Kubios HRV
Heart Rate Variability Analysis Software

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What is HRV

Regulation of heart rate

Autonomic nervous system (ANS)

- To preserve blood pressure homeostasis, ANS regulates
  - Heart rate and cardiac function
  - Vasomotor activity
  - Arterial baroreflex

- ANS divided into sympathetic and parasympathetic branches
**HRV time series**

- Continuous regulation of heart rate (HR) → Heart rate variability (HRV)
- Sympathetic activity (GAS) → Increases HR and decreases HRV
- Parasympathetic activity (BRAKE) → Decreases HR and increases HRV
- Respiratory sinus arrhythmia (RSA)
- High HRV indicates good recovery and high ability to tolerate stress
HRV Analysis Methods

- **Time-domain** (Mean RR, SDNN, RMSSD etc.)
  - Intensity of HRV
- **Frequency-domain** (LF and HF components, LF/HF ratio etc.)
  - Frequency components of HRV (assessment of sympathovagal balance)
- **Nonlinear** (Entropy measures etc.)
  - Complexity of HRV
- **Time-varying**
  - HRV dynamics
Applications of HRV

Medical Research

- Risk evaluation after MI
- Evaluation of heart failure
- Marker of diabetic neuropathy
- Evaluation of CAD
- ANS testing
- Sleep apnea
- Affective disorders
- Anesthesia monitoring etc.

Stress and Wellbeing

- Occupational stress
- HRV Biofeedback
- Resonant frequency
- Physiotherapy, yoga etc.

Fitness and Exercise

- Fitness assessment
  → maxHR, anaerobic threshold, energy consumption
- Recovery monitoring
  → Avoiding overtraining
- Coaching
  → HRV based individualized training prescription
Kubios Oy
About the company

- Founded 2016
- Software and algorithms development
- Market leader in HRV analysis software for scientific research and professional use
- Customers: Researchers, wellbeing therapists, sports/exercise coaches and athletes, personal monitoring etc.

Facts and figures

- Golden Standard HRV software
- Used in 1000 scientific studies
- Device independent software
- Over 40 analysis parameters
- Used in 120 countries (6/7 continents)
Products
Kubios HRV Standard (ver. 3.1)

- For non-commercial personal use
- Supports most common HR monitors (RR data)
- Standard HRV analysis
- Freeware
Kubios HRV Premium (ver. 3.1)

- For research and professional use
- Supports several HR monitors, ECG and PPG devices
- Full-featured HRV analysis software
  1. Extended data support (ECG and PPG data)
  2. Built-in beat detection
  3. Automatic correction of missed, extra and misaligned (ectopic) beats
  4. ECG derived respiration (EDR)
  5. Extended analysis features (spectrogram with “fire” colormap)
  6. Extended reports and exporting options (CSV batch file export)
How we use MATLAB
How it all started?

- MATLAB 4.2 and 5 (1994-1999)
  - MSc studies in Medical Physics
  - Used in many courses for practical works and exercises
- MATLAB 6, 7 and 8 (2000-2014)
  - PhD research in Medical Signal Analysis
  - Development of HRV analysis software started
    → Ver. 1.1 released in Sep 2002
Ver. 1.1 (9/2002)
- GUI
- Standard HRV Analysis
- RR data support
- Windows

Ver. 2.0 (10/2008)
- Nonlinear HRV parameters
- Support for Polar and Suunto IBI data
- Windows & Linux

Ver. 2.1 (7/2012)
- QRS detector
- ECG data support
- Windows & Linux

Ver. 2.2 (5/2014)
- ECG derived respiration
- Updates to data support
- Windows, Linux & Mac

MATLAB Compiler
Limited functionality (no MCR)

MATLAB Compiler Runtime
Still relying on MATLAB

1. Optimal for algorithm development and testing

Example: Signal baseline fitting

\[
\hat{\theta}_\lambda = \arg\min_\theta \{ \|H\theta - z\|^2 + \lambda^2\|D_d(H\theta)\|^2 \}
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\hat{\theta}_\lambda = (H^TH + \lambda^2H^TD_d^TD_dH)^{-1}H^Tz
\]

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\hat{z}_{\text{trend}} = H\hat{\theta}_\lambda
\]

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\hat{z}_{\text{stat}} = z - H\hat{\theta}_\lambda = (I - (I + \lambda^2D_2^TD_2)^{-1})z
\]

\[
H = I \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-1) \times (N-1)}
\]

\[
D_2 = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & -2 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & -2 & 1
\end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N-3) \times (N-1)}
\]

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N = \text{length}(z); \\
\lambda = 500; \\
I = \text{speye}(N); \\
D_2 = \text{spdiags}([1 -2 1],[0:2],N-2,N); \\
z_{\text{stat}} = (I - \text{inv}(I+\lambda^2D_2^TD_2))z;
\]
2. Graphics

MATLAB figure
✓ uimenu and toolbar
✓ 2D & 3D visualisations
✓ Highly customizable controls for GUI design
✓ Mouse/keyboard interactions

MATLAB UI figure (App designer)
✓ Interesting, but still some limitations (mouse/keyboard interaction, UImenu support)
3. Fast to build applications
MATLAB Compiler
✓ Matlab code → Windows, macOS and Linux applications
✓ deploytool – easy to use, but we need to customize our installers
✓ Code signing
✓ Agile software development
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Suunto HR monitors (www.suunto.com)
✓ T6 series and Memorybelt
✓ Ambit 1, 2 and 3 series
✓ Spartan series

→ Export FIT file from Movescout
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✓ Export data from your measurement device

Garmin HR monitors (www.garmin.com)
✓ Forerunner 235, 620, 630, 920XT, 735 XT, 935
✓ Fenix 3, 3HR, and 5; Edge 520, 820, 1000
NOTE: Turn on HRV recording by changing “Log HRV” setting (Fenix 5 and Forerunner 935) or follow the steps give in https://sporttracks.mobi/blog/tracking-hrv-garmin-watches
→ Export FIT file from Garmin Connect
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**Polar HR monitors** ([www.polar.com](http://www.polar.com))
✓ V800, RS800, RS800CX, CS600, S810

→ Perform RR recording test and export RR data from Polar Flow web service
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**Supported ECG and PPG devices**
✓ Actiheart and Actiwave Cardio ([www.camntech.com](http://www.camntech.com))
✓ Alivecor Kardia ([www.alivecor.com](http://www.alivecor.com))
✓ Biopac ECG and PPG devices ([www.biopac.com](http://www.biopac.com))
✓ Bittium Faros ECG ([www.bittium.com](http://www.bittium.com))
✓ Empatica E4 ([www.empatica.com](http://www.empatica.com))
✓ FirstBeat Bodyguard ([www.firstbeat.com](http://www.firstbeat.com))
✓ Mindfield MindMaster ([www.mindfield.de](http://www.mindfield.de))
✓ Shimmer ECG and PPG devices ([www.shimmersensing.com](http://www.shimmersensing.com))
✓ Zephyr Bioharness ([www.zephyranywhere.com](http://www.zephyranywhere.com))
etc.
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4) All HRV analysis results are computed and visualised immediately
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6) Save results → PDF, TXT, MAT + “SPSS friendly” batch file
Kubios HRV Premium – DEMO

✓ Kubios HRV Premium reports

1) Report pages (1 page/sample)
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1) Report pages (1 page/sample)
2) Report page for time-varying analysis
3) CSV-file
4) MAT-file
5) “SPSS friendly” batch file
Thank you

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