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When Linked Open Data Speak Latin

The LiLa Knowledge Base
of Interoperable Linguistic Resources for Latin

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Scattered and unconnected



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A collection of multifarious, interoperable linguistic resources described with the same vocabulary for knowledge description (by using common data categories and ontologies)

Interlinking as a Form of Interaction



Common Language Resources and
Technology Infrastructure

Infrastructure



Interoperability

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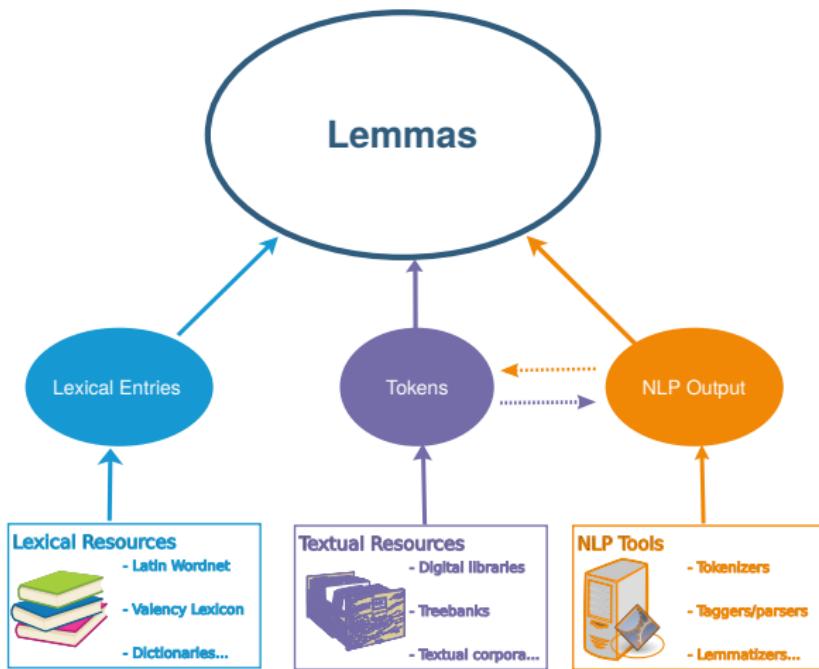
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- ▶ Ecosystem: maintained by a large and active community with common tools and practices



LiLa reflects the annotation granularity of the resources it connects

No data enrichment or further analysis is performed
...but we can help you to enrich your (meta)data

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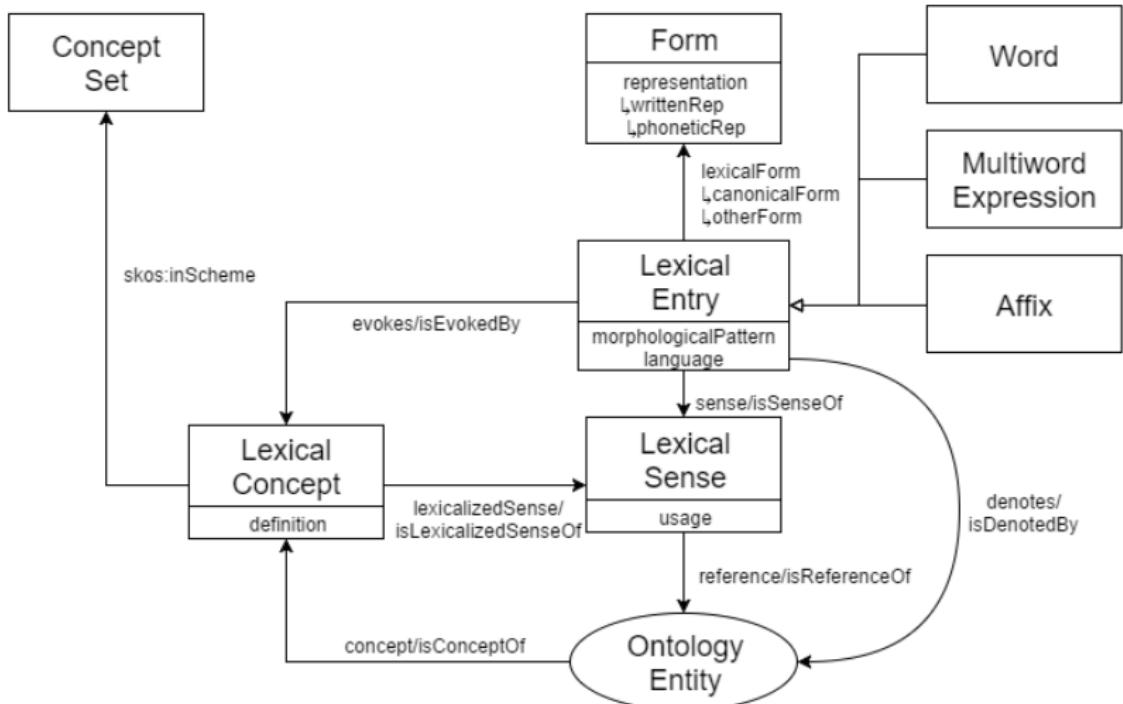
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LiLa and Ontolex Lemon

