Timing and Recoverability: Laryngeal and oral speech events

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Introduction:

Phonation:							
Air pasing across the vocal	Air pasing across the vocal folds becomes excited, producing acoustic energy						
that is modified by the resonating properties of the vocal tract (the shape of the							
throat, mouth, and nose).							
\checkmark \checkmark							
Modal phonation:	Non-modal	phonation:					
normal voicing; quasi-	vibration with the vocal for	olds spread apart or					
periodic vocal fold	pressed together						
vibration							
\checkmark	\checkmark \checkmark						
	Breathy phonation	Creaky Phonation					
	(and aspiration):	(and glottal closure):					
	vibration or random	vibration as the vocal					
	flapping as the vocal	folds are pressed					
	folds are spread apart	together, or a complete					
		seal					
	\checkmark	\checkmark					
Some examples:	Some examples:	Some examples:					
[da, na, la, a, á]	[ha, t ^h a, d ^ĥ a, nna,	[?a, t'a, d̪a, ņna, ta̯,					
	tạ, táhá]	tá?á]					

1. The vocal folds are always actively involved in speech production. They take on different postures, and are timed differently, depending on the posture of the oral articulators.

stops, sonorants, and vowels

2. For plain stops they are spread apart, so that voicing is inhibited:

{alveolar stop, laryngeal spreading} \Rightarrow t (all languages)

3. When vocal fold spreading is timed differently, it usually is timed *after the* stop closure.

{alveolar stop, laryngeal spreading}	⇒	t ^h	(many languages)
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4. When there is an additional timing contrast, only then do we observe spreading *before* the stop closure:

{alveolar stop, laryngeal spreading} \Rightarrow ^ht (very few languages)

5. The presence of pre-aspirated stops in a language implies the presence of post-aspirated stops.

{alveolar stop, laryngeal spreading} \Rightarrow t >> t^h >> ^ht

- 6. The reasons why: aerodynamics, acoustics, and audition.
- 7. The presence of pre-aspirated stops in a language implies the presence of post-aspirated stops.

{nasal, laryngeal spreading} \Rightarrow **n** >> **n** >> **n**

(3)	voiced	l nasals:	voicel	ess nasals:
	mậ	lift up	mmâ	from
	na	pain	ņna	nose
	ŋа	right	ŋ͡pa	considerate
	ŋâ	fish	ŋŋâ	borrow

- (4) morphological aspiration (h/non-h pairs--Okell 1969):
 - obstruent-initial: a.

pi	be pressed	phi	press, compress
pe	break off, be chipped	phe	break off (a piece)
ро	appear	pho	reveal
ce?	be cooked	che?	cook
sow?	be torn, shabby	show?	tear
su?	be damp	shu?	moisten, make damp
kwe	be split, separated	khwe	split, separate

nasal-initial: b.

mjin	be high, tall	m្mjin	raise, make higher
ni?	be submerged, sink	nni?	submerge, sink
ne	be loose	ņne	loosen (in socket, etc.)
na?	be completely cooked	nna?	complete cooking

(13)ka wwen? / ne? | jju:n/la∖ jju:n/ze?1 pim?] (<...N? + p) jjuːm/piŋ?ๅ jju:ŋ/kʌŋ?1 wwiŋ?] black child jju:ŋ/haŋ?1

the animal was frightened

this child sick child he is tiny small child big children

perverse child (<...N + z) ni_llejn₁ he will tremble (<...N + z)۲۸jŋ ۲ he pulls (him)"

So Chinantec is not contradictory at all. Instead, since place of articulation is noncontrastive here, voicelessness is free to co-occur in full parallel with velic lowering: no contrasts are jeopardized.

4. today's inquiry: laryngeally complex vowels

> {vowel, laryngeal spreading, tone} hà àh à >> >>

	{vowel, laryngeal constriction, tone} ?à >>	à?	>>	à
5.	laryngeally <i>simplex</i> class : Neither contrastive tone nor contrastive phonation <u>plain vowel</u> (e.g., English):	a		
6.	Contrastive tone, but no contrastive phonation <u>toned vowel</u> (Mandarin, Maddieson 1984):	à		
high le mid ri dippin	alling t ^h an∖ spy	a		
(7) <i>Gujar</i> t∫ir bi sed3 mek bar	ati breathy vowels mor dud dot pelo kot taro ko wali por kəti			
	creaky vowel (Sedang, Smith 1968):	ą		
V:	aal triplets V: V?: oung sibling o very o? daughter's husb asket c ^h a wild cat c ^h a? gate	band		
8.	Contrastive tone and contrastive phonation which one toned vowel toned vowel	do not ci à ā	coss clas	ssify:

toned vower		
toned vowel		
breathy vowel		
creaky vowel		

á

a

ą

9.	White Hmong (Lyma	an 1974, Smalley 1976	, Huffman 1987, Ratliff 1992):
	High	tau ⁵⁵	pumpkin
	Rising	tau ³⁵	to dam up (water)
	Low	tau ²²	axe
	Mid (normal)	tau ³³	to be able
	Falling (normal)	tau ⁴²	sp. of grass
	"Creaky"	tau ³¹	bean
	"Breathy"	tau ³²	to follow

