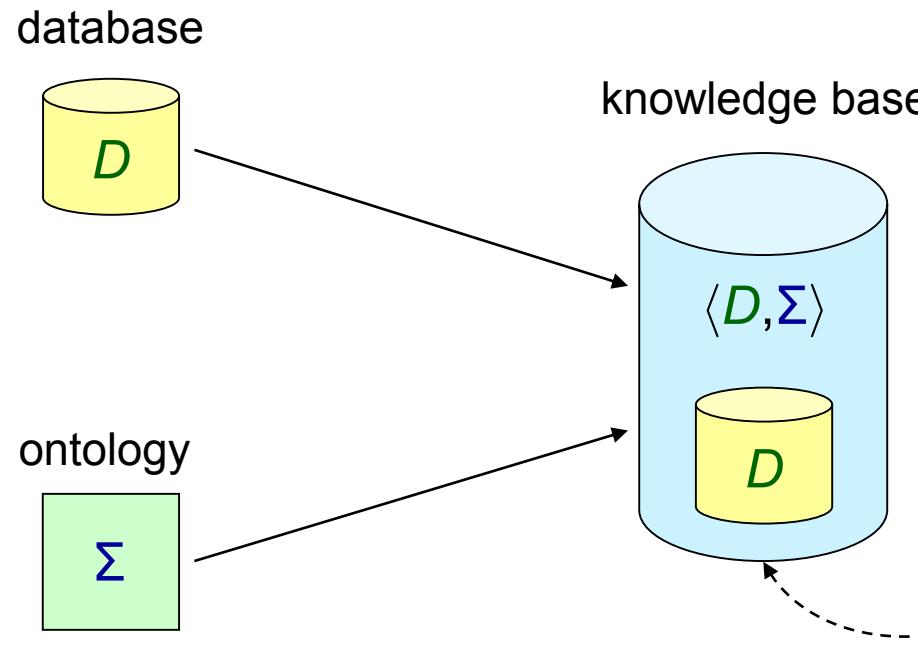


# **Consistent Query Answering in OBDA**

# Ontology-Based Query Answering (OBQA)



**existential rules**

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \forall \mathbf{y} (\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow \exists \mathbf{z} \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}))$$

**conjunctive queries**

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) :- R_1(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, R_m(\mathbf{v}_m)$$

# A Simple Example

$D =$



$\Sigma =$

$\forall x (\text{professor}(x) \rightarrow \exists y (\text{faculty}(x) \wedge \text{teaches}(x,y)))$

$\forall x (\text{fellow}(x) \rightarrow \text{faculty}(x))$



$\{\text{John} \rightarrow \text{John}, x \rightarrow \#\}$

$Q :- (\text{teaches}(\text{John}, x))$



# A Simple Example

$D =$



$\Sigma =$

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x (\text{professor}(x) \rightarrow \exists y (\text{faculty}(x) \wedge \text{teaches}(x,y))) \\ \forall x (\text{fellow}(x) \rightarrow \text{faculty}(x)) \\ \forall x (\text{professor}(x) \wedge \text{fellow}(x) \rightarrow \perp)\end{aligned}$$

