
Model fitting and regularization

(discrete optimization approach)

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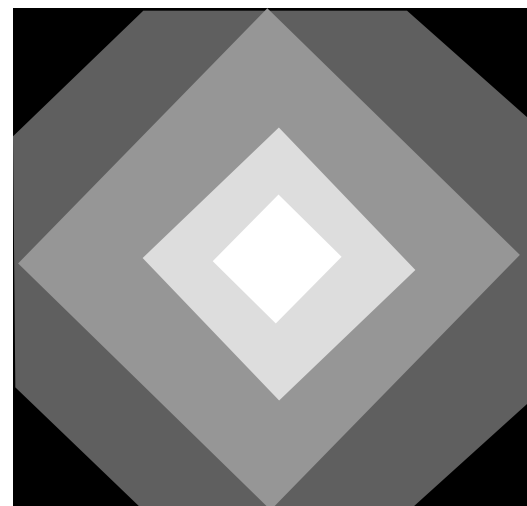
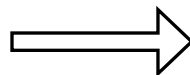
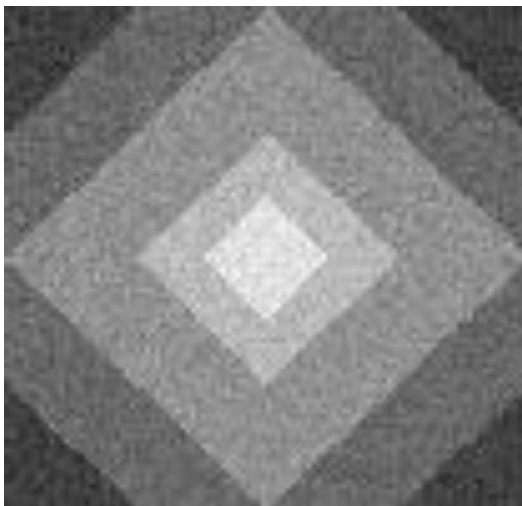
Overview

- Label costs (high-order sparsity prior)
- Model fitting
 - dealing with continuum of labels
 - K-means and EM + regularization
- Applications
 - unsupervised image segmentation, compression
 - geometric model fitting (lines, circles, planes, homographies, motion,...)

Potts model

(piece-wise constant labeling)

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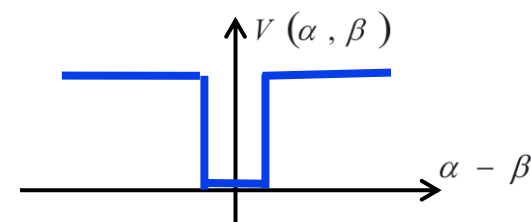


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- NP-hard, many local minima
- provably good approximations (**a-expansion**)

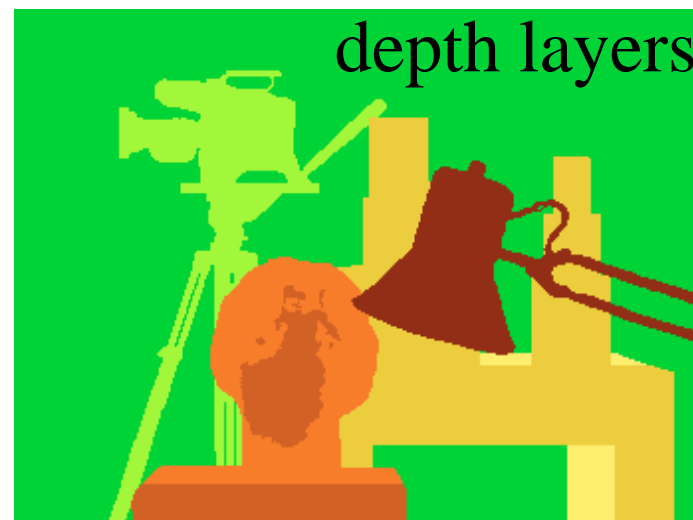
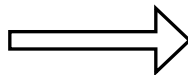
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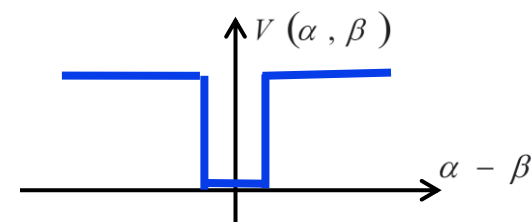


