

Stop! Hey, what's that sound? the representation and realization of Danish stops

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- 1. The synchronic result of Danish stop gradation is best explained by the diachronic patterns which produced it. (This dissertation, Chapter 3)
- 2. Intervocalic voicing in Danish stops is actively blocked by a phonologized glottal spreading mechanism. (This dissertation, Chapter 4)
- 3. The phonetic characteristics of /p t k/ vary in minuscule yet systematic ways across the traditional regional varieties of Jutland. (This dissertation, Chapter 6)
- 4. Function-on-scalar regression is a useful tool for analyzing entire sound spectra without reducing the information in them. (This dissertation, Chapter 5)
- 5. It is possible to do laboratory phonology without a laboratory.
- 6. George Box said that 'all models are wrong, but some are useful'. He was talking about statistics, but it is also true of theoretical models of language.
- 7. Linguistics as a field of research is collectively underestimating how much can be learned from the corpora we already have at our disposal.
- 8. Systematic linguistic variation can be found even in the tiniest of details.
- 9. Collaboration with people from different institutions is a powerful learning experience, and should be encouraged -- also (perhaps especially) at the PhD level.
- 10. Manually segmenting data may be boring, but spending a few hundred hours staring at your data really helps to interpret the results.
- 11. It is, in fact, possible to write a dissertation about Danish phonology and phonetics, and almost completely avoid talking about stød.