

Arrhythmia Classification in Long-Term Data Using Relative RR Intervals

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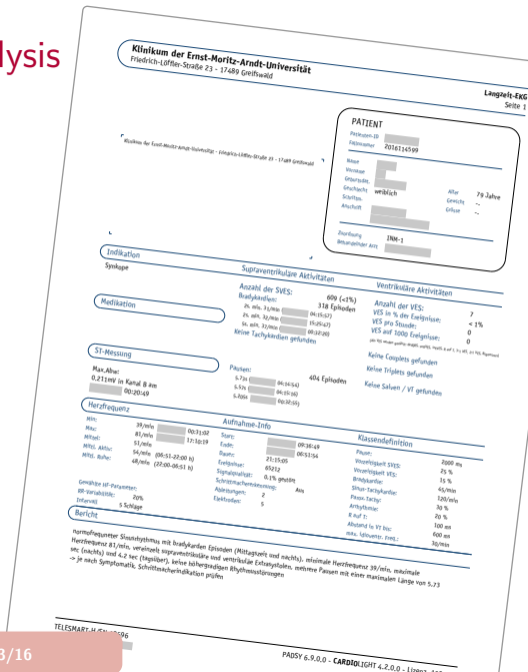
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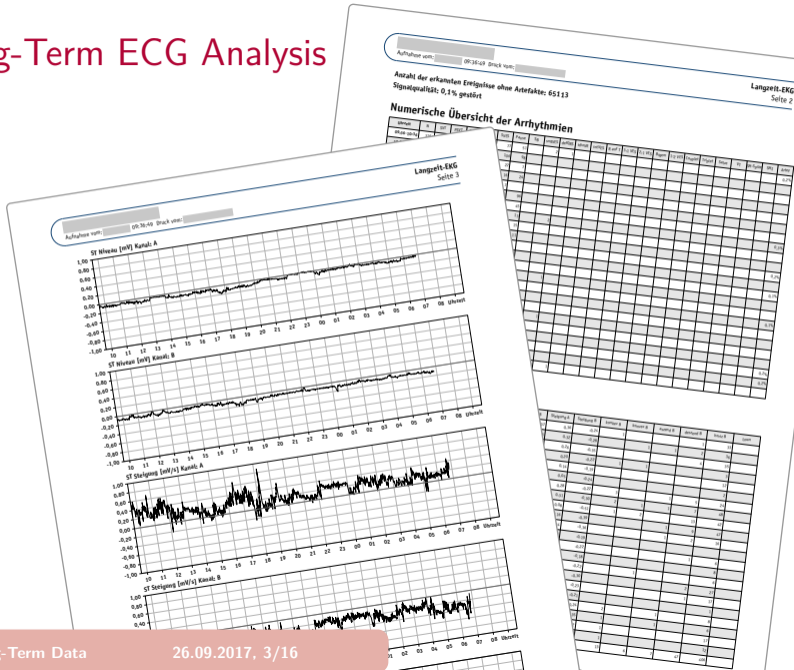
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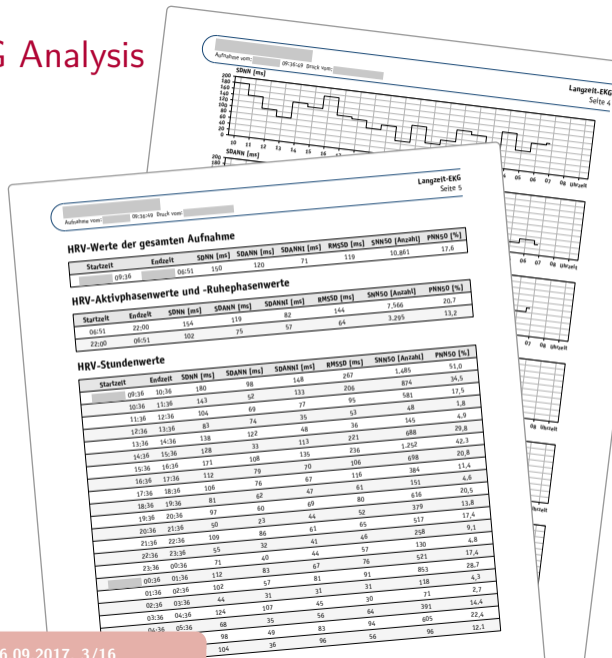
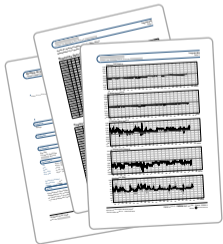
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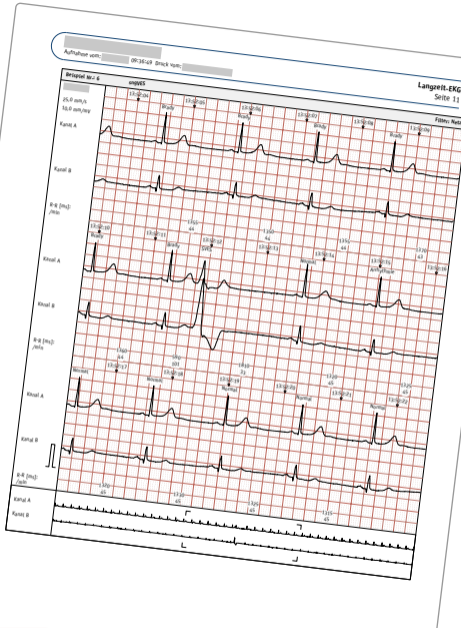
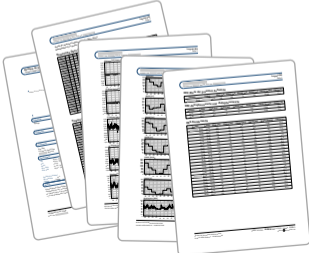
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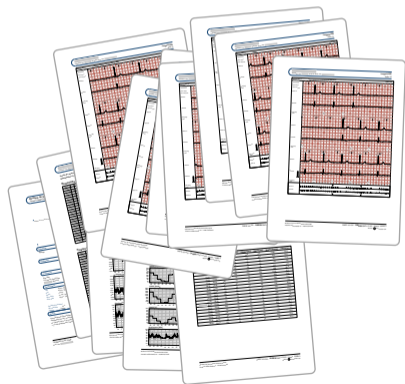


