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The Dictionary of the Serbian Academy: from the Text to the Lexical Database

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Motivation

- ❖ **Dictionary of Serbian Academy or DSA**
 - ✓ 19 volumes printed, 20th in print, ~15 more to come
 - ✓ covers written resources of the standard Serbo-Croatian (from 19th century to the present day) of all Shtokavian dialects
 - ✓ complex microstructure
- ❖ **Task:**
 - ✓ automatic transformation of the digitized text of DSA into various standard structured formats and into a lexical database
 - ✓ use the lexical base of the Dictionary for research purposes and for the production of different derived lexicographic products

Model of Lexical Database

- **Analysis of formatting conventions used for typesetting dictionary entries and identification of triggers:**
 - 1. headword group,**
 - 2. grammatical data,**
 - 3. etymology,**
 - 4. sense,**
 - 5. multiword expressions,**
 - 6. proverbs.**

Model of Lexical Database

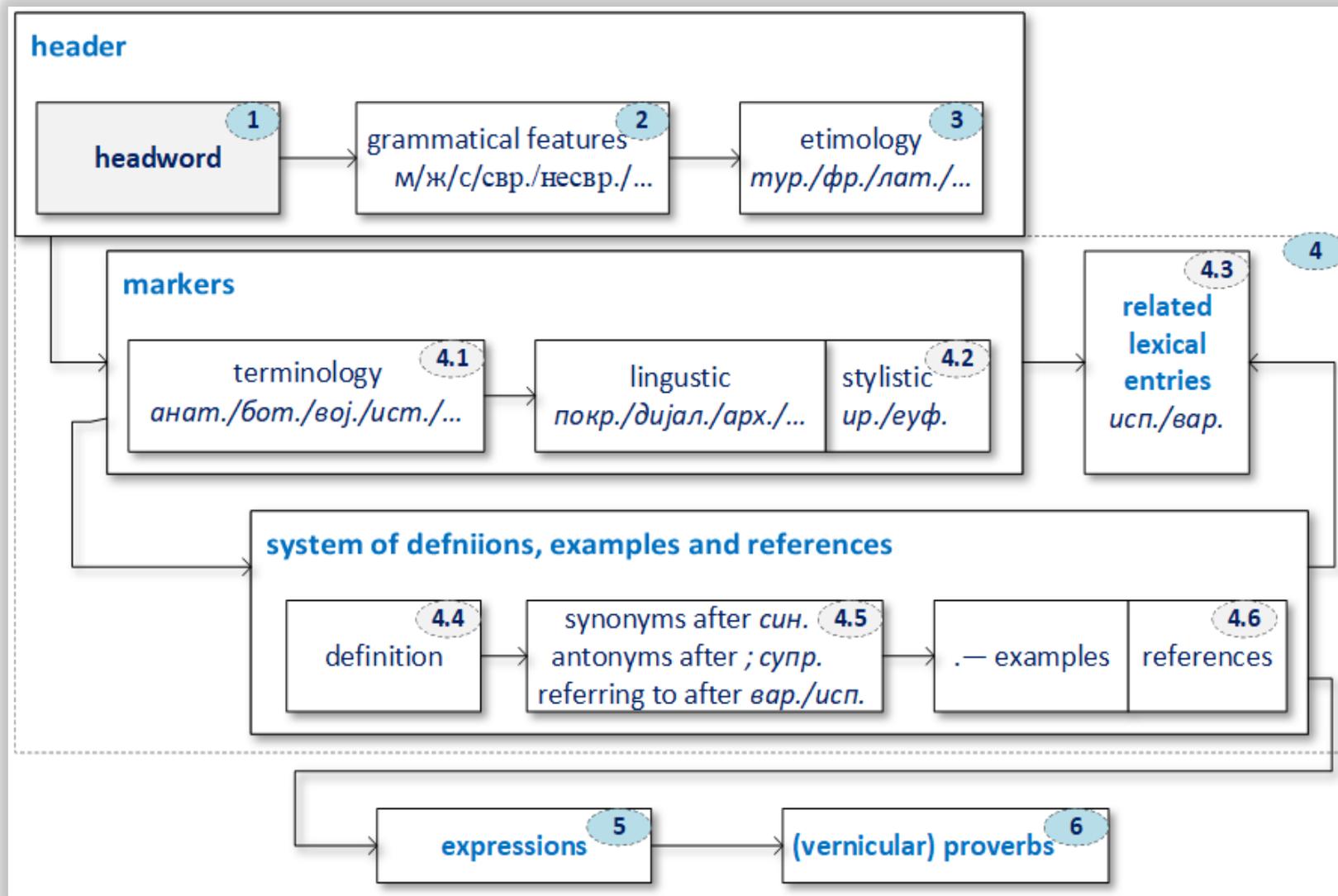
- **Dictionary markers**
 - ✓ **semantic, phonetic, morphological, syntactic, normative, functional, stylistic, domain of use,..**
 - ✓ **371 abbreviations (markers) mapped as data category values**
 - ✓ **30 data categories, further grouped in data-category set**

