

Typologically rare sound changes: Final voicing

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Final obstruent devoicing

- Word- and syllable-final obstruent devoicing is a common sound pattern in the world's languages.
 - IE: Bulgarian, Camuno, Catalan, Dutch, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Zaza...
 - Non IE: Afar (Cushitic), Awara (Finisterre-Huon, Papua New Guinea), Ganza (Omotic, Ethiopia & Sudan)...
- A convergent phonological evolution fueled by many phonetic biases.

Active final obstruent devoicing: Czech

	INITIAL			MEDIAL			FINAL		
/b/	bát se	[b a:tsɛ]	‘to fear’	chleba	[xle b a]	‘bread.ACC’	chléb	[xlɛ: p]	‘bread’
/p/	pád	[p a:t]	‘a fall’	čápi	[tʃa: p i]	‘stork.PL’	čáp	[tʃa: p]	‘stork’
/d/	dát	[d a:t]	‘give’	ledu	[lɛ d u]	‘ice.GEN’	led	[lɛ t]	‘ice’
/t/	tát	[t a:t]	‘melt’	letu	[lɛ t u]	‘flight.GEN’	let	[lɛ t]	‘flight’
/g/	gáza	[g a:za]	‘gauze’	kolega	[kole g a]	‘colleague’	gong	[go:ŋ k]	‘gong’
/k/	kát se	[k a:tsɛ]	‘repent’	žáky	[ʒa: k i]	‘pupil.PL’	žák	[ʒa: k]	‘pupil’

TABLE 1. Final obstruent devoicing in Czech.

Static final obstruent voicelessness: Basque

	INITIAL		MEDIAL		FINAL	
/b/	b eldar	‘caterpillar’	z a bal	‘wide’	—	
/p/	p eldo	‘wild mint’	z a p a l	‘crushed’	z a p	[sound of hit, knock]
/d/	d u	‘have.3SG.PRS’	a dar	‘horn, branch’	—	
/t/	t u	‘saliva, spit’	a tal	‘section, piece’	b a t	‘one’
/g/	g ehi	‘more, a lot’	e garri	‘thirst’	—	
/k/	k e	‘smoke, steam’	e karri	‘to bring’	z u t i k	‘standing, upright’

TABLE 2. Final obstruent voicelessness in Basque.

Final obstruent voicing

- Final obstruent voicing is claimed to be non-existent (Kiparsky 2006).
- Why is final obstruent devoicing a common sound pattern?
- Why is final obstruent voicing cross-linguistically rare / unattested?
- Two different approaches.

Lack of final voicing

**Traditional markedness accounts
(Wetzels and Mascaró 2001) and OT
(Kager 1999)**

- Consequence of universal markedness constraints prohibiting voicing in word- or syllable-final position.
- Explicit prediction that final obstruent voicing does not exist (Kiparsky 2006, 2008).

**Phonetic-historical accounts
(Evolutionary Phonology; Blevins 2004,
2017)**

- Consequence of phonetically-based devoicing tendencies in word- or syllable-final position.
- Allow for rare cases of final-obstruent voicing under specific conditions (Blevins 2006).

Emergentist vs. markedness approaches

- Evolutionary Phonology:
- Nothing prohibits sound patterns of final obstruent voicing in synchronic grammars.
- Final obstruent voicing is expected to be rare:
 - Many phonetic factors yield final devoicing.
- Nevertheless, phonetic and non-phonetic pathways to final obstruent voicing are conceivable.
- Examine any sound pattern that might instantiate it.

Potential cases of final voicing: Somali

- A possible process of word-final voicing of obstruents (Blevins 2006).
- There is a great deal of phonetic variation in the realization of final obstruents.
- Kiparsky (2006, 2008) chooses to analyze Somali final stops as lenis unaspirated, in contrast to aspirated stops that occur syllable-initially.

Potential cases of final voicing: Lezgian

- Lezgian (Nakh-Daghestanian) has plain voiceless, voiceless aspirated, voiced and glottalized stops.
- Plain voiceless stops alternate with voiced stops word-finally.
- Yu (2004) provides acoustic and phonological evidence for a synchronic process of final obstruent voicing and lengthening.
- However, Kiparsky (2006, 2008) offers an alternative:
 - Final voiced stops are taken as basic.
 - He analyzes them as phonologically voiced geminate stops.
 - He proposes degemination and devoicing in syllable onsets.

Lakota language

- a.k.a. Lakhota, Teton or Teton Sioux.
- A Siouan language (Siouan-Catawban).
 - Spoken in the Great Plains of North America.
- Mississippi Valley subgroup.
- North Dakota and South Dakota.
- Endangered language.
 - Approx. 2000 speakers.
- Part of a dialect continuum:
 - Western Dakhóta (Yankton-Yanktonai).
 - Eastern Dakhóta (Santee-Sisseton).
 - Assiniboine Nakhóta.
 - Stoney Nakhóta.



*d in the Lakota-Dakota dialect continuum

LAKĤÓTA	YANKTONAI	YANKTON	SISSETON	SANTEE	ASSINIBOINE	GLOSS
loté	doté	doté	doté	doté	noté	‘throat’
-kel	- ked	- ked	- ked	- ked	- ken	‘kind of’ (ADV SUFF)
blaská	bdaská	bdaská	bdaská	bdaská	mnaská	‘to be flat & solid’
agléška-la	ag dé ška-na	ak dé ška-na	ah dé ška-na	ah dé ška-da	ak né ška-na	‘lizard’

TABLE 3. Some phonological differences across the Lakota-Dakota dialect continuum.

Lakota vowel contrasts

		FRONT	CENTRAL	BACK
HIGH	oral	i		u
	nasalized	<iŋ> [ĩ]		<uŋ> [ũ]
MID	oral	e		o
LOW	oral		a	
	nasalized		<aŋ> [ã]	

Lakota consonantal contrasts

	BILAB	DENT	ALV	POST-ALV	VELAR	GLOT
OBSTRUENTS						
Stops & affricates						
voiceless unaspirated	p	t		č = [tʃ]	k	
voiceless aspirated (or Th cluster)	ph	th		čh	kh	
voiceless with velar aspiration (or Tǎ cluster)	pǎ	tǎ			kǎ	
voiceless ejective (or Tʔ cluster)	pʼ	tʼ		čʼ	kʼ	ʼ = [ʔ]
voiced	b				(g)	
Fricatives						
voiceless			s	š = [ʃ]	ǎ = [x], [χ]	h
voiceless glottalized (or Sʔ cluster)			sʼ	šʼ	ǎʼ = [xʼ], [χʼ]	
voiced			z	ž = [ʒ]	ǧ = [ɣ], [ʁ]	
SONORANTS						
Nasals	m		n	PALATAL		
Lateral		l				
Approximants	w			y = [j]		

Lakota stops

- Three contrastive voiceless oral stop: /p, t, k/.
- Only one contrastive voiced oral stop: /b/.
 - ↳ Voicing is contrastive for pre-vocalic bilabial stops in Lakota.
- Native roots: *bá* ‘to blame somebody’, *bú* ‘make a deep noise’, etc.
- At least one loan: *bébela* ‘baby’ (<< Fr. *bébé*).
- [g] is a predictable allophone of /k/ /_l, m, n, w.
 - cf. *spakéli* < Engl. [spə'gɛri] ‘spaghetti’ vs. *magnéta* < Engl. *magnet* ‘magnet’.

The /b/ vs. /p/ contrast in Lakota

- a. *bá* ‘to blame sb.’ (not widely known) vs. *pa-* ‘by pushing’
- b. *bébela* ‘baby’ (<< Fr. *bébé*) vs. *-pi* PLURAL
- c. *bú* ‘make a deep noise’ vs. *pu-* ‘by pressure’
- d. *ábela* ‘scattered’, *ábeya* ‘scattering’ vs. *apé* ‘leaf’
- e. *kabú* ‘to play the drum’ (*ka-* ‘by hitting’, *bu* ‘make a deep noise’) vs. *kapúza* ‘to become dry in the wind’ (*ka-* VBZ, *púza* ‘to be dry’)
- f. *hibú* ‘I am coming’ (archaic form of 1SG of *hiyú* ‘to start coming’) vs. *ipáblaye* ‘rolling pin’

/k/ with predictable [k] and [g] allophones

- a. prevocalic [k]: *akábu* ‘to drum on sth.’, *kibá* ‘to regret’, *-lake* ‘very, really’, *spakéli* ‘spaghetti’ (<< Eng.)
- b. presonorant syllable-initial [g]: *glalú* ‘to fan one’s own’, *gmá* ‘walnut’, *gnúni* ‘to lose one’s own’ (< *ki-núni*), *gwéza* ‘rippled, ridged’, *magnéta* ‘magnet’ (<< Eng.), *šagláša* ‘English’ (<< Fr. *les Anglais*)

Lakota syllable types

	MONOSYLLABLE	INITIAL	MEDIAL	FINAL
OPEN				
CV	<i>šá</i> ‘red’	<i>sá.pA</i> ‘black’	<i>tšó.sa.pA</i> ‘dark blue’	<i>ša.šá</i> ‘red’ (INAN.PL)
CCV	<i>tké</i> ‘heavy’	<i>tke.yá</i> ‘heavily’	<i>wó.tke.ya</i> ‘to hang things’	<i>tke.tké</i> ‘heavy’ (INAN.PL)
CLOSED				
CVC	<i>sáb</i> ‘black’ (CONT)	<i>sab.sá.pA</i> ‘black’ (INAN.PL)	<i>ǵí.sab.ye.la</i> ‘very dark brown’	<i>yu.šáb</i> ‘making sth./sb. dirty’ (cf. <i>šápA</i> , <i>šáb</i> ‘dirty’)
CCVC	<i>gléb</i> ‘vomiting’ (CONT)	<i>gleb.khí.yA</i> ‘to make sb. vomit’	<i>í.ksab.ya</i> [ʔiksabja] ‘to be a burden for sb.’	<i>a.gléb</i> ‘vomiting on sth.’ (CONT)

Final stop voicing in Lakota

Lakota has a true synchronic process of syllable-final stop voicing, as described by Rood and Taylor (1985, 1996):

/p/, /t/, /k/ → [b], [l], [g]
in syllable-final position.

Under:

- Truncation
- Reduplication

	MEDIAL ONSET	WORD-FINAL (CODA)	MEDIAL CODA
/p/	<i>tópa</i> 'four'	<i>tób</i> (CONT) 'four'	<i>tóbtopa</i> 'by fours'
/t/	<i>napótA</i> 'to wear sth out with the feet'	<i>napól</i> (CONT) 'to wear sth out with the feet'	<i>napólpotA</i> 'wearing sth out with the feet'
/k/	<i>šókA</i> 'to be thick'	<i>šóg</i> (CONT) 'to be thick'	<i>šogšókA</i> 'to be thick'

Understanding truncation as prosodic morphology

- Truncation: If a Lakota form ends in $/...VC_fV_f/$, where C_f is a possible coda consonant, then...
 - $...VC_fV_f \rightarrow ...VC_f$ when it is the first member of a complex word.
 - $VC_fV_f \rightarrow ...VC_f$ in isolation, provided that V_f is unstressed (optional).
- Coda voicing constraints: In syllable coda position...
 - Fricatives devoice: $\check{g} \rightarrow \check{h}$, $\check{z} \rightarrow \check{s}$, $z \rightarrow s$.
 - Oral stops and affricates voice: $p \rightarrow b$, $t \rightarrow l$, $k \rightarrow g$, $\check{c} \rightarrow l$.

Understanding truncation as prosodic morphology

- Dissimilation (in reduplication only / morphophonemic):
Heterosyllabic lateral + coronal consonant clusters dissimilate.
 - $l.T \rightarrow g.T$, where T is a coronal consonant.
- Optional resyllabification (fast speech, variable): In $VC_1.C_2V$ where C_1C_2 is a possible syllable onset.
 - $VC_1.C_2V \rightarrow V.C_1C_2V$ (with regressive devoicing).

	5a.ii	5a.i	5b	5c	5d	
BASE	SIMPLE WD. TRUNCATION	COMPLEX WD. TRUNCATION	CODA VOICING	CLUSTER DISS.	RESYLLAB. (OPTIONAL)	2ND BASE OF COMPLEX WD.
<i>okáspA</i> ‘to sink’	n.a. (...CCV#)	n.a. (...CCV#)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>tḥaǵé</i> ‘saliva’	n.a. (...’V#)	<i>tḥaḥ.glá.tḥA</i> ‘to chew cud’	ǵ → ḥ	n.a.	n.a.	<i>gla.tḥÁ</i> ‘to chew one’s own’
<i>šaké</i> ‘nail, claw’	n.a. (...’V#)	<i>šag.tḥún</i> ‘to have claws’	k → g	n.a.	<i>ša.kṭḥún</i>	<i>tḥún</i> ‘to have sth.’
<i>sápA</i> ‘black’	<i>sáb</i>	<i>sab.sá.pA</i> ‘black’ (INAN.PL)	p → b	n.a.	<i>sa.psá.pA</i>	RED
<i>čápa</i> ‘beaver’	<i>čáb</i>	<i>čhab.sín.te</i> ‘beaver tail’	p → b	n.a.	<i>ča.psín.te</i>	<i>sin té</i> ‘tail’
<i>ḥótA</i> ‘gray’	<i>ḥól</i>	<i>ḥol.ḥó.tA</i> ‘gray’ (INAN.PL)	t → l	n.a.	n.a.	RED
<i>šókA</i> ‘thick’	<i>šóg</i>	<i>šog.šó.kA</i> ‘thick’ (INAN.PL)	k → g	n.a.	<i>šo.kšó.kA</i>	RED
<i>tḥóka</i> ‘enemy, alien’	<i>tḥóg</i> ‘different, foreign’	<i>tḥog. ’í.yA</i> ‘to speak a foreign language’	k → g	n.a.	<i>tḥo.k ’í.yA</i>	<i>iyÁ</i> ‘to speak’

BASE	SIMPLE WD. TRUNCATION	COMPLEX WD. TRUNCATION	CODA VOICING	CLUSTER DISS.	RESYLLAB. (OPTIONAL)	2ND BASE OF COMPLEX WD.
<i>lúta</i> ‘red, scarlet’	—	<i>lul.yÁ</i> ‘to dye sth. red’	t → l	n.a.	n.a.	- <i>ya</i> CAUS
		<i>lug.lú.ta</i> ‘red’ (INAN.PL)	t → l	ll → gl	<i>lu.glú.ta</i> (?)	RED
<i>šéča</i> ‘dry’	<i>šél</i>	<i>šeg.šé.ča</i> ‘dry’ (INAN.PL)	č → l	lš → gš	<i>še.kšé.ča</i>	RED
<i>pěta</i> ‘fire’	<i>pěhl</i>	<i>pěhl.čhó.la</i> ‘without a fire’	t → l	n.a.	n.a.	<i>čhóla</i> ‘without’
<i>wáŋčala</i> ‘only once’	—	<i>wáŋčagčana</i> ‘only once each time’	n.a.	lč → gč	<i>wáŋ.ča.kčana</i>	RED
<i>ležA</i> ‘to urinate’	<i>léš</i>	<i>leš.lé.žA</i> ‘to urinate often’	ž → š	n.a.	<i>le.šlé.žA</i> (?)	RED
		<i>leš.mná</i> ‘smell of urine’	ž → š	n.a.	n.a.	<i>mná</i> ‘to smell’
<i>máza</i> ‘metal’	—	<i>mas.khó.ka</i> ‘can’	z → s	n.a.	n.a.	<i>kħoká</i> ‘keg’
<i>čhága</i> ‘ice’	<i>čháħ</i>	<i>čhaħ.sní.yaŋ</i> ‘ice cream’	ğ → ħ	n.a.	n.a.	<i>sniyÁŋ</i> ‘to cool sth. off’

