

SPOTLIGHT – Automatic annotation of text with Linked Open Data resources for Humanities

Motivation

- **Linked Open Data cloud** as knowledge source
- Machine-readable **semantic data**
- Controlled vocabularies
- ➔ Usage for **automatic annotation**

Specific task

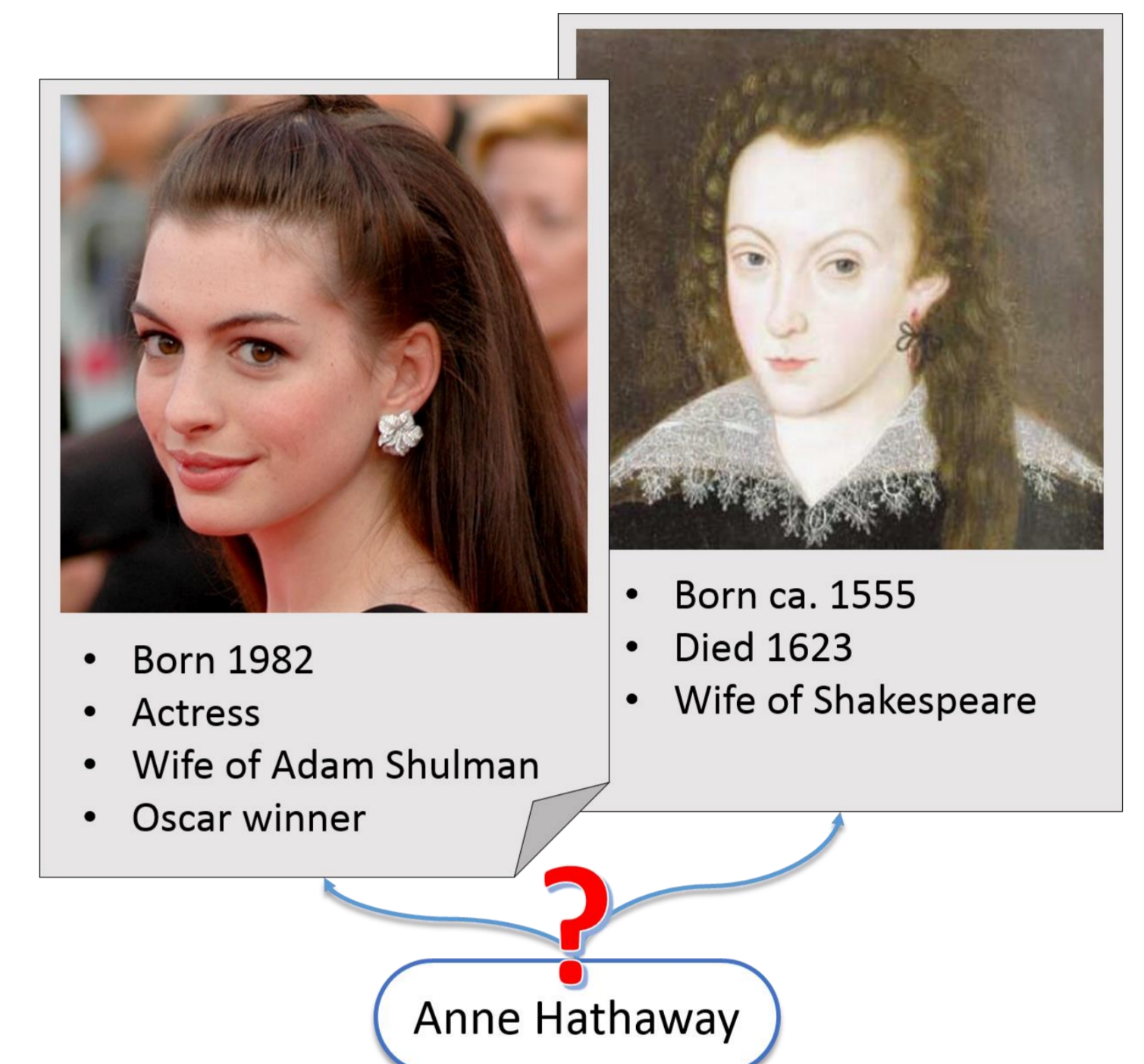
Annotation of natural language texts with person data from GND (Gemeinsame Normdatei)

