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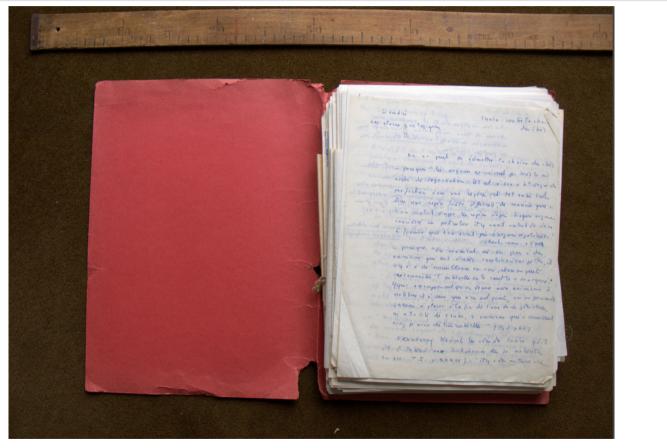
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Michel Foucault's archives kept at the BnF.

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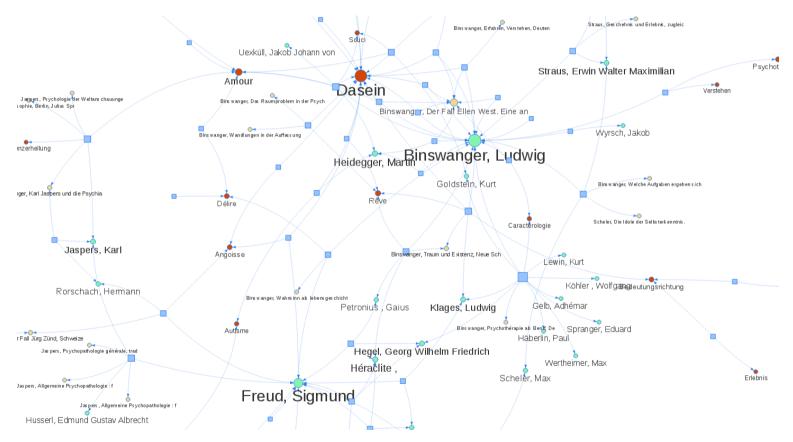
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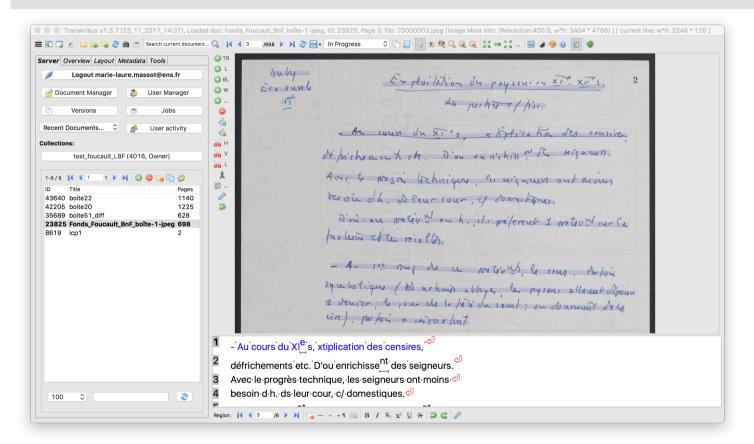
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A network cartography of reading notes in box n°38 (V. Ventresque).

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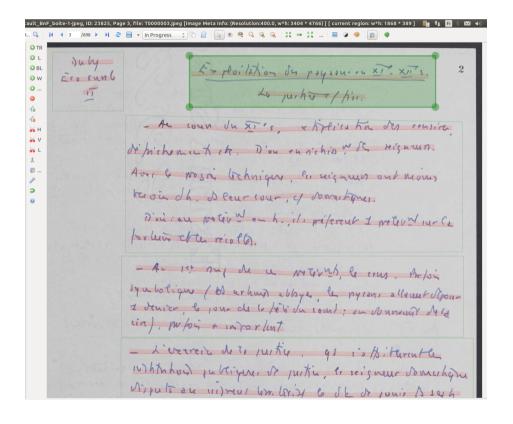




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Manual transcriptions to train Transkribus to decipher Foucault's handwriting.

