Towards a Definition of Verb-Particle Constructions

- Syntax-based detection of verb-particle constructions (VPCs) has been widely studied, mostly in English
- It is problematic to directly compare results obtained on different datasets and/or different methods due to differences in the definition of the concept of VPC and in annotation principles
    - Tu&Roth dataset: VPCs with only 6 verbs, selected (isolated) sentences
    - Wiki50: no restrictions on verbs, running text
- A unified definition of VPC and annotation principles would be of use
- We propose a preliminary definition of VPCs
- Next step: to agree on a definition and revise/reannotate corpora accordingly