# Introduction to Government Phonology

# I. Introduction

- (1) issues in post-SPE phonology
  - a. lexical vs. post-lexical syllabification
  - b. derivations vs. constraints
  - c. internal structure of segments
    - 1. nature of primes: monovalency vs. equipollence
    - 2. relations among primes: arborescence vs. dependency
- (2) syllable structure is lexical
  - GP: Projection Principle KLV 1990:221

syllable structure is defined at the level of lexical representations and remains constant throughout derivation. ==> no resyllabification (\*..C in Coda vs. ...C-V in Onset).

- (3) in support of (2)
  - a. yers, cf. general intro
  - b. French Liaison

le cafés vs. lez écoles

le gran café vs. le grand (h)omme

SPE: /..-C/-->[C] /#V... C is lexical because its nature cannot be predicted

explanation only with lexically present Onset preceding [V]-initial words.

c. vowel-zero alternations in Czech prefixes, Scheer 1996,97

Ι.	. +e	-e	
	bez <u>e</u> -dný	bez <u>ø</u> -květný	"without bottom/ without flowers"
	vz <u>e</u> -dmout	vz <u>ø</u> -hled	"blow up/ expression (face)"
	před <u>e</u> -vším	před <u>ø</u> -skok	"before all/ test-jump ('before-jump')"
	roz <u>e</u> -dmout	roz <u>ø</u> -dmýchat	"blow up/ fan"
	roz <u>e</u> -přít	roz <u>ø</u> -přahat	"strut/ remove"

### 2. +e CC- Roots have alternating CVC- forms

-e CC- Roots never do.

	+e F		-e Root		
	two words f		non-related root		
CC-	a.		b.		c.
BR-	ode-brat	pf	od-b <u>í</u> rat	ipf	bez-bradý
DR-	roze-drat	inf	roz-d <u>e</u> ru	1 sg	roz-drobit
HR-	přede-hra	noun NOMsg	h <u>e</u> r	noun GENpl	od-hrabat
HN-	ode-hnat	pf	od-h <u>á</u> nět	ipf	roz-hněvat
PR-	ode-prat	inf	od-p <u>e</u> ru	1 sg	vz-pruha
SN-	beze-sný	adj	s <u>e</u> n	noun NOMsg	pod-sněžník
ŠL-	vze-šlý	adj	š <u>e</u> l	pap masc sg	roz-šlapat
ZD-	pode-zdít	inf	z <u>e</u> d'	noun NOMsg	od-zdola
DN-	beze-dný	adj	d <u>e</u> n	noun GENpl	-

- 3. +e Roots are always open.
  - -e Roots are always closed by a third consonant.

C	2 is stem-final	,	C <sub>2</sub> is part of the stem-initial cluster
$[ c_1c_2-]$	$=/C_1_C_2/$		$=/C_1C_2$ /
BR-	ode-BR-at	VS.	bez-BRaD-ý
DR-	roze-DR-at	VS.	roz-DRoB-it
HR-	přede-HR-a	VS.	od-HRaB-at
HN-	ode-HN-at	VS.	roz-HNěV-at
PR-	ode-PR-at	VS.	vz-PRuH-a
SN-	beze-SN-ý	VS.	pod-SNěž-ník
ŠL-	vze-ŠL-ý	VS.	roz-ŠLaP-at
ZD-	pode-Z_D-ít	VS.	od-ZDoL-a
DN-	beze-DN-ý		-

4. 
$$/CCvC/==>+e$$
  
 $/C\emptysetC/==>-e$ 

the grammar may detect this difference only if it is encoded in the lexicon.

- (4) Internal Structure of segments: vowels, KLV 1985
  - a. monovalency
  - b. head-operator relation
  - c. matrix calculus
  - d. interpretational autonomy, Harris 1994, Harris & Lindsey 1995
  - e. phonology <--> phonetics
  - f. representation of ATR

# II. The 1990 Model

- (5) Charm
  - a. physiological foundation: cavity maximisation
  - b. incompatibility of [a] and ATR, cf. ATR-harmonic systems
- (6) Charm-based syllabification: KLV 1990
  - a. consonantal Charm is negative, its vectors are L<sup>-</sup> and H<sup>-</sup>
  - b. charmed segments are governors, charmless segments are governees.
  - c. hierarchical realtions between adjacent consonants: homorganic NC, maximal inventory of consonants in simplex Onsets and in the first part of branching Onsets, restricted inventory in Codas and in the second part of branching Onsets. Therefore:
    - simplex Onsets and the first part of branching Onsets are "strong" = governors
    - Codas and the second part of branching Onsets are "weak" = governees
  - d. syllabification is a consequence of governing relations holding between consonants

- e. strict directionality
  - 1. within a constituent, Government is head-initial

**Constituent Government** 

2. among constituents, government is Head-final

Interconstituent Government

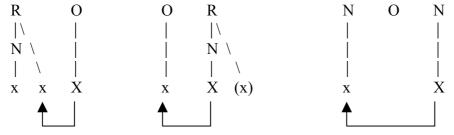
- f. strict adjacency: governor and governee must pertain to adjacent skeletal slots
- g. exhaustive inventory of syllabic constituents (X=heads)

O	R	O	R	R	
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	N	\	N \	N	
		\	\	\	
X	X	$X \times X$	x X	x Constitue	ent Government

h. all syllabic constituents are binary, ternary structures are ruled out:

[X x x] and [x x X] violate Adjacency, [x X x] violates directionality.

- i. the Coda is deprived of its status as a syllabic constituent. Its x-slot is directly adjoined to the Rhyme (postnuclear rhymal complement).
  - 1. O, N and R are universally present in all languages, the Coda is not.
  - 2. all constituents are governing domains, the Coda is not: if it were, e.g. [rp] in *carp* Strict Directionality requires its head to be the [r], but [r] cannot govern [p], cf. Charm and branching Onsets.
  - 3. all other constituents govern: O governs "Coda", N governs its O. Only the Coda would never govern anything.
- j. exhaustive inventory of domains of Interconstituent Government



- k. Empty Category Principle ECP: a Nucleus may be uninterpreted if it is properly governed.
- 1. Proper Government PG
  - 1. PG is a form of internuclear Government
  - 2. the governor may not itself be governed
  - 3. PG cannot apply over a governing domain
- m. illustration: vowel zero alternations

	zero	vowel	vowel	gloss
	CeC-V	CeC-ø	CeC-CV	
Moroccan Arabic	kItøb-u	køtIb-ø	kIttIb-ø	they have written, he has written, he has caused to write
German (optional elision)	innør-e	inner-ø	inner-lich	inner+infl, inner, internal
Tangale (Chadic)	dobø-go	dobe	dobu-n-go	called, call, called me
Somalii (Cushitic)	nirøg-o	nirig-ø	nirig-ta	young female camel pl, sg indef, sg def
Turkish	devør-i	devir-ø	devir-den	transfer ACC, NOM, ABL
Slavic (e.g. Czech)	lokøt-e	loket-ø	loket-ní	elbow GEN, NOM, adj.
Hungarian	majøm-on	majom-ø	majom-ra	monkey Superessive, NOM, Sublative

(7) Coda Licensing, Kaye 1990

a. closed syllable shortening

VVC-V	VC-ø	VC-CV		
?a-quul-u	qul	ta-qul-na	Cl. Arabic	"say 1sg, imper, 2pl fem"
meraak-I	merak	merak-tan	Turkish	"law NOMsg, poss., NOMpl"
kraav-a	kraf	kraf-ka	Czech	"cow NOMsg, GENpl, dim."

