

**International Association for Ontology and  
its Applications (IAOA)**

**Semantic Web Applied Ontology  
Special Interest Group (SWAO SIG)**

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# Semantic Web Meets Applied Ontology

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- There is a large common ground between the Semantic Web (and Linked Data) and the Applied Ontology (largely focused on ontological analysis) communities in terms of their perspectives on ontologies
- ***The Semantic Web community*** emphasizes:
  - Gaining traction/adoption of semantic technologies on the WWW, and exposing data
  - The employment of a bottom-up approach
  - Much of the use of SW technologies, however, occurs not on the open Internet, but on Intranets closed off to more widely distributed communities and issues
  - In general, these Intranets require more precise ontologies primarily because they have more specialized use cases for ontologies, some of which require more precise automated reasoning
- ***The Applied Ontology community*** uses Semantic Web technologies, but often in Intranets, where the domain requirements are more precise, and often require more complex automated reasoning

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Yes, it should.**

**We kicked off the IAOA SWAO SIG in  
November, 2013.**

**It was input into the themes considered  
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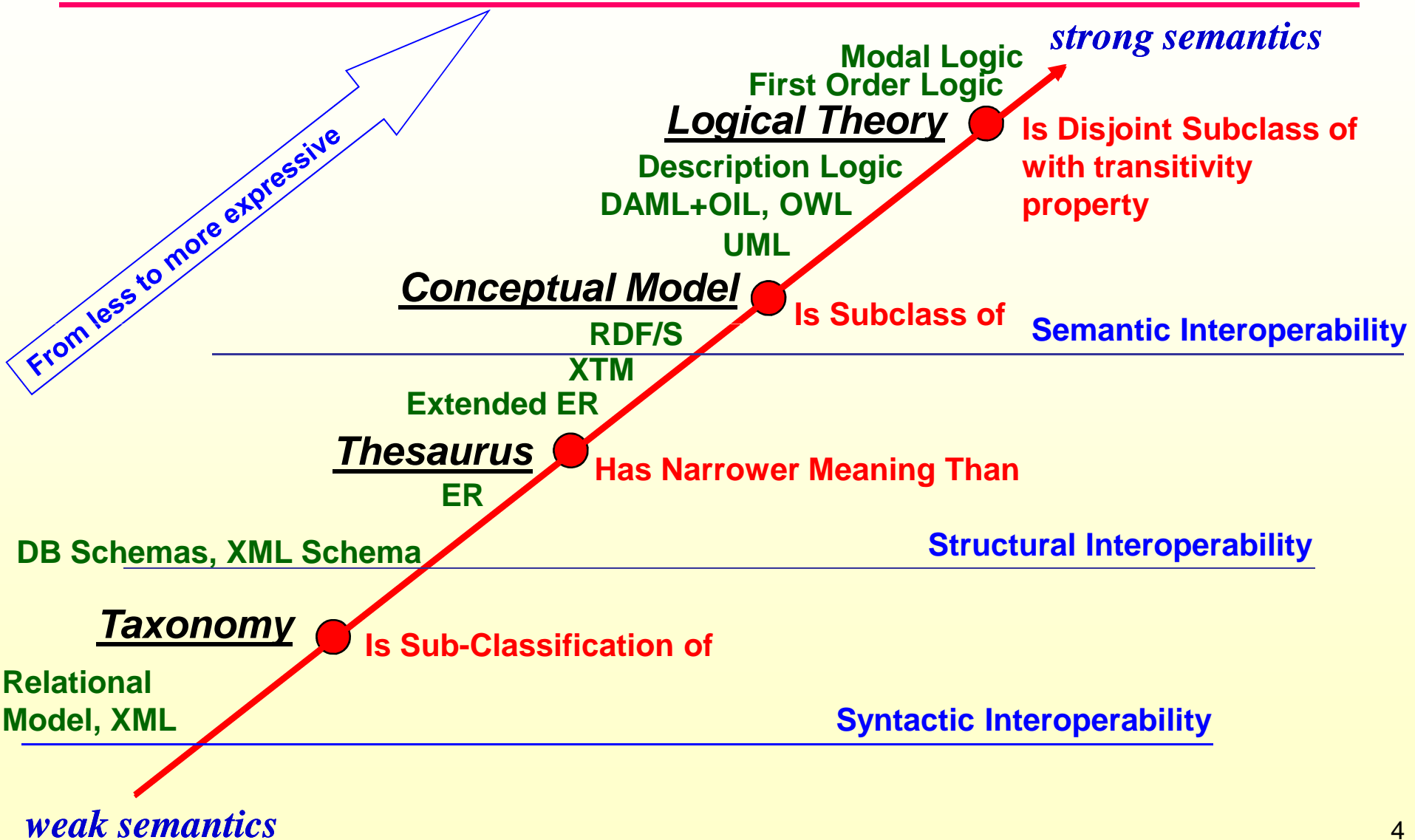
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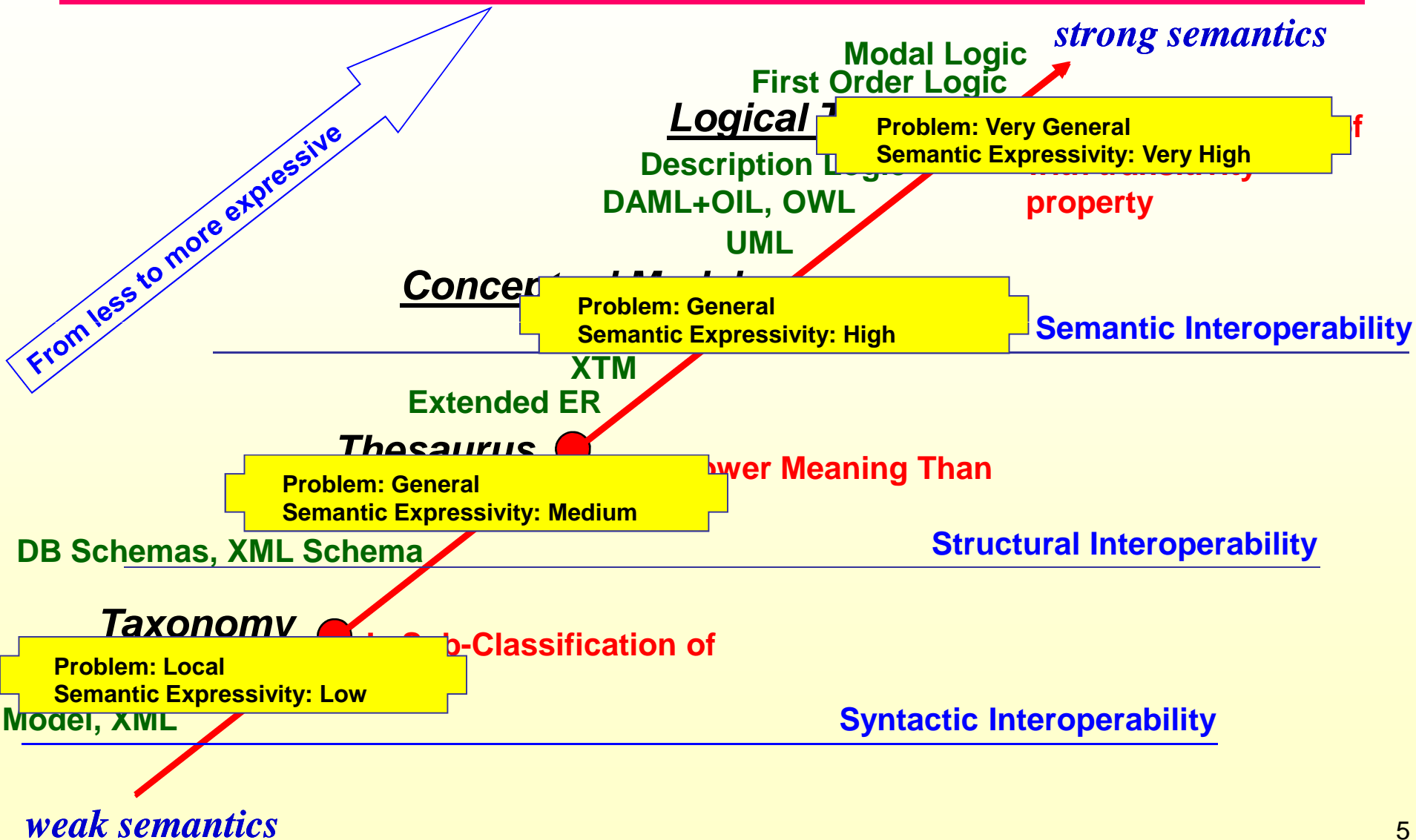
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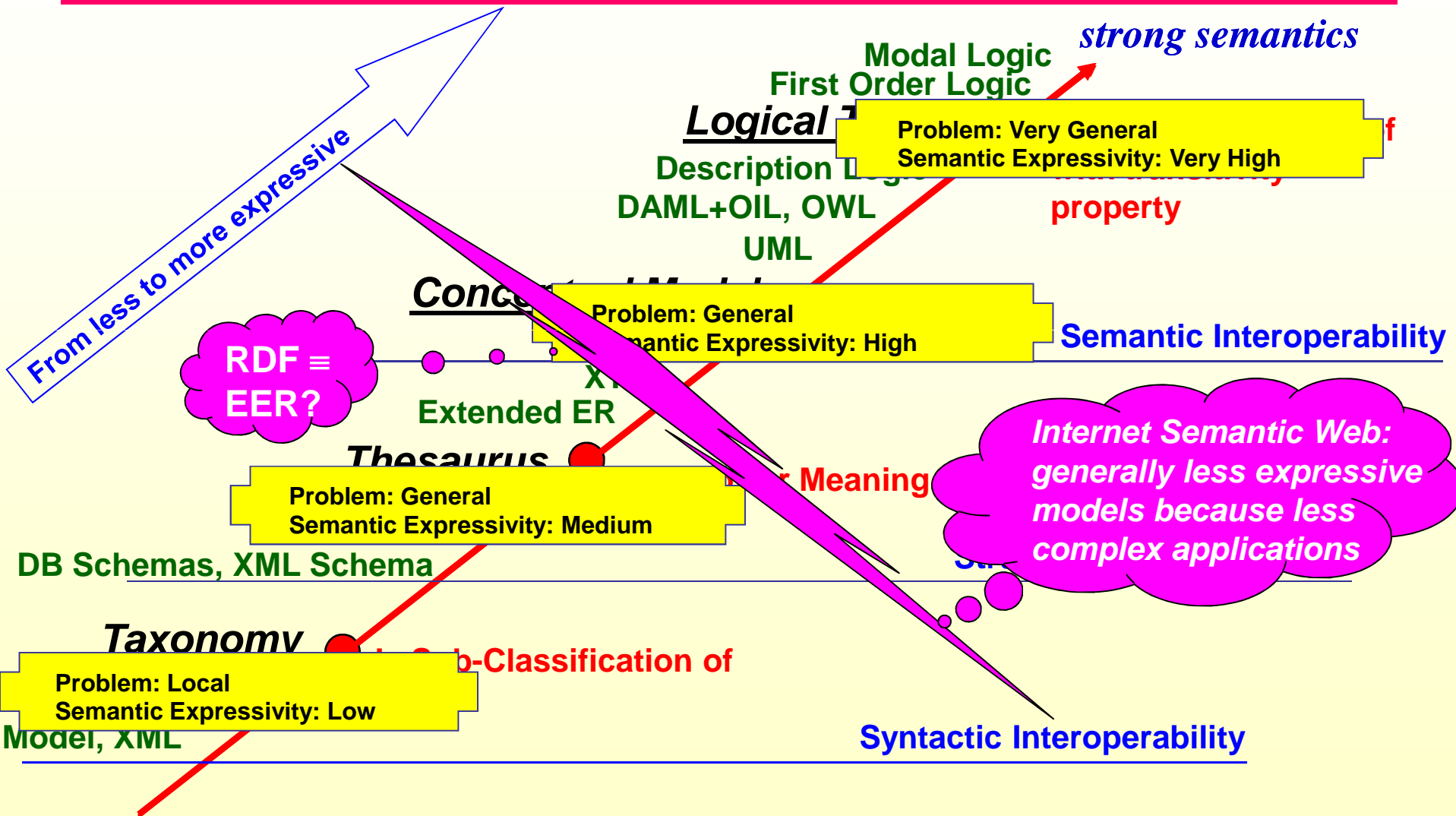
# Ontology Spectrum: Range of Models



