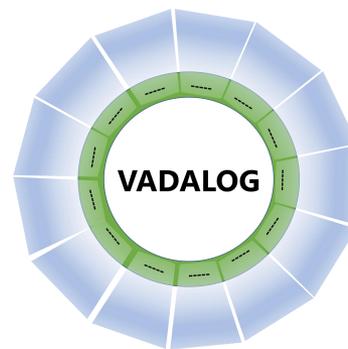


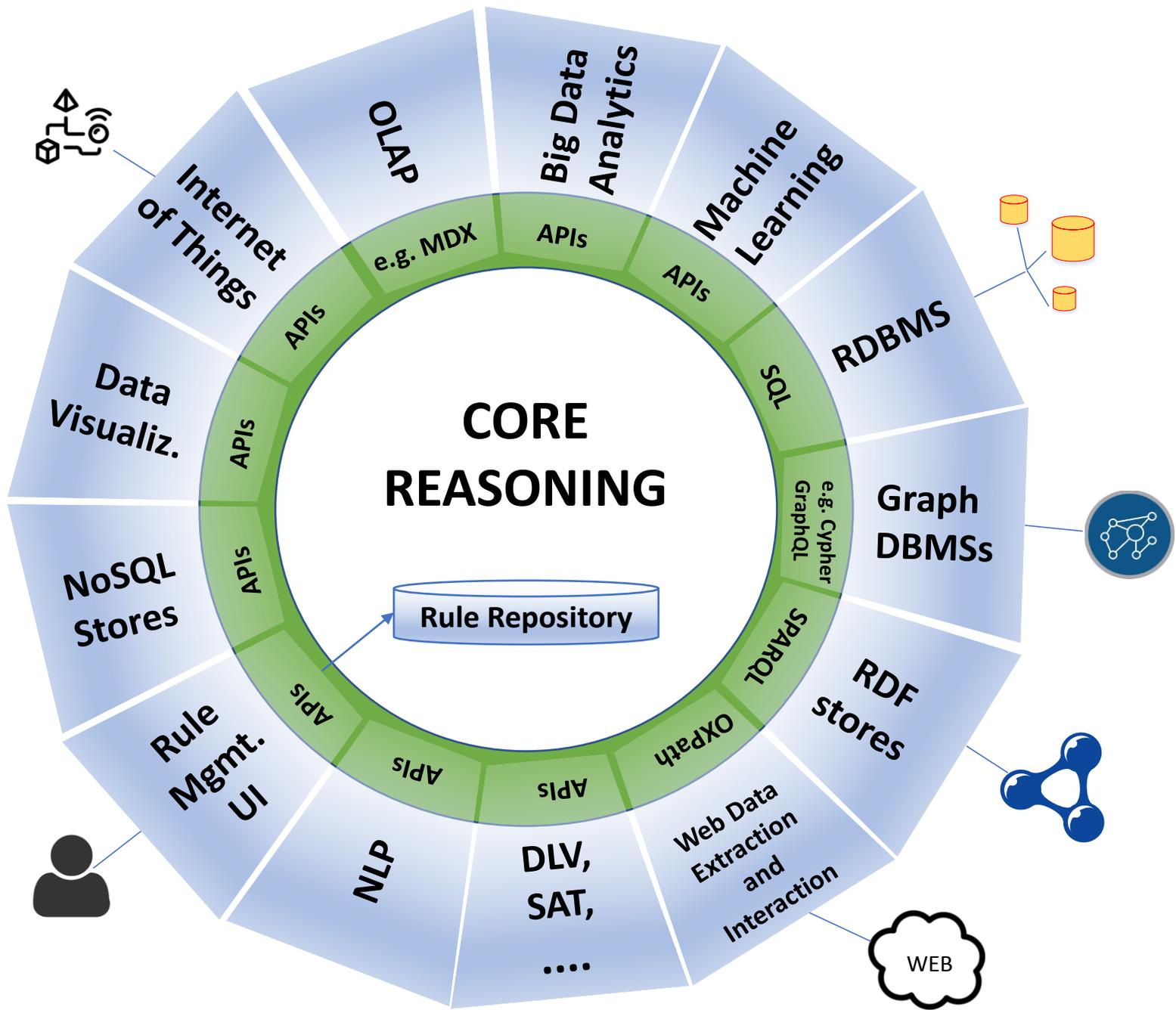
# VADALOG

A Swift Logic for Big Data  
and a System Combining Datalog Reasoning with  
Machine Learning

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# Reasoning in Knowledge Graphs



Many still think that DLs or graph databases suffice. However:

**Reasoning tasks are required that cannot be expressed by description logics, and cannot be reasonably managed by relational DBMS, nor by graph DBMS.**

# Example: Wikidata Marriage Intervals

[Krötzsch DL 2017]



Wikidata contains the statement :

**Taylor was married to Burton starting from 1964 and ending 1974**

This can be represented in relational DB or Datalog-notation by :

```
married(taylor,burton,1964,1974)
```

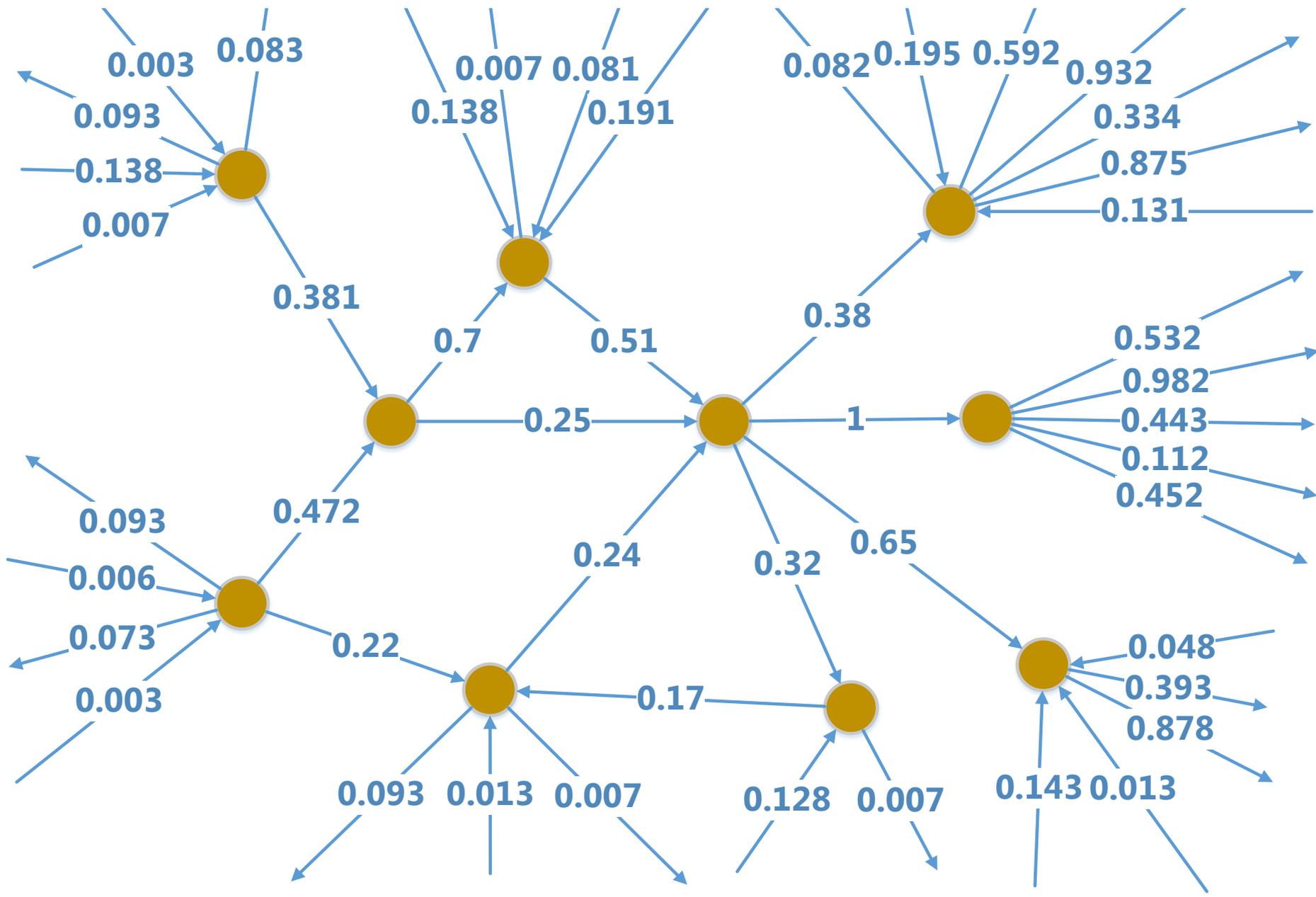
Symmetry rule for marriage intervals in **Datalog**:

```
 $\forall u,v,x,y. \text{married}(u,v,x,y) \rightarrow \text{married}(v,u,x,y)$ 
```

**This cannot be expressed in DLs!**

Note: In what follows, we will often omit universal quantifiers.

