

DESIGN AND USE OF MATCHING TABLES TO PREPARE SCHEMA TRANSFORMATION



Context

- **IGN is a National Mapping Agency**

- Many data (several themes and LoD) to be made compliant with INSPIRE
- 2 steps approach:
 - Short-term: transform existing data off-line
 - First, sample data on limited geographic extend
 - Then, whole France
 - Long-term approach: make our internal model close to the INSPIRE one => enable to transform data on-the-fly

- **Themes considered until now (short-term step):**

- | | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| ▪ AU | - AD | - GN |
| ▪ TN (road and railway) | - CP | - HY |



DESIGN OF MATCHING TABLES



Design of matching tables: principles

- Matching tables (Excel) include:

- Left side: the INSPIRE model
- Right side: source model
- Middle: transformation column



To be filled during matching table meetings

- The purpose is to derive the left side from INSPIRE data models

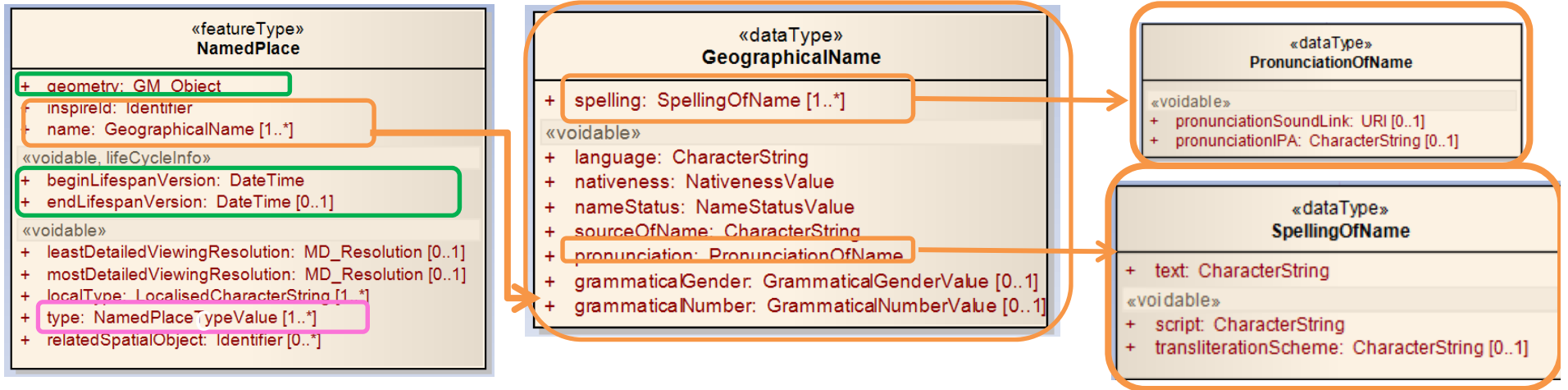
GeographicalNames										Source :					
Classe	Element	Type complexe	Documentation	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Attribut Lien Contrainte documentation	Type	Nombre minimal d'occurrences	Nombre maximal d'occurrences	Voidable ?	Transformation	Classe	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Attribut Lien Contrainte documentation	Type	Remarque:
NamedPlace	name	Geographical Name	Proper noun applied to a real world entity.	language	Language of the name, given as a three letters code, in accordance with either ISO 639-3 or ISO 639-5.	string			VRM						
					NOTE 1 More precisely, this definition refers to the language used by the community that uses the name.										
				nativeness	Information enabling to acknowledge if the name is the one that is/was used in the area where the feature is situated at the instant when the name is/was in use.	gn:Nativeness/alue	1	1	VRM						

INSPIRE model

Transformation operations

Source model 

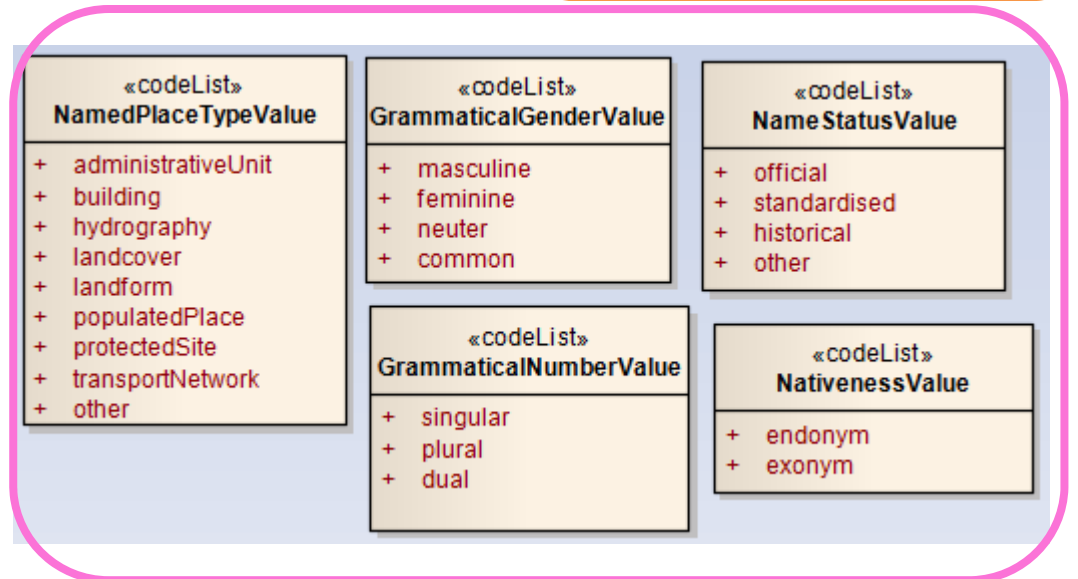
Design of matching tables: principles



Simple attributes
(character strings,
numbers, date,
boolean, geometry)