- b. Prosodic Government, Kaye&Lowenstamm 1985: superheavy Rhymes are excluded by virtue of c command relations holding within constituents.
- c. if so, their exclusion should be universal. But several languages exhibit closed slyyable shortening while exhibiting superheavy Rhymes:

1. English	keep	VS.	kept	
2. Quebec French	veer	VS.	vert	"green masc, fem"
3. Wolof (West Atlantic)	roof	VS.	roppi	"put in, take out"
	teer	VS.	teddi	"start/ stop a vehicle"

- d. all counter-examples challenging the universality of Prosodic Government are word-final.
- e. if the vowel shortens because a consonant is incorporated into its Rhyme, all C-C clusters are expected to be well-formed domains of Interconstituent Government. This however is not the case: Turkish

POSS	NOM	ABL	NOM pl	
meraak-I	merak	merak-tan	merak-lar	[kt] ok, [kl] bad
sevaab-I	sevap	sevaptan	sevap-lar	[pt] ok, [pl] bad
usuulj-y	usulj	usulj-den	usulj-ljer	[ljd] ok, [ljlj] ok

==> theory predicts that the first part of the bad sequences does not belong to the preceding Rhyme. Thus, "closed syllable shortening" has nothing to do with closed syllables.

f. interaction of vowel-zero alternations and "closed syllable shortening"

#### Yawelmani

1. C-final stems

saap-it	sap-hin	sap-nit
goob-it	gob-hin	gob-nit

2. V-final stems

pana-t panaa-hin panaa-nit ?ile-t ?ilee-hin ?ilee-nit

3. CC-final stems with vowel-zero alternation

?aml-al ?aamil-taw ?aamil-ka

moxl-ol mooxil-taw mooxil-ka

zero provokes shortening of the preceding vowel. The Projection Principle prohibits resyllabification in such cases. Zeros occurring in vowel-zero alternations have a syllabic identity, i.e. an Empty Nucleus. Thus, the consonant preceding the zero pertains to the Onset of the Empty Nucleus hosting the zero. It does not close the preceding syllable. Again, the shortining of the vowel has nothing to do with closed syllable shortening.

- g. rather, shortening takes place before an Empty Nucleus
- h. this explains the lack of phonotactic constraints on the cluster following the shortened vowel, cf. Turkish:

the two consonants belong to independent Onsets.

- i. if (g) is correct, then all [-C]-final words in Turkish and Yawelmani must be followed by an empty Nucleus. Hence, word-final consonants reside in an Onset, i.e. the Onset of the Final Empty Nucleus.
- ==> Coda Licensing Principle: Post-nuclear rhymal positions must be licensed by a following Onset
- j. the contrast of superheavy Rhymes existing in \_\_#, but absent word-internally falls out naturally (keep

kept). Long vowels freely occur word-finally before a consonant.

- k. 1. Prosodic Government is universal, keep etc. are no instances of closed syllables. Shortening in English, Quebec French and Wolof is due to Prosodic Government.
  - 2. shortening in Turkish and Yawelmani is due to the presence of an Empty Nucleus following the shortened vowel.
- 1. word-internal and word-final "Codas" often do not behave alike:
  - 1. word-final consonants, against word-internal Codas, do not contribute to the weight of the Rhyme, Hayes 1982.
  - 2. Germanic Languages: massive clusters word-finally that have no parallel word-initially: sixths, des Herbsts, du plantschst, Levin 1985.
- (8) Indirect relations bearing on constituents: Government Licensing, Charette 1990
  - a. Quebec French. PG targets schwa (=e). Alternations are optional (TR=cluster of increasing sonority, RT=cluster of decreasing sonority).

CeCV CeCCV RTeCV TReCV sømaine secret porcherie librement \*søcret \*porchørie \*librøment

b. Czech

Name of a man

Name of his wife or daughter<sup>1</sup>
ok

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1. Pátr<u>e</u>k Pátr<u>e</u>ková \*Pátr<u>o</u>ková
Davídp<u>e</u>k

2. Pát<u>e</u>k Pát<u>o</u>ková \*Davídp<u>o</u>ková
Davíd<u>e</u>k
Davíd<u>o</u>ková \*Pát<u>e</u>ková
Davíd<u>e</u>k

c. CeCV semaine: PG applies

CeCCV secret: PG is blocked by an intervening governing domain CCeCV porcherie, librement: PG is also blocked by a preceding governing domain

d. ==> Government Licensing: a non-nuclear head of a governing domain may govern its complement only

if it is licensed to do so by its Nucleus. Only ungoverned Nuclei may license.

 Licensing

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- (9) Indirect relations bearing on segments: Licensing Inheritance Harris 1992, 1998
  - a. Prosodic Licensing or p-licensing defines lateral relations among constituents or higher units. It sanctions the existence of x-slots.

<sup>1</sup>-the judgements I collected from native speakers are not 100% uniform. Especially for the feminine (a)-cases, all speakers prefer the forms with -e-, but a few do not exclude the ones lacking it.

- b. Autosegmental Licensing or a-licensing defines the amount of melodic content that may be associated to constituents. It sanctions melodic material (phonological primes).
- c. Licensing Inheritance

the a-licensing power of a given constituent is a function of its p-licensing status. A p-licensed constituent has less a-licesing power than a constituent escaping p-licensing. Every constituent intervening on a licensing path transmits only a part of the a-licensing power transmitted.

d. application: under Coda-Licensing, the disjunctive context { #, .C} has no uniform description

form of a single constituent. Hence, what about the broad range of phenomena occurring in this context? Cf. devoicing, lenition, deaspiration,...

1. lenition

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.C
                                                                      V V
Spanish: s->h
costa
              ->kohta
                                                 -> dehpuéh
                                   después
Caribbean Spanish:: r,1 -> j
revolver
             -> revojvej
                                   papel
                                                 -> papej
              -> cajta
                                   algo
                                                 -> ajgo
carta
Brazilian Portuguese: 1 -> w
              -> sawga
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Serbo-Croatian: 1 -> o
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English: r -> zero
                                                                      rain, carry
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2. depalatalisation (L,N=palatal lateral, palatal nasal)

Spanish

beldad doncel beLo, donceLa rencilla reNir, desdeNar desdén

3. devoicing

German

lesbar Bad, Tag, Haus lesen, Bäder, Tage, Häuser

e. word-initial Coda-consonants and word-final consonants share the fact that their constituents

#### receive

in

their a-licensing power indirectly: "Codas" via the following Onset, which in turn is p-licensed by its Nucles, ... C# via the following final empty Nucleus, which in turn is p-licensed by parametric licensing of FENs.

- f. intervocalic phenomena
  - 1. voicing: American English

pity -> pidy

2. tapping: English  $t \rightarrow R$  (R=flap)

pity -> piDy

3. deletion: English h->zero

ve'hicular 've(h)icle VS. pro'hibit pro(h)i'bition VS.

4. spirantisation: Spanish, Tiberian Hebrew,...

la Banca banca VS. la Demora VS. demora la Gana gana VS.

