

Lecture 2 - Basic Semantic Technologies

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Knowledge Graphs

Lecture 2: Basic Semantic Technologies

2.1 How to Identify and Access Things

2.2 How to Represent Simple Facts with RDF

2.3 RDF Turtle Serialization

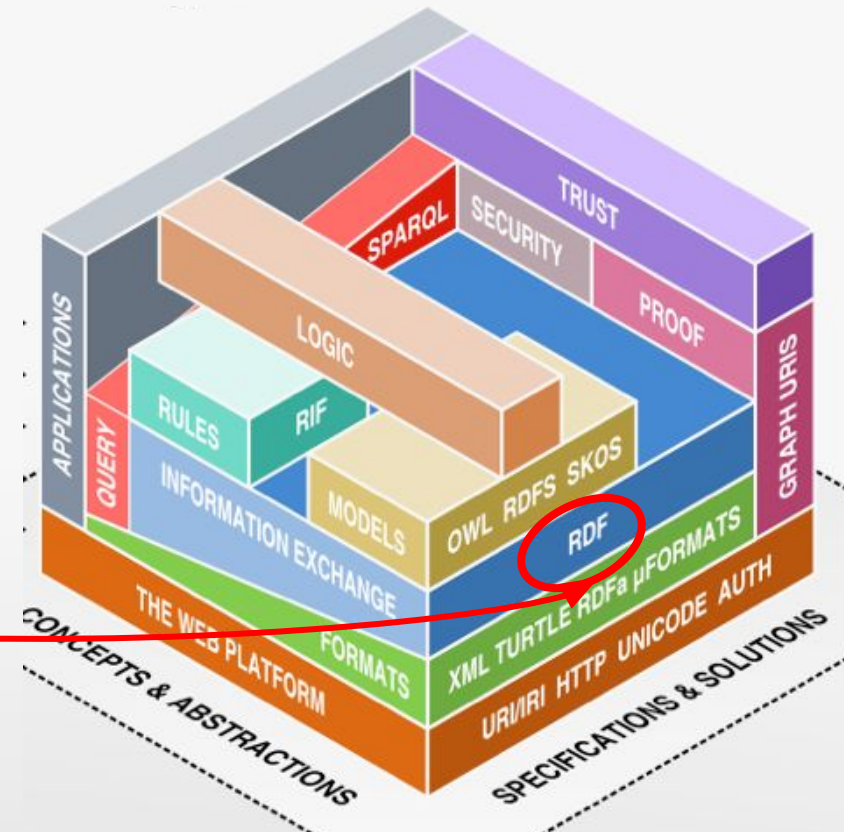
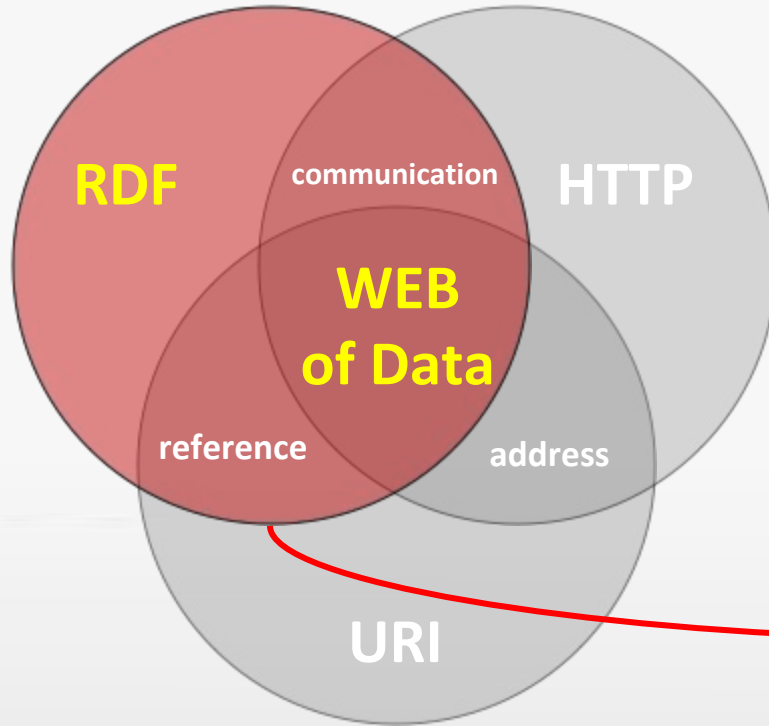
2.4 RDF Complex Data Structures

