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# Tracking and visualising the circulation of books and of illustrations: 15cV and 15cILLUSTRATION

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#### 15cBOOKTRADE Project: An evidence-based assessment and visualisation of the distribution, sale, and reception of books in the Renaissance

#### <u>http://15cbooktrade.ox.ac.uk/</u>







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### 15cBOOKTRADE PROJECT

- 1. Distribution, trade routes, use and reception of books
- □ 2. Transmission and dissemination of the texts
- □ 3. Contemporary sales and prices
- □ 4. Circulation and re-use of Illustration
- **5**. Visualization





### Material Evidenc in Incunabula

Every item of data recorded (a certain style of decoration or binding, the date of a manuscript note, etc.) is treated as a valuable clue for provenance, therefore it can be geographically located and chronologically dated. This enables to track the movement of books across Europe and through the centuries.

#### MEI

# The History of Each Copy



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#### Where the book was printed and Where the book is today

#### tell us very little of

where the book was during the 500 years of its existence



### Books moved extensively over the 500-year period

# Change of perspective

Libraries are static entities

Books are dynamic entities

Dynamic concept of provenance From the book's point of view (instead of from a collection's)

# Tracking the mobility of books by tracking the evidence of their USE

#### Provenance 1610 - 1648

Place

Area

Time period

Provenance name

London (Geonames Id: 2643743) Great Britain 1610 - 1648 London, Lambeth Palace Library, 1610 - [Corporate body; Former Owner] (Religious)

Geographical (geonames.org) and Chronological tagging of each Provenance element

Provenance	1477 -	1500
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Area

Time period

Provenance Type

Great Britain 1477 - 1500 Manuscript Notes

### Innovative Approach to sources

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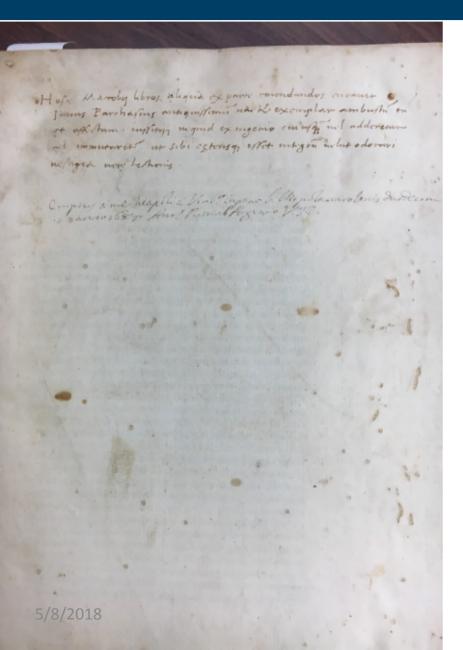
Capturing the **movement** of the books as evidence of trade and use by tagging geographically and chronologically



#### Material Evidence Documentary Evidence Bibliographical Evidence



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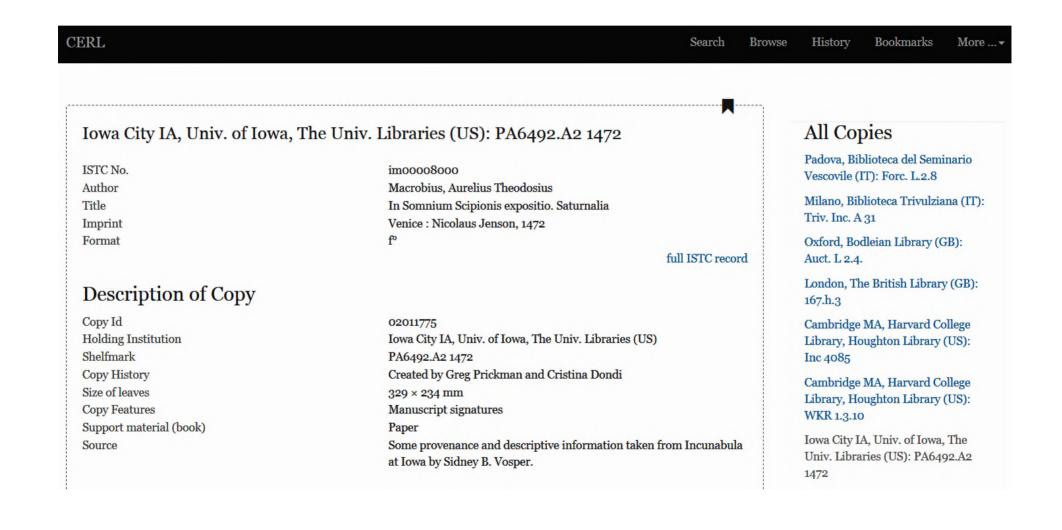
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### 7 copies in MEI: Iowa City copy