- g. foot-internal Onsets of left-headed feet are in the same situation as consonants in \_\_.C and \_\_#. In [O1 N1 O2 N2], the Head N1 p-licenses N2, which in turn p-licenses O2. By contrast, O1 is directly p-licensed by the Head N1.
- h. thus, consonants in {\_\_.C, \_\_#, 'CV\_\_V} are treated on a par. They are predicted to exhibit the same phenomena.
  - i. Licensing Inheritance not only provides a uniform description of the three lenition-sites, but it also says WHY these sites should favour lenition rather than any other context.
  - j. problems
    - 1. no lenition normally occurs before word-internal empty Nuclei (=under PG), although these are predicted to trigger transmit the same a-licensing power as word-final empty Nuclei.
    - 2. the kind of lenition-phenomena observed intervocalically (=Foot-internal) is much different from the one occurring in "Coda"-positions. Thus, all three contexts should not conform to the same theoretical status.
    - 3. the argument for intervocalic contexts holds only for left-headed feet. In a language exhibiting right-headed feet, lenition is predicted foot-(=word-)initially, but not foot-(word-)internally. This configuration can hardly be observed in any language.
    - 4. all three contexts are indirectly p-licensed. But the lactors intervening in the licensing path are quite different: p-licening transits via an Onset in \_\_.C, but via a Nucleus in 'CV\_V and \_\_#. The ultimate source of licensing are Nuclei in \_\_.C and 'CV\_V, but parametric licensing of FEN in #. Should these different theoretical configurations yield identical empirical results?
- (10) casting doubt on Charm

of

- a. existence of nasal [a]
- b. A+ and ATR+ repel each other, but which are the empirical consequences of the alleged attraction

 $\{H^{-},L^{-}\}\ and\ \{A^{+},N^{+},ATR^{+}\}$ ?

- c. which is the evidence for choosing L and H as vectors of consonantal Charm rather than any other Elements?
- d. choosing H and L is a hidden way of capturing the traditional [-son] feature. Consonantal Charm carried by H and L is a different formulation of [+-son].
- e. like charmed Elements are supposed to repel each other. Indeed, L- and H- do never combine, but this is a simple physiological fact achieved anyway: vocal chords cannot simultaneously be stiff and slack
- f. doubt has been cast on the existence of an independent ATR Element. If ATR is expressed by other means, the foundations of Charm are dismissed.
- (11) Complexity-driven syllabification instead of Charm-dirven syllabification, Harris 1990
  - a. the more phonological primes a segment is made of, the more complex it is.
  - b. in order for a governing relation to hold, the governee may not be more complex than the governor.
  - c. traditional way of encoding the sonority hierarchy into segmental structure: features such as [+-son], [+-cons] etc. This is circular: 1. observation that [r] is a sonorant, 2. introduction of [+son] into its internal structure, 3. why is [r] a sonorant and occupies the corresponding place within the string? Because it bears [+son].
  - d. this kind of feature is ruled out anyway if all primes are independently pronouceable.
  - e. Charm is but a hidden [+-son]. It doesn't depend on any idiosyncratic property of the segments. By contrast, Complexity is calculated on the basis of ALL primes that contribute to the articulation of a segment. It is thus a function of every segment's idiosyncratic make-up. It can be controlled and falsified by segmental alternations.

f. hence, in order to know which segment may govern which other segment, the internal structure of consonants is crucial. It is achieved on the bassis of considerations that are totally independent from syllabic structure, that is segmental alternations. Unlike [+-son]- and Charm-based syllabification, this approach is not circular.

# III. Internal Structure of Consonants

## (12) Harris 1990, 1994, Harris & Lindsey 1995

a. Elemental inventory

Place		Manı	ner					
I - palatality	[I]	? - cc	onstrict	ion	[?]			
U - labiality	[U]	h - no	oise		[h]			
A - absent in cons	sonants	L - sl	ack vo	cal chords				
v - velarity		H - s	tiff voc	al chords				
R - coronality	[r]	N - n	asality					
b. Places of articulat	ion							
bilab lab-dent	interdent	alv	pal	postpal	vel	uvul	phar	glott
<u>?</u> ,U <u>h</u> ,U	<u>R</u> ,h	<u>R</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>h</u> ,I	$\underline{\mathbf{v}}$	<u>h</u> ,A	<u>A</u> ,h	<u>?</u>
								<u>h</u>

c. Manner

Glides --Liquids ?
Nasals ? + N
Fricatives h
Stops h + ?

d. some consonants (initial Elements are Heads)

#### (13) problems

- a. Head-operator relation: why should bilabials and Liquids be especially constricted?
- b R
  - 1. literature against R: Broadbent 1991, Backley 1993, Brockhaus 1994, Scheer 1996.
  - 2. any theory should recur to the same set of Place-primes when defining vowles and consonants, Clements 1993, Smith 1988, Carvalho&Klein 1996, Weijer 1994, Cyran 1994, Harris&Lindsey 1995 (sic). R is unkown in Nuclei, A in Onsets.
  - 3. prediction: there is no interaction between coronal consonants and vowels: combinations of R and {I,U} are not defined.
- c. prediction: velar consonants never influence on vowels: the cold vowel may not be spread.
- d. heavy overgeneration, mainly because anything may be the Head of an expression: e.g. ?,R R,U U,R v,R v,I L,R H,U N,I,...

- (14) alternative proposals: e.g. Weijer 1994, Cyran 1994, Rennison in press, Scheer 1996, in press.
- (15) principles in response of (13), Scheer 1996, in press
  - a. one-to-one correspondance between phonological representations and their phonetic manifestation.
  - b. like any other linguistic expression, segmental expressions are asymmetrical. The Head contributes more to the phonetic result than the Operator(s).
  - c. the set of primes defining Place is identical for vowels and consonants.
  - d. no R.
  - e. only universal primes, that is Place-definers, head segmental expressions.
- (16) velarity and roundness are two distinct phonological objects
  - a. back unrounded vowels. KLV 1985: back high -round +ATR= ATR, mid +ATR = v,ATR,A. Back unrounded -ATR vowels are predicted not to exist phonologically.
  - b. both I,U and U,I = [y]?
  - c. KLV 1985: U is present in front rounded vowels. I and U don't combine in languages lacking front rounded vowels. Prediction: languages exhibiting front rounded vowels, thus where I and U combine, possess a higher number of consonants than languages lacking front rounded vowels. The opposite is true.
  - d. interactions of U=[u,w] and velar consonants
    - 1. in Fular<sup>2</sup>, [w] regularly alternates with [g]. Consider for example the different forms of the stem *wor* "masculine" when connected to the various adjectival nominal class-suffixes.

class		class		class	
1	gor-ba	9	gor-gal	18	gor-
					koj
2	wor-de	10	gor-gel	20	wor- be
3	gor-di	11	gor-gol	21	gor- de
4	wor-du	13	gor-ki	22	gor- di
5	gor-ga	15	gor-ko	23	gor-ko
8	gor-gu				

2. broken plural formation in Moroccan Arabic

in the variety of Moroccan Arabic described by Ettajani (prep), only velar and uvular consonants tolerate a labial secondary articulation:  $[k^W, W, q^W]$  exist, whereas  $*[s^W, D^W]$  etc. do not occur. This distribution is transparent in broken plural formation where a [w] tries to parachute on the first rootconsonant (data and analysis by Ettajani):

sing broken plural (Z=voiced postalv., X=voicelss uvul., I=high schwa) labial secondary articulation possible

kbir	kWbar	"tall"
χubza	$\chi^{W}$ bazi	"bread"
χurza	$\chi^{W}$ razi	"node"
kursi	k <sup>w</sup> rasi	"chair"
qami3a	q <sup>w</sup> am <del>i</del> 3	"shirt"

labial secondary articulation impossible

<sup>2</sup>West-Atlantic language spoken in Guinea. Data from Klingenheben (1941:17).

smin	sman	*s <sup>W</sup> man	"fat"
silla	slali	*sWlali	"basket"
Drif	Draf	*DWraf	"nice"

3. short [u] in Ge'ez (Classical Ethiopic):

in Ge'ez (cf. Ségéral 1995:155ss), short high peripheral vowels do not exist. Only a short [u] can be observed in nominal morphology iff it is preceded or followed by a velar or uvular consonant [k,g,q,x].

