

Reasoning with Exceptions in Contextualized Knowledge Repositories

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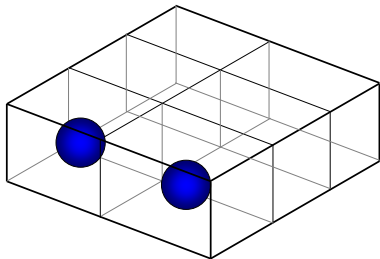
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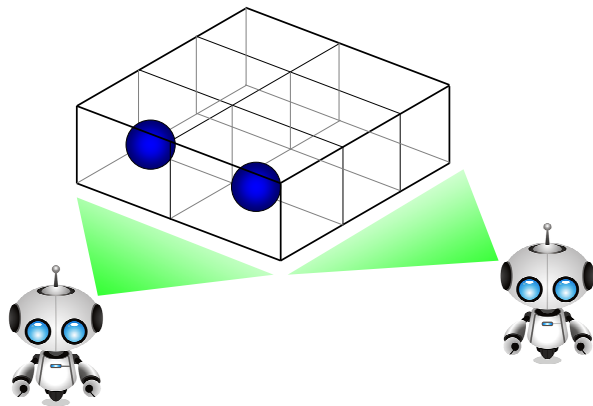
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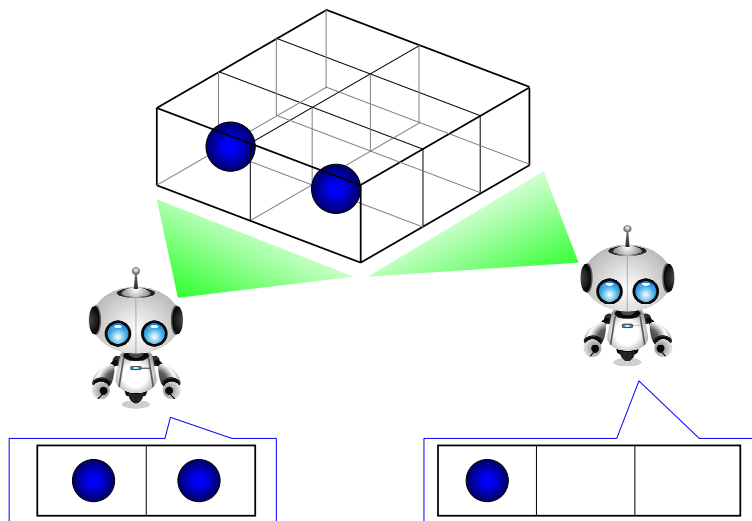
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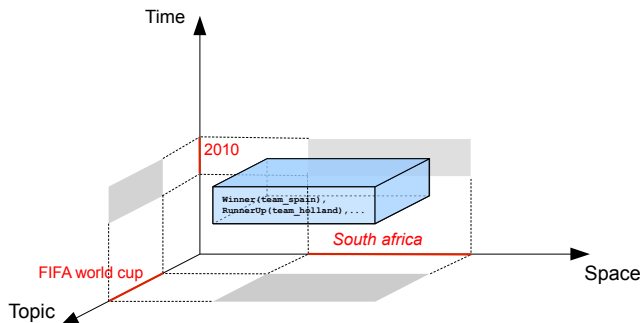
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Need for context in Semantic Web

- Most of Semantic Web data holds in specific **contextual space** (time, location, topic...)
- **No explicit support** for reasoning with context sensitive knowledge in Semantic Web languages
- **Current practice:**
Contextual information often “handcrafted” in implementation

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Contextualized Knowledge Repository (CKR)

- DL based framework for representation and reasoning with contextual knowledge in the Semantic Web
- **Contextual theory:** based on formal AI theories of context
[McCarthy, 1993, Lenat, 1998, Ghidini and Giunchiglia, 2001]

Other DL contextual frameworks:

[Bao et al., 2010, Klarman and Gutiérrez-Basulto, 2011, Straccia et al., 2010].

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→ Definition of “contextual primitives” of CKR

(e.g. cross-context statements → *eval* operator,
complex contextualization → c.classes and modules ...)

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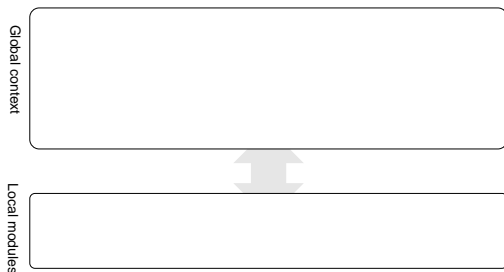
Plan

- 1 Tailor a **logic of context** in AI for Semantic Web needs
- 2 Provide an **axiomatization** of this new logic
- 3 Define **reasoning services**
- 4 **Implement** the theory on a platform
- 5 **Evaluate** by representation adequacy and performance

