Lecture

Music Processing

Music Structure Analysis

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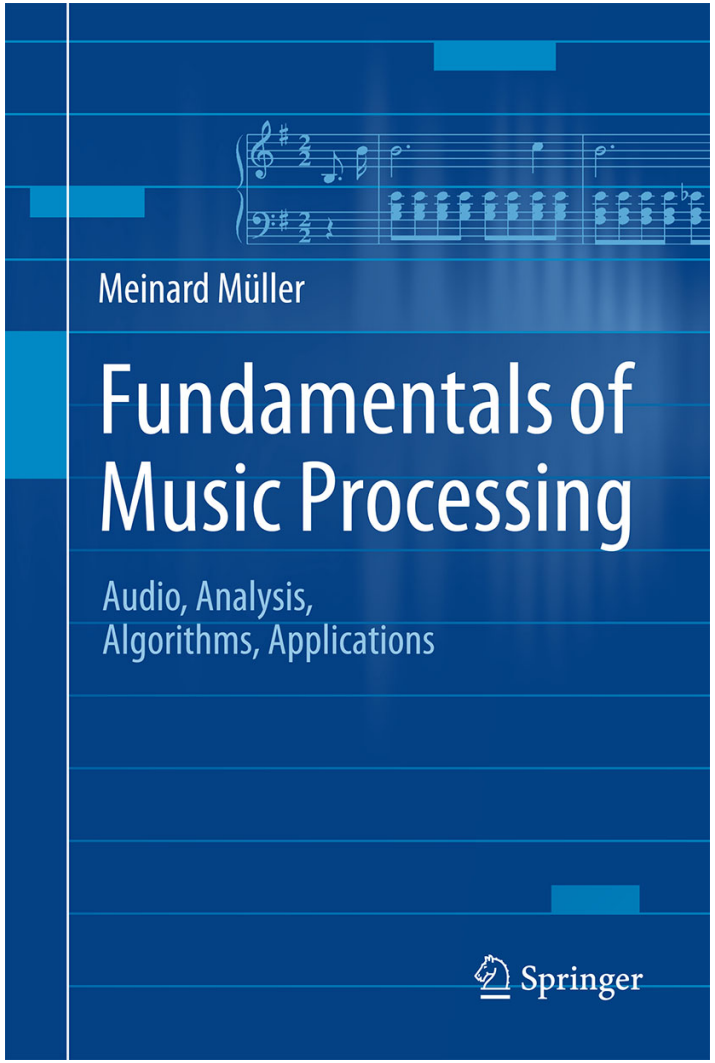

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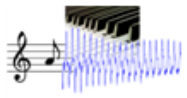
1		Music Represenations
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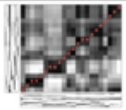
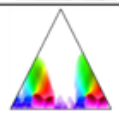
3		Music Synchronization
4		Music Structure Analysis
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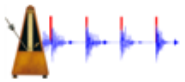
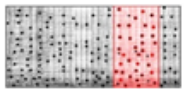
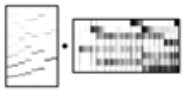
6		Tempo and Beat Tracking
7		Content-Based Audio Retrieval
8		Musically Informed Audio Decomposition

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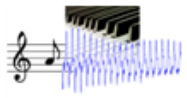
1		Music Represenations
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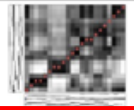
3		Music Synchronization
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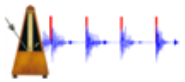
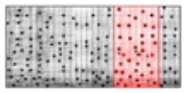
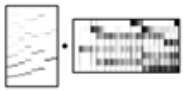
6		Tempo and Beat Tracking
7		Content-Based Audio Retrieval
8		Musically Informed Audio Decomposition

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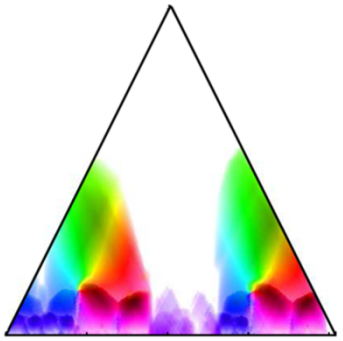

In Chapter 4, we address a central and well-researched area within MIR known as music structure analysis. Given a music recording, the objective is to identify important structural elements and to temporally segment the recording according to these elements. Within this scenario, we discuss fundamental segmentation principles based on repetitions, homogeneity, and novelty—principles that also apply to other types of multimedia beyond music. As an important technical tool, we study in detail the concept of self-similarity matrices and discuss their structural properties. Finally, we briefly touch the topic of evaluation, introducing the notions of precision, recall, and F-measure.

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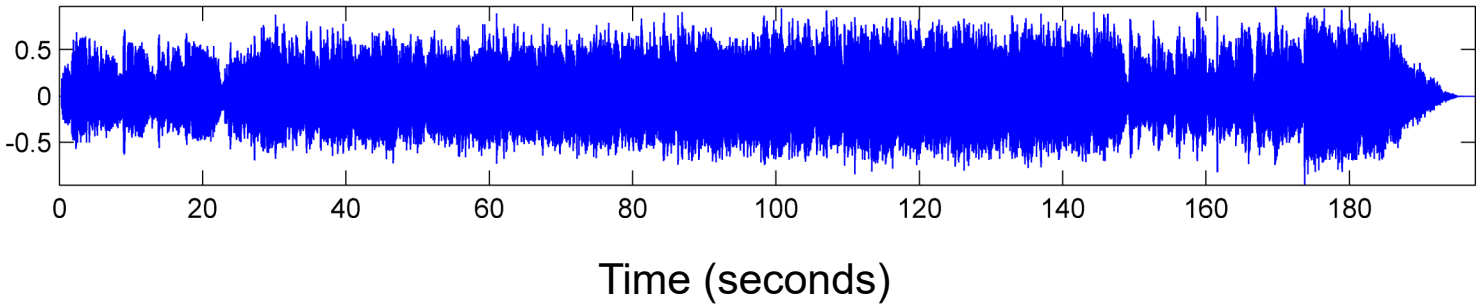

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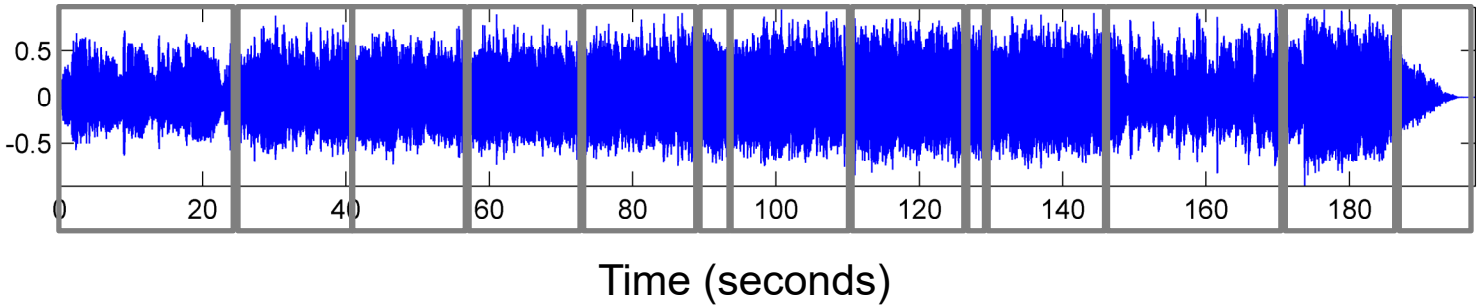

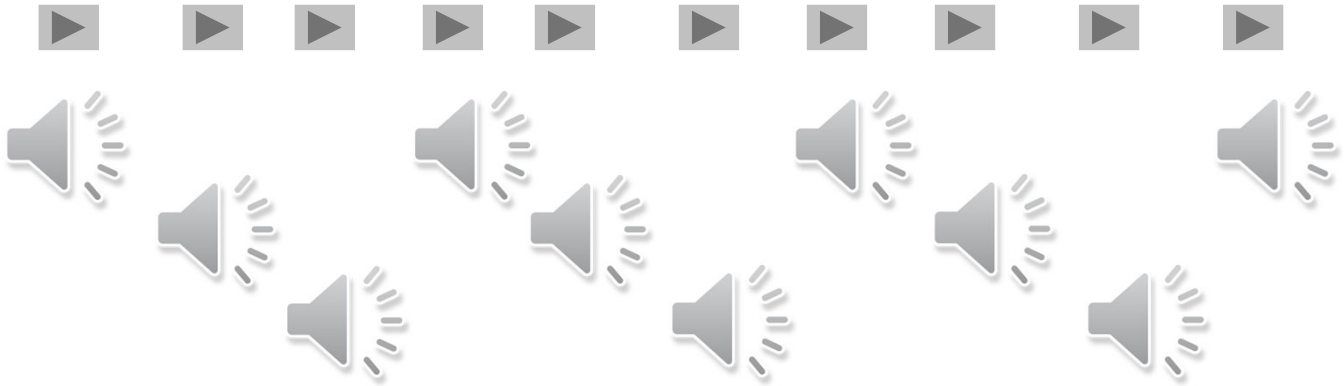

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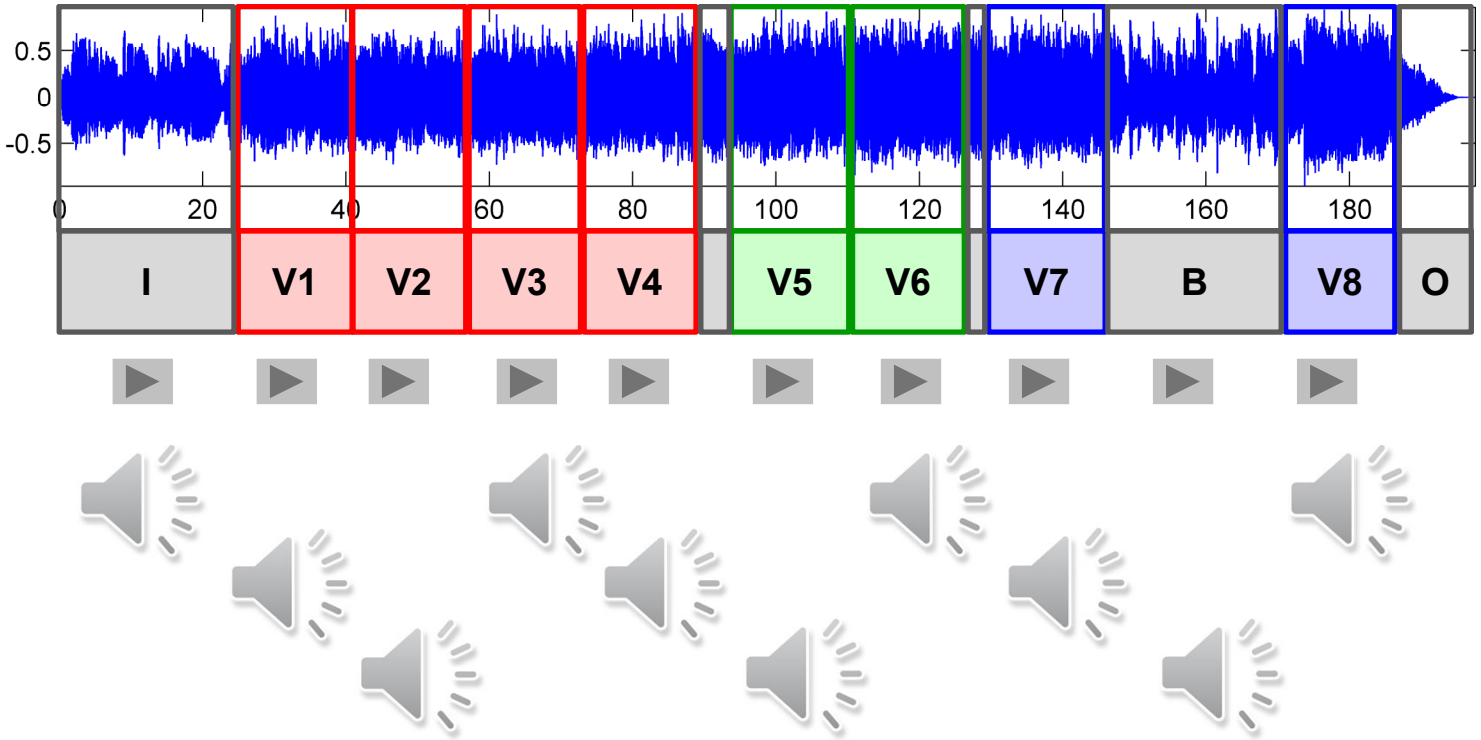

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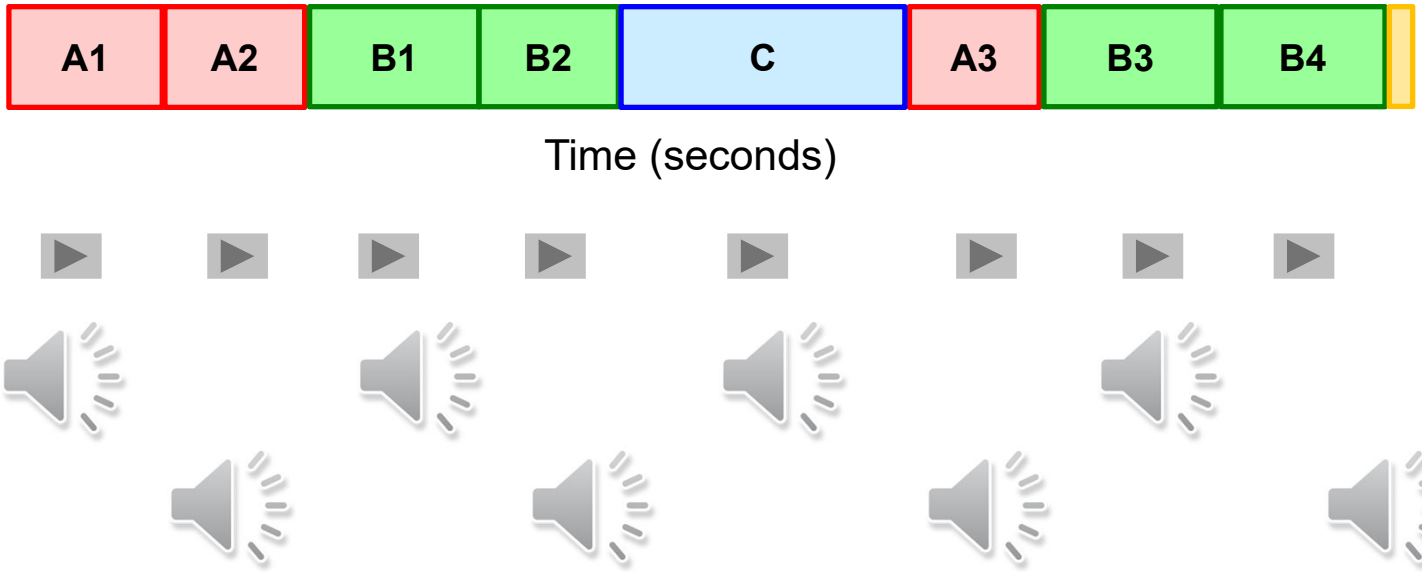

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Example: Folk Song Field Recording
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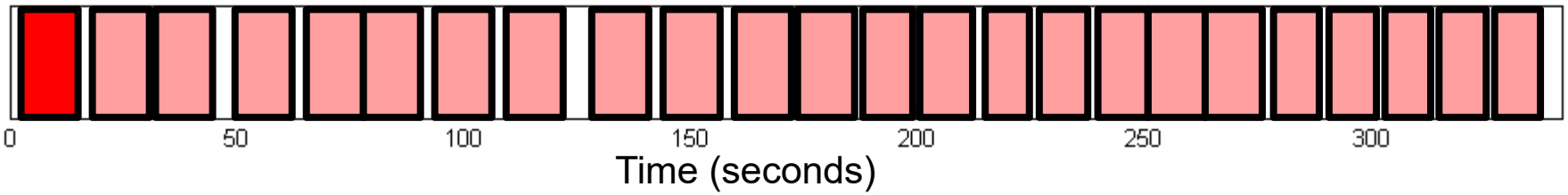

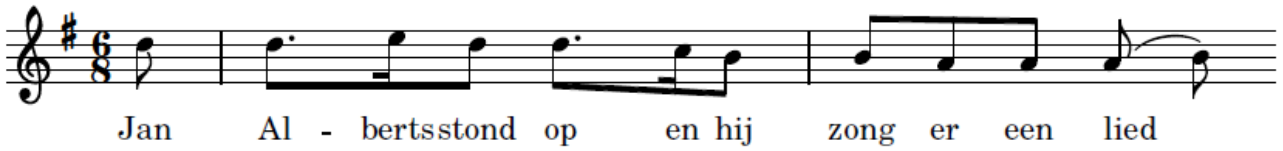

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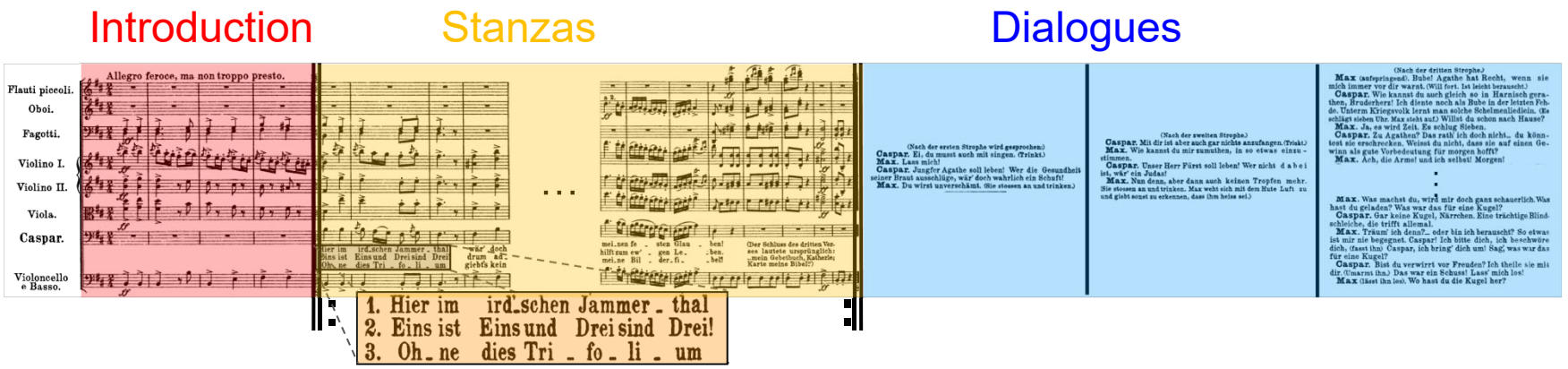
Example: Weber, Song (No. 4) from “Der Freischütz”



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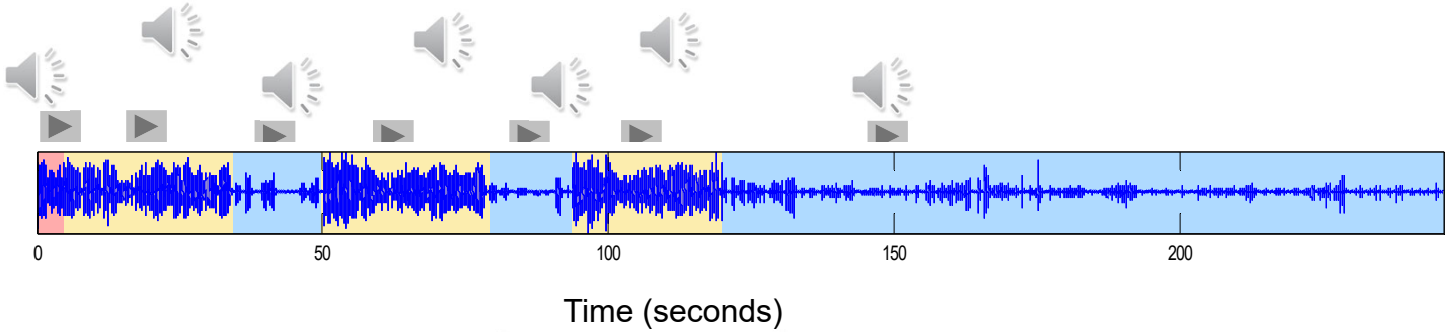

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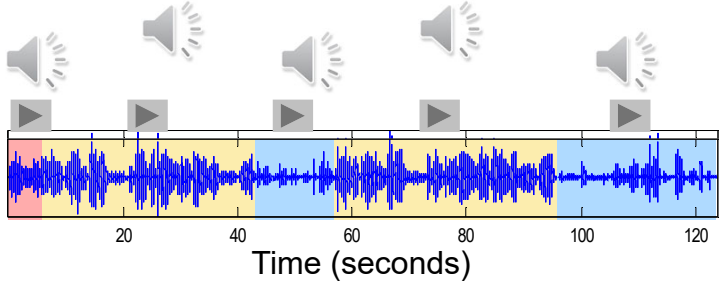

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Examples:

- Stanzas of a folk song
- Intro, verse, chorus, bridge, outro sections of a pop song
- Exposition, development, recapitulation, coda of a sonata
- Musical form ABACADA … of a rondo

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Challenge: There are many different principles for creating relationships that form the basis for the musical structure.

- Homogeneity: Consistency in tempo, instrumentation, key, …
- Novelty: Sudden changes, surprising elements …
- Repetition: Repeating themes, motives, rhythmic patterns,…

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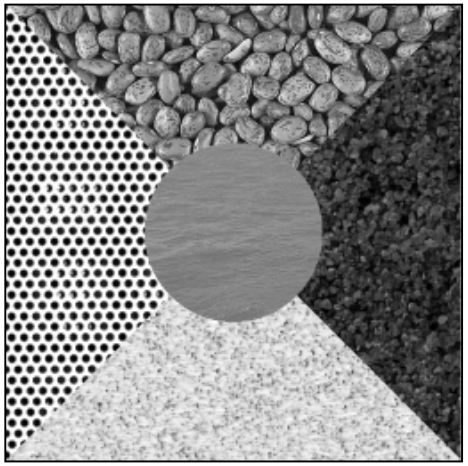
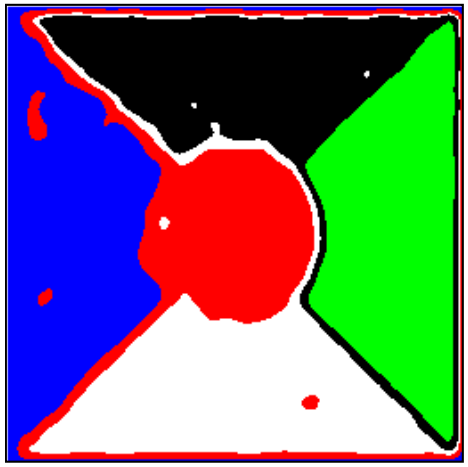
Novelty

Homogeneity





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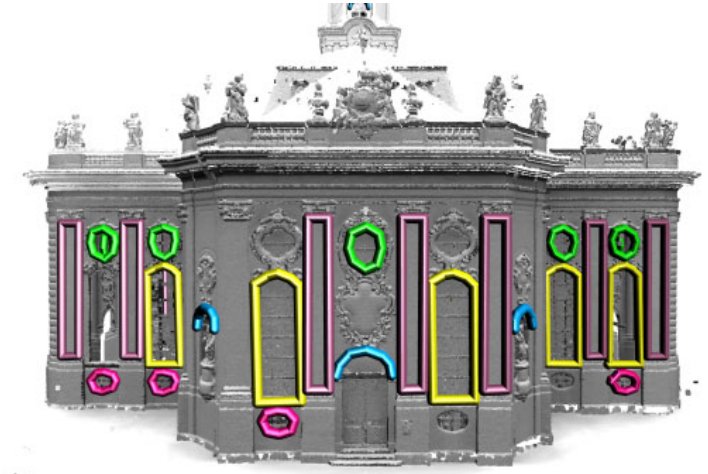

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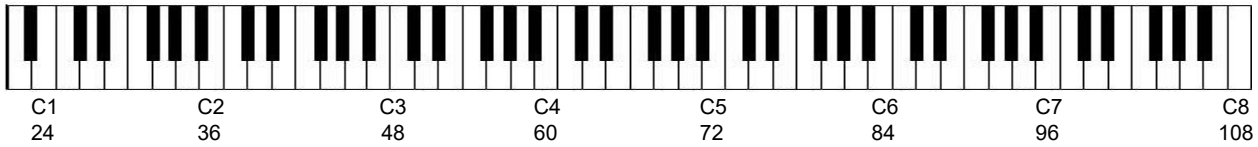

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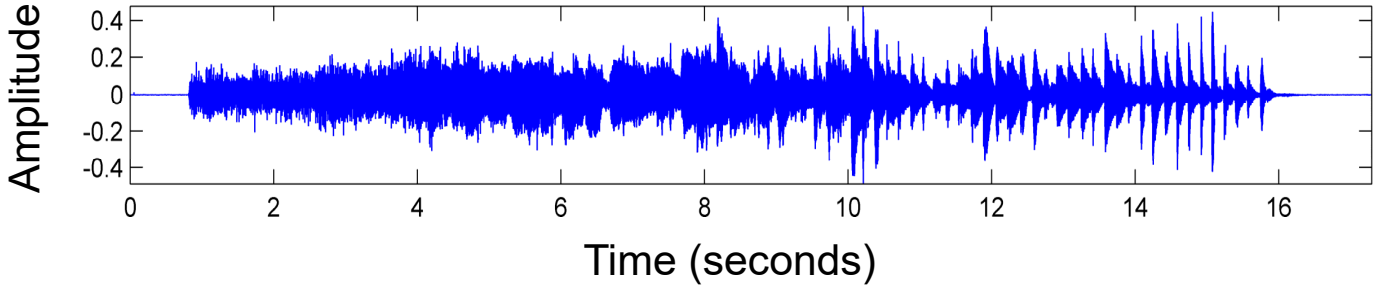

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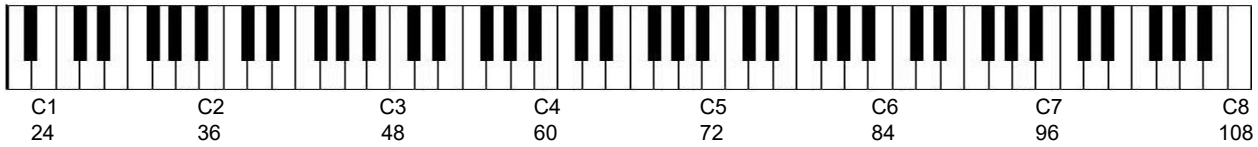

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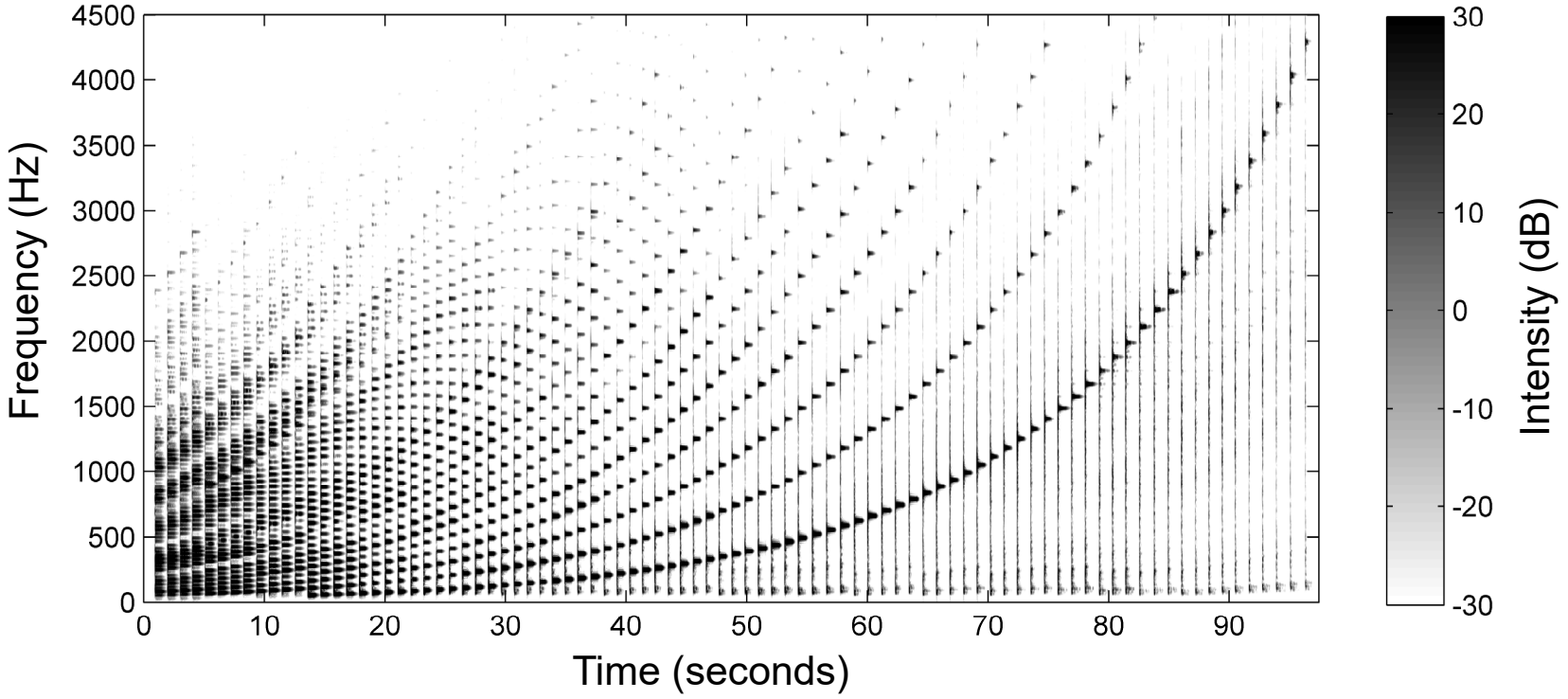

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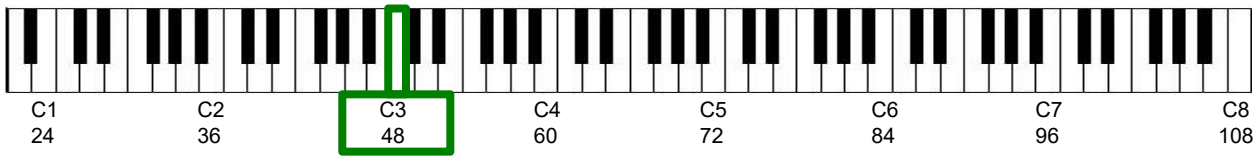

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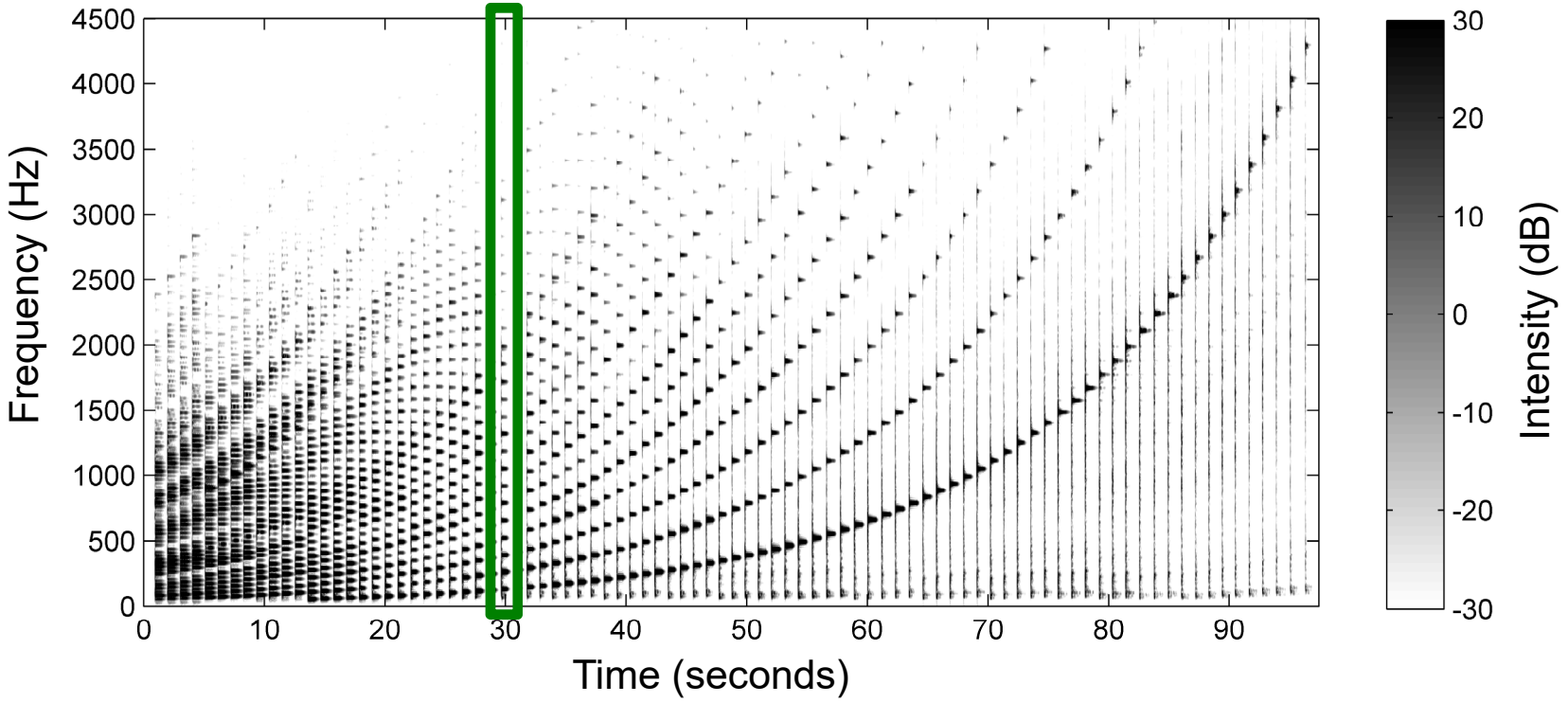

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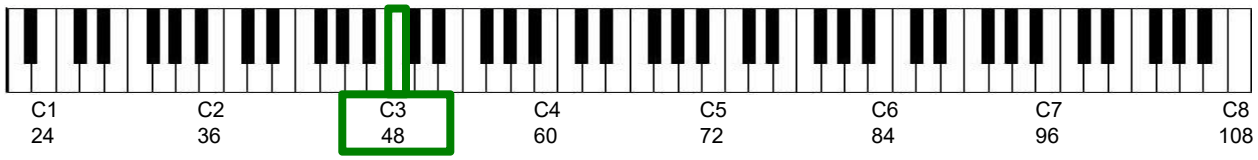

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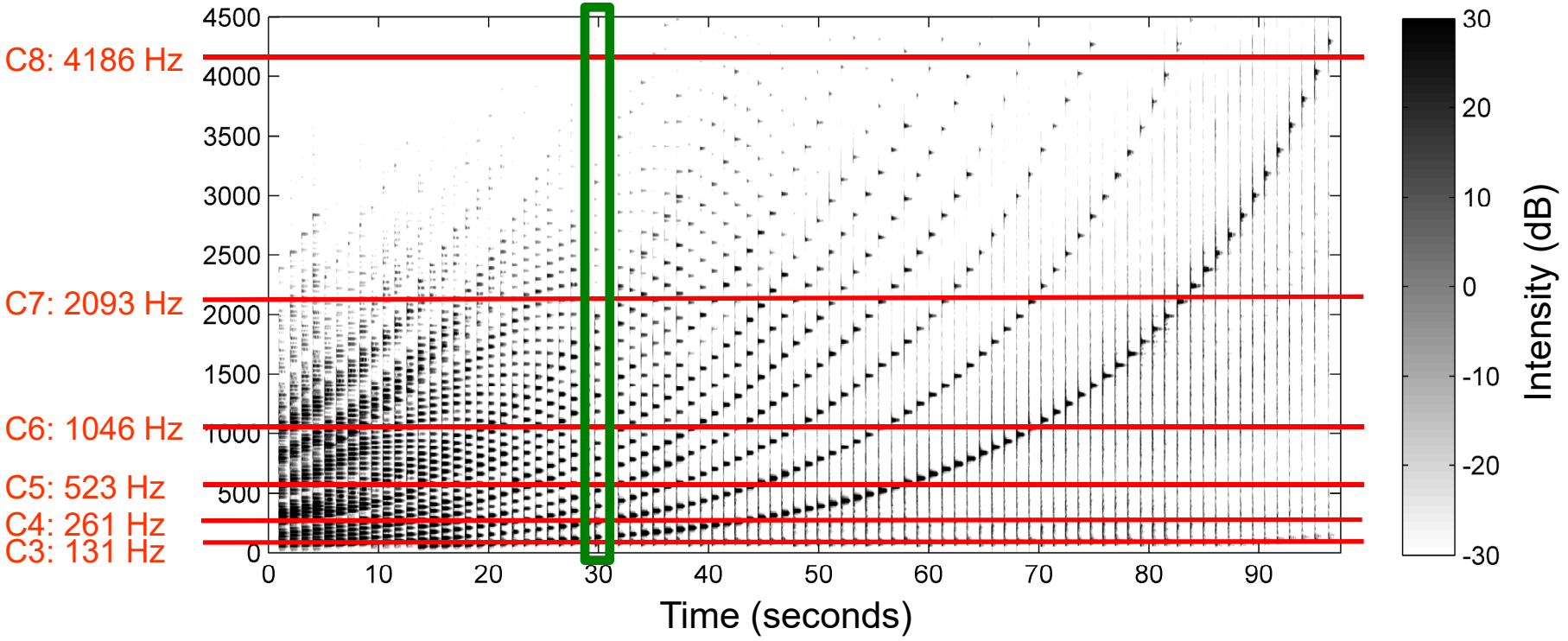

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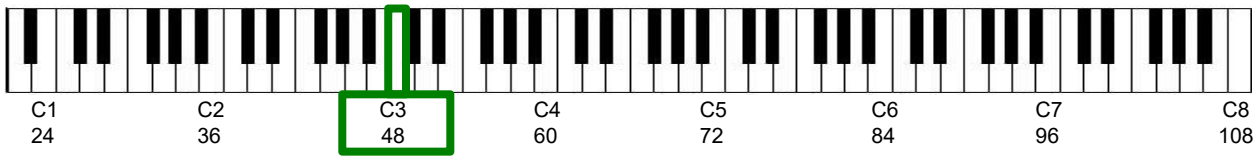

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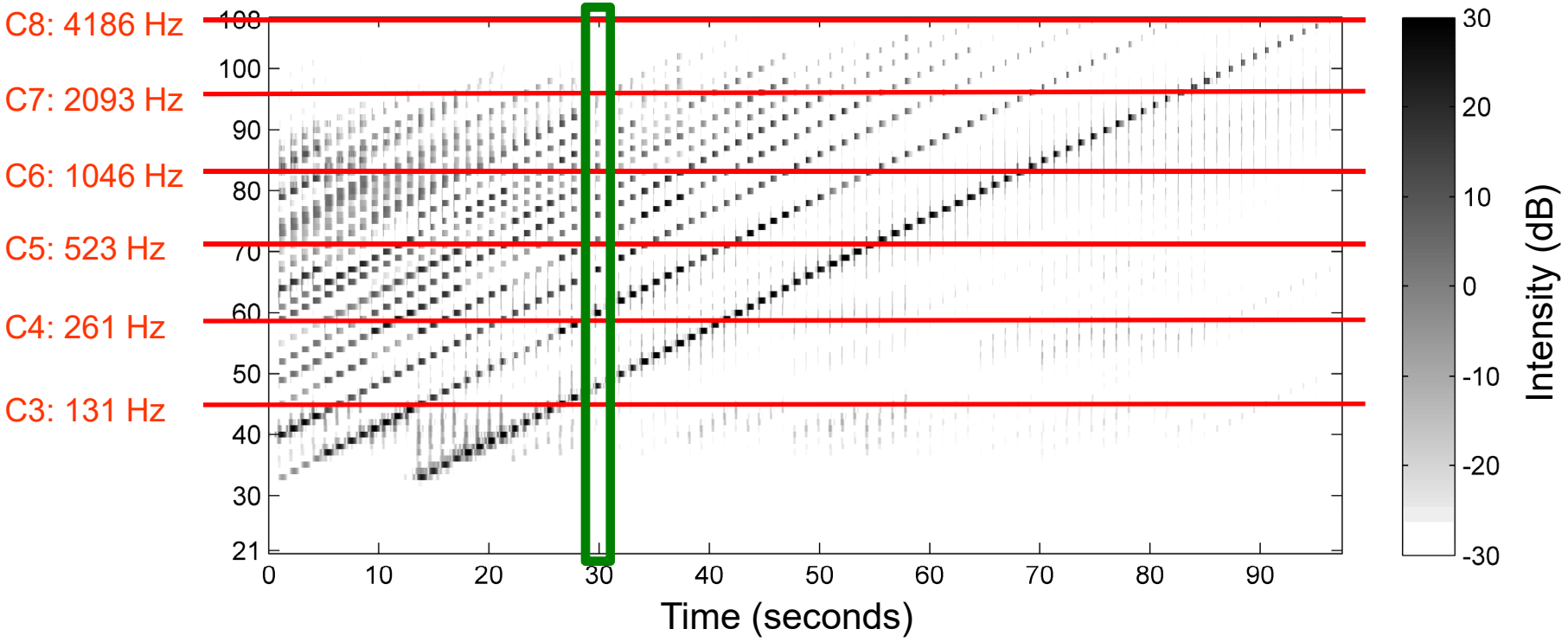

