



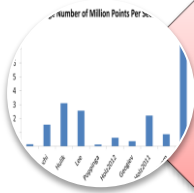
Fast Plane Extraction in Organized Point Clouds Using Agglomerative Hierarchical Clustering

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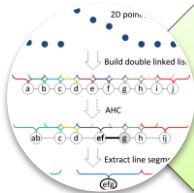
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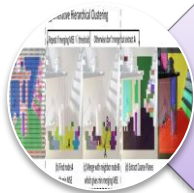
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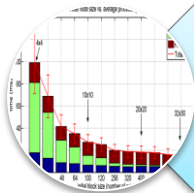
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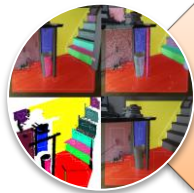
Overview



Breakdown



Experiments



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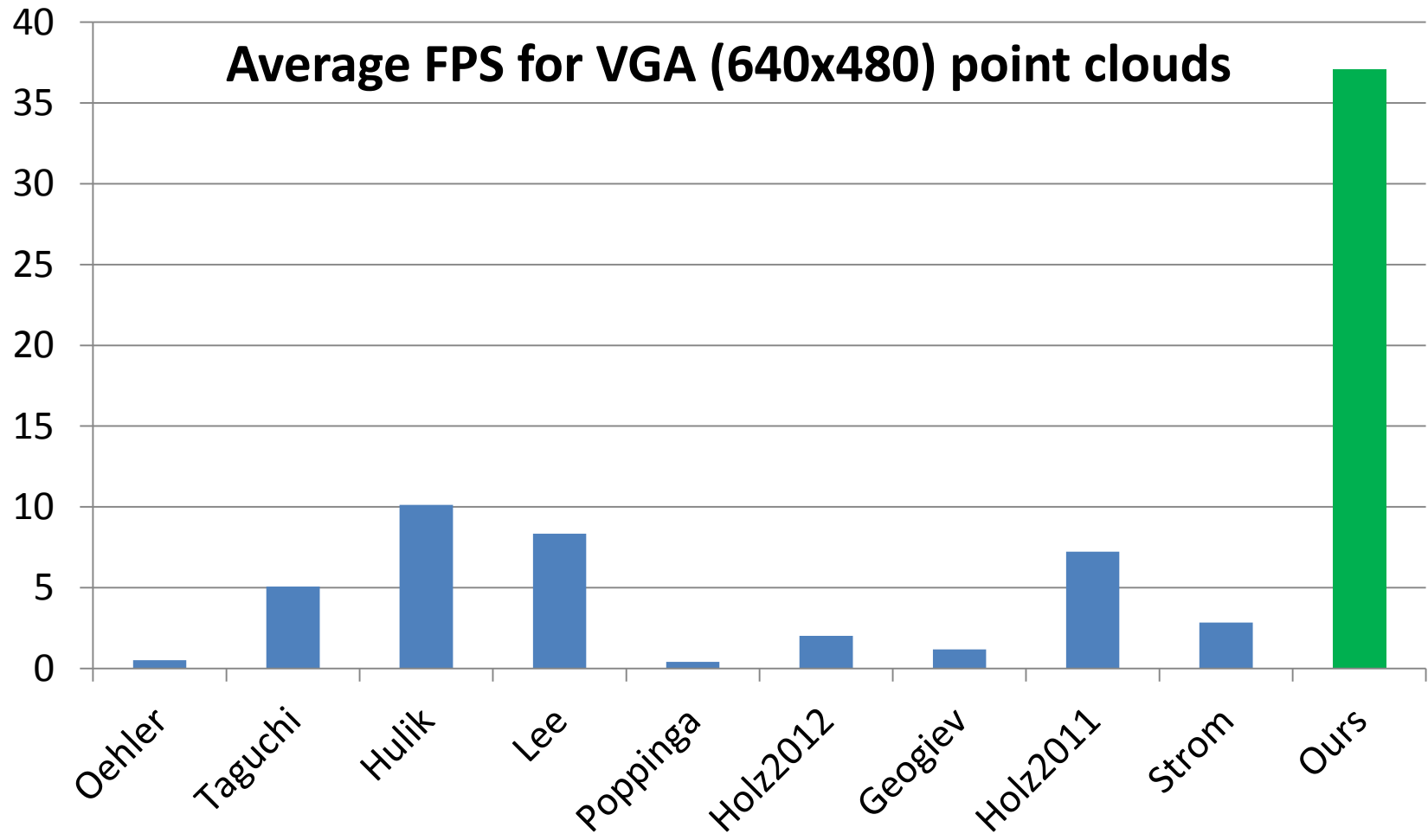
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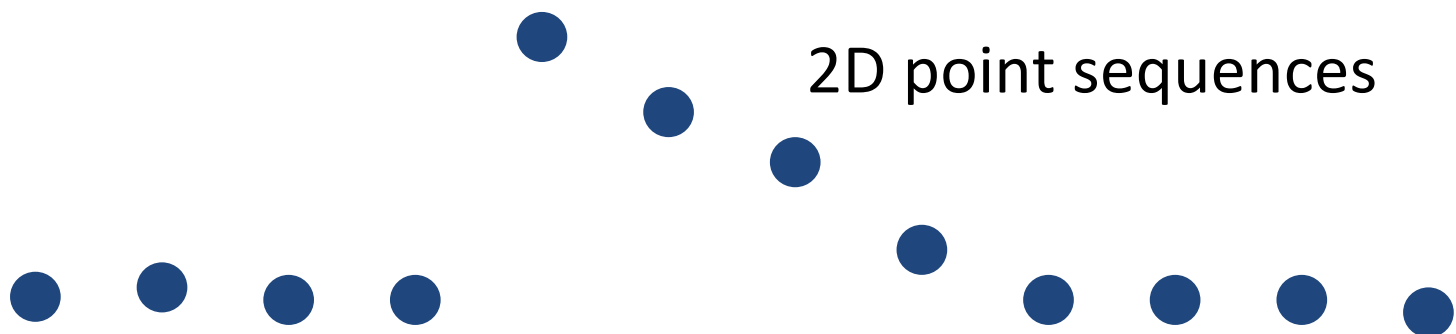
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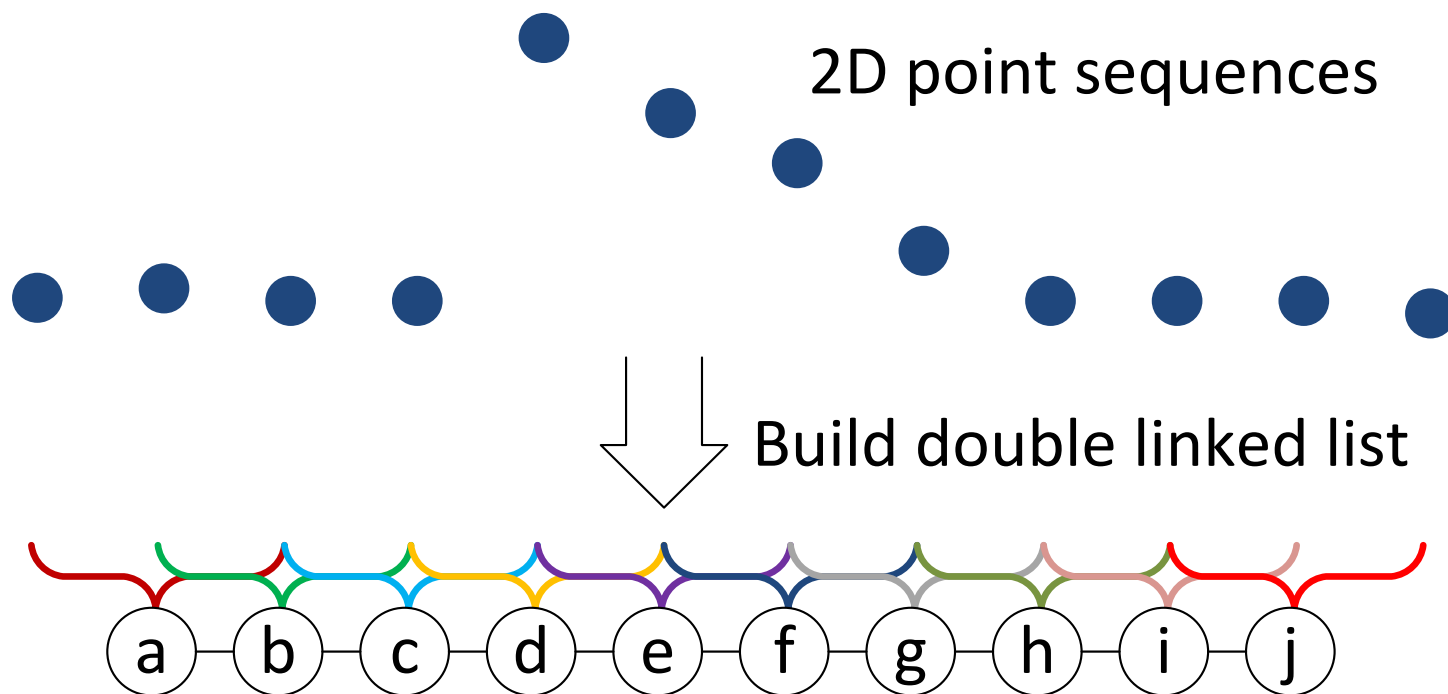


