

Automatic Enjambment Detection as a New Source of Evidence in Spanish Versification

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Defining enjambment

- Device whereby a syntactic unit is broken up across two lines of poetry.
- An unnatural “cut” ensues, which can result in stylistic effects (emphasis, contrast, double interpretations)

Enjambment example

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Current debates

- Which syntactic elements can trigger this “unnatural” effect when split?
- Are syntactic criteria the best way to define contexts for these stylistic effects?
- What are the stylistic effects possible?

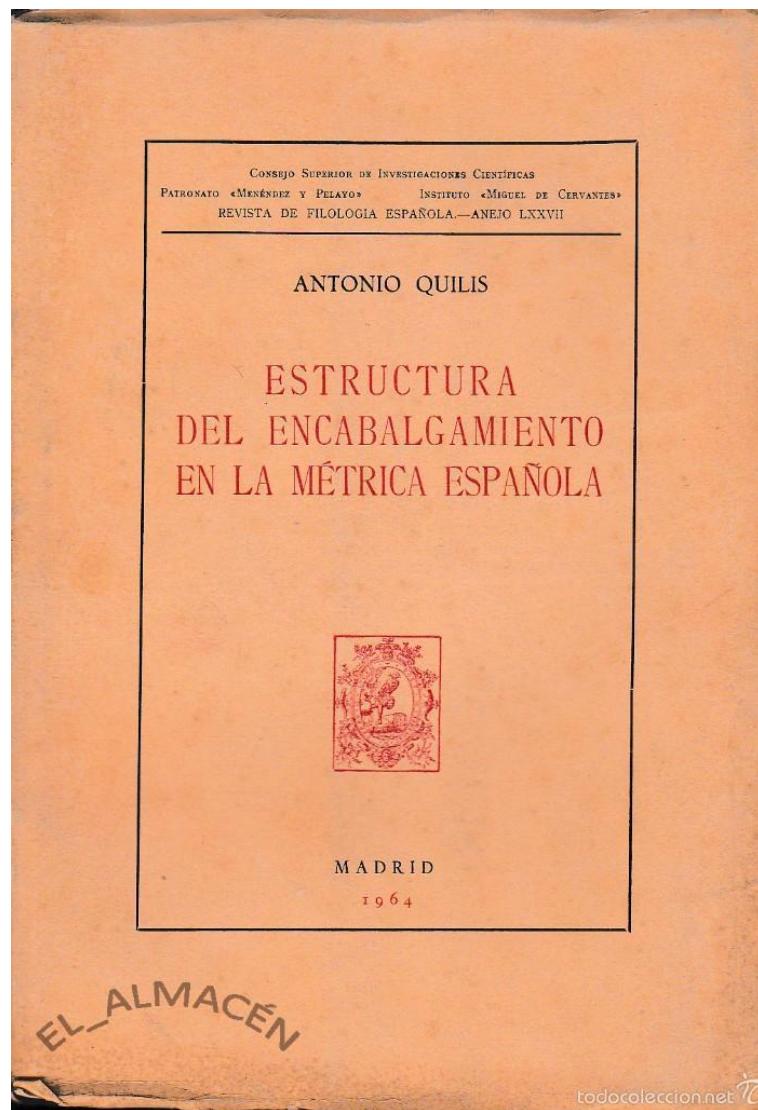
Intended contribution

- Gathering variety of enjambment examples systematically, thanks to automatic detection
- Shed light on the limitations of current definitions of the phenomenon
- Provide quantitative evidence of the use of enjambment across periods, genres or schools

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Definition in Quilis (1964)

- Quilis (1964) sees two types of definitions in the literature:
 - Based on the notion of “sense continuation” after a metrical pause
 - Based on the idea of breaking up syntactic components
- He focused on a syntactic definition, finding it more amenable to formalization/testing

Quilis' production experiments

- Enjambment takes place when ***particularly cohesive syntactic units*** are broken up by a metrical pause (across lines or hemistichs)
- Cohesive units experimentally determined:
 - via **literary prose reading**, measuring pauses
 - **units where pauses seldom occur** are seen as very cohesive: Possible enjambment contexts
- Breaking up such units can result in a noticeable effect

Quilis' enjambment typology

- **Tmesis:**

Breaks up a word

(1) The four **eng-**
ineers

Wore orange
brassieres

- **Phrase-bounded:**¹ A phrase gets split

(2) Listen! you hear the grating **roar**

Of pebbles with the waves draw back, and fling

- **Cross-clause:**² Between a relative pronoun
and its antecedent

(3) And time for all the works and days of **hands**

 That lift and drop a question on your plate

¹encabalgamiento *sirremático* ²encabalgamiento *oracional*

Enjambment context examples

Some Phrase-bounded types

Noun or Adj Phrases

- determiner + noun
- noun or adj + prepositional complement
- adj + noun
- adj + adverb

Verb Phrases

- verb + adverb
- clitic + verb
- complex verb tenses
- verb + prepositional argument (Spanish *suplemento*)