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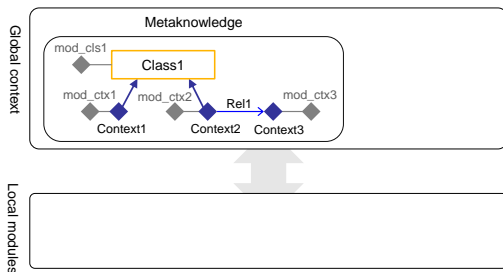
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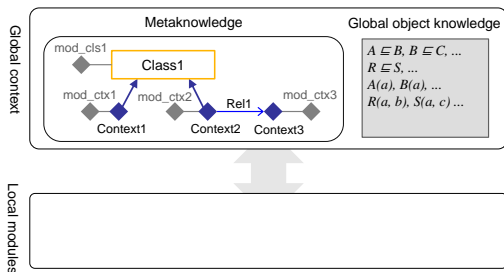


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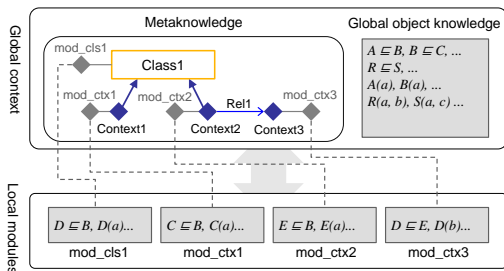


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- **Object knowledge with references:** local knowledge with references to value of predicates in other contexts
- Knowledge distributed across different **modules K_m**

Basic modeling language: description logic *SROIQ-RL*,

- *SROIQ-RL* is a restriction of *SROIQ*
- It corresponds to the syntax of the **OWL-RL profile of OWL-2**

SROIQ-RL

$$C := A \mid \{a\} \mid C_1 \sqcap C_2 \mid C_1 \sqcup C_2 \mid \exists R.C_1 \mid \exists R.\{a\} \mid \exists R.\top$$
$$D := A \mid D_1 \sqcap D_2 \mid \neg C_1 \mid \forall R.D_1 \mid \exists R.\{a\} \mid \leq [0,1]R.C_1 \mid \leq [0,1]R.\top$$

TBox axioms: $C \sqsubseteq D$ **ABox axioms:** $D(a), R(a, b)$

Example

- CulturalEvent \sqsubseteq Event, SportsEvent \sqsubseteq Event
- Event $\sqsubseteq \exists \text{mod.}\{m_event\}$
- VolleyA1Competition(A1_2012-13),
SportiveTourist(volley_fan_01)

Metavocabulary Γ : Contexts structure objects

- **N**: context names (match1, volley_season2013)
- **M**: module names (m_match1, m_event)
with role **mod** : $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{M}$
- **C**: context classes (Event, VolleyMatch)
with **Ctx** \in **C**: class of all contexts
- **R**: contextual relations (hasSubEvent, covers)
- **A**: contextual attributes (time, location, topic)
- D_A attribute values of $A \in \mathbf{A}$ (2013, trento, sport)

Metalinguage \mathcal{L}_Γ : DL language over Γ

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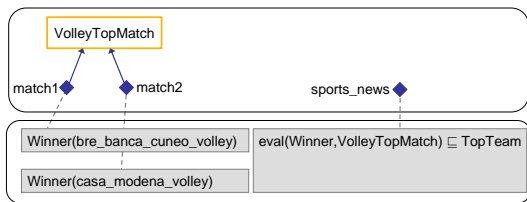
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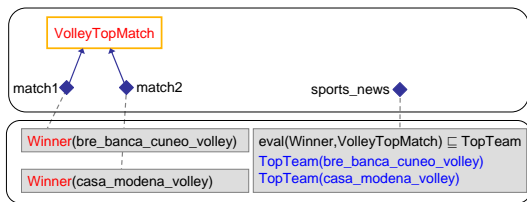
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$$\mathcal{K} = \langle \mathcal{G}, \{K_m\}_{m \in \mathbf{M}} \rangle$$

- \mathcal{G} contains
 - metaknowledge axioms in \mathcal{L}_Γ
 - global object axioms in \mathcal{L}_Σ
- for every module name $m \in \mathbf{M}$,
 K_m contains object axioms with references in \mathcal{L}_Σ^e

