

**Technological Challenges for
Multimodal Information Mastering**
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- **Data Growth**
 - Quantity of available data worldwide doubles every year
- **Availability of processing tools**
 - Cost of data storage has decreased from €/Mb to cents / Mb
 - Computing power continues to double every year



■ 3 Ages of the Information Era

2000 and beyond

Understand

Knowledge Engineering

90s and beyond

Carry...

Telecommunications

- Bandwidth
- Mobility
- Security

80s and beyond

Process...

- Computing
- Computing power
 - Data storage



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Technological Challenges of Multimodal Information Mastering



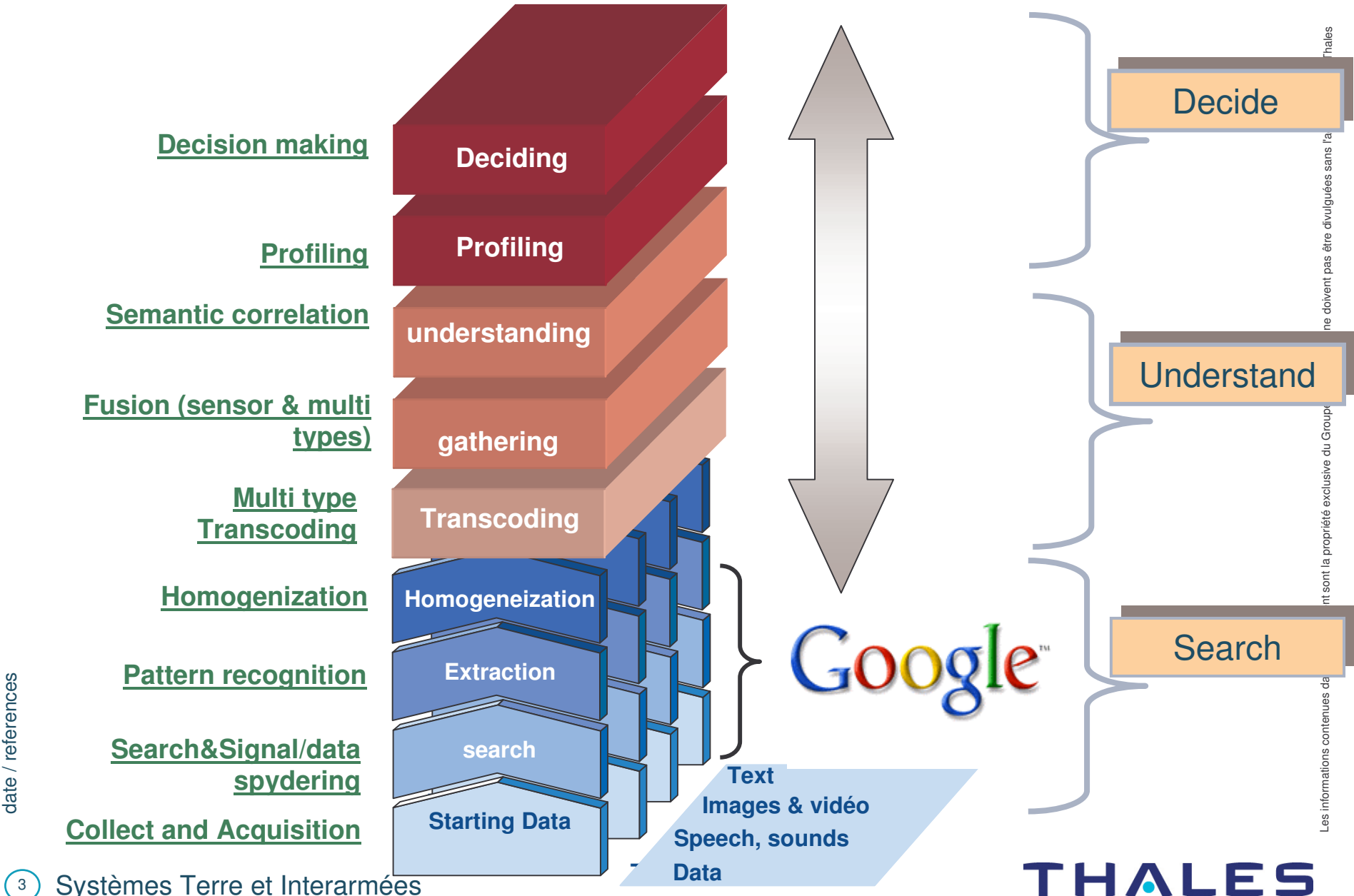
- Be at the level of **the best** for the indexation of the web
- Improve the current processes of **consultation**
- Drastically improve **"Miners*" technology**
- **Merge and inter-correlate** multi-source data
- **Achieve breakthrough in « machine automata »** technology to improve *extraction* quality
- Optimize the transcoding process
- Achieve true **interoperability** between technologies
- Manage multimedia bases with **the same efficiency** as current text or digital data databases
- Develop applications in the Domains of : **Security, Health, E-training, Digital libraries, Finance, and Digital Life**