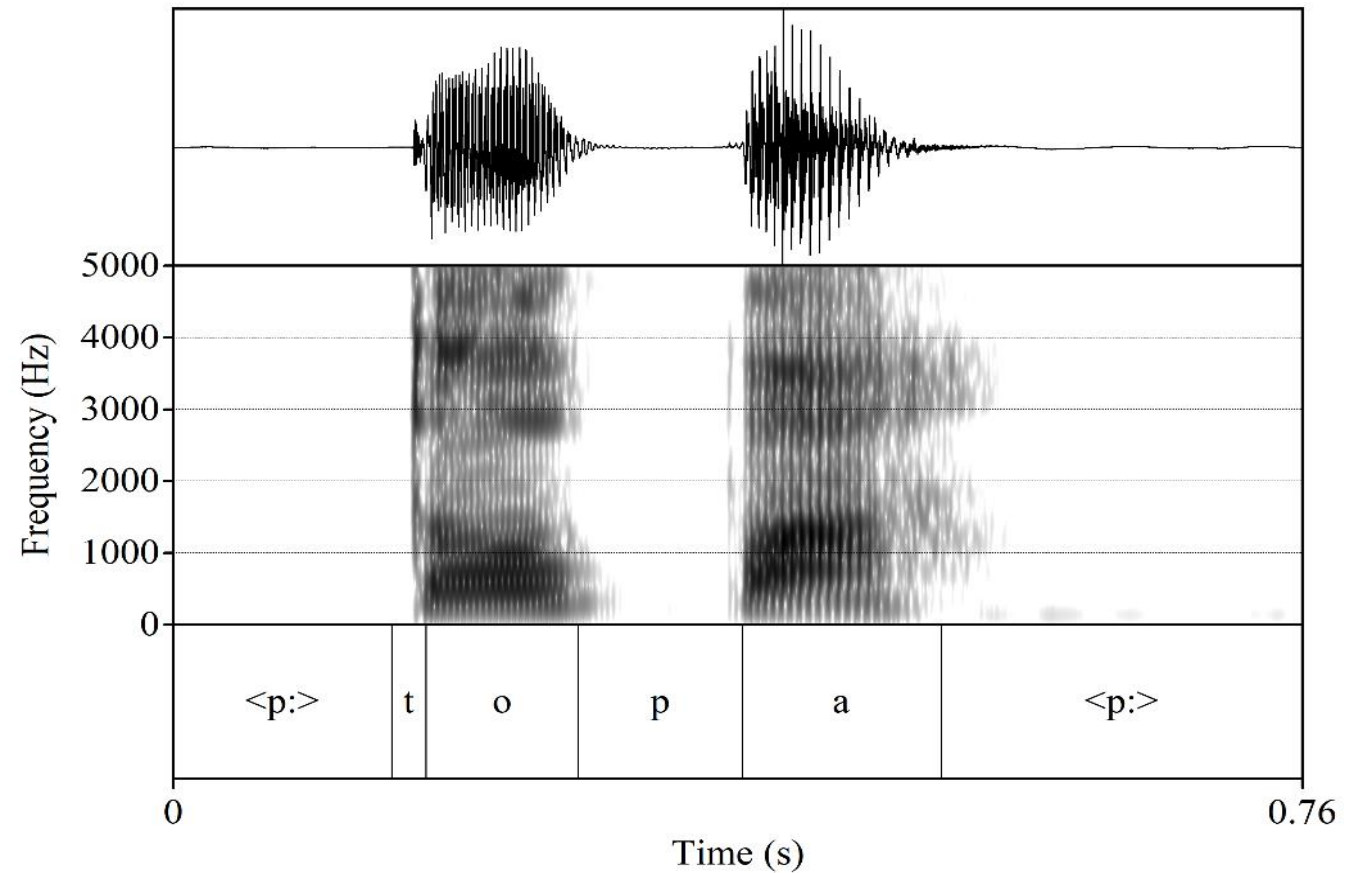
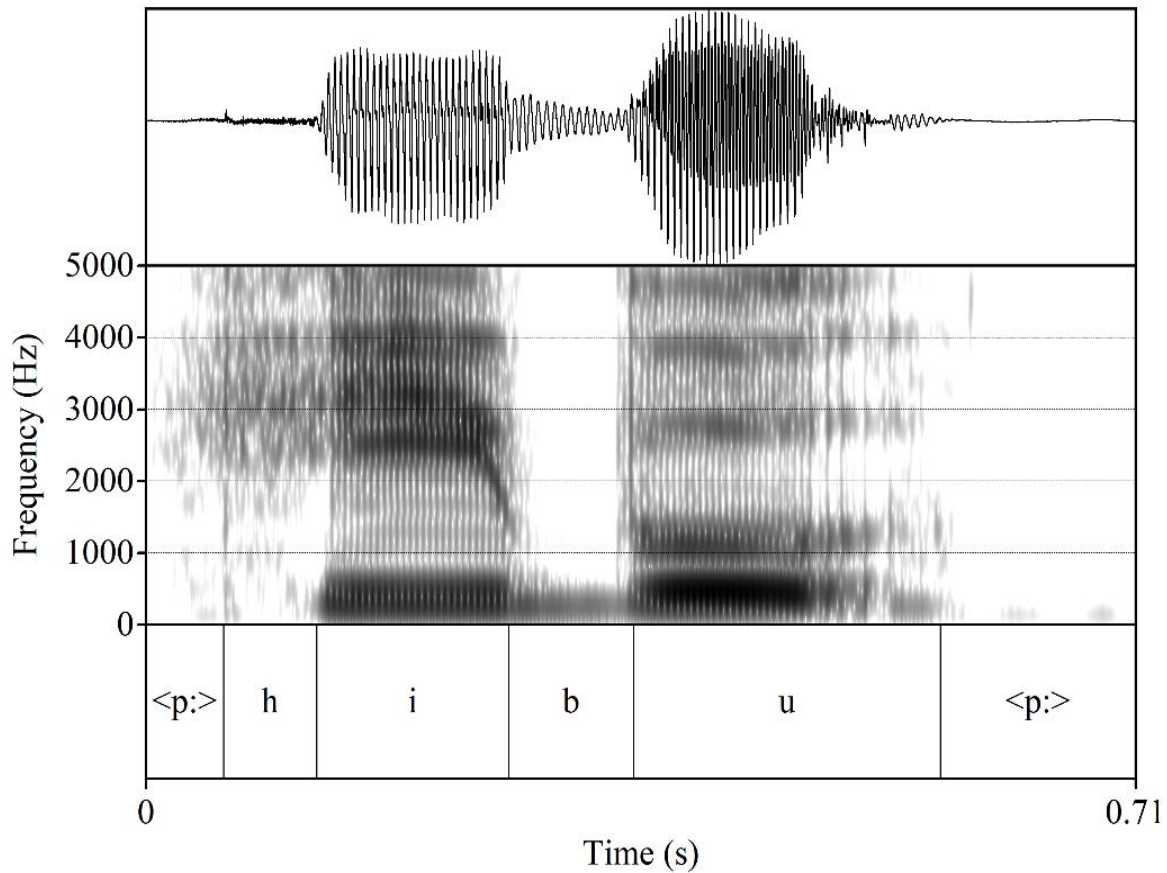
Dataset for the study

- Recorded in WAVE format with a high quality shotgun microphone in a sound-proof booth for *The New Lakota Dictionary* (Ullrich 2011).
- NLD: 52,000 sound files from eight native speakers.
- 28,000 dictionary headwords.
- Main male and female speakers:
 - Ben Black Bear, Jr. (Rosebud Reservation).
 - Iris Eagle Chasing (Cheyenne River Reservation).

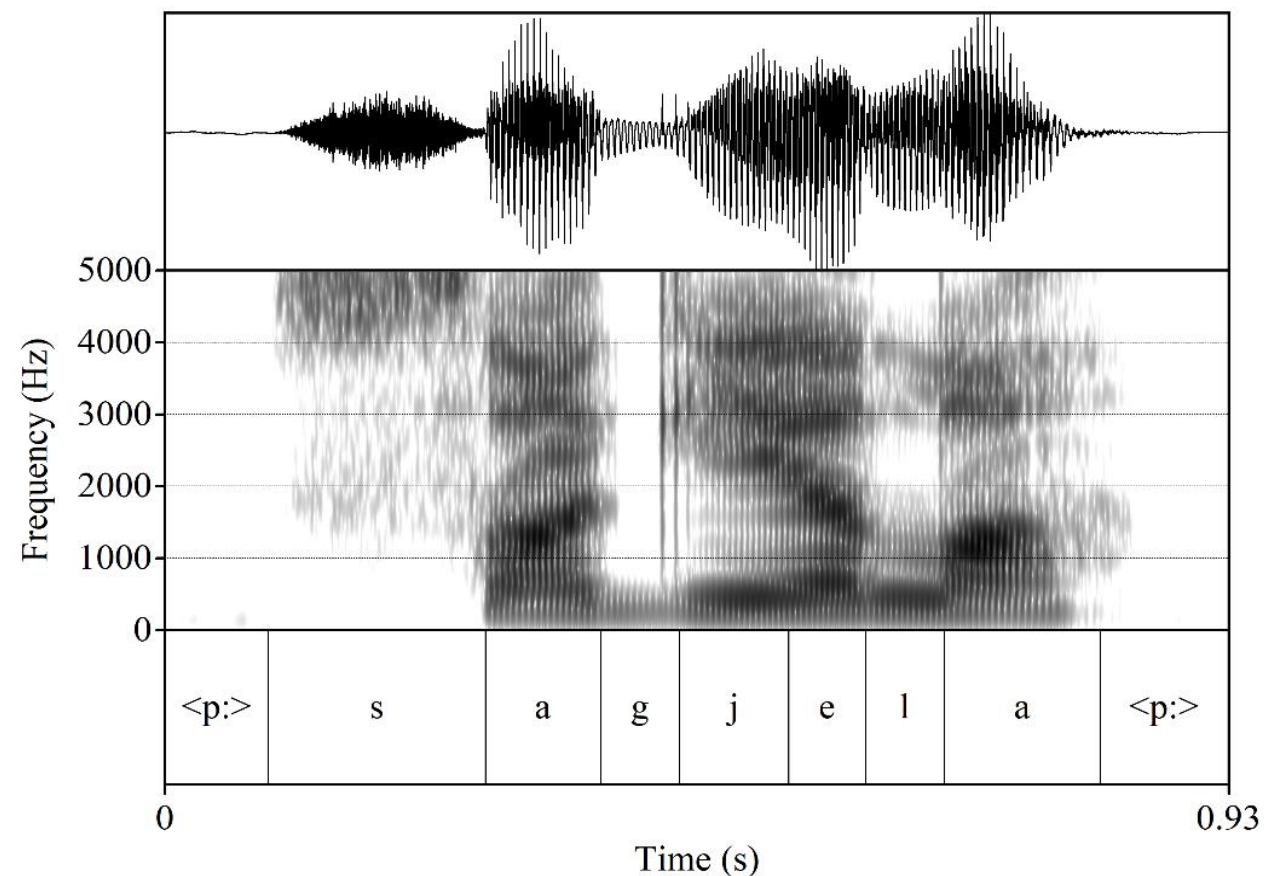
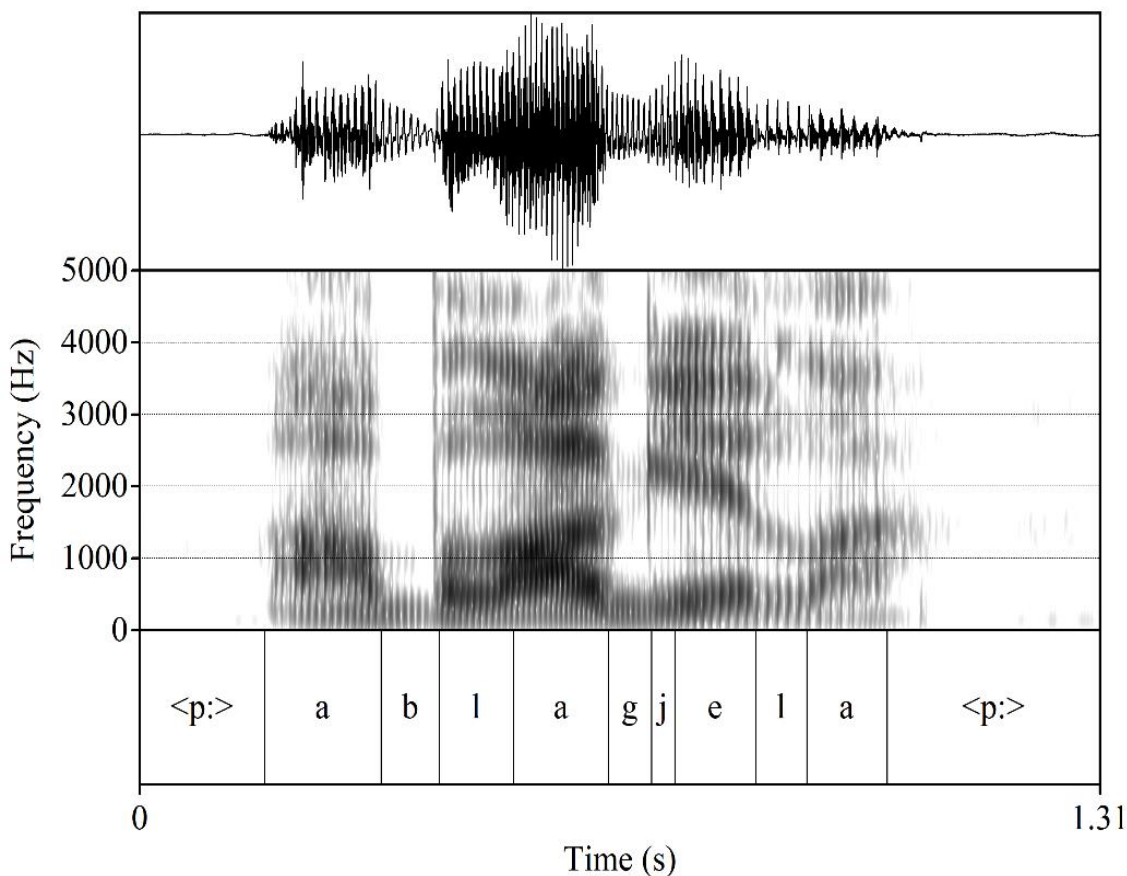
Dataset for the study

- 611 words: 304 distinct words with two tokens each (M/F, +3).
- 1215 oral stops (excluding ejectives and glottal stops).
- Words were orthographically transcribed (NLD orthography).
- *WebMAUS* (Kisler et al. 2017) → “Language independent (SAMPA)”
- Subsequently hand-corrected as needed.