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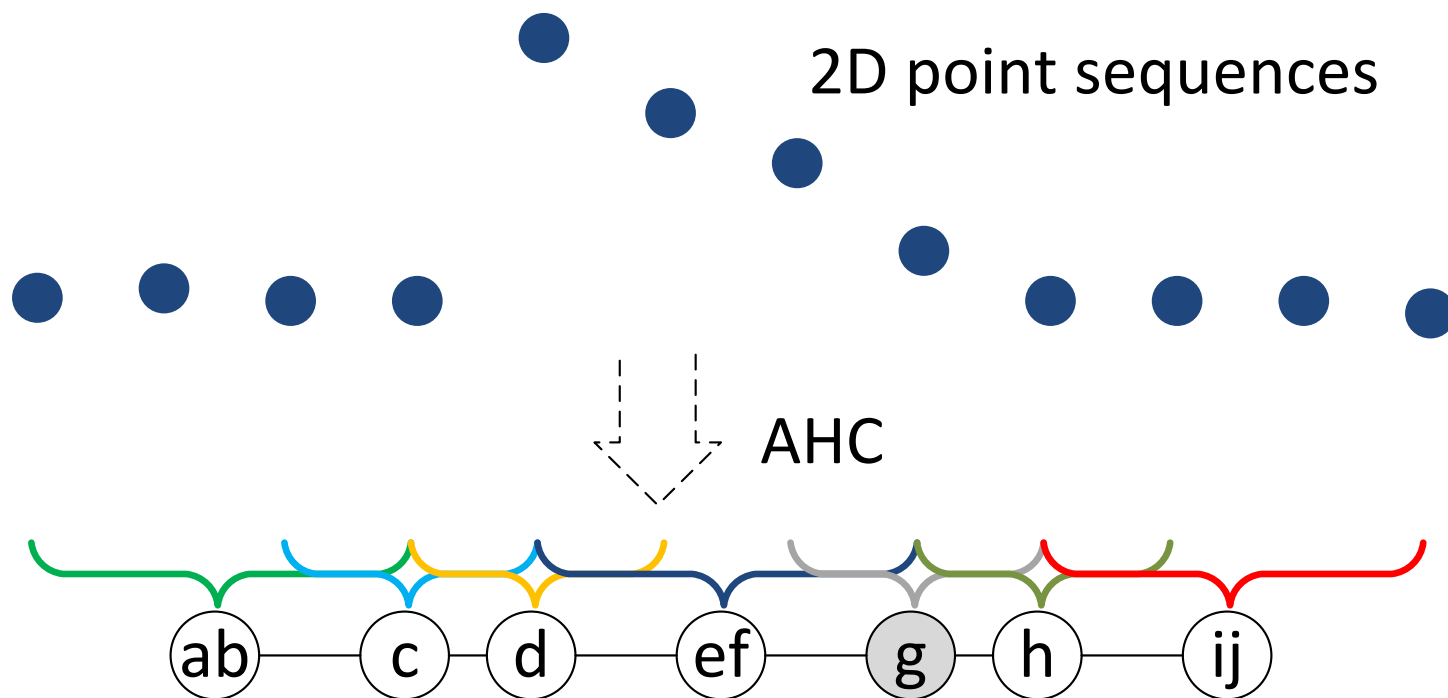
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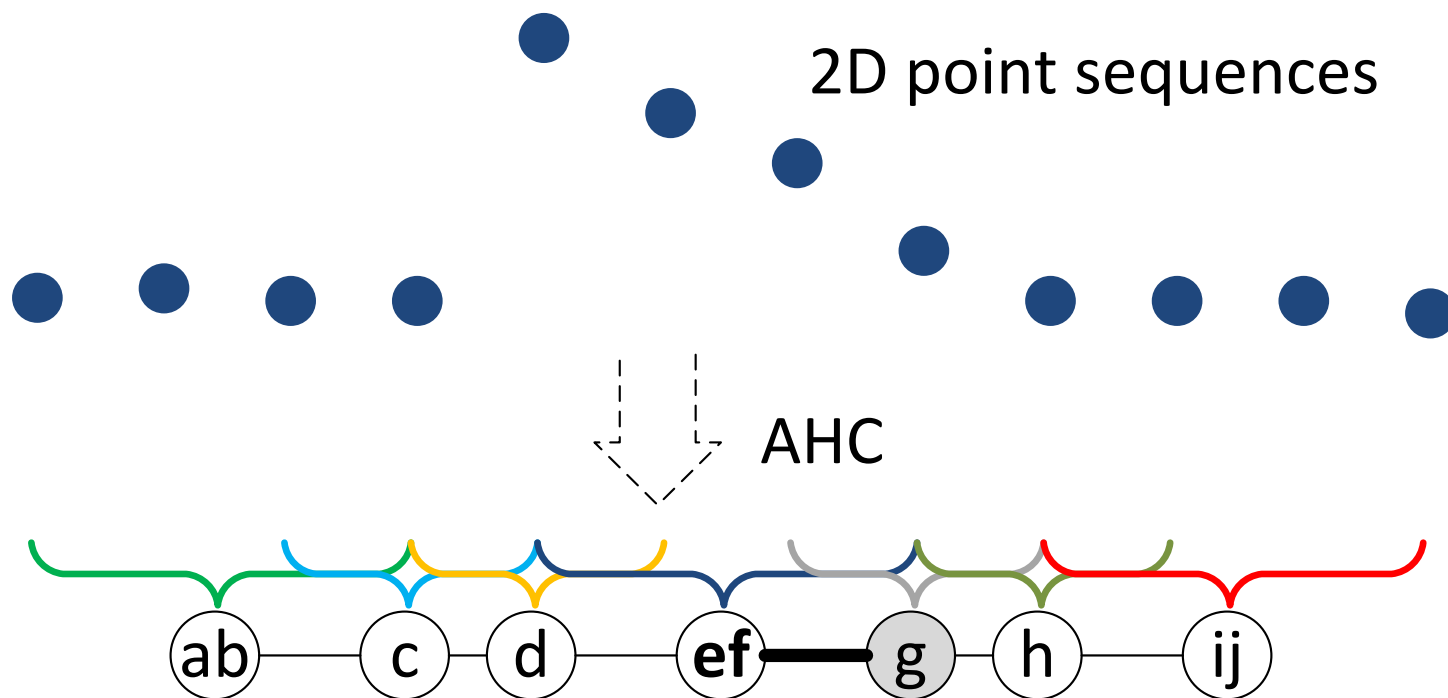
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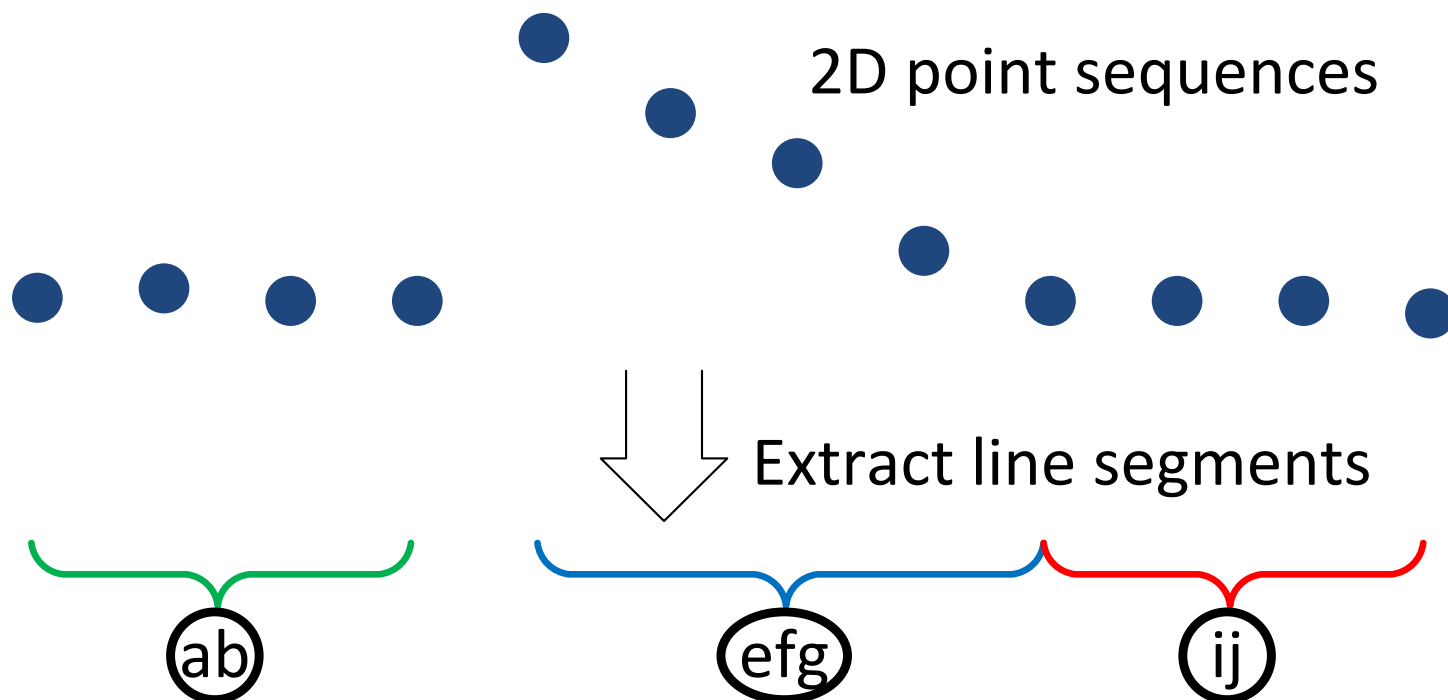
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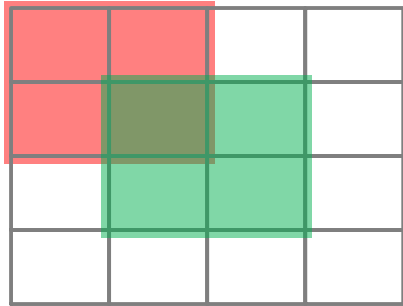


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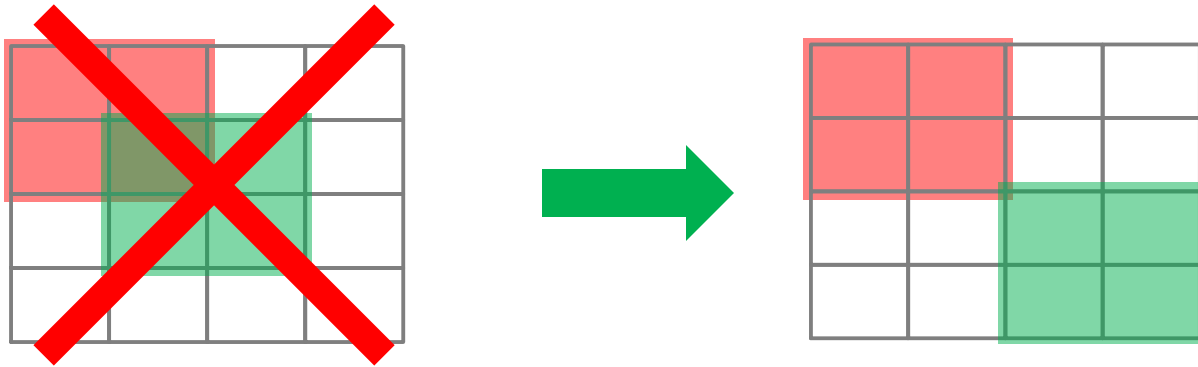


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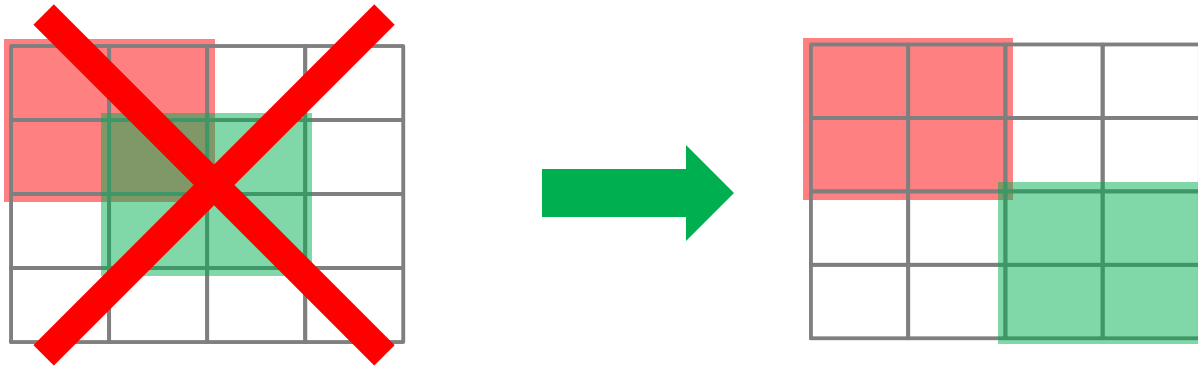
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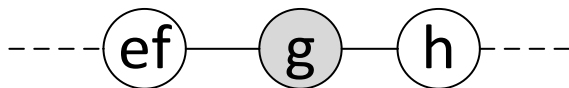
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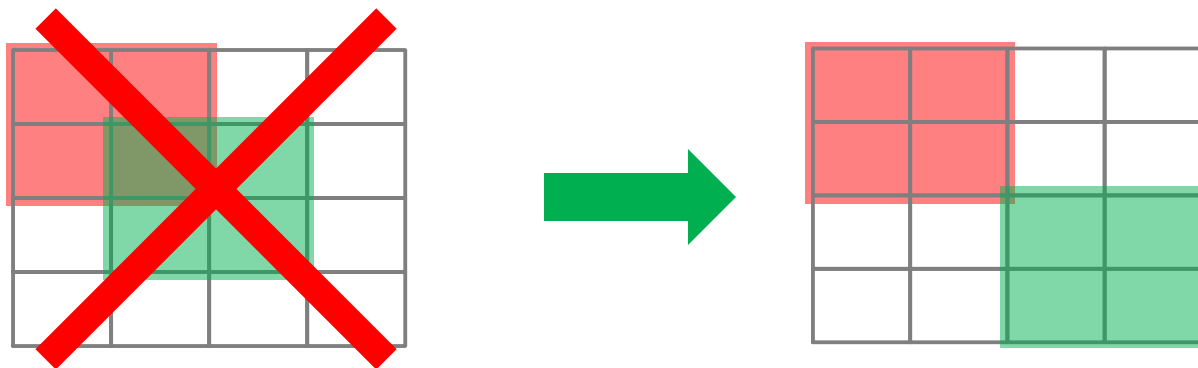


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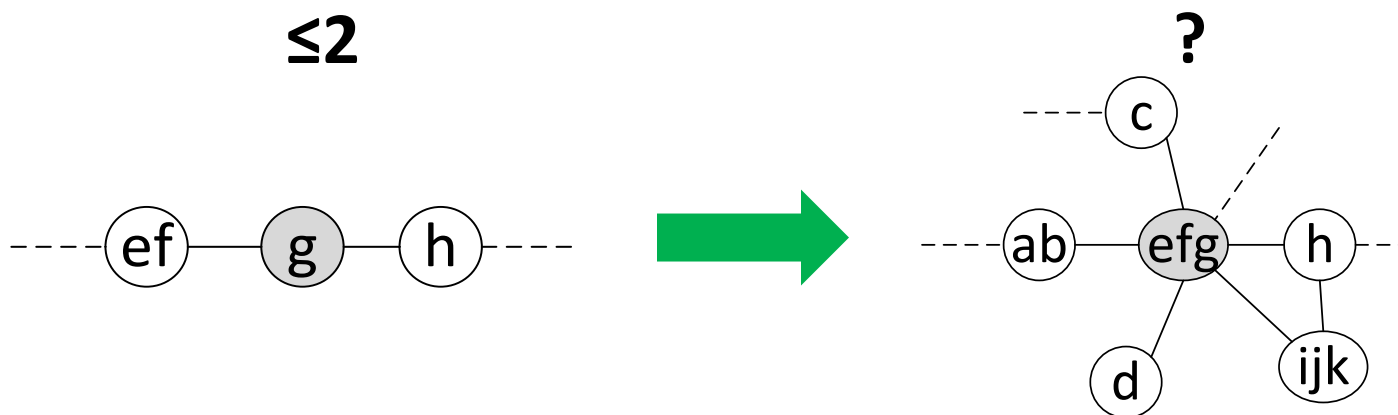


