

# coli-ana

**Automatic analysis of the Dewey Decimal Classification  
A service of the Verbundzentrale GBV (VZG)**

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# Agenda



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- Project Colibri
- Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)
- coli-ana: automatic analysis of the DDC numbers
- Challenges
- Workflow
- Use cases
- Technical Aspects



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# Colibri Project

Funded by  
the VZG

## Context Generator & Linguistic Tools for Bibliographic Retrieval Interface



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# Colibri Research Questions

Is it possible to...

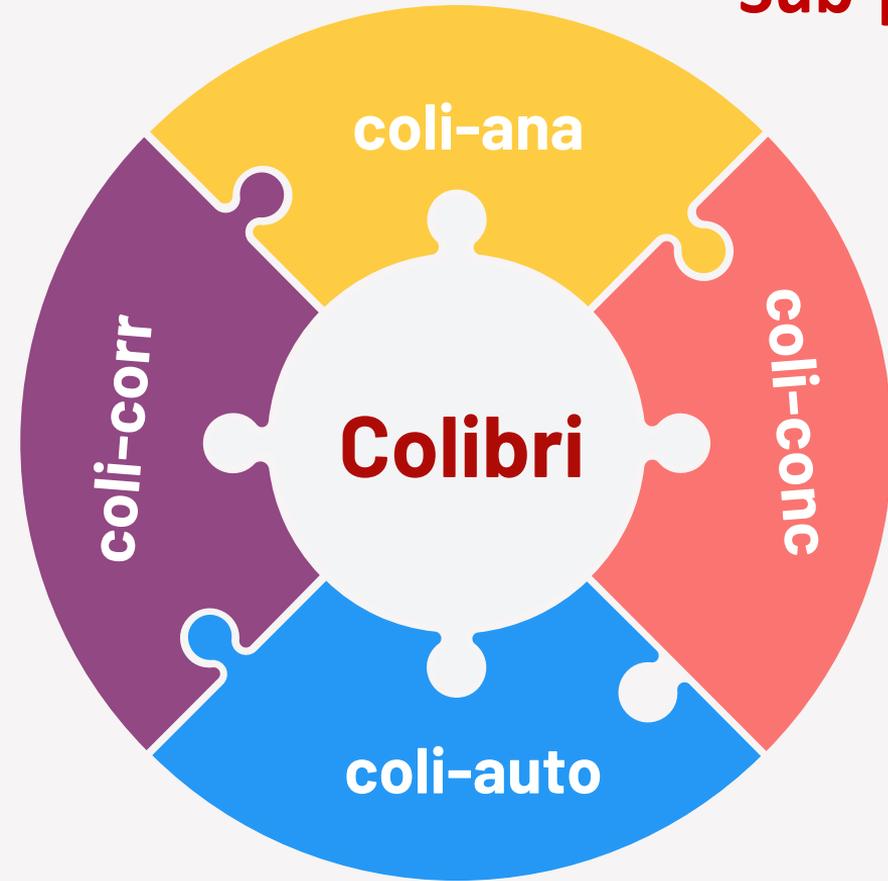
- Q1. ...classify automatically** bibliographic title records using DDC?
- Q2. ...analyse automatically** molecular DDC notations into atomic DDC notations?
- Q3. ...improve automatic classification & retrieval** by means of atomic DDC notations?

**atomic DDC notation:** a semantically indecomposable notation that represents a DDC class

**molecular DDC notation:** a notation that is syntactically decomposable into atomic DDC notations

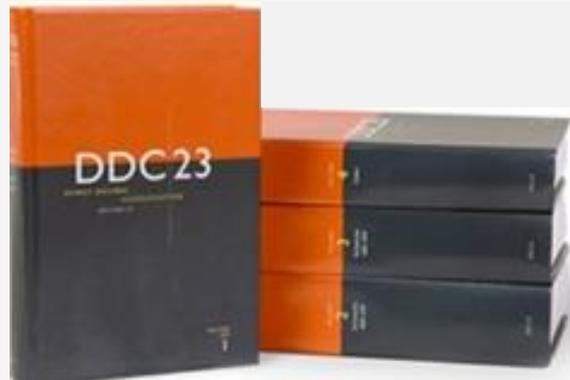
**DDC notation:** dno

# Sub-projects



- coli-ana - automatic analysis
- coli-conc - concordances
- coli-corr - correctness
- coli-auto - automatic classification