2.5 Model Building with RDFS

2.6 Logical Inference with RDF(S)

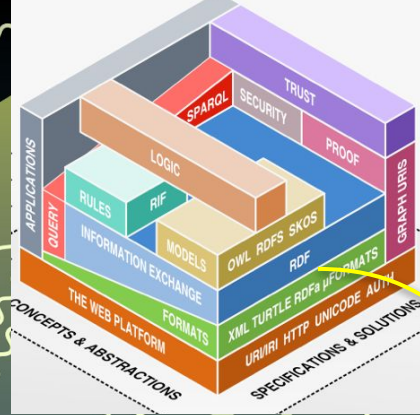
Excursion 1: RDFa - RDF and the Web

Basic Architecture of the Web of Data



Heat energy radiated
into space

Resource Description Framework



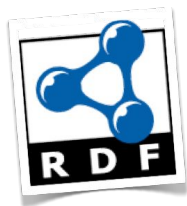
Reflected from
surface

Reflected from cloudcover

GREENHOUSE

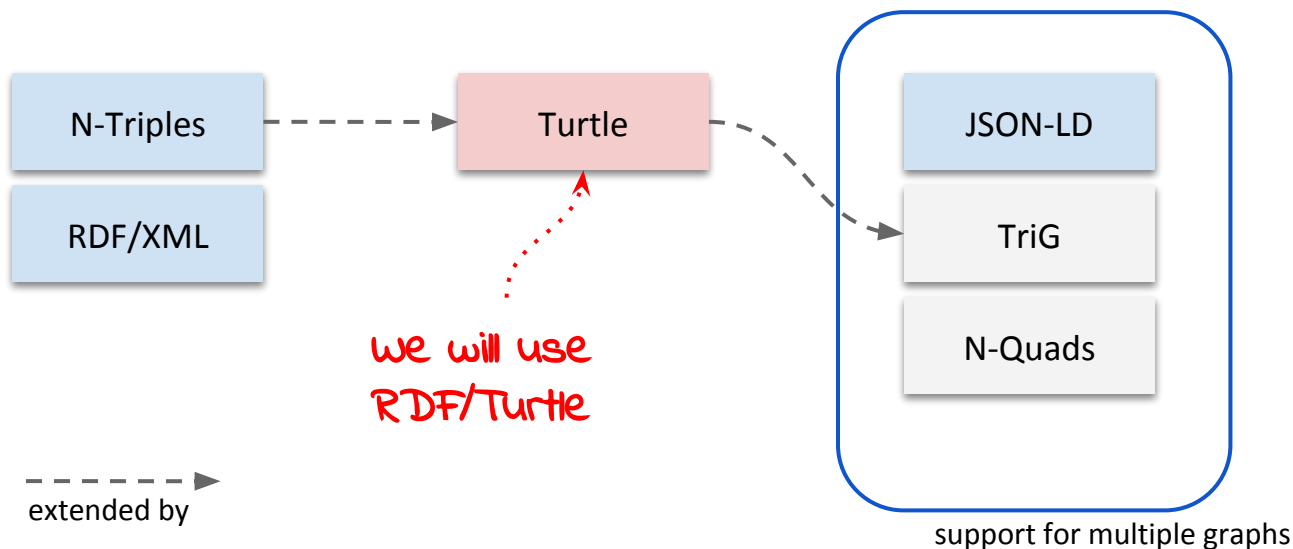
Light energy absorbed
by Earth

Heat energy re-radiated by
greenhouse gasses



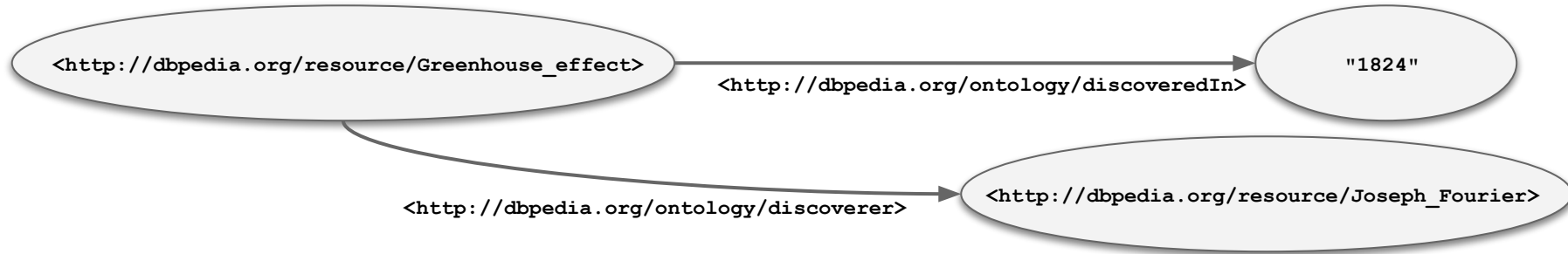
RDF Serializations

- RDF comes with several different **serialization formats**:
 - N-Triples, RDF/XML, JSON, Turtle, TriG, N-Quads, RDFa, ...





