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OPEN SCIENCE FOR ENGLISH HISTORICAL CORPUS LINGUISTICS: PUBLISHING THE LANGUAGE CHANGE DATABASE

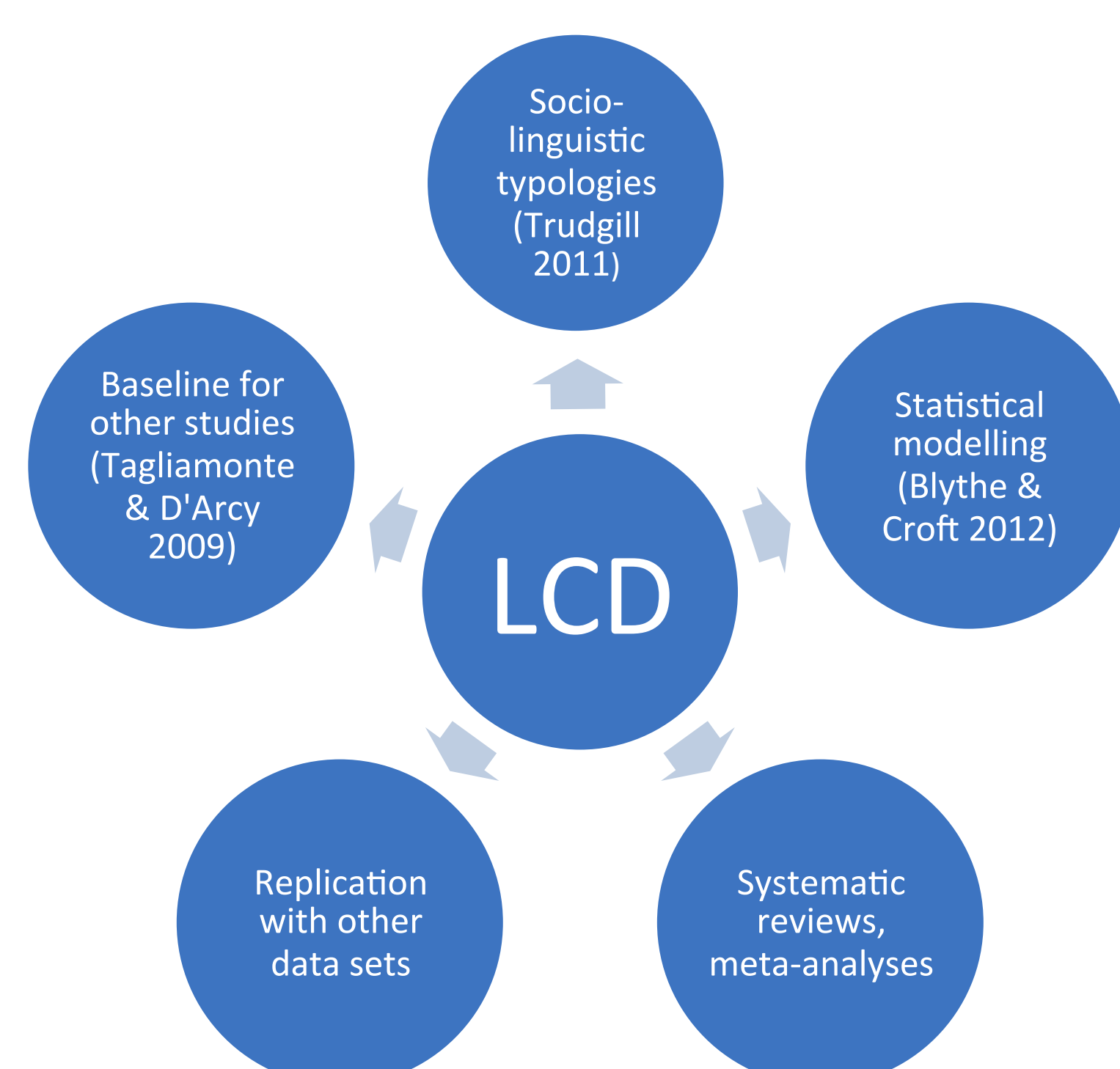
WHAT?

The **Language Change Database (LCD)** is an open-access resource that draws together earlier **corpus-based research on English historical linguistics**. The LCD provides a fully searchable online environment, where all studies are annotated according to a number of categories (e.g. grammar, corpora, diachronic & regional coverage). Each LCD entry also includes:

- A summary of the results of the study
- Full publication details
- Numerical data of the study's main results in tabular format (Excel files)

WHY?

