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Philology-Oriented Graphematics Ontology

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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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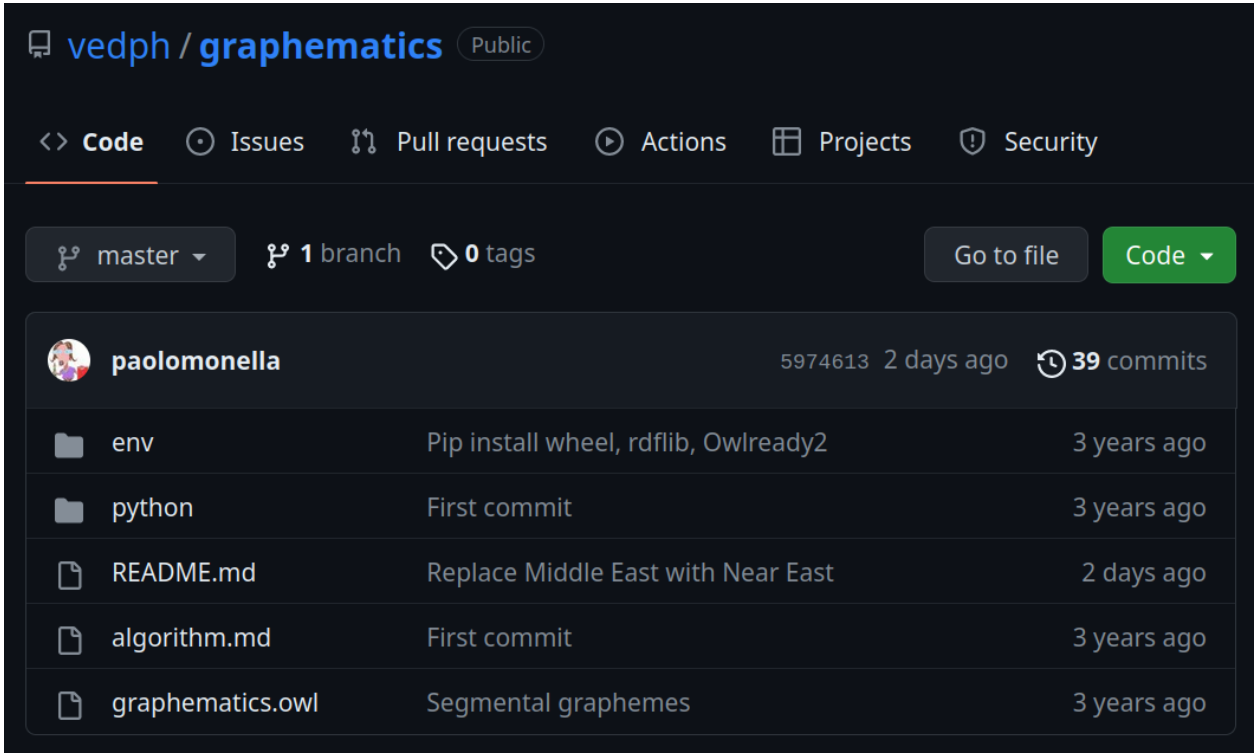
Where: github.com/vedph/graphematics



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Why:

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

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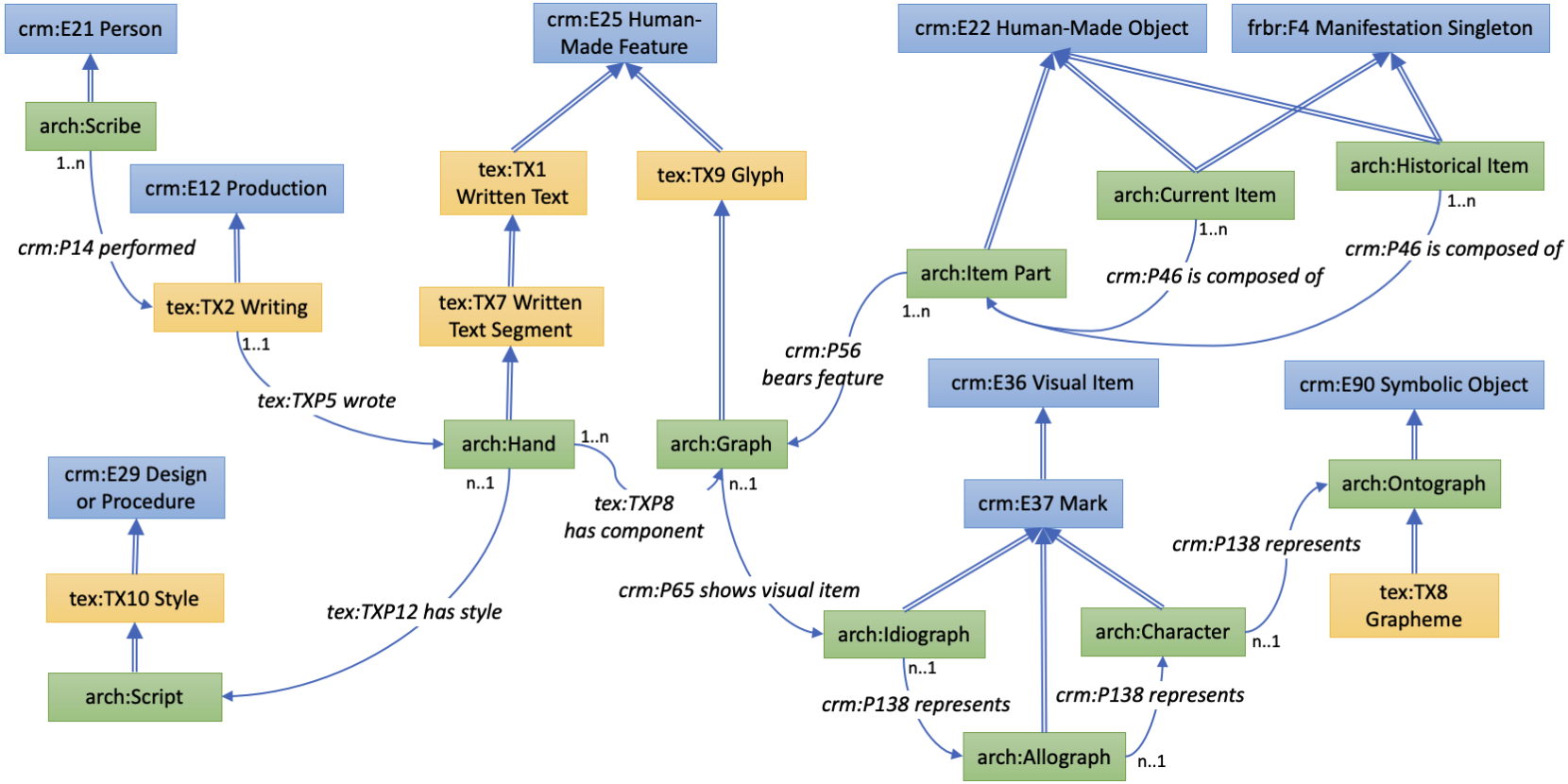
- Reusing/expanding CRMtex ontology (CIDOC-CRM)
  - TX8 Grapheme
  - TX9 Glyph

