

Punch Out Model Synthesis

A Stochastic Algorithm for Constraint Based Tiling Generation

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Introduction

Punch Out Model Synthesis (POMS) A Constraint Based Tiling Generation (CBTG) algorithm:

- Works on large grids
- Minimal setup requirements
- Resilience to contradiction

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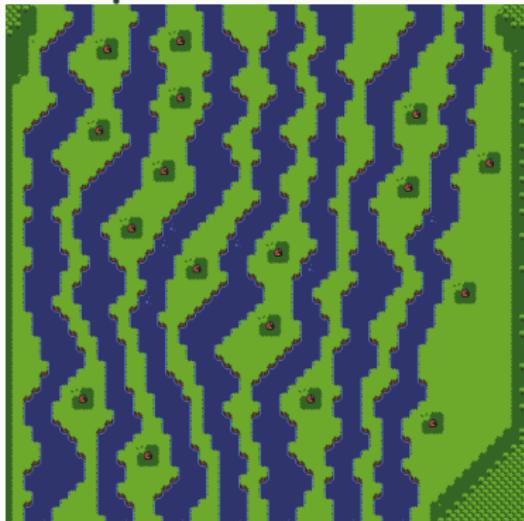
Constraint Based Tiling Generation (*CBTG*) Problem

Find a valid grid realization

A *realization* is a single *tile* placement at each *cell* respecting *constraints*.

(Cell can hold up to D tiles)

Example



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A region is *Arc Consistent* if all *tiles* in every *cell* within the region have at least one valid neighbor in each direction

The basis for a *Constraint Propagation* algorithm can be made by removing tiles without a valid neighbor

Block Level Solver: completely maintains *Arc Consistency*

Grid Level Solver: only keep minimal information for the entire grid but work on *block* sub-regions

Related Work

	<i>WFC</i>	<i>BMS</i>	<i>MMS</i>	<i>POMS</i>
Solver Type	Block	Block	Grid	Grid
Contradiction	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Resilience				
Block Step	n/a	n/a	Yes	No
Consistent				
Indeterminate	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Initial State				
Ergodic	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

WFC : *WaveFunctionCollapse*(Gumin)

BMS : *BreakoutModelSynthesis*(Hoetzlein)

MMS : *ModifyinBlocksModelSynthesis*(Merrell)

POMS : *PunchOutModelSynthesis*

Related Work

Tile Arc Consistent Correlation Length (TACCL) (Hoetzlein)

How much influence does a tile choice have over long distances?

TACCL as a heuristic to estimate correlation length

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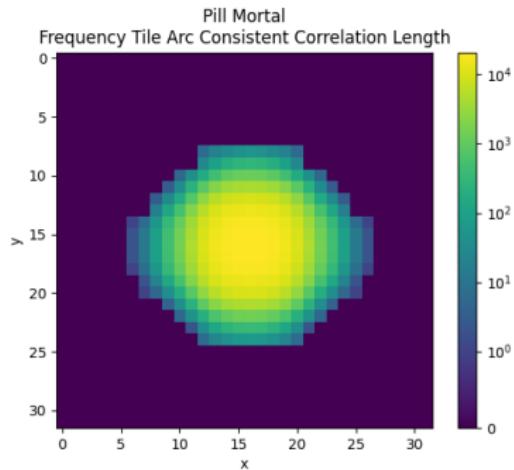
Tile Arc Consistent Correlation Length (TACCL)

