Adopting Semantic Technology for Effective Corporate Transparency

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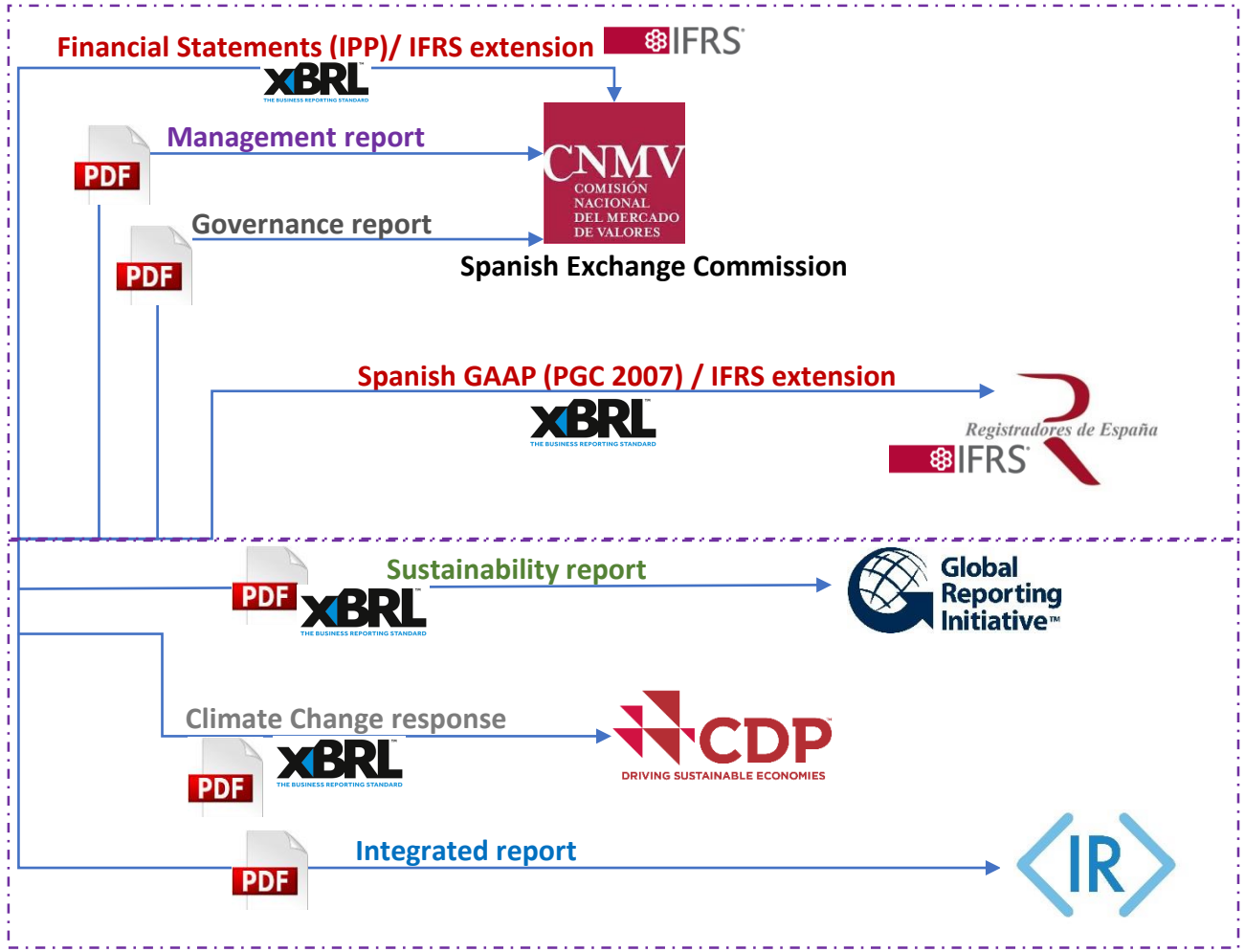

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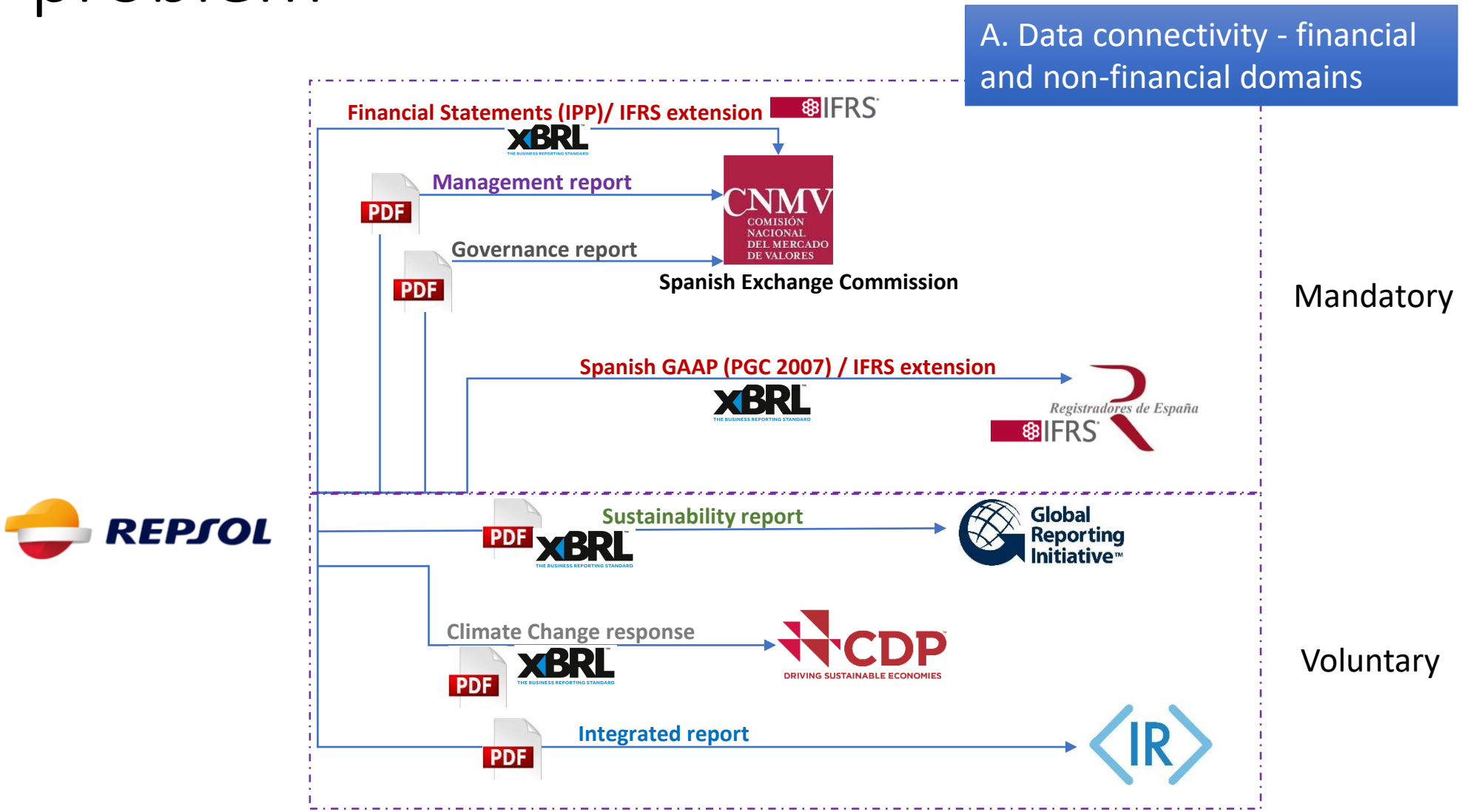
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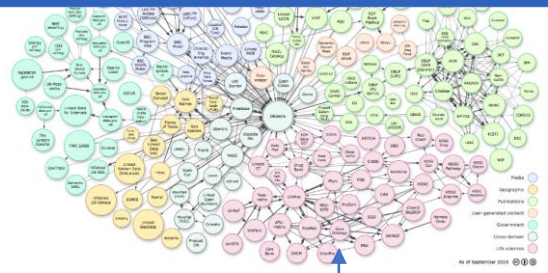

