

# The effect of noise on computational T-Junction detection in images

Bachelor Thesis

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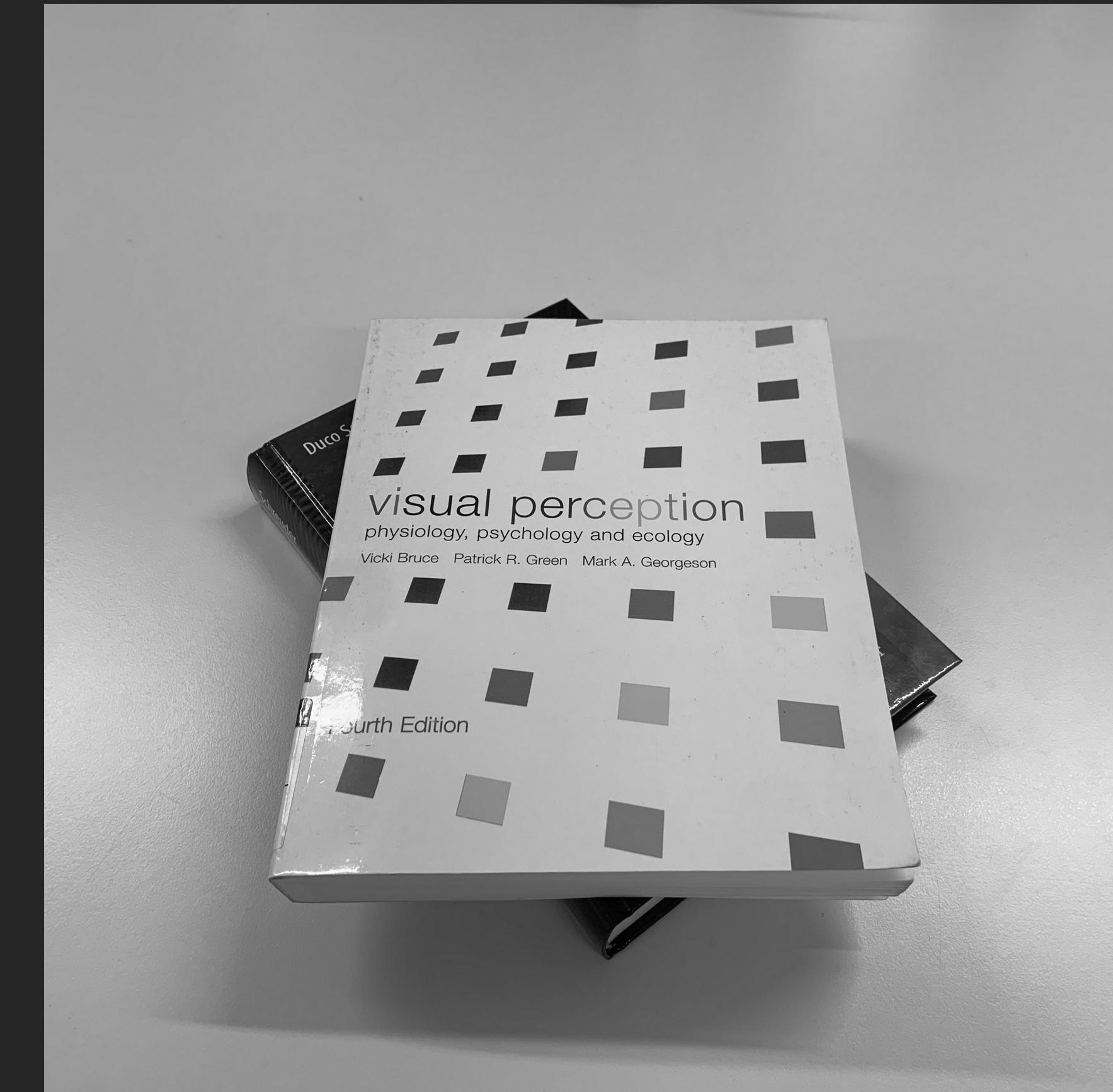
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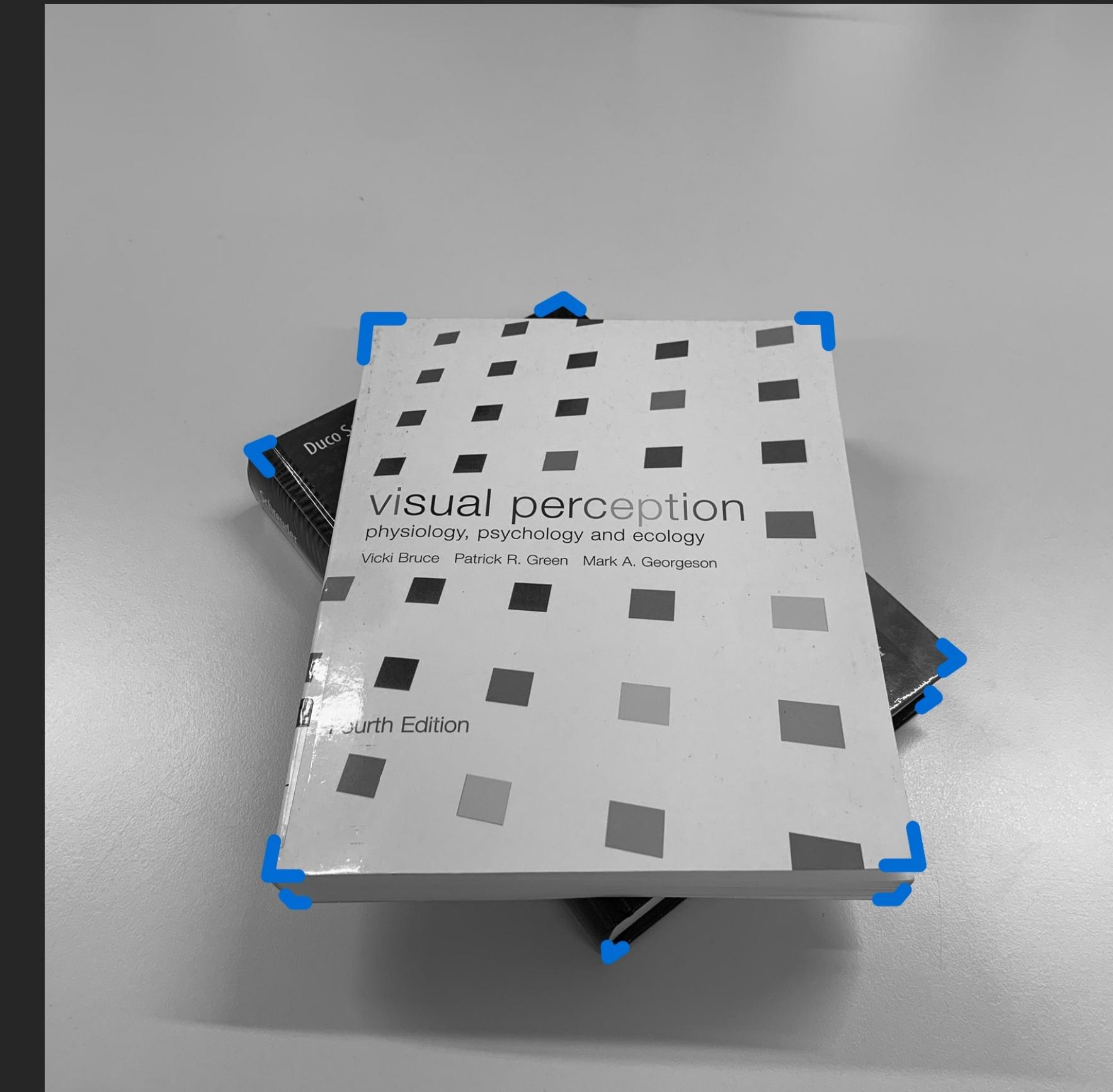
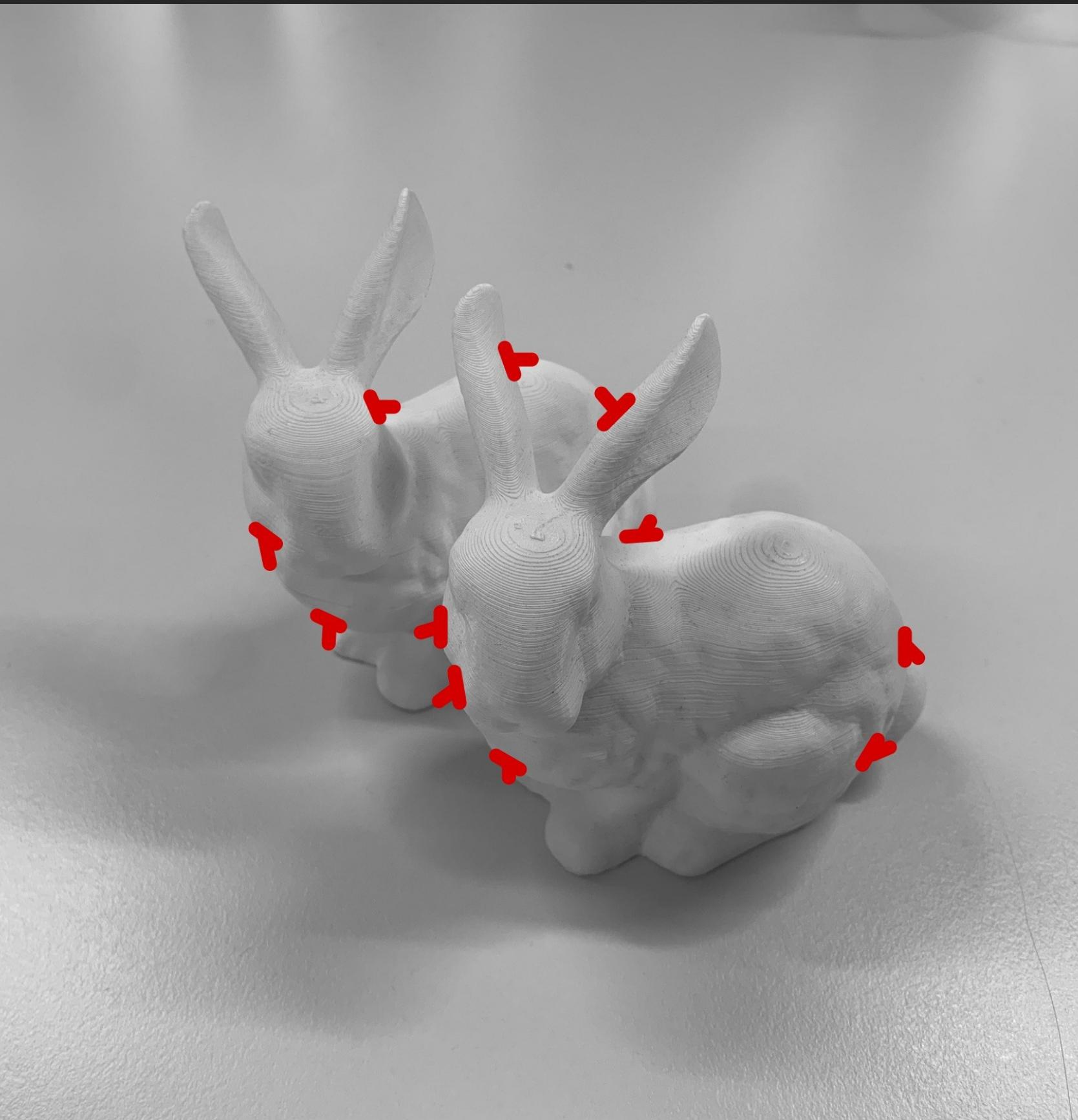
# High-Curvature Points / Junctions

## Basic Terminology & Motivation



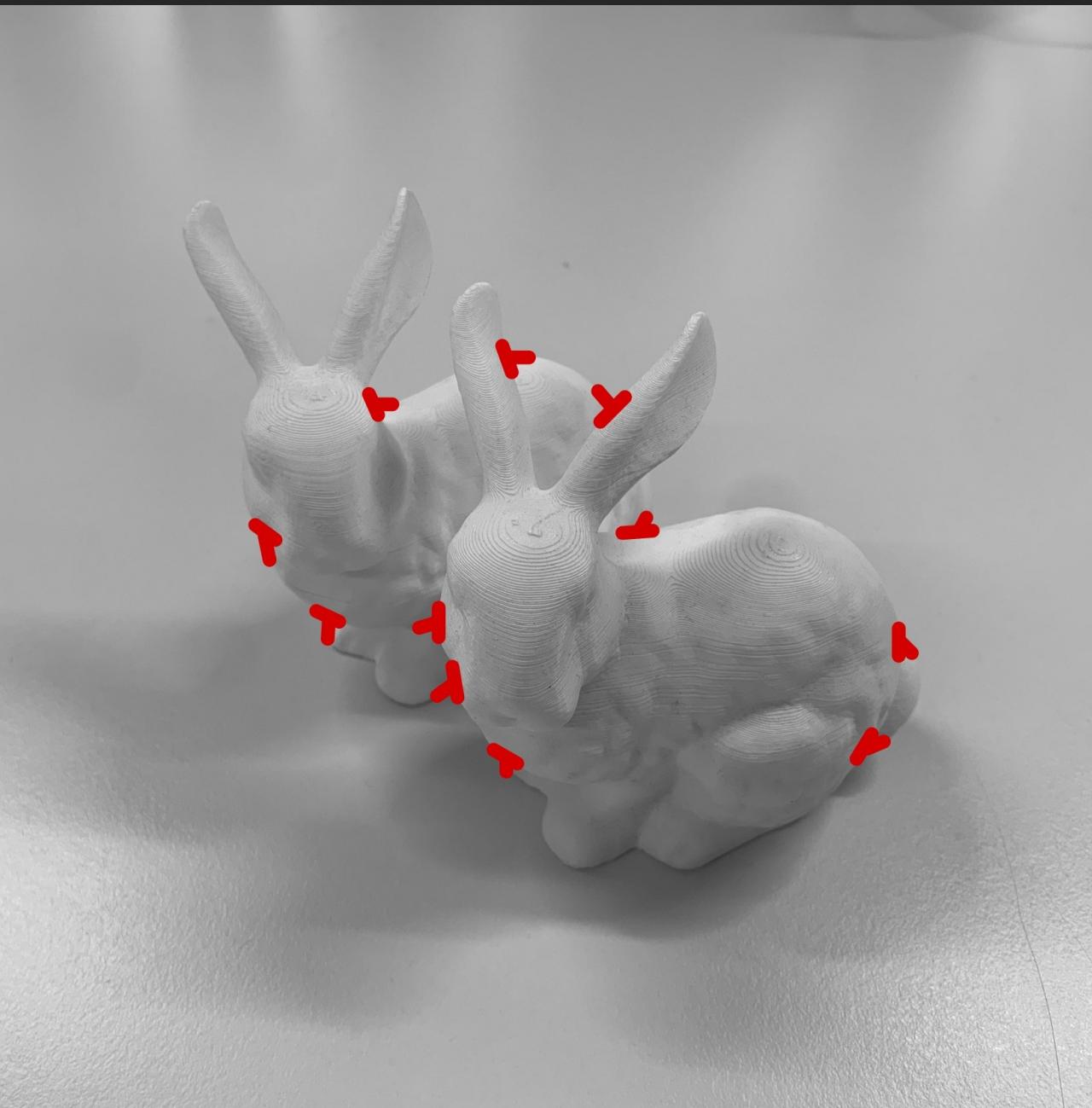
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# High-Curvature Points / Junctions

## Basic Terminology & Motivation



**T** → T-Junction



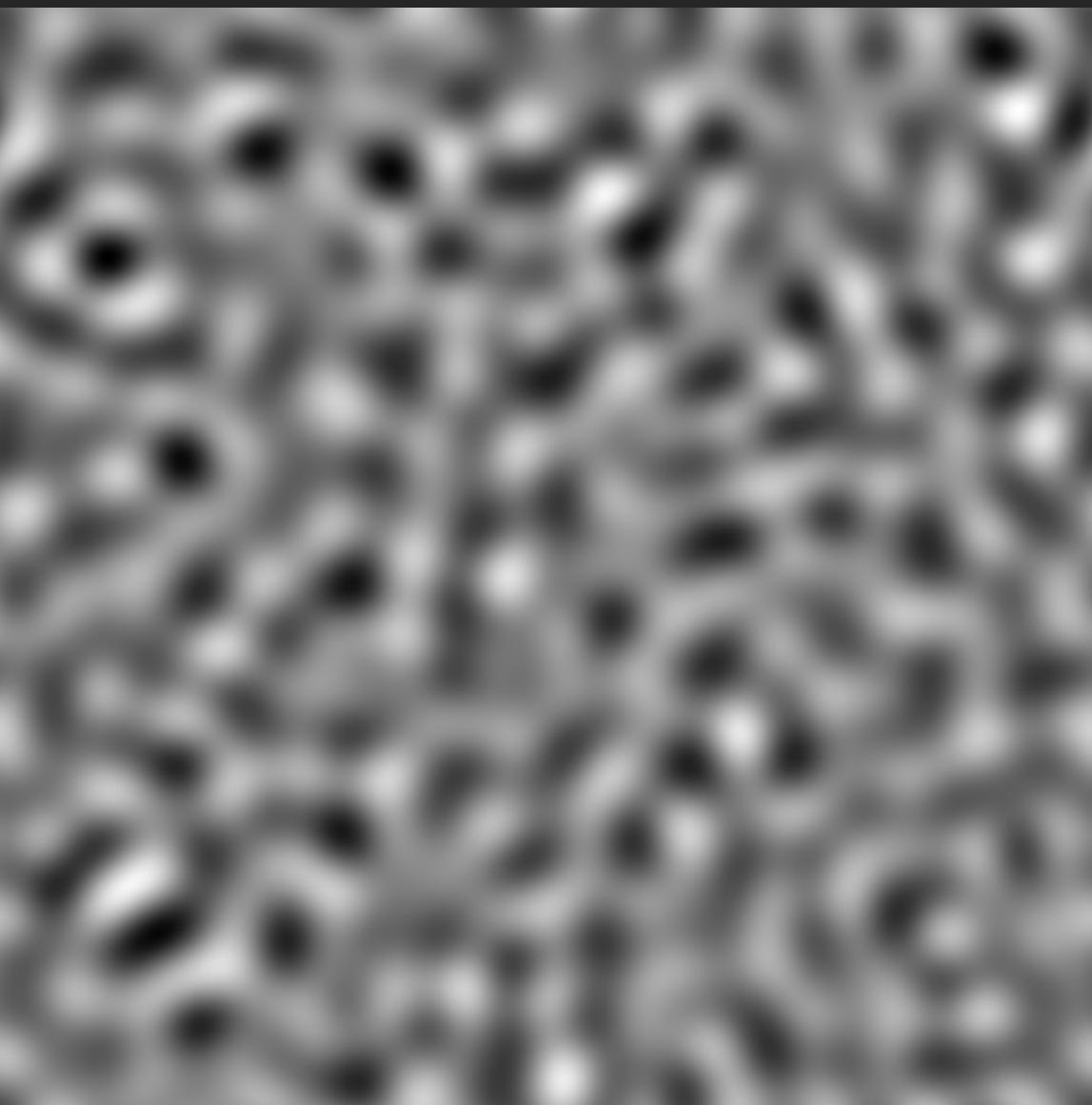
**L** → L-Junction

# Noise

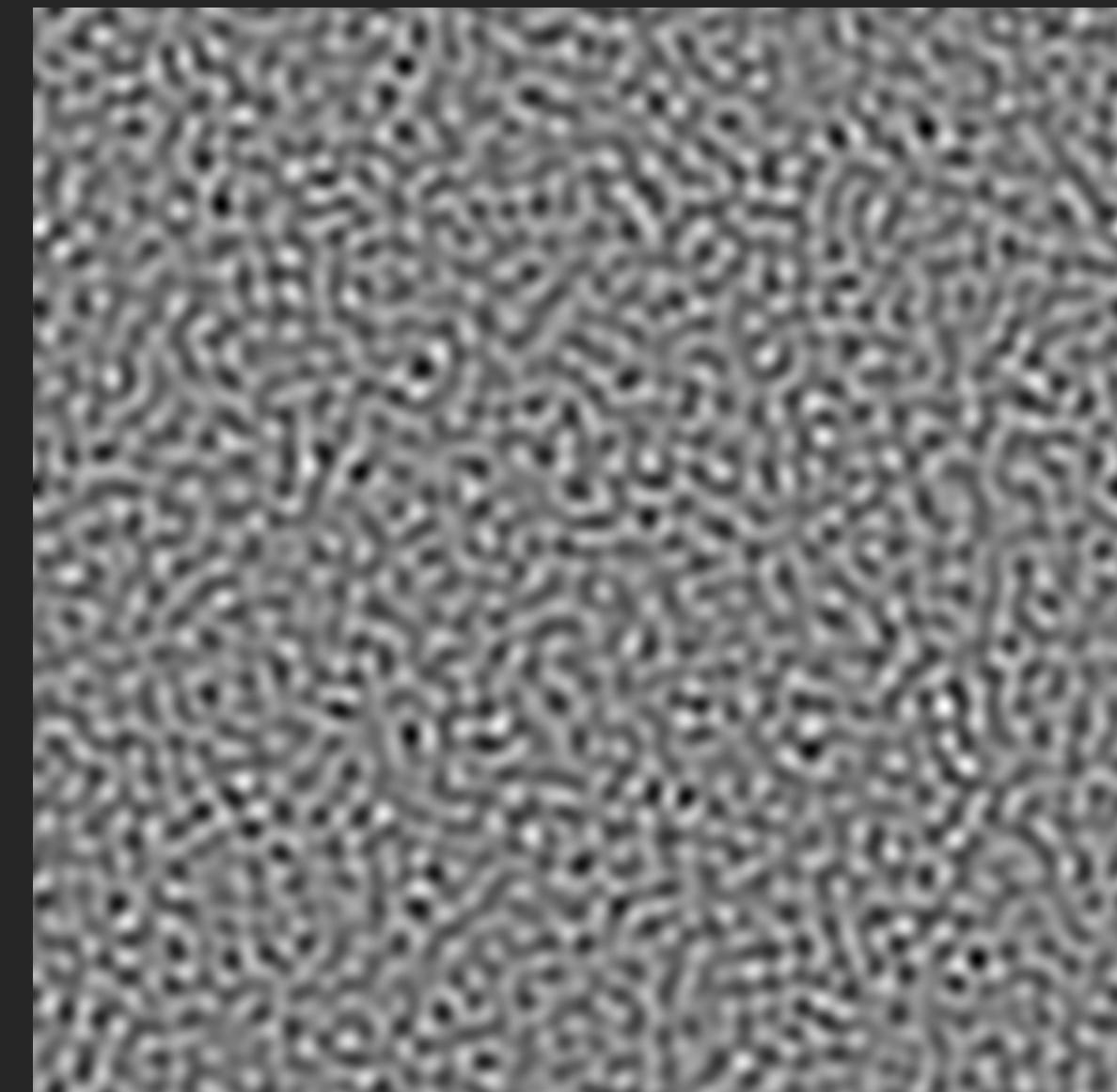
## Basic Terminology & Motivation



Narrowband noise, cf=0.005cpd



Narrowband noise, cf=0.01cpd



Narrowband noise, cf=0.03cpd

# Motivation

## Basic Terminology & Motivation

- Since junctions can cause a layer scission, is there an algorithm that can detect junctions in images? → Yes
- How does its output change, if noise is added to the images?

