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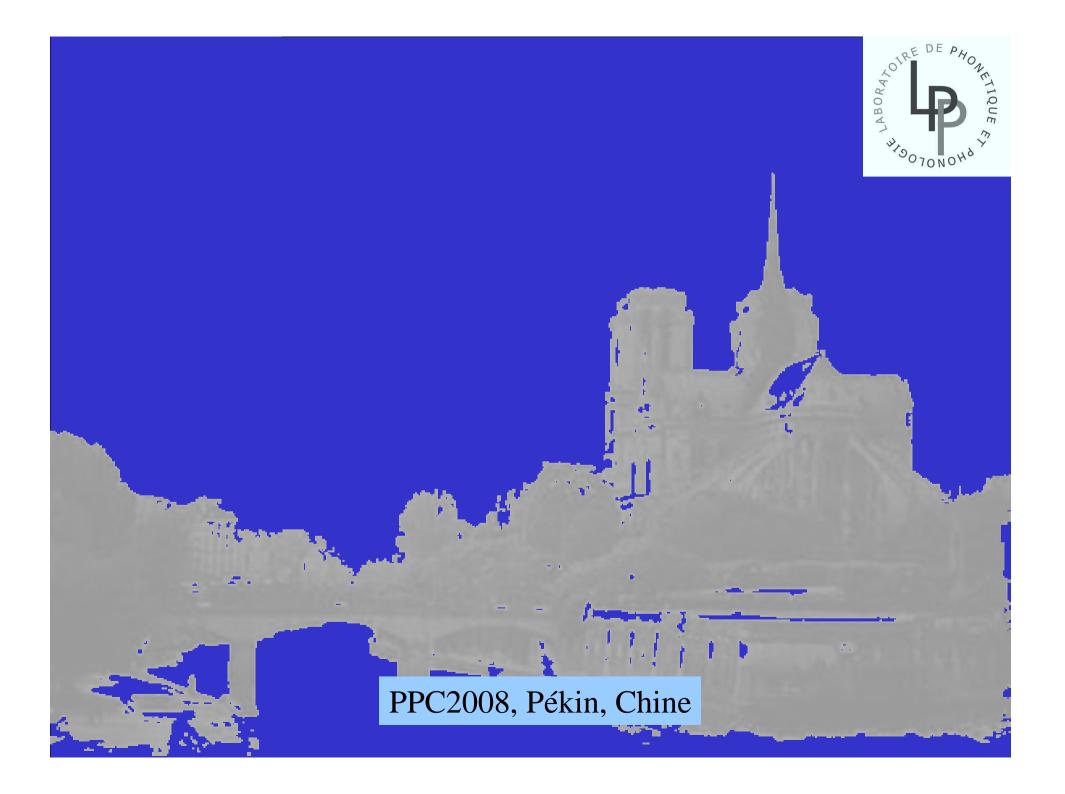
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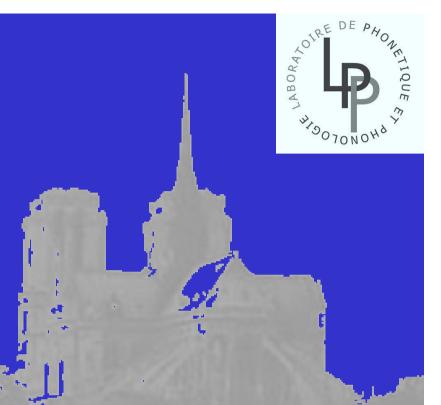
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Menu?

- 1. What is a model?
 - Why modelling?
- 3. Which models?
 - What is a useful model?
 - **Demo (vowels consonants)**
- 6. How done?
- 7. Other uses
- speaker anatomy
- speaker strategy
- singing formant
- inversion
- etc







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Why modelling?

Which models?

What is a useful model?

How done?

Demo vowels consonants

Other uses speaker anatomy speaker strategy singing formant







A model is a simplified description of a complex system

A model is not a goal per se, but a tool

- 1. to know what we know
- 2. and what we don't know
- 3. And where to look for ...

Why model ing?

Which models?

What is a useful

How done?

Other uses

Demo

model?

vowels

consonants

singing formant



Why modelling?



Modeling is needed to apprehend *complex* phenomena Speech is *complex* enough to need modelisation **Modeling allows to evaluate the** separate contribution of individual parameters and the acoustic and perceptual consequences of large and small **movements**

Modelisation in turn makes speech looking less or *sometimes more complex*

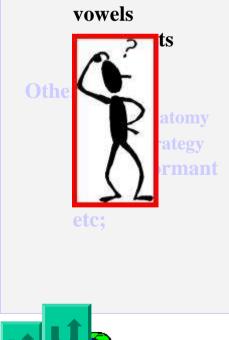
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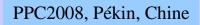




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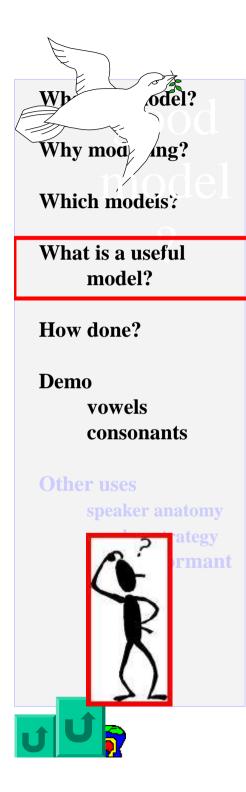


- Prosodic modelling
- Source modelling
- Vocal tract
 - 2D articulatory
 - 3D articulatory
- Articulatory modelling
- Psycholinguistics
- perception and recognition
 - Phoneme
 - Word access
 - Sentences
- **Etc.**











Useful models?



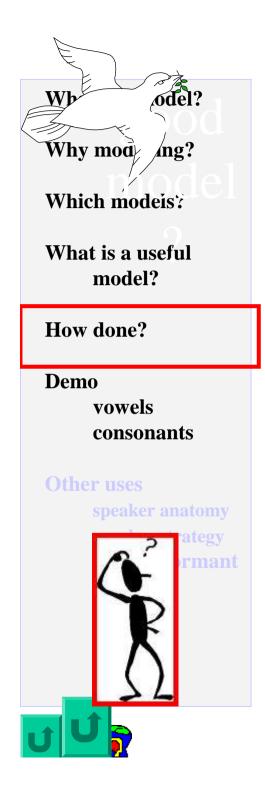
Be compatible with the observations Be testable Describes well the data and to be able to reproduce them from

Few number of parameters As motivated as possible As independent as possible

And for AM, react as a human vocal tract

no stop without a burst, or no frication when humans do.

To draw a direct link between articulatory, acoustic and perceptual servations





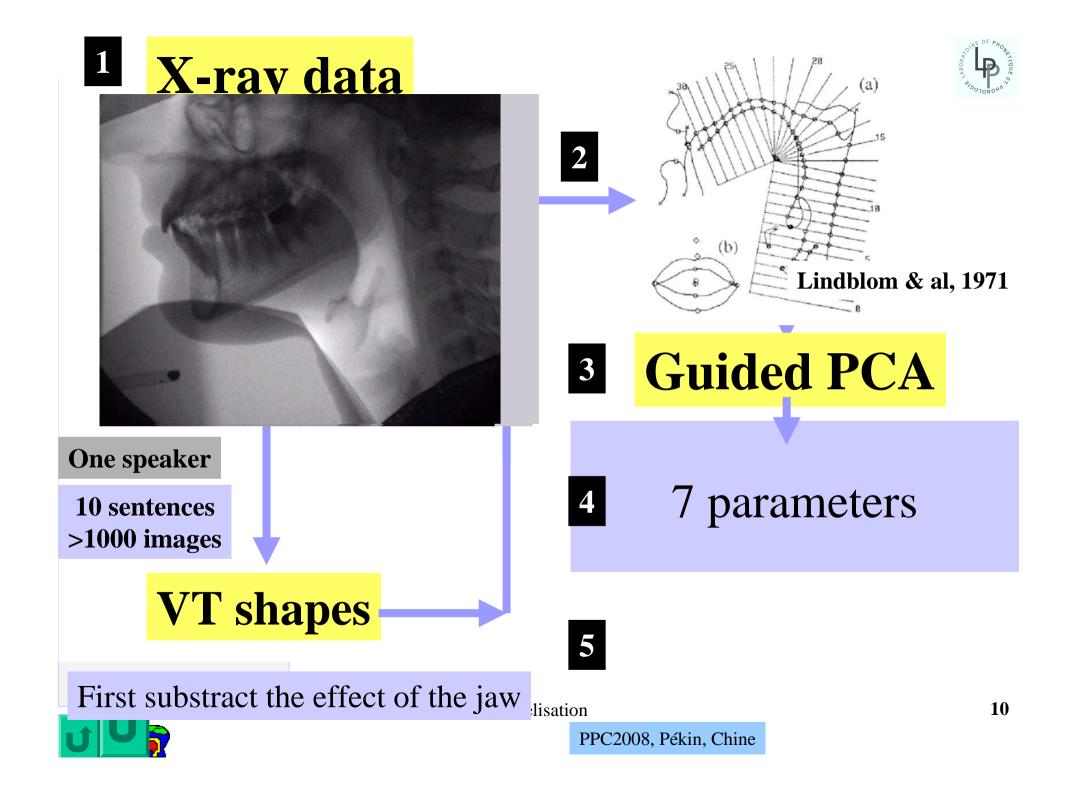
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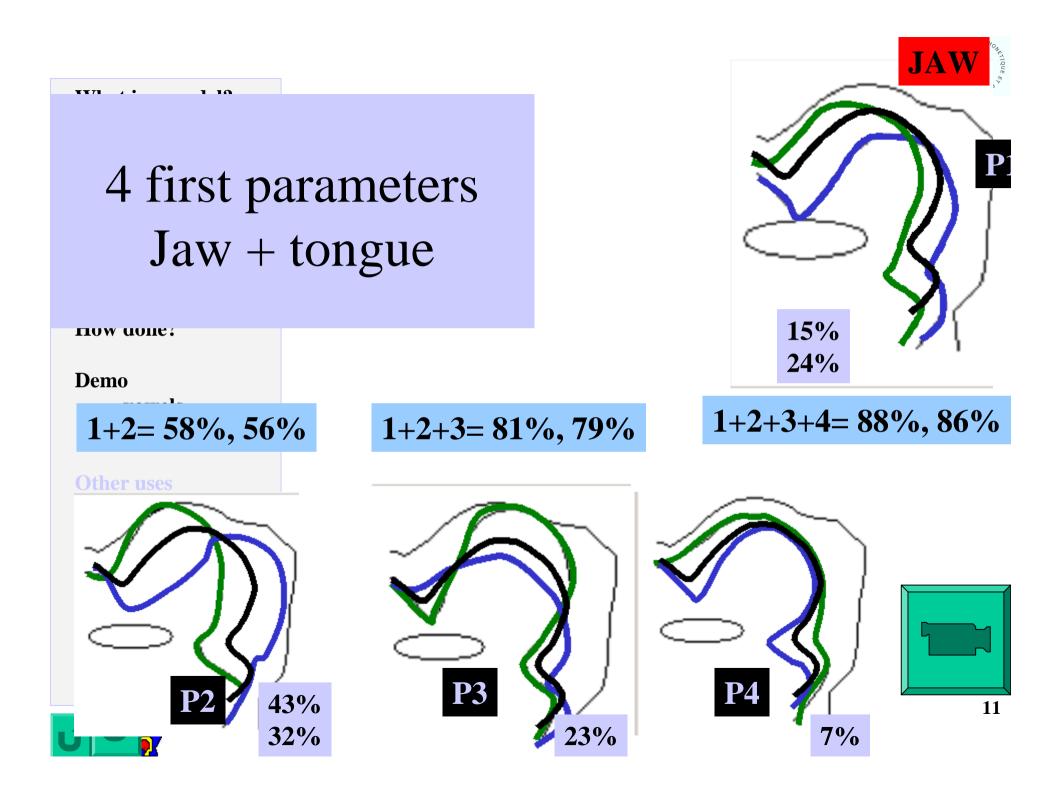
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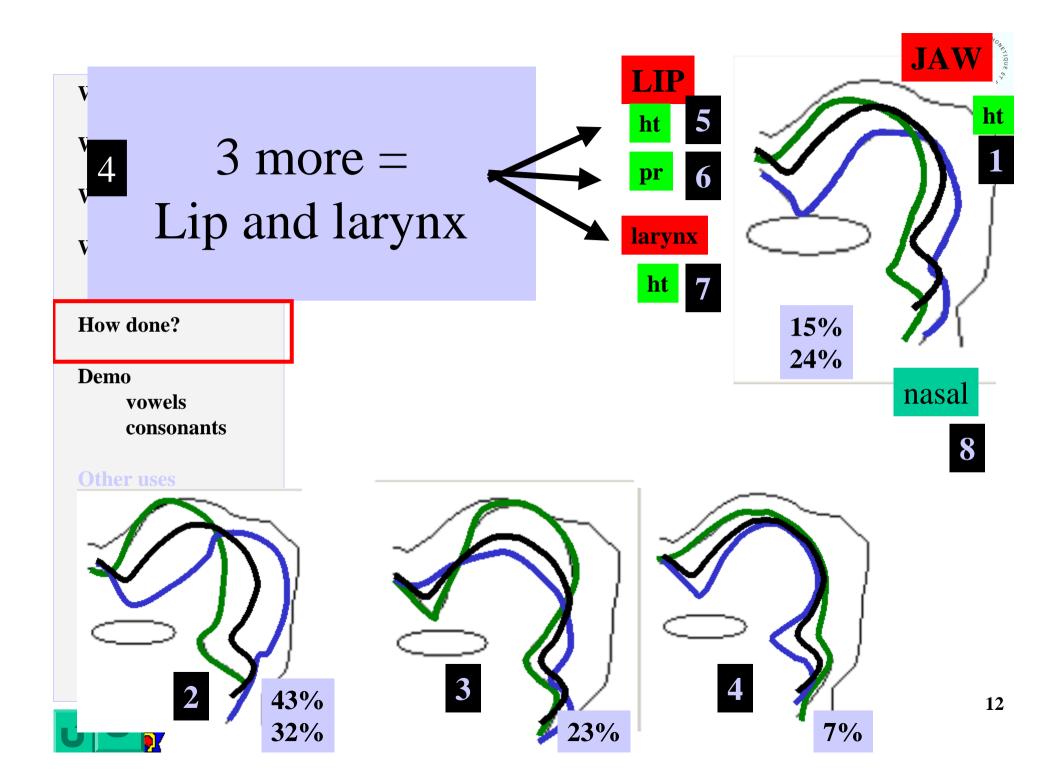


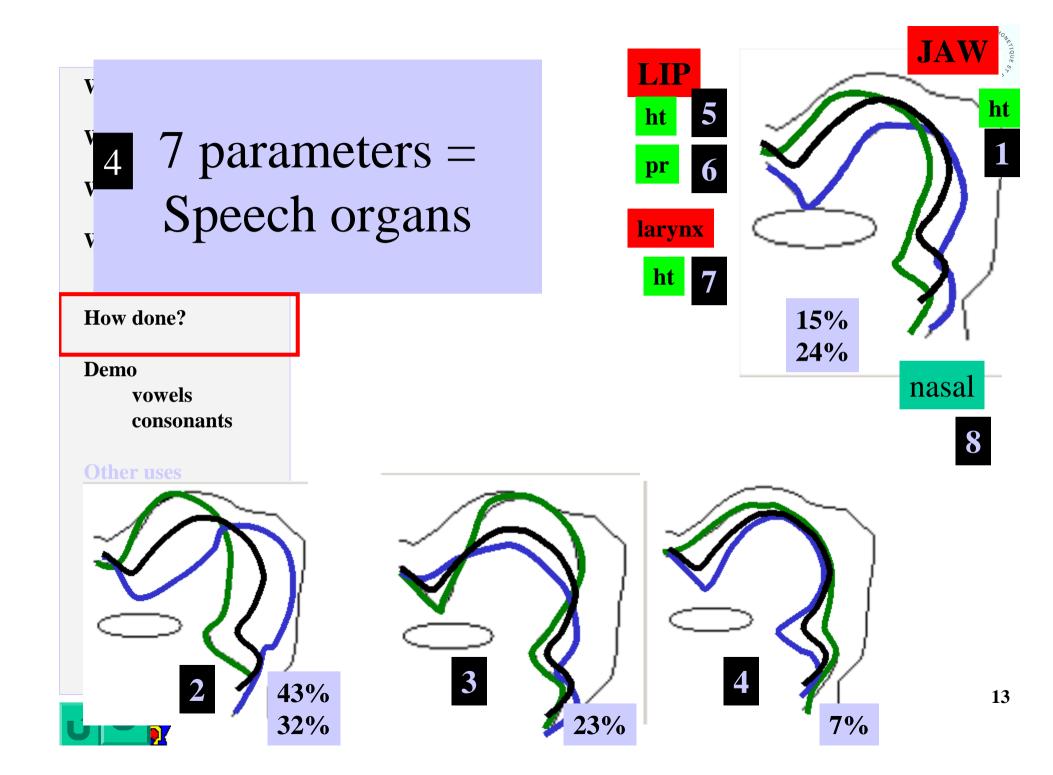
– By Shinji Maeda

- From X-ray data for French (from Strasbourg)
- By statistical analysis
- The most widely used AM
- Used for pedagogical purpose in our lab and research in Grenoble, Nancy, UCLA, MIT, etc.







