

CREATING, ENRICHING AND VALORIZING TREEBANKS OF ANCIENT GREEK: THE ONGOING PEDALION PROJECT

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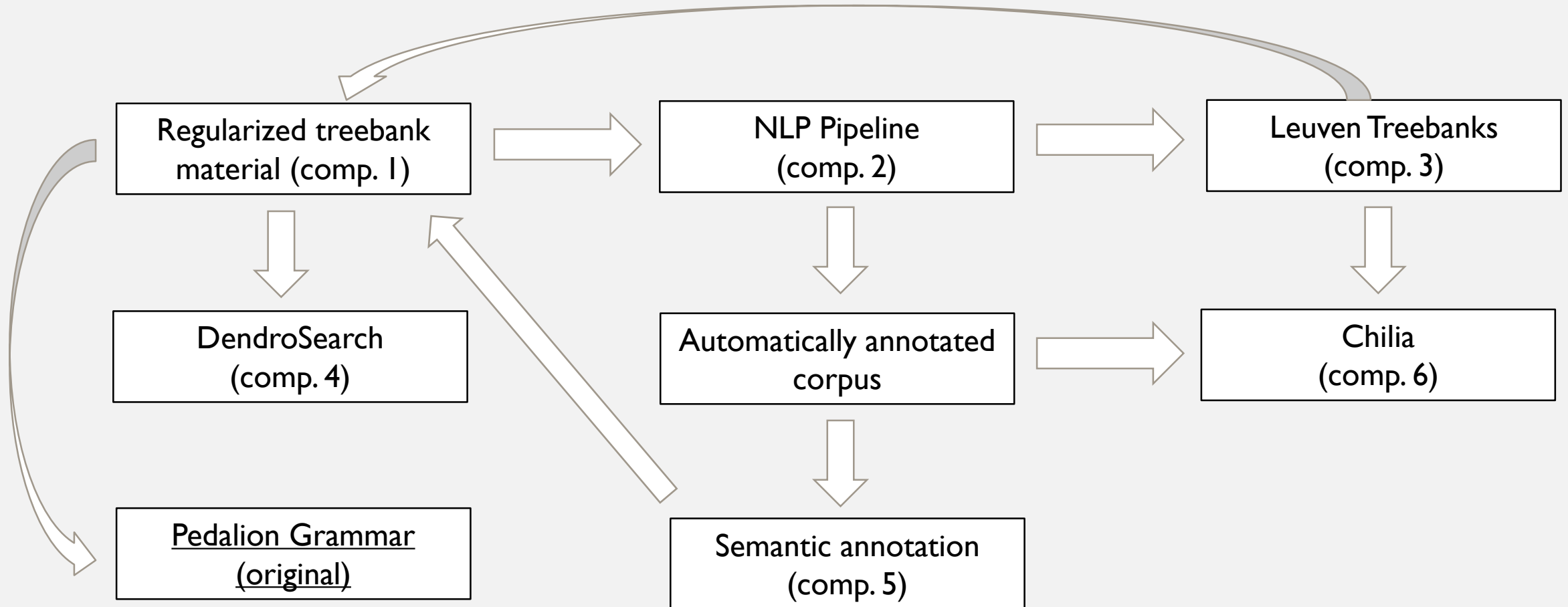
PEDALION: NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- What started as an online ‘modular’ grammar has become much larger:
 - Ancient Greek treebanks and a ‘pipeline’ to automatically create them
 - A database containing all available Greek treebank material, as well as corrections of them
 - A query tool for treebanks
 - Semantic datasets
 - The *Chilia* lexicon
- ... thanks to the development of several resources for Ancient Greek

