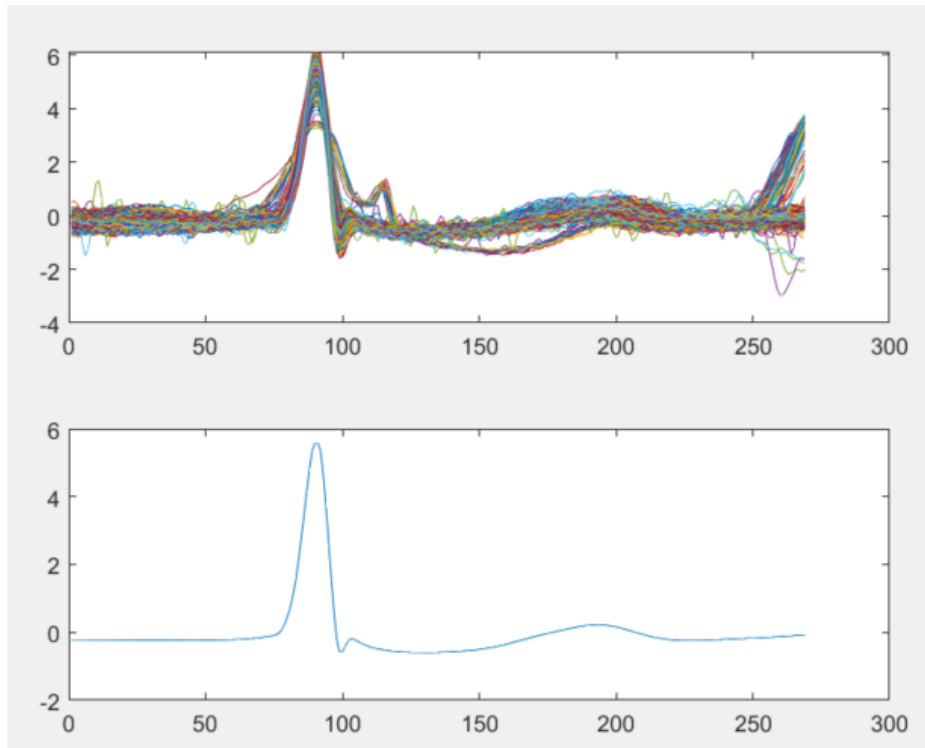


## TP3 – Heart rate + arrhythmias



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# Planning

	Setembro		Outubro						Novembro			Dezembro		
Semana	12	19	3	LATADA	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19
Teórica	introducao	HL7	HL7		DICOM	DICOM	Telem	Telem	PPG	Rui	PPG	ECG	ECG	ECG
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## 21/11 - Theoretical class

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# Summary

## ■ **1** | Objectives

- R peak detection + average beat
- PVC detection
- AF detection
- Datasets/validation & evaluation

# 1. Objectives

## ■ Detection of arrhythmias – ECG analysis

- 1. ECG Segmentation – R peak
- 2. Arrhythmias detection
  - PVC – Premature Ventricular contractions
  - AF – Atrial fibrillation

## ■ 1. ECG signal (today and next week)

- Physiology
- Heart rate - detect R peaks
- Estimation of the average beat

## ■ 2. Arrhythmias detection (next module)

- PVC detection
- AF detection



# Summary

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### ■ Average beat

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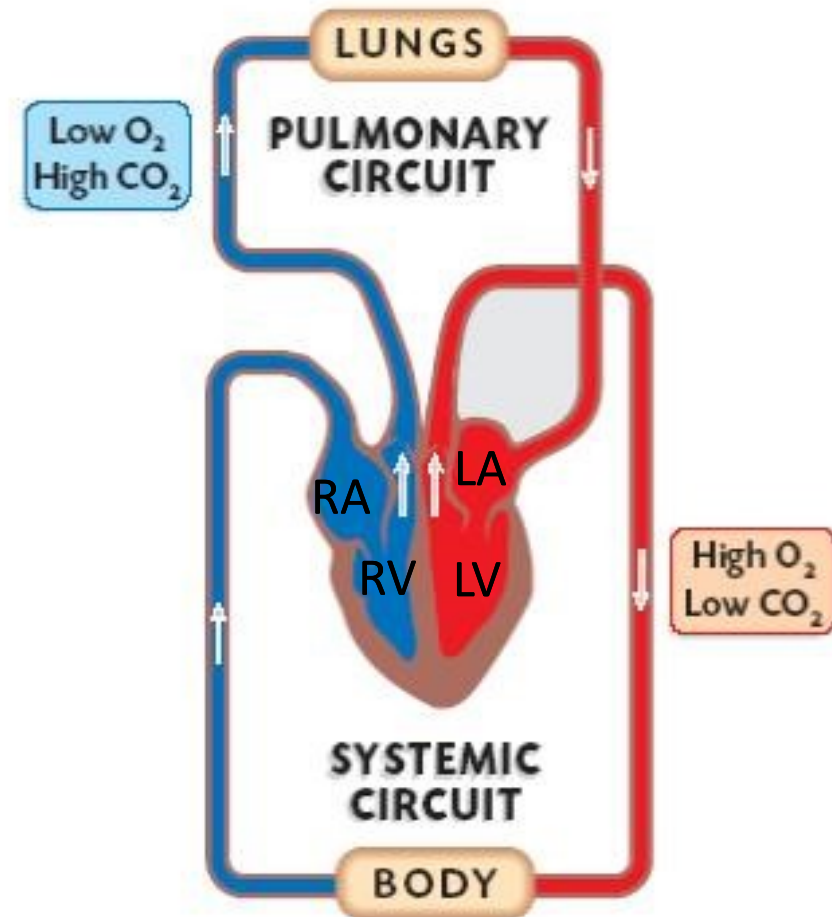
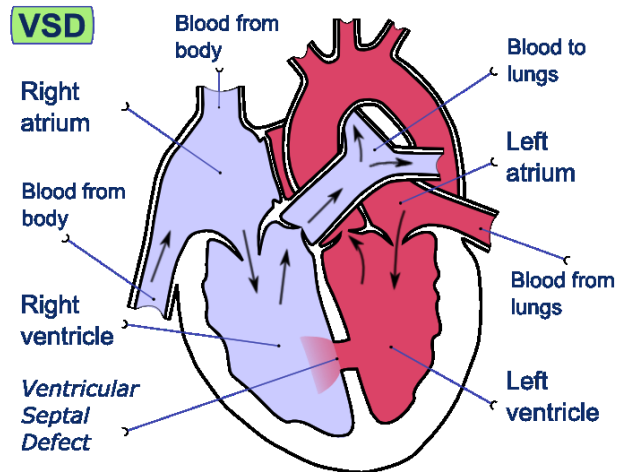
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# 1. Physiology – heart function

## ■ Heart's role is basically to provide oxygen to the body organs.

### ■ How it works ?

- Myocardium, valves, septum, atria, ventricles, ...
- Large circulation - Systemic circuit
- Small circulation – Pulmonary circuit

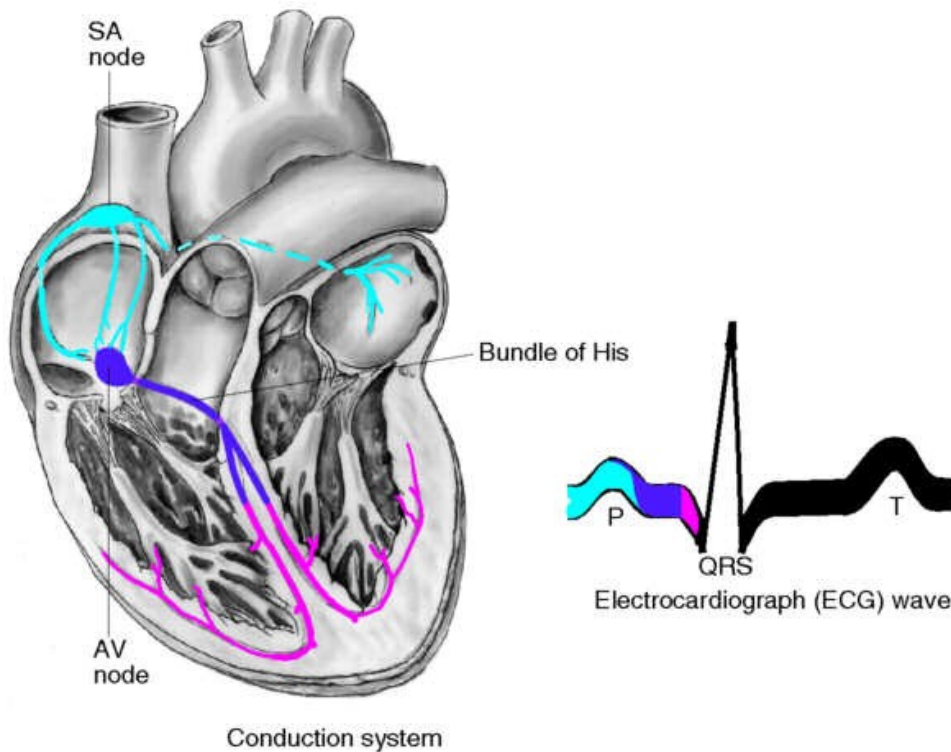




# 1. Physiology – cardiac cycle

**Systolic = contraction**

**Diastolic = relaxation**



**ECG ?**

Register of the electrical activity of the heart

# 1. Physiology – main waves and intervals

## ■ Main waves

*Atrial activity*

- **P wave**

*Ventricular activity*

- **QRS complex**
- **T wave**

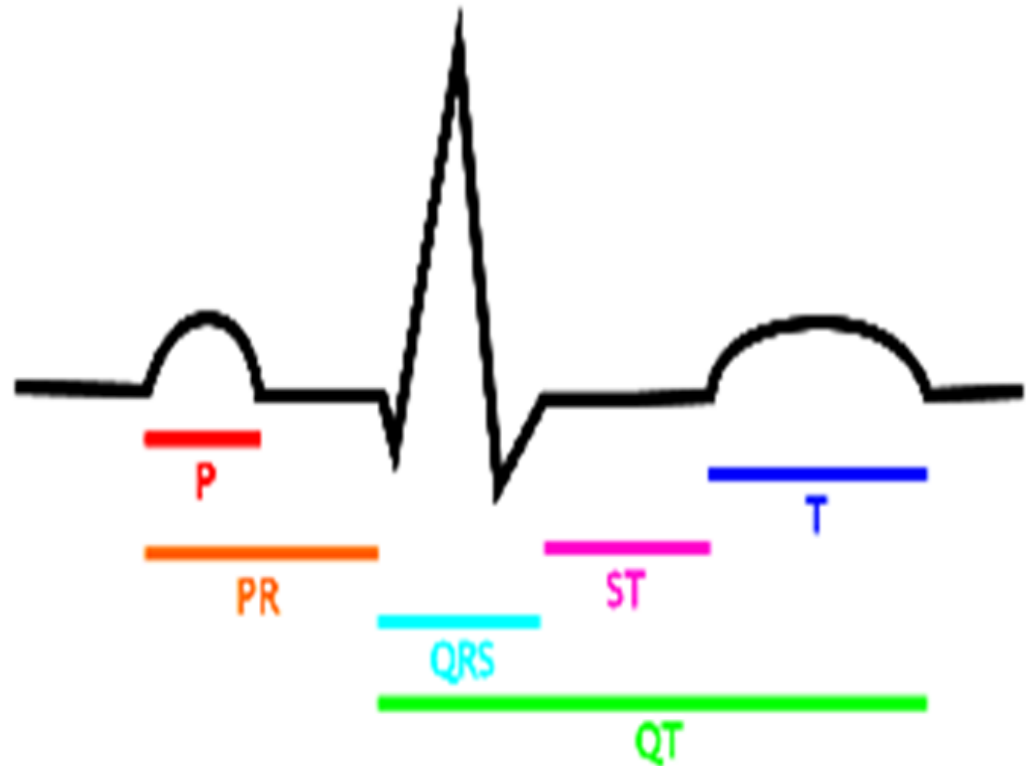
## ■ Intervals:

*Atrial activity*

- **PR interval**

*Ventricular activity*

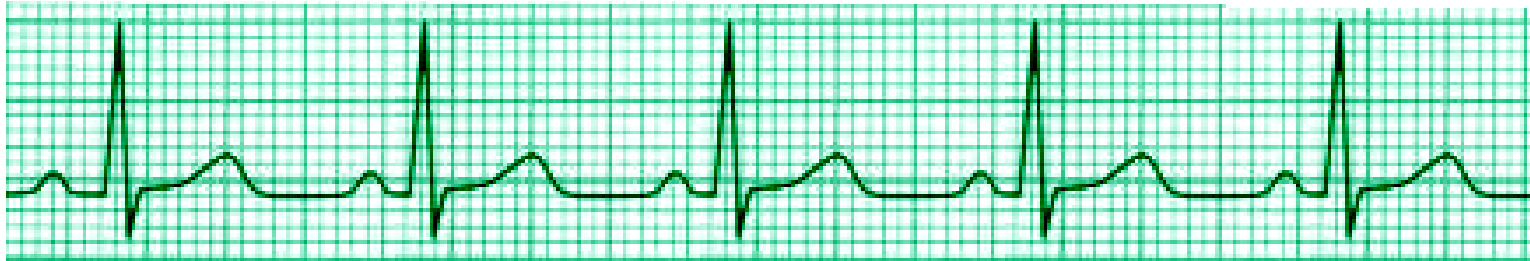
- **QRS, QT, ST intervals**



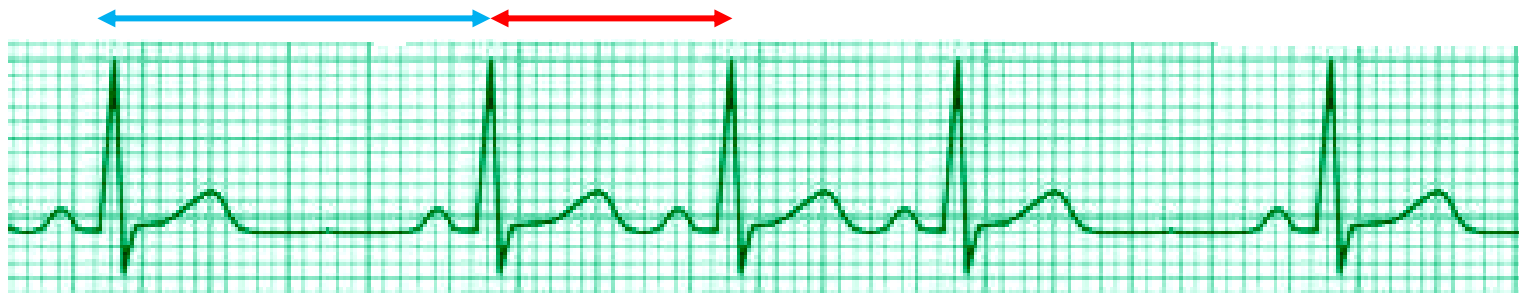
# 1. Physiology – normal rhythm

## ■ Normal rhythm

- 60-100 beats / min
- P waves before the QRS complex
- PR interval [0.12 - 0.20] seconds, and approximately constant
- QRS interval [0.06 - 0.12]



## ■ Abnormal rhythm



## 2. R peak detection - segmentation

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## 2. R peak detection

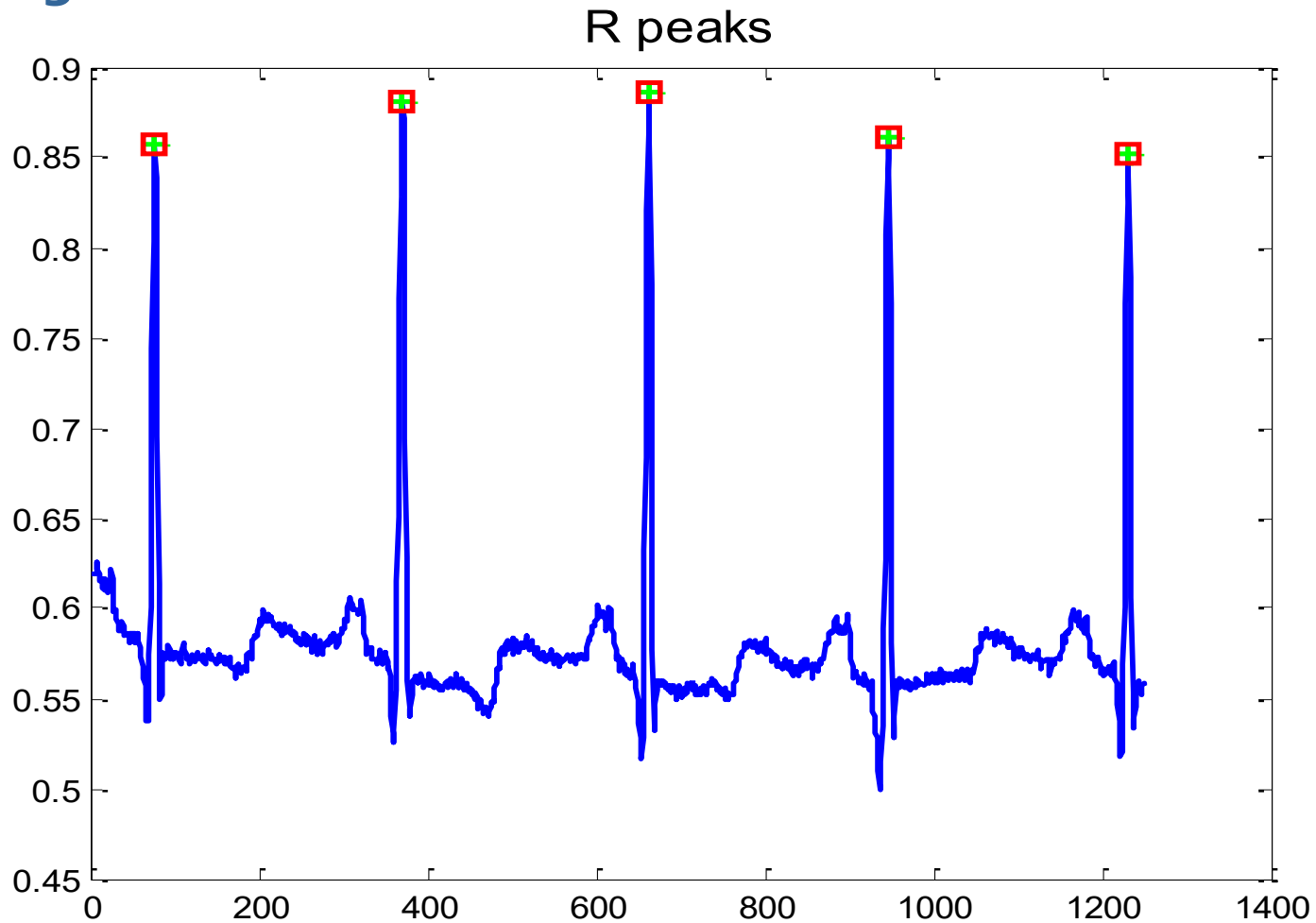
### ■ Typically involves the R peak detection