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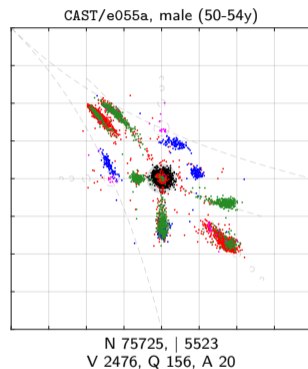
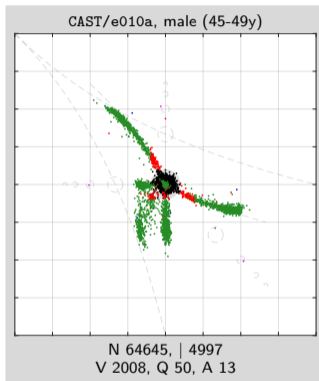
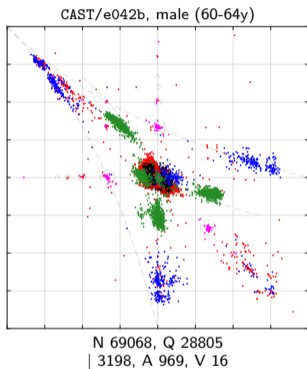


Standard Output of Long-Term ECG Analysis

- Is this an efficient way of analyzing long-term data?
- Are spreadsheets and short ECG segments enough for a comprehensive arrhythmia screening?



New Visualization Option



N - Normal beat, A - Atrial premature beat, V - Premature ventricular contraction, Q - Unclassifiable beat, | - Isolated QRS-like artifact

Arrhythmias and Relative RR Intervals

Relative RR Intervals

Relative RR intervals rr_i are defined as a weighted difference of RR intervals:

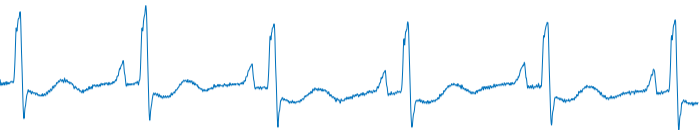
$$rr_i := \frac{RR_i - RR_{i-1}}{\frac{1}{2}(RR_i + RR_{i-1})} \quad \text{for all } i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$$

Relative RR intervals have the following properties:

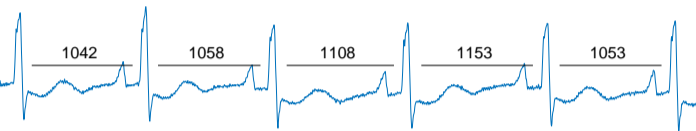
1. $-2 \leq rr_i \leq +2$
2. $rr_i = 0$ if and only if $RR_i = RR_{i-1}$
3. $rr_i = -2$ if and only if $RR_i = 0$
4. $rr_i = +2$ if and only if $RR_{i-1} = 0$