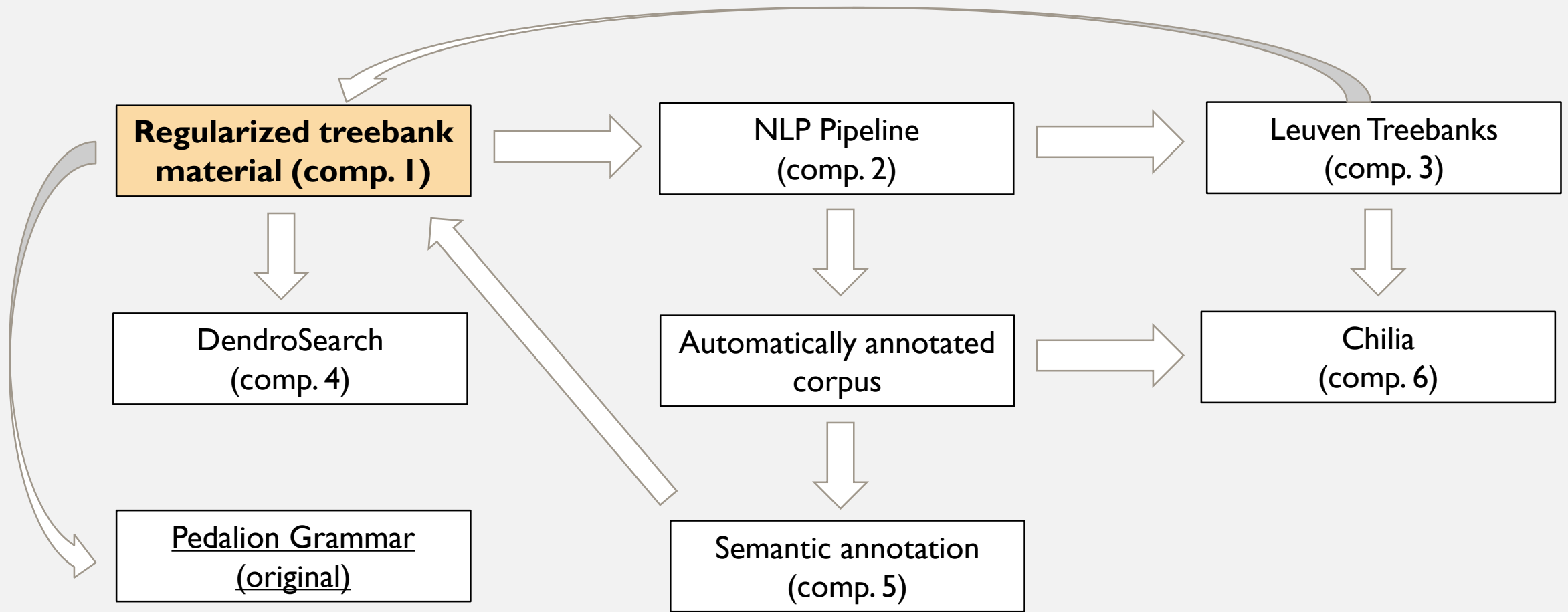
RESOURCES USED

- Integration of several existing treebanks (about 1.1 million tokens):
 - **Ancient Greek Dependency Treebanks:** 523350 tokens
 - **PROIEL Treebanks (automatic conversion):** 276433 tokens
 - **Gorman annotated trees (mostly historical texts):** 240809 tokens
 - **Harrington trees (semi-automatic conversion):** 17104 tokens
 - **Sematia/PapyGreek Treebanks (papyri):** 13017 tokens
 - **Smaller projects taken from the net:** 11158 tokens
- Other resources: e.g. Ancient Greek WordNet, PROIEL animacy dictionary, LSJ XML, Morpheus morphological analyzer, Arethusa annotator, NLP technology
- Automatically parsed papyrus and literary texts (see later)

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DELIVERABLE I: REGULARIZATIONS (I)

- This project makes use of several existing corpora of Ancient Greek, each with their own differences in the annotation of specific Greek constructions
- As a result, there are a lot of inconsistencies (even sometimes in the same text from the same annotator!)
- Consistency important for NLP tasks as well as corpus linguistic research
- Therefore we integrated all these treebanks into a database (FileMaker) and are systematizing the data as much as possible
- >> <https://github.com/pedalion/treebanks>

DELIVERABLE 1: REGULARIZATIONS (2)

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Text properties Extra

Pseudo-Lucianus Mule PR
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Token Properties Visualisation Extra

Original	Correction	Automatic	Result	Suggestion
μηδὲ			μηδὲ	
μηδέ			μηδέ	
d-----			d-----	
particle				
-				
-				
AuxZ			AuxZ	AuxY or
8			8	

Sentence Properties Extra


Corrup στηπιείου μηδὲ ? Leuven|Ps-Luc|324 10

καὶ τότε μὲν ἐκ τοῦ στηπιείου **μηδὲ** ἐλπίζων ὑπεξήλθον.