- Number of Rpeaks = number of beats
- Number of beats – compute heart rate



## 2. R peak detection - segmentation

### ■ Final goal



## 2. R peak detection - segmentation

### ■ Final goal

```
>> heartRate
```

```
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```

```
----- Duration : 15 seconds
```

```
----- Num beats: 15
```

```
----- beats/min: 60
```

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```

## 2. R peak detection

### ■ Detection of R peaks

- **Can be done in several domains:**
  - Time: typical parameters
  - Frequency: Fourier, ...
  - Time-frequency: wavelets
- **Several Algorithms/ techniques**
  - Based on derivatives
  - Wavelets
  - Neural networks
  - Genetic algorithms
  - Morphological operators
  - ...
  - Energy detection: Pan-Tompkins algorithm
- **Off-line / on-line (real-time)**



## 2. R peak detection - segmentation

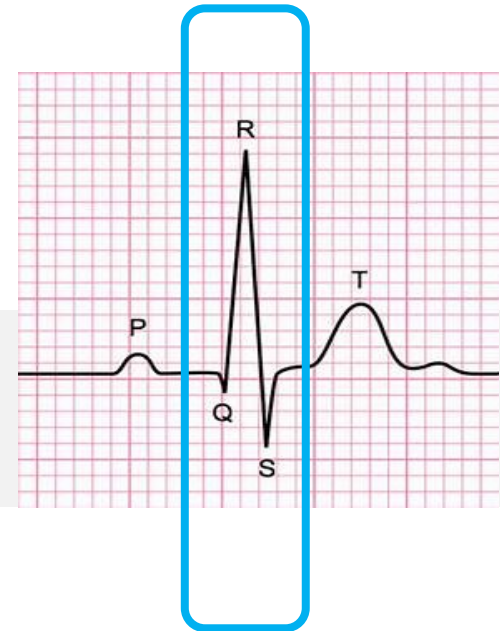
### ■ Pan Tompkins (1985)

### ■ Key idea: detecting energy levels

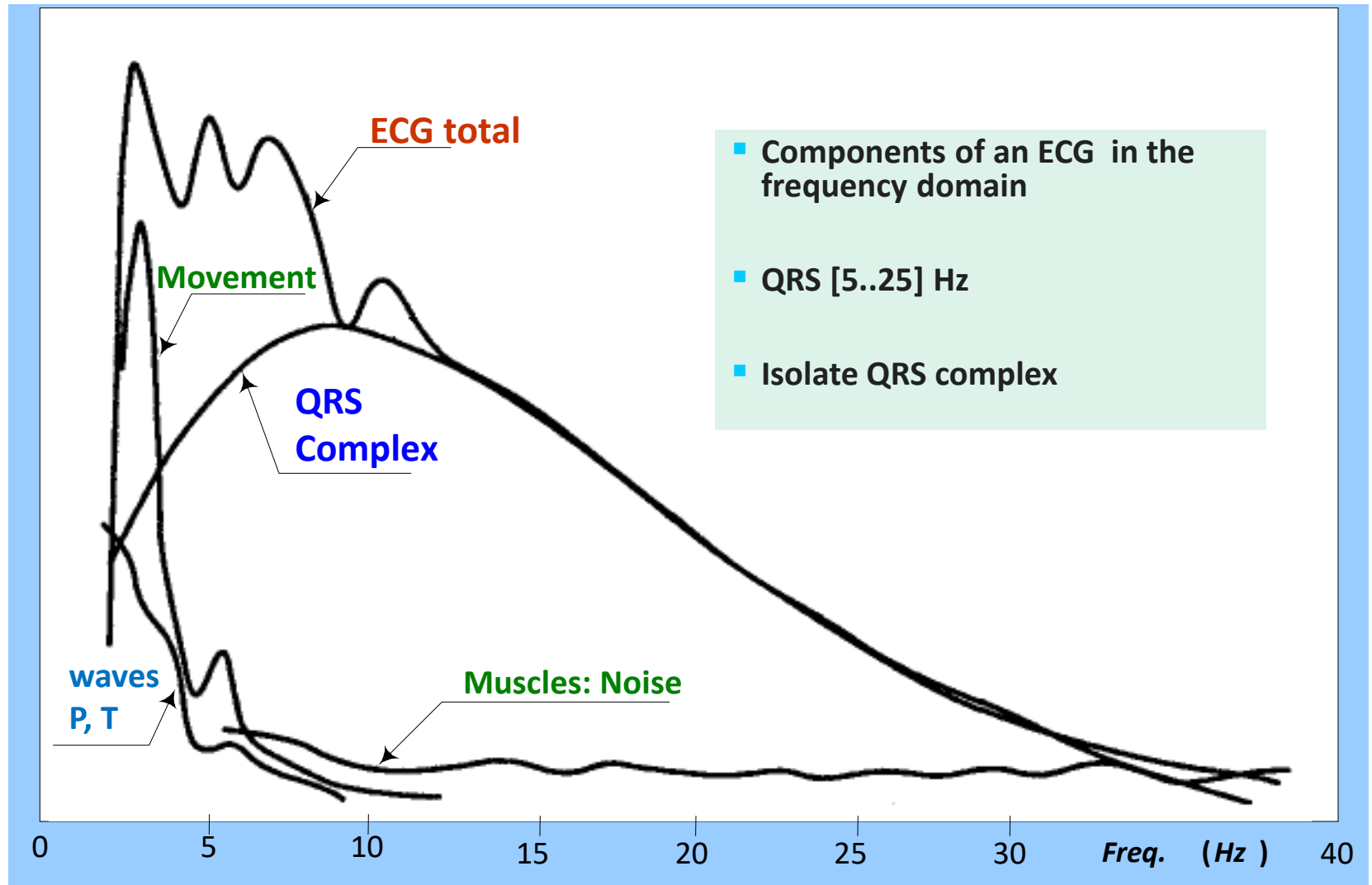
- Pan J. and J. Tompkins,
- A Real-Time QRS Detection Algorithm,
- IEEE Transactions Biomedical Engineering, 32, pp 230-236, 1985.

- **Instants of higher energy - R peak**

- It consists of two phases
  - A. Signal energy estimation
  - B. Identification of energy values above a given threshold.

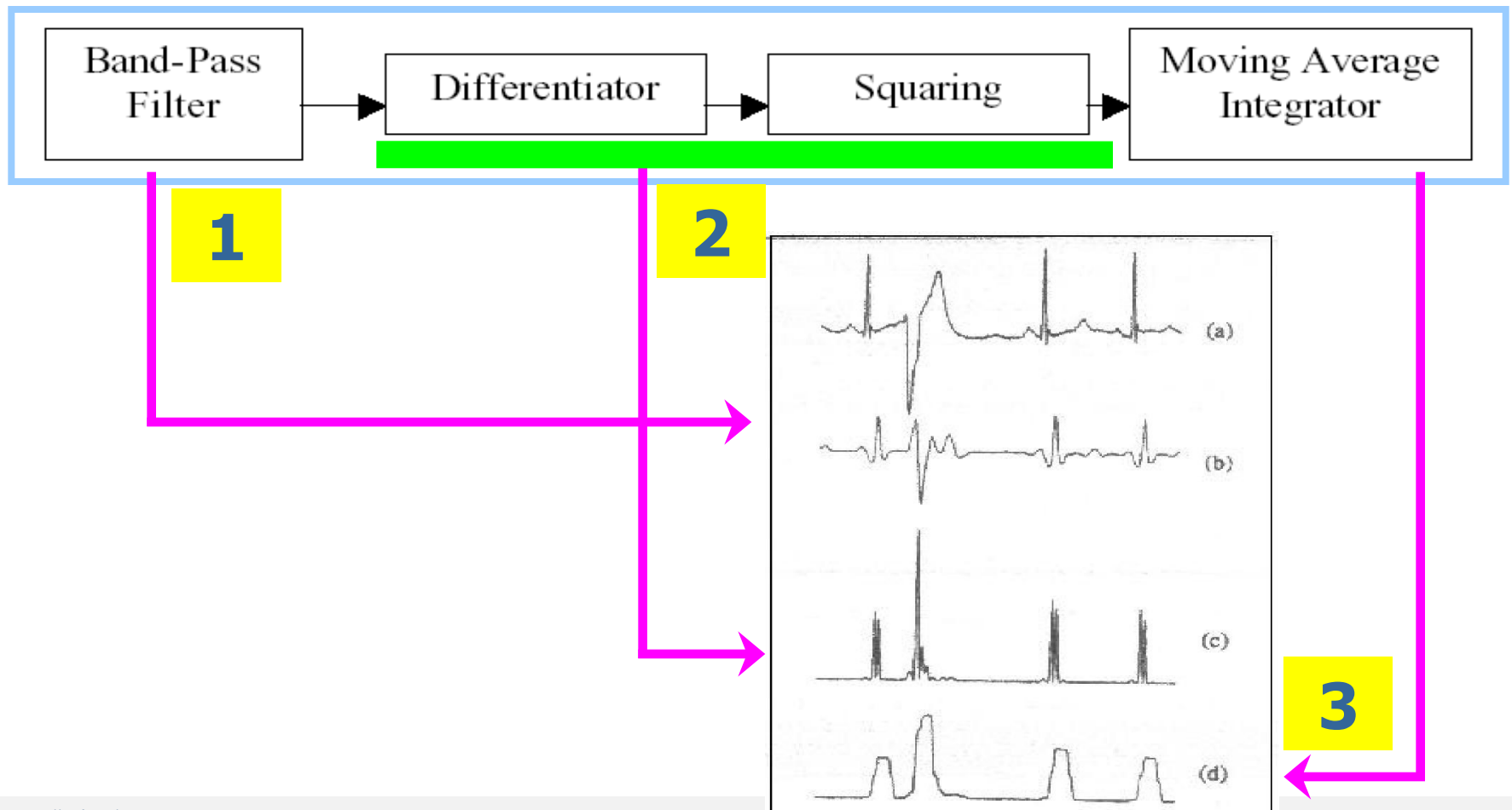


## 2. R peak detection - segmentation



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### ■ Main phases