Typographic conventions and triggers as applied to nouns



Element		Example	typography	trigger begin	Trigger end
Headword group					
	lemma	палеоцѐн	<nl> bold		comma or trigger begin
	gramm. data	-a		hyphen	
	lemma	палеоцѐн	<nl> bold	н	comma or trigger begin
	gramm. data	-ена		hyphen	
gramm. data		м		item in a list	
Etymology		palaiós kainós		Open parenthesis + item in a list, e.g. „грч.“	closing parenthesis
Sense				1, 2, 3 or а, б, в or I, II or trigger begin	
	terminological markers	геол.		item in a list	trigger begin
	linguistic/markers	/		item in a list	trigger begin
	related words	/		Some punctuation marks; item in a list	trigger begin
	definition	прва, најстарија епоха палеогена.	italic		trigger begin
	synonyms, antonyms, related	/		item in a list	
Example	example text	Формације геолошке се даље дијеле...		dash	
	Bibliographic references	Д-П1, 17		Open parentheses	Closing parenthesis
MWE		/		Изр.	
Proverbs.		/		НПосл.	

Microstructure of dictionary articles



Transformation: dictionary article text form -> lexical database



Typographic conventions and triggers as applied to nouns

палеоцѐн, -а и **палеоцѐн**, -ена м (грч. palaiós kainós) геол. *прва, најстарија епоха палеогена*. — Формације [геолошке] се даље дијеле на ... епохе. Тако се ... терцијар [састоји] од пет: палеоцена, еоцена, олигоцена, миоцена и плиоцена (Д–П 1, 17). (Калм. Р. 1, 81; Р. МС).

{RegEx}



Segmentation,
Pattern recognition,
Alignment of markers

палеоцѐн	-а	палеоцѐн	-ена	м
грч.	palaiós kainós	геол.		
<i>прва, најстарија епоха палеогена.</i>				
Формације [геолошке] се даље дијеле на ... епохе. Тако се ... терцијар [састоји] од пет: палеоцена, еоцена, олигоцена, миоцена и плиоцена				
		Д–П 1, 17	Калм. Р. 1, 81; Р. МС	