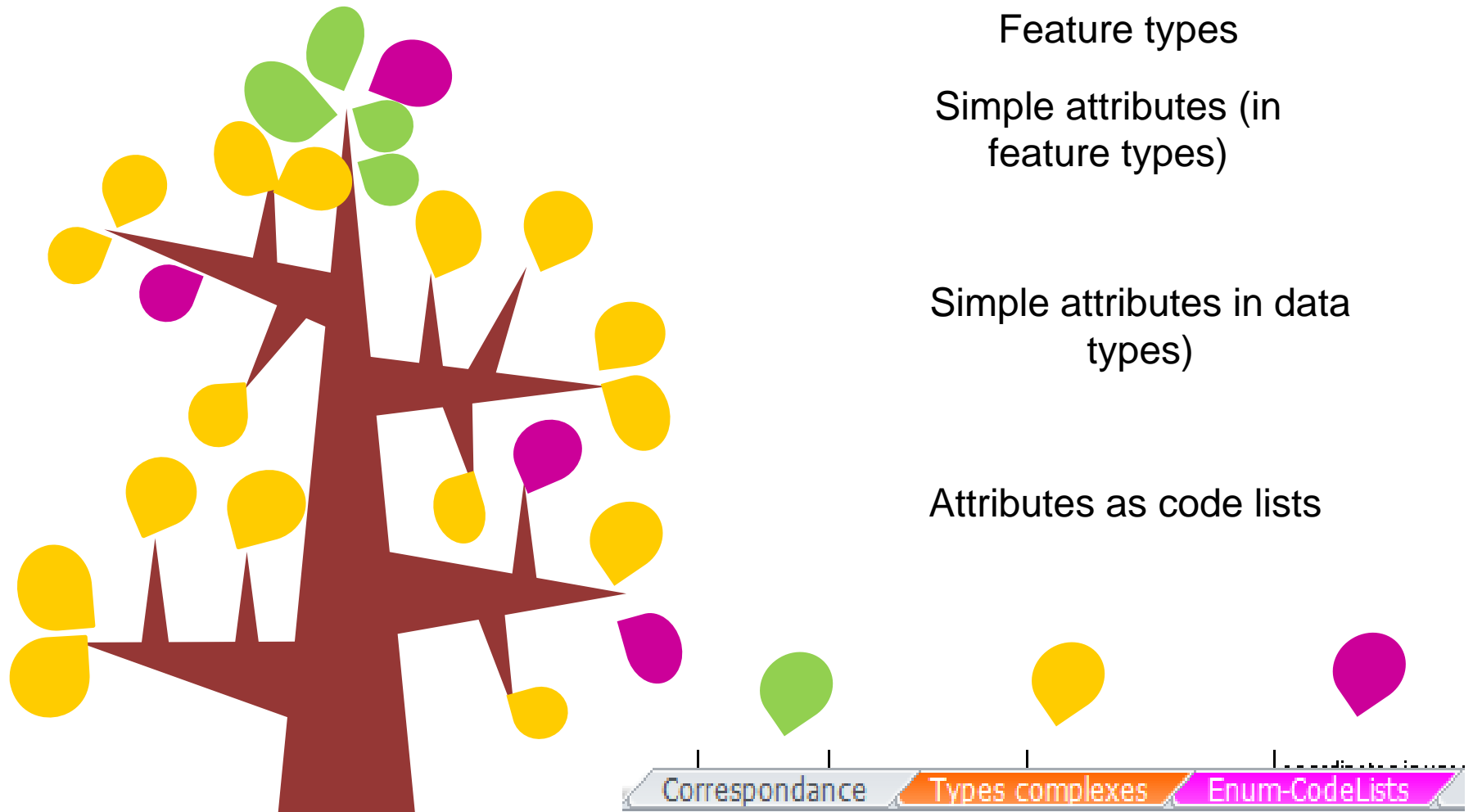
Attributes as
data types

Transformation may be
done only at « atomic »
level, on simple attributes
or on values of code lists



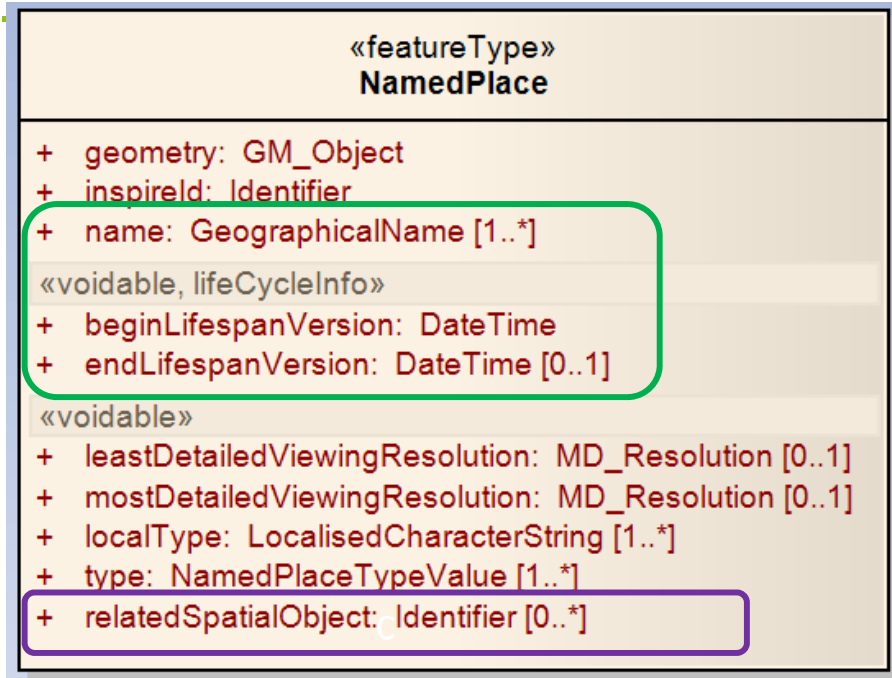
Attributes as code lists: transformation generally
to be done for each value

