

# Floor count from street view imagery using learning-based façade parsing

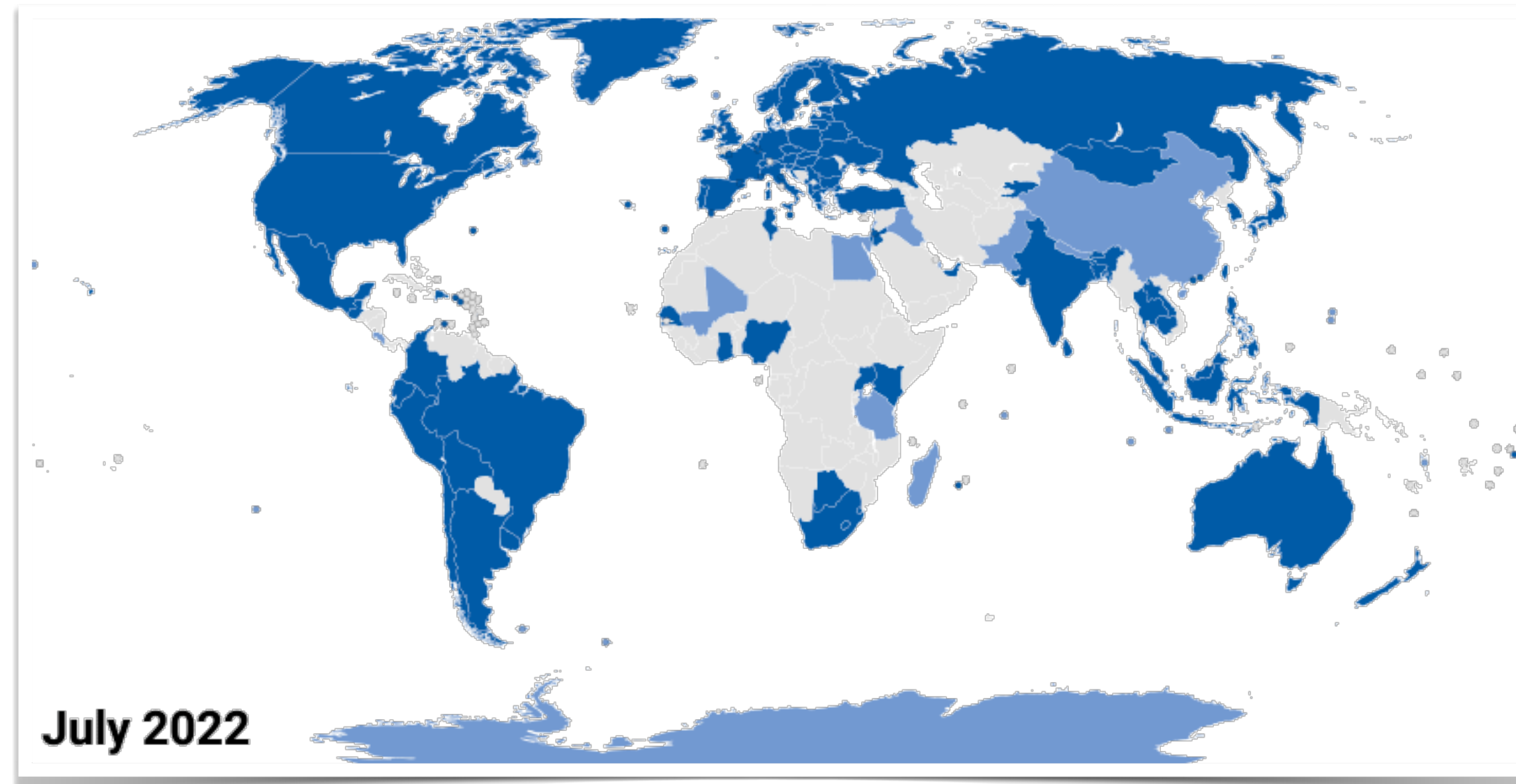
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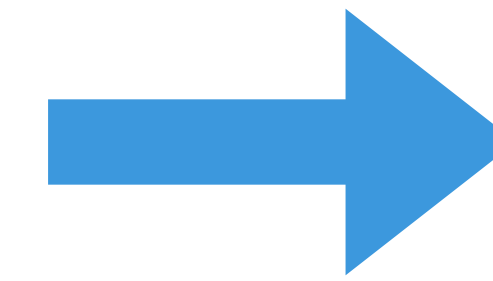
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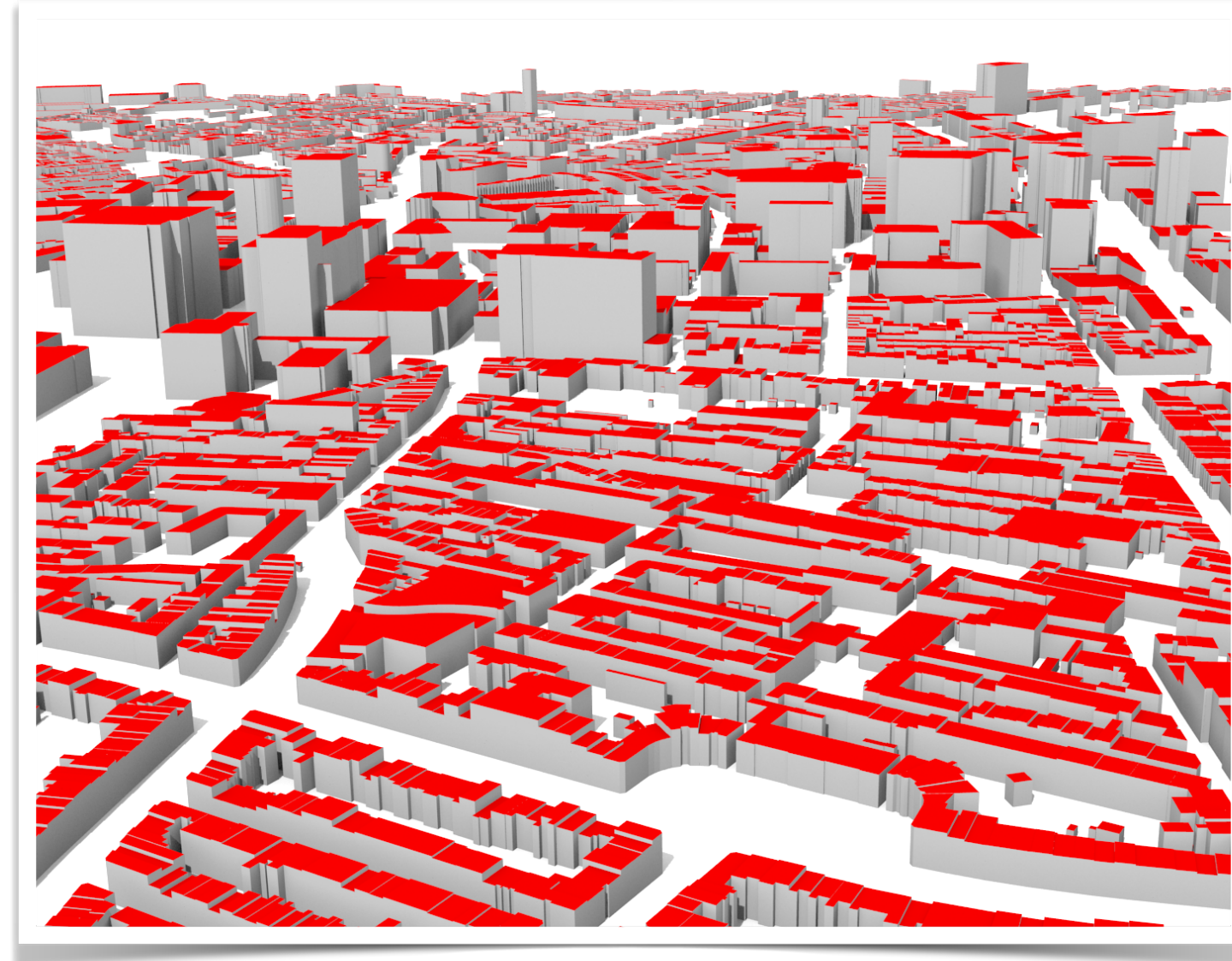
Street View Imagery (SVI)



Façade parsing

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3D city models without elevation data

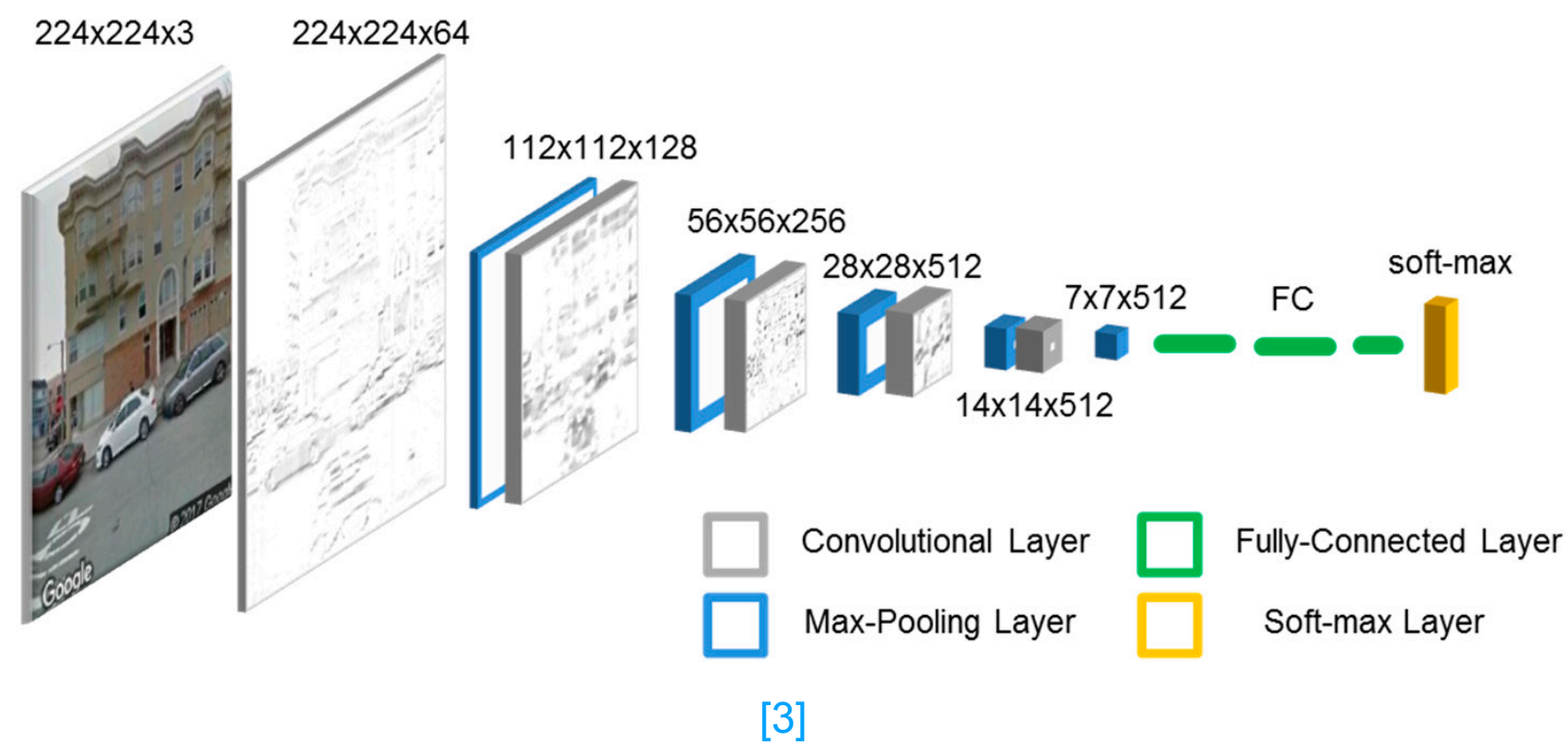


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Noise pollution modeling

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Architecture	Classes	Pre-trained	Accuracy (%)	Train/test images
VGG-16 [3]	0, 1, 2, 3, 4+	✓	85	600/430
ResNet-34 [4]	1, 2, 3	✓	90.5	843/22,803
TREncNet [5]	1, 2+	✓	93.5	33,822/8,593

- Limitations:
1. Predefined classes
  2. Datasets (bias/size)
  3. Unclear learning

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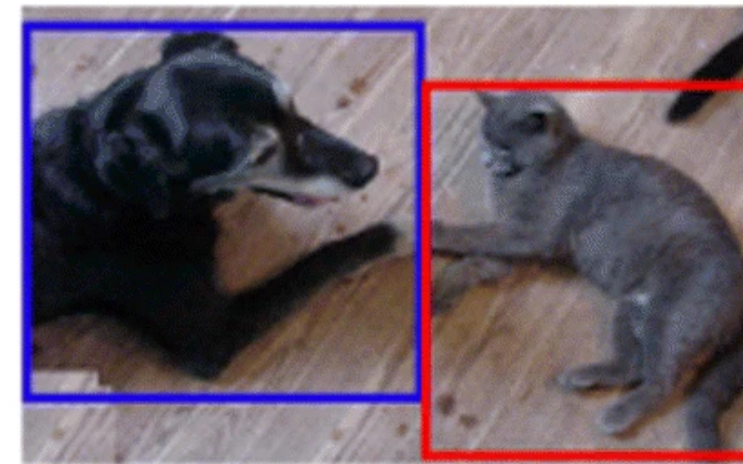


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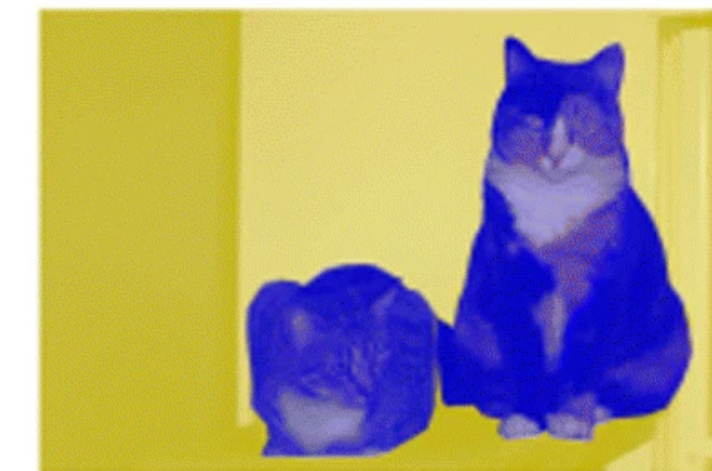
1. Classification



2/3. Object detection

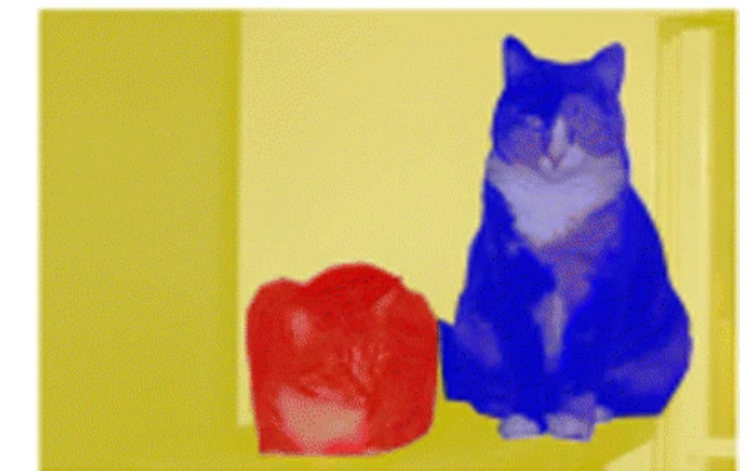


Dog (blue)  
Cat (red)



Cat (blue)  
Background (yellow)

4. Semantic segmentation

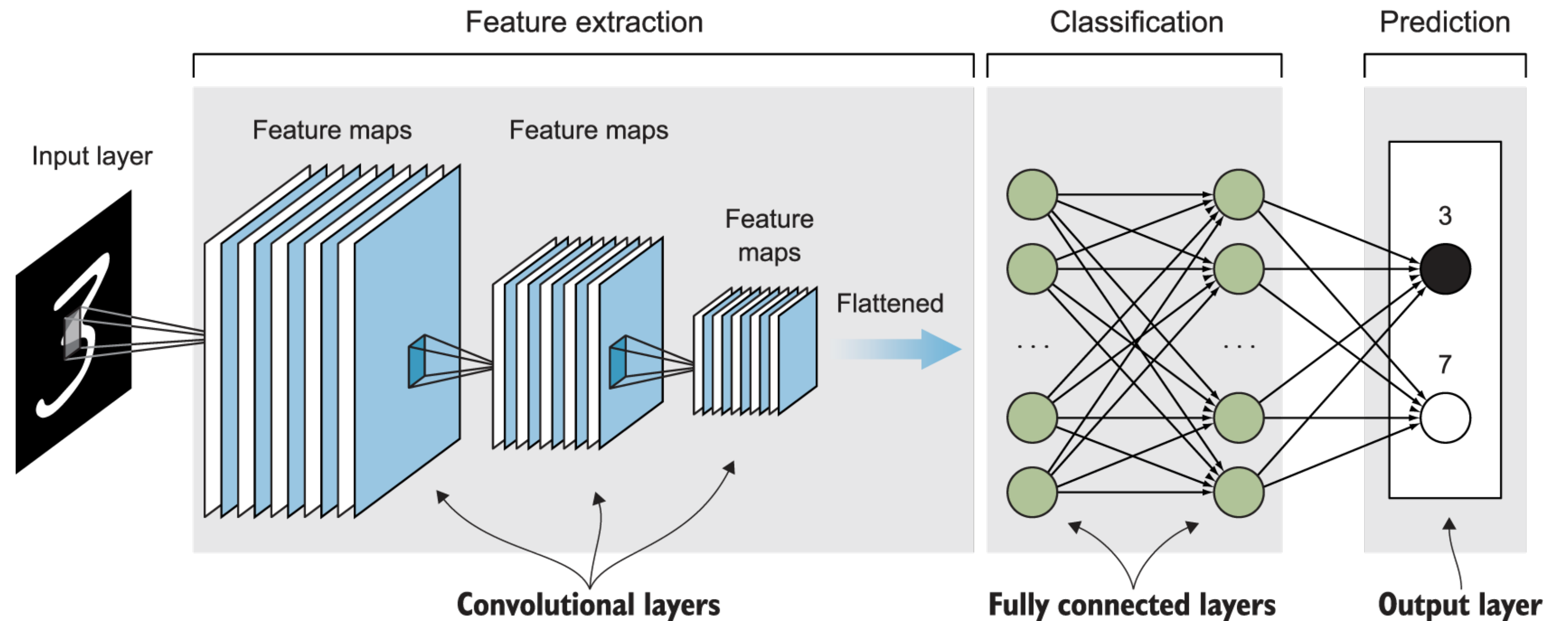


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5. Instance segmentation

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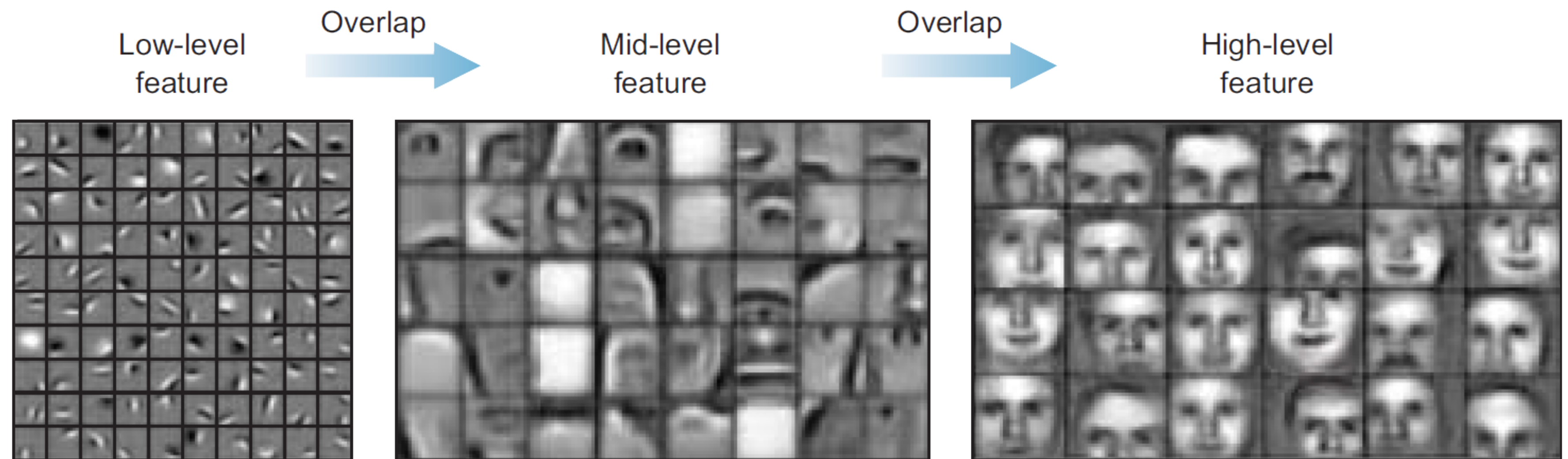
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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)