4. Czech vocative

in Czech, three vocative-allomorphs occur with consonant-final masculine nouns: -i iff the last consonant of the stem is palatal, -u iff it is velar, and -e elsewhere.

-i / C <sub>pal</sub>	nominative kuun	vocative kon-i	(N=palatal n, D=voiced pal. stop, R=palatal r, S=sh) "horse"
1	tomaaS	tomaa∫-i	"Thomas"
	lhaař	lhaař-i	"liar"
	zlɔɟɛj	zlɔɟɛj-i	"thief"
	slec	sle <del>j</del> -i	"herring"
-u / C <sub>vel</sub>	hox	həx-u	"boy"
	gonk	gong-u	"gong"
	zdenek	zdenk-u	first name
	ptaak	ptaak-u	"bird"
- $\epsilon$ / elsewhere	pes	ps-ε	"dog"
	doktor	doktor-ε	"doctor"
	holup	holub-ε	"pigeon"
	hrat	hrad-ε	"castle"
	∫εf	∫v-ε	"seam"

- e. reason for 1. (a), 2. v=velarity, 3. absence of U from velars: indissociability of velarity and roundness in U. Any articulation U participates in is predicted to be rounded. ==> U has to be absent from velars and back unrounded vowels.
- f. two distinct vectors for velarity and roundeness/ labiality:
  - U velarity
  - B roundness/ labiality
- g. consequences: front rounded vowels are a combination of I and B, not of I and U. (b) and (c) are without substance.

### (17) [t,d] are nothing

- a. they are NEVER the result of a phonological process.
- b. markedness
  - 1. unmarked within coronals, coronals being unmarked among consonants.
- 2. unmarkedness = consequence of the absence of Place-definers: Underspecification Theory, cold vowel

in KLV 1985.

- 3. articulation: unmarkedness corresponds to the tongue body in relaxation.
- c. [t,d] are typically epenthetic
  - 1. French

/a il dit/ > a-t-il dit "he has said"

/verra on/ > verra-t-on "we will see" 2. French

epenthetic [t]

/esquimau + age/ > esquimautage /glouglou + er/ > glouglouter /bijou + ier/ > bijoutier /indigo + ier/ > indigotier

/tableau + in/ > tableautin /cacao + ière/ > cacaotière

epenthetic [d]

/Marivaux + er/ > marivau**d**er

3. Middle-High-German (MHG) > New High German (NHG)

	MHG	NHG		M	HG	NHG	
a	. after [n]			c.	after [s]		
	iergen	irgend	"any"		ackes	Axt	"ax"
	ieman	jeman <b>d</b>	"somebody"		obez	Obst	"fruit"
	wîlen	weilan <b>d</b>	"long ago"		sus	sonst	"otherwise"
	vollen	vollends	"completely"		bâbes	Papst	"pope"
	totzen	Dutzend	"dozen"	d.	after /X/		
	sinvluot	Sintflut	"Flood"		habech	Habich <b>t</b>	"hawk"
	allenhalben	allenthalben	"everywhere"		dornach	Dornacht	city
	wësenlîch	wesentlich	"important"		e. after [g] (ran	re)	
b	after [r]				bredige	Predigt	"sermon"
	anderhalp	anderthalp	"one and	f.	after [f]		
			a half"		werf	Werft	"shipyard"
					saf	Saft	"juice"

#### (18) Distribution of A in Obstruents

a. correspondence Fricatives - Stops (P=phi, th,dh=interdental, ch,j=palatal, S,Z=postalv, Q=gamma)

1. Fricatives	Stops
$\phi$ , $\beta$	p,b
f,v	
$\theta$ , $\delta$	
s,z	t,d
Ś,Ż	
ç,j	c,j
J,3	
x,y	k,g
$\chi$ 'R	q,G

- b. phonetic reflect: Fricatives possessing Stops are mate, Fricatives lacking Stops are strident.
- c. typical affricates are candidates to fill the "holes": [pf], [ts,dz], [tś,dź], [tS,dZ], [kX]: their second part are

all and only the Fricatives for which simplex Stops are missing. Filling in the affricates according to this criterion provokes two mismatches: 1. [ts,dz] are supposed to face [s,z], but this place is already taken by [t,d], 2. there is no affricate with a second interdental part. Both problems are solved when considering [t,d] to be the Stops related to [th,dh]. Segmental alternations confirm this move, cf. below.

- d. spirantisation accompanied by a change of Place
  - 1. Grimm's Law

Latin and Greek forms witness the Indo-European state of affairs (Gothic spelling p=[th]).

a. spirantisation<sup>3</sup>

	IE >	Germ?	>Got	t Lat/ Gr	Got	
	p,ph	f	f	<u>p</u> ater	<u>f</u> adar	"father"
		V	b	se <u>p</u> tem	si <u>b</u> un	"seven"
	bh	V	b	<u>f</u> ero	<u>b</u> airan	"carry"
	t,th	th	th	<u>t</u> res	* <u>b</u> reis	"three"
		ð	d	pa <u>t</u> er	fa <u>d</u> ar	"father"
	$d^{\mathbf{h}}$	ð	d	Gr dyra	<u>d</u> aur	"gate"
	k,kh	X	h	<u>c</u> ornu	* <u>h</u> aurn	"horn"
		R	g	Gr dakry	*tagr	"tear"
	$g^{h}$	R	g	<u>h</u> ostis	gasts	"stranger"
b.	devoic	eing				
	b	p	p	(s)lu <u>b</u> ricus	*sliu <u>p</u> an	"sneak"
	g	k	k	ego	i <u>k</u>	"I"
	d	t	t	e <u>d</u> o	i <u>t</u> an	"eat"

c. the following three correspondences characterizing Grimm's Law can thus be established for the oldest record of Germanic (see e.g. Collinge 1985:63ss):

IE Got
STOP +voice, -asp
STOP +voice, +asp
STOP -voice, ±asp
STOP -voice, ±asp

Got
STOP -voice, -asp
STOP +voice, -asp
[FRIC -voice, STOP +voice] -asp

d. in the light of various secondary processes such as the Second Consonant Shift and using arguments of comparative studies across the Germanic language family, the following correspondences are commonly reconstructed for (unrecorded) Common Germanic:

IE Common Germanic
STOP +voice, -asp
STOP +voice, +asp
STOP -voice, ±asp
FRIC ±voice
FRIC ±voice

e. According to classical interpretation (e.g. Paul *et al.* 1989:113), the chronology of events is as follows: in a first step, IE non-aspirated unvoiced stops develop aspiration: IE p,t,k > Germ  $p^h,t^h,k^h$ . Then, all aspirated stops, voiced or not, become fricatives: IE  $p^h,b^h,t^h,d^h,k^h,g^h$  > Germ  $f/v,\theta/\delta,\chi/\kappa^4$ . The IE non-aspirated stops that are left remain non-aspirated AND stops, but they devoice: IE b,d,g > Germ p,t,k.

