

Tutorial on VoiceSauce

- A program for voice analysis

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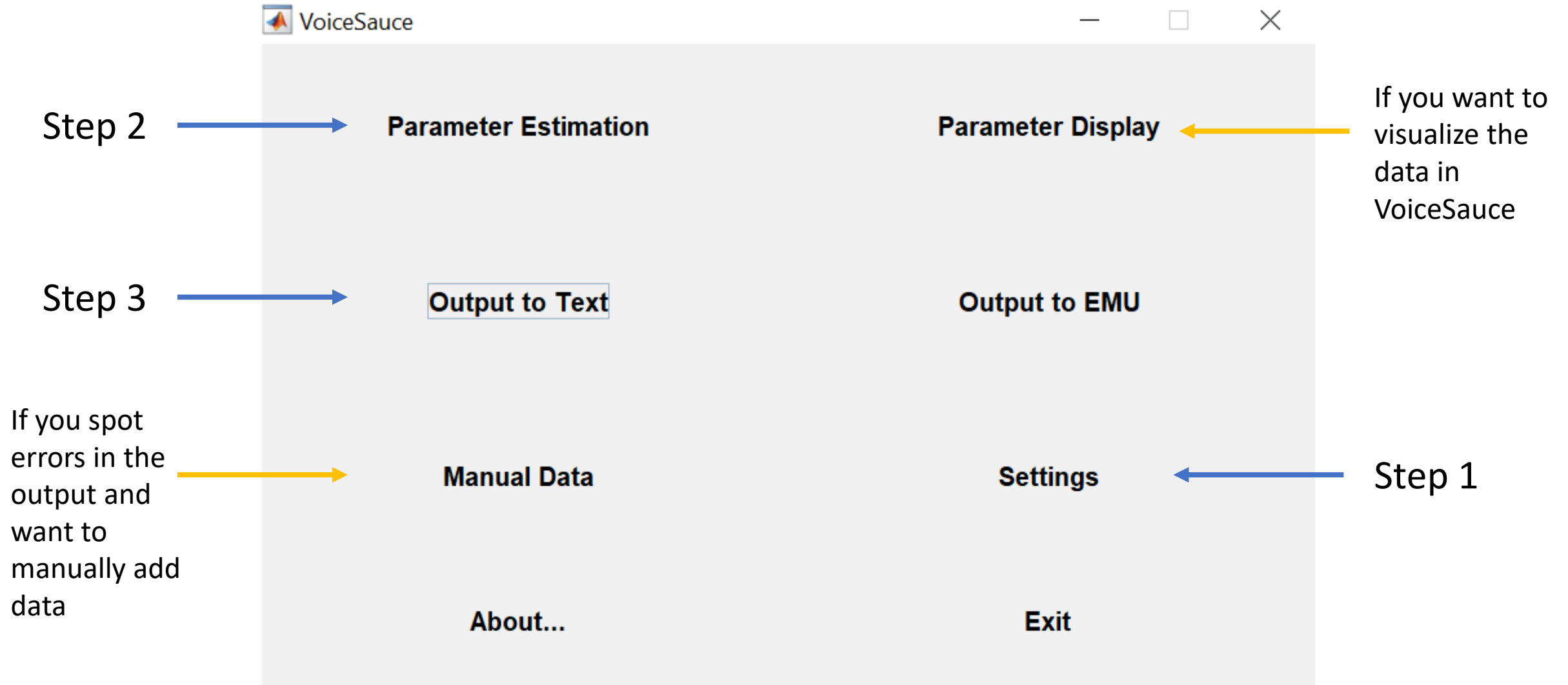
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What is VoiceSauce

- VoiceSauce is a software that can be used to analyze acoustic measurements related to **voicing** (Shue et al., 2010).
- Compared to Praat, VoiceSauce specializes in measuring parameters related to **voice quality**:
 - **Spectral tilt** (H1-H2, H2-H4), **noise** (HNR), **voicing amplitude** (SoE). Those measures indicate whether there is glottal constriction or F0 irregularity in the voicing.
- VoiceSauce can also calculate measures that Praat can calculate:
 - Pitch (F0), vowel formant, duration, intensity (RMS Energy)

What does VoiceSauce look like



Output from VoiceSauce

- VoiceSauce output one datapoint every 1 millisecond.
- VoiceSauce can also calculate mean
 - Either the overall mean,
 - Or you can specify how many intervals you want to divide a sound file into, and calculate the mean of each interval.


All data points:

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Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	156	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	157	11.07	5.879	-7.695	-26.586	-25.205
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	158	12.481	7.54	-6.098	-23.711	-22.406
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	159	13.906	9.01	-4.08	-21.1	-19.914
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	160	15.442	10.657	-2.1	-18.369	-17.362
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	161	17.096	12.307	0.13	-15.384	-14.507
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	162	18.805	14.063	2.319	-12.217	-11.768
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	163	20.362	15.38	3.559	-10.39	-10.283
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	164	21.752	16.67	4.531	-8.742	-9.111
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	165	22.642	17.403	5.192	-7.341	-8.114
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Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	168	23.648	18.216	6.227	-4.607	-6.111
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	169	23.86	18.556	6.455	-4.022	-5.6
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	170	24.064	18.842	6.813	-3.511	-5.181
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	171	24.169	19.034	7.078	-2.989	-4.792
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	172	24.248	19.223	7.149	-2.445	-4.473
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	173	24.349	19.363	7.138	-1.952	-4.186
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	174	24.385	19.488	7.194	-1.543	-4.028

Just the mean

Filename	position	vowel	length	phonation	seg_Start	seg_End	H1c_mean	H1H2c_mean	CPP_mean	Energy_mean
→ aGa.mat	1	a	short	glottal	127.354	215.402	15.279	1.946	17.511	3
→ aGa.mat	2	a	short	glottal	242.999	353.387	8.207	-3.91	16.243	0.973
→ aka.mat	1	a	short	modal	327.73	381.61	9.135	-0.786	16.362	0.477
→ aka.mat	2	a	short	modal	514.339	637.869	7.967	-2.142	16.766	0.365
kaGa.mat	1	a	short	glottal	110.185	174.578	16.543	8.428	17.414	1.696
kaGa.mat	2	a	short	glottal	235.029	323.077	11.401	-0.247	16.171	1.09
koGu.mat	1	o	short	glottal	167.14	223.641	15.259	8.602	16.71	8.866
koGu.mat	2	u	short	glottal	284.793	396.801	17.068	3.731	15.888	3.101
kou.mat	1	o	short	modal	258.052	498.542	13.007	-2.459	18.71	20.469
kou.mat	2	u	short	modal	498.542	660.182	10.456	-1.433	15.491	1.007
kouL.mat	1	o	short	modal	183.771	371.84	15.715	0.582	17.661	10.577
kouL.mat	2	u	long	modal	371.84	664.019	17.66	-0.226	17.621	5.994
noGu.mat	1	o	short	glottal	203.659	267.468	23.627	14.075	18.396	6.587
noGu.mat	2	u	short	glottal	334.636	465.612	15.828	7.704	15.669	1.454
noLu.mat	1	o	long	modal	206.389	444.834	19.19	4.425	19.165	7.607
noLu.mat	2	u	short	modal	444.834	595.961	11.085	-4.378	15.915	1.871
nou.mat	1	o	short	modal	177.954	374.419	10.721	0.382	19.414	2.846
nou.mat	2	u	short	modal	374.419	471.812	5.618	2.438	15.364	0.199

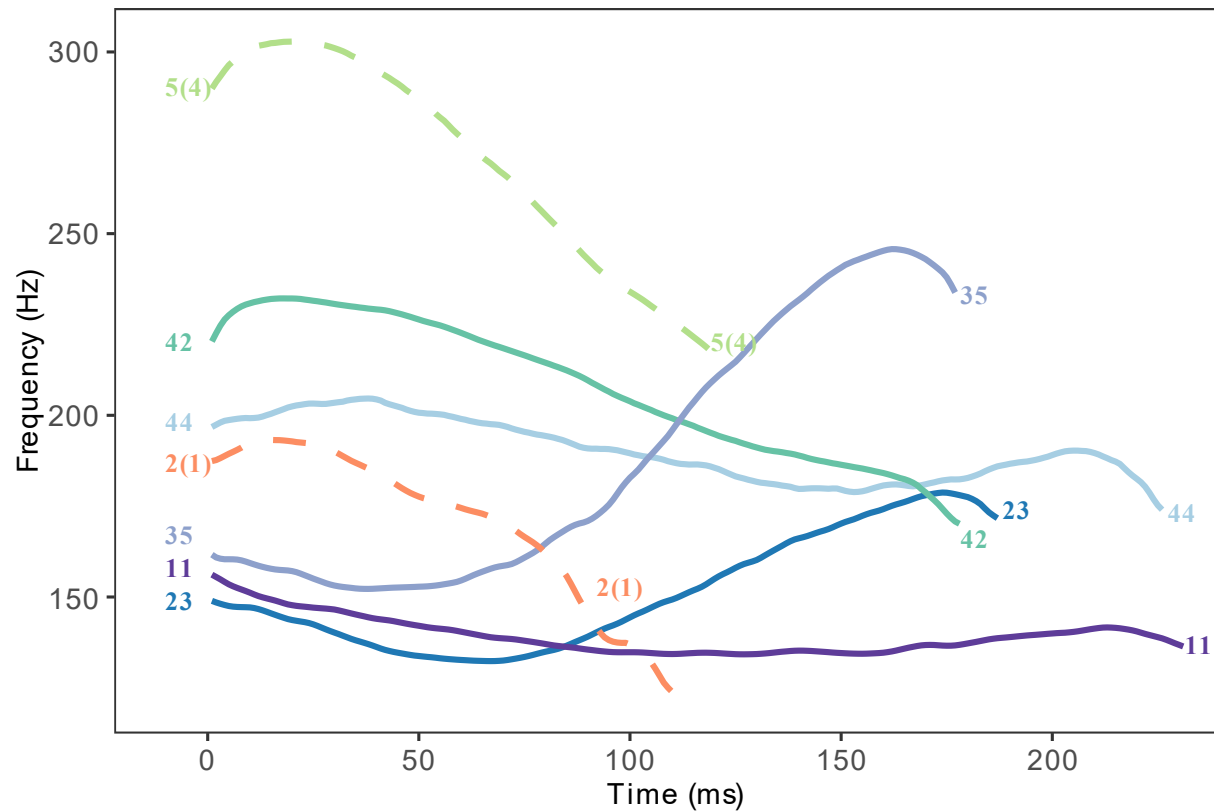
Means of three equal-timed intervals for each file



