

Predicate Matrix: extending SemLink through WordNet mappings

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Abstract

This paper presents the Predicate Matrix v1.1, a new lexical resource resulting from the integration of multiple sources of predicate information including FrameNet (Baker et al., 1997), VerbNet (Kipper, 2005), PropBank (Palmer et al., 2005) and WordNet (Fellbaum, 1998). We start from the basis of SemLink. Then, we use advanced graph-based algorithms to further extend the mapping coverage of SemLink. Second, we also exploit the current content of SemLink to infer new role mappings among the different predicate schemas. As a result, we have obtained a new version of the Predicate Matrix which largely extends the current coverage of SemLink and the previous version of the Predicate Matrix.

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1. Introduction

Predicate models such as FrameNet (Baker et al., 1997), VerbNet (Kipper, 2005) or PropBank (Palmer et al., 2005) are core resources in most advanced NLP tasks, such as Question Answering, Textual Entailment or Information Extraction. Most of the systems with Natural Language Understanding capabilities require a large and precise amount of semantic knowledge at the predicate-argument level. This type of knowledge allows to identify the underlying typical participants of a particular event independently of its realization in the text. Thus, using these models, different linguistic phenomena expressing the same event, such as active/passive transformations, verb alternations, nominalizations, implicit realizations can be harmonized into a common semantic representation. Lately, several systems have been developed for shallow semantic parsing an explicit and implicit semantic role labeling (SRL) using these resources (Erk and Pado, 2004), (Shi and Mihalcea, 2005), (Giuglea and Moschitti, 2006), (Laparra and Rigau, 2013).

However, building large and rich enough predicate models for broad-coverage semantic processing takes a great deal of expensive manual effort. Furthermore, the same effort should be invested for each different language (Subirats and Petrucci, 2003).

Most previous research efforts on the integration of lexical resources targeted at knowledge about nouns and named entities rather than predicate knowledge. Well known examples are YAGO (Suchanek et al., 2007), Freebase (Bollacker et al., 2008), DBpedia (Bizer et al., 2009) or BabelNet (Navigli and Ponzetto, 2010).

Following the line of previous works (Shi and Mihalcea, 2005), (Burchardt et al., 2005), (Crouch and King, 2005), (Johansson and Nugues, 2007), (Pennacchiotti et al., 2008), (Cao et al., 2008), (Tonelli and Pianta, 2009), (Laparra et al., 2010), (Necsulescu et al., 2011), (Gurevych et al., 2012) we will also focus on the integration of predicate information. We start from the basis of SemLink (Palmer, 2009) despite its coverage is still far from being complete (López de Lacalle et al., 2014). First, we use advanced graph-based algorithms to further extend the mapping cov-

erage of SemLink. Second, we also exploit the current content of SemLink to infer new role mappings among the different predicate schemas. As a result, we have obtained a new version of the Predicate Matrix which largely extends the current coverage of SemLink. For example, SemLink provides 6,201 mappings between VerbNet and FrameNet roles while the current version of the Predicate Matrix contains 25,688 additional mappings.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2. presents the set of sources of predicate information used for developing the current version of the Predicate Matrix. Section 3. summarizes the mapping coverage of those resources integrated in SemLink. Section 4. details the process for building the current version of the Predicate Matrix, the particular case of how the mappings with PropBank are affected is showed in 5.. Section 6. provides further details of the new predicate result. Finally, Section 7. presents some concluding remarks and our current plans for future work.

2. Sources of Predicate information

We used the following resources to create the first version of the Predicate Matrix.

SemLink¹ (Palmer, 2009) is a project whose aim is to link together different predicate resources via set of mappings. Currently, SemLink provides partial mappings between FrameNet (Baker et al., 1997), VerbNet (Kipper, 2005), PropBank (Palmer et al., 2005) and WordNet (Fellbaum, 1998). These mappings make it possible to combine their information for tasks such as inferencing, consistency checking, interoperable SRL, or automatic extending its current overlapping coverage.

VerbNet² (Kipper, 2005) hierarchical domain-independent broad-coverage verb lexicon for English. VerbNet is organized into verb classes. Each verbal class in VerbNet is completely described by thematic-roles, selectional restrictions on the arguments, and frames consisting of a syntactic description and semantic predicates.