<sup>3</sup>Spirantisation occurs in any context except sC-clusters (Got sp,sk,st) and ht,ft (e.g. Lat stella, OHG sterno) and IE [pt,kt] (e.g. Lat captus, noctis, Got haft, nahts (OHG naht > NHG Nacht)). Cf. Paul *et al.* (1989:113s).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>There is debate on the status of labials, cf. Braune & Ebbinghaus (1981:49), Jellinek (1892), Paul *et al.* (1989:113s,124). The voicing of resulting fricatives is controlled by Verner's Law: iff the fricative is followed by a voiced articulation (=vowel, sonorant, voiced Obstruent) and the preceding vowel it is unstressed in IE, then the fricative is voiced. Otherwise, it is unvoiced (see e.g. Paul *et al.* 1989:123s for illustration).

f. summary: only aspirated stops spirantise.

	non-a	spirated	aspirated		
	voiced	unvoiced	unvoiced	voiced	
inventory of IE stops	b, d, g	p, t, k	ph, th, kh	bh, dh, gh	
Germanic	•		v ph, th, kh	bh, dh, gh	
Grimm's Law	p, t, k		f/v, th	/ð, X/R	

2. Bavarian (cf. Saussure's Law in IE), Schwarz 1950,57

standard German Bavarian

behüte dich bøhiat di > b<sup>h</sup>üet di > pfiat di

Behälter Pfalter "Fischteich"

3. conclusion: aspiration triggers spirantisation accompanied by a change in the Place of articulation.

e. spirantisation with invariant Place

1. Spanish

a. fricatives occur after vowels (G=gamma, N=velar nasal)

la <b>ß</b> a ka	la banca	"the bank"
la <b>ð</b> emora	la demora	"the delay"
la Gana	la gana	"the desire"

b. stops occur elsewhere

word-initially

<b>b</b> a ka	banca	"bank"
demora	demora	"delay"
gana	gana	"desire"
after consonants		
am <b>b</b> os	ambos	"both"
on <b>d</b> a	onda	"wave"
aldea	aldea	"village"
teNgo	tengo	"I have"

2. Tiberian Hebrew (P=bilabial voiceless fricative, G=gamma, th=interdental voicelss fr.)

root	perfective	imperfective	alternation(s)	
zkr	zaaxar	yi-z <b>k</b> or	x-k	"remember"
kpr	<b>k</b> aa <b>q</b> ar	yi <b>-xp</b> or	k-х, ф-р	"cover"
bdl	<b>b</b> aaðal	yi <b>-ßd</b> al	b-ß, ð-d	"separate"
pth	$\mathbf{p}$ aa $\theta$ ah	yi <b>-φt</b> ah	p-φ, θ-t	"open"
pgf	paayaf	yi <b>-φg</b> of	р-ф, γ-g	"meet"

#### f. summary

aspiration triggers spirantisation AND alternation of the Place of articulation vocalic contexts trigger spirantisation AND NO alternation of the Place of articulation

g. aspiration is a glottal activity. The prime responsible for articulations in this region is A. Hence, A is likely

to participate in aspiration.

$$\begin{matrix} x \\ / \ \setminus \\ C \quad A \end{matrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} C^h \end{bmatrix}$$

- h. A is responsible for the shift in the Place of articulation
  - 1. bilabial + A = labio-dental
  - 2. dental + A = interdental
  - 3. velar + A = uvular
- i. general summary
  - 1. stops incorporating A as in Grimm's law spirantise because
  - 2. some Places of articulation lack stops because

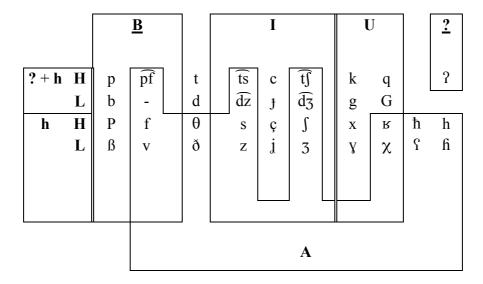
- 3. this is plausible: A and ? represent opposite properties: maximal aperture vs. maximal closure. They represent the two segments that are maximally distant on the sonority scale: [a] vs. [?].
- 4. incorporation of A (=aspiration) into the segmental structure of the Stop expells ?, which is either completely lost (Grimm's Law) or retained in a contour structure, i.e. the result is an affricate. E.g. typical diachronic spirantisation

Stop > Affricate > Fricative

e.g. French affrication before [a]:

Lat gamba, carru > Gallo-Romance d3âmb, t∫ar > French 3âb, ∫ar "leg, tank"

(19) internal structure of Obstruents (P=phi, th=interdental voiceless fric., D=palatal voiced stop, J=voiced palatal fric., S,Z=postalv. fric., R=voiced uvular fric., H,9=voiceless and voiced pharyngeal fric., g'=voiced velar fric., h'=voiced glottal fric.)



#### (20) sonorants

- a. [r] contains A: German
- 1. [r] > [g] / V #goop "before" vor "only" nue nur poror Horror "horror" Mauer "wall" mawe bæær Bär "bear" biie Bier "beer" leer leev "empty" "fire" foje Feuer 2. [r] > [v] / V Clueç Lurch "amphibian" gebirge Gebirge "mountain" loet Lord "Lord" Bart "beard" 3.  $[r] > [a] / a_{C,\#}$ baat baaſ Barsch "perch" "trip" faat Fahrt "done, cooked" gaa gar 4. [r] > [R] / Cdваj, \*dваj drei "three" "old man" grais, \*grais Greis "price" pyajs \*prajs Preis 5. [r] > [R] / V Vpikaat Pirat "pirate"
- b. [r] contains I
  - 1. Southern Dutch (Rotterdam, Leiden) r > j / \_\_{{C,\#}} standard Dutch Southern Dutch

ooraan karaat

daar daaj daar "over there" "card" kaart kaajt kaart stoort stoojt stoort "disturb 2sg.pres" karnen kajnen karnen "make buttermilk" verpt vejpt "throw 3sg.pres" werpt

Karat

Oran

"carat"

Algerian city

2. Caribbean Spanish:  $r > j / _{\{C,\#\}}$ 

standard Spanish Caribbean Spanish

revolver rev

c. [1,n] contain I

German:  $[\chi]$  and  $[\varsigma]$  are in complementary distribution.  $[\varsigma]$  occurs after front vowels,  $[\chi]$  after [a,o,u]:

[ç] after [y,ø,i,e]  $1.[\chi]$  after [u,o,a]absence of I presence of I "book sg/pl" buuχ byyçɐ "cook masc/fem" kύin koχ "creek sg/pl" bεçə baχ "I" iç 2. "milk" milç "some" manç

## d. [1] contains I

1. Italian: lat l > j in branching Onsets

	Latin	Italian		VS.		Italian	
p	platea	piazza	"place"		V	_C altro	"other"
	vulg plovere	piovere	"rain"			volta	"vault"
b	germ *blank	bianco	"white"			V_V tavolo	"table"
	vulg blastemaare	biasimare	"blame"			volere	"want"
f	floorem	fiore	"flower"		#	linea	"line"
	flamma	fiamma	"flame"				
k	claudere	chiudere	"close"				
	claavus	chiodo	"nail"				
g	vulg glacia	ghiaccio	"ice"				
	glandem	ghianda	"glans"				

2. Salzburg German: [1] in Codas palatalises (and labialises) the preceding vowel, Rennison 1978 alternation standard German Salzburg German (E=schwa)

		$\mathcal{L}$	(	
i-ü	Filter	vüttE		
	wilder	ßüüdE		
e-ö	selten	zöttn		
	Feld	vööd		
a-oj	Schalter	ZojttE		
	Wald	ßoojd		
o-oj	poltern	bojttEn		
	Gold	goojd		
u-uj	Schulter	ZujttE		
	Schuld	Zuujd		
	Mehl	möövs.	mehlig	meelik

#### e. Naslas contain A

1. German: nasals lower high vowels. MHG high vowels followed by a (geminated) Nasal regularly surface as mid vowels in NHG.

