

# Modularity Meets Forgetting a case study with the SNOMED CT

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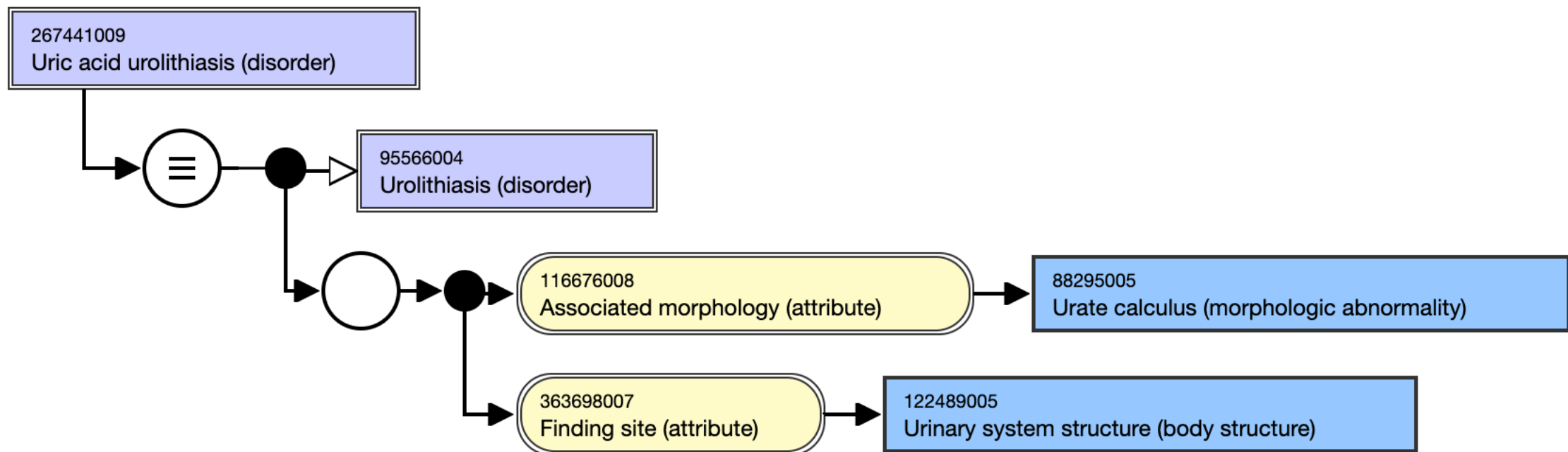
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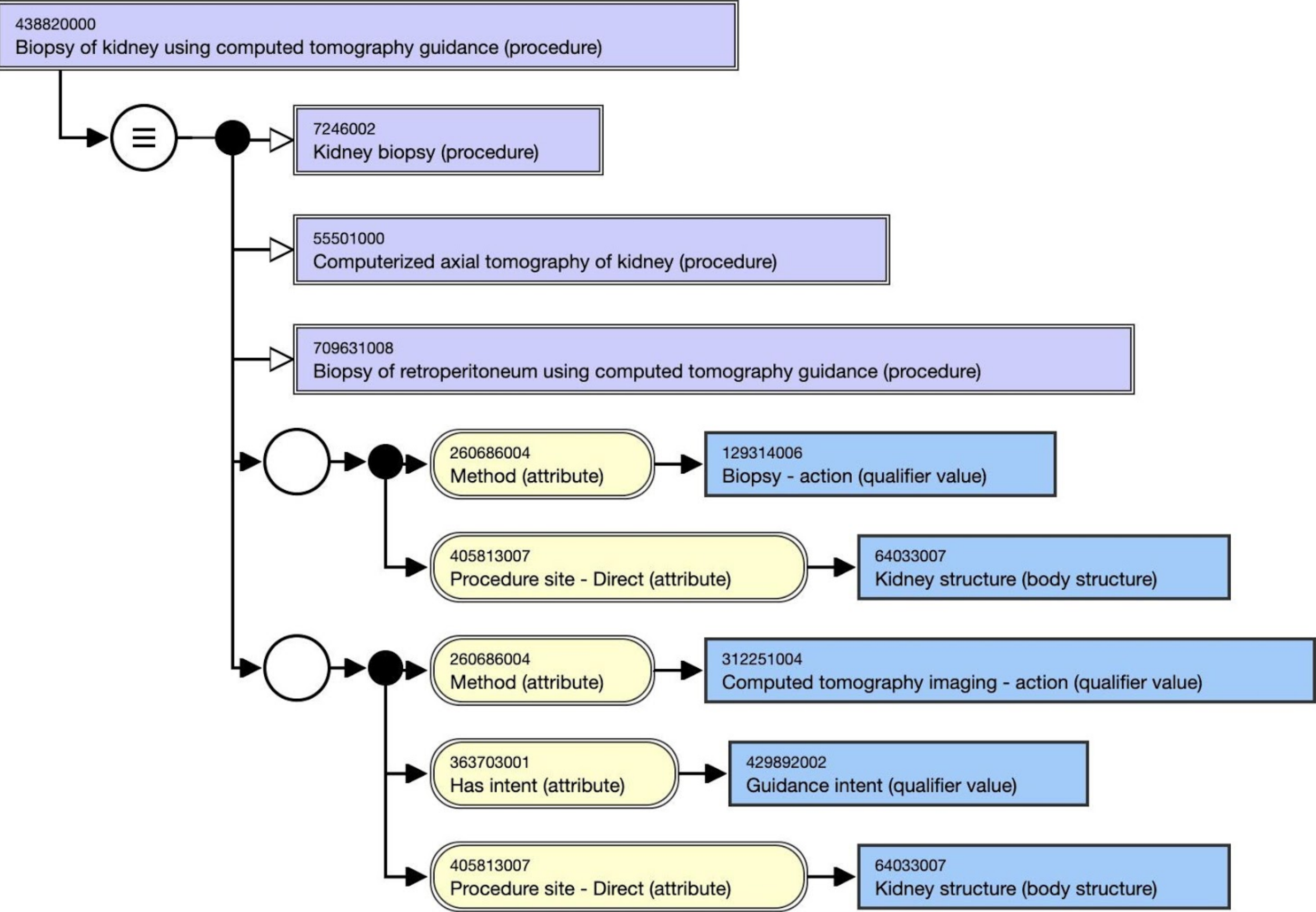
  

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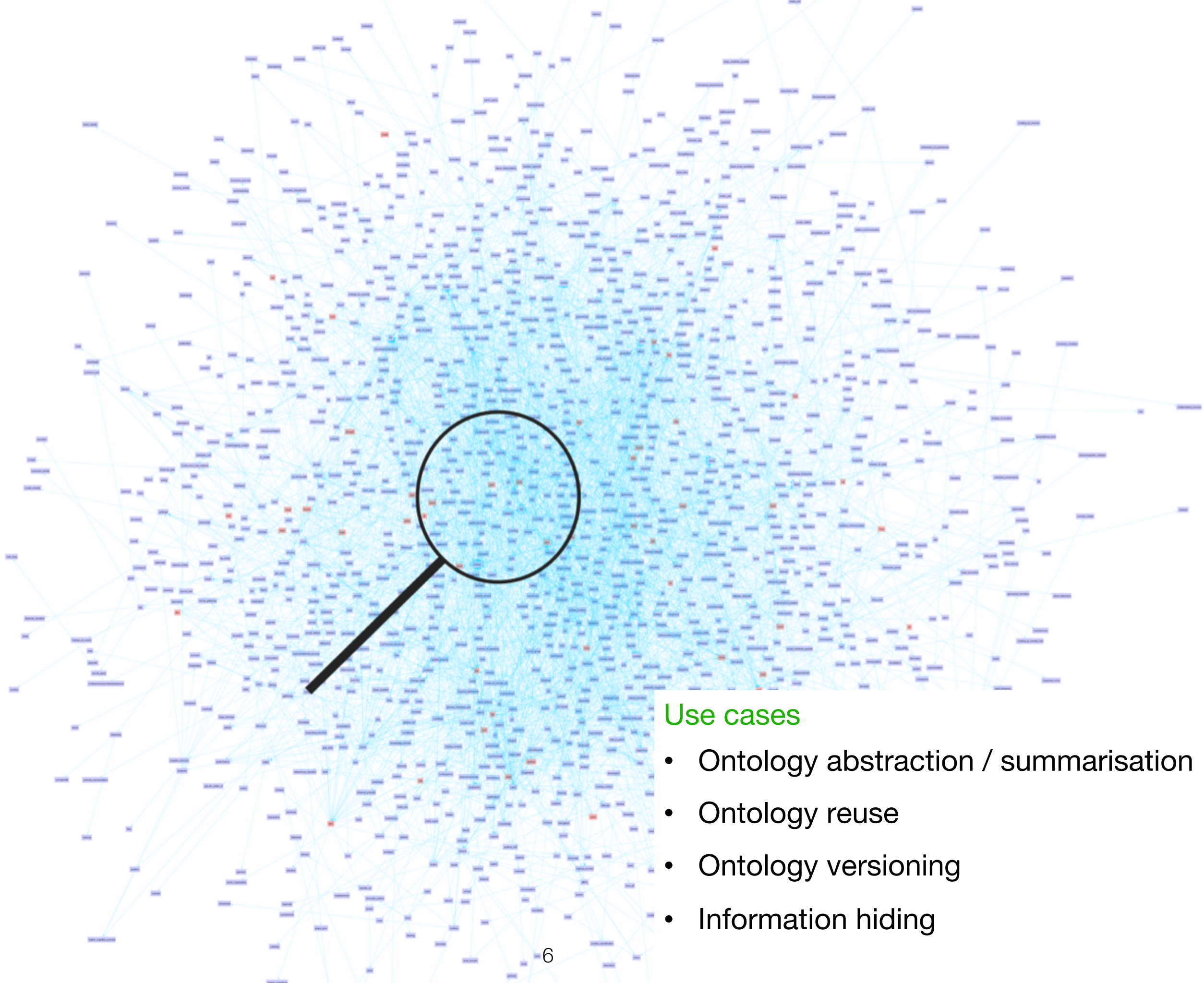
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- Goal

Compute a concise extract

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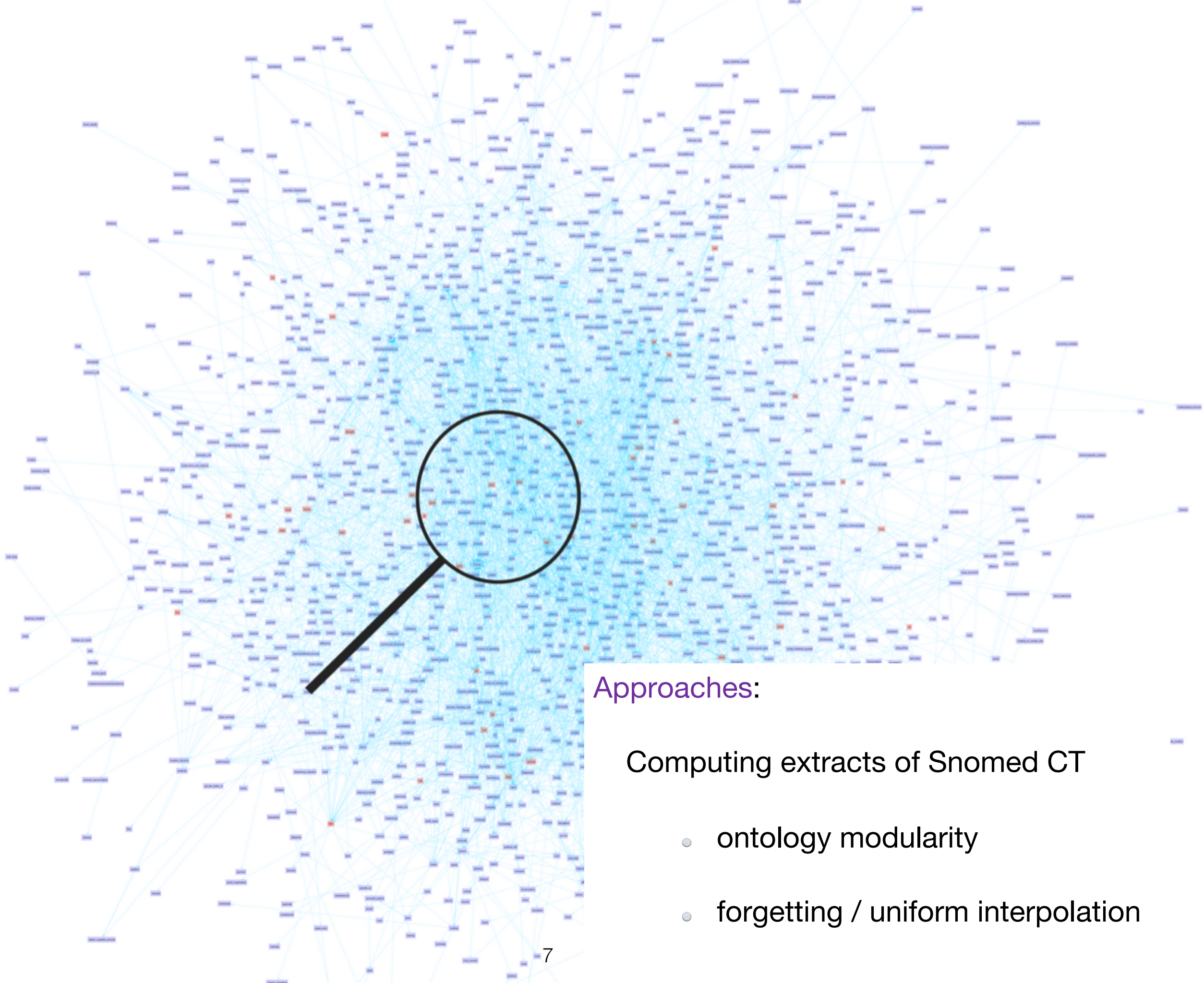




### Use cases

- Ontology abstraction / summarisation
- Ontology reuse
- Ontology versioning
- Information hiding





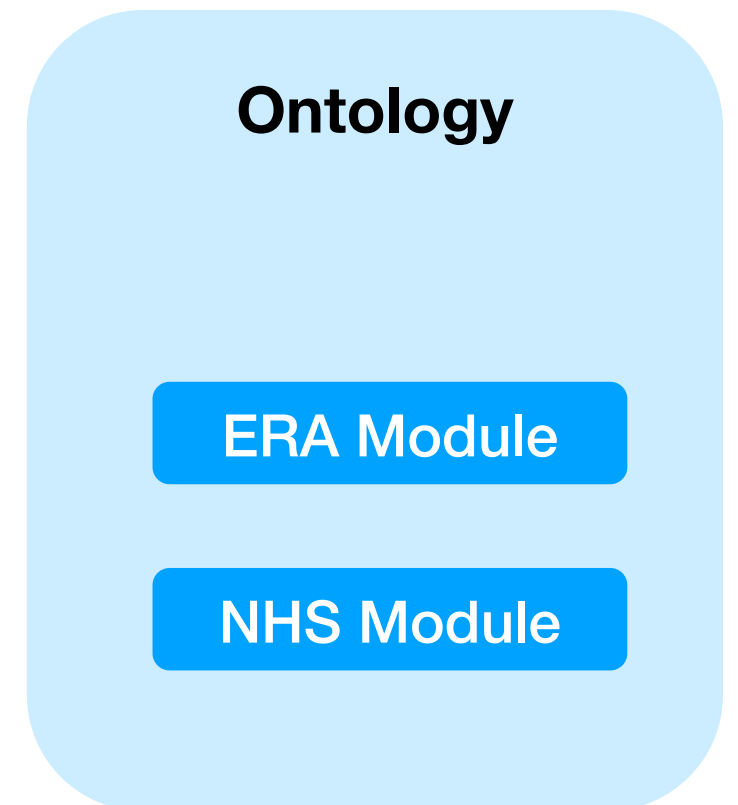
Approaches:

Computing extracts of Snomed CT

- ontology modularity
- forgetting / uniform interpolation

# Ontology Modularity

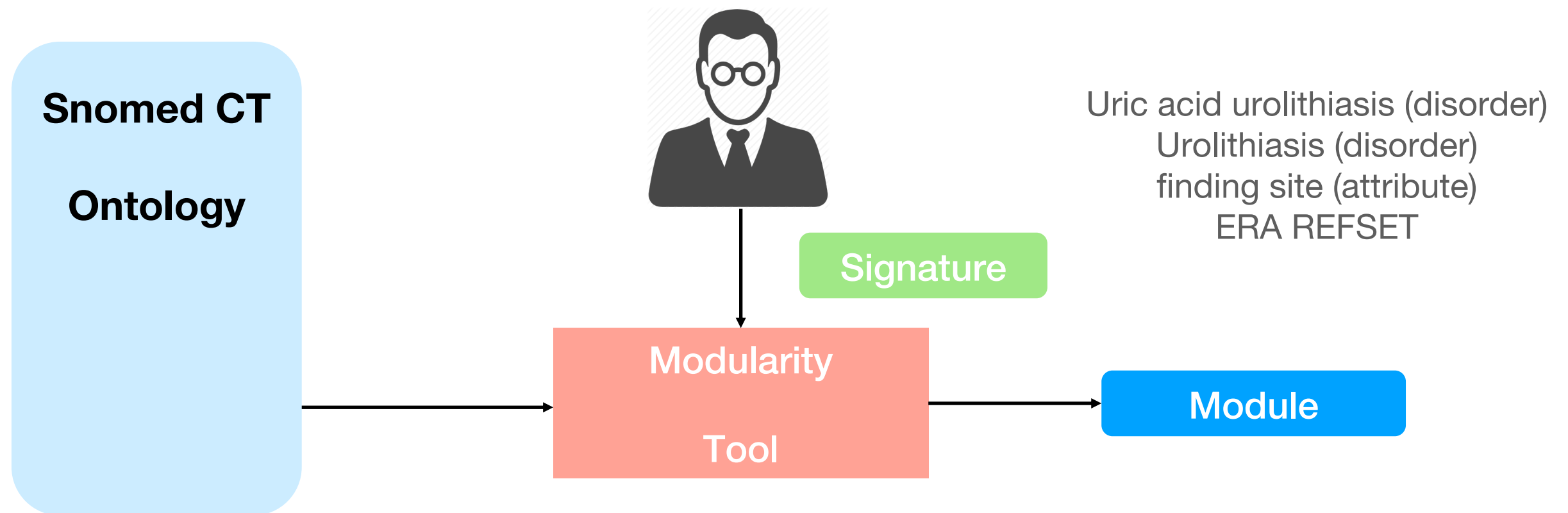
- **Ontology** is a set of axioms.
- A **Module** is a **subset of an ontology**.
- We are interested in modules that **preserve answers to queries** about **specified classes and properties**, e.g., ERA REFSET, NHS REFSETS, ...





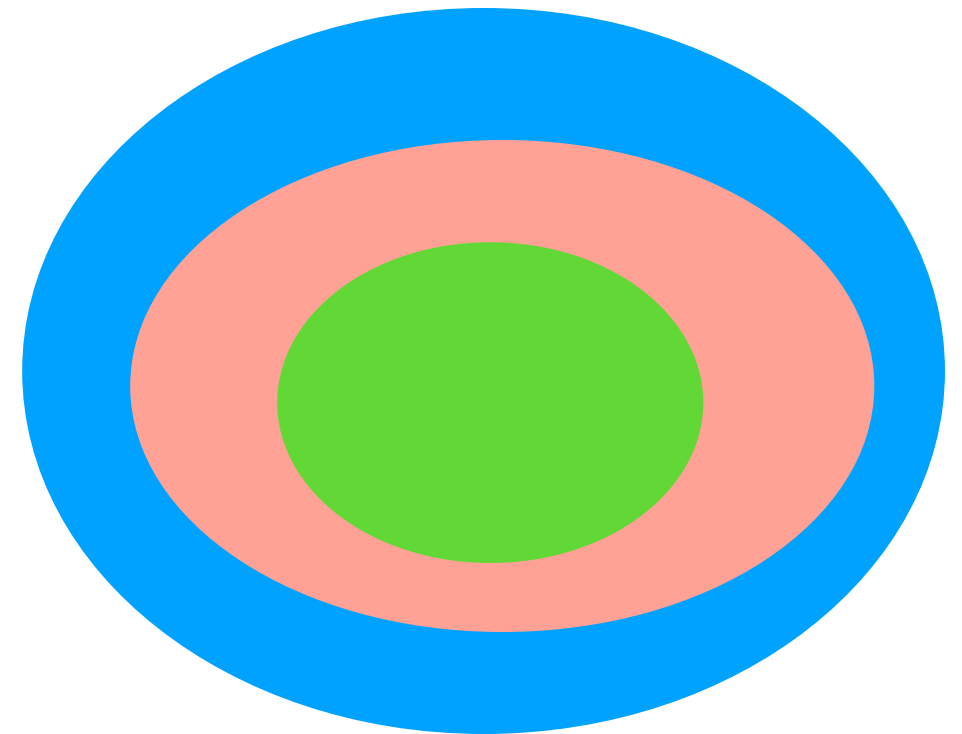
# Ontology Modularity

- Input
  - Ontology
  - **Signature**: set of specified classes and properties



# Tools for Ontology Modularity

- OWLAPI: Locality-based module<sup>1</sup>
- MEX: Minimal Semantic module<sup>2</sup>
- Minimal Subsumption Module<sup>3</sup>