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Technological Keywords for Providing the systems with Advanced Information Analysis



- **Information Extraction**
- **Automatic Clustering (Structured/unstructured)**
- **Transcoding Data from Type A to Type B**
- **Information Fusion**
- **Semantic Graphs**



Different Types of Data Fusion Type A → Type B

■ **Fusion:** Text → Numerical Structured Data

This fusion (or joint treatment Textual Data with Structured Data) must be understood as semantic reciprocal treatments, allowing semantic correlation and not “simple juxtaposition”

■ **Fusion :** Speech → Text (already under process)

Transformation by means of transcoders of the “speech signal” into its “textual translation” (example : Voice Dictation IBM, LIMSI tools etc..)

■ **Fusion :** Image → Structured Numerical Data (more classical)

Here we must use tools for “image contours and outlines analysis” for translate Image into “Semantic Descriptive Qualitative Markers”

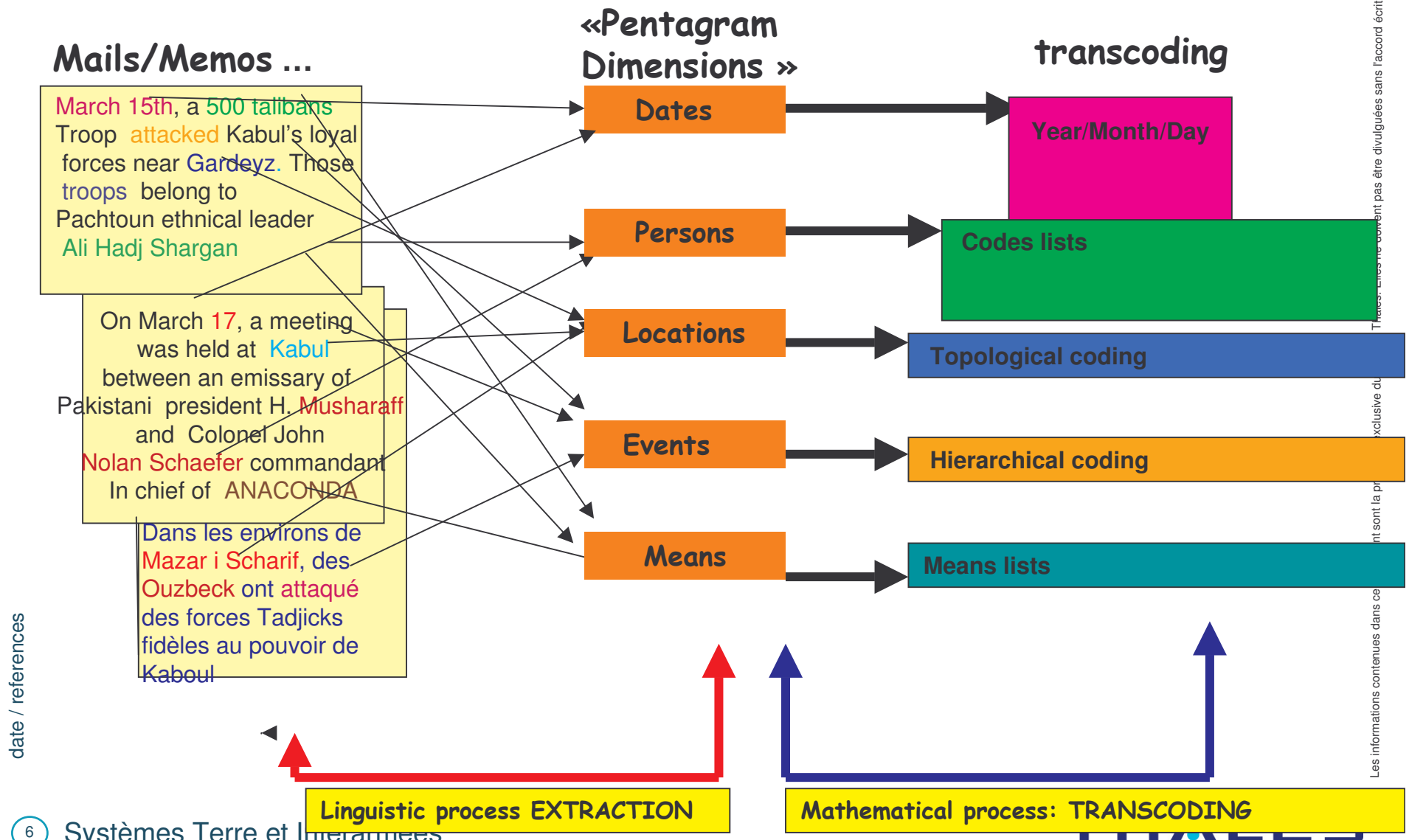
■ **Fusion :** Image → Text

Here we must try to interpret (if possible) the contours and forms by means of predetermined structures (gabarits) with associated generation of textual scripts.

■ **Fusion:** Cartographical Data → Structured Numerical Data

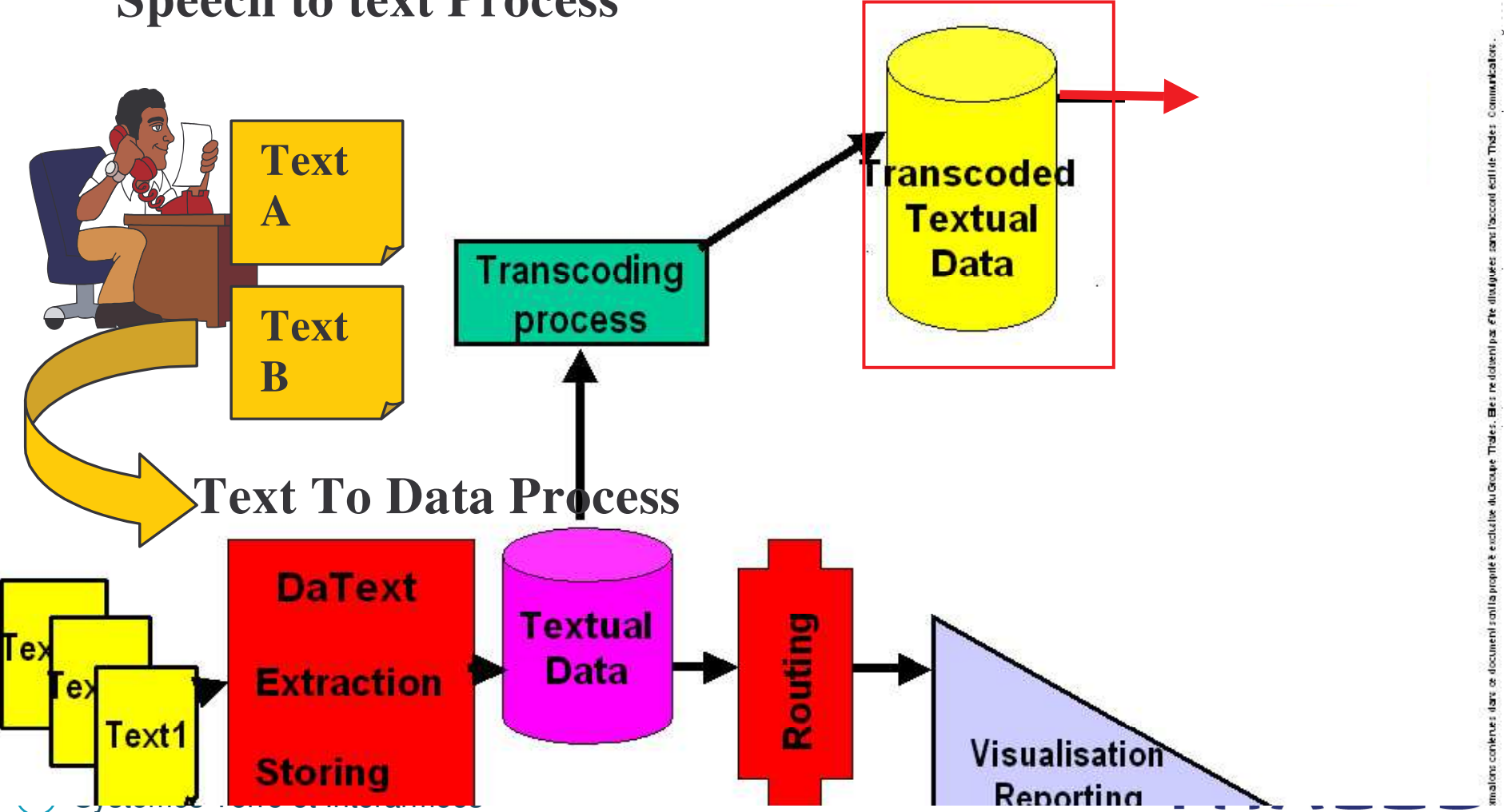
Dans In that case we translate the topographical Information into a set of Qualitative (hierarchical or Nominal) compatible with the other descriptive numerical variables already stored.