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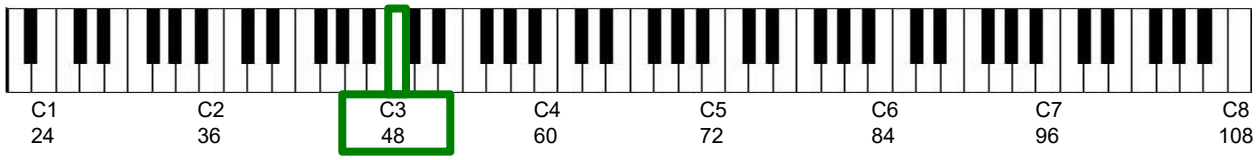

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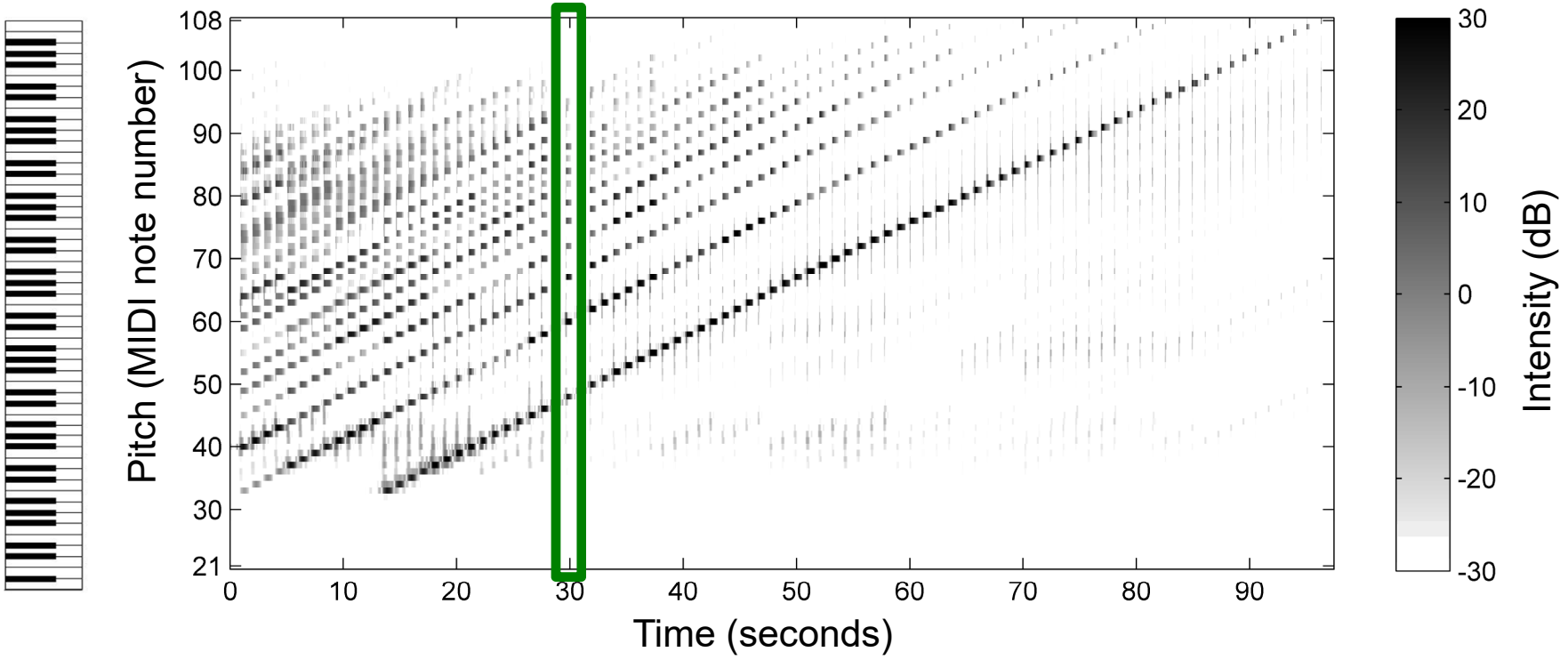

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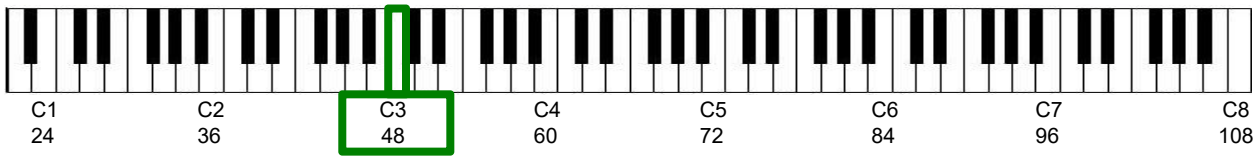

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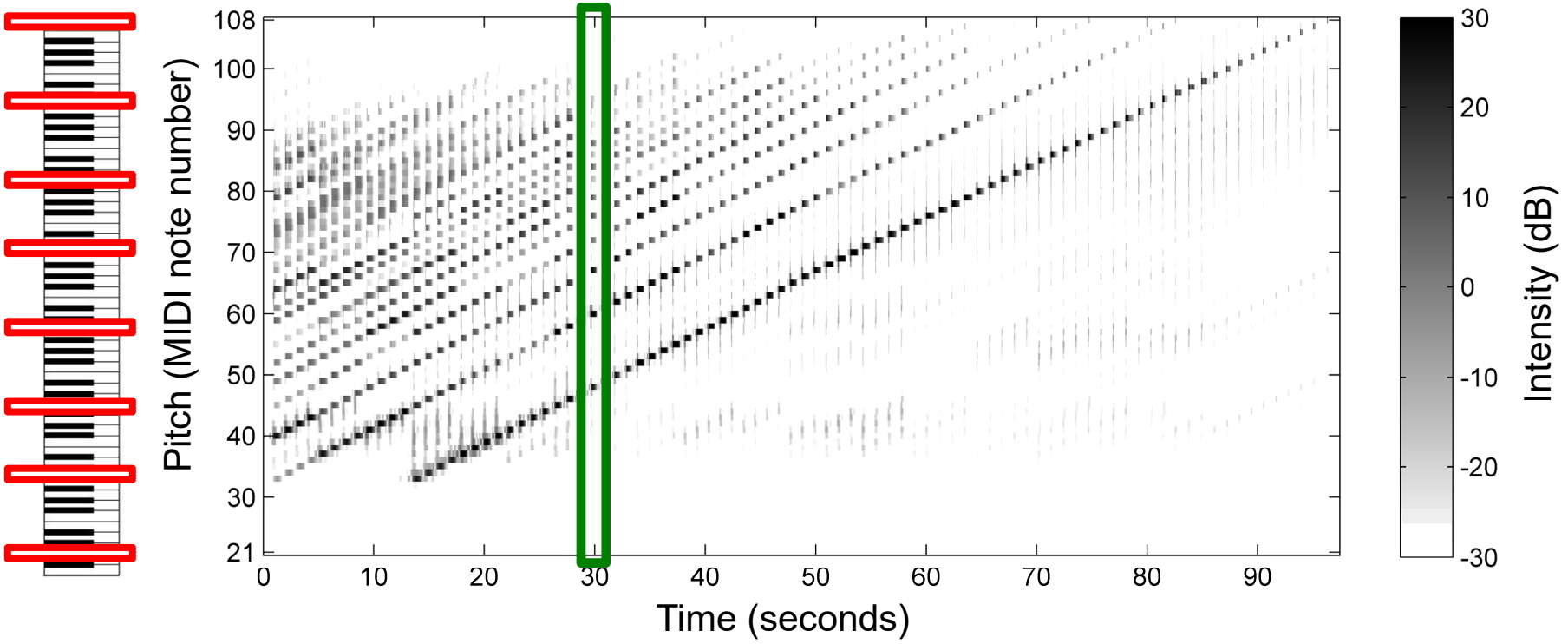

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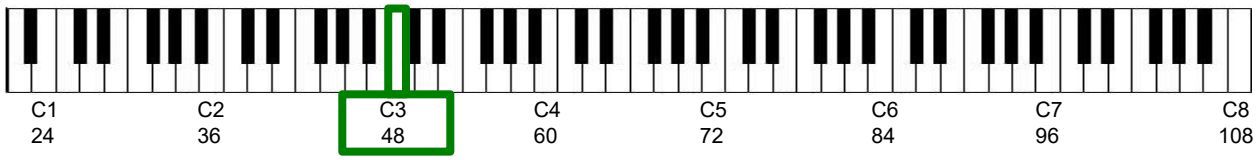

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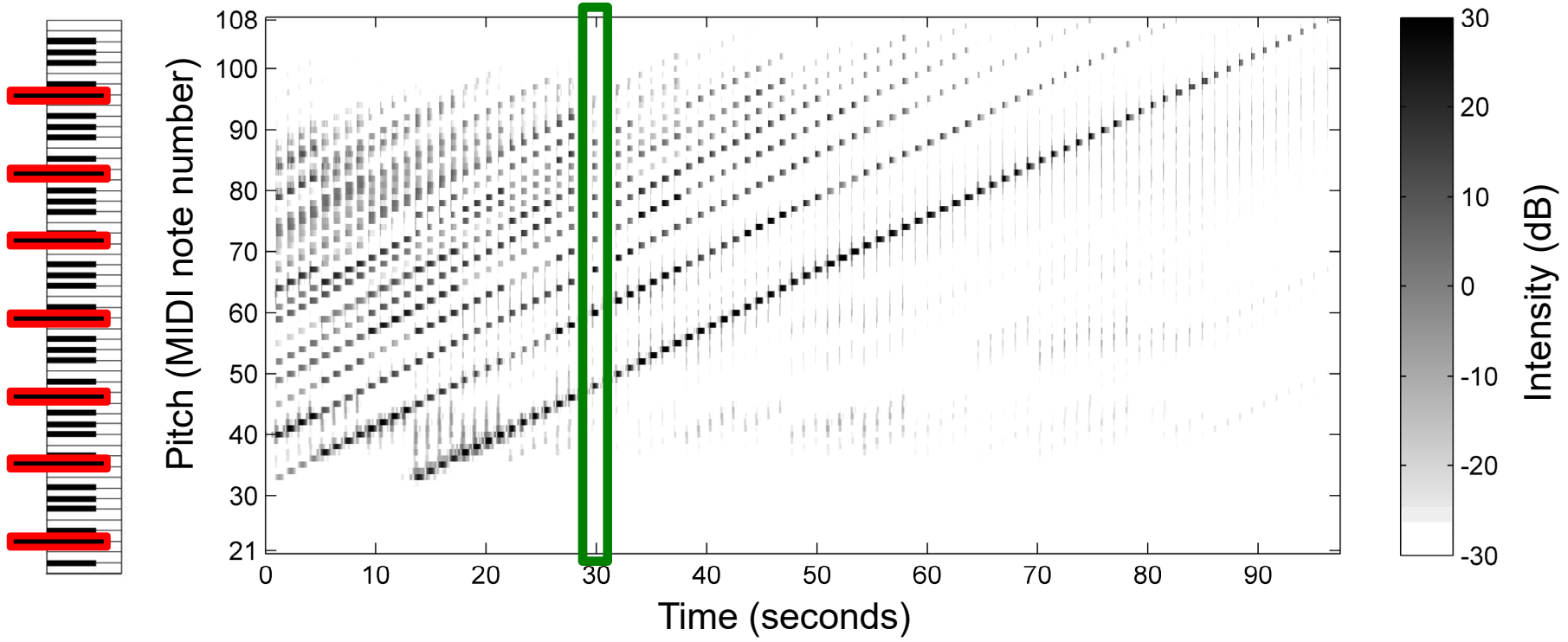

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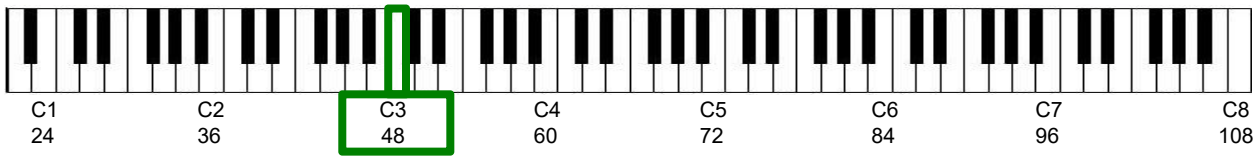

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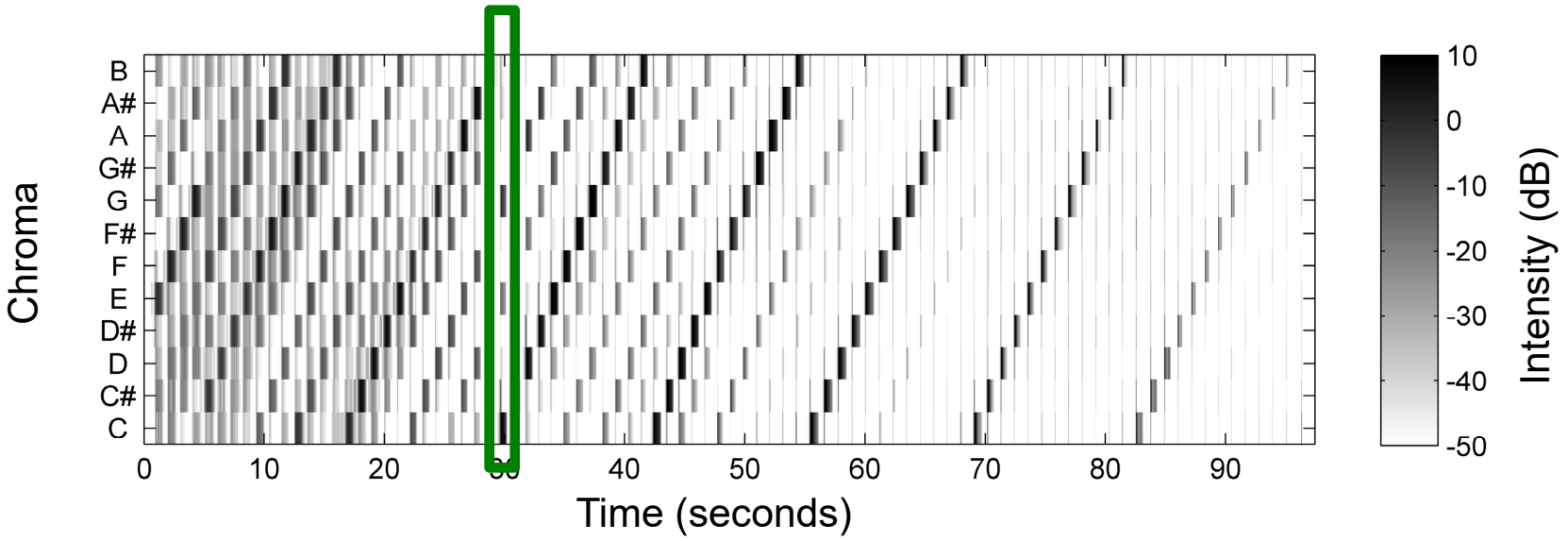

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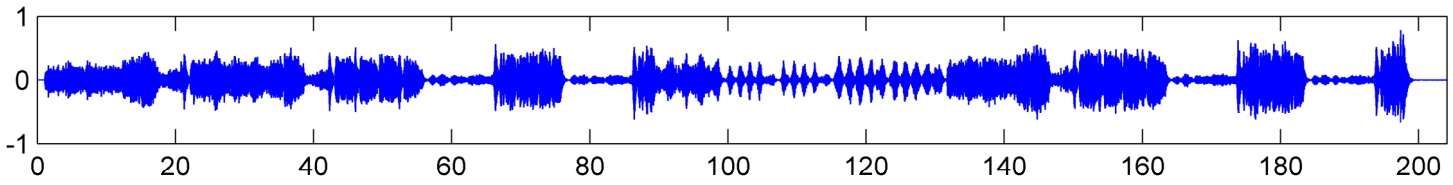

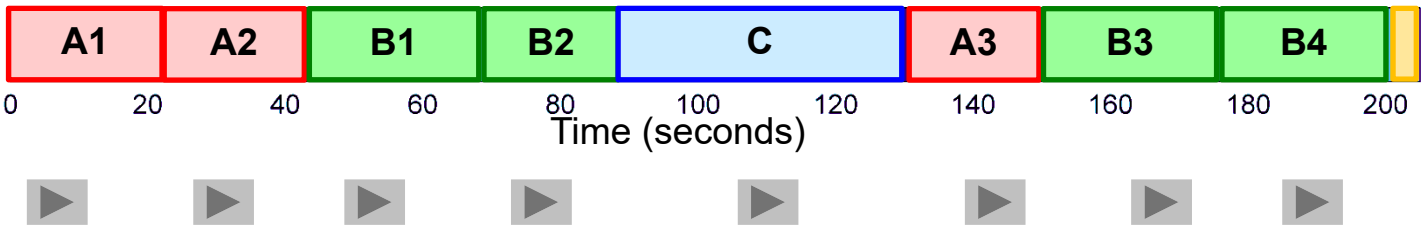

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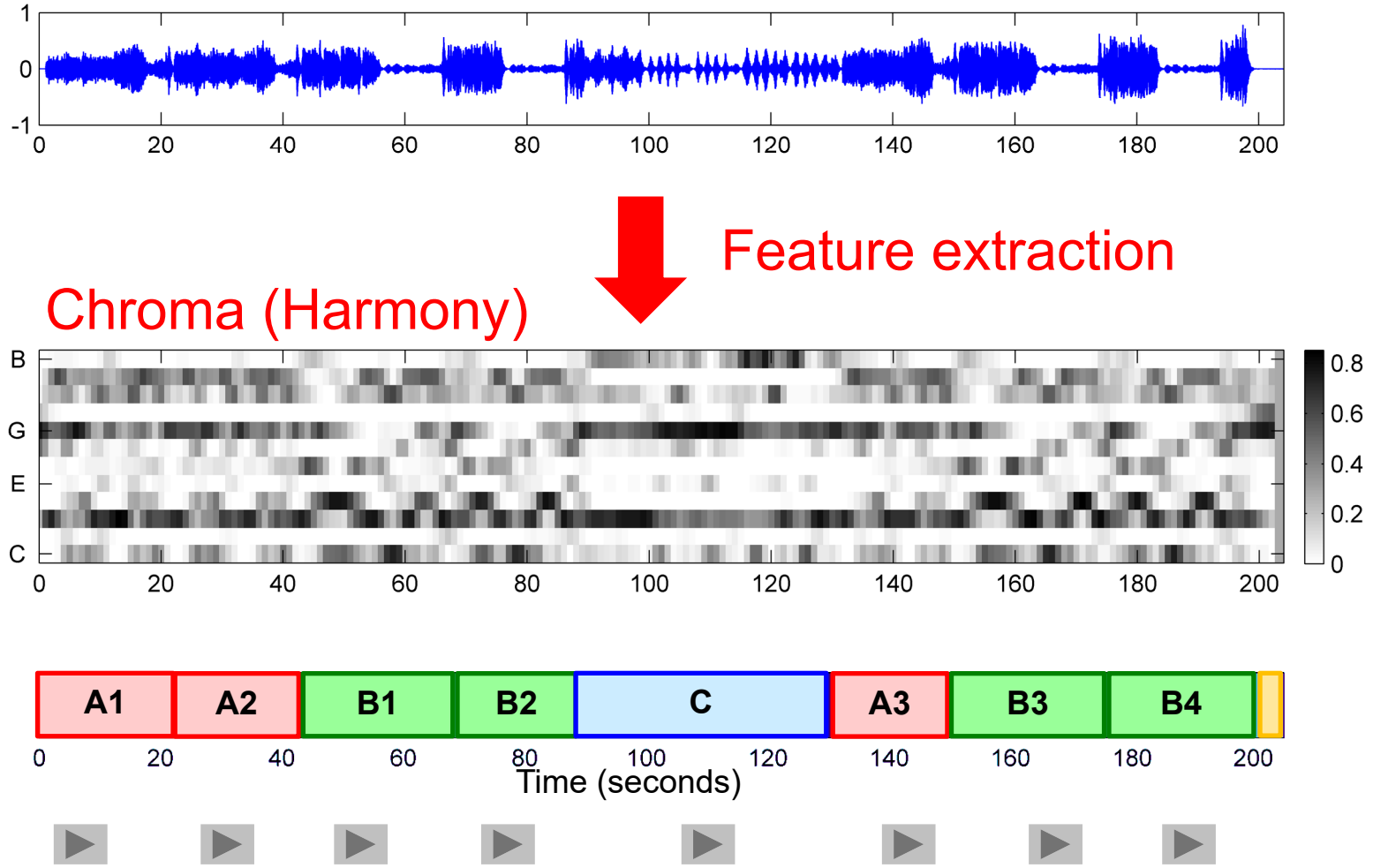

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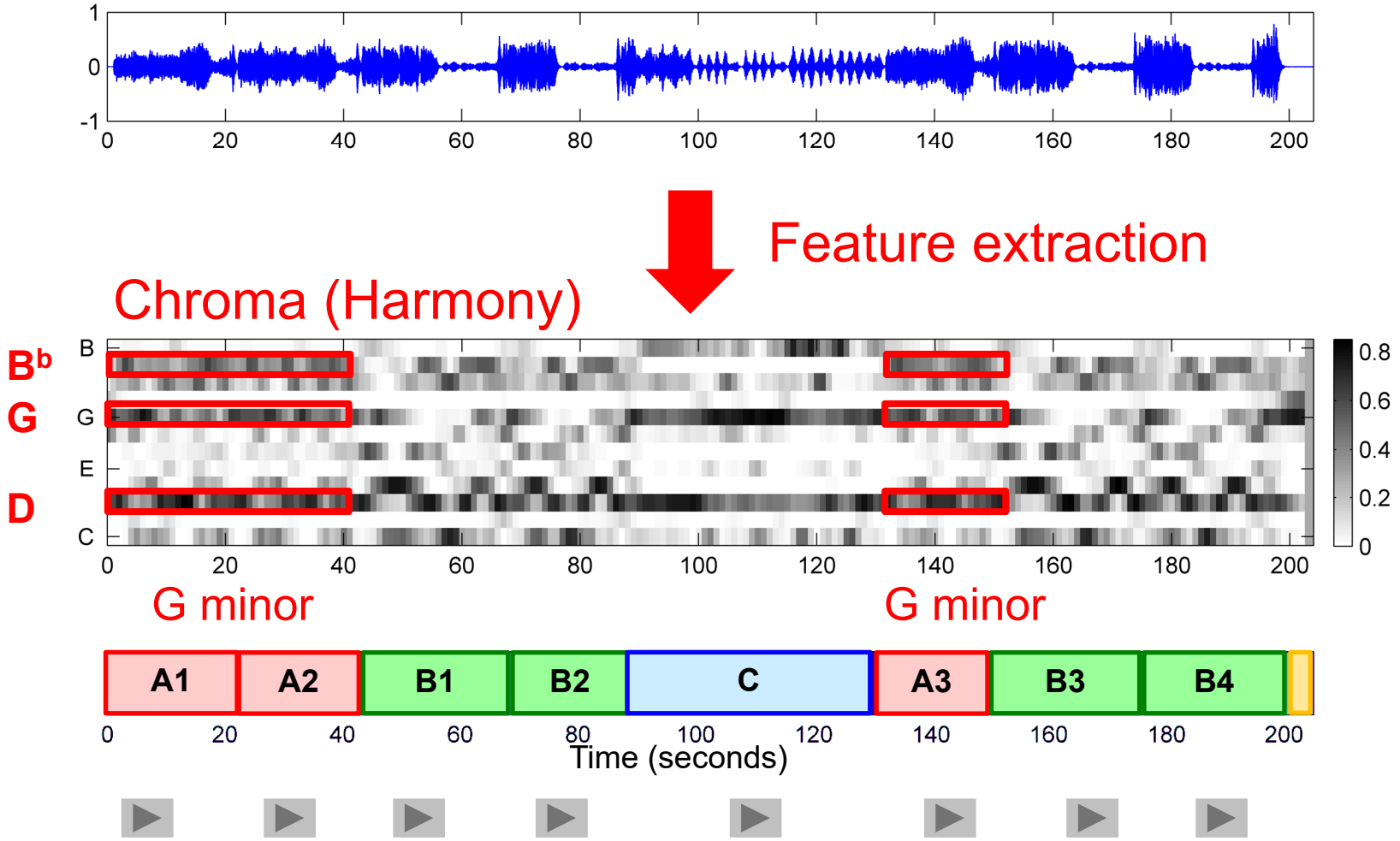

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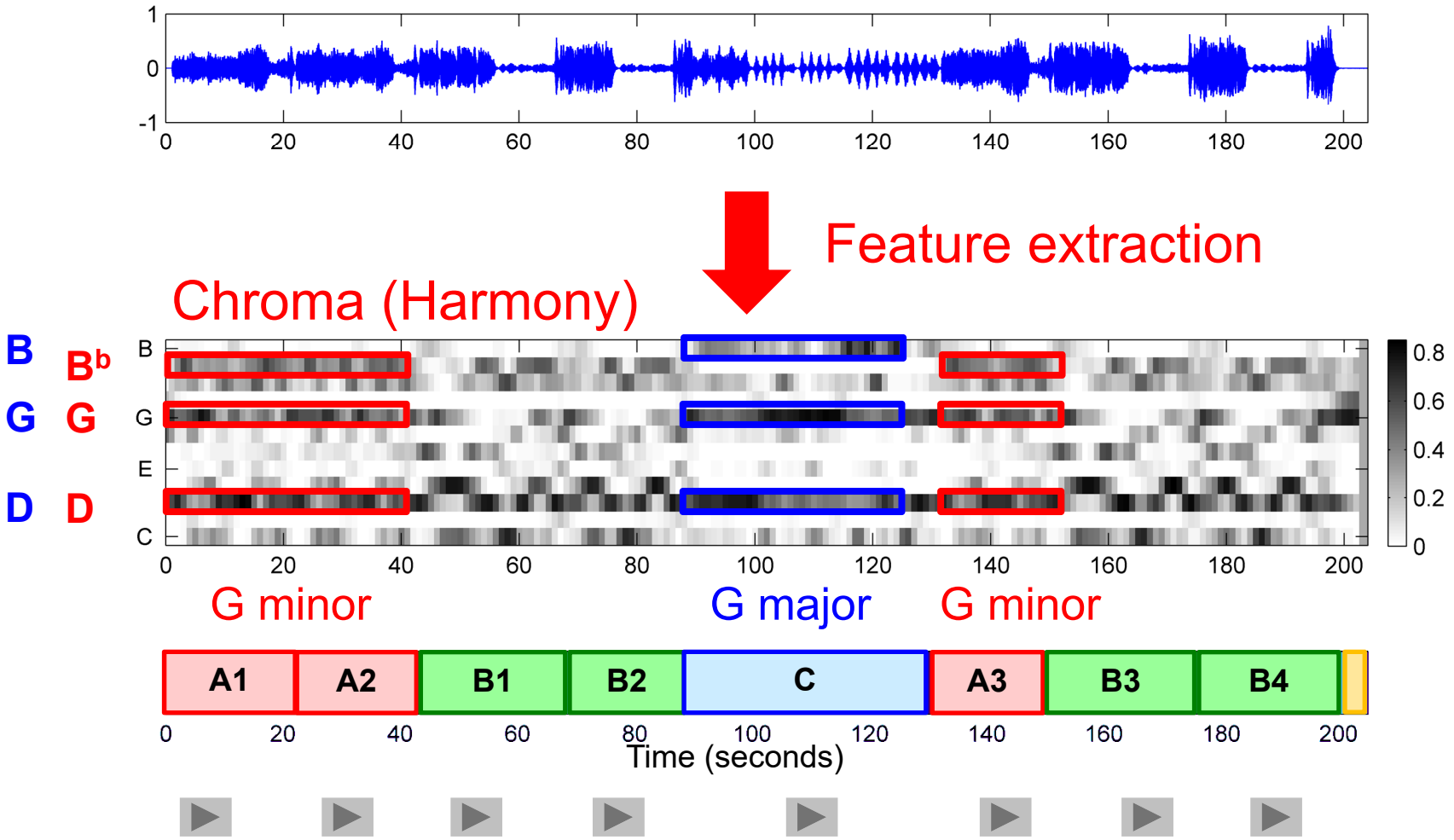

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→ Quadratic self-similarity matrix

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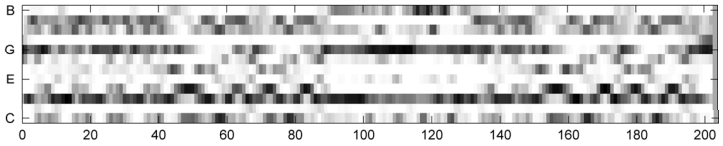

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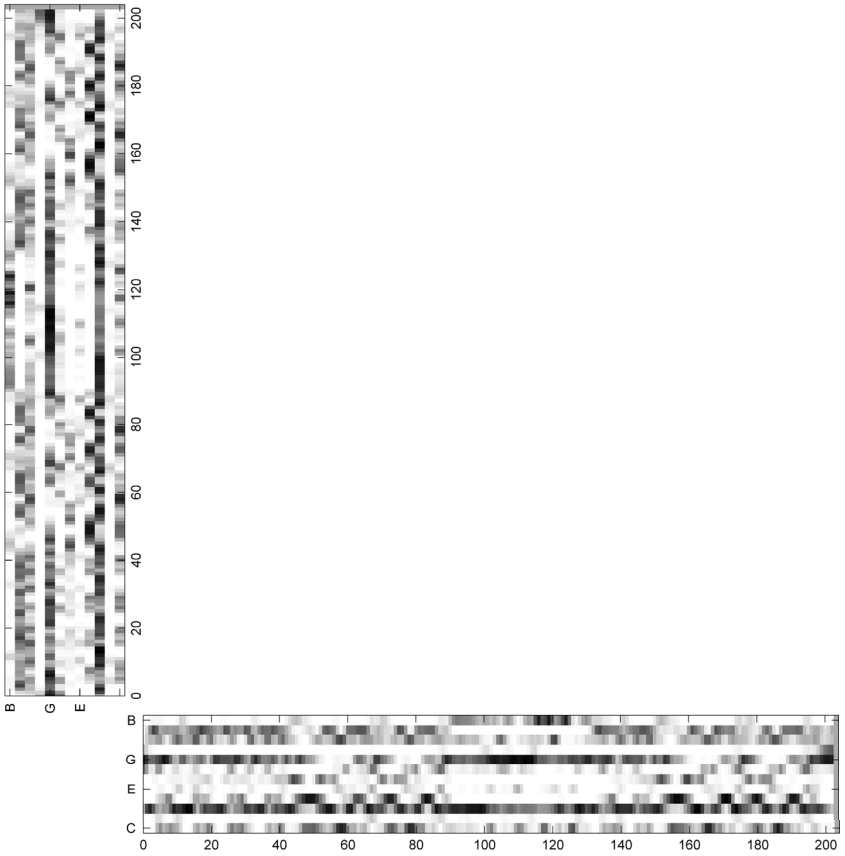

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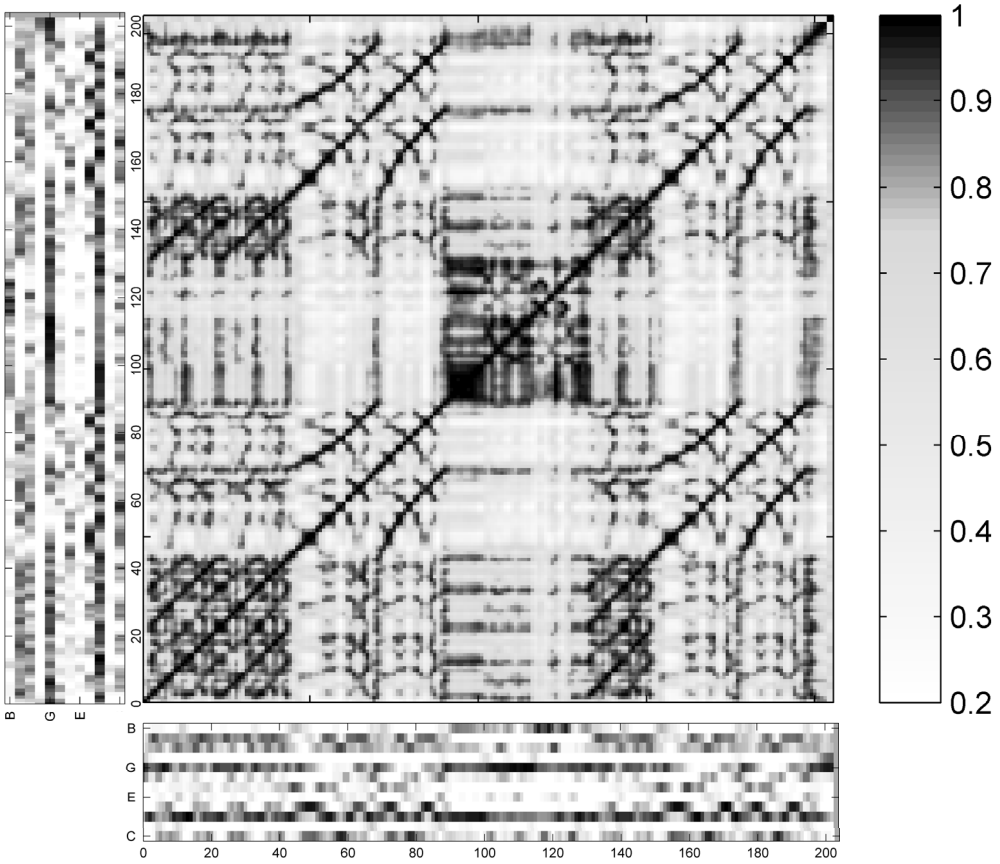

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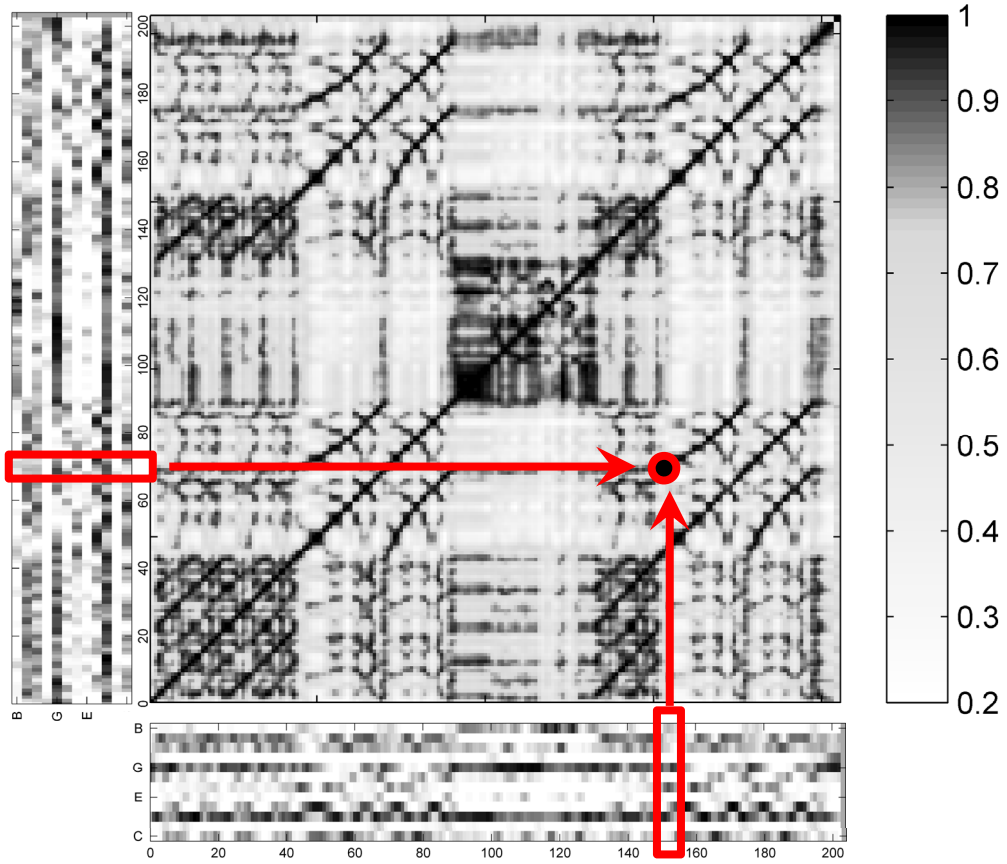

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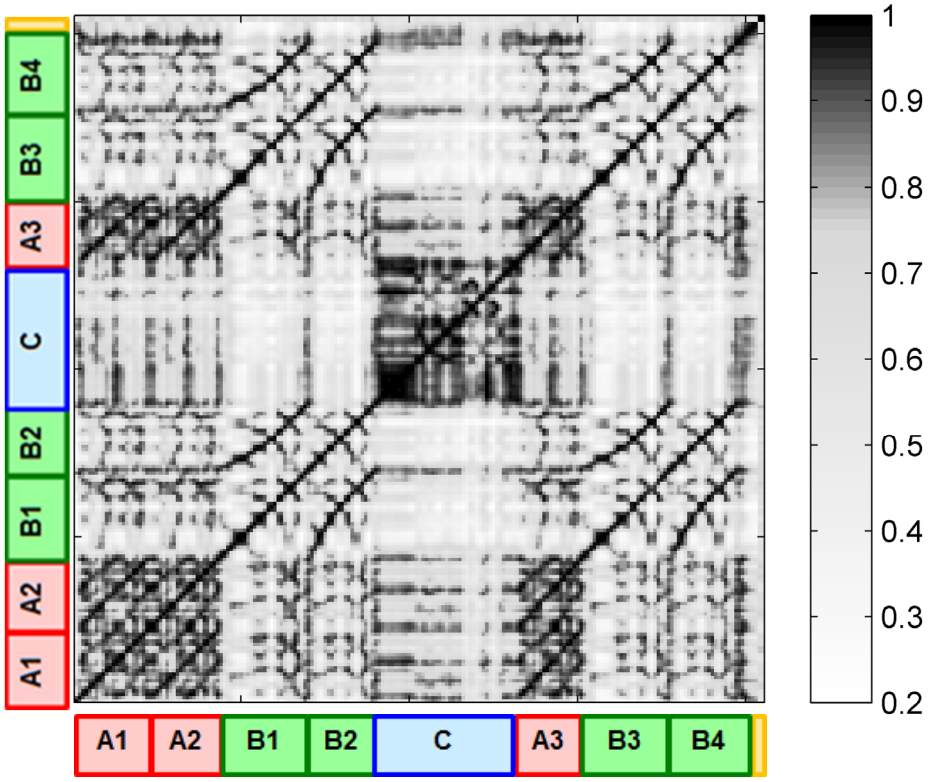

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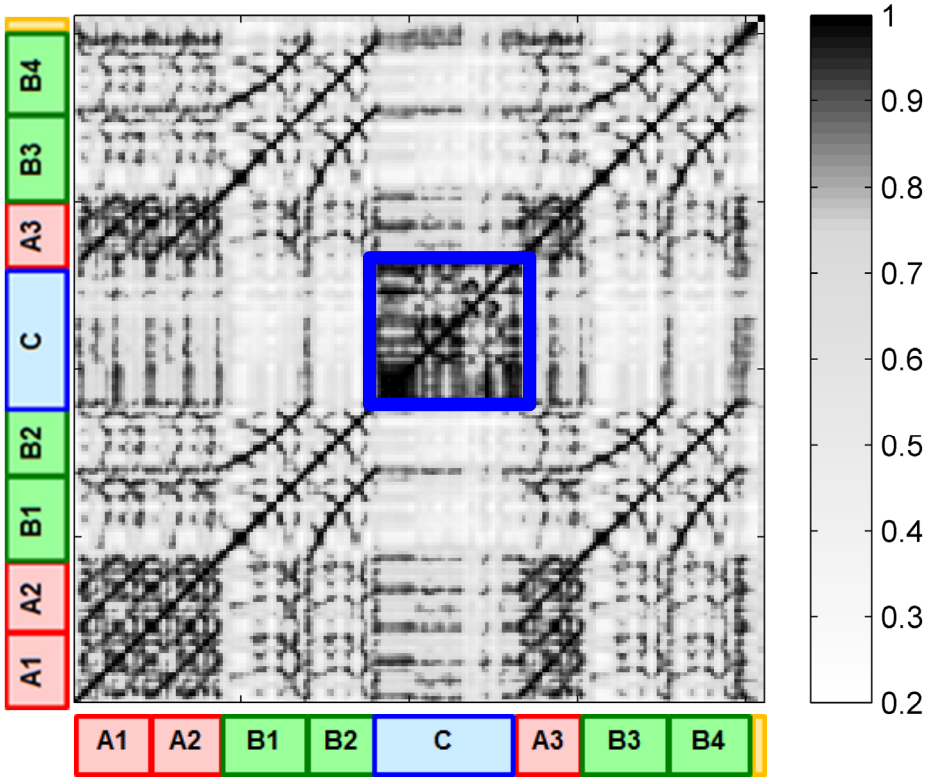