¹<http://verbs.colorado.edu/semlink/>

²<http://verbs.colorado.edu/~mpalmer/projects/verbnet.html>

FrameNet³ (Baker et al., 1997) is a very rich semantic resource that contains descriptions and corpus annotations of English words following the paradigm of Frame Semantics (Fillmore, 1976). In frame semantics, a Frame corresponds to a scenario that involves the interaction of a set of typical participants, playing a particular role in the scenario. FrameNet groups words or lexical units (LUs hereinafter) into coherent semantic classes or frames, and each frame is further characterized by a list of participants or frame-elements (FEs hereinafter). Different senses for a word are represented in FrameNet by assigning different frames.

PropBank⁴ (Palmer et al., 2005) aims to provide a wide corpus annotated with information about semantic propositions, including relations between the predicates and their arguments. PropBank also contains a description of the frame structures, called framesets, of each sense of every verb that belong to its lexicon. Unlike other similar resources, PropBank defines the arguments, or roles, of each verb individually. In consequence, it becomes a hard task obtaining a generalization of the frame structures over the verbs.

WordNet⁵ (Fellbaum, 1998) is by far the most widely-used lexical knowledge base. In fact, WordNet is being used world-wide for anchoring different types of semantic knowledge including wordnets for languages other than English (Gonzalez-Agirre et al., 2012). It contains information about English nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and is organized around the notion of a *synset*. A synset is a set of words with the same part-of-speech that can be interchanged in a certain context. For example, *<learn, study, read, take>* form a synset because they can be used to refer to the same concept. A synset is often further described by a gloss, in this case: *"be a student of a certain subject"* and by explicit semantic relations to other synsets. Each synset represents a concept that are related with an large number of semantic relations, including hypernymy/hyponymy, meronymy/holonymy, antonymy, entailment, etc.

As in (López de Lacalle et al., 2014), we use these resources to create a new version of the Predicate Matrix. Our current goal is to exploit all these resources to extend their current coverage, to discover inherent inconsistencies among these resources, to enrich WordNet with predicate information, and possibly to extend this predicate information to languages other than English (by exploiting the local wordnets aligned to the English WordNet).

3. Incomplete coverage of SemLink

(López de Lacalle et al., 2014) studies the coverage of the different mappings encoded in SemLink. For instance, the alignment between FrameNet and VerbNet proves to be the least complete one. Only **1,730** LUs of FrameNet are aligned to, at least, one VerbNet predicate. This number represents only the **16%** of the total **10,195** LUs of FrameNet. Moreover, not only the lexicon but the role sets of both resources are weakly connected. For instance,

just **825** of the **7,124** existing FEs of FrameNet are linked to a VerbNet thematic-role. That is, **88%** of the FEs of FrameNet are not aligned to any VerbNet thematic-role.

The lexicon mapping between PropBank and VerbNet is also incomplete. From the **6,181** different PropBank predicates, **2,623** have no connection to VerbNet. Regarding the PropBank arguments and the VerbNet thematic-roles, around a half of the total PropBank arguments (**7,915** out of **15,871** arguments) are mapped to a thematic-role from VerbNet.

Moreover, SemLink does not provide a complete alignment between WordNet and VerbNet. Specifically there are **18,559** verbal senses of WordNet, corresponding to **9,995** different lemmas, that have not been assigned to any VerbNet predicate.

4. Creating the Predicate Matrix

In this work we present a new method to complete and extend the coverage of the mappings between the resources included in SemLink. Particularly, we have focused on the links that connect VerbNet, FrameNet and WordNet. The process, explained in this section, starts from SemLink. Then, a set of sequential steps try to complete the alignments. The whole process can be divided into three consecutive steps:

1. Complete and extend the mappings between the lexicons of WordNet, VerbNet and FrameNet. Following (Laparra and Rigau, 2009; Laparra et al., 2010; Laparra and Rigau, 2013), we apply knowledge-based Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD) algorithms that use a large-scale graph of concepts derived from WordNet to disambiguate the verbs (and also nouns, adjectives and adverbs corresponding to the FrameNet LUs) from both lexicons. Then, for each WordNet verb sense, we collect the desambiguations (and alignments) to FrameNet frames and VerbNet classes. This is explained in section 4.1.
2. Complete the mappings between VerbNet thematic-roles and FrameNet frame elements. For many cases, although there will be a mapping between lemmas, the corresponding links between the roles will be missing. We apply some methods that use the existing mappings and knowledge from the resources to complete these gaps. A detailed explanation of these methods is shown in section 4.2.
3. Following (López de Lacalle et al., 2014) we finally extend the mappings via WordNet synonyms. Section 4.3. describes the results of this process.