# Motivation

## Basic Terminology & Motivation

The effect of **noise** on computational T-Junction detection in images



Noise at different center-frequencies



Number of detected T-Junctions

# The algorithm

## Basic Terminology & Motivation

- Proposed in the Paper “Contours, Corners and T-Junctions Detection Algorithm” by Antoni Buades, Rafael Grompone von Gioi and Julia Navarro
- The only paper (I could find) that provides the sourcecode

# In- and Output

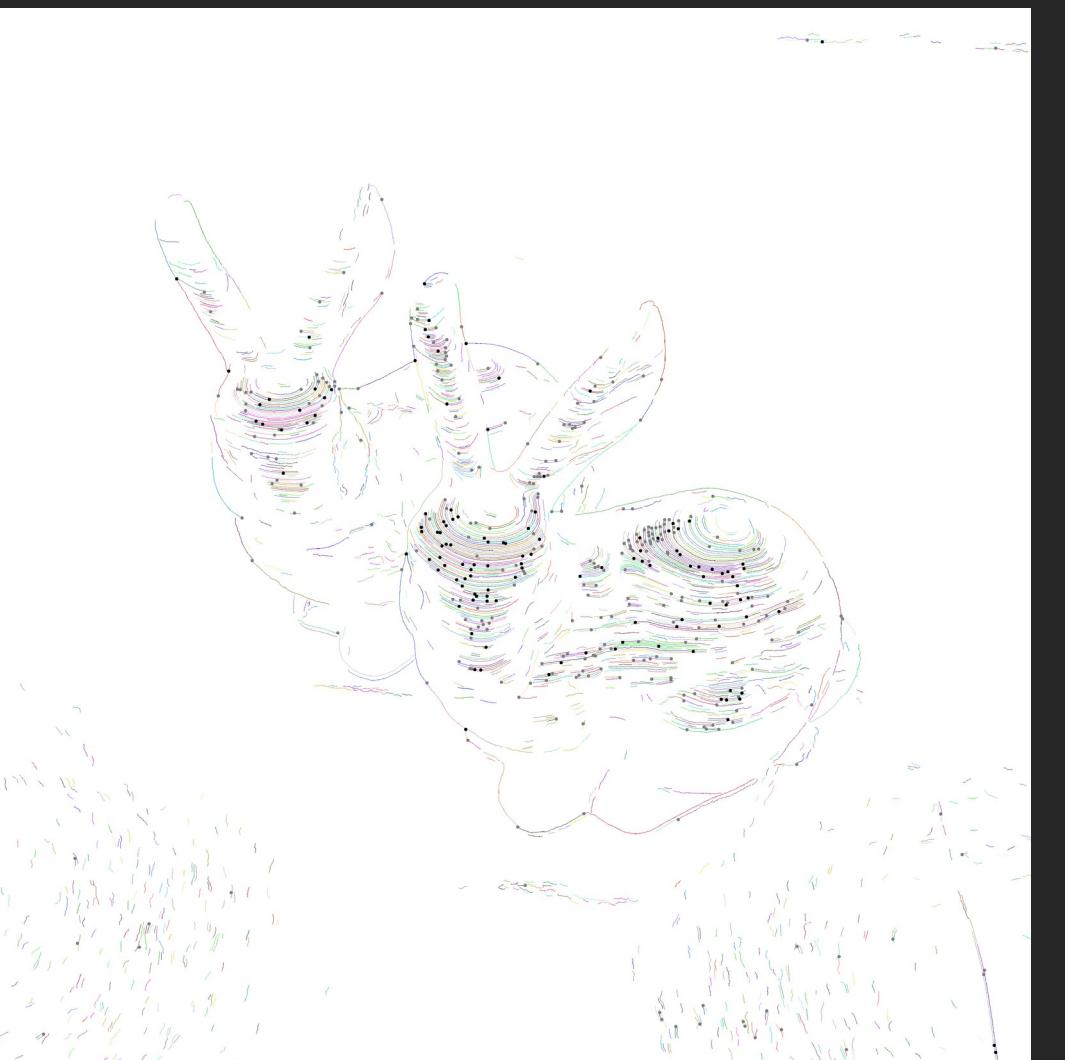
## Basic Terminology & Motivation

**Input**

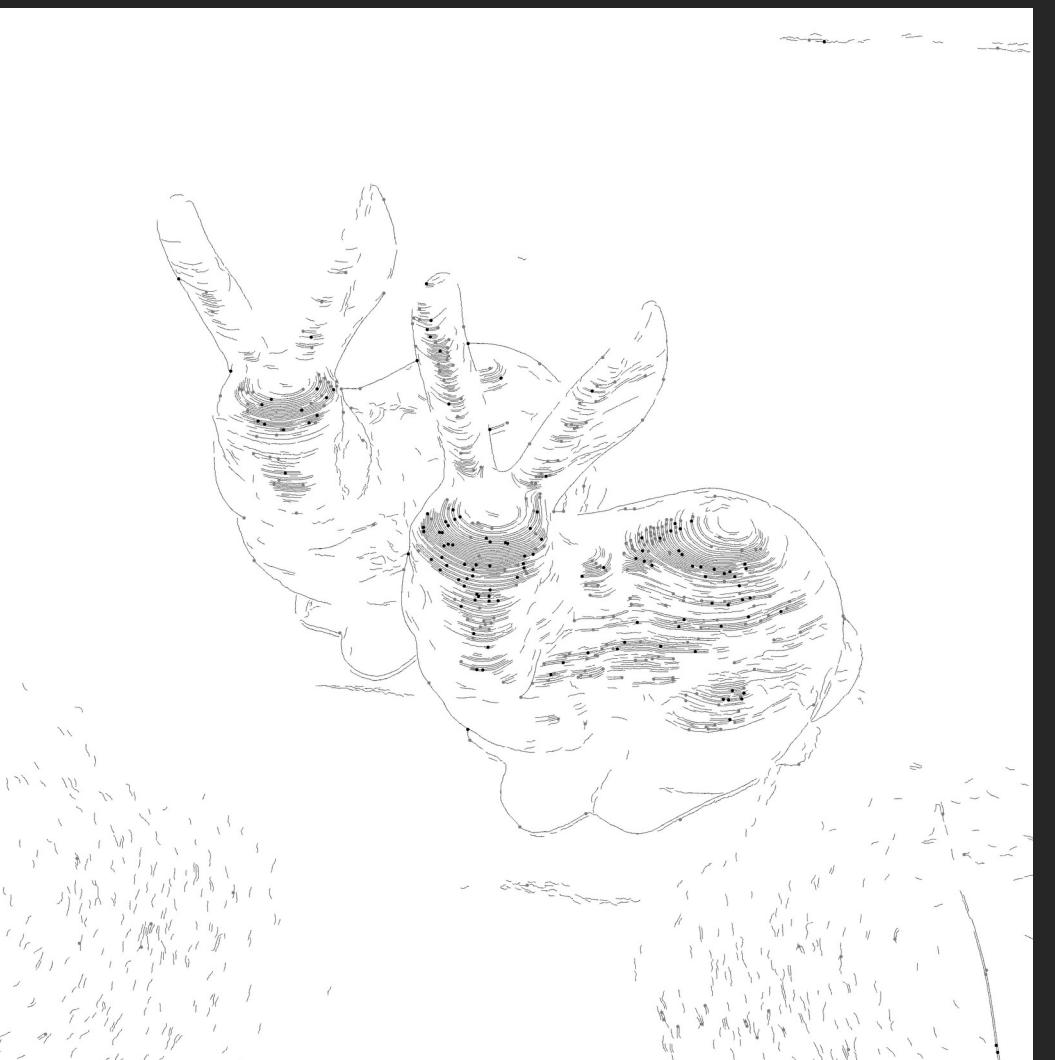


Greyscale Image

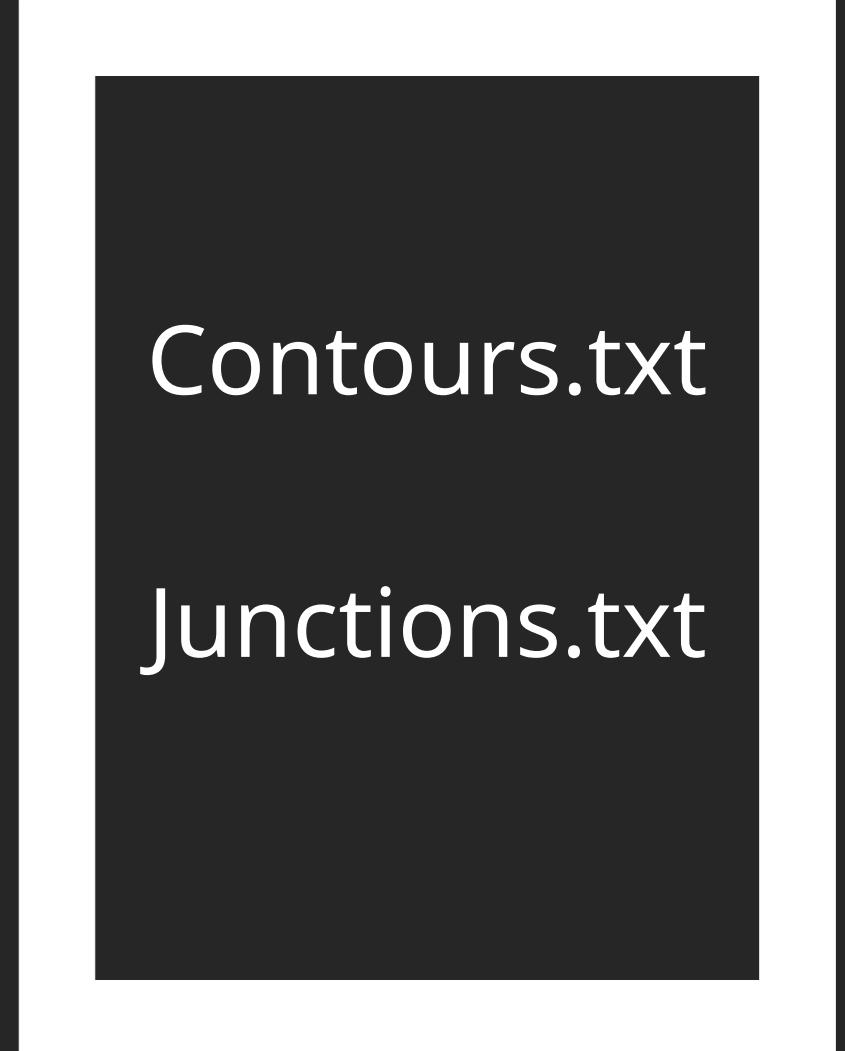
**Output**



Colored Contours  
and Junctions



Grey Contours  
and Junctions



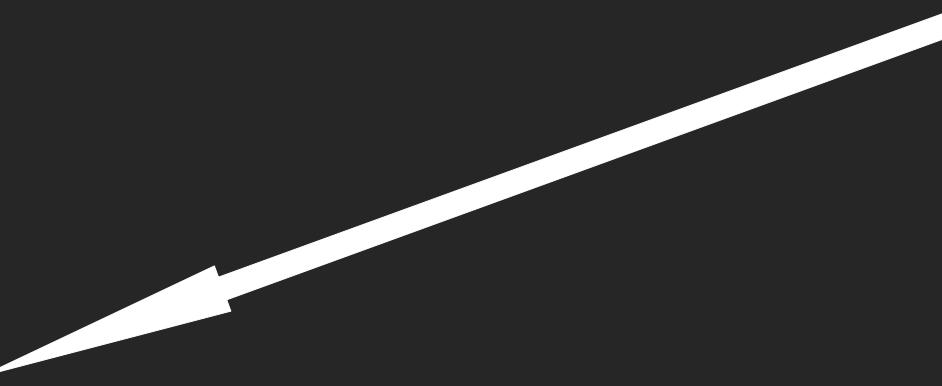
Classification and  
Coordinates

# Procedure

## Basic Terminology & Motivation

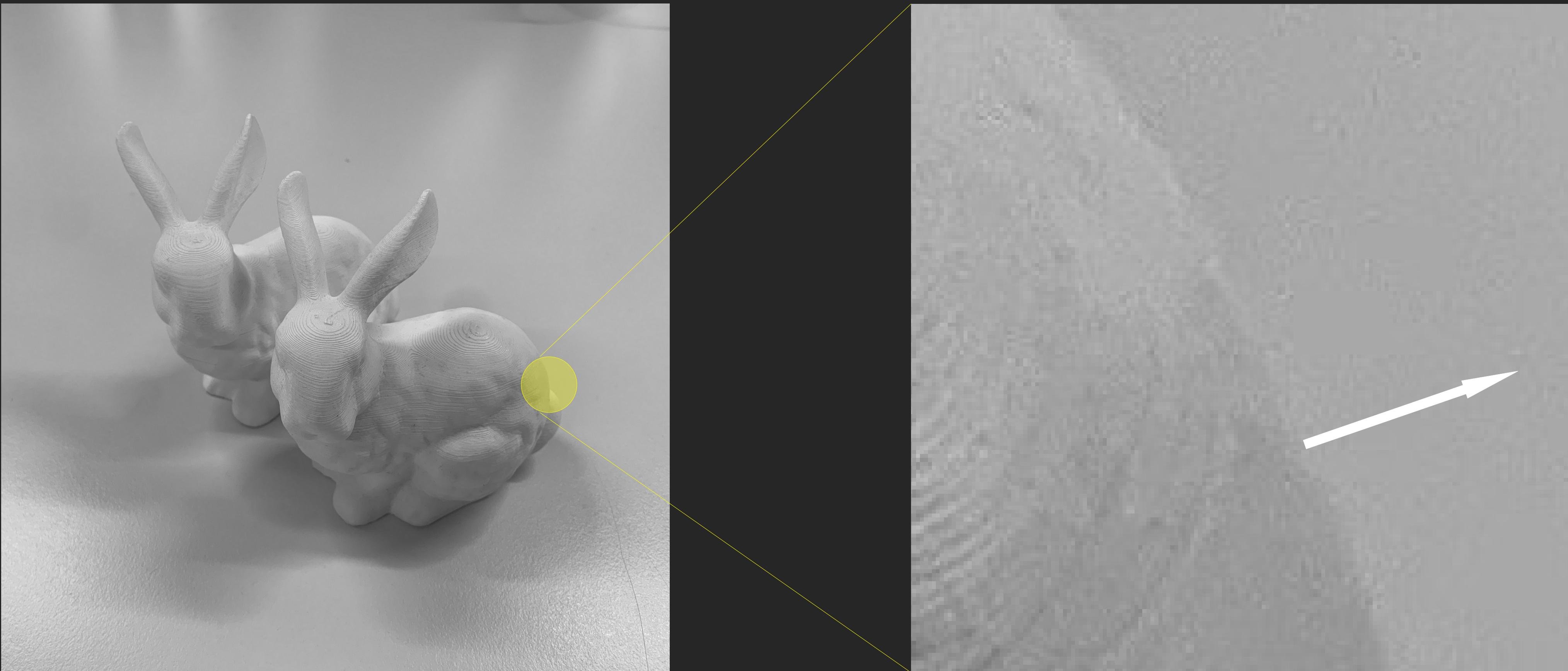
Gradient → Inhibition → Association → 2<sup>nd</sup> Inhibition

