

# Perfect Rewriting for Ontology Based Query Answering over Spatial Databases

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# Agenda

1. Ontology Based Query Answering (OBQA)
2. GDL-Lite-8 = DL-Lite with extensions to cope with certain aspects of spatial data (RCC8)
3. Query rewriting algorithm for GDL-Lite-8
4. Insights from an implementation and its evaluation

# Query answering w.r.t. ontologies

## **TBox:**

$\text{MALE} \sqsubseteq \text{PERSON}$

$\text{MALE} \sqsubseteq \neg \text{FEMALE}$

$\exists \text{hasFather}^- \sqsubseteq \text{MALE}$

$\exists \text{hasMother}^- \sqsubseteq \text{FEMALE}$

$\text{FEMALE} \sqsubseteq \text{PERSON}$

$\text{PERSON} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasFather}$

$\text{PERSON} \sqsubseteq \exists \text{hasMother}$

## **ABox:**

$\text{MALE}(\text{Bob})$

$\text{MALE}(\text{Paul})$

$\text{FEMALE}(\text{Ann})$

$\text{hasFather}(\text{Ann}, \text{Paul})$

$\text{hasMother}(\text{Paul}, \text{Mary})$

## **input query:**

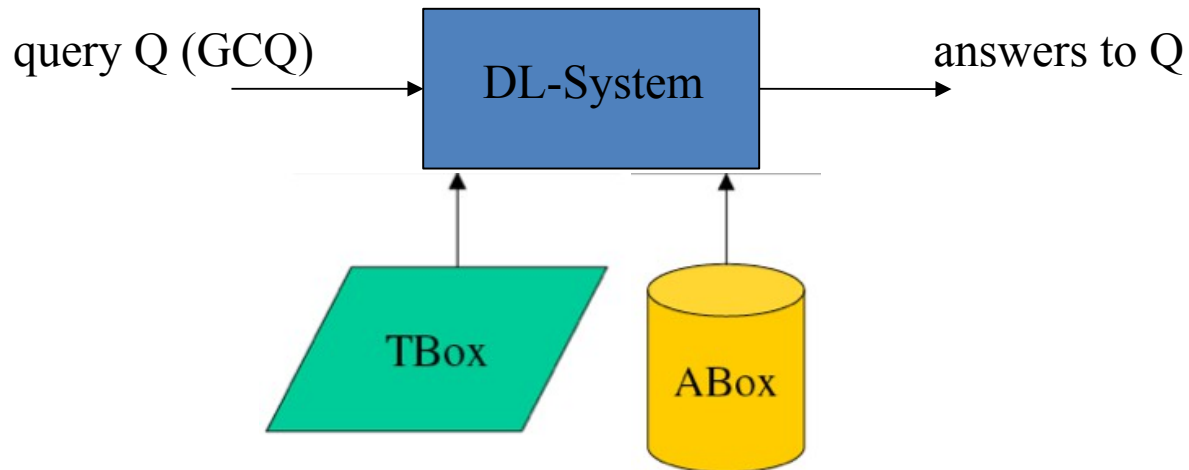
$q(x) \leftarrow \text{PERSON}(x)$

## **answers to query:**

{ Bob, Paul, Ann, Mary }

# To Some Extent Solved by DL Systems...

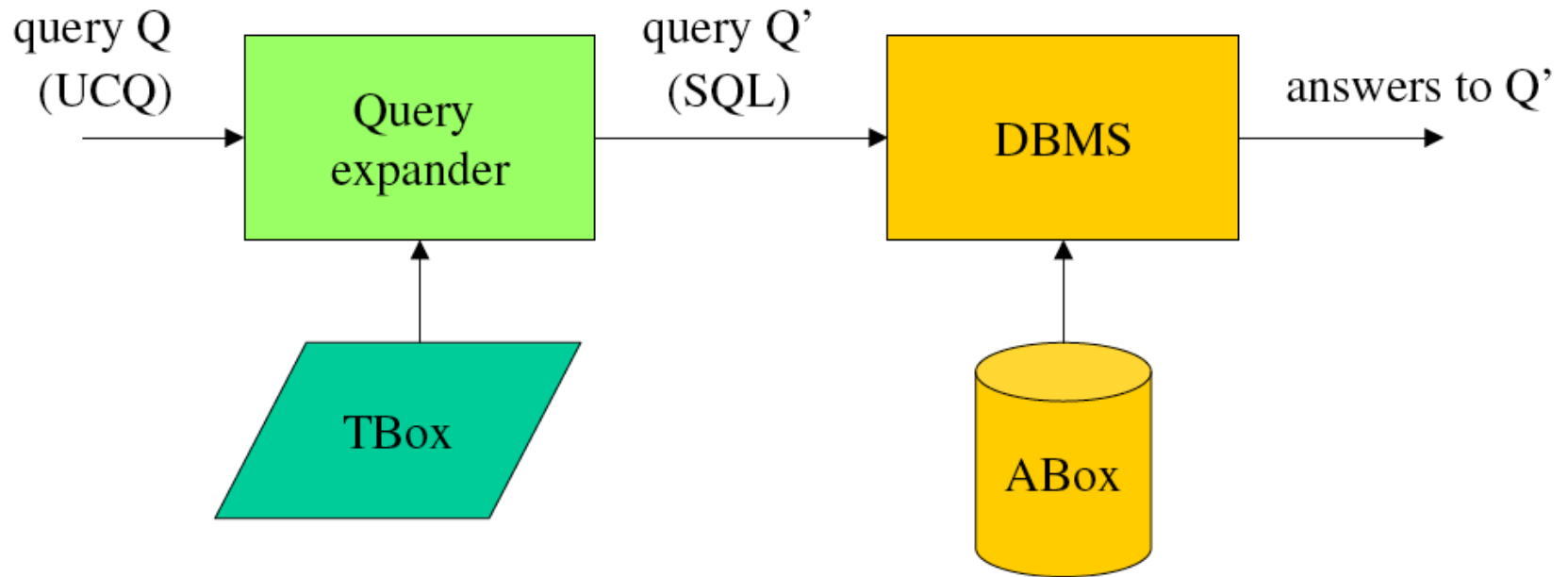
- ALNHf: CLASSIC (90-96)
- SRIQ(D): RacerPro (99-today)
- SROIQ/OWL 2: Pellet (04-today)



# Problems and Solutions

- GIS deal with spatial data
  - Extensions to DLs such as DL-RCC8 (e.g., PelletSpatial, RacerPro, ...)
- GIS deal with big data
  - (→ Partitioning approaches)
  - Query rewriting (e.g., ontopQuest, Stardog)

# Query Rewriting



# DL-Lite

## Definition (DL-Lite $_{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{R}}^{\sqcap}$ )

$P \in RN$  (role symb.);  $A \in CN$  (concept symb.);  $a, b \in Const$  (constants).

$R \longrightarrow P \mid P^- \quad B \longrightarrow A \mid \exists R \quad C_l \longrightarrow B \mid C_l \sqcap B \quad C_r \longrightarrow B \mid \neg B$

TBox<sup>\*)</sup>:  $C_l \sqsubseteq C_r, (\text{funct } R), R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$

ABox:  $A(a), R(a, b)$

\*) Restriction: If  $R$  occurs in a functionality axiom, then  $R$  and  $R^-$  do not occur on the right-hand side of a role inclusion axiom  $R_1 \sqsubseteq R_2$ .

# Rewriting: Example

## **TBox:**

MALE  $\sqsubseteq$  PERSON  
MALE  $\sqsubseteq \neg$ FEMALE  
 $\exists$ hasFather<sup>-</sup>  $\sqsubseteq$  MALE  
 $\exists$ hasMother<sup>-</sup>  $\sqsubseteq$  FEMALE

FEMALE  $\sqsubseteq$  PERSON  
PERSON  $\sqsubseteq \exists$ hasFather  
PERSON  $\sqsubseteq \exists$ hasMother

## **input query:**

$q(x) \leftarrow \text{PERSON}(x)$

## **rewritten query:**

$q'(x) \leftarrow \text{PERSON}(x) \vee$   
FEMALE(x)  $\vee$   
MALE(x)  $\vee$   
hasFather(y,x)  $\vee$   
hasMother(y,x)



# Example (cntd.)

## rewritten query:

$q'(x) \leftarrow$  PERSON(x)  $\vee$   
FEMALE(x)  $\vee$   
MALE(x)  $\vee$   
hasFather(y,x)  $\vee$   
hasMother(y,x)

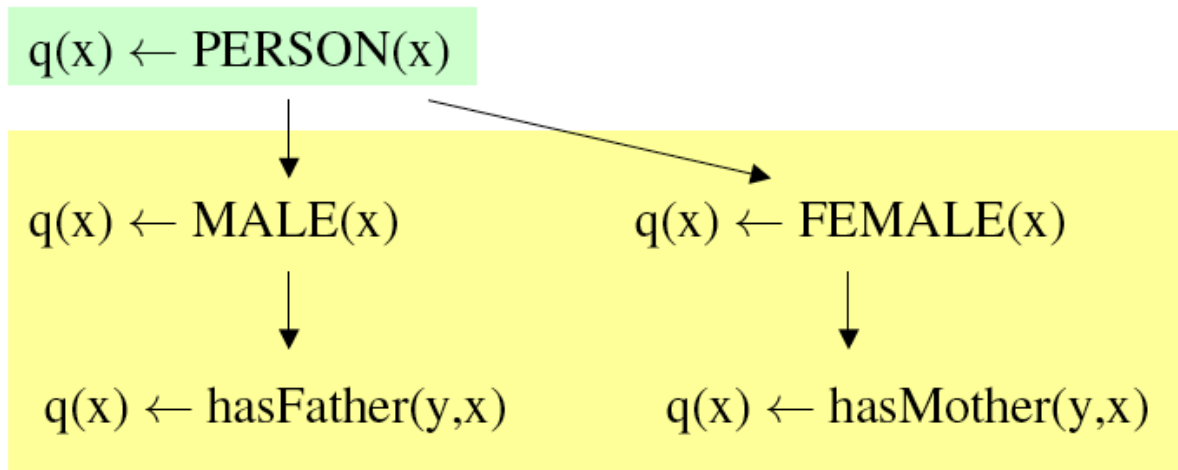
## ABox:

MALE(Bob)  
MALE(Paul)  
FEMALE(Ann)  
hasFather(Ann, Paul)  
hasMother(Paul, Mary)

## answers to query:

{ Bob, Paul, Ann, Mary }

# Perfect Reformulation Algorithm for DL-Lite (Backward Chaining)



how to avoid the infinite chase of the ABox?