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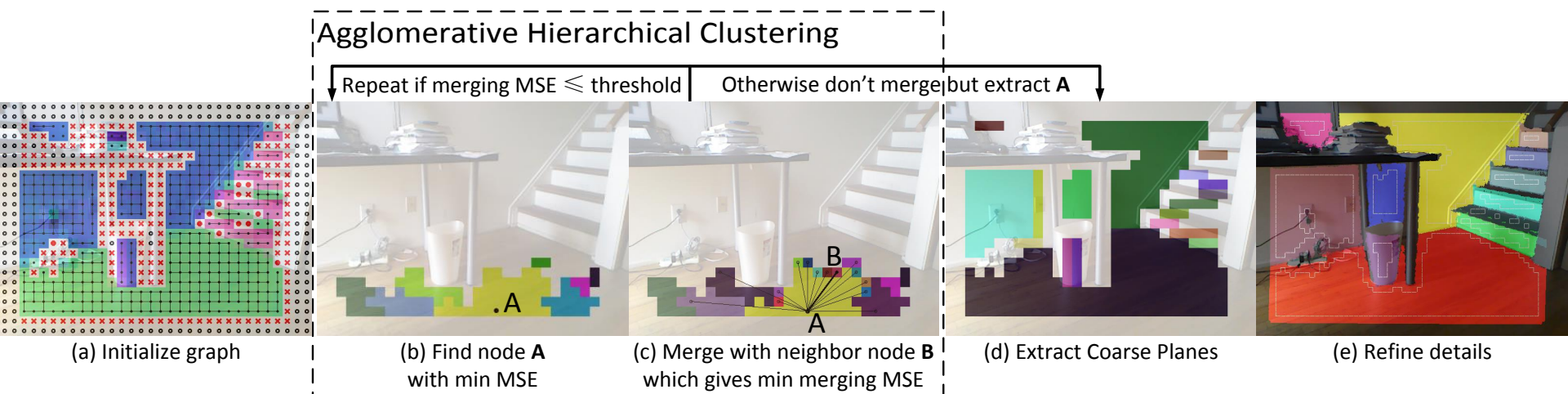
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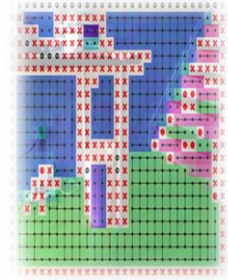
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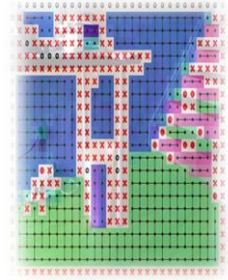
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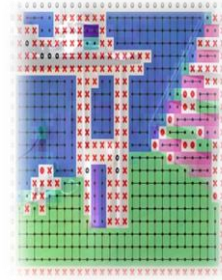
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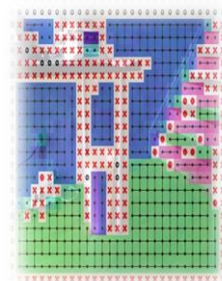
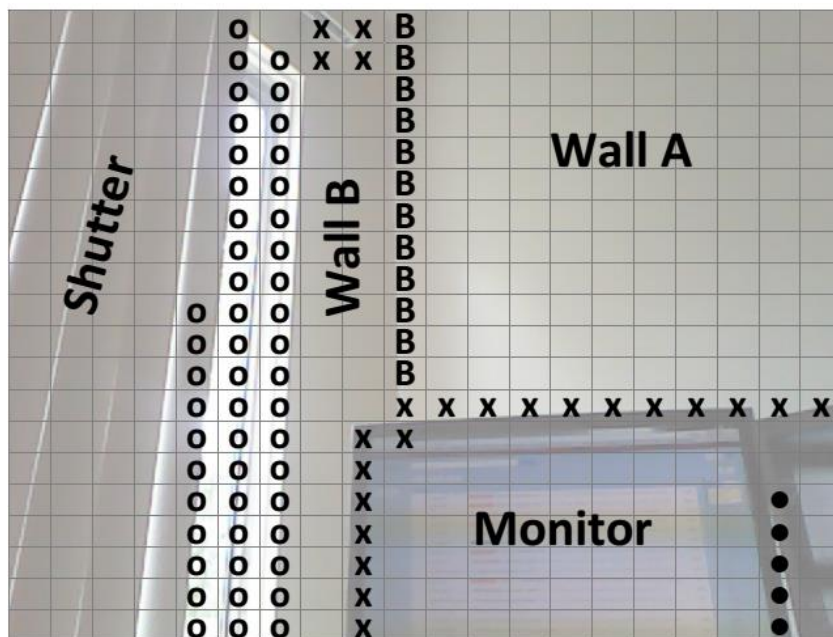
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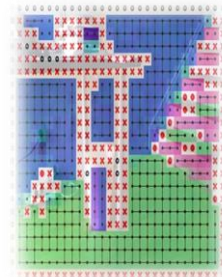
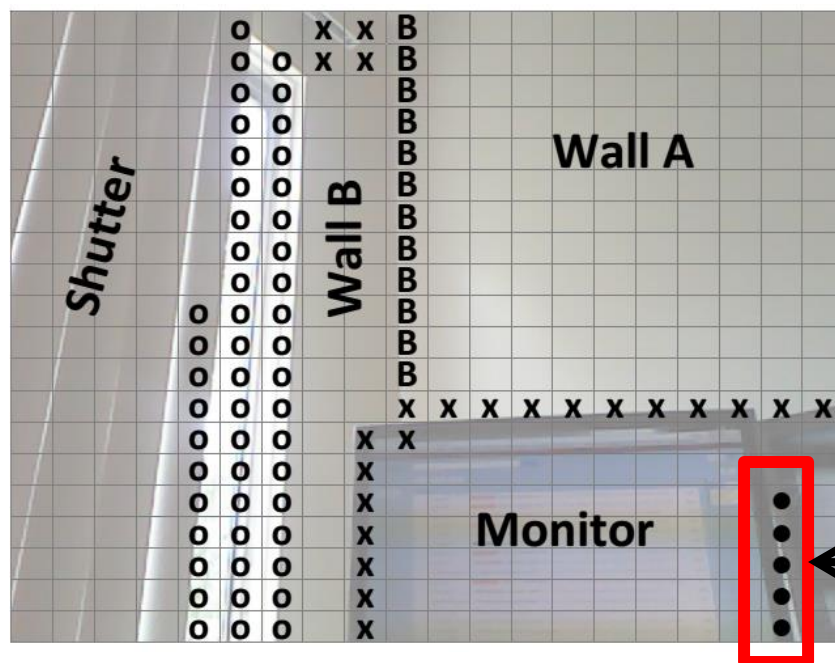
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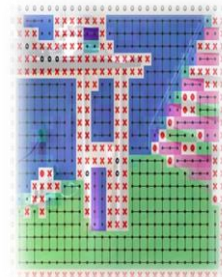
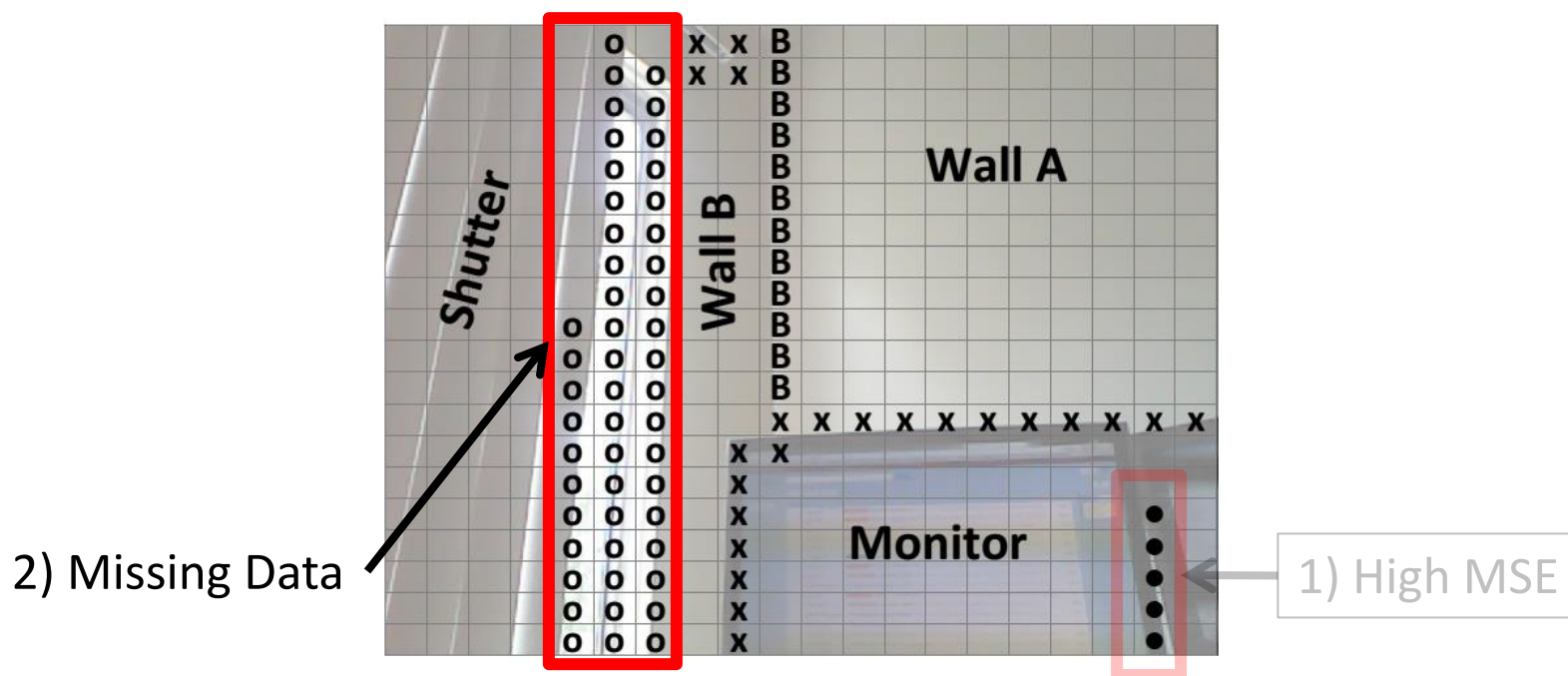
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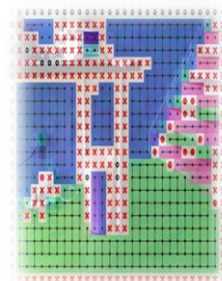
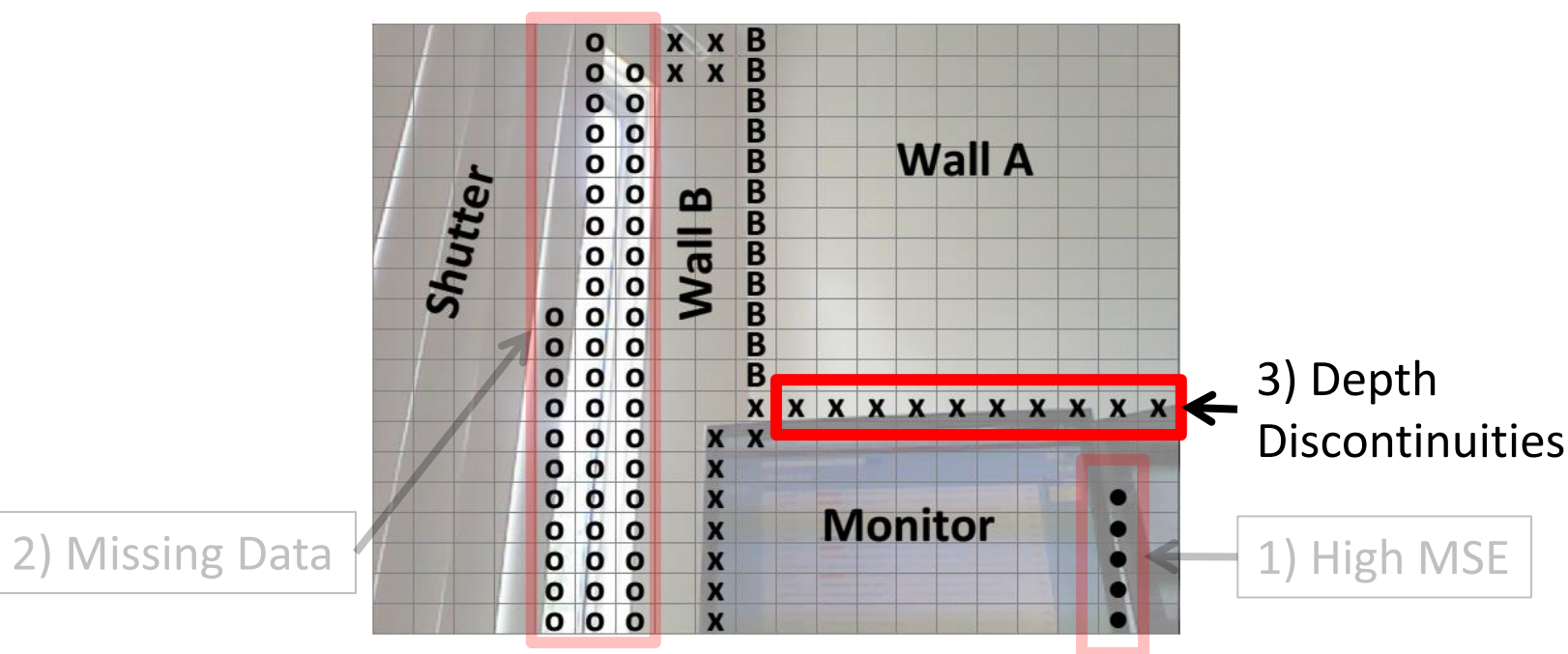
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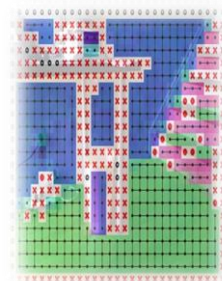
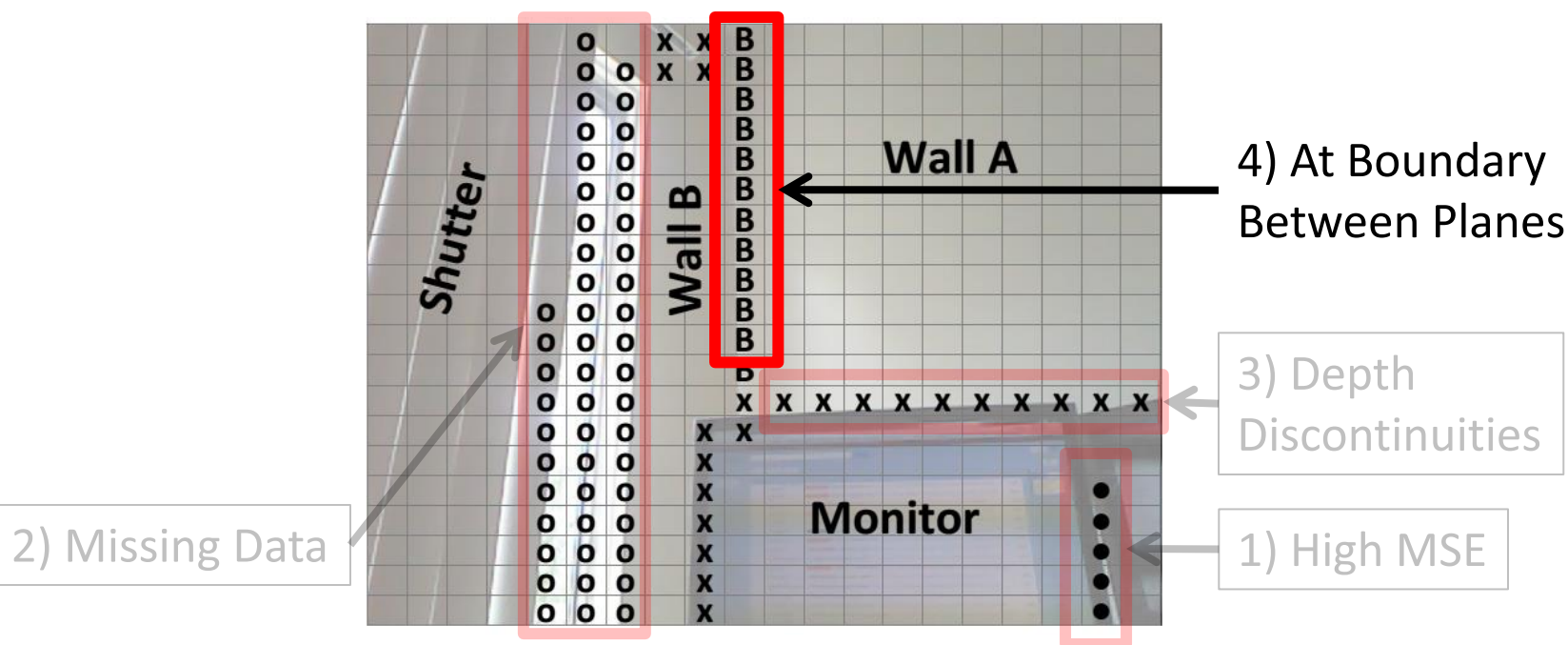
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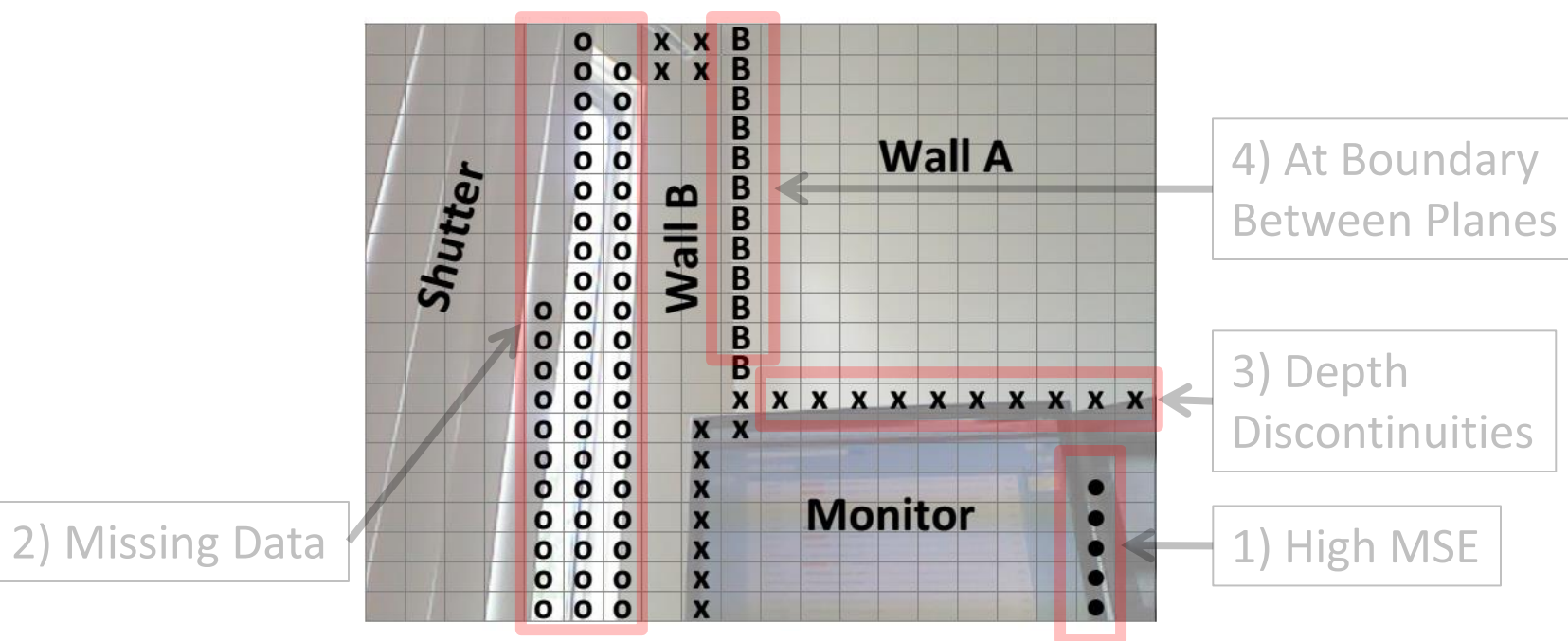
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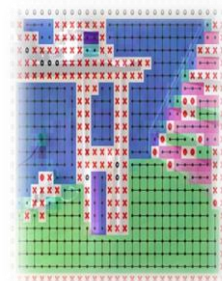
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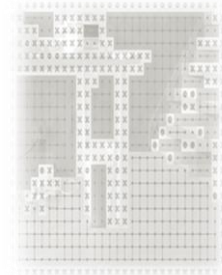
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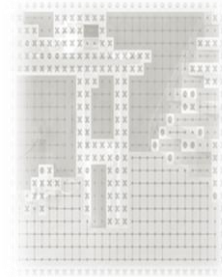
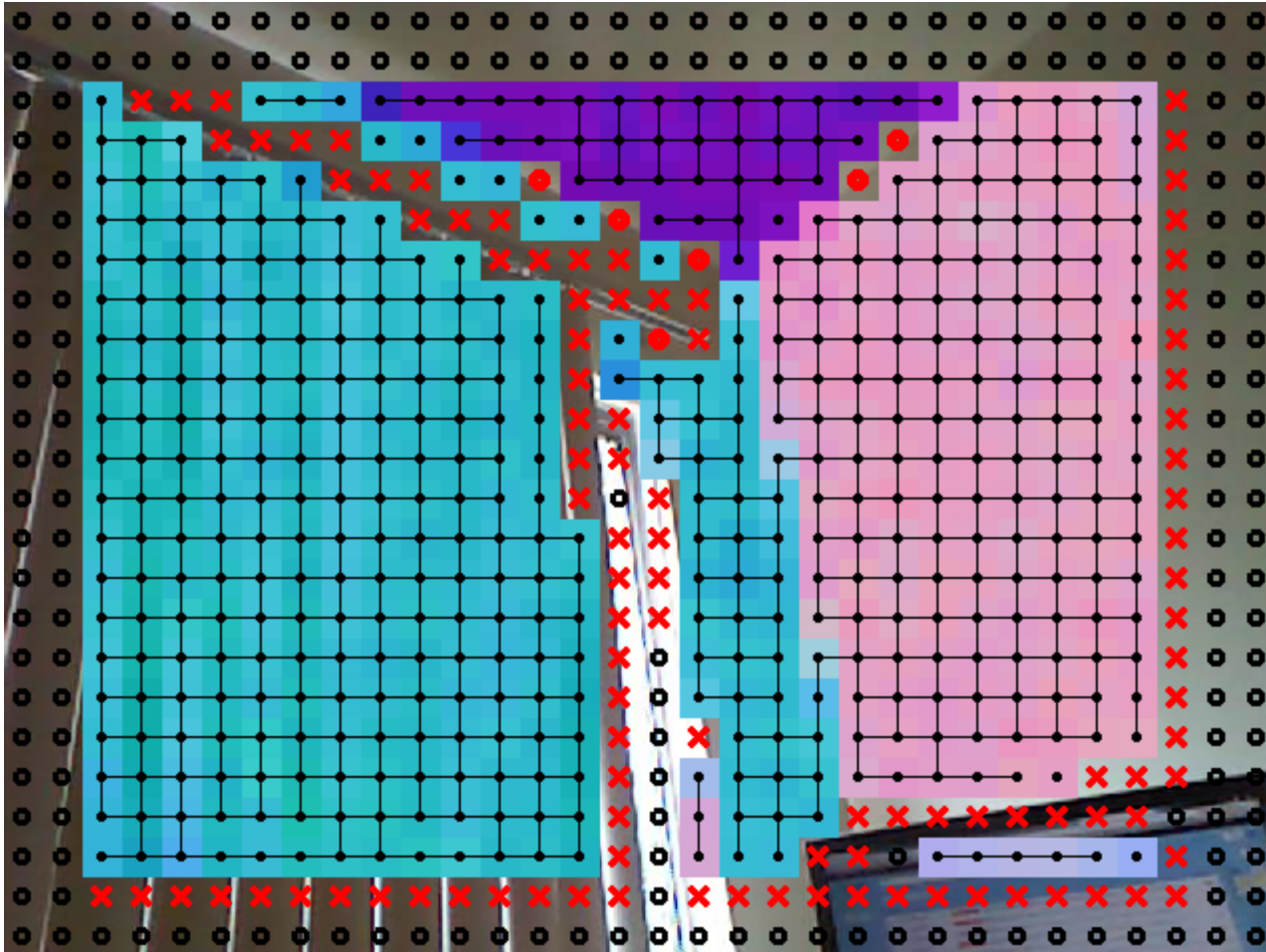
- Good! Avoid per-point normal estimation



