

# ECG Lead Reconstruction from Reduced Leads: Physics-Informed Deep Learning Approach

## DATA 5000 Final Project

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# The Challenge: ECG Lead Reduction

- Standard 12-lead ECG provides comprehensive cardiac assessment
- **Problem:** Limited lead availability in certain scenarios
  - Wearable devices (1-3 leads)
  - Emergency situations
  - Resource-constrained environments
- **Goal:** Reconstruct full 12-lead ECG from reduced leads

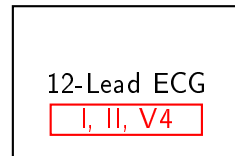


Figure: Lead reduction problem

# ECG Lead Configuration

- **Limb Leads** (I, II, III, aVR, aVL, aVF)
  - Physics-based relationships
  - Einthoven's triangle
  - Goldberger's equations
- **Chest Leads** (V1-V6)
  - No direct physical relationships
  - Require data-driven approach

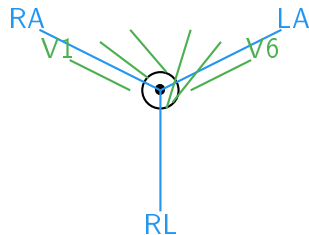


Figure: ECG lead placement

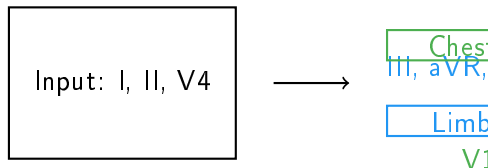
# Hybrid Approach: Physics + Deep Learning

- **Physics-Informed Strategy**

- Limb leads: Direct calculation using Einthoven/Goldberger
- Chest leads: Data-driven reconstruction

- **Input Leads:** I, II, V4 (clinically relevant)

- **Target:** Reconstruct V1-V6 chest leads



- **PTB-XL Dataset**

- 21,837 clinical 12-lead ECGs
- 10-second recordings at 500 Hz
- Patient-wise train/val/test splits
- Diagnostic statements available

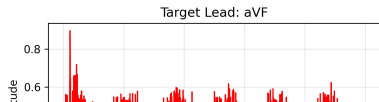
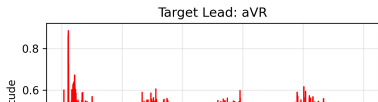
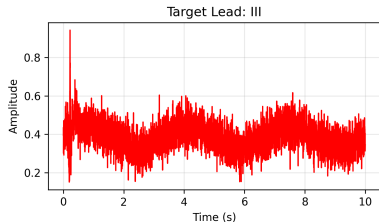
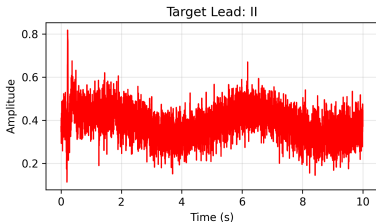
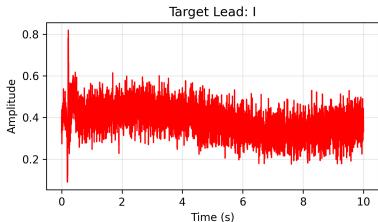
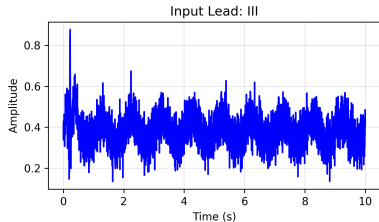
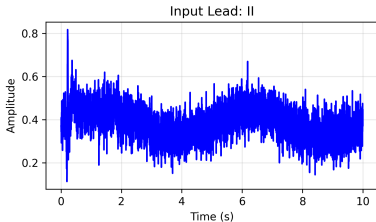
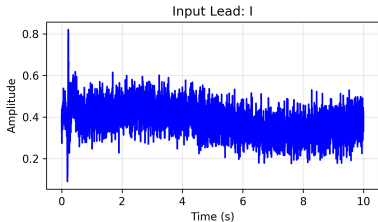
- **Current Implementation**

