



Environnemental Sensing

Ilist - Indexed List

Concepts and principles

0 – Main

- **Indexed list**

- 0 - Presentation

- **Objectives**

- Structure optimization
 - 1 - Structure understanding
 - 2 - Structure optimization
 - 3 - Size optimization
 - Integrate process
 - 4 - Building process
 - 4 - Interface tools

- **Associated tools**

- 5 - Data format
 - 5 - Exchange format

- **Extension**

- 6 - Environmental sensing
 - 6 - Sensor acquisition

0 - Ilist (Indexed list)

What is Ilist ?

List of values :

+

Age : [12, 28, 39, 58]

List of indexes :

Name : [Paul, John, Lea, Cat]

City : [Paris, Metz, Rennes, Bollène]

....



Name	city	Age
Paul	Paris	12
John	Metz	28
Lea	Rennes	39
Cat	Bollène	58

Example : csv file, measurement, log, matrix

Why Ilist ?

- The majority of work processes are underpinned by Sheets
- The main Open-data format is CSV
- Existing tools process data but not data structures

Such tool doesn't exist !

0 – Ilist structure

Two levels

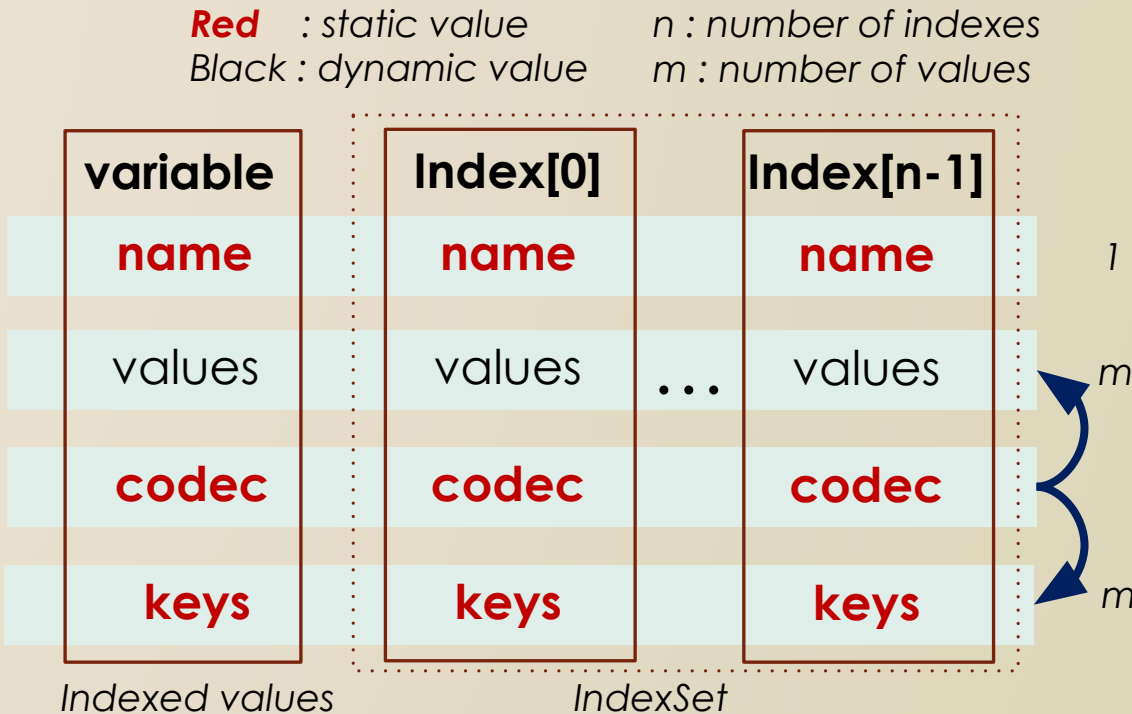
- **External values**
(every kind of object)
- **Internal keys**
(no duplication)

Name
(string)

External value
(object)

Codec
(int / ext)

Internal key
(integer)



Example

variable	score		
	name	Paul	Lea
indexes	age	16	15
	subject	math	english

name

External		
10	12	15
Paul	Lea	Lea
16	15	15
math	math	english

values

Structure analysis

Internal

0	1	2
1	0	0
0	1	1
1	1	0

keys

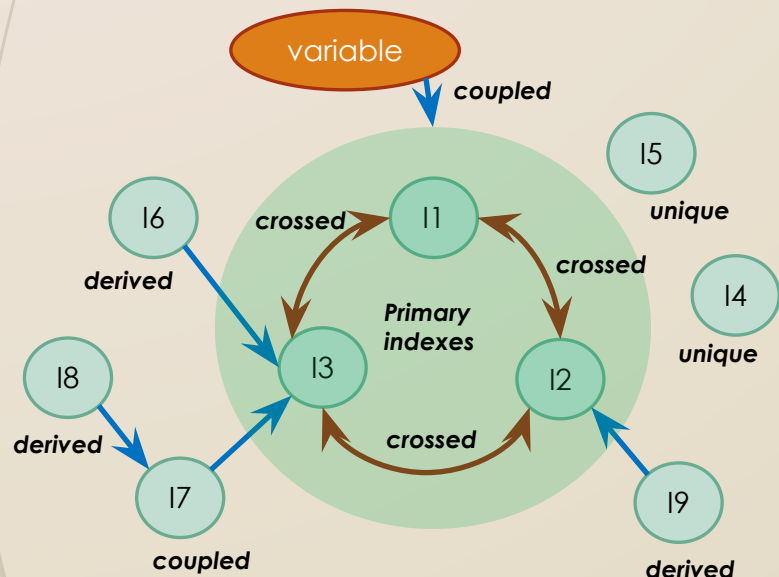
1 – Structure understanding

- **Relationship analysis**

- Index qualification
- Index relationship

- **Data structuration**

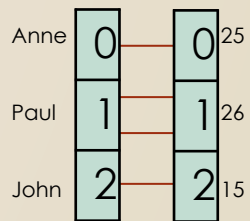
- Canonical format
- Convergence



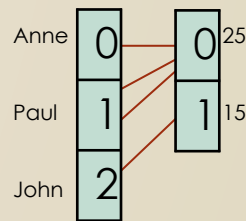
Canonical structure

Index relationship

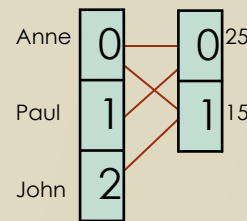
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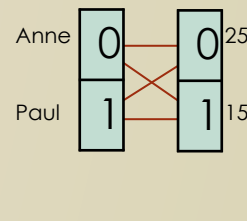
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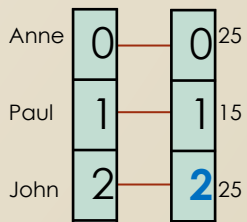
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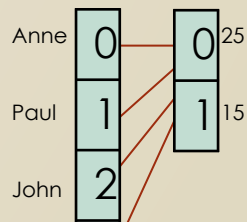
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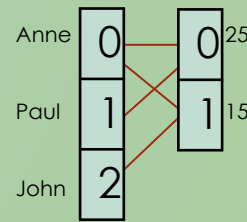
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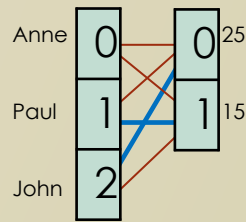
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[25, 25, 15, 15]



