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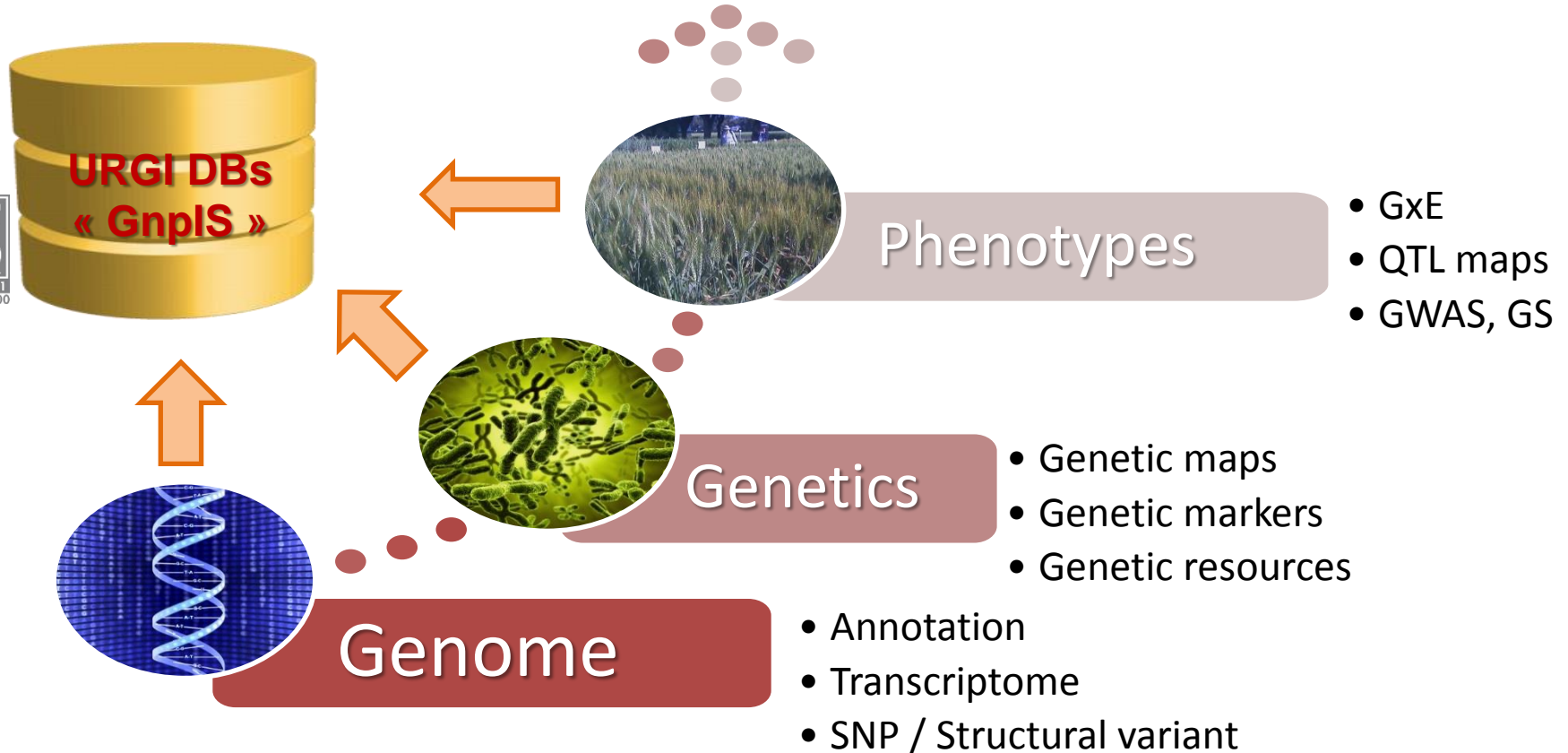