# Ontology Spectrum: Generality & Expressiveness

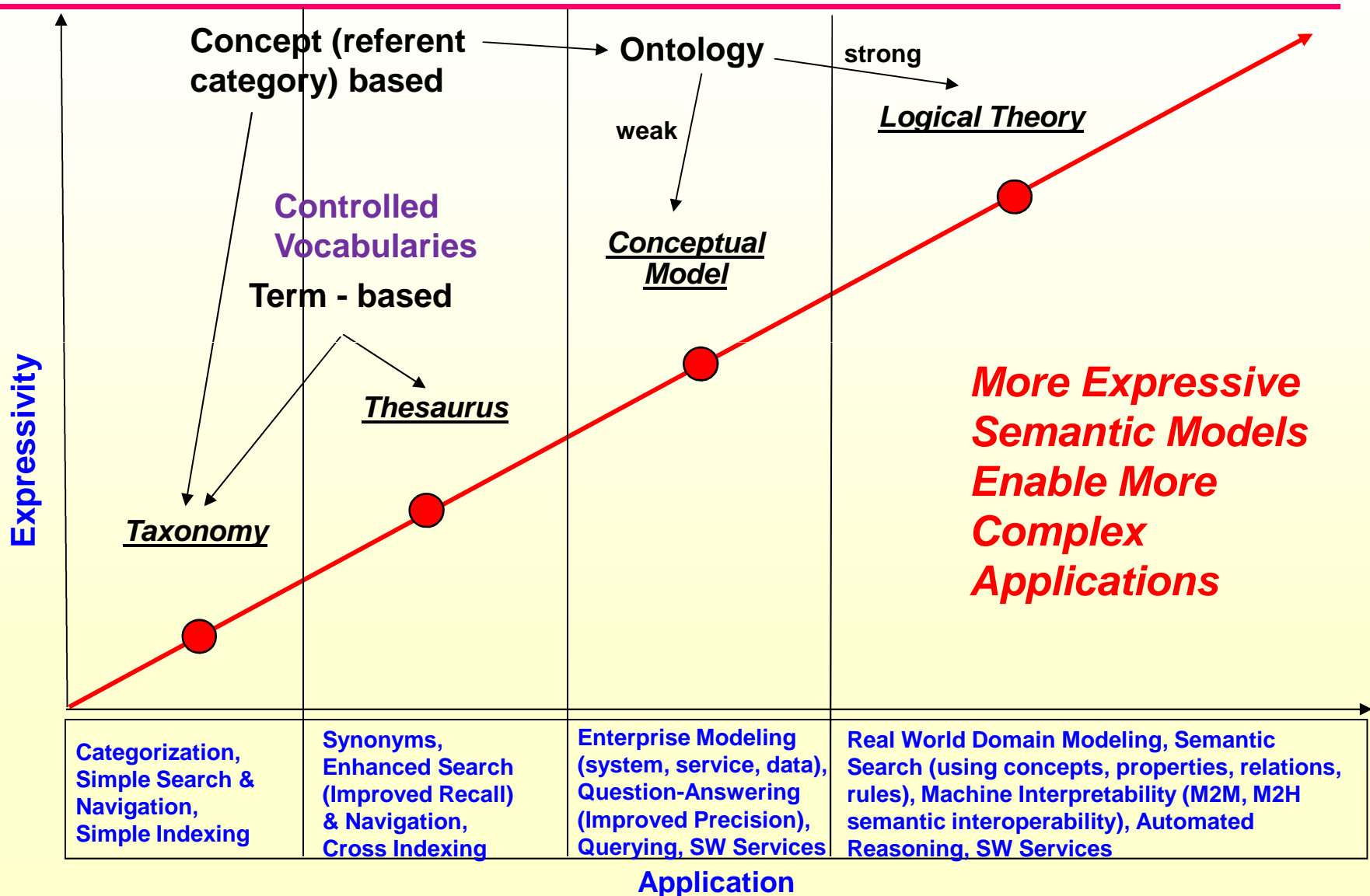


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