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FAIR linguistic data thanks to norm data – Wikidata as part of the research project VerbaAlpina

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(Q-ID + L-ID of Wikidata, GND, GeoNames etc.)



1. Project Overview

- *VerbaAlpina. Der alpine Kulturraum im Spiegel seiner Mehrsprachigkeit* (VerbaAlpina. The Alpine cultural region reflected through its multilingualism)
- Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 1st term: 10/2014-10/2017, 2nd term: 11/2017-10/2020 (perspective until 2025)
- Investigation of the multilingual Alpine region
- Combination of (geo-)linguistics and Digital Humanities (DH)



Research Aims

- Selective and analytical investigation of the linguistically and dialectally highly fragmented alpine space in its historico-cultural and historical-linguistic unity
- Overcoming of the traditional limitation of geolinguistic investigation to nation-states
- recognition of connections regarding the etymology of the individual dialectal words
- Setting up a portal by using modern media technology: documentation, data collection, collaborative development
- cooperation with other projects is fundamental for VerbaAlpina



Area under investigation: The Alpine region

- Area of investigation is limited to the territorial borders defined by the Alpine convention
- surface area of 190,600 km², encompasses parts of six different countries (D, A, CH, I, F, SLO) and two entire countries (FL, MC)
- ethnographic and topographic homogeneity and strong linguistic heterogeneity → 3 language families





Three conceptual domains

project years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
calendar year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
quarter	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv
project phase	I	II	III							
focus	culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alpine pasture farming • milk processing 	nature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • landscape formations • weather • fauna • flora 	modern life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ecology • tourism 							