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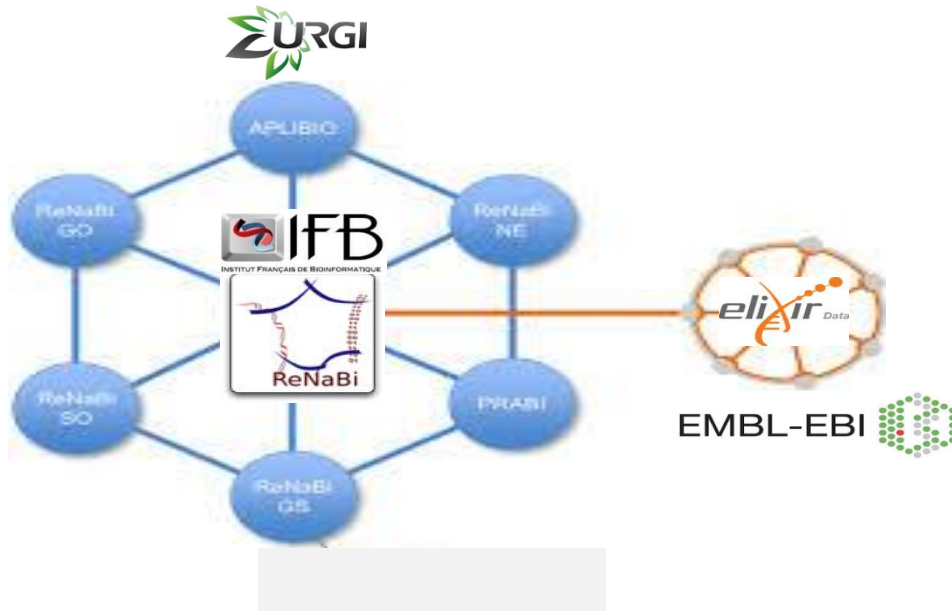
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A bioinformatic unit for crops and pathogens



URGI is a node of the french network of bio-informatics facilities (IFB-ReNaBi)



Challenges

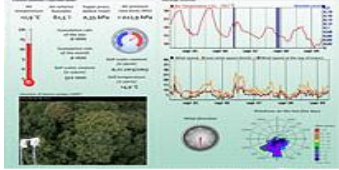
Necessity to connect data stored into different information systems

- Because the volumes are becoming too big for one information system (Ex: NGS)
- Because it is impossible to store all data in a single data model (Ex: phenotyping)
- Because data relevant for a scientific question may be stored in different databases dedicated to other purposes

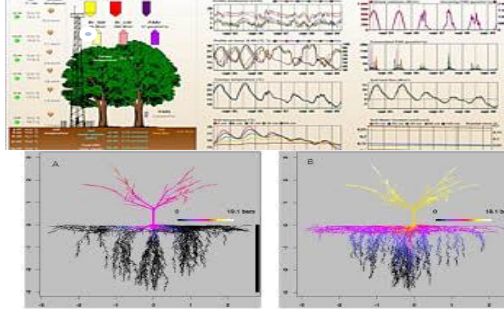
Necessity to organize and query heterogeneous data collected in different laboratories/context

Different data structures <-> different initial question
Potentially different experimental protocols

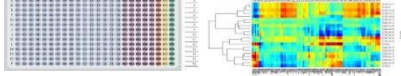
Climate, environment



Physical measurements, sensors...



Metabolites, proteins, genomic data...



Post-harvest



Bibliography, human sciences...



Development of guidelines, ontologies and standards by the **community of data producers/researchers**



Consequences on information systems

Towards distributed systems



Work in progress

Towards distributed information systems



WheatIS: the information system of the International Wheat Initiative (coord. H. Lucas): (chair: H. Quesneville)



Google-like query tool allowing to retrieve information in the databases of the transnational **TransPLANT** infrastructure (coord P. Kersey, EBI)

