

Knowledge Graphs for Global Events and Trade

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Knowledge Graphs for Global Events

Events, Supply Chains & EventKG



Events & Supply Chains

1. The COVID-19 Pandemic

When: January 2020 to present | Where: Global

2. Computer Chip Factory Fire

When: March 2021 | Where: Japan

3. Brexit

When: January 2020–present | Where: UK

4. The Ever Given Shipping Container Blockage

When: March 2021 | Where: Suez Canal, Egypt

5. Drought

O When: 2021 | Where: Taiwan

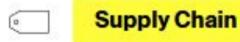
6. The Big Freeze

When: February 2021 | Where: USA

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6 Global Events That Have Disrupted the Manufacturing Supply Chain

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Manufacturing

Covid-19

https://www.aptean.com/insights/blog/6-events-disrupted-manufacturing-supply-chain



EventKG: A Multilingual Event-Centric Temporal Knowledge Graph

- 1.7M events and more than 8M temporal relations
 - 2nd inauguration of Barack Obama
 - "The Space Shuttle Challenger is launched on its maiden voyage"
 - Jennifer Aniston, married to, Brad Pitt, [2000-07-29,2005-10-02]
- Integrated data in 15 languages with provenance information
- https://eventkg.l3s.uni-hannover.de/





EventKG Sources







Cross-domain knowledge graphs

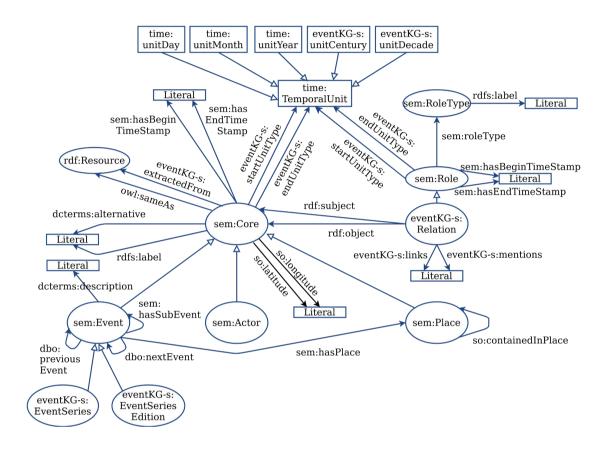


Wikipedia Current Events Portal

Textual knowledge bases







Event Ontology



Example Query: Natural events that affect companies

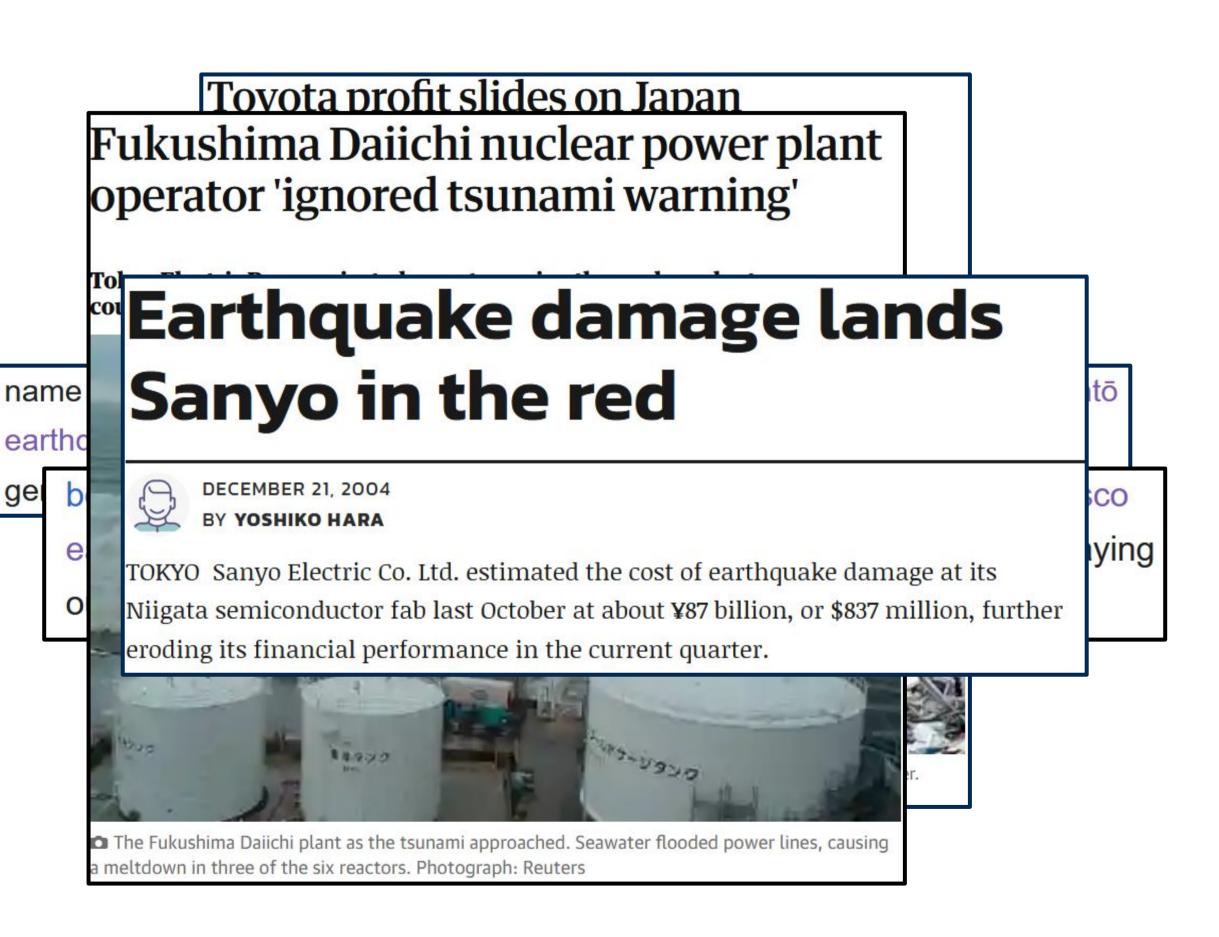
Which pairs of natural events and companies are most related?

```
SELECT ?eventLabel ?companyLabel (SUM(?links) AS ?count)
WHERE {
    ?event rdf:type/rdfs:subClassOf* dbo:NaturalEvent .
    ?relation rdf:subject ?other .
    ?relation rdf:object ?event .
    ?related rdf:type dbo:Company .
    ?relation eventkg-s:links ?links .
    ?event skos:prefLabel ?eventLabel .
    ?related skos:prefLabel ?companyLabel .
} GROUP BY ?eventLabel ?companyLabel
ORDER by DESC(?count)
```



Example Query Results

eventLabel	companyLabel	count
2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami	Toyota	132
1923 Great Kantō earthquake	Sharp Corporation	100
1906 San Francisco earthquake	Munich Re	98
2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami	Tokyo Electric Power Company	96
2004 Chūetsu earthquake	Sanyo	90