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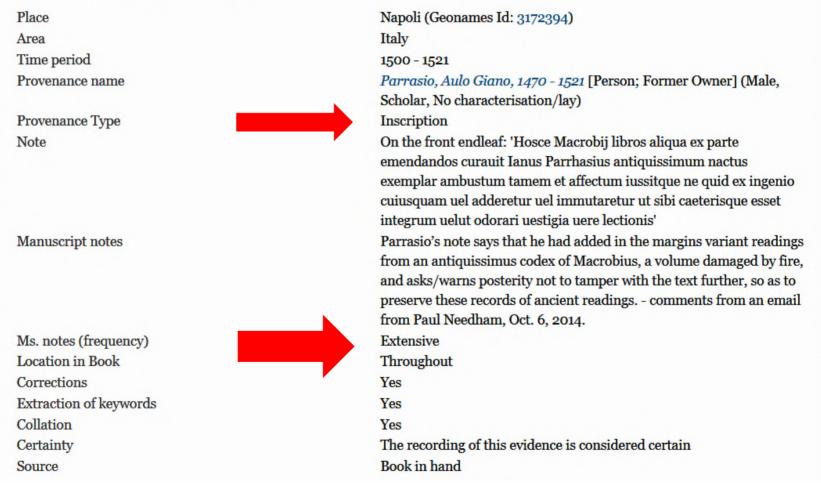
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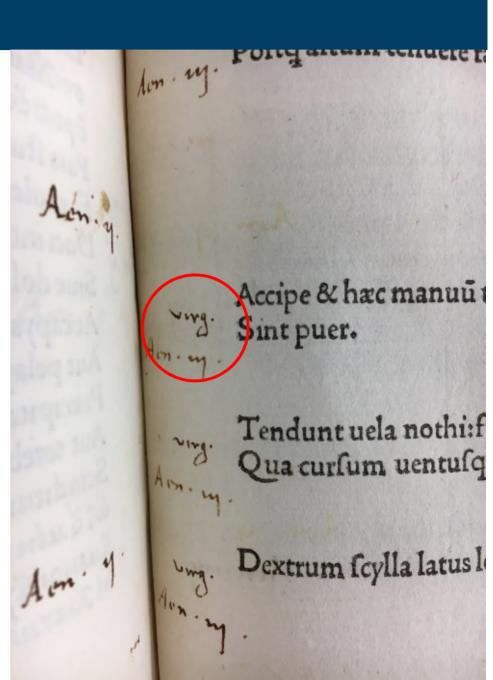
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#### Provenance 1531 - 1563

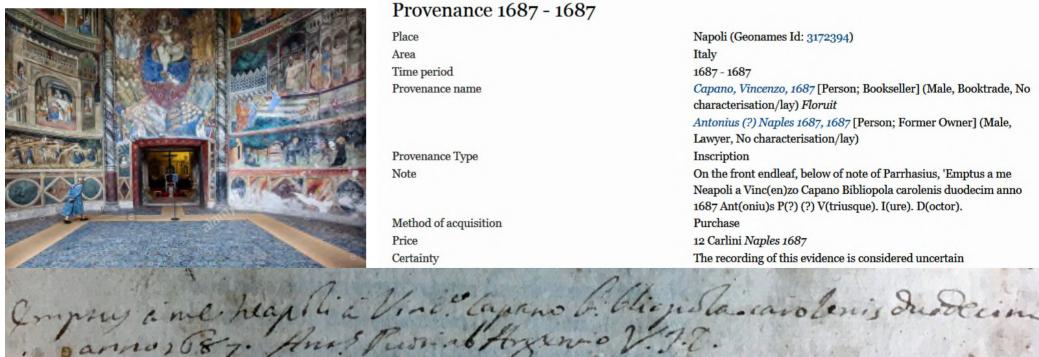
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Naples (Geonames Id: 3172394) Italy 1531 - 1563 *Seripando, Girolamo, 1492-1563* [Person; Former Owner] (Male, Clergy, Religious)

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#### Provenance 1563 - 1687

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**Provenance Type** Note

Method of acquisition

#### Provenance 1687 - 1687

Place Area Time period Provenance name

**Provenance Type** Note

Method of acquisition Price Certainty

Napoli (Geonames Id: 3172394) Italy 1563 - 1687 Napoli, Agostiniani, San Giovanni a Carbonara, OSA, 1343-1799 [Corporate body; Former Owner] (Religious institution, Religious) **Documentary Evidence** The books of Antonio Seripando were bequeathed to his brother Girolamo (1492-1563), General of the Augustinians of San Giovanni a Carbonara, who in turn left his library to the institution Bequest

Napoli (Geonames Id: 3172394) Italy 1687 - 1687 Capano, Vincenzo, 1687 [Person; Bookseller] (Male, Booktrade, No characterisation/lay) Floruit Antonius (?) Naples 1687, 1687 [Person; Former Owner] (Male, Lawyer, No characterisation/lay) Inscription On the front endleaf, below of note of Parrhasius, 'Emptus a me Neapoli a Vinc(en)zo Capano Bibliopola carolenis duodecim anno 1687 Ant(oniu)s P(?) (?) V(triusque). I(ure). D(octor). Purchase 12 Carlini Naples 1687 The recording of this evidence is considered uncertain