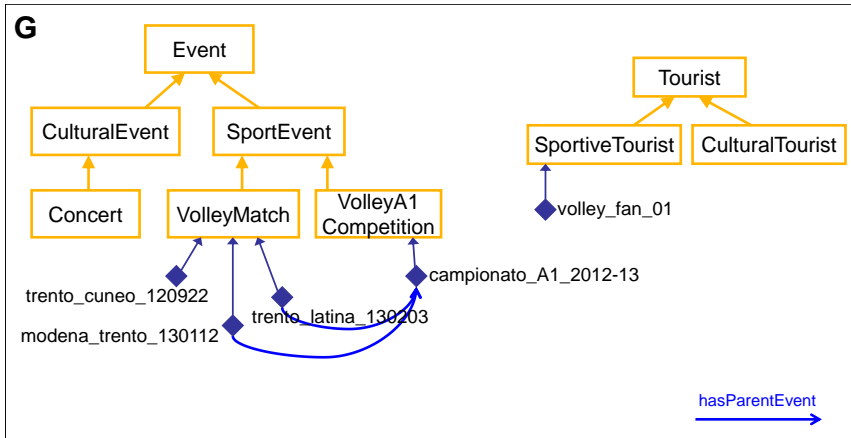
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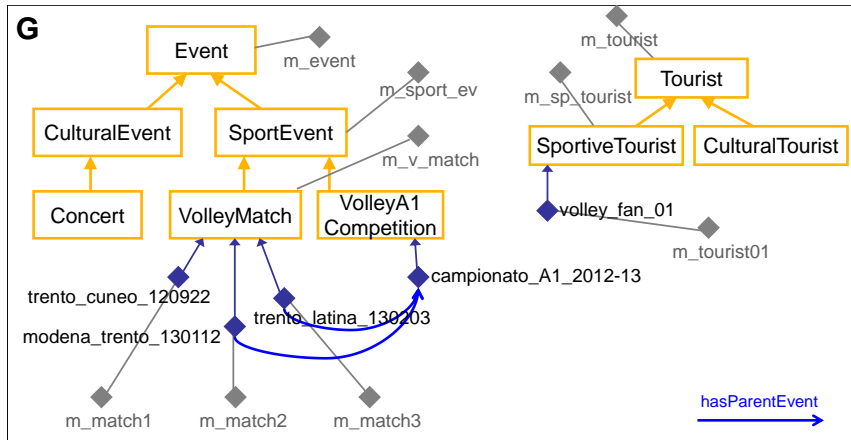
- **Idea:** Tourism recommendation for events in Trentino
- Structure of contexts represents **events** and **tourists information**
- **Task:** find interesting events on the base of tourists' preferences

We model this domain in a CKR $\mathcal{R}_{tour} = \langle \mathcal{G}, \{K_m\}_{m \in \mathbf{M}} \rangle$

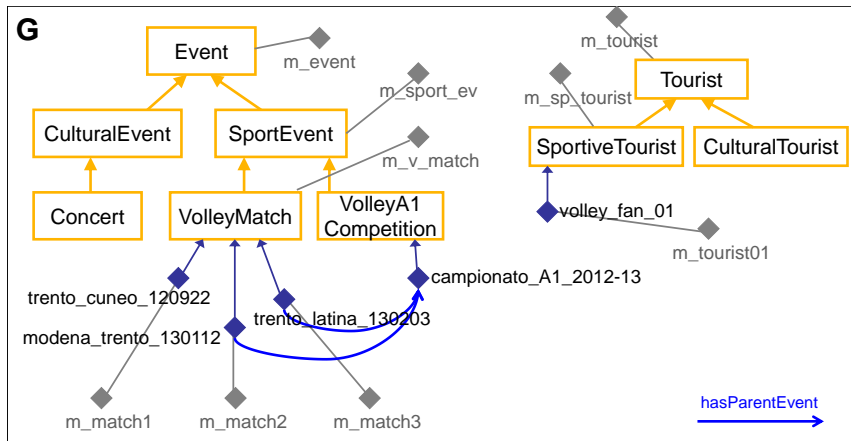
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Ksport_ev

Kv_match

Kmatch1

...

Ktourist01

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In \mathcal{K}_{sport_ev} : “Winners of major volley matches are top teams”

$eval(Winner, VolleyMatch \sqcap$
 $\exists hasParentEvent.VolleyA1Competition) \sqsubseteq TopTeam$

In $\mathcal{K}_{sp_tourist}$: “Top teams are preferred teams”

$eval(TopTeam, SportEvent) \sqsubseteq PreferredTeam$

Idea

CKR interpretations are two layered interpretations

CKR interpretation $\mathfrak{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{I} \rangle$

- \mathcal{M} is a DL interpretation over $\Gamma \cup \Sigma$
- For every $x \in \text{Ctx}^{\mathcal{M}}$, $\mathcal{I}(x)$ is a DL interpretation over Σ
 - $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}(x)} = \Delta^{\mathcal{M}}$
 - for $a \in \text{NI}_{\Sigma}$, $a^{\mathcal{I}(x)} = a^{\mathcal{M}}$

Interpretation of *eval*: $\text{eval}(X, \mathbf{C})^{\mathcal{I}(x)} = \bigcup_{\mathbf{e} \in \mathbf{C}^{\mathcal{M}}} X^{\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{e})}$