[Anne Paul Anne John Paul John]
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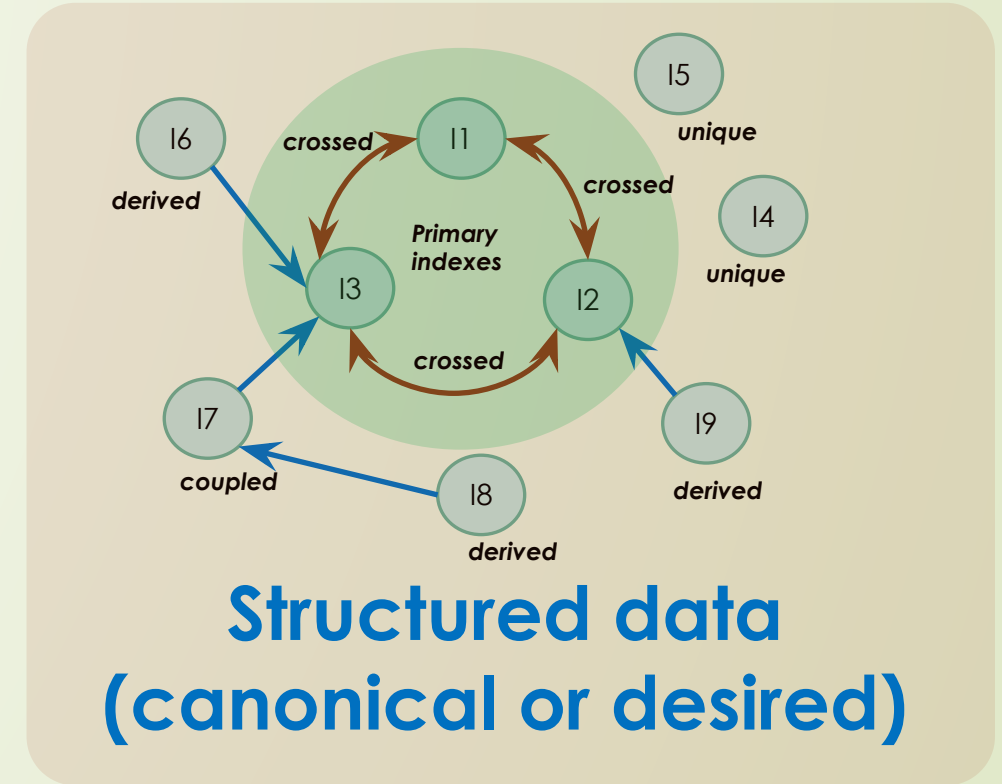
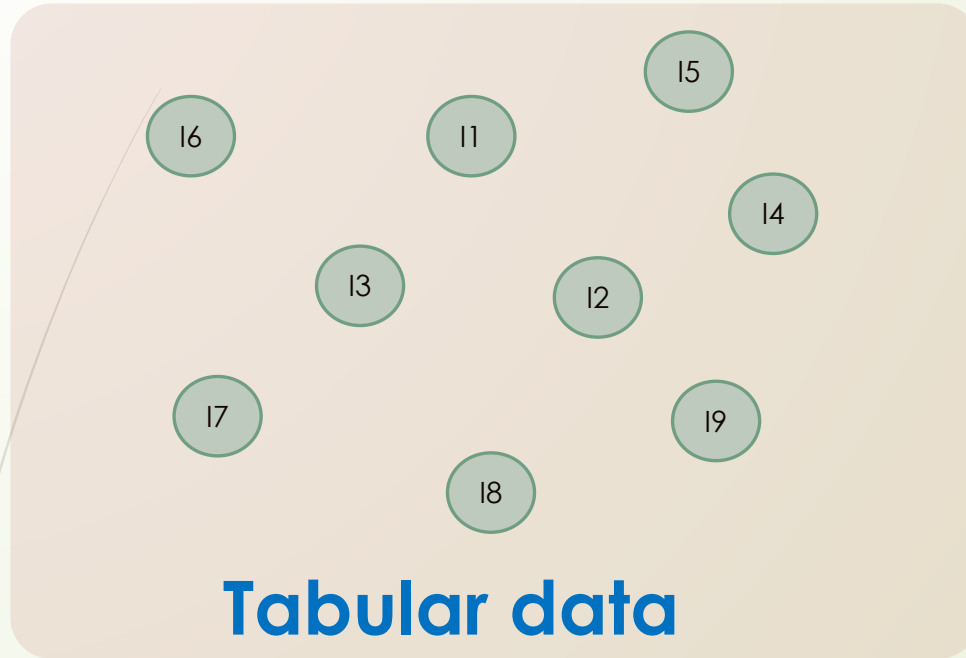


Codec extension

Value extension

Convergence

2 – Structure optimization



- **Optimization**

- minimization of additional data to achieve canonical structure

- **Consistency**

- enforce compliance with the conceptual data model (e.g. cardinality)
- identification of additional data to achieve the desired structure

3 – Size optimization

- Canonical structure

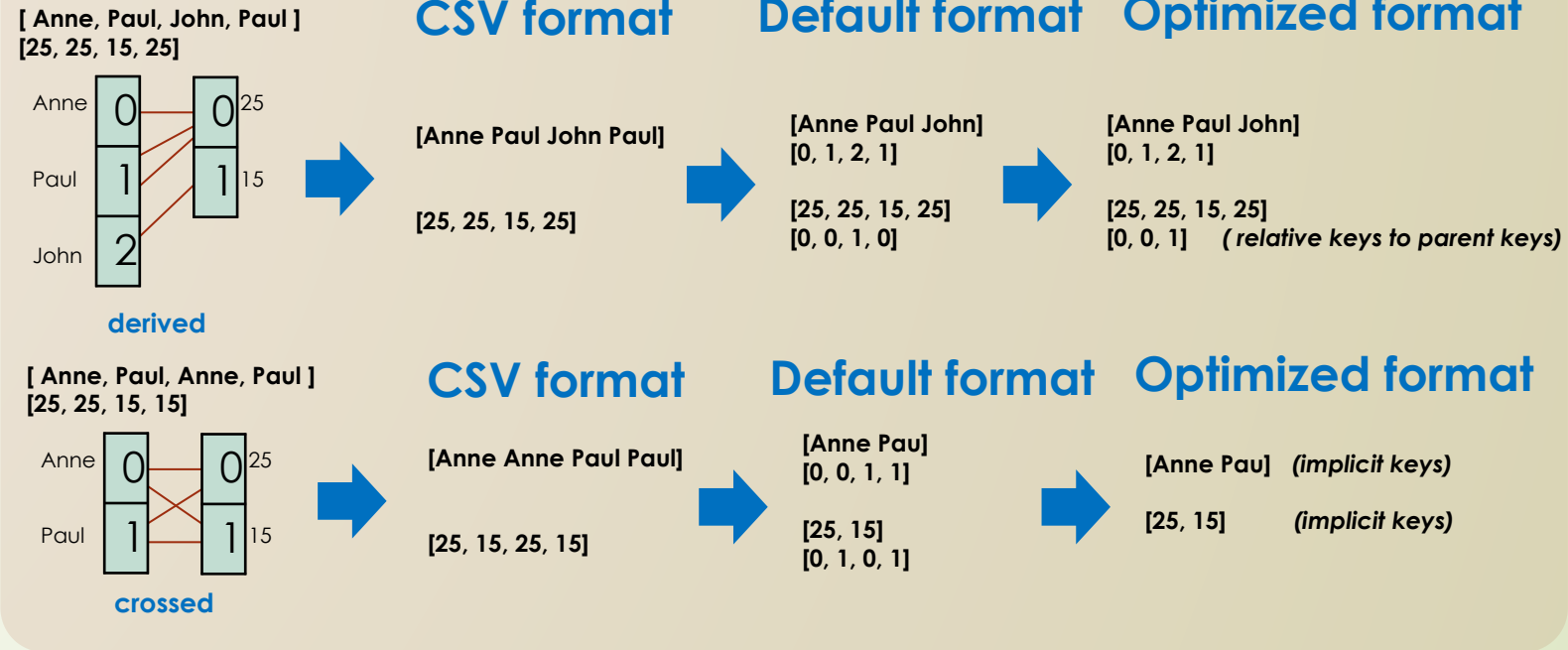
- Minimal structure

- Minimal size

- No multiple value
- Keys optimization

- Exchange format

- Text : JSON format
- Binary : CBOR (RFC 8949)



Example : Open-data - french charging point (EVSE)

7.5 Mo – 11 000 rows – 49 columns

Analysis :

Indexes : 1 coupled, 6 derived, 1 crossed, 41 linked

Canonical format : 1 crossed, 48 derived

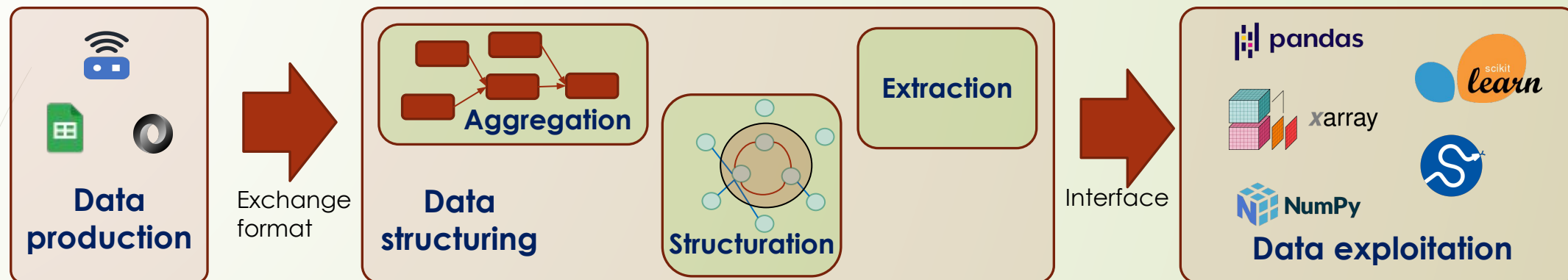
File size :

