

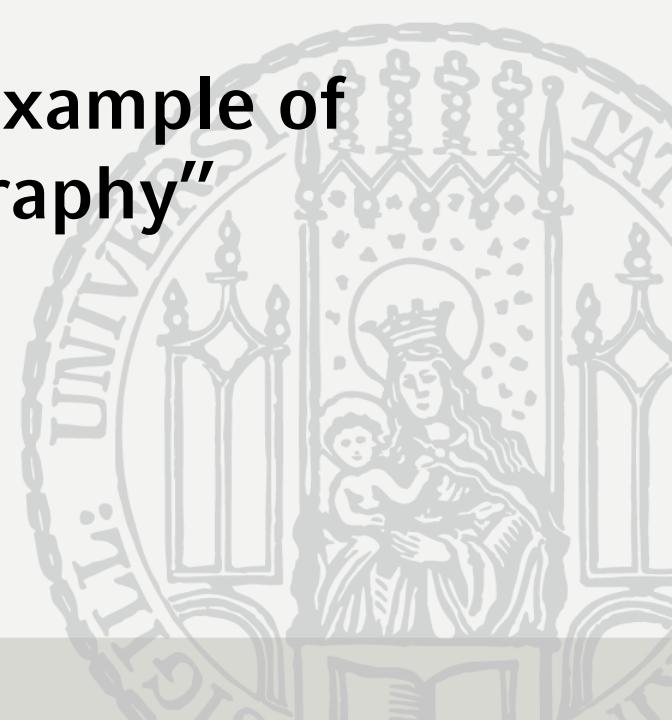
Linked lexical data of different resources and countries in the Alpine region

The project *VerbaAlpina* as an example of good practice in “smart lexicography”

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Outline

1. Challenges of modern lexicography
 - Changes in research work
2. Project overview
3. Data processing
 - Transcription
 - Tokenization
 - Typification
 - Data access
4. Visualization of data
5. Linking of data



1. CHALLENGES OF MODERN LEXICOGRAPHY

Changes in research work

PAST

- **Analogue World**
 - *Physical obstacles to sharing data*
 - *Publications mainly printed*
 - *Central role of libraries*
- **Individual Data Collection**
 - *Each research project by itself*

PRESENT

- **Way from the analogue to the digital world**
 - *Digitalization → Change of mindset*
 - *Desire and need for sharing data*
- **Data collection with the aim of networking**
 - *Need for sustainability → sharing*
 - *Possibility to publish and to access all data → more transparency*



1. CHALLENGES OF MODERN LEXICOGRAPHY

Changes in research work

PAST

- Semasiological vs. Onomasiological
 - Only one perspective possible
- Data from one source only

PRESENT

- Semasiological and Onomasiological
 - Digitalization allows two perspectives at the same time
- Data from many sources



1. CHALLENGES OF MODERN LEXICOGRAPHY

Changes in research work

FUTURE

- Only digital data
 - *Away from paper*
 - *Create more sharing possibilities*
- Challenge of developing a uniform system for data processing
- Sustainability
 - *F._indable*
 - *A._ccessible*
 - *I._nteroperable*
 - *R._eusable*



2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

- *VerbaAlpina. Der alpine Kulturraum im Spiegel seiner Mehrsprachigkeit* (VerbaAlpina. The Alpine cultural region reflected through its multilingualism)
- Funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 1st term: 10/2014-10/2017, 2nd term: 11/2017-11/2020 (perspective until 2025)
- Investigation of the multilingual Alpine region
- Combination of (geo-)linguistics and digital humanities



Research Aims

- Selective and analytical investigation of the linguistically and dialectally highly fragmented alpine space in its historico-cultural and historical-linguistic unity
- Overcoming of the traditional limitation of geolinguistic investigation to nation-states
- recognition of connections regarding the etymology of the individual dialectical words
- Setting up a portal by using modern media technology: documentation, data collection, collaborative development
- cooperation with other projects is fundamental for VerbaAlpina



Area under investigation: The Alpine region

- Area of investigation is limited to the territorial borders defined by the Alpine convention
- surface area of 190,600 km², encompasses parts of six different countries (D, A, CH, I, F, SLO) and two entire countries (FL, MC)
- ethnographic and topographic homogeneity and strong linguistic heterogeneity → 3 language families





Three conceptual domains

project years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
calendar year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
quarter	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv	i, ii, iii, iv
project phase	I			II			III			
focus	culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alpine pasture farming • milk processing 			nature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • landscape formations • weather • fauna • flora 			modern life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ecology • tourism 			



