07-Rest vs exercise

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1 Rest vs. Exercise

If you are in this notebook, it means you have passed through the previous notebooks explaining different techniques. In all of them, we have mentioned a brief comparison between data when the subject is at rest and when the person has just finished performing an exercise. In this notebook, we bring all these techniques together. What information will we be able to obtain from them?

From an electrocardiogram, we can obtain two time series: the same electrocardiogram and R-R intervals. Techniques using the R-R interval time series:

- Standard technique: R-R intervals and QRS complex
- Poincaré plots

Techniques using the R-R interval time series:

- Phase space reconstruction
- Recurrence plot

2 Setting up the notebook

We begin by setting up the Jupyter notebook and importing the Python modules needed for plotting figures, create animations, etc. We include commands to view plots in the Jupyter notebook, and to create figures with good resolution and large labels. These commands can be customized to produce figures with other specifications.

```
[38]: # Imports python libraries
import numpy as np
import random as rd
import wave
import sys
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.pyplot import figure
from matplotlib import gridspec
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.inset_locator import inset_axes
from statistics import stdev
sys.path.insert(1, r'./../functions') # add to pythonpath

# commands to create high-resolution figures with large labels
%config InlineBackend.figure_formats = {'png', 'retina'}
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plt.rcParams['axes.labelsize'] = 16 # fontsize for figure labels
plt.rcParams['axes.titlesize'] = 18 # fontsize for figure titles
plt.rcParams['font.size'] = 14 # fontsize for figure numbers
plt.rcParams['lines.linewidth'] = 1.4 # line width for plotting
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2.1 Extracting data

ECG recordings were obtained using the Backyard Brains Heart and Brain Spiker Box. The recordings are saved as audio files in .wav format. The first thing we have to do is open the .wav files and extract the data. We can extract the number of recording channels, sampling rate, etc. This is done in the following function.

```
[5]: #Function that extracts the number of recording channels, sampling rate, time_
     \rightarrow and signal
     #variable is the path and filename of the .wav file
     def ecg(variable):
         record = wave.open(variable, 'r') # load the data
         # Get the number of channels, sample rate, etc.
         numChannels = record.getnchannels() #number of channels
         numFrames = record.getnframes() #number of frames
         sampleRate = record.getframerate() #sampling rate
         sampleWidth = record.getsampwidth()
         # Get wave data
         dstr = record.readframes(numFrames * numChannels)
         waveData = np.frombuffer(dstr, np.int16)
         # Get time window
         timeECG = np.linspace(0, len(waveData)/sampleRate, num=len(waveData))
         return timeECG, waveData
```

3 R peaks

Function for detecting R peaks. We will be able to calculate heart frequency and R-R intervals.

The following function creates an array of values which surpass a certain threshold. Afterwards, it determines the maximum value of this array and adds it in the R-vector. And this is repeated until the end of the time series.

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[6]: def detecta_maximos_locales(timeECG, waveData, threshold_ratio=0.7):

# If not all the R peaks are detected, lower the threshold_ratio

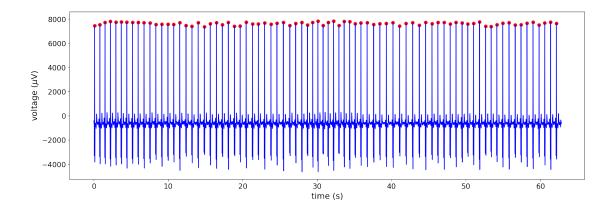
# If components that are not R peaks (like T waves) are detected, higher_

→ the threshold_ratio
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if len(timeECG) != len(waveData): #Raises an error if the two arrays have_
\rightarrow different lengths
       raise Exception("The two arrays have different lengths.")
   interval = max(waveData) - min(waveData)
   threshold = threshold ratio*interval + min(waveData)
   maxima = []
   maxima_indices = []
   mxs_indices = []
   banner = False
   for i in range(0, len(waveData)):
       if waveData[i] >= threshold:#If a threshold value is surpassed,
           # the indices and values are saved
           banner = True
           maxima_indices.append(i)
           maxima.append(waveData[i])
       elif banner == True and waveData[i] < threshold: #If the threshold_
\rightarrow value is crossed
           # the index of the maximum value in the original array is saved
           index_local_max = maxima.index(max(maxima))
           mxs_indices.append(maxima_indices[index_local_max])
           maxima = []
           maxima_indices = []
           banner = False
   return mxs_indices
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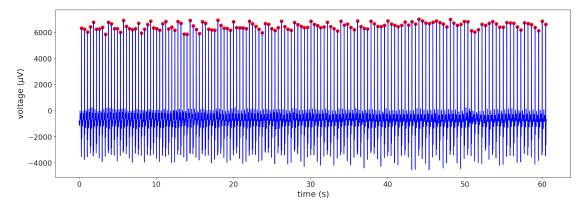
Running the previous code with test data of a subject at rest. This recording will be referred to throughout the notebook as rest.

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[7]: timeECG_rest, waveData_rest = ecg("ECG_morfo2/S1_rest.wav")
mxs_indices_rest = detecta_maximos_locales(timeECG_rest, waveData_rest)
```