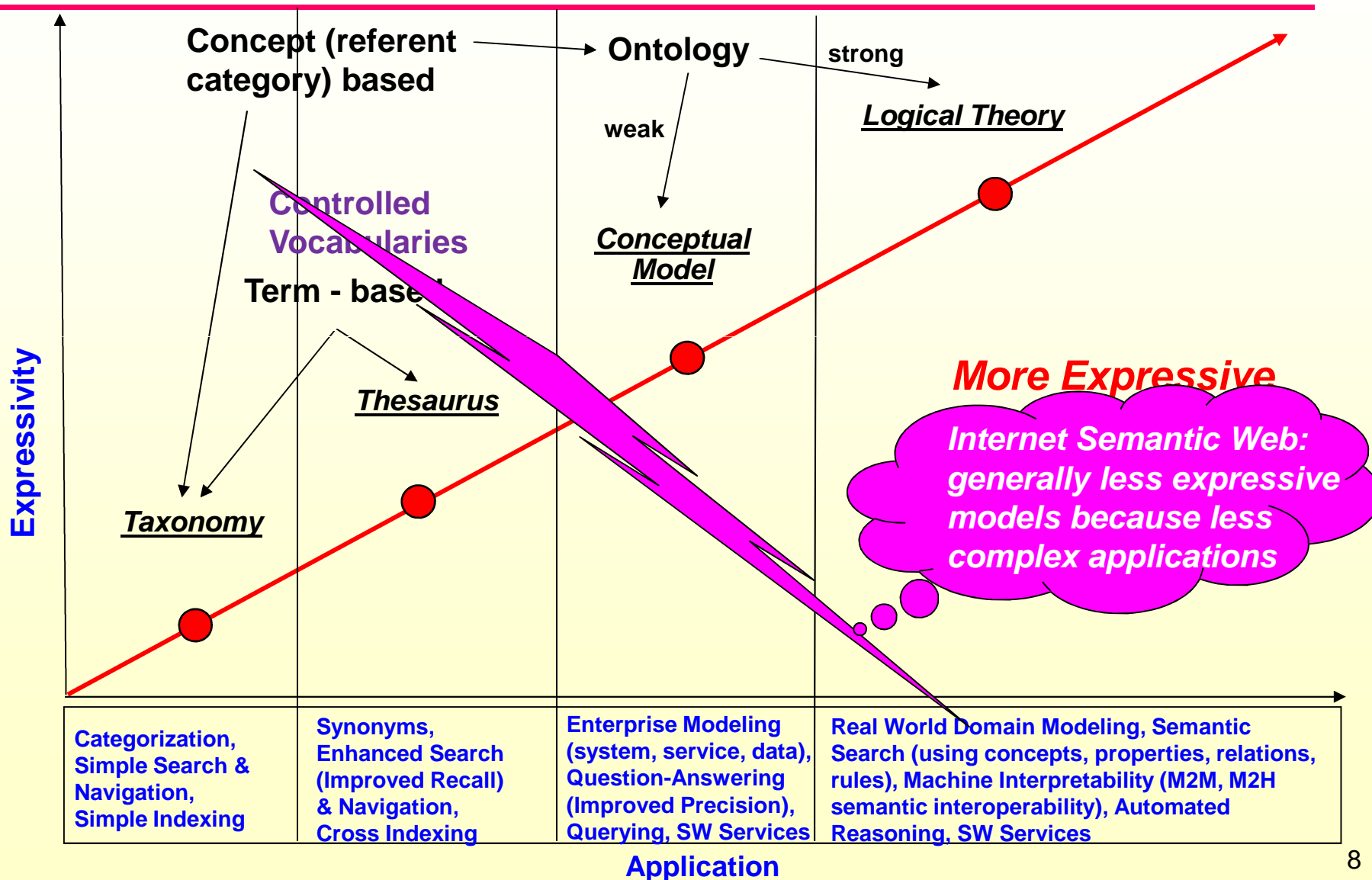


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# Ontology Spectrum: Application