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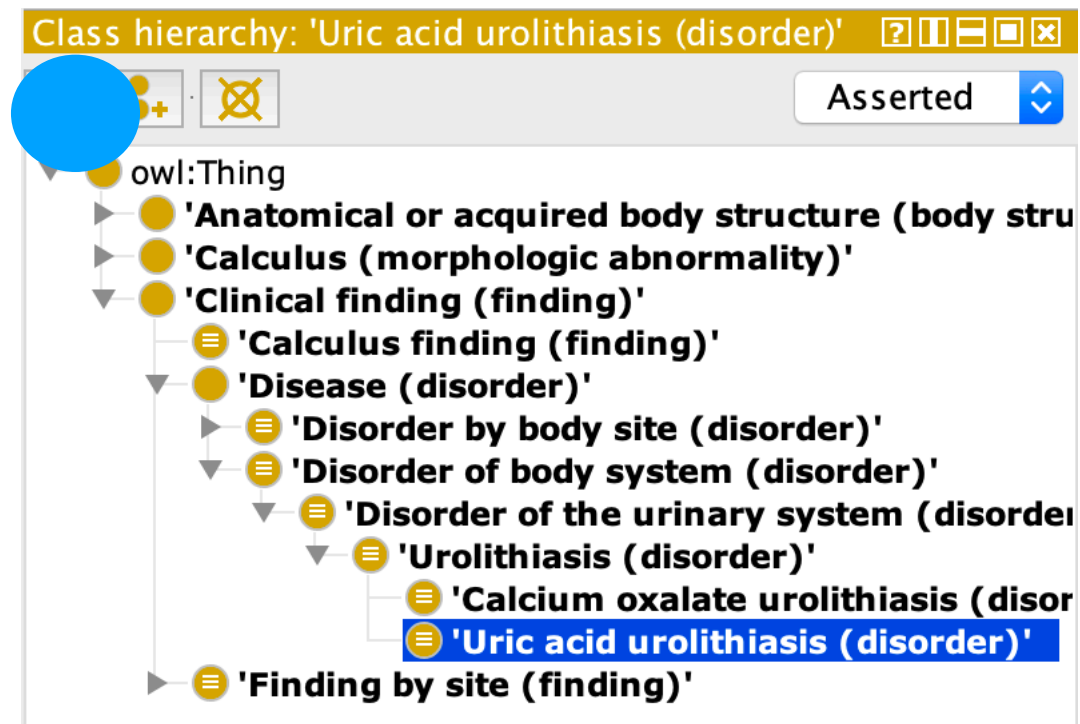
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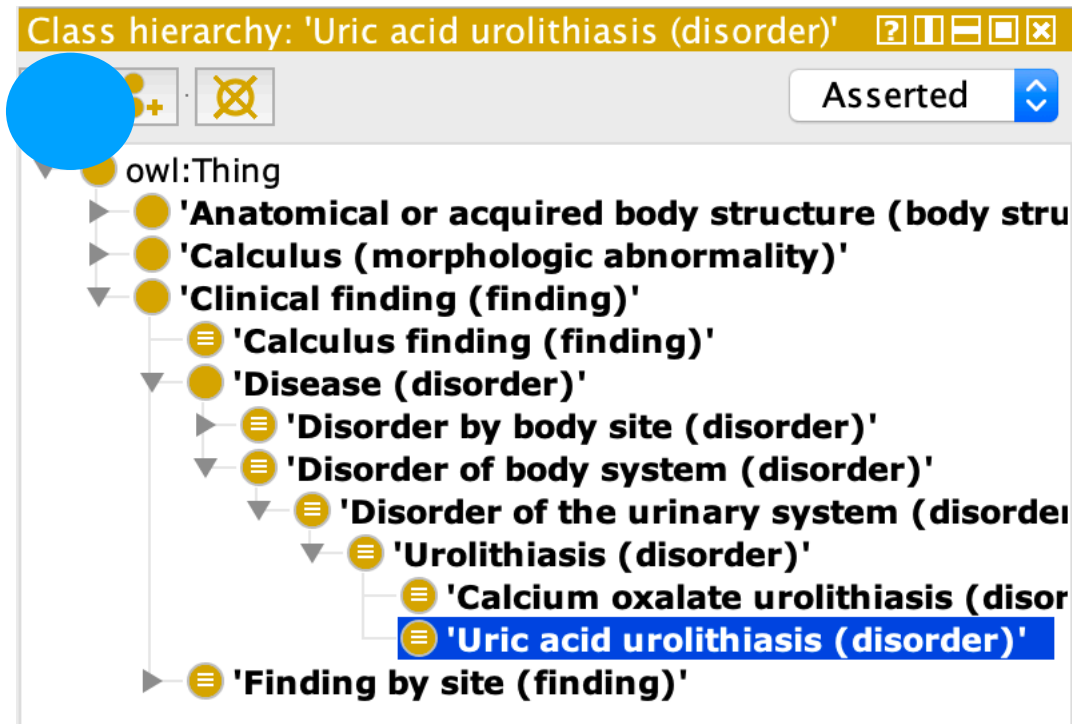
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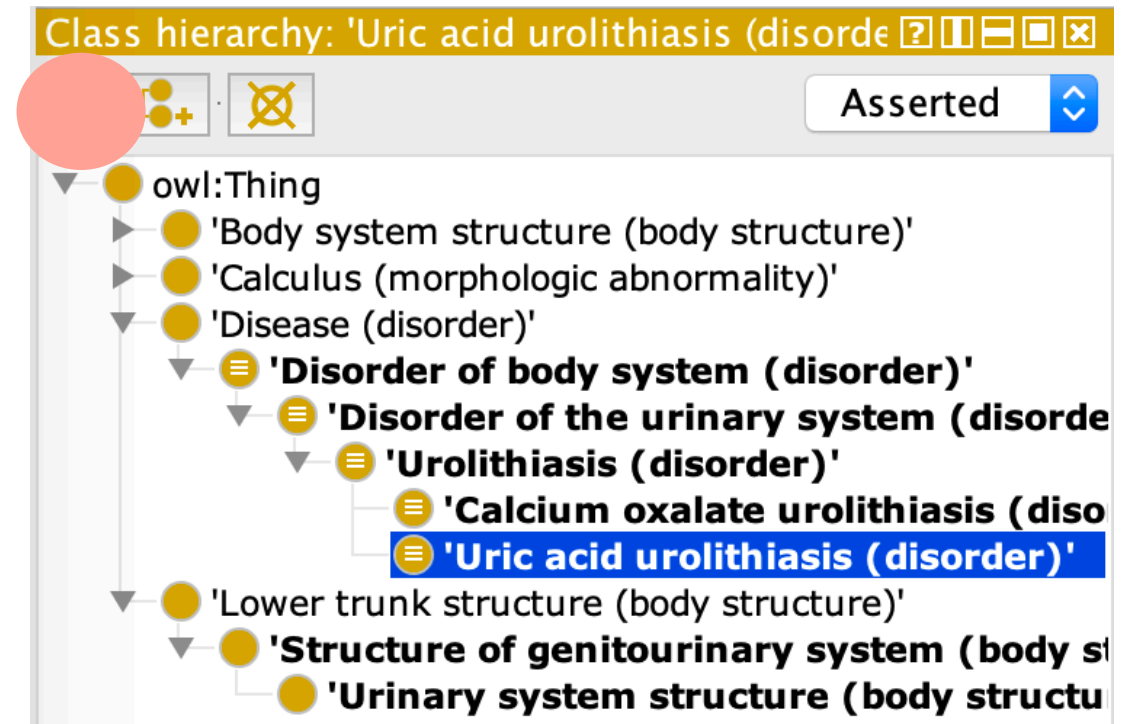
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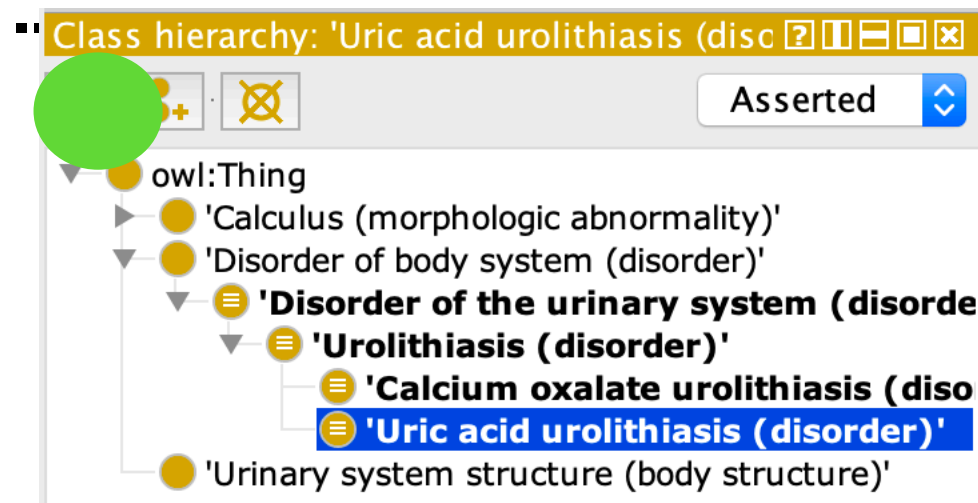
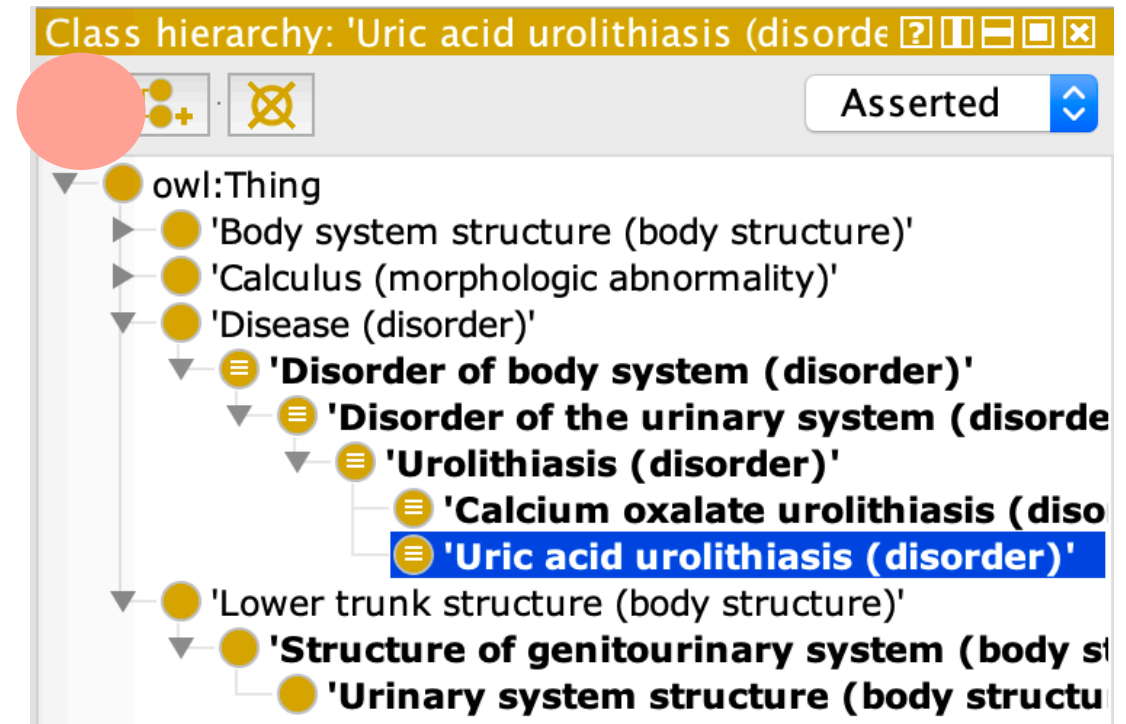
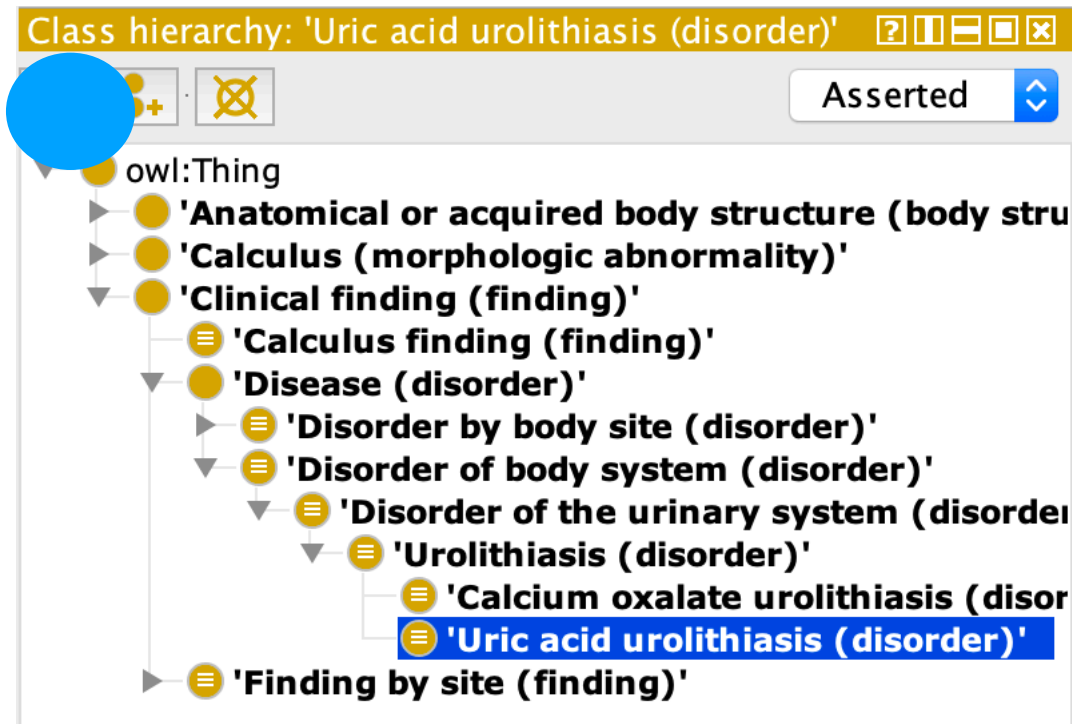
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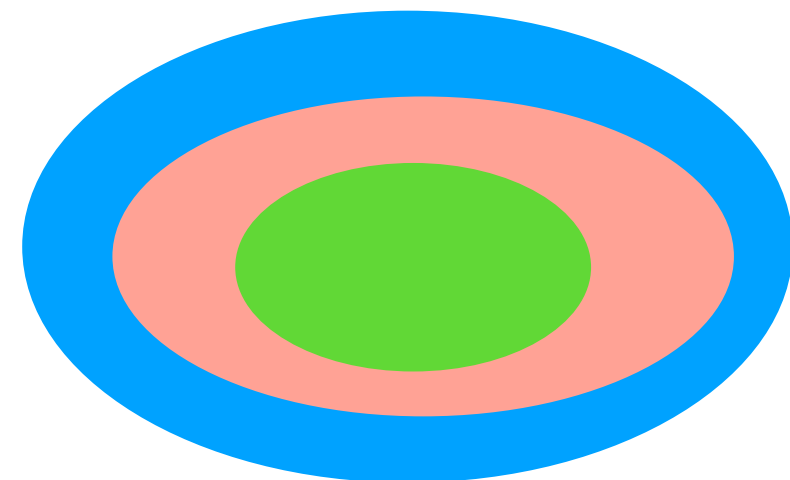
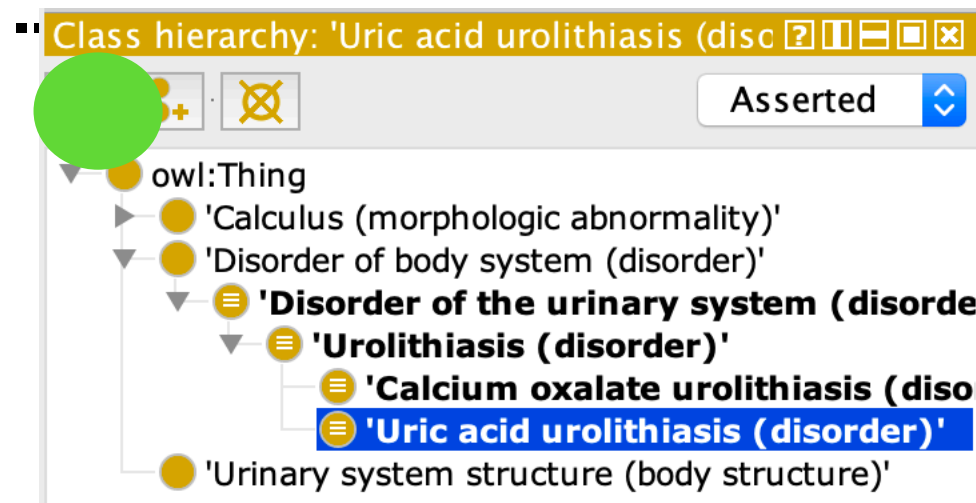
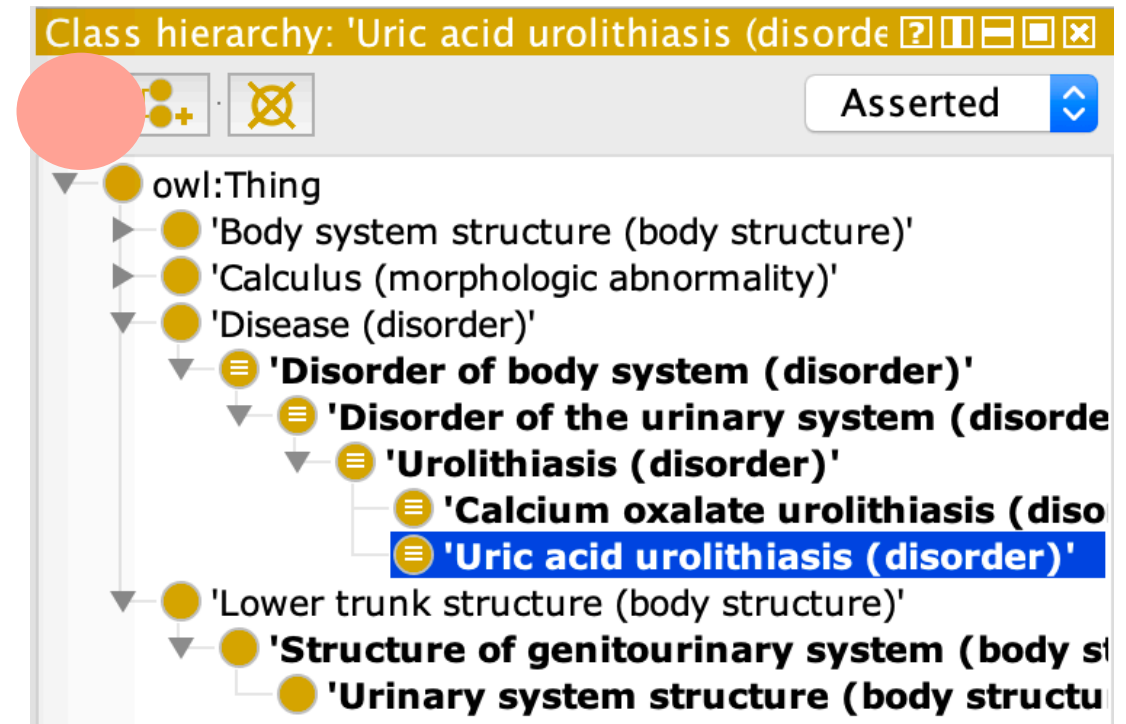
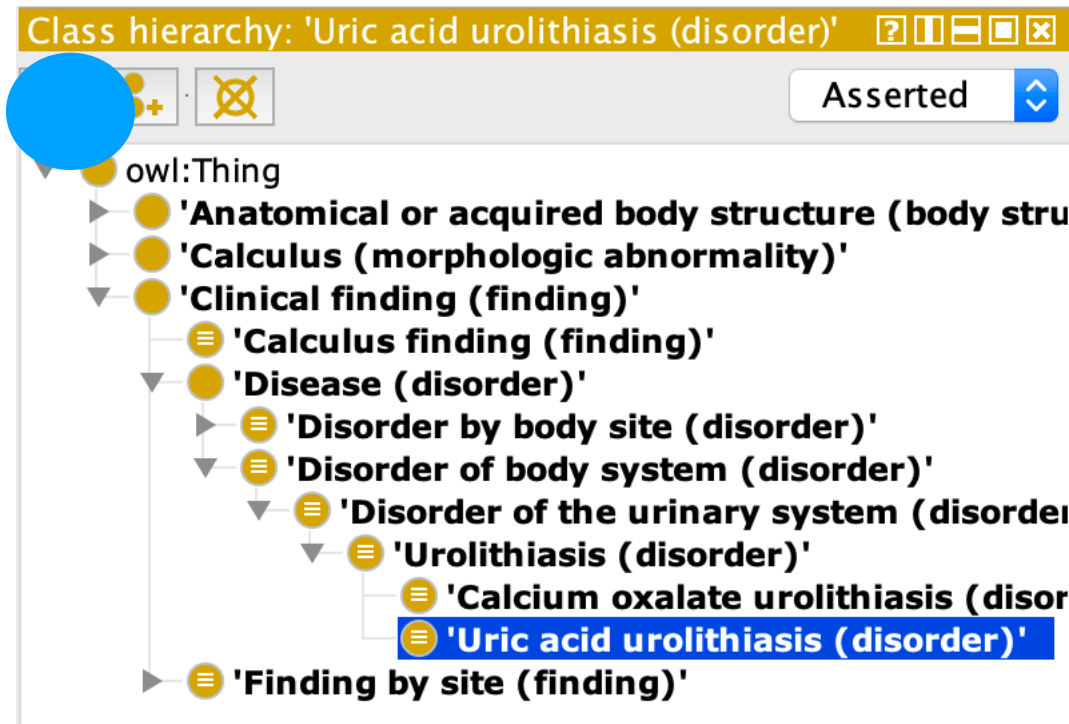
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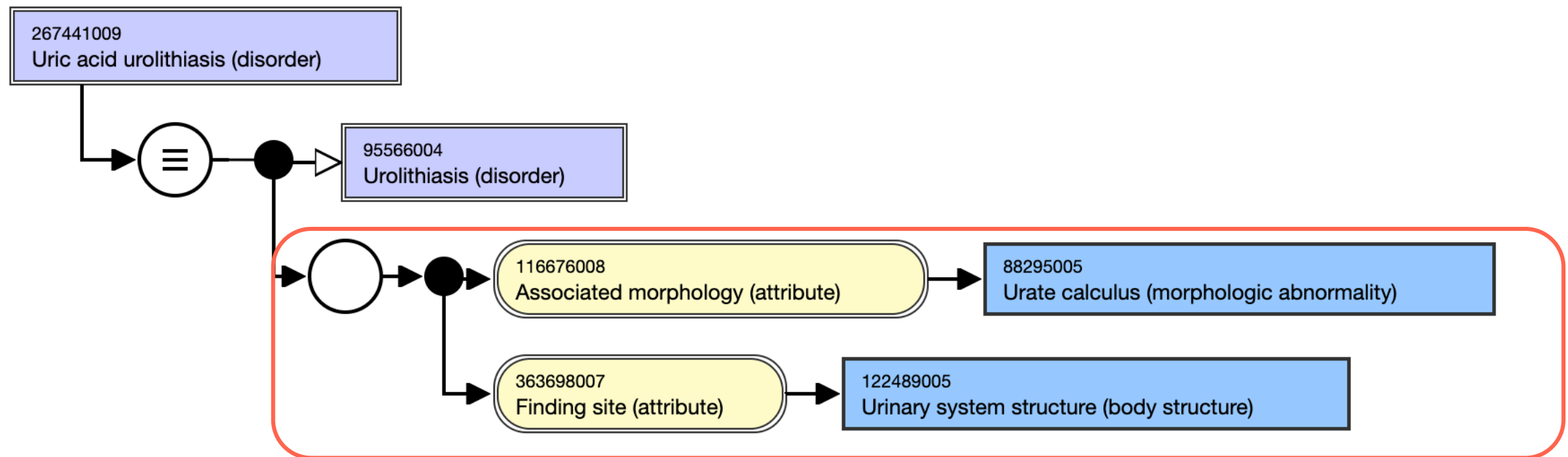
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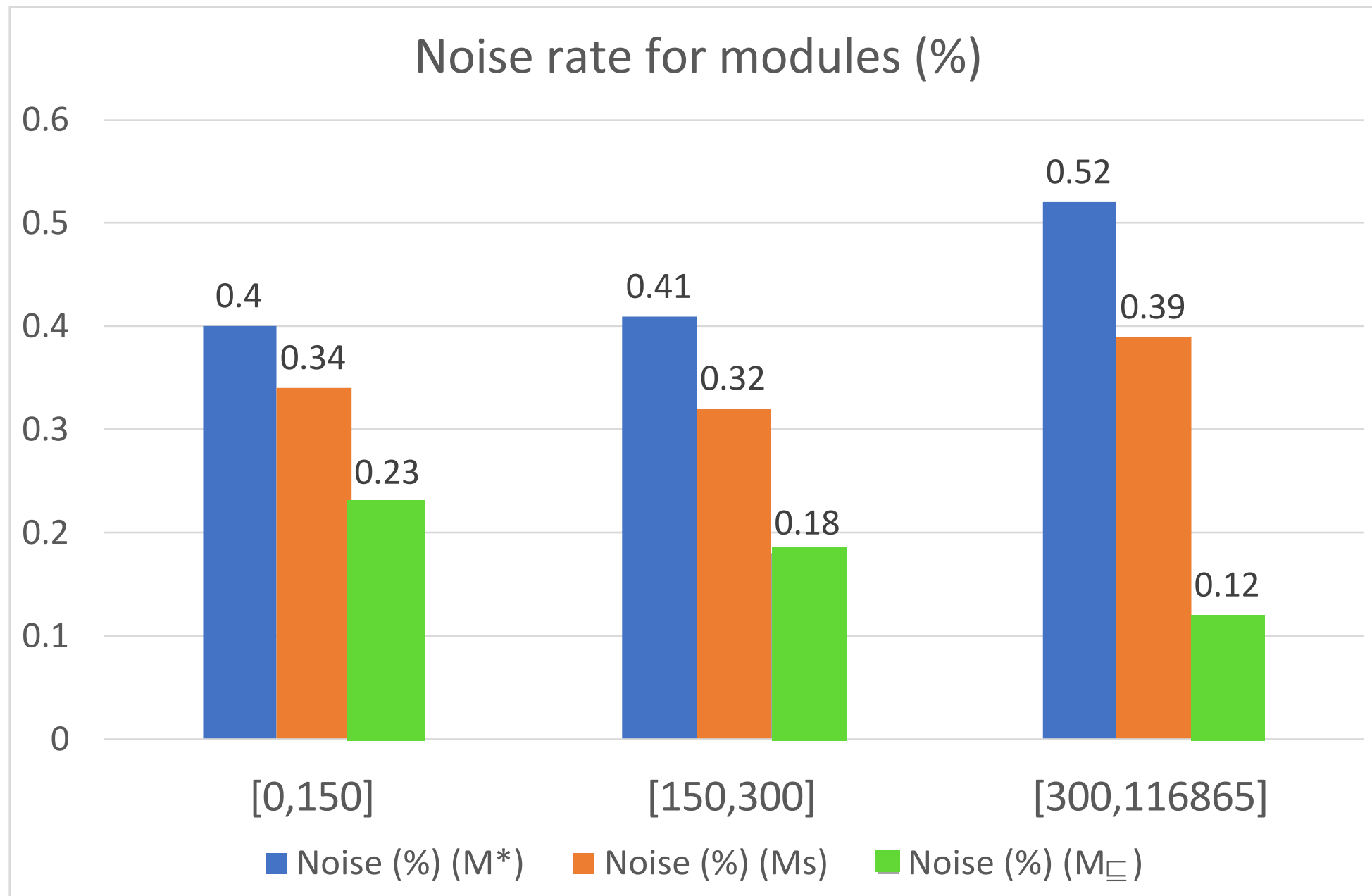


