

SEMANTIC ANNOTATION OF URBAN SCENES: SKYLINE AND WINDOW DETECTION

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Experiment

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Skyline detection application example

- ▶ Horizon detection for Unmanned Air Vehicles



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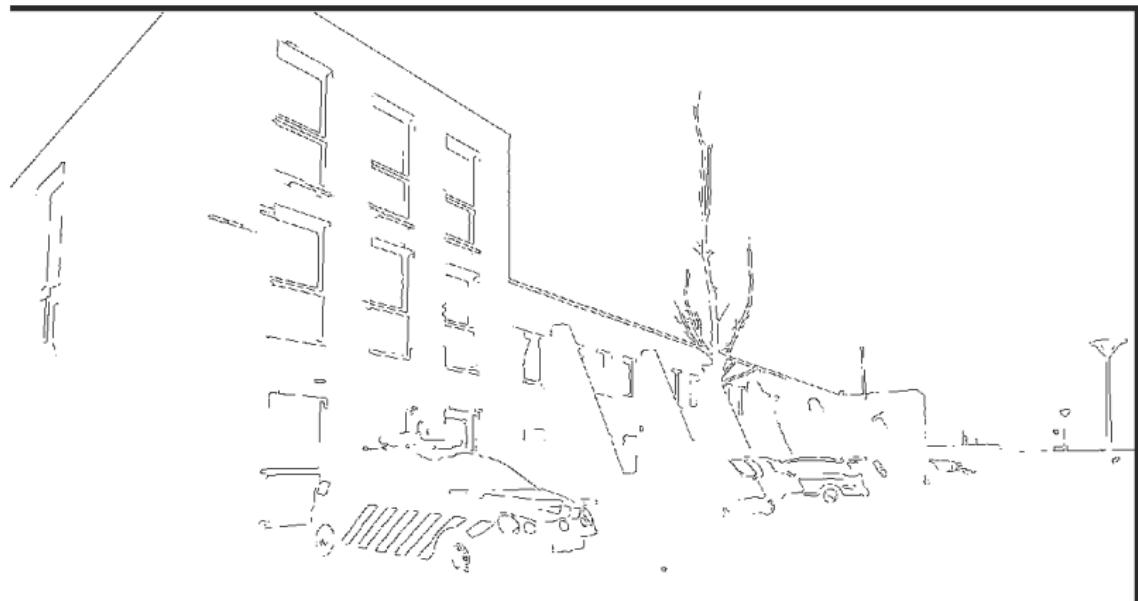
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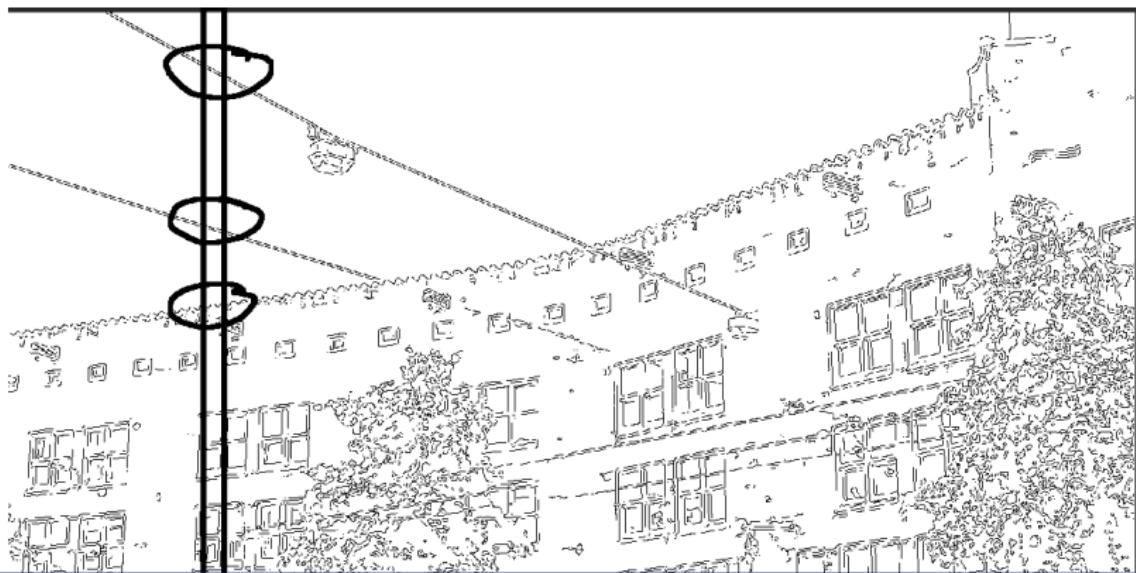
- ▶ Example of a scene where this assumption is violated



Hypothesis based skyline detection, assumption

- ▶ Change of assumption

"The skyline is part of the first n sharp edges (seen from top) (e.g. $n = 3$)



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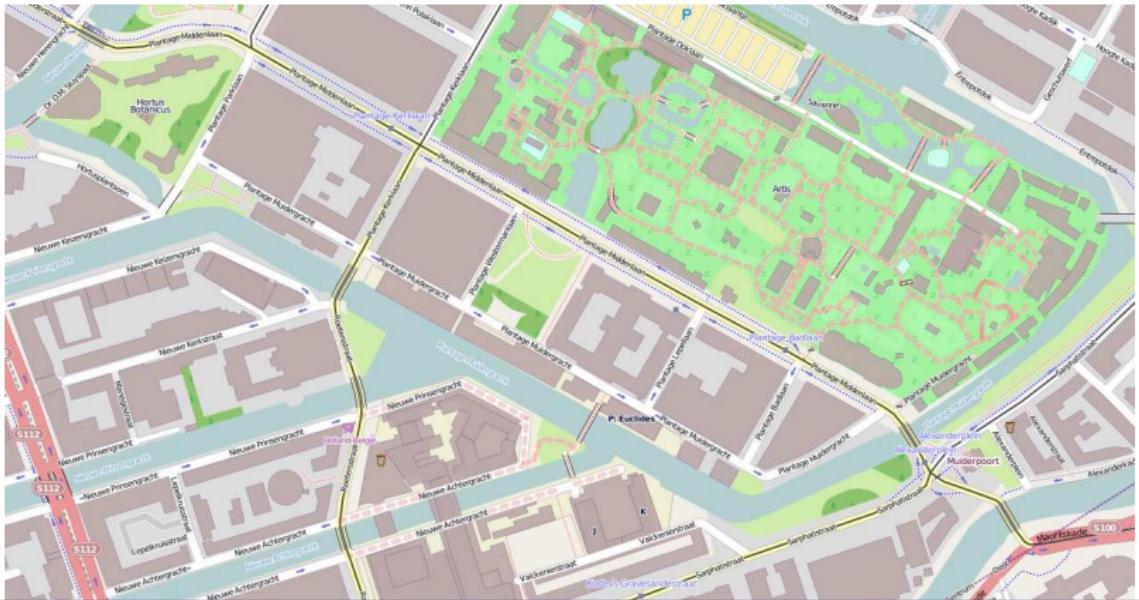
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Extract 2D model



Align 2D model

► *FIT3D toolbox*



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(c)



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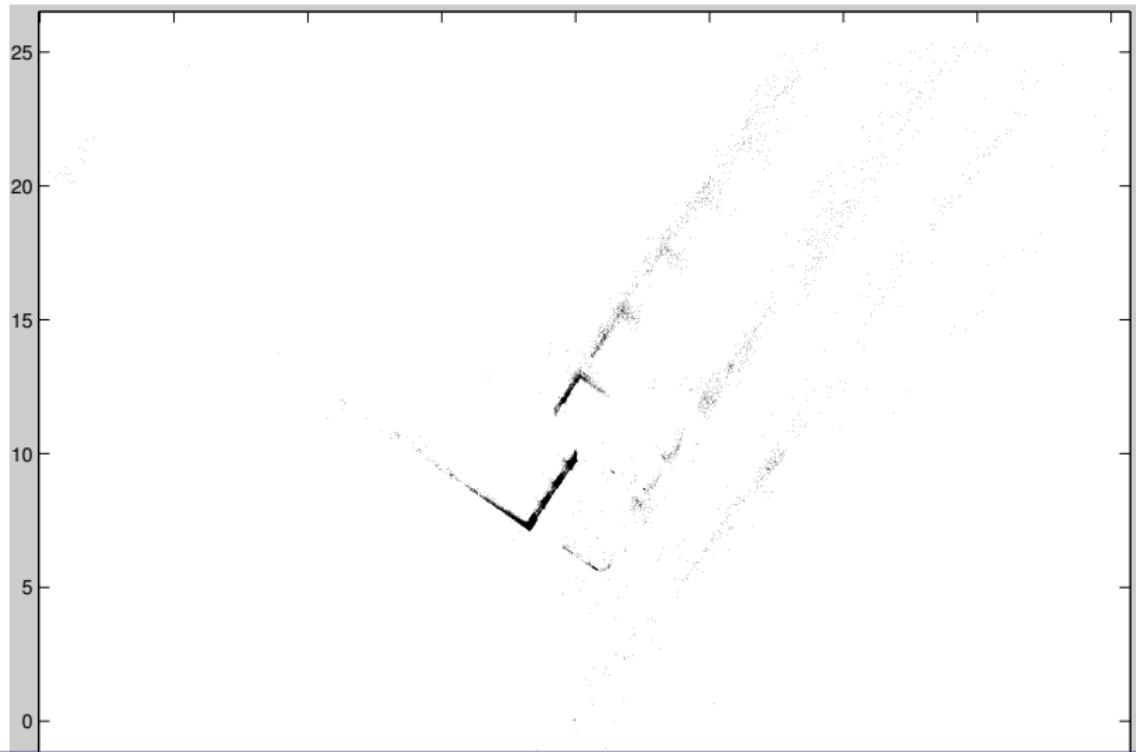
- ▶ Input: sequence of images that contain different views of the building
- ▶ Output: a 3D point cloud of the building