Junction  
Detection



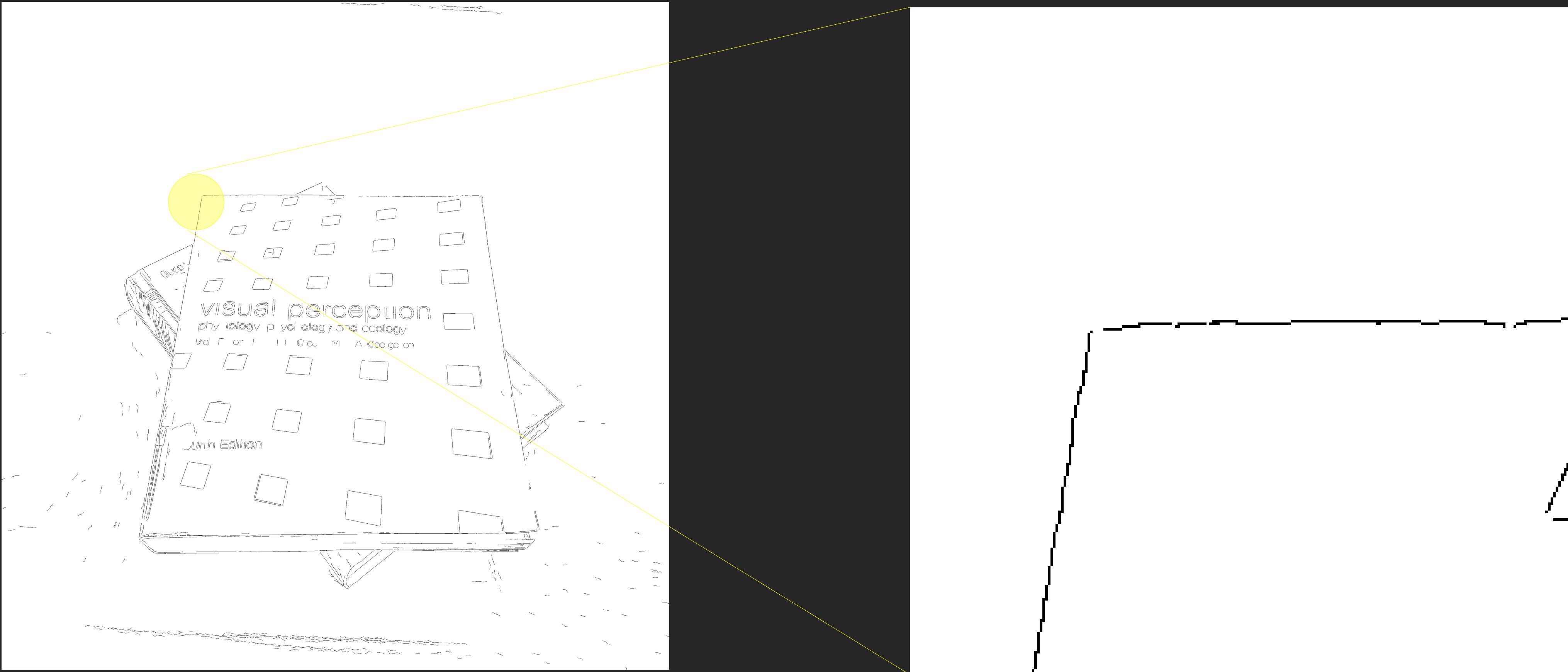
# Gradient determination

## Basic Terminology & Motivation



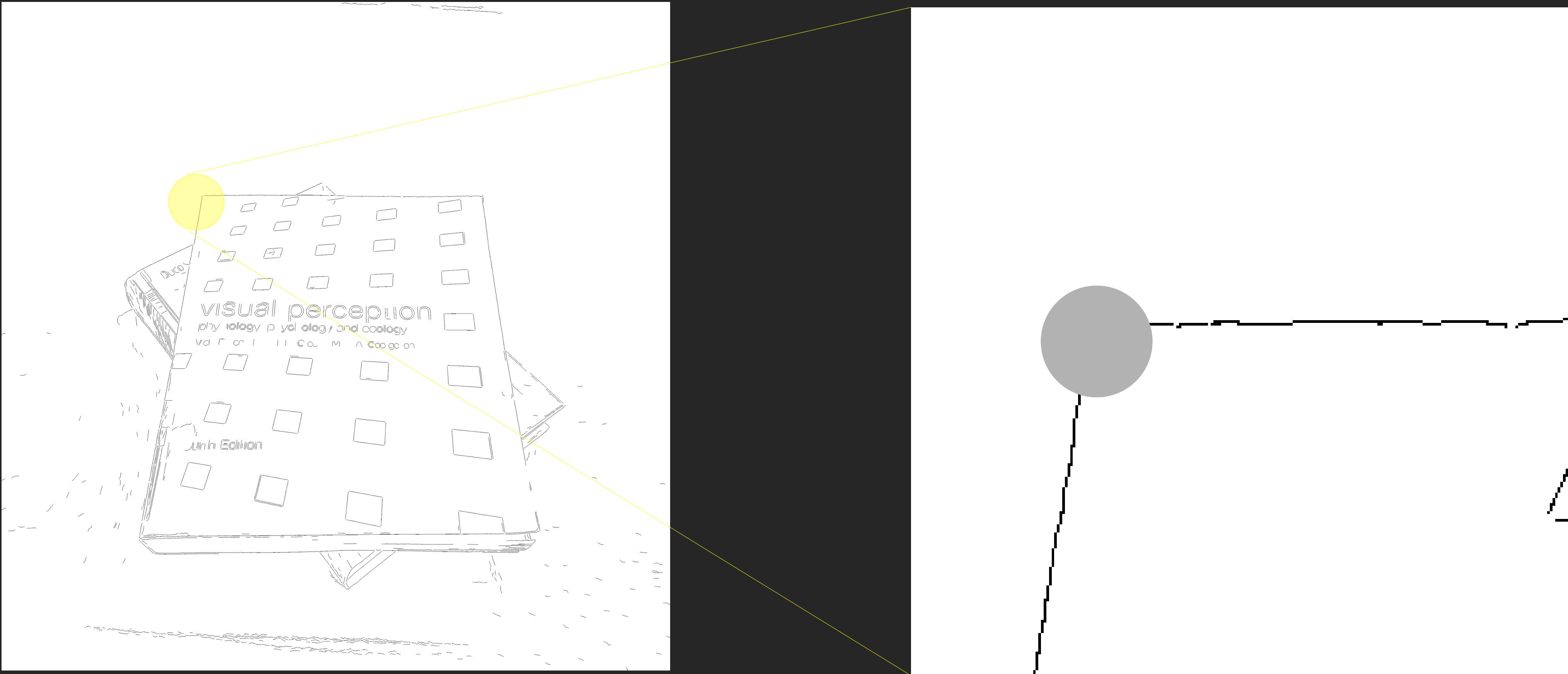
# Junction Detection

## Basic Terminology & Motivation



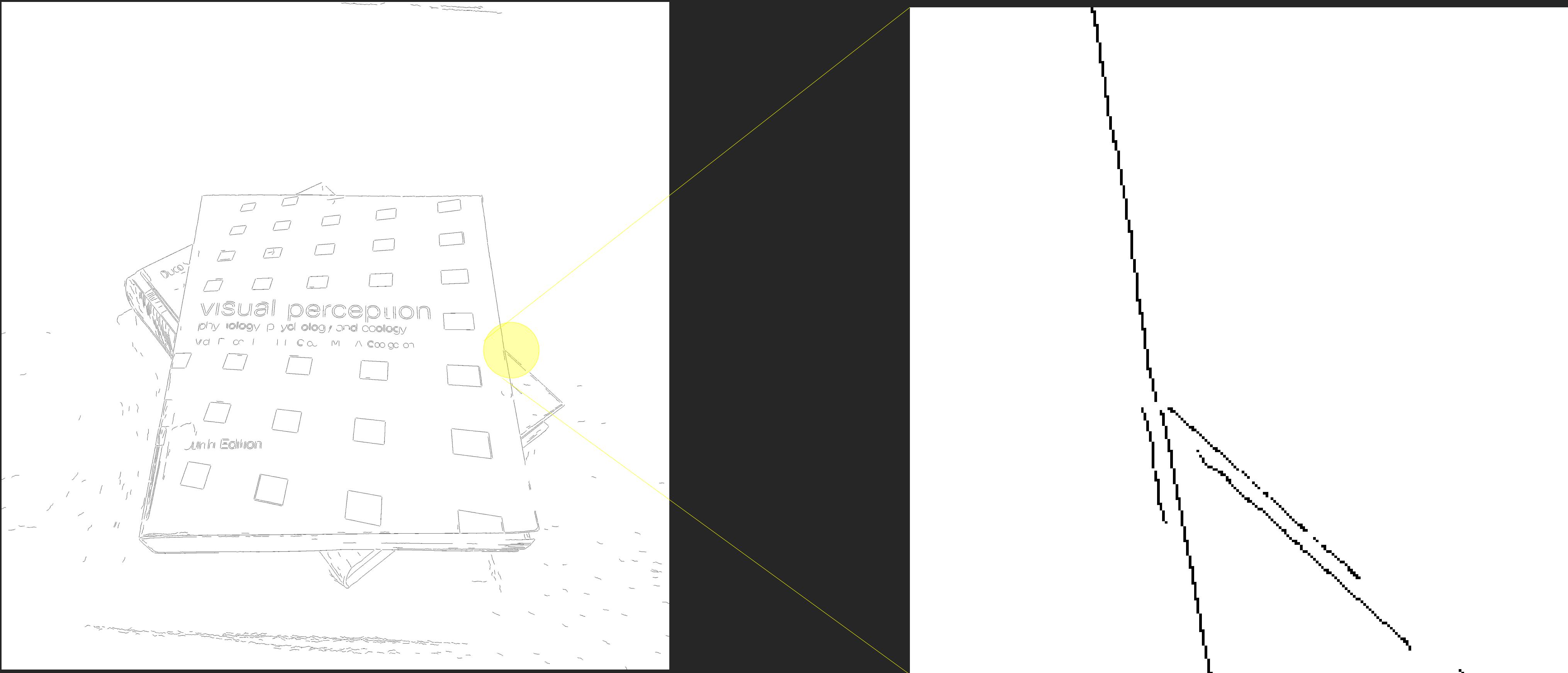
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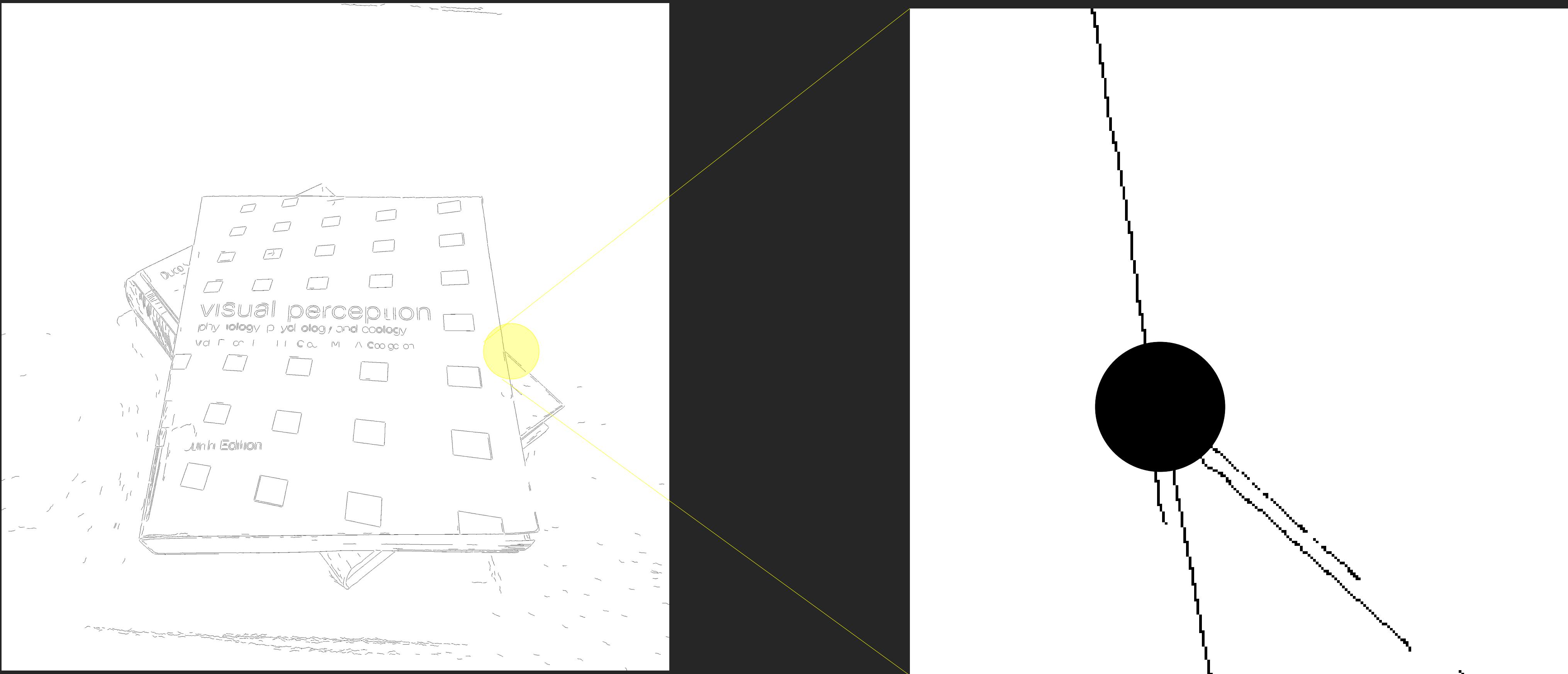
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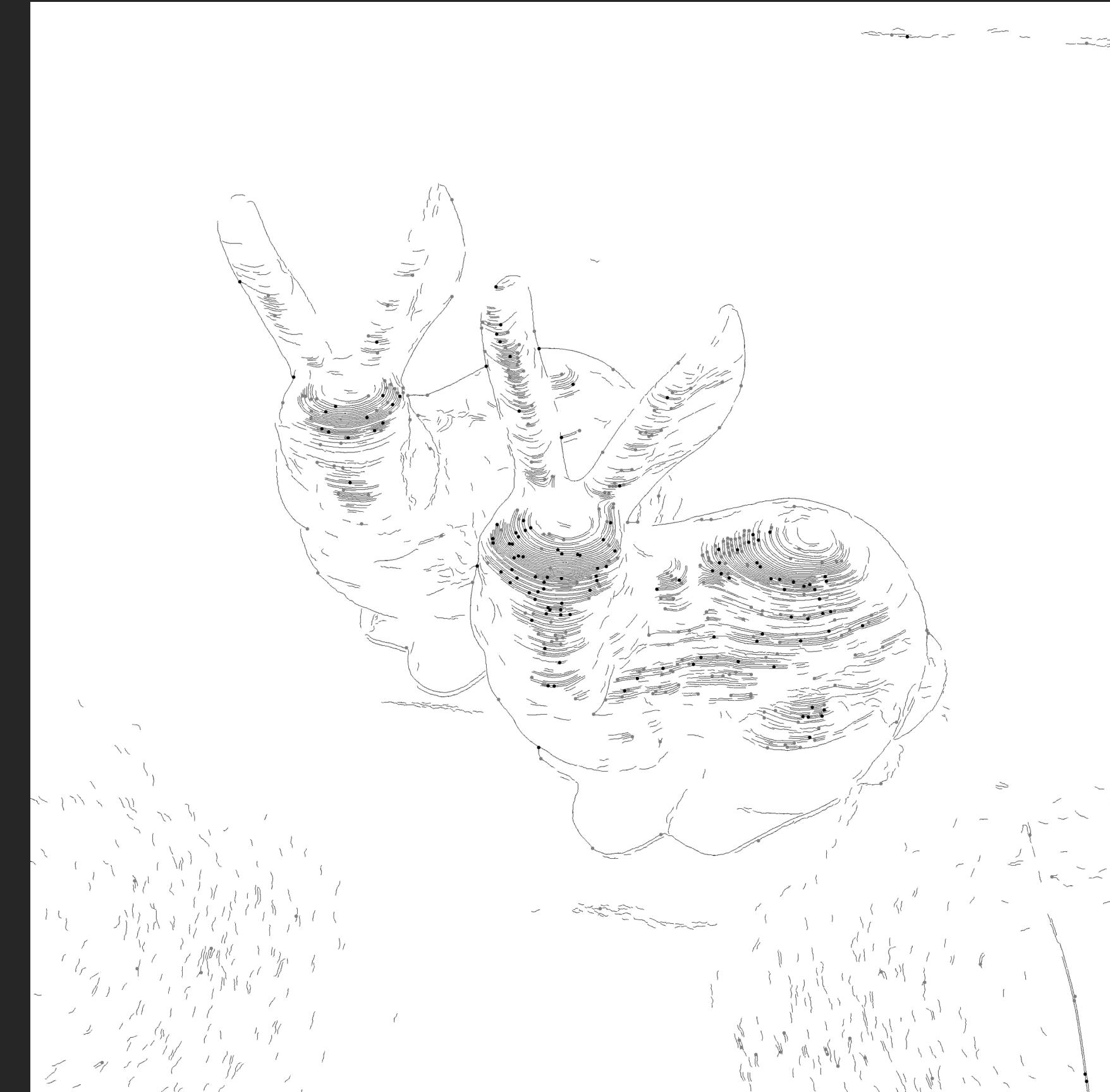
# Python Setup

## Methods

- OpenCV for reading images and grey-scale conversion
- Stimupy for creating narrowband noise
- Subprocess to run c++ code via python
- Matplotlib to create plots

