

The role of Taizhou Dialect in the Acquisition of English as an L2

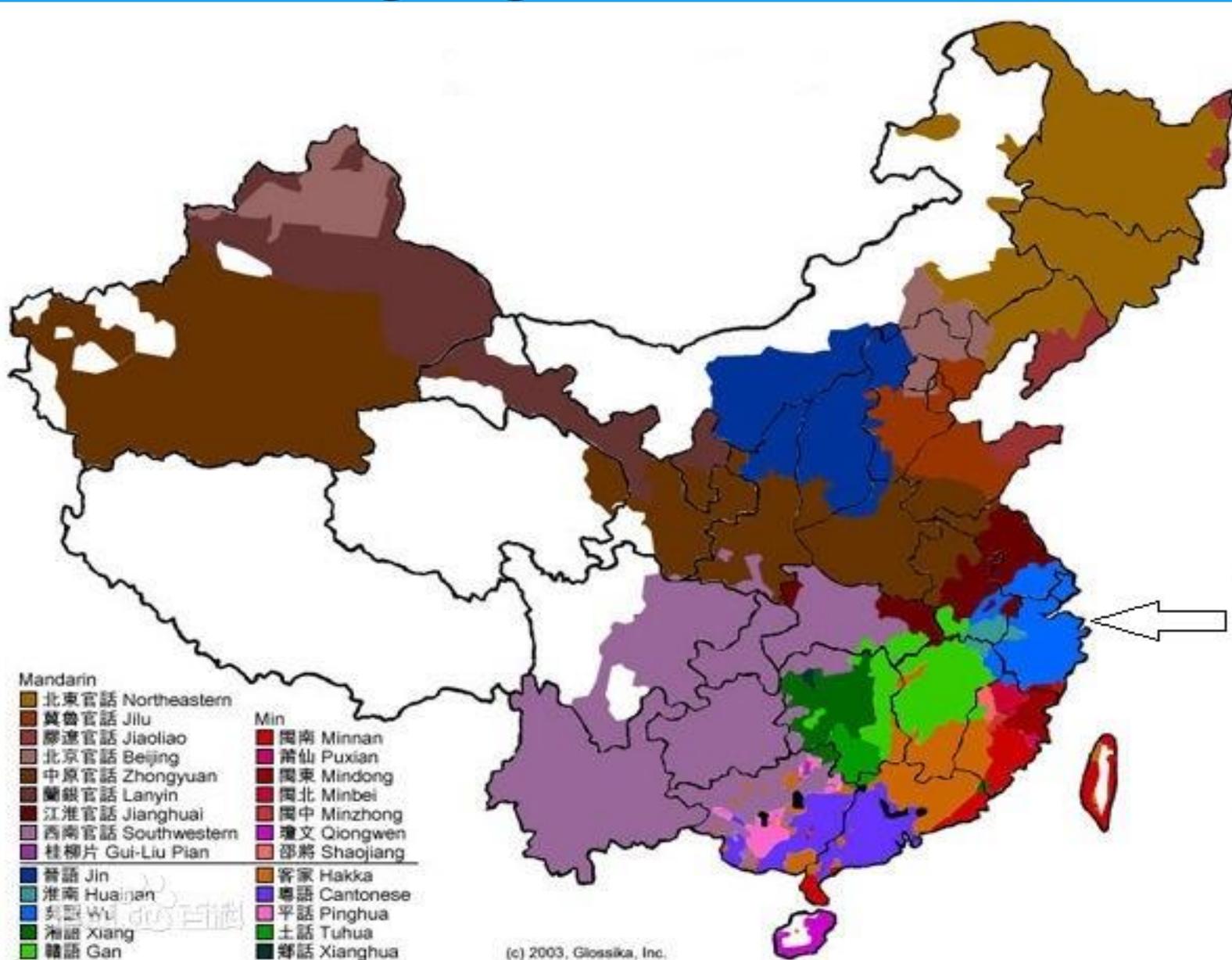
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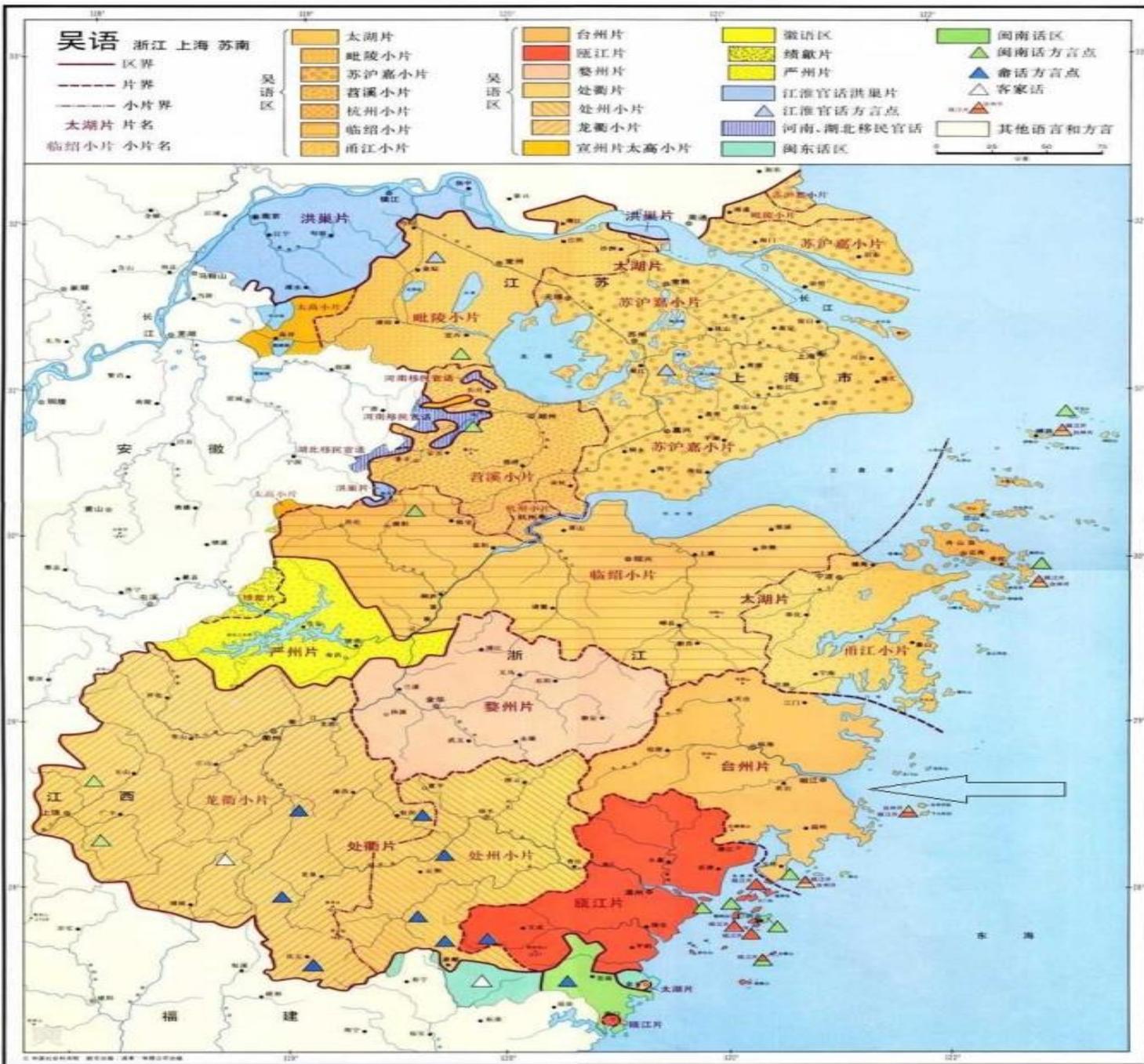
Outline