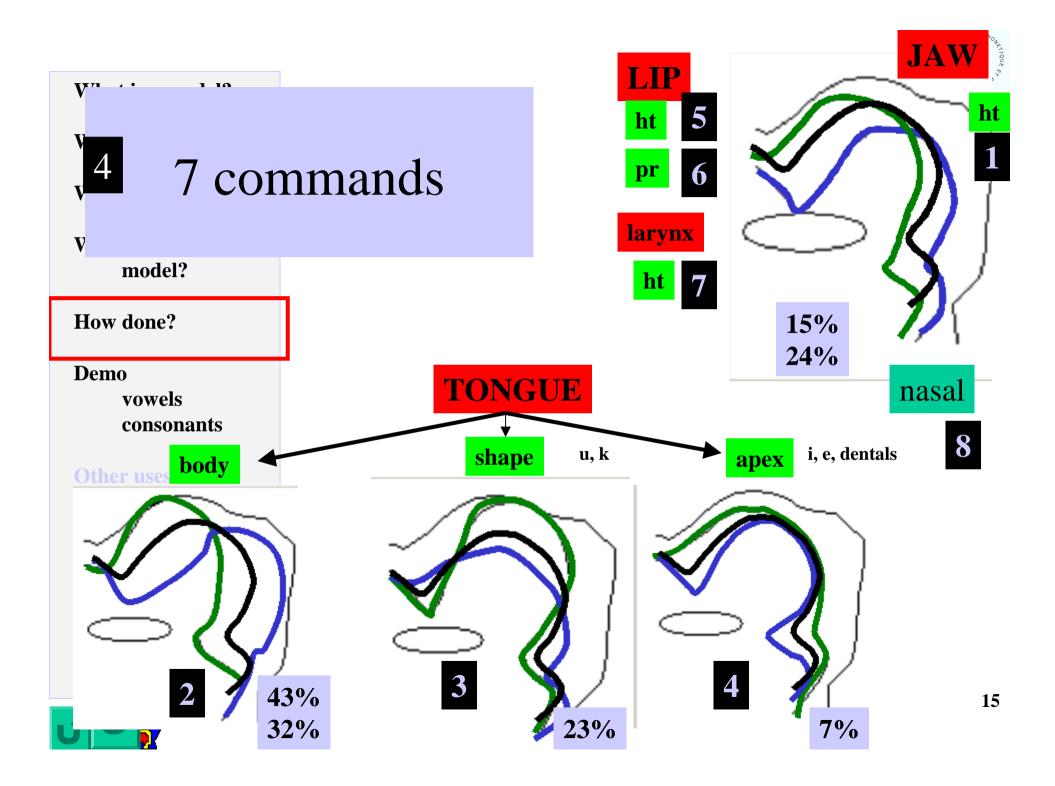


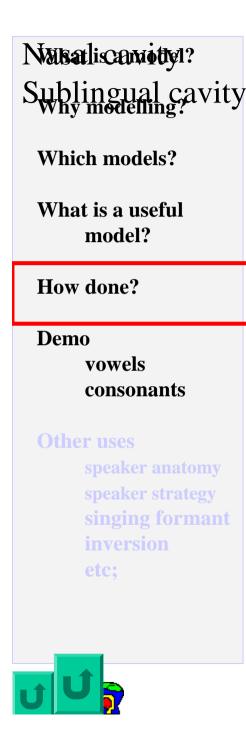


The 7 statistically found parameters could be interpreted in phonetic terms

2 for lips, 3 for tongue, 1 for jaw, 1 for larynx







radiation load: RL_CIRCUIT

wall: YIELDING

nasal tract: OFF

glottis: CLOSE

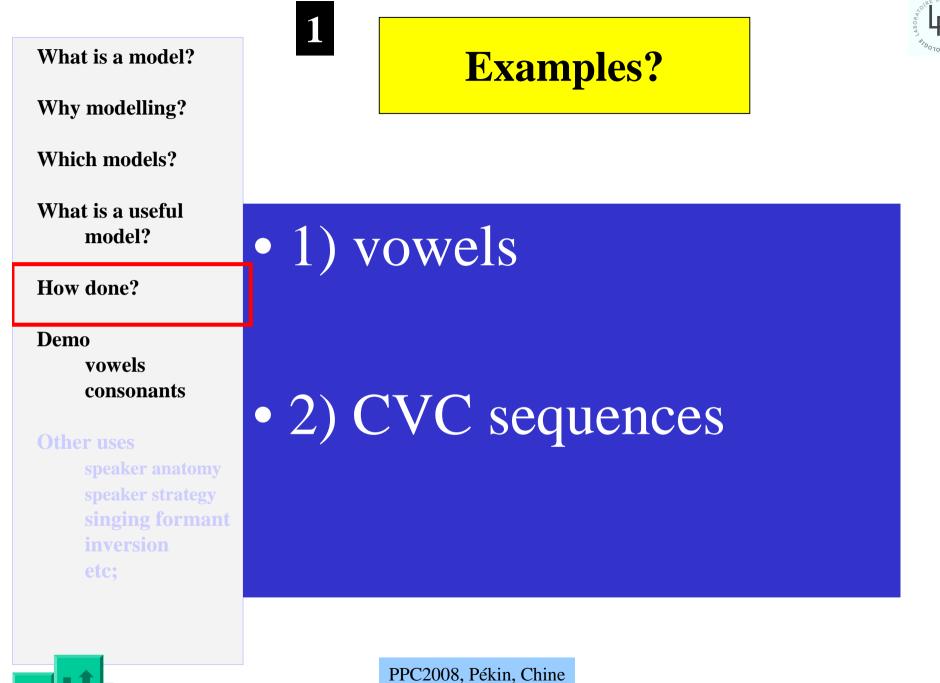
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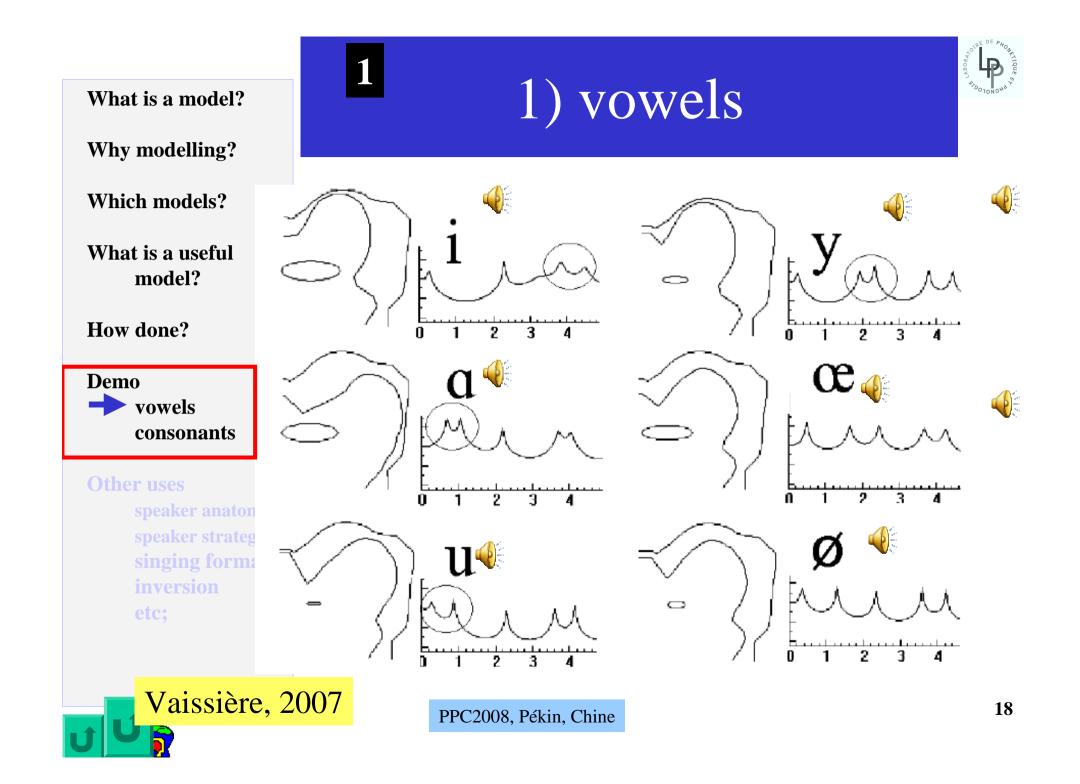
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wall compliance=300000







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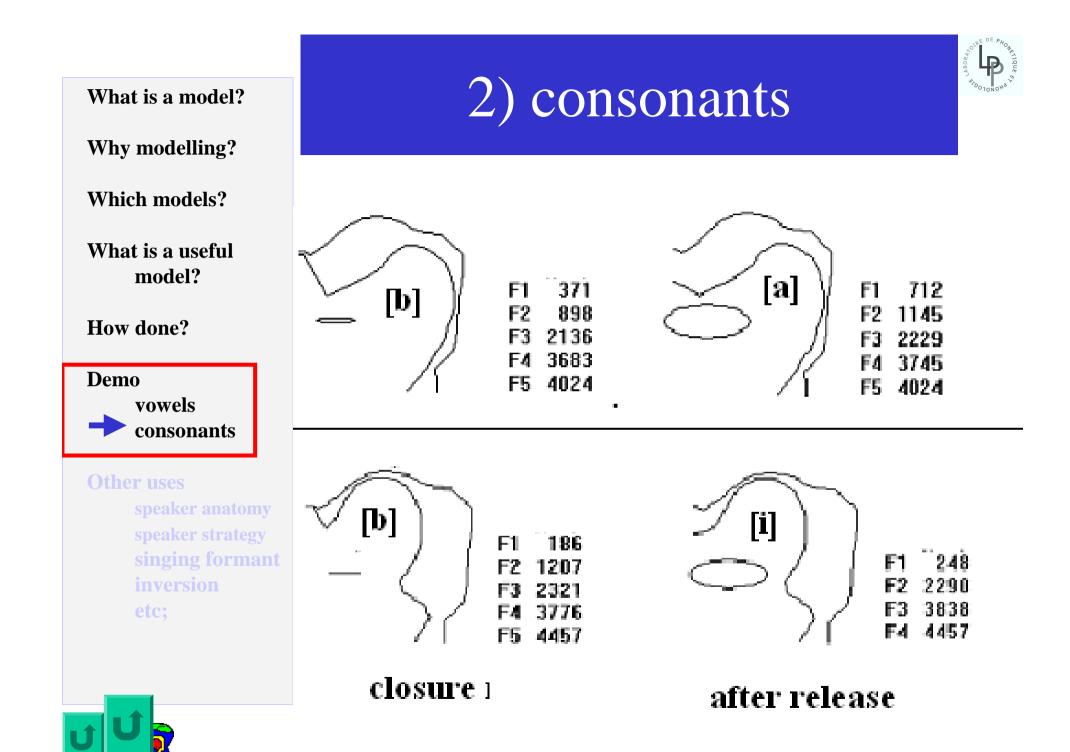
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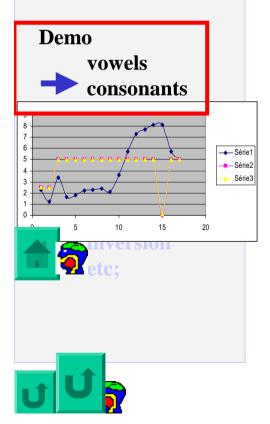
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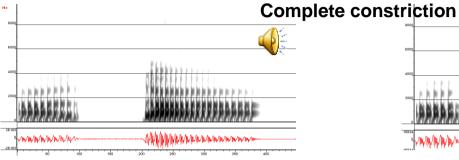
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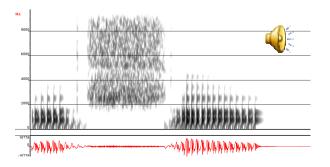
Glottis close



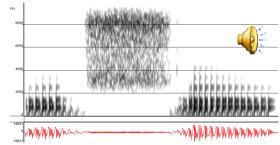
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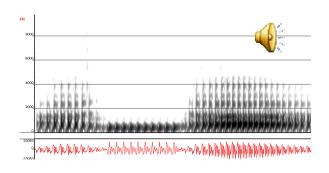
Sublingual cavity



Complete constriction



Nasal port open



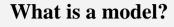
2) consonants

Glottis open

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## Lip constriction



Why modelling?

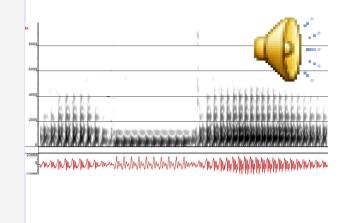
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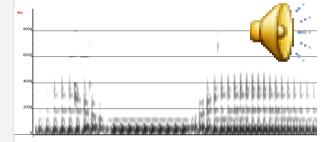
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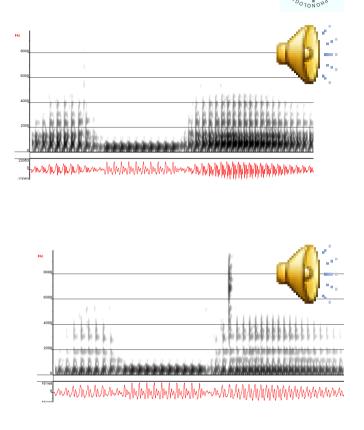
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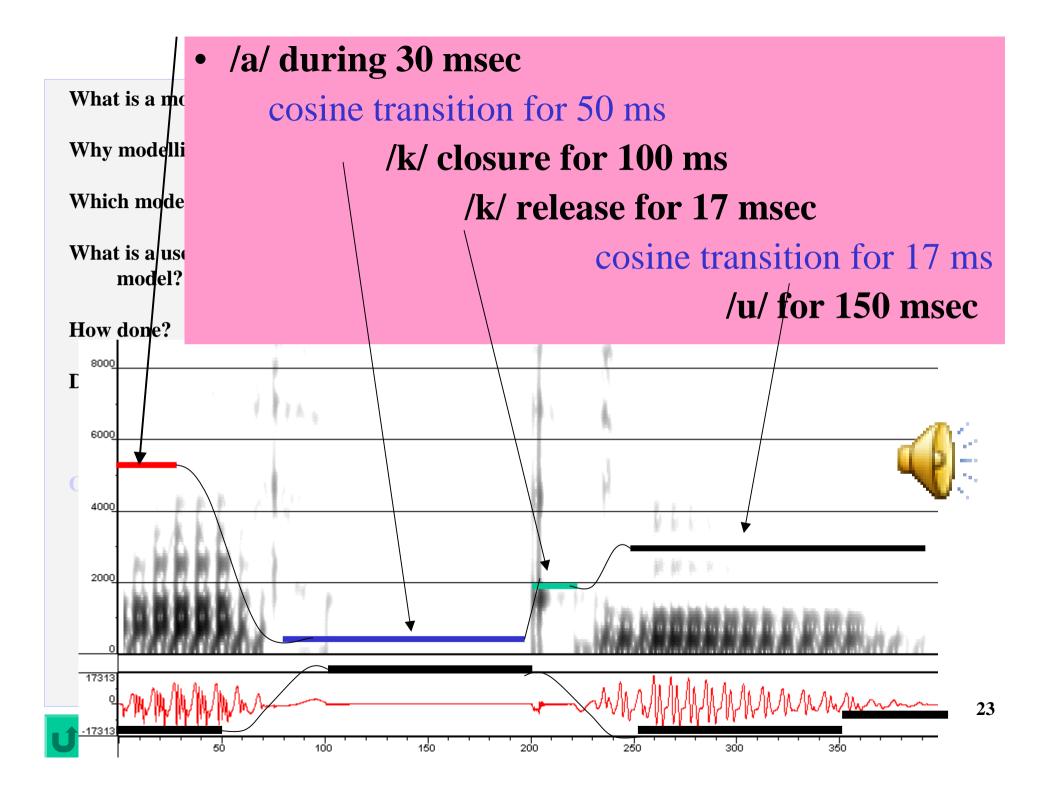


