



# Personal Digital Bodyguards for e-Security, e-Health and e-Learning: an International Journey

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# A Vision

In the forthcoming years, the ubiquity of hand-held tablets and cell phones, along with their increased computing power and ergonomic data capture performances, will make it possible to convert these devices into **Personal Digital Bodyguards (PDBs)**.

# A Vision

PDBs will protect people's sensitive data with signature verification, provide equipment use security with writer authentication, handwritten CAPTCHAs (**e-security**). PDBs will perform word spotting and gesture recognition to monitor user fine motor control, which can detect stress, aging and health problems (**e-health**). In the hands of children, these tools will turn into toys helping them to learn and master their fine motricity and become better writers and students (**e-learning**).

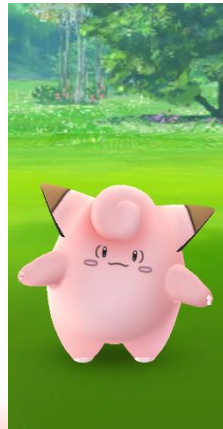
# The hardware is almost there: Samsung Galaxy Note Pro 12.2



# The hardware is almost there: Microsoft Surface Pro 4



# The hardware is almost there: other Samsung Products



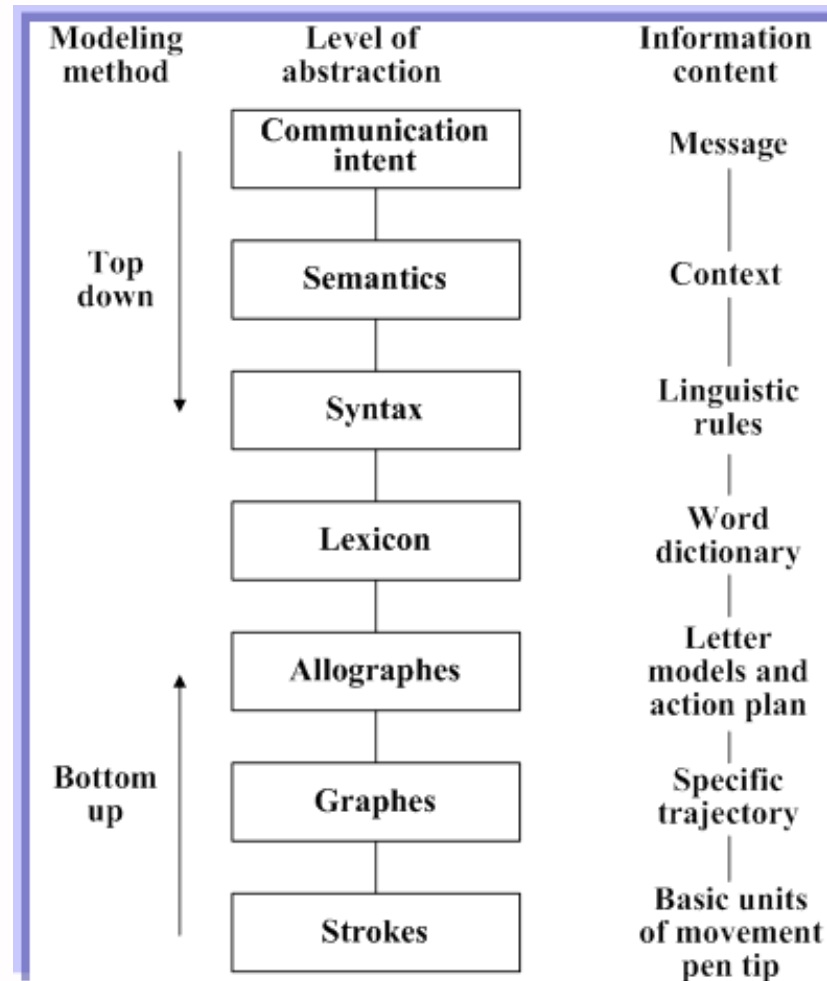
# Introduction

From a broader perspective.

at Scribens laboratory, we have been working  
on some of these potential e-applications  
for many years, directly or indirectly guided  
by the **Lognormality Principle**.

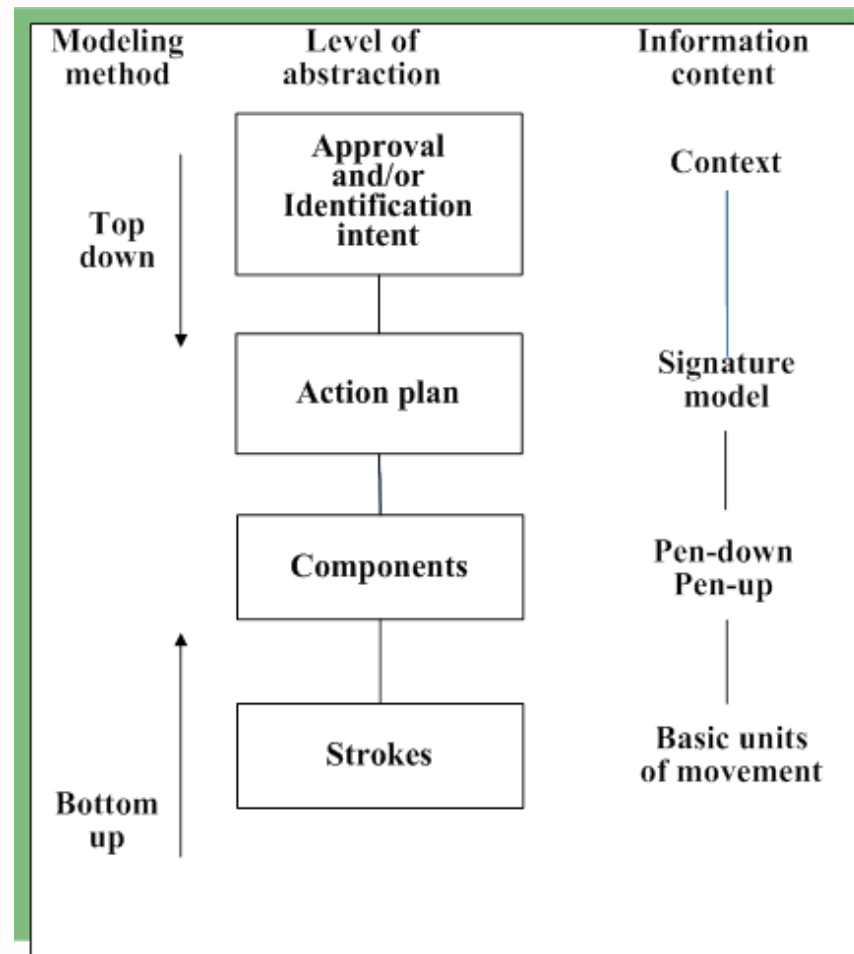


# Handwriting Generation



PLAMONDON, R., LOPRESTI, D., SCHOMAKER, L.R.B., SRIHARI, R., "On-Line Handwriting Recognition", Encyclopedia of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, J.G. Webster (Ed.), John Wiley & Sons, N.Y., vol. 15, 1999, p. 123-146.

# Signature Generation



PLAMONDON, R., PIRLO, G., IMPEDOVO, D., "On-line Signature Verification" in Handbook of Document Image Processing and Recognition, D.Doermann, K.Tombre Eds, In Press, Springer, 2012.

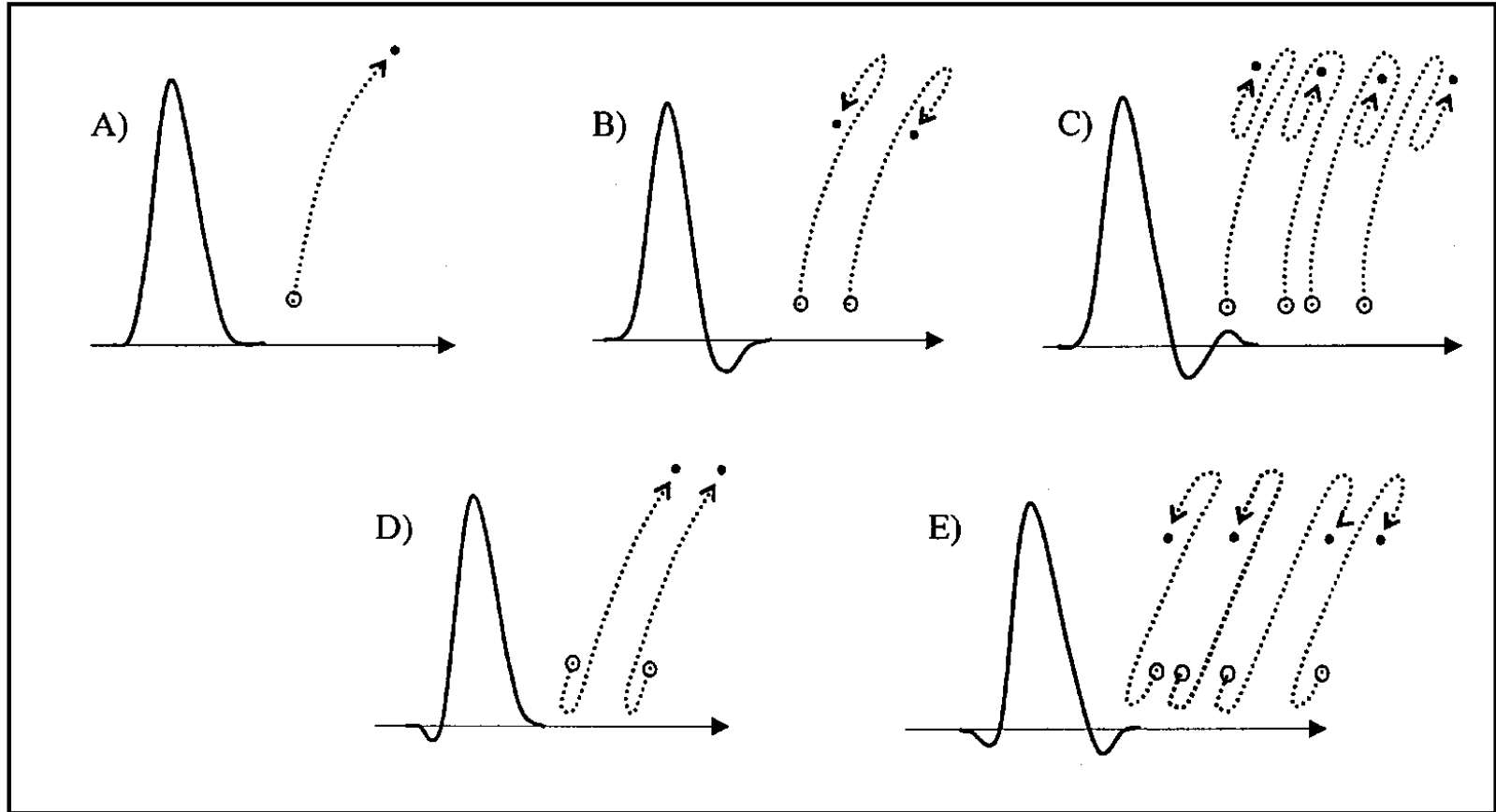
# 1 - What is a Handwriting Stroke?

**Searching for the  
fundamental unit of Handwriting**

Do not mix up...

- **Stroke:** the fundamental unit of Handwriting.
- **Component:** The trace between a pen down and a pen up.

# Typical Velocity Profiles and Trajectories



WOCH, A., PLAMONDON, R., «Using the Framework of the Kinematic Theory for the Definition of a Movement Primitive», Motor Control, Special Issue, vol. 8, No 4, pp. 547-557, 2004.

# Modeling a Stroke



## Command

*Impulse  
weighted  
by a  
distance*

## NMS

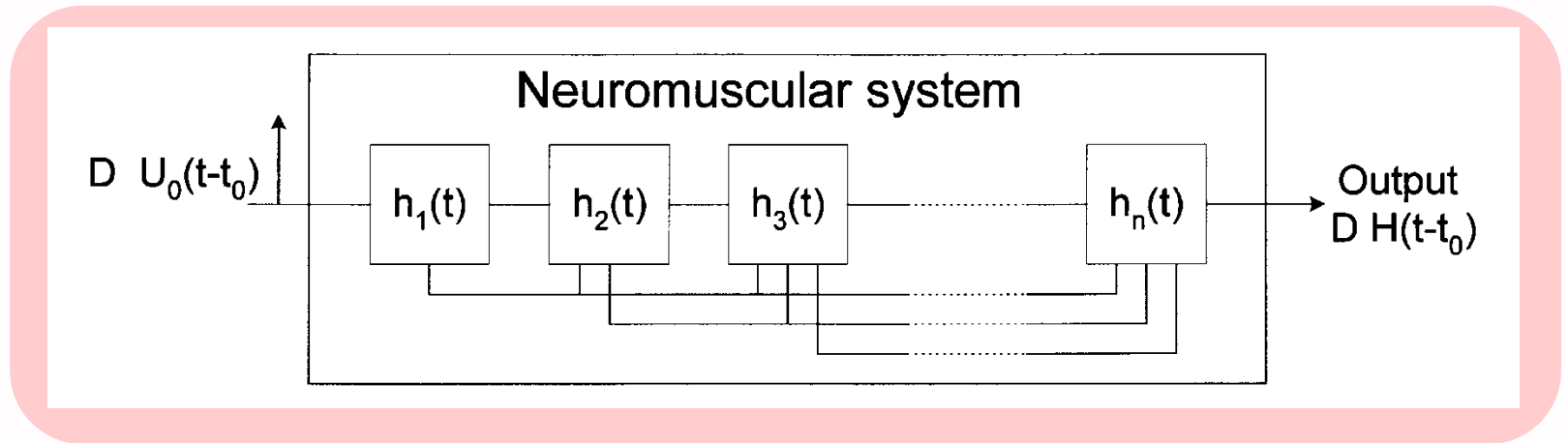
*Convolution  
of an infinite  
number of  
coupled  
subsystems*

## Response

*Velocity  
profile*



- Mathematical proof based on the **Central Limit Theorem**
- Convergence of the NMS impulse response towards a lognormal profile



- Hypothesis

$$T_n = (1 + \varepsilon_n) T_{n-1}$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$H(t-t_0) \Rightarrow \Lambda(t; t_0, \mu, \sigma^2)$$

# Lognormal Velocity

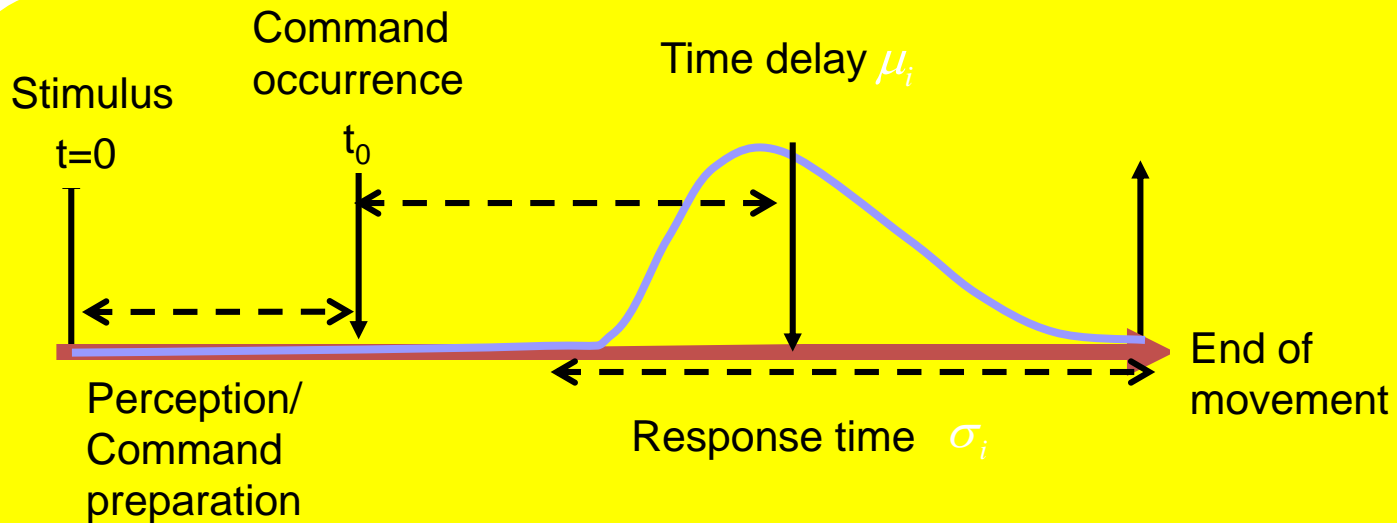
$$|\vec{v}(t, P)| = D\Lambda(t; t_0, \mu, \sigma)$$



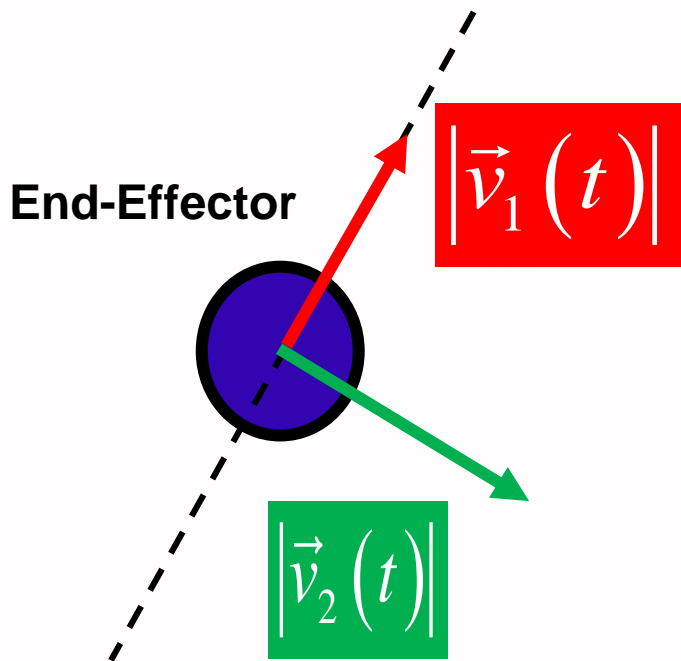
$$= \frac{D}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}(t-t_0)} \exp\left[-\frac{[\ln(t-t_0) - \mu]^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$



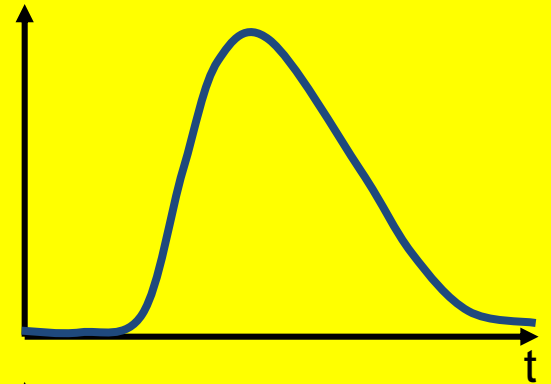
## Temporal analysis of a movement component (agonist or antagonist)



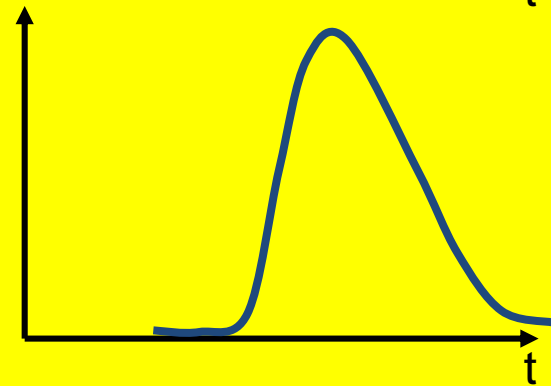
**Vectorial summation**



$|\vec{v}_1(t)|$

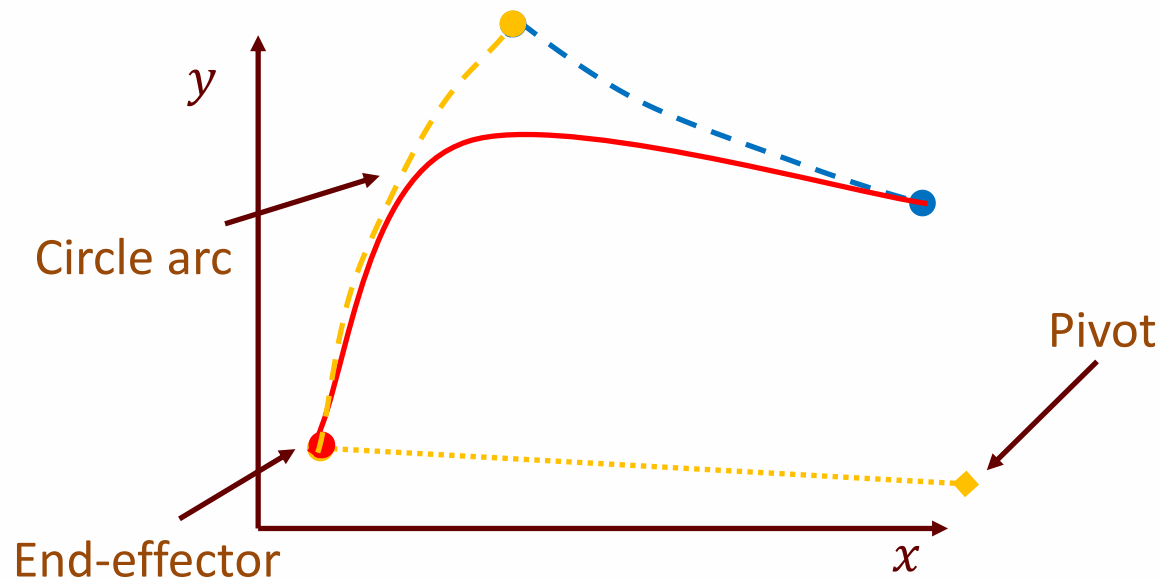


$|\vec{v}_2(t)|$



## Component representation and synergy

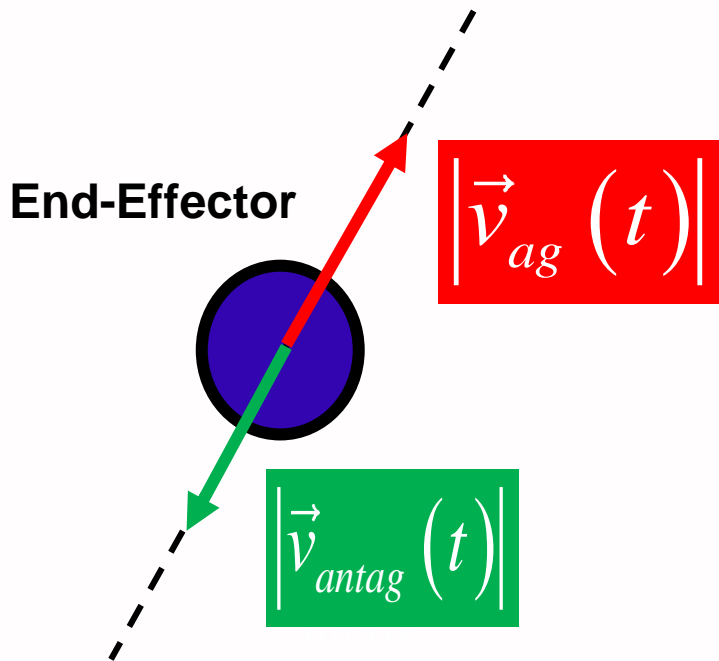
- A neuromotor component is acting around a pivot point.



