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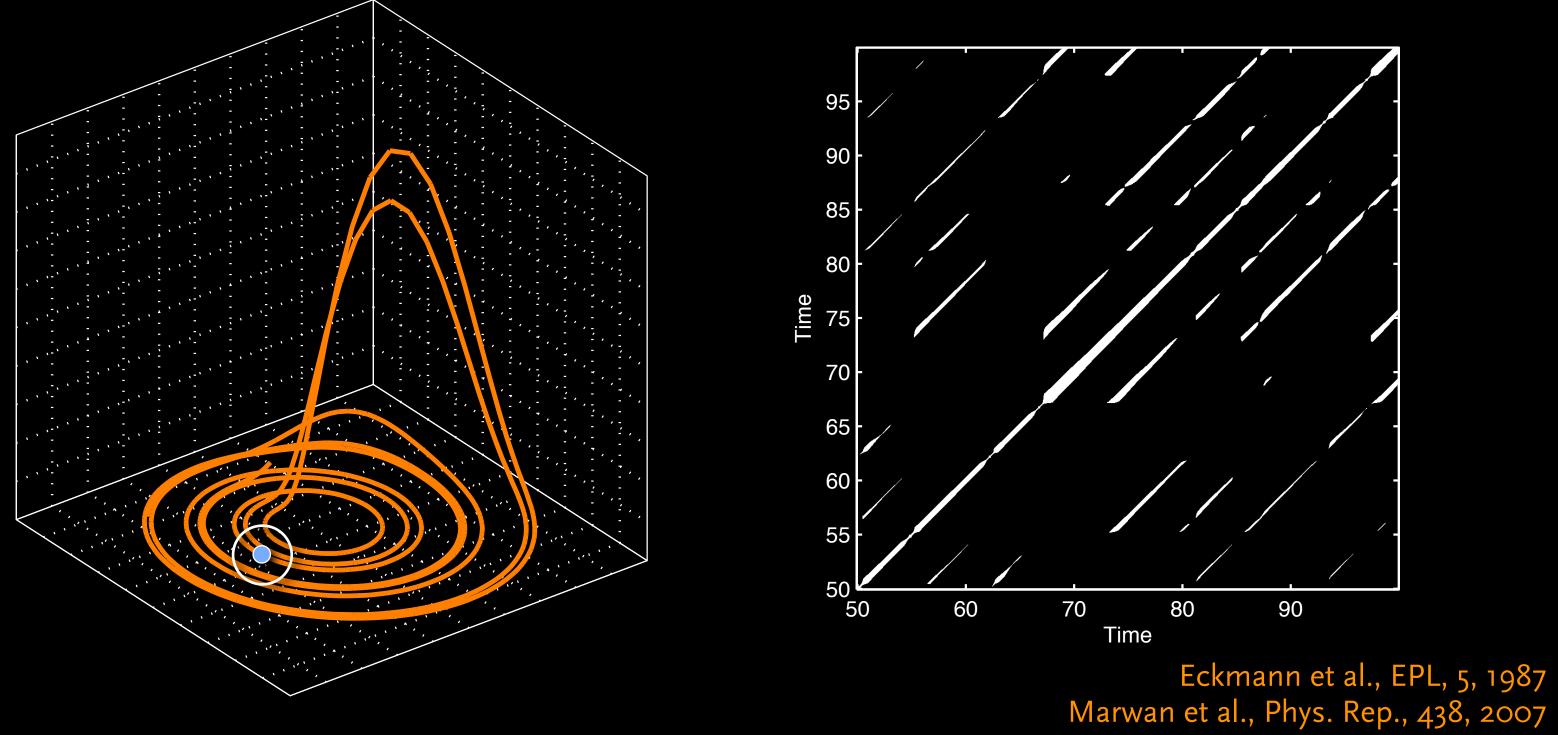
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# How Do You See Recurrence Plots?

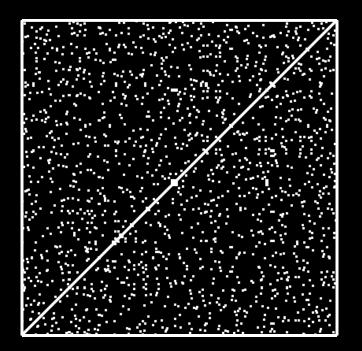




## **RECURRENCE PLOT**



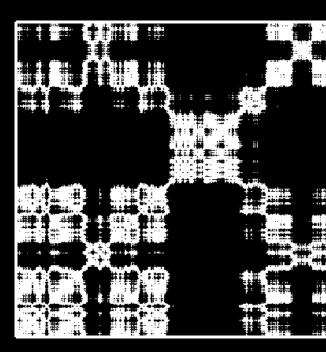
## **RECURRENCE PLOT TYPOLOGY**



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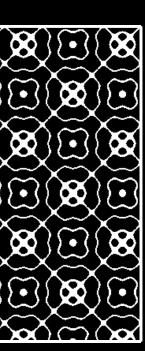
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## periodic