COMPLETE TYPOLOGY

- <https://sites.google.com/site/spanishenjambment>

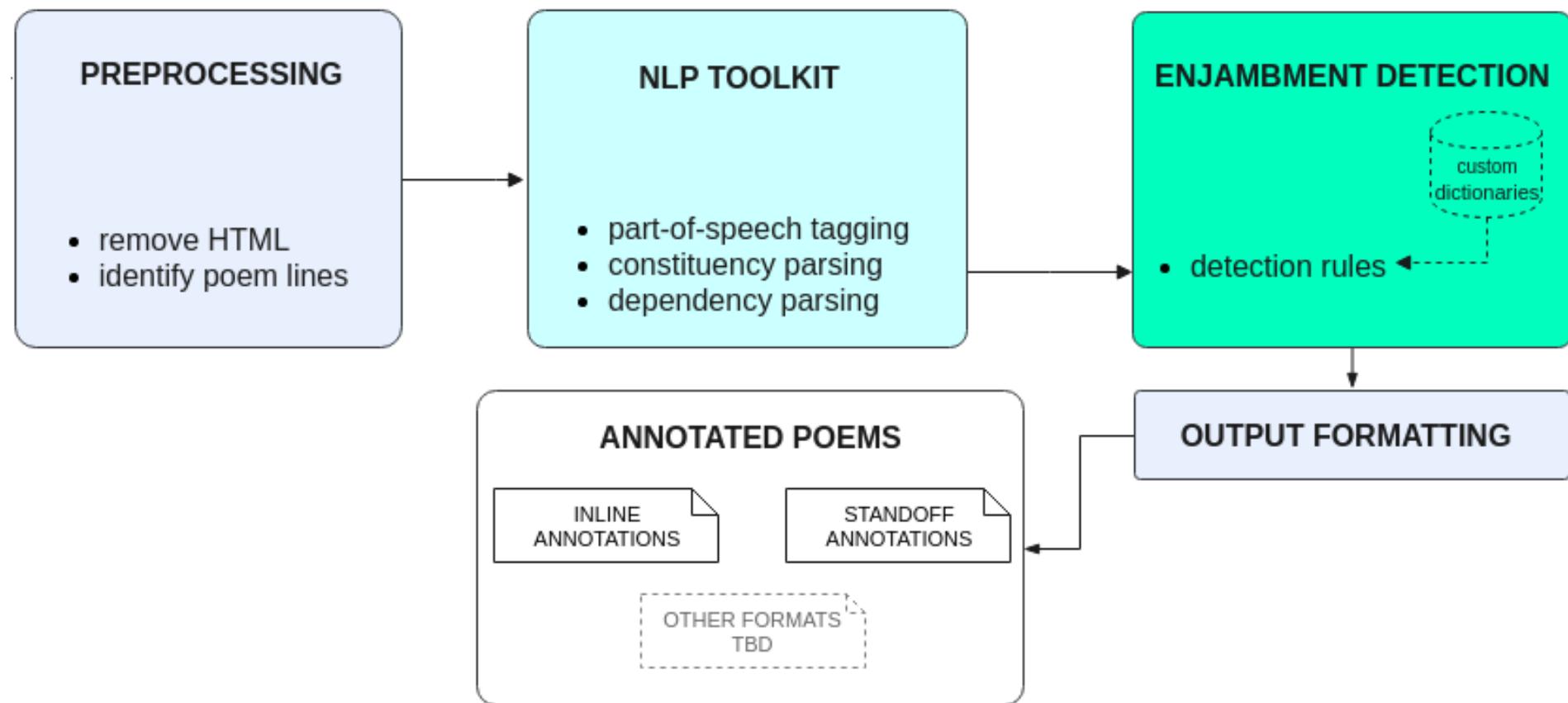
Automatic enjambment detection

- **Quilis'** definition, formulated in terms of
 - Part-of-speech sequences
 - Syntactic **constituents**
- **Spang** (1983) noted that breaking up a subject or object from its verb-head can also feel unnatural (*enlace* or *expansion*)
 - Syntactic **dependencies**
- NLP pipeline provides basis for detecting enjambment defined with such criteria