A *de facto* W3C standard for publishing lexical data as LLOD



The Lemma Bank

The core of LiLa. Source: LEMLAT (extended)



Lemma *admiror* ‘to admire, to respect’

<https://lila-erc.eu/data/id/lemma/87541>

Derivational Morphology

Source: *Word Formation Latin* (CIRCSE Research Centre)



- ▶ WFL: directed tree-graphs indicating derivational path of each lemma (procedural)
- ▶ New Approach: Construction Morphology (declarative), words analysed in their internal structure
- ▶ WFL in LiLa:
 - ▶ Three classes of objects:
 1. Lemma
 2. Prefix and Suffix
 3. Base (connectors between lemmas of the same WF family)
 - ▶ Connected by three relationships:
 1. hasPrefix
 2. hasSuffix
 3. hasBase

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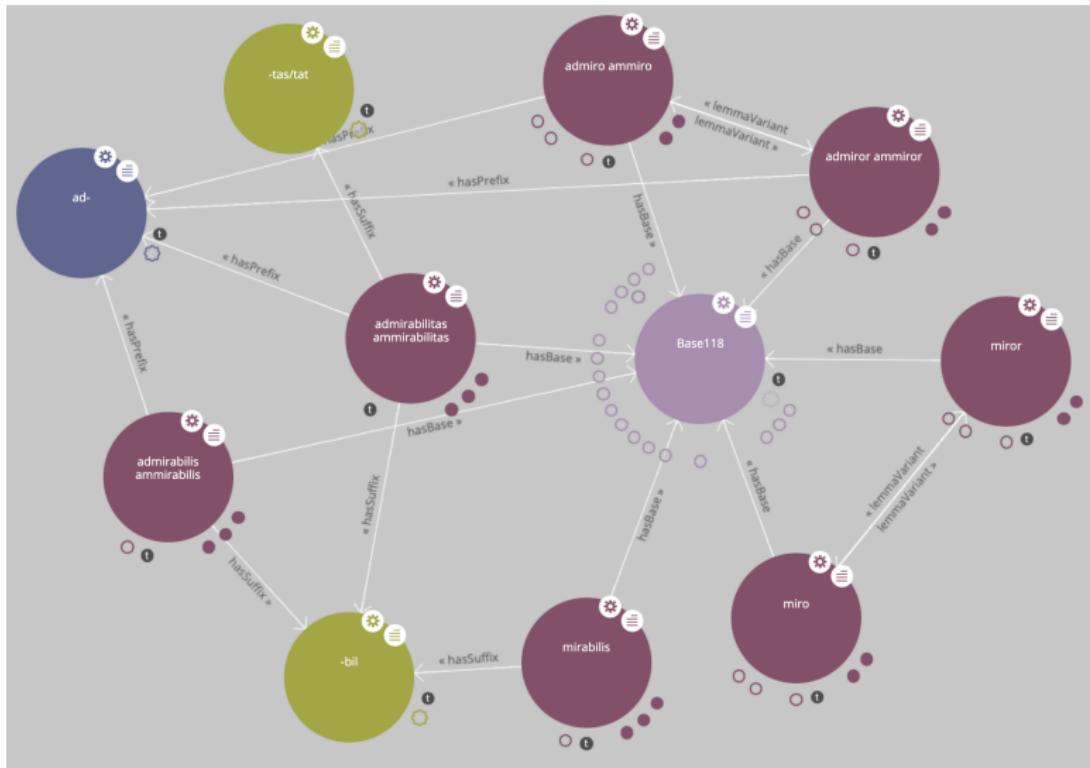