RDF Serializations



• N-Triples Notation

- **URIs/IRIs** in angle brackets
- **Literals** in quotation marks
- Triple ends with a **period**

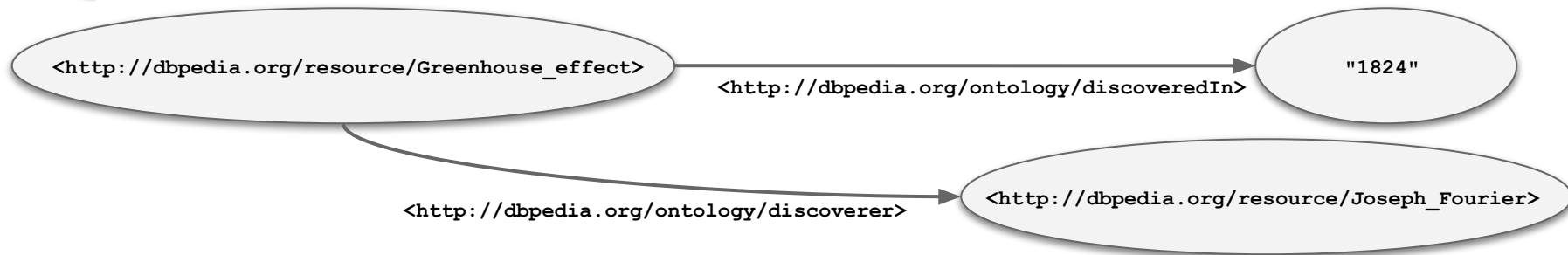
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<http://dbpedia.org/resource/Joseph_Fourier> .
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RDF Serializations



● Turtle (Terse RDF Triple Language) Notation

- extension of N-Triples

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@base <http://dbpedia.org/resource/> .

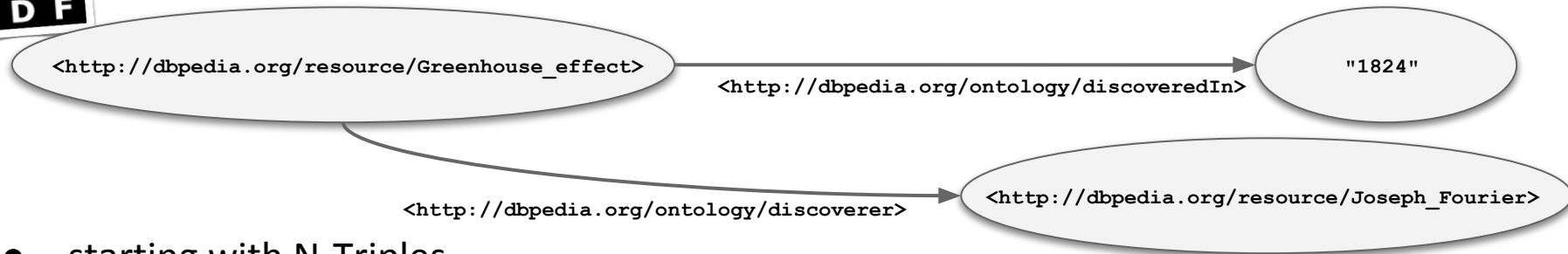
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<Greenhouse_effect> dbo:discoverer <Joseph_Fourier> .
  
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RDF/Turtle allows
shortcuts and
abbreviations for
readability



RDF/Turtle



starting with N-Triples

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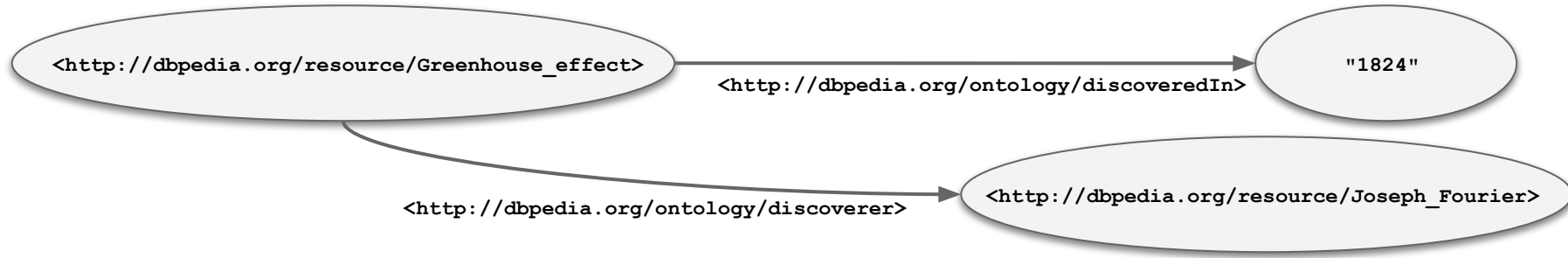
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@prefix directive associates prefix-label with URI

