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Philology-Oriented Graphematics Ontology

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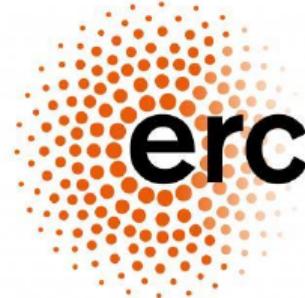
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What: The concepts/objects a digital philologist needs to transcribe a textual document

- Digital diplomatic transcription (or HTR)
- Focus: medieval manuscripts

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Where: [github.com/
vedph/
graphematics](https://github.com/vedph/graphematics)

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'vedph / graphematics'. The repository is public, has 1 branch, and 0 tags. A user named 'paolomonella' made 39 commits 2 days ago. The commits are listed below:

File	Commit Message	Time
env	Pip install wheel, rdflib, Owlready2	3 years ago
python	First commit	3 years ago
README.md	Replace Middle East with Near East	2 days ago
algorithm.md	First commit	3 years ago
graphematics.owl	Segmental graphemes	3 years ago

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Why:

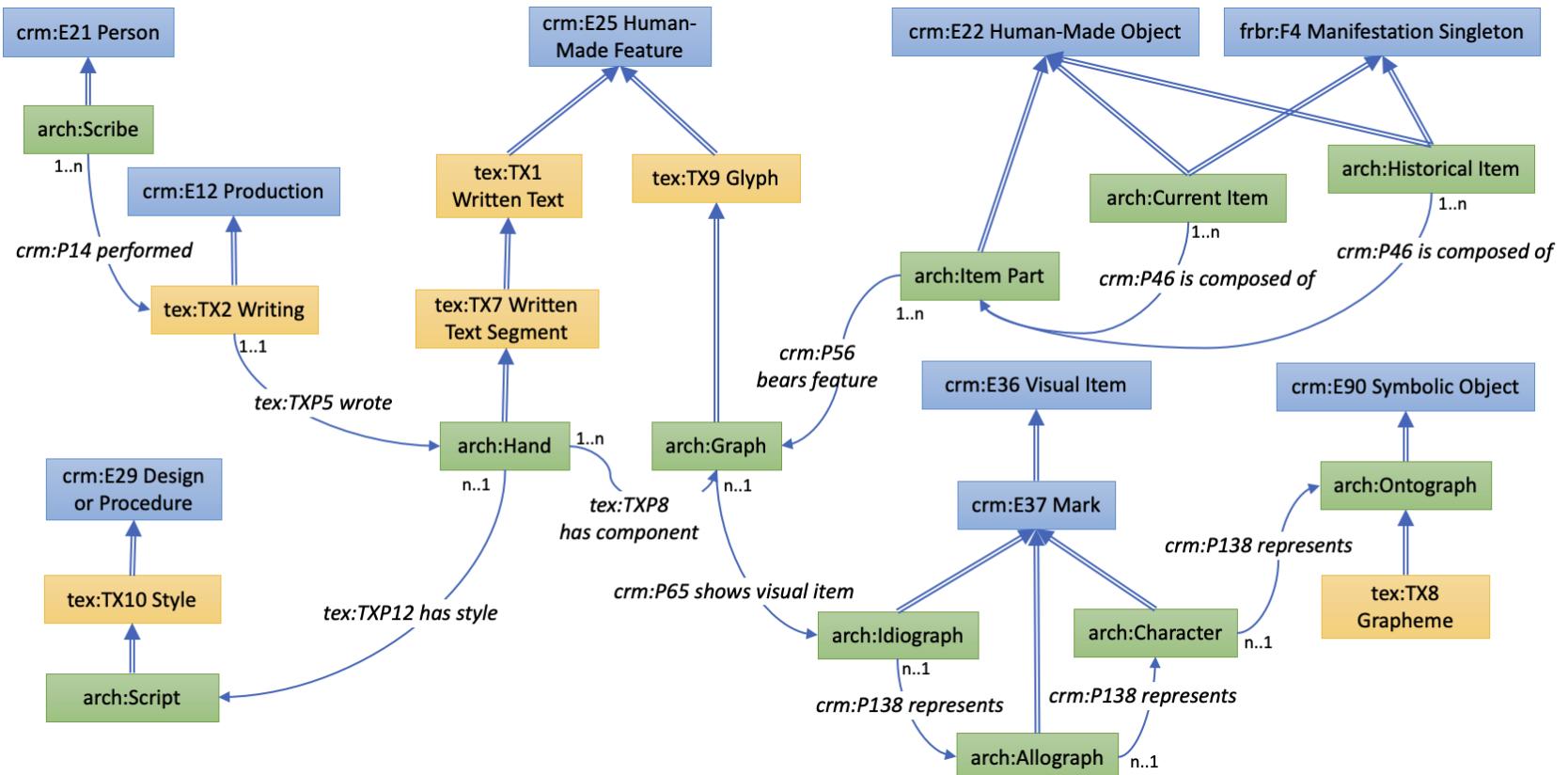
1. Digital palaeography / digital philology
2. Interoperability among digital scholarly editions

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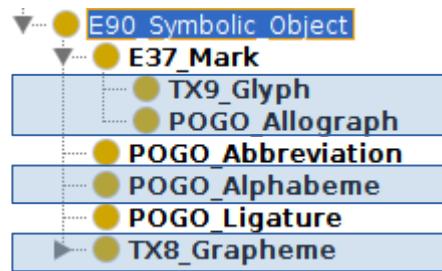
- Reusing/expanding [CRMtex](#) ontology (CIDOC-CRM)
 - TX8 Grapheme
 - TX9 Glyph
- Two closely related ontologies
(to which POGO is connected via `owl:equivalentClass`)
 - Peter Stokes, [The Archetype Ontology](#)
 - Frekerike Neuber, [typoo](#)

The logo for CRMtex, featuring the word "CRMtex" in a large, bold, green serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