Head ἐλπίζων Extra

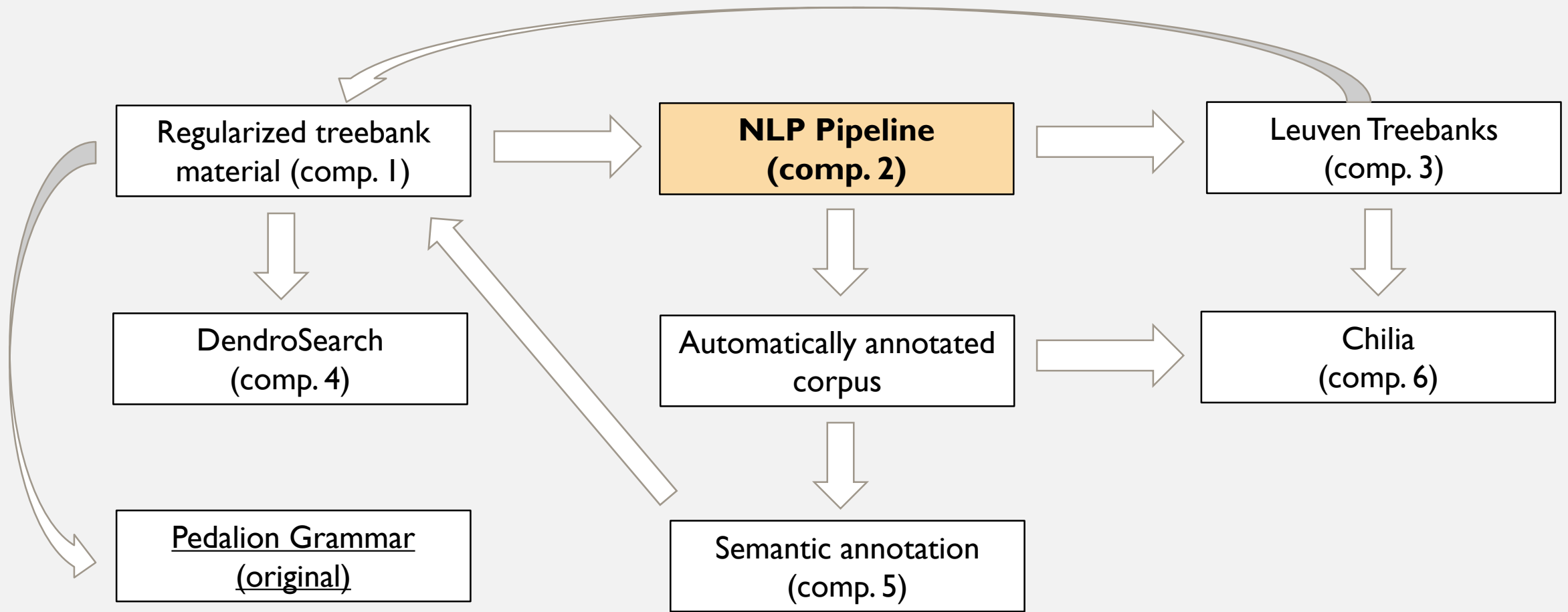
Result	Correction		
ἐλπίζω	form lemma		ver
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ADV	VerbeterdeRelatie		