~~ ·	
ΉA	
onne	"sun"
ommer	"summer"
ommen	"come"
lönch	"monk"
ohn	"son"
Önig	"king"
ewonnen	"won"
eschwommen	"swum"
	onne ommer ommen fönch ohn tönig ewonnen eschwommen

- 2. vowels are nasalised before a nasal consonant and {C,#}
  - a. Common Slavic. ==> no high nasal vowels in Polish.
  - b. French. ==> no high nasal vowels in French. fin vs. fine, brun vs. brune.
- f. [r], [l] and [n] are variants of the same phonological object

Several genetically non-related languages present alternations of [r], [l] and [n] without apparent segmental conditioning.

1. Chaha (Ethio-Semitic language): [r] and [n] are allophones, [n] occurring word-initially and before obstruents, [r] elsewhere.

preterite present jussive root

1sg nädäf-x<sup>W</sup>im ä-rädif ni-ndif Rdf "card (wool)"

1sg näk<sup>y</sup>äm-x<sup>W</sup>im ä-räk<sup>y</sup>im ni-räkim Rk<sup>y</sup>m "ride (horse)"

2. Corean: [l] and [r] are allophones. [r] is found intervocalically, whereas [l] occurs word-finally and in consonantal environments (U=rounded high schwa)

aR "know"

/aR + ta/ --> aal-ta citation form
/aR + Upnita/ --> ar-upnita politeness form
/aR + Uo/ --> ar-uo exhortative form
/aR + a/ --> ar-a declarative form

[l]/[r] have a third allophonic variant word-initially, that is [n] (but not every Corean [n] is an allophone of [l]/[r]):

Rak

/o + Rak/ --> o-rak "diversion" /ø + Rak/ --> nak "pleasure" /Rak + won/ --> nak-won "paradise"

3. MHG: numerous doublets of the same word involving [1] and [r] (cf. Paul et al. 1989:144).

NHG [r][1] Herke Helche Helke female first name smieren smielen "smile" "prior" prior priol Prior "murmur" murmeln murmeln murmern Candelberc Canterbury Canterbury Canterbury Marmor "marble" marmo**r** marmel Marter "torture" martel marter mörtel Mörtel "mortar" mörter turter turtel *Turteltaube* "turtledove" môrber mûlber Maulheere "mulberry" MHA dörper "farmer" > dörpel > törpel > NHG Tölpel "dolt"

- g. Summary: internal structure of Nasals and Liquids
  - 1.[r] is **A**-headed (German, English)

I contributes to the articulation of [r] (Spanish, Dutch)

[1], [n] and [r] have the same melodic identity (Chaha, Corean, MHG)

[l,n] contain I (German, Italian, Salzburg German)

Nasals contain A (MHG > NHG, French and Slavic nasal vowels)

- 2. Liquids are A-headed
- 3. Nasals contain A and N

4.internal structures (first named Elements are Heads, L=velar l, nj=palatal nasal, ng=velar nasal)

h. sonority

i.e.

a. Harris' 1990 system has no specific sonority-prime, but sonority is calculated exclusively through h/?,

exclusively consonantal primes. There is no apparent connection between vocalic and consonantal sonority.

b. sonority is a function of three parameters: 1. the constituent it pertains to, 2. presence of consonantal Elements, 3. the role played by A. No separate sonority-prime.

segment	Nucleus/Onset	h/?	role of A
a	N	-	head
e,o	N	-	operator
i,u	N	-	absent
Liquids	О	-	head
Nasals	O	-	head/operator
Glides	O	-	absent
S,Z	О	h	head
gutturals	O	h	head/operator
fricatives	O	h	operator/absent
stops	O	h and?	absent

#### (21) result

- a. sonorants are more complex than Onstruents as far as Place Elements are concerned.
- b. complexity-calculus according to Harris 1990 with these internal structures makes wrong predictions as to

what is a possible branching Onset etc.

# IV. CVCV

- (22) the proposal, Lowenstamm 1996, in press
  - a. syllable structure is a strict consecution of non-branching Onsets and non-branching Nuclei.
  - b. the phonological identity of "#" is an empty CV. Words begin with an empty CV subject to the ECP.
- (23) some arguments
  - a. Lowenstamm 1996
  - b. complexity-based syllabification is blocked with segmental identities of the kind shown in III.
  - c. vowel-zero alternations
  - d. the usual treatment of word-initial clusters is circular.
- (24) vowel-zero alternations, Scheer 1997, 1998a,b
  - a. the statement "intervening governing domains block PG" is but an observation. It doesn't explain the phenomenon. CVCV offers an explanation.

- b. CVCV dispenses with CG, ICG and Government Licensing. PG alone drives all alternations.
- c. it unifies Government: PG doesn't sometimes apply and sometimes is blocked, it always applies.
- d. the statement quoted in (a) is empirically falsified:

	zero	vowel	vowel	gloss
	CeC-V	CeC-ø	CeC-CV	
Moroccan Arabic	kɨtøb-u	køtib-ø	kɨttɨb-ø	they have written, he has written, he has caused to write
German (optional elision)	innør-e	inner-ø	inner-lich	inner+infl, inner, internal
Tangale (Chadic)	dobø-go	dobe	dobu-n-go	called, call, called me
Somalii (Cushitic)	nirøg-o	nirig-ø	nirig-ta	young female camel pl, sg indef, sg def
Turkish	devør-i	devir-ø	devir-den	transfer ACC, NOM, ABL
Slavic (e.g. Czech)	lokøt-e	loket-ø	loket-ní	elbow GEN, NOM, adj.
Hungarian	majøm-on	majom-ø	majom-ra	monkey Superessive, NOM, Sublative
BUT				
Czech prefixes	podø-kova		podø-bradek	horseshoe, double chin

e. Czech prefixes is the only case where the two consonants intervening between governor and governee are

monomorphemic.

- f. ==> the reason for their special behaviour must be found in the special relation contracted by the intervening CC. Monomorphematicity = tight relation.
- g. running PG in a CVCV framework enforces properly governable vowels to be lexically present:
  - 1. Czech bezN1-bN2radý [bezø-bradii]
    French sN1cN2ret [sekre]
    if PG applied exclusively to empty Nuclei, N2 would have to PG N1 and would thus have to receive phonoetic content, yielding \*bezø-beradý, \*søkeret.
  - 2. targets of PG are lexically specified as such.
  - 3. the epenthesis-approach breaks down when facing languages with more than one alternating vowel in identical phonotactic conditions: Eastern Slavic, e.g. Russian den vs. son.
  - 4. assuming CVCV, PG exclusively applies to lexically filled Nuclei.
    - a. Nuclei that are sites of a vowel-zero alternation (formerly viewed as empty Nuclei). Only reason

for

their phonetic absence: PG.

- b. real empty Nuclei that never appear on the surface. Reasons for their inaudibility: PG or IG.
- (25) the usual treatment of \*#RT is circular (TR=any sequence of rising sonority, RT=any sequence of falling sonority)
  - a. words cannot begin with a Coda. Thus, the context "word-initial" corresponds to "Onset" on the syllabic level.
  - b. in languages of the IE type, CCs are not free word-initially, but both ...TR... and ...RT... occur word internally. This distribution matches that of syllabic constituents: "only Onsets in #\_\_" vs. "both Onsets and Codas word-internally". Thus, syllabic structure is responsible for the observed restrictions.
  - c. the sonority value for each segment can be established independently. Word-initially, i.e. within a branching Onset, sonority must increase.