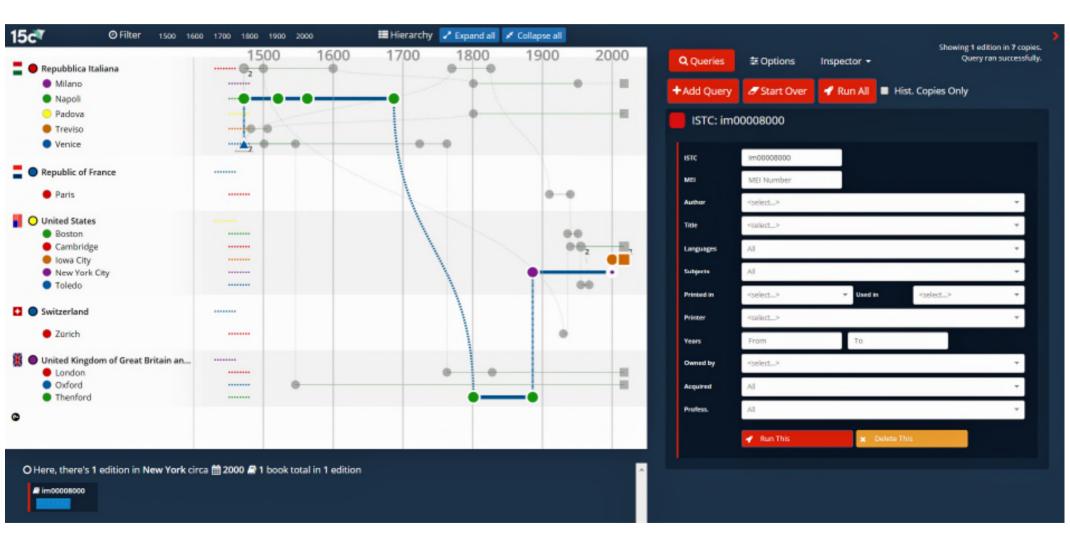
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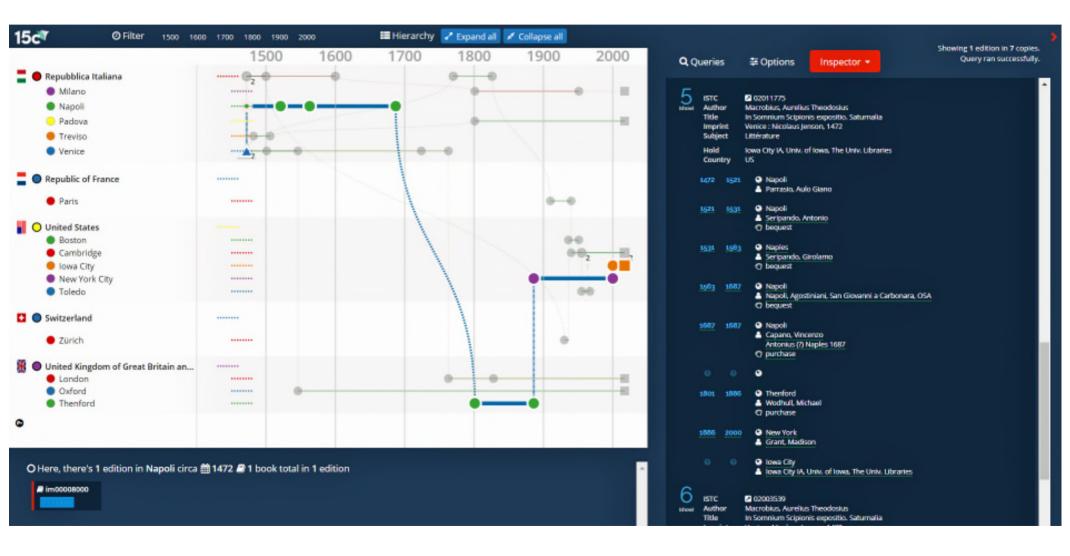
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Area	Great Britain
Time period	1801 - 1886
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	Scholar, No characterisation/lay)
Provenance Type	Manuscript Notes
Note	Description in Incunabula at Iowa states: "a Mr. Woodhull, who paid
	28 pounds for it in 1801." It is possible that the book stayed in
	Thenford until the Sotheby's sale of 1886.
Method of acquisition	Purchase
Price	£28 British pounds
Certainty	The recording of this evidence is considered uncertain
Source	Library catalogue
Provenance 1801 - 2000	