## How Will You Perceive Different Recurrence Plots?

## YOUR TASK: EVALUATE DIFFERENCES

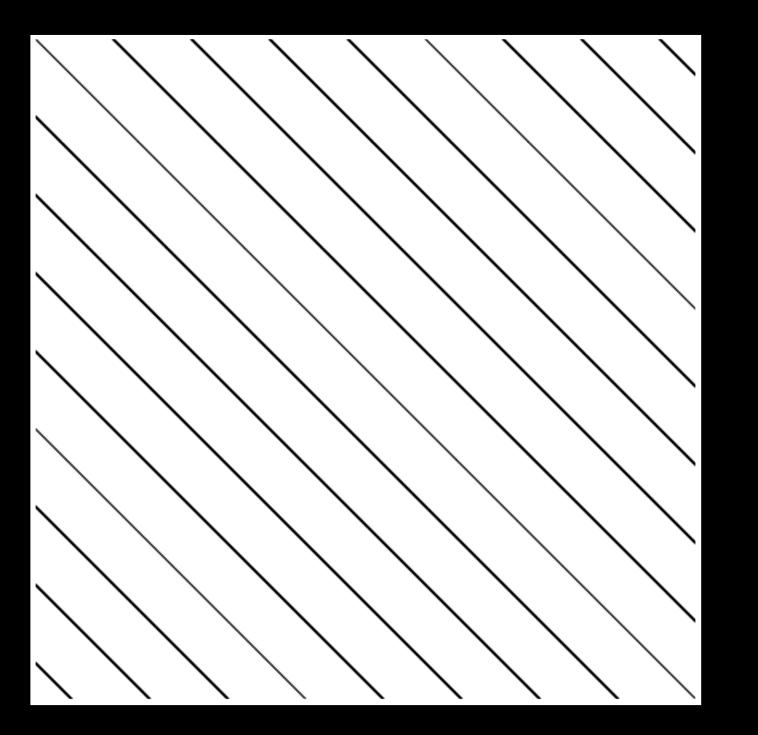


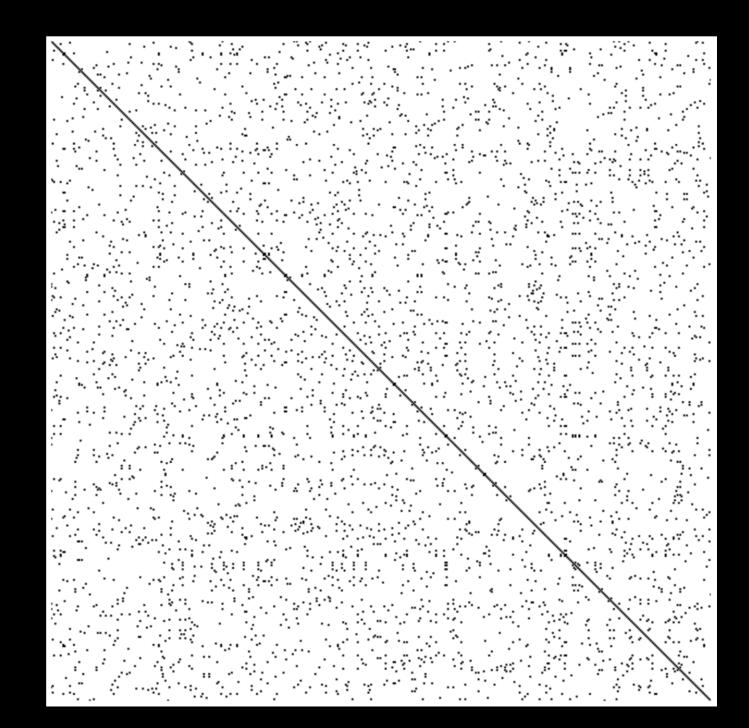


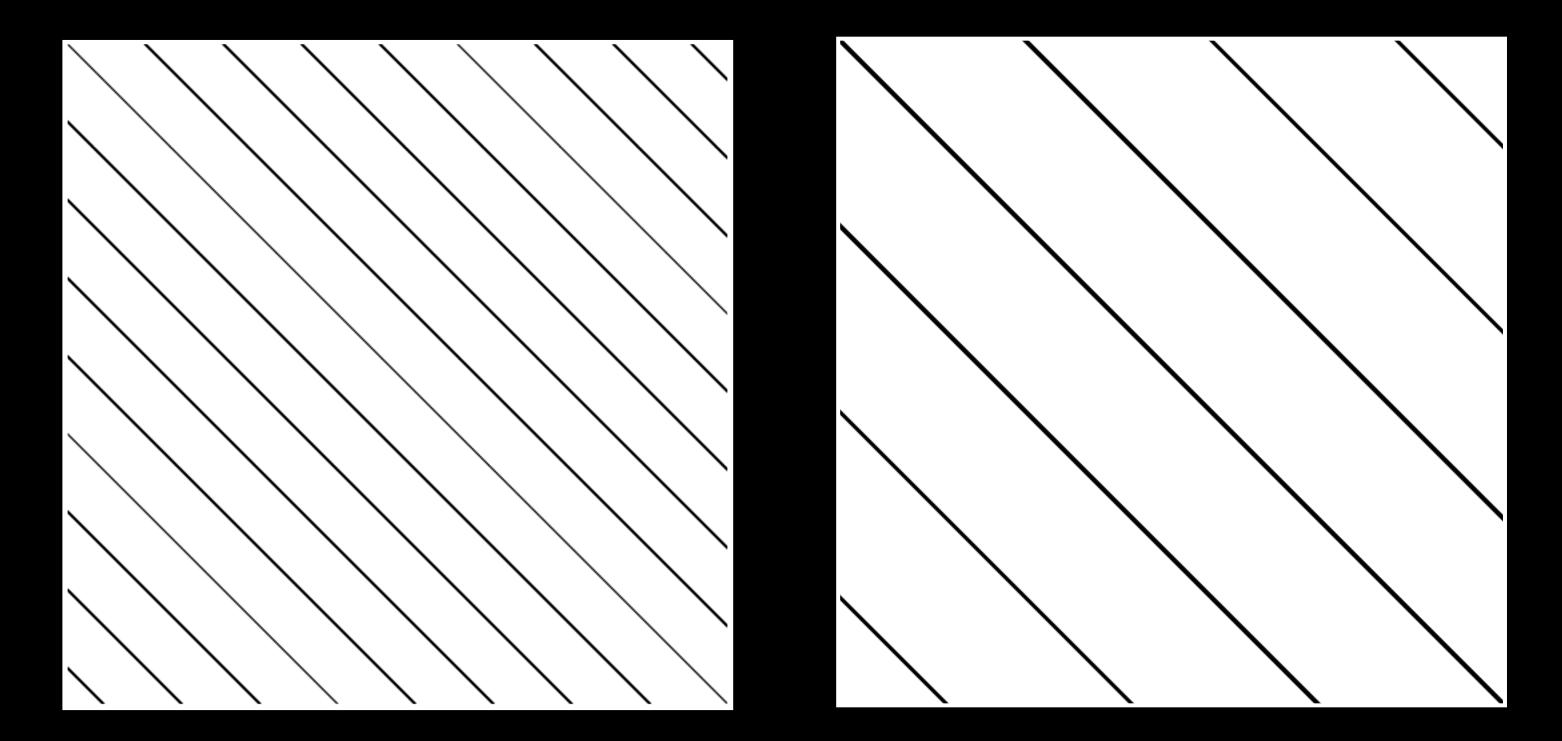