# Example: Controlling Companies



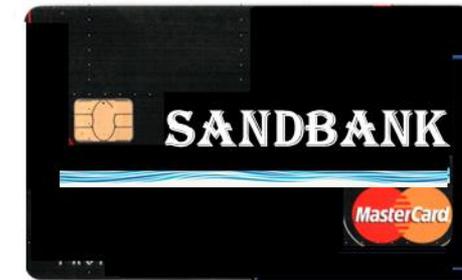
# Example: Controlling Companies

x controls y if  
x directly holds over 50% of y, or  
x controls a set of companies that jointly hold over 50% of y

```
company(x) → control(x,x),  
control(x,y), own(y,z,w), v=msum(w,⟨y⟩), v>0.5 → control(x,z).
```

**This cannot be expressed in DLs and only clumsily in SQL and Graph DBMS!**

# Example: My Creditworthiness



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up to £10,000



£8,500



£12,000



up to EUR 10,000



up to EUR 20,000



£500



£ 8,000



£ 12,500



EUR 14,000

# My Explanation

A machine-learning program has “reasonably” learned:

*People who live in a joint household with someone who does not pay their bills are likely to fail repaying their own debts.*

This ethically questionable rule was applied to incomplete and wrong data:

- Before I bought the house there was a tenant who indeed did not pay his bills (*tons of unpaid bills & overdue notices in my mailbox*).
- The tenant had moved out before I moved in, but the Credit Rating Agency did not know, and simply assumed he still lived there.

ML should be complemented and, where necessary, overruled by domain-specific “expert rules” that express domain knowledge:

- **A new house-owner is most likely unrelated to a previous tenant.**
- **If a house is bought by somebody who did not live there previously, and now lives there, then the previous occupiers have most likely moved out.  
[→Verify!]**
- **If someone has closed their bank account without opening a new one then it is likely that the person has moved out of the country.**
- ...

Automatically accessing outside sources such as the Land Register and/or Social Networks may help.

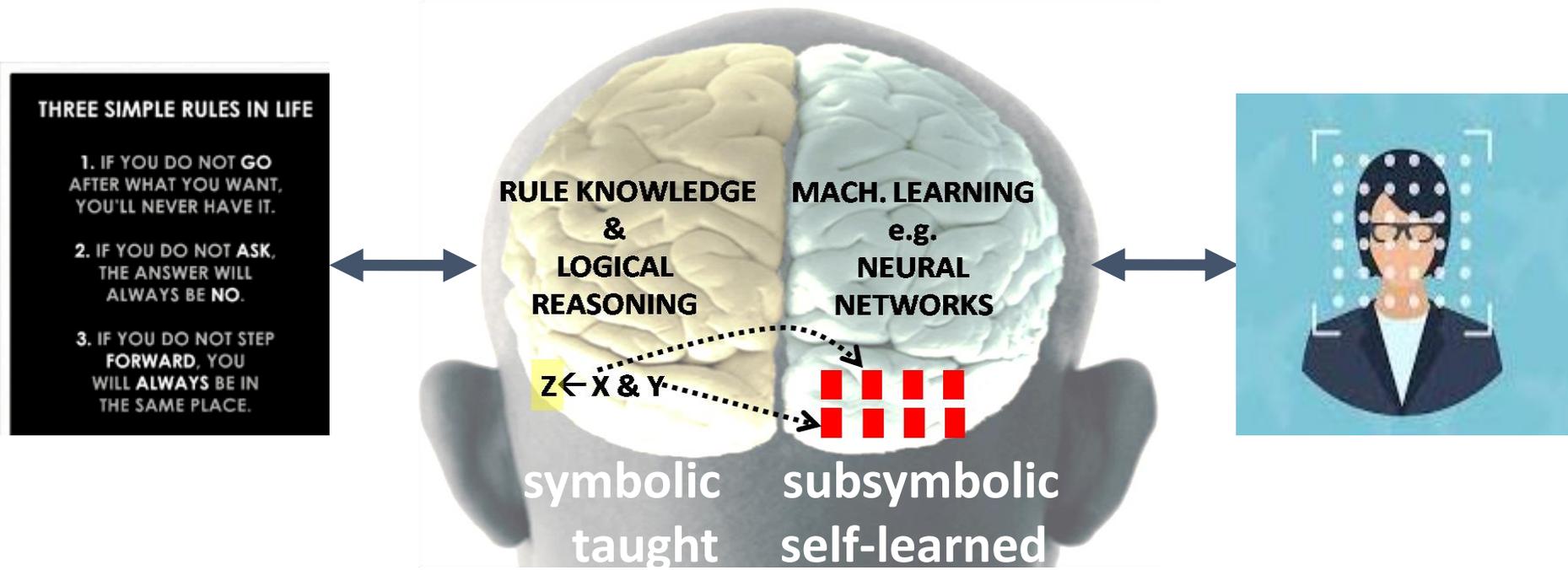
→ Data extraction from external sources is a requirement for KGMS.

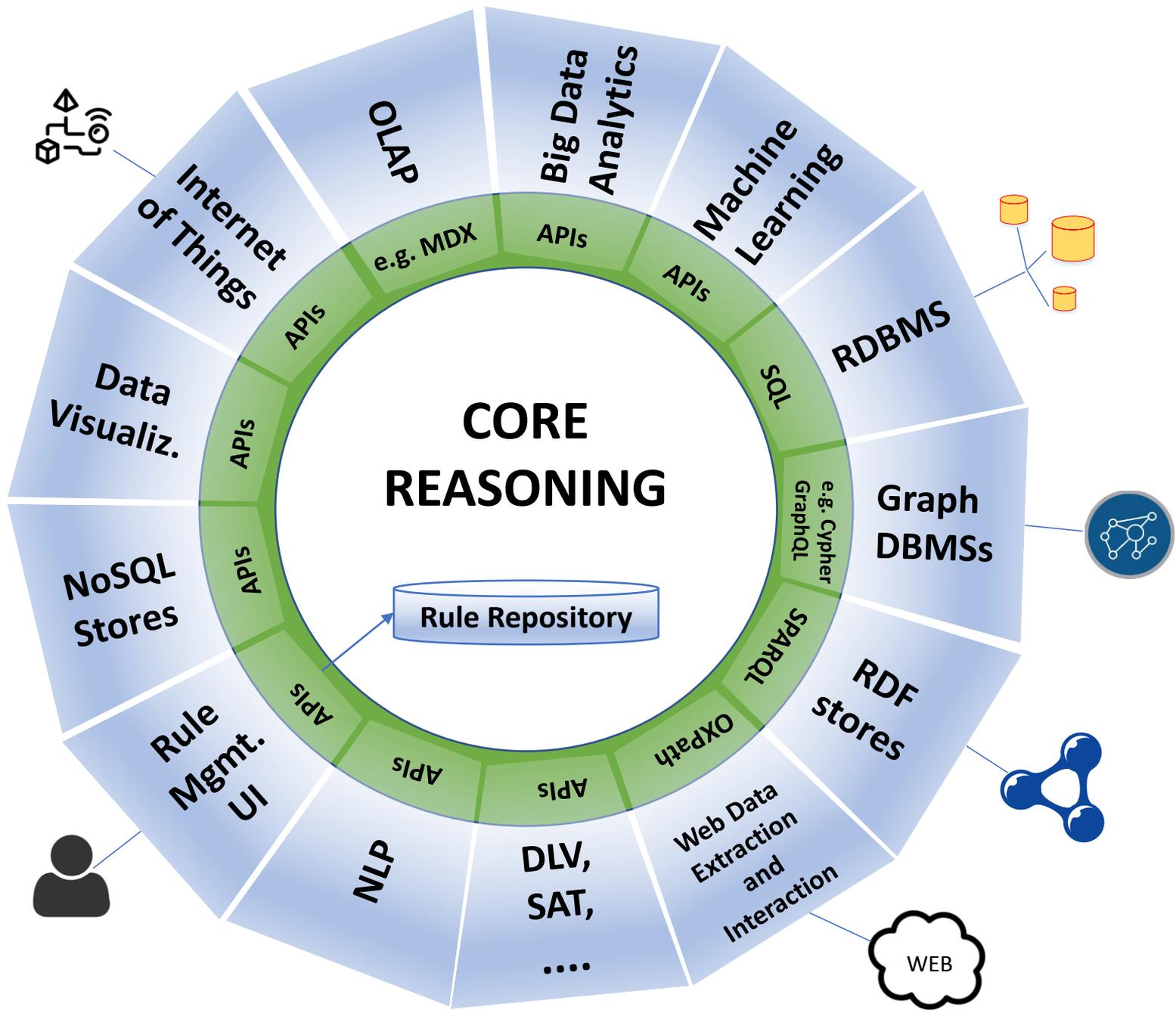
# Knowledge Graph Management Systems

KGMS combine the power of rule-based reasoning with machine learning over Big Data:

$$\text{KGMS} = \text{KBMS} + \text{Big Data} + \text{Analytics}$$

Misusing the lateralization thesis for illustration



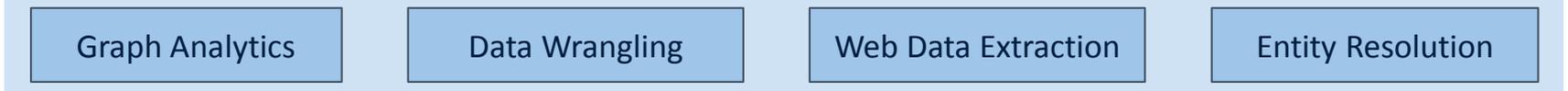


# Knowledge Layers

## Vertical-specific Knowledge Layers



## General Knowledge Layers



## Core Reasoning Engine

Strong performance and Expressiveness, Graph Navigation,  
+ Integrations with Machine Learning & Enterprise Databases

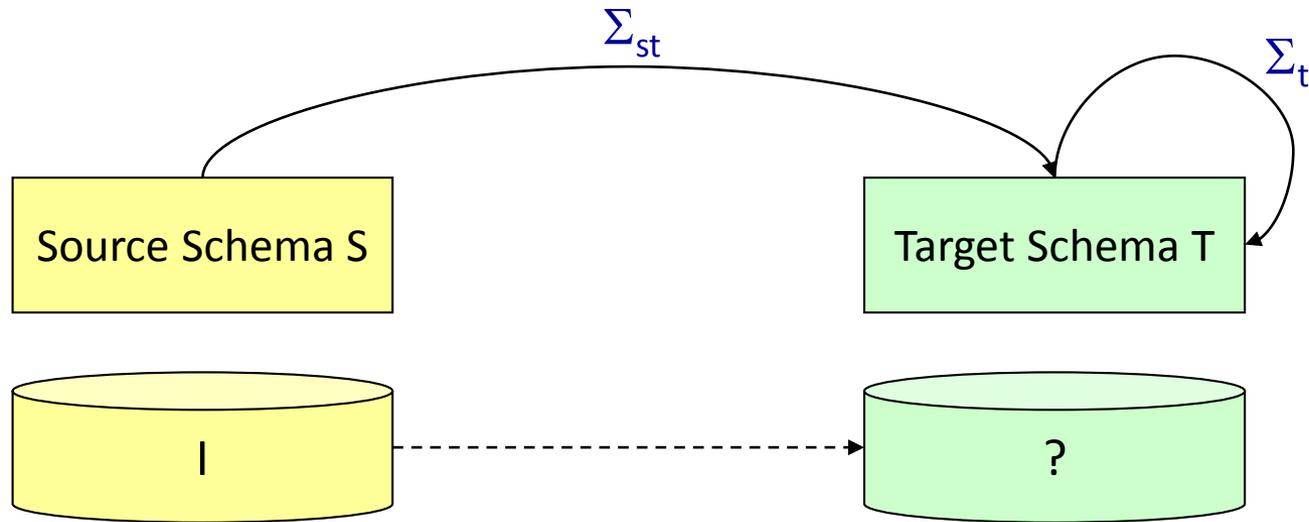
# Vadalog: The Core Reasoning Language

Core Vadalog = full Datalog + restricted use of  $\exists$  + stratif. negation +  $\perp$

Why existential quantifiers in rule heads?

- Data exchange, data integration
- Data extraction
- Reasoning with RDF  $\rightarrow$  Wikidata example
- Ontology querying (DL-Lite, EL, etc.)
- Automated product configuration
- Conceptual Modeling (e.g., UML)

# Data Exchange, Data Provisioning, Data Wrangling



`employee(Lastname, Firstname, Address)`

`person(FirstName, Lastname, Birthdate)`

`employee(X, Y, Z) → ∃W person(Y, X, W)`

# Data Extraction



PRODUCT	PRICE
Toshiba_Protege_cx	480
Dell_25416	360
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Acer_78987	390

# Data Extraction



T<sub>1</sub>

T<sub>2</sub>

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# Data Extraction

we need object creation...

$T_1$	$T_2$
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# Data Extraction

```
table(T1),  
table(T2),  
sameColor(T1, T2),  
isNeighbourRight(T1, T2) →  
    ∃T tablebox(T),  
        contains(T, T1),  
        contains(T, T2).
```

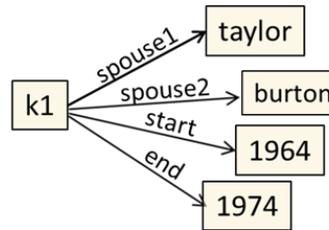
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# Reasoning with **RDF** – Object Creation

`married(taylor,burton,1964,1974)`

In the **RDF**-like “graph” notation this tuple is broken up into several triples (here represented as logical facts):

```
spouse1(k1,taylor),  
spouse2(k1,burton),  
start(k1,1964),  
end(k1,1974)
```

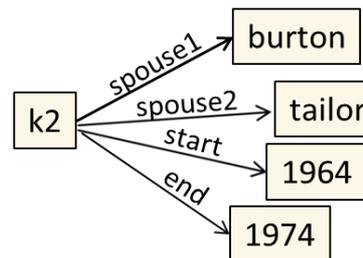


$\forall u,v,x,y. \text{married}(u,v,x,y) \rightarrow \text{married}(v,u,x,y)$

This symmetry rule for marriage intervals now becomes:

```
spouse1(u,y1)  $\wedge$  spouse2(u,y2)  $\wedge$  start(u,y3)  $\wedge$  end(u,y4)  $\rightarrow$   
 $\exists v$ . spouse(v,y1)  $\wedge$  spouse1(v,y2)  $\wedge$  start(v,y3)  $\wedge$  end(v,y4)
```

```
spouse1(k2,burton),  
spouse2(k2,taylor),  
start(k2,1964),  
end(k2,1974)
```



# Description Logics & Ontological Reasoning

## The DL-Lite Family

Popular family of DLs with low ( $AC_0$ ) data complexity

DL-Lite TBox	First-Order Representation (Datalog <sup>±</sup> )
<b>DL-Lite<sub>core</sub></b> $professor \sqsubseteq \exists teachesTo$ $professor \sqsubseteq \neg student$	$\forall X professor(X) \rightarrow \exists Y teachesTo(X, Y)$ $\forall X professor(X) \wedge student(X) \rightarrow \perp$
<b>DL-Lite<sub>R</sub> (OWL 2 QL)</b> $hasTutor \sqsubseteq teachesTo$	$\forall X \forall Y hasTutor(X, Y) \rightarrow teachesTo(Y, X)$
<b>DL-Lite<sub>F</sub></b> $funct(hasTutor)$	$\forall X \forall Y \forall Z hasTutor(X, Y) \wedge hasTutor(X, Z) \rightarrow Y = Z$

Datalog[ $\exists$ ]: Full Datalog augmented with  $\exists$ -quantifier

Unfortunately:

**Theorem:** Reasoning ( $KB \models q$ ) with Datalog[ $\exists$ ] is undecidable.

[Beeri & Vardi, 1981]; [J. Mitchell 1983] [Chandra & Vardi 1985];

