

Tonally conditioned laryngogenesis in San Martín Peras Mixtec

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Introduction

Tonogenesis: The diachronic development of contrastive tone, usually from a previous laryngeal contrast.

White Hmong (data from Ratliff 2015)	
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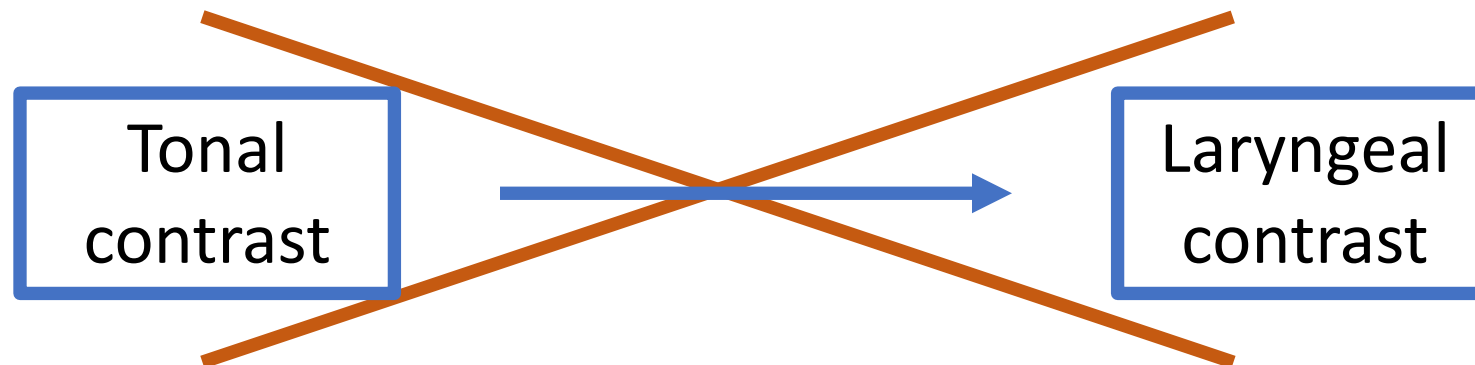


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The opposite direction of change is nearly unattested (Uchihara 2016; Yang 2019)



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We call this **tonally-conditioned laryngogenesis (TCL)**: A tonal contrast gives rise to a laryngeal contrast

- The tonal contrast may then be lost, as in Quiaviní Zapotec (Uchihara 2016)

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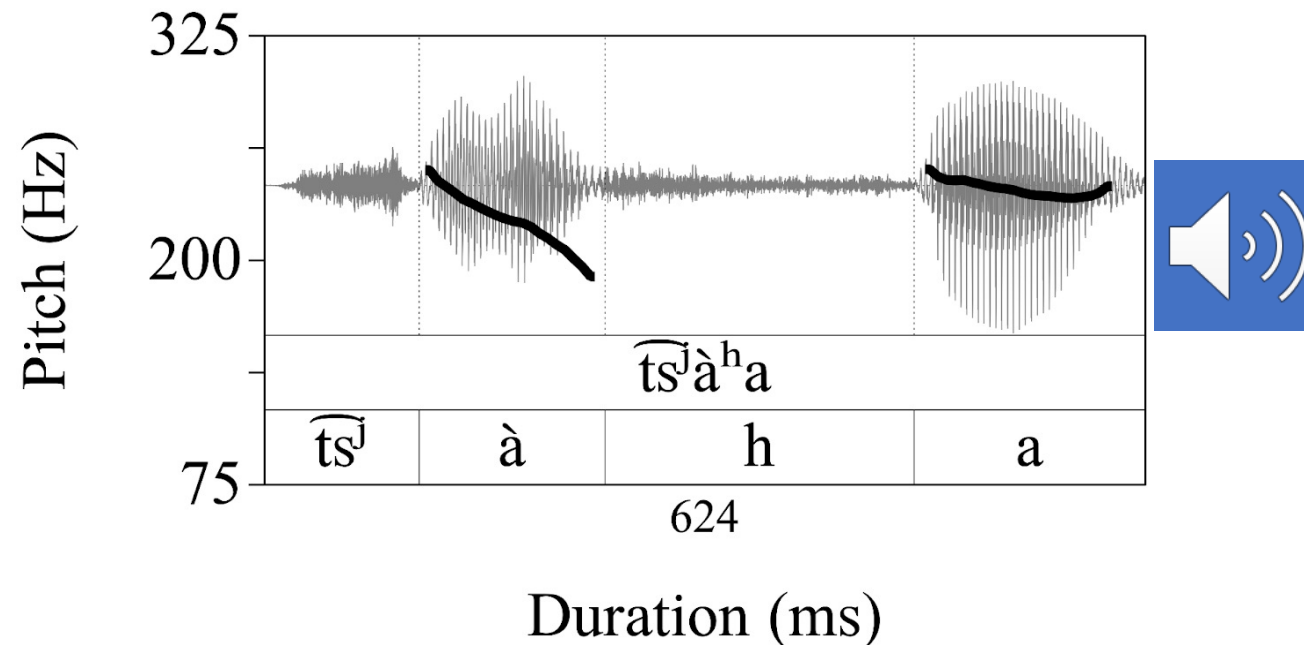
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1. Tsiàja
[ts^jà^ha]
'Man'
'Hombre'



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- But cognates in other varieties do *not* have medial [h]

Ixpantepec Nieves (Carroll 2015)	Silacayoapan (Shields 1988)	Alcozauca (Mendoza Ruiz 2016)	Ayutla (Hills 1990)
[tʰàa]	[tàa]	[caa ¹²]	[tʰaà]

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Our proposal: [h] was innovated in tonal melodies involving a low-then-higher tone sequence

Proposed change
$*\widehat{ts}^j\grave{a}a > \widehat{ts}^j\grave{a}^h a$ 'Man'

Introduction

Two main pieces of evidence:

1. Words with [h] are in tonal complementary distribution with words without [h], and their cognates in other varieties do not have [h].
2. There is no systematic correspondence between SMP Mixtec words with [h] and cognates in Trique varieties, which also have [h]

SMP Mixtec

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Spoken by ~11,500 in and around San Martín Peras, Oaxaca, Mexico (INEG 2020)

Also spoken by diaspora communities in California (Mendoza 2020)