Ratliff: For male speakers, the breathy tone is implemented as a low, whispered pitch fall: V_{2}^{31} ; For female speakers, the breathy tone is implemented as a high, whispered fall: V_{2}^{53}

10. <u>Question</u>: What might be the acoustic and articulatory consequences of implementing a laryngeally complex vowel?

a. <u>Toned v</u> F0 may be period the frequen and 1000 F for pitch pe		m the pulse veen 400 important sma 1967,	b. Breathy vowels: c. Creaky vowels: The acoustic signal possesses when a pulse period varie harmonics and noise, with by more than 10%, a stable weakening of harmonics above H1, not reliably discernible (R and increased bandwidth of surviving 1966 Cardozo and Ritsmat harmonics Kirk, Ladefoged, and Ladefoged (1993:445): "The breathy vowel [in Jalapa Mazatec] is characterized by an onset of indiscernible pulses."			ble pitch is Rosenberg		
	Toned Vowe		Br	Breathy Toned Vowel		Creaky Toned Vowel		/owel
Formant	Harmonic	Frequency	Formant	<u>Harmonic</u>	Frequency	<u>Formant</u>	Harmonic	Frequency
		•••						
	H9	1125		H9	1125\$		H9	1125↑↓↑↓
	H8	1000		H8	1000\$		H8	1000↑↓↑↓
	H7	875		H7	875 ‡		H7	875↑↓↑↓
	H6	750		H6	750 ‡		H6	750↑↓↑↓
	Н5	625		H5	625 ‡		Н5	500↑↓↑↓
F1	H4	500	F1	H4	500 ‡	F1	H4	375↑↓↑↓
	Н3	375		Н3	375\$		H3	375↑↓↑↓
	H2	250		H2	250\$		H2	250↑↓↑↓
	H1	125		H1	125\$		H1	125↑↓↑↓

11. <u>Acoustics of laryngeally complex vowels</u>:

12. Languages which possess both contrastive tone and contrastive non-modal phonation (breathiness/creakiness) such as Mazatec, Chinantec, and Trique, may sequence their tonal and non-modal phonatory gestures, so that both tone and phonation are recoverable.

13.	Articulation of laryngeal	lly complex vowels:

tone with breathy phonation:		V:	V:		Ù :	V:
vocal fold tension:	higher:	✓		higher:		
	lower:		\checkmark	lower:	\checkmark	\checkmark
glottal aperture:	higher:	\checkmark	\checkmark	higher:		✓
	lower:			lower:	✓	
intercostal flexion:	higher:	\checkmark	\checkmark	higher:		✓
	lower:			lower:	✓	
larynx height:	higher:	✓		higher:		
	lower:		\checkmark	lower:	\checkmark	\checkmark

14. <u>summary</u>:

attempting to reach a particular pitch target and a breathy target simultaneously involves conflicting articulatory demands

tone with creaky phonation:		V:	V:		Ù :	V:
vocal fold tension:	higher:	✓	~	higher:		~
	lower:			lower	✓	
	•					
glottal aperture:	higher:	\checkmark		higher:		
	lower:		✓	lower:	✓	\checkmark
intercostal flexion:	higher:	✓	\checkmark	higher:		\checkmark
	lower:			lower:	\checkmark	
larynx height:	higher:	\checkmark	✓	higher:		\checkmark
	lower:			lower:	\checkmark	

15.

- 16. <u>summary</u>: Attempting to reach a particular pitch target and a creaky target simultaneously involves conflicting articulatory demands
- 17. <u>Question</u>: given these acoustic and articulatory incompatibilities, what are the consquences for laryngeally complex vowels?

{vowel,	Mazatec:		Chinantec:		<u>Trique</u> :	
laryngeal spreading/ constriction,						
tone}	spreading:	constriction:	spreading:	constriction:	spreading:	constriction:
optimal; unmarked	hà	?à	hà	?à	hà	?à
sub-optimal; marked	àh	àî	àh	à?	àh	à?
less optimal; more marked	àhà	à?à	àhà	à?à	àhà	à?à
least optimal; most marked	à	à	à	à	à	à

18. realization of laryngeally complex vowels:

19. **Jalapa Mazatec** (Pike and Pike 1947, Kirk 1966, Bull 1983, 1984, Steriade 1992, Silverman 1994a, Kirk, Ladefoged, and Ladefoged 1993, Silverman, Blankenship, Kirk, and Ladefoged 1995):

Jalapa Mazatec segment inventory (Silverman, Blankenship, Kirk, and Ladefoged 1995):

(p)	t	ts	t∫	k	i	u
$(\mathbf{p}^{\mathbf{h}})$	t ^h	tsh	t∫h	k ^h		0
(mb)	nd	ⁿ dz	nd3	ŋg	æ	а
	S		ſ			
m	n		n	ŋ		
	(1)					
W		j				
h,?						

