LOTS OF COPIES KEEP STUFF SAFE

Community-driven Models for Distributed Digital Preservation Using LOCKSS

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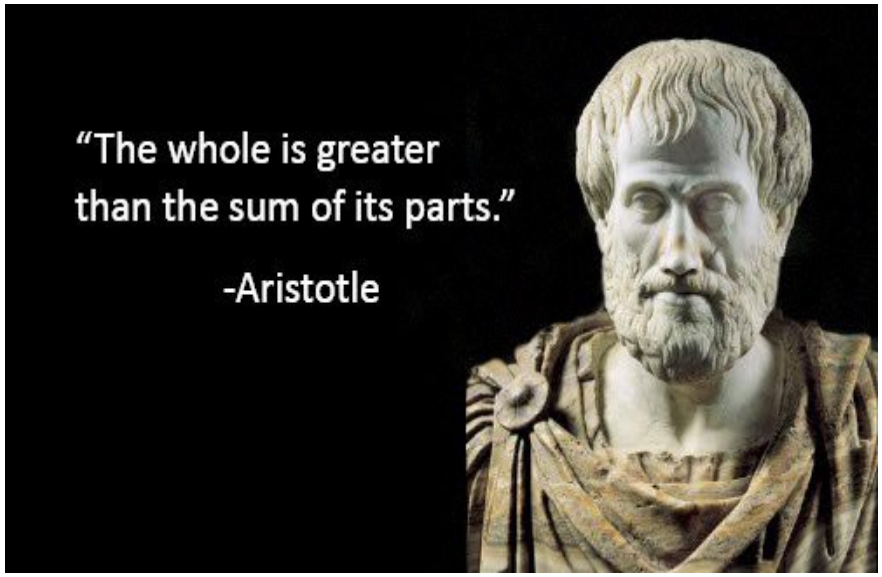
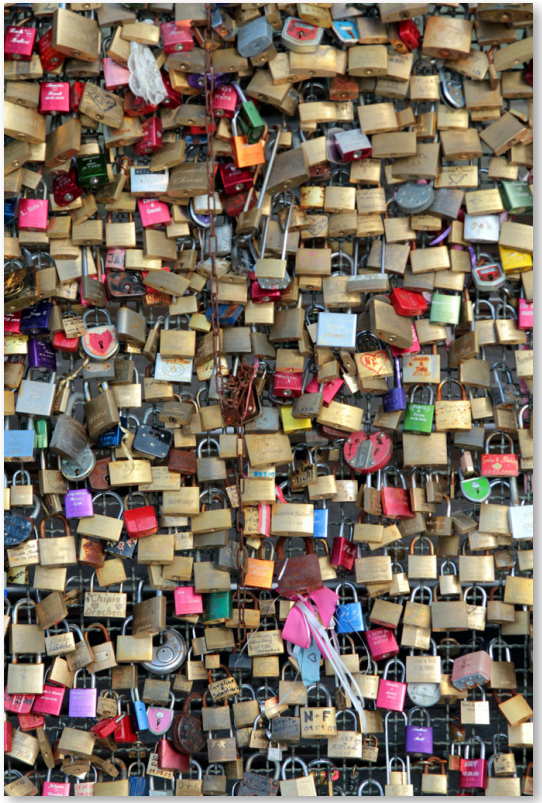


what is LOCKSS?

- a proven and widely accepted **principle** for distributed digital preservation
- peer-to-peer **software**; infrastructure agnostic
- an international **community** of institutions and networks
- a **program** of Stanford Libraries



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community-centric

- preservation is an **active** community effort
- enable preservation of the **content your community cares about**
- you set the **levels** of preservation you want
- you own your community's **governance**
- lots of **communities** keep stuff safe

LOCKSS

more than lots of copies

- lots of copies is **necessary but not sufficient**
- central points of failure **can undermine all copies at once**
- don't underestimate:
  - people making **mistakes**
  - data and media **migrations**
  - **attacks** on information
  - organizational **failure**
- LOCKSS provides a framework of mutually-distrusting, **independent peers**