- Two closely related ontologies (to which POGO is connected via `owl:equivalentClass`)
  - Peter Stokes, The Archetype Ontology
  - Frekerike Neuber, typoo

The Archetype Ontology



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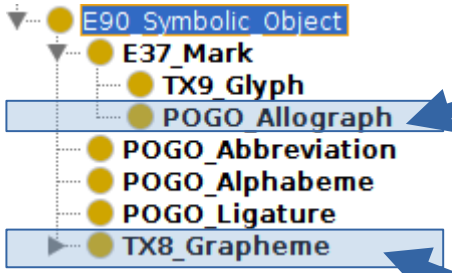


Abstract form of a *non*-distinctive graphic variant:

s / ſ

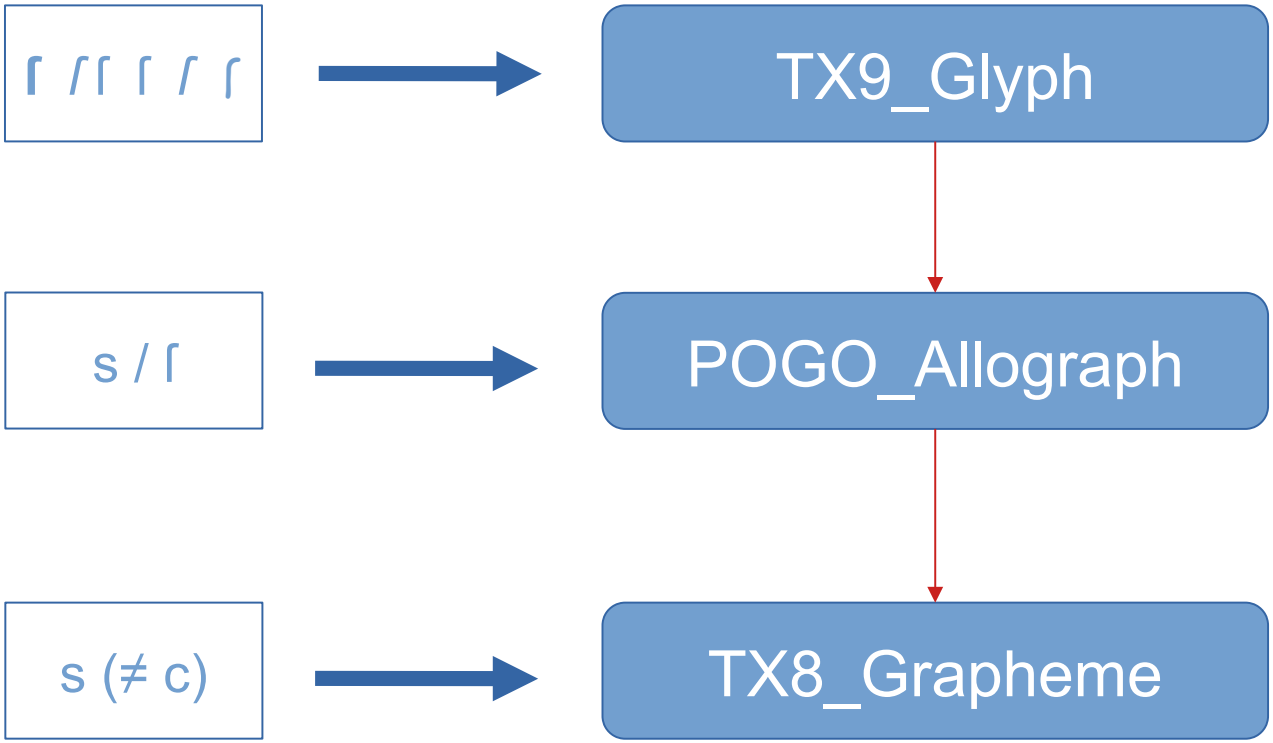
sou / **ſ**ou

Minimal *distinctive* unit of a graphic system:

s / c

sou / **c**ou

Glyph / Allograph / Grapheme



Interoperability

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Interoperability among digital scholarly editions → *A practical example*

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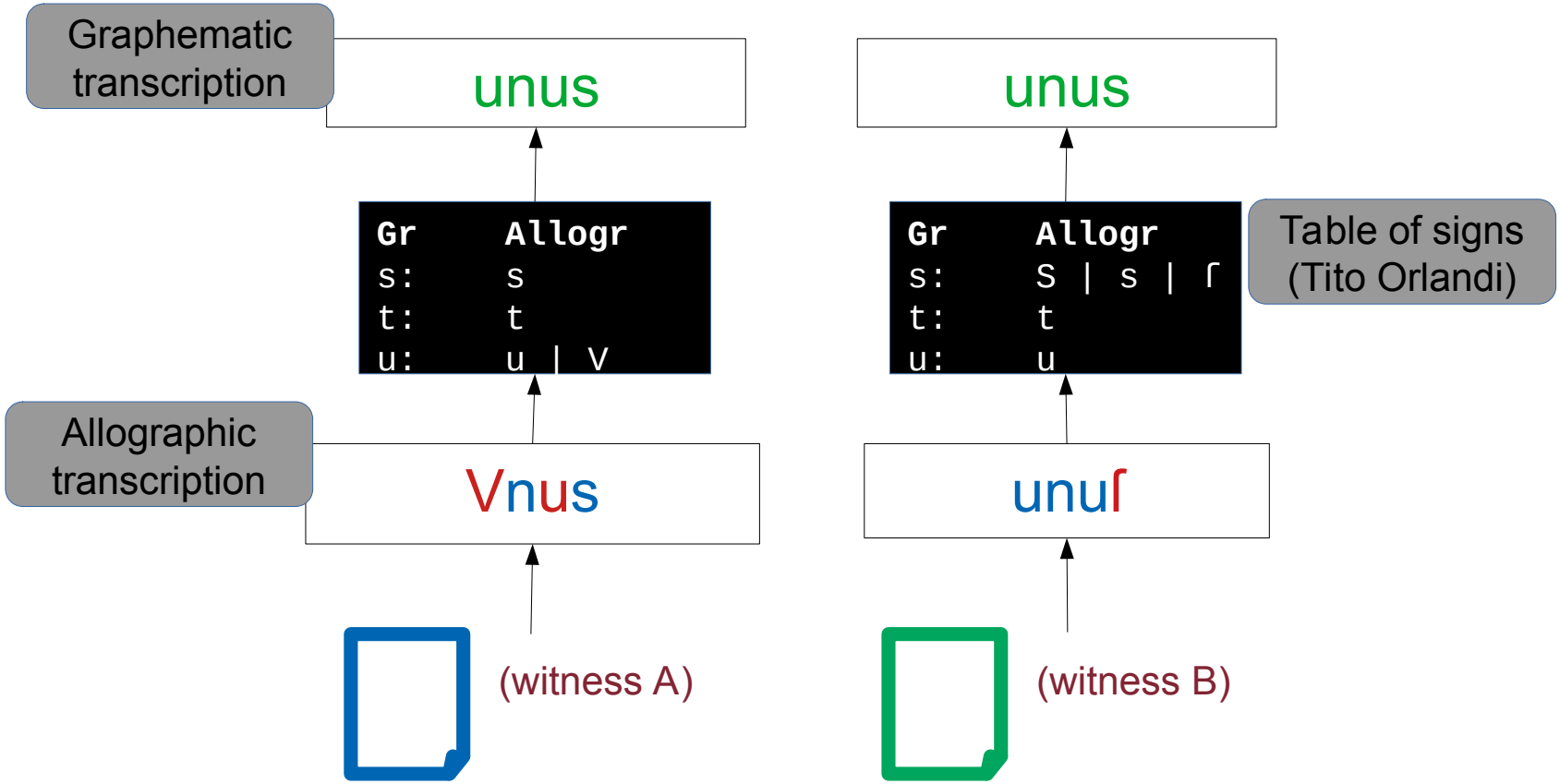
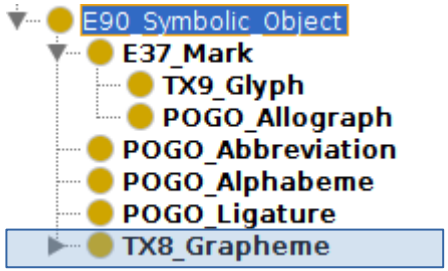