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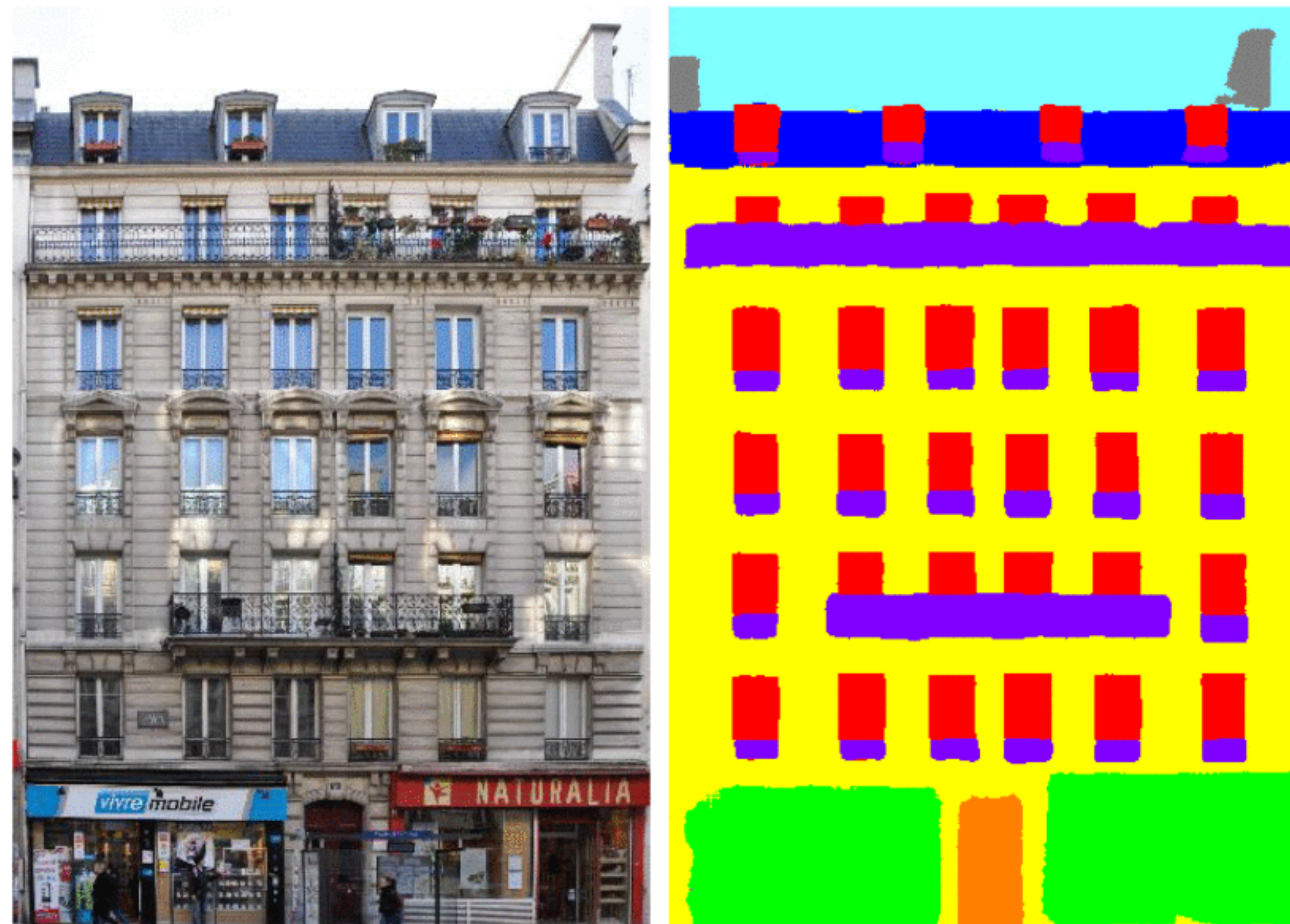
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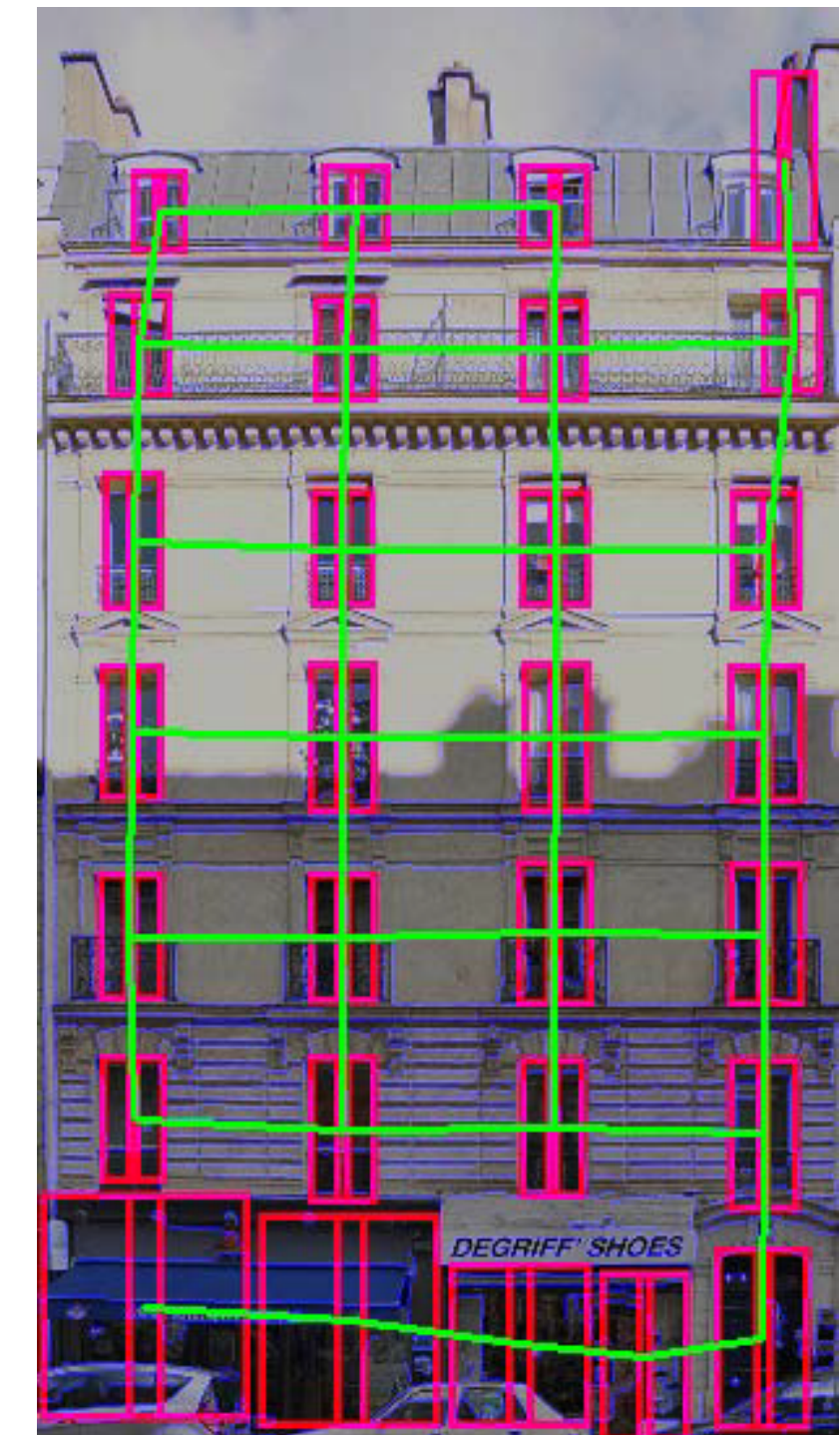
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DeepFacade [9]

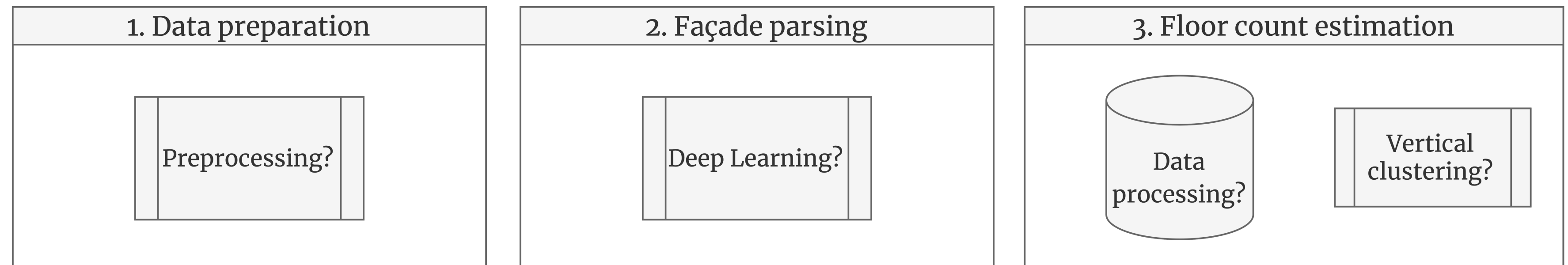


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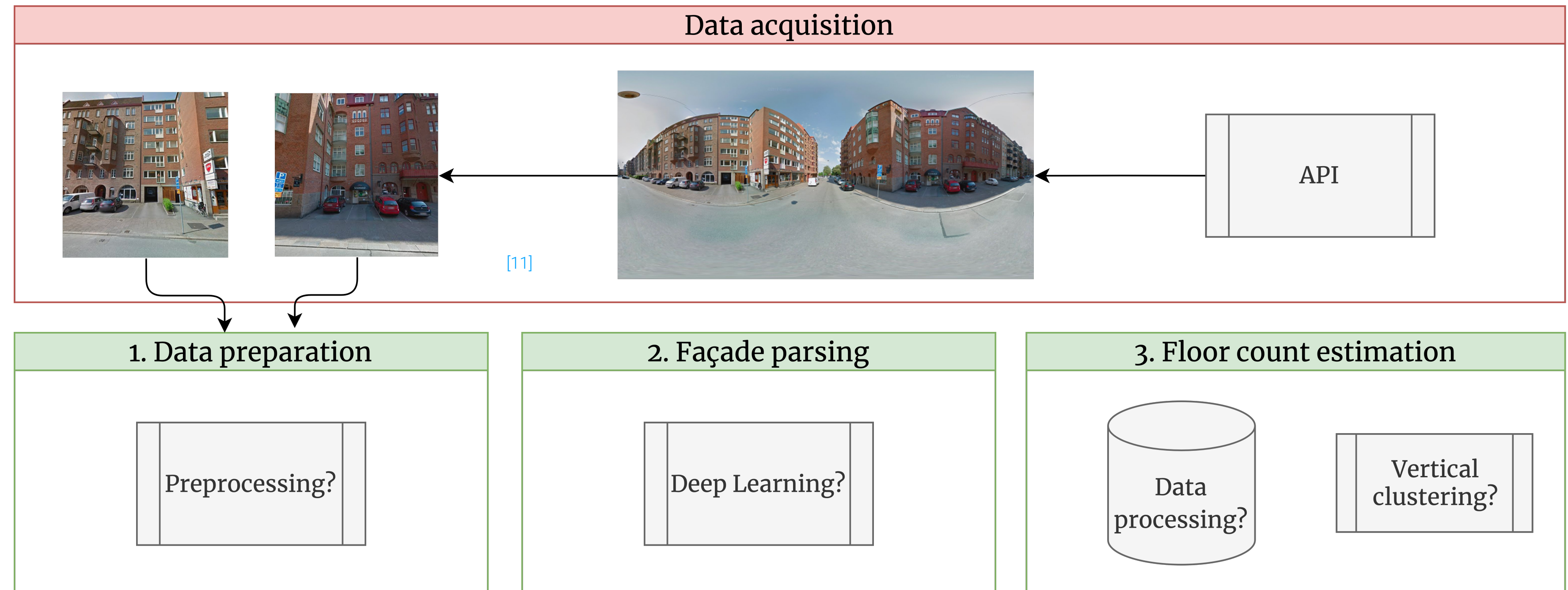
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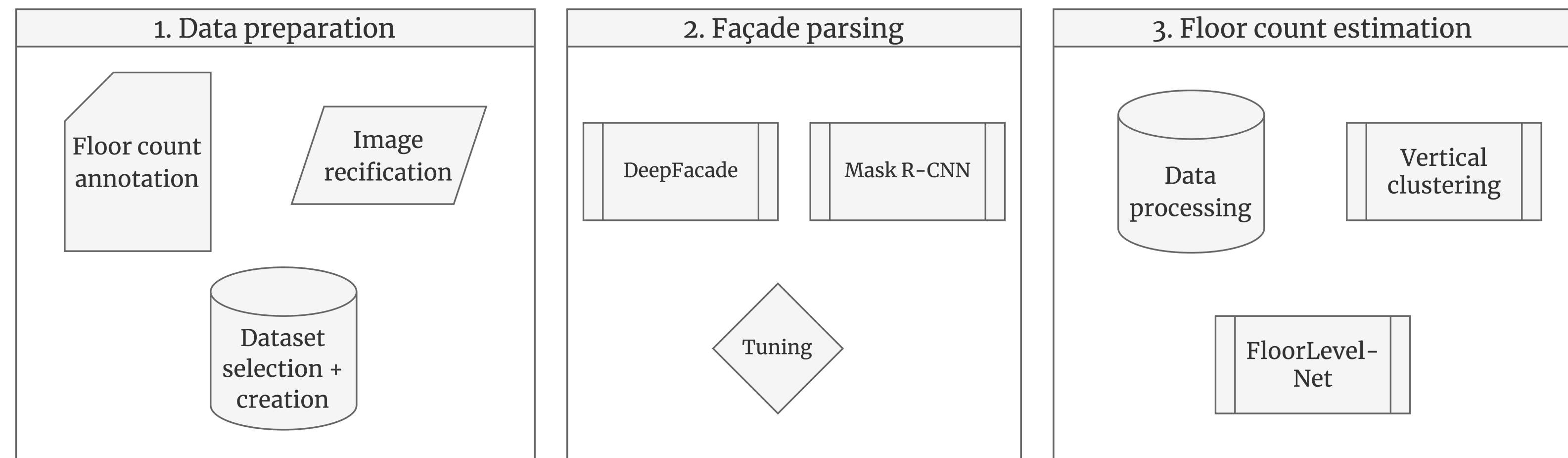
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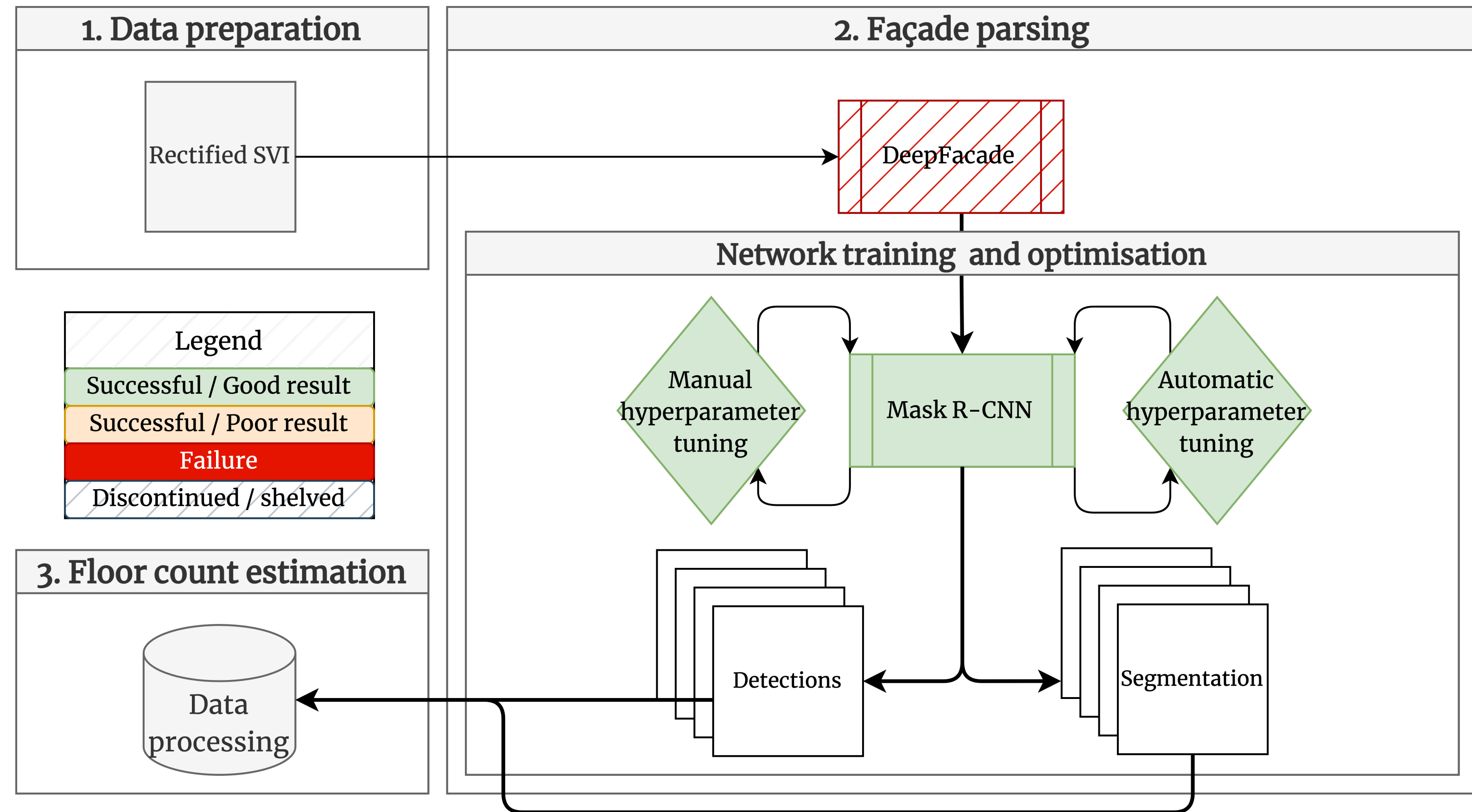
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Methods tested:  
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2. Direct homography transform