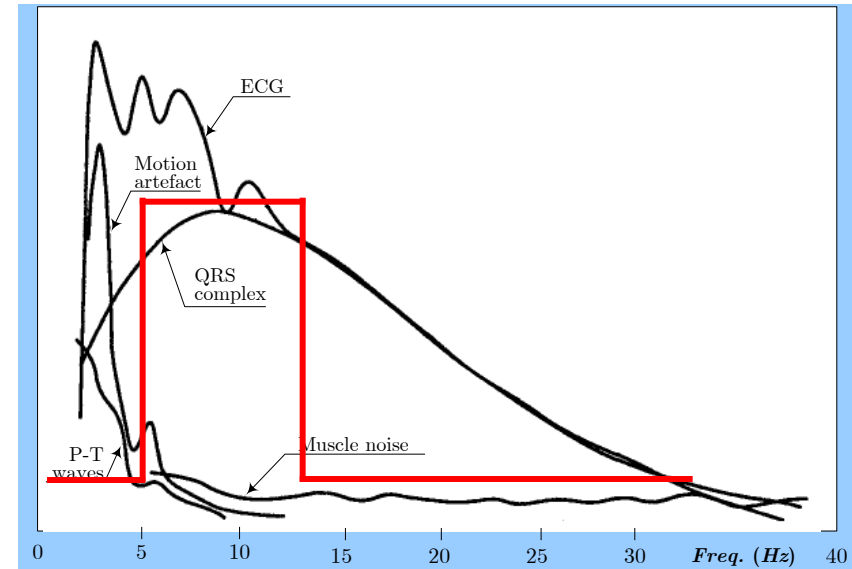
## 2. Rpeak

### ■ 1. Band Pass Filter

- Filter frequency components in which the ***QRS complex is more significant***
- Eliminate the influence of P and T waves, as well as other components (noise, for example)
- The range **[5-15] Hz** is a common option

### ■ It requires the design of a digital filter

- Digital filters (*first class*)



## 2. Rpeak

### ■ 2i. Differentiation

- QRS peaks having the highest variation in the signal,
- Differentiation *highlight the presence of the QRS complex*

$$\text{der}(y(k)) \approx y(k+1) - y(k)$$

### ■ 2ii. Potentiation (square)

- Nonlinear operator
- Guarantee that data values *are positive*

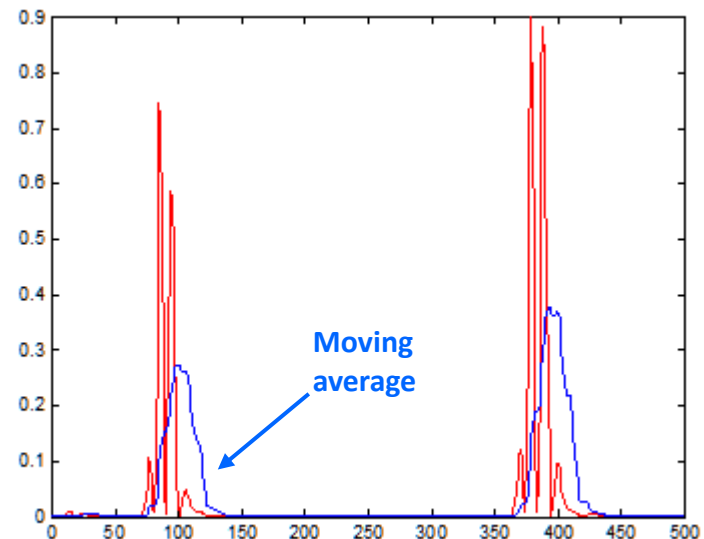
$$y(k) \rightarrow y(k)^2$$

## 2. Rpeak

### ■ 3. Moving Average

- Removes “multiple waves”, so that only the most significant wave is taken into account
- **Usually implemented with a digital filter!**
  - *Moving average*

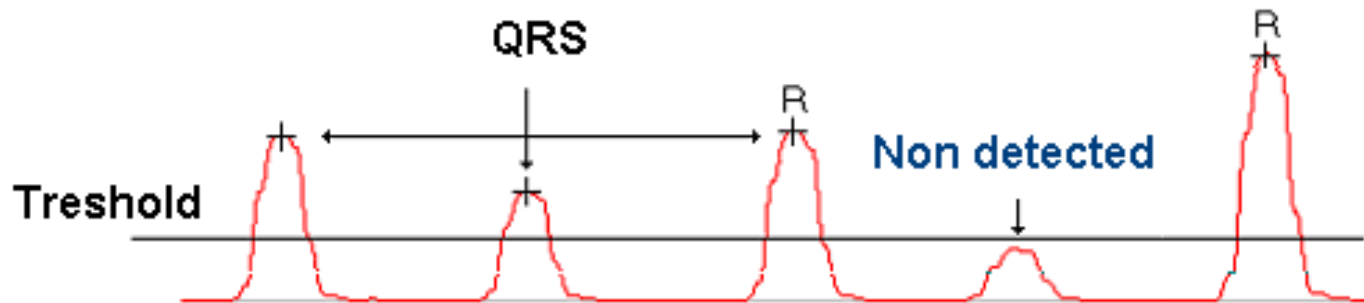
$$x(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x(k-i)$$



## 2. R peak

### ■ B - Threshold

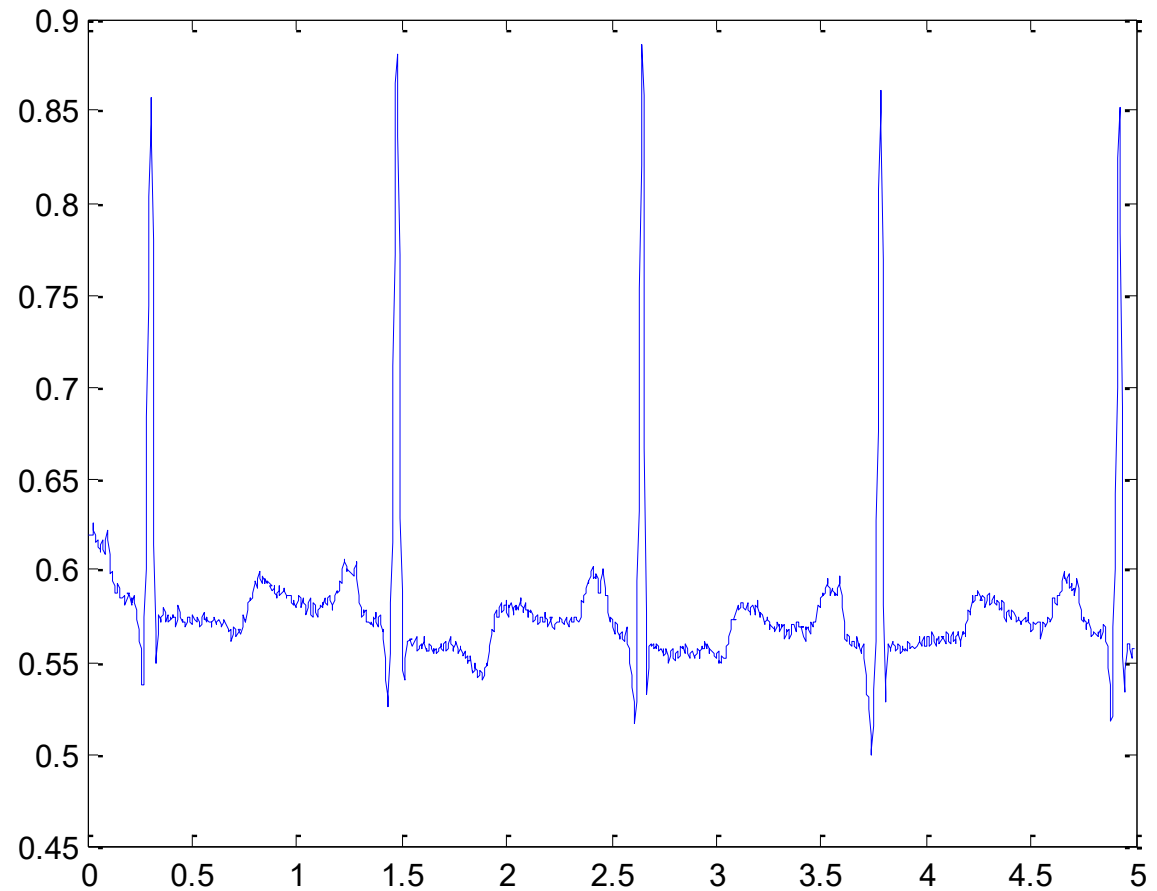
- After determining the energy of the signal, a threshold should be established:
  - If energy is greater than the threshold - **QRS detection**
  - If energy is lower than the threshold - not a peak



# Example Matlab

## ■ 1. ECG

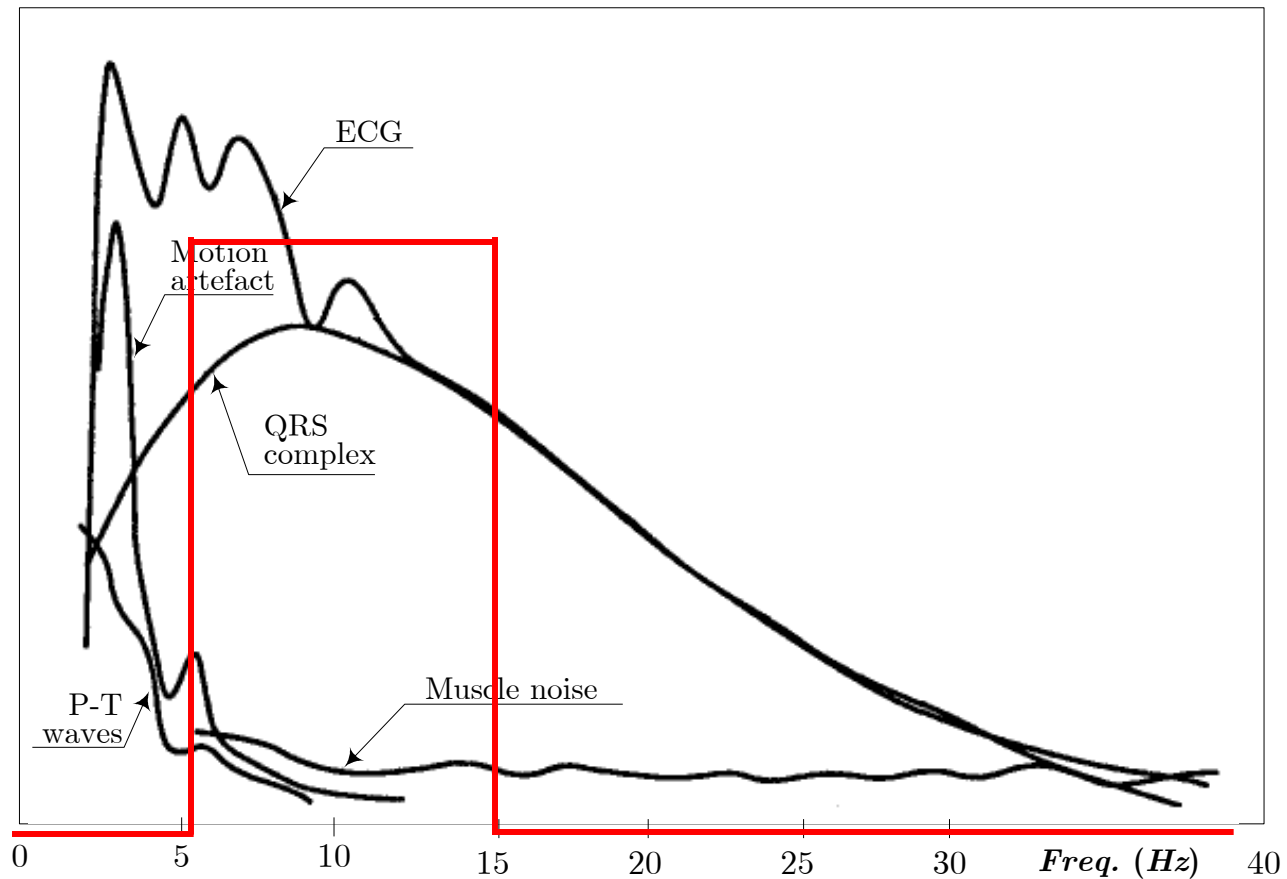
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load ecg.dat
```