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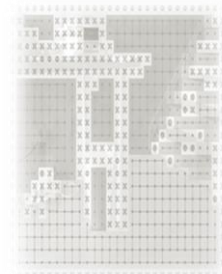
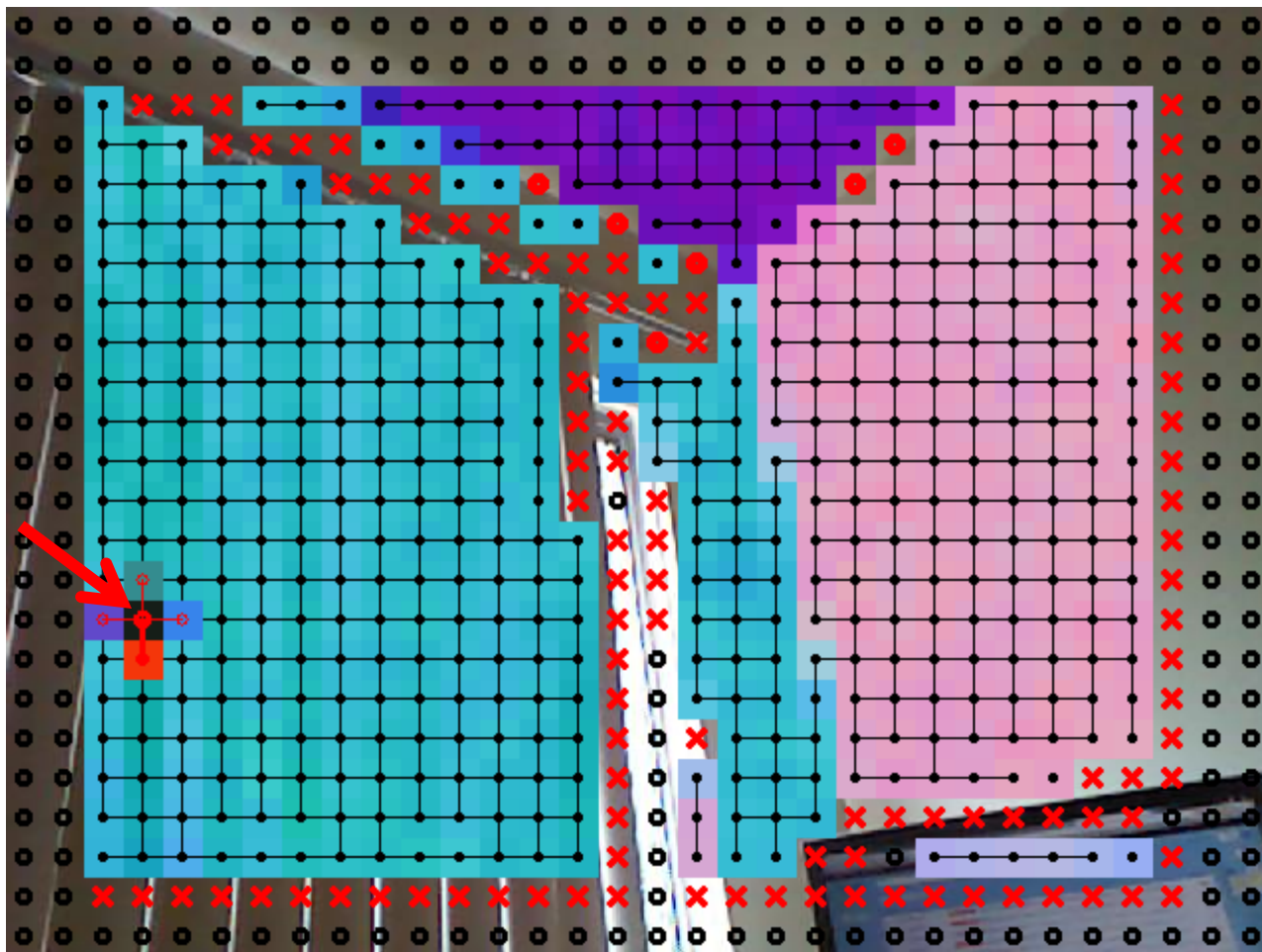
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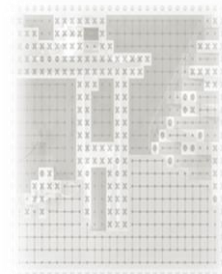
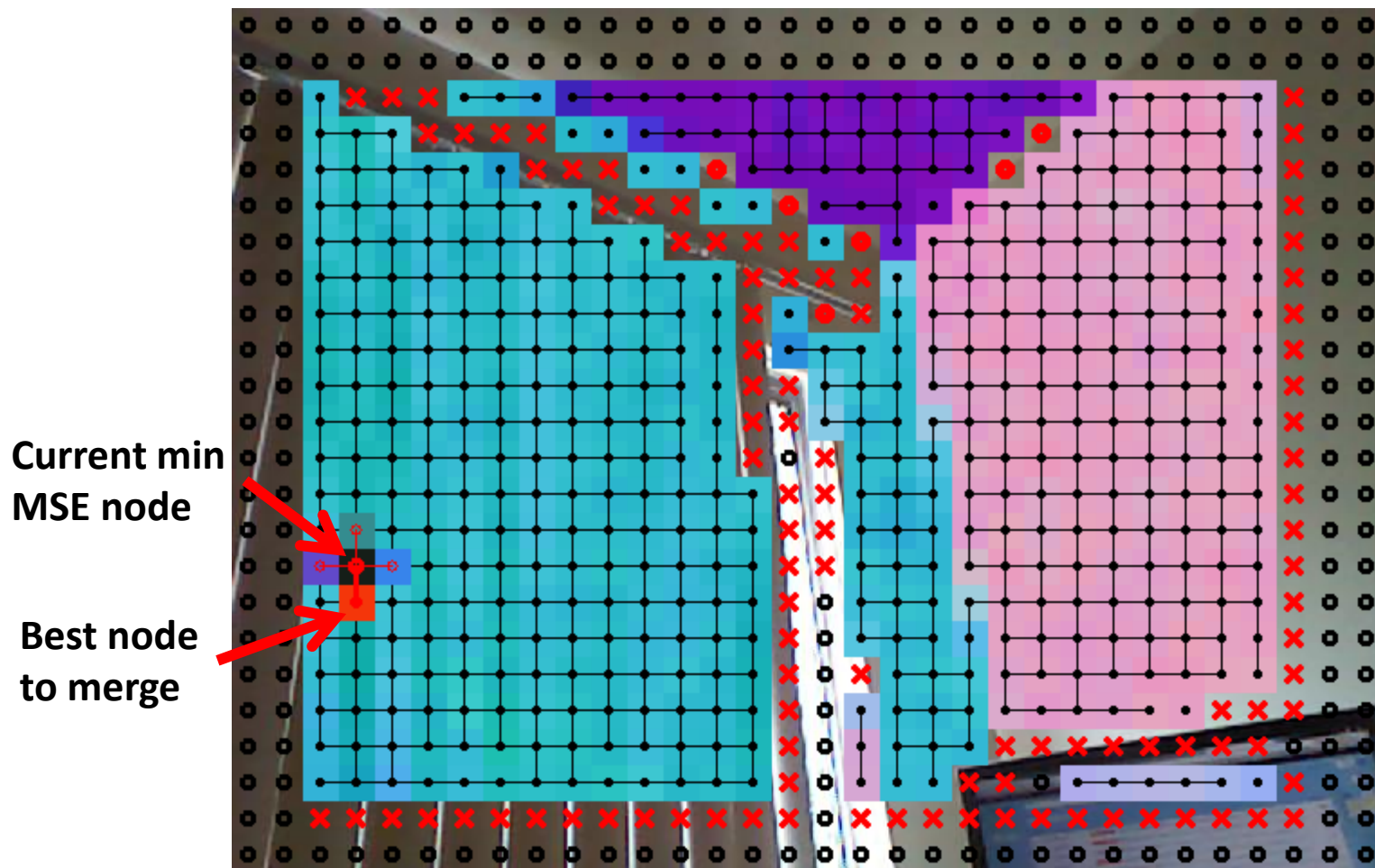
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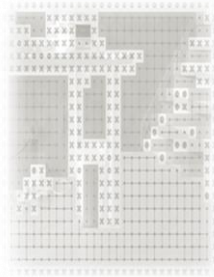
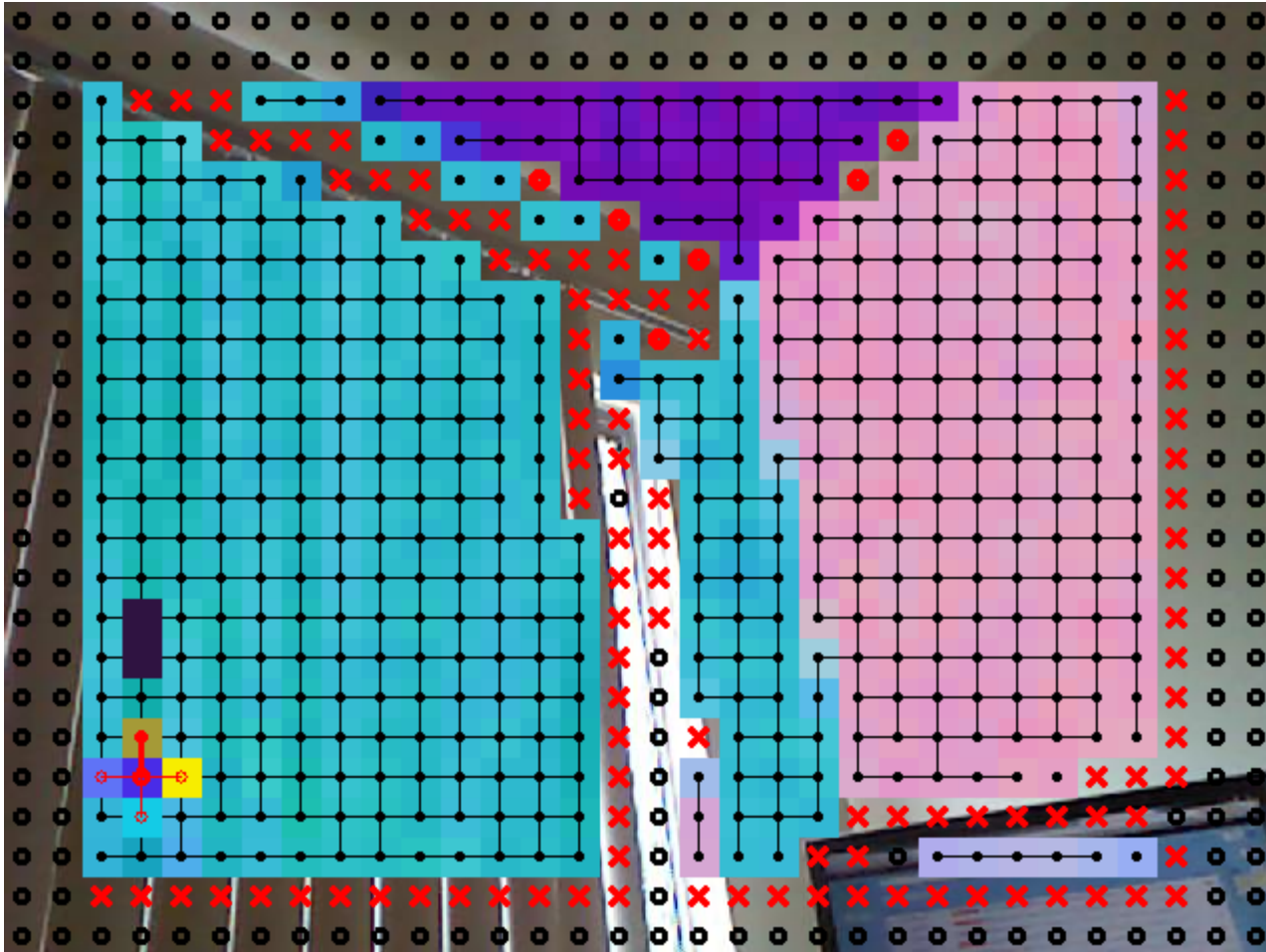
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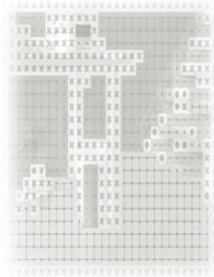
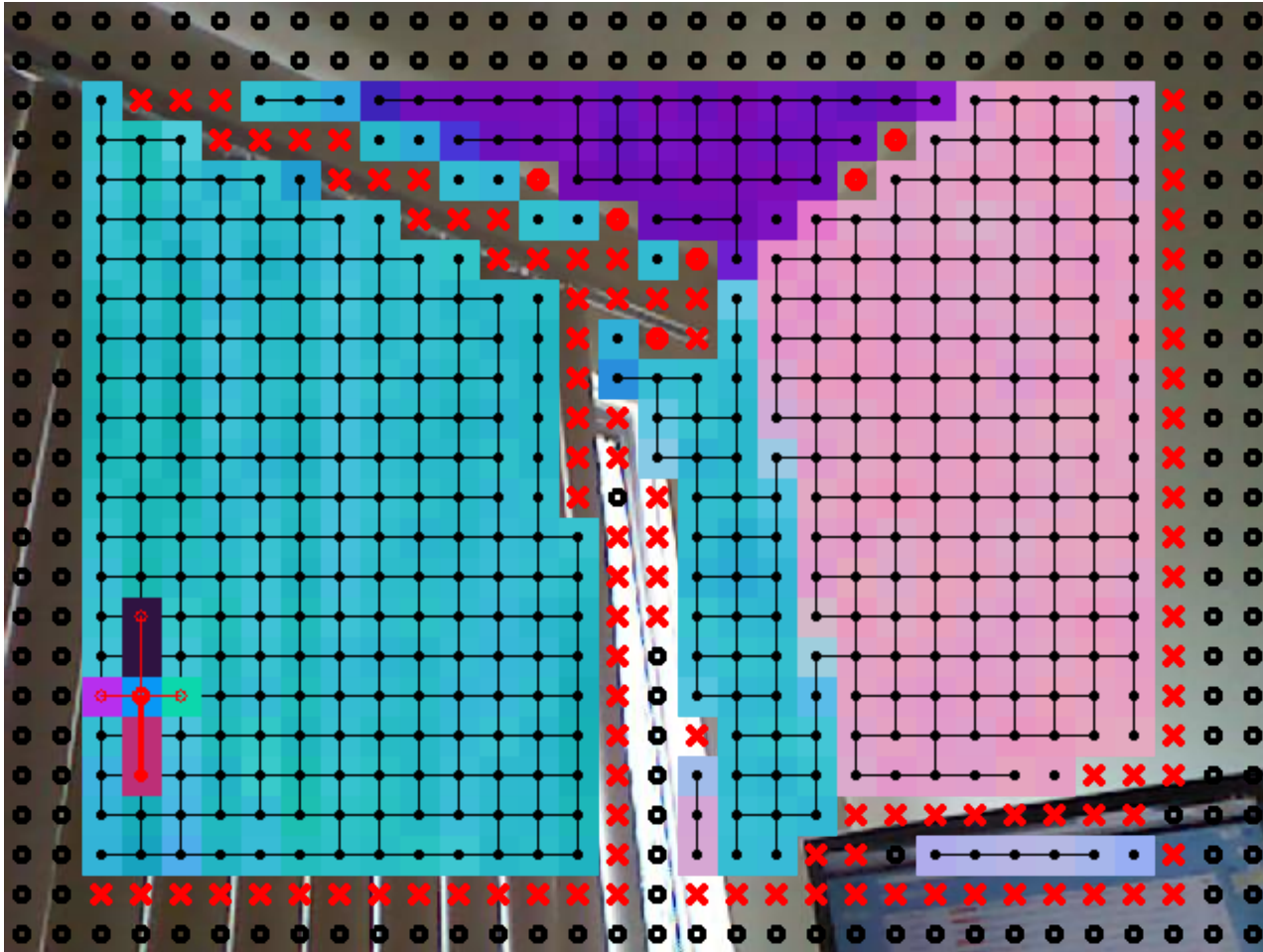
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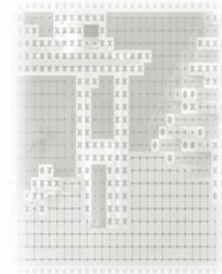
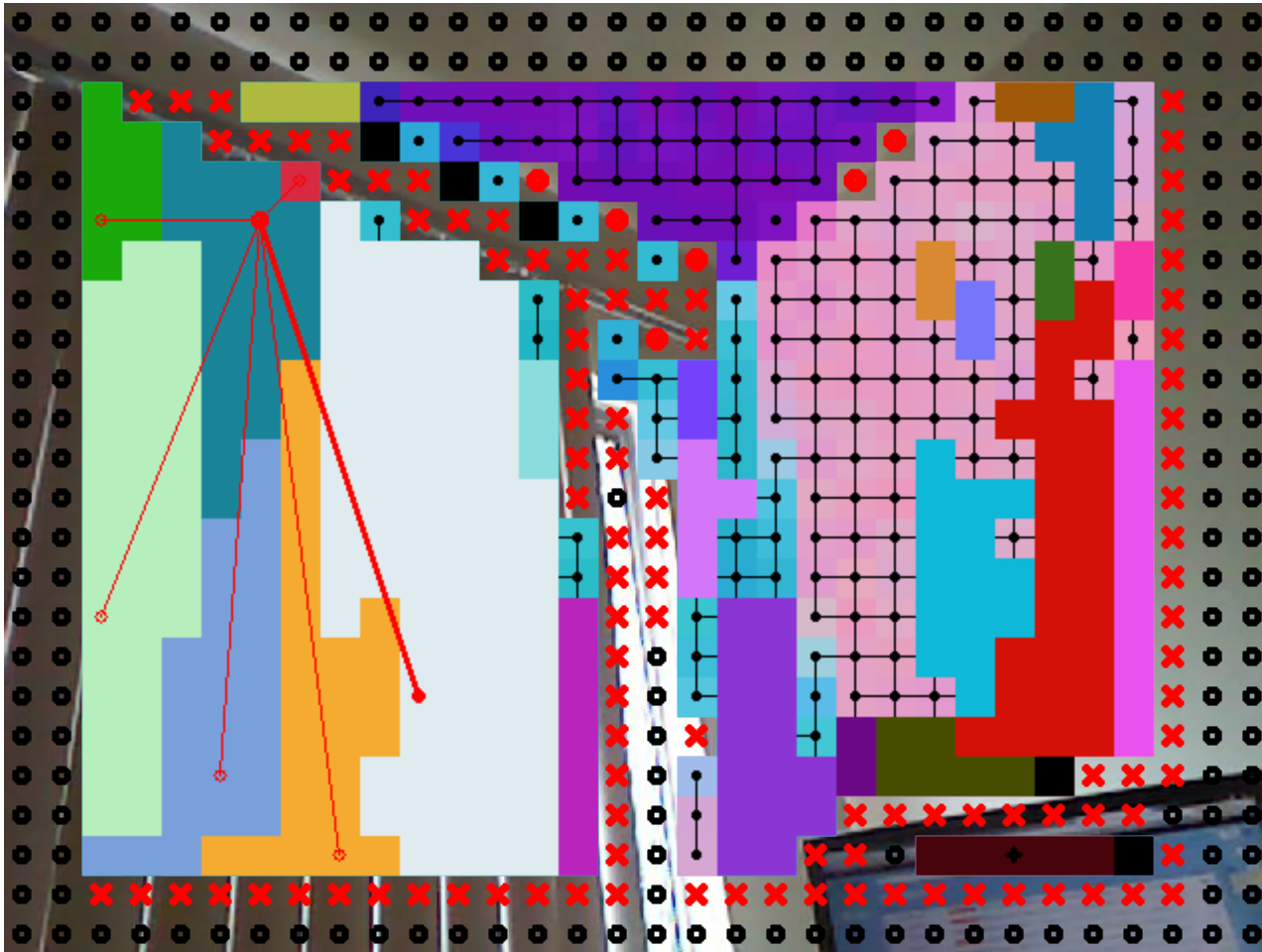
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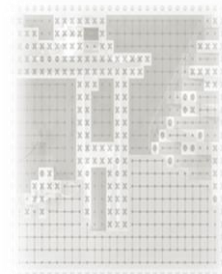
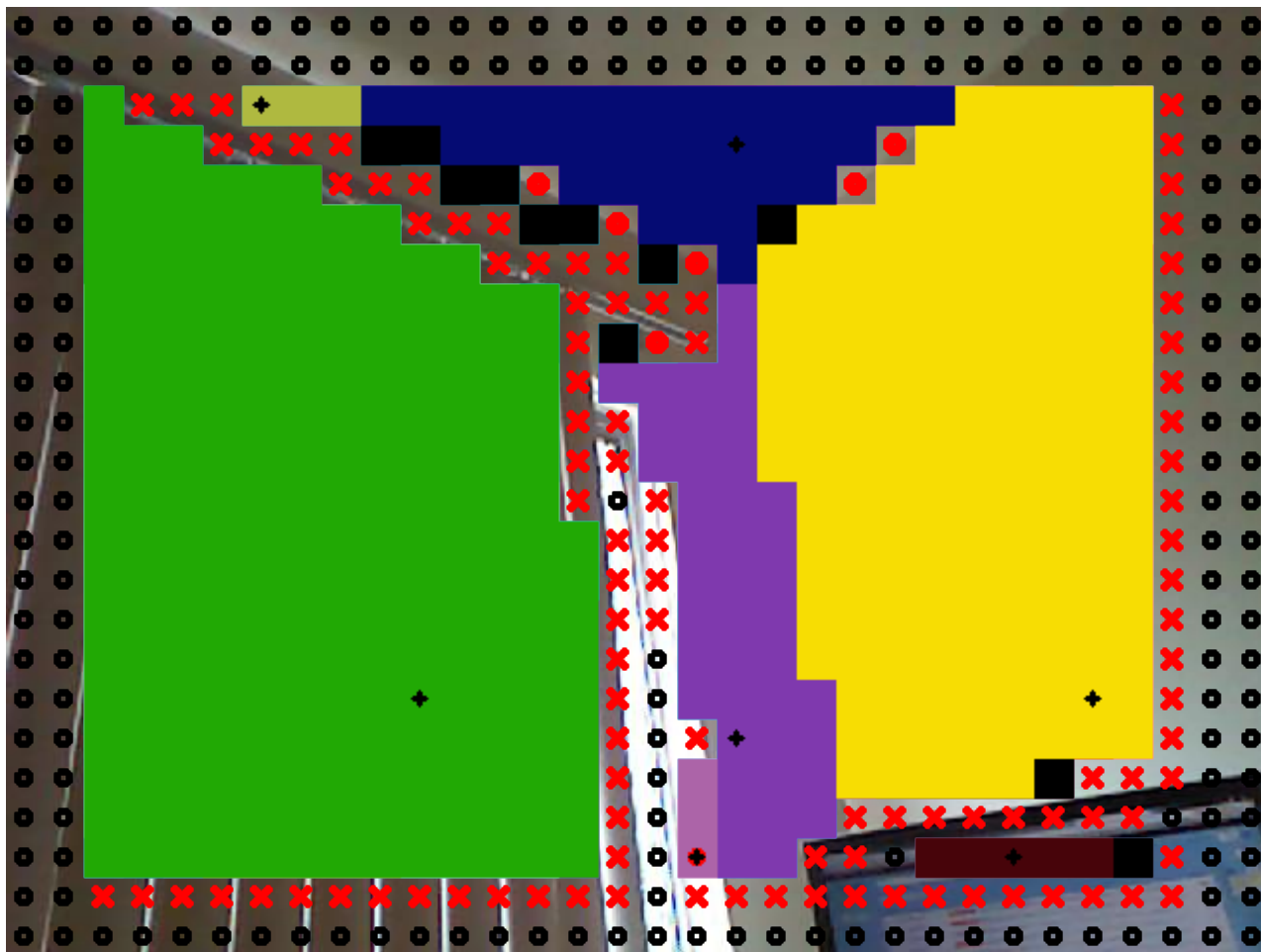
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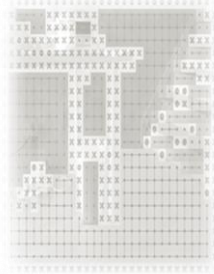
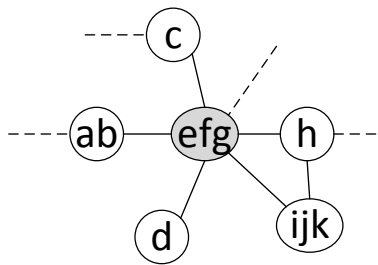