Default : 3.7 Mo

Optimized : 2.5 Mo

CBOR optimized : **1.7 Mo (gain : 77% !)**

4 – Integrate process



- **Data production interface**

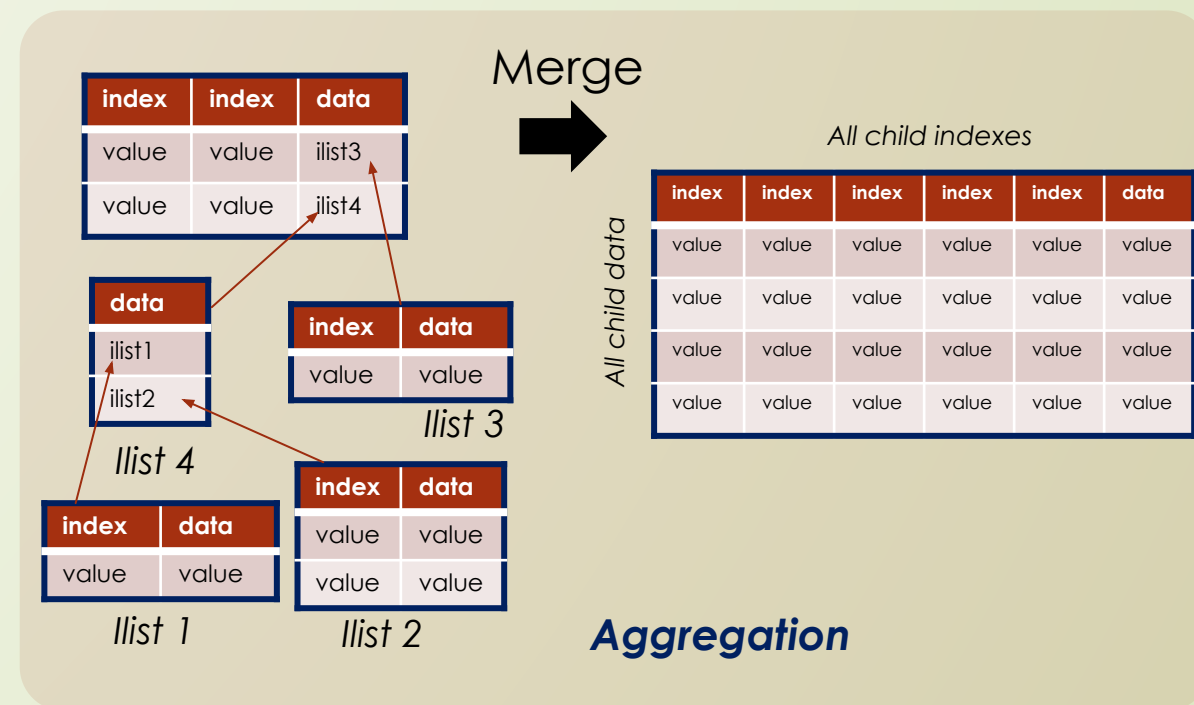
- Exchange format (Json, Bluetooth, CSV)

- **Aggregation / merge functions**

- Adapted to projects / organizations
- Add information without altering

- **Export to analysis tools**

- Canonical structure compatibility



5 – Data format

- **Large set of objects**
 - New format (timeslot, property)
- **JSON representation**
 - Exchange format

Value :
(object)

Object
(any)

NameValue

Value :
(composed)

TimeSlot

Coordinate
(geojson)

Property

datetime

Position
(geojson)

Characteristic

Value :
(JSON value)

string

byte

number

Array
(list)

Object
(dict)

Multi-object

Json value
Coordinate
TimeSlot
Property
NameValue

ILIST
structure

JSON
grammar

JSON / CBOR
format

Exchange format

NameValue

{ 'Paris' : [2,4, 48,9] }

Object

{ 'object name': object value }

TimeSlot

■ ■ ■ ■
d1 d2 d3 d4

[[[d1,d2]], [[d3,d4]]]

Property

{ 'char': 'PM10', 'unit': 'kg/m3', ... }
(Char -> i. e. BLE characteristic)

6 – Ilist extension

- **Observation**

- Ilist specialization with three main indexes :
 - Datation index (Timeslot), Location index (coordinate), Property
- Conformance with ISO 19156 : Observation & Measurement

- **Sensor acquisition**

- Integration of Bluetooth Environmental Sensing Profile (extension in 2021)
- Reduced exchange format for micro-controllers

- **Open-data**

- Tool to define data structuring (e.g. tabular data)
- Consistency measurement tool (e.g. check data model cardinalities)