Design of matching tables: principles



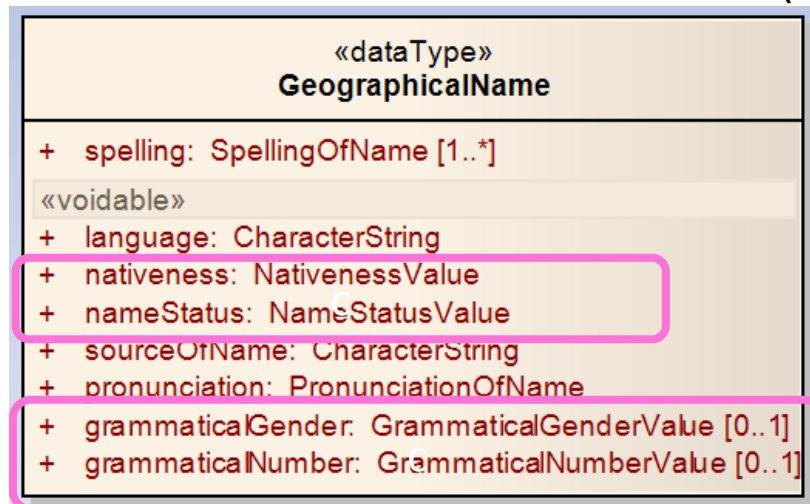
Matching table includes 3 sheets

Design of matching tables: GN example



Attributes and data types : basic or defined in GN data model

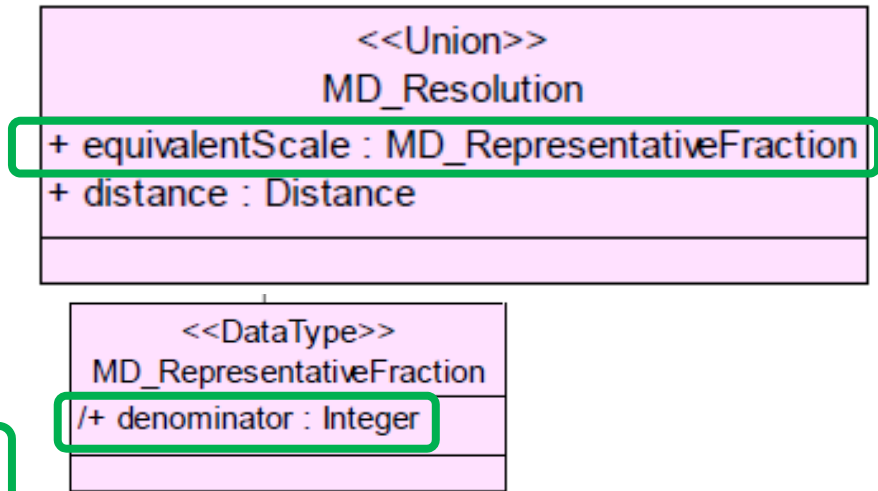
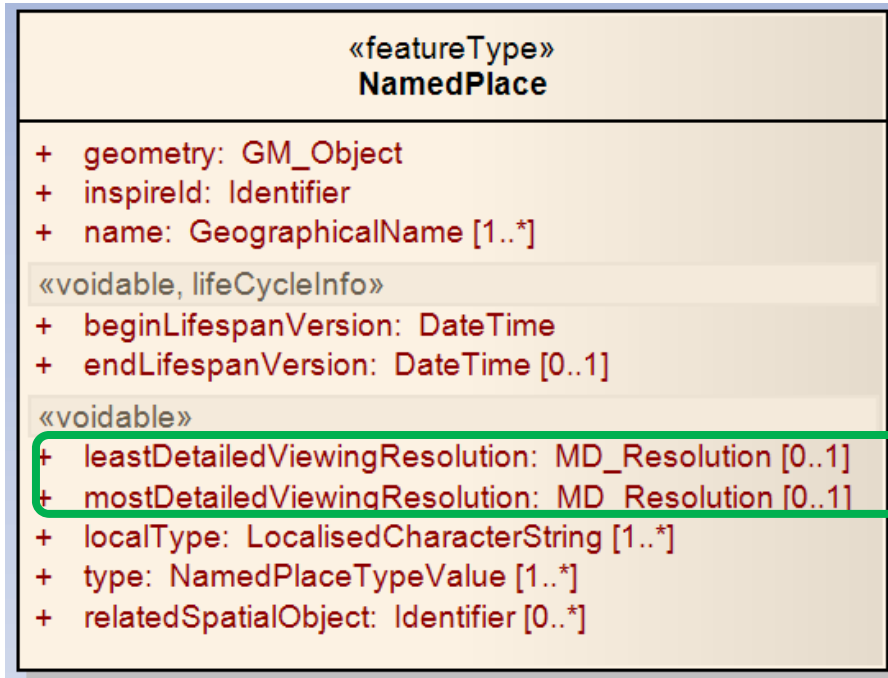
Data type defined in Generic Conceptual Model (Base types)



Code lists defined in theme GN (but not in the XSD file)



Design of matching tables: GN example

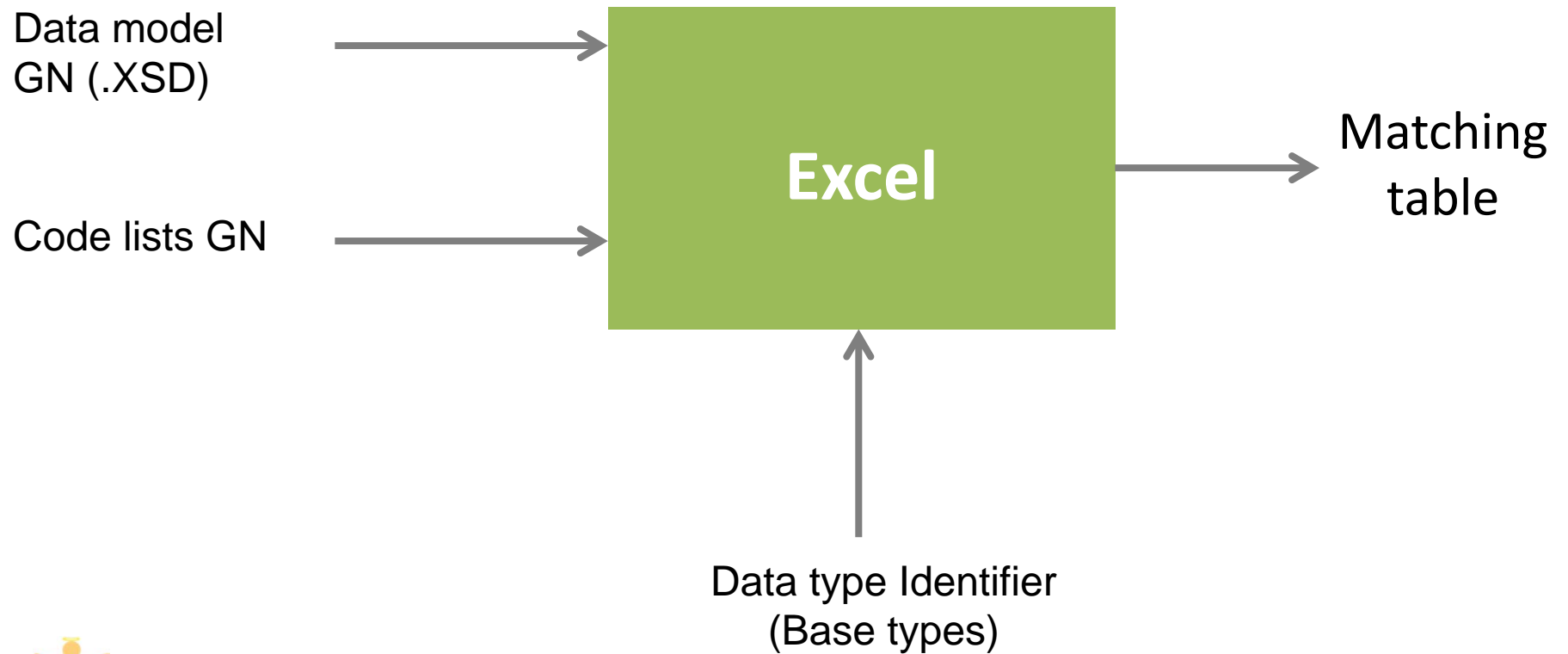


The data type MD_Resolution is quite simple => no importation in Excel , filled directly in the transformation column.

A data type coming from ISO 19115

GeographicalNames				
Classe	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Type types complexes énumérations	Transformation	Classe
NamedPlace	leastDetailedViewingResolution	gmd:MD_Resolution	equivalentScale=50000	Zone d'activité ou d'intérêt
	mostDetailedViewingResolution	gmd:MD_Resolution	equivalentScale=2000	

Design of matching tables: GN example



Design of matching tables: GN example

GeographicalNames						Source :			
Classe	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Type types complexes énumérations	No m br e	No mbr e max	Void able ?	Transformation	Classe	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Remarques
NamedPlace	beginLifespanVersion	dateTime	1	1	VRAI				
	endLifespanVersion	dateTime	0	1	VRAI				
	geometry	gml:GeometryPropertyType	1	1	FAUX				
	inspireId	base:IdentifierPropertyType	1	1	FAUX				
	leastDetailedViewingResolution	gmd:MD_Resolution	0	1	VRAI				
	localType	gmd:LocalisedCharacterString_PropertyType	1	inf	FAUX				
	mostDetailedViewingResolution	gmd:MD_Resolution	0	1	VRAI				
	name	gn:GeographicalNamePropertyType	1	inf	FAUX				
	relatedSpatialObject	base:Identifier	0	inf	VRAI				
	type	gn:NamedPlaceTypeValue	1	inf	VRAI				

