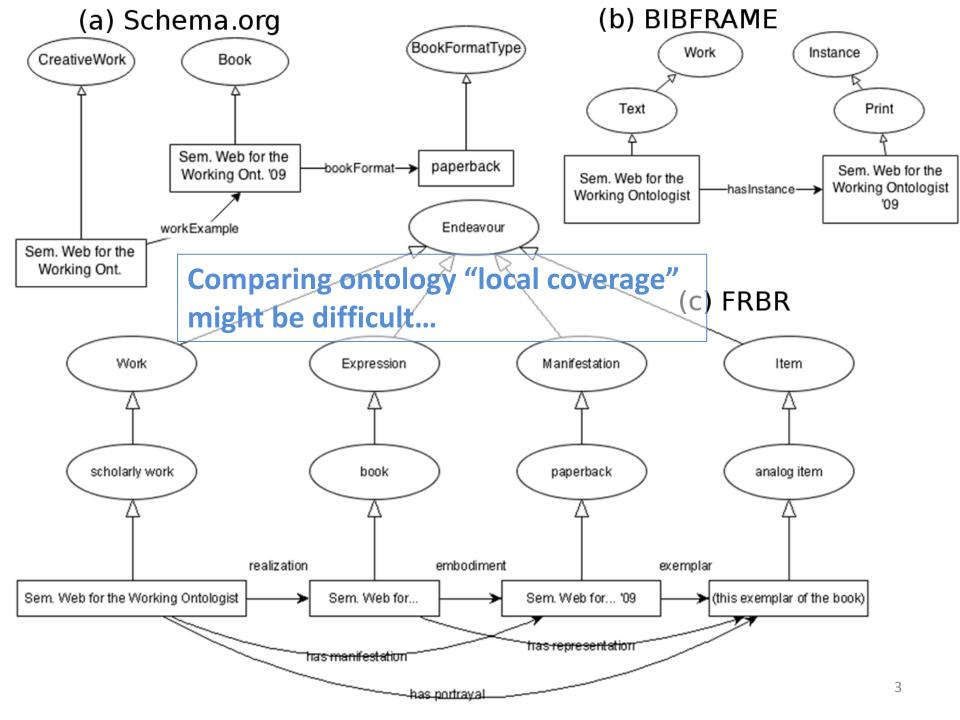
What Can the Ontology Describe?

Visualizing Local Coverage in PURO Modeler

Marek Dudáš, Tomáš Hanzal and Vojtěch Svátek University of Economics, Prague

What We Mean by Local Coverage

- How (well) can the ontology describe a specific "cluster of relationships"
 - Such as the relationship between a book and its paperback issue
 - Not analyzing the coverage of, e.g., the whole bibliography domain



Why Is It Difficult?

- Each ontology might be using different OWL constructs to represent the same real world relationship or entity
- The user has to abstract from those differences in his mind
 - Or use some tool

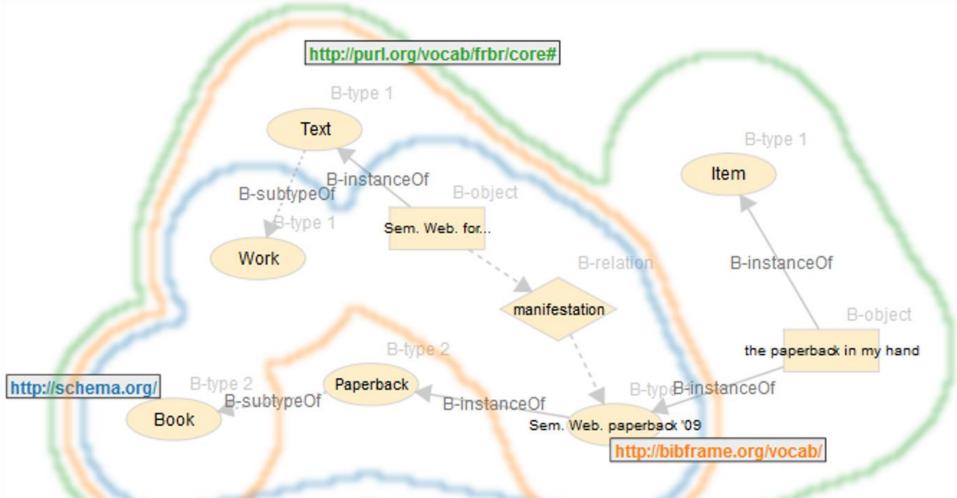
Making the Local Coverage Comparison Easier

