

# Graph Database Systems – Two Categories





- Triplestores support RDF and SPARQL

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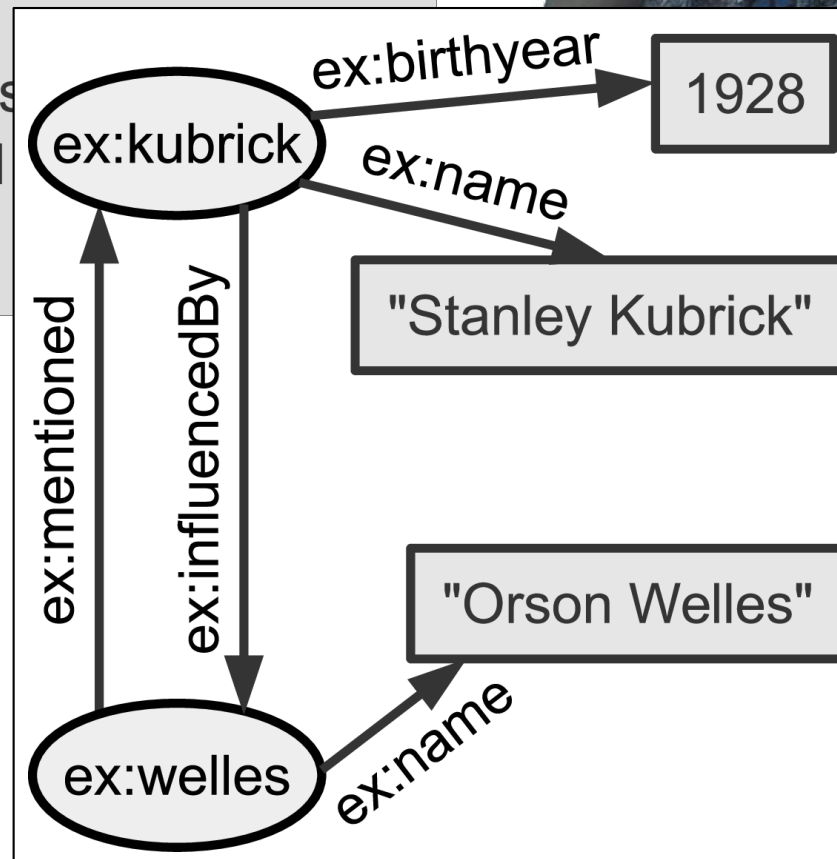
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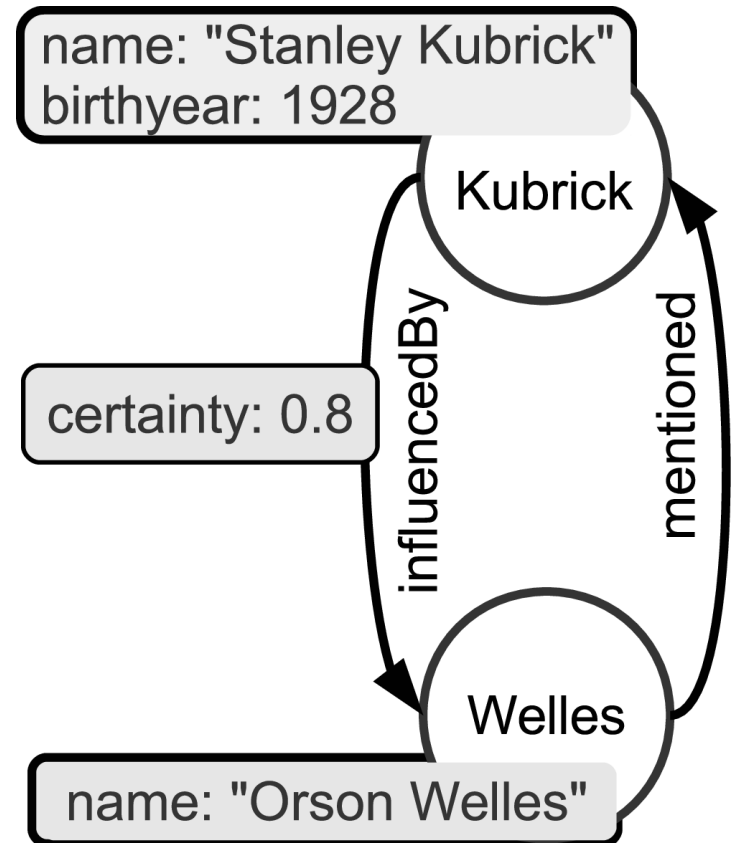
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- Support of so-called Property Graphs (PGs) or **Labeled PGs (LPGs)**



# Coexistence!

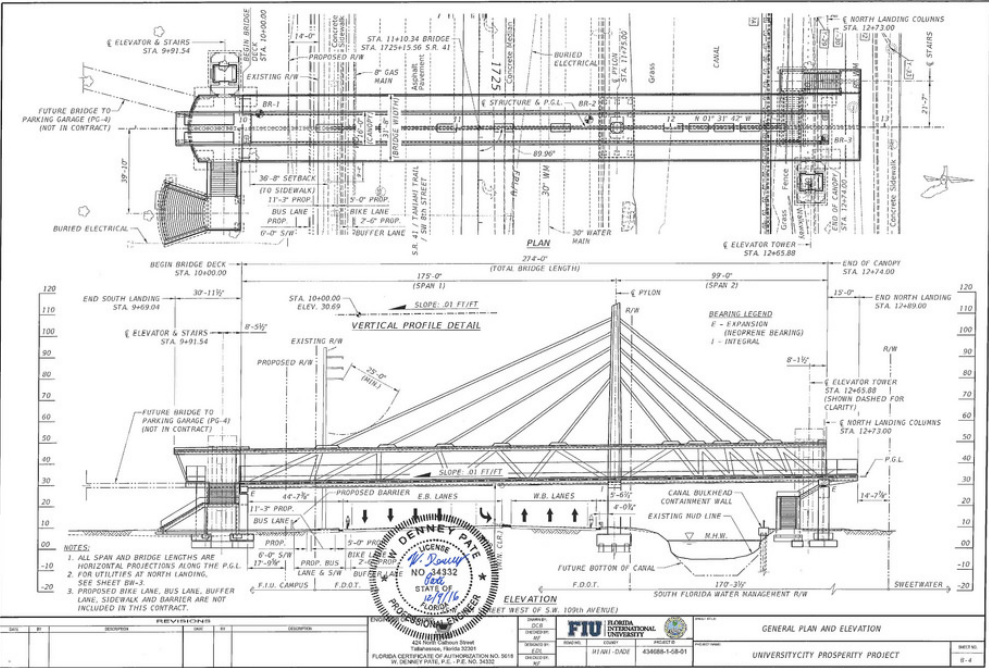
- Too much has been invested for any one of them to get abandoned now
- Both have merits and a user base



# Interoperability



# We need well-defined approaches!



# Foundations to Query Labeled Property Graphs using SPARQL\*

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**Tomorrow!** 12:15, Session 2.4 in Hall 4

Paper that adopts this idea for  
RDF Stream Processing [2]

