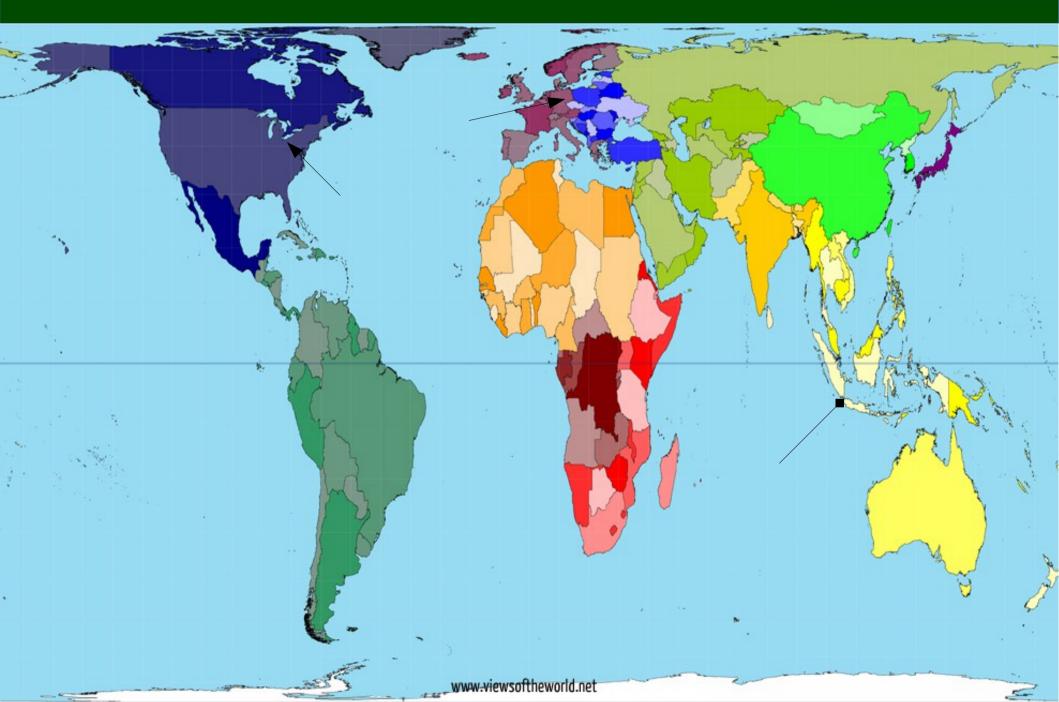


Cross-Repository Data Integration using Ontology Design Patterns

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About DaSe Lab



- 2 Faculty members: Dr. Pascal Hitzler & Dr. Michelle Cheatham
- 5 full time PhD students (+ a few master's and part-time PhD students)
- Topics:
 - Foundational research in
 - Formalisms for representation of information and knowledge
 - Algorithms for reasoning with data and knowledge
 - Algorithms for knowledge acquisition
 - Applied research in
 - Semantic Web
 - Data and knowledge integration
 - Linked and Big Data
 - Ontology-based systems
 - Ontology modeling and engineering



What is this about?



- Ontology-based data integration
- Domain: geoscience, starting with ocean science
- Modular ontology engineering approach using ontology patterns.
- Aiming for flexibility and extensibility.
- As respectful as possible to individual modeling choices.





Background



EarthCube

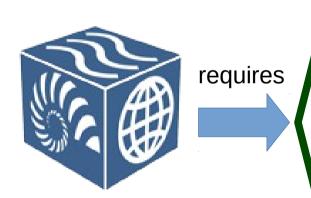


- "community-driven knowledge infrastructure for geosciences"
 - well-connected environment to share data and knowledge in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, accelerating our ability to understand and predict the Earth system
- Consists of various projects (building blocks, RCNs, SIGs) to:
 - develop key technologies,
 - promote community building,
 - explore integrative systems, and
 - prototype a governance structure.



EarthCube needs, SW provides





Interoperability

Conceptual modeling

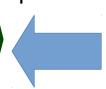
Information Integration

Formalized vocabulary

Intelligent search

Data publishing support

provides







OceanLink



- An EarthCube building block
- Applying semantic technologies for integration of existing ocean science data repositories
- Flexible, extendible, modular, respecting heterogeneity

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Geosciences Data Repositories (a very small snapshot)



- Oceanographic data BCO-DMO: >6000 datasets with supporting documents from 24 programs, 229 projects, 1673 deployments
- Field expeditions data R2R: 400 expeditions per year; 3
- Conference and funded award abstracts AGU: 30 mil. triples
- Theses, reports, journal articles MBLWHOI Library: 5500 text documents
- Solid earth data IEDA: hi-res bathymetry and samples from >730 cruises
- Marine geological data IMLGS
- Ecological data LTER
- Antarctic data AMD
- Ocean drilling data IODP
- Physiographic gazetteers MRD
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Technical AND Social Challenges

