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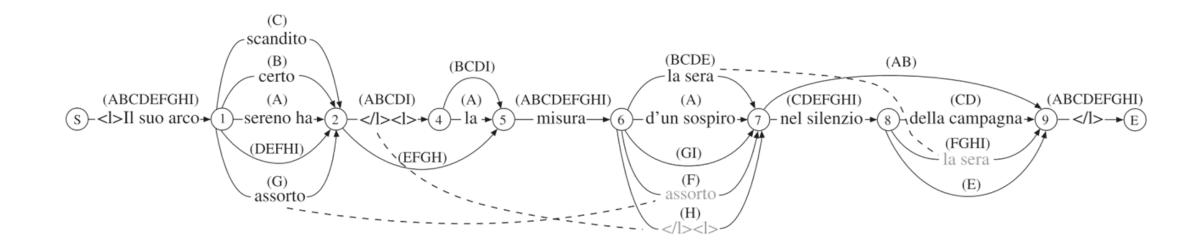
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# Text Graph Models

#### Graphs? What graphs?

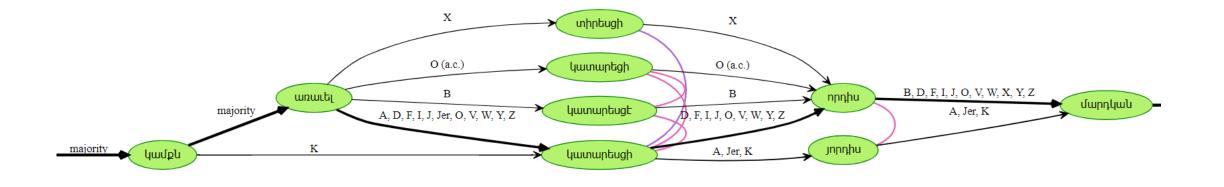
- Several projects and models used graphs to represent textual variation in the recent years
  - GODDAG: Sperberg-McQueen and Huitfeldt 2004
  - GrAF: Ide and Suderman 2007
  - Schmidt and Colomb 2009
  - CollateX (Haentjens Dekker et al. 2015)
  - "The Stemmaweb Project" 2012–
  - Efer 2016
  - TAG: Haentjens Dekker and Birnbaum 2017

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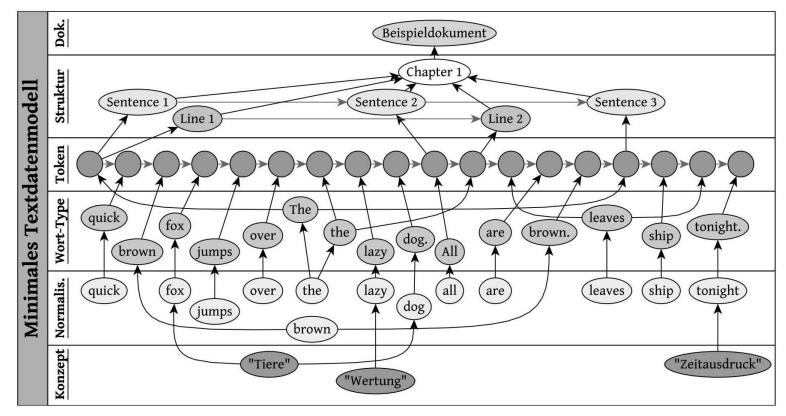
Genesis of a sentence of Valerio Magrelli's poem Campagna Romana. [Schmidt/Colomb 2009: 502]

The Stemmaweb Project: Tools and techniques for empirical stemmatology. 2012–. *https://stemmaweb.net/* 



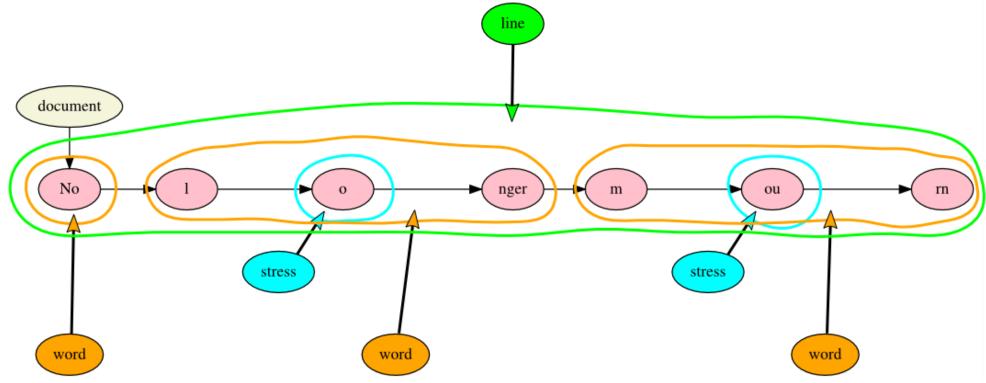
**Stemmaweb**: Screenshot of the Text Relationship Mapper with an excerpt from the first section of the chronicle Matthias von Edessas [The Stemmaweb Project 2012–: Screenshot)