Now we use a recording of the same subject, but after performing exercise. An interesting observation is that we did not record during exercise because the equipment available to us generated several artifacts (such as movement artifacts) if the subject was not at rest. This recording will be referred to throughout the notebook as exer. This is a poor election of the name, maybe a better one would have been initial recovery period.

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[9]: timeECG_exer, waveData_exer = ecg("ECG_morfo2/S1_exercise.wav")
mxs_indices_exer = detecta_maximos_locales(timeECG_exer, waveData_exer)
```



Remember that the heart frequency and the R-R intervals are complementary data. If you have one, you can obtain the other by obtaining the inverse and multiplying or dividing by 60, basically.

Because of this, without loss of generality, we will do the following analysis with R-R intervals.

Mean R-R interval: 0.7955551129613508 Standard deviation: 0.05226160016844845

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[13]: xx_exer = R_intervals(timeECG_exer[mxs_indices_exer])
    timeRpeaks_exer = timeECG_exer[mxs_indices_exer]

mean_rr_exer = np.mean(xx_exer)

stdev_exer = stdev(xx_exer)

print("Mean R-R interval: ", mean_rr_exer)
    print("Standard deviation: ", stdev_exer)

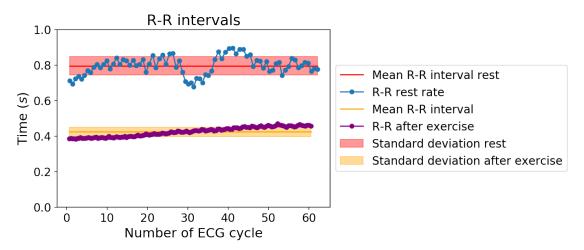
mean_vec_exer = [mean_rr_exer for i in range(0, len(timeRpeaks_exer)-1)]
    std_vec_plus_exer = [mean_rr_exer+stdev_exer for i in range(0, len(timeRpeaks_exer)-1)]
    std_vec_minus_exer = [mean_rr_exer-stdev_exer for i in range(0, len(timeRpeaks_exer)-1)]
```

Mean R-R interval: 0.4234978825690435 Standard deviation: 0.02601534109626652

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[14]: plt.fill_between(timeRpeaks_rest[1:], std_vec_minus_rest, std_vec_plus_rest,_u

→facecolor="red",
                       label = "Standard deviation rest", color='red', alpha=0.4)
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_rest[1:], mean_vec_rest, c="r", label = "Mean R-R interval_
       →rest")
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_rest[1:], xx_rest, markersize=5, marker = "o", label="R-R_L
       →rest rate")
      plt.fill_between(timeRpeaks_exer[1:], std_vec_minus_exer, std_vec_plus_exer,_u