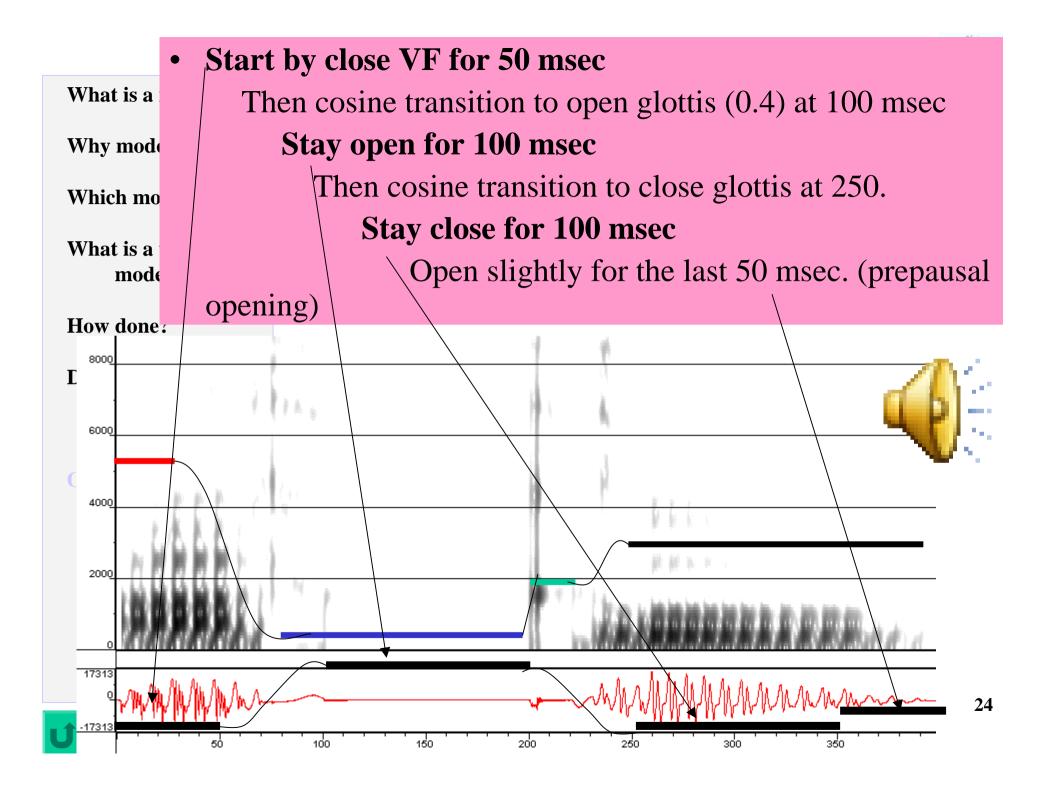
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**Other uses** 

speaker anatomy speaker strategy singing forman inversion etc: Glottis and the three sources in the model

- A) closed
  - voicing
- B) open
- If less open than VT: aspiration
- If VT less open than glottis: **frication**

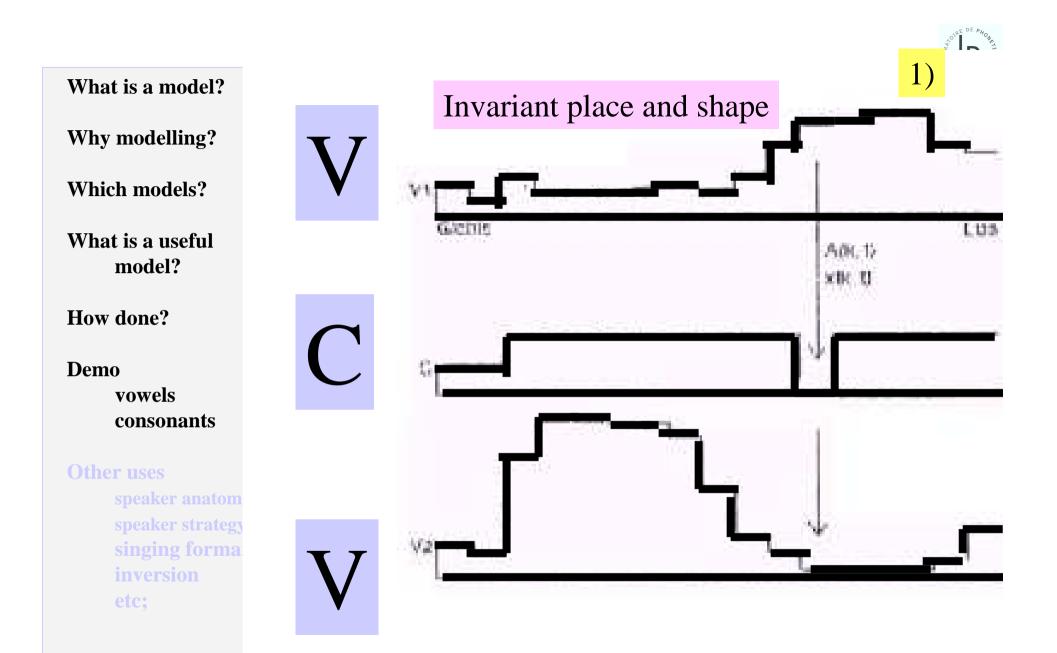


Figure 2: Interpolation of target area function





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## **Different degrees of sophistication**

## 1) Simple concatenation

/asa/ = 3 targets = /a/ + /s/ + /a//ata/ = 4 targets = /a/ + /tclosure/ + /t realease/ + /a/

## + Cosine transitions

2) Contextual allophones Ease of articulation Necessary for velar





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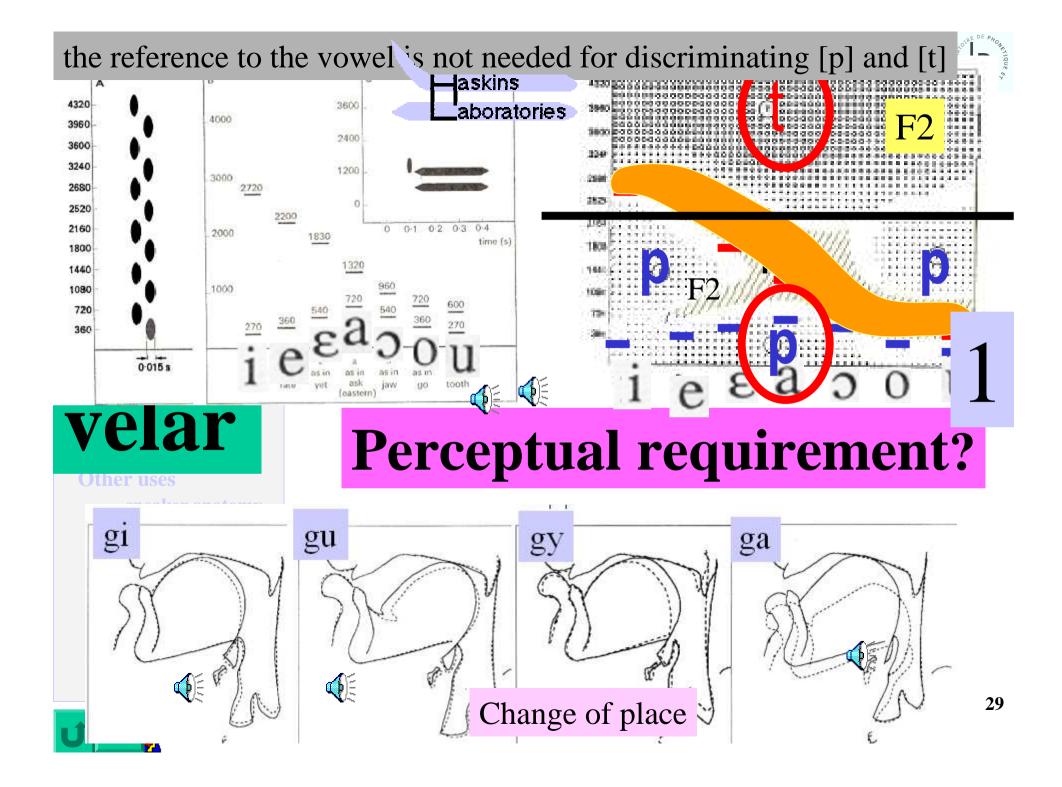
How done?



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- /k/ and /g/ require the burst to be in special position to the 'main pitch' of the vowel
- Different /k/ allophones
- Main pitch i/= 3000 Hz, y/= 2000 Hz, etc.
- Not articulatory ease, but perceptual requirement
- It seems to be not a linguistic but a purely psychoacoustic phenomena (temporal masking)







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3) Anticipation and carry over phenomena



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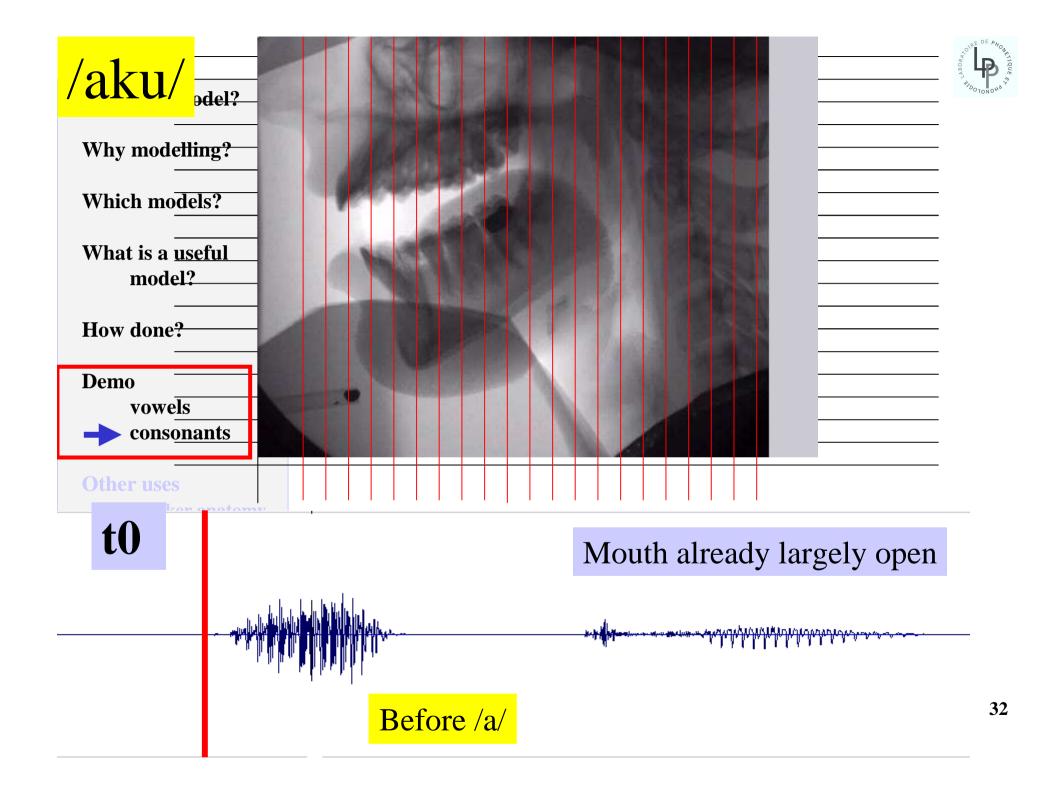
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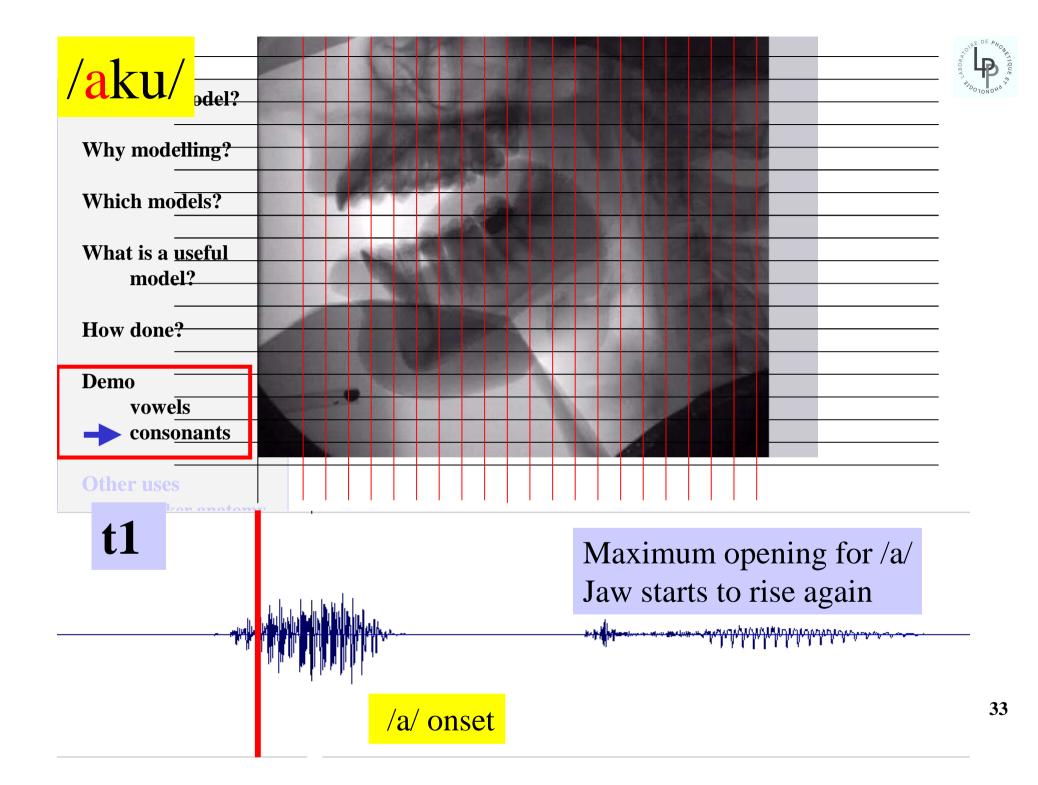
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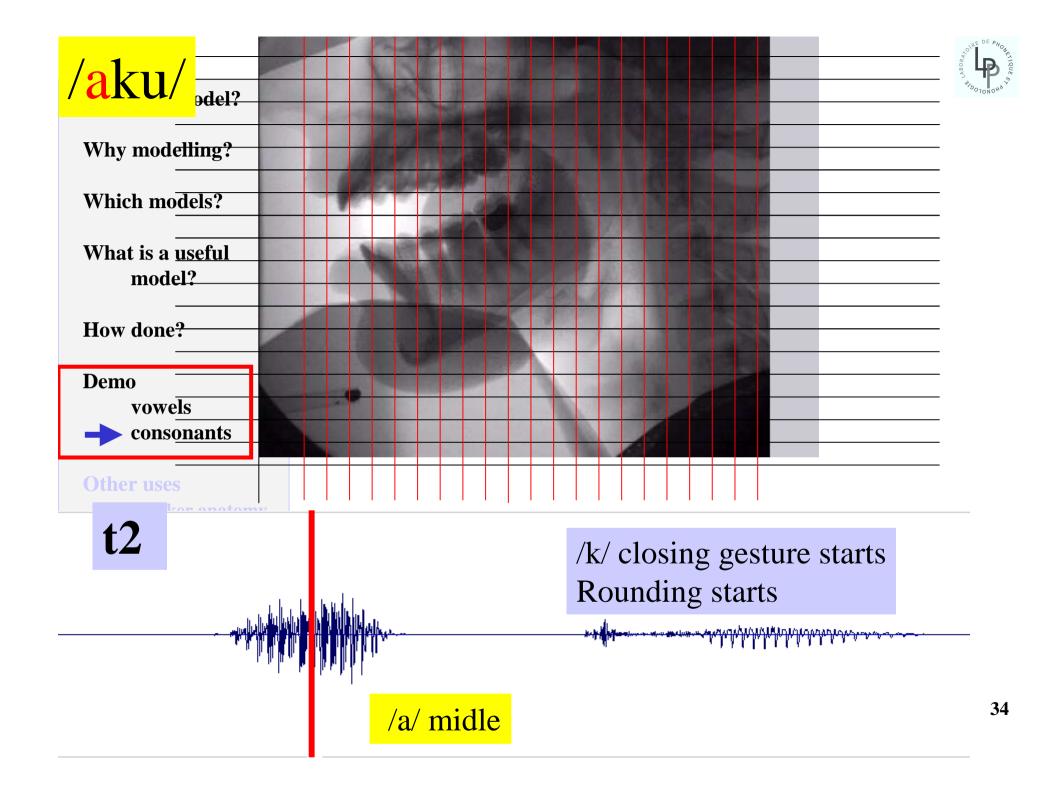
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- Illustration of anticipation