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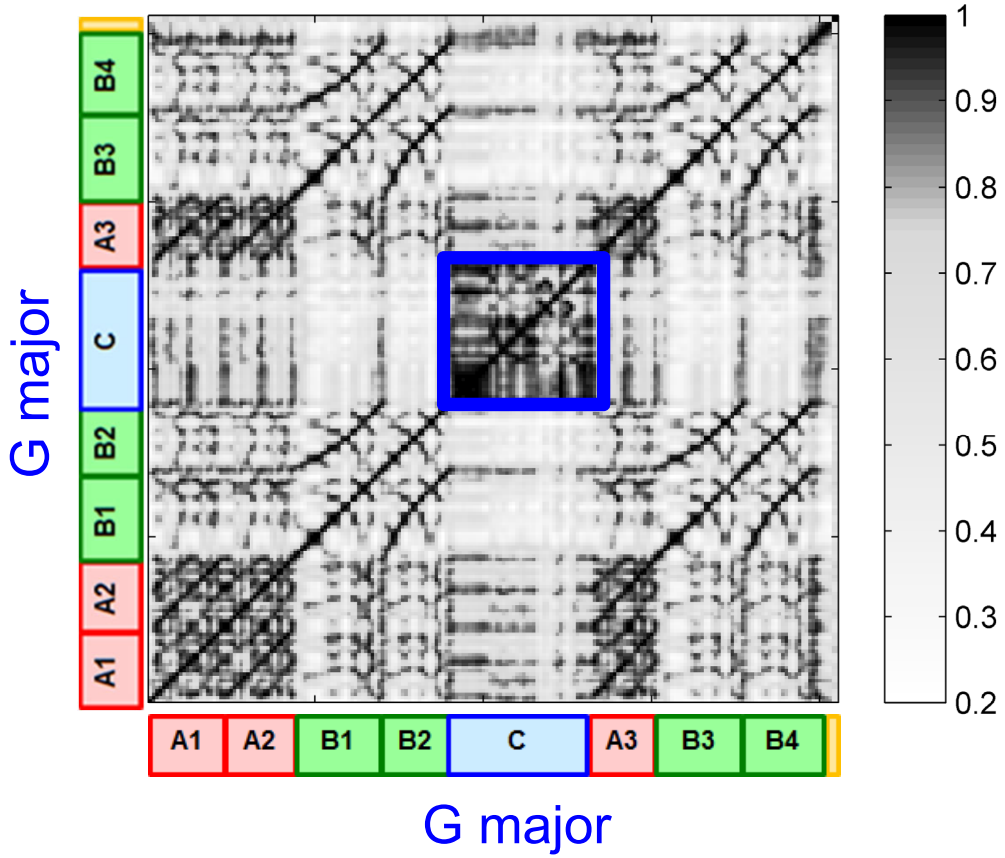

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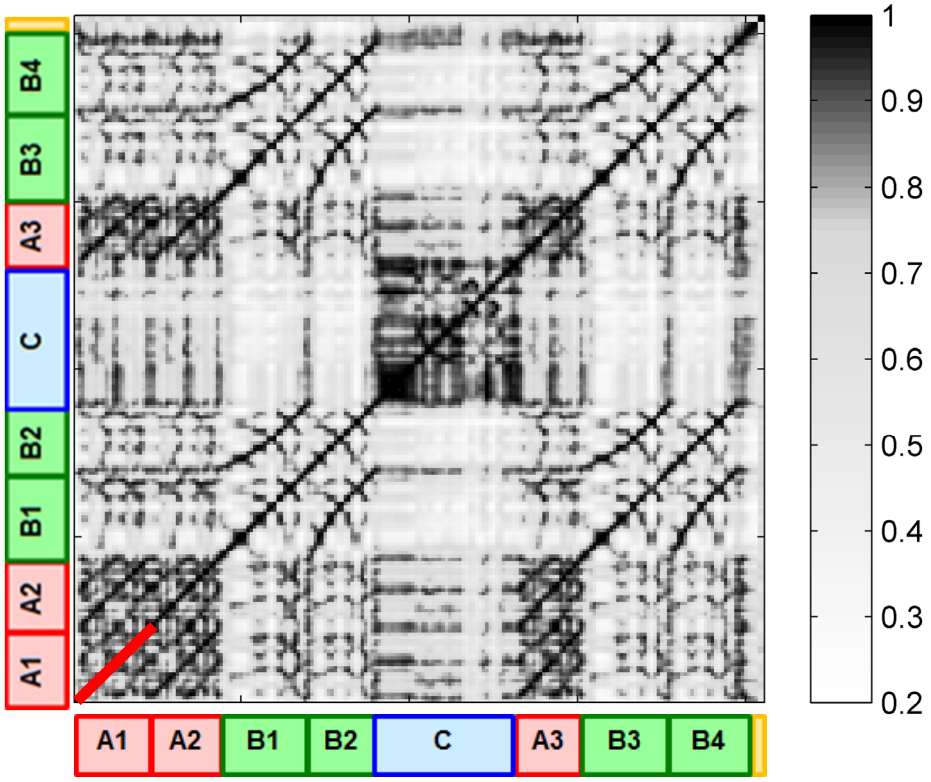

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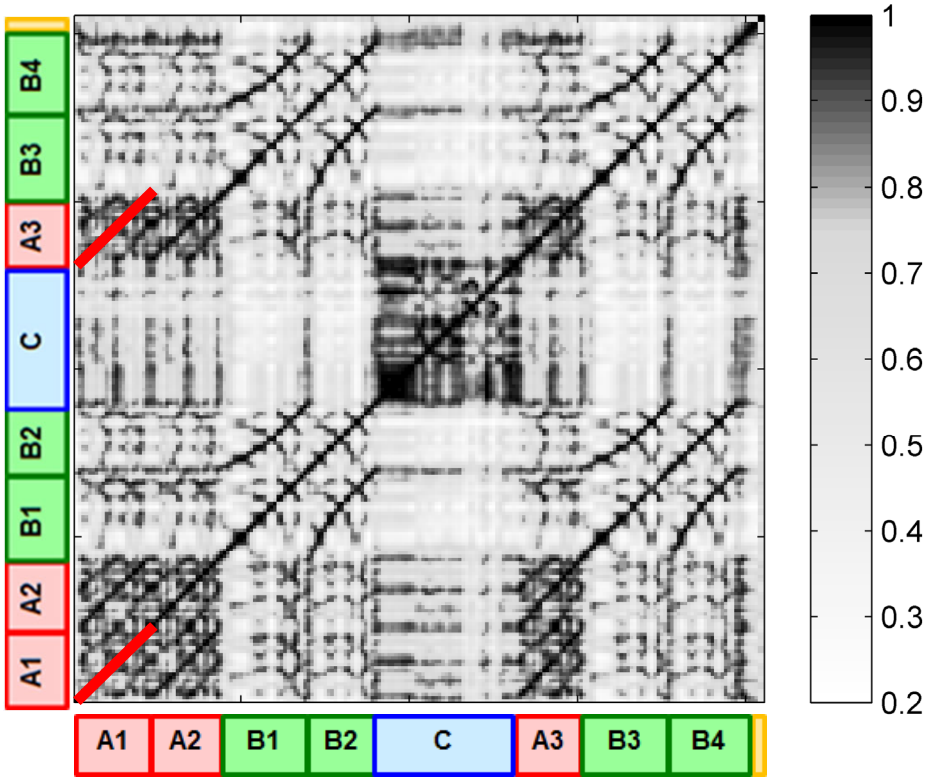

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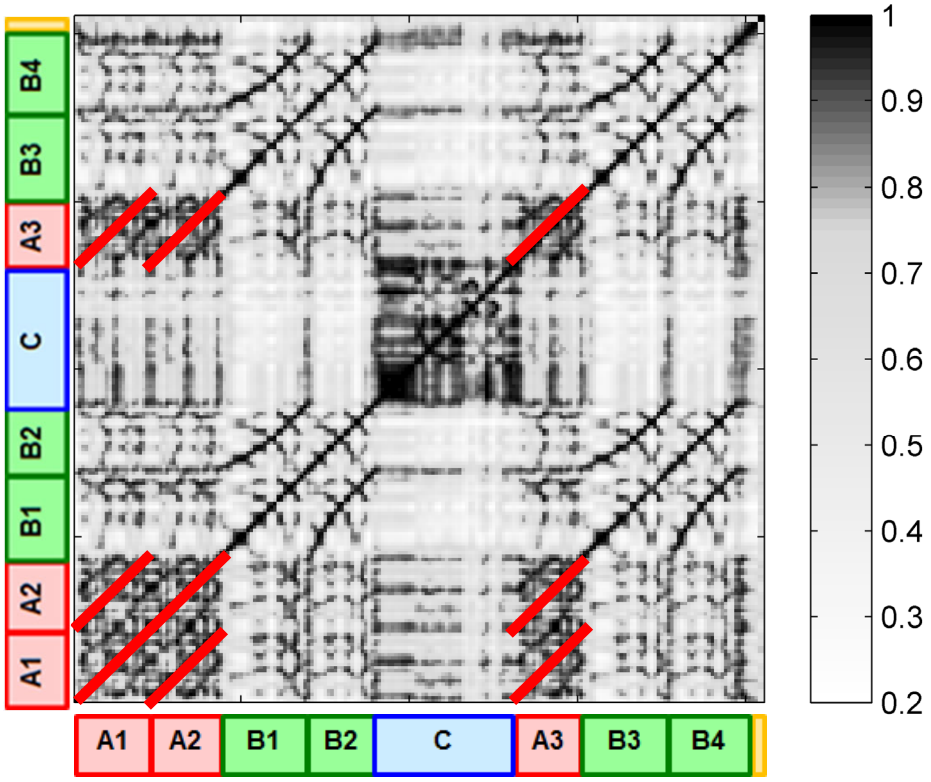

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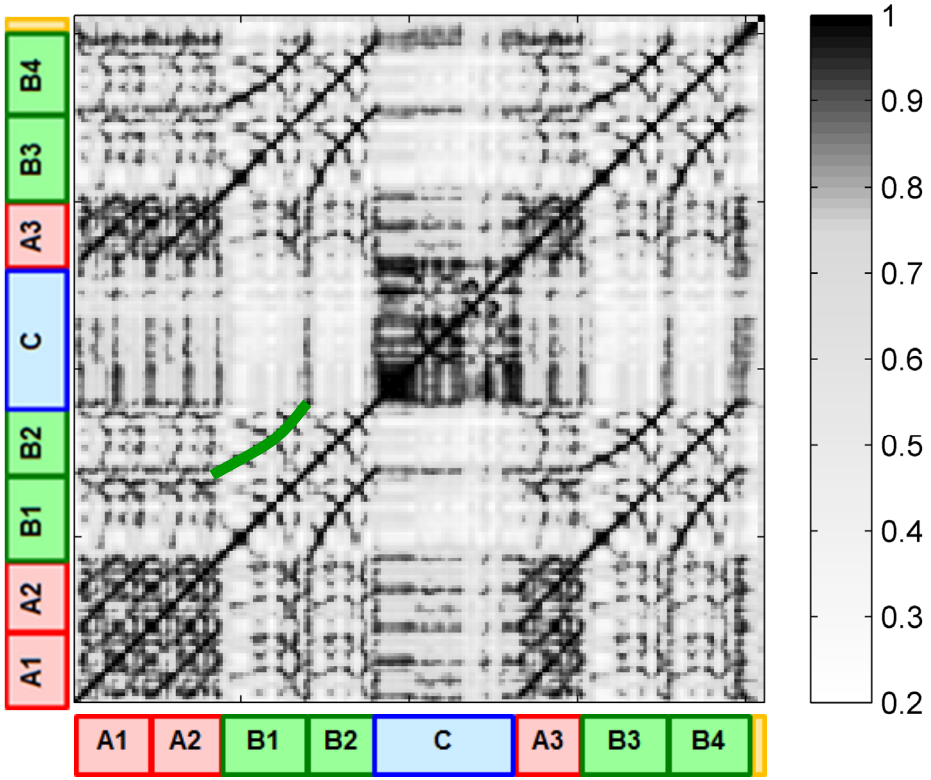

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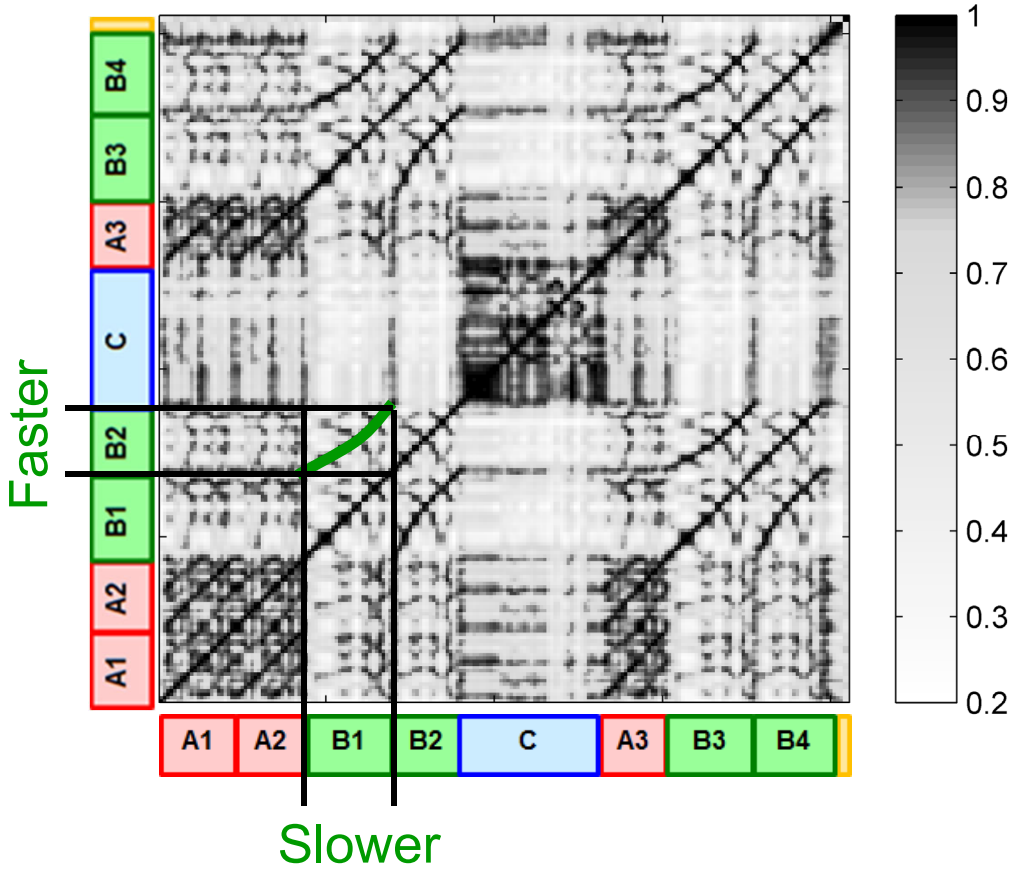

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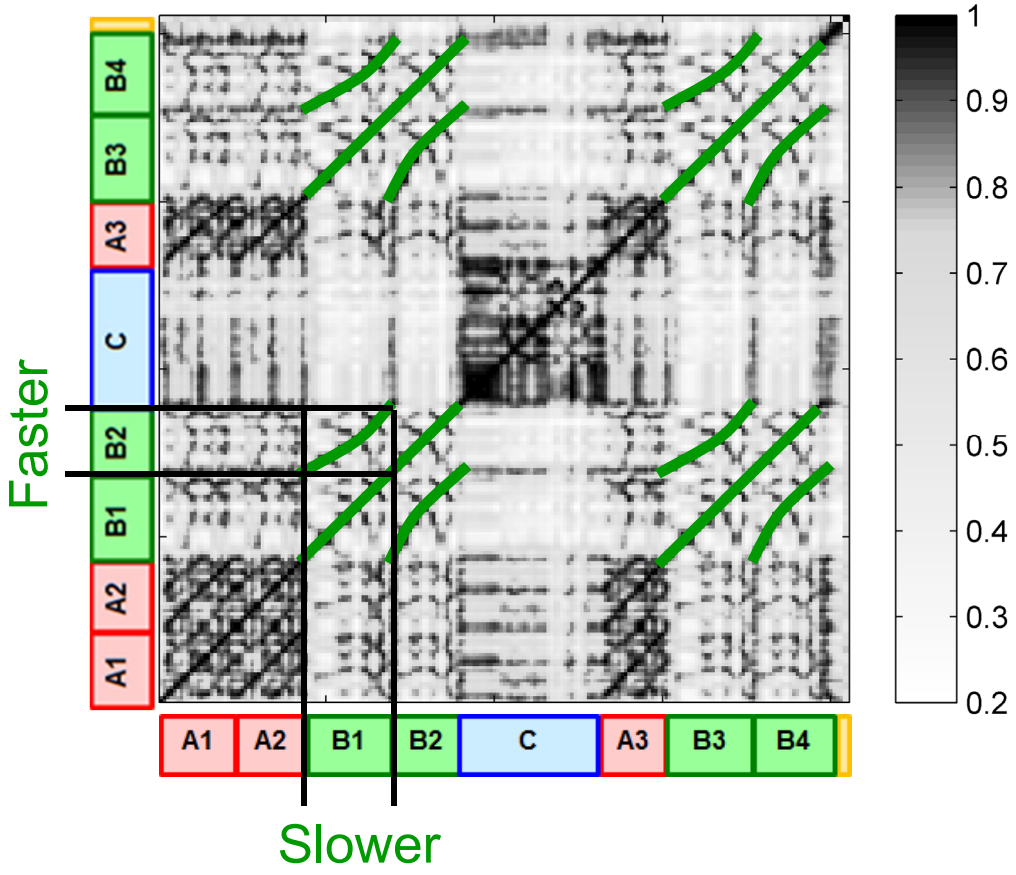

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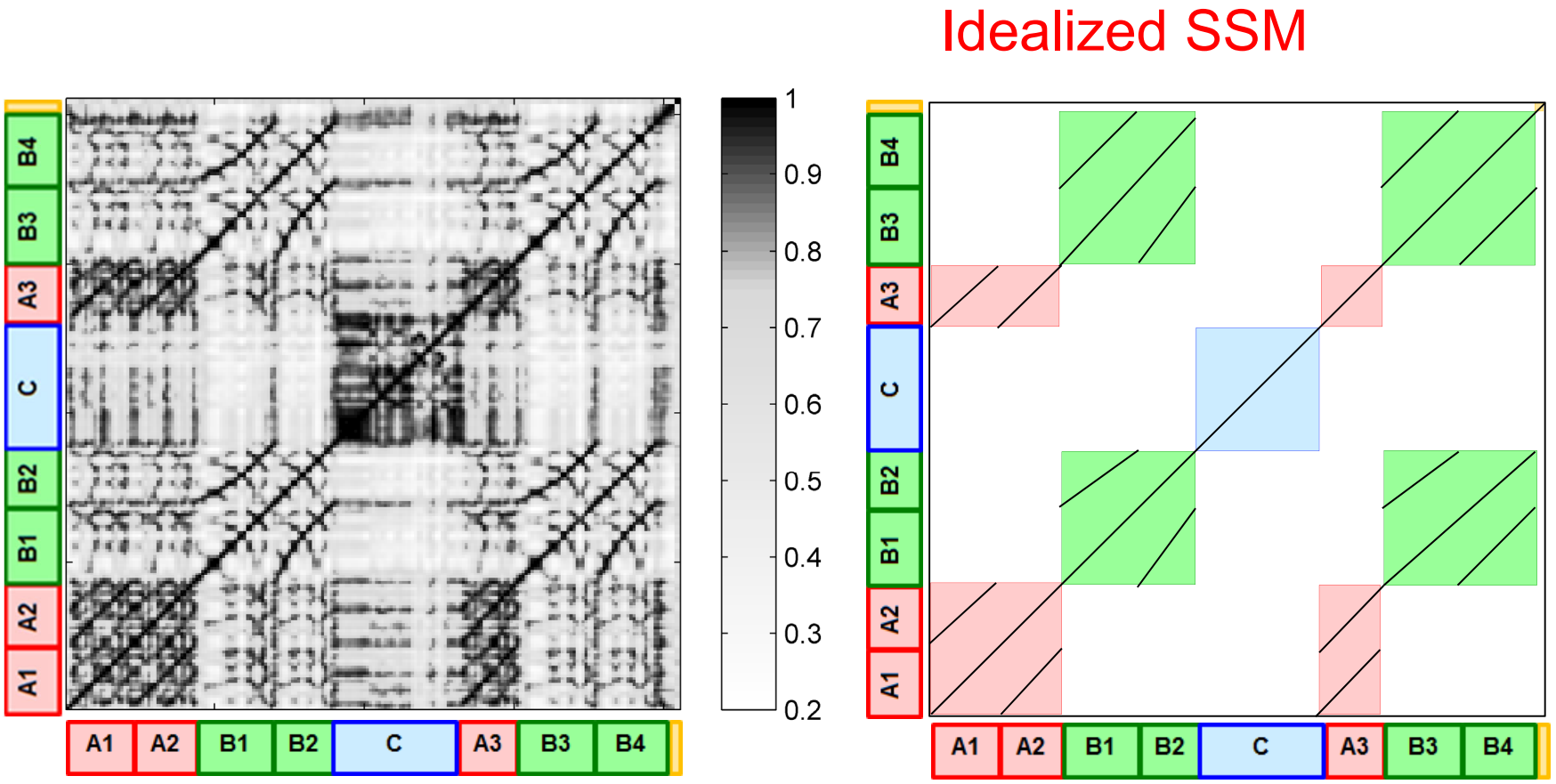

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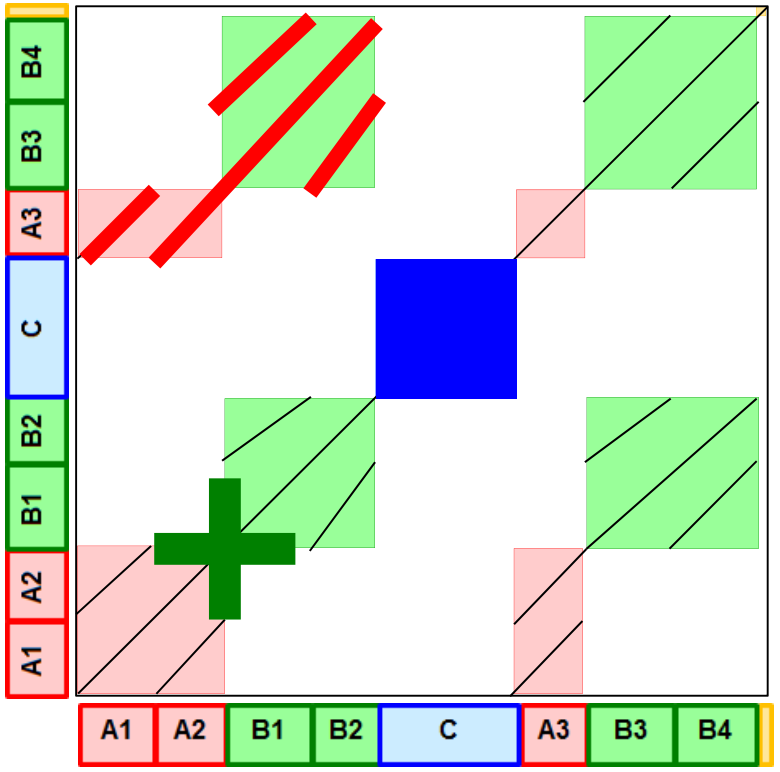
Example: Brahms Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Ormandy)

Blocks: Homogeneity

Paths: Repetition

Corners: Novelty

Idealized SSM



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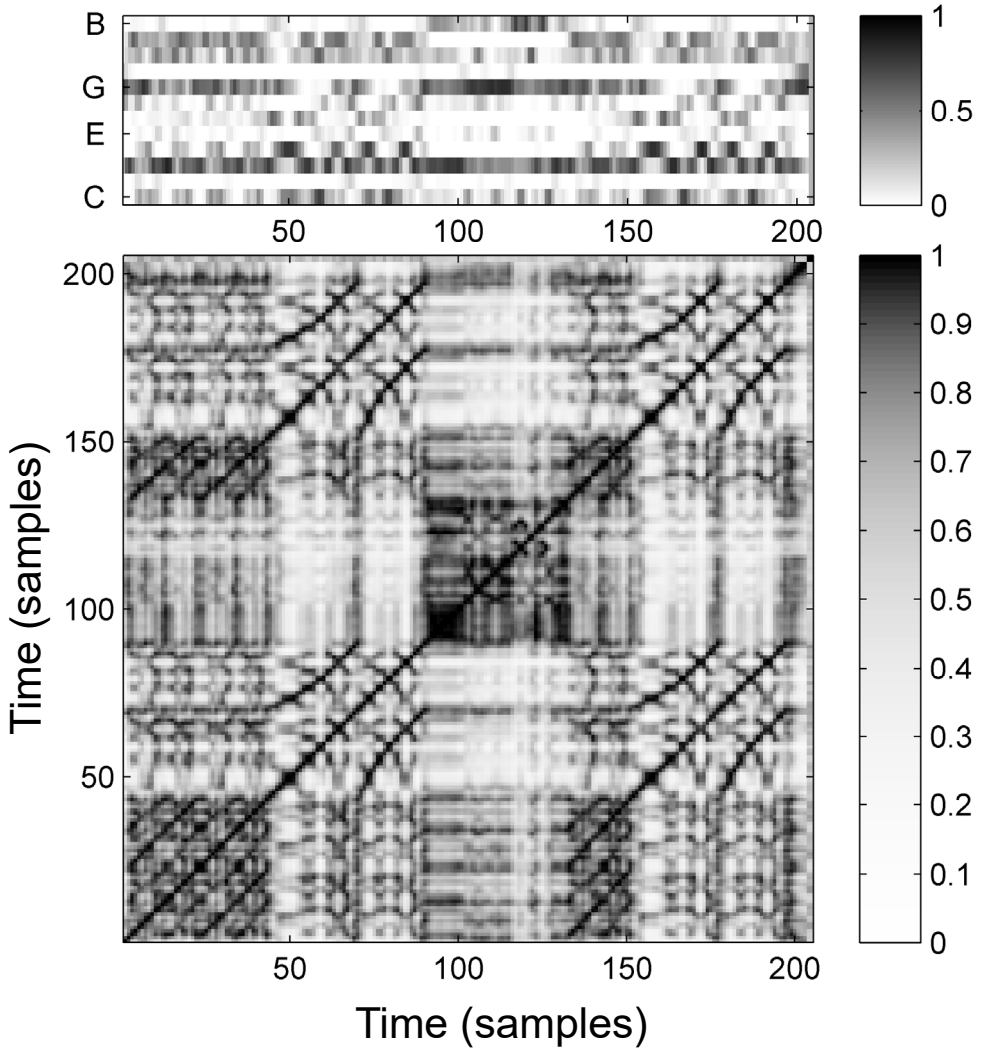

Block Enhancement

- Feature smoothing
- Coarsening

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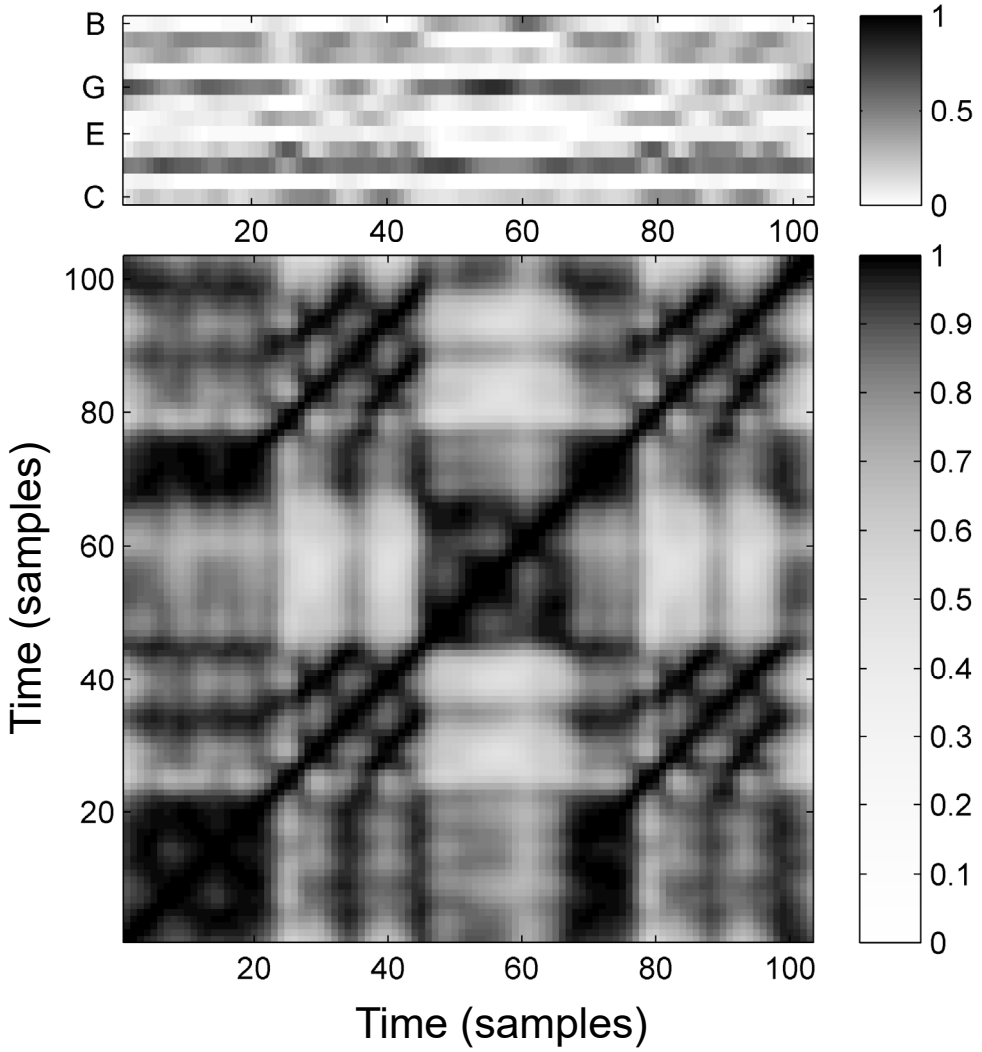

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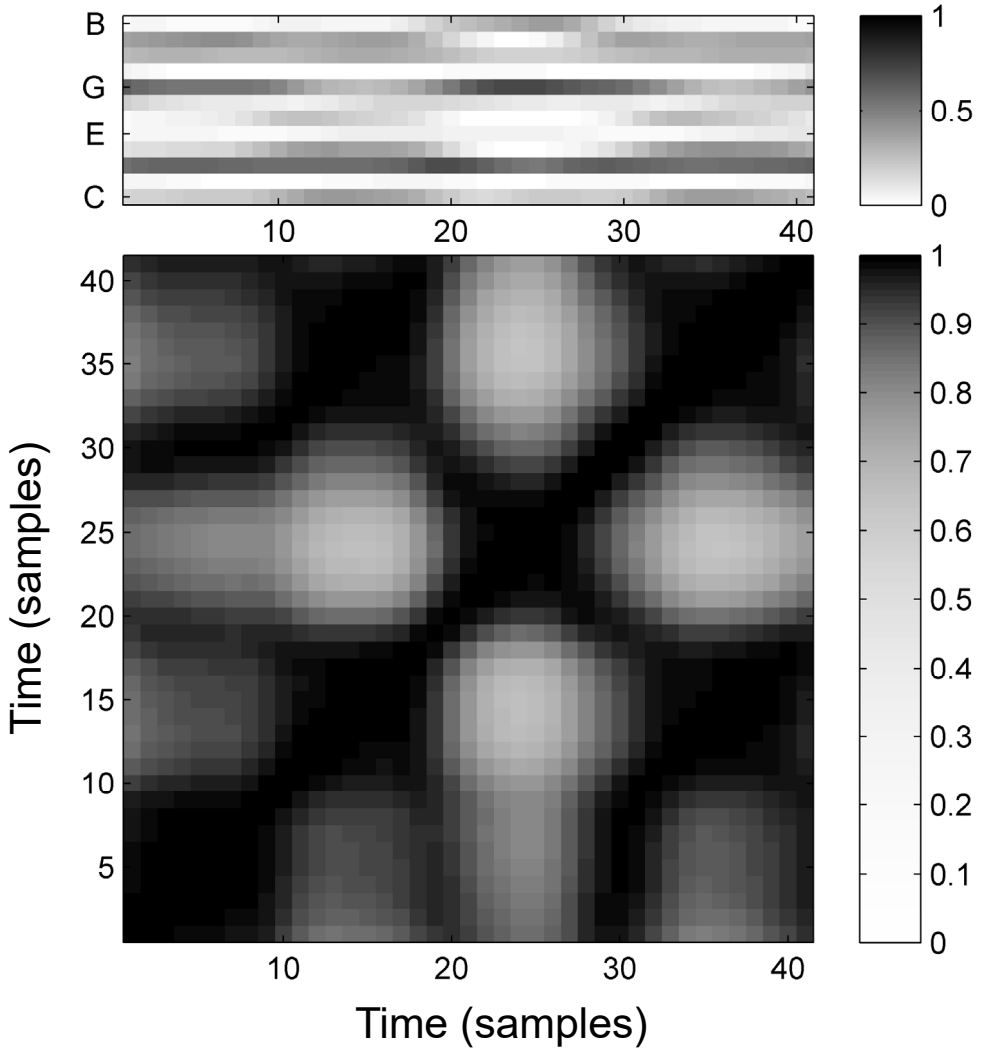

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SSM Enhancement

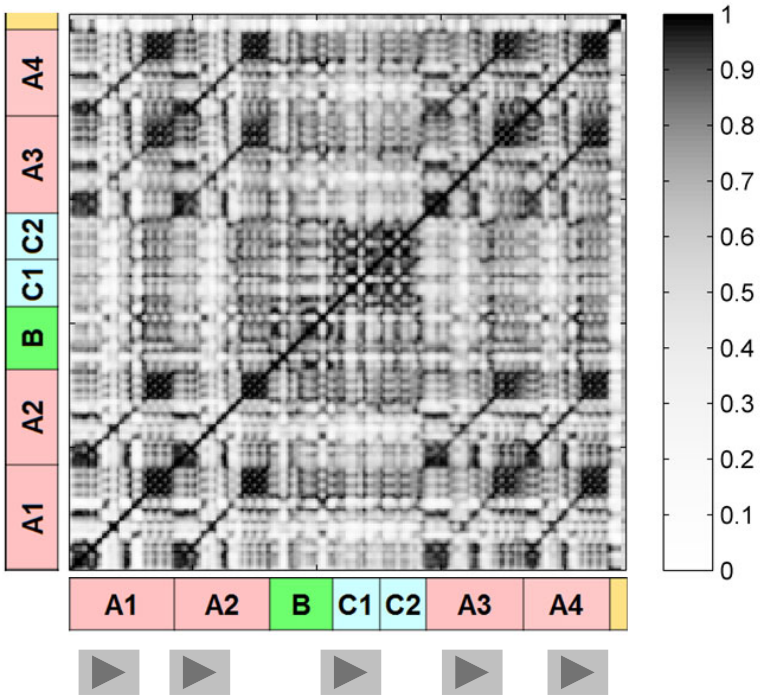
Challenge: Presence of musical variations

- Fragmented paths and gaps
- Paths of poor quality
- Regions of constant (high) similarity
- Curved paths

Idea: Enhancement of path structure

SSM Enhancement

Shostakovich Waltz 2, Jazz Suite No. 2 (Chailly)



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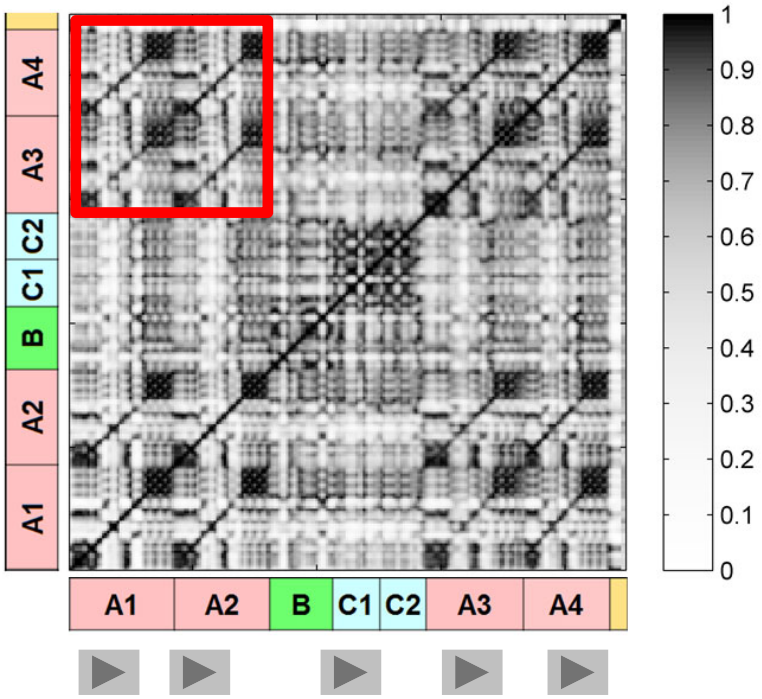

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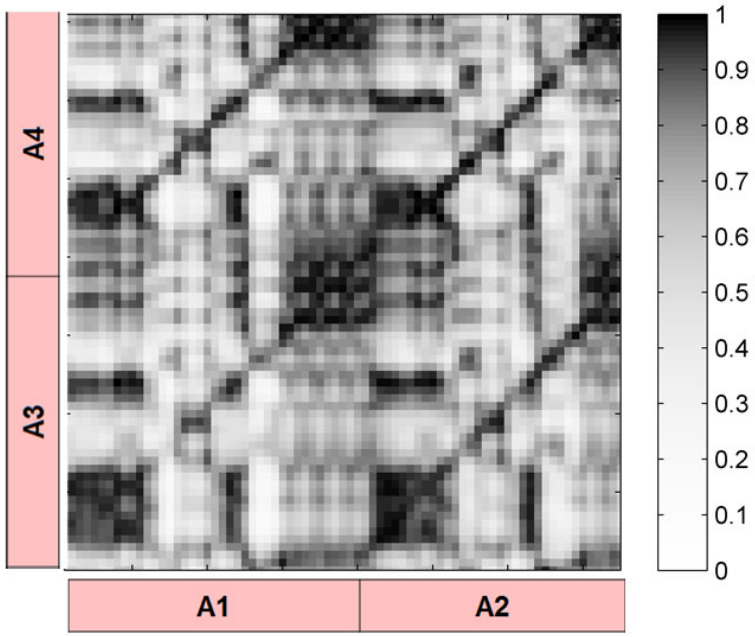

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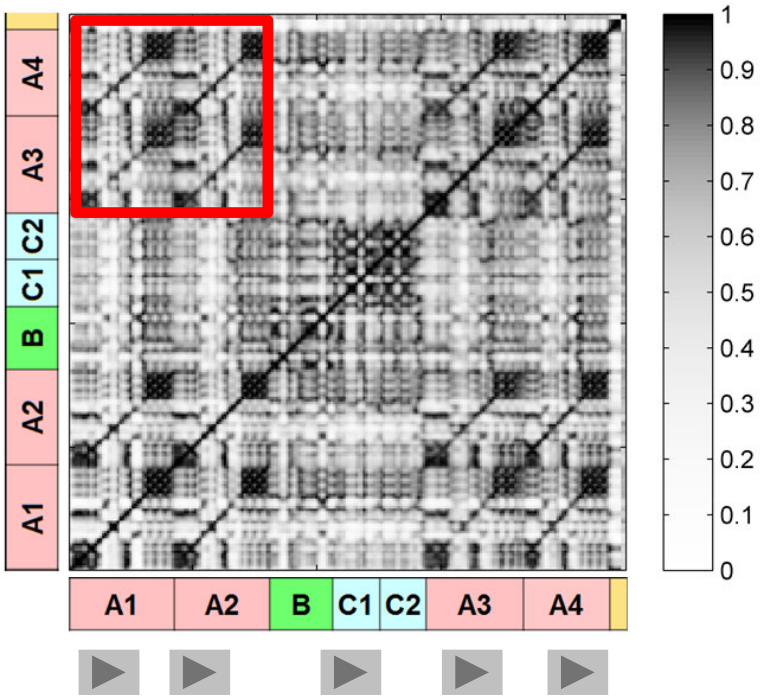

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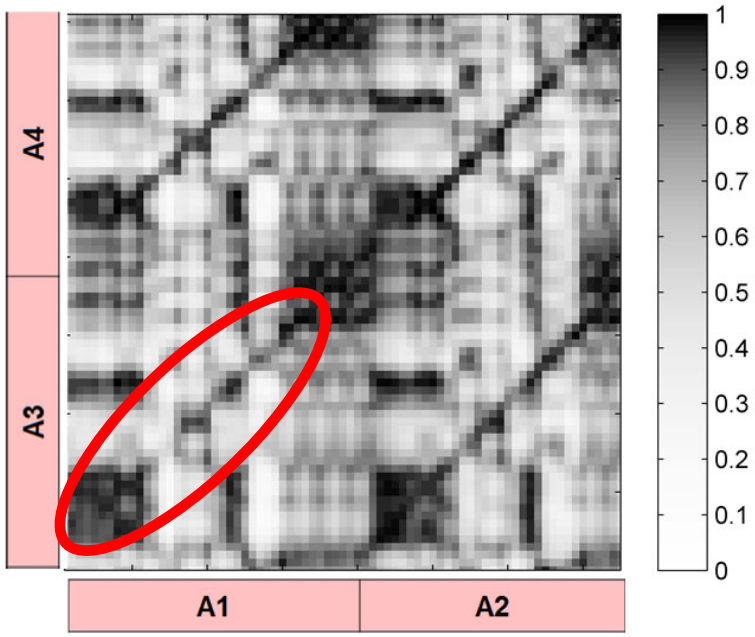