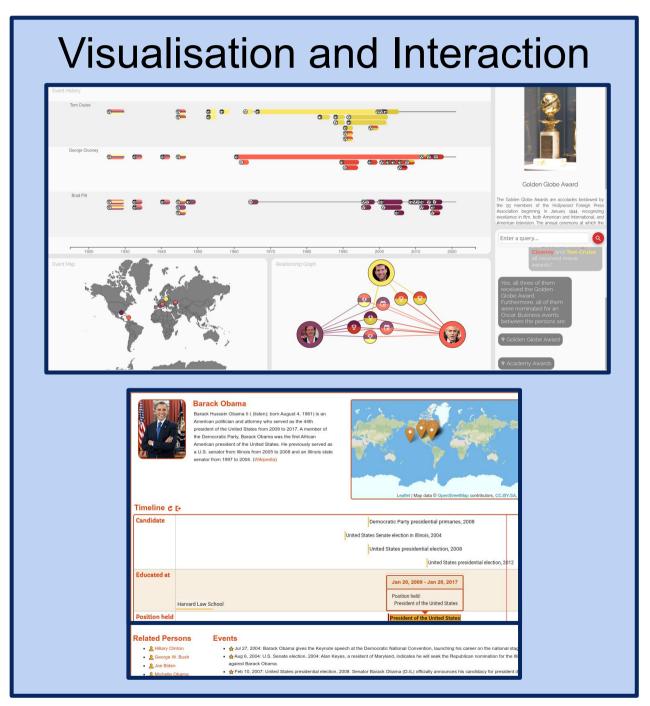


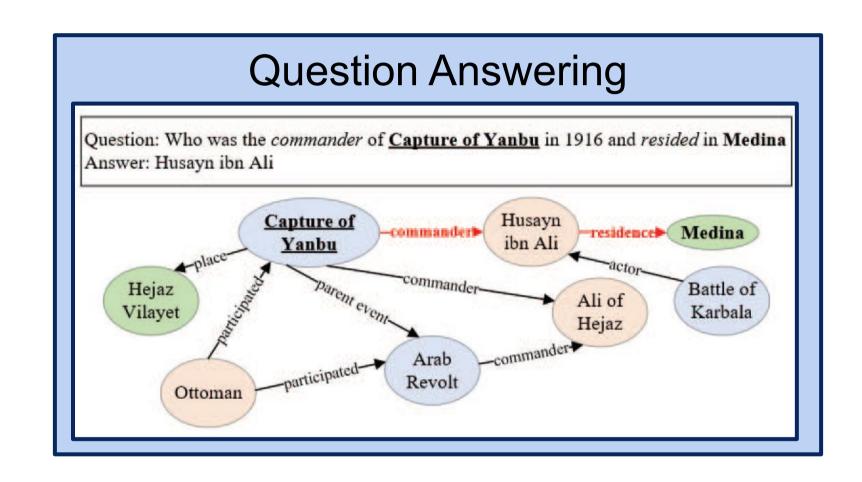
Knowledge Graphs for Global Events – Conclusion

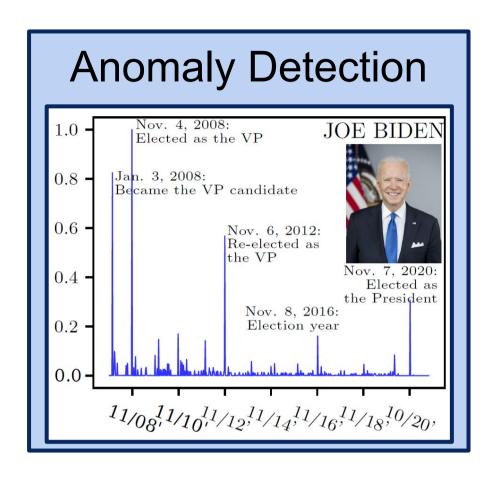
- Modelling events in knowledge graphs can help get an understanding of disruptions in the market
- Open Questions / Challenges
 - How to get and deal with dynamic information?
 - How fine-granular does event information need to be?
 - Can we predict events? Can we predict the effect of events?

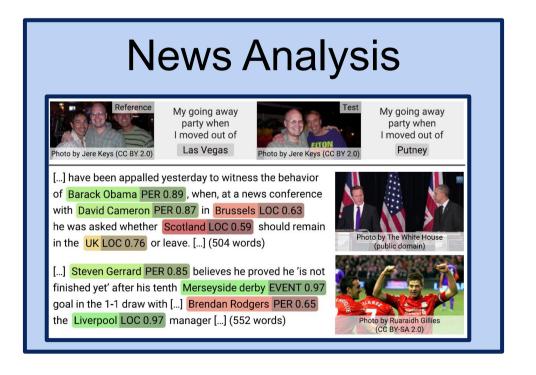


Example Applications of EventKG









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Knowledge Graphs for Global Trade

Trade-based Money Laundering, Company & Trade Data, Red Flags



Trade-based Money Laundering (TBML)

TBML is the process of disguising the proceeds of crime and moving value using trade
transactions to legitimize their illicit origins. TBML involves the exploitation of the international
trade system for the purpose of transferring value and obscuring the true origins of illicit wealth.
TBML schemes vary in complexity but typically involve misrepresentation of the price, quantity,
or quality of imports or exports.



Trade Based Money Laundering – A Massive Illicit Flow

- Estimated money laundered globally is 2 5% of global GDP per year, or USD \$715 billion \$1.87 trillion ¹
- Special case: brand protection
 - Counterfeit products often deceptively resemble the original
 - The quality of plagiarism isn't calculable
- A problem for people and institutions
 - Consumers, manufacturers, banks, law enforcement agencies
- There is a global lack of a scientifically based understanding of how illegal transactions can be recognized and what patterns they follow

ArTificial inTelligENce for the deTectIon of trade-based mOney lauNdering!