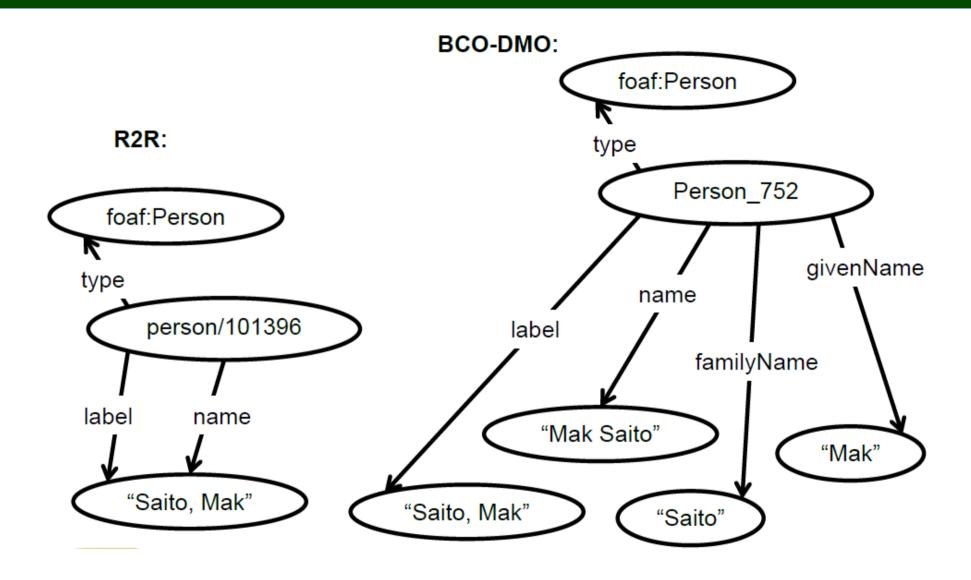


Technical challenge:

- Lack of interoperability in terms of formats, etc.
- Semantic and content heterogeneity
- Social challenge: Data owners/providers are <u>reluctant/unwilling</u> to participate in sharing and integration if:
 - conceptual changes have to be made to their data repositories
 - their usual business process have to be reworked, or even worse, completely discarded (note: each data repository usually represents its own research sub-community);
 - the global schema is too difficult to comprehend and manage (because the data owners are also the data consumers);
 - retrieving their own data becomes more complicated using the integrated system.