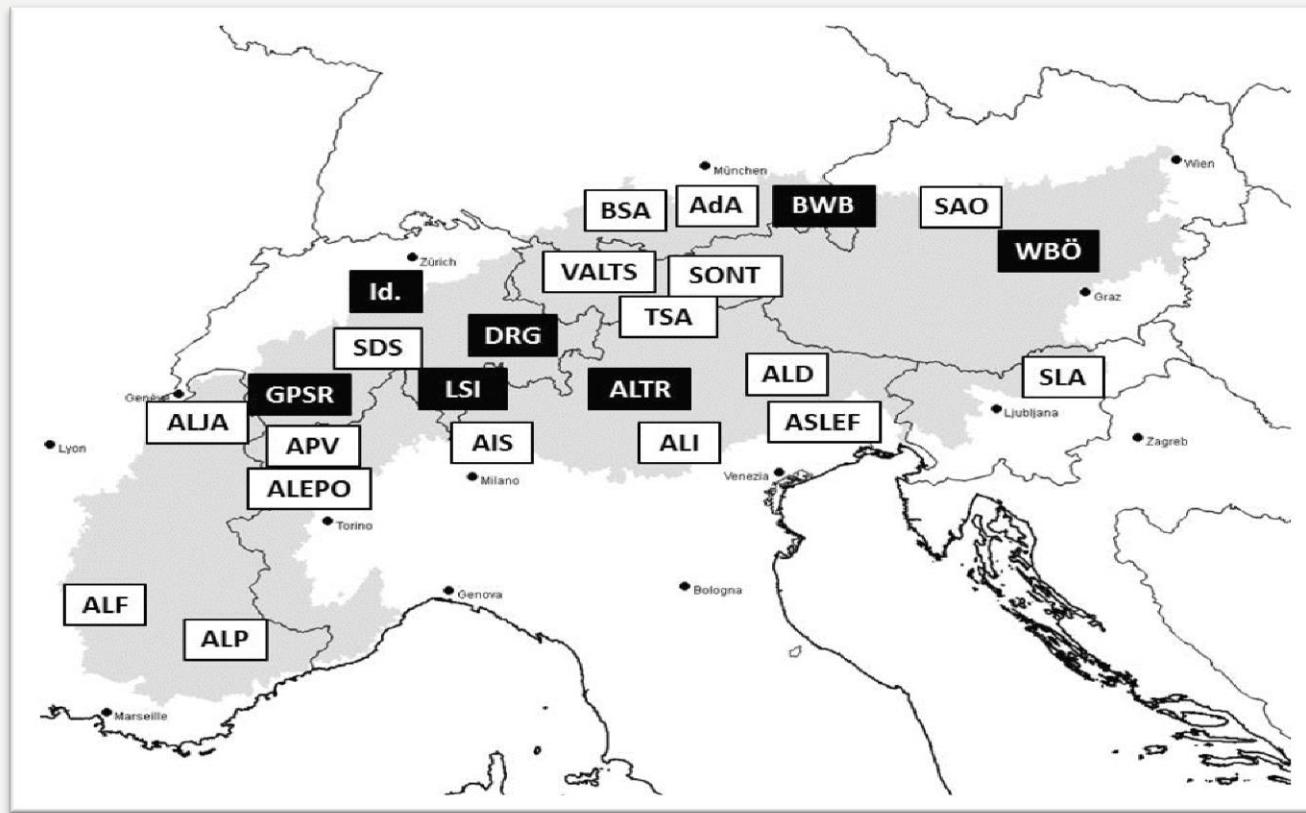
Data

Multiple different sources

- printed atlases/dictionaries (georeferenced)
- Digital material from project partners
- Crowdsourcing



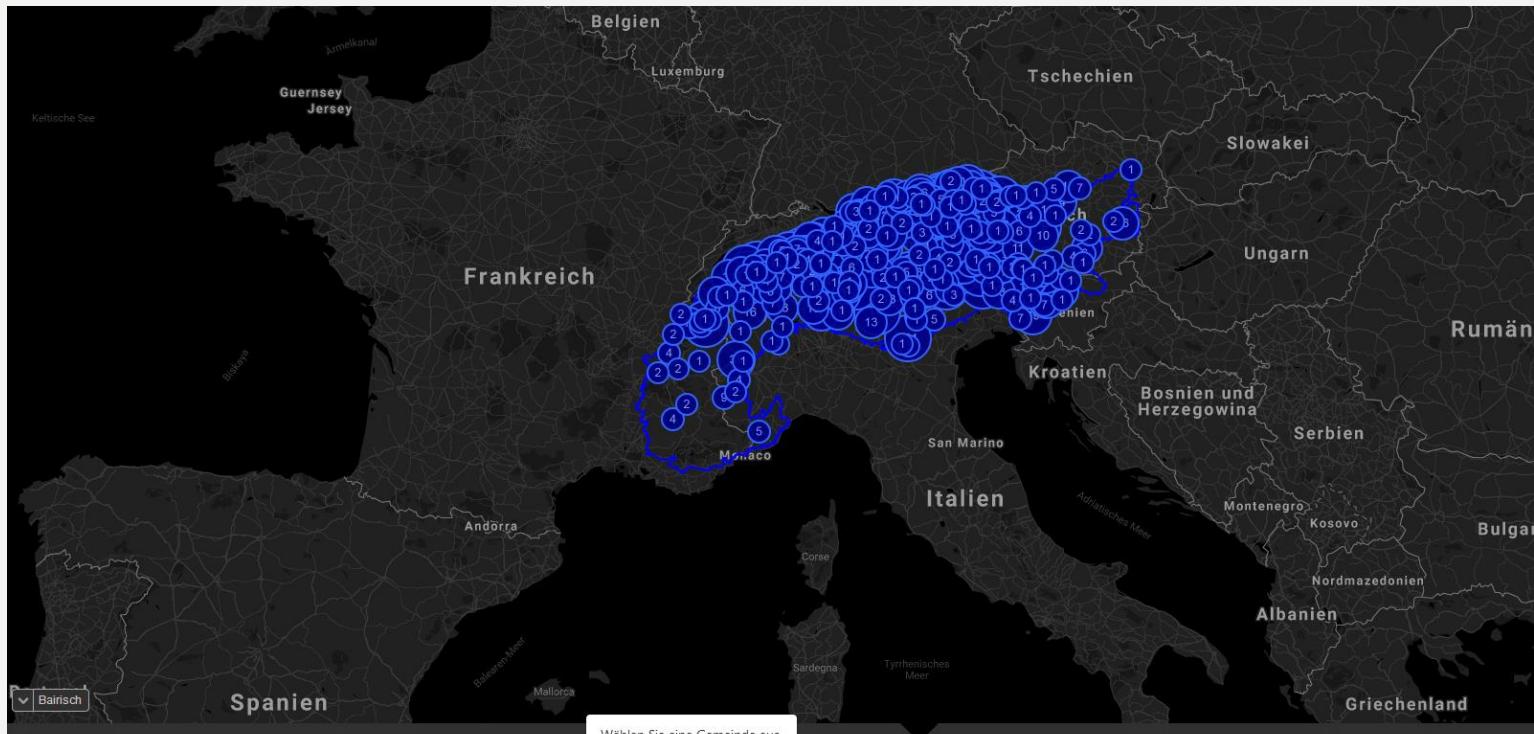
Atlases and Dictionaries in the Alpine region





Crowdsourcing-Tool

www.lmu.de/verbaalpina



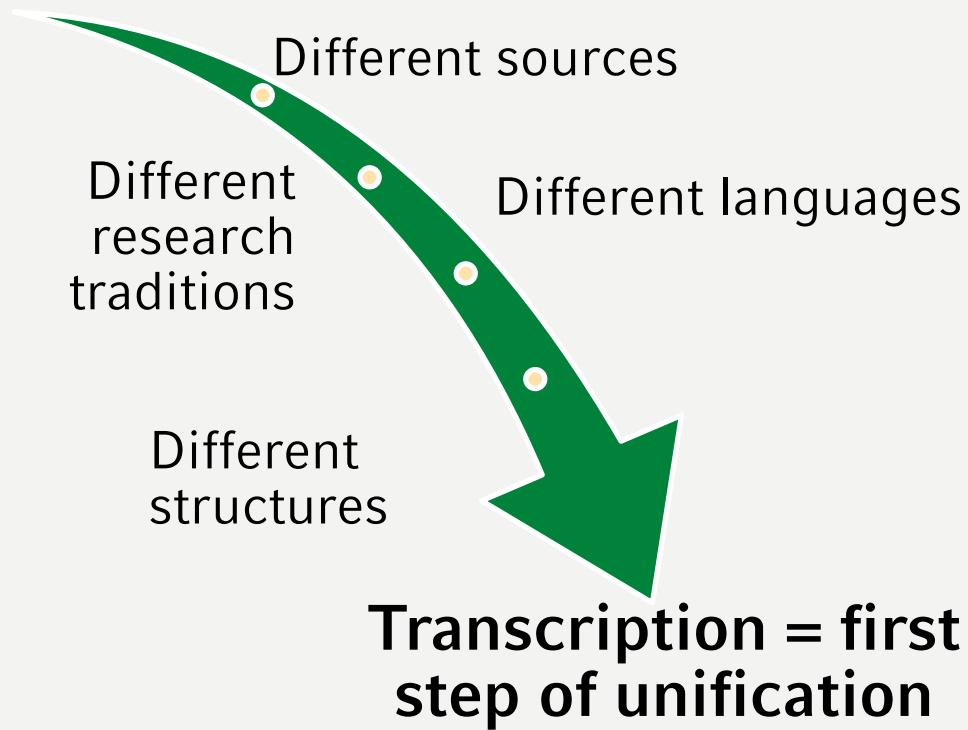
Wie sagt man zu **Begriff** in **Gemeinde**? Ihre Antwort