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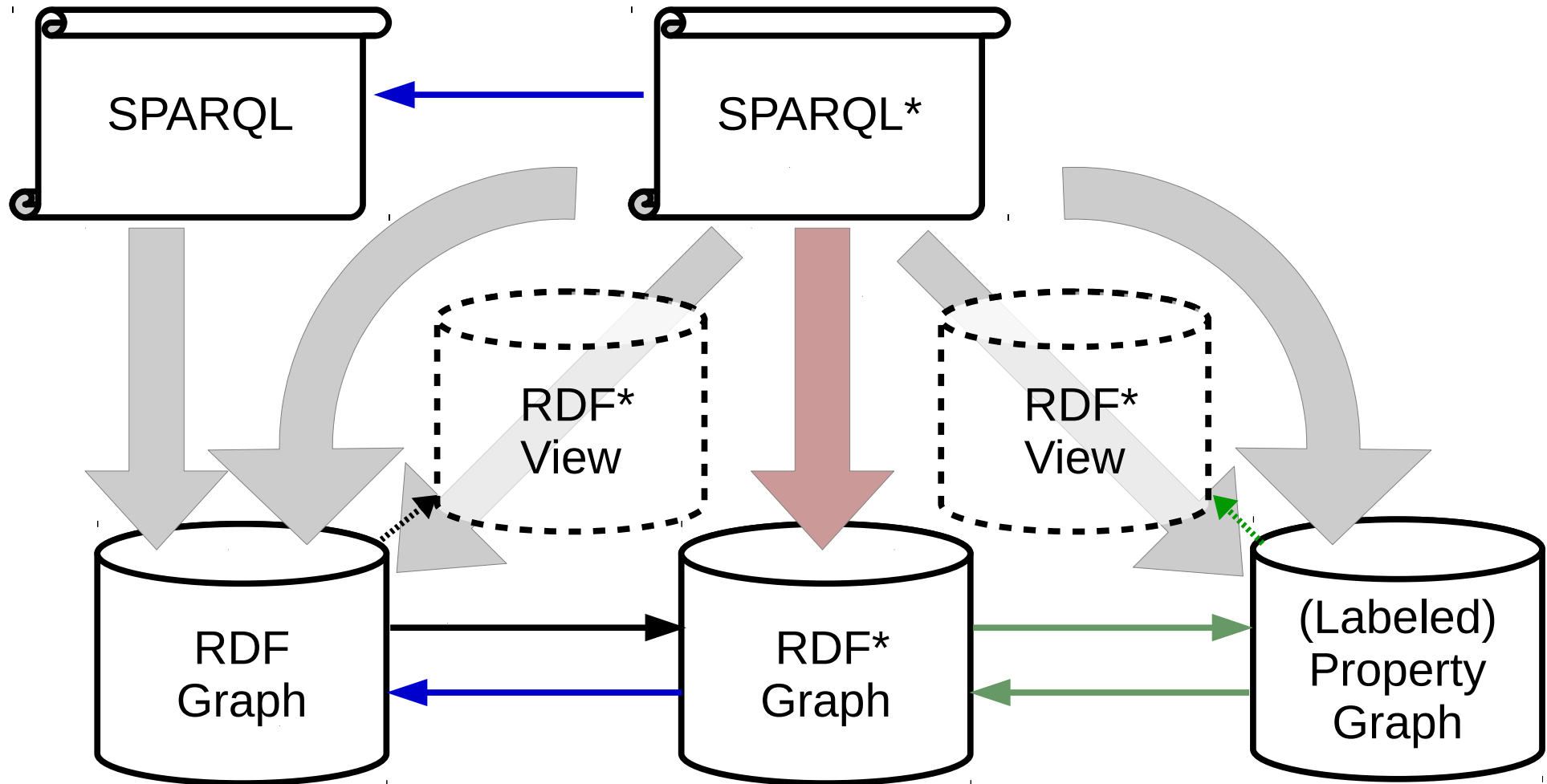


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# An Approach to Interoperability

