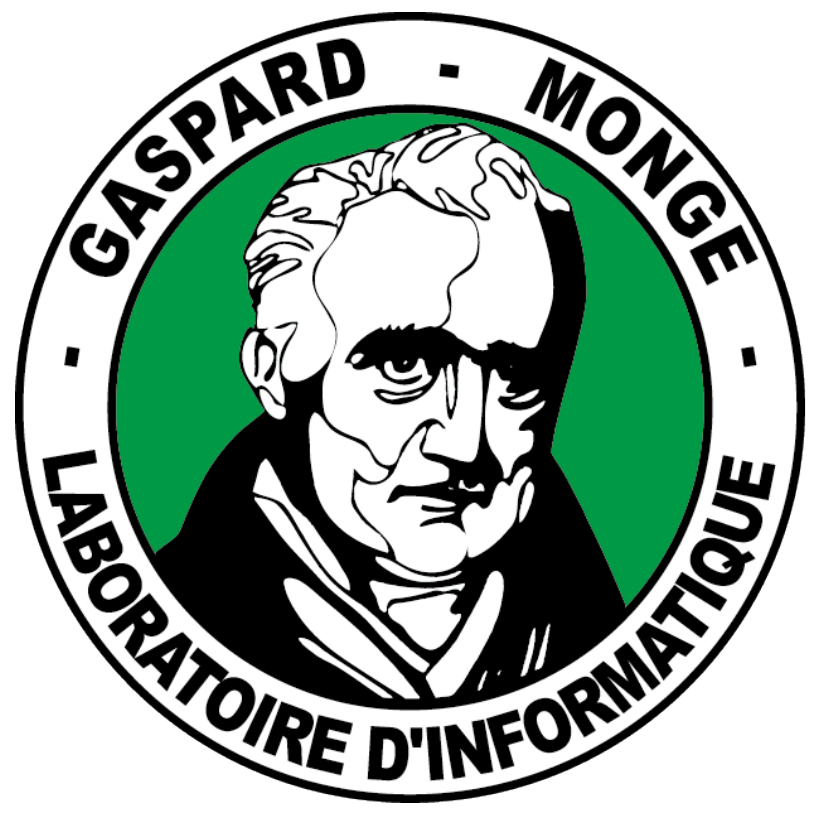




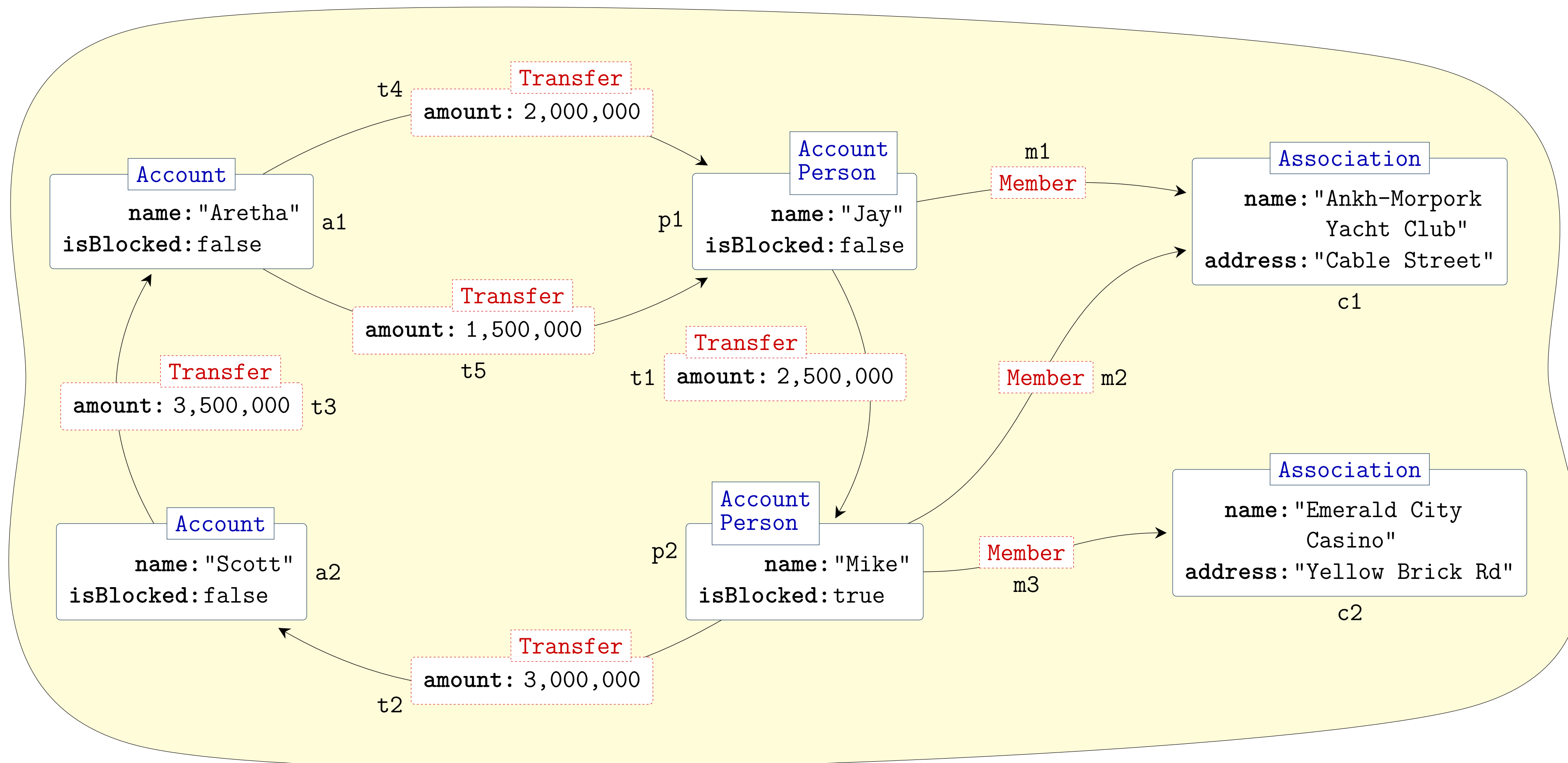
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Abstraction of Query Languages for Property Graphs

