



## Managing mass corrections in SLSP: approaches and experiences

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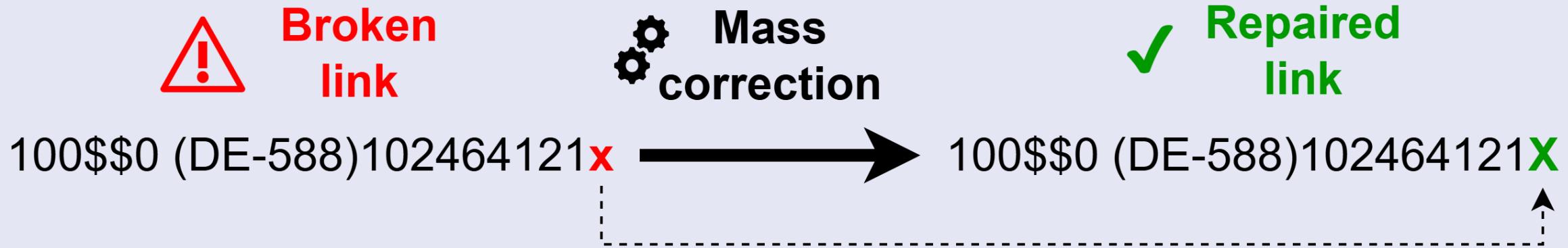


# 1. Mass Corrections in a Consortium

## 1.a Examples

### GND ID with lower case x

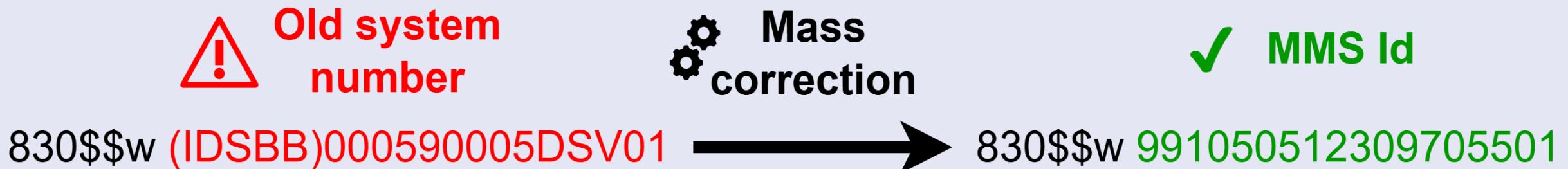
Link to DNB is broken → display in swisscovery and other services affected



## 1.a Examples

### Replace \$w identifiers with MMS ID

In fields 76x, 77x, 78x, 800, 810, 811, 830, replace the “old” networks identifiers with the MMS ID



## 1.a Examples

772: 18'372

773: 1'402'324 !