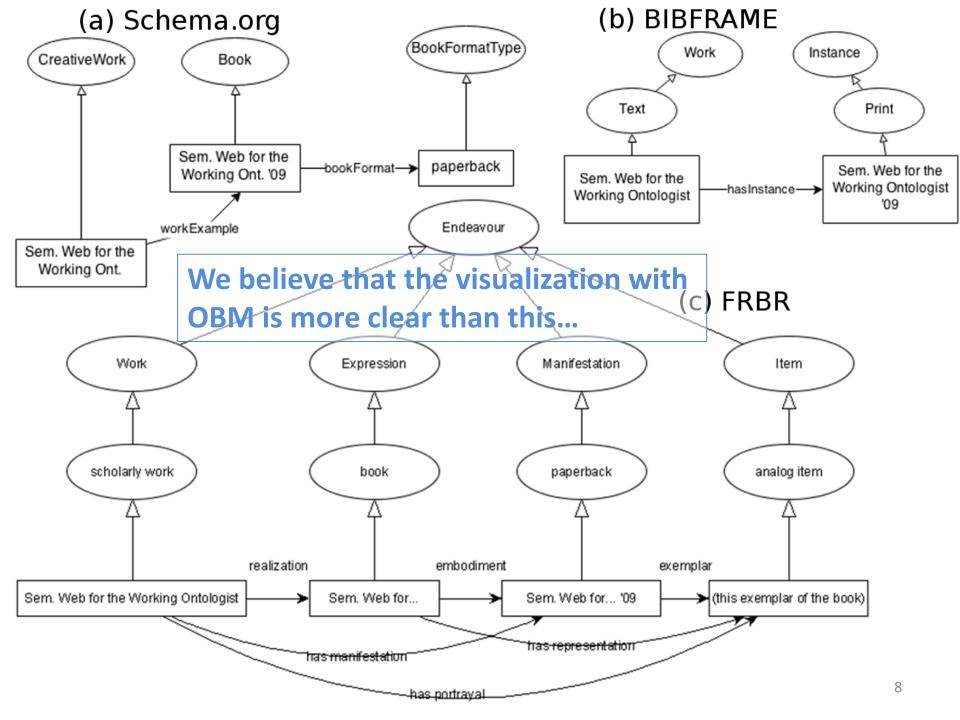
- Visualize the real world situation using more general modeling language that allows to abstract from OWL modeling differences
 - We propose using PURO ontological background models (OBM) (Svátek et al., OWLED 2013)
- Mark parts of the model that each of the compared ontologies can describe
 - So that you can see the comparison in one place

PURO Language for OBMs

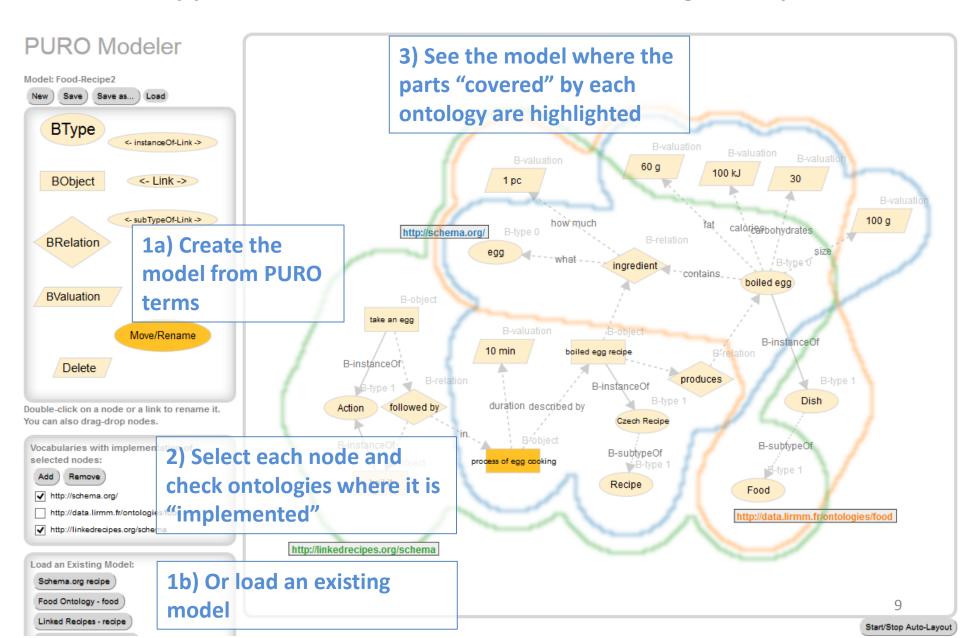
- For creating models "closer to the real world" while remaining "very close" to OWL
 - OBM always represents a (example of) specific situation, at the "instance level"
- Only an aid for ontological engineering not a schema for data or input for reasoners;
 - No artificial constraints imposed by data processing requirements
- Based on Particular-Universal, Relationship-Object distinctions

Example of Local Coverage Comparison with OBM





Web App for OBM Creation and Local Coverage Comparison



Future Work

- Guidelines for OBM creation
- A portal for sharing OBMs
 - Possibly including the local coverage comparison

Thanks for your attention

Questions?

References

Svátek, V., et al.: Metamodeling-Based Coherence Checking of OWL
Vocabulary Background Models. In: OWLED 2013.