4.1. Completing the lexicon mappings

The first step for extending SemLink is completing the mapping between the lexicon of VerbNet and the lexicon of FrameNet. Following (Laparra and Rigau, 2009; Laparra et al., 2010; Laparra and Rigau, 2013), we apply knowledge-based Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD) algorithms that use a large-scale graph of concepts derived from WordNet to disambiguate the verbs (and also nouns, adjectives and adverbs corresponding to the FrameNet LUs) from both

³<http://framenet.icsi.berkeley.edu/>

⁴<http://verbs.colorado.edu/~mpalmer/projects/ace.html>

⁵<http://wordnet.princeton.edu/>

lexicons that are not already linked to WordNet in SemLink. The WSD algorithms are applied to coherent groupings of words belonging to the same FrameNet frame or VerbNet class. The disambiguation provides new links between those verbs and the WordNet senses. Thus, we can connect verbs from different resources that are connected to the same WordNet sense.

Although FrameNet covers more than 10,000 LUs and 795 frames, only 721 frames have associated a LU. From those, 10,086 LUs (word-frame pairs) were recognized by WordNet (out of 92%) corresponding to 708 frames and 2,867 verbs. In FrameNet, the LUs of a frame can be nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs representing a coherent and closely related set of meanings that can be viewed as a small semantic field. For example, the frame *Education.teaching* contains LUs referring to the educational activity and their participants. It is evoked by LUs like *cram_v*, *instruction_n*, *instruct_v*, *learn_v*, *lecturer_n*, *study_v*, etc. The frame also defines core semantic roles (or FEs) such as *STUDENT* or *SUBJECT* that are semantic participants of the frame and their corresponding LUs.

VerbNet also groups semantically related verbs. VerbNet groups 4,403 verbs in 386 classes and subclasses. From those, 6,078 verbal senses (verb-class pairs) were recognized by WordNet (out of 97%). For instance, the VerbNet class *learn-14* groups together the verbs like *assimilate*, *cram*, *glean*, *learn*, *memorize* or *read*. This VerbNet class also defines a set of thematic-roles: *Agent*, *Source* and *Topic*.

We tested two different graph-based Word Sense Disambiguation algorithms. An advanced version of the Structural Semantic Interconnections algorithm (SSI) (Navigli and Velardi, 2005) called SSI-Dijkstra+ (SSID+) (Cuadros and Rigau, 2008; Laparra and Rigau, 2013) and UKB (Agirre and Soroa, 2009). As SemLink also includes some manual assignments of WordNet senses to VerbNet and FrameNet, we have been able to evaluate the accuracy of the automatic mapping. For the evaluation, we used as gold-standard 272 VerbNet classes and their associated verbs and 214 FrameNet frames having at least one WordNet sense manually assigned to a verb. The average length of the contexts is 23.30 verbs for VerbNet and 19,38 LUs for FrameNet.

Table 1 presents the precision (P), recall (R) and F1 measure (harmonic mean of recall and precision) of the different methods and knowledge resources when mapping WordNet to VerbNet and FrameNet. *WN* stands for a Lexical Knowledge Base (LKB) built using only the relations from WordNet while *WN+G* refers to the LKB also integrating the relations from the semantically tagged glosses⁶. We observe very high results and robust behaviour independently of the WSD algorithm and LKB. Obviously, we can expect slightly higher results when also including the gold-standard cases in the WSD process.

The figures presented in table 2 show the effectiveness of this strategy, since the mappings between the lexicons of the resource are all increased. For instance, the links be-

VerbNet	Method	LKB	P	R	F1
	UKB	WN	84.2	84.2	84.2
	UKB	WN+G	85.3	85.3	85.3
	SSID+	WN	83.8	83.5	83.7
	SSID+	WN+G	83.8	83.5	83.7
FrameNet	Method	LKB	P	R	F1
	UKB	WN	79.0	79.0	79.0
	UKB	WN+G	79.4	79.4	79.4
	SSID+	WN	82.5	81.3	81.9
	SSID+	WN+G	82.9	81.8	82.4

Table 1: Results of the disambiguation process.