Grapheme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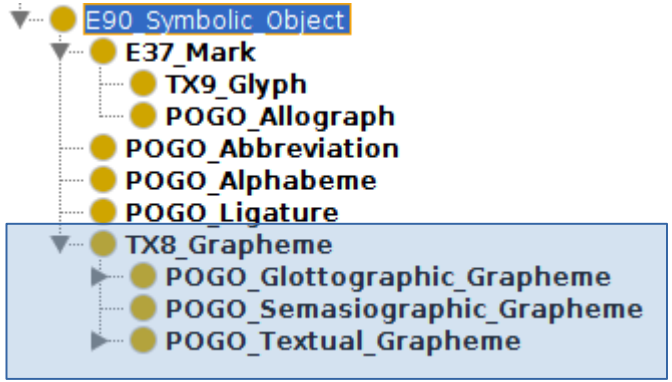
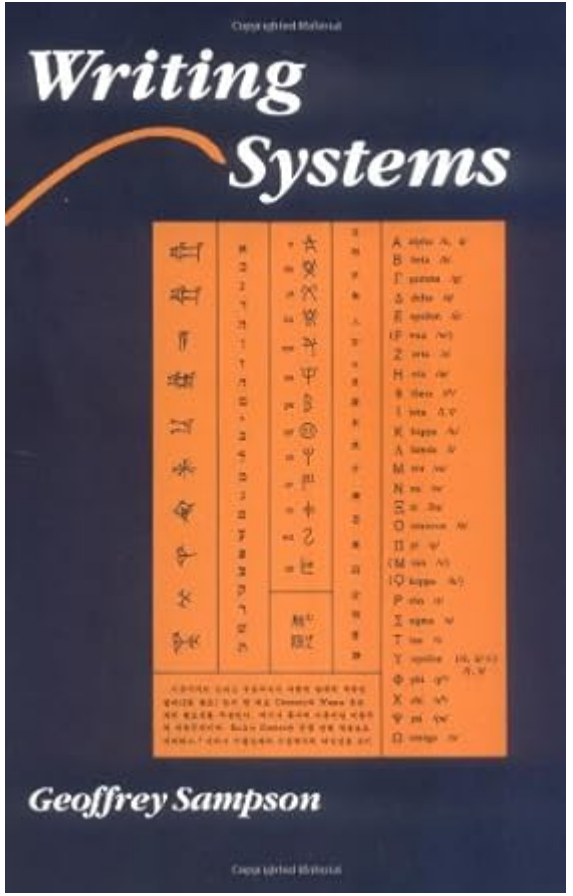
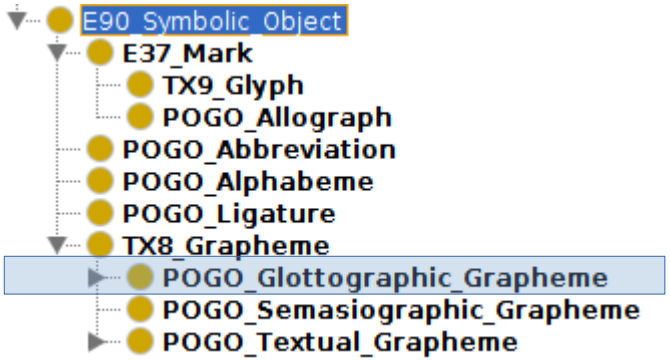
Grapheme classification (Sampson)



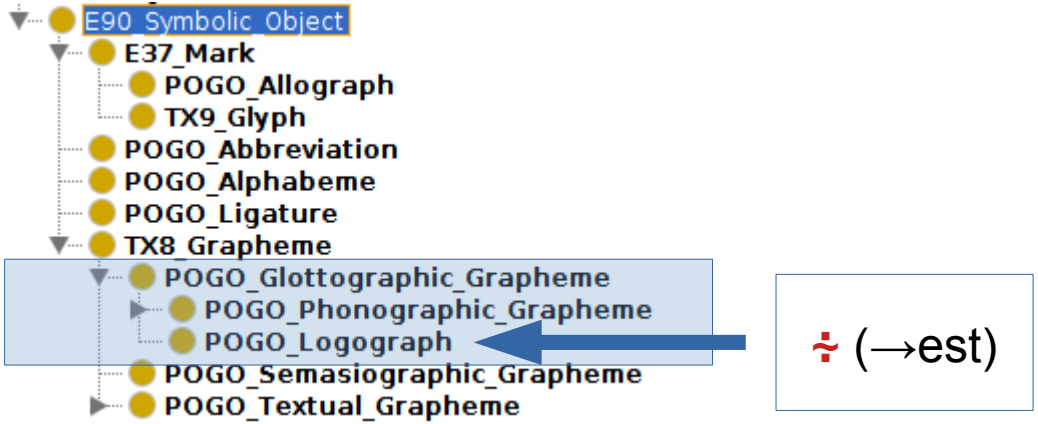


Glottographic Grapheme

Words
(language)