Filename	Label	seg_Start	seg_End	H1c_mean	H1c_means001	H1c_means002	H1c_means003
Gai.mat	1-a-short-	154.993	241.778	19.524	21.76	21.788	15.265
Gai.mat	2-i-short-g	241.778	447.722	14.792	14.646	17.97	11.827
aGa.mat	1-a-short-	127.354	215.402	15.279	14.356	19.158	12.472
aGa.mat	2-a-short-	242.999	353.387	8.207	4.842	13.055	6.819
ai.mat	1-a-short-	109.075	316.273	19.063	12.878	21.267	23.019
ai.mat	2-i-short-r	316.273	513.833	18.351	21.449	18.616	14.915
aka.mat	1-a-short-	327.73	381.61	9.135	10	10.052	7.632
aka.mat	2-a-short-	514.339	637.869	7.967	9.353	8.235	6.361
kaGa.mat	1-a-short-	110.185	174.578	16.543	16.443	17.589	15.722
kaGa.mat	2-a-short-	235.029	323.077	11.401	9.54	8.756	15.049
koGu.mat	1-o-short-	167.14	223.641	15.259	17.046	15.767	13.061
koGu.mat	2-u-short-	284.793	396.801	17.068	13.588	17.119	20.063
kou.mat	1-o-short-	258.052	498.542	13.007	17.423	13.044	8.675
kou.mat	2-u-short-	498.542	660.182	10.456	10.635	13.418	7.448
kouL.mat	1-o-short-	183.771	371.84	15.715	16.504	17.35	13.4
kouL.mat	2-u-long-n	371.84	664.019	17.66	17.874	20.16	14.953

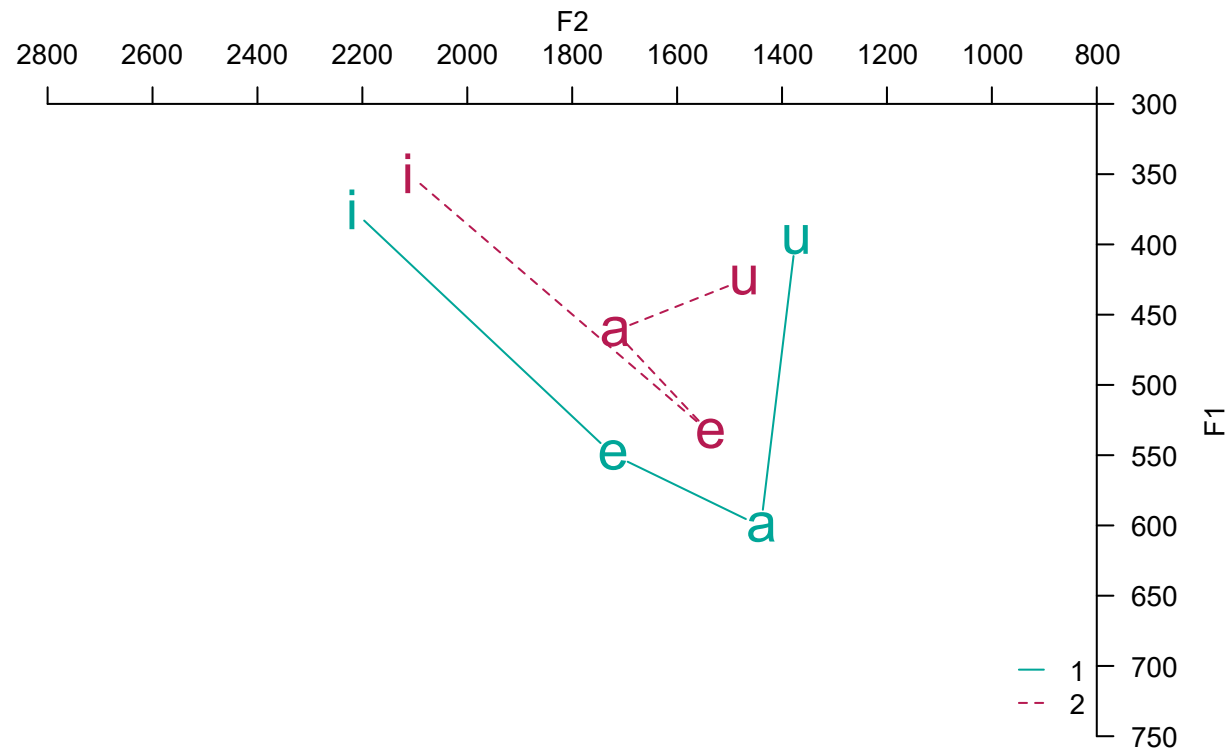
What can you draw/analyze using output from VoiceSauce

Pitch track (F0 track of the seven tones in Xiapu Min)



What can you draw/analyze using output from VoiceSauce

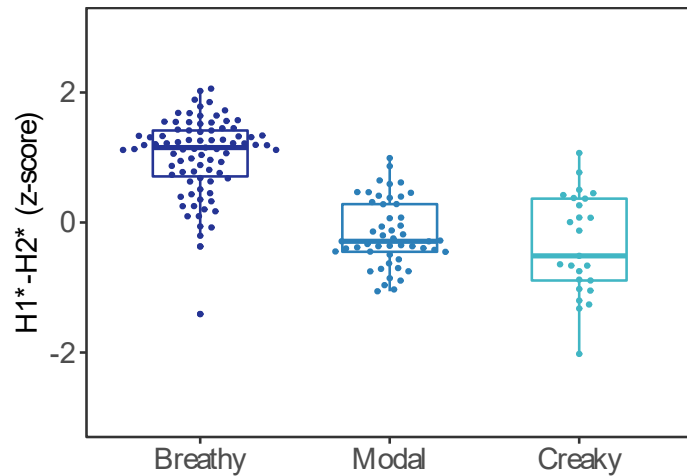
Vowel chart (stressed and unstressed vowels in Cahuilla)



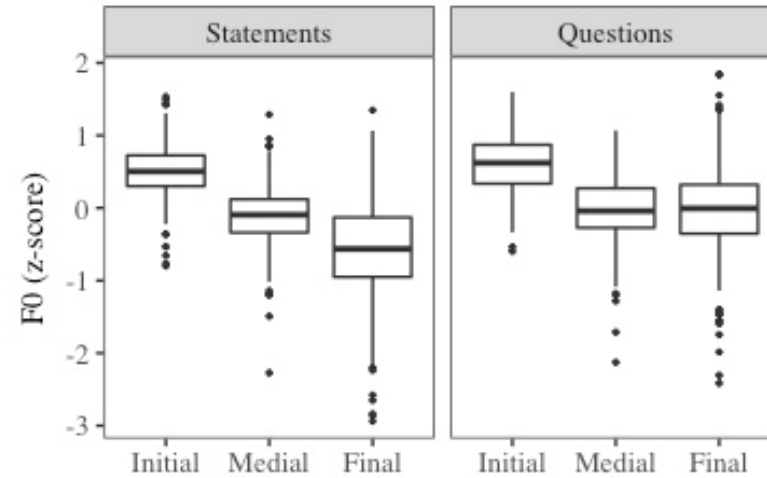
What can you draw/analyze using output from VoiceSauce

Boxplots of various measures

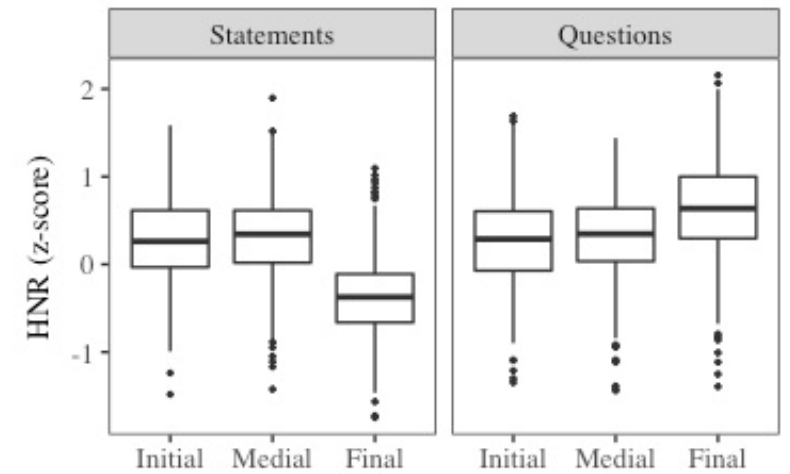
$H1^* - H2^*$



F0



Harmonic-to-noise ratio



Summary of the parameters

- **F0:** F0 from Straight (strF0), Snack (sF0), Praat (pF0), Subharmonic to harmonic ratio F0 (shrF0)
- **Formant:** Formant frequencies and bandwidths by Snack (sF1, sF2) and by Praat (pF1, pF2)
- **Spectral measures:** H1, H2, H1H2c, H2H4c
- **Energy:** Energy (overall); Strength of Excitation (SoE)
- **Noise:** Cepstral Peak Prominence (CPP); Harmonic to noise ratios: HNR05 (0-500Hz), HNR15 (0-1500Hz), HNR25 (0-2500Hz), HNR35 (0-3500Hz), Subharmonic to harmonic ratio: SHR

Notes on harmonic amplitude correction

“The purpose of this correction formula is to ‘undo’ the effects of the formants on the magnitudes of the source spectrum. This is done by subtracting the amount by which the formants boost the spectral magnitudes.” (Iseli et al., 2007, p. 2285)

Notes on harmonic amplitude correction

- Formant correction formula from Iseli et al., 2007

$$H^*(\omega_0) = H(\omega_0) - \sum_{i=1}^N 10 \log_{10} \frac{(1 - 2r_i \cos(\omega_i) + r_i^2)^2}{(1 - 2r_i \cos(\omega_0 + \omega_i) + r_i^2)(1 - 2r_i \cos(\omega_0 - \omega_i) + r_i^2)}$$

- $H(\omega_0)$: The raw harmonic amplitude
- N : The number of formants to be corrected for
- $r_i = e^{-\pi B_i / F_s}$
- $\omega_i = 2\pi F_i / F_s$
- F_i : Formant frequency
- B_i : Formant bandwidth
- F_s : Sampling frequency

Notes on harmonic amplitude correction

- The correction becomes negative when a **high-frequency** harmonic is being corrected for a **low-frequency** formant