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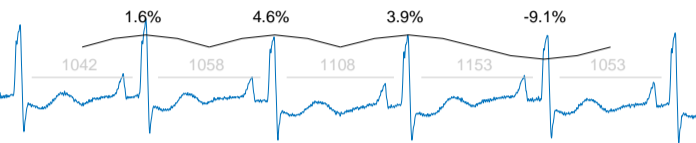
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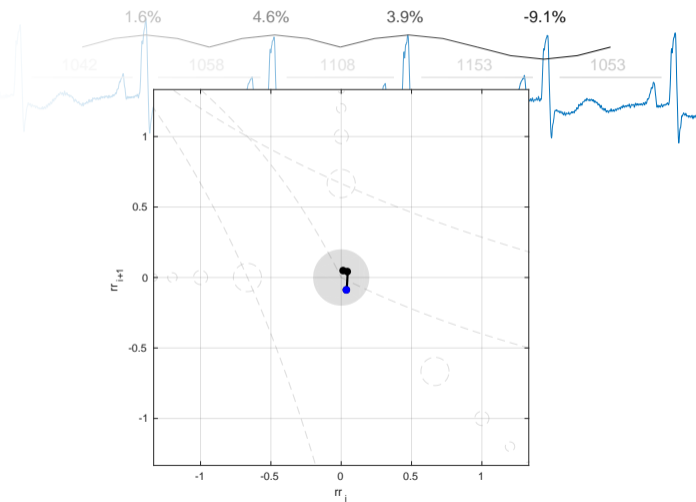
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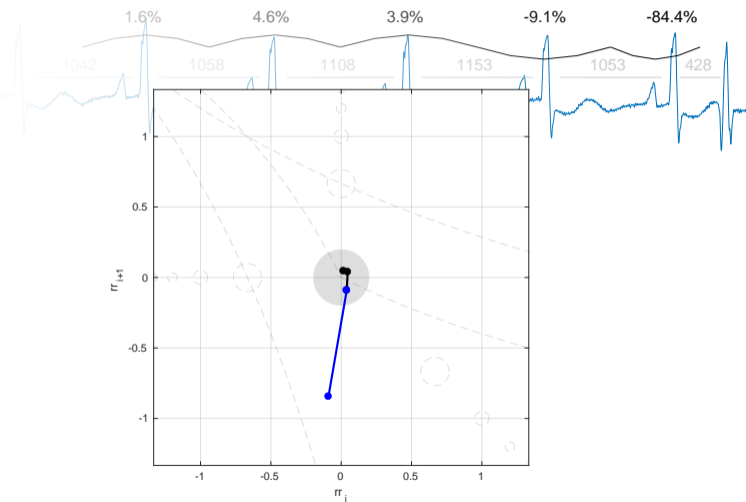
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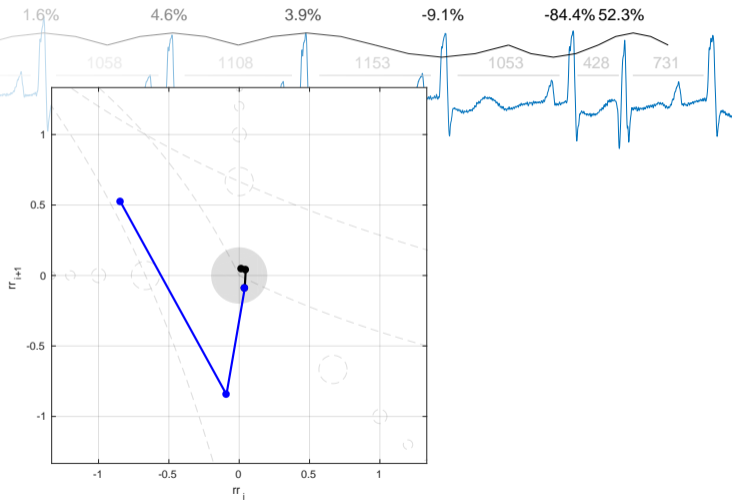
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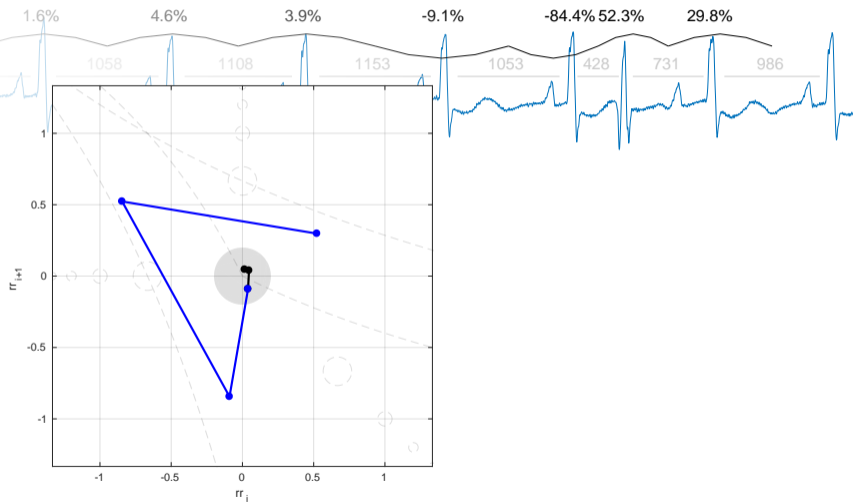
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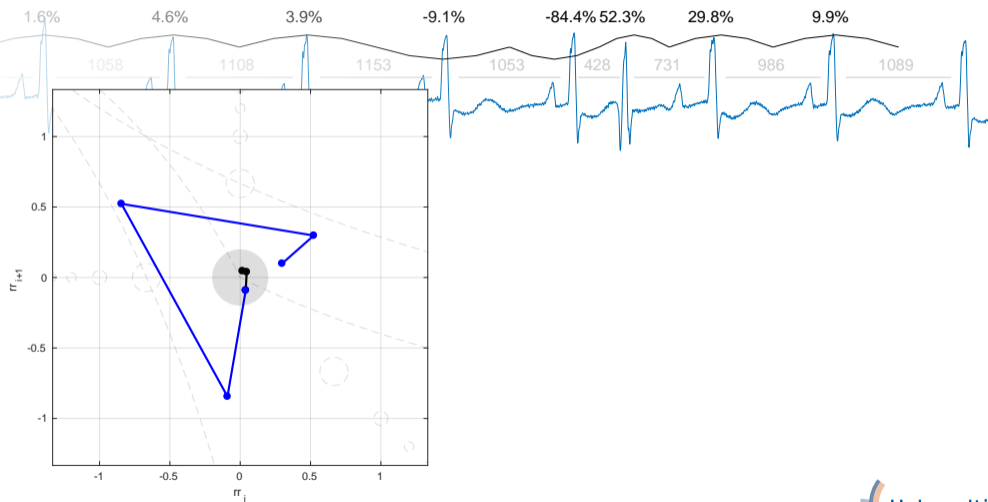
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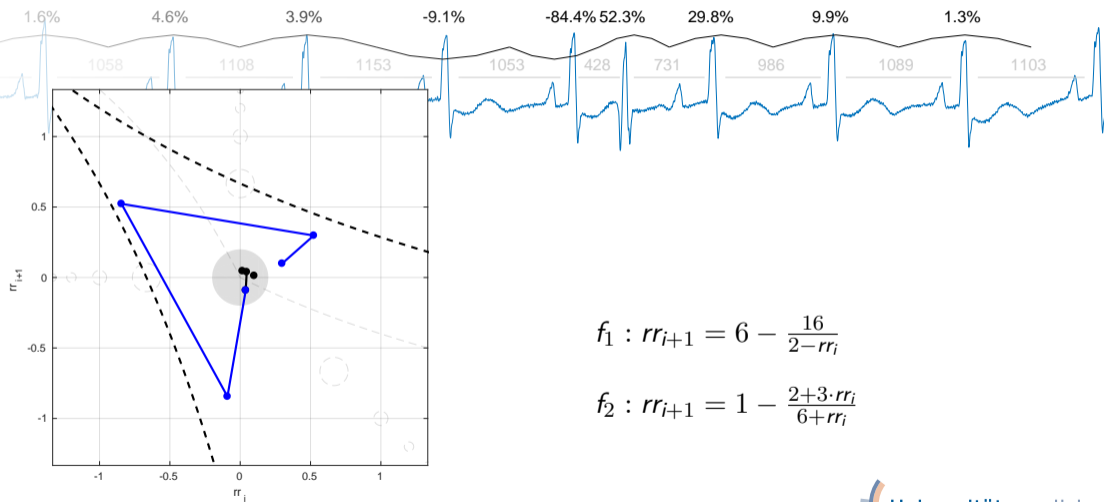
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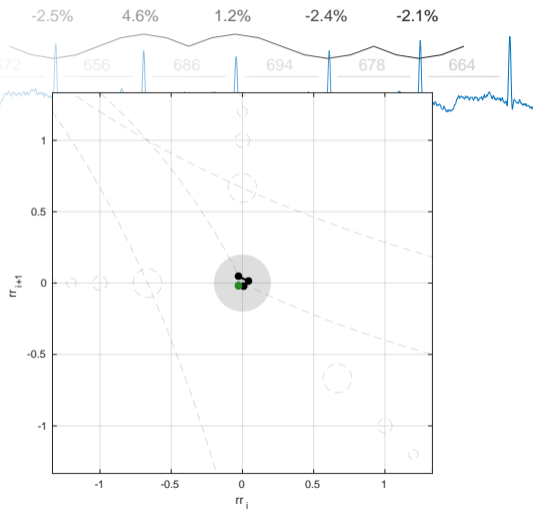
$$f_2 : rr_{i+1} = 1 - \frac{2+3 \cdot rr_i}{6+rr_i}$$