« Correspondance » sheet for feature types and their direct attributes



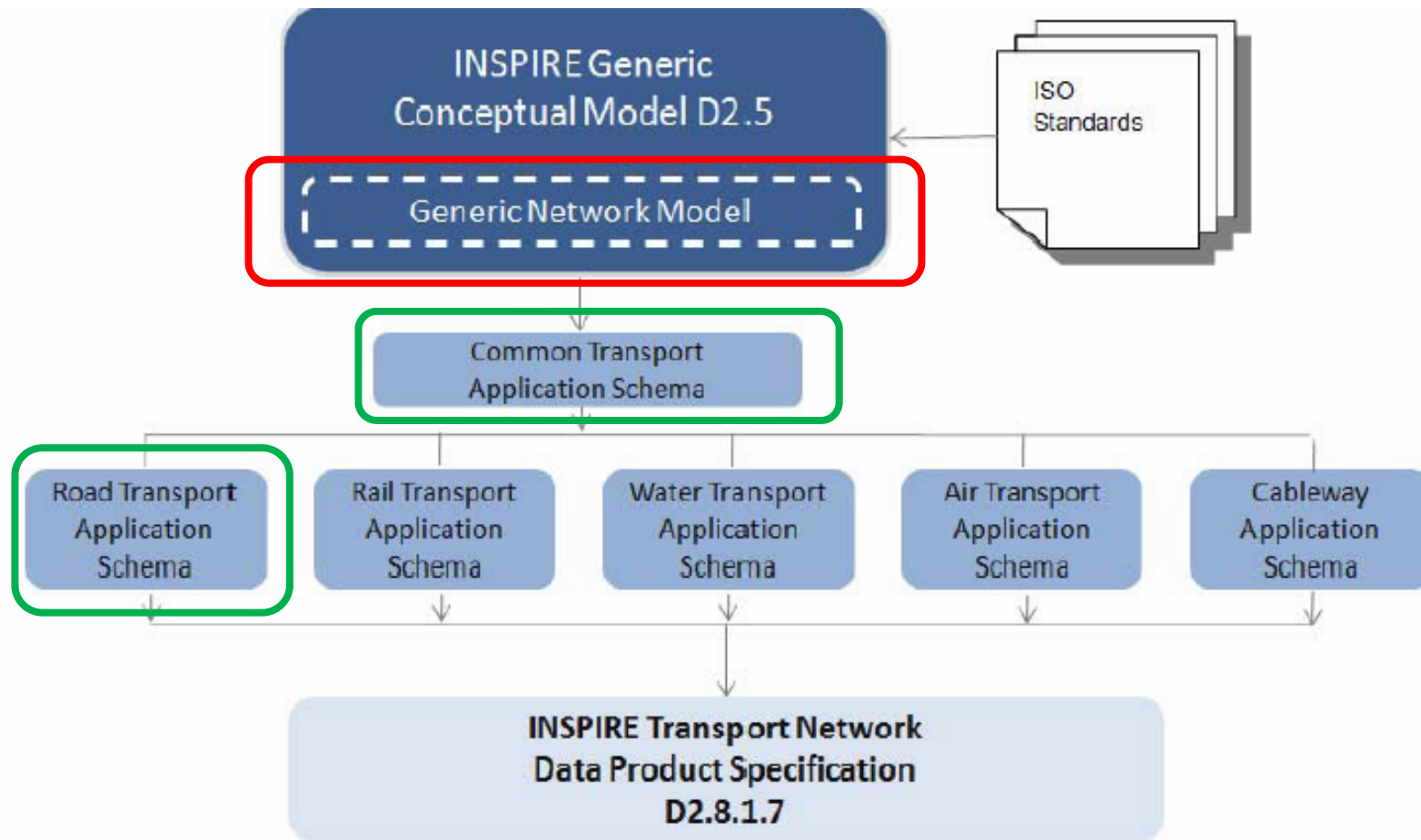
Design of matching tables: GN example

GeographicalNames								Transformation	Source :		
Classe	Element	Type complexe	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Type	Nom bre mini	Nombr e maxim	Voida ble ?		Classe	Attribut Lien Contraint	Remarques
NamedPlace	name	GeographicalName	language	string	1	1	VRAI				
			nativeness	gn:NativenessValue	1	1	VRAI				
			nameStatus	gn:NameStatusValue	1	1	VRAI				
			sourceOfName	string	1	1	VRAI				
			pronunciation	gn:PronunciationOfName	1	1	VRAI				
			spelling	gn:SpellingOfNamePropertyType		unbounded					
			grammaticalGender	gn:GrammaticalGenderValue	0	1	VRAI				
	grammaticalNumber	gn:GrammaticalNumberValue	0	1	VRAI						
	name/GeographicalName/spelling	SpellingOfName	text	string							
			script	string	1	1	VRAI				
transliterationScheme			string	0	1	VRAI					
name/GeographicalName/pronunciation	PronunciationOfName	pronunciationSoundLink	URI	0	1	VRAI					
		pronunciationIPA	string	0	1	VRAI					
NamedPlace	InspireId	Identifier	localId	string	1	1					
			namespace	string	1	1					
			versionId		0	1	VRAI				
NamedPlace	relatedSpatialObject/InspireId	Identifier	localId	string	1	1					
			namespace	string	1	1					
			versionId		0	1	VRAI				



« Types complexes » sheet for data types and their attributes

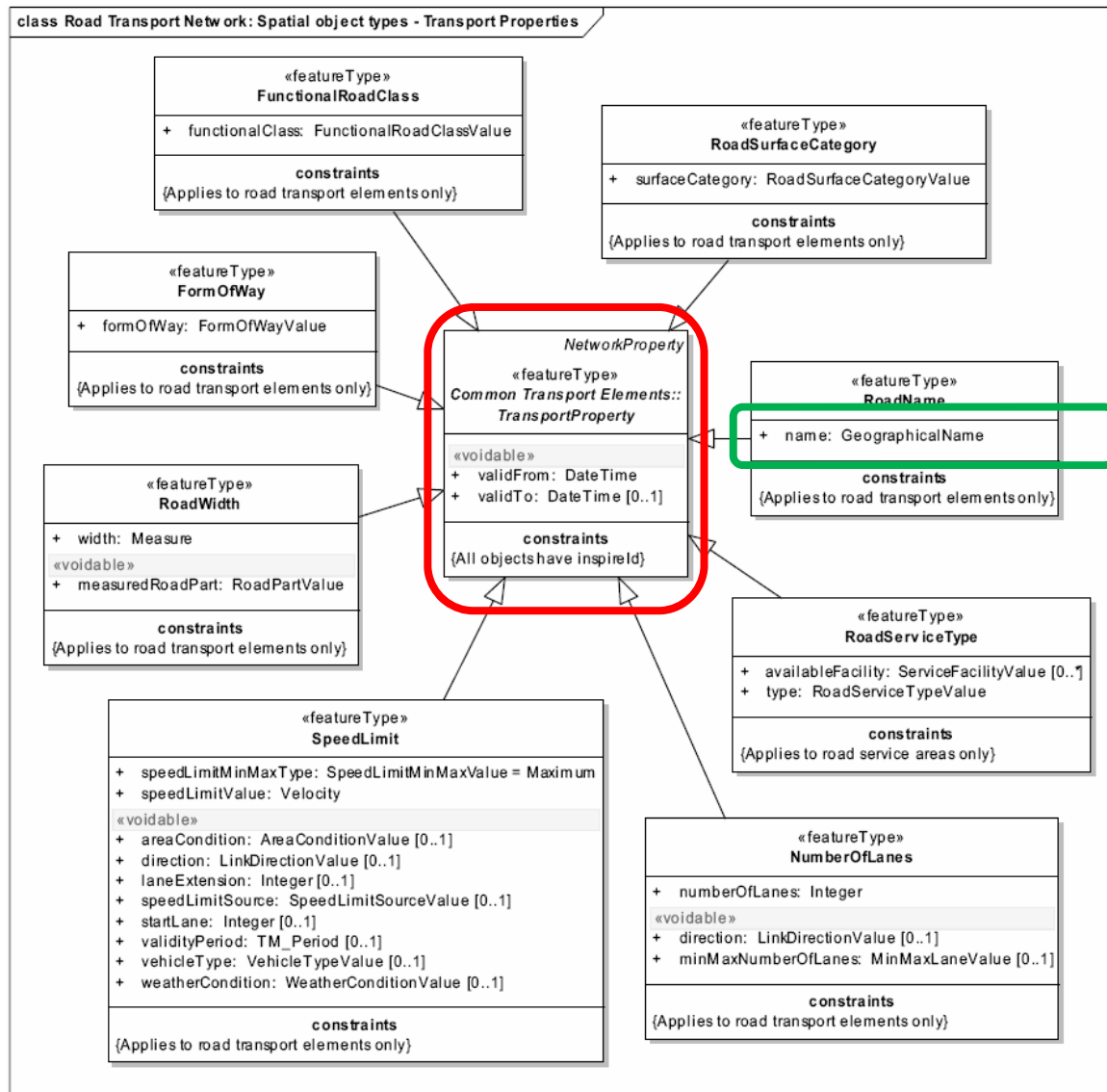
Design of matching tables: TN road example