Error Analysis Extra

 **!!!Relation: should be AuxY or COORD!!!**

Yes
 No
 Revisit

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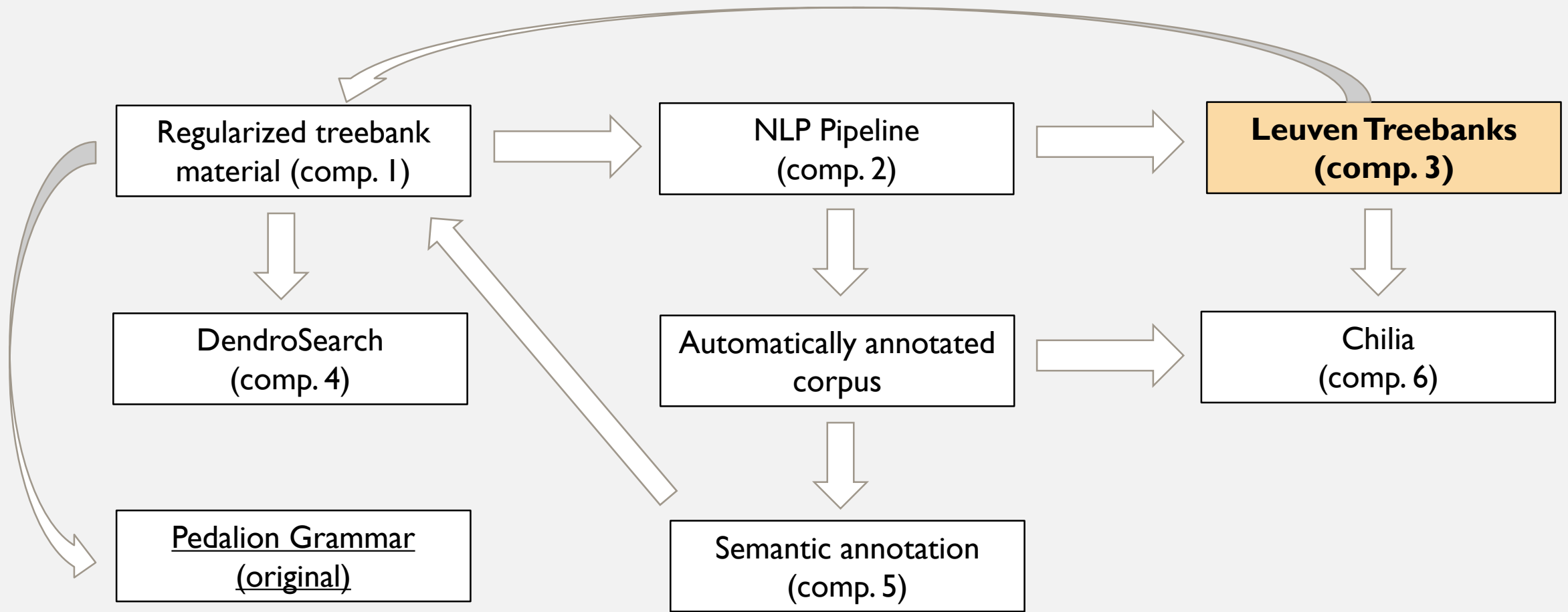
DELIVERABLE 2: TEXT ANALYSIS (I)

- These treebanks were in turn used as training material for a NLP pipeline
- Tokenization (rule-based), part-of-speech and morphology (RFTagger), lemmatization (MarMoT), syntactic parsing (Turku Neural Parser)
- Accuracy of morphological tagging is about 90% (at worst) to 96% (at best), of lemmatization 96% (at worst) to 99.5% (at best), syntactic parsing somewhere between 80-90% (difficult to assess)
- See Keersmaekers 2019, Mercelis 2019

DELIVERABLE 2: TEXT ANALYSIS (2)

- With this pipeline, we were able to automatically analyze
 - The Greek literary corpus (about 32 million tokens)
 - The papyrus corpus (about 4.5 million tokens)
- This 'raw material' has been used in a number of our other projects (word vectors, Chilia)
- Parts of this material has also been manually corrected