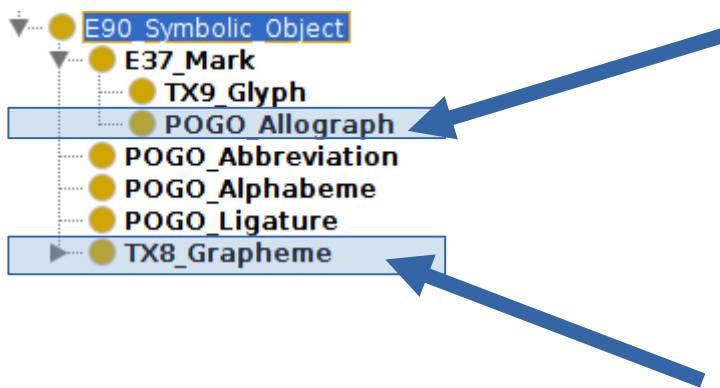
The Archetype Ontology



POGO: Backbone concepts



Allograph / Grapheme



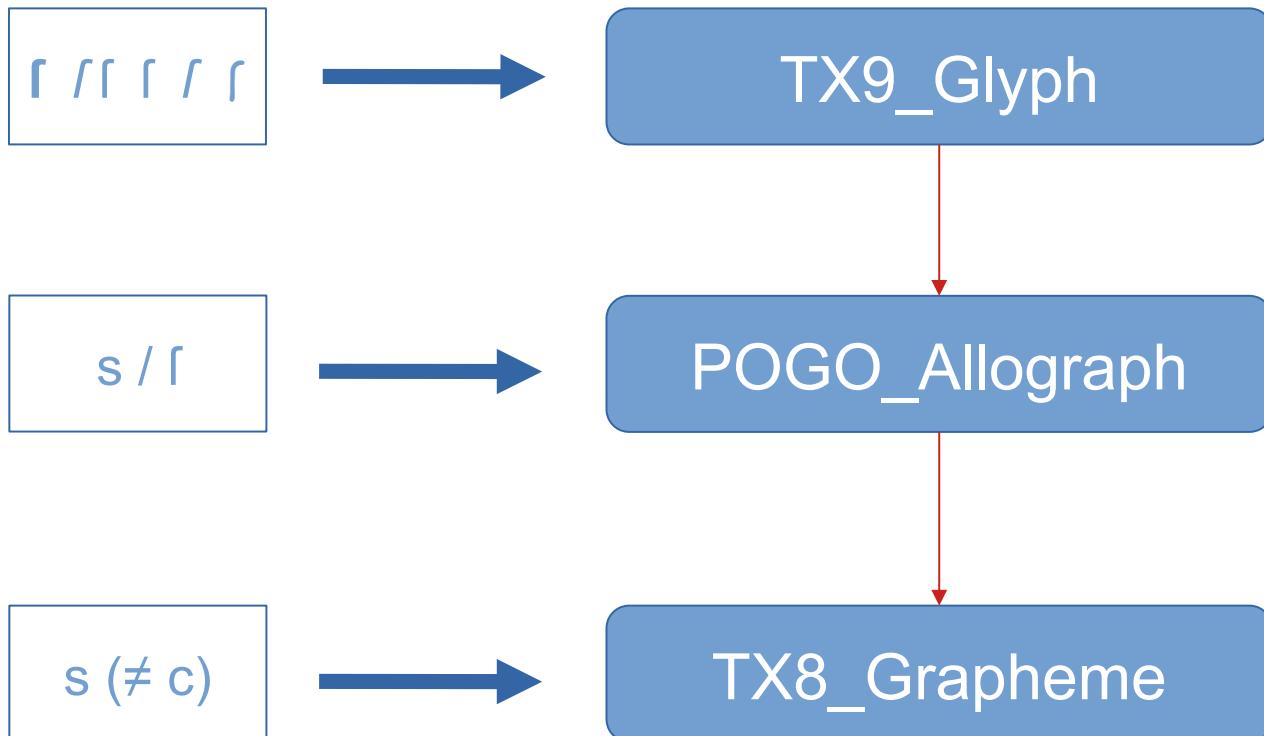
Abstract form of a
non-distinctive
graphic variant:

s / ſ
sou / ſou

Minimal *distinctive*
unit of a graphic system:

s / c
sou / cou

Glyph / Allograph / Grapheme

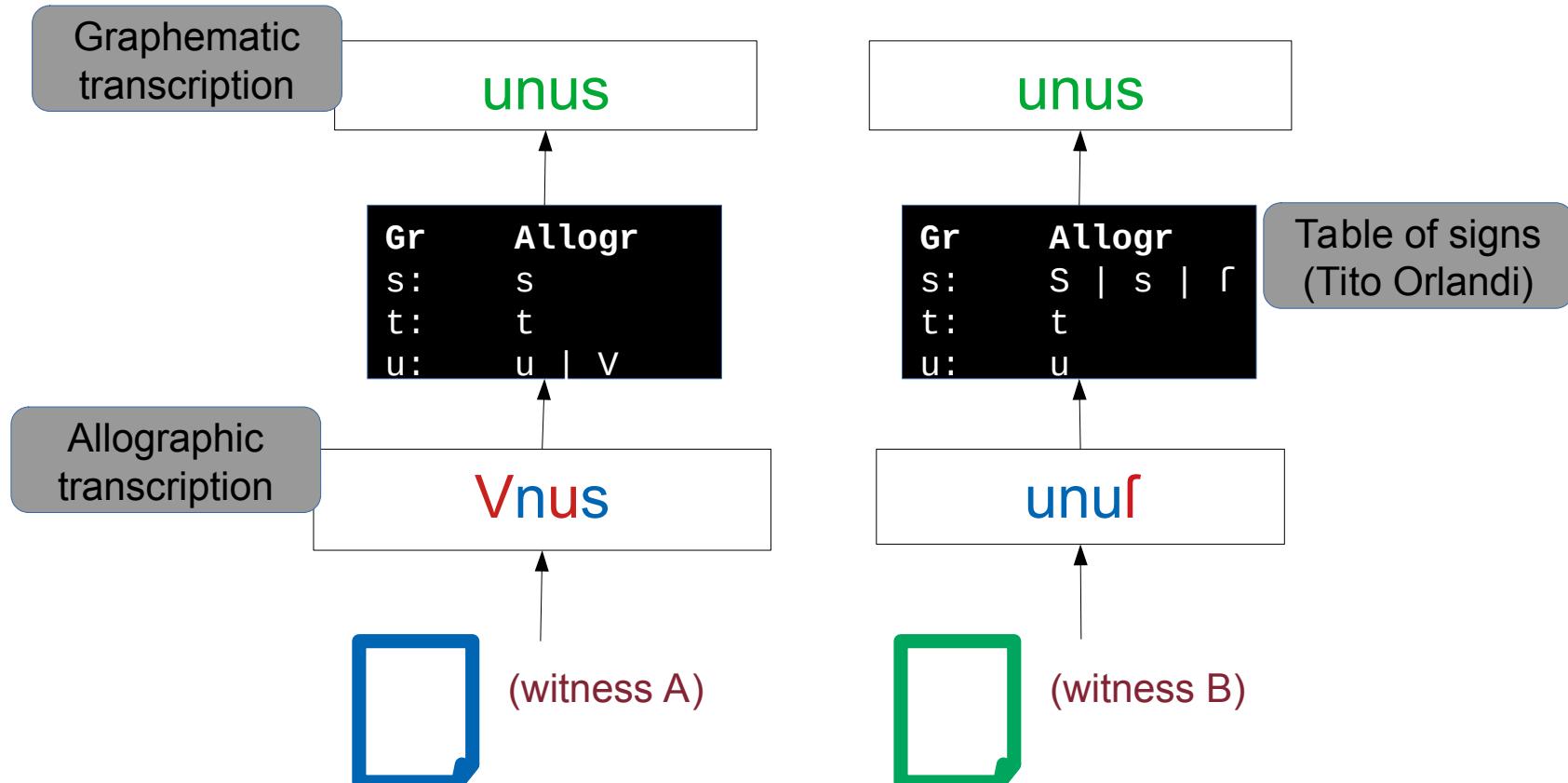


Interoperability

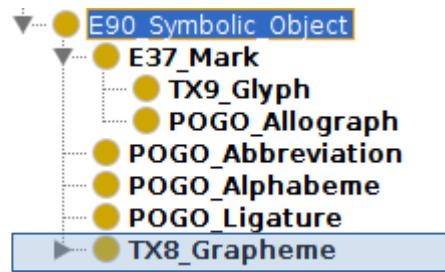
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Interoperability among digital scholarly editions → *A practical example*