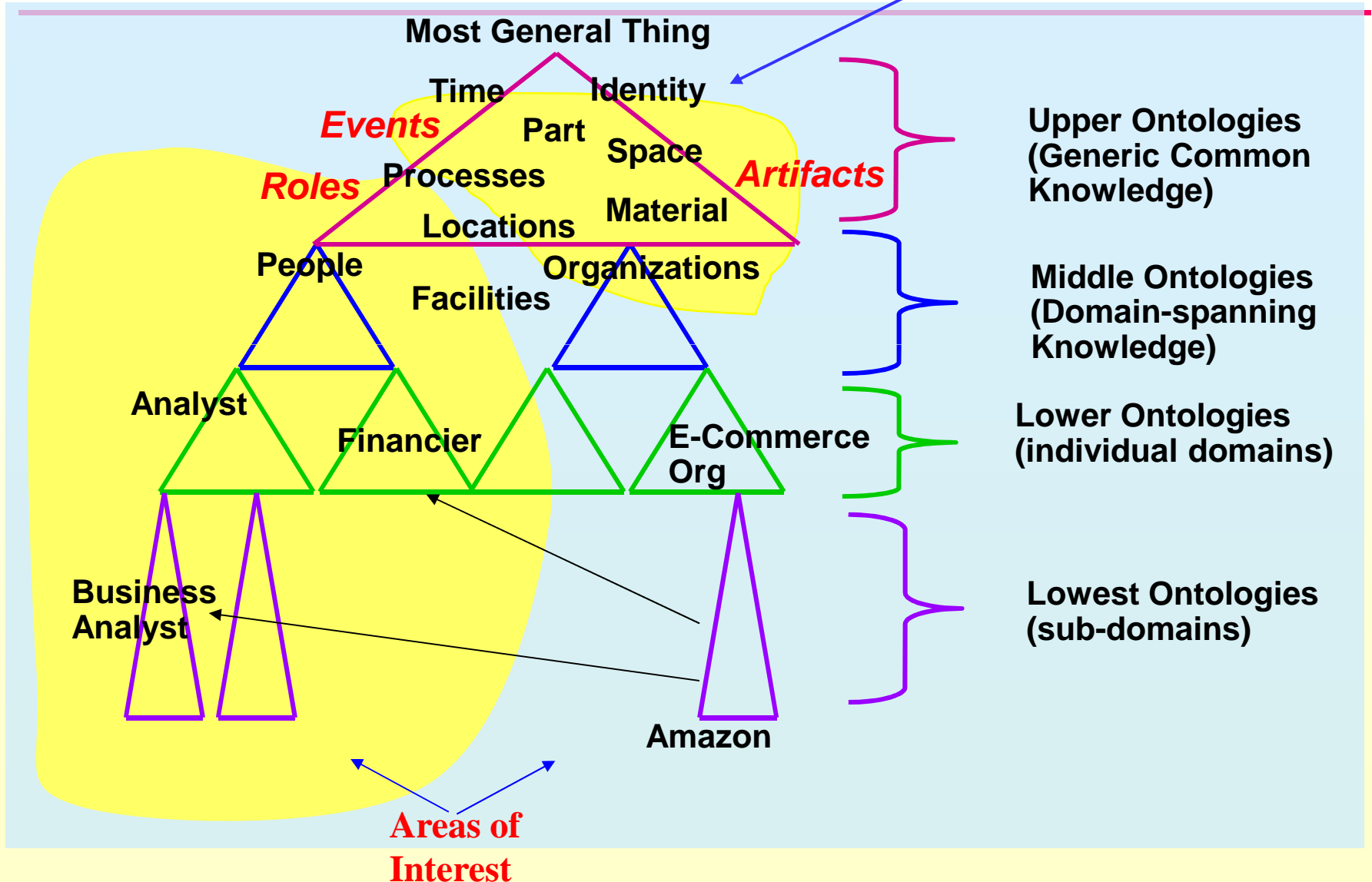
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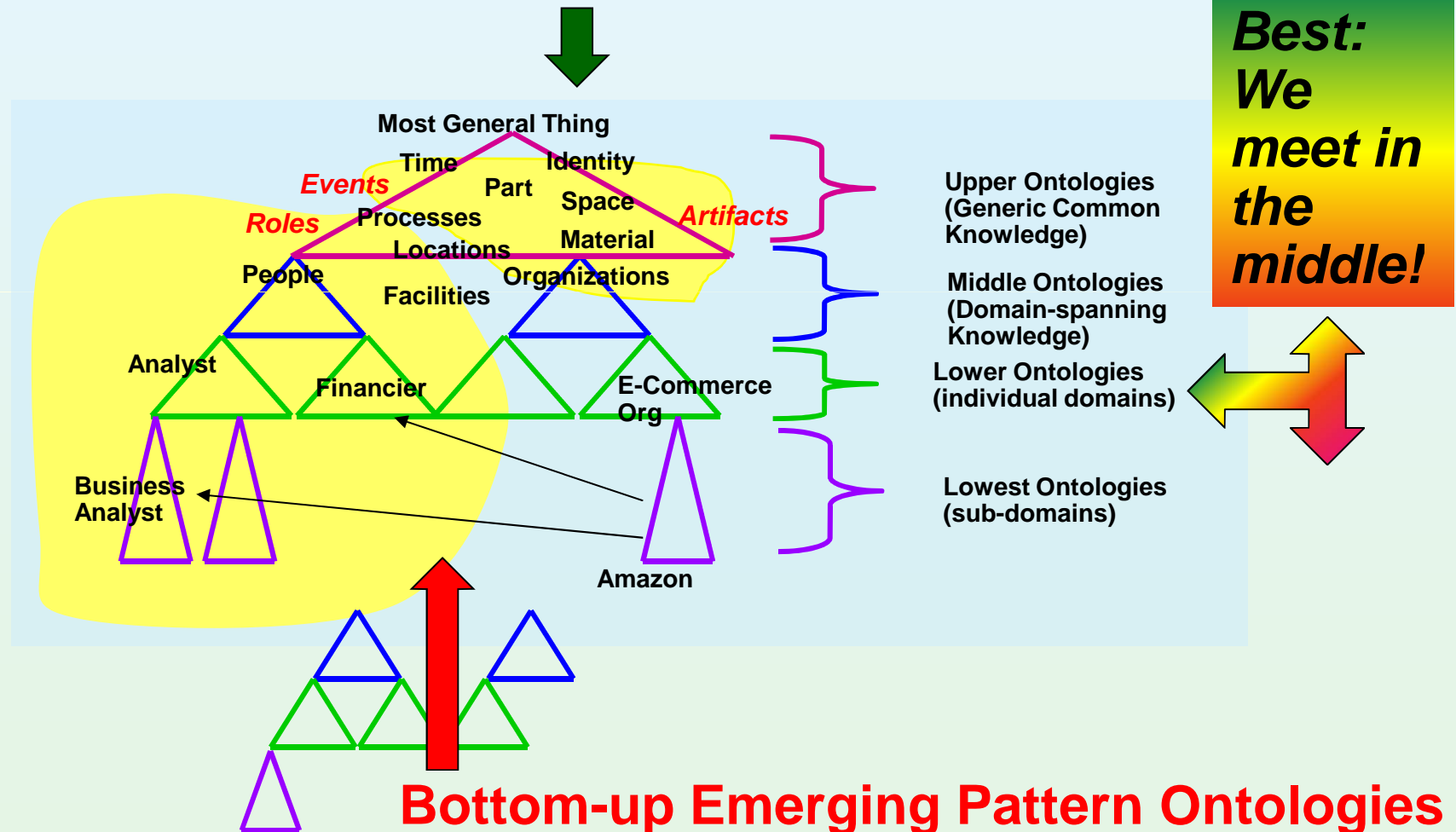
# Upper, Middle, Domain Ontologies

**But Also These!**



# Upper, Middle, Domain Ontologies & Bottom-up Mid-Level Ontological Patterns

## Top-down Analytical Ontologies



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- [SWAO Mission](#)
- Events, events, events!
  - Proposed ISWC 2014 Workshop: No go, but possible other venues!
- **Let's continue Ontology Summit 2014!**
  - **Workshop, Journal Issue, Book, more**