**no model  $\Rightarrow$  every query is entailed**

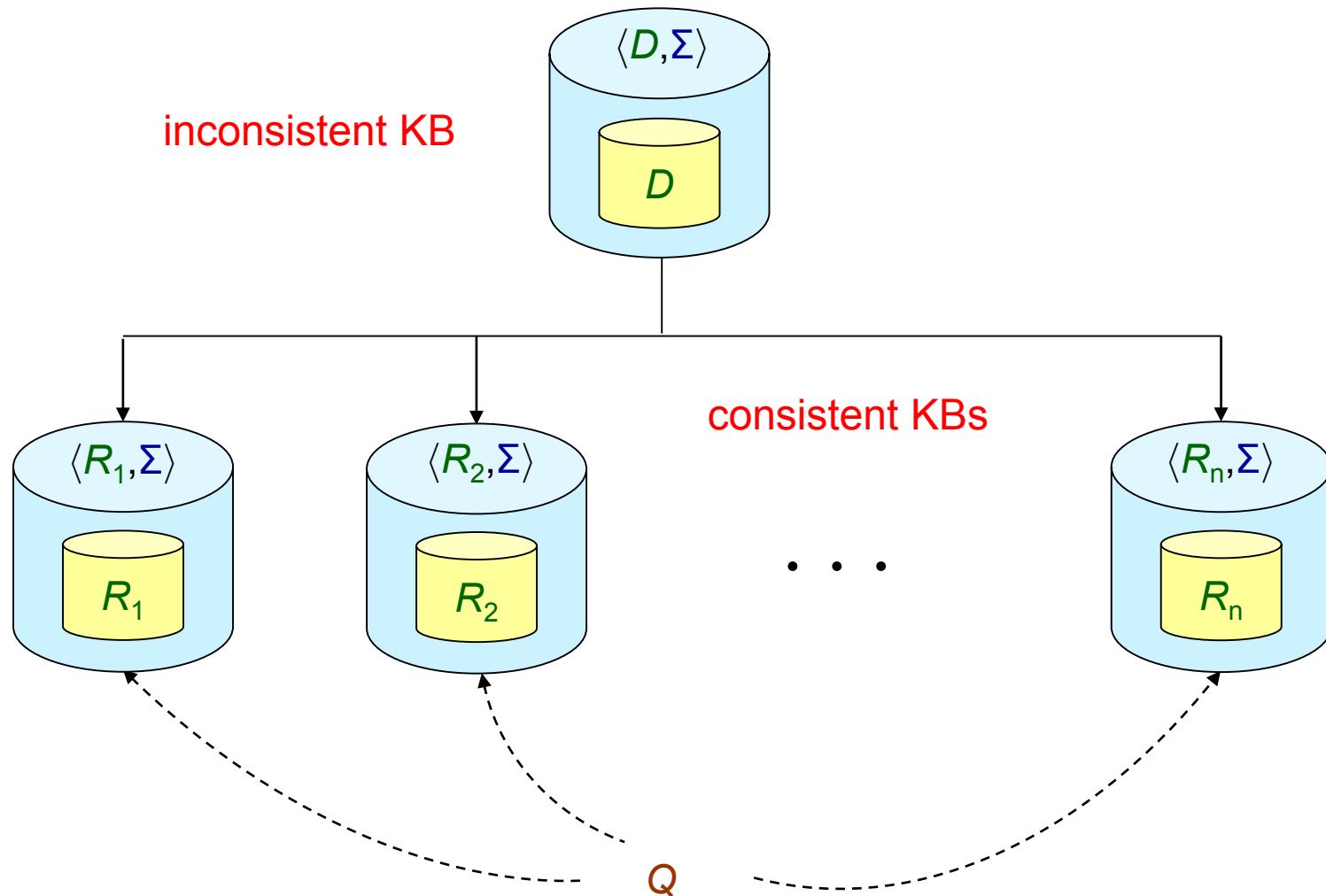
# Handling Data Inconsistencies

- The data are likely to be **inconsistent** with the ontology
- **Standard semantics fails:** everything is inferred - not meaningful answers
- Two approaches to inconsistency-handling:
  - Resolve the inconsistencies - ideal, but not always possible
  - Live with the inconsistencies - **inconsistency-tolerant semantics**

# ABox Repair (AR) Semantics

- Standard inconsistency-tolerant semantics
- **IDEA:** The query must be entailed by every **database repair**  
 $\subseteq$ -maximal consistent subsets of the database

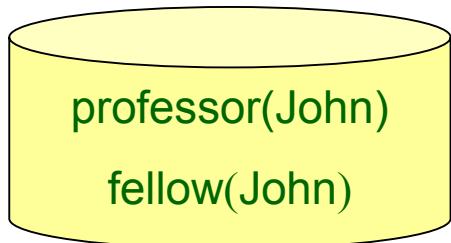
# ABox Repair (AR) Semantics



$$\text{AR-answers}(Q, \langle D, \Sigma \rangle) = \bigcap_{R \in \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}} \text{certain-answers}(Q, \langle R, \Sigma \rangle)$$

