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LANGUAGE CHANGE DATABASE A NEW ONLINE RESOURCE

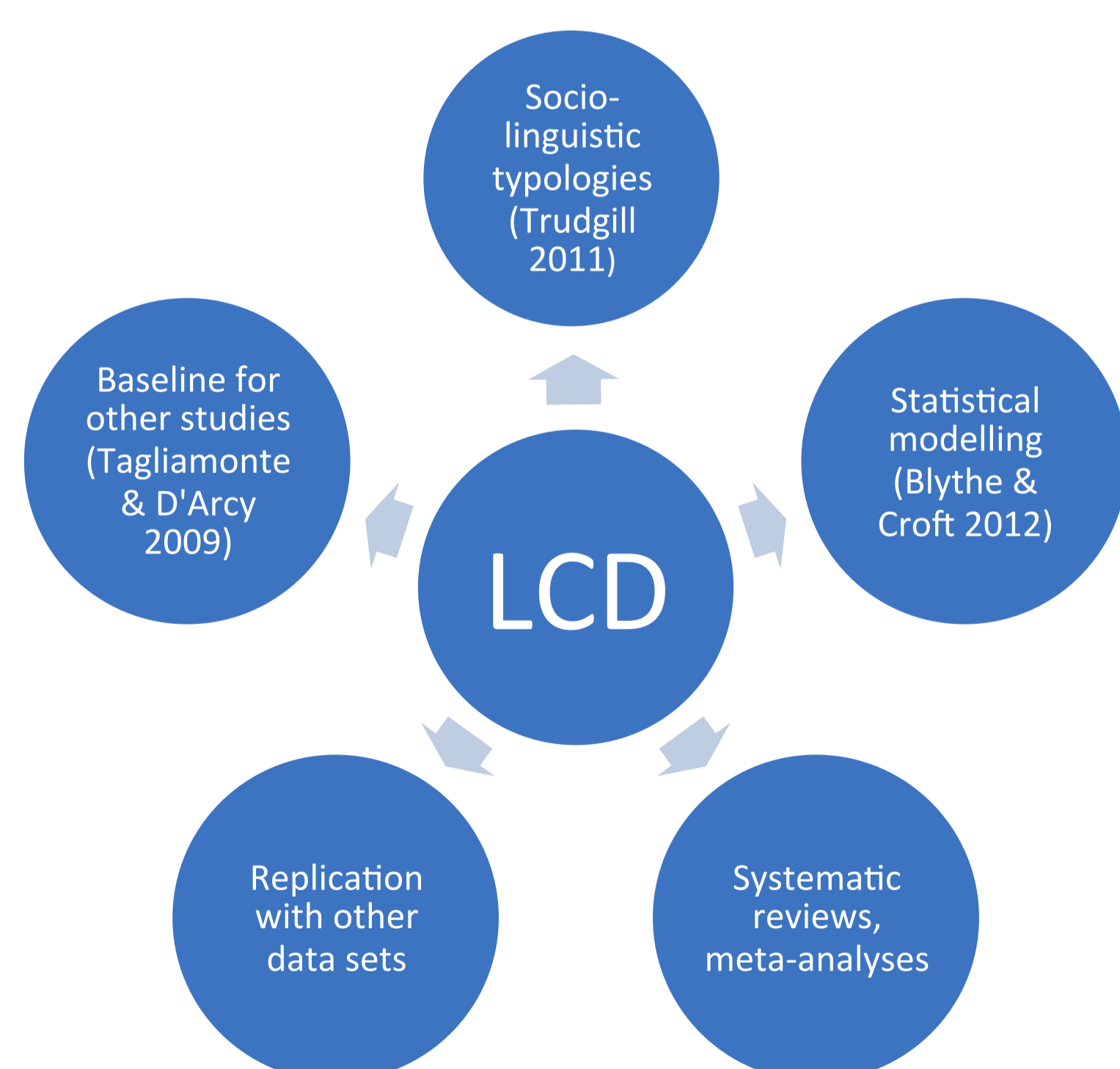
WHAT?

The **Language Change Database (LCD)** is an upcoming open-access resource that draws together earlier **corpus-based research on English historical linguistics**. The LCD will provide 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 will also include:

- 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 topics that can benefit from the data included in the LCD.



WHO?

The Language Change Database is developed at the University of Helsinki by the members of the project **“Reassessing Language Change: the Challenge of Real Time”**. The project is funded by the Academy of Finland and led by Professor Terttu Nevalainen.

THE DATABASE

- Wiki-style, **user-updated** database that is **easy to edit** and allows **flexible linking** across related categories
- Currently **over 160 entries**
- **Easy to query** by combining linguistic and extralinguistic categories. For example, you can search for:
 - Studies on adjective comparison in the Early Modern period
 - Articles discussing how women of higher social ranks used pronouns in their correspondence in the 17th century

ENTRY (PARTIAL)

HERE compounds in English: mere satellites of THERE compounds?

Publication details

Citation
 Österman, Aune. 2007. "HERE compounds in English: mere satellites of THERE compounds?" *Studies in semantics and grammar from Old to present-day English*, ed. by Rod McConchie, Marianna Hintikka, Leena Kahlas-Tarkka & Matti Rissanen. Mémoires de la Société Néophilologique de Helsinki LXXII. Helsinki: Société Néophilologique, 211-252.

Abstract
 This article deals with 33 HERE compounds from OE to PDE, with special attention paid to their semantic development from original concrete meanings towards more abstract uses. A few comparisons are made with THERE compounds, which occur seven times as frequently as HERE compounds.

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Content details

Topic: HERE compounds Keywords: compound adverbs; HERE; THERE;

Time periods: Old English, Middle English, Modern English, Present-day English
 Corpora: A Representative Corpus of Historical English Registers, British National Corpus, Helsinki Corpus

Grammar: Adverbs
 Dialectology: Sociolinguistics

Pragmatics: Genre, Variety
 British English

Social categories: Language contact, Statistical method

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- Maps
- Network-based searches