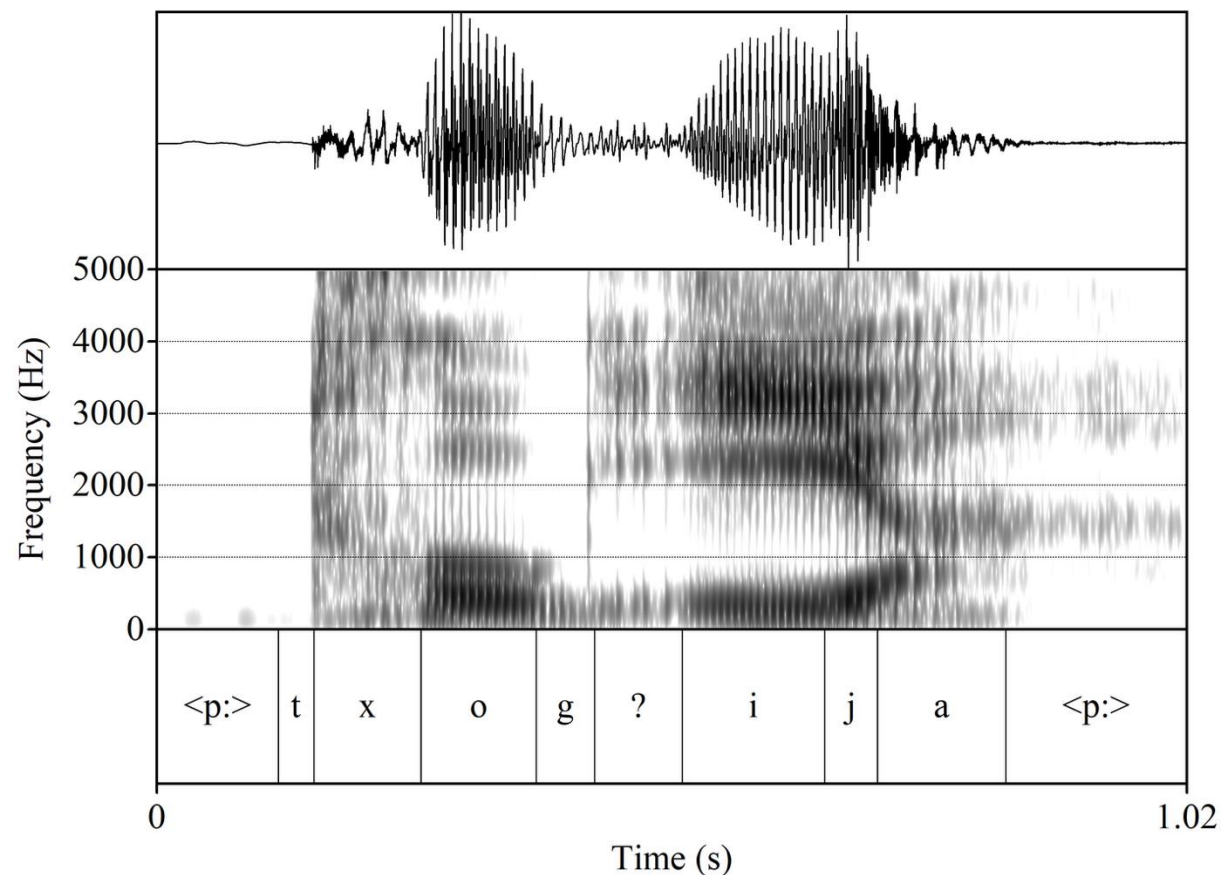
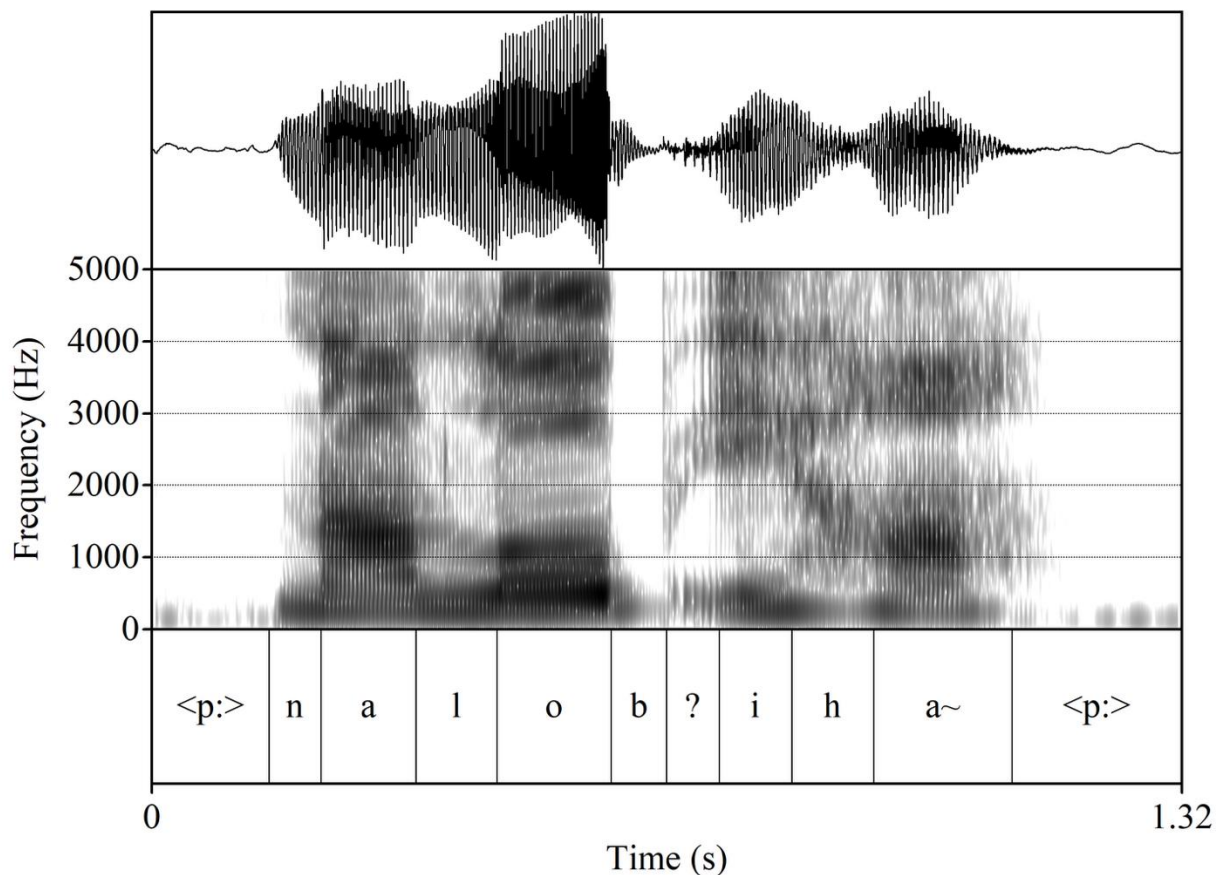
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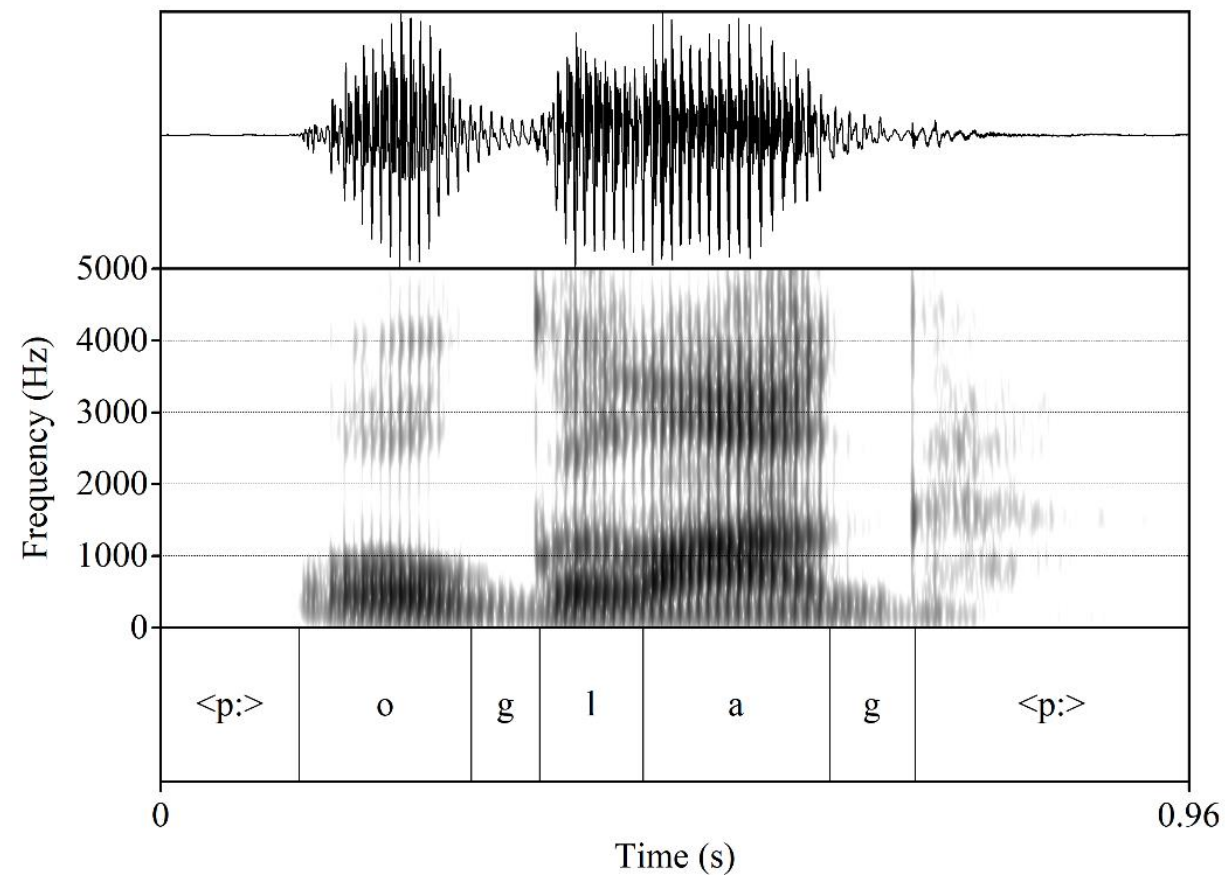
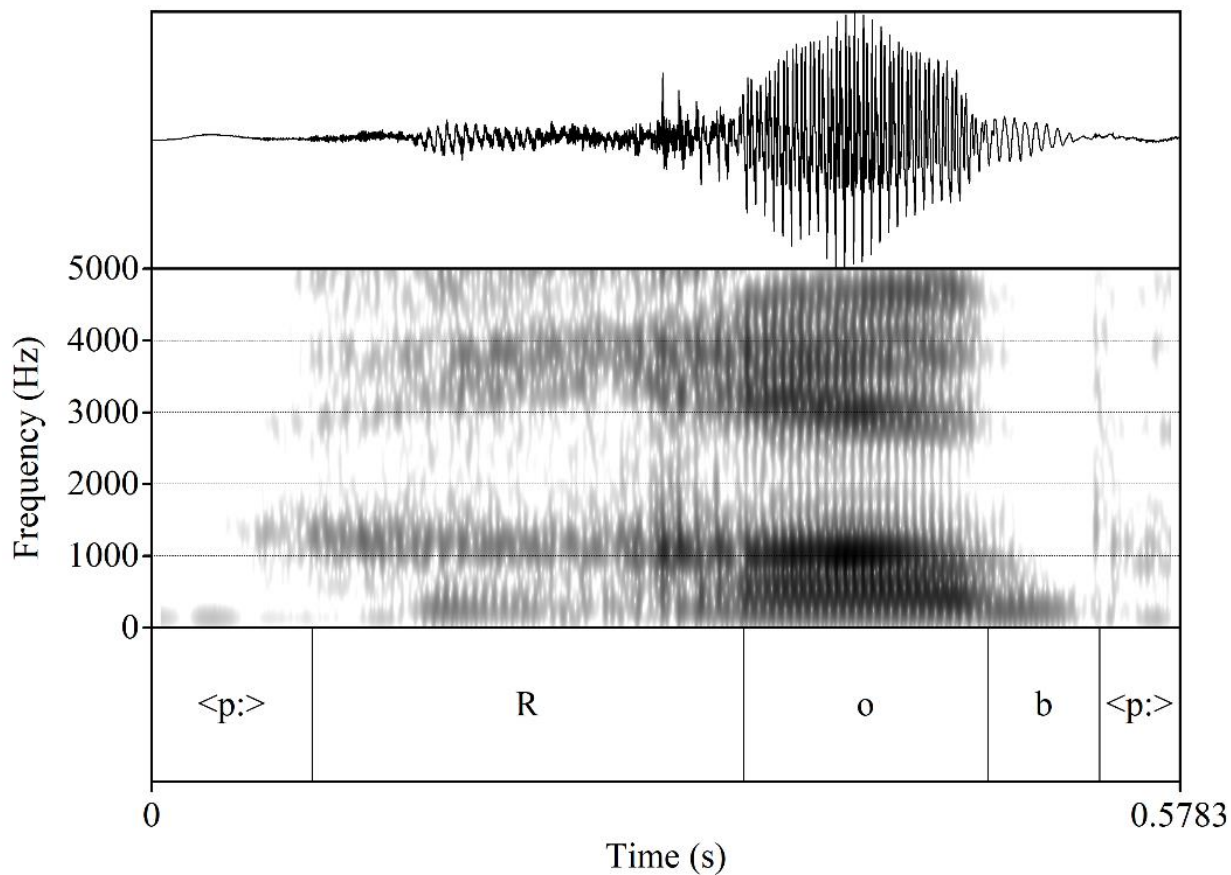
Spectrograms: *ablágyela* 'quietly, peacefully', *sagyéla* 'in a dried stiff condition'



Spectrograms: *nalób ihÁŋ* 'to step into smth muddy', *tǎog'íyA* 'to speak a foreign language'



Spectrograms: *ǵób* 'snoring', *oglág* 'relating'



Acoustic studies

1- Voicing

2- Duration

3- Amplitude

1- Stop voicing. Methods: Data.

- 1215 oral stops.
 - Over 300 intervocalic, 225 of these used for training.
 - 841 non-intervocalic oral stops were subject to analysis.
- Non-intervocalic phonological contexts:
 - Word-initial
 - Medial coda*
 - Word-final

1- Stop voicing. Methods: Auto-correlation.

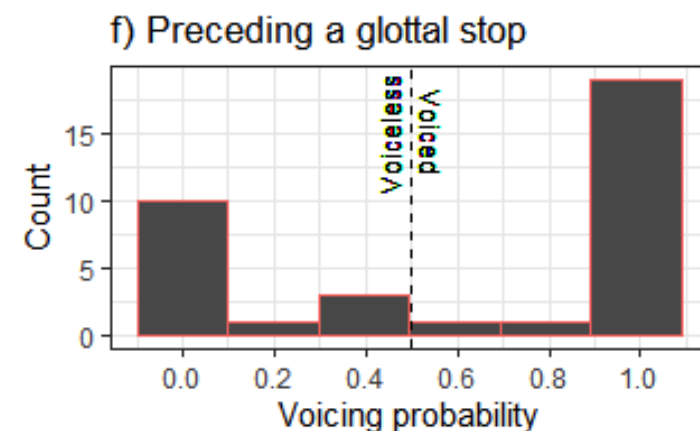
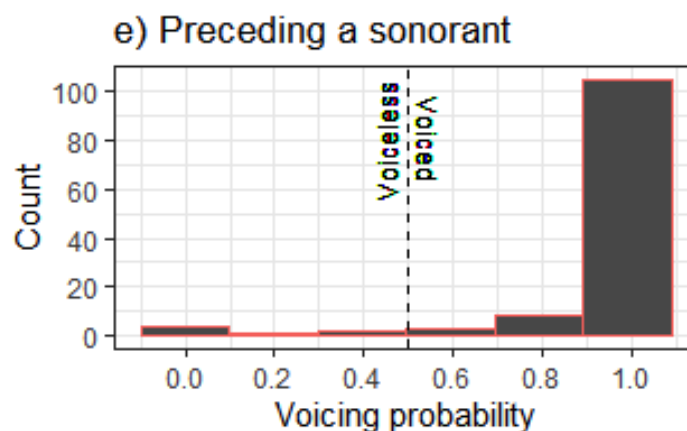
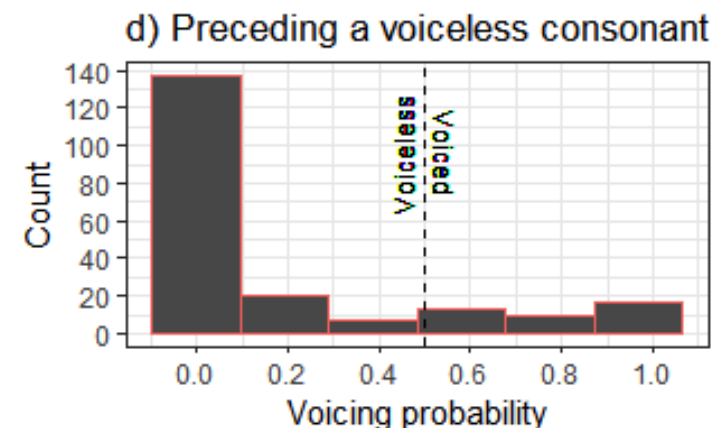
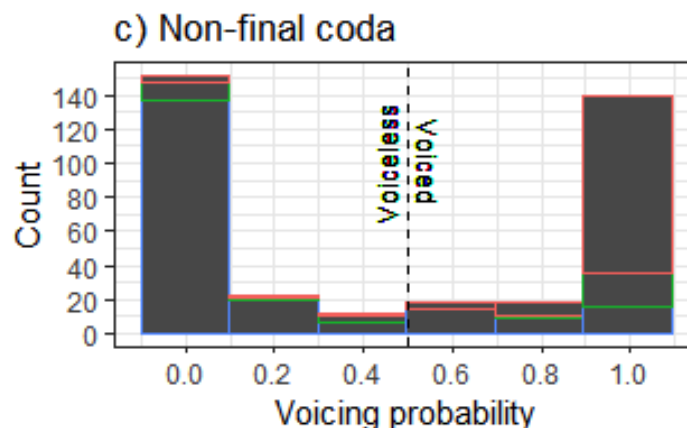
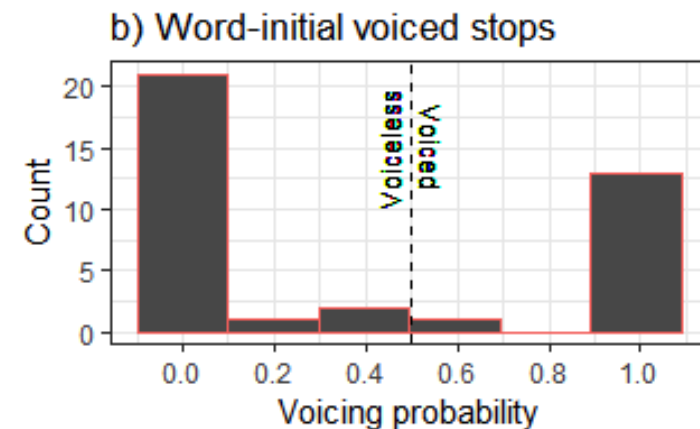
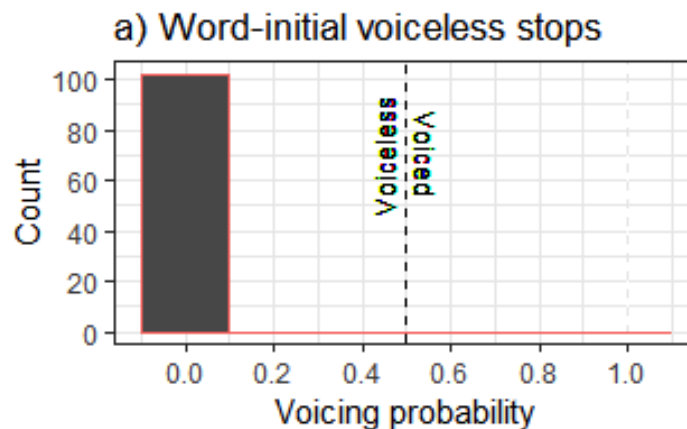
- Auto-correlation (AC) peaks calculated with EMU (Harrington 2010).
- A voicing coefficient between 0 and 1 at each time point (10 ms.):
 - 0 -> no correlation (voiceless).
 - 1 -> perfect correlation (voiced).

