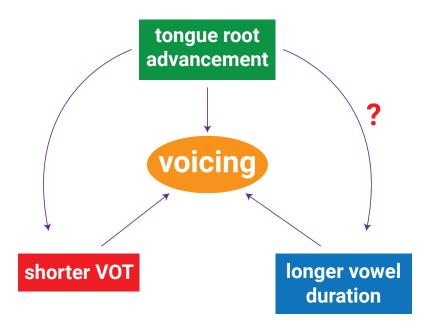
Tongue root advancement and vowel duration: a gradient effect?

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Background

- voicing effect: vowels are longer when followed by voiced stops
 - · Italian: voicing effect of 35 msec (Farnetani & Kori, 1986)
 - · Polish: mixed results
 - · Keating (1984): no effect
 - · Nowak (2006): 4.5 msec effect
- part of a bigger project
 - · simultaneous UTI + EGG + audio

Methods

- Participants: 4 Italians (2 F, 2 M), 4 Polish (2 F, 2 M)
- · Procedure:
 - · simultaneous ultrasound tongue imaging and audio recording
 - stabilisation headset (Articulate Instruments Ltd™, 2008)
- Materials:
 - C₁V₁C₂V₁
 - \cdot C₁ = /p/, V₁ = /a, o/, C₂ = /t, d, k, g/
 - · pata, pada, paka, ..., poto, podo, ...
 - stress on first syllable
 - frame sentence
 - · Dico X lentamente, 'I say X slowly'
 - Mówię X teraz, 'I say X now'
 - · no pauses between words

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Results: vowel duration (Italian)

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| (Intercept) | 10.653173 | 12.203071 | 0.8729912 |
| c2_phonationvoiced | 17.053722 | 4.395632 | 3.8796972 |
| c2_placevelar | -8.731278 | 2.957343 | -2.9524065 |
| vowelo | -7.089707 | 3.623912 | -1.9563683 |
| vowelu | -37.492605 | 3.623586 | -10.3468226 |
| sentence_duration | 80.856863 | 6.695451 | 12.0763877 |
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Results: vowel duration (Polish)

| | Estimate | Std. Error | t value |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| (Intercept) | 21.573882 | 10.165672 | 2.122229 |
| c2_phonationvoiced | 7.962124 | 2.696624 | 2.952627 |
| c2_placevelar | -5.683948 | 1.971799 | -2.882621 |
| vowelo | -11.812646 | 2.417364 | -4.886581 |
| vowelu | -29.462883 | 2.427963 | -12.134814 |
| sentence_duration | 72.188213 | 9.714180 | 7.431220 |
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Results: summary

| | IT01 | IT02 | IT03 | IT04 | PL02 | PL03 | PL04 | PL05 |
|----------------------|------|------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TRA [closure onset] | yes | yes | | | | | | |
| TRA [within closure] | yes | yes | yes (/a/) | | | | | yes |

Discussion

greater TRA in voiced stops \cite{range} relatively stronger VE

| | + TRA+ | - TRA+ |
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| + VE+ - VE+ | ? | ? |

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