Ahuejutla, Oaxaca

SMP Mixtec

An Otomanguean language in the Amuzgo-Mixtecan subgroup

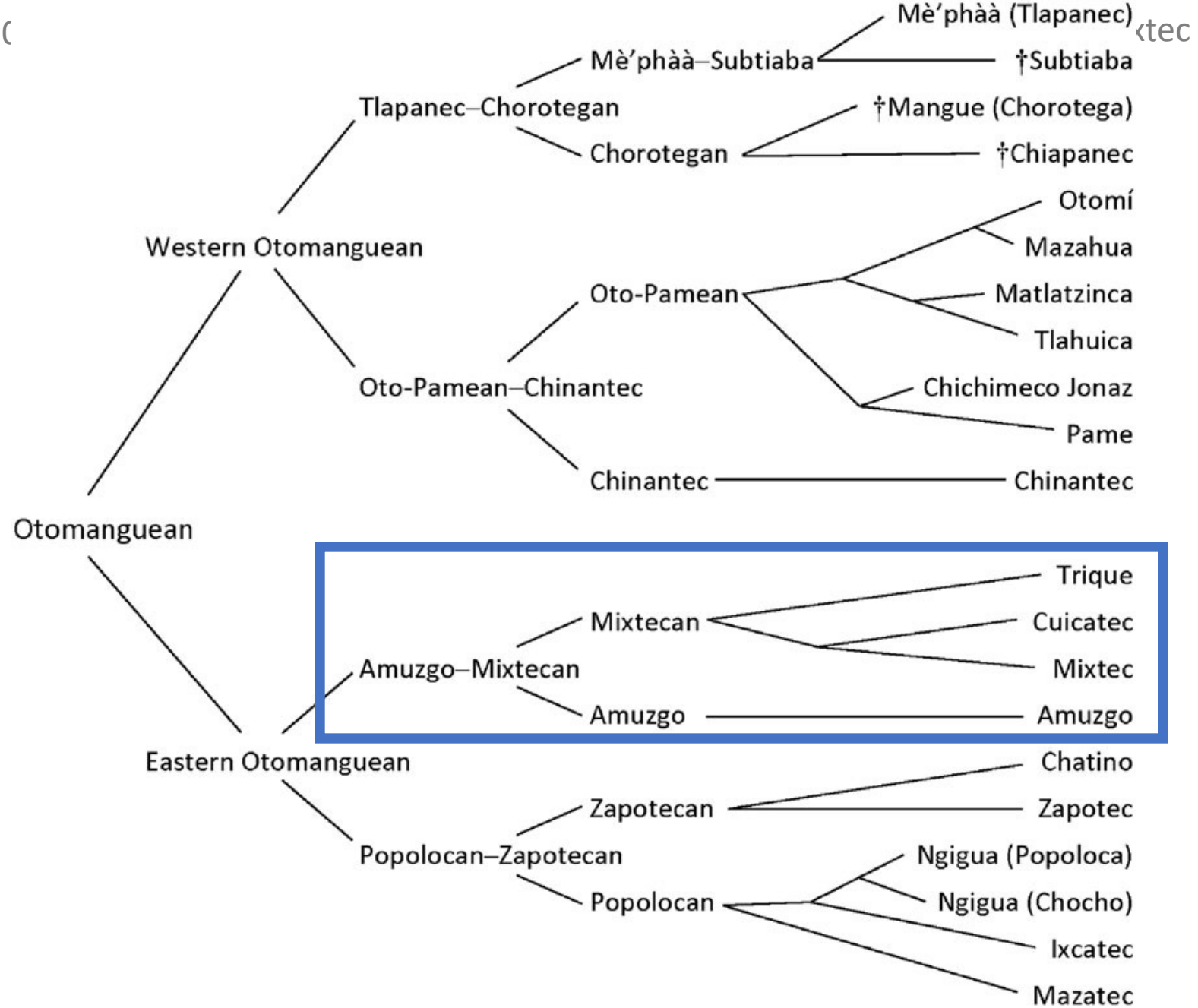
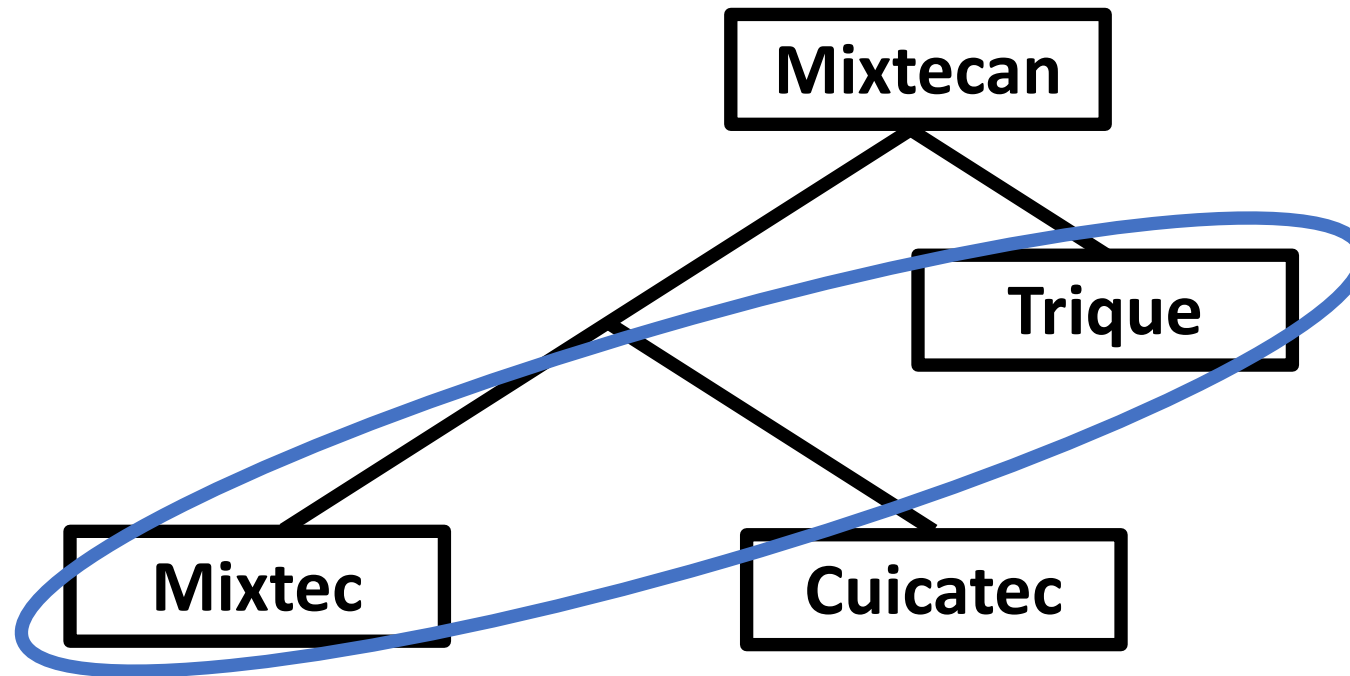


Diagram from Campbell (2017)

SMP Mixtec





In the Mixtecan major subgroup along with Trique and Cuicatec

- Comparison with Trique will be important later



SMP Mixtec

Canonical root shape is bimoraic, with optional onsets and no codas

CVCV	VCV	CVV	VV
Ntivi [ⁿ tiβi] 'beautiful' 'bonito'	Ìvi [ìβì] 'two' 'dos'	Ntsìi [ⁿ tsìī] 'dead' 'muerto'	lin [lĩ] 'one' 'uno'
			

SMP Mixtec

Each mora may host one of (at least) five contrastive tones (Peters 2018)

- H(igh), M(id), L(ow), R(ising), and F(alling)

H-L	M-L	L-L	LH-L	HL-L
Nánà [nǎnǎ] 'mother' 'madre'	Konì [konǐ] 'will see' 'verá'	Ònì [ònǐ] 'three' 'tres'	Xǐyò [ʃijò] 'dress' 'vestido'	Xânù [ʃânù] 'cigarette' 'cigarillo'



SMP Mixtec

∅ ~ [ʔ] contrast following first mora; can be analyzed as laryngealized phonation (Eischens and Hedding to appear, cf. Peters 2018)

- **Laryngeally-complex** (Silverman 1997): Tone and phonation (nearly) fully cross-classified on the same TBU

H-L	M-L	L-L	LH-L	HL-L
Xá'nù [jáʔnũ] 'old' 'viejo/grande'	Sa'và [saʔβà] 'frog' 'Rana'	ì'vì [ìʔβì] 'pain' 'dolor'	Mă'na [măʔnă] 'sleepless' 'desvelado'	??