Appendix

Concepts and principles

Detailed presentation

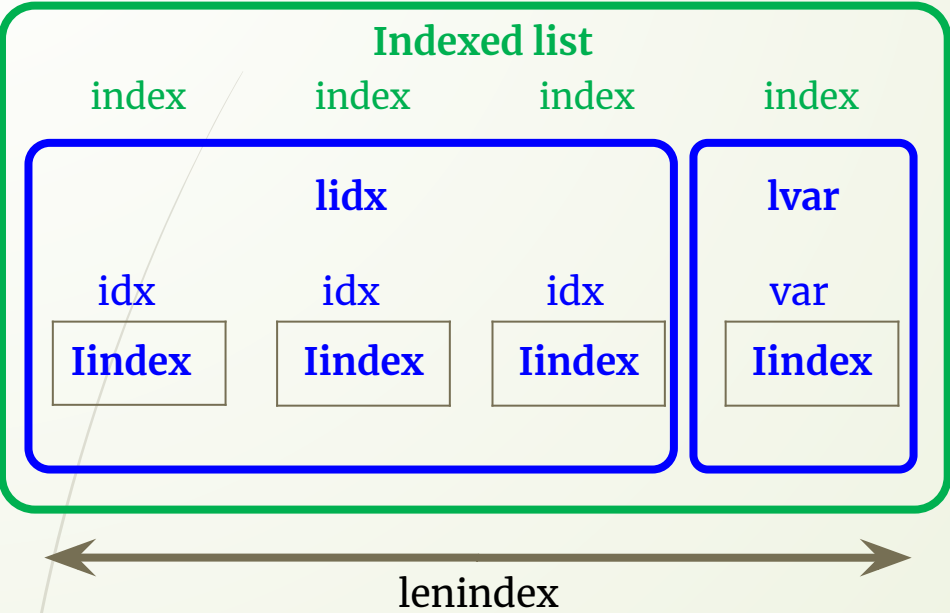
1 - Index analysis

2 - Matrix generation

3 - Aggregation

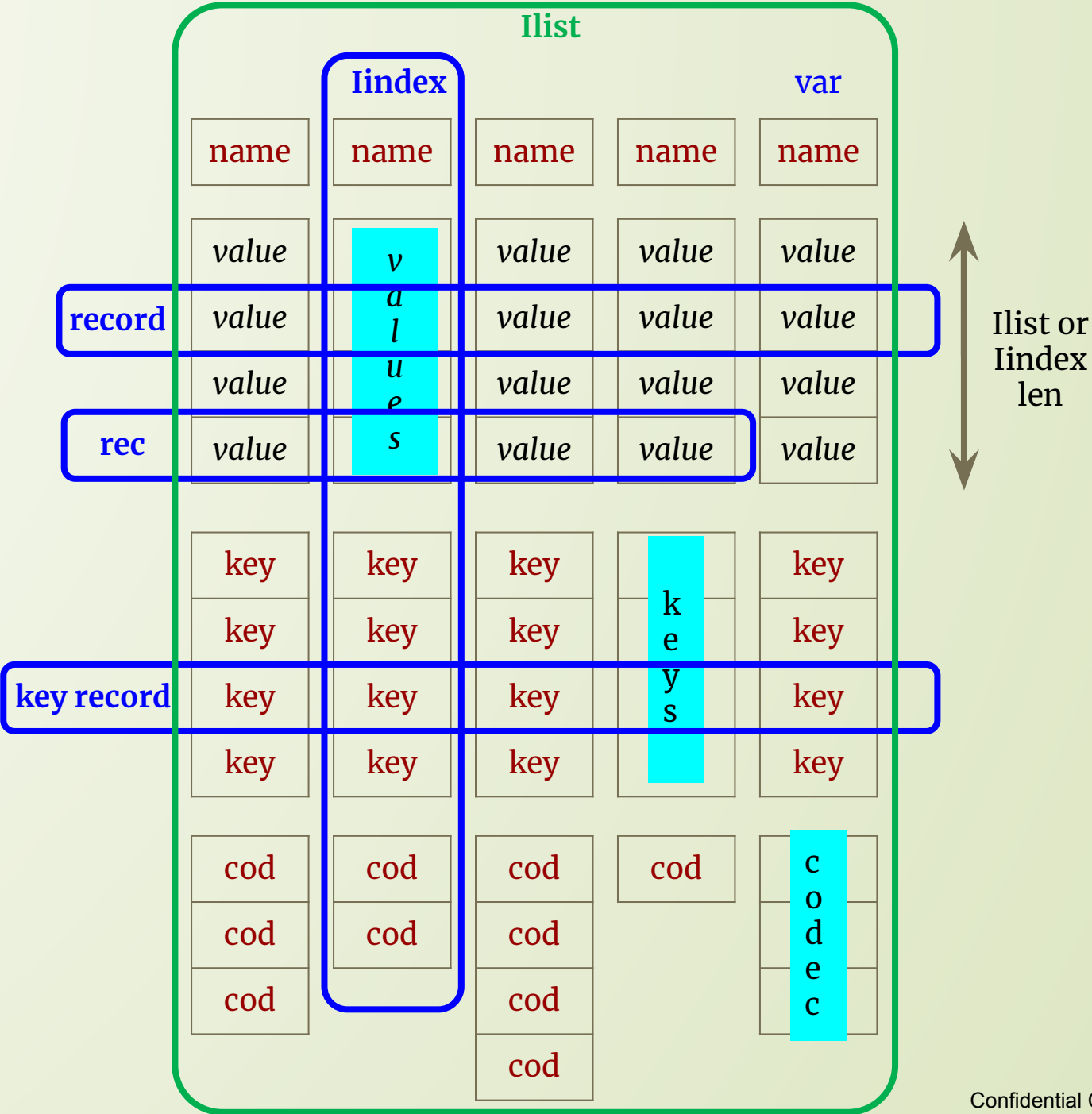
4 – Format, storage

0 – Terminology



val : external json representation of internal value

Italic: dynamic value



1 - Index categories

Values Length (number of values)	[Anne, Paul, Anne]	[Anne, Anne, Anne]	[Anne, Paul, Anne]
	3	3	3
Codec (row)	<div><div>0</div><div>1</div><div>2</div></div>	<div><div>0</div></div>	<div><div>0</div><div>1</div></div>
Type codec	full	unique	default
Property	Rate : 1 Disttomax : 0	Rate : 0 Disttomin : 0	Rate : 0 Disttomin : 0
Representation	Codec : [Anne, Paul, Anne] Keys: implicit (full keys)	Codec : [Anne] Keys: implicit	Codec : [Anne, Paul] Keys: [0, 1, 1]

Definition :

Default codec :
list of different values
Full codec :
list of values

Indicators :

$M = \text{len}(\text{values})$
 $m = \text{len}(\text{set}(\text{values}))$
 $x = \text{len}(\text{codec})$

Rate : $(M - x) / (M - m)$
Dist to min : $x - m$
Dist to max : $M - x$

- Properties**

- Any index have a default codec and a full codec
- Default are the shortest codec, full are the longest codec

$M = 0$	null
$m = 1$	unique
$m = M > 1$	complete
$m < M = x$	full
$x = m < M$	default
$m < x < M$	mixed

A codec defines the correspondence between values and keys (e.g.) :

- 1 : Anne
- 0 : Paul
- 2 : John

A codec may not be bijective (e.g.) :

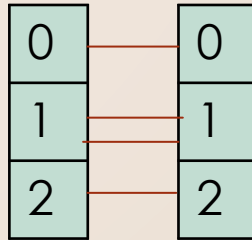
- 0 : Anne
- 1 : Paul
- 2 : Anne

1 - Relationship categories

Values

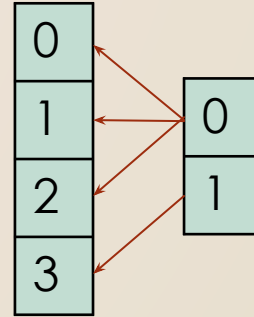
A [Anne, Paul, John, Paul] [Anne, Paul, John, Lea] [Anne, Paul, Anne, Lea] [Anne, Anne, Anne,
B [25, 26, 15, 26] [25, 25, 25, 12] [25, 25, 12, 12] Paul, Paul, Paul]
[25, 12, 25, 12, 25, 12]

Codec (row)

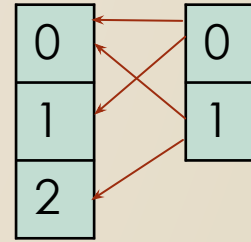


A

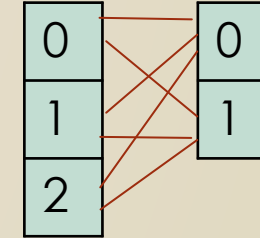
B



B derived from A
A derive B



B linked from A
A link B



A

B

Type

coupled

derived
(asymmetrical)

linked
(asymmetrical)

crossed

Property

Rate : 0
Disttomin : 0
diff : 0

Rate : 0
Disttomin : 0
0 < diff < min

0 < Rate < 1
min < dist < Max
0 <= diff < min

Rate : 1
Disttomin : 0
0 <= diff < min

Keys

B Relative
(equal Keys A)

Relative
to keys A

Absolute

Matrix order

Codec : [25, 26, 15, 35]
Keys: implicit

Codec : [25, 12]
Keys: relative
[0,0,0,1]

Codec : [25, 12]
Keys: absolute
[0,0,1,1]

Codec : [25, 12]
Keys: implicit
([0,1,0,1,0,1])

Indicators :

Max = len(i1) * len(i2)
min = max(len(i1), len(i2))
diff = abs(len(i1) - len(i2))
x = len(index(v1, v2))

Rate : $(x - m) / (M - m)$
Dist to min : $x - m$
Dist to coup : $2x - 2m + \text{diff}$
Dist to max : $M - x$

Relative derived keys :

Length:
• $\text{length}(\text{parent.codec})$

Values:
• $\text{Keyder}(\text{parent.key}(i)) = \text{key}(i)$

1 - relationship properties

- Type and Indicators are independent of Values (order or value) and dependant of Codec and Keys
- If one index is complete, all the indexes are derived or coupled from it
- If one index is unique, it is derived from all other indexes
- If A is derived (coupled) from B and B is derived (coupled) from C, A is derived (coupled) from C
- If A is coupled to B, all the relationships with other indexes are identical
- **Keys can be deduced with coupled or crossed relationship**

1 – Relationship adjustment

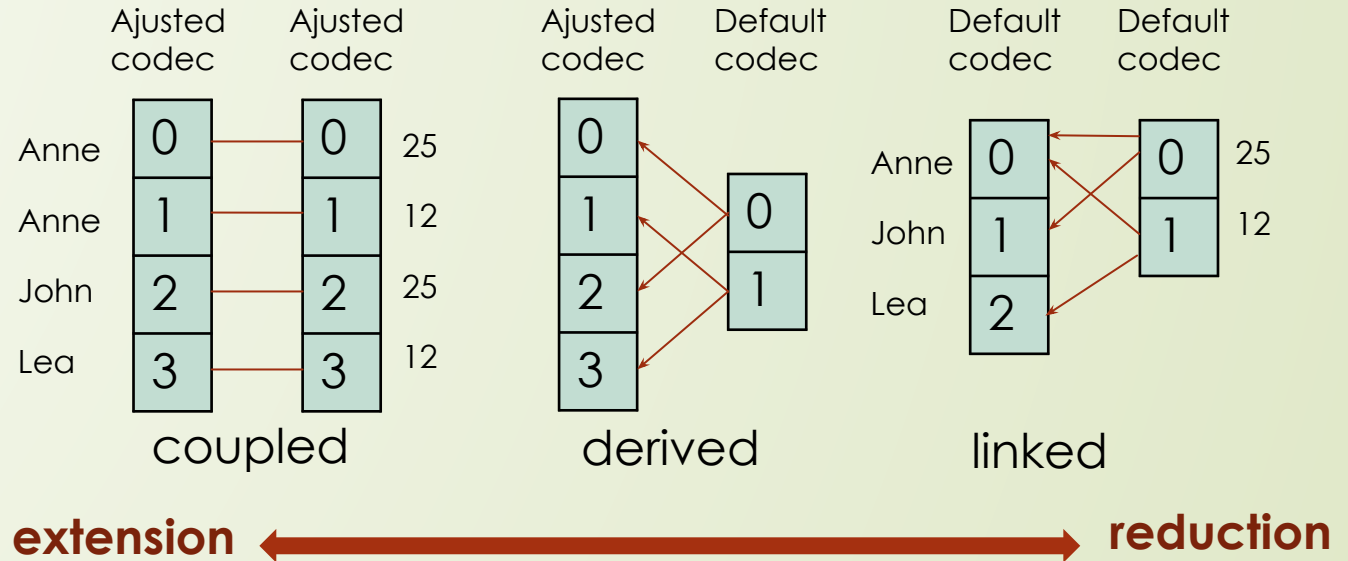
- **Codec reduction / extension**

- Codec changed
- Values unchanged

Reduction is useful to minimize codec size

Extension is useful to increase values readability (like csv data)