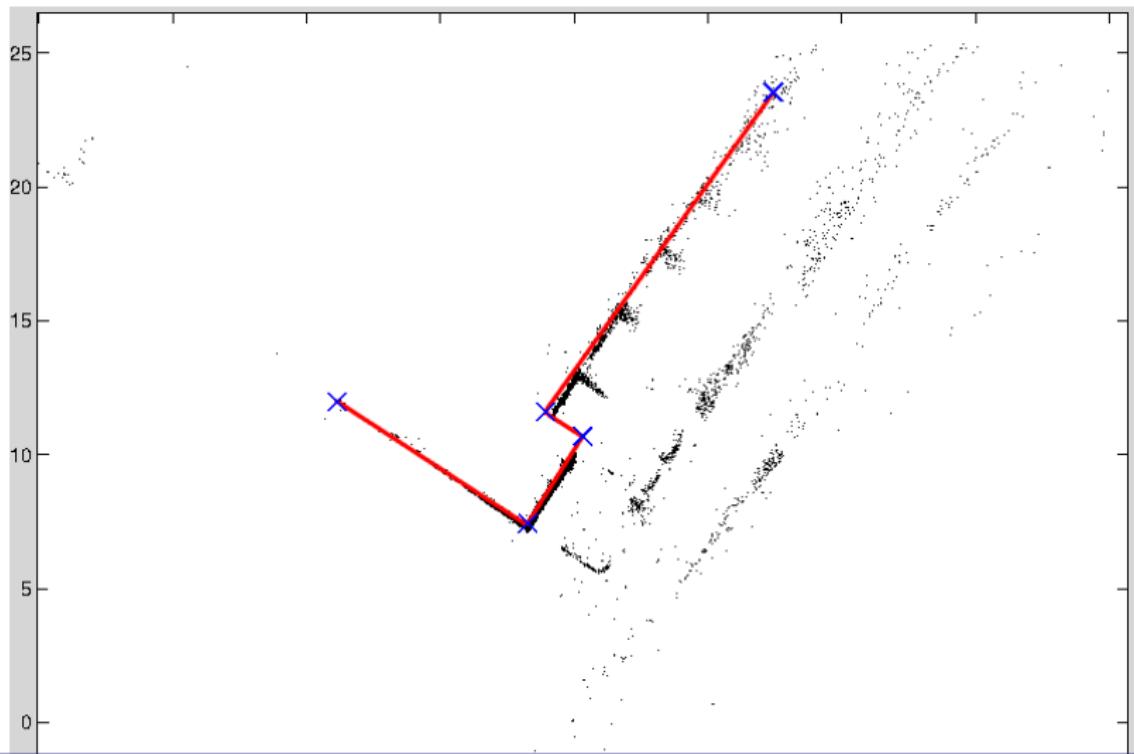
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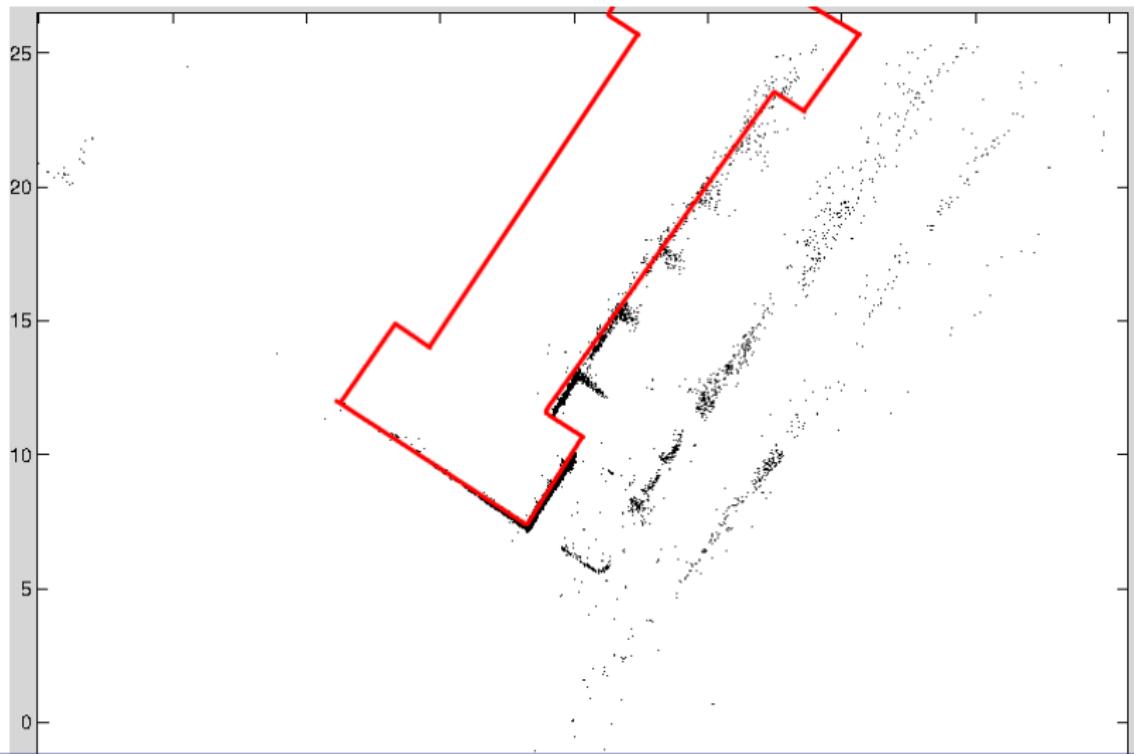
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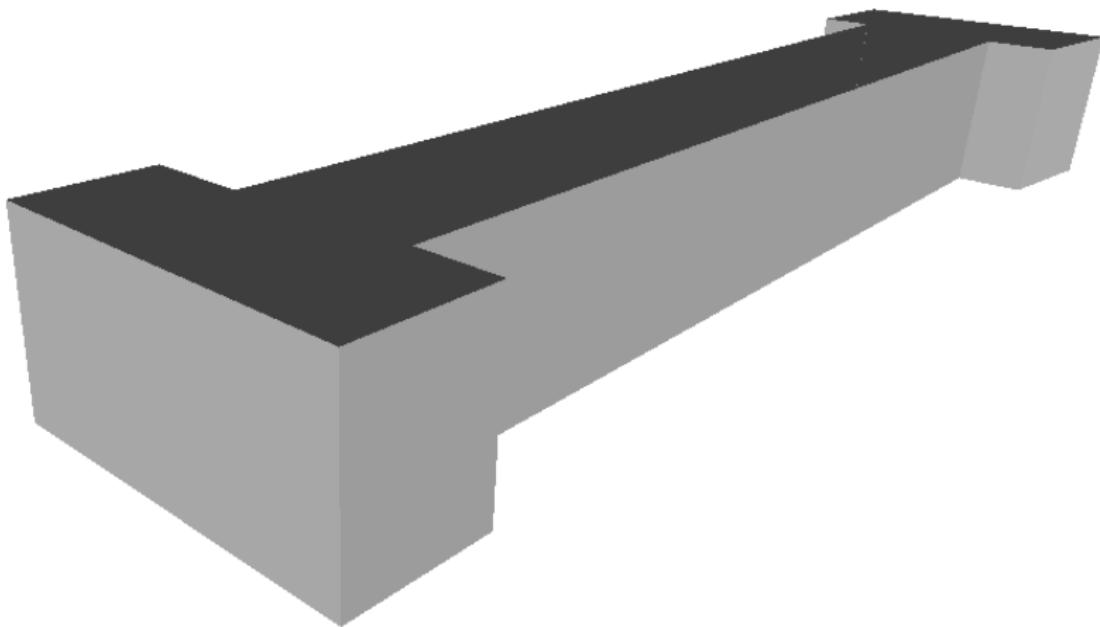
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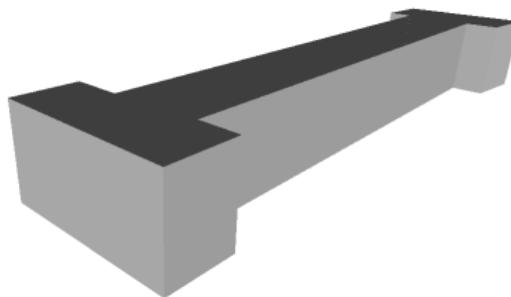


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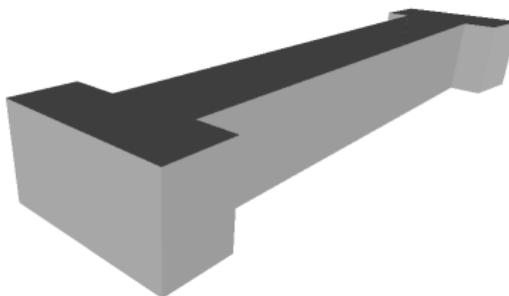


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Assumptions

Straight lines in the skyline are likely to come from the building contour Flat roof assumption - the building contour is equal to upper side of building walls