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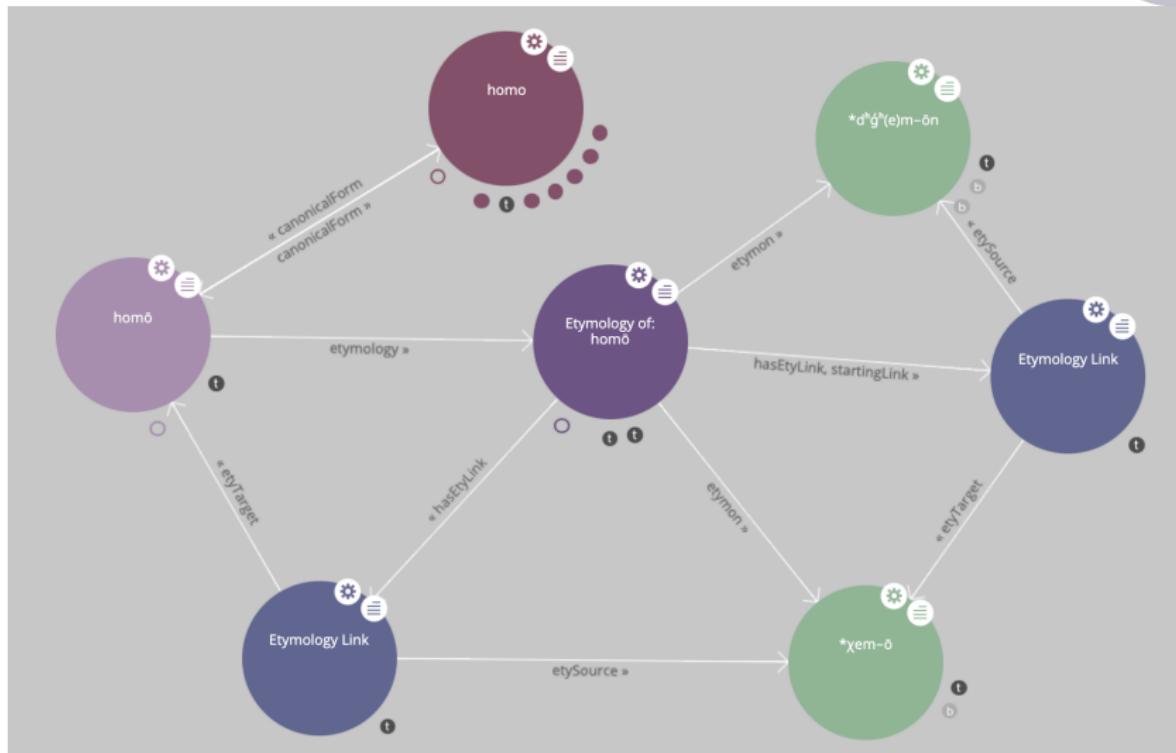
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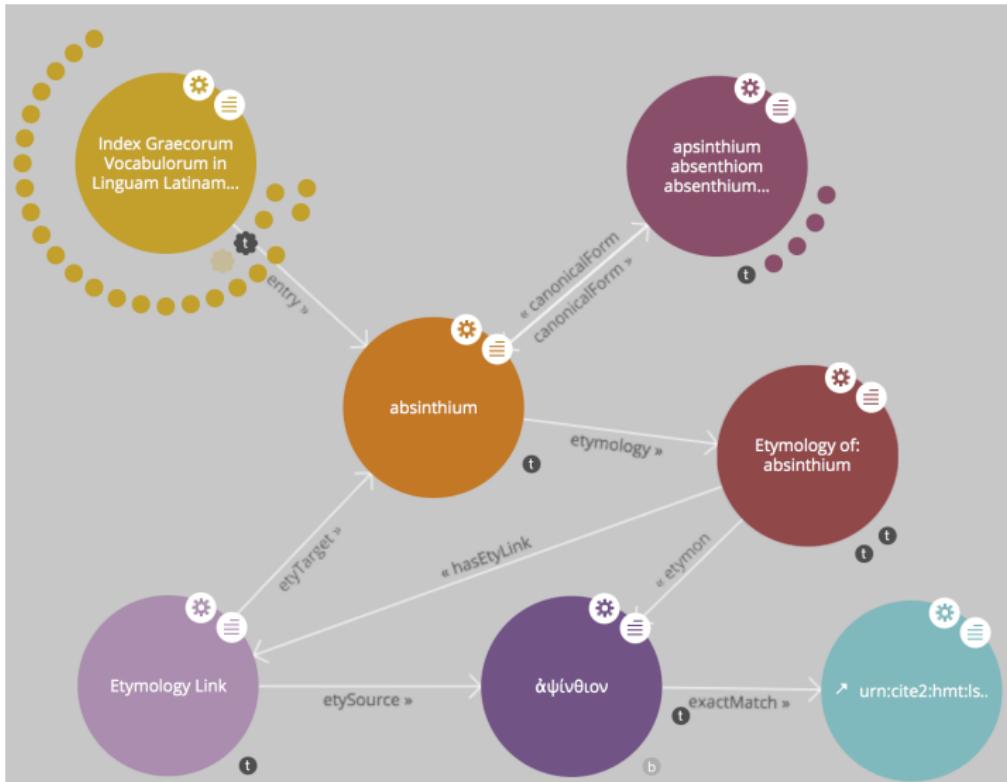
Etymology