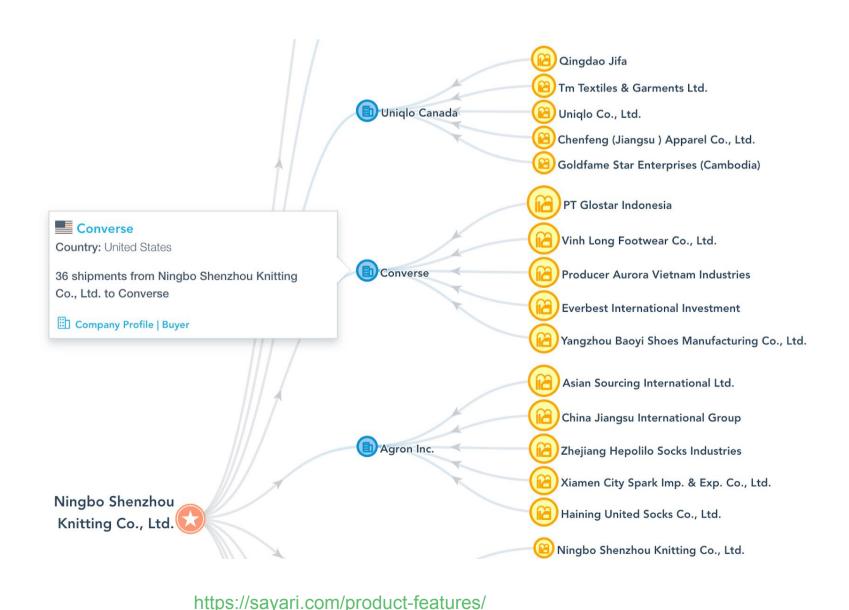


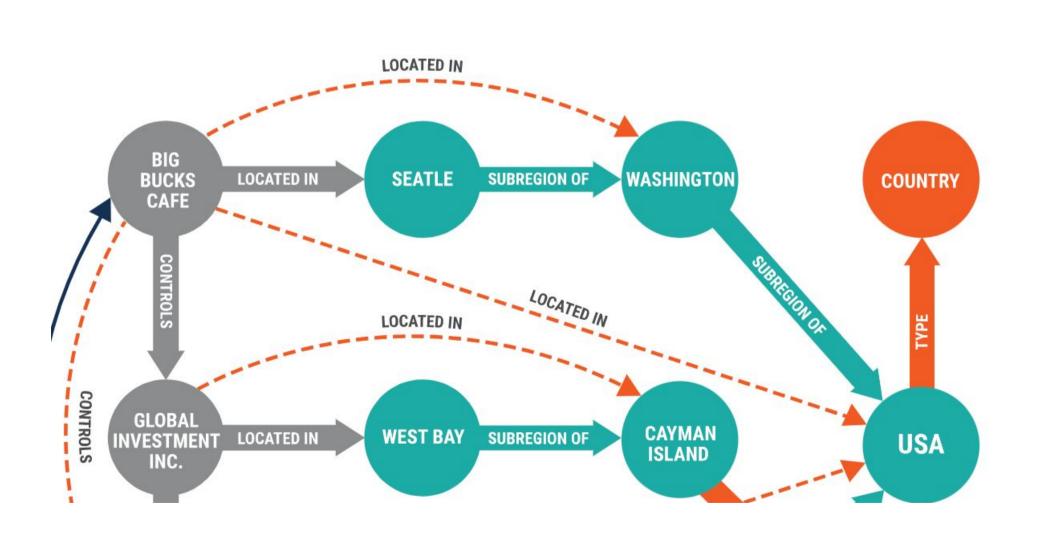
¹ https://www.europol.europa.eu/crime-areas-and-statistics/crime-areas/economic-crime/money-laundering- https://www.schaeffler.de/en/products-and-solutions/brand-protection/



Company and Trade Data

- We need to model large datasets of company and trade data to understand TBML patterns
- Trade data: Shipments, seller, provider, price, ... Company data: Address, revenue, ownership...