- ✓ 1. Introduction to Wu Dialects
- ✓ 2. Chinese Mandarin VS. Taizhou Dialect
- ✓ 3. Contrastive Analysis
- ✓ 4. Conclusion(pedogical implications)

Sinitic languages



Wu
Dialect



**Taizhou
Dialect**

Mandarin **VS.** Taizhou Dialect

✓ Initial Consonants

✓ Vowels

✓ Tones

Initial Consonants

- ✓ Plosives
- ✓ Fricatives
- ✓ Affricates
- ✓ Nasals
- ✓ Liquid/Flap

Plosives

Taizhou Dialect

Mandarin

/ b, d, ʝ, g /

**Eg. 平盆, 堂头, 共节,
渠**



/p, t, c, k/

/p, t, k/

/p^h, t^h, c^h, k^h/

/p^h, t^h, k^h/

Fricatives

Taizhou Dialect	Mandarin
/ v , z , f, s/	/f, s/
/h, ɦ /	/ɕ, x /
/ʒ, ʒ/	/ʃ/

Affricates

Taizhou Dialect	Mandarin
/dz, dz̥ /	/tʂ, tʂʰ /
/ts, tʂ /	/ts, tsʰ /
/tsʰ, tʂʰ /	/tʂ̺, tʂ̺ʰ /

Nasals

Taizhou Dialect	Mandarin
/m, n, ŋ , ŋ̚ /	/m, n/

Eg. 五 /ŋ/?

我 /ʔŋo/

人 /ŋi/

迎 /iŋ̚/



Liquid/Flap

Taizhou Dialect

/l, j/

Mandarin

/l/

Vowels

Taizhou Dialect

Mandarin

/æʔ, aʔ, əʔ, ɔʔ, oʔ/

/iŋ, eŋ/

Tones

Taizhou Dialect (Jiaojiang)	Mandarin (4 Tones)
T1 31	55
T2 21	
T3 31	35
T4 21	
T5 55	214
T6 24	
T7 5	51
T8 2	

Contrastive Analysis

- ✓ 1. Taizhou dialect preserves more sonorants
- ✓ 2. Retroflex / tʂ, tʂʰ, ʂʰ z/ and /iŋ, eŋ/ are missing in Taizhou dialect
- ✓ 3. Taizhou Dialect is simpler in vowels
- ✓ 4. Taizhou Dialect has many more tones
- ✓ 5. n/l are mixed together in Taizhou Dialect

Positive Transfer

- ✓ 1. Preserves more sonorants help them pronouncing more accurately with words like desk, good, etc.
- ✓ 2. Glottals in Taizhou Dialect will give Taizhou dialect speakers positive transfer when pronouncing short vowels

Negative Transfer (typical errors)

- ✓ 1. They will pronounce words like *red* as /led/ instead of /red/
- ✓ 2. Long and compound vowels are usually pronounced much shorter and faster than Madarin speakers in L2 acquisition

Future work

- ✓ Tone and English intonation

Could tone play a beneficiary role in non-tonal language acquisition? How tone and intonation interact with each other?

- ✓ Any more ideas?



Thank You