3. DATA PROCESSING

Transcription



→ Relational
Database: MySQL



3. DATA PROCESSING

Transcription

Transcription system: the beta code

International Phonetic
Alphabet (IPA)

'te:dza

Automatic Transformation

loss of information

„beta code“

la1 te?-/-g)/a1

record in the
database

Transcription rules

no loss of information

AIS: Böhmer-Ascoli

laç təg'ox

Principles of the
transcription:

1. Reliability of the
source

2. Easy comparability



3. DATA PROCESSING

Betacode

Beta Code

Diacritics

Base sign

Diacritics

ra pěša

3 4
1
2 → o?\\

- The system uses only ASCII signs: the data can be transcribed with any computer and by any user
- For every source an unique codepage is created allowing the conversion into IPA



3. DATA PROCESSING

Transcription Tool

Original map

Transcription rules

Meine Websites Deutsch 15 + Neu

III. BAND SPRACH- UND SACHATLAS ITALIENS UND DER SÜDSCHWEIZ. KARTE 569.

L'ABETE ROSSO (PICEA EXCELSA)
ROTANNE, FICHE - SAPIN ÉLEVÉ, ÉPICÉA
Bloch L - Penzig 351 - Roll.XII, 195,275
71,2 > 49,3 = 0

Legende:
Picea excelsa = firs excelsa.
Bif. leg zu Karte abste. bianco.

Grenzbezeichnungen:
87, 254, 263, 265, 278, 305, 306, 349, 352, 353
345, 352, 373, 378, 381, 454. Nur alle Zer-
brennen in Südtirol.
249, 357, 365, 377, 381, 459. Als Naturart
bekannt.
123, 378 - Name für alle Nadelwälder
125, 143, 245, 267, Götzen.

182, 183 - Bildet angeblich keine Früchte,
fass sonst von der Weißtanne
behauptet wird.
182. Erst mit 20 Jahren eingefürt.
182. Erst mit 20 Jahren eingefürt.
maßen verwendet.

AIS AIS#0569_1 ('l'abete rosso (N)) AIS 569_1 - l'abete rosso (N) Informant_Nr 1 (Brigels-Breil)

Transkription (Zeilzeichen hinzufügen)
1.)

Eintragen vacat Konzept nicht vorhanden Bezeichnung nicht bekannt Problem Neues Konzept anlegen

Original map

Basiszeichen

Zeichen	Beschreibung	Beta-Code	Kommentar
a	Griechisches Alpha	a1	
b	Spiegelverkehrtes a	a2	
æ	Ligatur ae	a3	
β	Griechisches Beta	b1	
ħ	Durchgestrichenes	b2	

Transcription rules

Source

Stimulus

Informant number

Field for entering the transcription

Concept assignment



3. DATA PROCESSING

Tokenization

Attestation in BetaCode	Attestation in IPA	Concept
una1 mu:g/a1 da1 va/c)/	una mydʒa da v'atɛ	HERD OF COWS
TOKENIZATION		
una1	una	ARTICLE
mu:g/a1	mydʒa	HERD
da1	da	PREPOSITION
va/c)/	v'atɛ	COW

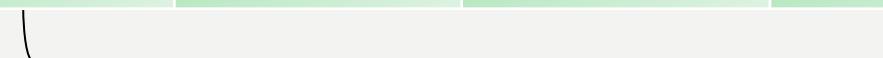


3. DATA PROCESSING

Typification

Morpho-lexical type: Orthography, language family, POS, gender, affix + base type (lexical base)

	barga	barg	margin	bargun
Language family	roa	roa	roa	roa
Part of speech	noun	noun	noun	noun
Affix	-	-	+	+
Gender	f	m	m	m
Morpho-lexical type	1	2	3	3



*barga/*barca



3. DATA PROCESSING

Typification tool

Source and map

expressions

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Belege

AIS 610_1: la fragola

Nur Belege ohne Konzeptzuweisung anzeigen
 Nur Belege aus der Alpenkonvention anzeigen

(Wenn "Strg" gedrückt ist, können mehrere Belege ausgewählt werden, wenn "Shift" gedrückt ist, werden alle orthographisch identischen Belege ausgewählt.)

Belege amazú --- amaz: u: (?) améšá --- améša: (?) [1] améšá --- améša: (?) [2] améšá --- améša: (?)

Auswahl leeren

Beleg	Informanten	Bemerkungen	Konzept(e)	VA-Typ	Aktionen
amazú --- amaz: u: (?)	249		ERDBEERE		Korrigieren
améšá --- améša: (?) [1]	150	Tokengruppe: amo/sa-	ERDBEERE		Korrigieren
améšá --- améša: (?) [2]	150		ERDBEERE		Korrigieren
améšá --- améša: (?)	150		ERDBEERE		Korrigieren