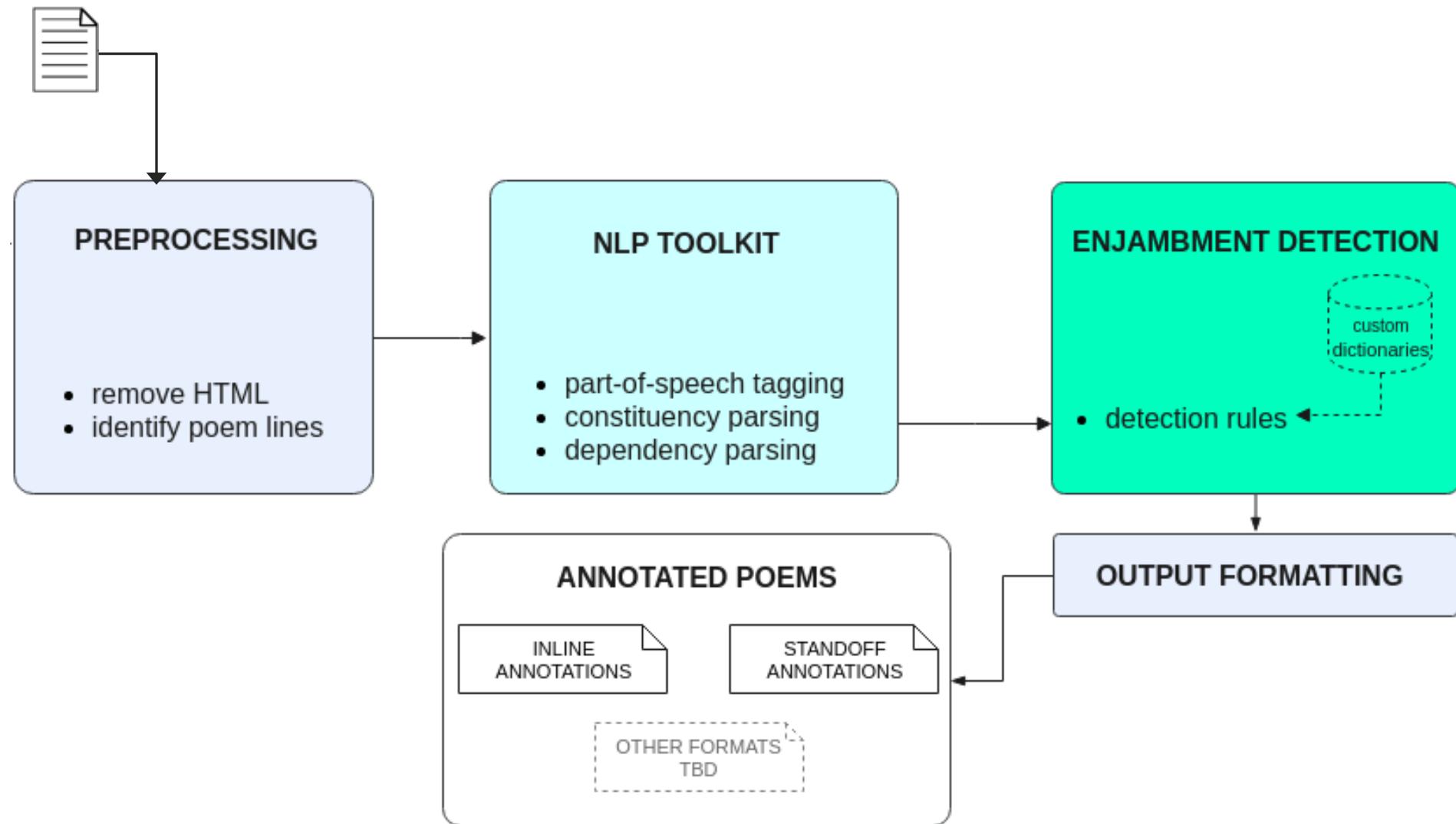
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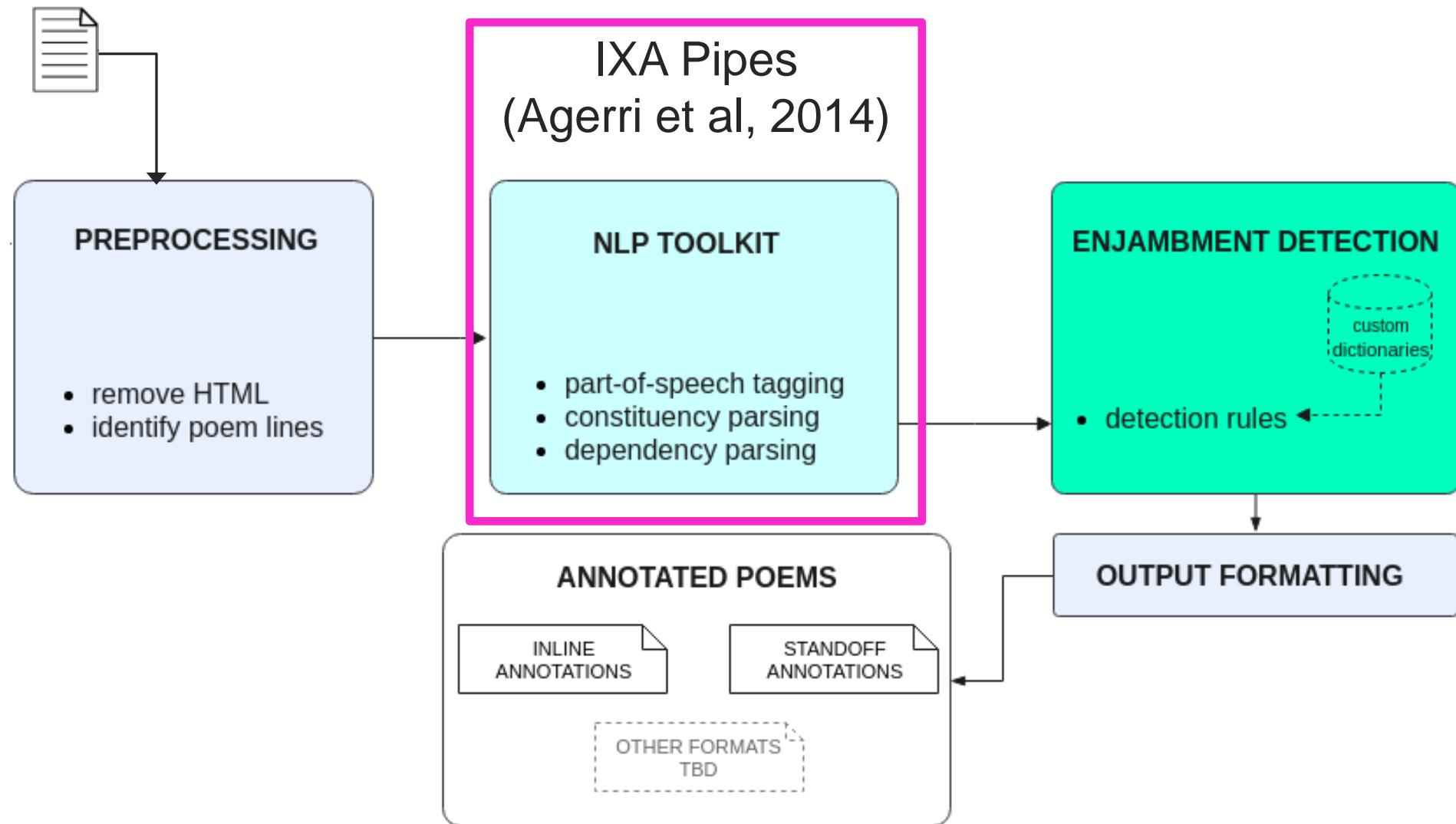