Extracting line segments

- ▶ Output of skyline detector



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- ▶ Hough transform

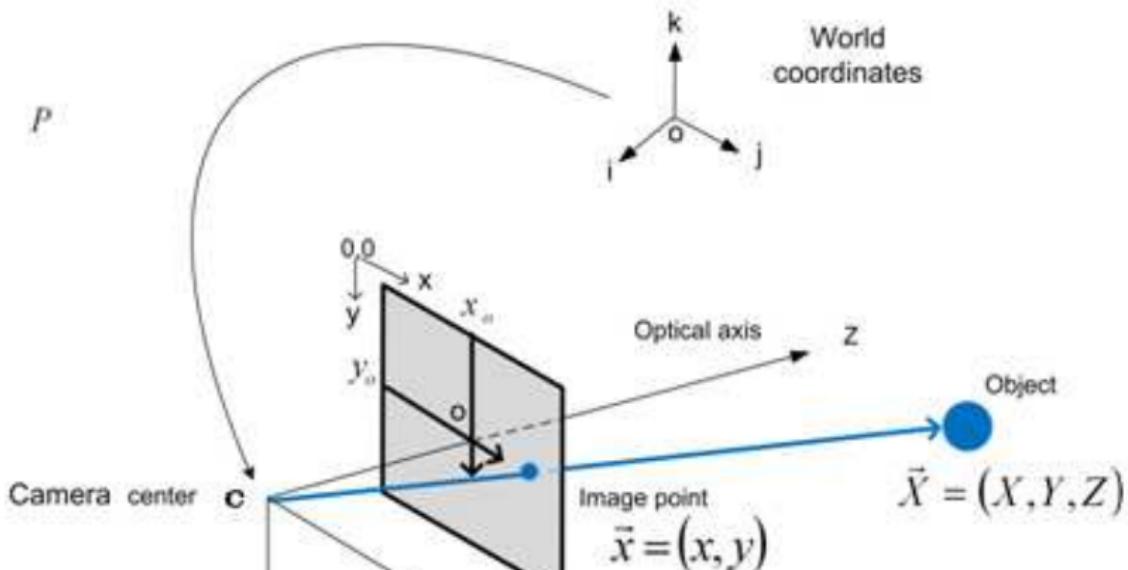


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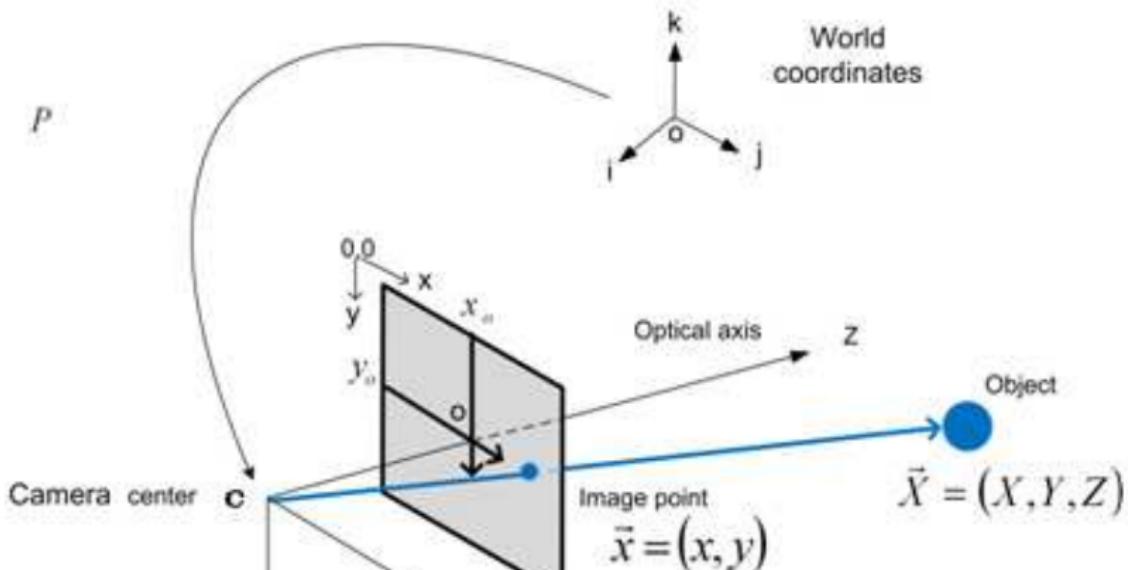
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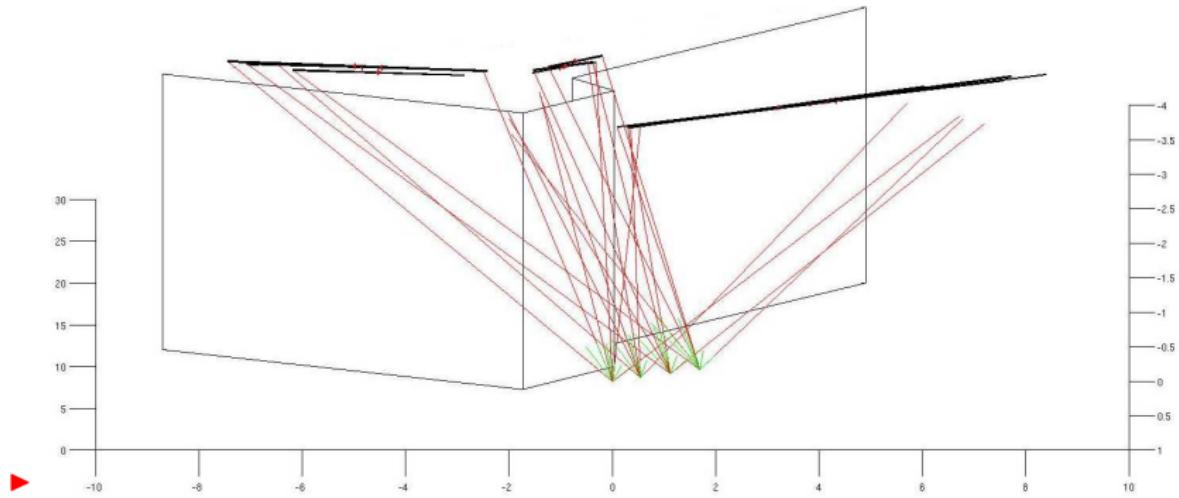


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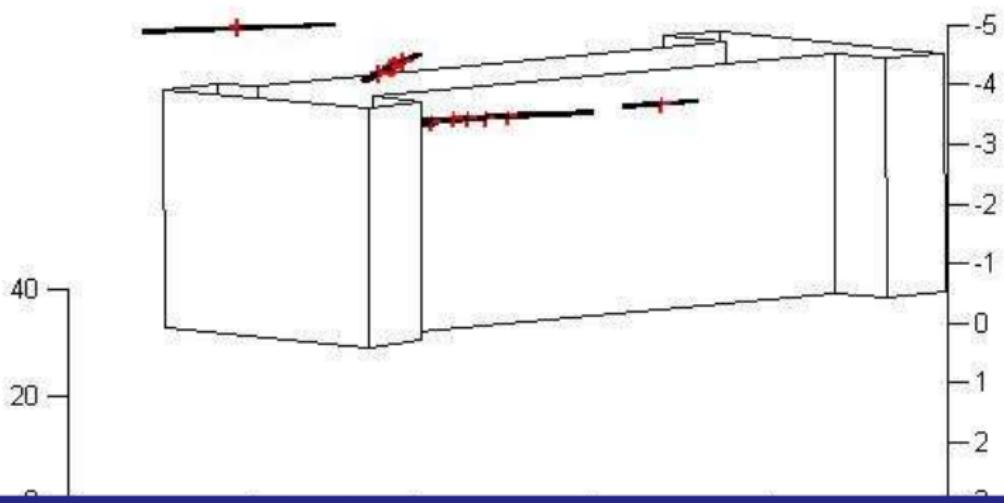
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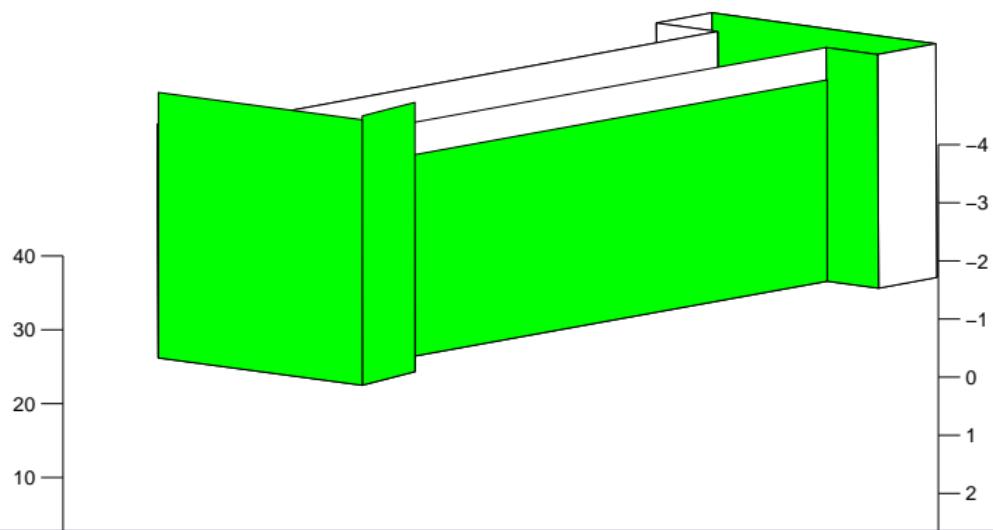
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Method I: Connected corner approach

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- ▶ Produce edges in horizontal and vertical direction

The idea

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- ▶ *"horizontal and vertical edges that come from the same (sub)window frame share a corner"*

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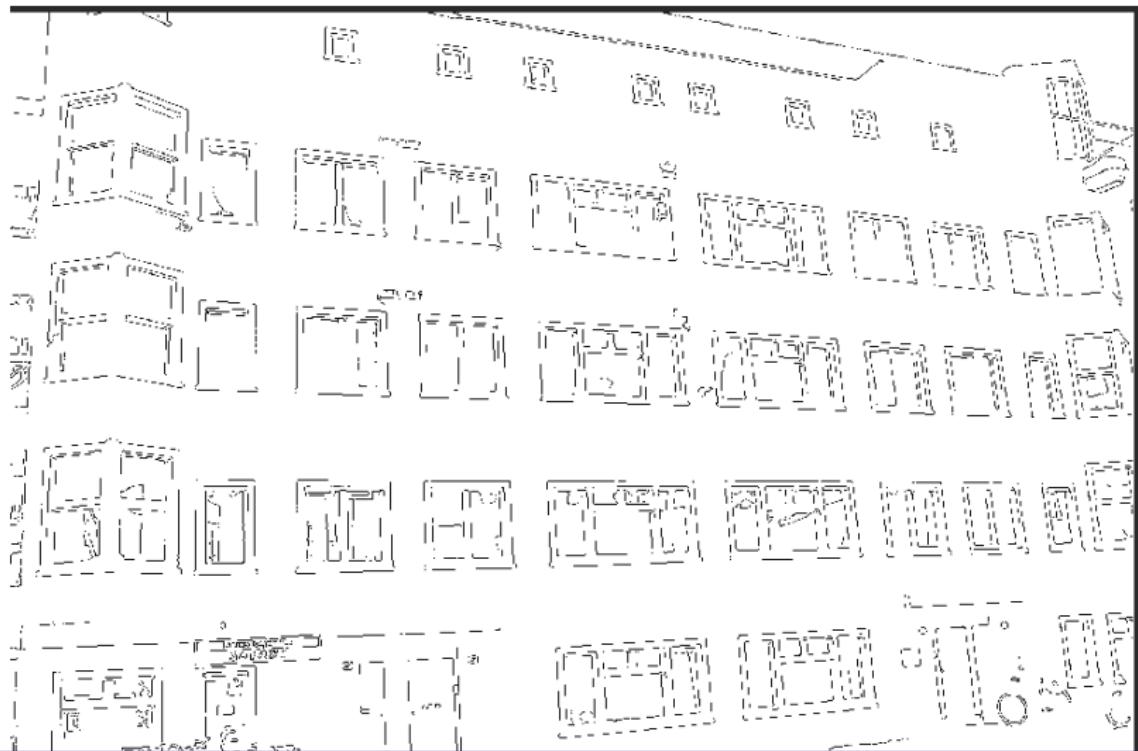
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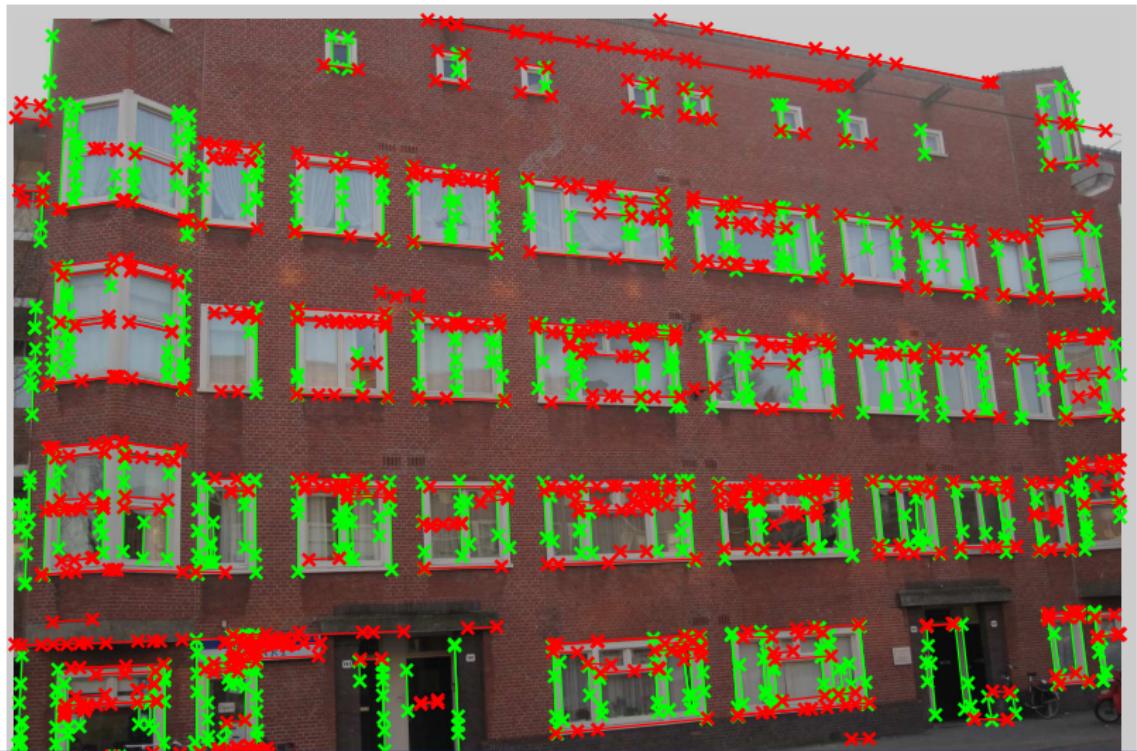
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Edge detection