- **Given:**

#harmonic being corrected

$$f = 2000$$

#formant to correct

$$F_x = 450$$

#bandwidth of the formant being corrected

$$B_x = 34$$

#sampling rate

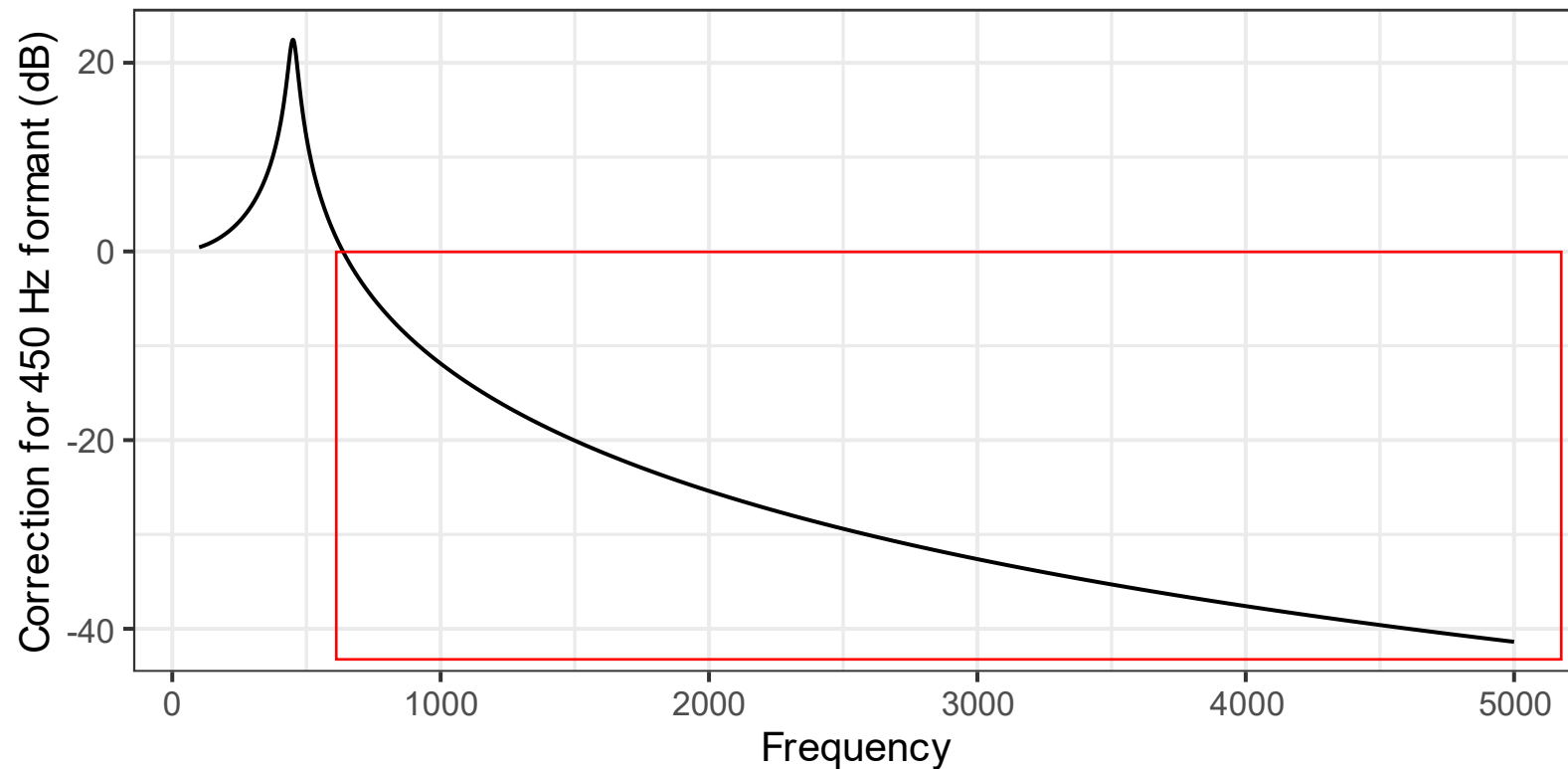
$$F_s = 44100$$

- **Correction = -25.39**

- Meaning that the correction of the formant at 450 Hz **boosts** the harmonic at 2000 Hz by 25.39 db

Notes on harmonic amplitude correction

- The correction value of a formant at 450 Hz for harmonics from 100 to 5000 Hz



Notes on harmonic amplitude correction

- Cautions about the harmonic correction
 - Does the correction formula really account for the attenuation of the formants on harmonics (i.e. does F1 at 450 Hz actually attenuates 25 dB on a 2000 Hz harmonic?)
- Notes from Yen Shue:
 - “Maybe the correction of formants shouldn't be applied on formants that are too far away from the harmonic of interest.”

Notes on harmonic amplitude correction

- The default formant correction setting (cannot be changed from the GUI. If you want to change what formants are being corrected for which harmonic, you need to change the MATLAB code.)
 - H1: F1, F2
 - H2: F1, F2
 - H4: F1, F2
 - A1 (the harmonic closest to F1): F1, F2
 - A2 (the harmonic closest to F2): F1, F2
 - A3 (the harmonic closest to F3): F1, F2, F3
 - H2K (the harmonic closest to 2K): F1, F2, F3
 - H5K (the harmonic closest to 5K): not corrected

Notes on harmonic amplitude calculation

- For raw harmonic amplitude calculation:
 - The estimation of the harmonic amplitude depends on the estimation of f_0 . If the f_0 is not correctly tracked, the harmonic frequency is not correctly tracked.
 - If you detect f_0 errors, you can either manually correct it in VoiceSauce “Manual” option, or throw that data point away from harmonic amplitude measures.
- For corrected harmonic amplitude calculation:
 - The correction of harmonic amplitude depends on the correct tracking of:
 - f_0
 - Formant
 - If you detect f_0 or formant tracking errors, you can either manually correct it in VoiceSauce “Manual” option, or throw that data point away from harmonic amplitude measures.

Sample research questions:

- Is the consonant pre-glottalized or post-glottalized?
- Are vowels following ejectives more glottalized than vowels following non-ejectives?
- Do implosive have stronger voicing than non-implosive?
- Does vowel quality differ between stressed and unstressed syllables?
- Do vowels after voiceless stops have a higher F0 than vowels after voiced stops?
- What is the F0 contour and shape of the tones in the language?
- Do vowels following aspirated stops have a breathy voice quality?

How to download and use VoiceSauce

- Windows users: Standalone .exe file
- Mac users: Install Matlab and run the scripts in Matlab
- Refer to <https://yuanchaiyc.github.io/website/subpages/VS-tutorial.html> for detailed installation instructions

Case study for today

- The acoustics of **V** and **VʔV** in Hawaiian
- Hawaiian has phonemic glottal stop:

aha

“what”

ʔaha

“line, life”

noːu

“yours”

noʔu

“mine”

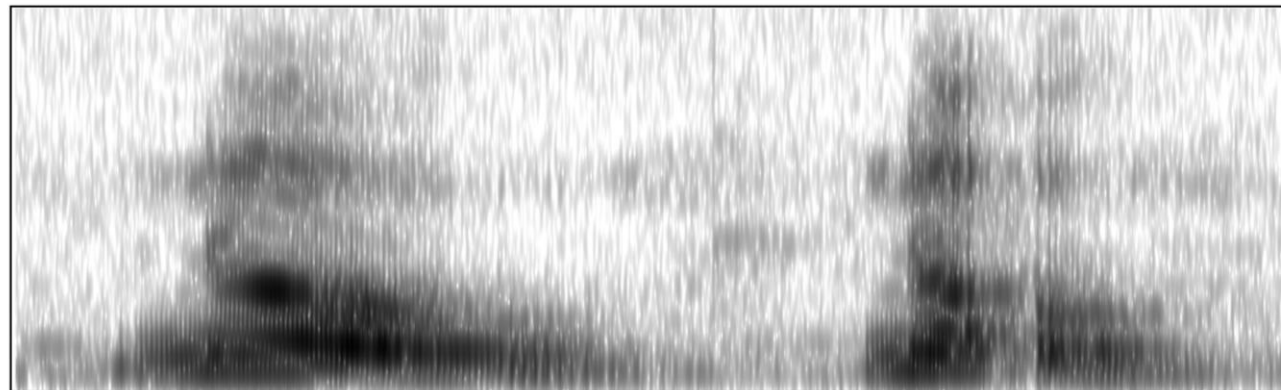
(Data and recordings from the UCLA Phonetics Lab Archive

http://archive.phonetics.ucla.edu/Language/HAW/haw_word-list_1973_01.html#1)

Case study for today



- Research question: Are the **vowels** surrounding the glottal stop creakier than the **plain vowels**?
- **no:u** vs. **noʔu**



	o:	u		o		u	
no:u				noʔu			
yours				mine			

Case study for today

- Word list:

word	gloss
pe	"thus"
nou	"to throw"
kou	"yours"
aka	"shadows"

word	gloss
pe:pe:	"crushed"
no:u	"yours"
kou:	"moist"

word	gloss
peʔe	"to hide (oneself)"
noʔu	"mine"
koʔu	"mine"
aʔa	"roots"
kaʔa	"to roll"

Case study for today

- Parameters of interest:
 - F0
 - Harmonic amplitude: H1, H1—H2
 - The lower the harmonic amplitude, the more glottal constriction
 - Noise: Harmonic-to-noise ratio (HNR05, meaning between 0 to 500 Hz)
 - The lower the HNR, the noisier the signal
 - Amplitude of voicing: Strength of excitation (SoE)
 - Glottalization tends to results in lower amplitude in voicing (SoE)

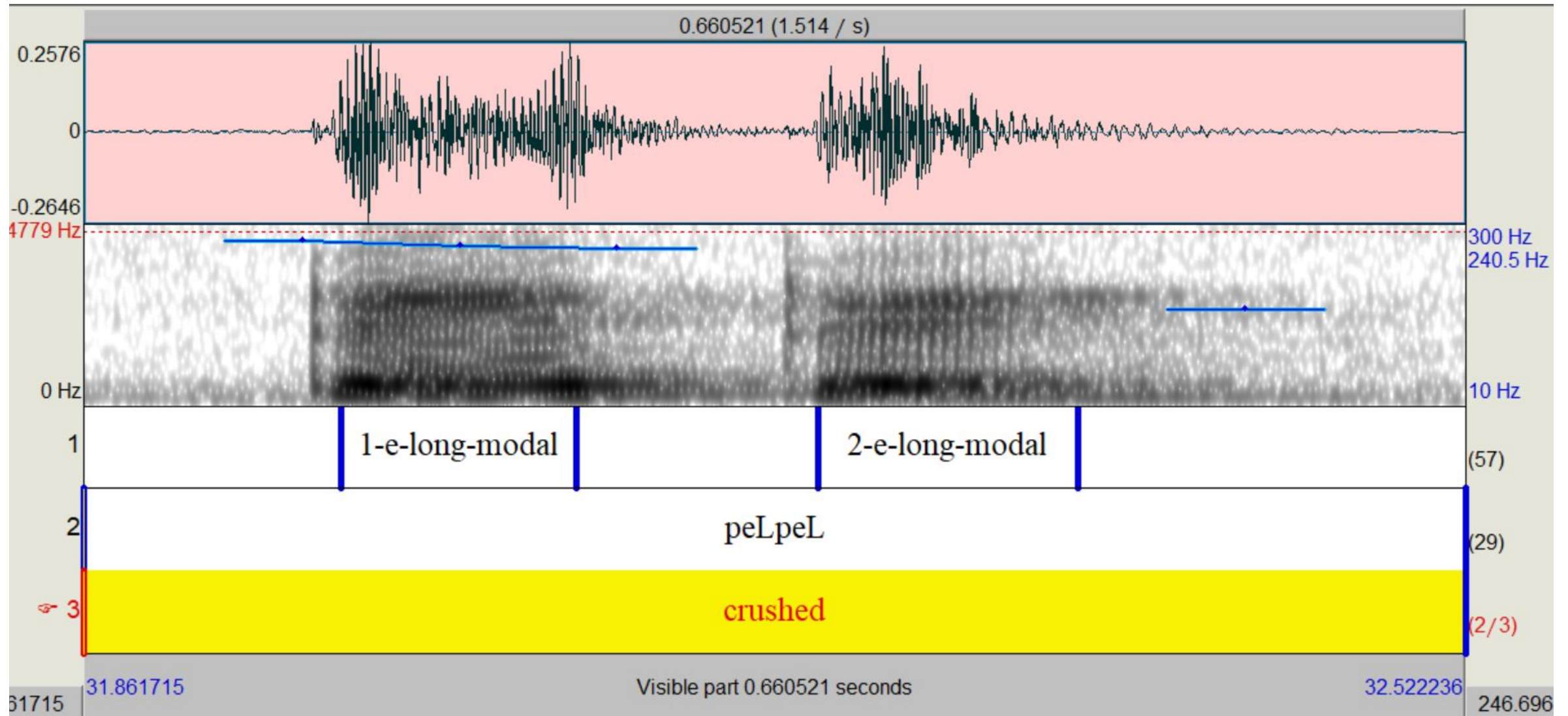
Getting started

- Prepare data in Praat
 - Create a Textgrid
 - Segment and annotate the target segment
 - Save the Textgrid
 - either as for the whole recording
 - or split the recording into individual target words – RECOMMENDED
 - You can use **Praat scripts** or **Praat plugins** to chop a long recordings into smaller chunks. Come talk to me if you want to know more about the tools!