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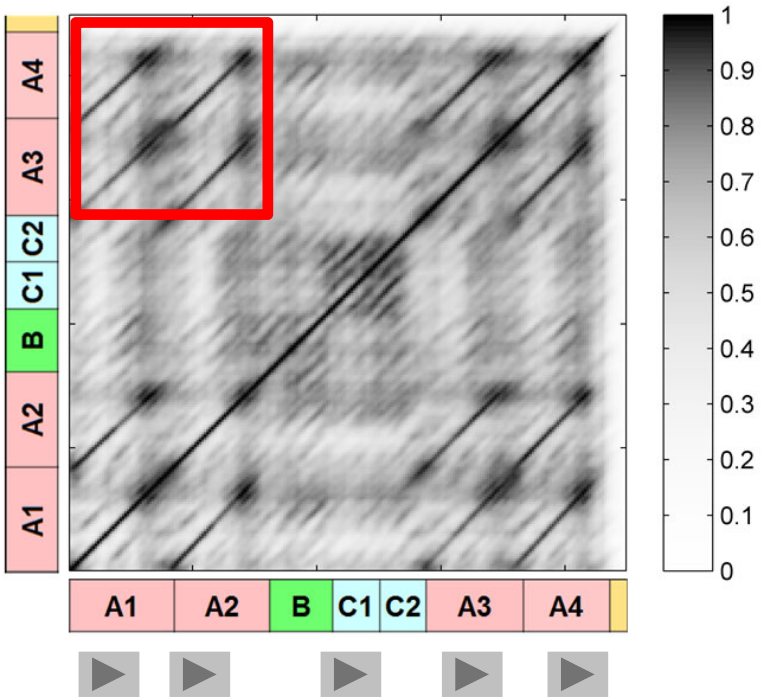

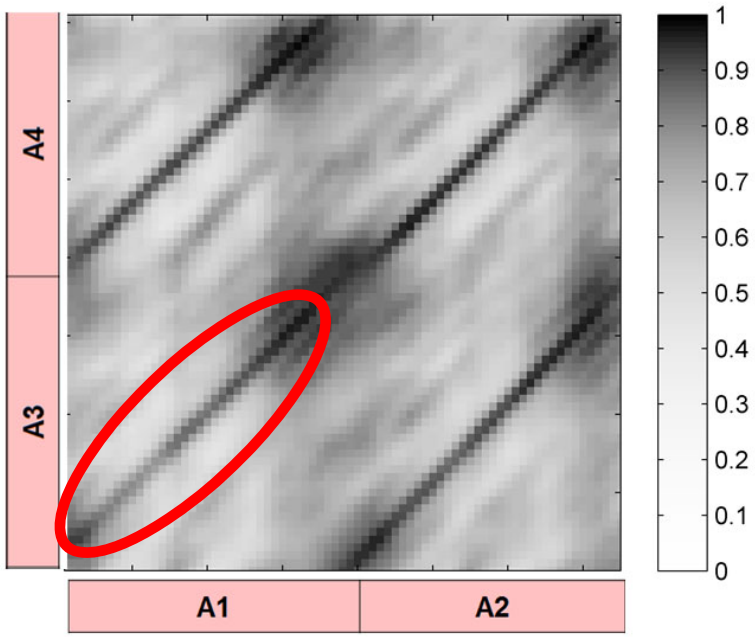

Enhanced SSM

Filtering along main diagonal

SSM Enhancement

Idea: Usage of contextual information (Foote 1999)

$$\mathbf{S}_L(n,m) := \frac{1}{L}\sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1}\mathbf{S}(n+\ell,m+\ell)$$

- Comparison of entire sequences
- L = length of sequences
- $\mathbf{S}_L$ = enhanced SSM

⇝ smoothing effect

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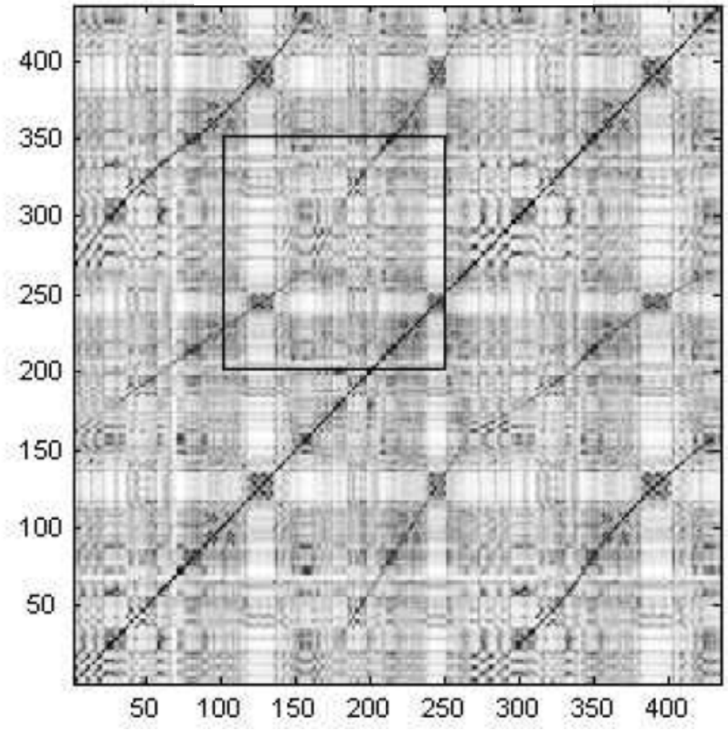

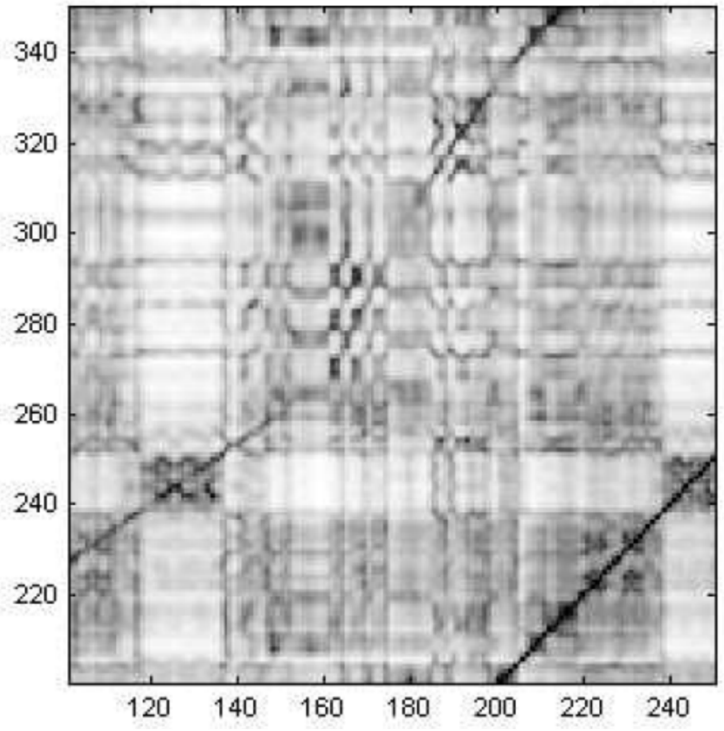

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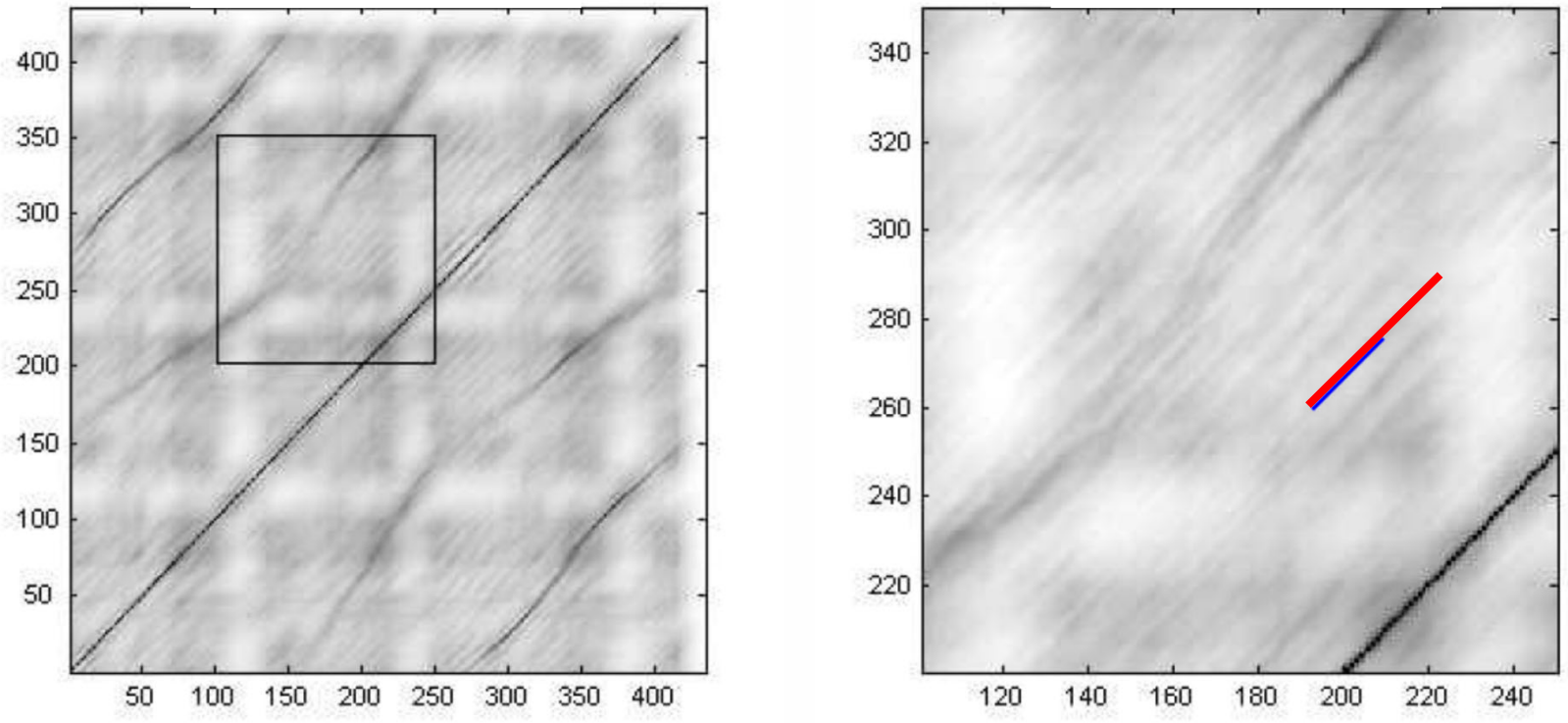

Enhanced SSM $\mathbf{S}_L$ with $L = 20$

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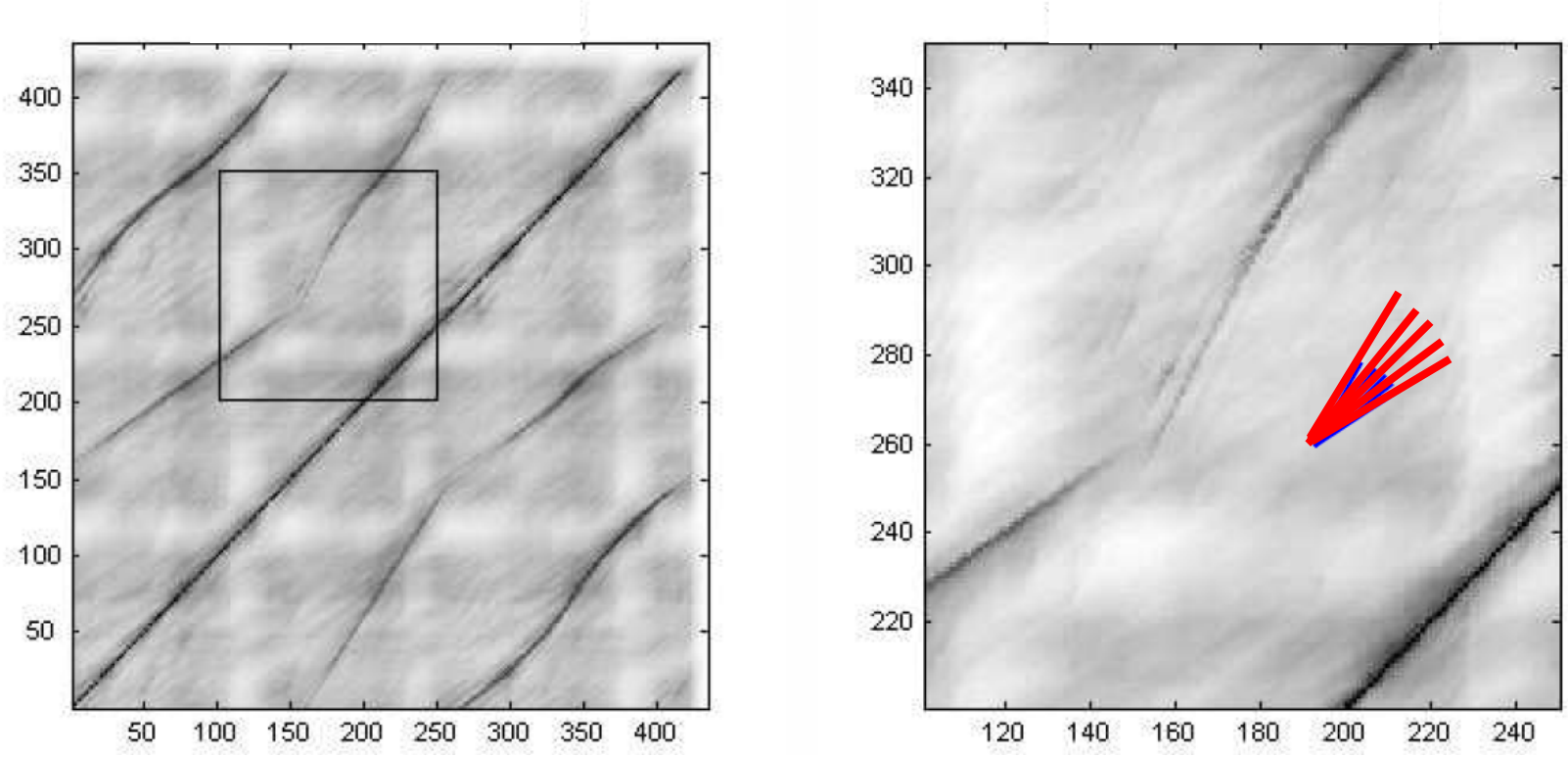


Enhanced SSM $\mathbf{S}_{L,\Theta}$ with $L = 20$

Filtering along 8 different directions and minimizing

SSM Enhancement

Idea: Smoothing along various directions
and minimizing over all directions

$$\Theta = \{0.66, 0.81, 1.00, 1.22, 1.50\}$$

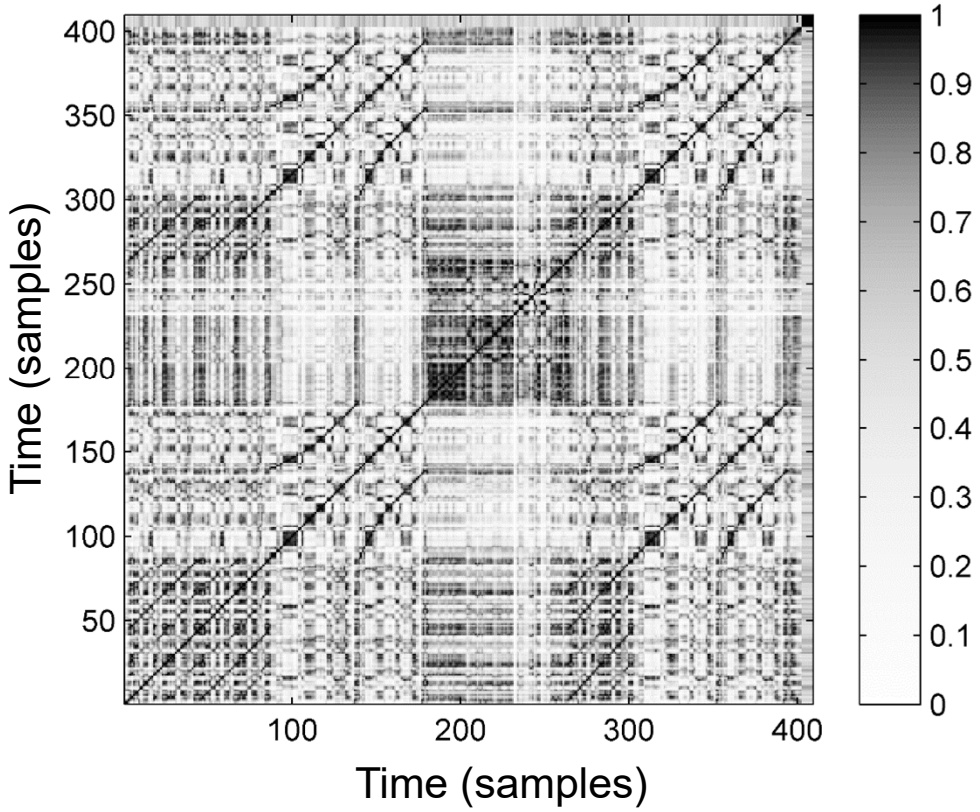
$$\mathbf{S}_{L,\theta}(n,m) := \frac{1}{L} \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \mathbf{S}(n+\ell, m+[\ell \cdot \theta])$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{L,\Theta}(n,m) := \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbf{S}_{L,\theta}(n,m)$$

⇝ Tempo changes of -50 to +50 percent

SSM Enhancement

Path Enhancement



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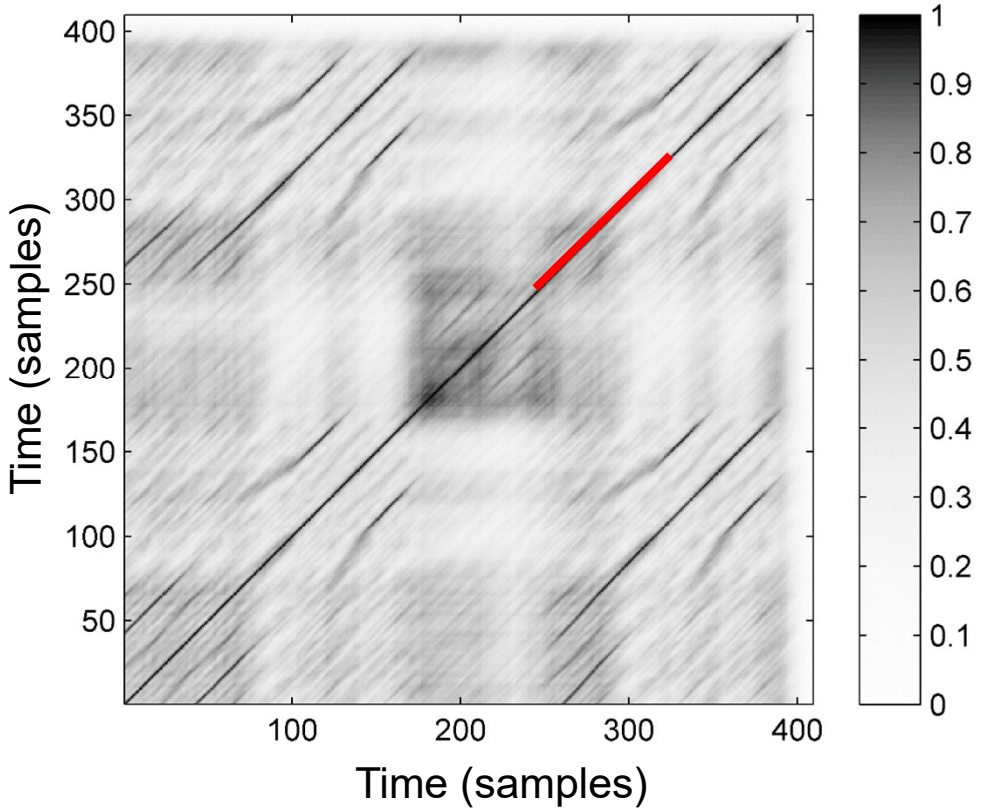

Path Enhancement

- Diagonal smoothing

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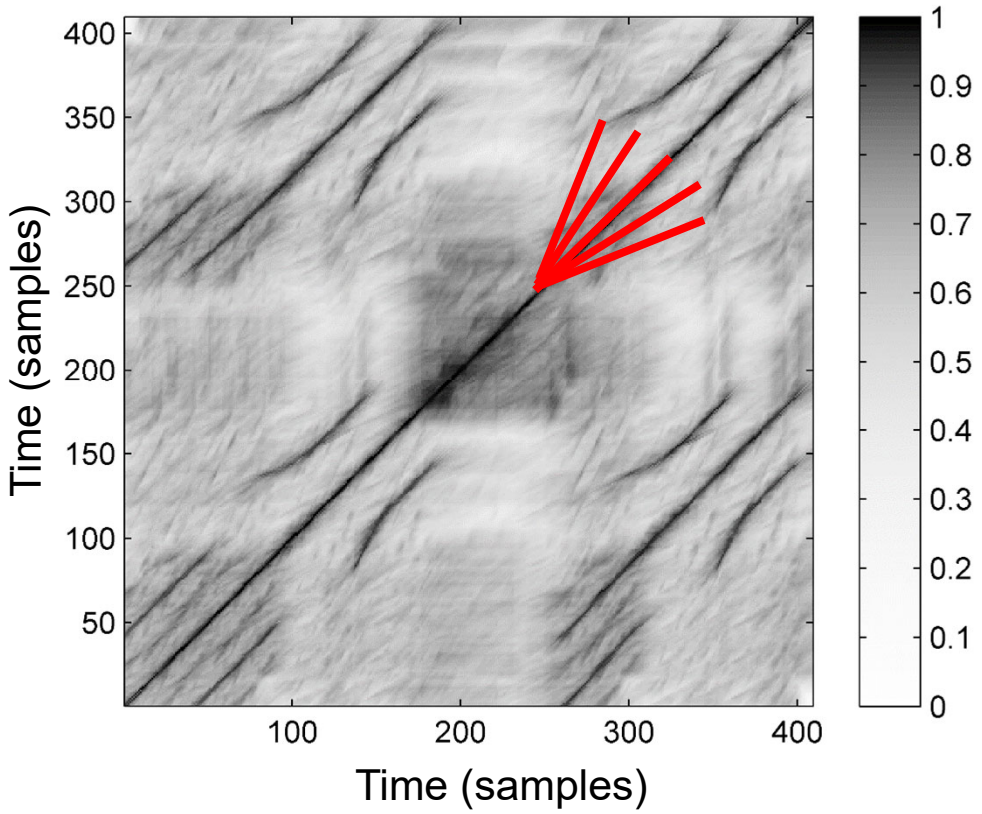

Path Enhancement

- Diagonal smoothing
- Multiple filtering

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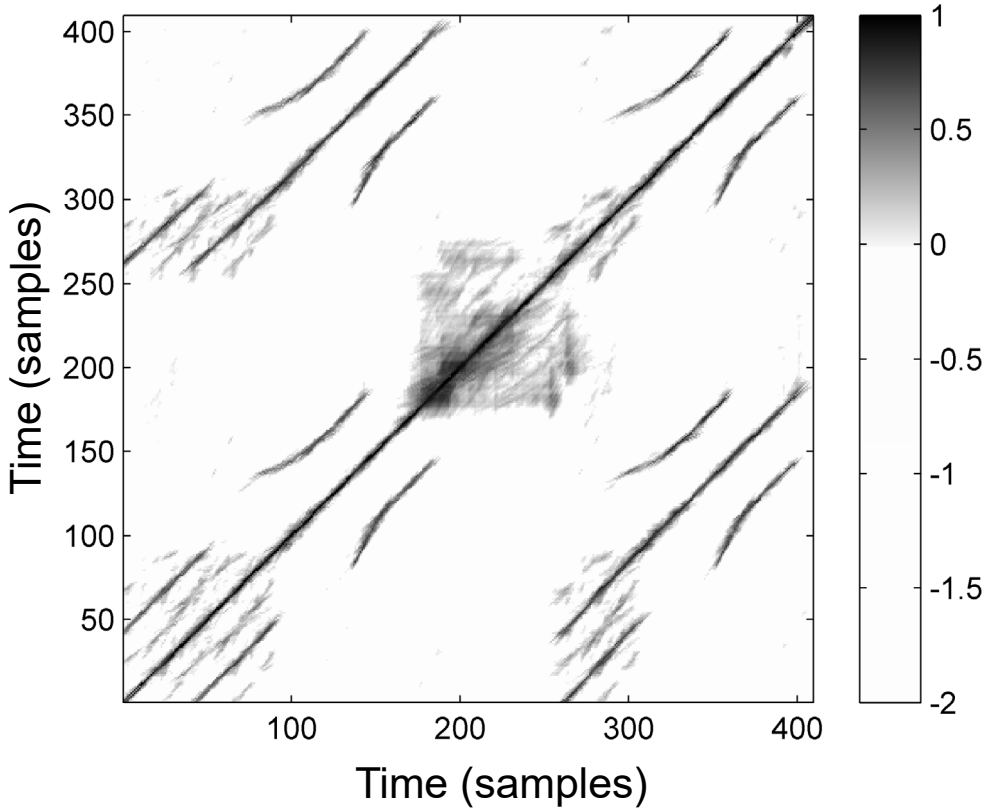

Path Enhancement

- Diagonal smoothing
- Multiple filtering
- Thresholding (relative)
- Scaling & penalty

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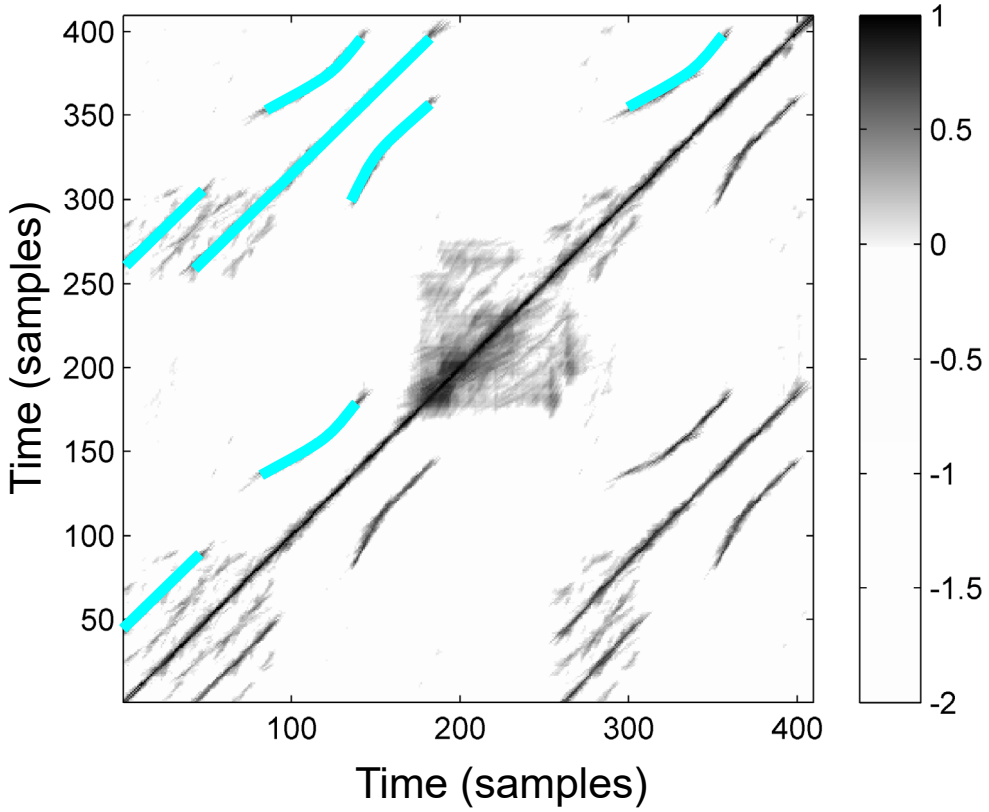

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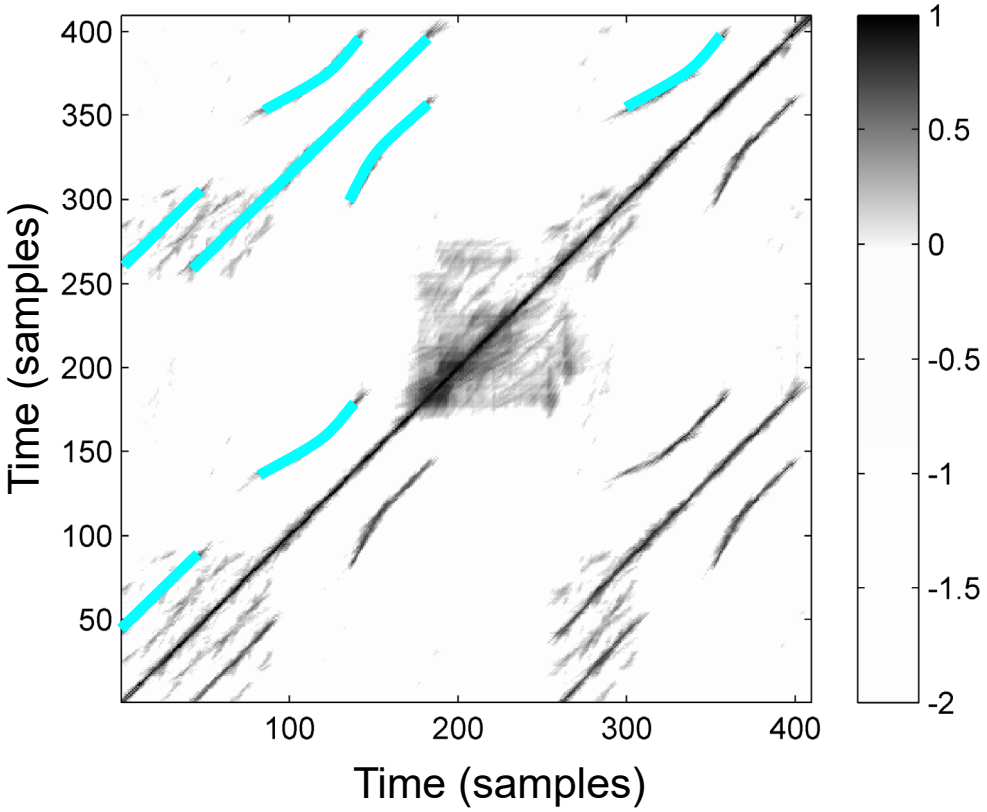

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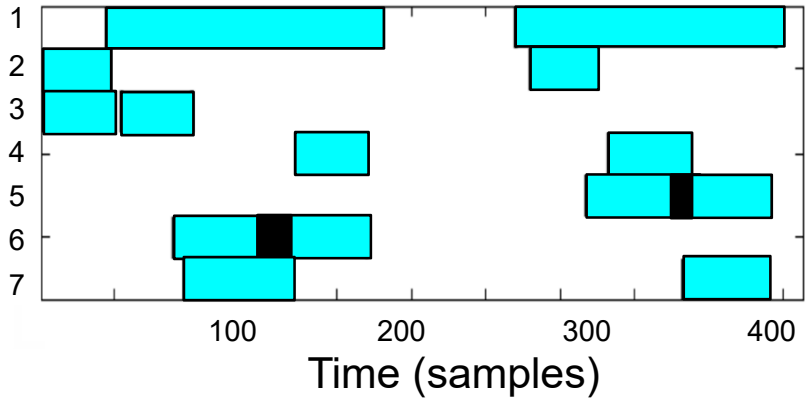

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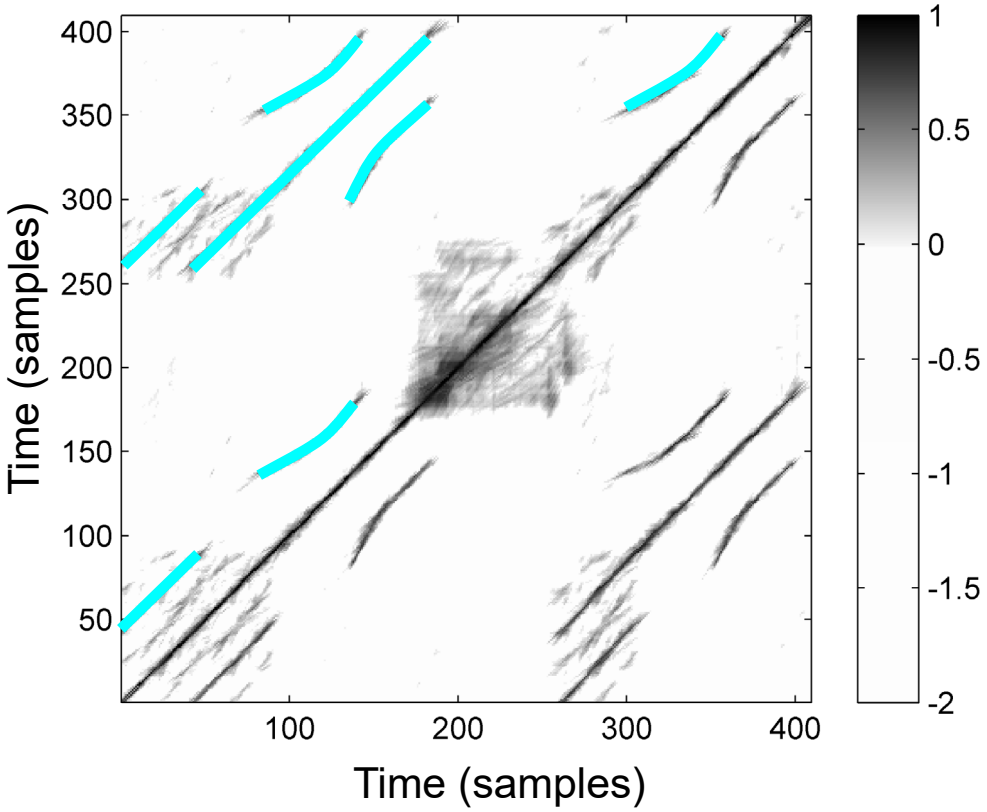

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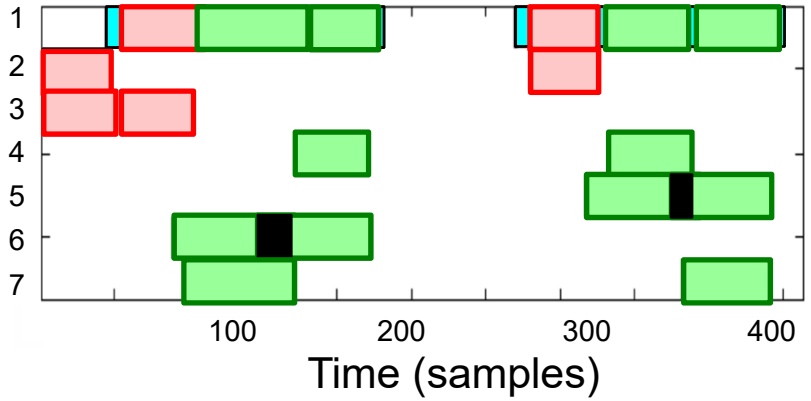

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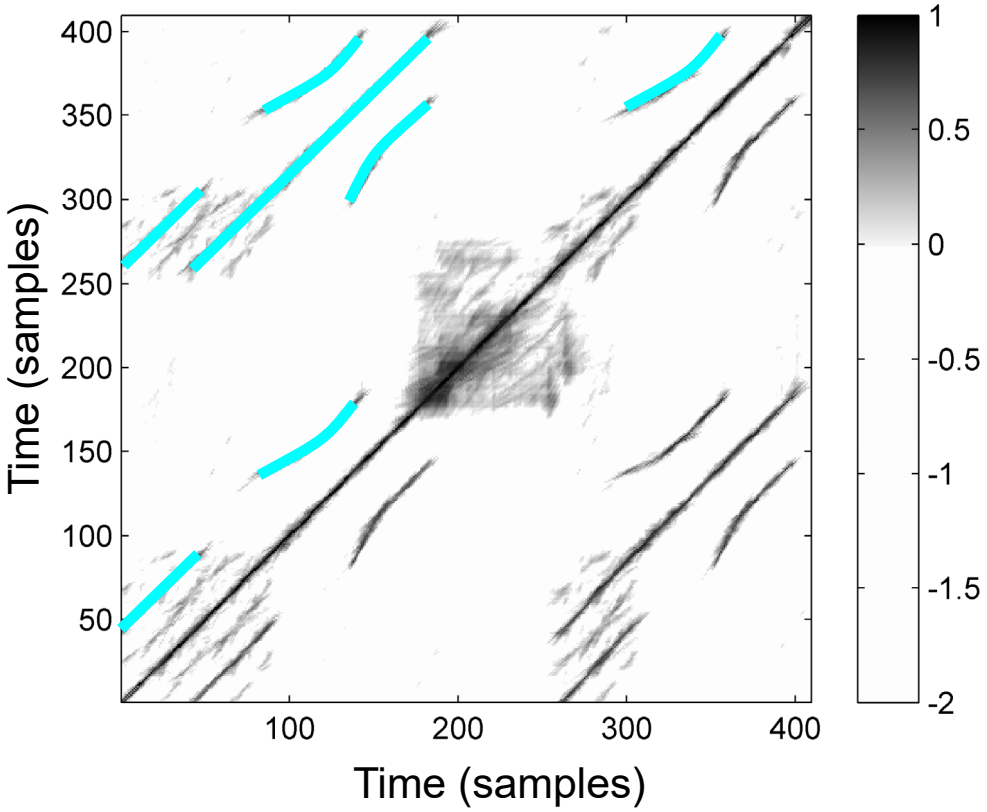

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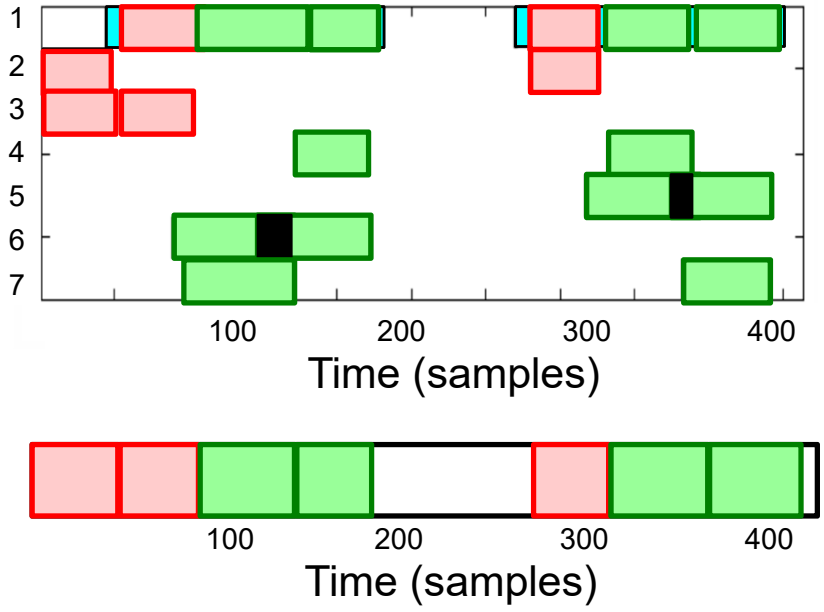

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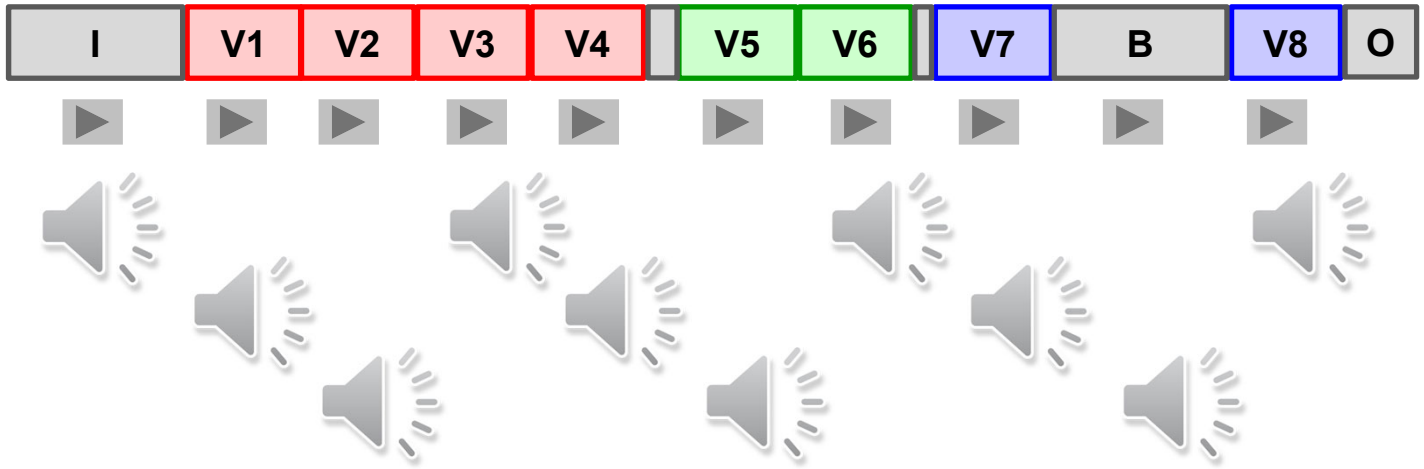