- d. #RT clusters do not exist because their sonority is falling. Hence, they cannot hold within a branching Onset. They cannot be interpreted as a Coda-Onset sequence either because there are no word-initial Codas.
- e. summary

1. observation: "sonority always increases within #CCs"

2. syllabic interpretation: "TR = branching Onset"

3. explanation: there are no #RT because sonority must increase within branching Onsets.

- (26) Infrasegmental Government (consonantal interaction), Scheer 1996,97, in press
  - a. word-initial restrictions resort to two different questions:

SYNTAGMATIC restrictions

#CCs that occur or not depending on the syntagmatic order of their members: #tr is ok, but #rt out. In clusters of this type, the consonants always contrast in sonority.

b. SEGMENTAL/ PARADIGMATIC restrictions

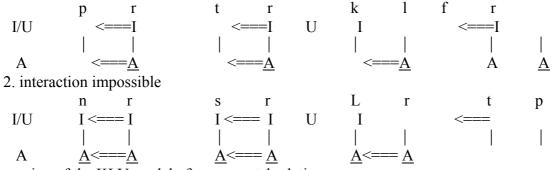
There are also CCs of non-contrasting sonority that do not occur word-initially: e.g. \*#lr, rl, nl, ln, tp. In these cases, the syntagmatic order of the members is indifferent: they are unattested in any order.

c. in response to (b):

Infrasegmental Government (IG)

iff an phonological prime faces an empty position on a given autosegmental line, it may govern this position.

- d. illustration ( =empty position, L=velar lateral), details cf. Scheer 1996
  - 1. interaction possible



e. inversion of the KLV model of consonantal relations:

Sonorants Obstruents
KLV governees governors
IG governors governees

f. in response to (a):

it

1. Government Licensing applies to IG: a consonant may govern another consonant infrasegmentally iff

is licensed to do so by its Nucleus.

- 2. the first vowel of a word must govern the initial empty Nucleus. Hence, it cannot be held responsible for the inaudibility of the empty Nucleus flanked by the consonants of a initial cluster #CC.
- 3. in case of a #TRV cluster, R is licensed by V and thus may govern T, the structure is well-formed.
- 4. by contrast, R in a \*#RT cluster is not licensed to govern T because its Nucleus is empty.
- g. conditions on IG
  - 1. time: the more time two consonants spend next to each other, the more likely they interact.
  - 2. morphology: heteromorphemic consonants do not interact because they do not cohabitate in the lexicon.
  - 3. Afro-Asiatic languages: no interaction at all because consonants never cohabitate with their constituents in the lexicon. Consequence: anything is possible in #\_\_.

- h. list of operations satisfying the ECP
  - 1. PG

IG.

- 2. licensing of Final Empty Nuclei
- 3. Infrasegmental Government
- i. expression of the fundamental TR vs. RT contrast:

in a CCV cluster,

- 1. V has no governing duty in TRV cases because the empty Nucleus between T and R is cared of by
- 2. V must govern this empty Nucleus in RTV cases because R and T may not interact.
- j. Branching Onsets and domains of IG are different

empty Nuclei never appear on the surface, but do play a cricial role in the phonology.

- 1. French: both well-formed [sekre] and [søcre] secret.
- 2. the existence of an empty Nucleus within word-initial clusters is crucial for the demonstration in (f).
- k. strict directionality and strict locality are stipulations that don't follow from anything. They can be dispensed with.
- (27) Alternative proposal: Gussmann & Kaye 1993, Gussmann & Cyran 1998
- a. device of consonantal interaction over an Empty Nucleus accounting for the inaudibility of this Nucleus is

needed whether CVCV is assumed or not:

Polish

NOMsg GENpl

mgl-a mgiel "mist" pchl-a ch=[x] pchel "flea"

- b. two consecutive empty Nuclei (N) under any analysis:
  - 1. mgNl-a, evidenced by vowel-zero alternation
  - 2. mNgl-a, [mg] is not a well-formed branching Onset
- c. Interonset Government (IO)

in  $[mN_1gN_2l-a]$ , [a] properly governs  $N_1$ , [g] governs [l] and thereby satisfies the ECP for  $N_2$ .

#### (28) comparison

- a. IO can be head-final as well as head-initial. No principled way to prefer one over the other.
- b. Government Licensing does not help to account for initial #CCs: in #TRV clusters, T is lecensed by V in

order to govern R, i.e. licensing over R. In \*#RT clusters, there is no way to exclude T from being licensed.

c. according to (27c), PG applies over a domain of IO. Thus, the statement "intervening governing domains

block PG", that is the foundation of non-CVCV accounts of vowel-zero alternations, cannot be maintained. What, then, about vowel-zero alternations?

d. (27c) violates strict directionality.

- (29) Governing domains are head-final, Scheer 1998b
  - a. PG is head-final, Constituent Government can be dispensed with.
  - b. vowel length

either long vowels never alternate

German

zuux-en zuux-te zuux! suchen, suchte, such! "search, searched, search!" zæ-en zæ-tə zæ-tə zæ-tə säe, säe! "sow, sowed, sow!"

buuχ byyç-	·8	Buch, Bücher	"book, books"	
Somali				
C	CC			
maalin	maalm-o	"day sg, pl"		
keen, keen-aa	keen-taa	"bring inf, 1sg (habi	tude), 2sg (hab)"	
	∫aand-o	"sieve, strainer indef	211	
	eeddo, aabbe	"paternal aunt, fathe	r''	
or they do alternat	*	ernation may be condi-		
		morphological structu		
Slovak: *[VV	] <sub>root</sub> -[VV] <sub>suffix</sub> , r	esult [VV] <sub>root</sub> -[V	lsuffix,	
VVV		1000		
	t∫iir-i	"small, clear NOMs	g mase"	
mal-aa	t∫iir-a	"id. NOMsg fem"		
mal-eemu	t∫iir-emu	"id. DATsg n	nasc"	
par-aam	luuk-am	"steam, meadow DA		
par-aax		"id. LOCpl"	r-r-	
	xvaal-im	"ask, praise 1st sg pr	resent"	
	prefix-[VV]root	71 61		
VVV				
zaa-tot∫-ka		"turn (dance), bend"		
zaa-no∫-ka	<del>-</del>	"change (gym), regis	stration"	
zaa-suf-ka	za-hraat-ka	"socket, little garden		
2. a specific gram		socket, fittle garden		
•		verb is long in its reci	procal from	
Form <sup>5</sup> "wea		S	1	
I labis	katab	semantically unmark	ced	
IIlabbas		ative/ intensive	.cu	
III laaba		reciprocal		
VII nlaba	s nkatab	inchoative		
Czech: infinitiv	es have at least two r	noras6		
inf		tive participle prefix	ed inf	
kraas-t	krad-u kradl			
ruus-t	rost-u rostl	"grow"		
krii-t	kri-j-u kril	"cover"		
staa-t se	stan-e se stal se	e "become"		
znaa-t	znal	"know"		
	po-zn	_		
dlii-t	dlel	"stay"		
praa-t	per-u pral	"wash"		
	between segments m	ay cause an alternatior	commonly referred to as closed syl	lable
shortening	110	CV		
VVC-V	VC-ø VC-	CV		

 $^5\mathrm{The}$  forms given illustrate the active perfective paradigm of sound triliteral roots.