(parenthesized segments are limited to loanwords)

20. tones (Kirk 1966): H, M, L, LM, LH, ML, MH, HL, HM, LML, LHL, MHL

21.	toned breathy	vowel:	toned creaky vowel:	
	mææī	wants	moūseē	eviction
	nạấ	my tongue	nææ	he says
	лVV	(no examples)	η V V	(no examples)
	jææ̀	boil	jwaajtsē̃ij	he remembers
	wVV	(no examples)	wŲV	(no examples)

{vowel,	Maza	atec:
laryngeal		
spreading/		
constriction,		
tone}	spreading:	constriction:
optimal;	hà	?à
unmarked		
sub-optimal;	àh	à?
marked		
less optimal;	àhà	à?à
more marked		
least optimal;	à	à
most marked		

23. <u>summary</u>:

22.

24. **Comaltepec Chinantec** (Anderson 1989, 1990, Anderson, Martinez, and Pace 1990, Silverman 1994a,b, 1995):

Coma	altepec	segmen	t invent	tory:			
р	t	t∫		k	i	i	u
тb	nd	nd3		ŋg	e	Λ	0
(f)	S	(J)	(ş)	(x)	æ		a
			Z				
m	n			ŋ			
	1						
		j		W			

h,?

(Parenthesized forms are major allophonic or free variants)

25. <u>tones</u>:

	L hì	book			
	H ļló?	pretty	7		
	M ⁿ dzæ	earth	en jar		
	LM ^ŋ gầŋ?	swing	5		
	LH li	tepeji	ilote palm shoot		
	HLH ?ŋith	rope			
26.	kòːhò	I am	playing	kò:?	you (sg) are playing
	nì kỏːhó	I will	play	nì kói?	you (sg) will play
	kà kōhò	I play	ved	kà kō:? you	(sg) played
	kō:?	we an	e playing	kòış	he/she/they are playing
	nì kóhó?	we w	ill play	nì kōş	he/she/they will play
	kà kóhó?	we pl	ayed	kà kòış he/s	he/they played
27.	toned vowel	<u>s</u> :	toned	with post-voo	calic aspiration:
	ŋgwoì	good (i)	¹gj⊼ŋ	hand	b
	hề?	frog	lih	flow	/er

pressure and	<u>d pitch</u> :		
gestures:	primary gesture:		secondary gesture:
articulatory:	laryngeal spreading		increased internal
			intercostal activity
consequences:	Σ		Ŕ
aerodynamic:		increased subglottal	
· · ·		pressure	
		Û	
		increased transglottal	
		airflow	
		$\hat{\Gamma}$	
articulatory:		increased vocal fold	
¥		vibration	
		Û	
acoustic:		increased F0,	
		increased amplitude	
		of noise	
		$\hat{\Gamma}$	
auditory:		increased pitch,	
		increased loudness	
		Û	
perceptual:		increased salience	
<u>r r</u> -			
		L	l

28. <u>"Ballistic syllables"; syllables with post-vocalic aspiration--consequences for subglottal pressure and pitch</u>:

30. <u>summar</u>	<u>y</u> :				
{vowel,	Maza	atec:	Chinantec:		
laryngeal					
spreading/					
constriction,					
tone }	spreading:	constriction:	spreading:	constriction:	
optimal;	hà	?à	hà	?à	
unmarked					
sub-optimal;	àh	à?	àh	à?	
marked					
less optimal;	àhà	à?à	àhà	à?à	
more marked					
least optimal;	à	à	à	à	
most marked					

30. summary:

29.