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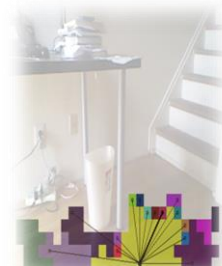
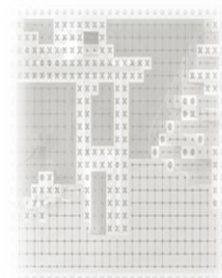
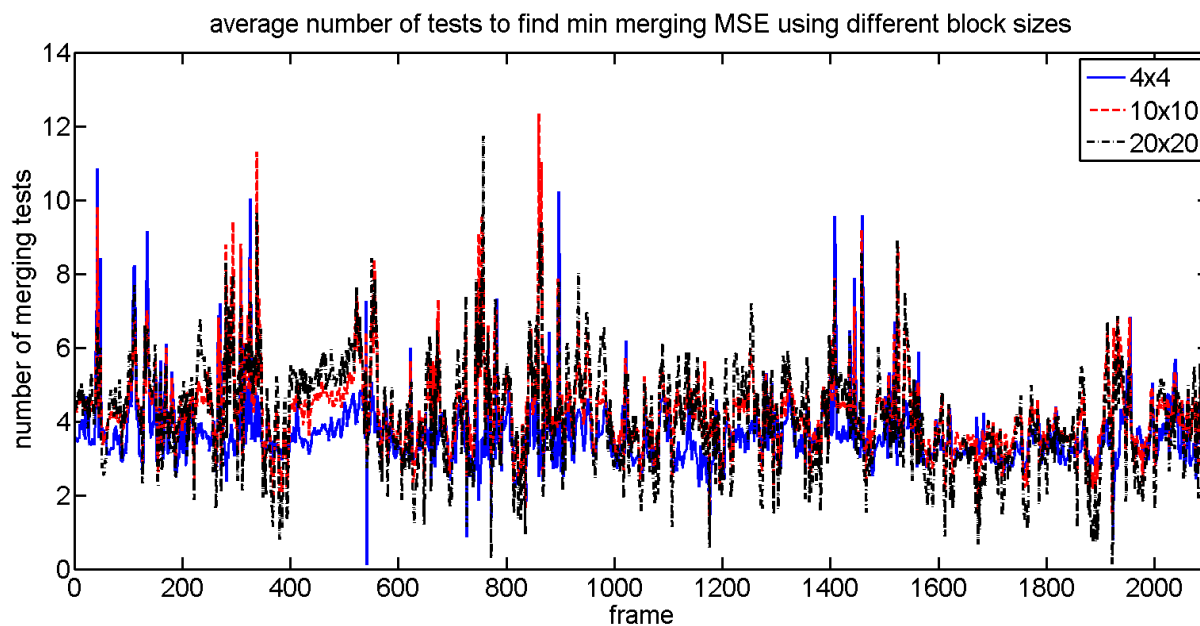
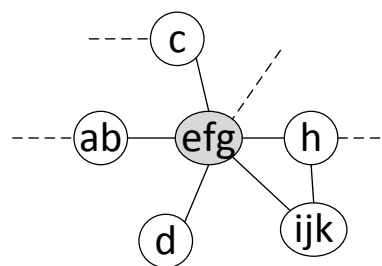
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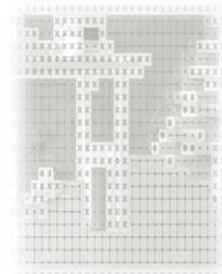
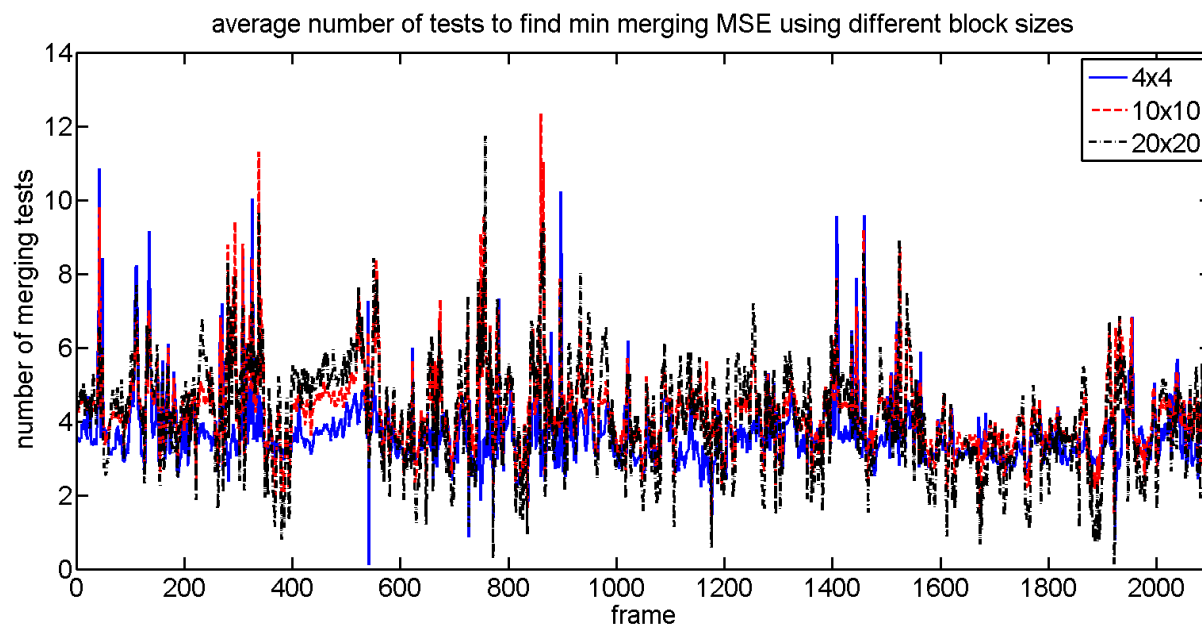
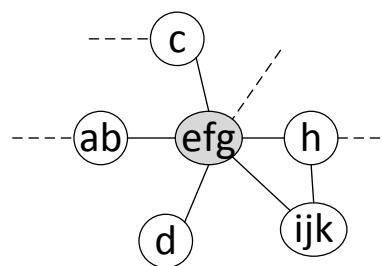
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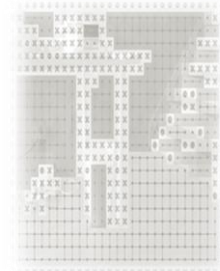
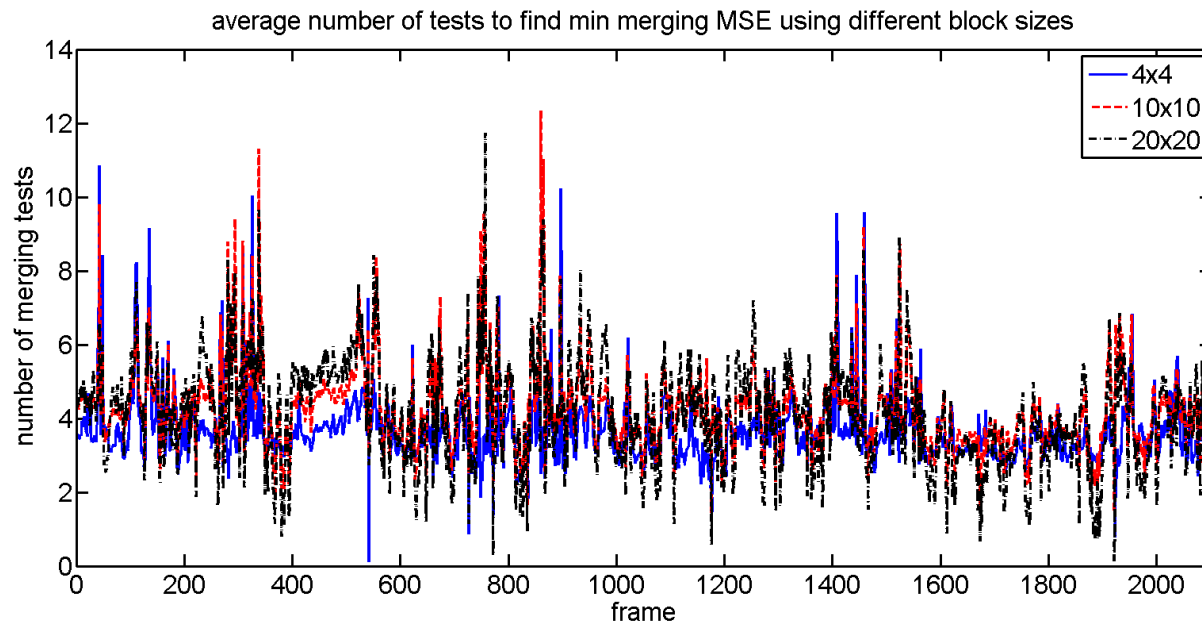
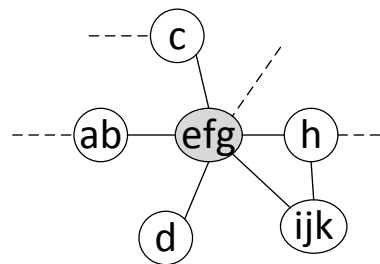
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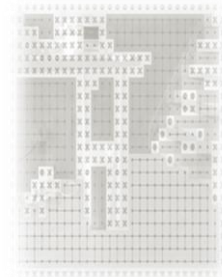
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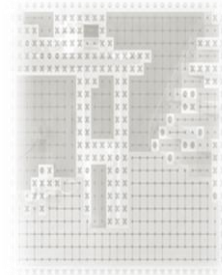
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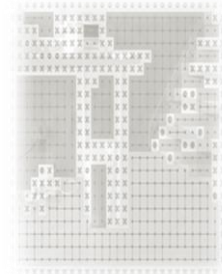
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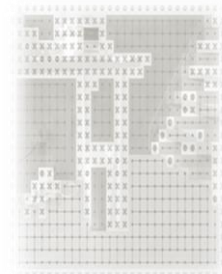
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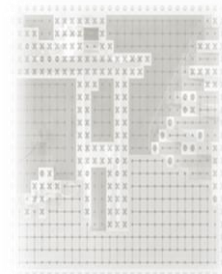
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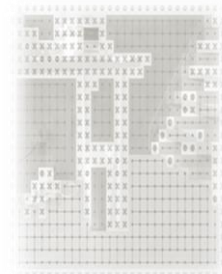
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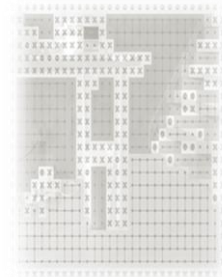
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 - Avoid strip-like initial node shape