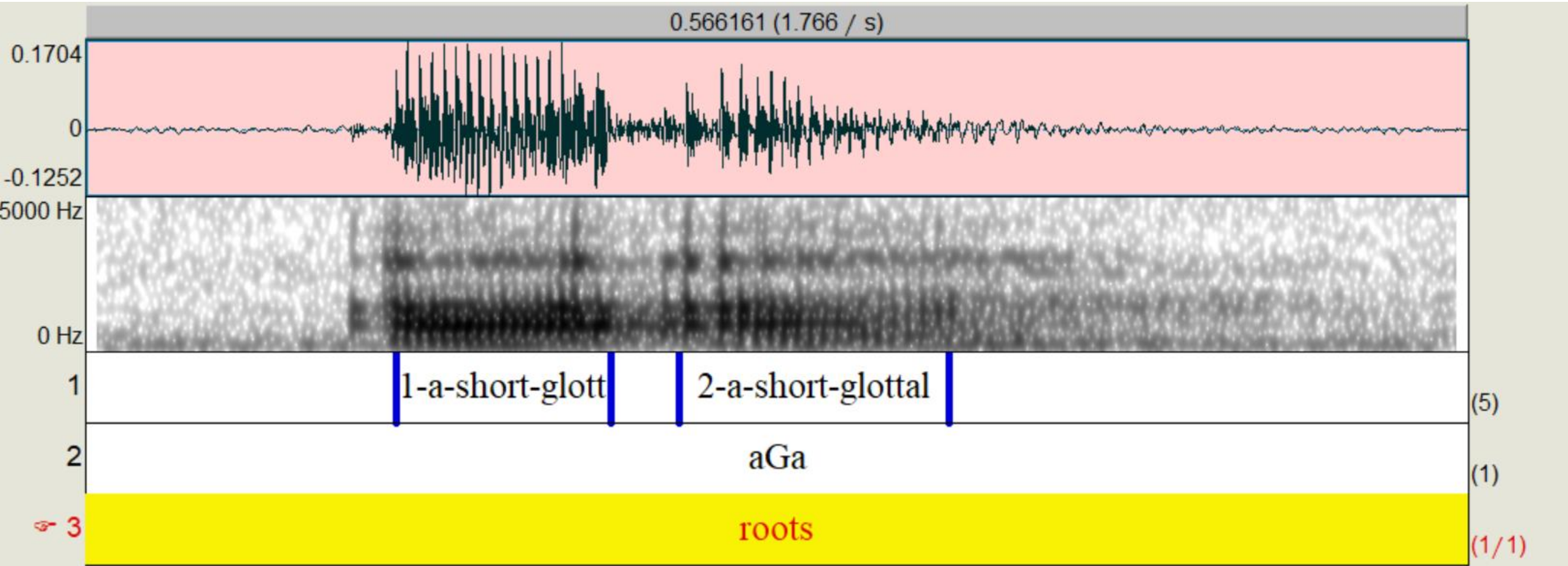
Getting started

- Annotation strategy for the current task
 - Segment out each vowel (monophthongs or nuclei and glide in diphthongs)
 - e.g. [pe:pe:] → Segment out two [e:]s
 - e.g. [nou] → Segment out [o] and [u]
 - Assign label at the word level and the segment level
 - Word level: peLpeL (use “L” to replace diacritic [:] because VS does not allow special symbols)
 - Segment level:
 - 1-e-long-modal
 - position-vowel-length-phonation

Getting started



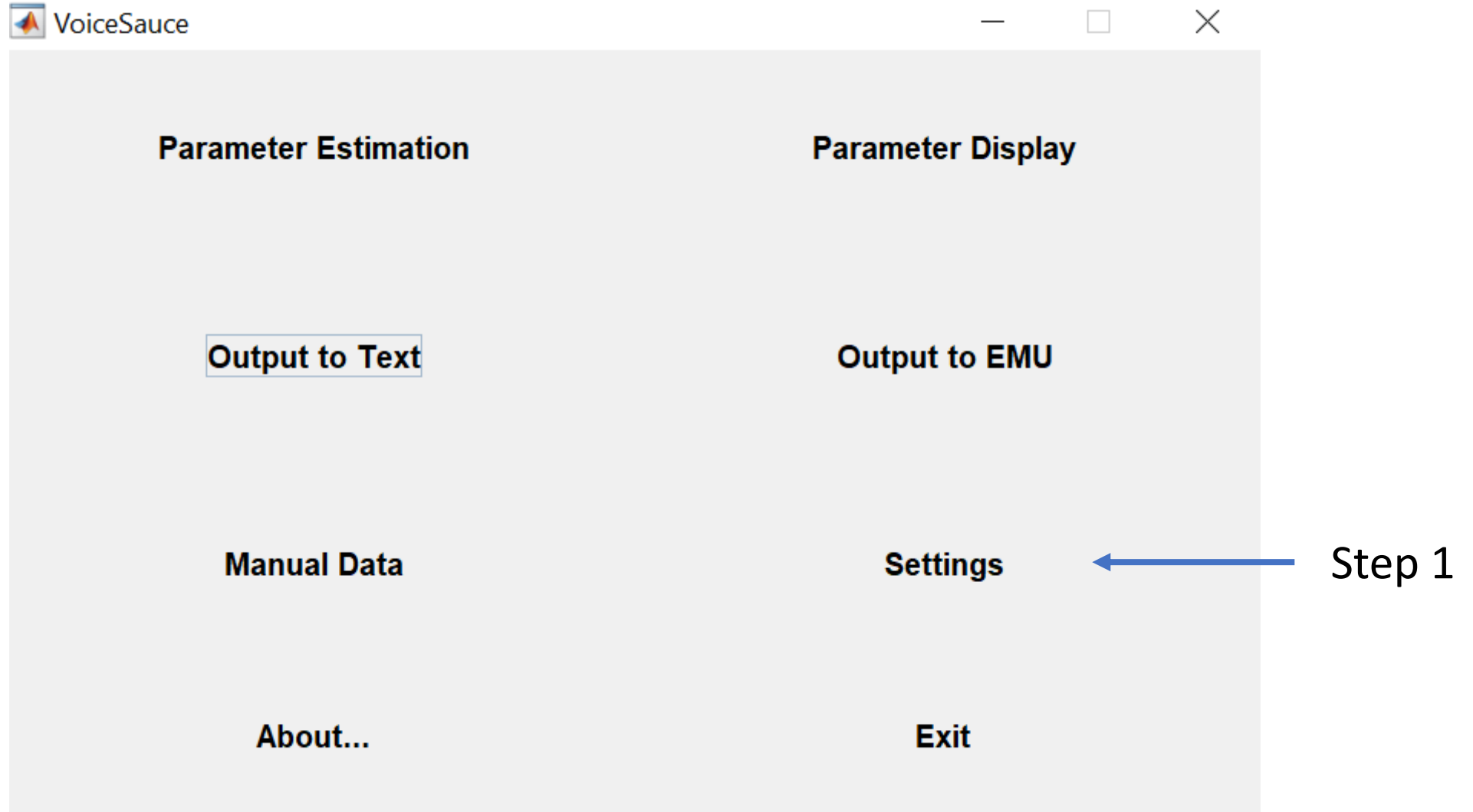
Getting started



Getting started

- Download the preprocessed data here:
- https://yuanchaiyc.github.io/website/subpages/sample/Hawaiian_data.zip

Pass on the .wav and .Textgrid to VoiceSauce



F0

Used for parameter estimation: Straight Snack Praat SHR Other

Straight

Max F0 (Hz):
Min F0 (Hz):
Max duration (s):

Snack

Max F0 (Hz):
Min F0 (Hz):

Praat

Settings
Install...

SHR

Max F0 (Hz):
Min F0 (Hz):
Threshold:

Other

Enable
Command:
Offset (ms):

Formants and Bandwidths

Used for parameter estimation: Snack Praat Other

Snack

Pre-emphasis:
LPC order:

Praat

Max formant freq:
Number of formants:
(min 4, max 7)

Other

Enable
Command:
Offset (ms):

Common

Window size (ms): Recurse sub-directories
Frame shift (ms): Link mat directories
Not a number label: Link wav directories
No. of periods for harmonic estimation:
No. of periods for energy, CPP and HNR estimation:

Textgrid

Ignore these labels:
Tier numbers:

EGG Data

Headers to search for:
Time label:

Outputs

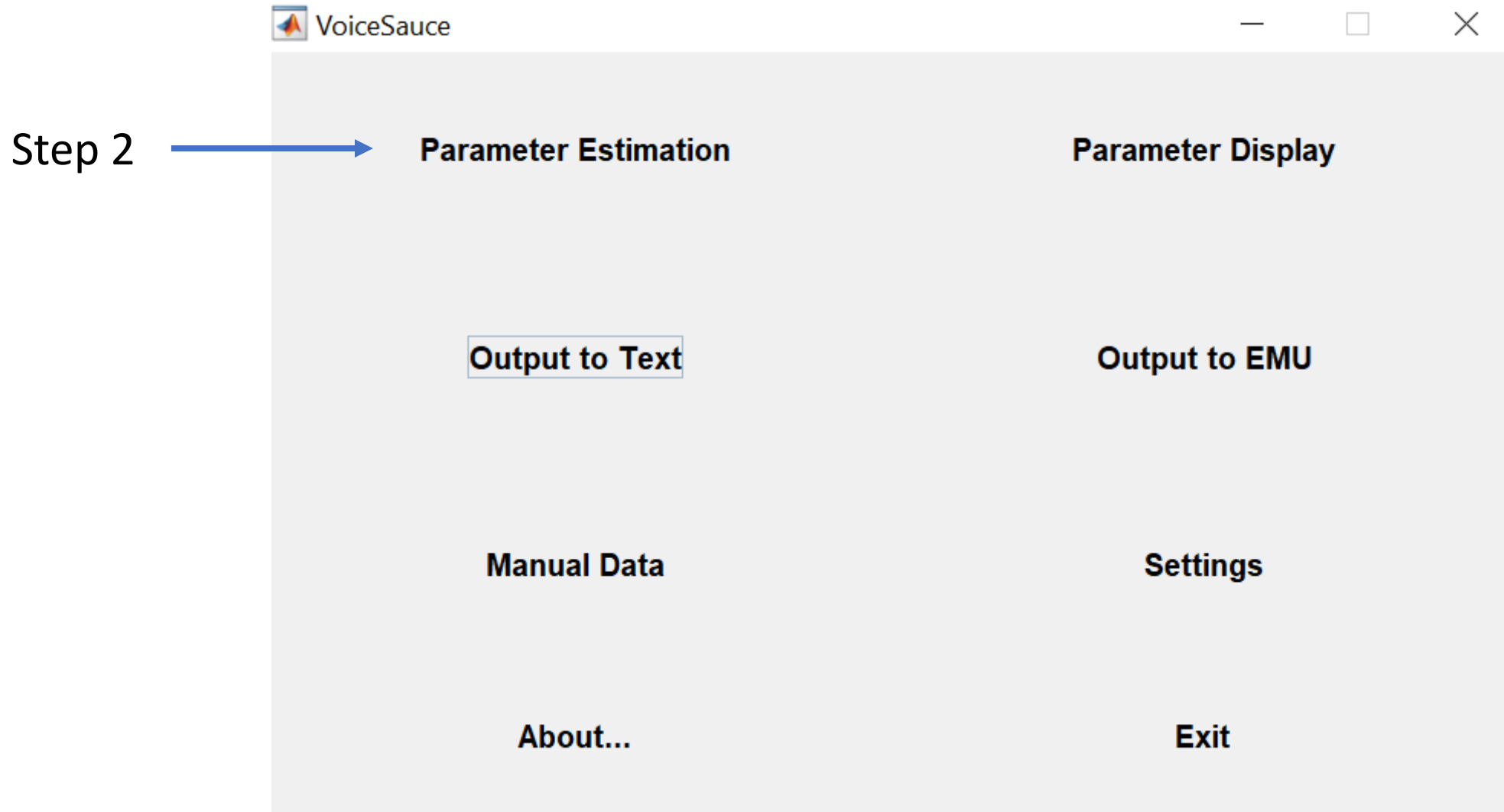
Smoothing window size:
(set 0 for no smoothing)

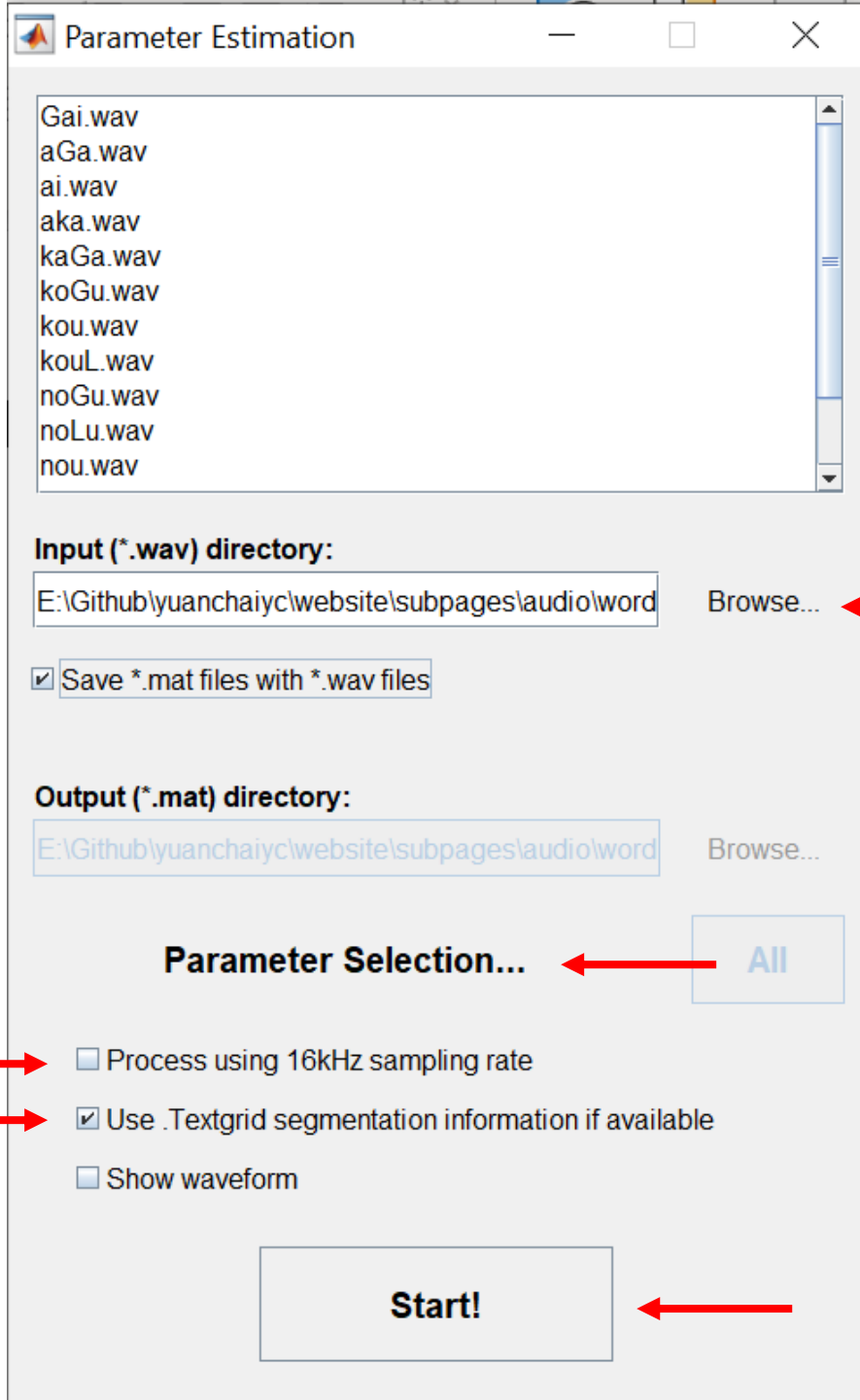
Input (wav) files

Search string:
(may need to be set for case-sensitive platforms, e.g. Mac OS, Linux, etc)

OK

Step 2: Parameter estimation





- Gai.wav
- aGa.wav
- ai.wav
- aka.wav
- kaGa.wav
- koGu.wav
- kou.wav
- kouL.wav
- noGu.wav
- noLu.wav
- nou.wav

Input (*.wav) directory:

E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages\audio\word

Browse...

Save *.mat files with *.wav files

Output (*.mat) directory:

E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages\audio\word

Browse...

Parameter Selection...

All

Process using 16kHz sampling rate

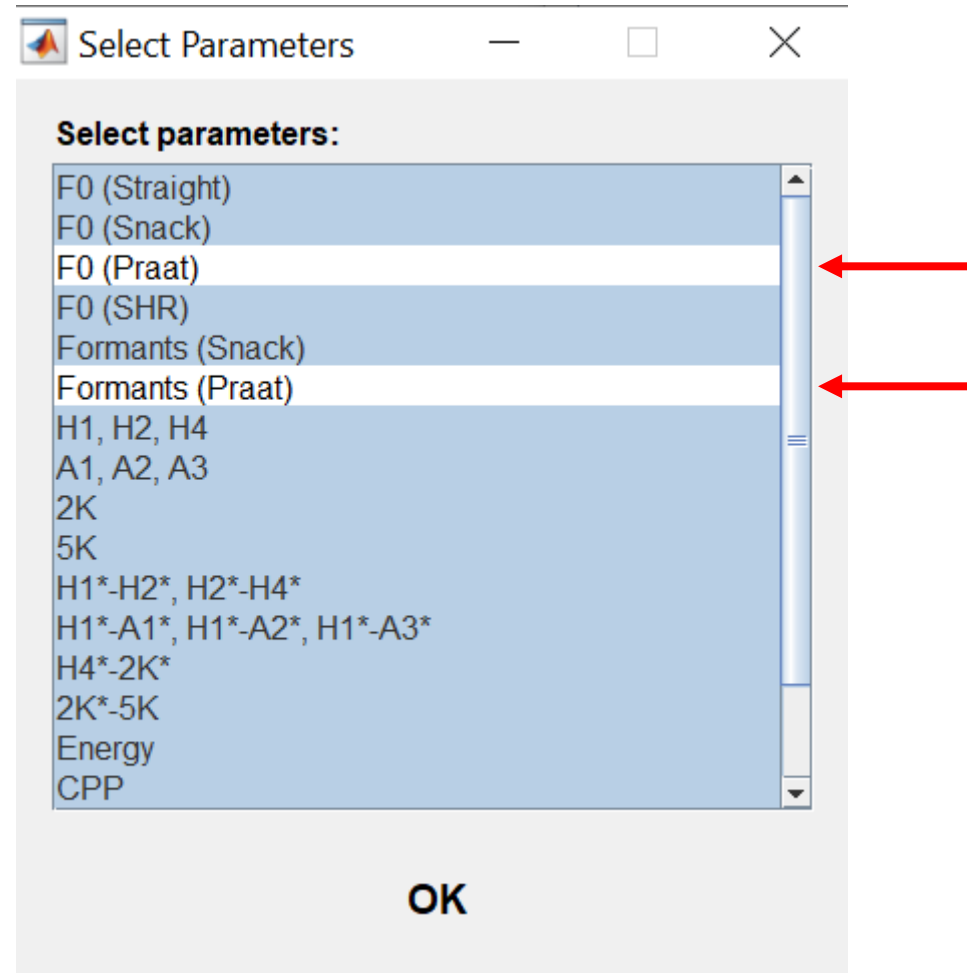
Use .Textgrid segmentation information if available