@base directive provides URI to complement all relative URIs



RDF/Turtle

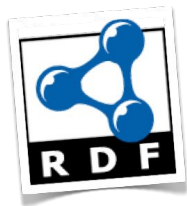


- Abbreviating RDF Triples in Turtle

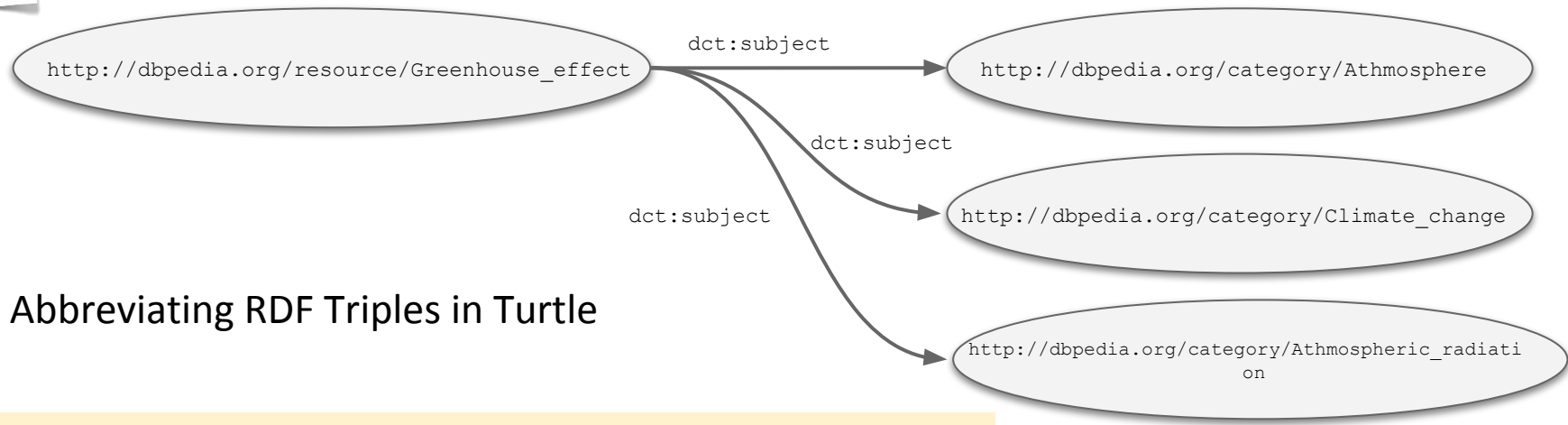
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semicolon indicates that subsequent
triples have the same subject
(predicate list)



RDF/Turtle



- Abbreviating RDF Triples in Turtle

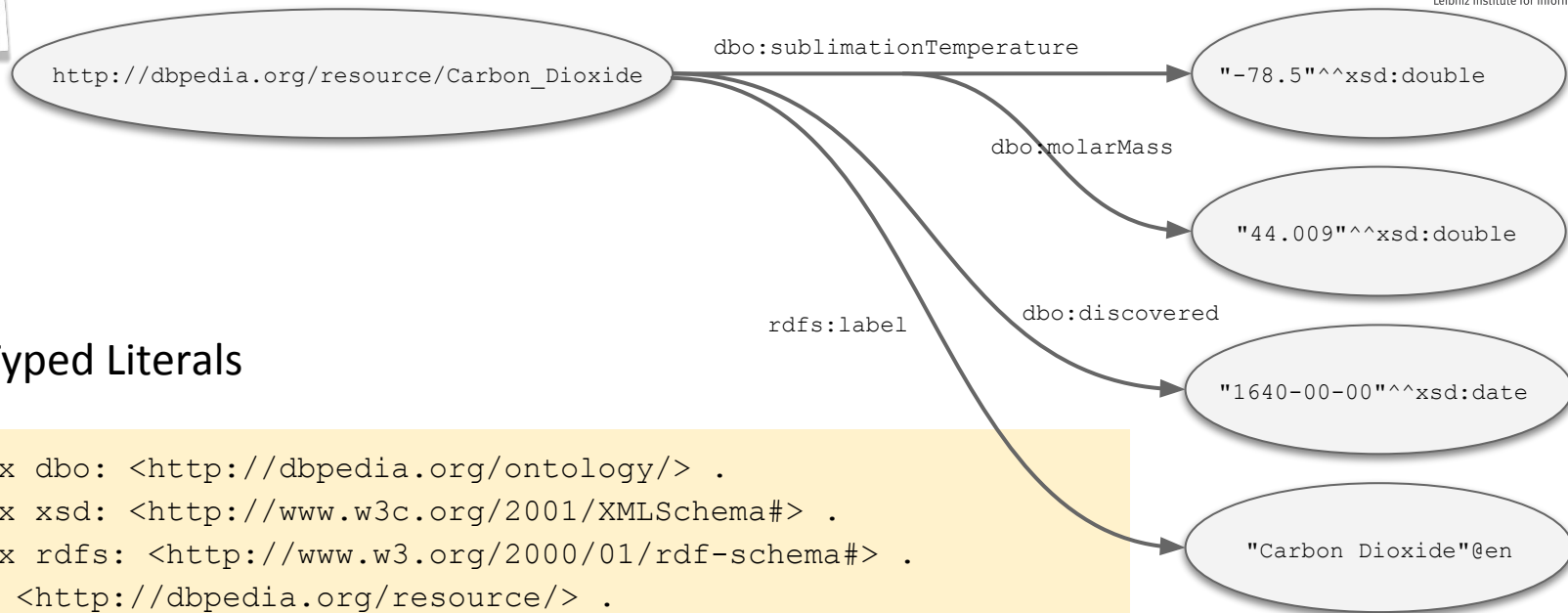
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@prefix dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
@prefix dbc: <http://dbpedia.org/category/> .
@base      <http://dbpedia.org/resource/> .