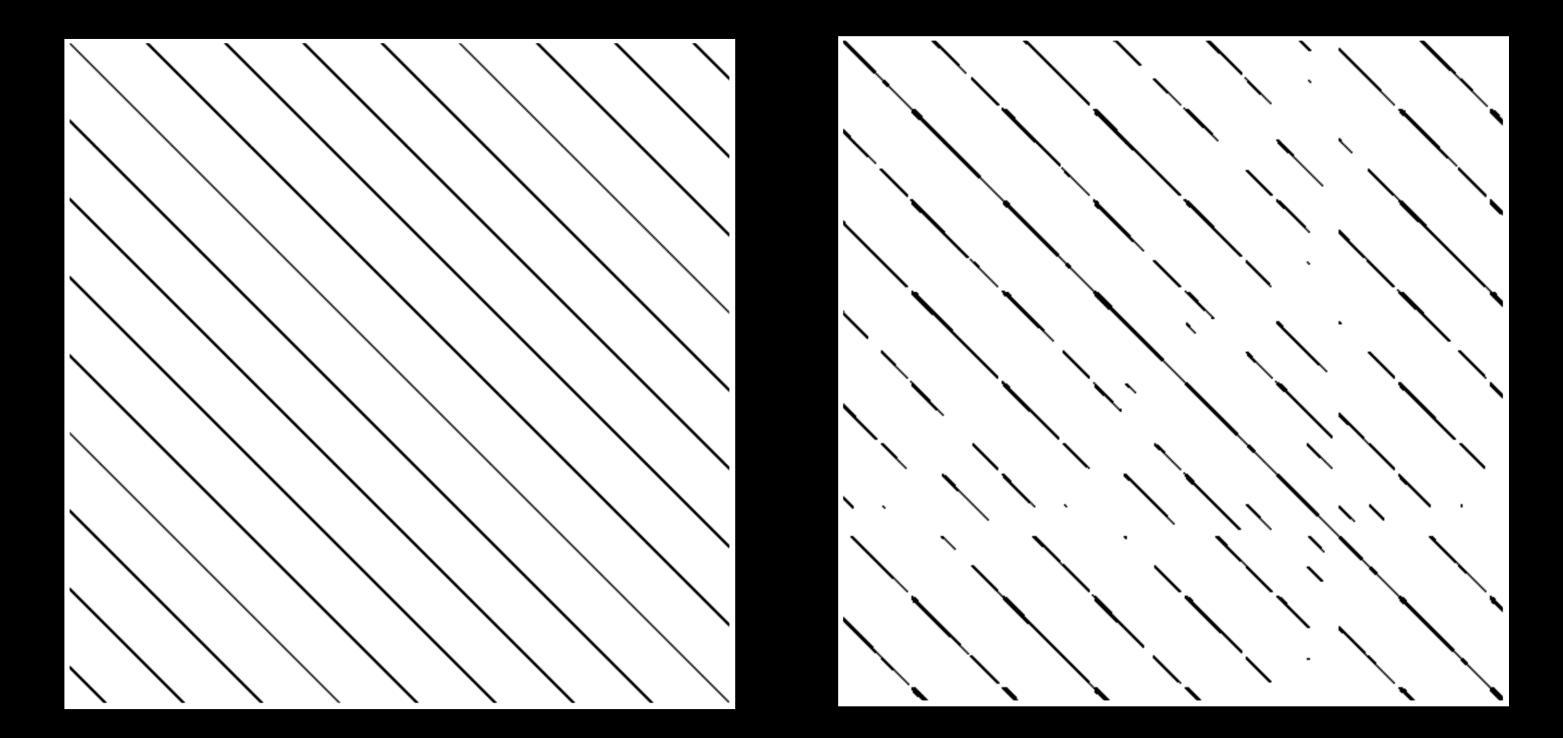


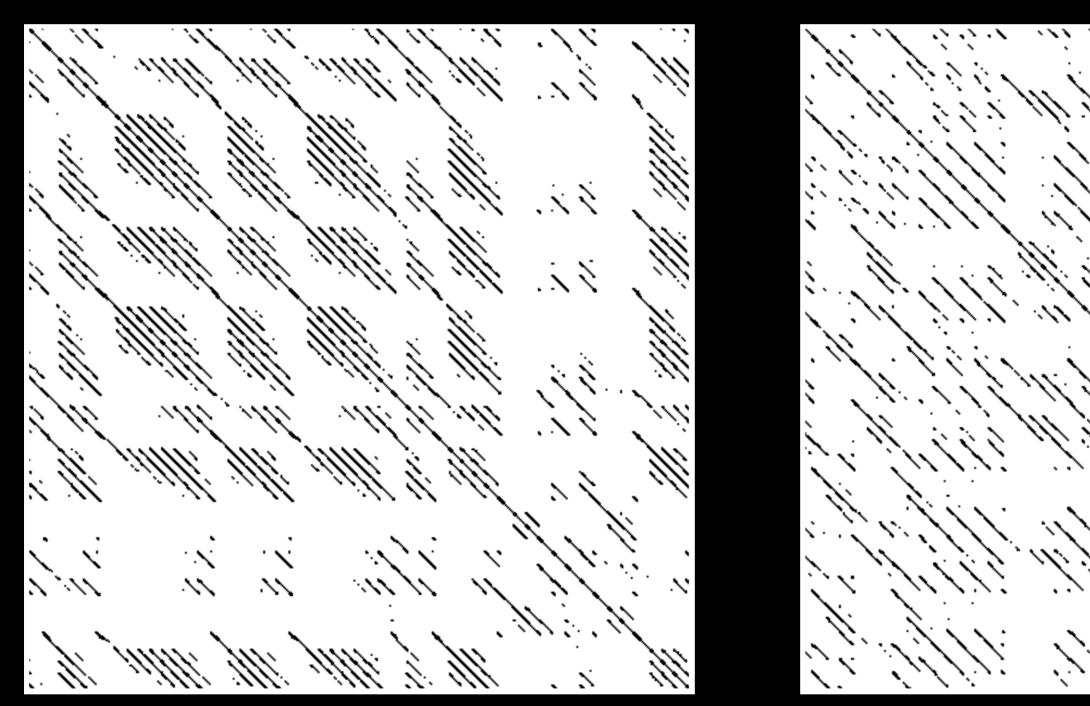
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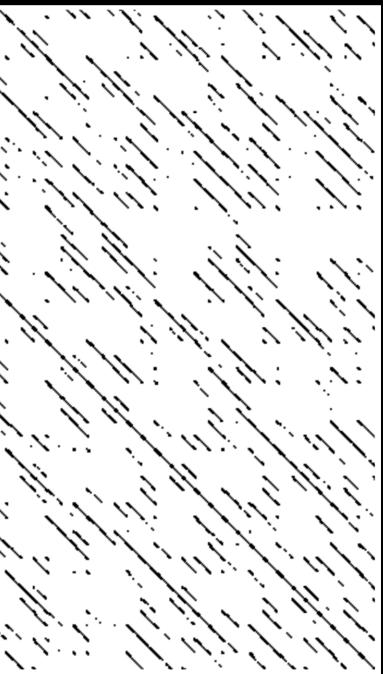