780: 87'811

785: 73'442

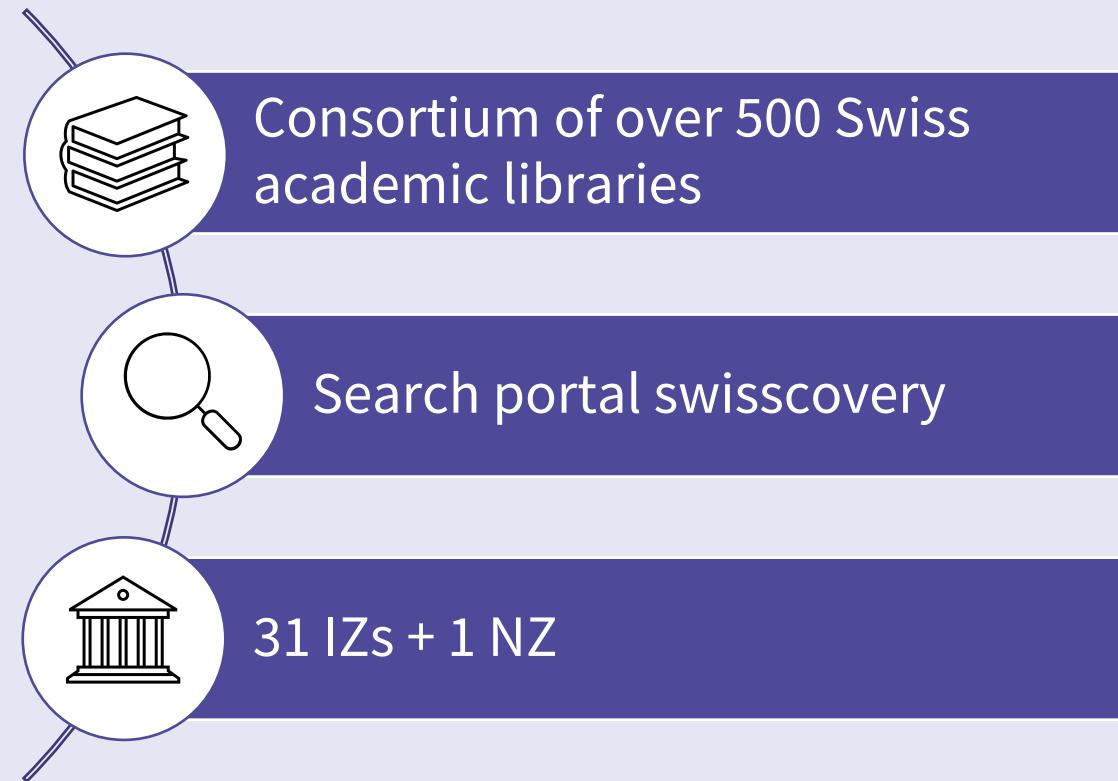
800: 330'568

830: > 3 million !!