# Example Matlab

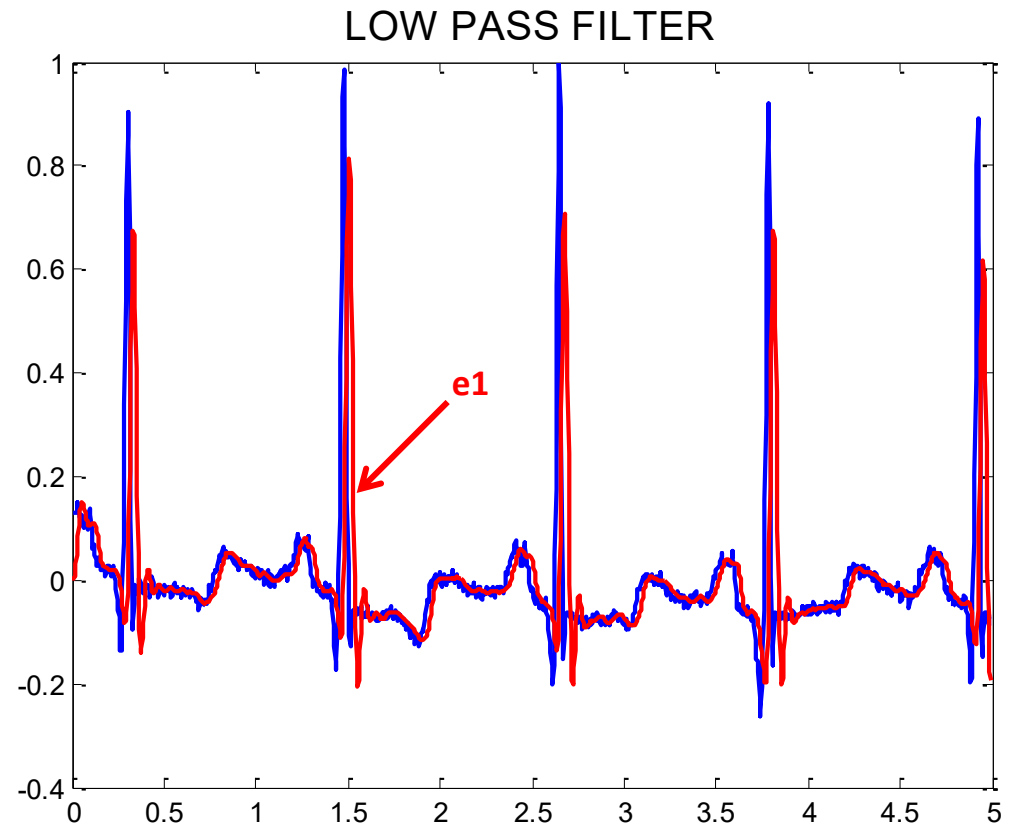
## ■ 1. filter passband



# Example Matlab

## ■ 1. lowpass filter ( $w_c = 25$ )

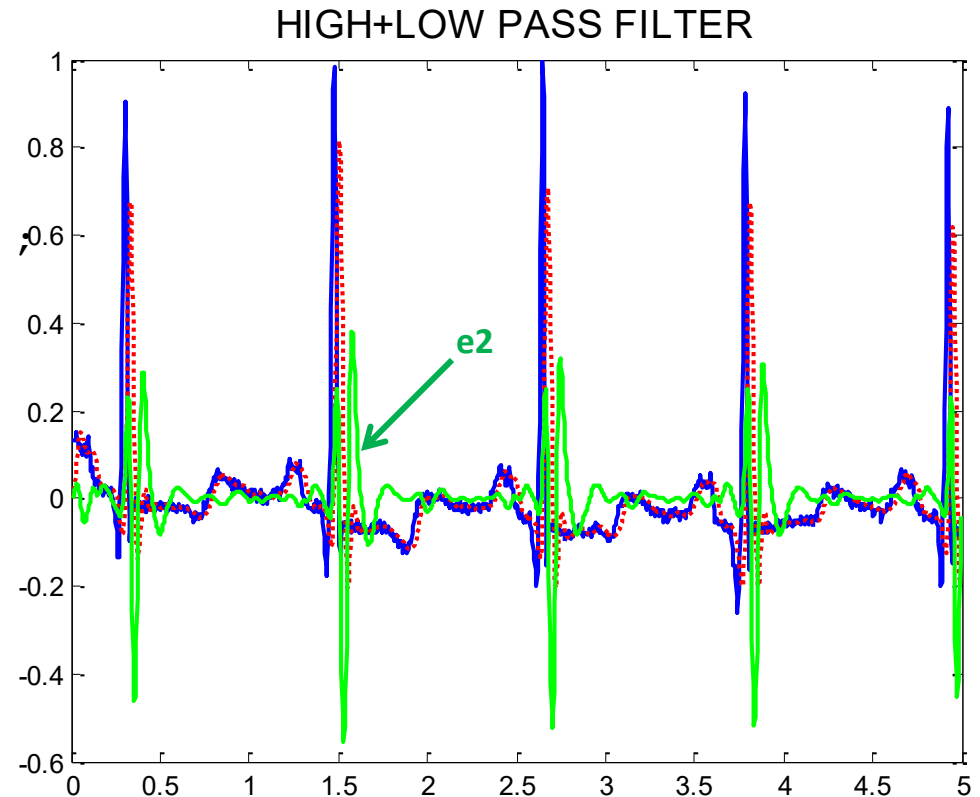
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order = 4;  
wc = 25;  
fc = wc / (0.5 * fs);  
[b, a]=butter(order, fc);  
e1 = filter (b, a, ECG);
```



# Example Matlab

## ■ 1. High pass filter (wc = 5)

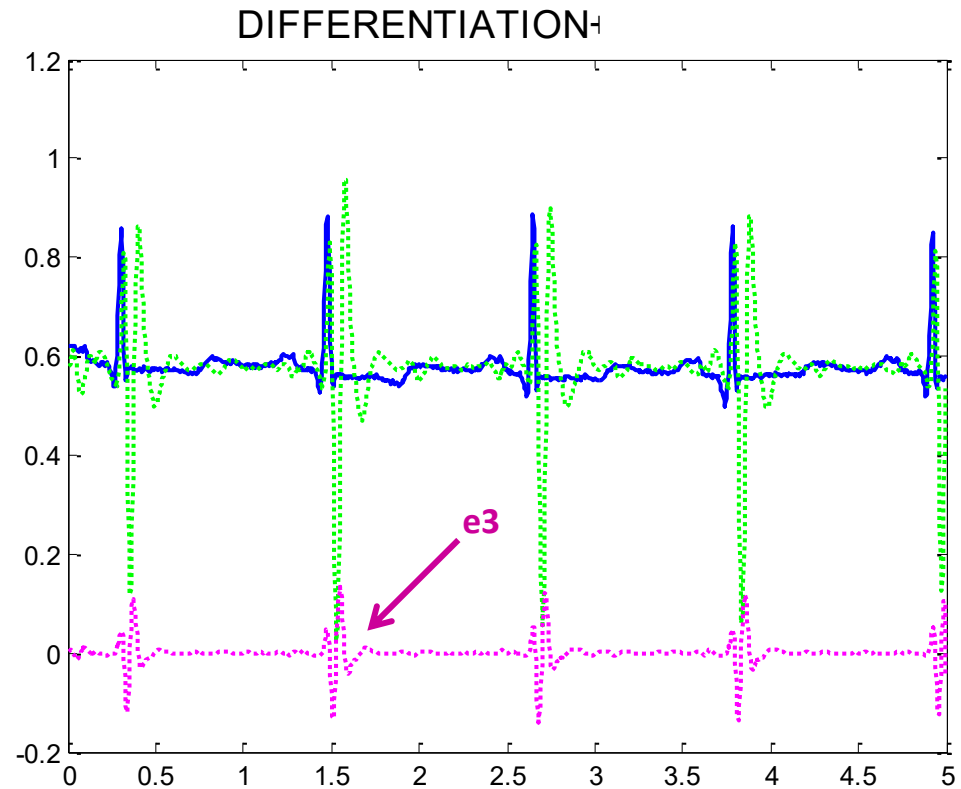
```
order = 4;  
wc = 5;  
fc = wc / (0.5 * fs);  
[b,a] = butter(order,fc,'High');  
e2 = filter(b,a,e1);
```



# Example Matlab

## ■ 2. Differentiation + potentiation (square)

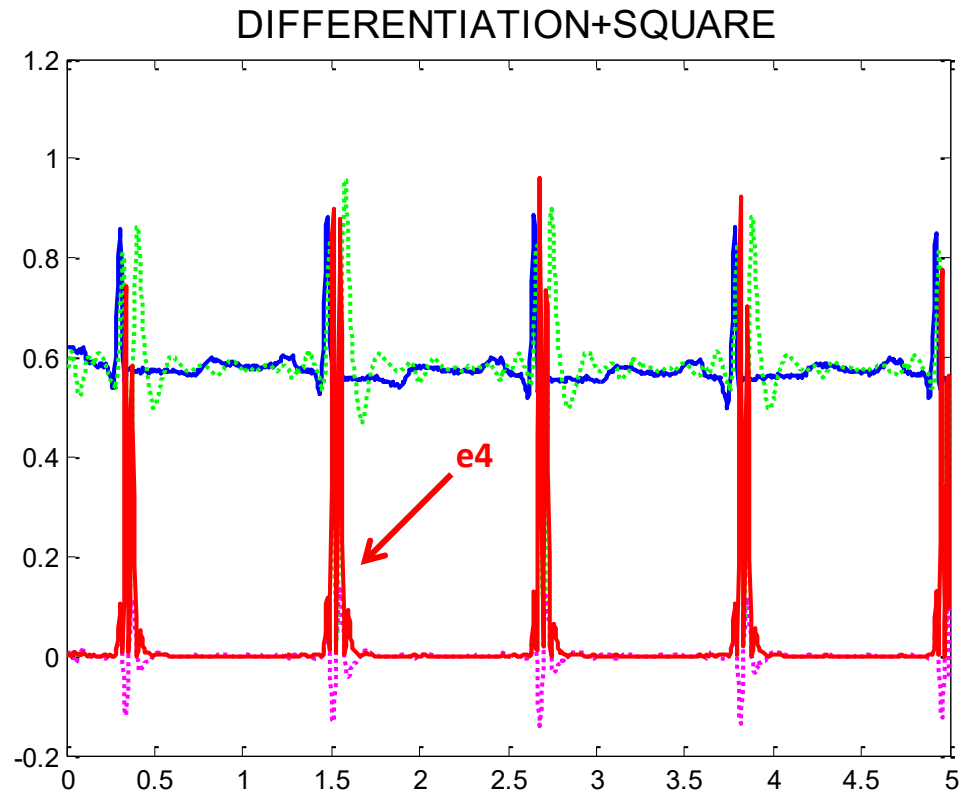
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e3 = diff(e2);  
e4 = e3.^2;
```



# Example Matlab

## ■ 2. Differentiation + potentiation (square)

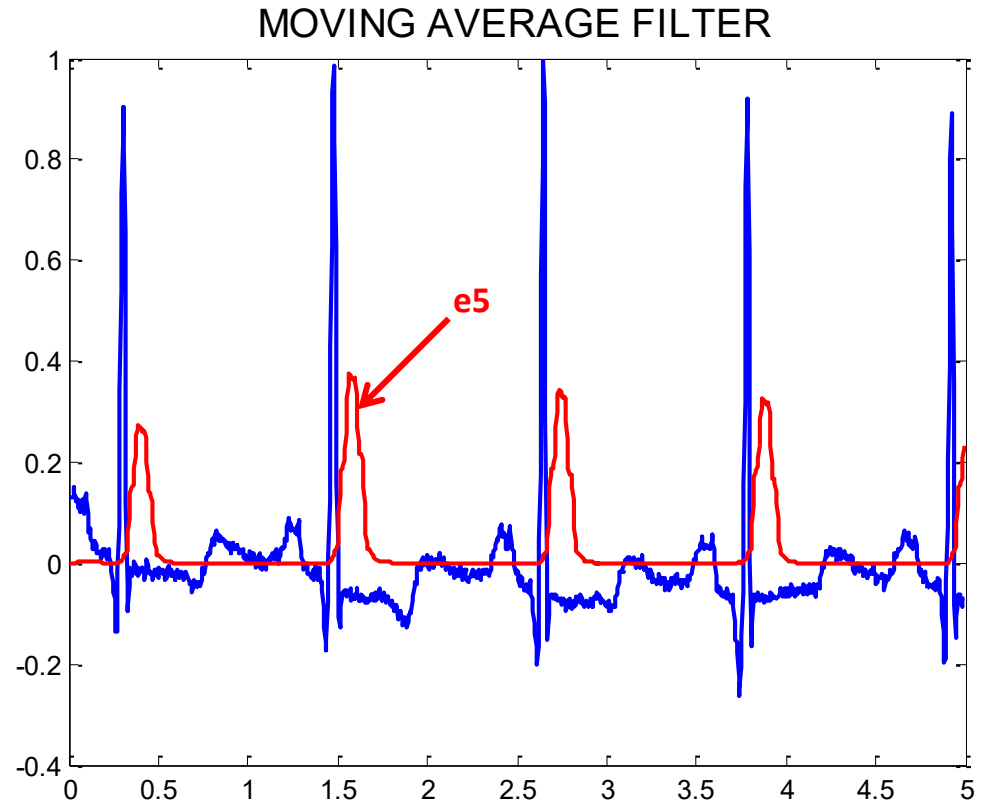
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e3 = diff(e2);  
e4 = e3.^2;
```



# Example Matlab

## ■ 3. Moving Average

```
timeWindow = 0.2;  
b = (1/N)*ones (1, N);  
a = 1;  
e5 = filter (b, a, e4);
```

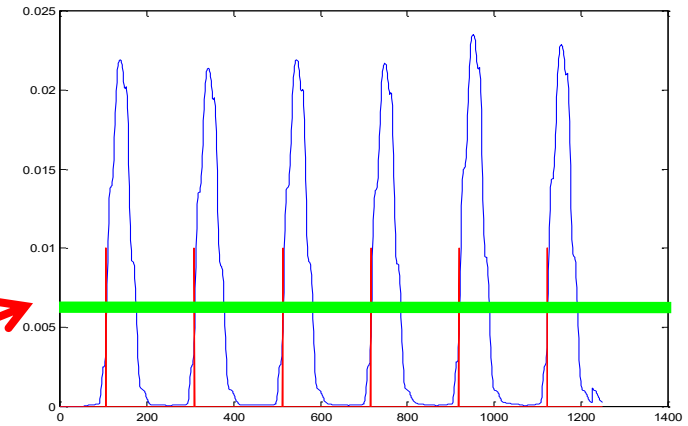


# Example Matlab

- Hypotheses / parameters

- Threshold (Thresholds)