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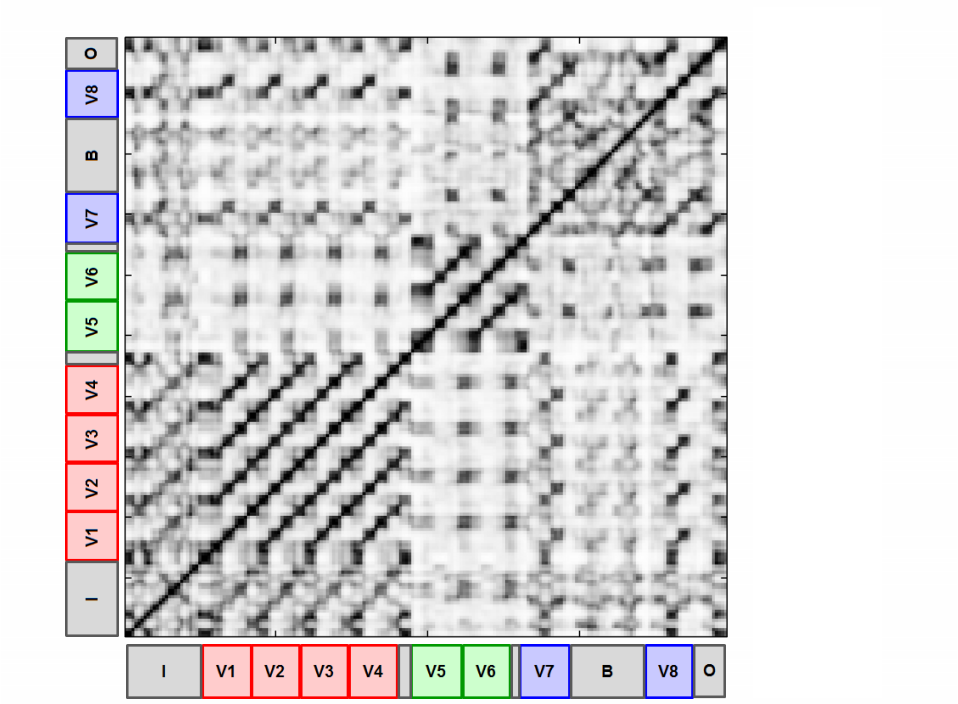

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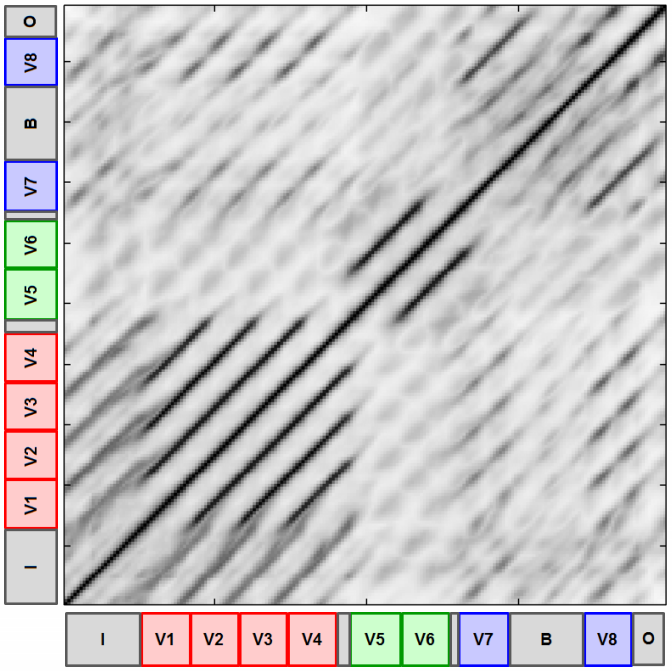

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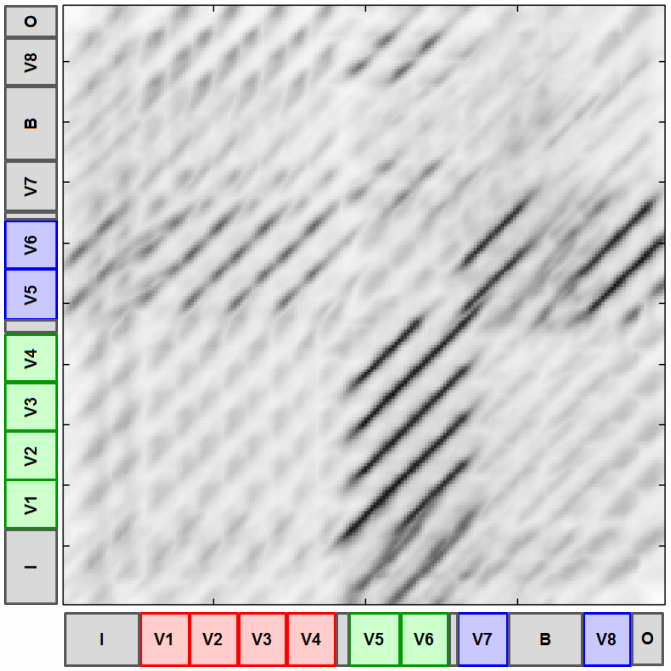

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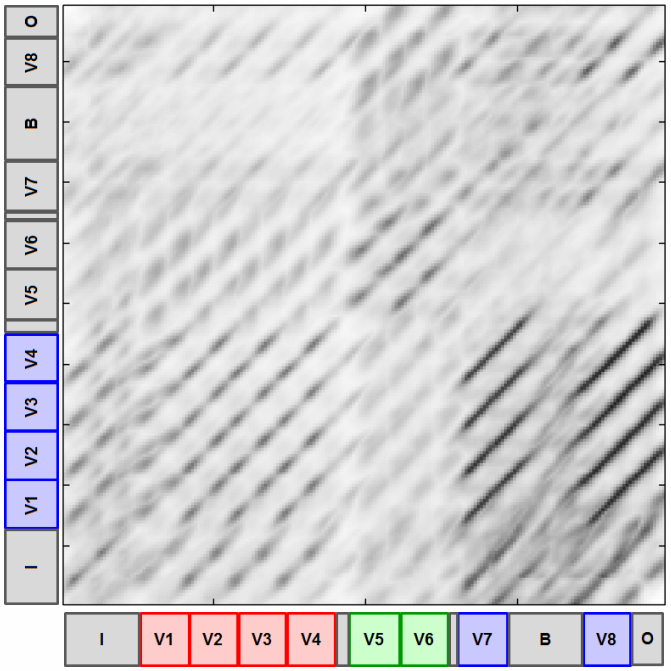

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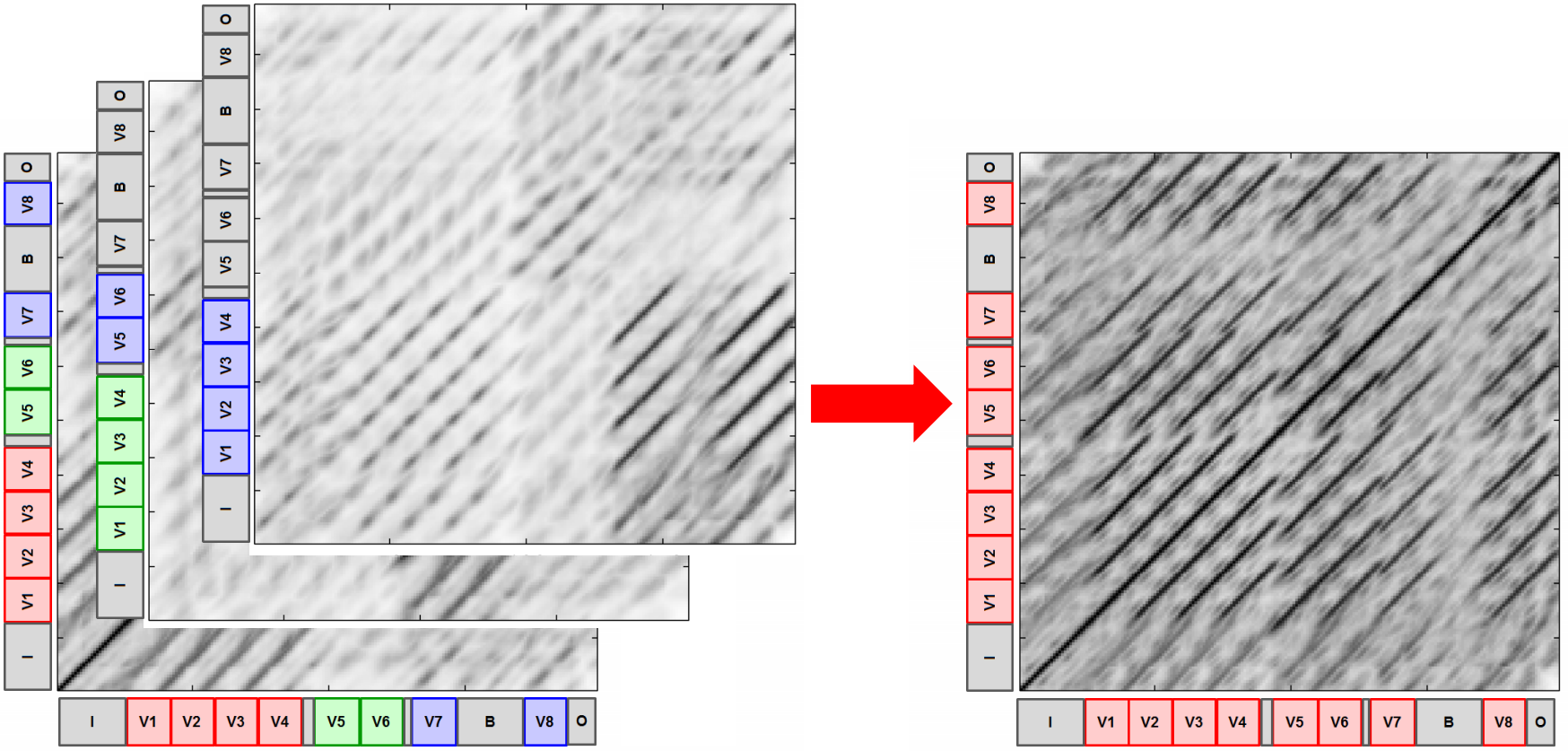
Idea: Overlay & Maximize ⟶ Transposition-invariant SSM



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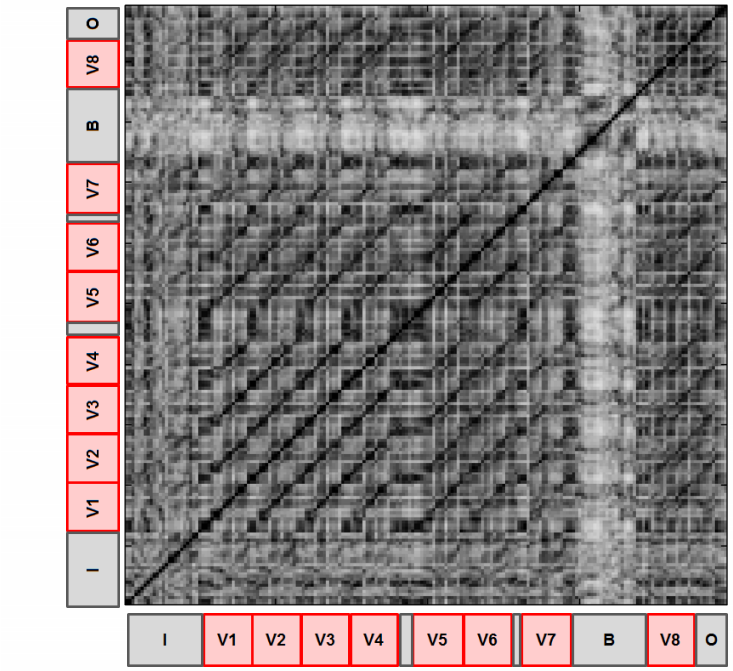
Note: Order of enhancement steps important!

Maximization



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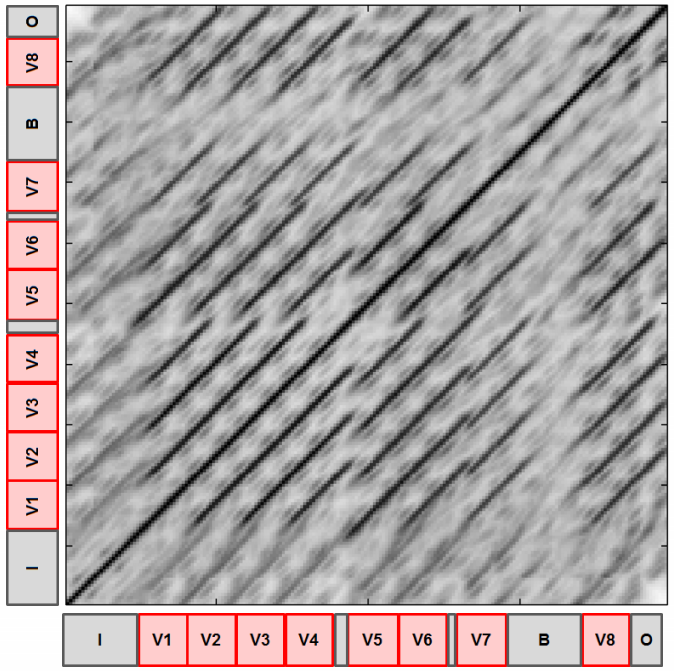

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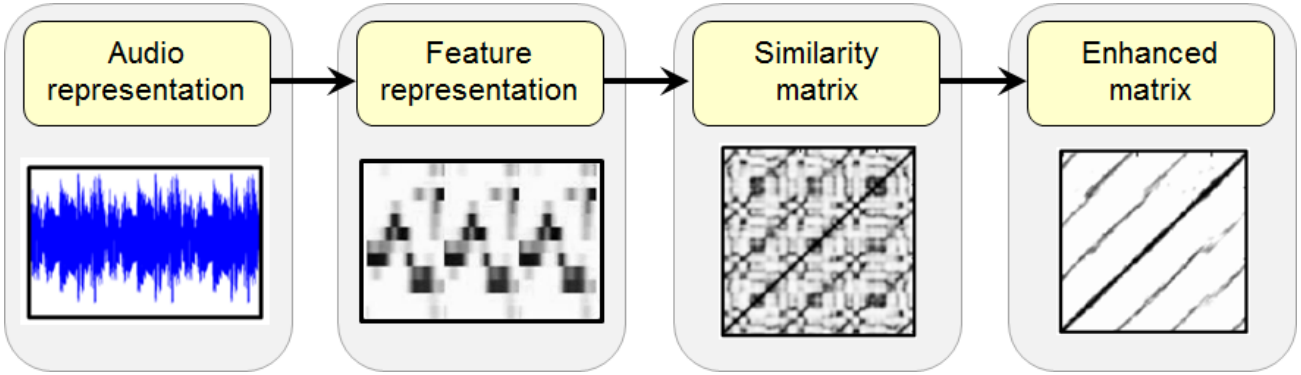

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Audio Thumbnailing

General goal: Determine the most representative section ("Thumbnail") of a given music recording.

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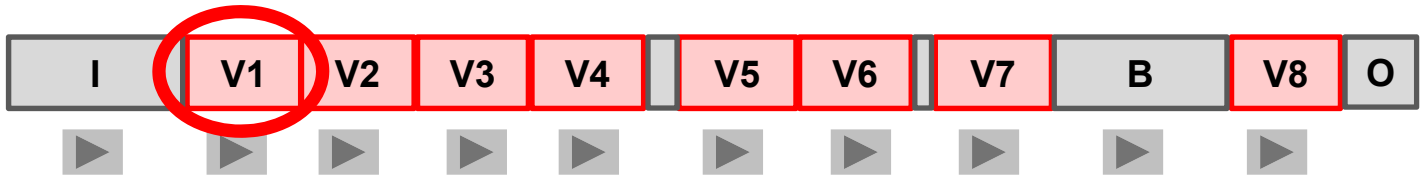

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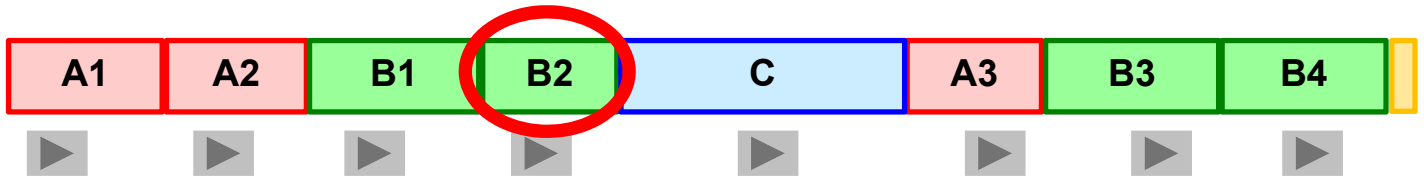


Thumbnail is often assumed to be the most repetitive segment

Audio Thumbnailing

Two steps

1. Path extraction

2. Grouping

Both steps are problematic!

- Paths of poor quality (fragmented, gaps)
- Block-like structures
- Curved paths

- Noisy relations
  (missing, distorted, overlapping)
- Transitivity computation difficult

Main idea: Do both, path extraction and grouping, jointly

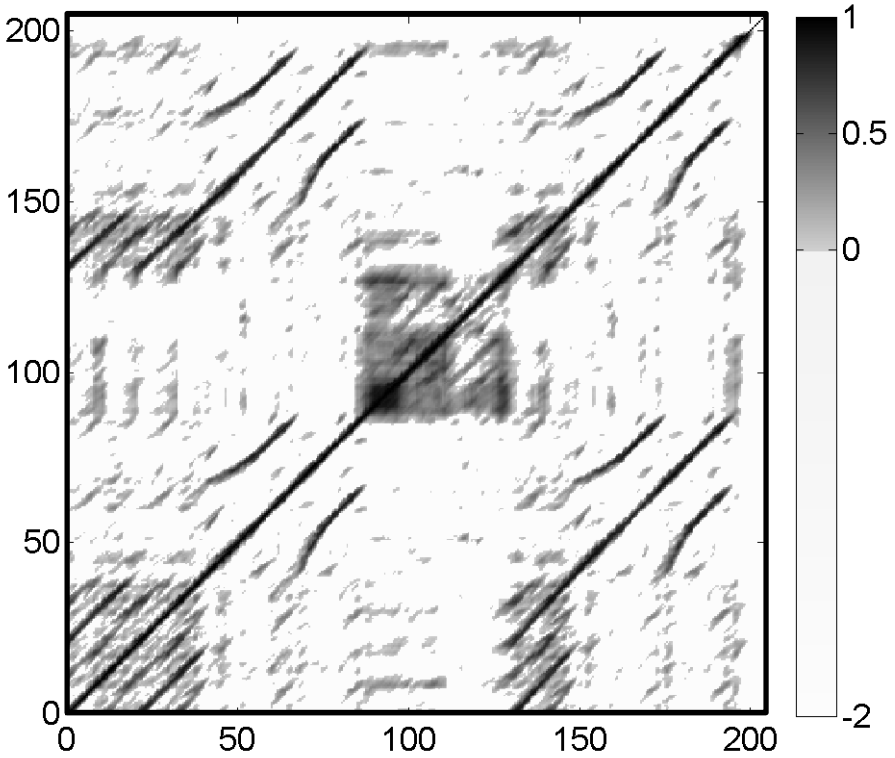
- One optimization scheme for both steps
- Stabilizing effect
- Efficient

Audio Thumbnailing

Main idea: Do both path extraction and grouping jointly

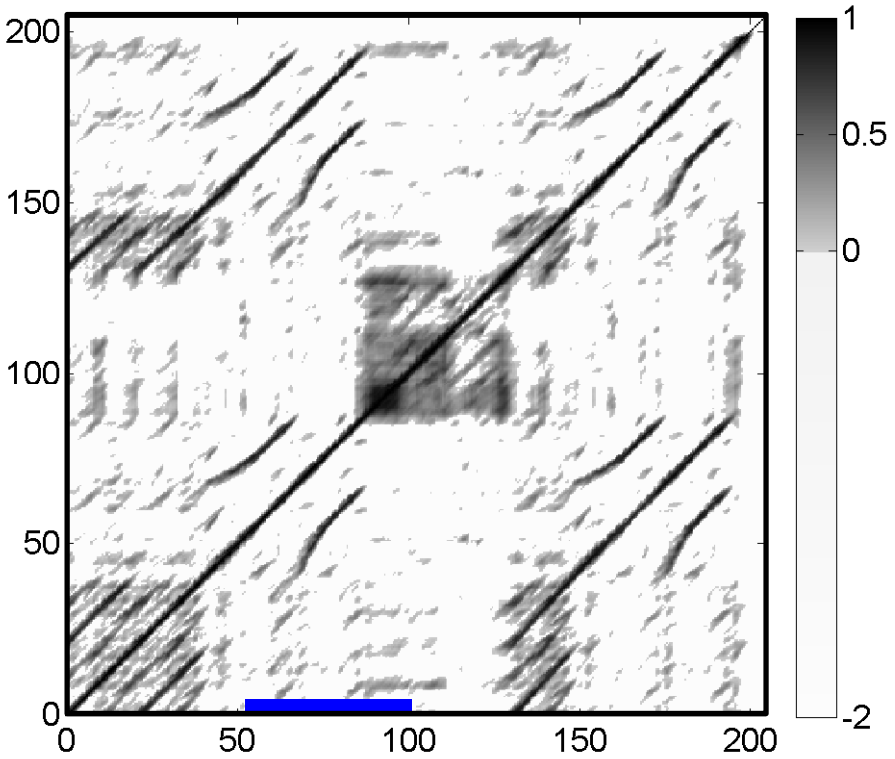
- For each audio segment we define a fitness value
- This fitness value expresses “how well” the segment explains the entire audio recording
- The segment with the highest fitness value is considered to be the thumbnail
- As main technical concept we introduce the notion of a path family

Fitness Measure



Enhanced SSM

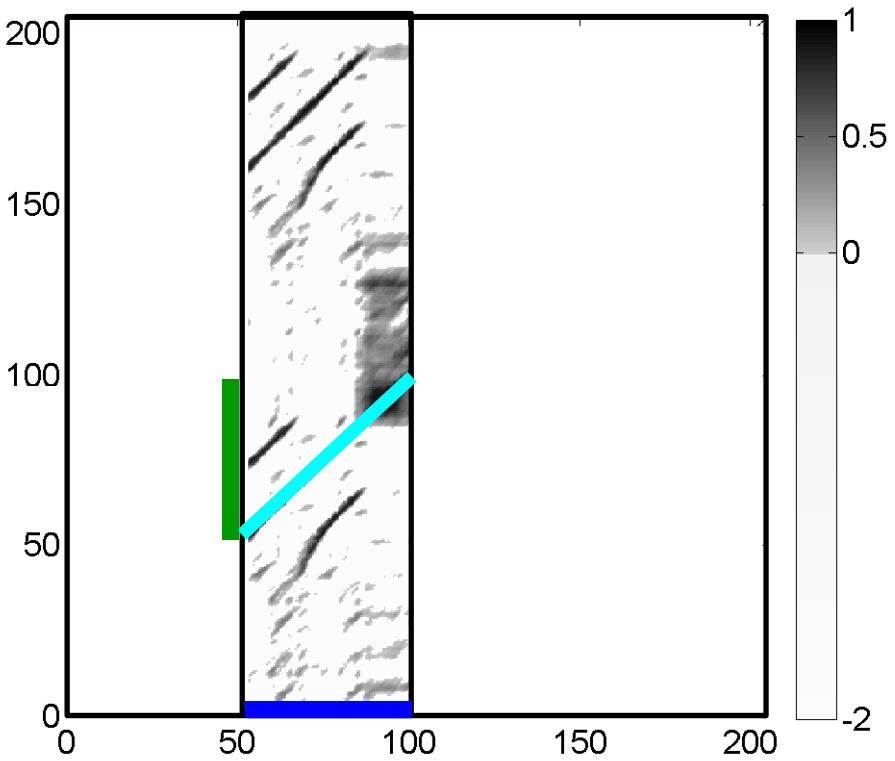
Fitness Measure



Path over segment

- Consider a fixed segment

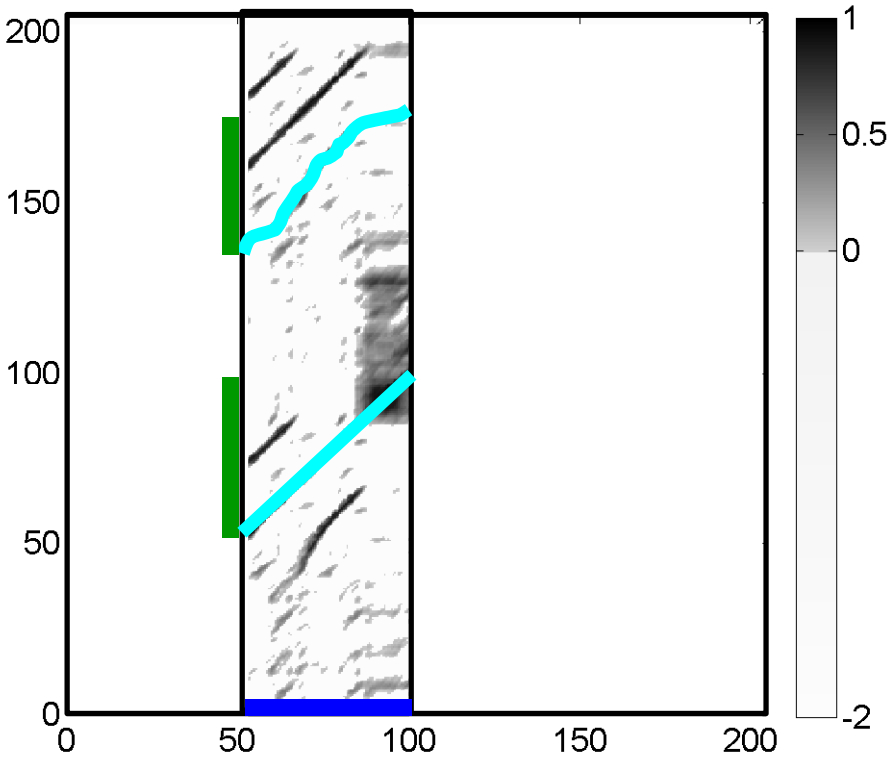
Fitness Measure



Path over segment

- Consider a fixed segment
- Path over segment
- Induced segment
- Score is high

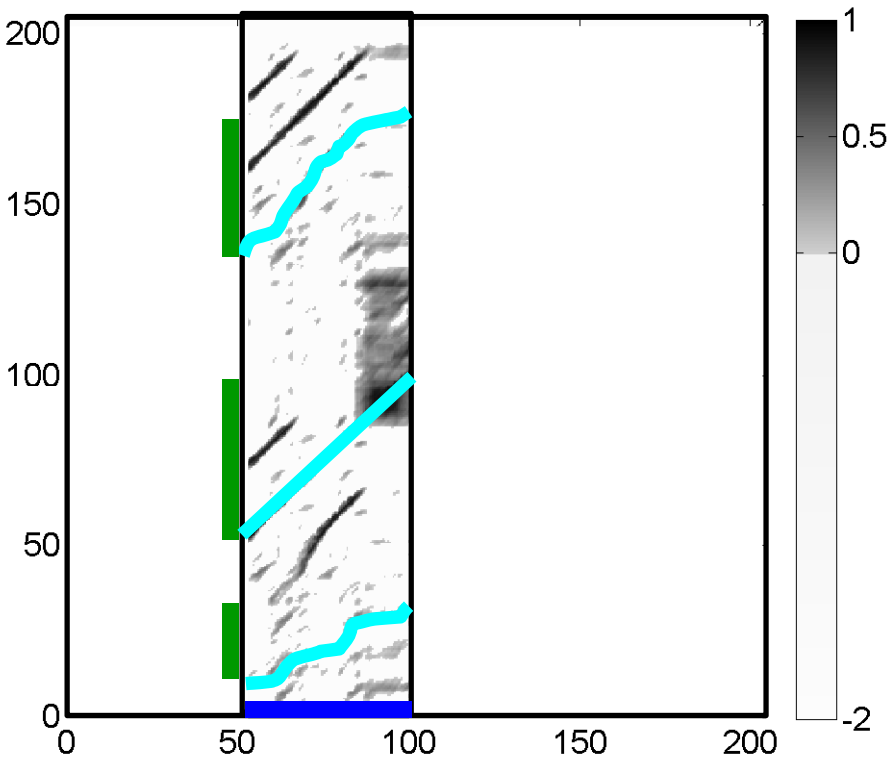
Fitness Measure



Path over segment

- Consider a fixed segment
- Path over segment
- Induced segment
- Score is high
- A second path over segment
- Induced segment
- Score is not so high

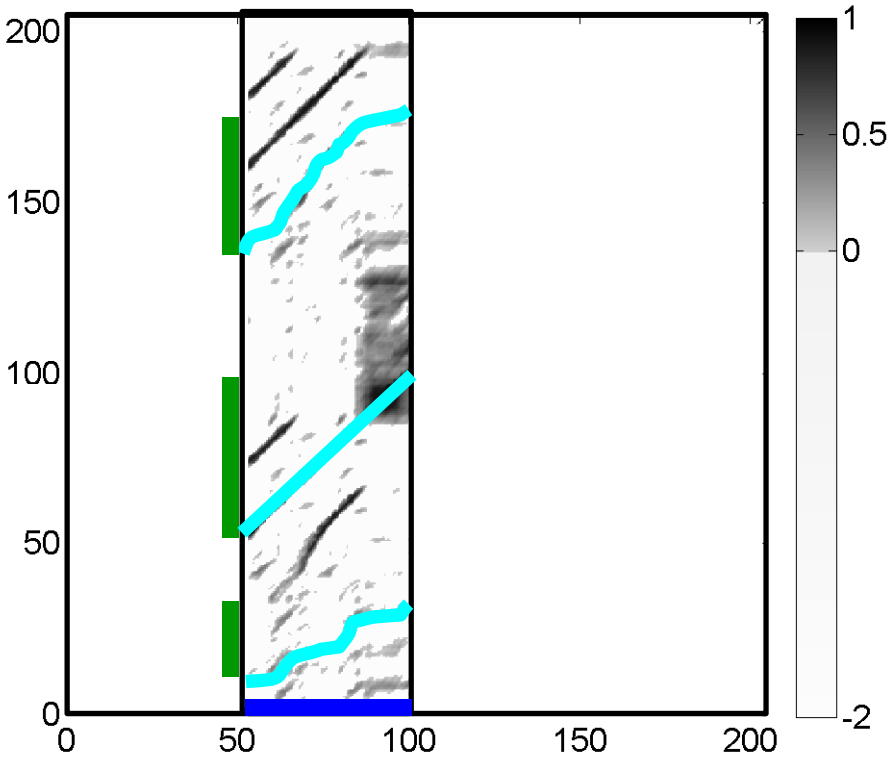
Fitness Measure



Path over segment

- Consider a fixed segment
- Path over segment
- Induced segment
- Score is high
- A second path over segment
- Induced segment
- Score is not so high
- A third path over segment
- Induced segment
- Score is very low

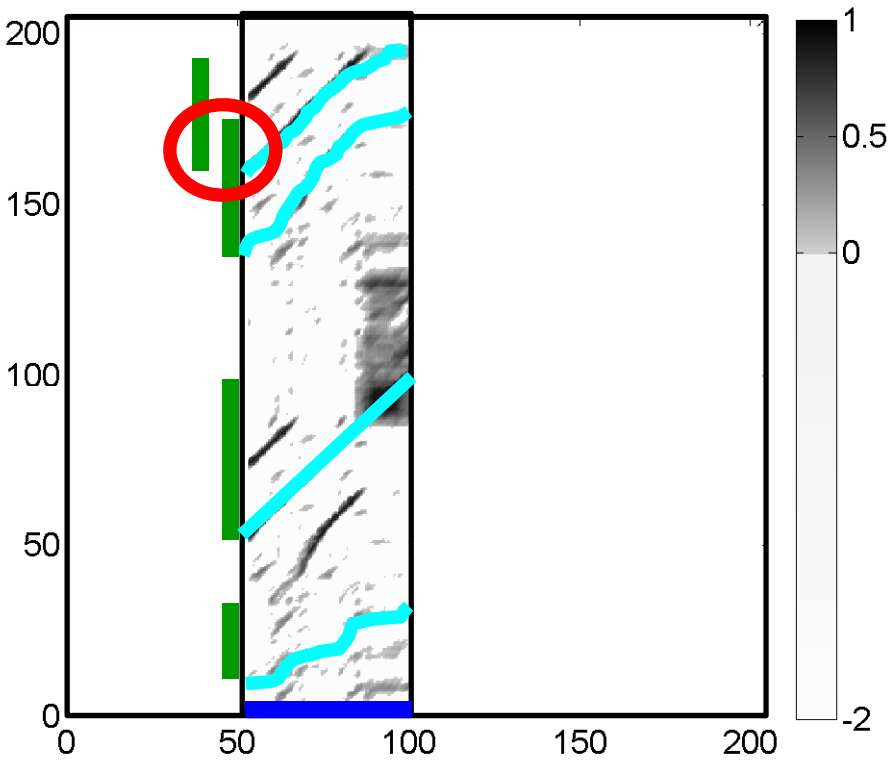
Fitness Measure



Path family

- Consider a fixed segment
- A path family over a segment is a family of paths such that the induced segments do not overlap.

Fitness Measure

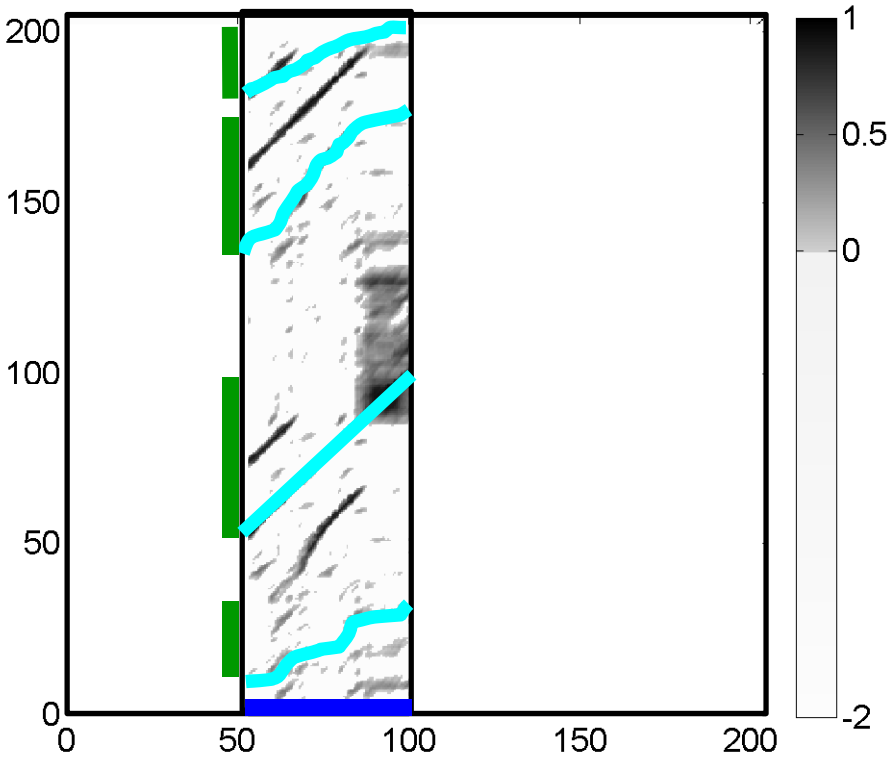


Path family

- Consider a fixed segment
- A path family over a segment is a family of paths such that the induced segments do not overlap.

This is not a path family!

Fitness Measure



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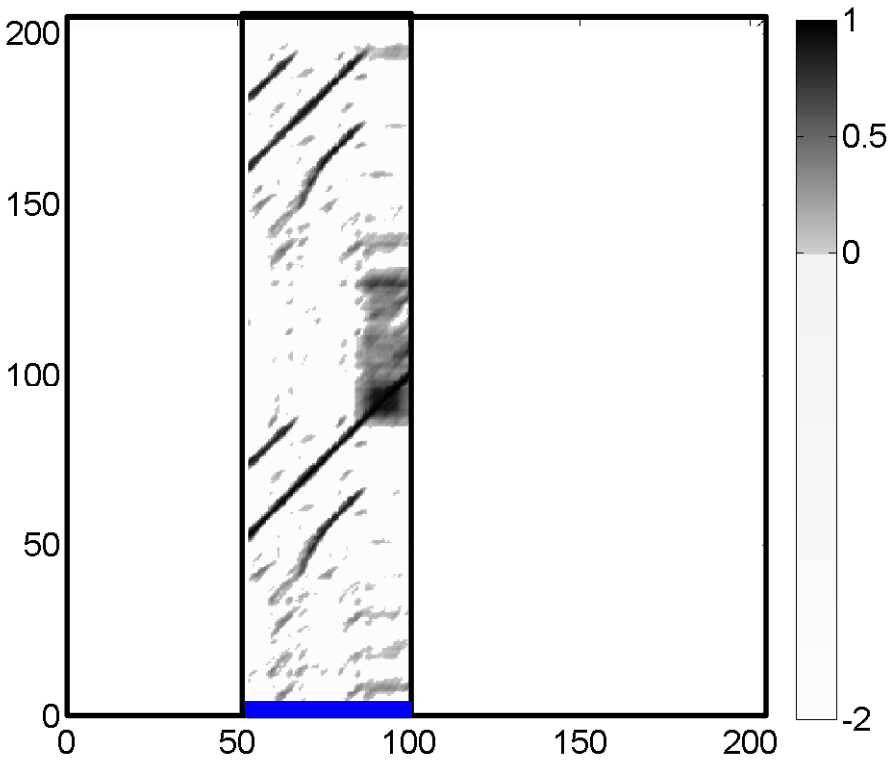
- A path family over a segment is a family of paths such that the induced segments do not overlap.

This is a path family!

(Even though not a good one)

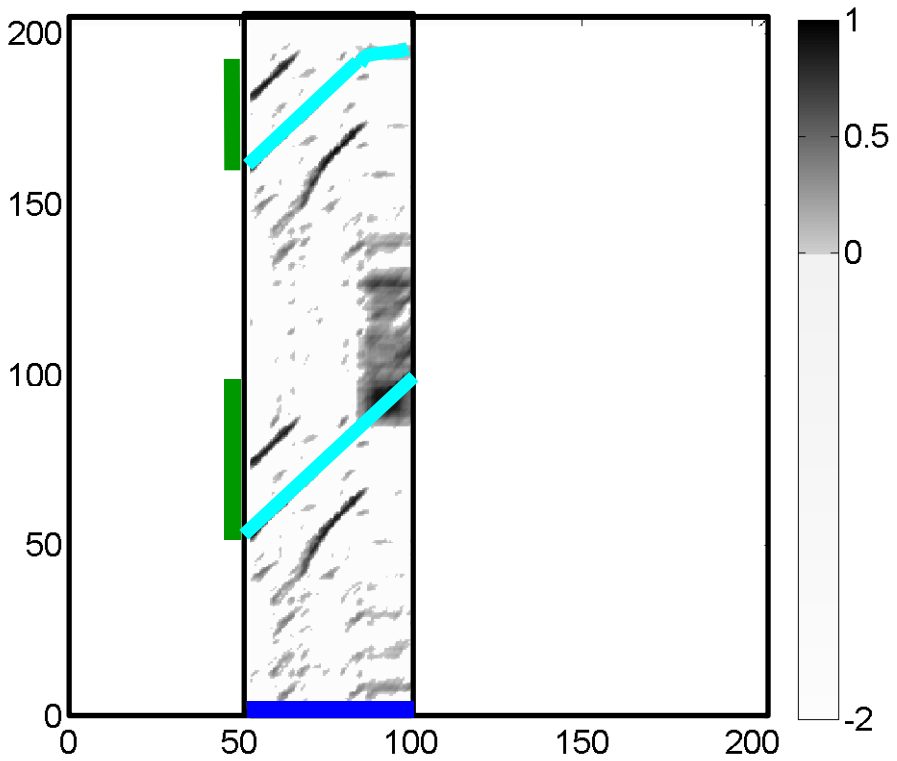
Fitness Measure



Optimal path family

- Consider a fixed segment

Fitness Measure



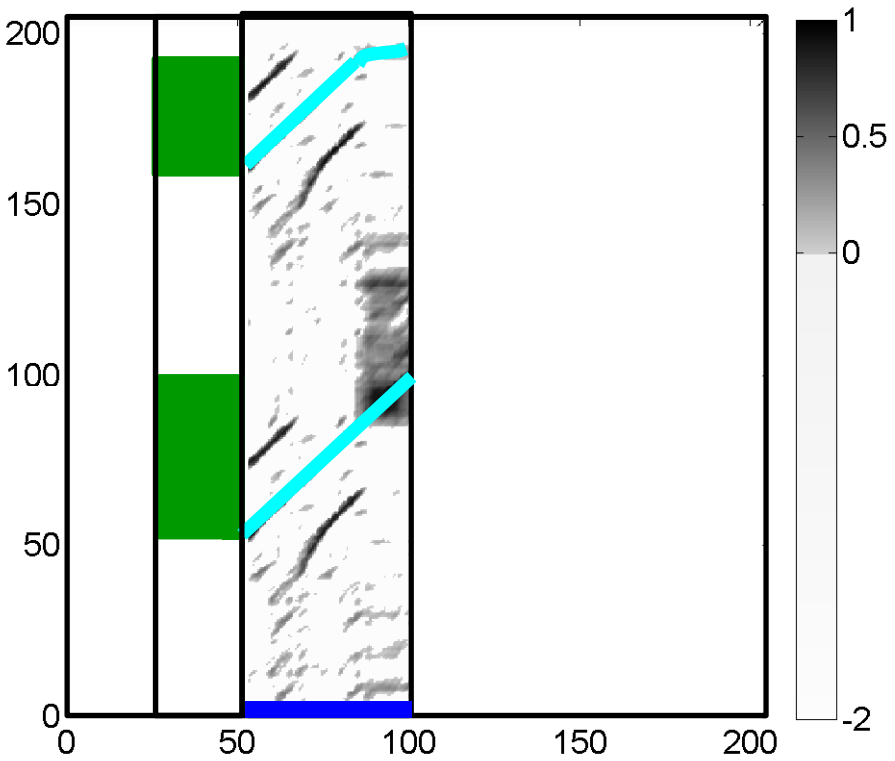
Optimal path family

- Consider a fixed segment
- Consider over the segment the optimal path family, i.e., the path family having maximal overall score.
- Call this value:

Score(segment)

Note: This optimal path family can be computed using dynamic programming.