Extrasystole with compensatory pause - isolated PVC

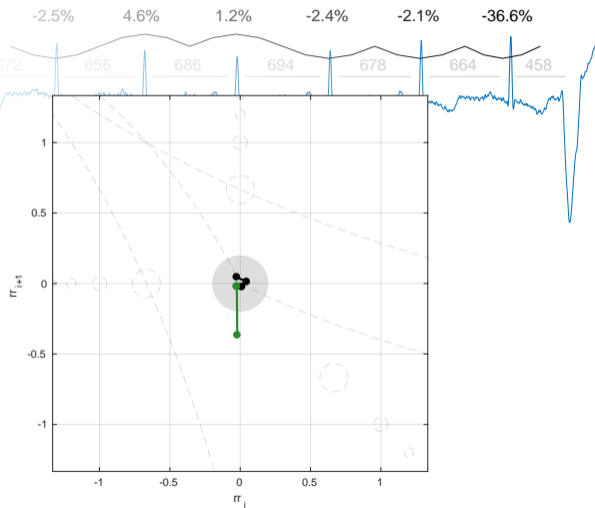
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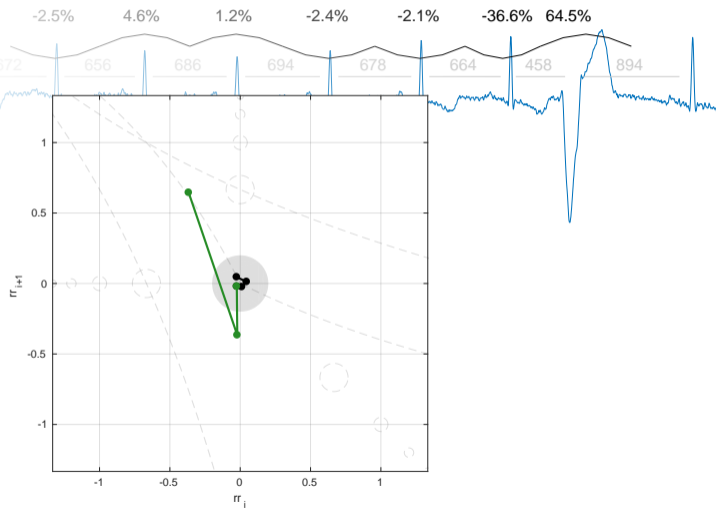
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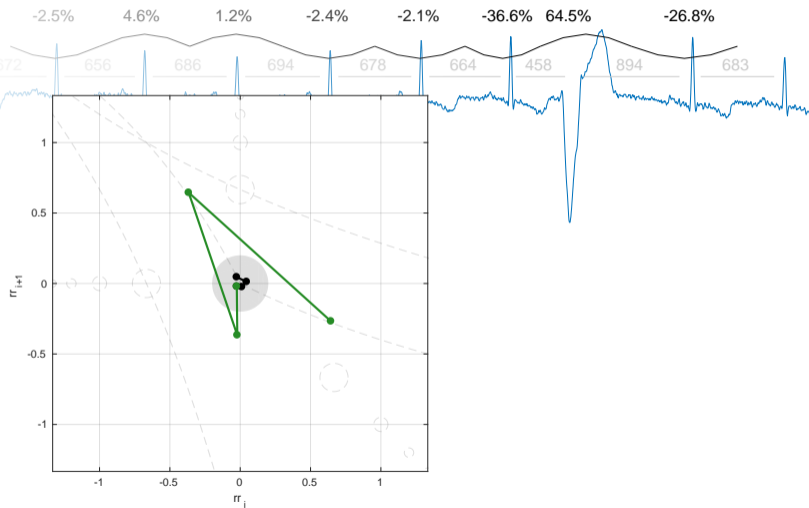
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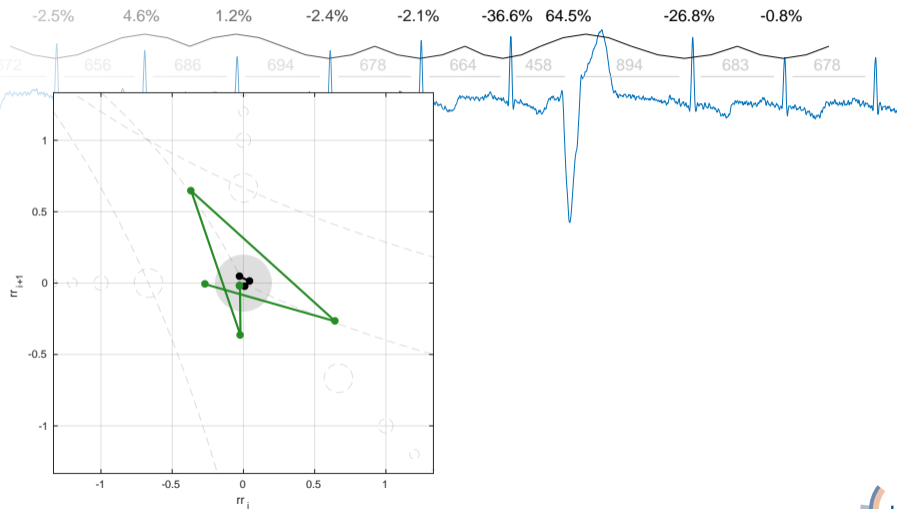