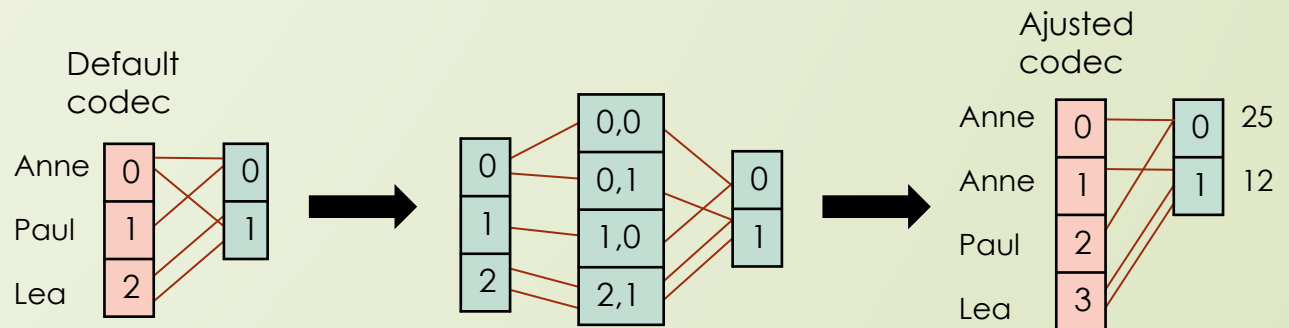
[Anne, Anne, John, Lea]
[25, 12, 25, 12]



- **Codec adjustment**

- Codec is adjusted to the other codec
- Other index is derived or coupled to the adjusted index
- If A is derived from B and if B is adjusted to C, A is still derived from B

Keys can be deduced from keys parent



1 – Relationship adjustment

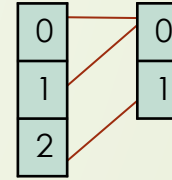
- **Values reduction / extension**

- Codec unchanged
- Values changed

**Extension is useful to
generate matrix**

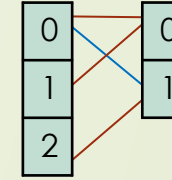
**Reduction is useful to
increase codec readability**

[Anne,Paul,Lea]
[25, 25, 12]



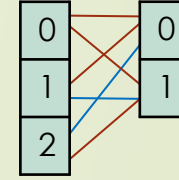
derived

[Anne,Paul,**Anne**,Lea]
[25, 25, **12**, 12]



linked

[Anne,Paul,**Lea**,Anne,**Paul**,Lea]
[25, 25, **25**, 12, **12**, 12]



crossed

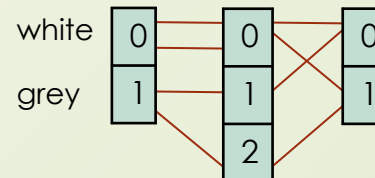
reduction ← **extension**

- **Propagation**

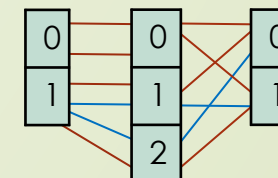
- Values reduction / extension can be propagated to derived or coupled indexes

**Extension can't be
propagated to crossed or
linked indexes.**

[White, Grey, White, Grey]
[Anne, Paul, Anne, Lea]
[25, 25, 12, 12]



[White, Grey, **Grey**, White, **Grey**, Grey]
[Anne, Paul, **Lea**, Anne, **Paul**, Lea]
[25, 25, **25**, 12, **12**, 12]



1 – Representation

- **Codec representation**

- List of values (or dict key/value)
- List of unique value + list of keys

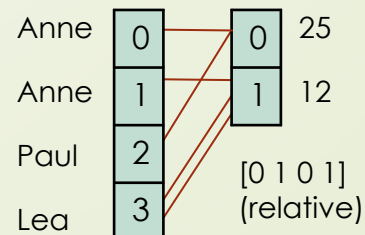
- **Keys representation**

- Absolute : List of integer (index of codec value)
- Relative : List of integer (index of other keys)
- Implicit : Automatic list (i.e. with full codec)

- **Index /variable Formats**

- Simple format (codec)
- Complete format (codec + keys)
- Coupled format (codec + parent)
- Derived format (codec + parent + keys)
 - Keys = index of parent keys

[Anne, Anne, Lea, Paul, Lea]
[12, 25, 12, 25, 12]



Json Example

['Anne', 'Anne', 'John', 'Paul']
[['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'], [0, 0, 1, 2]]

[2, 2, 3] → ['John', 'John', 'Paul']

[0, 1, 2, 3] ← if full codec

['Anne', 'Anne', 'John', 'Paul', 'John'] (full)
['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'] (default)
[['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'], [0, 0, 1, 2, 1]]
[['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'], parent]
[['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'], parent, [0, 0, 1, 2, 1]]

Derived index : [[25, 12], parent, [0, 1, 0, 1]] (derived)
Parent index : [Anne, Anne, Paul, Lea], [0, 1, 3, 2, 3]] (complete)

or

Parent index : [[Anne, Paul, Lea], [0,0,1,2]], [0, 1, 3, 2, 3]] (complete)

2 – Ilist (list of indexes with same length)

- **Index definition**

- An index is **secondary** if it's derived or coupled from at least one other index
- An index is **primary** if it's not secondary
- If the index is secondary, the **parent** index is the first index with the lowest disttomin in the list of coupling or derivating indexes
- If the index is primary, the **parent** index is the first index with the lowest disttomin in the list of primary indexes (or itself if the index is the first crossed primary)
- The **precursor** index is the first Primary index in the indexing tree

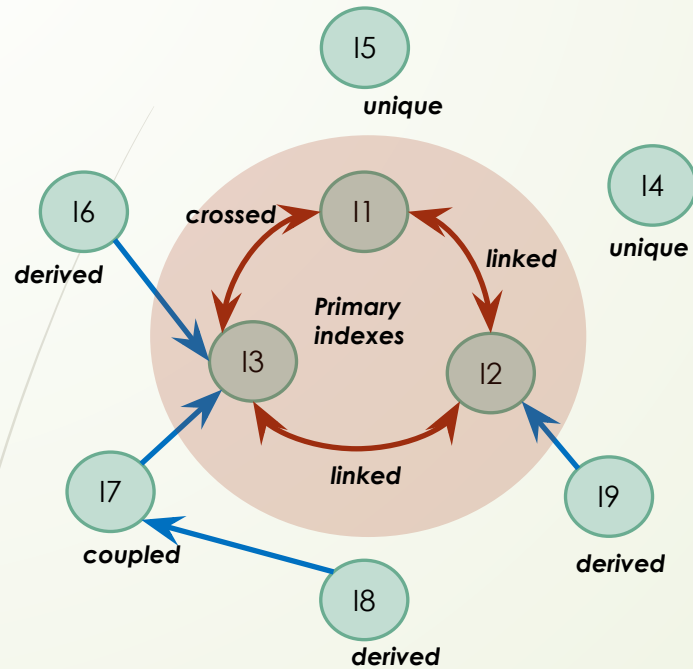
- **Ilist definition**

- **Dimension** : number of primary indexes
- **Complete** : An Ilist is complete if all the primary indexes are crossed with each other primary index

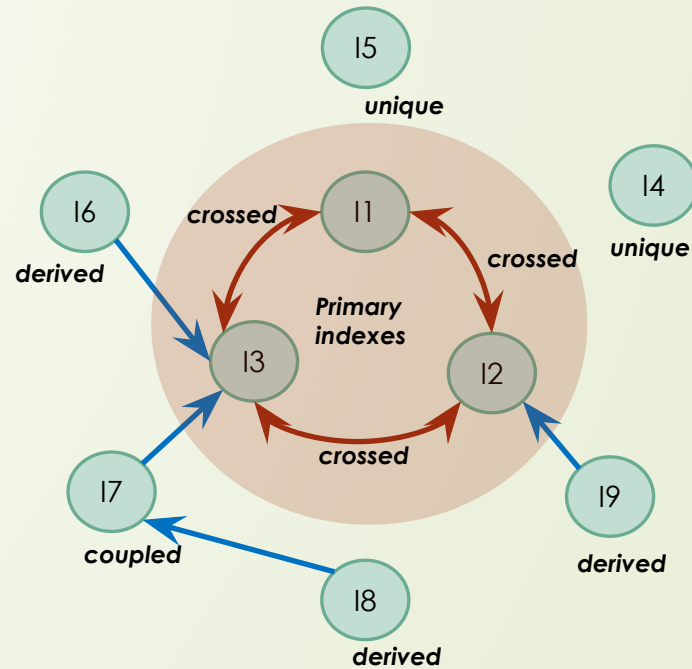
- **Properties**

- The number of values of a complete Ilist is the product of the primary indexes length
- A complete Ilist can be transformed in a Matrix with the dimension of the Ilist
- Keys data is unnecessary in a complete Ilist without derived codec
- Dimension can be reduced by codec extension
- Dimension can be increased by values extension