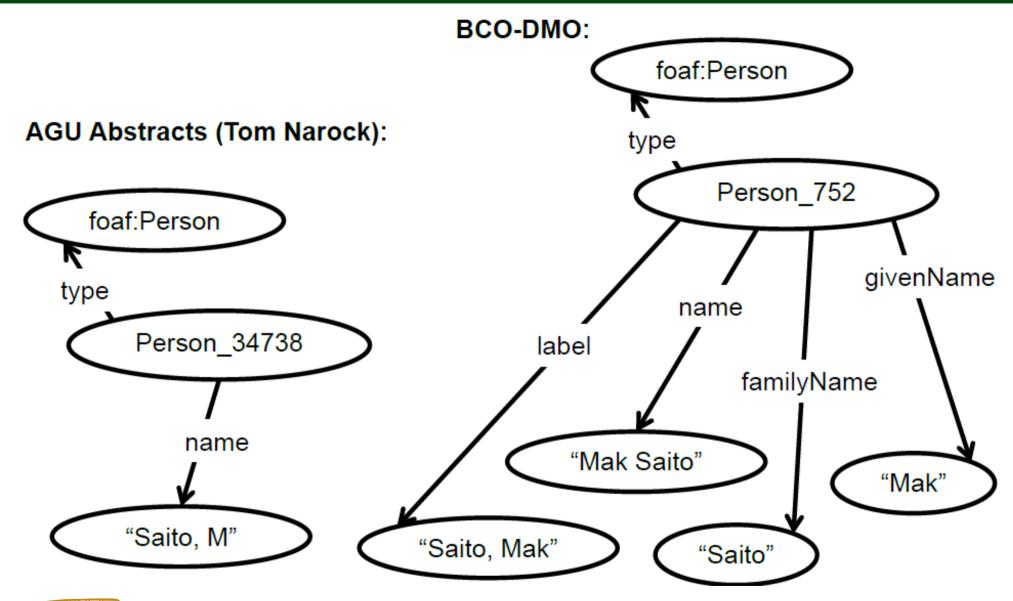






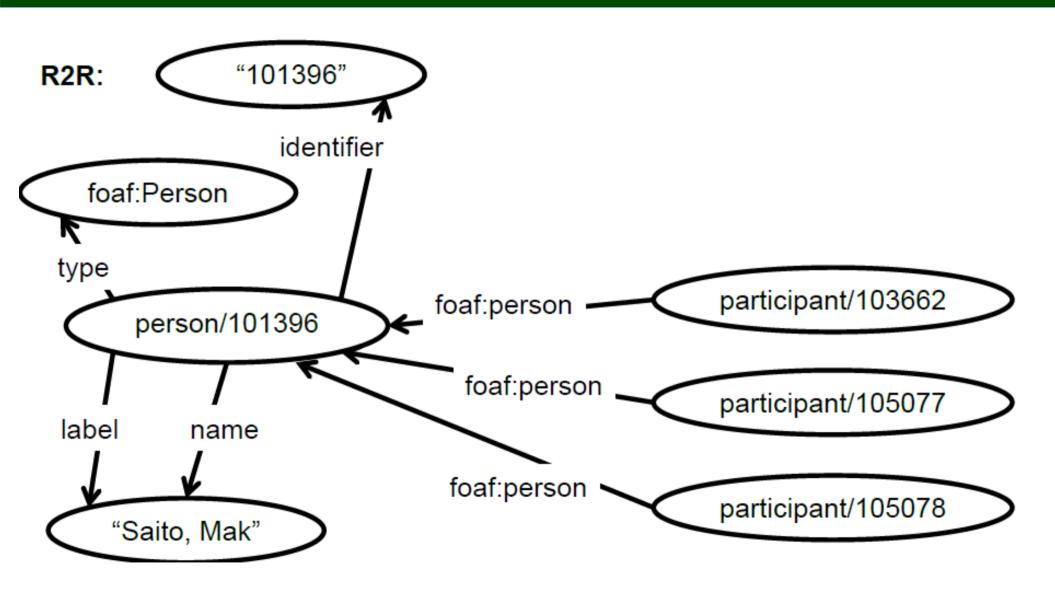










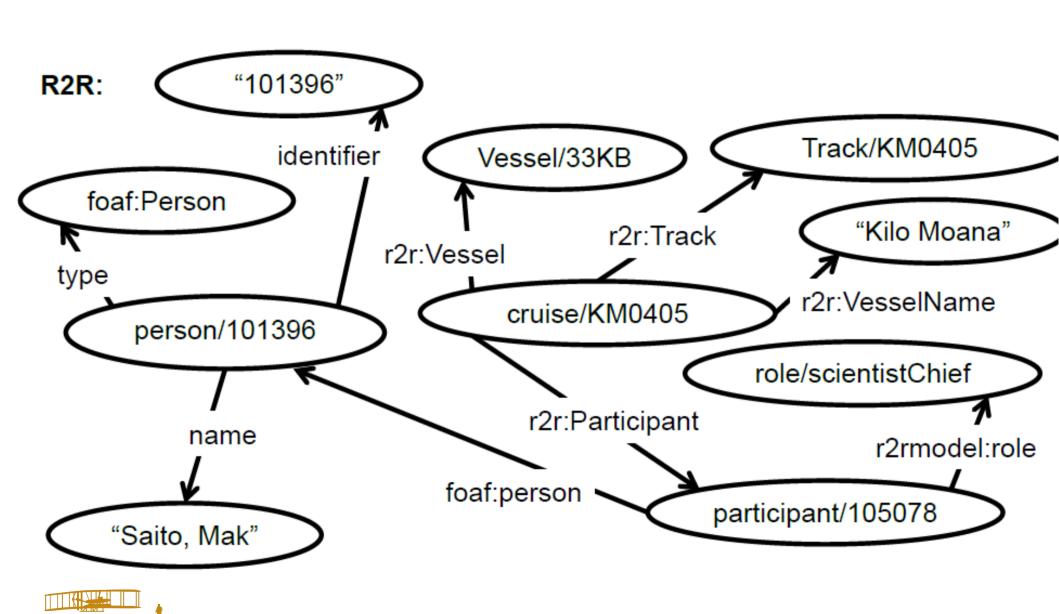




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Ontology (Design Pattern) Based Data Integration



Data Integration Problem



- Data Integration Problem:
 - The problem of providing a user with a unified view over data residing at different, autonomous, and possibly heterogeneous data sources.
 - The unified view is called the *global schema*.
 - When a user issues a query over the global schema, the system should translate it into queries over suitable data sources and assemble the results into the final answer to be presented to the user.



Ontology-based Data Integration



- Interoperability through RDF standard:
 - Web standards on data model (RDF: a set of triples), querying language and protocol (SPARQL; REST)
 - Each data repository only needs to make their data available for SPARQL querying.
- Vocabulary of global schema is defined using ontology.
 - Allows more expressive conceptualization using a language like
 OWL ontology given as a set of logical axioms.
 - Bridging semantic heterogeneity
 - But, using overrarching monolithic ontology is too difficult, complex, unwieldy, not flexible, too constraining, not easily extendible, etc.



Modular Ontology Engineering (Iterative)



- Model one key notion at a time
- Keep ontological commitments minimum (avoid too constraining axiomatic statements)
- Gathered constraints & requirements are formalized (e.g., with OWL) outside the modeling sessions
- Document the translation and communicate it with the domain people
 - Useful if domain experts can test the resulting patterns against real data



Ontology Design Patterns



- Reusable solution to some frequently occurring ontological modeling problem emerging in different domains
- Content pattern: encapsulates one key notion in a particular domain, providing modular, reusable, replaceable pieces.
- By reusing generic patterns (but leaving the relationships between patterns to a specific assembly for a specific purpose), we can have a reuse while respecting heterogeneity.
- Patterns "follow" data, rather than data "follow" the patterns.