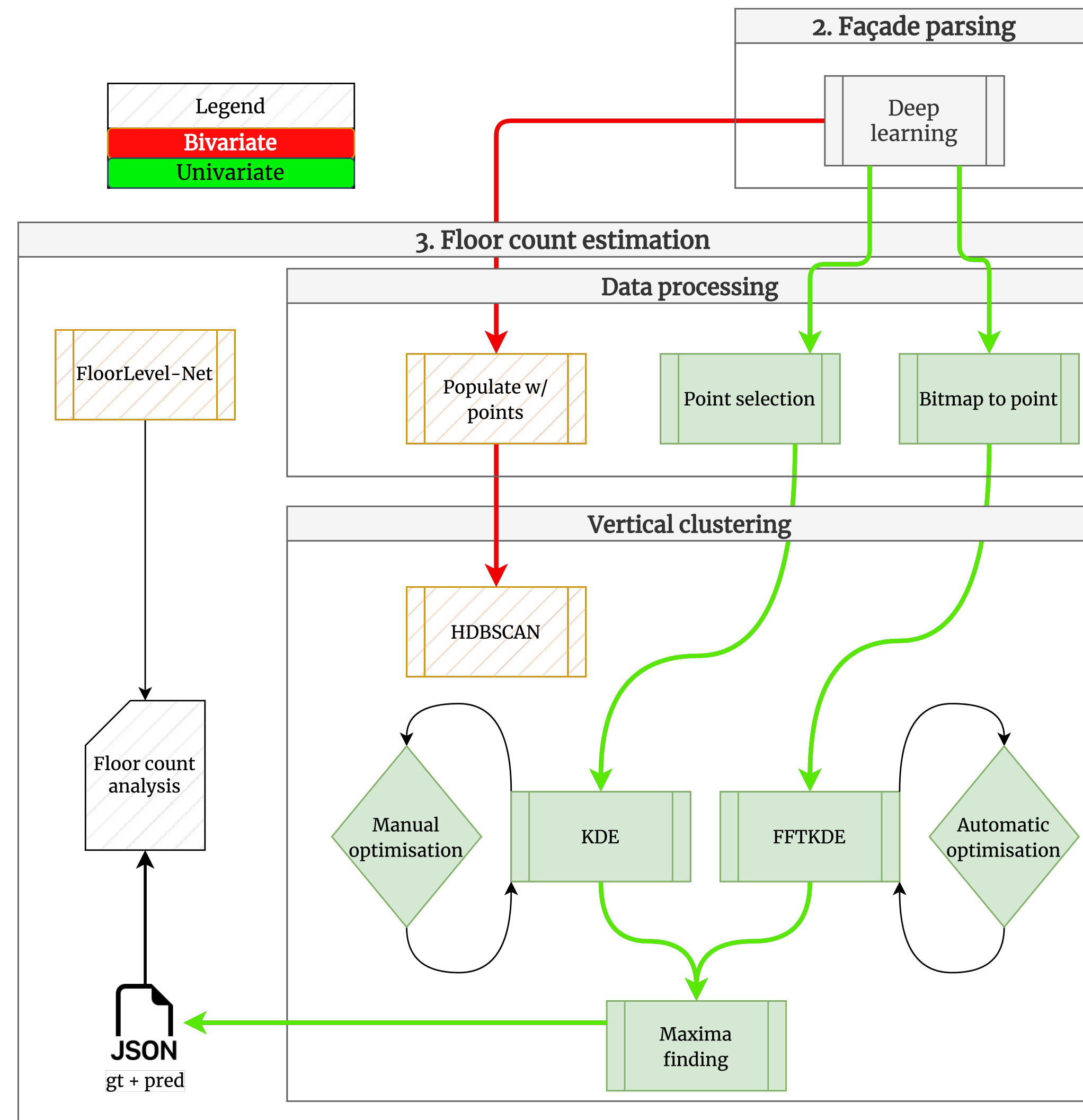
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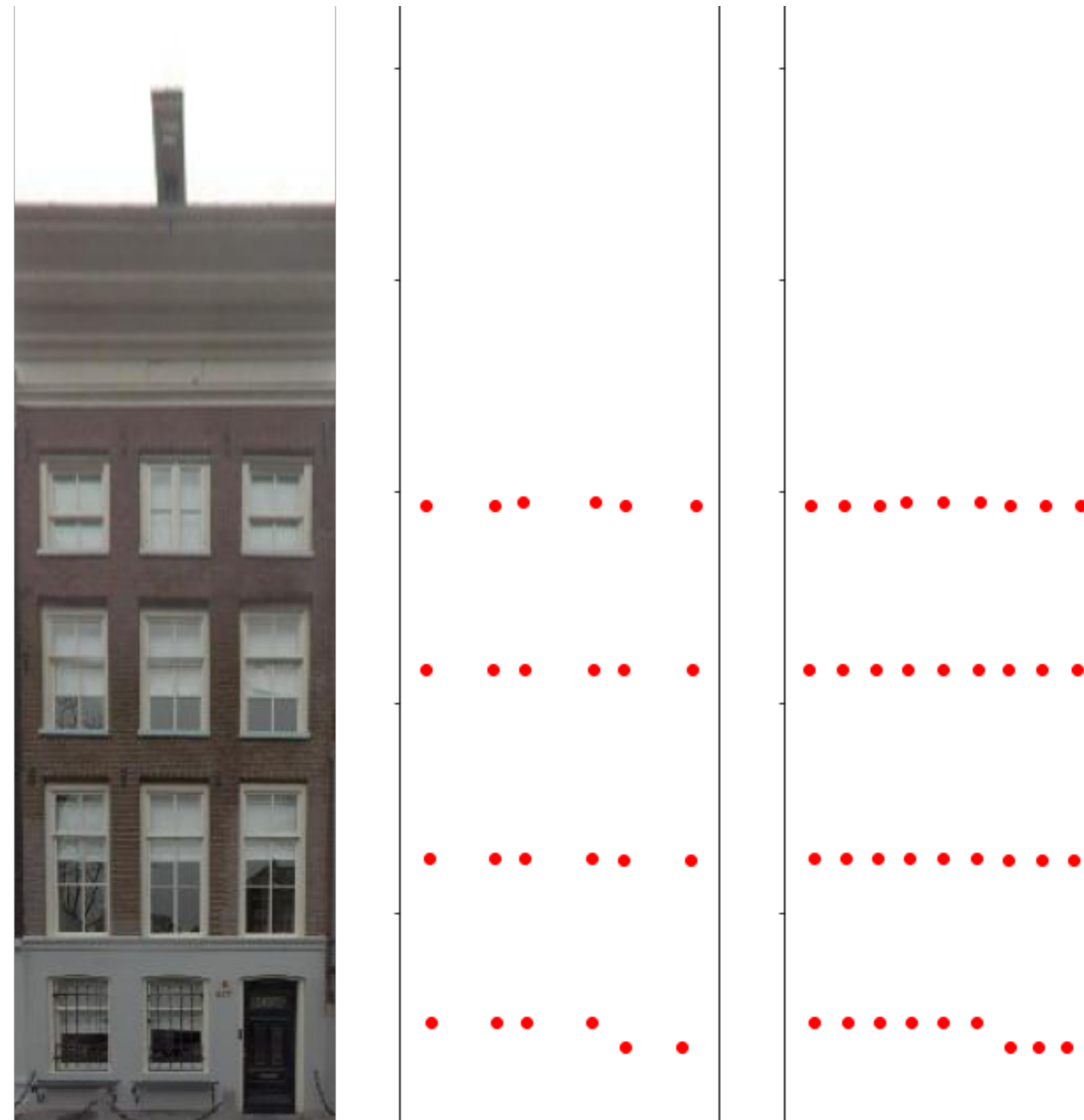
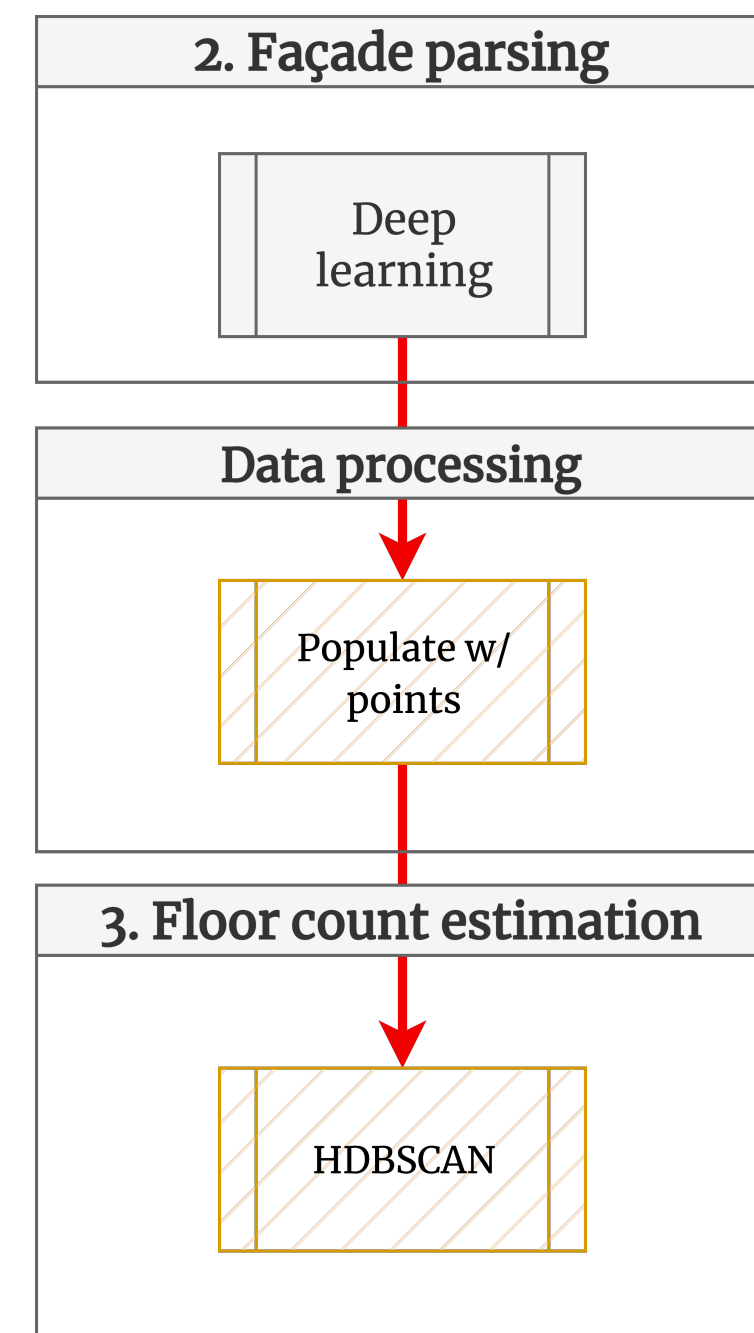
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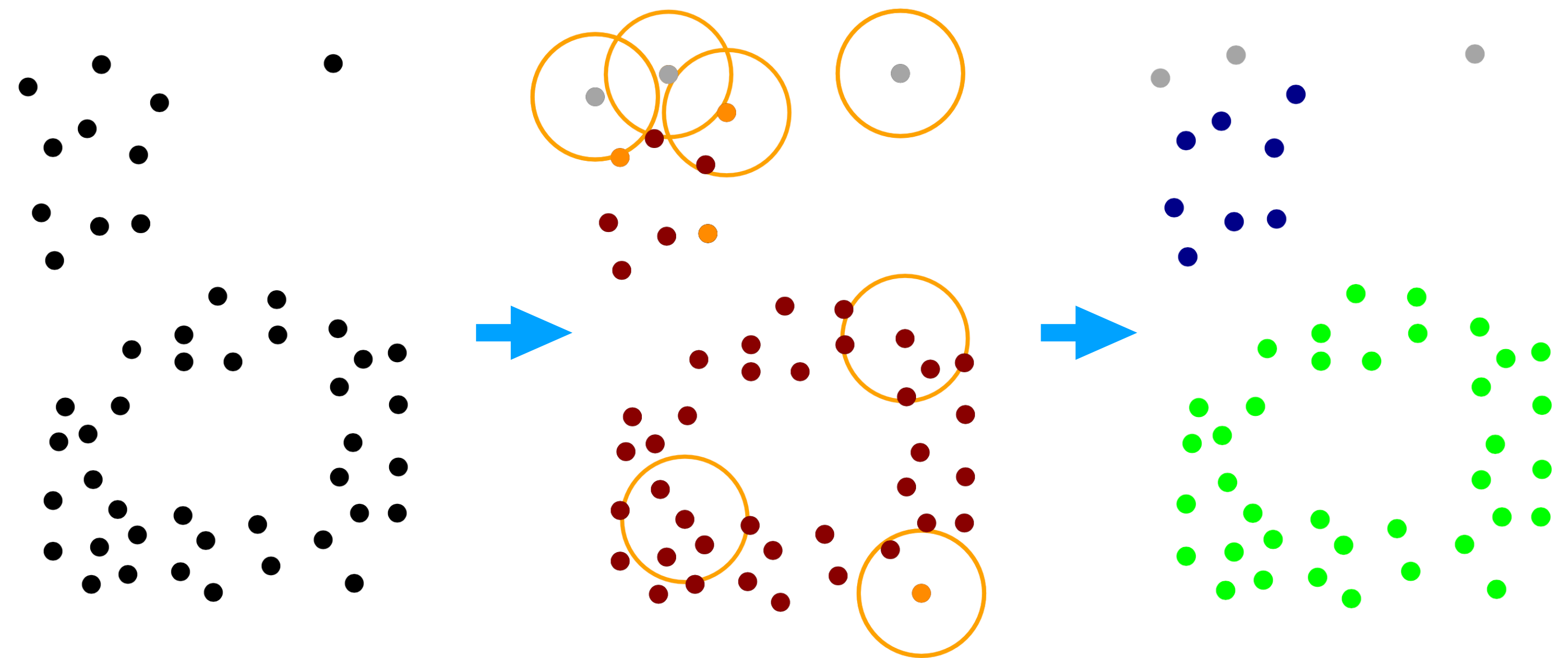
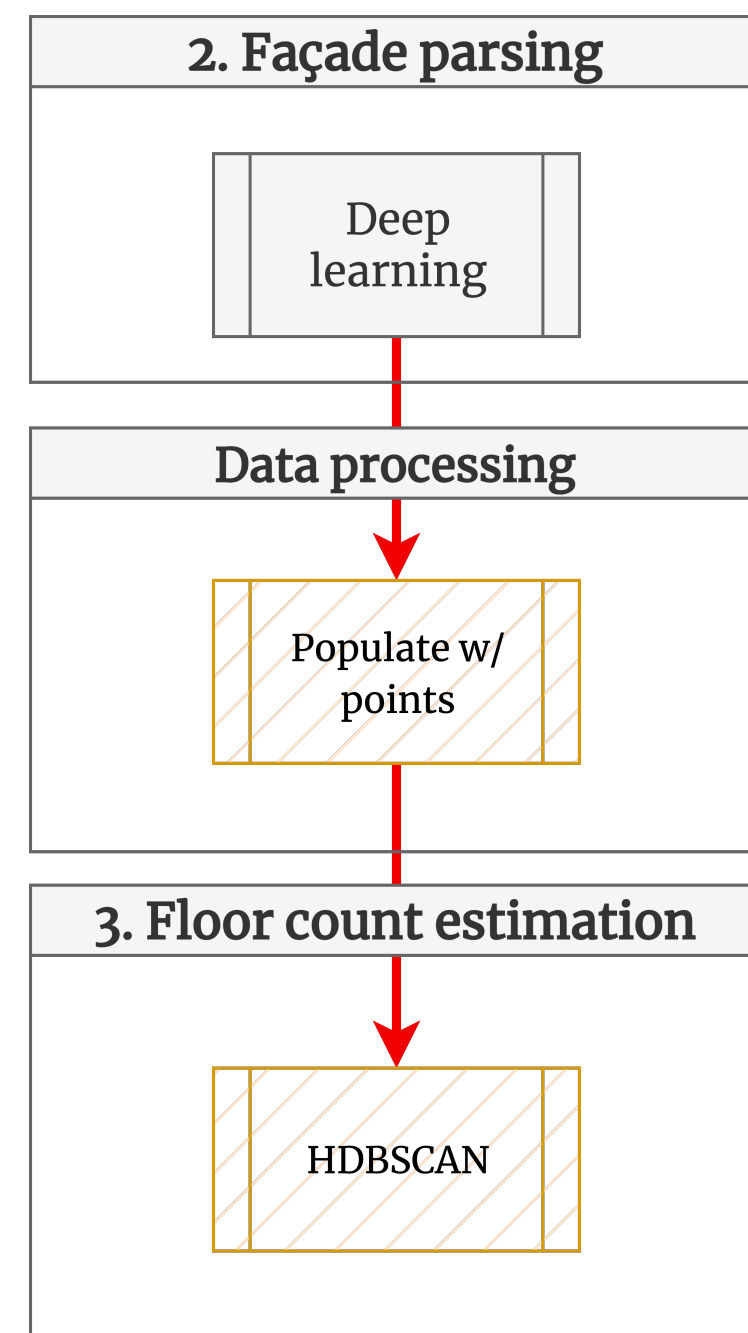
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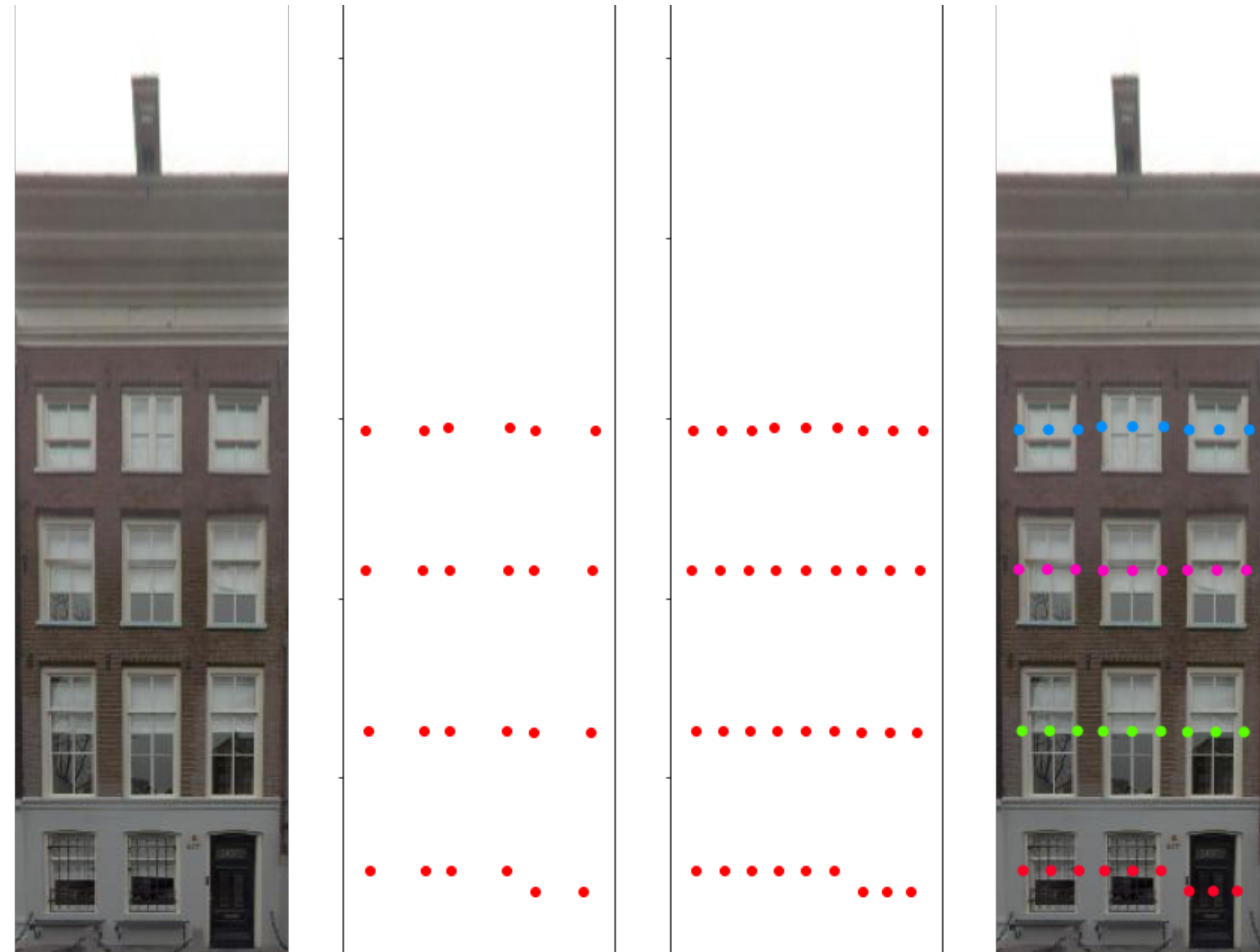
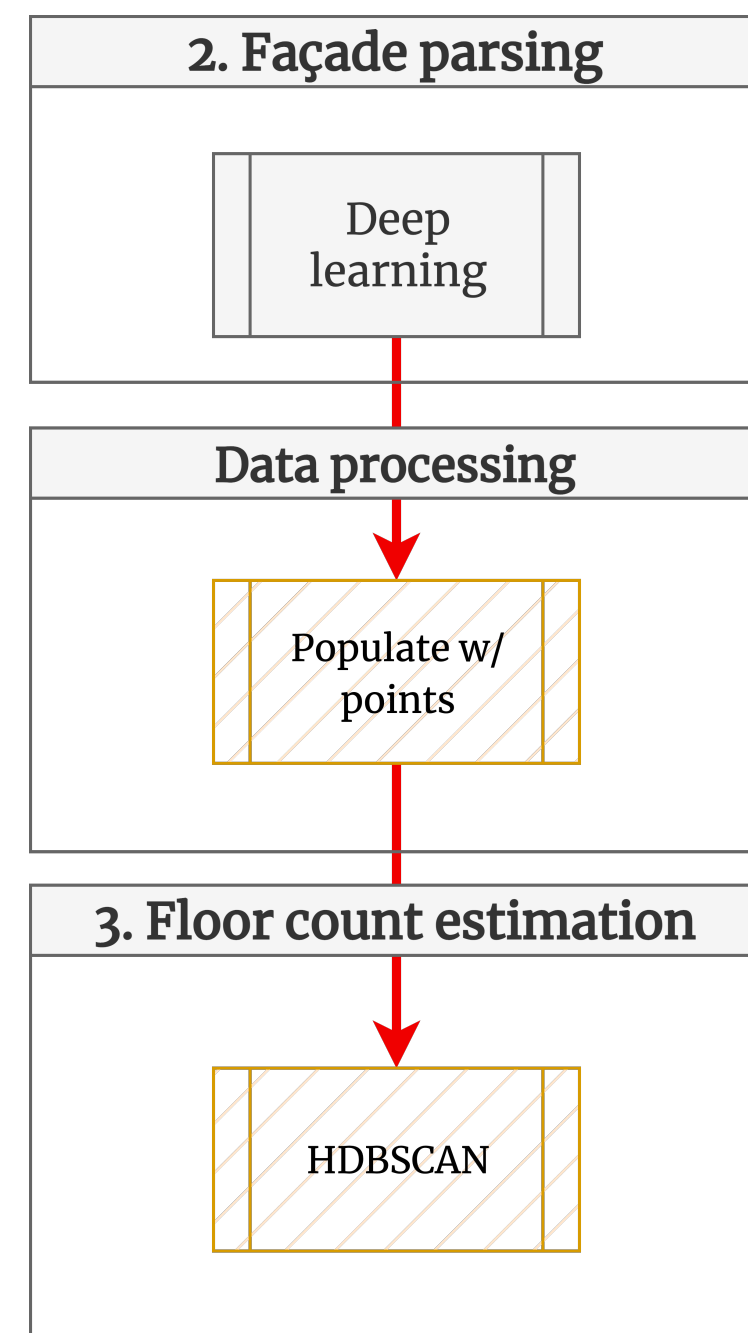
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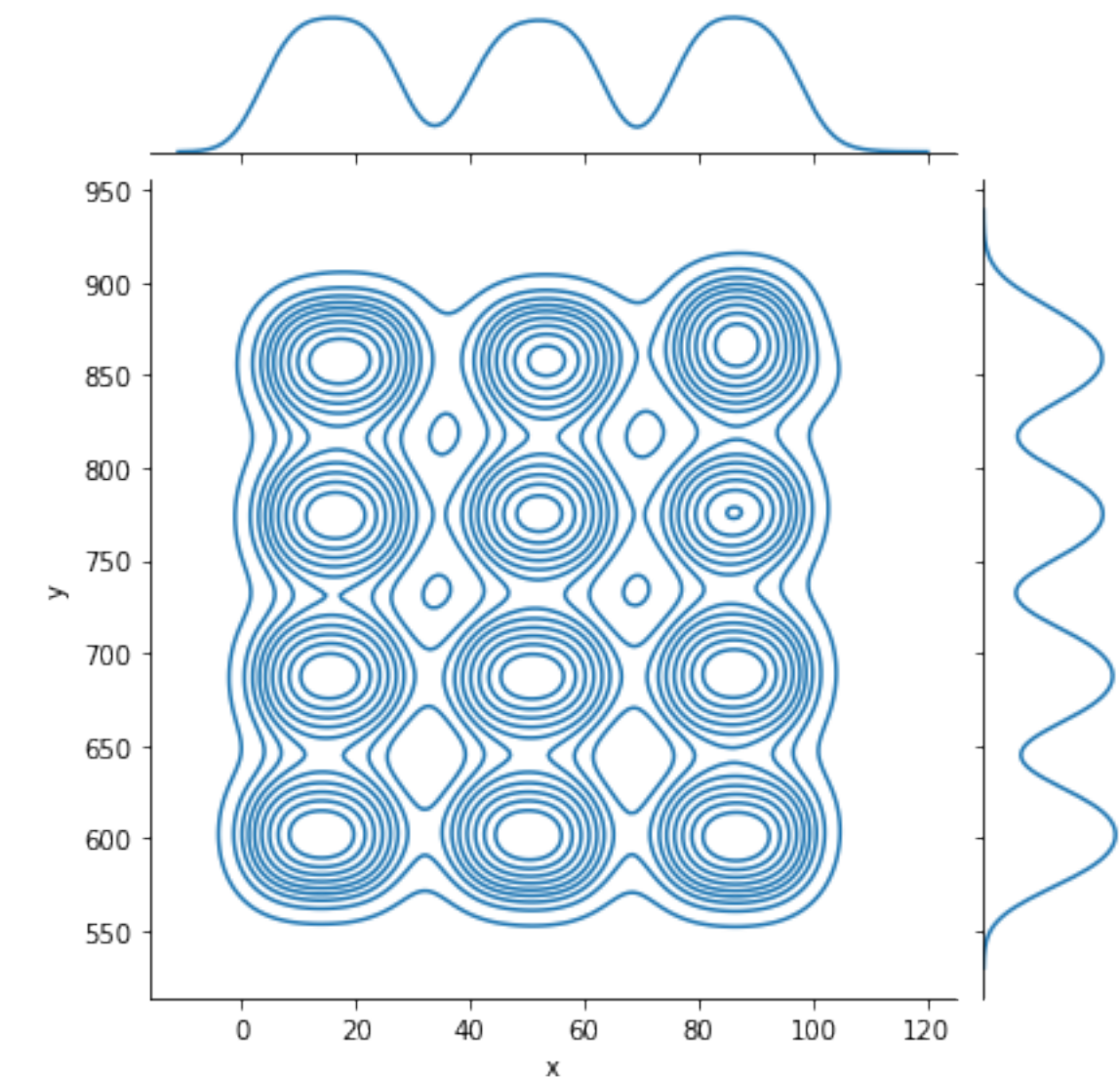
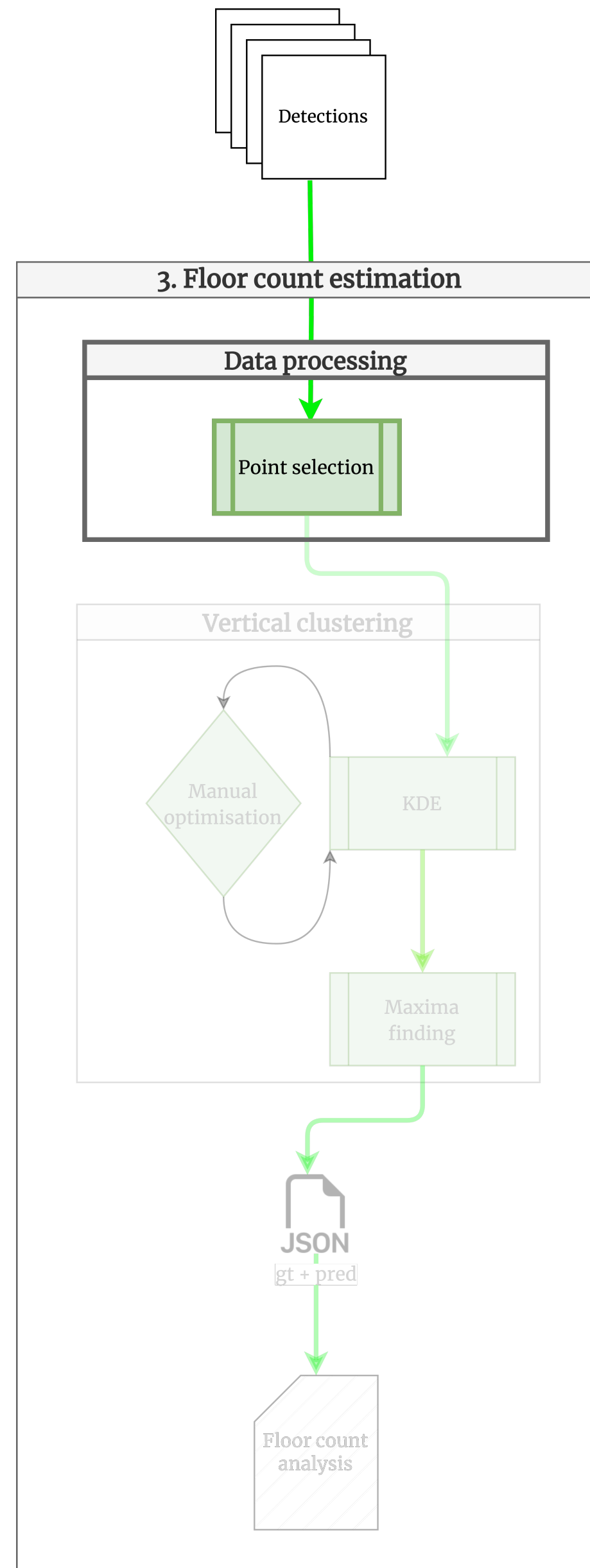
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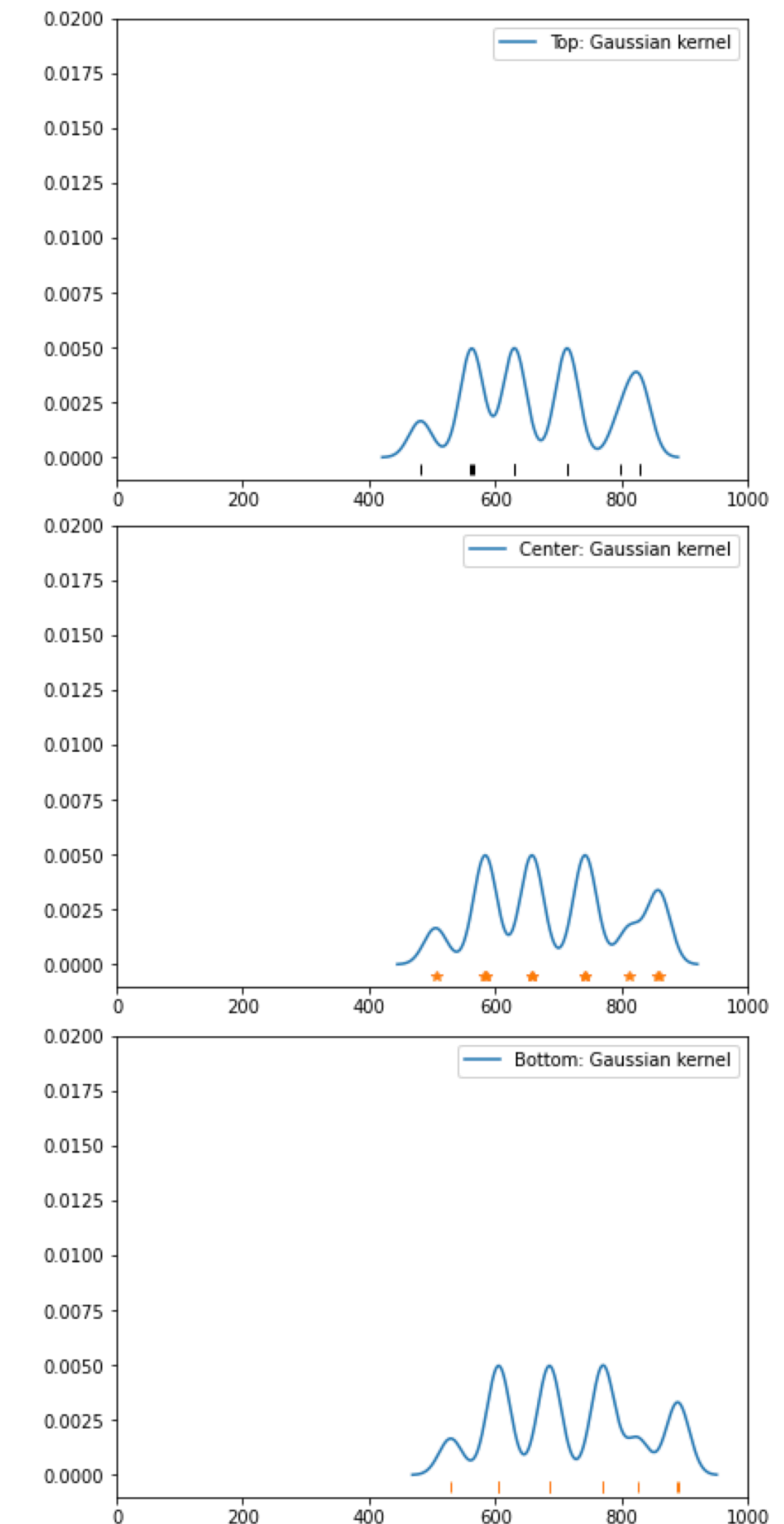
