

# EXPLOITING SEMANTIC INFORMATION IN INDOOR ENVIRONMENTS

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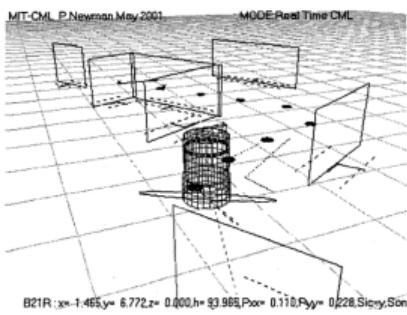
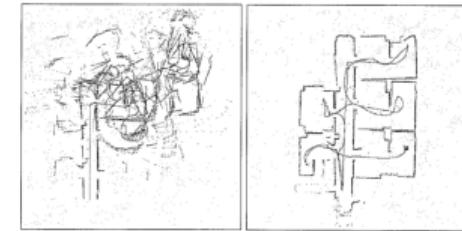
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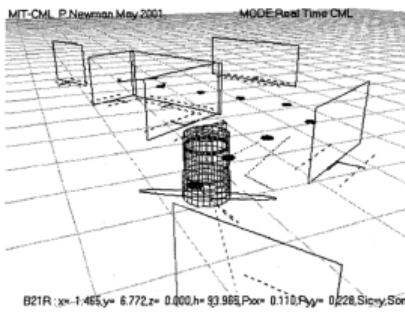
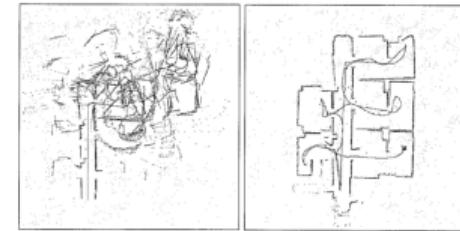
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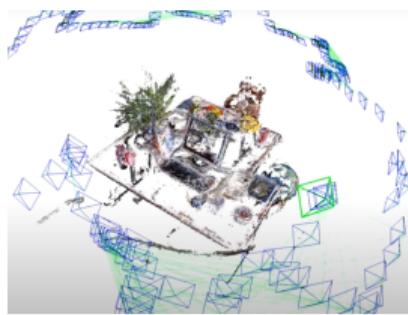
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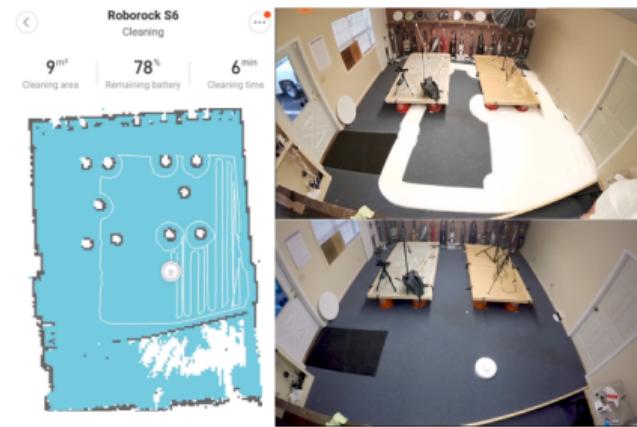


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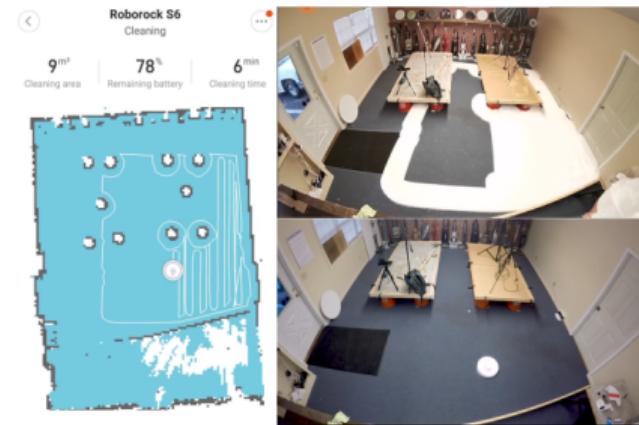


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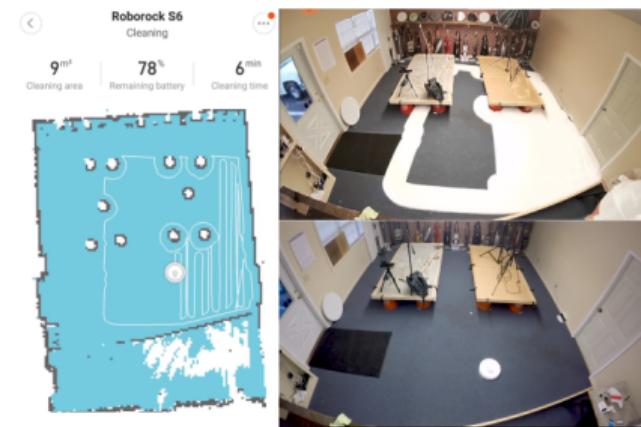