<Greenhouse_effect> dct:subject dbc:Athmosphere ,
                                dbc:Climate_change ,
                                dbc:Athmospheric_radiation .
```

comma indicates that subsequent triples have same subject and property (object list)



RDF/Turtle



● Typed Literals

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@prefix dbo: <http://dbpedia.org/ontology/> .
@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@base <http://dbpedia.org/resource/> .

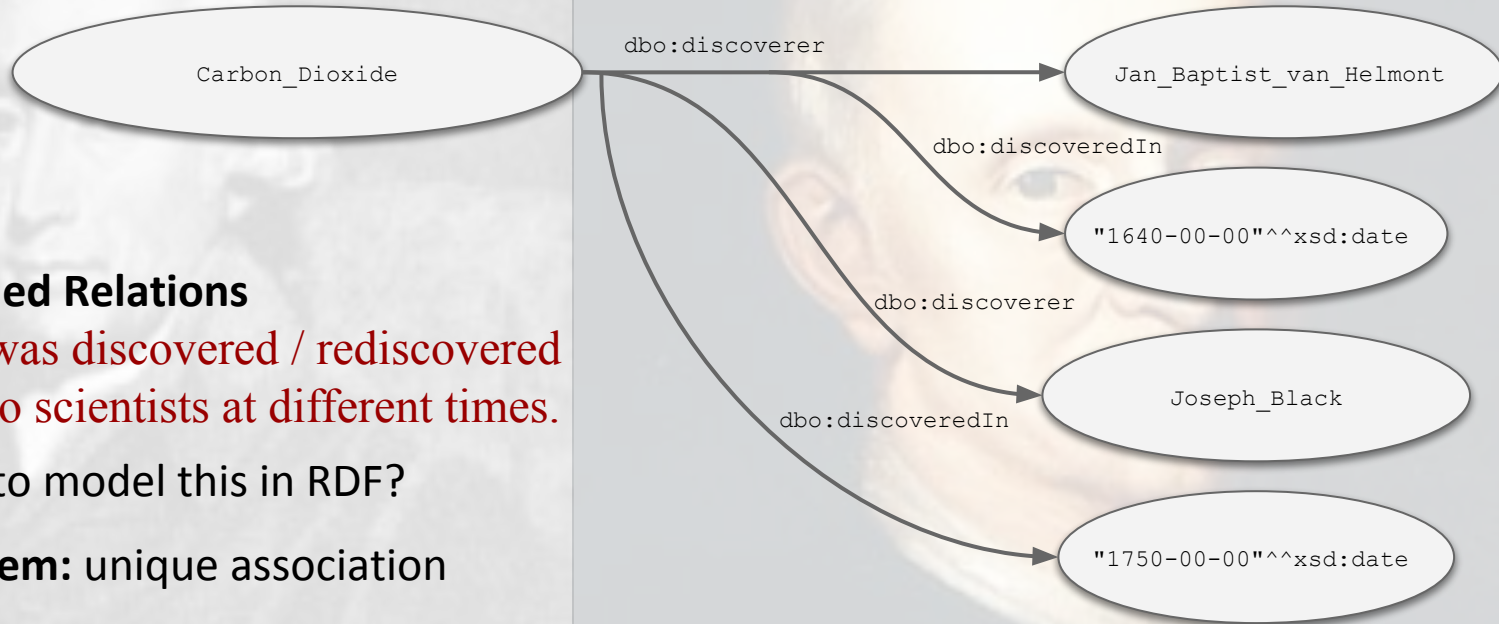
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                  dbo:molarMass "44.009"^^xsd:double ;