SMP Mixtec

Main points:

1. Common ancestor (Proto-Mixtecan) with Trique
2. At least five tones, including falling tones
3. Contrast between [V] and [V^ʔ] can be analyzed as modal vs laryngealized phonation

Tonal restrictions

Tonal restrictions

Unlike on roots with [ʔ], there are stringent tonal restrictions on roots with [h]

Roots with [h] are in tonal complementary distribution with words that have neither [ʔ] or [h].

- This can be understood if [h] was innovated on roots with particular tonal melodies.

Tonal restrictions

In a ~900-item database, [ʔ] is attested with many tonal melodies

		Tone of mora 2			
		H	M	L	LH
Tone of mora 1	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
	L	✓	✓	✓	✓
	LH	✗	✓	✓	✗
	HL	?	?	?	?
	ML	?	?	?	?

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on roots with [ʔ]

The distribution of [h]





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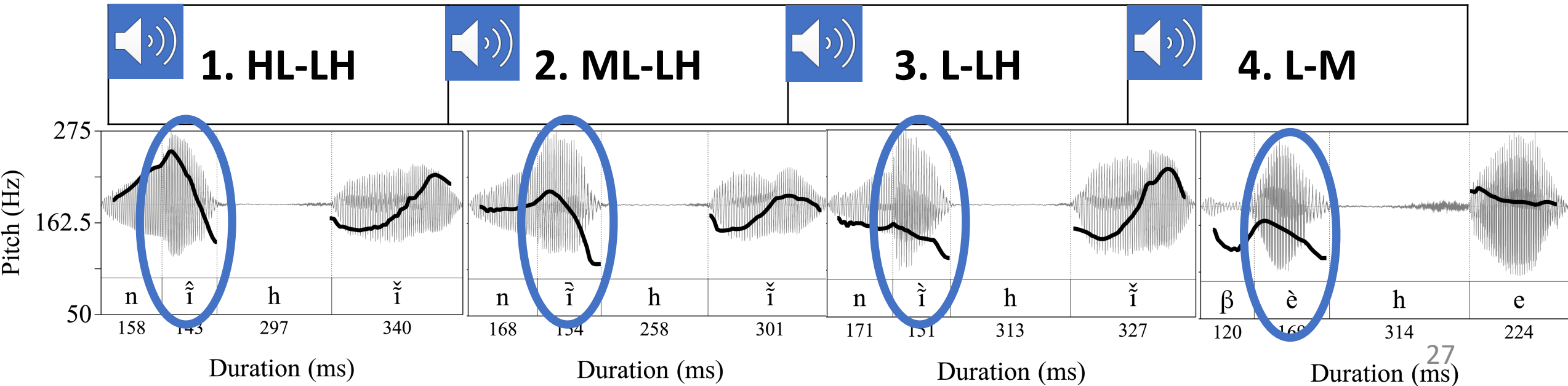
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 1. HL-LH	 2. ML-LH	 3. L-LH	 4. L-M
Níjĩ [ní ^h ĩ] ‘skinny’ ‘delgado’	Nijĩ [ní ^h ĩ] ‘corn cob’ ‘mazorca’	Nijĩ [ní ^h ĩ] ‘blood’ ‘sangre’	Vèje [βè ^h e] ‘heavy’ ‘pesado’

Tonal restrictions

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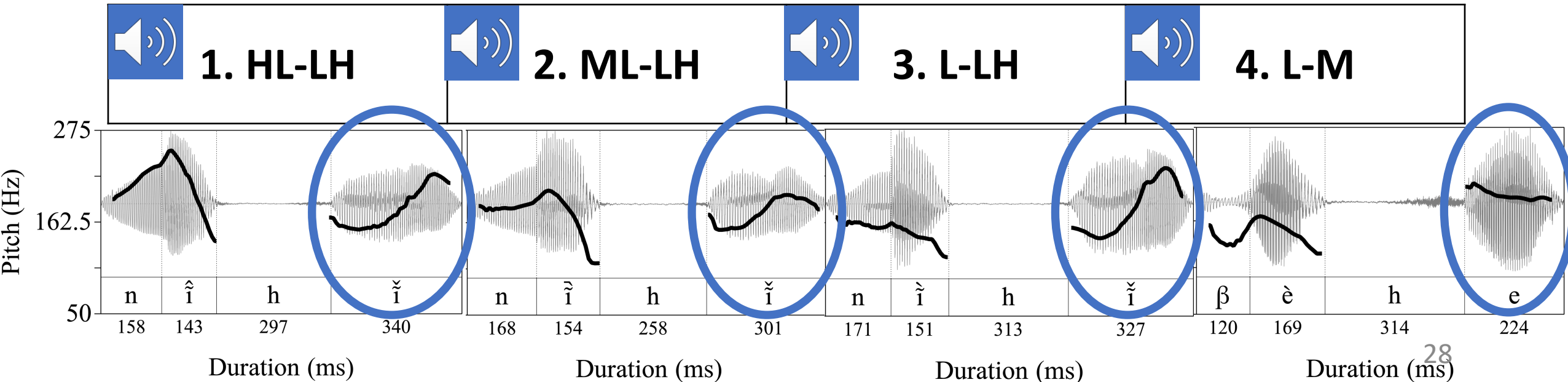
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Tonal restrictions

Each melody with [h] contains...

- An initial tone that ends **Low**
- A final tone that is either **Rising** or **Mid**



Tonal restrictions

Generalization 1

[h] only occurs when
Tone 1 ends **Low** and
Tone 2 is **Rising** or **Mid**

Tonal restrictions

Roots without [ʔ] or [h] **never** have these tonal melodies

- These roots have a long vowel (1) or medial voiced consonant (2-3)
- We'll call these **CV(D)V** roots for convenience's sake

 <p>1. Ñuù [ɲũũ] 'town' 'pueblo'</p>	 <p>2. Ònì [ònǐ̃] 'three' 'tres'</p>	 <p>3. Lalò [lālò] 'crunchy' 'crujiente'</p>
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Attested tonal melodies on CV(D)V roots

Tonal restrictions

Generalization 1	Generalization 2
[h] only occurs when Tone 1 ends Low and Tone 2 is Rising or Mid	There are no CV(D)V roots with these tonal melodies

Tonal restrictions

Finally, cognates of SMP Mixtec roots with [h] are all CV(D)V roots:

San Martín Peras	 Kuîjĩ [k ^w î ^h ĩ] 'green' 'verde'	 Yòjǒ [jò ^h ǒ] 'moon' 'luna'	 Ntsiajyĩ [ⁿ tsjā ^h jĩ] 'broth' 'caldo'	 ìjmǎ [ì ^h mǎ] 'wax' 'cera'
Alcozauca (Mendoza Ruiz 2016)	[k ^w ii ⁴³⁴]	[joo ¹⁴]	[ⁿ daju ³⁴]	[ima ¹⁴]
Yucuquimi de Ocampo (León Vázquez 2017)	[k ^h îi]	[zòò]	[ⁿ déè]	[nì mà]
Silacayoapan (Shields 1988)	[k ^w îi]	[jòò]	[ⁿ dáji]	[ɲì mà]

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And we capture the fact that cognates of roots with [h] are CV(D)V roots

Tonal restrictions

Argument:

[h] in SMP Mixtec is an **innovation** that was conditioned by tonal melody

Tonal restrictions

Two final points to consider:

1. What ties together the four melodies in which [h] was innovated?
2. Why might [h] have been innovated in these melodies?