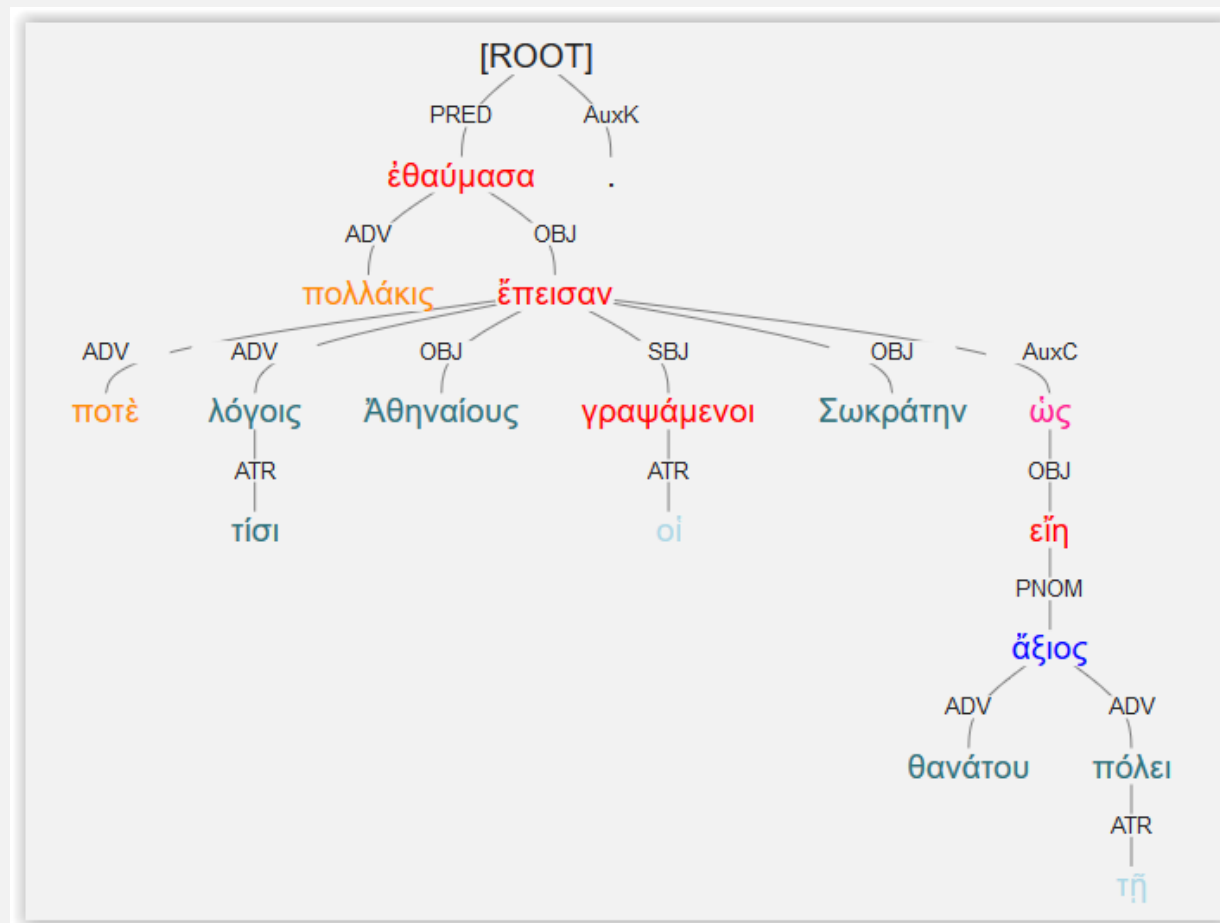
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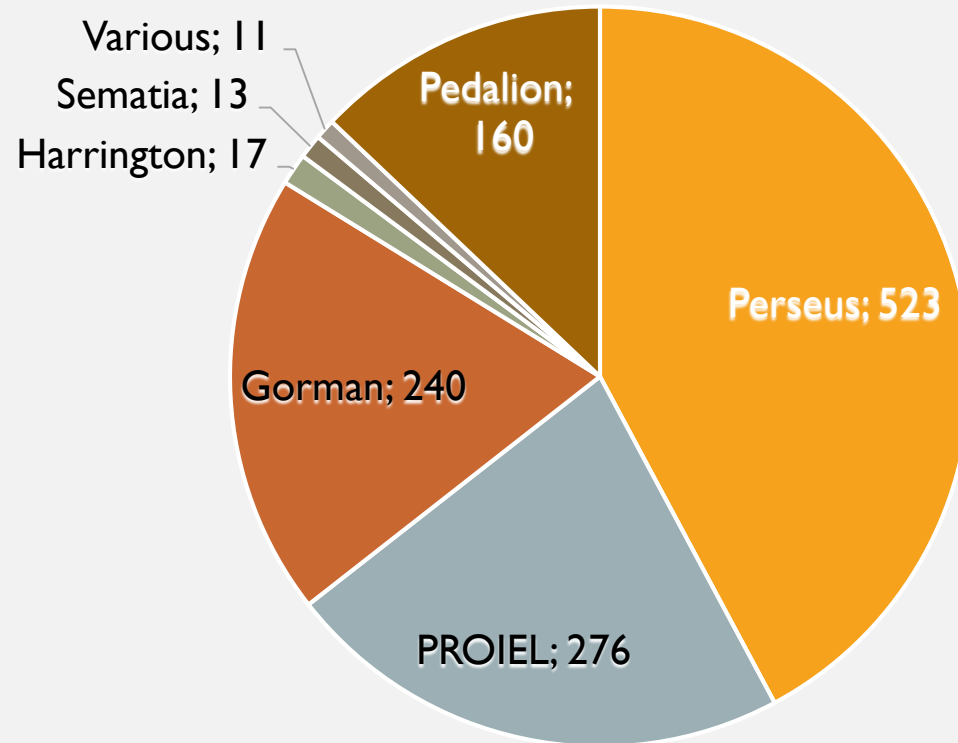
DELIVERABLE 3: LEUVEN TREEBANKS (I)

- All (except for one) first automatically analyzed and then manually corrected
- Ca 160K tokens:
 - Narrative texts (35K)
 - Philosophical and scientific texts (25K)
 - Non-literary and literary letters (18K)
 - History and religious history (21K)
 - Drama & Comedy (26K)
 - Poetry (3K)
 - Oratory (3K)
 - Various (Chilia/Pedalion) (20K)
- Some authors are well-known (Euripides, Aristophanes, Xenophon, Lucian, Plato), other texts are less obvious (Procopius, Paeanius, Septuagint, ...)
- Annotated with Arethusa by ourselves (small part), job and thesis students
- >> <https://github.com/perseids-publications/pedalion-trees>