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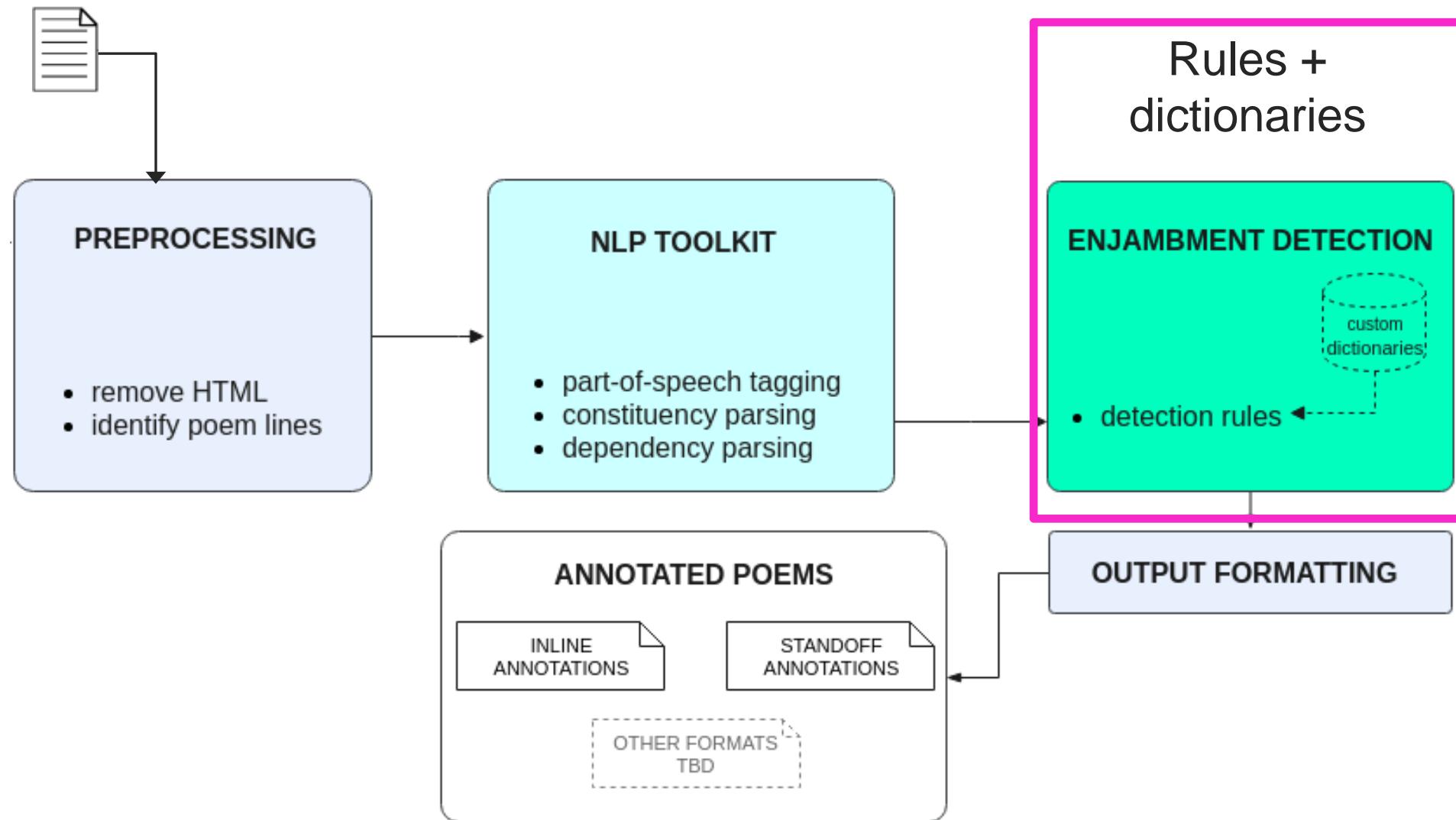
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Rule characteristics

