Analyses on the History, Form, and Use of the Essen Folksong Collection

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CUT[Das Hildebrandslied]

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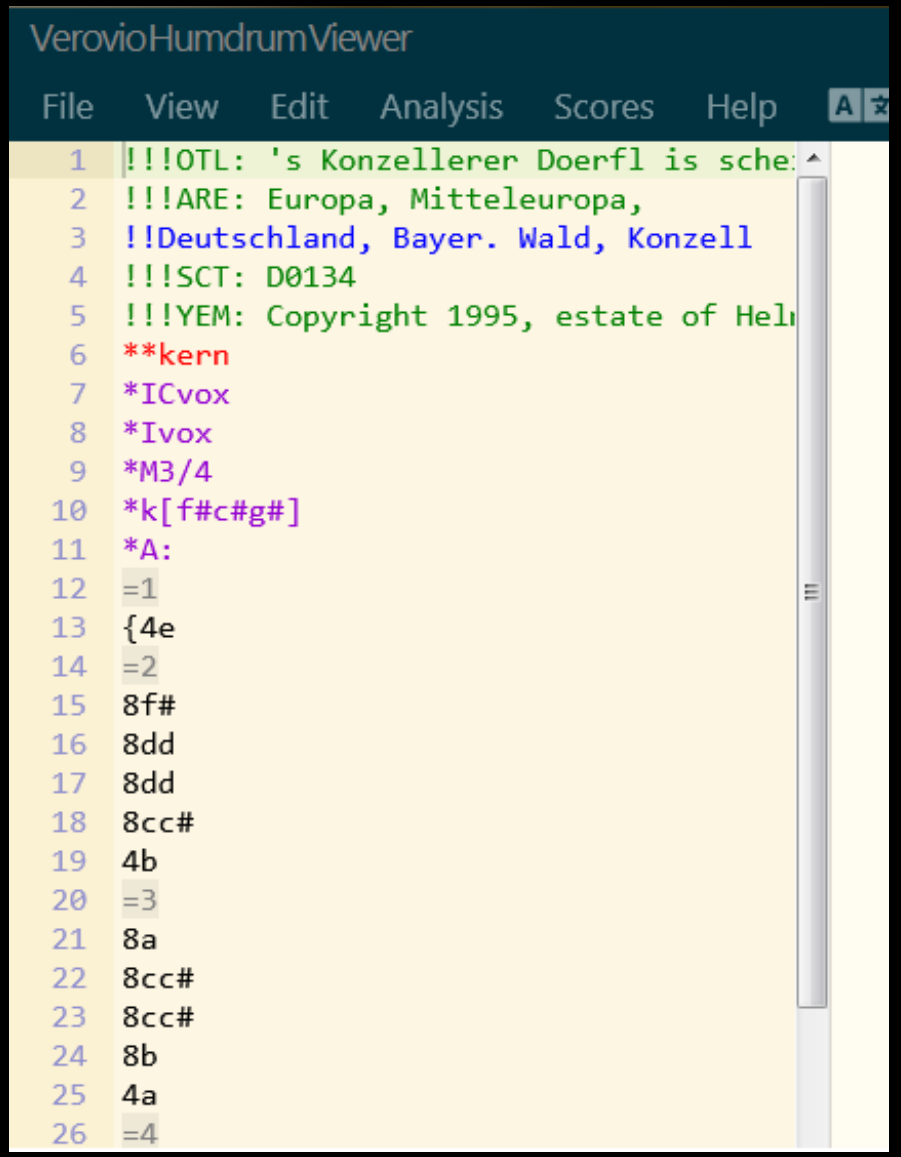

Examples of folksong material encoded in the EsAC format (left) and in **kern (right). Credit to Craig Sapp for creating Verovio for online viewing of **kern files

