



What a Publication Tells You – Benefits of Narrative Information Access in Digital Libraries at JCDL2022

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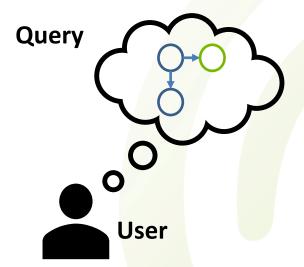


## Why Narrative Information Access?

- Limitations of keyword-based retrieval:
  - Challenging to specify interactions between keywords
  - Do not feature placeholders/variables



**Keyword-based Retrieval** 

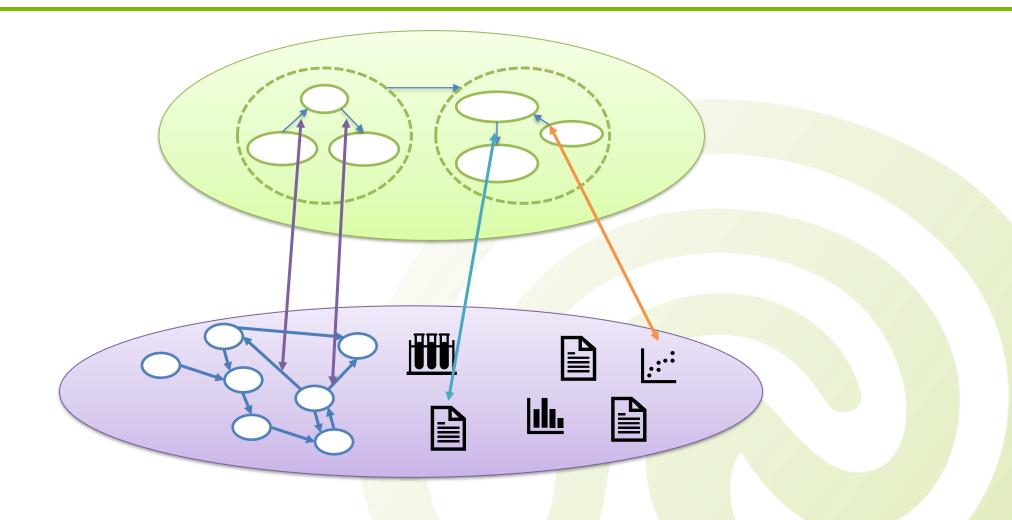




**Narrative Query Graphs** 

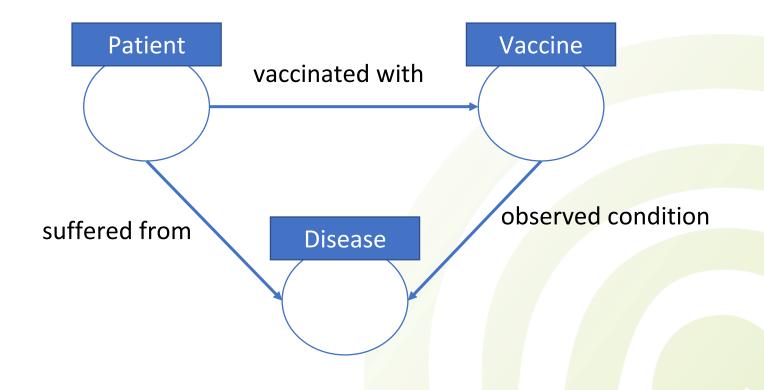


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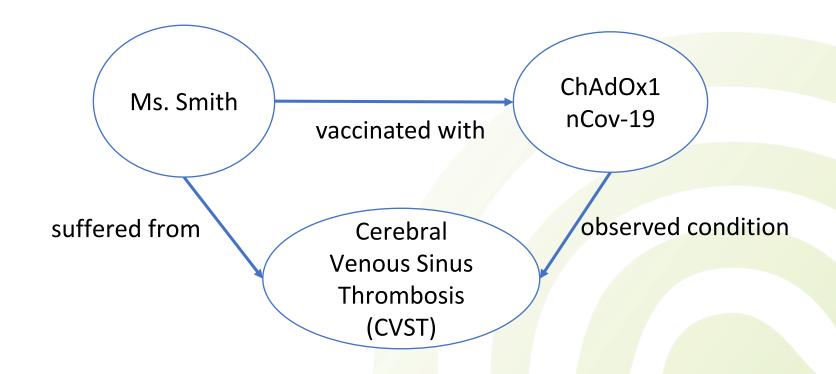