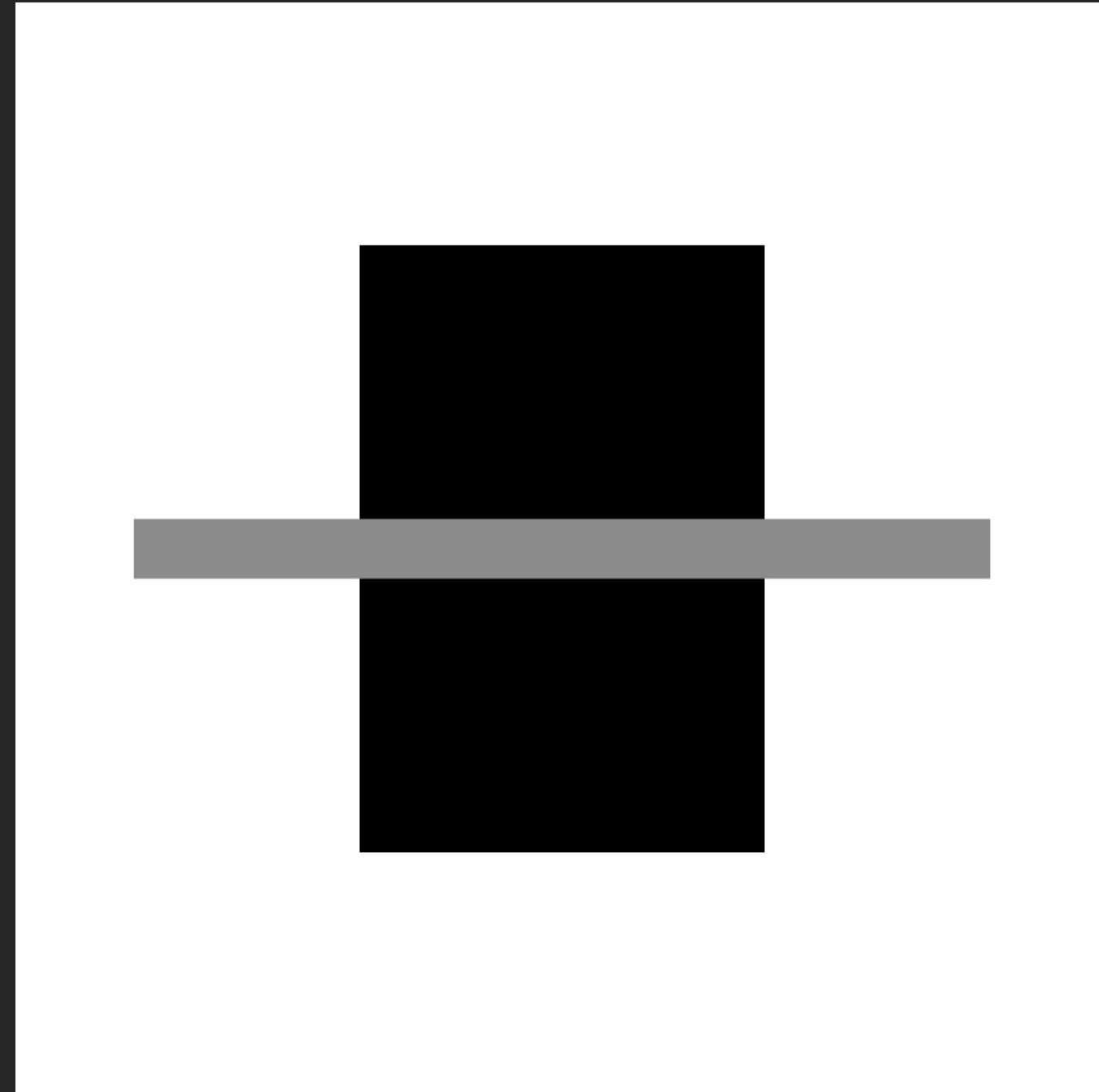
# Stimuli

## Methods

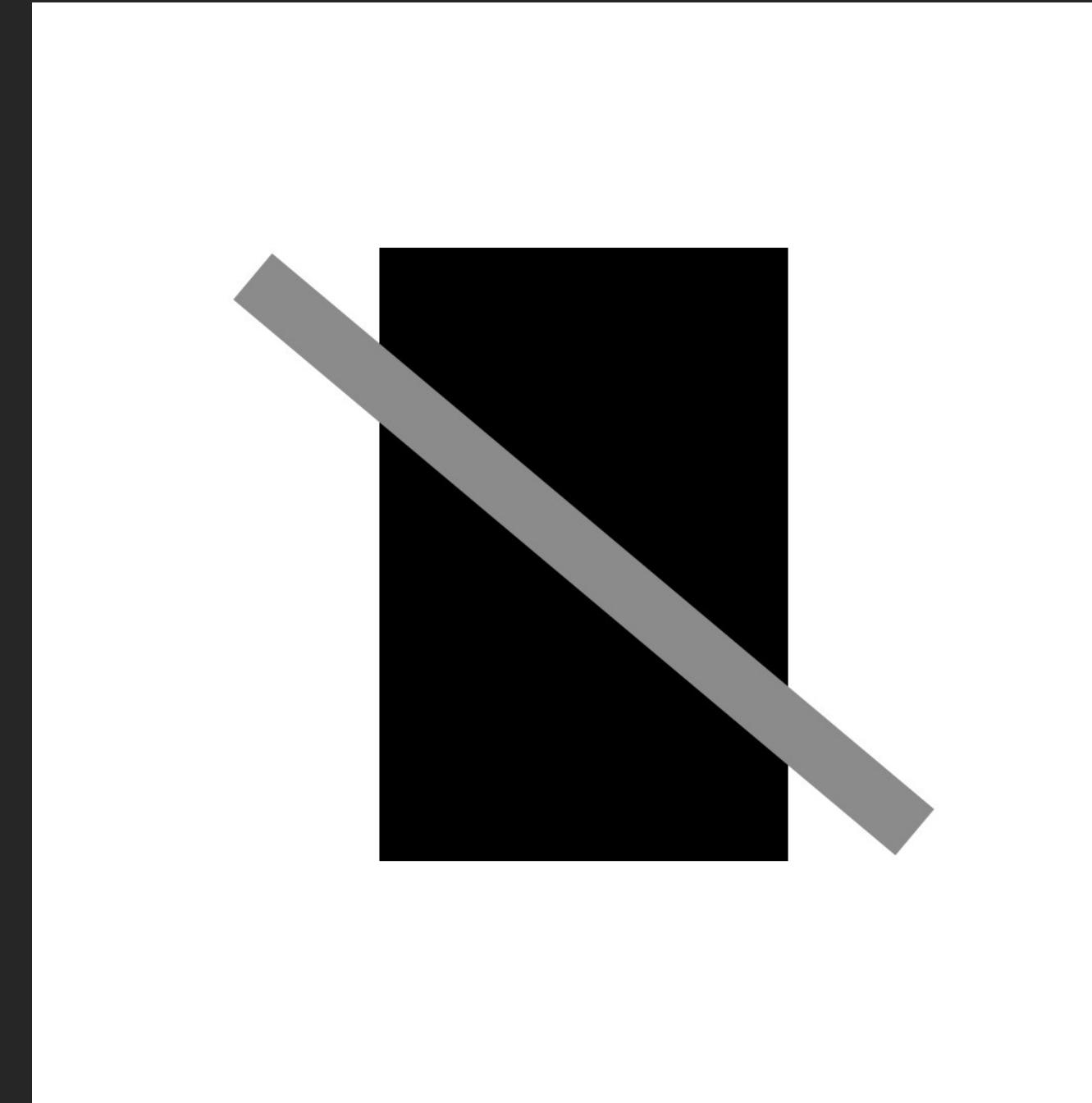


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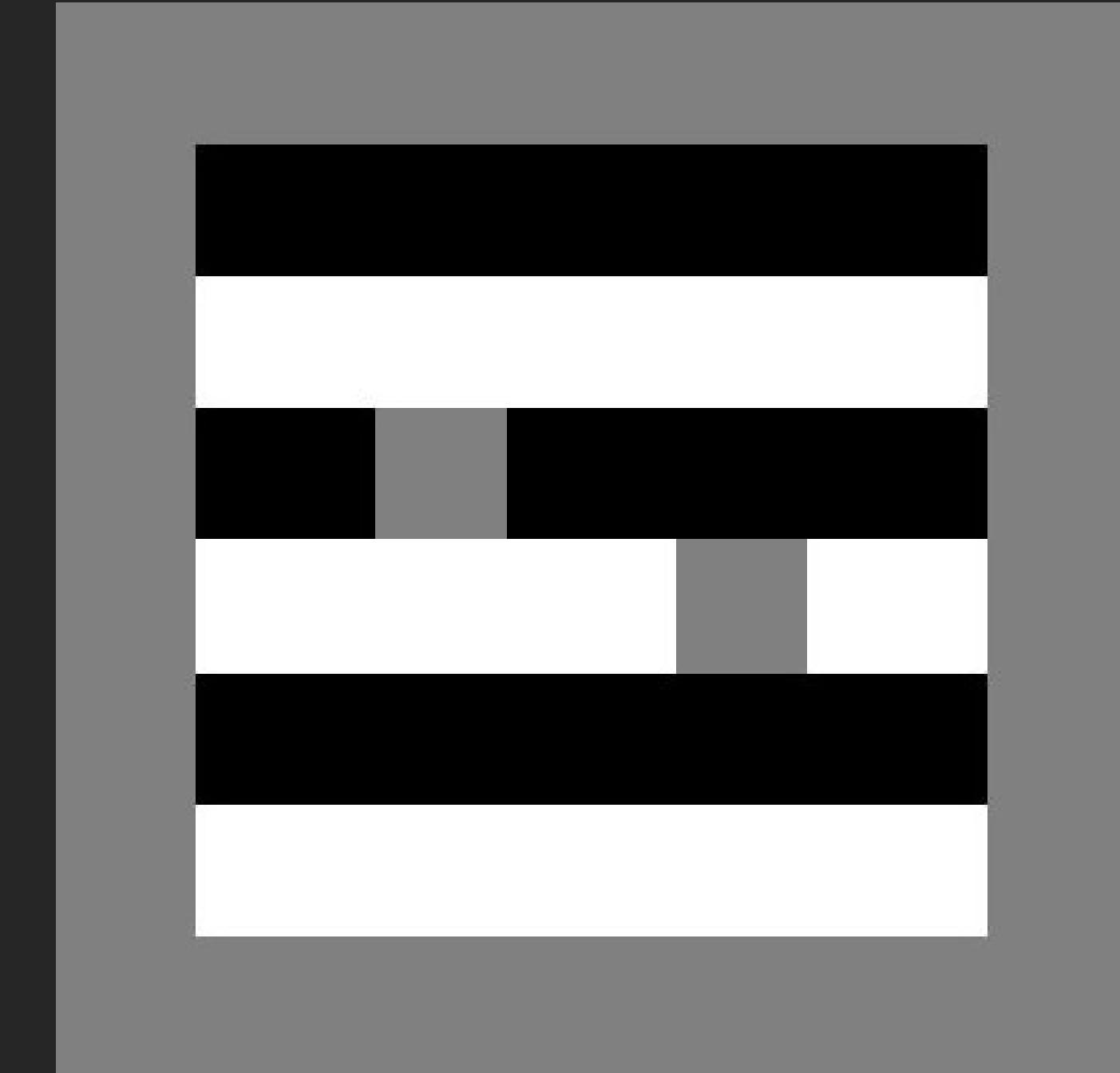
## Methods



Bar-Stimulus #1



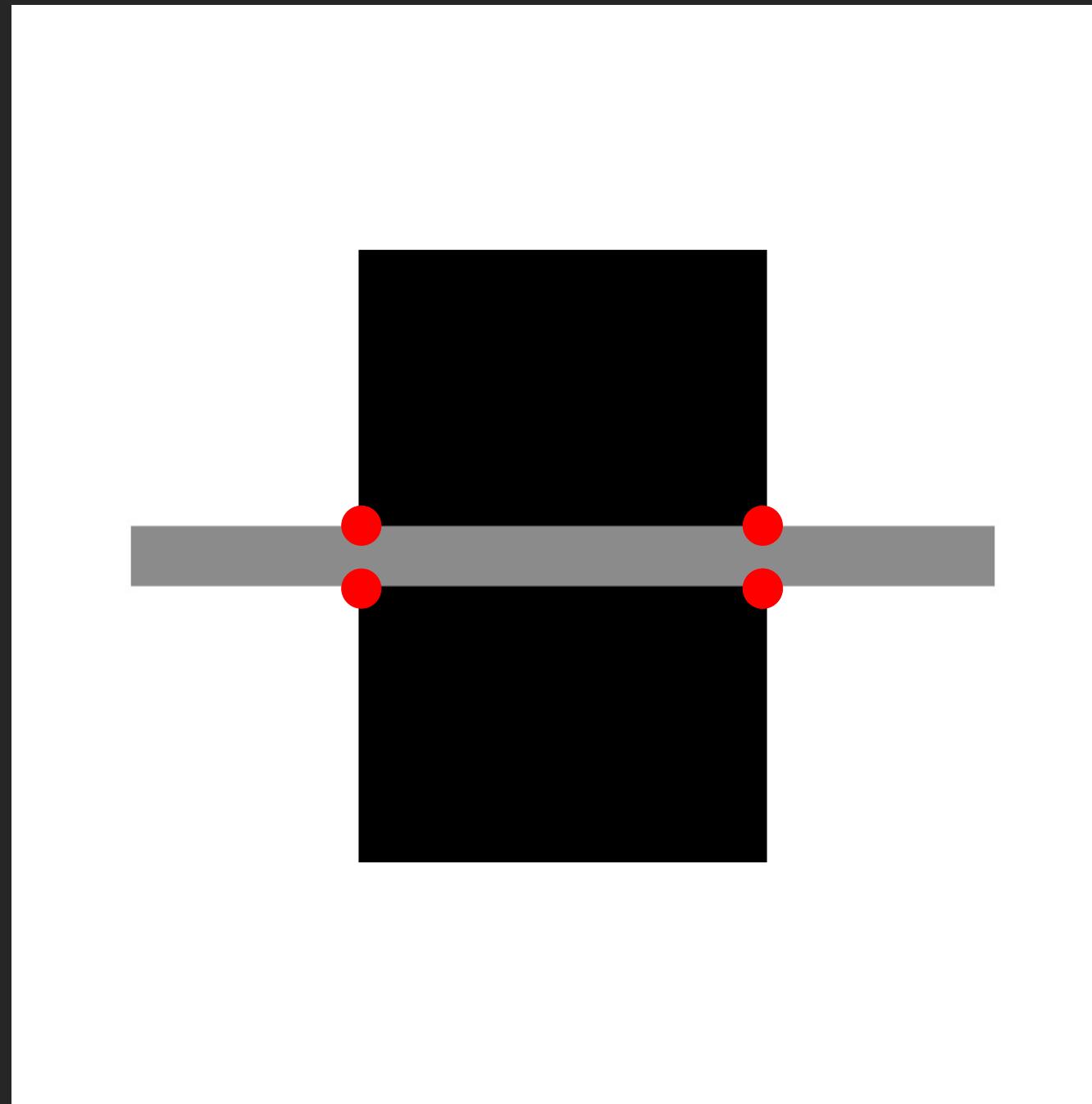
Bar-Stimulus #2



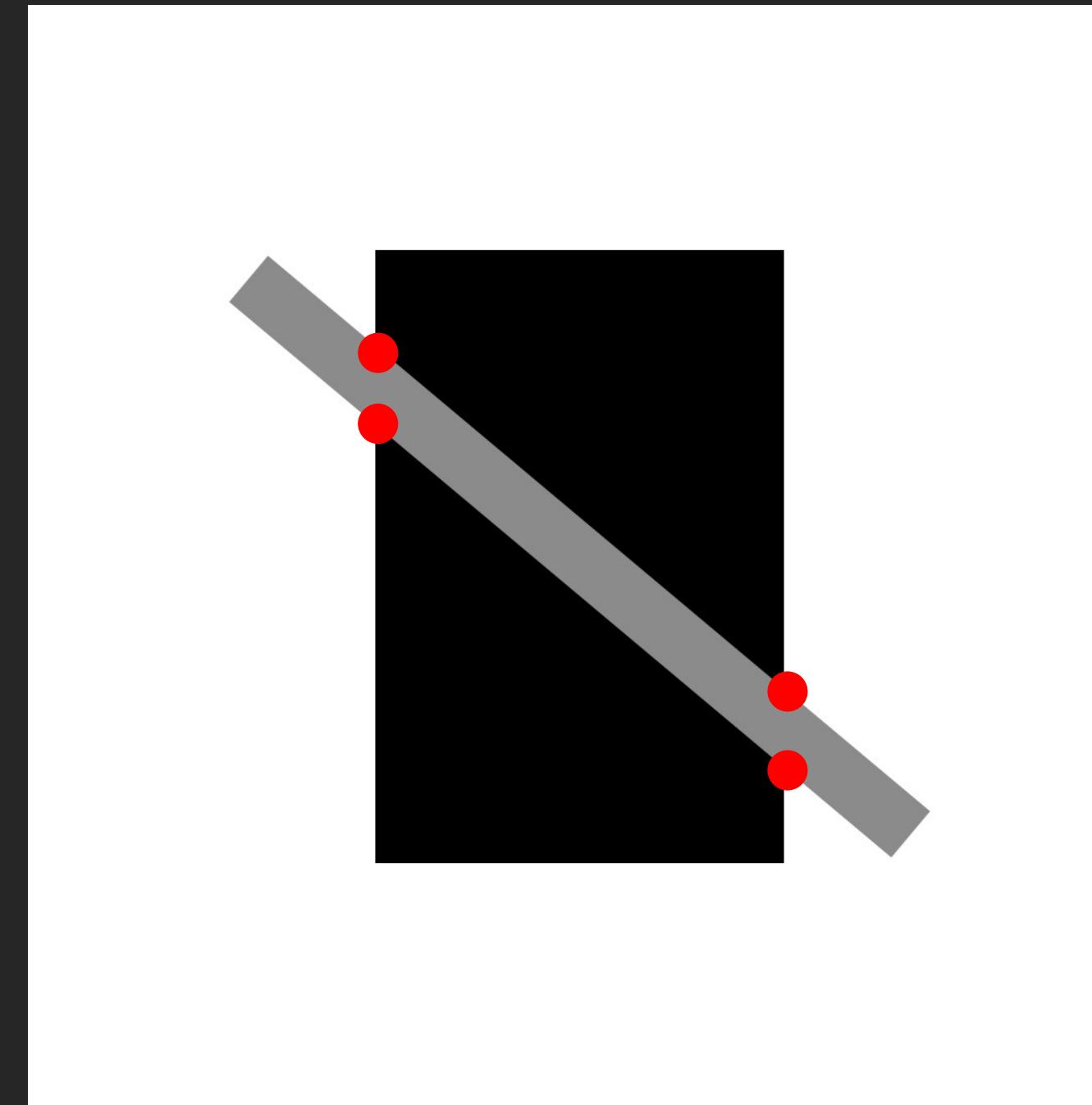
Whites Illusion<sup>1</sup>

# Base Images as Input

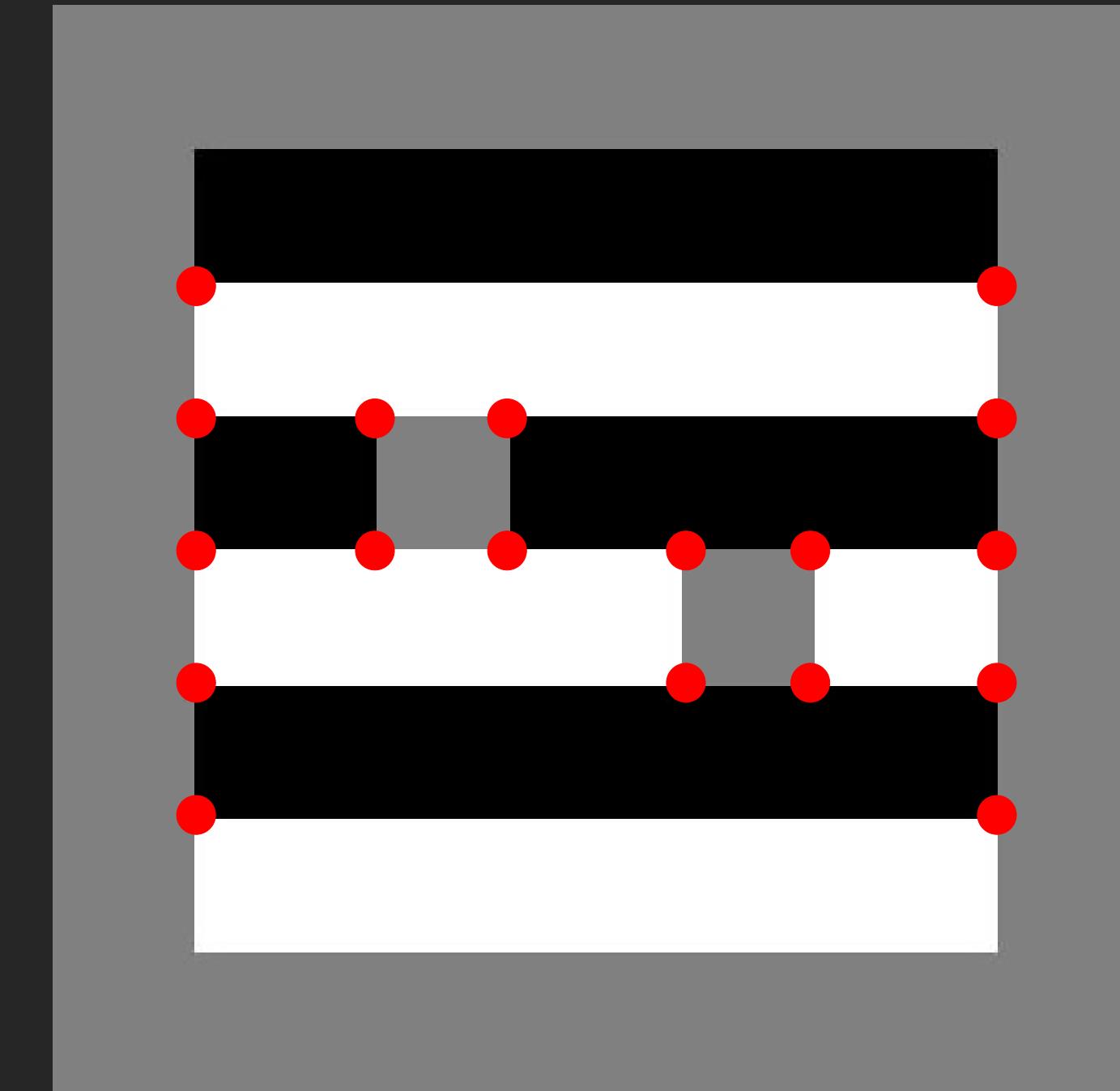
## Results



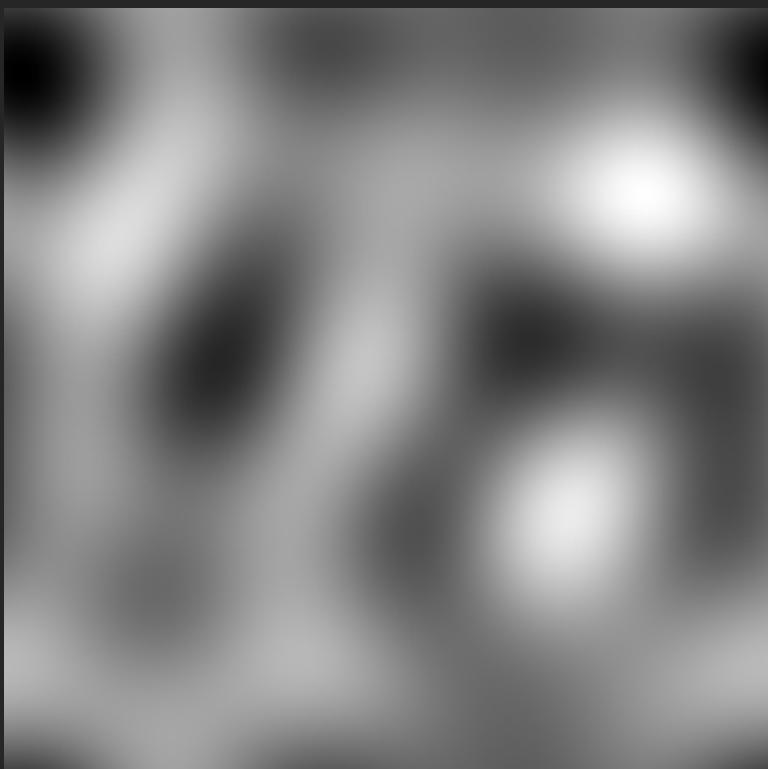
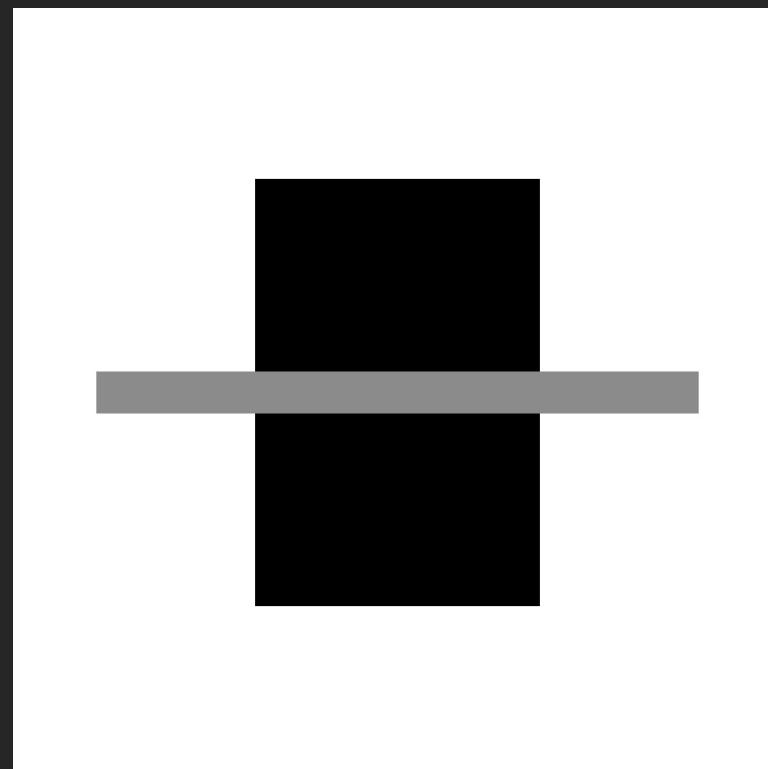
4 T-Junctions