Source: *Etymological dictionary of Latin and the other Italic Languages* (De Vaan, 2008)



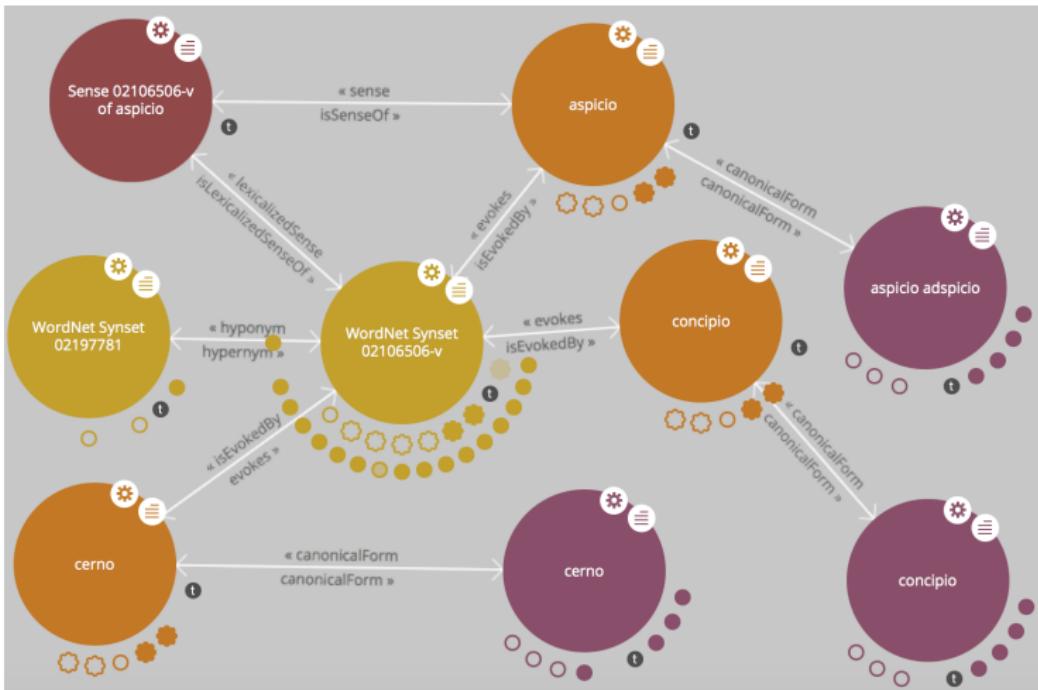
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Latin WordNet