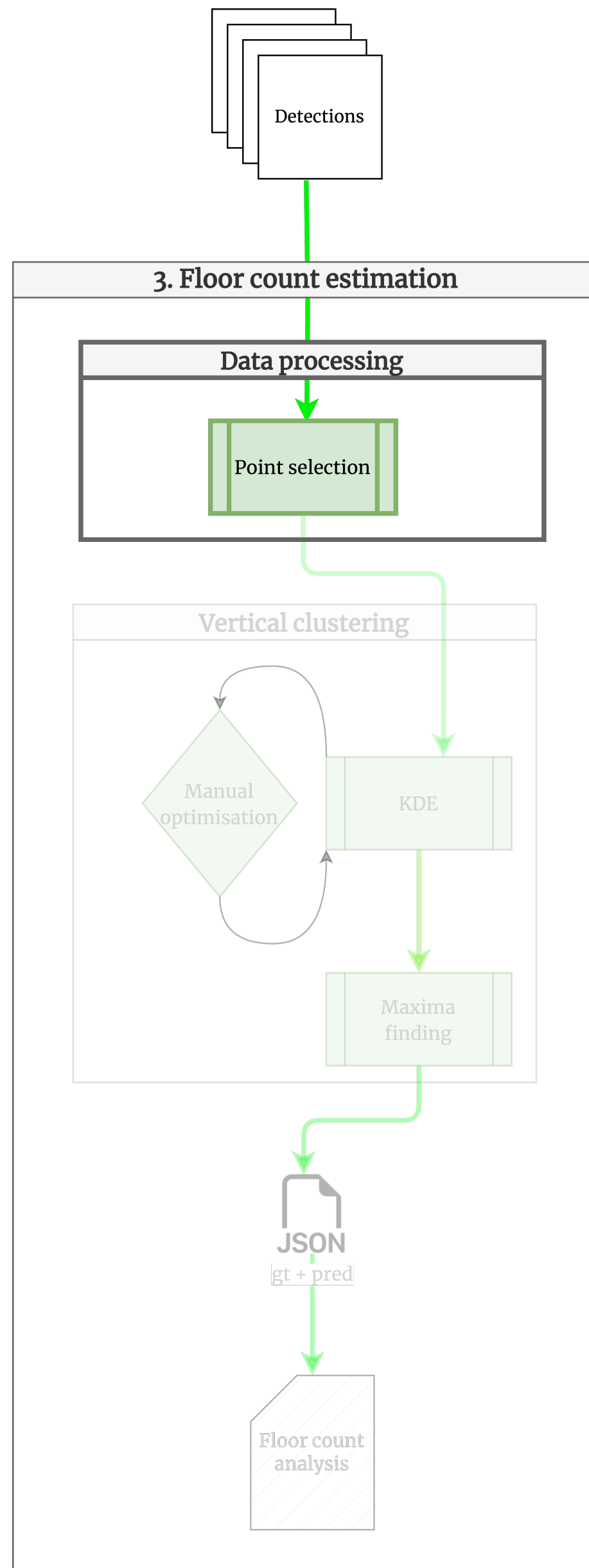
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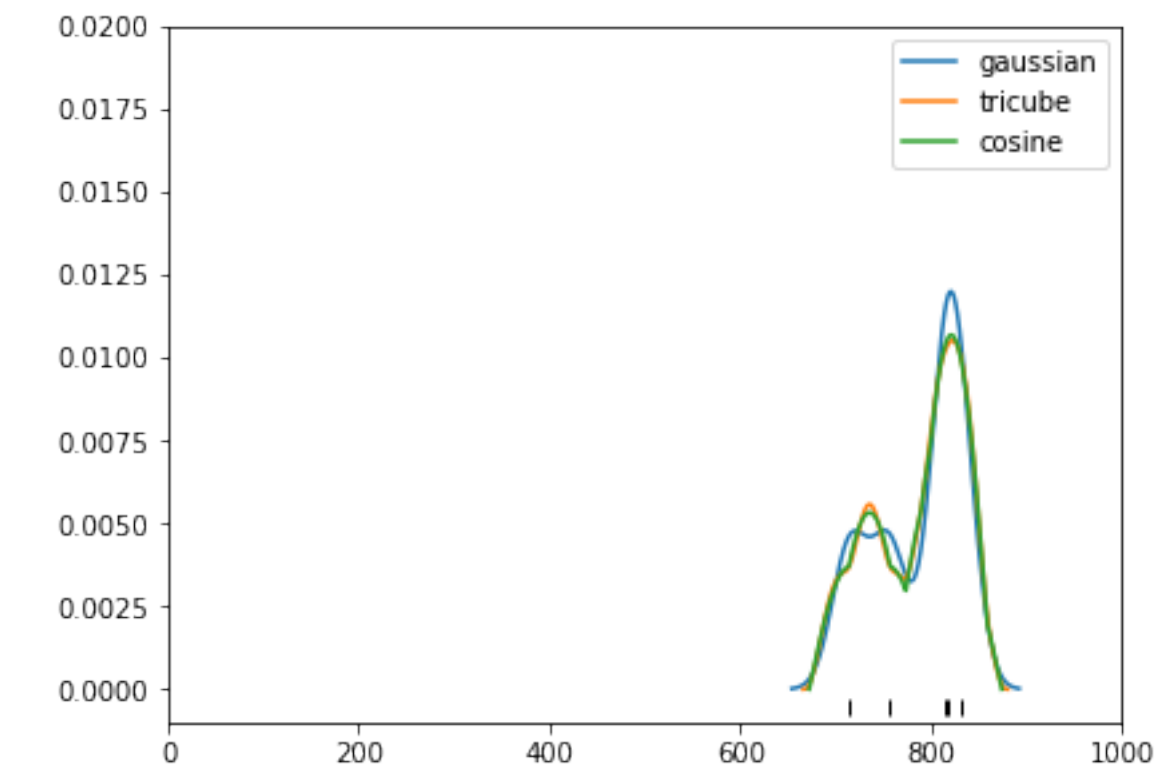
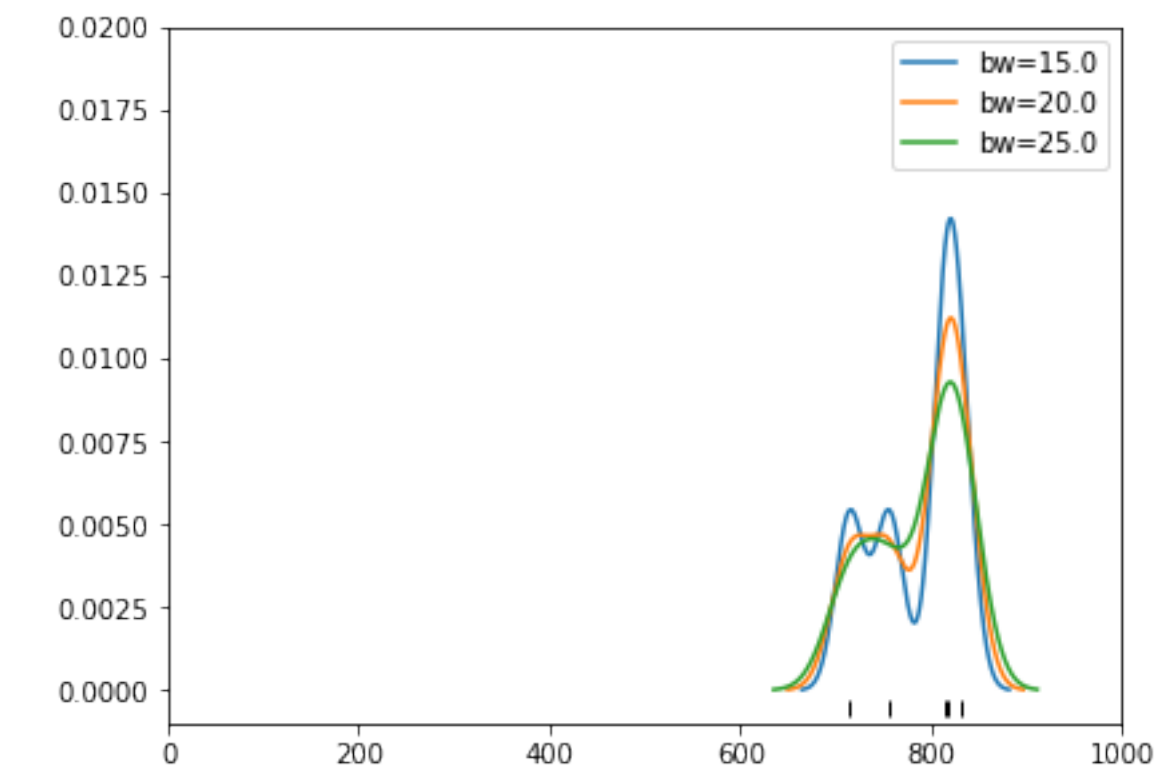
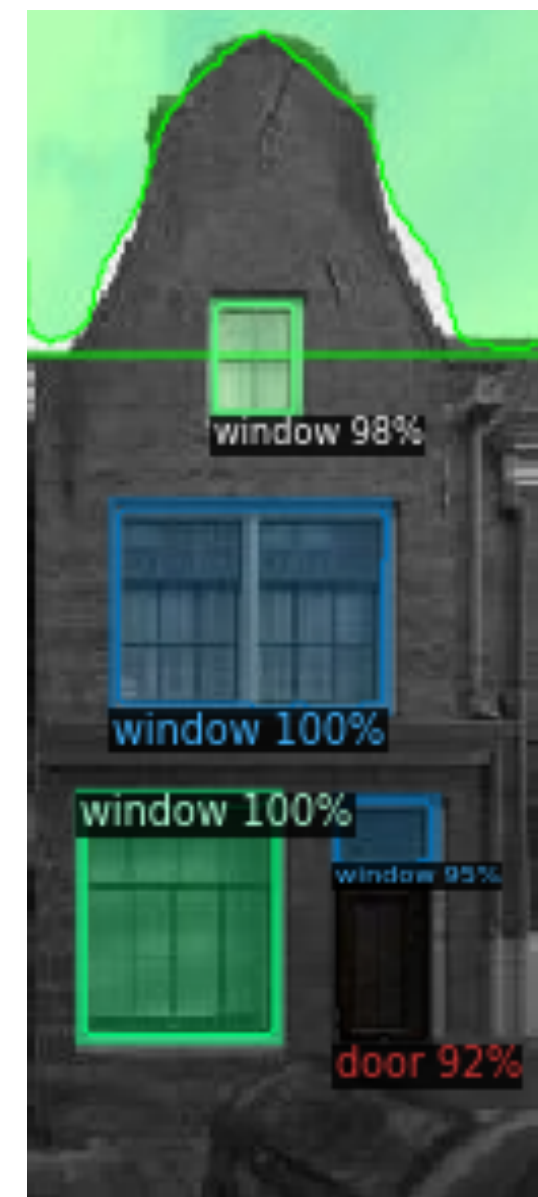
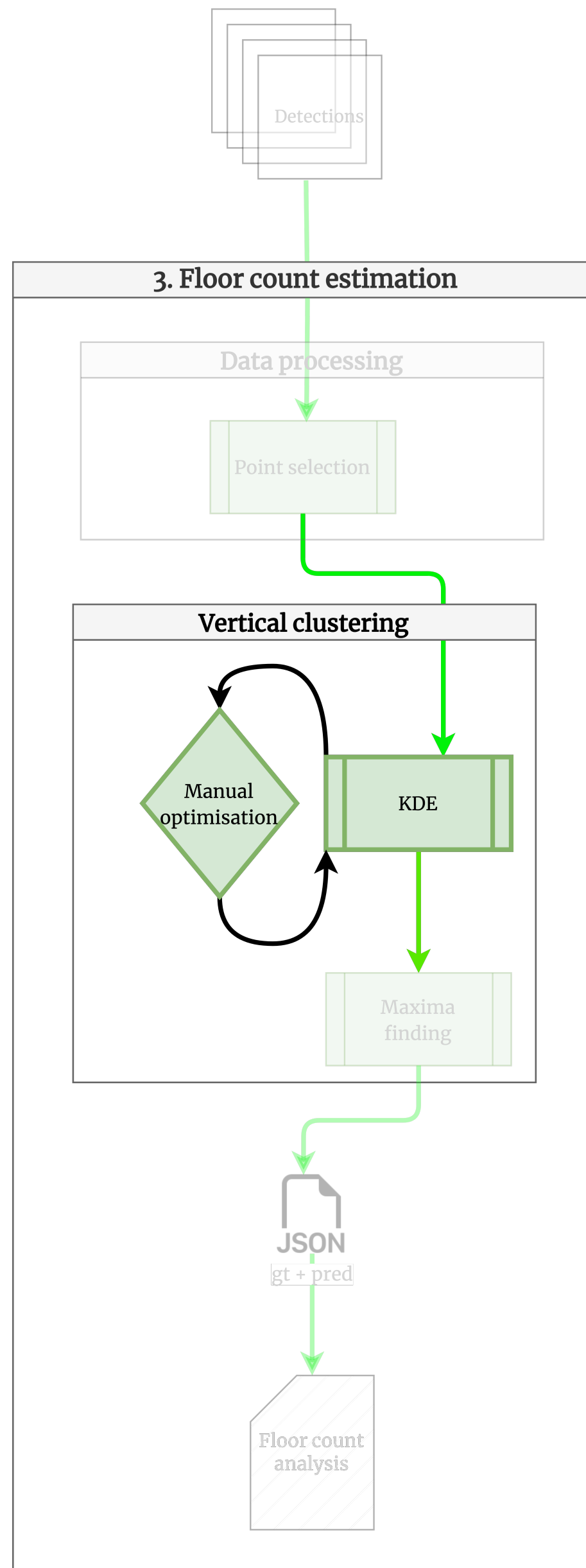
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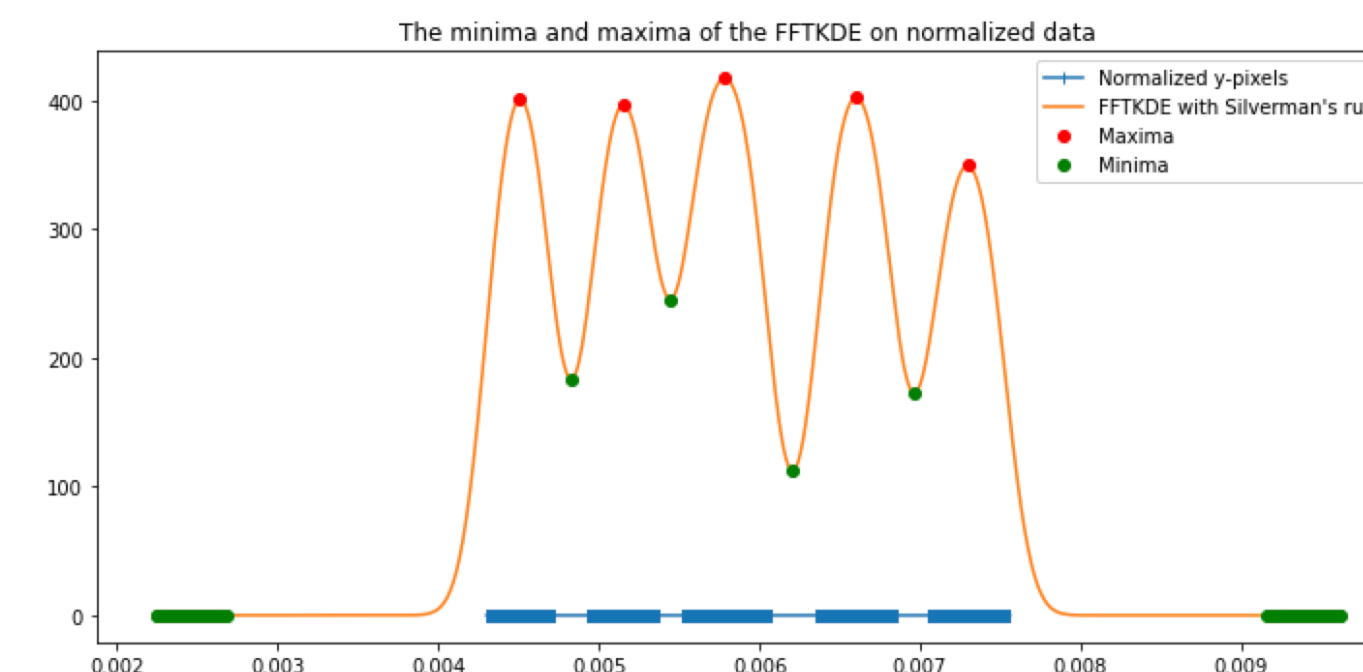
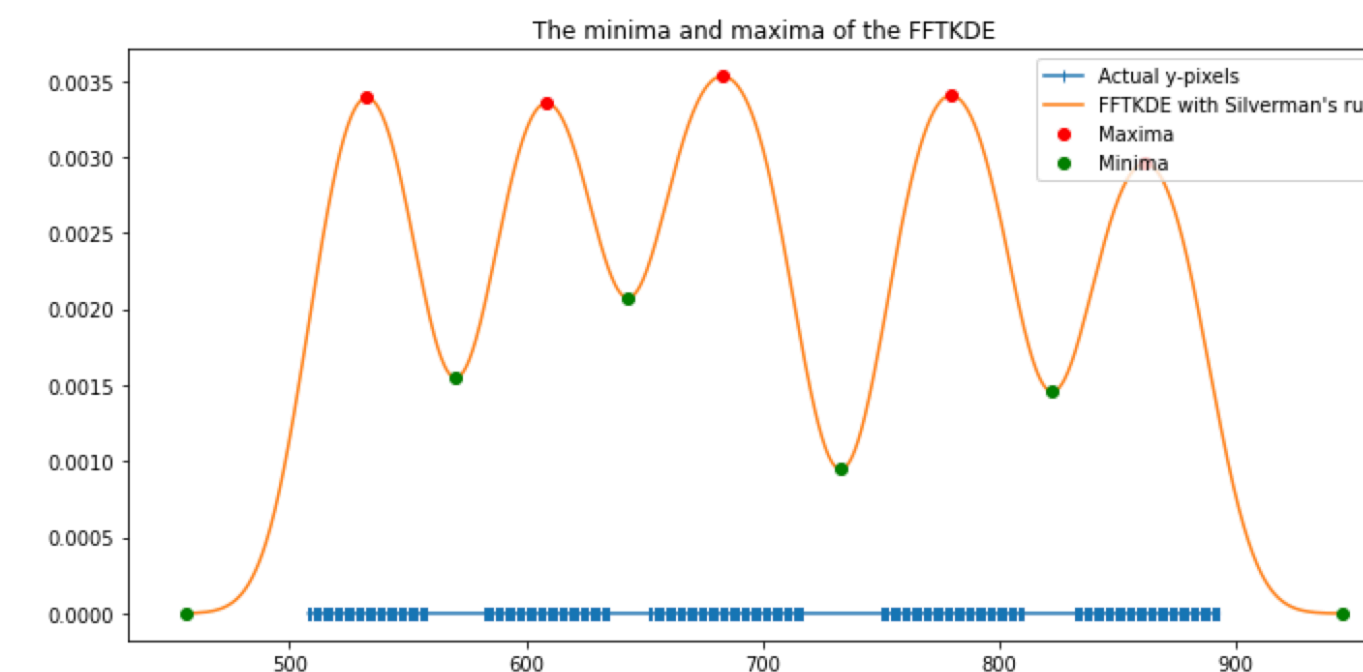
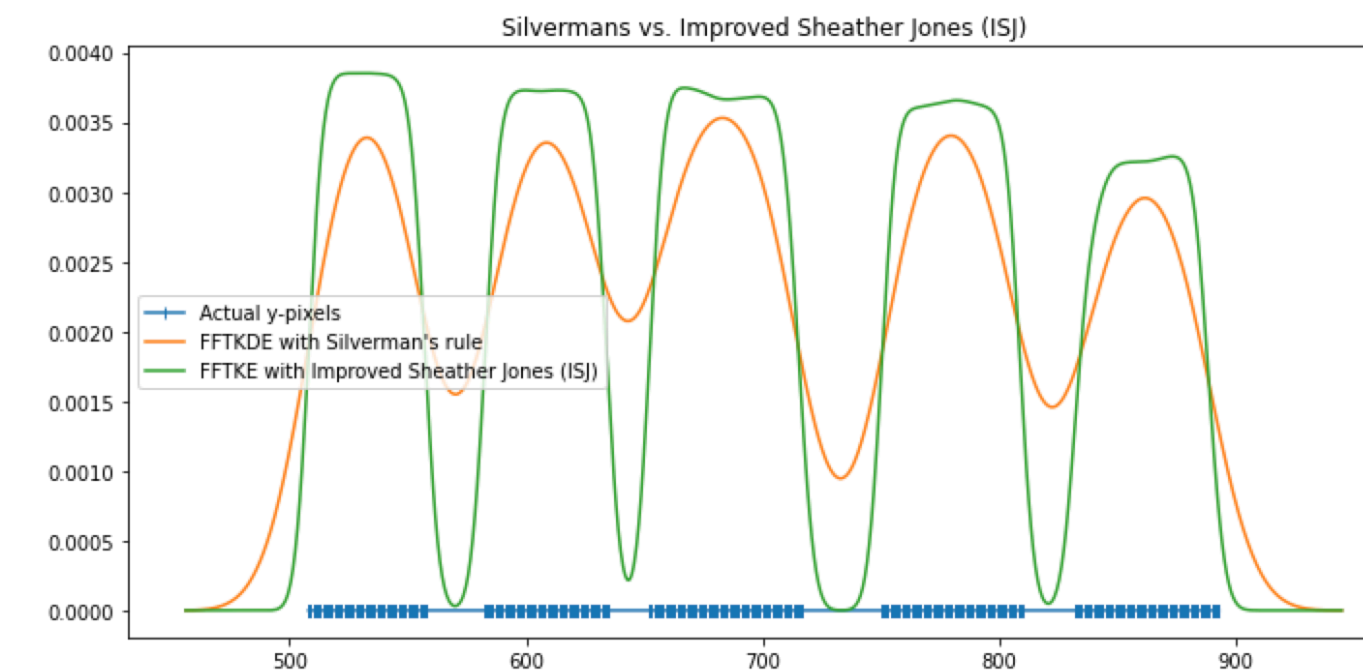
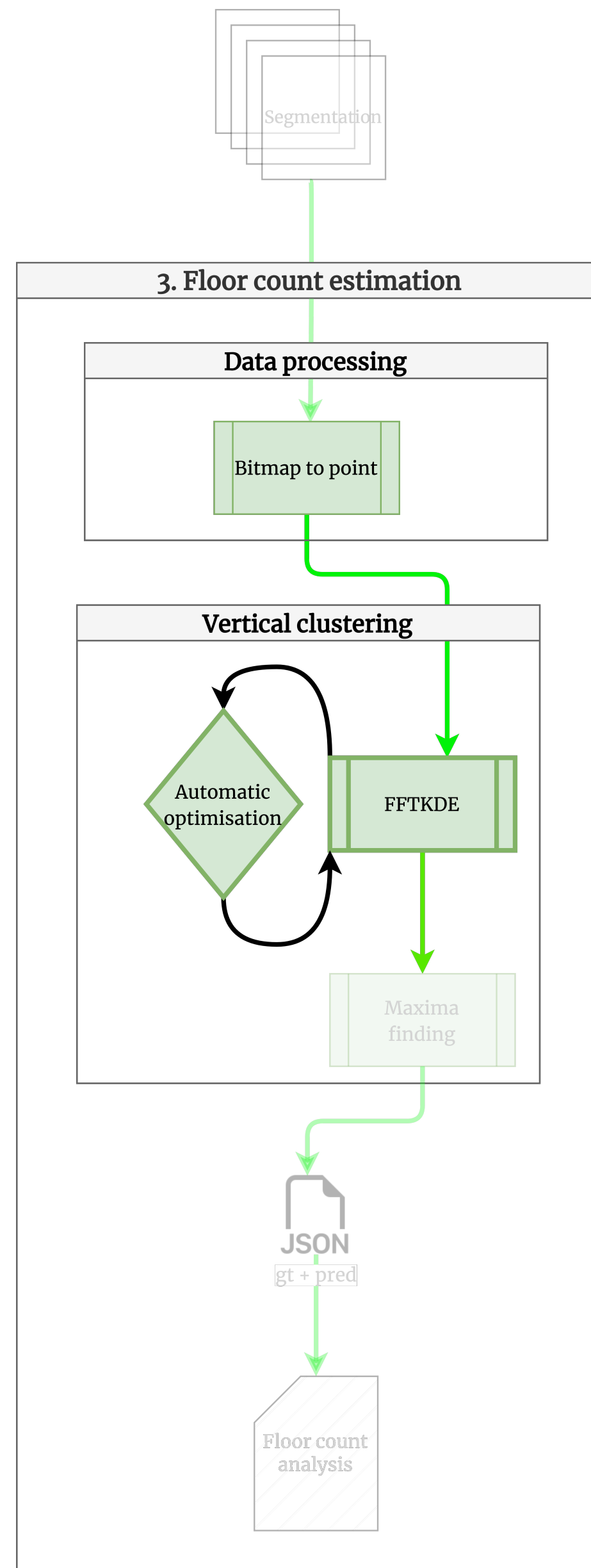
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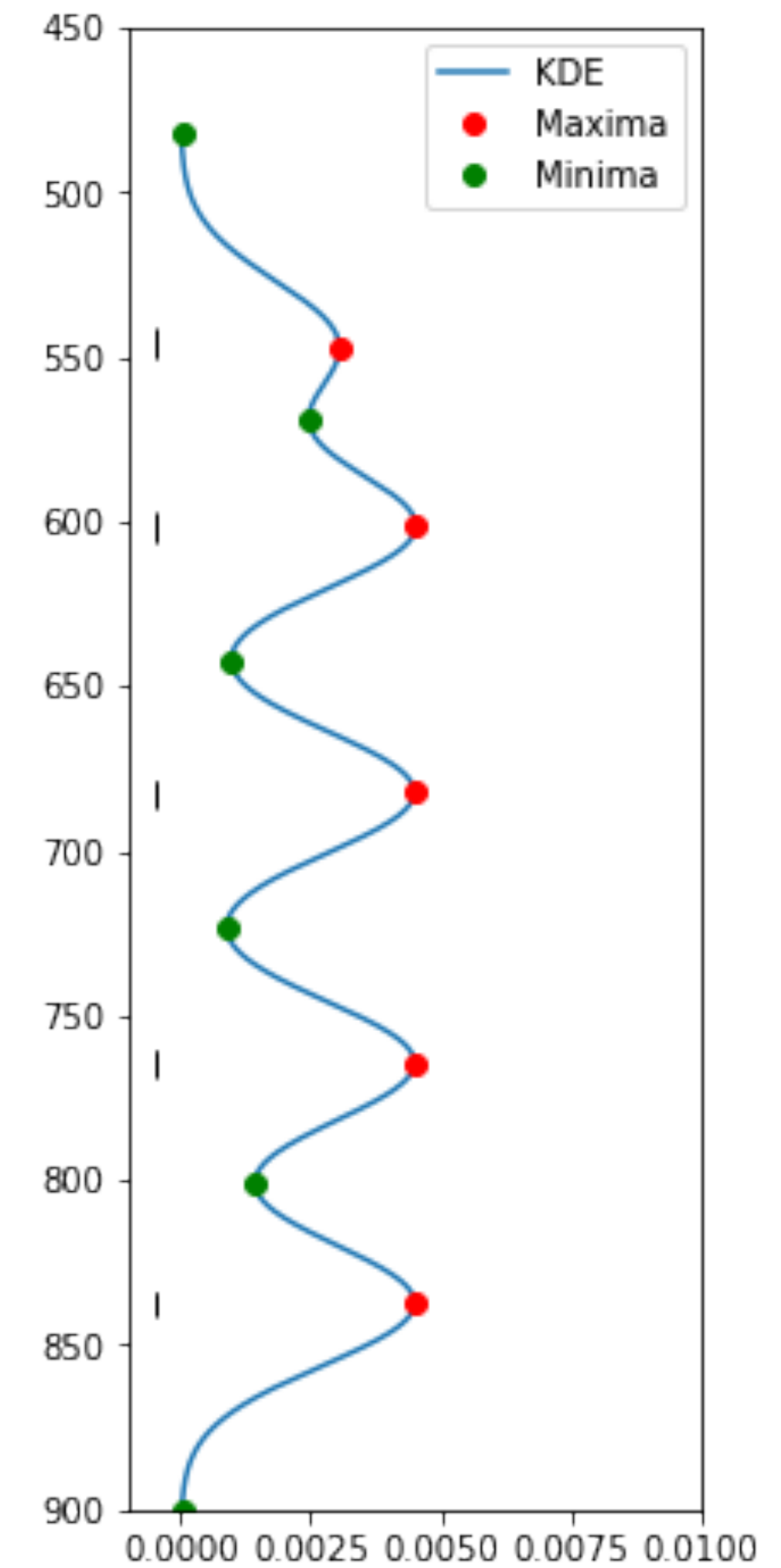
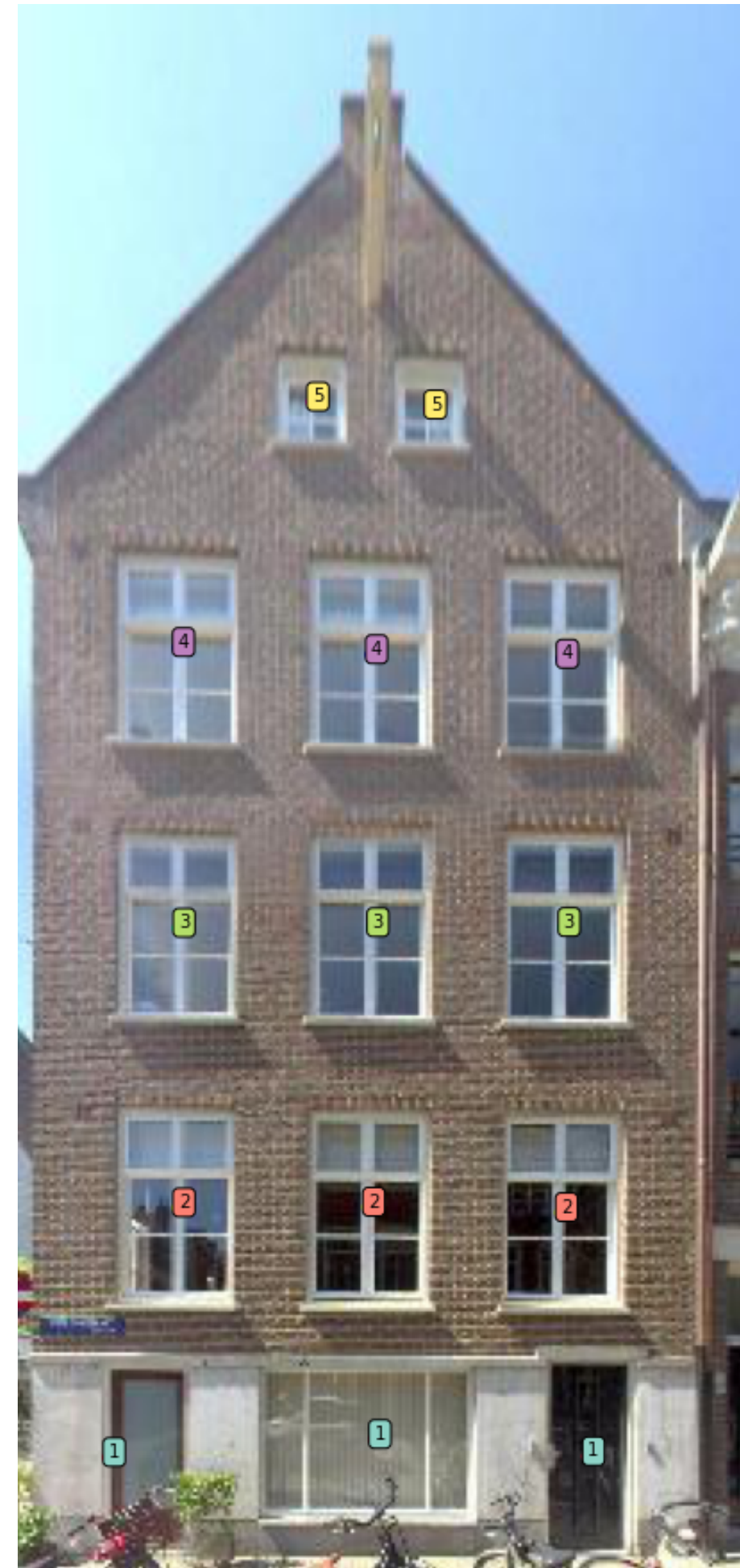
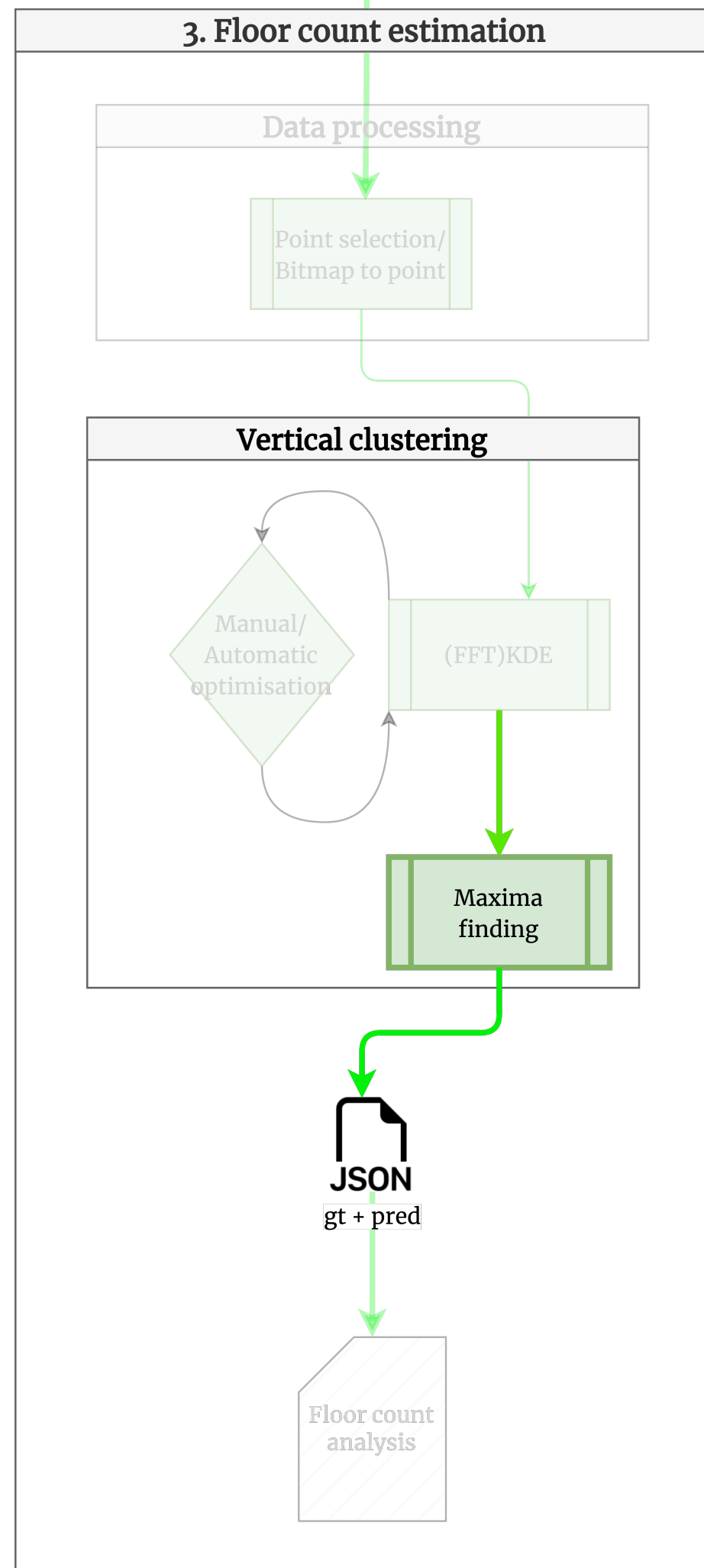
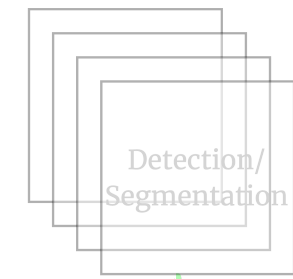