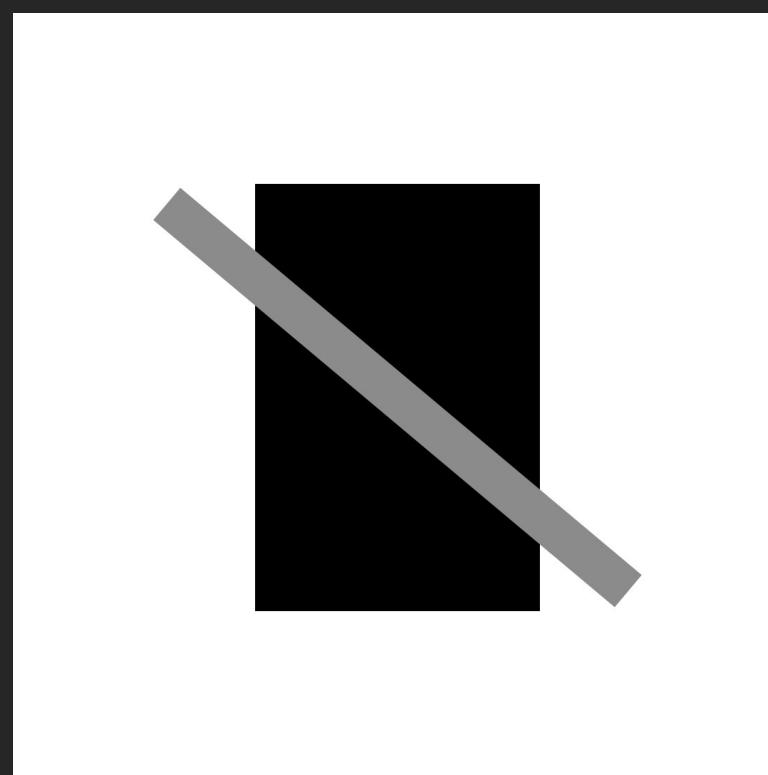
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18 T-Junctions

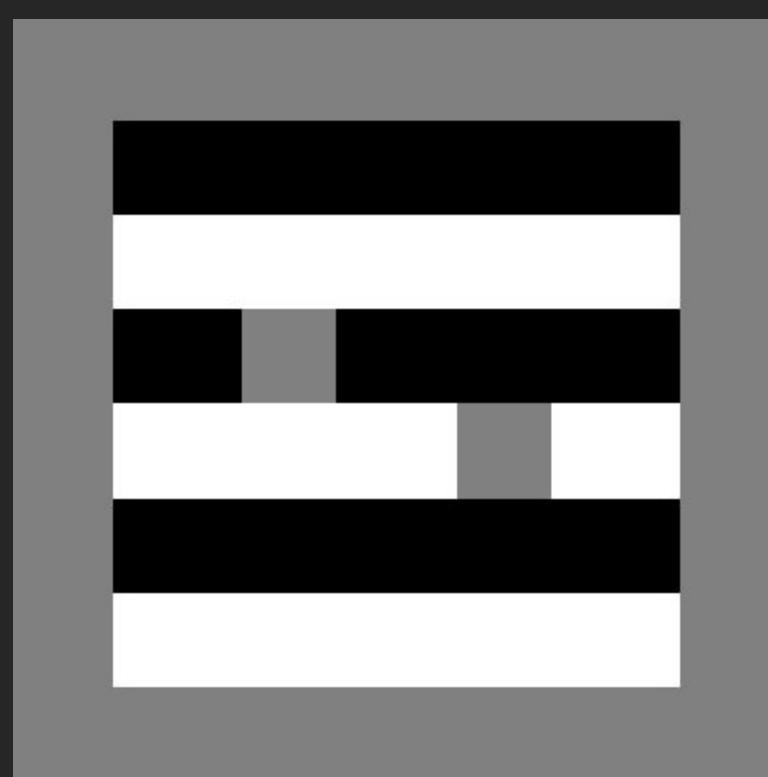


Narrowband, 0.005cpd

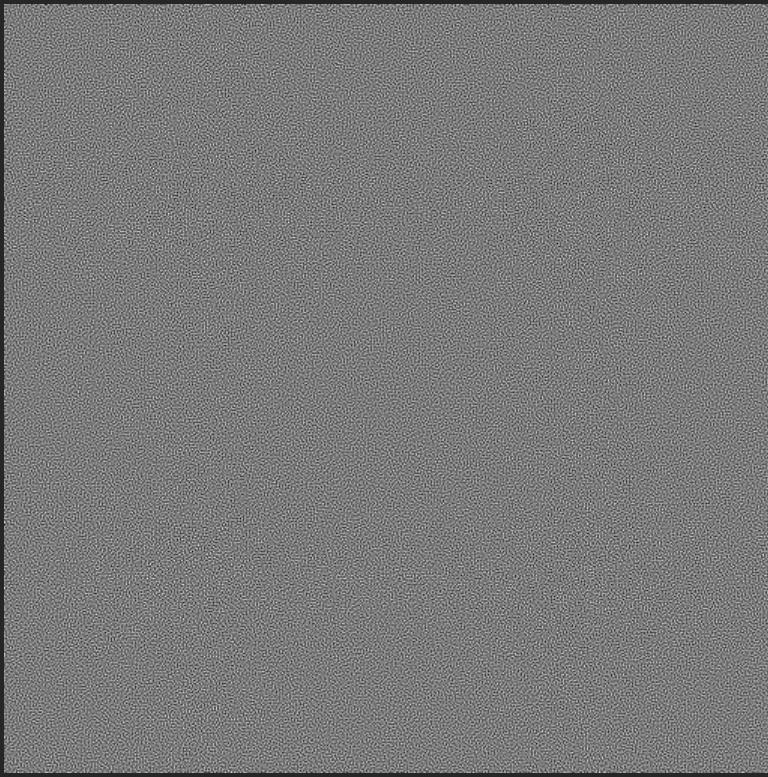


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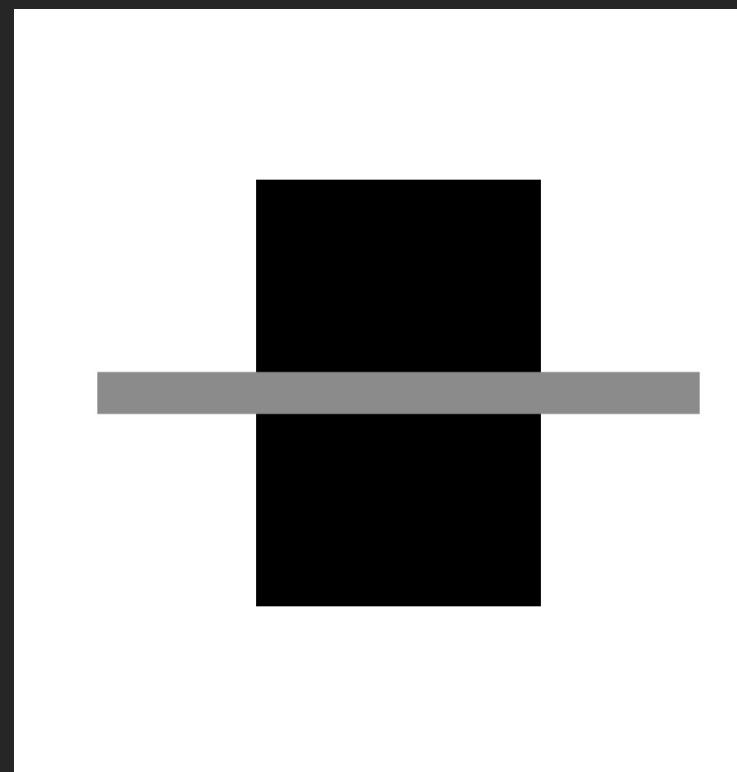
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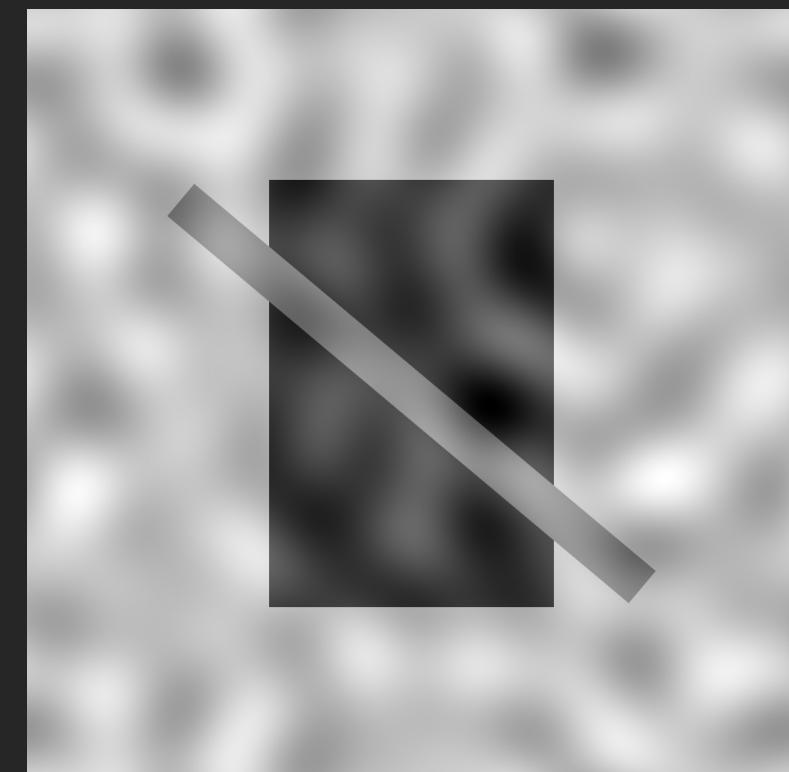
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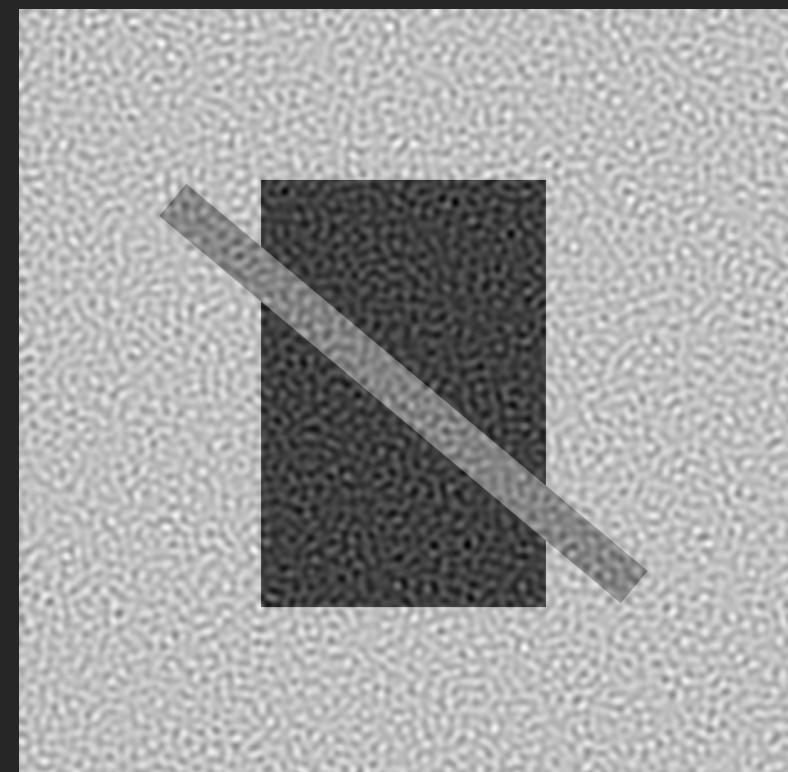
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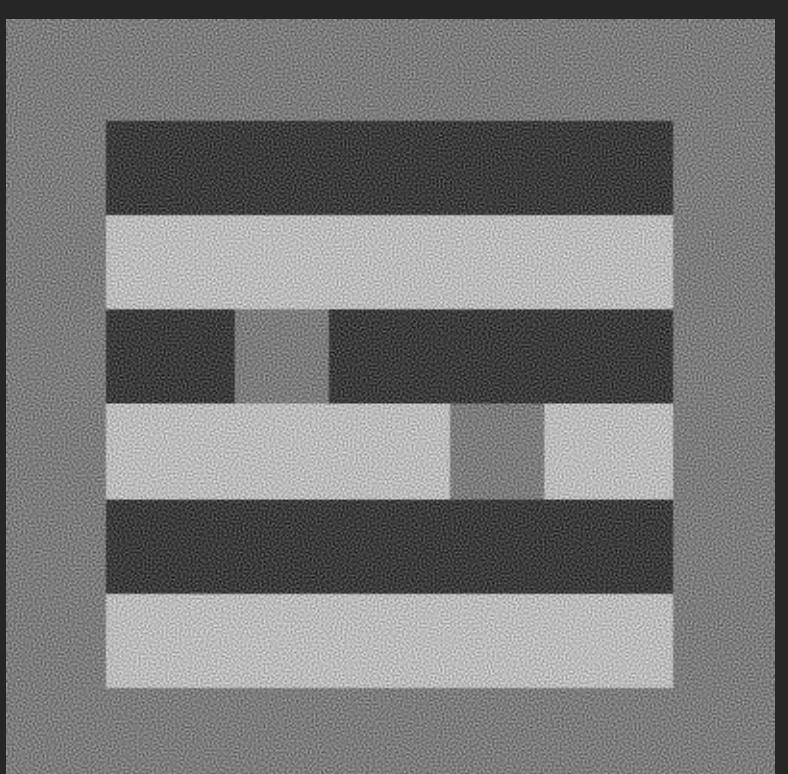
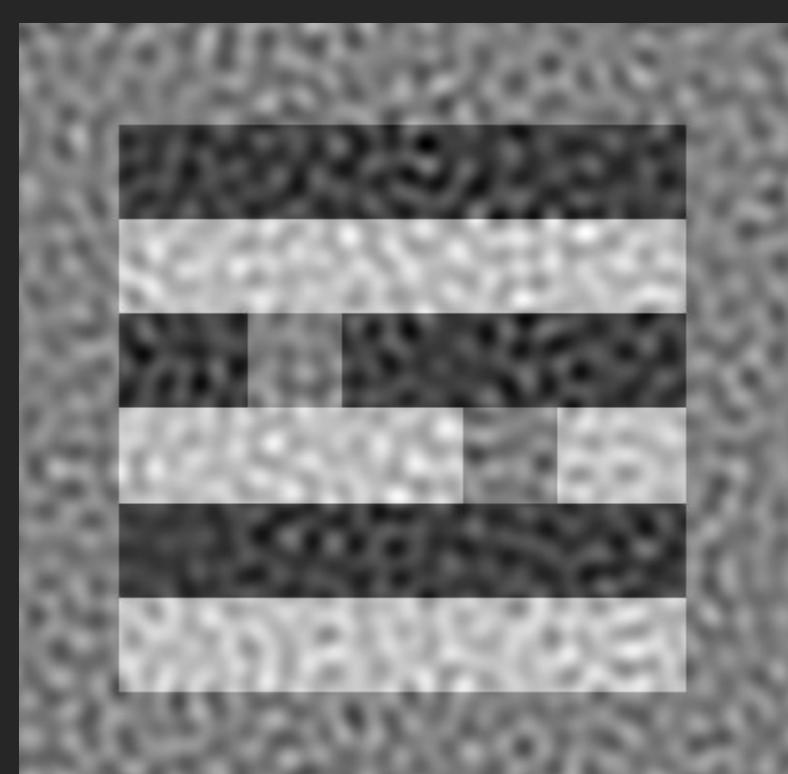
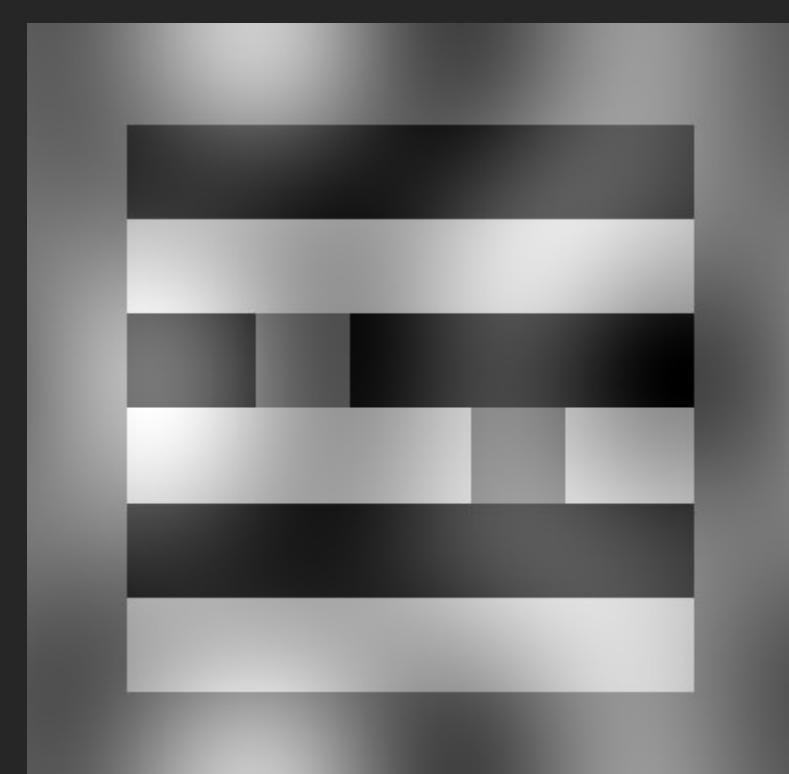
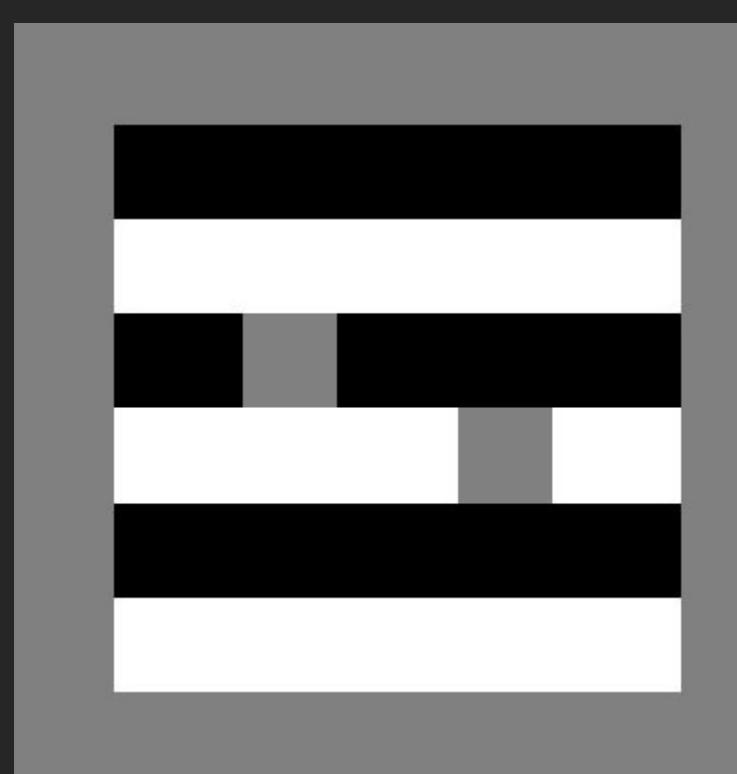
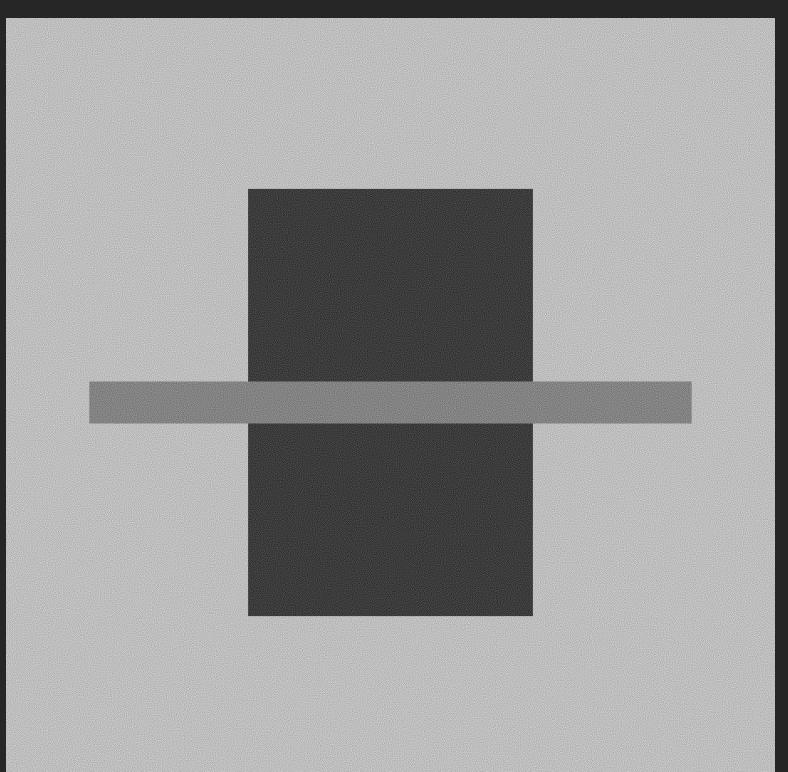
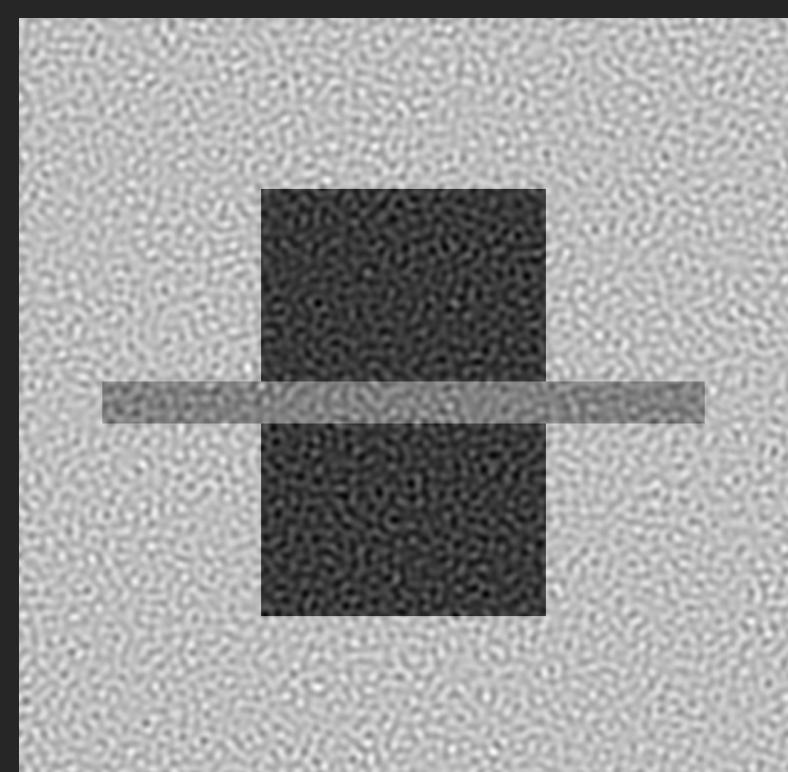
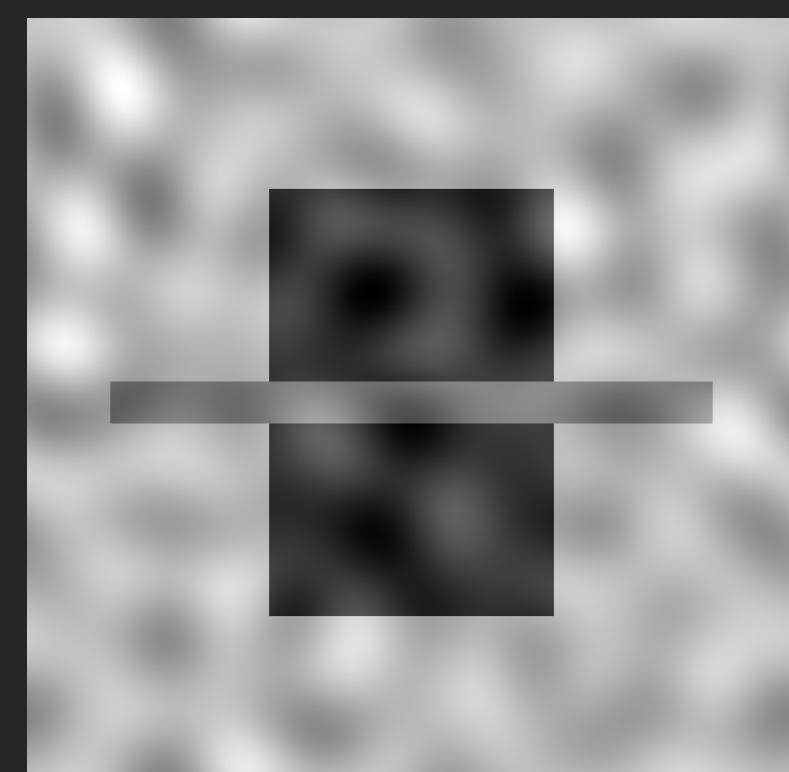
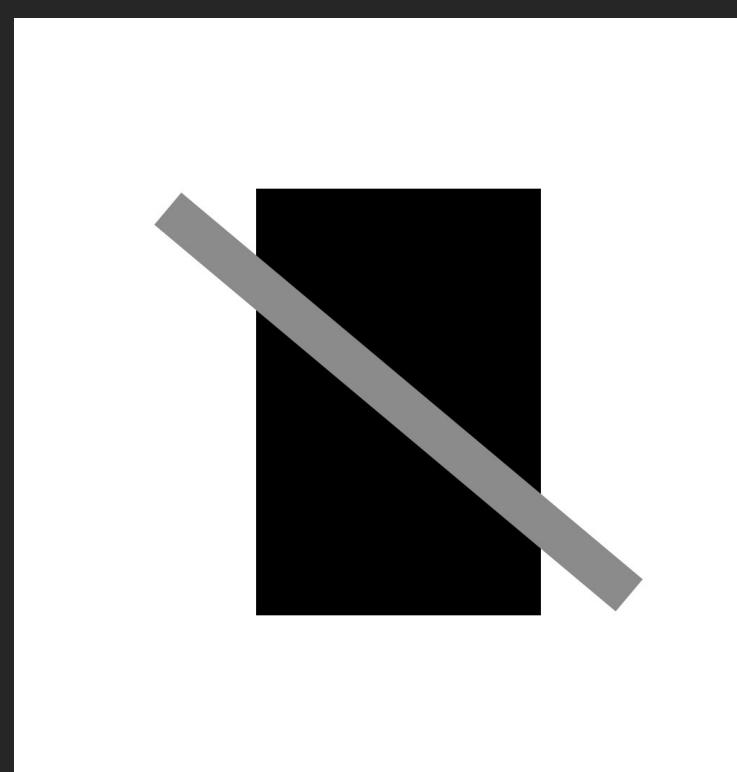
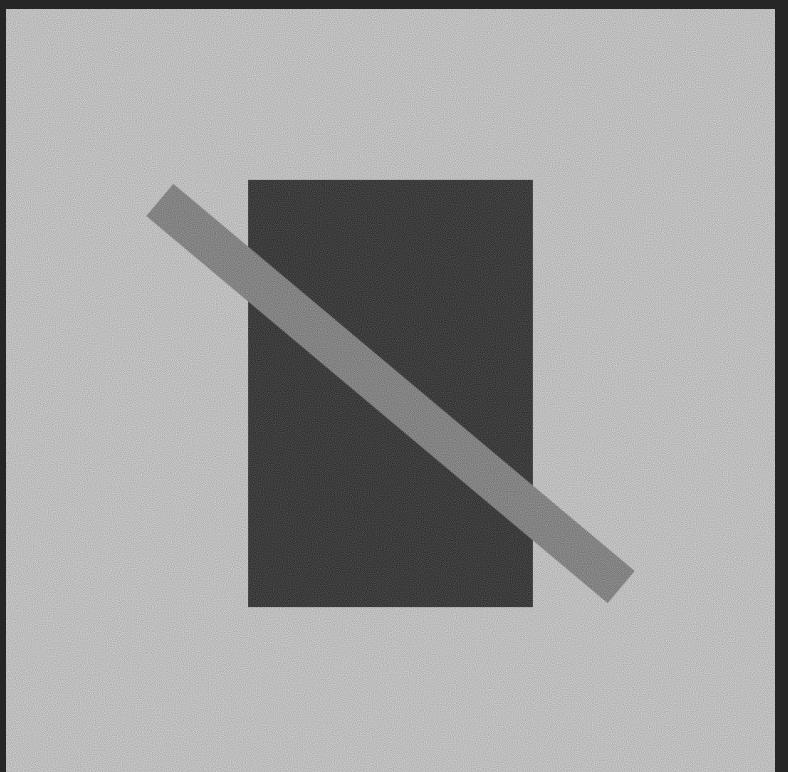
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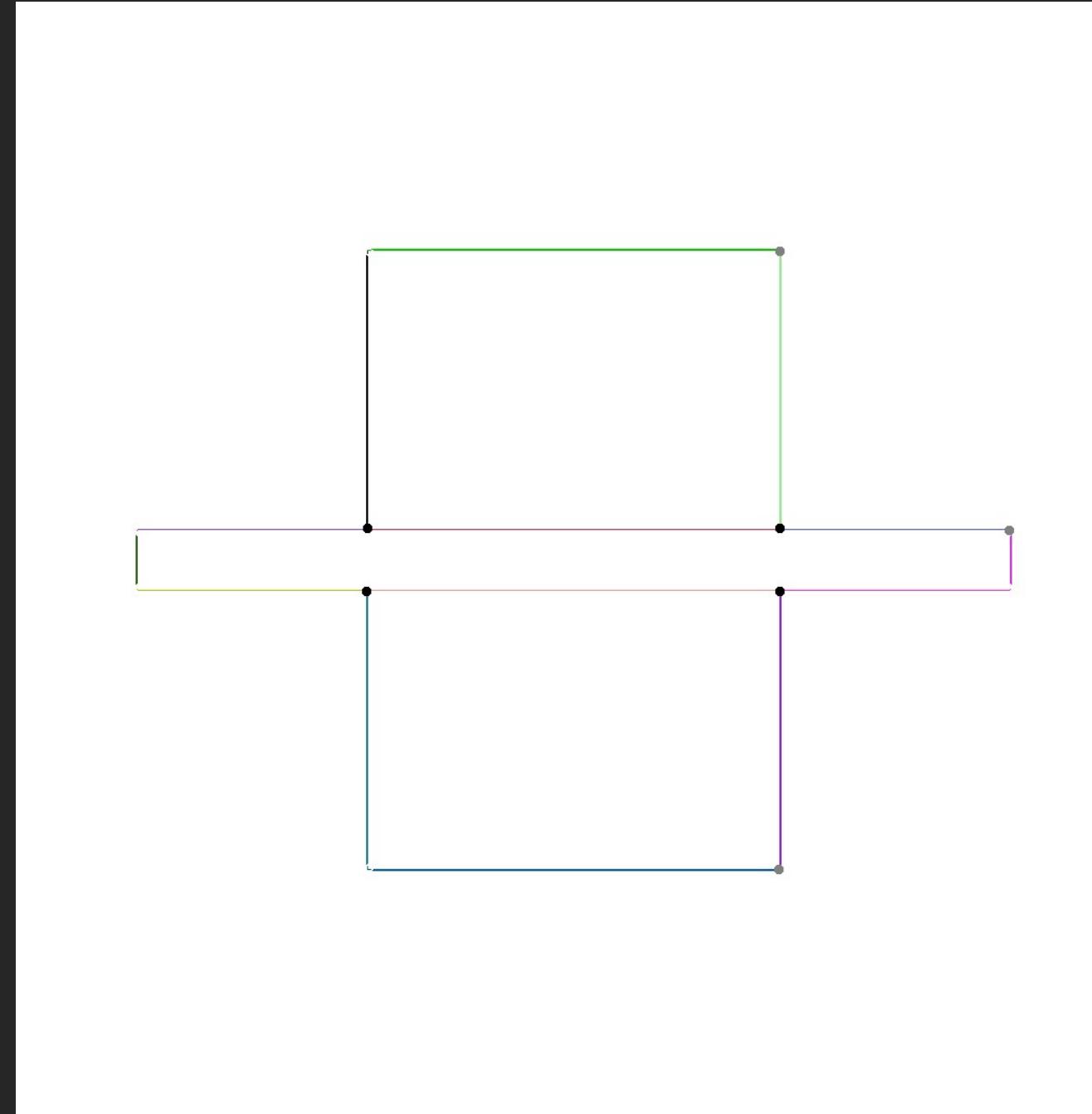


