

Cooperative building of “multi-points of view topic maps” using Hypertopic and socio-technical approaches

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AGENDA

- 1) - « Socio-semantic Web » and the *Hypertopic* model [Zacklad et al., 2003] are approaches mainly founded on :
 - CSCW (Computer Supported Cooperative Work),
 - Knowledge Engineering, Knowledge Management
 - Social Sciences (psychology, sociology, linguistics)

- 2) - Tech-CICO Lab develops generic tools and methods helping “Socio-semantic activity” within a community :
→ co-building of « multi-points of view topic maps » is a methodological challenge
→ for example, we chose (2005) the sociotechnical method “SeeMe” (Univ. Bochum [Herrmann, 1999]) to complete *Hypertopic*

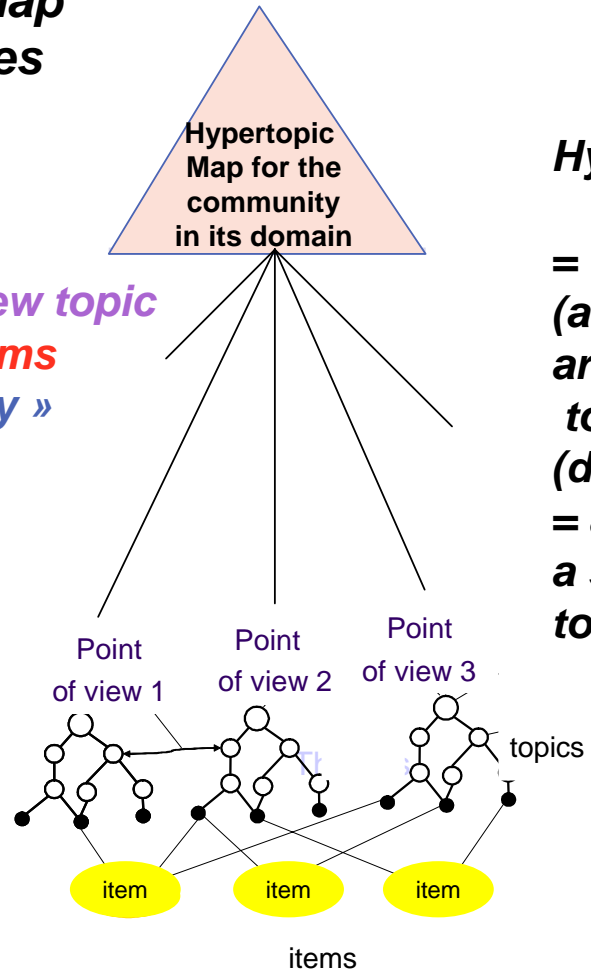
- 3) - Three methods of distant co-building in communities were explored and applied in a dozen of « Socio-semantic Web » applications (2002-2007) :
 - « *centralized co-building* » method
 - « *conflictual co-building* » methods
 - « *hybrid co-building* » method

« **Socio Semantic Web** »

- **is** a social Web which participates in the building of a structured representation of both the domain and the community
 - "maps" or shared indexes make the collective knowledge and activities both more visible and more reflexive (e.g. Web2.0)
 - incremental structuration of cognitive and social network
- **is** a Web which focuses communities
 - users following similar goals,
 - but : participating to sub-groups, accepting multiples social roles, competences, opinions → diversity of *points of view*
- **is** supported by a model : Hypertopic. With Hypertopic, *points of view* are built by community members (not familiar with knowledge modelling) for embracing collections of *items* (e.g. items are *products, projects, persons, learning objects,...*)
 - *multiples Dimensions of Analysis (consensual plurality)*
 - *multiples Opinions or Points of View (conflictual plurality)*

an « **Hypertopic** » map
includes multiples
points of view :

an **Hypertopic** map is
= a multi-points of view topic
map to consider **items**
= a « **semiotic ontology** »

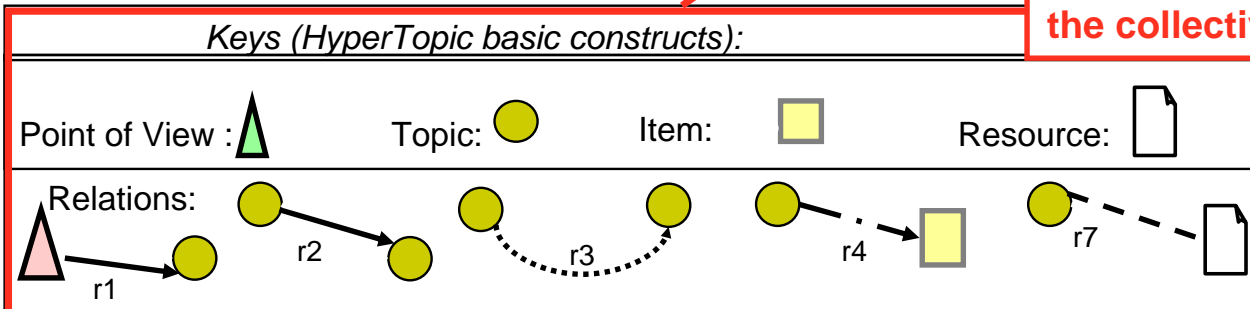
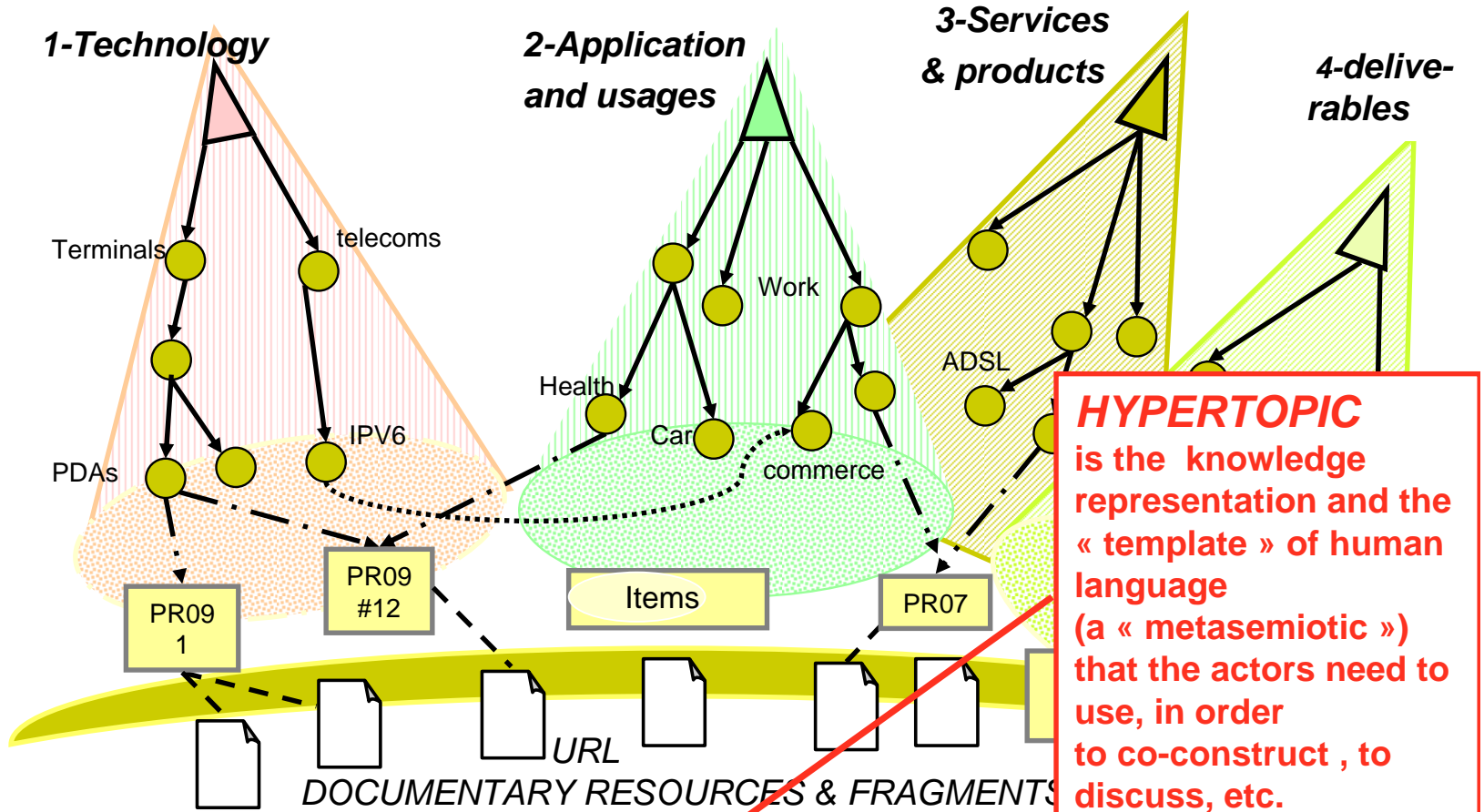


Hypertopic is

= a knowledge representation
(a set of basic constructs which
are the « keys » of the map »)
to co-build and communicate
(discuss...) about the map
= a protocol providing
a standard access
to « map services »