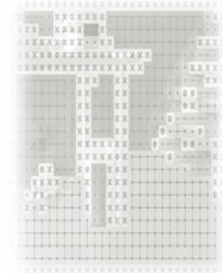
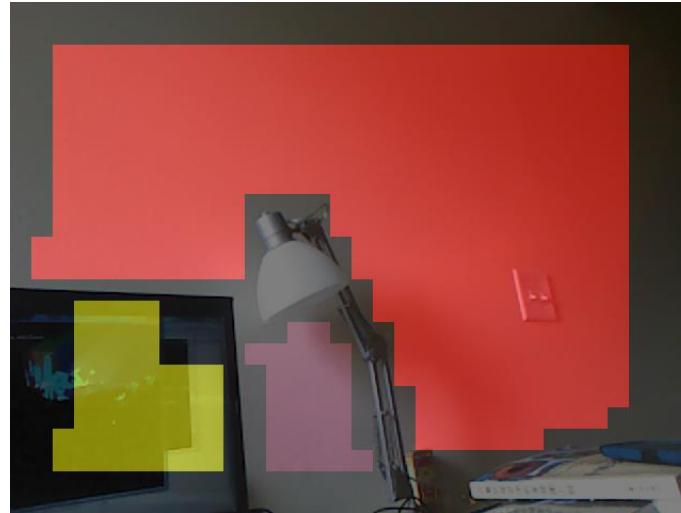
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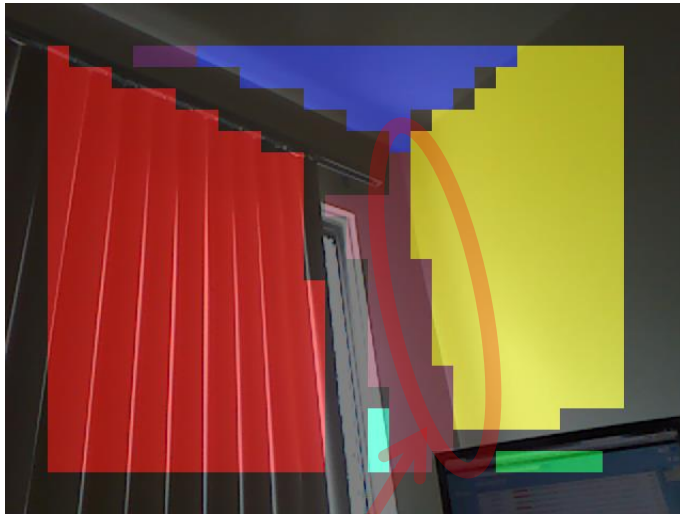
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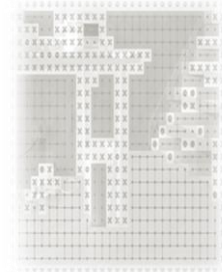
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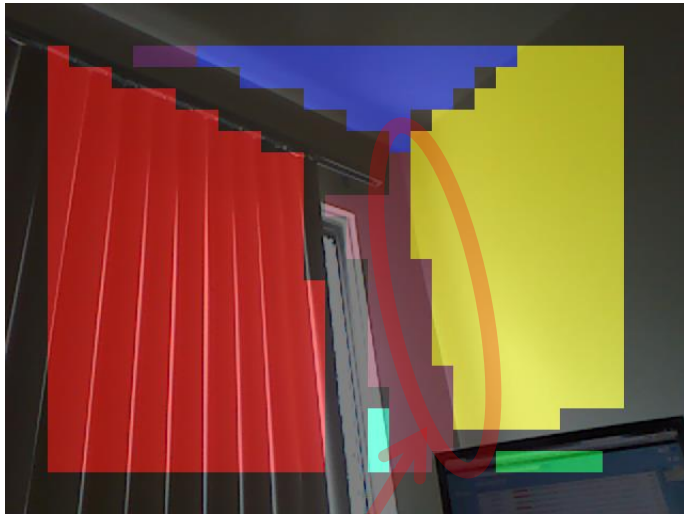
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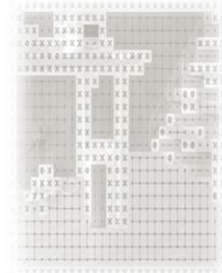
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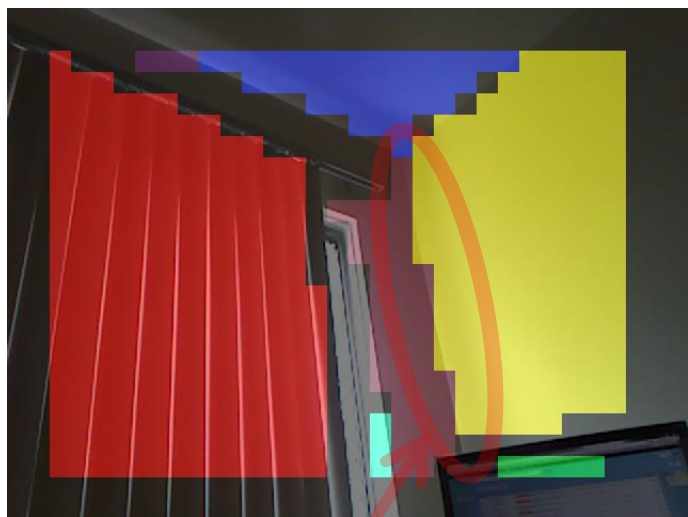
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Over-segmentation