## **CHASE of the query:**

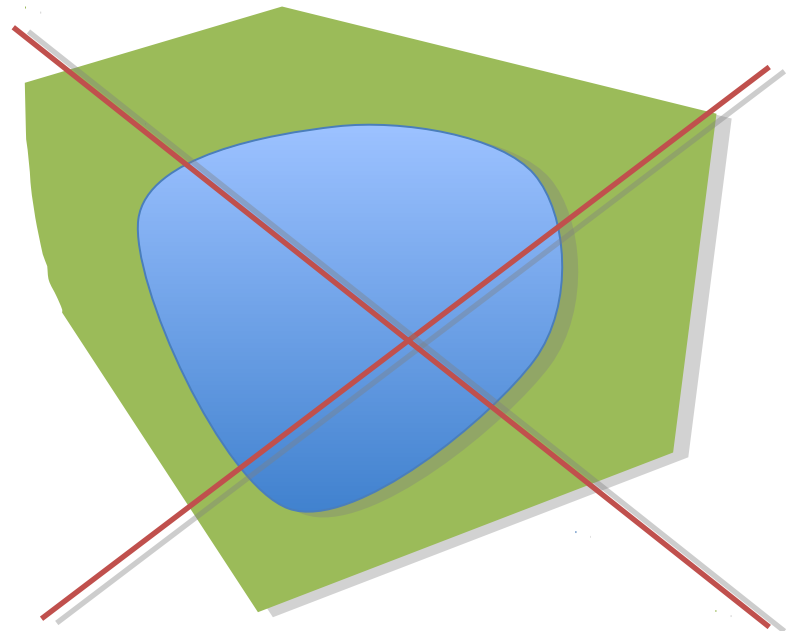
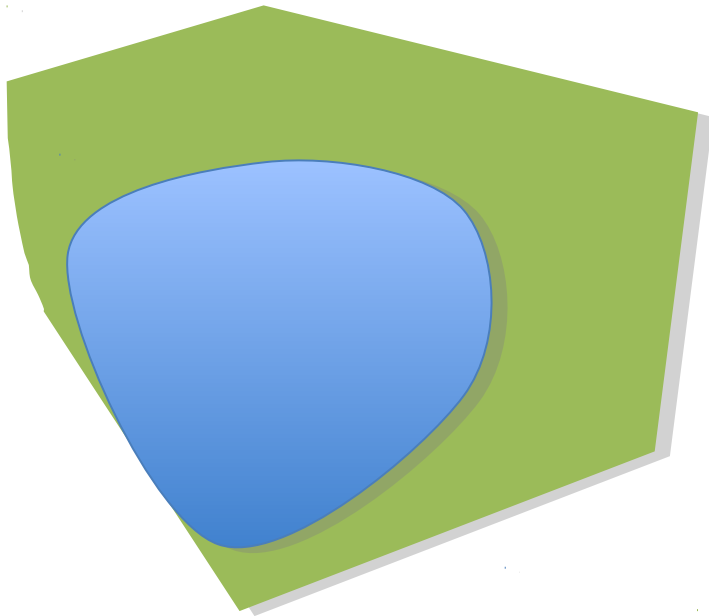
- inclusions are applied “from right to left”
- this chase always terminates
- this chase is computed independently of the ABox

# Further Problems and Solutions

- Existing DBs store values in n-ary tables  
(→ Virtual Abox and mapping of query atoms to SQL in global-as-view style)
  - Query rewriting might cause exponential blowup of the original query  
(disjunctive normal form), which might lead SQL optimizer into combinatorial explosion  
(→ Optimizations, e.g., in Optique, EU-FP7)
  - Rewriting for spatial reasoning
- [Oezcep&M ISWC-2012]

# Example (1)

- Park with lake (Park+Lake)
- Lake should be reachable from the outside (e.g., for easy access from roads)



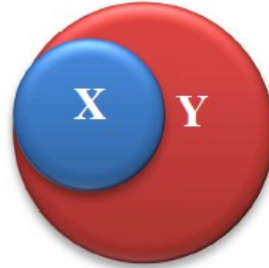
# $\mathcal{B}_{RCC8}$ [KR-92]



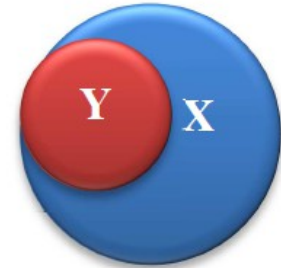
$DC(x,y)$   
disjointness



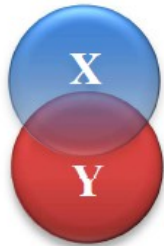
$EC(x,y)$   
externally  
connected



$TPP(x,y)$   
tangential proper  
part



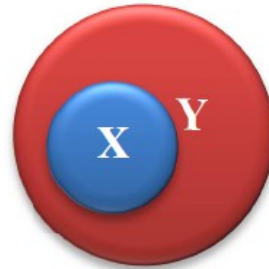
$TPPi(x,y)$   
tangential proper  
part inverse



$PO(x,y)$   
partial overlap



$EQ(x,y)$   
equal



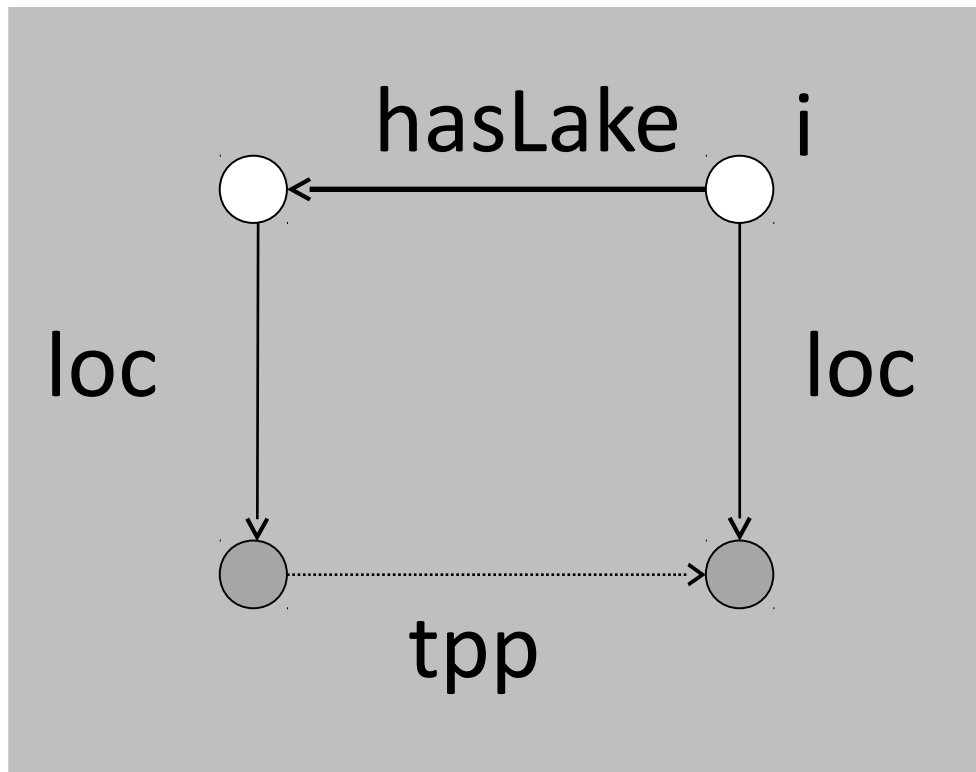
$NTPP(x,y)$   
non-tangential  
proper part



$NTPPi(x,y)$   
non-tangential  
proper part inverse

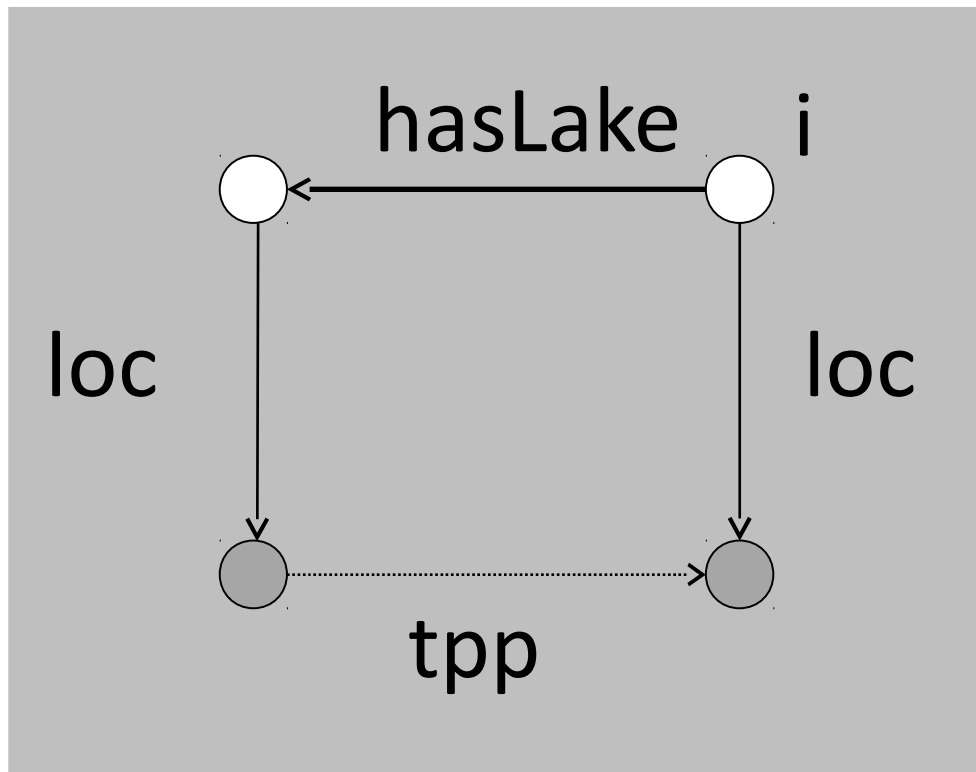
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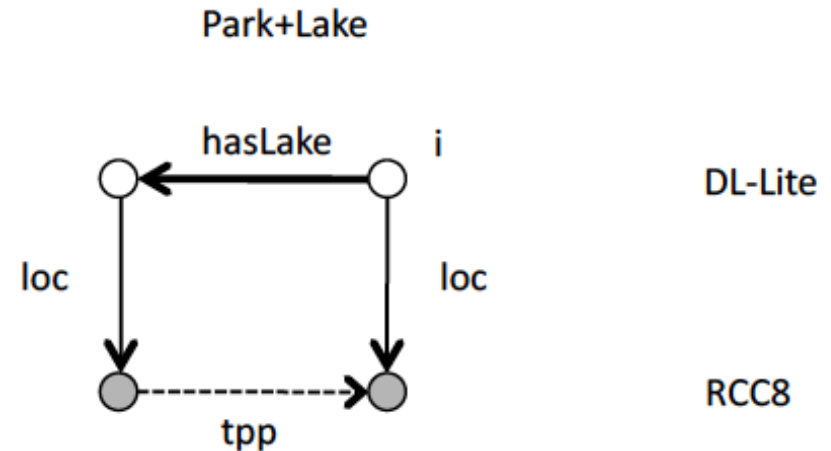


