

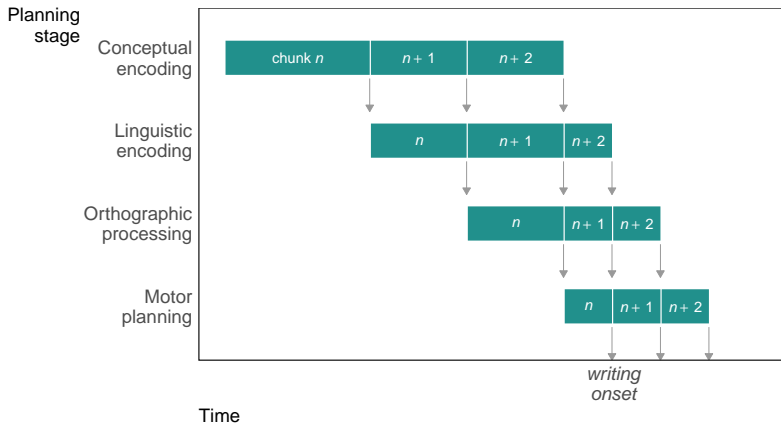
Analysing inter-key intervals: Beyond means, medians and pause frequencies

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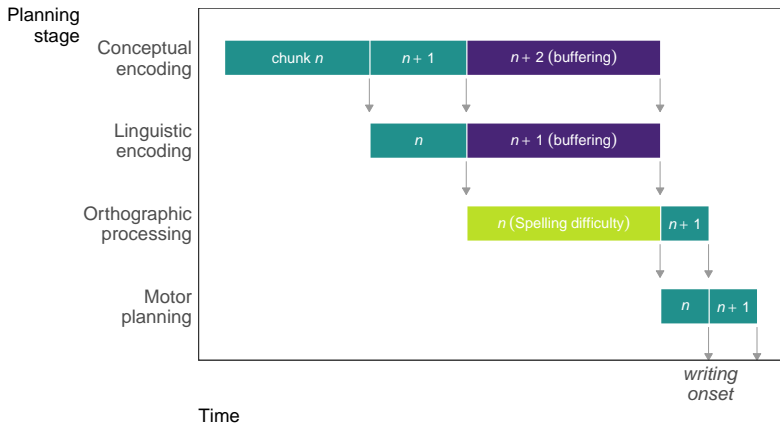
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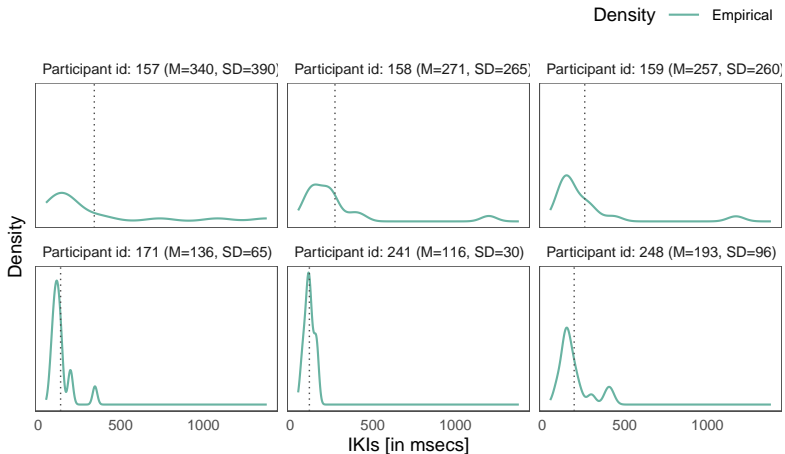
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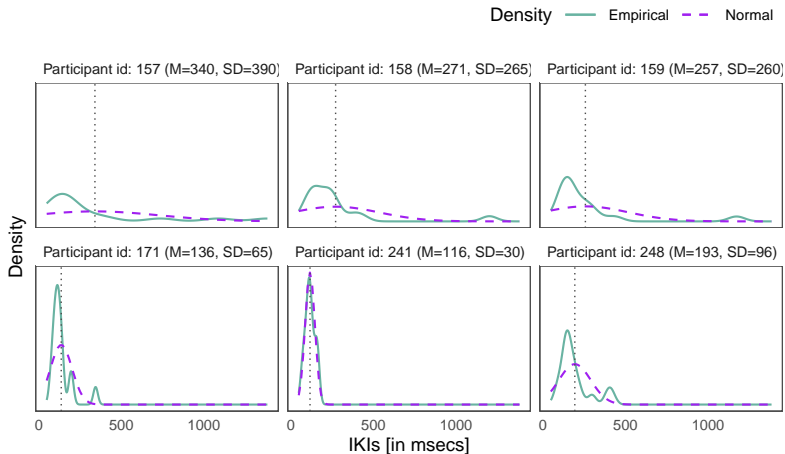
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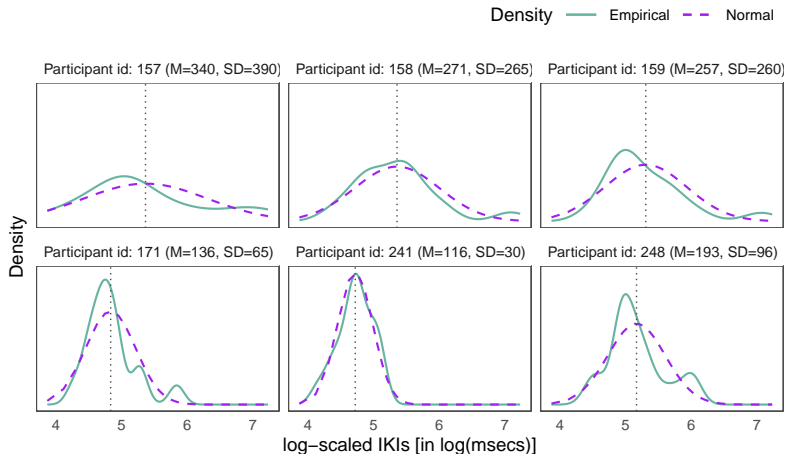
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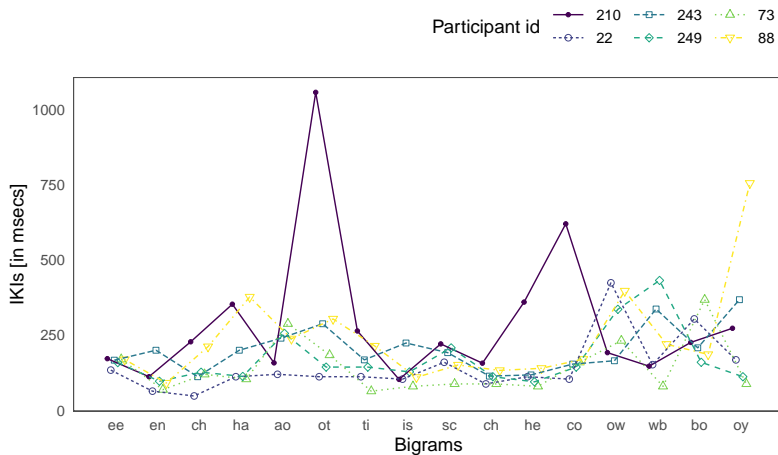
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Long intervals are not bigram specific