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■ Leclerc [PAMI 89]

- MDL framework, graduated non-convexity

Λ - set of labels
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■ Zhu & Yuille [PAMI 96]

- cont. framework (gradient descent + merging heuristics)

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■ Torr [PTRS 98], Li [CVPR 2007]

- AIC/BIC framework, only 1st and 3rd terms
- Seq. RANSAC heuristic (Torr), LP relaxation w/o any guarantees (Li)

■ Brox & Weikert [DAGM 04], Ayed & Mitiche [TIP'08]

- Level-sets with merging heuristics (Brox)
- Multi-level sets (Ayed)

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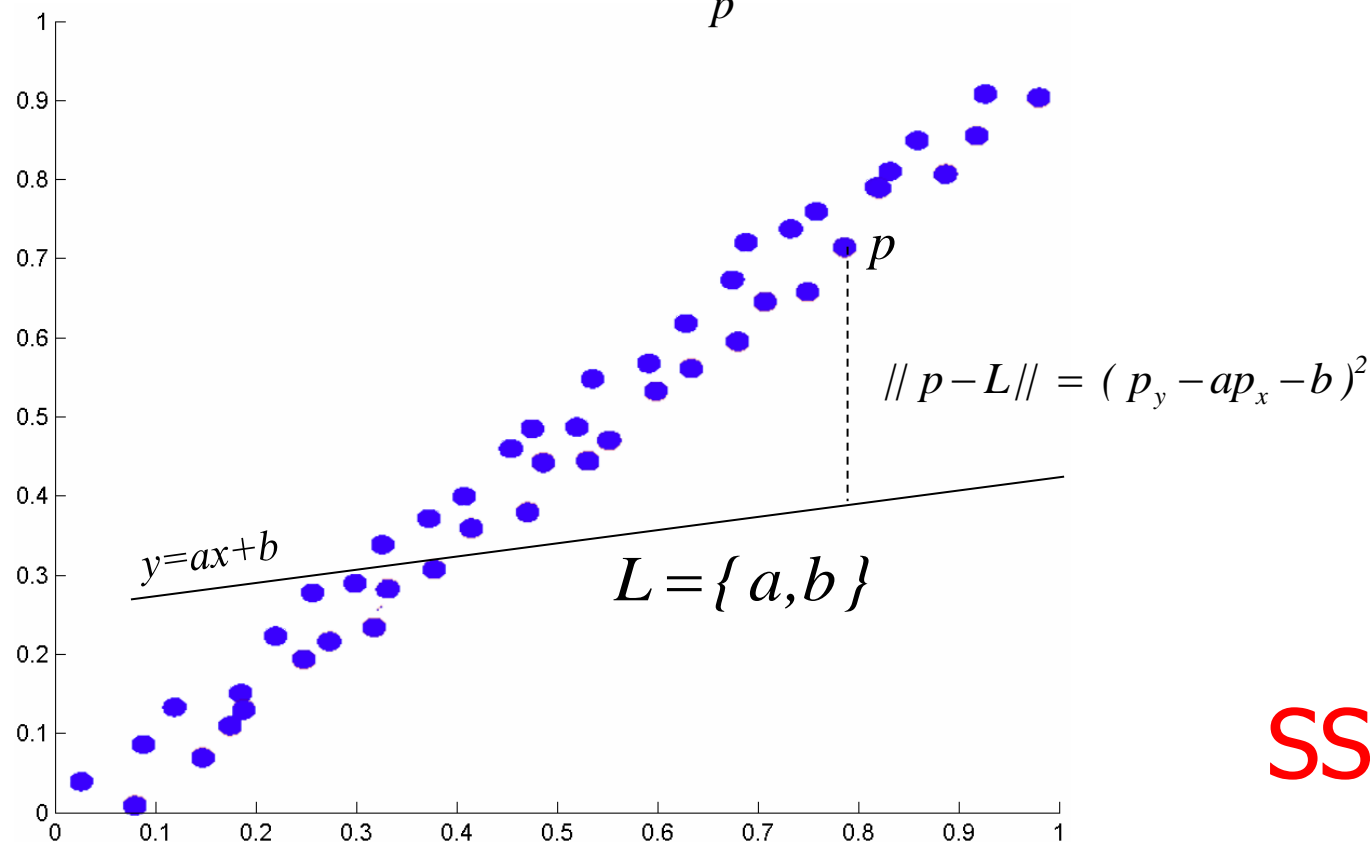
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- Our work [CVPR 2010, IJCV 2011]
 - subsets of labels
 - multiple combinatorial algorithms w. optimality bounds
 - **a-expansion++** (3rd term is a high-order clique)
 - **UFL heuristics** for 1st & 3rd term [Barinova et al., CVPR'10]
 - generic model fitting applications