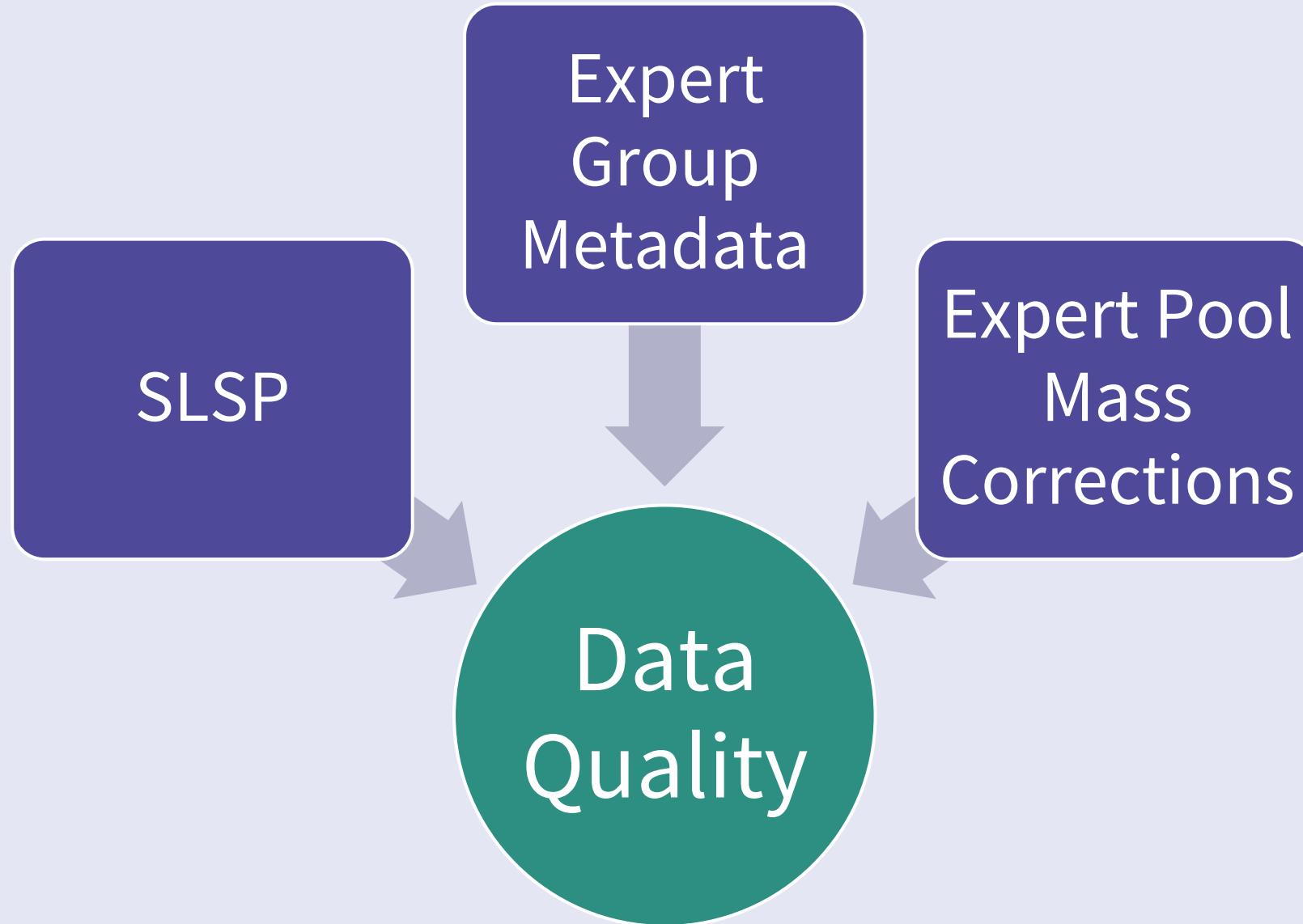
How to  
do it



# 1.b Organizational Context

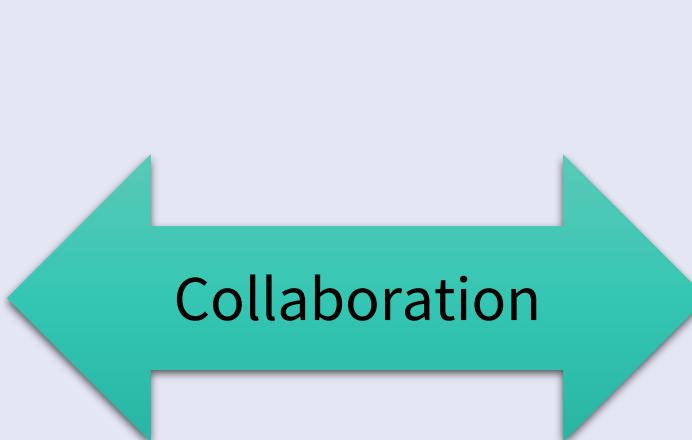


## 1.b Organizational Context



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**How to collaborate the best way?**