CKR model $\mathcal{J} \models \mathcal{R}$

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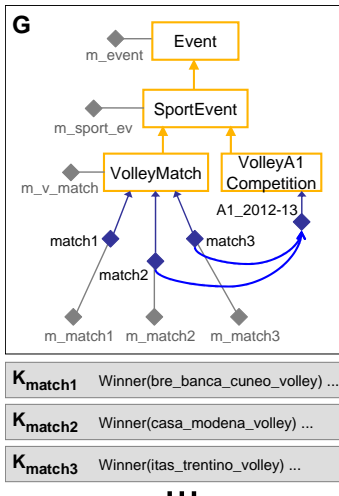
- for $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}_\Sigma \cup \mathcal{L}_\Gamma$ in \mathcal{G} , $\mathcal{M} \models \alpha$
- for $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{mod}^{\mathcal{M}}$ with $y = m^{\mathcal{M}}$, $\mathcal{I}(x) \models K_m$
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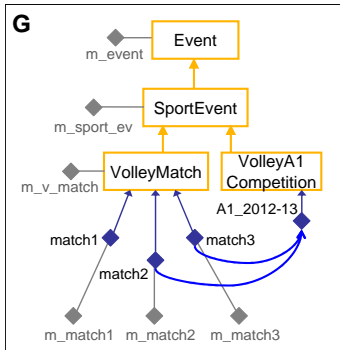
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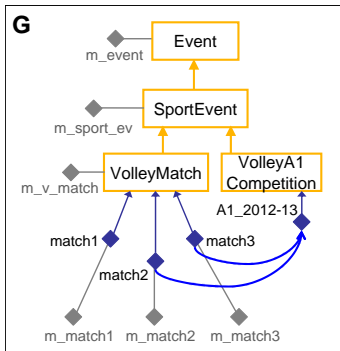
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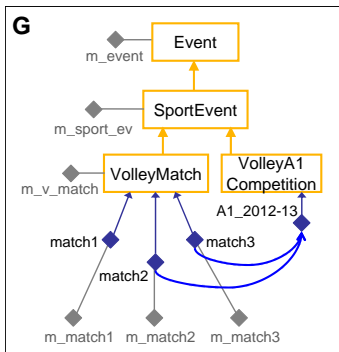
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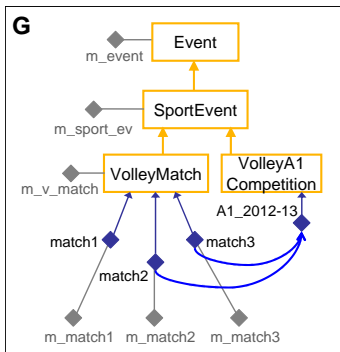
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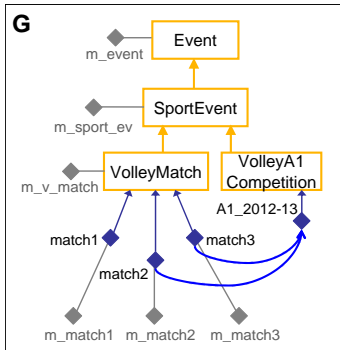
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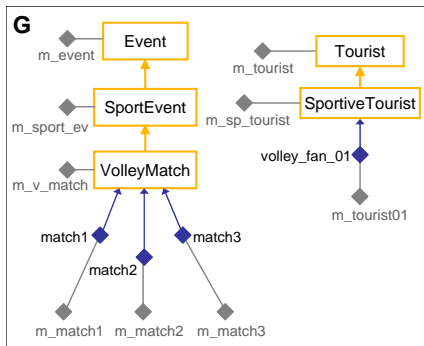
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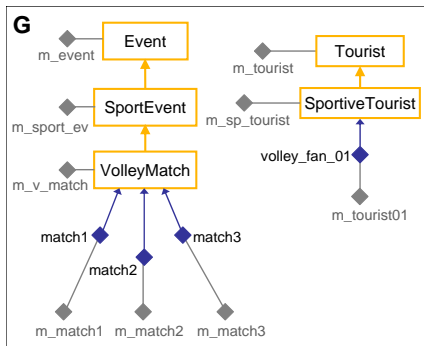
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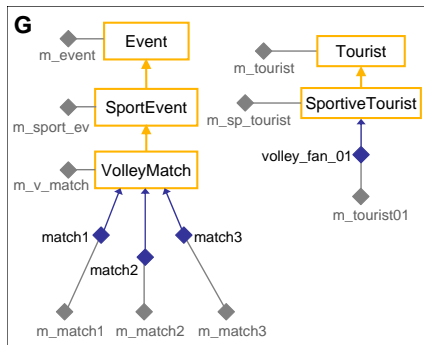
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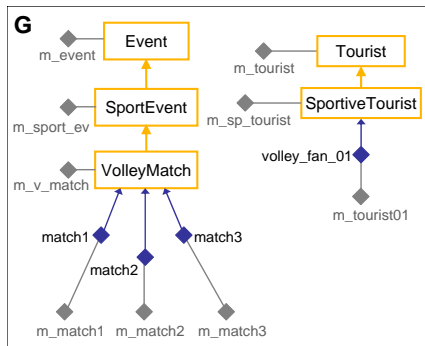
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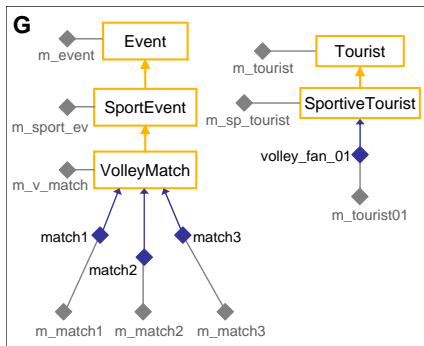
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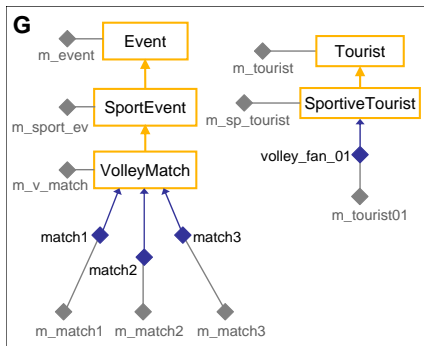
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Materialization calculus:

- Calculus for **instance checking** in OWL RL CKR
- Extension to the CKR structure of **materialization calculus** for OWL EL of [Krötzsch, 2010]
- Formalizes the operation of **forward closure in implementation**

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Composed by 3 kinds of rule sets:

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- 1 $\mathfrak{K} \models \mathbf{c} : \alpha$ iff $PK(\mathfrak{K}) \models O(\alpha, \mathbf{c})$ (axiom α in context \mathbf{c})
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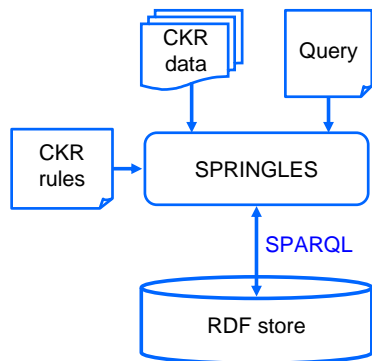
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Semantic Web languages

- **RDF**: representation for data
- **OWL**: representation for schema
- **SPARQL**: query on RDF data

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- Contexts as OWL/RDF repositories
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CKR implementation on top of **SPRINGLES**:

SParql-based Rule Inference over Named Graphs Layer Extending Sesame

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- transparent/on-demand **closure materialization** based on rules
- rules encoded as **SPARQL queries** on Named Graphs (NG)
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Why SPRINGLES:

- no inference over NGs in RDF stores

Why SPARQL:

- exploits optimized query engines
- can scale to large KBs (cf. RETE)

SPRINGLES rule

Forward SPARQL-based rules of the form:

```
:< rule - name > a spr : Rule;  
  spr : head "" < graphpattern > "";  
  spr : body "" < sparqlquery > "".
```

SPRINGLES evaluation strategy

Composition of SPRINGLES primitives:

- parallel rule evaluation
- sequence
- fixpoint
- repeat

Ruleset

Translation to SPRINGLES rules of materialization calculus rules:

```
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FILTER NOT EXISTS {
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Evaluation strategy

- Associate inferred graph to `ckr:global`
- By fixpoint, compute OWL RL and global closure on `ckr:global`
- Compute modules associated to each context
- Create local graphs for contexts and for inference
- Evaluate local rules for OWL RL on context graphs

Current CKR implementations:

- **CKR prototype:**
1st implementation on Sesame/OWLIM [Tamilin et al., 2010]
- **CKR on SPRINGLES:** SPARQL-based forward rules on named graphs over Sesame [Bozzato and Serafini, 2013]
- **CKRew:** CKR datalog rewriter [Bozzato et al., 2018a]
- **CKR on RDFpro:**
SPARQL rules for RDF processor [Schuetz et al., 2020]

Findings [Bozzato et al., 2013, Bozzato and Serafini, 2014]

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 - **Model:** CKR uses less symbols than Flat modelling
 - **Query:** CKR performs better on context based queries
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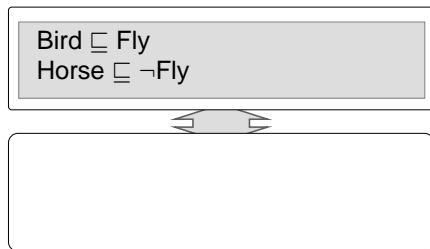
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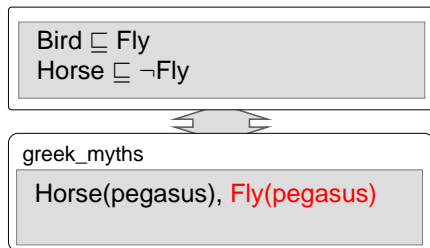
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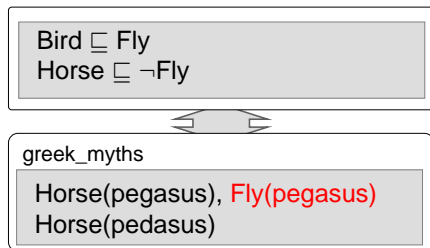
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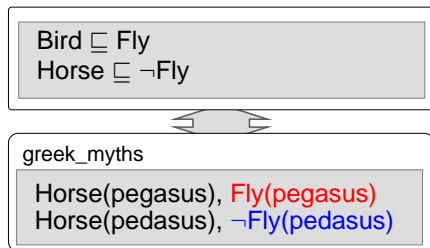
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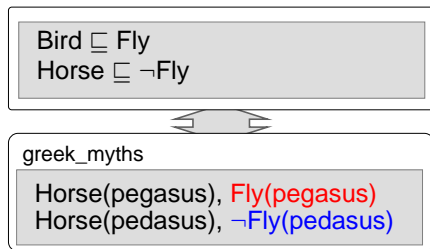
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AI Journal (257):72-126, 2018 [Bozzato et al., 2018a]

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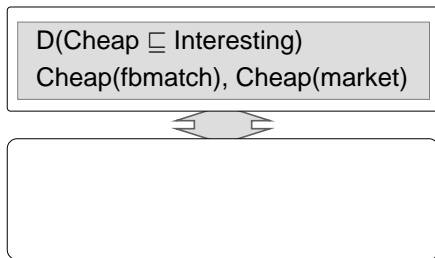
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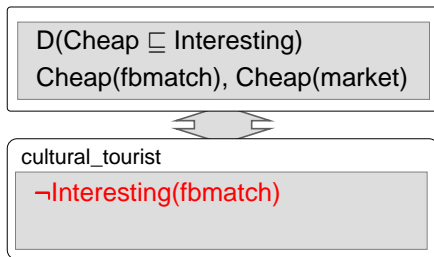
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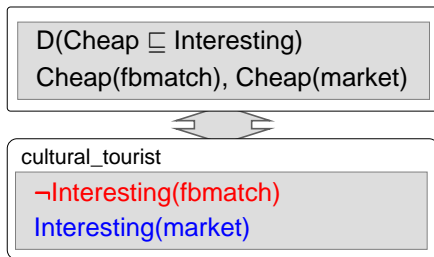
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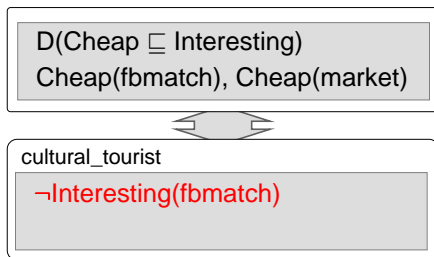
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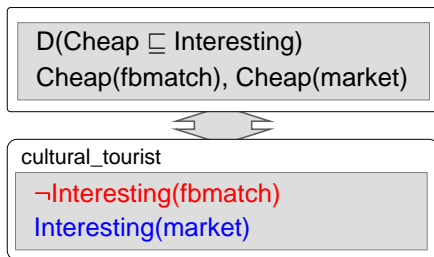
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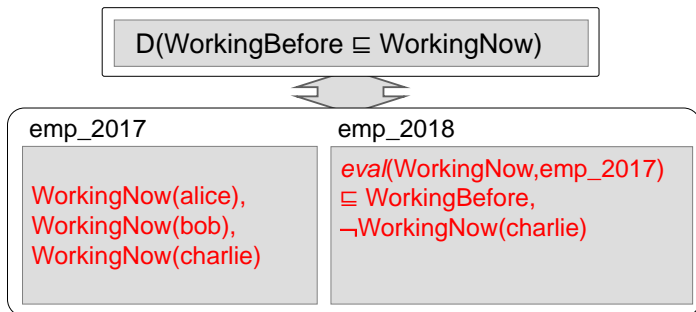
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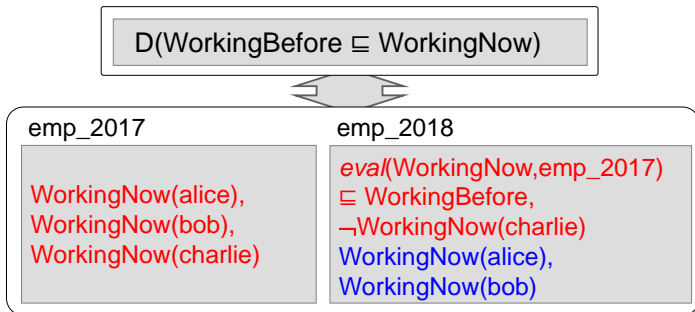
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- add rules for overriding
- use a **fixed** set of rules and provide \mathfrak{K} etc **as data**
- requires a **normal form** for \mathfrak{K} + slight restrictions on $D(\alpha)$

Program Structure

Composed by 3 kinds of rule sets:

- **Input rules I** : translation of DL axioms to Datalog atoms
 - **Deduction rules P** : forward inference rules
 - **Output rules O** : translation for DL proved ABox assertion
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$\mathfrak{K} \models c : \neg p(\mathbf{e})$ iff $\mathfrak{K}' = \mathfrak{K} \cup \{c : p(\mathbf{e})\}$ is unsatisfiable

- use $nlit(p, \mathbf{e})$ to represent negative literals
- use $unsat(nlit(p, \mathbf{e}))$ for unsatisfiability with $p(\mathbf{e})$
- use $test(nlit(p, \mathbf{e}))$ and $test_fails(nlit(p, \mathbf{e}))$ for test environment for $nlit(p, \mathbf{e})$ and for test failure, resp.

Contradiction testing: example rules

- **Instantiate the test.** E.g., for atomic inclusions:

```
test(nlit(x,z,c)) ←  
def_subclass(y,z), instd(x,y,c,main), prec(c,g).
```

- **Exclude overriding, if the test fails.**

E.g., for the subClass overriding,
← test_fails(nlit(x,z,c)), ovr(subClass,x,y,z,c).

- **Determine if test fails**

i.e., no clashes (= instances unsat) are found:

```
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```
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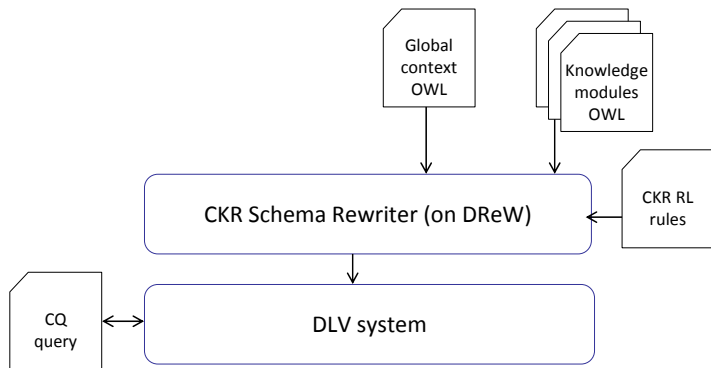
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For a \mathcal{K} in normal form