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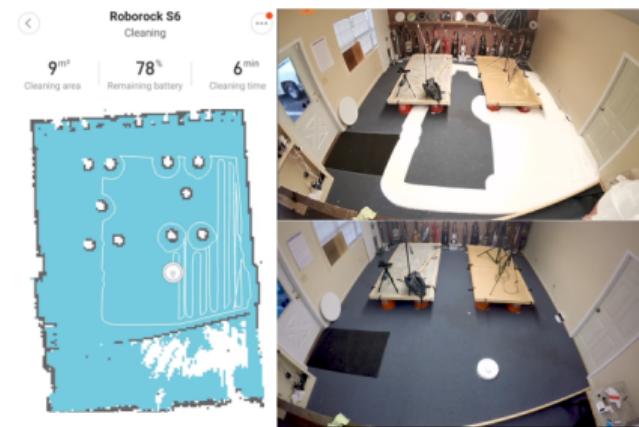


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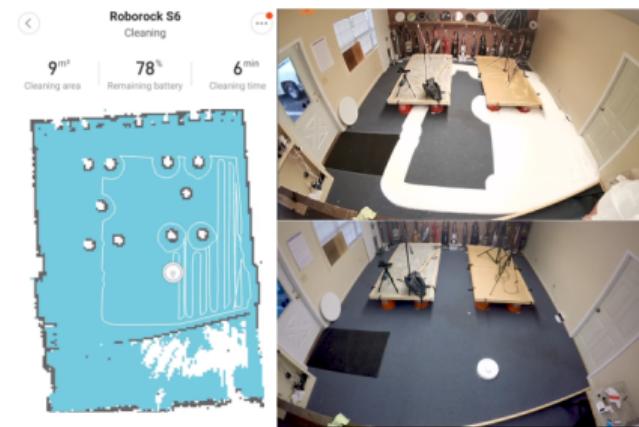


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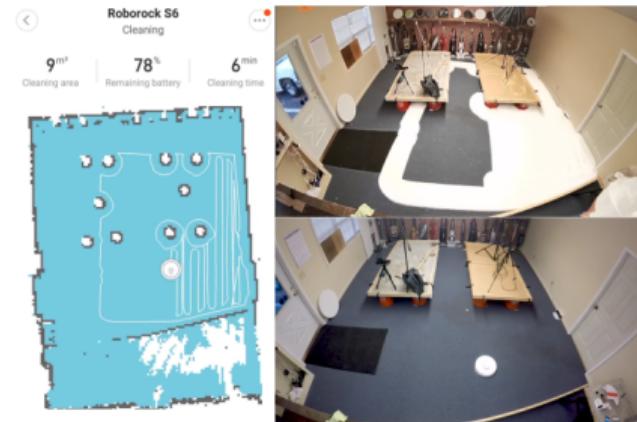


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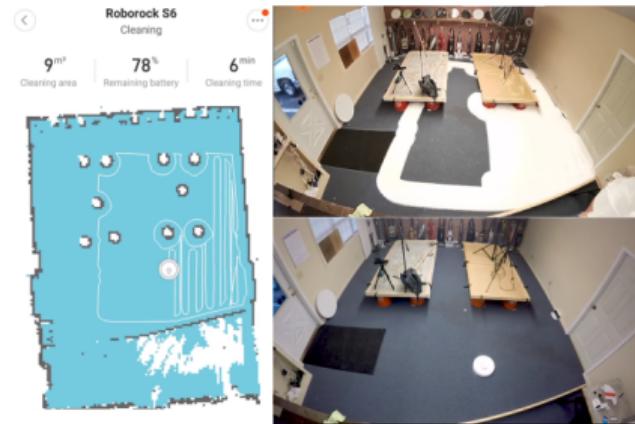


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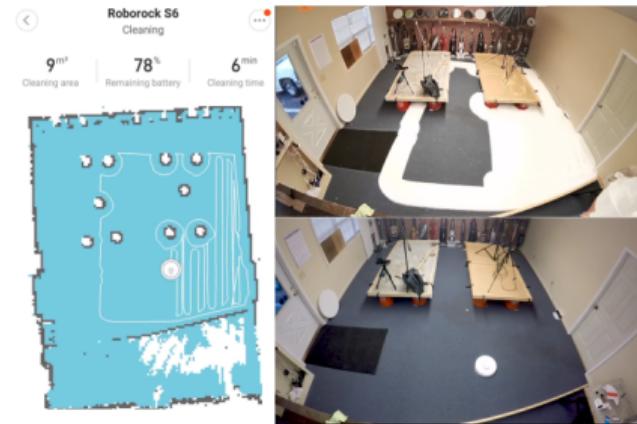