Lexical Entries, Senses and Concepts

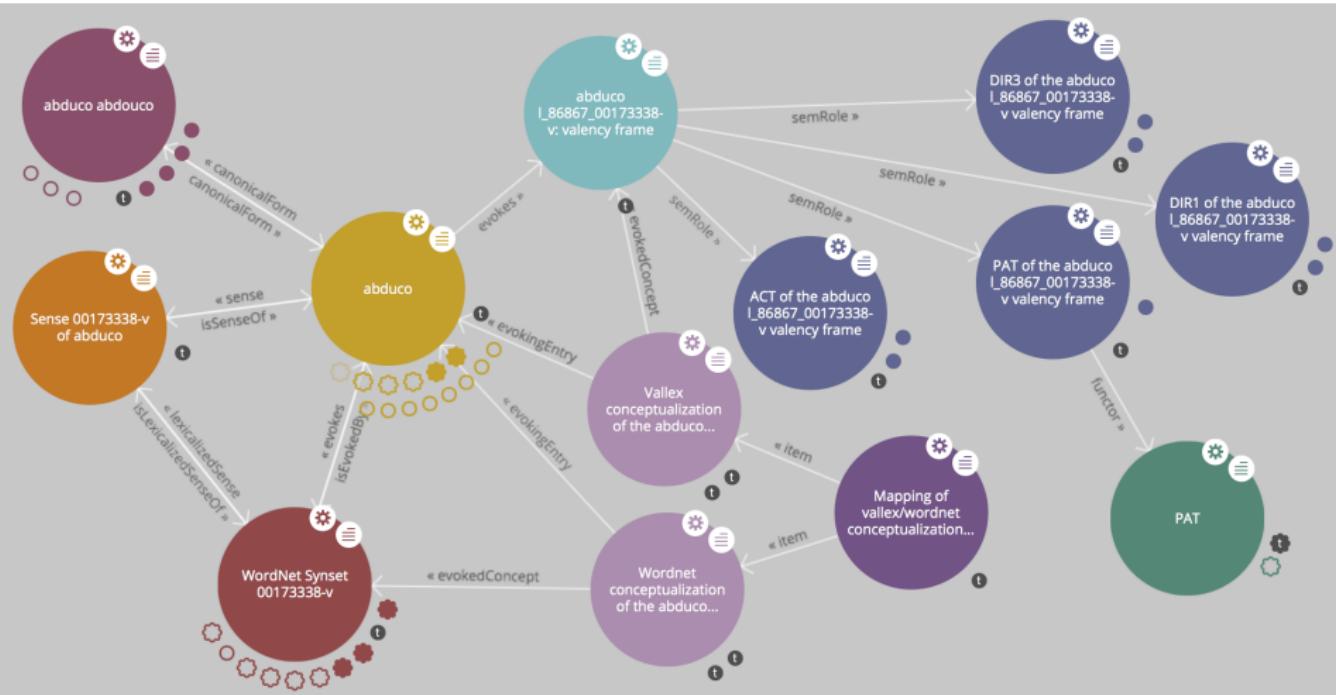


Latin WordNet and Latin VALLEX

Mapping Senses and Frames



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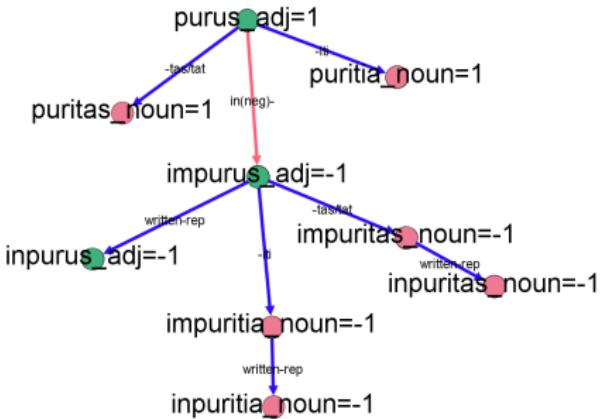
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Source: Latin Affectus (CIRCSE Research Centre)