# Efer, Thomas. 2016. "Graphdatenbanken für die textorientierten e-Humanities." Dissertation, Universität Leipzig.



**Kadmos**: 'Schematic representation of instance data sets and links of a short example document with minimalistic text data model' [Efer 2016: 76]

Haentjens Dekker, Ronald, and David J. Birnbaum. 2017. "It's More Than Just Overlap: Text as Graph." In Proceedings of Balisage.



TAG. Text as Graph: "A simplified poem with word tokenization" [Decker/Birnbaum 2017: Fig. 10]

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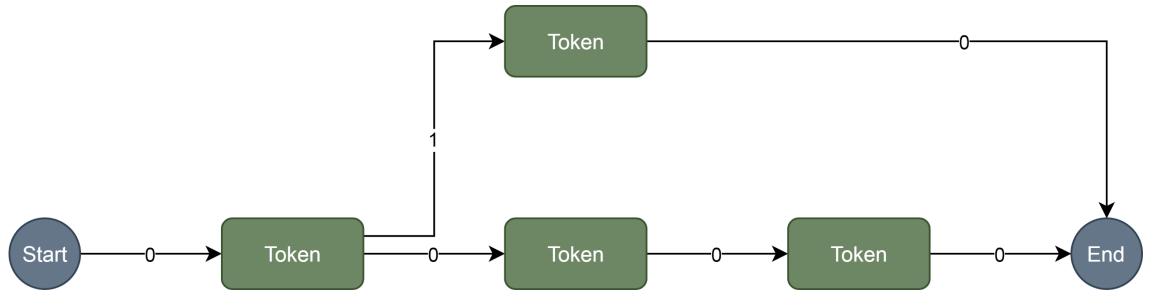
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#### Requirements

- Use of the Web Ontology Language (OWL)
- Representation of text genesis as an edge weighted directed acyclic graph
- 'Words' should be the basic form of segmentation
- 'Words' need to be further segmentable on character level
- Annotation of Text Stages and Token Groups
- Relations between Text Stages

#### Basics

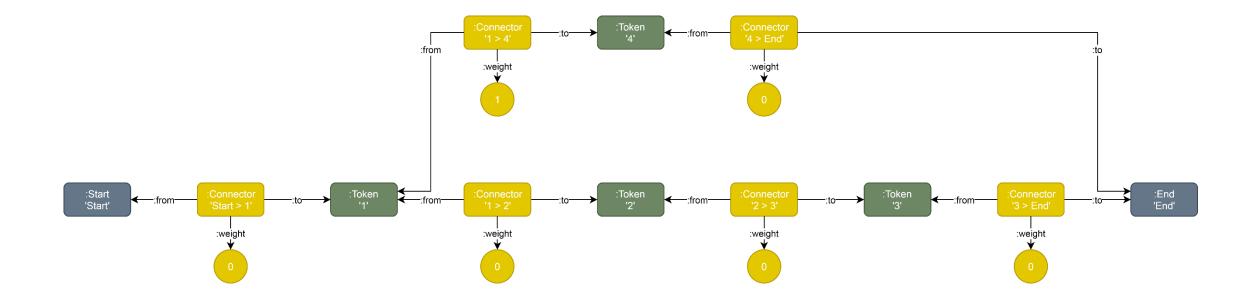
- A Text should be represented as an acyclic directed graph
- A start and an end node should exist for each text
- Variation of a text should be expressed as weighted edges
  - Weights allow an easy chronological reconstruction text stages