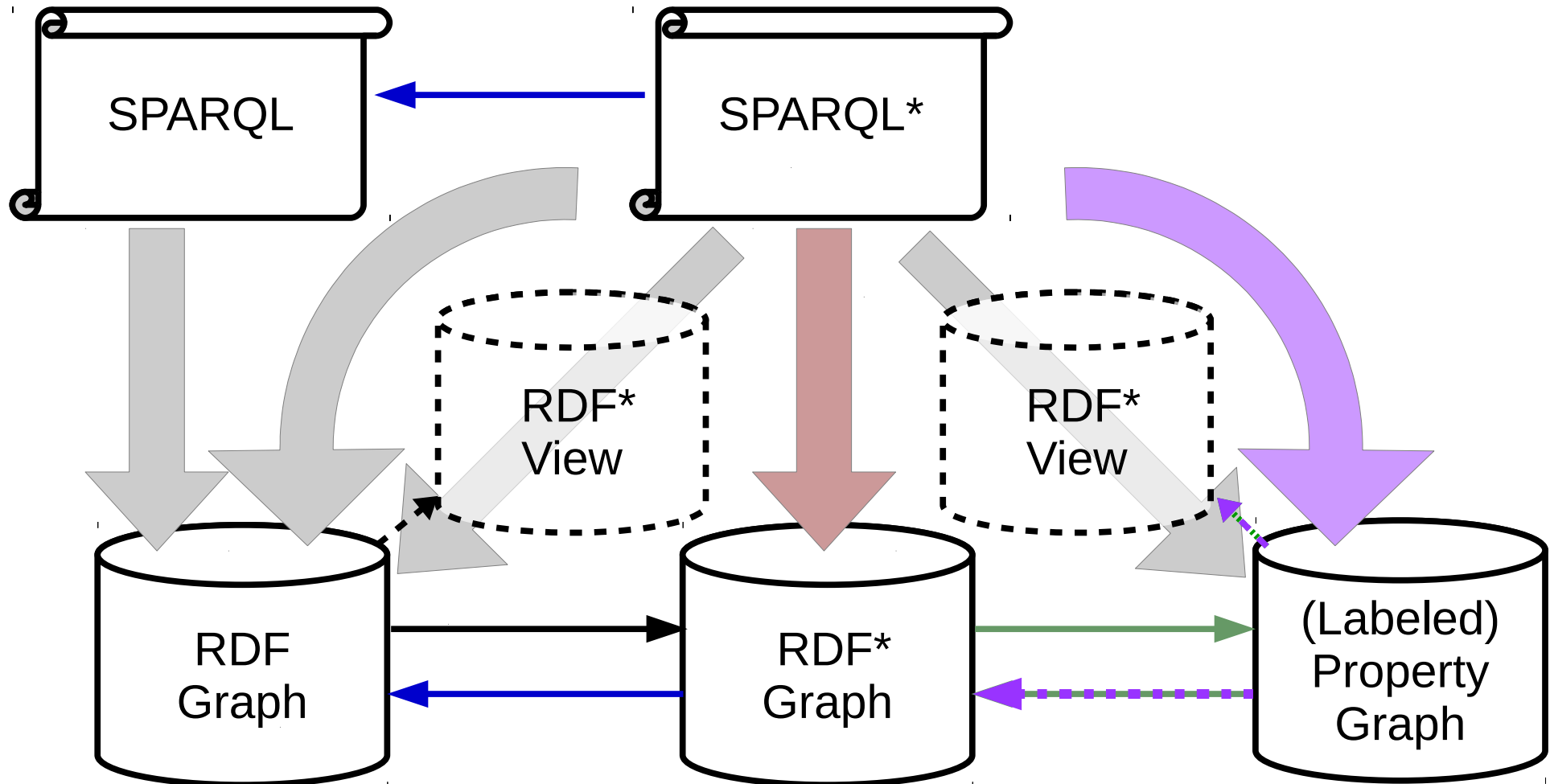


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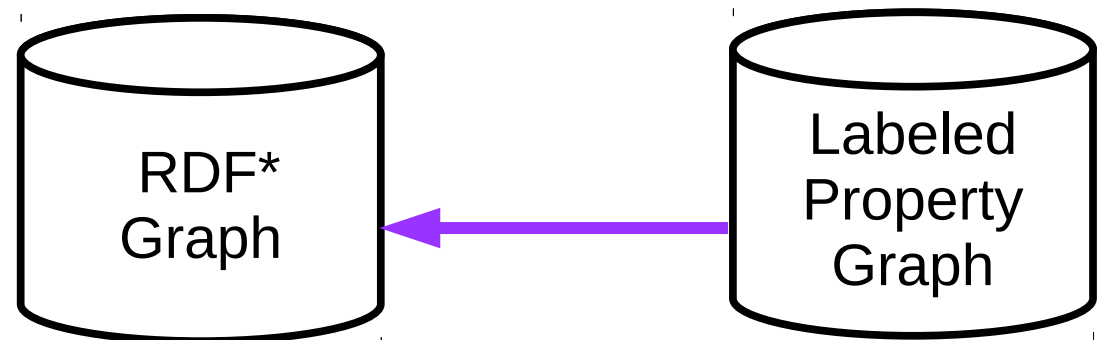
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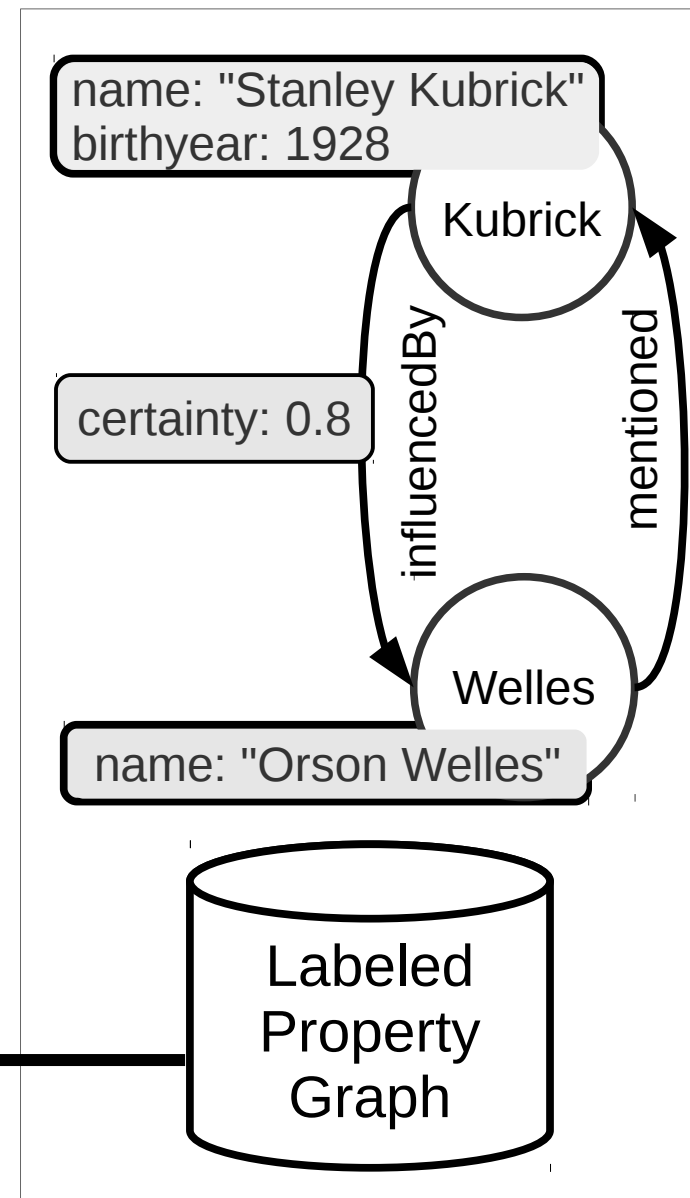
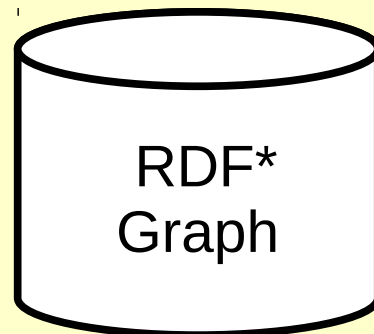


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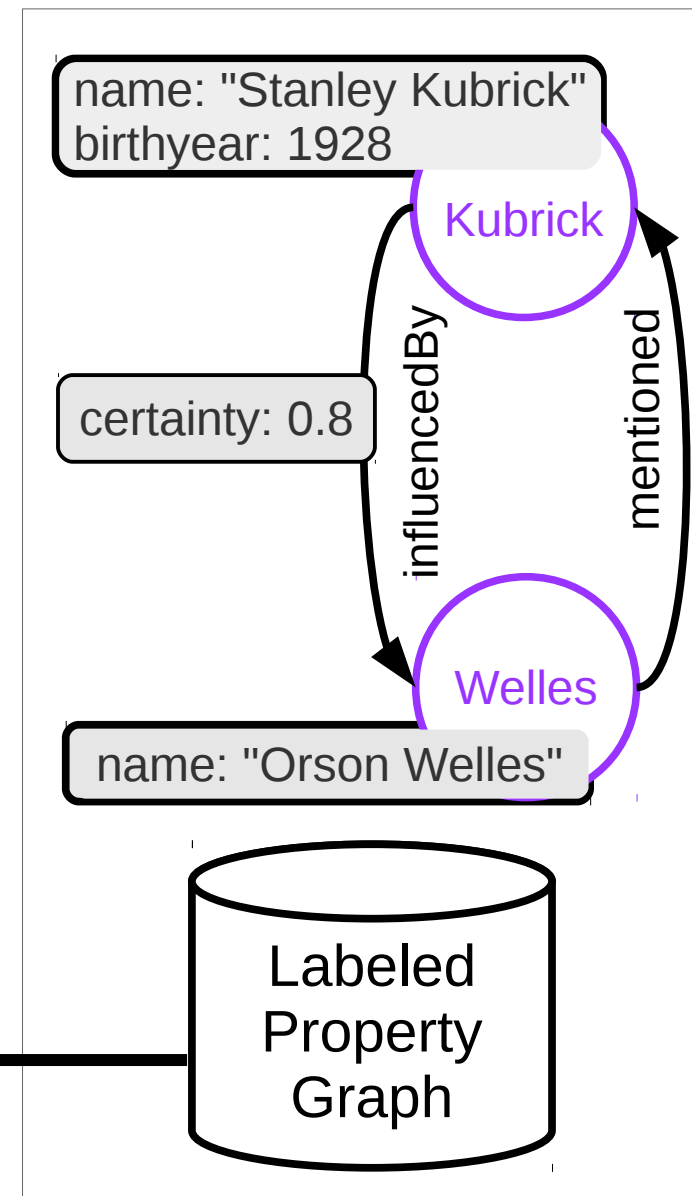
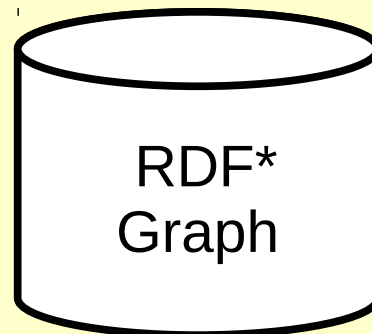


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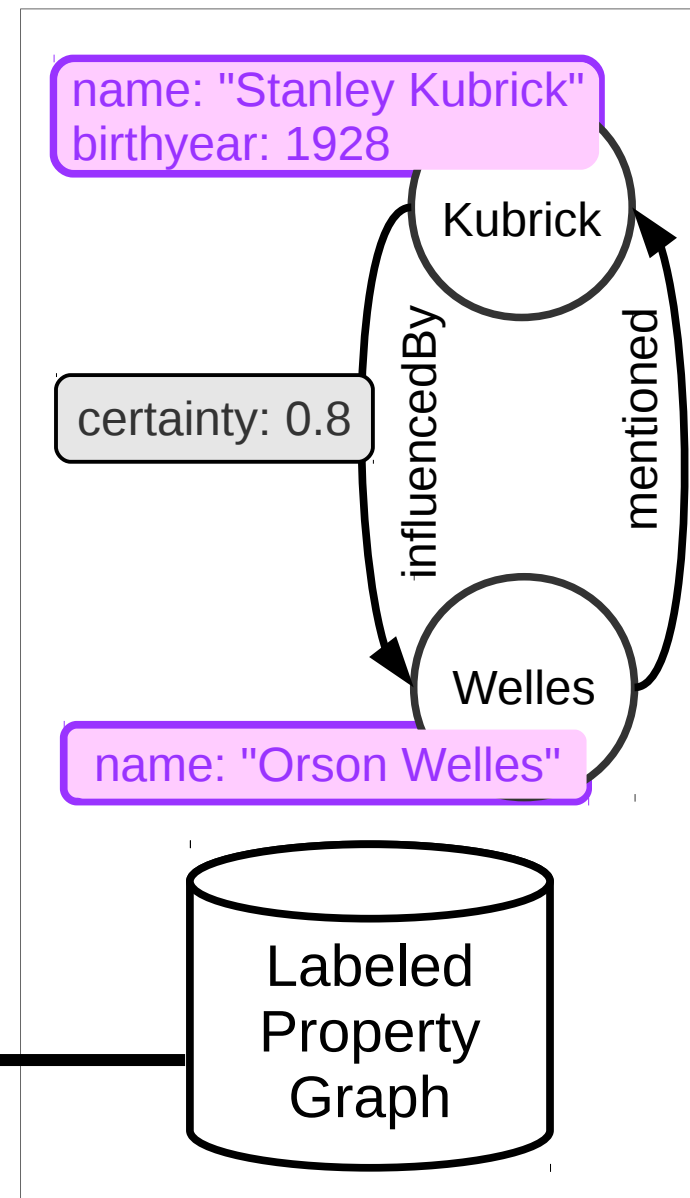
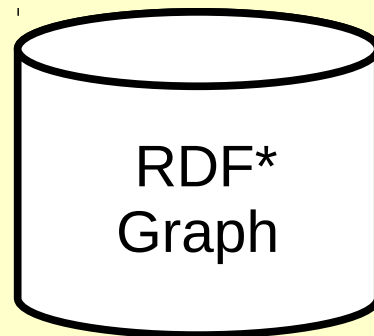