TACCL

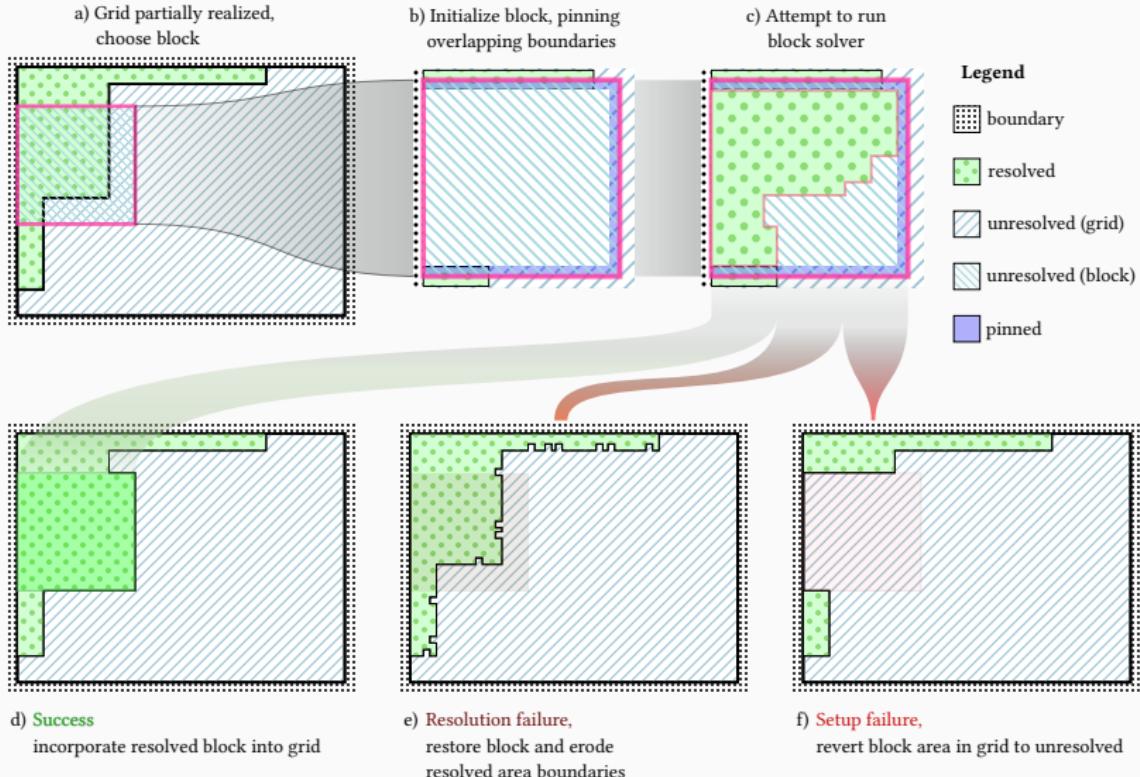
Take block in isolation

- Set block to indeterminate state
- Fix a tile at the center
- Propagate constraints
- Take minimum bounding box of altered cells
- Repeat for all tiles

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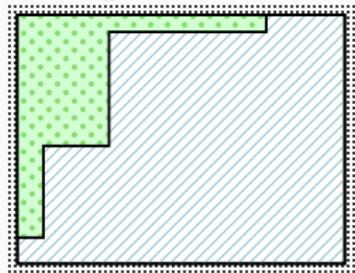


Algorithm: Overview



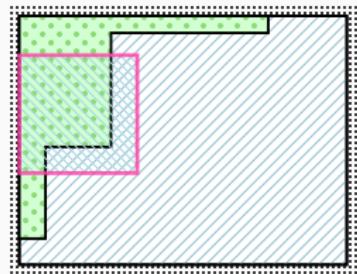
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Grid partially realized

