Newspapers: a source to understand the perception of water in the Dordogne's watershed

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Main objectives

- Study newpapers as an indicator of the public opinion
- Gather information to adapt water-management to social concerns

 Assess the main themes in the press and how they are depicted

Materials

- The corpus : created by Epidor
 - 589 articles
 - Year 2016
 - 64 different newspapers
 - Concerning the water in the Dordogne's watershed
- Working with the press :
 - Some biases...
 - ... but a good indicator of social concerns

Methods

- Content analysis
 - Categorization
 - Data table

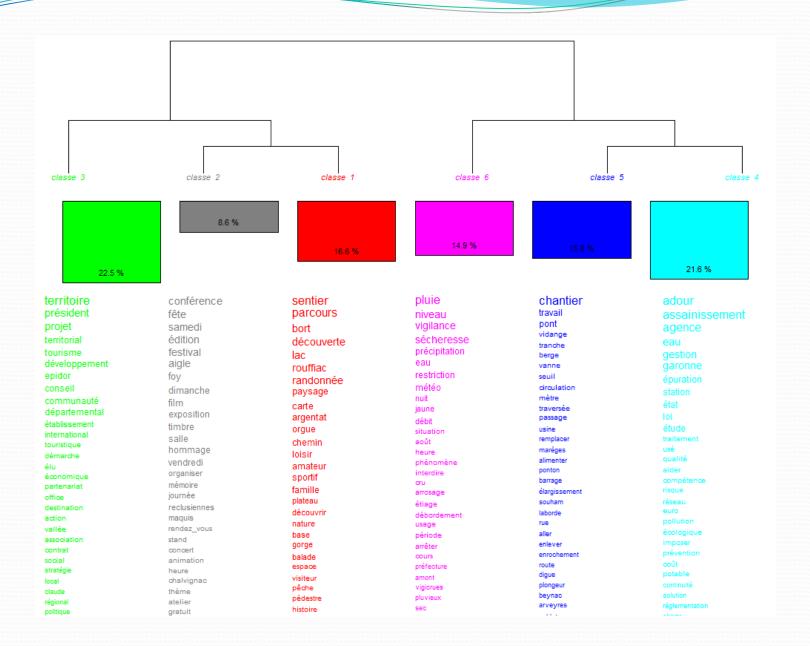
- Textual data analysis
 - TXM (full-text search techniques, similarity analysis, cooccurrence analysis)



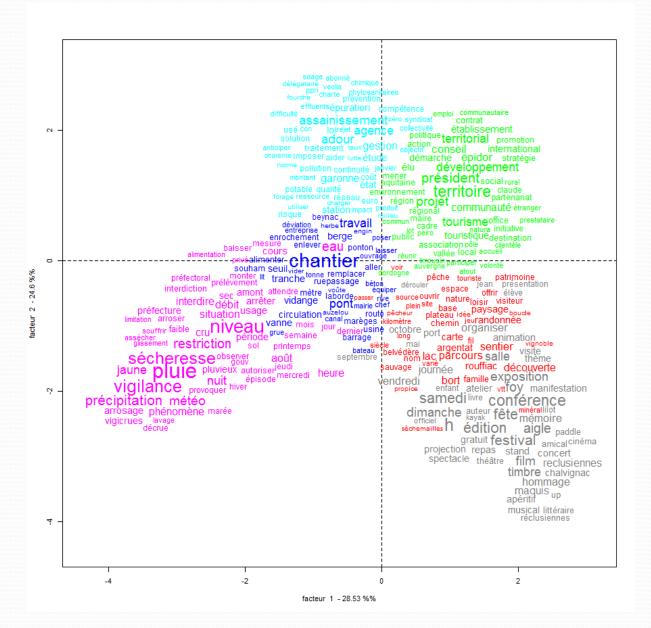
• IRaMuTeQ (Reinert classification, factorial correspondence analysis, network of words)



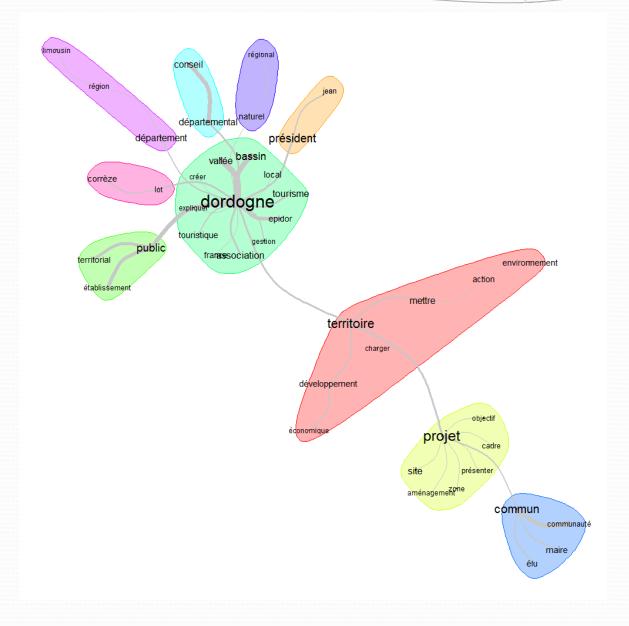
IRaMuTeQ: Reinert Classification



IRaMuTeQ: Factorial analysis Correspondence



IRaMuTeQ: network of words (class 3)