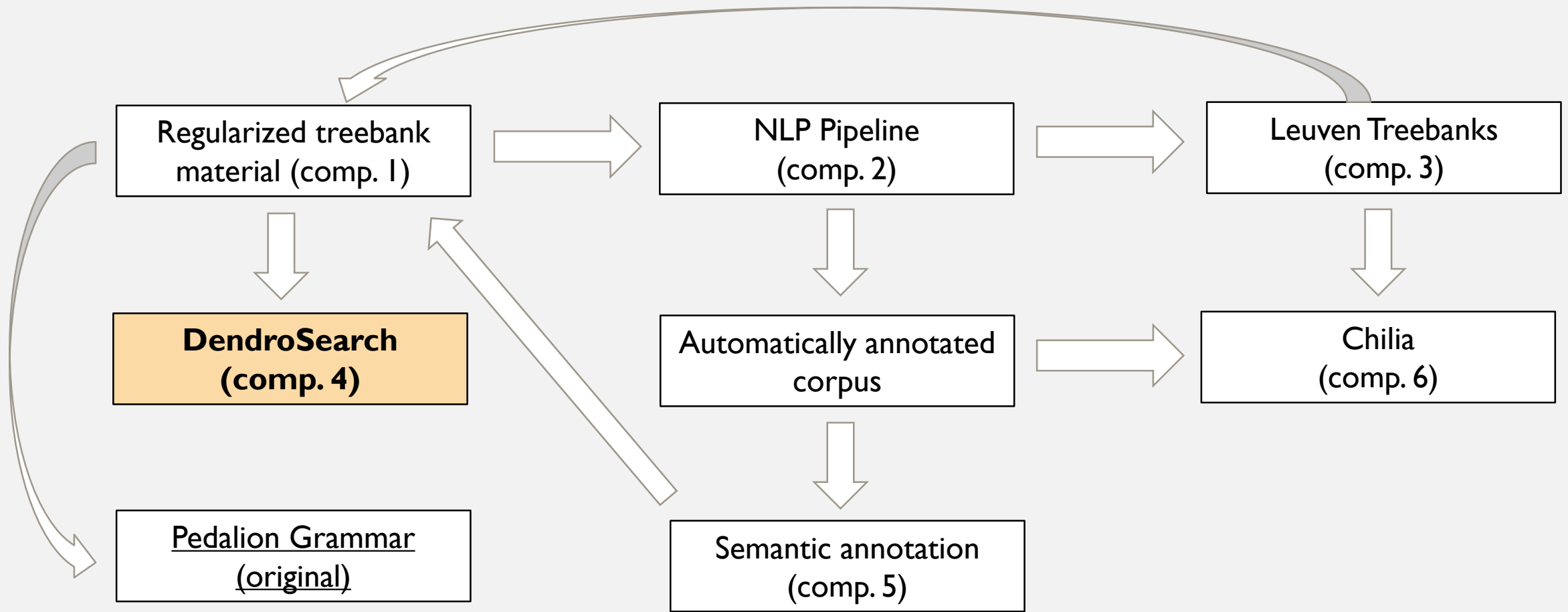
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DELIVERABLE 3: LEUVEN TREEBANKS (3)