Logograph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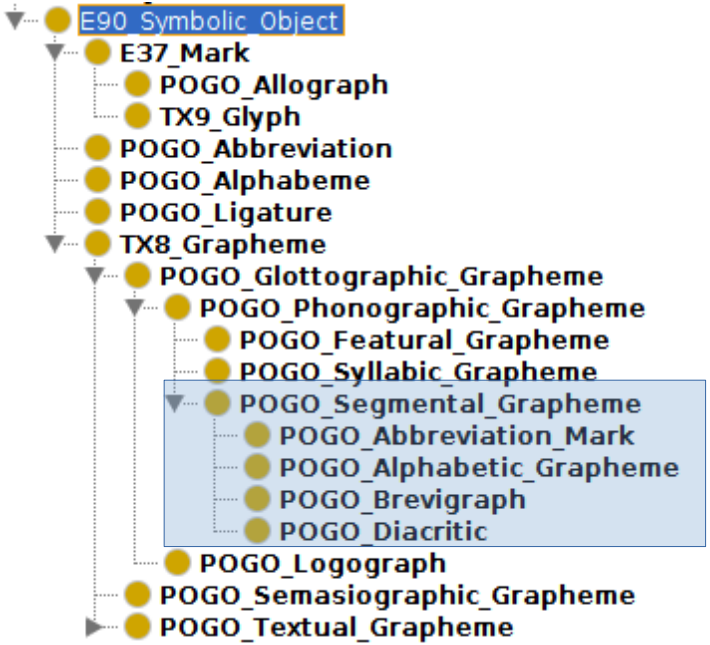
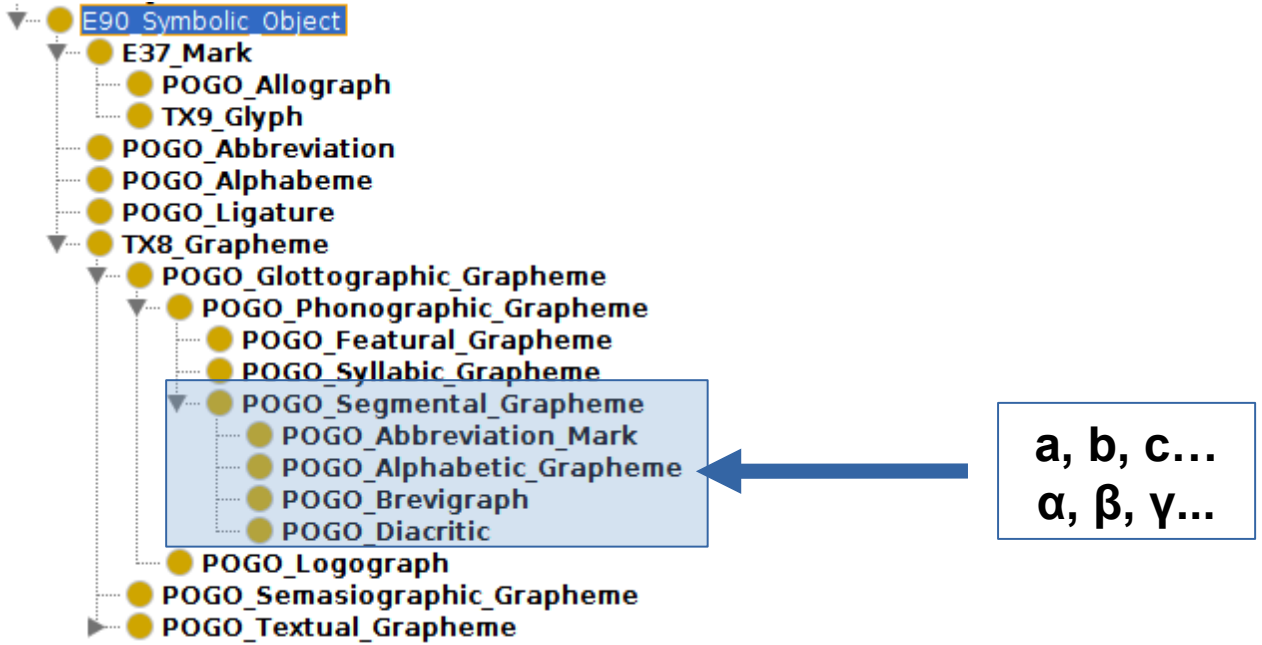
POGO_Textual_Grapheme
÷ (→est)

Segmental Grapheme (→“alphabet”)