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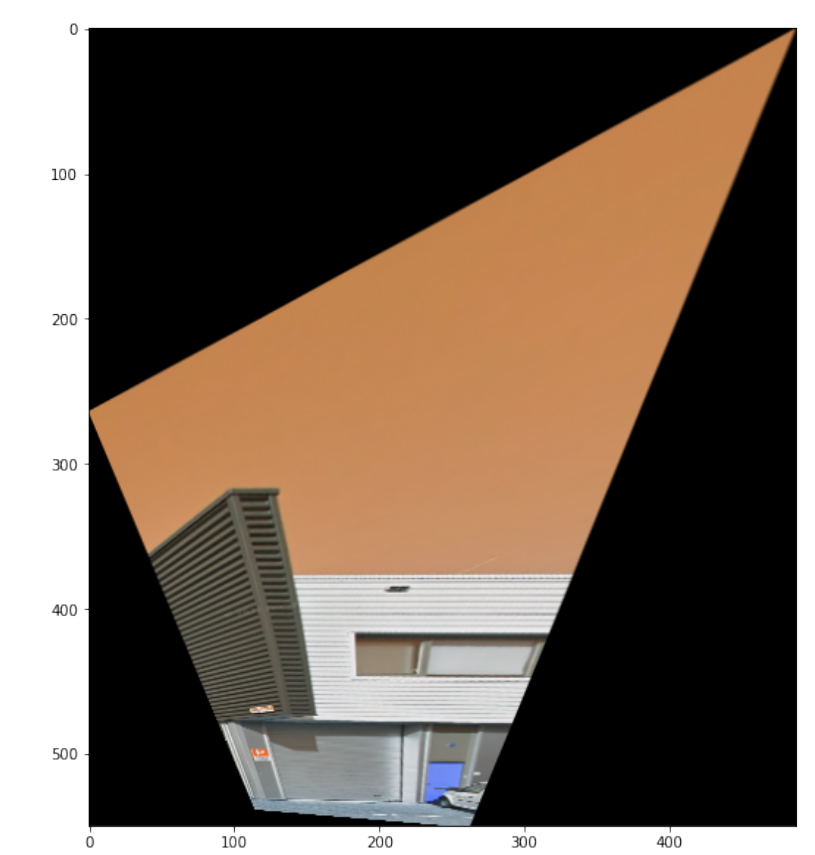
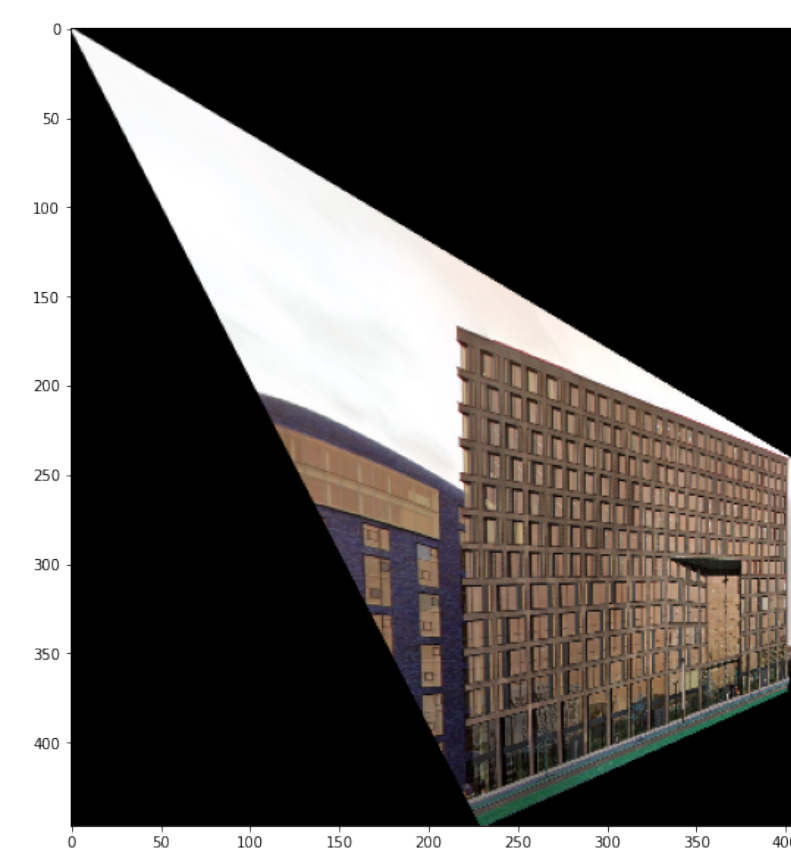
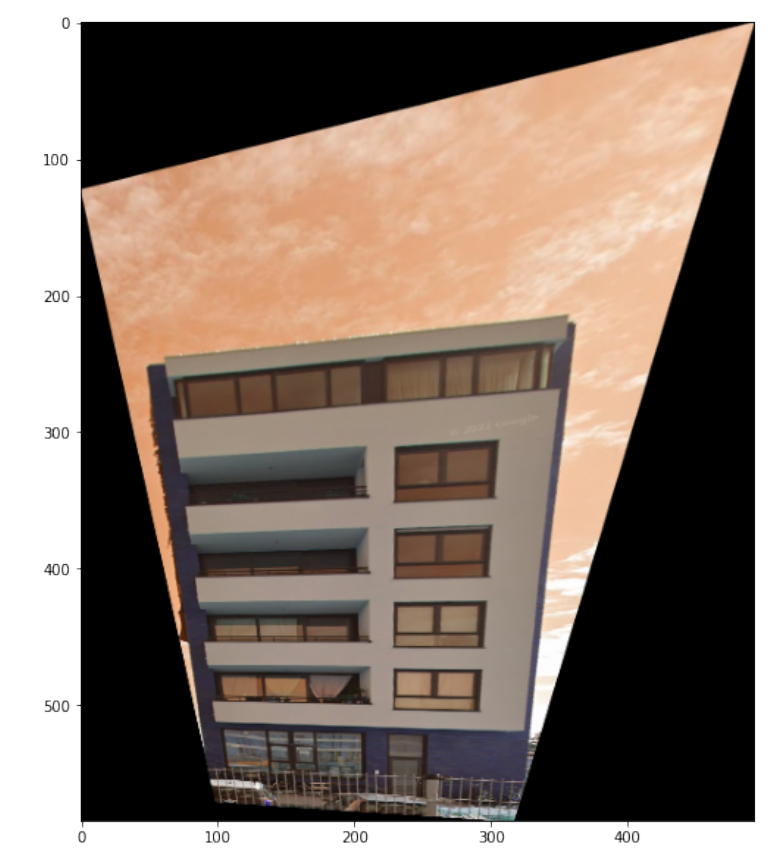