1- Stop voicing. Methods: Statistical model.

- Median of the AC coefficients of all time points within a stop.
- Binomial logistic regression: AC coefs. to predict the voicing label.
- Trained on intervocalic stops.
- Hosmer and Lemeshow goodness of fit: Very good fit ($p = 0.9916$).

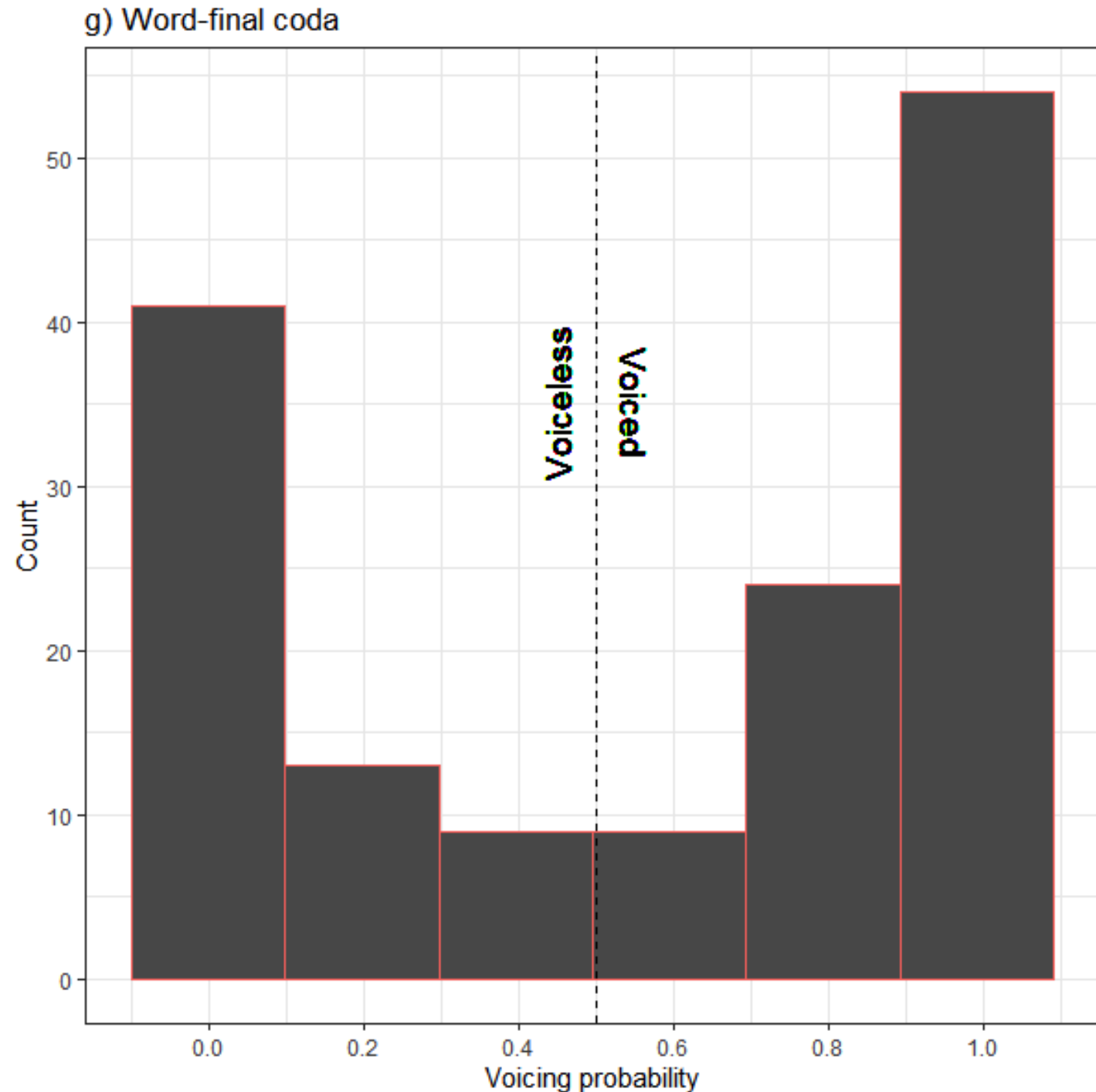
Voicing of initial and medial stops

- Optional phrase-initial devoicing.
- Regressive devoicing of oral stops followed by voiceless segments.
- Pre-sonorant oral stop voicing.



Voicing of final stops

- Word-final voicing.
- Gradient phrase-final devoicing.

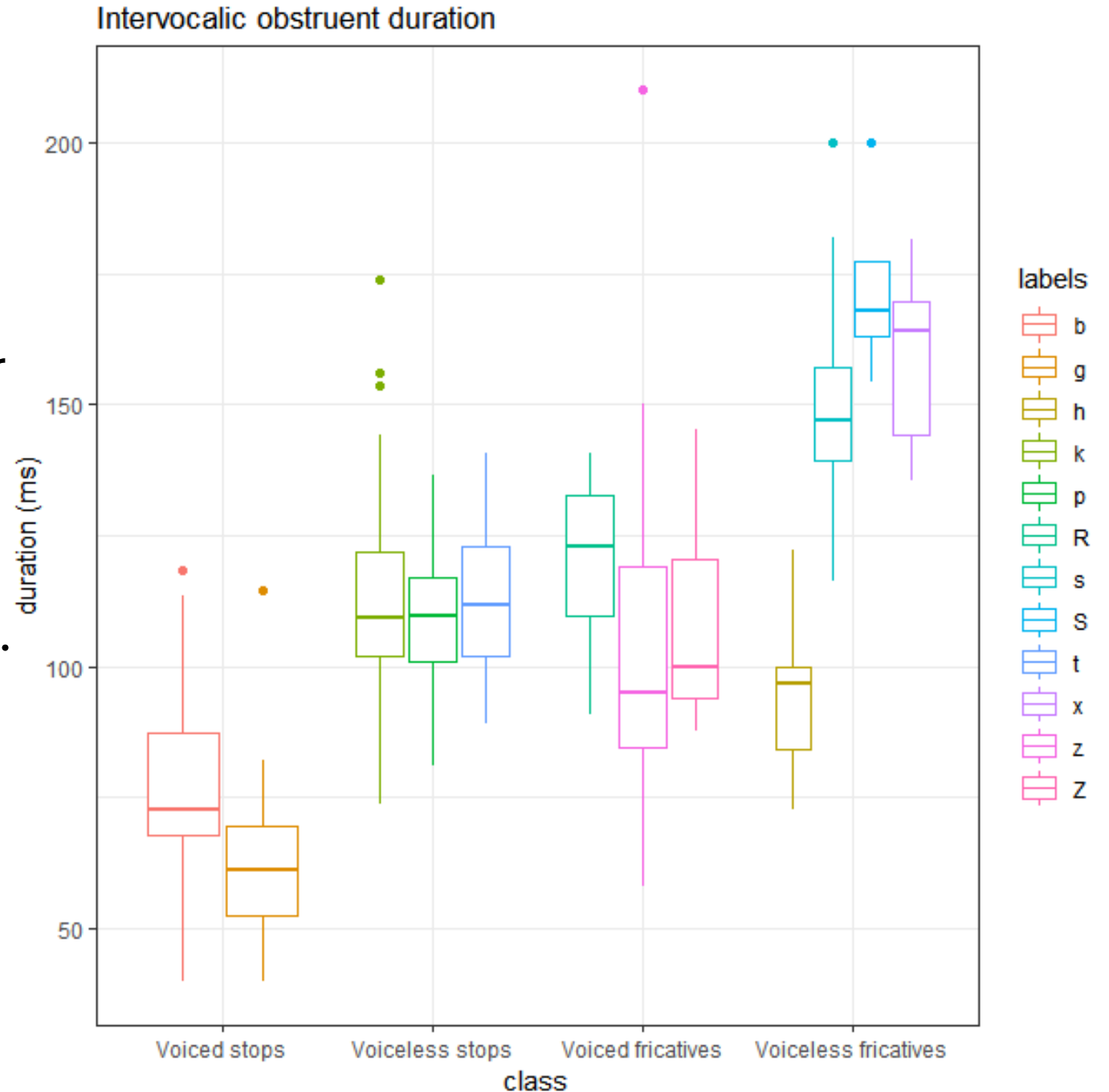


2-Duration

- Aim: To show that voiced stops have closure (are not taps or flaps).
- Expectation: Stops should have longer duration than taps or flaps, but shorter than other segments.
- All required segments only co-occur intervocalically.
- Methodology:
 - Manually hand correct all segment labels in the dataset.
 - Subtract the start point from the end point of each segment of interest.

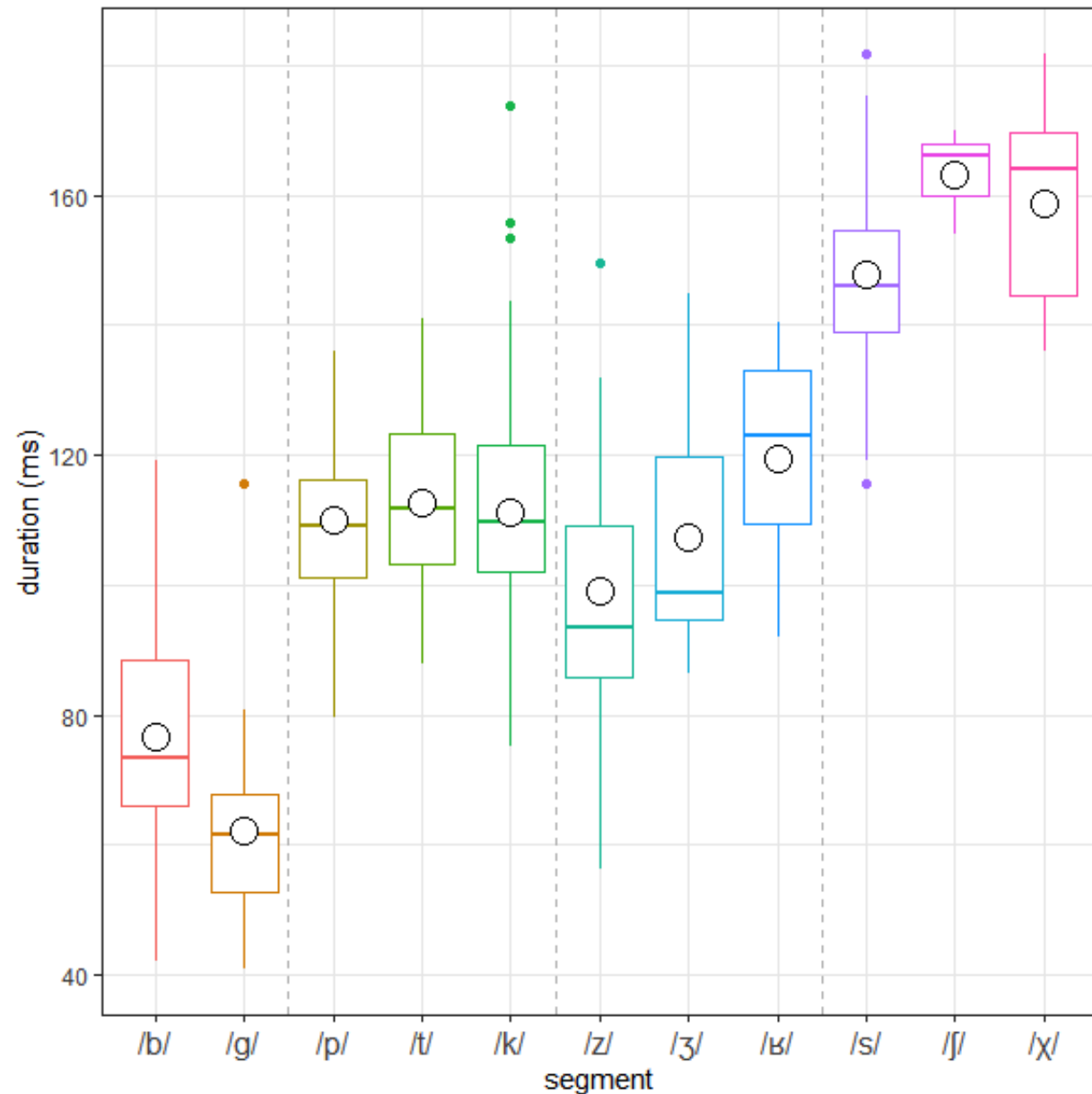
Duration of [b, g]

- Voiced stops have the shortest closure durations among obstruents, with their IQRs ranging from ~50 ms. (lowest for [g]) to ~85 ms. (highest for [b]).
 - Very rarely shorter than 50 ms.
- Flaps or taps would be expected to show much shorter closure durations (averaging around 20ms.).

