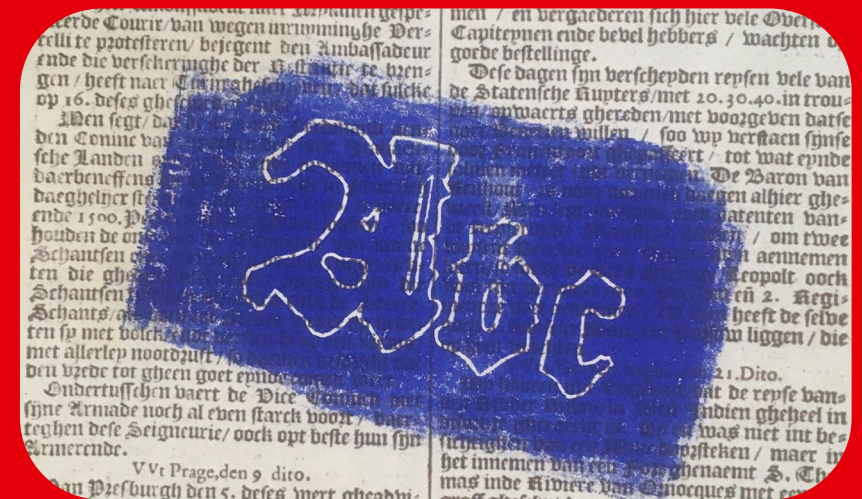


USE CASE: Searching for strong verbs in the historical CourantenCorpus

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BACKGROUND | STRONG VERBS IN 17TH-CENTURY DUTCH

Language change in ablaut verb class III, e.g. *zingen* 'to sing':

- Middle Dutch, three part ABC-paradigm:
 - *zing(en)* 'sing' – *zang* (sg.), *zongen* (pl.) 'sang' – *gezongen* 'sung'
- Standard Dutch, ABB-paradigm
 - *zing(en)* 'sing' – *zong(en)* 'sang' – *gezongen* 'sung'

= **preterite singular <a> and plural <o>** → **same for both <o>**

De Smet (2021): this change solidified in the 17th century.

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Could standardization (norm) have played a part in this change (usage)?

- Mapping out all stances on these verbs encountered in grammars on Standard Dutch from the 17th century (cf. Anderwald, 2011; 2012 on 19th century English)
- Analysing actual usage of these verbs in 17th century newspapers (in addition to letters & literary works in De Smet, 2021)

To provide insight into:

- 1) to what extent normative grammars described and followed contemporary language use
- 2) to what extent the norms in these grammars affected language use in newspapers

+ **Use Case for CourantenCorpus (CLARIAH tools)**

METHOD & CORPORA | USAGE

CourantenCorpus (Dutch Language Institute):

- Newspapers 1618-1700
- Ca. 19 million words
- Manually transcribed by volunteers
- **Automatically tagged & lemmatised (alpha version)**

Method:

- **Corpus search (Blacklab)** for all possible verb forms of 41 class III strong verbs, incl. spelling variation & clitics



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