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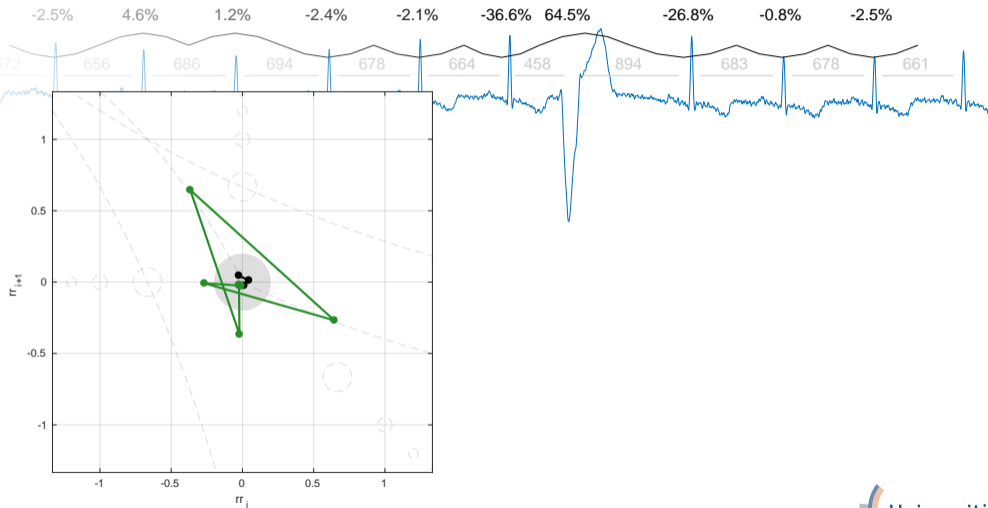
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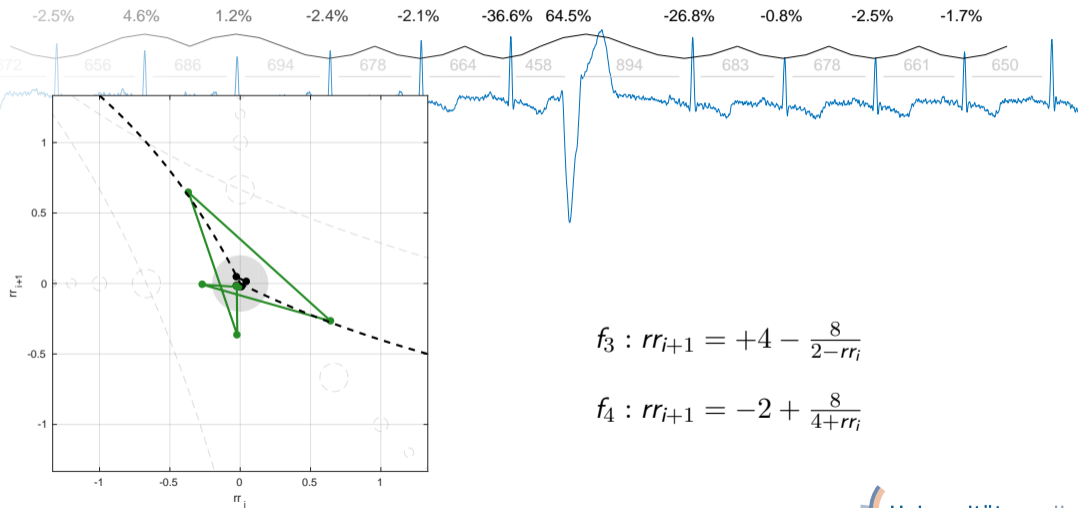
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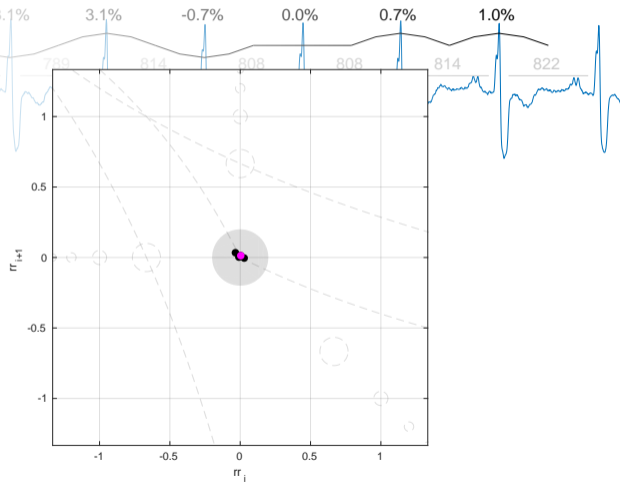