LOCKSS

lots of LOCKSS networks

- growing number of **networks**
- hundreds of **institutions**
- **all types** of content
- **national** network discussions
- preservation via **diversity** of:
  - technologies
  - institutions
  - networks
  - use cases

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PUBLIC
KNOWLEDGE
PROJECT

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technical re-architecture

- **conserve** + **extend** existing functionality
- re-architect major components as documented **web services**
- incorporate LOCKSS **community innovations**
  - monitoring dashboard
  - LOCKSS-O-Matic
- enhance **sharing and integrations** to other groups

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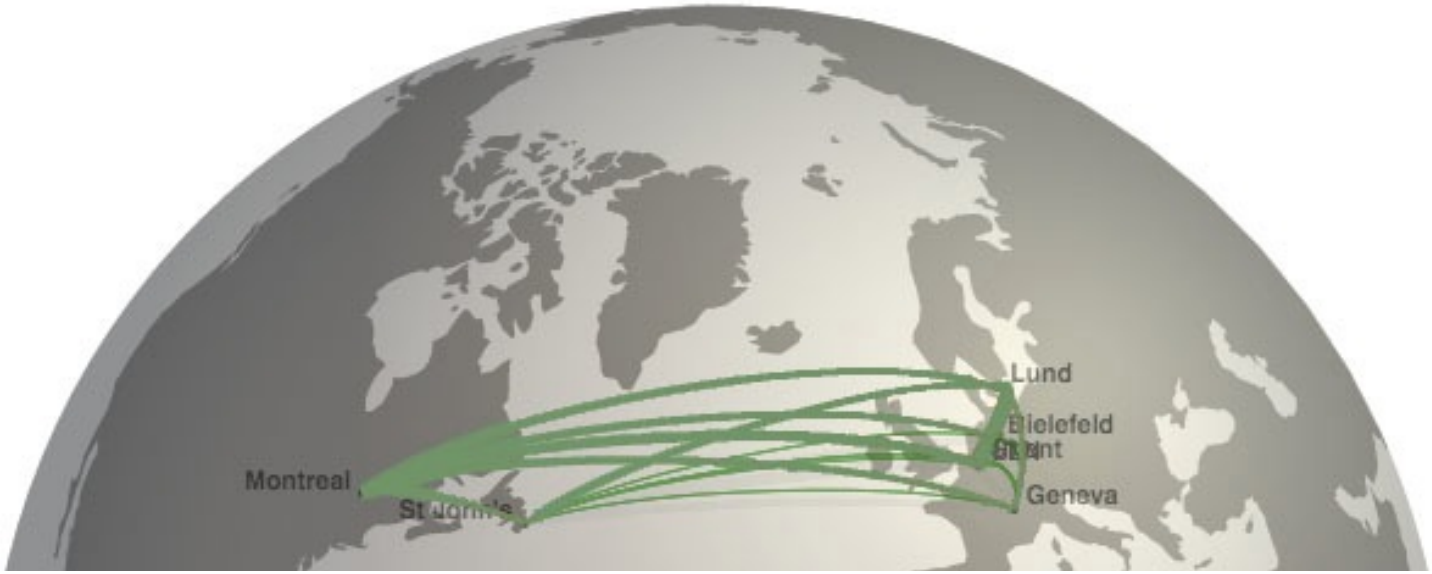
immediate goals

- **share** innovation between LOCKSS Networks
- raise LOCKSS **mindshare** with global preservation and repository communities
- initiate global **collaborations** and integrations
- publicize LOCKSS' **flexibility**