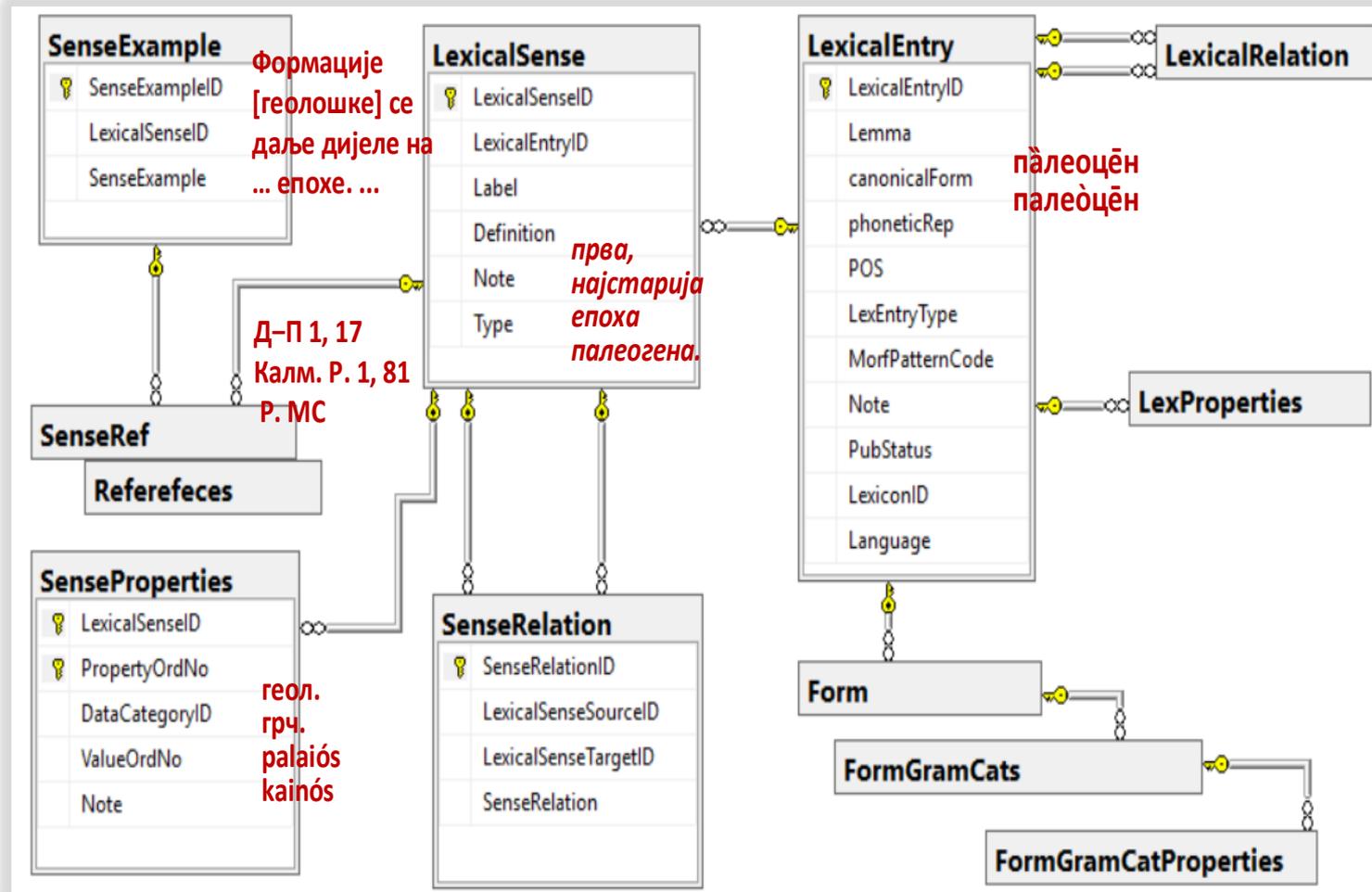
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    <def> прва, најстарија епоха палеогена.</def>
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TEI compliant tagging of a dictionary article

Lexical database



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Results and Evaluation

1st (1959) and
19th (2014) volumes

- 1) Automatic procedure recognized, structured, annotated and stored in the lexical database 15,988 dictionary articles from 1st and 11,153 from 19th volume
- 2) Digitization of all previously published volumes is in progress
- 3) In future, the linear processing of entries may be abandoned which would possibly accelerate the production process.
- 4) The supplements to the already published volumes could also be produced.
- 5) Once the DSA is fully populated, users with different levels of accessibility, will be able to search through its lexical data base.

1st (1959) and 19th (2014) volumes