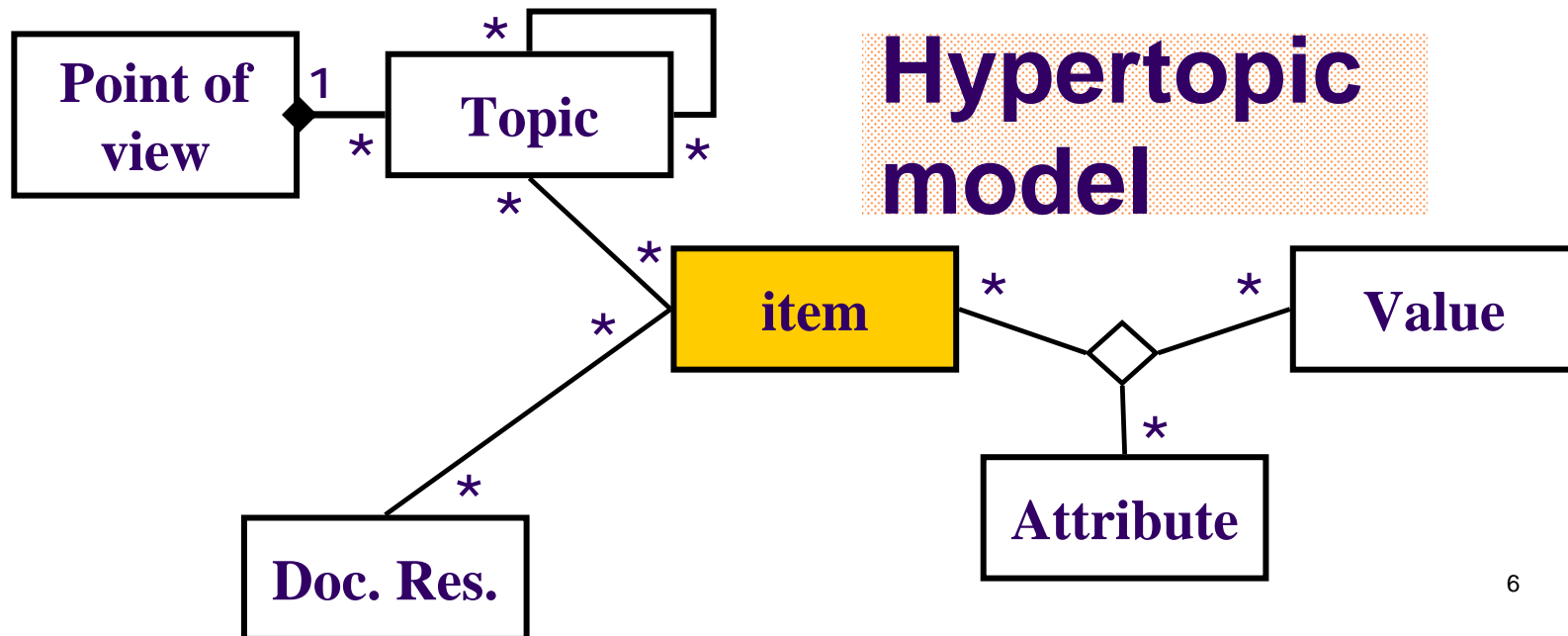
- e.g. application « **Agora/France-Telecom** » (2002) , following a « **knowledge-marketplace** » model
- hundreds of **Items** (item = a R&D project) and actors (e.g. contributors for R&D projects)
 - 7 **Points of View** corresponding to different business « languages » in the organisation
 - 1500 **topics** after 2 months
 - thousands of documentary **resources**

Schematic example extracted from an Hypertopic Map



Remarks:

- Hypertopic model could be considered as a particular « template » of TMs, Following the TM methodology, it would be a generic « ontology » re-usable to model every particular Socio-Semantic Web application;
- The model is made to be understood by the community which use it to co-build;
- Hypertopic is focused exclusively on a *very few* basic constructs (certain are inspired by the TM), for *methodological reasons* : to give to many end-users the ability to edit the map (items, topics) without any particular training , the problem is not to use all the freedoms of the TM, but to reduce them (adding constraints)
→ to fix the usage makes easier to deploy the co-building within large communities



technical context

- **Standardization**

- **2006 Hypertopic XML Schema and standard protocol(cf. www.hypertopic.org)**

Zhou, Ch., Lejeune, Ch., Bénel, A.: Towards a standard protocol for community-driven organizations of knowledge. In Proc of the 13th ISPE International Conference on Concurrent Engineering (ISPE CE'06), IOS Press, 2006, pp 338–349.

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- Tools

Yet several open-source tools adress the « Socio Semantic Web » by using the Hypertopic model.

- Argos-viewpoint server (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/argos-viewpoint/>) a repository for all topic maps following the Hypertopic format
- Porphyry (<http://www.porphyry.org/>) a « plug-in » with advanced functions
- **Cassandra**, a CAGDAS (Content Analysis Software)Software tool for applications in social sciences to build, compare, and exchange qualitative analyses of textual materials (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/cassandra-qda/>)
- **Agoræ** (<http://sourceforge.net/projects/agorae>), a thin client based on Argos :
 - basic groupware functions and standard roles to edit (create, modify) an Hypertopic map by many distant users;
 - better methods, customizable procedures , roles design and roles taking to co-build the maps
 - means to annotate nodes of the map (« post-it »-like messages), in order to facilitate discussions between users ;
 - graphical solutions helping to visualize, to trace actions and to compare maps;

now

future

But how to collectively construct and maintain an Hypertopic map (= « socio-semantic activity”) ?

We need to distinguish:

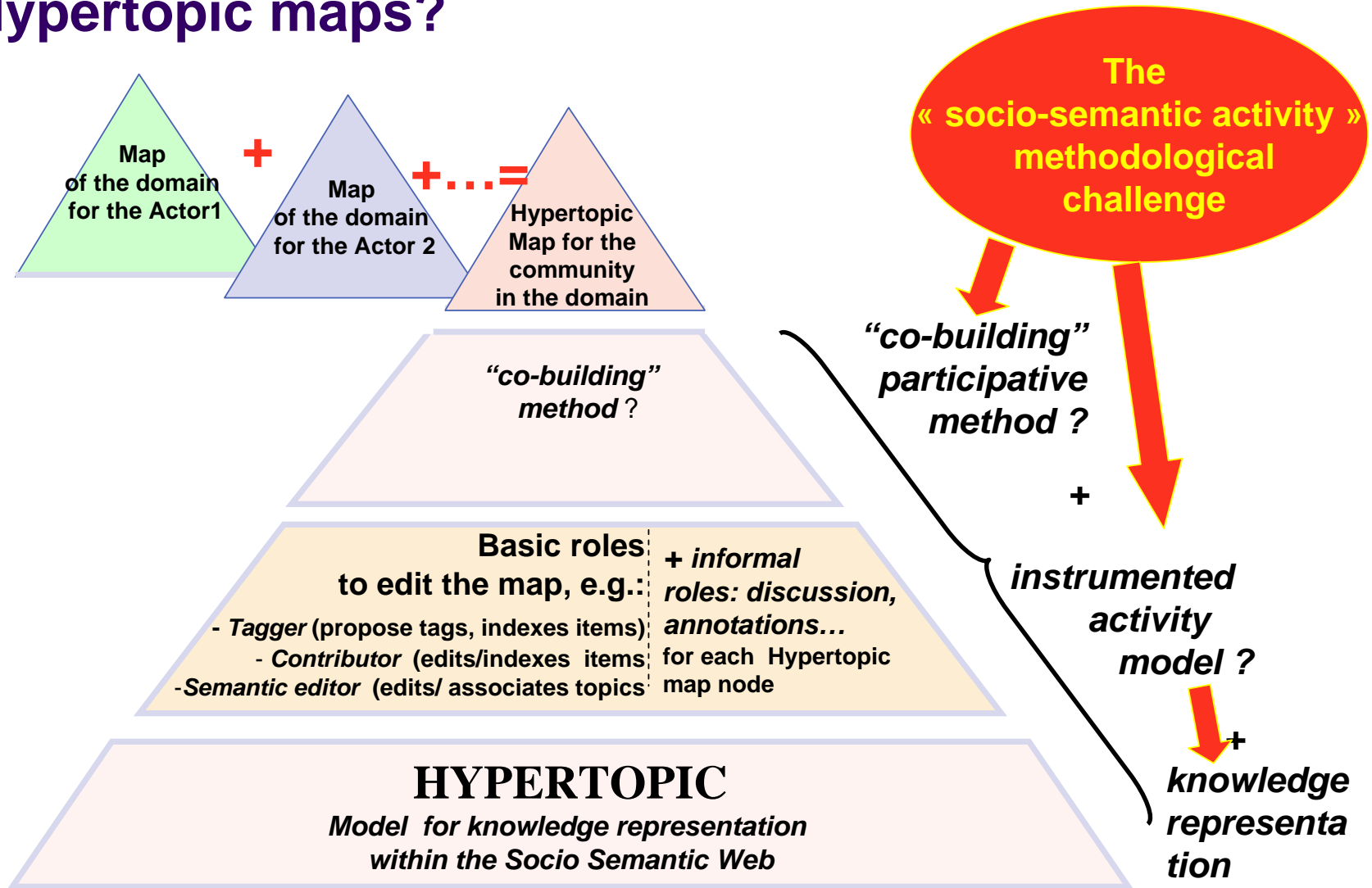
- - a « bootstrapping » phase
 - to define the item, to define the first set of « points of view »
 - based (eventually) on folksonomies or on the confrontation of actors' personal « design maps »
 - leading (eventually) to a « synthesis map » usable by the group
- - a phase of maintenance / evolution of the map

Methods explored to co-build Hypertopic maps in the two phases are many, we'll give 3 examples:

- « Centralized » method (distance or presence workshops) with a facilitator role, who assists the emergence (and finally decides) of a consensual set of points of view
- “Conflictual” co-building method, to make the conflicts more explicit
- « Hybrid » method associating « top-down » « centralized » method and « bottom-up » folksonomies

But before that : How to articulate the activity model with the knowledge representation model ?