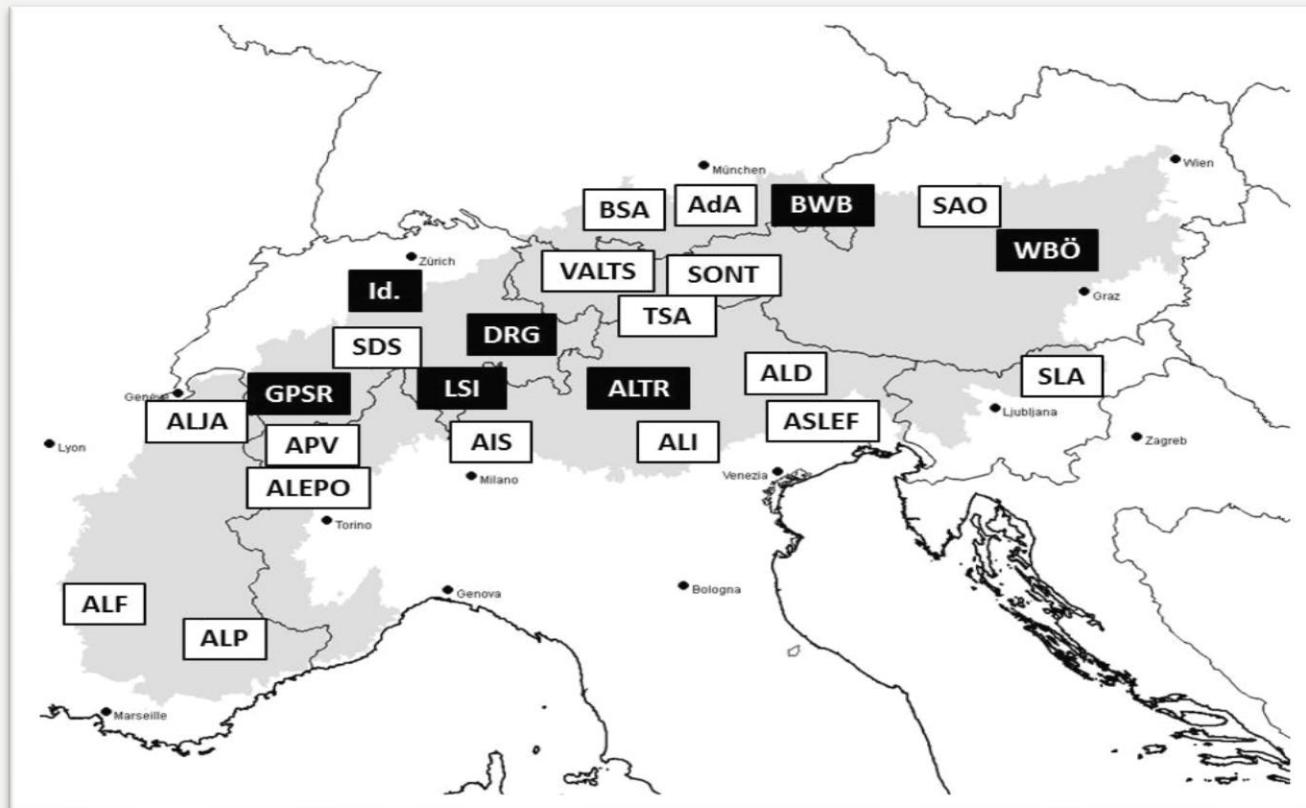
Data

Multiple different sources

- printed atlases/dictionaries (georeferenced)
- digital material from project partners
- crowdsourcing



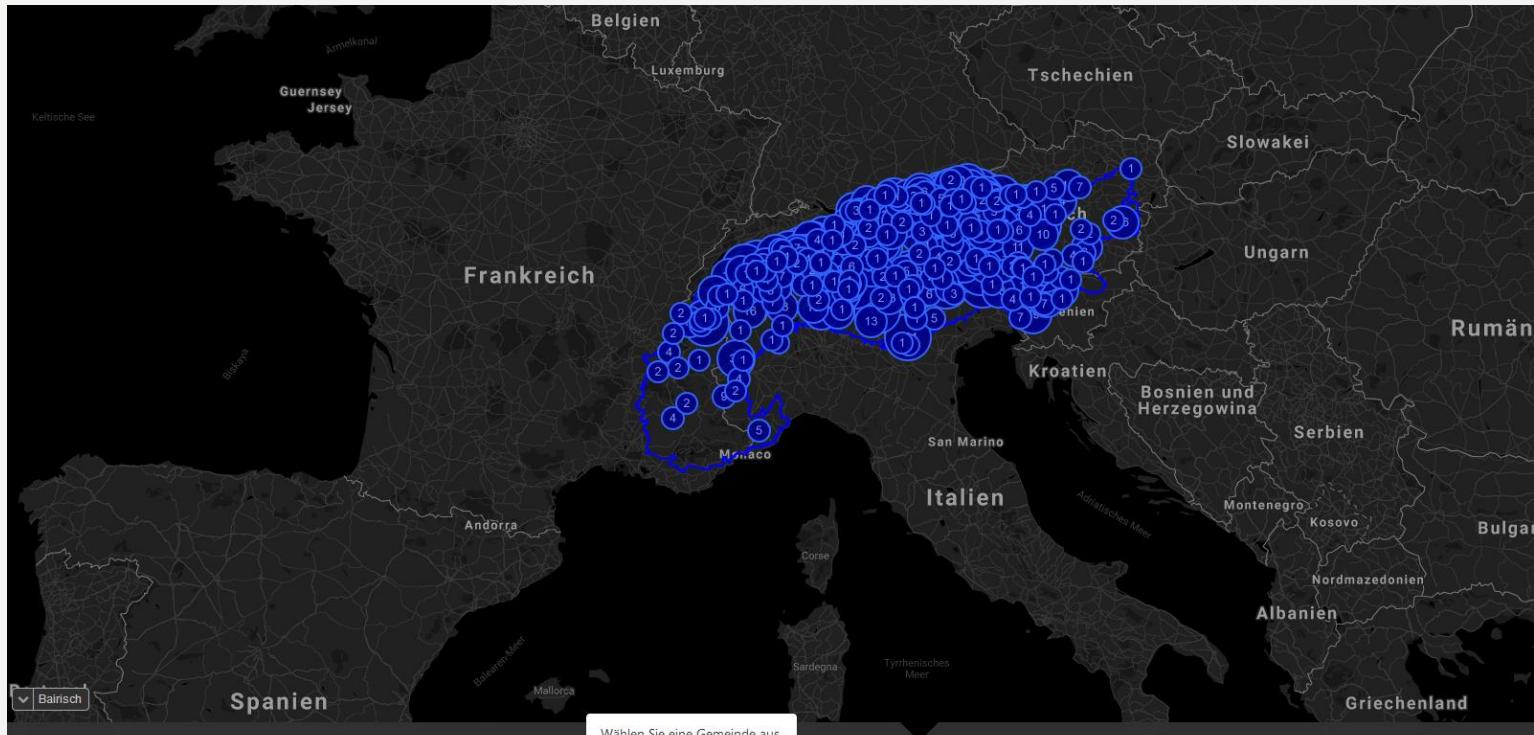
Atlases and Dictionaries in the Alpine region