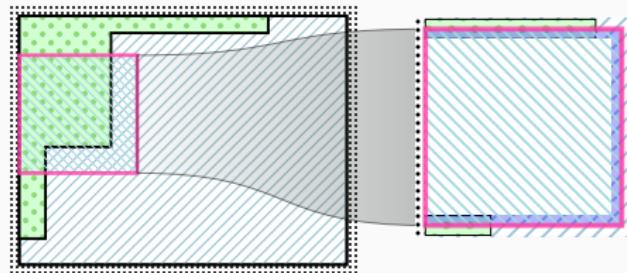


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Choose block

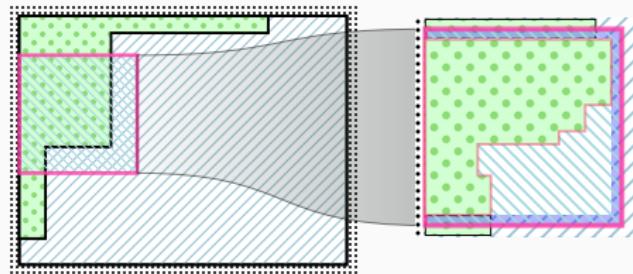


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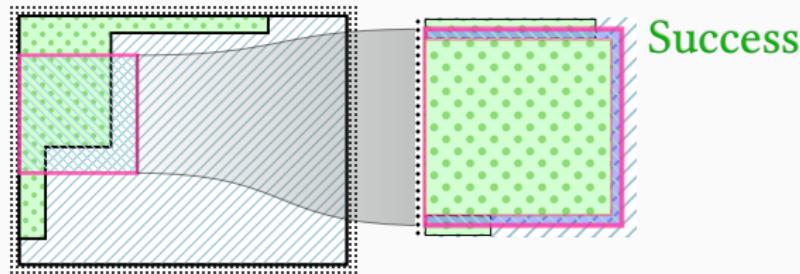


Initialize block
Pin boundaries
Revert interior
(Apply any restrictions)