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**“Noise”**

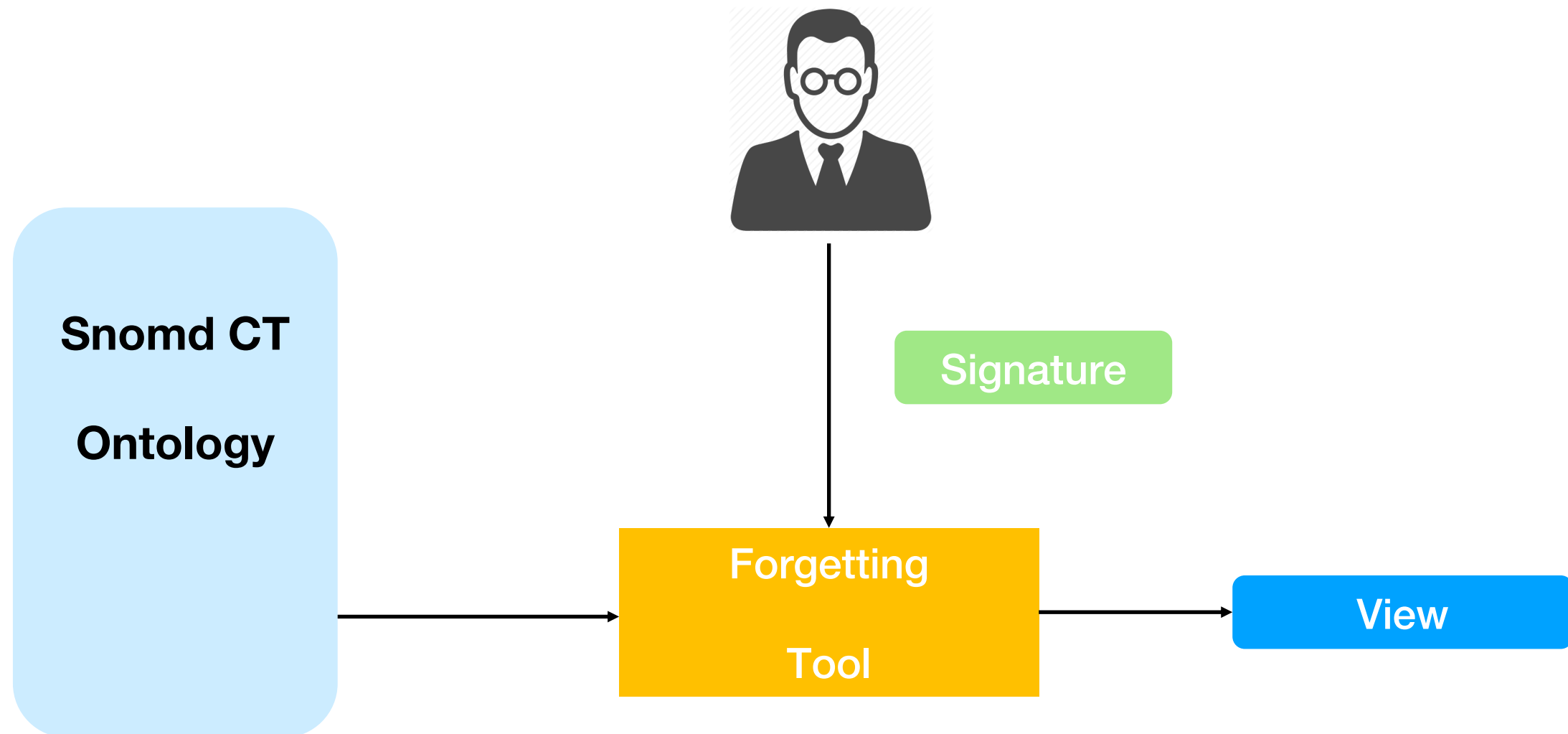


**Modules contain noise: classes and properties that are not in signatures.**



# Forgetting

- a set of axioms over signature, specified classes and properties
- preserve answers to queries about signature
- no noise: not a subset of the ontology



➤ requires reasoning, hard to compute

# Forgetting Tools

- NUI<sup>1</sup>
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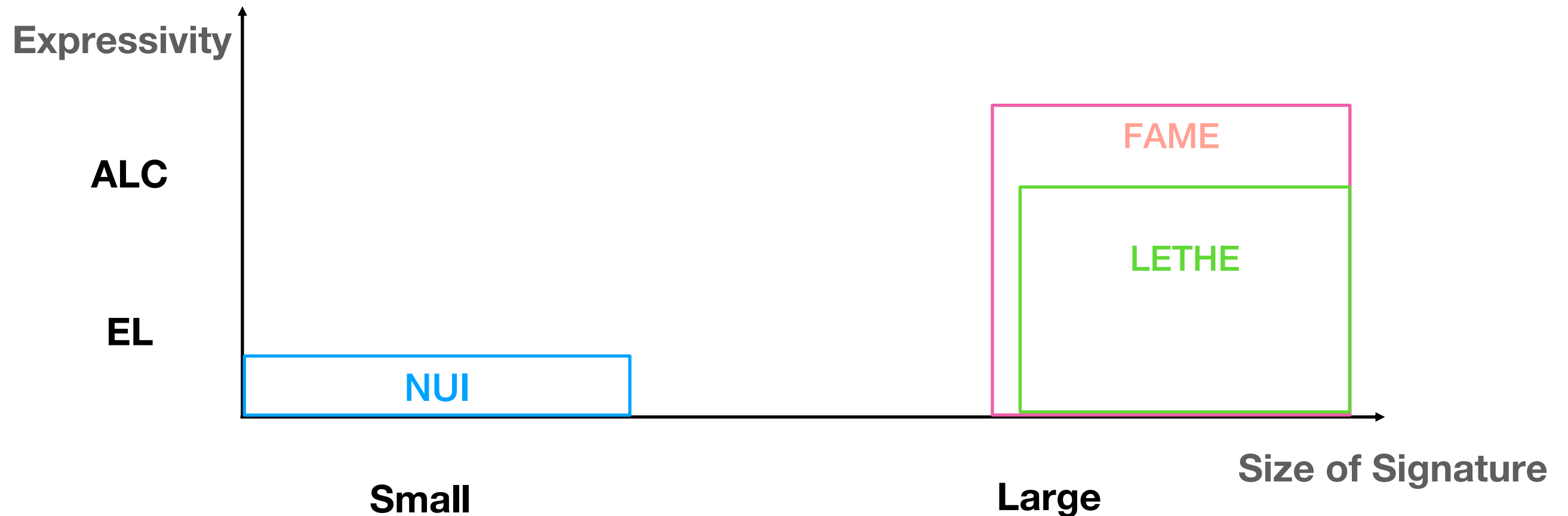
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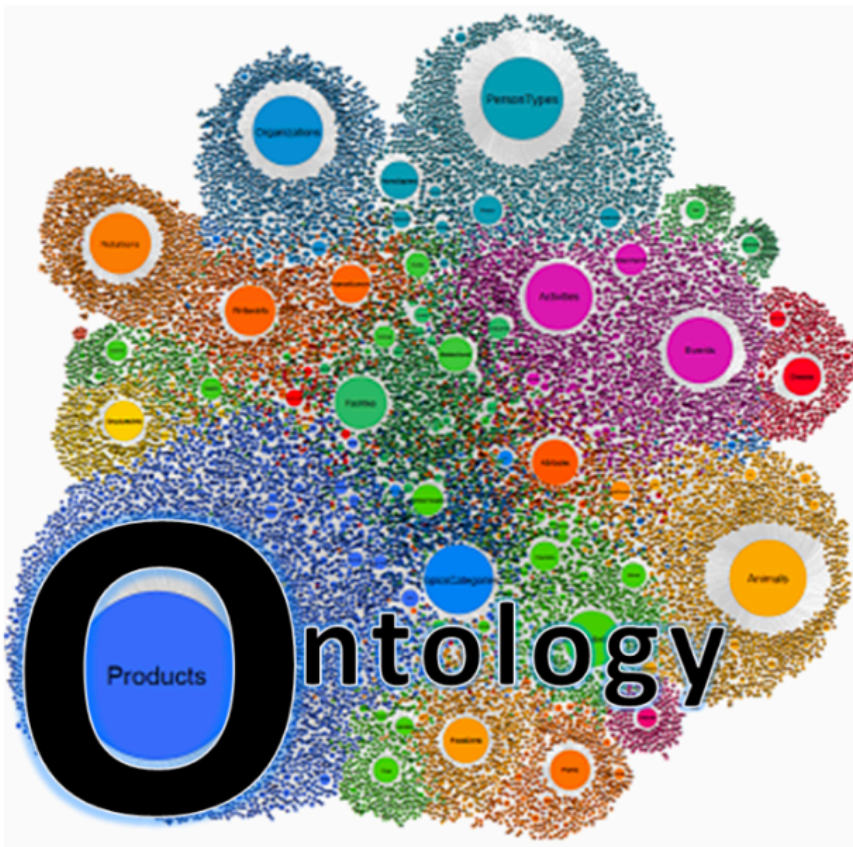
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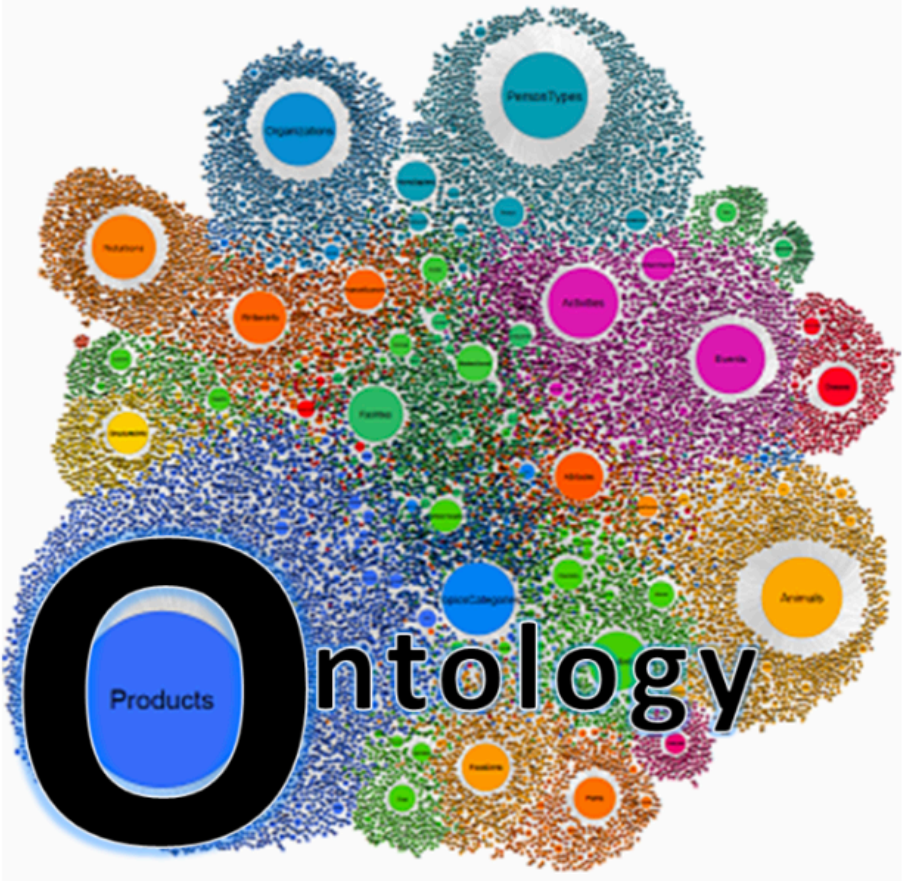
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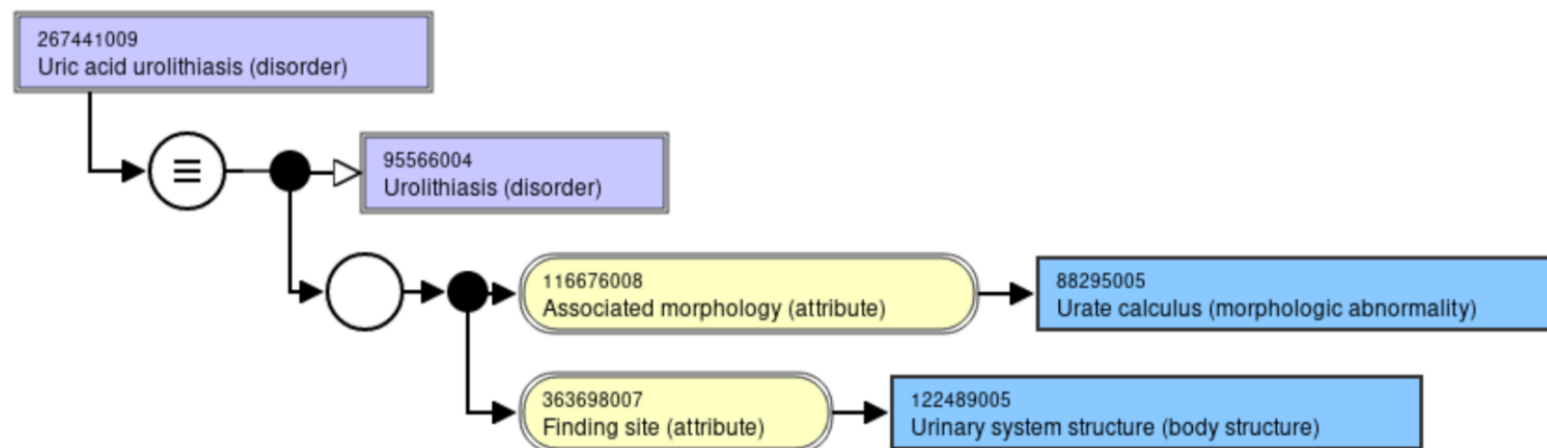
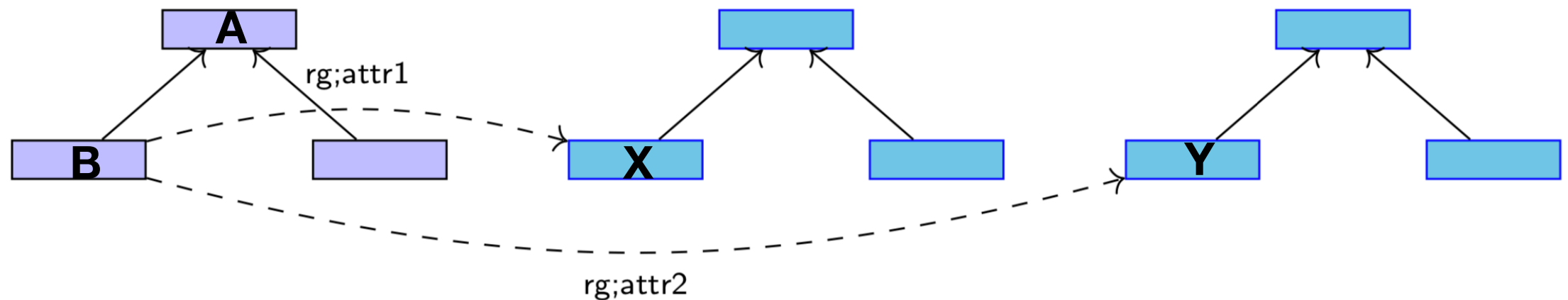