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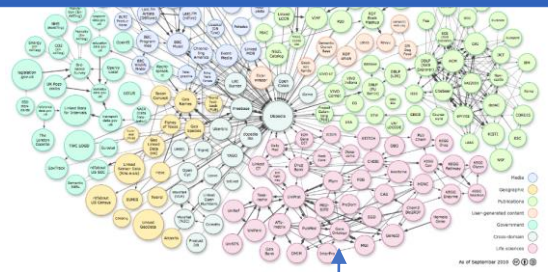

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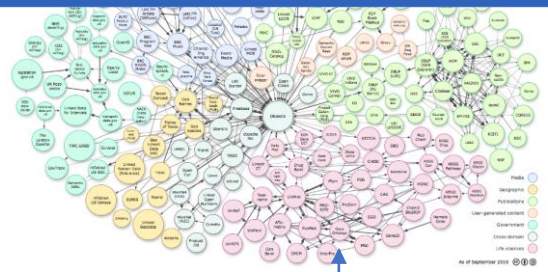

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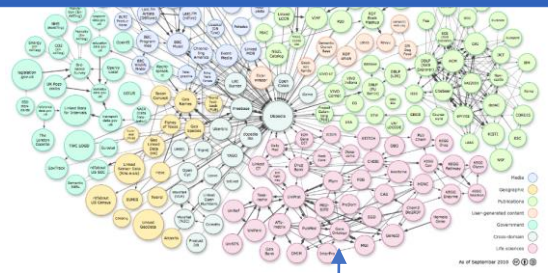

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1. Better data contextualisation of company data

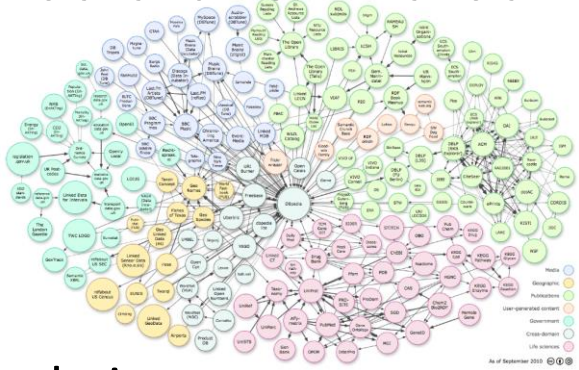
3. Data reliability and data consistency Cross-checking

Our attention

- Current availability and adoption of XBRL data

  - XBRL is already being used by over **10 million companies**, 100 regulators and 60 governments worldwide.