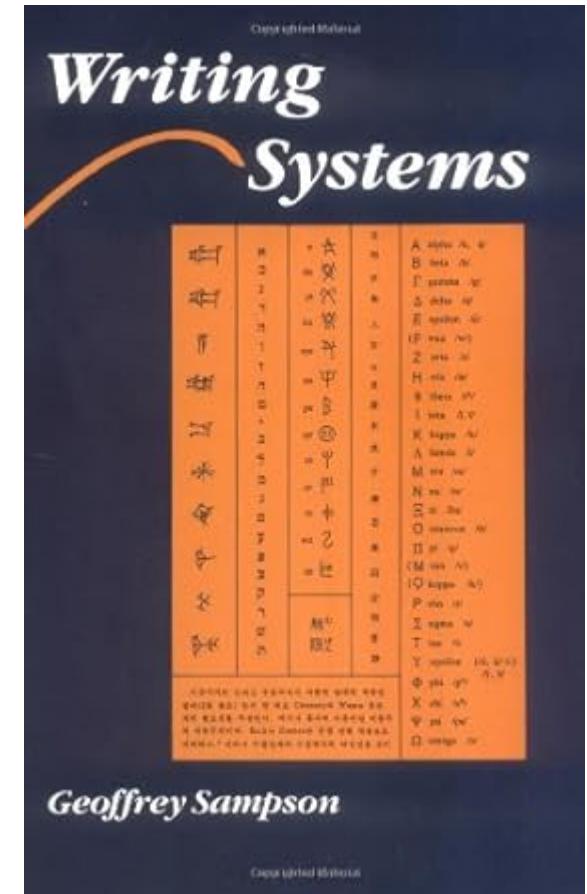
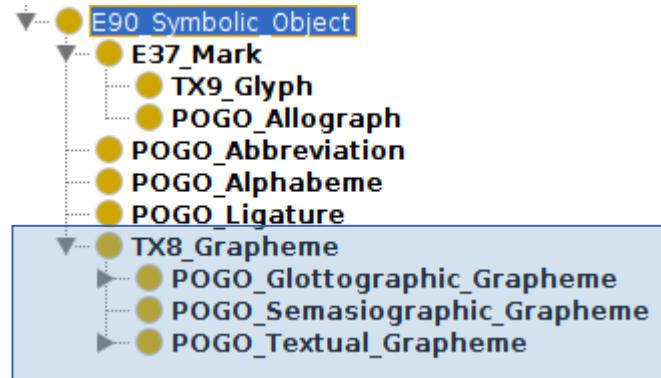
Allograph / Grapheme



Grapheme

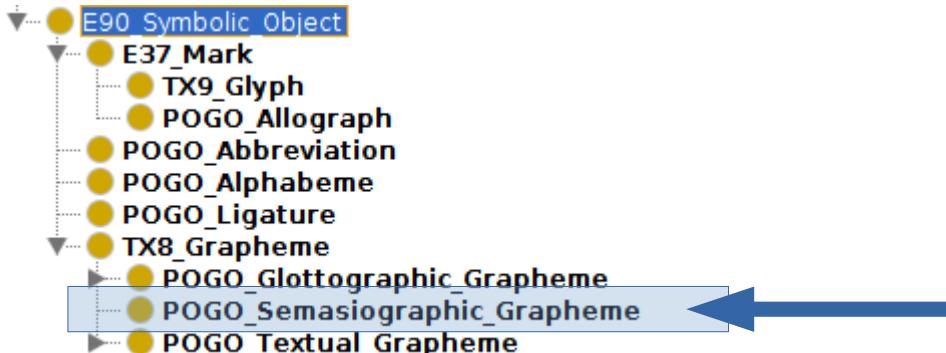


Grapheme classification (Sampson)



Semasiographic Grapheme (“ideograph”)

Not **words**
(language)
but **concepts**

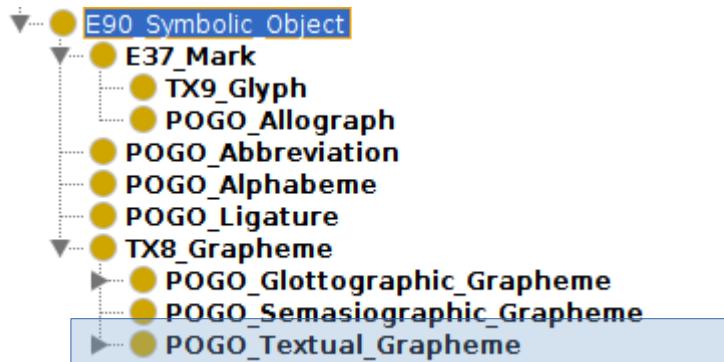


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↓
(quatre, four,
τέσσερα...
the **concept**
of number 4
beyond
words /
language)

Textual Grapheme

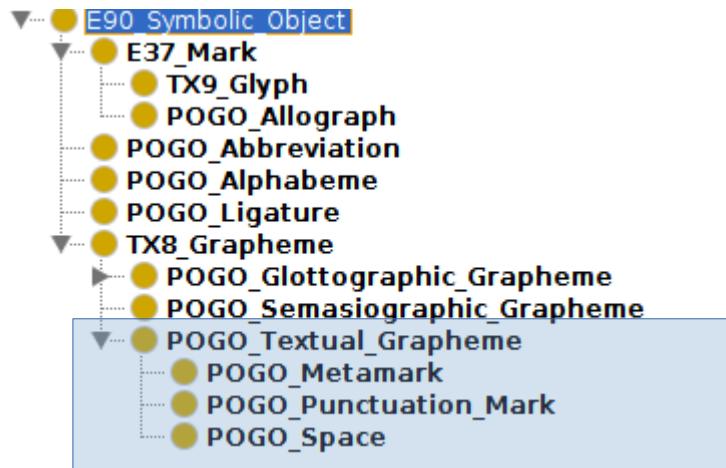
Not words
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but meaning
of the text



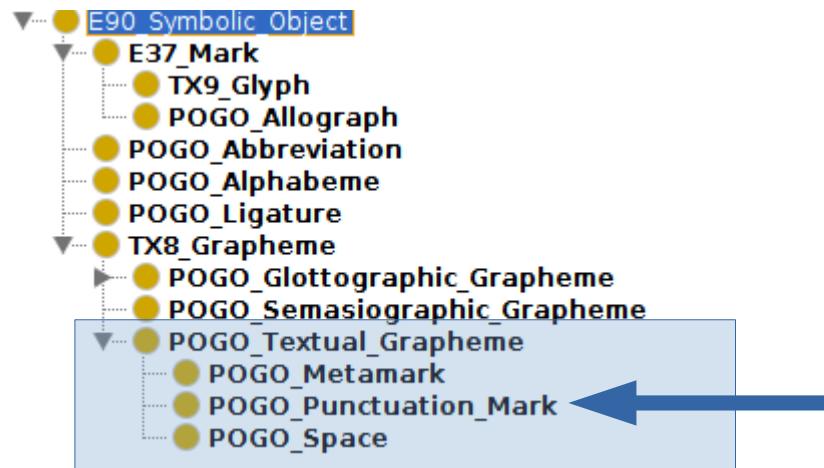
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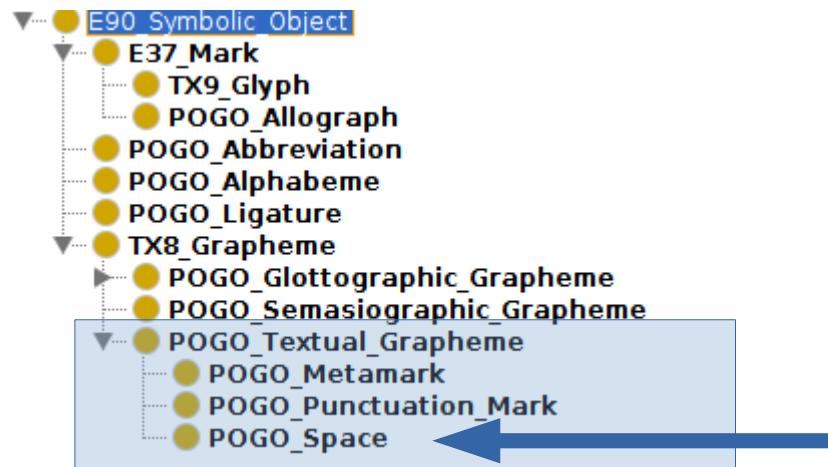
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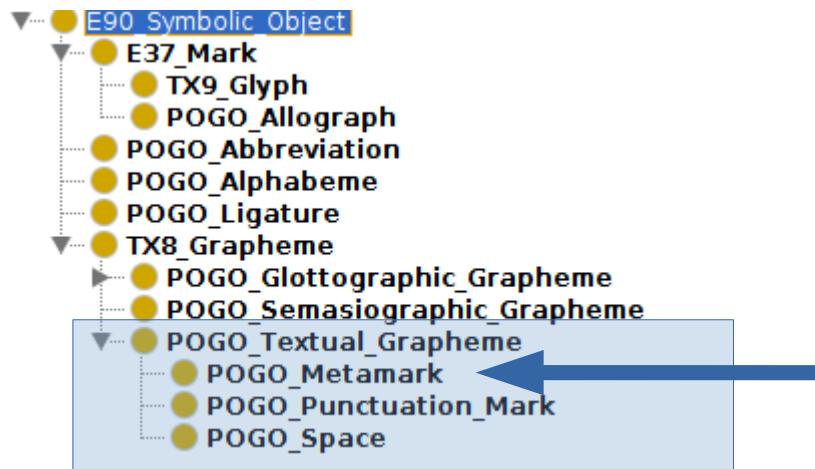
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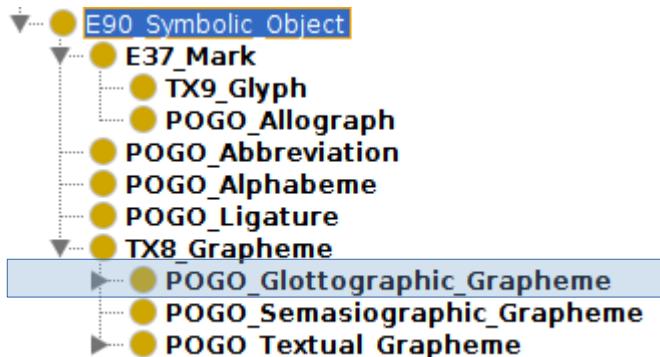