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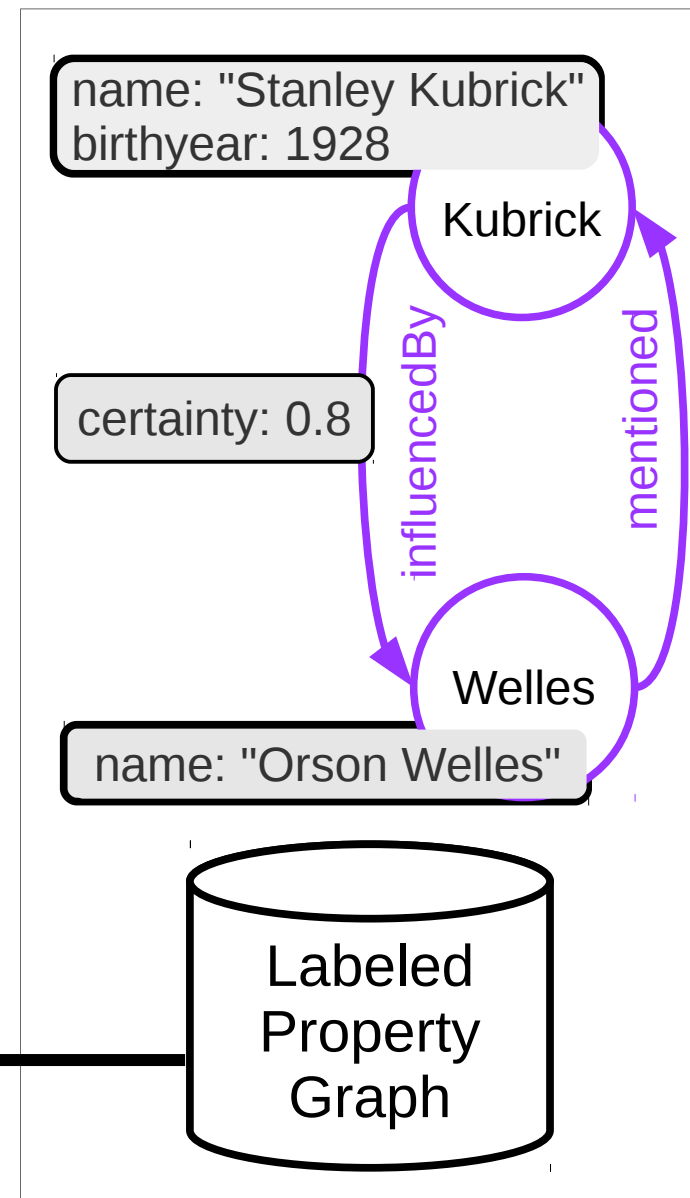
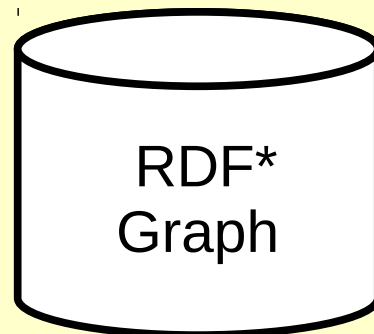


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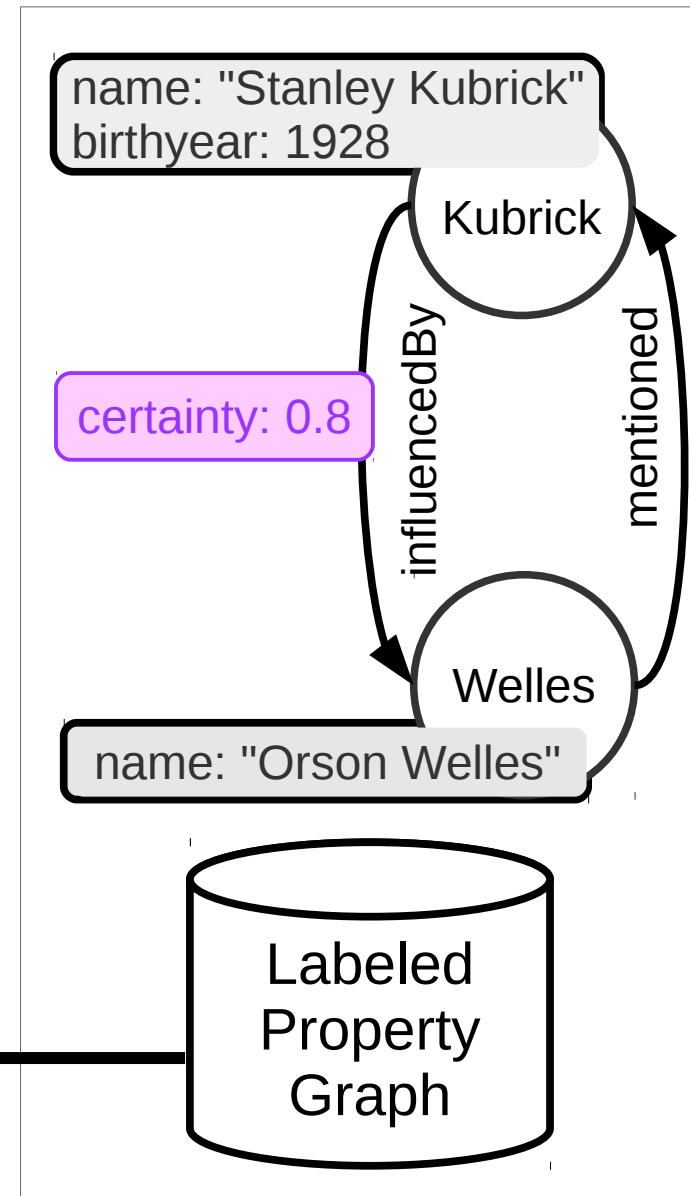
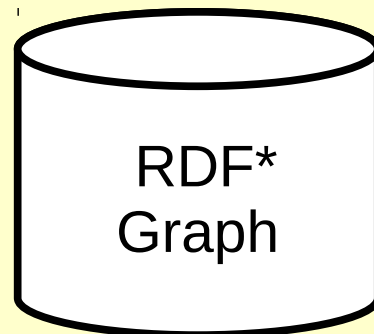