# DDC



- **Actively in use** over a century
- **Large user community** worldwide
- VZG member of the **Dewey Consortium** in 2000
- **Strong representation** in Europe: EDUG User group
- **Dynamic system**
- **Rich system, precisely structured notations**
- **Huge influx** of Dewey numbers into the K10plus Catalog from external data
- **At least 1 Mio. unique DDC** built numbers in K10plus Catalog

# DDC System and numbers

WebDewey

SEARCH

## Main Classes

- 000 [Computer science, information & general works](#)
- 100 [Philosophy & psychology](#)
- 200 [Religion](#)
- 300 [Social sciences](#)
- 400 [Language](#)
- 500 [Science](#)
- 600 [Technology](#)
- 700 [Arts & recreation](#)
- 800 [Literature](#)
- 900 [History & geography](#)

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## [Main Classes](#)

### Philosophy & psychology

- 100 [Philosophy](#)
- 110 [Metaphysics](#)
- 120 [Epistemology](#)
- 130 [Parapsychology & occultism](#)
- 140 [Philosophical schools of thought](#)
- 150 [Psychology](#)
- 160 [Philosophical logic](#)
- 170 [Ethics](#)
- 180-190 [History, geographic treatment, biography](#)

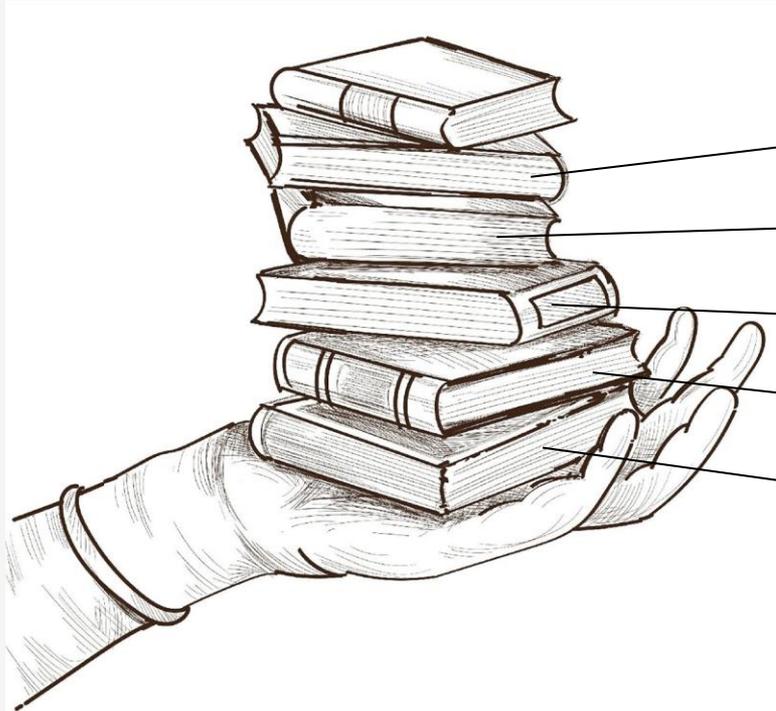
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#### Philosophy

- 100 [Philosophy, parapsychology and occultism, psychology](#)
- 101 [Theory of philosophy](#)
- 102 [Miscellany of philosophy](#)
- 103 [Dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances of philosophy](#)
- [104] [\[Unassigned\]](#)
- 105 [Serial publications of philosophy](#)
- 106 [Organizations and management of philosophy](#)
- 107 [Education, research, related topics of philosophy](#)
- 108 [Groups of people](#)
- 109 [History and collected biography](#)

# Complexity of the DDC numbers



331.892829225209712743090511

700.9044074747

754.09109033

700.23

700

# DDC number building

Finely structured and precise numbers can be composed from the multiple parts of the DDC **based on complex rules**

Create built number: ⓘ 666.4 + ▼

[666.4](#) Pottery materials, equipment, processes  
Add to base number [666.4](#) the numbers following 738.1 in 738.12-738.15, e.g., kilns [666.436](#)

