# 24.901 Loanword Phonology Dec.6, 2010

## 1. motivations for study of loanword adaptation

- test productivity of rules and constraints
- with shift to constraint-based grammar can better model conflict between faithfulness to the source language and conformity with the segmental inventory, phonotactics, and prosodic structures of the recipient language
- English flight [flajt] > Korean [phil.la.i.ti]
- "static" languages like Thai and Chinese figure prominently
- learnability puzzles: how are adaptation strategies learned since they may be absent from the native grammar?

#### 2. terminology

donor language

recipient language

L2

L1

source word

adapted word

import: novel sound or structure introduced via loans

#### 3. adaptations

- typically sharp intuitions
- robust and productive (hundreds or thousands of loanwords in Japanese, Korean)
- conservative: if match is available then it is typically made
- grammatical calculation based on some underlying competence
- what formal properties?: input, output, internal states

#### 4. major questions in recent literature

What is the input to adaptations process? Some answers offered

- acoustic signal of L2 output: extragrammatical speech perception module filters speech at the outset
- an accurate IPA like transcription of L2 output (some degree of bilingualism) which is then filtered by L1 grammar
- abstract phonological representation of loan: bilinguals draw on phonological hearing in both L1 and L2 and ignore the details of phonetic implementation
- relative contribution of oral vs. orthographic transmission

Does loanword adaptation implicate a special grammar distinct from L1 native grammar? Universal principles of sound perception and similarity?

• if grammar is just rewrite rules then answer must be yes since no evidence for epenthesis process in Cantonese native grammar where English *bus* is adapted as [pasi]

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#### 12. Input to loanword adaptation process

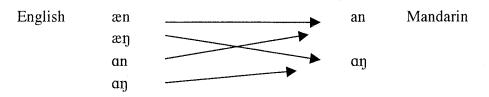
- phonemic representation that abstracts away from predictable phonetic variants in donor language (Paradis & Lacharité 2005)
- based on phonological hearing by bilinguals
- alternative adaptation strategy based on phonetic salience (Kenstowicz 2003)

## 13. Mandarin case study (Hsieh, Kenstowicz, & Mou 2006)

- vowel phonemes i y u
  ə
- coda: glides j and w and nasals n and ŋ
- mid and low vowels have various realizations depending on coda (and onset)
  - back unround [x] in open syllable: kə [khx] 4 'guest' back round [o] adjacent to [w]: xəw [xow] 4 'thick' front [ɛ] adjacent to [j]: kj [khej] 1 'scold' central [ə] elsewhere: /ken/ [khən] 3 'willing'
  - /a/ back [a] before η and w: kang [khaŋ] 2 'carry on shoulder', kaw [khaw] 3 'test' front [ε] when preceded by [j] and followed by [n]: jian [tsjɛn] 4 'build' elsewhere cetral-front [a]: da [ta] 4 'big'

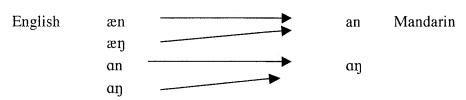
14. prediction: if loanword adaptation abstracts away from noncontrastive details then we expect the following mappings based on phonological vs. phonetic input models:

#### phonological mapping



in phonetic model either then vowel or the nasal could determine the adpatation; perhaps preference to the vowel as the more dominant perceptually

# phonetic mapping



#### 4. loans

- c. 600 VN loans from Dictionary of Loanwords and Hybrid Words in Chinese.
- place names from Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs website

#### 5. data

#### i. dictionary

- [æn] -> [an] (26): an.chou 'anchovy'; ke.lan 'clan'
- [æn] -> [an] (5): wang.da.'er 'vandel'
- [ang] -> [ang] (5): gang.guo 'Congo'
- [ang] -> [an] (2): an.ge 'encore'
- [an] -> [ang] (24): a.nang 'anonymous', kang.tuo 'canto'
- $[an] \rightarrow [an] (0)$
- [æŋ] -> [an] (9): fulan 'Franklin'
- [æŋ] -> [ɑŋ] (4): jang.ji 'Yankee'

#### ii. place names

•	$[an] \rightarrow [an] (21)$	M <b>an</b> hattan	m <b>an</b> .ha.dun
•	$[an] \rightarrow [an] (0)$		
•	[an] -> [ang] (15)	Oregon	e.le.g <b>ang</b>
•	[an] -> [an] (3)	Tucson	tu. <b>sen</b>
•	[an] -> [an] (6)	Anchorage	<b>an</b> .ke.lei.qi
•	$[an] \rightarrow [an](1)$	Doncaster	tang ke si te