Fitness Measure



Optimal path family

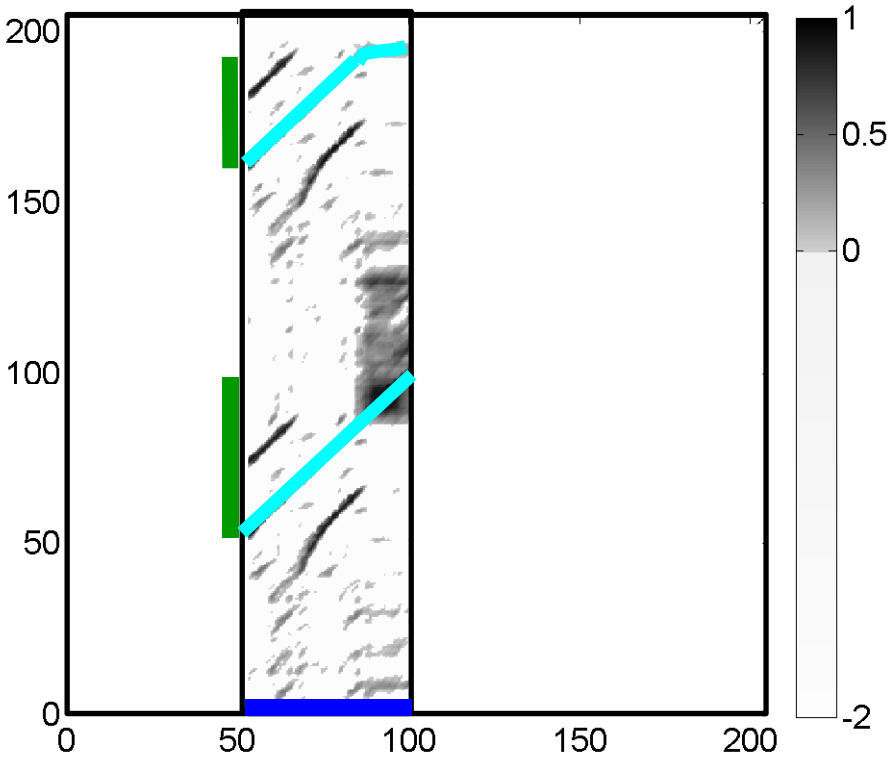
- Consider a fixed segment
- Consider over the segment the optimal path family, i.e., the path family having maximal overall score.
- Call this value:

  Score(segment)

- Furthermore consider the amount covered by the induced segments.
- Call this value:

  Coverage(segment)

Fitness Measure



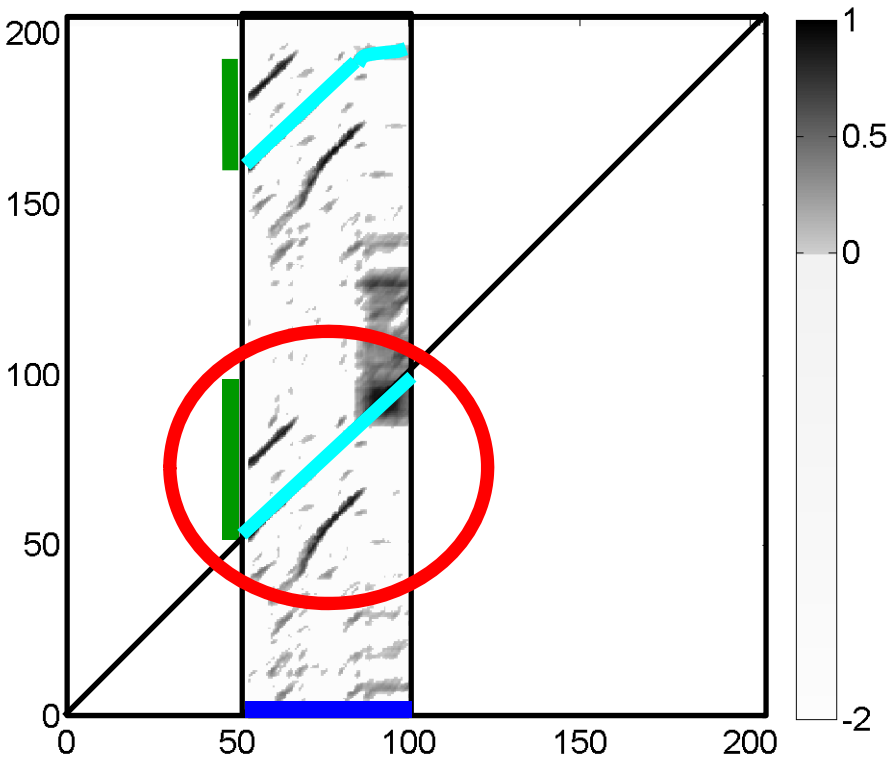
P := Score(segment)

R := Coverage(segment)

Fitness

- Consider a fixed segment

Fitness Measure



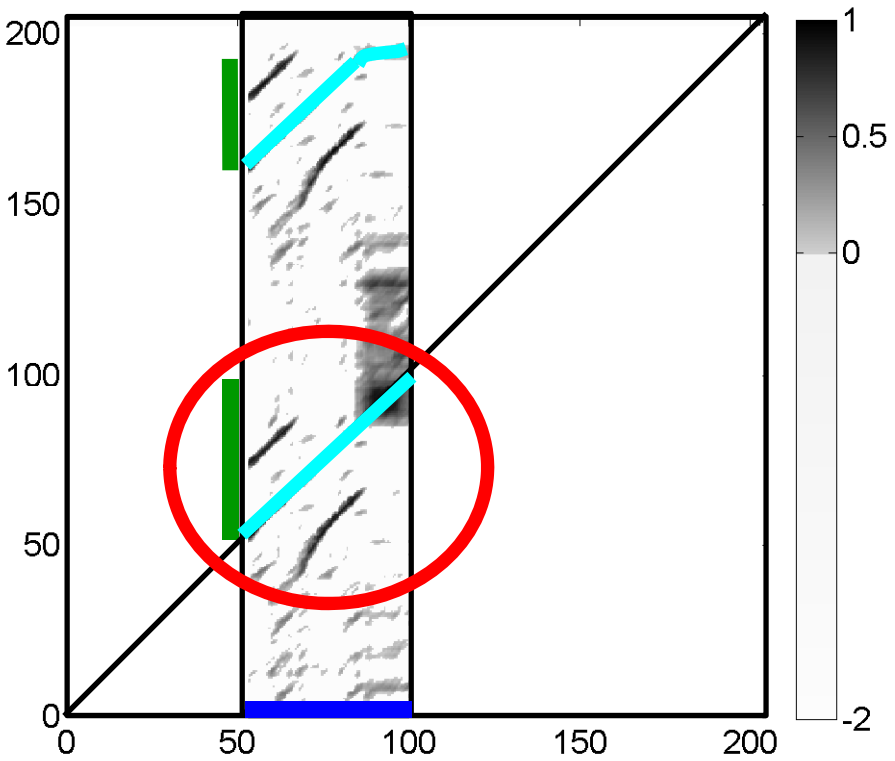
P := Score(segment)

R := Coverage(segment)

Fitness

- Consider a fixed segment
- Self-explanation are trivial!

Fitness Measure



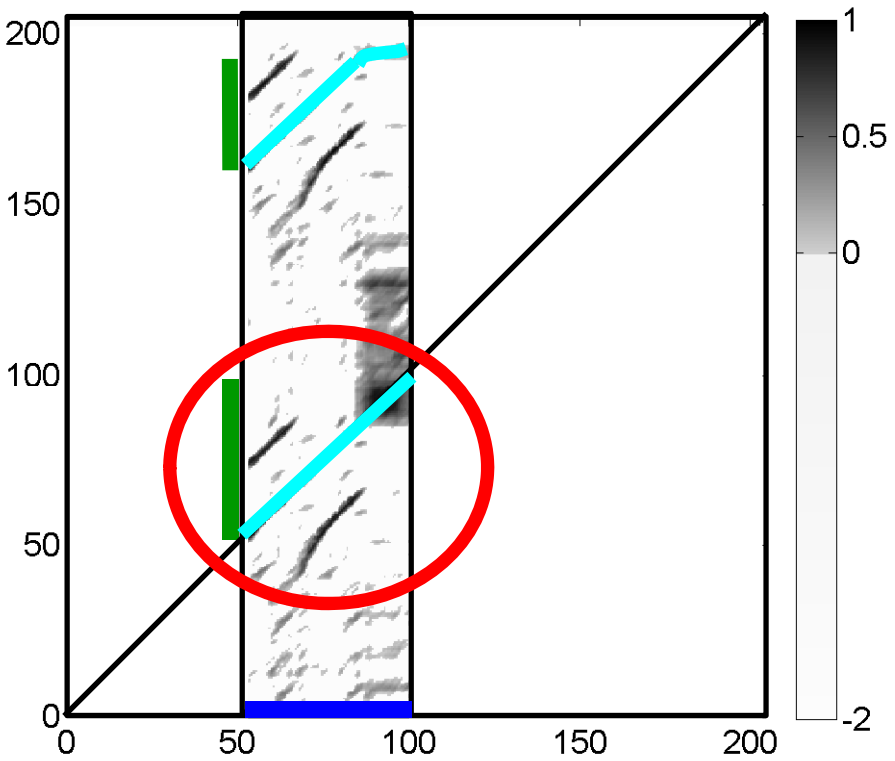
Fitness

- Consider a fixed segment
- Self-explanation are trivial!
- Subtract length of segment

P := Score(segment) - length(segment)

R := Coverage(segment) - length(segment)

Fitness Measure



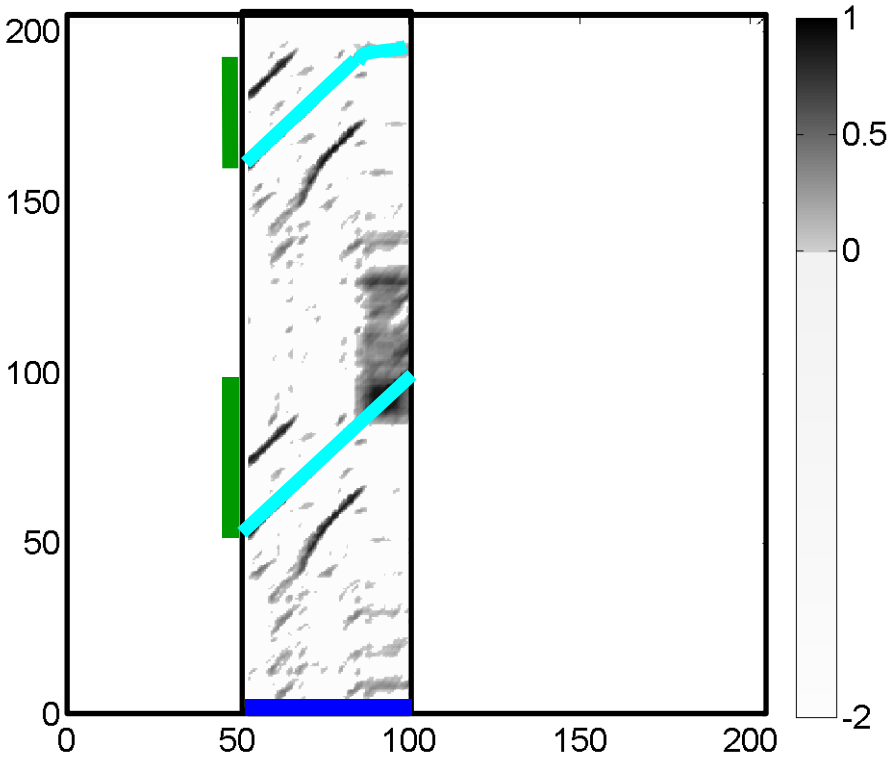
Fitness

- Consider a fixed segment
- Self-explanation are trivial!
- Subtract length of segment
- Normalization

P := Normalize(Score(segment) - length(segment)) $\in [0,1]$

R := Normalize(Coverage(segment) - length(segment)) $\in [0,1]$

Fitness Measure



Fitness

- Consider a fixed segment

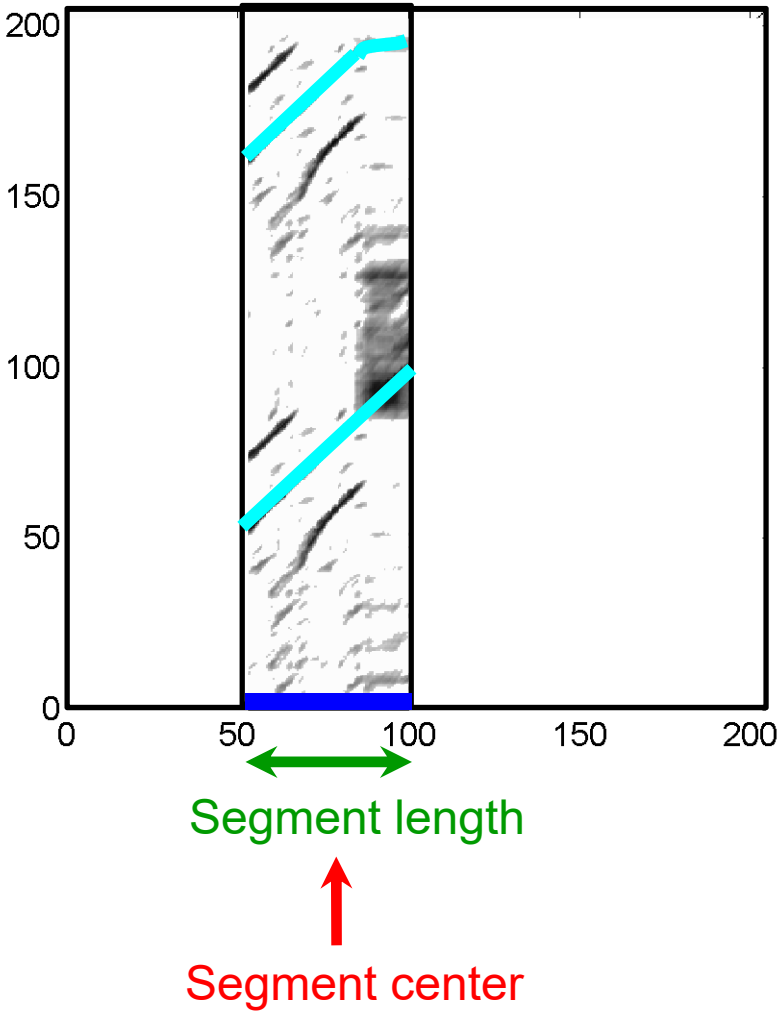
Fitness(segment)

F := 2 • P • R / (P + R)

P := Normalize(Score(segment) - length(segment)) $\in [0,1]$

R := Normalize(Coverage(segment) - length(segment)) $\in [0,1]$

Thumbnail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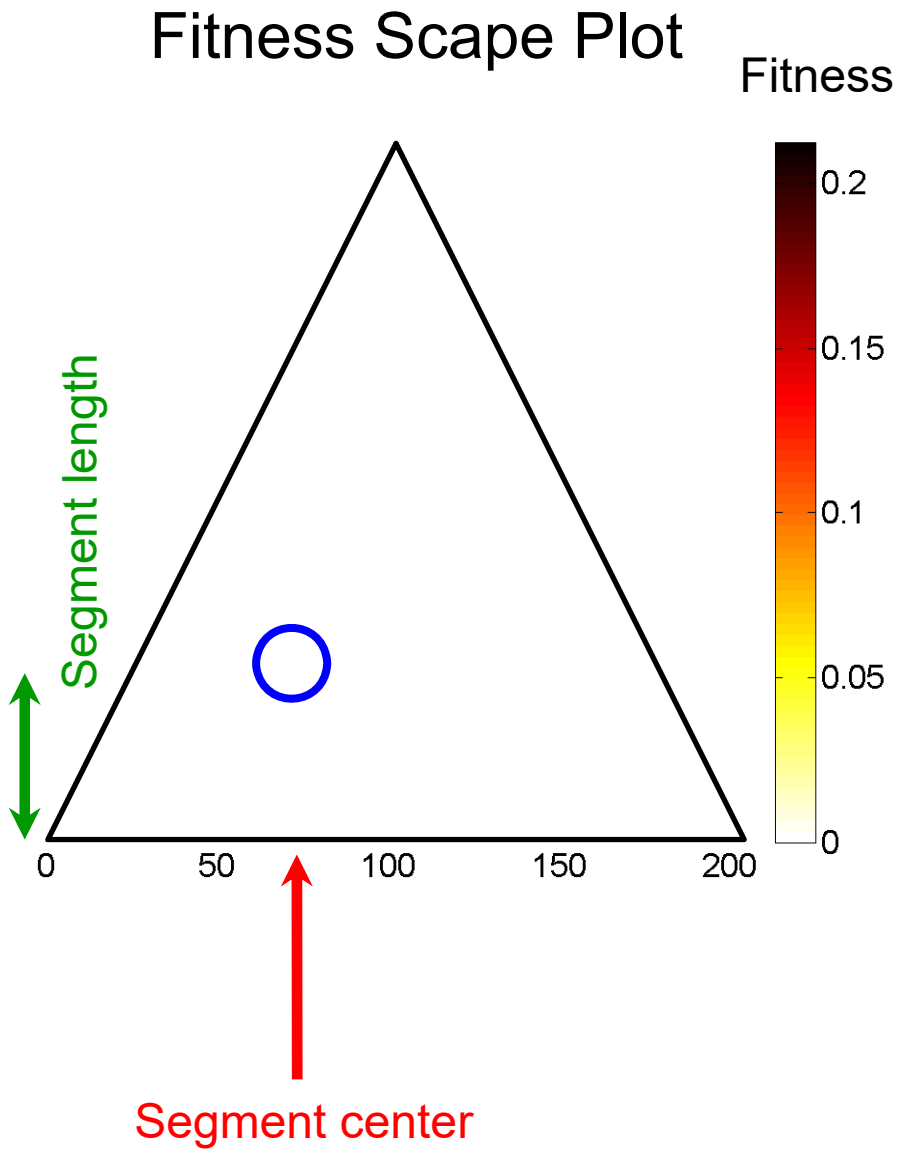
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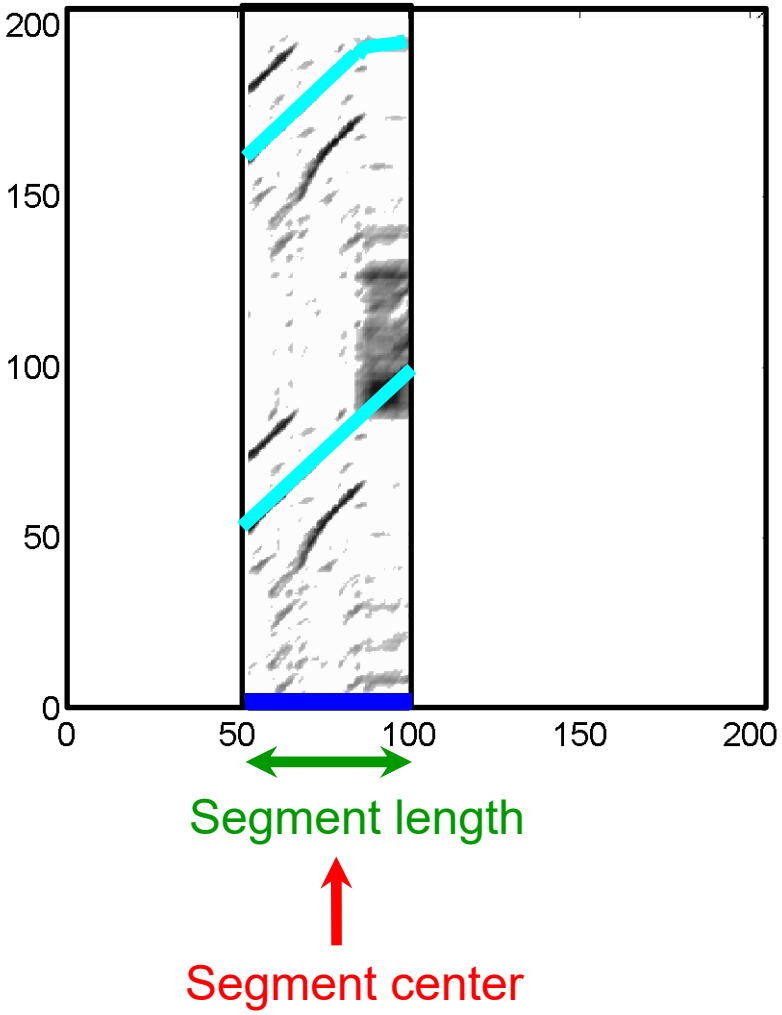
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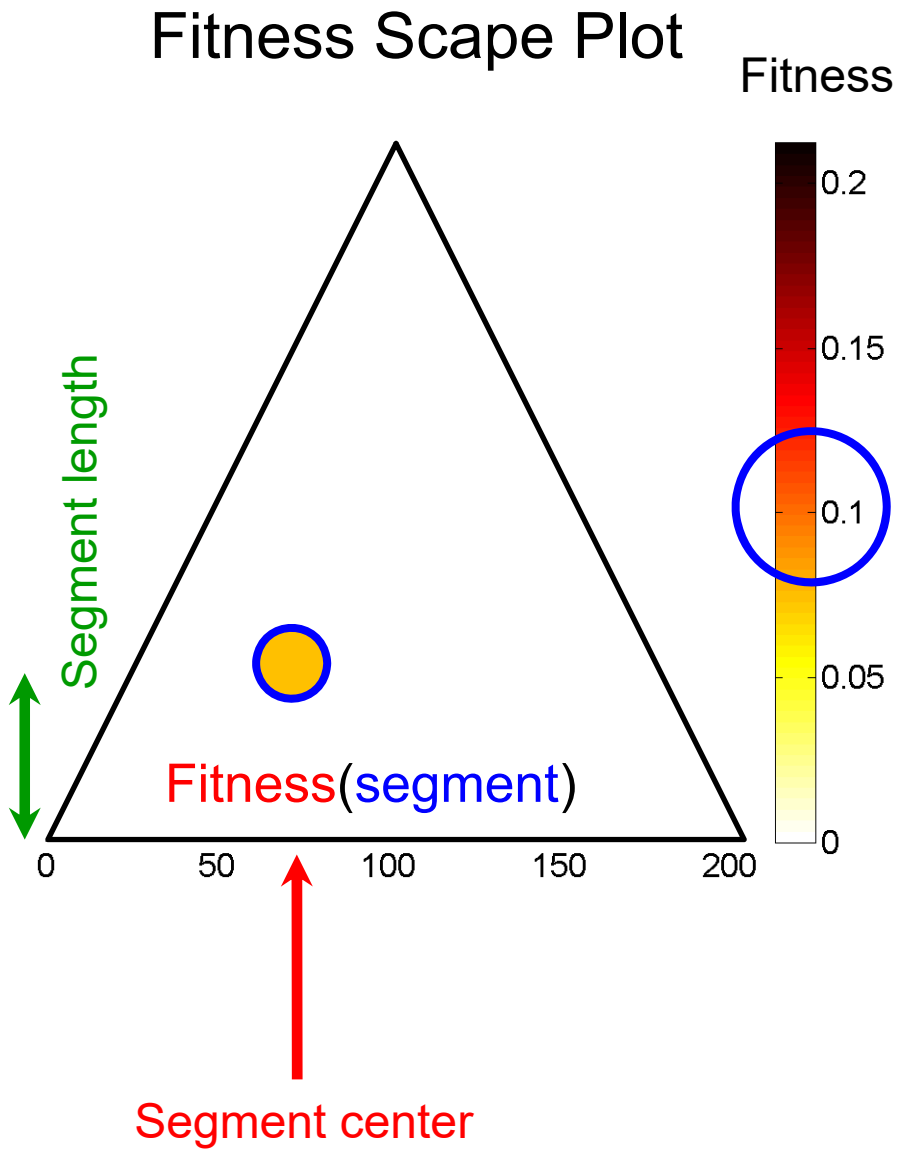
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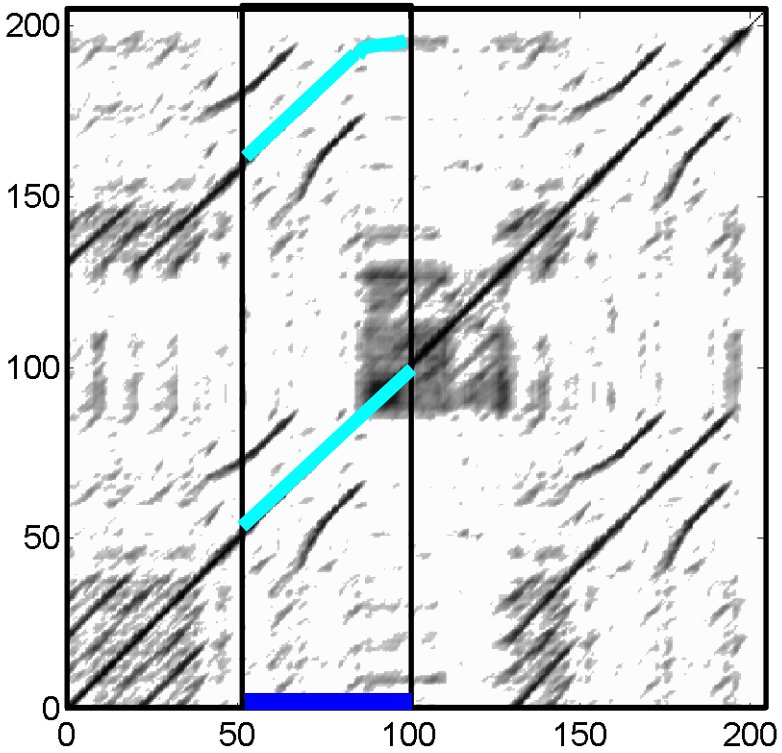
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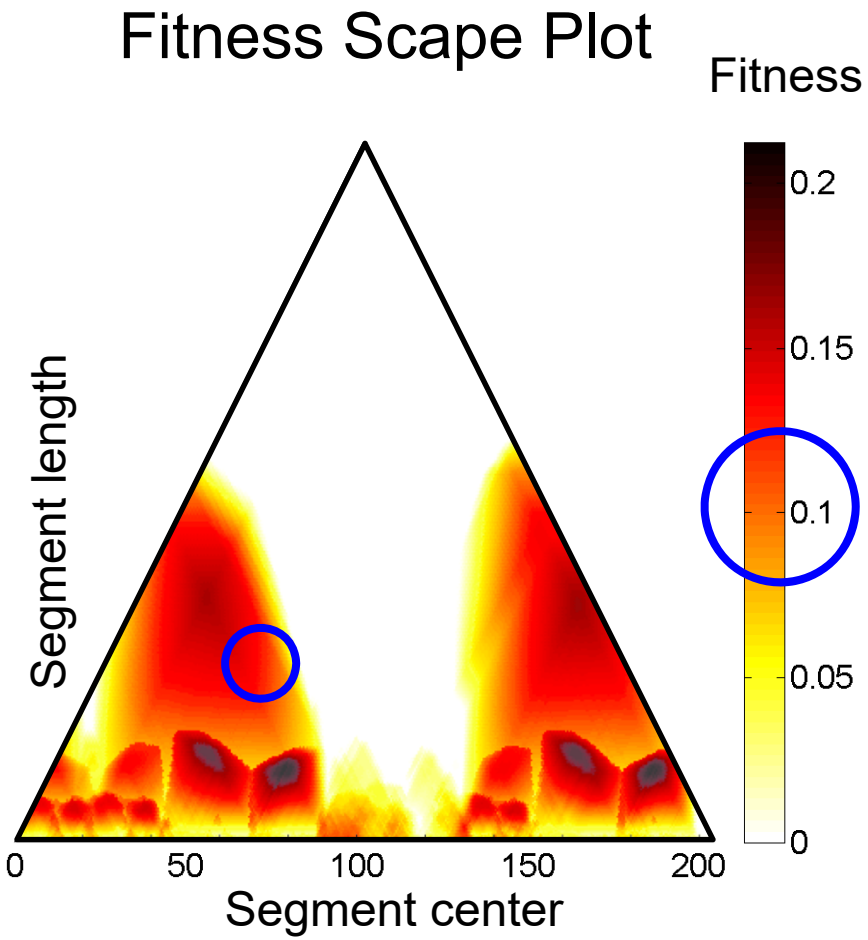
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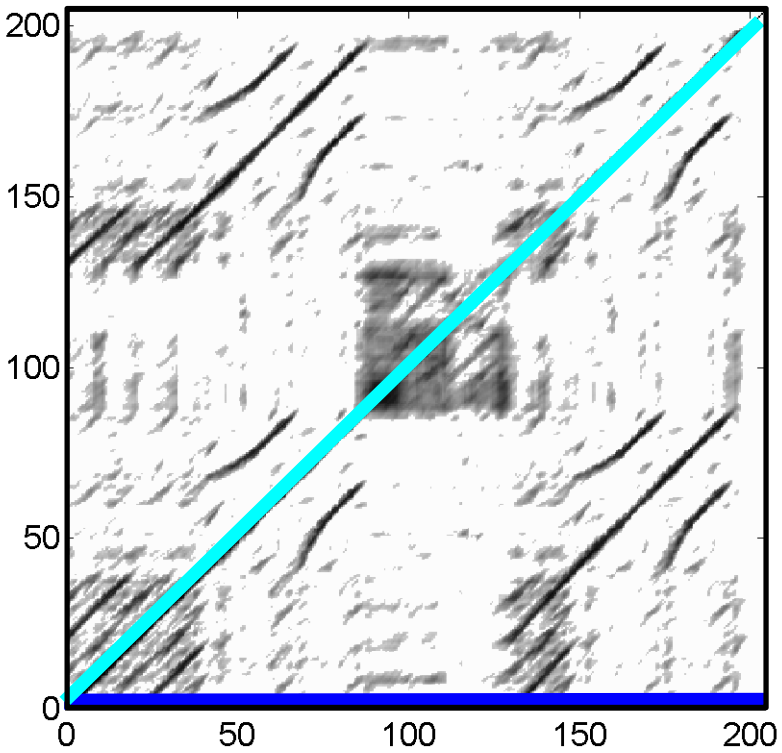

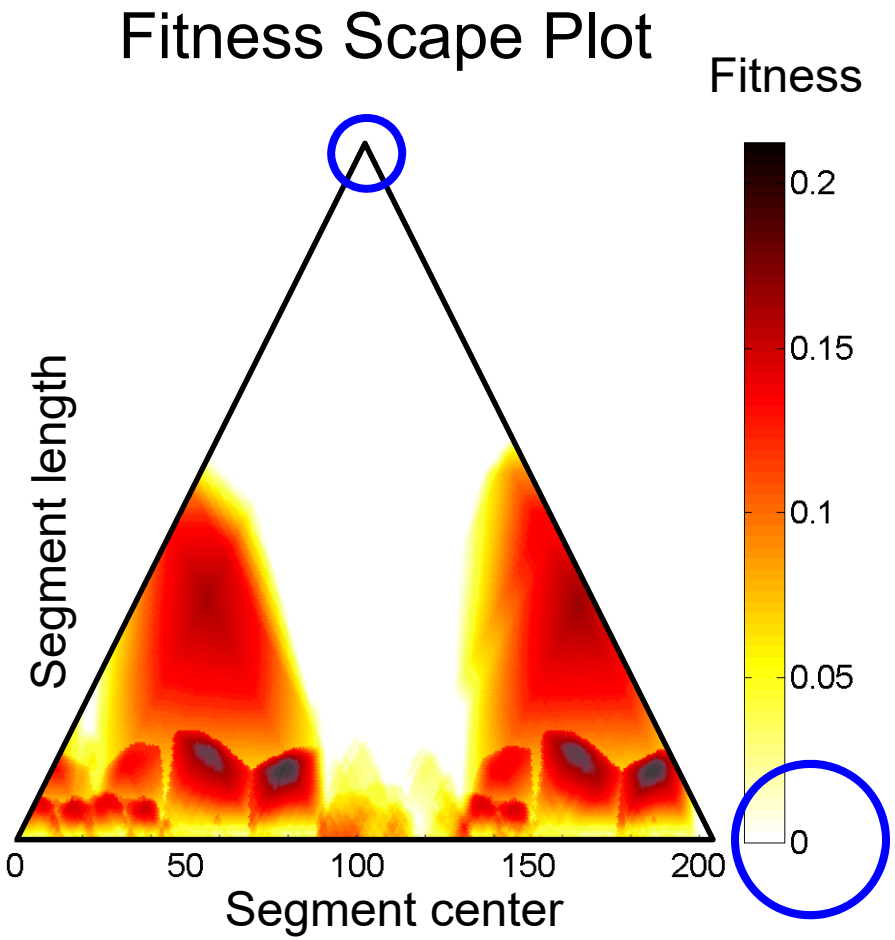

Note: Self-explanations are ignored → fitness is zero

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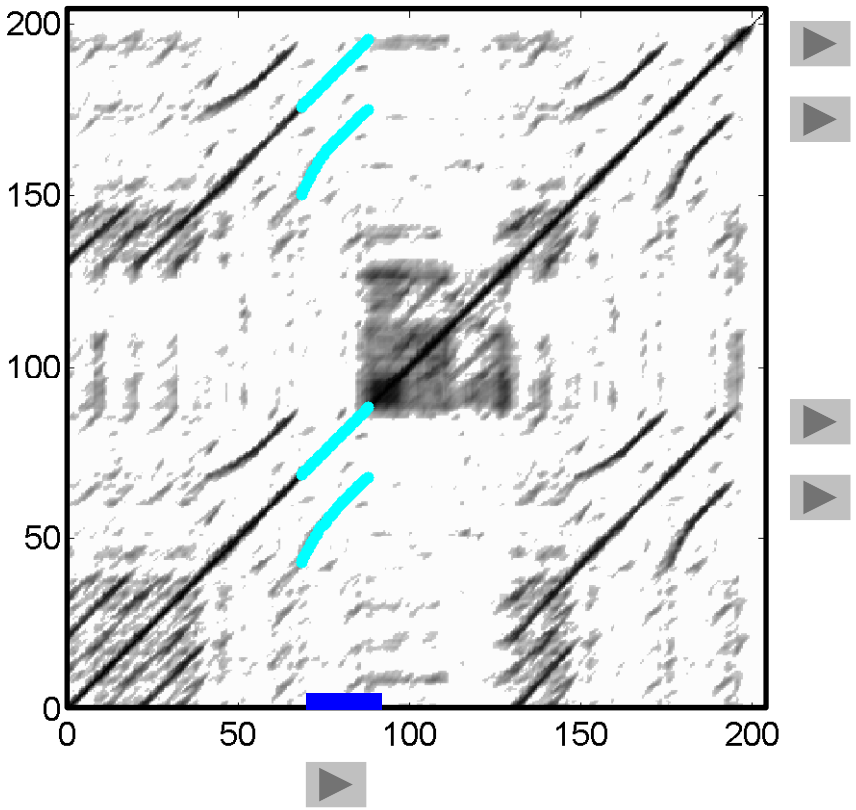

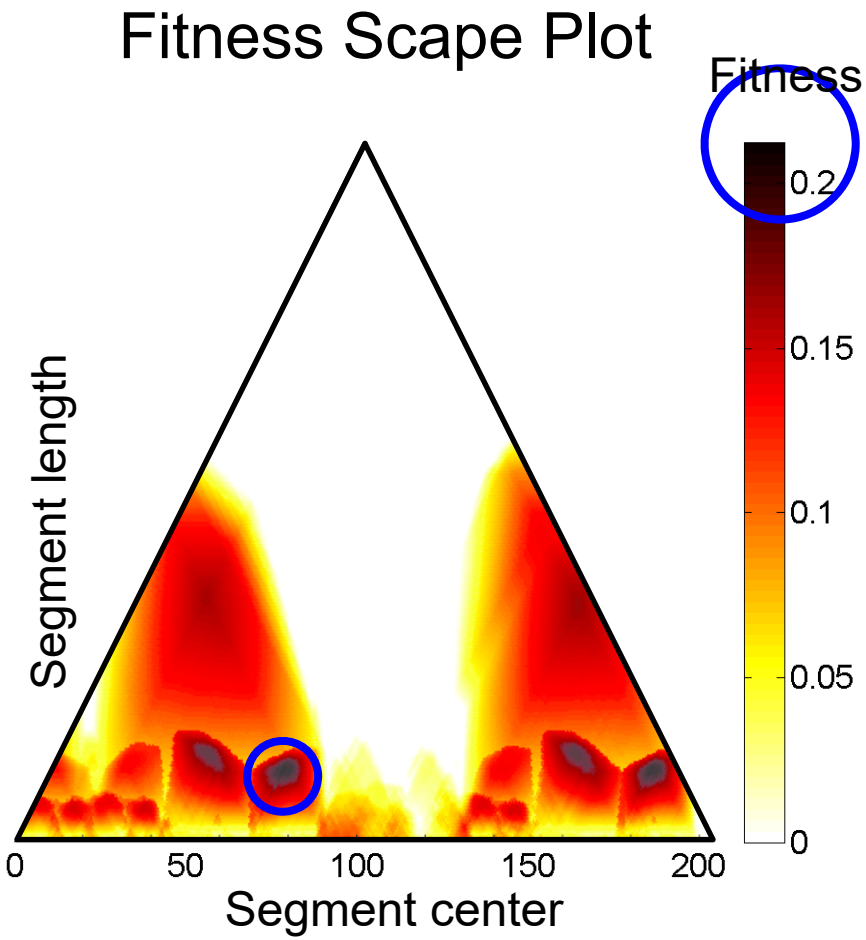

Thumbnail := segment having the highest fitness

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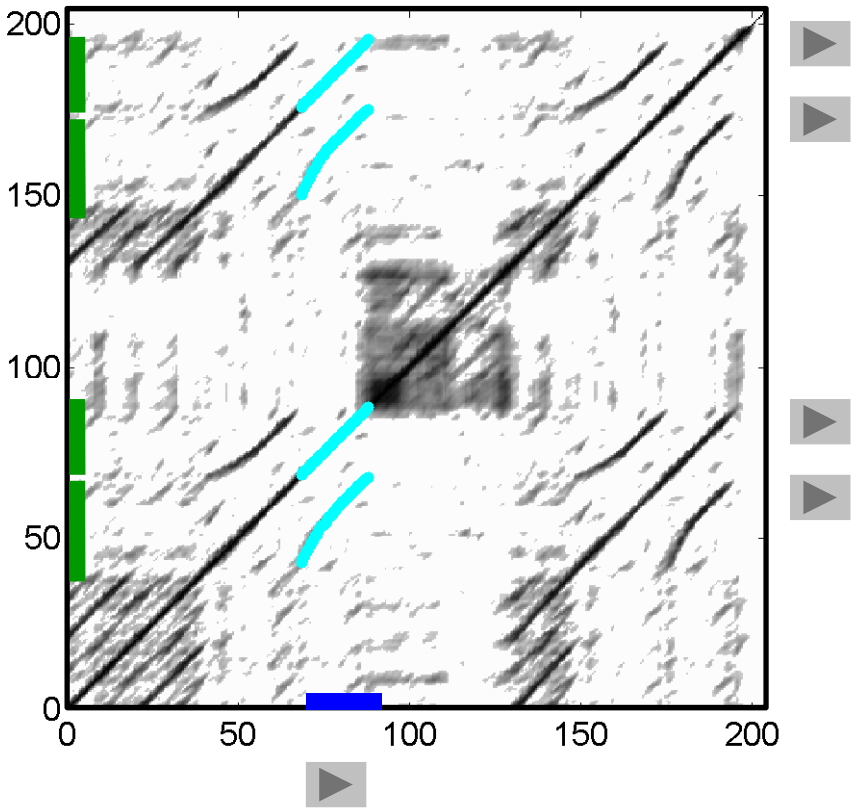