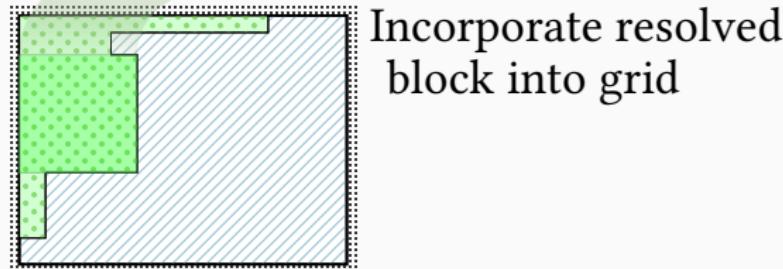
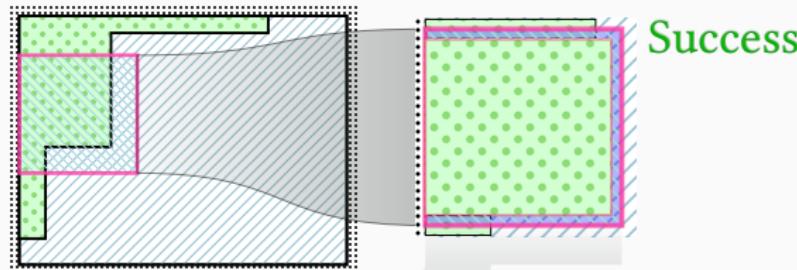
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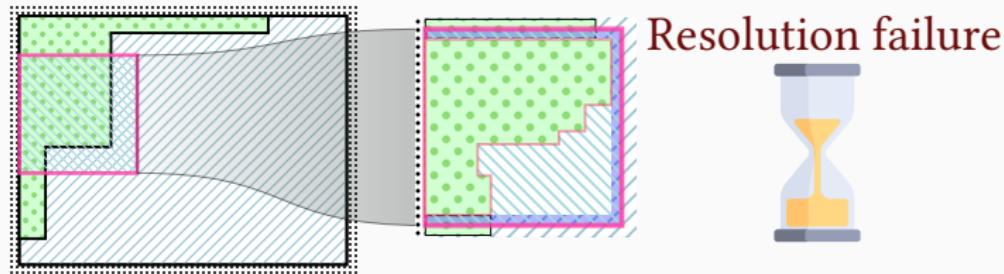
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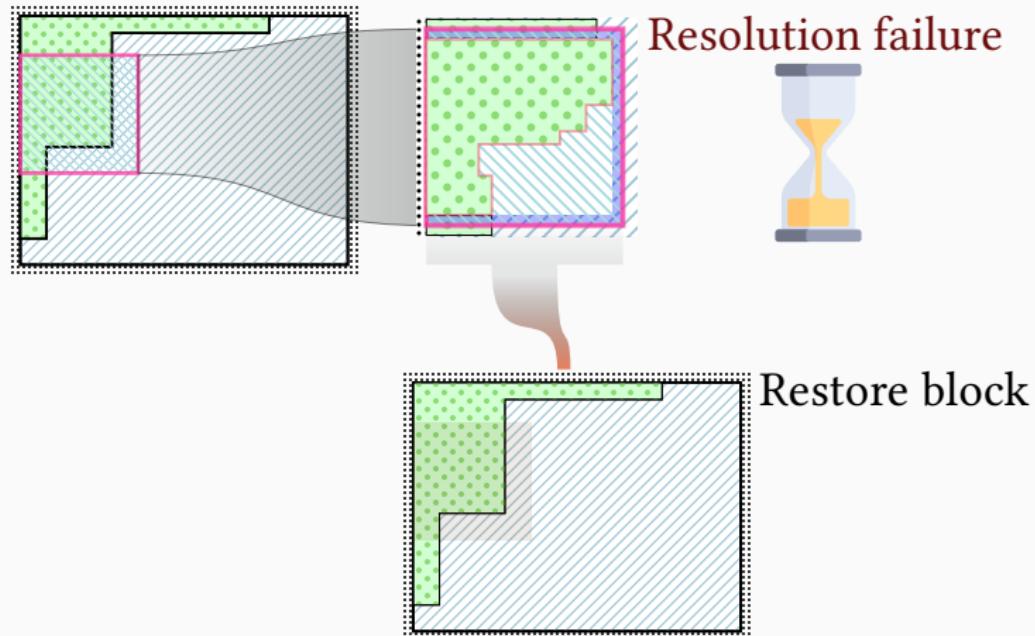
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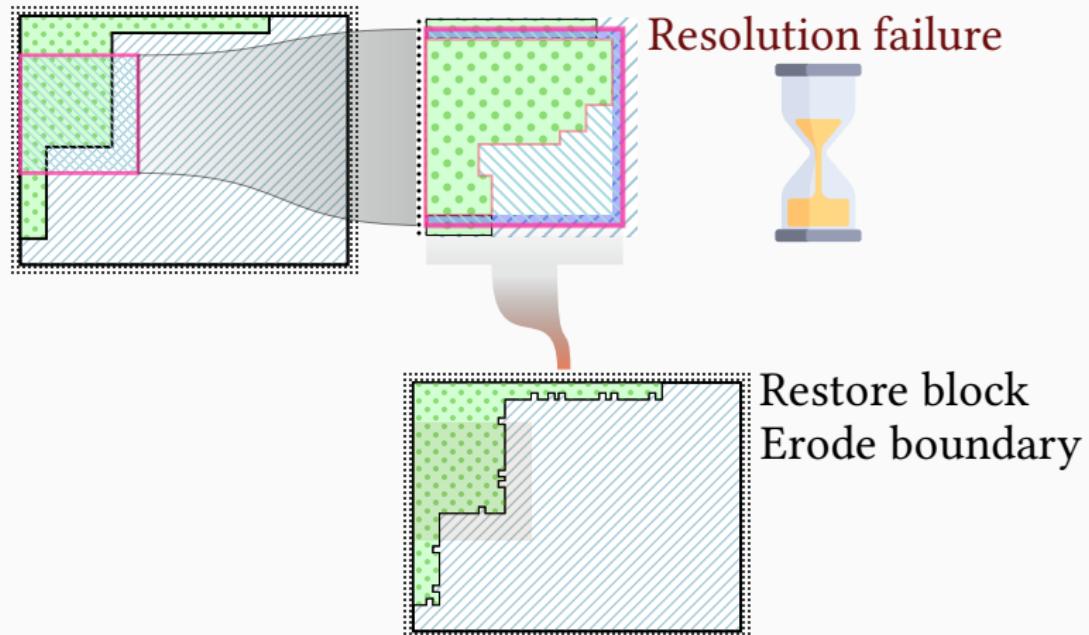