Tonal restrictions

1. What ties together the four melodies in which [h] was innovated?

- HL-LH, ML-LH, and L-LH all have a **Low** and then a **LH rise**
- But L-M is **Low then Mid**

The melodies with [h] all involve a **Low tone** followed by a **higher tone**

- But, L-H also involves a Low followed a higher tone
- There are no L-H roots with [h]

Tonal restrictions

CV(D)V roots with L-H melodies are vanishingly rare

- We know of 8 CV(D)V roots with this melody

Their L-H melodies have alternative explanations, like...

- Vocative intonation
- Negative grammatical tone
- Lexicalized compounds

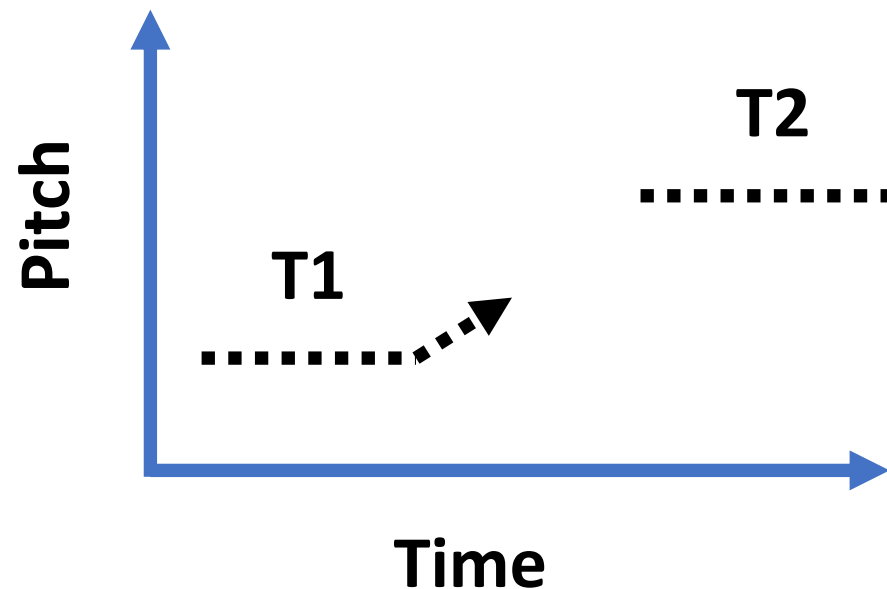
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- 1. What ties together the four melodies in which [h] was innovated?**
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 - L-H melody absent for independent reasons

Tonal restrictions

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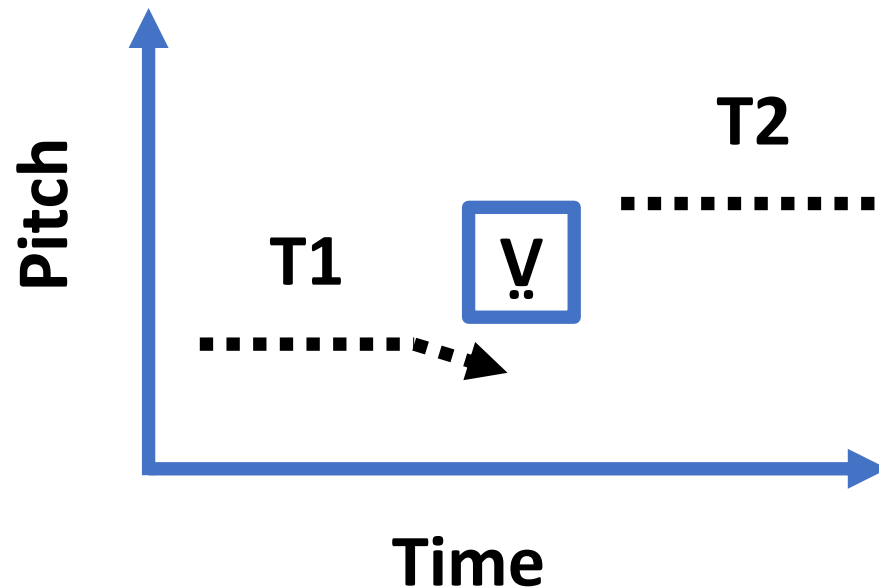
- When a lower tone followed by a higher tone, there is often coarticulatory pitch-raising of Tone 1 (e.g., Myers 2003; Chen et al 2018; cf. Hyman 2009; Flemming 2011)



Tonal restrictions

Pitch often lowers in breathy voicing (DiCanio 2009, 2012; Garellek and Keating 2011)

- [h] may have begun as breathy voicing, serving to counteract coarticulatory pitch-raising pressures



Tonal restrictions

What we've seen...

- [h] has a tonally restricted distribution, complementary distribution with CV(D)V roots
- Innovation of [h] has phonetic motivation

Conclusion:

[h] in SMP Mixtec is an **innovation** that was conditioned by tonal melody

But how do we know [h] wasn't retained from Proto-Mixtecan?

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Hypothesis 1
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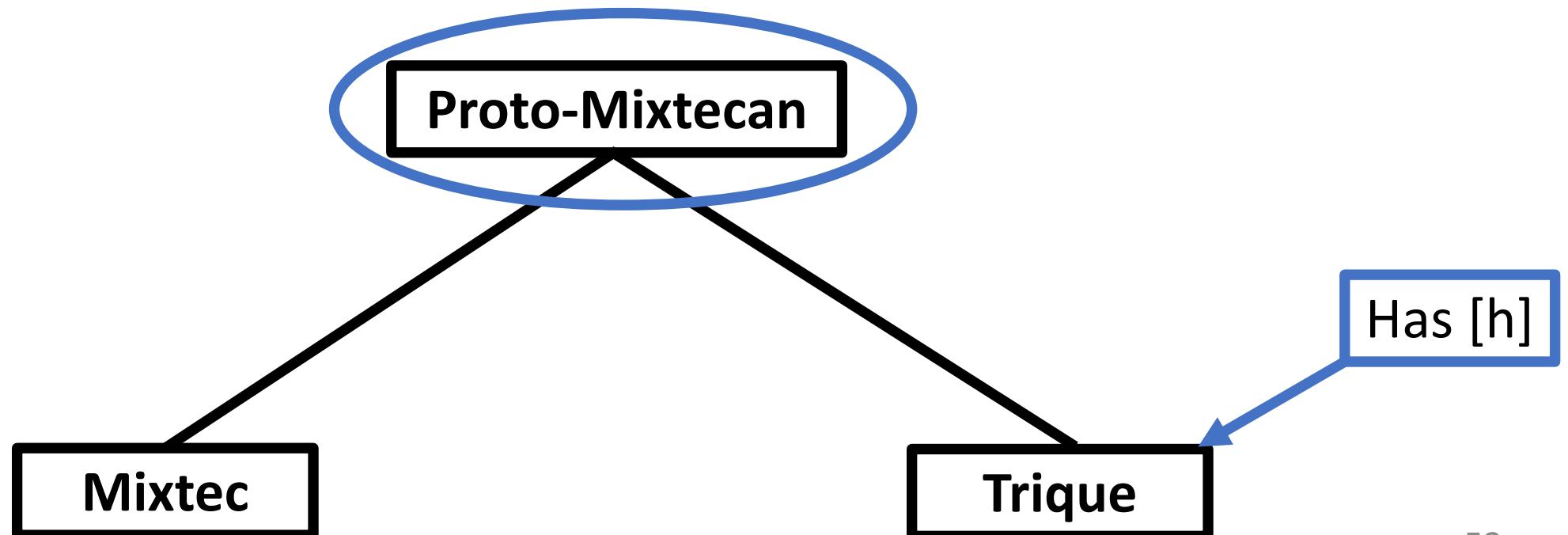
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Comparative evidence