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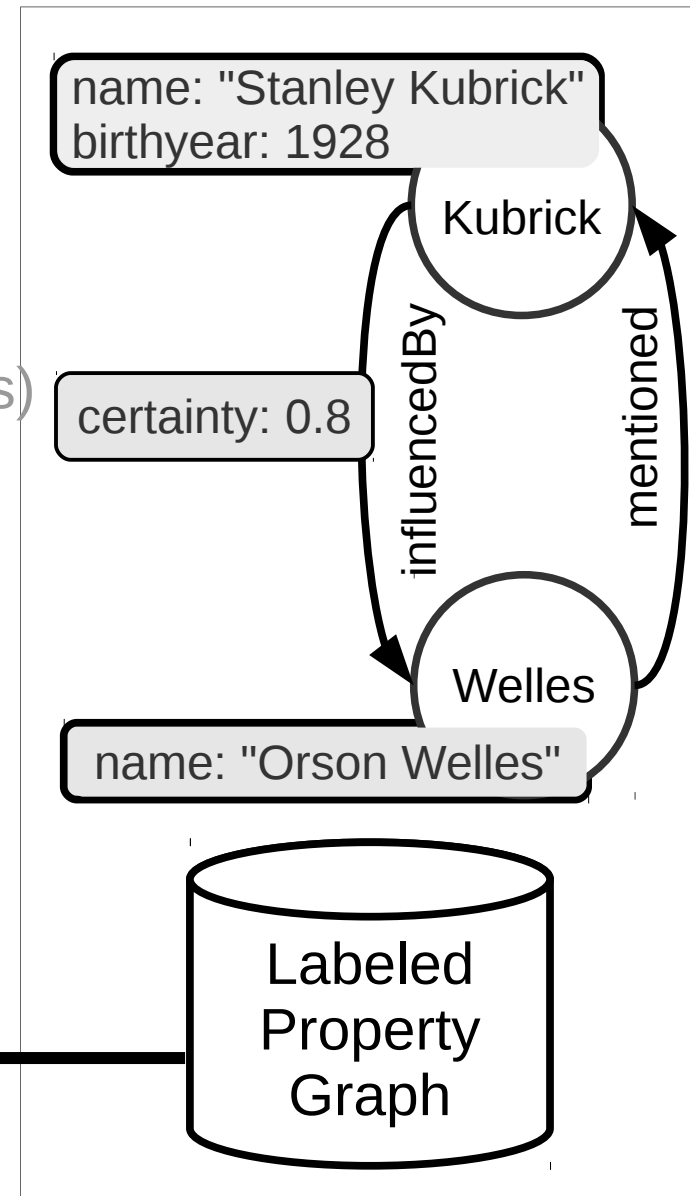
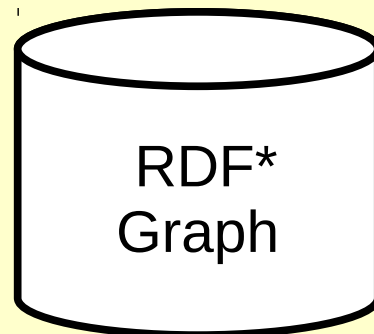


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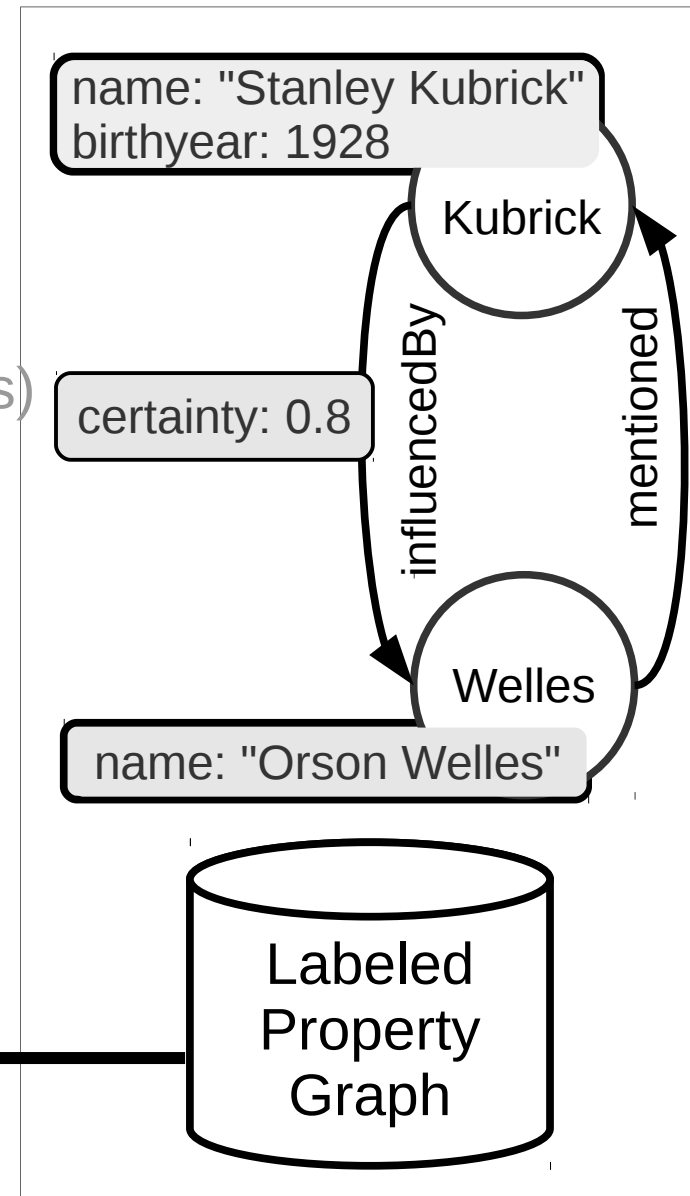
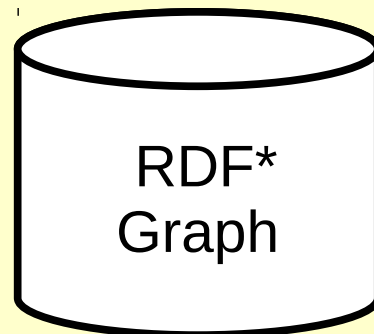


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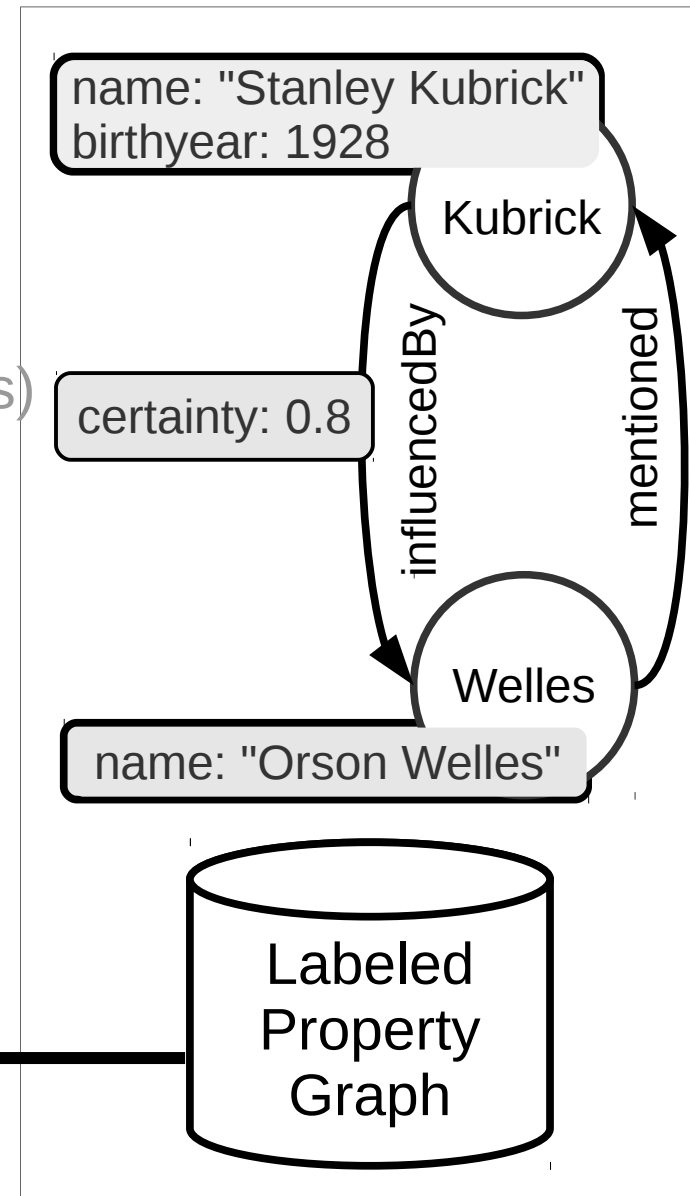
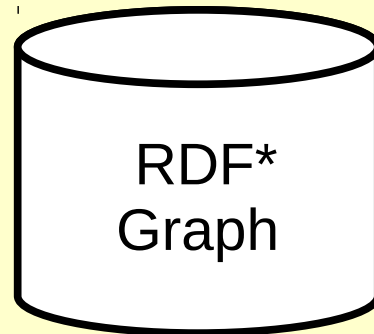