Intelligent thought¹.

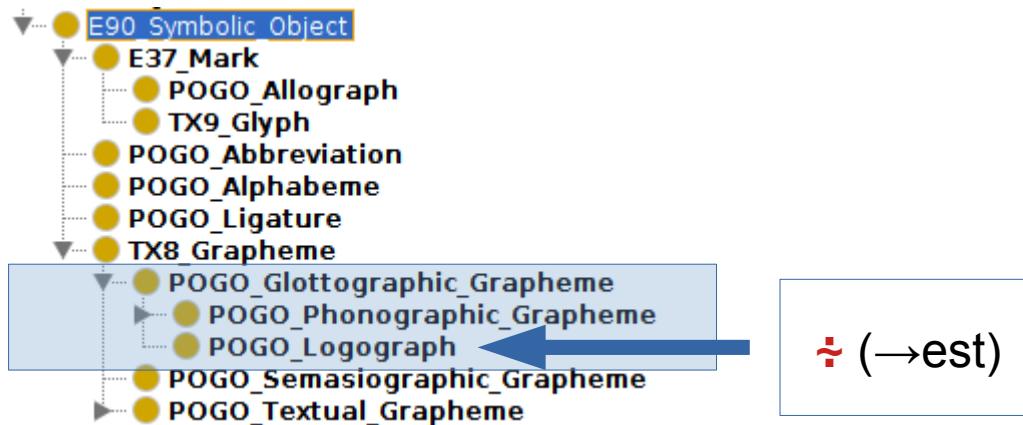
¹ Thorough footnote

Glottographic Grapheme

Words
(language)

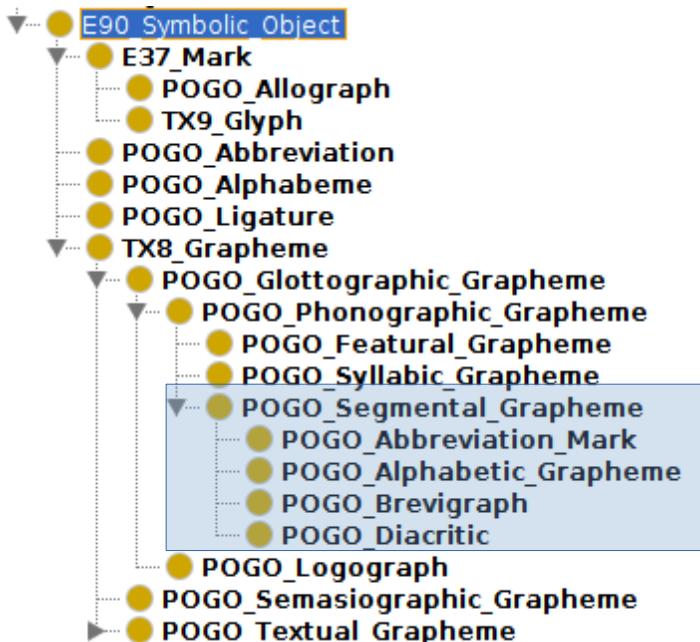


Logograph

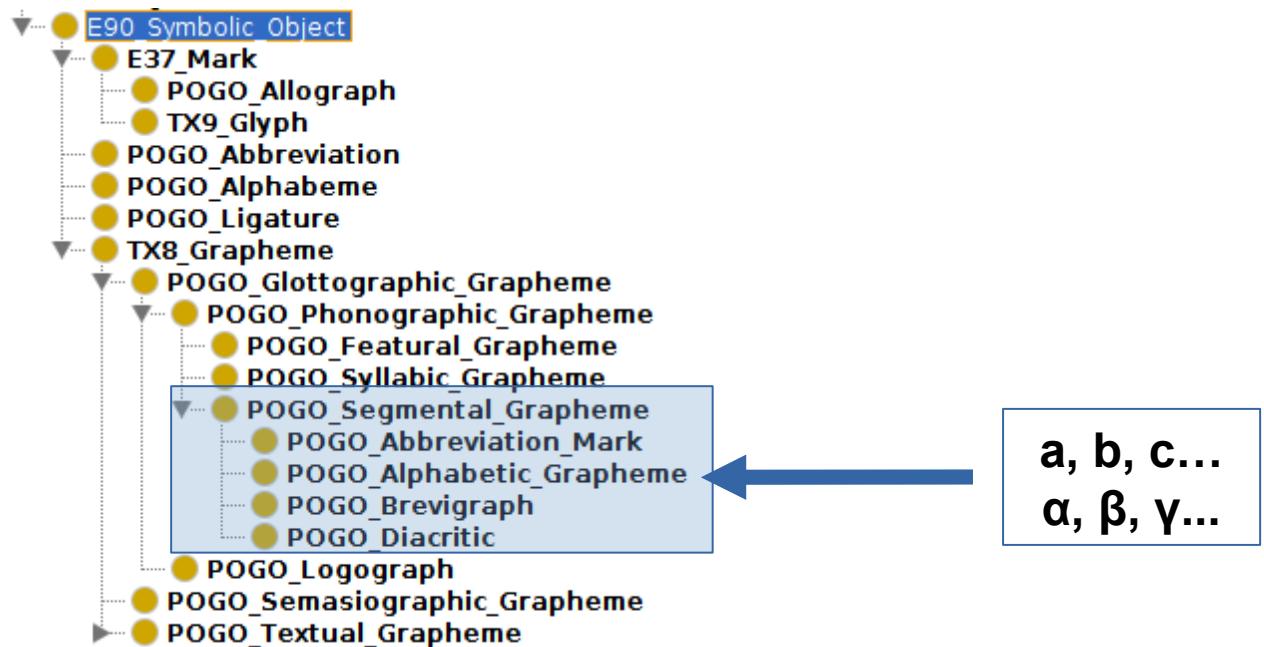


Segmental Grapheme (→“alphabet”)