We can test these hypotheses by looking at cognate sets

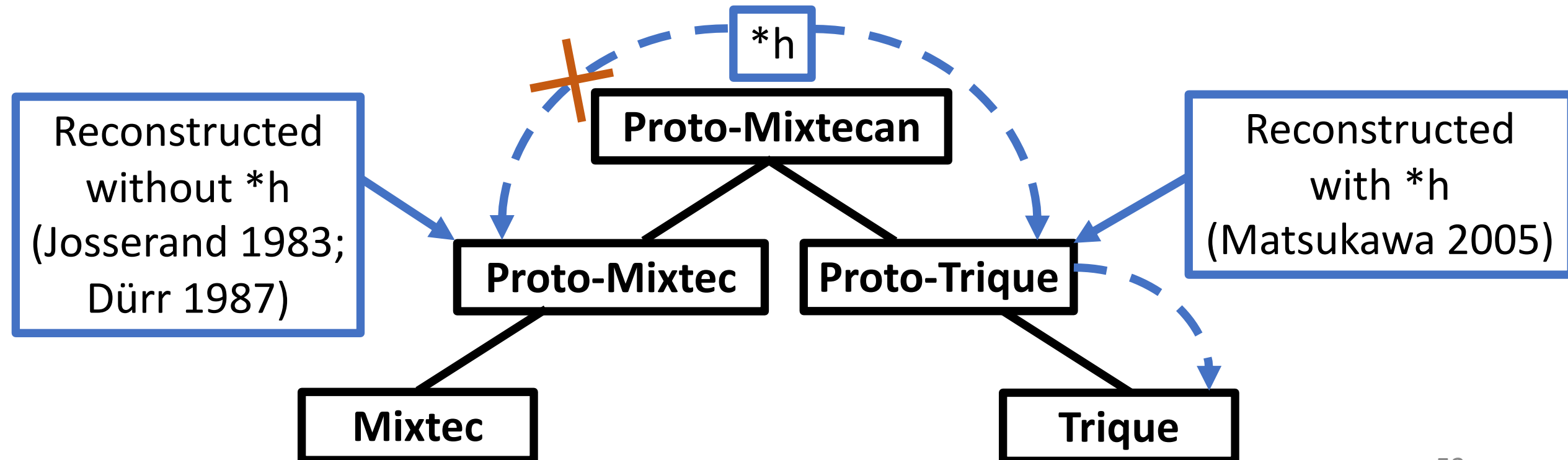
- Trique varieties have [h] (e.g., DiCanio 2008)
- Mixtec and Trique have a common ancestor: Proto-Mixtecan



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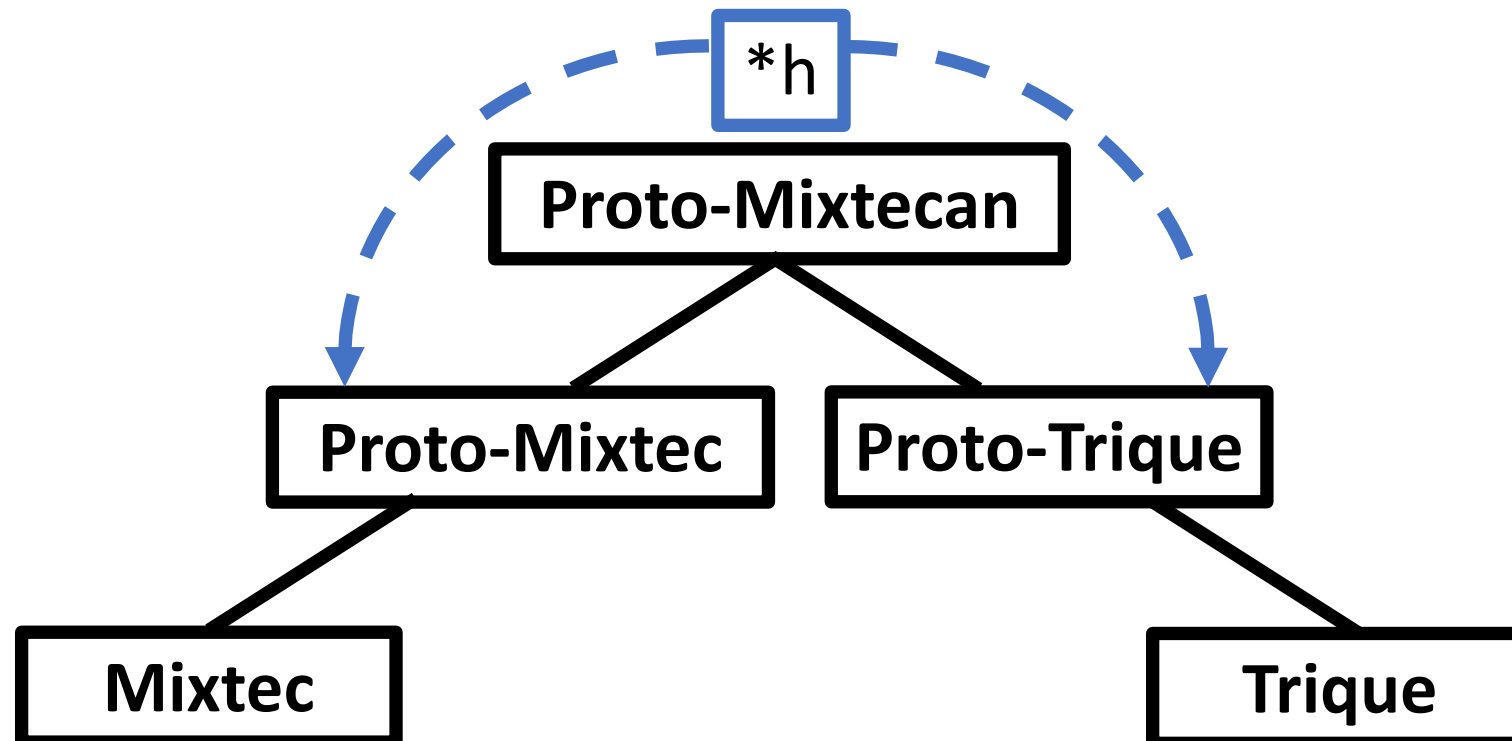
Simplified genealogical relationship (excluding Cuicatec)