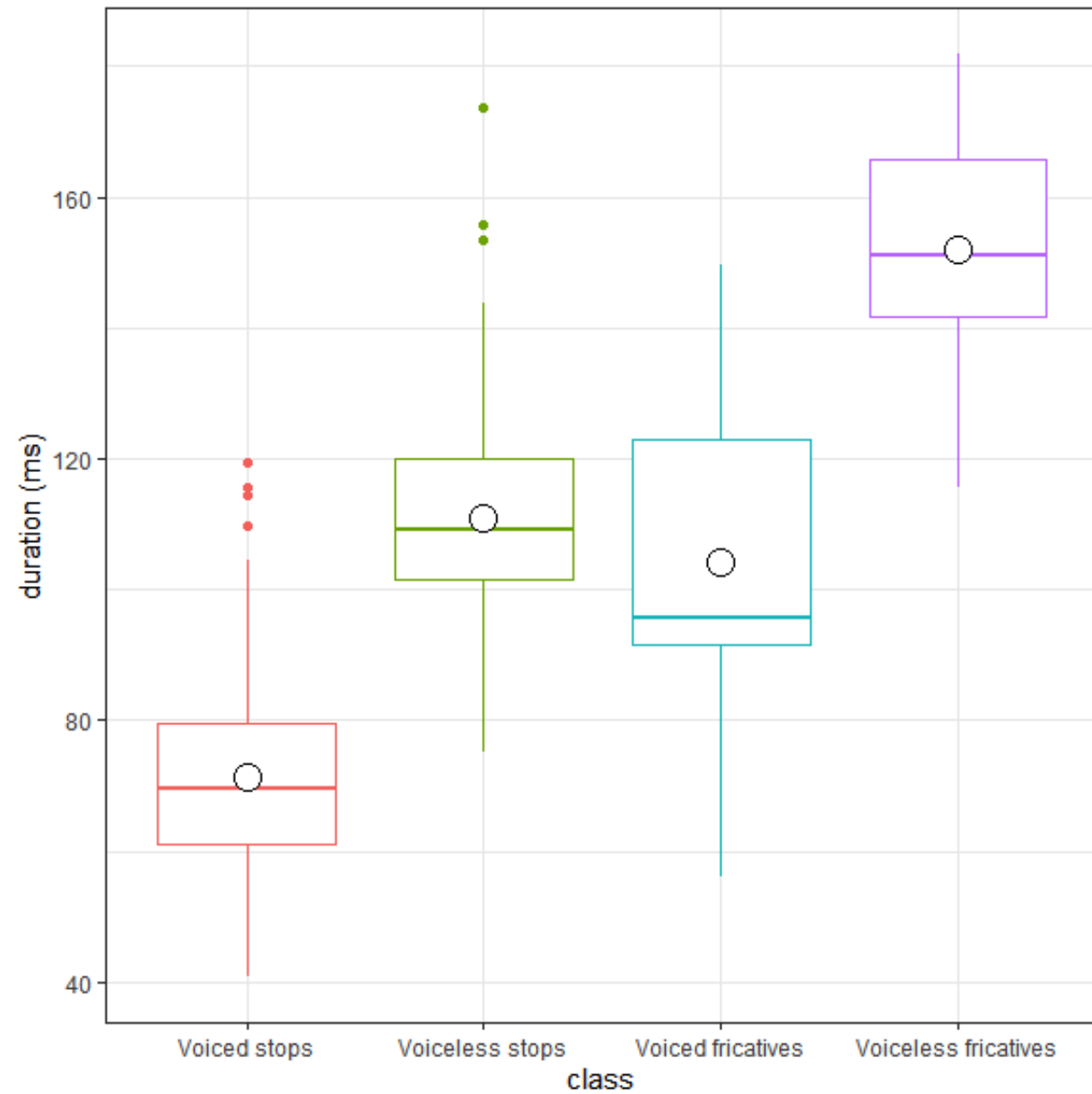


Voiced stop duration

Speaker-normalized intervocalic obstruent duration



Speaker-normalized intervocalic obstruent duration (combined)



Comparison of the duration of different obstruents against [b] and [g]

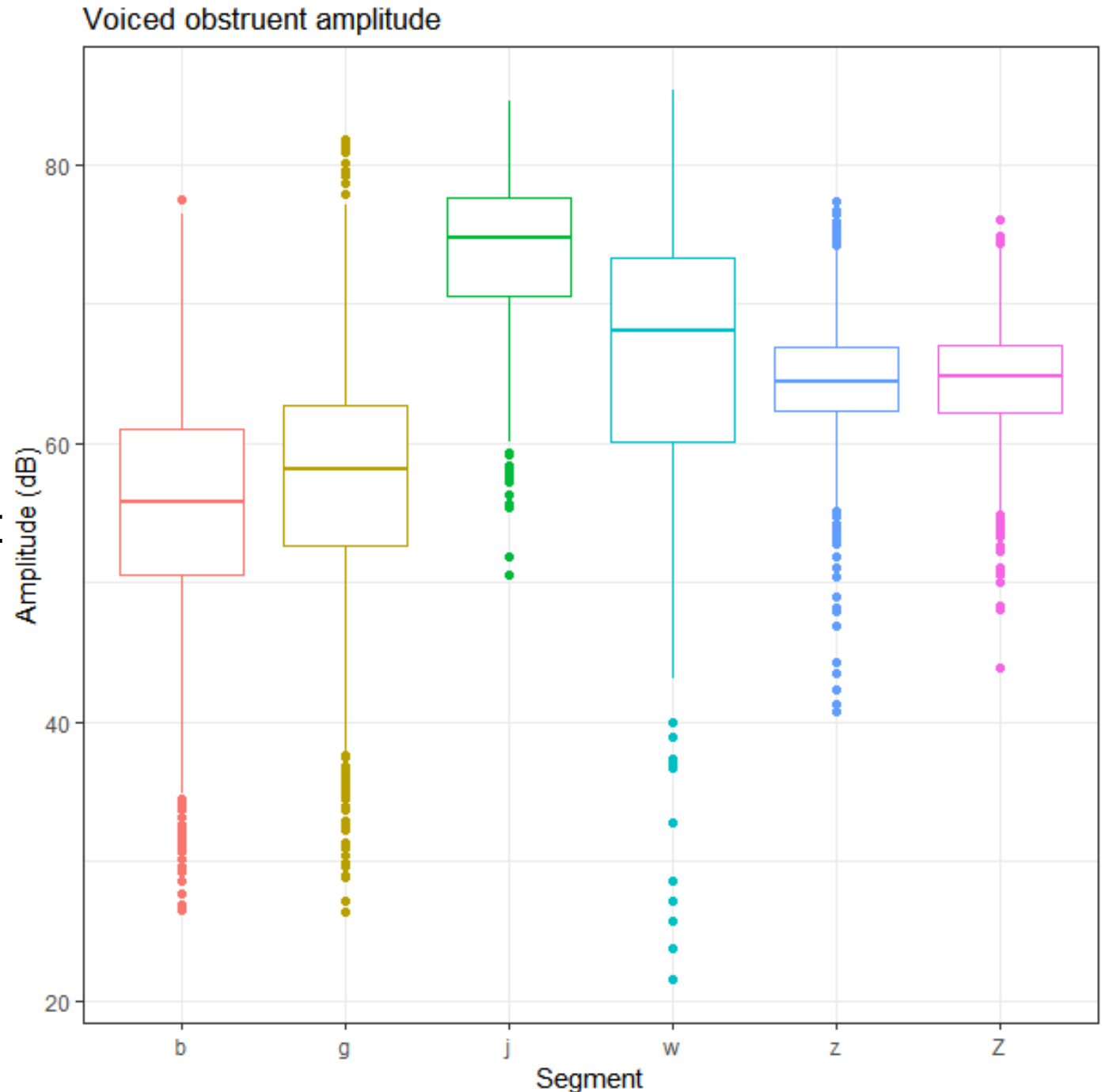
Linear Hypothesis	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	$Pr(> z)$
g - b == 0	-13.6356	3.9749	-3.430	< 0.001
k - b == 0	35.0904	3.0892	11.359	< 0.001
p - b == 0	32.5055	3.3951	9.574	< 0.001
R - b == 0	40.5085	9.1923	4.407	< 0.001
s - b == 0	72.6519	4.2175	17.226	< 0.001
S - b == 0	87.2562	10.5256	8.290	< 0.001
t - b == 0	35.7116	4.2953	8.314	< 0.001
x - b == 0	83.1465	5.7934	14.352	< 0.001
z - b == 0	24.7052	4.6610	5.300	< 0.001
Z - b == 0	31.0778	5.2792	5.887	< 0.001
k - g == 0	48.7260	3.6550	13.331	< 0.001
p - g == 0	46.1411	3.8593	11.956	< 0.001
R - g == 0	54.1441	9.3850	5.769	< 0.001
s - g == 0	86.2875	4.6902	18.398	< 0.001
S - g == 0	100.8918	10.6962	9.432	< 0.001
t - g == 0	49.3471	4.6953	10.510	< 0.001
x - g == 0	96.7821	6.0956	15.877	< 0.001
z - g == 0	38.3407	5.0317	7.620	< 0.001
Z - g == 0	44.7133	5.6074	7.974	< 0.001

3-Amplitude

- Aim: Show that stops are stops (and not fricatives or glides).
- Expectation: Stops should have less spectral energy than fricatives.
- Data: Consonants that result from the proposed stop coda voicing process.
- Comparison between stops (299 tokens) & fricatives (219 tokens).
- Methodology:
 - High-pass filter (350 Hz).
 - Root mean square analysis (rms).

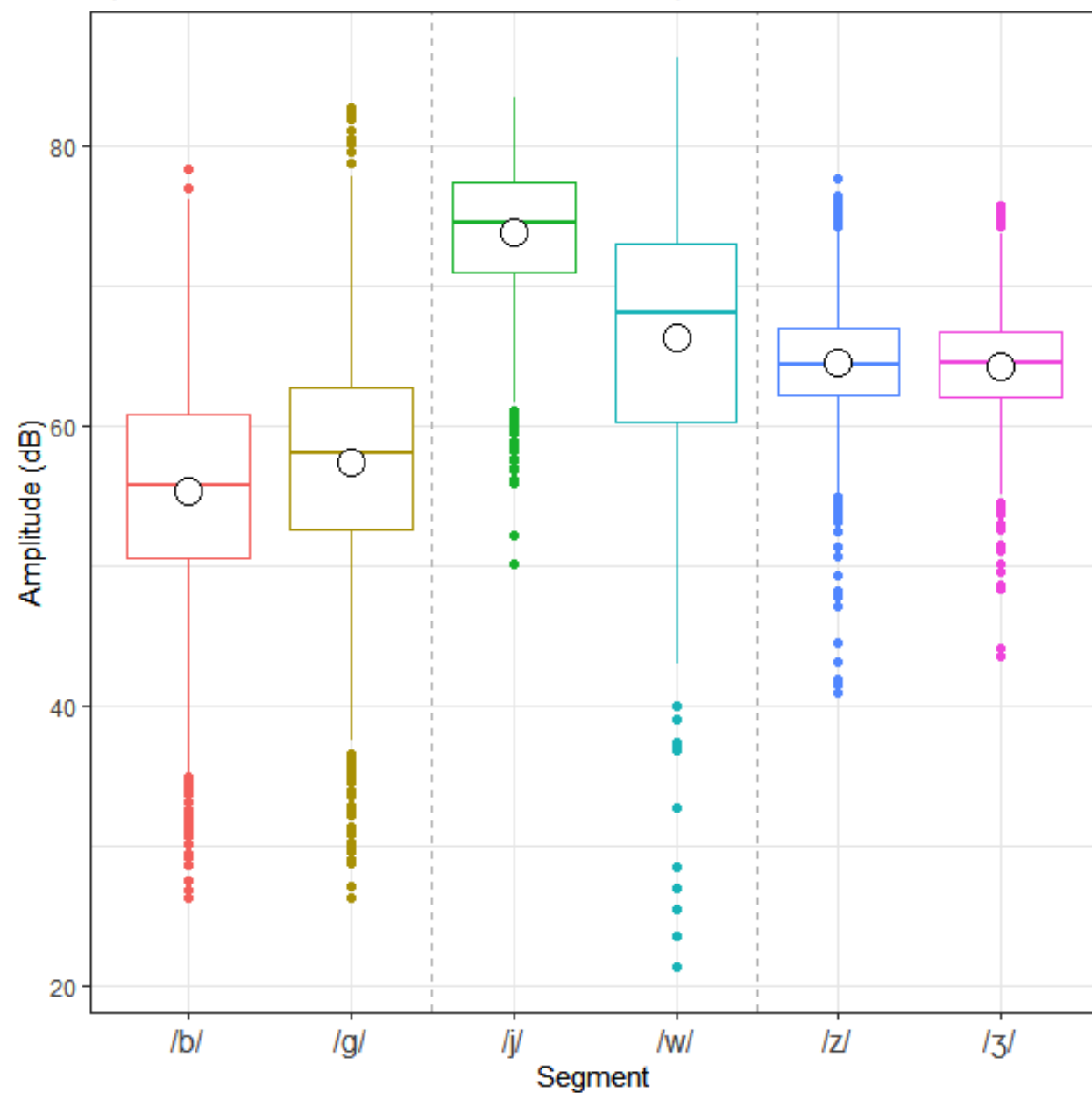
Amplitude of [b, g]

- [b] and [g] form a category of low energy sounds, consistent with their production as (voiced) oral stops.
- They are distinct from (voiced) fricatives and approximants.

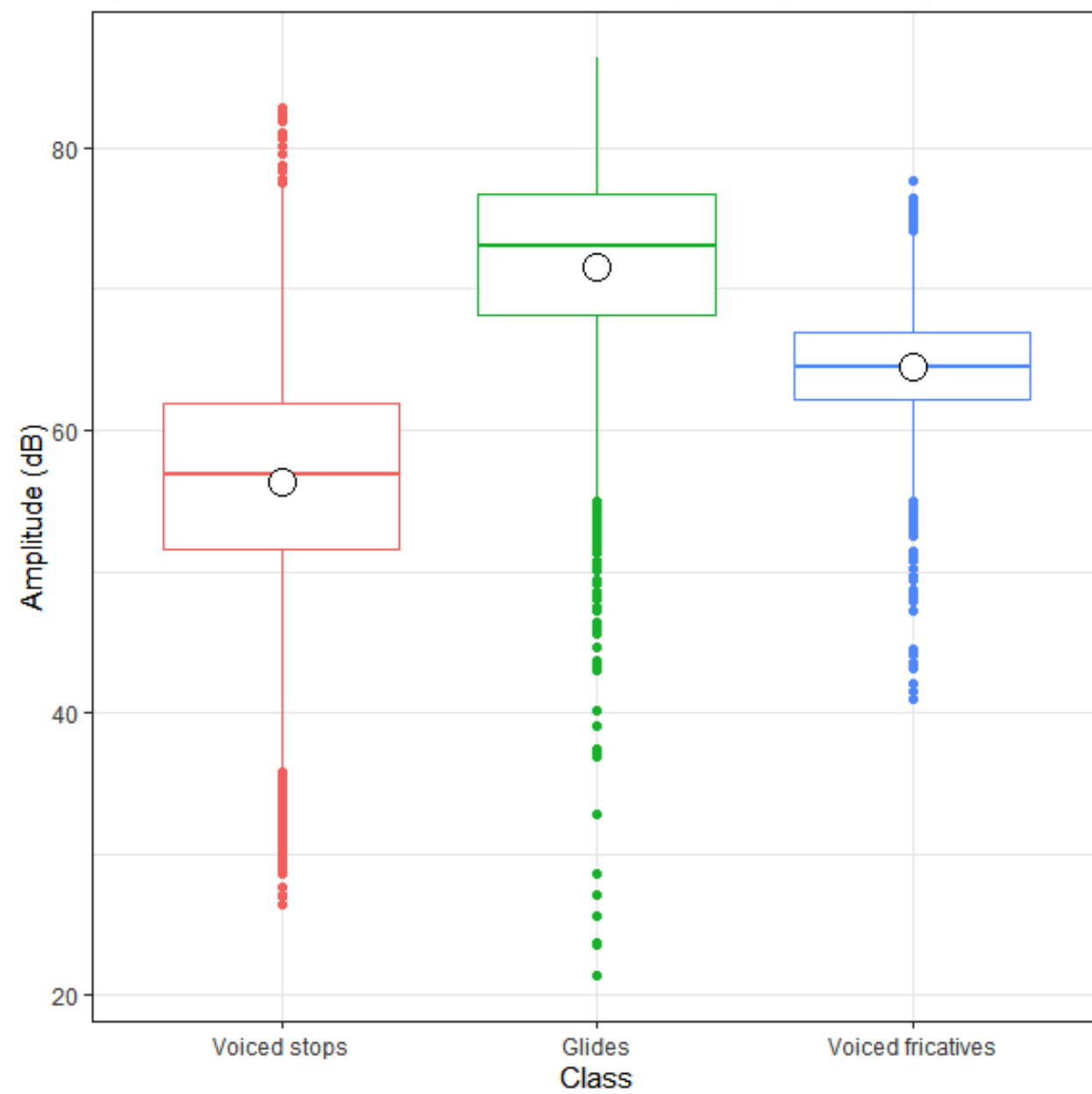


Voiced stop amplitude

Speaker-normalized voiced consonant amplitude



Speaker-normalized voiced consonant amplitude (combined)