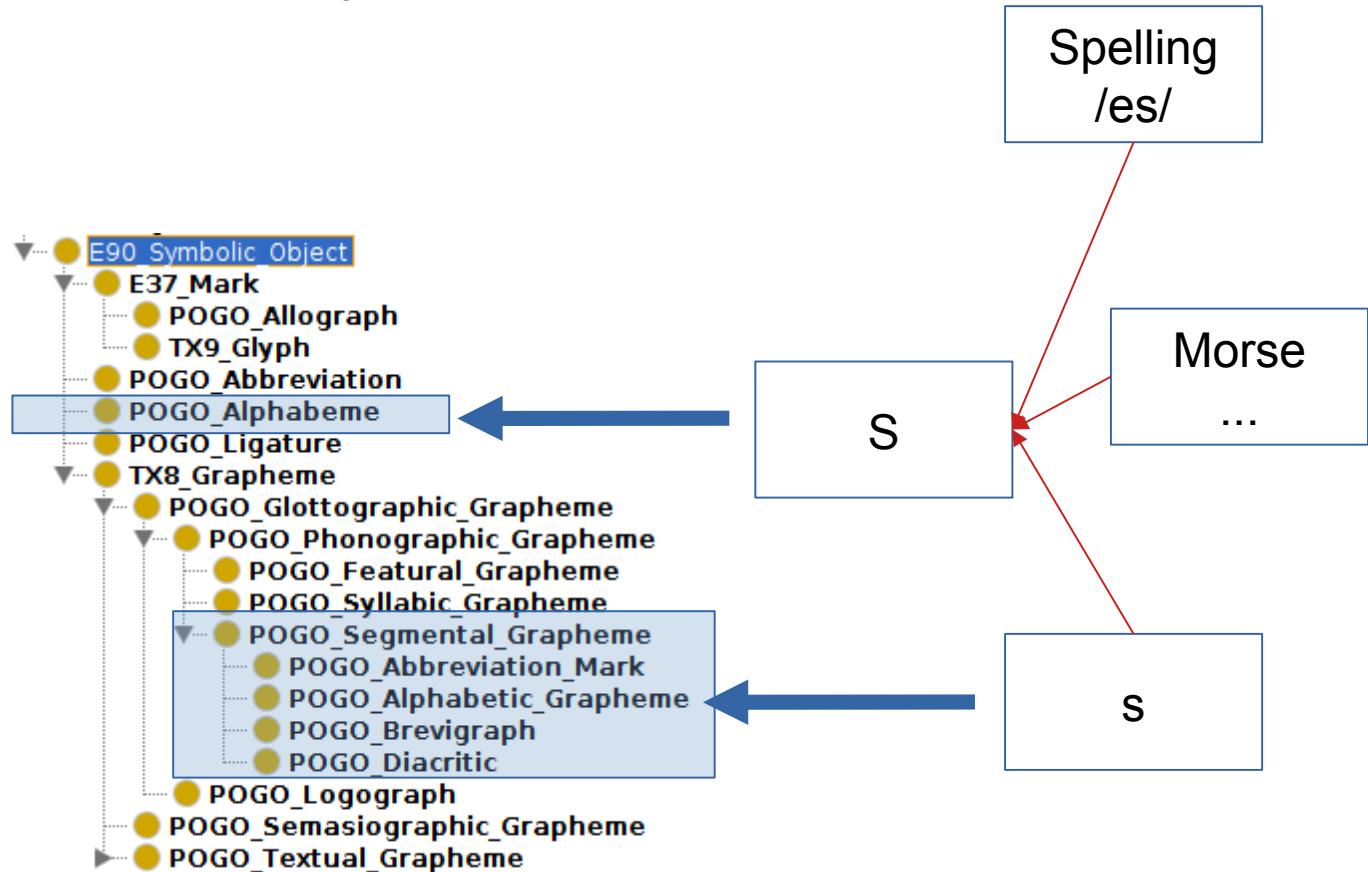
→ “Alphabet”
... and around



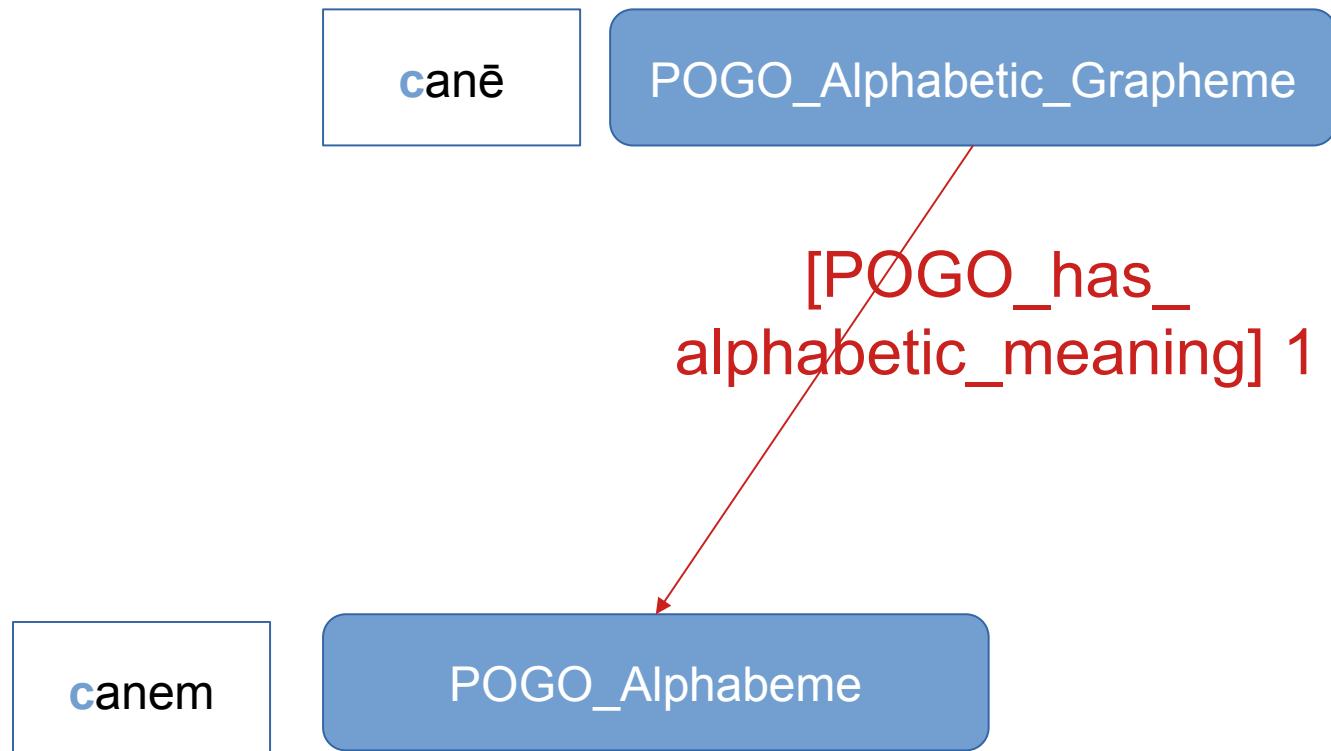
Alphabetic Grapheme



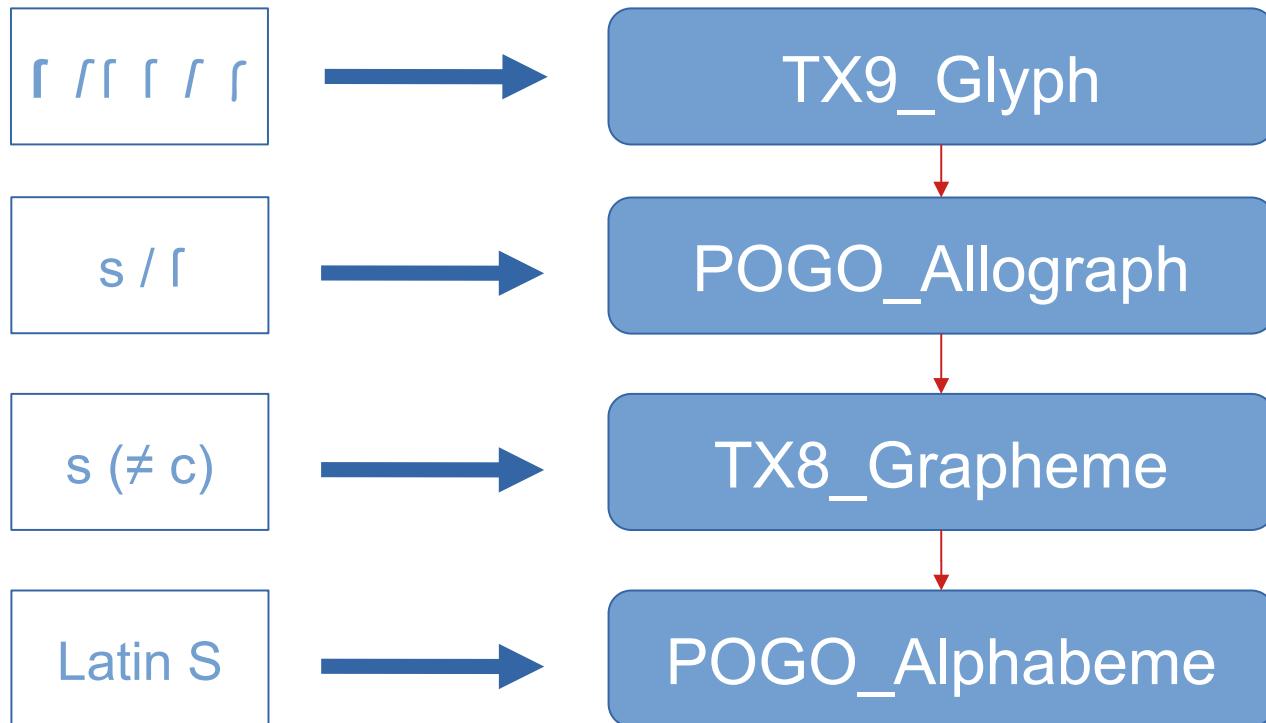
Alphabeme (“alphabetic letter”)



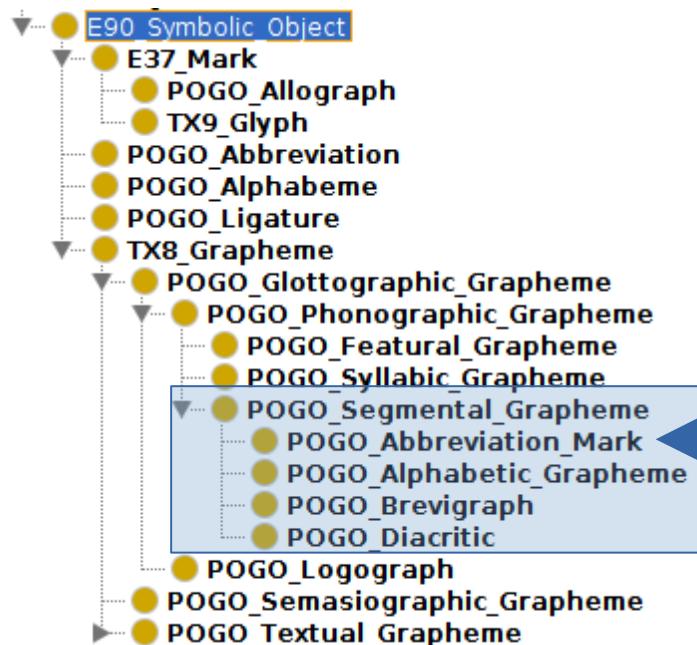
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Glyph / Allograph / Grapheme / Alphabeme