ADD  
EDIT LOCAL  
CANCEL

Synthesized number components 🧩 666.444 + ▼

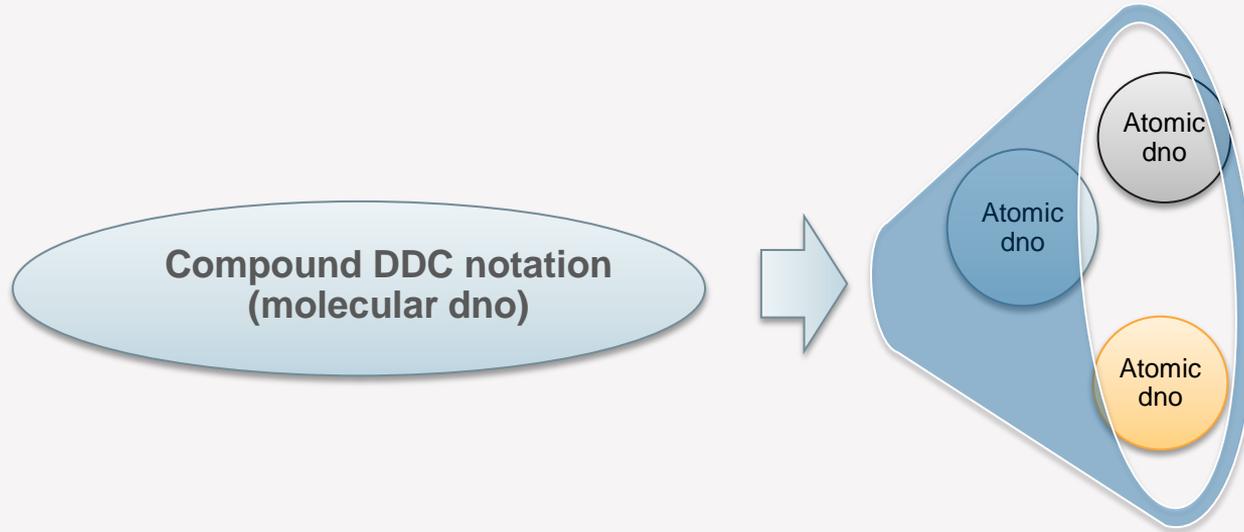
+ [666.4](#) Pottery materials, equipment, processes  
+ [738.144](#) Glazing

**Pottery glazing technology**

**666.4 + 738.144 ⇒ 666.444**

# coli-ana

A tool for automatic analysis of synthesized DDC notations



# Objectives

## Improve Retrieval

- Support of search terms (atomic dnos)  
**Example:** T1--09044 (DDf \*1940-1949 )  
returns all titles that are in any way related to the 1940s
- Extension to full text search through captions (all captions contained in a sythesized dno)
- Assessment and ranking of similar publications

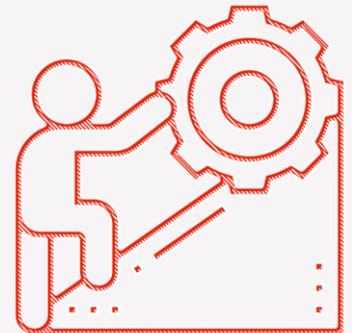
## Analyse & enhance subject indexing

**Example:** DDC 700 "Arts" and T1--0901-0905:074 "Museums, collections, exhibitions" => BC 20.13 "Art exhibition".

## Improve the presentation in the catalogue

# Challenges in automatic analysis

- **Extensive System** with over **51.700** classes
- **Complex number building** system
  - Main schedule, six tables and other auxillary tables
  - Standard subdivisions, notes
  - **Over 9.987 instructions** (e.g. add note, authorisation, discontinuation, include note, class here, class elsewhere, revision,...)
    - Bundled into 60 rule parts
- **Possibility to build** fine and accurate DDC numbers that can get very lengthy