**ERA refset**

**View is not really useful!**

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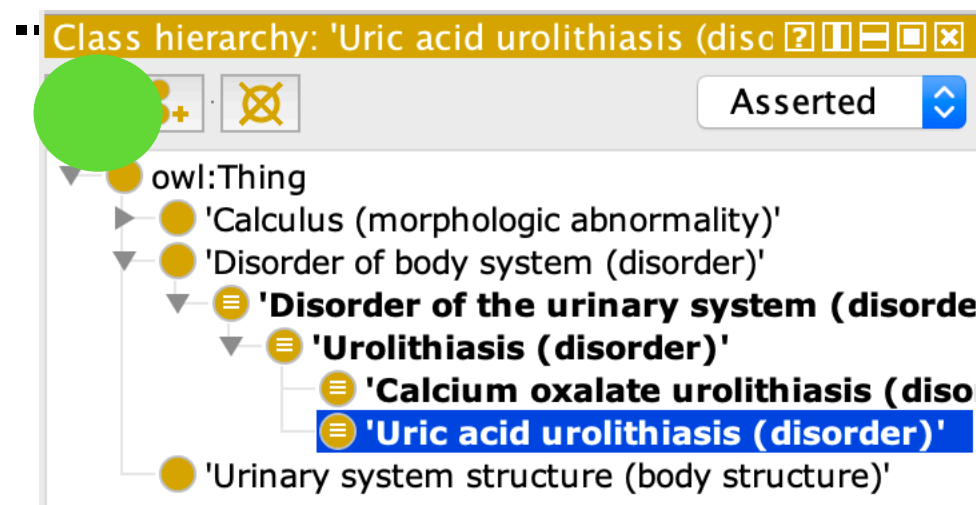
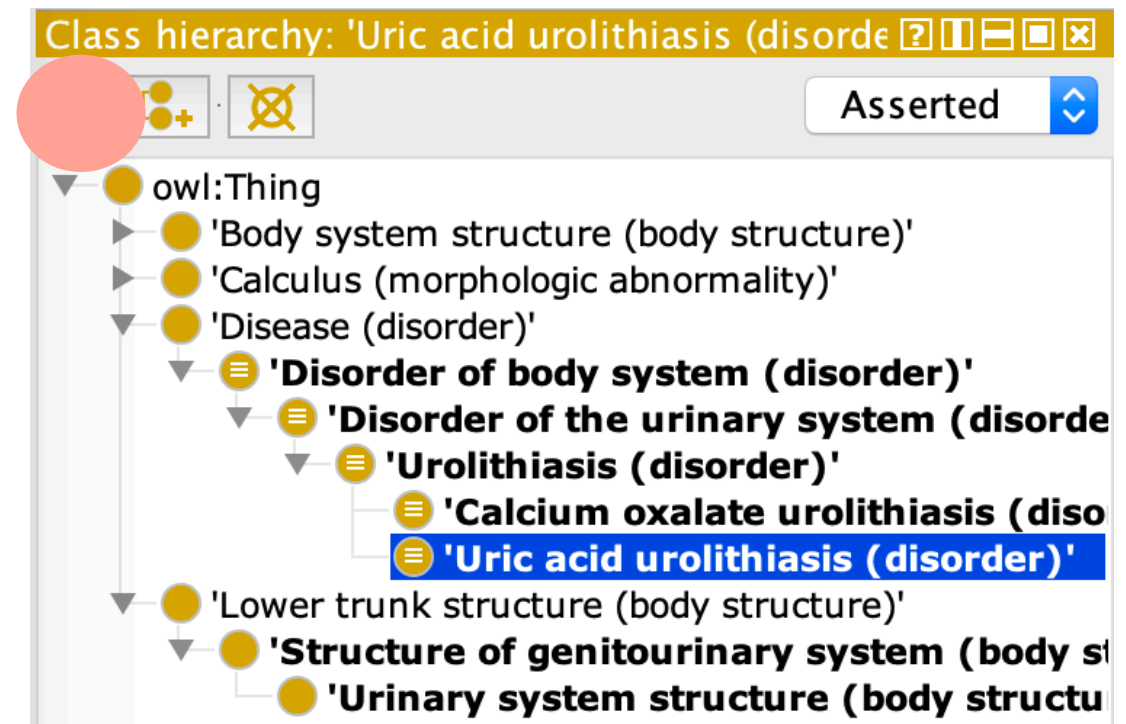
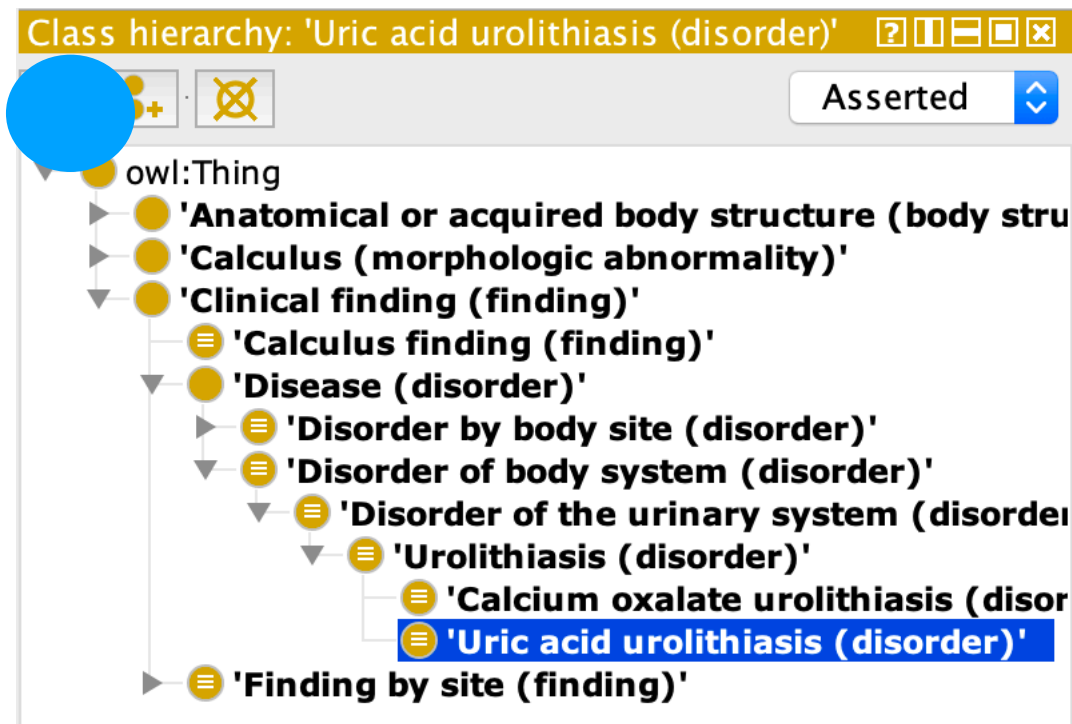
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- **Solution:** utilise the ontology to adjust signature