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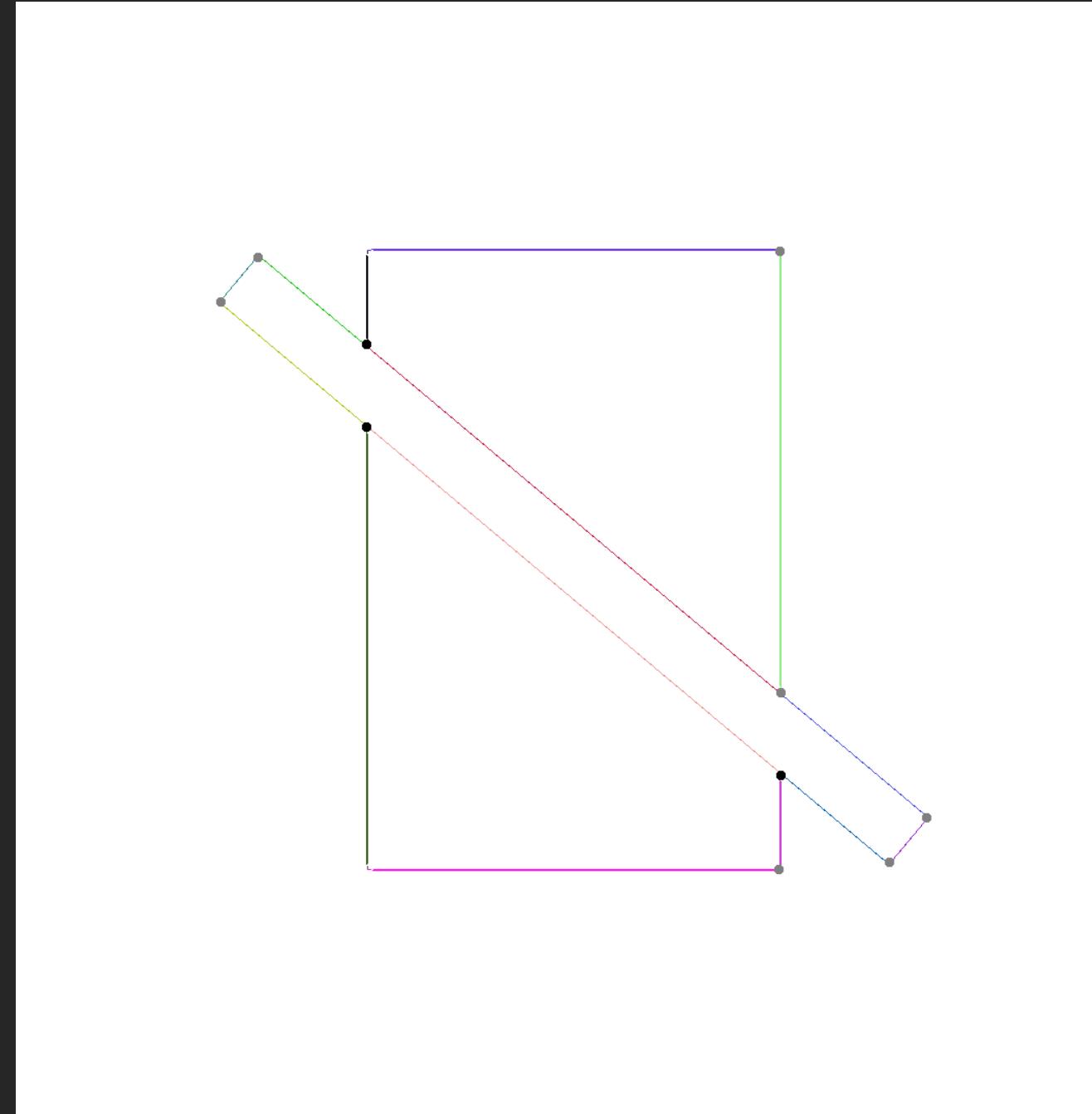


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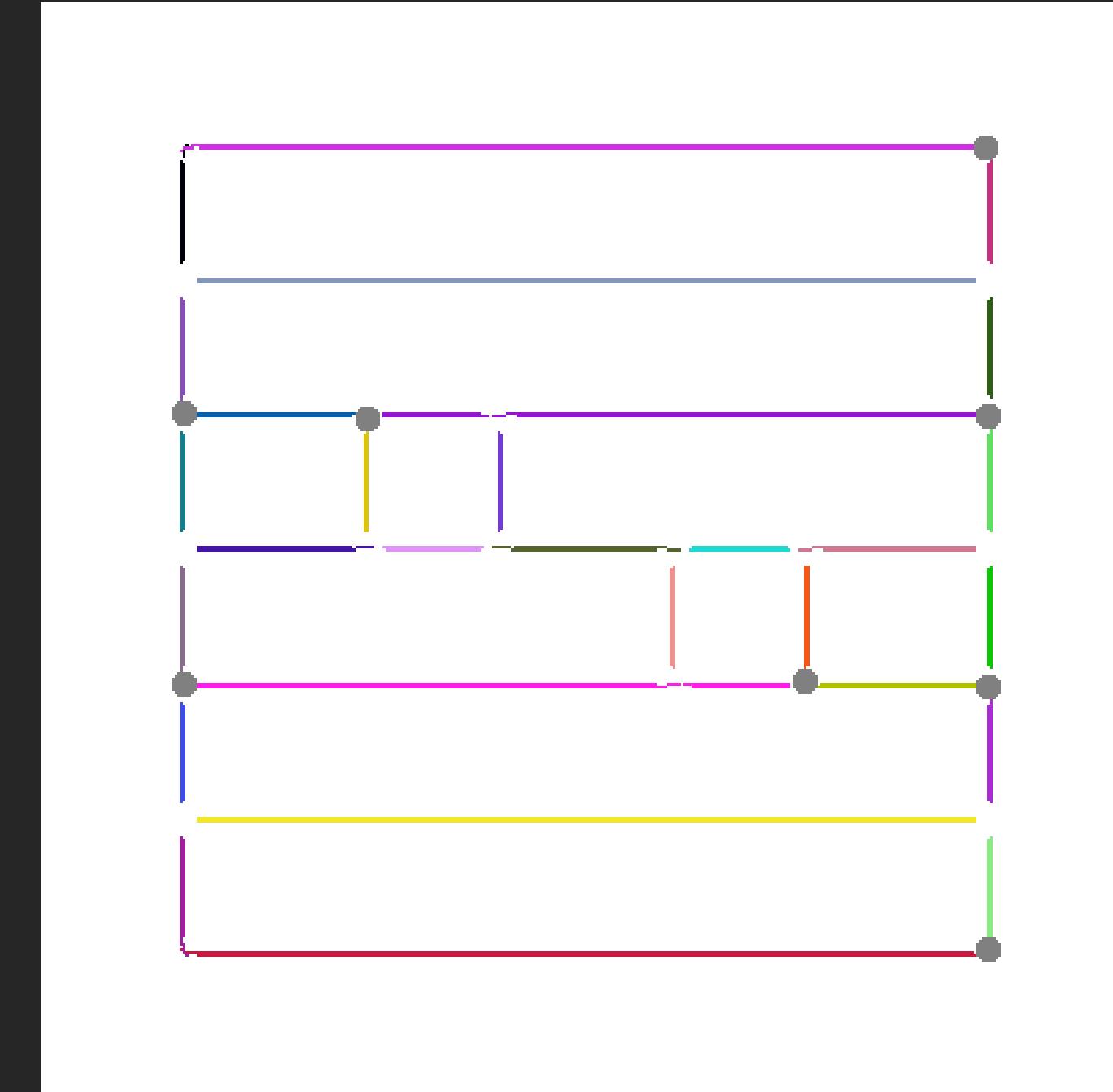
## Results