# ABox Repair (AR) Semantics: Example

$D =$



$\Sigma =$

$\forall x \text{ (professor}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{ (faculty}(x) \wedge \text{teaches}(x,y)))$

$\forall x \text{ (fellow}(x) \rightarrow \text{faculty}(x))$

$\forall x \text{ (professor}(x) \wedge \text{fellow}(x) \rightarrow \perp)$

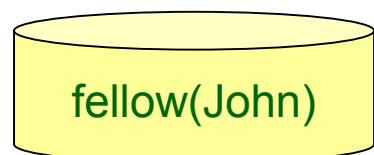
$Q :- \text{faculty}(\text{John}) \quad \checkmark$

$R_1 =$



$() \in \text{AR-answers}(Q, \langle R_1, \Sigma \rangle)$

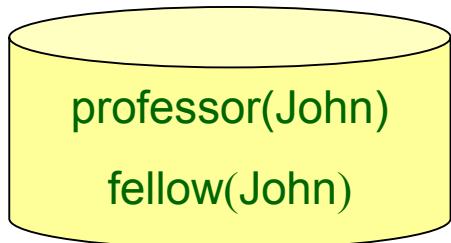
$R_2 =$



$() \in \text{AR-answers}(Q, \langle R_2, \Sigma \rangle)$

# ABox Repair (AR) Semantics: Example

$D =$



$\Sigma =$

$\forall x \text{ professor}(x) \rightarrow \exists y \text{ (faculty}(x) \wedge \text{teaches}(x,y))$

$\forall x \text{ fellow}(x) \rightarrow \text{faculty}(x)$

$\forall x \text{ (professor}(x) \wedge \text{fellow}(x) \rightarrow \perp)$

$Q :- \text{teaches}(\text{John},x) \quad \times$

$R_1 =$



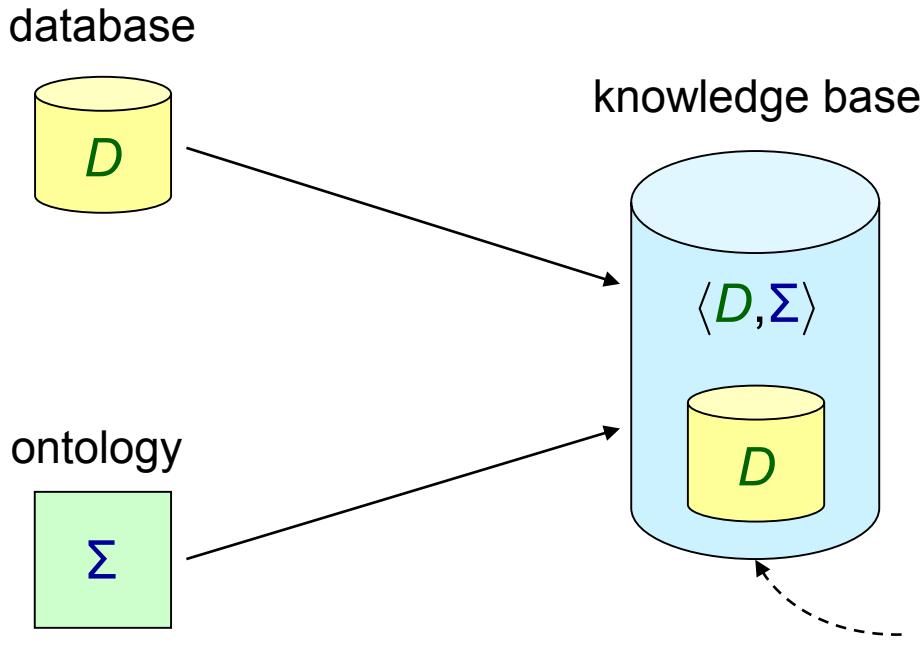
$() \in \text{AR-answers}(Q, \langle R_1, \Sigma \rangle)$

