

Ling 251, Topics in phonetics & phonology
Fall 2017, Kie Zuraw
Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00-5:50 PM, Haines 110

Production planning and phonological grammar

Day 1, which will also serve as syllabus

28 Sept 2017 (Thursday of Week 0)

A convention I use in handouts:
open circle means this is a
question for you, a point for
discussion, etc.

1. A thought experiment

- What does it take to pronounce the following sequence (adapted from Keating & Shattuck-Hufnagel 2002)

Japanese antique nineteen twenty-five motorcars¹

Things to keep in mind

- metrical grid of each word in isolation
- application of English Rhythm Rule
 - constraint: NOCLASH
 - possible repair: move grid-mark left
cf. Vogel, Bunnell & Hoskins 1995: phonetically, the Rhythm Rule is more de-accenting than accent shift (but no comparison to underlying $\sigma\delta$)
- could some chunks of this be pre-memorized?
- how might the process differ depending on time pressure or amount of preparation?



Closest relevant study: Hammond 1999 (judgments from English-speaking linguists)

- more shift for prefixed word1 (*málförmed thing*)
- if word1 not prefixed, more shift when word1 is higher frequency (*antique book* vs. *urbane world*)
 - opposite trend in prefixed word1s!

¹ picture: a 1925 Otomo, from www.inmygarage.com. According to Japanese wikipedia, the brand name was inspired by the word *Automobile* (thanks to Roslyn Burns for pointing this out) and the inventor's ancestral surname *Omotoro*.

2. Similar case but longer-distance: Dutch adverbial stress retraction

Gussenhoven & Jacobs 1998

- *altijd* ‘always’ becomes *áltijd* because if there is a following major stress within same Intonational Phrase:

(Naar de **wá**terstanden luistert ze **alt**ijd)_{IntP} *no shift: altijd after other stress*
to the water-level-reports listens she always
‘To the water level reports, she’ll always listen.’

(**Á**ltijd luistert ze naar de **wá**terstanden)_{IntP} *shift*
always listens she to the water-level-reports
‘Always she’ll listen to the water level reports.’

(Ze luistert **á**ltijd naar de **wá**terstanden)_{IntP} *shift*
she listens always to the water-level-reports
‘She’ll always listen to the water level reports.’

(Waar ze **alt**ijd naar luistert)_{IntP} (zijn de **wá**terstanden)_{IntP} *no shift: IntP boundary*
where she always to listen are the water-level-reports
‘What she’ll always listen to are the water level reports.’²



² picture: a Dutch water level meter, by Niels Bosboom, from Wikimedia Commons, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Normaal_Amsterdams_Peil_-_Woerden.jpg

3. Same thought experiment, different phenomenon

- Raddoppiamento Sintattico in Standard Italian and non-Northern similar varieties

Data from Absalom, Stevens & Hajek (2002)

- Doubling of word-initial consonant, if preceded by...
 - stressed vowel

/dúe káni/ → [dú:e **k**á:ni] 'two dogs'
/tré káni/ → [tré **kk**á:ni] 'three dogs'

- plus certain function words

/a miláno/ → [a **mm**ilá:no] 'to Milan'
/kóme vá/ → [kó:me **vv**á] 'how's it going'

- What would it take to decide how to pronounce these?

/tʃittá bélla/ /víta bélla/
'beautiful city' 'beautiful life'

Things to keep in mind

- How is this different from the Rhythm Rule example?
- What kind of **planning window** is necessary/relevant?

4. One last thought experiment

- 3rd tone sandhi in Standard Chinese—a case we’ll come back to later in the quarter!!
 - When two “third tones” (low dipping) in a row, first one becomes “second tone” (rising)

/xiao3 ma3/ → [xiao2 ma3] ‘little horse’

- What would it take to decide how to pronounce these? Differences between the two cases?

/lao3 li3 mai3 hao3 jiu3/
old Li buy good wine

‘Old Li buys good wine’³

/xiao3 ma3 hen3 you3-hao3/
small horse very friend-good

‘The small horse is very friendly’
(Lin 2015)

- Depending on whose theory you believe (Lin 2015), the options could include:

[2 3] [3 [2 3]]

[2 2] [3 [2 3]]

[2 3] [2 [2 3]]

[2 2] [2 [2 3]]

Things to keep in mind

- How might the outcome change depending on the planning window?
- If you wanted to avoid overapplication (counterbleeding), how would your planning needs change?
- Lin observed many patterns that were not predicted by any theory and speculates that local speech planning could be responsible

⇒ Variation in all these rules could be sensitive to what information is available at the point where the rule has to decide whether it’s applying

³ The classic sentence—Cheng 1973 is earliest source I found.