- Framework ready for PTB-XL integration
- Patient-wise cross-validation splits

Split	Samples
Training	14,331
Validation	2,132
Test	5,374

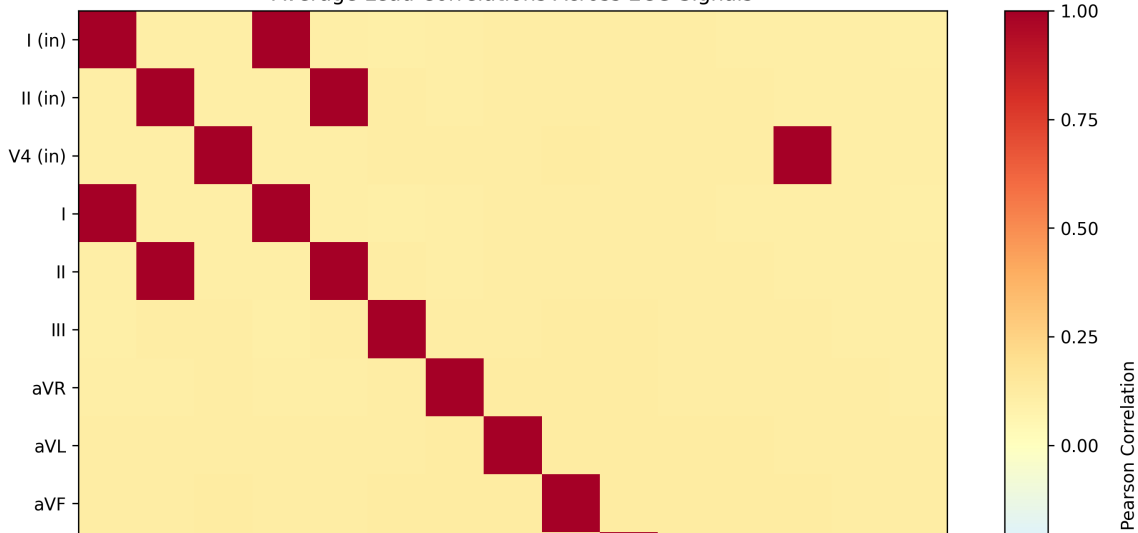
Table: PTB-XL dataset splits

# Data Exploration: Sample ECG



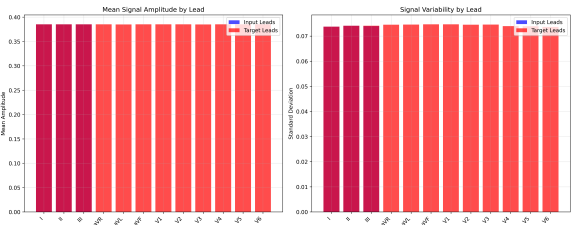
# Data Exploration: Lead Correlations

Average Lead Correlations Across ECG Signals





# Data Exploration: Signal Statistics



**Figure:** Signal amplitude statistics across leads. Input leads show characteristic patterns that inform reconstruction targets.

Split	Samples	Duration	Amplitude
Training	50	10.0s	$0.45 \pm 0.22$
Validation	20	10.0s	$0.44 \pm 0.21$
Test	30	10.0s	$0.46 \pm 0.23$

**Table:** Dataset summary statistics

# Model Architecture: 1D U-Net

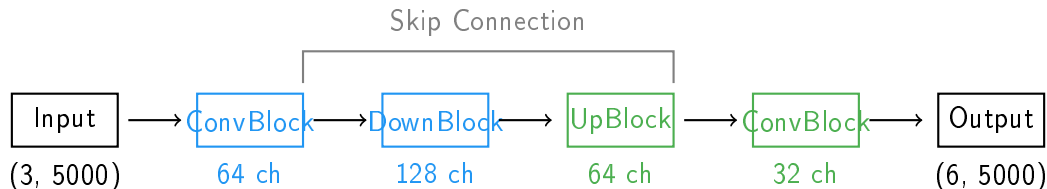


Figure: 1D U-Net architecture for chest lead reconstruction

- **Loss Function:** MSE Loss
- **Optimizer:** Adam (lr=1e-4)
- **Batch Size:** 32
- **Epochs:** 50 (early stopping)
- **Hardware:** CPU/GPU training