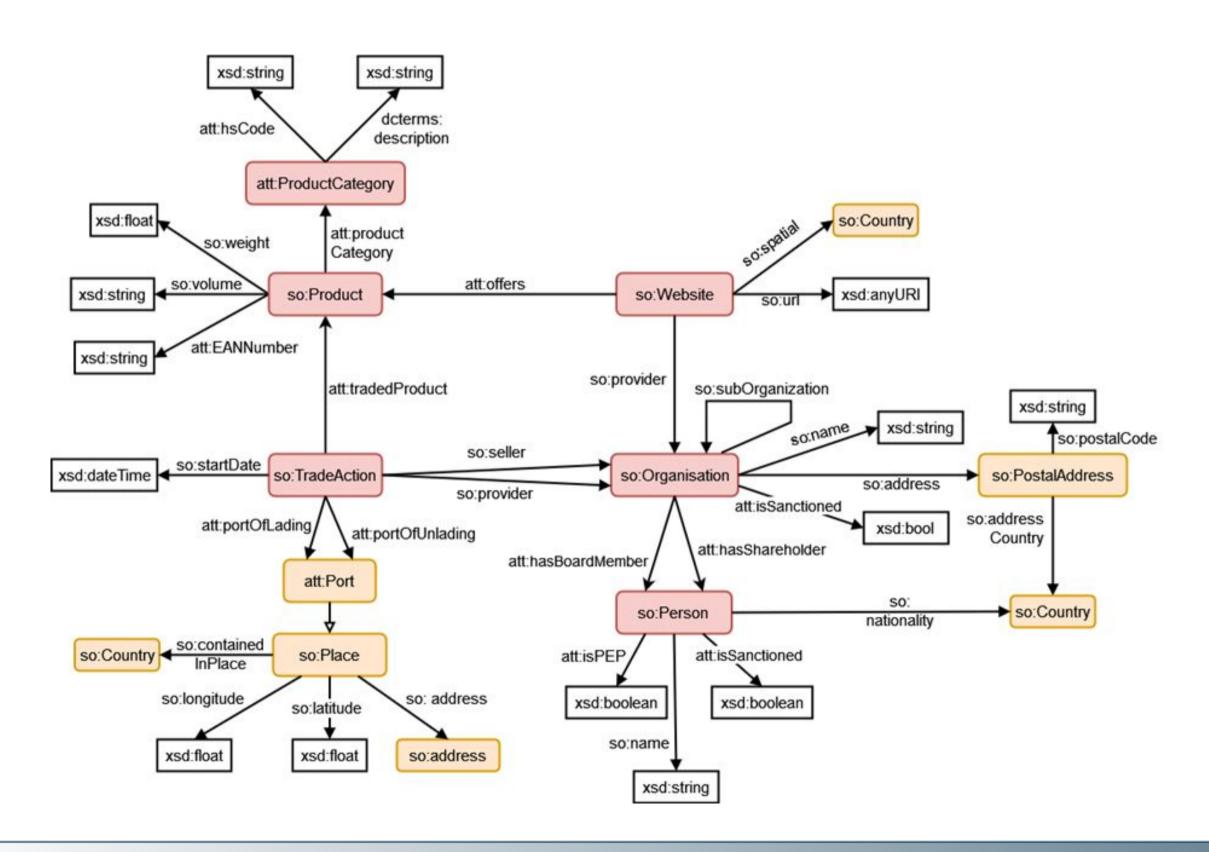




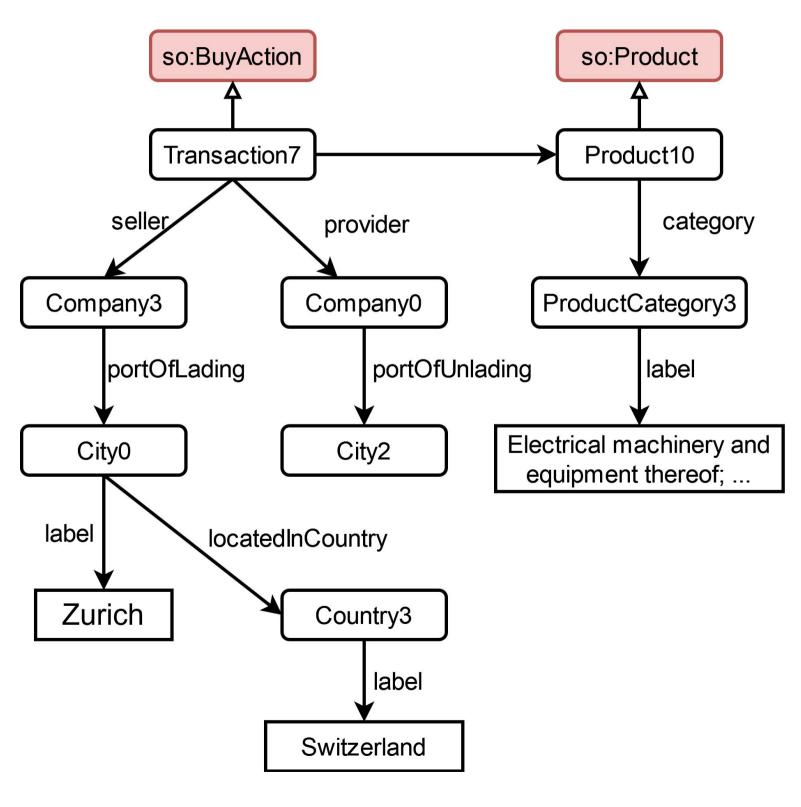
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Company & Trade Ontology



