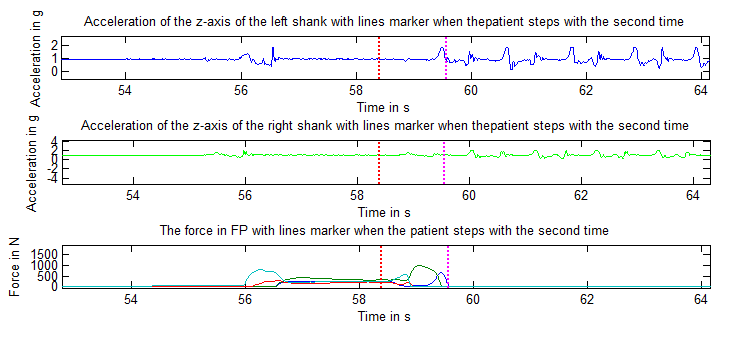
Conclusions: APA Analysis

## Acceleration of the shanks and force of the plateform

It’s clear that we can detect when the second step happens (when patient goes down from forceplate ) using the acceleration signal in the shanks (Z-axis) and the force signal. To do this, we can consider that this step starts when we detect activity in the acceleration signal (Alberto algorism to activity detection) and finish when it hasn’t signal of force:

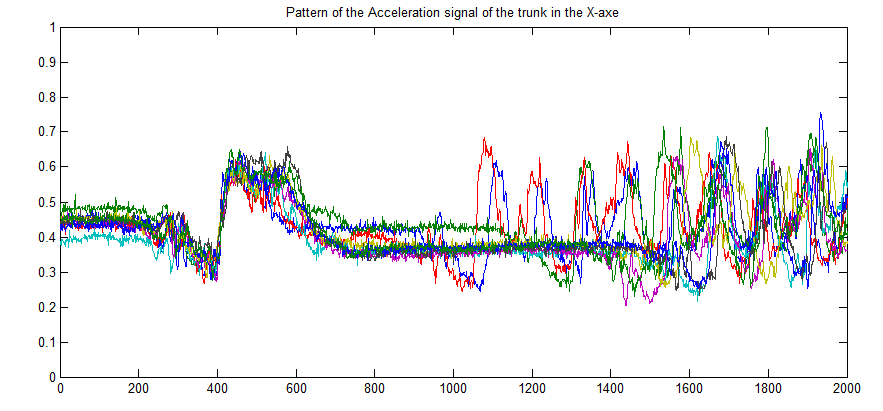


So far, we have an approximation of the interval where the second step happens, so we can obtain the parameters ( COP peak, Acc peak,…) to characterise the APAs .

## Acceleration of the trunk and COP of the plateform

We have to obtain the APA parameters from the trunk acceleration signals and COP signals because these signals are appropriate to be able to characterise properly the adjustments before gait.

So, at the beginning we observed the trunk signals when the patient starts with the right and left feet, and we saw the following signals:

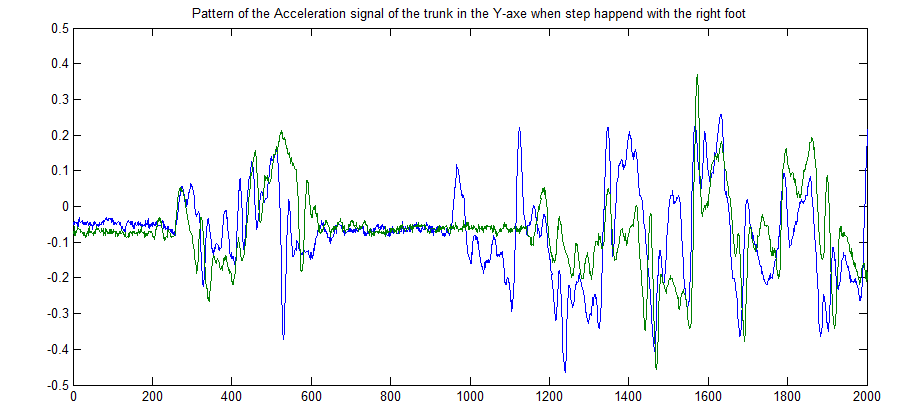


When the step happens

When the APA happens

*Figure 1*

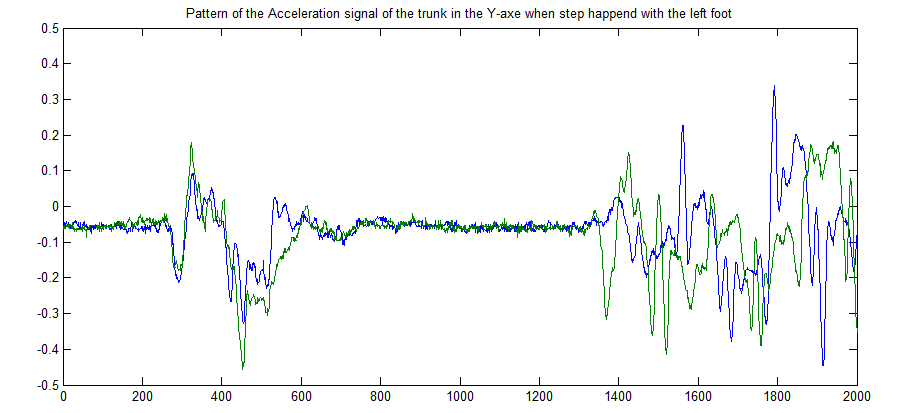
The pattern of the acceleration in the X-axis (anterior-posterior movement), it’s always the same, also regardless of the leg which the patient starts to walk. The signal makes sense because there is a first ‘negative’ peak, it’s exactly when the APA happens, i.e when patient is shifted backwards, and after that, the patient steps (‘positive’ peak). *(Figure 1*)

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When the step happens

When the APA happens

*Figure 2*



*Figure 3*

If the patient starts to step with the right foot, the center of pressure is shifted toward left. Seeing the signal, the positive direction is toward left. Therefore when patient starts with the right foot, there’ll be a positive peak and after that, other negative when the step is done. *(Figure 2)*

If the patient starts to step with the left foot, the center of pressure is shifted toward right, so in this case, there will be a first negative peak and after a positive peak when the step is done, in contrast to the above case*. (figure 3)*

To sum up, when the patient starts to step with the **right foot,** the center of pressure is **shifted backward and left** , so there are a positive peak in the trunk acceleration signal (Y axis), a ‘negative’ peak in the trunk acceleration signal (X axis), a positive peak in the ML COP and negative peak in AP COP. (*Right\_trunk\_COP.fig*)

When the patient starts to step with the **left foot**, the center of pressure is **shifted backward and right**, so there are a negative peak in the trunk acceleration signal (Y axis), a ‘negative’ peak in the trunk acceleration signal (X axis), a negative peak in the ML COP and negative peak in AP COP. *(Left\_trunk\_COP.fig*) ***🡪See the Figures ;)***