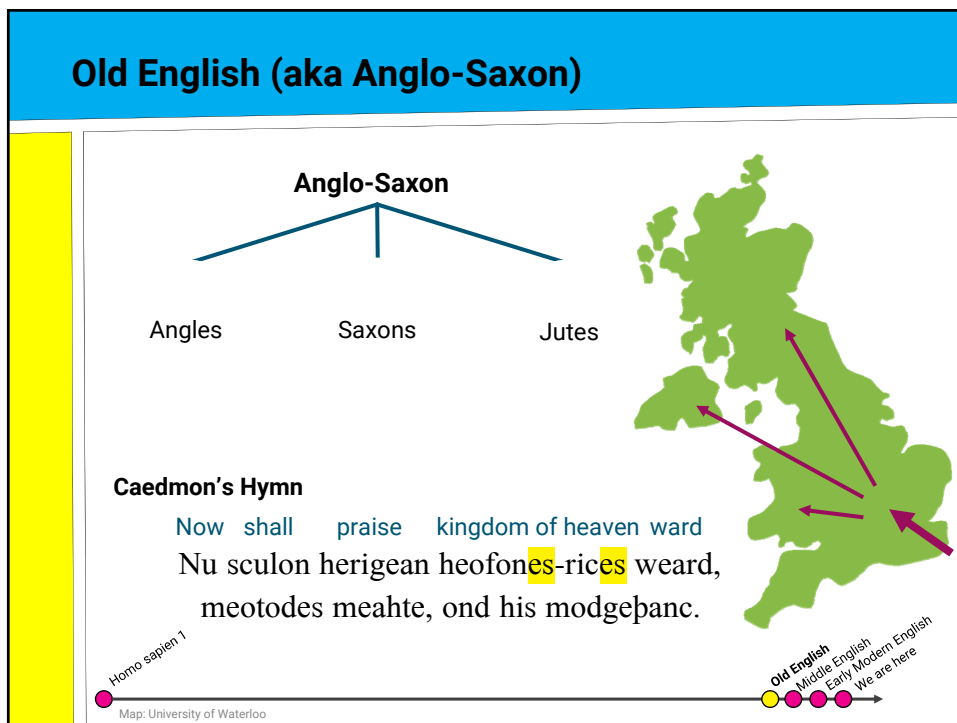


Mutability Example: History of English



External Change

What happened?

- Picked up Celtic and Pictish words
- Attacked by the Norse (Vikings)
- Infusion of a great amount of Romance (French, Latinate) vocabulary
- 11th century English changed into its modern form

Superstratum:
Latinate

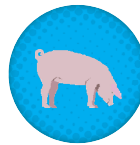
Content words
 • Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
 German vocabulary

Substratum:
Germanic

Function words
 • articles, prepositions, particles

Lexical Change: Sociolectal Residue

Germanic



Latinate



Religious
terminology

Bureaucratic
terminology

Legal
terminology

Medical
terminology

German
vocabulary

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