- Approx. 30 rules
- Shallow rules based on POS sequences
- Such rules can also be lexically restricted to specific lemmas or word-forms
- Dependency-based
- Constituent-based

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- 1 if, across a line-boundary, find
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 - 2 add type *pb_noun_prep* to the line-pair

Rule characteristics

- POS-based rules, but lexically restricted to specific lemmas or word-forms
- 1 if, immediately across a line-boundary, can match
 - verb-lemma from custom dictionary AND
 - the preposition whereby the matched verb can governs prepositional complements
 - 2 add pb_verb_cprep to the line-pair

Rule characteristics

- Dependency-based rules
- 1 If, on adjacent lines, find a verb and its subject
2 add ex_subj_verb to the line-pair
 - 1 If, on adjacent lines, find a verb and its object
2 add ex_dobj_verb to the line-pair

Rule application example

- (4) 12 Si tú, Señor, le compadeces, cuida
13 de hacerle amar tu hora, la de verte,
14 si esperada quizás, siempre temida.

12 If you, Lord, take pity on him [my spirit], beware
13 of making him love your hour, that of seeing you,
14 which, while expected, is always feared

Amos de Escalante (1831-1901), “Al Cristo de mi cabecera”

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- 12 {Si C} {tú Q} {, O} {Señor O} {, O} {le Q} {compadeces N} {, O} **{cuida V}**
13 **{de P}** {hacerle V} {amar V} {tu D} {hora N} {, O} {la D} {de P} {verte V} {, O}
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Output formats

- Standoff format for automatic evaluation

AuthorID	PoemID	Start	End	Type
269	0872	12	13	pb_verb_cprep

- Inline format with POS tags and term-IDs for manual inspection

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System Evaluation: Corpus

- Reference **corpus**
 - 1,000 lines of 20th century poems
 - 100 sonnets (1,400 lines) from the 15th to 19th centuries (30% from 19th)
 - Covers a variety of enjambment types
- Interannotator **agreement?**
 - 50% of test-items annotated by two people
 - Overlap for line-pairs with enjambment: 75.4%
 - Overlap for line-pairs without: 95.7%

System Evaluation: Tasks

- **Untyped** match (detection)
 - Line-pair positions proposed by system must match the reference
- **Typed** match (classification)
 - Line-pair positions and the type proposed by the system must match the reference

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adj_adv	1	100	100	100
adj_noun	54	95.74	83.33	89.11
adj_prep	11	63.64	63.64	63.64
adv_prep	2	0	0	0
noun_prep	85	81.11	85.88	83.43
relword	2	100	100	100
verb_adv	7	77.78	100	87.50
verb_cprep	2	33.33	50.00	40.00
verb_chain	10	100	100	100
<i>Cross-clause</i>	31	100	93.55	96.67
<i>Expansions (by Spang)</i>	71	61.54	78.87	69.14
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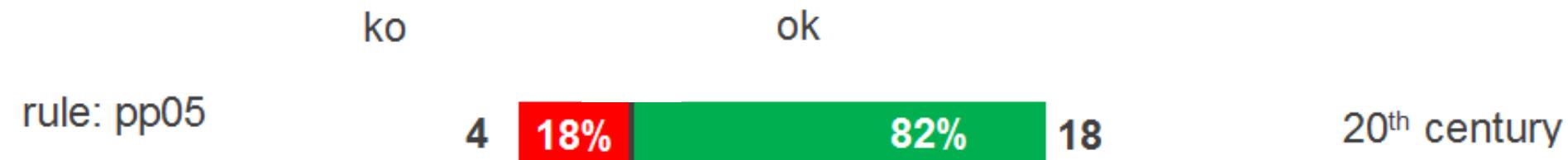
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adj_prep	14	58.82	71.43	64.52
noun_prep	39	55.36	79.49	65.26
relword	1	100	100	100
verb_adv	5	50.00	100	66.67
verb_cprep	9	83.33	55.56	66.67
verb_chain	5	100	80.00	88.89
<i>Cross-clause</i>	23	76.00	82.61	79.17
<i>Expansion (by Spang)</i>	133	61.54	66.17	63.77
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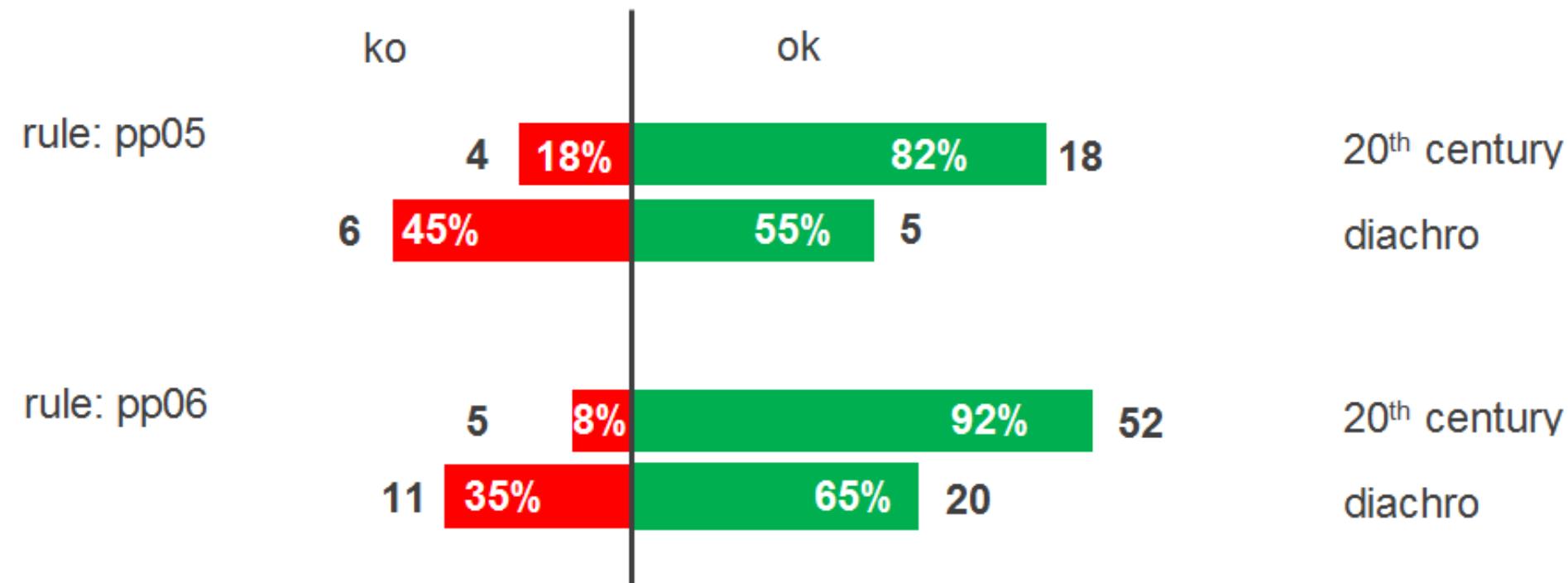
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Error sources