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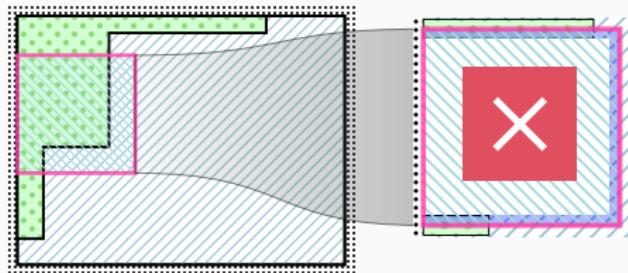
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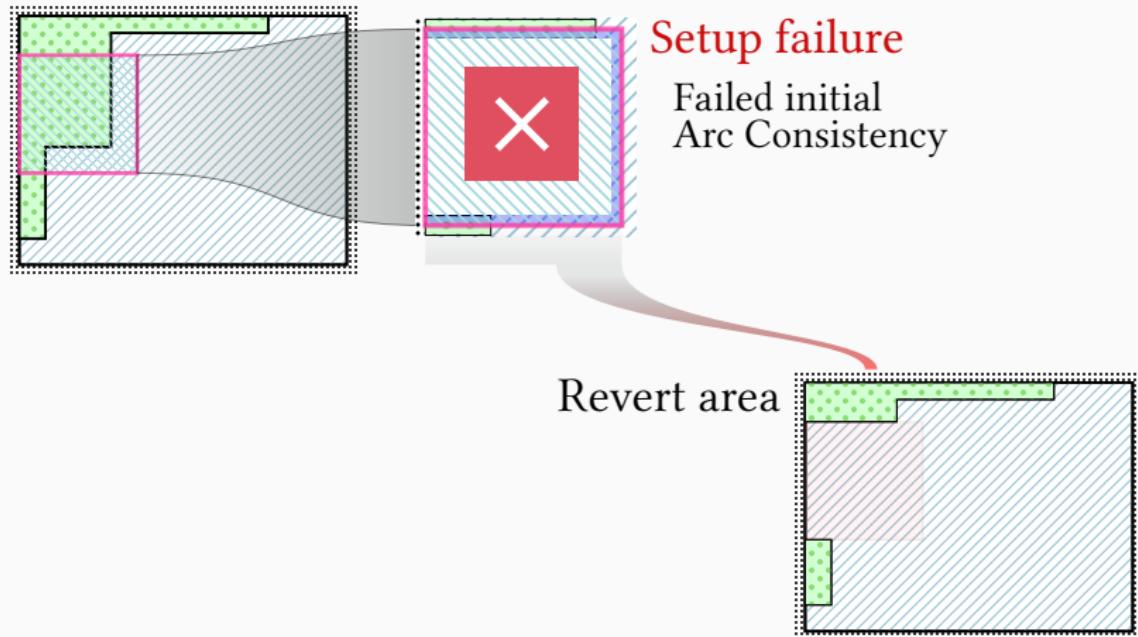
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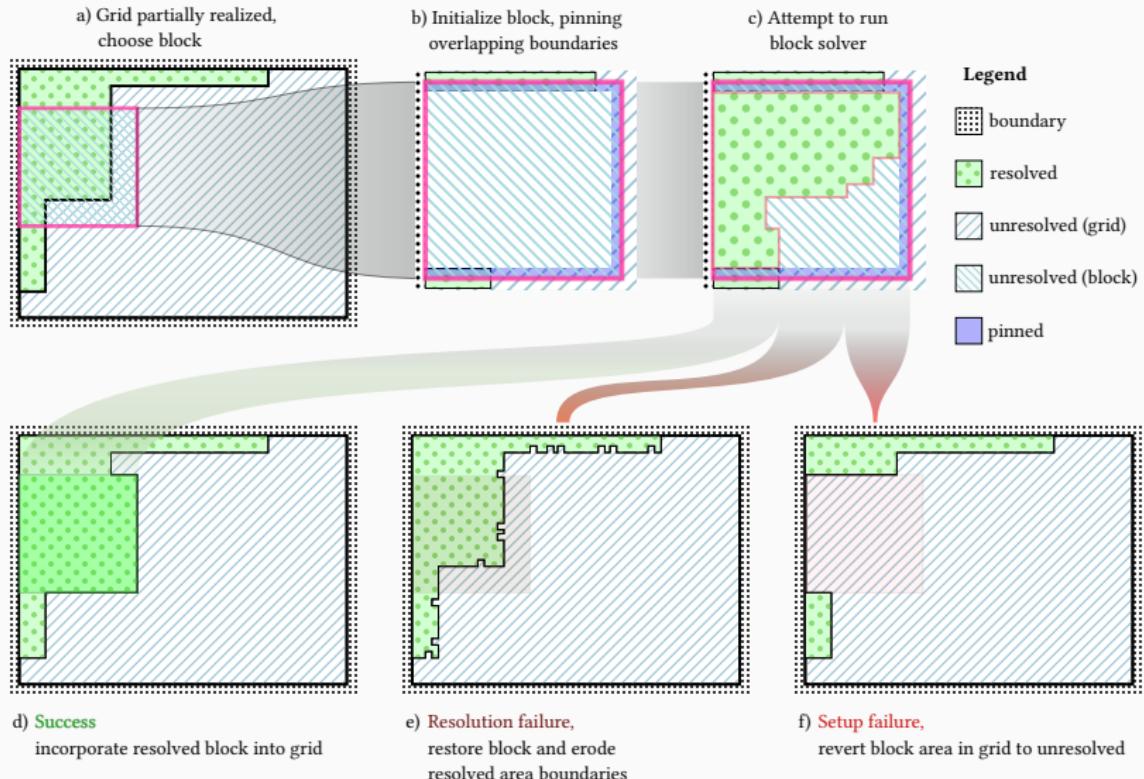
Setup failure