                  dbo:discovered "1640-00-00"^^xsd:date ;
                  rdfs:label "Carbon Dioxide"@en .
    
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RDF/Turtle

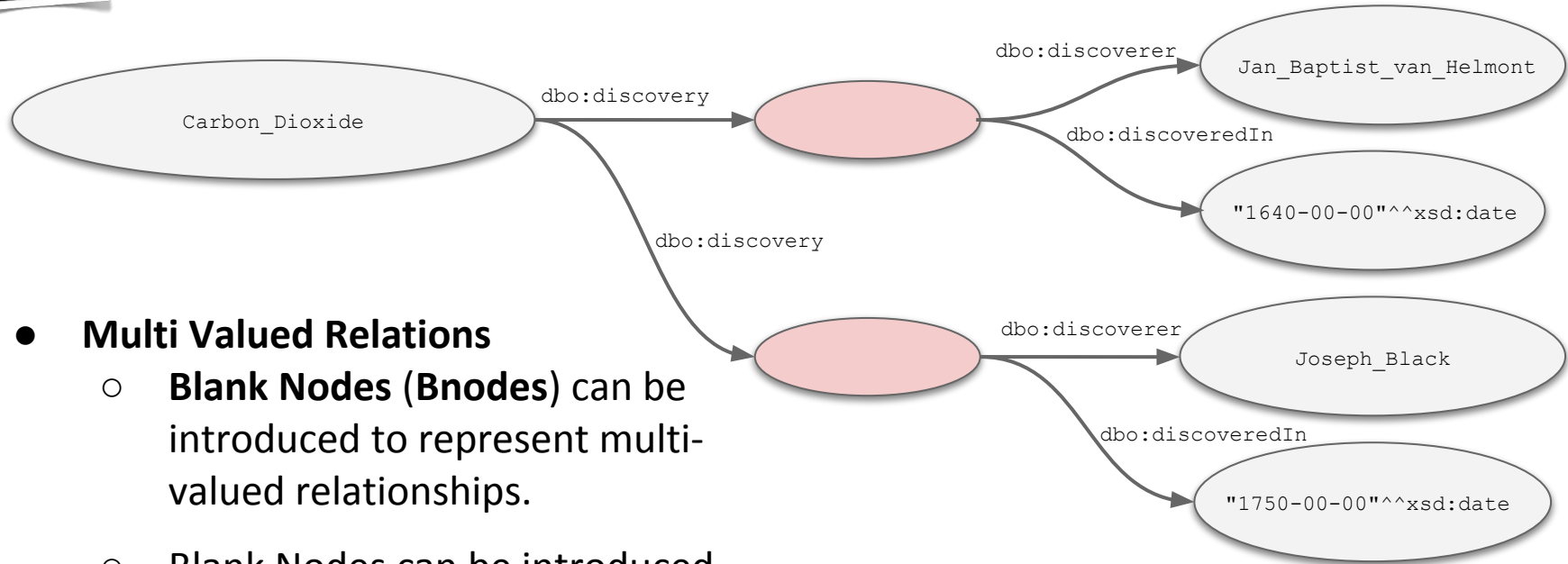
- **Multi Valued Relations**

- CO₂ was discovered / rediscovered by two scientists at different times.
- How to model this in RDF?
- **Problem:** unique association



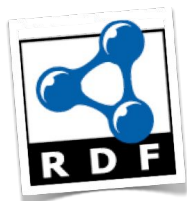


RDF/Turtle

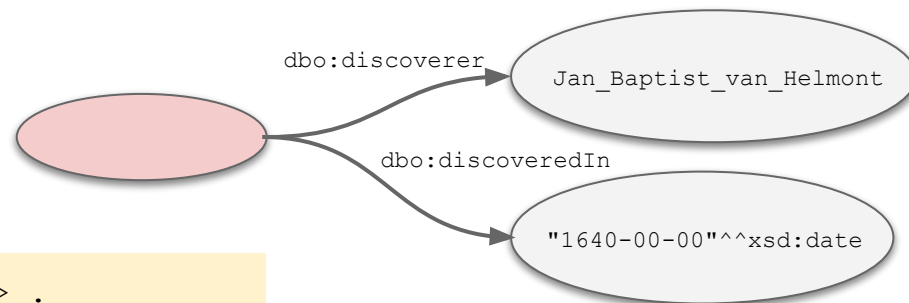


- **Multi Valued Relations**

- **Blank Nodes (Bnodes)** can be introduced to represent multi-valued relationships.