Extracted information transcoding process: Text → Data



Speech to text and Information Extraction Chain Coupling

Speech to text Process



Global Strategic Intelligence Management Design

Exogen data
(Pricings,
Costs, sizes)



Structured
Data
Base X

Structured
Data
Base Y

Transcoded
Textual
Data

FUSION
+
Optimized
Pre-
Processing

Data & Text
Analysis
and Mining
Clustering
Segmentation
Seriation
Categorisation
Scoring

Visualisations
Graphics
Cartographies

Optimisation
Processing
Power Pricing
Penalty
Processing
Logistic Opt.
Etc..

Simulations

Resulting Scenarios
ROI Measures

Simulation on model building

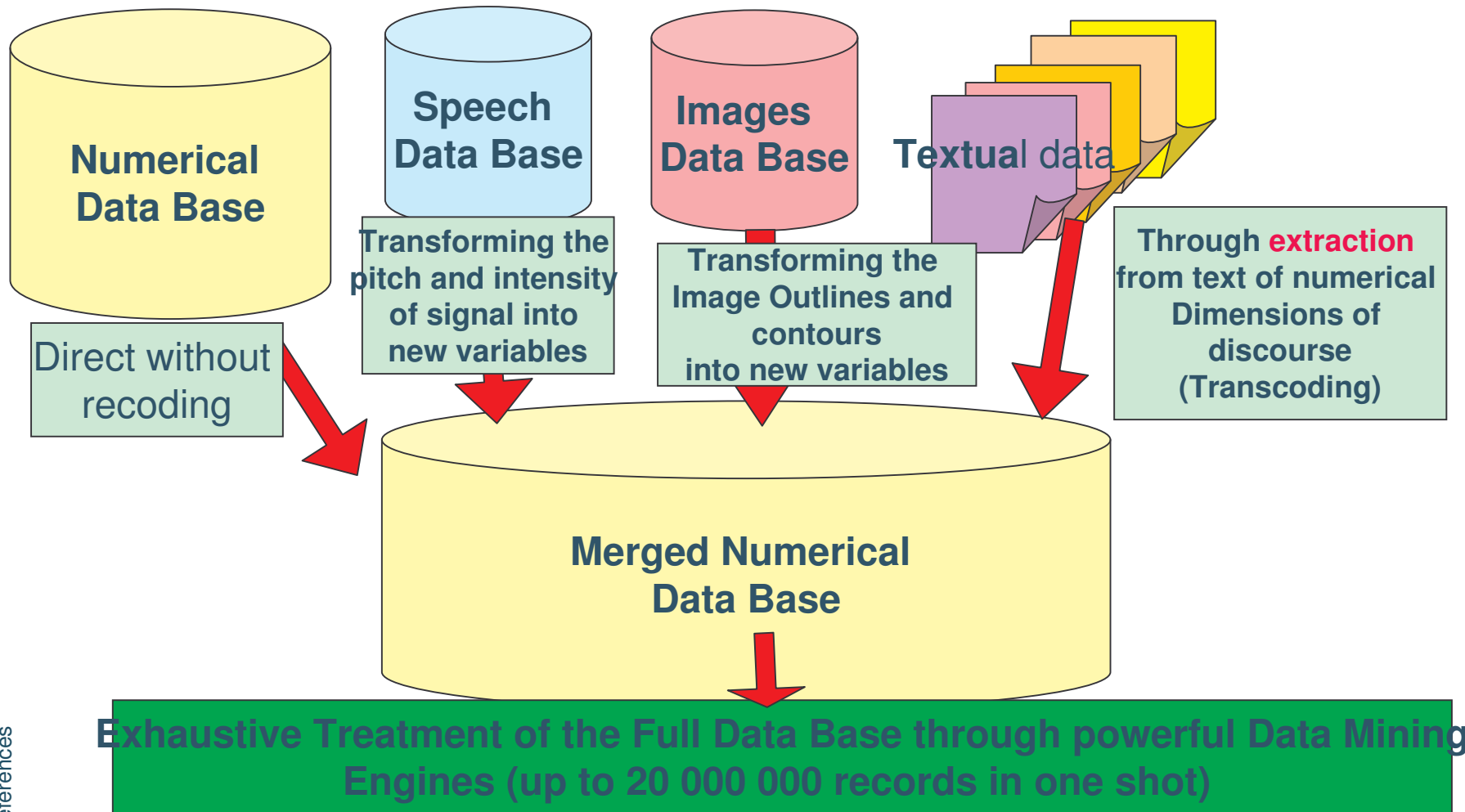
Simulation on data sets

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Semantic Fusion of Multimodal Information (Case1)