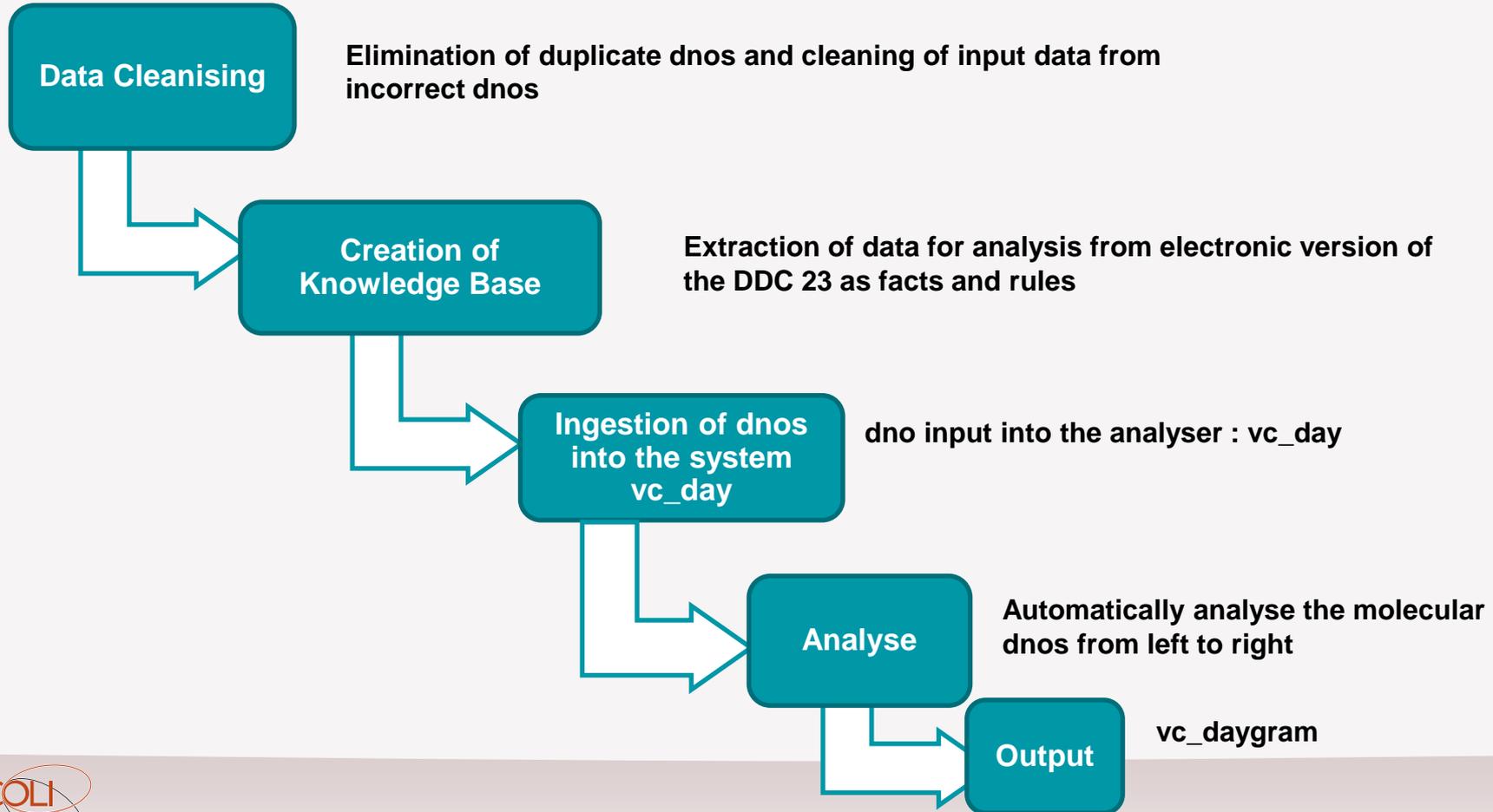


# A complete analysis of a rich DDC number

700.90440747471	
7-----	Arts & recreation (700)
70-----	Arts (700)
700-----	The arts (700)
700.9-----	Standard subdivisions of the arts (700.1-700.9)
700.9-----	History, geographic treatment, biography of the arts (700.9)
700.904-----	Arts--20th century,... (700.904)
-0-----	facet indicator (0)
--0-----	Table 1. Standard Subdivisions (T1--0)
--0.9-----	History, geographic treatment, biography (T1--09)
--0.904-----	Historical periods (T1--0901-0905)
--0.904-----	*20th century, 1900-1999 (T1--0904)
--0.9044-----	*1940-1949 (T1--09044)
---.----07-----	Museums, collections, exhibits; collecting objects (T1--0901-0905:07)
---.----074-----	Museums, collections, exhibits (T1--0901-0905:074)
---.-----7---	Modern world; extraterrestrial worlds (T2--4-9)
---.-----7---	North America (T2--7)
---.-----74--	Specific states of United States (T2--74-79)
---.-----74--	Northeastern United States (New England and Middle Atlantic states) (T2--74)
---.-----747-	Middle Atlantic states (T2--747-749)
---.-----747-	New York (T2--747)
---.-----7471	New York (Manhattan Island, New York County) (T2--7471)