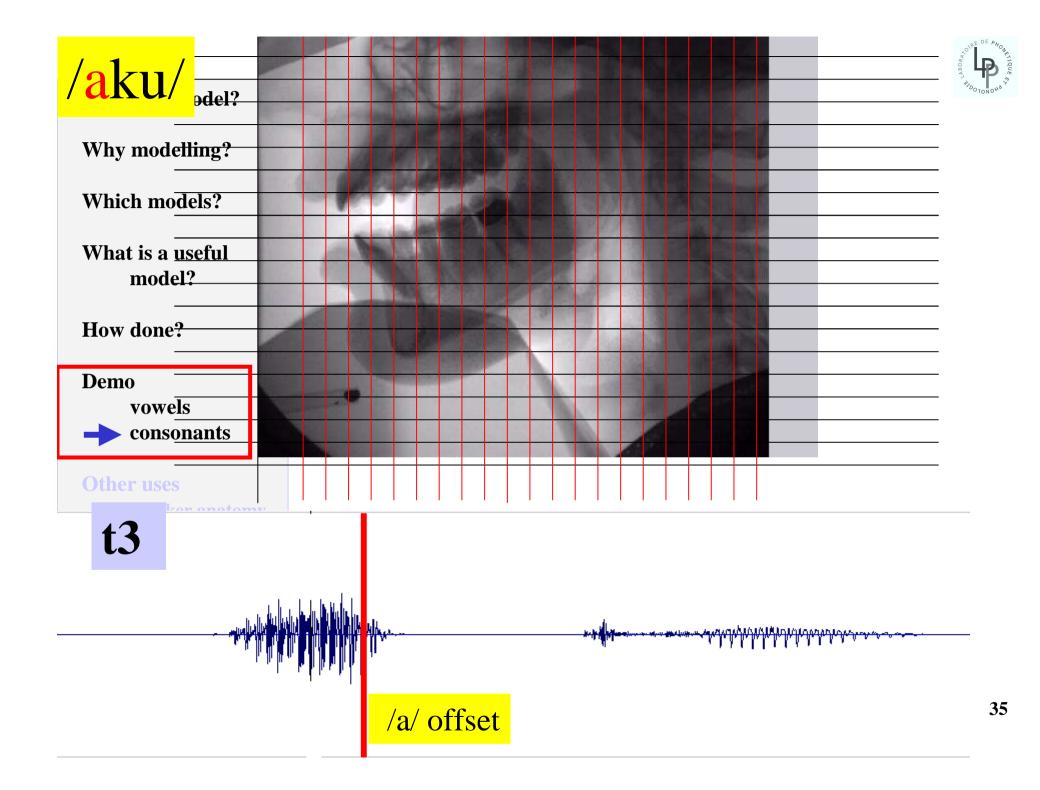
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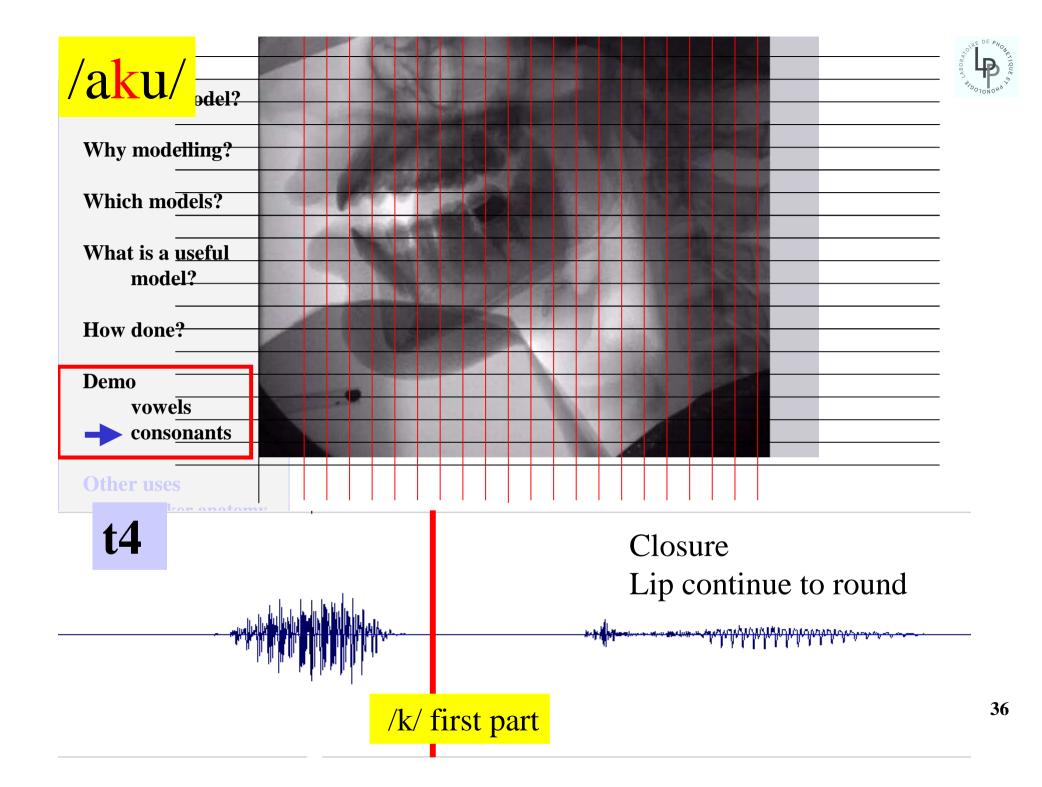