→facecolor="orange",
                       label = "Standard deviation after exercise", color='orange',
       \rightarrowalpha=0.4)
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_exer[1:], mean_vec_exer, c="orange", label = "Mean R-R_U
       →interval")
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_exer[1:], xx_exer, markersize=5, c="purple", marker = "o", __
       →label="R-R after exercise")
      plt.ylim((0, 1))
      plt.title("R-R intervals")
      plt.xlabel(r'Number of ECG cycle')
      plt.ylabel(r'Time ($s$)')
      plt.legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.0, 0.5))
      plt.show()
```



3.0.1 Exercise:

Analyze the previous graph, what can you say about the R-R intervals?

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4 QRS complexes

For obtaining the QRS complexes, we will find the left and right minimum values in the neighborhood of an R peak. In electrophysiology, QRS complexes start when a deviation from baseline is detected. Since we do not want to work with a fixed baseline, we are reffering to a QRS complex as the activity that happens between Q and S. Thus, the values obtained here for QRS complex will be shorter than the ones reported in the literature.

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mins_rest = local_mins(waveData_rest, mxs_indices_rest)

# What are the lengths of these QRS complexes?
qrs_length_rest = np.zeros(len(mxs_indices_rest)-1)

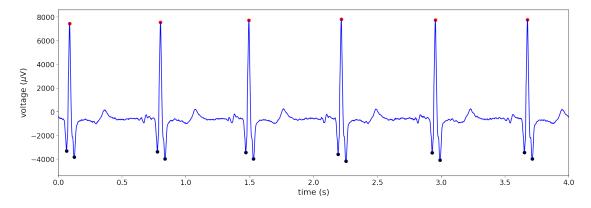
for i in range(0, len(mxs_indices_rest)-1):
    qrs_length_rest[i] = timeECG_rest[mins_rest[2*i + 1]] -___
    timeECG_rest[mins_rest[2*i]]

mean_qrs_rest = np.mean(qrs_length_rest)
print("Mean in seconds of the QRS complex: ",mean_qrs_rest)

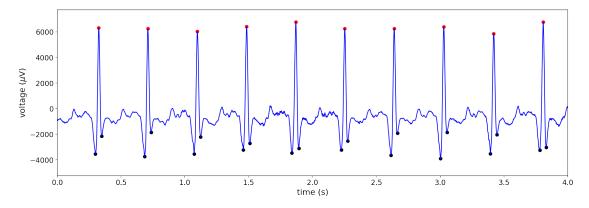
vec_length_rest = len(qrs_length_rest)
std_plus_rest = mean_qrs_rest + stdev(qrs_length_rest)
std_minus_rest = mean_qrs_rest - stdev(qrs_length_rest)

mean_vec_rest = [mean_qrs_rest for i in range(0, vec_length_rest)]
std_vec_plus_rest = [std_plus_rest for i in range(0, vec_length_rest)]
std_vec_minus_rest = [std_minus_rest for i in range(0, vec_length_rest)]
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Mean in seconds of the QRS complex: 0.06154625184973973

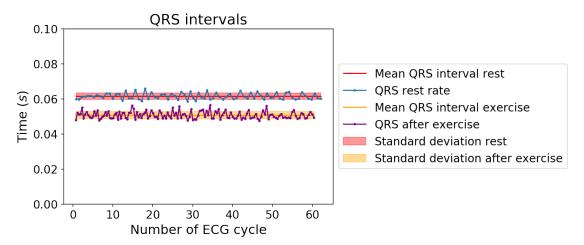


Mean in seconds of the QRS complex: 0.05079304163882738



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[23]: plt.fill_between(timeRpeaks_rest[1:], std_vec_minus_rest, std_vec_plus_rest,_u
       →facecolor="red".
                       label = "Standard deviation rest", color='red', alpha=0.4)
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_rest[1:], mean_vec_rest, c="r", label = "Mean QRS interval_
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_rest[1:], qrs_length_rest, markersize=2, marker = "o",__
       →label="QRS rest rate")
      plt.fill_between(timeRpeaks_exer[1:], std_vec_minus_exer, std_vec_plus_exer,_u
       →facecolor="orange",
                       label = "Standard deviation after exercise", color='orange', |
      \rightarrowalpha=0.4)
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_exer[1:], mean_vec_exer, c="orange", label = "Mean QRS_u
       →interval exercise")
      plt.plot(timeRpeaks_exer[1:], qrs_length_exer, markersize=2, c="purple", marker_
       →= "o", label="QRS after exercise")
      plt.ylim((0, 0.1))
      plt.title("QRS intervals")
      plt.xlabel(r'Number of ECG cycle')
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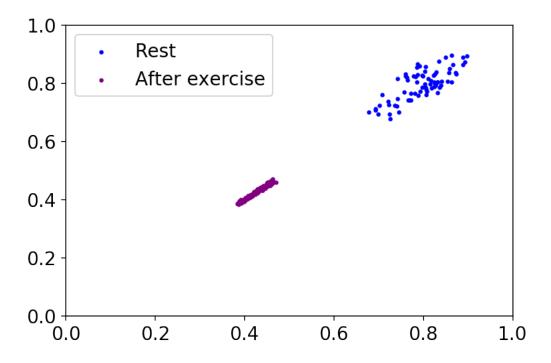
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plt.ylabel(r'Time ($s$)')
plt.legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1.0, 0.5))
plt.show()
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4.0.1 Why are we observing a change in the QRS interval? Is it not a constant value?

5 Poincaré plots