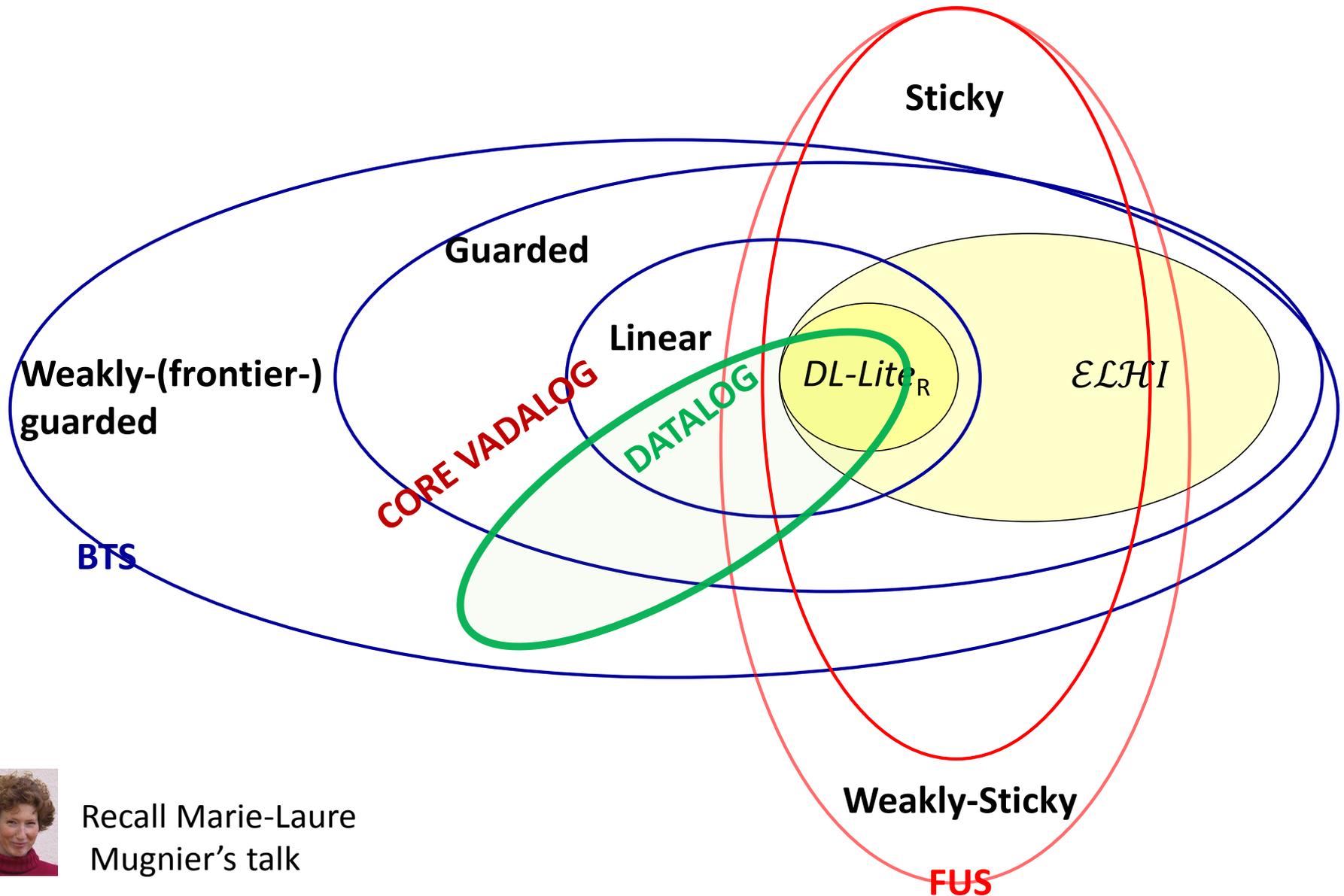
[Cali, G., & Kifer, 2008]; [Baget, Leclère & Mugnier, 2010]

Finding expressive decidable fragments has become a topic of intensive research over the last 10 years.

**Datalog<sup>±</sup>** : Datalog[ $\exists, \perp, \neg$ strat, ...] subject to syntactic restrictions.

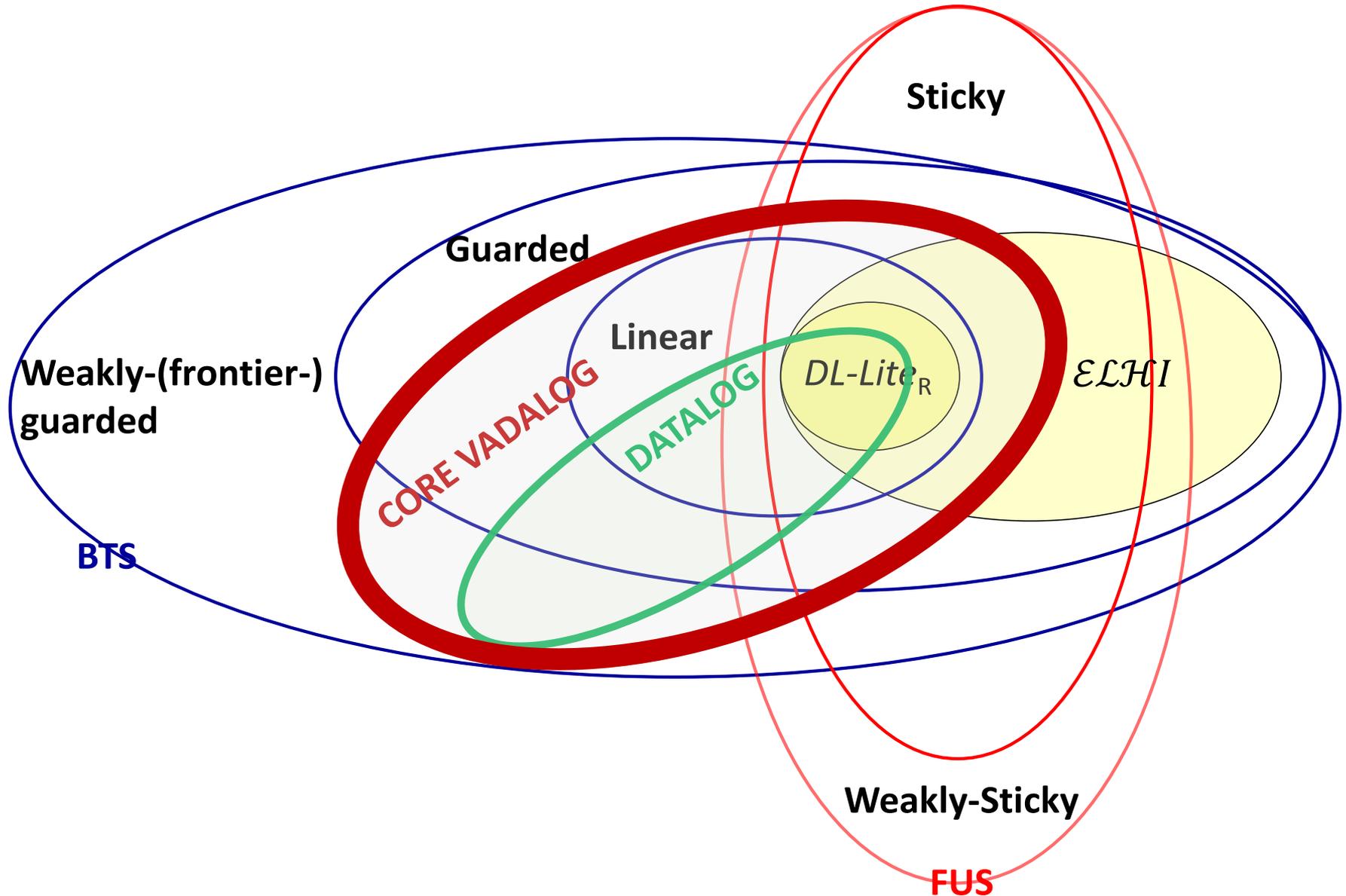
**Vadalog**: member of the Datalog<sup>±</sup> family admitting efficient reasoning methods.