VA-Typ zuweisen

Typ auswählen Typ zuweisen Neuen Typ erstellen Typ bearbeiten

Konzept zuweisen

Konzept auswählen Konzept zuweisen Neues Konzept anlegen

Typisierung nicht notwendig

Belege sind ARTIKEL Bestätigen

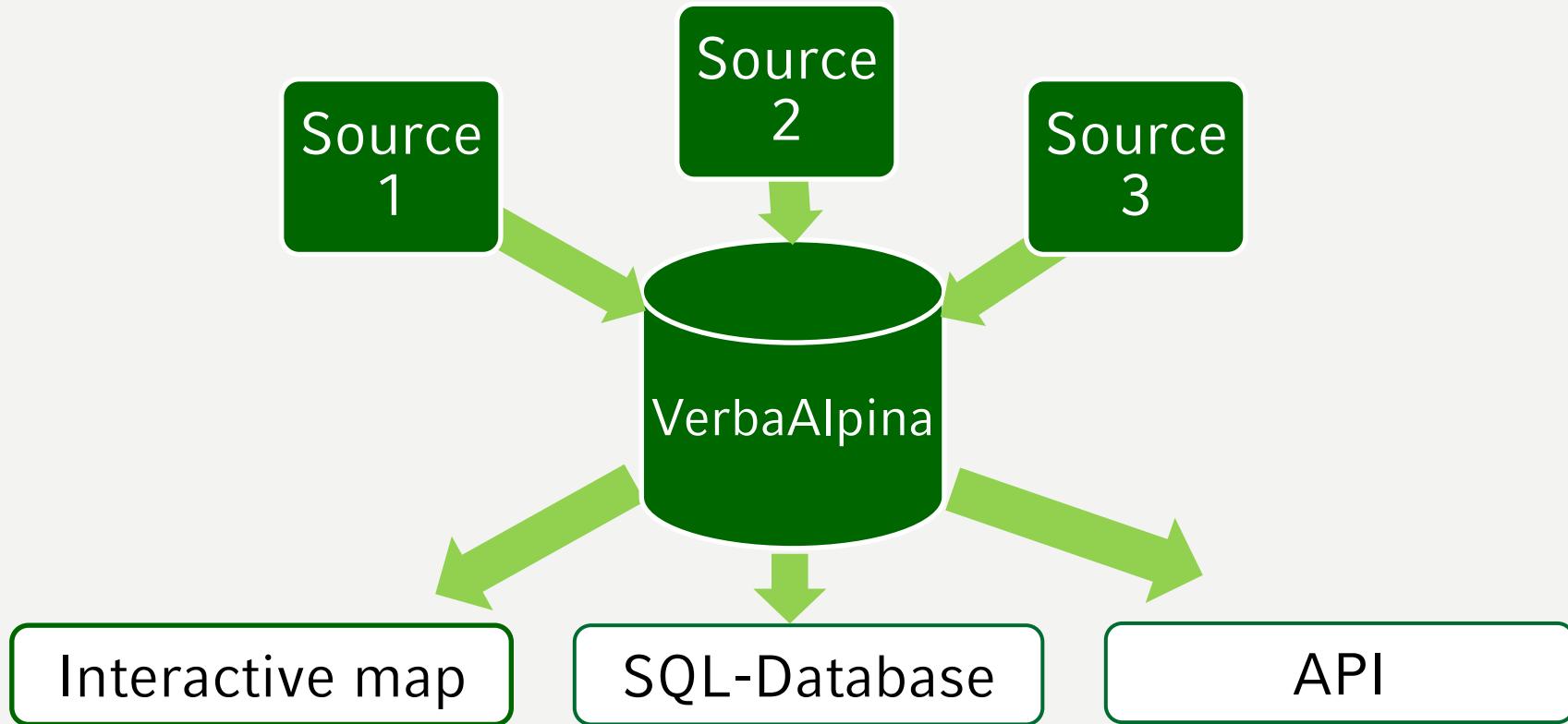
map

Types and concepts

Typification not necessary

3. DATA PROCESSING

Data access





4. VISUALIZATION OF DATA via the interactive map

- onomasiologically and semasiologically by using appropriate filters
- **4 different modes of visualization:**
 - geographical/physical
 - abstract
 - qualitative
 - quantitative



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 - abstract
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 - quantitative

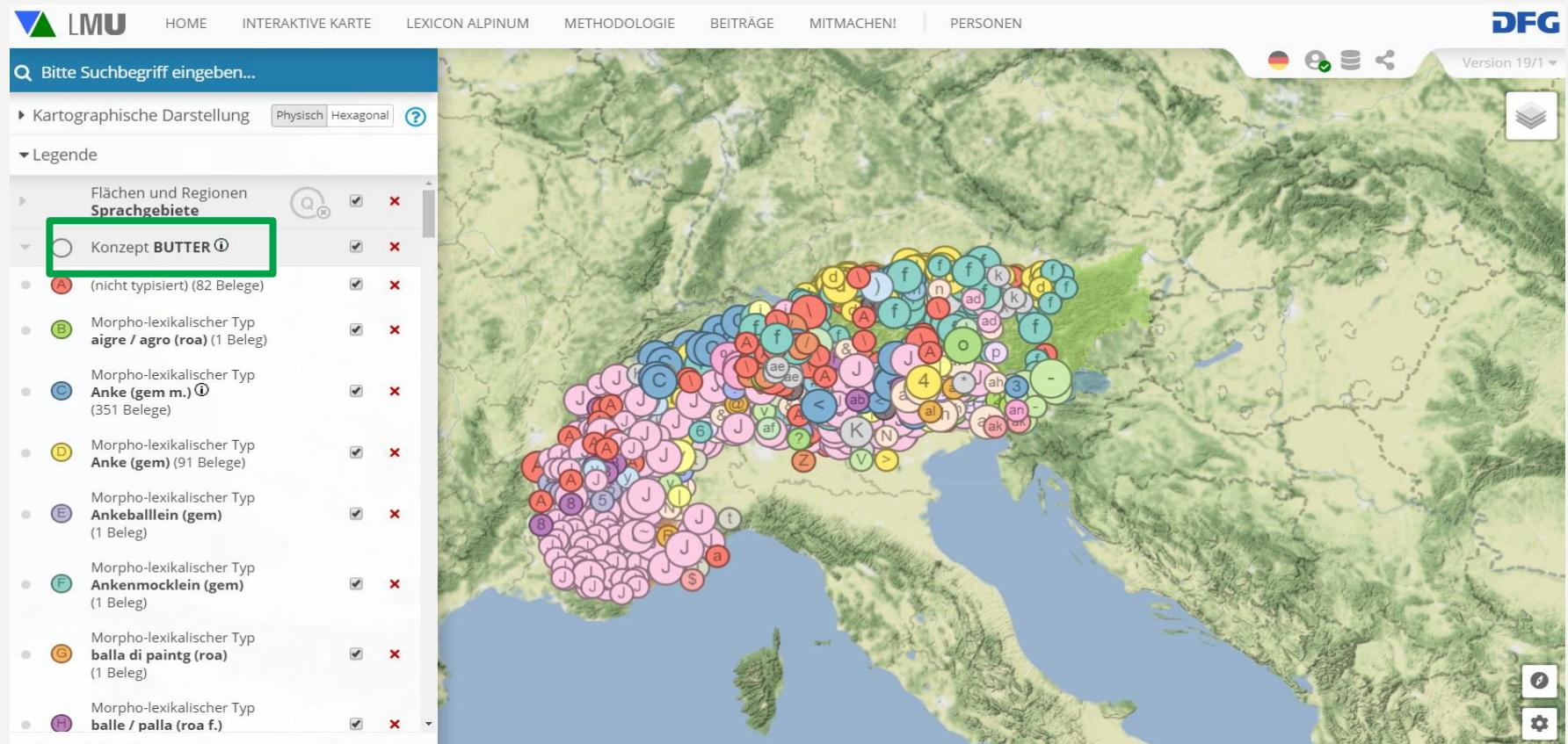


4. VISUALIZATION OF DATA via the interactive map

- onomasiologically and semasiologically
by using appropriate filters
- **4 different modes of visualization:**
 - geographical/physical (NUTS 3 boundaries)
 - abstract (hexagons/honeycomb map)
 - qualitative
 - quantitative