Place	New York (Geonames Id: 5128581)	
Time period	1801 - 2000	
Provenance name	Grant, Madison [Person] (Male, No characterisation/lay)	
Provenance Type	Exlibris	
Certainty	The recording of this evidence is considered certain	
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Place	Iowa City (Geonames Id: 4862034)	
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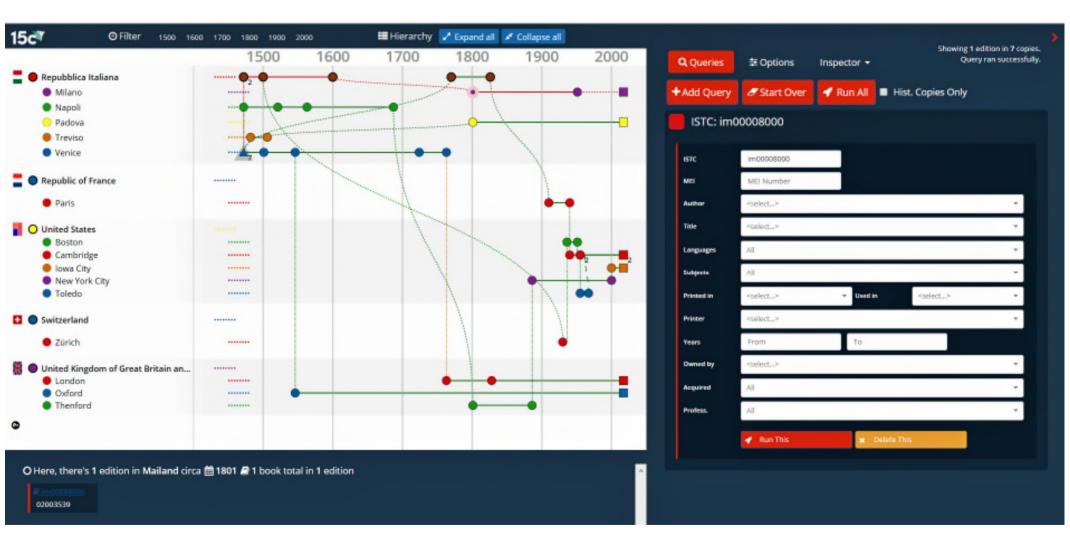
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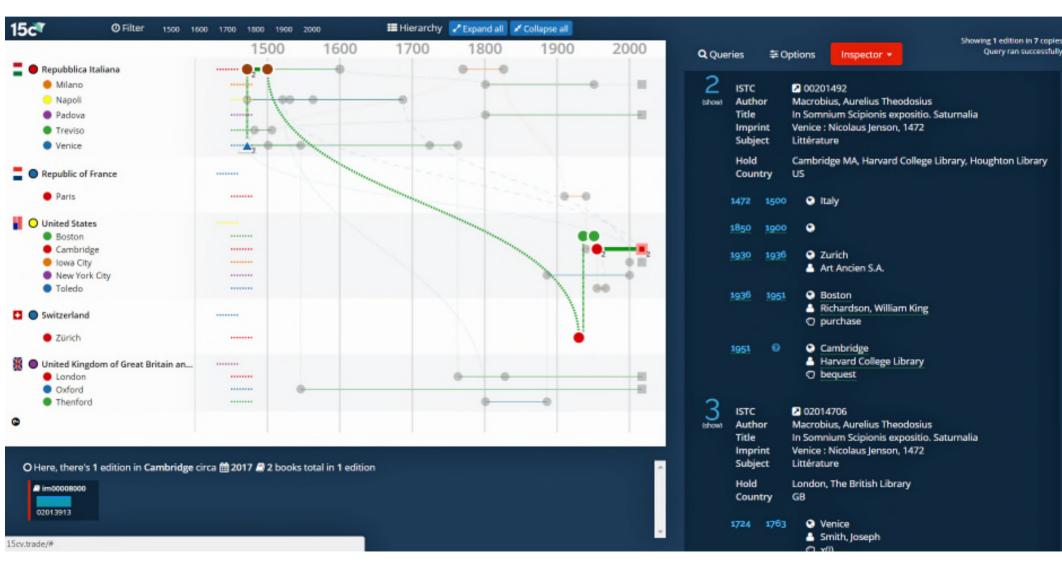
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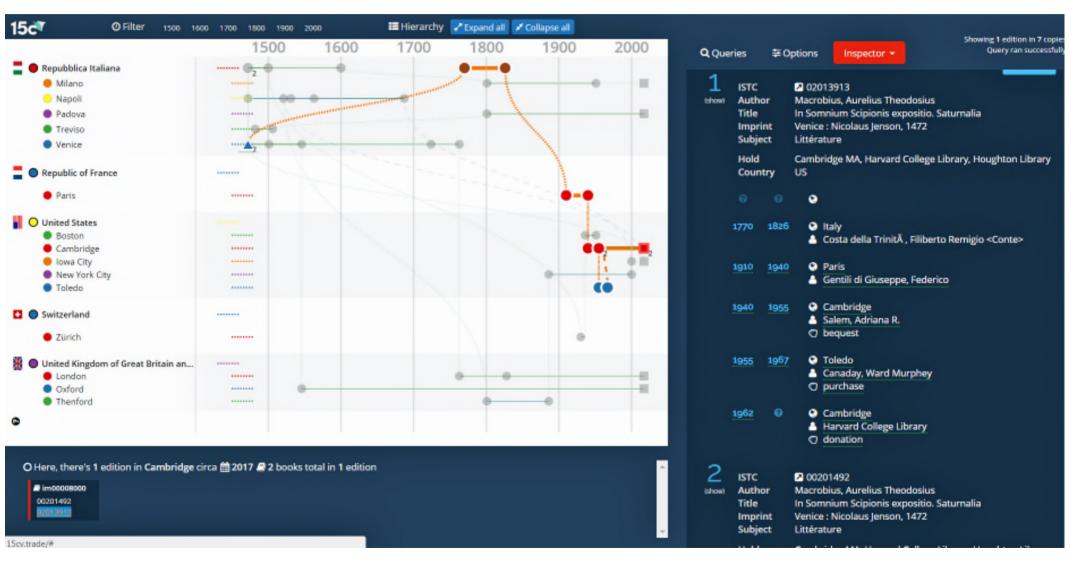
### Visualization of the 7 copies in MEI



### 1<sup>st</sup> copy in Harvard



# 2<sup>nd</sup> copy in Harvard



# Atlas of Early Printing http://atlas.lib.uiowa.edu/



# TRACKING DISPERSED COLLECTIONS, EXAMPLE: Venice, Benedictines, S. Georgius maior



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# Reconstruction of a dispersed collection: Venice, S. Giorgio Maggiore, OSB

