

# Interactive analysis of multi-layer linguistic corpora with ANNIS



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## Goal

- Higher usability through simplified query syntax (AQL)
- Improvements of AQL for new operators: Equality and Inequality for values, OR Operator and explicit variable naming
- Simple statistical evaluations directly in ANNIS with frequency analysis

## Background

- linguistic phenomena can be spread over different annotation layers, only the combination of annotations will find them
- several multi-layer corpora have been developed for this purpose: TüBa-D/Z (Telljohann et al. 2009), PCC (Stede & Neumann 2014) or Falko (Reznicek et al. 2012)
- annotation layers differ in content and structure: token annotations, constituency trees, dependency trees, rhetorical structure annotation, spoken data, etc.

→ We need a unified search and visualization system

## ANNIS

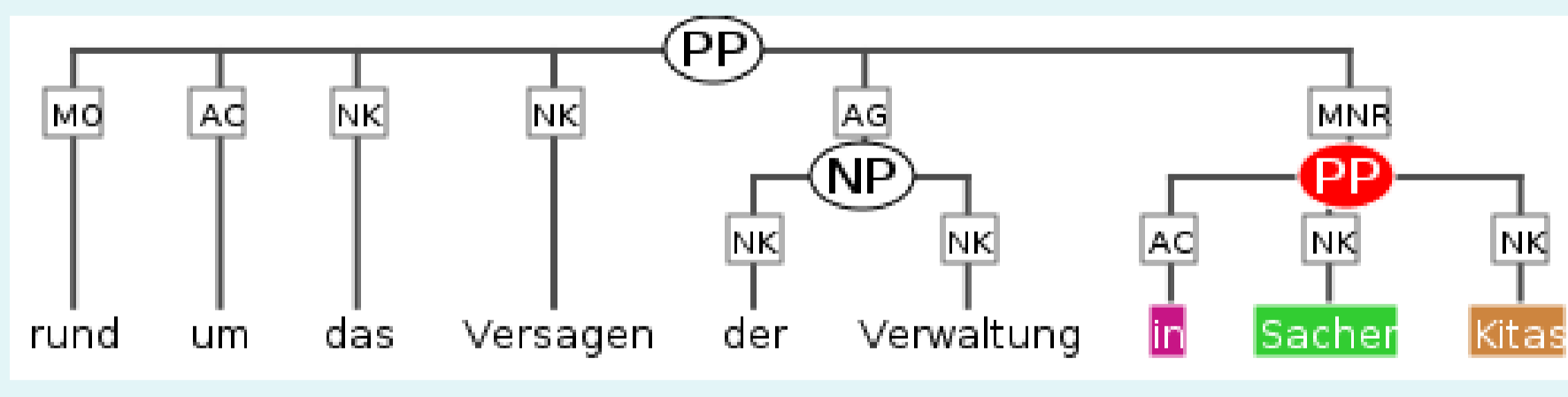
- not limited to a specific type of annotation
- not limited to a single corpus
- same query language for different corpora (AQL)
- specialized and configurable visualizations for different annotation layers
- support for existing corpora from many formats via SaltNPepper (Zipser & Romary 2010)
- export for further statistical evaluation: CSV, plain text or ARFF (WEKA (Hall et al. 2009))

## Query language improvements

- simplified query syntax (better readability)  
*Prepositional phrase with a complex preposition (preposition + noun + noun)*

so far\*:

```
cat="PP" & pos & pos="NN" & pos="NN"
& #1 >[func="AC"] #2
& #2 . #3
& #3 . #4
& #1 >[func="NK"] #3
& #1 >[func="NK"] #4
```



simplified\*:

```
cat="PP" >[func="AC"] pos . pos="NN" . pos="NN"
& #1 >[func="NK"] #3
& #1 >[func="NK"] #4
```

search for equal/different value

two same/different part-of-speech tags, one directly following the other

```
pos . pos & #1 == #2
```

```
pos . pos & #1 != #2
```

ersten	Zossener
erster	Zossener
Pos.Dat.Sg.Fem	Pos.*.*
ADJA	ADJA

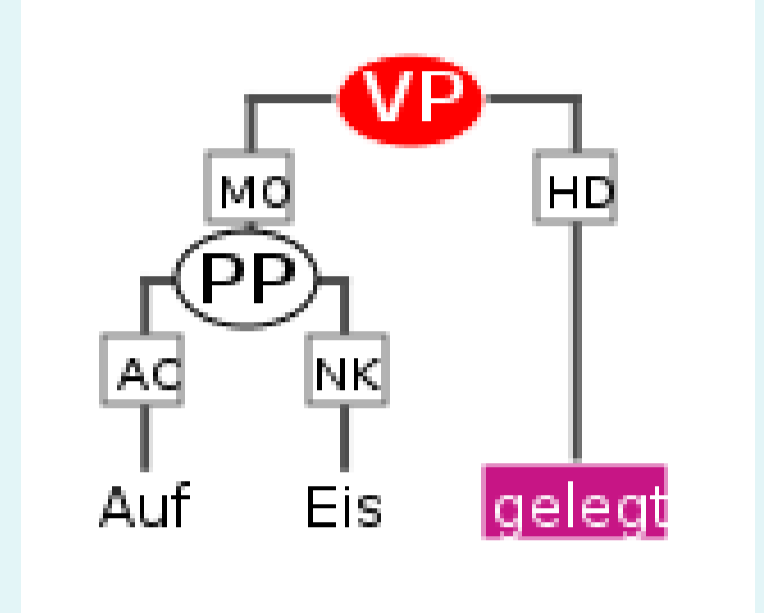
\* queries use the TIGER annotation scheme

## Query language improvements

- OR operator and variable naming

A verbal phrase, which dominates either an adjective or the token „gelegt“ which is often misclassified by automatic POS-taggers

```
a#cat="VP"
& (b#pos="ADJA" | b#"gelegt")
& #a > #b
```



## Frequency analysis

- frequency analysis directly in ANNIS

Example 1:

```
pos . pos="NN"
```

What are the most frequent part-of-speech tags followed by a noun?

Example 2:

```
cat="S" > cat="PP" > pos
```

What are the most frequent part-of-speech tags in a prepositional phrase which is in a sentence?

## Outlook

- meta data in frequency analysis
- syntax highlighting for AQL
- implement a new and much faster/scalable graph database backend as a replacement for the relational database PostgreSQL

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