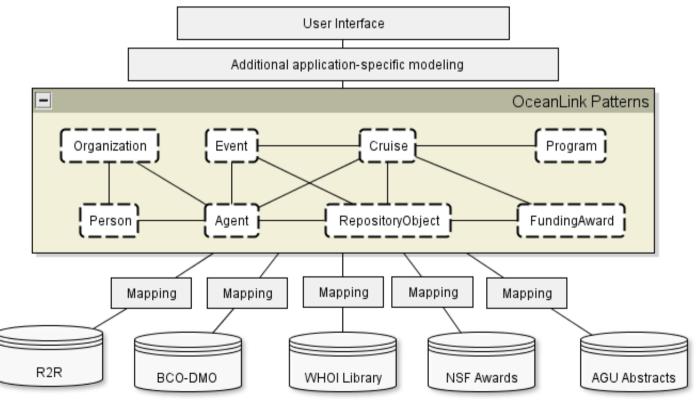
OceanLink Architecture



 Data providers are actively involved (have a say) in the creation of the global schema.

 Definition of mappings is essentially in the hand of the data providers (knowledge engineers may help if needed, of

course).





Identifying Key Notions



BCO-DMO

Award, Cruise, Device, Fileset, Format, Geometry, Holding, Model, Organization,
 Participant, Person, Port, Product, Program, Report, Repository, Track, Vessel

• R2R

Program, Project, Deployment, Dataset, Instrument, Parameter, People,
 Affiliation, Funding Source, Award

AGU Abstract

 Meeting, Meeting Section, Meeting Session, Abstracts of Contribution (Poster, Talk, etc.), People, Organization

MBLWHOI Library

- Article, Dataset, Book, Report, Person, Organization
- NSF Funded Award Repository
 - Award, Person, Organization, Publication, Dataset



Patterns from Key Notions



- Cruise
- Vessel
- Trajectory
- Person
- Organization
- Roles of Agents
- Repository Object
- Dataset
- and a few other patterns (about 15 in total)

We are not starting from zero, of course.





Engineering an Ontology Design Pattern



Cruise Pattern: Competency Questions



- Find all cruises passing through Gulf of Maine in August 2013.
- List all cruise vessels that departed from Woods Hole in 2012.
 - Cruise is conducted on some vessel, running on some track (trajectory), which is bounded by some spatio-temporal boundary.
- Find the chief scientists of any cruise that collected samples of carbonisotope data in Lake Superior.
 - Some people/organization performs certain roles in a cruise.
- What datasets were produced by the cruise AE0901?
 - Cruise has some (unique?) identifier, name, etc
 - Cruise (activities) may result in some reports, datasets, etc.
- Which cruises are funded by the NSF award DBI-0424599?
- List all cruises under the Ocean Flux Program.
 - Cruise is funded by some funding award or part of some program.



Can we reuse existing patterns?

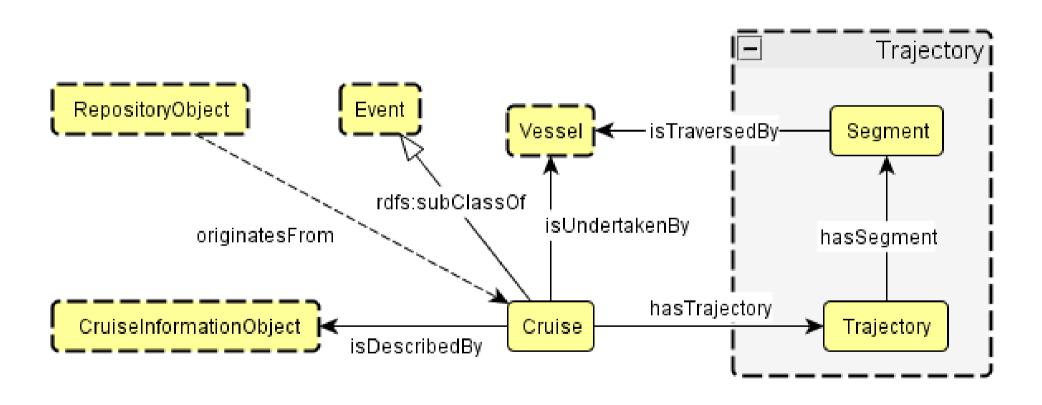


- Some of the use cases given by the CQs fit some existing patterns.
 - Simple Event Model [van Hage, et al., JWS 2011]; lack of formalization
 - Semantic Trajectory [Hu, et al., COSIT 2013]; formalization in OWL, but some details need to be modified
 - Information Object from DOLCE [Oberle, et al., JWS 2007]; pattern only used as an inspiration, formalization is redone for our purpose
- Reuse is not simply done via ontology import, but requires adjustment and massaging to make it appropriate for our needs.
- The challenge is finding appropriate existing patterns for reuse, and performing the suitable adjustments