How to articulate the models required for co-building Hypertopic maps?



The « socio-semantic activity » methodological challenge

- *To co-build maps by users themselves is a complex challenge for these users.*
- *We focus the cases where only Community members have domain skills to build the map. It is necessary to let the community imagine its own architecture of cooperation and its socio-semantic activity (« participatory design » approach). Users need to dynamically adapt their specific social roles.*
- *Easy-to-read and flexible diagrammes for roles, activity...are needed to improve users' participation and facilitation.*
- *UML, SADT... diagrammes are too formal and « IT-specialists » oriented, they don't support vagueness / incompleteness*
- *→ Emphasis on CSCW studies, i.e. Role-Mechanisms [HERRMANN 04]: role assignement, role taking, role change, role definition, role making, Inter-role conflict, etc.*
- *→ **We choose the sociotechnical “SEEME” method [HERRMANN 99] to complete Hypertopic***

To download the SeeMe diagrammes editor and the Seeme tutorial

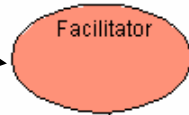
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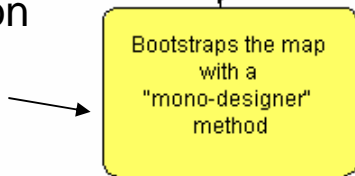
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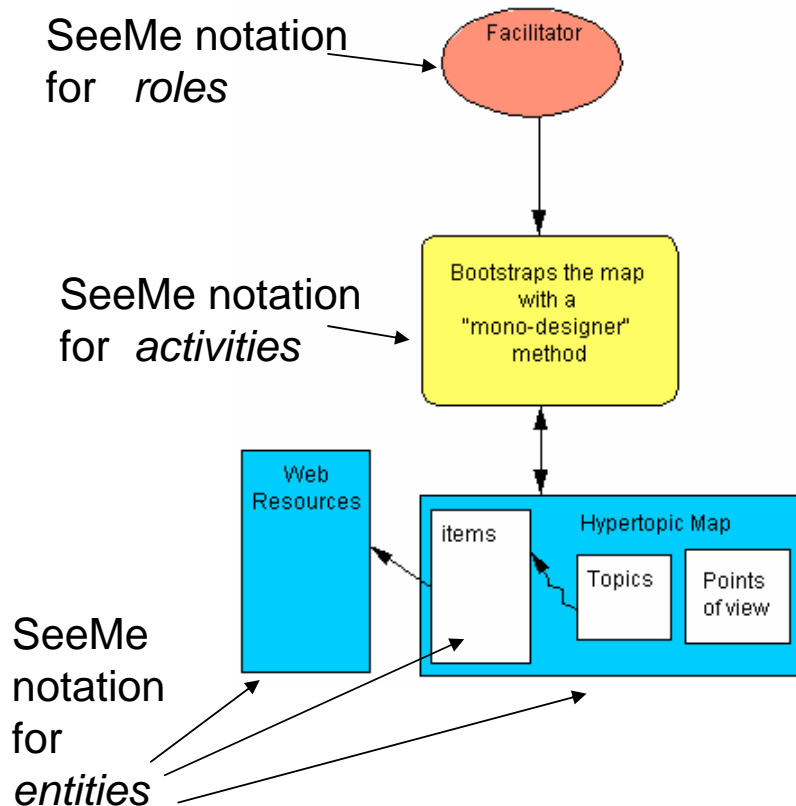


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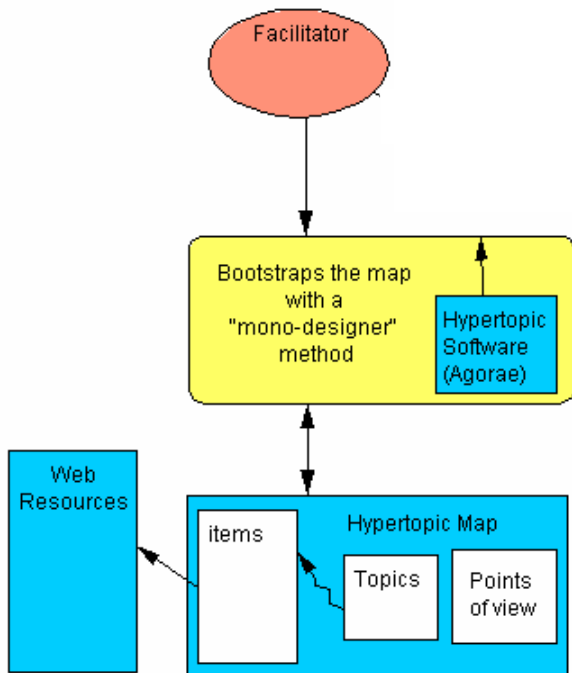
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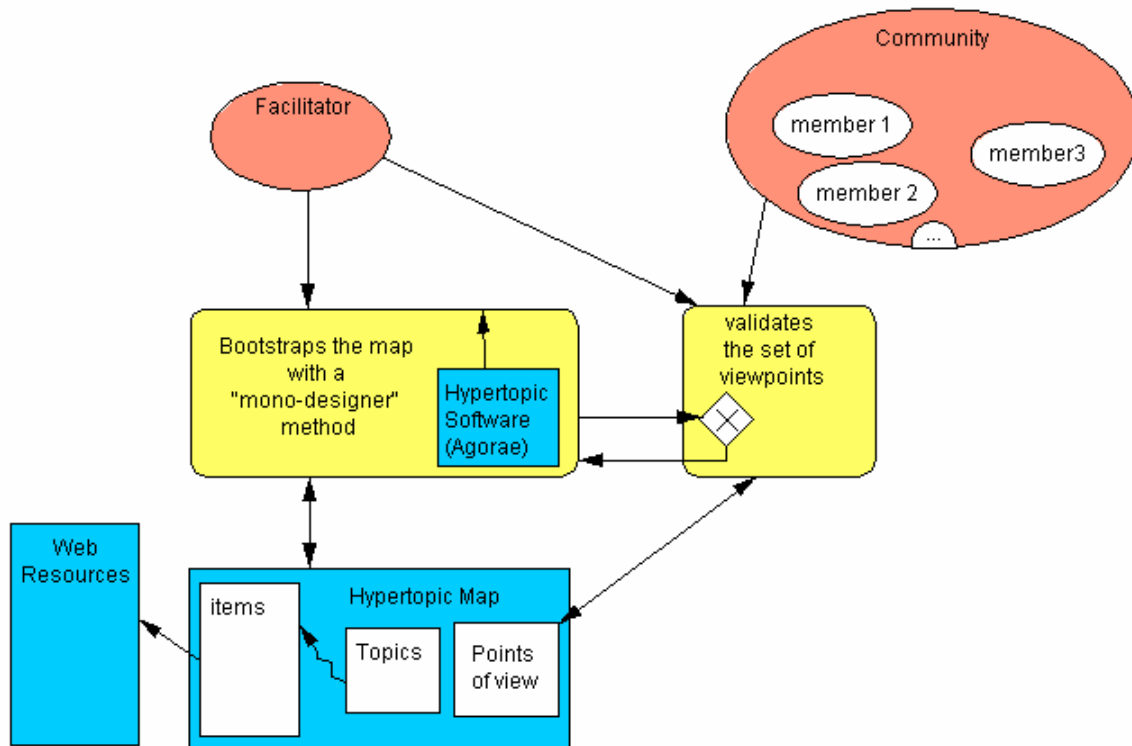
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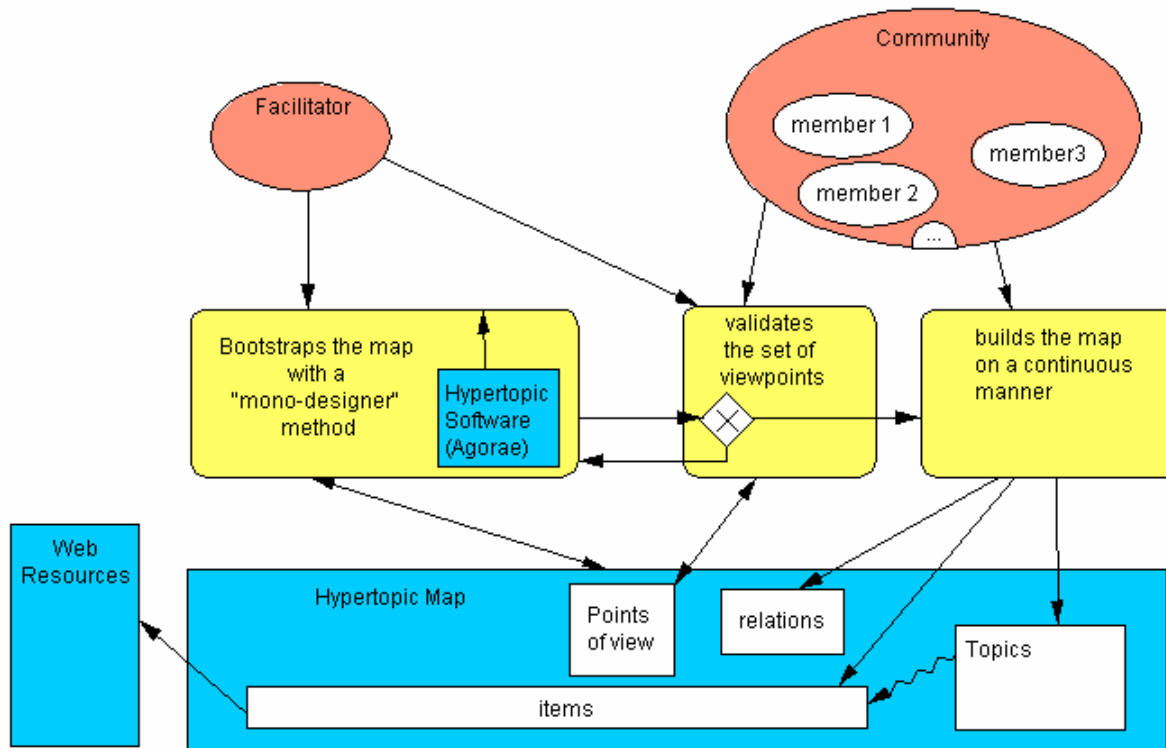
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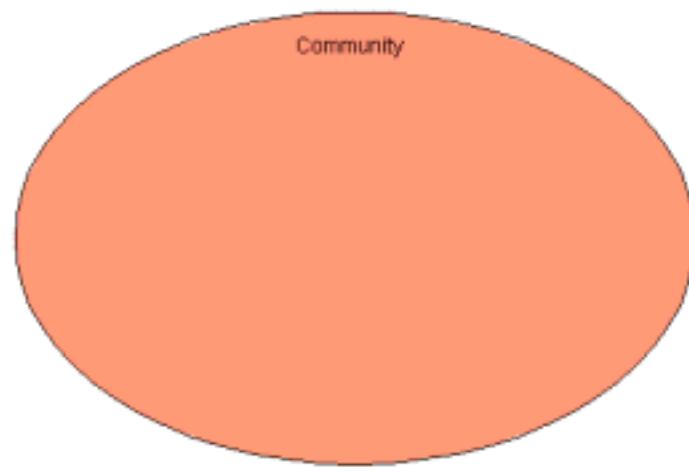