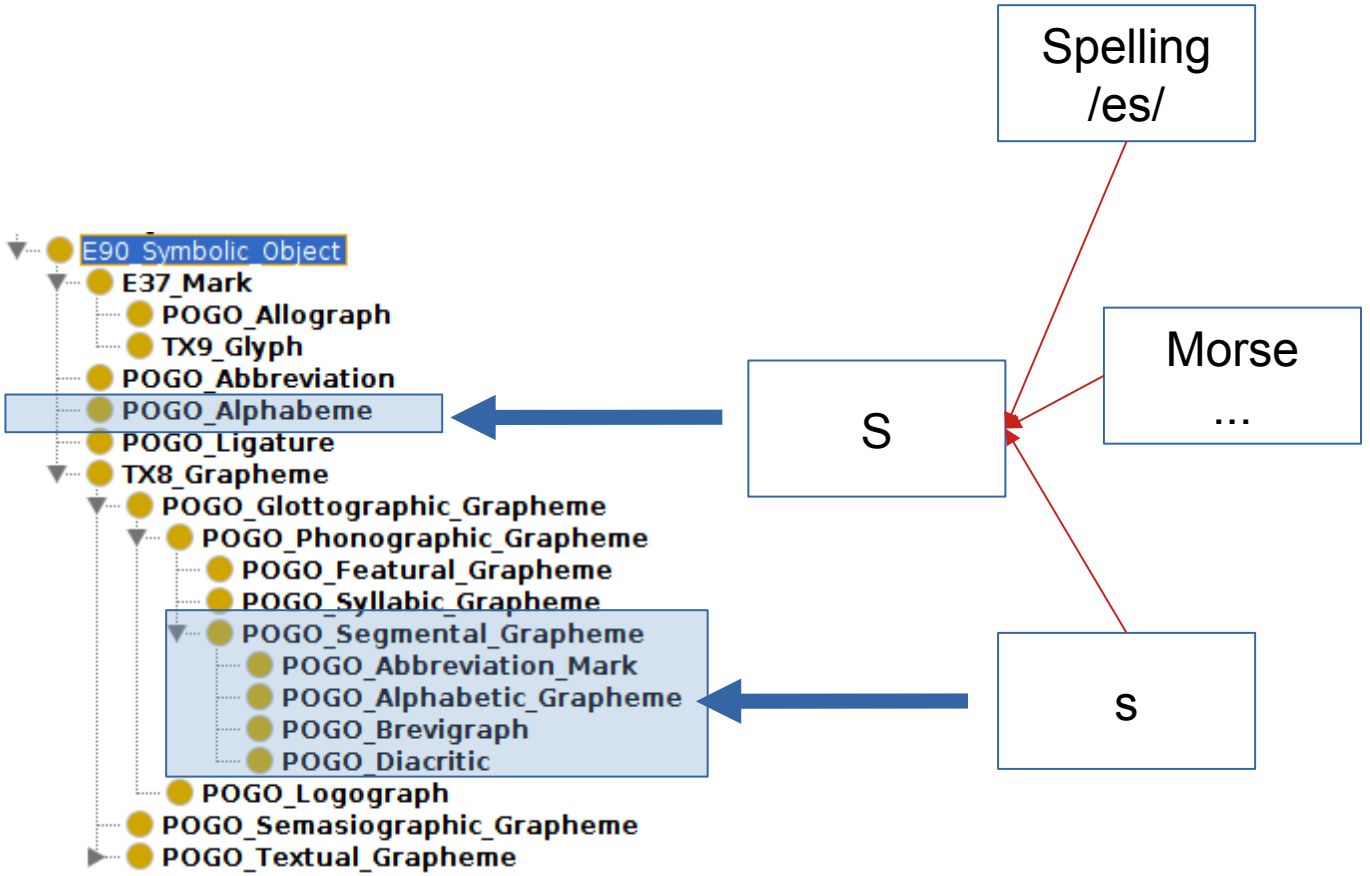
→ “Alphabet”
… and around



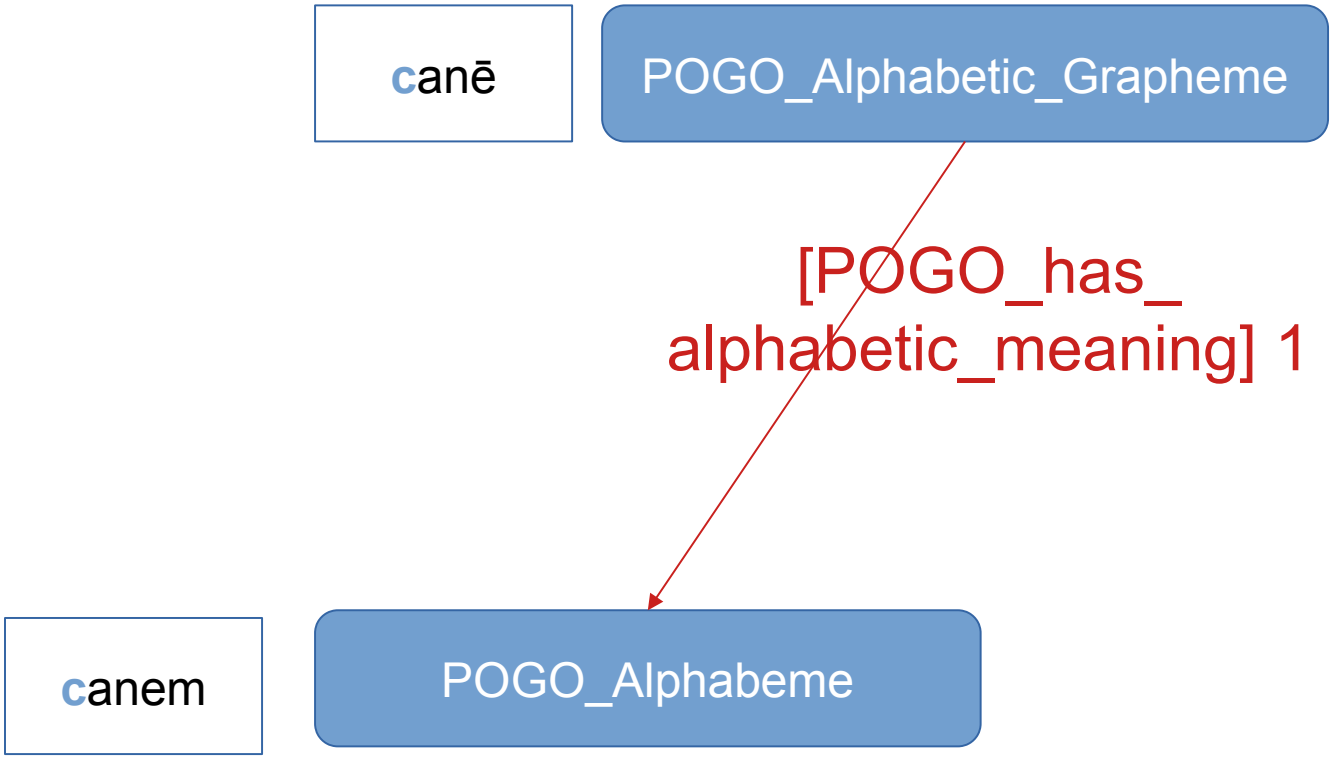
Alphabetic Grapheme



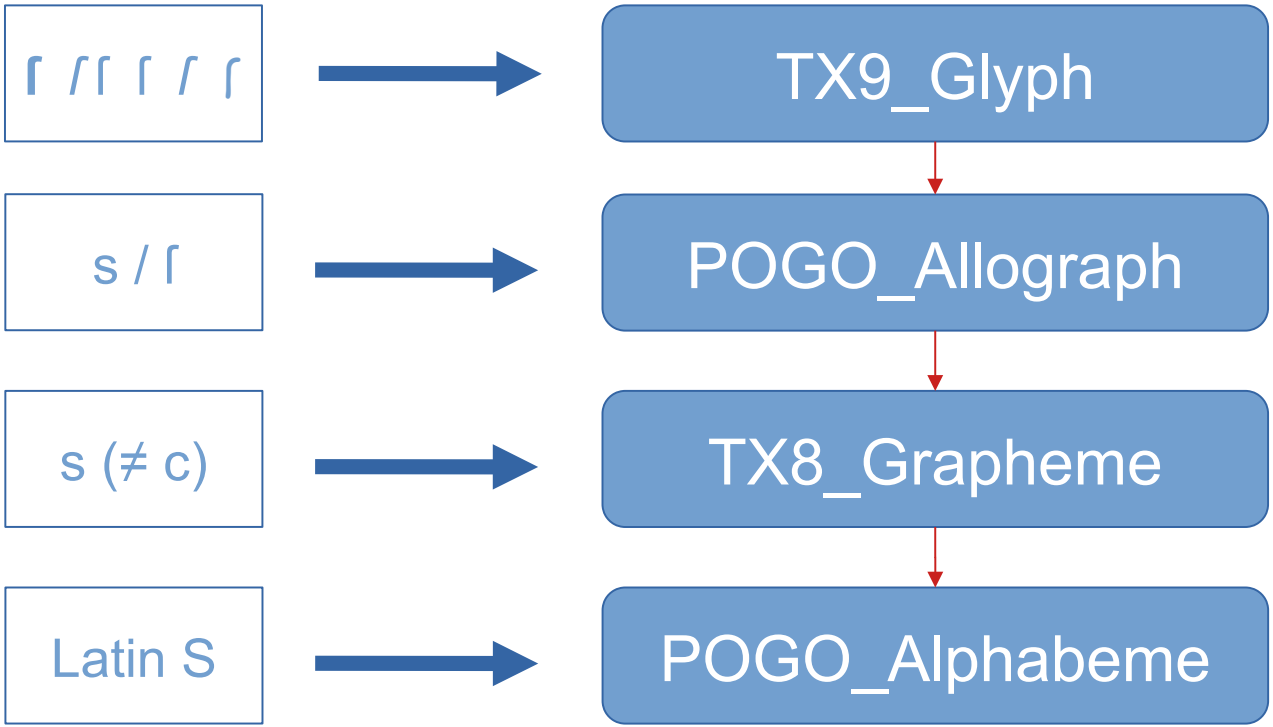
Alphabeme (“alphabetic letter”)