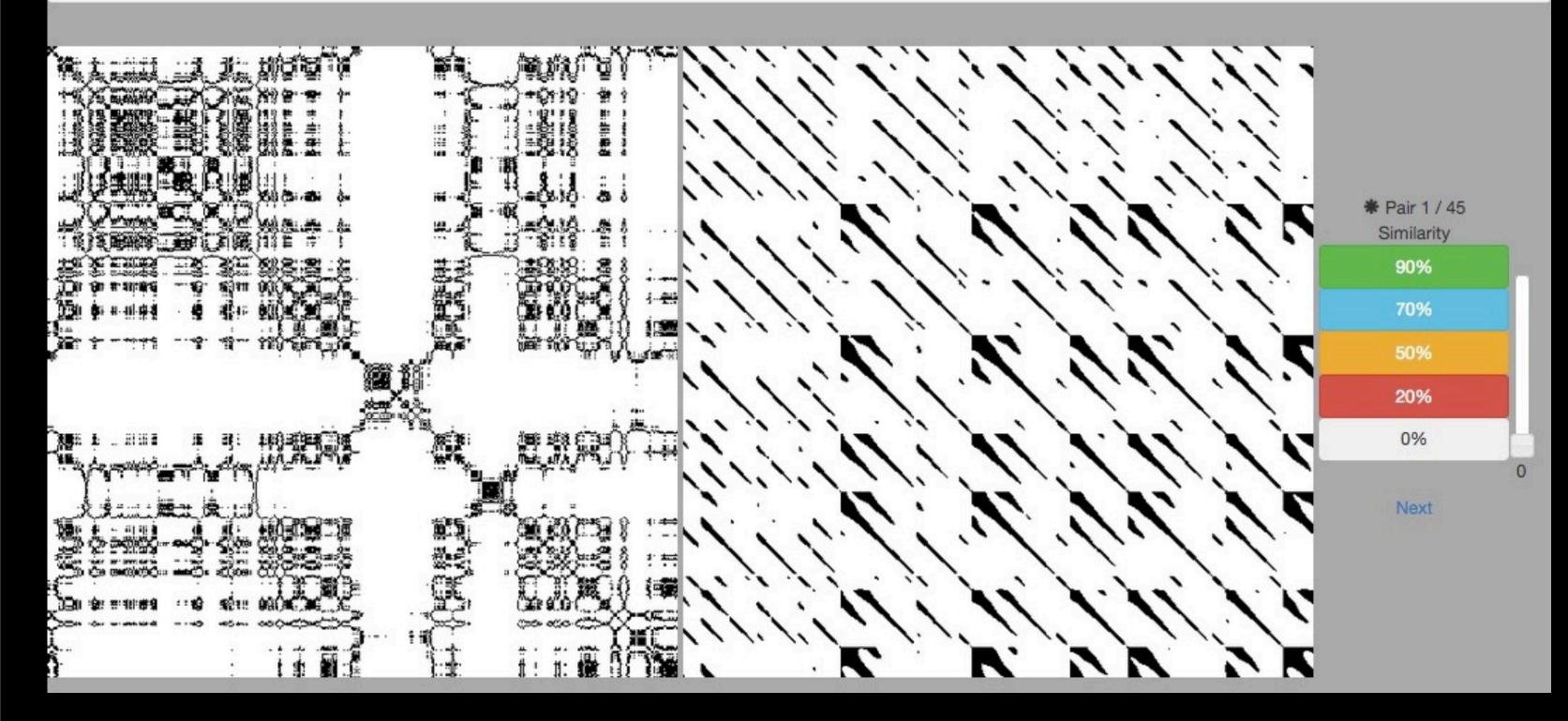






**Recurrence Plot Similarity Assessment** 

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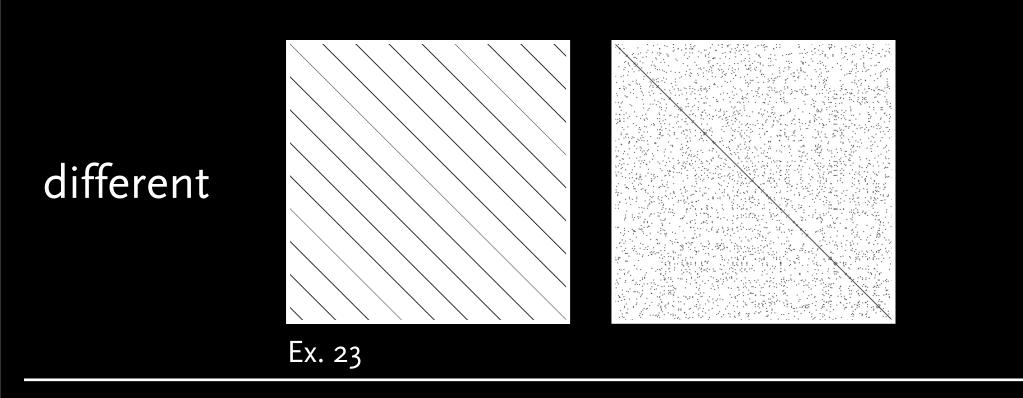
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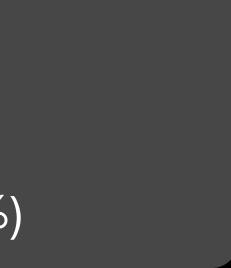


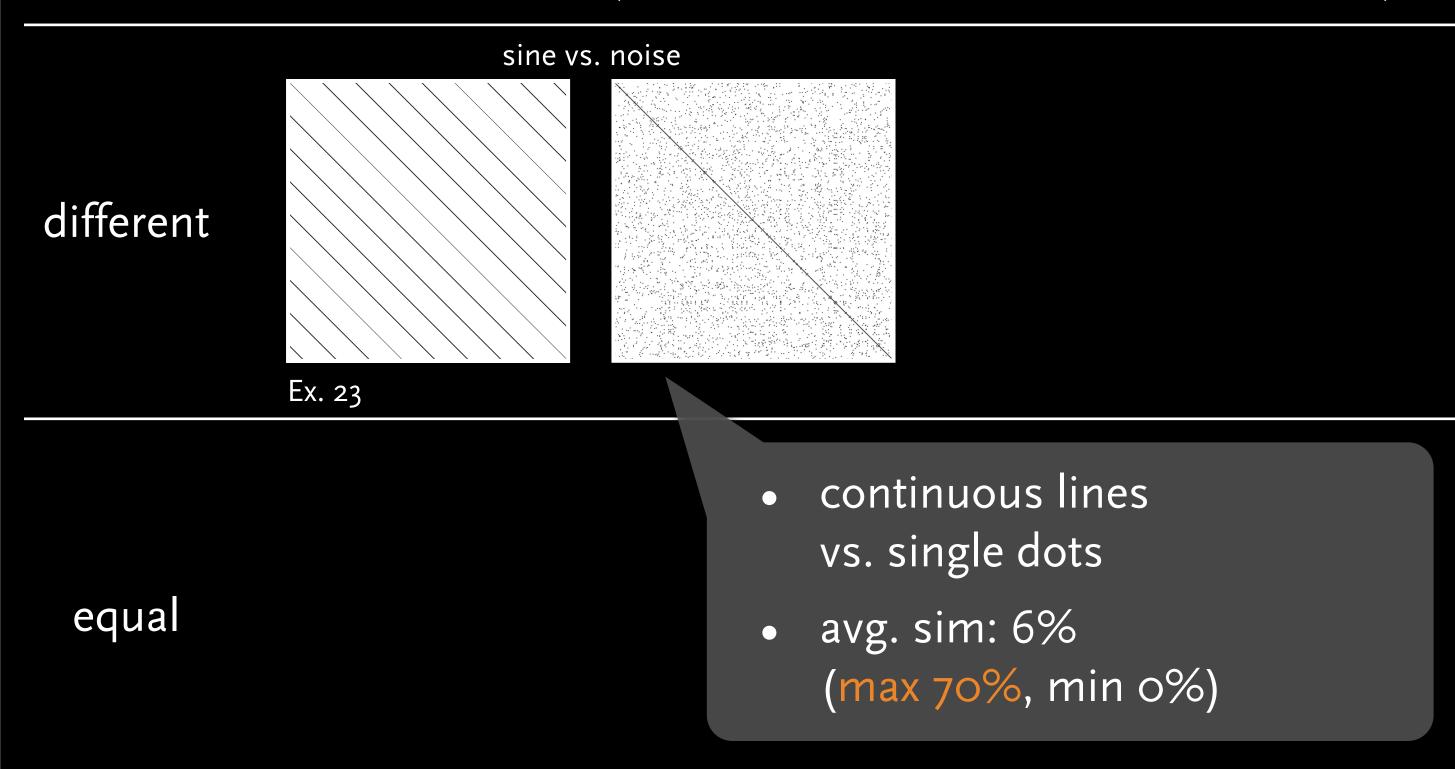
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- continuous lines
  vs. single dots
- avg. sim: 6%

