

## **GOALS OF COMPARATIVE METHOD (INTERSECTION WITH UTILITY OF REGULARITY)**

- (indirect) evidence of language change**
- reconstruction of proto-language starting point for languages being compared (thus a glimpse into linguistic (pre-)history but also cultural (pre-)history of the speech communities involved in the comparison)**
- sort out borrowings from inherited items (see regularity too)**
- language relatedness**

## **UTILITY OF REGULARITY-OF-SOUND-CHANGE AXIOM**

- principled way of deciding between competing hypotheses (of change)**
- relative chronology of sound changes (especially for counter-feeding orders)**
- sort out borrowings from inherited items (together with Comparative Method)**
- language relatedness (together with Comparative Method)**

**--subgrouping (versus view that changes are random events)**