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### DISPATCHING OF PATENT APPLICATIONS A TIME CONSUMING TASK

### ca. 300 applications per week





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# PATENT PRECLASSIFICATION A BASIC FIRST MODEL

- Data collection with 150 000 patents published by INPI over a 10 years period
- Model development using automatic language processing and learning
- In production in April 2019 replacing manual dispatching
- Provides the most likely examiners' team

In production model accuracy : 83%

## PATENT PRECLASSIFICATION ADAPTATION OF THE FIRST MODEL

- Reorganisation of the Patent Department mid 2019 with the transition to 10 examiners' teams
- Need to re-train the model by targeting these new teams
- Impact on performances with a significant decrease of accuracy

In production model accuracy : 74,5%



A NEW PROCESS ROBUST TO CHANGES



# PATENT PRECLASSIFICATION SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PERFORMANCE

- Adding recent data to the original data for training and evaluation
- Production start in December 2021 with IPC (subclass) and predicted pole



Team	Average correct prediction rate old model	Average correct prediction rate new model	
P11	81%	96%	
P12	78%	94%	
P13	79%	95%	
P21	76%	94%	
P22	91%	91%	
P23	62%	93%	
P24	76%	92%	
P31	84%	90%	
P32	74%	95%	
P33	85%	92%	

Source: DB

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- Each patent application can have several classifications : multi-label classification (XML : Extreme Multi-Label Learning)
- **Extrem classification** requires a sustained effort and sophisticated models
- Preliminary feasibility study by evaluating existing approaches to classification at a subclass level and at a subgroup level(XML-CNN, Paralabel, BERT)
- **Collaboration** of the Lab INPI with a research institute (INRIA)

# PATENT CLASSIFICATION DATA PREPARATION

- Need for good quality and quantity of data
- Collection of a large volume, increase and structuring in sections

### INPI data (2002-2021)

section	title	abstract	description	claims
# patents	296 270	295 421	296 216	291 539
# tokens	11	111	4202	725

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# **PATENT CLASSIFICATION**

COMBINATION OF MODELS FOR IPC (MAIN GROUP LEVEL)



**Correct prediction rate : 70 %** 

On the first 3 predictions of the model, 1.3 rankings are correct on average

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