#### Basics as RDF solution

Weighted Edges are not allowed because of S>P>O

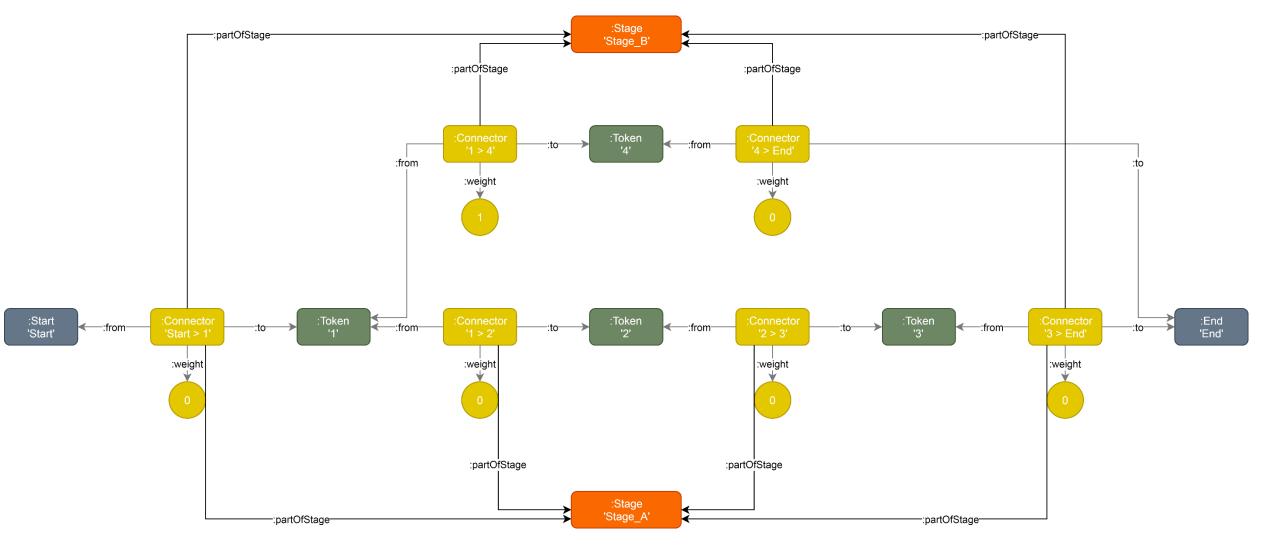
> need to be represented as individual nodes



#### **Basic Classes and Properties**

Classes	Description
:Token	A 'Token' is a separated entity of a larger instance.
:Start	The start point of a graph of tokens.
:End	The end point of a graph of tokens.
:Connector	A 'Connector' represents a weighted connection between two nodes.
<b>Object Properties</b>	Description
Object Properties :from	Description Domain ':Connector'; Range ':Start', ':Token'
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:from	Domain ':Connector'; Range ':Start', ':Token'