Failed initial
Arc Consistency

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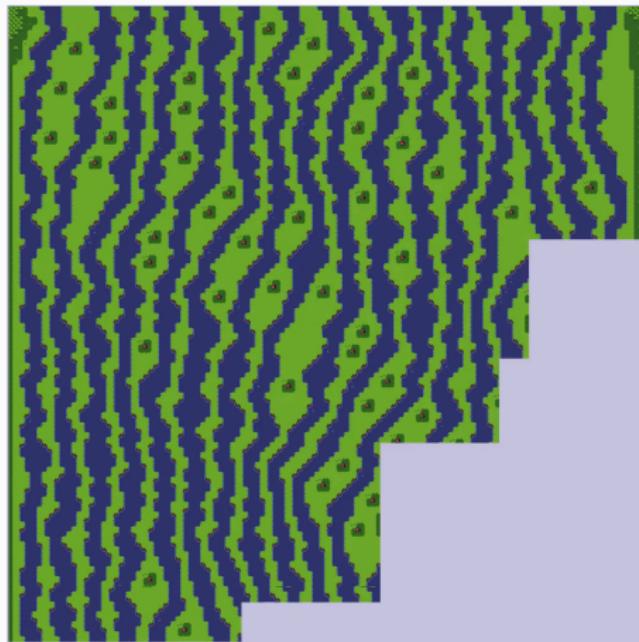


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ThKaspar's *Forest Micro* Tile Set

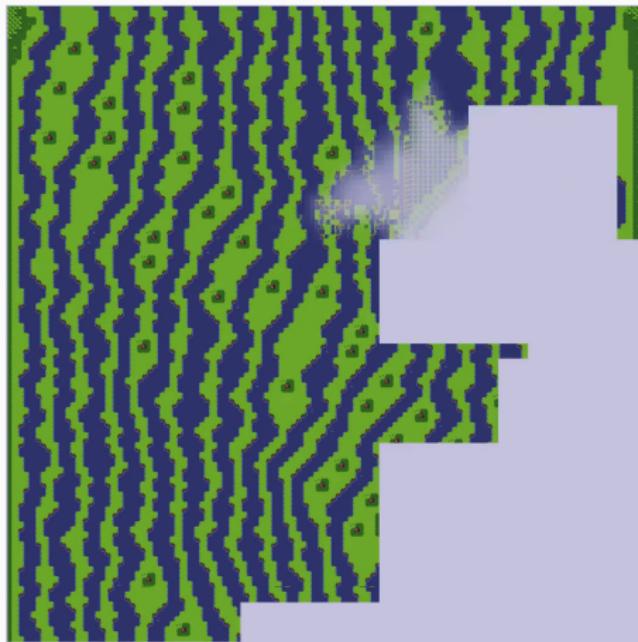
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Revert Block