POGO_has_alphabetic_meaning



Glyph / Allograph / Grapheme / Alphabeme



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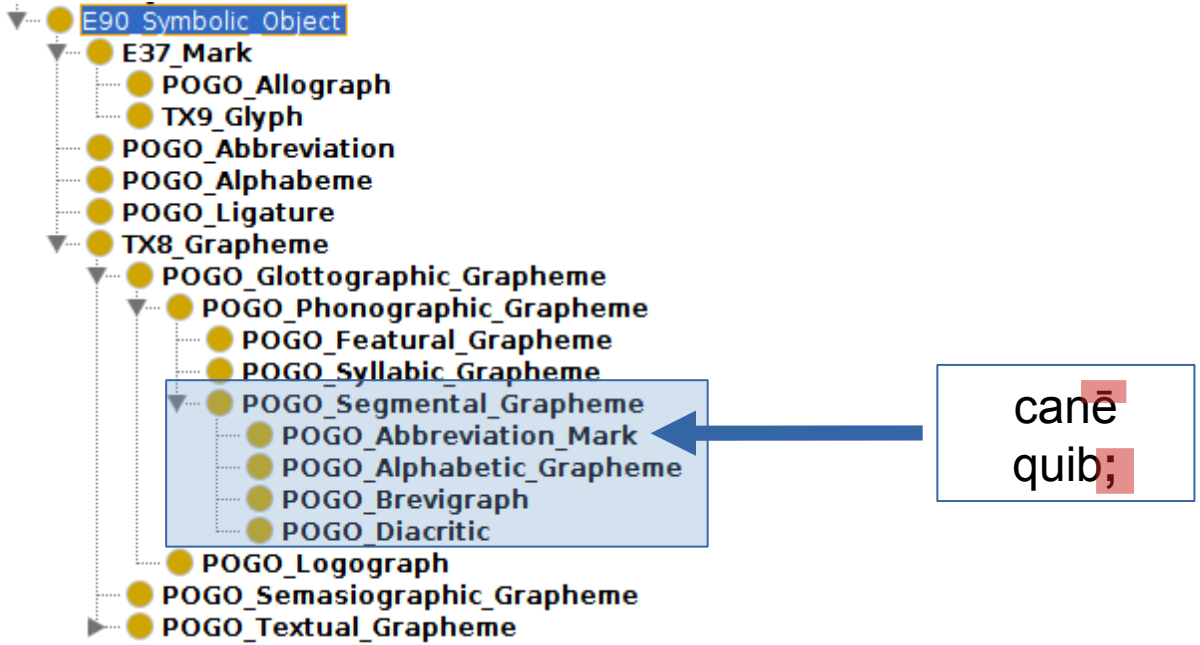

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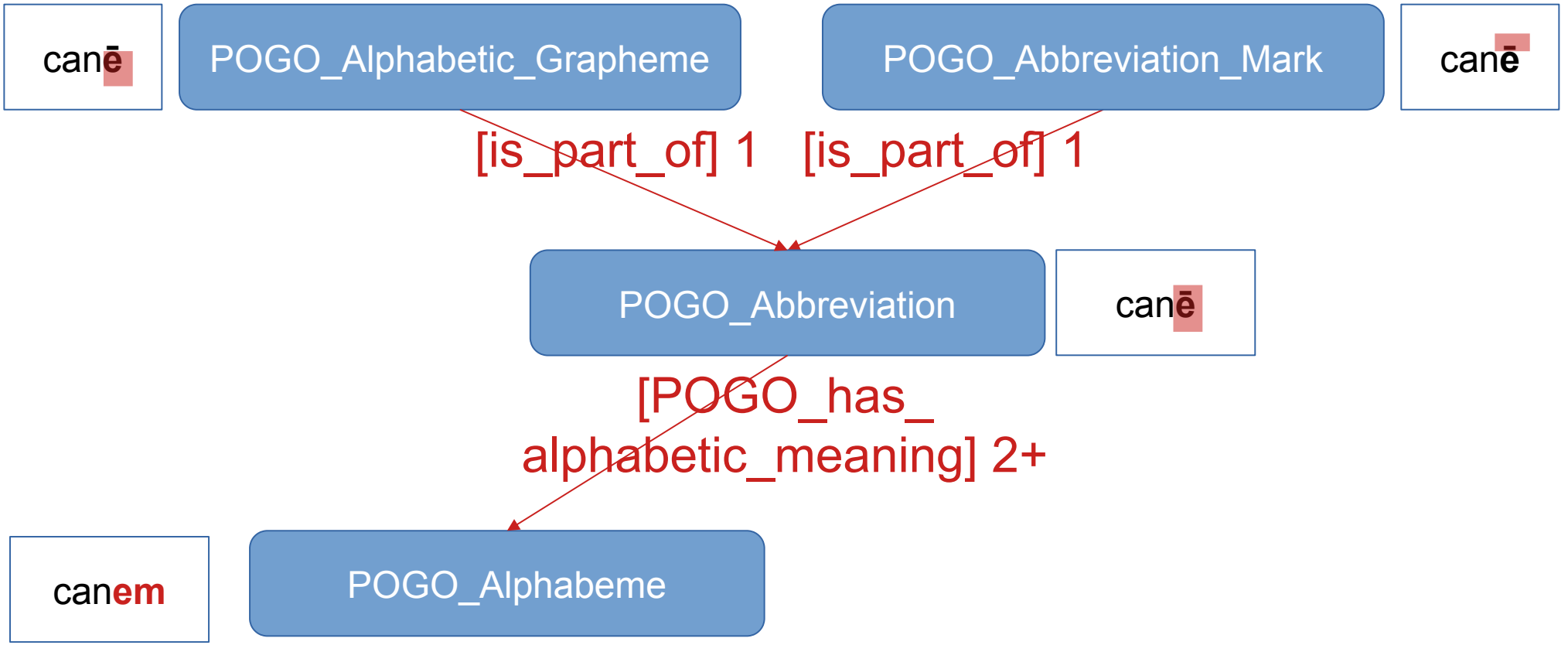

