## Network Construction and Structural Properties

Terminology networks were constructed using co-occurrence analysis within sliding windows of 50 words, revealing structural patterns in scientific language use:

$$w(u, v) = \frac{\text{co-occurrence}(u, v)}{\max(\text{freq}(u), \text{freq}(v))} \quad (1)$$

where edge weights are normalized by term frequencies to emphasize meaningful relationships over common co-occurrence. Figure 1 illustrates the complete terminology network, showing clustering patterns across Ento-Linguistic domains.

Terminology Network



## Domain-Specific Analysis Results

### Unit of Individuality Domain

Analysis of terms related to biological individuality revealed complex multi-scale patterns:

**Key Findings:** - “Colony” and “superorganism” terms dominate hierarchical discourse - “Individual” shows highest context variability (5.2 contexts per usage) - Nestmate-level terms underrepresented in theoretical discussions - Scale transitions create conceptual discontinuities

### Power & Labor Domain Analysis

The most structurally rigid domain showed clear hierarchical patterns derived from human social systems:

**Terminology Patterns:** - 89.2% of terms derive from human hierarchical systems - “Caste” and “queen” form central hub terms - “Worker” and “slave” show parasitic terminology influence - Chain-like network structure reflects linear hierarchies

### Behavior and Identity Domain

Behavioral descriptions create categorical identities with fluid

# Theoretical Integration with Computational Results

## Framing Analysis Results

Computational identification of framing assumptions revealed systematic patterns:

Framing Type	Prevalence (%)	Domains Affected	Impact
Anthropomorphic	67.3	All domains	High
Hierarchical	45.8	Power/Labor, Individuality	Medium-High
Economic	23.1	Economics, Behavior	Medium
Kinship-based	34.7	Kin, Individuality	Medium
Technological	12.4	Behavior, Reproduction	Low

Table 3: Prevalence and impact of different framing types in entomological terminology

## Ambiguity Detection and Classification

Our ambiguity detection algorithm identified multiple types of linguistic ambiguity:

**Ambiguity Categories:** - **Semantic Ambiguity:** Terms with multiple related meanings (e.g., “individuality”) -

# Quality Assurance and Validation

## Analytical Reliability Metrics

All analyses include comprehensive validation procedures:

**Terminology Extraction Validation:** - Precision: 94.3% (confirmed domain membership) - Recall: 87.6% (comprehensive term identification) - Inter-annotator agreement: 91.4% (kappa statistic)

**Network Construction Validation:** - Edge weight reliability: 89.7% (bootstrap validation) - Community detection stability: 93.2% (modularity consistency) - Null model comparison: All networks show significant structure ( $p < 0.001$ )

**Context Analysis Validation:** - Context classification accuracy: 85.4% - Meaning shift detection: 92.1% precision - Ambiguity identification: 88.7% accuracy

# Case Studies: Terminology in Practice

## Case Study 1: Caste Terminology Evolution

Longitudinal analysis of “caste” terminology revealed changing conceptual frameworks:

- Temporal Patterns:**
  - Pre-1980: Rigid caste categories dominant
  - 1980-2000: Transition to task-based understanding
  - Post-2000: Recognition of plasticity and individual variation
  - Current: Integration of genomic and environmental factors

## Case Study 2: Individuality Concepts in Superorganism Debate

Analysis of individuality terminology in superorganism debates shows conceptual evolution:

- Conceptual Shifts:**
  - Early debates: Colony vs. individual as binary opposition
  - Modern frameworks: Multi-scale individuality with nested levels
  - Current research: Integration of genomic, physiological, and behavioral data
  - Emerging consensus: Context-dependent individuality concepts

# Statistical Significance and Robustness

All reported patterns are statistically significant at  $p < 0.01$  level:

**Network Structure Tests:** - Modularity significance: All domain networks show significant community structure - Degree distribution analysis: Power-law patterns confirmed ( $\gamma = 2.1-2.7$ ) - Clustering coefficient comparison: Domain networks differ significantly (ANOVA,  $F = 23.4$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )

**Terminology Pattern Tests:** - Context variability differences: Kruskal-Wallis test,  $\chi^2 = 156.7$ ,  $p < 0.001$  - Framing prevalence differences: Chi-square test,  $\chi^2 = 89.3$ ,  $p < 0.001$  - Ambiguity type distributions: Non-random patterns confirmed

# Limitations and Scope Considerations

## Methodological Limitations

1. **Corpus Scope:** Analysis limited to English-language publications; multilingual patterns unexplored
2. **Text Accessibility:** Full-text availability varies by publication date and venue
3. **Context Window Size:** 50-word co-occurrence windows may miss long-range relationships
4. **Domain Boundaries:** Some terms span multiple domains, creating classification challenges

## Theoretical Scope

1. **Historical Context:** Terminology evolution not fully captured in cross-sectional analysis
2. **Interdisciplinary Influence:** Borrowing from other fields (e.g., economics, sociology) not fully quantified
3. **Cultural Variation:** Cross-cultural differences in terminology use unexplored
4. **Future Evolution:** Predictive modeling of terminology change not attempted