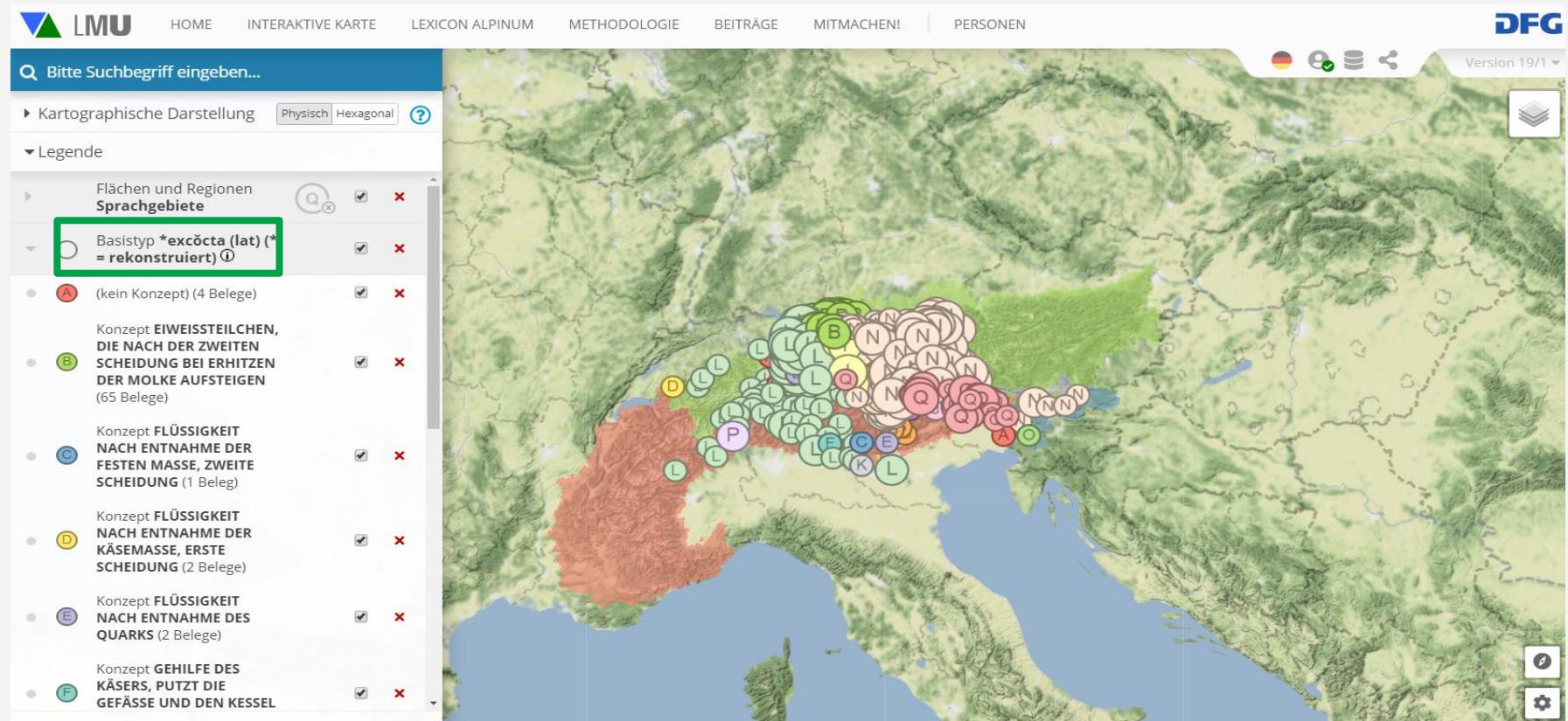


geographical qualitative (onomasiological perspective)