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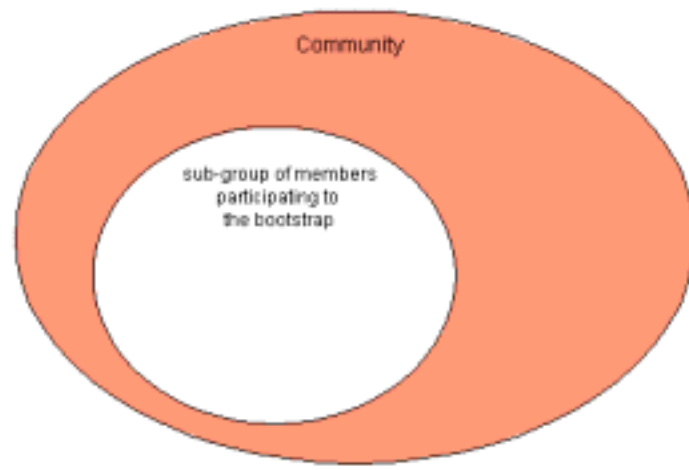
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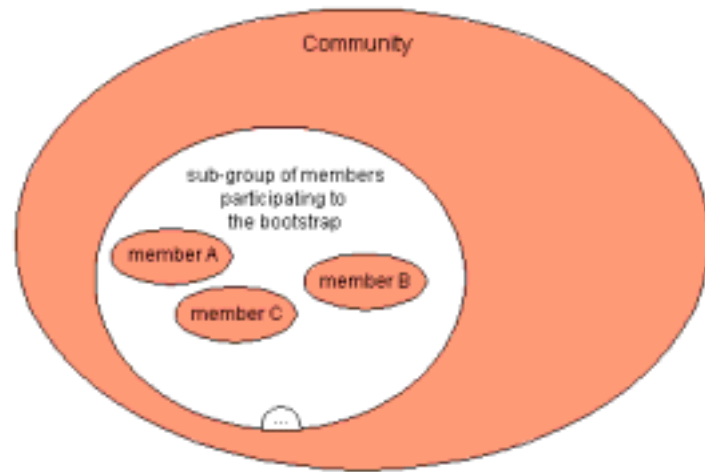
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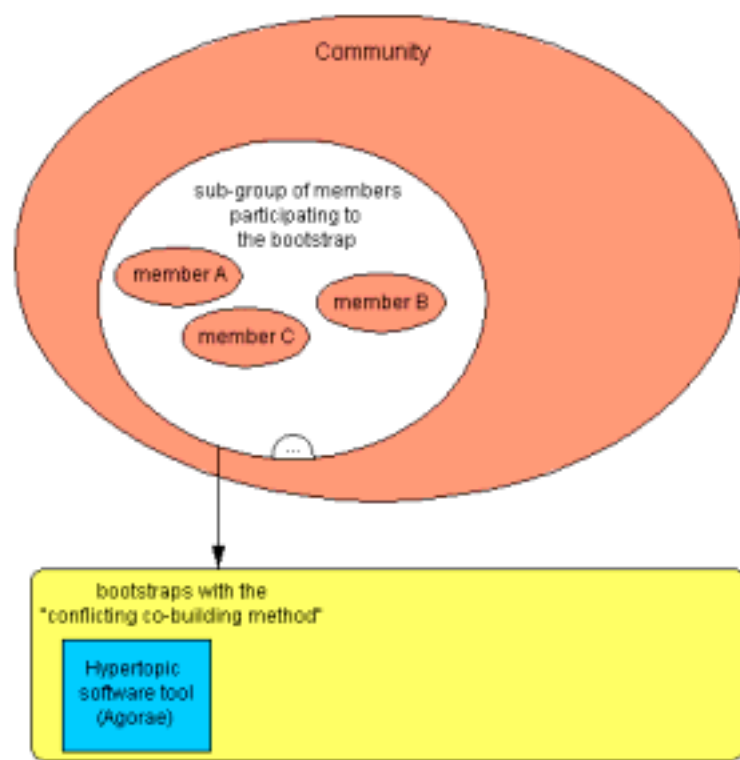
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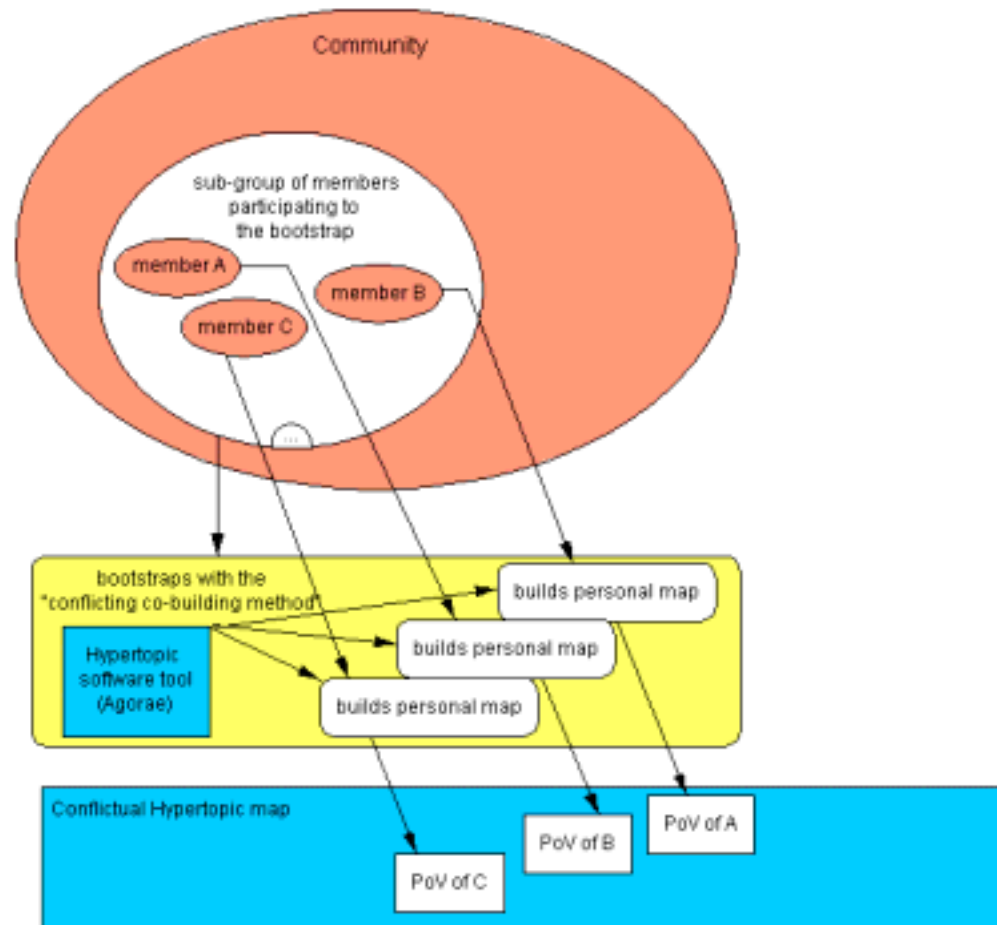