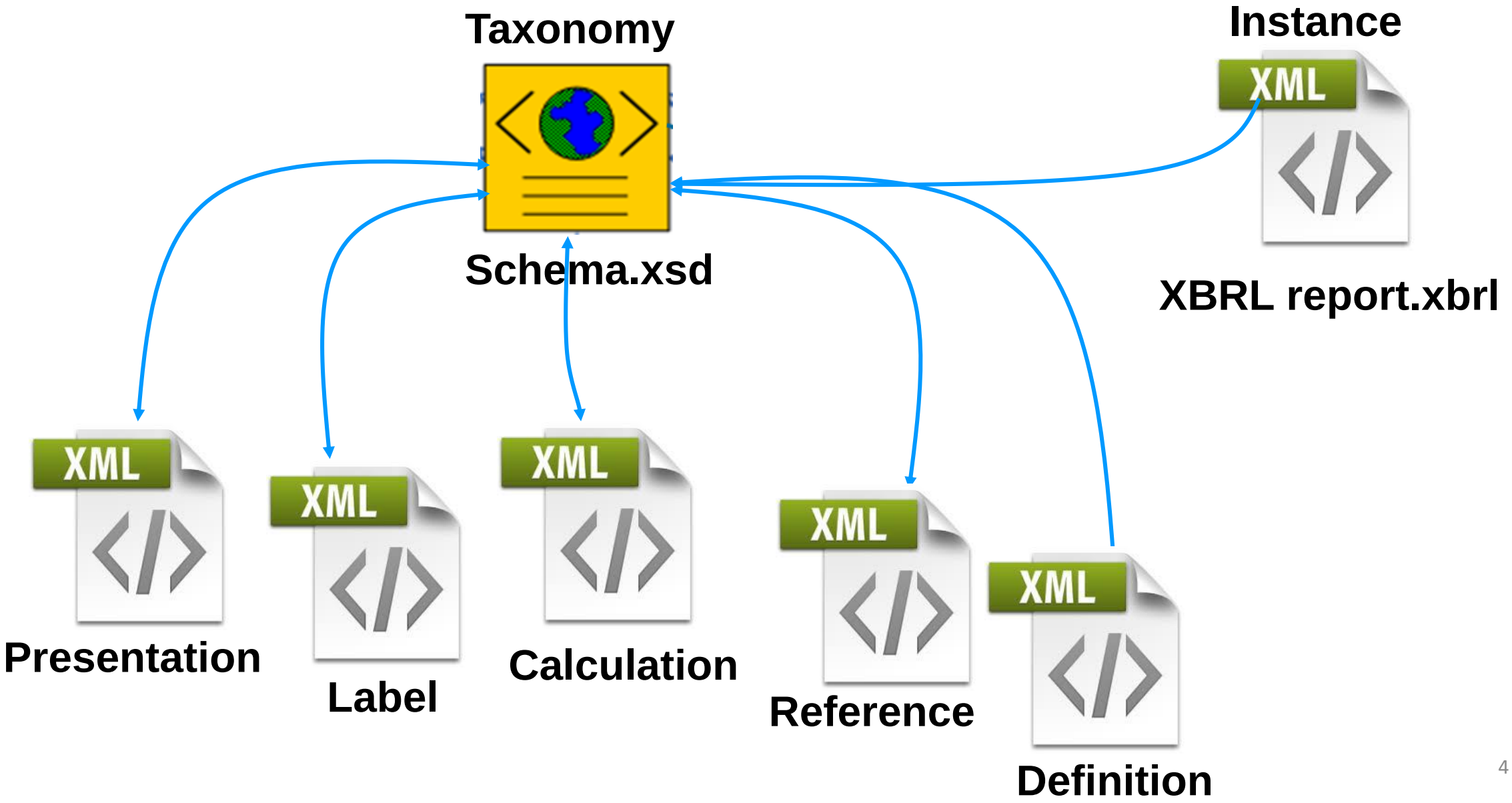
  - XBRL is becoming in the common denominator between financial and non-financial company disclosure.



- Opportunities that Linked data can offer

  - Converting independent silos of XBRL data into interconnected pieces.

Understanding XBRL



About XBRL - evolution

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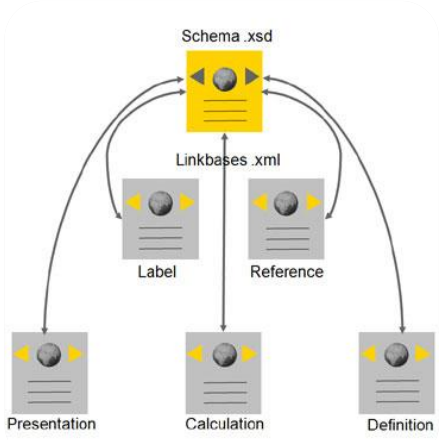
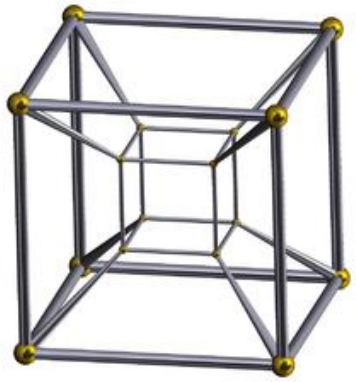


XBRL 2.1

2005

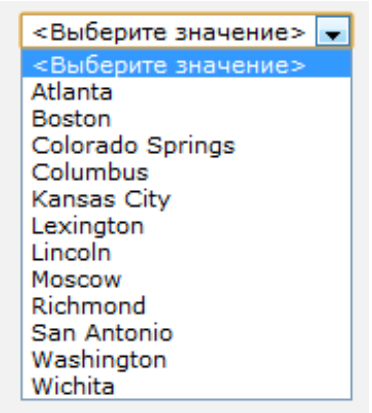


Dimensions 1.0 Specification

2009

Formula 1.0 Specification

2014



Extensible Enumerations 1.0

Our work

What is the context of the company Repsol?

What was the emission intensity of Repsol in 2015?

How reliable is the equity figure presented in DBpedia?

Applicability

Visualisation LodLive

Data contextualisation

Cross-data analysis

Data accuracy

Accessibility

Data publication

Apache Jena Fuseki ->SPARQL

Interlinking

Linking to the Web of Data

LIMES->DBPedia : LOD cloud

Ontology

XBRL to Linked data

XBRL Lightweight vocabulary

- Mapping with well-known vocabularies
- Dereferenceable URIs
- XBRL Data from the (CNMV) [XBRL 2.1] and the CDP [XBRL 2.1 + Dimensions 1.0 + Enumerations 1.0].

Related work

How to translate XBRL Financial data into XBRL

- Transforming XBRL taxonomies from well-known **open government data initiatives** (SECs EDGAR, CNMV) into RDF (Garcia and Gil, 2009)
- **RDF Cube vocabulary** -(Kampgen *et al*.,2014)
- Experimental Initiative called Edgar **Linked Wrapper**, which provides access to XBRL filing from the SEC as Linked Data. Each new US-GAAP taxonomy means a new semantic vocabulary.

http://edgarwrap.ontologycentral.com/

How to translate XBRL Sustainability data into RDF

- **Sustainability data** -> RDF: GRI taxonomy into RDF (Madlberger *et al*., 2013)

Architecture for a better financial data integration

- Architecture for evolving information systems enabling better **financial data integration**. XBRL financial data + DBPedia +Yahoo!!Finance (Goto *et al.*, 2013)

Related work - difficulties

- Representing XBRL data in RDF graphs and as Linked data:
  - Lack of formal semantics and inference mechanisms
  - Difficulties to find correspondences with well-known vocabularies (SKOS, FOAF, etc..)
  - Lack of general solutions to transform any XBRL filings into RDF format.
    - covering the full XBRL Specification: XBRL 2.1, Dimensions 1.0, Enumerations….

Let’s talk about technical bits….

