

Collaborative Knowledge Engineering via Semantic MediaWiki

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Outline

- Motivations toward collaborative Knowledge Engineering
- Our contribution: an approach and a tool to support it (MoKi)
- Short demo of MoKi
- Experiences with MoKi
- Future Works

The APOSDLE project

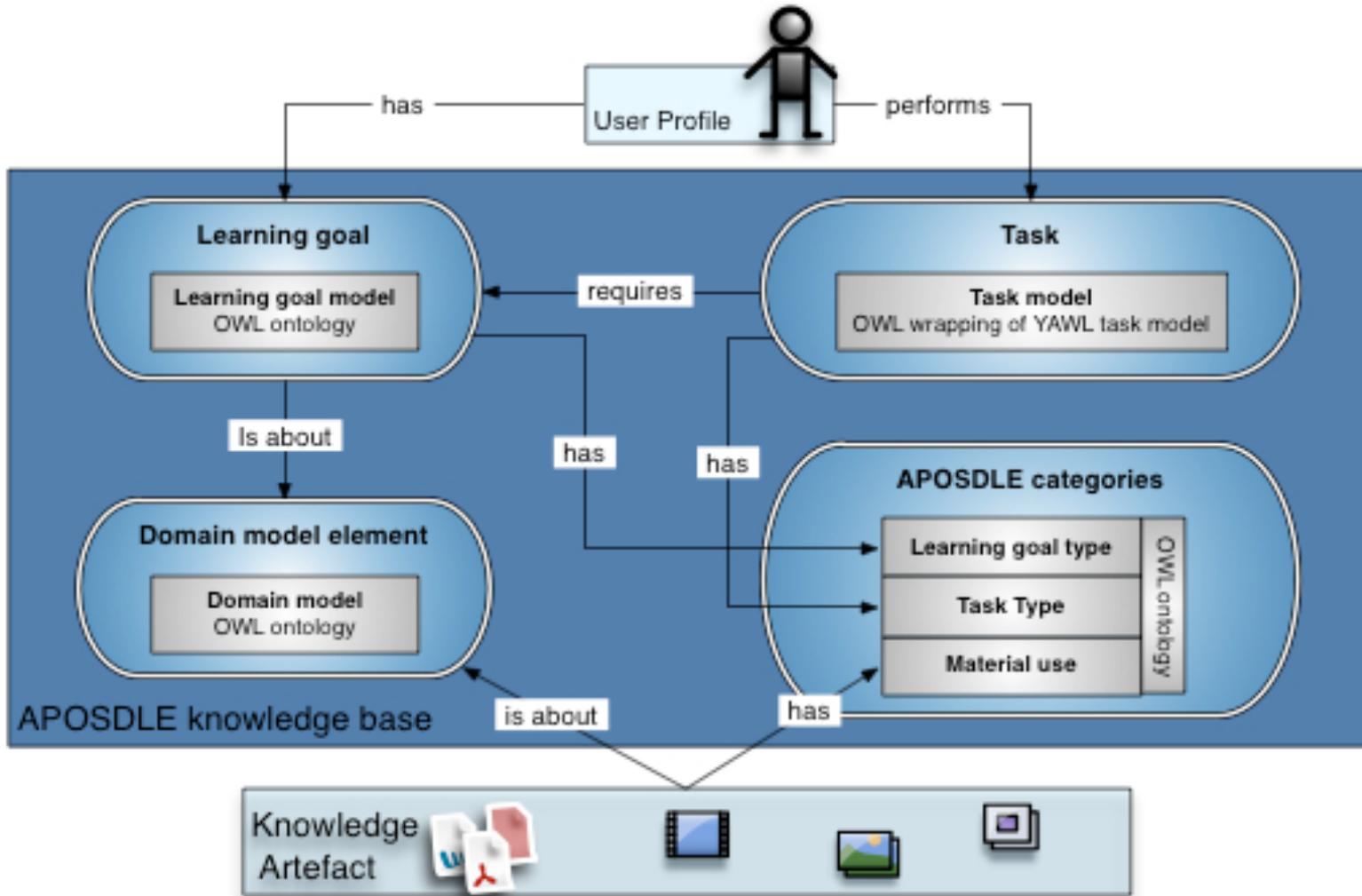


APOSDLE aims at developing a software platform to support the process of learning@work, that is learning within the context of the immediate work of a user and within his/her current work environment.