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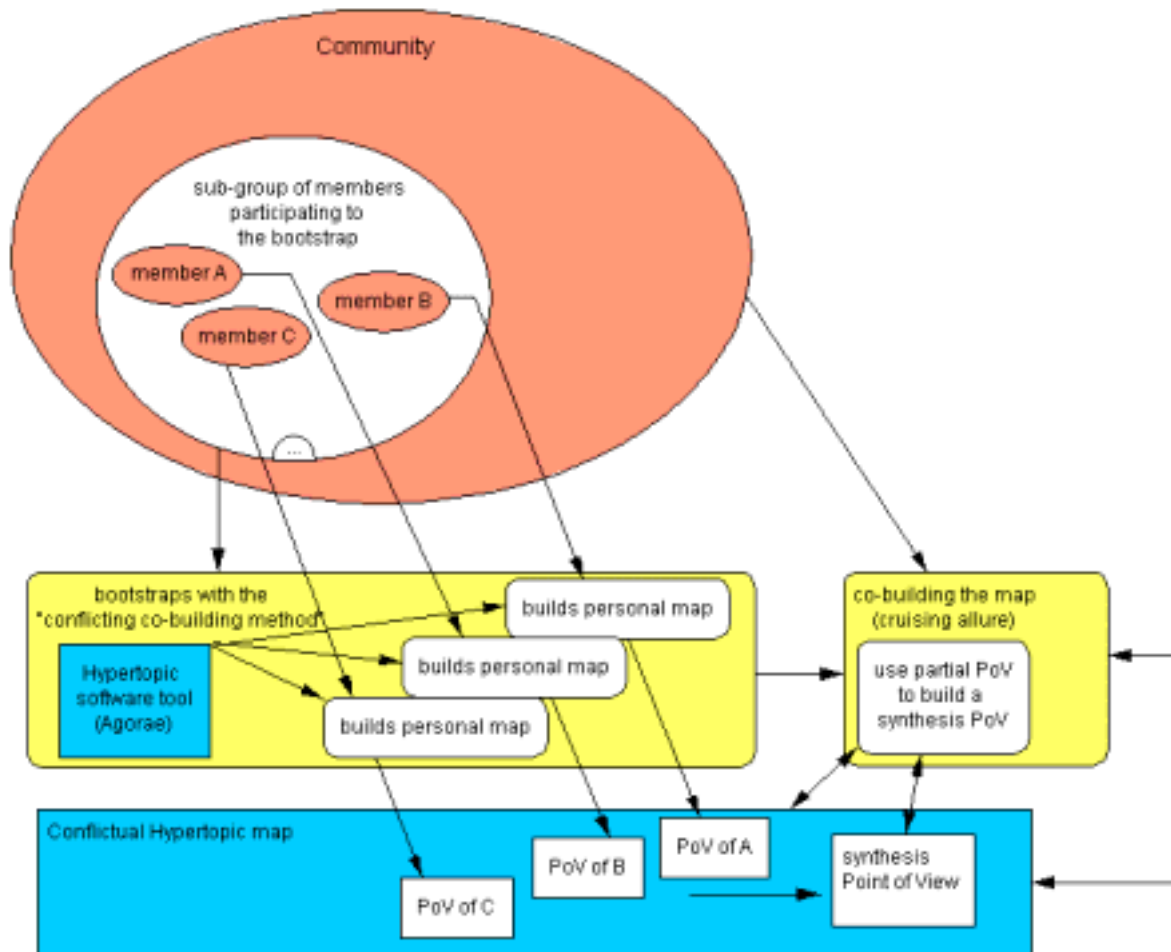
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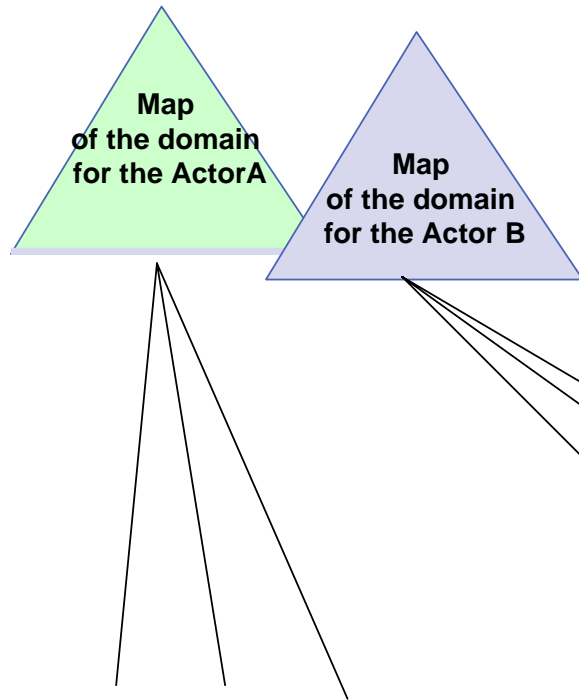