DL

RCC8

# Representation Language: GDL-Lite-8

- Restricted combination with paths from thematic to spatial component (Lutz, Miličić 2007)
- $\exists hasLake \circ loc, loc.tpp(i)$



## Definition (GDL-Lite-8)

$R \longrightarrow P \mid P^-$

$U \longrightarrow loc \mid R \circ loc \quad B \longrightarrow A \mid \exists R \mid \exists loc$

$C_l \longrightarrow B \mid C_l \sqcap B$

$C_r \longrightarrow B \mid \neg B \mid \exists U_1, U_2.r$

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ABox:

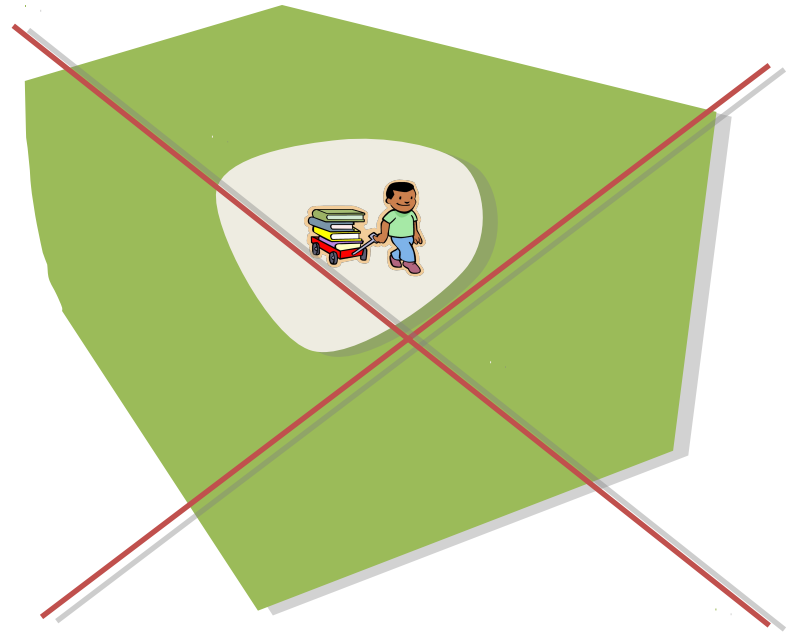
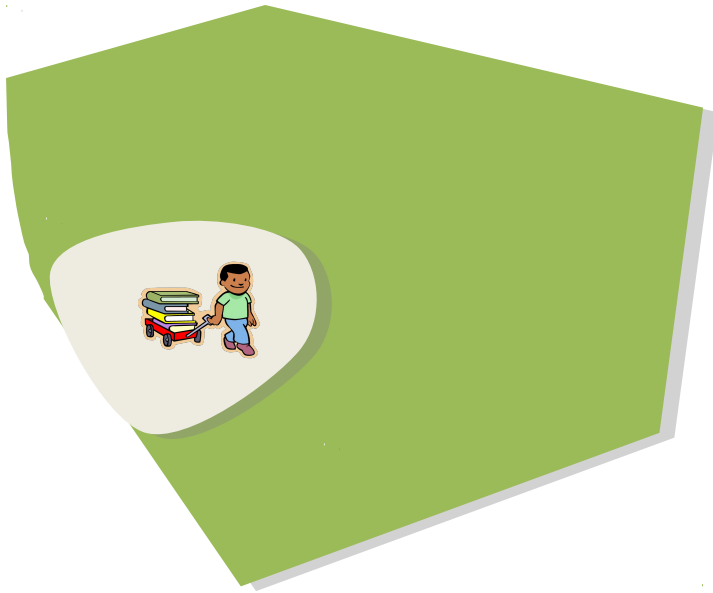
$A(a), R(a, b), loc(a, a^*), r(a^*, b^*)$  for  $r \in Rel_{RCC8}$

\*) If  $(\text{funct } R) \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $R$  and  $R^-$  do not occur on the right-hand side of a role inclusion axiom or in a concept of the form  $\exists U_1, U_2.r$ .



# Example (2)

- Park with playing area (Park4Playing)

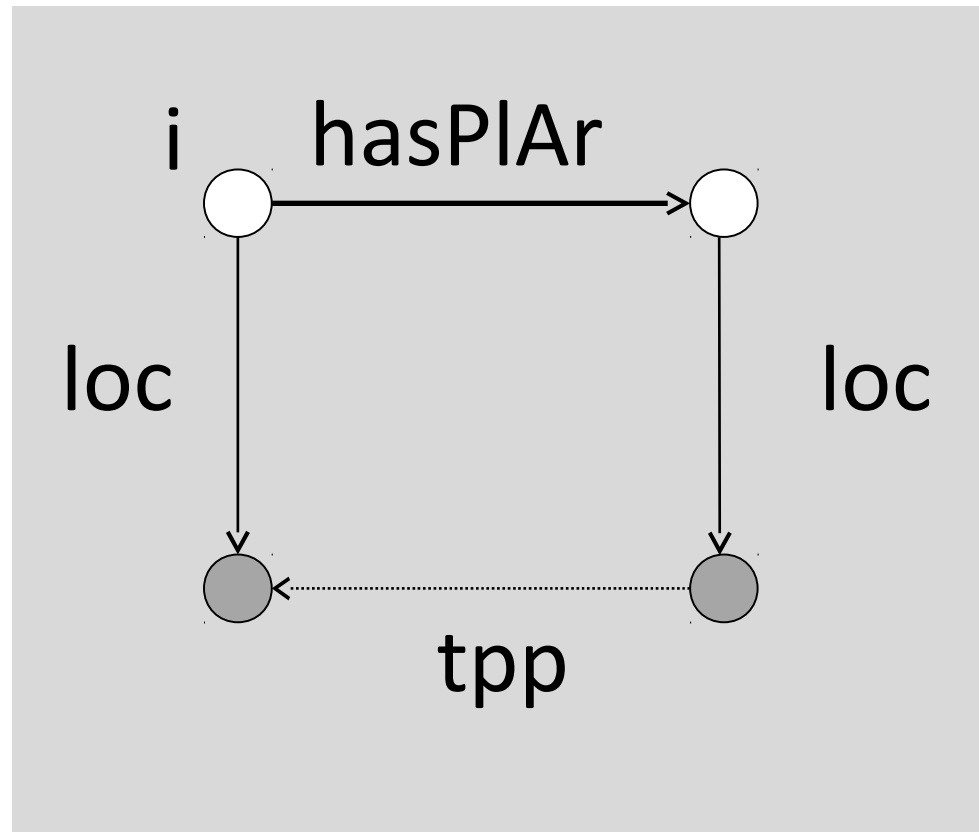


# Relational Representation (2)

Park4Playing(i)

DL

RCC8



# Combined Representation (KB)

- TBox:

$Park+Lake \sqsubseteq Park$

$Park4Playing \sqsubseteq Park$

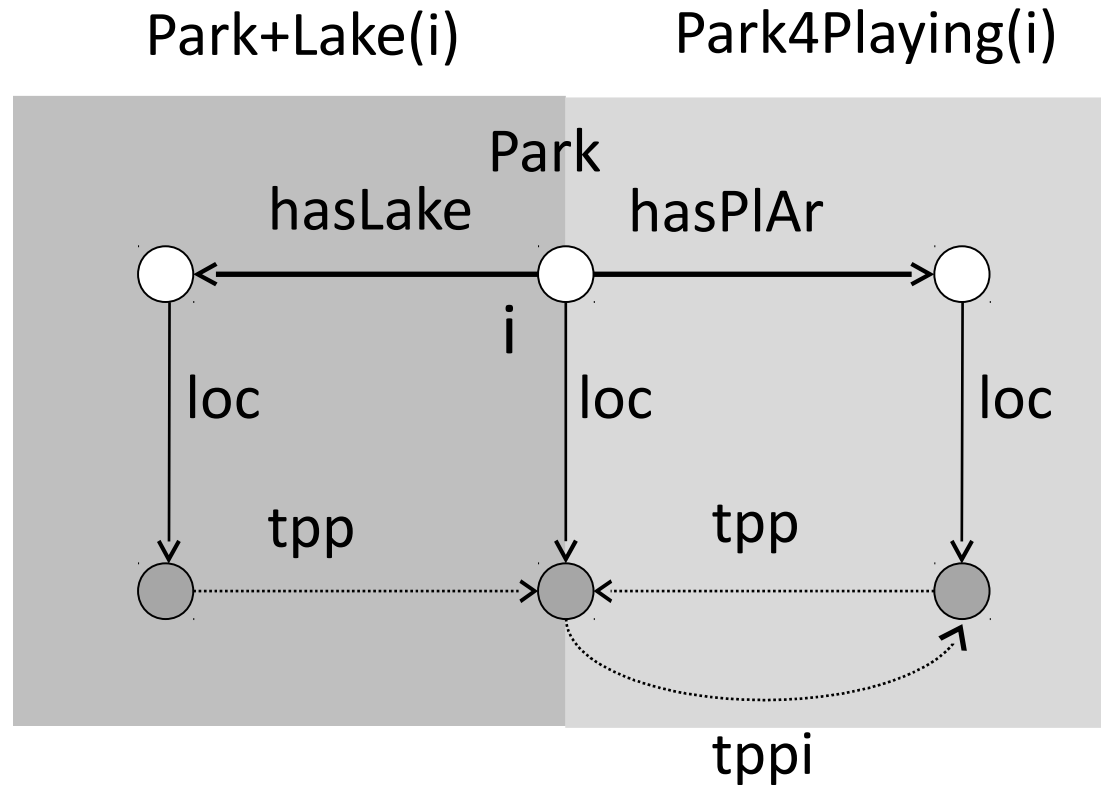
$Park+Lake \sqsubseteq \exists hasLake \circ loc, loc.tpp$