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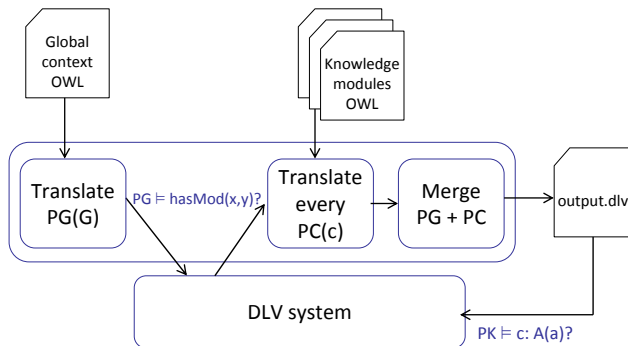


Prototype implementation:

- Extends basic translation of OWL RL ontologies to 2 layer CKR structure
- **Input:** OWL files for global context and knowledge modules
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Prototype and examples available at: <http://ckrew.fbk.eu/>

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Summary:

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Reasoning in \mathcal{EL}_{\perp} and $DL-Lite_{\mathcal{R}}$

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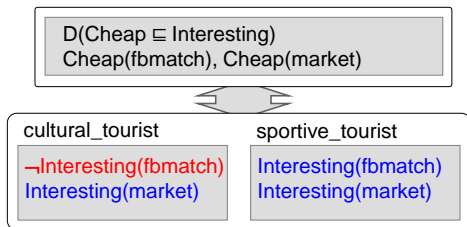
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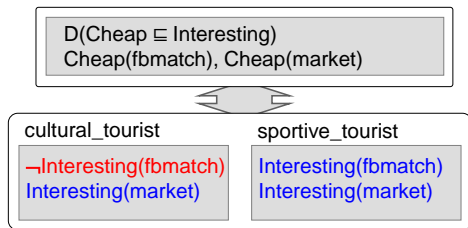
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sCKR: idea

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→ Simplifies presentation of coverage, representable in “regular” CKR

- Context names: $\mathbf{N} \subseteq \mathbf{NI}$
- Coverage: strict partial order $\prec \subseteq \mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}$
if $c_1 \prec c_2$, c_2 covers c_1 (i.e. c_2 is more general than c_1)

Contextual language $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{N}}^{\mathbf{D}}$

DL language \mathcal{L} extended with:

- eval expressions: $eval(X, c)$ (“the interpretation of X in context c ”)
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Simple Contextualized Knowledge Repository (sCKR):

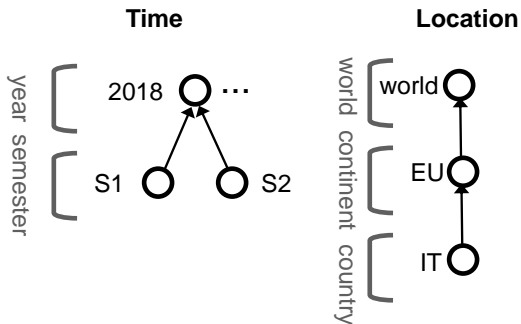
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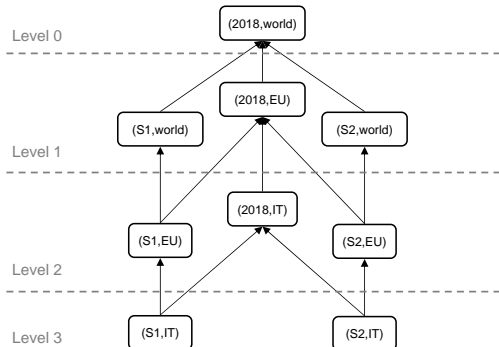
→ Example of coverage structure defined by contextual dimensions [Serafini and Homola, 2012]

- A large organization has different policies with respect to
 - local branches (location dimension)
 - time period (time dimension)
- Active in different fields:
Electronics (*E*), Robotics (*R*), Musical instruments (*M*)
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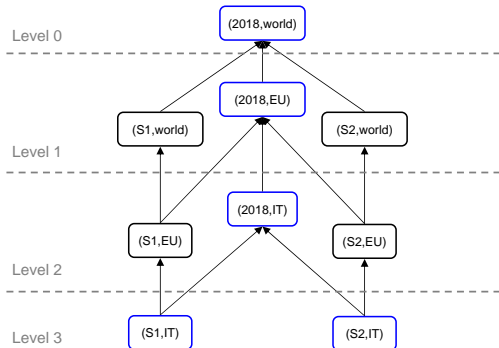
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Example: products of **ranked dimension hierarchies**

(like our example hierarchy in previous slide...)

