CELTIC PLACE NAME MAP
Linguistic reconstruction and prehistory

Assumption: (undoubtedly valid):

a proto-language was spoken by someone at some place at some time

that is, the questions are who, where, and when

the evidence:

1. toponyms
2. Wörter und Sachen (words and things)
3. subgrouping

1. Toponyms
   a. persistenance
      Thames and London have persisted for at least two thousand years
   b. the grammar of the names: new names are constructed according to the grammar of the language spoken there at the time
   c. on the basis of toponyms six layers of names can be established for England:

      Pre-Celtic
      Ancient Celtic
      Latin
      Norman French
      Scandinavian
      Anglo-Saxon
      English