	VN-FN	VN-WN	FN-WN	VN-WN-FN
SemLink	3,285	7,620	4,342	5,168
New links	4,712	8,504	6,338	6,745

Table 2: New links added to the mapping between the lexicons.

tween verb lemmas of VerbNet and FrameNet (VN-FN) increase in almost 1,500 new cases. Around 1,000 new mappings connect WordNet senses with VerbNet lemmas (VN-WN) while there are 2,000 new alignment with FrameNet verbs (FN-WN). Finally, the full connections between the three resources (VN-WN-FN) increase in more than 1,500 new alignments.

4.2. New role alignments

The second step focuses on obtaining the missing correspondances between the semantic roles from VerbNet and FrameNet. The missing links can belong to verbs that were previously included in SemLink or can belong to the new verb senses that have been included in the previous step. To discover new alignments, we apply three consecutive methods starting with the one that offers higher precision. Table 3 contains the number of alignments discovered by each method. The table shows how each step increments the number of cases covered by the previous method and also includes the individual evaluation of the methods applied.

Method	New	Total	P	R	F
SemLink	-	6,201	-	-	-
Method 1	6,686	12,887	88.2	88.2	88.2
Method 2	1,088	13,975	76.0	48.6	59.3
Method 3	1,193	15,168	80.6	80.6	80.6

Table 3: Number of new role alignments and performances of the different methods.

Method 1: The first method is based on learning from SemLink which alignments between VerbNet thematic-roles and FrameNet frame-elements are more frequent. For every verb of VerbNet aligned to a frame of FrameNet we obtain the thematic-roles that have not been assigned to any frame-element. Then, we link each of these roles with the FE of the frame that is most frequently aligned in other cases. For example, the verb *paddle* of the VerbNet class *spank-18.3* is mapped to the frame *Corporal.punishment* of FrameNet.

⁶<http://wordnet.princeton.edu/glossstag.shtml>

However, the role *Location* of this verb is not linked to any FE. The frame *Corporal_punishment* contains frame-elements like *Agent*, *Evaluee*, *Reason*, *Instrument*, *Degree* and *Body_part*. According to the data showed in table 4, *Body_part* is the FE of the frame *Corporal_punishment* that is mapped to the thematic-role *Location* in a greater number of times. In table we include this new mapping and some other cases obtained by this method.

Thematic-Role	FrameElement	Freq.
Location	Area	285
Location	Goal	228
Location	Path	99
Location	Sound_source	73
Location	Ground	54
Location	Source	49
Location	Location	23
Location	Body_part	21

Table 4: Frequency of frame-elements mapped to the thematic-role *Location*.

Method 2: Although the **Method 1** obtains very reliable outcomes, it leaves out cases not included in SemLink. For instance, the verb *feel* of the class *see-30.1* is mapped to the frame *Seeking*, but none of its thematic-roles, *Experiencer* and *Stimulus*, has been previously linked to any of the FEs that are part of the frame *Seeking*. For these kind of cases, this method obtains from the class files of VerbNet the patterns of the examples included, and it does the same for each frame with the annotation examples included in the FrameNet files. After comparing the most frequent ones, the method aligns the thematic-roles and the FEs that share the same positions. Following the example of the verb *feel*, for the class *see-30.1* the method just finds examples that follow the pattern *Experiencer - verb - Stimulus* as it is shown in table 6.

According to the table, the most frequent pattern in FrameNet for the frame *Seeking* is *Cognizer_agent - verb - Sought_entity - Ground*. Thus, as table 7 shows, the method links the thematic-role *Experiencer* with the FE *Cognizer_agent* and *Stimulus* with *Sought_entity* because they tend to appear in the same position.

Method 3: For the last step we re-implement the same strategy that for **Method 1**, but this time the learning of the frequency of the mappings includes the new links obtained by the previous two methods. As can be seen in table 8, in this case, the frequency of the mappings between frame-elements and thematic-roles are different to those showed in table 4. For example, the FrameElement *Place* did not seem to be very frequently linked to the thematic-role *Location* in the original version of SemLink. But, after applying **Method 2**, the number of cases where *Place* and *Location* have been related increases remarkably, making it more likely to find new cases of this mapping.