### **Narrative Pattern**



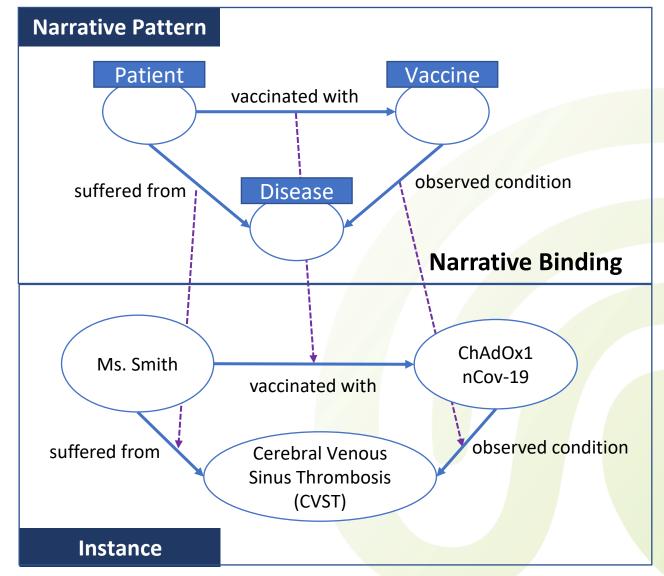


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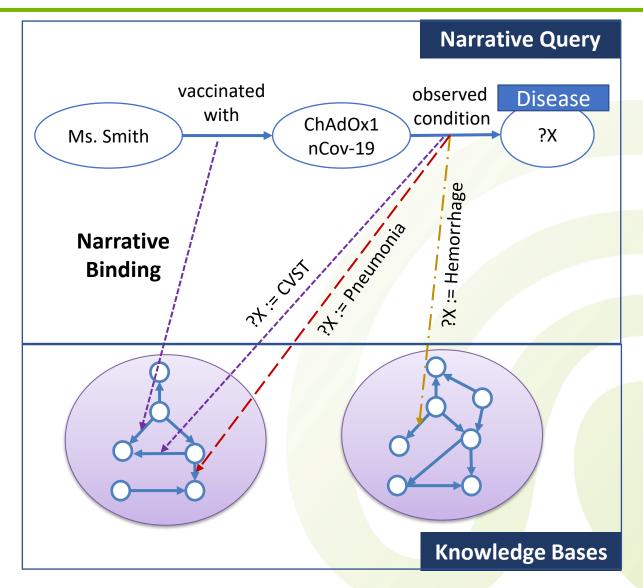


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## **Narrative Query Processing**





## **Narrative Query Processing**

- "Given a narrative query and a set of knowledge bases, the query processing has to:
  - a) **bind each** individual **query statement** against underlying data of the knowledge base(s) and
  - b) check the context-compatibility of the computed bindings.

The result of the query process is thus a set of valid bindings, individually binding all query statements and being context-compatible."



## **Constraining Context**

- "We report a case of a 62-year-old man who developed cerebral venous sinus thrombosis with subarachnoid hemorrhage and concomitant thrombocytopenia, which occurred 13 days after ChAdOx1 nCov-19 injection."
  - (patient, vaccinated by, ChAdOx I nCov-19)
  - (patient, suffered from, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis)



### **Corresponding Context**

- "Secondary analyses found increased risk of CVST after ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccination (4.01, 2.08 to 7.71 at 8-14 days), after BNT162b2 mRNA vaccination (3.58, 1.39 to 9.27 at 15-21 days), and after a positive SARS-CoV-2 test."
  - (ChAdOx I nCov-19, observed condition, CVST)
  - (BNT162 Vaccine, observed condition, CVST)
  - (CVST, risk after vaccination, 4.01)
  - (CVST, risk after vaccination, 3.58)



### Is it a Domain-Specific Problem?

#### • Wikidata:

- (Barack Obama, born in, Kenya)
  - Qualifier: "Stated in a Conspiracy Theory"

#### DBpedia:

- (Barack Obama, was, Senator of Illinois)
- (Barack Obama, predecessor, Peter G. Fitzgerald)
- (Barack Obama, was, U.S. President)
- (Barack Obama, predecessor, George W. Bush)



### **Retaining Contexts**

- N-Ary Relations:
  - vaccinated\_patients\_suffer: (patient, suffered from, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, ChAdOx1 nCov-19)
- Explicit Context and Provenance Models:
  - Context: (old man, vaccinated by, ChAdOx I nCov-19)
     For: (patient, suffered from, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis)

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Named Graphs

Qualifier

- Implicit Contexts Models:
  - (patient, suffered from, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis)
     Stated in source X which implicitly describes the context





### **Context-Compatibility**

#### • **Explicit** context models:

- + High quality
- + Explainability (Also for Compatibility)
- + May build upon existing methods
- Require manual curation
- Require rules to determine compatibility

#### • Implicit context models:

- Low/moderate quality
- Not easy to explain (Compatibility may be based on textual measures)
- + Cheap & Easy (reference to a source)
- + Compatibility based on sim. measures



## Narrative Information Access to Pharmacy

- Implemented NIA in pharmacy:
  - www.narrative.pubpharm.de
- Extension for Long Covid questions:
  - Which diseases are associated with Long Covid?
  - Which adverse effects are observed when vaccinating patients?







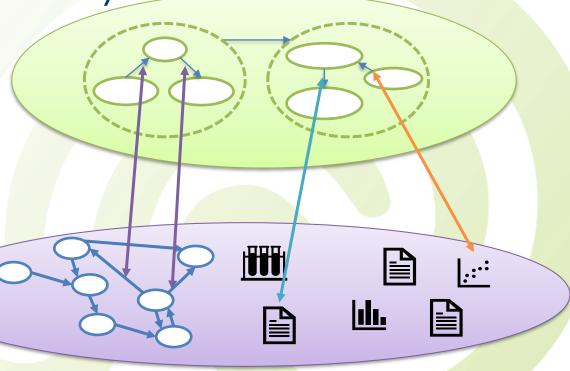
### **Conclusion**

 Narrative Information Access allows precise and structured searches in digital libraries

It is an extension to knowledge base querying

- Contexts are vital to determine a statement's validity

Explicit & implicit context models exist
 BUT must be considered in query processing





## Thank You!







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