The Road Transport inherits from Common Transport and from the Generic Network Model (GCM)



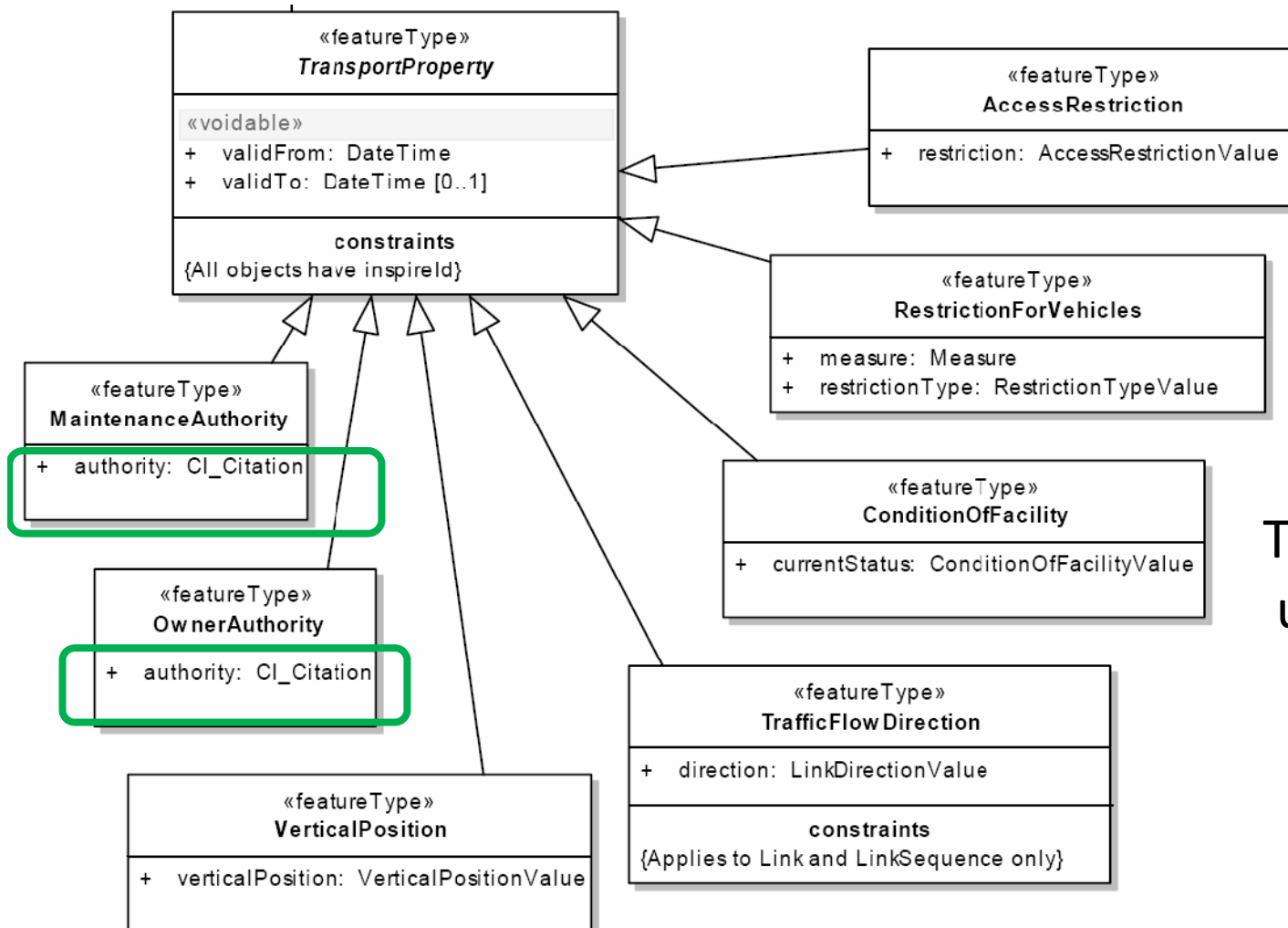
Design of matching tables: TN road example