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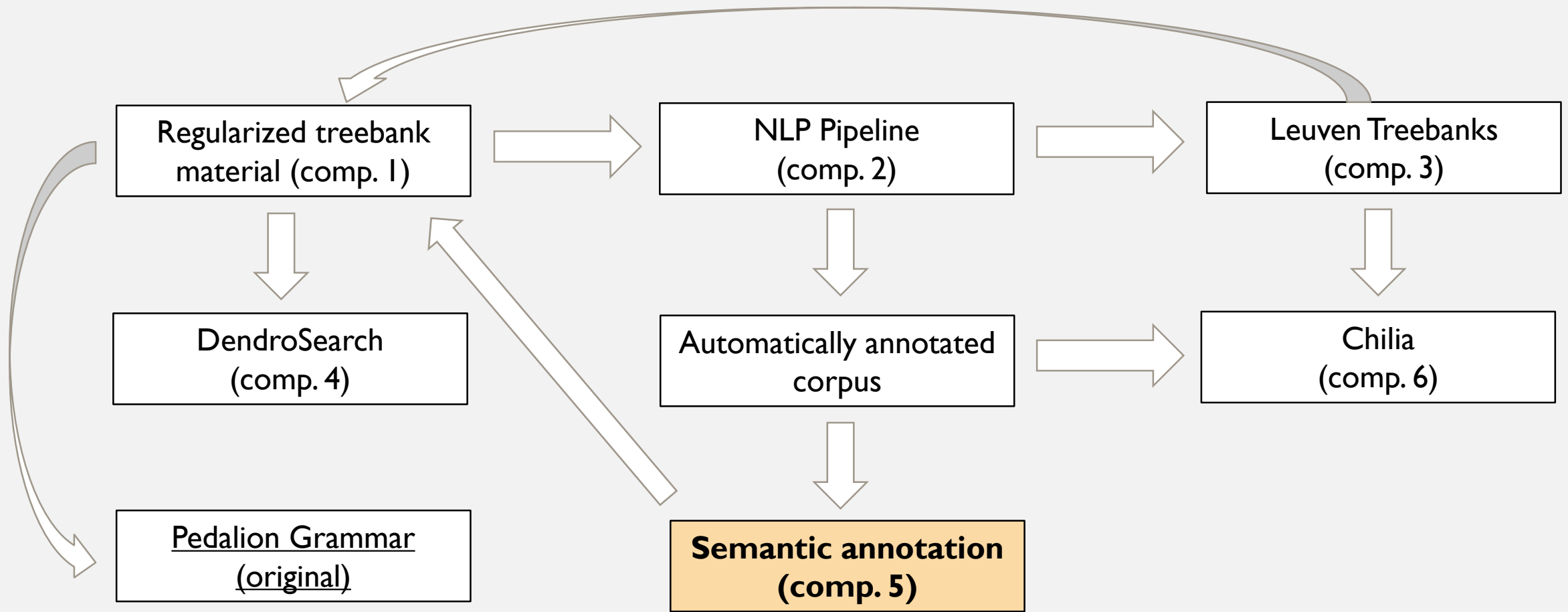
DELIVERABLE 4: DENDROSEARCH

- User-friendly tool to query the treebank material

The screenshot displays the DendroSearch application window. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Header:** "DendroSearch" with standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close).
- Help:** A small section at the top left of the main area.
- Select treebanks:** A list of treebanks including Sophocles, Trachinae; Thucydides, Historiae Book 11.13.2; Homer, Iliad; and many others. The list is currently empty.
- Nodes:** A search query area containing "[1] Any form of λέγω" and "+ [2] infinitive; OBJ relation".
- Form and Lemma:** Input fields for "Form" and "Lemma", with a "Convert to Unicode" button below.
- POS:** A dropdown menu showing "....n...." and an "Edit POS" button.
- Relation:** A dropdown menu showing "OBJ" and an "Edit syntactic relation" button. There is also a checkbox for "No parent node".
- Word order:** A dropdown menu showing "before" and buttons for "Add order constraint" and "Remove all order constraints".
- Buttons:** "Generate node", "Edit selected node", "Add dependent node", "Delete selected node", and "Search treebanks".
- Footer:** "Save output to text file", "Browse...", and "Display all results" buttons.