Example Trade Data Graph



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Examples of Red Flags to Detect Suspicious Patterns

"If the entity is sanctioned"

```
SELECT ?organisation WHERE {
    ?organisation rdf:type so:Organization;
    att:isSanctioned true .
}
```

- "If the entity is connected by trade to a sanctioned entity"
- "If the weight of a traded good mismatches the average in its product category"

Next step: Inference of new patterns



Knowledge Graphs for Global Trade – Conclusion

- Brand protection is an important aspect of supply chain security
- Open Questions / Challenges
 - Large amounts of different datasets needed
 - Evaluation is difficult and training data is hard to get
 - Sensitive area



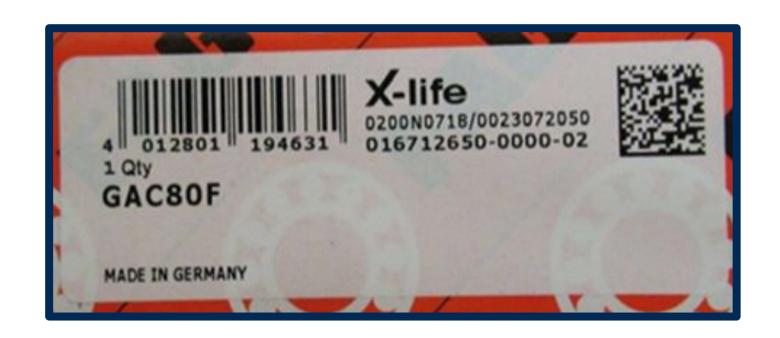
Example Scenario

Resilience through Unique Codes



SCHAEFFLER OneCode

- Schaeffler: German manufacturer with
 - > 200 sites in > 50 countries
 - > 40.000 different products
- How can Schaeffler identify fake products and follow their distribution?
- OneCode: A unique code for each product
- Global database of codes
- If the same code is scanned twice on different packagings: Fake!

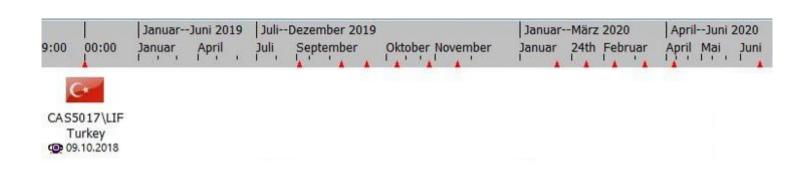




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Timeline of Scans



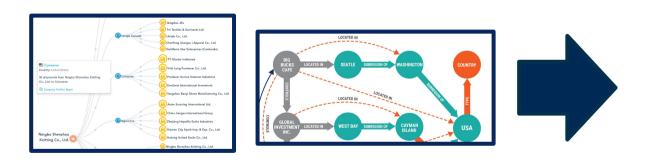




From Codes and Trade Data to Global Networks



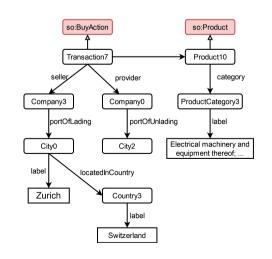
Scanned codes



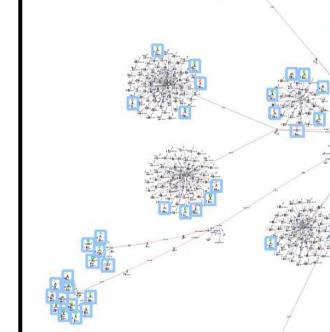
Company and Trade Data



Scan Locations



Company and Trade Knowledge Graph



Global Network of Companies and Suspicious
Trade Transactions





Thank You!

- 1. Knowledge Graphs for Global Events: Events, Supply Chains & EventKG
- 2. Knowledge Graphs for Global Trade: TBML, Company & Trade Ontology, Red Flags
- 3. Example Scenario: Resilience through Unique Codes

Tomorrow afternoon: Workshop on Semantic Methods for Events and Stories (SEMMES)

https://anr-kflow.github.io/semmes/