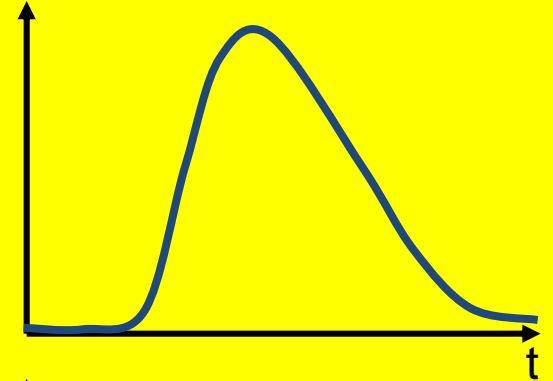
Velocity profile of a single stroke: **Sigma-Lognormal Model**

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_1(t) + \vec{v}_2(t)$$

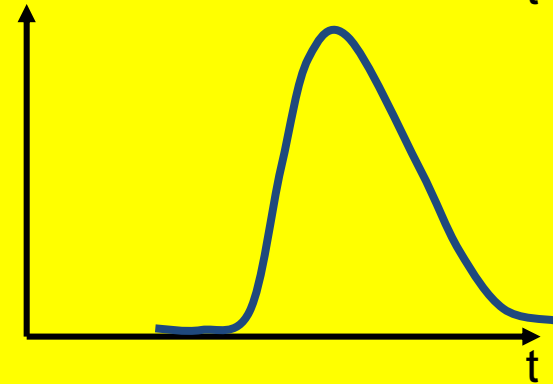
**Vectorial summation**



$|\vec{v}_{ag}(t)|$



$|\vec{v}_{antag}(t)|$



Velocity profile of a single stroke: **Sigma-Lognormal Model**

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{v}_1(t) + \vec{v}_2(t)$$

**Special case: perfect opposition of the agonist and the antagonist components**

$$v(t) = v_{ag}(t) - v_{antag}(t)$$



**Delta-Lognormal Model**

## ***Sigma-Lognormal model***

- Discontinuous action plan
- Virtual targets
- Vectorial summation of curved strokes
- Time overlap
- Individual strokes hidden in the signal
  - Velocity profiles : Lognormal functions
  - Direction angle profiles: Error functions ( Erf )

## Component representation and synergy

- A neuromotor component is acting around a pivot point.



- Direction of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  component trajectory :

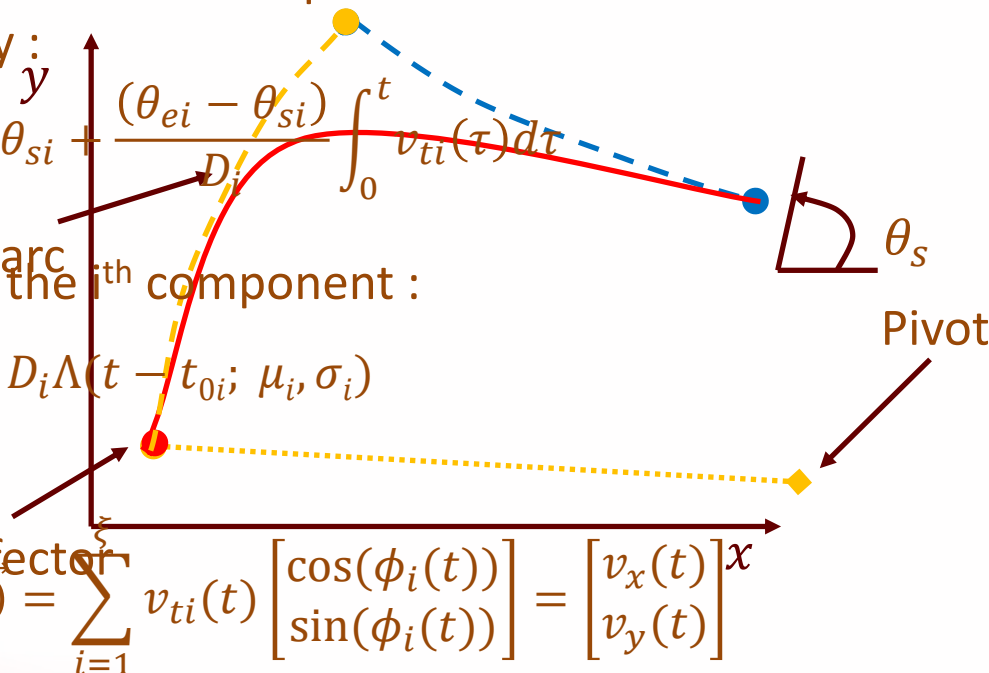
$$\varphi_i(t) = \theta_{si} + \frac{(\theta_{ei} - \theta_{si})}{D_i} \int_0^t v_{ti}(\tau) d\tau$$

- Speed of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  component :

$$v_{ti}(t) = D_i \Lambda(t - t_{0i}; \mu_i, \sigma_i)$$

- Synergy :

$$\text{End-effector } v(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n v_{ti}(t) \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi_i(t)) \\ \sin(\phi_i(t)) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x(t) \\ v_y(t) \end{bmatrix}$$





# 2 - Can we recover the action plans ?

**A reverse engineering problem:  
Lognormal parameter extraction**

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## INFLEX-INITRI-XZERO (IIX)

- $\Delta\Lambda$  representation (locally optimal)
- Fast reaching motion

M. Djioua and R. Plamondon, "A new algorithm and system for the characterization of handwriting strokes with delta-lognormal parameters," *IEEE Trans Pattern Anal Mach Intell*, vol. 31, pp. 2060-72, Nov 2009.

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## Branch and bound (B&amp;B)

- $\Delta\Lambda$  representation (globally optimal)
- Fast reaching motion

C. O'Reilly and R. Plamondon, "A globally optimal estimator for the Delta-Lognormal modeling of fast reaching movements" *IEEE Trans. on System, Man and Cybernetics. Part B. Cybernetics*, in press.

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Robust  $X_0$ 

- $\Sigma\Delta$  representation
- Complex and arbitrary movements

C. O'Reilly and R. Plamondon, "Development of a Sigma-Lognormal representation for on-line signatures," *Pattern Recognition*, vol. 42, pp. 3324-3337, 2009.

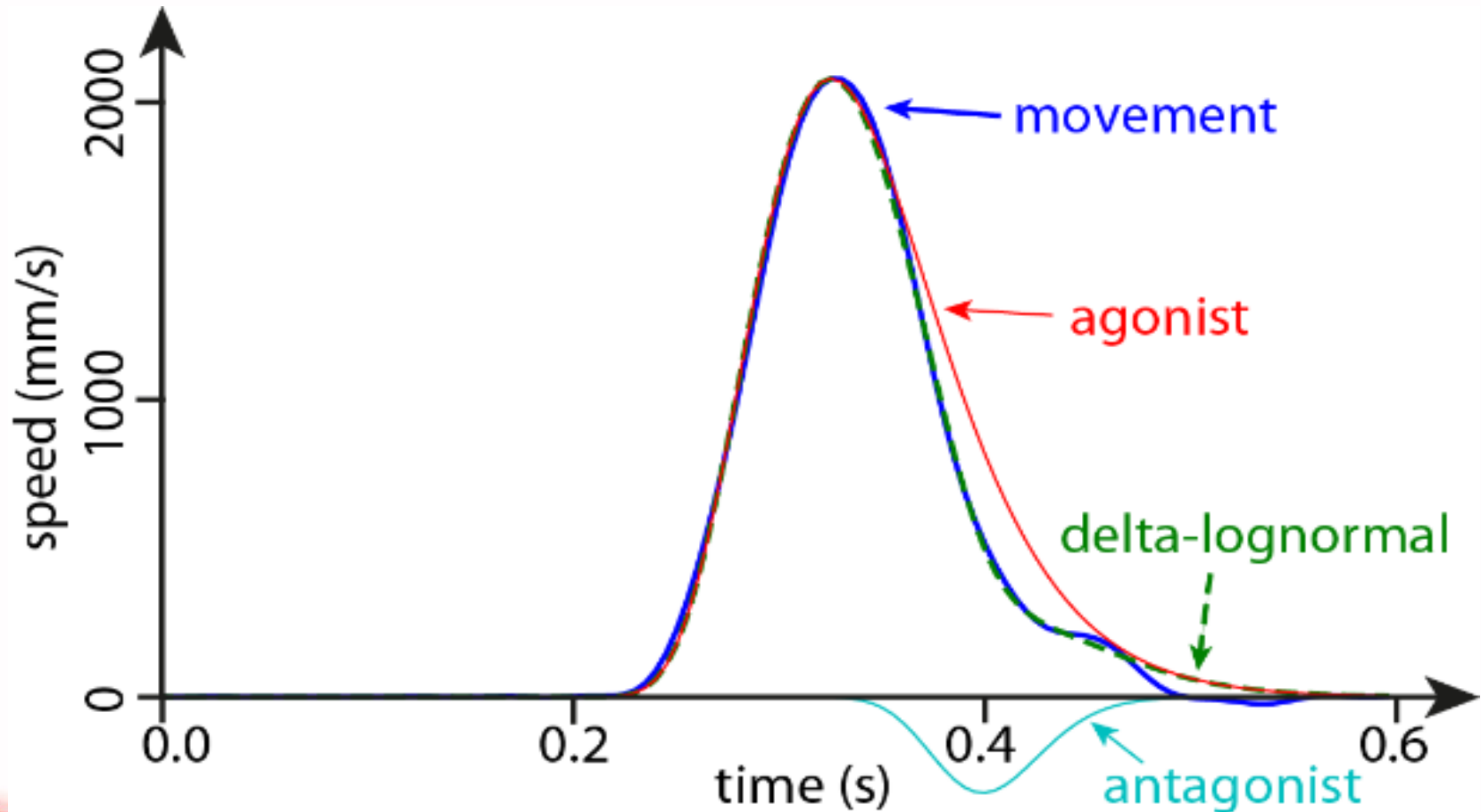
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## Prototype based

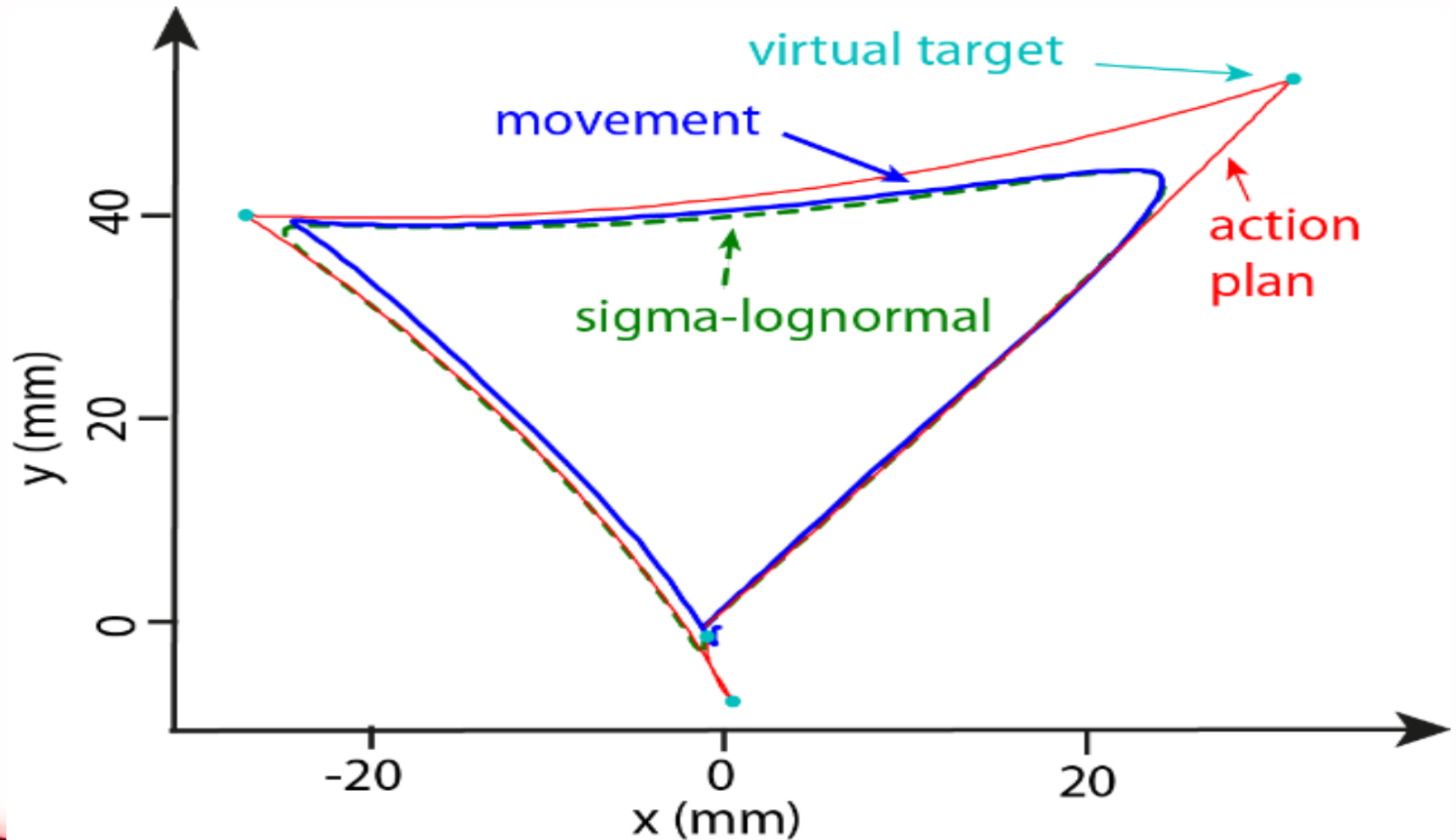
- $\Sigma\Delta$  representation
- Complex and stereotypical movements
- Allow performing ANOVA of the  $\Sigma\Delta$  parameters

O'Reilly and R. Plamondon, "Prototype-based methodology for the statistical analysis of local features in stereotypical handwriting tasks," proceedings of 20<sup>th</sup> Int. Conference on Pattern Recognition, Istanbul, Turkey, pp. 1864-1867, 2010.