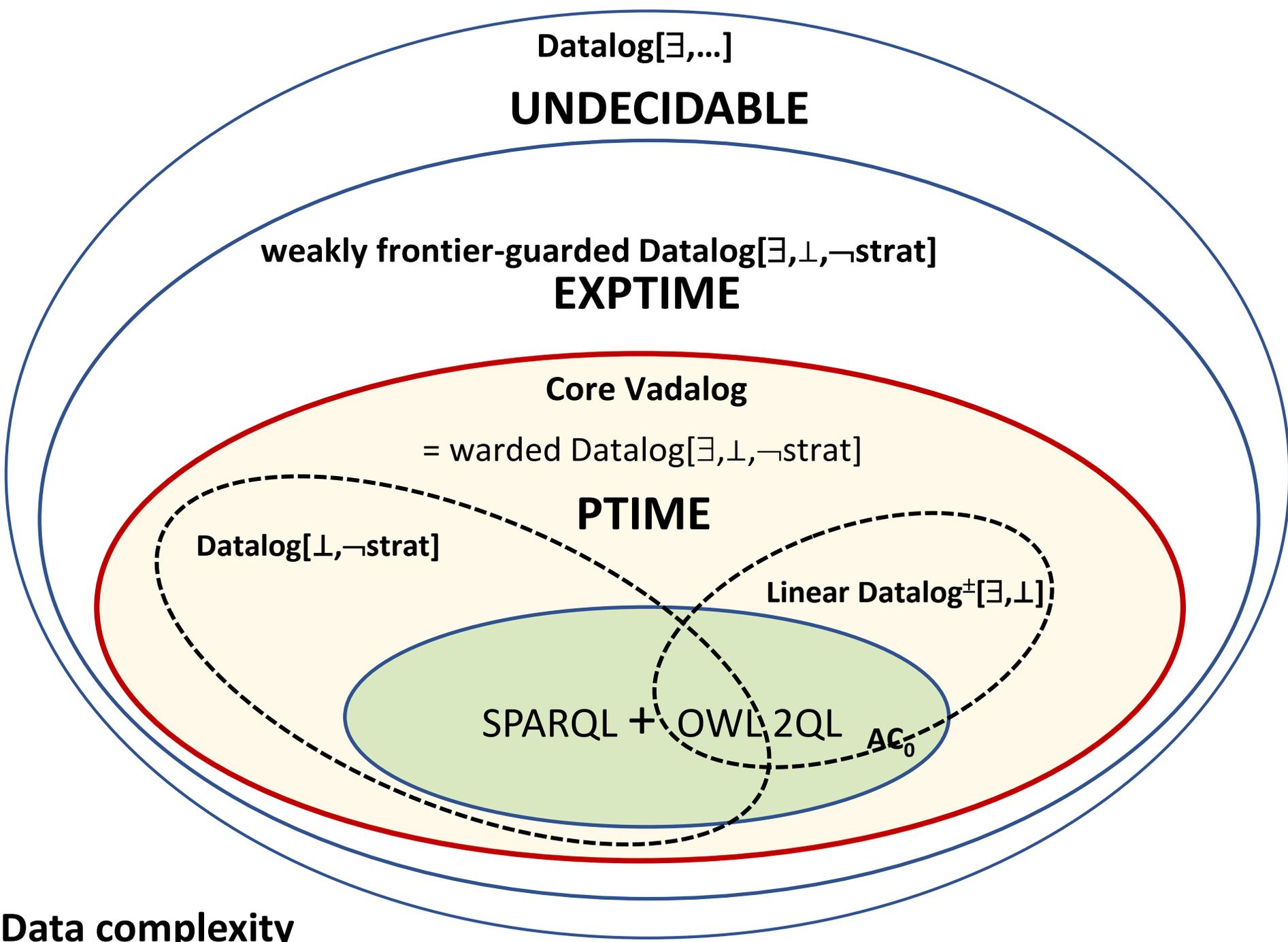
# Main Decidable Datalog<sup>±</sup> Languages

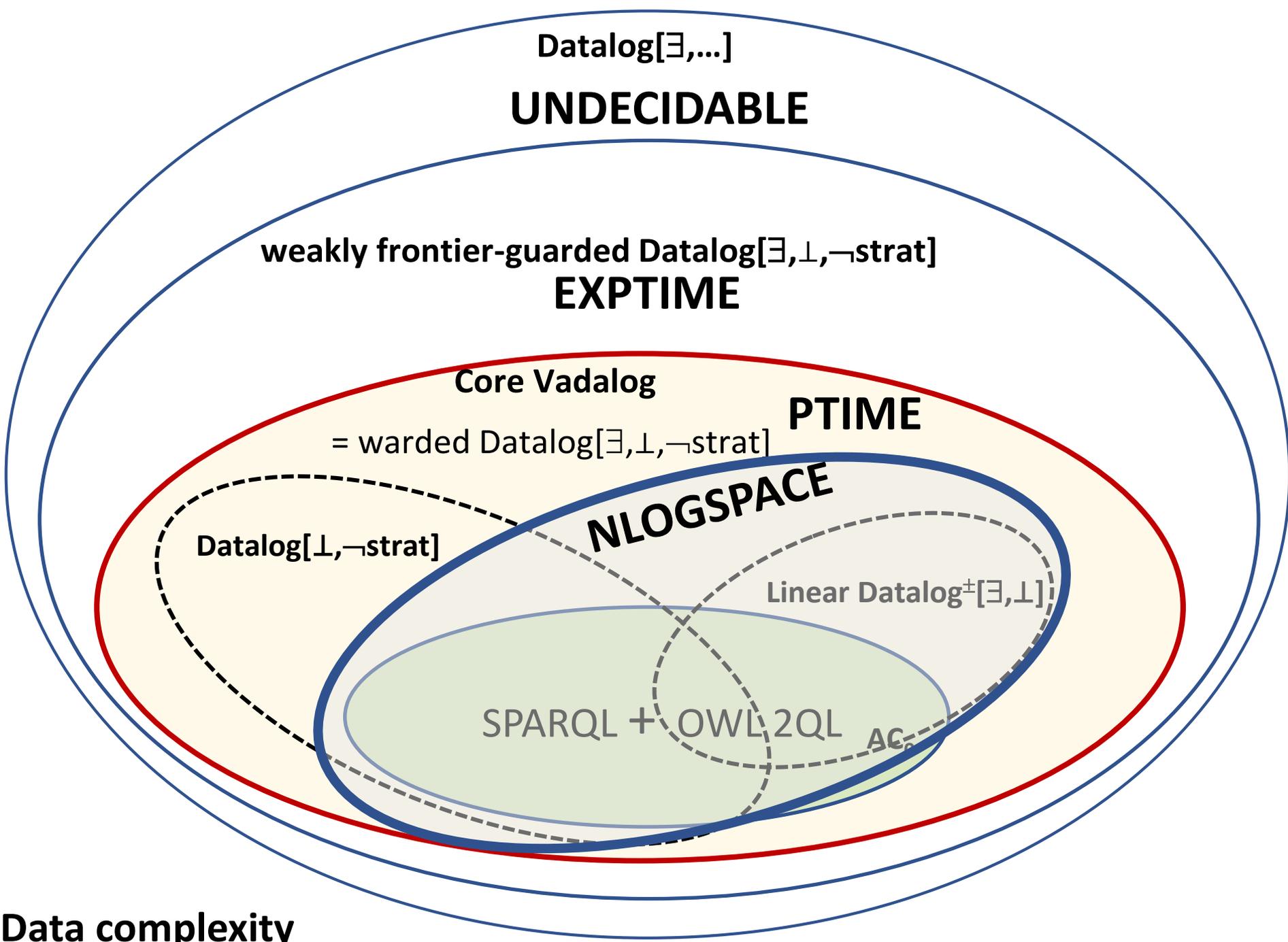


Recall Marie-Laure Mugnier's talk

# Main Decidable Datalog<sup>±</sup> Languages







# Affected Positions in a Datalog<sup>±</sup> Program

Those positions of a predicate,  
where existential values (Skolem terms) can “flow in”

$$P(X,Y), S(Y,Z) \rightarrow \exists W T(Y,X,W)$$

$$T(X,Y,Z) \rightarrow \exists W P(W,Z)$$

$$P(X,Y) \rightarrow \exists Z Q(X,Z)$$

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T[3], P[1], Q[2]

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T[2], P[2], Q[1]

# Dangerous Variables in Rule Bodies

Head variables that, in the body, occur only in affected positions.

$$P(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}), S(Y, Z) \rightarrow \exists W T(Y, \underline{X}, \underline{W})$$

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Affected Positions

T[3], P[1], Q[2]

T[2], P[2], Q[1]

# VADALOG is based on **Warded Rules**

A Datalog<sup>±</sup> program is **warded** if for each rule body:

- all dangerous variables jointly occur in a single „ward“ atom, and
- this ward shares only *unaffected* variables with the other body-atoms

$P(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) S(Y, Z) \rightarrow \exists W T(Y, \underline{X}, \underline{W})$	Affected Positions
$T(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}, \underline{Z}) \rightarrow \exists W P(\underline{W}, \underline{Z})$	T[3], P[1], Q[2]
$P(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) \rightarrow \exists Z Q(\underline{X}, \underline{Z})$	T[2], P[2], Q[1]

Core Vatalog = warded Datalog[ $\exists, \perp, \neg$ strat]

Clearly, Datalog is contained in Vatalog

# Examples of Warded Datalog<sup>±</sup> Rules

## 1. Symmetry rule for marriage intervals:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{spouse1}(\underline{x}, y1) \wedge \text{spouse2}(\underline{x}, y2) \wedge \\ & \text{start}(\underline{x}, y3) \wedge \text{end}(\underline{x}, y4) \rightarrow \\ & \quad \exists v. \text{spouse2}(\underline{v}, y1) \wedge \text{spouse1}(\underline{v}, y2) \wedge \\ & \quad \text{start}(\underline{v}, y3) \wedge \text{end}(\underline{v}, y4) \end{aligned}$$

## 2. OWL 2 QL description logic:

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# Language Features (selection)

**Data types and associated operations & expressions:**

integer, float, string, Boolean, date, sets.