(max 70%, min 0%)



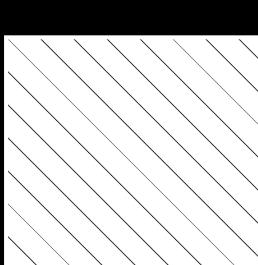




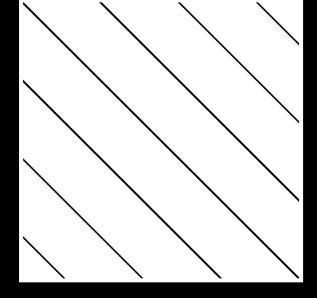


sine vs. noise





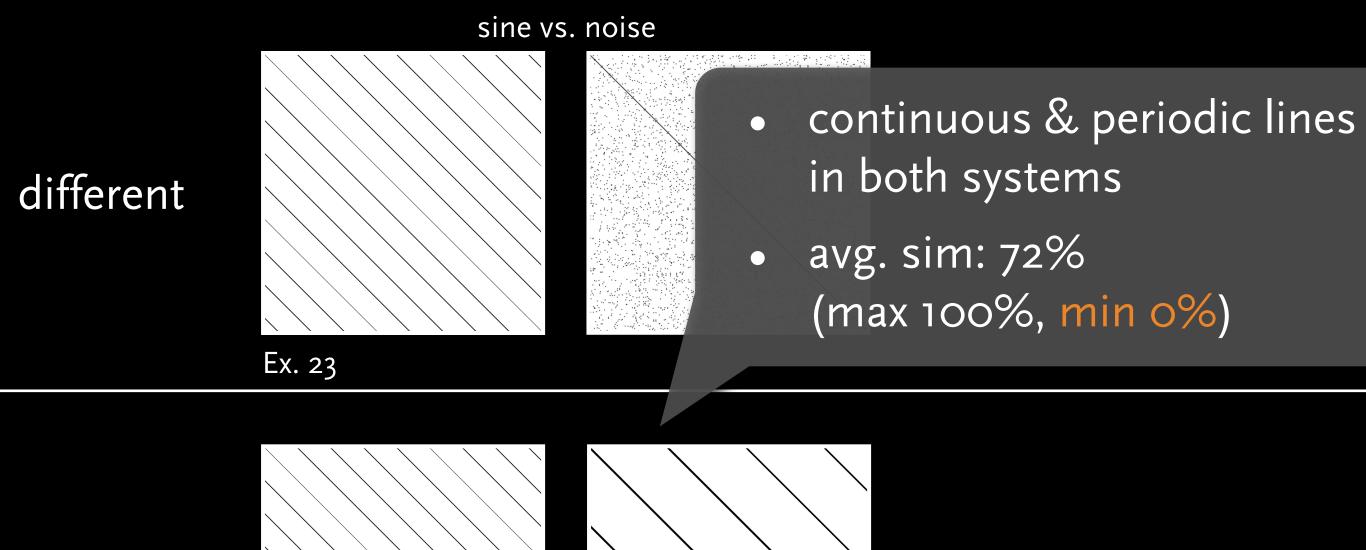
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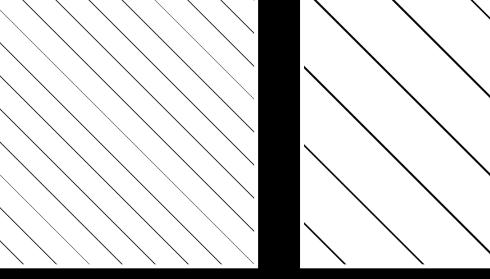
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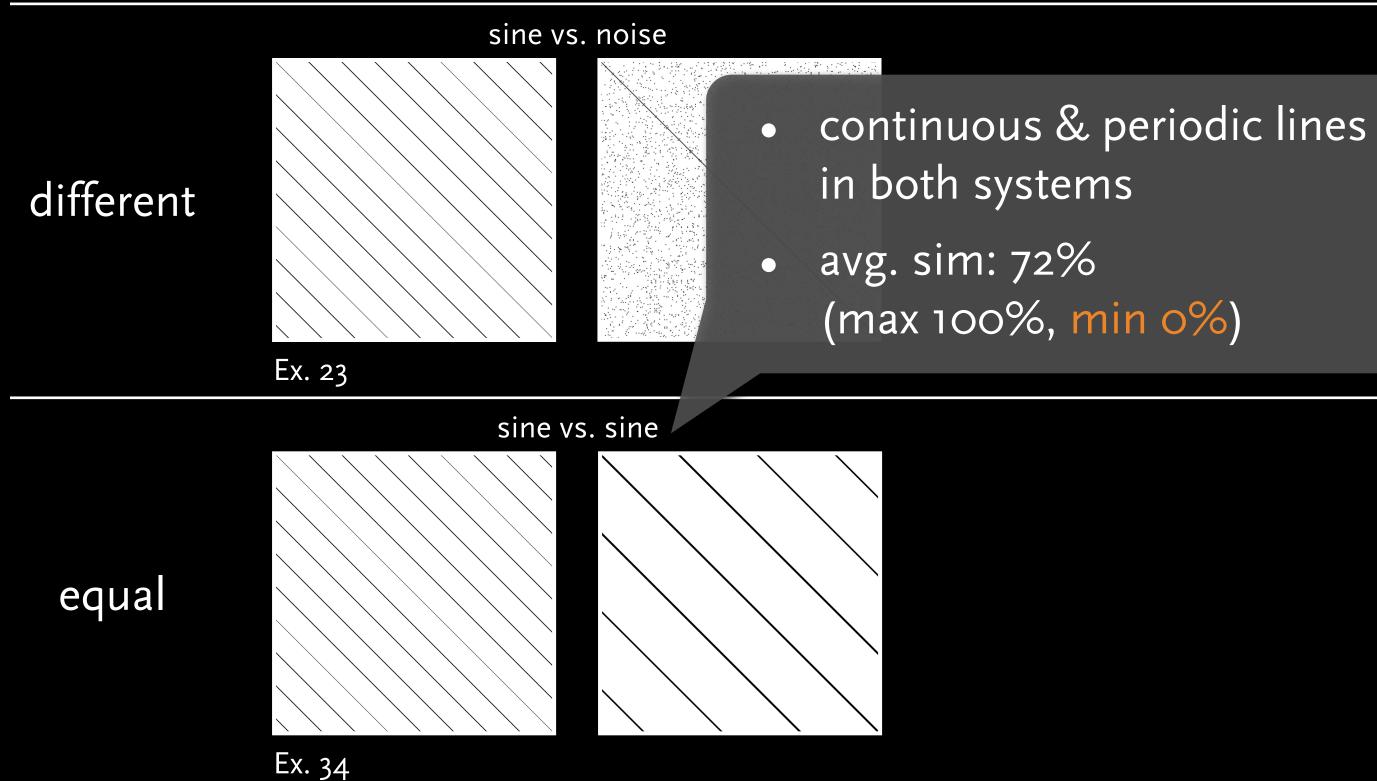
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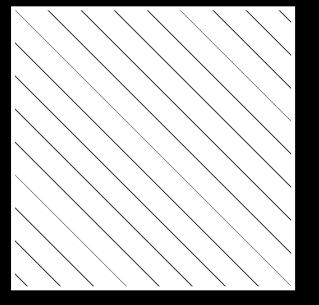