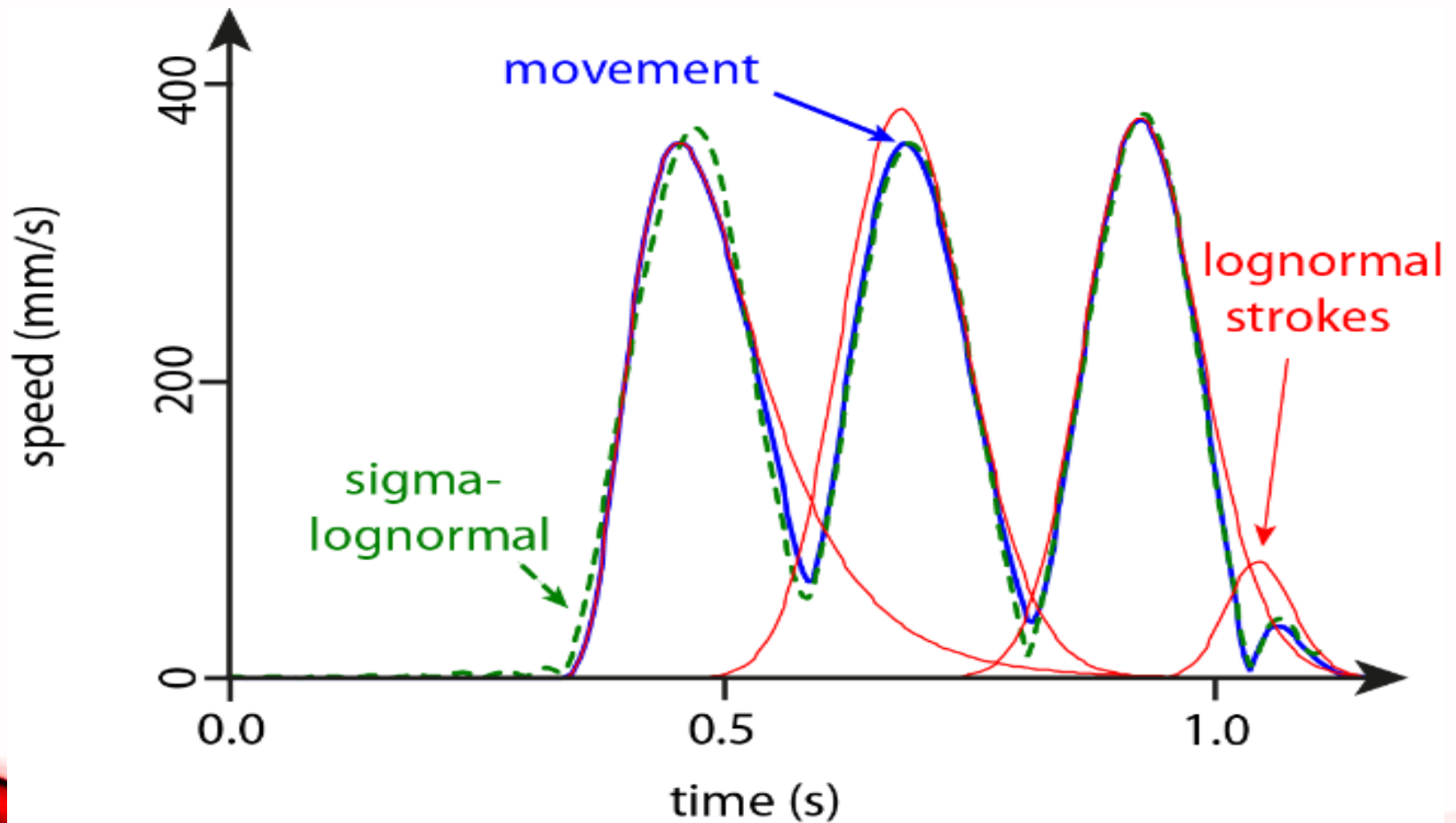
# Delta-lognormal model



# Sigma-lognormal model



# Sigma-lognormal model



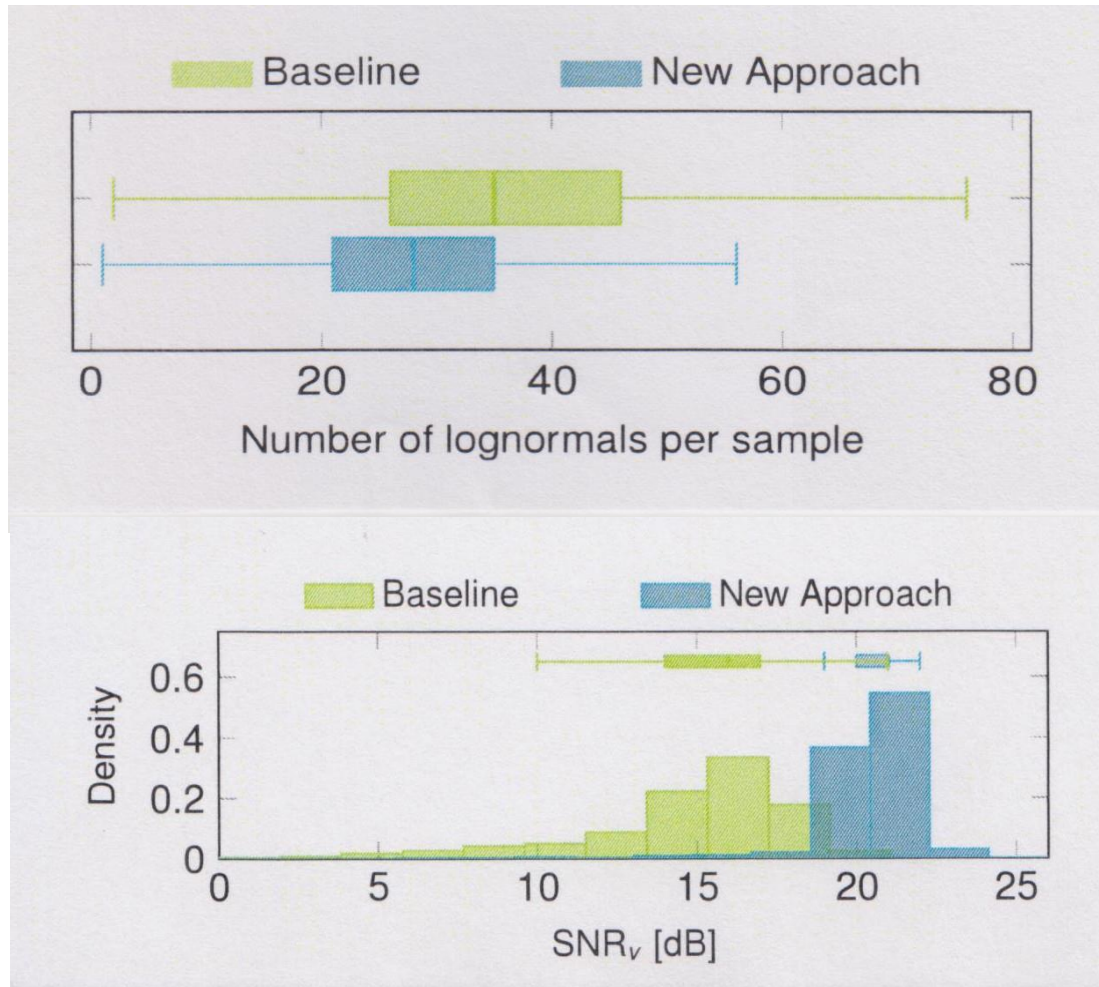
# Work still in progress

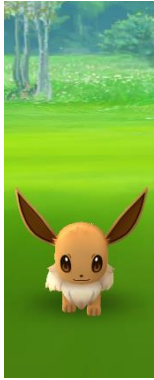
The actual algorithms have been developed mostly for biomedical, educational and psychophysical applications.

Optimization for signature verification and handwriting recognition is under way. Here is an example:

# Improving Sigma-Lognormal Parameter Extraction

Daniel Martín-Albo, Réjean Plamondon and Enrique Vidal,  
ICDAR 2015





3 - Is the theory

Physiologically meaningful ?

**Testing the basic underlying hypotheses**



Theoretical  
Problem No 1

# Experimental investigation of $t_0$

O'REILLY, C., PLAMONDON, R., LANDOU M. K., STEMMERS B.,. Prediction of the Time Occurrence a Motor ERP based on the Kinematic Analysis of Movement with the Delta-Lognormal Model. European Journal of Neuroscience, Vol. 37, pp. 173–180, 2013.

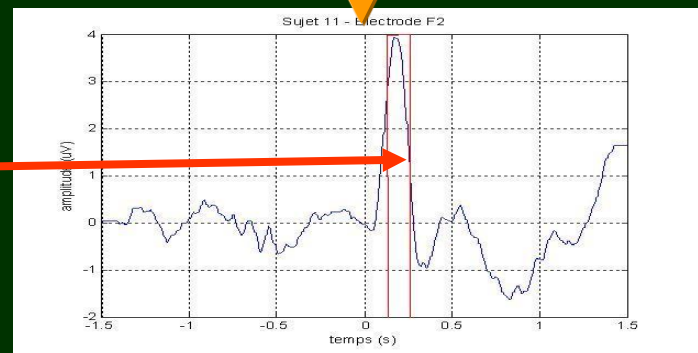
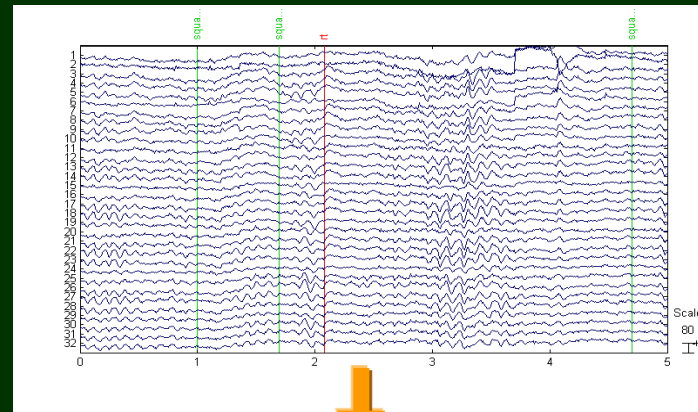
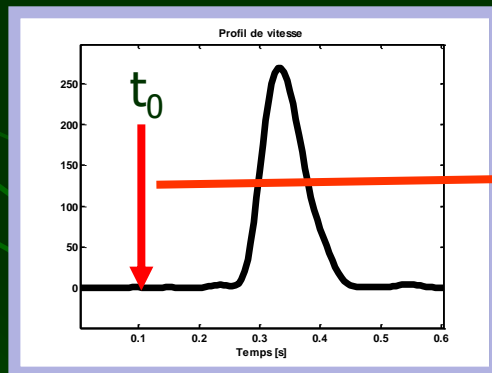
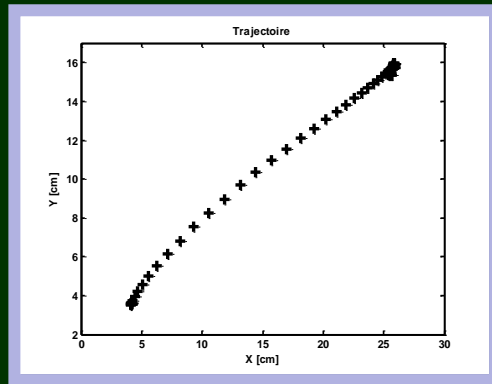
# Typical trial



# Typical Correlation

EEG signals

Kinematic data



- A visually evoked response potential emerges at  $t_0$

Theoretical  
Problem No 2

# Experimental Observation of the Proportional Effect Hypothesis

$$T_j = (1 + \varepsilon_j)T_{j-1}$$

PLAMONDON, R. DJIOUA, M., MATHIEU, P.-A., The Kinematic Theory of Rapid Human Movements: Experimental Observation of the Proportional Effect Hypothesis ,Human Movement Science, available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.humov.2012.07.006>, July 2012.

# Apparatus

Data Acquisition System



SYNC  
signal

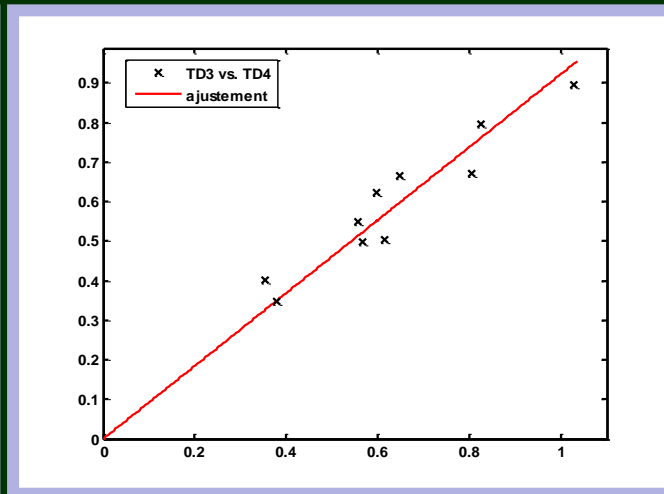
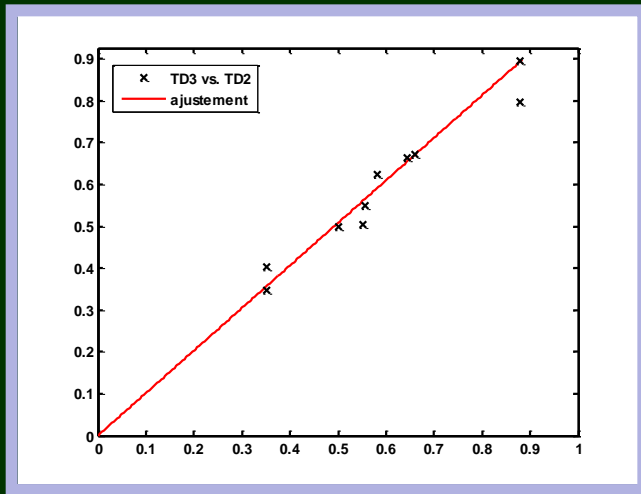
Amplifier



EMG Signal  
Acquisition System  
( GRASS )



# Typical proportional regressions

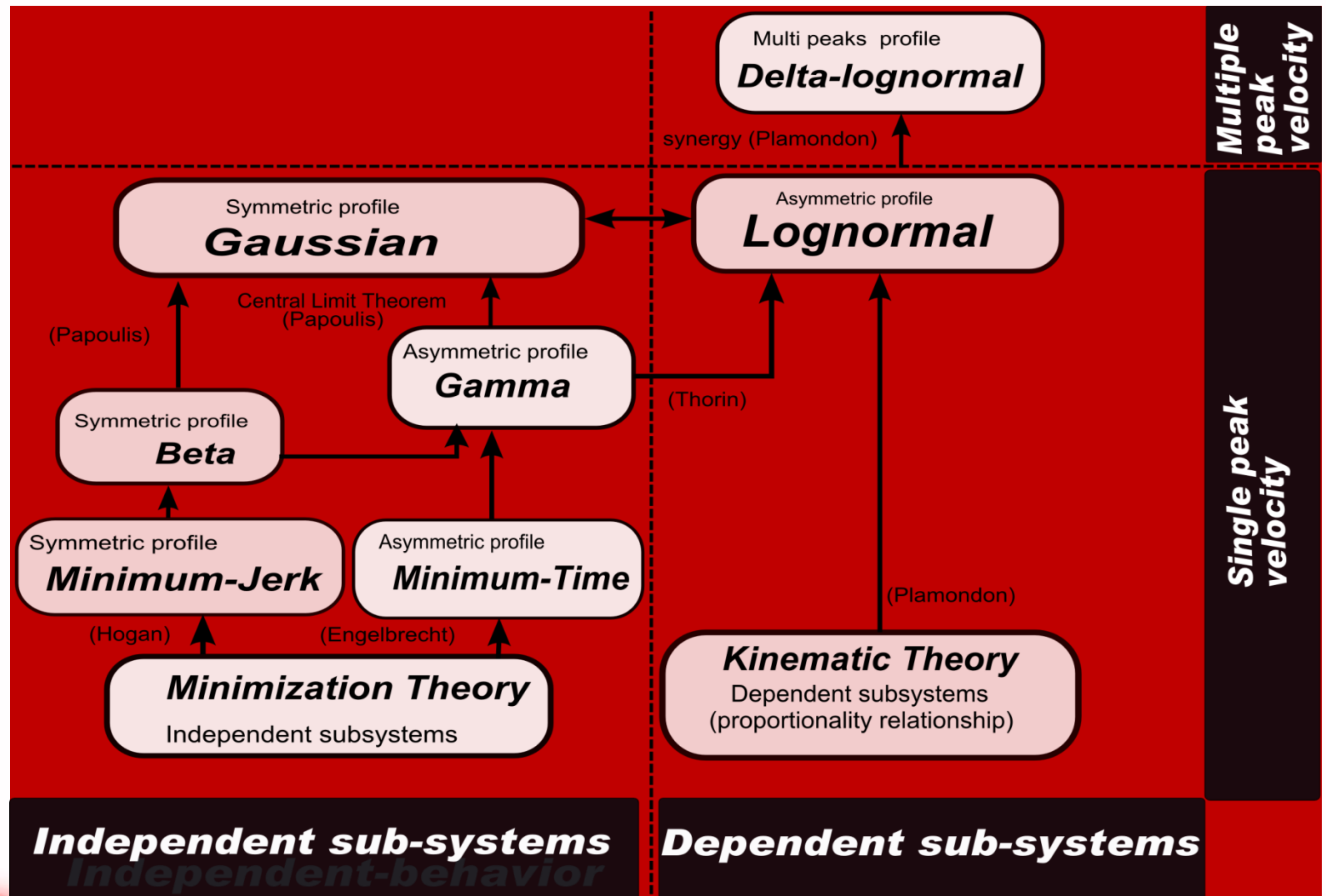


Correlation Coefficient  $r^2$

Y(X)	TD1	TD2	TD3	TD4	TD5	TD6
X						
TD1	1.0	0.92	0.95	0.89	0.92	0.89
TD2	0.93	1.0	0.94	0.90	0.84	0.86
TD3	0.96	0.95	1.0	0.95	0.94	0.90
TD4	0.89	0.89	0.88	1.0	0.93	0.88
TD5	0.93	0.85	0.93	0.94	1.0	0.92
TD6	0.87	0.82	0.85	0.86	0.89	1.0

$r^2 > 0.82$

# THEORETICAL COMPARISON



DJIOUA, M., PLAMONDON, R., "The Limit Profile of a Rapid Movement Velocity"  
**Human Movement Science**, vol. 29, (2010), pp.48-61.

# 4 - Lognormality

## Principle





# Lognormality Principle

The lognormal velocity patterns, which are the results of an asymptotic convergence, can be interpreted as reflecting the behavior of subjects who are in perfect control of their movements.

# Corollary

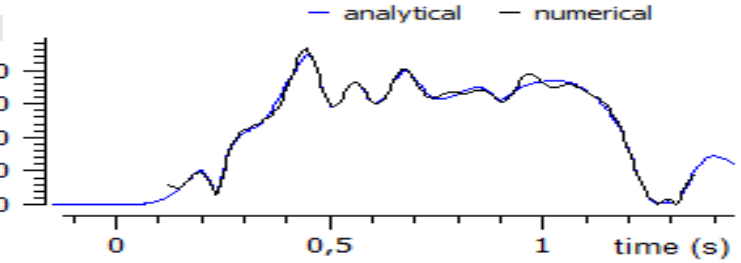
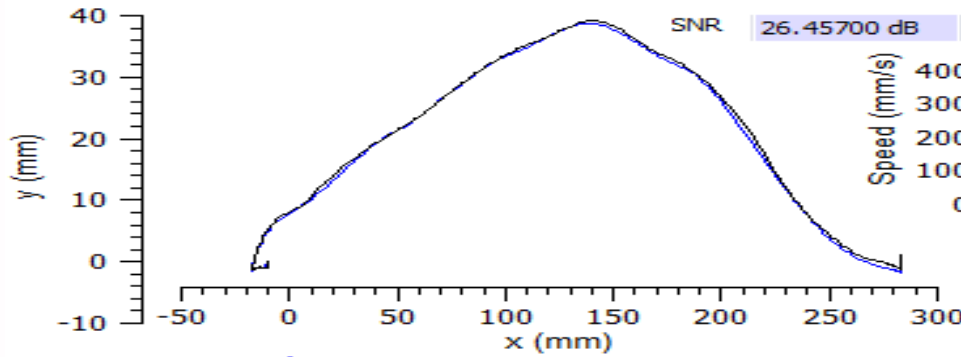
If we specifically focus on the basic mathematical convergence toward lognormality, handwriting learning, on the one hand, can be interpreted as a migration toward an ideal representation of perfectly mastered movements. On the other hand, aging and health problems should reveal a progressive departure from lognormality. In between, writers are taking advantage of lognormality.

# 4.1 - Learning:

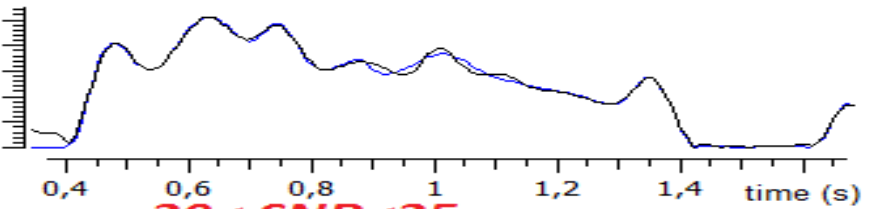
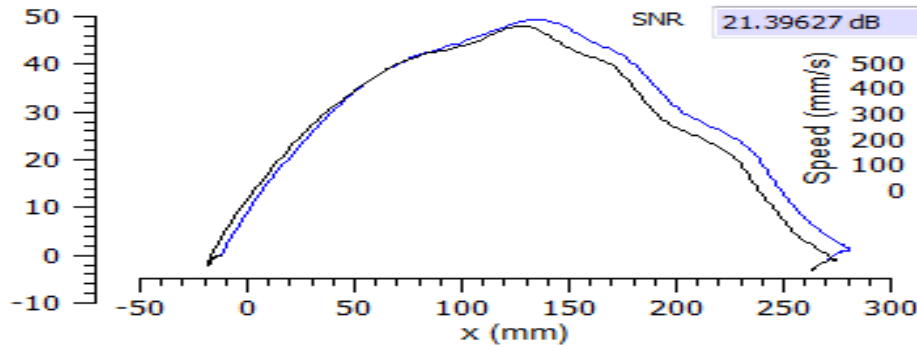
## Moving toward Lognormality

- Cooperation with Céline Rémi and Thérésa Duval, Université des Antilles et de la Guyanne.
- DUVAL, T., RÉMI, C., PLAMONDON, R., O'REILLY, C.,, On the Use of the Sigma-Lognormal Model to Study Children Handwriting, , Proc.16th Biennial Conf. of the Graphonomics Society, Nara, Japan, June 10-14 2013, pp26-29.