Show waveform

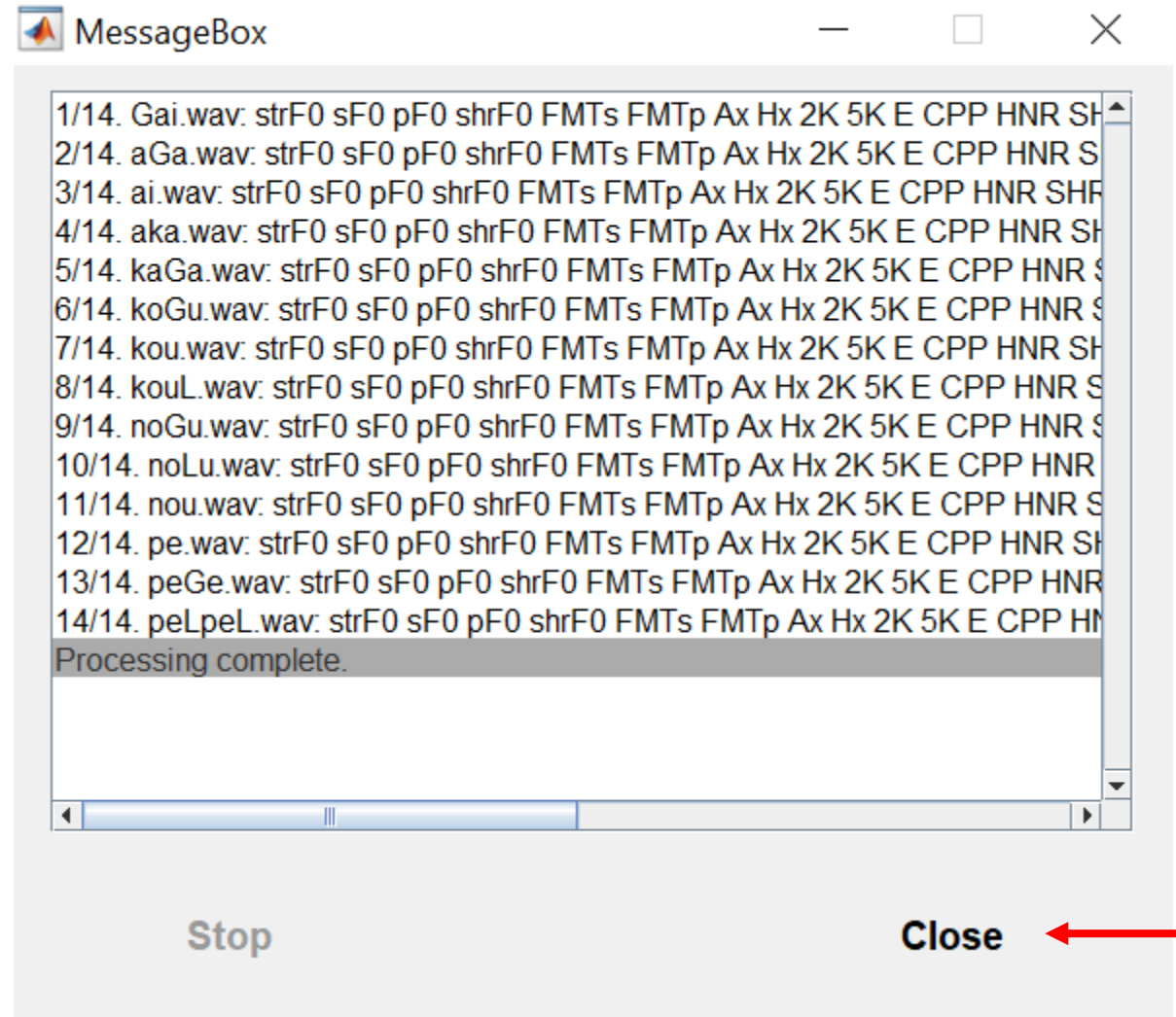
Start!

Step 2: Parameter estimation

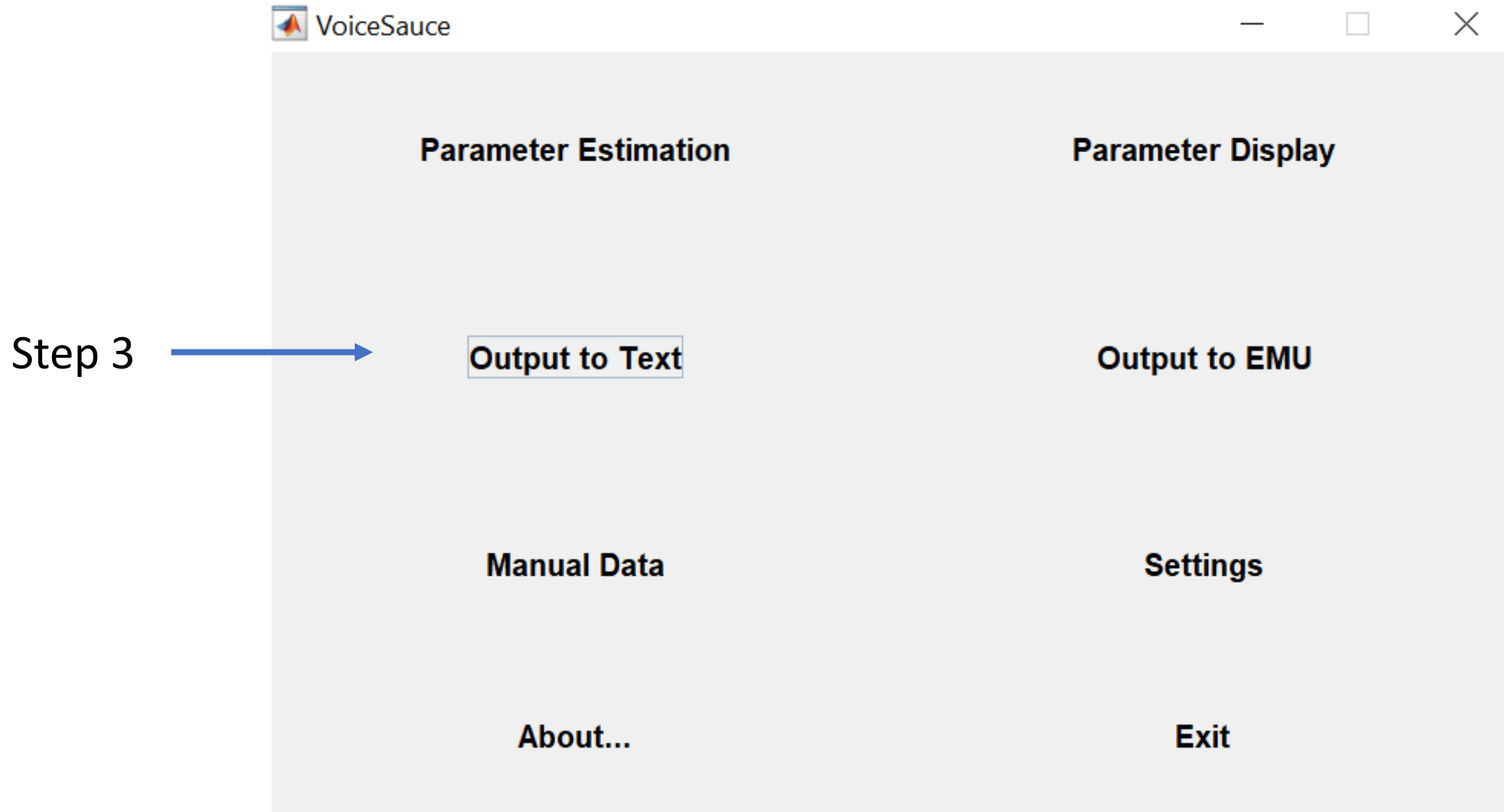
If you are using Matlab **online**, make sure you **deselect** all the measures involving Praat.



Step 2: Parameter estimation



Step 3: Output to text



Output to Text

Parameters and Settings

Parameters:

- H1* (H1c)
- H2* (H2c)
- H4* (H4c)
- A1* (A1c)
- A2* (A2c)
- A3* (A3c)
- 2K* (H2Kc)
- H1*-H2* (H1H2c)**
- H2*-H4* (H2H4c)
- H1*-A1* (H1A1c)
- H1*-A2* (H1A2c)
- H1*-A3* (H1A3c)
- H4*-2K* (H42Kc)
- 2K*-5K (H2KH5Kc)
- CPP (CPP)

No. of parameters selected: **6**

Input .mat directory: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...

Input .Textgrid directory: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...

Include EGG data

EGG data directory: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...

Output .txt directory: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...

Include Textgrid labels Column delimiter: **tab**

Include algorithm metadata in output

Sub-segments

No sub-segments (write out all data) Use sub-segments

No. of sub-segments: **1**

Include subdirectories

mat files:

- Gai.mat
- aGa.mat
- ai.mat
- aka.mat
- kaGa.mat
- koGu.mat
- kou.mat
- kouL.mat
- noGu.mat
- noLu.mat
- nou.mat
- pe.mat
- peGe.mat
- peLpeL.mat

Output Options

Single file Multiple files

Output file: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpag Browse...

Output files:

- F0/ CPP/ E/ HNR: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...
- Formants: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...
- Hx/Ax: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...
- Hx-Hx: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...
- Hx-Ax: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...
- Epoch & SoE: E:\Github\yuanchaiyc\website\subpages Browse...
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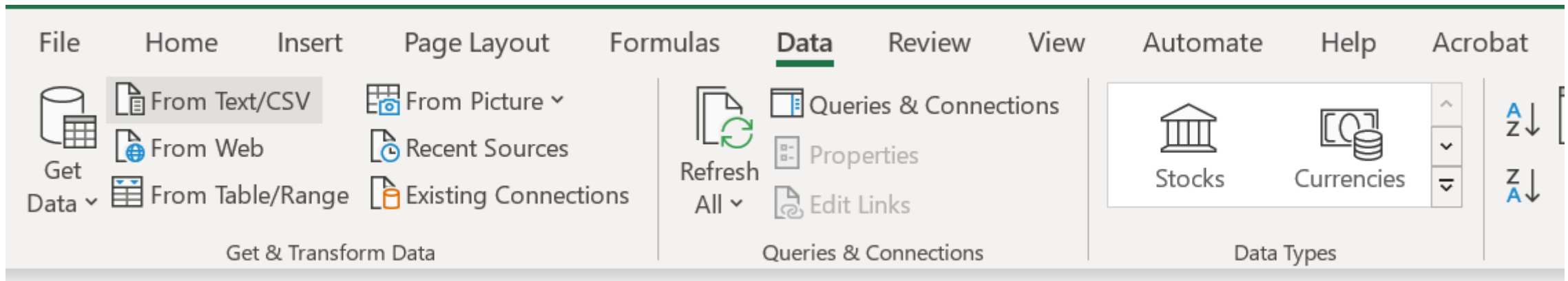
Start!

Parameters to select for today:

- H1*
- H1*-H2*
- HNR05
- strF0
- sF1
- sF2
- SoE

Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Open output.txt in Excel:
 - Open Excel → Data → From Text/CSV



output_mean_selected.txt

File Origin

65001: Unicode (UTF-8)