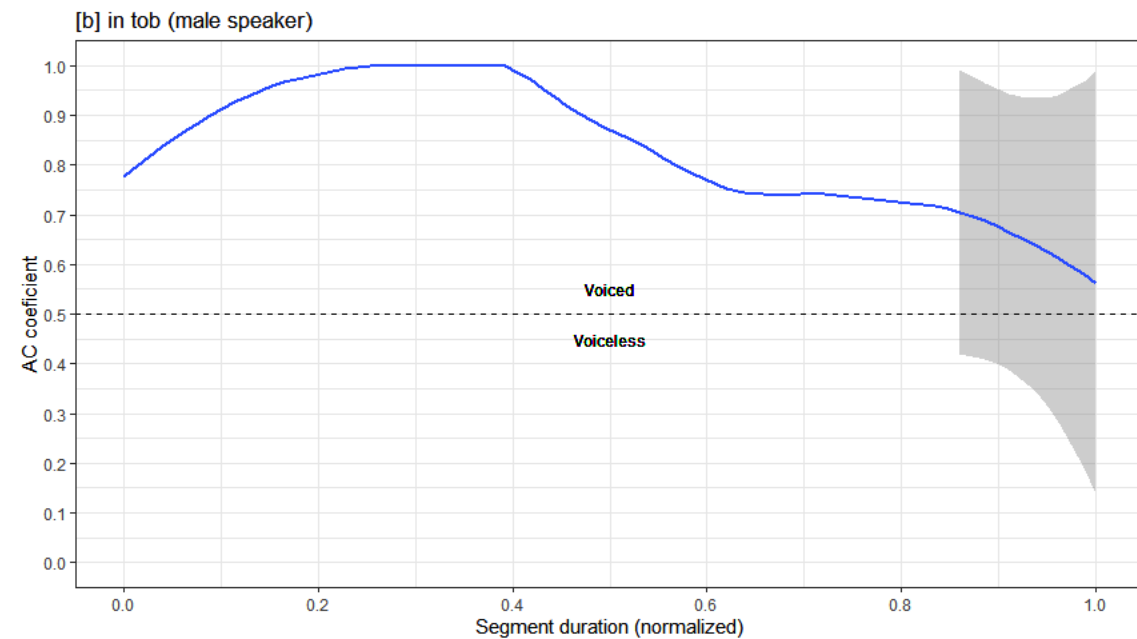
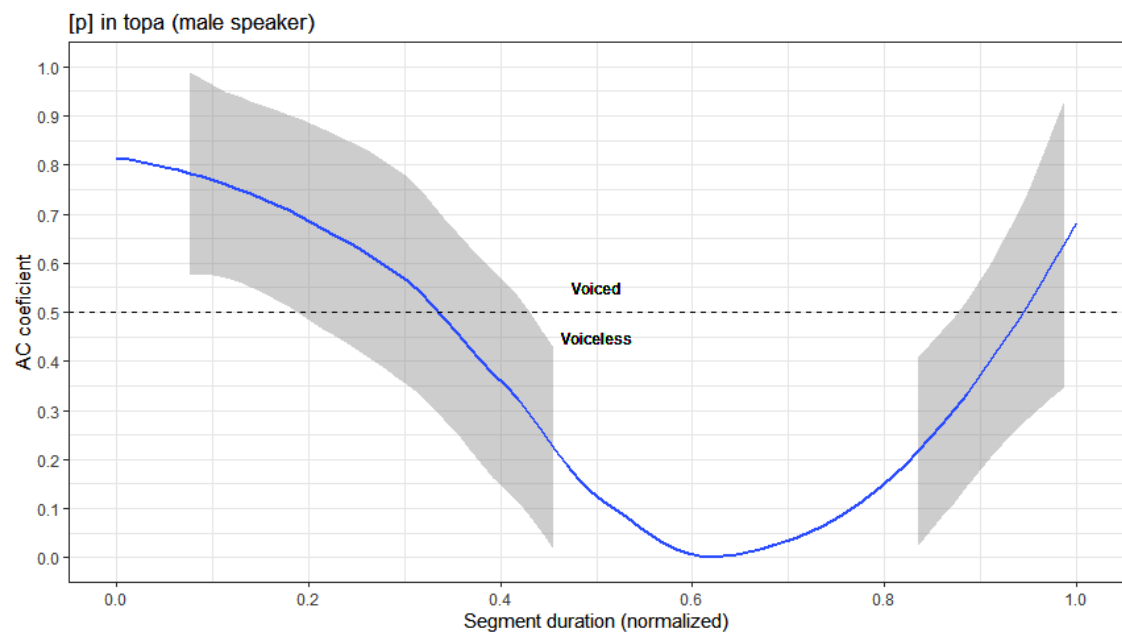
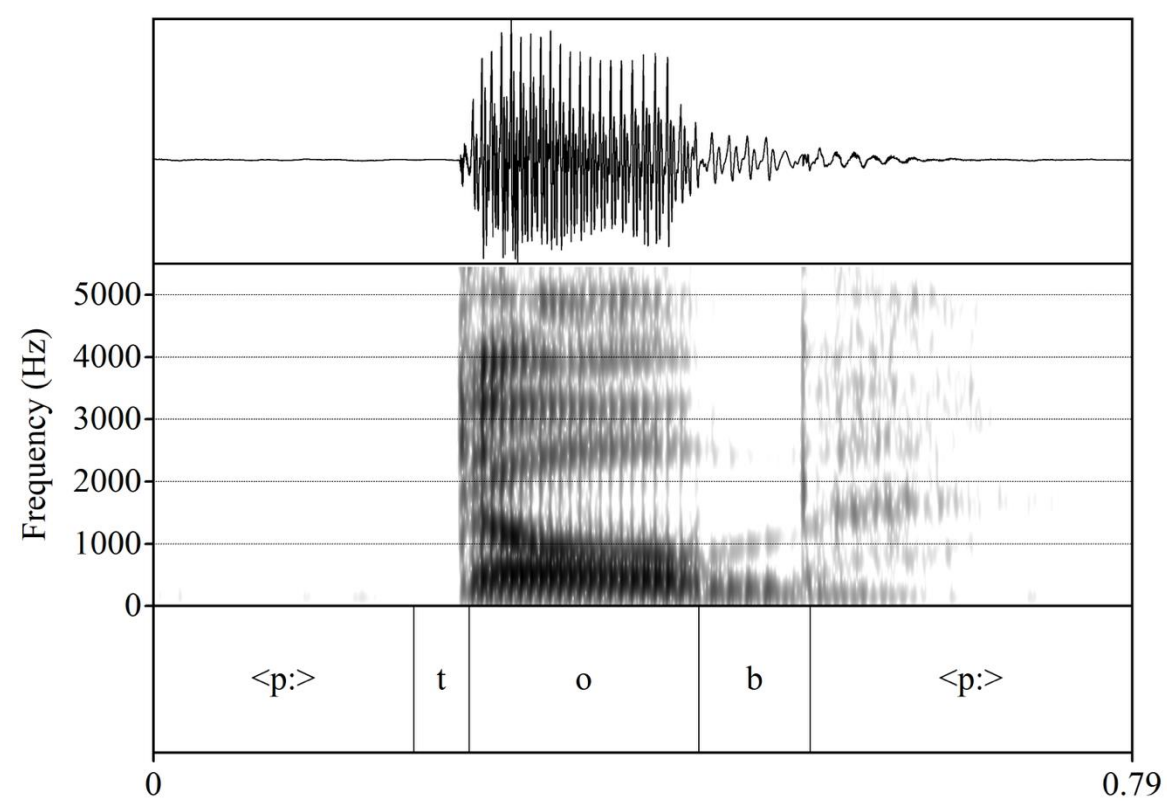
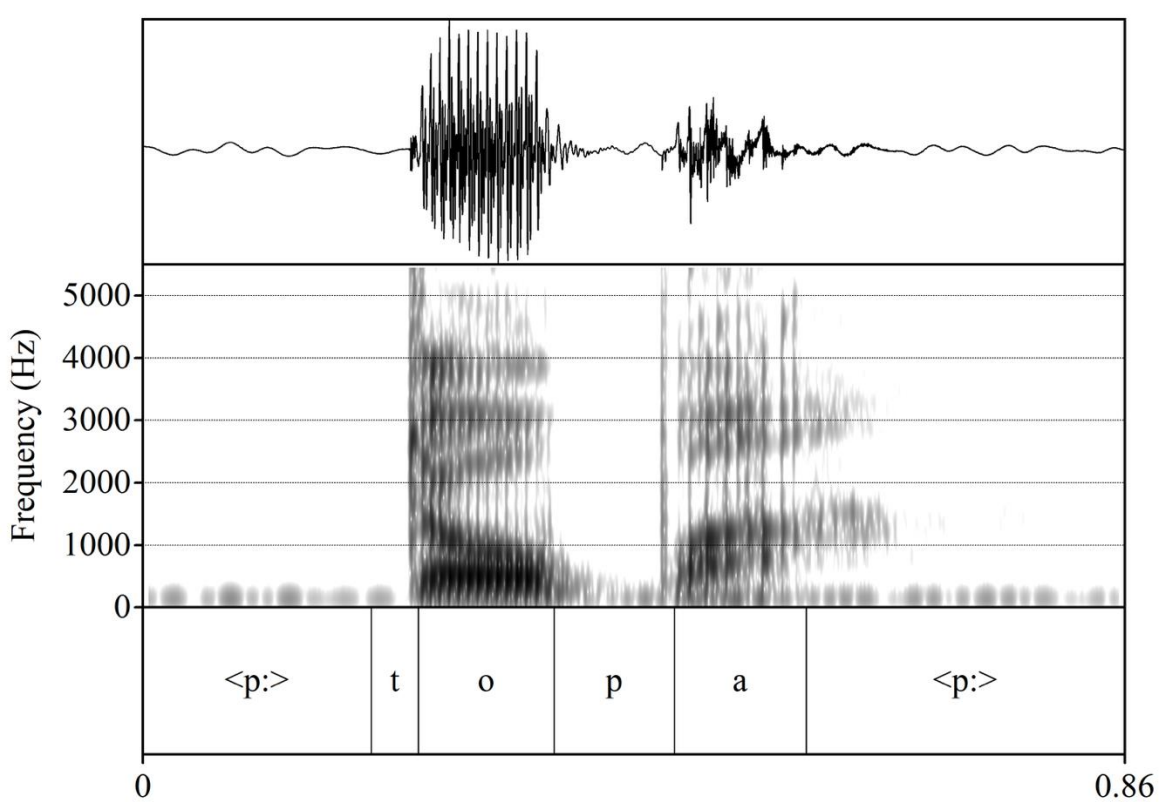