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Result of θ constrained Hough transform



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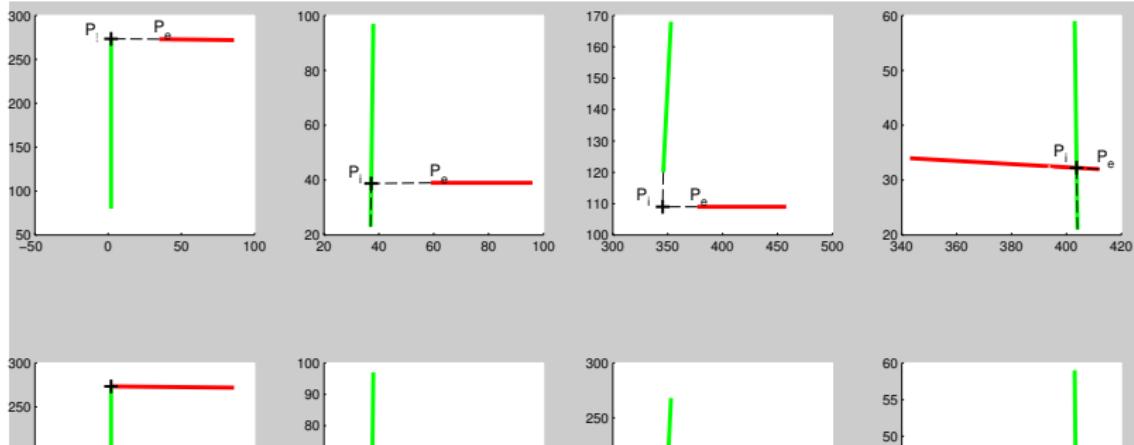
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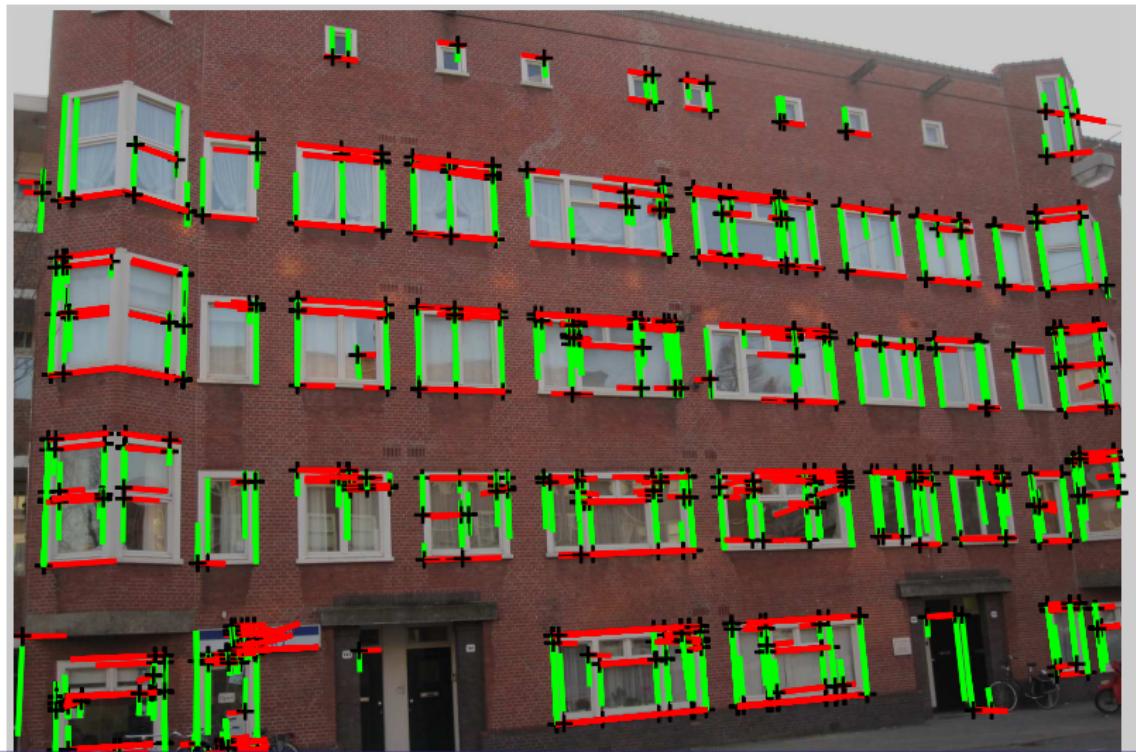


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Window area extraction

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Results



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Aligned but not orthogonal



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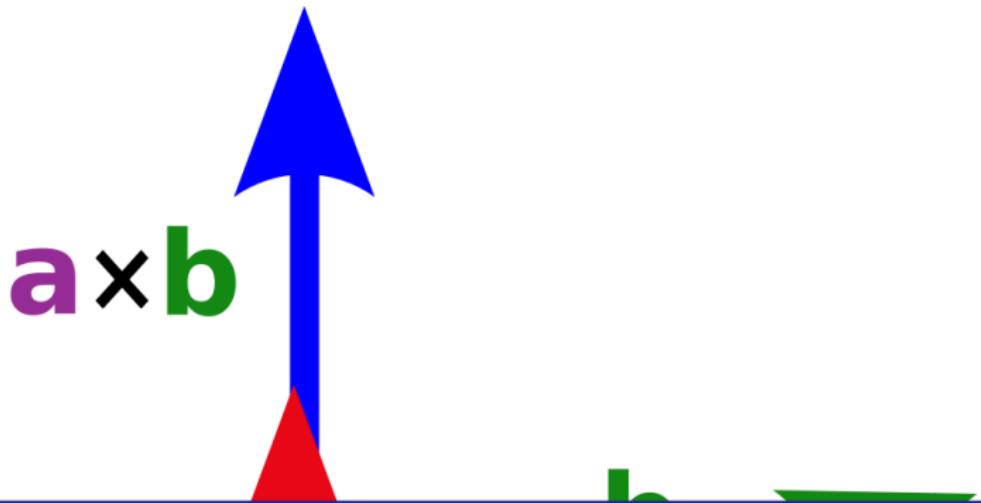
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Rectified facade