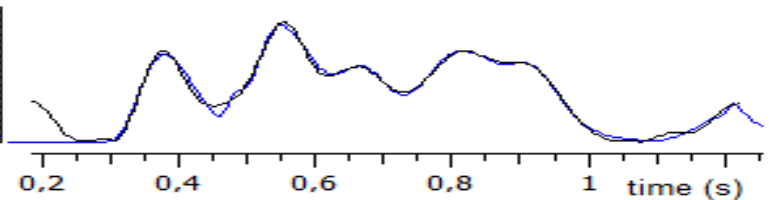
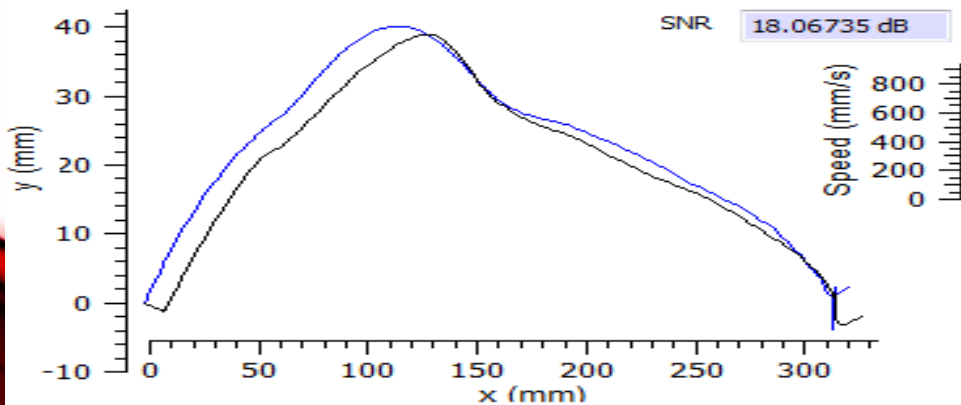
# Fitness of the reconstruction: SNR



**$SNR \geq 25$**   
**\*Excellent Quality**  
**\*Master level**

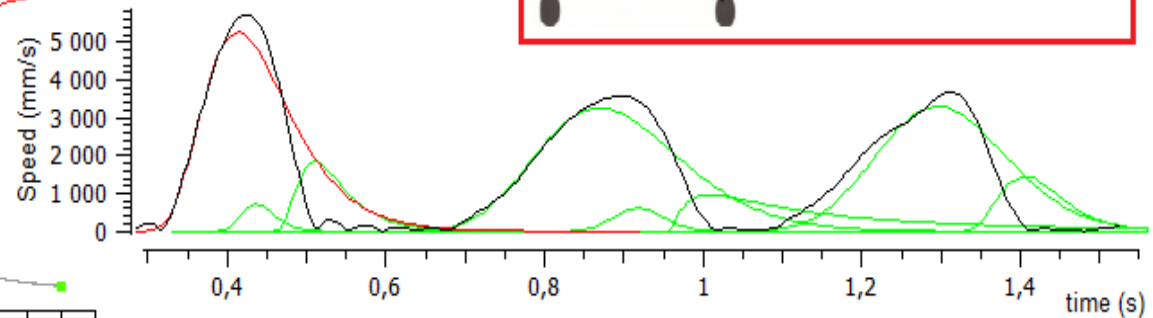
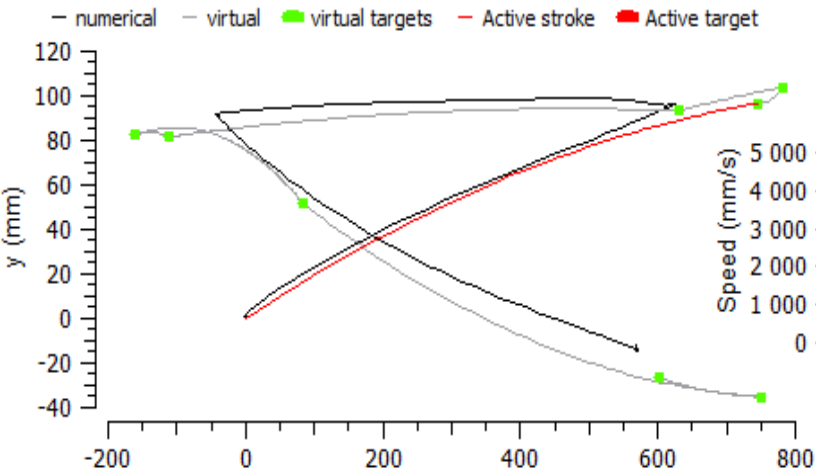


**$20 \leq SNR < 25$**   
**\*Correct quality**  
**\*Intermediate level**

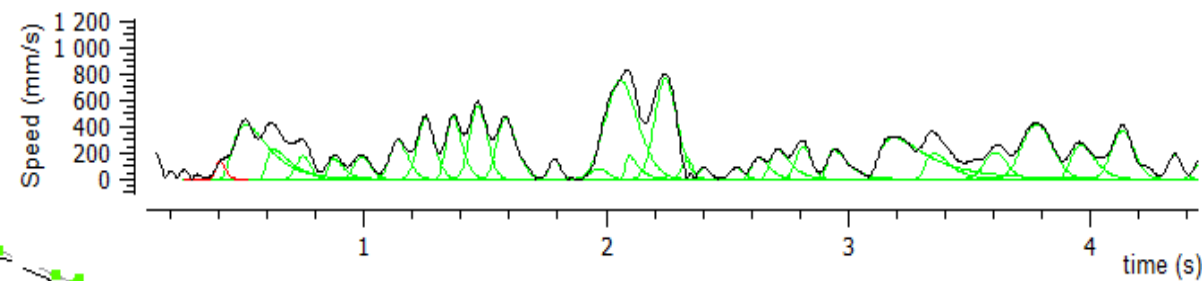
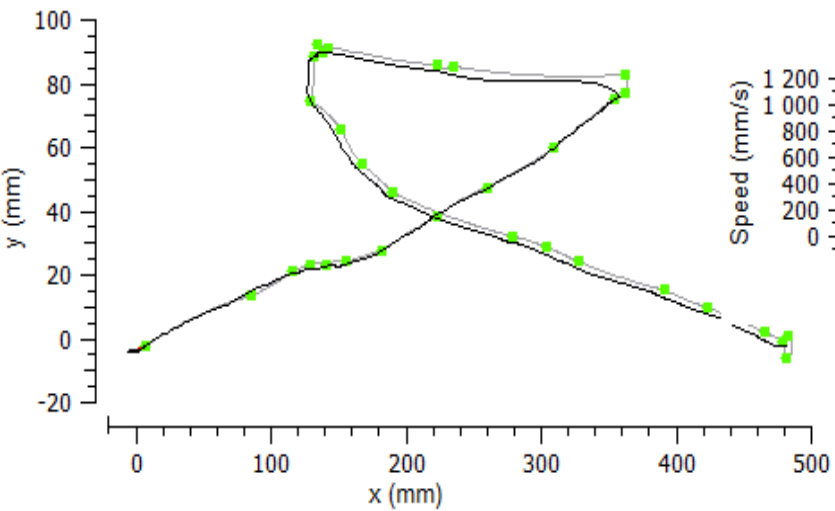


**$SNR < 20$**   
**\*Weak Quality**  
**\*Beginner level**

# Fluidity of the movements: Nblog



**nblog = 8**



**nblog = 32**

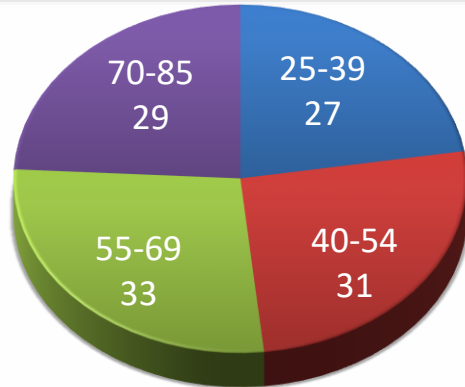
# 4.2 - Aging:

## Moving away from Lognormality

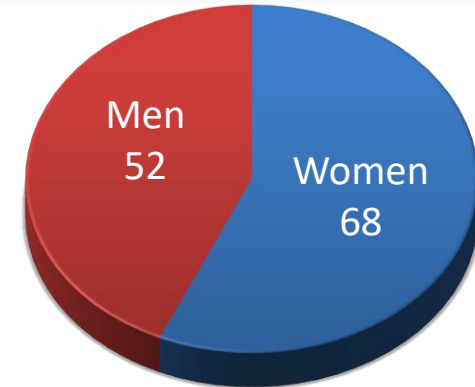
**Back to a Previous Study on  
Brain Stroke Risk Factors Assessment**

# 5 Data Sample (120 subjects)

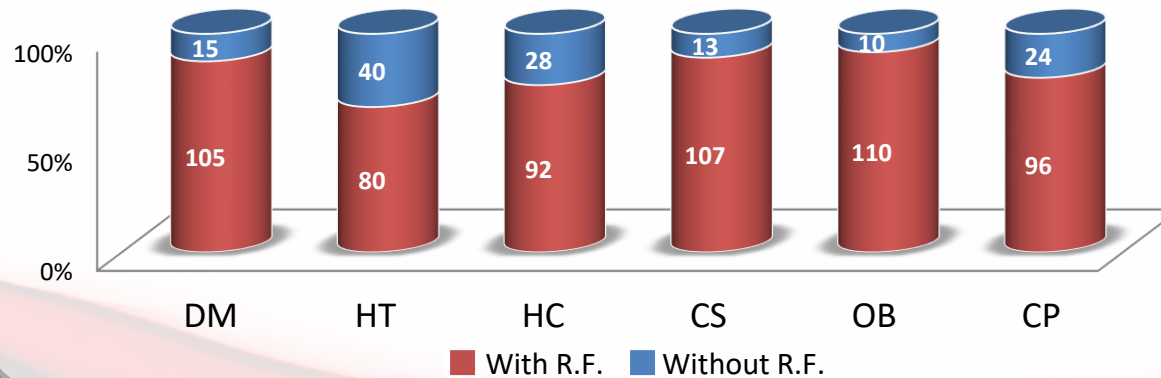
## Age



## Gender



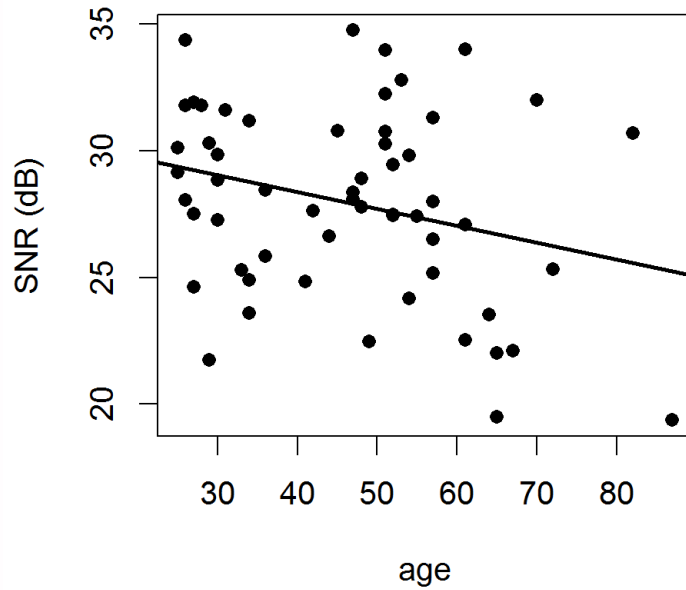
## Brain stroke risk factors (R.F.)



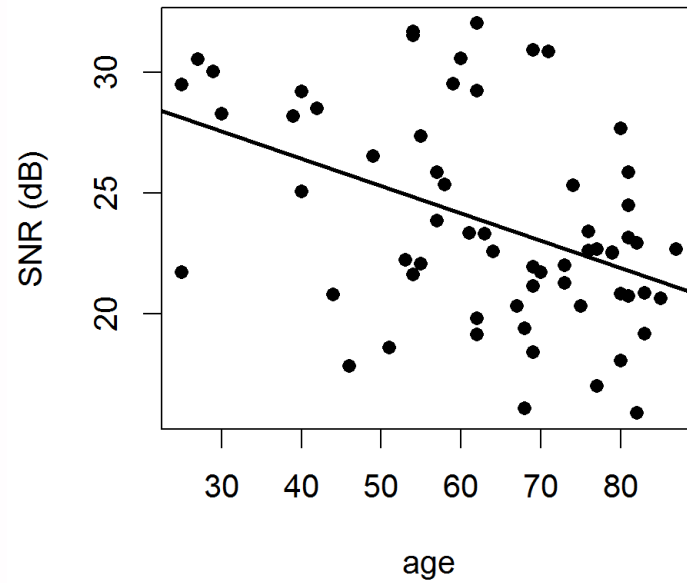
DM: Diabetes mellitus  
HT : Hypertension  
HC : Hypercholesterolemia  
CS : Cigarette smoking  
OB : Obesity  
CP : Cardiac problems

# Reaching Movements

## Delta-Lognormal Analysis



No risk factor



With risk factors



# For Further Information

Plamondon, R., O'Reilly, C., Rémi, C., Duval, T.,  
“The lognormal hand writer:  
learning, performing and declining.”

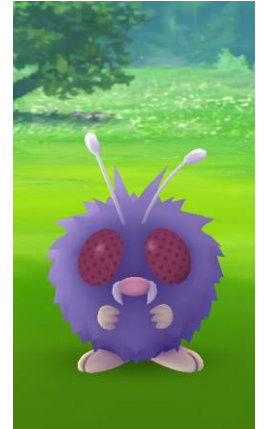
**Frontiers in Psychology, (2013)**

Special Issue on Writing Words: from Brain to  
Hand(s),

S. Kandel and M. Longcamp, Eds.

*A Nature Publishing Group Journal.*

# 5 - BACK to the VISION:



## Personnal Digital Bodyguards

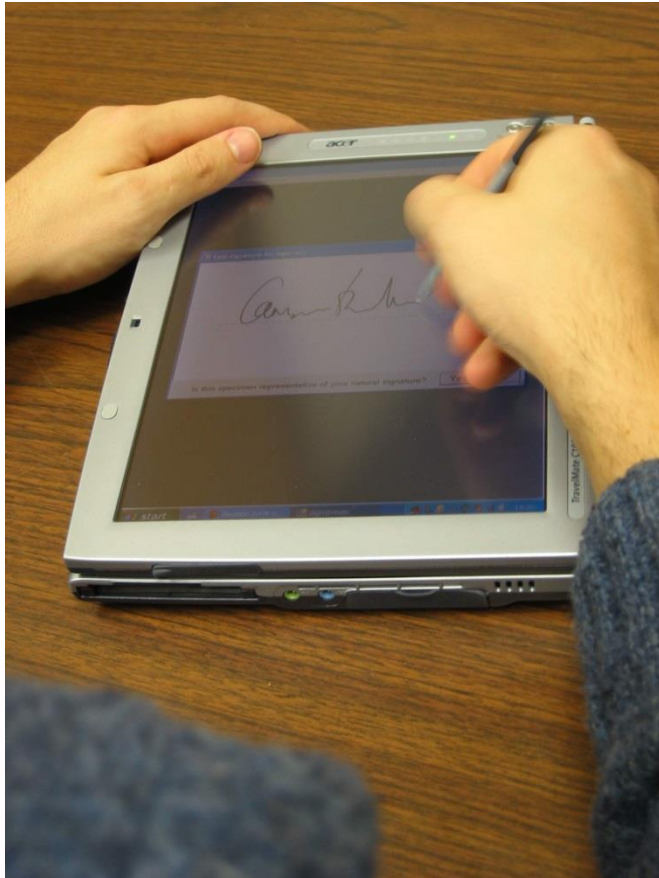
**Overview of Some On-site Projects  
and Collaborative Quests  
in the context of the current state of the art**

# E-Security Vision

“PDBs will protect people’s sensitive data with signature verification, provide equipment use security with writer authentication, handwritten CAPTCHAs “

## Where do we stand now?

# A Working Prototype



# System Characteristics

- Enrolment with only 3 signatures
- Model-based analysis
- Configurable to any desired level of security
- Runs under any OS

# Skill Game

## Which Ones are Forgeries?

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A Rejean Plamondon

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D

B Rejean Plamondon

Rejean Plamondon

E

C Rejean Plamondon

Rejean Plamondon

F

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2016, SHENZHEN, October 24.

# Current DSV DATABASES

- MCYT [1](2003)
- SVC [2] (2004)
- MyIDEA [3] (2005)
- Biosecure [4](2007)
- BiosecureID [5] (2007)
- e-BioSign [6] (20xx)
- ...+++



**TABLE 1. System Performances**

Full Database (FD) , Signature (S), Genuine Signatures (G) , Forgeries (F), Random Forgeries (RF), Simple Forgeries (SF), Skilled Forgeries (SK), Number of Authors (A)

Matching Technique	Main features	Database	Results	Reference
HMM	Position	FD 1000(G) (20(G) x 50(A)) , 1000(SK) (20(SK) x 50(A)) , Training 250(G) (5(G) x 50(A)) Test 750(G) (15(G)x50(A)) , 2450 (RF) (50(RF) x 49(A)) , 1000 (SK) (20(SK) x 50(A)) ,	EER: 5.2% (with RF) ; EER: 15.8% (with SF)	M. Martínez-Díaz et al. <sup>36</sup>
HMM	Global features  Local features	FD 120(A) (of the 120 'common DS2/DS3' signature dataset) Training 350 (G) (5(G) x 70(A)) Test 1050 (G) (15(G) x 70(A)), 1400 (SF) (20(SF) x 70(A)), 1380 (RF) (20(RF) x 69(A))	SFFS Optimization scenario: skilled forgeries Global features: EER: 7.2% (with RF) ; EER: 16.3% (with SF) Local features: EER: 6.0% (with RF) ; EER: 17.5% (with SF)  SFFS Optimization scenario: random forgeries Global features: EER: 5.4% (with RF) ; EER: 17.7% (with SF) Local features: EER: 5.8% (with RF) ; EER: 22.2% (with SF)	M. Martínez-Díaz et al. <sup>48</sup>
SVM	Position, pressure	FD 100(A) Training 1000(G) (10(G) x 100(A)), 1000(SF) (10(SF) x 100(A))	Feature Set reduction based on the Fisher's Ratio Analysis - Emulated device: capacitive screen-based (no pressure signal) - EER: 10% - Emulated device: resistive screen-based - EER: 8.5%	A. Mendaza-Ormaza et al. <sup>46</sup>
DTW	Position, pressure	FD 6860 (S) (3920 (G) + 2940 (F))	Best performances (Samsung ATIV 7).  Stylus: EER: 0.05% (with RF) ; EER: 6.35% (with SF)  Finger (no pressure information): EER: 0.36% (with RF) ; EER: 13.23% (with SF)	R. Vera-Rodríguez <sup>41</sup>
DTW  SVM	Position, pressure	FD each one of the five database (one for each device) consists of: 1400 (S)= (28 (G) + 28 (SF)) x 25 (A)	- First experiment (Portable Device Model vs Portable Device Database): - Best performance with capacitive screen EER: 1.58% (DTW) ; EER: 4.03% (SVM) - Best performance with resistive screen EER: 2.23% (DTW) ; EER: 4.25% (SVM)  - Second experiment: (Digital Pen Tablet Model vs Portable Device Database): - Best performance with capacitive screen EER: 12.08% (DTW) ; EER: 14.51% (SVM) - Best performance with resistive screen EER: 8.16% (DTW) ; EER: 14.05% (SVM)	A. Mendaza-Ormaza et al. <sup>47</sup>
DTW LCS	3-D Acceleration (in air)	FD 350 (G) (7(G) x 50(A) 2100 (F))	(Best performance when no normalization is made)  EER: 3.34% (LCS-based) ; EER: 2.80% (DTW-based)	J. Guerra-Casanova <sup>49</sup>
DTW	Position, path-tangent angle, total acceleration magnitude, etc.	FD 120(A) (of the 120 'common DS2/DS3' signature dataset)	Feature Set reduction based on the Sequential Forward Feature Selection (SFFS)  Training vs testing: DS2 – DS3 EER: 4.3% (RF) ; EER: 18.3% (SF)  Training vs testing: DS3 – DS3 EER: 1.9% (RF) ; EER: 12.7% (SF)	R. Tolosana et al. <sup>44</sup>



# Curent issues

## 1-The problem of interoperability

The availability in daily operative condition of a wide set of mobile devices as well as of hundreds traditional pen tablets for signature acquisition make device interoperability a very challenging problem for signature verification systems.

# Current issues

## 2- Acquisition ergonomics

Verifying the extent to which specific factors related to technology of the input system of the handheld device (i.e. type of writing surface, small input area, visual feedback, etc.) and to writing conditions (posture of the user, writing with a stylus or finger, user in movement, etc.) can modify the verification performance.

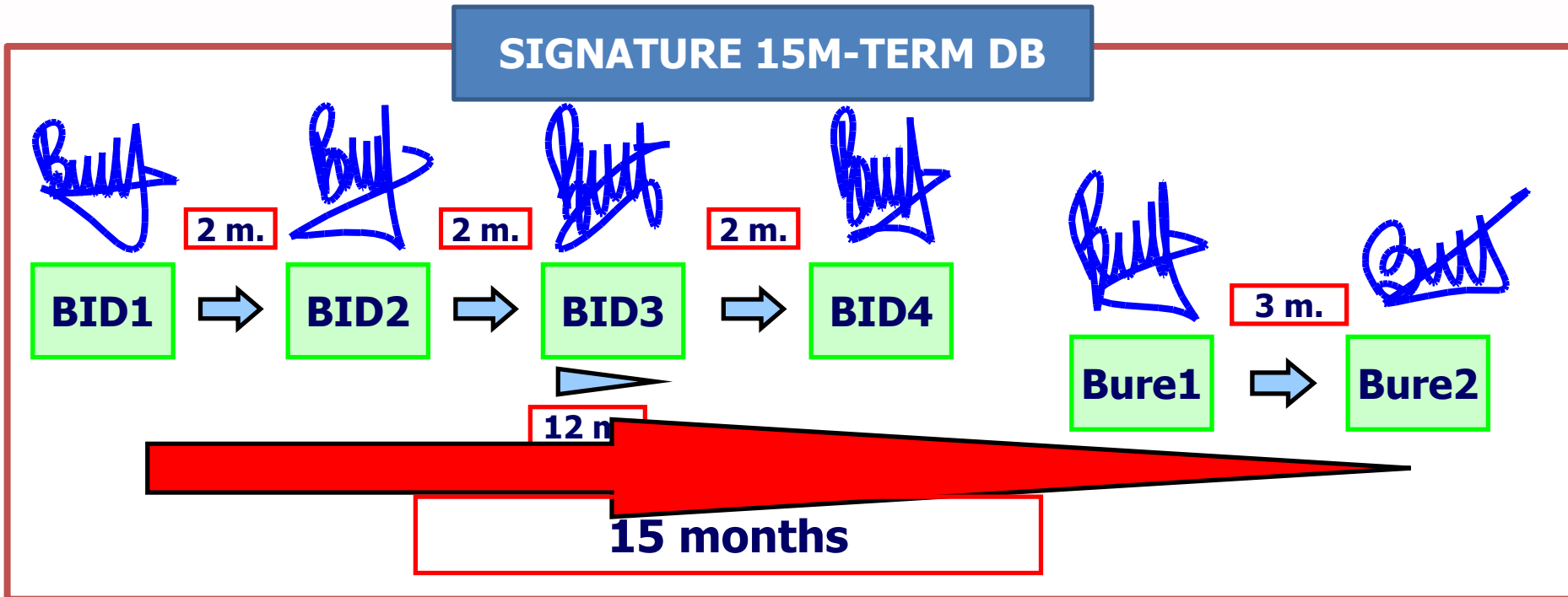
# On going projects: e-security

- Aging effects
- Stability analysis
- Synthetic signatures
- Performance enhancement
- Model-based system
- Reference minimization
- ...+++

# Signature vs Time

- A Cooperation with Javier Ortega-Garcia, Julian Fierrez, Javier Galbally and Marta Gomez-Romero, Biometric Recognition Group, ATVS, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid.
- GOMEZ-BARRERO, M., Galbally, J., Fierrez, J., Ortega-Garcia, M., Variations of Handwritten Signatures with Time: a Sigma-lognormal Analysis, Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> IAPR International Conference on Biometrics, Madrid, Spain, June 4-7, 2013, PS3.1-PS3.6.