For the evaluations showed in table 3 we have used as testing set the existing 6,201 SemLink role alignments. The evaluation process has been the same as the one used for the lexicon mappings. For each role mapping we apply a leave-one-out evaluation process. We learn the frequencies from

Thematic-Role	FrameElement	Freq.
Location	Area	341
Location	Goal	213
Location	Place	148
Location	Path	145
Location	Ground	111
Location	Source	83
Location	Sound_source	78
Location	Location	71

Table 8: Frequency of frame-elements mapped to the thematic-role *Location* including automatic links from Method 1 and Method 2.

the whole SemLink except the one we are evaluating. This process, applied for the three methods explained above, allows to use the full set of role mappings from SemLink as a gold-standard.

4.3. Adding WordNet synonyms

(López de Lacalle et al., 2014) shows how the alignments to WordNet offer a very interesting source of information to be systematically exploited. A simple automatic method to extend SemLink by exploiting properties from WordNet consists on including the synonyms of already aligned WordNet senses. Obviously, this method expects that WordNet synonyms share the same predicate information. For instance, the predicate *desert_v* member of the VerbNet class *leave-51.2-1*, with a link to the frame *Departing* of FrameNet, appears to be assigned to *desert%2:31:00* WordNet verbal sense. In WordNet, this word sense also has three synonyms, *abandon_v*, *forsake_v* and *desolate_v*. These three verbal senses can also be assigned to the same VerbNet class. This simple approach extends the amount of alignments not only between lexicons but also between roles. Table 9 shows how the synonymy extension offers a great improvement on the coverage.

	lexicon				roles
	VN-FN	VN-WN	FN-WN	VN-WN-FN	
SemLink	3,285	7,620	4,342	5,168	6,201
New links	9,952	14,900	11,391	12,267	31,889

Table 9: Number of new lexicon and role alignments after the extension to WordNet synonyms.

5. Mapping to PropBank

The integration of the new mappings between VerbNet and FrameNet roles described in previous section also helps to complete the mappings to PropBank roles.

This work have focused on the mapping between VerbNet and FrameNet, and their connection to WordNet. However, we can extend the resulting new connections for those cases from PropBank that are currently mapped to any VerbNet and FrameNet element affected by the processes described in this paper. Table 10 shows the old and new mappings to PropBank.

lemma	VN-class	Thematic-Role	FN-frame	FrameElement
sit	spatial_configuration-47.6	Location	Placing	Area
spew	substance_emission-43.4	Location	Excreting	Goal
move	roll-51.3.1	Location	Change_position_on_a_scale	Path
paddle	spank-18.3	Location	Corporal_punishment	Body_part

Table 5: Examples of new frame-elements mapped to the thematic-role *Location*.

Source	Class/Frame	Pattern			Freq.
VerbNet	see-30.1	Experiencer	v	Stimulus	100%
FrameNet	Seeking	Cognizer_agent	v	Sought_entity Ground	80%
		Sought_entity	v	Ground Cognizer_agent	20%

Table 6: Frequency of role patterns in VN class *see-30.1* and frame *Seeking*.

lemma	VN-class	Thematic-Role	FN-frame	FrameElement
feel	see-30.1	Stimulus	Seeking	Sought_entity
feel	see-30.1	Experiencer	Seeking	Cognizer_agent
listen	peer-30.3	Stimulus	Seeking	Sought_entity
listen	peer-30.3	Experiencer	Seeking	Cognizer_agent

Table 7: Examples of new mappings between thematic-roles and frame-elements of the frame *Seeking*.

	lexicon			roles	
	PB-VN	PB-WN	PB-FN	PB-VN	PB-FN
SemLink	4,858	5,679	2,461	11,124	1,460
New links	10,974	11,333	2,741	21,502	1,841

Table 10: Number of new lexicon and role alignments for PropBank.

6. Predicate Matrix v1.1

We produced a new version of the Predicate Matrix by exploiting SemLink and applying advanced WSD methods to extend and validate its content⁷. Each row of this Predicate Matrix represents the mapping of a role over the different resources and includes all the aligned knowledge about its corresponding WordNet verb sense.

As shown in table 9 the new version of the Predicate Matrix (PM v1.1) contains much more alignments than SemLink. First, it provides much more verb alignments between VerbNet and FrameNet (from 3,285 to 9,952). Second, it also doubles the WordNet verb sense alignments (from 7,620 to 14,900 VerbNet verbs and from 4,342 to 11,391 FrameNet verbs). Third, it also covers much more joint alignments between VerbNet, FrameNet and its corresponding WordNet verb sense (from 5,168 to 12,267). Finally, the new version of the Predicate Matrix also contains around five more VerbNet to FrameNet role alignments at a WordNet verb sense level (from 6,201 to 31,889).