```
threshold = 0.7 * mean (e5)
```



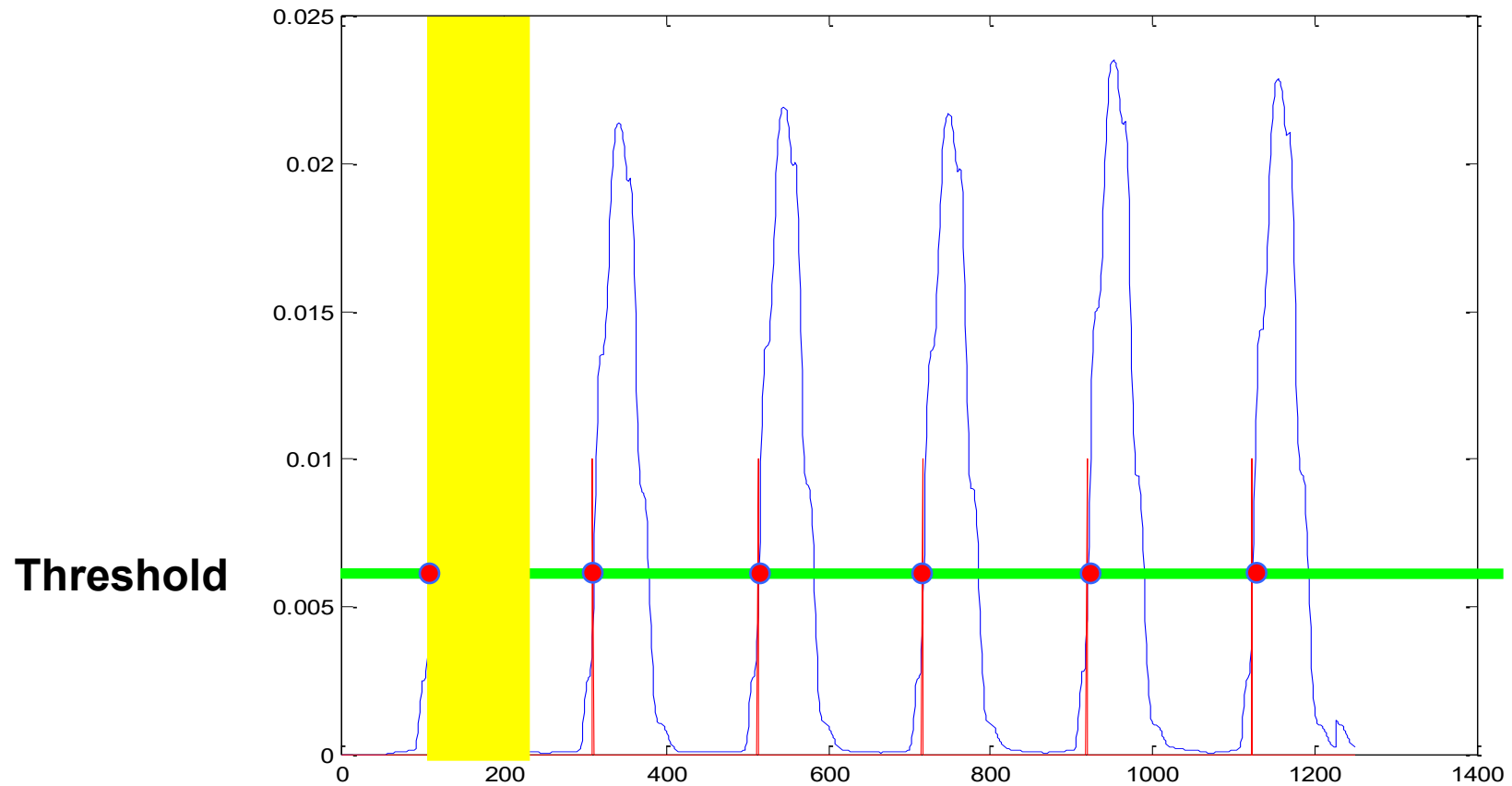
- Additional rules

From a physiological perspective it is impossible that a peak occurs before a certain time interval

```
pause = 0.3 seconds
```

# Example Matlab

## ■ Energy and detection threshold

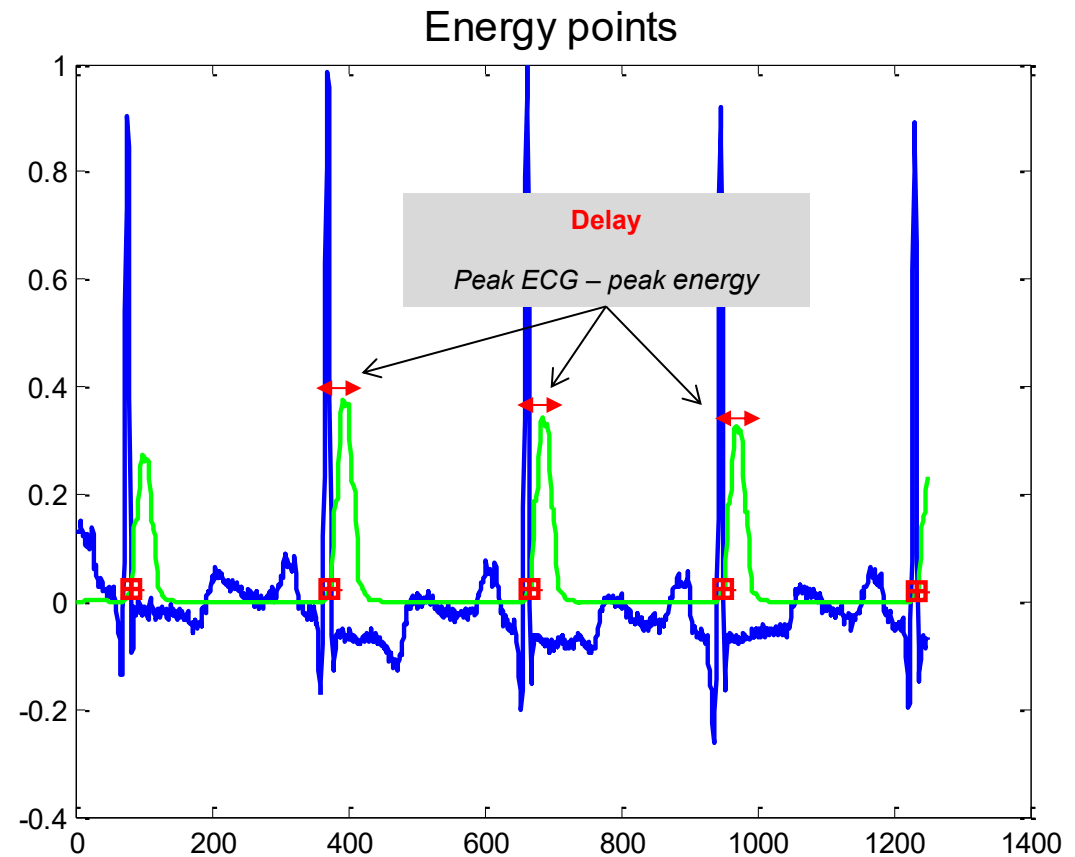




# Example Matlab

## ■ ECG / Signal energy

- Note the **delay**!
- Due to signal processing



# Example Matlab

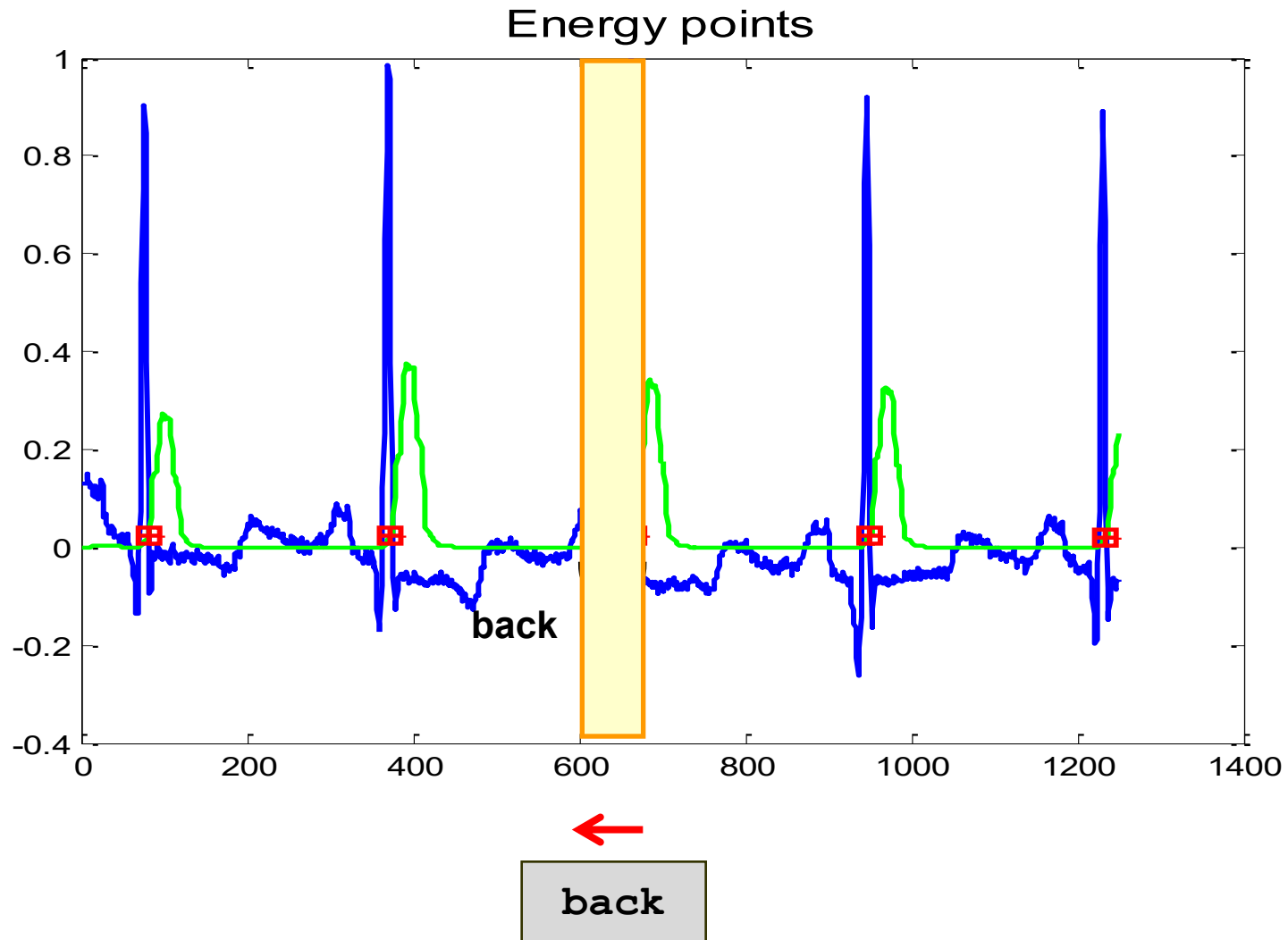
## ■ Implication - Back search

- Filters necessarily introduce delays in the signal processing process
- Once detected the peak energy (in **power signal**) we need to **search the QRS peak in the original ECG** – considering a range of time before the energy peak