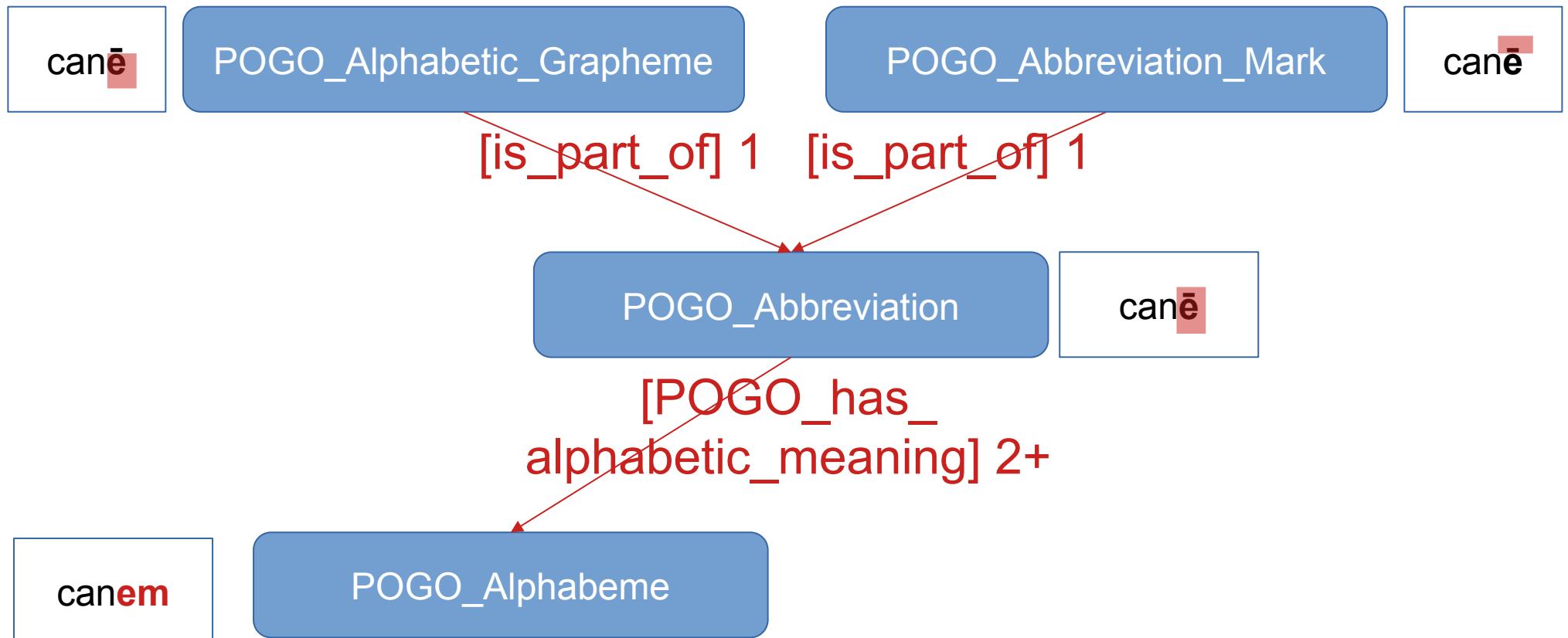


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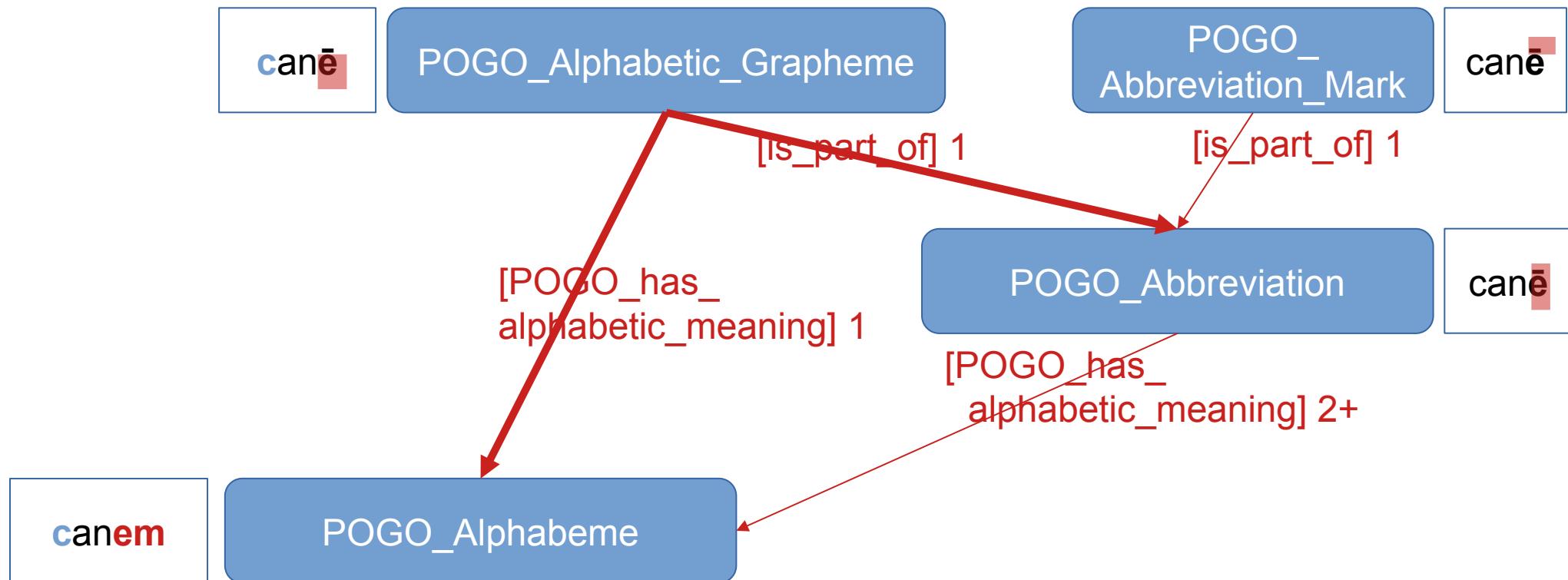


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quib;

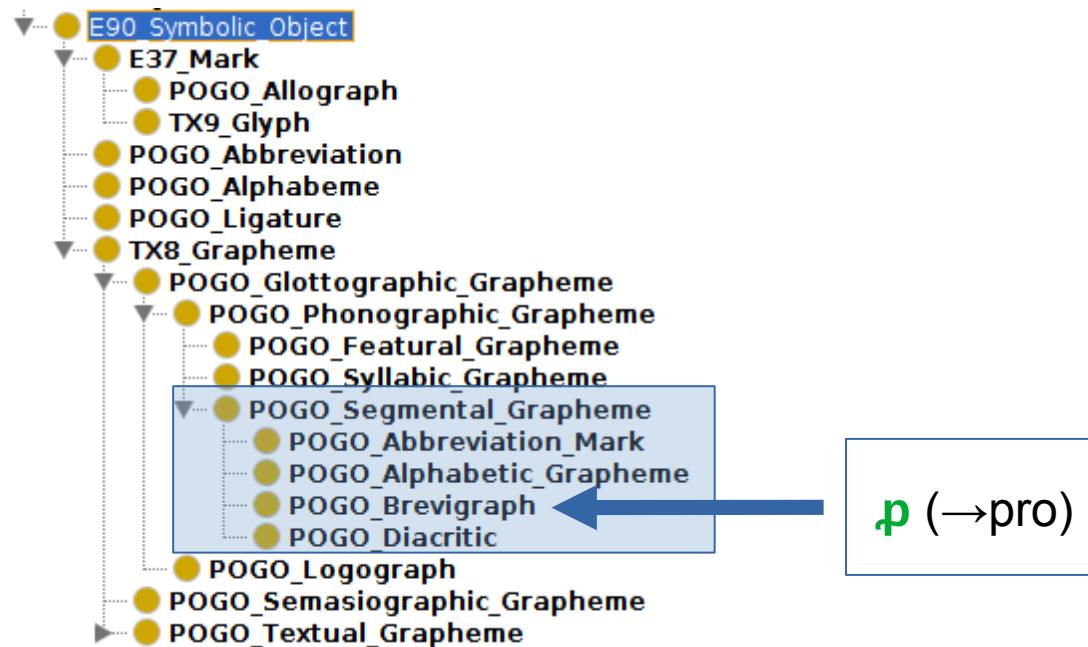
Abbreviation



Two paths of an Alphabetic Grapheme