Nine Primary Sources of the Essen Folksong Collection

- *Liedertafel: Eine Sammlung von Liedern, Romanzen und Balladen*, ed. Joh. N. Vogel. Vienna, 1845
  - Subsection: *allerkbd*
- *Altdeutsches Liederbuch. Volkslieder der Deutschen nach Wort und Weise aus dem 12. bis zum 17. Jahrhundert*. ed. Franz Magnus Bühme. Leipzig, 1877.
  - Subsection: *altdeu*
- *Lieder, Balladen und Romanzen für das Piano-Forte*, ed. Carl Friedrich Zelter. 3 vols. Berlin (ohne Jahre) [1812]
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- *Volksthümliche Lieder der Deutschen im 18. und 19. Jahrhundert*, ed. Franz Magnus Böhme. Leipzig, 1895.
  - Subsection: *boehme*
- *Zentrum für Populäre Kultur und Musik Liederlexikon* (Online database hosted by the University of Freiburg)
  - Subsection: *dva*
- *Deutscher Liederhort. Auswahl der vorzüglicheren Deutschen Volkslieder,* originally collected by Ludwig Erk; revised and edited by Franz Magnus Böhme in 3 vols., Leipzig, 1893-94.
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- *Musikalischer Hausschatz der Deutschen*, ed. Gottfried Wilhelm Fink [1783-1846] (Leipzig, 1842). Repr. Gera, 1893.
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  - Subsection: *kinder*
- *Deutsche Volkslieder mit ihren Original-Weisen,* Ed. A. Kretschmer und Wilhelm von Zuccalmaglio, 2 vols., Berlin, 1838-40
  - Subsection: *zuccal*


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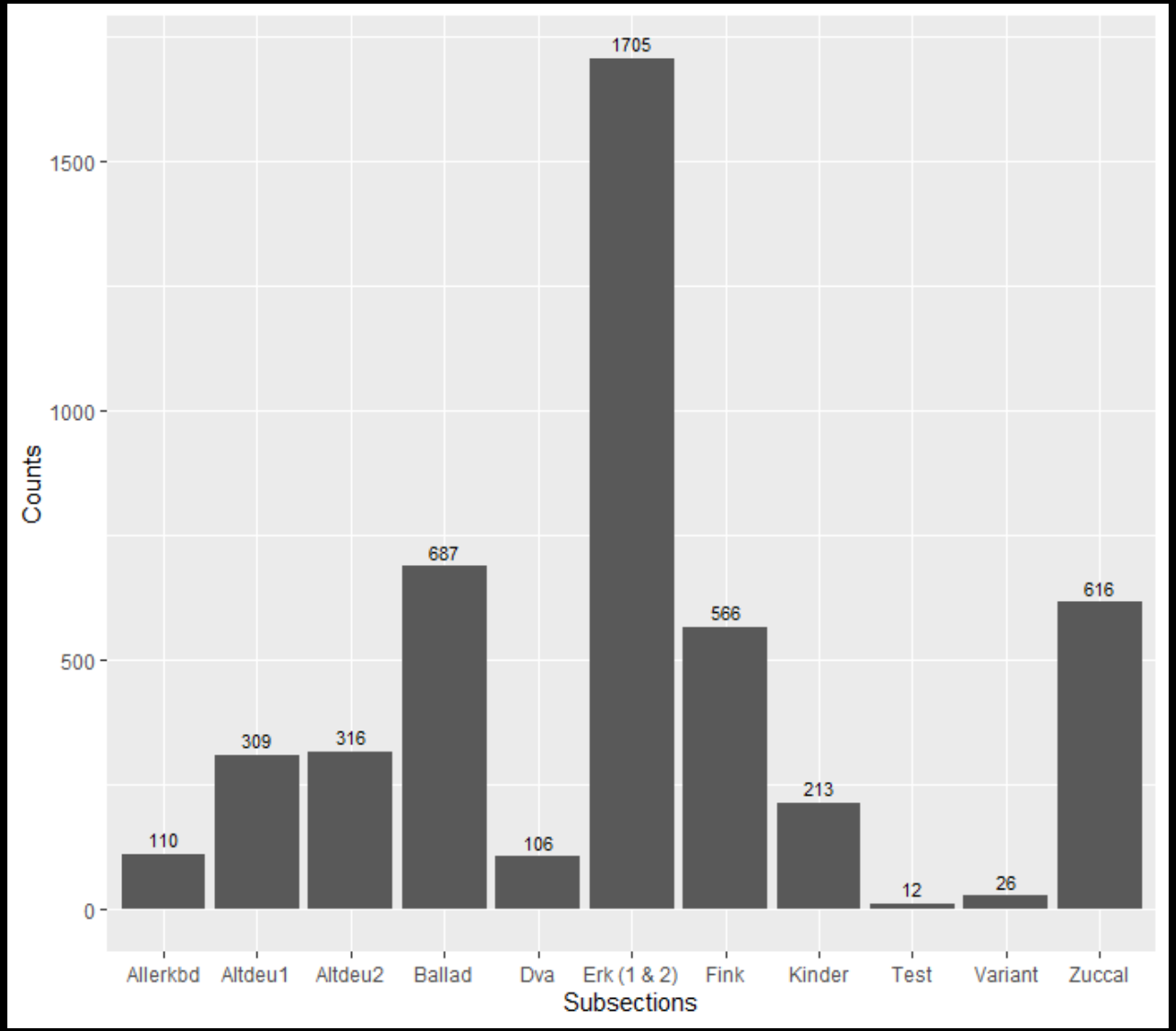
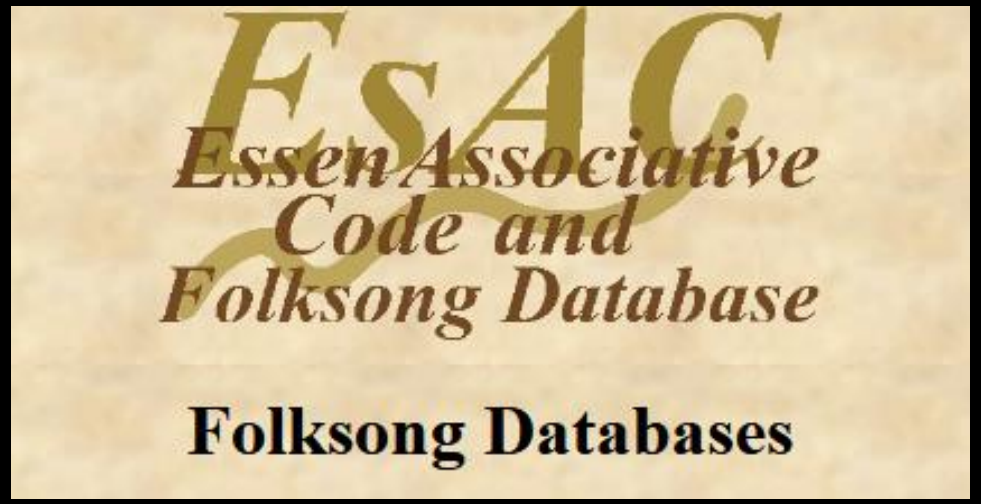
First entry in the primary source, yet distinctly absent from the relevent *erk* subsection. One of many examples