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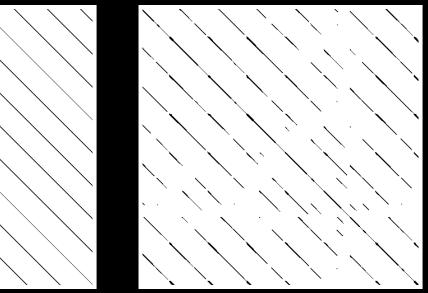






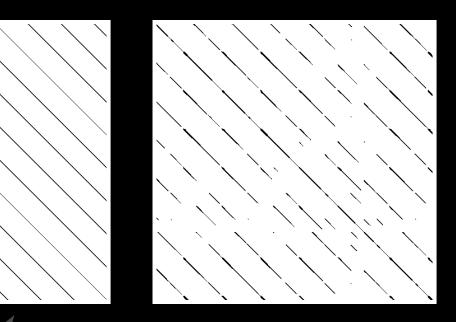


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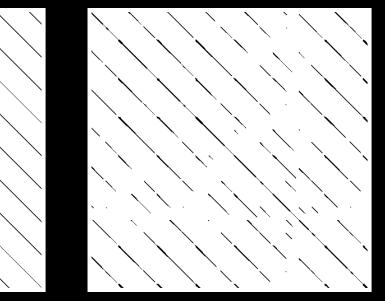
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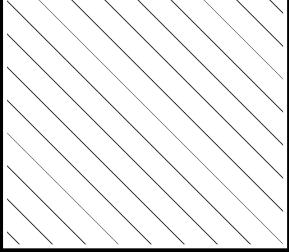
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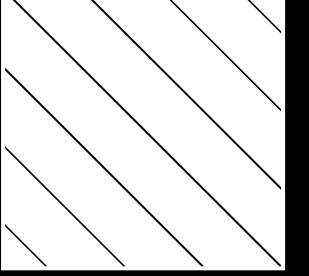


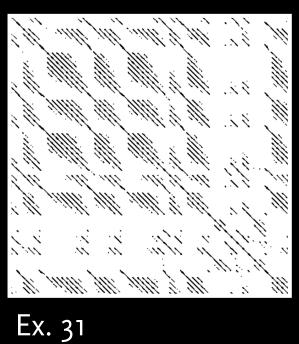
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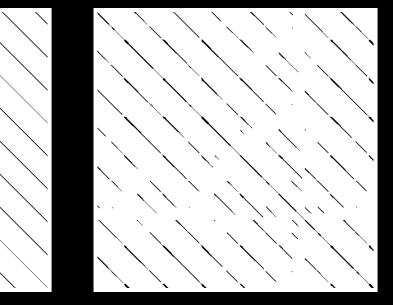
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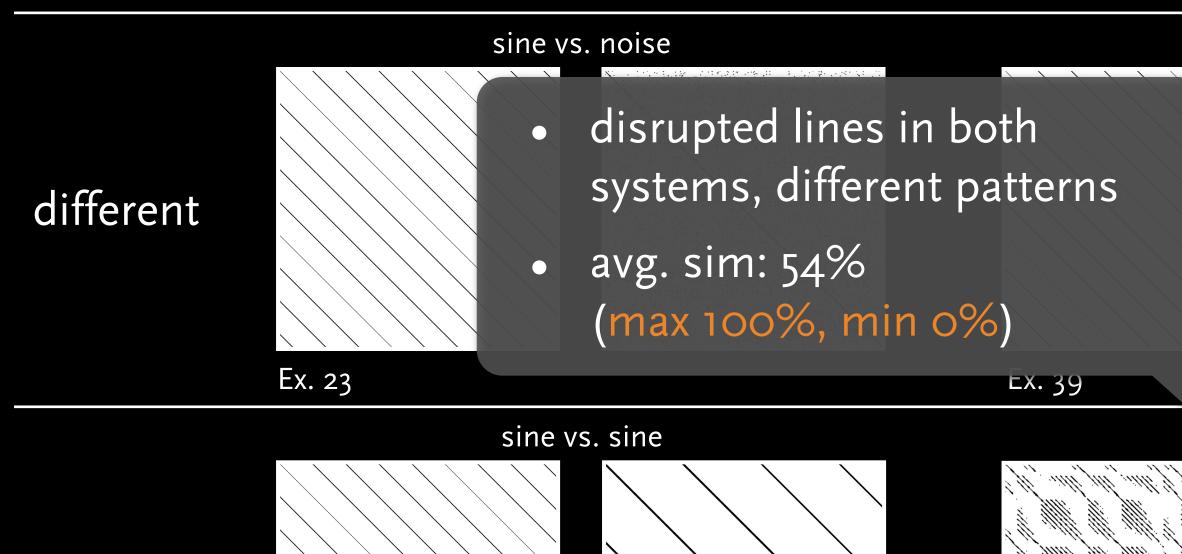


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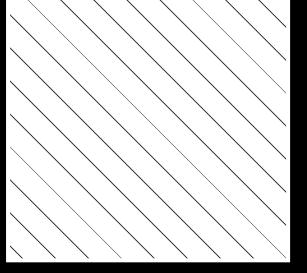
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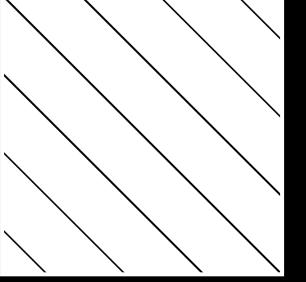


