

Real-Time Peak and Fiducial Points Extraction in Portable ECGs and PPGs

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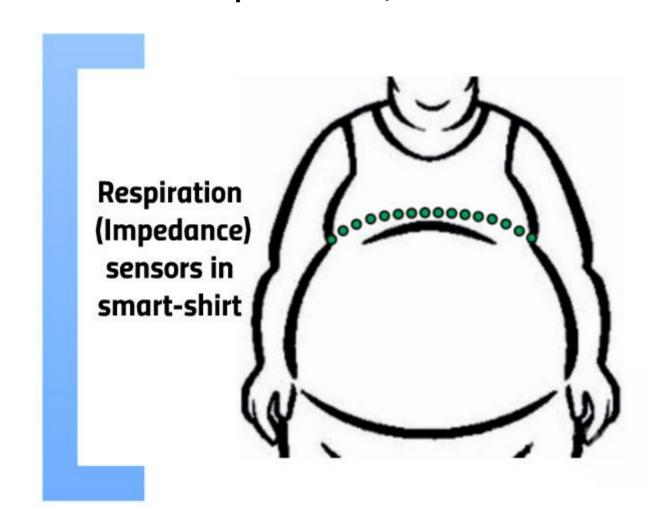
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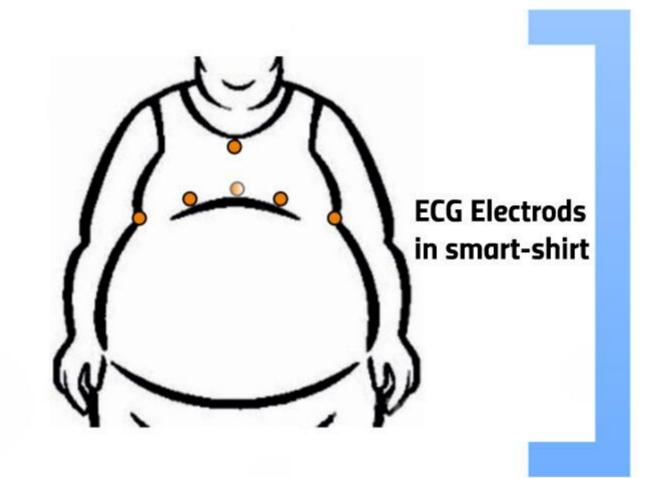


Motivation

- Monitoring of Obese subjects
 - ✓ Prone to cardiac/autonomic diseases.
- Smart-Shirt
- Health monitoring through Biomedical signals
 - Electrocardiogram (ECG)
 - Photoplethysmogram (PPG)
 - Respiration, Blood Pressure and etc.





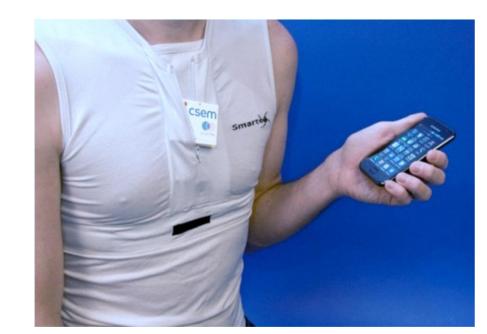


Smart-Shirt Challenges

- Signal acquisition problems
 - Noise in ECG/ PPG
- Muscle contraction activity noise
- Electrode contact noise
- Motion artefacts
- Baseline drift
- Shift in baseline

Hardware Limitation

- Computation cost
- Energy cost (battery)



The need of Real-time/Online methods.

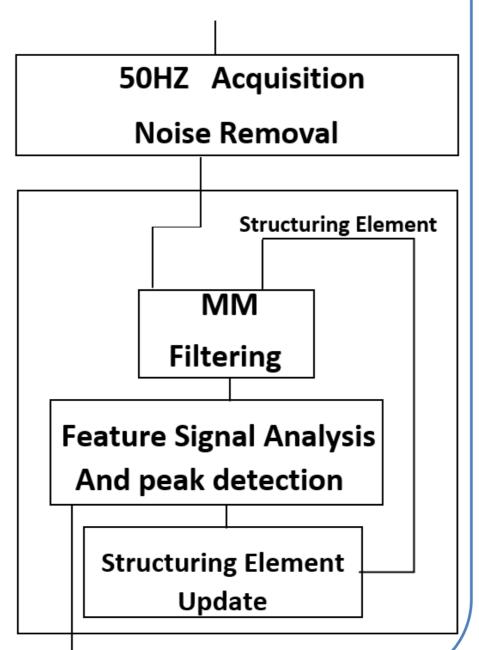
Adaptive Mathematical Morphology

Idea

Employing morphological features in order to extract waveform peaks and fiducial points more precisely.