What does it reveal of social concerns about water?

- Mostly about water management : rivermanagement planning, water supply and sanitation
- Also a touristic interest through the activities linked to water
- Lack of interest for the environmental aspect, except when it comes to risk of flood or low water level.

-> **Water** is seen as an economic **ressource** more than an environmental reality

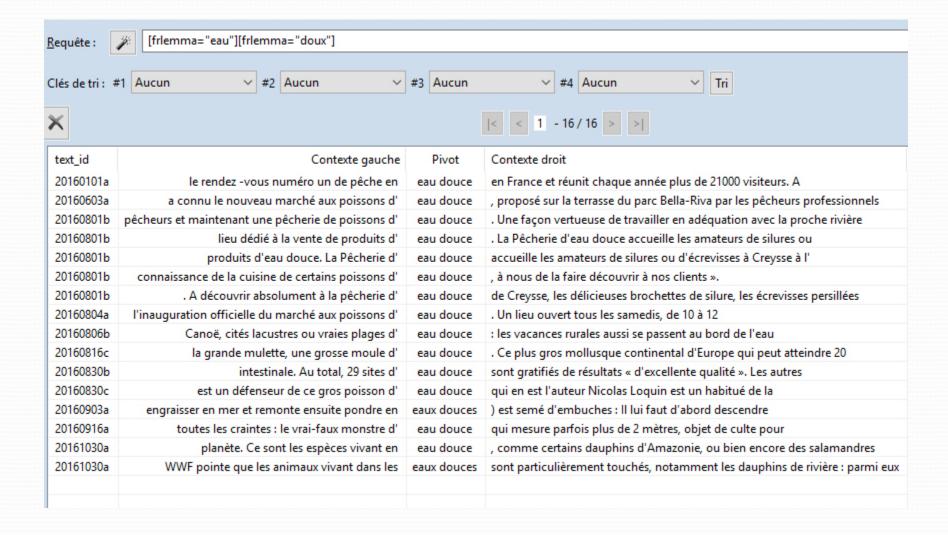
Going further: textual data analysis with TXM

Words	Number of occurrence	Part of speech
eau	1786	nom
dordogne	1223	nr
saint	570	nom
projet	536	nom
rivière	525	nom
bassin	494	nom
commun	485	adj
travail	452	nom
site	449	nom
barrage	429	nom
aller	423	ver

TXM, index query

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eau potable	55	
eau douce	14	
eaux usées	13	
eaux pluviales	10	
eau obligatoire	6	
eaux marchandes	4	
eaux naturelles	4	
eau maximale	3	
eau vive	3	
eaux minérales	3	
eaux souterraines	3	
hautes eaux	3	
basses eaux	2	
eau claire	2	
eau conforme	2	
eau importants	2	
eau naturelle	2	
eau naturels	2	
eau non collinaires	2	
eau non prioritaires	2	
eau propre	2	
eau superficielles	2	

TXM: Correspondence analysis



TXM: Co-occurrence analysis

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•	5207	1140	95	2,4	
d'	4372	978	86	2,6	
qualité	205	136	74	2,1	
potable	60	58	50	,5	
Adour-Garonne	95	68	41	1,4	
Agence	70	55	37	2,4	
des	4874	840	28	3,8	
olans	56	42	26	1,8	
agence	72	45	23	2,8	
usées	29	27	22	,6	
gestion	181	74	22	3,6	
aquatiques	88	49	22	6,8	
température	30	27	21	3,7	
demeurer	23	23	21	1,3	
satisfaisante	24	23	20	1,7	
usages	39	30	20	3,2	
Rivière	40	29	18	6,1	
alimentation	42	28	16	2,3	
nlan	116	49	15	19	

Perspective: how to plan a water management answering social concerns?

- To get the public opinion interested in water management : need to relate to its everyday concerns :
 - water consumption
 - Water-related practices (economic or leisure activities)
- -> The most important matter in the press discourse being the **quality of water**
- Quality of water : an entry point to catch the interest of the public opinion

Thank you for your attention