# 1.b Organizational Context



## Lead

SLSP



## Members

8 mass correction experts of 7 libraries

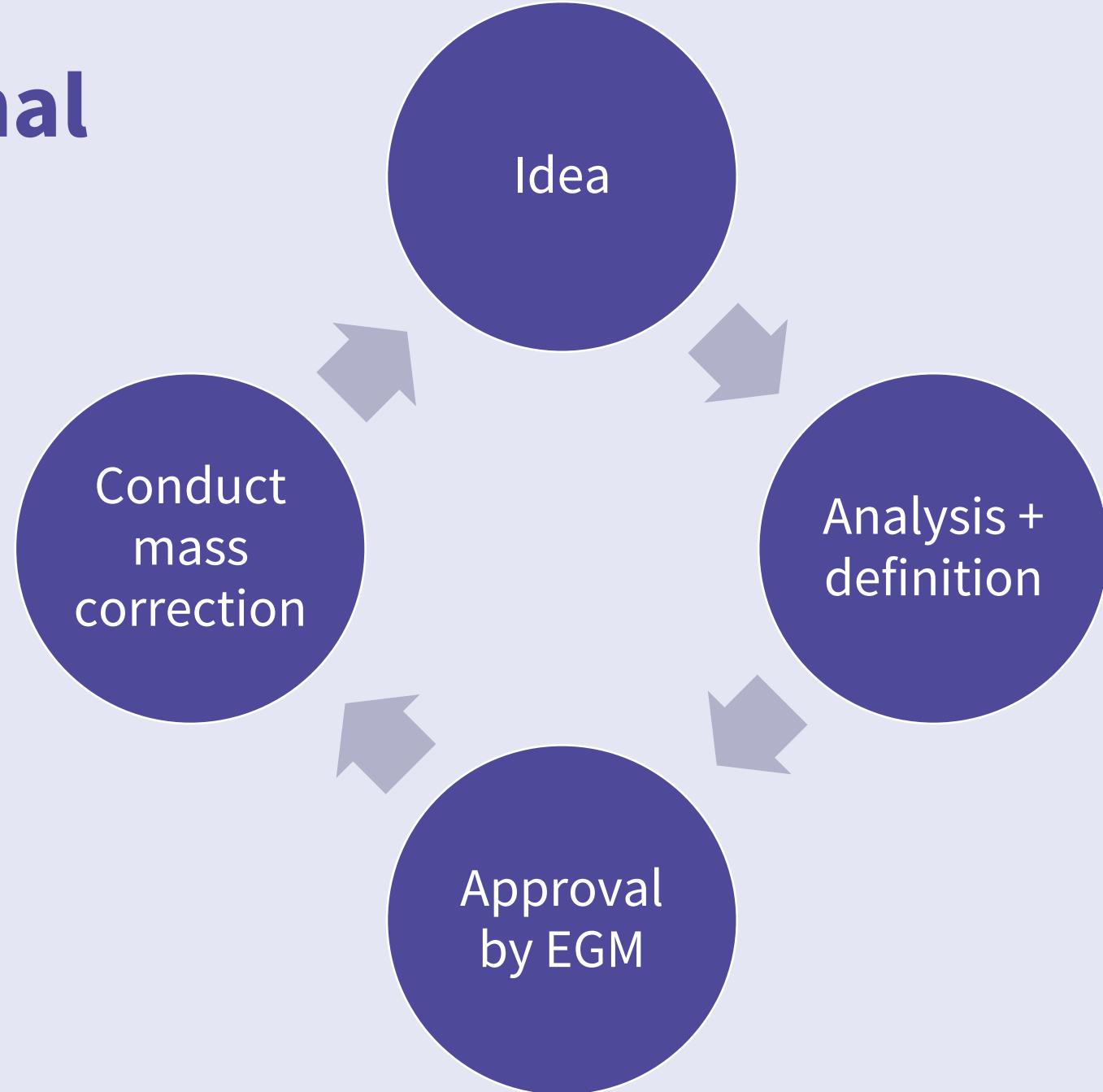


## Opportunity

Several members have cataloguing and technical knowledge

## 1.b Organizational Context

- Iterative workflow
- Meetings: Twice a year
- Up to three corrections at a time



# 1.b Organizational Context

## Ideas for corrections:

- Transparent to all
- Currently 55 in total, always 3 in progress
- New ideas can be added at any time
- Priority determined by voting