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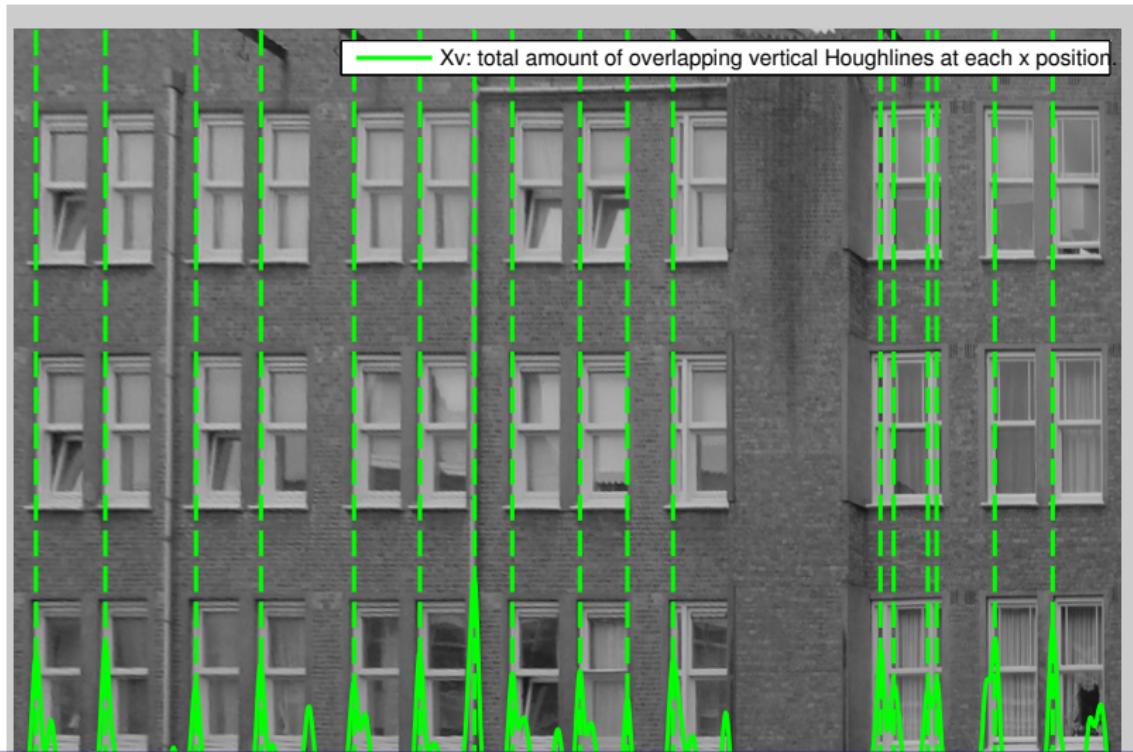
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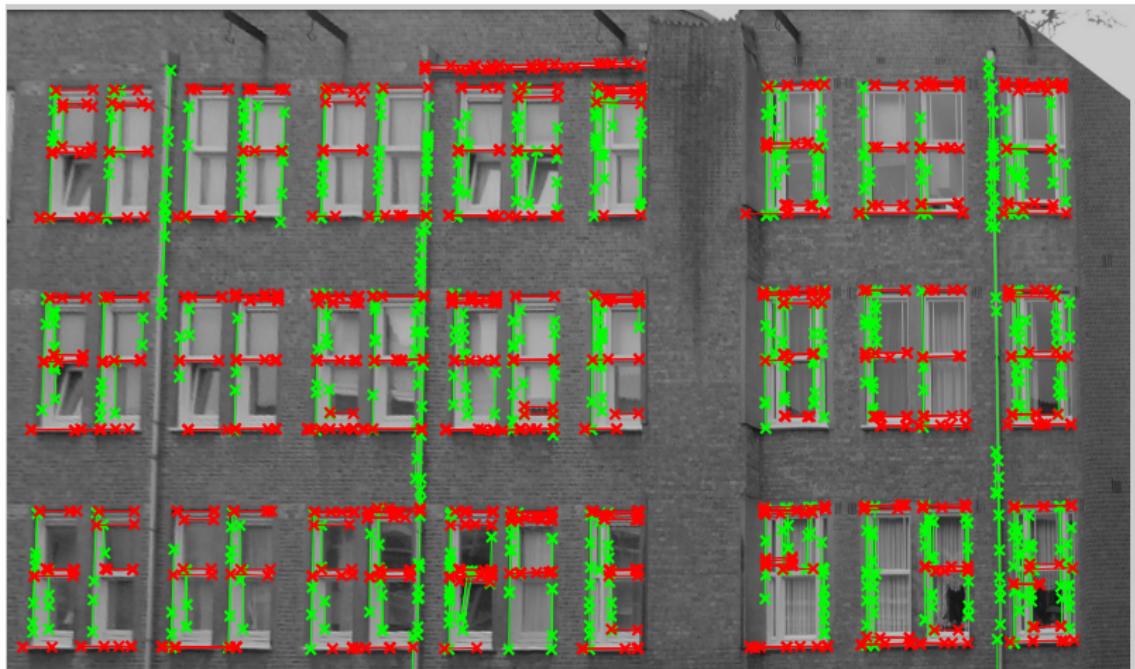
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- ▶ **Window non-window areas**

Window alignment lines example



The idea

- ▶ Amount of Houghlines high at window locations



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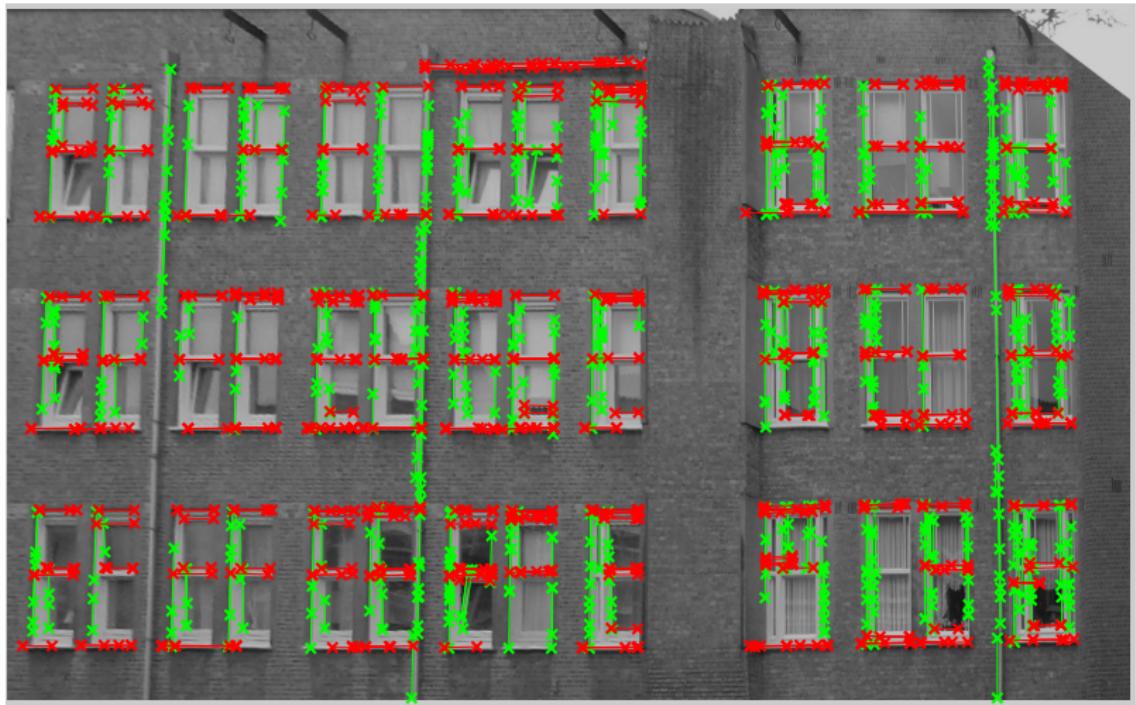
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Window alignment lines



Peak (area) extraction

- ▶ smooth histogram function (red line)

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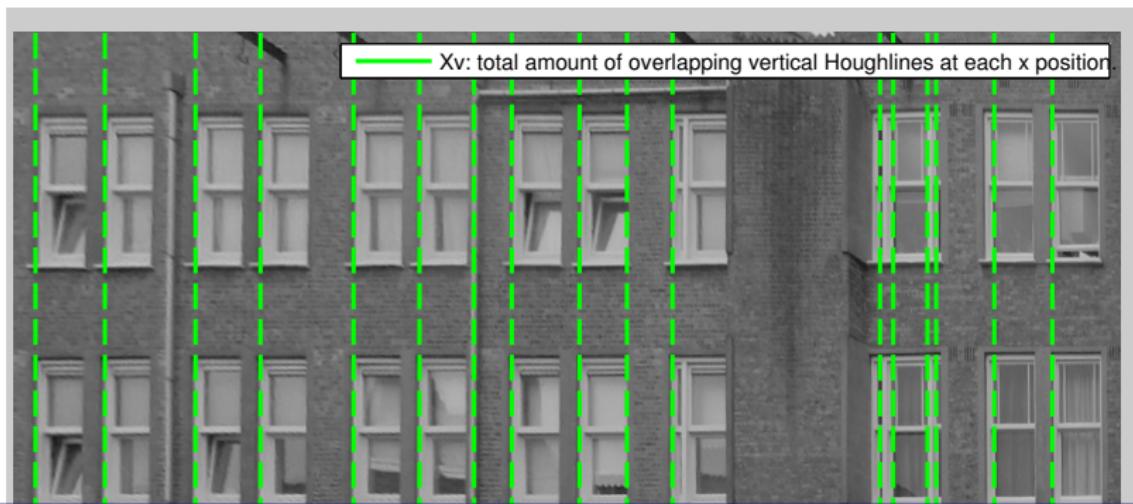
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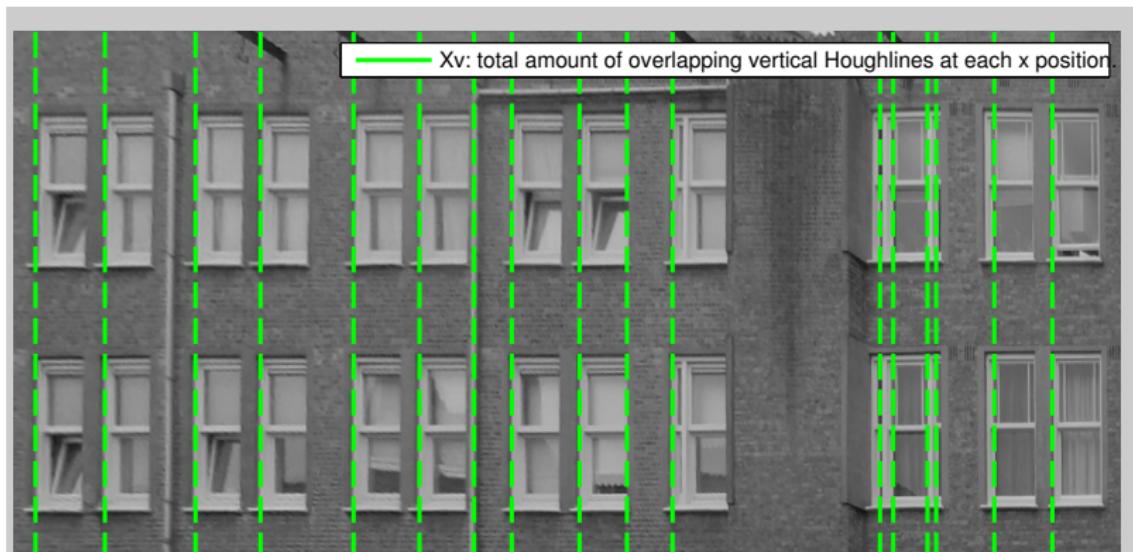
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- ▶ **main reason: perspective distortion creates occlusion effect**