Transport properties are considered as feature types

The data type GeographicalName is defined in theme GN

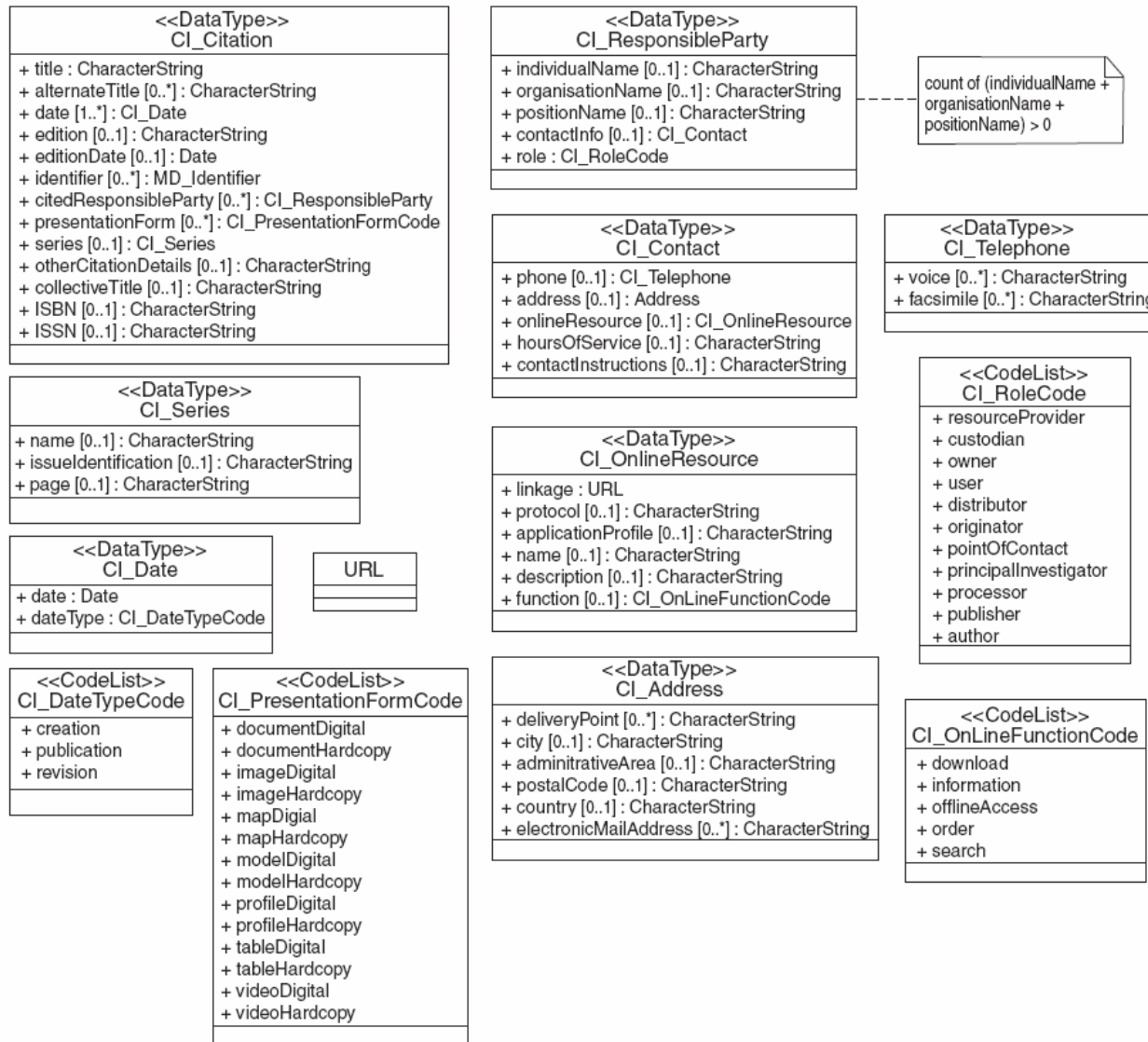
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The Road Transport uses the data type CI_Citation



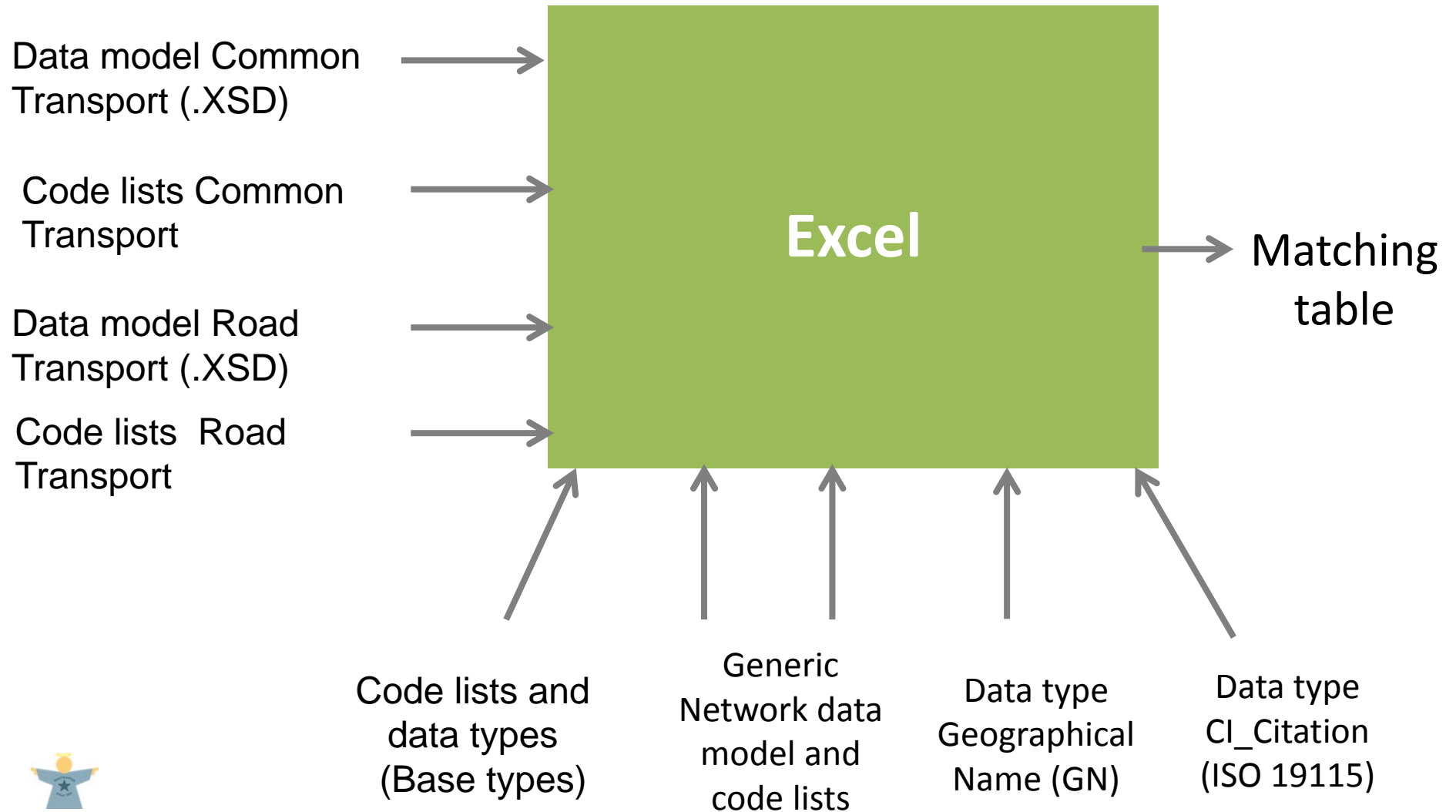
Design of matching tables: TN road example



The Road Transport uses the data type CI_Citation ... that is not simple at all and need to be imported in Excel table

⇒ 50 additional lines !!
(but only 3 have been filled by IGN)

Design of matching tables: TN road example



Design of matching tables: TN road example

Roads			
Classe	Classe parent	Attribut Lien Contrainte	
RoadLinkSequence	LinkSequence	link	
	TransportLinkSequence	validFrom	
	TransportObject	validTo	
	NetworkElement		geographicalName
			beginLifespanVersion
		endLifespanVersion	
RoadNode	Node	inspireId	
		inNetwork	
		geometry	
	TransportNode		spokeEnd
			spokeStart
			validFrom
			validTo
NetworkElement		geographicalName	
		beginLifespanVersion	
		endLifespanVersion	
ERoad	LinkSet	link	
		formOfRoadNode	
	TransportObject	geographicalName	
		validFrom	
	TransportLinkSet	validTo	
		post	
NetworkElement		beginLifespanVersion	
		inspireId	
		endLifespanVersion	
		inNetwork	
		europeanRouteNumber	