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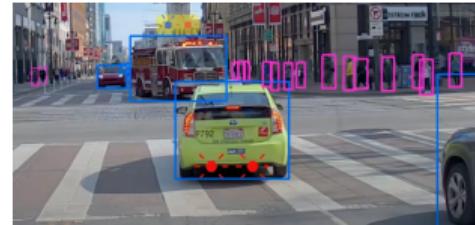
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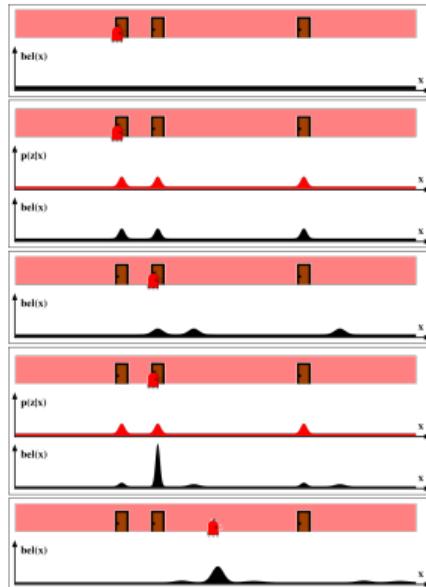


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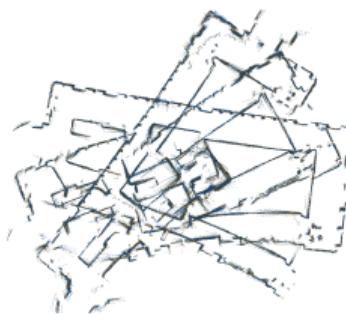


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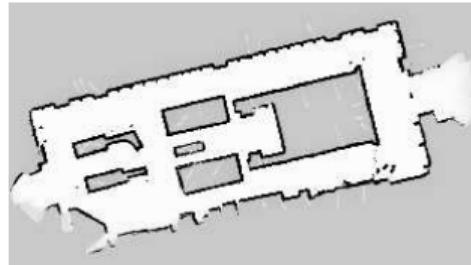


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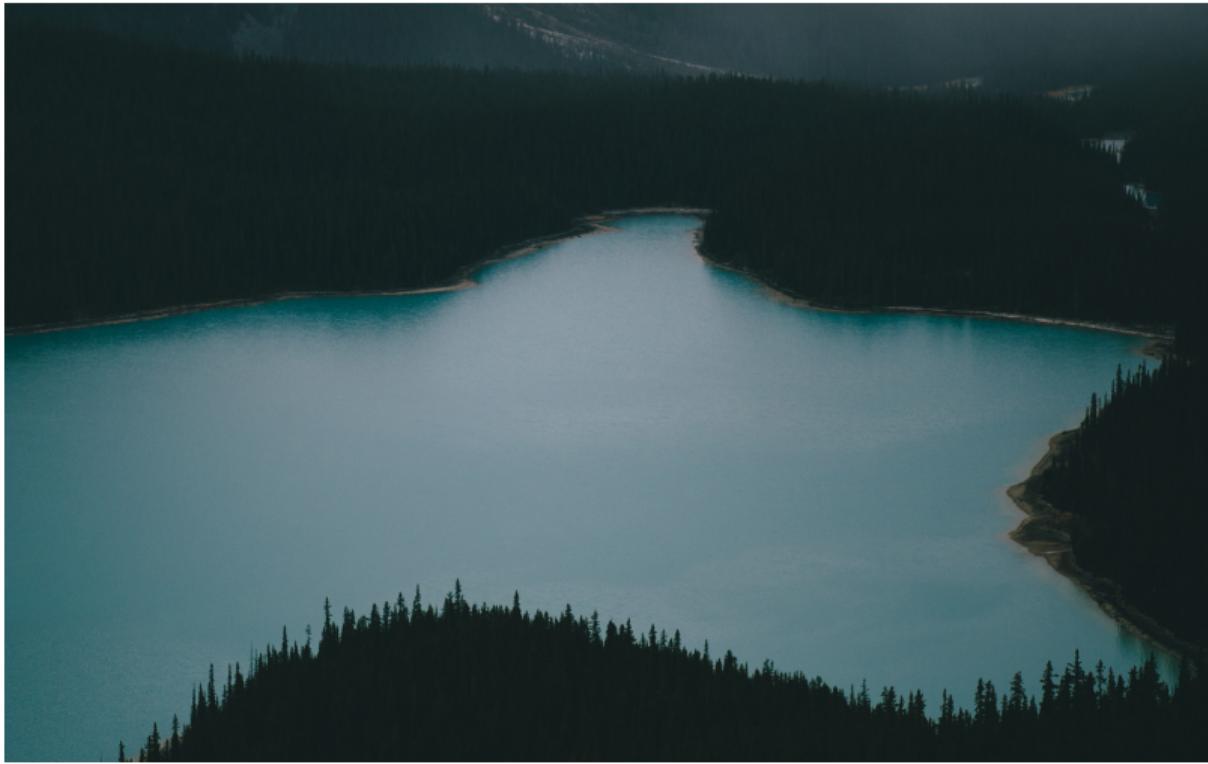
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Treatment 1	0.0003262	0.562
Treatment 2	0.0015681	0.910
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# CONCLUSÃO

- more work
- more responsibility
- more satisfaction

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