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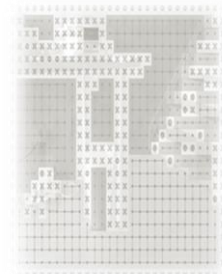


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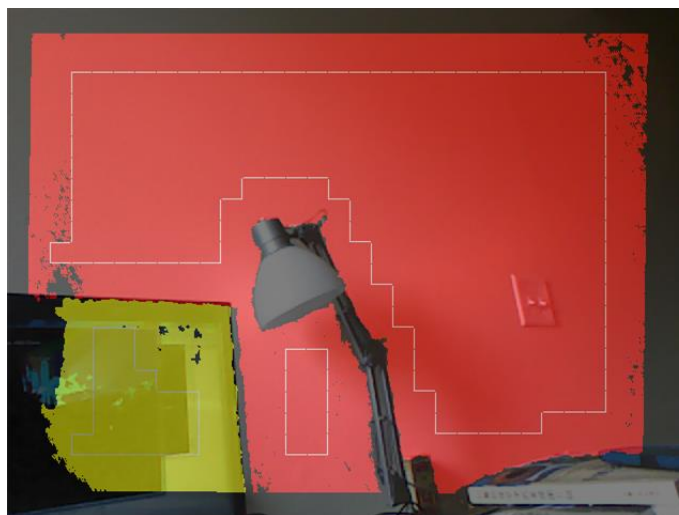
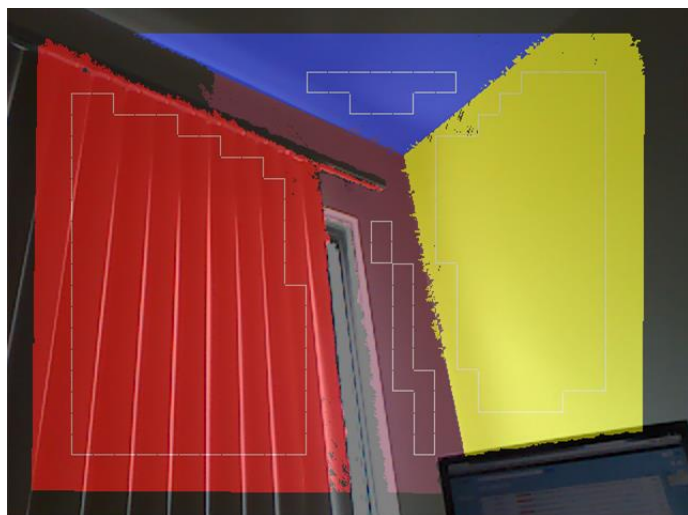


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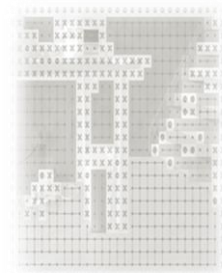
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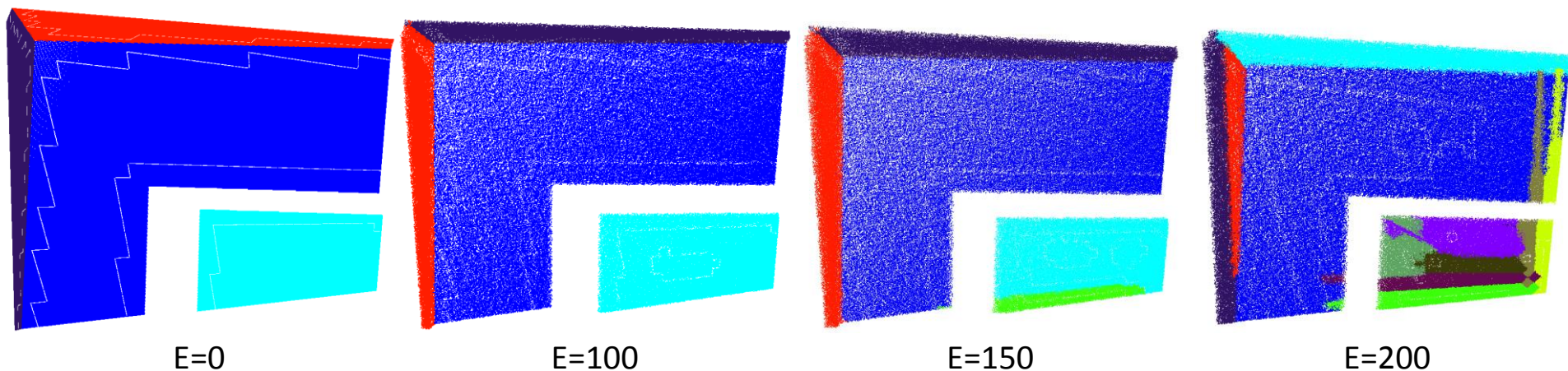