We already have the mxs_indices which correspond to the R-peaks, and xx corresponds to the R intervals.. With this information, we can make a plot where we compare each one of these peaks to the next one.



5.0.1 Exercise: Compare the two patterns. Why do we see the points getting closer and near the origin after performing exercise?

Notice that in this technique we are using only the R-R interval time series. The points at rest seem more disperse than after performing exercise. This is generally observed in healthy hearts. If you are particularly interested in this technique, you can see the following book:

Khandoker, A. H., Karmakar, C., Brennan, M., Palaniswami, M., & Voss, A. (2013). Poincaré plot methods for heart rate variability analysis. Boston, MA, USA: Springer US.

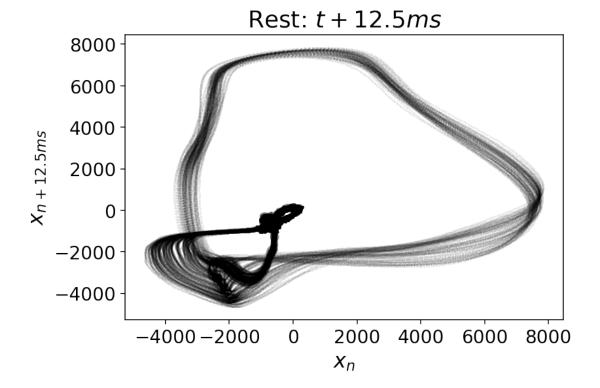
6 Phase space reconstruction

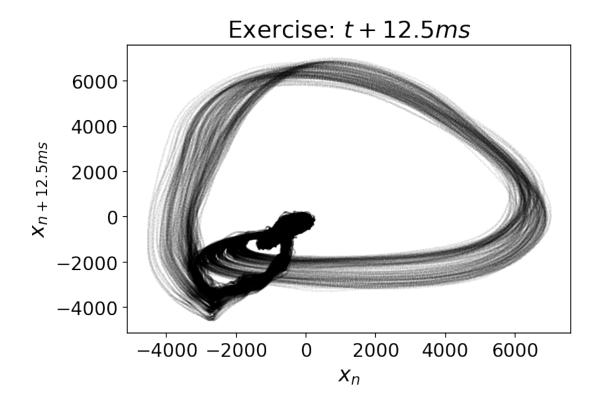
In the previous technique we only compared the R intervals with the next interval. What would happen if we compare not the R interval, but the whole recording with a certain time delay we choose. Instead of comparing one data point with its next in time, what would happen if we choose an arbitrary time delay? In other words, we are going to generalize what we applied in the previous technique with the whole ECG data series and with an arbitrary time delay.

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[25]: #Generating a function that will reconstruct the phase space for a certain time⊔
→delay

# data_series is the voltage of our signal
# period is the time delay
# identifier is a string that will help us identify that particular graph
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[26]: time_delay = 125 #12.5 ms
graph_phase_space(waveData_rest, time_delay, identifier = "Rest")
graph_phase_space(waveData_exer, time_delay, identifier = "Exercise")
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6.0.1 Exercise: Choose another time delay and make the graphs. What can you say about this technique?

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6.0.2 Exercise: Are the results obtained in a Poincaré plot and in a recurrence plot contradictory? While we are observing a loss in the first plot's variability with exercise, we are seeing the opposite in a recurrence plot. Why?

7 Recurrence plots

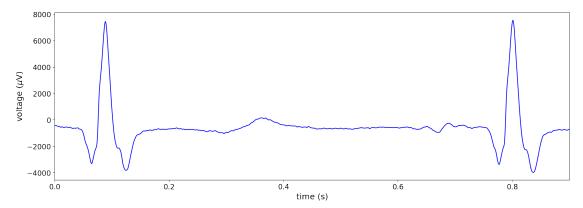
This is a technique which compares every single data point to every other. Because of this reason, it is a very expensive algorithm computationally. To reduce this computational time, we must create a

surrogate data set. Be sure to create a surrogate data set that includes at least two QRS complexes. In the following cell, change the start and end values to obtain two QRS complexes.

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[27]: # Plotting
start = 0
end = 9000

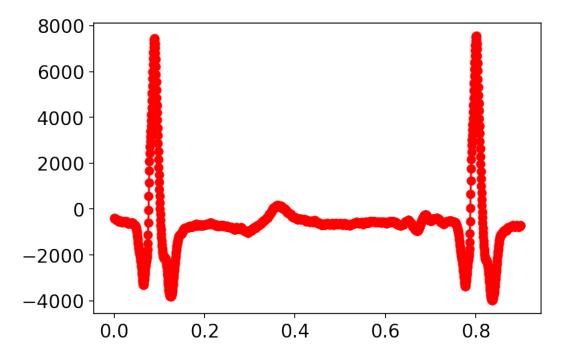
plt.figure(figsize=(18,6))
plt.xlabel(r'time (s)')
plt.ylabel(r'voltage ($\mu$V)')
plt.ylabel(r'voltage ($\mu$V)')
plt.xlim(timeECG_rest[start], timeECG_rest[end])

plt.plot(timeECG_rest[start:end], waveData_rest[start:end], 'b')
plt.show()
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Sampling rate of 10000.0 points per second got reduced to 2001.1085422545434 points per second.

Time series of 9000 got reduced to 1800



Now we will reconstruct the attractor just like in the previous exercise, but only with this surrogate tiem series. First, we choose a delay just like in the previous exercise, for example delay = 12.5ms. We must find the number of data points that correspond to this time delay.

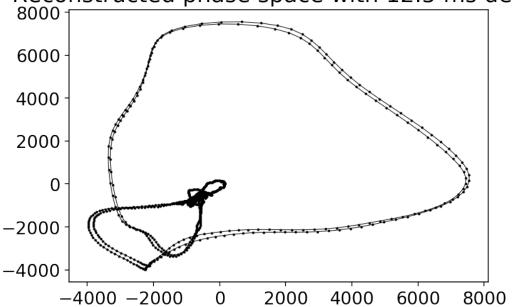
```
[30]: data_point_delay = 25
delay = time_surrogate_rest[data_point_delay]-time_surrogate_rest[0]
print(delay)
```

0.012500019904490293

Perfect! Now let's reconstruct the attractor.

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marker = "o", markersize = 1, linewidth = 0.5, color = "black")
plt.title("Reconstructed phase space with 12.5 ms delay")
plt.show()
```