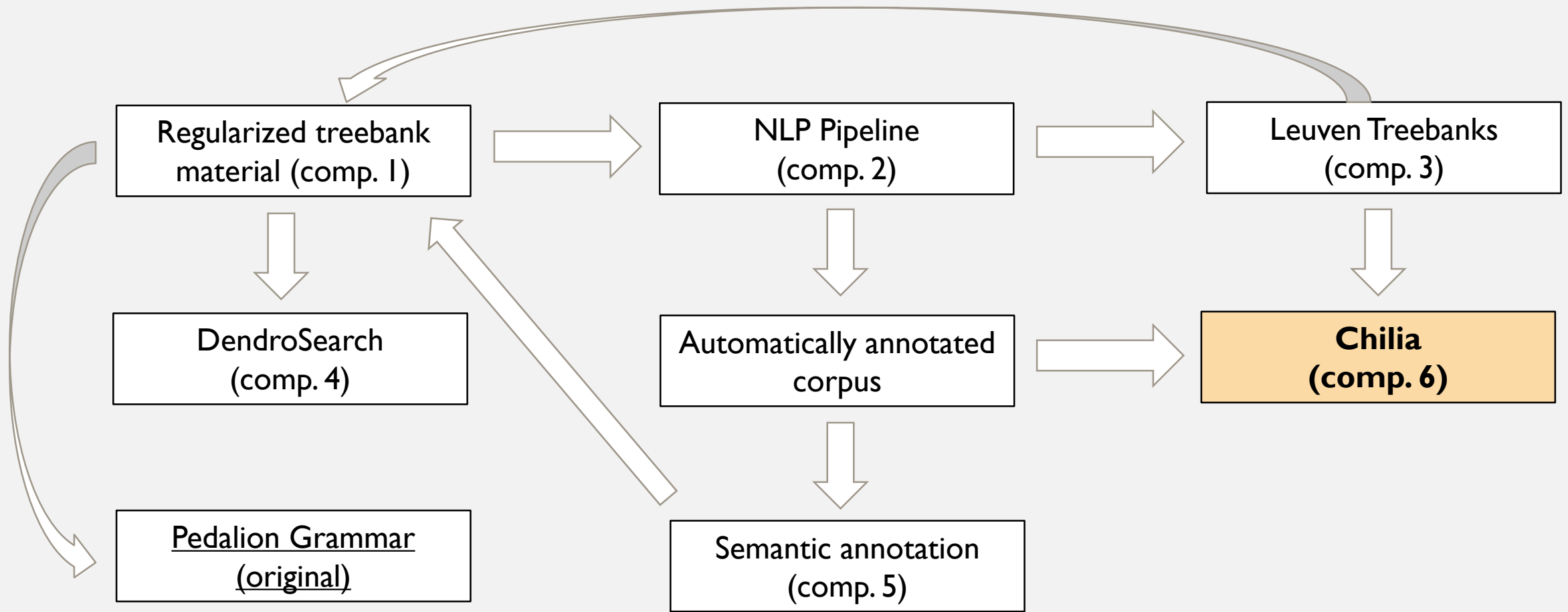
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DELIVERABLE 5: SEMANTICS

- Semantic annotation on various levels
- On the word level:
 - Word vectors, using a large corpus (37 million tokens) as input material
 - E.g. extending queries DendroSearch with synonyms: Χ ήμερας ~ έτη, ένιαυτούς etc.
 - Annotation of noun categories (e.g. animal, person, non-concrete etc.), verb categories (e.g. emotion, cognition, motion etc.), adjective categories (e.g. quantifier/qualifier), also using word vectors as input
- On the phrasal level: semantic roles (manually so far, but experimenting with automatic annotation), see Pedalion roles
- See Swaelens 2019

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DELIVERABLE 6: CHILIA (I)

- A list of 1000 ‘key words’ of Ancient Greek, corpus-based
- Context: pedagogical material for pupils in high schools and university students without previous knowledge of Greek
- Every word is illustrated with an authentic sentence containing only words from this Chilia list:
 - “ἦν γὰρ **ποτε** χρόνος, ὃ Ἄθηναῖοι, ὅτε τείχη καὶ ναῦς οὐκ ἔκεκτήμεθα” [“**Once** there was a time, Athenians, when we had neither walls nor a fleet”].

DELIVERABLE 6: CHILIA (2)

- For an online version, we envision a more dynamic word list
- Filtering by genre, e.g. key words of medical texts: κοιλία (belly), πυρετός (fever), ὀδύνη (pain), σιτίον (food), τρίβω (rub) etc. – of historical texts: στρατιά (army), στράτευμα (army), ἵππεύς (horseman), στρατεύω (wage war), ὀπλίτης (hoplite) etc.
- ‘Identikit’ of each word: e.g. most typical genres, diachronic course, collocations
- Links to *Logeion*

DELIVERABLE 6: CHILIA (3)

χάρις: grace, favor, gratitude

καὶ χάριν γε εἶσομαι, ἐὰν ἀκούητε.
"And I'll be thankful, if you'll listen." (Plato Protagoras 310a)

χάρις is the 245th most frequent lemma in our data.

This lemma is especially frequent in lyric poetry, tragedy and epistolography. ([See more info...](#))

Stems

- χάρις, χάριτος (100%) ([Show examples...](#))

Collostructions

Verb + χάριν (OBJ)

- χάριν δίδωμι (342 attestations) ([Show examples...](#))
- χάριν οἶδα (286 attestations) ([Show examples...](#))
- χάριν ἀποδίδωμι (286 attestations) ([Show examples...](#))
- χάριν ὁμολογέω (186 attestations) ([Show examples...](#))
- χάριν αἰτέω (105 attestations) ([Show examples...](#))
- χάριν ὀφείλω (68 attestations) ([Show examples...](#))

PEDALION: FURTHER POSSIBILITIES