- Different error patterns in 20th century vs. diachronic corpus
- **20th century**: Besides rule errors, common NLP errors were:
 - Prepositional Phrase attachment
 - Confusion between subject and direct object
- **Diachronic**: Larger variety of error types, e.g.
 - POS-tagging errors
 - Rules overapply given hyperbaton

Error analysis: Conclusions

- Currently our rules exploit one source of information each:
 - POS sequence (plus lexical restrictions or not)
 - Dependency
 - Constituents
- Binary evaluation: Rule conditions met or not
- Manual error analysis showed that those information sources complement each other
- Combining them via machine learning may be better option (manual annotation ongoing)

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Scholarly results

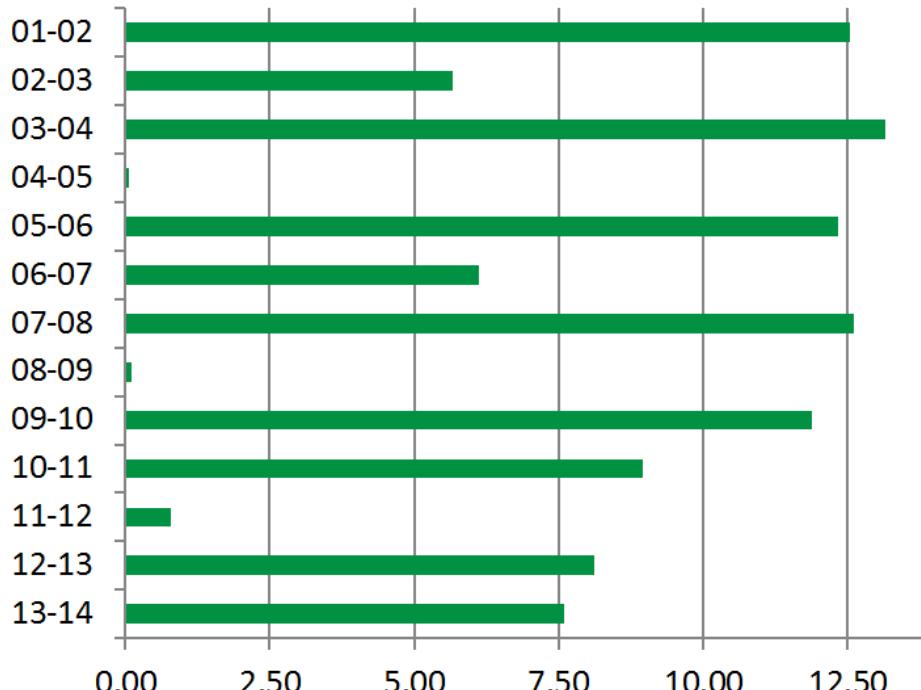
- Two goals
 - Quantitative results on the use of enjambment across genres or periods
 - Providing evidence to assess current characterizations of enjambment

Large diachronic corpus

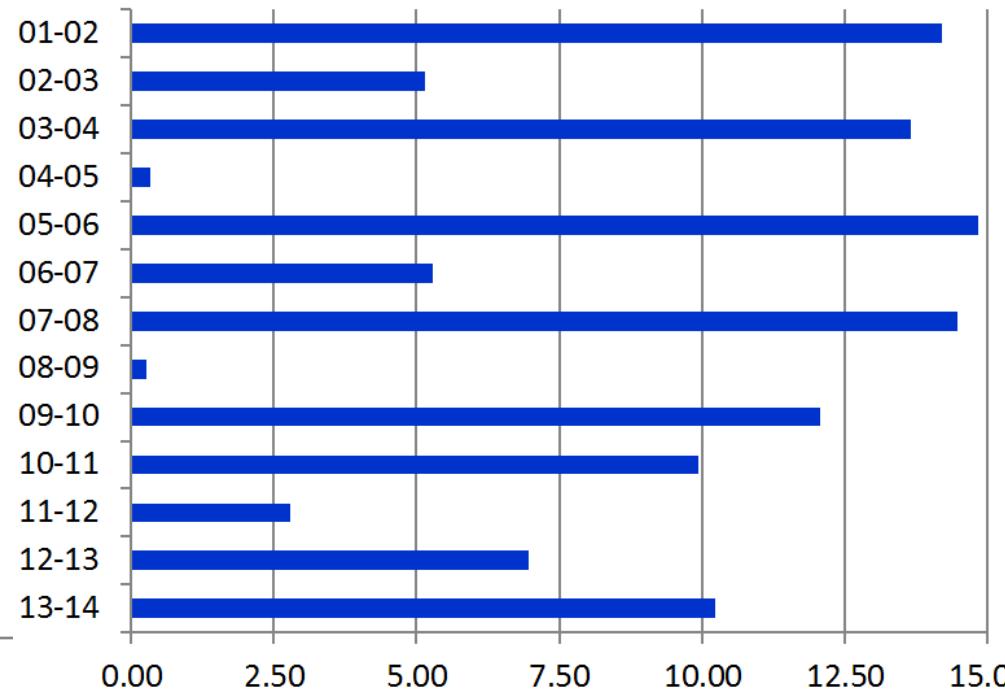
- Approx. 3750 sonnets
- Two periods
 - 15th to 17th centuries (ca. 1,000 sonnets)
 - 19th century (ca. 1,750 sonnets)
- Covers well-known and minor authors
- Created from online HTML sources
(anthologies by García González, 2006 at Biblioteca Virtual Cervantes)