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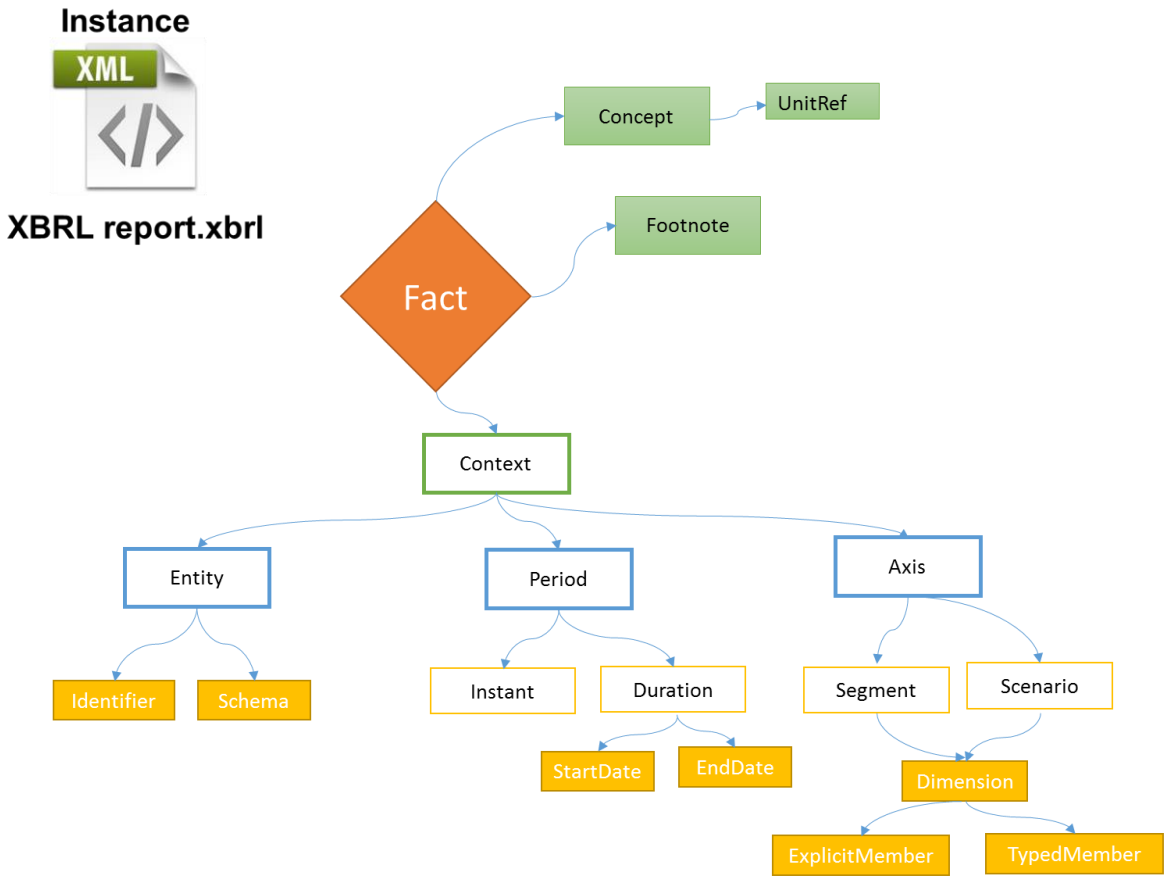
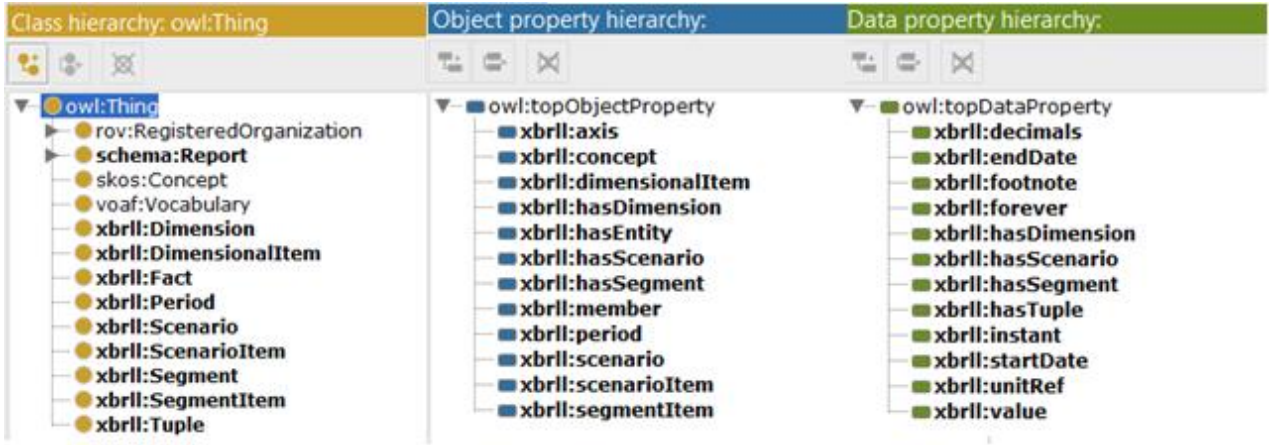