$R_2 =$



$() \notin \text{AR-answers}(Q, \langle R_2, \Sigma \rangle)$

# Consistent Query Answering in OBQA



**existential rules + negative constraints**

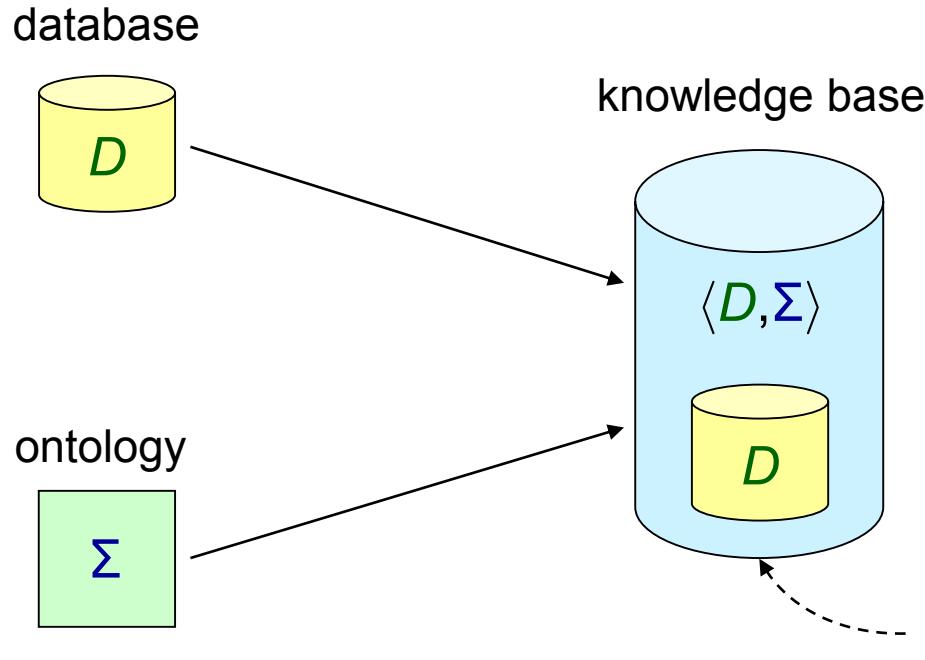
$$\forall \mathbf{x} \forall \mathbf{y} (\varphi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow \exists \mathbf{z} \psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}))$$

$$\forall \mathbf{x} (\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \perp)$$

**conjunctive queries**

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) :- R_1(\mathbf{v}_1), \dots, R_m(\mathbf{v}_m)$$

# Consistent Query Answering in OBQA



$$\text{AR-answers}(Q, \langle D, \Sigma \rangle) = \bigcap_{R \in \text{drep}(D, \Sigma)} \text{certain-answers}(Q, \langle R, \Sigma \rangle)$$

$\{D' \mid D \supseteq D', \text{models}(D' \wedge \Sigma) \neq \emptyset, \text{there is no } \alpha \in D \text{ such that } \text{models}(D' \cup \{\alpha\} \wedge \Sigma) \neq \emptyset\}$

# Consistent Query Answering in OBQA

Guess and check algorithm (for the complement of the problem)

Input:  $D$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $Q(x)$ , tuple  $t$

1. Guess  $R \subseteq D$  - a possible repair
2. Verify that  $R$  is a repair, i.e.,  $\langle R, \Sigma \rangle$  is consistent and  $R$  is  $\subseteq$ -maximal
3. Verify that  $\langle R, \Sigma \rangle$  does not entail  $Q(t)$