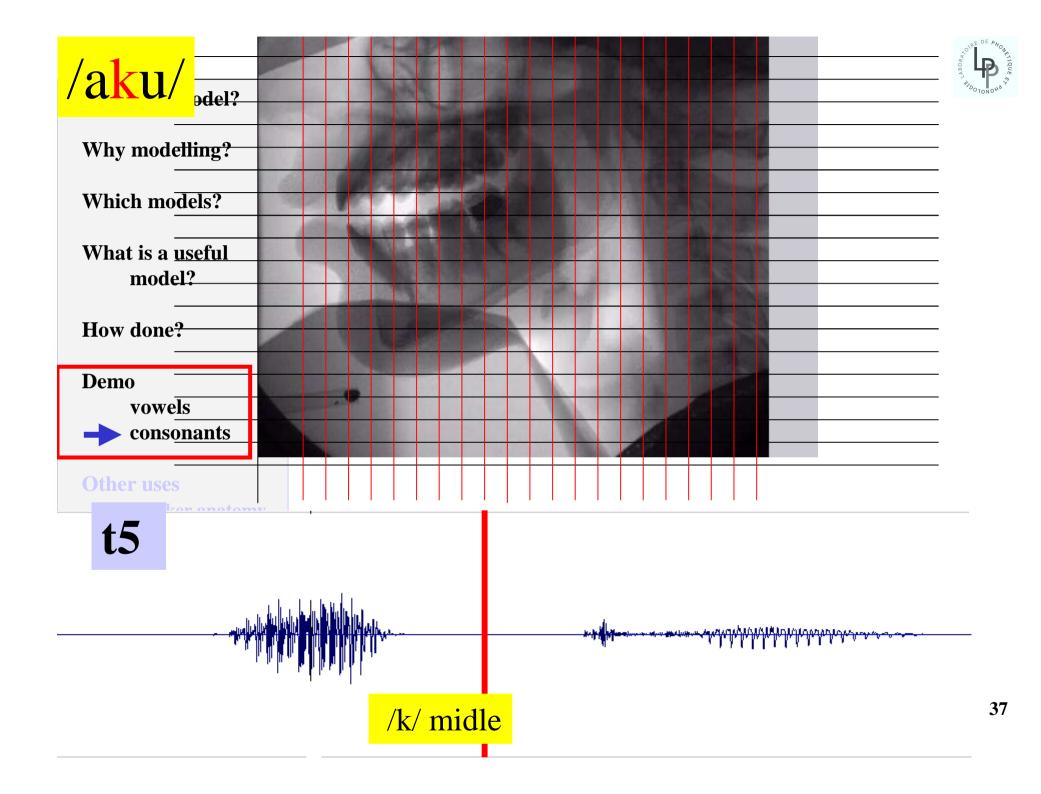


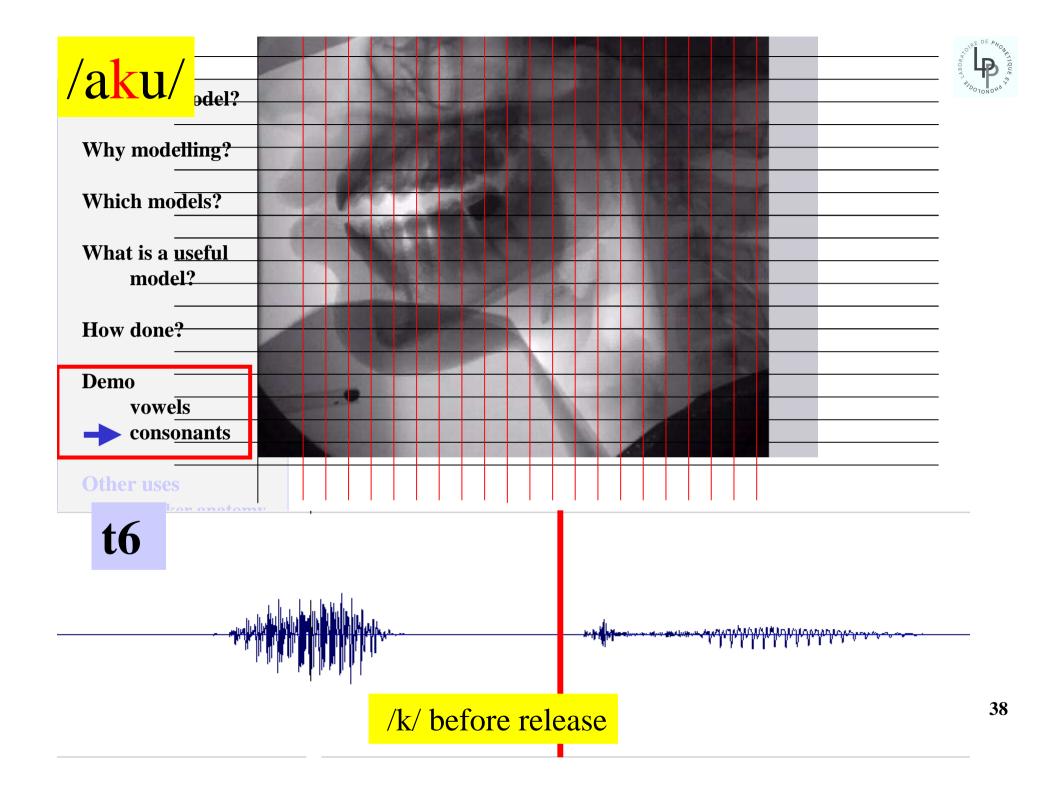


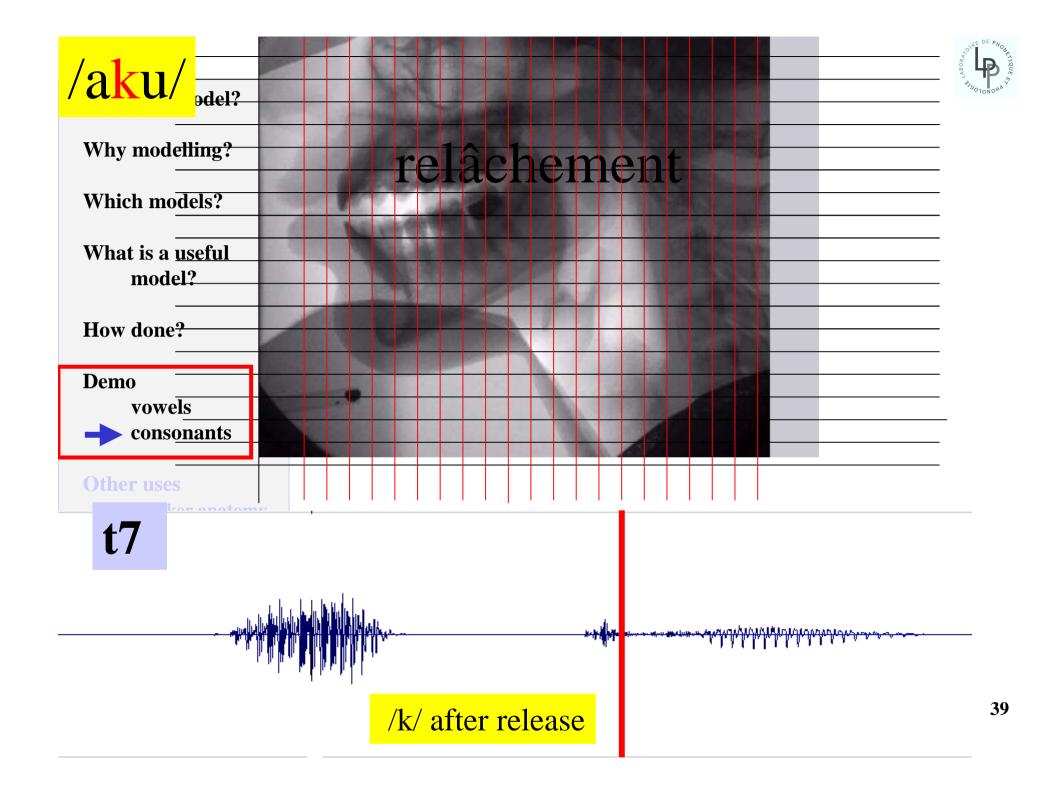


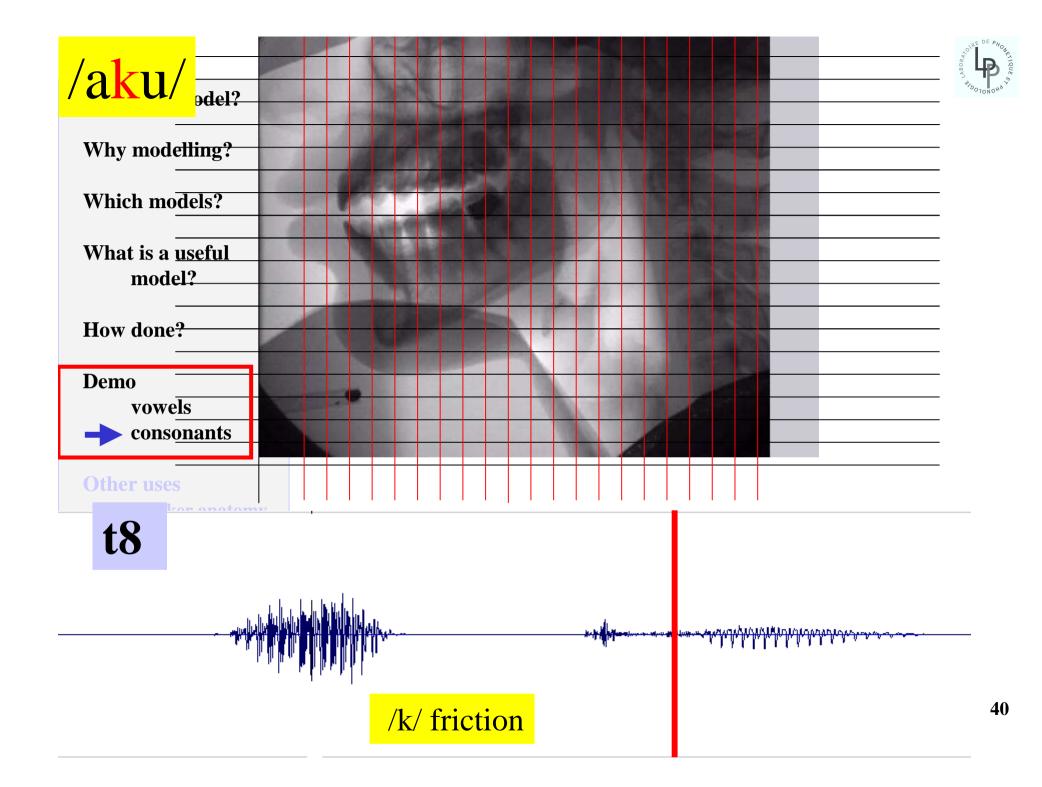


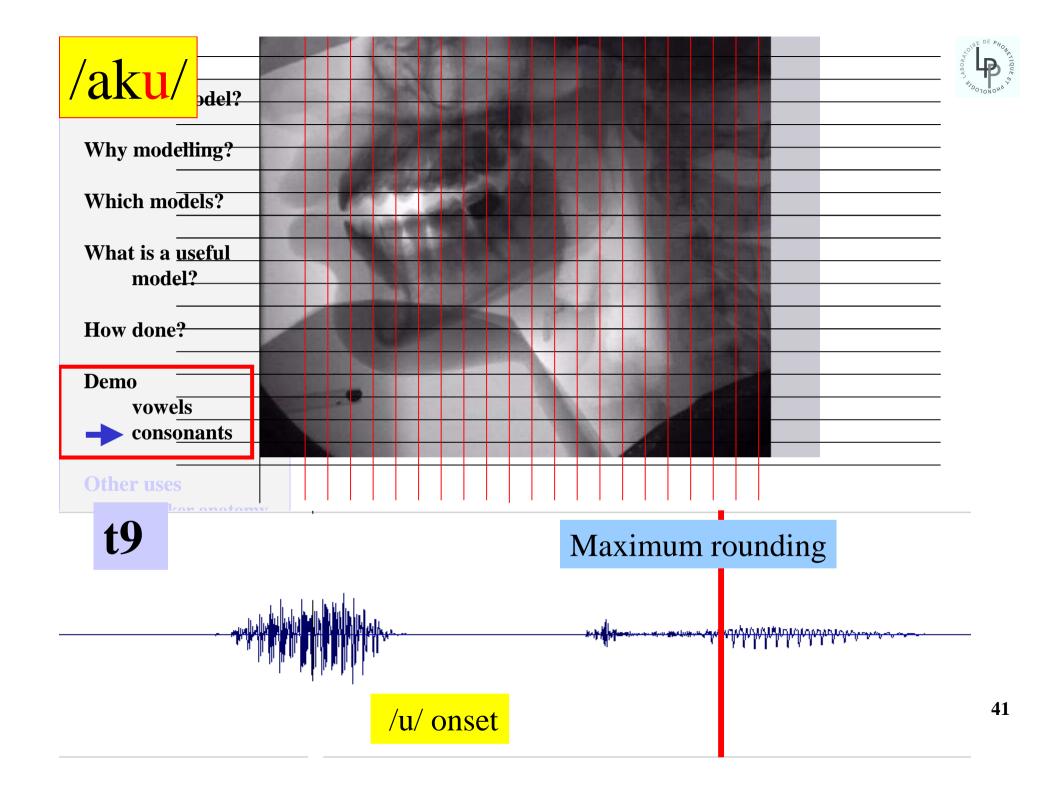


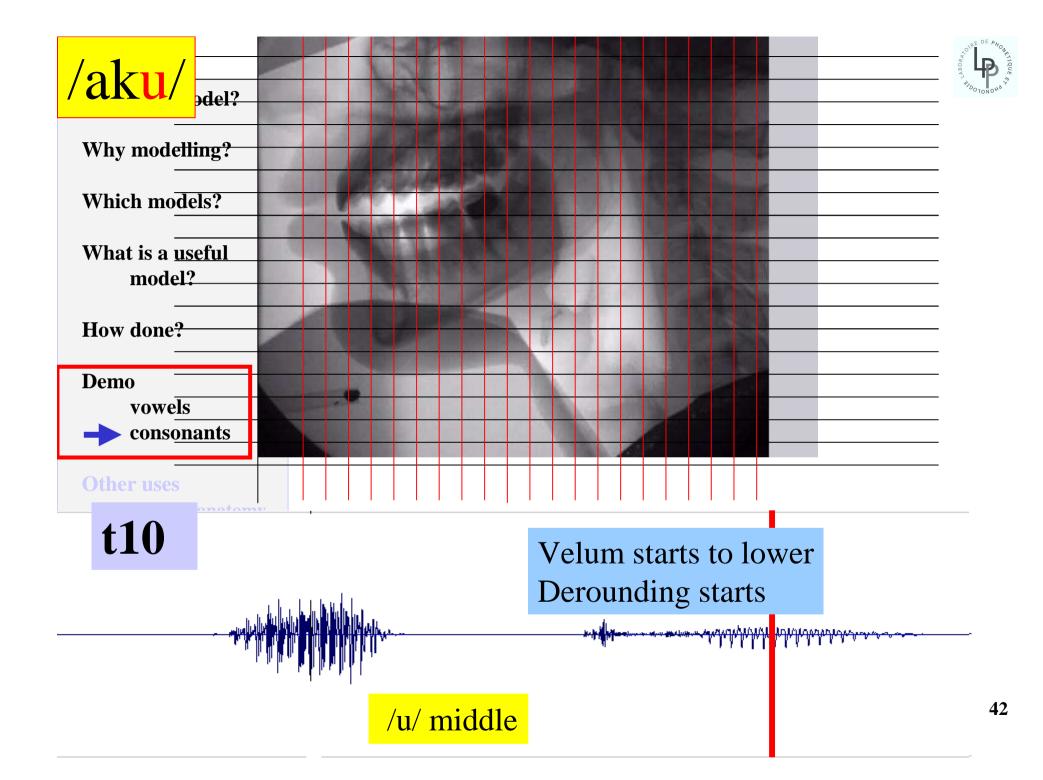


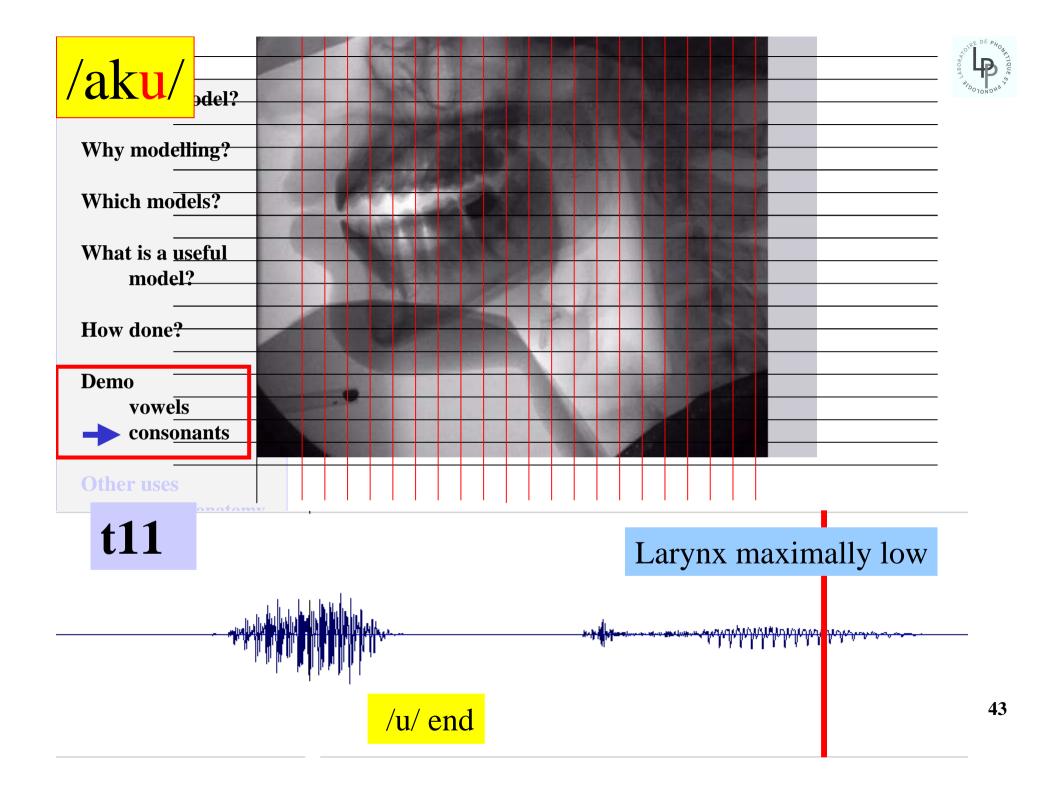


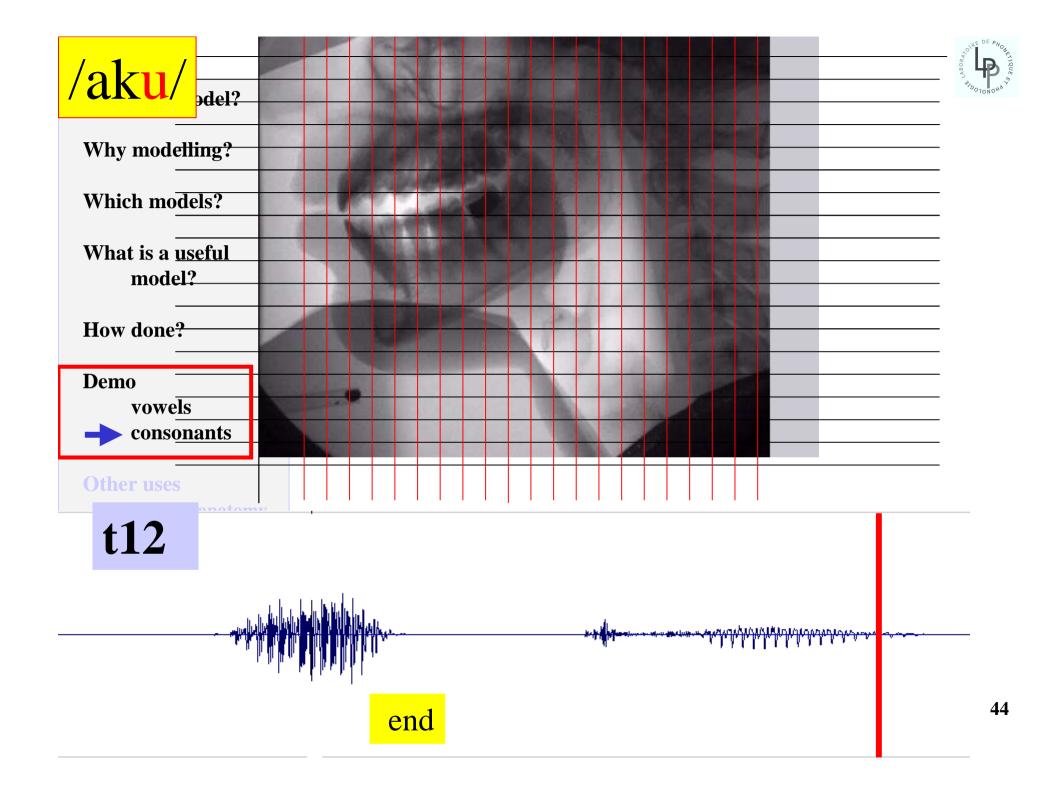














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#### **Different degrees of sophistication**

1) Simple concatenation

#### 2) Contextual allophones Velar

# 3) Anticipation and carry over phenomena

#### 4) Suprasegmental influences

- **Position in the syllable (nasal in preparation, masking)** 
  - **Position in the word or relative to stress (lenition and fortition) seen**

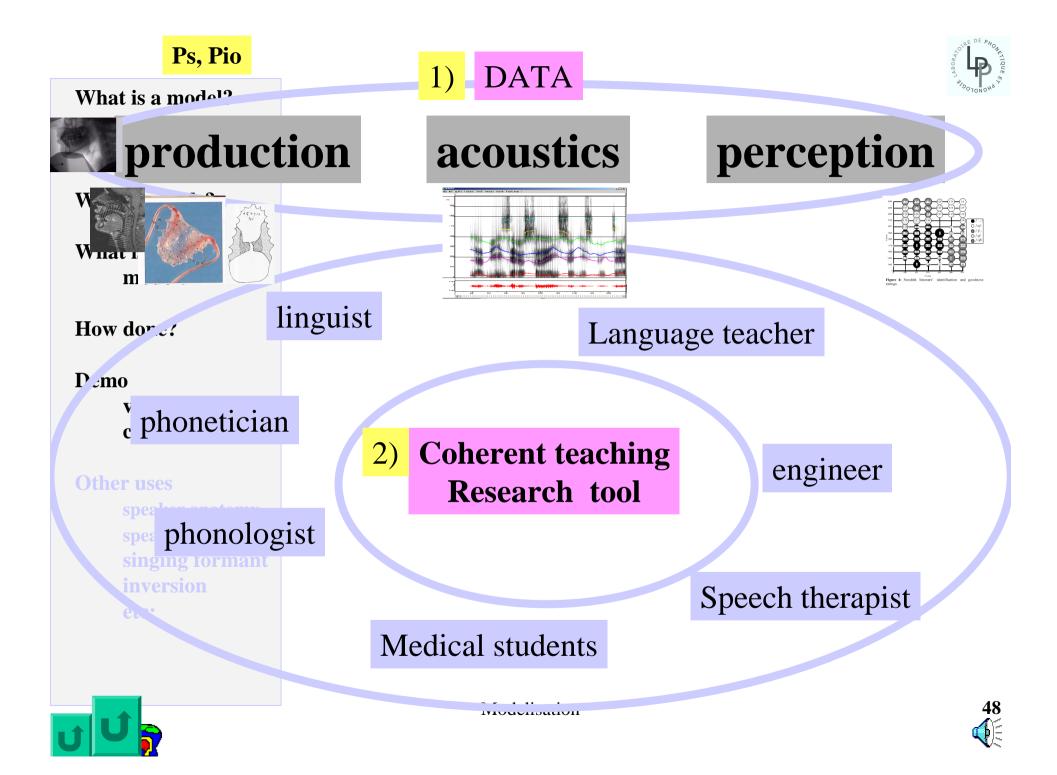




## 1) Pedagogical point of view

Draw the link between -articulatory data, -acoustic data -and perception

>> Understanding for linguists the basics of Acoustic Theory of Speech production





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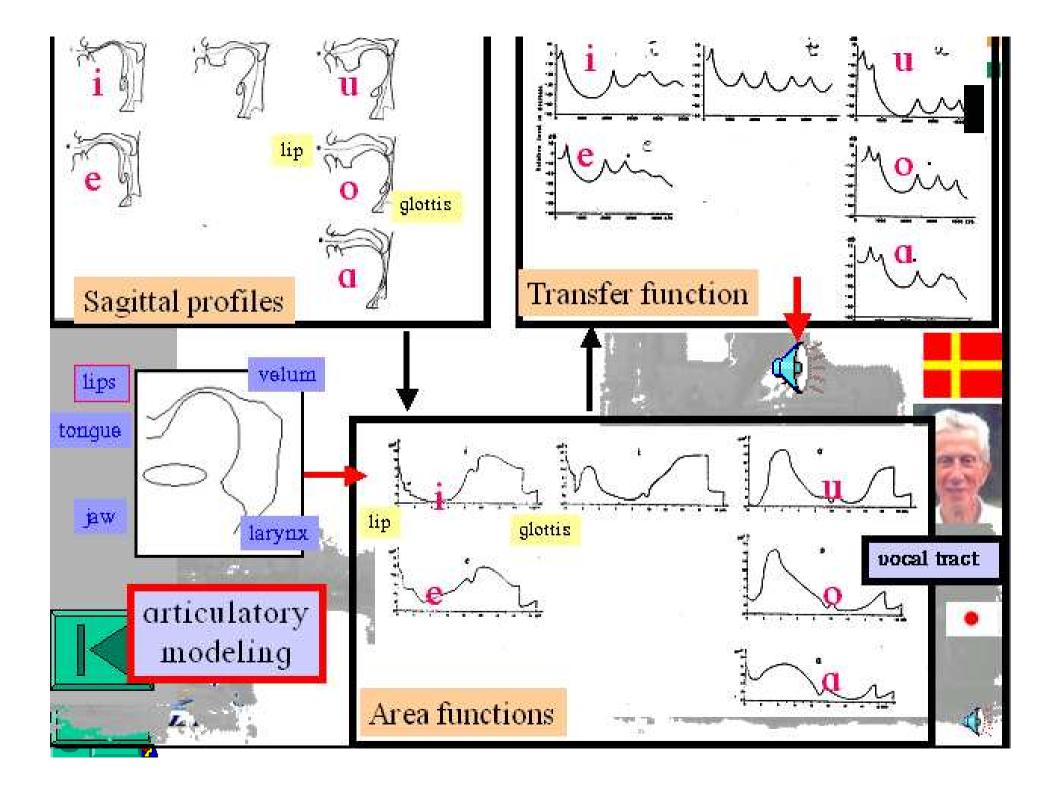
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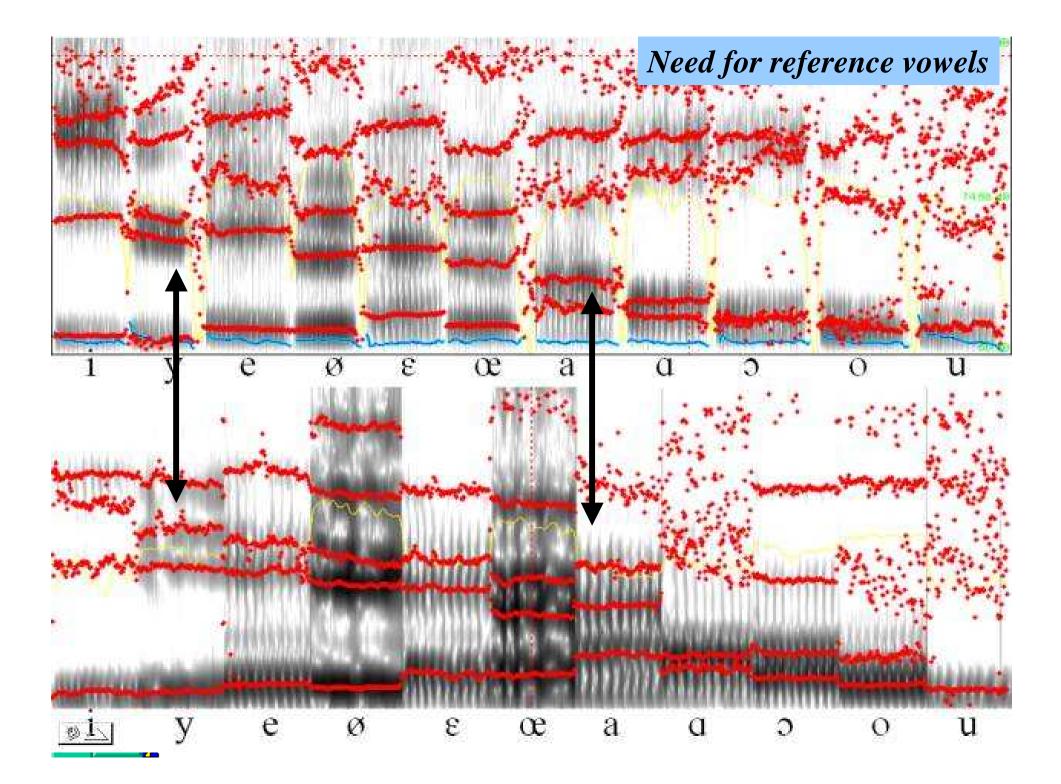
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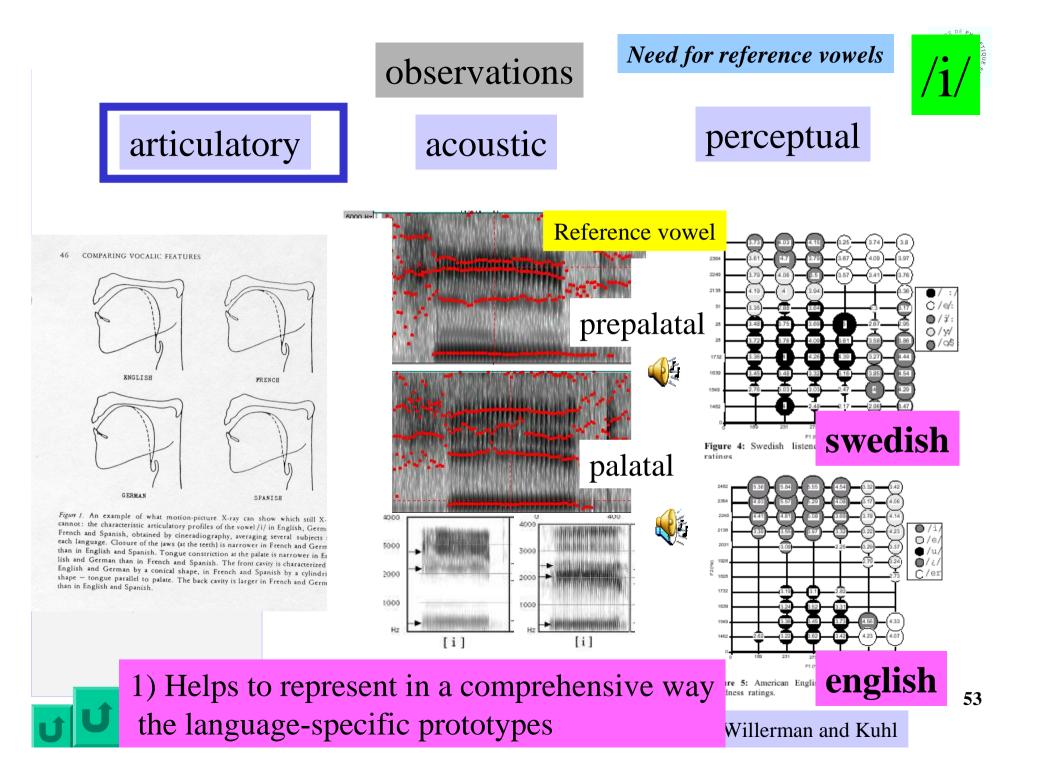