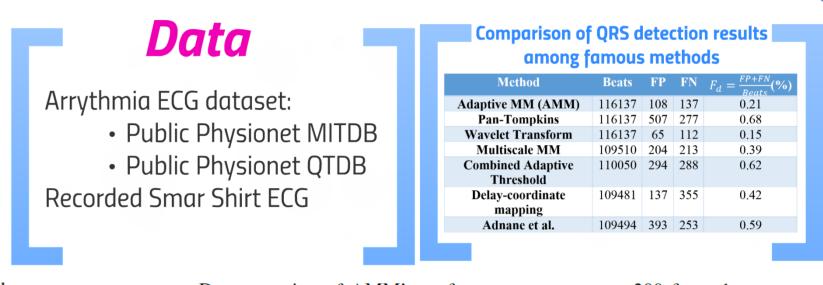
Algorithm

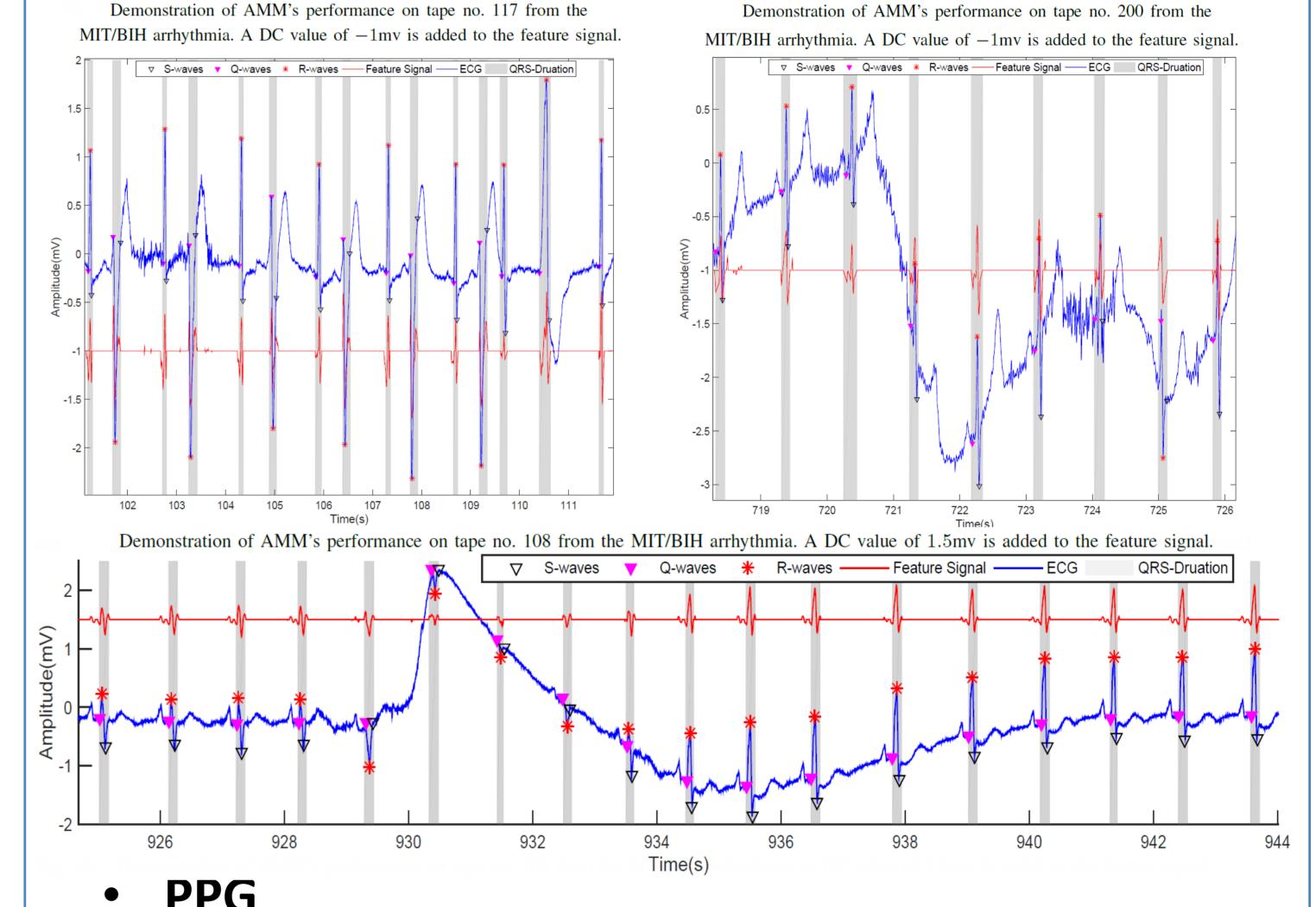
- 1) Windowing of the signal.
- 2) Application of Mathematical Morphology (MM) with predefined structuring element.
- 3) Detection of waveforms and fiducial points.
- 4) Reconstruct MM structuring element using the extracted waveform and fiducial points.
- 5) Repeat step 2-4 for the next window.