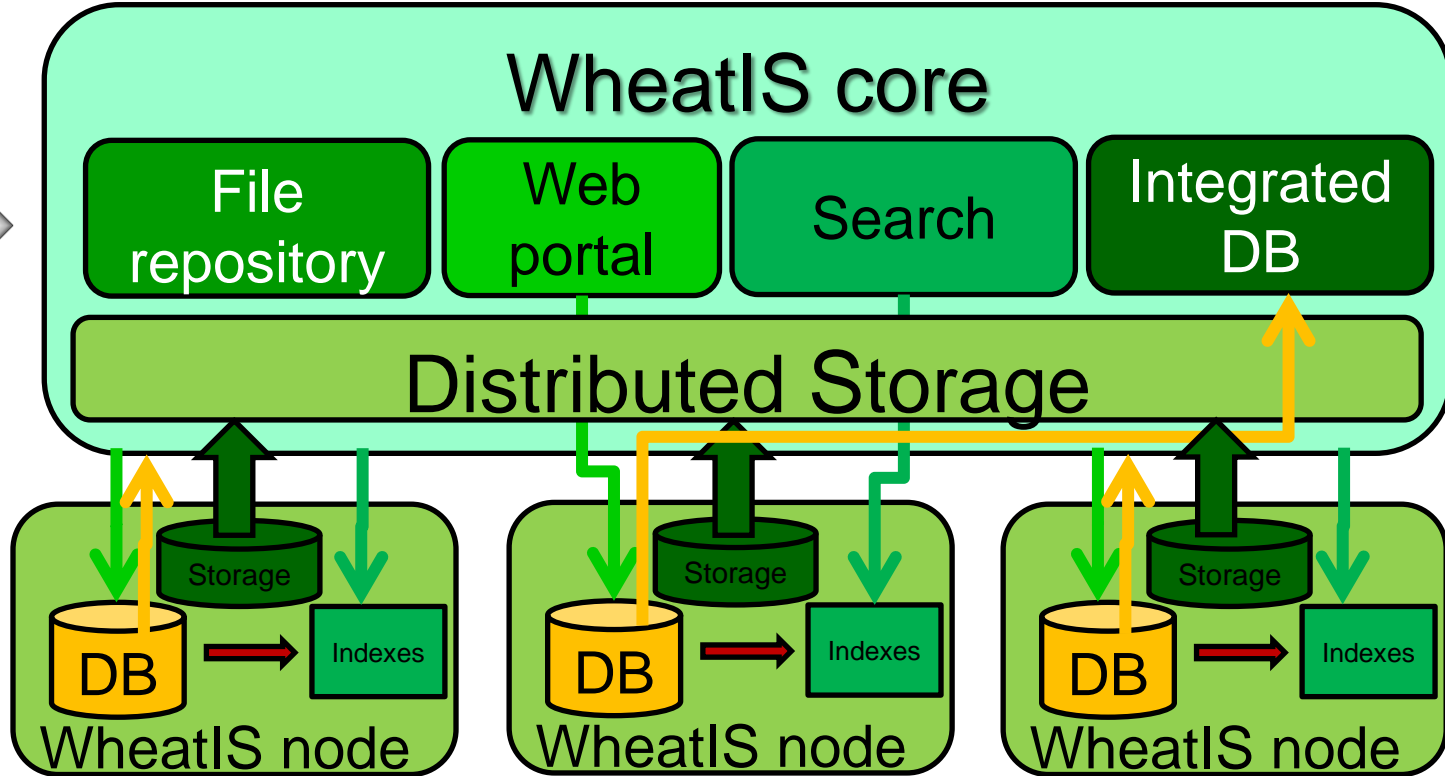


Information system for French Plant Phenotyping Network (**Phenome**, coord F. Tardieu)



Building a portal for the french crop **germplasm collections** (ARCAD-FEDER, J-L Pham coord)

WheatIS architecture



Definition of standards



Survey of existing standards: (1) data, (2) ontologies, (3) meta-data



“Cookbook”: how to produce easily shareable, reusable and interoperable “wheat data”



Identification of **end-users** categories and **WheatIS nodes**

Challenge : adoption of the recommendations by the community

- simple ontologies
- good balance between genericity and necessary specificity
- alignment with other international initiatives
- tools to help users

Ontologies / Thesaurus

References Ontologies

PATO

- Area
- ...

Plant Ontology

- Leaf
- ...

Unit Ontology

- cm2
- ...