Cruise Pattern

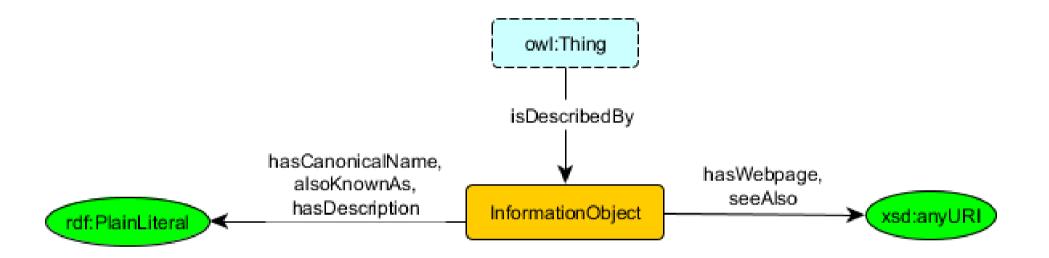






InformationObject pattern

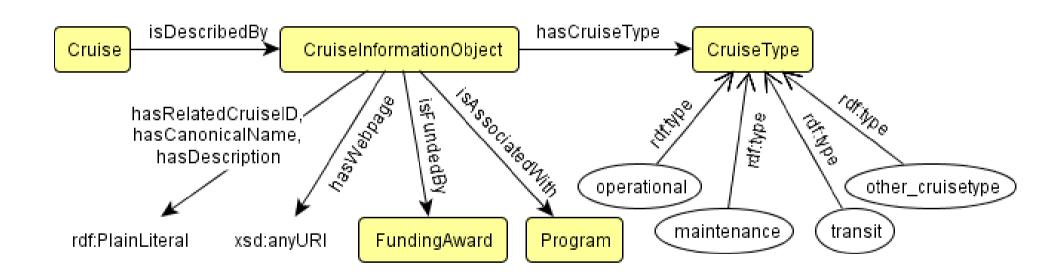






Cruise Information Object







Cruise Information Object (OWL)

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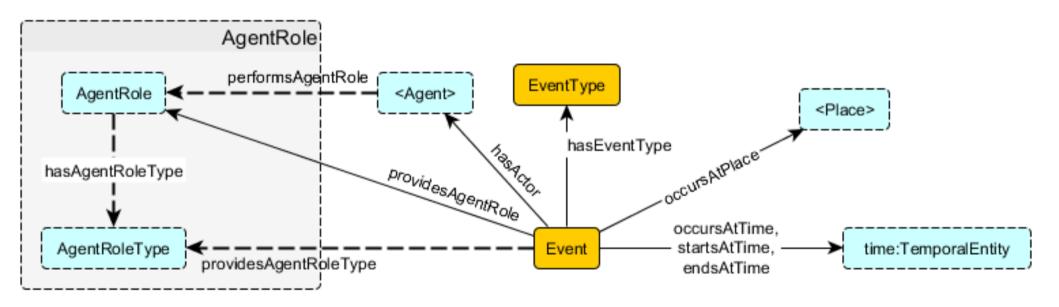




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Event pattern

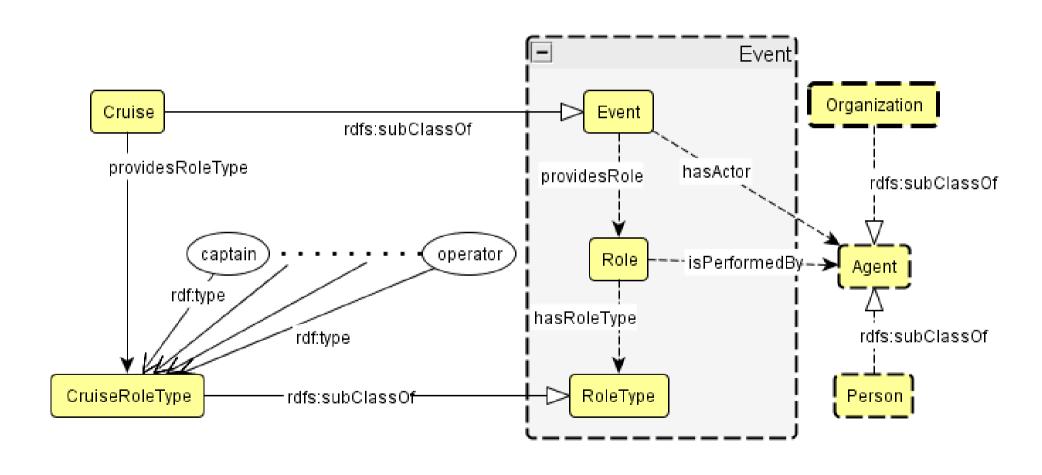






Roles (Cruise as Event)