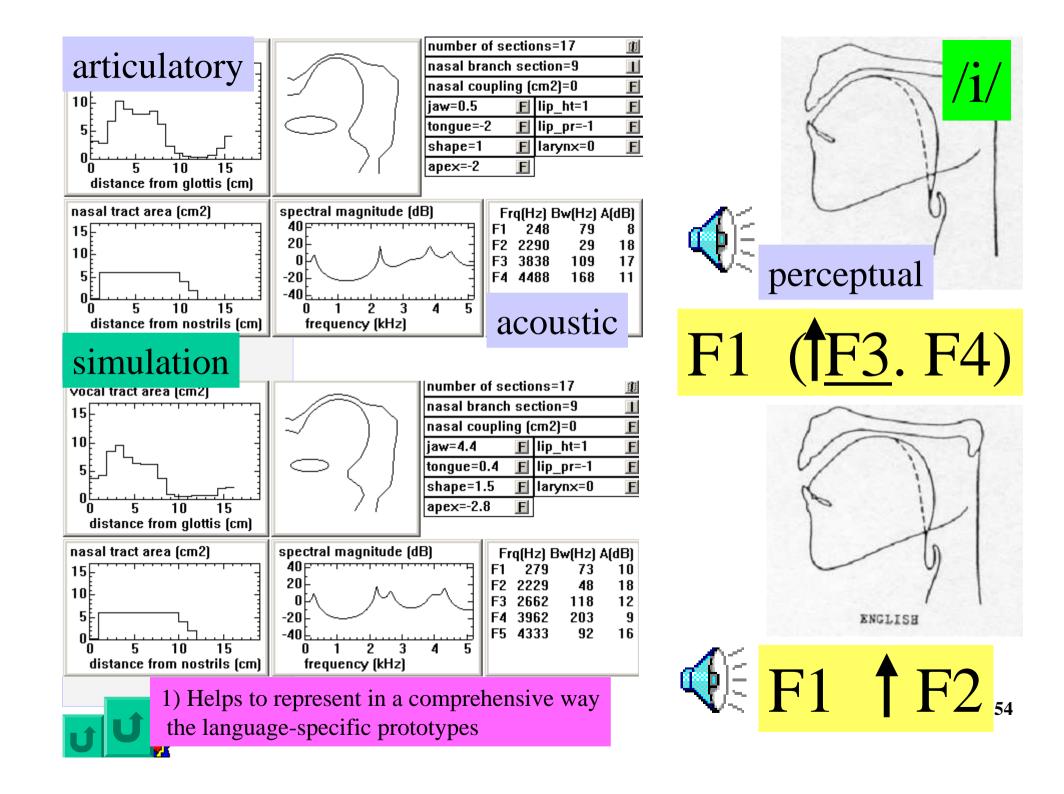


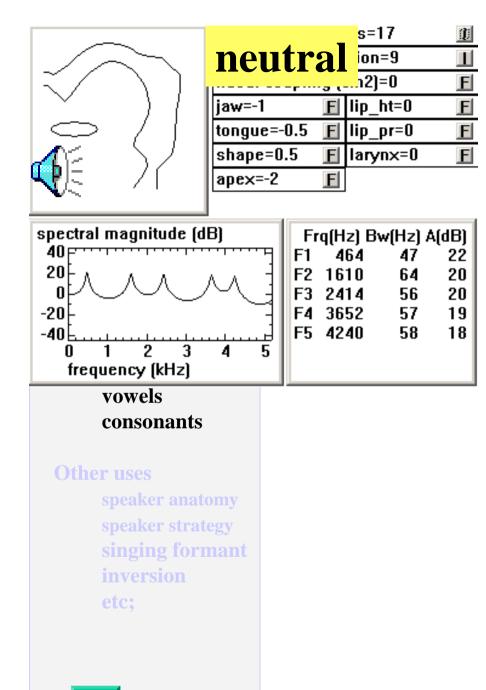
a) Need for reference vowels Cardinal vowels Sensibility to formant amplitude and bandwith

AM could help



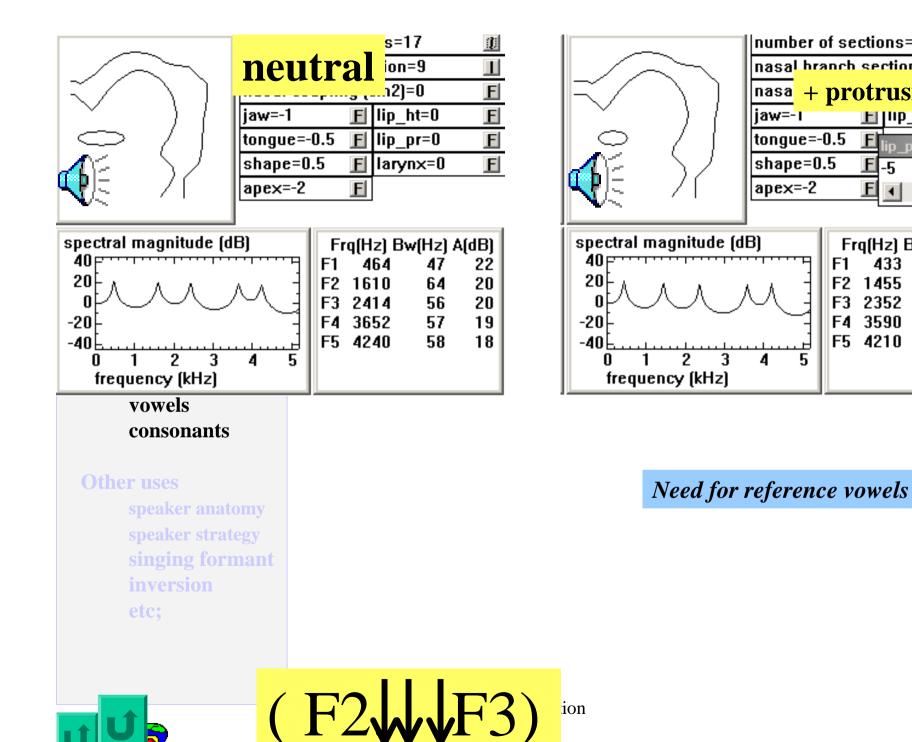






#### Need for reference vowels







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18

19

number of sections=17

nasal branch section=9

nasa + protrusion

**F1** 

F3

F4

F

F •

F2 1455

F5 4210

433

2352

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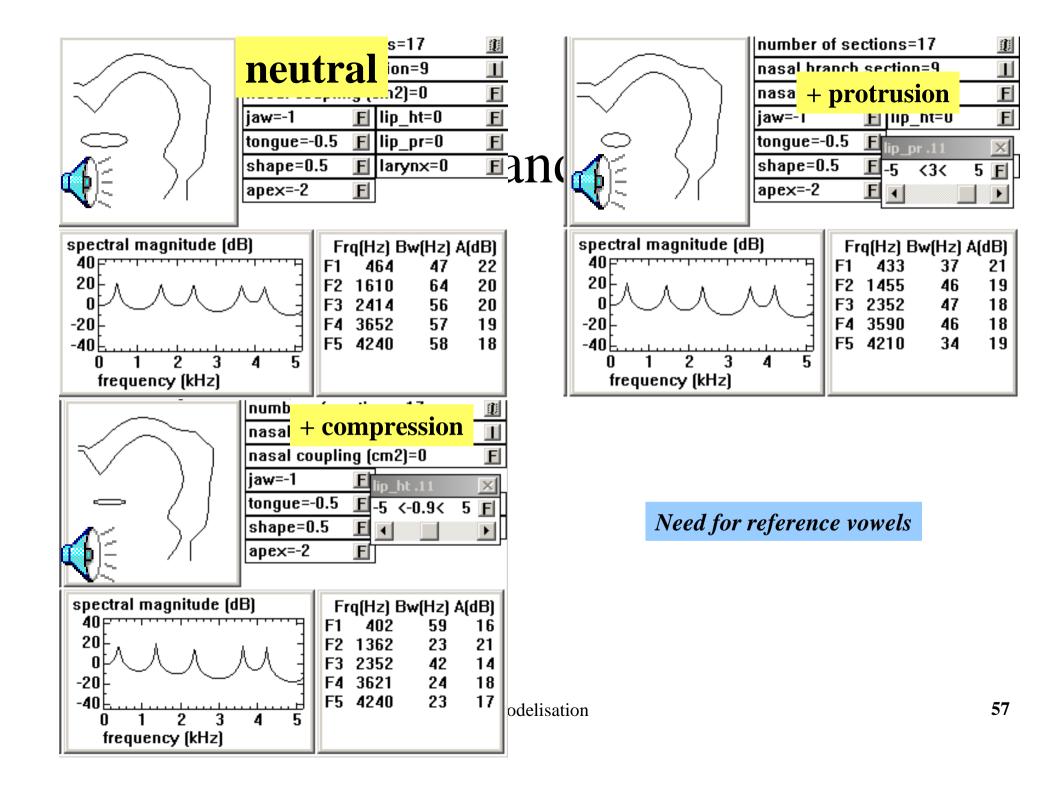
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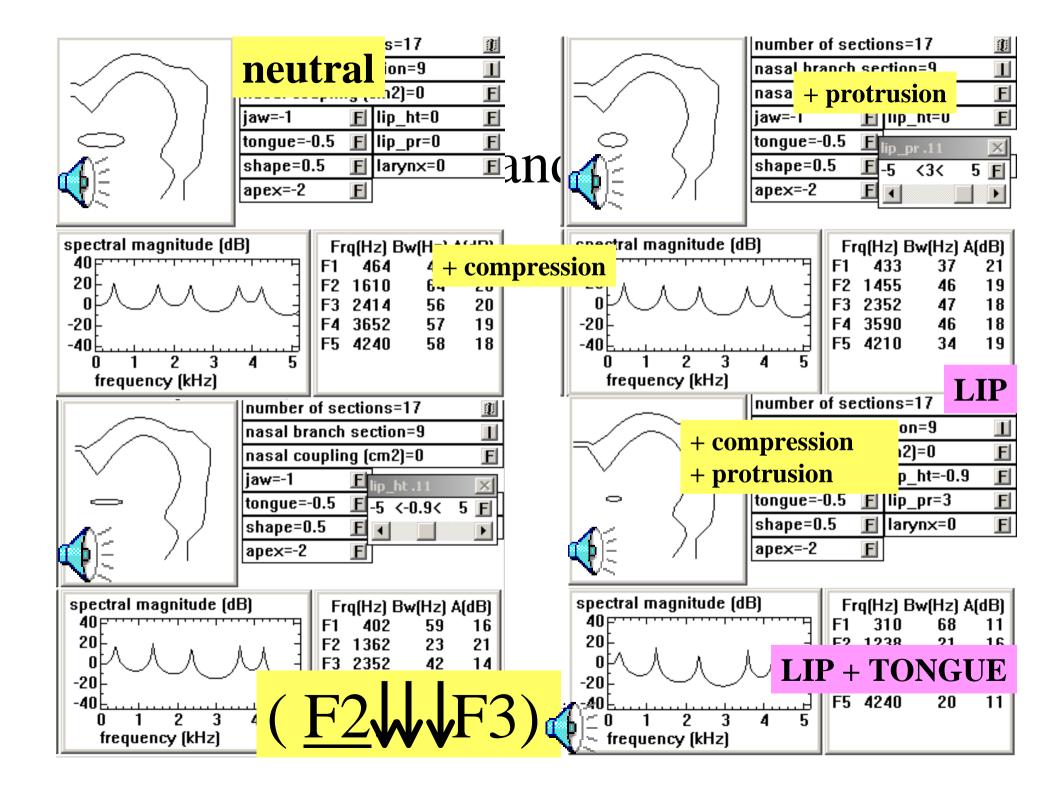
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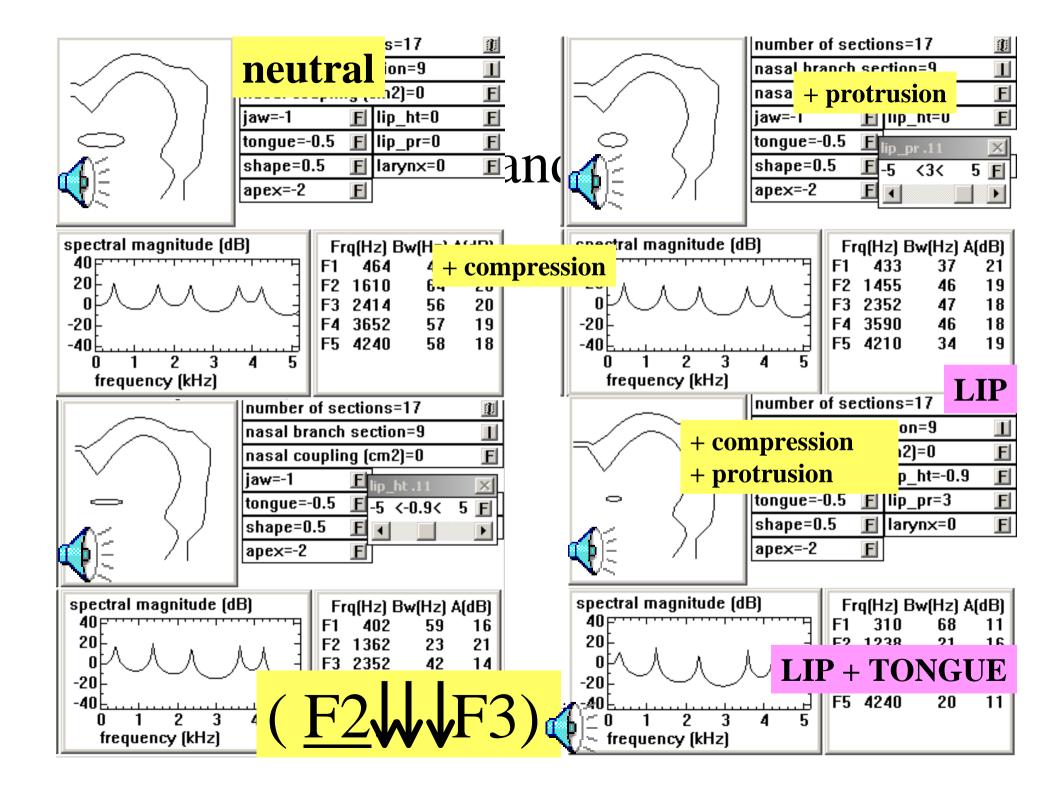
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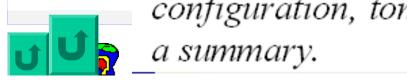
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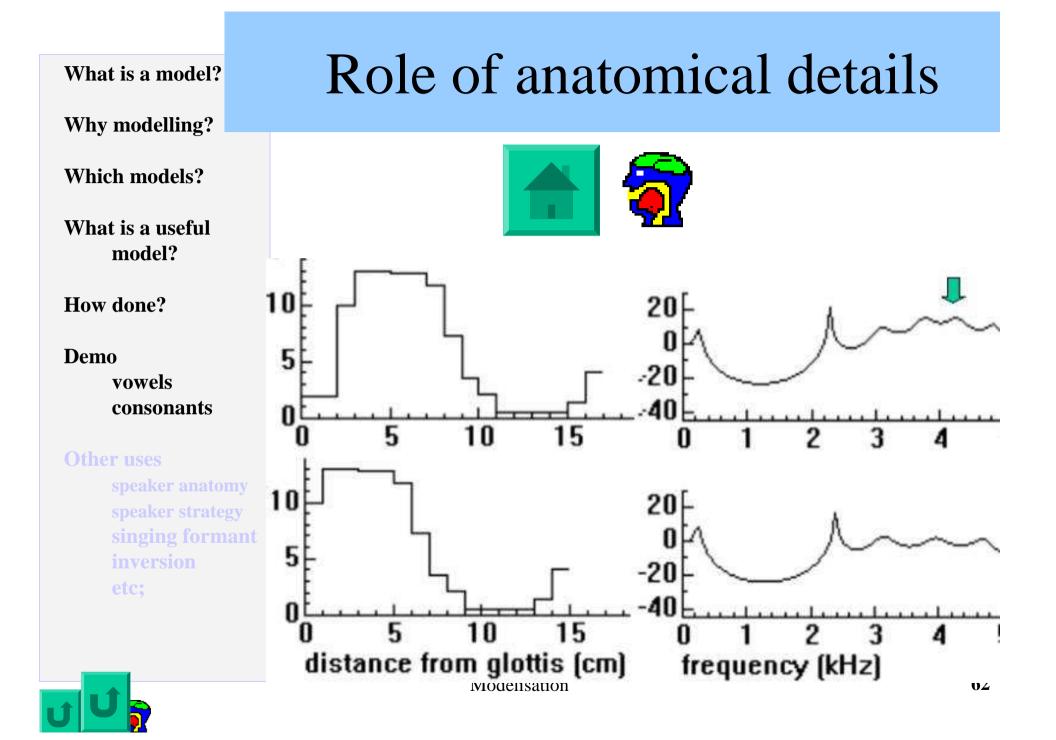