Moreover, as a side effect while creating the Predicate Matrix, we are also enriching both VerbNet and FrameNet. For instance, we are also enlarging the number of different verbs aligned to both VerbNet classes (from 4,394 to

8,706) and FrameNet frames (from 2,867 to 4,932).

Additionally, as the Predicate Matrix uses the verbal part of WordNet as a backbone, now we also know how much of WordNet is still not covered by VerbNet, FrameNet or PropBank. For instance, from the total number of 25,148 WordNet verbal senses, the new version of the Predicate Matrix only contains 11,629 WordNet verb senses aligned to VerbNet classes. That is, there are 13,997 WordNet verb senses still without mappings to VerbNet classes. Similarly, the Predicate Matrix now only contains 7,573 WordNet senses aligned to FrameNet frames. Thus, there are 18,672 WordNet word senses without mappings to FrameNet frames.

LF	WN senses	not in VN (%)	not in FN (%)	LF name
29	1,130	549 (48.58)	794 (70.27)	body
30	4,171	2,561 (61.40)	3,393 (81.35)	change
31	1,404	828 (58.97)	1,053 (75.00)	cognition
32	3,120	1,723 (55.22)	2,161 (69.26)	communication
33	733	518 (70.67)	595 (81.17)	competition
34	476	266 (55.88)	363 (76.26)	consumption
35	3,698	1,833 (49.57)	2,716 (73.45)	contact
36	1,151	718 (62.38)	898 (78.02)	creation
37	763	228 (29.88)	491 (64.35)	emotion
38	2,491	1,257 (50.46)	1,731 (69.49)	motion
39	820	372 (45.37)	548 (66.83)	perception
40	1,431	834 (58.28)	1,116 (77.99)	possession
41	2,202	1,372 (62.31)	1,647 (74.80)	social
42	1,409	881 (62.53)	1,084 (76.93)	stative
43	146	57 (39.04)	80 (54.79)	weather

Table 11: WordNet verbal senses not covered by VerbNet classes and FrameNet frames in the Predicate Matrix v1.1

As an example of the current coverage of the Predicate Matrix v1.1, table 11 shows the distribution according to the

⁷The Predicate Matrix can be obtained from <http://adimen.si.ehu.es/web/PredicateMatrix>

lexicographic files from WordNet of the verbal senses not covered by VerbNet classes and FrameNet frames in the Predicate Matrix v1.1. From left to right, the table shows the lexicographic file number, the number of verb senses pertaining to the lexicographic file, the number (and percentage) of verb senses not aligned to a VerbNet classes, the number (and percentage) of verb senses not aligned to FrameNet frames and the lexicographic file name. Interestingly, the coverage of both resources are quite different depending on the area of WordNet selected. The VerbNet coverage ranges from *emotion* verbs (it remains only 29.88% of WordNet verb senses to be complete) up to *competition* verbs (70.67%) whereas FrameNet coverage ranges from *weather* (54.79%) up to *change* (81.35%).

7. Conclusions and future work

This is an ongoing work towards a more complete version of the Predicate Matrix. We current version of the Predicate Matrix exploits SemLink and applies advanced WSD methods to extend its content⁸. Each row of this Predicate Matrix represents the mapping of a role over the different resources and includes all the aligned knowledge about its corresponding verb sense. The current version of the Predicate Matrix also includes ontological knowledge from the Multilingual Central Repository⁹ (MCR) (Atserias et al., 2004; Gonzalez-Agirre et al., 2012).

With the Predicate Matrix, we expect to provide a more robust interoperable verbal lexicon. We also plan to discover and solve inherent inconsistencies among the integrated resources. Moreover, we plan to extend the coverage of current predicate resources (by including from WordNet morphologically related nominal and verbal concepts, by exploiting also FrameNet information, etc.). We also plan to enrich WordNet with predicate information, and possibly to extend predicate information to languages other than English (by exploiting the local wordnets aligned to the English WordNet) and predicate information from other languages. For instance, AncoraNet (Taulé et al., 2008).

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⁹<http://adimen.si.ehu.es/MCR>

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