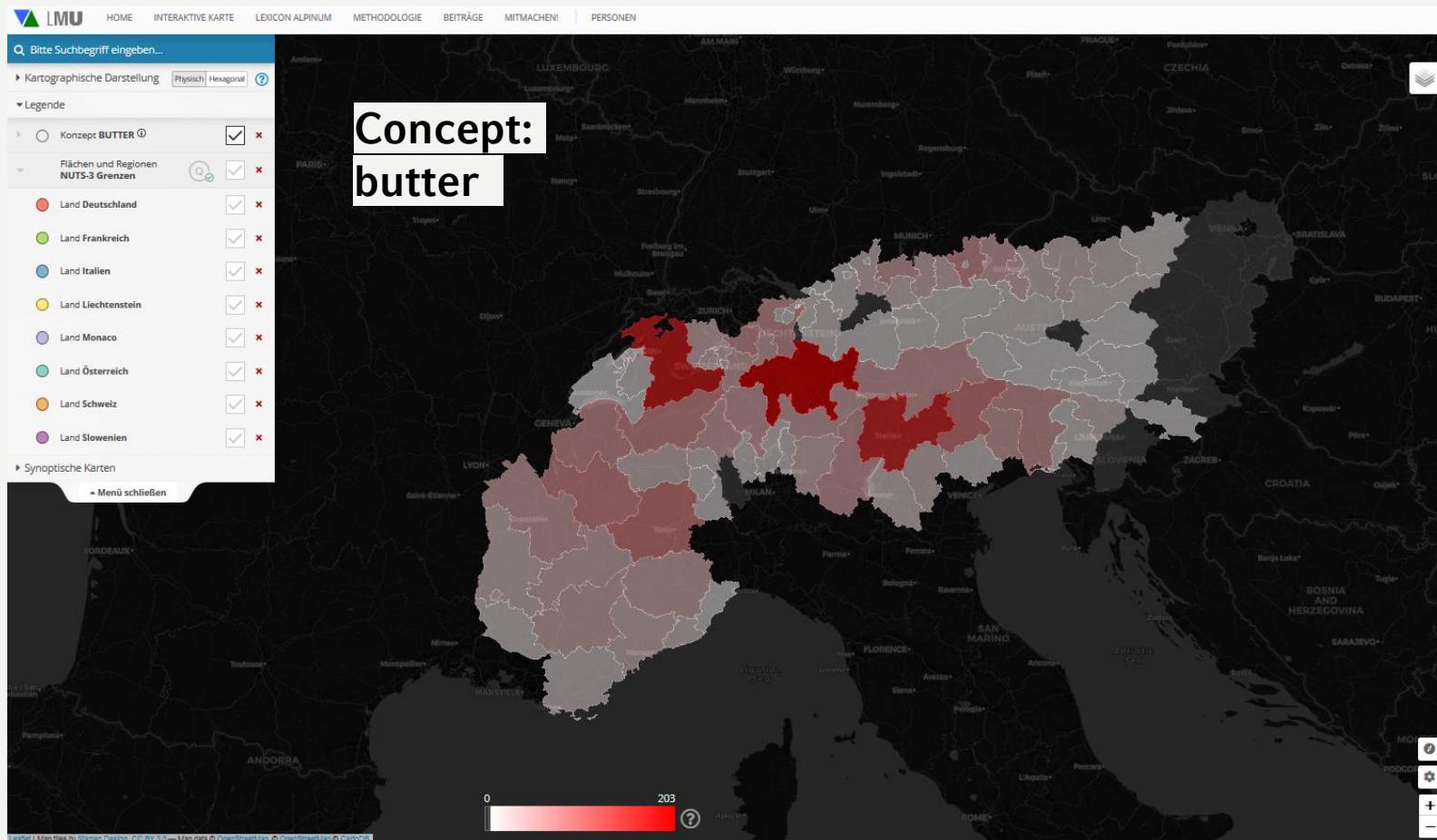


geographical qualitative (semasiological perspective)





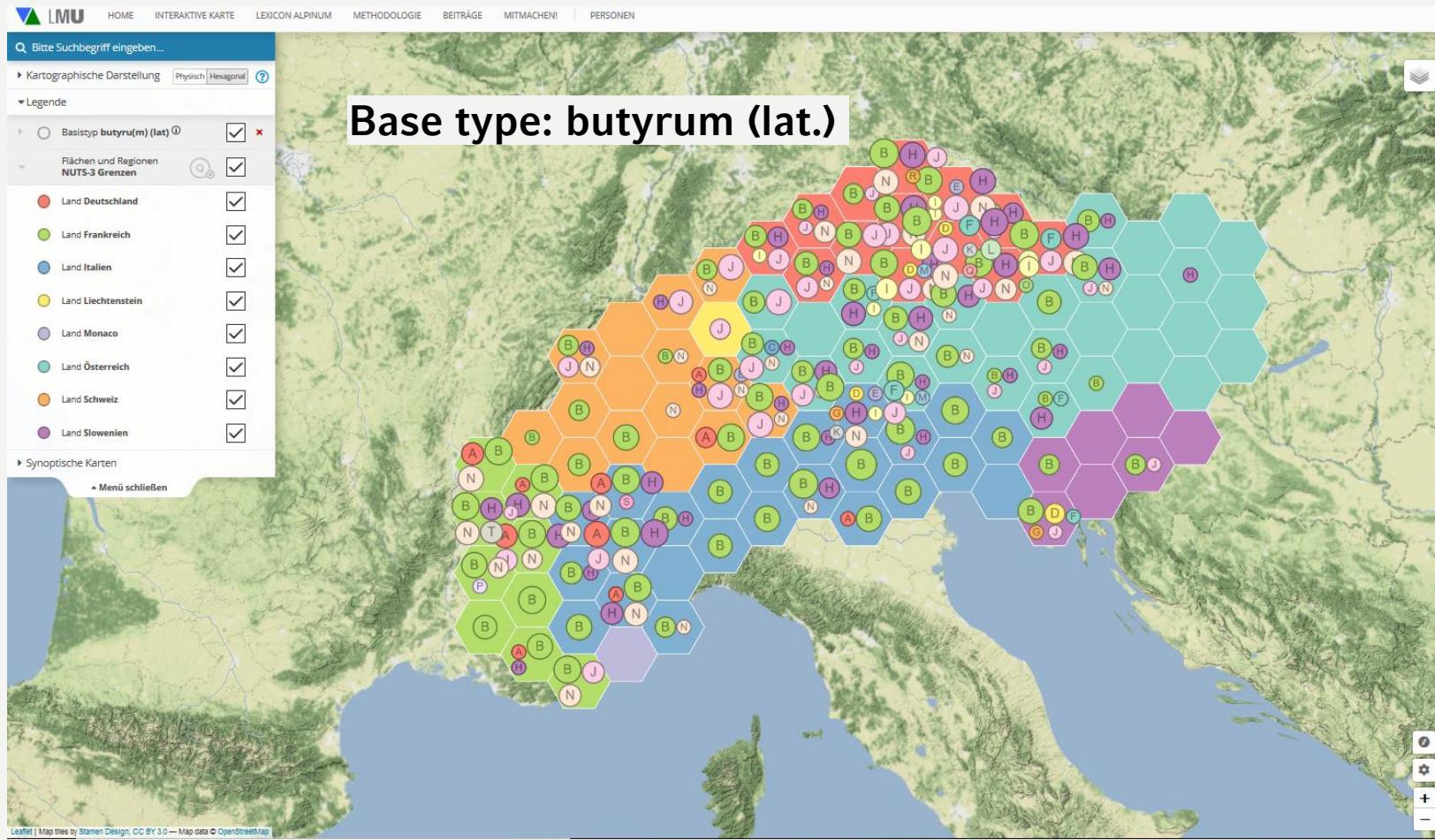
geographical quantitative (onomasiological perspective)