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Q Search

#### 137 Editions in 141 Copies

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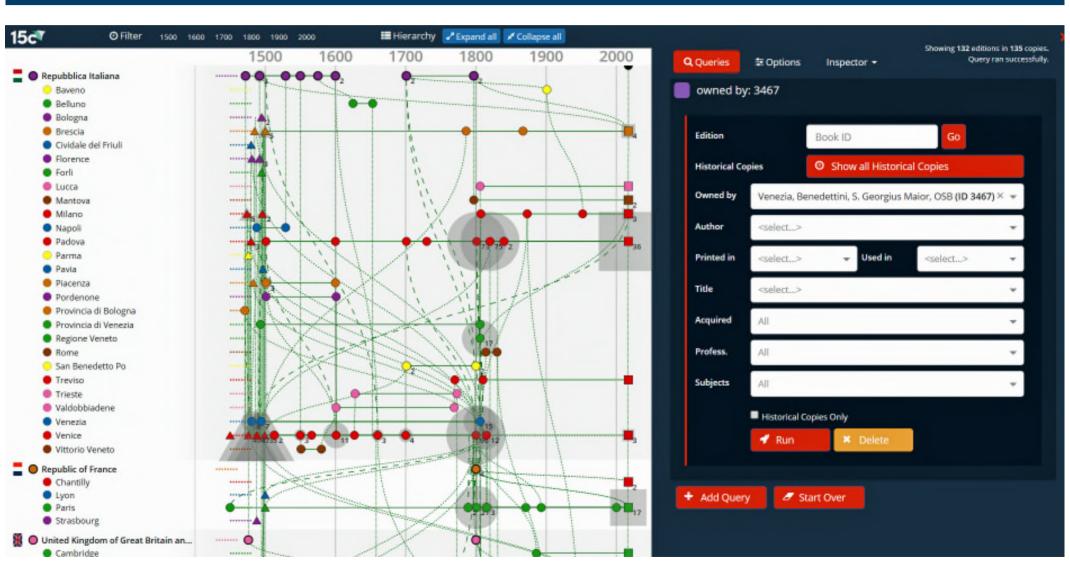
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# Visualization of the formation and dispersal of the collection using MEI and TEXT-inc data

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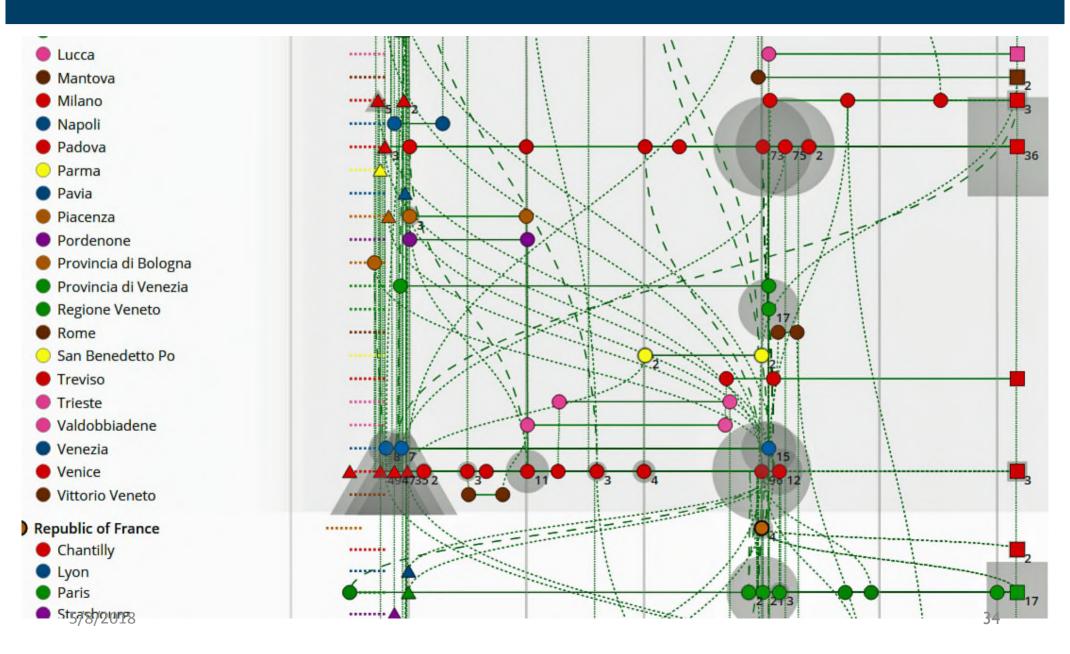