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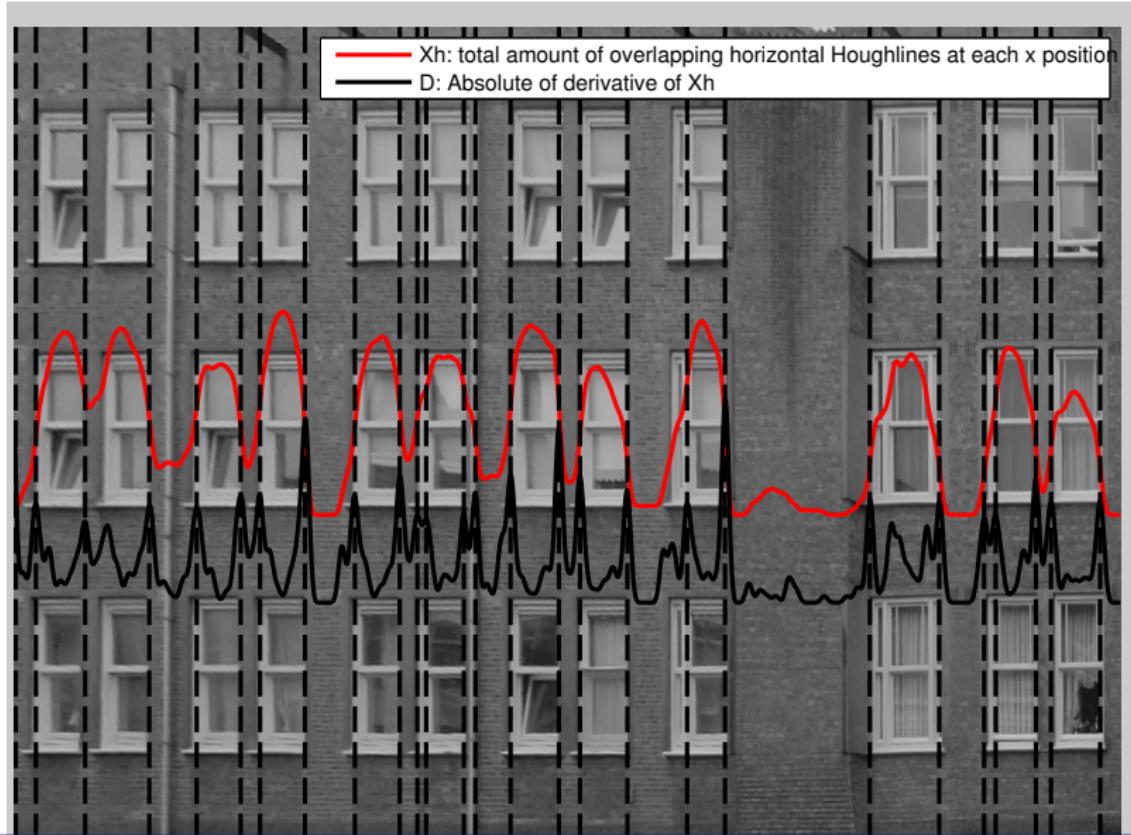
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- ▶ peak function

$$D = \text{abs}(X'_h)$$

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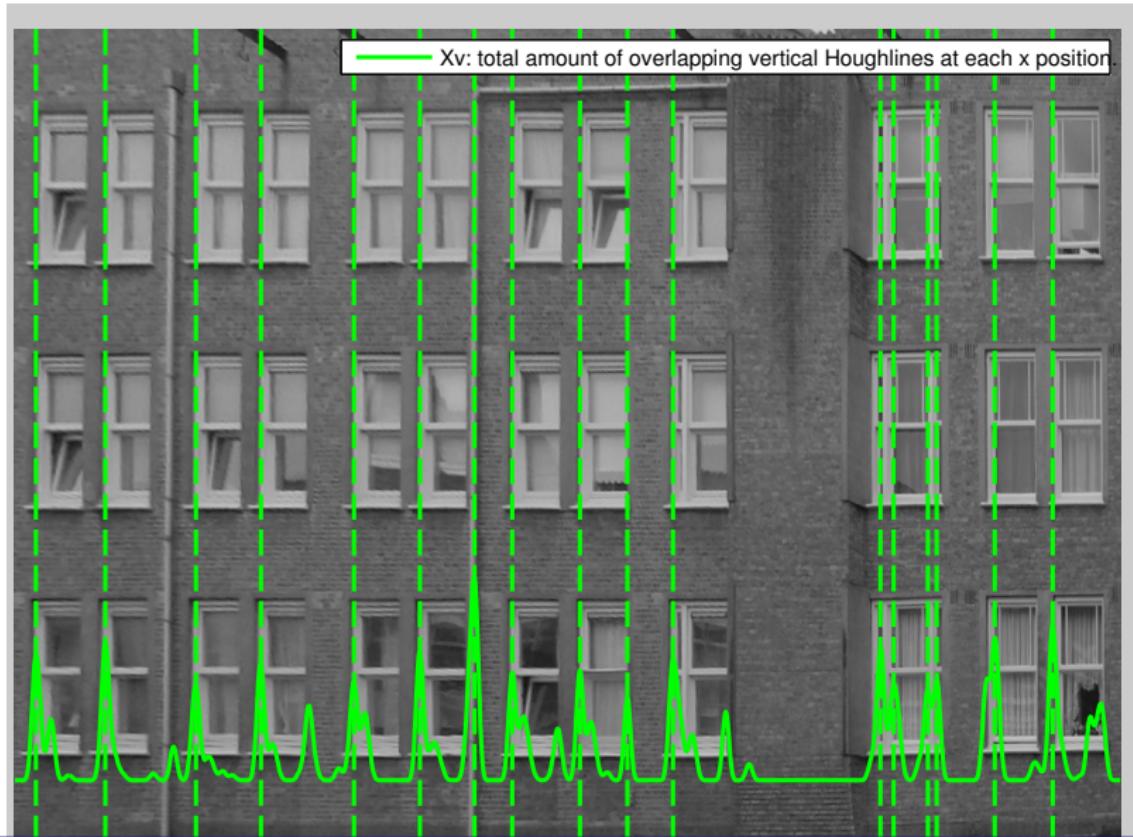
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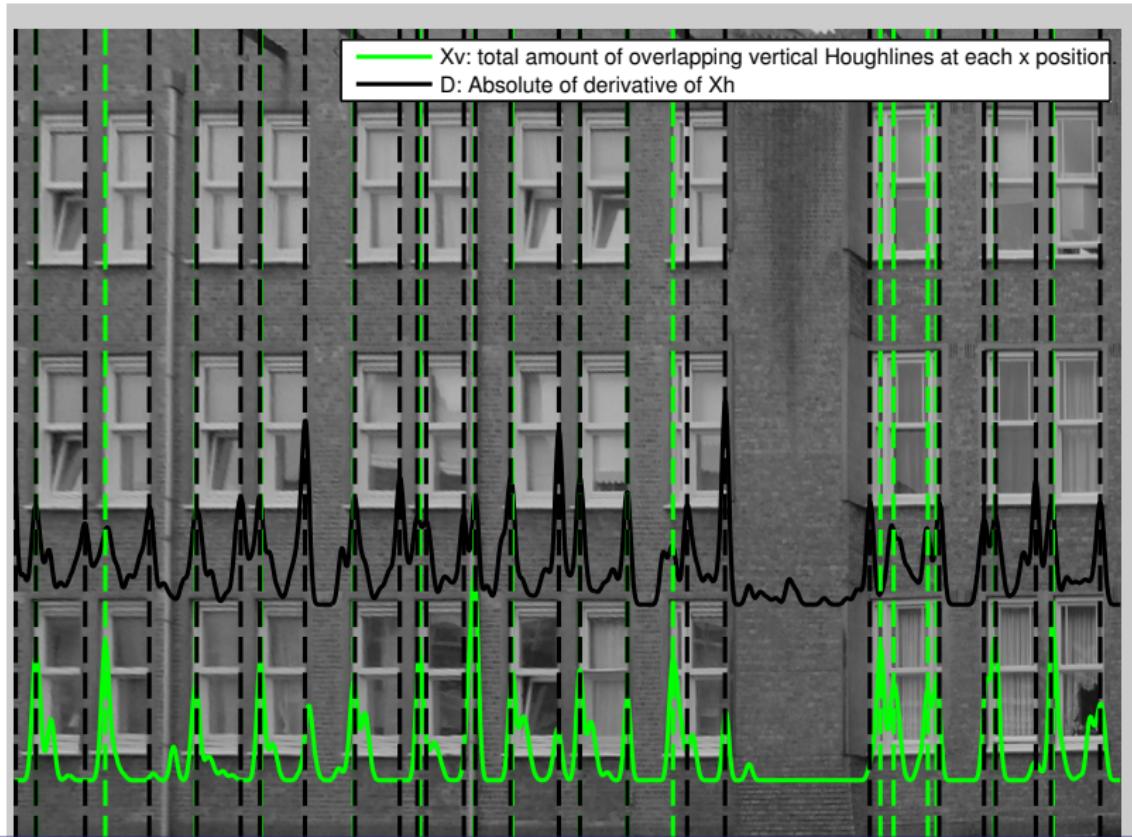
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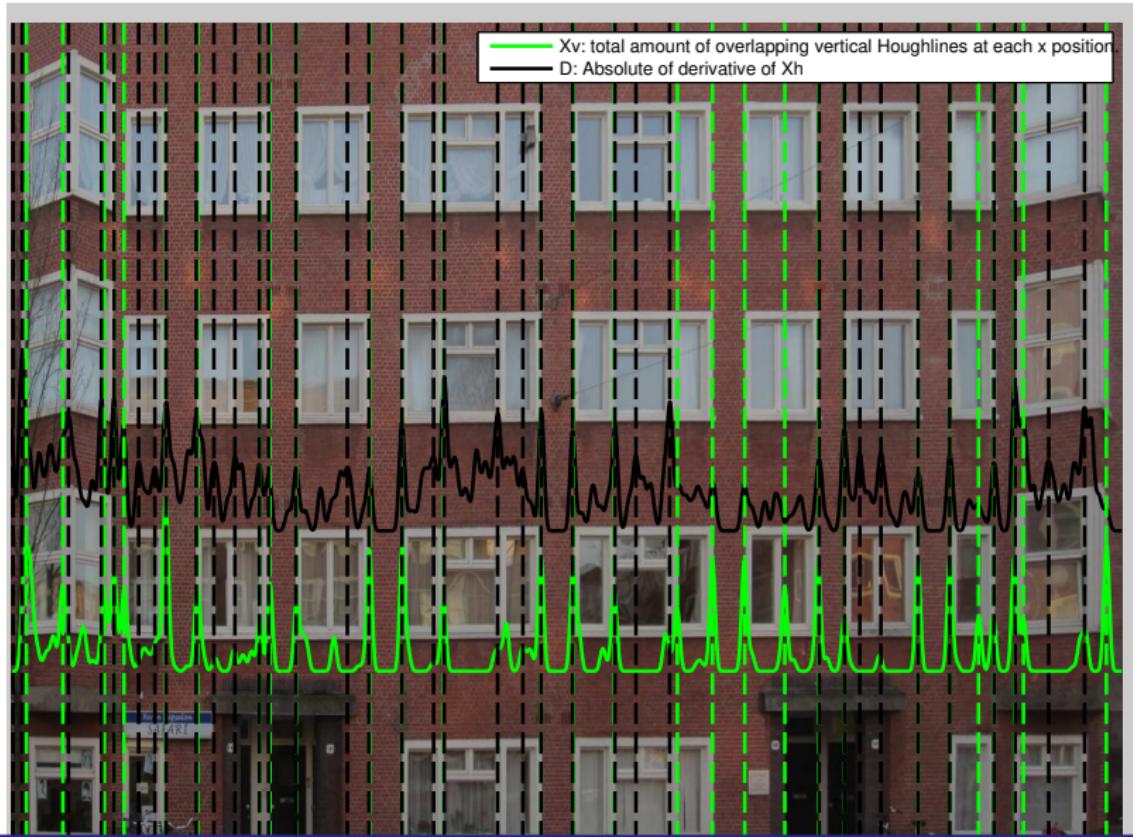