**Monotonic aggregations:** min, max, sum, prod, count  
work even in presence of recursion while preserving  
monotonicity of set-containment

**Example:** Company Control

`own(x, y, w), w > 0.5 → control(x, y);`

`control(x, y), own(y, z, w),`

`v = msum(w, ⟨y⟩), v > 0.5 → control(x, z).`

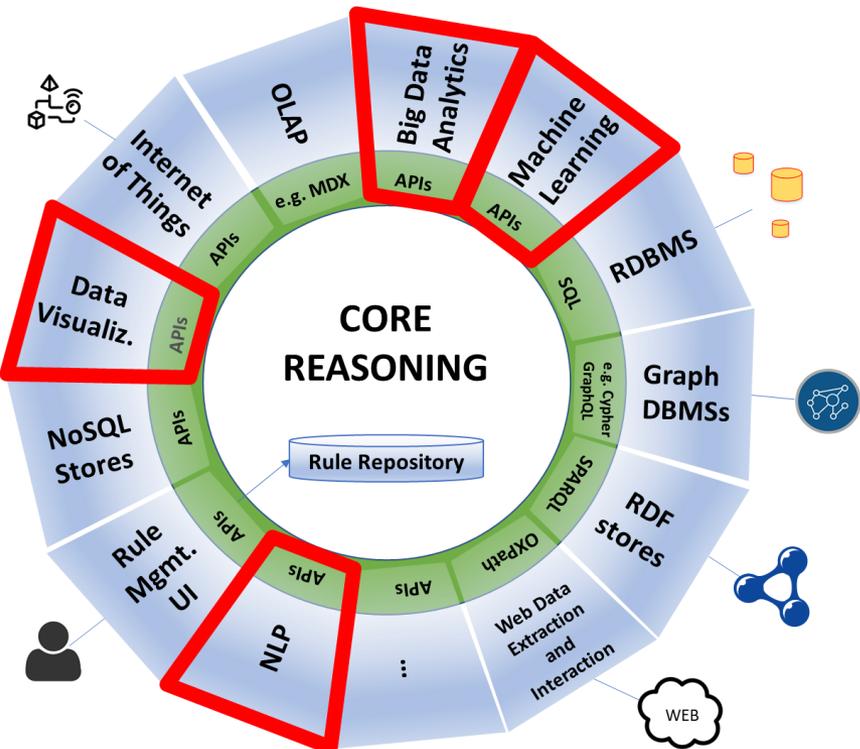
**Probabilistic reasoning:** facts and rules can be adorned with probabilities. Marginal probabilities for derived facts will be computed assuming independence.

**Equality (EGDs, functional dependencies)** if non-conflicting.

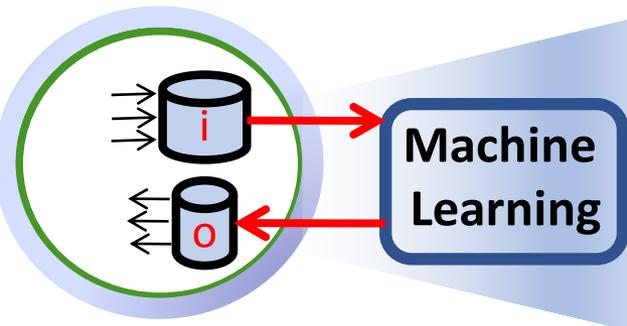


# Machine Learning, Big Data Analytics, NLP & Data Visualization

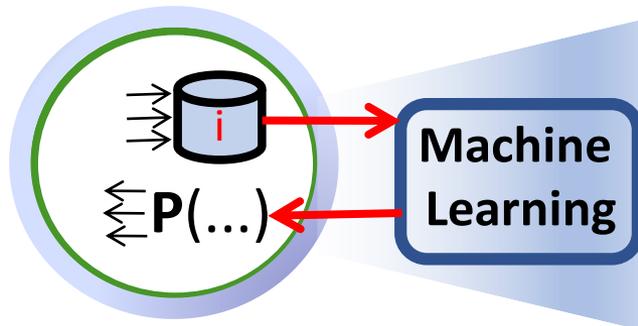
We are currently experimenting with different tools and different types of interfaces and interactions.



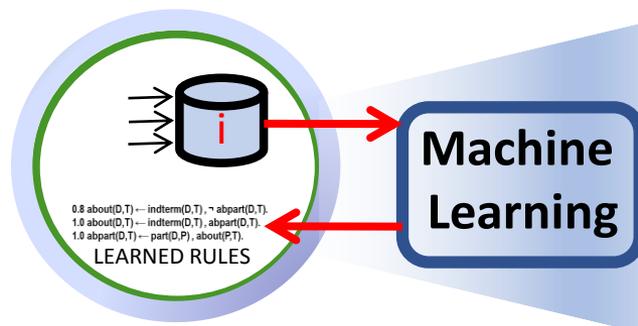
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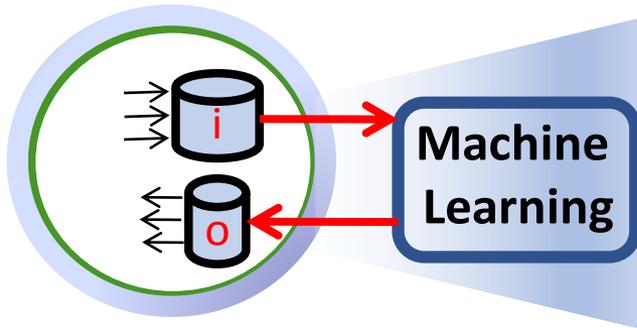
Interaction Model 2



Interaction Model 3

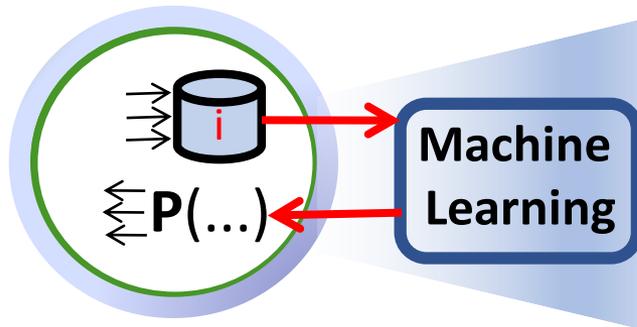


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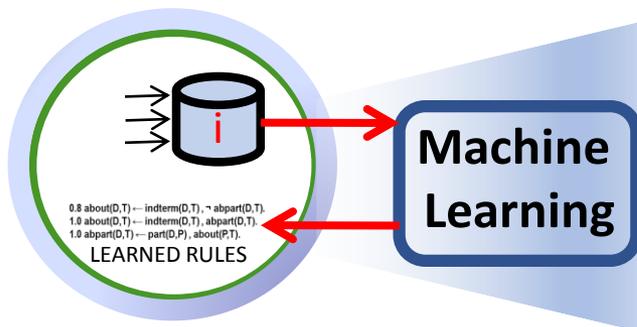
- We prepare a relation as ML input.
- ML sw classifies facts and sends them into the core reasoning system.

## Interaction Model 2



- ML package acts as a special predicate.
- Called by the core reasoning system.

## Interaction Model 3



- ML sw learns rules.
- Rules are translated into probabilistic Vatalog rules.

# Core Algorithms

$D = \{P(a), Q(a, c)\}$

1 :  $P(x) \rightarrow \exists z \underline{Q}(x, \hat{z})$

2 :  $Q(x, \hat{y}) \rightarrow \underline{S}(\hat{y}, x)$

3 :  $S(\hat{x}, y), P(y) \rightarrow \underline{T}(y, \hat{x})$

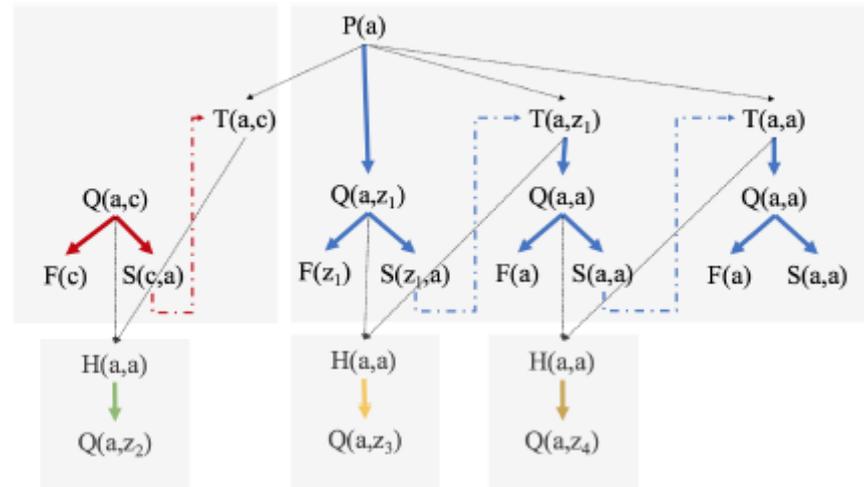
4 :  $T(x, \hat{y}), Q(z, \hat{y}) \rightarrow \underline{H}(x, z)$