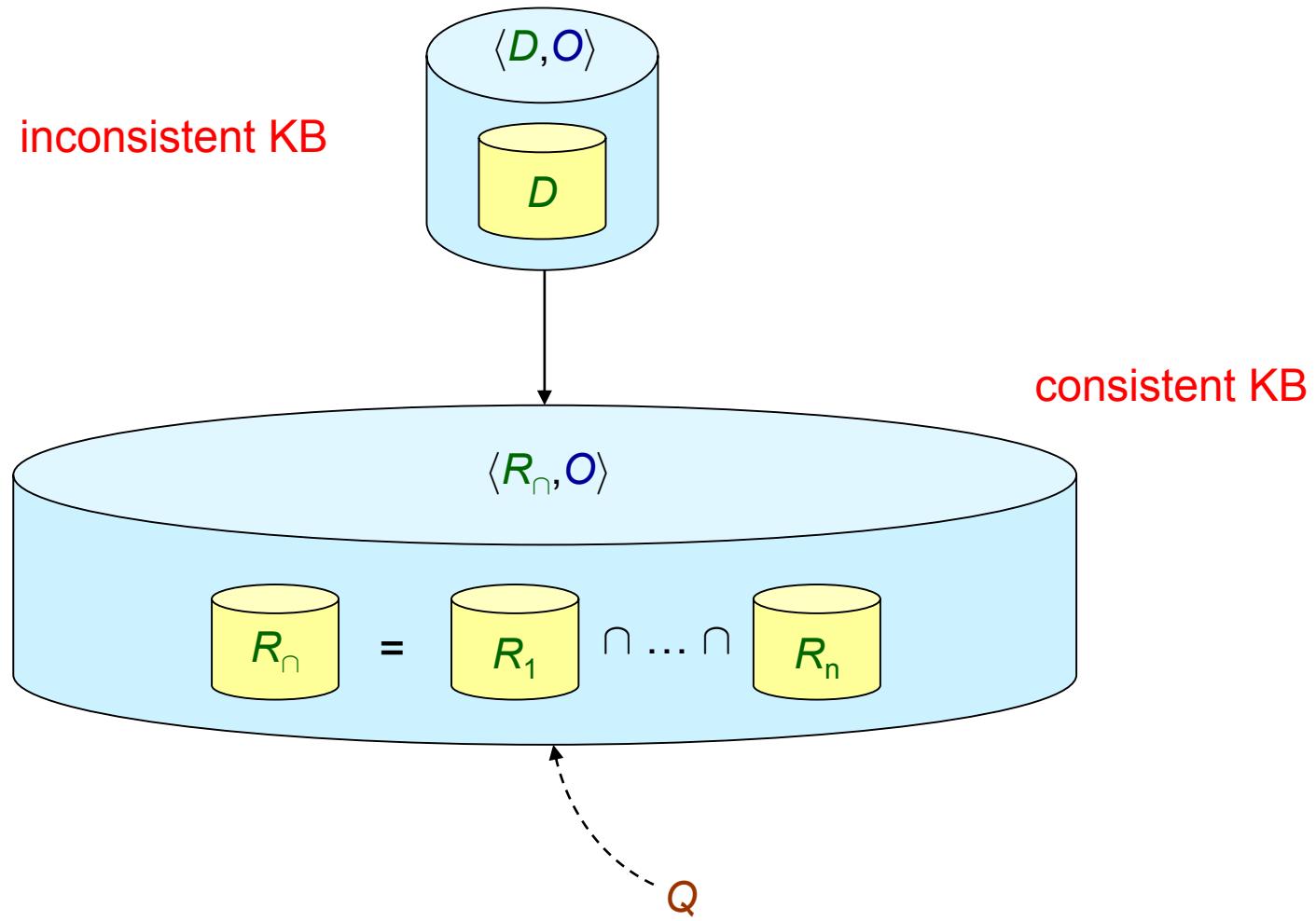
we exploit classical query answering

- 2.1. Check that for every  $\forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \perp) \in \Sigma$ ,  $\langle R, \Sigma \rangle$  does not entail  $Q :- \varphi(x)$
- 2.2. Check that for every  $a \in D \setminus R$ , there exists  $\forall x (\varphi(x) \rightarrow \perp) \in \Sigma$ , such that  $\langle R \cup \{a\}, \Sigma \rangle$  entails  $Q :- \varphi(x)$