 $<sup>^6</sup>$ Only a handfull of verbs such as  $chv\ t\ se$  "tremble",  $p\ t$  "sing" or jet "ride" disregard this generalization.

?a-quul-u Cl. Arabic "say 1sg, imper, 2pl fem" aul ta-qul-na meraak-I merak merak-tan Turkish "law NOMsg, poss., NOMpl" kraf-ka "cow NOMsg, GENpl, dim." kraav-a kraf Czech Italian<sup>7</sup>

**VVCV** VC-ø **VVTRV VRTV** 

"destiny, ski, lazy, park" faato ſi piigro parko

evolution: SPE-rule (non-explanatory, non-CVCV), Prosodic Government (explanatory, non-CVCV), Coda-Licensing (non-explanatory, CVCV), Larsen 1995 (explanatory, CVCV).

4. a short vowel may become long when an adjacent segment fails to be realized. This phenomenon called Compensatory Lengthening

Latin

\*kasnus > kaanus "grav" \*kosmis > koomis "courteous" "pot" \*fideslia > fideelia

Tiberian Hebrew

definite article ha kəlaßim, rəqahim "dogs, spices" ha kkəlaßim "the dogs" "the spices" haa rəqahim

Chilungu

/ma-tama/ > matama "cheeks"

"one who kills" /ka-koma/ > kakoma

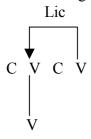
/ma-ino/ > miino "eves"

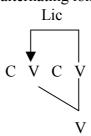
/ka-eleka/ > keeleka "one who cooks"

c. conclusion on vowel-length:

lexical representation of an alternating long vowel

a non-alternating long vowel





- (30) Italian Tonic Lengthening, Raddoppiamento Sintattico, definite article, Larsen 1995
  - a. Tonic Lengthening
    - 1. data

VV V

"destiny, park" fato parco " lazy, pasta" pigro pasta "fact"

2. analysis: long vowels are short underlyingly. An extra CV is provided by stress. The CV provided by stress must be licensed by PG in order to constitute a well-formed target for the spreading of the preceding vowel.

<sup>7</sup>Long vowels of the paradigm shown occur only under stress. The phenomenon therefore is called Tonic Lengthening. As stress is irrelevant for the demonstration, it will not be considered. See Larsen (1995) for discussion.

b. Raddoppiamento Sintattico

1. data: in a ...V##C... sequence, C is geminated iff V is stressed and C is not [sC]

gemination no gemination spelling paltò pulito paltò ppulito "clean coat" "sad city" cittá triste cittá ttriste "solar city" citta solare cittá ssolare VS. " dirty coat" paltò sporco paltò sporco

- 2. analysis: as before, gemination targets the extra CV provided by stress. The empty Nucleus enclosed by geminates must be properly governed.
- 3. vowels spread morpheme-internally, consonants spread over morpheme-boundaries.
- c. selection of the definite article: il lo (N=palatal nasal, S=postalv. voiceless fricative)

1. il /C	2. il /TR.		
il parco "the park"	il treno	"the t	rain"
il sole "the sun"	il freddo	" the cold"	
il libro "the book"	il plico	" the fold"	
VS.			
3. lo /sC	4. lo //CO	C/ and [j]	
lo studio "the study"	lo zio	ttsio	"the uncle"
lo sbaglio "the error"	lo zero	ddzero	"the zero"
lo sporco "the dirty (one)"	lo gnomo	ŋŋomo	"the gnome"
	lo sci	ſſi	"the ski"

[sc] behaves like a geminate in Italian: its palatalised form is [∬], e.g. uscita, fresco - fresci

d. summary: a unified analysis, all three phenomena are a function of PG

O	occurs in #	Ton.Leng.	Rad.Sint.	selects	blocks PG
C	yes	yes	yes	il	no
TR	yes	yes	yes	il	no
sC	yes	no	no	lo	yes
$\int \mathfrak{J},\widehat{\mathfrak{n},ts},\widehat{dz}$	yes	no	no	lo	yes
RT	no	no			yes
CiCi	no	no			yes

(31) The Coda Mirror, Ségéral & Scheer 1998

# (32) Czech r-ř, Scheer 1998a

a. [r] in word-final position in the Nominative of masculine nouns alternates with [R] in Vocative forms of the same words<sup>8</sup> (ř=postalveolar trill):

NOM	VOC	
pet <u>r</u>	petř-e	"Peter"
kmot <u>r</u>	kmotř-e	"godfather"
kat <u>r</u>	katř-e	"(iron) bars, prison"
met <u>r</u>	metř-e	"meter"
kuf <u>r</u>	kufř-e	"suitcase"
cvik <u>r</u>	cvikř-e	"monocle"
sach <u>r</u>	sachř-e	"Sacher, kind of cake"
kop <u>r</u>	kopř-e	"dill"
svet <u>r</u>	svetř-e	"pullover"
kap <u>r</u>	kapř-e	"carp"
mes <u>r</u>	mesř-e	character from Brecht's Beggar's opera

b. conditions on this alternation

1. no alternation with [-Vr]-stems

NOM	VOC	*VOC	
dokto <u>r</u>	dokto <u>r</u> -e	*doktoř-e	"doctor"
pono <u>r</u>	pono <u>r</u> -e	*pomoř-e	"flottation line"
mramo <u>r</u>	mramo <u>r</u> -e	*mramoř-e	"marble"
boxé <u>r</u>	boxé <u>r</u> -e	*boxéř-e	"boxer"
potě <u>r</u>	potě <u>r</u> -e	*potěí-e	"spawn"
tatá <u>r</u>	tatá <u>r</u> -e	*tatář-e	"Tatar"

2. no alternation with non-palatal suffixes

NOM	GEN		DAT		
pet <u>r</u>	pet <u>r</u> a	*pet <u>ř</u> -a	pet <u>r</u> -ovi	*petř-ovi	"Peter"
kmot <u>r</u>	kmot <u>r</u> a	*kmot <u>ř</u> -a	kmot <u>r</u> -ovi	*kmotř-ovi	"godfather"
kat <u>r</u>	kat <u>r</u> u	*kat <u>ř</u> -u	kat <u>r</u> -u	*katř-u "(iron)	bars"
met <u>r</u>	met <u>r</u> u	*met <u>ř</u> -u	met <u>r</u> -u	*metř-u	"meter"
kuf <u>r</u>	kuf <u>r</u> u	*kuf <u>ř</u> -u	kuf <u>r</u> -u	*kufř-u	"suitcase"
cvik <u>r</u>	cvik <u>r</u> u	*cvik <u>ř</u> -u	cvik <u>r</u> -u	*cvikř-u	"monocle"
sach <u>r</u>	sach <u>r</u> u	*sach <u>ř</u> -u	sach <u>r</u> -u	*sachř-u	"Sacher"
mes <u>r</u>	mes <u>r</u> a	*mes <u>ř</u> -a	mes <u>r</u> -ovi	*mesř-ovi	character from

Brecht's Beggar's opera

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> [r]-[ř] alternations are quite common in Czech. They occur elsewhere in the morphology and do not necessarily obey the distribution discussed below. On the other hand, there are configurations where [r]s do not alternate with [] although the segmental and syllabic conditions prevailing in the NOM-VOC contrast seem to be met. A full discussion of all these cases would go beyond the scope of this article. The NOM-VOC paradigm for various morphological and contextual reasons stands as a phenomenology of its own.

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