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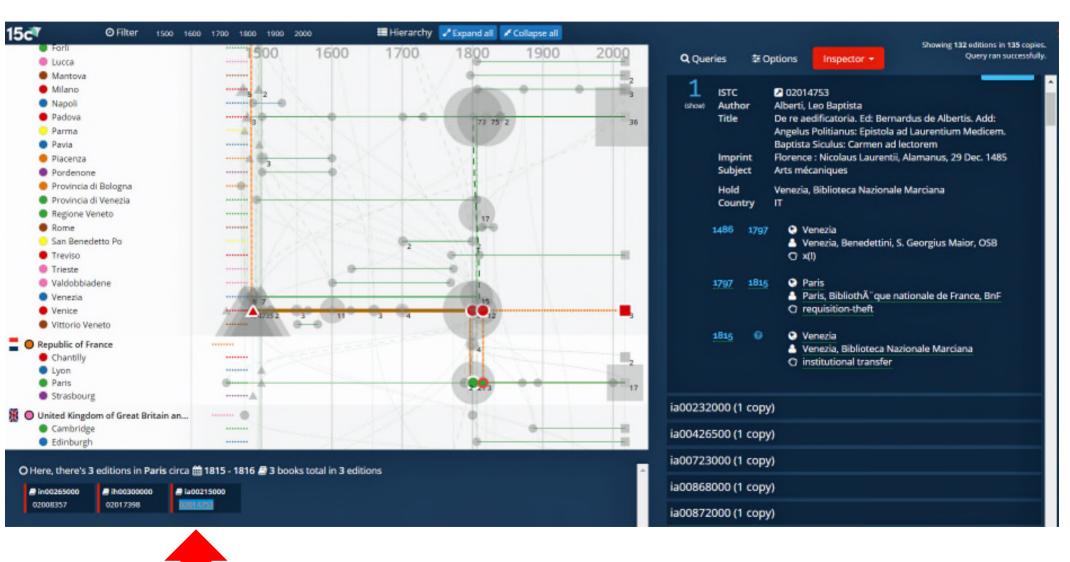
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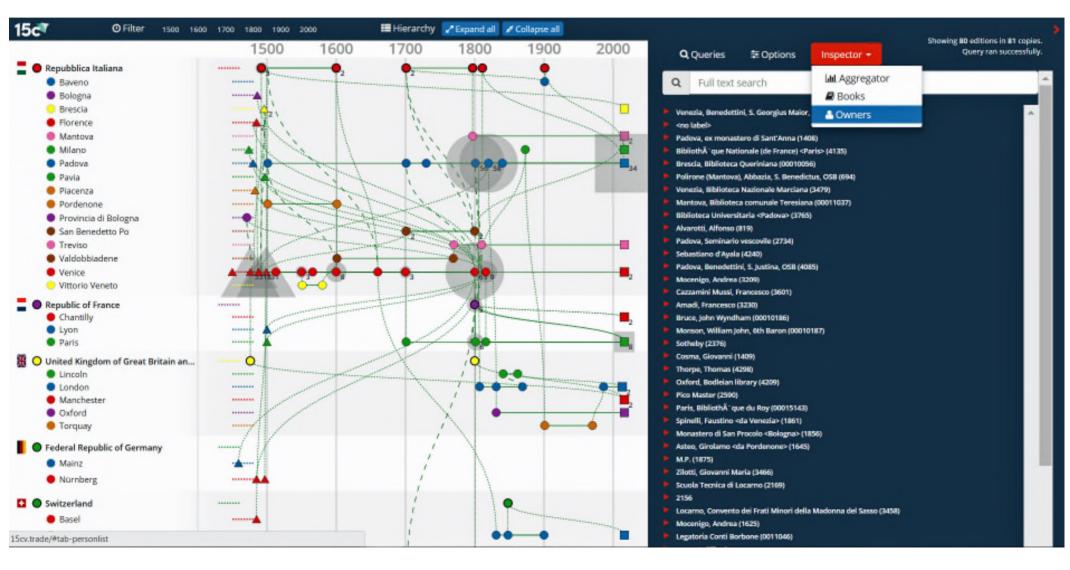
Marchi Francesco. Architettura Militare f. Brescia 1599.

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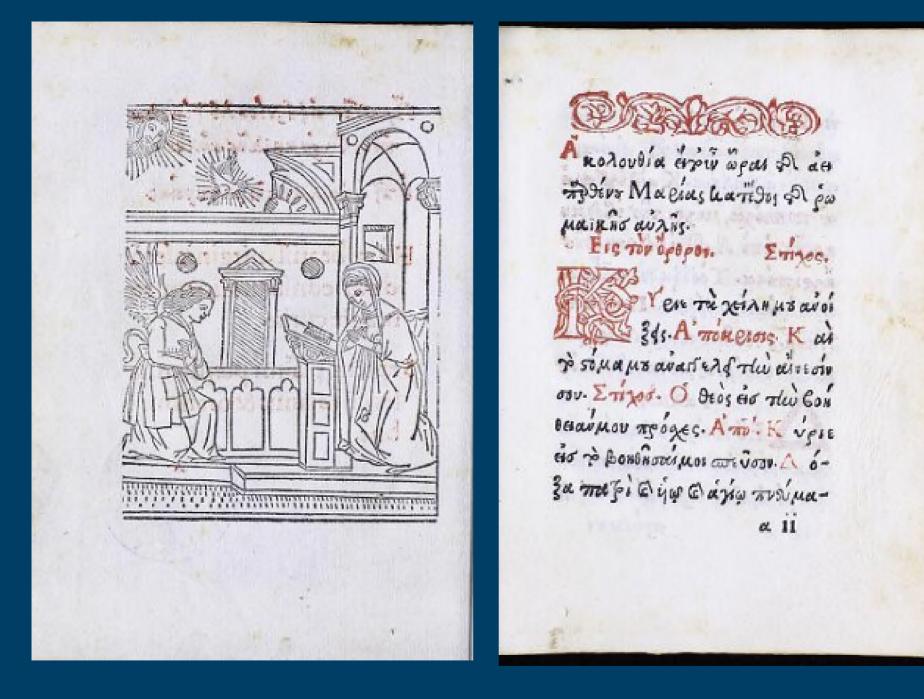