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- Simulated Data

- Robustness to uniformly distributed depth noise (Georgiev et al., IROS 2011)
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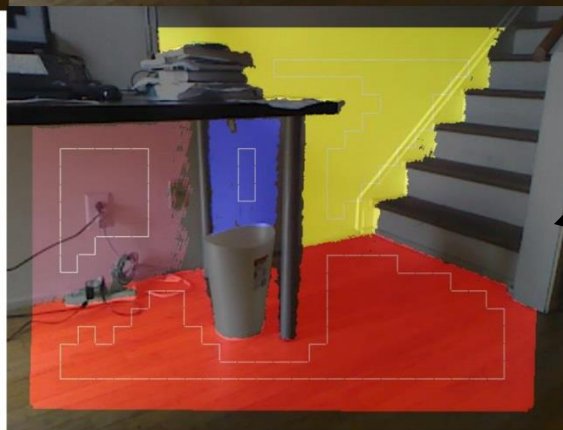
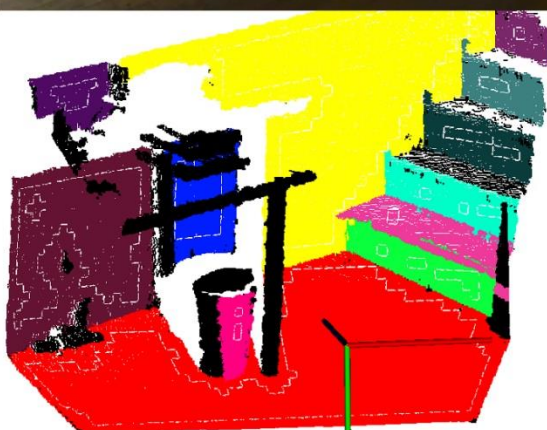
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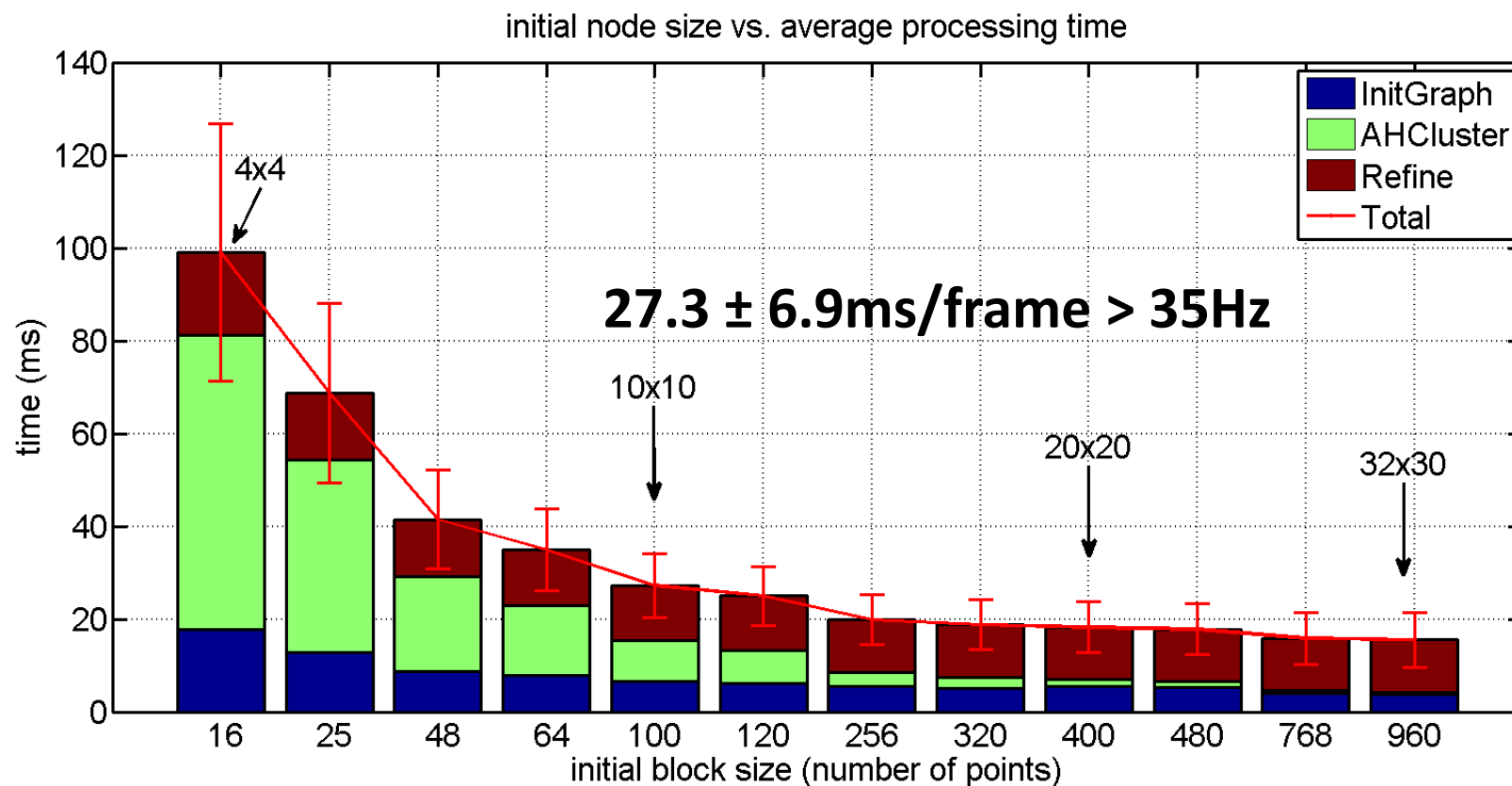
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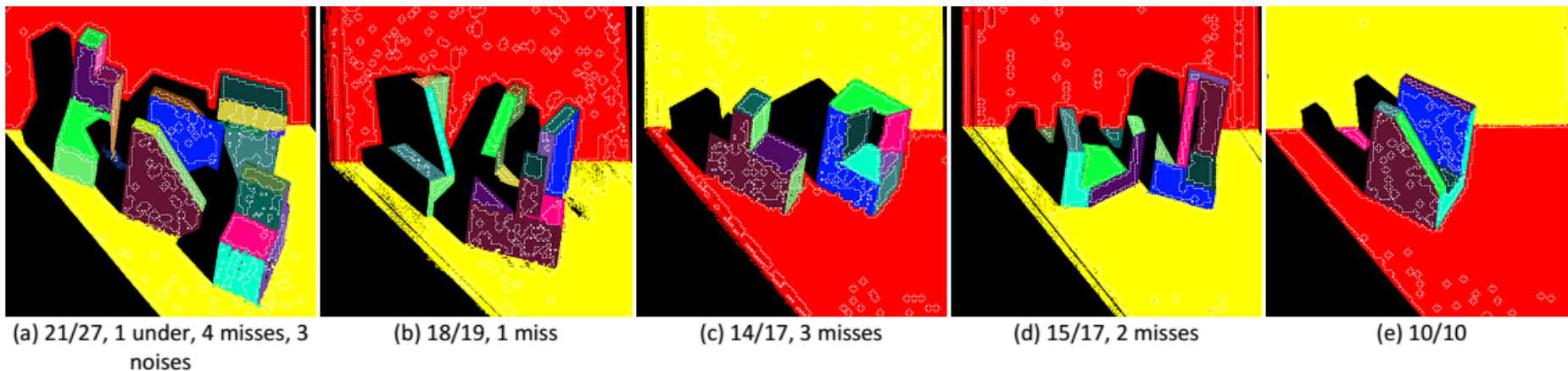
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Algorithm Breakdown

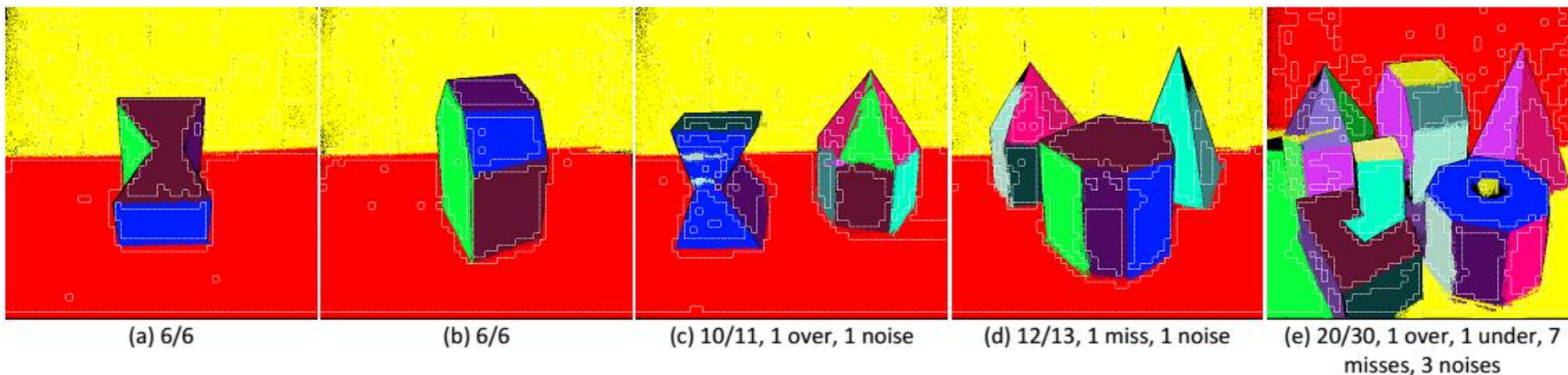
1) Graph Initialization

- SegComp Datasets (Hoover et al. PAMI 1996)

- ABW-TEST



- PERCEPTRON-TEST



- **SegComp Benchmark** (Gotardo et al. CVPR 2003; Oehler et al. ICIRA 2011; Holz & Behnke IAS 2012)

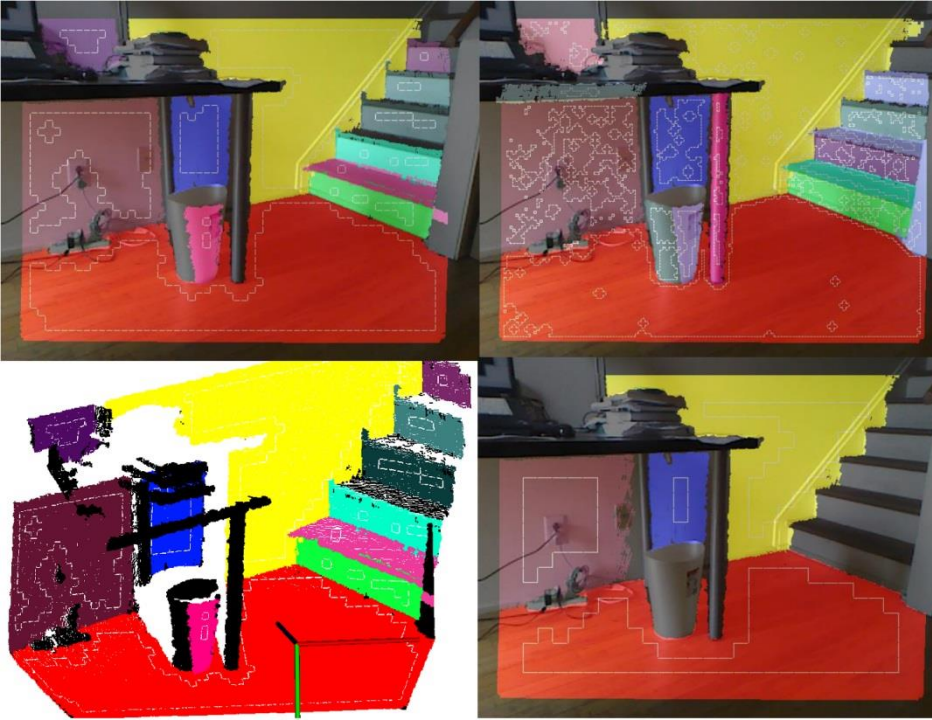
Approach	Regions in ground truth	Correctly detected	Orientation deviation (°)	Over-segmented	Under-segmented	Missed (not detected)	Noise (non-existent)
SegComp ABW data set (30 test images) by Hoover et al. [26], assuming 80% pixel overlap as in [27]							
USF [27]	15.2	12.7 (83.5%)	1.6	0.2	0.1	2.1	1.2
WSU [27]	15.2	9.7 (63.8%)	1.6	0.5	0.2	4.5	2.2
UB [27]	15.2	12.8 (84.2%)	1.3	0.5	0.1	1.7	2.1
UE [27]	15.2	13.4 (88.1%)	1.6	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.8
OU [27]	15.2	9.8 (64.4%)	–	0.2	0.4	4.4	3.2
PPU [27]	15.2	6.8 (44.7%)	–	0.1	2.1	3.4	2.0
UA [27]	15.2	4.9 (32.2%)	–	0.3	2.2	3.6	3.2
UFPR [27]	15.2	13.0 (85.5%)	1.5	0.5	0.1	1.6	1.4
Oehler et al. [2]	15.2	11.1 (73.0%)	1.4	0.2	0.7	2.2	0.8
Holz et al. [8]	15.2	12.2 (80.1%)	1.9	1.8	0.1	0.9	1.3
Ours	15.2	12.8 (84.2%)	1.7	0.1	0.0	2.4	0.7
SegComp PERCEPTRON data set (30 test images) by Hoover et al. [26], assuming 80% pixel overlap as in [27]							
USF [27]	14.6	8.9 (60.9%)	2.7	0.4	0.0	5.3	3.6
WSU [27]	14.6	5.9 (40.4%)	3.3	0.5	0.6	6.7	4.8
UB [27]	14.6	9.6 (65.7%)	3.1	0.6	0.1	4.2	2.8
UE [27]	14.6	10.0 (68.4%)	2.6	0.2	0.3	3.8	2.1
UFPR [27]	14.6	11.0 (75.3%)	2.5	0.3	0.1	3.0	2.5
Oehler et al. [2]	14.6	7.4 (50.1%)	5.2	0.3	0.4	6.2	3.9
Holz et al. [8]	14.6	11.0 (75.3%)	2.6	0.4	0.2	2.7	0.3
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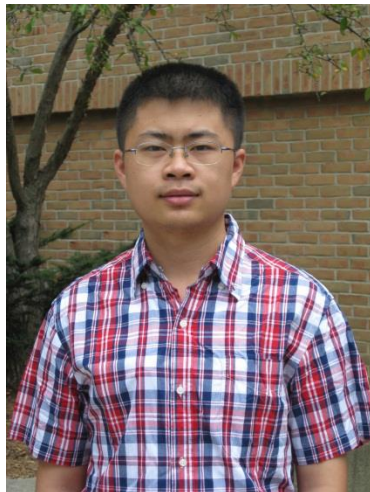
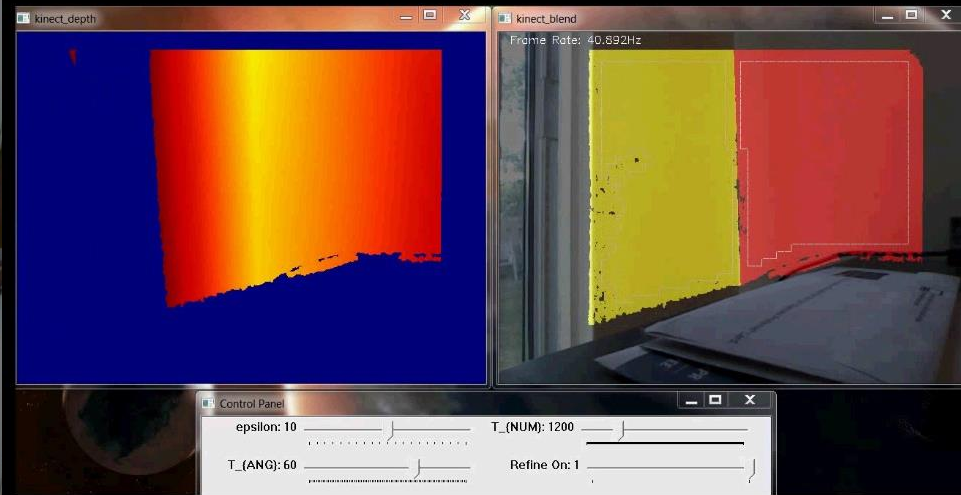
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