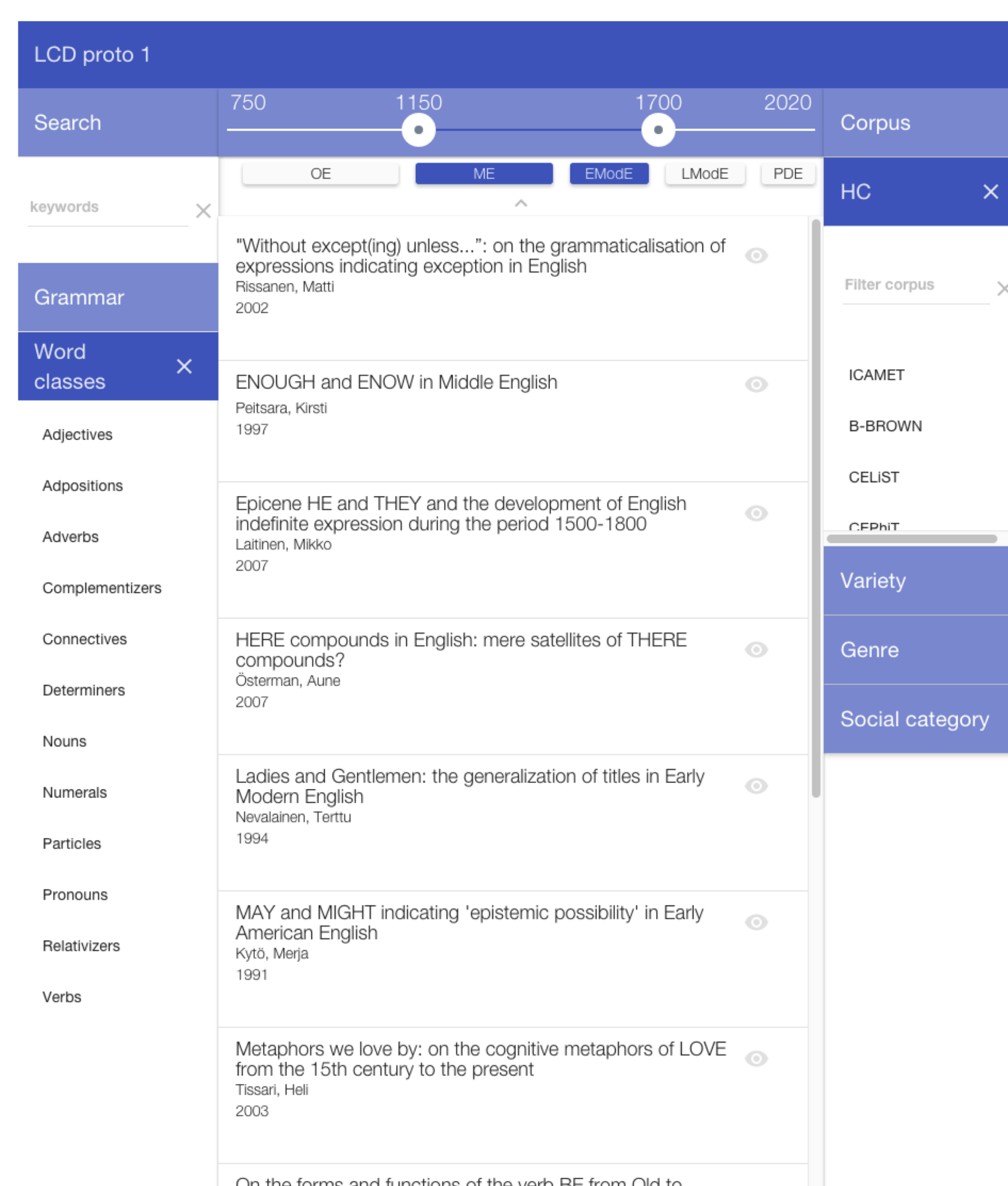
The LCD will make **earlier research more accessible** to scholars and students of English. We also envision that the LCD will have many **uses in future research**. The picture below illustrates just some areas that can benefit from the data included in the LCD.