Crowdsourcing-Tool

www.lmu.de/verbaalpina



Wie sagt man zu **Begriff** in **Gemeinde**? Ihre Antwort





2. FAIR principles and their role in research

Research data have to be FAIR:

F_inable
A_ccessible
I_nteroperable
R_eusable

→ principles postulated by Wilkinson et al. 2016 as the guiding principles for scientific data management



- F_indable → via library catalogues and data aggregators
- A_ccessible → via open access licences
- I_nteroperable → via compatibility of databases and their interconnection
- R_eusable → results from F, A, I



3. What VerbaAlpina does to make its data FAIR

F_indable

- Cooperation with the University Library of Munich University (as part of the project "e-humanities-interdisziplinär") and until 2019 also with the project GeRDI (Generic Research Data Infrastructure)

A_ccessible

- Creative Commons licence (compatible with open access) for all data managed by VerbaAlpina
 - (up to version 18/1: CC BY SA 3.0, from 18/2: CC BY SA 4.0)



I_nteroperable

- through a fine granulation of the data stock via
 - structured data processing (transcription, tokenization, typification)
 - assignment of norm data (Q-ID, L-ID, GND, GeoNames etc.)
 - enrichment with metadata in DataCite and CIDOC CRM format
 - assignment of persistent identifiers (e.g. DOIs, Digital Object Identifiers)
- access to primary data and metadata (via interactive map, Lexicon Alpinum, API)

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3.1. Assignment of norm data

- **Norm data created by VerbaAlpina**

For the 3 core entities

- morpho-lexical types → L
- concepts → C
- municipalities → A

e.g.: L1435, „babeurre (m.) (roa.)“

C612, „ALMHÜTTE“ (*chalet*)

A60171, „Sils in Engadin/Segl“

- **Persistent identifiers of external institutions**

(knowledge data bases/norm data bases/reference dictionaries)