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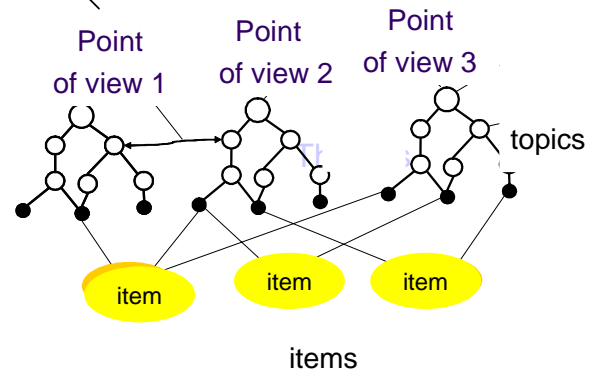
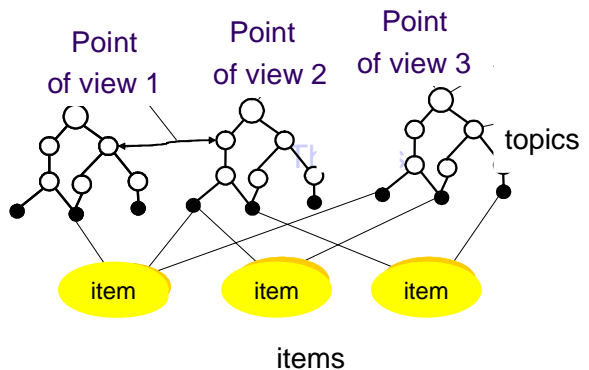
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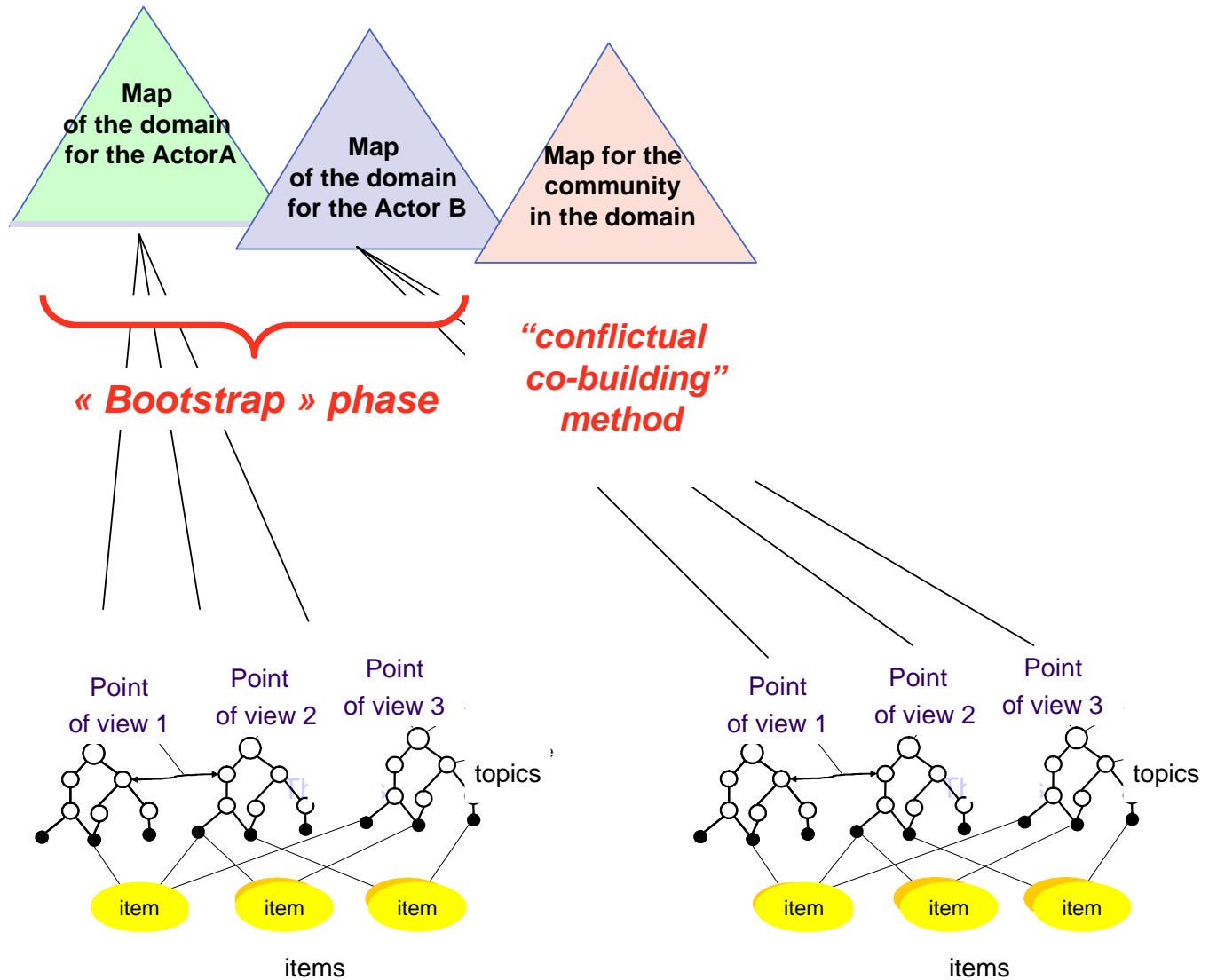
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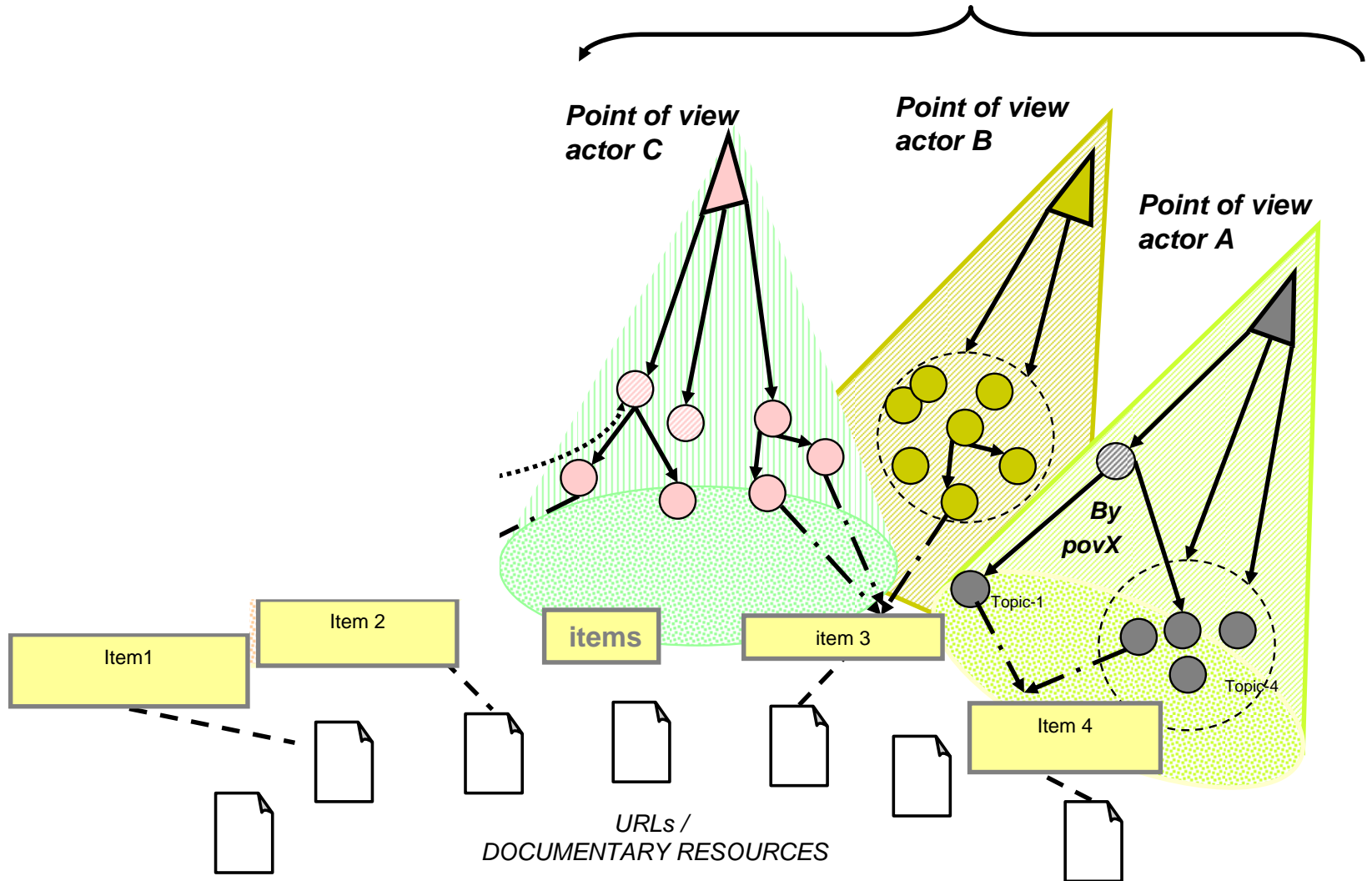
- multiples Dimensions of Analysis within each particular Point of View