- Proto-Mixtecan split into Proto-Mixtec and Proto-Triquet



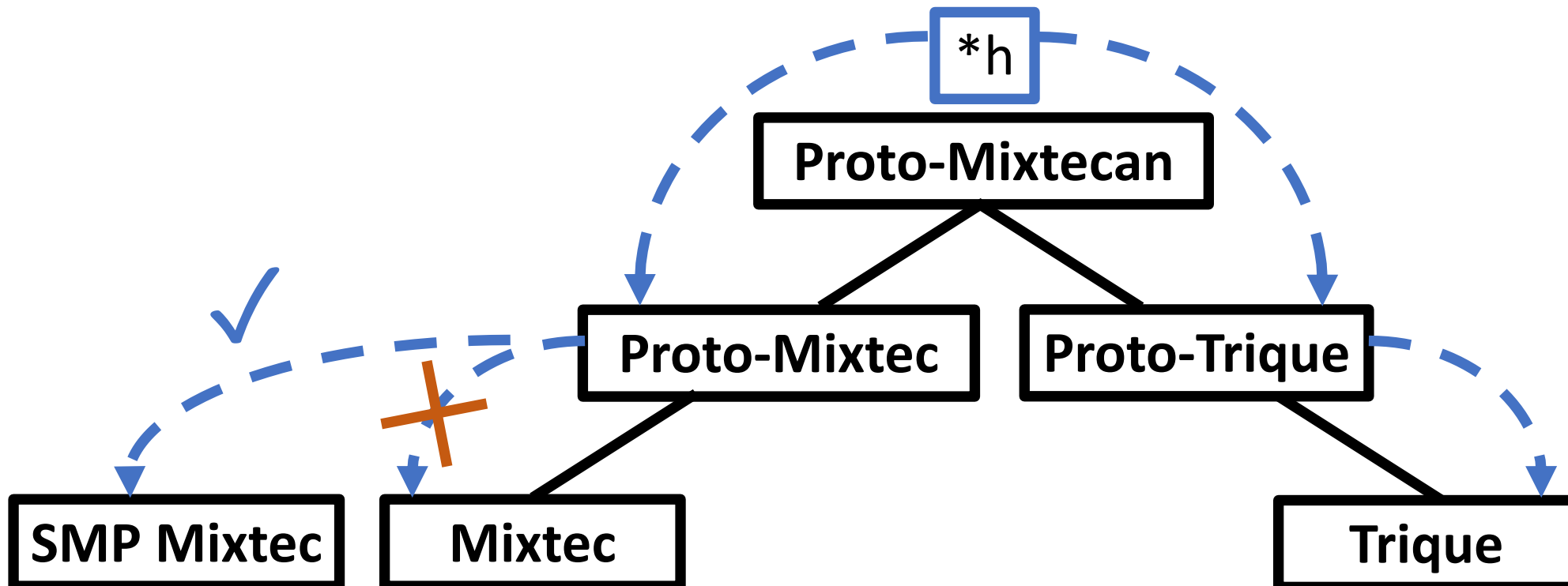
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 - Then lost in all Mixtec varieties but SMP Mixtec, maintained in Trique



Comparative evidence

If this is the accurate, we expect **systematic correspondence** w.r.t. [h] between SMP Mixtec and cognates in Trique

We gathered Trique cognates from Auderset and Campbell's (2023) database and compared them with SMP Mixtec words in our database

- There is **no systematic correspondence** between [h] in SMP Mixtec words and cognates in Trique varieties

Comparative evidence

While some SMP Mixtec words with [h] have Trique cognates with [h]...

	SMP Mixtec	Chichahuaxtla Trique
‘egg’	[ⁿ tsì ^h βĩ]	[tʂuh ³]
‘ash’	[jà ^h ǎ]	[j:ah ³]
‘thorn’	[ĩ ^h ɲũ]	[tãh ³²]

Comparative evidence

Many SMP Mixtec words with [h] do have a Trique cognate **without** [h]

	SMP Mixtec	Chichahuaxtla Trique
‘tongue’	[jâ ^h ă]	[ja ³²]
‘sugarcane’	[ⁿ tò ^h ö]	[jo ³²]
‘man’	[ts ^j à ^h a]	[si ³⁵]
‘soap’	[nă ^h mă]	[m:iʔ ³]
‘day’	[kì ^h ĩ]	[g ^w i ³]

Comparative evidence

And many SMP Mixtec words **without** [h] have Trique cognates **with** [h]

	SMP Mixtec	Chichahuaxtla Trique
‘clothes’	[ts ^j àà]	[jatseh ⁵]
‘yellow’	[k ^w áǎ]	[majah ³²]
‘chile pepper’	[ja ^ʔ ǎ]	[ja ^{ʔ3} ah ³]
‘dream’	[jànǐ]	[neh ³²]
‘five’	[ǔ ^ʔ ǔ]	[ǔ ^{ʔ2} ǔh ³]

Comparative evidence

This non-systematic correspondence holds for cognates in Copala, Chichahuaxtla, and Itunyoso Trique

- Whether the SMP Mixtec word has [h] is not predictive of whether the Trique cognate does
- Not expected if SMP Mixtec [h] and Trique [h] came from the same *h

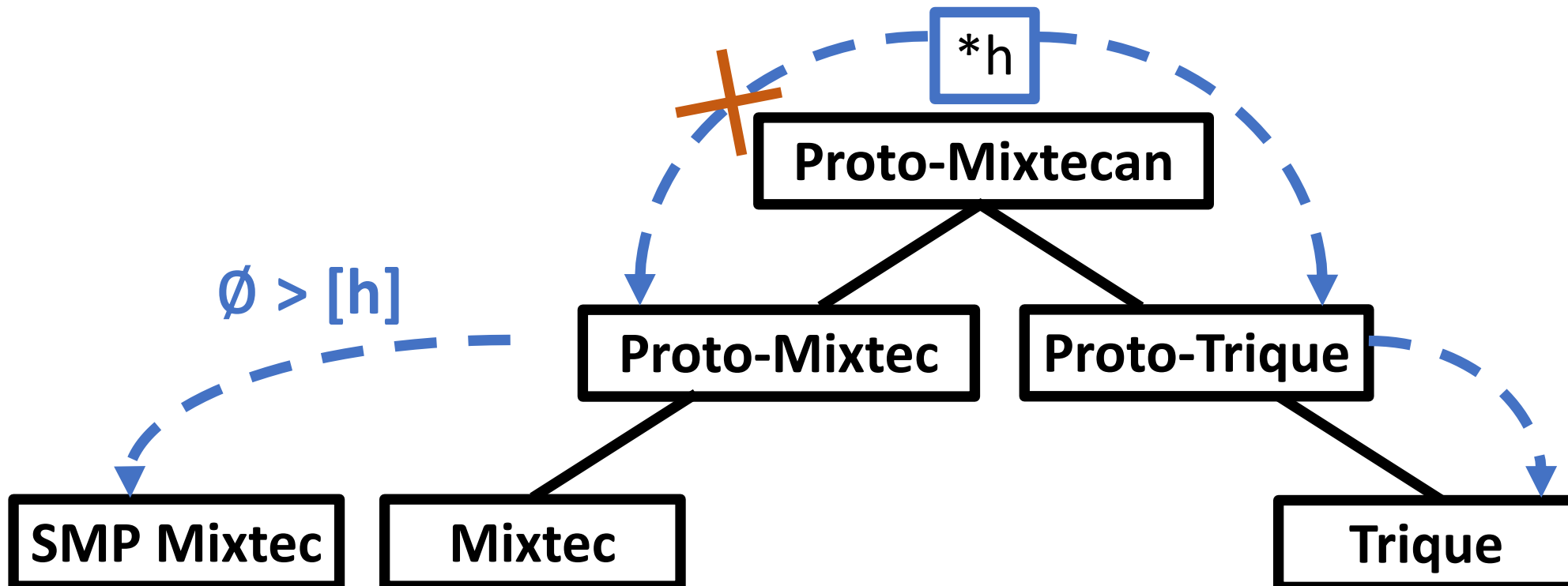
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Generalization: There is **no systematic relationship** between [h] in SMP Mixtec and [h] Trique