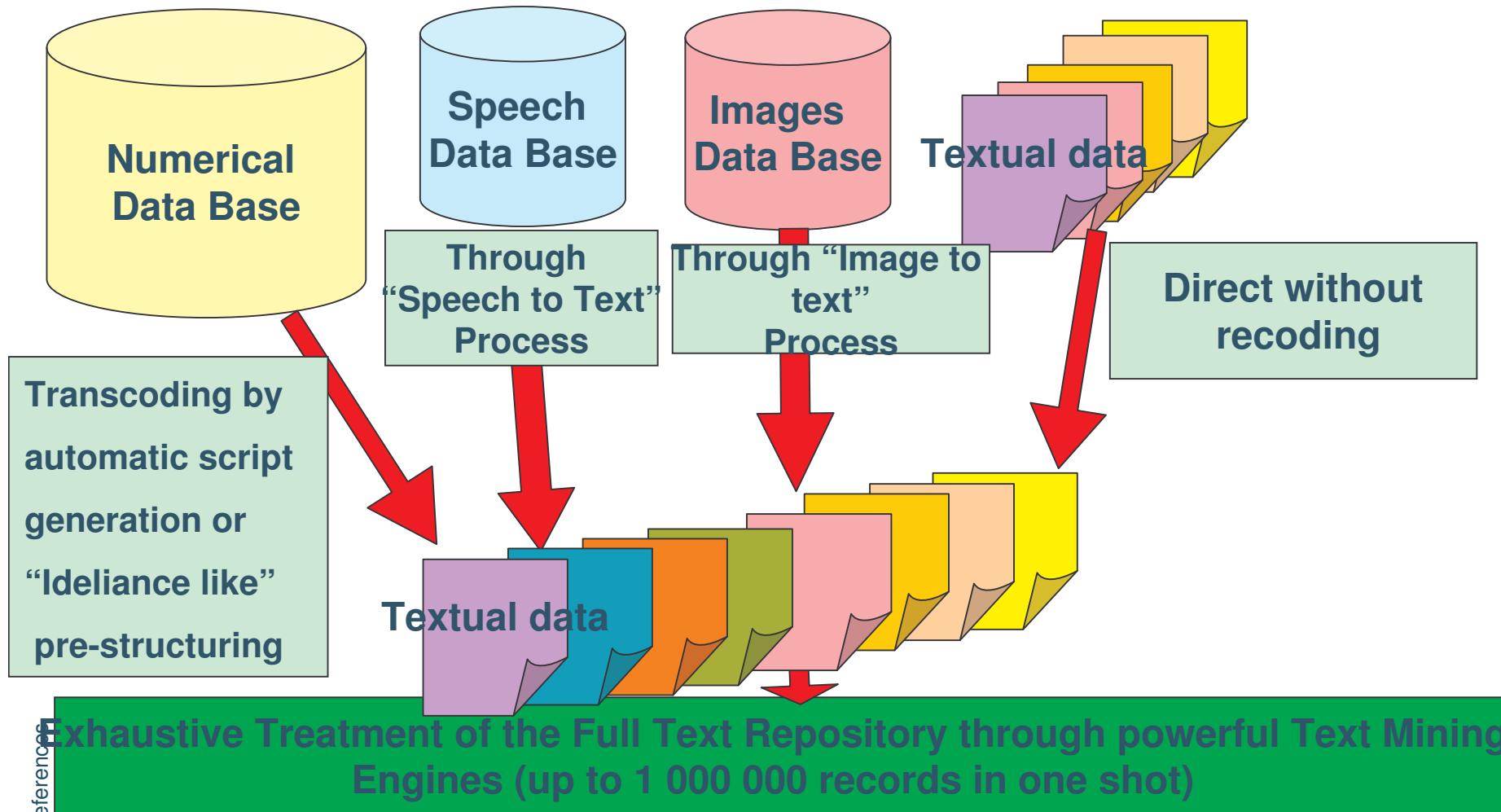


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First Strategy: Transform all the set of data into structured ones:

Very powerful for huge sized treatments but loss of semantical value

Semantic Fusion of Multimodal Information (Case2)



Second Strategy: Transform the whole data set into textual information : Very powerful for keeping a high level of semantic value, less powerful for large sized problems

The trilogy: Semantic Network representation / Analysis / Clustering



From a SEMANTIC GRAPH, a large variety of Problems related to **Clustering and Similarity** is appearing:

A each node of the Graph one gives the **attributes which are functions of the linked sub-graphs**