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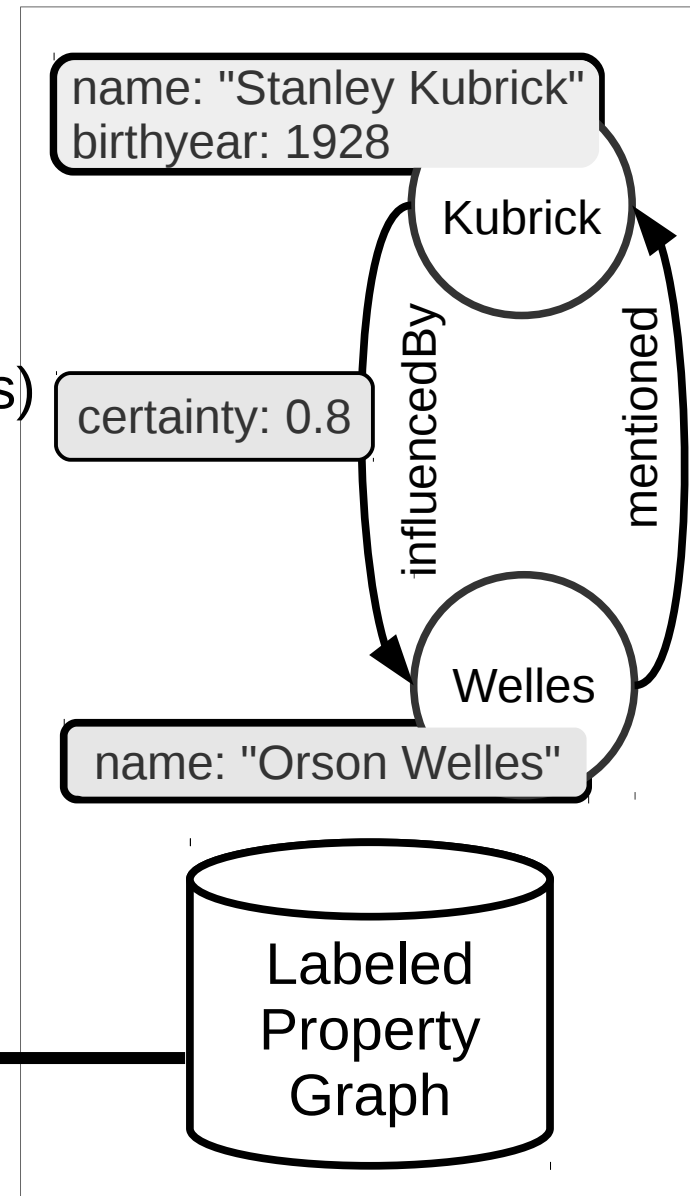
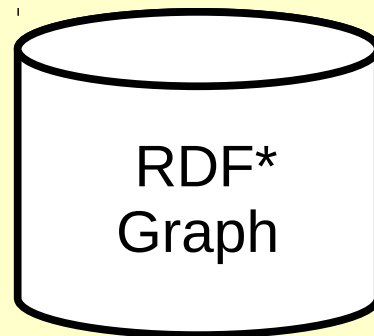


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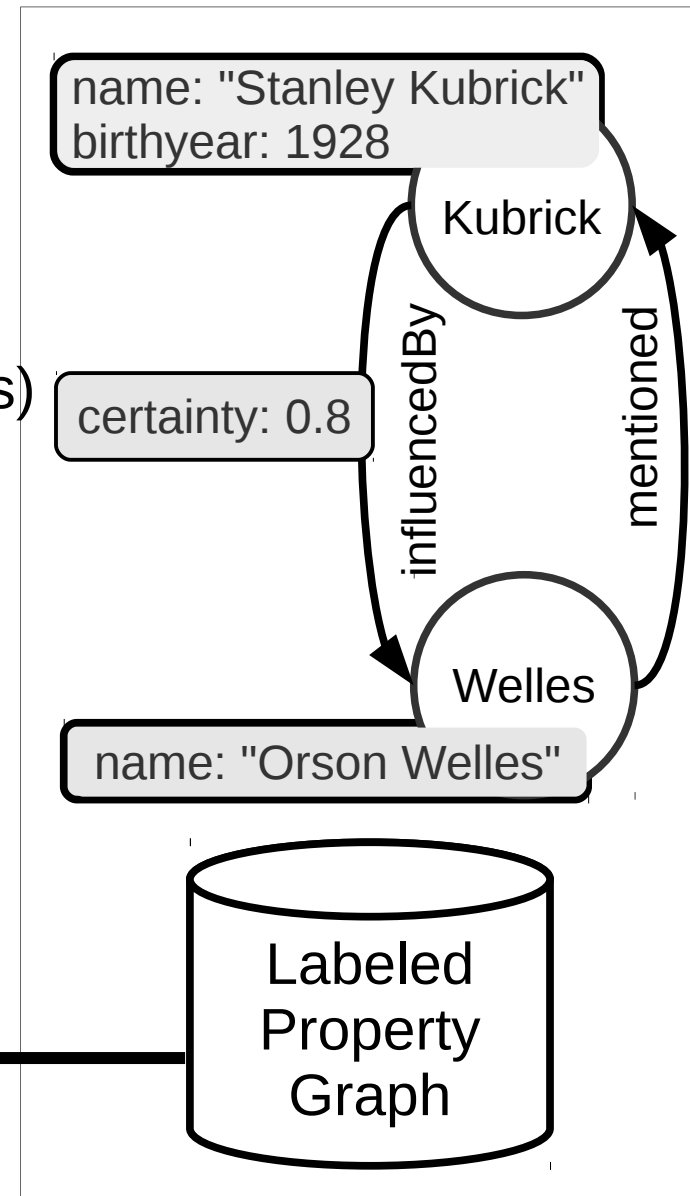
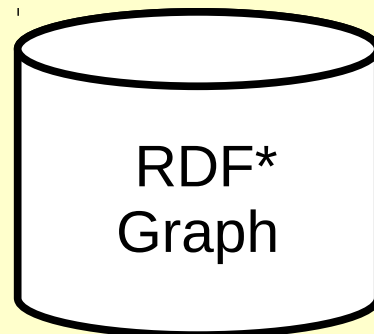


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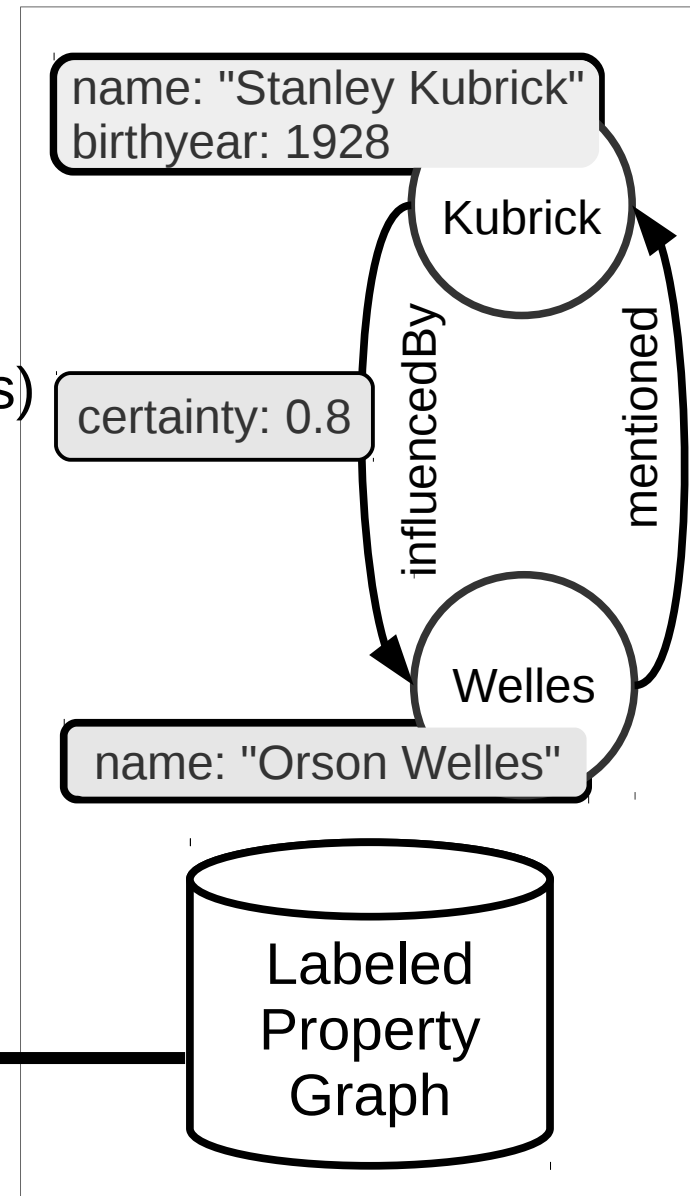
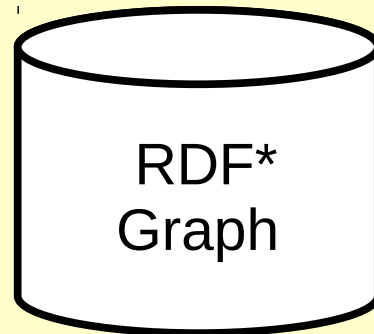