$$f_3 : rr_{i+1} = +4 - \frac{8}{2-rr_i}$$

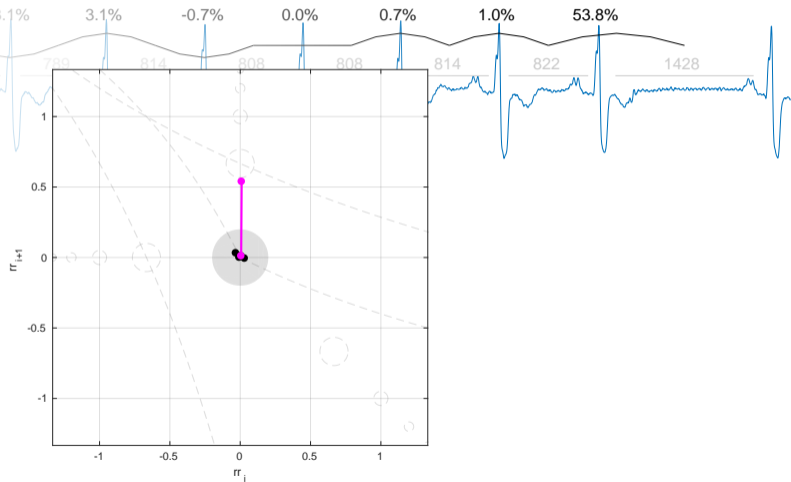
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Skipped/blocked beats

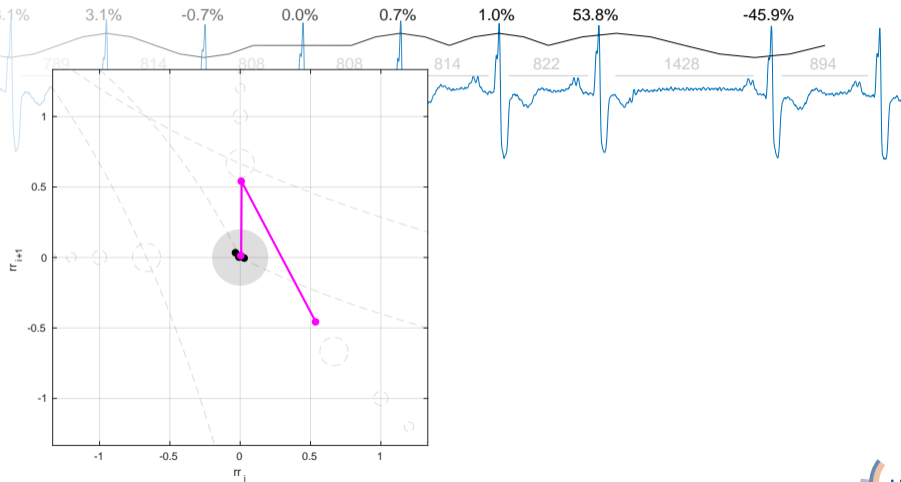
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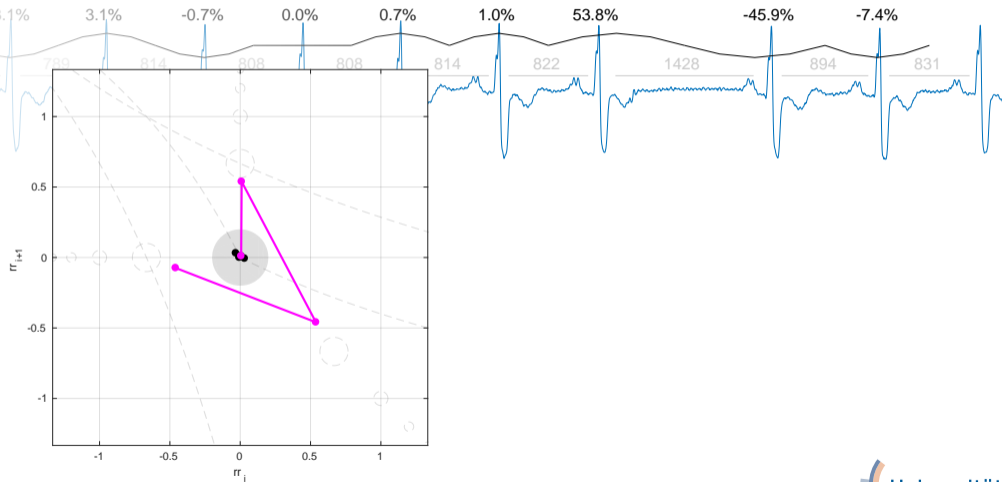
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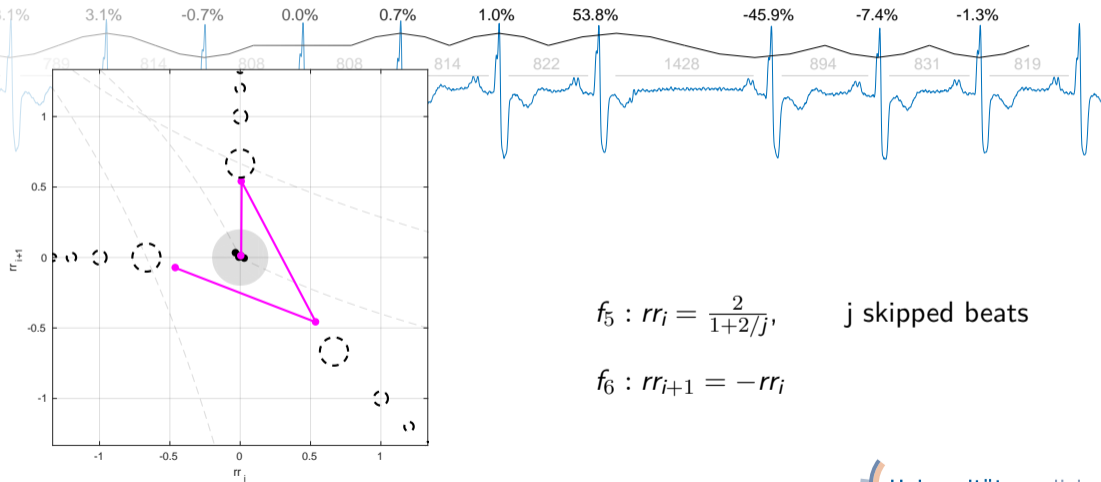
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$$f_5 : rr_i = \frac{2}{1+2/j}, \quad j \text{ skipped beats}$$