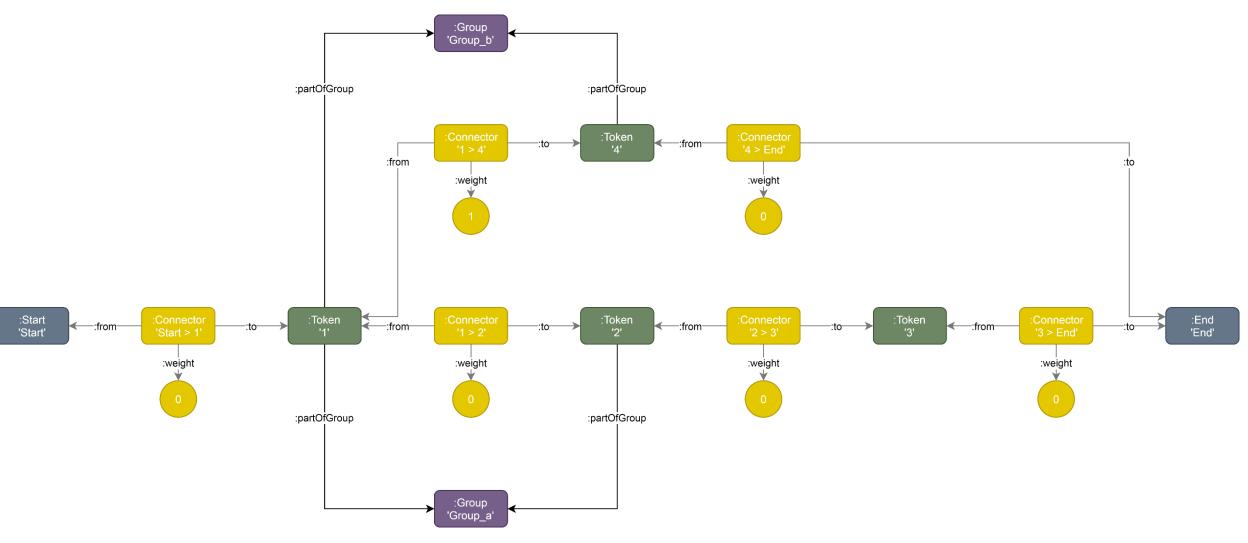
#### Text Stages



#### Text Stage Classes and Properties

Classes	Description
:Stage	A 'Stage' represents a stage of an instance.
<b>Object Properties</b>	Description
:partOfStage	Domain ':Connector'; Range ':Stage'

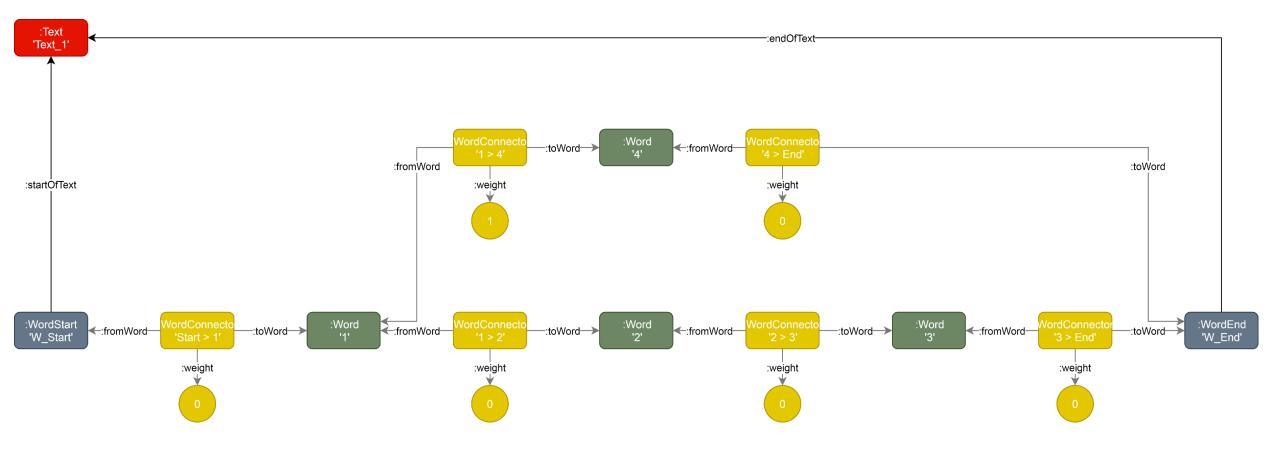
#### Annotation Groups



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Classes	Description
:Group	A annotation 'Group' of Tokens.
<b>Object Properties</b>	Description
:partOfGroup	Domain ':Token'; Range ':Group'