Cruise as Event (OWL)



```
Role \sqcap \exists providesRole^-. Event \sqsubseteq (=1 hasRoleType.RoleType)
                                          \sqcap \exists isPerformedBy.Agent
                                                                                     (14)
providesRole \circ isPerformedBy \sqsubseteq hasActor
                                                                                     (15)
Cruise \square Event
                                                                                  (16)
                                                                                  (17)
CruiseRoleType \square RoleType
CruiseRoleType(x) for every role type x in (*)
                                                                              (18a-t)
R_{\text{Cruise}} \circ \text{owl:topObjectProperty} \circ R_{\text{CruiseRoleType}}
                                  □ providesRoleType
                                                                                  (19)
Cruise \equiv \exists R_{Cruise}. Self.
                                                                                  (20)
CruiseRoleType \equiv \exists R_{\mathsf{CruiseRoleType}}.\mathsf{Self}
                                                                                  (21)
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Cruise as Event (OWL)



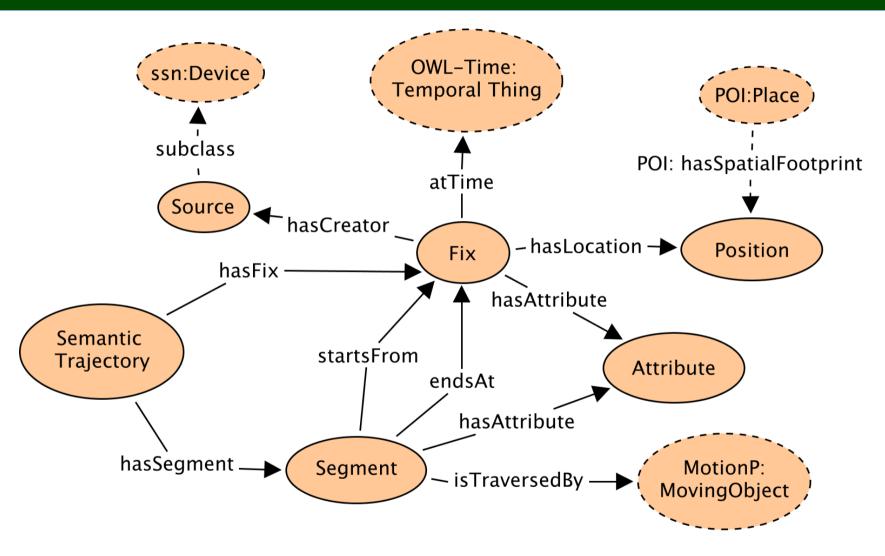
- Cruise role types:
 - captain,
 - chief engineer,
 - scientist,
 - chief scientist,
 - cochief scientist,
 - postdoc scientist,
 - student,
 - graduate student,
 - undergraduate student,
 - k12 student,

- higher ed educator,
- k12 educator,
- technician,
- marine technician,
- lead marine technician,
- inspector,
- observer,
- foreign observer,
- other observer,
- scheduler,
- operator



Semantic Trajectory Pattern



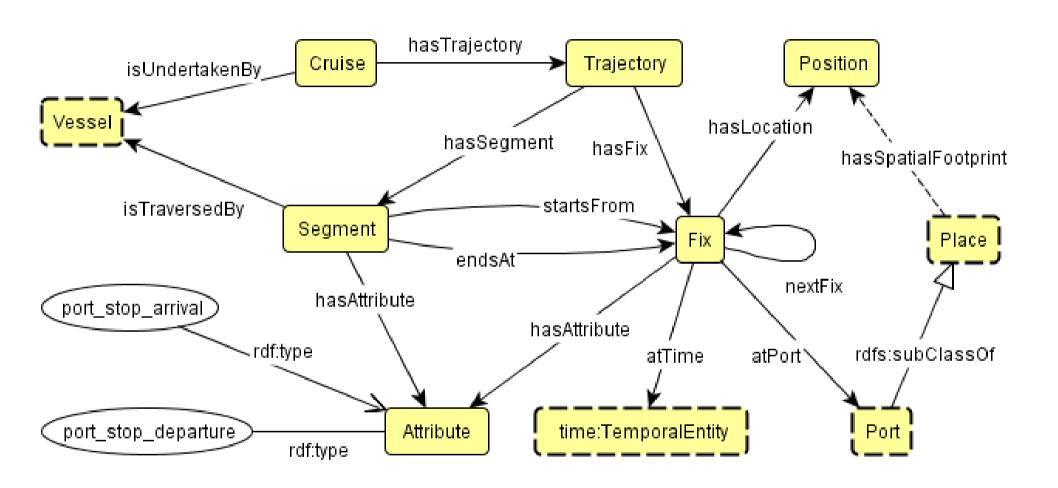


Hu, Janowicz, Carral, Scheider, Kuhn, Berg-Cross, Hitzler, Dean, Kolas. COSIT 2013



Cruise Trajectory







Cruise Trajectory (OWL)