Brevigraph



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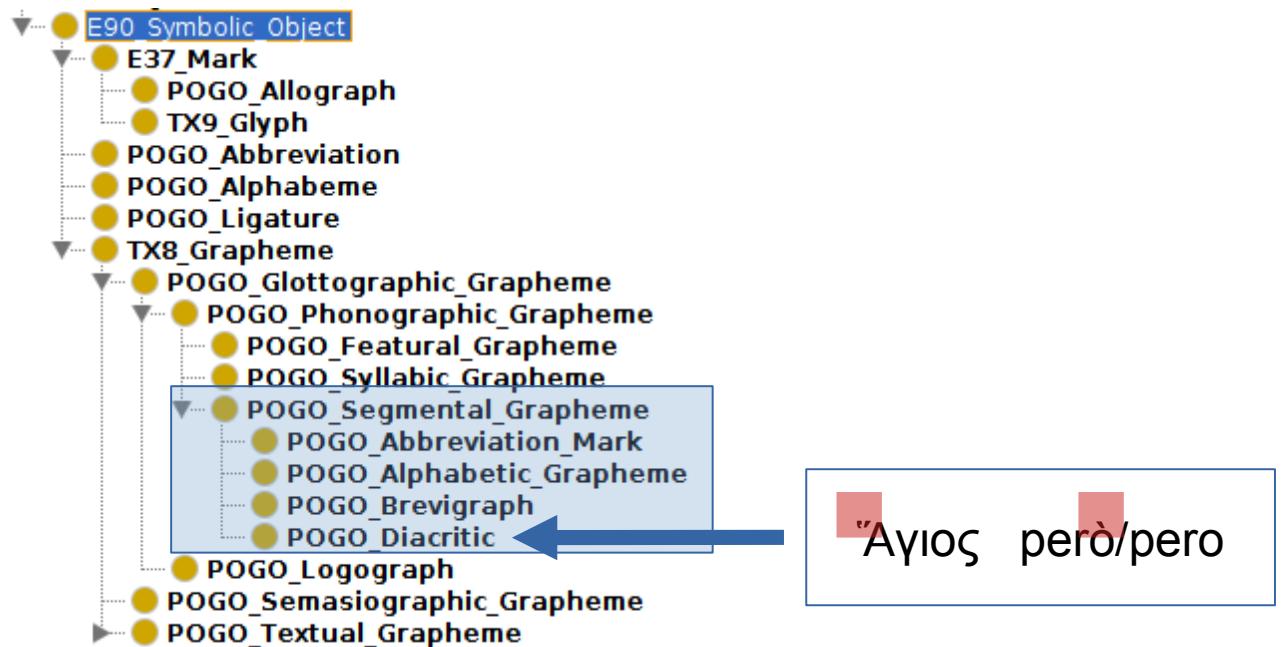
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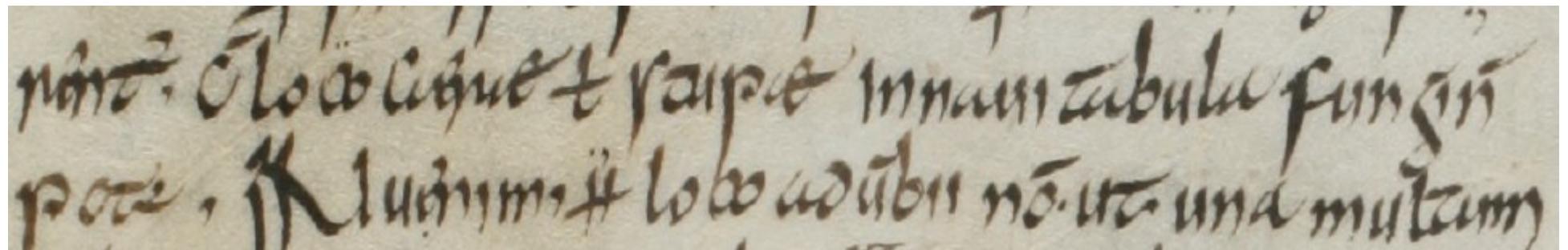
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POGO_Alphabeme

