Aspects of prosody in Bengali

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Prosody in phonology includes quantity, phrasing and intonation. We present various aspects of Bengali prosody in this talk:

i) Consonantal length: Phonological constraints, morphophonological alternations, processing consequences

ii) Prosodic word and phonological phrasing: Domains, rules and constraints in the synchronic grammar and in language change

iii) Intonation: Interaction of tunes and pitch accents

The central assumption is that phonological representations can constrain and guide language processing and change.