the “conflictual co-building” method



1) « design maps » from each actor

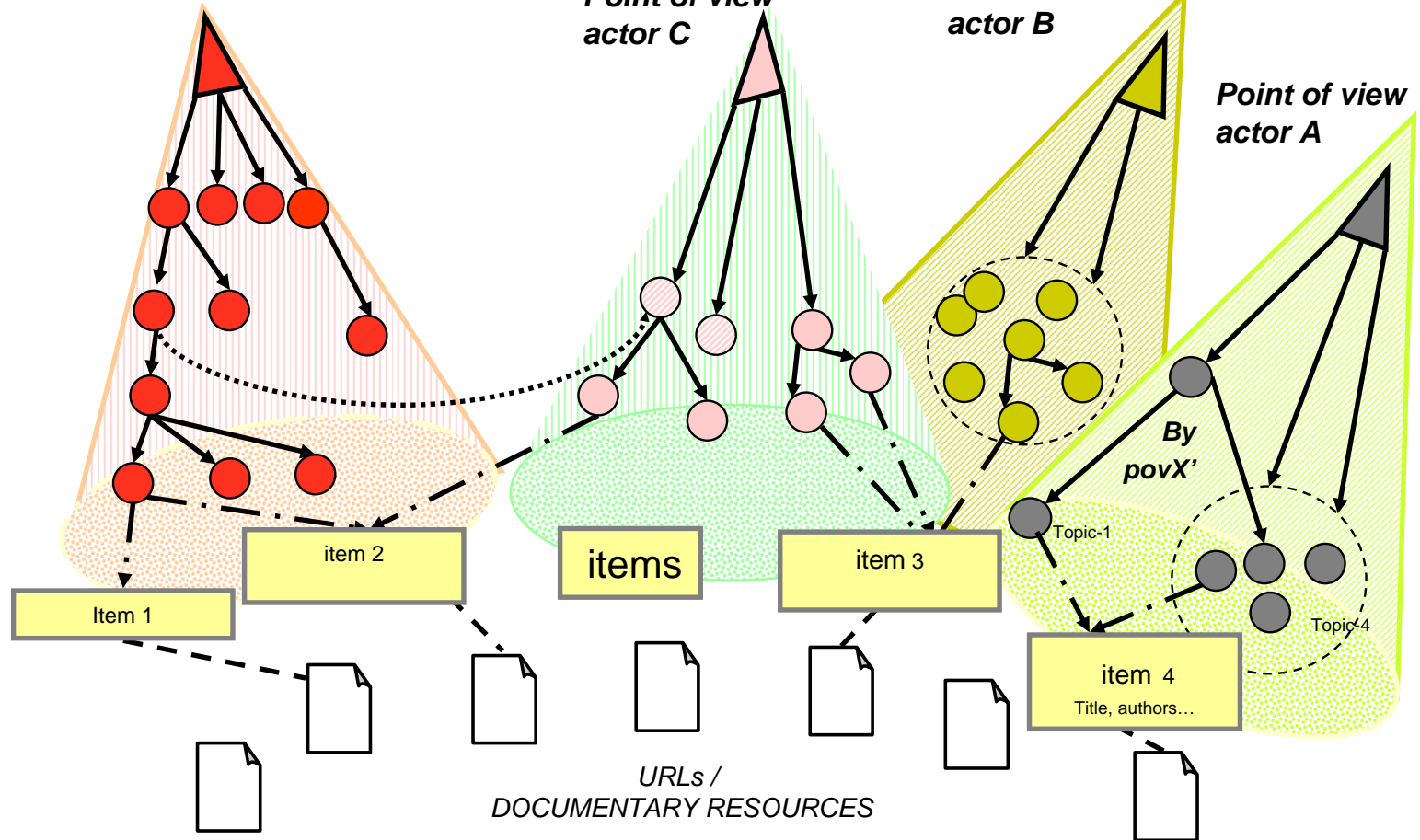


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2) « synthesis map » ↔

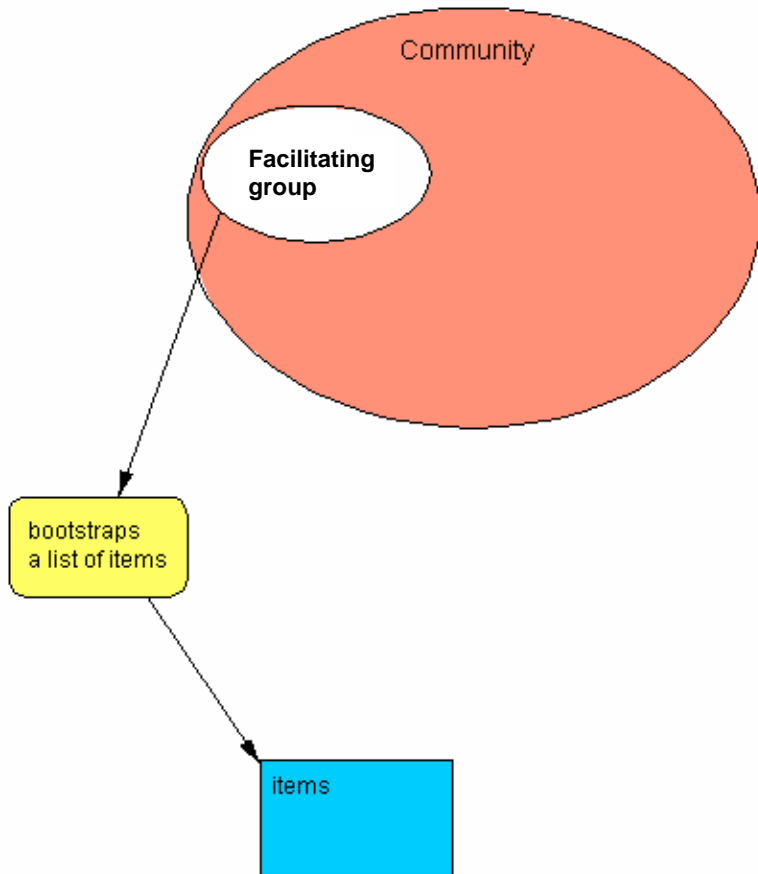
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SYNTHESIS MAP