5 :  $T(x, \hat{y}) \rightarrow \underline{Q}(x, x)$

6 :  $Q(x, \hat{y}) \rightarrow \underline{F}(\hat{y})$

7 :  $H(x, x) \rightarrow \exists z \underline{Q}(x, \hat{z})$

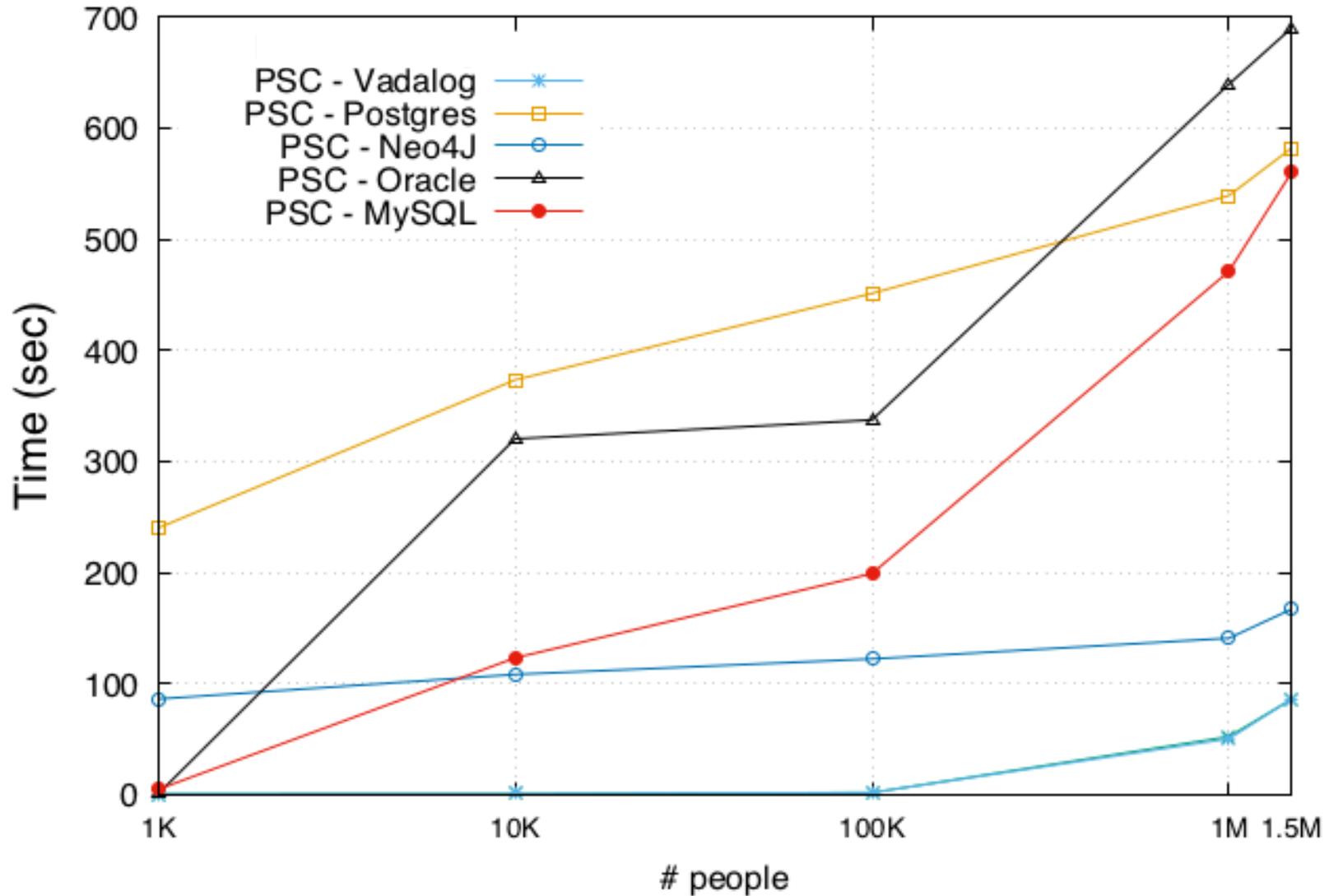
8 :  $P(x) \rightarrow \exists z \underline{T}(x, \hat{z})$ .



- Bottom-up chase processing with „aggressive“ termination strategy
- Top-down query processing (currently under implementation)
- Advanced program rewriting and optimization techniques
- Efficient & highly scalable cache managment., query plan optimization
- Recent evaluation shows the system is extremely competitive

# Performance

(c) DBpedia PSC (Person with significant control over a company)



# Crucial Question

We have a powerful language and system for reasoning with rules  
Over „Big Data“ and can interact with machine learning.

***But are there actually real problems that can be solved with a reasonable number of rules?***

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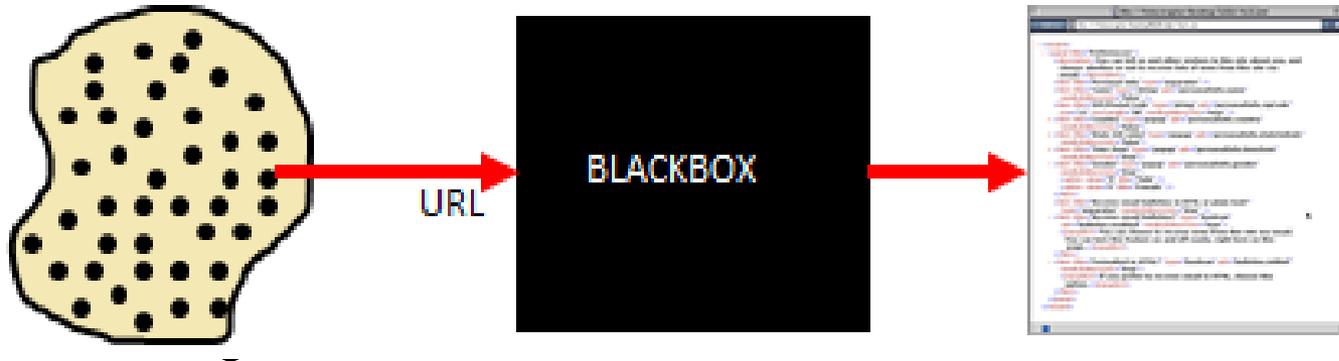
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***Yes, there are many!, for example:***

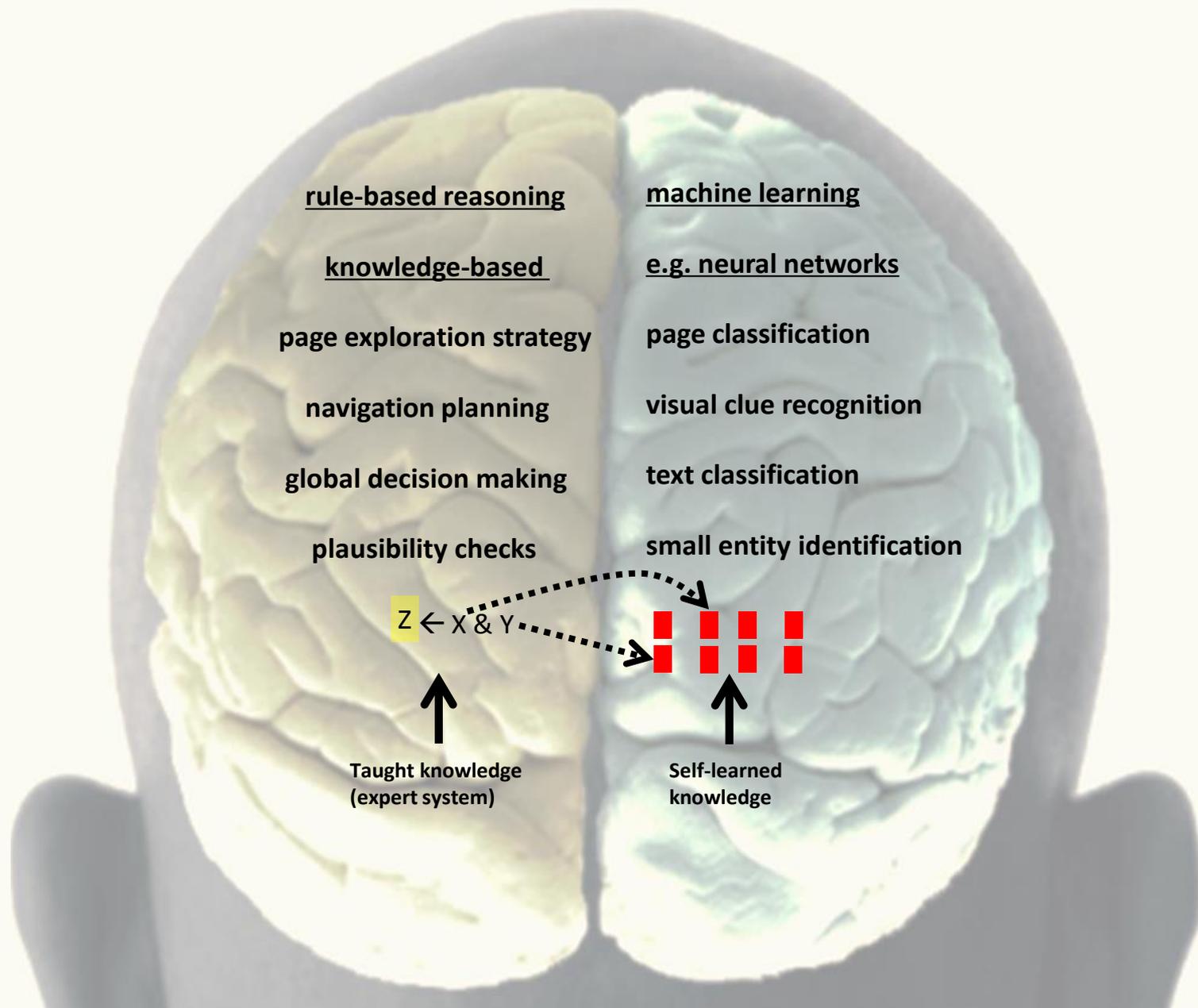
- Banks: Fraud detection, [current project]
- Banks: Creditworthiness
- Logistics: Supply chain risks
- Security companies: Detection of critical events
- Fully automated Web data extraction: **The DIADEM project**
- ... and 10000 more.