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Model fitting

$$\hat{L} = \arg \min_L \sum_p ||p - L||$$



SSD

many outliers

quadratic errors fail

use more robust
error measures, e.g.

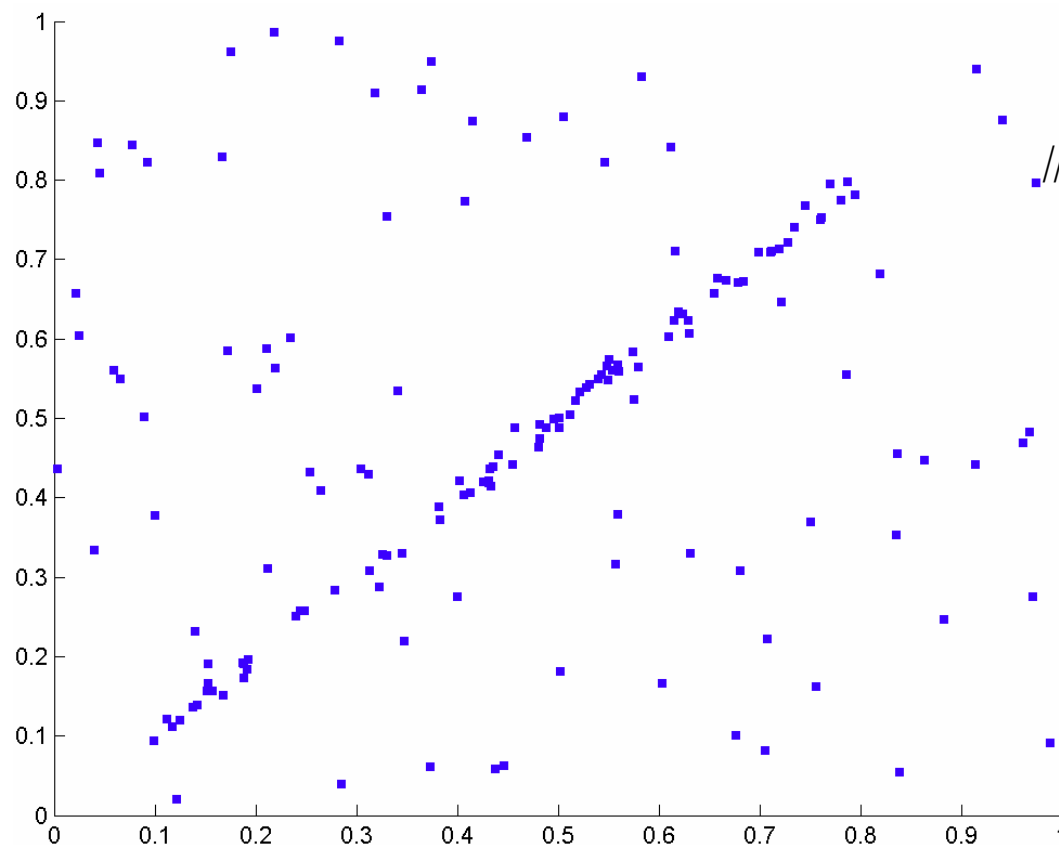
$$\|p - L\| = |p_y - ap_x - b|$$

gives "MEDIAN" line

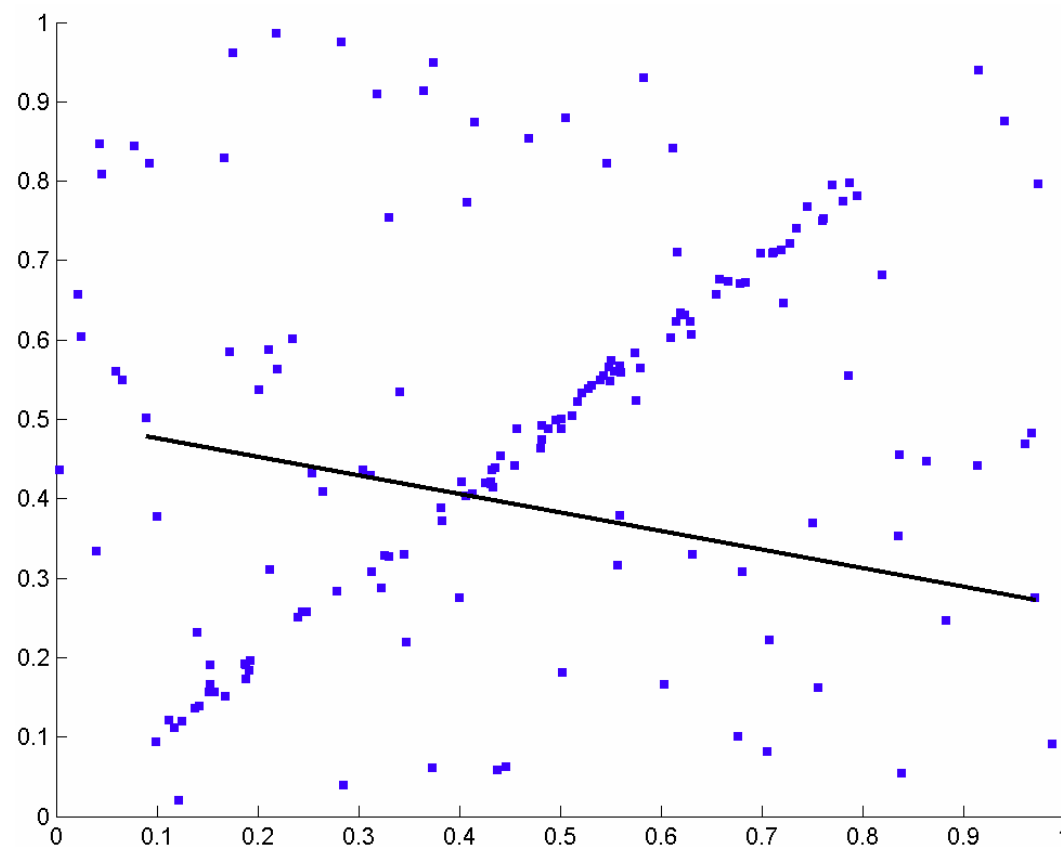
- more expensive
computations
(non-differentiable)