$Park4Playing \sqsubseteq \exists hasPIAr \circ loc, loc.tpp$

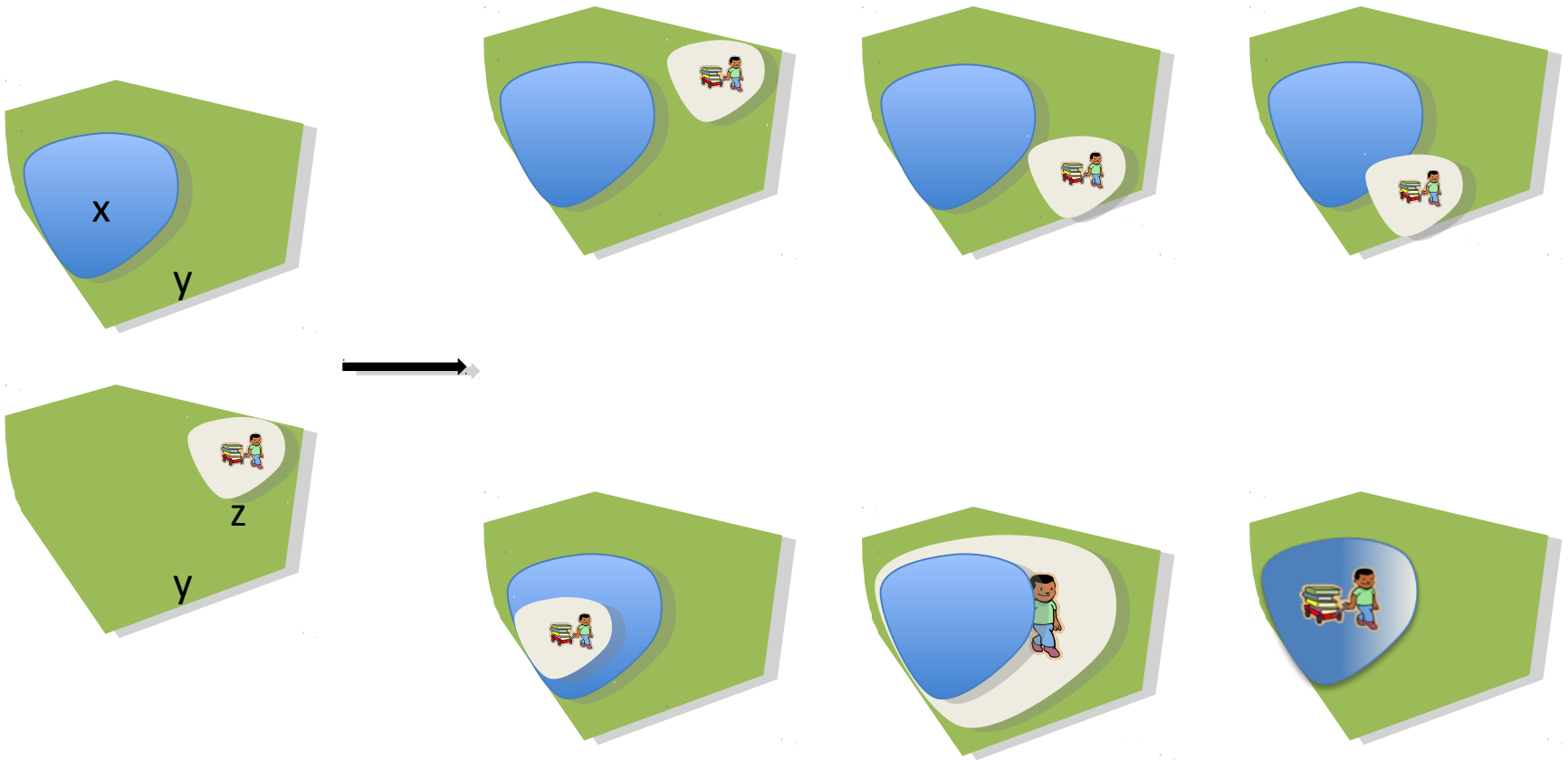
- ABox contains  $Park+Lake(i)$ ,  $Park4Playing(i)$



# Combined Representation (Models)



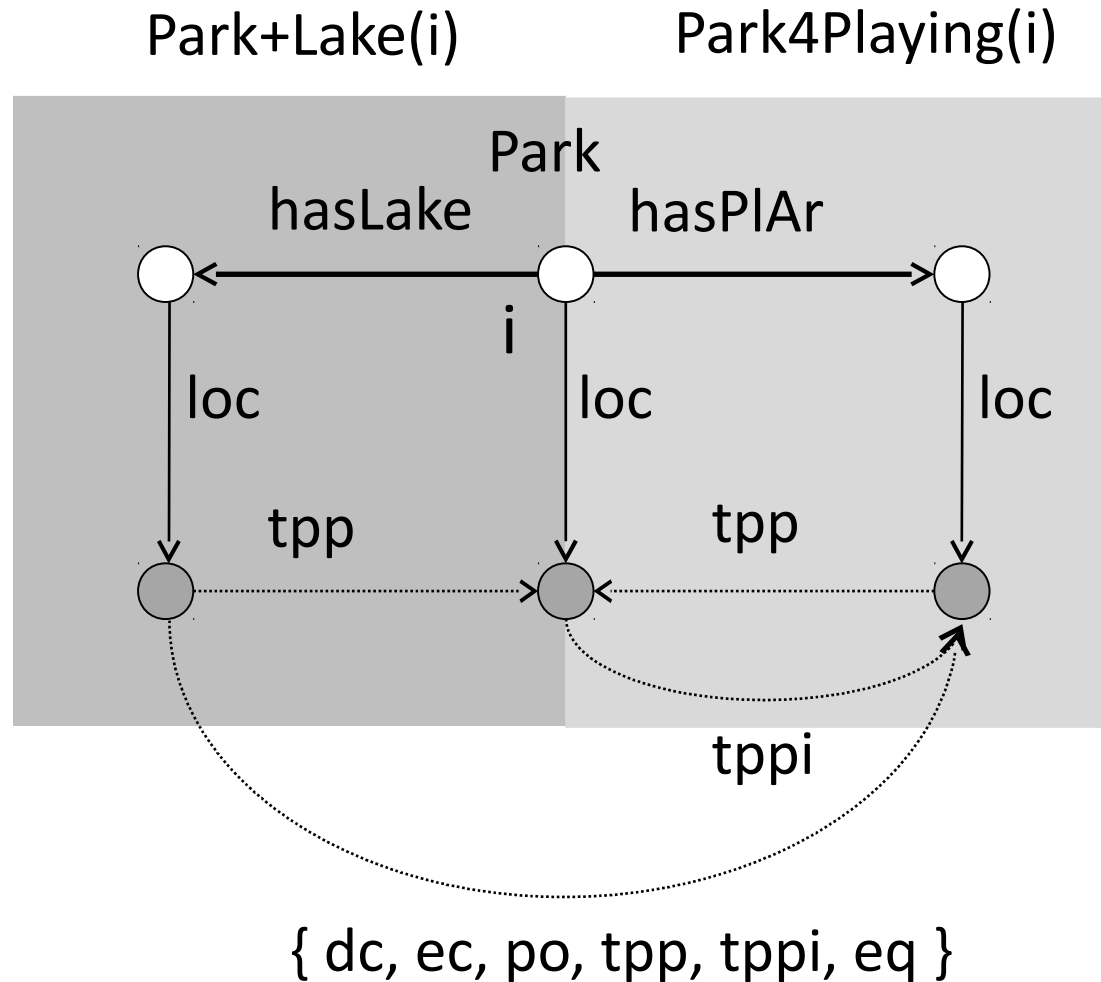
# tpp(x,y) and tppi(y,z) Resulting Models



# Composition Table

◦	<i>DC</i>	<i>EC</i>	<i>PO</i>	<i>TPP</i>	<i>NTPP</i>	<i>TPPi</i>	<i>NTPPi</i>	<i>EQ</i>
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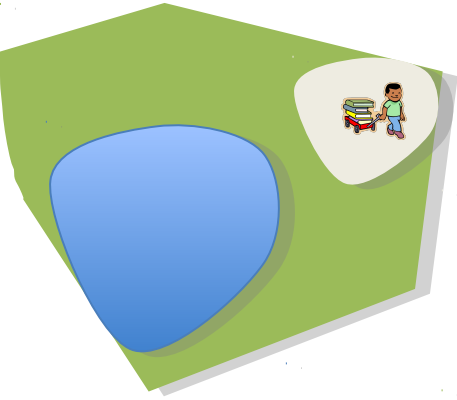


# Application Scenario

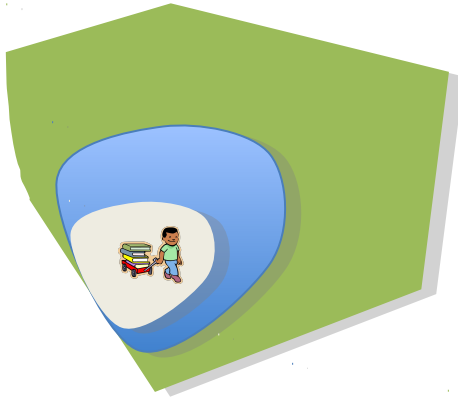
- Large repository of assertions modeling “spatial designs” in an engineering company
- Safety conditions for design support
  - Formalization as queries
  - Non-results are counterexamples