# Variations of Handwritten Signatures with Time: A Sigma-Lognormal Analysis

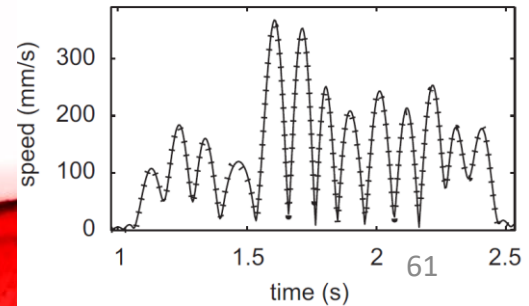


**Sigma Log-Normal Representation**  
( $N, t_0, D, \theta_d, \theta_f, \mu, \sigma$ )

Exp 1: Variation of the same signer with time

Exp 2: Variations between signers of different age groups

**Statistical Measures**

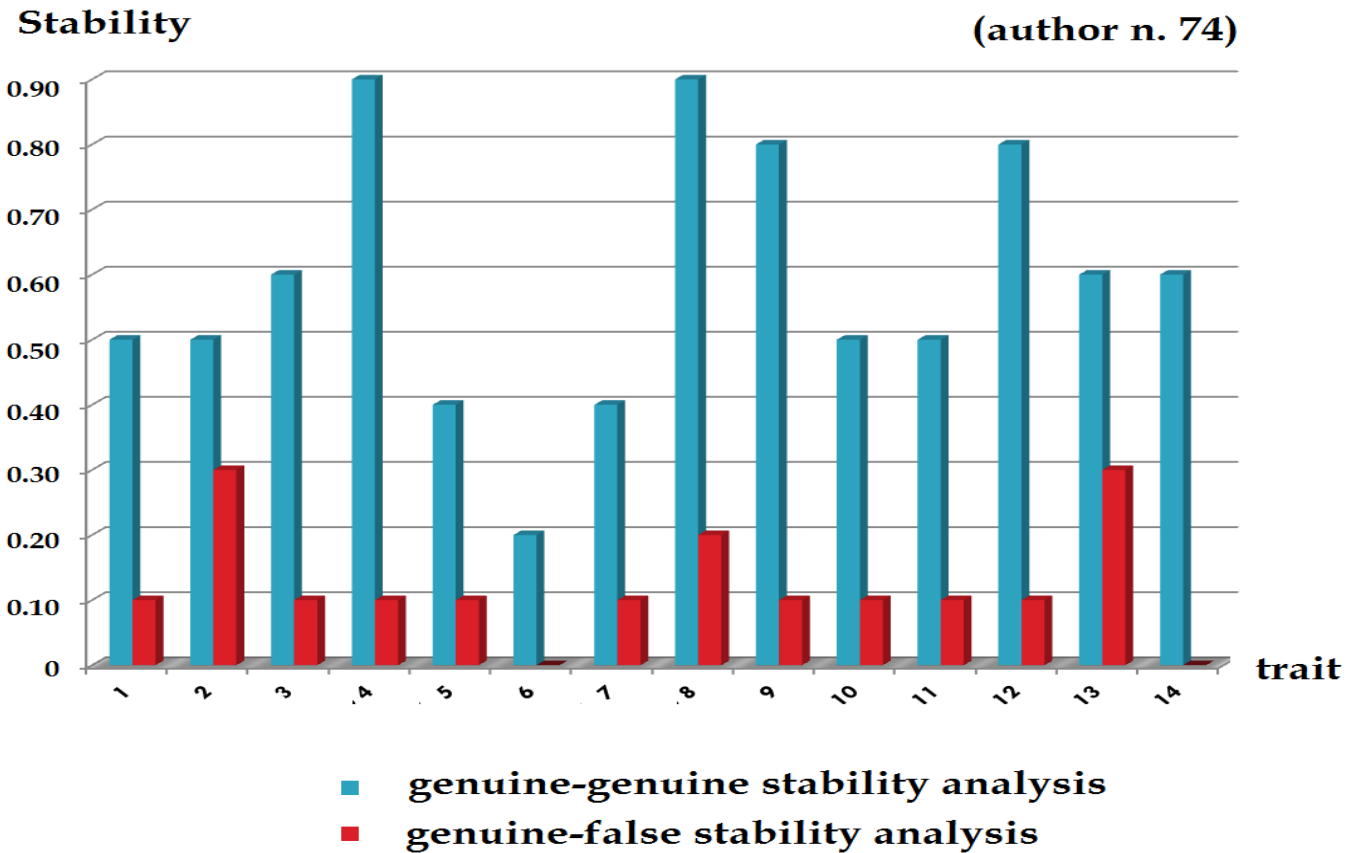


# Signature Stability

- A cooperation with Guiseeppe Pirlo, Donato Impedovo, Annamaria Cozzolongo, Roberta Gravinese, Andrea Rollo, Department of Computer Science, University di Bari, Italy.
- PIRLO, G., IMPEDOVO, D., PLAMONDON, R., O'REILLY, C., "Stability Analysis of Online Signatures in the Generation Domain" in G. Pirlo, D. Impedovo, M. Fairhurst (Eds). Advances in Digital Handwritten Signature Processing, A Human Artefact for e-Society Selected papers from the Workshop on "Emerging Aspects in Handwritten Signature Processing" World Scientific ISBN: 978-981-4579-62-9, pages: 1-12, 2014

# EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

## (trait-oriented stability analysis)



# Synthetic Signature Generation

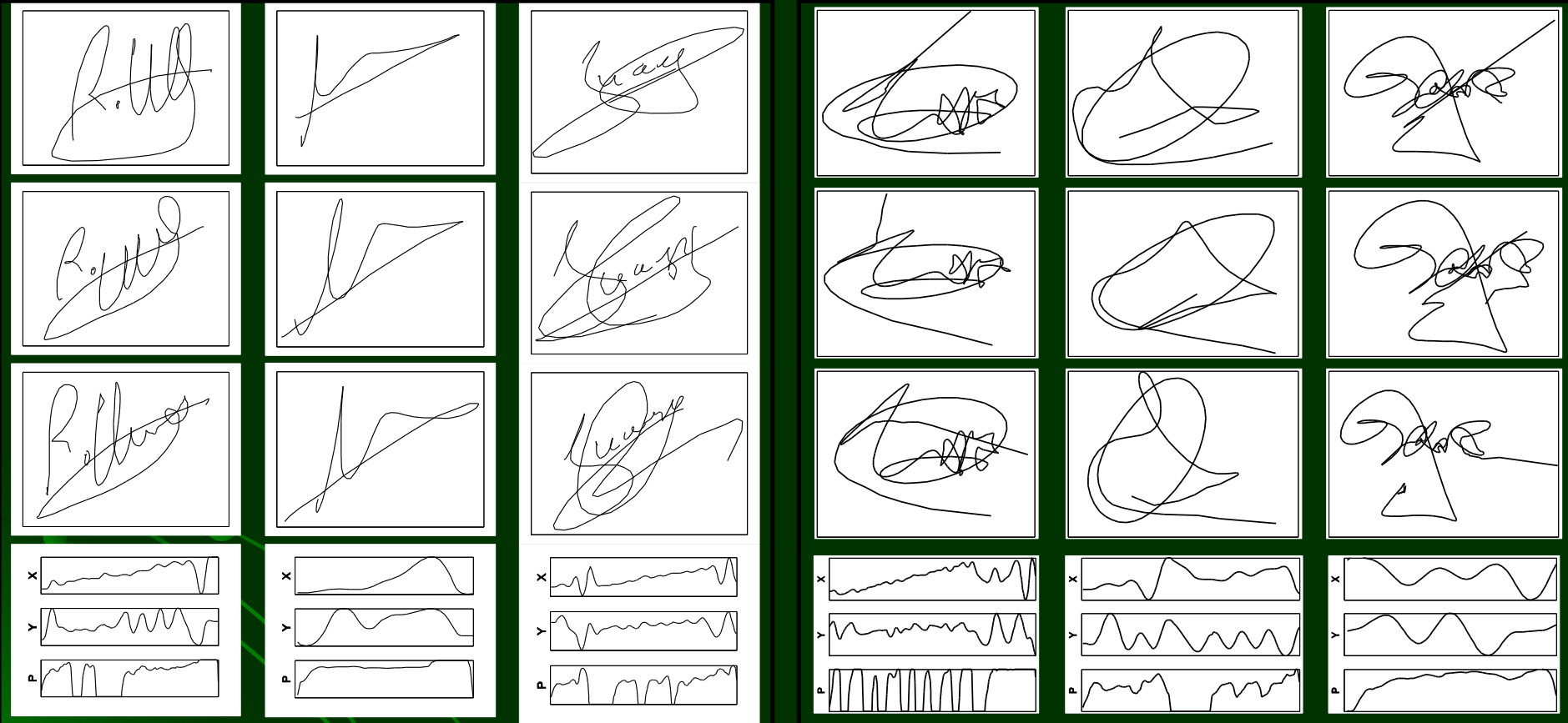
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- GALBALLY, J., FIERREZ, J. ORTEGA-GARCIA, J., PLAMONDON R., “ Synthetic On-Line Signature Generation Part II: Experimental Validation, Pattern Recognition, Vol.45, No.7, pp. 2622-2632, 2012.



# TYPICAL RESULTS

REAL

SYNTHETIC



# Enhanced On-line Signature Verification Based on Skilled Forgery Detection Using Sigma LogNormal Features

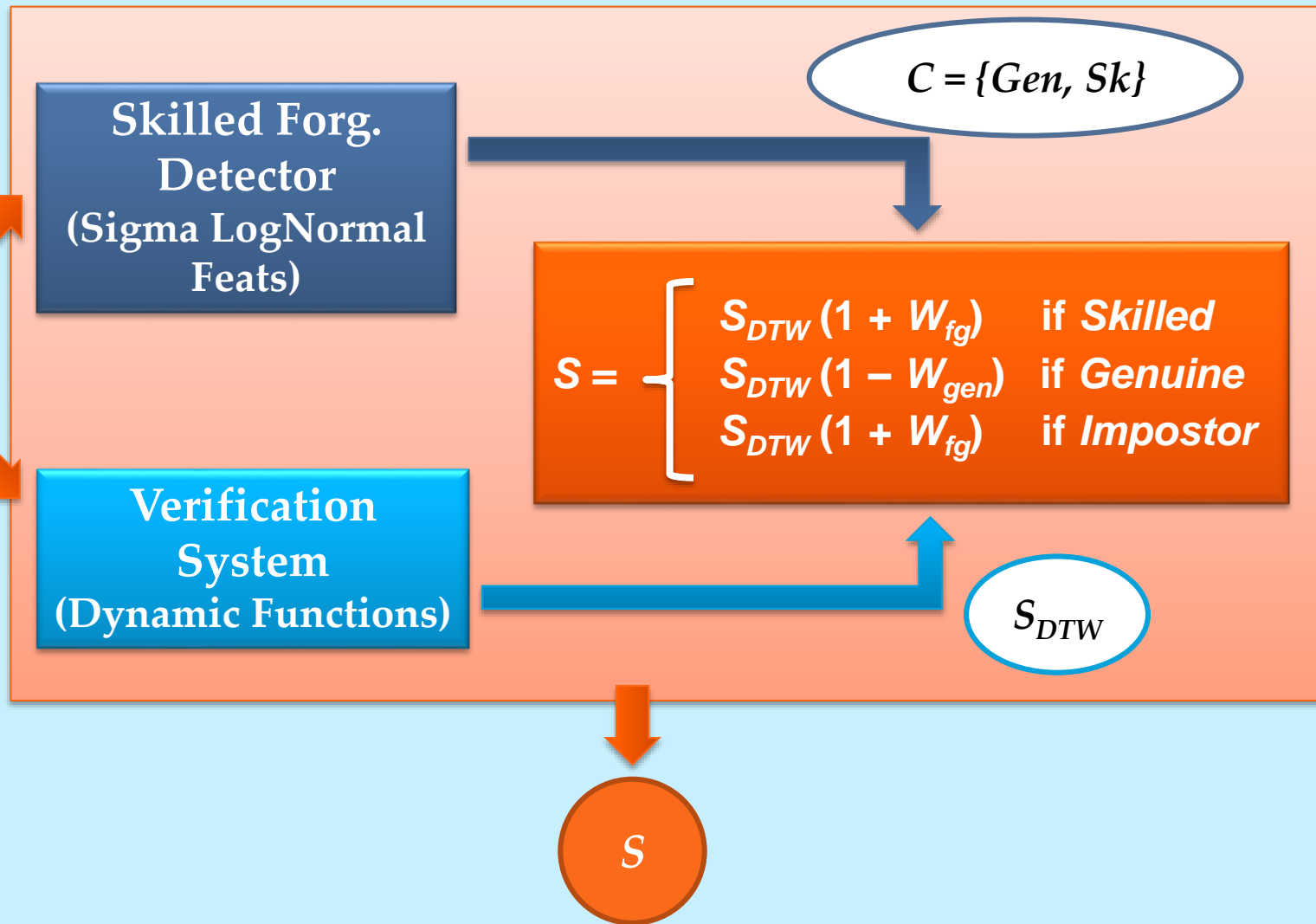
Marta Gomez-Barrero<sup>1</sup>, Javier Galbally<sup>1</sup>, Julian Fierrez<sup>1</sup>,  
Javier Ortega-Garcia and Réjean Plamondon<sup>2</sup>

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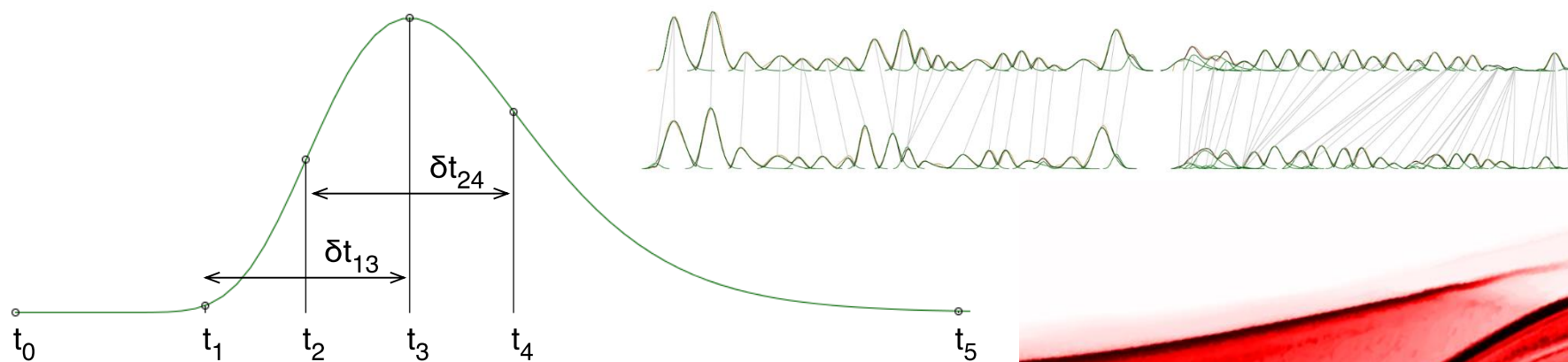
# Enhanced System



# Model-Based Signature Verification

[A. Fischer, R. Plamondon – IGS'15]

- Use model directly for signature verification
  - cognitive psychomotor characteristics of the signer
- 18 neuromuscular features of the  $\Sigma\Lambda$  model
  - dissimilarity based on dynamic time warping



# Towards an Automatic On-Line Signature Verifier Using Only One Reference Per Signer

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Réjean Plamondon<sup>4</sup> and Miguel A. Ferrer<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>2</sup>DIUF Department, **University of Fribourg, Switzerland**

<sup>3</sup>iCoSys Institute, **University of Applied Sciences and Arts  
Western Switzerland**

<sup>4</sup>École Polytechnique de Montréal. Laboratoire Scribens, Canada

To appear in IEEE Trans. Cybernetics 2016

# Target



- The Problem:

What can be done with only one enrolled real handwritten signature in Automatic Signature Verification (ASV)?

- Our Solution:

Standard features, DTW and **duplicate** the enrolled signature by **fine-tuning** the Sigma-Lognormal parameters.

# Captcha Generation

- A Cooperation with Venu Govindaraju and Chetan Ramaiah, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Center for Unified Biometric and Sensors, SUNY at Buffalo, USA.
- RAMAIAH, C., PLAMONDON, R., GOVINDARAJU, V., Handwritten CAPTCHA generation based on the Sigma-Lognormal model, Proc.16th Biennial Conf. of the Graphonomics Society, Nara, Japan, June 10-14, 2013, pp. 105-108.

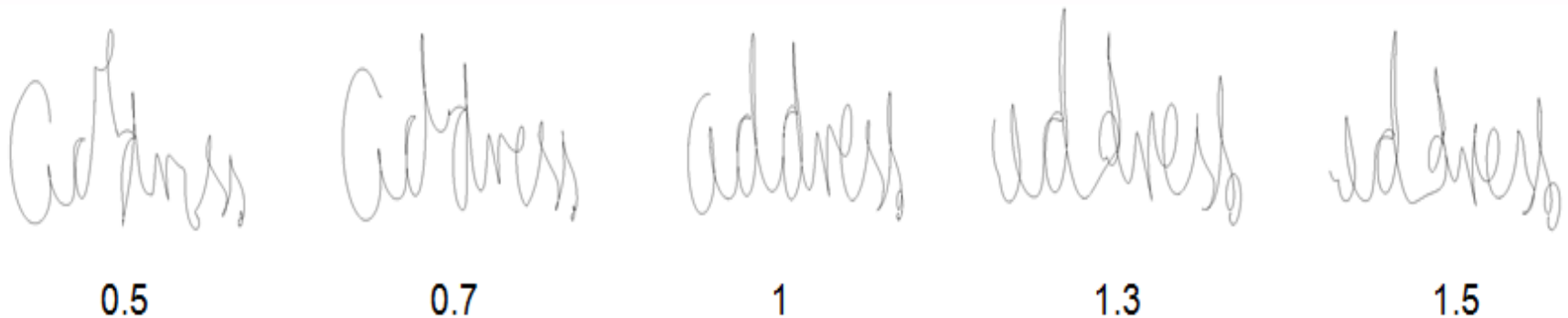
# Sigma-Lognormal model for handwritten CAPTCHAs

- Randomly pick out a word from a online handwriting database.
- Determine the parameters of the Sigma-Lognormal model for the chosen word.
- Modify the parameters of the model within an acceptable range of values.
- Render the modified word as the handwritten CAPTCHA.



# Experiments

- Experiment 2A results:



A sample where the parameters were modified by the same quantity. The numbers below the images indicate the ratio between the original values and the modified values.