```
back = 0.2 seconds
```

- Alternative: use of ***filtfilt(.)*** *matlab function* insted ***filter(.)***

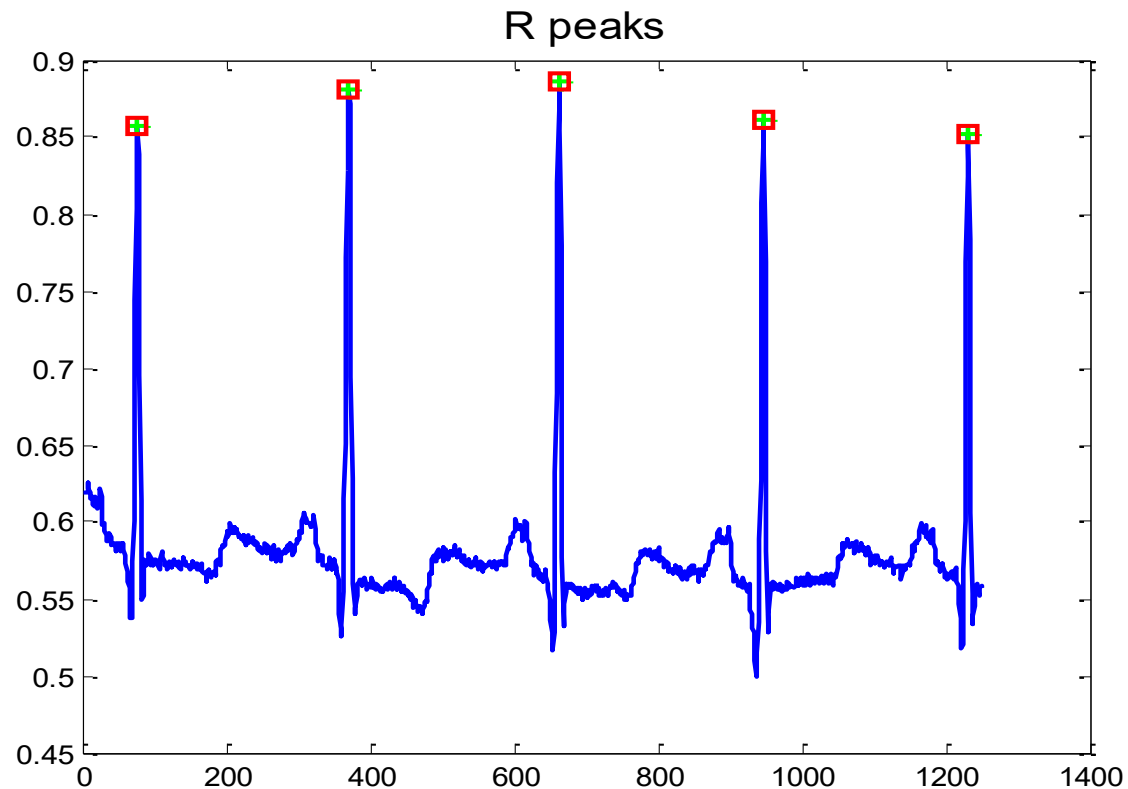
# Example Matlab



# Example Matlab

## ■ Finally

- **Beats / min =?**
- **online**: Average of the last R peaks (typically around last 5 or 7 beats)



## 2. R peak detection - segmentation

### ■ TP – final goal

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>> qrsdetection
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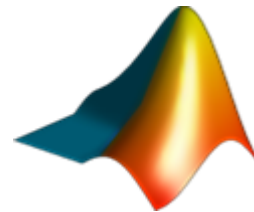
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----- beats/min: 60
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***++ main\_ecgRpeak.m***

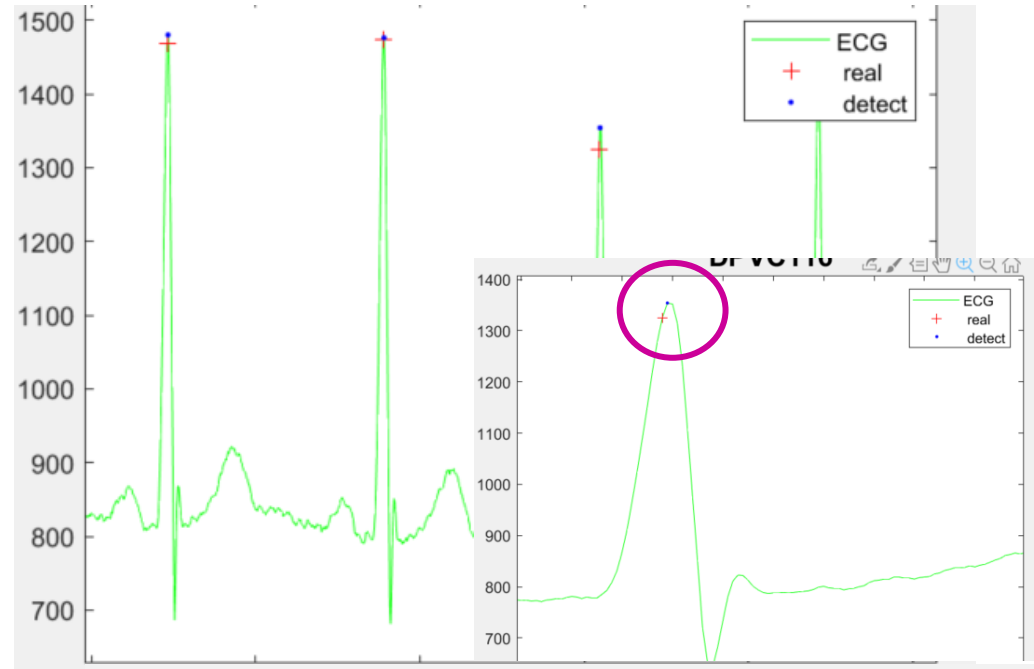
# Data sets

## ■ Data (Ecg's)

- Collected in the first class

## ■ DATPVC (250 Hz)

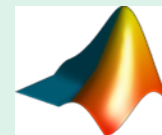
- DAT.ecg - signal
- DAT.ind - R peaks indexes



*Consider a tolerance !  
10 points ??*

## ■ Validation

- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • <b>TP</b> true positive  | - peak correctly detected     |
| • <b>FP</b> false positive | - peak identified incorrectly |
| • <b>FN</b> false negative | - peak not identified         |
| • <b>TN</b>                | - <b>no sense !!!</b>         |



**++ main\_RpeakAverage.m**

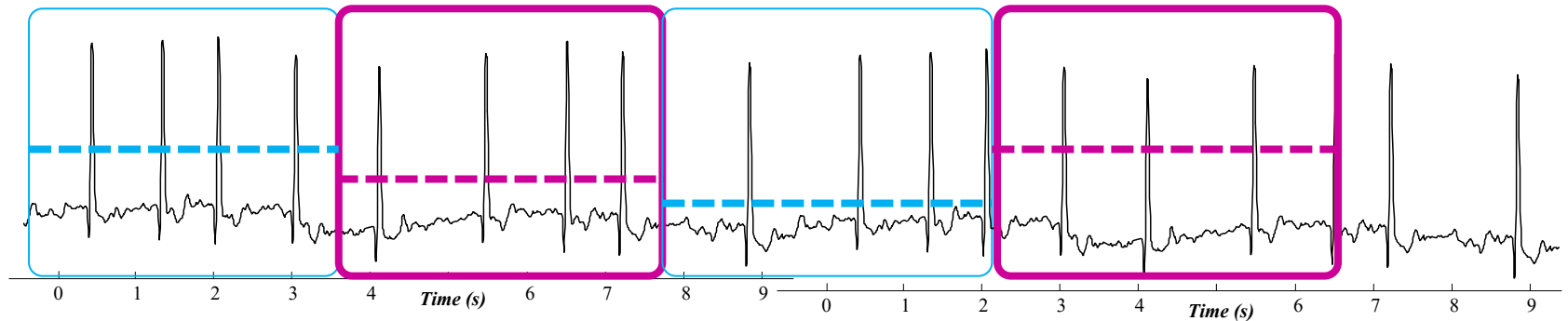
### Modifications/adaptations

- Several algorithms (thousands!) have been developed based on the detection of energy.
- The fundamental difference between them ?
  - In specific parameters (filters, ...)
  - Mainly in determining the Limiar (Threshold)
    - The original algorithm (Pan & Tompkins) considers an adaptive thresholds !

## 2. R peak

### ■ Improvements

- Threshold can be computed considering N beats instead of all signal
- Sliding window approach



### ■ Other ideas ??

- Fell free to propose /test new ideas !



## 2. R peak detection - segmentation

### ■ R peak detection

- Physiology
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- Pan and Tompkins algorithms

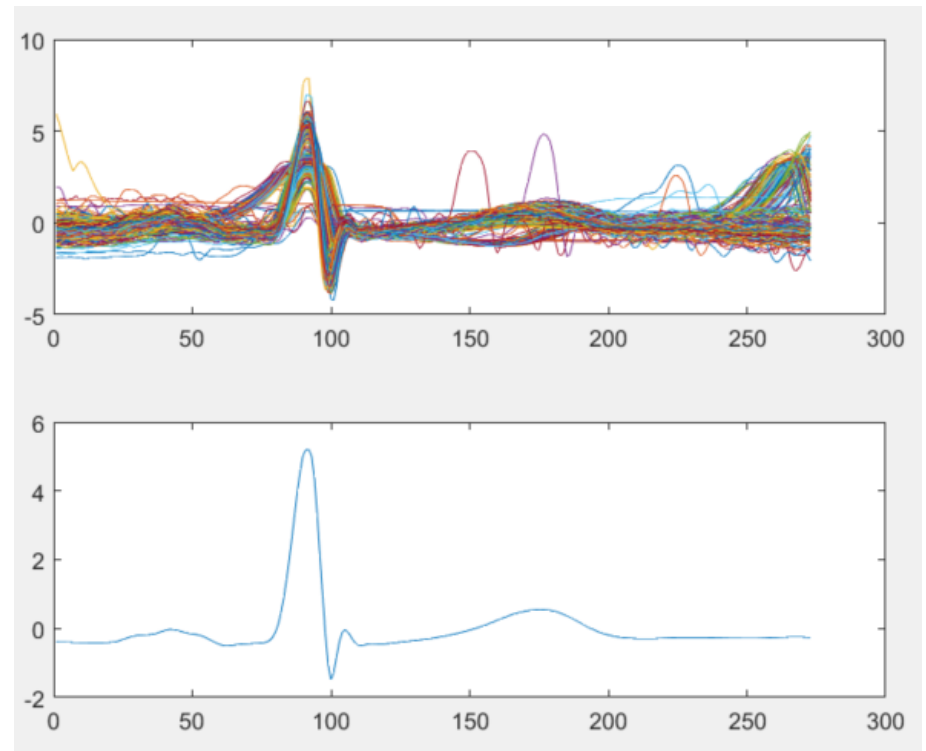
### ■ Average beat

- Normalization process

## 2. Average beat

### ■ Estimate the average beat from a signal

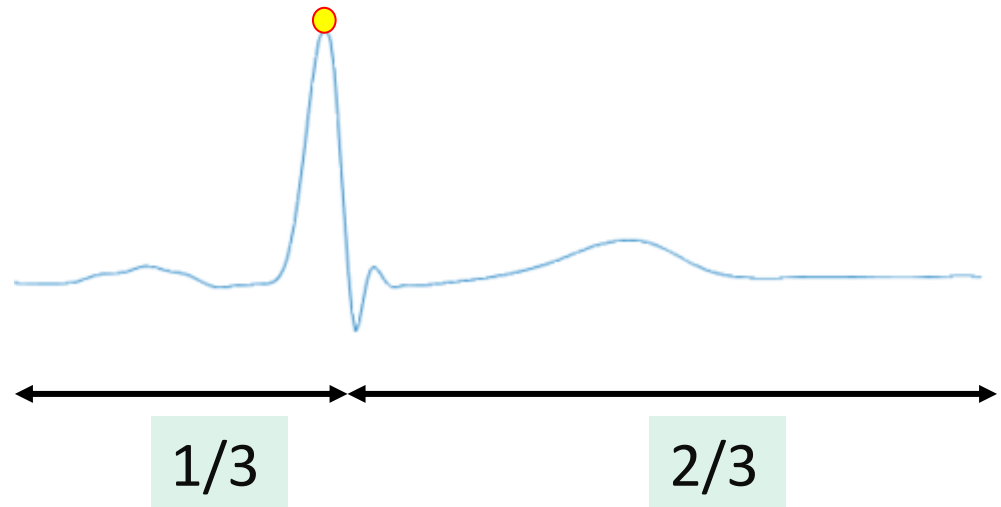
- 1. Synchronization of all beats
  - Using R peak
- 2. Normalization
  - *Duration*
  - *Amplitude*
- 3. Average



## 2. Average beat

### ■ Estimate the average beat from each signal

- 1. Synchronization – R peak
- 2. Normalization
  - *Same duration = mean of all beats duration (computed for all signal)*
  - $1/3$  auricular activity
  - $2/3$  ventricular activity



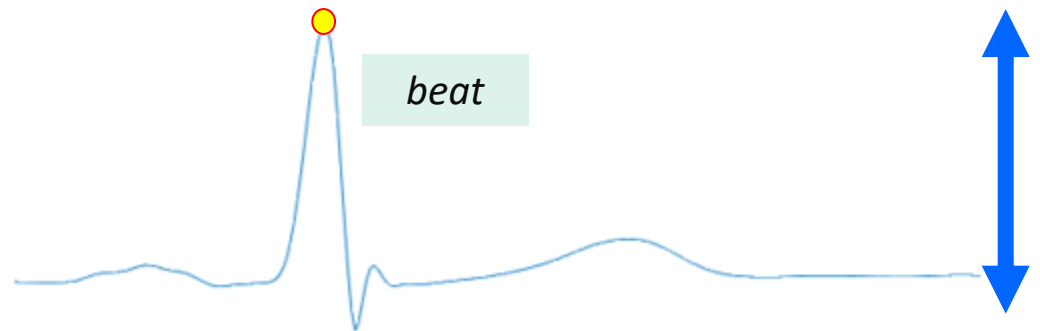
## 2. Average beat

### ■ Estimate the average beat of an individual from a signal

- 1. Synchronization – R peak
- 2. Normalization
  - ***Amplitude***

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mean(beat) = 0
```