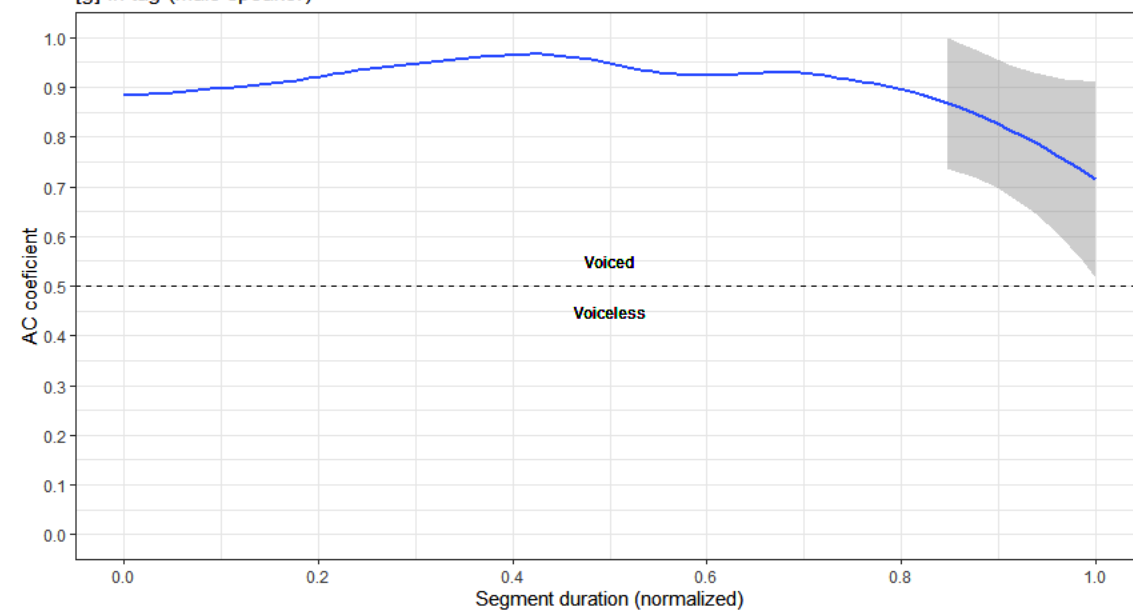
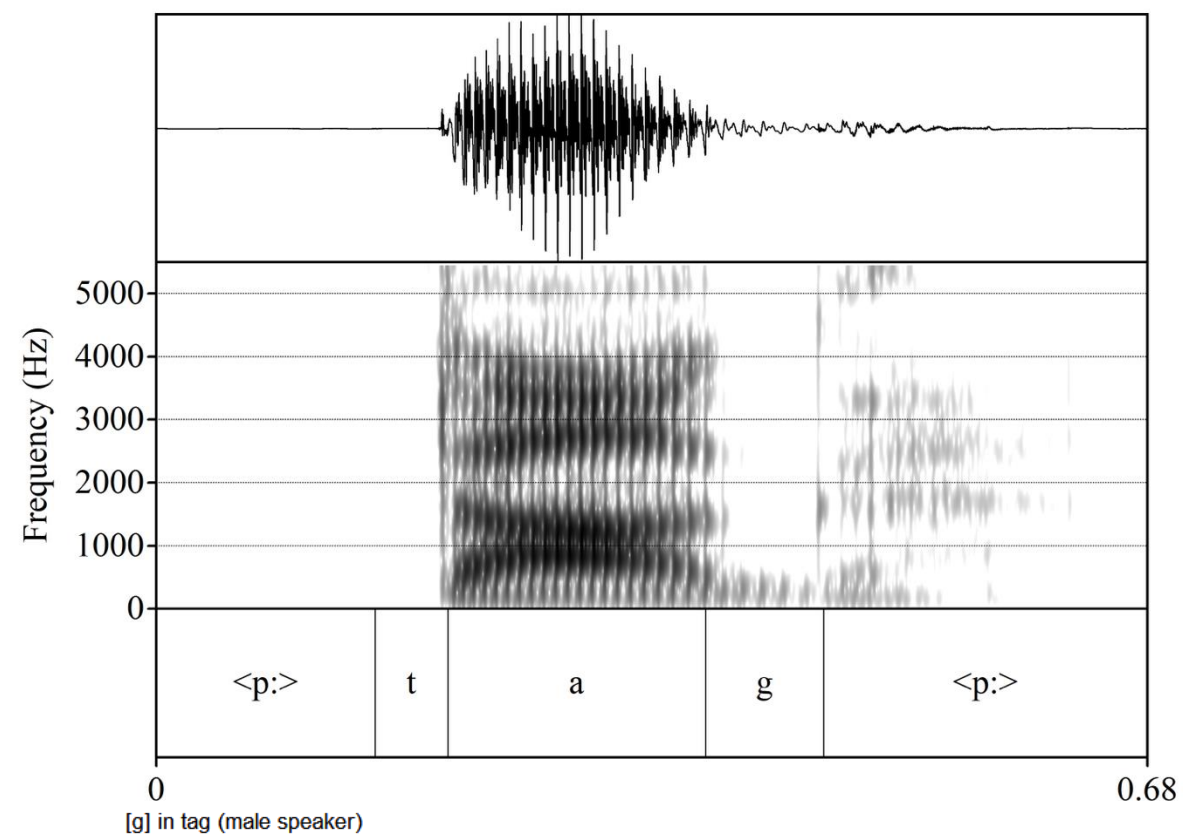
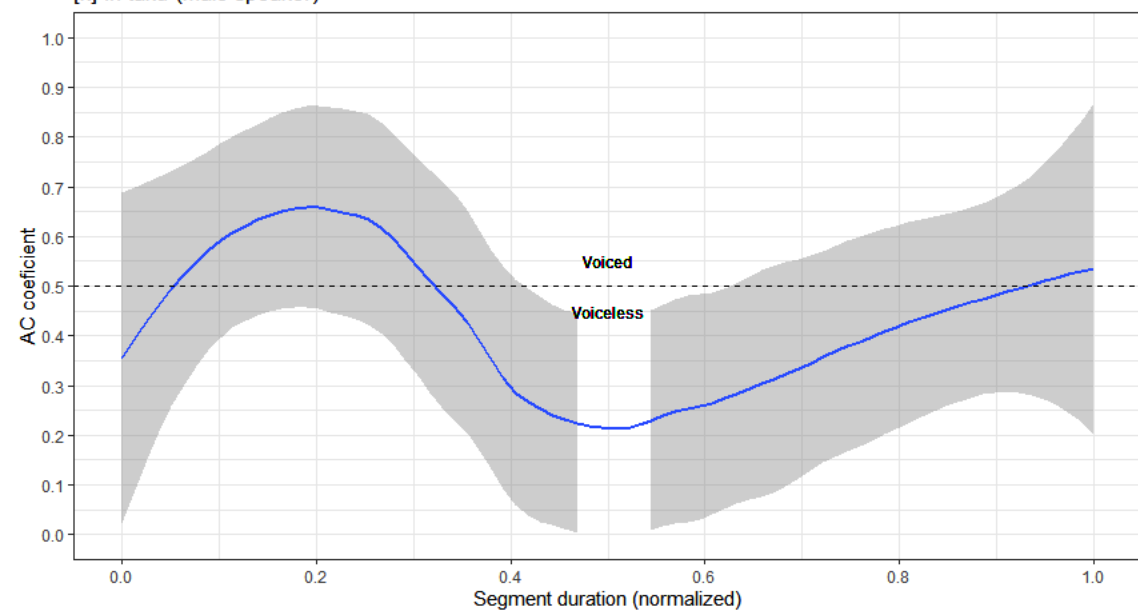
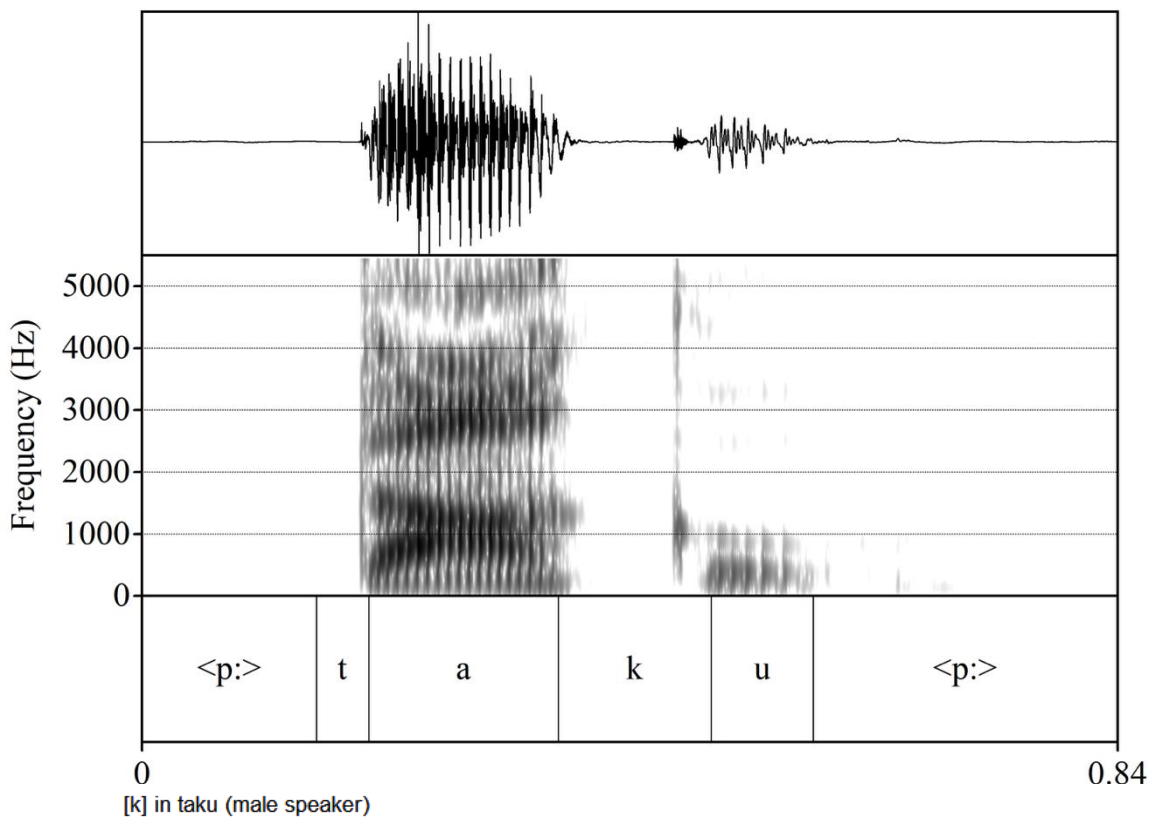
Comparison of the intensity of voiced consonants against [b] and [g]

Linear Hypothesis	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	$Pr(> z)$
$g - b == 0$	2.1099	1.1627	1.815	0.074548
$j - b == 0$	18.1264	1.6735	10.832	< 0.001
$w - b == 0$	12.0250	1.4124	8.514	< 0.001
$z - b == 0$	8.2392	0.8380	9.832	< 0.001
$Z - b == 0$	9.0625	1.1301	8.019	< 0.001
$j - g == 0$	16.0165	2.5464	6.290	< 0.001
$w - g == 0$	9.9151	2.0854	4.755	< 0.001
$z - g == 0$	6.1294	1.5069	4.067	< 0.001
$Z - g == 0$	6.9526	1.7378	4.001	< 0.001

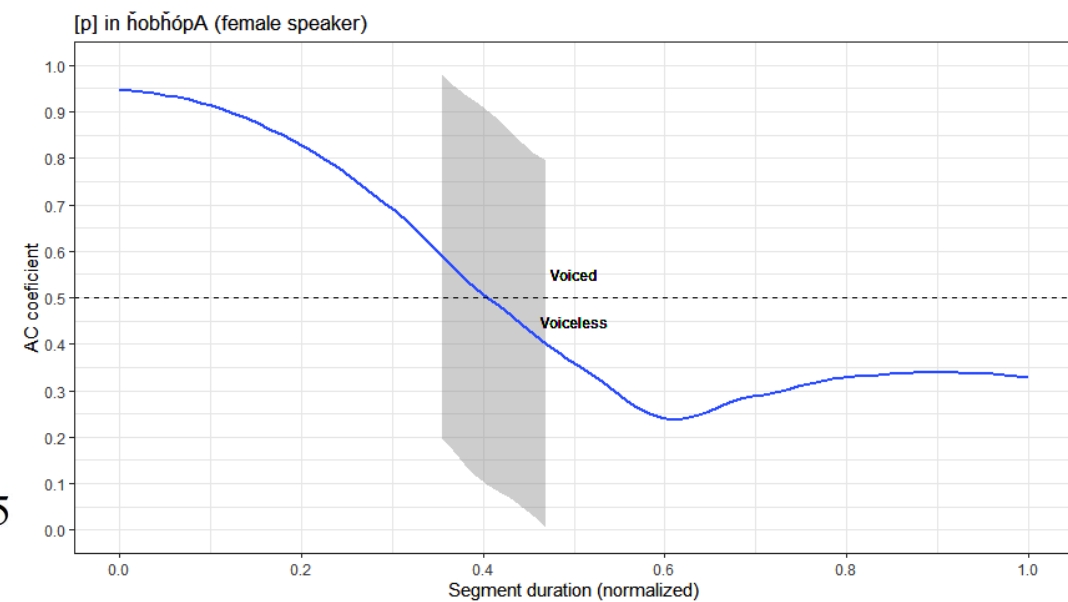
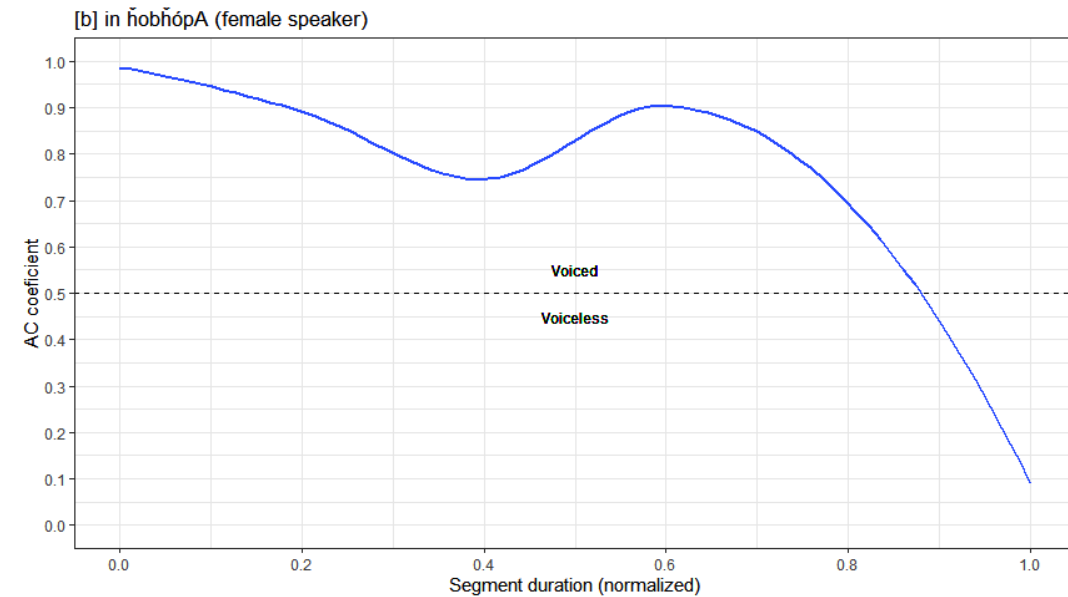
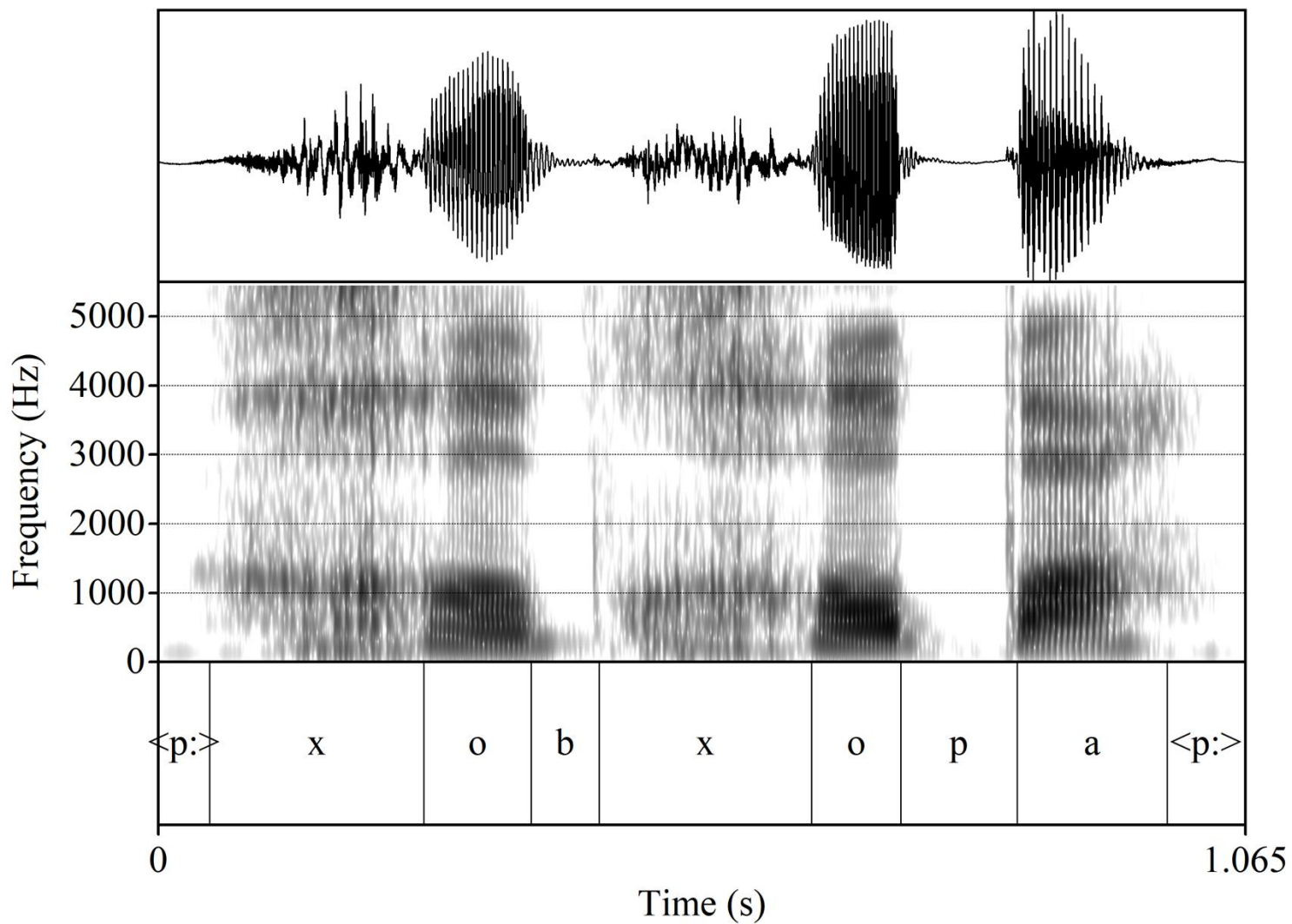
Final voicing as alternation

- Truncation results in /k, p/ pronounced as [g, b] in coda position.
- How does voicing alternation look like in morpheme-alternant pairs?
 - Intervocalic instances of /k/ and /p/: Typically voiceless.
 - Phrase-finally and pre-consonantly: Often voiced.
 - Even in non-voicing contexts (word-final, before voiceless consonants).