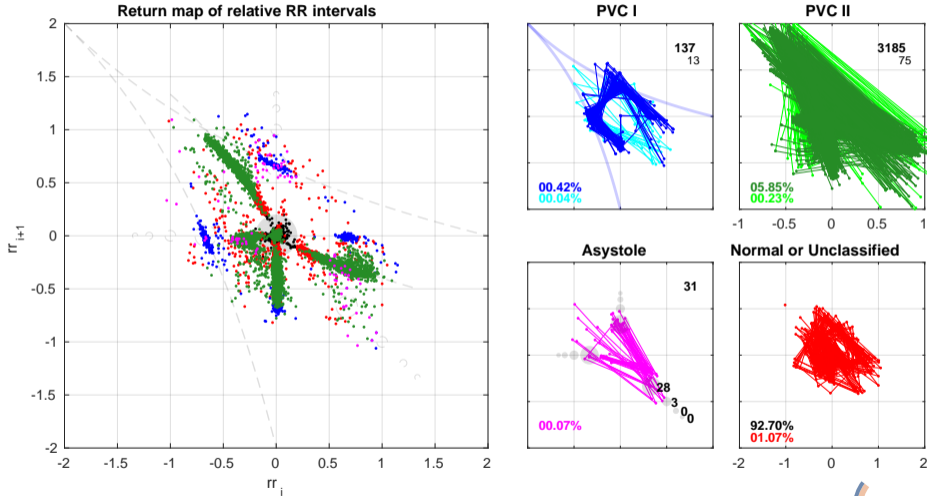
$$f_6 : rr_{i+1} = -rr_i$$

Visual Inspection of Long-Term Records

Long-term ECG analysis - time lapse

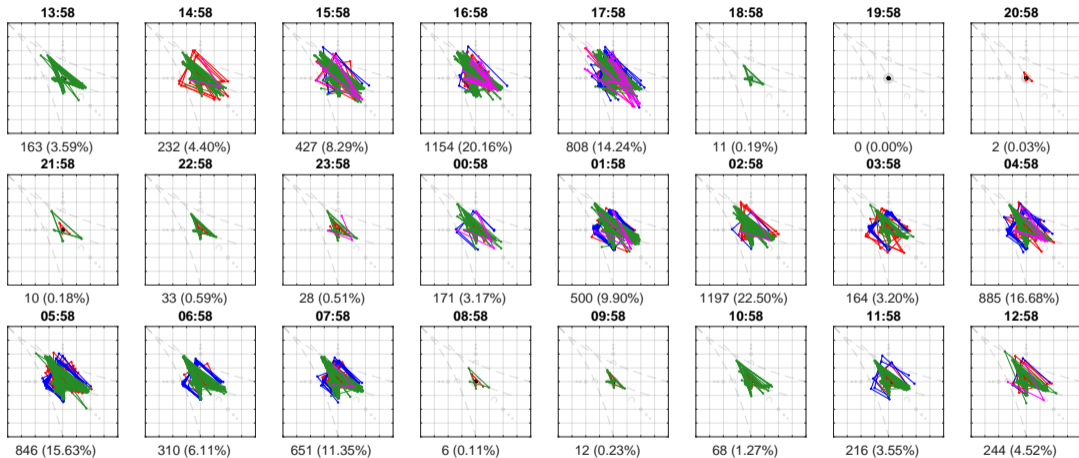
Long-term ECG analysis - complete view

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Long-term ECG analysis - hourly view

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Outlook

Recognition, diagnosis and management of arrhythmias

- | Characterize and classify patients
- | Opportunity for diagnostics
- | Screening and case finding
- | Discriminate artifacts from arrhythmias



**Thank You for Your
Attention!**

Appendix

CAST Database

Cardiac Arrhythmia Suppression Trial (CAST)

CAST RR Interval Sub-Study Database available on [Physionet.org](https://physionet.org)

Hypothesis: Suppression of asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic ventricular premature complexes (PVCs) in survivors of myocardial infarction (MI) would decrease the number of deaths from ventricular arrhythmias and improve survival.

Enrollment: Acute MI within the preceding 2 years and 6 or more PVCs per hour during a pre-treatment long-term ECG recording.

Intervention: Patients randomly assigned to receive antiarrhythmic drugs (encainide 1987-89, flecainide 1987-89, moricizine 1987-91) or a placebo. (Double-Blind)

Results: Drugs successfully reduced the amount of PVCs but led to more arrhythmia-related deaths (sudden cardiac death).

Free data: For 734 subjects, separate baseline (pre-treatment) and on-therapy records available. Database consists of 1543 records (24h-Holter, ~150 million RR intervals).