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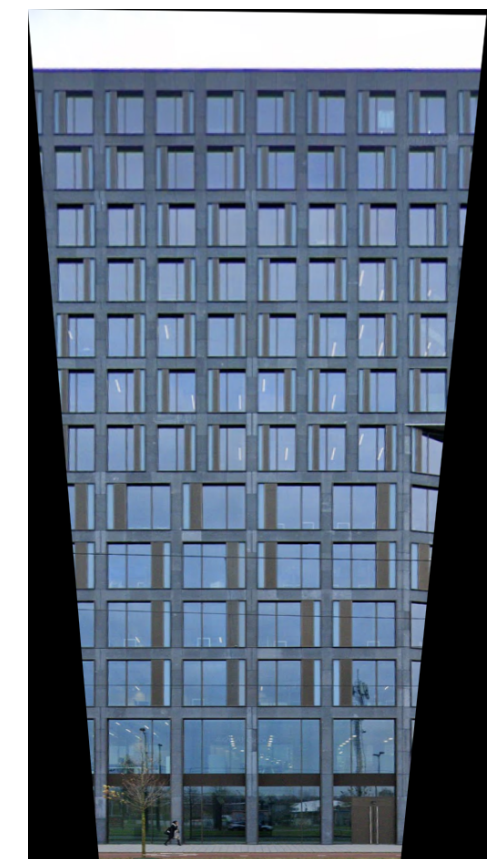
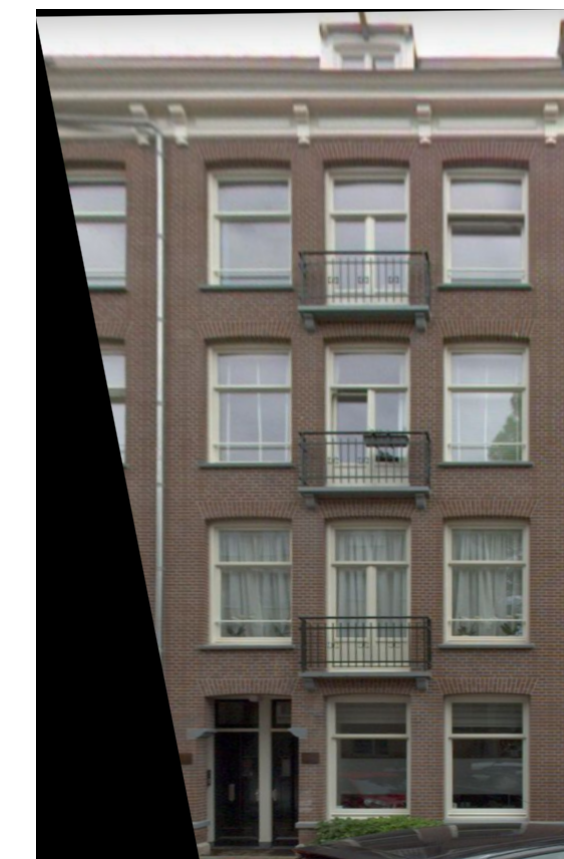
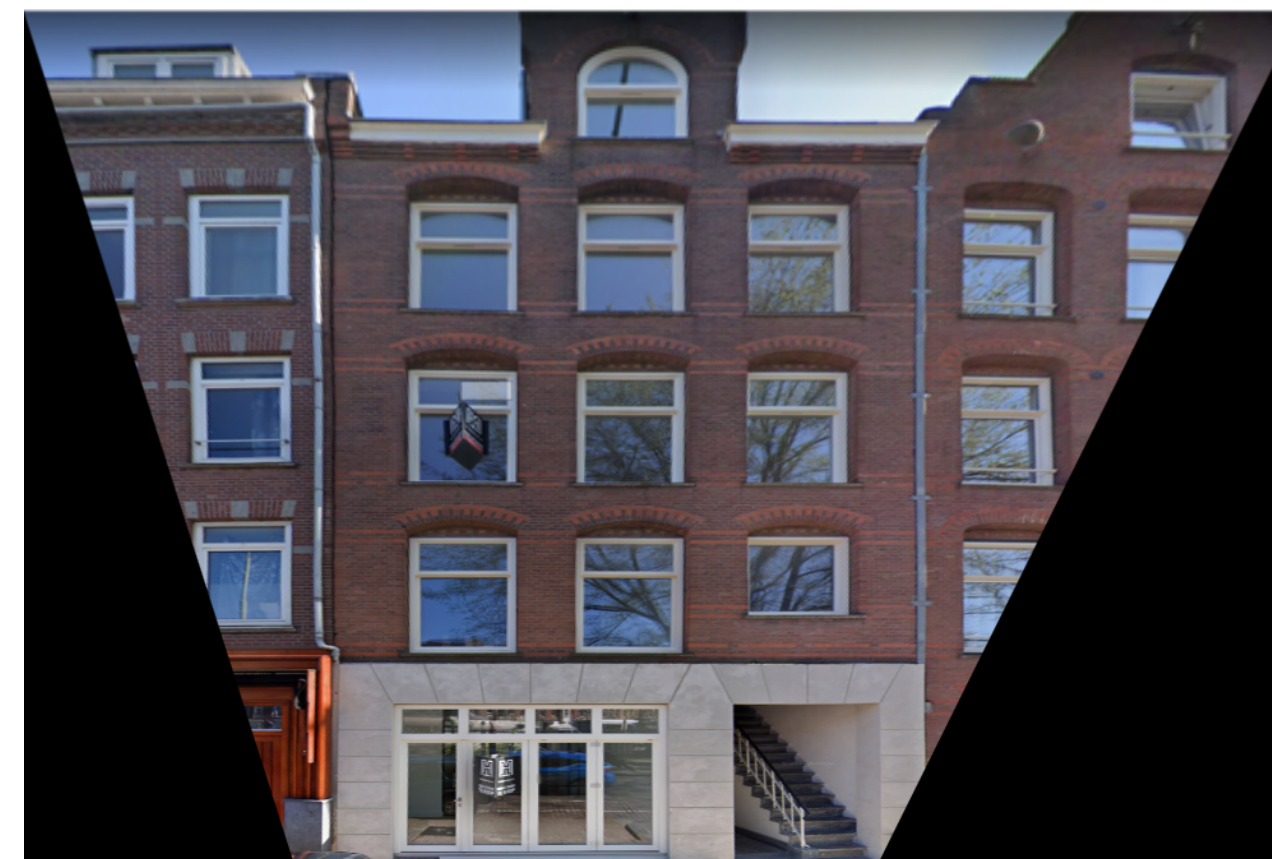
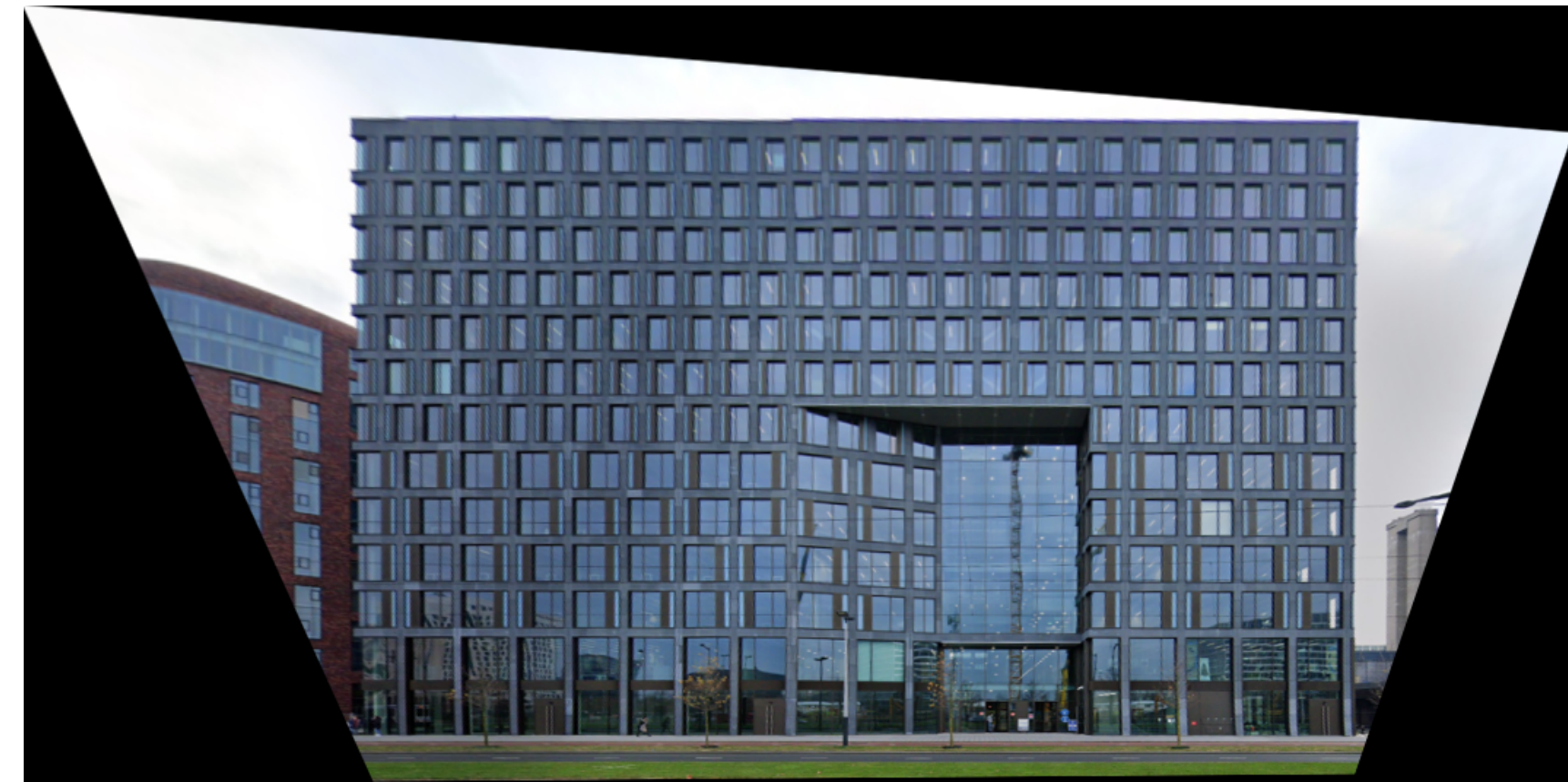
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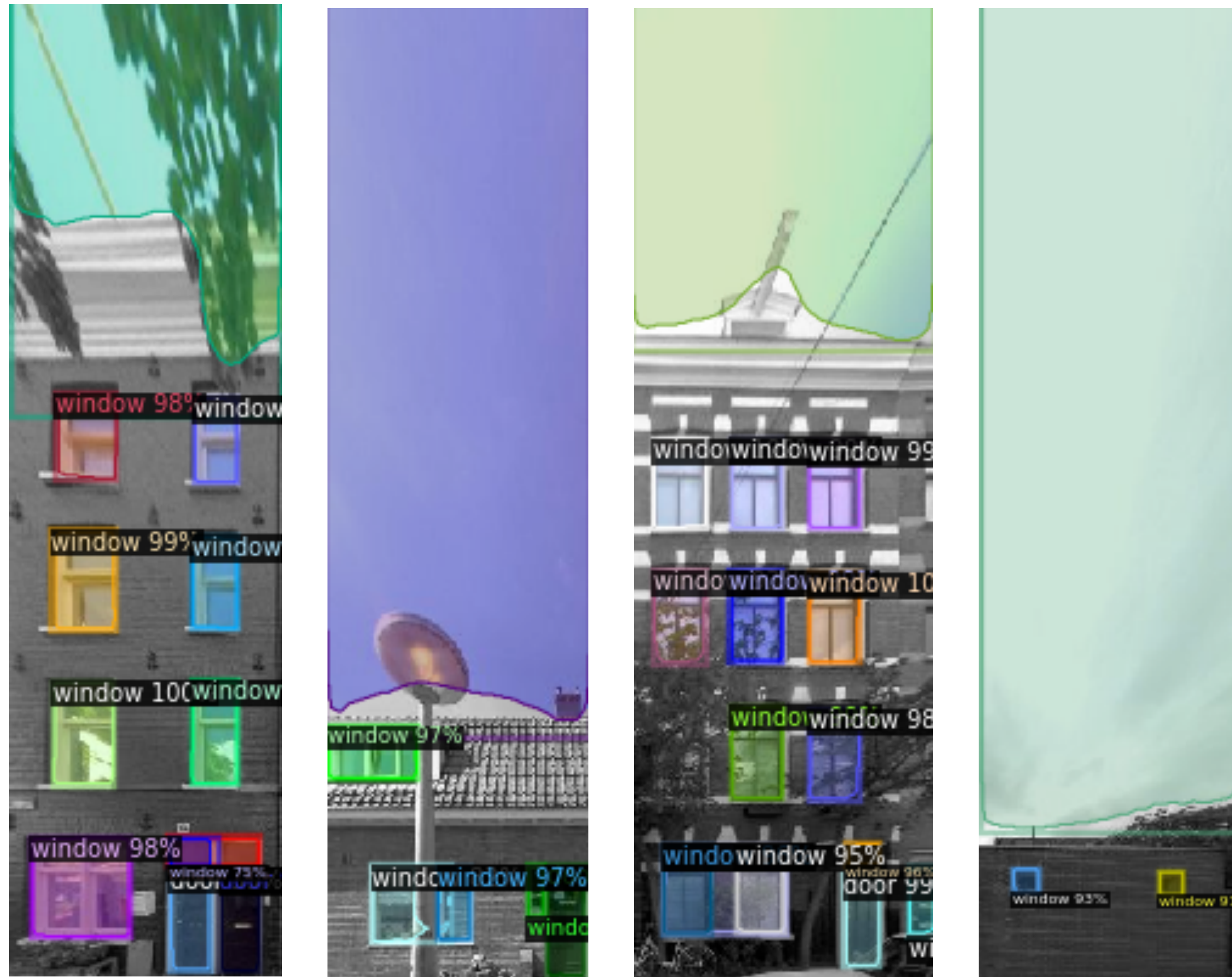
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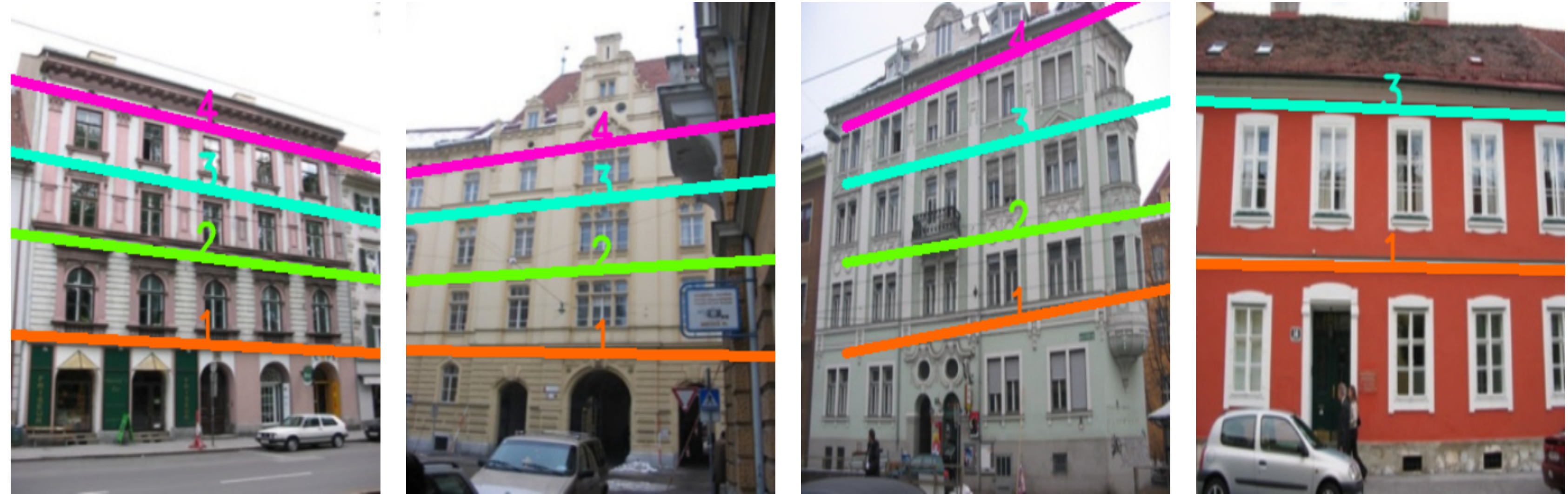