Quantitative analysis per period: Distribution of enjambment per line-position

15th to 17th centuries



19th century



Percentage of enjambments per line-pair in sonnets

aencias de las Jupertores. no dexare de traer esta adverſion, pues ſe offre
ce lugar para ello; que cortar el verso enel Soneto, como ,

Quien me dixera , cuando en las paſſadas
oras —

no es vicio ſi no virtud, i uno de los caminos principales para alcanſar P
alteza

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gunos, que nunca diſen mejor , que cuando ſicimpre acaban la ſentencia
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enel ſoneto; que terminar los verſos deſte modo. porque aunque ſean com-
puestos de letraz ſonantes, i de ſilibas llenas caſi todas., parecen de
mu uulde eſtilo i ſimplicidad, no por flaquezza i desmayo de letraz , ſi
no por ſola eſta igual manera de paſſo, no apartando algun verſo ; que
iendo todo entero a acabarſe en ſu fin, no puede tener alguna cumplida
gravedad, ni alteza, ni hermosura de eſtilo; ſi bien concurrieffen todas
las otras partes. Pero cuando quiere alguno acompañar el eſtilo confor-

Redefinition: Enjambment and hyperbaton

(5) Jauregui,_Juan_de ~~ Condena_al_fabricar_soberbios_palacios

01 ¡Ay, de cuán poco sirve al arrogante

02 el edificio que, soberbio empina

03 sobre pilastras de Tenaro, y **fina**

fine

04 **de mármol *piedra***, y color cambiante!

of marble stone

- **noun + adjective**
- Without hyperbaton: **fina *piedra de mármol***
- A pause between **fina** and **de mármol *piedra*** would be very unnatural

Redefinition: Enjambment and hyperbaton

(6) Acosta,_Ignacio_María ~~ Al_plan_de_Matanzas

12 ilumina mi espíritu; y lloroso,

13 que eres **la *tumba* perdurable pienso**

the tomb enduring think-I

14 del pueblo antiguo que habitó en Yucayo.

of-the people ancient

- Enjambment ***noun* + prepositional complement**
- Normal word order: **la *tumba* perdurable *del pueblo antiguo***
- Pause after the **verb-form pienso** would be natural.
Can we speak of enjambment?

Demo

<http://evi.linhd.uned.es/anja/wspindex/>

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ANJA

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Analysis

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Oscuro oboe de bruma, cómo sepulta el mar
tu solemne sonido que despierta a los muertos.
Aquí, en esta ladera que cubre el olivar,
sangre y labio repiten musicales conciertos.
La ladera y sus soles que maduran los vinos,
la tensión del azul volcado de los cielos,
armonía y vacío en espacios divinos,
horror al más allá tras las costas de Delos.
Perdición, extravío de las horas oscuras
del corazón que sueña, en la luz, otros mundos,
mientras la boca va desgranando las puras
notas de arte mortal en los hondos, inmundos
socavones del mal. Pues ¿por qué se da guerra
junto al amor y por qué la voz de la ebriedad
y el dolor infinito van girando en la tierra?
Un año más se funden misterio y soledad.
Y, sin embargo, tú, estrella de la tarde,
ves llegar el final, los bordes del ocaso.
¿Qué secretos oculta este cosmos que arde
en la muerte y qué nos reserva el ocaso?
Mas, en el hondo instante, la música revela
la inmensidad del orbe, la dimensión del ser.
Un aroma de azahar la angustia nos desvela.
Horror y sed de dioses tras otro atardecer.
Oscuro oboe de bruma, entreabre las venas
del mundo en esta paz y arrasa la Historia.
Vida y muerte se acercan como olas serenas
al corazón que ahuyenta, soñando, la memoria.