Creating learning data for Foucault's handwriting



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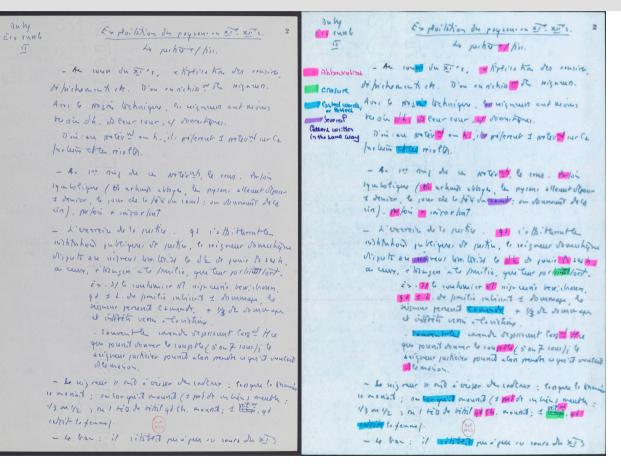
Document segmentation (text regions, lines and base-lines) and line by line transcription of the manuscript

Main difficulties encountered

- Foucault's handwriting: reading notes with a lot or ambiguous abbreviations, several letters written in the same way, erasure, misspelled, pasted words, etc.
- Illegible words were identified with TEI encoding
- Getting to grips with the software and average time per card
- Software Ergonomics

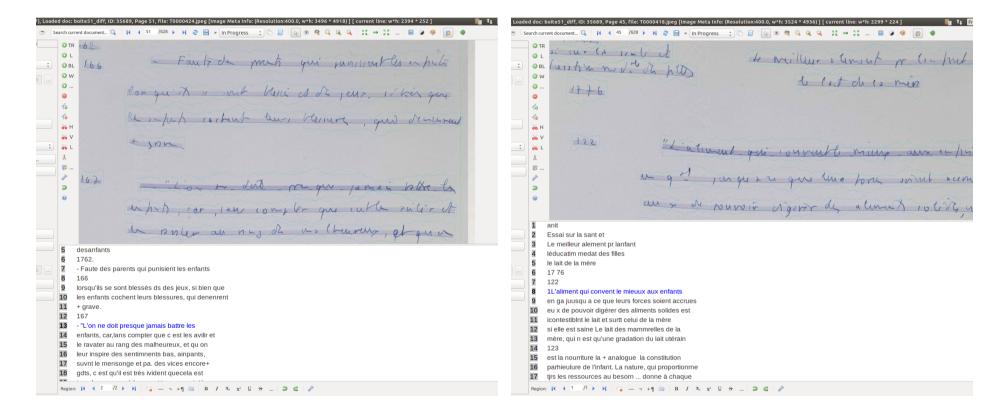
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• Multi-handed transcripts



Deciphering Foucault's handwriting is very challenging!

Automatic transcription



Automatic transcription of Michel Foucault's reading notes by the HTR engine after training.

Assessment of the experiment and prospects

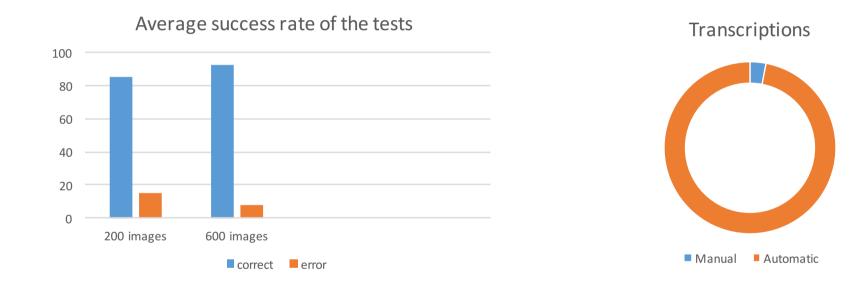
- Training of 600 images transcribed manually
- Average success rate of 92% on the characters
- Future corrected transcripts can be fed back into Transkribus to complete the training and **increase the accuracy rate**
- Results of the Transkribus software tests very encouraging

- Producing automatic transcripts for all images
- Using the Omeka platform to set up a **collaborative correction system**
- Despite their imperfection Automatic transcription usable to perform « full text » search in images or texts
- **« Fuzzy » search** : search for keywords (similarity between words and terms the user wants to retrieve



A textual database that can be verified, documented, enriched and explored.

Results of the Transkribus software tests



Very encouraging! The HTR model can be improved!

Marie-Laure Massot, Arianna Sforzini, Vincent Ventresque. *Transcrire les fiches de lecture de Michel Foucault avec le logiciel Transkribus : compte rendu des tests*. June 2018: available on HAL

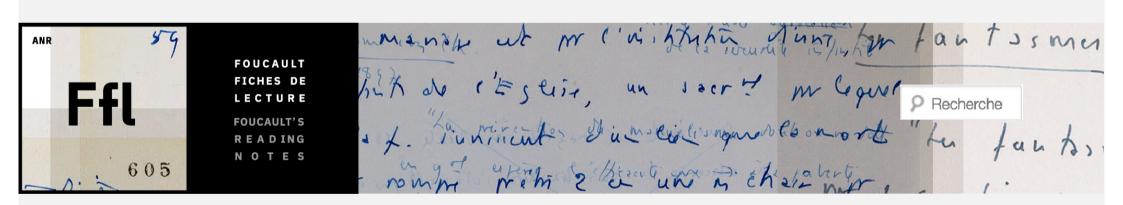
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Coming soon

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