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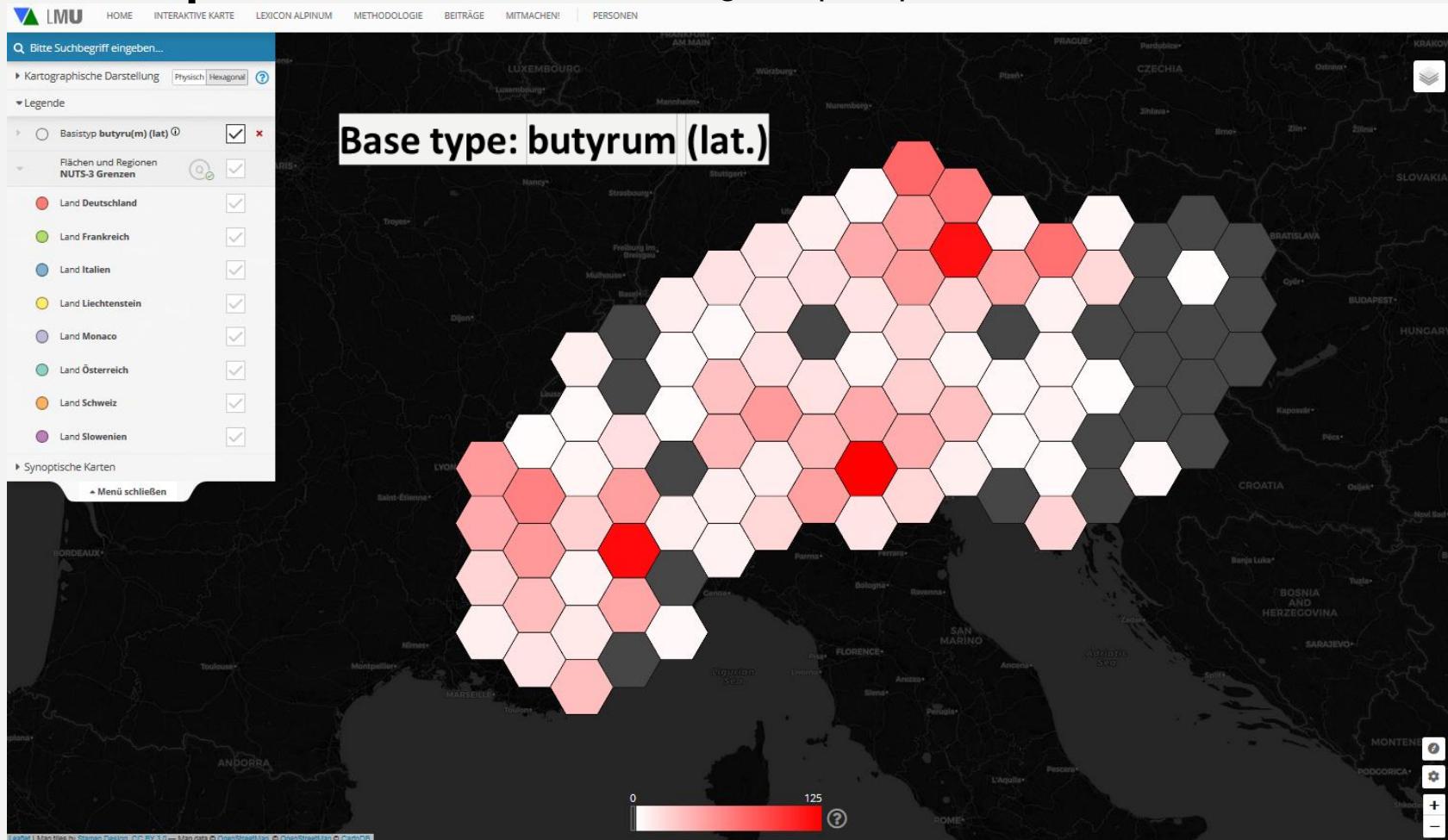


abstract qualitative (onomasiological perspective)





abstract quantitative (onomasiological perspective)





5. LINKING OF DATA

Guaranteed by:

- 1) Enrichment with **metadata**
- 2) Assignment of persistent **identifiers** of different knowledge data bases/norm data bases/reference dictionaries (GeoNames, Q-ID/L-ID, GND, DOI)



1) Enrichment with metadata

- a) via the process of typification
 - assignment of basic types, morpho-lexical types, phonetic types

- b) via the enrichment with sociolinguistic and sociodemographic data
 - language, municipality

(if available: age and sex of the informant)



2) Assignment of different identifiers

OBJECTIVE: Interconnection of VA data with data of other projects

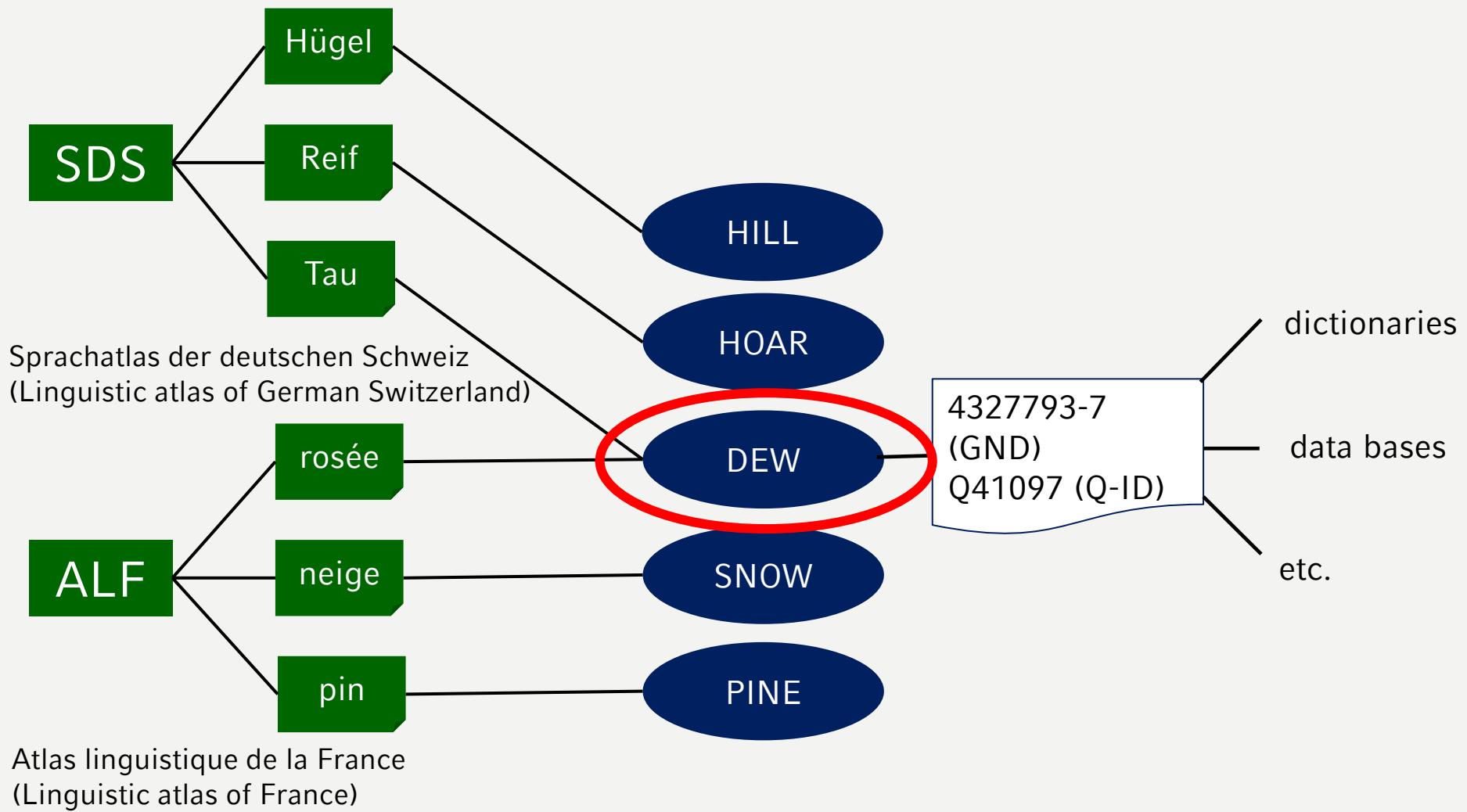
- **GeoNames** of www.geonames.org (for municipalities)
- **Q-IDs** of Wikidata (for concepts)
- partly also: **L-IDs** of Wikidata (for morpho-lexical types) + **GNDs** of the German National Library (for concepts) (*Gemeinsame Normdatei*, „Integrated Authority File“)
- **ISO-Codes 639-3** (for languages)
- Identifiers of **reference dictionaries** (for morpho-lexical types + base types)
- **DOIs** (Digital Object Identifiers, assigned to every single data)