# Querying for Safe Designs

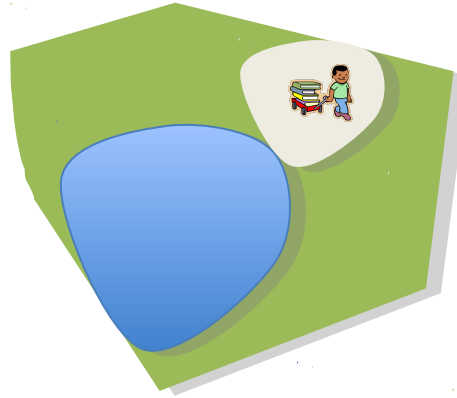
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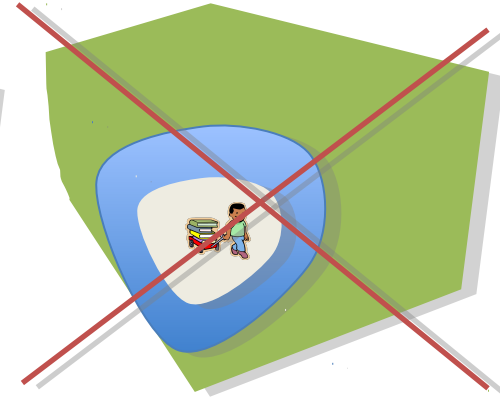
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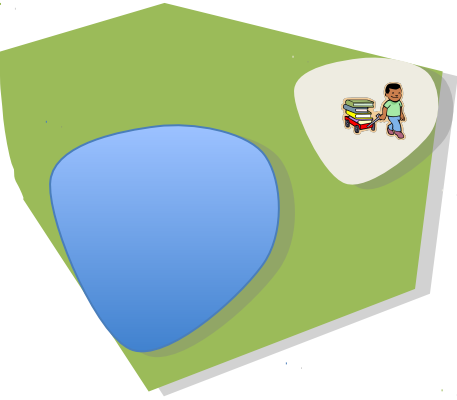


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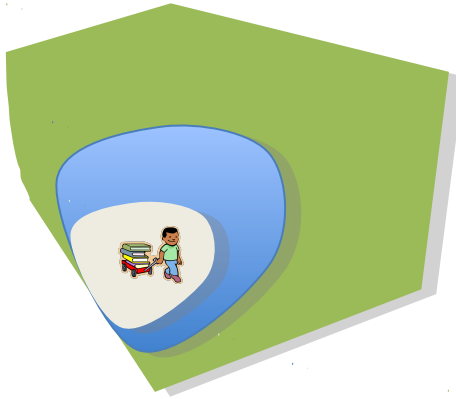


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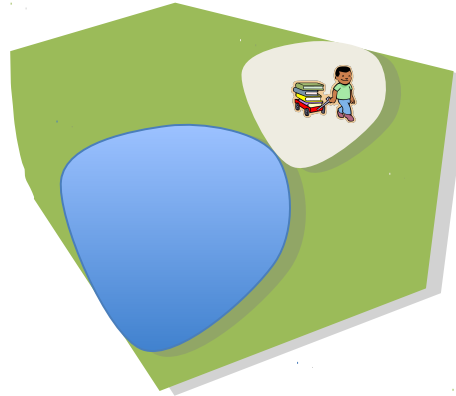
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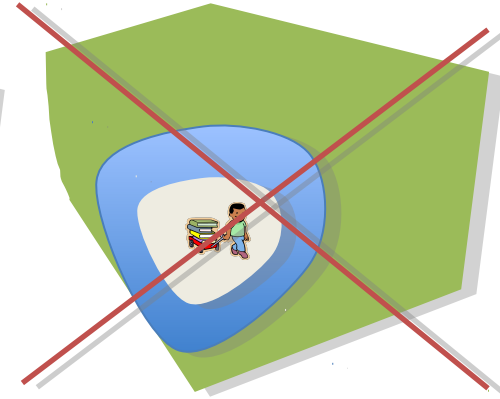
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C



D



Design OK

not OK

# Query Language GCQ<sup>+</sup>

## Example query

$Q(x)$  = Find all parks  $x$  with lakes such that  $x$  contains a playing area that is not contained as island in the lake.

- Query formalizable in a special query language  $GCQ^+$ 
  - allows atoms of form  $C(x)$  where  $C$  is a GDL-Lite-8 concept without  $\neg$
  - active domain semantics for atoms of the form  $R(x, y)$ ,  $r(x^*, y^*)$  etc.

## Query formally

$Q(x) = Park(x) \wedge \exists hasLake \circ loc, hasPIAr \circ loc. \mathcal{B}_{RCC8} \setminus \{ntpp\}(x)$

# The Complete Example

- TBox:

$$Park+Lake \sqsubseteq Park$$

$$Park4Playing \sqsubseteq Park$$

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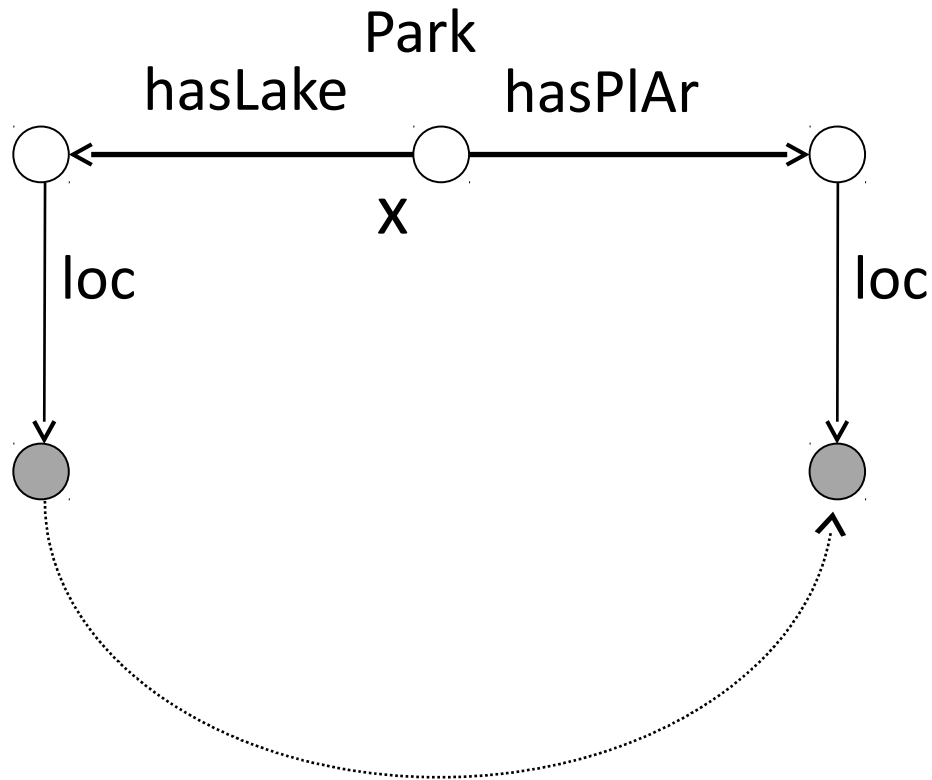
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# Is Design “i” safe?

Park+Lake(i)

Park4Playing(i)