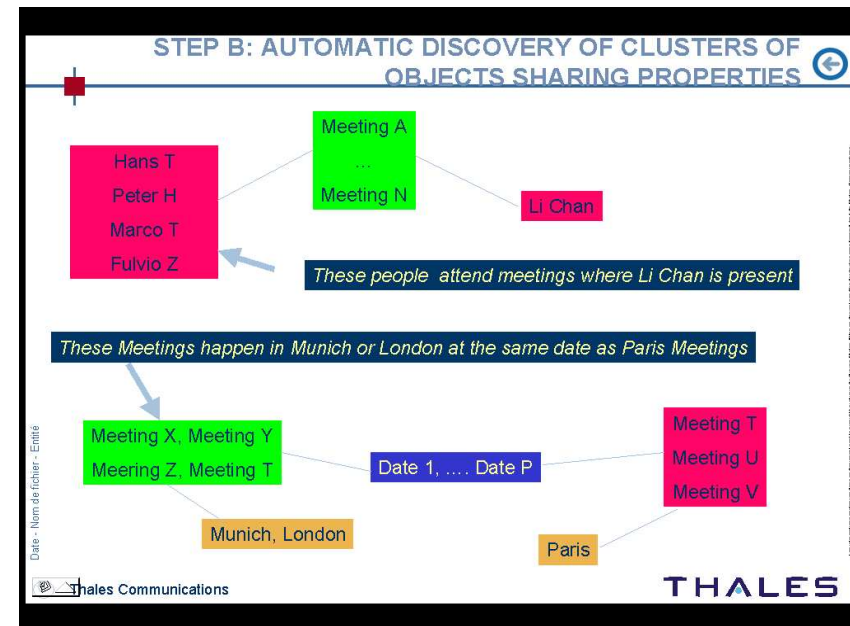
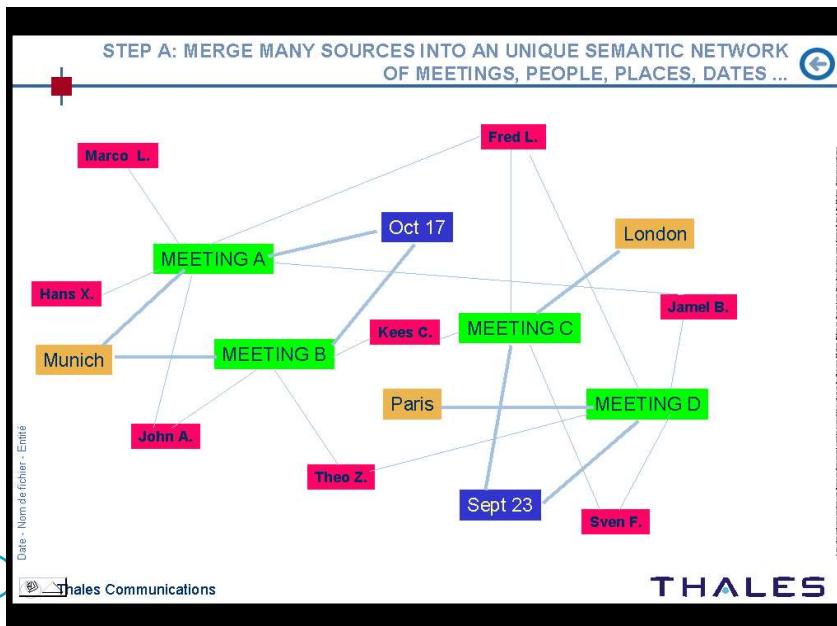
Consider those **sub-graphs per say** -as new objects to classify (or to cluster)

Research all the chains of the **graphs which constitute the attributes** for their classification or clustering

The Clustering results **are a real enrichment for the Semantic Graph and go directly into the *TURBO* machine** for other treatments.

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Search Industry Facing Evolution



What will Google do next? How will Yahoo counter the move? And how will this impact MSN Search, Ask Jeeves and the scores of smaller players vying to get their share of the search engine revenue pie?

Clustering Catches On

« Another common prediction is for **the increased adoption of clustering technology**. America Online is already offering clustering via its Vivisimo partnership. **Gartner analyst Alan Weiner**, for one, said he's hooked on clustering, and he **expects to see major search engine players add clustering features in 2005** to make search more user-friendly.

Clustering is an elemental way of taking people through a more direct path to what they are looking for," Gartner analyst said. "If you type in the world 'polish,' the search engine might not know if you are looking for information about Poland or products that make your car shiny. With clustering technology, you have on-the-fly categories and you can immediately choose 'car-related accessories. »



May 23-24, 2006
Hilton New York, New York City

Beyond Search: Intelligent Use of Intelligence

William Lunceford, Section Manager, Procter & Gamble

« Search tools are more abundant than ever, but the people you support are spending valuable time sifting through irrelevant search results and may be missing critical information. How can you improve their overall search experience, and, more importantly, **how can you help them make intelligent use of search intelligence? P&G created a unified search tool that sorts results into clusters that are intelligently selected from words and phrases found in the documents themselves.** Learn about the benefits of clustering and how P&G's project evolved to extend across the entire enterprise ». *Hosted by Vivisimo.*