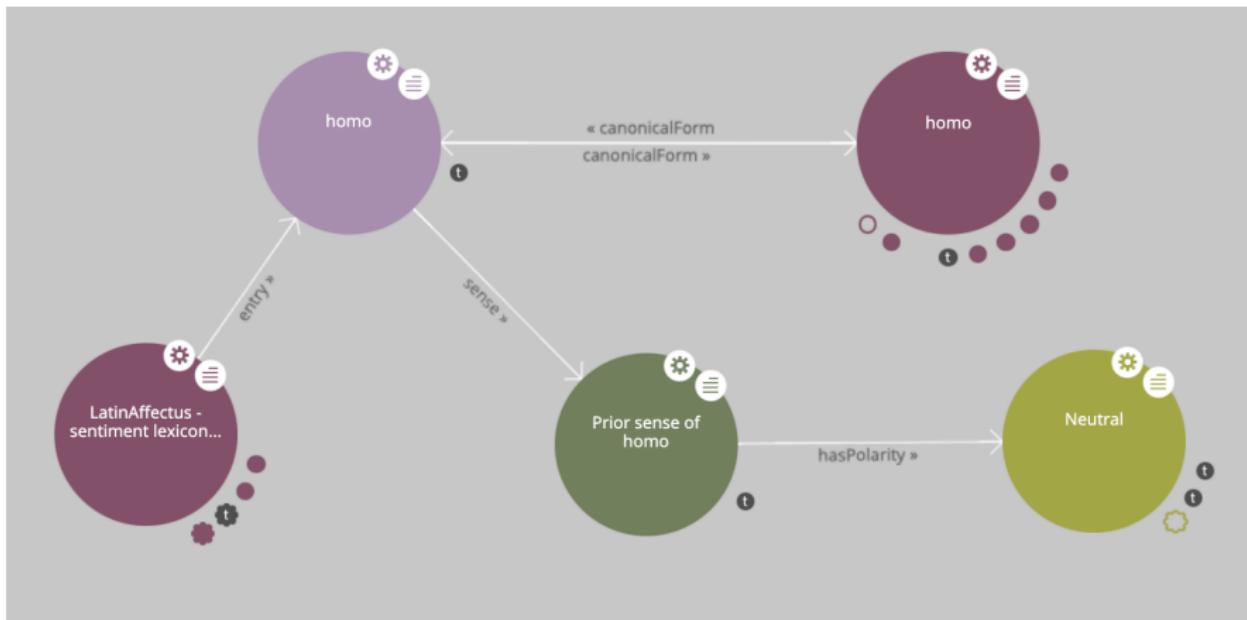
List of 2,437 nouns and adjectives associated to their **out-of-context sentiment score**: from -1 (very negative, e.g. *abominatio*) to +1 (very positive, e.g. *amor*)

- ▶ **Gold Standard:** manually created by 2 Latin language and culture experts + 1 supervisor
- ▶ **Silver Standard:** automatically created by deriving new entries from the Gold Standard



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LiLa: Structure. All together now!

Lemma Bank, Derivational Morphology, Etymology and Polarity



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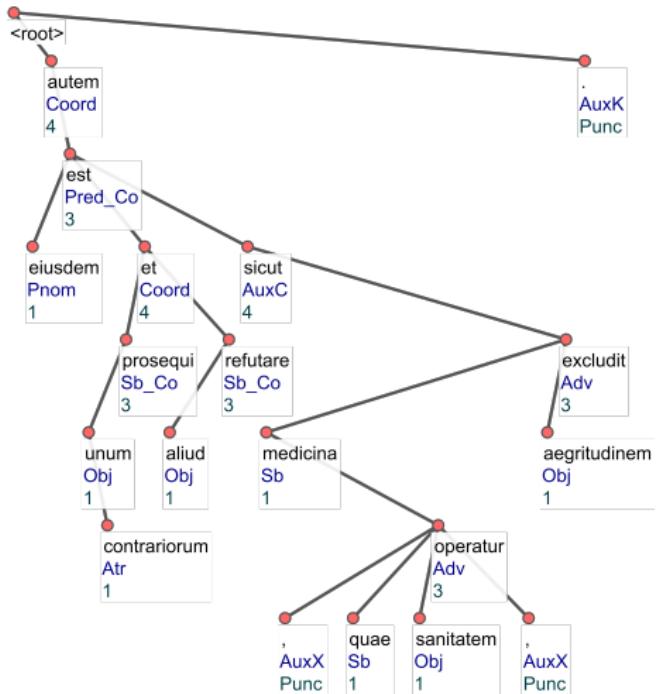
(Annotated) Corpora in LiLa