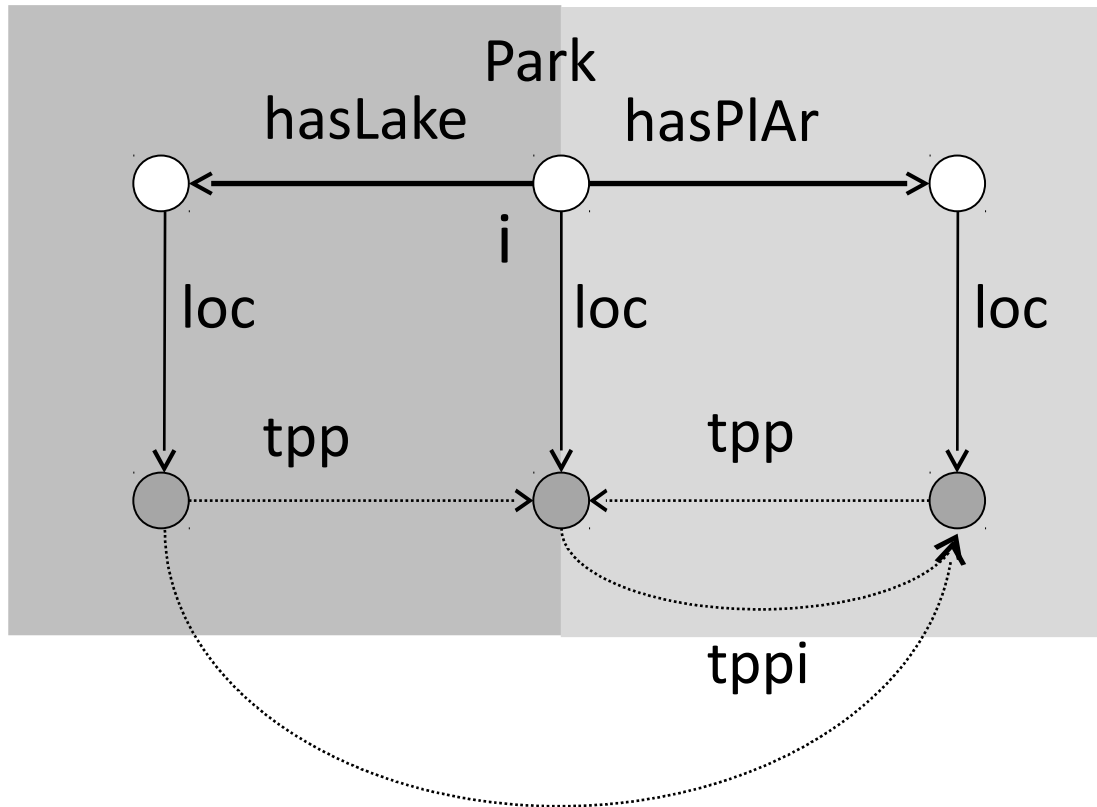


$\mathcal{B}_{RCC8} \setminus \{\text{ntpp}\}$

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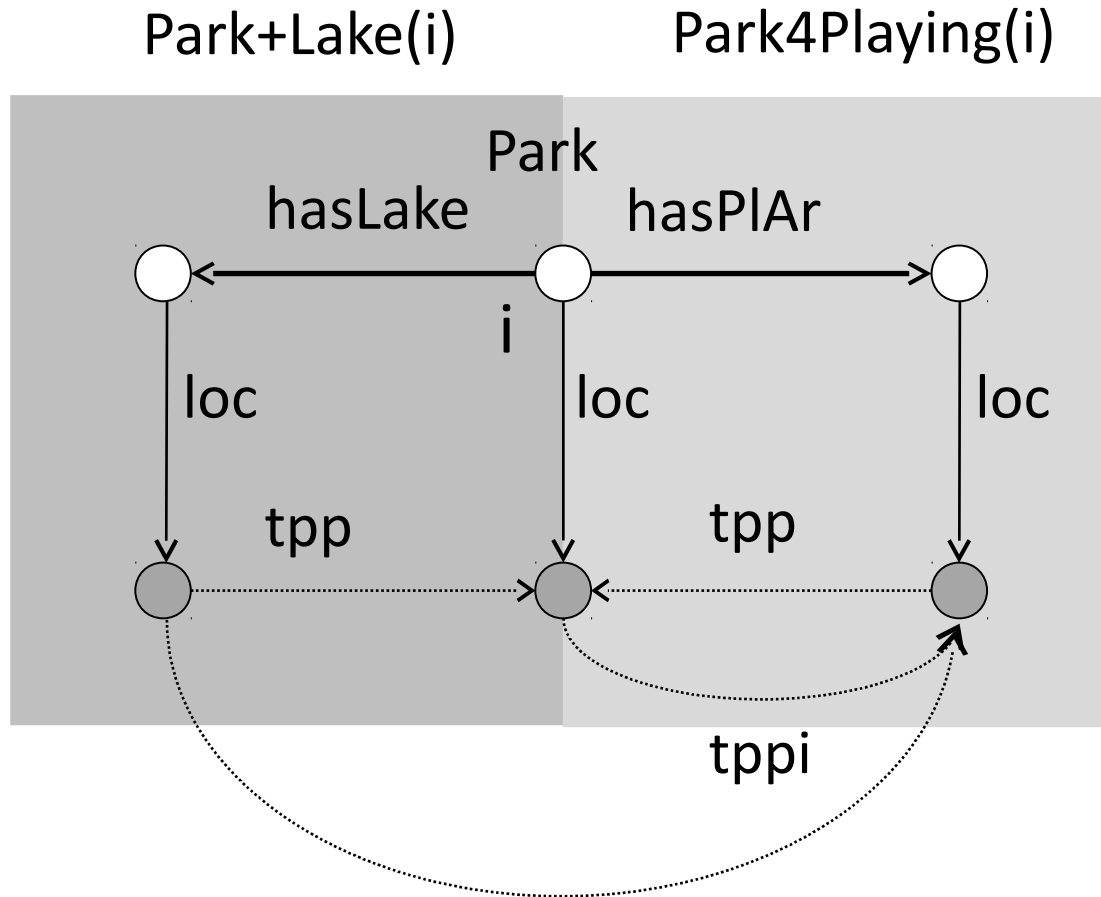
Park+Lake(i)

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{ dc, ec, po, tpp, tpqi, eq }

# Design “i” is safe



$\{ dc, ec, po, tpp, tppi, eq \} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{RCC8} \setminus \{ntpp\}$



# QA with a DL System?

- GDL-Lite-8 is decidable [Lutz-Milicic-2007]
- Why not extending the query rewriting idea to GDL-Lite-8?