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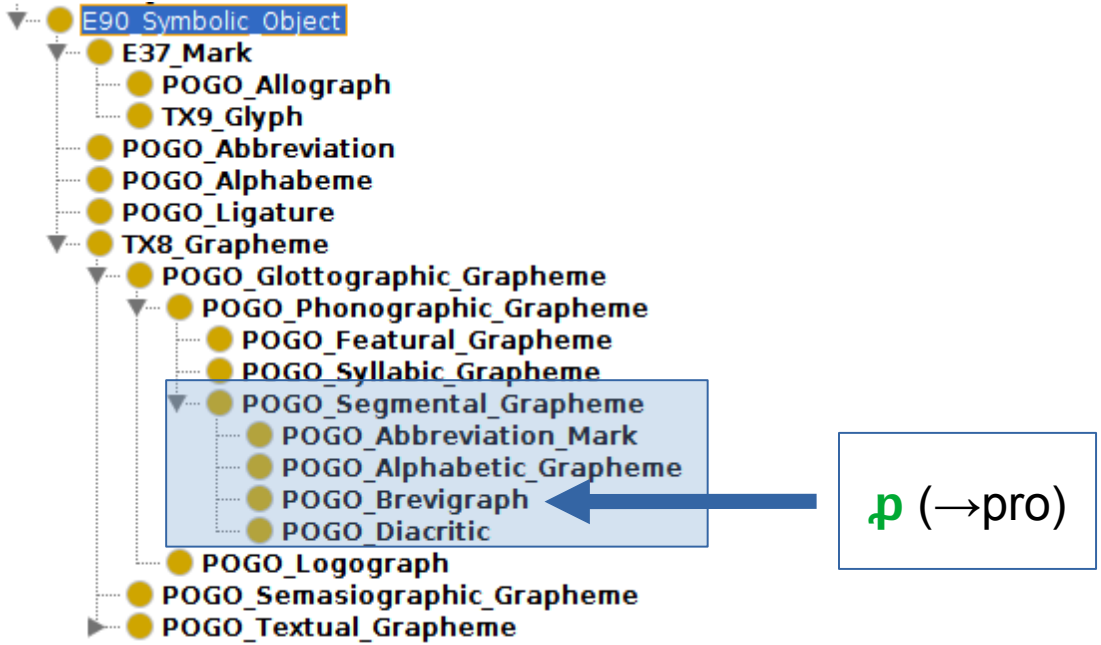
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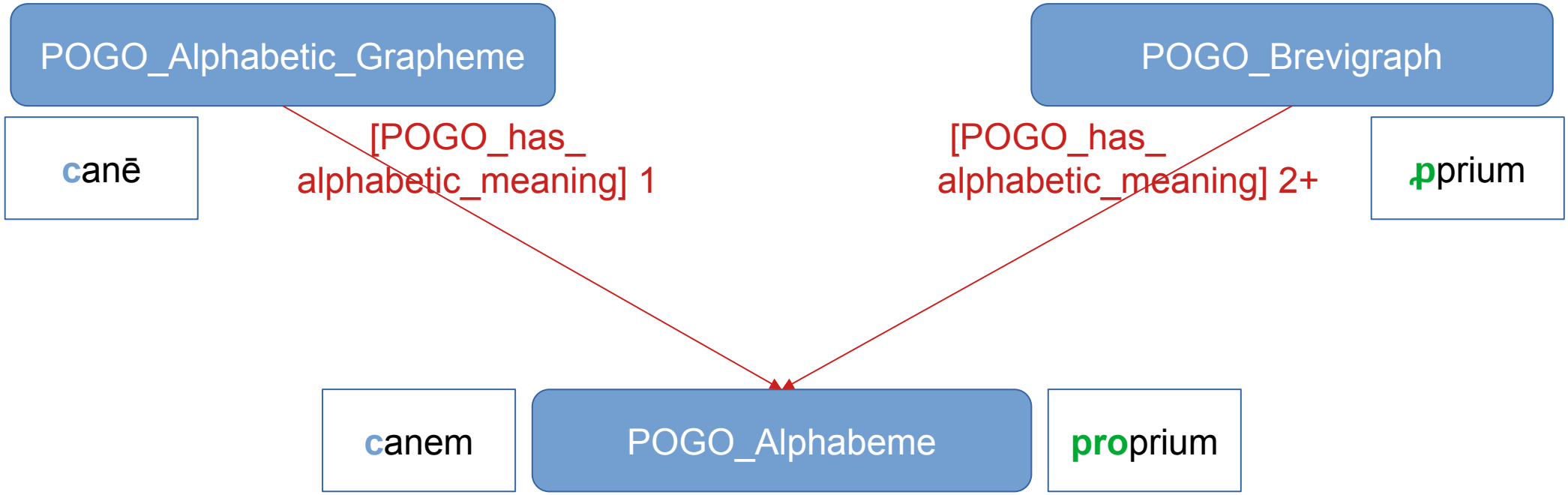
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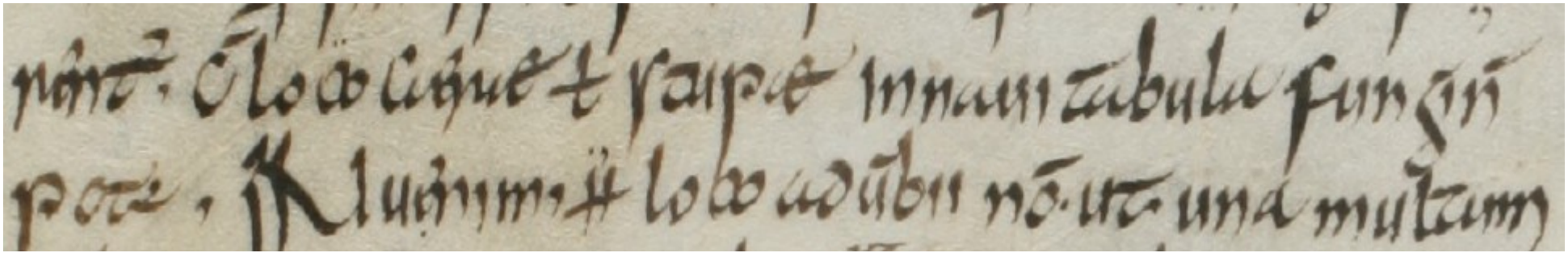
Non-entirely-alphabetic writing systems