How XBRL data is represented

SKOS SCHEMA.ORG FOAF ROV



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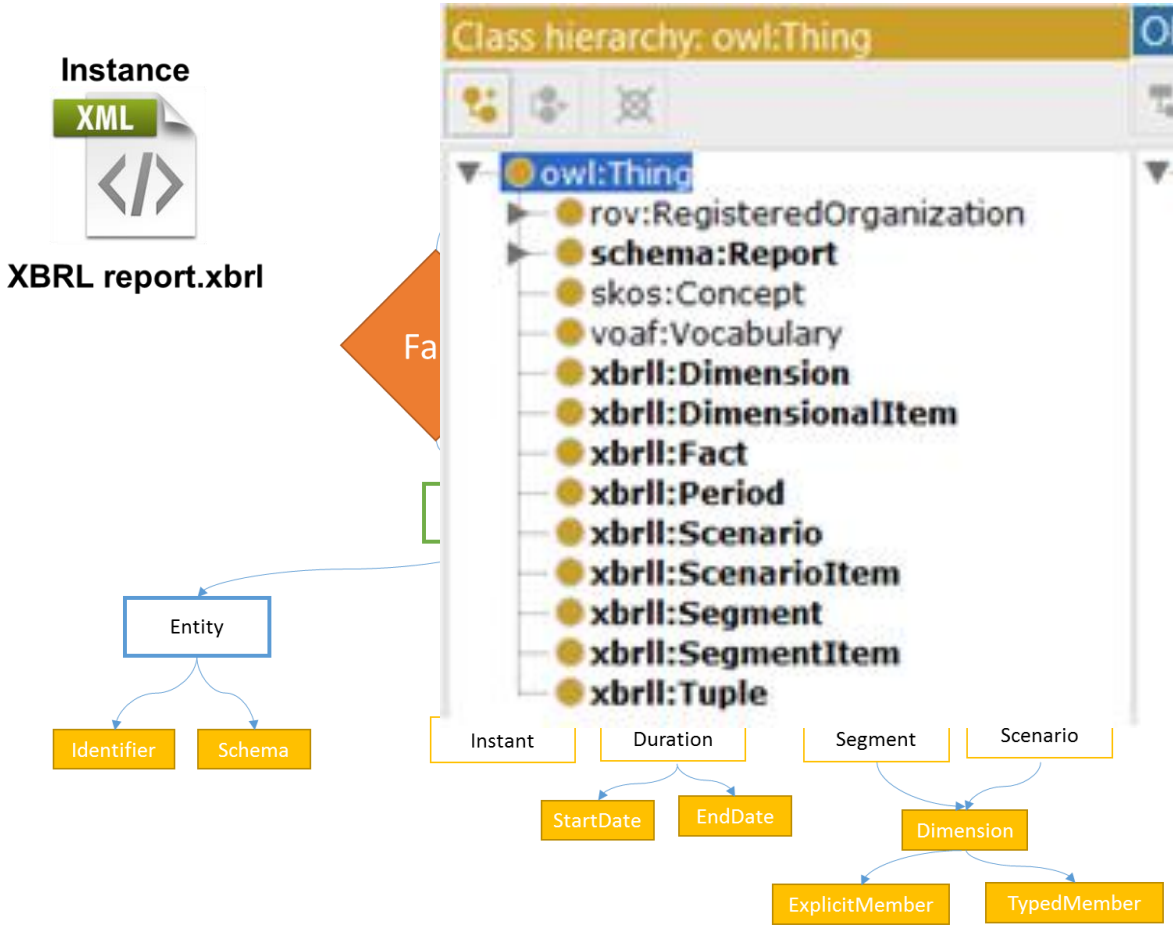