Delimiter

Tab

Data Type Detection

Based on first 200 rows

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Gai.mat	2-i-short-glottal	241.778	447.722	14.792	7.24	16.564	2.978	3.201	167.7
aGa.mat	1-a-short-glottal	127.354	215.402	15.279	1.946	17.511	3	6.043	201.5
aGa.mat	2-a-short-glottal	242.999	353.387	8.207	-3.91	16.243	0.973	2.858	132.5
ai.mat	1-a-short-modal	109.075	316.273	19.063	10.303	16.203	0.749	7.723	167.6
ai.mat	2-i-short-modal	316.273	513.833	18.351	13.719	15.878	0.566	6.278	185.6
aka.mat	1-a-short-modal	327.73	381.61	9.135	-0.786	16.362	0.477	6.822	187.6
aka.mat	2-a-short-modal	514.339	637.869	7.967	-2.142	16.766	0.365	10.015	217.4
kaGa.mat	1-a-short-glottal	110.185	174.578	16.543	8.428	17.414	1.696	4.561	215.0
kaGa.mat	2-a-short-glottal	235.029	323.077	11.401	-0.247	16.171	1.09	-1.107	132.0
koGu.mat	1-o-short-glottal	167.14	223.641	15.259	8.602	16.71	8.866	3.881	262.7
koGu.mat	2-u-short-glottal	284.793	396.801	17.068	3.731	15.888	3.101	-0.308	165.3
kou.mat	1-o-short-modal	258.052	498.542	13.007	-2.459	18.71	20.469	8.858	188.
kou.mat	2-u-short-modal	498.542	660.182	10.456	-1.433	15.491	1.007	3.138	228.9
kouL.mat	1-o-short-modal	183.771	371.84	15.715	0.582	17.661	10.577	4.053	203.4
kouL.mat	2-u-long-modal	371.84	664.019	17.66	-0.226	17.621	5.994	5.656	246.7
noGu.mat	1-o-short-glottal	203.659	267.468	23.627	14.075	18.396	6.587	4.782	236.6
noGu.mat	2-u-short-glottal	334.636	465.612	15.828	7.704	15.669	1.454	-1.101	160.0
noLu.mat	1-o-long-modal	206.389	444.834	19.19	4.425	19.165	7.607	9.403	194.0
noLu.mat	2-u-short-modal	444.834	595.961	11.085	-4.378	15.915	1.871	-1.672	110.1
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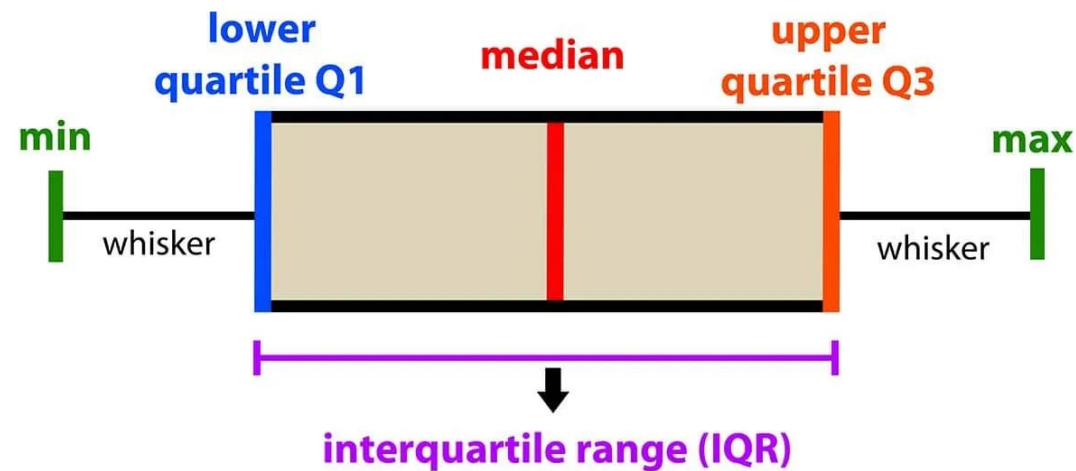
Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Open output.txt in Excel:
 - Open Excel → Data → From Text/CSV;
 - Load the data;
 - Save the data file as a .xlsx file.

Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Draw boxplots:
 - Boxplots present the median, first and third quartile, and the minimum and maximum of the data.

introduction to data analysis: Box Plot



Picture from <https://www.simplypsychology.org/boxplots.html>

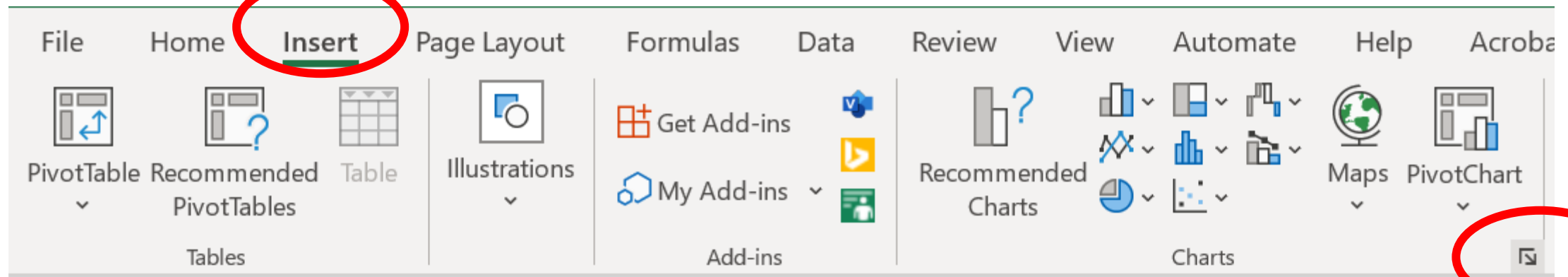
Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Draw boxplots: H1-H2 distribution of modal vs. glottalized phonation
 - Select the column of “phonation”; Press “ctrl” on the keyboard, and Select the column of “H1H2c_mean”

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Filename	positi	vowel	length	phonation	seg_Start	seg_End	H1c_mean	H1H2c_mean	CPP_mean	Energy_mean	HNR05_mean
aGa.mat	1	a	short	glottal	127.354	215.402	15.279	1.946	17.511	3	6.043
aGa.mat	2	a	short	glottal	242.999	353.387	8.207	-3.91	16.243	0.973	2.858
aka.mat	1	a	short	modal	327.73	381.61	9.135	-0.786	16.362	0.477	6.822
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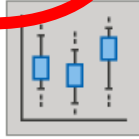
Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Draw boxplots: HNR distribution of modal vs. glottalized phonation
 - Select the column of “phonation”; Press “ctrl” on the keyboard, and Select the column of “HNR05_mean”
 - Go to Insert → Charts → All charts → Box & Whisker → Press “OK”

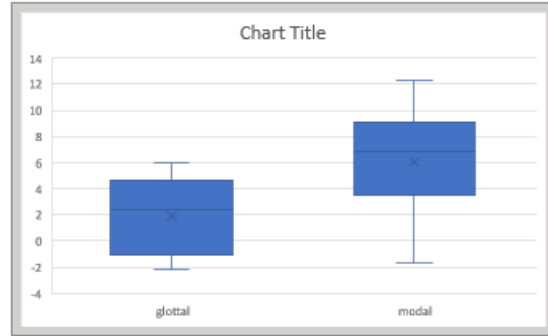


Recommended Charts All Charts

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- Bar
- Area
- X Y (Scatter)
- Map
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- Histogram
- Box & Whisker**
- Waterfall
- Funnel
- Combo



Box and Whisker

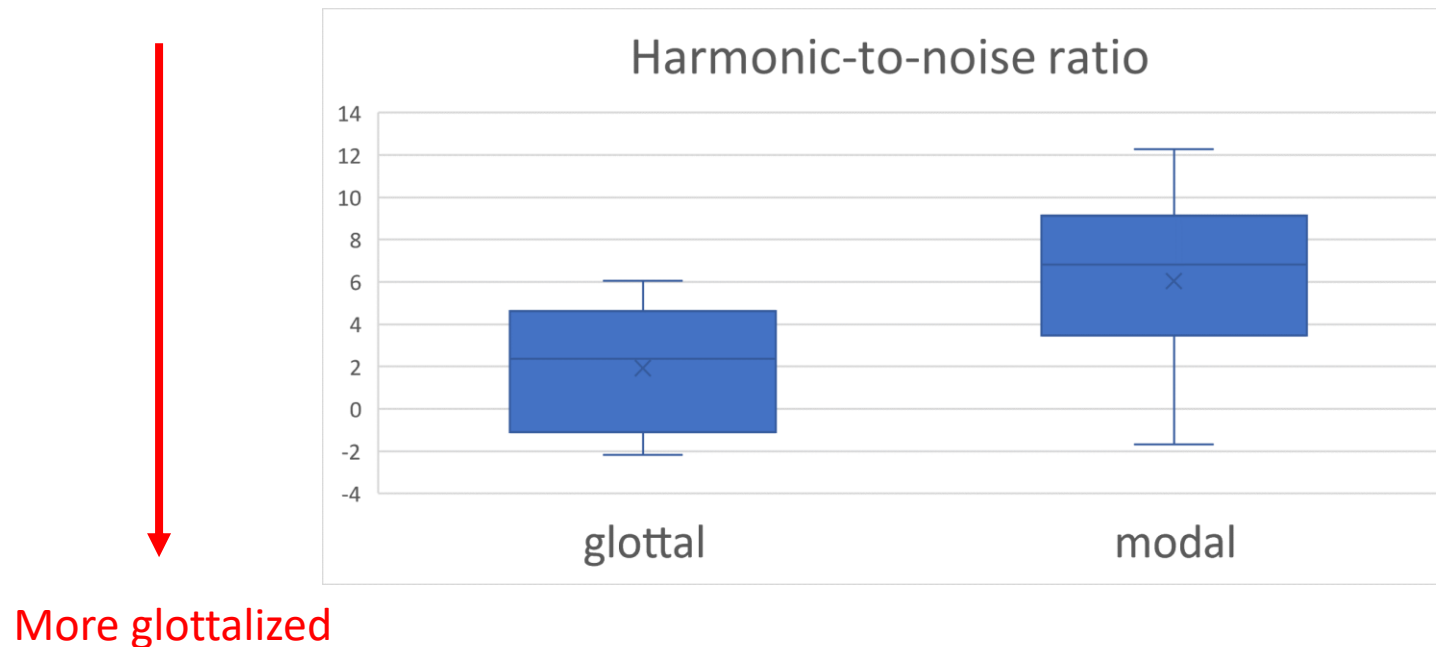


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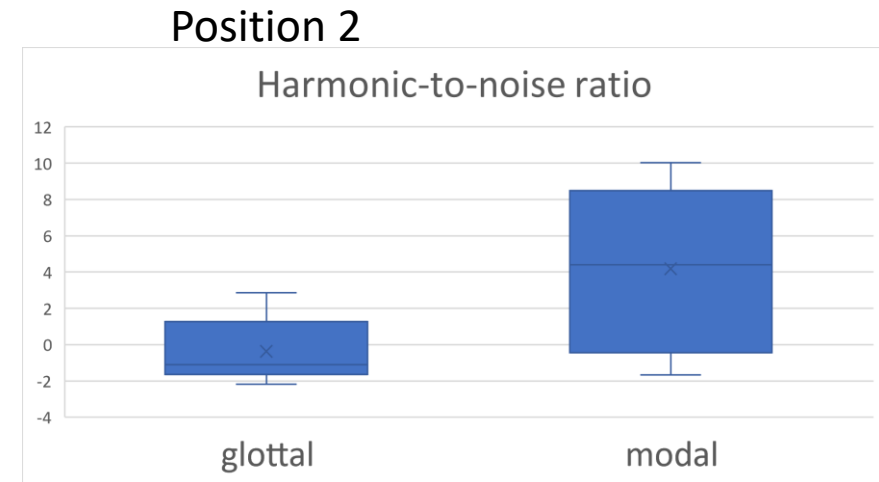
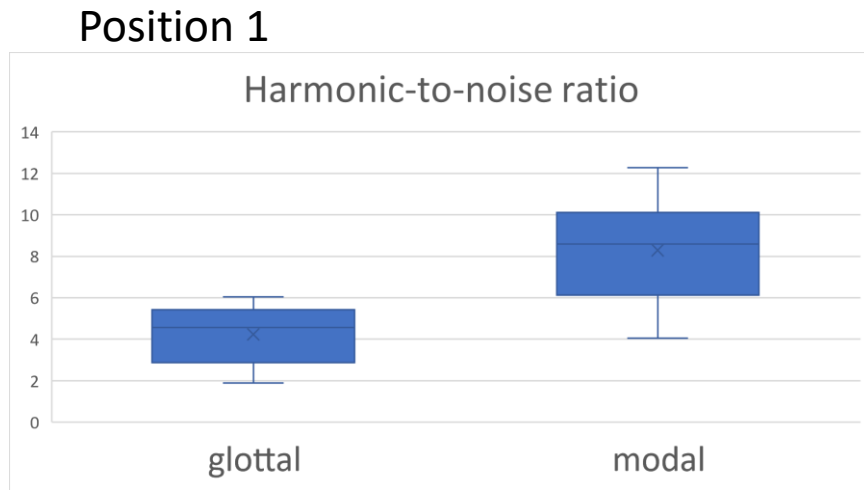
- Draw boxplots: HNR distribution of modal vs. glottalized phonation



We see that vowels surrounding glottal stops have **lower HNR** than vowels that do not. This indicates that vowels in V?V words are **more glottalized** than vowels in V or VV words.

Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Draw boxplots: HNR distribution of modal vs. glottalized phonation
 - You can filter the data and see how the plot changes.
 - Filter the “position” column by only selecting “1”
 - Then filter the “position” column by only selecting “2”



More glottalized

Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

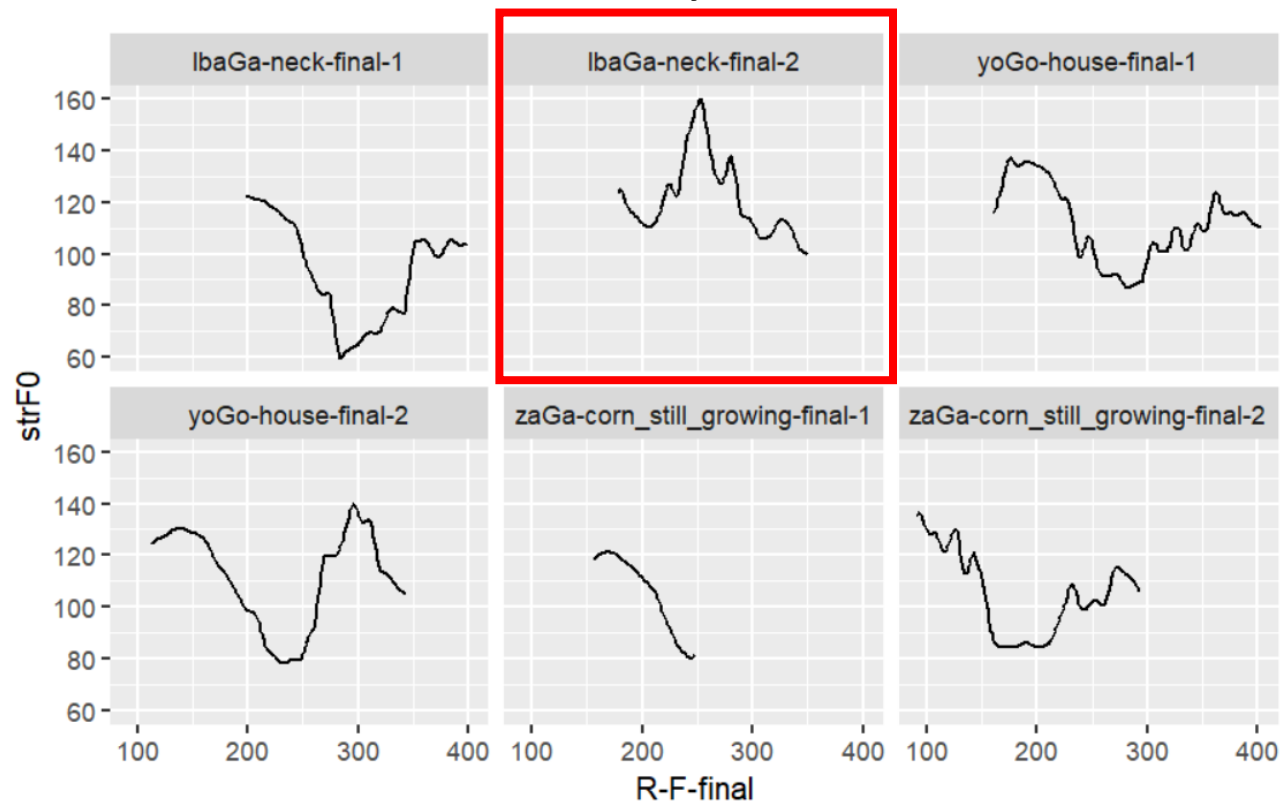
- Let's try more graphs!
 - Draw boxplots for **H1H2c_mean** (H1—H2), **soe_mean** (Strength of Excitation), **strF0** (F0 using “straight” algorithm)

Step 4: Visualize the output in Excel

- Let's try drawing graphs in R
- R studio online: <https://posit.cloud/content/5398051>
- R script offline: <https://yuanchaiyc.github.io/website/subpages/VS-tutorial.Rmd>

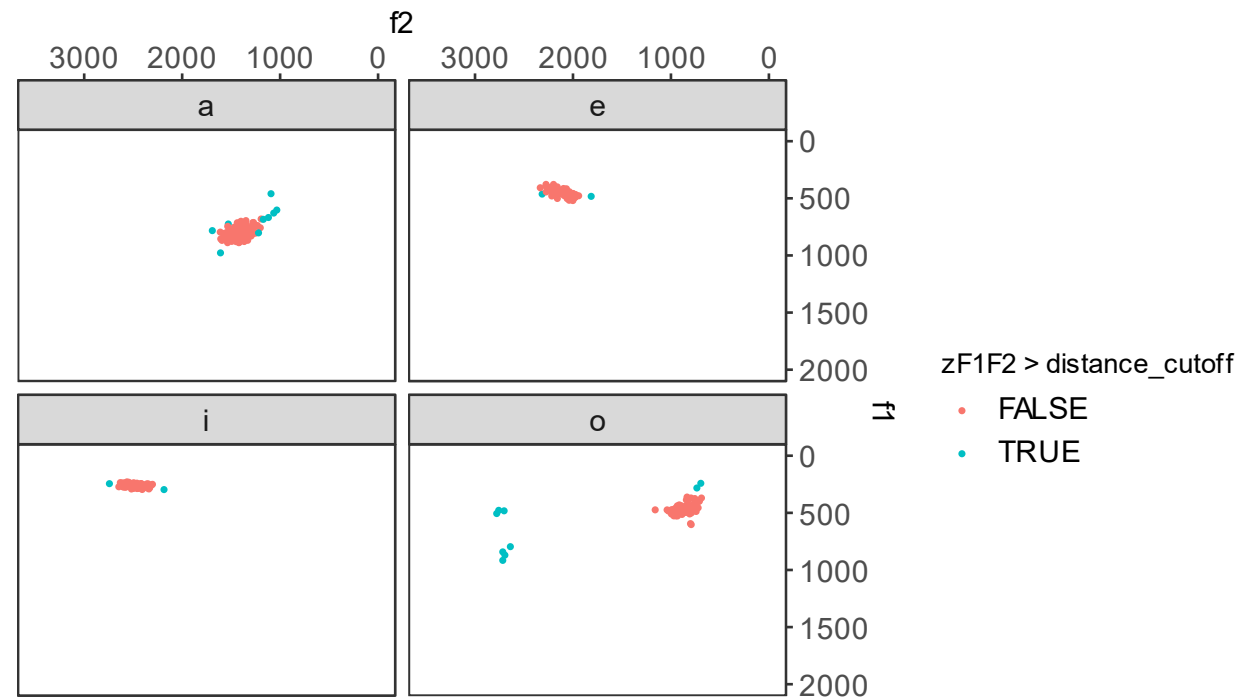
Outlier detection for f0, formant, and harmonic measures

- f0 tracking error detection:
 - f0 is frequently wrongly-tracked for creaky phonation. I recommend plot the f0 track for each token and manually check the f0 track.



Outlier detection for f0 and harmonic measures (personal recommendation)

- Formant tracking error detection:
 - For each vowel, calculate the Mahalanobis distance from each token to the center of that category. Tokens with a Mahalanobis distance larger than threshold are regarded as outliers (Garellek & Esposito, 2021; Seyfarth & Garellek, 2018).



Outlier detection for f0 and harmonic measures (personal recommendation)

- Harmonic amplitude outlier detection:
 - Exclude tokens with f0 errors
 - Exclude tokens with formant errors
 - Exclude tokens with z-score larger than 3

Take-home message

- VoiceSauce is a tool for analyzing acoustics of sound signals;
- Its advantages are:
 - Able to process a large batch of sound files in one sitting;
 - Able to calculate parameters relating to voice quality;
 - Able to compare different algorithms for one measure (e.g. F0, formants);
 - The output is in a tab-delimited format and is ready to be passed on to statistical tests and data visualization.

Appendix: Measure explanation

- H1c, H2c, H4c: The amplitude of H1, H2, H4 after being corrected for formant(s)
- A1c, A2c, A3c: The amplitude of the harmonic closest to F1, F2, F3 after being corrected for formant(s)
- H2Kc: The amplitude of the harmonic closest to 2K after being corrected for formants
- H1H2c, H2H4c, H1A1c, H1A2c, H1A3c, H42Kc, H2KH5Kc: H1-H2, H2-H4, H1-A1, H1-A2, H1-A3, H4-H2K, and H2K-H5K after being corrected for formants
- CPP: Cepstral Peak Prominence
- Energy: Root-mean-squared energy of the signal

Appendix: Measure explanation

- HNR05, HNR15, HNR25, HNR35: Harmonic-to-noise ratio between 0-500 Hz, 0-1500 Hz, 0-2500 Hz, and 0-3500 Hz
- SHR: Subharmonic-to-Harmonic Ratio
- H1u, H2u, H4u, A1u, A2u, A3u, H2Ku, H5Ku: The raw amplitude of H1, H2, H4, A1, A2, A3, H2K, H5K
- H1H2u, H2H4u, H1A1u, H1A2u, H1A3u, H42Ku, H2KH5Ku: The raw difference of H1-H2, H2-H4, H1-A1, H1-A2, H1-A3, H4-H2K, H2K-H5K
- strF0: f0 calculated used STRAIGHT algorithm
- sF0: f0 calculated using SNACK algorithm
- pF0: f0 calculated using PRAAT
- shrF0: Subharmonic-to-Harmonic f0; represent the perceived f0 when there is subharmonics (diplophonia) (Sun 2002)
- oF0: other f0. Used to calculate f0 using your own algorithm

Appendix: Measure explanation

- sF1, sF2, sF3, sF4: F1, F2, F3, F4 calculated using SNACK algorithm
- pF1, pF2, pF3, pF4: F1, F2, F3, F4 calculated using PRAAT
- oF1, oF2, oF3, oF4: F1, F2, F3, F4 calculated using your own algorithm
- sB1, sB2, sB3, sB4: Bandwidth of F1, F2, F3, F4 using SNACK algorithm
- pB1, pB2, pB3, pB4: Bandwidth of F1, F2, F3, F4 using PRAAT
- oB1, oB2, oB3, oB4: Bandwidth of F1, F2, F3, F4 using your own algorithm
- epoch: the time point of the peak of each pulse
- SoE: Strength of Excitation; the energy of the peak of each pulse.

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