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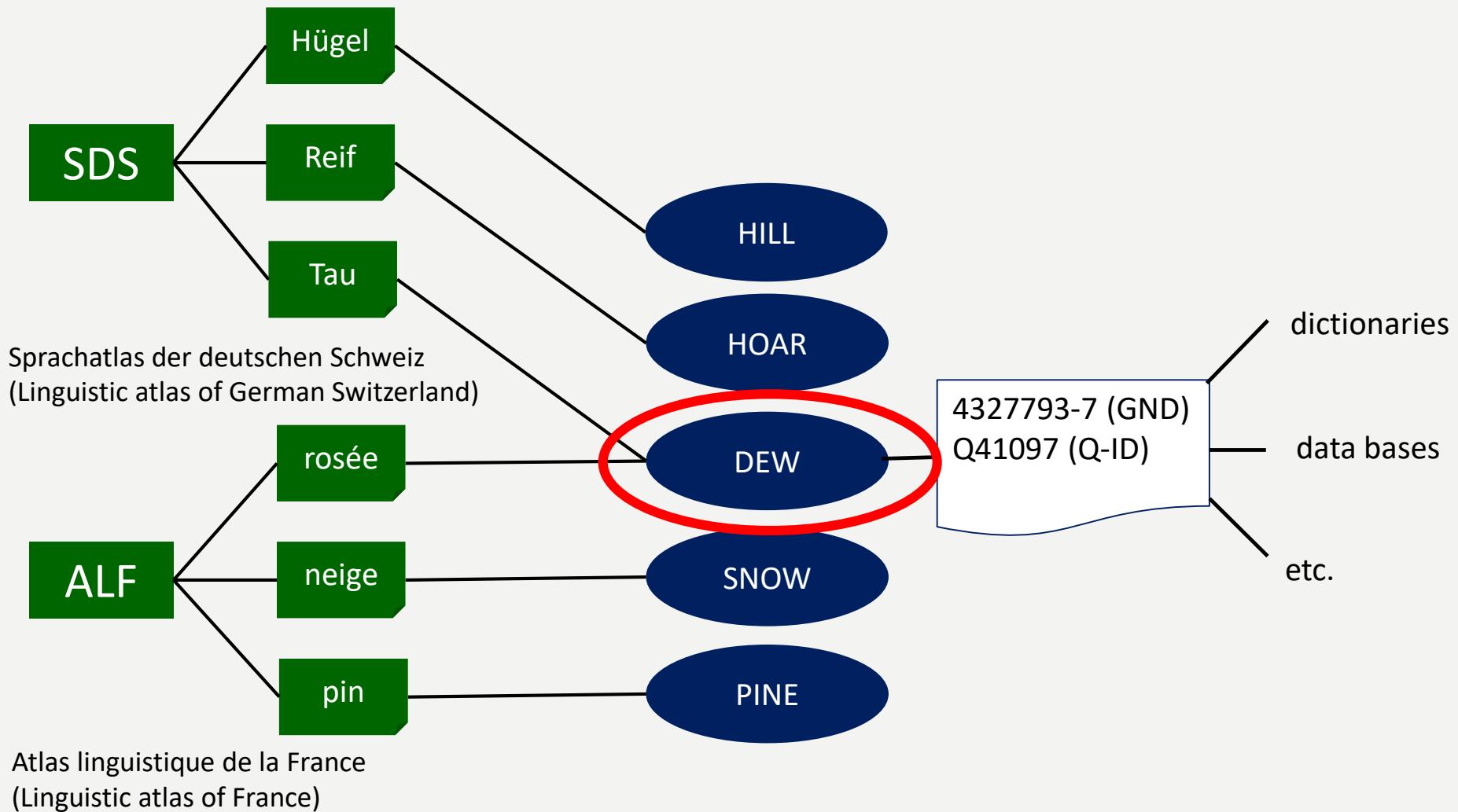
- **Q-IDs** of Wikidata (for concepts), partly also **L-IDs** of Wikidata (for morpho-lexical types)
- partly **GNDs** of the German National Library (for concepts) (*Gemeinsame Normdatei*, „Integrated Authority File“)
- **GeoNames** of www.geonames.org (for municipalities)
- **ISO-Codes 639-3** (for languages)
- Identifiers of **reference dictionaries** (for morpho-lexical types + base types)
- **DOIs** (Digital Object Identifiers, assigned to every single data)

Limerick
2962943

Q54050
(Q-ID)

L73260
(L-ID)

4135744-9 (GND)





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milk (Q8495)

white liquid produced by the mammary glands of mammals [edit](#)

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	milk	white liquid produced by the mammary glands of mammals	
German	Milch	weißliche, undurchsichtige, als Milchfett-in-Wasser-Emulsion vorliegende, von Säugern produzierte Flüssigkeit	
French	lait	liquide biologique comestible produit par les mammifères femelles	
Bavarian	Muich	No description defined	



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→ Suchformular zurücksetzen

sw all "Butter" Finden → Expertensuche ?

eingeschränkt auf
- Materialarten: Elektronische Datenträger
- Normdaten: Sachbegriffe

Ergebnis der Suche nach: sw all "Butter"