Website: www.apostdle.org

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The enterprise model in APOSDLE



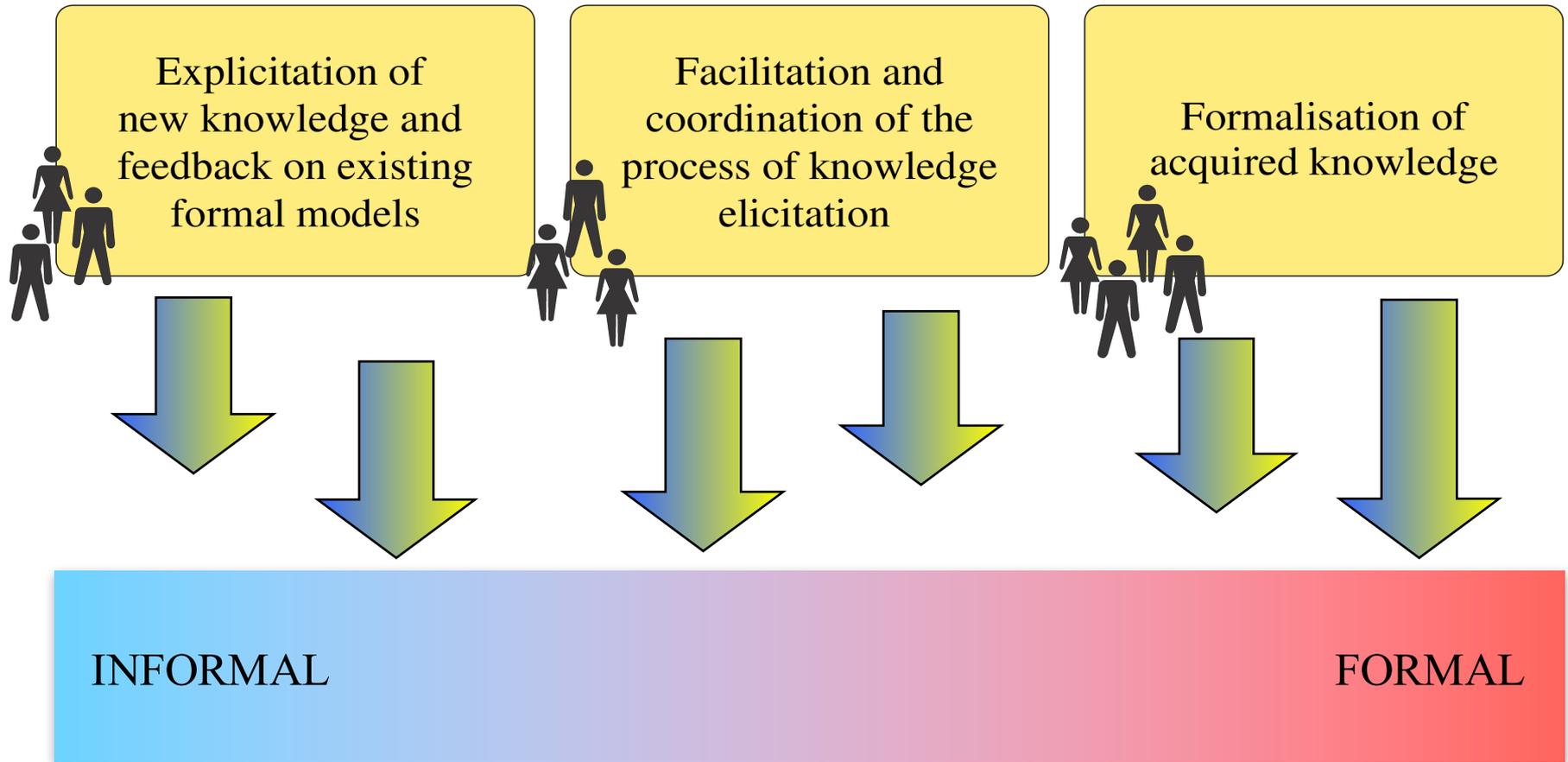
Building the enterprise model

- Models creation difficulties to face:
 - Models not already available in the enterprise;
 - Different types of formal models (and tools to produce them);
 - Modeling teams in enterprise were composed of several domain experts and possibly people with some limited knowledge engineering skills;
 - Lack of motivations within the enterprise to acquire the missing knowledge engineering skills;
 - Needs to collaborate both among the team and also with external actors able to provide the knowledge engineering support.
- Most of these difficulties hold in general, not only for APOSDLE.