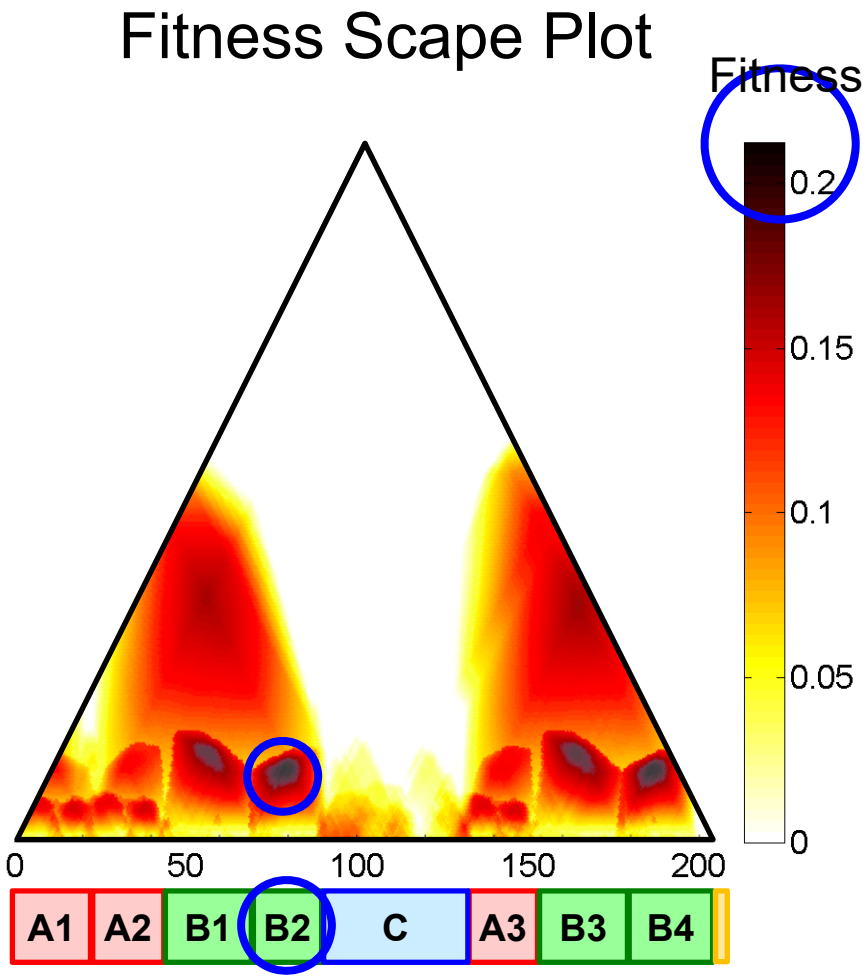

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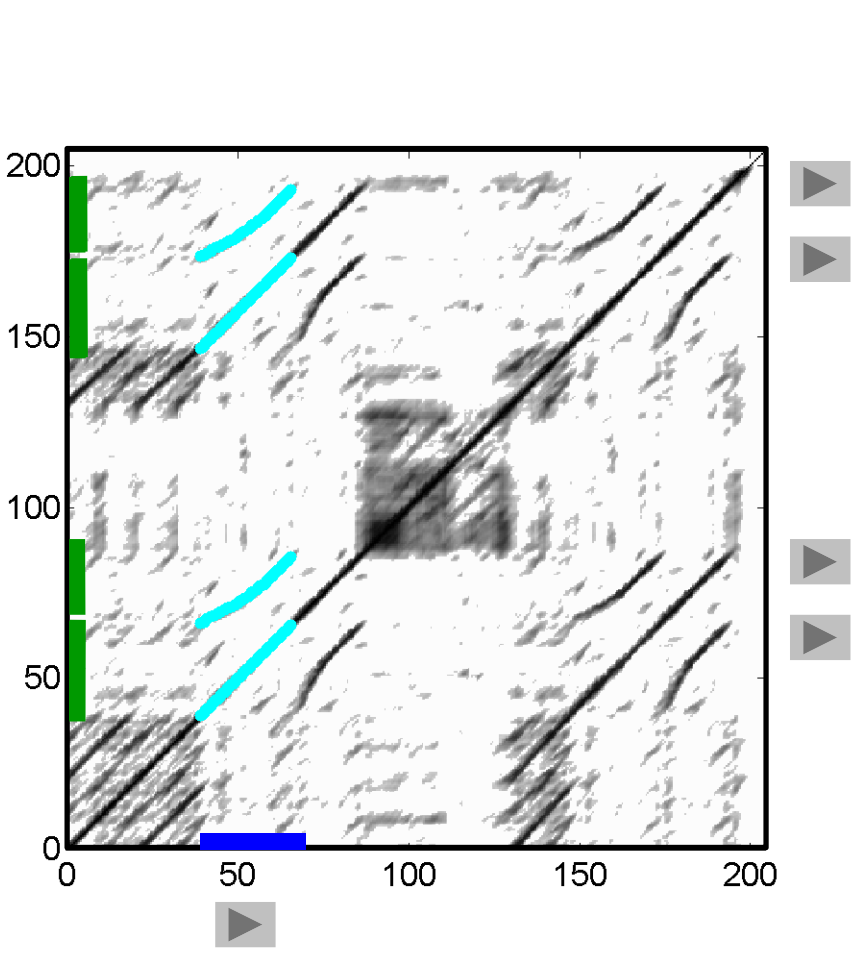

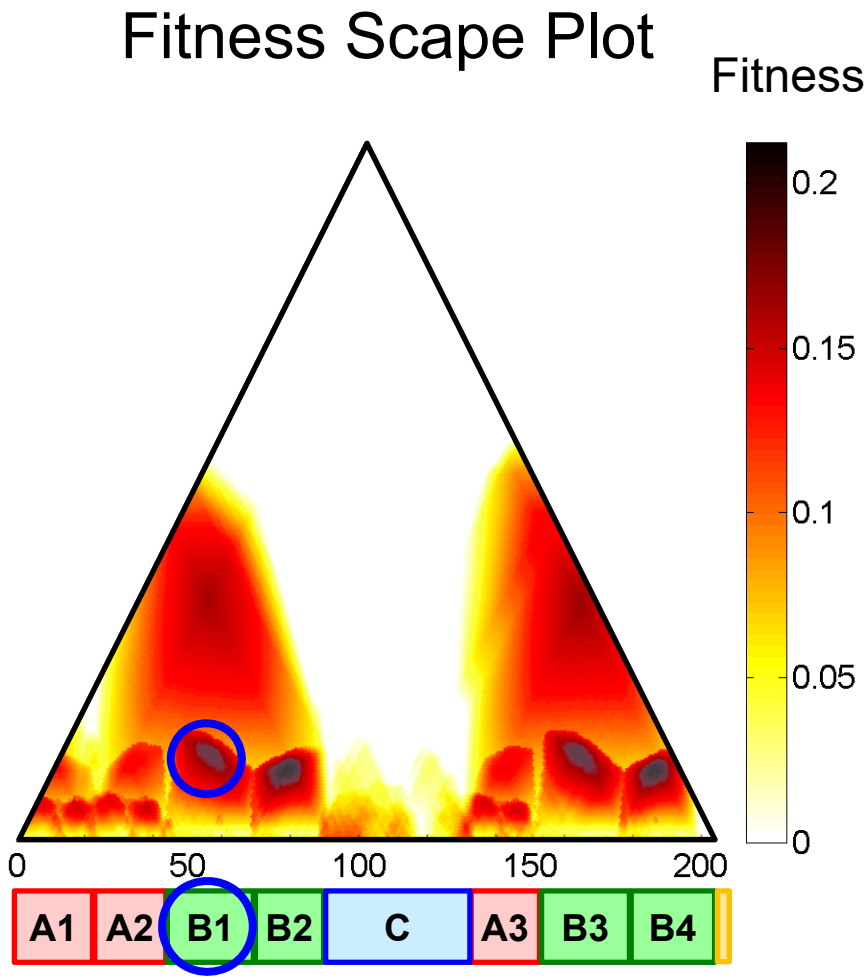

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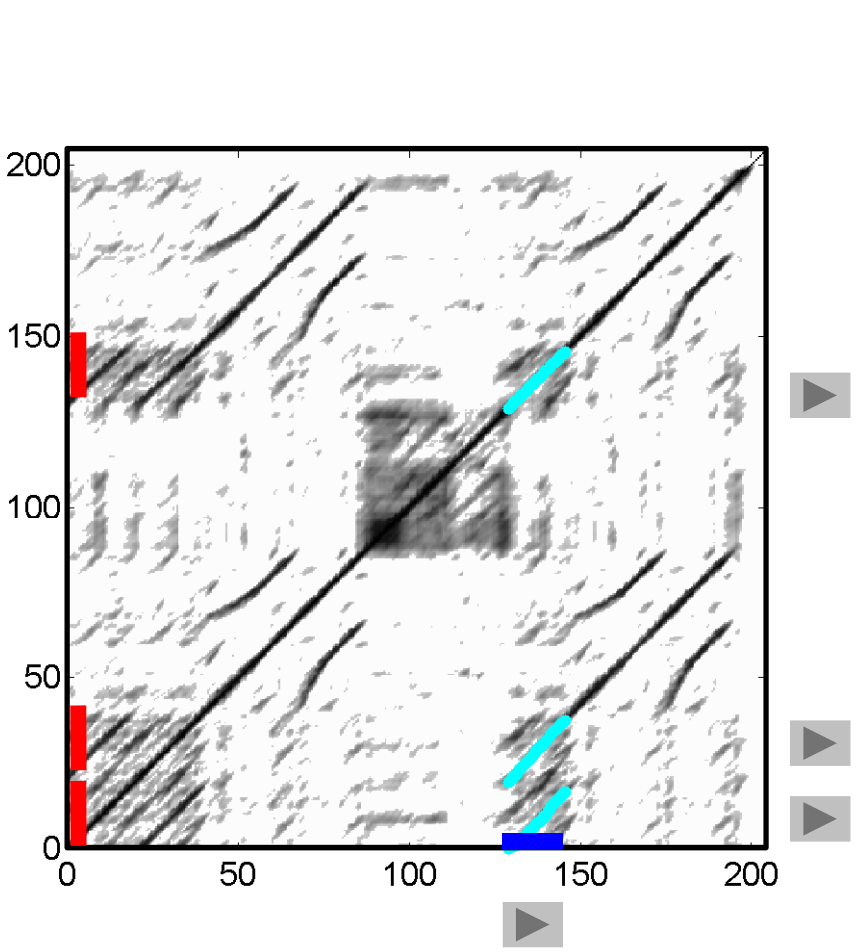

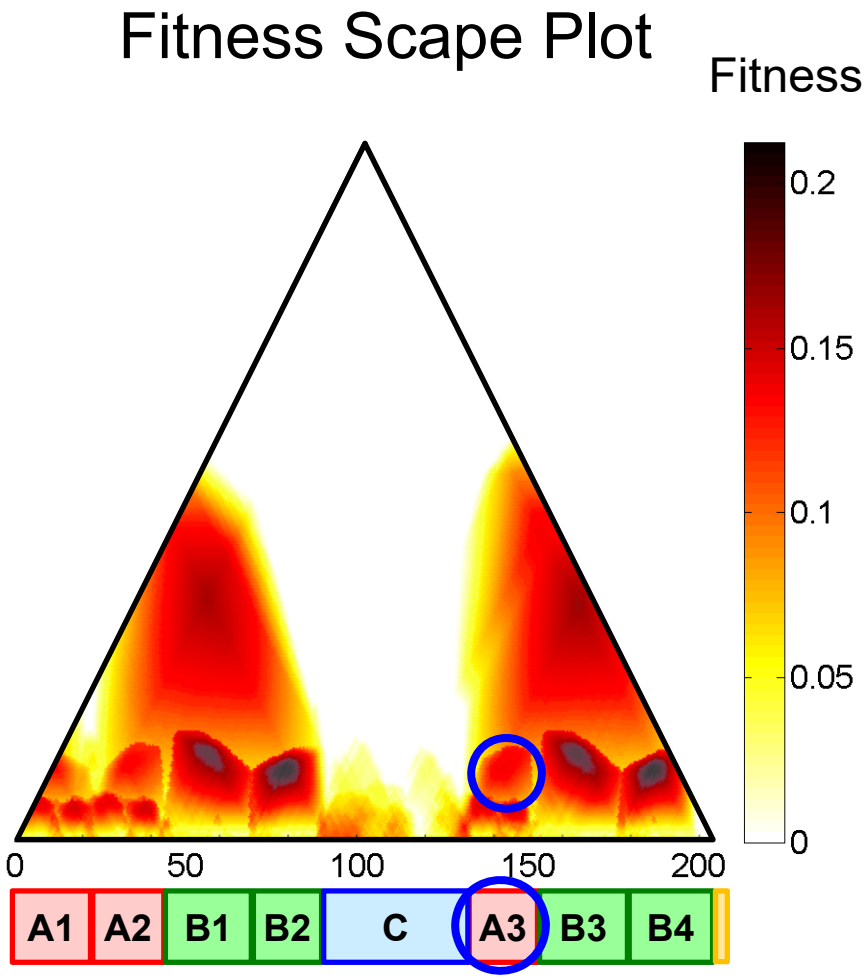

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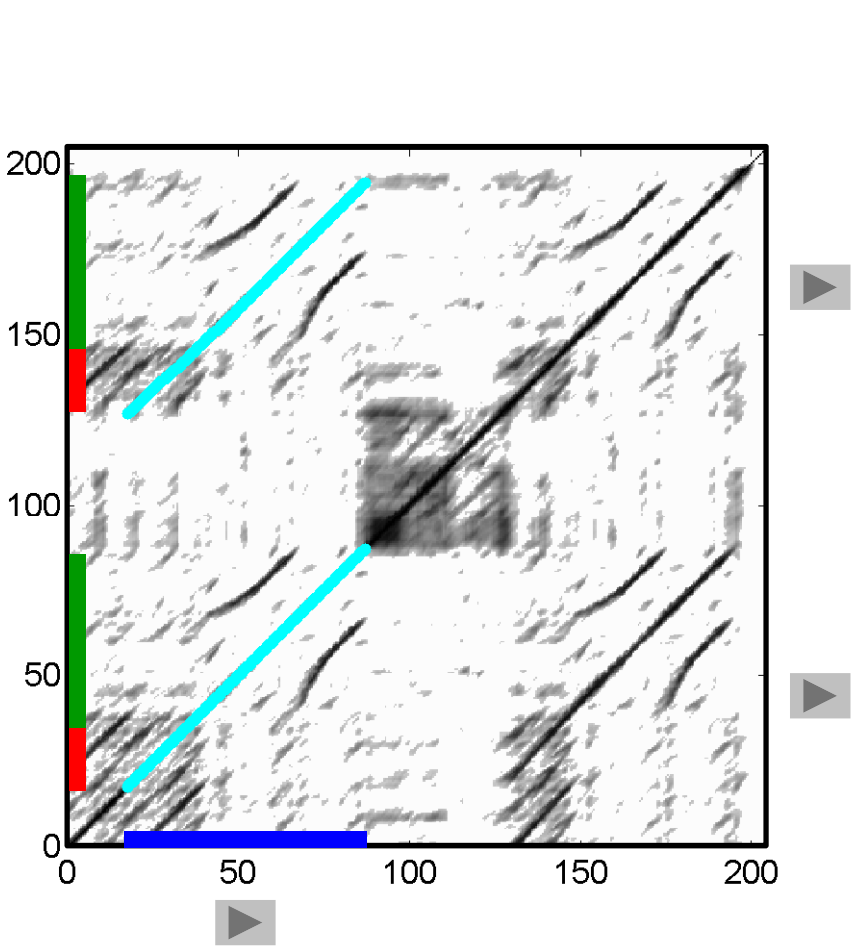

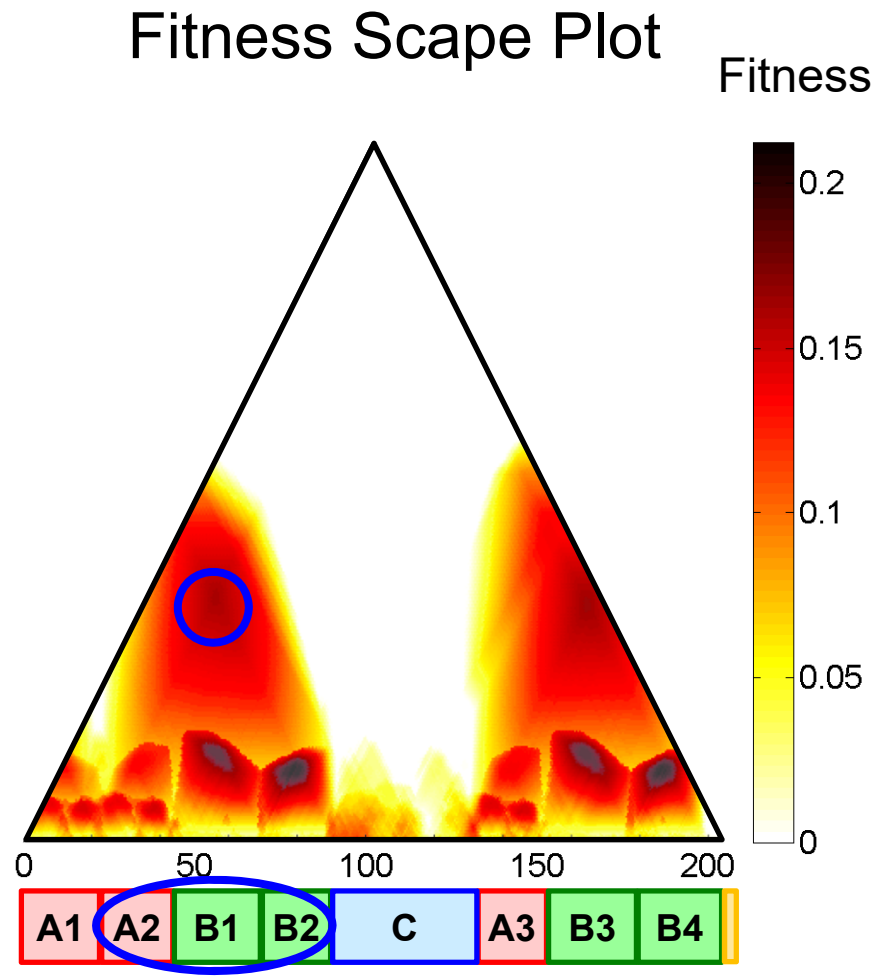

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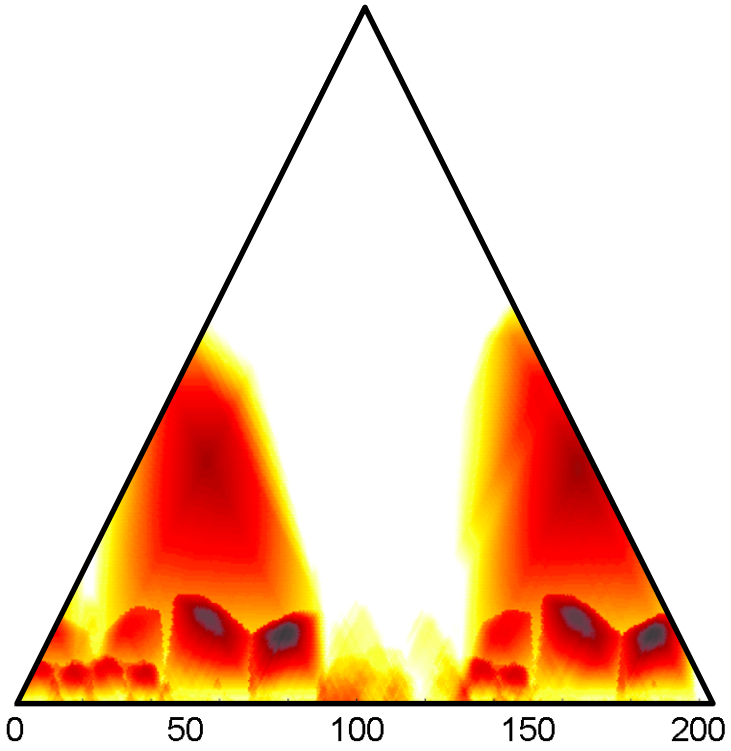

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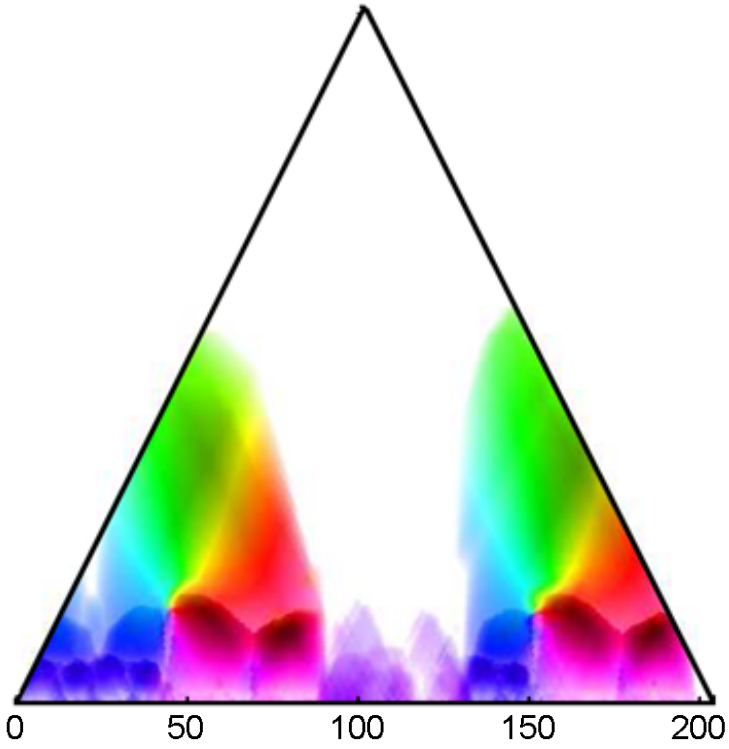

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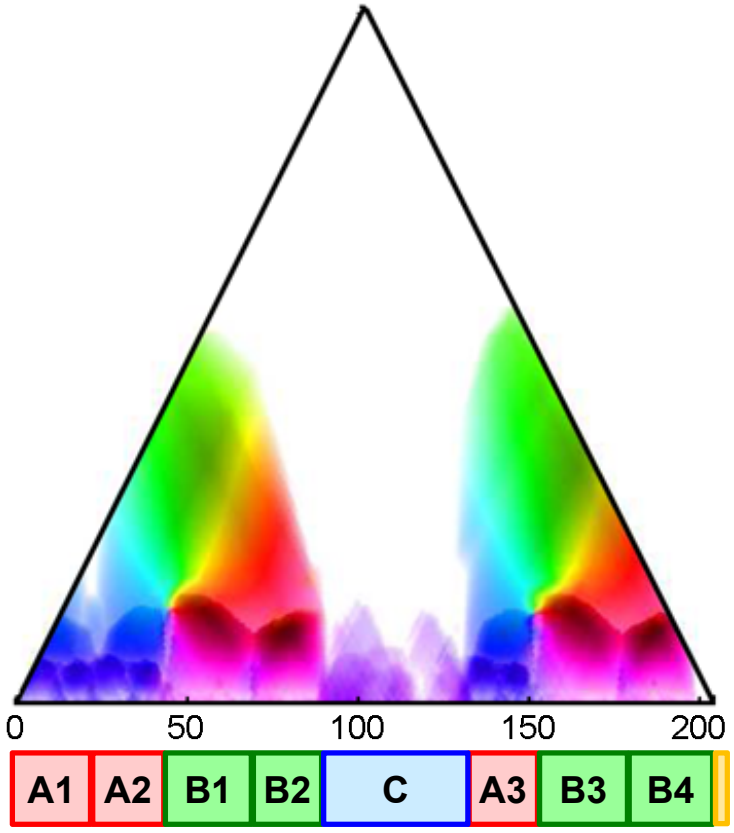

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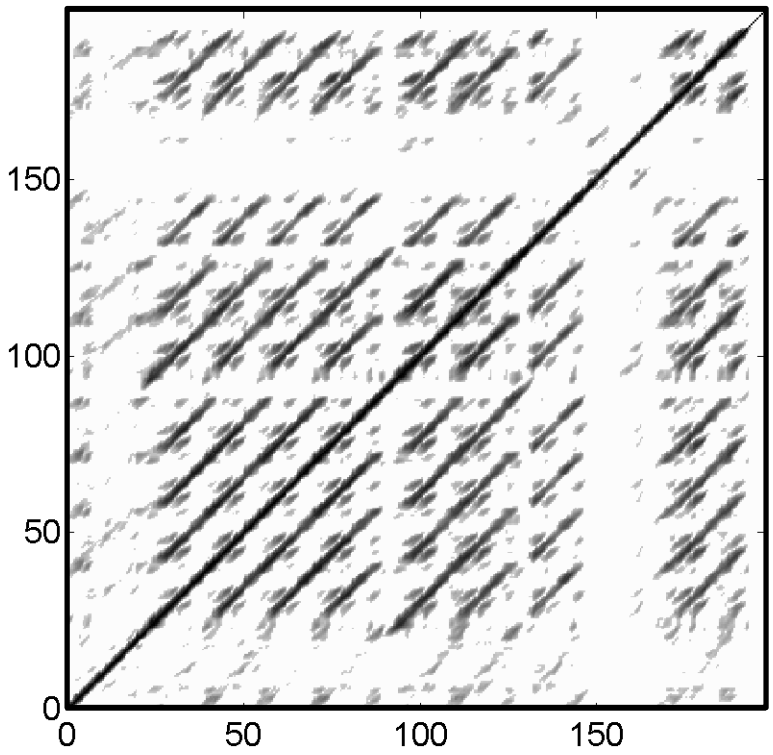

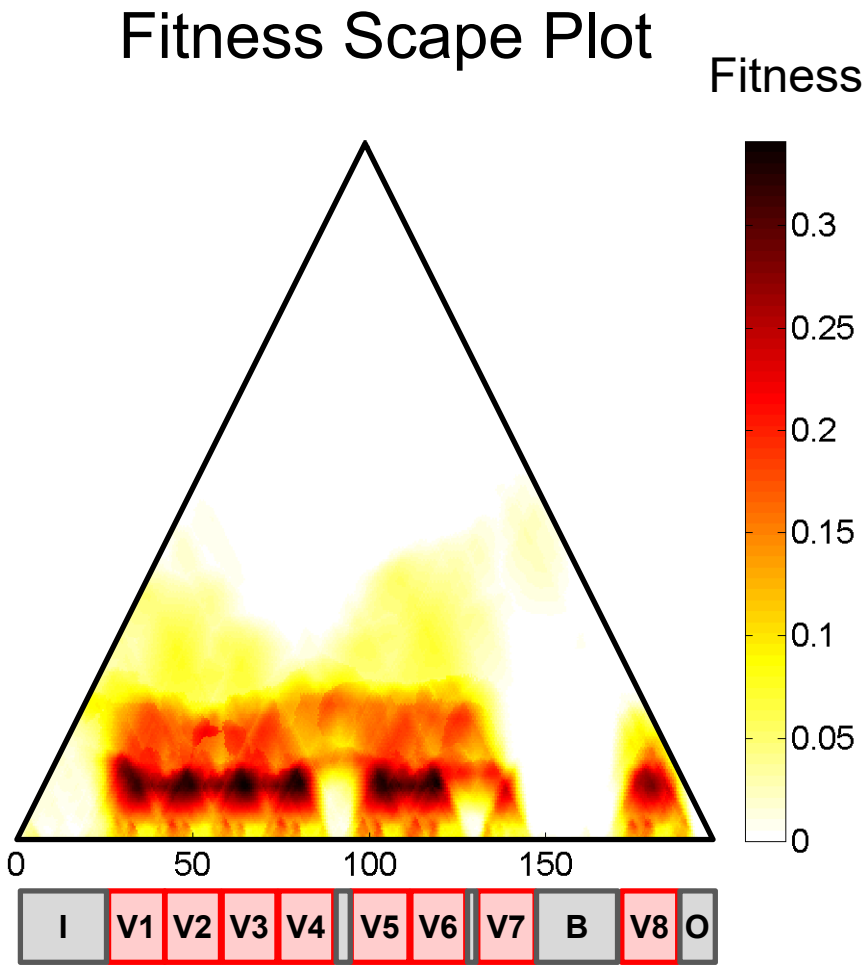

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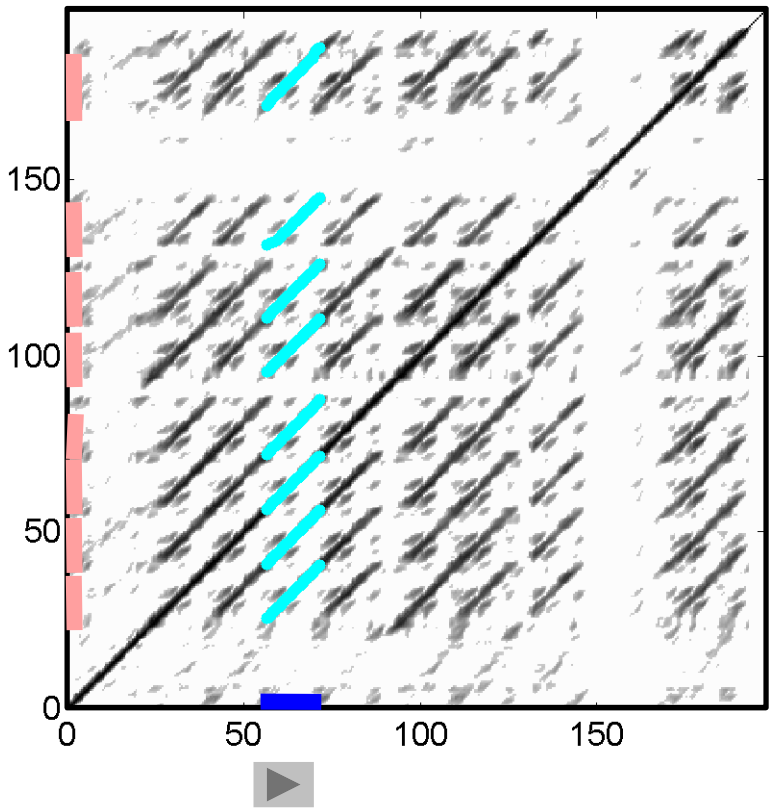

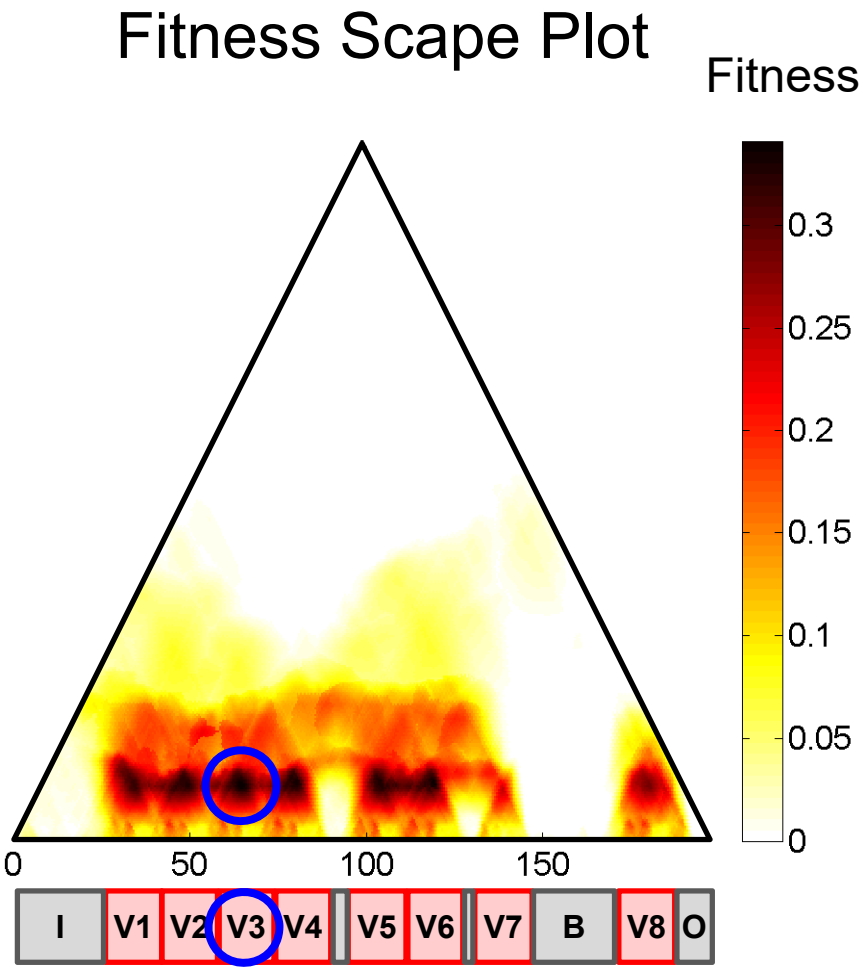

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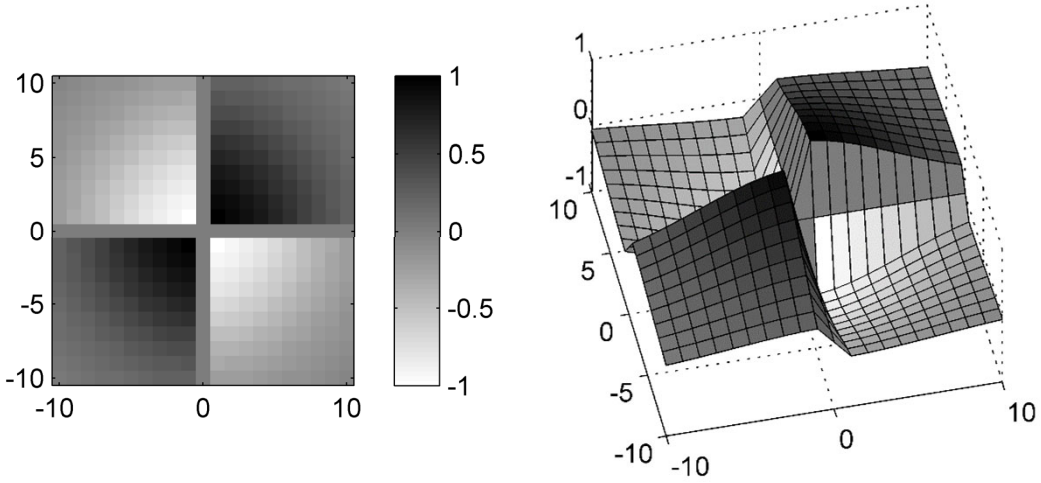
Novelty-based Segmentation

General goals:

- Find instances where musical changes occur.
- Find transition between subsequent musical parts.

Idea (Foote):

Use checkerboard-like kernel function to detect corner points on main diagonal of SSM.



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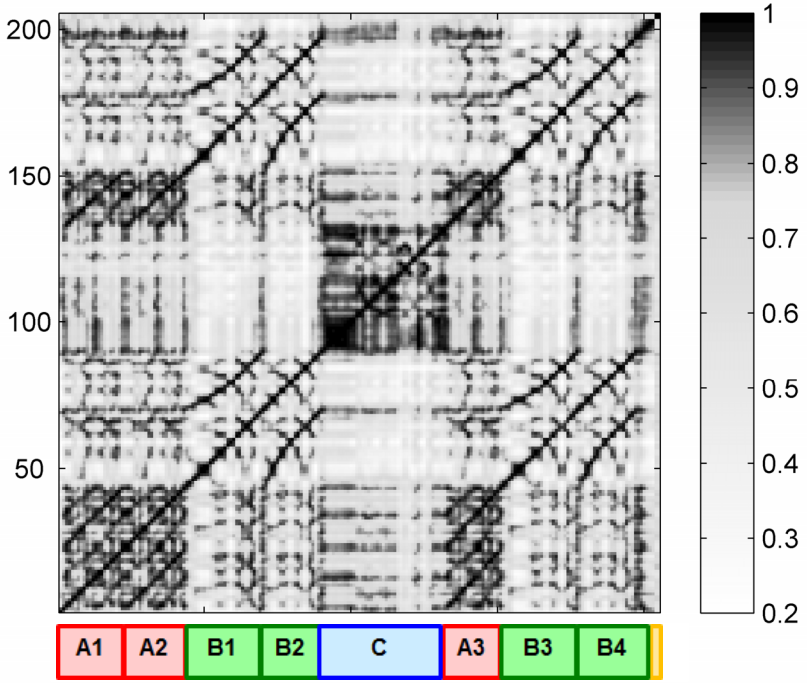

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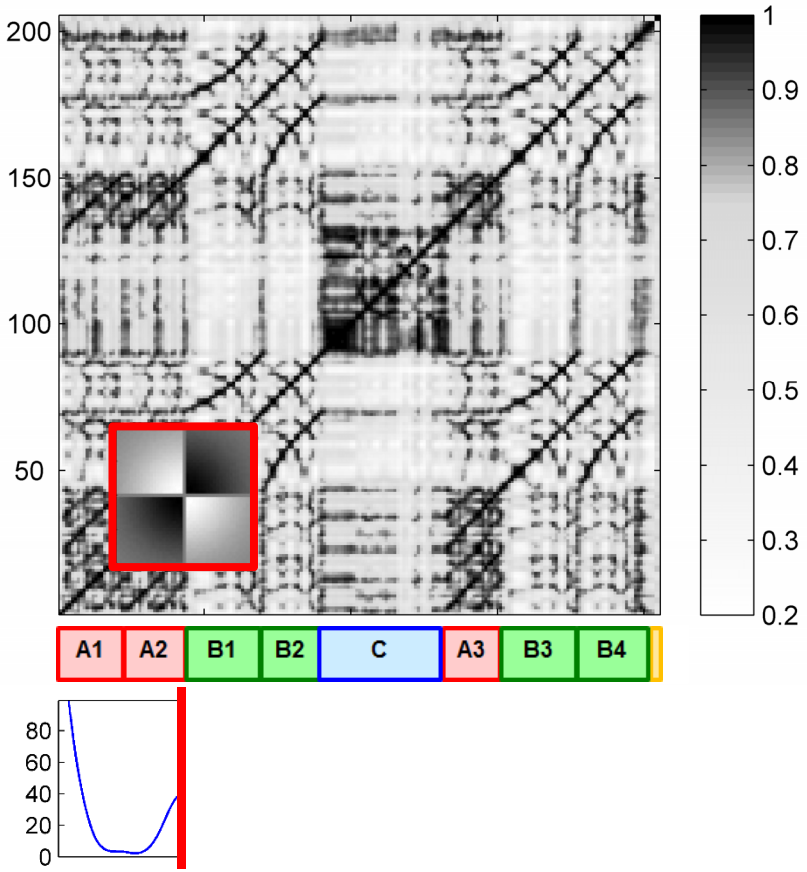

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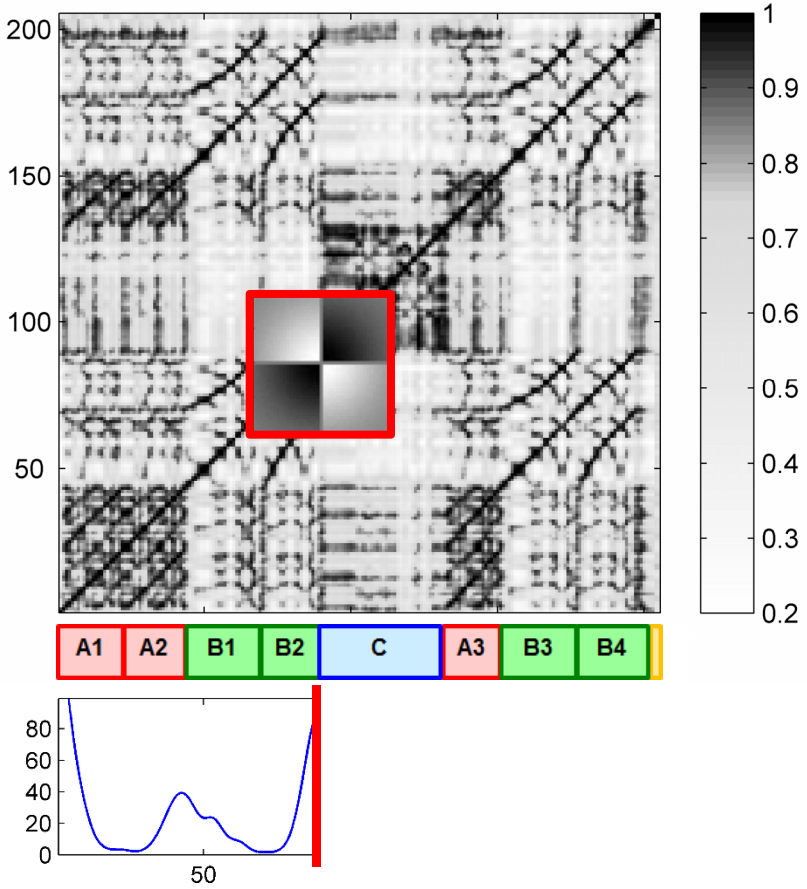

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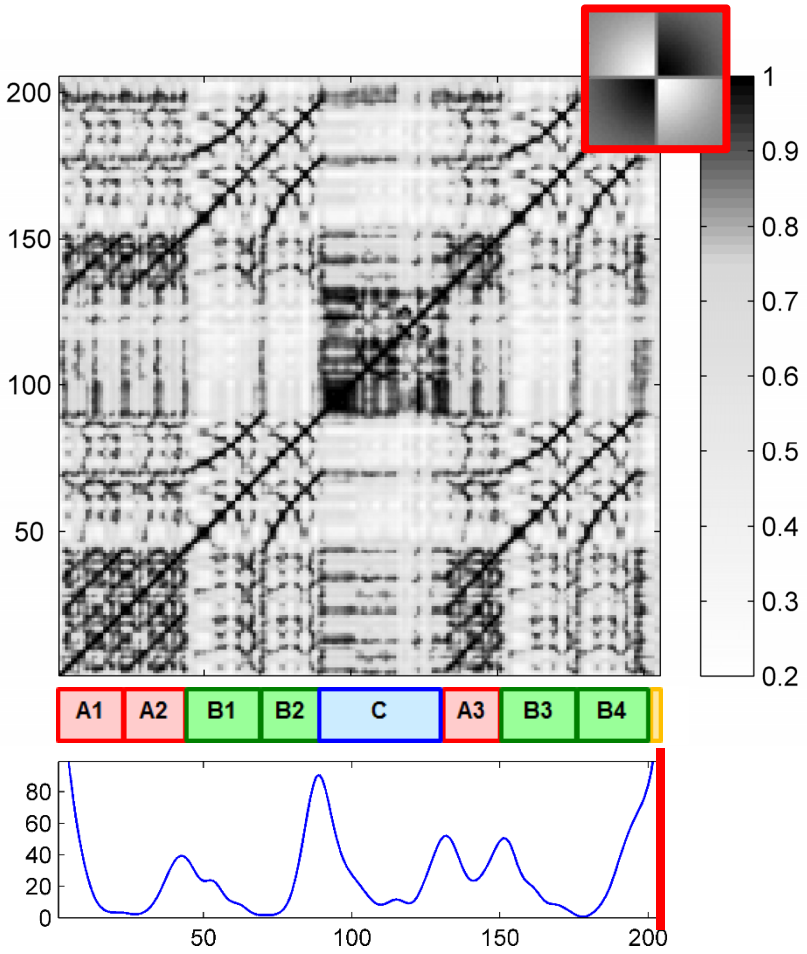