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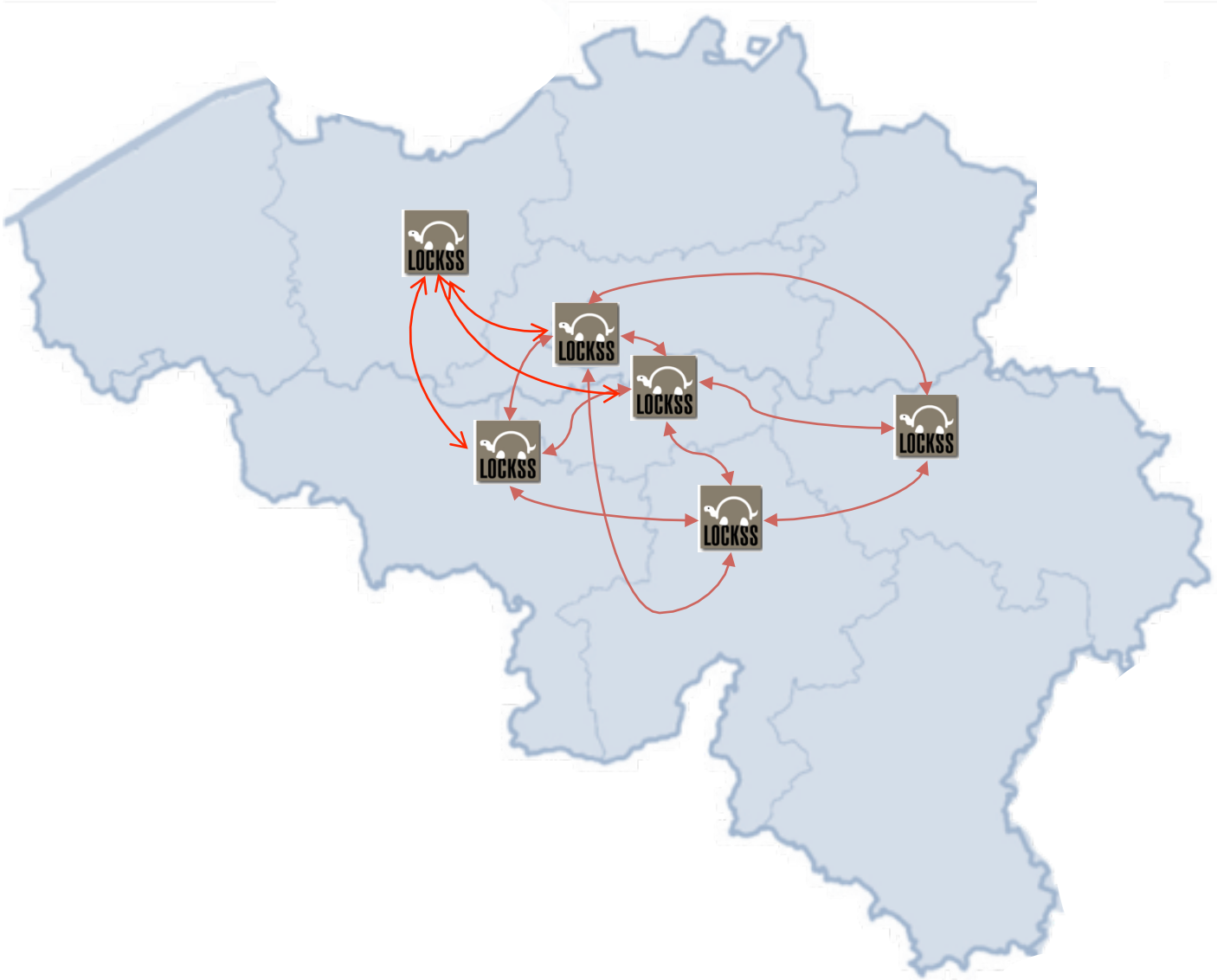