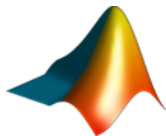
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std(beat) = 1
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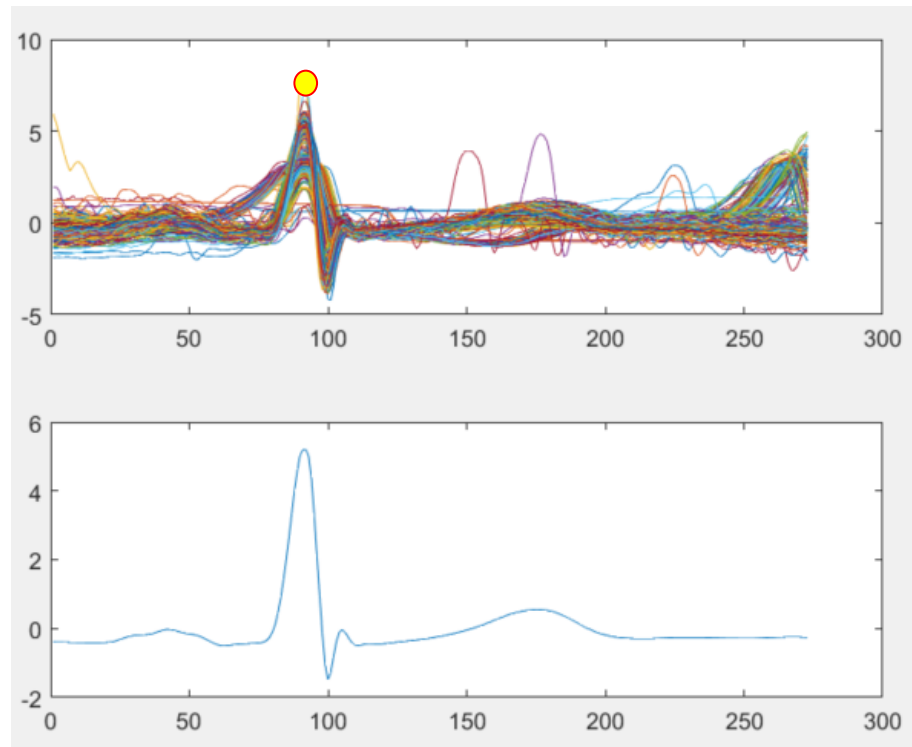
## 2. Average beat

- Estimate the average beat of an individual from a signal
- 3. Average of all normalized beats

*average*

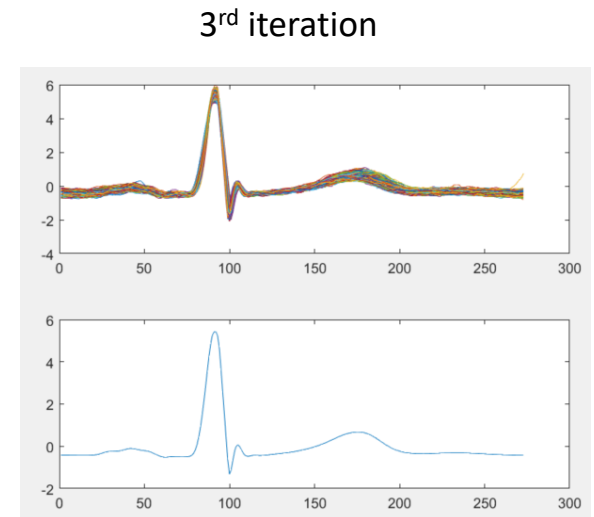
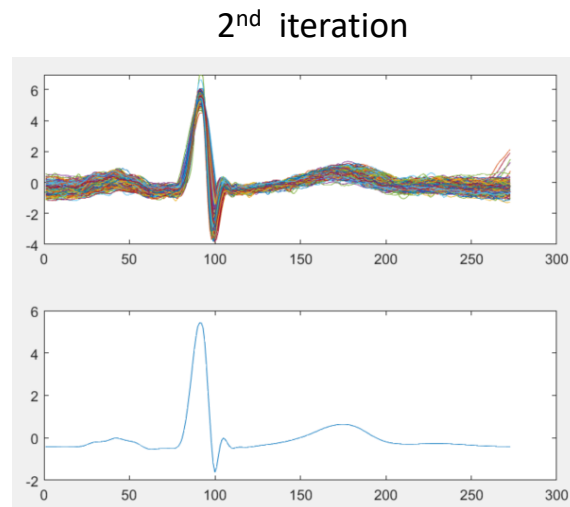
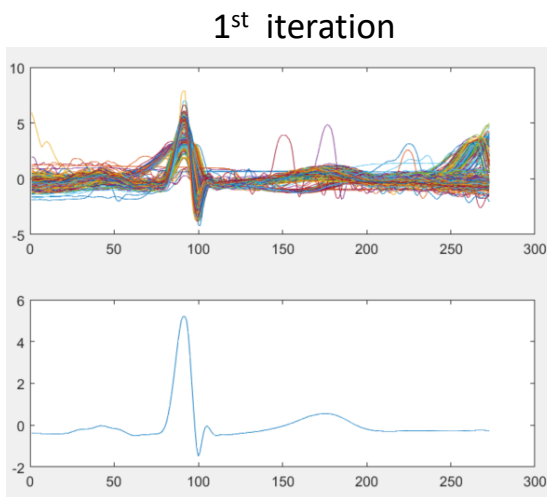


**++ main\_RpeakAverage.m**



## ■ Improvements

- Iterative process
- Consider only the beats that are “more similar” with the average



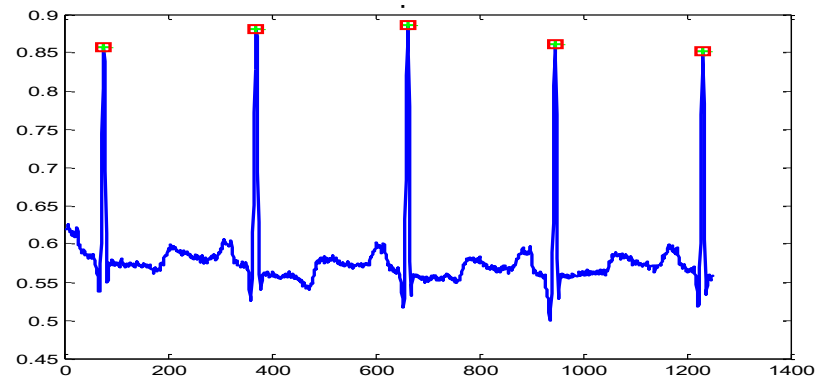
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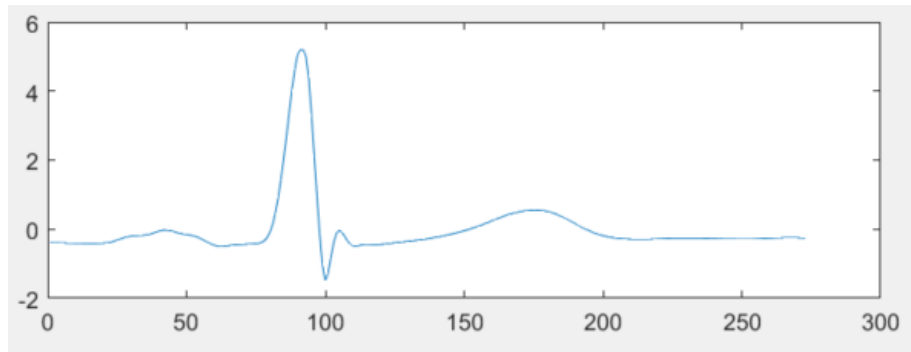
# Conclusions

## ■ 1. R peak

- Compute Rpeaks / heart beat
- Validate with DATPVC



## ■ 2. Average beat



## ■ NO SUBMISSION / EVALUATION

**This work will be used in the arrhythmias**