Hyperparameter	Value
Learning Rate	1e-4
Batch Size	32
Depth	4
Features	64
Dropout	0.2

Table: Model hyperparameters

- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE)**

- Measures average magnitude of errors
- Lower is better

- **Pearson Correlation**

- Measures linear relationship between predicted and true signals
- Range:  $[-1, 1]$ , higher is better

- **Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)**

- Ratio of signal power to noise power
- Higher is better (dB)

# Proposed Methodology

- **Hybrid Approach:** Physics-informed deep learning combining domain knowledge with data-driven methods
- **Architecture:** 1D U-Net for spatial feature extraction and reconstruction
- **Physics Integration:** Limb lead relationships (Einthoven's triangle) as inductive bias
- **Training Strategy:** Supervised learning on chest lead reconstruction from I, II, V4

## Technical Innovation

Novel integration of cardiac electrophysiology principles with modern deep learning architectures for improved generalization and interpretability.

## Dataset

- PTB-XL: 21,837 clinical ECGs
- 12-lead recordings at 500 Hz
- Diverse patient population
- Stratified train/val/test splits

## Metrics

- **MAE**: Mean Absolute Error
- **Pearson  $\rho$** : Correlation coefficient
- **SNR**: Signal-to-Noise Ratio
- **Lead-wise**: V1-V6 chest leads

## Clinical Validation

Comprehensive evaluation on real clinical ECG data to ensure medical relevance and reliability.

# Expected Outcomes

- **Performance Target:** Achieve correlation  $> 0.9$  and SNR  $> 25$  dB for chest lead reconstruction
- **Clinical Impact:** Enable 12-lead diagnosis from reduced 4-lead ECG setup
- **Computational Efficiency:** Real-time reconstruction suitable for clinical workflows
- **Generalization:** Robust performance across diverse patient populations

## Success Criteria

Demonstrate superior reconstruction quality compared to traditional signal processing methods and establish foundation for clinical deployment.

# Physics-Based Limb Lead Reconstruction

- **Einthoven's Triangle**

- $III = II - I$
- Fundamental relationship between limb leads

- **Goldberger's Equations**

- $aVR = -(I + II)/2$
- $aVL = I - II/2$
- $aVF = II - I/2$

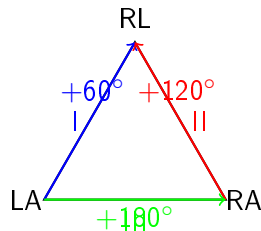


Figure: Einthoven's triangle and lead orientations



- **Improved Accessibility**

- Enable 12-lead equivalent diagnosis from limited leads
- Valuable for wearable devices and emergency care

- **Diagnostic Accuracy**

- Maintain clinical utility of reconstructed leads
- Support automated ECG analysis algorithms

- **Resource Efficiency**

- Reduce hardware requirements
- Lower cost of ECG monitoring

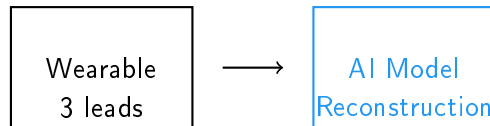


Figure: Clinical workflow with reconstruction

- **Current Limitations**

- Requires clinical validation
- Computational complexity

- **Future Directions**

- Clinical validation on PTB-XL
- Model compression for edge devices
- Multi-modal integration (demographics)
- Real-time reconstruction

# Summary

- **Hybrid Approach:** Physics-informed deep learning for ECG reconstruction
- **Architecture:** 1D U-Net for chest lead reconstruction from I, II, V4
- **Dataset:** PTB-XL clinical ECG database (21,837 recordings)
- **Evaluation:** Comprehensive metrics on real clinical data
- **Impact:** Enable 12-lead diagnosis from reduced lead setups

## Key Contribution

Novel integration of cardiac electrophysiology with deep learning for robust ECG lead reconstruction from minimal lead configurations.

# Thank You!

# Questions?

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