%	Detection	Segmentation
<b>Window</b>	71	72
<b>Door</b>	67	69
<b>Sky</b>	95	98
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<b>API</b>	95	98
<b>AP</b>	78	80

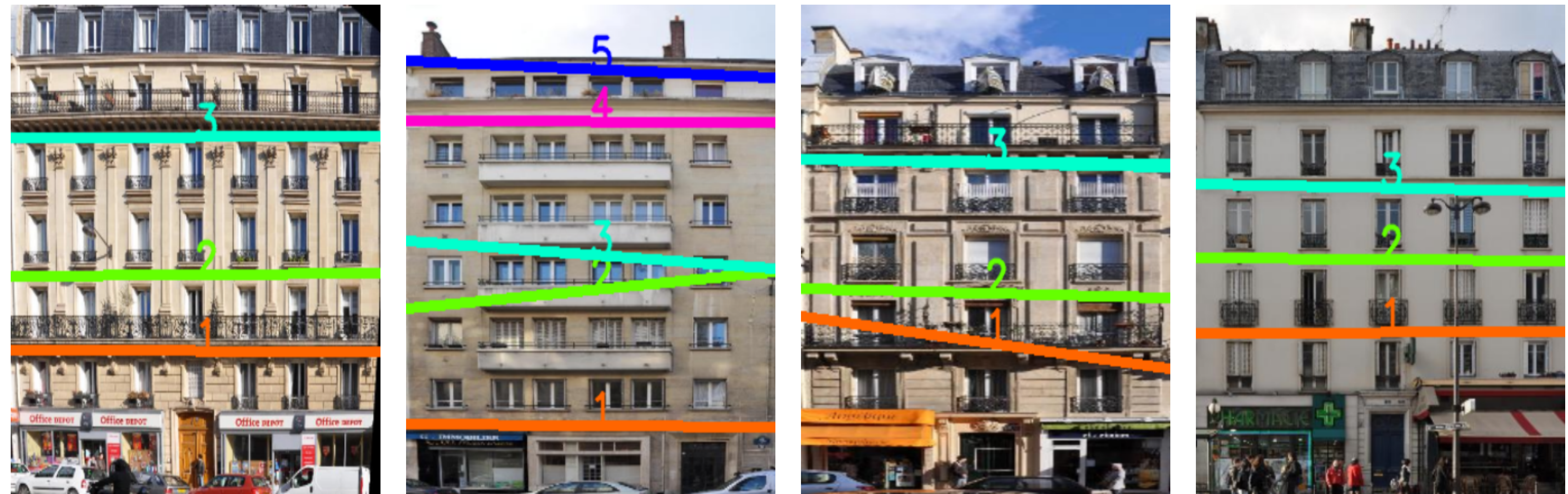
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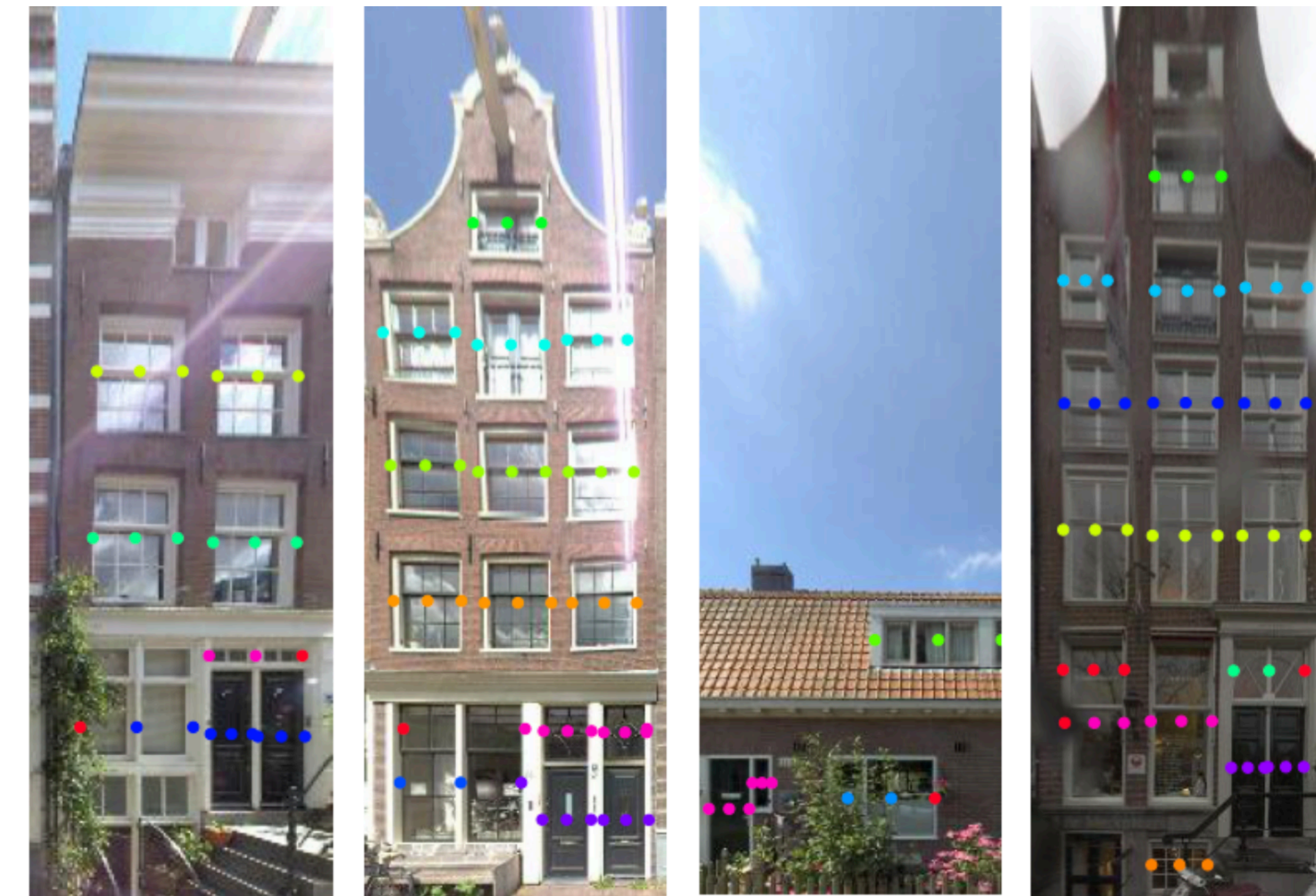
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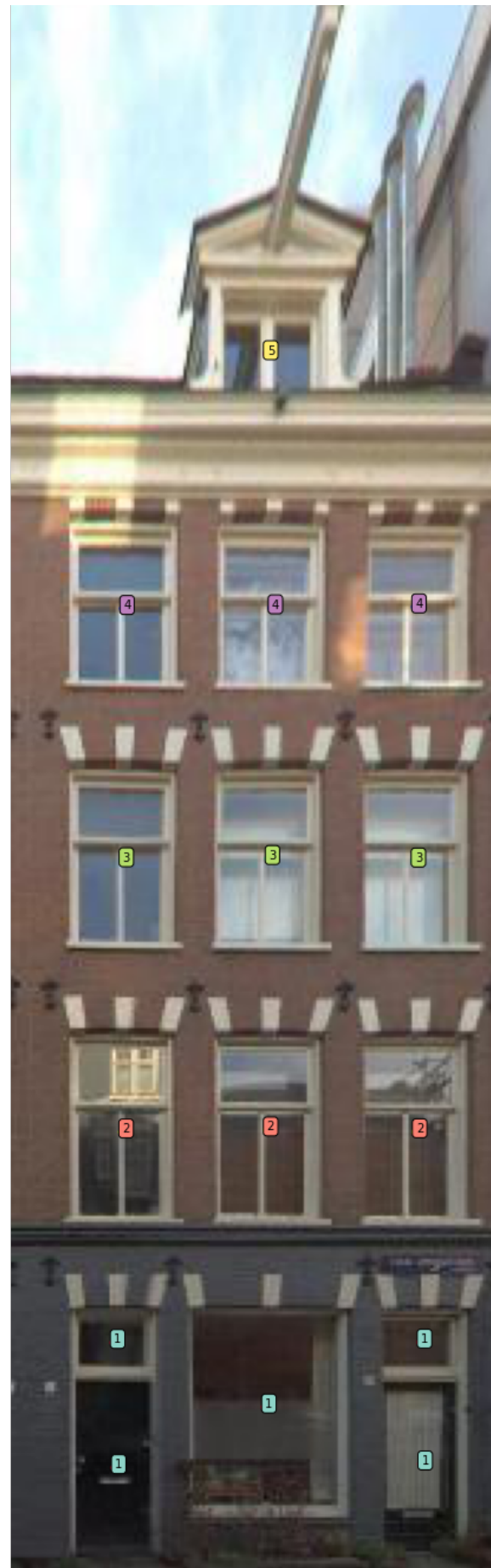
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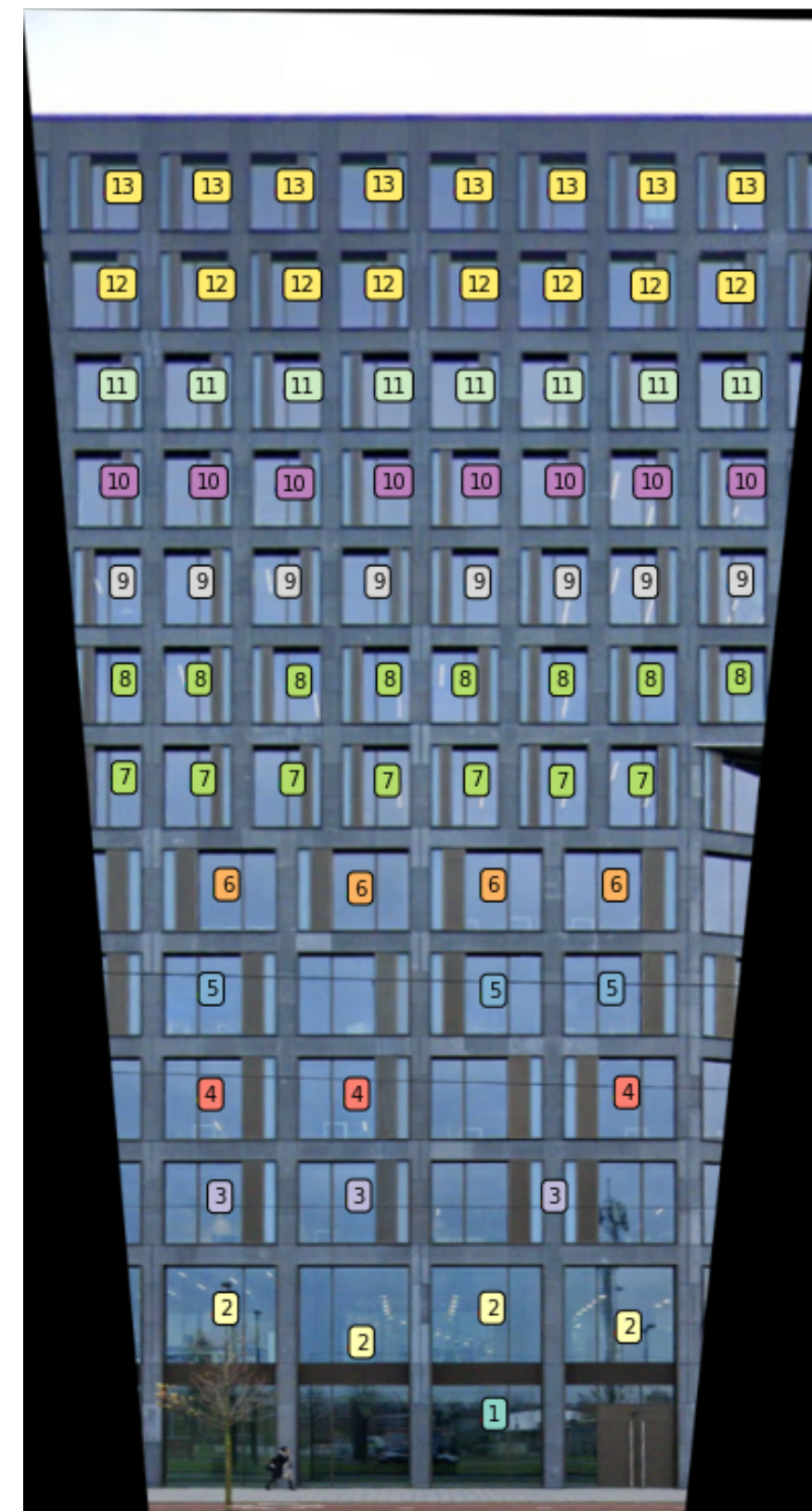
Ams. F.:



ECP:



Wild SVI:



eTRIMS:



# Univariate vertical clustering

*Best results*

Manually tuned facade parsing model:

	Amsterdam Facade [0-7 storeys]			Related works		
	Detection	Segmentation	Segmentation Normalised	Roy [13]	Iannelli [3]	Håbrekke & Nordstad [14]
<b>Accuracy (%)</b> ↑	83	64	80	94.5 (<6 storeys)	85 (<5 storeys)	92
<b>F1 (%)</b> ↑	83	63	79			
<b>MAE (R)</b> ↓	0.17	0.66	0.20			
<b>ME (R)</b> ↓	-0.17	0.30	-0.20			
<b><math>\sigma</math> error (R)</b> ↓	0.38	1.77	0.40			