Source: The *Index Thomisticus* Treebank (CIRCSE Research Centre): Dependency trees



eiudem autem est unum
contrariorum prosequi et
aliud refutare sicut medicina ,
quae sanitatem operatur , aegritudinem exclu-
dit . (IT-TB: SCG, lib. 1, cap.
1, n. 6)

Now it belongs to the
same thing to pursue one
contrary and to remove
the other: thus medicine,
which effects health, re-
moves sickness. (Trans.
Laurence Shapcote)



Texts, tokens, relations and lemmas

Phenomena and noumena

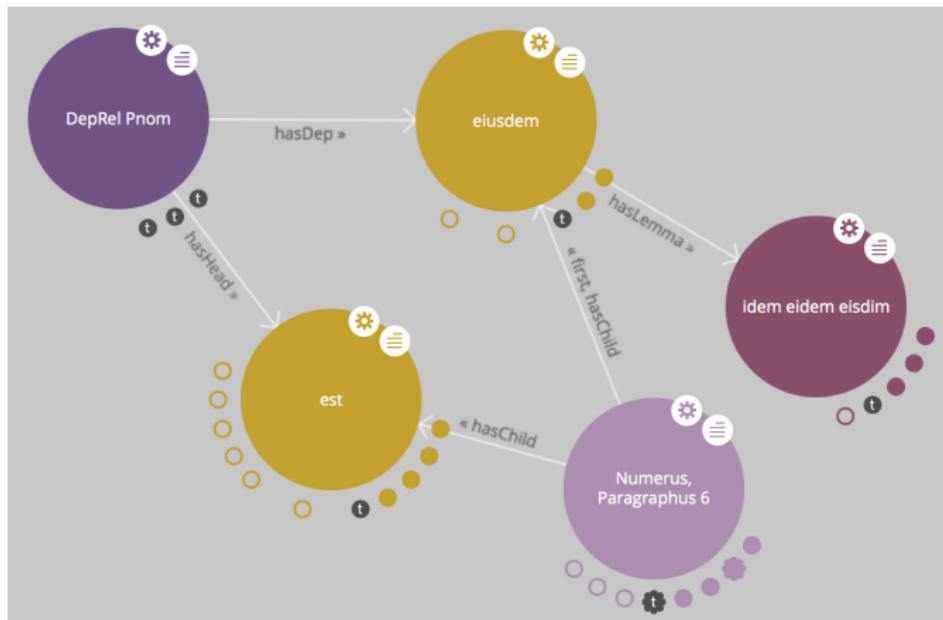


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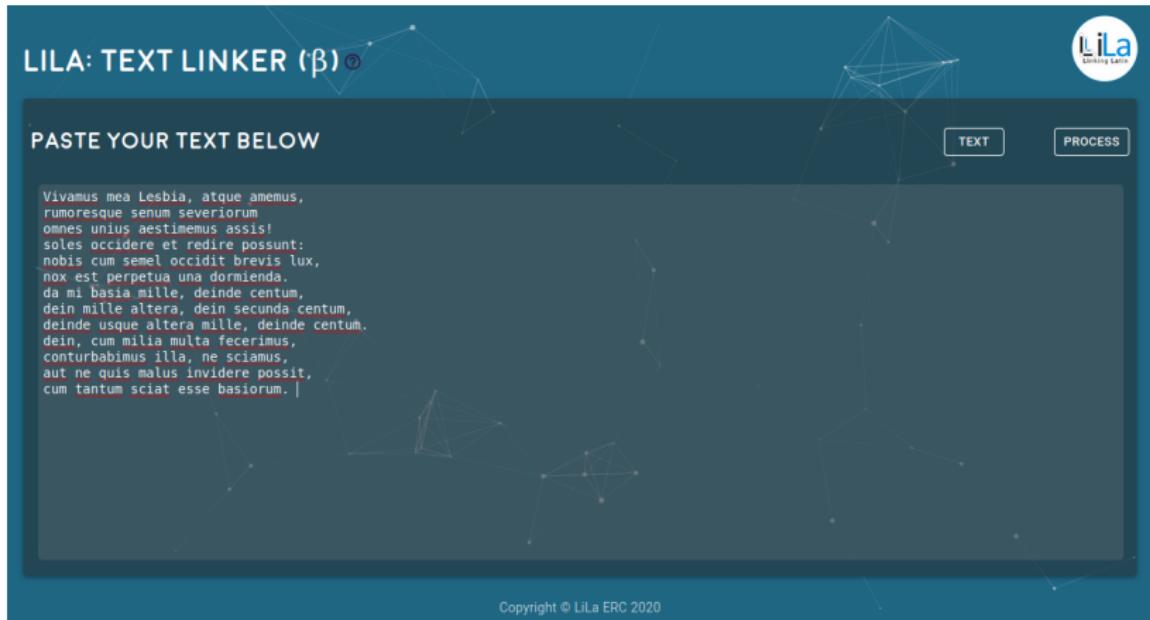


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The screenshot shows the LiLa Text Linker interface. At the top left, the title "LILA: TEXT LINKER (β)" is displayed with a small circular icon containing a question mark. To the right are two buttons: "TEXT" and "PROCESS". The main area features a dark teal background with a faint, abstract network graph overlay. A large, semi-transparent rectangular box covers the central portion of the screen. Inside this box, the Latin text of Catullus 16 is presented:

Vivamus mea Lesbia, atque amemus,
rumoresque senum severiorum
omnes unius aestimemus assis!
soles occidere et redire possunt:
nobis cum semel occidit brevis lux,
nox est perpetua una dormienda.
da mi basia mille, deinde centum,
dein mille altera, dein secunda centum,
deinde usque altera mille, deinde centum.
dein, cum milia multa fecerimus,
conturbabimus illa, ne sciamus,
aut ne quis malus invidere possit,
cum tantum sciat esse basiorum. |