Pattern of some Arrhythmia Types

N-NVN-N-N-N-N

isolated, interpolated

▶ mitdb/108

N-NVNVNVNVNVN

bigeminy, interpolated

N-NVN-NVN-NVN

trigeminy, interpolated

N-NV--N-N-N-N

isolated, compensatory pause

▶ mitdb/100

N-NV--NV--NV-

bigeminy, compensatory pause

▶ mitdb/233

N-NV--N-NV--N

trigeminy, compensatory pause

▶ mitdb/210

N-NV-N-N-N-N-

isolated, incomplete comp. pause

N-NVV-N-N-N-N

doublet

▶ mitdb/215

N-NVVVV-N-N-N

multifocal PVC, ventricular tachycardia

▶ mitdb/205

N-N---N-N-N-N

skipped beats / asystole

▶ mitdb/219 AFIB

N-Nx--N-N-N-N

blocked PAC

▶ mitdb/118

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N-NV--NV--NV-	bigeminy, compensatory pause	▶ mitdb/233	
N-NV--N-NV--N	trigeminy, compensatory pause	▶ mitdb/210	
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N-NVV-N-N-N-N	doublet	▶ mitdb/215	
N-NVVVV-N-N-N	multifocal PVC, ventricular tachycardia	▶ mitdb/205	
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Relative RR Intervals and ectopic beats (PVCi)

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RR sequence: $n^*(1 \ 1 \ a \ 1 - a \ 1 \ 1)$ where n is the normal RR interval length

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$$rr_4 = 2 \cdot \frac{(1-a)-a}{(1-a)+a} = 2 \cdot (1-2a) = 2 - 4a$$

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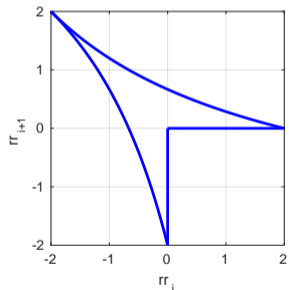
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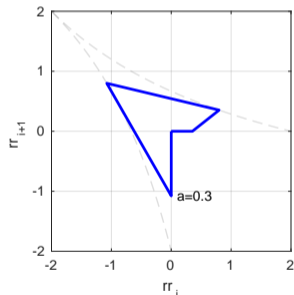
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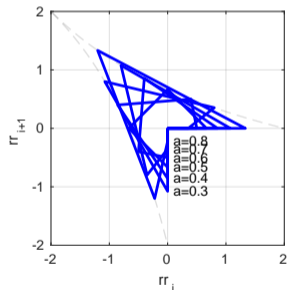
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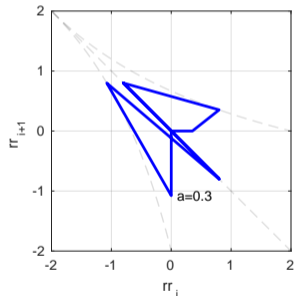
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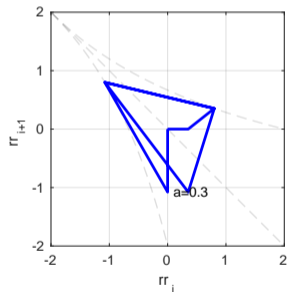
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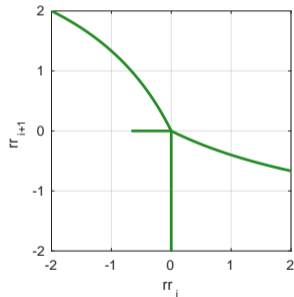
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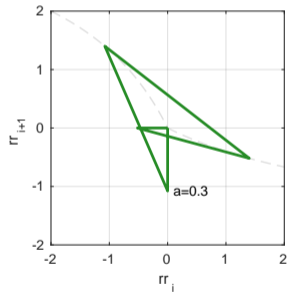
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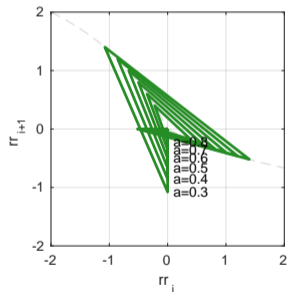
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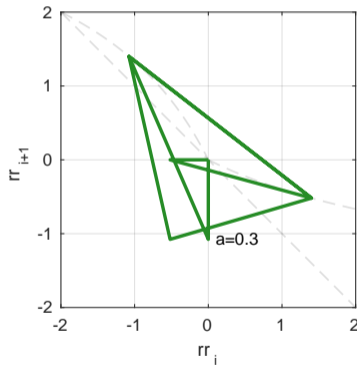
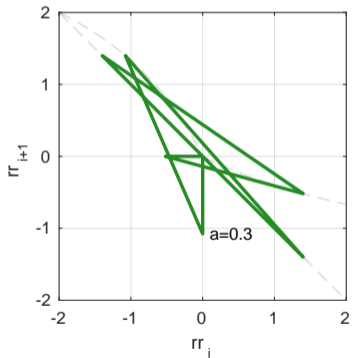
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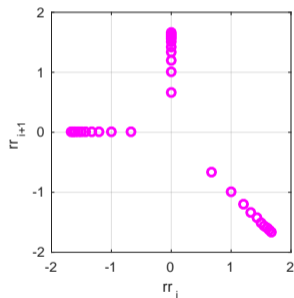
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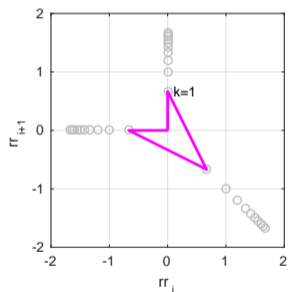
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