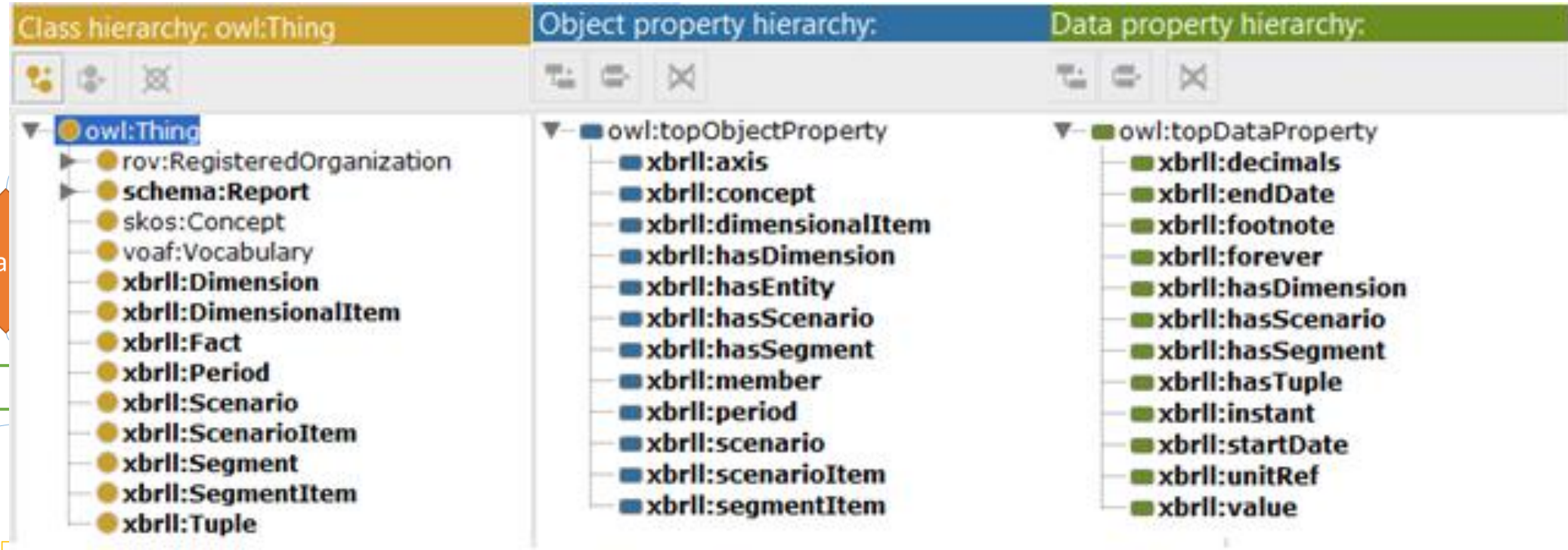

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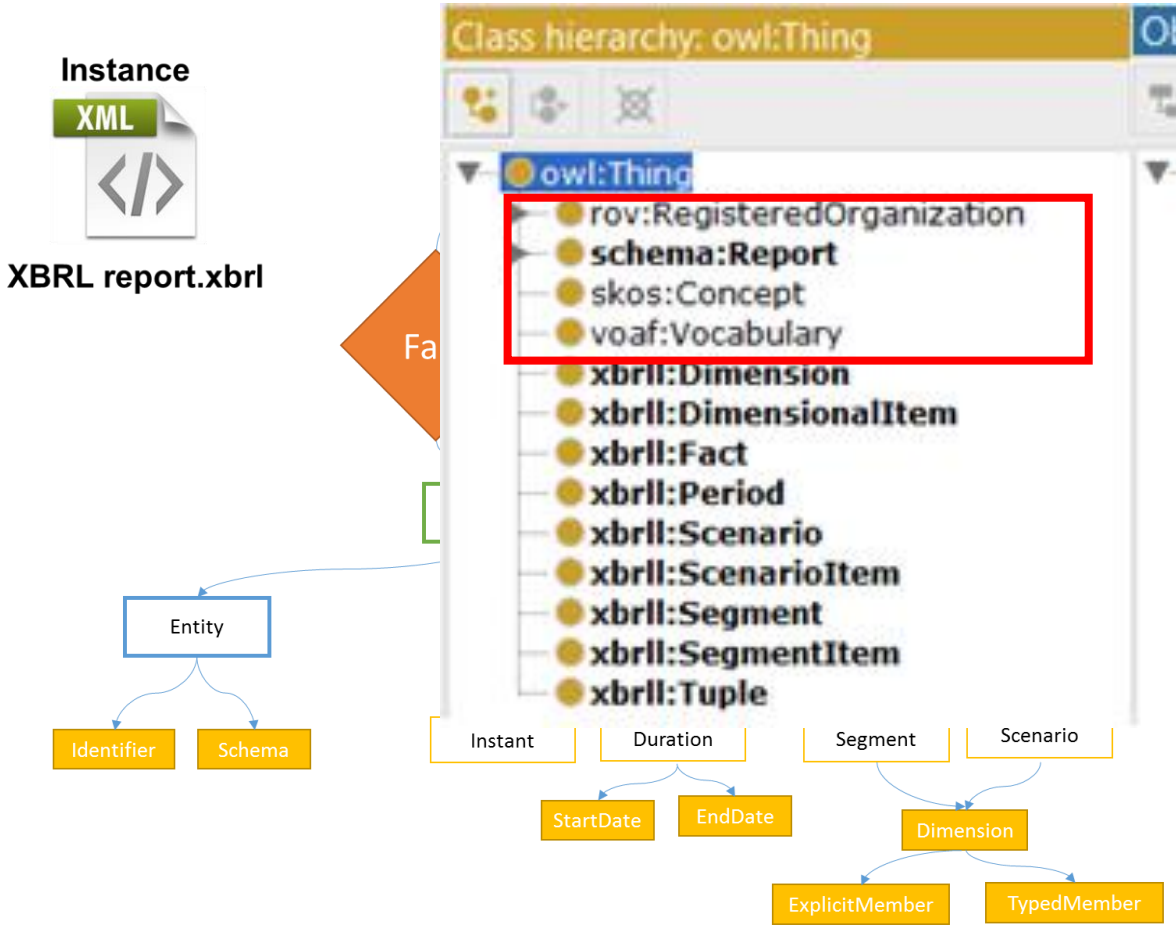

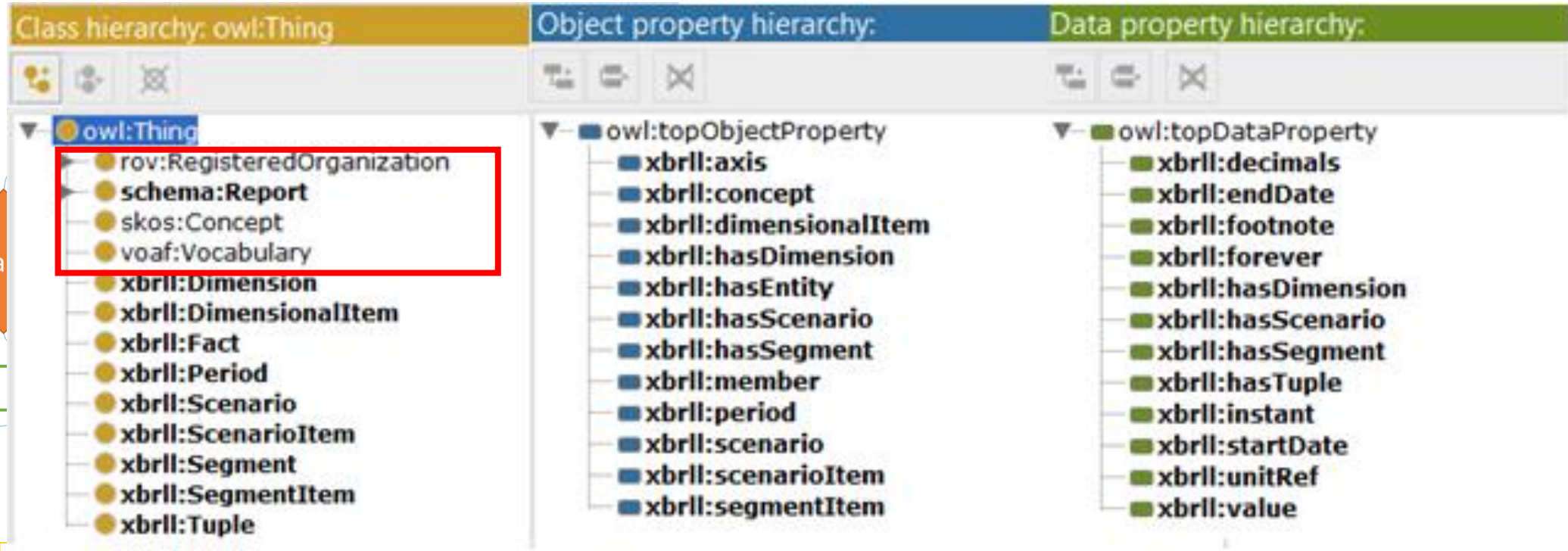

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Dereferenceable URIs (We need Unique Identifiers!!)

```
<http://data.mondeca.com/id/fact/f001> a
ns1:Fact ;
    ns1:hasEntity
<http://data.mondeca.com/id/entity/000084
7838> ;
    ns1:concept cdp:IntroductionCompany;
    ns1:period [ ns1:startPeriod "2015-
01-01"^^xsd:date ;
            ns1:endPeriod "2015-12-
31"^^xsd:date] ;
    ns1:value "Repsol is international
integrated Oil and Gas Company whose main
activity consists of the upstream and
downstream business." ;
```

```
<xbrli:context id="ctx_00">
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activity consists of the upstream and downstream
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RDF representation of a simple XBRL fact (CDP)