2 – Structure



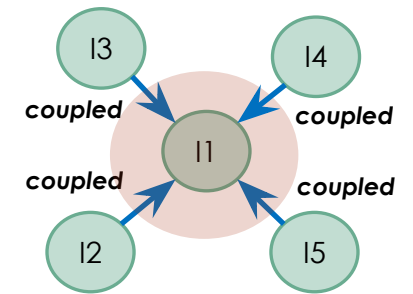
Canonical structure
(default codec)



Complete structure
(adjusted codec and values)

In a complete format,
Keys are:

- Implicit for Primary, Unique and Coupled indexes
- Relative for Derived indexes



CSV format

• Properties

- Each Ilist has a **canonical structure** (at least one primary index)
- **Complete data** is obtained by crossing all the primary indexes (values extension)
- Complete Ilist can be transformed in **Matrix** (full codec for secondary indexes)
- **CSV format** is a canonical structure with one primary index and any coupled indexes, all indexes have full codec

2 - Example

3 columns are linked

- Full name
- Course
- Examen

3 columns are derived

- First name
- Last name
- Group

1 column is coupled

- Surname

1 column is unique

- Year

ratio

- Name – Course : 37,5 %
- Name – Examen : 62,5 %
- Course – Examen : 83,7 %

l1ist

first name	last name	full name	surname	group	course	year	examen	score
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t1	11
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t2	13
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t3	15
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t2	10
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t3	12
Philippe	White	Philippe White	heisenberg	gr2	math	2021	t1	15
Philippe	White	Philippe White	heisenberg	gr2	english	2021	t2	8
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	software	2021	t3	17
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	software	2021	t2	18
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	english	2021	t1	2
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	english	2021	t2	4
Philippe	Black	Philippe Black	gus	gr3	software	2021	t3	18
Philippe	Black	Philippe Black	gus	gr3	english	2021	t1	6

37% almost derived or coupled

83% almost crossed

coupled

derived

unique

2 – Structuration process

- **Objectives**

- Data understanding
- Inconsistent data identification
- Size reduction
- Transfer to analysis tools (e.g. Pandas, Xarray)

- **Analysis**

- **Index characterization**

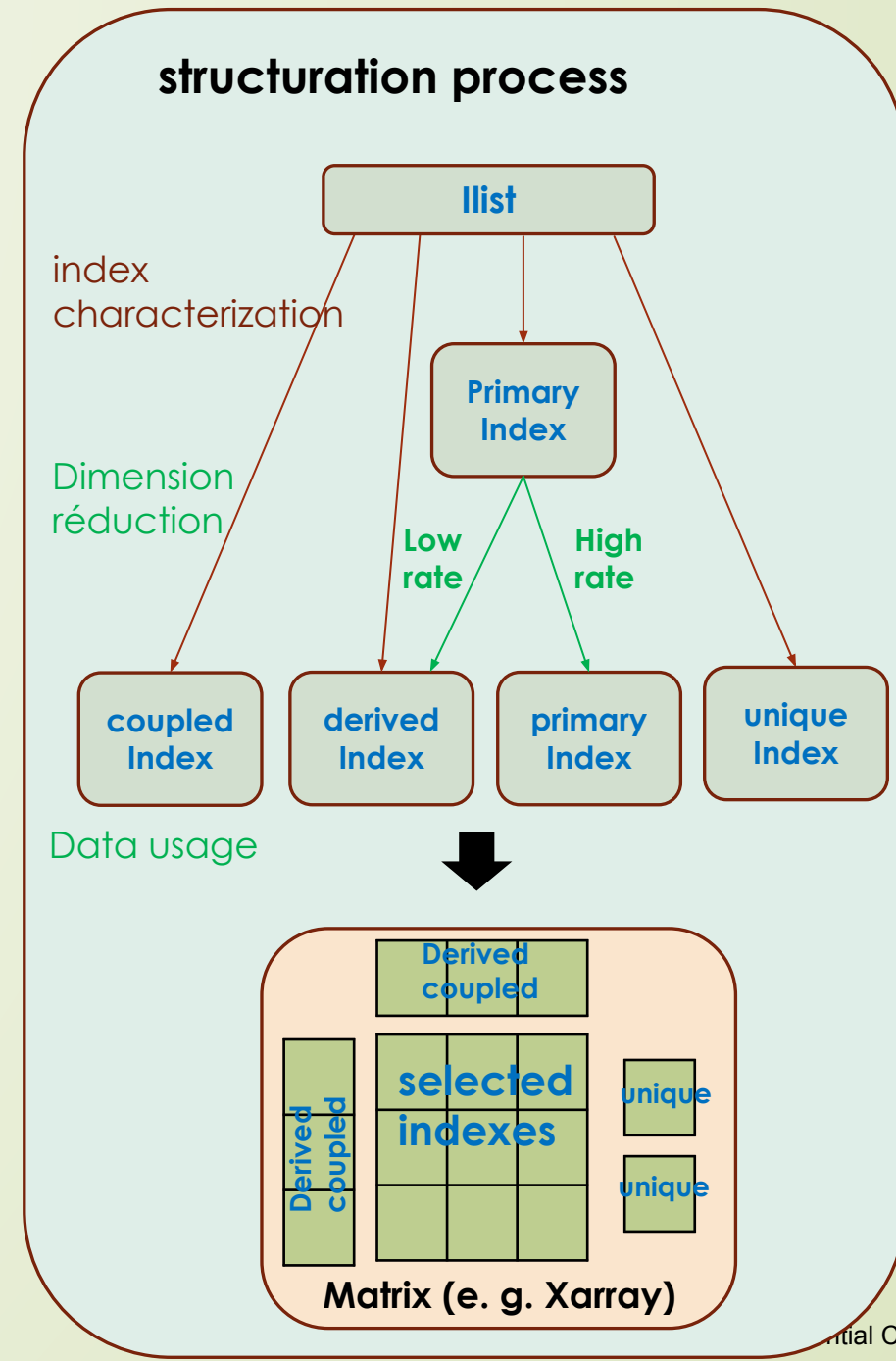
- Identification of primary indexes
 - Association of secondary indexes to primary indexes

- **Linked indexes analysis**

- Low rate (i.e. $< 0,1$) = almost derived index
 - > transform to derived index (codec extension)
 - > or values correction
 - High rate (i.e. $> 0,9$) = almost crossed index
 - > transform to crossed index
 - > or values correction

- **Data usage**

- **Dimension reduction (if necessary)**
 - Primary index merging (rather low rate)
 - **Export**
 - Matrix generation
 - Storage



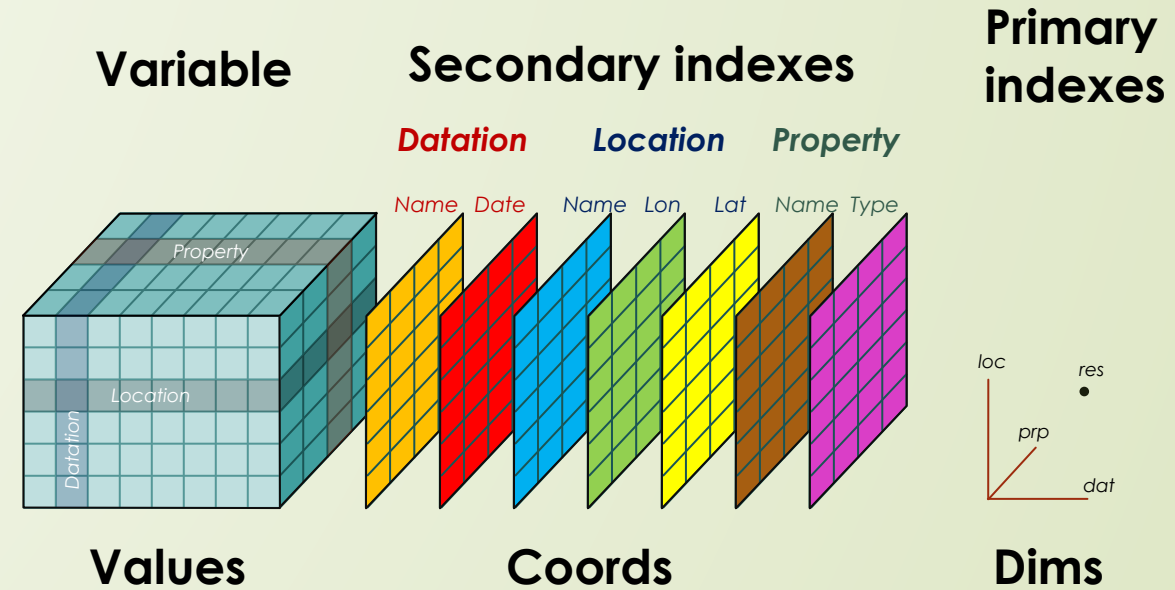
2 - Example : Xarray – mapping

> Xarray

- Values : data matrix(ex. numpy ndarray)
- Coords : list of indexes: (dims, data, attrs)
- Dims : names of dimensions
- Attrs : attribute dictionary (data or coord)
- Name