- **still fails if
outliers exceed
50%**

RANSAC



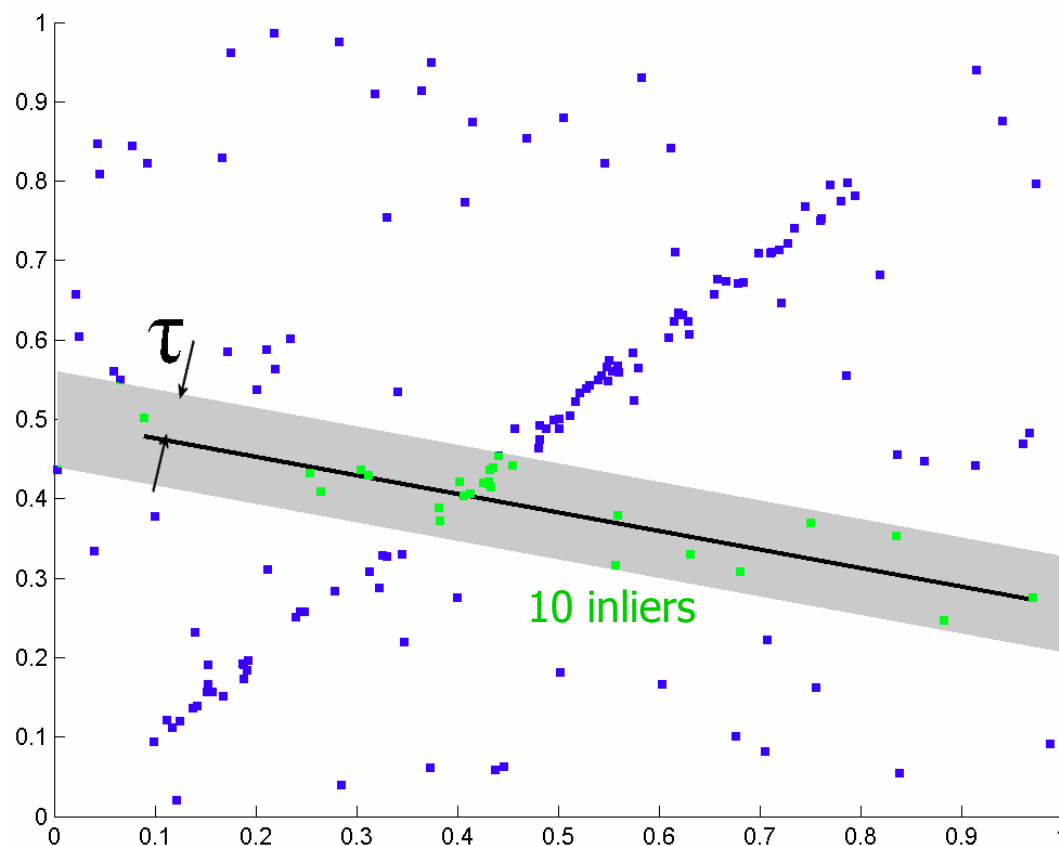
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