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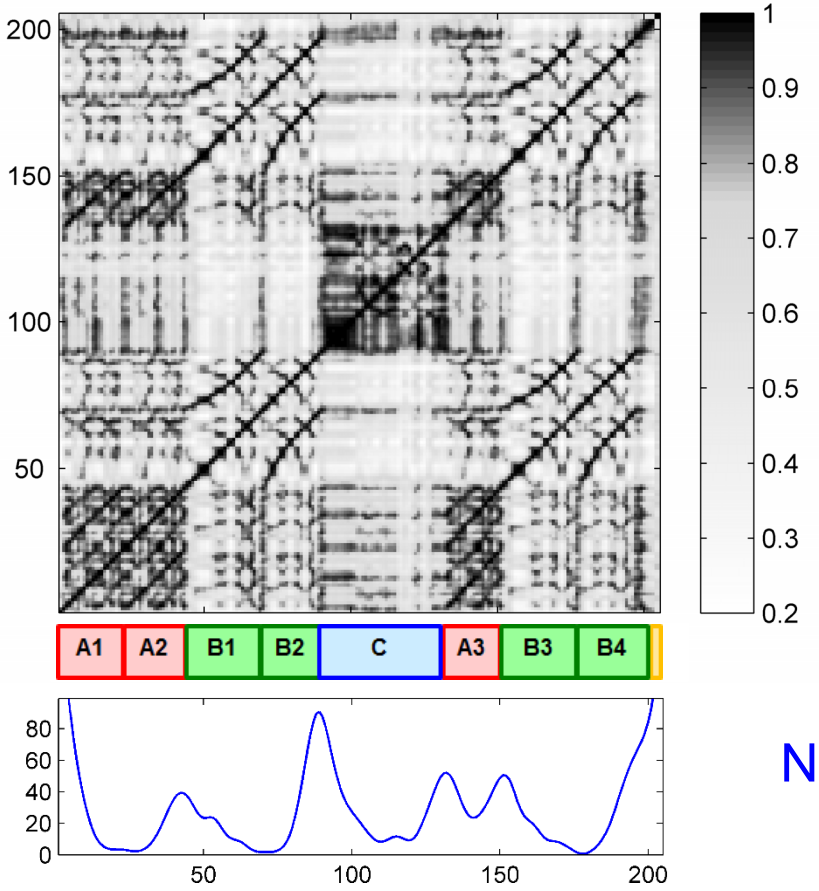

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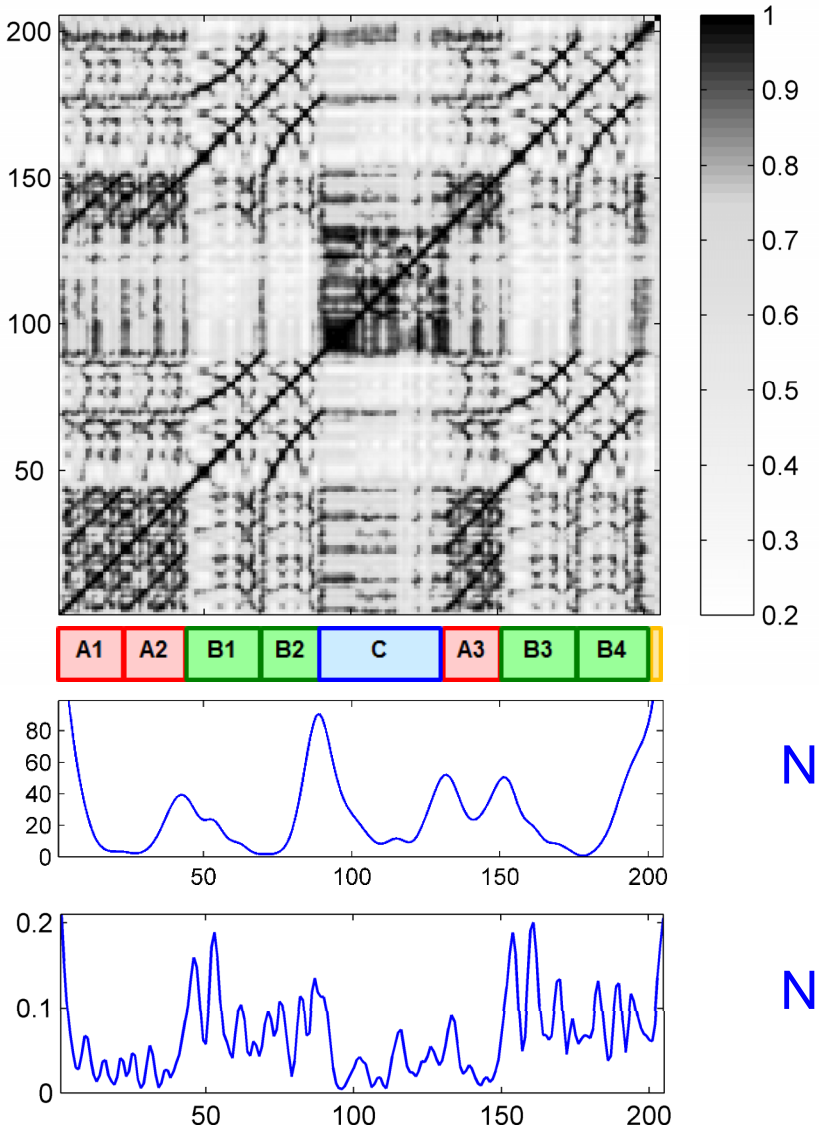

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Idea:

- Find instances where structural changes occur.
- Combine global and local aspects within a unifying framework

Structure features

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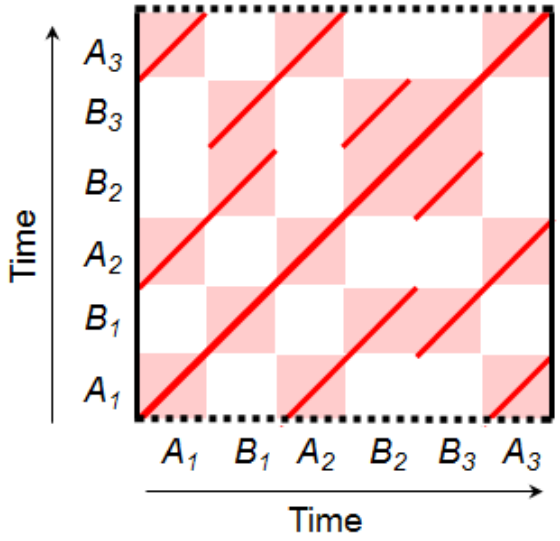

Structure features

- Enhanced SSM

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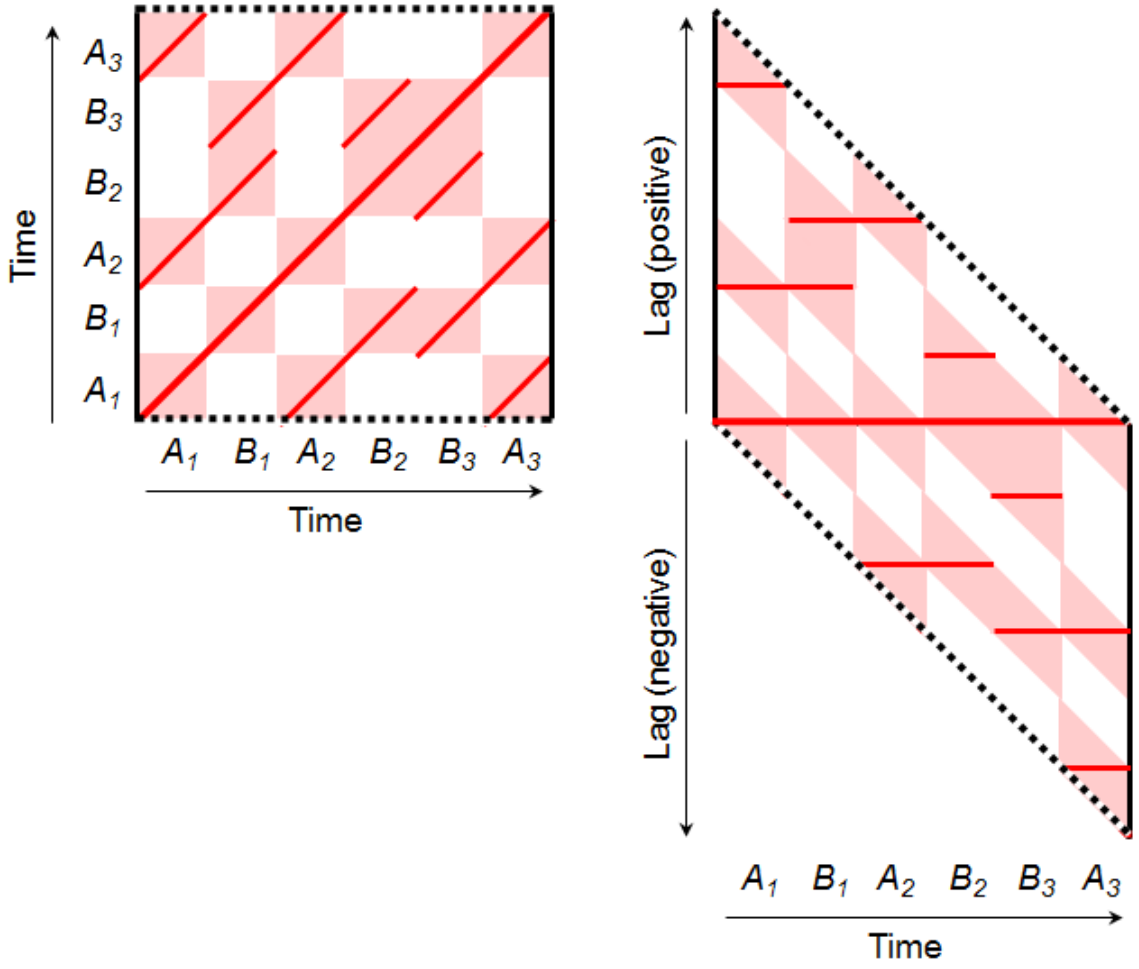

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- Enhanced SSM
- Time-lag SSM

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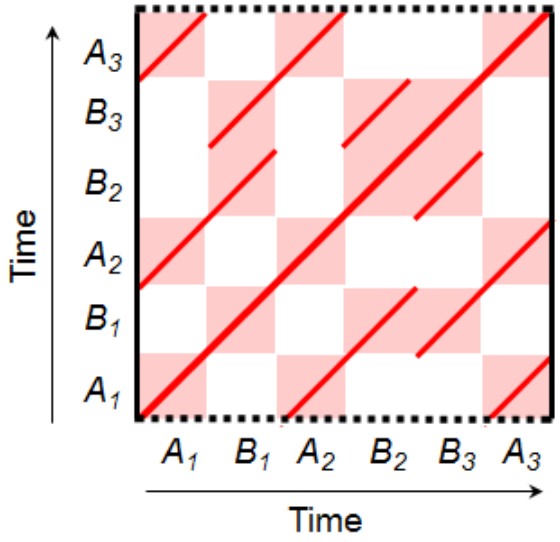

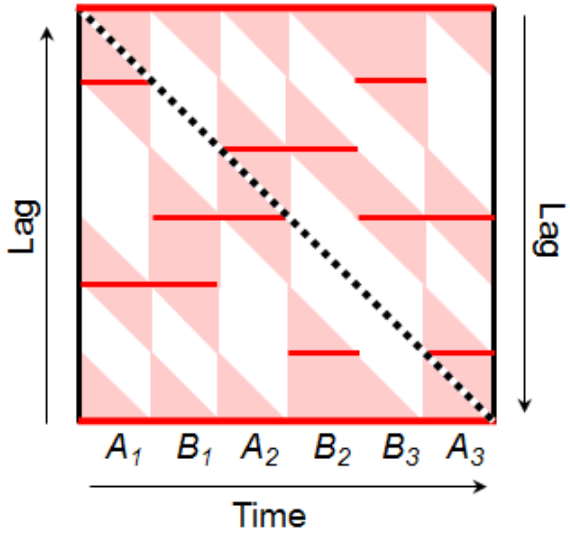

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- Time-lag SSM
- Cyclic time-lag SSM

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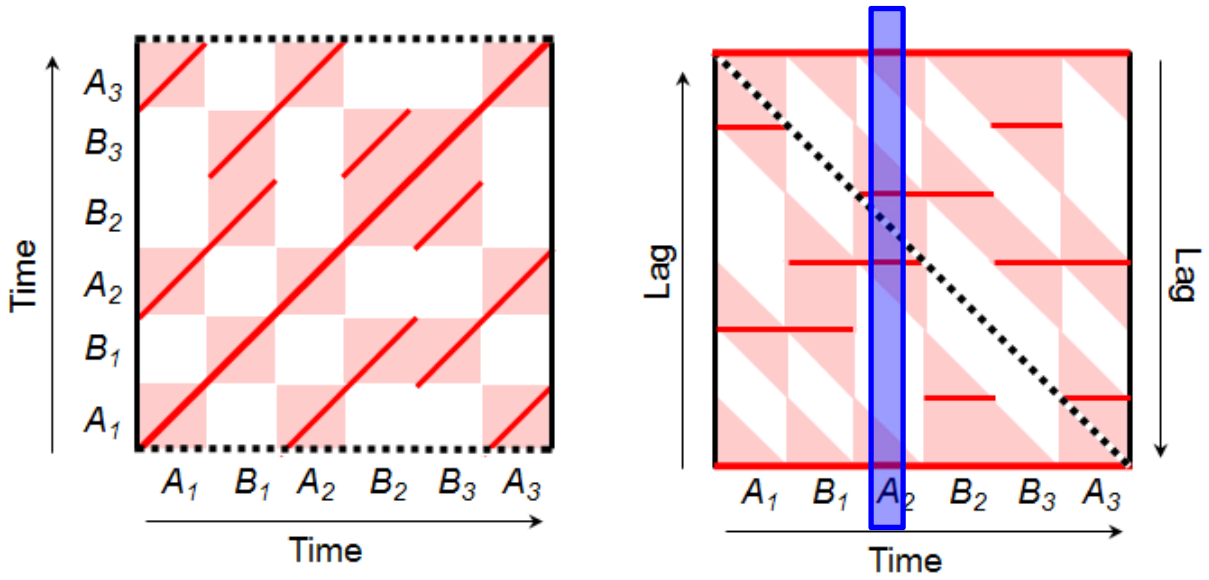

Structure features

- Enhanced SSM
- Time-lag SSM
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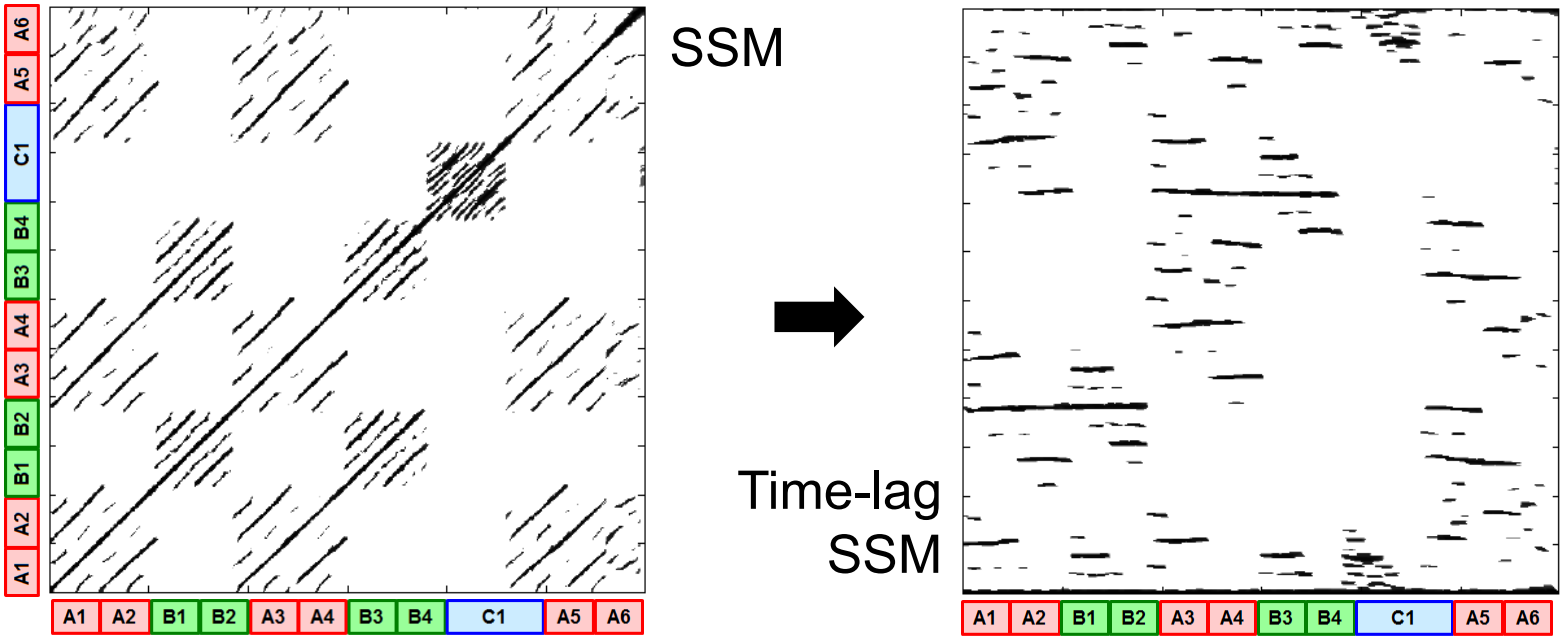
- Columns as features

Novelty-based Segmentation

Example: Chopin Mazurka Op. 24, No. 1



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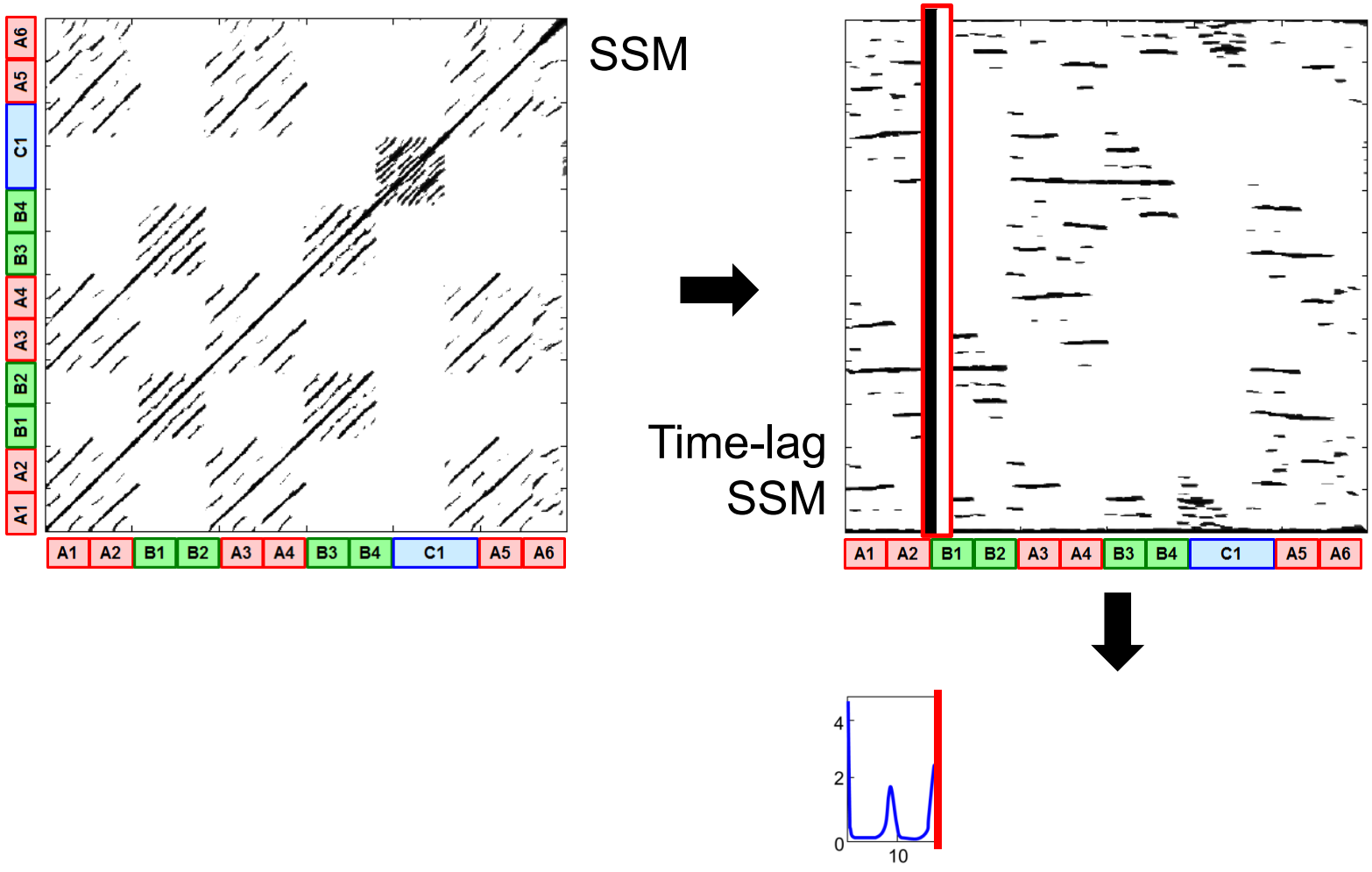

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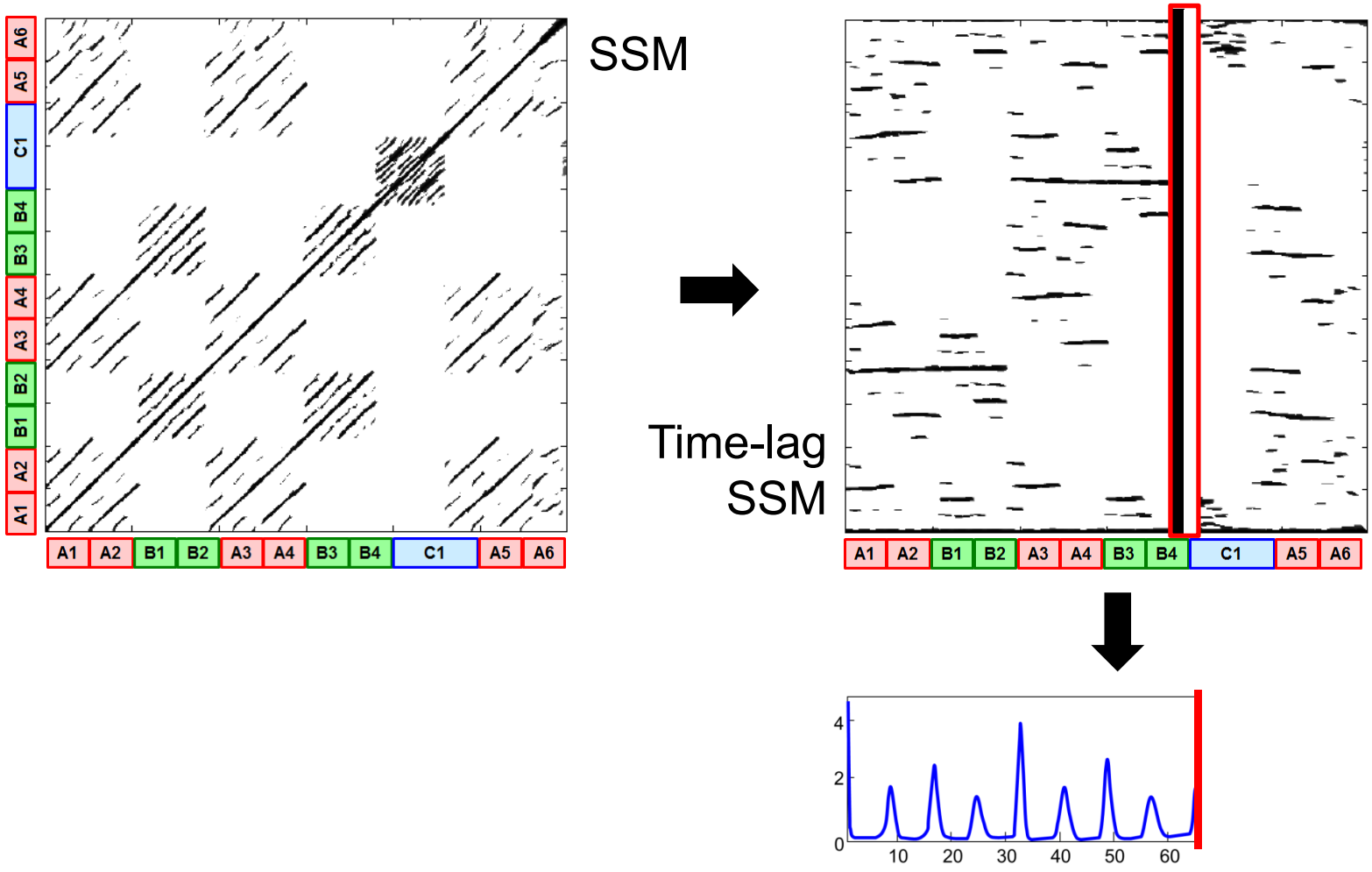

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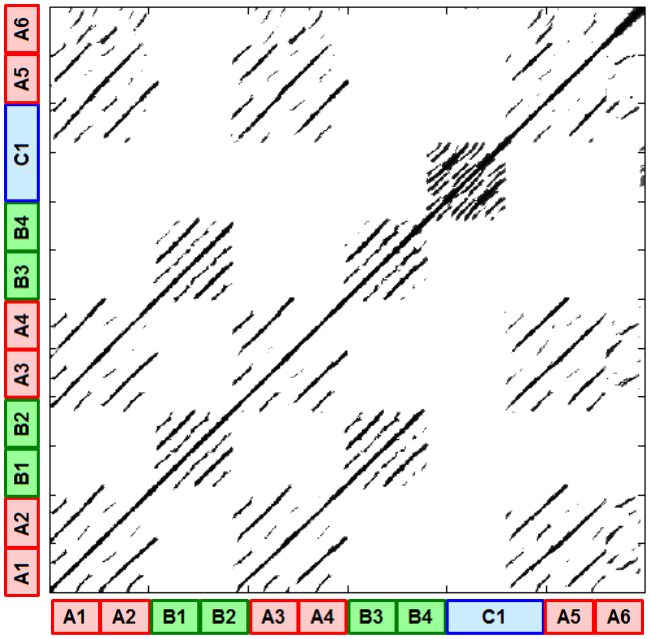

SSM

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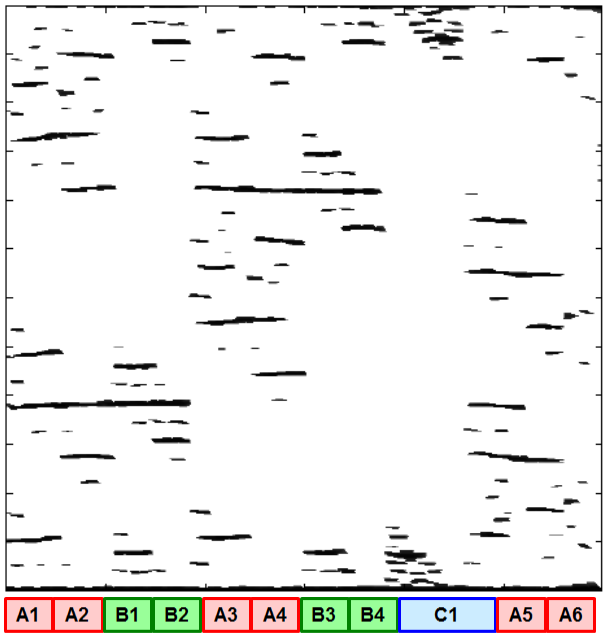

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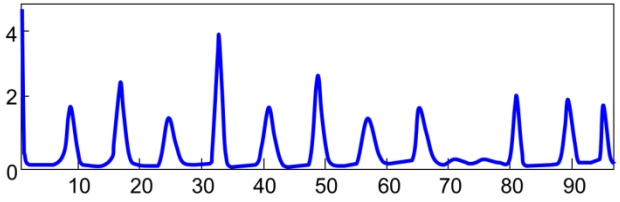

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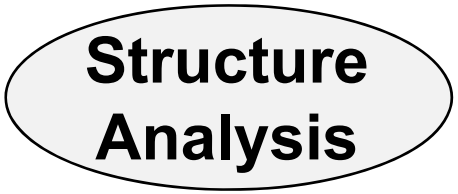

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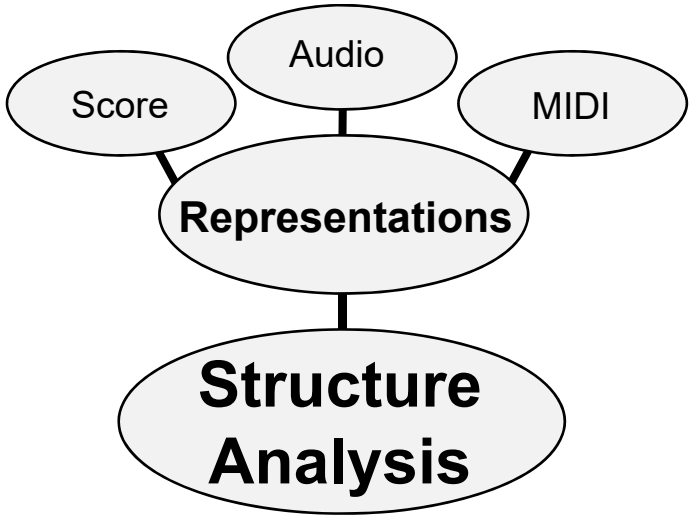

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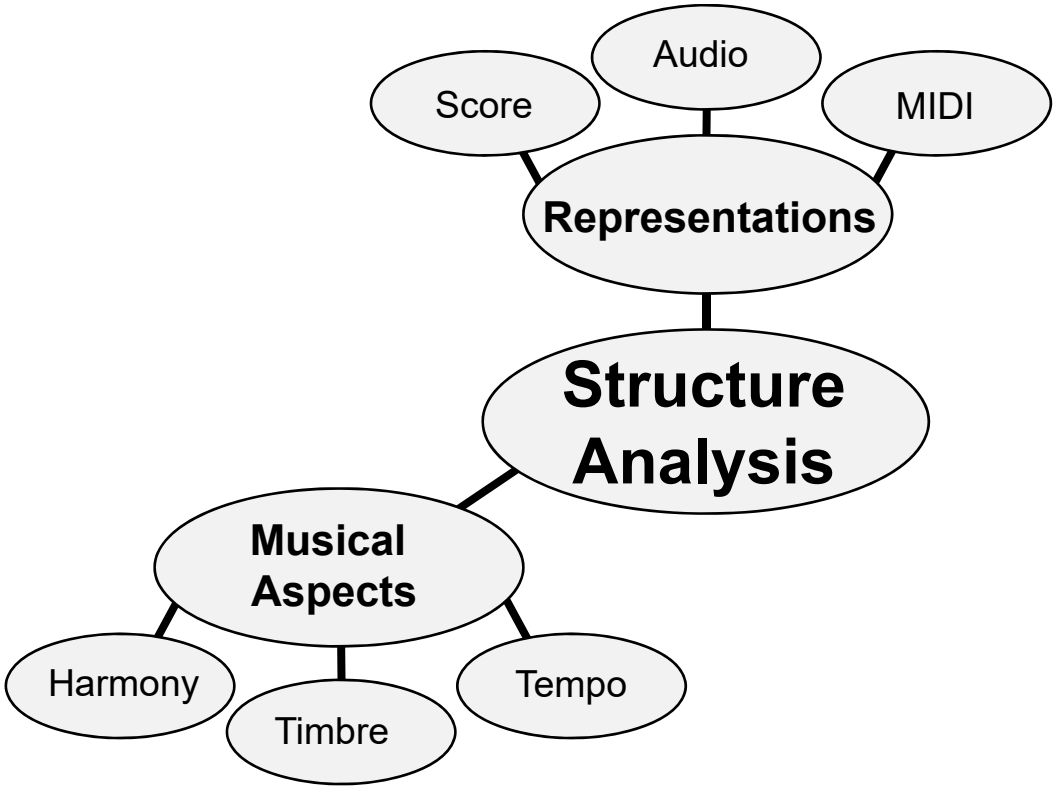

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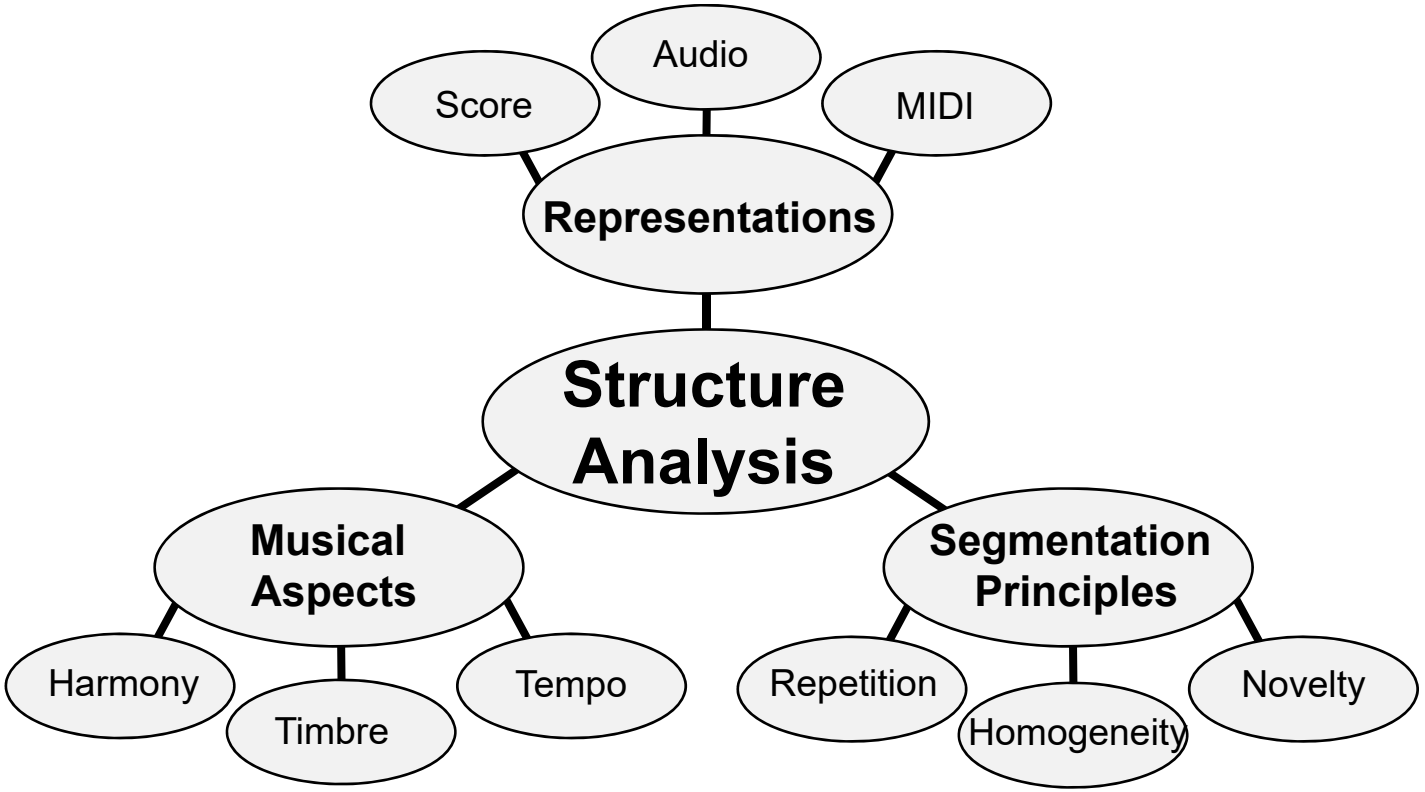

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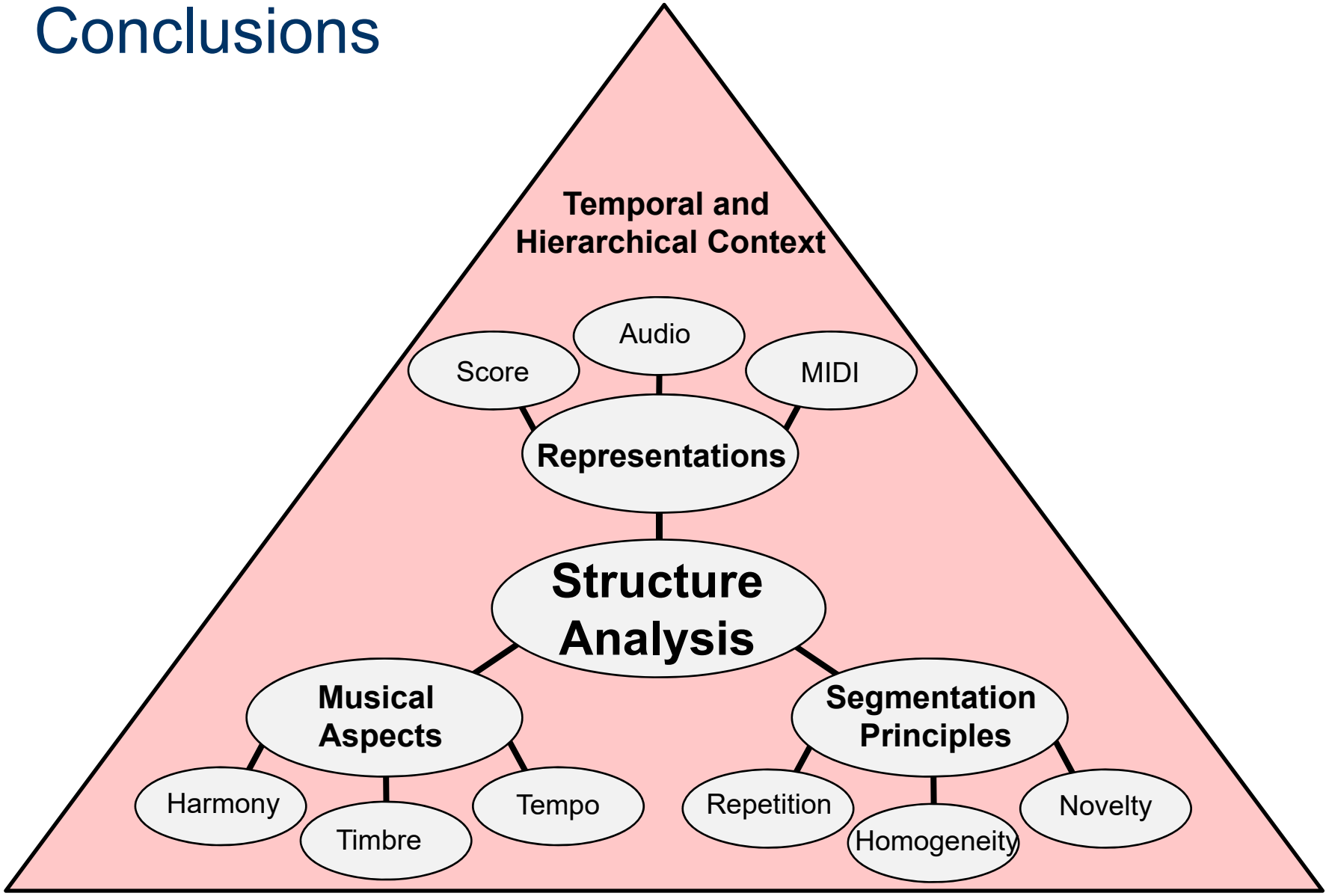
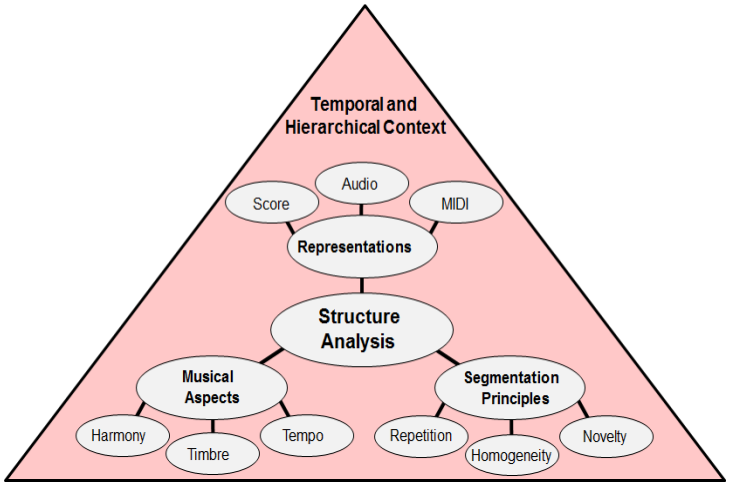
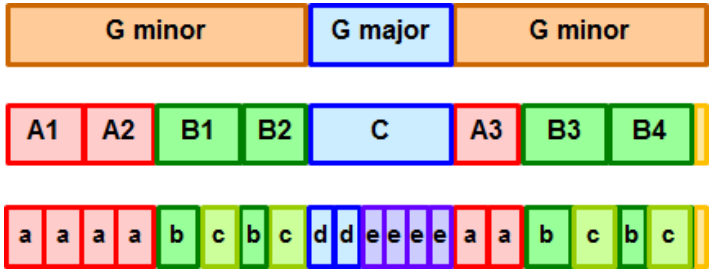


Conclusions

- Combined Approaches
- Hierarchical Approaches
- Evaluation
- Explaining Structure





- MIREX
- SALAMI-Project
- Smith, Chew

Links

- SM Toolbox (MATLAB)
  http://www.audiolabs-erlangen.de/resources/MIR/SMtoolbox/
- MSAF: Music Structure Analysis Framework (Python)
  https://github.com/urinieto/msaf
- SALAMI Annotation Data
  http://ddmal.music.mcgill.ca/research/salami/annotations
- LibROSA (Python)
  https://librosa.github.io/librosa/
- Evaluation: mir_eval (Python)
  https://craffel.github.io/mir_eval/
- Deep Learning: Boundary Detection
  Jan Schlüter (PhD thesis)