# Experiments

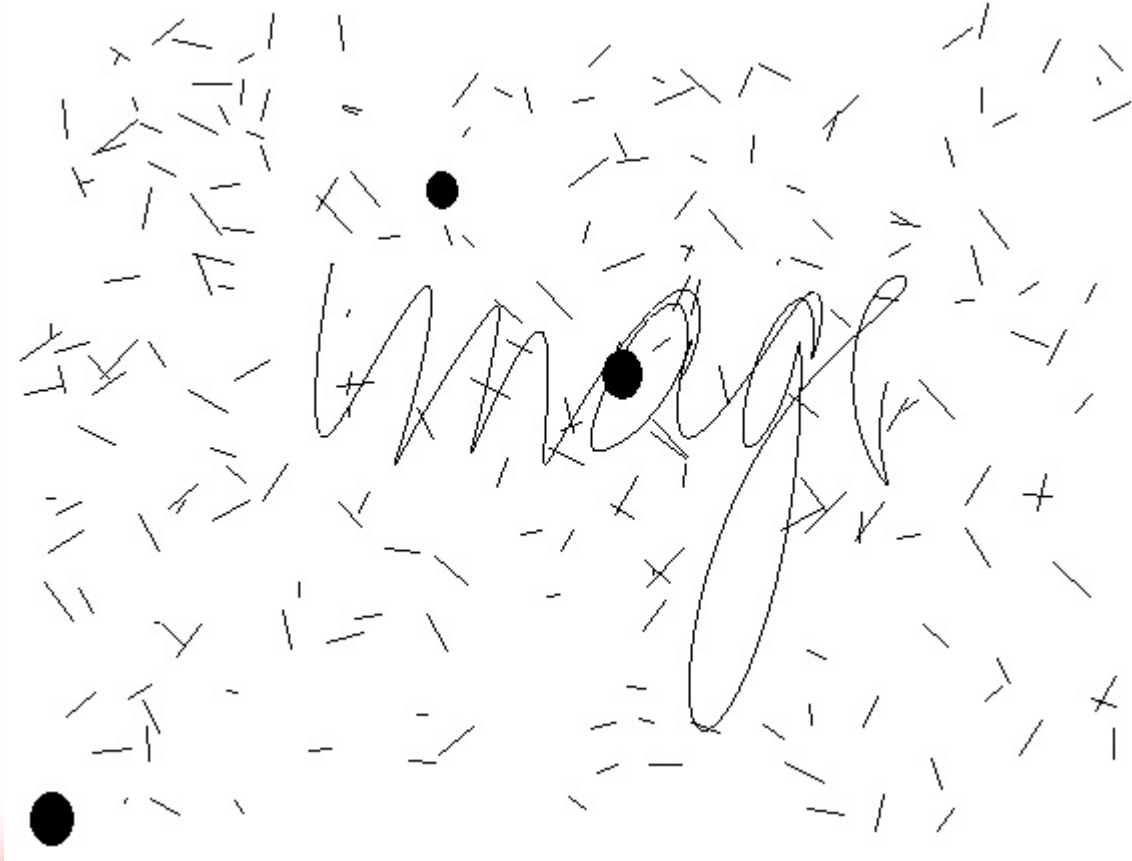
- Experiment 2A results

Ratio	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
WMR accuracy	5.52	13.77	18.92	17.89	33.36	29.23	16.86	20.98	5.52	3.72
Human Evaluation	48.45	70.1	87.62	96.9	100	100	97.93	87.62	64.94	50.51

- The ratio indicates how much each parameter was changed with respect to its original value.
- A range of 0.7-1.3 might be appropriate for our purposes.

# Follow up at ICPR 2014

We have made an extensive experimental analysis of different noise models.



# e-Health

“PDBs will perform word spotting and recognition to monitor user fine motor control, which can detect stress, aging and health problems”

## Where do we stand now?

# A broad field

Several studies were dealing with Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, Huntington's disease, schizophrenia, hemispheric lesions, agraphia, dysgraphia, micrographia, macrographia, tardive dyskinesia, dystonia and writer's cramp, visuospatial neglect, hyperactivity, attention problems, ADHD, depression, psychosis, alcohol consumption, nicotine, cannabis and other illicit drugs.

# Typical on-line handwriting analysis systems

- MoValyZeR (H-L. Teulings)(Neuroscript)
- *ComPet* (Computerized Handwriting Evaluation and Remediation tool (S.Rosenblum))
- ...+++

# A Pen Based Interface

- An on-going Cooperation with Josep Lladós and Alicia Fornes, Computer Vision Center, Universidad Autonomas de Barcelona, Spain.
- Pen-based user-centred tool for on-line word spotting and fine motricity monitoring to evaluate diseases in clinical research, to design rehabilitation task, to implement learning interfaces.

# Proposed System: A Pen-based Interface for On-line Word Spotting and Fine Motricity Monitoring

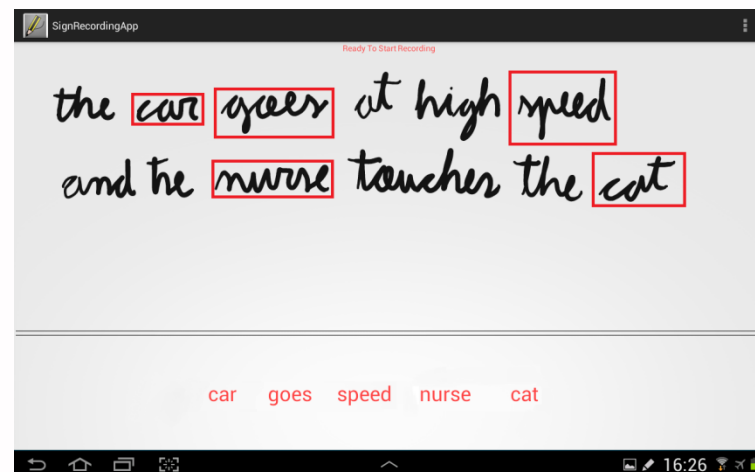
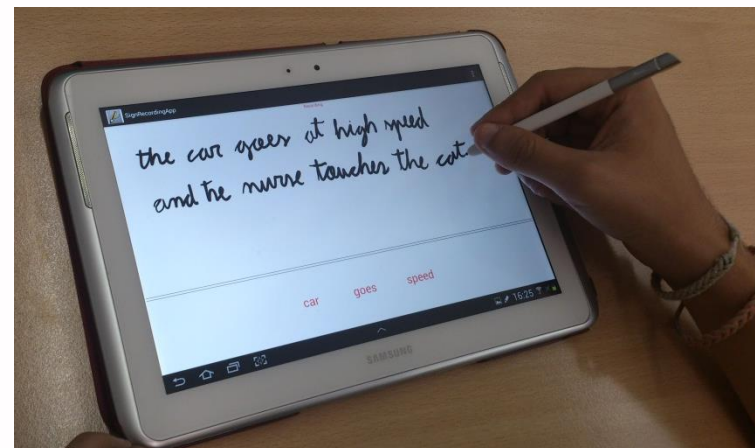
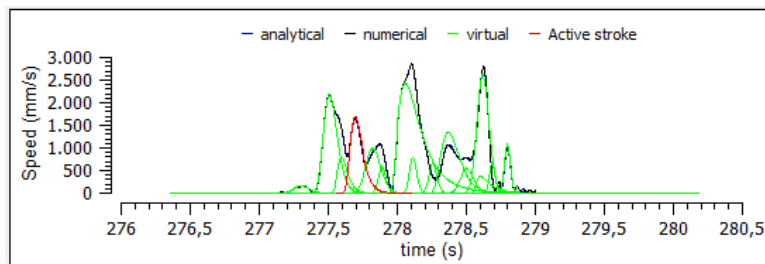
## 1. On-line word spotting

- The user defines his key-words
- The system recognizes the key-words in the sentences written on the tablet

## 2. Kinematic Analysis

- For each detected key-word, it computes the kinematic parameters and compares with the ones from stored instances of the same key-word:

**Motricity monitoring** (evolution of HW)





# A First Prototype

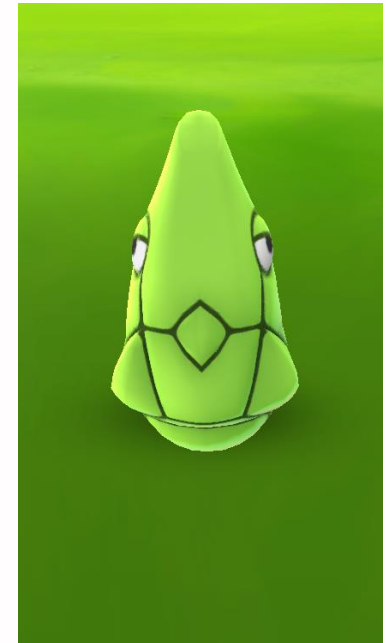
## Monitoring Neuromotricity On-line: a Cloud Computing Approach

Olivier LEFEBVRE <sup>a</sup>, Pau RIBA <sup>b</sup>, Jules  
GAGNON-MARCHAND <sup>a</sup>, Charles  
FOURNIER <sup>a</sup>, Alicia FORNES <sup>b</sup>, Josep  
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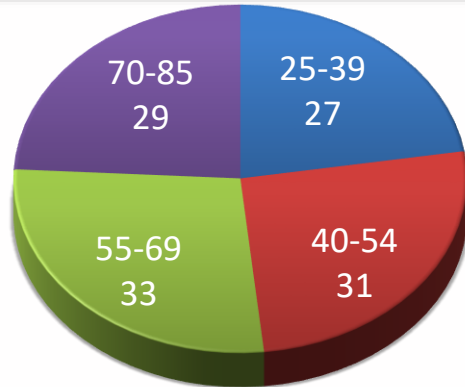
# On-going Studies: e-Health

- Brain stroke risk factors
- Parkinson disease
- Alzheimer's disease
- ADHD
- Concussion
- ...+++

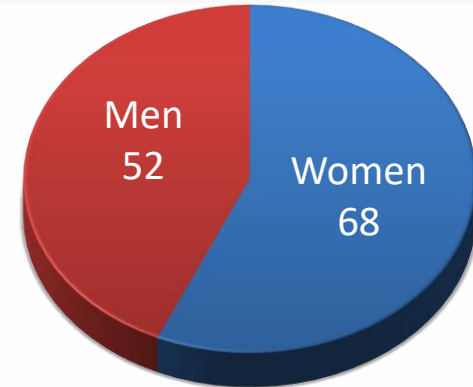


# 5 Data Sample (120 subjects)

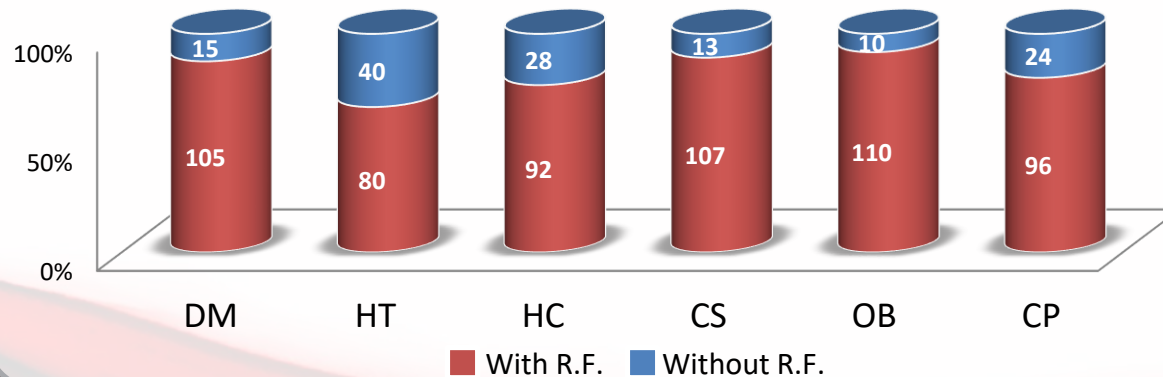
## Age



## Gender



## Brain stroke risk factors (R.F.)

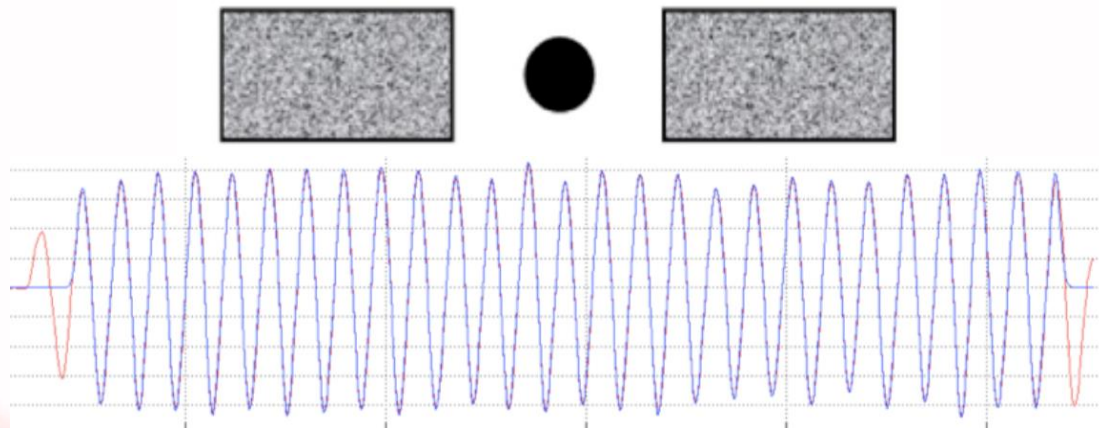


DM: Diabetes mellitus  
HT : Hypertension  
HC : Hypercholesterolemia  
CS : Cigarette smoking  
OB : Obesity  
CP : Cardiac problems

# Handwriting Strokes & Brain Strokes

[A. Bou, A. Fischer, R. Plamondon – IGS'15]

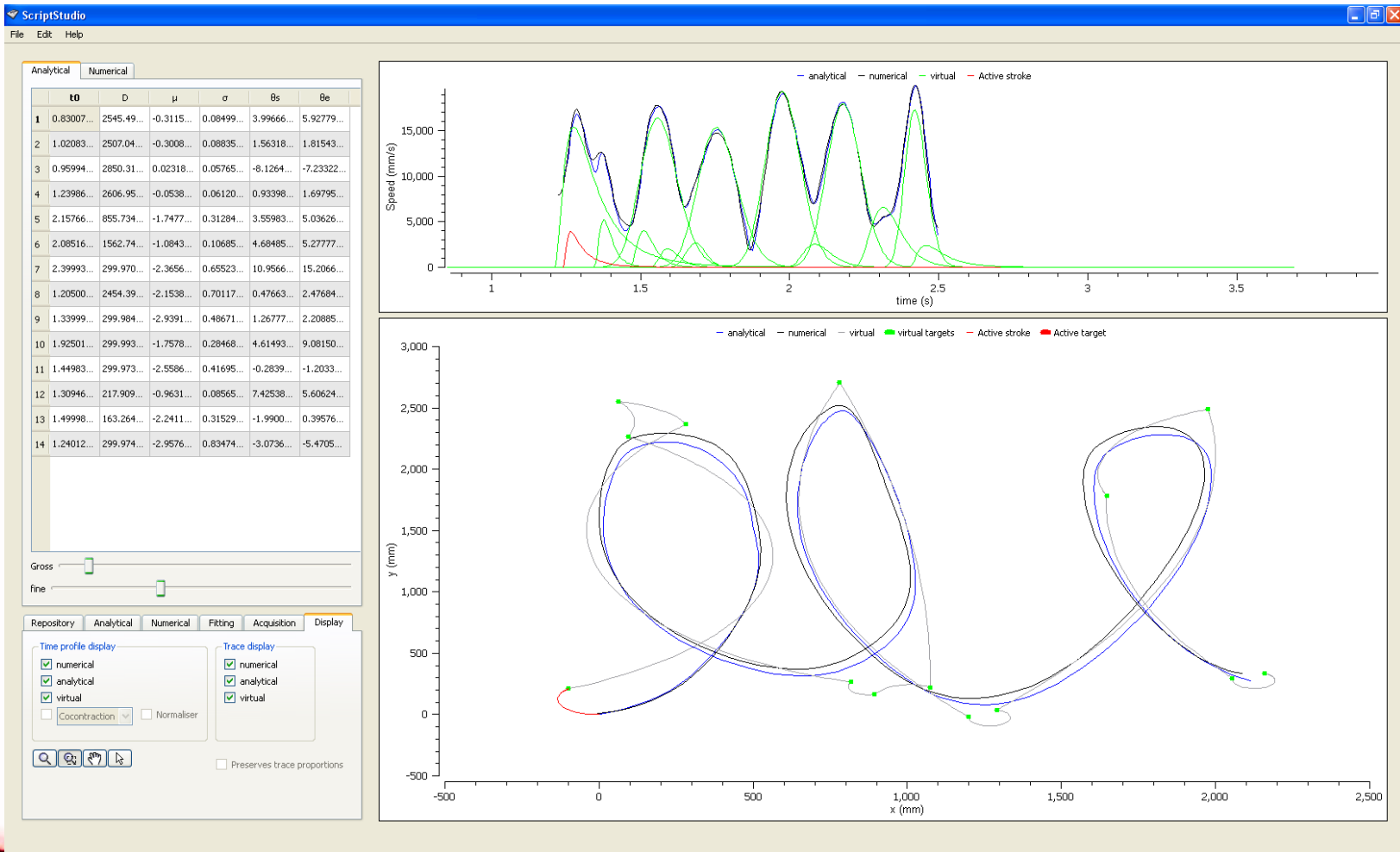
- Analysis of oscillatory movements
  - linking fine motor control with brain stroke risk factors
- 7 neuromuscular features of the  $\Omega\Lambda$  model
  - differ between subjects with and without risk factors



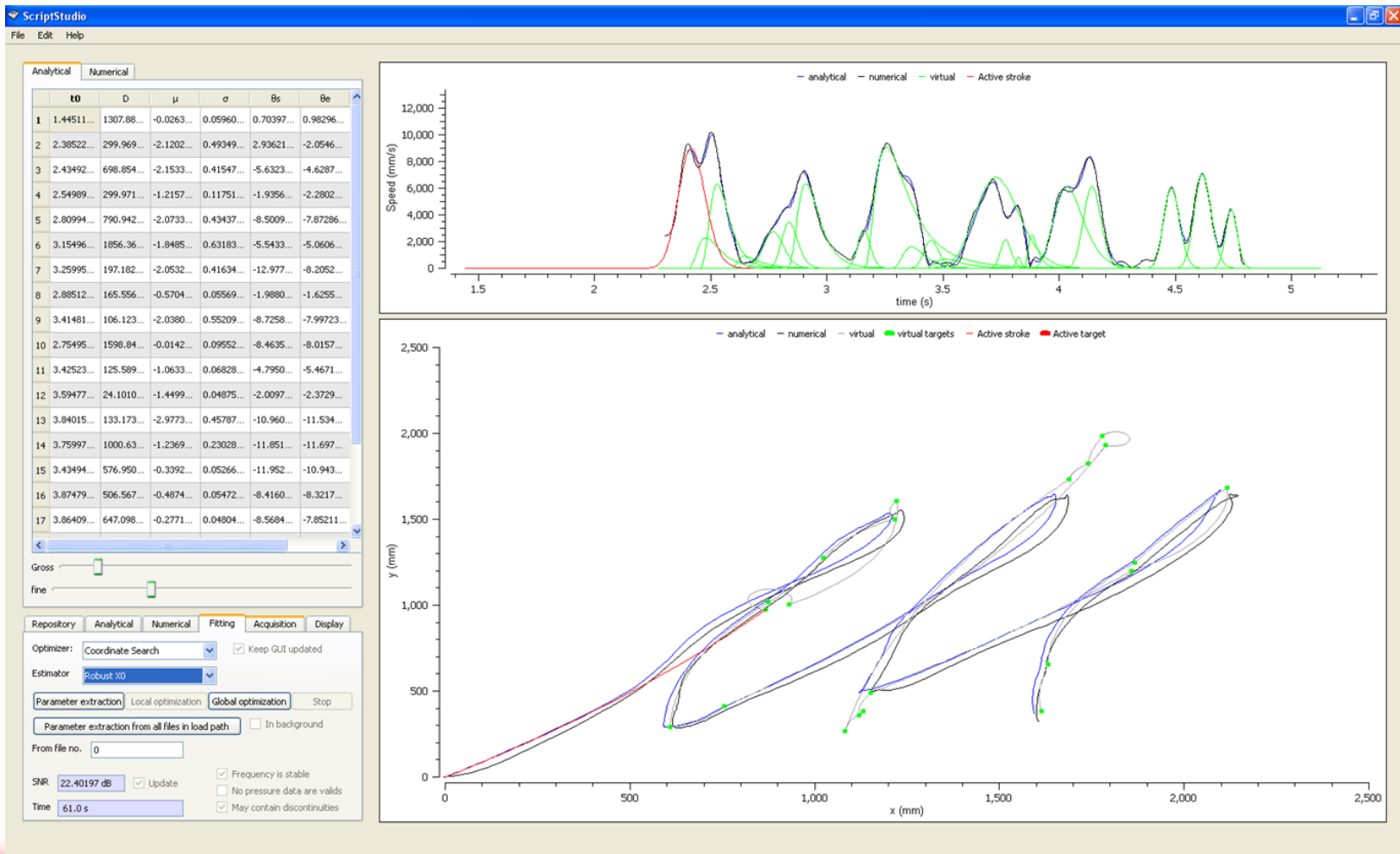
# Parkinson Disease

- A cooperation with Aren van Gemmert, Zhujun Pan and Christopher Aiken, Department of Kinesiology, Louisiana State University.
- VAN GEMMERT, A, PLAMONDON, R. O'REILLY, C, Using the Sigma-lognormal model to investigate handwriting of individuals with Parkinson's disease, Proc.16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conf. of the Graphonomics Society, Nara, Japan, June 10-14, 2013, pp. 119-122.