Research focus

- ▶ How do we address the long right tail in statistical models without losing information, trimming data, imposing pause thresholds?
- ▶ log-Gaussian stable distribution (Guo et al., [2018](#))
- ▶ ex-Gaussian (Chukharev-Khudilaynen, [2014](#))
- ▶ Mixture of processes (Almond et al., [2012](#); Baaijen et al., [2012](#))
- ▶ Implementation of the copy-typing process as statistical models in Stan (Carpenter et al., [2016](#)); code based on Sorensen et al. ([2016](#)) and Vasishth, Chopin et al. ([2017](#)); also Vasishth, Jäger et al. ([2017](#)).

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- ▶ Bigrams: $w_j \sim \text{Normal}(0, \sigma_w^2)$
- ▶ Error variance σ_e^2

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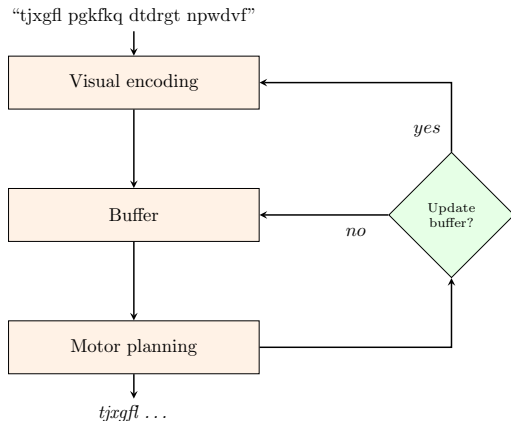
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Method

- ▶ Bigram-keystroke interval data: Dutch subset of copy-task corpus (Van Waes et al., [2019](#); Van Waes et al., [2020](#))
- ▶ **Consonants task:** “tjxgfl pgkfkq dtdrgt npwdvf”
- ▶ **LF-bigrams task:** “een chaotische cowboy”
- ▶ Lexical and non-lexical copy-typing context
- ▶ Random sample of 250 ppts (18-25 years of age)

Copy-typing sequences of characters



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