- Blank Nodes can be introduced for resources that don't need a name (auxiliary nodes).



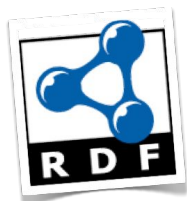
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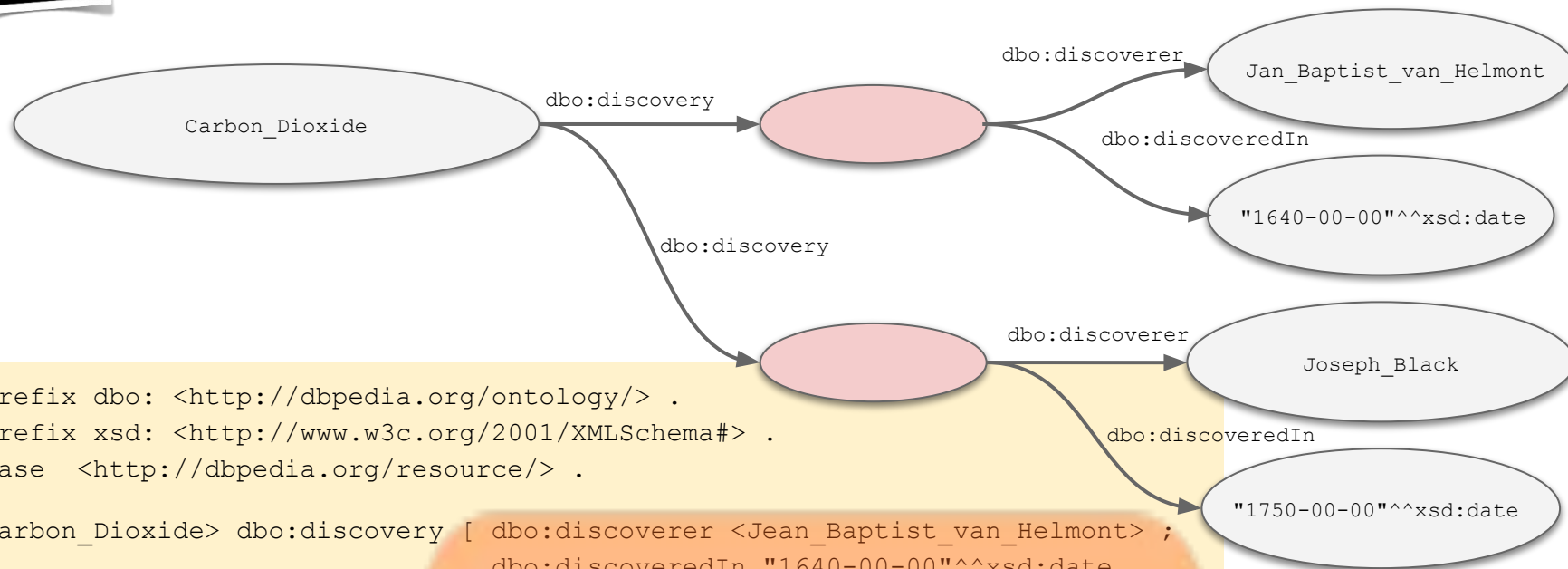
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@prefix xsd: <http://www.w3c.org/2001/XMLSchema#> .  
@base <http://dbpedia.org/resource/> .
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[ ] dbo:discoverer <Jan_Baptist_van_Helmont> ;  
    dbo:discoveredIn "1640-00-00"^^xsd:date .
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anonymous blank node as subject



RDF/Turtle