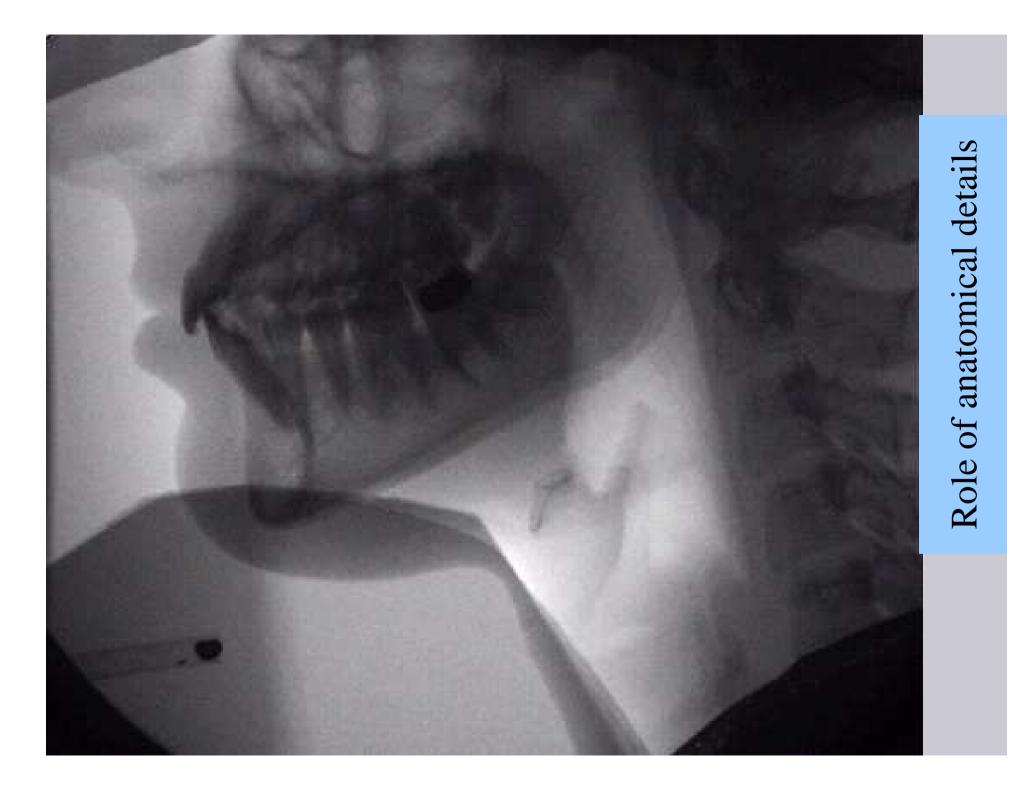
|                                                   | Location of the constriction |                  |                   | OTRE DE PHONETIQUE |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Lowest possible                                   |                              | Highest possible |                   | Jonona T           |
| formant                                           |                              | formant          |                   |                    |
| $\downarrow_{F1}$                                 | anterior part of the         | ĤF1              | posterior part of |                    |
|                                                   | VT                           |                  | the VT            |                    |
| $\downarrow$ F2                                   | velar region                 | ÎF2              | mid-palatal       |                    |
|                                                   | + lip rounding               |                  | region            |                    |
|                                                   |                              |                  | + glottal region  |                    |
| ↓ <sub>F3</sub>                                   | pharyngeal region            | ĤF3              | apical and        |                    |
|                                                   | + bunching of the            |                  | prepalatal        | -                  |
|                                                   | tongue,                      |                  | regions           |                    |
|                                                   | retroflexion                 |                  | + lip spreading   |                    |
|                                                   | + lip rounding and           |                  | + glottal region  |                    |
|                                                   | lip protrusion               |                  | (larynx lowering) |                    |
| Table 3: Tongue constriction position, lip        |                              |                  |                   |                    |
| configuration, tongue shape and F-pattern values: |                              |                  |                   |                    |



a) Need for references vowels

b) The rôle of anatomical details
- the laryngeal cavity for the vowels
- rôle of pharyngeal volume, etc.





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c) The acoustic properties largely Prevail over articulation What is a mo

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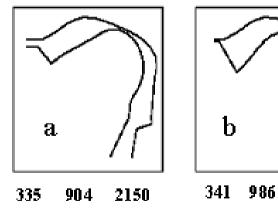
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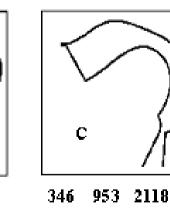
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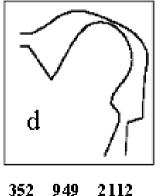
# Perception prevails over articulation

About the same sound (except the focal and extreme sounds can be obtained by Fairly different VT configuration

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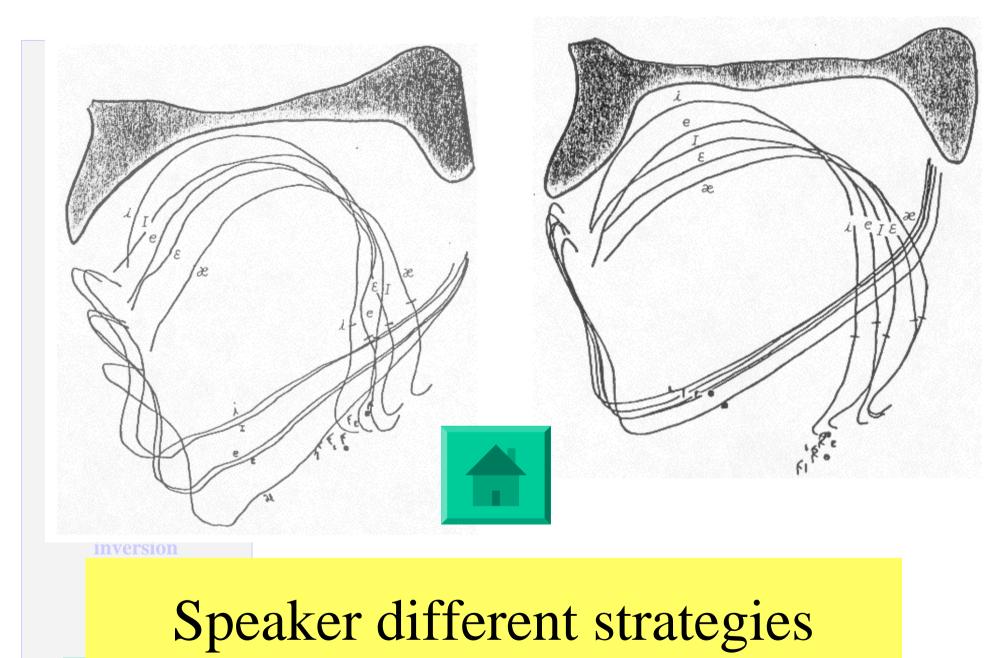
Modelisation

a) Need for reference vowels

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c) The acoustic properties largely Prevail over articulation

d) Different strategies can be modelled





## 2) For what concerns the consonants

a) Simple concatenation works better than expected

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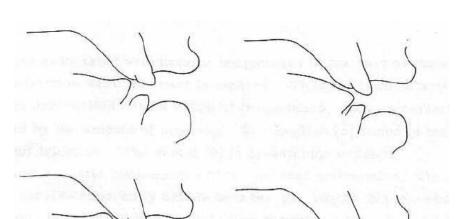
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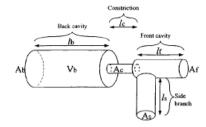
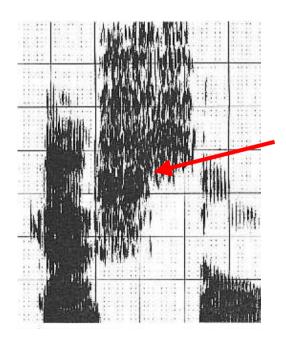


FIG. 5. The tube configuration simulated in the "weakly coupled" models.



sublingual cavity Necessary To recreate existing Acoustic discontinuity

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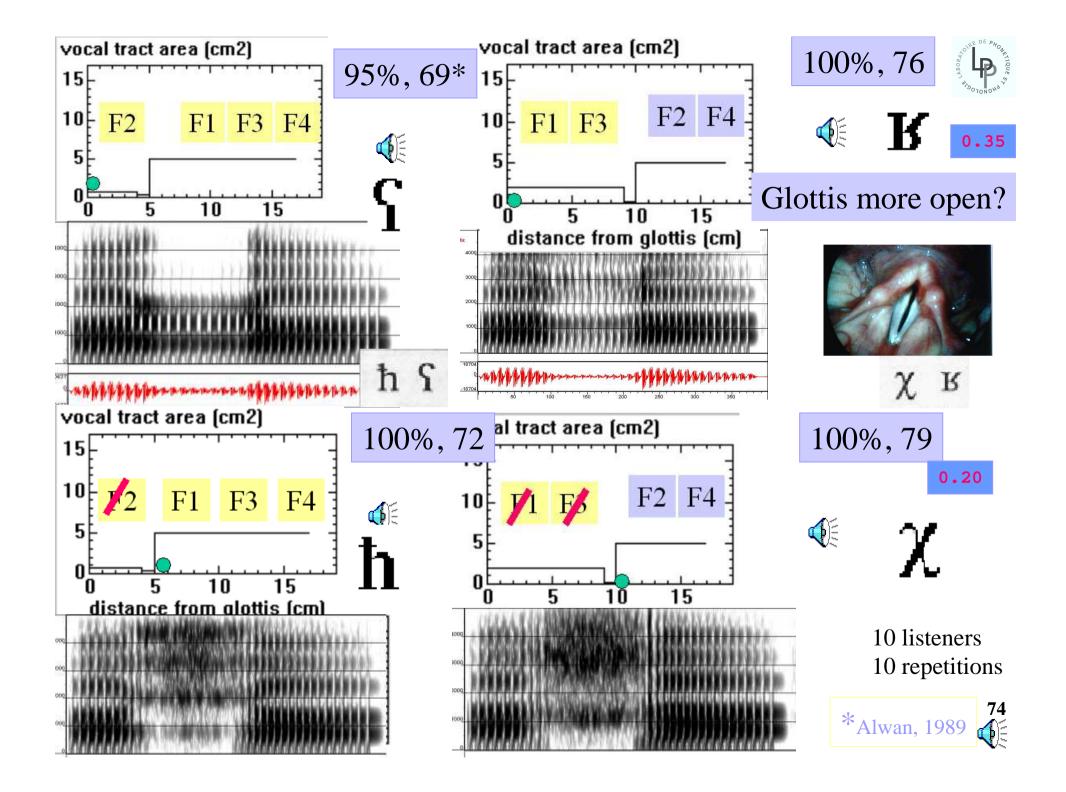
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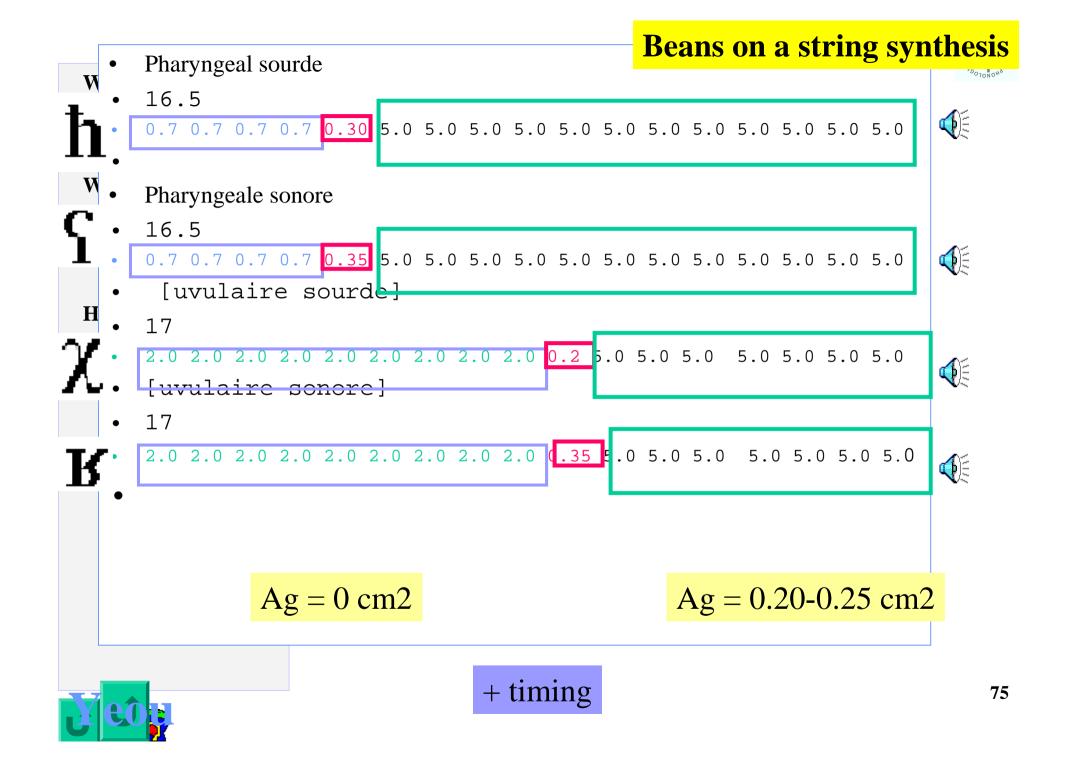
speaker anatomy speaker strategy singing formant inversion etc: • Start from articulatory model for the flanking vowels