Applied Ontologies

Crop Ontology

Wheat

Leaf Area

- Unit : cm2
- Method

Yield

- Unit : t/ha
- Method

Rust

- Scale
- Method
- Stage

Vitis

Budbreak date

Young Shoot: aperture of tip

- OIV:001
- Scale:1-3-5
- UPOV:3

Thesaurus

BreedWheat

- Leaf Area
- **BreedWheat Method**
- Yield



Phenome

- Leaf Area
- Budbreak date

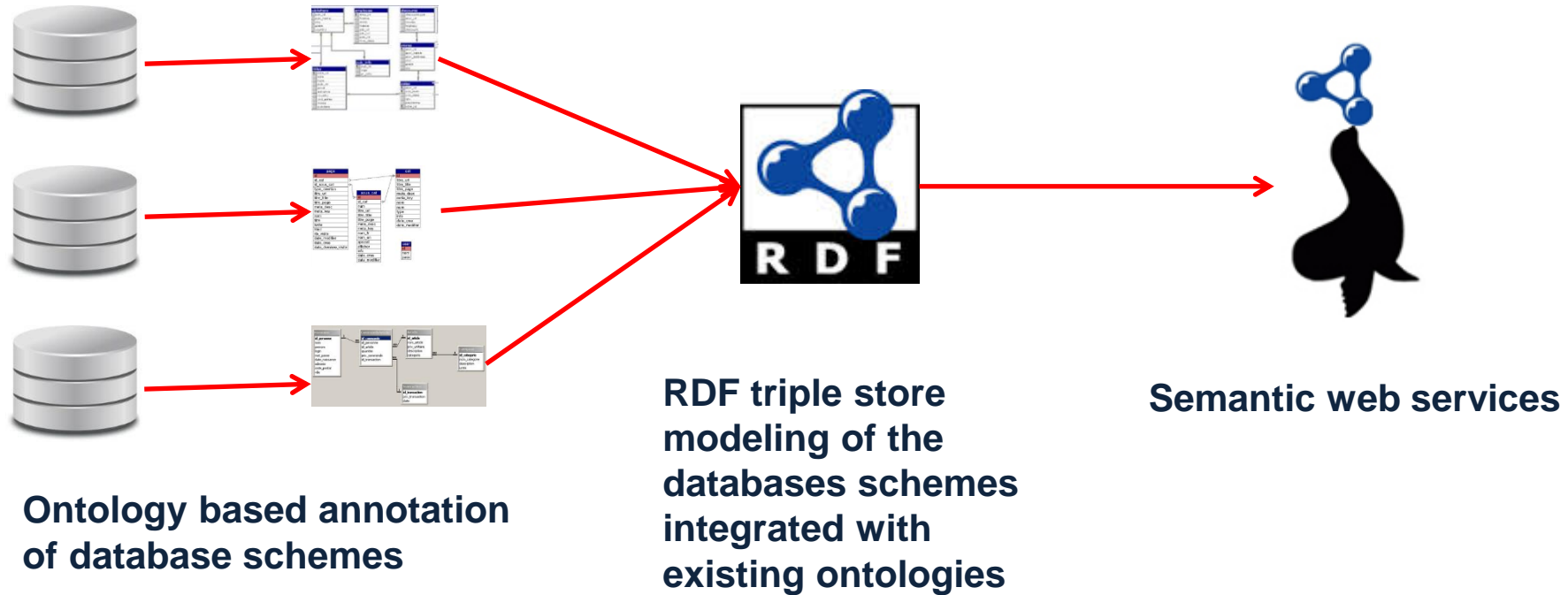


Full text queries of distributed databases



Perspectives

Develop a web semantic interoperability between the plant databases of the French Elixir node



Summary

Challenge: the query of high volumes of heterogeneous and distributed data

⇒ Federation of information systems

- ❖ At the national and european level
- ❖ through noSQL technologies (SolR, ElasticSearch...)
- ❖ Web semantic layer

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WheatIS timeline

Step 1: Network building

Definition of standards

- Define standards, nomenclature, formats.
- Meta-data exchange

WheatIS
=
A web platform to
exchange data

Step 2: Integrated portal

Search of data

- DBs federation
- Google-like search

WheatIS
=
A portal to access a
network of DBs

Step 3: Integrated DB

Integration of data

- In one place
- Focused on relevant data sets
- Consolidated and consistent

WheatIS
=
A integrated DB