Instanciable
feature types

The inheritance has
to be considered in
the matching table

Common parent
feature type =>
often common
transformation rules
(copy/paste)

Design of matching tables: TN road example

Classe
RoadLinkSequence
RoadNode
ERoad
Road
RoadLink
RoadArea

Classe
RestrictionForVehicles
MaintenanceAuthority
ConditionOfFacility
TrafficFlowDirection
OwnerAuthority
VerticalPosition

Classe
FormOfWay
RoadServiceType
RoadSurfaceCategory
RoadWidth
SpeedLimit
FunctionalRoadClass

The “real” spatial objects

The transport properties

The road properties

The matching table is ordered

USE OF MATCHING TABLES



Context of use

- For each theme, there are meetings to fill the matching table
- The matching table is prepared in advance, before the meeting
- Contributors to the meeting:
 - INSPIRE experts
 - Dominique Laurent: organises and chairs meeting, makes minutes
 - Marie Lambois : involved in test of annex I themes, prepares matching table
 - Source data expert
 - Transformation expert



Example 1 : scope of GN

- **IGN has named places in source data in the theme POI but many other features have also a name**
 - Administrative units
 - Hydrography (rivers, lakes,)
 - Transport (some roads,)
- **Decision was taken to provide for INSPIRE all features having a name**



Example 1 : scope of GN

■ Consequence 1: duplication of tables

- Many source features have a name => to be included in theme GN
- These source features come from different feature types, with different structures
- The mapping with INSPIRE requires different rules
- => 3 matching tables
 - POI
 - Administrative units
 - Networks



Example 1 : scope of GN

■ Consequence 2: identifier

- IGN has unique and persistent identifiers : CLEABS (absolute key)
 - => initial idea was to make following mapping:
 - Namespace: **FR_IGNF_BDUniGE (country + producer + product)**
 - localId : CLEABS

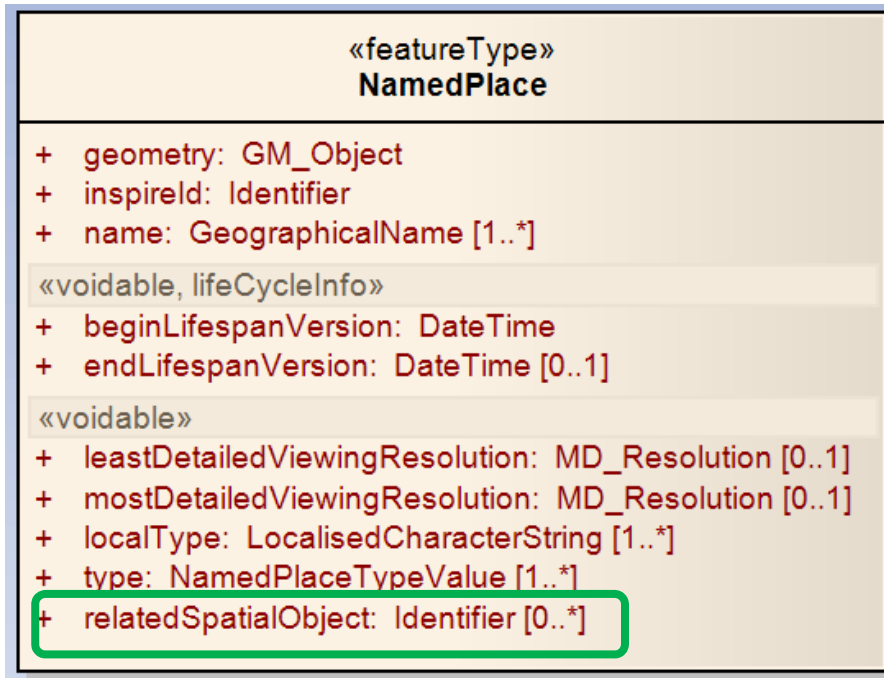
- But the same source feature may be used for several INSPIRE themes
 - A river may be in HY (PhysicalWaters and HydroNetwork), in TN (WaterTransportNetwork) and in GN
 - A municipality may be in AU, in SU and in GN
 - ⇒ We decided to add the name of INSPIRE application schema to the namespace
 - ⇒ Namespace: **FR_IGNF_BDUNIME_GeographicalNames**

- In addition, we realised that our identifiers were unique only by territory (metropol / oversea) => decision to add a suffix
 - Namespace: **FR_IGNF_BDUNIME_GeographicalNames_MET**



Example 1 : scope of GN

■ Consequence 3: relatedSpatialObject



It is necessary to document this attribute

Having in theme GN all features with names is fine for some applications (geocoding)

But not for all: for mapping, this would imply duplicated features

Very difficult to document : need to know the INSPIRE identifier of the target object.

For theme GN, the relatedSpatialObject has been filled as « placeholder » : to be reviewed carefully once all themes have been transformed



=> Most of X-theme associations have not been filled

Example 1 : scope of GN

GeographicalNames			Transformation	Source :			
Element	Type complexe	Attribut Lien Contrainte		Classe	Attribut Lien Contraint	Type	Remarques
InspireId	Identifier	namespace	Case 1 : dataset name contains "FR" or dataset contains "20" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_MET » Case 2 : dataset name contains "GF" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_GUF » Case 3 : dataset name contains "GP" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_GUA » Case 4 : dataset name contains "RE" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_REU » Case 5 : dataset name contains "MQ" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_MTQ » Case 5 : dataset name contains "YT" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_MYT » Case 5 : dataset name contains "PM" « FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_GeographicalNames_SPM »	(CDENOMME, Voie ferrée nommée ROUTENUM) where GRAPHIEP is not null .			
		versionId					
relatedSpatialObject	Identifier	localId	=	(CDENOMME, Voie ferrée nommée ROUTENUM) where GRAPHIEP is not null .	Cleabs		
		namespace	si classe Route numérotée ou nommée, alors "FR_IGNF_BDUNIGE_RoadTransportNetwork" si classe Voie ferrée nommée, alors"FR_IGNF_BDUNIGE_RailwayTransportNetwork" si classe Cours d'eau nommé, alors "FR_IGNF_BDUNIGE_HydroNetwork"				
		versionId					



The data type « Identifier » has been duplicated because it has to be used twice (with different matching rules)

Example 2 : properties of TN

- In source data, we have TRONROUT (RoadLink)
 - with unique identifier: CLEABS
 - with direct attributes (that have no identifier) : number of lanes, functional road class,

- How to provide identifiers to these properties
 - same namespace as other road TN features
 - localId = property name + CLEABS (road link)
 - => the property is mainly defined by its location