# DIADEM



Application domain with thousands of websites

Application-relevant Structured data (XML or RDF)



# Rough Idea: Knowledge via Rules

Use “expert” rules that analyze Web pages and interact with them

- ◆ **Ontological rules** (how do entities relate to each other)
  - a flat is a real-estate property
  - a house is a real-estate property
  - a real-estate property has a number of rooms
  - a price consists of a number and a currency
- ◆ **Phenomenological rules** (how do entities manifest themselves on the Web?)
  - the text chunk closest to an input field is with high prob. its descriptor.
  - each sales item is described in a “convex” (usual. rectangular) region.
- ◆ **Site exploration rules:**
  - before filling a field try to leave it empty
  - rules for handling next-page links
- ◆ **Other types of rules**

# Evaluation on 10k+ Sites



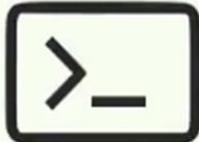
**10,493**

**Sites** from real-estate and used-car



**45**

**Node** Amazon EC2 cluster running 2.1 days



**92%**

**Effective wrappers** for more than 92% of sites on average



**97%**

**Precision** of extracted primary attributes



**100**

**Domain-dependent** concepts and relations



**20**

**Days** (one expert) to adjust system to a new domain

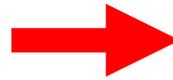
# Domains considered so far (since 2014)

- **Real estate UK**
- **Real estate US**
- **Used cars**
- **Consumer electronics**
- **Restaurant chains**
- **Restaurants in the 'Open Web'**
- **Jobs (from company Web sites)**
- **News**
- **Companies**

# Commercial Impact



ERC Advanced Grant DIADEM  
+ ERC Proof of Concept Grant  
EXTRALYTICS



Founded February 2015  
operating initially in Oxford  
now in London

Two possibilities:

- Build up company with large client portfolio
- Sell technology, IP & software to strategic partner

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## Meltwater Acquires Wrapidity to Add AI Capabilities into Media Intelligence Platform



By [Sudipto Ghosh](#) 

Posted on February 21, 2017

Meltwater, the leading B2B data analytics company, has acquired London-based web data extraction company Wrapidity for an undisclosed amount. The AI-startup that spun out of Oxford University in 2015 will be a separate entity in Meltwater's existing platform. By beefing up its "media intelligence" platform, Meltwater will now offer AI-powered automation tools for data analytics and media monitoring from unstructured web-based content.

In the era of specialized AI for MarTech, Wrapidity offers tailor-made solutions to content-specific problems arising in image recognition, Natural Language Processing, and machine learning. By acquiring Wrapidity, Meltwater will be able to automate its data extraction processes to reach out to a wide range of online customers based on accurate analytics of historical and real-time data. Meltwater is expected to further improve Wrapidity's AI capabilities for content discovery and data asset management, enabling marketers to interrogate data for diverse purposes, including sales enablement, social media monitoring and so on.

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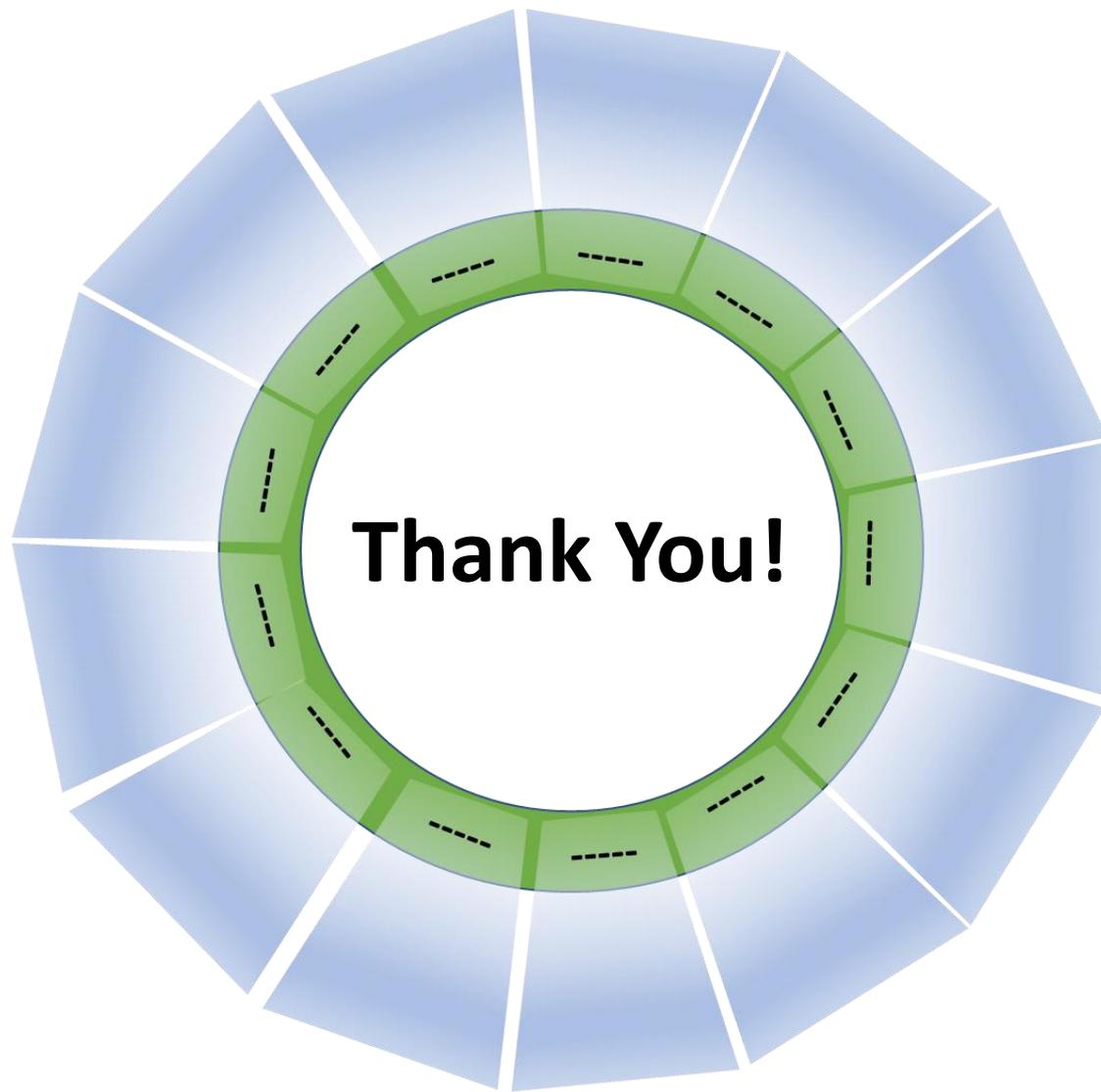
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