(p)	t				k	i	i	u	
(b)	d				g	e		0	
		t∫	cç	tş			a		
	S	l		ş					
	Z	3							
				ſ					
m	n 1								
	1		j		w				
			J		.,				
?, h									
(pare	nthesiz	ed segn	nents ar	e limite	ed to loanwords)			
tones	:	21, 3	32, 3, 34	l, 35, 4,	5, 53	(wh	here	1 is highest, 5 is lowe	est)
Only	the lar	yngeals	(? and 1	h) may	close syllables,	and or	nly f	inal syllables may be	closed.
Only wa? ⁵		yngeals the r		h) may	close syllables, 3u²kwah 1		-	inal syllables may be visted	closed
-			ight	h) may	-		be ty		closed
wa? ⁵		the r	ight	h) may	3u ² kwah ¹	to b	be tv es	visted	closed
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka	? ⁵	the r teeth five	ight		3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³	to b ash	be tv es	visted	closed
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka	?⁵ final s	the r teeth five	ight 1		3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³	to b ash	be tv es	visted	closed
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka Open	.?⁵ 1 final s er ³	the r teeth five syllables red	ight 1		3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³	to b ash	be tv es	visted	closed
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka Open ma ⁴ r	? ⁵ final s er ³ u ²³	the r teeth five syllables red	ight s are lon main		3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³	to b ash	be tv es	visted	closed
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka Open ma ⁴ ro gu ³ na	? 5 1 final s er ³ ar ²³ r ³	the r teeth five syllables red to re hand	ight s are lon main	lg	3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³	to b ash	be tv es	visted	closed
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka Open ma ⁴ r gu ³ na ra ³ ?a ri ³ or ⁴ Final	175 1 final s er ³ ar ²³ r ³ 3	the r teeth five syllables red to re hand troug s may b	ight s are lon main l gh, man	ger	3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³ rah ²¹	to b ash to g	pe tv es grind	visted	
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka Open ma ⁴ r gu ³ na ra ³ ?a ri ³ or ⁴ Final	1 25 e 1 ³ a 1 ²³ u ³ 3 vowel , V?V).	the r teeth five syllables red to re hand troug s may b	ight s are lon main l gh, man e laryng	ger	3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³ rah ²¹	to b ash to g	pe tv es grind	visted	
wa? ⁵ ja? ³⁴ ni ⁵ ka Open ma ⁴ r gu ³ na ra ³ ?a ri ³ or ⁴ Final VhV	175 1 final s er ³ 1 ²³ 1 ³ 3 vowel , V?V). 4 ?u ³	the r teeth five syllables red to re hand troug s may b	ight a s are lon emain l gh, man e laryng incer	ger geally "i	3u ² kwah ¹ jah ³ rah ²¹ interrupted," in	to b ash to g	pe tv es grind	visted	

31. **Trique** (Longacre 1952, 1957, 1959, Hollenbach 1978):

- 36. Six reasons to interpret interrupted vowels as laryngeal gestures phased to interrupt a single vocalic gesture, rather than one involving two distinct vowel gestures
- **a.** Interrupted forms do not undergo final lengthening

interrupted vowe	<u>l</u> :	true V-?-V sequ	uence:
we ³ ?e ³	house	we ³ ?et ²	beautiful
ja³ha³	flower	da ³ ?ai ³⁴	cord, root
na ³ ki ⁴ hi ³	atole	?u ⁵ ?u ⁵	five
jo³?o³	year	jo ³ ?o ⁵³	the gummy deposit made by smoke from
			a wood fire

b. Interrupted forms lose their second vocalic component in phrasal contexts

ja³ha³	but	ja³h zi³ŋa²	nasturtiums
jo ³ ?o ³	but	jo ³ ? ga ³ ci ²³	the past year
naki ⁴ hi ³	but	naki ⁴ h ru ⁴ ne ⁴³	bean-atole

This elision is not reported for true V-?-V sequences

c. Interrupted vowels often appear in otherwise canonical bisyllabic words, whereas true trisyllabic words are quite rare

na4ki3hi3	atole	ga ³ u ⁴ ?u ³	incense burner
gi³?ja⁴ha³	holy day, festival	re ³ ka ⁴ ?a ³	stick
na ² ni ⁵ hi ⁴	open	re ³ ke ⁴ ?e ³	splinter
da ³ ku ⁵ hu ⁴	ascent		

- **d.** Tonal sequences occurring on interrupted forms are limited to those which occur on single vowels
- e. Voiceless obstruents and "fortis" nasal consonants may occur before interrupted sequences. Elsewhere, these consonants are limited to word-final syllables. If interrupted vowels are single nuclei, then a strong generalization may be made regarding the distribution of voiceless and fortis consonants; they are limited to final syllables.
- **f.** Interrupted vowels always possess but a single vowel quality, whereas true sequences may possess two vowel qualities (reported in Longacre 1957, no examples given)

37. <u>summary</u>:

{vowel, laryngeal	Mazatec:		Chinantec:		<u>Trique</u> :	
spreading/ constriction,						
tone }	spreading:	constriction:	spreading:	constriction:	spreading:	constriction:
optimal; unmarked	hà	?à	hà	?à	hà	?à
sub-optimal; marked	àh	à?	àh	à?	àh	à?
less optimal; more marked	àhà	à?à	àhà	à?à	àhà	à?à
least optimal; most marked	à	à	à:	à	ía:	à

57. Conclusions:

- A functional link may be established between recoverability and markedness
- In laryngeally complex vowels, tone and phonation are phased away from each other, so that all contrasts are recoverable
- The more contrastive timing patterns added, the more marked (the less recoverable) the added patterns are, but they remain optimally distinct from each other

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