The problem



OntoLex decomp module is not fully adequate to model compounding as it is treated in WFL:

- it would force us to use a different vocabulary for derivation and compounding, word formation processes that are treated homogeneously in WFL;
- it does not allow us to reify the relation between the lexical entries involved in compounding processes, that we need in order to provide a connection to the compounding rules present in WFL.

This could be a problem also for other resources that treat compounding alongside derivation by means of compounding rules/processes/relations, e.g. DeriNet 2.0.

Our proposal



- Class morph:WordFormationRelation, defined as "a lexical relation that relates two lexical entries by means of a word formation process"
- morph:DerivationalRelation can remain as a subclass, alongside other subclasses to account for compounding and other word formation processes different from (affixal) derivation:
 - neoclassical compounding, e.g. microwave;
 - blending, e.g. brunch;
 - clipping, e.g. lab.
- Similar structure for rules: morph:DerivationalRule as subclass of morph:WordFormationRule