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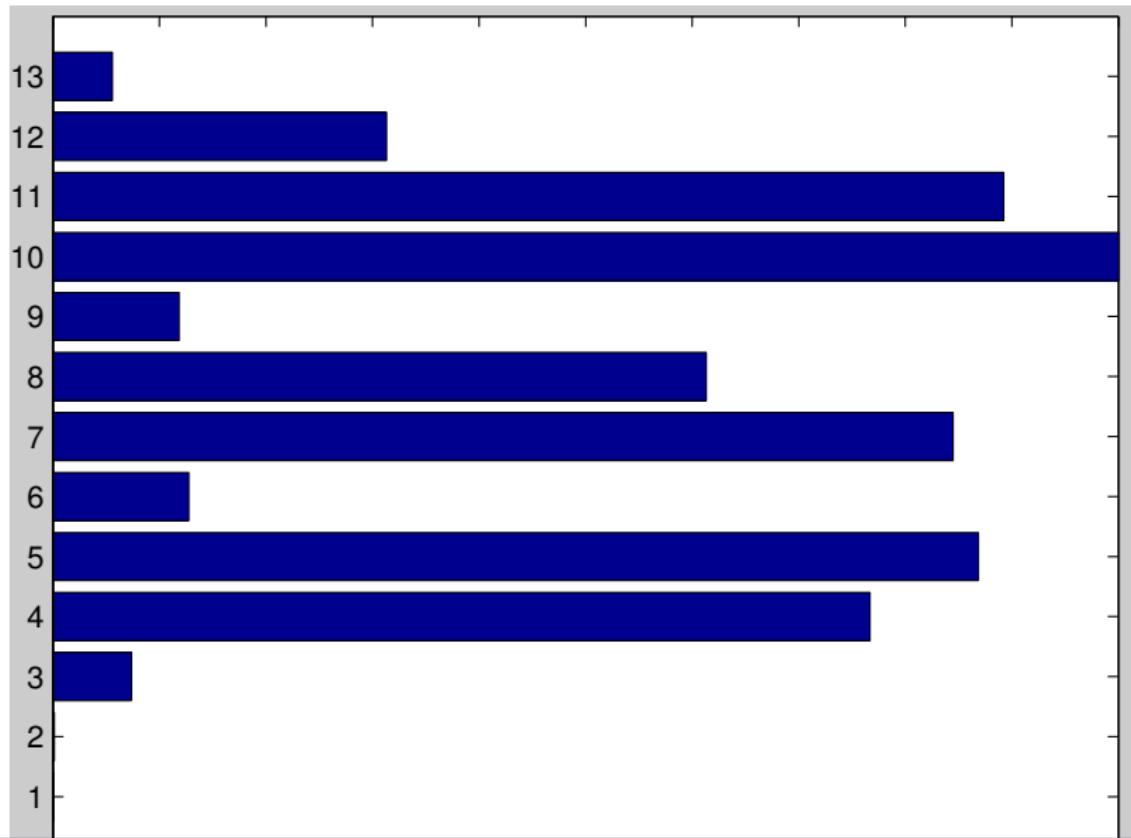
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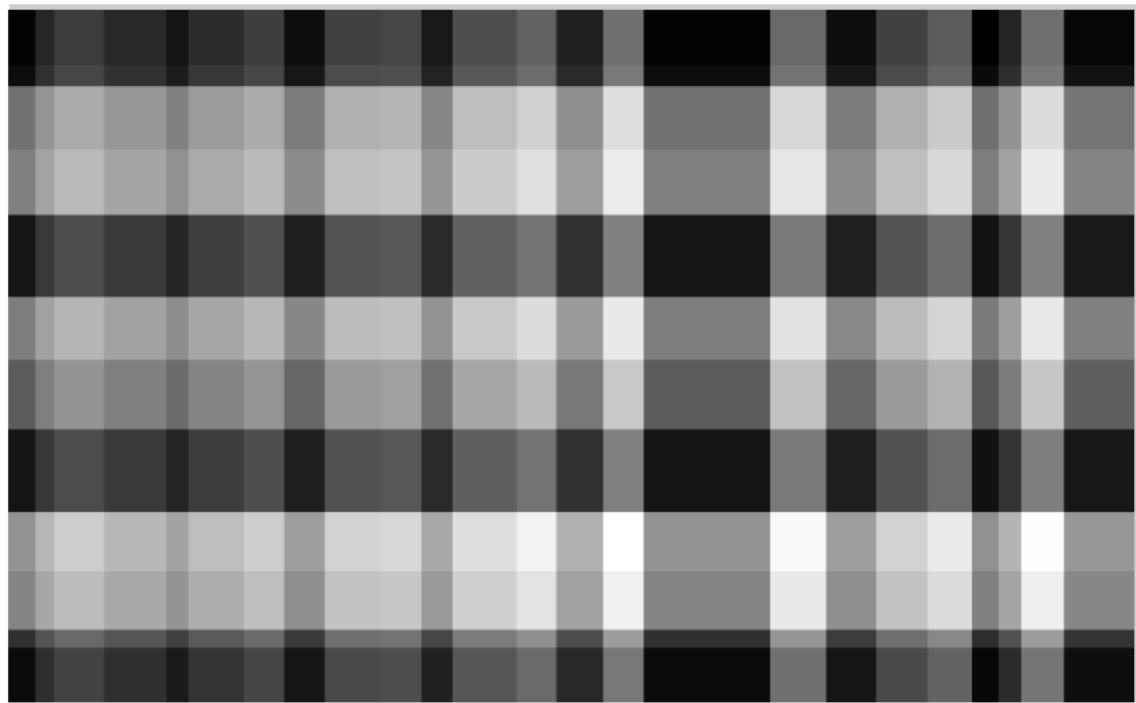
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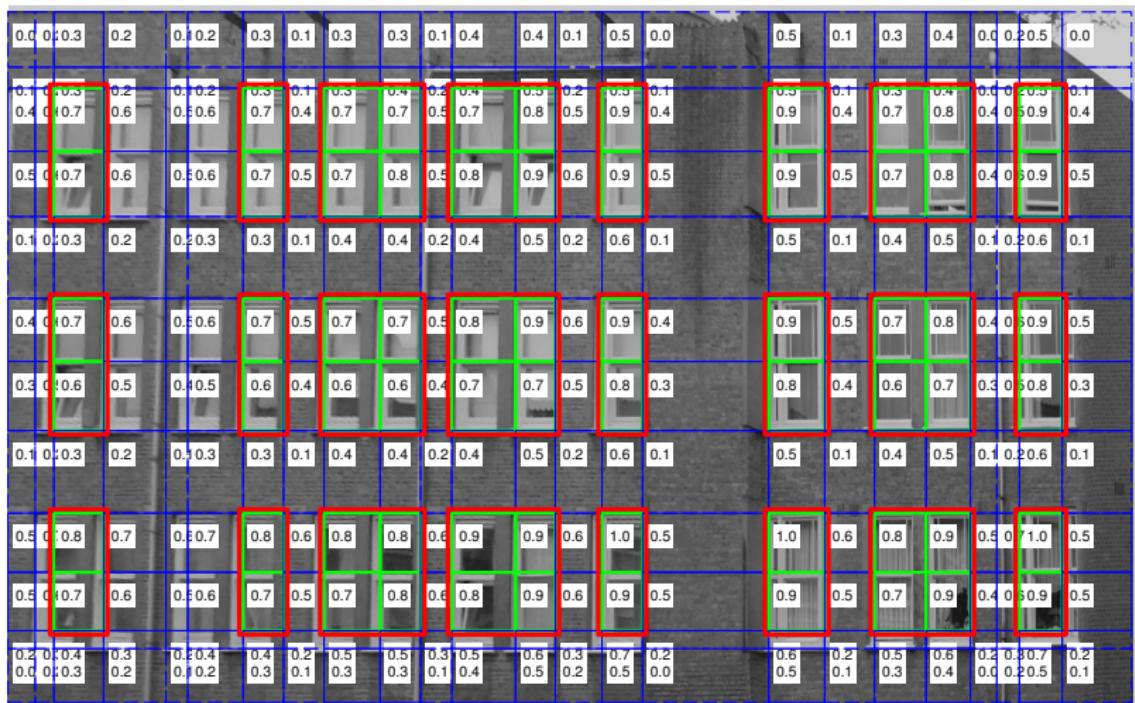
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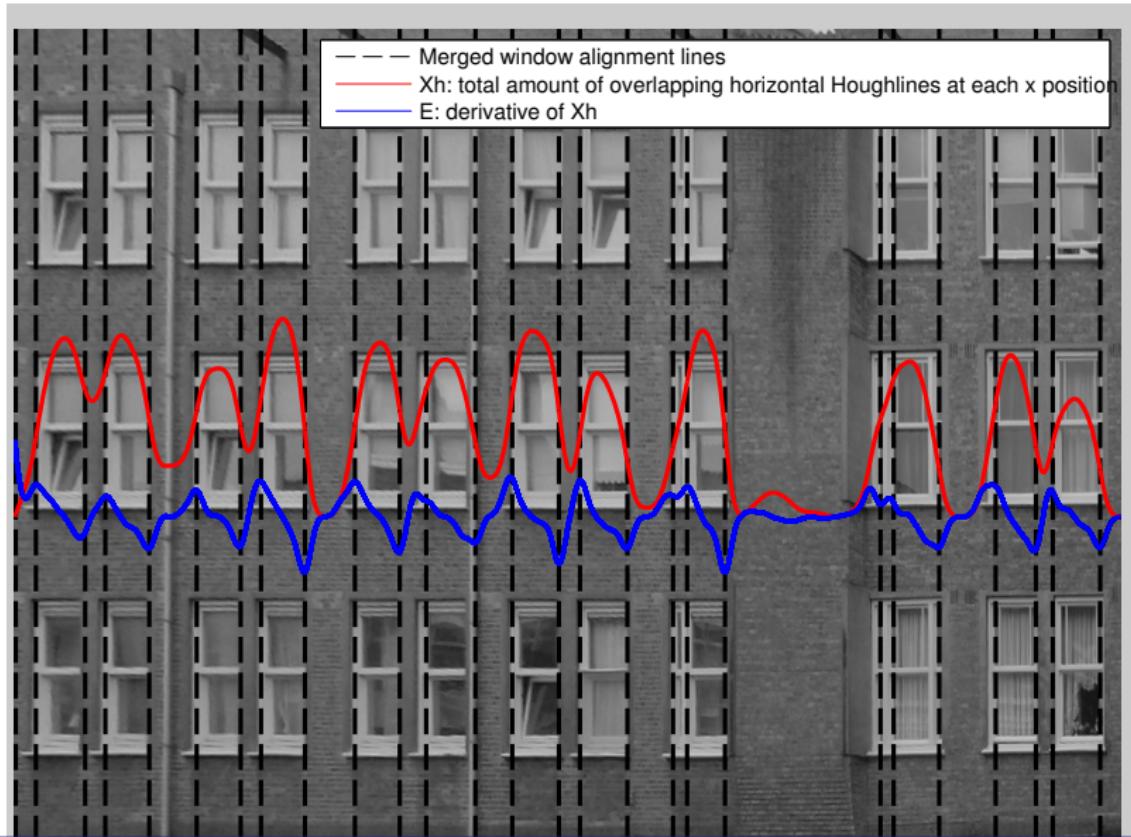