```
Cruise \sqsubseteq (=1 hasTrajectory.Trajectory)
                                                                         (1)
Cruise \sqsubseteq (=1 isUndertakenBy.Vessel)
                                                                          (2)
Fix \square \exists atTime.time:TemporalEntity <math>\square \exists hasLocation.Position
           \sqcap (=1 hasFix<sup>-</sup>.Trajectory) \sqcap (\leq1 nextFix.Fix)
                                                                                        (3)
     Segment \sqsubseteq (=1 startsFrom.Fix) \sqcap (=1 endsAt.Fix)
                           \sqcap \exists hasSegment^{-}.Trajectory
                                                                                        (4)
  \existsnextFix.\top \sqsubseteq (=1 \text{ startsFrom}^-.Segment)
                                                                                        (5)
   \exists nextFix^-. \top \sqsubseteq (=1 endsAt^-.Segment)
                                                                                        (6)
      startsFrom \circ nextFix \sqsubseteq endsAt
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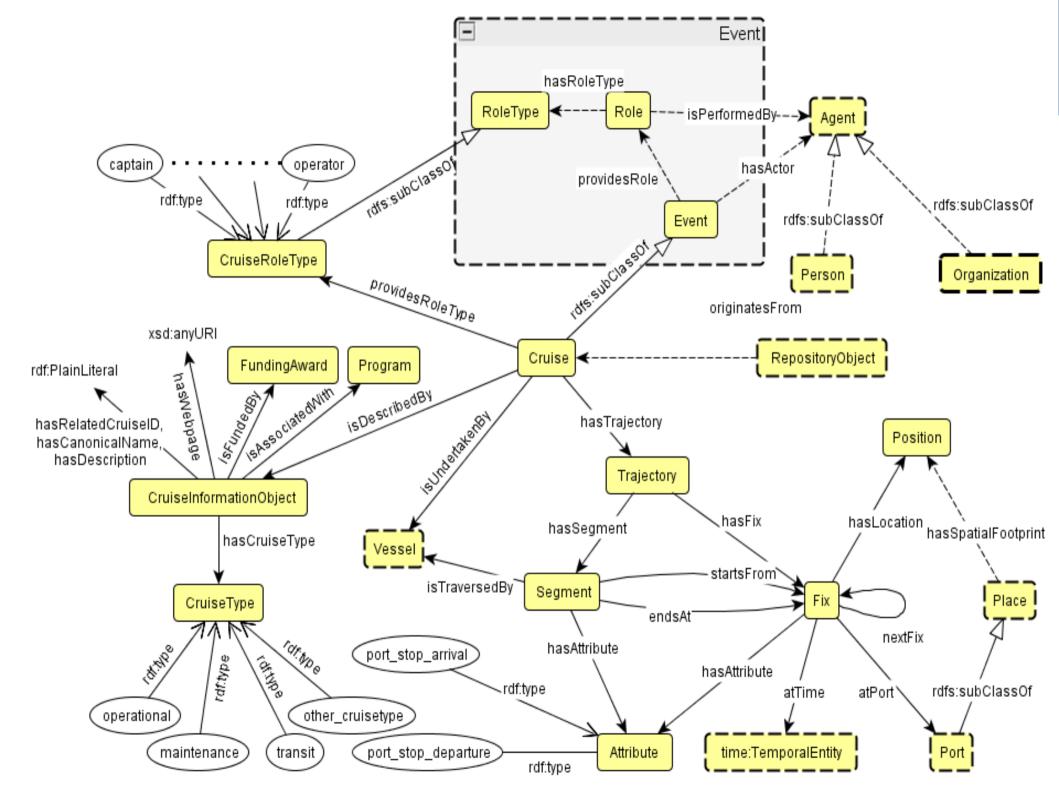


Cruise Trajectory (OWL)



Port ⊑ Place	(8)
Attribute(port_stop_arrival)	
Attribute(port_stop_departure)	(9a,b)
$PortFix \sqsubseteq Fix \sqcap \exists atPort.Port$	
$\exists hasAttribute.\{port_stop_arrival\} \sqsubseteq PortFix$	(10)
$\exists hasAttribute. \{port_stop_departure\} \sqsubseteq PortFix$	(11)
$atPort \circ hasSpatialFootprint \sqsubseteq hasLocation$	(12)
$has Trajectory \circ has Segment \circ is Traversed By$	
⊑ isUndertakenBy	(13)





Disjointness, Domain & Range



- Class disjointness asserted to pairs of classes, unless they are a subclass-superclass pair.
- Domain & Range use a guarded version:

```
\exists \mathsf{hasFix.Fix} \sqsubseteq \mathsf{Trajectory}, \mathsf{Trajectory} \sqsubseteq \forall \mathsf{hasFix.Fix} \qquad (27) \exists \mathsf{hasRelatedCruiseID.rdf:PlainLiteral} \sqsubseteq \mathsf{CruiseInformationObject} \qquad (28) \mathsf{CruiseInformationObject} \sqsubseteq \forall \mathsf{hasRelatedCruiseID.rdf:PlainLiteral} \qquad (29)
```