- It is unlikely that SMP Mixtec retains Proto-Mixtecan *[h].
- Instead, any Proto-Mixtecan *h would have been lost before innovation in SMP Mixtec

Comparative evidence

More likely that *h lost in Proto-Mixtec, then innovated in SMP Mixtec



Comparative evidence

The comparative evidence then supports Hypothesis 1, and goes against Hypothesis 2

Hypothesis 1	Hypothesis 2
SMP Mixtec innovated [h] in particular tonal melodies	SMP Mixtec exceptionally retained Proto-Mixtecan *[h]

Summary and conclusion

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What we've seen so far...

1. Words with [h] and CV(D)V roots are in tonal complementary distribution in SMP Mixtec
2. Cognates in other Mixtec varieties are all CV(D)V roots
3. There is no systematic correspondence between [h] in SMP Mixtec and Trique

Summary and conclusion

Claim: [h] in SMP Mixtec was innovated on roots with a Low-then-higher tonal melody

Tonally-conditioned laryngogenesis in SMP Mixtec

*ts^jàa > ts^jà^ha
 'man'

The innovation of [h] may have served to accentuate a low pitch trough under coarticulatory pressure of a following higher tone

Summary and conclusion

Tonally-conditioned laryngogenesis is extremely rare, attested only in one other language (Quiaviní Zapotec, Uchihara 2016)



Conclusion

Remaining question: Why did TCL occur in SMP Mixtec and Quiavini Zapotec, but apparently not in other languages?

Rarity

- May have to do with asymmetric dependencies in the perception of pitch and phonation (Yang 2019)

Why these languages?

- Perhaps not a coincidence that both languages already had a relatively cross-classified system of tone and phonation

Summary and discussion

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	[á̄ā]	HIGH
	[á̀à]	FALLING
	[ā̀á]	RISING
CREAKY (<i>V̥</i>)	[ā̀ʔ] / $_{-}T_{[fortis]}$	LOW
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From Uchihara (2016:228)

Conclusion

SMP Mixtec also contrasts many tones on vowels followed by [ʔ]

- These can be analyzed as non-modal vowels (Eischens and Hedding to appear, cf. Peters 2018)

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Conclusion

It is possible that **laryngeal complexity**, the orthogonality of tone and phonation contrasts in a language (Silverman 1997), increases the likelihood of TCL

If this is the case, the rarity of TCL may have another explanation:

- Laryngeal complexity is relatively rare typologically
- If it is a precursor to TCL, this means TCL will be even more rare

Thank you!

Appendix A: Comparative evidence

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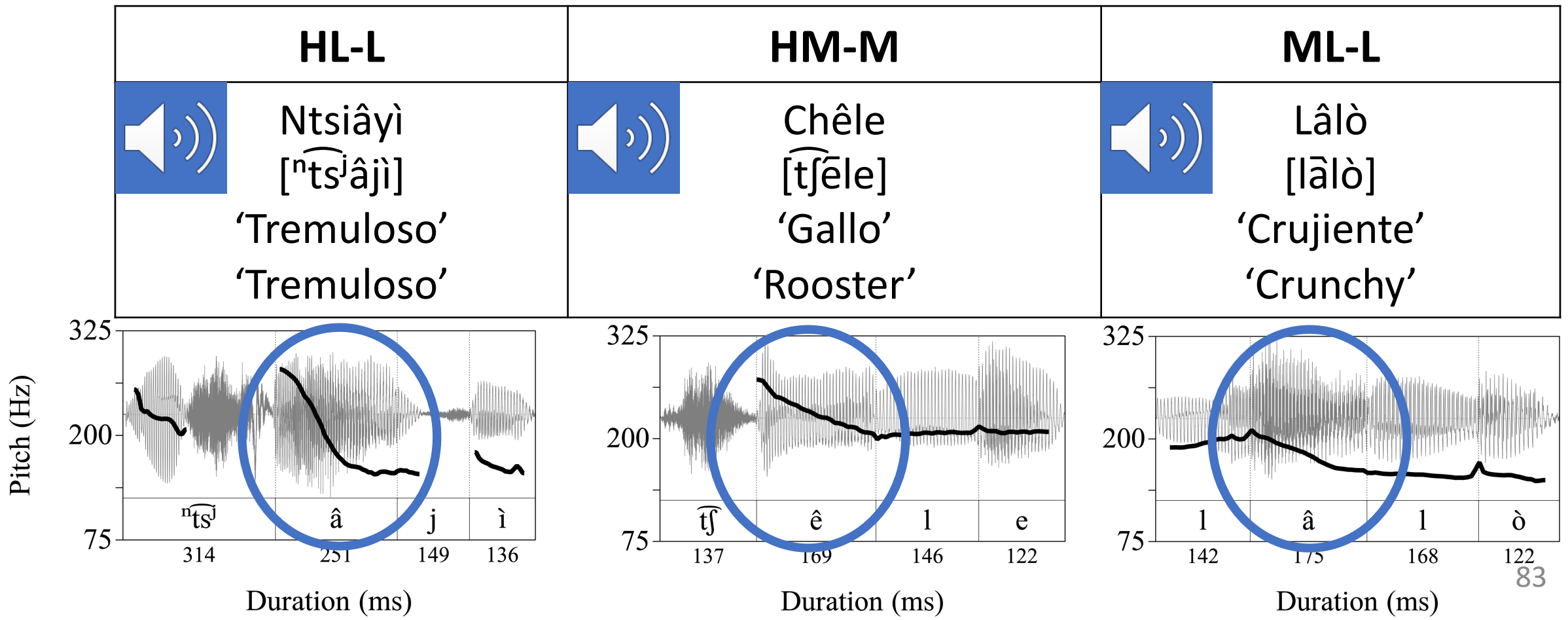
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Appendix B: Falling tones

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The difference between level and falling tones is at least marginally contrastive:

Level tone	Falling tone
Konì [konĩ̃] ‘will see’ ‘Verá’	Konì [kōnĩ̃] ‘will want’ ‘Querrá’
Nánà [nǎnǎ̃] ‘mother’ ‘madre’	Xânù [jânũ̃] ‘cigarette’ ‘cigarillo’

Appendix C: Predictable [h]

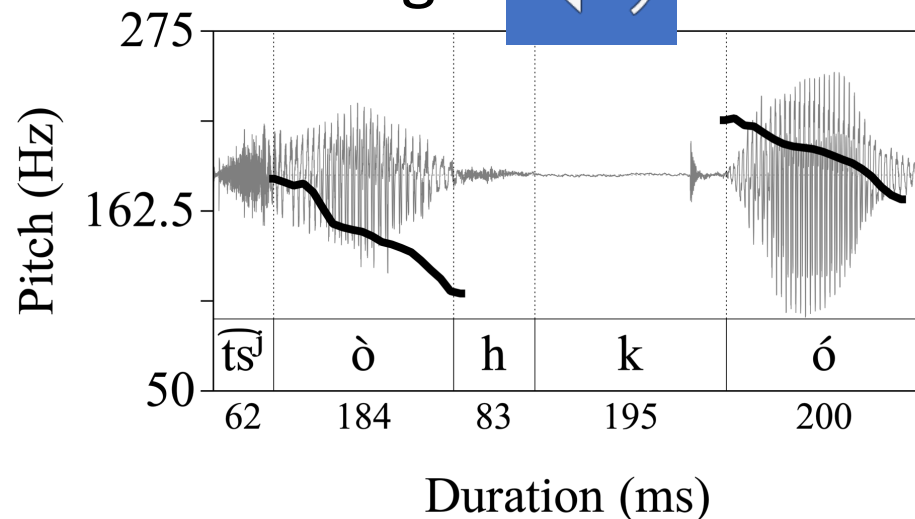
Root-medial voiceless consonants are predictably preceded by [h], may be preaspiration (Eischens and Hedding to appear)

1. Tsiòkó

[tsʲò^hkó]

'Ant'

'Hormiga'

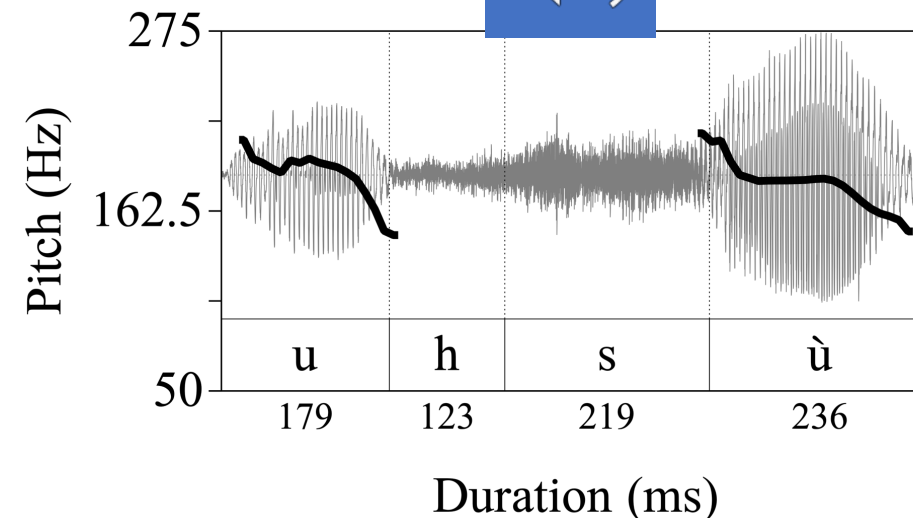
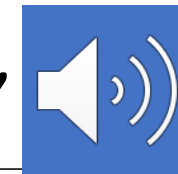


2. Usù

[u^hsù]

'Deer'

'Venado'



Appendix C: Predictable [h]

Tone is not restricted on roots with predictable [h]

		Tone of mora 2			
		H	M	L	LH
Tone of mora 1	H	✓	✓	✓	✓
	M	✓	✓	✓	✓
	L	✓	✓	✓	✓
	LH	✓	✓	✓	✗
	HL	✗	✗	✓	?
	ML	✗	✗	✓	✓

Table:
Attested tonal melodies
on roots with
predictable [h]

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Preaspiration of root-medial voiced consonants also occurs in several related Mixtec varieties

- Alcozauca de Guerrero (Mendoza Ruiz 2016)
- Ayutla (Pancratz and Pike 1967)
- San Juan Piñas (Caballero et al to appear)

Not a tonally-induced innovation

Appendix C: Predictable [h]

Words with predictable [h] provide more evidence for non-correspondence between SMP Mixtec ‘contrastive’ [h] and Trique [h].

- These words don’t have ‘contrastive’ [h], but their Trique cognates do.

	SMP Mixtec	Chichahuaxtla Trique
‘cold’	[βì ^h ʃĩ]	[nuwih ³]
‘cooking pot’	[kì ^h si]	[ruh ³]
‘toad’	[sí ^h k ^w i]	[ʃi ² + ri ³ kì ^h ³]
‘fish’	[ts ^j à ^h ká]	[ʃu ³ + k ^w ah ³²]

Appendix C: Predictable [h]

And many SMP Mixtec words **without** [h] have Trique cognates **with** [h]

	SMP Mixtec	Chichahuaxtla Trique
‘clothes’	[ts ^j àà]	[jatseh ⁵]
‘yellow’	[k ^w áǎ]	[majah ³²]
‘chile pepper’	[ja ^ʔ ǎ]	[ja ^{ʔ3} ah ³]
‘dream’	[jànǐ]	[neh ³²]
‘five’	[ǔ ^ʔ ǔ]	[ǔ ^{ʔ2} ǔh ³]

Appendix D: L-H roots

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2/8 are vocatives ([nǎǎ́], ‘ma’am’; [táá], ‘sir’)

1/8 involves LH negative grammatical tone ([kòó], ‘empty/has nothing’)

2/8 are historically bimorphemic ([tòŋǎ́], ‘thorn tree’; [tsǐǐ́] ‘mouse’)

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1/8 is produced with [h] by some speakers ([tũũ] ~ [tũ^hũ], ‘charcoal’)

1/8 has irregular melodies in other varieties ([jàá], ‘new’)

Only 1/8 is without explanation ([nũũ], ‘first’)

Appendix E: Independence of [h] and tone

While *roots* with [h] have restricted tonal melodies, [h] can still occur with other tonal melodies.

Lexical tones	Derived tones
Tàjan [tã ^h ã] ‘will quake’ ‘temblará’	Tájan [tã ^h ã] ‘earthquake’ ‘temblor’
Yâjă [jâ ^h ă] ‘tongue’ ‘lengua’	Yâjă ì [já ^h =î] ‘my tongue’ ‘mi lengua’

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And CV(D)V melodies without [h] don't get it when their melody becomes one of the four in which [h] occurs

Lexical tones	Derived tones
Kani [kanĩ] 'will hit' 'pegará'	Kàni [kànĩ] 'hit (past)' 'pegó'
Xânù [jânũ] 'cigarette' 'cigarillo'	Xânù ún [jân=ũ] 'your cigarette' 'tu cigarillo'