55 topics found

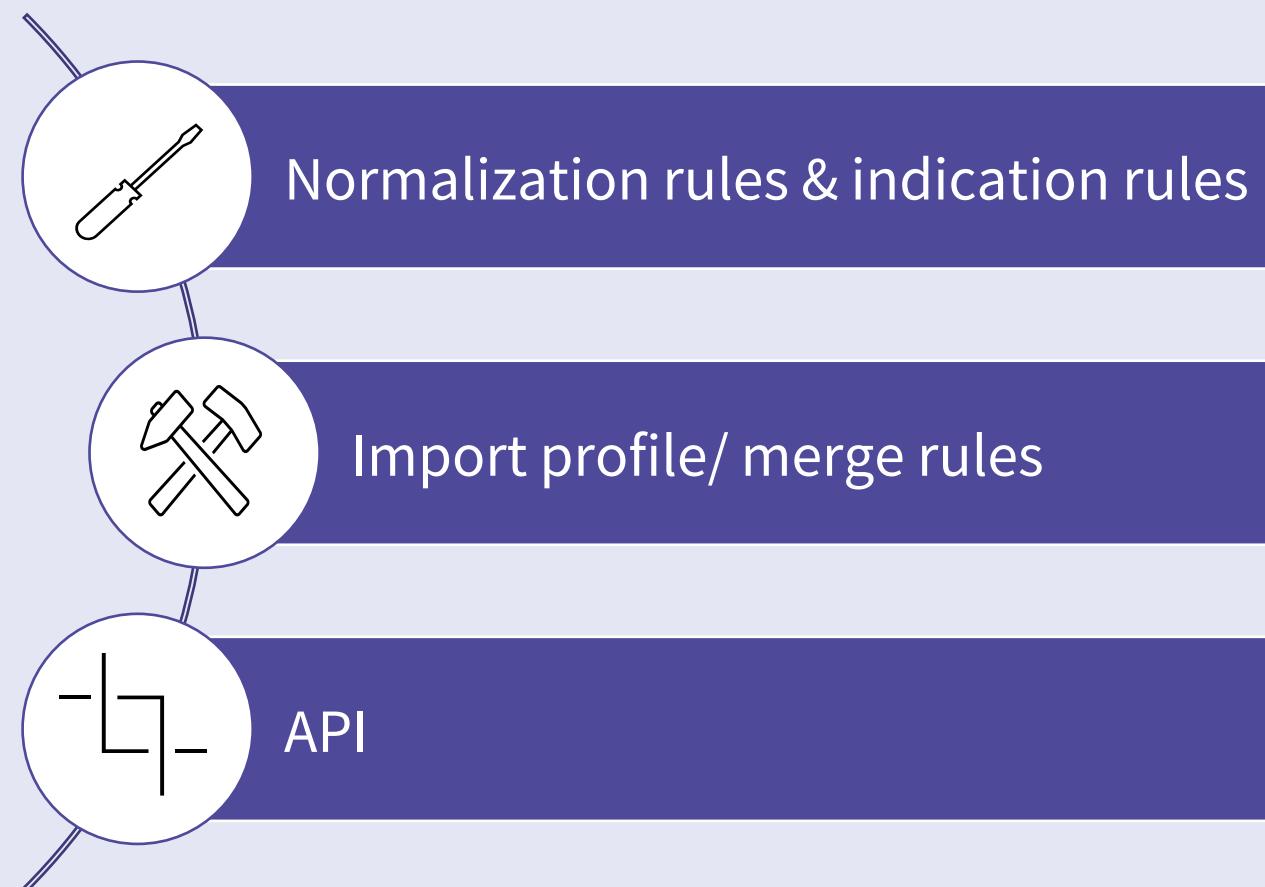
Sticky Topic Name

- Wrong IDs in Sw of series or linking entries
- Anchoring records without inventory in the French spe...
- Replace Sw identifiers with MMS
- Monographs ("nam-Records") with 022 ISSN
- Records with nas in LDR: no ISBNs or DOIs allowed
- Field 655: delete field "655\_7 Sa Bilderbuch \$2 idsmusi"
- GND ID with lower case x
- E-book recordings encoded in print
- Date only in 264, missing in 008
- Delete fields 883 and corresponding/orphaned \$8

## 2. Tools

## 2.a Alma integrated tools

What is the best way to modify large volumes of data in complex use cases with clean and reliable logging?