Base number

# coli-ana Workflow

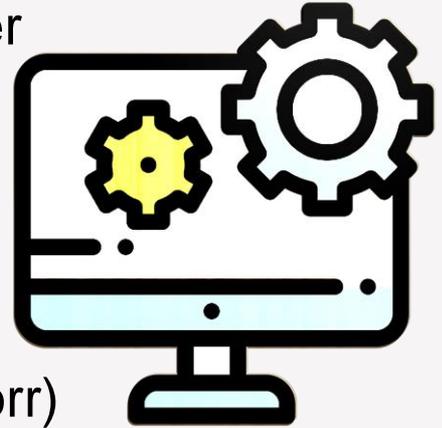


# Example vc\_daygram

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700.9----- History, geographic treatment, biography of the arts #dno_syn#
700.904----- Modern arts <RI_bui>
700.904----- Modern arts <dno_bui>
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# Use Cases

- **Entry** into the Catalogues (for e.g. K10plus) and other bibliographic retrieval systems
- **Extend** search functionality
- **Analyse and Re-use** (coli-ana webservice)
- **Map** semantic components (Mapping Tool Cocoda)
- **Quality** Control: detect invalid DDC notations (coli-corr)



# coli-ana in K10plus catalog

**Titel:** **Optimierte Auftragsverfahren in der Spritzglasieretechnologie** / Undine Fischer  
**Autorin/Autor:** Fischer, Undine, 1968-   
**Erschienen:** Freiberg : Techn. Univ. Bergakad., 2009  
**Umfang:** 89 S. : Ill., graph. Darst.  
**Sprache(n):** Deutsch  
**Schriftenreihe:** Freiburger Forschungshefte. Reihe A ; 897  
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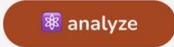
**RVK-Notation:** [ZM 6210](#)  → *Ähnliche Literatur*

**Sachgebiete:** DNB-[DDC 666.444](#) (Grundnotation: [666.4](#)) ; Not. anderer Haupttafeln [738.144](#)

molecular DDC notation

atomic DDC notations

# coli-ana webservice

666.444  Language: **Deutsch**, Norsk

Examples: 700.23, 700.90440747471, 666.444, 555.55

**666.444 Glasieren**   

666.444

- 6----- Technik, Medizin, angewandte Wissenschaften (600)
- ↳ 66----- Chemische Verfahrenstechnik (660)
- ↳ 666---- Keramiktechnologie und zugeordnete Technologien (666)
- ↳ 666.4-- Materialien, Ausstattung, Verfahren im Töpferhandwerk (666.4)
- ↳ **666.444 Glasieren--Töpferhandwerk (666.444)**
- .-4- Techniken und Verfahren (738.14)
- ↳ ---.-44 Glasieren (738.144)

PICA+: 045H/20 \$eDDC23ger\$a666.444\$c666.4\$d738.144\$Acoli-ana  
Pica3: 5420 [DDC23ger]666.444-G--666.4-H--738.144\$Acoli-ana

API: JSKOS • PICA/JSON • PICA Plain • Pica3

deep link into K10plus catalog

atomic dno

analysis in the catalog record

analysis in machine-readable form (API)

# Cocoda mapping tool integration

★ DDC Dewey Decimal Classification CC BY-NC-ND

🔍 Type to search...

▼ 600 Technik

- ↑ 660 Chemische Verfahrenstechnik
- ↑ 666 Keramiktechnologie und zugeordnete Technologien
- ↑ 666.4 Materialien, Ausstattung, Verfahren im Töpferhandwerk
- ↑ 666.44 Techniken und Verfahren
- ✖ 666.444 Glasieren ★