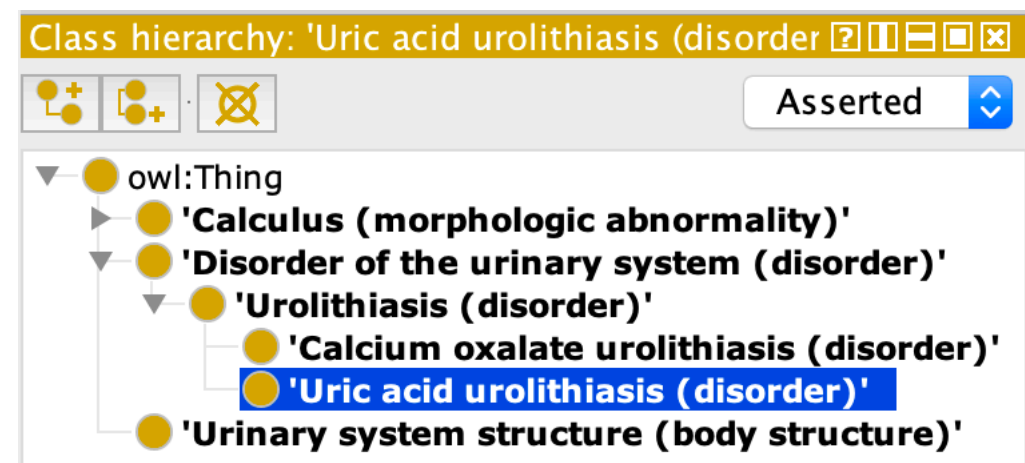
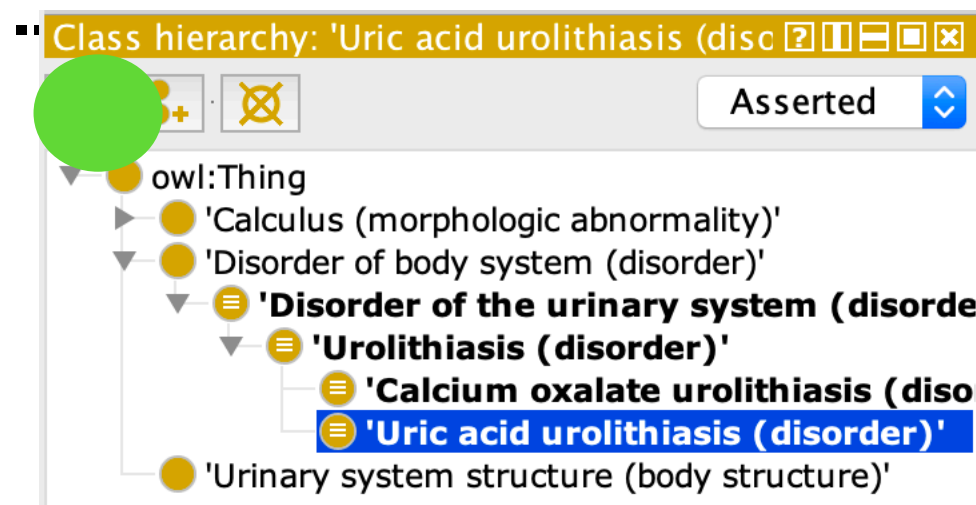
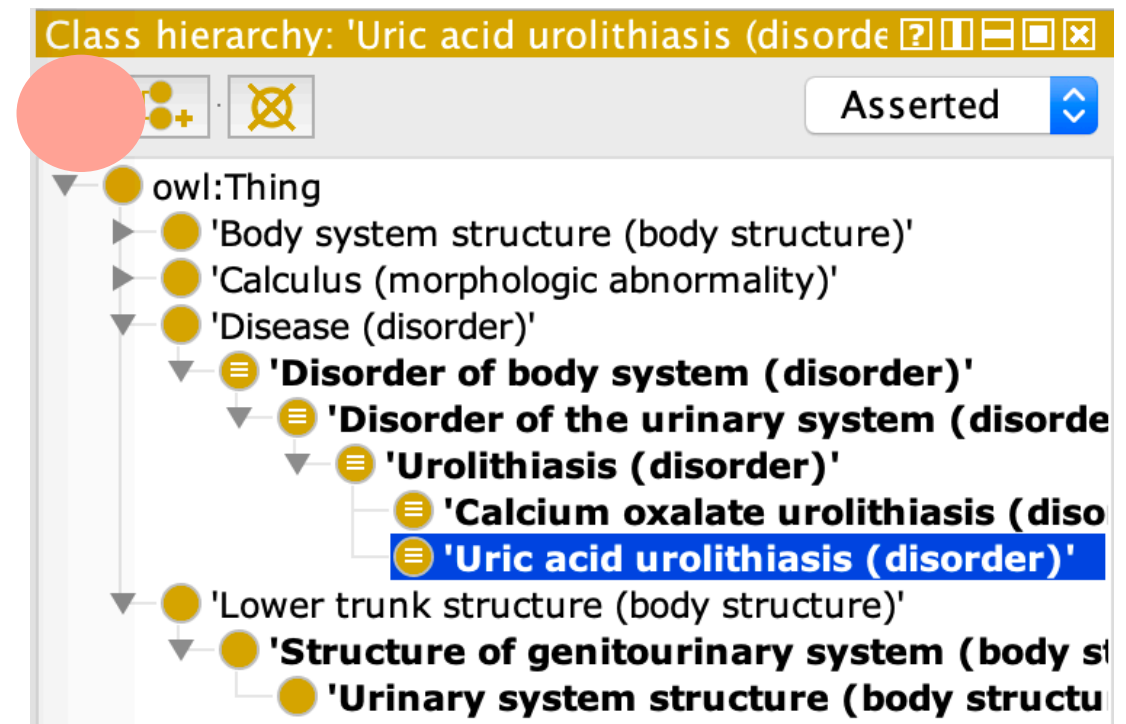
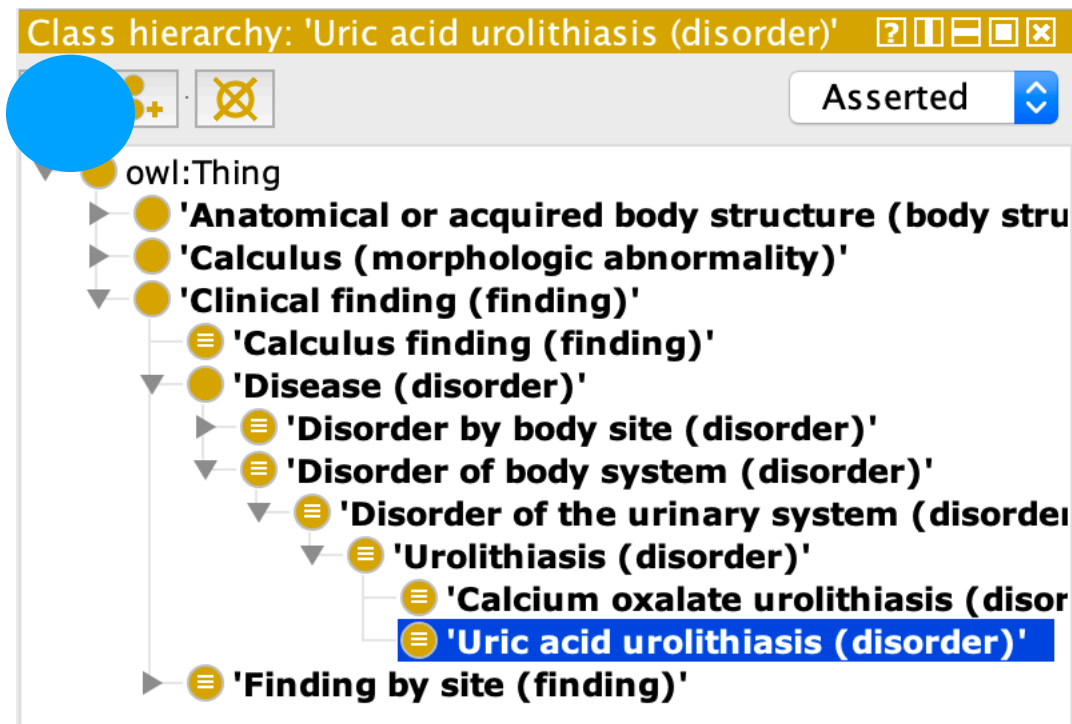
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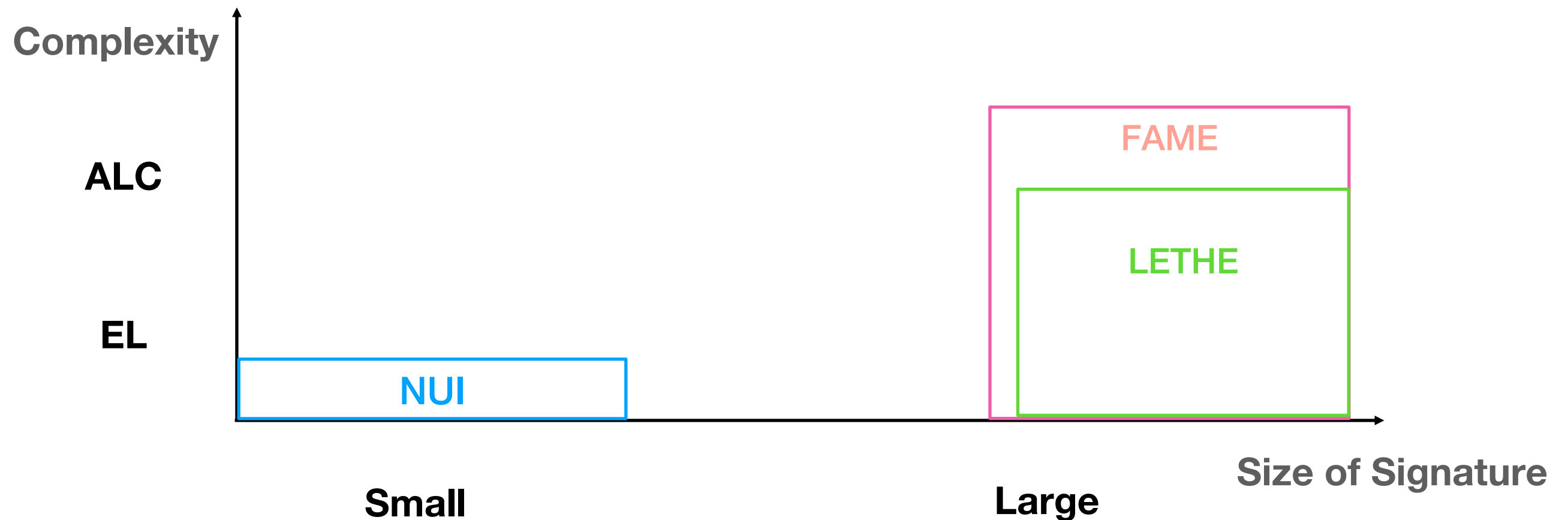
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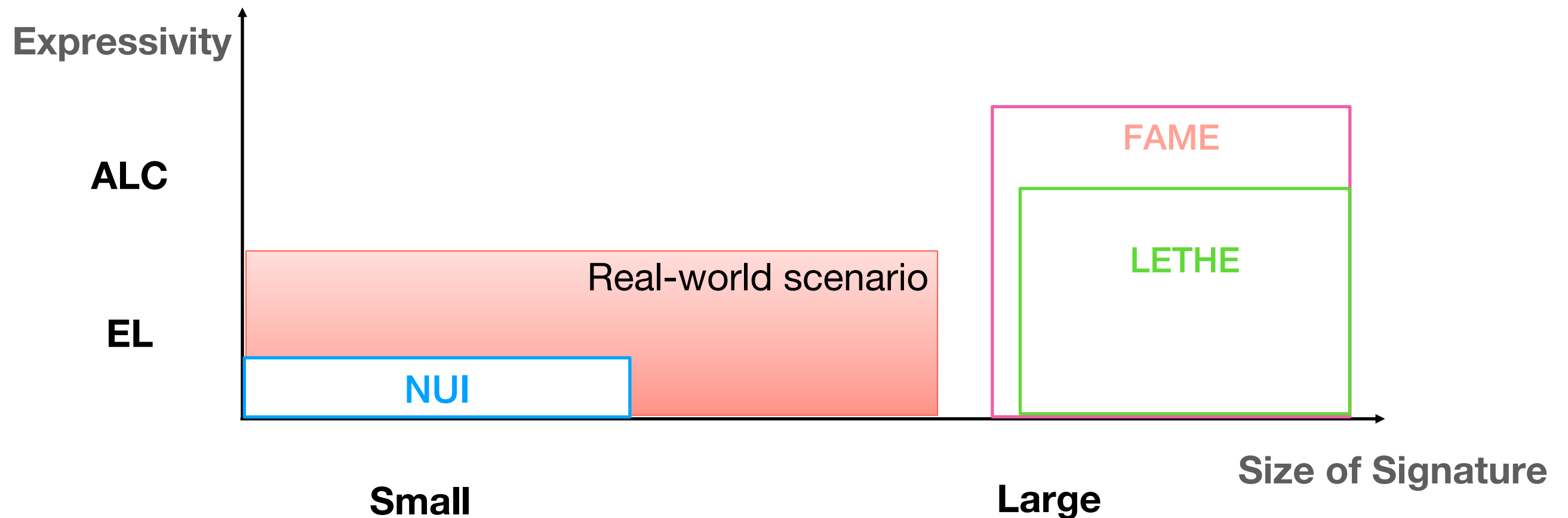
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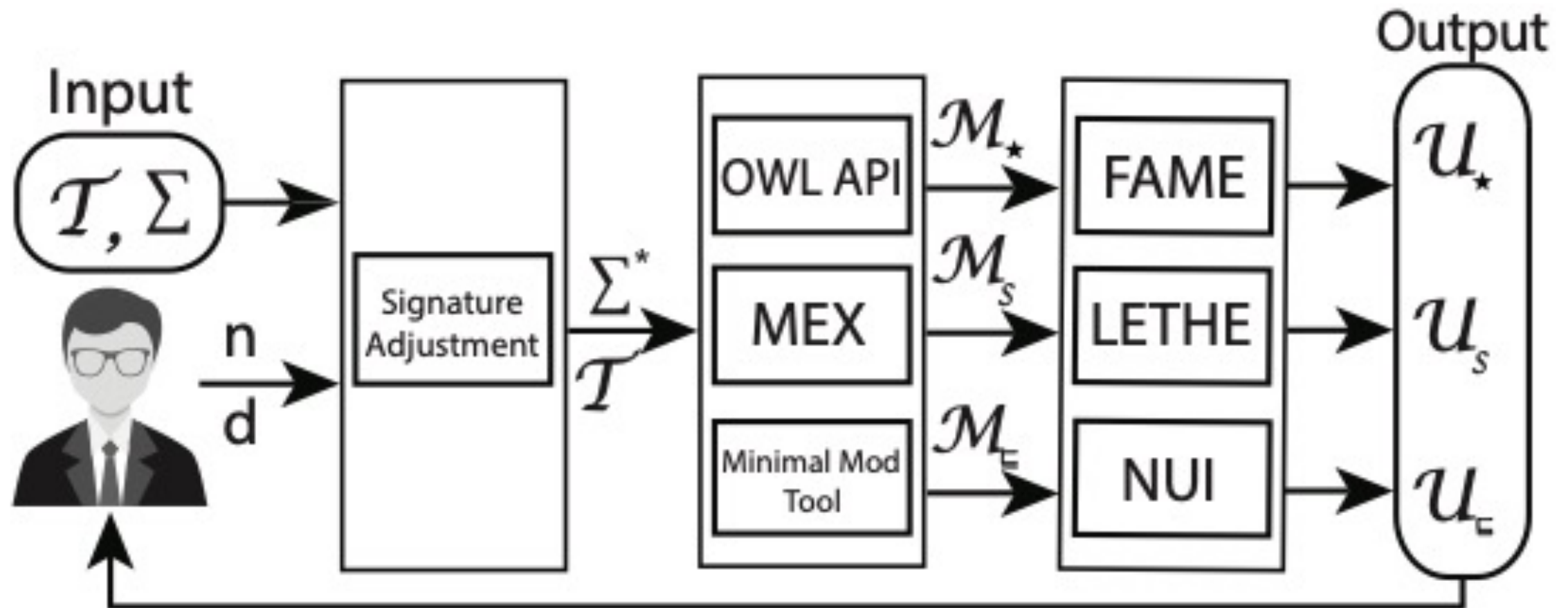
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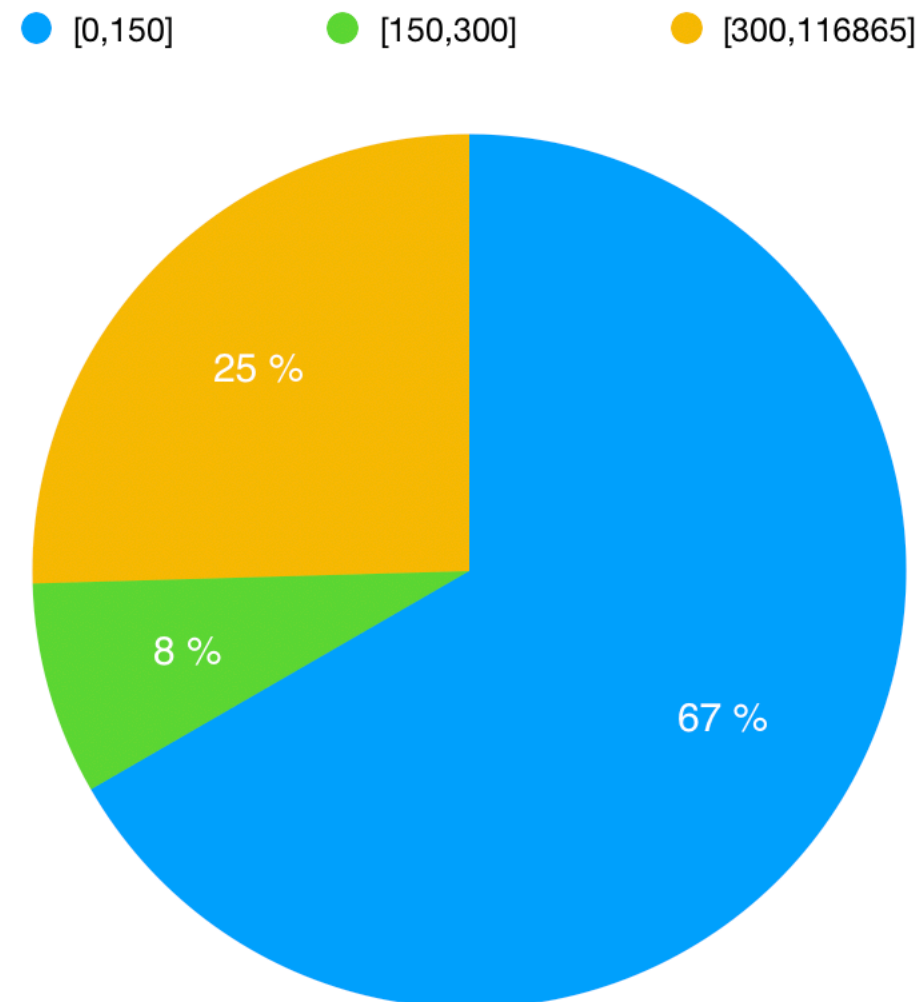
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Signature Adjustment + Ontology Modularity + Forgetting



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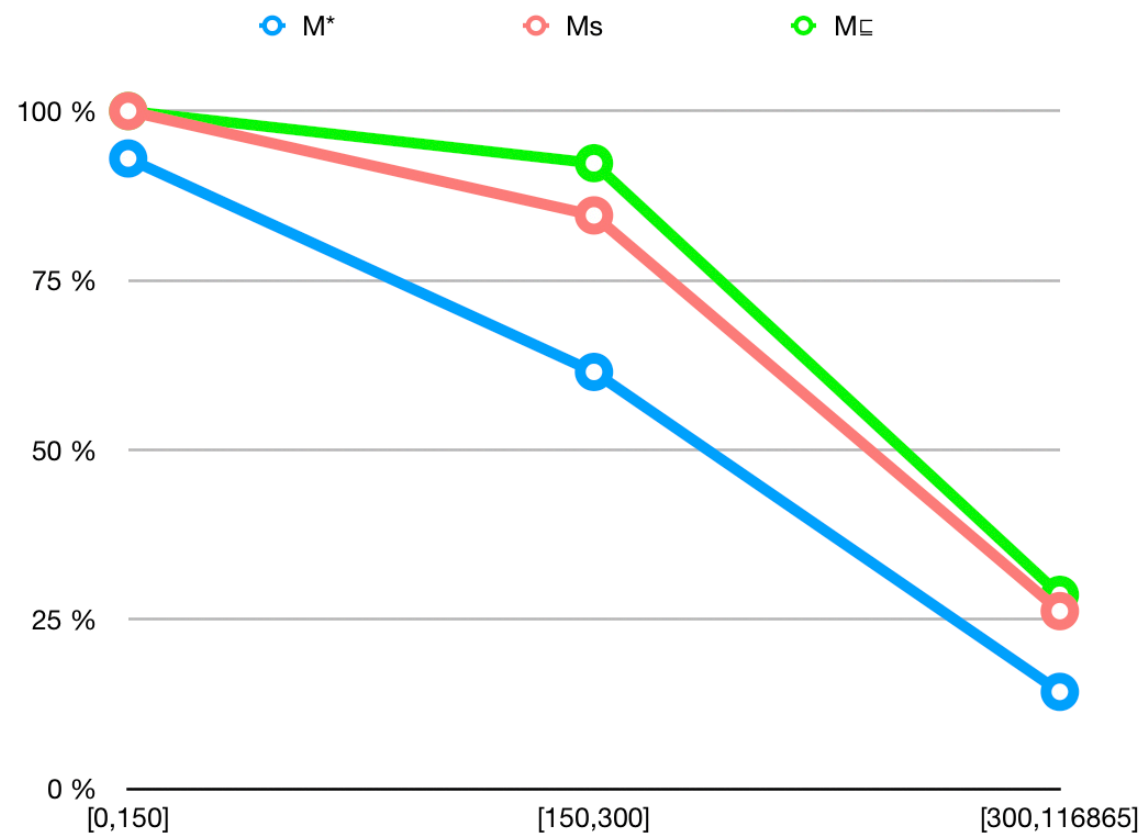
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- 2-116 865 classes



