

# The CALBC RDF Triple store: retrieval over large literature content

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# Why representing scientific literature in RDF?

- Scientific literature:
  - Primary data resource reporting novel scientific findings
- Text-mining:
  - Biological entities recognition
  - Population of biomedical databases through curators
- RDF representation:
  - Standardization of the content extracted
  - **Exploitation of the literature in the Semantic Web**

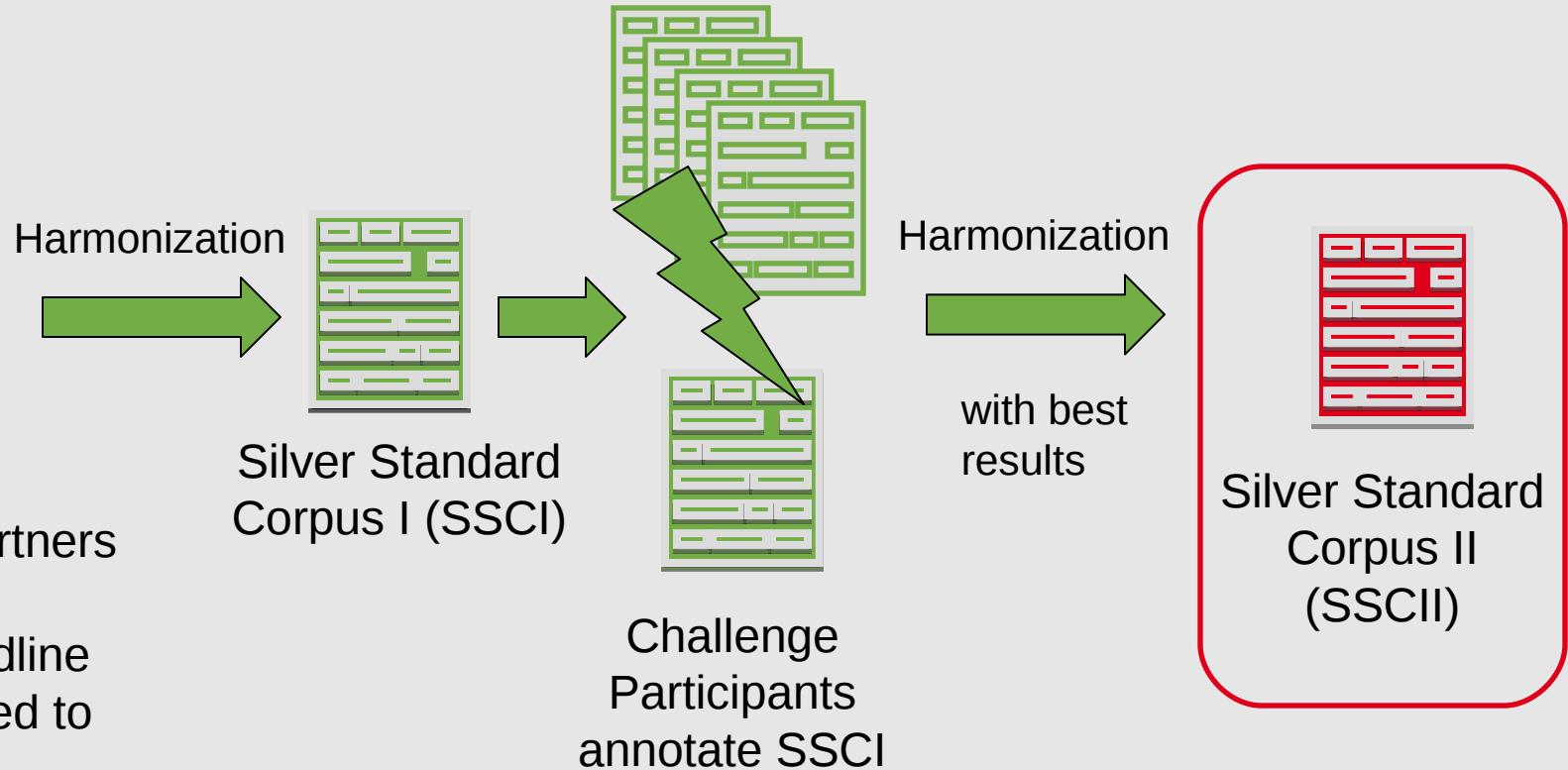
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# CALBC Corpus