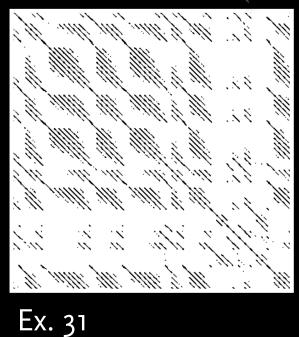




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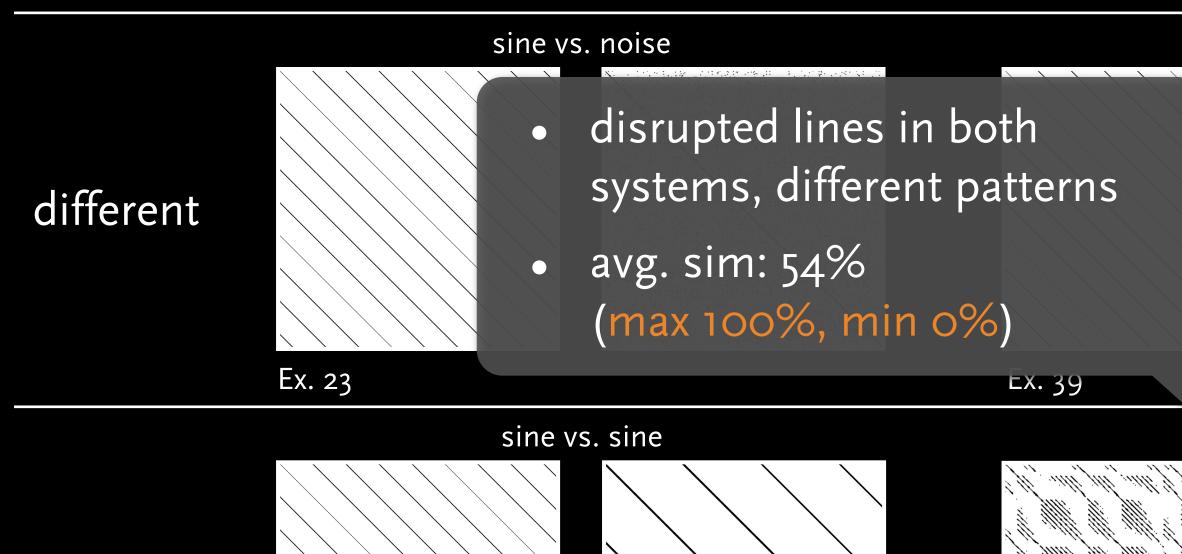
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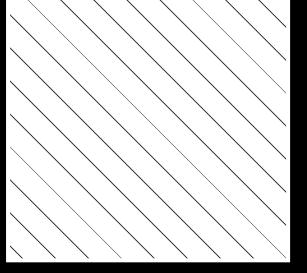
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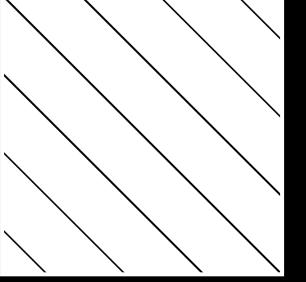


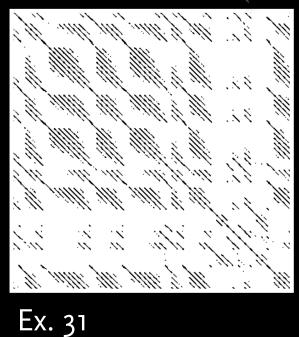




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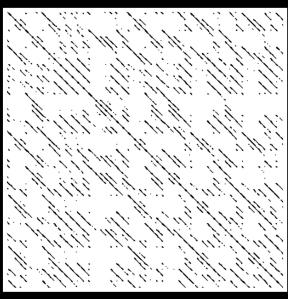
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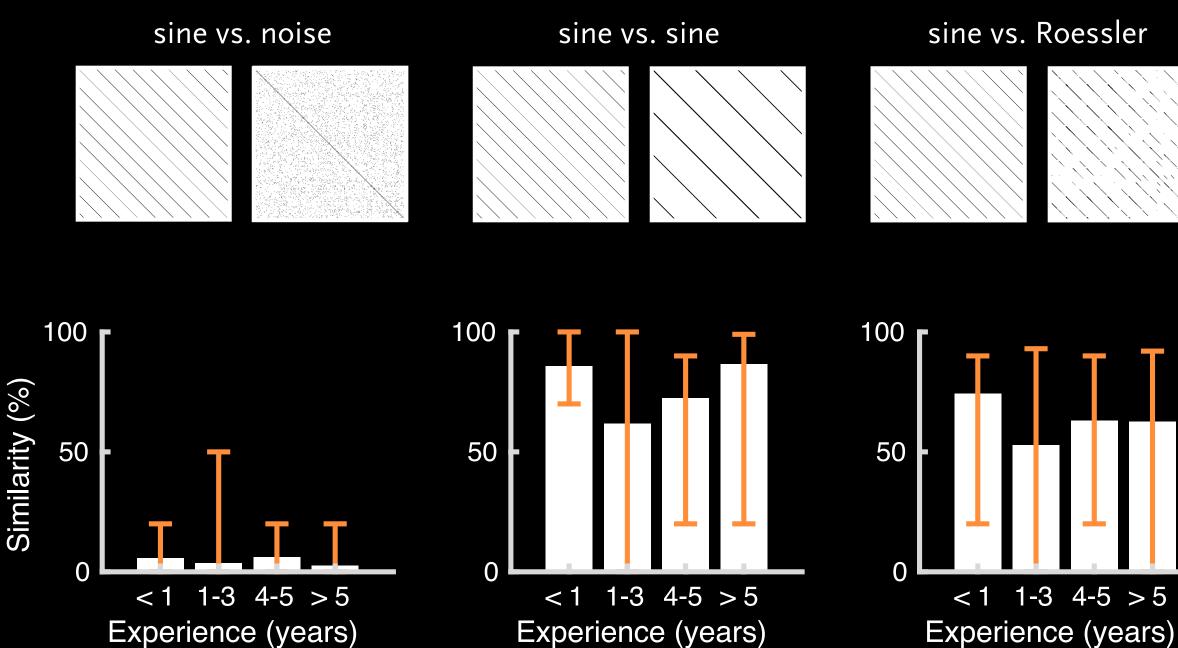
#### sine vs. Roessler