Non French consonants

- Tube or area function for the consonant
- Examples: posterior arabic consonants
- (Mohamed Yeou's thesis)







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e) Lenition and fortition not difficult to model

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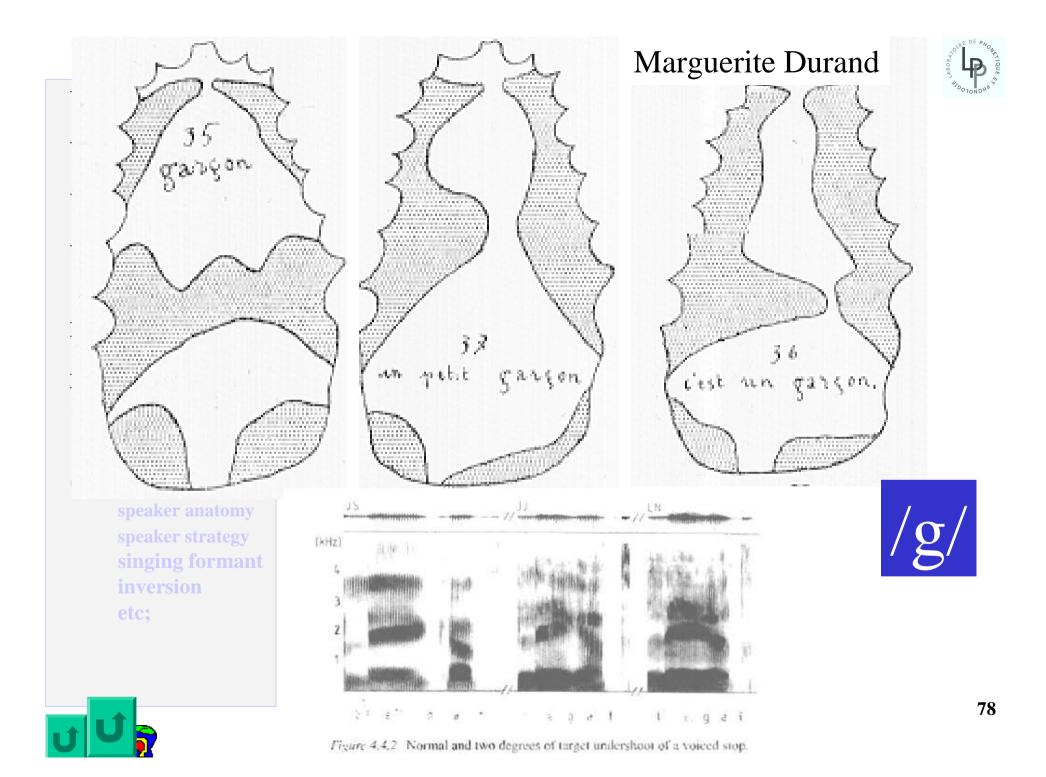
How done?

Demo vowels consonants

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## lenition

- Less strong constriction
- More close glottis
- Ration between the two areas may change, and to the category of the consonant
- But the underlying F-pattern is the same



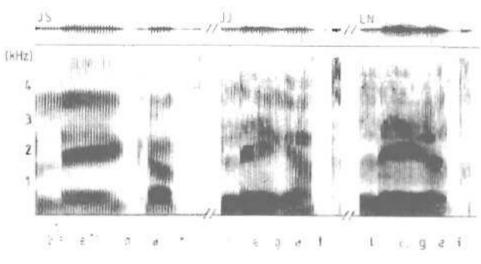


Figure 4.4.2. Normal and two degrees of target undershoot of a voiced stop. How done?

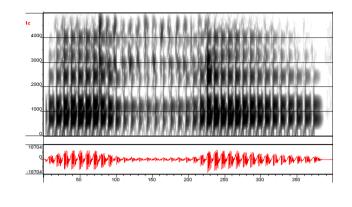
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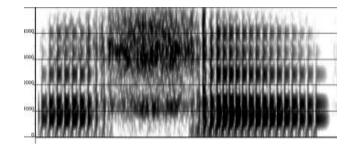
vowels consonants

Other uses

speaker anatomy speaker strategy singing formant inversion etc; Less strong closure in the middle

Stops> fricatives > sonantes





Vt more close than vf

Less vf opening

Voiceless > voiced

Noise created at the narrowest

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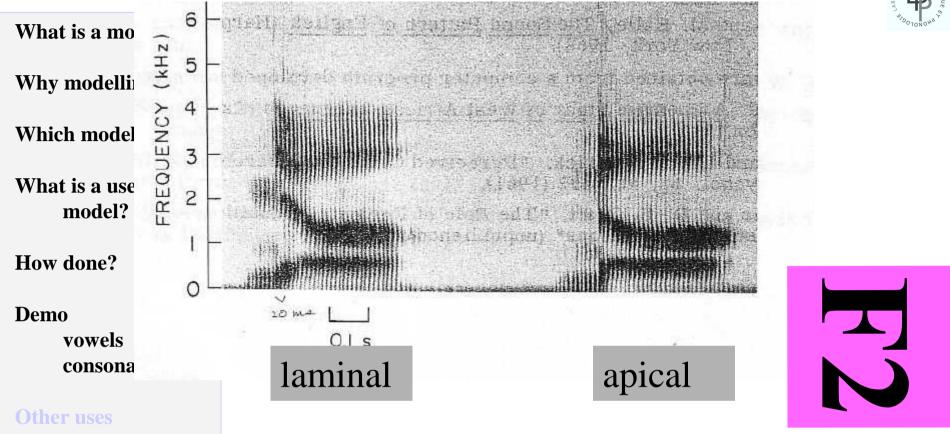
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# Speaker adapation

What is a model?

Why modelling?

Which models?

What is a useful model?

How done?

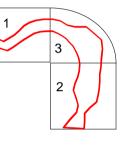
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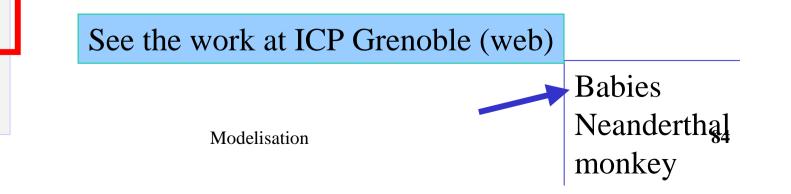
Variable Linear Articulatory Model

lip, jaw, tongue, larynx



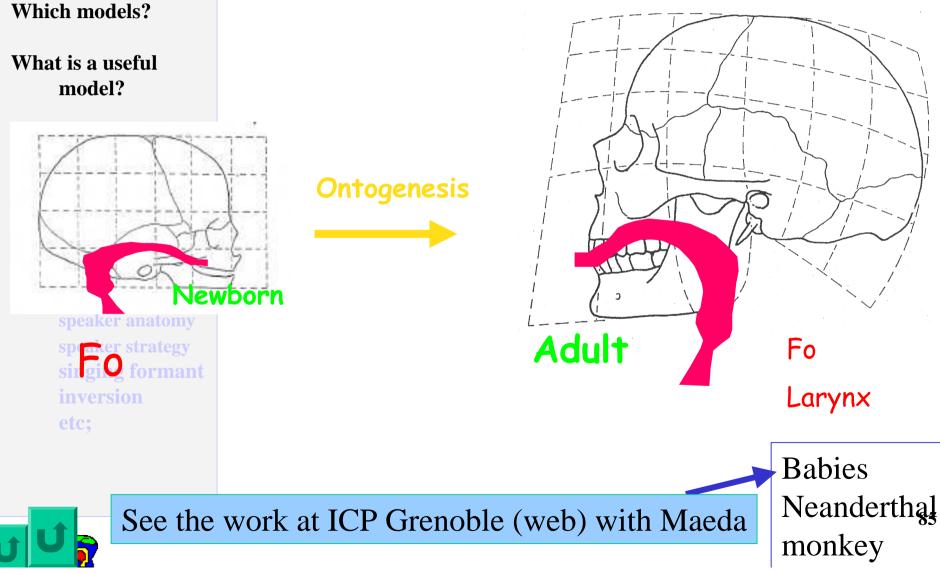
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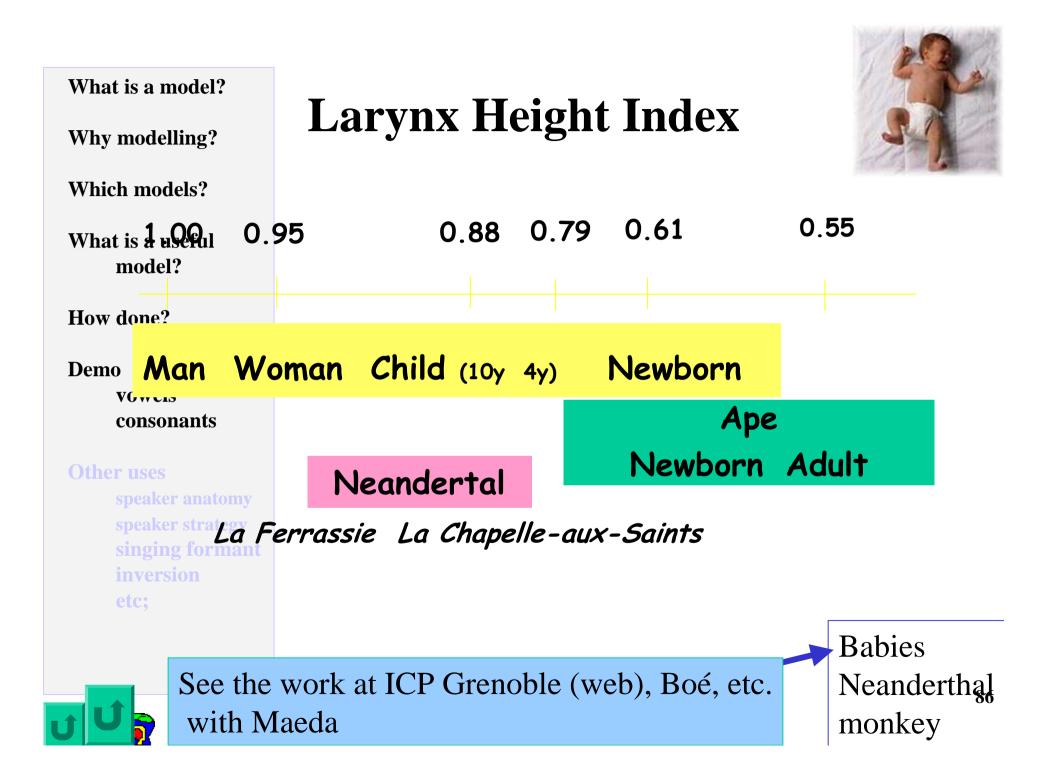
- (1) for the anterior part of the vocal-tract
- (2) for the pharynx
- (3) interpolating the zone in-between



#### **Vowel prototypes for ontogenesis**







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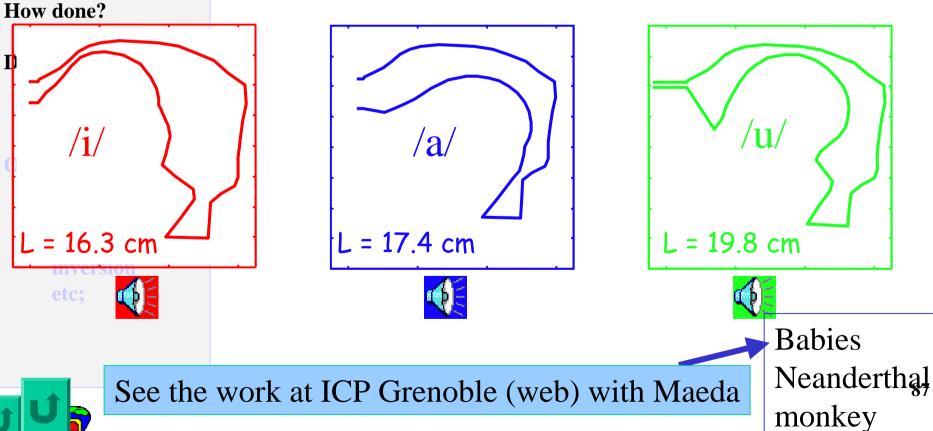
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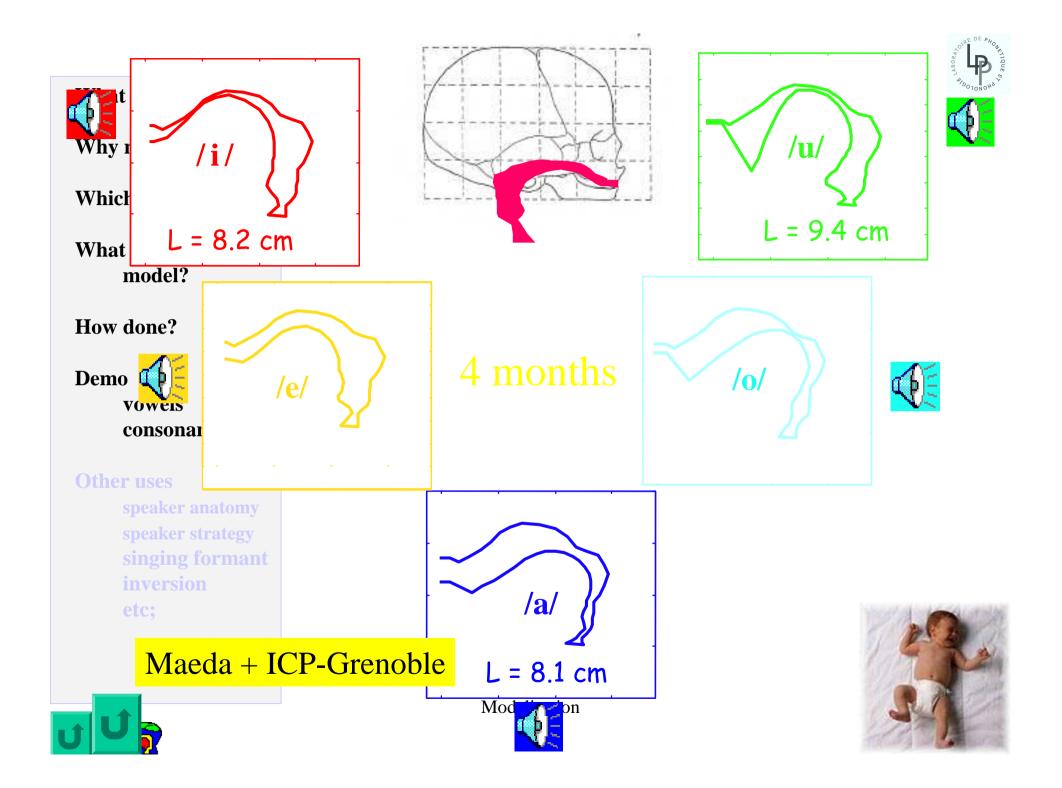
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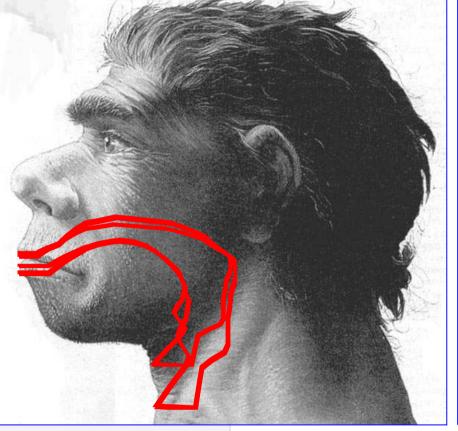
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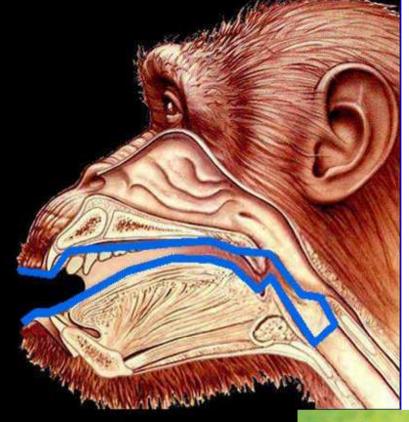












#### **Other uses**

Contra Lieberman & Crelin



Modelisation of the differences suggests that the neandertals were no more vocally handicapped than children at birth are Babie



Maeda + ICP-Grenoble

Modelisation

Babies Neanderthal monkey