4 T-Junctions



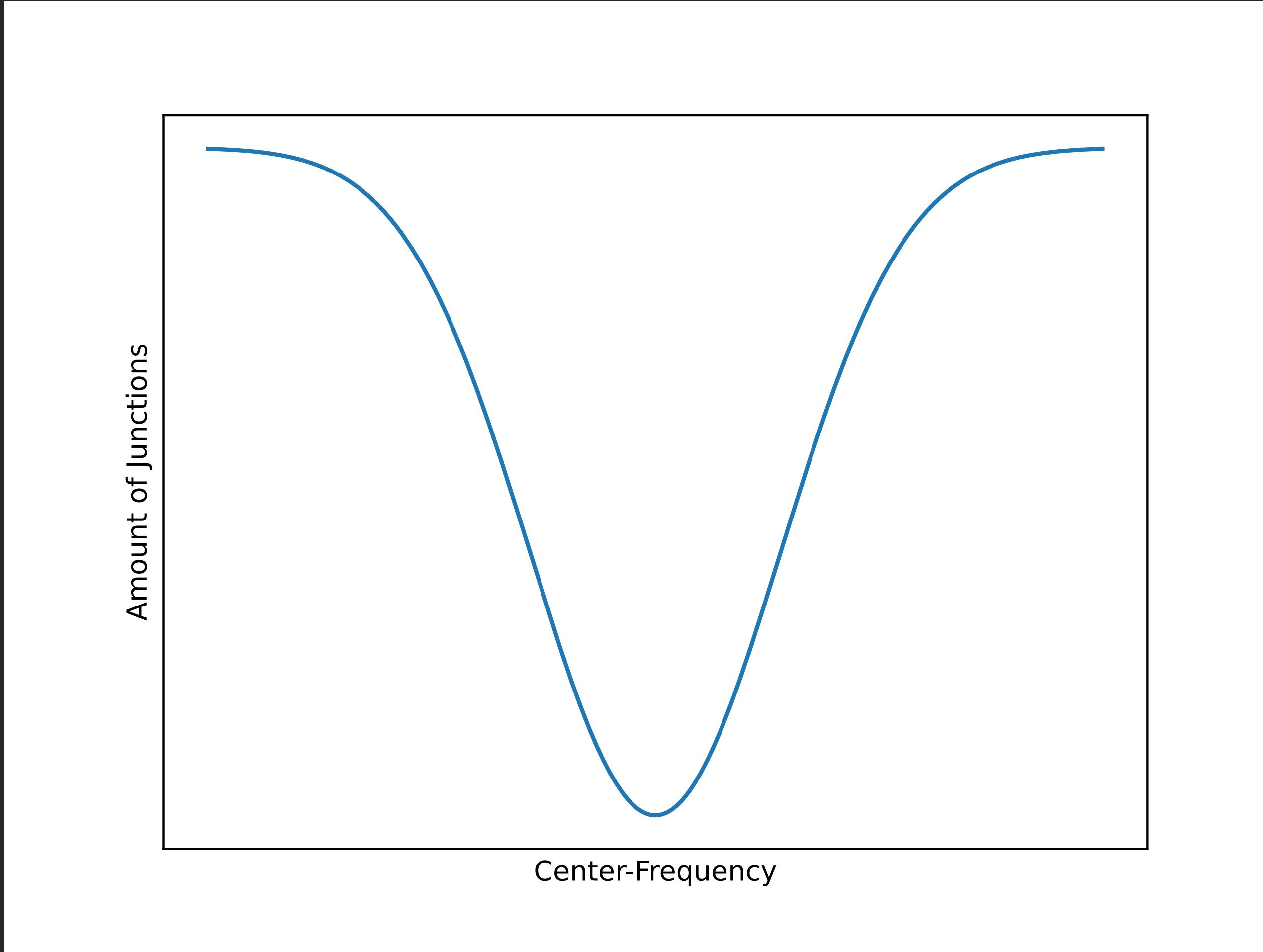
3 T-Junctions



0 T-Junctions

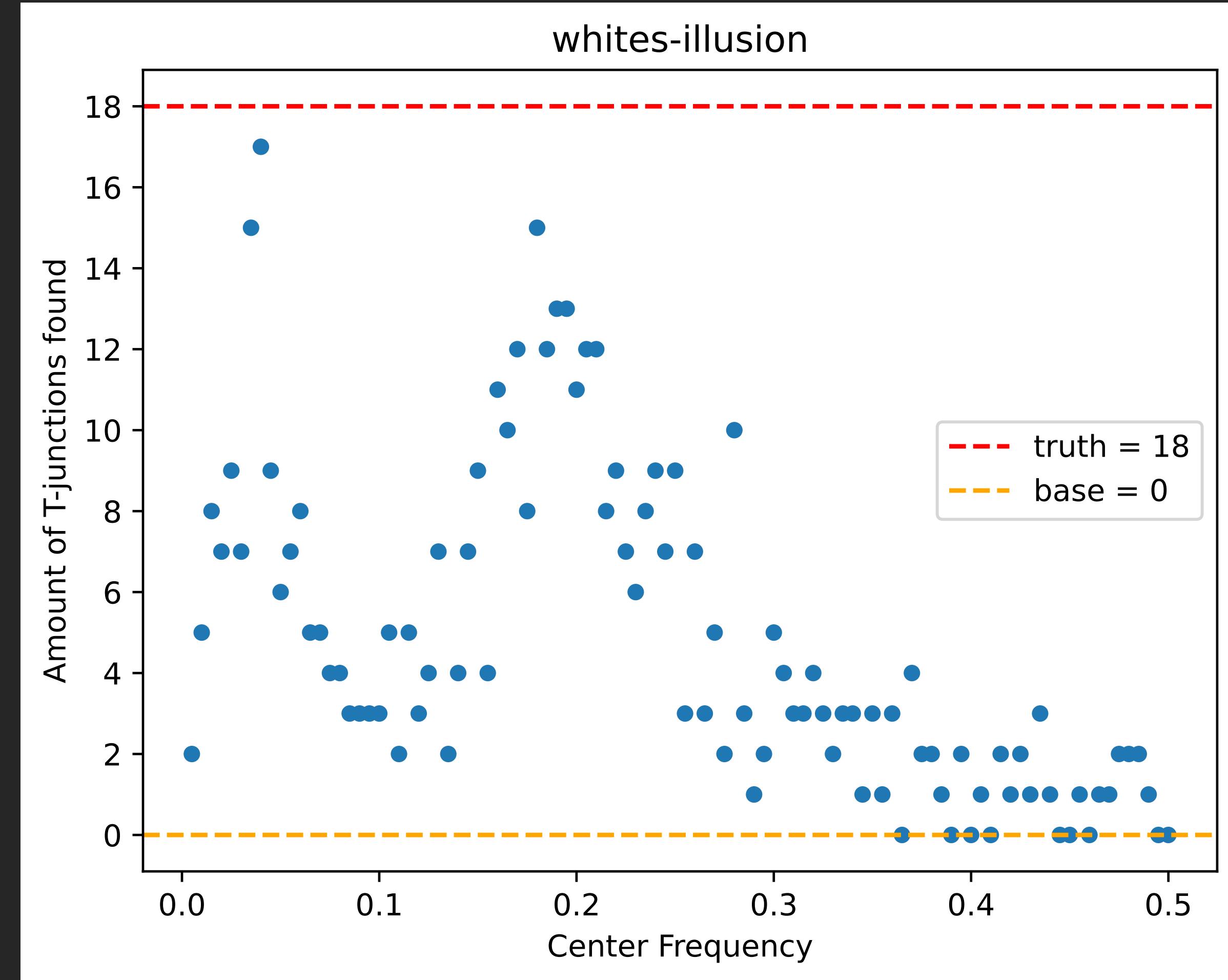
# Images with noise

## Results



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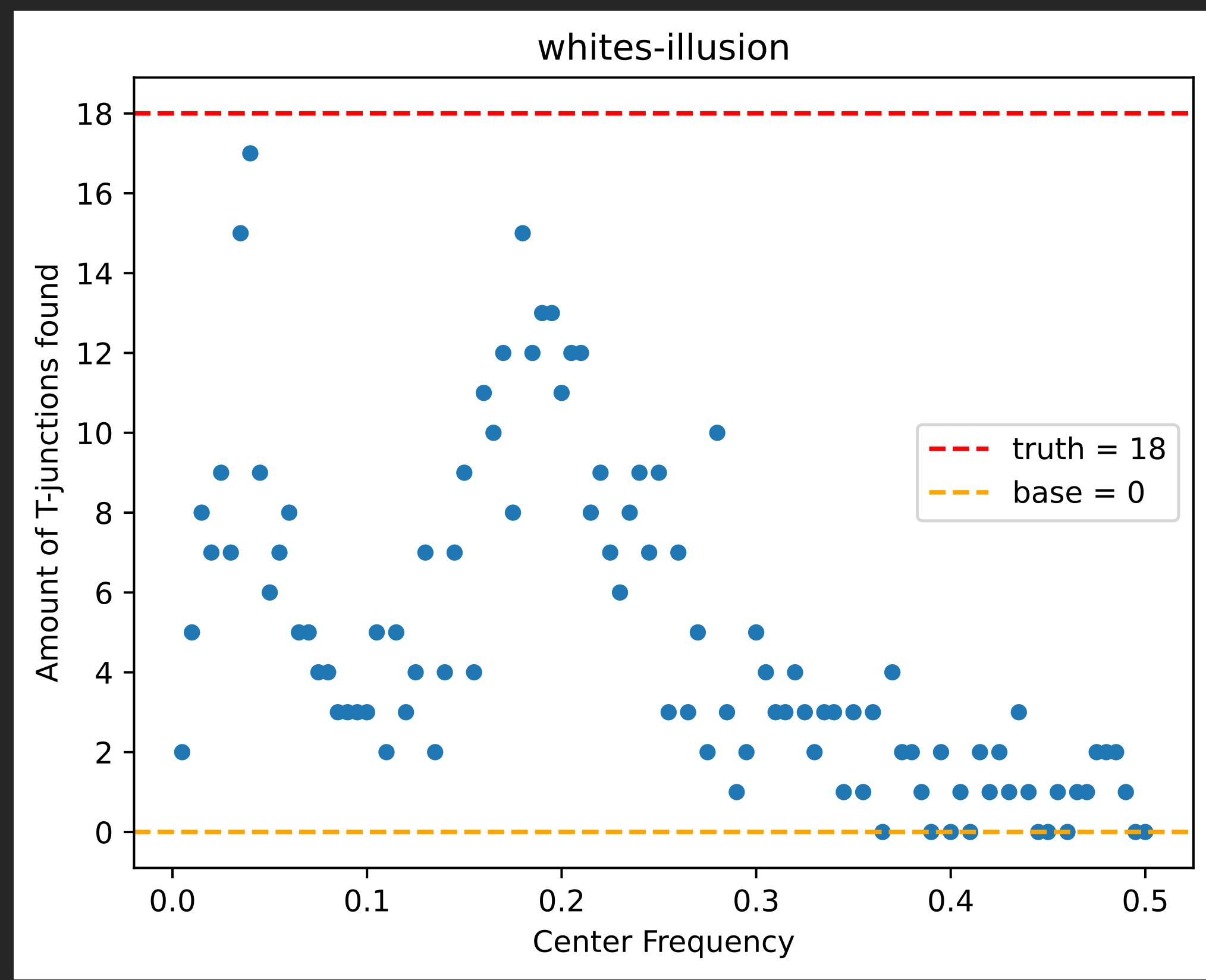
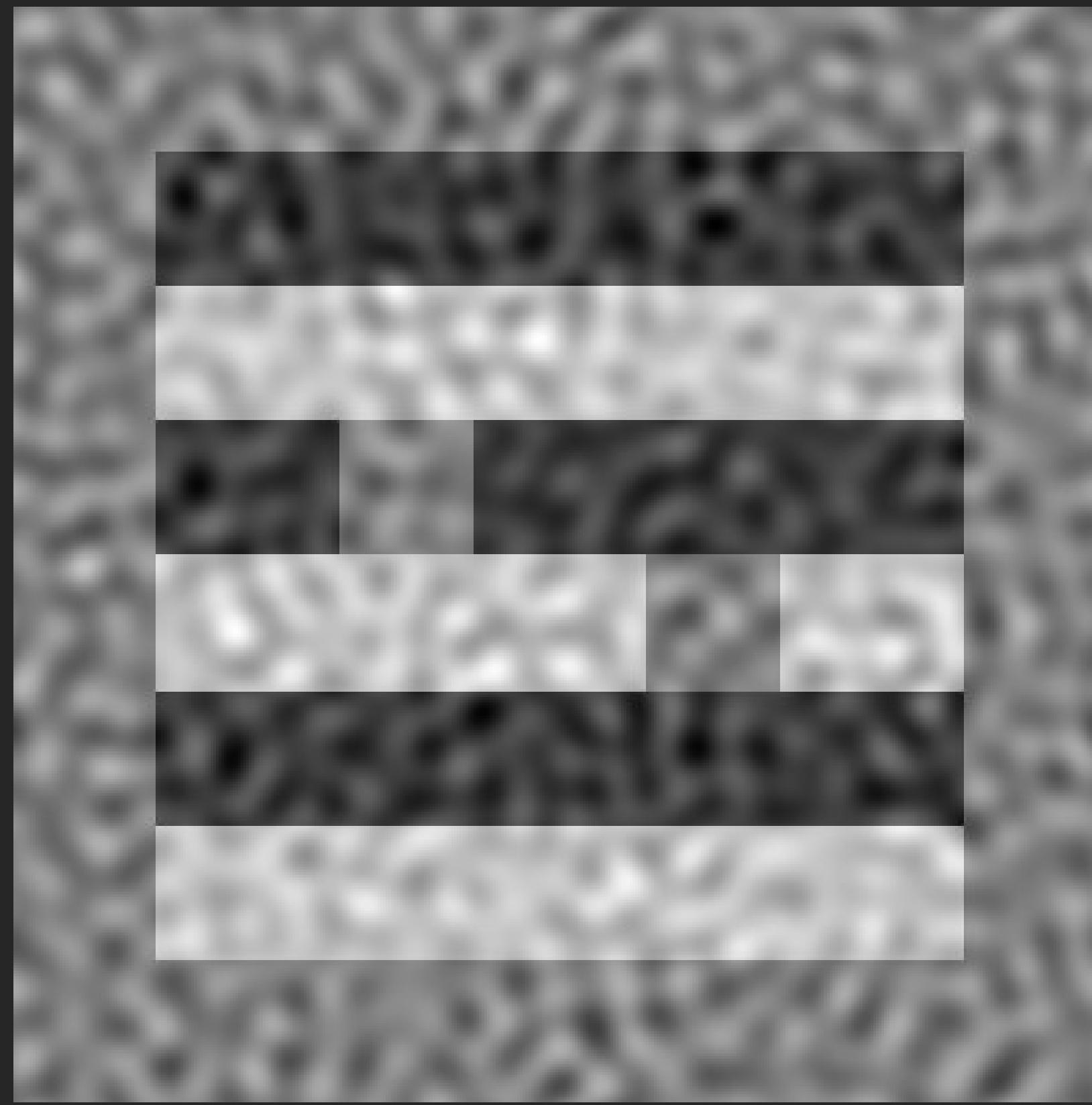
## Results



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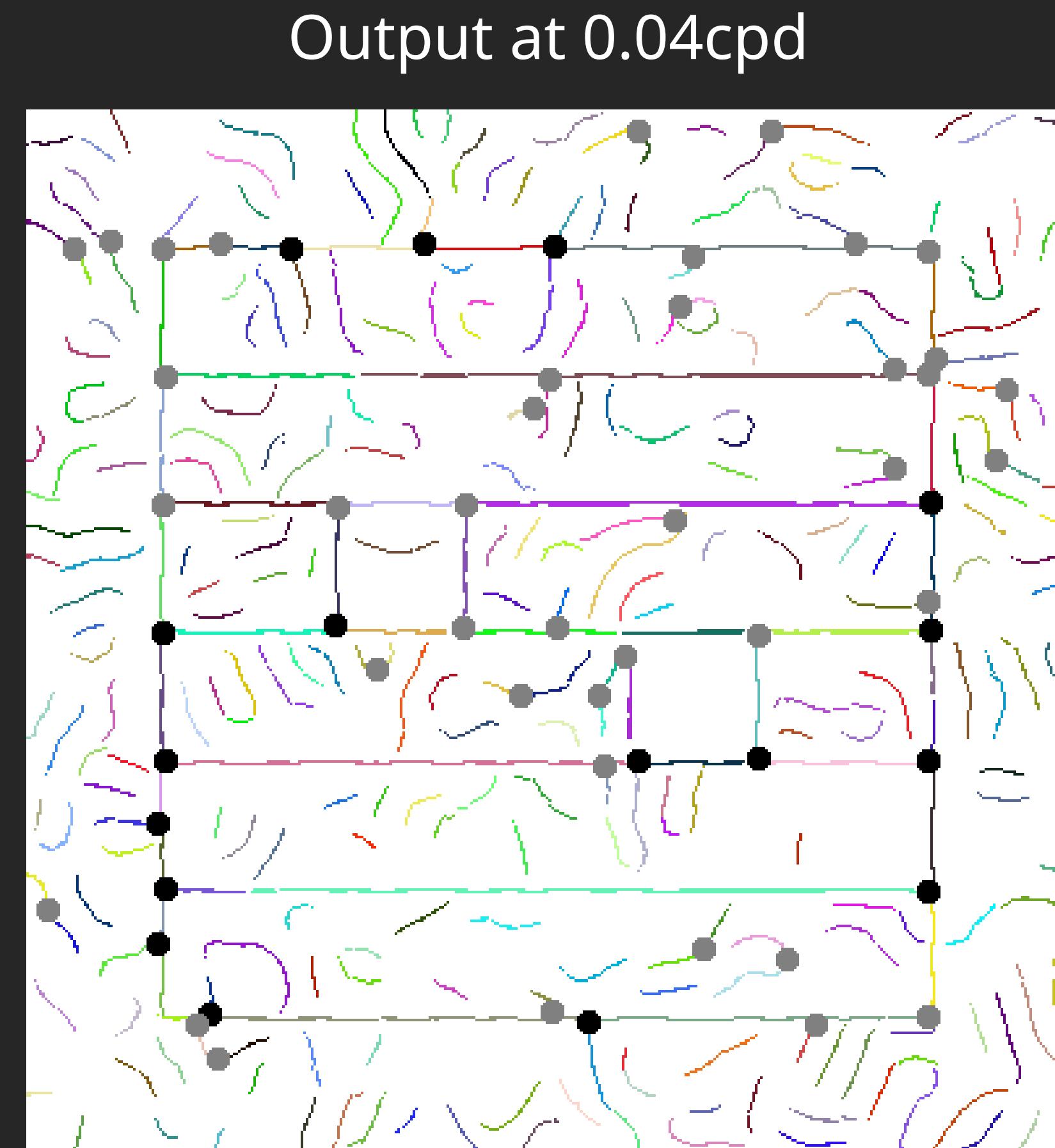
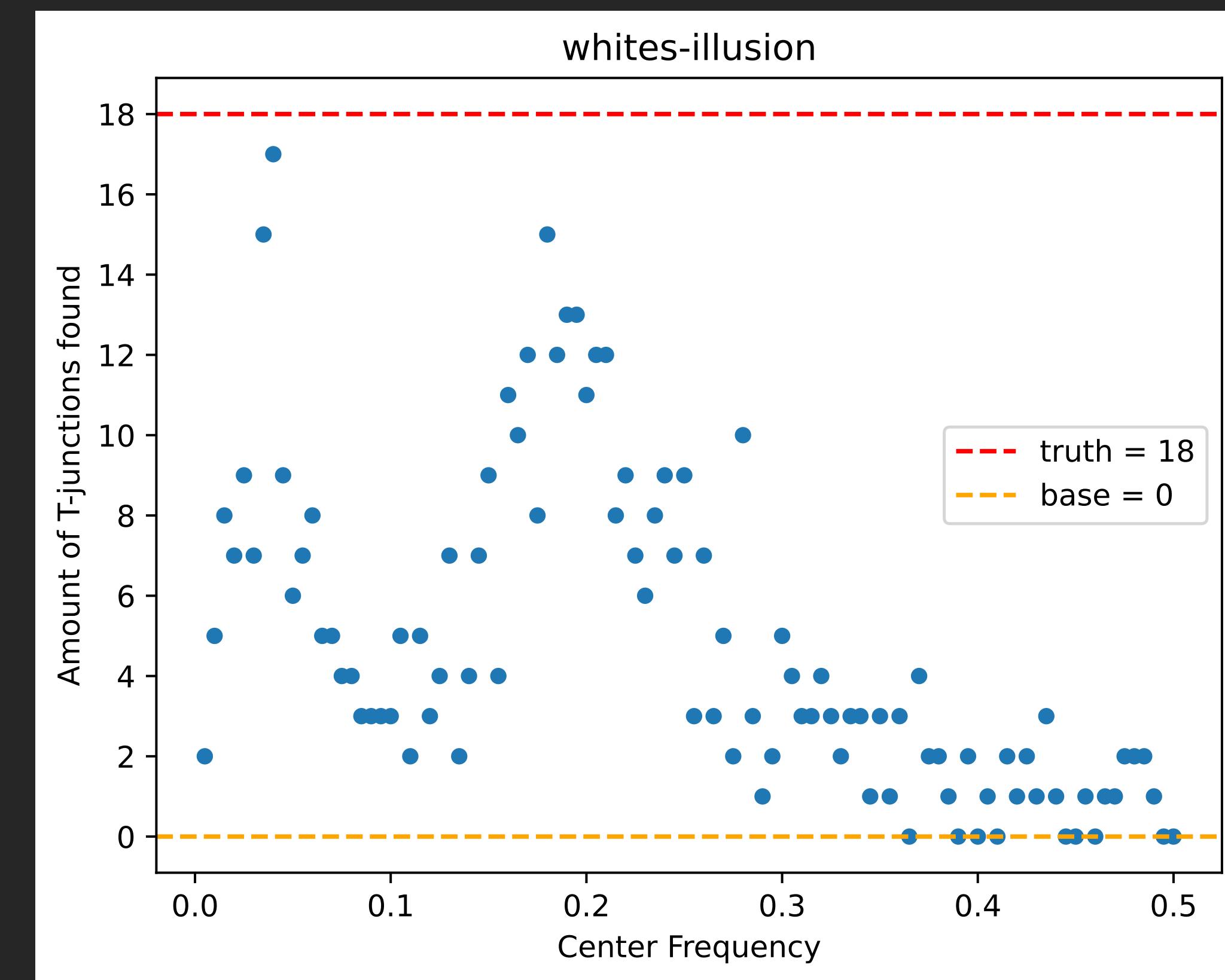
## Results