Now, we create the recurrence plot.

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[32]: # Heat map Recurrence plot
def recurrence_plot(surrogate, data_point_delay = 25):
    n = len(surrogate)
    euclid = np.zeros((n,n), dtype = 'float')
    normal_euclid = np.zeros((n,n), dtype = 'float')

#Cycle for obtaining the euclid distance between any two points
for i in range(0, n-data_point_delay):
    for j in range(data_point_delay, n):
        euclid[i][j] = np.sqrt(np.abs(surrogate[i]**2 - surrogate[j]**2))

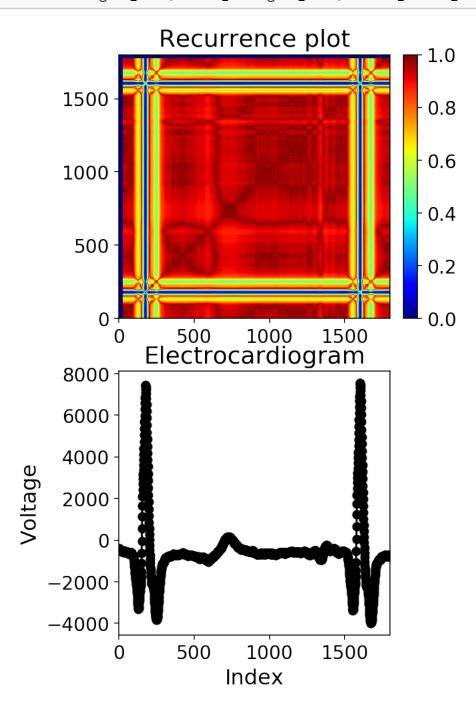
#euclidian norm

normal_aux = np.max(euclid)