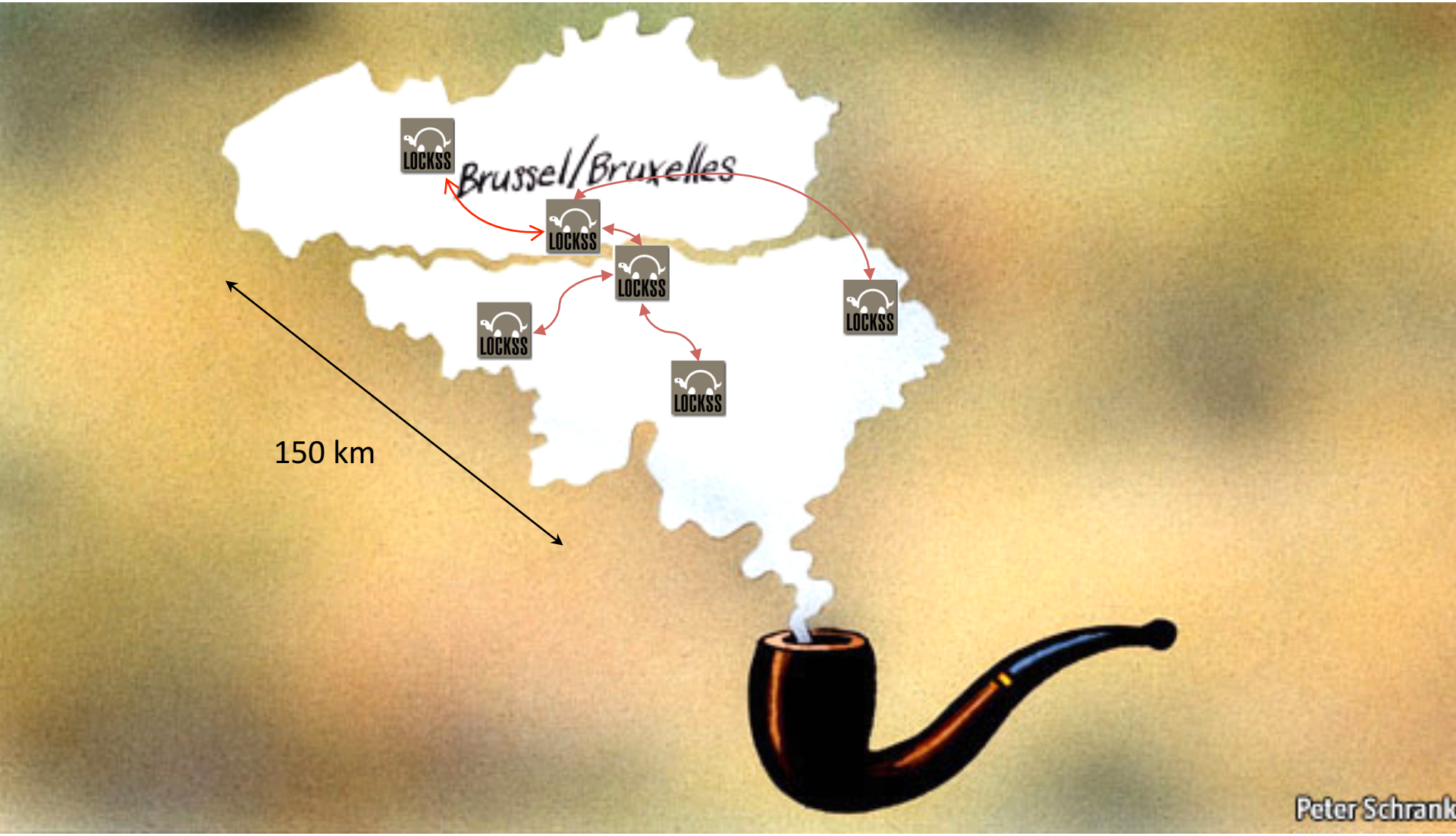
Our project started 6 years ago in Belgium...