Input at 0.04cpd



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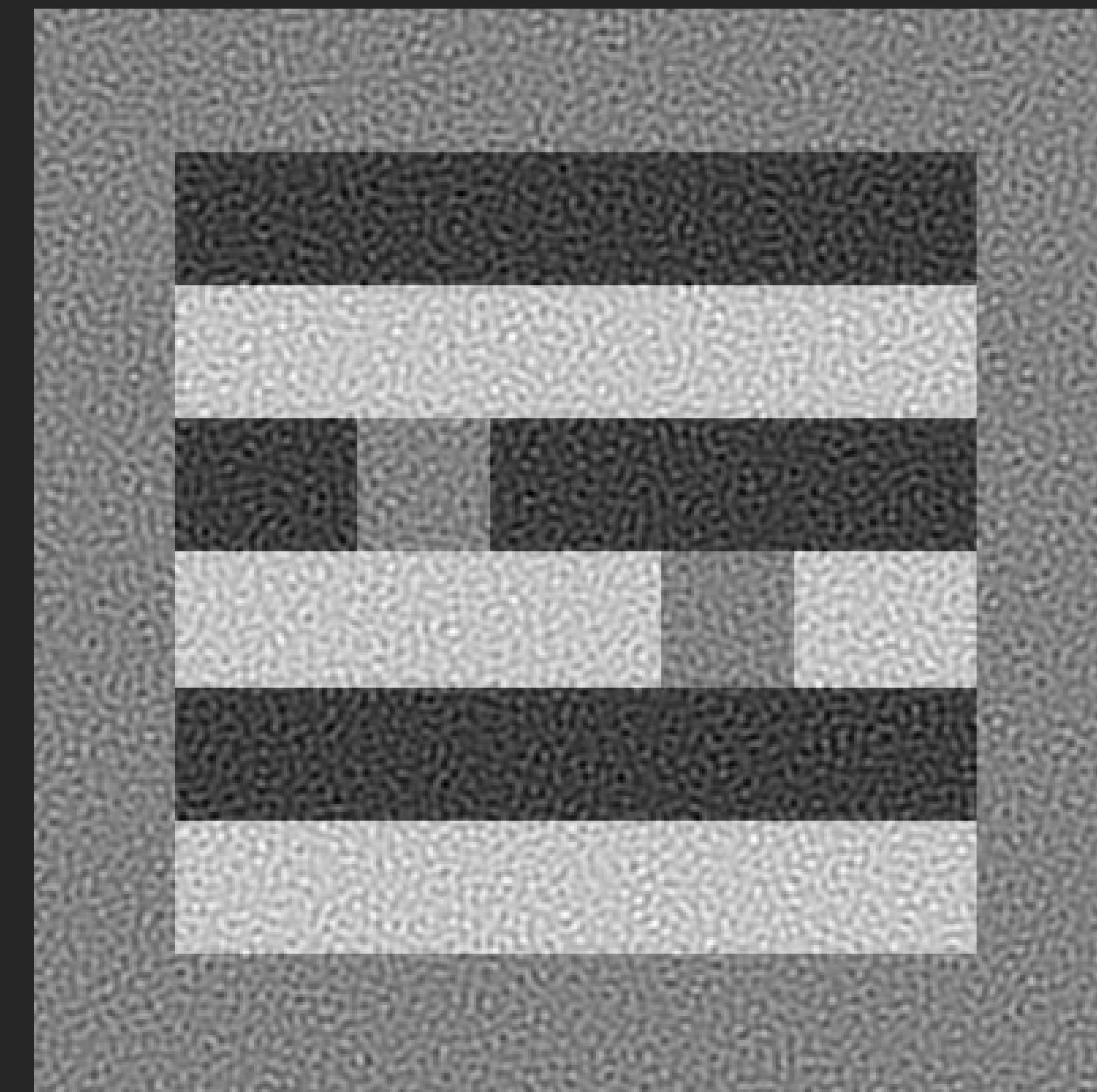
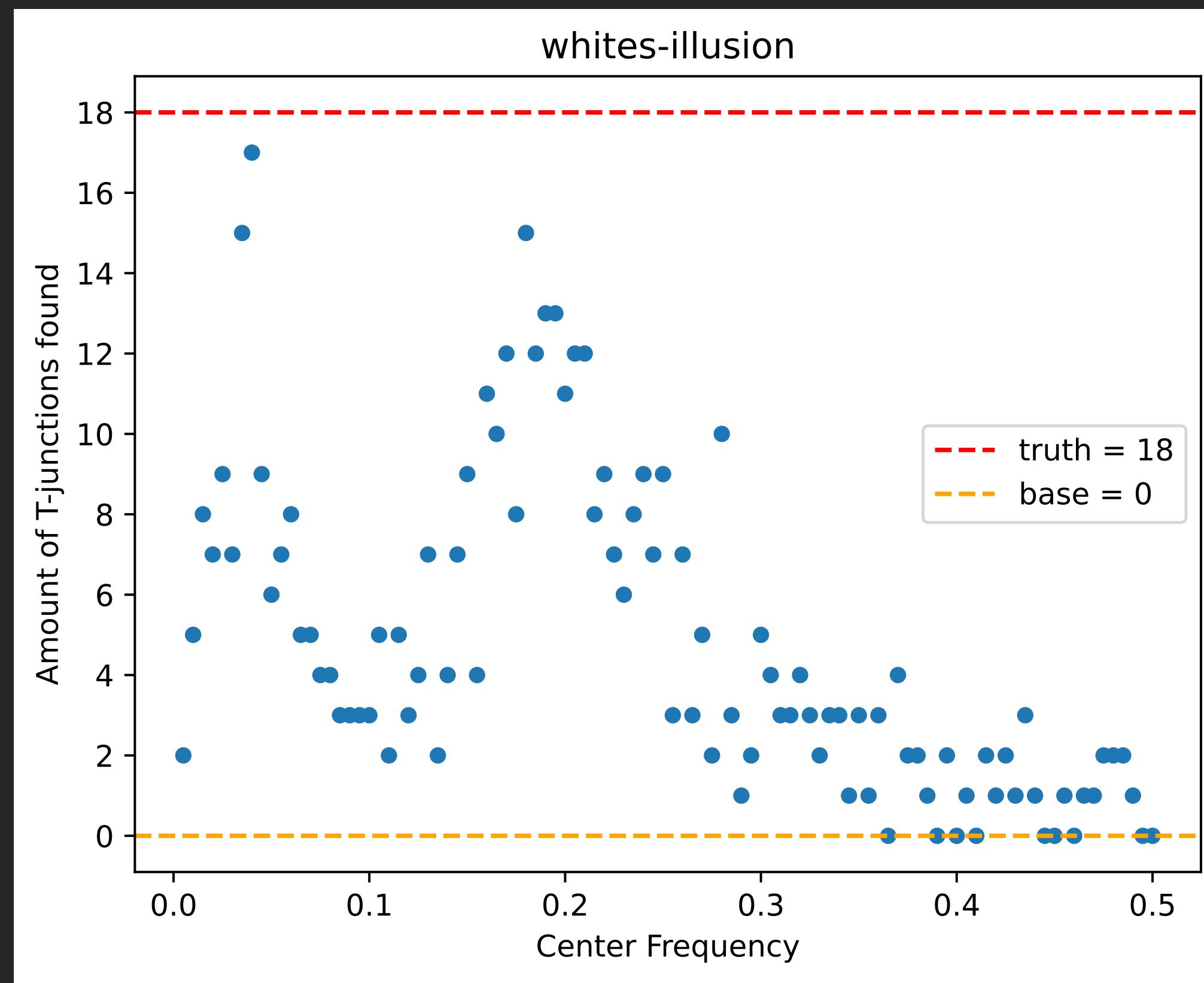
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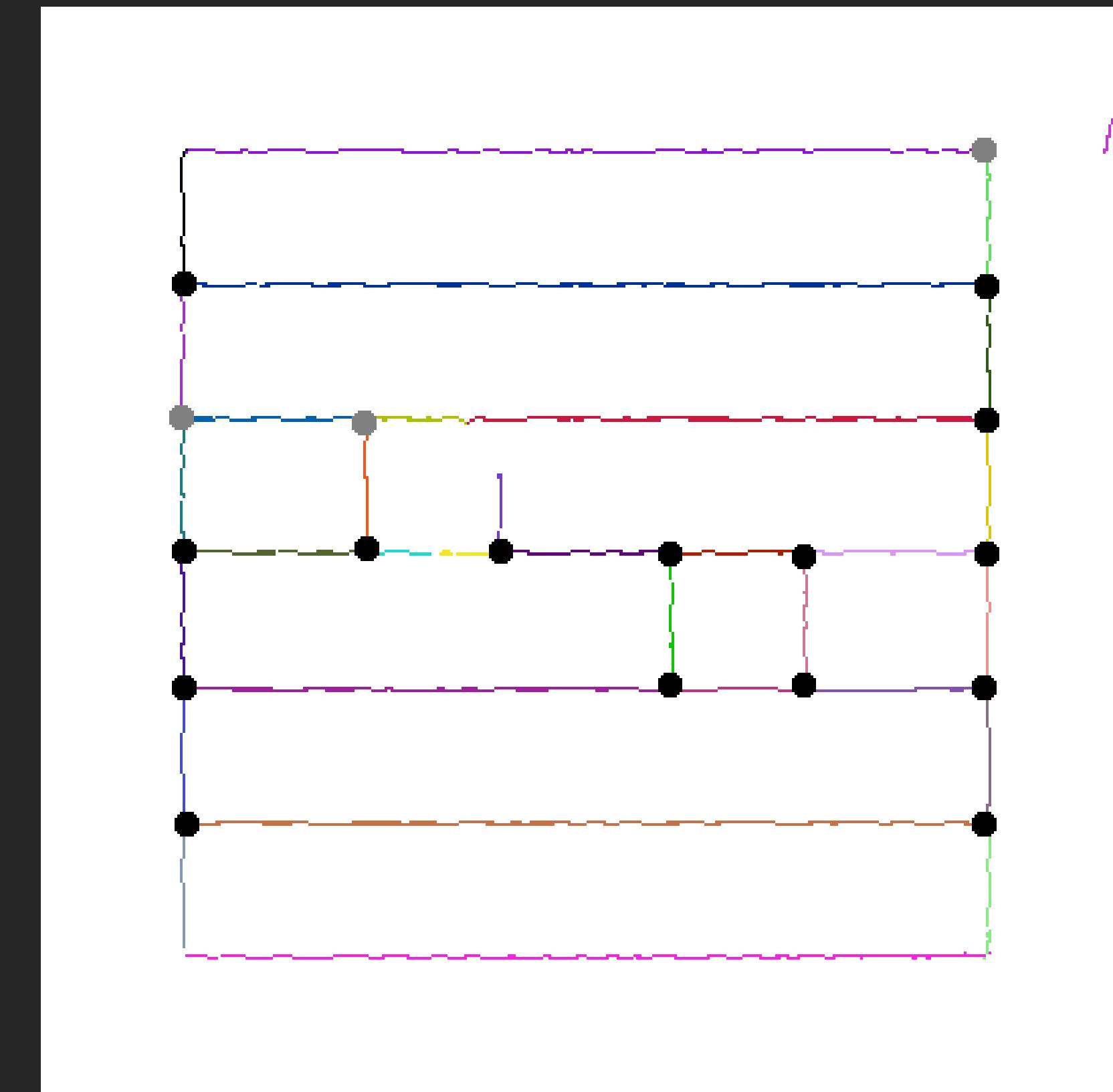
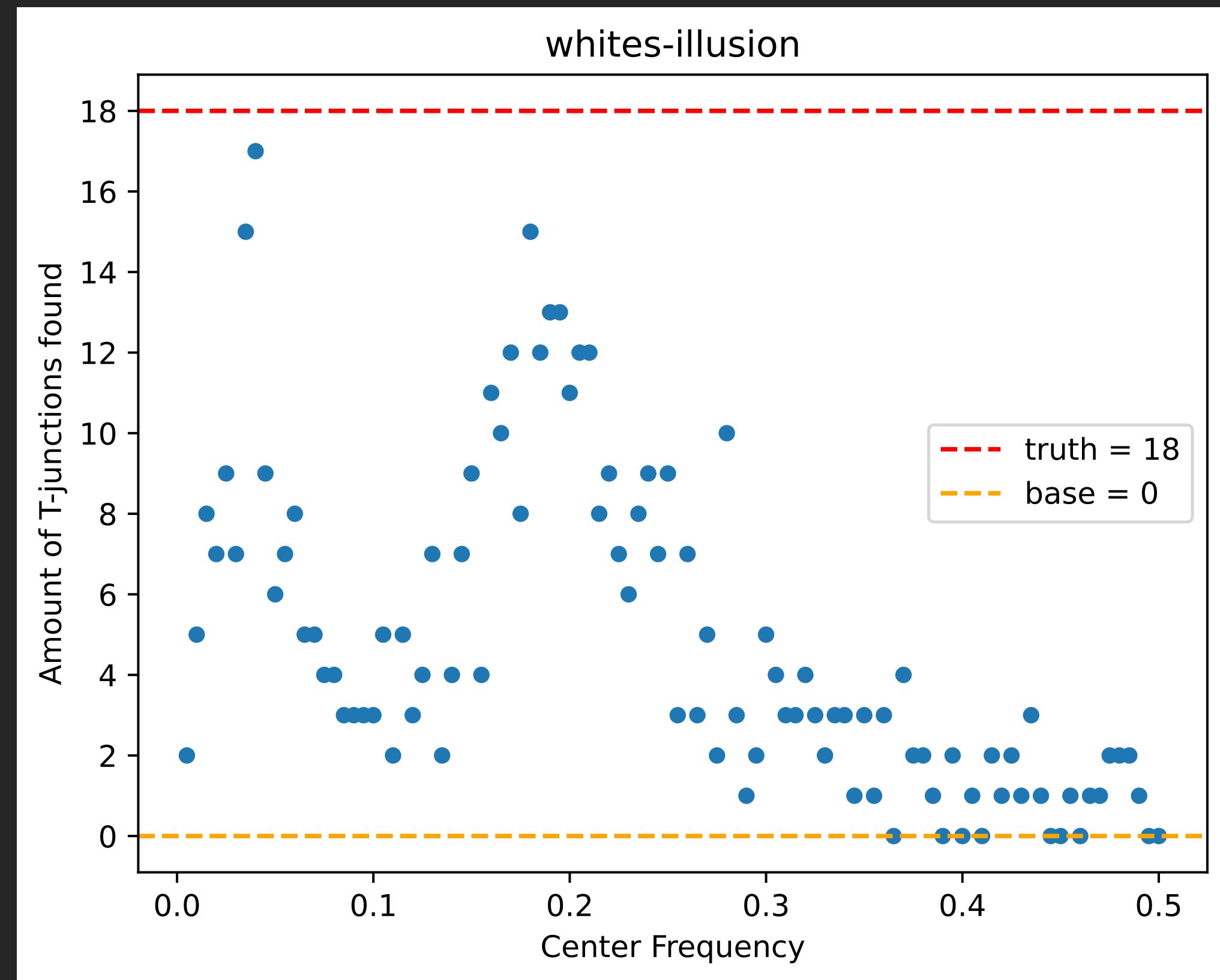
Input at 0.18cpd



# Whites Illusion

## Results

Output at 0.18cpd



# Criticism and Difficulties

## Future Work, Criticism and Difficulties

- Unprecise explanation of the algorithm → I needed a lot of time to understand what it does in order to explain it properly
- Questionable coding style → hard to read and understand
- No accessible codebase from other papers!
- Results that were unsatisfying for me, led to work that was not related to my thesis

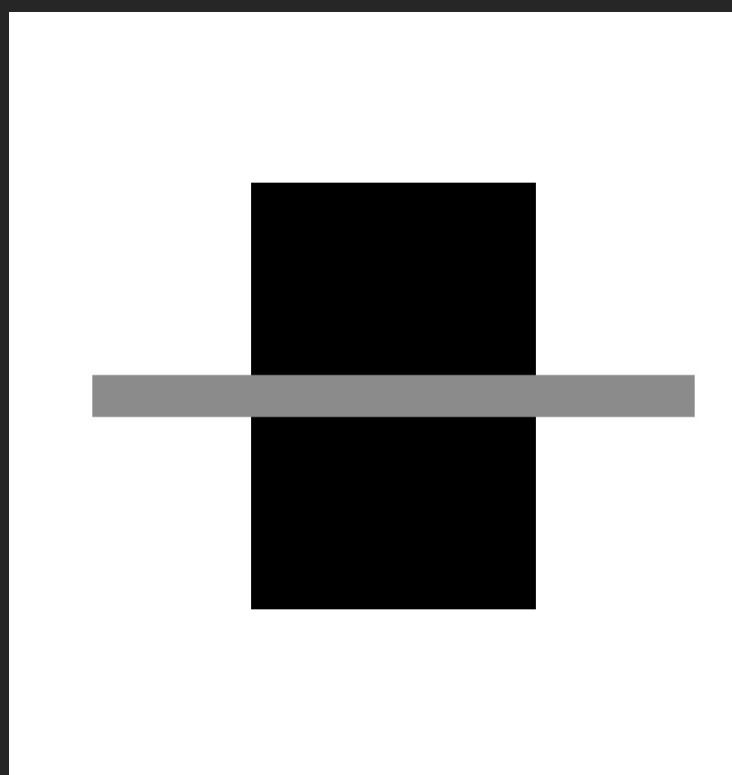
# Future Work

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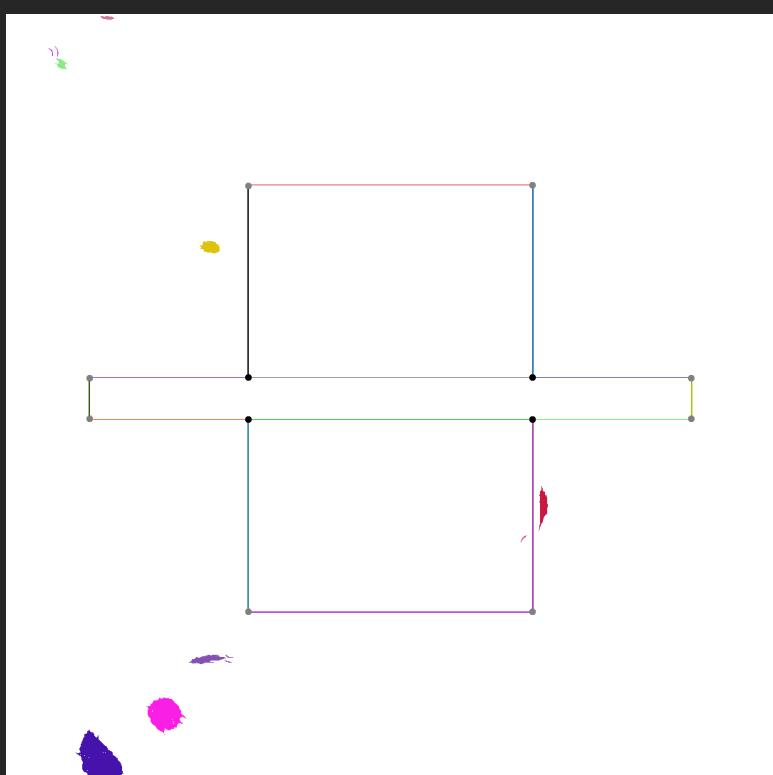
- Detection of T-Junctions was worse in scenarios without noise → why?
- Tuning the program to work best in no-noise scenarios → Test again
- Test different noise types (white noise etc.)
- Implement a different approach

**Thank you !**  
**Please ask Questions!**

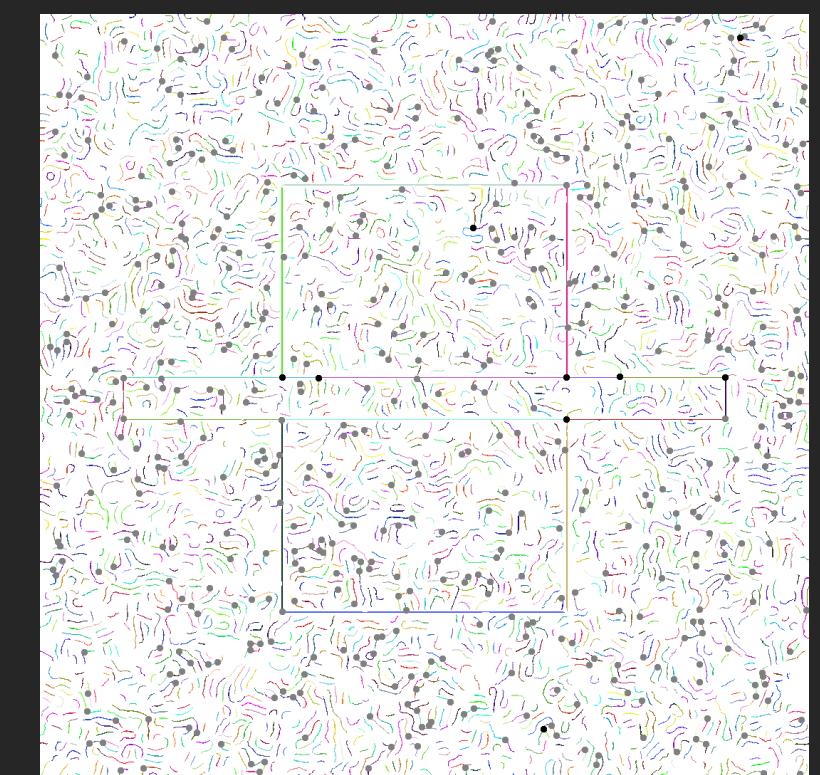
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