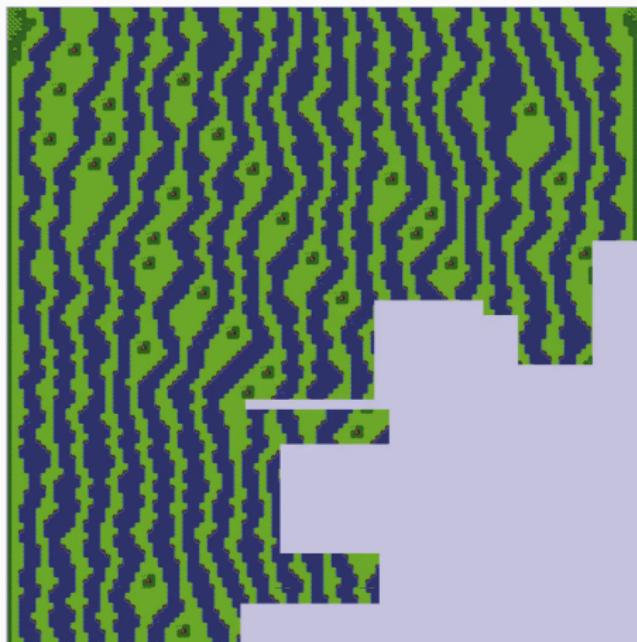
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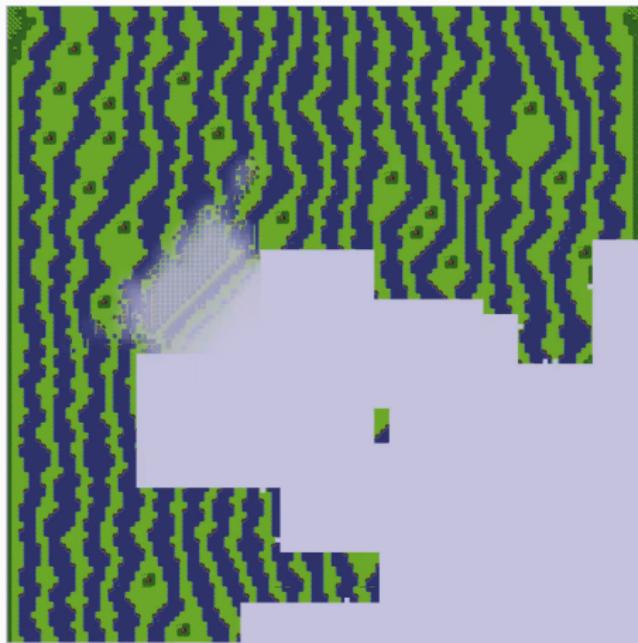
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Erode Boundary



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Conclusion

Punch Out Model Synthesis (POMS) as an alternative when large models with minimal setup restrictions are wanted and resource limits are a concern.

Conclusion

CBTG algorithms are good at maintaining local consistency but are bad at resolving global constraints

Weak global constraints (path connections, etc.) confound POMS (and other CBTG algorithms)

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<https://zzyzek.github.io>

<https://github.com/zzyzek/PunchOutModelSynthesis>

<https://zzyzek.github.io/PunchOutModelSynthesisWebDemo/>

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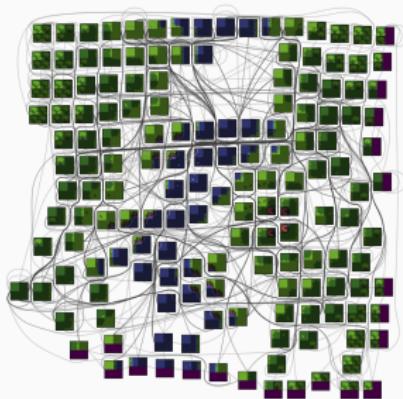
Auxiliary Slides

Automatic Tile Generation

<https://zzyzek.github.io/TileRuleHighlighter/>

Rule Graph (Forest Micro)

Rule Highlighter



Highlighted Runs

LUNARSIGNAL's *Overhead Action*
RPG Overworld Tile Set (x10)

Highlighted Runs

0x72's *Two Bit Micro Metroidvania* Tile Set (x10)

Highlighted Runs

Kingel's *Minirogue* Tile Set (x10)

Auxiliary Slides

- Bitter lesson includes learning *and* search
- Trade off between resources used to learn vs. resources used for run time search
- "Parables of the Power of Planning in AI" by Noam Brown
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaAonE58sLU>)

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Other Problems

- Salad
- Oatmeal
- Global Cohesion/(weak) Global Constraints

Auxiliary Slides

Potential Future Work

- Spectral Graph Decomposition methods for automatic biome detection
- AC4 speedups via templates
- Weak global constraints