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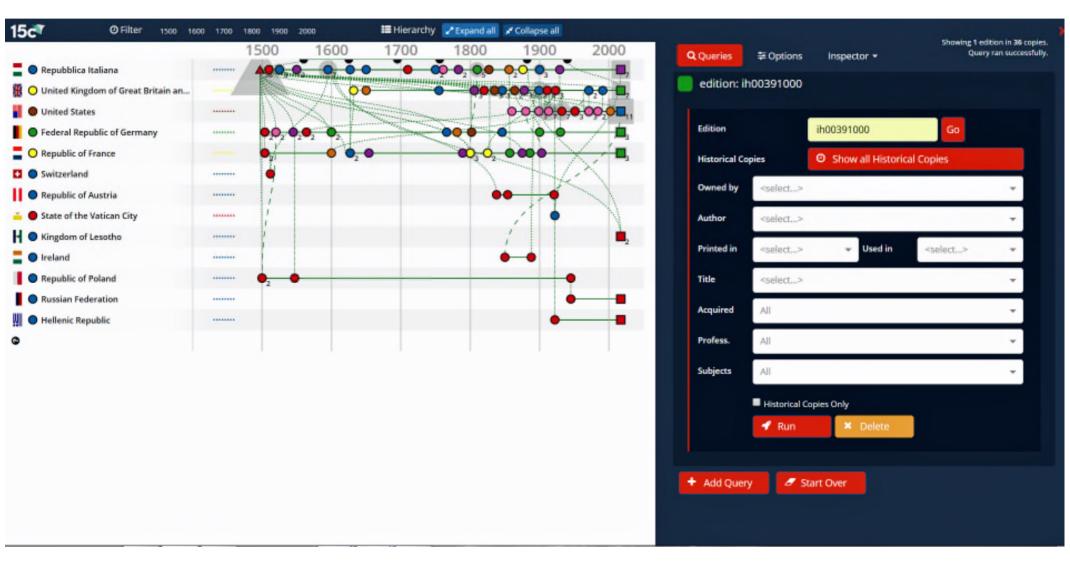


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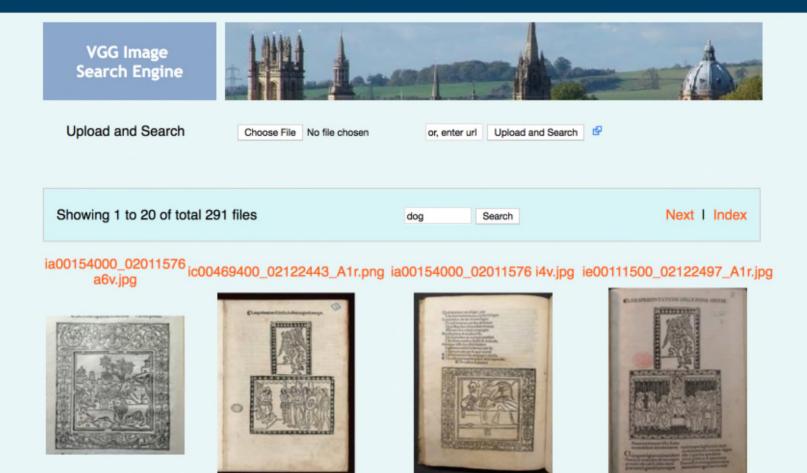
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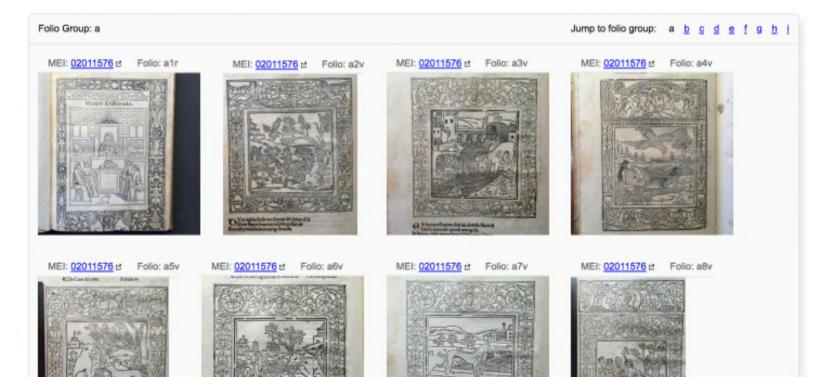
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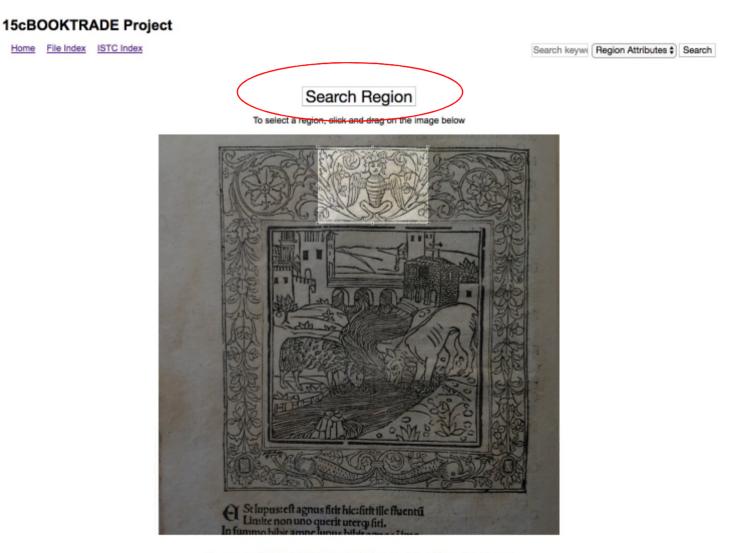
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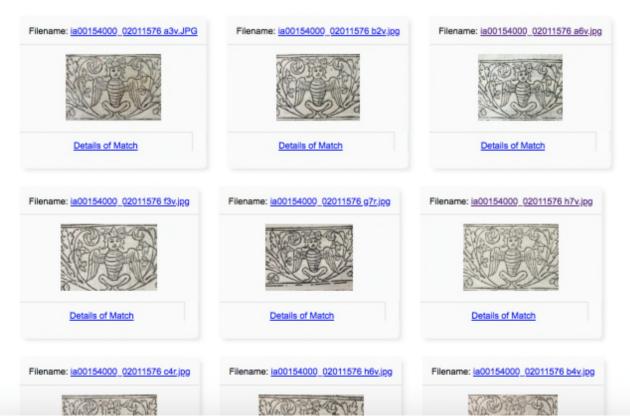
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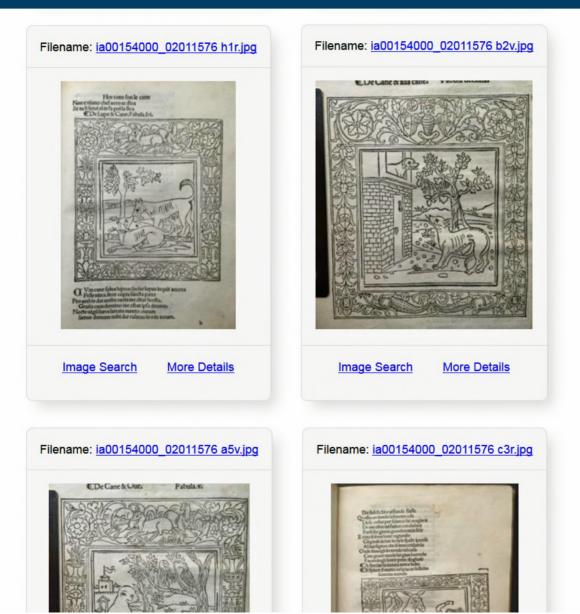