TN Roads				Transformation	Classe	Attribut Lien
Classe		Type complexe	Attribut Lien			
FunctionalRoadClass	inspireId	Identifier	localId	=FunctionalRoadClass_'+CLEABS	TRONROUTwhere (NATURE <> 'Bac auto and NATURE <> 'Bac piéton') and IMPORTAN <> 'Sans objet'	CLEABS
			namespace	Case 1 : dataset name contains 'FR' or dataset name contains '20' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_MET'		
			versionId			
NumberOfLanes	inspireId	Identifier	localId	=NumberOfLanes_'+CLEABS	TRONROUTwhere (NATURE <> 'Bac auto and NATURE <> 'Bac piéton') and (NB_VOIES<> '0' and NB_VOIES is not null)	CLEABS
			namespace	Case 1 : dataset name contains 'FR' or dataset name contains '20' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_MET'		
			versionId			

Example 2 : properties of TN

- How to reference these properties, i.e. to make the association to the related RoadLink
 - concatenation of the **RoadLink inspireld** components
 - namespace + '_' + localId

TN Roads				Transformation	Classe	Attribut Lien
Classe		Type complexe	Attribut Lien			
VerticalPosition, ConditionOfFacility, TrafficFlowDirection, FormOfWay, RoadSurfaceCategory, RoadWidth, FunctionalRoadClass, NumberOfLanes, AccessRestriction	networkRef	NetworkReference	element	Case 1 : dataset name contains 'FR' or dataset name contains '20' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_MET_'+CLEABS Case 2 : dataset name contains 'GF' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_GUF_'+CLEABS' Case 3 : dataset name contains 'GP' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_GUA_'+CLEABS' Case 4 : dataset name contains 'RE' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_REU_'+CLEABS' Case 5 : dataset name contains 'MQ' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_MTQ_'+CLEABS' Case 6 : dataset name contains 'YT' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_MYT_'+CLEABS' Case 7 : dataset name contains 'PM' 'FR_IGNF_BDUniGE_RoadTransportNetwork_SPM_'+CLEABS'	TRONROUT where (NATURE <> 'Bac auto and NATURE <> 'Bac piéton')	CLEABS



As the rule is the same for all these properties, there is some factorisation

Example 2 : properties of TN

- The same property may apply to different feature types

Roads				BD-L-TC	
Classe	Classe parent	Attribut Lien Contrainte	Transformation	Classe	
ConditionOfFacility	NetworkProperty	authority	see type complexe	TRONROUT where ETATOBJ is not null and (NATURE <> 'Bac auto' and NATURE <> 'Bac piéton')	RoadLink
		networkRef	see type complexe		
		inspireId	see type complexe		
		beginLifespanVersion	voidValueReason = unpopulated		
	endLifespanVersion				
TransportProperty	validFrom	voidValueReason = unknown			
	validTo	voidValueReason = unknown			
	currentStatus	= 'underConstruction'			
ConditionOfFacility	NetworkProperty	networkRef	see type complexe	TRANSPOR where NATURE = 'Aire de service' or 'Aire de repos' or 'Péage' or 'Carrefour' or 'Parking' or 'Rond-point' or 'Echangeur'	RoadNode
		inspireId	see type complexe		
		beginLifespanVersion	voidValueReason = unpopulated		
		endLifespanVersion			
	TransportProperty	validFrom	voidValueReason = unknown		
validTo		voidValueReason = unknown			
	currentStatus	= functional'			
ConditionOfFacility	NetworkProperty	networkRef	see type complexe	SURFROUT where NATURE = 'Parking' or 'Péage'	Road Service Area
		inspireId	see type complexe		
		beginLifespanVersion	voidValueReason = unpopulated		
		endLifespanVersion			
	TransportProperty	validFrom	voidValueReason = unknown		
validTo		voidValueReason = unknown			
	currentStatus	= functional'			

CONCLUSIONS



Conclusions

- **The matching table : a key document**
 - starting point for transformation process
 - to document the mapping decisions
 - to define the mapping on computer
 - starting point for further activities
 - Data validation
 - Data documentation
 - Evolution of transformation rules
- **To be accompanied by meeting minutes**
 - Rationale for choice when discussions (conflicts, options,)
 - Imperfect matchings
 - To be documented, reviewed,...
 - Potential evolutions of our products



Conclusions

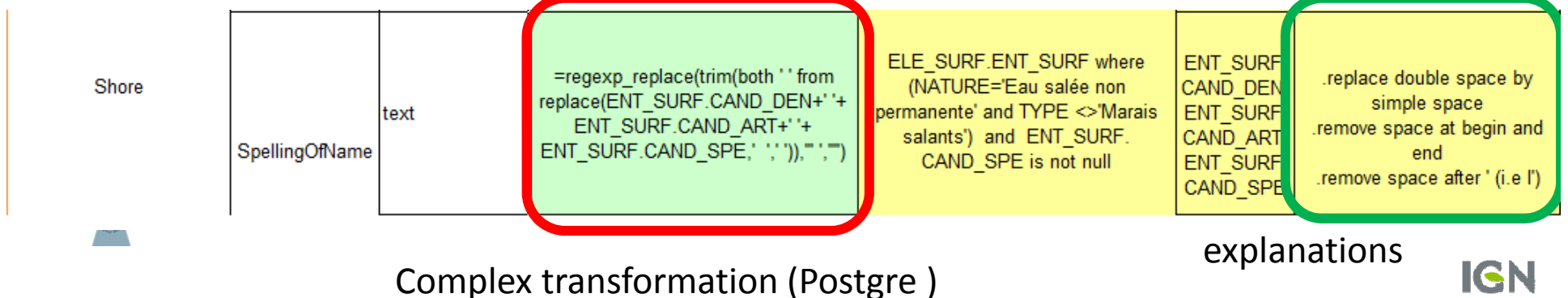
- **What is not addressed by the matching tables**
 - http URI identifiers
 - We expect more guidelines (MIG)
 - associations between themes
 - To be done once all themes transformed
 - Some common issues to all themes
 - How to deal with GML identifiers
 - How to deal with localisedCharacterString

To be done later



Conclusions

- **Schema transformation rules must be defined at “atomic” level:**
 - On feature types
 - On basic attributes (geometry, number, character string, boolean, date, ...)
 - Even on values of attributes (enumerations / code lists)
- **Make the transformation rules as clear as possible**
 - by duplicating the feature type /data type lines if transformation rules are different
 - by using as much as possible a standard language (e.g. SQL)
 - by commenting the transformations that may raise understandability issues



Conclusions

- **Filling matching tables is a (high level) sport**

outlet	gml:ReferenceType	<pre>FR_IGNF_BDUniME_HydroPhysicalWaters_MET_' + select TRON_HYD.BDC_ID from (select TRON_HYD.BDC_ID,TRON_HYD.GID from NEUD_ZON,NEUD_HYD,NEUD_EXT,GRAPH_HYD,TRON_HYD where (NEUD_ZON.NEUD_EXT.NOEUD=NEUD_HYD.BDC_ID and NEUD_HYD.GID=GRAPH_HYD.KEY3 and GRAPH_HYD.KEY1=TRON_HYD.GID)) as TRONCONS where (TRONCONS.CDO_TRON.COURDEAU.BDC_ID=DRAIN_Z.DRAIN.COURDEAU)</pre>
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Don't forget any attribute

- Make consistent decisions
- Be resistant
 - Our masterpiece: a "beautiful" transformation implying many source tables, semantic and topologic relations
 - Some themes may require several meetings
- Be clever and flexible
 - Some really complex transformations
- Be proud of yourself !



Thanks for your
attention