# Normalization rules (and indication rules)

## Chances



- Useful for simple, rule-based changes
- System functionality / native Alma
- Easy to apply on sets
- Very quick

## Limitations



- Limited amount of commands/replacements
- No easy mapping with normalization rules
- Sometimes unexpected behaviour
- Limited logging possibilities

# Changes with Import Profile / merge rules

## Chances

- Ideal for straightforward additions, e.g. inserting IDs in field 035 or applying local extensions



## Limitations

- Creation of XML file is necessary
- Testing is required
- Limited file size, larger amount of bib records must be done in batches



# Changes via API

## Chances



- Ideal for applying record-specific updates through a Python script
- accurate
- Custom and robust logging
- For complex use cases

## Limitations



- Working with large amounts of data takes considerable time
- Code or scripting is required

## 2.b External Database

### **Content:**

- Current and older versions NZ records
- No IZ records, no authorities, no inventory

### **Purpose:**

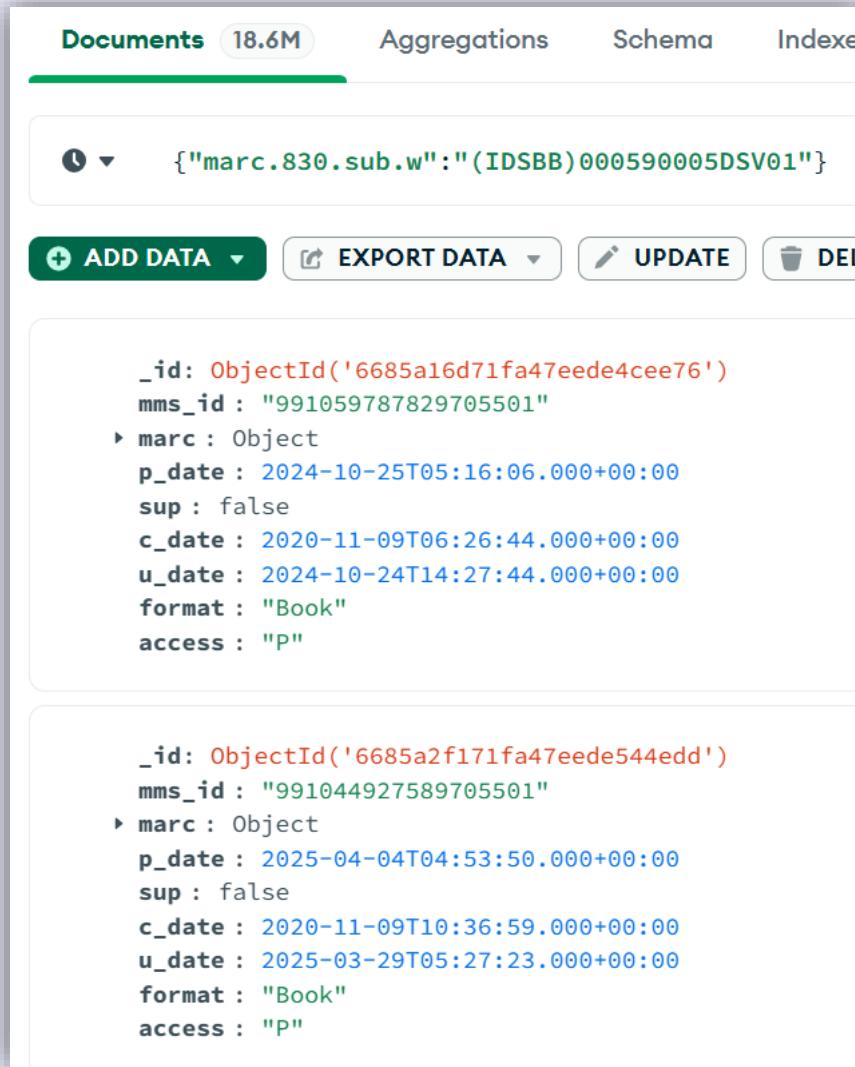
- better analysis possibilities
- Data backup
- Deduplication