5. Wagner's Production Planning Hypothesis

Wagner 2011, bulleting added (p. 161):

“The hypothesis that across-word-boundary phonological processes (sandhi phenomena) are constrained by the locality of production planning

- can explain why they tend to be variable
 - speakers don't consistently encode the next phonological word
 - so the conditioning environments may not be present
- and makes new predictions for what types of processes should obey what type of locality pattern
 - regressive processes should tend to be more variable than progressive ones
 - processes should be more local when sensitive to low-level segmental information than higher level information since it is encoded later”

6. Things that are thought to affect the planning window

I cheated from overviews in Kilbourn-Ceron 2017a ch. 1—we will read more about most of these claims later, so see there or then for references

- Detail increases during planning
 - a word's syllable pattern is retrieved before its segments
 - /wSw/ before /bənænΛ/
- Windows with sharp edges are an idealization
 - we can start planning *antique* before we're finished planning *Japanese*
 - words further out are planned with less detail

Japanese antique motorcars

- Phonological content might be retrieved only about one word ahead
 - Sternberg et al. 1978: when given a list of words to prepare and say, speakers take longer to start talking when the list has more words
 - they're also slower when the first word in the list has more syllables
 - but length of second word doesn't matter

banana
peach
pear
pineapple

takes longer than

peach
banana
pears
pineapple

pear
banana
peach
pineapple

takes same as

pear
peach
banana
pineapple

- Planning window gets longer when the first word in it is short
 - Japanese nineteen-twenty-seven motorcars
 - Japanese antique motorcars
 - Finding (Griffin 2003) comes from just naming pairs of objects though, so more like

octopus knife owl knife
- The more frequent (or predictable, including syntactically) an upcoming word is, the sooner it's available
- Strain on working memory, and other “cognitive load”, can slow down planning, reduce size of window
 - We can experience this consciously in daily life: if someone asks me a question while I'm playing guitar, I can only answer about one word at a time
- If time, let's discuss predictions of these findings for the phenomena above

7. Outline with sample works

1. The Production Planning Hypothesis
see below
2. Speech planning basics: models and findings
focus on reviews and overviews: Keating & Shattuck-Hufnagel 2002, Wheeldon 2013, Goldrick 2014, Buchwald 2014, Shattuck-Hufnagel 2014
3. OCP (repetition avoidance) and anti-OCP as a speech planning effect?
Walker, Hacopian & Taki 2002, Frisch 2004, Rose & King 2007
4. Planning and directionality
Tsay & Myers 1996, Politzer-Ahles & Zhang in press, Chen & Chen in press
5. (Self-)counterbleeding (and self-counterfeeding) as planning failure
6. Look-ahead (and its limits?)
Advance planning of fo (thanks to Susie Curtiss for this idea)
7. Phonetic and phonological paradigm uniformity
Bermúdez-Otero 2010, Seyfarth et al. 2017
8. Speech planning and word structure
Himmelman 2014
9. Proposals about the relationship between grammar and planning
(Zuraw 2009), (Bermúdez-Otero 2012), (MacKenzie 2012), (Smolensky & Goldrick 2016), (Tamminga, MacKenzie & Embick 2017)

- This will adapt as we go and you can suggest readings. In some cases I have more readings in mind than we can realistically cover and we can decide together which ones look best.

8. Big-picture questions we probably won't answer

- These questions loom behind everything, but I don't think we'll answer them
 - Is there a separate phonological grammar (that feeds into the processing system)?
 - Or is the grammar just a different level of description of the processing system?
 - If the grammar is a separate module, what kinds of information does it exchange with speech planning?
- We will check out proposals that incorporate aspects of speech planning into the grammar
 - and see what we think of these instances of breaking down the barrier
 - We'll also check out proposals on how to keep things separate
- I think that knowing more about speech-planning effects on observable phonological phenomena is a necessary prerequisite to thinking about the above questions

9. Question that will be largely outside the scope of this course

- What is the best model of speech planning?
 - Size of look-ahead window
 - Amount of "look-upwards" to, e.g., higher prosodic structure (Keating & Shattuck-Hufnagel 2002)
 - What is stored in lexicon (number of syllables?) and what is computed online (which segments belong to which syllable?)
- ...except insofar as different models have different implications for planning effects in phonology

10. Course requirements

- 2 units: Attend class, do readings, take your turns presenting readings
- 4 units: That plus some kind of culminating research product
 - It could be a theoretical paper, an experimental design, a corpus study...
 - Meet with me some time in October to discuss what you want to do, then again in November

11. Plan for next upcoming sessions

- When it works, 2-person presentation scheme
 - as in Phonology 3
 - one person presents paper
 - the other presents a contrary view, applies the paper's proposal to some other set of data, etc.
- Not much of this for first topic, because we don't have a strong opposing viewpoint yet.

| topic | reading | who presents |
|---|--|---|
| ▪ English –ing/in’, plus laying out the research program | Wagner 2012 [we read this in Ling 219 2 years ago] | Present: _____ |
| ▪ English tapping | Kilbourn-Ceron, Wagner & Clayards 2016 | Present: _____ |
| ▪ Japanese high vowel devoicing | Kilbourn-Ceron & Sonderegger 2018 | Present: _____ |
| ▪ French liaison—significant because doesn’t involve lenition | Kilbourn-Ceron 2017b | Present: _____ |
| ▪ English t/d deletion | | |
| ▪ PPH view | Tanner, Sonderegger & Wagner 2015 | Present: _____ |
| ▪ includes speech rate | Tammaing 2015 | Present, and summarize similarity & differences vs. Tanner & al. findings: _____ |
| ▪ syntactic predictability and planning | Gahl & Garnsey 2004 | Present: _____ |
| ▪ English is/’s contraction | | |
| ▪ planning view | MacKenzie 2012, ch. 5 | Present: _____ |
| ▪ syntactic vs. phonological planning | MacKenzie 2016 | Present: _____ _____, who presented Gahl & Garnsey, discuss MacKenzie’s results from G&G’s point of view |
| ▪ Spanish vowel hiatus | Lamontagne & Torreira 2017 | Present: _____ |

I’ll post links for all the upcoming readings on a course web page and send you the link (probably tomorrow). In some cases, I’ll e-mail you all the item.

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