- Collaborative Annotation of a Large Biomedical Corpus

• doi:10.1338/nph.2012.12733  
• Proceedings of the International Conference on Natural Language Processing and Applications (NLPAP) 2012  
• 150'000 Medline abstract related to Immunology annotated



# CALBC Corpus

- Advantages of the CALBC Corpus:
- Large-scale corpus
- 4 semantic types: Gene-Protein, Diseases, Chemicals and Species
- Generated in a purely automatic way
- Highly reproducible
- <http://www.calbc.eu/>

# CALBC in RDF

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Rebholz/core/calbc/sentenceid#1>

0605

calbc:hasSentence

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/442>

92

dc:date

1980-06-16

calbc:isIn

dc:identifier

<urn:issn:0004-5772>

dc:creator

Seshadri, M  
S

Varkey, K

dc:title

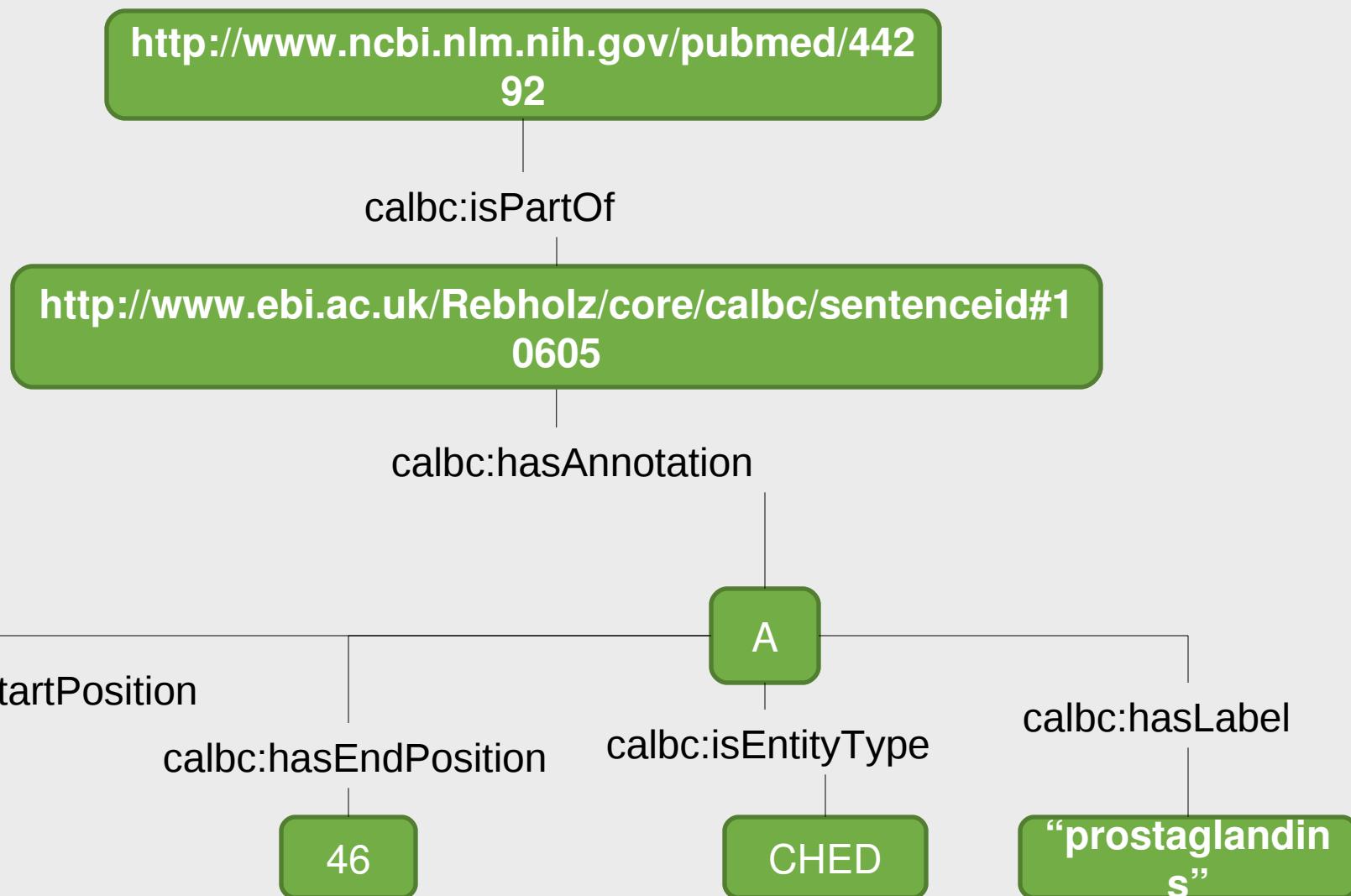
[http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Rebholz/core/corpus\\_calbc](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Rebholz/core/corpus_calbc)

“Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) positive polyarteritis nodosa. A report of two cases and review of literature”

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# LexEBI

- BioThesaurus: Complete term repository for the biomedical domain
- LexEBI → XML
- Features:
  - Frequency count for the occurrence of the term in British National Corpus (BNC) or in MEDLINE → **Disambiguation**
  - Mapping to original resource (URI) → **Normalization**

# LexEBI in RDF

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[http://purl.org/obo/owl/NCBITaxon\\_338969](http://purl.org/obo/owl/NCBITaxon_338969)

:species

<http://purl.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q21W>

W8

:isIn

[http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Rebholz/core/corpus\\_lexebi](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Rebholz/core/corpus_lexebi)

:hasVariant

A

:FrequencyInMedline

30

:preferredTerm

True

A

:hasVariant

:FrequencyInMedline

A

:SurfaceForm

"ftsj"

:isType

Orthographic

:isType

"Ribosomal large  
subunit  
methyltransferase E"

:SurfaceForm



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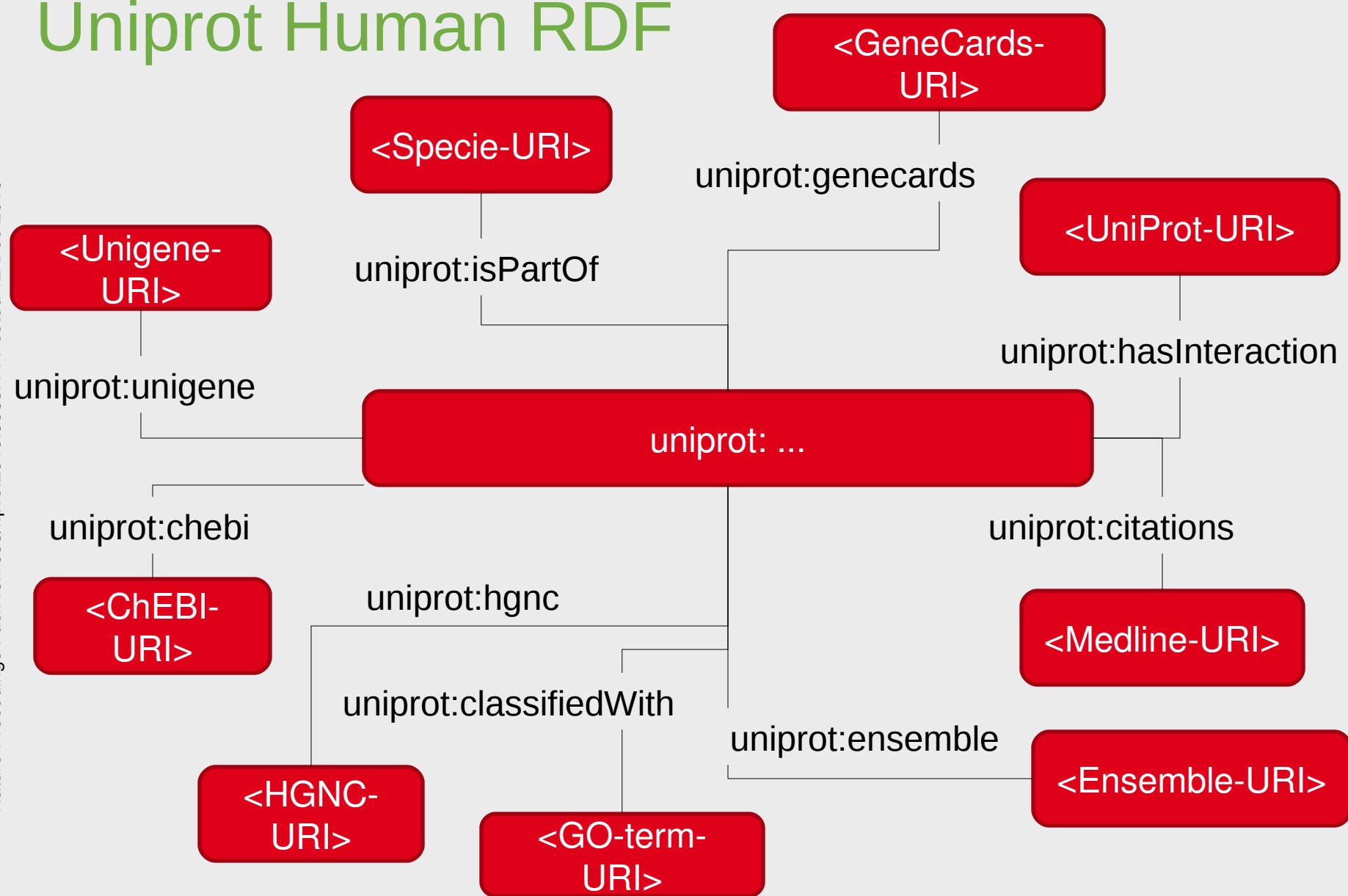
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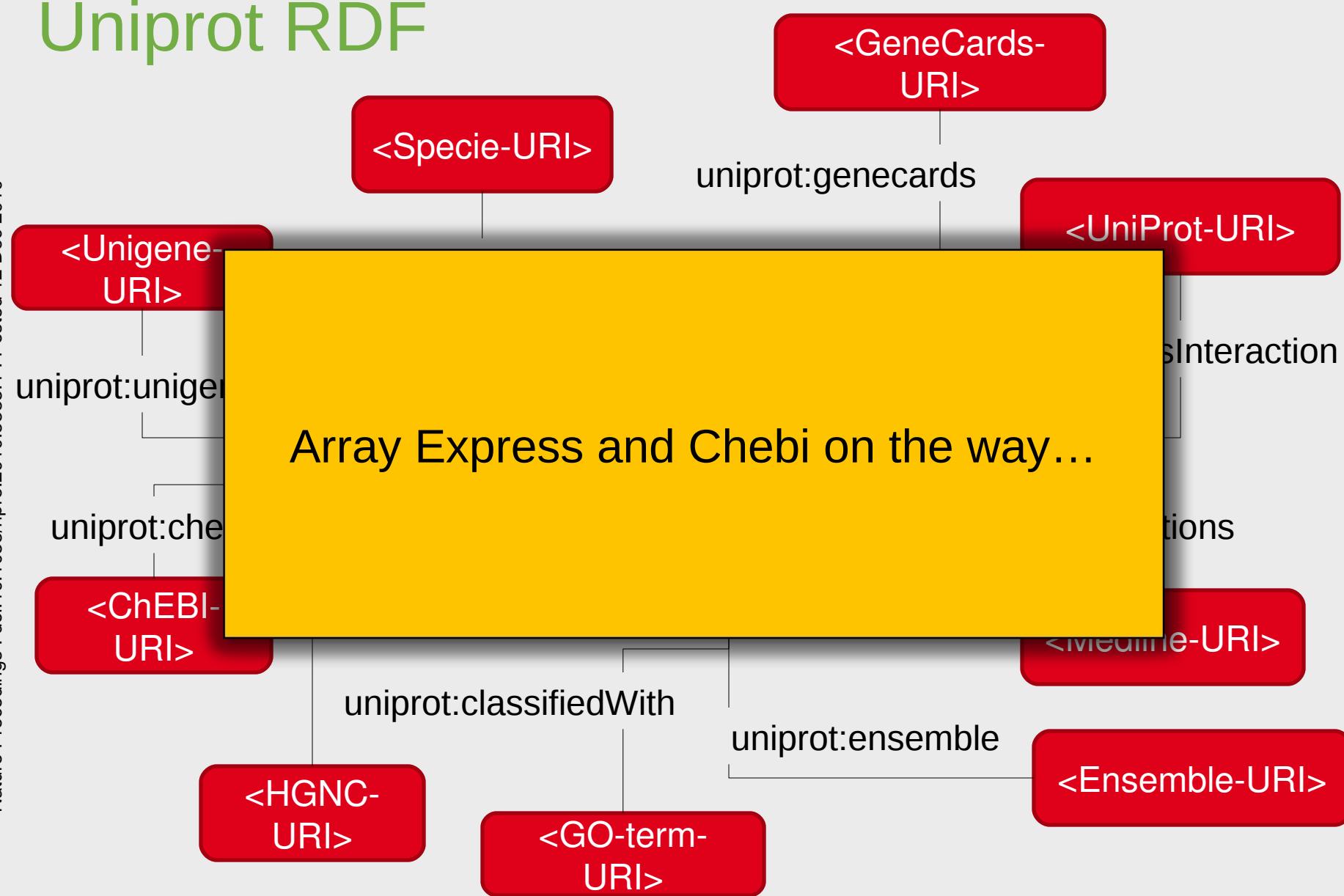
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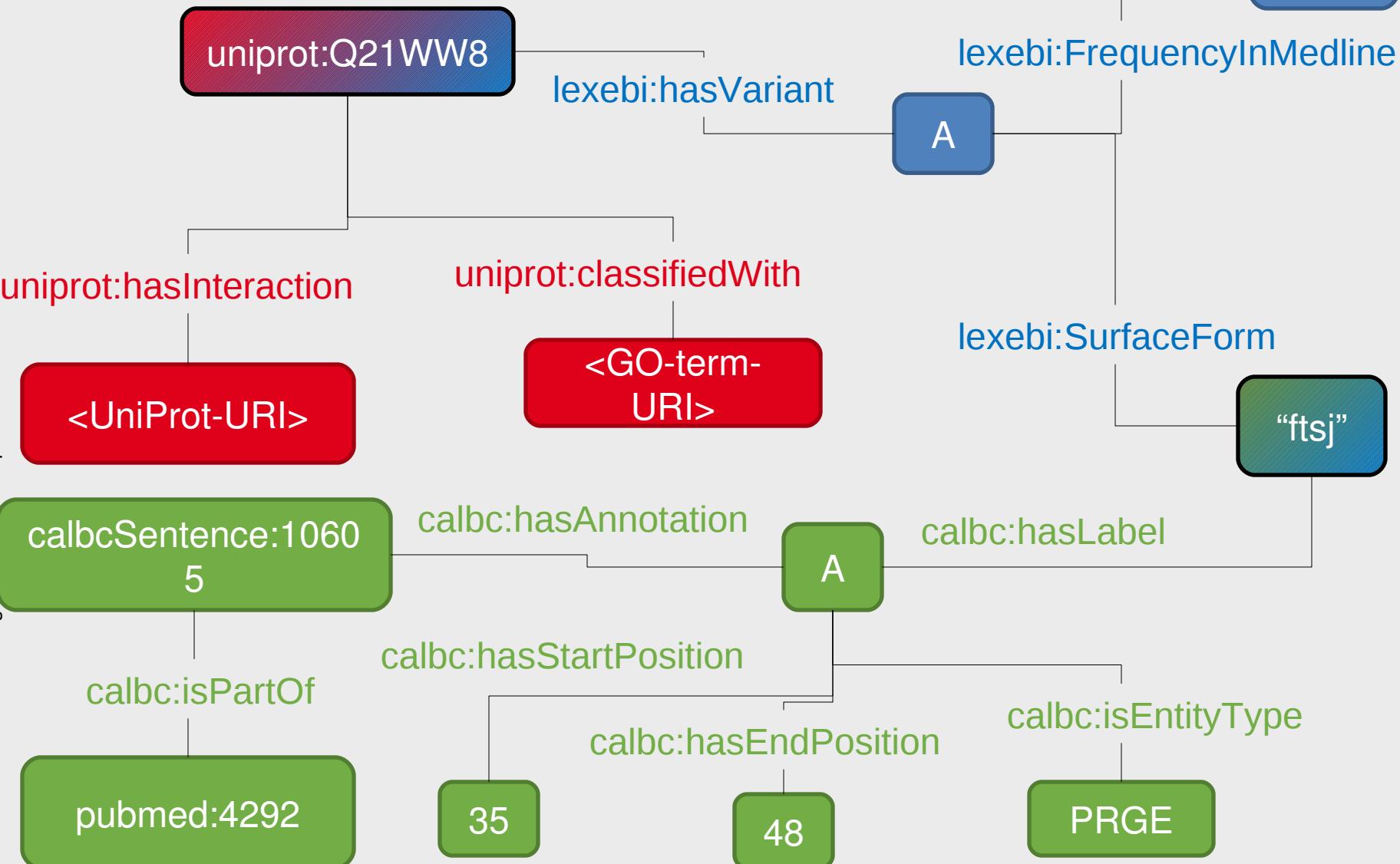
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# Use cases

- Normalization of CALBC named entities
- Disambiguation of CALBC named entities
- Term collocation at the sentence level → e.g.  
Evidence for Gene – Disease association
- Checking consistency of bioinformatics resources  
from literature

Thank you for your  
attention