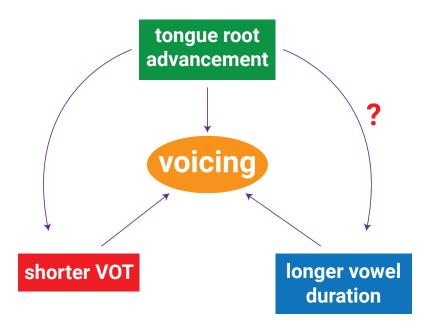
Tongue root advancement and vowel duration: a gradient effect?

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Background

- voicing effect: vowels are longer when followed by voiced stops
- · Italian: voicing effect of 35msec (Farnetani & Kori, 1986)
- · Polish: mixed results
 - · Keating (1984): no effect
 - · x: 5msec effect

Methods

- Participants: 4 Italians (2 F, 2 M), 4 Polish (2 F, 2 M)
- · Procedure:
 - · simultaneous ultrasound tongue imaging and audio recording
- · Materials:
 - C₁V₁C₂V₁
 - $\cdot C_1 = /p/. V_1 = /a, o/. C_2 = /t, d, k, g/$
 - · pata, pada, paka, ..., poto, podo, ...
 - · frame sentence
 - · Dico X lentamente, 'I say X slowly'
 - · Mówię X teraz, 'I say X now'

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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

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

Results: summary

	IT01	IT02	IT03	IT04	PL02	PL03	PL04	PL05
TRA [closure onset]	yes	yes?						_
TRA [within closure]	yes	yes						yes

Discussion

TRA in voiced stops 2 relative stronger VE

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