



## INTONATIONAL PROMINENCE OF " SHI...(DE)" CONSTRUCTION IN STANDARD CHINESE

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The present study mainly deals with the phonetic realization of the intonational prominence in the *shi... (de)* (是...(的)) construction in Standard Chinese. Results of acoustic and perceptual experiments demonstrate that the prominence placement bears corresponding relationship with the focused constituents marked by *shi... (de)* structure, specifically, the appearance of intonational prominence is symbolized by the focus marker *shi*. The phonetic realization of the intonational prominence lies in the expansion of the pitch range of the focus-bearing constituent and the compression of the pitch registers of the successive syllables.

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