« Sprint Platform™ » fonctionnal spectrum



Automatic treatments of Documents

- Indexation/categorization/classification plans (**pentagramm**)
- Multi-modal Filtering, highlighting of « named entities »
- Hierarchy of Documents according to « **gravity or criticality** » levels

The screenshot displays the Sprint Platform interface. On the left, a tree view shows a hierarchy of documents under 'LOCALISATION (201/202)'. The main area shows a map of West Africa with a red rectangular overlay labeled 'Zone of inverse search'. On the right, a detailed document view is shown, including a 'Résumé automatisé' (Automated Summary) and a 'Plan de Classement' (Classification Plan). The document text discusses military operations and political events in Côte d'Ivoire.

- Automatic Summaries
- Reporting

Dynamic Cartography

- Automatic Geolocation of events
- Geographical **Inverse search** of documents
- Filtering and annotations

Decision Aided process

- Clustering**
- Semantic Networks

The screenshot displays the dynamic cartography view of the Sprint Platform. It features a 3D bar chart titled 'Gravité pondérée' (Weighted Gravity) on the y-axis, ranging from 0 to 5. The x-axis represents 'Date moyenne' (Average Date), with a specific date of '19 sept. 2002' marked. The chart shows various colored bars representing different events or documents, with lines connecting them to a detailed document view on the right. The document view shows a news article about a meeting between Laurent Gbagbo and Henri Konan Bédié. The interface also includes a 'Projection de classes' (Class Projection) panel with options for 'Type de projection' (Projection type) and 'Mode de coloration' (Coloring mode).

An Example of a French National Initiative for Building up a global Information Search, Extraction and Analysis Solution



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- *Knowledge Engineering* : Develop worldclass technologies **enabling** « Ile de France » companies to gain lead positions on a fast growing market (> 20B€ 2008)
- Capitalize on the **unique scientific potential** of Ile-de-France companies, labs, universities, start-ups by **federating efforts**

Enable everyone, private or professional, to *navigate* easily and smartly in huge amount of multi-source information so as to *understand* and *decide*



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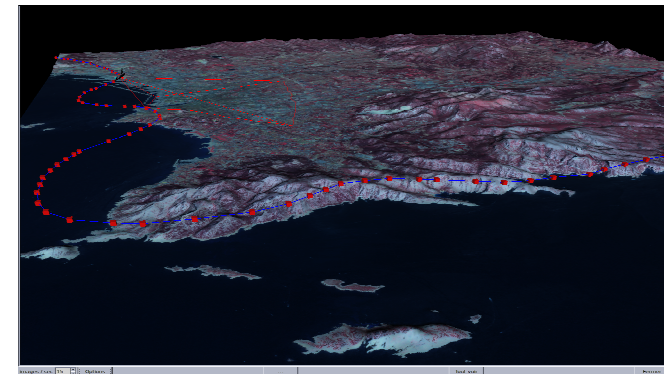
- **Etre au niveau** des meilleurs pour l'indexation du Web
- **Améliorer** les processus de **consultation** actuels
- Avoir de meilleurs « **Miners*** » qu'IBM ou ORACLE
- **Fusionner et inter-corréler** les données de nature et sources différentes au delà de l'Etat de l'Art actuel
- Dépasser les limites actuelles des technologies d'automates pour gagner de la performance au niveau **Extraction**
- Optimiser les transcodages « **Type de données X vers Type de données Y** »
- Passer d'une simple juxtaposition à une réelle **interopérabilité** des outils.
- **Gérer des bases multimédias** avec la même efficacité que la gestion actuelle des bases textuelles ou de données numériques
- Trouver des applications **différenciatrices** dans les domaines de la Sécurité, de la Santé, de la Finance, et de la Vie Numérique



- Budget : 65M€
- Duration : 3 years
- 33 partners
- Calendar :
 - 2006 : models and implementation of first prototypes
 - 2007 : complete suite of prototypes
 - 2008 : technological integration platform and software bricks

Budget split

- Big firms and large Institutes : 58,6%
- Small and Medium Sized Companies : 21,2%
- Research Centres and Universities :20,2%



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