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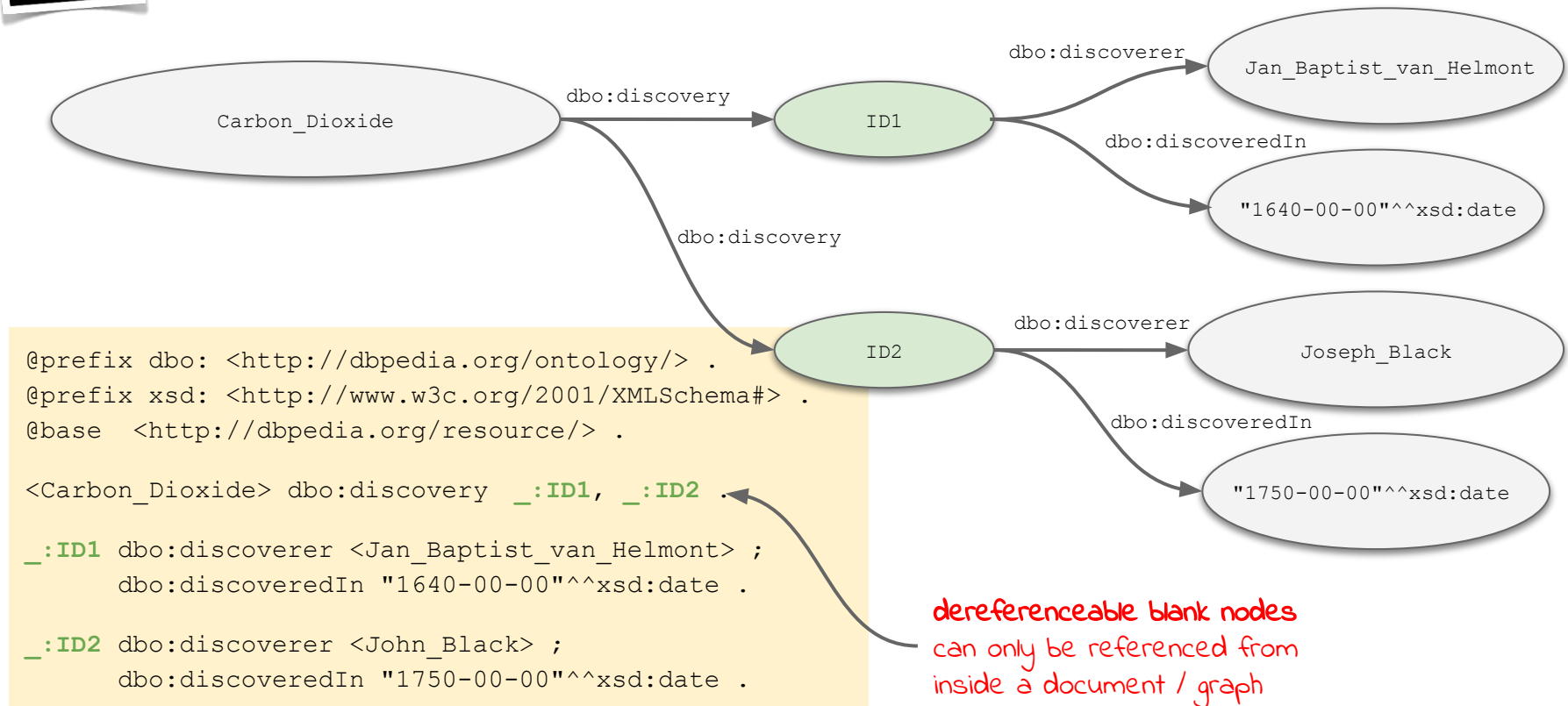
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  dbo:discoveredIn "1640-00-00"^^xsd:date
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  dbo:discoverer <Joseph_Black> ;
  dbo:discoveredIn "1750-00-00"^^xsd:date
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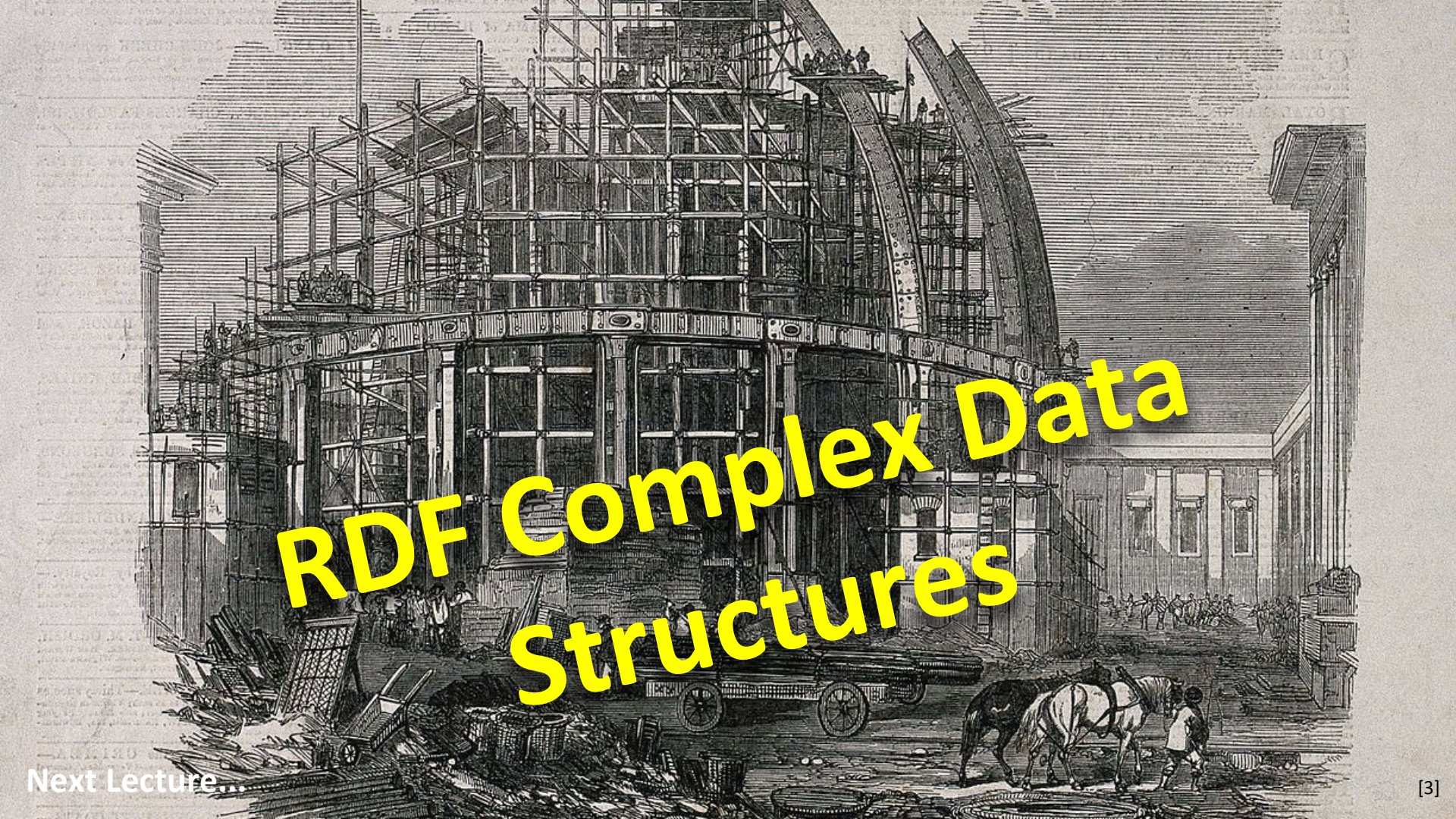
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nested
anonymous blank
nodes



RDF/Turtle





RDF Complex Data Structures

Next Lecture...

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