### **Access (SLSP):**

Compass (UI) or Python

**System:**  MongoDB<sup>®</sup>

## 2.b External Database



Documents 18.6M Aggregations Schema Indexes

⌚ {"marc.830.sub.w": "(IDSBB)000590005DSV01"}

**ADD DATA** **EXPORT DATA** **UPDATE** **DEL**

**\_id: ObjectId('6685a16d71fa47eede4cee76')**  
**mms\_id : "991059787829705501"**  
► **marc** : Object  
p\_date : 2024-10-25T05:16:06.000+00:00  
sup : false  
c\_date : 2020-11-09T06:26:44.000+00:00  
u\_date : 2024-10-24T14:27:44.000+00:00  
format : "Book"  
access : "P"

**\_id: ObjectId('6685a2f171fa47eede544edd')**  
**mms\_id : "991044927589705501"**  
► **marc** : Object  
p\_date : 2025-04-04T04:53:50.000+00:00  
sup : false  
c\_date : 2020-11-09T10:36:59.000+00:00  
u\_date : 2025-03-29T05:27:23.000+00:00  
format : "Book"  
access : "P"

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_id: ObjectId('6685a00d71fa47eede45c8a1')
mms_id : "991171018185705501"
► marc : Object
  ▼ 245 : Array (1)
    ▼ 0: Object
      ind1 : "0"
      ind2 : "0"
    ▼ sub : Array (3)
      ▼ 0: Object
        a : "<<The>> anthropology of power, agency, and morality"
      ▼ 1: Object
        b : "the enduring legacy of F.G. Bailey"
      ▼ 2: Object
        c : "edited by Victor C. de Munck and Elisa J. Sobo"
  ▼ 264 : Array (1)
    ▼ 0: Object
      ind1 : " "
      ind2 : "1"
    ▼ sub : Array (3)
      ▼ 0: Object
        a : "Manchester"
      ▼ 1: Object
        b : "Manchester University Press"
      ▼ 2: Object
        c : "2022"
```

## 2.c Alma API Wrapper



Wide Alma API coverage



Request builder



API keys management



Errors & logs handling



Open source



Actively maintained

 **Almapi Wrapper**

Available on Read the Docs

[https://almapi-  
wrapper.readthedocs.io/en/latest](https://almapi-wrapper.readthedocs.io/en/latest)

## 2.c Alma API Wrapper

```
# Import libraries
from almapiwrapper.users import User, NewUser, fetch_users, fetch_user_in_all_iz, Fee, Loan
from almapiwrapper.inventory import IzBib, NzBib, Holding, Item, Collection
from almapiwrapper.config import RecSet, ItemizedSet, LogicalSet, NewLogicalSet, NewItemizedSet
from almapiwrapper.config import Reminder, fetch_reminders, Library, fetch_libraries, Location
from almapiwrapper.record import JsonData, XmlData
from almapiwrapper.analytics import AnalyticsReport
from almapiwrapper.acquisitions import POLine, Vendor, Invoice, fetch_invoices
from almapiwrapper.configlog import config_log
from almapiwrapper import ApiKeys

# Config logs
config_log()

# Get an item from barcode
item = Item(barcode='03124510', zone='HPH', env='S')

# Create a backup of the record
item.save()

# Update the barcode using the property barcode (library and location also can be changed to)
item.barcode = '03124510_NEW'

# Update the internal note using the data property
# We use lxml.etree.ElementTree to find the field and change its value
item.data.find('item_data/internal_note_1').text = 'Note for testing'

# Make the update in Alma
item.update()
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<https://almapi-wrapper.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

# 3. Conclusion

# Questions?

**Thank you for your attention!**

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