> Ilist Mapping

- Dims : Primary indexes
- Values : Variable values
- Coords : Secondary indexes
- Attrs : Unique indexes
- Name : Ilist name



2 - Example

- to_xarray function :
- Primary crossed (values extension)
 - Secondary coupled (full codec)

completed

first name	last name	full name	surname	group	course	year	examen	score
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t1	-
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t2	10
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t3	12
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t1	11
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t2	13
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t3	15
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	software	2021	t1	-
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	software	2021	t2	-
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	software	2021	t3	-

derived

coupled

unique

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In [367]: cours.to_xarray(axes=cours.axesmin)
Out[367]:
<xarray.DataArray 'Ilist' (full name: 4, course: 3, examen: 3)>
array([[[ '?', '10', '12'],
        ['11', '13', '15'],
        ['?', '?', '?']],

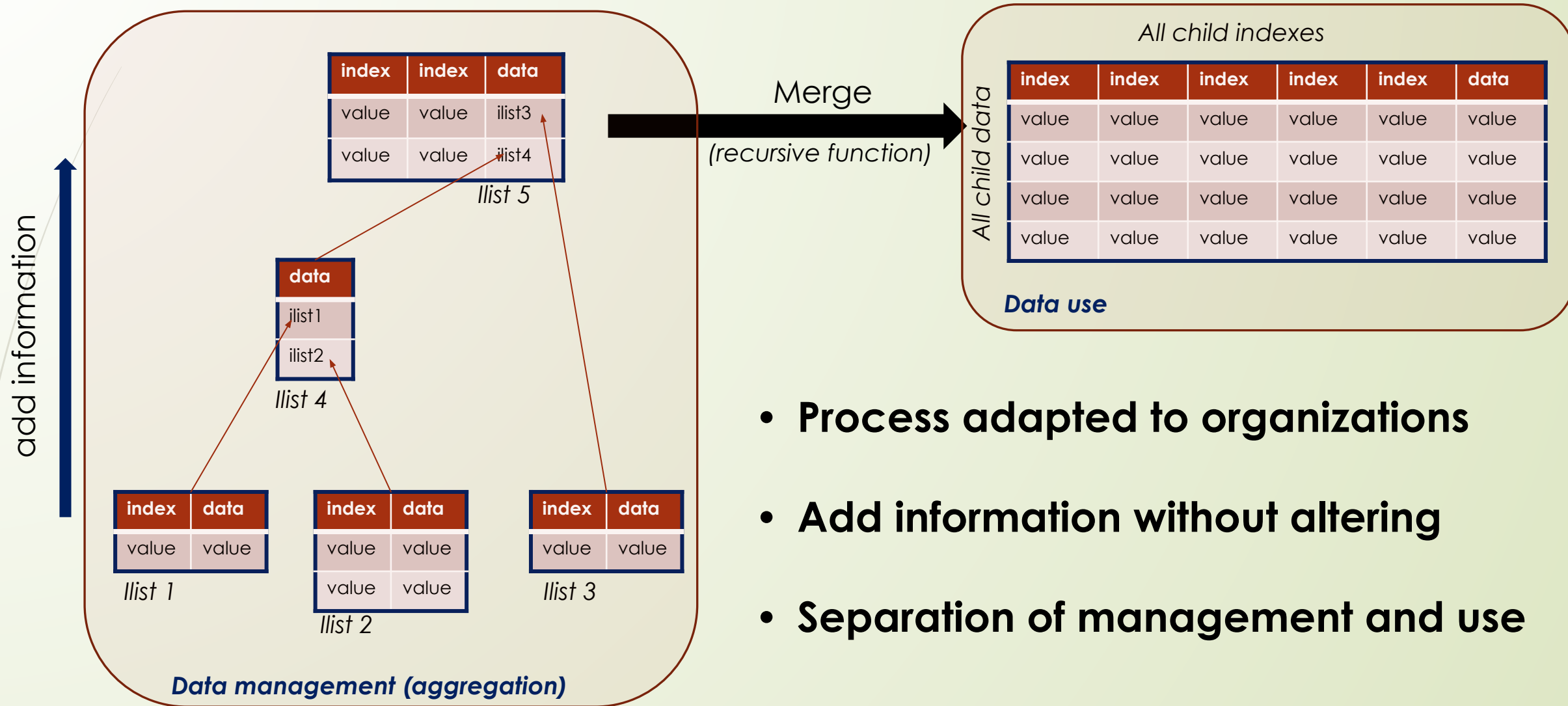
       [['2', '4', '?'],
        ['?', '?', '?'],
        ['?', '18', '17']],

       [['6', '?', '?'],
        ['?', '?', '?'],
        ['?', '?', '18']],

       [['?', '8', '?'],
        ['15', '?', '?'],
        ['?', '?', '?']], dtype='<U2')
```

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Coordinates:
  i>first name  (full name) <U8 'Anne' 'Camille' 'Philippe' 'Philippe'
  last name     (full name) <U5 'White' 'Red' 'Black' 'White'
  * full name   (full name) <U14 'Anne White' ... 'Philippe White'
  surname       (full name) <U10 'gus' 'heisenberg' 'saul' 'skyler'
  group         (full name) <U3 'gr1' 'gr3' 'gr3' 'gr2'
  * course      (course) <U8 'english' 'math' 'software'
  * examen      (examen) <U2 't1' 't2' 't3'
```

3 - Building process



3 - Example

aw

IndexSet			Data
course	year	examen	score
math	2021	t1	11
math	2021	t2	13
math	2021	t3	15
english	2021	t2	10
english	2021	t3	12

pw

course	year	examen	score
math	2021	t1	15
english	2021	t2	8

cr

course	year	examen	score
software	2021	t3	17
software	2021	t2	18
english	2021	t1	2
english	2021	t2	4

pb

course	year	examen	score
software	2021	t3	18
english	2021	t1	6

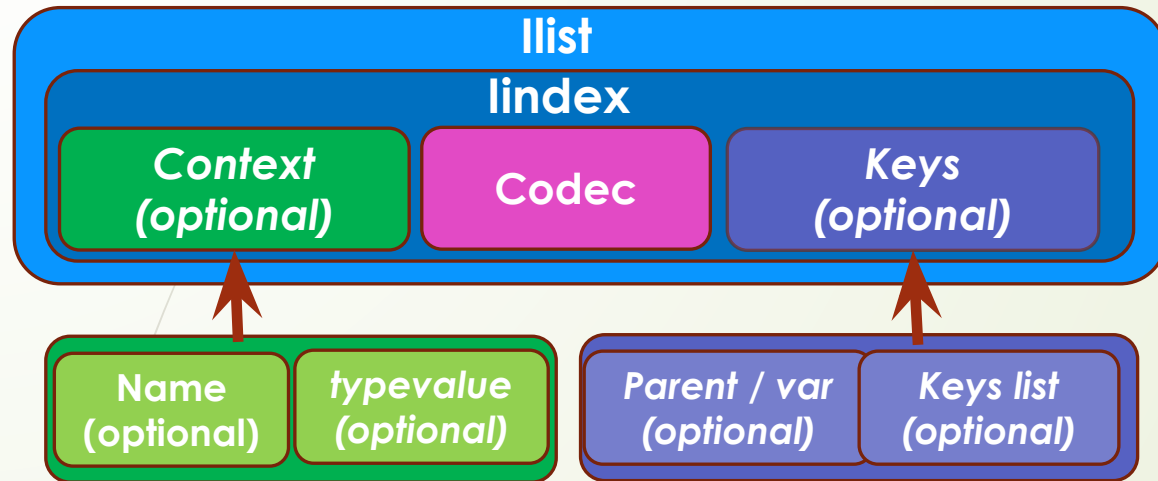
total

first name	last name	full name	surname	group	file
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	aw
Philippe	White	Philippe White	heisenberg	gr2	pw
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	cr
Philippe	Black	Philippe Black	gus	gr3	pb

total.merge()

first name	last name	full name	surname	group	course	year	examen	score
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t1	11
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t2	13
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	math	2021	t3	15
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t2	10
Anne	White	Anne White	skyler	gr1	english	2021	t3	12
Philippe	White	Philippe White	heisenberg	gr2	math	2021	t1	15
Philippe	White	Philippe White	heisenberg	gr2	english	2021	t2	8
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	software	2021	t3	17
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	software	2021	t2	18
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	english	2021	t1	2
Camille	Red	Camille Red	saul	gr3	english	2021	t2	4
Philippe	Black	Philippe Black	gus	gr3	software	2021	t3	18
Philippe	Black	Philippe Black	gus	gr3	english	2021	t1	6