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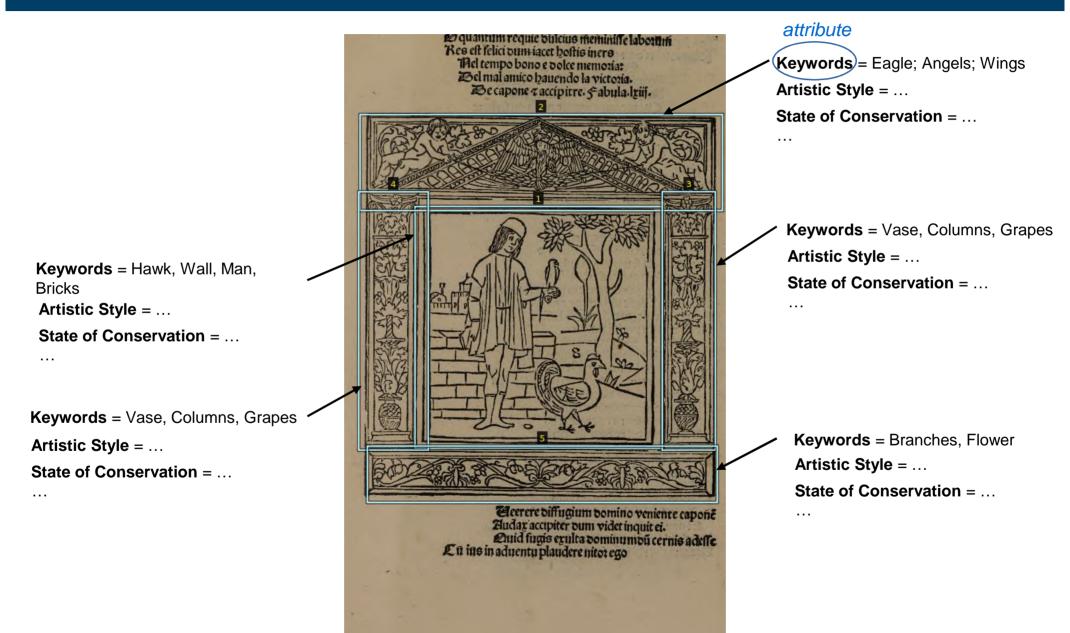
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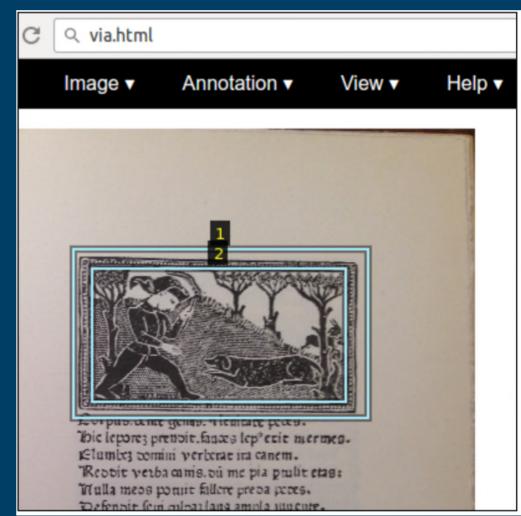
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