At the bottom center of the interface, the copyright notice "Copyright © LiLa ERC 2020" is visible.

Figure: LiLa's Text Linker



Figure: Text processed against the LiLa Knowledge Base

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► Corpora

- Index Thomisticus Treebank (*Summa contra Gentiles*): ca. 450,000 nodes
- Dante Search (700th death anniversary coming up!): ca. 46,000 tokens
- Querolus sive Aulularia*: ca. 17,000 tokens
- PROIEL and LLCT treebanks
- Computational Historical Semantics and LASLA Corpora

► Lexica

- Word Formation Latin: ca. 46,000 lemmas (Classical Latin)
- Etymological dictionary of Latin & the other Italic Langs.: ca. 1,400 entries
- LatinAffectus: ca. 2,300 entries
- Index Graecorum Vocabulorum in Linguam Latinam: ca. 1,800 entries
- Latin WordNet: ca. 1,000 manually checked entries
- Latin Vallex 2.0: Valency Lexicon
- Lewis & Short Dictionary

► NLP tools

- LEMLAT (lemma bank): ca. 150,000 lemmas

► TOTAL: approximately 13 million triples

Query Interface, Triplestore and Linker

- ▶ <https://lila-erc.eu/query/>; <https://lila-erc.eu/sparql/>
- ▶ <http://lila-erc.eu:8080/LiLaTextLinker/>

Linguistic Resources. Corpora

- ▶ <https://lila-erc.eu/data/corpora/ITTB/id/corpus>
- ▶ <https://lila-erc.eu/data/corpora/DanteSearch/id/corpus>
- ▶ <https://lila-erc.eu/data/corpora/Querolus/id/citationUnit/QuerolussiveAulularia>

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- ▶ <https://lila-erc.eu/data/lexicalResources/LatinAffectus/Lexicon>
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Thanks!

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