#### iii. personal names: Lin (2006)

Johnson qiáng.shēng [tchjan.sən] 2.1

### 6. conclusion

- adaptation is based on phonologically redundant but phonetically salient [±back] vowel difference that accompanies and enhances the coronal vs. velar coda contrast
- place contrasts among coda nasals are often difficult to hear

- 5. case study of loans from English to Cantonese and Mandarin
  - not as many as Japanese or Korean
  - written vs. oral transmission
- 6. Cantonese (Silverman 1992, Yip 1993, 2006, Lai 2004)

syllable: CVC

7. Matching segments correspond

fun	fAn 55
cut	kAt55
tie	tha:i 55

- 8. closest matching segment
  - r > l : rum lAm 55

• ∫>s:

show sou55

• tf > ts:

check t<sup>s</sup>ek 55

## 8. novel syllables created (cf. Mandarin)

- accidental gaps in onset+rhyme: fit > fit55, win >> win
- new rhymes: band > pen, game > kem
- violate ban on labials: pump > pAm

#### 9. final consonants

Stops:		sharp		[sap]		
		cut		$[k^hAt]$		
		Jack		[tsik]		
Na	asals:	jam		[tsem]		
		gin		[tsin]		
		bowling		[poulin]		
s:		lace		[leisi]		
		office		[ofisi]		
cli	usters:					
	band	[pen]	shaft	[ggs]	notes [nuksi]	
	friend	[fen]	post	[p'ousi]	tips [tipsi]	
	pump	[pem]	cast	[k'asi]	licence [laisen]	
	stamp	[sitam]	toast	[təsi]	inch [intsi]	
	sink	[sin]	waist	[weisi]		
			yeast	[isi]		
	foul	[fAu]	fight	[fAi]		

#### 10. initial cluster reduction

- disyllabic minimal word preference
- no complex onsets or codas
- sC clusters repaired by epenthesis while CR repaired by deletion of liquid--a contrast in contextual saliency
- but, liquid is retained if output would fall below two syllables (Silverman)
- data from Chan & Kwok '82 and other sources

CR deleted		CR preserv	<u>/ed</u>
printer	p'en.t'a S 92	brake	pik.lik
broker	puk.k'a	cream	kei.lim
floorshow	fosow	fluke	fu.luk
freezer	fi.sa	clean	ki.lin S 92
place	p'ei.si	flea	fu.li S 92
professor	pou.fa.sa	blonde	pi.lan S 92
high-class	hai.k'a.si	pleat	p'i.lit S 92
blender	p'en.ta S '92	plum	pow.lamY '93
strawberry	sitawpeley Y '93	print	p'i.lin S '92

proton pow.ton S 92 price p'ay.si S 92

exceptions

friend fen dacron dik.k'ek.loeŋ
gross lo brandy pet.lan.tei
clutch kik.lik.tsi

- contrast between fluke -> fuluk vs. place -> p'ei.si or blonde -> pi.lan vs. blender
   -> p'ɛn.ta is striking. Why should deletion of [I] depend on whether or not the word ends in [s]? (cf. OT's "global comparison")
- assuming that simplication of CR clusters eliminates the minimally salient R, this process must be blocked until the disyllabic phonotactic from the Operative stage is imposed—inconsistent with Silverman's model.

## 11. Tone: Lai (2004)

- syllable with major stress in English assigned 55
- final unstressed varies between 21 and 35 (latter reflects a floating H suffix)
- pretonic has 22