Reduplication



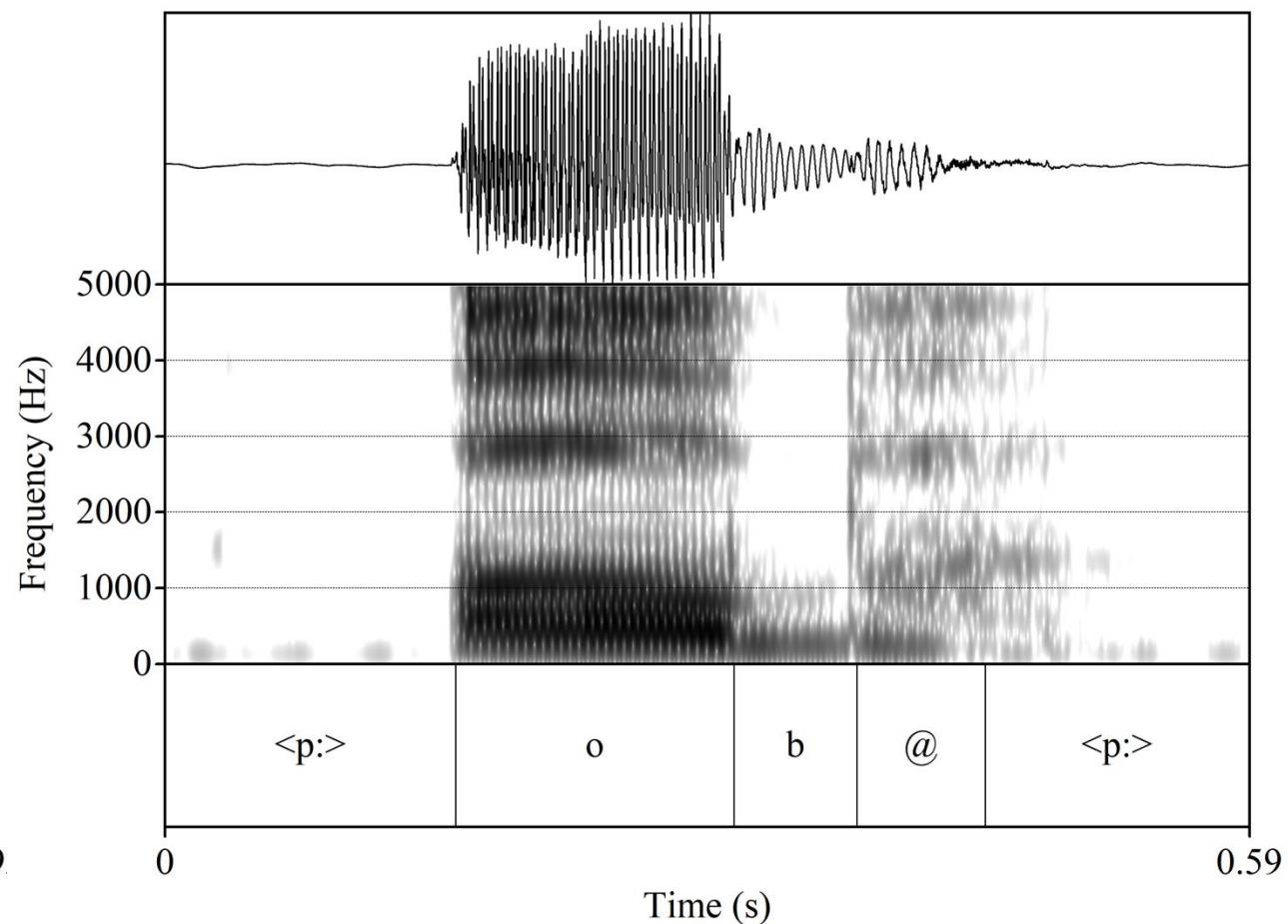
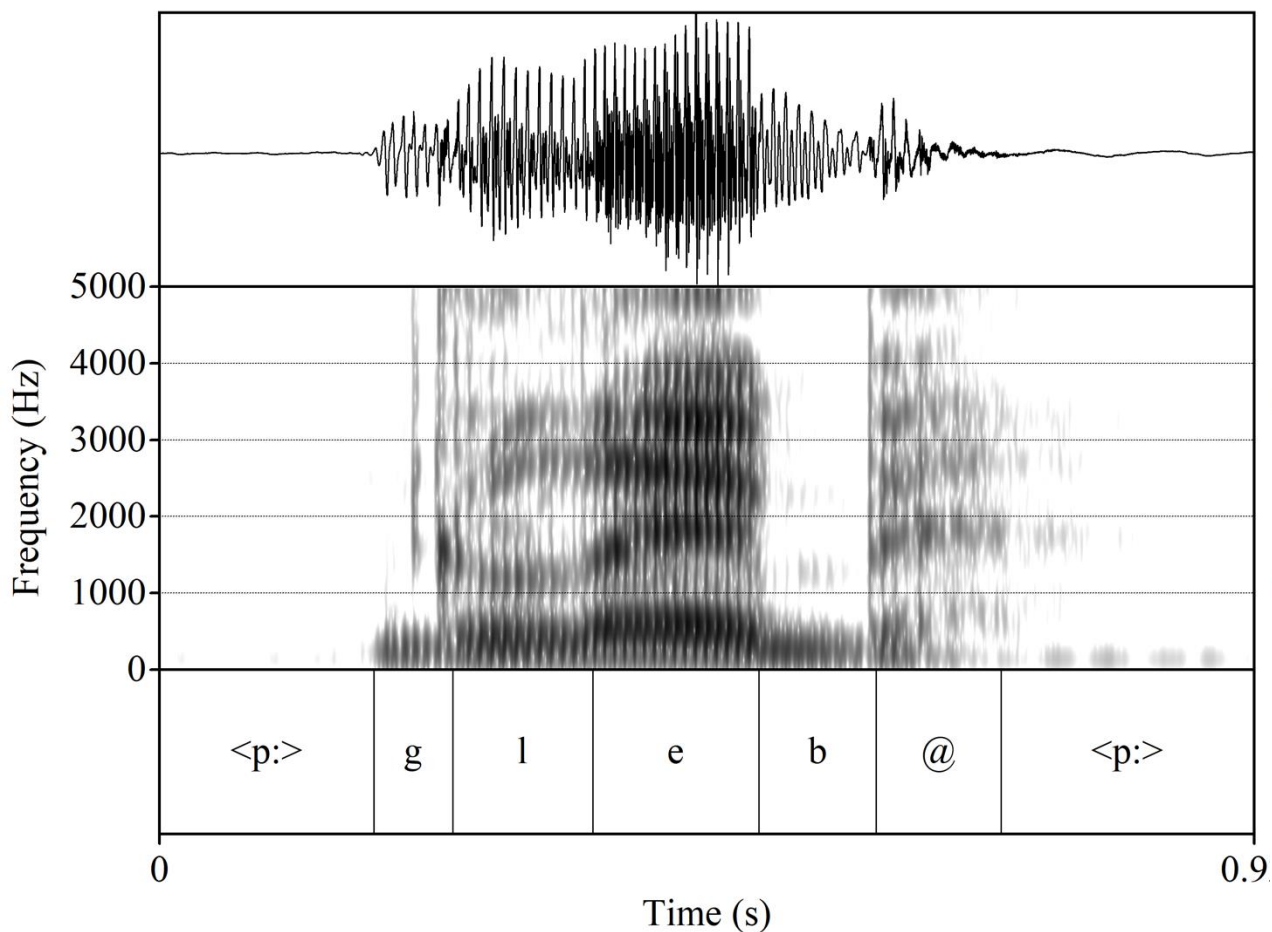
How did final obstruent voicing develop diachronically?

Kiparsky (2006):

- Were there no grammatical markedness constraint against final obstruent voicing, it could easily evolve by the succession of two independently common sound changes:
 - (i) intervocalic voicing $VTV > VDV$
 - (ii) final vowel loss $VDV\# > VD\#$
- Since he finds no clear cases of this...
 - ↳ phonological markedness constraints.

Well...

Final vowel devoicing, with anticipation of the voicing gesture to the previous obstruent



Proto-Siouan consonants

	LABIAL	DENTAL	PALATAL	VELAR	GLOTTAL
STOPS					
voiceless					
unaspirated	*p	*t		*k	
(postaspirated)	(*ph)	(*th)		(*kh)	
(preaspirated)	(*hp)	(*ht)		(*hk)	
(glottalized)	(*p')	(*t')		(*k')	*' = [ʔ]
FRICATIVES					
voiceless		*s	*š	*x	*h
(glottalized)		(*s')	(*š')	(*x')	
RESONANTS					
sonorant	*w	*r	*y		
obstruent	*W = [b]?	*R = [d]?			

Proposed sound change(s)

- Intervocalic stop voicing concomitant with vowel reduction due to the anticipatory coarticulation of the final vowel gesture.
- We suggest Lakota /l/ < Proto-Lakota *d.
- The synchronic alternation of /p/, /t/, /k/ with [b], [l], [g] reflected a uniform historical voicing of oral stops /p/, /t/, /k/ > [b], [d], [g].
 - The *d > l sound change obscured it.

Conclusions

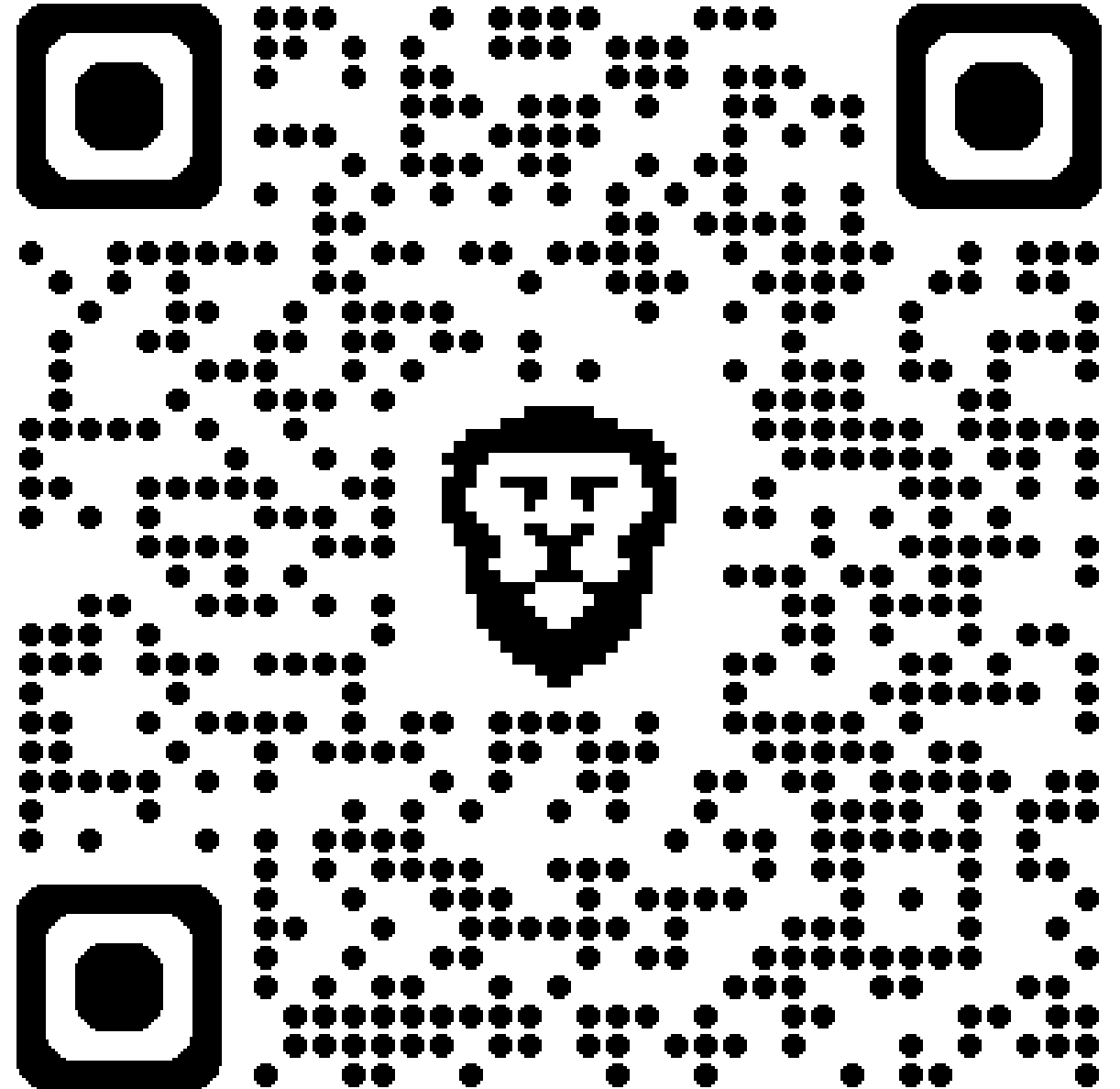
- Lakota oral stops /p/ and /k/ are synchronically voiced in coda position.
- Devoicing processes:
 - phrase-final gradient devoicing.
 - assimilation to voicelessness before voiceless obstruents and /h/.
 - devoicing with optional fusion with a following glottal stop.
- Acoustically, voiced coda stops have the expected closure durations, absence of fricative noise, release bursts, and low energy levels.
- In sum, there is acoustic evidence that Lakota has a synchronic sound pattern of oral stop coda voicing, supporting the impressionistic descriptions of earlier researchers.

Today's paper:

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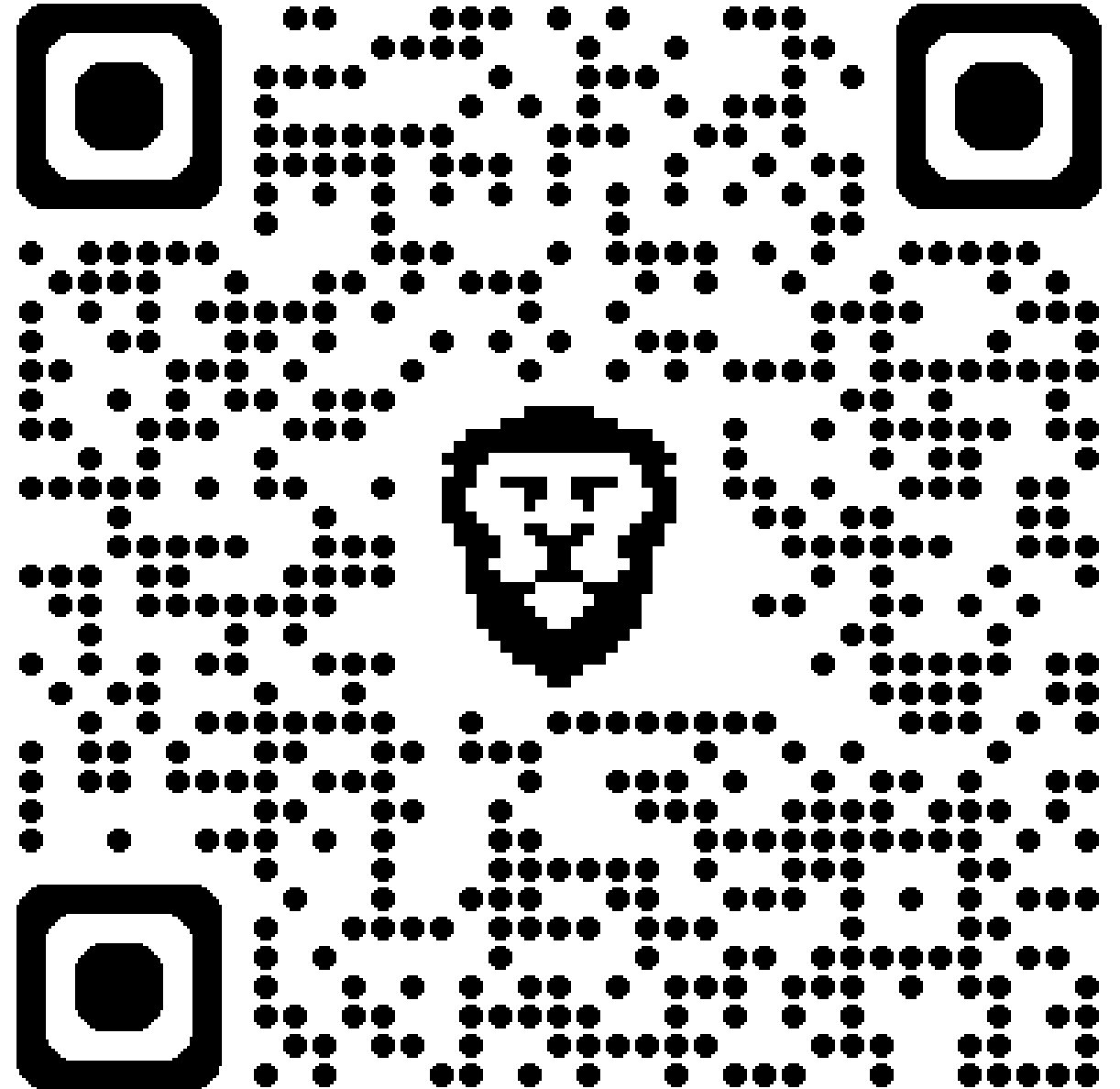


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