4 – JSON Representation



Ilist: JSON Array (or JSON value if only one value)
index: JSON Array (or JSON value if only one value)
Context: JSON Object (or JSON string if only one value)
Codec: JSON Array (or JSON value if only one value)
Keys: JSON Array (or JSON value if only one value)

Name, Typevalue: string
keys list: JSON Array
Parent / variable: integer (-1 for variable)

Format

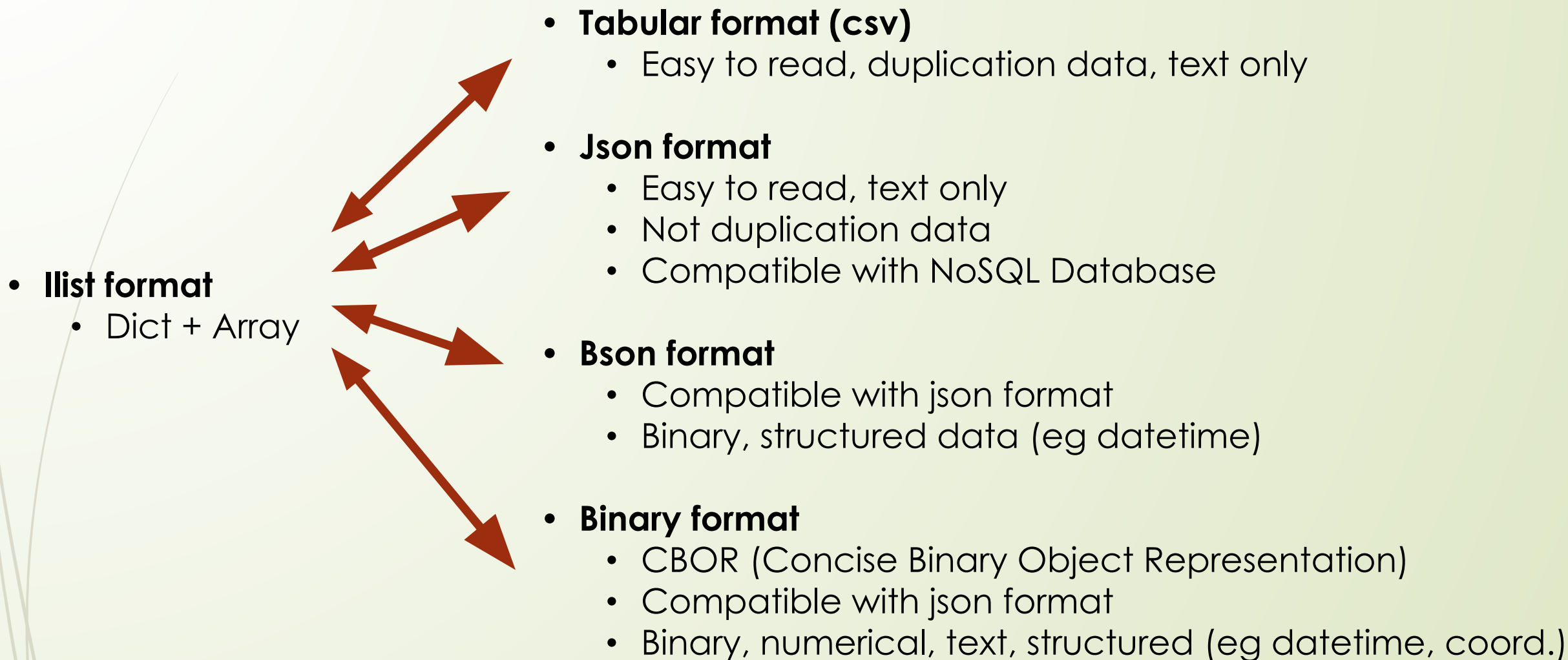
Text (JSON text), Binary (CBOR)

Example Index : Name : 'team1'

Values : ['Anne', 'Anne', 'John', 'Paul', 'John']

- **Simple format (without name)**
['Anne', 'Anne', 'John', 'Paul', 'John']
-> Full codec (e.g. csv format)
- **Simple format (with name)**
['team1', ['Anne', 'John', 'Paul']]
-> Default codec (e.g. crossed index)
- **Complete format (with name)**
['team1', ['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'], [0,0,1,2,1]]
-> Default codec, name, absolute keys
- **Coupled format (with name)**
['team1', ['Anne', 'John', 'Paul', 'John'], 2]
-> Adjusted codec, parent id
- **Derived format (with name)**
['team1', ['Anne', 'John', 'Paul'], [2, [0,1,2,1]]]
-> Default codec, parent id, relative keys
- **Unique format**
['team1', ['Anne']] (with name) **'Anne'** (without name)
-> Default codec (= full codec)

4 – Exchange Format

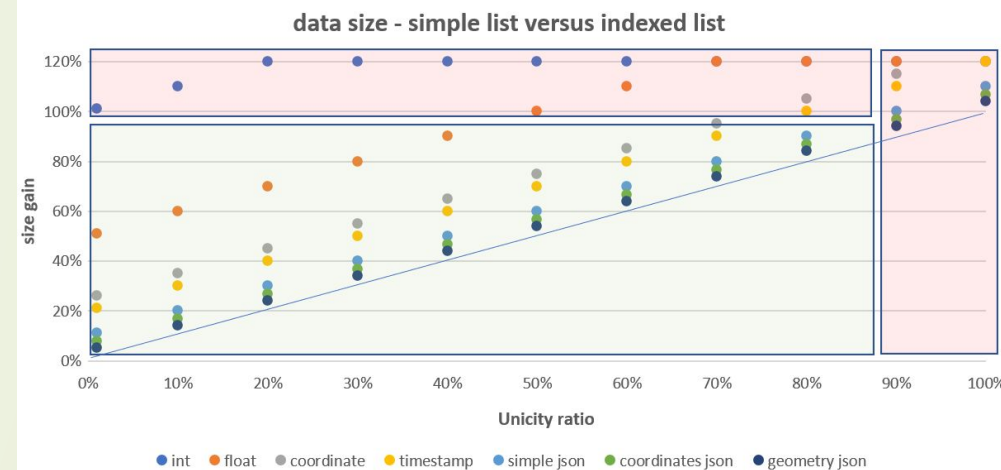


All those format are reversible (i.e. the llist object can be build)

4 – list size and indicators

- **Simple list size** = $nv * sv$
 - nv : number of values
 - sv : mean value size = $size_{simple} / nv$
- **Indexed list size** = $(nv - nc) * sc + nc * sv$
 - nc : number of different values
 - sc : mean coding size = $(size - nc * sv) / (nv - nc)$
- **Gain** = $(Simple\ size - indexed\ size) / simple\ size = (1 - ul) * (1 - ol)$
 - **OL** = sc / sv (object lightness) [0, 1] (data complexity)
 - **UL** = nc / nv (unicity level) [0, 1] (data quality)
- **Properties**
 - If object lightness and unicity level are low, the indexed list size is lower than simple list size
 - e.g. : $OL = 0.1$, $UL = 0.2$
=> **Gain = 72 %**

- **In a list with data more complex than numerical data, the json (or binary) format has a smaller size than a tabular format**



Object lightness	I	OL
int	2	1,00
float, int32	4	0,50
coordinate	8	0,25
string(10) (eg. timestamp)	10	0,20
simple json element (eg key/value)	20	0,10
structured json element (eg coordinates)	30	0,07
complex json element (eg geometry)	50	0,04

Example : Open-data - french charging point (EVSE)

7.5 Mo – 11 000 rows – 49 columns

Analysis :

Indexes : 1 coupled, 6 derived, 1 crossed, 41 linked

Canonical format : 1 crossed, 48 derived

File size :

Default : 3.7 Mo

Optimized : 2.5 Mo

CBOR optimized : **1.7 Mo (gain : 77% !)**