### examples

• monosyllables: 63 of 70 monosyllables take 55

card kha:t 55 lift lip 55 tie tha:i 55

SW disyllables

boxing pok 55 sin 35 party phat 55 ti 21 partner pa:t 55 la: 35/21

• WS

cologne ko 22 lun 55

• epenthetic vowels

 bus
 pa: 55 si 35
 stamp
 si22 ta:m 55

 cash
 khe: 55 sy 21
 store
 si22 to 55

 cream
 kei 22 lim 55
 custard
 kAt55si22ta35

# Cantonese vowel system (Bauer 1997)

```
high
                i:
                        y:
                                         u:
closed
                e
                        ø
                                         o
open
                ε:
                        œ:
                                         э:
central
                                 В
                                a:
glide
                j
                                         w
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- no long/short contrast independent of timbre; is basic contrast one of quality or quantity?
- long vowels outnumber short
- short vowels barred from open syllable: \*CV (bimoraic)

# Rhyme table (Bauer 1997)

Table 1.29 56	Cantonese	rimes.					
-j (-y)	-W	-m	-n	-ŋ	-p	-t	-k
	i:w [i:w]	im [im]	im [im]		i:p [i:p]	it [i:t]	
Fy/ [yr] —			ym [ym]			y:t [y:t]	<del></del>
æ (e) —				en [ein]			ek [e <sup>j</sup> k]
<i>o</i> [e] <i>ej</i> [ej]			_	<del></del>	*		
ε. [ε:] —		em [em]	ein [ein]	en [en]	$\varepsilon : p$ [ $\epsilon : p$ ]	$\varepsilon$ :t [ $\epsilon$ :t]	eik [eik]
ε* [ε] —	εw [εw]						
œ; [œ:] —				win [win]			æk [œl
<i>ө</i> * [ө] <i>өу</i> [өу]			<i>en</i> [en]			et [et]	
e* [e] <i>ej</i> [ej]	ew [ew]	em [em]	en [en]	en [en]	eb [ab]	et [et]	ek [ek]
<i>a</i> : [a:] <i>a.j</i> [a:j]	a:w [a:w]	a:m [a:m]	a:n [a:n]	ang [ang]	a:p [a:p]	a:t [a:t]	a:k [a:k]
<i>u:</i> [u:] <i>u:j</i> [u:j]			<i>u:n</i> [u:n]			u:t [u:t]	Maryanian
ô* [o™]—				on [own]			ok [owk
ø <b>*</b> [ο] —	ow [ow]						
<i>o:</i> [o:] <i>o:j</i> [o:j]			om [on]	<i>on</i> [on]		o:t [o:t]	o:k [o:k
*Asterisked vov	vels in th	e above t	able do 1	not occur	as indepe	endent rim	es in op

\*Asterisked vowels in the above table do not occur as independent rimes in open syllables.

#### Gaps in core vocabulary

- round vowels do not combine with labial consonants: \*[-cons, +labial] [+cons, +labial]
- front mid vowels do not combine with labials or dentals: \*[-high,-low,-back] [+cons, +anterior]
- high vowels do not combine with velars while closed mid vowels are only found before velars and so closed mid vowels are usually treated as allophones of high vowels
- · constraints:
  - a). OK: \* [-cons, + labial] [+cons, + labial]
  - (b). \*ET: \*[-high,-low,-back] [+cons, +anterior]
  - (c). \*[+high][+cons, +high] >> \*[-high, -low, -back, +ATR]

Base-line vowel correspondences-1 Open syllable

<u>English</u>		Canton	<u>ese</u>
[i:]	CD	[i:]	sī:tī:
[u:]	boot	[u:]	pū:t
[e:]	ATM	[ēj]	ējthī:ē:m
	gay		kēj
[o:]	OK	[ōw]	ōwkhēj
[a:]	bar	[a:]	pā:
[aj]	IQ	[a:j]	ā:jkhī:w
	high		hā:j
	pie	[ej]	phēj
[aw]	foul	[ws]	fēw

Base-line vowel correspondences-2 Closed syllable

<u>English</u>		Cantor	<u>nese</u>
[1]	kid	[i:]	khī:t
	pin		phî:n
	lift		lī:p
[ε]	chemistry	[:3]	khē:m (Kiu)
	sex		sē:ksi: 22/*
	to check		tshē:k
	set	[0]	s <sub>o</sub> t
[ʌ]	fun	[g]	fēn

# Matching vowel quality over length

/ch/ε/ck/	Id-quality	Id-length
>tshe:k		*
tshek	*	
tskek	*	

# Phonotactic Constraint-1: \*ET

a.	[٤]	cents	[i:]	sī:nsi:
		pence		pi:nsi: 22-22
		cassette	[e]	ka:sek
		cheque		tsek C&K
		offset		ə:sek
b.	[æ]	jam		tsi:m C&K
	[8]	Benz	[ε:]	pē:nsî:
		to check		tse:k C&K
	[æ]	cancer	[ε:]	khē:nsá:
		jam		tsē:m
		band		pē:n

/p[ε]nce/	*ET	OK	Id-[high]	Id-Coda
>pi:nsi:			*	
pe:nsi:	*			
pensi:		*		
/ch[ɛ]que/				
>tshek			*	
tshi:k			**	
tshe:k	*			
/offs[ε]t/				
>sek			*	*
se:t	*			
si:t			**	
/B[ɛ]nz/	Id-[high]	Id-Coda	<u>*ET</u>	
>pe:nsi:			*	

#### Phonotactic Constraint-2: Labial

• om

chloroform kələfə**ŋ** K & S zombie sə**ŋ**bej ohm wwmow

• deflect [p] > [a:]

 [τ]
 boxing
 [5:]
 p5:kseŋ

 cocktail
 k5:ktē:

 franc
 fatlɔ:ŋ

[p] copy [e] khēpphî:

CompLit khēmlī:t

composition khēmphów ping-pong ball pēŋpēm-pɔ̄:

heterorganic NC

hamburger hɔ:nbow rumba lœ:nba:

heterorganic coda filler

spring sibitling
cookie khōkkhi:
Fascism fetsaisi
gaberdine gapba:din

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