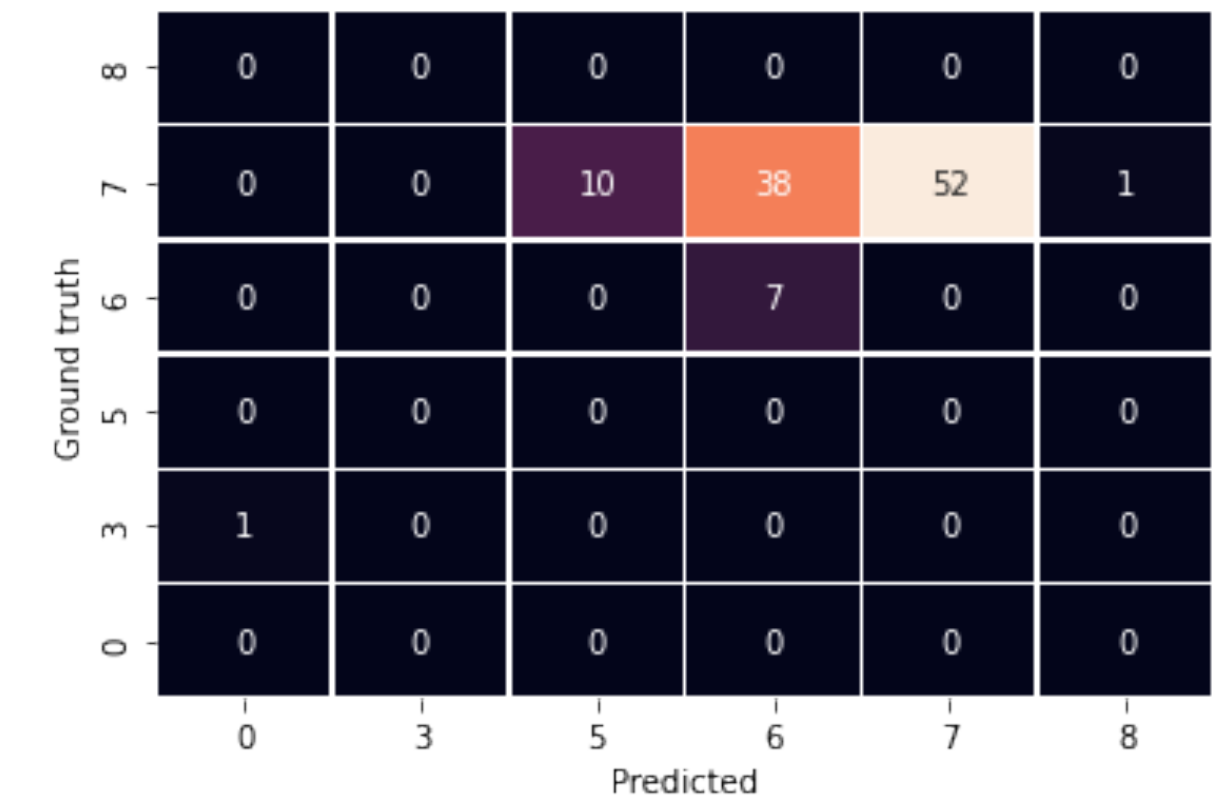
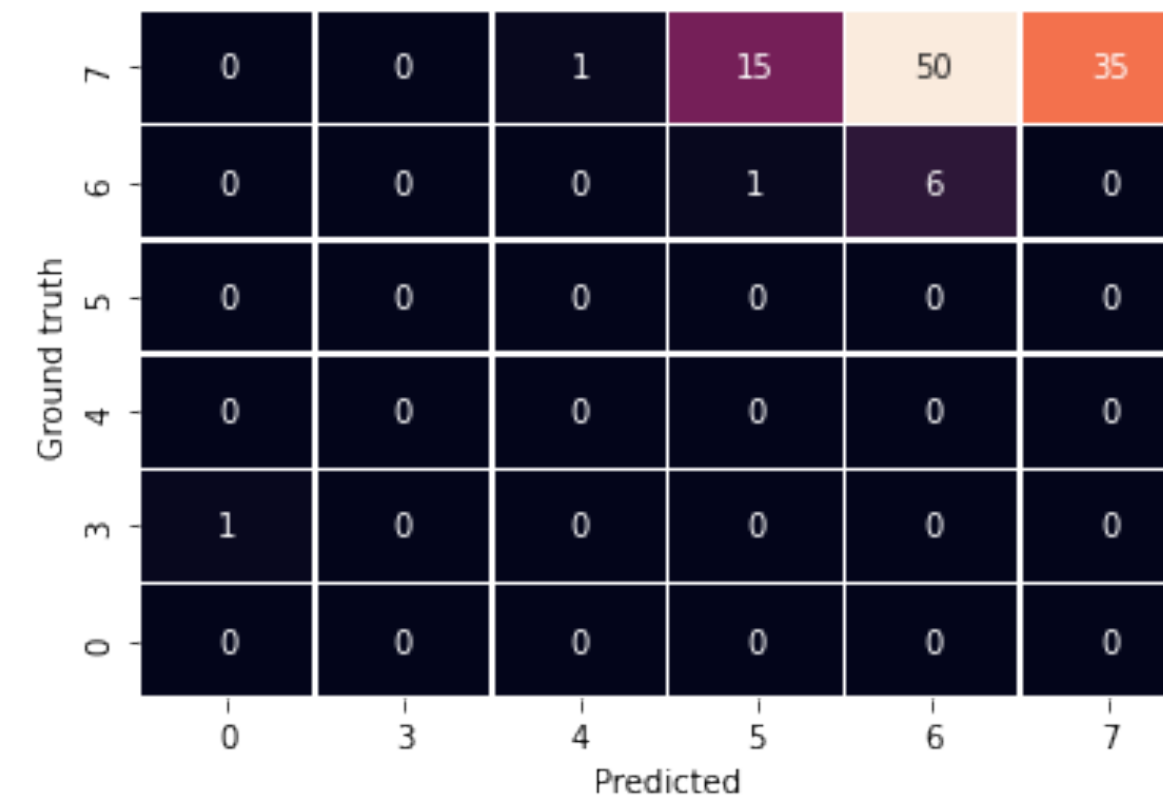
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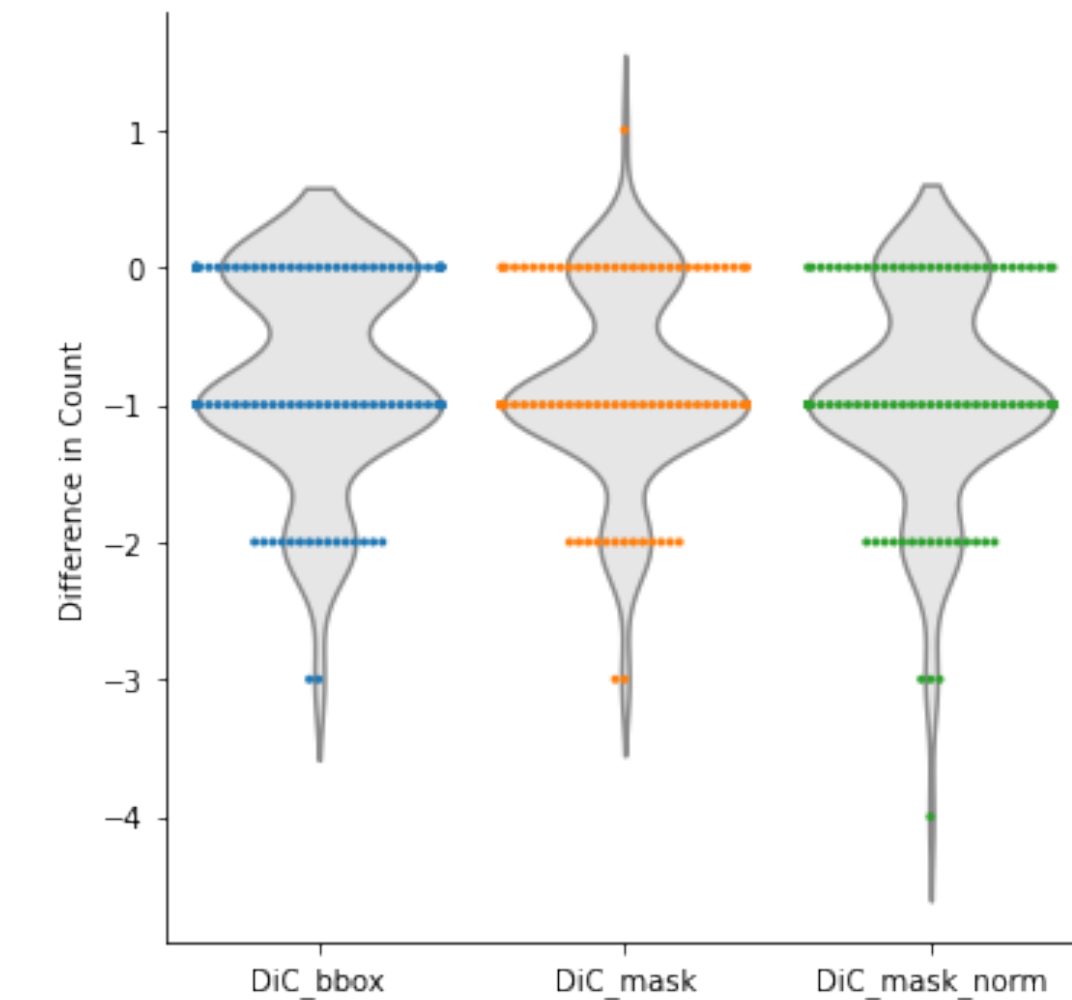
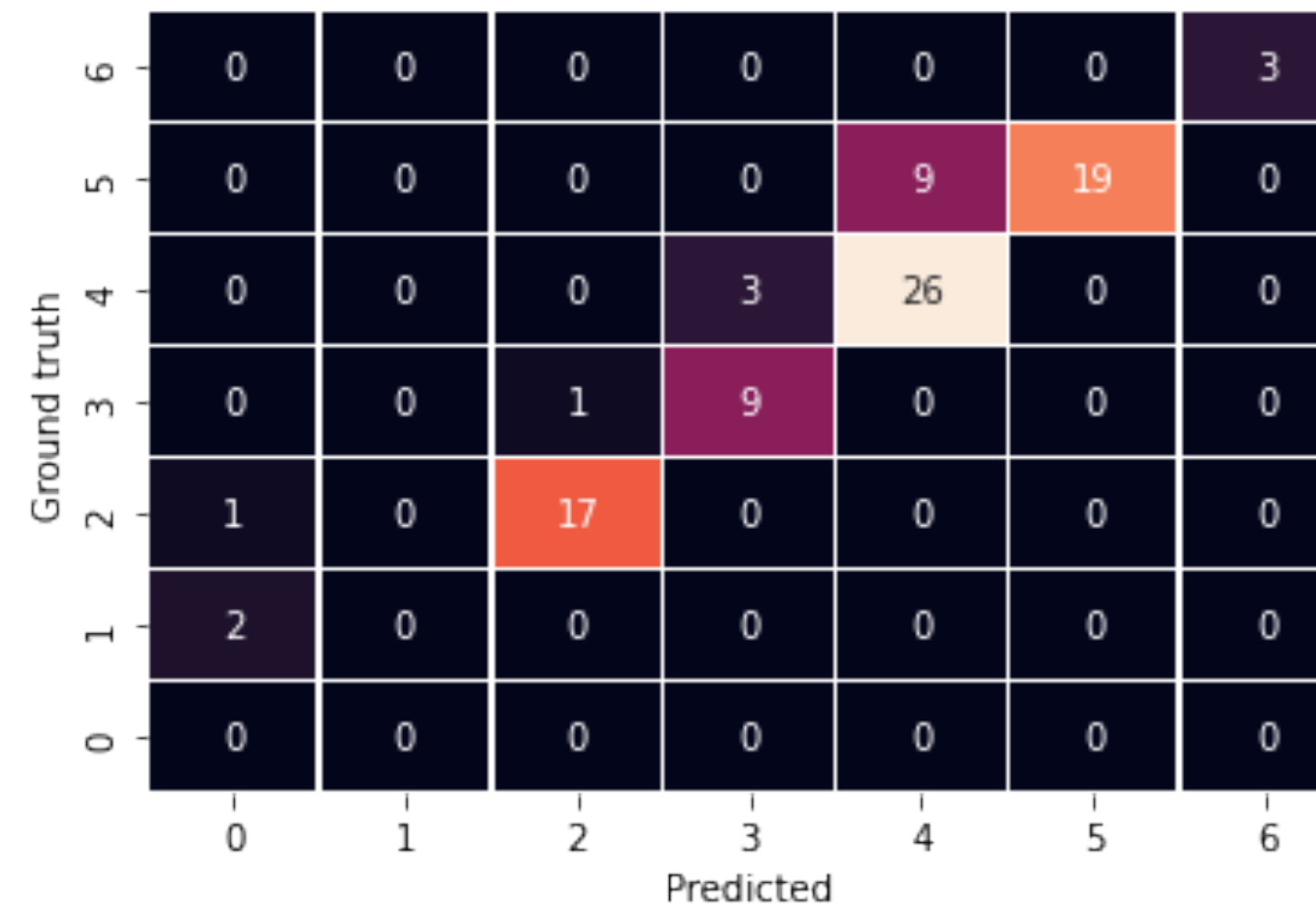
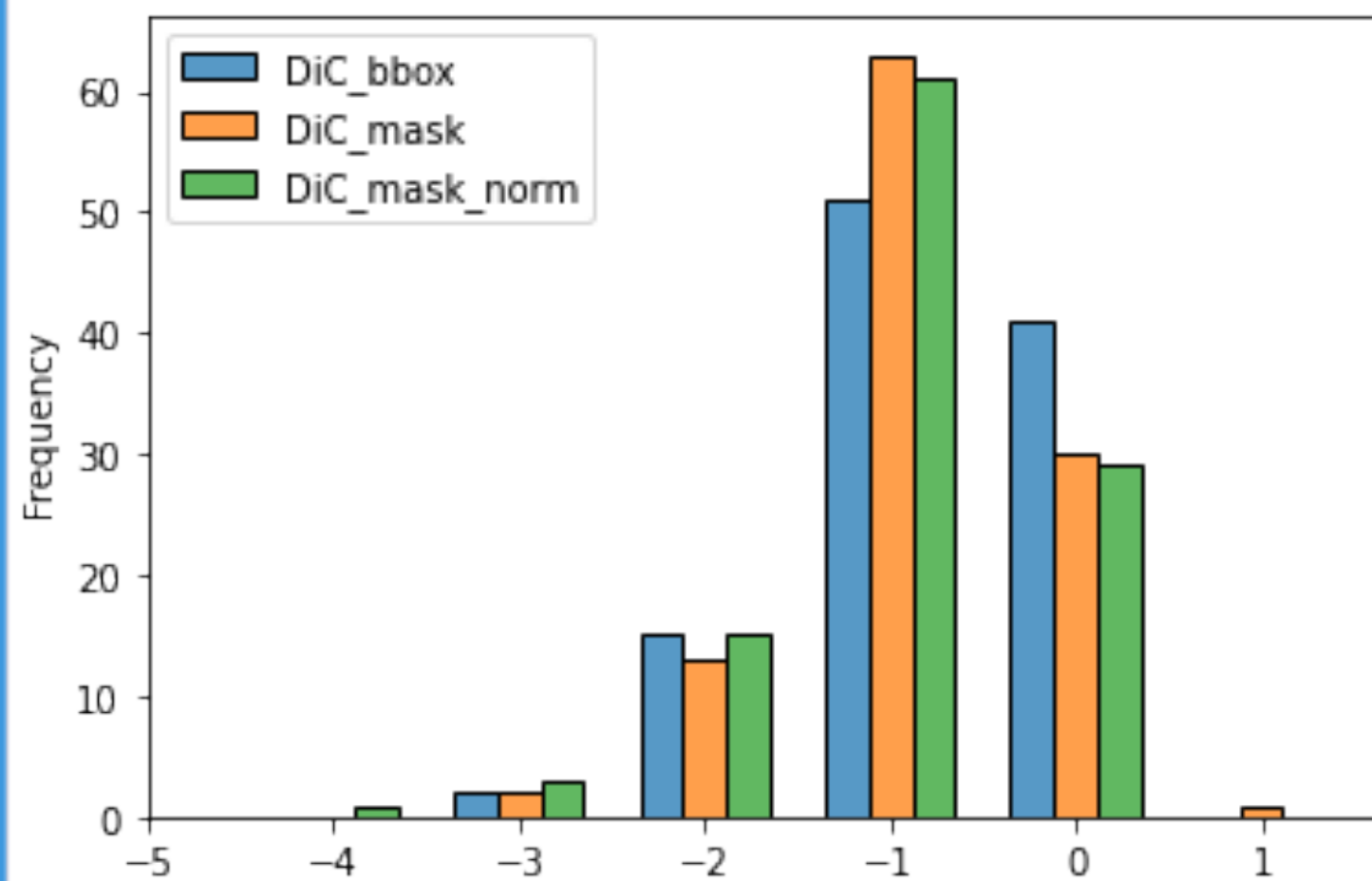
Summary of evaluation on other datasets:

- Automatically tuned façade parsing model generalises better
- Image rectification improvement is not reflected in measurement (+/-)



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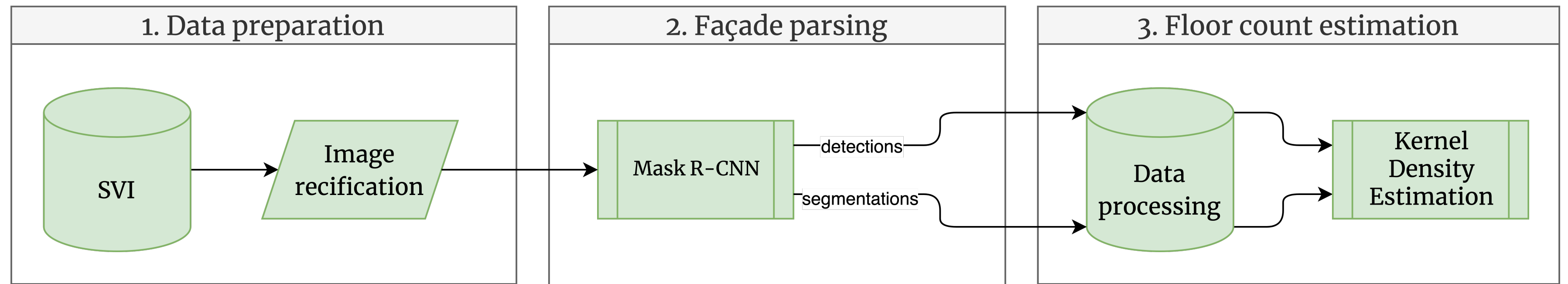




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## How to determine floor count in an image with the use of learning-based façade parsing?



- ▶ **Promising results** for small scale, considering no discrimination in storey-numbers
- ▶ **Mask R-CNN** for façade parsing works well, also gives opportunity to have both detections and segmentations
  - Improvement in façade parsing performance can:
    - ▶ Overcome undershooting
    - ▶ More robust in rectified SVI
  - ▶ Automatically tuned façade parsing model most versatile
- ▶ **Data processing:** Detections -> point selection. Segmentations -> bitmap to pixel-coordinates
- ▶ **KDE**, with maxima finding works well. Combine manual + automatic tuning

# Limitations

- **Dataset:** lack in variability, ground-truth availability, annotation quality
- **Breadth of research:** jack of all trades, master of none
- **SVI coverage and practicality:** simplification of problem, no use of API
- **Computation limitations:** Conservative training routines employed

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# Future work

- **Dataset creation:** use of API, open-source, variability, ground-truth availability, annotation quality, automatic façade retrieval
- **Model sophistication:** FLN → training for higher level semantics, use of attention modules. Also, increase speed.
- **Literature review:** floor count standards, regulations, exception cases
- **Improve vertical clustering:** KDE optimisation, eg parameter search, manual + automatic harmonisation

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

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# Additional results

Manually tuned facade parsing model:

		Ams. Façade	ECP	eTRIMS	eTRIMS rect	wild	wild rect
Detection based data	MAE ↓	<b>0.17</b>	0.80	0.65	0.5	2.24	2.36
	ME ↓	<b>-0.17</b>	-0.80	0.32	<b>0.17</b>	-1.57	-2.18
	$\sigma$ error ↓	<b>0.38</b>	0.74	0.93	0.74	3.78	3.45
	f1 ↑	<b>0.83</b>	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.21	0.35
	Accuracy ↑	<b>0.83</b>	0.38	0.48	0.53	0.24	0.32
Segmentation based data	MAE ↓	<b>0.66</b>	0.88	1.92	7.9	2.10	2.86
	ME ↓	<b>0.30</b>	-0.86	1.68	7.73	-0.76	0.32
	$\sigma$ error ↓	1.77	<b>0.70</b>	4.31	20.65	4.05	5.06
	f1 ↑	<b>0.63</b>	0.38	0.36	0.41	0.44	0.19
	Accuracy ↑	<b>0.64</b>	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.43	0.23
Segmentation based data (normalised)	MAE ↓	<b>0.20</b>	0.95	0.60	0.65	1.90	2.23
	ME ↓	<b>-0.20</b>	-0.95	0.30	0.42	-1.90	-2.14
	$\sigma$ error ↓	<b>0.40</b>	0.77	0.83	1.11	3.39	3.37
	f1 ↑	<b>0.79</b>	0.36	0.49	0.50	0.48	0.28
	Accuracy ↑	<b>0.80</b>	0.27	0.48	0.50	0.48	0.32

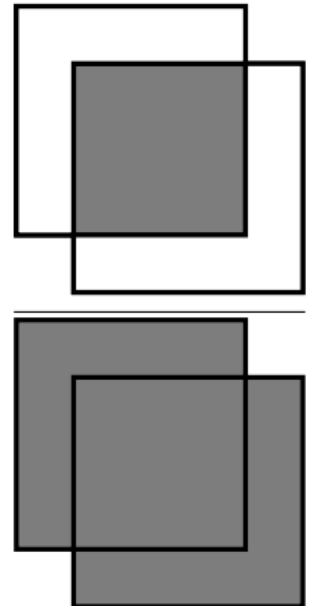
Automatically tuned facade parsing model:

		Ams Façade	ECP	eTRIMS	eTRIMS rect	wild	wild rect
Detection based data	MAE ↓	<b>0.19</b>	0.57	0.45	0.34	2.32	2.86
	ME ↓	<b>-0.19</b>	-0.55	0.15	<b>0.03</b>	-1.68	-2.00
	$\sigma$ error	<b>0.42</b>	0.71	0.84	0.64	3.46	3.21
	f1↑	<b>0.83</b>	0.65	0.67	0.69	0.23	0.23
	Accuracy ↑	<b>0.82</b>	0.54	0.67	0.70	0.23	0.24
Segmentation based data	MAE ↓	1.0	<b>0.86</b>	2.62	3.28	2.55	5.33
	ME ↓	0.66	<b>-0.33</b>	2.42	3.15	0.36	3.90
	$\sigma$ error ↓	3.20	<b>2.40</b>	5.06	7.44	5.35	10.83
	f1↑	<b>0.63</b>	0.61	0.35	0.51	0.35	0.30
	Accuracy ↑	<b>0.63</b>	0.49	0.35	0.50	0.32	0.29
Segmentation based data (normalised)	MAE ↓	<b>0.23</b>	0.66	0.47	0.48	2.00	2.10
	ME ↓	<b>-0.17</b>	-0.66	0.20	<b>0.15</b>	-1.91	-1.90
	$\sigma$ error ↓	<b>0.48</b>	0.71	0.80	0.80	2.69	3.05
	f1 ↑	<b>0.77</b>	0.59	0.64	0.58	0.26	0.27
	Accuracy ↑	<b>0.78</b>	0.48	0.63	0.58	0.27	0.29

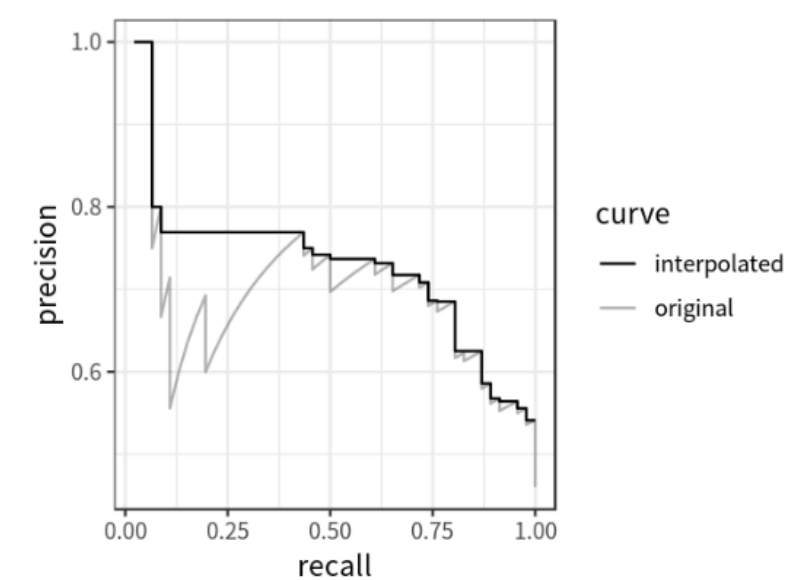
# Metrics

$$\textit{precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\textit{recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$\textit{IoU} = \frac{\text{area of overlap}}{\text{area of union}} =$$


The diagram shows two overlapping rectangles. The top rectangle is white with a black outline, and the bottom rectangle is solid grey. The overlapping region is shaded in a darker grey. The formula to the left indicates that IoU is the ratio of the area of this overlapping region to the total area of both rectangles combined (the union).



$$\textit{Accuracy} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1(y_i = \hat{y}_i)$$

$$\textit{MAE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$$

$$\textit{ME} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \hat{y}_i}{n}$$

$$\textit{F1} = 2 * \frac{\textit{precision} * \textit{recall}}{\textit{precision} + \textit{recall}}$$

$$\textit{DiC} = \#L^{\textit{pred}} - \#L^{\textit{gt}}$$

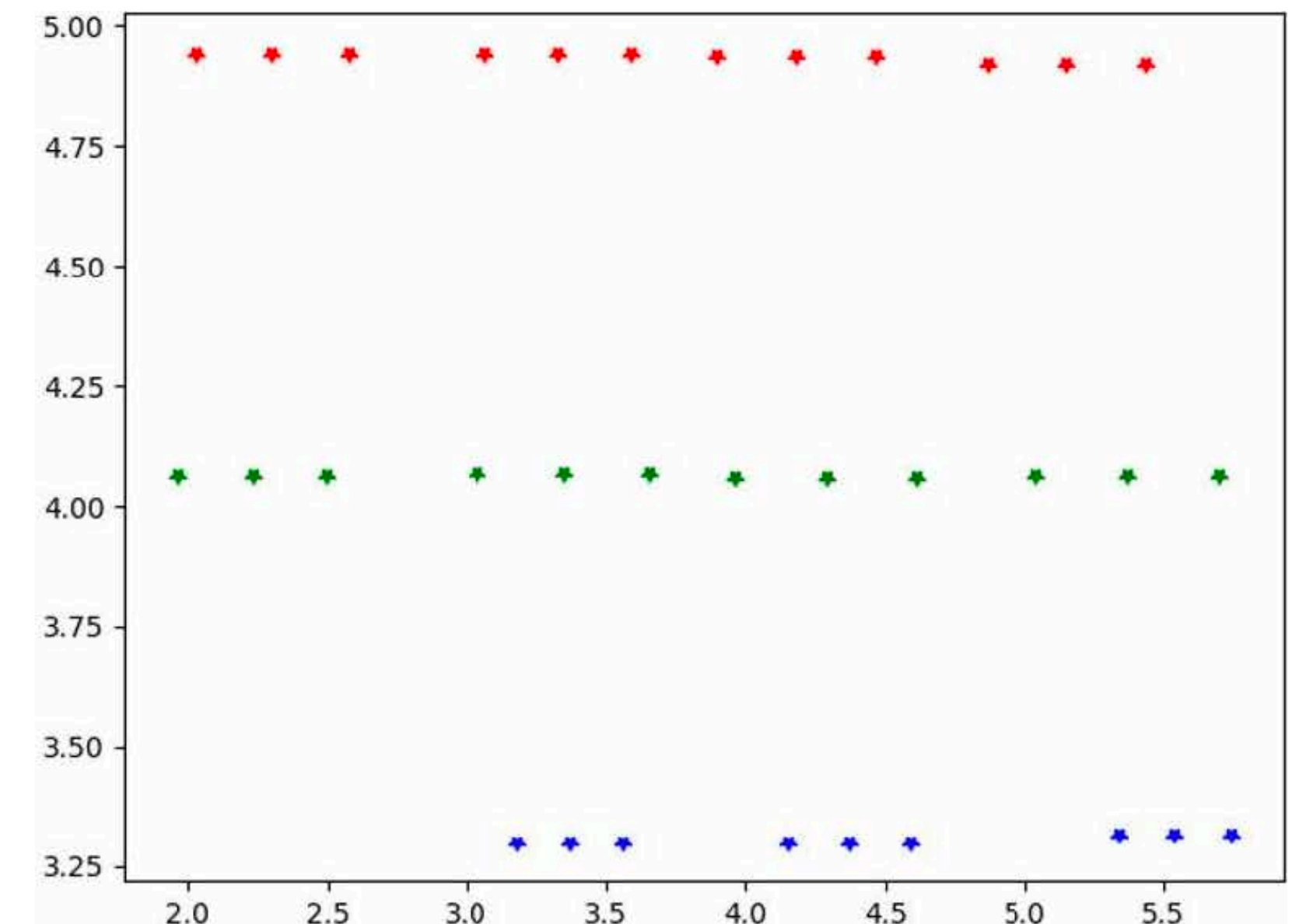


# Window detection + line fitting

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Limitation: Restrictive rule-set