Info Labels Search Links **coli-ana**

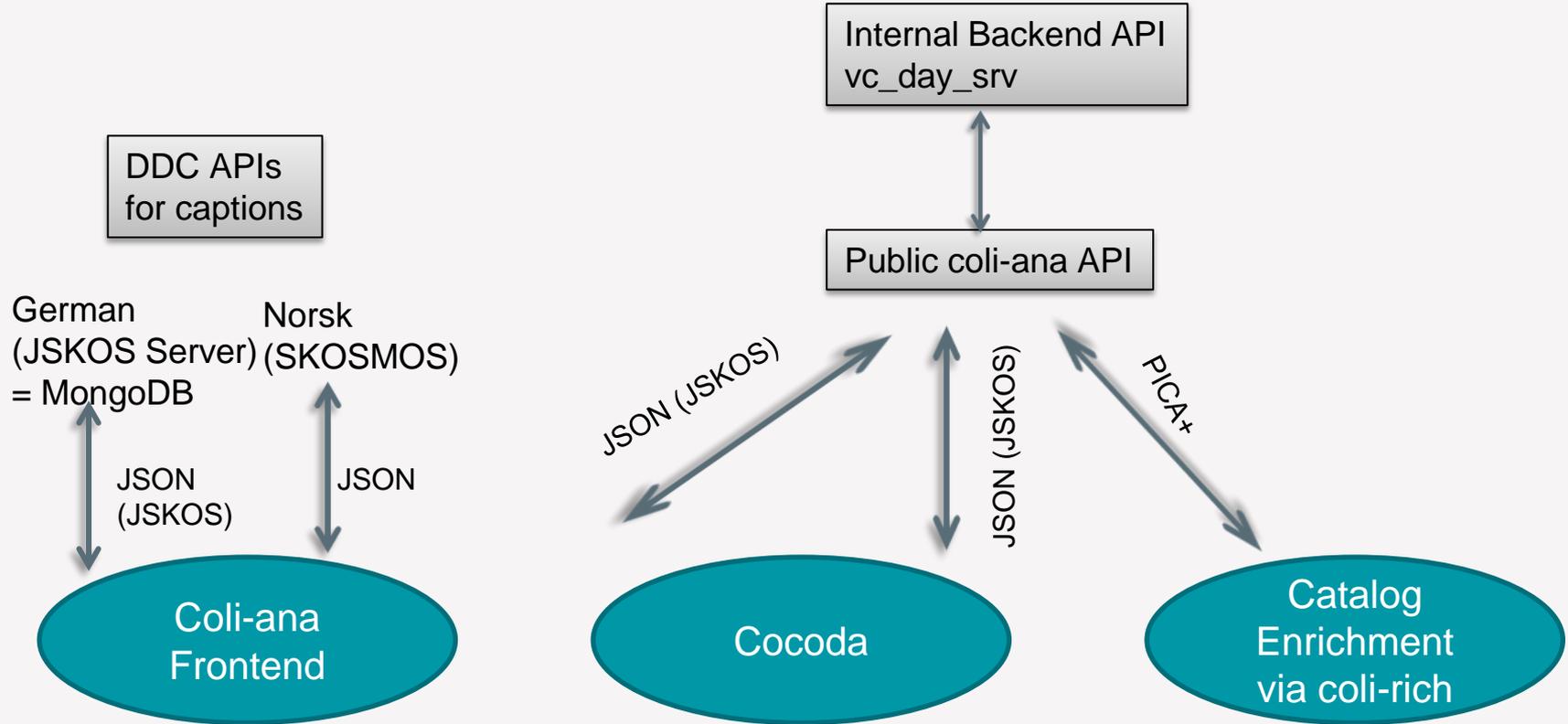
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- 6----- Technik (600)
- ↳ 66----- Chemische Verfahrenstechnik (660)
- ↳ 666---- Keramiktechnologie und zugeordnete Technologien (666)
- ↳ 666.4-- **Materialien, Ausstattung, Verfahren im Töpferhandwerk (666.4)**
- 666.444 Glasieren (666.444)
- .4- Techniken und Verfahren (738.14)
- ↳ ---.44 **Glasieren (738.144)**

Go to the [coli-ana web interface](#) for more details and information.

Create and manage mappings between atomic DDC notations and entries of other vocabularies (Wikidata, LCSH, GND)

# APIs /technical implementation



# Enrichment of K10plus union catalog

1. Database dump or query result in PICA+ format
2. **Extraction** of existing DDC from records

PICA+ 045F|045H  
MARC21 082

3. Query **Analysis** from coli-ana API
4. Create PICA **patch** format

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+ 045H/20 \$eDDC23ger\$a666.444\$c666.4\$d738.144\$Acoli-ana

5. **Update** of Union Catalog records (this is still on work mode)

# coli-ana API

- Public endpoint at <https://coli-conc.gbv.de/coli-ana/app/analyze>
- Sources and documentation at <https://github.com/gbv/coli-ana>
- JSKOS result format (full decomposition)
- PICA+ result format (atomic elements also)

```
$ curl -s 'https://coli-conc.gbv.de/coli-ana/app/analyze?notation=666.444&format=picajson' \  
| jq -r '[][6:-2][[]] | grep [0-9]
```

666.4

738.144

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