THE DATABASE

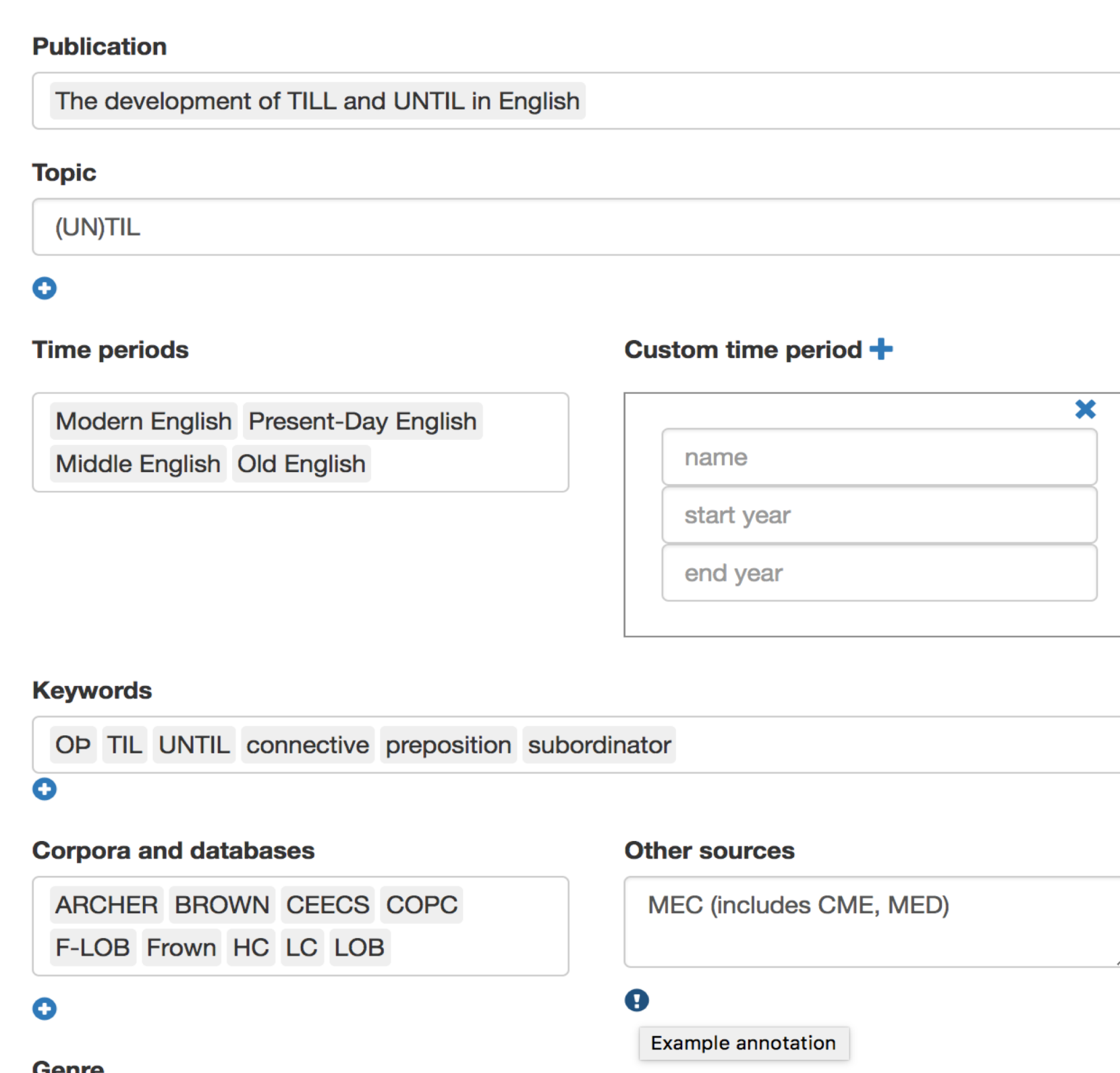
- Wiki-style, **user-updated** database that is **easy to edit** and allows **flexible linking** across related categories
- Currently **c. 300 entries**
- **Easy to query** by combining linguistic and extralinguistic categories

LCD SEARCH NOW AVAILABLE FOR TESTING



PILOTING THE BACK-END

- Small-scale piloting starts in autumn 2018
- Pilot users by invitation/application
- Longer development cycles



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- Feedback welcome on both coverage and technical issues
- Use email (lcd-project@helsinki.fi) or the form on the project website
- Short development cycles

FROM PILOTING TO AN ESTABLISHED SERVICE

- Feedback from the research community
- Fine-tuning the linguistic categories and technical details
- Increasing the number of entries