Diacritic



Non-entirely-alphabetic writing systems



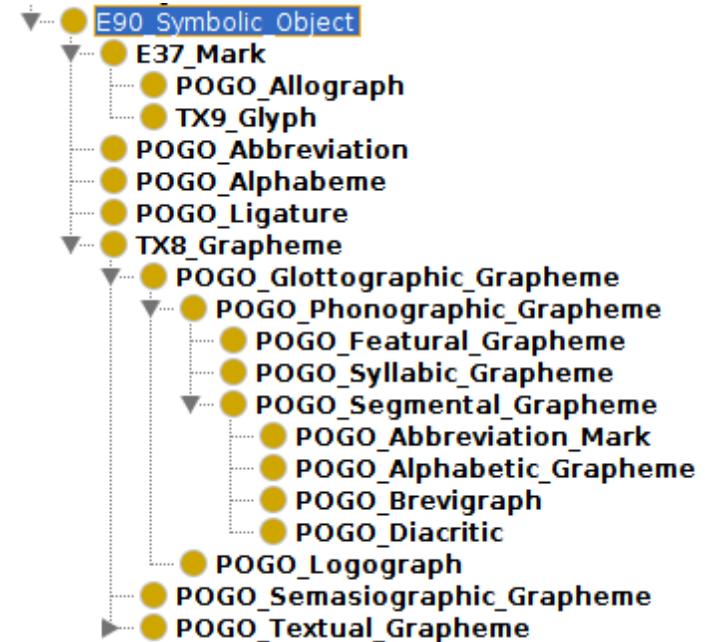
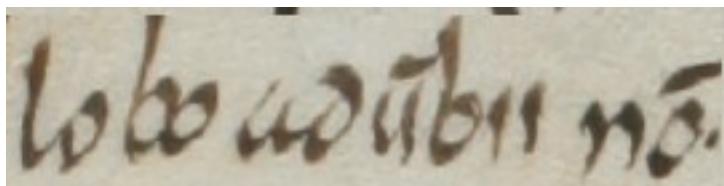
St. Gallen, Stiftsbibliothek, 904 (IX²; Insular script; Priscian, *Ars Grammatica*)

Non-entirely-alphabetic writing systems

non potest inuenimus enim

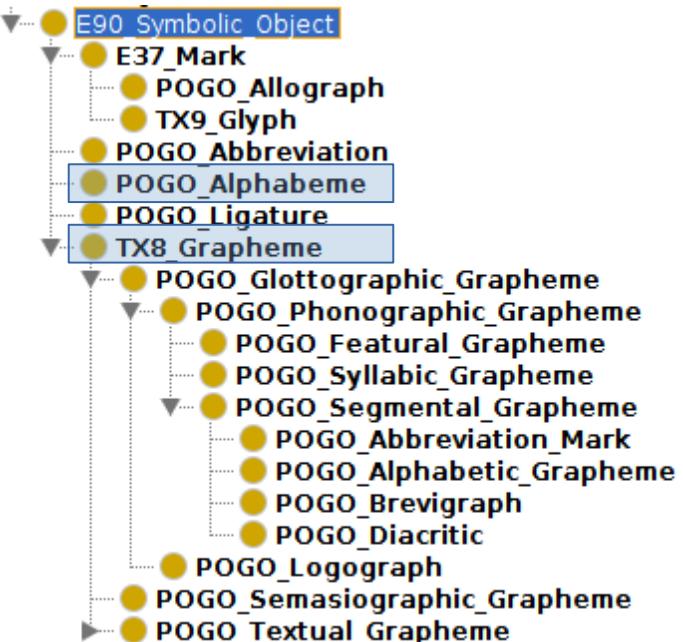


loco aduerbii nomen



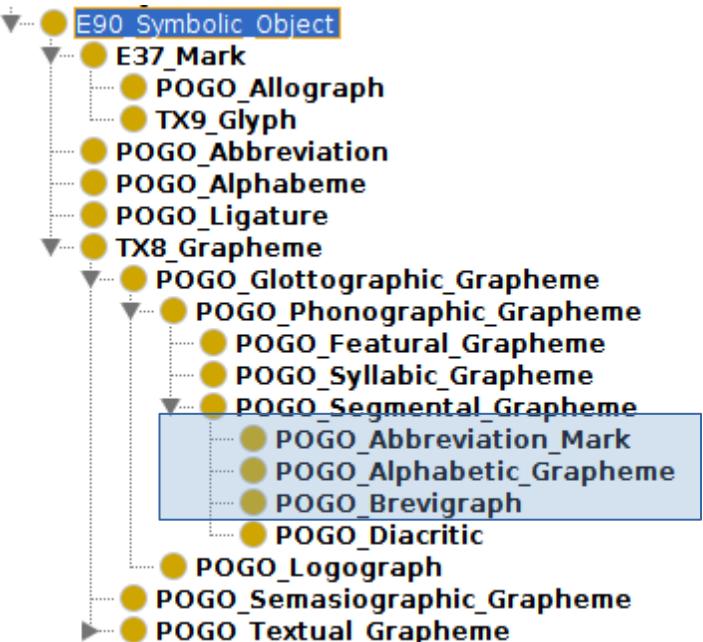
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 - Morse code, spelling etc.



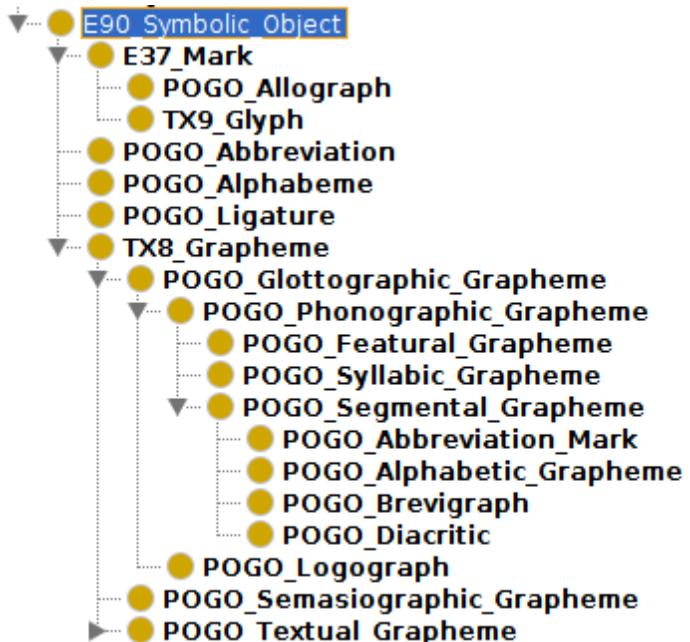
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1. Philology: Writing system of the *individual* witness
 2. Palaeography: “Caroline” as a whole



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