Challenges

Name variation problem

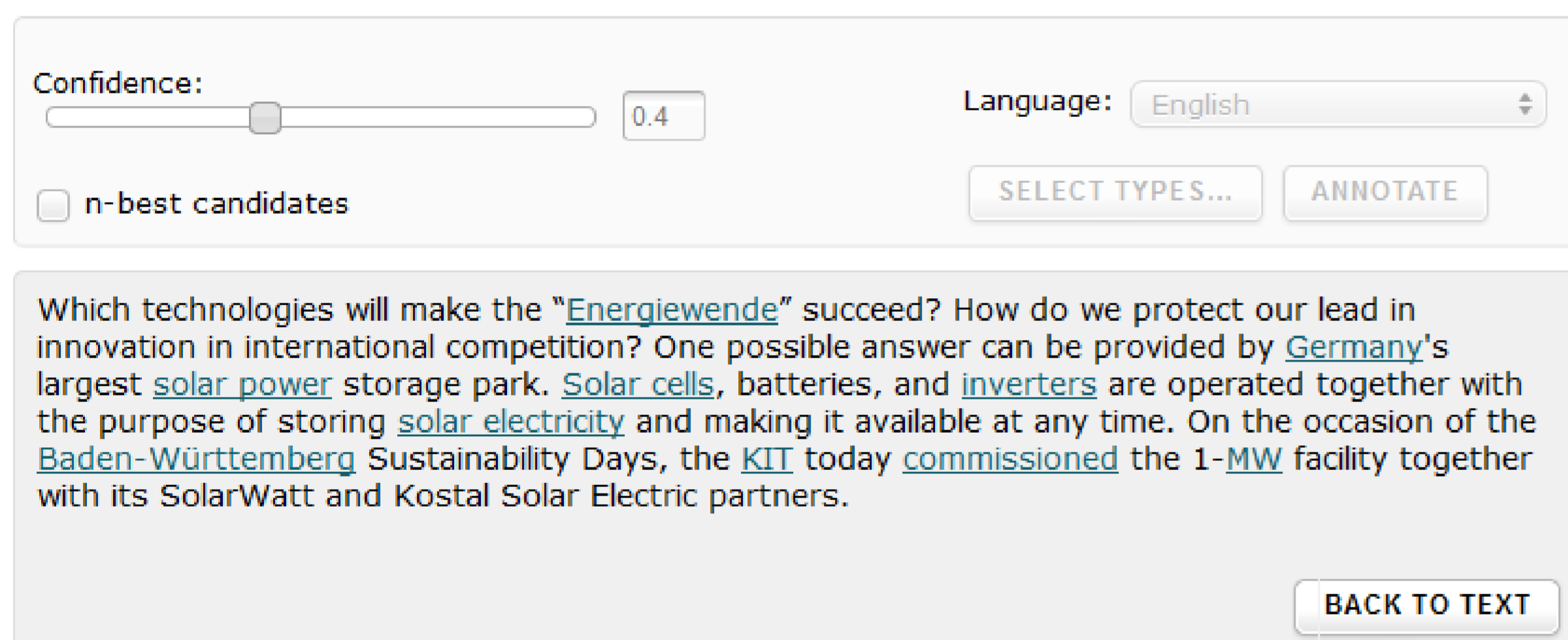


Name ambiguity problem



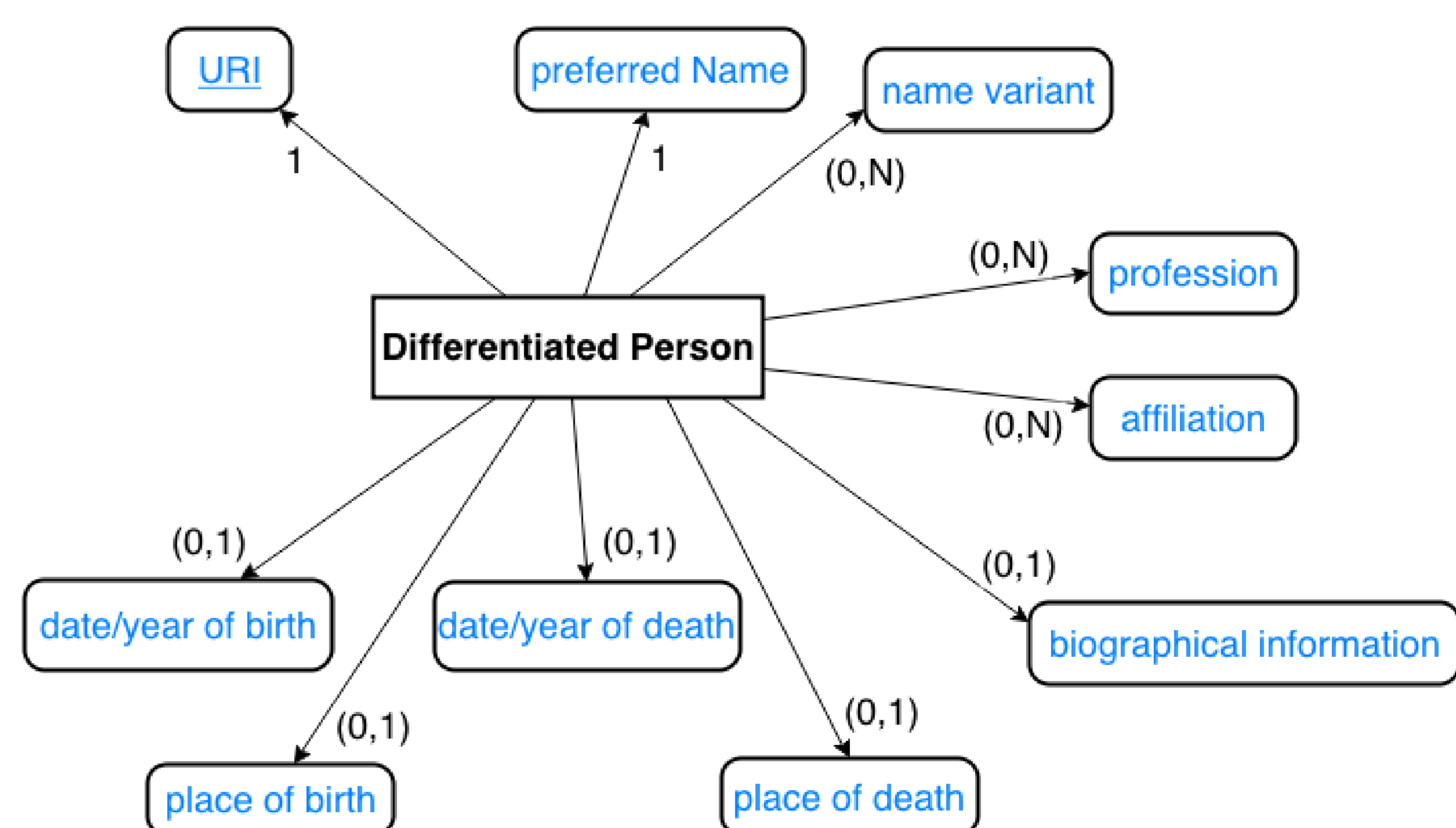
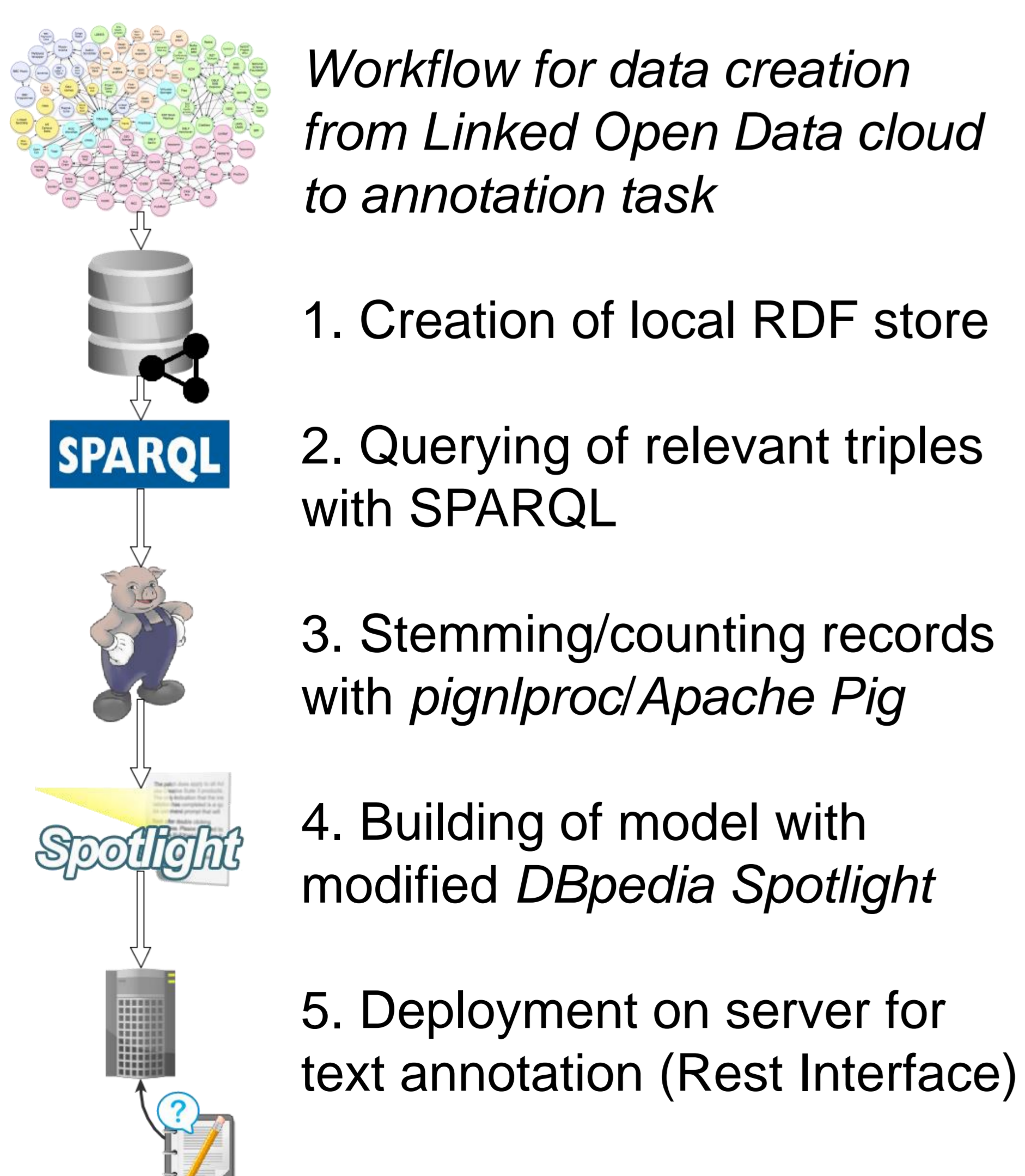
Annotation Technology

- Adaption of *DBpedia Spotlight* with information from Wikipedia/DBpedia
- Extension for other knowledge bases needed
- *Spotlight* requires three basic types of information about every entity:
 - **URI:** Linked Data (LD) identifier for linking
 - **Surface form:** representation of the entity found in text
 - **Context:** words occurring in text surrounding the surface form
- The *statistical backend* additionally considers for every entity: significance, likeliness of its names, likeliness of specific context



Web demo of *DBpedia Spotlight*

Data Acquisition Workflow



Possible fields with information for entities in GND person data

Potential

- Data from the Linked Open Data cloud enhances knowledge in *sparse domains* of research, where information may not pass the relevance criteria of Wikipedia.
- Works hand in hand with *domain experts*, giving *suggestions* for annotations
- Reusable in every scientific field, with knowledge bases published with LD principles