```
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   ns1:concept ifrs-gp:IntangibleAssetsNet;
   ns1:entity <http://data.mondeca.com/id/entity/A7837472>;
   ns1:period [ ns1:instant "2015-12-31"^^xsd:date] ;
   ns1:hasTuple <http://data.mondeca.com/id/tuple/t89493> ;
   ns1:unitRef < http://dbpedia.org/resource/EUR> ;
   ns1:value 94588000.0 ;
   ns1:decimals 0 .
   ns1:hasScenario
<http://data.mondeca.com/id/scenario/s0001> .
 <http://data.mondeca.com/id/fact/f0004> a ns1:Fact ;
   ns1:concept ifrs-gp:GoodwillNet ;
   ns1:entity <http://data.mondeca.com/id/entity/A7837472>;
   ns1:period [ ns1:instant "2015-12-31"^^xsd:date] ;
   ns1:hasTuple <http://data.mondeca.com/id/tuple/t89493> ;
   ns1:unitRef < http://dbpedia.org/resource/EUR>;
   ns1:value 350.0 ;
   ns1:decimals 0 .
   ns1:hasScenario
<http://data.mondeca.com/id/scenario/s0001> .
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   ns1:scenarioItem [ns1:concept ipp:Modelo; ns1:value "GE"]
   ns1:scenarioItem [ns1:concept ipp:Apartado; ns1:value
"Individual"]

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gp:IntangibleAssetsNet>
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RDF representation of a tuple XBRL fact (CNMV)