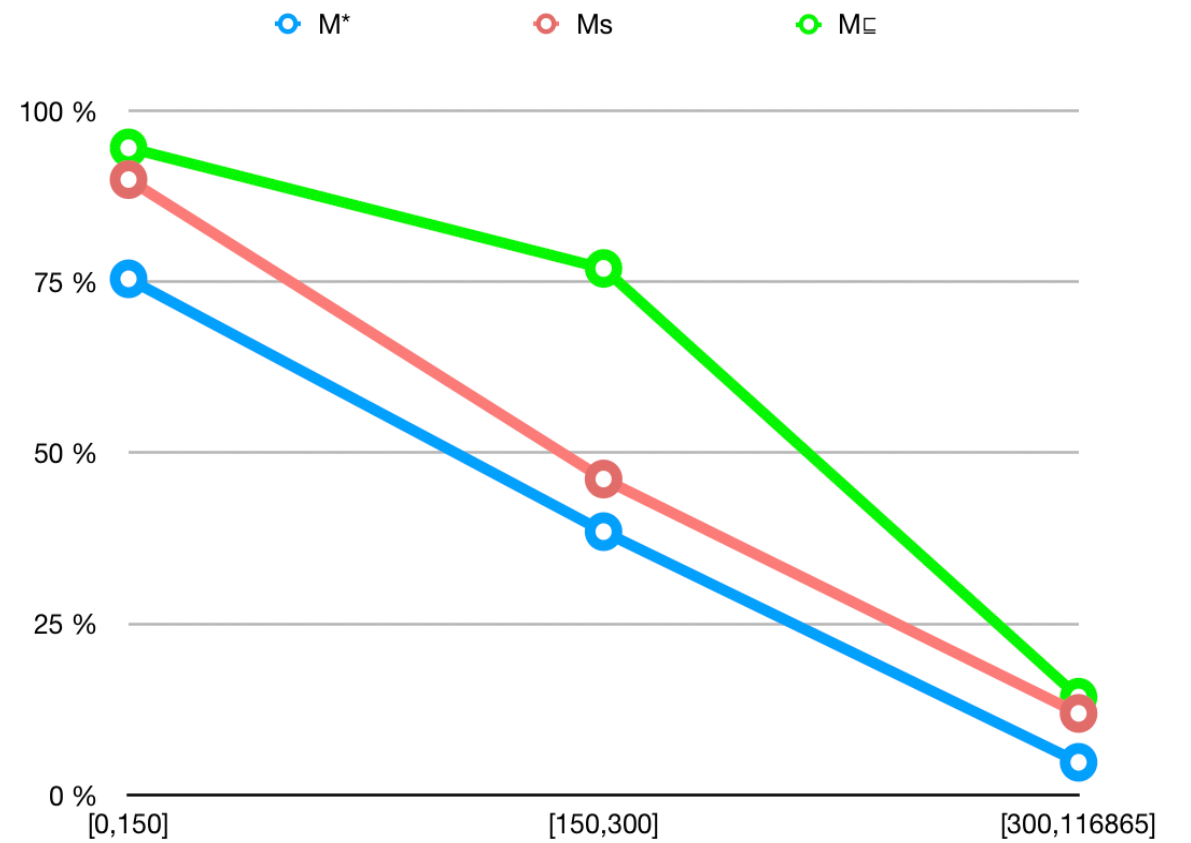


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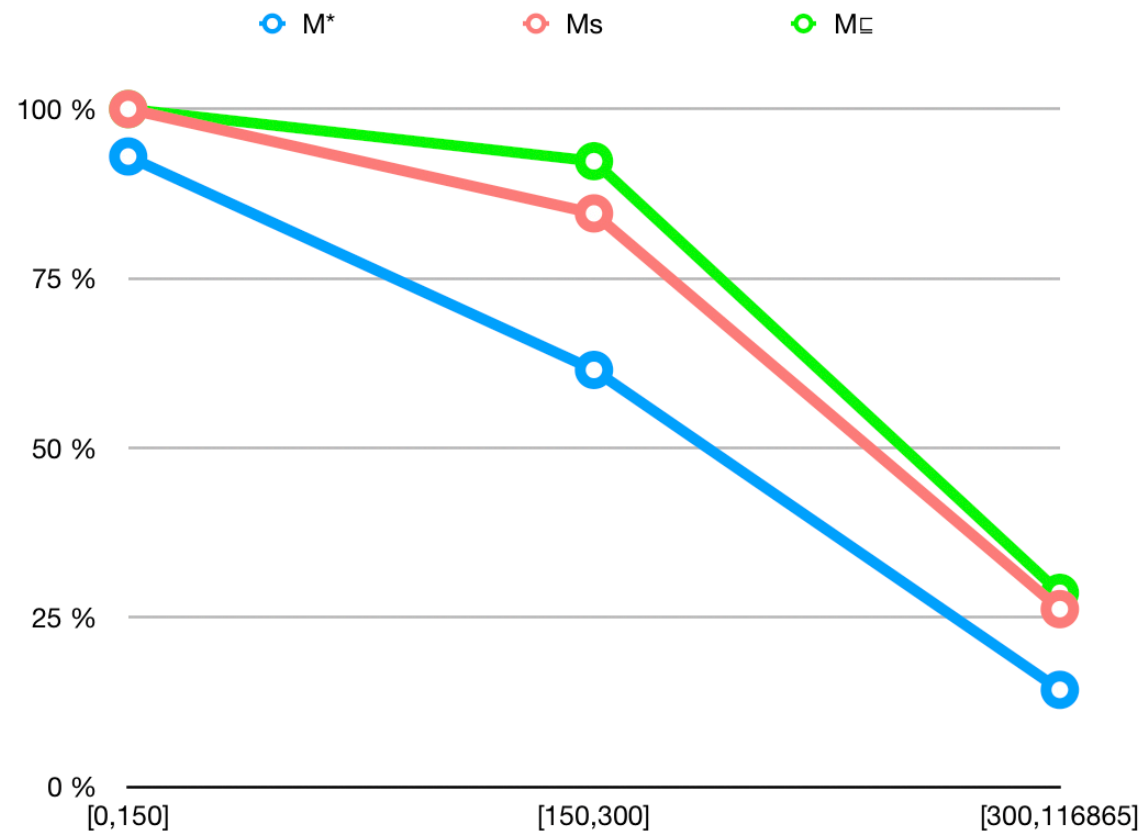
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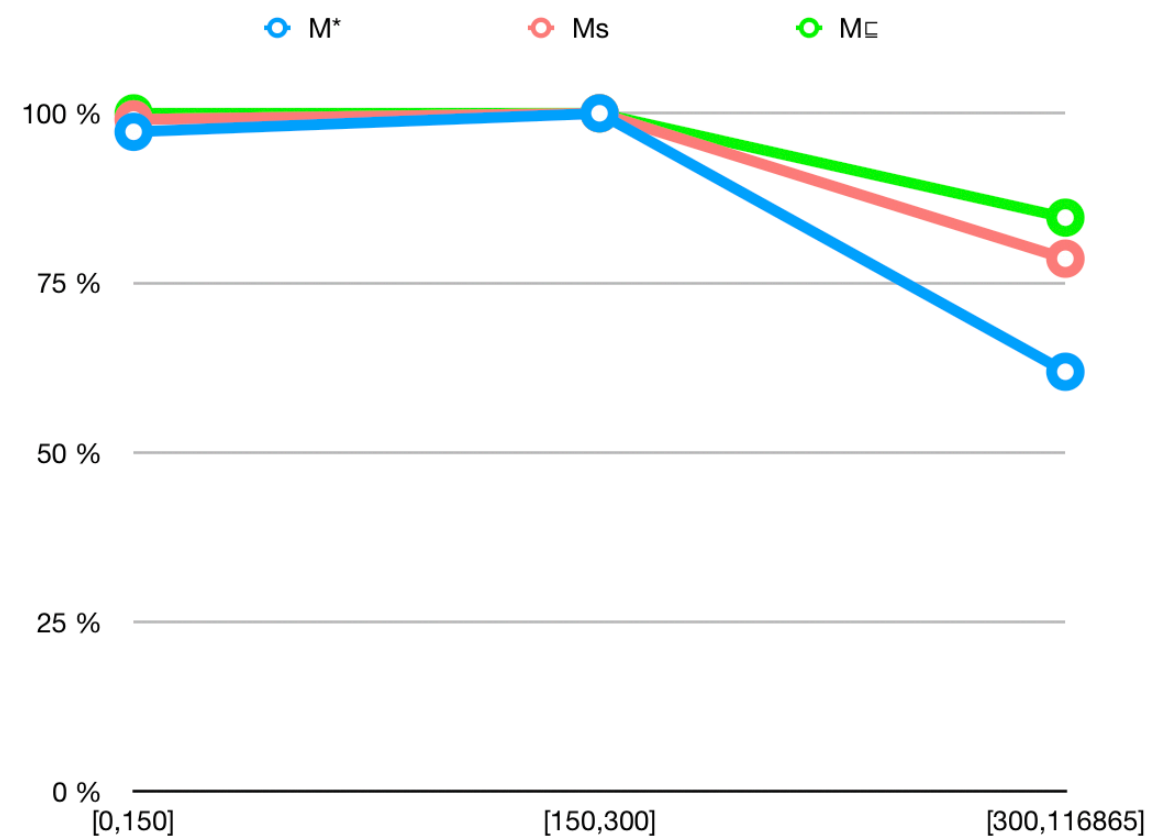
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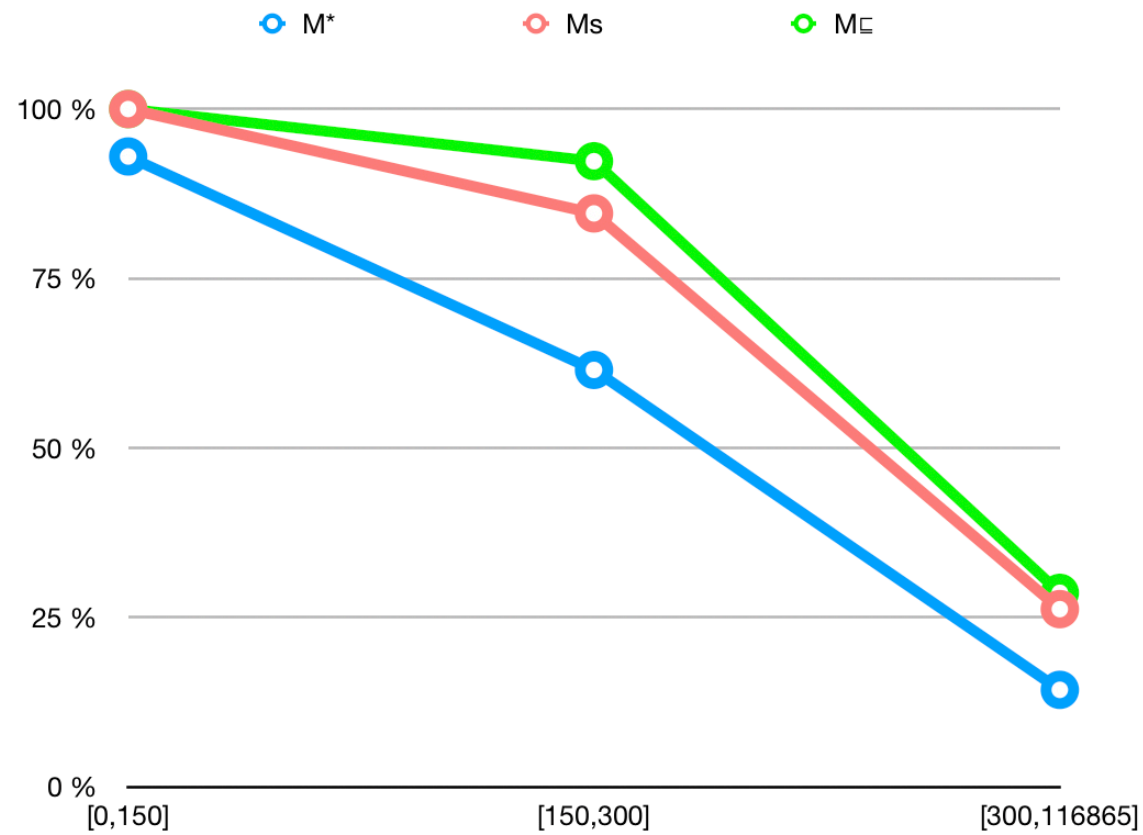