# Results (Older control)



# Results (Parkinson)



# Preliminary Results (IGS 2013)

- PD patients use significant more Lognormals than controls
  - PD patients have difficulty to precisely control agonist and antagonist resulting in more co-contraction => smaller movements.
- PD patients have trouble to efficiently recruit the order of lognormals to produce smooth movements
- Sigma-Lognormal model useful to find primitives in motor movements of Parkinson Disease patients.



# Newly Started Projects

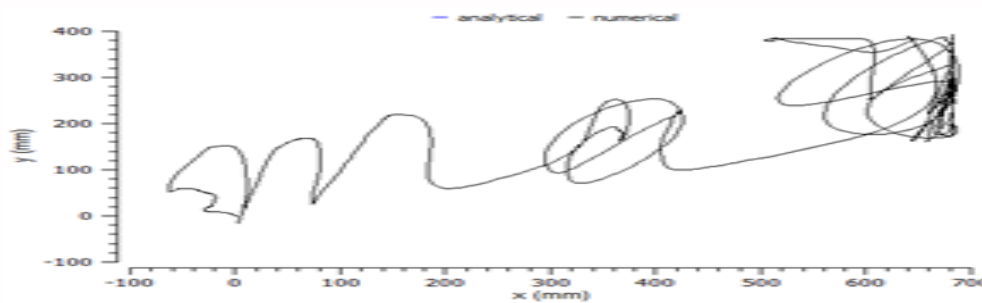
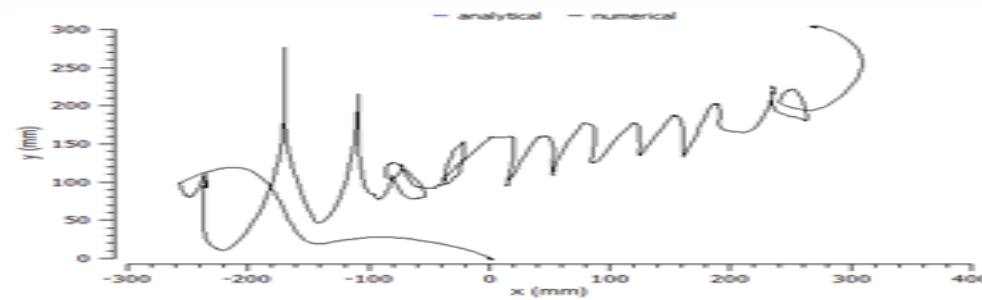
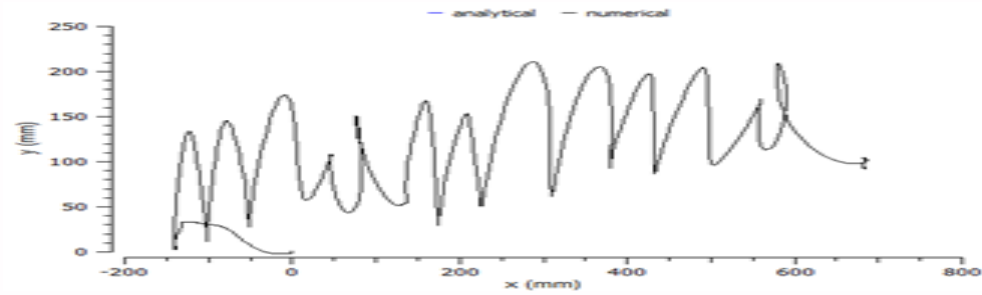
**Effect of aerobic exercise training** with or without music with preferred rhythms on motor skill learning in Parkinson's disease.

with Julien Doyon, Arnaud Boré  
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Institut de Gériatrie  
Université de Montréal

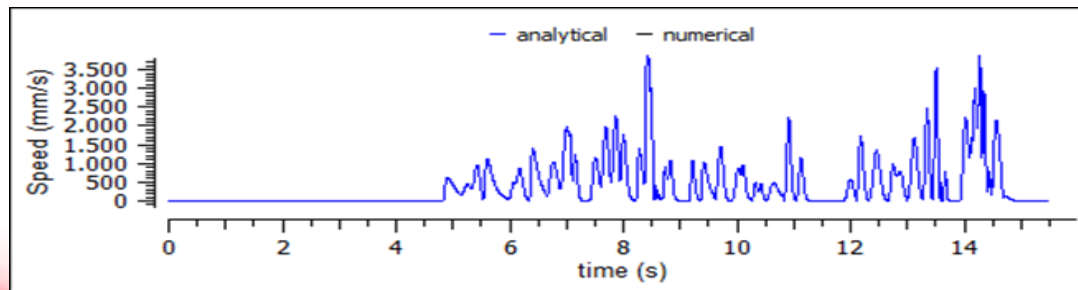
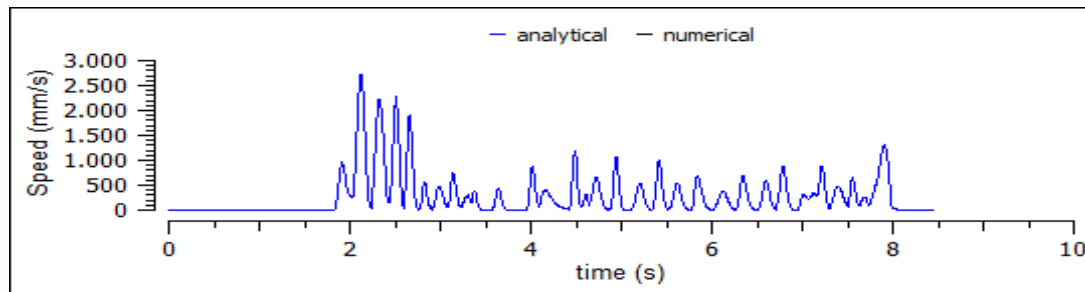
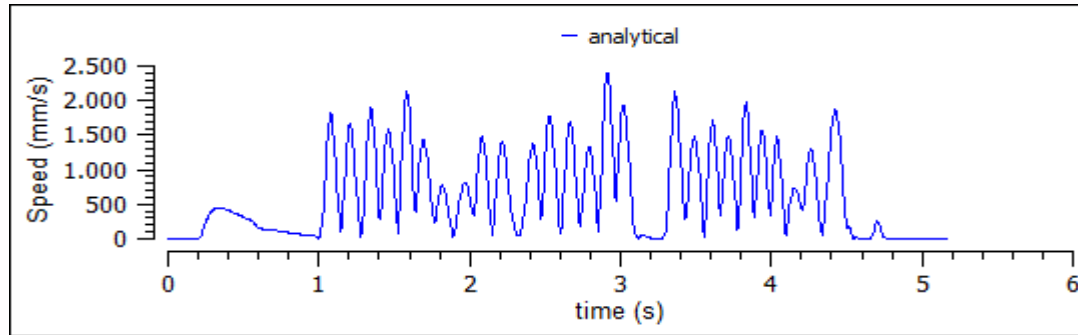
# Alzheimer Handwriting Analysis

- A Cooperation with Donato Impedovo, Giuseppe Pirlo, Francesco Morizio Mangini, Donato Barbuzzi, Andrea Rollo, Allesandro Balestrucci, Sebastiano Impedovo, Lucia Sarcinella, Department of Computer Science, University di Bari, Italy.
- D. Impedovo, G. Pirlo, F. M. Mangini, D. Barbuzzi, A. Rollo, A. Balestrucci, S. Impedovo, L. Sarcinella, C. O'Reilly, R. Plamondon, Writing Generation Model for Health Care Neuromuscular System Investigation, Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Computational Intelligence Methods for Bioinformatics and Biostatistics, Nice, France, In Press.

# WORD «mamma»



# VELOCITY PROFILES



# Newly starting Project

## Kinematic analysis of graphomotor abilities in children with ADHD

with Bruno Gauthier and Patricia Laniel  
Département de Psychologie  
Université de Montréal

This study explores how fine motor skills in children with **Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder** (ADHD) are manifested in the kinematic graphomotor domain. More specifically, the goal is to compare graphomotor control in children with and without ADHD using the sigma-lognormal model.

# Newly Starting Project

Pediatric and Youth Mild Traumatic Brain Injury  
Common Data Elements Study: improving the  
assessment of **children with concussion**.

with Miriam Beauchamp , Naddley Désiré,  
Département Psychologie - Université de Montréal  
et Centre de recherche de l'hôpital Ste-Justine;  
and Isabelle Gagnon,  
School of Physical and Occupational Therapy-  
McGill University and Trauma Department-  
Montreal Children's Hospital

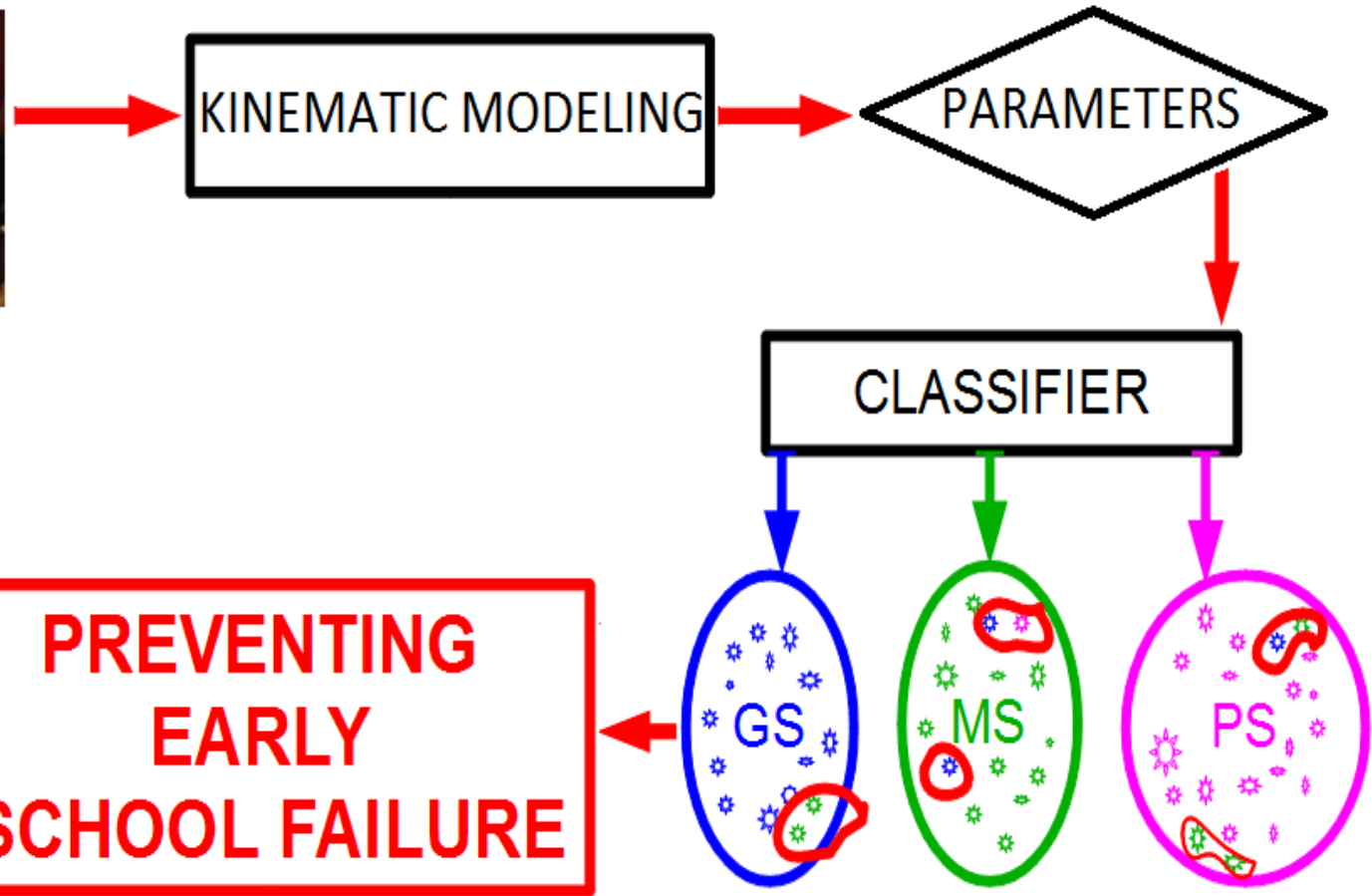
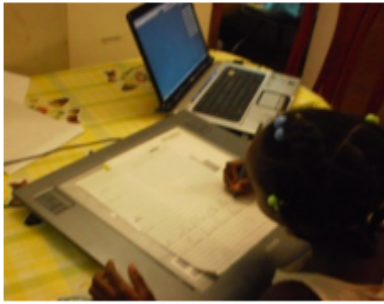
# e-Learning

“In the hands of children, PDBs will turn into toys helping them to learn and master their fine motricity and become better writers and students.”

## Where do we stand now?

# Collaboration with Guadeloupe:GOAL

Children's handwriting





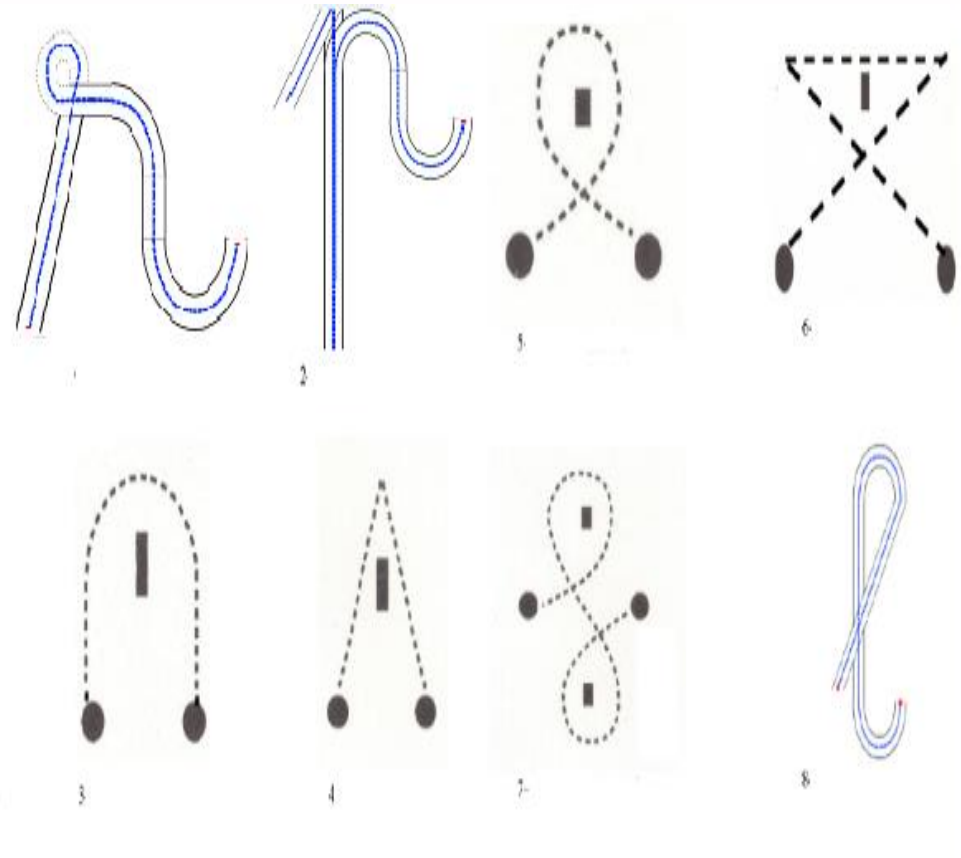
# DATABASE

Number of days : 5

Section	Large (GS)	Medium (MS)	Small (PS)	Total
Children	27	17	22	66
Age (years)	5	4	3	

44 trajectories by children → 2640

# TOOLS, PROTOCOL OF ACQUISITION



Number of patterns : 11

# FUNDAMENTAL ANSWERS

Context → preliminary study to test the relevance of the Sigma-lognormal model on young writers

- 1. The Sigma lognormal model is efficient to synthesize children's handwriting with a good quality.*
- 2. The Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) is efficient to classify young writers.*
- 3. The number of lognormals ( $n_{\text{blog}}$ ) is efficient to classify young writers.*

# Most recent results

Combining sigma-lognormal modeling and classical features for analyzing gaphomotor performances in kindergarten children.

Thérésa Duval, Céline Rémi, Réjean Plamondon, Jean Vaillant, Christian O'Reilly.

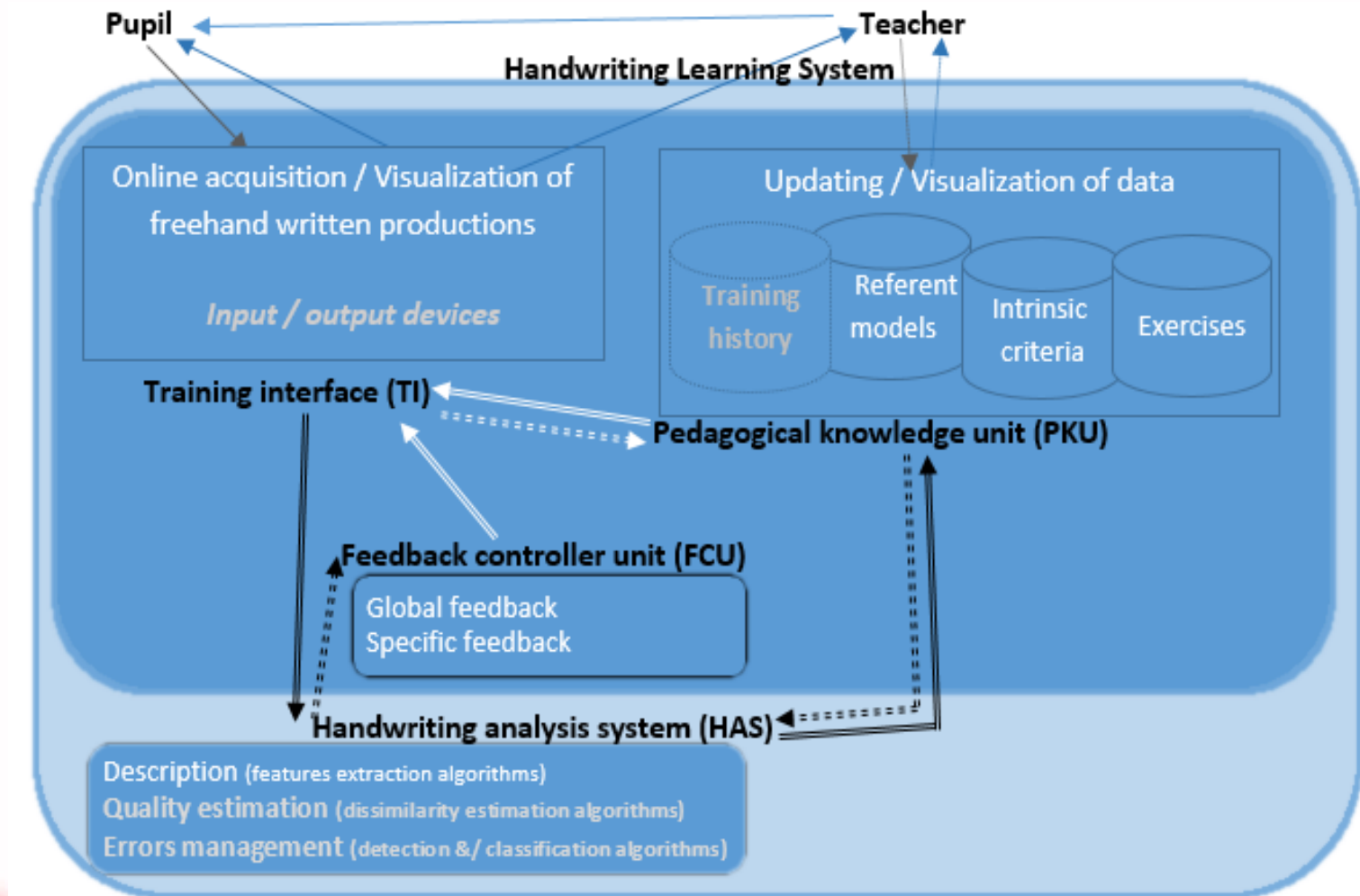
Human Movement Science, in Press (2015)

Exploring the Kinematic Dimension of Kindergarten Children's Scribbles.