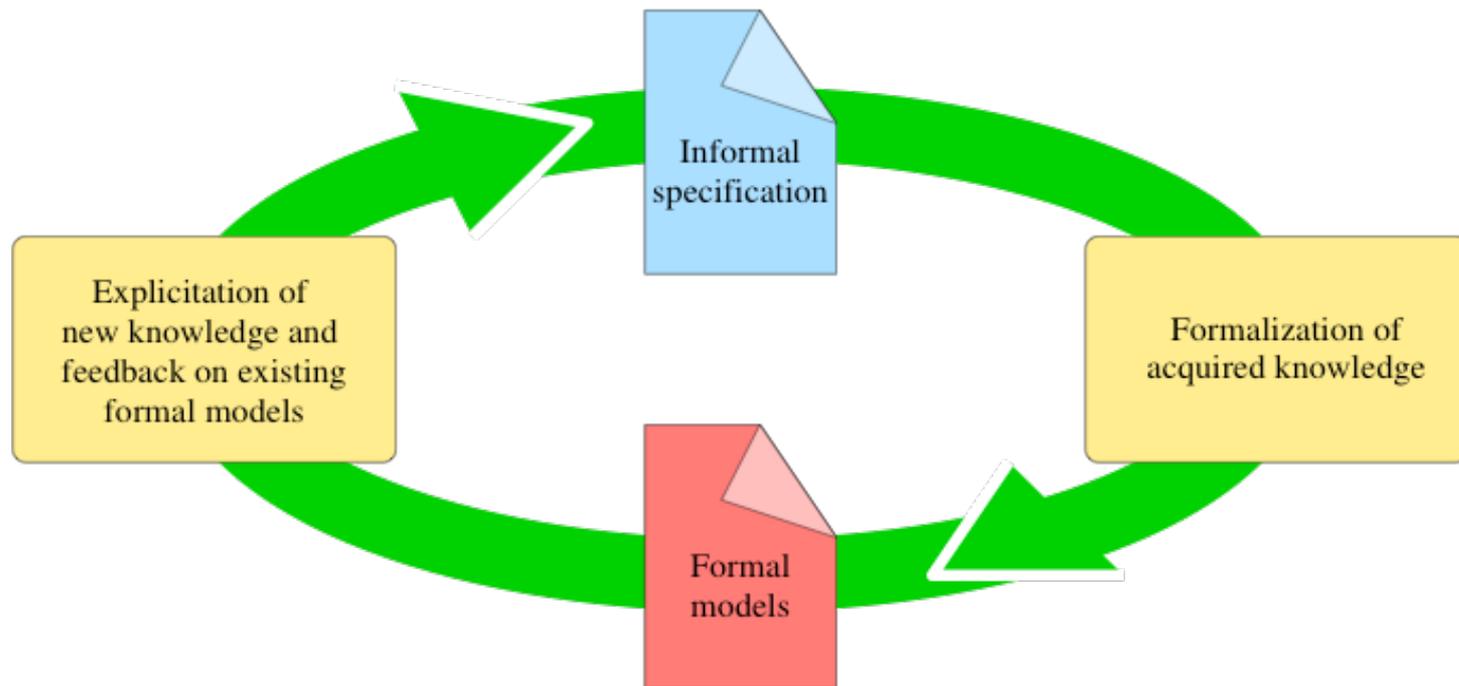
Our Contribution

- A new approach for modelling based on two main pillars:
 - The usage of a Semantic MediaWiki as a uniform layer for modelling different aspects of an enterprise
 - Tight integration with formal modelling tools
- Collaborative modelling
- Informal/formal alignment of knowledge

Collaborative modelling



Informal/formal alignment of knowledge



MoKi: the **Modelling** **WiKi**

- Built to support our approach
- Built on top of Semantic MediaWiki
- Why a (semantic) wiki?
 - wikis support collaborative editing;
 - users are quite familiar with wikis;
 - wikis do not require any software installation on the client side;
 - Semantic information provided in the wiki can be automatically extracted to create the formal models.

Ideas behind MoKi

- Facilitates an informal but structured description via templates
- Allows import/export of formal models
- Insert/reuse of already existing techniques for modelling (Aim: to obtain a complete suite of features covering the entire modelling process)
- Let me show you a short demo of the APOSDLE MoKi!

Usage of MoKi

- APOSDLE:
 - environmental consultancy domain (REACH area):
 - 144 concepts and 42 tasks;
 - electromagnetism simulation domain:
 - 43 concepts and 24 tasks;
 - innovation and knowledge management domain:
 - 132 concepts and 40 tasks;
 - RESCUE (requirements engineering) domain:
 - 78 concepts and 78 tasks;
 - Statistical data analysis domain:
 - 71 concepts and 19 tasks.
- Oncocure – modeling medical guidelines encoded in ASBRU protocol language
- TreC - Personal Health Record in the Province of Trento.

Things we are working on...

- Improve the support for process modelling:
 - Support the modelling of a workflow
 - Support the modelling of processes with an adequate graphical interface;
- Strengthen the integration between informal and formal models.

This is the end...

- A basic demo version of MoKi is available on line. (If you would like to try/test it we can grant you access to it.)
- For any question/info feel free to contact me at:

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- Thank you!

Questions?

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