Queries, Query Shortcuts, and Mappings



Queries



 Find all ports at which the researcher "Mak Saito" stopped by in any of his expeditions.

```
DESCRIBE ?port WHERE {
    ?port a :Port.
    ?cruise :hasTrajectory ?t ;
        :hasActor ?x.
    ?t :hasFix ?f.
    ?f :atPort ?port.
    ?x rdf:type :Person; :hasLegalName "Mak Saito". }
```



Queries



 Find out who joined any cruise that went through "Gulf of Maine", what their role was in the cruise, and what funding award supported their trip.

```
SELECT ?name ?role ?fund WHERE {
  ?cruise :isDescribedBy ?d; :providesRole ?r;
          :hasFix ?x.
  ?d :isFundedBy ?f.
  ?f :hasAwardID ?fund.
  ?r :hasRoleType ?role; :isPerformedBy ?p.
  ?p rdf:type :Person; :hasLegalName ?name.
  ?x :hasLocation ?pos.
  ?pl :hasSpatialFootprint ?pos; rdfs:label ?pln.
  FILTER regex(?pln, "Gulf of Maine", "i").
```



Views (shortcuts for common queries) *DaSe Lab



Cruise
$$(x) \land \text{providesRole}(x, y) \land \text{ isPerformedBy}(y, z)$$

 $\land \text{Person}(z) \land \text{hasRoleType}(y, \text{chief_scientist})$
 $\rightarrow \text{hasChiefScientist}(x, z)$ (30)

Fix
$$\sqcap \neg \exists \mathsf{endsAt}^-.\mathsf{Segment} \sqsubseteq \mathsf{StartingFix}$$
 (31)
Cruise $(x) \land \mathsf{hasTrajectory}(x,y) \land \mathsf{hasFix}(y,z) \land \mathsf{StartingFix}(z)$
 $\land \mathsf{atPort}(z,p) \rightarrow \mathsf{hasStartingPort}(x,p)$ (32)



Mapping Rules (Examples)



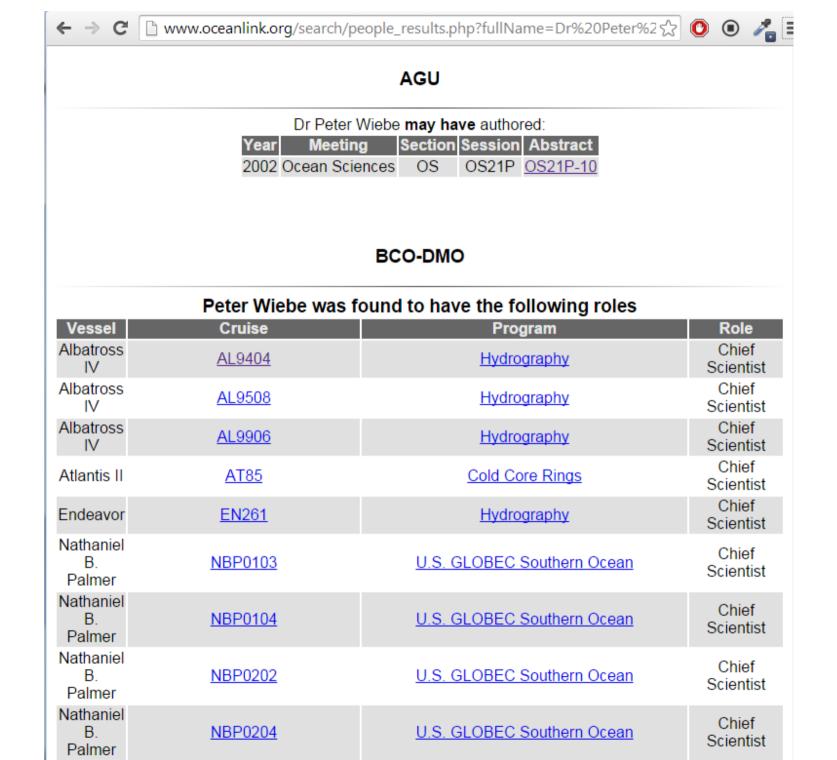
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For R2R
```

```
CONSTRUCT ?x rdf:type :Cruise
WHERE { ?x rdf:type r2r:Cruise. }
```

For BCO-DMO

```
CONSTRUCT ?x rdf:type :Cruise
WHERE { ?x a bcodmo:Deployment;
    bcodmo:ofPlatform [a bcodmo:Vessel]. }
```





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Next Steps/Challenges



- Full-fledged implementation (current prototype: www.oceanlink.org)
- Evaluation (w.r.t. technical and social challenges)
- Tools for assisting pattern developments
 - Ease in extending the pattern collection to cover other repositories.
 - Interesting theoretical aspect: studying various ways of ontology reuse.

Mappings

 Abstraction may sometimes be more complex than the modeling on the data level, so simple query unfolding may not work (need to introduce blank nodes)

Reasoning

- Entailment in queries
- Co-reference resolution
- Integrity checking on data (missing or errorneous data)



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