From Erk, L. (1893). *Deutscher Liederhort: Auswahl der vorzüglicheren deutschen Volkslieder, nach Wort und Weise aus der Vorzeit und Gegenwart* (Vol. 1). Breitkopf und Härtel

Altdeu – 2 subsections
Ballad – 8 subsections
Boehme – 2 subsections
Dva – 1 subsection
Erk – 4 subsections
Fink – 1 subsection
Kinder – 1 subsection
Test – 4 subsections
Variant – 1 subsection
Zuccal – 1 subsection



Not pictured: *Boehme* (705 songs)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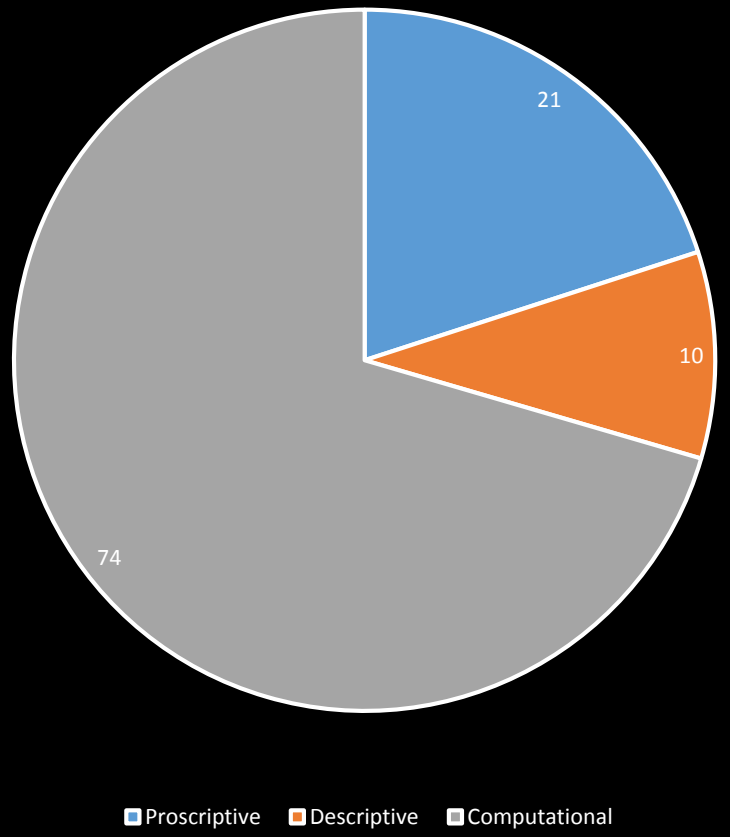
Estimated Distribution of Essen Collection Citations



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