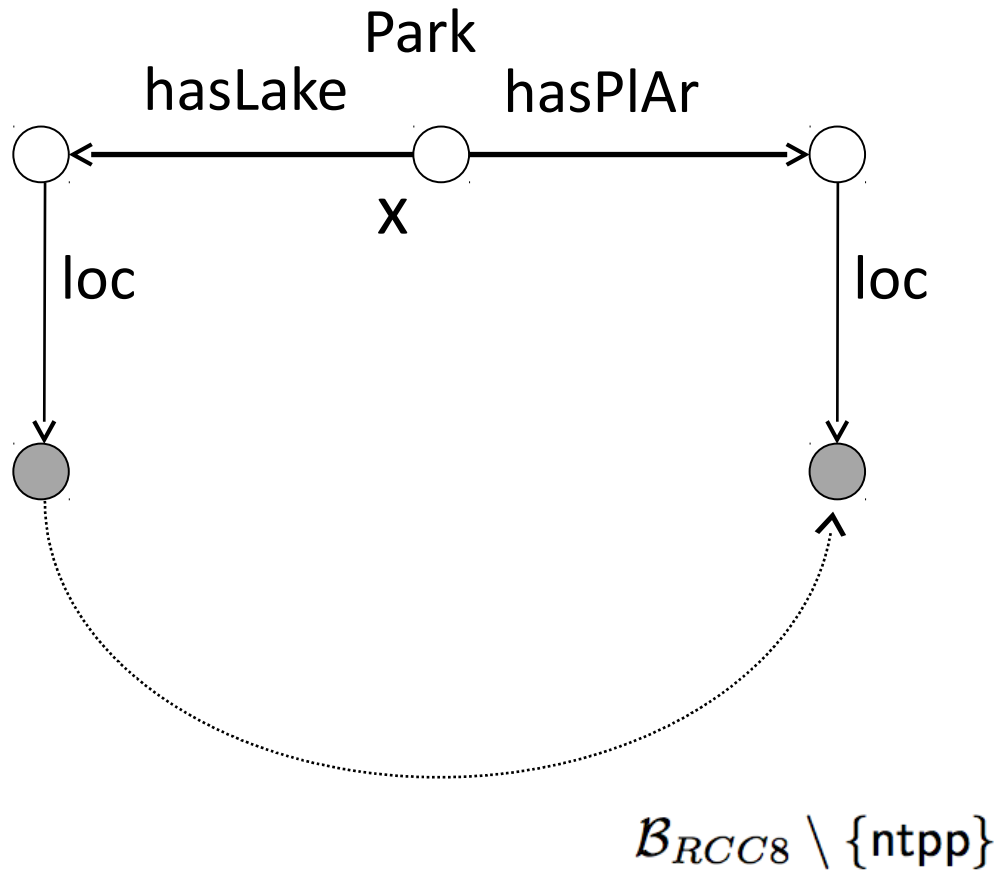
# The Whole Example

- TBox:
  - $Park+Lake \sqsubseteq Park$
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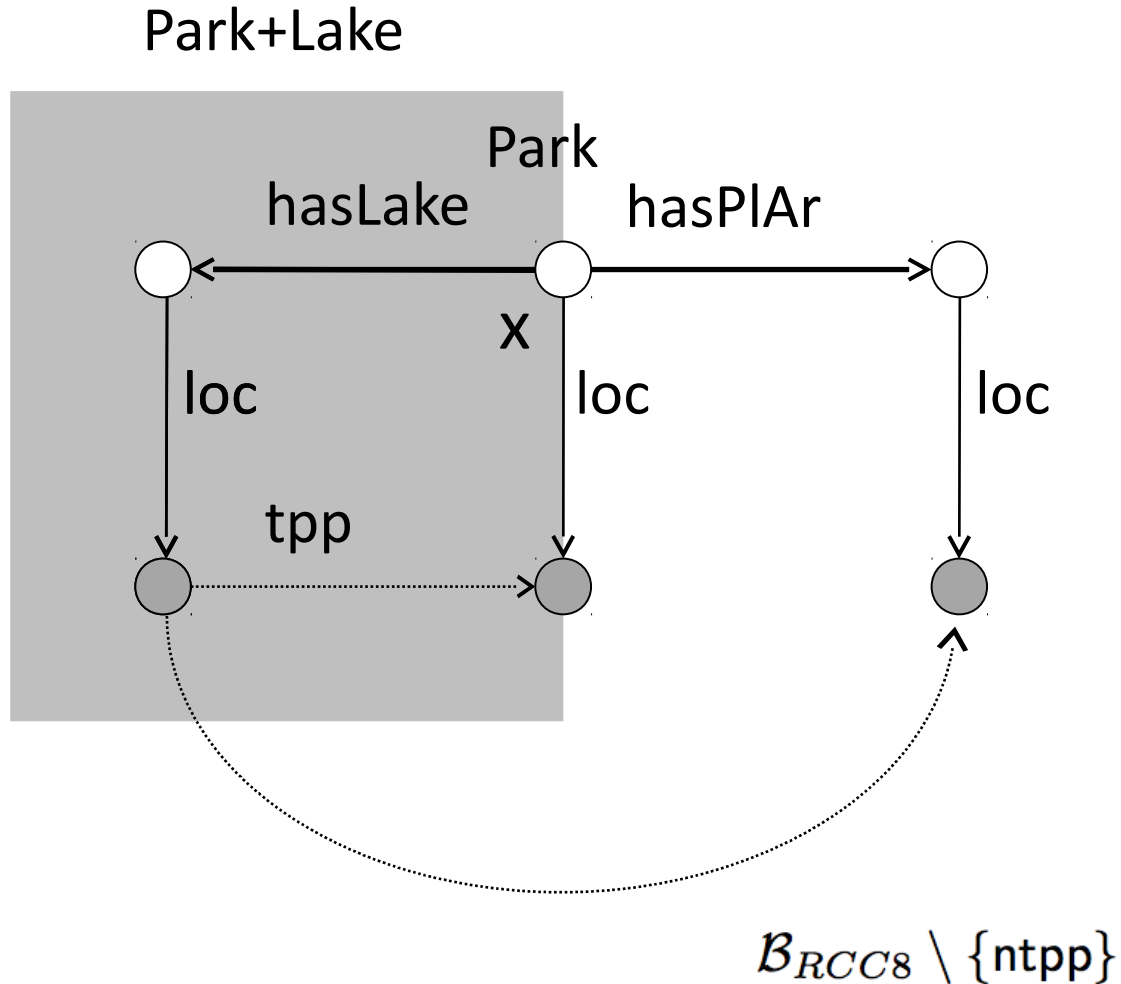
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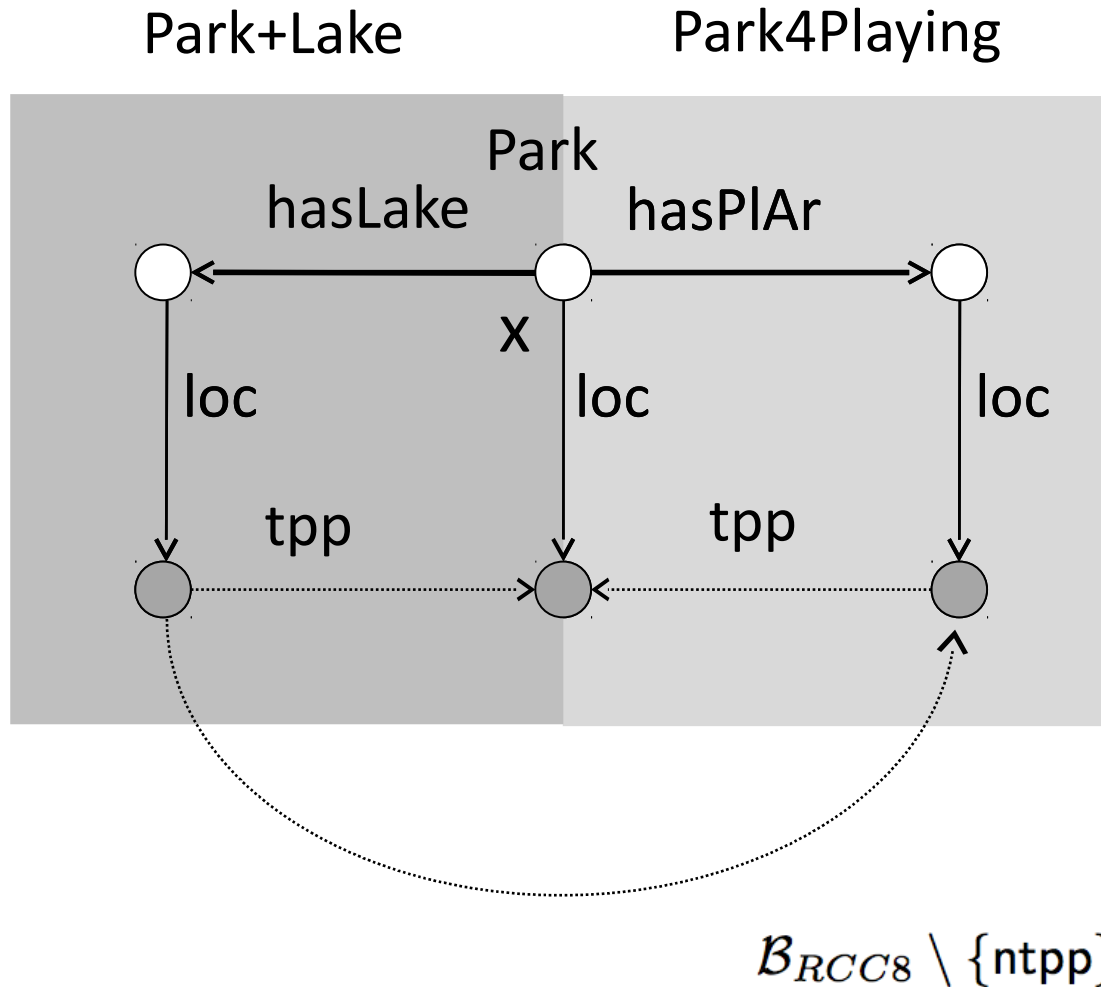
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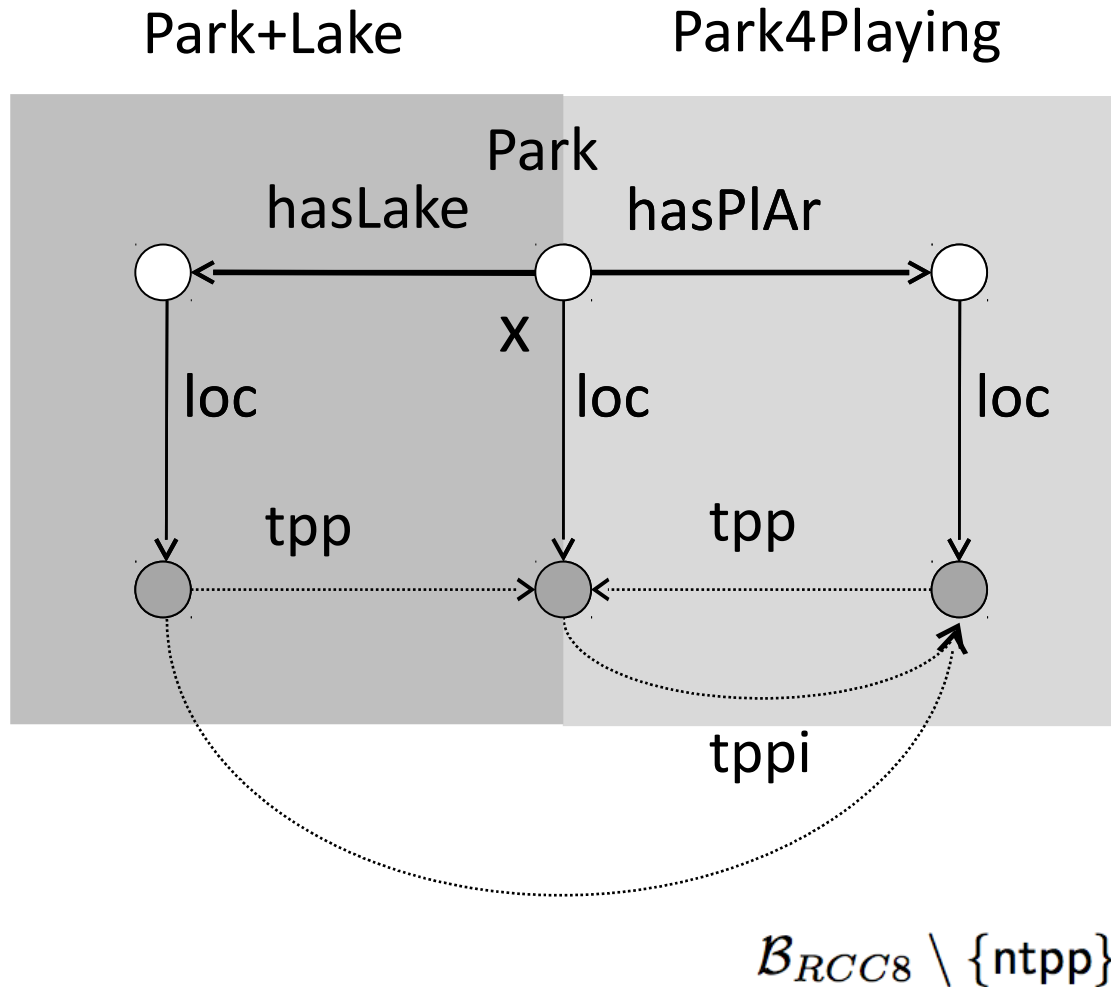
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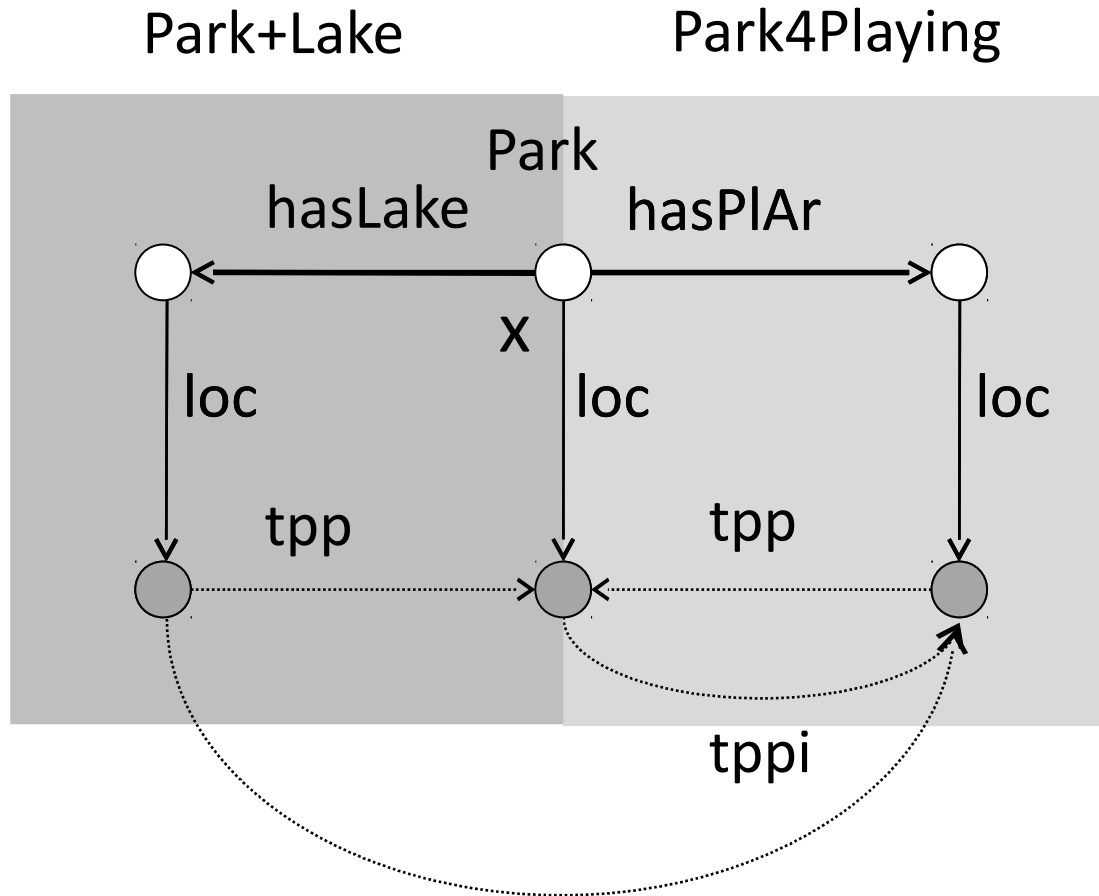
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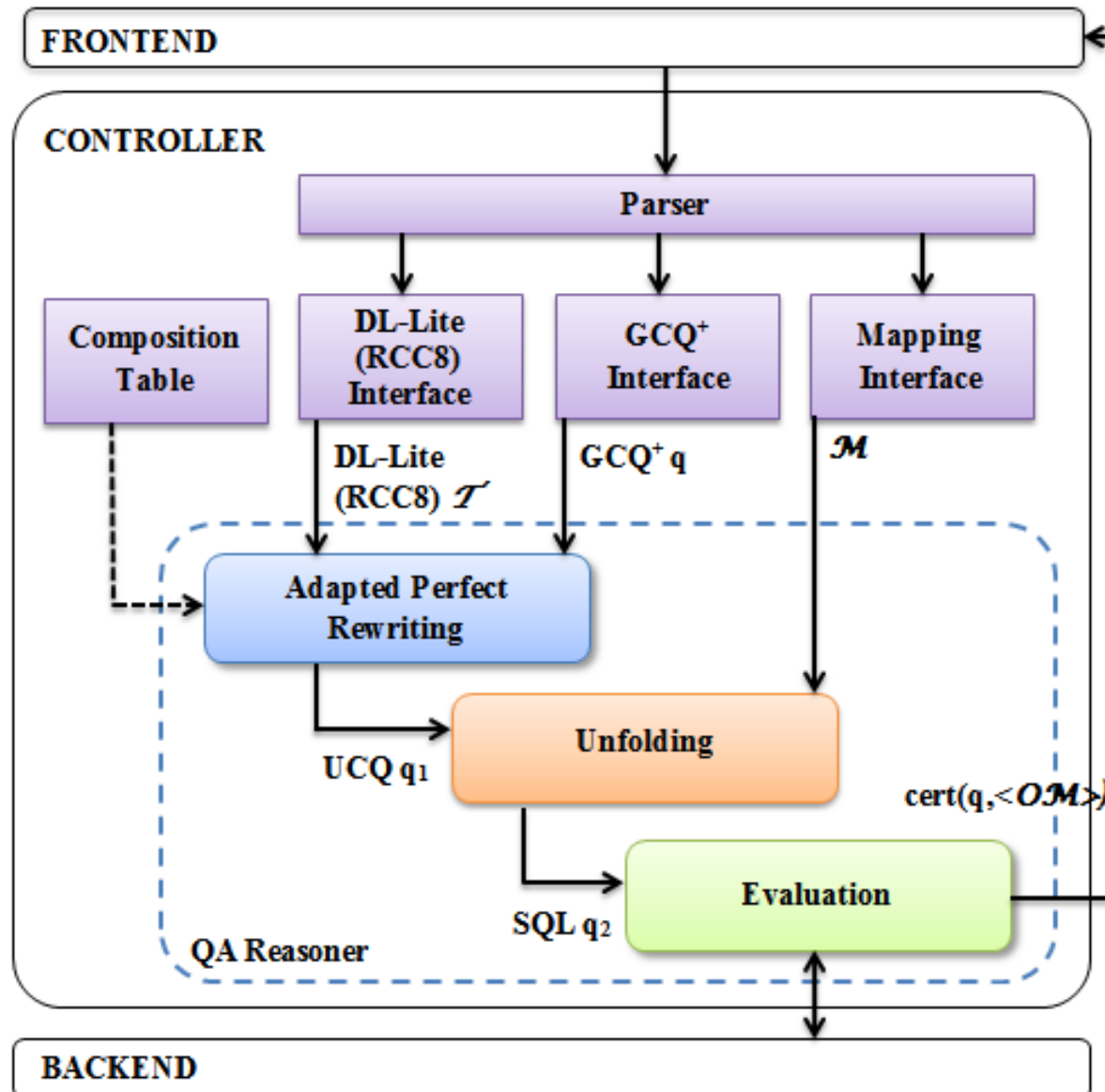
$$\{ dc, ec, po, tpp, tppi, eq \} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{RCC8} \setminus \{ntpp\}$$