# Cycle for normalizing the distance
for i in range(0, n-data_point_delay):
    for j in range(data_point_delay, n):
        normal_euclid[i][j] = np.abs(euclid[i][j]/normal_aux-1)
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\#Normalizing the values, and the farthest points have the lowest
       \rightarrow value (0),
                  #while the nearest points have a value near 1
          return normal_euclid
[33]: normal_euclid_rest = recurrence_plot(surrogate_rest, 25)
      #Creating a vector with the indices for the surrogate data
      index_surrogate_rest = [i for i in range(0, len(surrogate_rest))]
[39]: def graph_recurrence(surrogate_data, index_surrogate, normal_euclid):
          #Initializing the graphic space
          fig = plt.figure(figsize=(6,8))
          gs = gridspec.GridSpec(2, 2, height_ratios=[1, 1], width_ratios=[2, 1])
          ax1 = fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 0])
          ax2 = fig.add_subplot(gs[0, 0], sharex=ax1)
          plt.tick_params(which='both', top=False, right=False)
          ax2.set_autoscalex_on(False)
          # Electrocardiogram
          ax1.set_title("Electrocardiogram")
          ax1.set ylabel('Voltage')
          ax1.set_xlabel('Index')
          ax1.set_xlim(0, len(surrogate_data))
          ax1.plot(index_surrogate, surrogate_data, marker="o", c="k")__
       →#index_surrogate or time_surrogate (ms)
          # Reconstructed attractor in phase space
          # ax1.plot(surrogate[0: n-delay], surrogate[delay: n],
                      marker = "o", markersize = 0.05, linewidth = 0.005, color =
       → "black")
          # Recurrence plot
          ax2.set_title("Recurrence plot")
          plot = ax2.imshow(normal_euclid, origin='lower', aspect="auto", cmap="jet")
          axins = inset_axes(ax2,
                         width="5%", # width = 10% of parent_bbox width
                         height="100%", # height : 50%
                         loc=6,
                         bbox_to_anchor=(1.05, 0., 1, 1),
                         bbox_transform=ax2.transAxes,
                         borderpad=0,)
          cbar = plt.colorbar(plot, cax=axins)
          plt.show()
          return None
```

[40]: graph_recurrence(surrogate_rest, index_surrogate_rest, normal_euclid_rest)



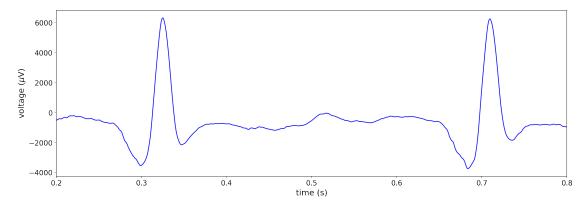
Now let's do the previous for the after exercise data and make use of the functions we already defined.

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[41]: # Plotting start = 2000
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end = 8000

plt.figure(figsize=(18,6))
plt.xlabel(r'time (s)')
plt.ylabel(r'voltage ($\mu$V)')
plt.xlim(timeECG_exer[start], timeECG_exer[end])

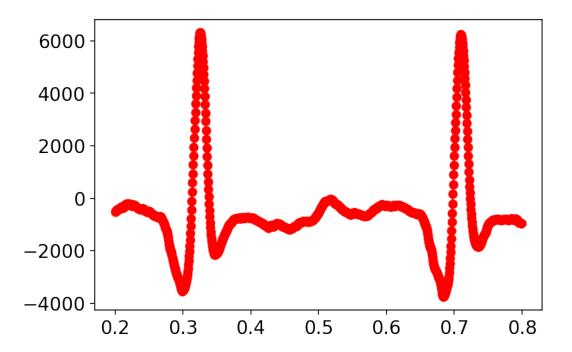
plt.plot(timeECG_exer[start:end], waveData_exer[start:end], 'b')
plt.show()
```



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[42]: time_surrogate_exer, surrogate_exer = surrogate(timeECG_exer, waveData_exer, user) start, end)
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Sampling rate of 10000.0 points per second got reduced to 1500.935607278932 points per second.