Zurück zur Trefferliste

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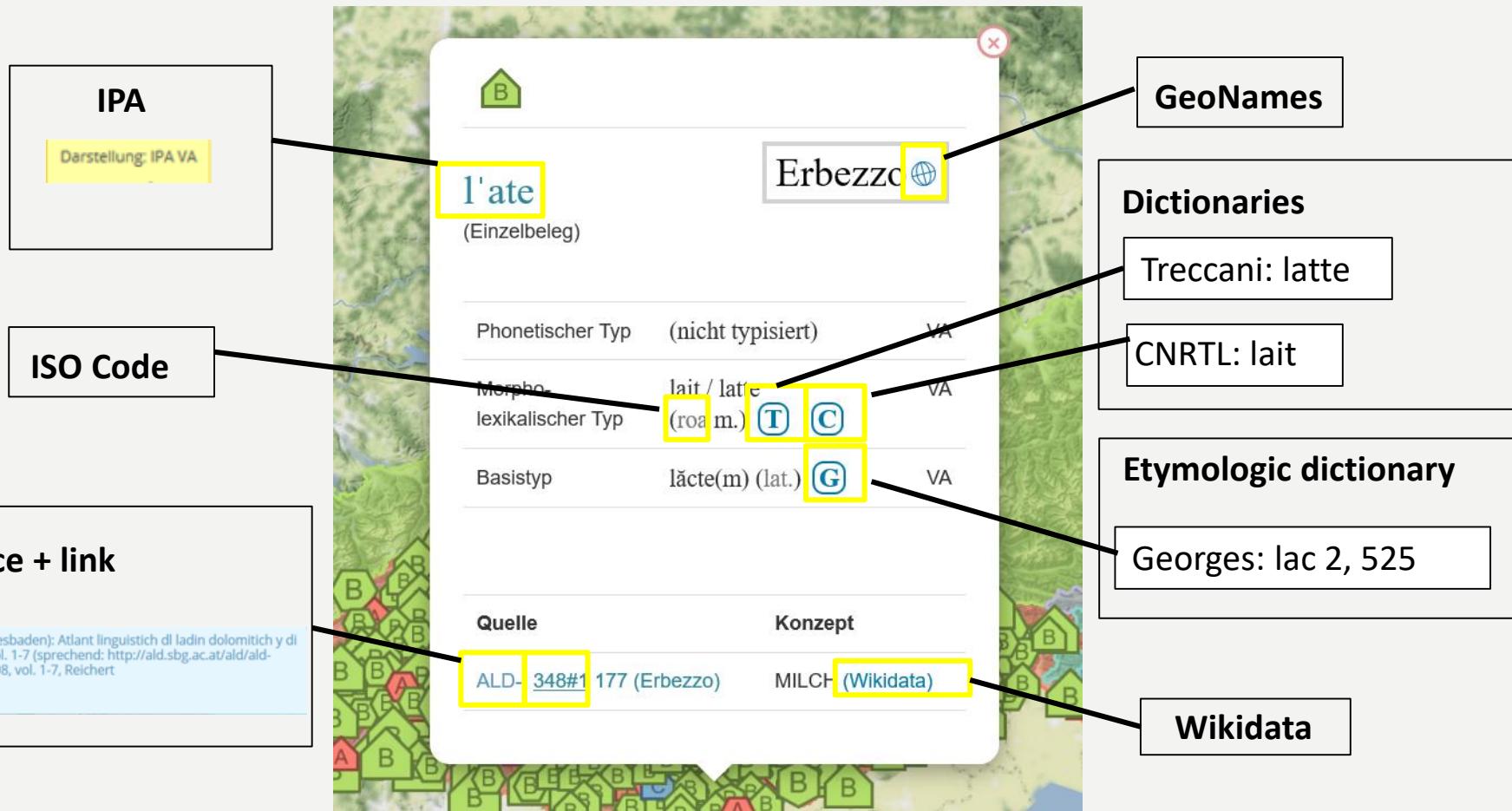
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Über die Deutsche Nationalbibliothek

GND	
Link zu diesem Datensatz	http://d-nb.info/gnd/4009236-7
Sachbegriff	Butter
Quelle	M
Oberbegriffe	Milchprodukt Streichfett
DDC-Notation	637.2 641.372
Systematik	32.7 Milchwirtschaft ; 31.11 Lebensmitteltechnologie
Typ	Allgemeinbegriff (saz)
Andere Normdaten	LCSH: Butter RAMEAU: Beurre LCSH: Cooking (Butter) RAMEAU: Cuisine (beurre)



Detail view of one specific data point





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