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```
<http://data.mondeca.com/id/fact/f0005> a
ns1:Fact ;
  ns1:concept  cdp:EmissionValueGrossCO2e
  ns1:entity
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38> ;
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   ns1:decimals 0 .
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</xbrli:unit>
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unitRef="CO2e">21068516</cdp:EmissionValueGrossCO2e>
<cdp:Scope contextRef="ctx_8_2_2015_id01">cdp-
enum:Scope1</cdp:Scope>
```

RDF representation of a dimensional XBRL fact (CDP)

- LIMES allows detecting similar Linked datasets (Link Discovery).
- LIMES works specifying the searching criteria and the target endpoint.
  - (find references in other places)

- **Our searching criteria** is the company name contained in the RDF generated.
- **Endpoint target:** DBpedia
- **Trigram metric** (legalName, sch:Organization)
- Results are included as SameAs relationships

LIMES
Link Discovery Framework for Metric Spaces

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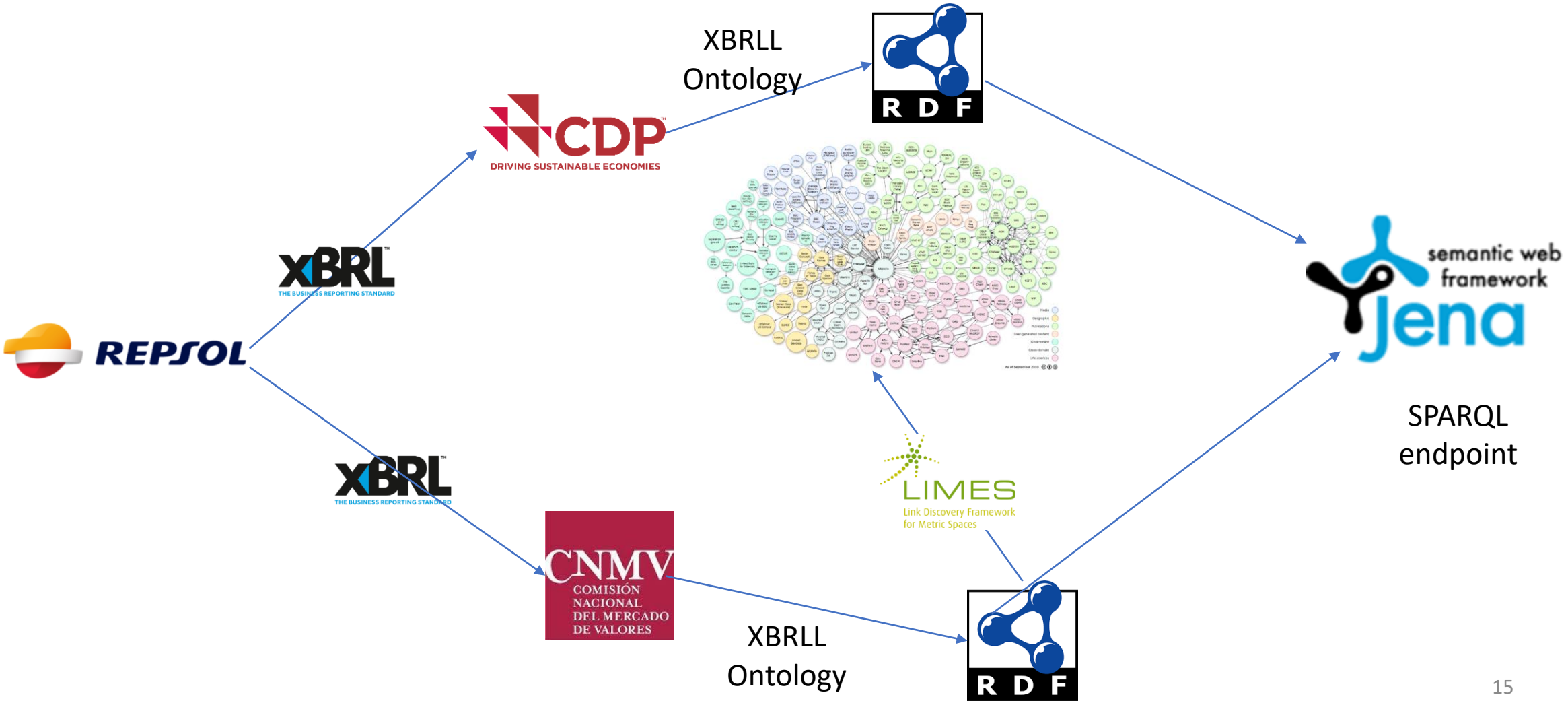

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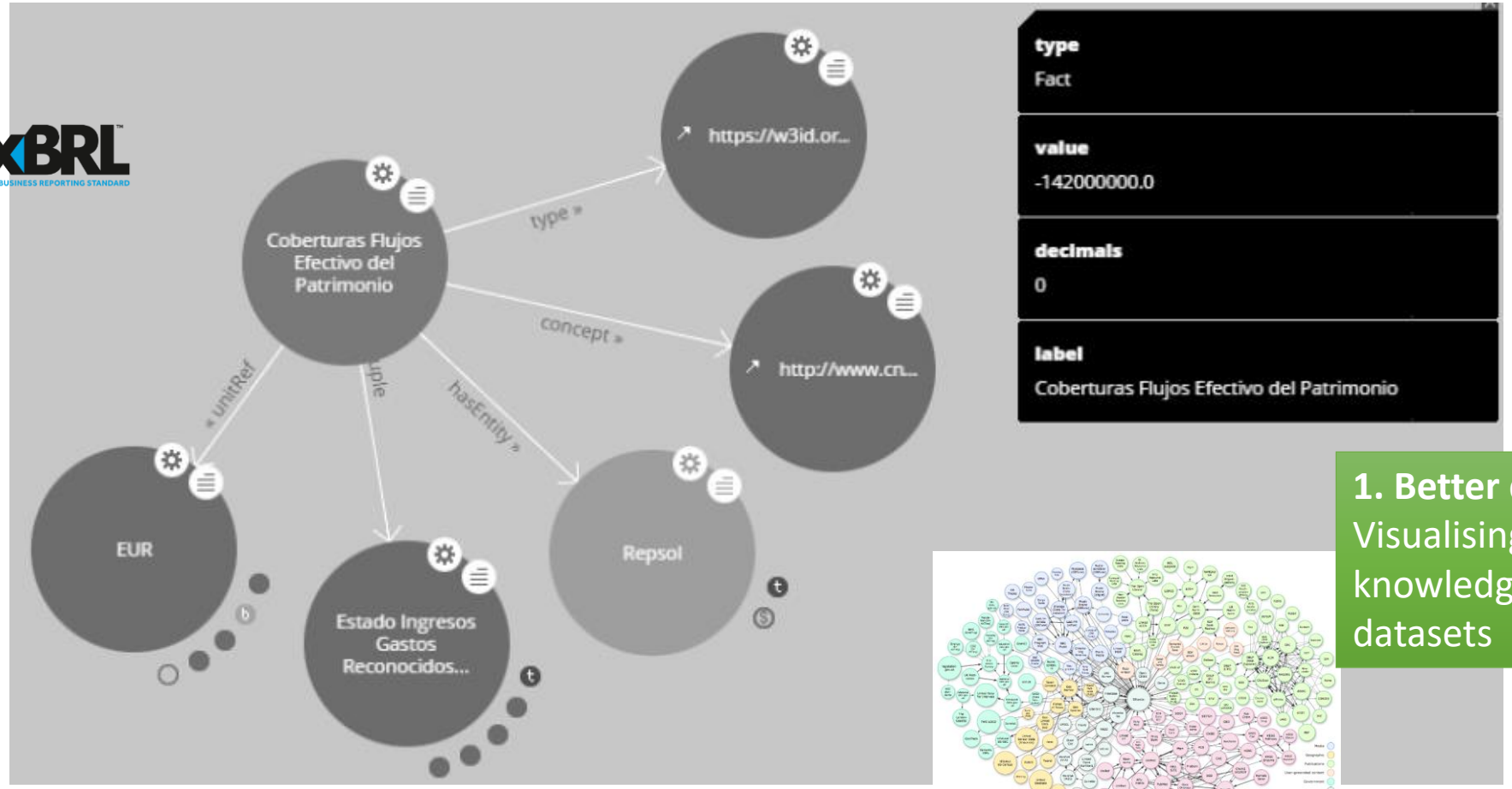

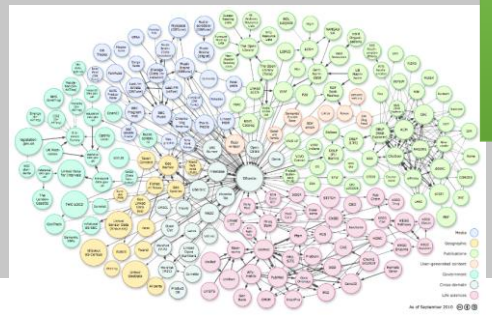

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1. Better data contextualisation
Visualising XBRL data as Graphical knowledge connected to other datasets

Goal 1. Data Coverage Using DBpedia

Question: What is the context of the company Repsol?
Data: Abstract, subsidiary and industry.
SPARQL query: https://goo.gl/if8ydG
Output: presented in Table 1.

1. Better data contextualisation
Accessing to more data about a company

Table 1. Data coverage: information about the context of Repsol S.A

URL	Abstract	Subsidiary	Industry
http://dbpedia.org/resource/Repsol	Repsol S.A. is an integrated global energy company based in Madrid, Spain. It carries out upstream and downstream activities throughout the entire world. It has more than 24,000 employees worldwide	http://dbpedia.org/resource/Petronor	http://dbpedia.org/resource/Petroleum_industry

Goal 2. Cross Data Source Analysis Using CNMV and CDP Data

Question: What was the emission intensity of Repsol in 2015?
Data: Scope 1 emissions (CDP) divided by Consolidated sales (CNMV).
SPARQL query: https://goo.gl/7bIE9m
Output: presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Data analysis: emission intensity of Repsol S.A in 2015

CO2 Emissions	Consolidated sales	Emission intensity
21068516	39737000000	0.00053

2. Cross-data source analysis
(Emissions intensity figure:
Consolidations sales / CO2 emissions)

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Goal 3. Data Accuracy Using DBPedia and CNMV Data

Question: How reliable is the equity figure presented in DBpedia?
Data: Equity (DBPedia) and equity (CNMV) in the year 2013.
SPARQL query: https://goo.gl/LGb53s
Output: presented in Table 3.

3. Data reliability and data consistency

Table 3. Data consistency: reliability of equity figure presented in DBpedia

Entity name	Equity(DBPedia) dbo:equity	Equity(CNMV) ipp-gen:PatrimonioNetoNiif	Difference
Repsol S.A	2.792E10	27920000000	0.0001
Amadeus IT holding	€1,840.1 million@en	1840066000.0	-

Conclusions

- **Corporate Transparency needs** technologies to enable connectivity between existing company data from different domains (financial and non-financial) and formats.
- **Linked data principles** can encourage better corporate data publication and therefore data analysis.
- **XBRL** enables a standard and accurate representation of corporate data with advanced validation rules.
- **XBRL and Linked data can complement to each other.**
- **Our work is focused on** (1) applying Linked Data practices and tools on existing Financial and non-financial XBRL datasets and (2) to show applicable results.
- **Our potential academic contribution:** a generic Ontology to translate any XBRL filing into Linked data
  - Covering the full XBRL specification
  - Keeping correspondences with well-known vocabularies (schema.org, Registered Organization Vocabulary, FOAF)
- **Our potential industrial contribution:** our work brings value and enables use from existing company data in a connected way: financial + non-financial data + Linked Open Datasets.

Thank you.

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