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Property graphs, one of the major data models



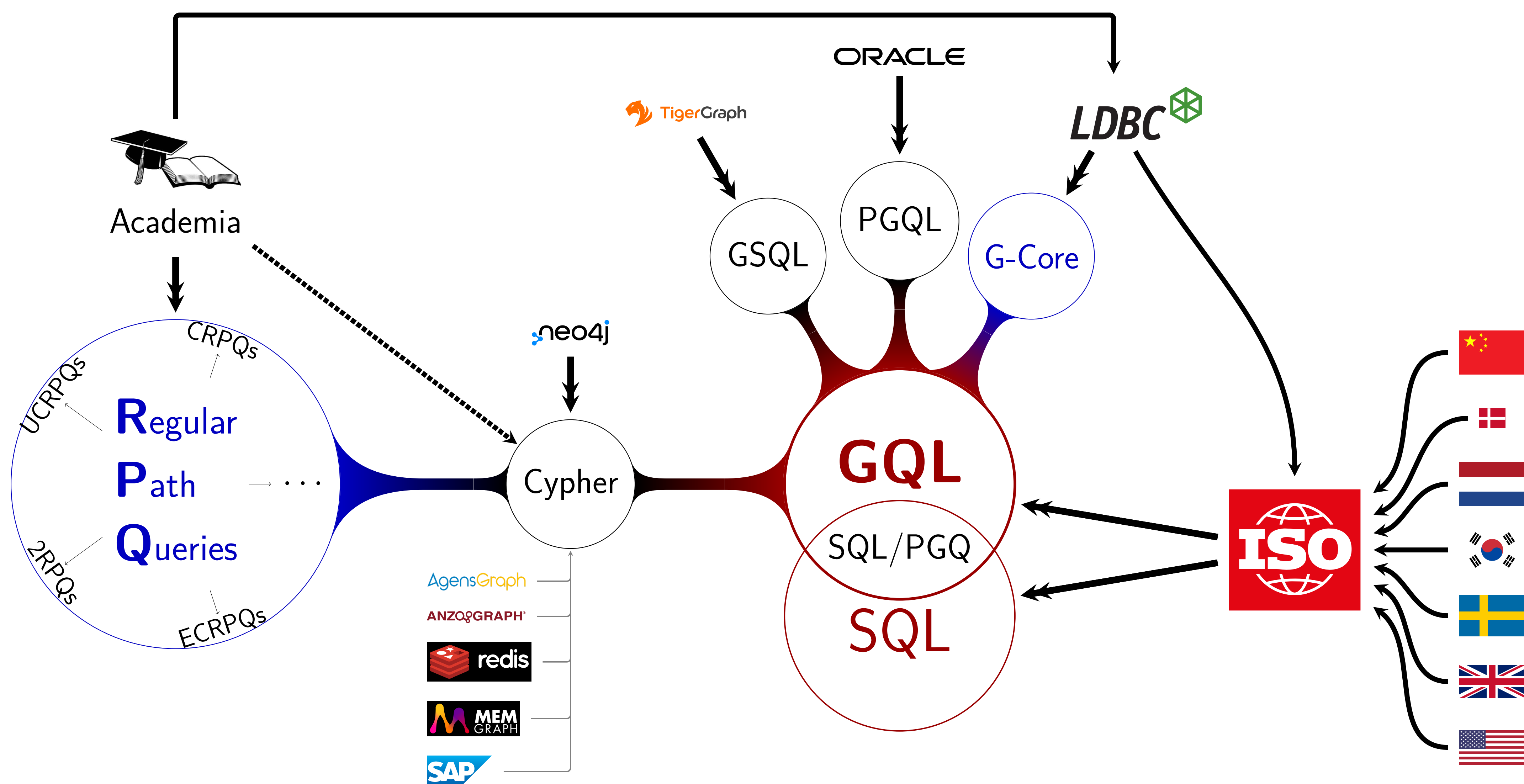
A property graph consists in:

- ▷ **Nodes:** a1, p1, c1, a2, ...
- ▷ **Edges:** t4, m1, t3, t1, ...

Nodes or edges carry zero or more:

- ▷ **Labels:** Account, Transfer, Person, ...
- ▷ **Properties**, that is, key-value pairs:
name: "Aretha", isBlocked: false,
amount: 2,000,000, ...

The industry has been designing GQL, a new standard query language...



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- Cypher is developed by Neo4j
- Pattern-matching is based on theoretical formalism of RPQs
- Cypher is successful

- Other query languages are developed
- Cypher used in many products
- **Formalisation of Cypher [4, 5, 6]**

- New standard language GQL (2024)
- The core of GQL is also an extension of SQL (via SQL/PGQL, 2023)
- **Formalisation of GQL [1, 2, 3]**

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...and we contributed to its design and abstract formalisation

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