# What's in the Repository?

- Only simple tables:
  - Park+Lake(i)
  - Park4Playing(i)
- Spatial query answering without spatial data!
- Standard SQL can do with  
UCQ → SQL mappings (Unfolding)



# System Architecture



# Adapted Query Rewriting

**Adapted Perfect Rewriting Algorithm** : an extension of the Perfect Rewriting Algorithm, handling GCQ<sup>+</sup> atoms of the form  $\exists U_1, U_2 . r$  for  $r \in \text{Rel}_{\text{RCC8}}$ , by introducing 4 rewriting rules.

E.g.

GCQ<sup>+</sup> Query:

$q(x) \leftarrow \text{Park}(x) \ \& \ \text{some } \text{HAS\_LAKE}^*loc, \text{HAS\_PLAYGR}^*loc.$   
 $\{dc, ec, po, tpp, tppi, ntppi, eq\}(x)$

The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the GCQ<sup>+</sup> query into two subqueries,  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ , and the relation  $r \in \text{Rel}_{\text{RCC8}}$ . The query is shown as  $q(x) \leftarrow \text{Park}(x) \ \& \ \text{some } \text{HAS\_LAKE}^*loc, \text{HAS\_PLAYGR}^*loc. \{dc, ec, po, tpp, tppi, ntppi, eq\}(x)$ . A blue bracket above the query spans from the start of  $\text{HAS\_LAKE}^*loc$  to the end of  $\text{HAS\_PLAYGR}^*loc$ , with  $U_1$  positioned above the left half and  $U_2$  above the right half. A second blue bracket below the query spans from the start of  $\{dc, ec, po, tpp, tppi, ntppi, eq\}(x)$  to its end, with  $r \in \text{Rel}_{\text{RCC8}}$  positioned below it.

# Performance Optimization

- **1<sup>st</sup> rule:** If a GCQ+ atom of the form  $\exists R_1 \circ loc, R_2 \circ loc.r_3(x)$  occurs during the rewriting process, then it can be substituted by the conjunct of two new atoms of the form  $\exists R_1 \circ loc, loc.r_1(x)$  and  $\exists loc, R_2 \circ loc.r_2(x)$  in a new CQ for all  $r_1, r_2$ , contained in  $Rel_{RCC8}$  such that  $r_1; r_2 \subseteq r_3$ , namely where all possible compositions of the sets  $(r_1 \circ r_2)$  from a full composition table are refinements of  $r_3$ .
- **Disadvantage:** The full composition table has 65025 possible combinations of pairs  $(r_1, r_2) \Rightarrow$  exponential blow-up, generating up to 130050 new query atoms for every input query atom in the form  $\exists R_1 \circ loc, R_2 \circ loc.r_3(x)$
- **Optimization:** do not search for all  $r_1; r_2 \subseteq r_3$ , but search for all **maximal pairs**  $r_1, r_2$  such that  $r_1; r_2 \subseteq r_3$  and do the reformulation process only w.r.t. these pairs.  
E.g. if  $r_1; r_2 \subseteq r_3$ ,  $r_4; r_5 \subseteq r_3$  and  $r_4 \subseteq r_1$ ,  $r_5 \subseteq r_2$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  then  $r_4, r_5$  is redundant, since  $r_1, r_2$  is the maximal pair

# Rewriting the Example

$$Q = \text{Park}(x) \wedge \\ \exists \text{hasLake} \circ \text{loc}, \text{hasPlAr} \circ \text{loc}. (\mathcal{B}_{RCC8} \setminus \{\text{ntpp}\})(x)$$



$$Q' = (\exists \text{hasLake} \circ \text{loc}, \text{loc.tpp})(x) \wedge \\ (\exists \text{loc}, \text{hasPlAr} \circ \text{loc.tppi})(x)$$



$$Q'' = \text{Park+Lake}(x) \wedge \text{Park4Playing}(x)$$

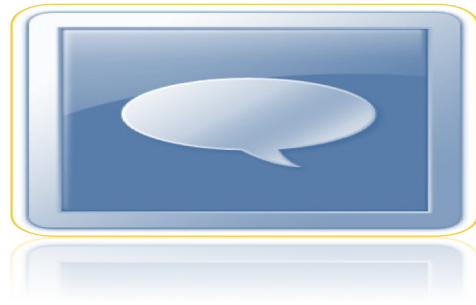
# Preliminary Evaluation

Test parameter	Exp. 1/ Result	Exp. 2/ Result	Exp. 3/ Result	Exp. 4/ Result	Exp. 5/ Result
<b>Tbox</b>					
concepts	5	5	3	5	5
roles	4	4	2	4	4
axioms	10	10	4	8	8
PIs	9	9	4	8	8
FeaturePaths	0	0	2	4	4
<b>Input Query</b>					
atoms	2	2	2	2	3
concept atoms	0	0	1	1	2
role atoms	2	2	0	0	0
FeaturePath atoms	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Perfect Rewr. Algorithm</b>					
version	adapted	original	adapted	adapted	adapted
iterations	3	3	4	4	4
added queries case 1	0	x	9	9	9
added queries case 2/3	0	x	11	11	11
added queries case 4	0	x	0	0	0
queries before drop( )	5	x	21	21	21
queries after drop( )	5	x	1	1	1
execution time in ms	5	4	47817	47985	48711

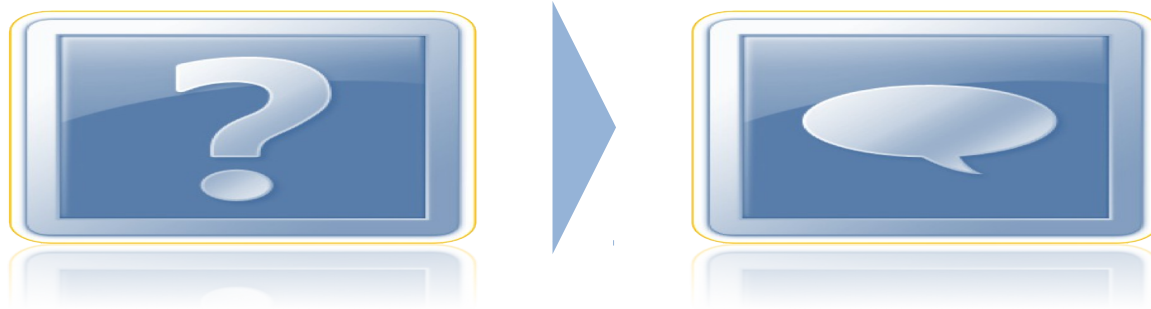
# Summary and Outlook

- GDL-Lite-8 modeling language
  - GCQ+ as a querying language
  - First steps towards implementation
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- What if there is spatial information in the DB  
→ Wednesday
  - GDL-Lite-2, -3 → Wednesday
  - TDL-Lite-13 (Allen) seems equally possible

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