# Intersection ABox Repair (IAR) Semantics

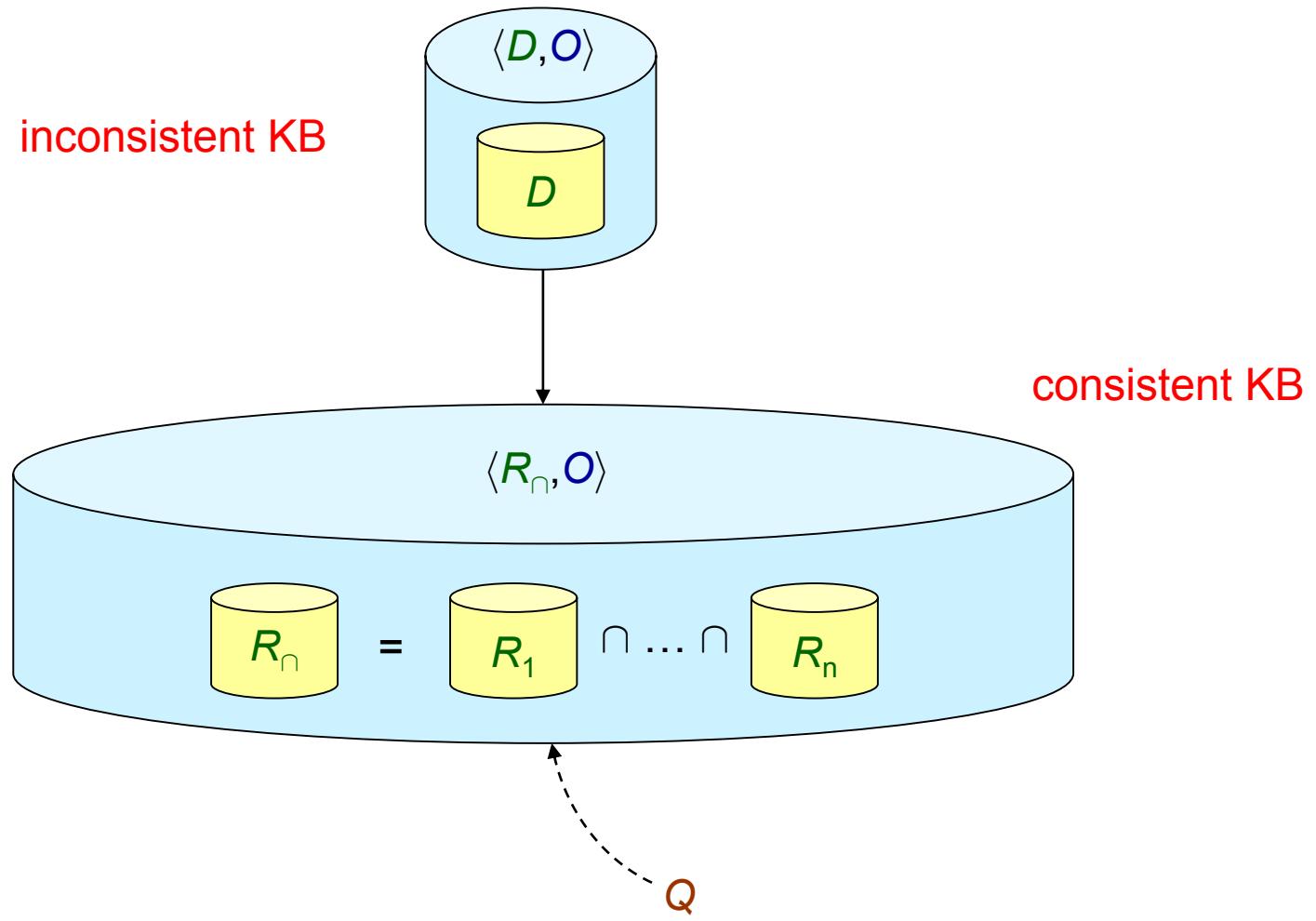
- One of the basic sound approximations of the AR semantics
- **IDEA:** The query must be entailed by the intersection of the database repairs  
 $\subseteq$ -maximal consistent subsets of the database

# Intersection ABox Repair (IAR) Semantics



$$\text{IAR-answers}(Q, \langle D, \Sigma \rangle) = \text{certain-answers}(Q, \langle R_n, \Sigma \rangle)$$

# Intersection ABox Repair (IAR) Semantics



IAR-answers( $Q, \langle D, \Sigma \rangle$ )  $\subseteq$  AR-answers( $Q, \langle D, \Sigma \rangle$ )