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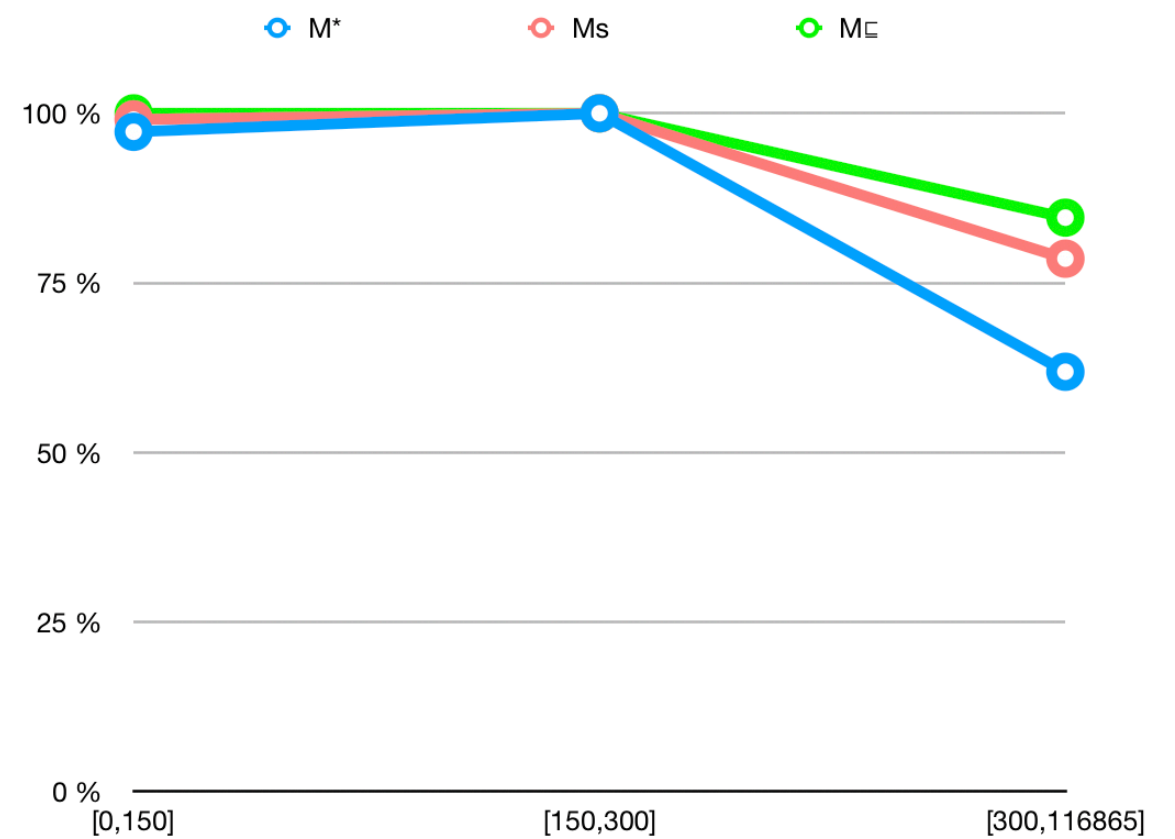
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Ontology Modularity  
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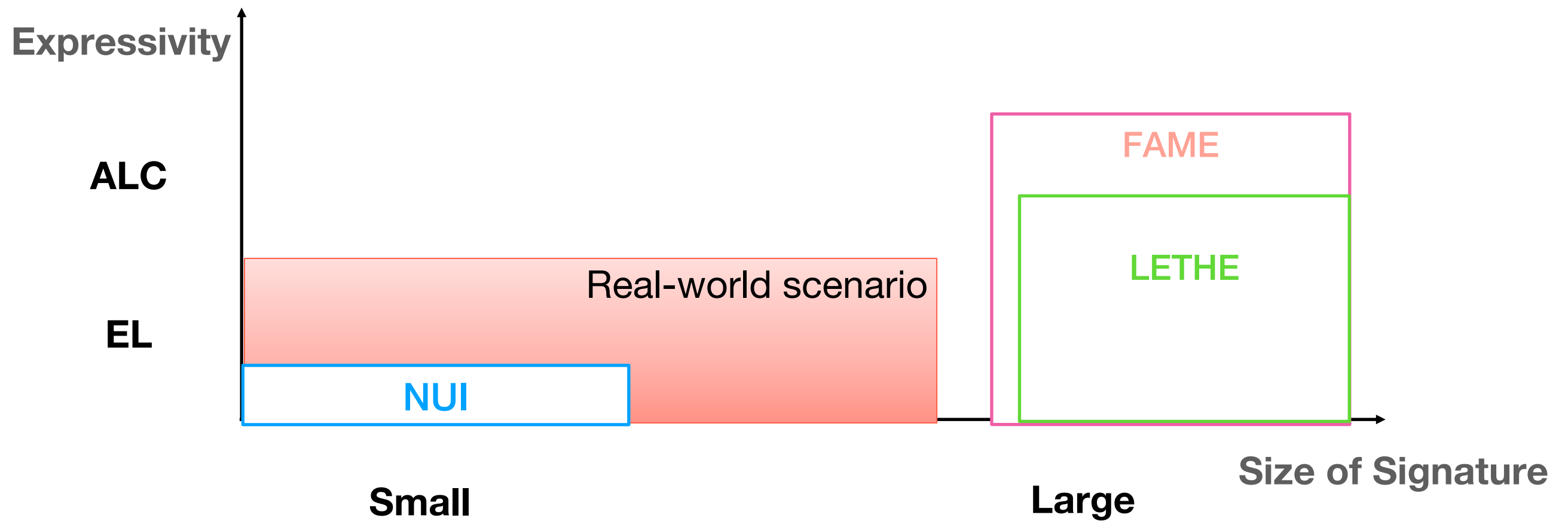


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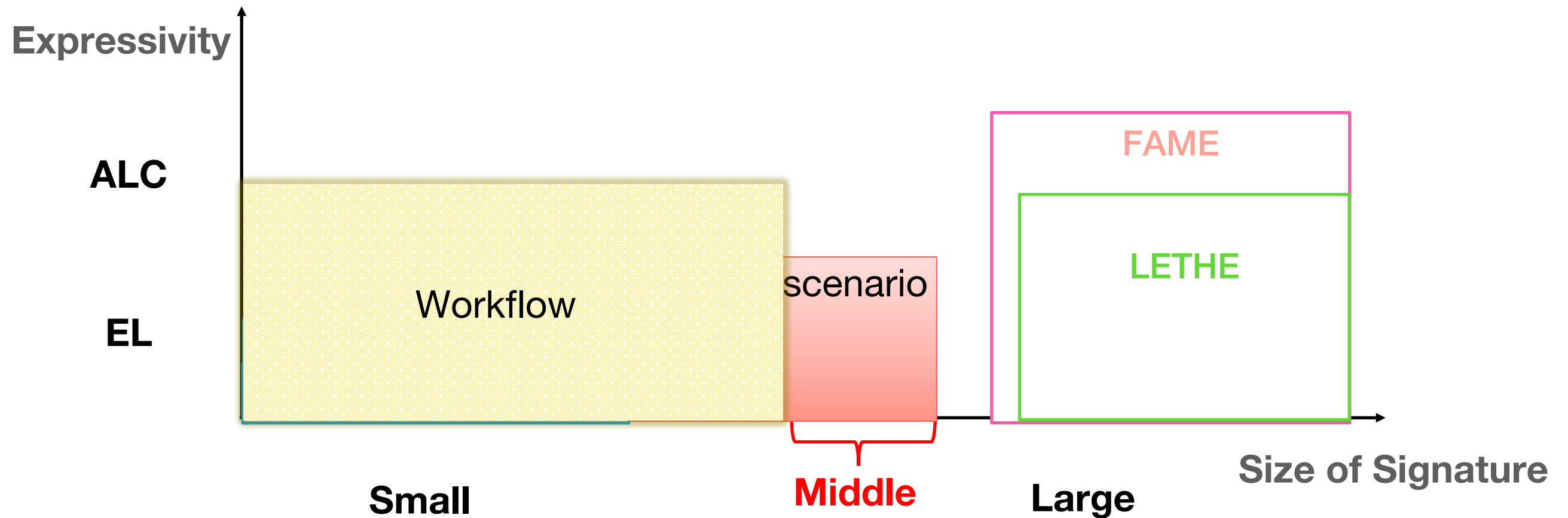


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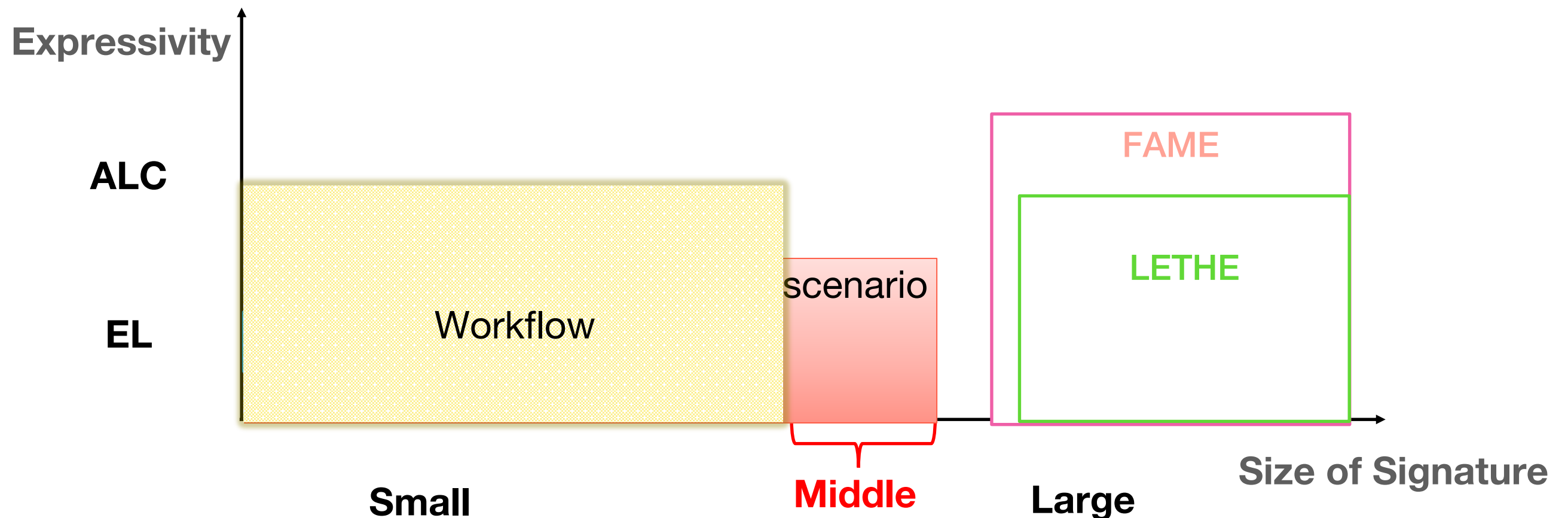


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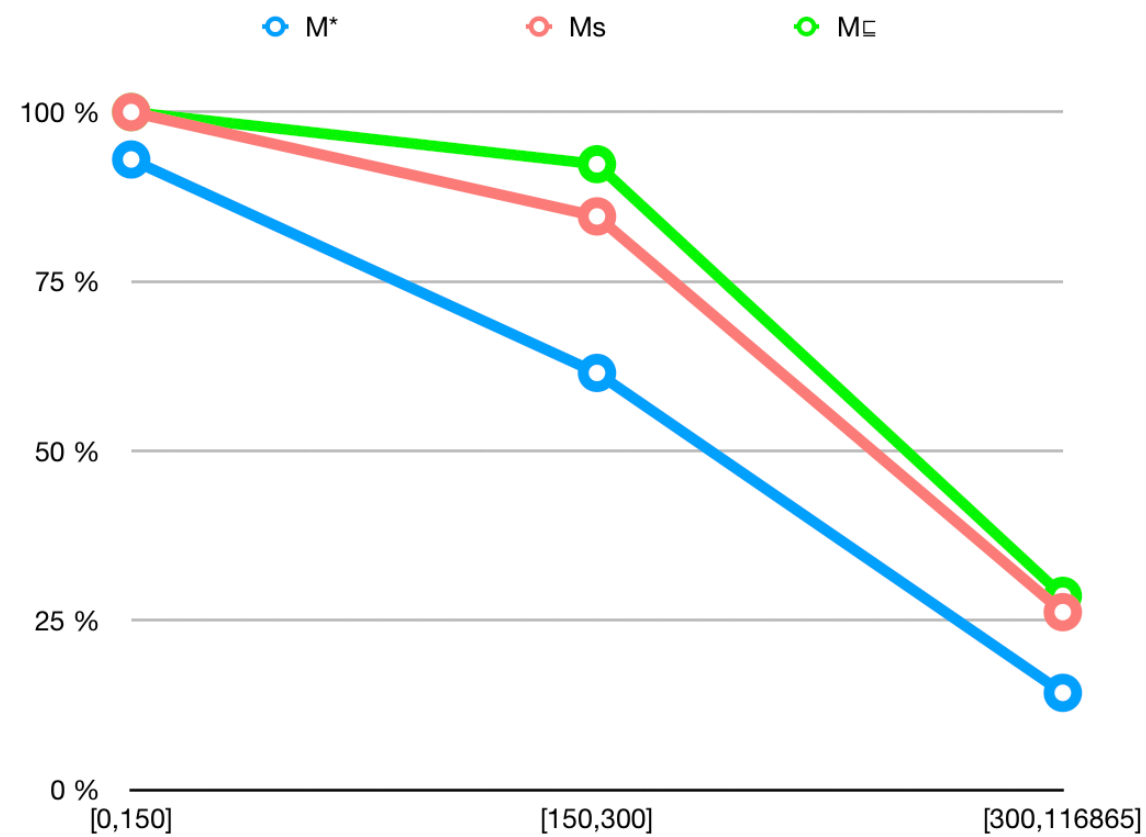
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- **Signature adjustment techniques**
  - i. allow user to specify and enhance quality of extracts
  - ii. small sets of key concepts



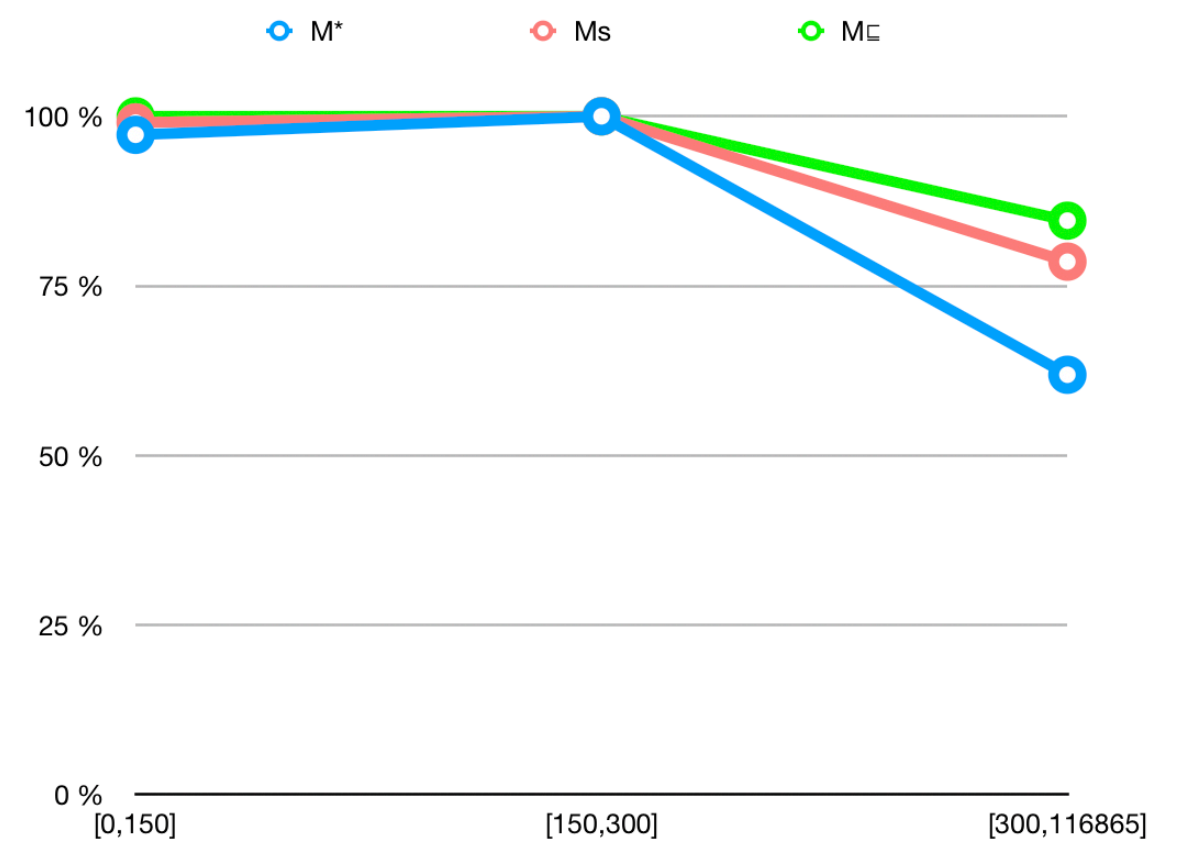


# Future Work

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- Continue to improve our forgetting tools



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