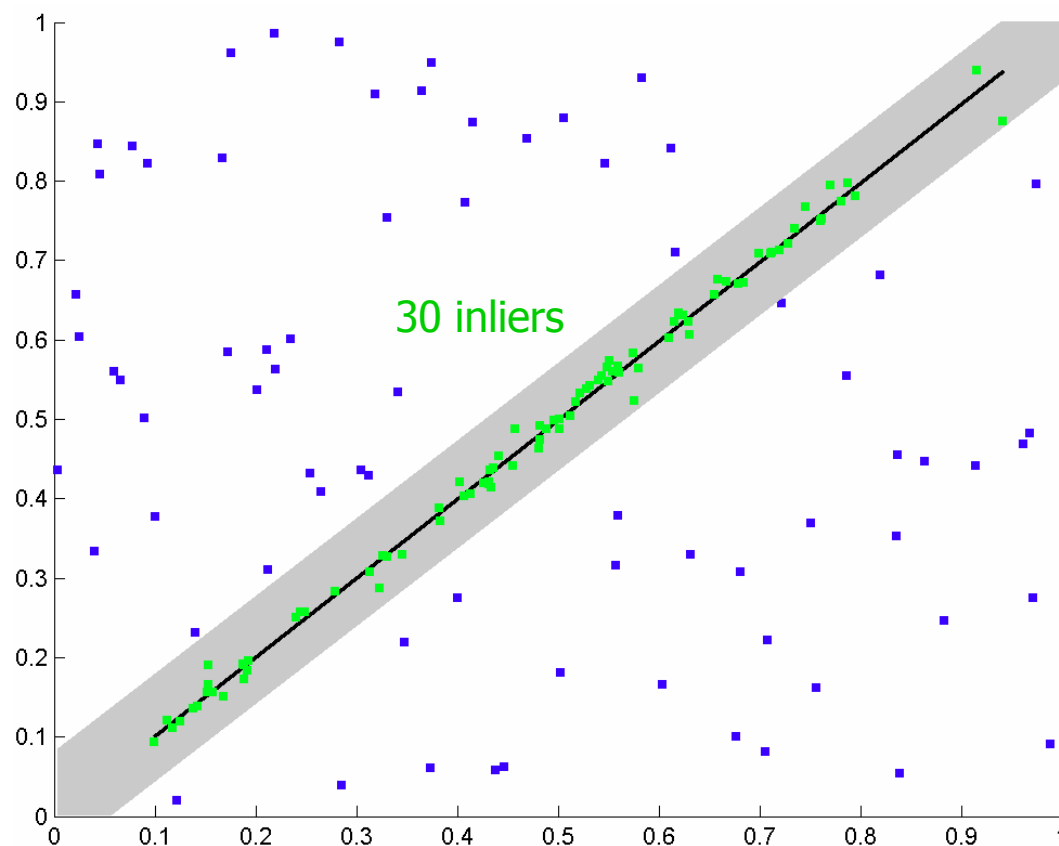
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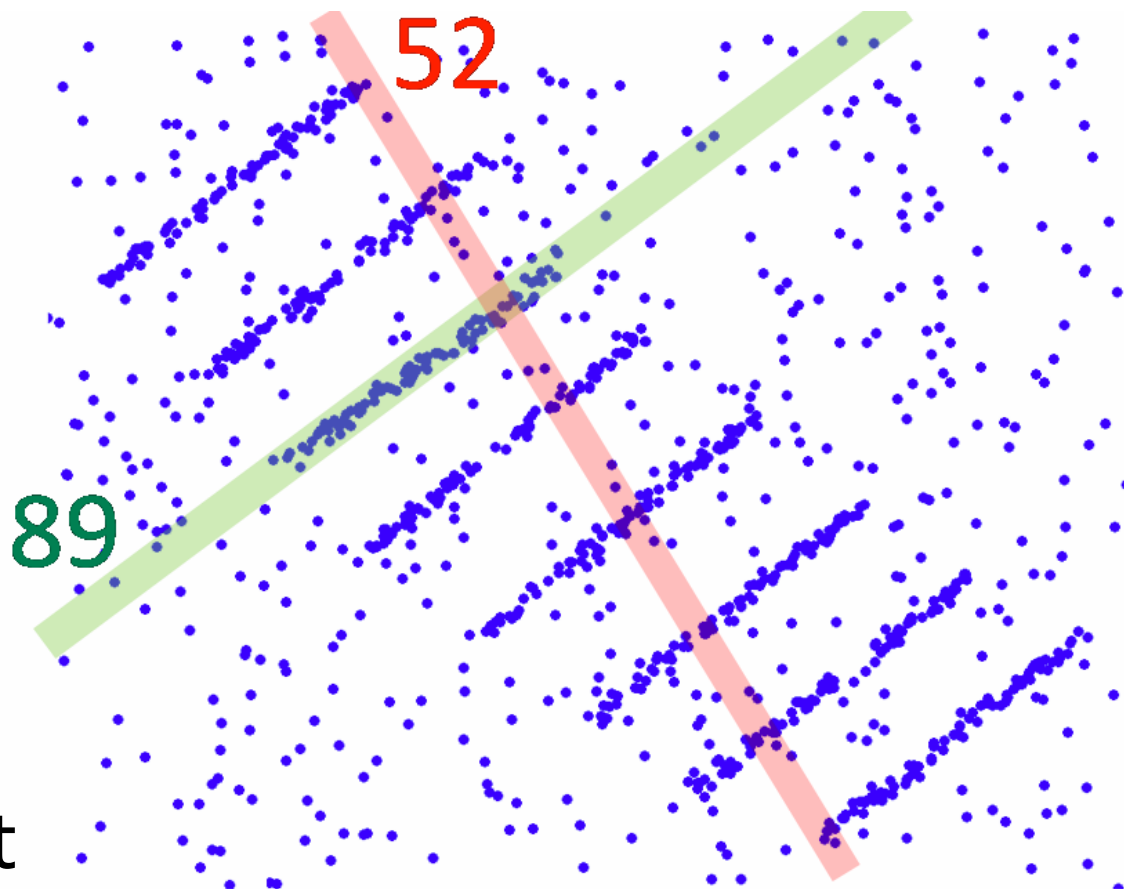