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

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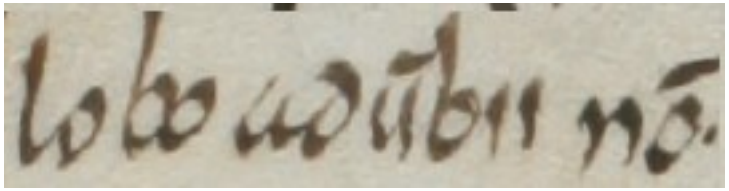
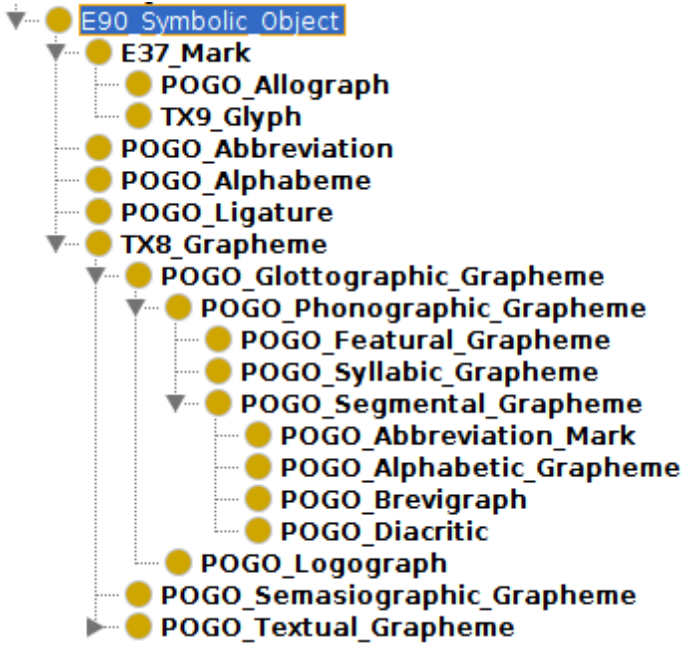
non potest inuenimus enim

loco aduerbii nomen





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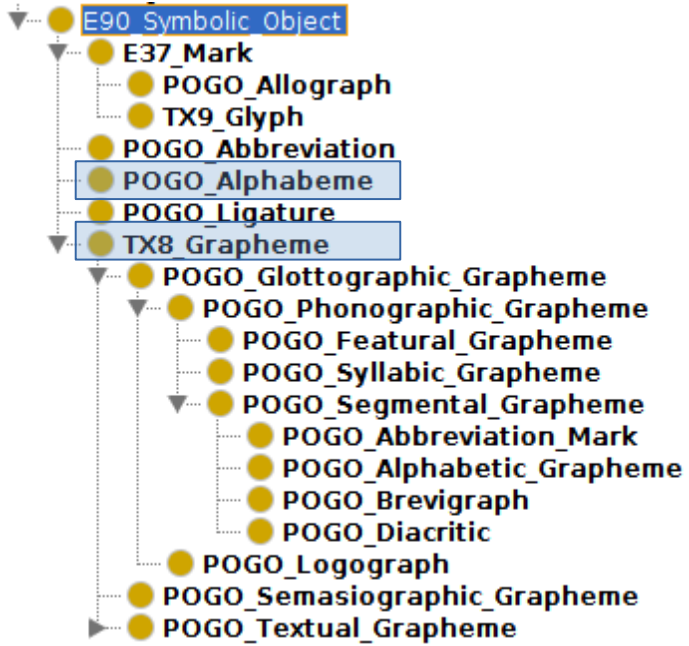

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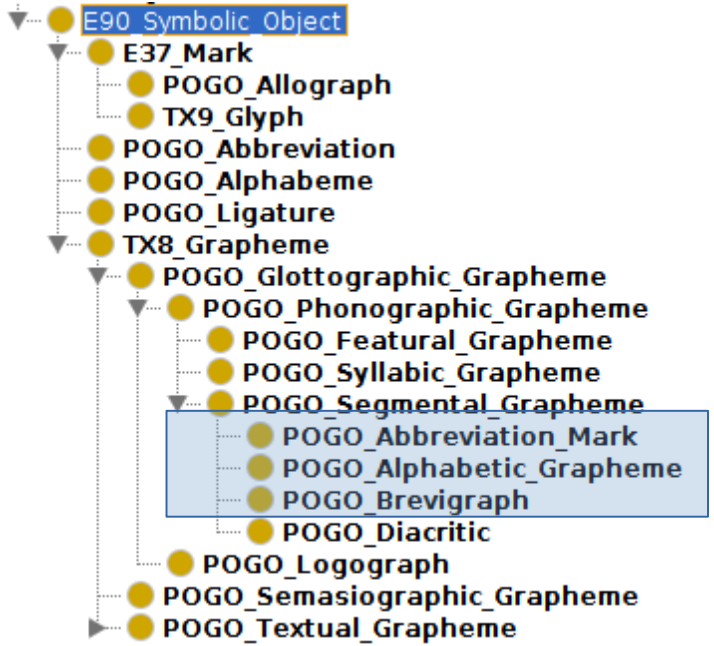

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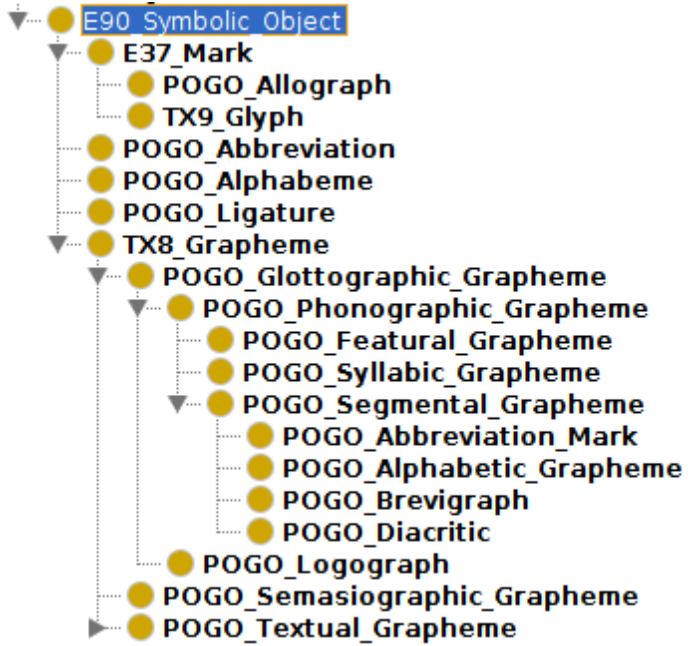
2. Palaeography: “Caroline” as a whole



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