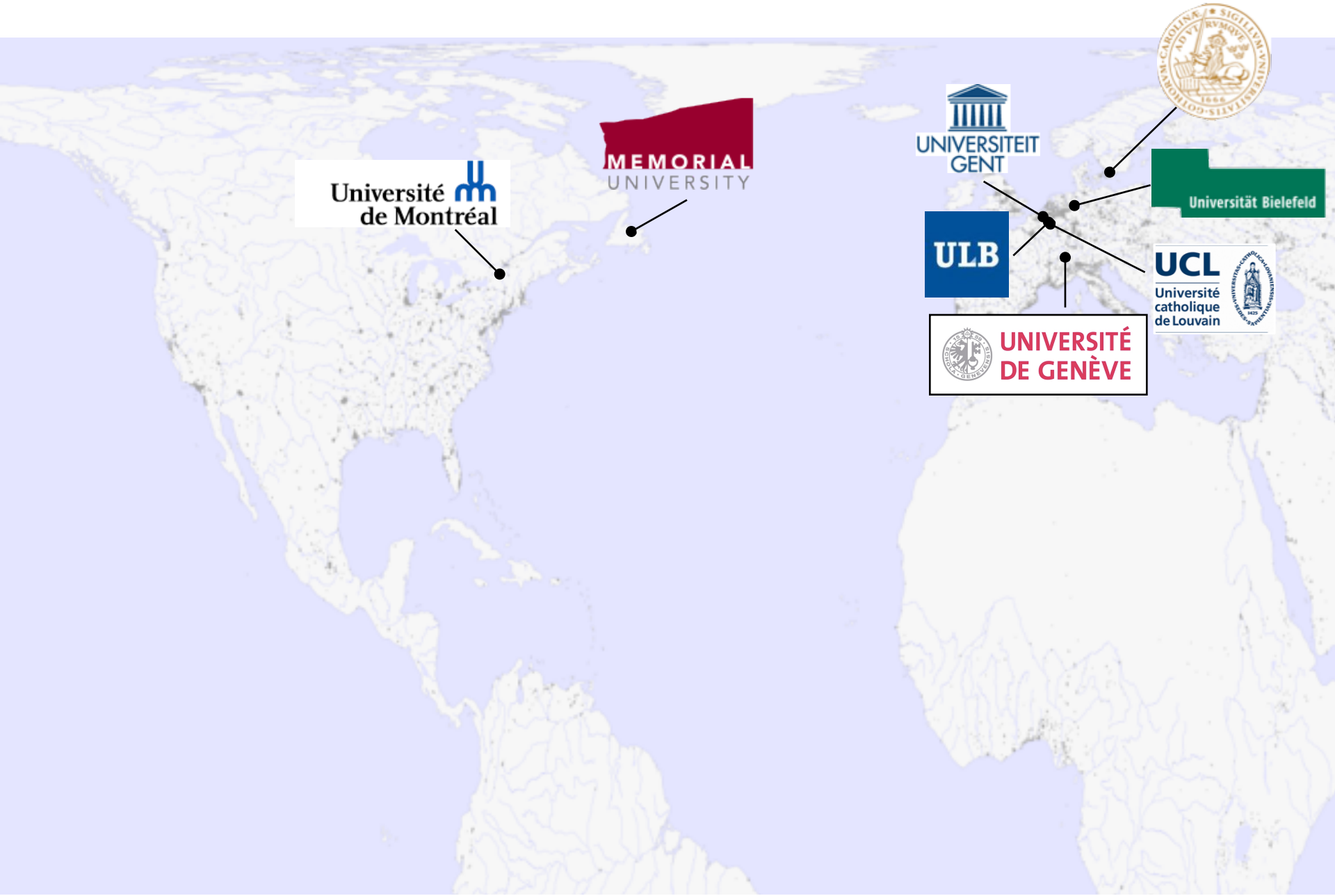


Ceci n’est pas un PLN !



Oh, come on!
Tell me you
have a backup
of Belgium!

SAFE currently has 8 members



SAFE : WHAT ?

Digitized books
Maps
Pictures

Theses and publications (IR)

Academic content
Research data

Key LOCKSS aspects for our network

“poll/repair” is the key component for us

share resources, not money, light organization

distributed technical administration