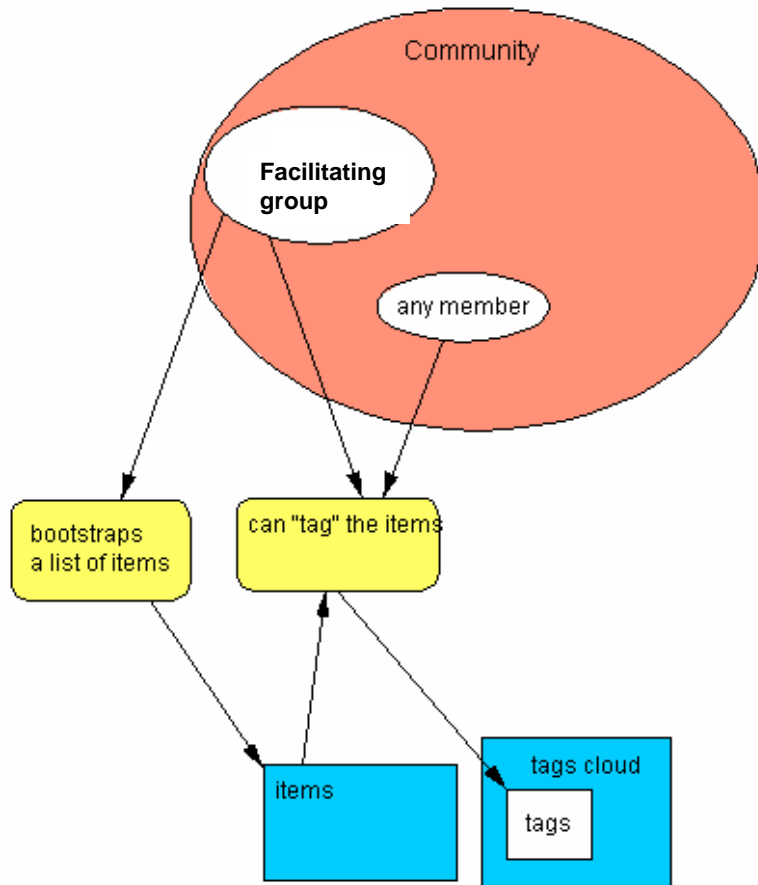
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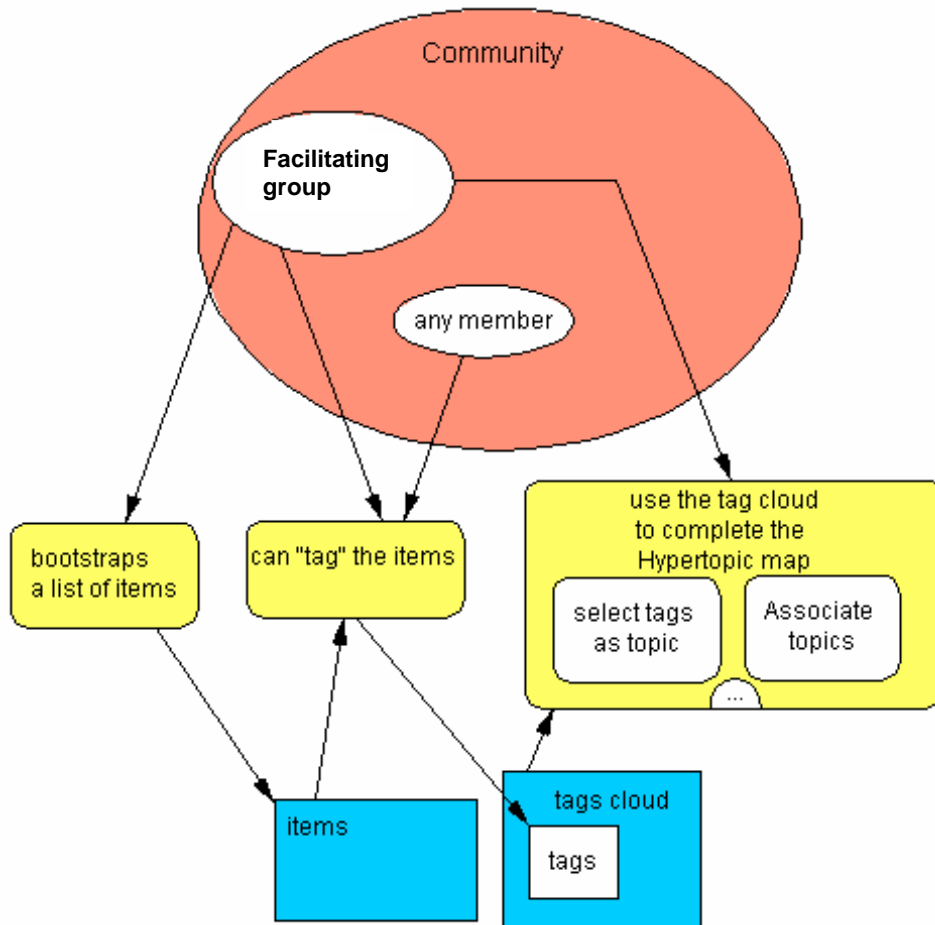
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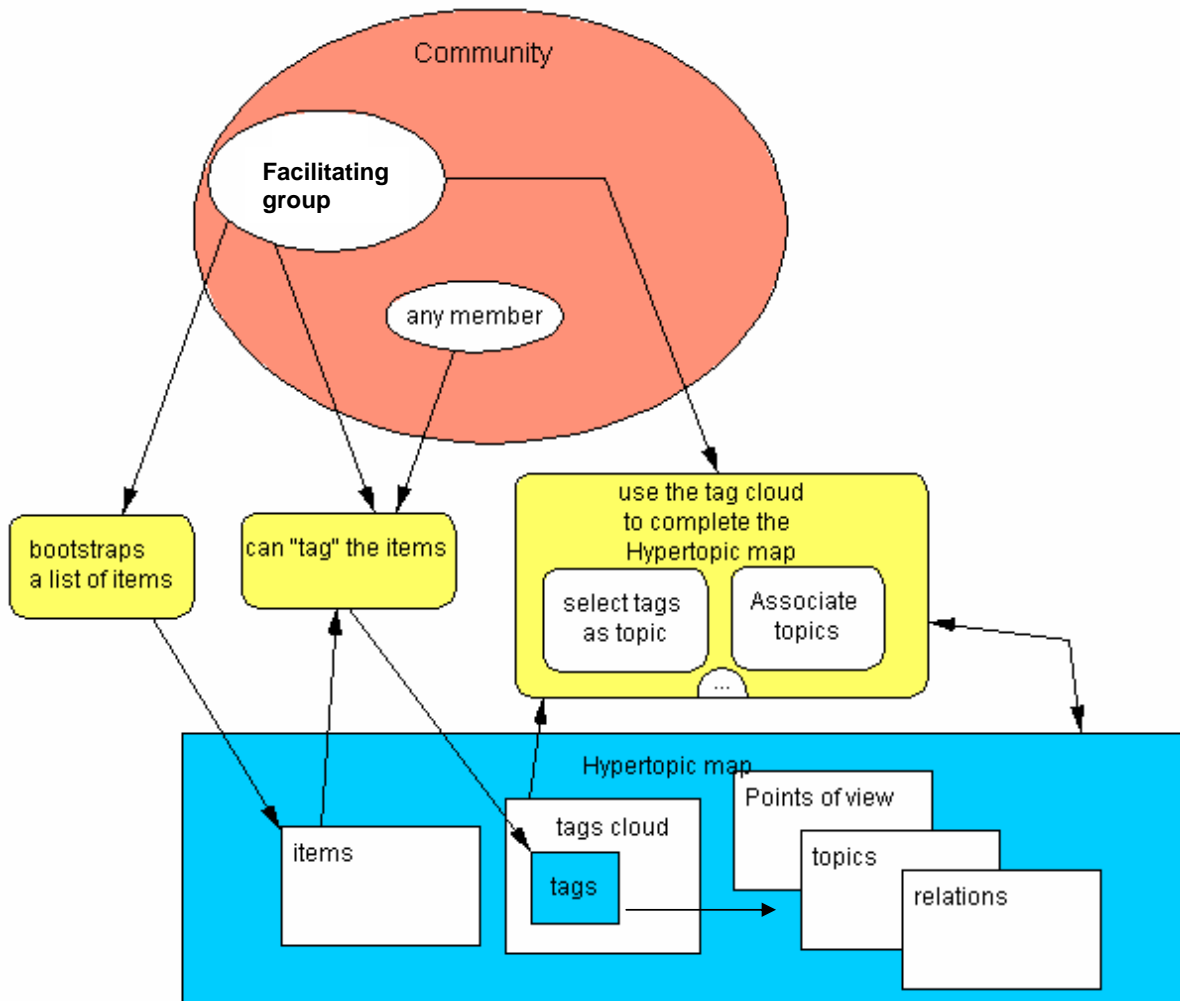
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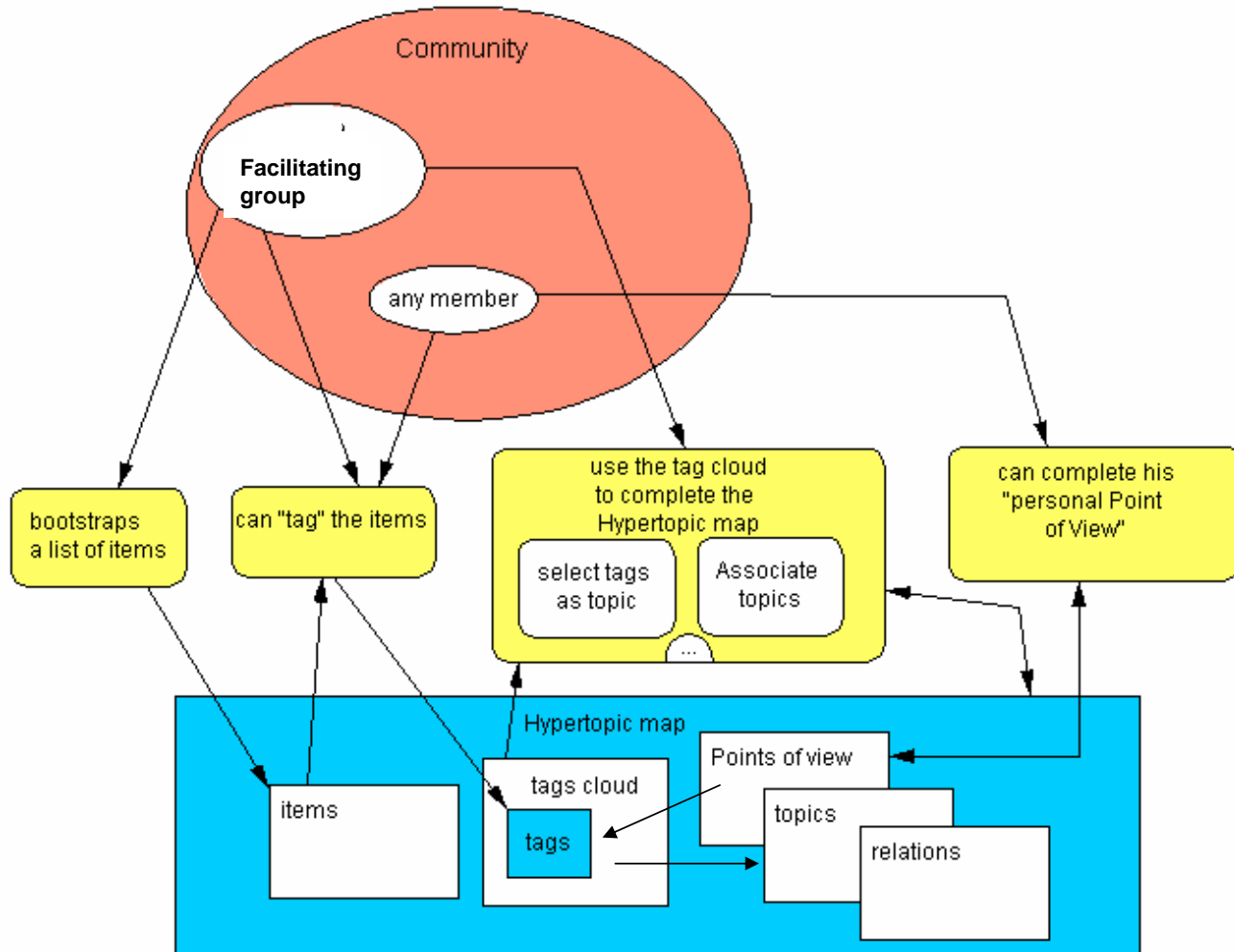
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://tech-web-n2.utt.fr/dd/?mod=navigation&resource=http://tech-ada.utt.fr/dd/viewpoint/13/>. The website is titled "CartoDD" with the subtitle "Agoræ développement durable".

Navigation Menu: Historique, Navigation, Items

Espace personnel: Login:
Mot de passe:

Rechercher:

Effets du projet:

- ◆ Effets environnementaux
- ◆ Effets symboliques
- ◆ Effets Sociaux
- ◆ Effets économiques
- ◆ Contre-effets

Projets à voir:

Sibylline . Ile aux Oiseaux . Tigres en Inde .
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Cartosolid . Clem . Ally Eoliennes .
EauSecours . La brique verte . Blouses roses . La brique
verte . Biomasse . **La Brique Verte** .
Lait-AlimenTerre . Lozere-pilote .

Utilage de thèmes:

Champagne-Ardennes

- Effets Sociaux
- Effets symboliques • France
 - animaux marins • culture et éducation • déforestation • eau
 - emploi vert • eoliennes • oiseaux • oiseaux de mer
- recyclage • regions pauvres • réduction ou optimisation de consommation d'énergie • securite alimentaire
- tigres • équipements déployés sur le terrain •

CartoDD

Agoræ développement durable

Espace personnel

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Mot de

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se connecter

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CartoDD

Agence développement durable

Espace personnel

Bienvenue cahier

- Ajouter utilisateur
- se déconnecter

Historique

Personnel

Navigation

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- ◆ Biodiversité
- ◆ déforestation
- ◆ réduction ou optimisation de consommation
- ◆ recyclage
- ◆ dépollution
- ◆ énergies renouvelables
- ◆ eau

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- Sibylline Ile aux Oiseaux
- Mangrove Ouest Cansino
- Campus responsables
- Cartosolid
- Clem Ally**
- Eoliennes
- EauSecours

Cartographie

Thèmes

- Ajouter un thème
- Suppr. courant
- Copier courant
- Couper courant

Items

- Ajouter un item

This is a screenshot of the CartoDD interface. The search bar contains the word 'recyclage'. Below the search bar, there are several results. One result is highlighted with a purple circle and labeled 'recyclage'. Another result is labeled 'Clem' and features a photograph of a boat. The interface also shows navigation tabs for 'Espace personnel', 'Historique', 'Personnel', 'Navigation', and 'Items'.

- Champagne-Ardennes • France
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Questions ?

- ***Démo Agorae V1 / DKN SEQXAM : (conflictual co-building)***
<http://tech-web-n2.utt.fr/dkn>
- ***Démo Agorae V2 / CartoDD-Initiatives 21 (hybrid method)***
<http://tech-web-n2.utt.fr/dd/>
- ***Slides of the present presentation can be downloaded (next week) on :***
<http://cahier.tech-cico.fr/docs/tmra07.pdf>

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