#### Text Segmentation



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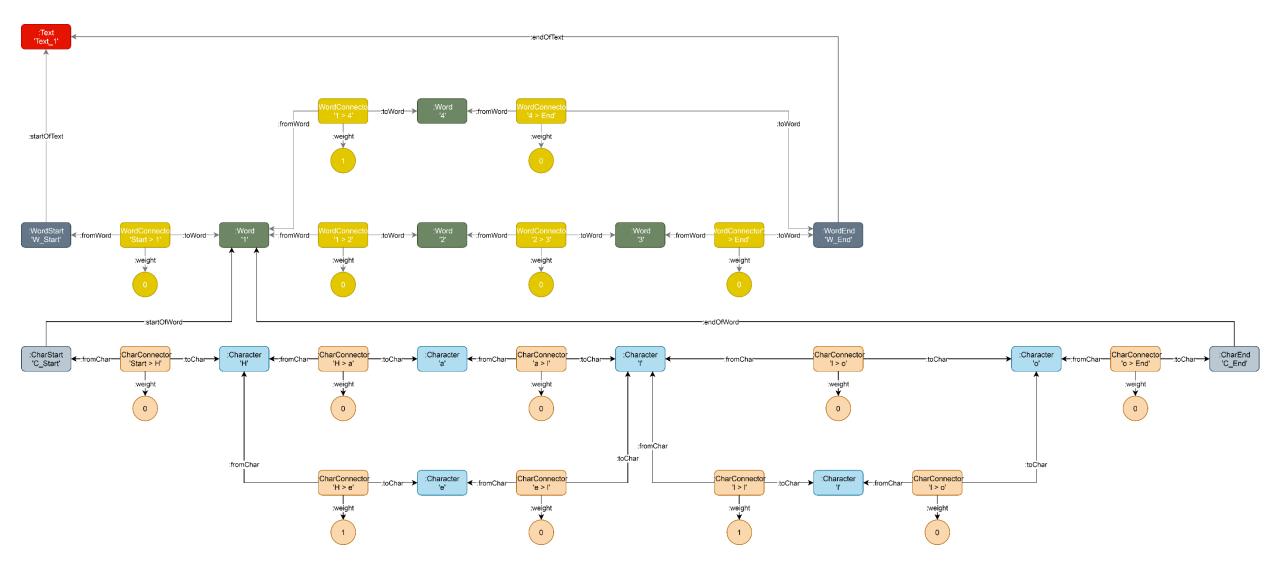
Classes	Description
:Text	Basic node for a text.
:Word	A segmented token on word level.
:WordStart	Start node on word level.
:WordEnd	End node on word level.
:WordConnector	Connector on word level.
<b>Object Properties</b>	Description
:fromWord	Domain ':WordConnector'; Range ':Word', ':WordStart'

:toWord	Domain ':WordConnector'; Range ':Word', ':WordEnd'
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:startOfText	Domain ':WordStart'; Range ':Text'

:endOfText	Domain ':WordEnd'; Range ':Text'
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#### **Character Level**



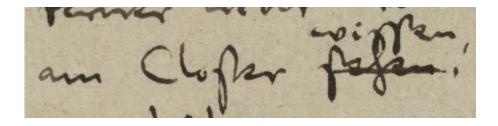
#### Character Level

Classes	Description
:Character	A segmented character including diacritics or abbreviations on token level
:CharacterStart	Start node on character level
:CharacterEnd	End node on character level
:CharacterConnector	Connector on character level

<b>Object Properties</b>	Description
:fromCharacter	Domain ':WordConnector'; Range ':Character', ':CharacterStart'
:toCharacter	Domain ':WordConnector'; Range ':Character', ':CharacterEnd'
:startOfWord	Domain ':CharacterStart'; Range ':Word'
:endOfWord	Domain ':CharacterEnd'; Range ':Word'

## A real world example

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<obj:w1> a tgo:Word ;
 rdfs:label "am" .

<obj:w2> a tgo:Word ;
rdfs:label "Clofter" .

<obj:w3> a tgo:Word ;
rdfs:label "fehen" .

<obj:w4> a tgo:Word ;
rdfs:label "wiffen" .

<obj:c1> a tgo:WordConnector ;
 tgo:fromWord <obj:w1> ;
 tgo:toWord <obj:w2> ;
 tgo:weight "0" .

<obj:c2> a tgo:WordConnector ;
 tgo:fromWord <obj:w2> ;
 tgo:toWord <obj:w3> ;
 tgo:weight "0".

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<obj:c3> a tgo:WordConnector ;
  tgo:fromWord <obj:w2> ;
  tgo:toWord <obj:w4> ;
  tgo:weight "1" .
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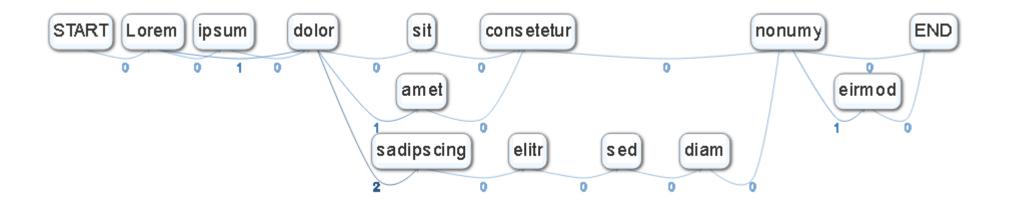
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#### Work in progress

- Converter from TEI-XML to TGO RDF and vice versa
- Viewer and editor for TGO texts



# Thank you!

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