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sCKR interpretation \mathfrak{I}

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- For $c, c' \in \mathbf{N}$, $\mathcal{I}(c)$ is a DL interpretation:
 - $\Delta^{\mathcal{I}(c)} = \Delta^{\mathcal{I}(c')}$
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- We want to give **priority to more specific axioms**
- **Maximize the level** of overridden axioms
- **Order models using level** of clashing assumptions

- **Global profile** $p(\chi)$: vector (l_n, \dots, l_0) ,
each l_i is the **number of clashing assumptions for axioms at level i**
- **Ordering** $p(\chi) < p(\chi')$: lexicographical ordering
e.g. $(0,1,0,1) < (0,1,5,0)$

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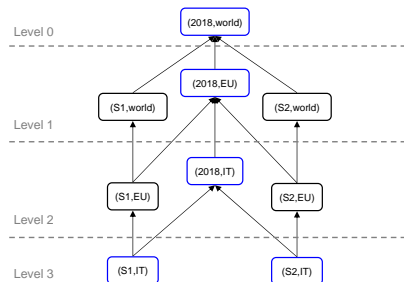
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Example: preferred models

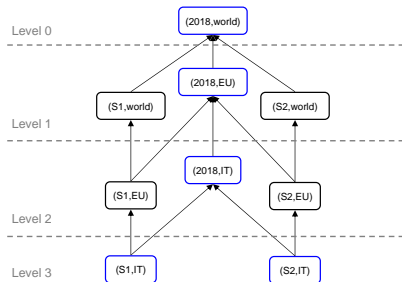
$$\mathbf{C}_{(2018,world)} : \{M \sqcap E \sqsubseteq \perp, \\ M \sqcap R \sqsubseteq \perp, E \sqcap R \sqsubseteq \perp\}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{(2018,EU)} : \{D(S \sqsubseteq E)\}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{(2018,IT)} : \{D(S \sqsubseteq M)\}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{(S1,IT)} : \{S(i), R(i)\}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{(S2,IT)} : \{S(i)\}$$



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- Profile ordering: $p(\chi_1) = (0, 1, 2, 0) < p(\chi_2) = (0, 2, 1, 0)$

→ Model based on χ_1 is the preferred model

- 1 Satisfiability (does \mathcal{R} have a CKR model)
- 2 Model checking (is \mathcal{T}_{CAS} a model for \mathcal{R})
- 3 Axiom entailment $\mathcal{R} \models \mathbf{c} : \alpha$
- 4 Conjunctive query answering $\mathcal{R} \models \exists \mathbf{y} \gamma(\mathbf{y})$

Complexity results

- Satisfiability is **NP-complete** (was NP-complete)
- Model checking is **coNP-complete** (was polynomial)
- Axiom entailment is **Δ_2^P -complete** (was coNP-complete)
- (Boolean) CQ answering is **Π_2^P -complete** (was Π_2^P -complete)

Main idea:

- Materialization calculus for **instance checking** and **CQ answering** in sCKR based on *SROIQ*-RL (OWL-RL)
 - **Extends the datalog translation** for CKR with justifiable exceptions in [Bozzato et al., 2018a]
 - Interpreted under **Answer Set semantics**
- Rules for model preference: **weak constraints** [Leone et al., 2002]

Level preference rules: attach level info to overridings

$\text{ovrlevel_subClass}(x, A, B, c, n) \leftarrow \text{ovr}(\text{subClass}, x, A, B, c_1, c), \text{level}(c_1, n).$

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Weak constraints

- $[1 : n]$: weight 1, priority level n
 - **wc interpretation:** “minimize weight of violations at higher levels”
- prefer models with less overridings and at the higher levels

- 1 Global program $PG(\mathcal{C})$: translation for global context \mathcal{C}
- 2 Local programs $PC(c, \mathcal{K})$: translation for local contexts K_c
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Translation process

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Translation Correctness

- 1 $\mathcal{K} \models c : \alpha$ iff $PK(\mathcal{K}) \models O(\alpha, c)$ (axiom α in context c)
- 2 $\mathcal{K} \models \exists \mathbf{y} \gamma(\mathbf{y})$ iff $PK(\mathcal{K}) \models O(\exists \mathbf{y} \gamma(\mathbf{y}), c)$ (Boolean CQ in context c)

Summary:

- CKR extension with **local defeasible axioms** and knowledge propagation across **coverage structure**
- For **ranked hierarchies**: global model preference relation
- **Datalog translation** extending [Bozzato et al., 2018a] for instance checking based on **weak constraints**

sCKR with general hierarchies [Bozzato et al., 2019a]

- **Semantics**: **local ordering** on models
- **Reasoning**: **selection procedure** for preferred answer sets

Conclusion

Summary:

- **Contextual model** formalized in DL and AI theory of context
- **Reasoning** formalized as datalog materialization calculus
- Different (RDF based) **implementations**
- Extension with defeasible global axioms and **justifiable exceptions**
- Extension with defeasible local axioms in **contextual hierarchies**

Current and future directions:

- Application to OLAP operations on **RDF cubes** [Schuetz et al., 2020]
- Extension to different DL languages (see \mathcal{EL}_\perp [Bozzato et al., 2019c])
- Study of **alternative translations** and **implementation (CKRew)**
- Different **preference relations** (e.g. for representation, efficiency)
- Interaction of different contextual relations (e.g. temporal, revision...)



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