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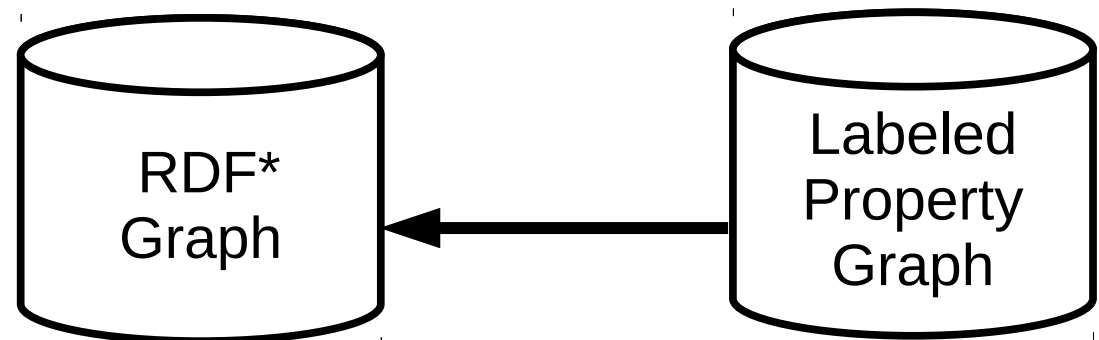
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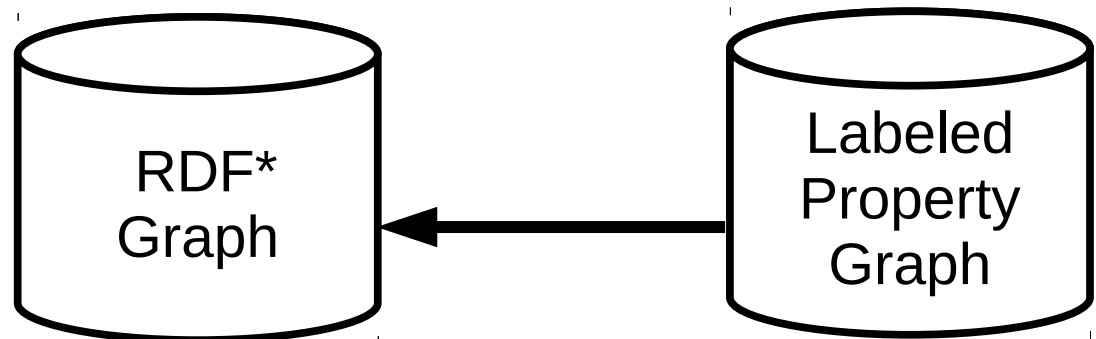
**Note 1:** the mapping is *linear* (for all possible configurations)

i.e., for every LPG  $g$ , the size of the resulting RDF\* graph is linear in the size of  $g$



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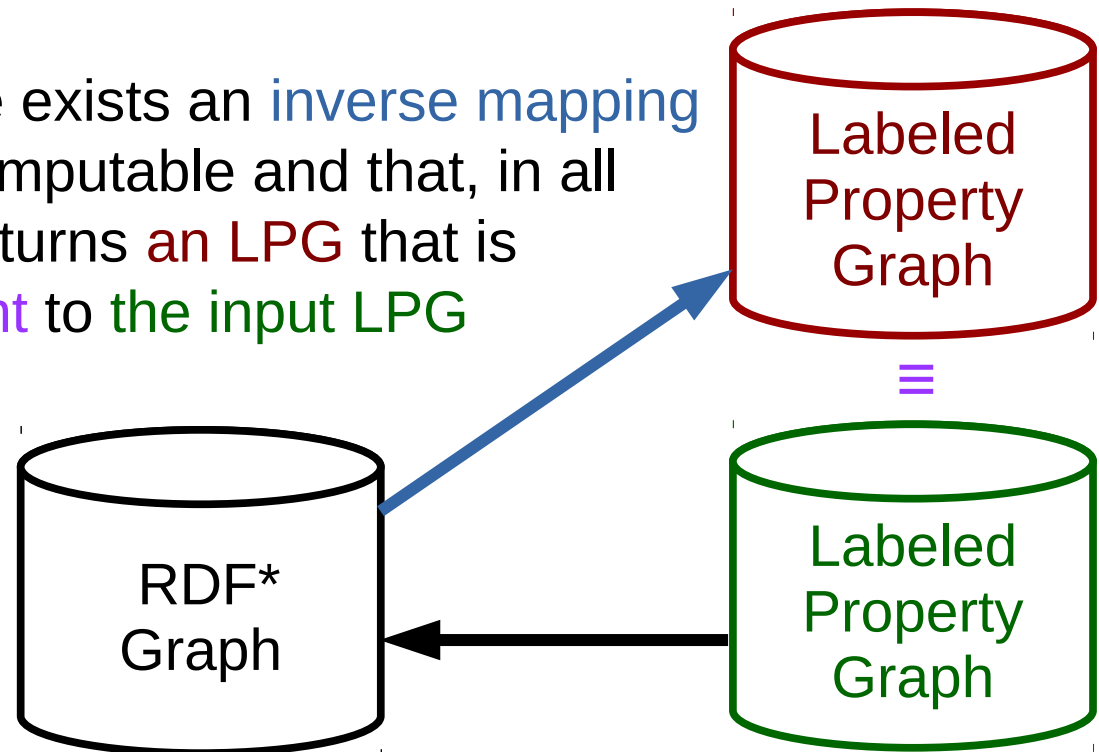


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i.e., there exists an **inverse mapping** that is computable and that, in all cases, returns **an LPG** that is **equivalent** to the **input LPG**

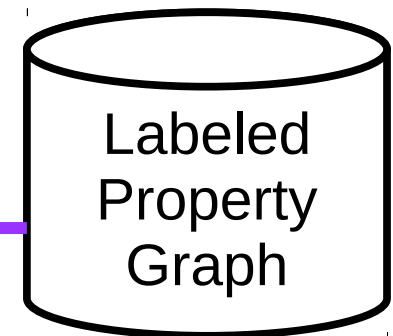
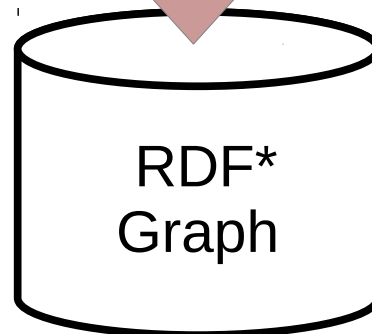


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# Query the RDF\* Representation of an LPG