#### Lorenz vs. Lorenz



## **DIFFERENCE BY EXPERIENCE?**



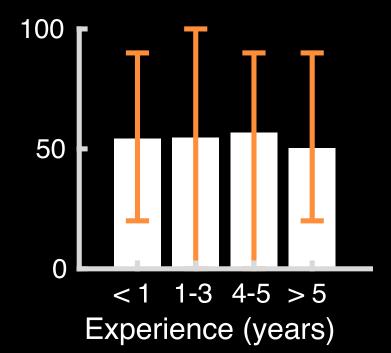
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#### Lorenz vs. Lorenz

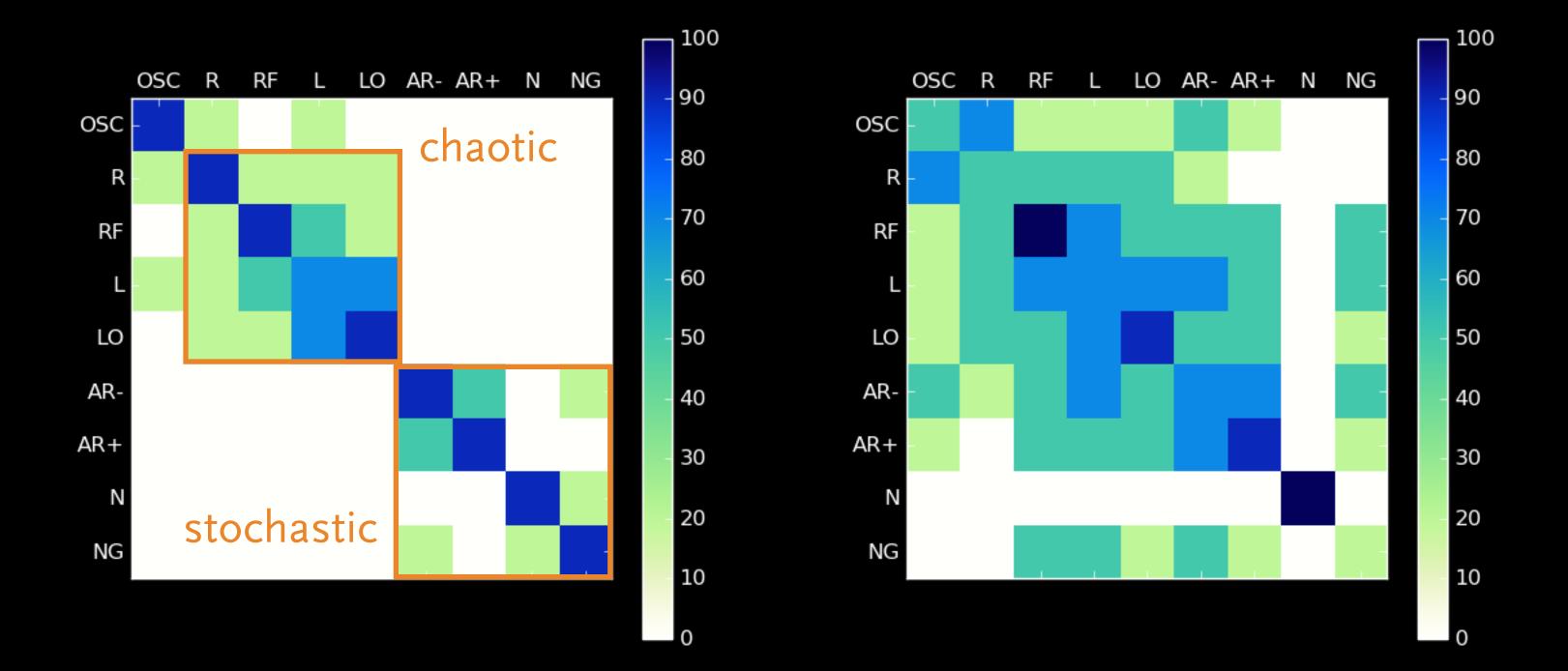






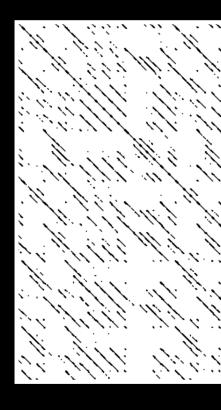


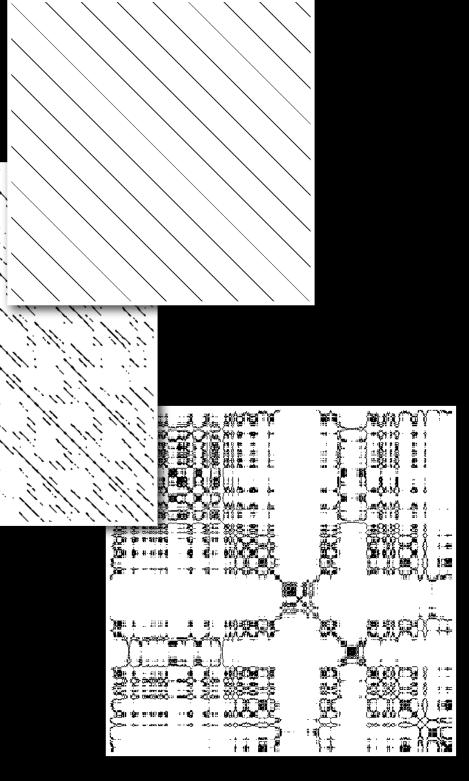
## CONTRARY EXAMPLES (EXPERIENCE > 5 YEARS)



## PERCEPTION CRITERIA

- patterns typical for certain dynamics
  - continuous vs. disrupted lines, single dots
- visual patterns or structures
  - periodic vs. "random" patterns
  - overall appearance: homogenous vs. disrupted
  - period lengths/ recurrence times



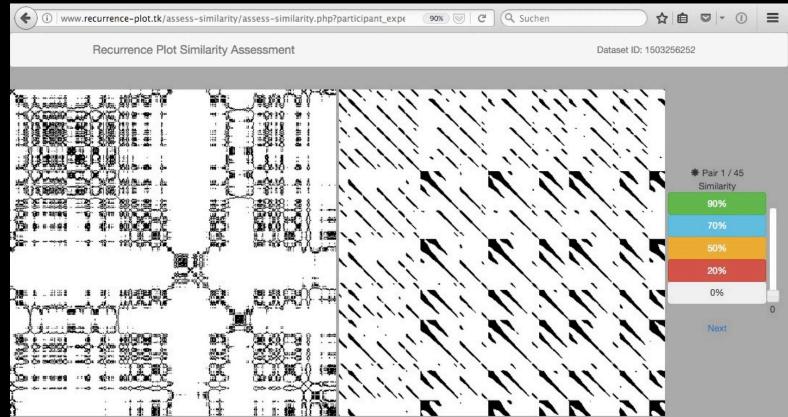


## NEED FOR

- quantification
- better guidelines how to interpret RP

## **ONLINE SIMILARITY ASSESSMENT**

## http://bit.ly/rpassess



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