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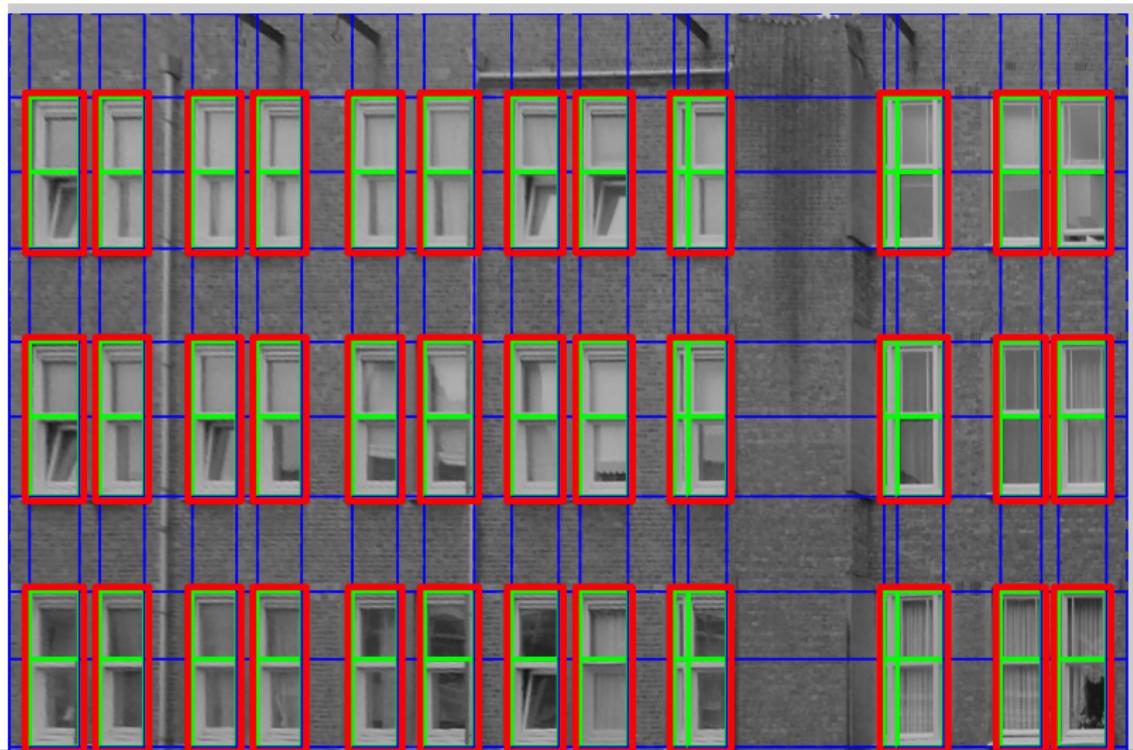
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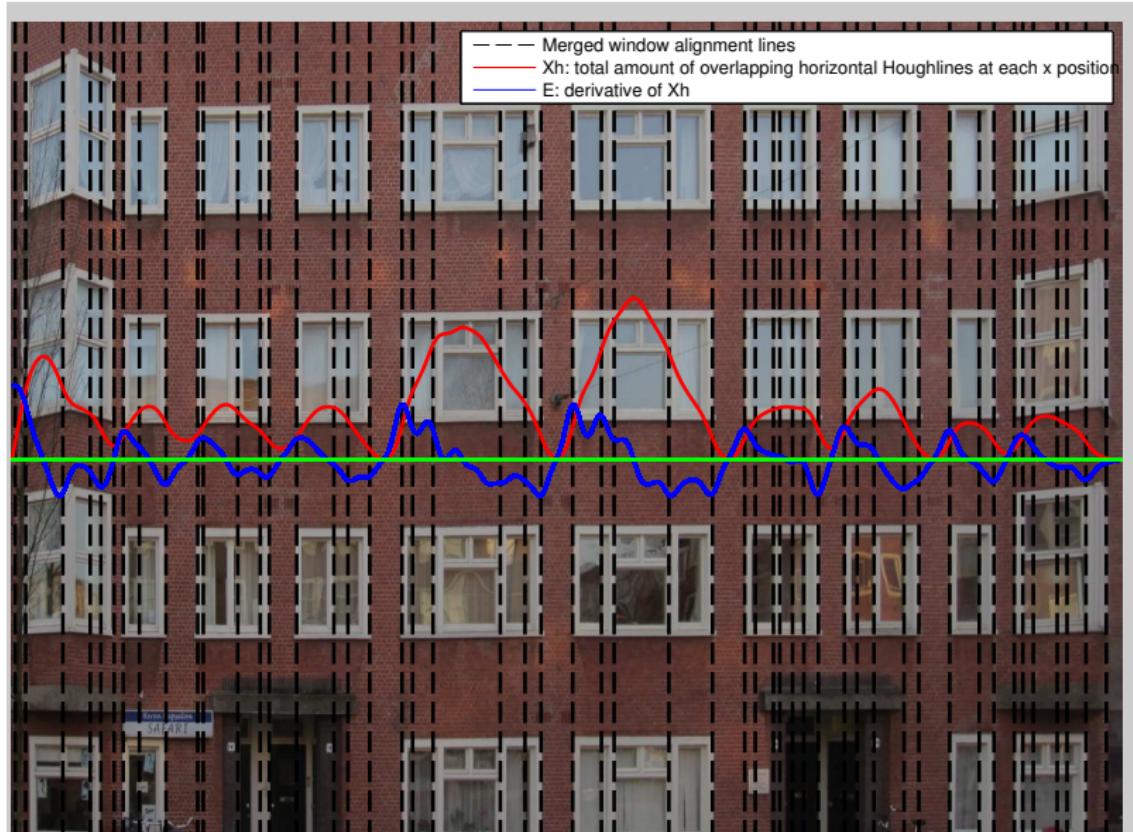
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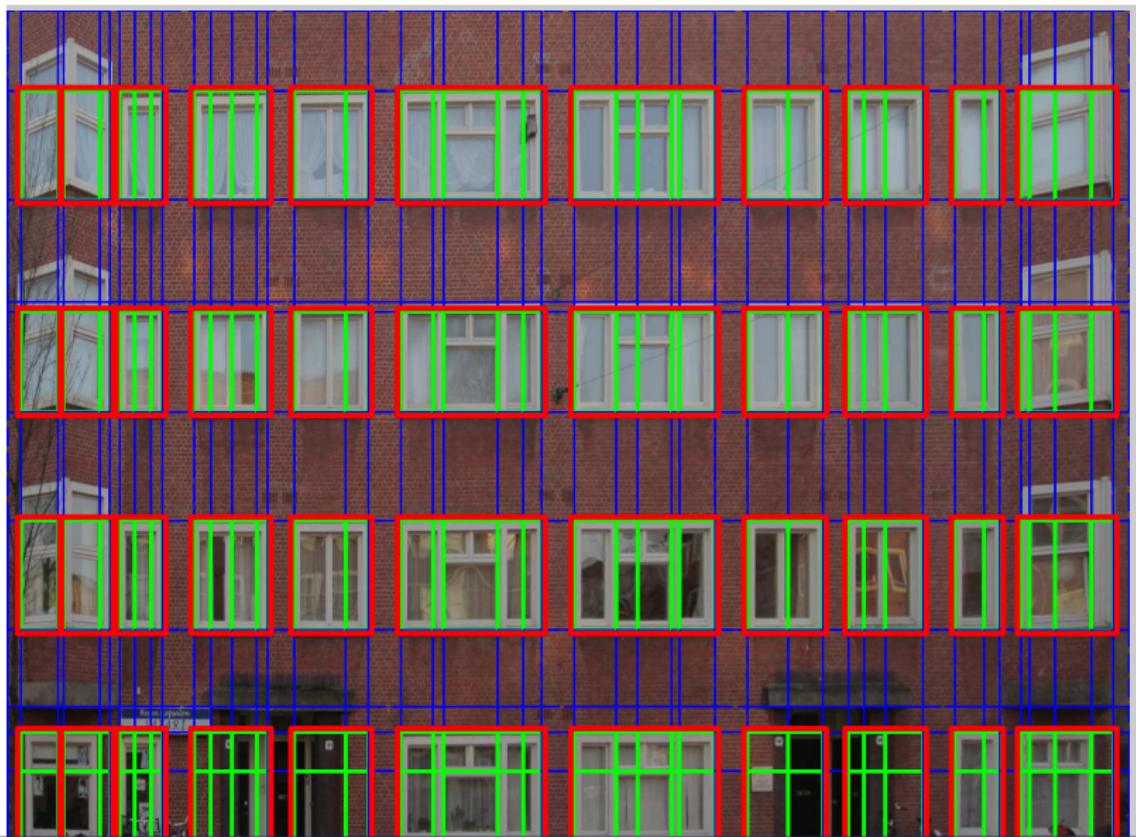
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