Céline Rémi, Jean Vaillant, Thérésa Duval, Réjean Plamondon

IGS 2015

# Generic architecture of e-learning tools



# Basic modules

- The **training interface** can be associated with one, two or three of the following background functional units :
- The **pedagogical knowledge unit** (PKU) achieves the management of the data that are acquired on-line and displayed through the training interface.
- A **handwriting analysis system** (HAS) can be integrated as fourth complementary unit.
- A **feedback controller unit** (FCU) determines the feedbacks that have to be provided to the pupil and his teacher by the training interface.

# Typical tools

- Toutaki
- Scriptôt
- TRAZO
- Telemaque
- Easysketcch
- SwissHood
- Intuiscript
- ...+++



# Context of use

- **AGE RANGE**
- **DEVICE**
  - Digitizer
  - E-ink tablet
  - E-pen
  - Interactive whiteboard
- **MODALITIES**
  - Individual use
  - Classroom group use
  - Collaborative use
- **EXPRESSIONS**
  - Isolated letter
  - words
  - Colouring
  - Free sketch
  - Graphical patterns
  - Sentences
  - Geometrical symbols
  - Digits



# **FUNCTIONS**

**Replay execution**

**Auto-correction**

**History of activities**

**Follow-up of progress**

**Encouragement**

**Shape analysis**

**Stroke analysis**

**Direction analysis**

**Interline analysis**

**Visuo-spatial guide**

**Procedural guide Kinematics guide**

**Haptic guide**

# Models

- **REFERENCE MODEL**
  - Visuo-spatial
  - Procedural (sense & order)
  - Kinematics
- **ORIGIN OF THE REFERENT MODELS**
  - Provided by teacher
  - Learned from pupil
  - Learned from pupil's class

# ANALYSIS

## INTRINSIC CRITERIA

Shape analysis

Stroke analysis

Direction analysis

Interline analysis

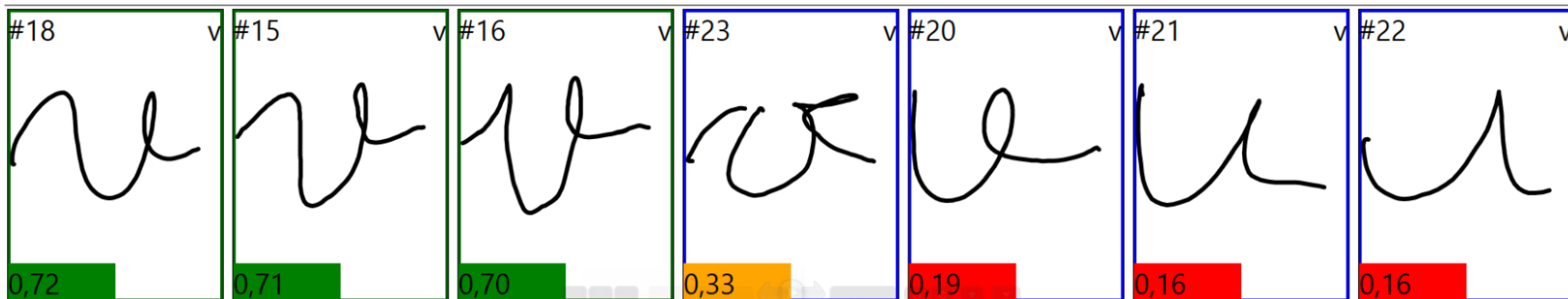
# Intuiscript (Éric Anquetil)



Figure 5: Example of a child using the Intuiscript handwriting e-learning tool



Snapshots of Intuiscript Application



Results of an automated evaluation of the quality of cursive isolated letters provided by Intuiscript

# 5 - The Personal Digital Bodyguard Challenge

**Overview of Some Inherent Open problems**

# Technical Issues: traditional scenario

- Almost all the previous studies have been conducted with standard digitizers (1000dpi spatial resolution, 200Hz sampling frequency).
- Paper and writing pen or protected writing surface and non writing stylus.
- Comfortable writing environment and training periods before data collection.
- Minimizing experimental variability.



# Technical issues: mobile scenario

- Small and glossy writing surface, lower resolution and sampling frequency (often not stable).
- Holding the device in the hand while writing.
- Almost no training.
- Using unfamiliar stylus or simply finger tip.
- Touchscreen: lost of non-contact information.
- Unconstrained ergonomic experimental environment.

# The Mobility Challenge

## Microsoft Surface Pro 3



# The Mobility Challenge

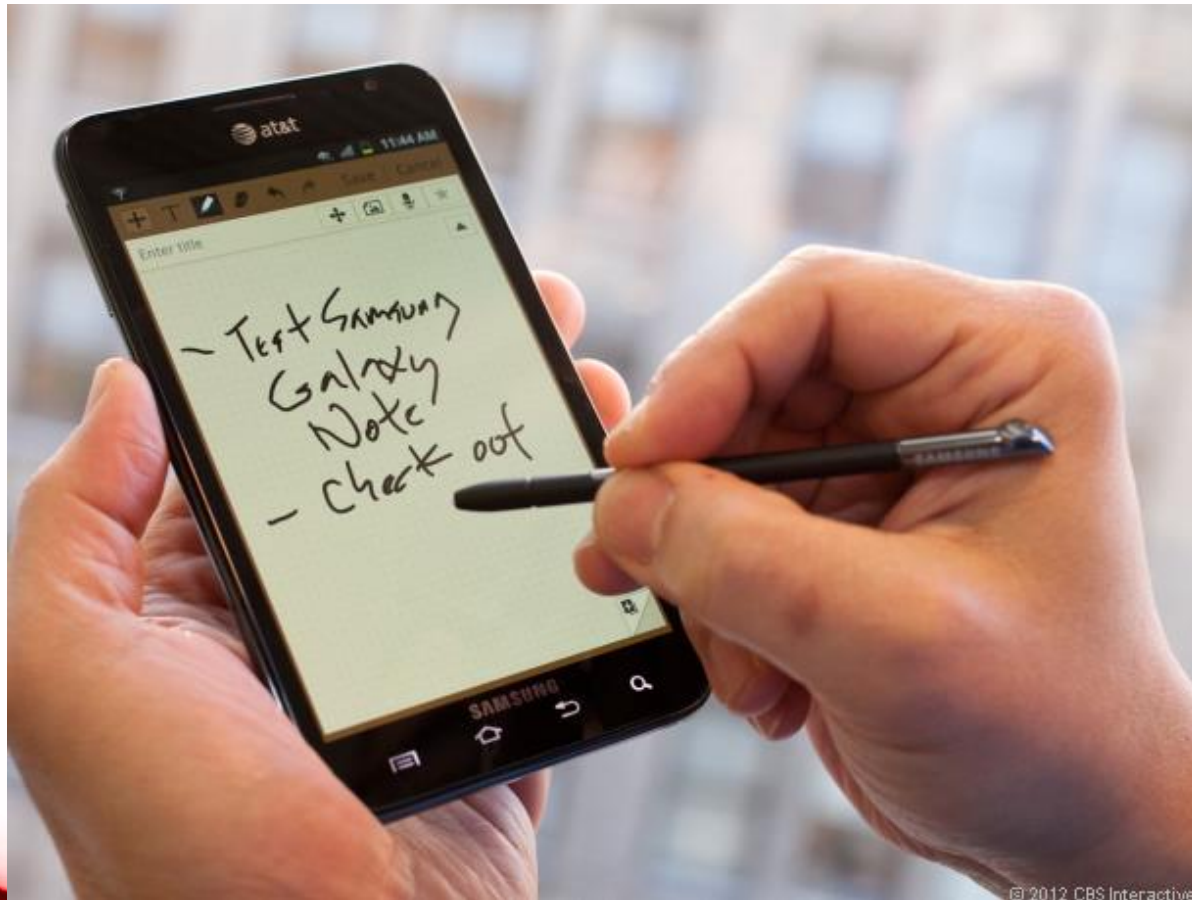
## Microsoft Surface Pro 3



# Typical equipment in action: Microsoft Surface Pro 3



# Typical equipment in action: Samsung Galaxy Note



# The integration challenge

How do we select, implement and integrate the proper e-security, e-Health and e-learning applications?

How to separate the wheat from the chaff?

# The Diffusion Challenge?

Who cares?

Who is willing to pay for a PDB?



Meanwhile...

We have fun  
in the Lab!

Keep on dreaming!



# 6 - The tip of an iceberg

**There Is Much More to Do  
with LOGNORMALITY!!!**

# Potential Applications

- **On-line handwriting recognition / Signature Verification:**
  - a new representation space, automatic segmentation...
  - writer style characterization, automatic data base generation
  - new on-line recognizers and verifiers
  - interactive tools to help children to learn handwriting...
- **Biomedical signal processing:**
  - a new set of parameters to characterize the human motor control system...
  - design of psychomotor evaluation tests
  - detection of fine motor control problems (Parkinson, Alzheimer, CVA)
  - prevention and rehabilitation tests and tools
  - effects of medication, alcohol, drugs, weight loss...
- **New open fields:**
  - a new set of functions for 2D and 3D smoothest curve modeling
  - anthropomorphic arm design
  - exoskeletons and prosthetics
  - humanoid movements modeling of virtual reality objects.

# Beyond Tablets: Whiteboard Notes

[A. Fischer, R. Plamondon, C. O'Reilly, Y. Savaria – ICFHR'14]

- New modality for lognormal analysis
  - writer standing, complete text lines, natural language
- Improve recognition with synthetic learning samples
  - add Gaussian noise to  $\Sigma\Lambda$  model parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$



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# Project AutoGraff

Collaboration with Daniel Berio and Frederic Fol Leymarie

Project website: <http://www.doc.gold.ac.uk/autograff/>

- **Goal:** Computational analysis and synthesis of graffiti art



Graffiti on a wall



Synthetic graffiti tag (AUTOGRAFF)  
generated with the AutoGraff system  
and Kinematic Theory models.

# ***KINEMATIC MODELLING OF DIPHTHONG ARTICULATION***

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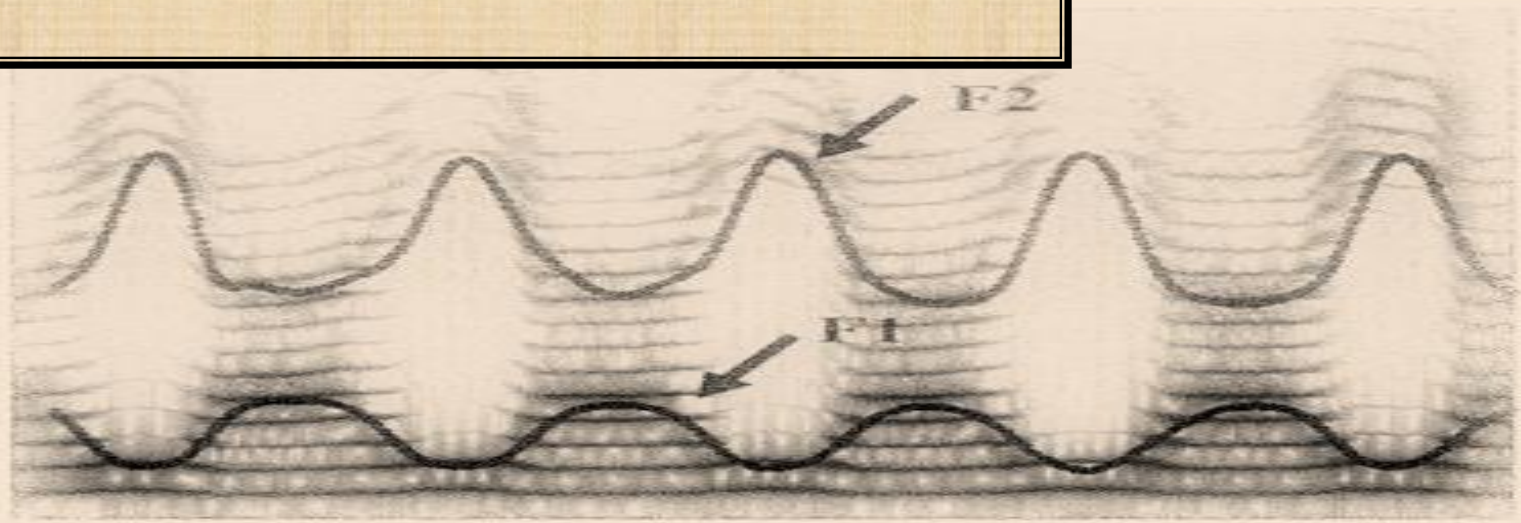
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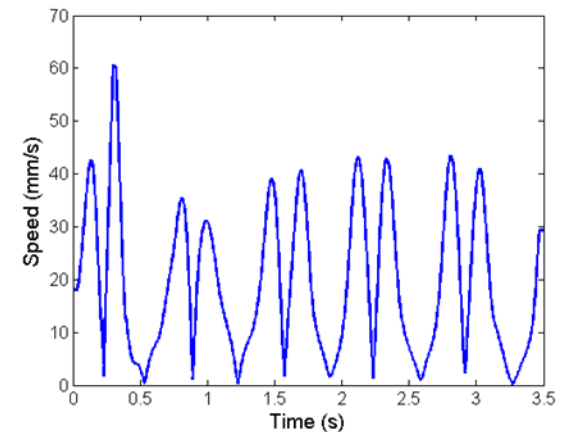
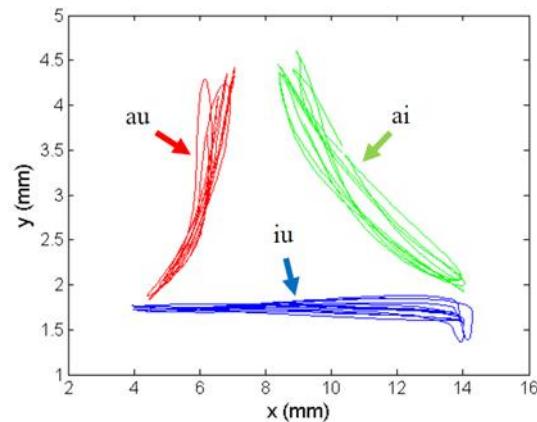
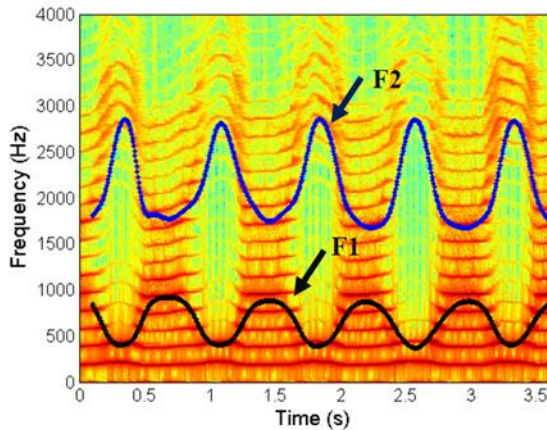


### ◆ Subjects:

- ◆ 20 middle aged healthy subjects.
- ◆ three different diphthong phonations pronounced by Spanish speakers (/au/, /iu/, and /ai/).
- ◆ recorded at 22,050 Hz and 16 bits resolution

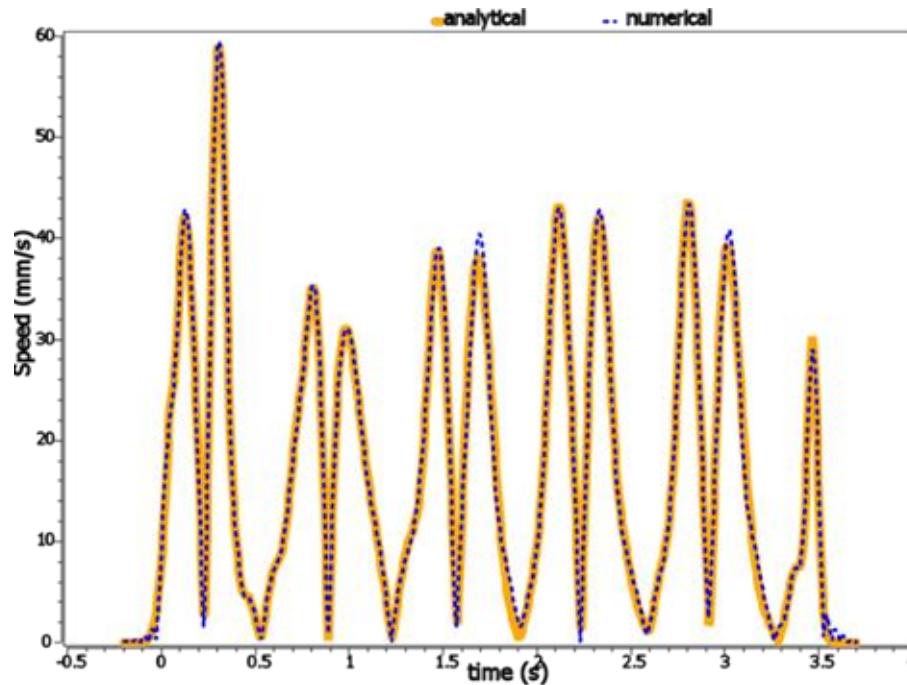


### ◆ Formant estimation.



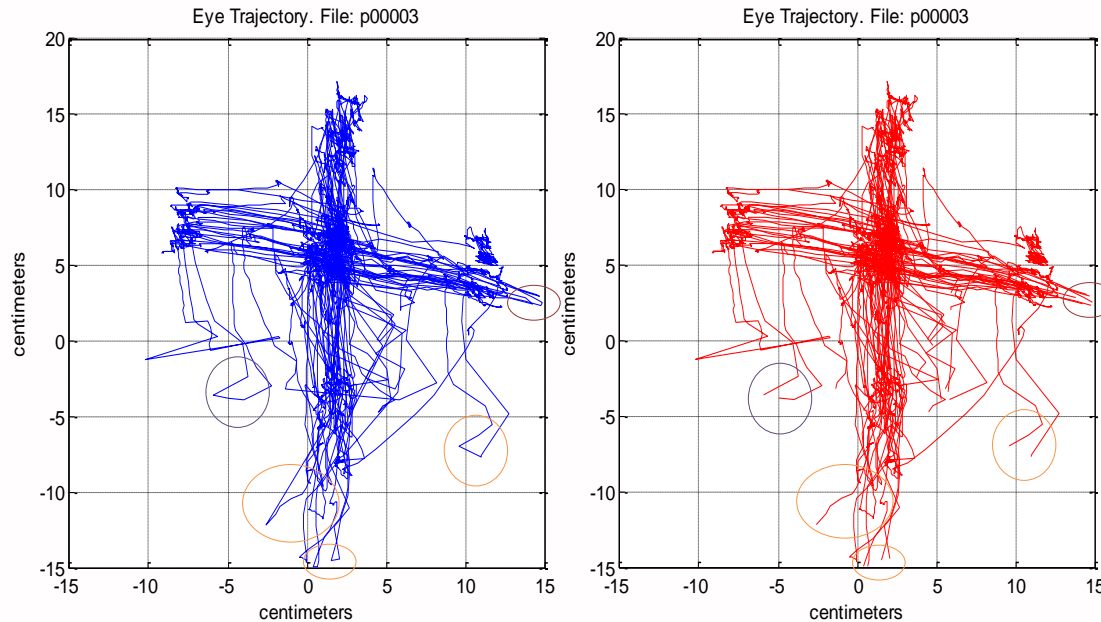
## RESULTS

- ◆ How close is the original profile to the reconstructed lognormal speed profile?



# Alzheimer Eye Movement Analysis

- A Cooperation with Nicole Vincent and Zoi Kapulla  
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These are the results  
of national and international  
collaborations built around software  
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# Any group interested ?

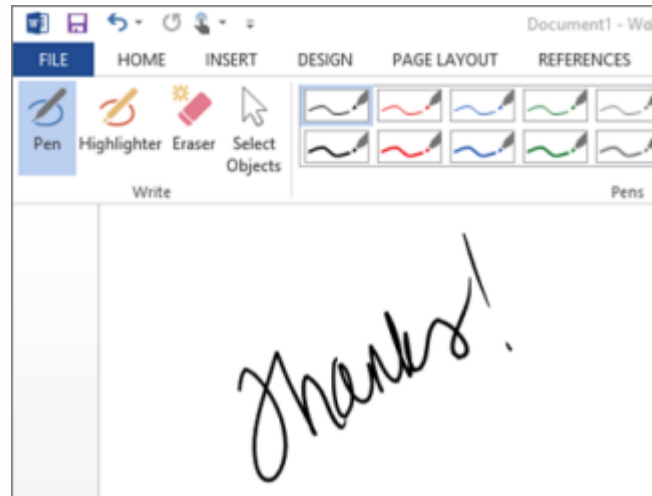
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**Share** our knowledge and software  
with research partners

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# QUESTIONS ?