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Start	End	Enjambment Type
1	2	enlace_od_verb
9	10	sirrem_noun_prep
12	13	sirrem_adj_noun
13	14	sirrem_adj_noun
14	15	enlace_subj_verb
21	22	enlace_od_verb
25	26	sirrem_noun_prep

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#	Text	Position	Enjambment Type
1	{Oscuro D} {oboe N} {de P} {bruma N} {, O} {cómo Q} {sepulta V} {el D} {mar N}	B	enlace_od_verb
2	{tu D} {solemne G} {sonido N} {que Q} {despierta V} {a P} {los D} {muertos N} {, O}	I	enlace_od_verb
3	{Aquí A} {, O} {en P} {esta D} {ladera N} {que Q} {cubre V} {el D} {olivar N} {, O}	O	
4	{sangre N} {y C} {labio N} {repiten V} {musicales G} {conciertos N} {, O}	O	
5	{La D} {ladera N} {y C} {sus D} {soles N} {que Q} {maduran V} {los D} {vinos N} {, O}	O	
6	{la D} {tensión N} {del P} {azul N} {volcado G} {de P} {los D} {cielos N} {, O}	O	
7	{armonía N} {y C} {vacío N} {en P} {espacios N} {divinos G} {, O}	O	
8	{horror N} {al P} {más A} {allá A} {tras P} {las D} {costas N} {de P} {Delos R} {, O}	O	
9	{Perdición N} {, O} {extravío N} {de P} {las D} {horas N} {oscuras G}	B	sirrem_noun_prep
10	{del P} {corazón N} {que Q} {sueña V} {, O} {en P} {la D} {luz N} {, O} {otros D} {mundos N} {, O}	I	sirrem_noun_prep
11	{mientras C} {la D} {boca N} {va V} {desgranando V} {las D} {puras N}	O	
12	{notas N} {de P} {arte N} {mortal G} {en P} {los D} {hondos N} {, O} {inmundos G}	B	sirrem_adj_noun
13	{socavones N} {del P} {mal N} {, O} {Pues C} {¿ O} {por P} {qué Q} {se Q} {da V} {guerra N}	IB	sirrem_adj_noun sirrem_adj_noun
14	{junto G} {al P} {amor N} {y C} {por P} {qué Q} {la D} {voz N} {de P} {la D} {ebriedad N}	IB	sirrem_adj_noun enlace_subj_verb
15	Jv C1 Sel D1 Sdolor N1 Jinfinito G1 Jvan V1 Soirando V1 Sen P1 Jla D1 Stierra N1 S2 O1	I	enlace_subj_verb



Text

- 1 {Oscuro D t1} {oboe N t2} {de P t3} {bruma N t4} {, O t5} {cómo Q t6} {sepulta V t7} {el D t8} {mar N t9}
- 2 {tu D t10} {solemne G t11} {sonido N t12} {que Q t13} {despierta V t14} {a P t15} {los D t16} {muertos N t17} {, O t18}
- 3 {Aquí A t19} {, O t20} {en P t21} {esta D t22} {ladera N t23} {que Q t24} {cubre V t25} {el D t26} {olivar N t27} {, O t28}
- 4 {sangre N t29} {y C t30} {labio N t31} {repiten V t32} {musicales G t33} {conciertos N t34} {, O t35}
- 5 {La D t36} {ladera N t37} {y C t38} {sus D t39} {soles N t40} {que Q t41} {maduran V t42} {los D t43} {vinos N t44} {, O t45}
- 6 {la D t46} {tensión N t47} {del P t48} {azul N t49} {volcado G t50} {de P t51} {los D t52} {cielos N t53} {, O t54}
- 7 {armonía N t55} {y C t56} {vacío N t57} {en P t58} {espacios N t59} {divinos G t60} {, O t61}
- 8 {horror N t62} {al P t63} {más A t64} {allá A t65} {tras P t66} {las D t67} {costas N t68} {de P t69} {Delos R t70} {, O t71}
- 9 {Perdición N t72} {, O t73} {extravío N t74} {de P t75} {las D t76} {horas N t77} {oscuras G t78}
- 10 {del P t79} {corazón N t80} {que Q t81} {sueña V t82} {, O t83} {en P t84} {la D t85} {luz N t86} {, O t87} {otros D t88} {mundos N t89} {, O t90}
- 11 {mientras C t91} {la D t92} {boca N t93} {va V t94} {desgranando V t95} {las D t96} {puras N t97}
- 12 {notas N t98} {de P t99} {arte N t100} {mortal G t101} {en P t102} {los D t103} {hondos N t104} {, O t105} {inmundos G t106}
- 13 {socavones N t107} {del P t108} {mal N t109} {, O t110} {Pues C t111} {¿ O t112} {por P t113} {qué Q t114} {se Q t115} {da V t116} {guerra N t117}
- 14 {junto G t118} {al P t119} {amor N t120} {y C t121} {por P t122} {qué Q t123} {la D t124} {voz N t125} {de P t126} {la D t127} {ebriedad N t128}
- 15 {y C t129} {el D t130} {dolor N t131} {infinito G t132} {van V t133} {girando V t134} {en P t135} {la D t136} {tierra N t137} {? O t138}
- 16 {Un D t139} {año N t140} {más A t141} {se O t142} {funden V t143} {misterio N t144} {y C t145} {soledad N t146} {, O t147}



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Talk Outline

1. Problem: Defining enjambment
2. Enjambment in Spanish
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 - a. System description
 - b. Evaluation: Corpus and results
4. Relevance for literary scholarship
 - a. Quantitative studies on a large corpus
 - b. Refining definitions
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Conclusion and Outlook

- Rule-based system to detect and classify enjambment (and “expansion”) in Spanish based on **POS** or **dependencies** or **constituents**
- Error analysis suggests **combining those sources** to improve results
 - Manual annotation ongoing: supervised learning?
- **Adaptation** to older language varieties and poetic diction would be advisable
- **Literary results** on a sonnet corpus covering four centuries suggest system’s usefulness

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