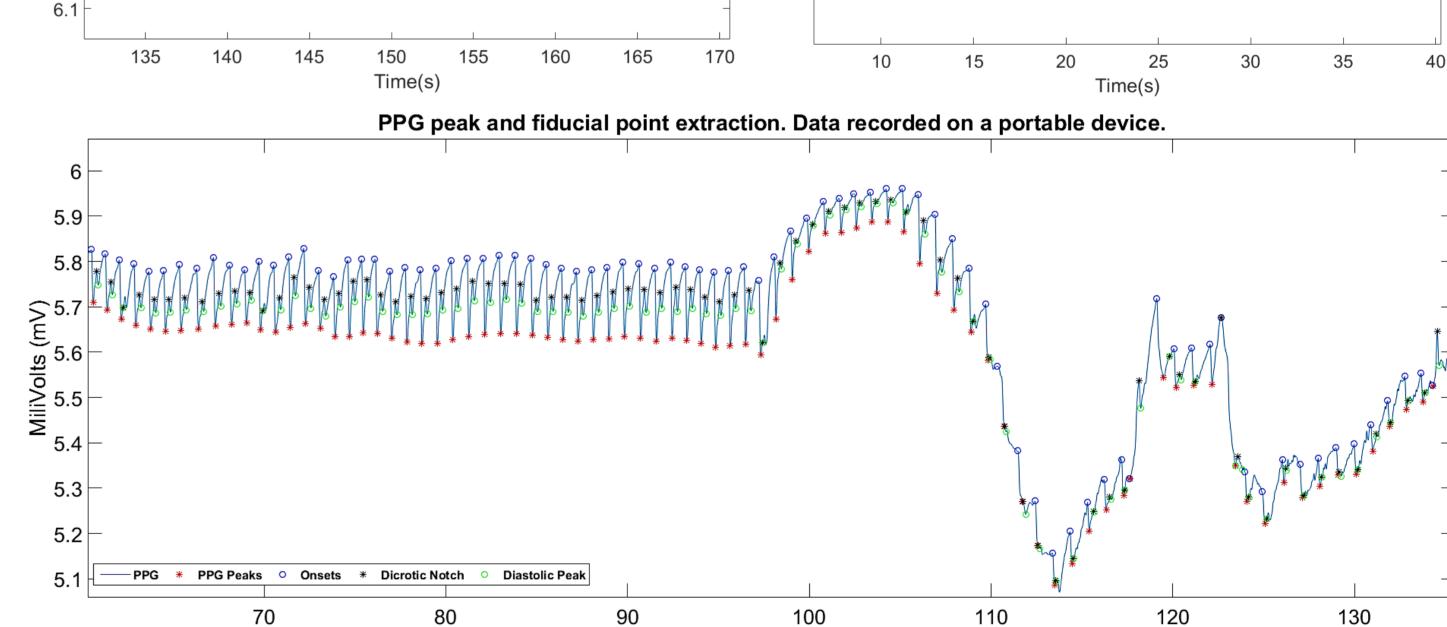


Results

ECG







Conclusion

Observations

Adaptation has an important role in detecting the precise location of future beats and fiducial points (especially when noise is present).

Advantages

- Real-Time/Online, Low computation costs, Robust against noise.
- R-waves as well as the QRS-onsets, -offsets, Q- and S-waves were extracted from.
- PPG Peaks, waveform onsets, dicrotic notches and diastolic peaks were extracted from PPGs.

Future Work

Beat-to-beat QRS morphology changes and their behavior before and after arrhythmias can be studied.