Sintra
2262912

Q54050
(Q-ID)

L73260
(L-ID)

4135744-9 (GND)



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butter (Q34172)

dairy product

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Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	butter	dairy product	
German	Butter	aus Milch hergestelltes Streichfett	Salzbutter Tafelbutter Buttern Rohmilchbutter Sauerrahmbutter Kirnen Süßrahmbutter
French	beurre	aliment obtenu à partir de la matière grasse du lait	8029-34-3 Beurre d'escargot
Bavarian	Budan	No description defined	

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„Zirbelkiefer“ – Swiss stone pine



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→ Suchformular zurücksetzen

sw all "Butter" Finden → Expertensuche ?

eingeschränkt auf
- Materialarten: Elektronische Datenträger
- Normdaten: Sachbegriffe

Ergebnis der Suche nach: sw all "Butter"

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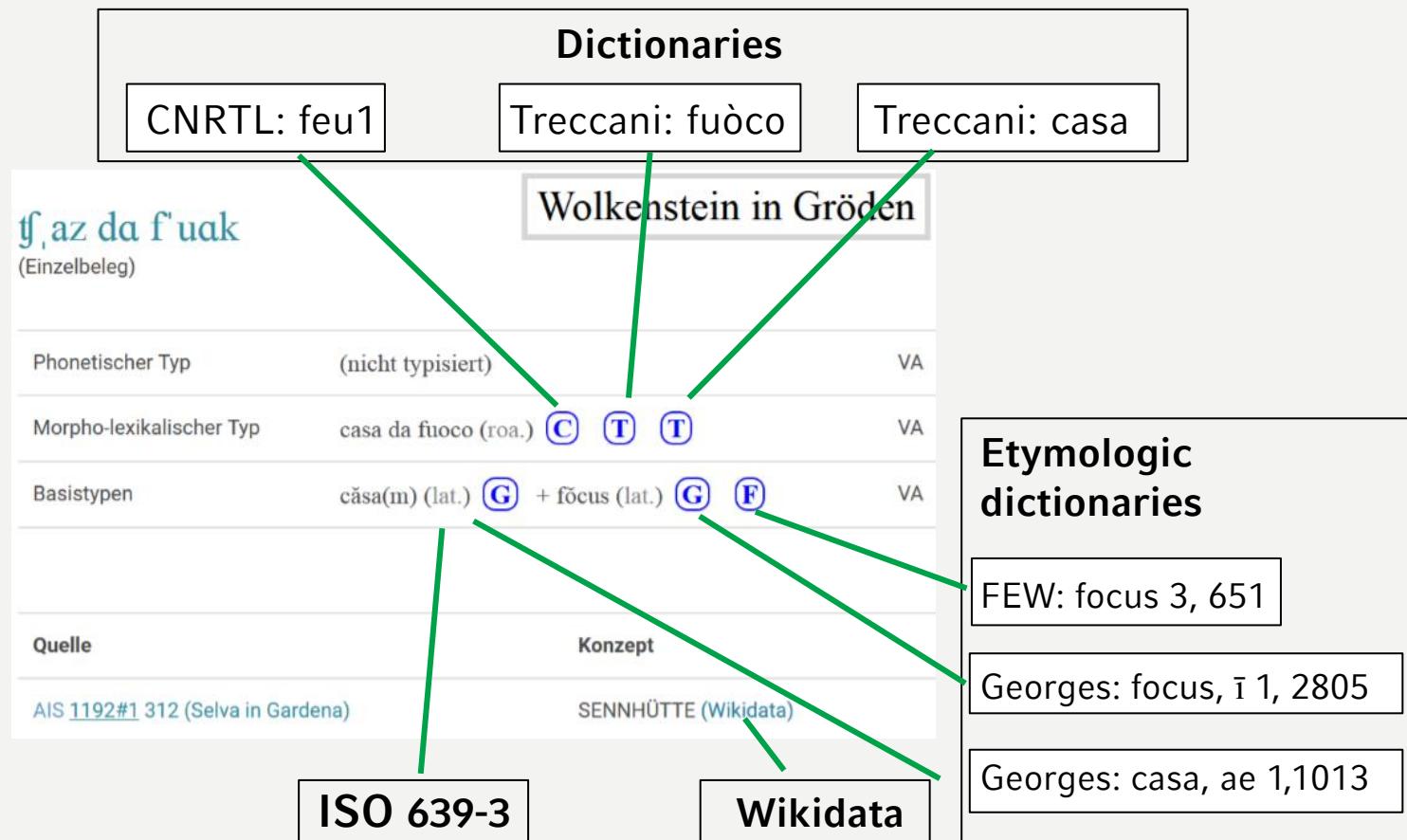
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GND	
Link zu diesem Datensatz	http://d-nb.info/gnd/4009236-7
Sachbegriff	Butter
Quelle	M
Oberbegriffe	Milchprodukt Streichfett
DDC-Notation	637.2 641.372
Systematik	32.7 Milchwirtschaft ; 31.11 Lebensmitteltechnologie
Typ	Allgemeinbegriff (saz)
Andere Normdaten	LCSH: Butter RAMEAU: Beurre LCSH: Cooking (Butter) RAMEAU: Cuisine (beurre)



▪ Identifiers of reference dictionaries

→ at present 43 dictionaries (e.g. Treccani, FEW online, DRG, Duden, etc.)





- **DIs (Digital Object Identifier)**

- assigned to every single data
(attestations, morpho-lexical types, concepts, municipalities)
- accessibility also if URL (Uniform Resource Locator) changes

Advantage: sustainable citability of electronic resources



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