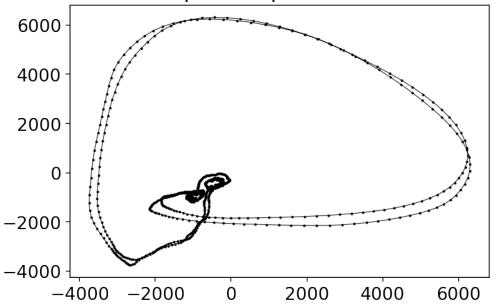
Time series of 6000 got reduced to 1200



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[43]: data_point_delay = 25
delay = time_surrogate_exer[data_point_delay]-time_surrogate_exer[0]
print(delay)
```

0.012500020645664245

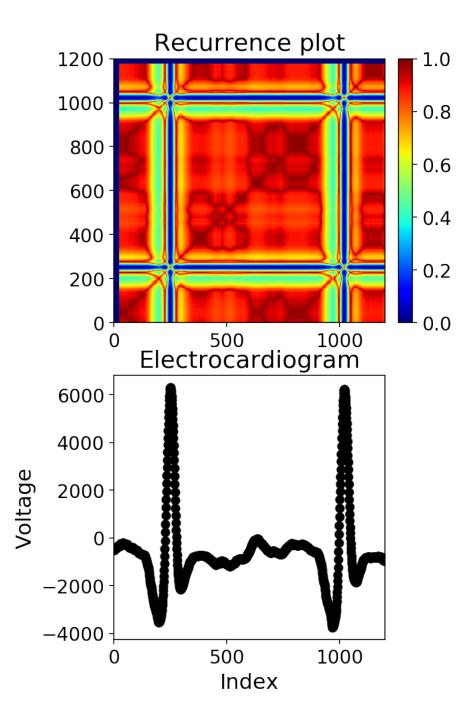
Reconstructed phase space with 12.5 ms delay



```
[45]: normal_euclid_exer = recurrence_plot(surrogate_exer, 25)

#Creating a vector with the indices for the surrogate data
index_surrogate_exer = [i for i in range(0, len(surrogate_exer))]
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[46]: graph_recurrence(surrogate_exer, index_surrogate_exer, normal_euclid_exer)



Let's visualize side by side in this technique the comparison with rest or after exercise.

```
[49]: fig, axs = plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(9,9))

axs[0, 0].plot(index_surrogate_rest, surrogate_rest, marker="o", c="k")
axs[0, 0].set_title("Electrocardiogram")
axs[0, 0].set_xlabel("Index")
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axs[0, 0].set_ylabel("Voltage")
axs[0, 0].set_xlim(0, len(index_surrogate_rest))
axs[0, 1].plot(index_surrogate_exer, surrogate_exer, marker="o", c="k")
axs[0, 1].set_title("Electrocardiogram")
axs[0, 1].set_xlabel("Index")
axs[0, 1].set_xlabel("Voltage")
axs[0, 1].set_xlim(0, len(index_surrogate_exer))
plot = axs[1, 0].imshow(normal_euclid_rest, origin='lower', aspect="auto", __
axs[1, 0].set_title("Rest recurrence plot")
axs[1, 0].set_xlabel(r"$x_n$")
axins = inset_axes(axs[1,0],
              width="10%", # width = 10% of parent_bbox width
               height="100%", # height : 50%
              loc=6.
               bbox_to_anchor=(2.4, 0, 1, 1),
               bbox_transform=axs[1,0].transAxes,
               borderpad=0,)
axs[1, 1].imshow(normal_euclid_exer, origin='lower', aspect="auto", cmap="jet")
axs[1, 1].set_title("After exercise recurrence plot")
axs[1, 1].set_xlabel(r"$x_n$")
cbar = plt.colorbar(plot, cax=axins)
fig.subplots_adjust(top=1)
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