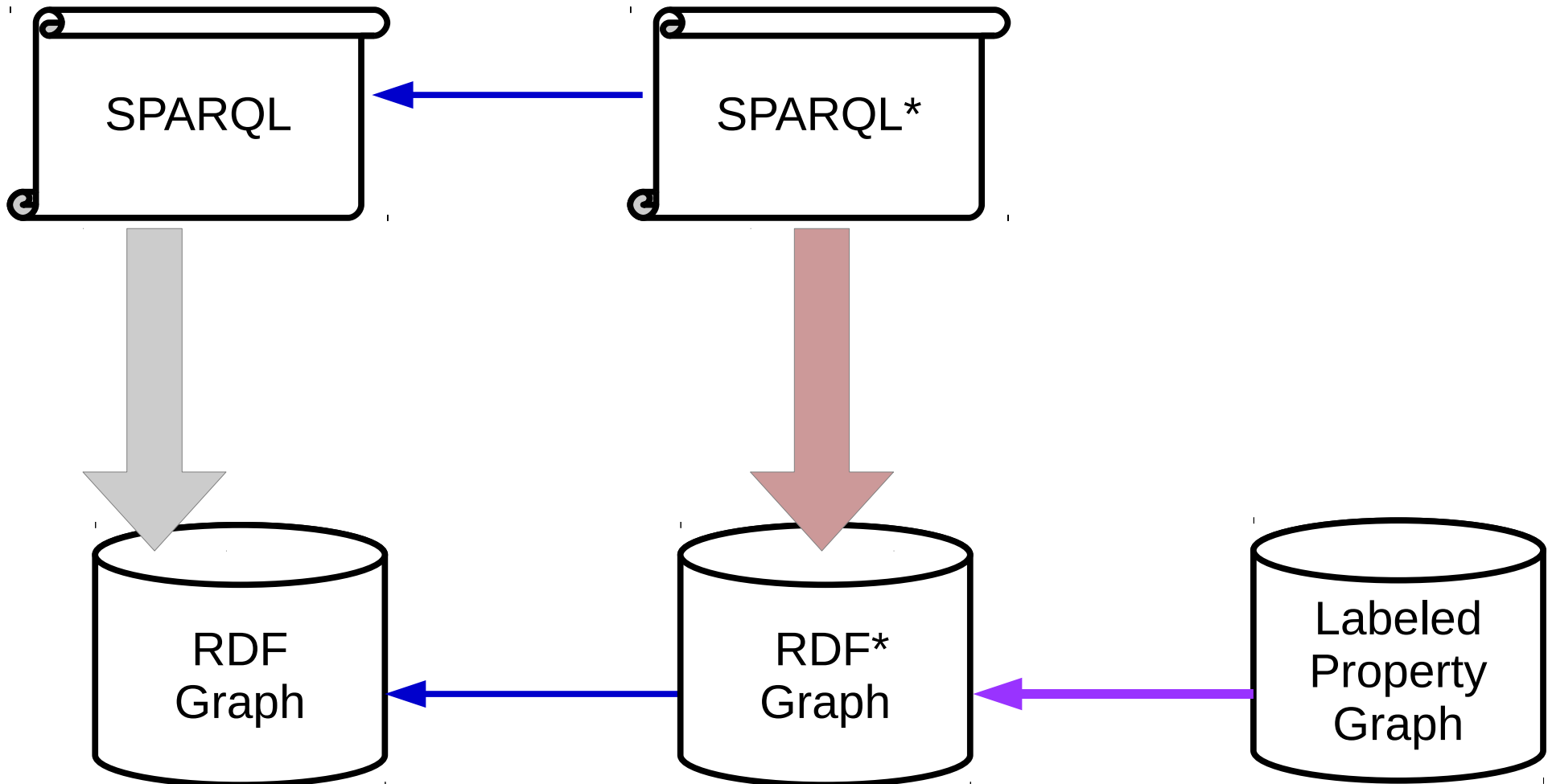
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  <<?k r:influencedBy ?x>> p:certainty ?s .  
  ?x p:name ?n .  
}
```

SPARQL\*





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# LPG-based Query Semantics for SPARQL\*

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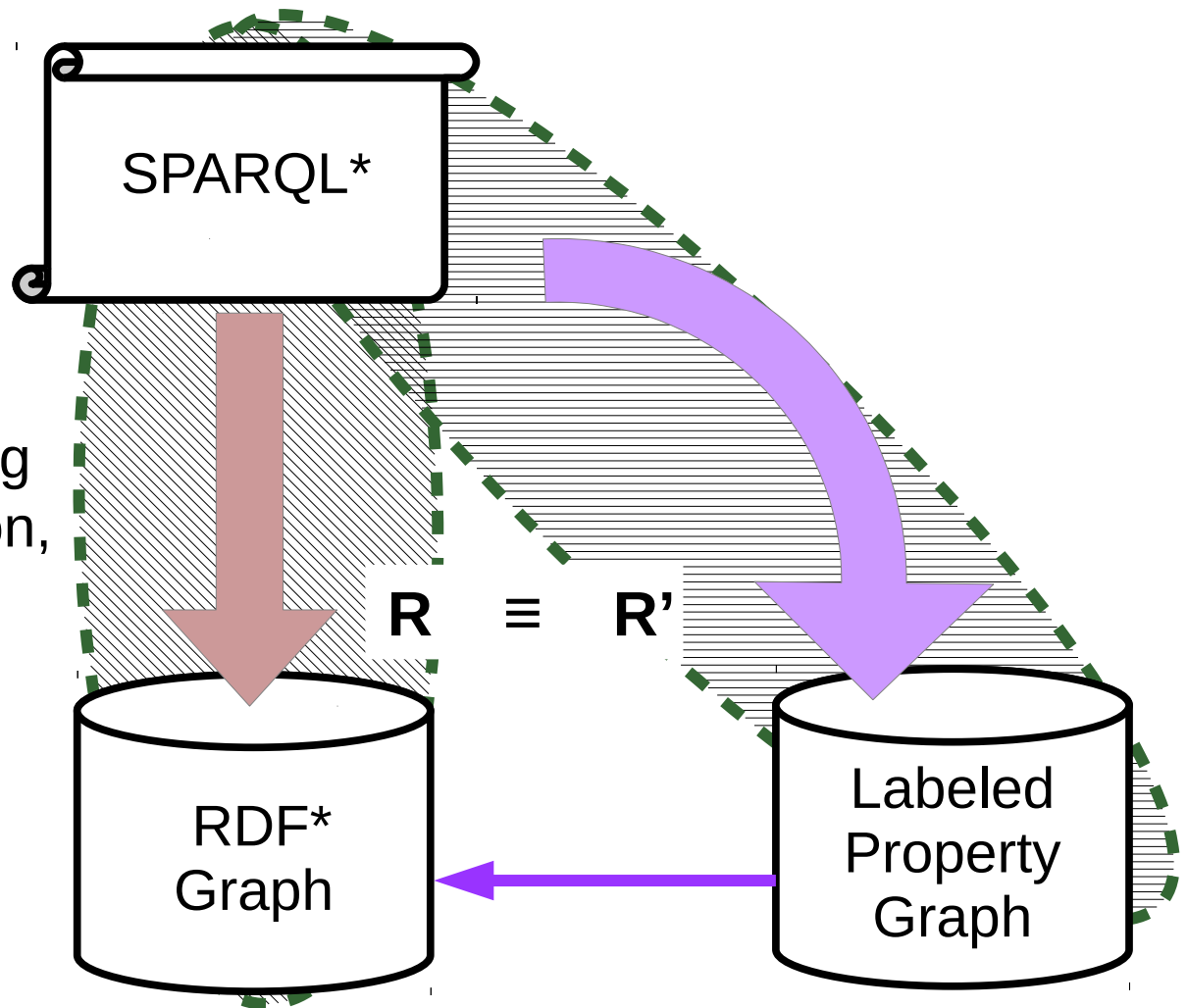
SPARQL\*



Labeled  
Property  
Graph

# Property of this Query Semantics

**Proposition 2:**<sup>†</sup> by using the same configuration, the query results are equivalent (including for LPGs that are *not* edge-unique)



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# Take Away

- User-configurable direct LPG-to-RDF\* mapping
  - information preserving (for edge-unique LPGs)
- User-configurable semantics for SPARQL\* directly over LPGs
  - coincides with the RDF\*-based semantics



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