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3. repeat N times and
select model with
most inliers

RANSAC

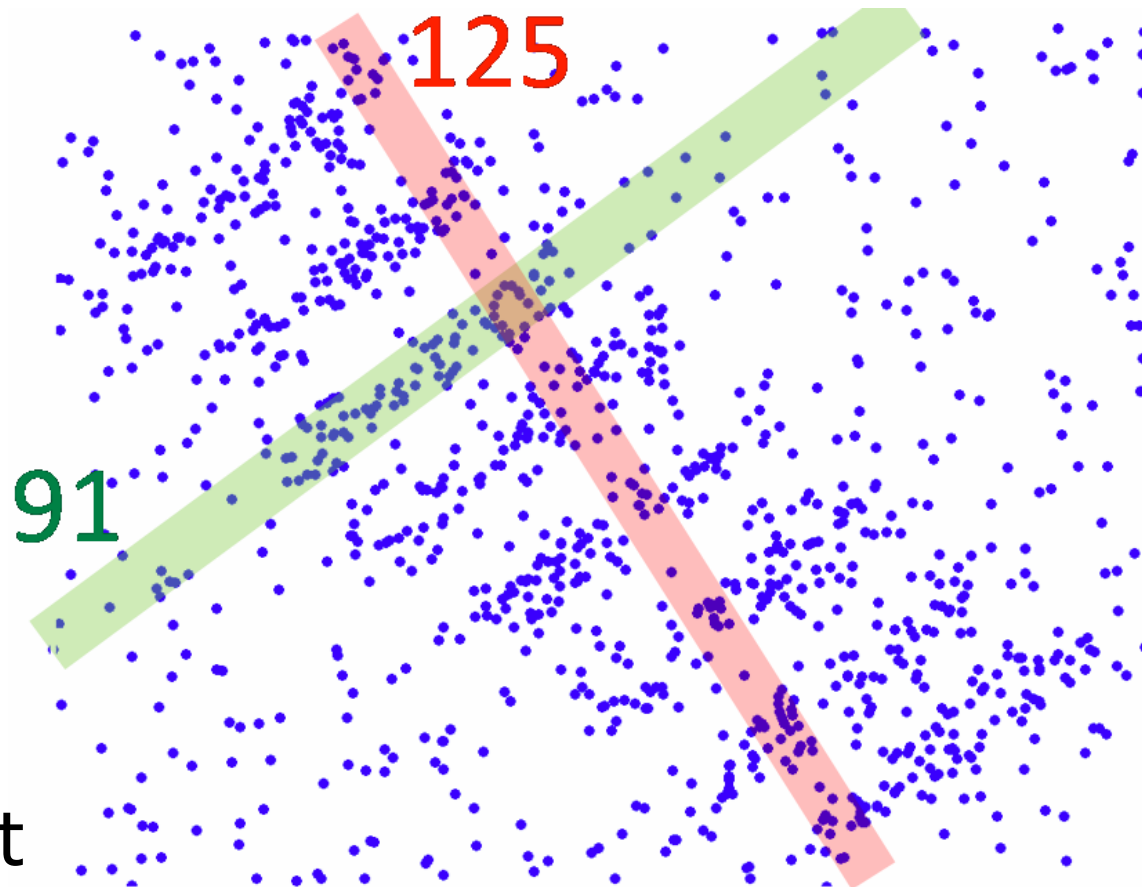
Multiple models and many outliers



Why not
RANSAC
again?

sequential RANSAC (Torr 98)

Multiple models and many outliers



*Higher
noise*

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In general, maximization of inliers
does not work for
outliers + **multiple** models

Energy-based approach

$$E(L) = \sum_p \| p - L \|$$

energy-based interpretation
of RANSAC criteria for
single model fitting:

- find optimal **label** L
for one very specific
error measure

$$\| dist \| = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } dist \leq T \\ 1, & \text{if } dist > T \end{cases}$$

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If **multiple** models

- assign different models
(labels L_p) to every point p

- find optimal **labeling**

$$L = \{ L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n \}$$

Need regularization!

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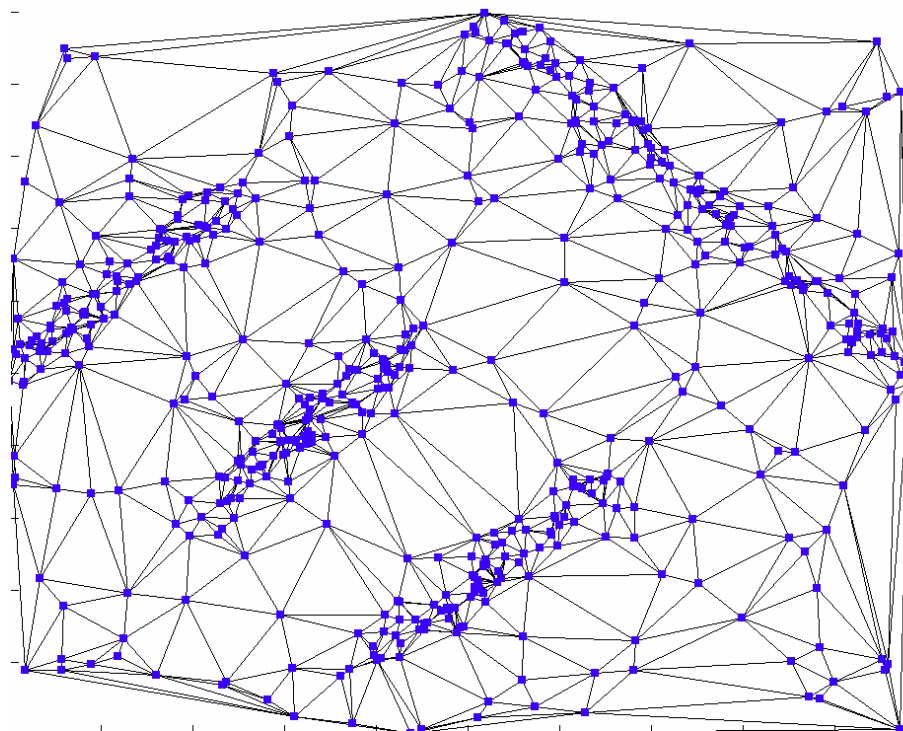
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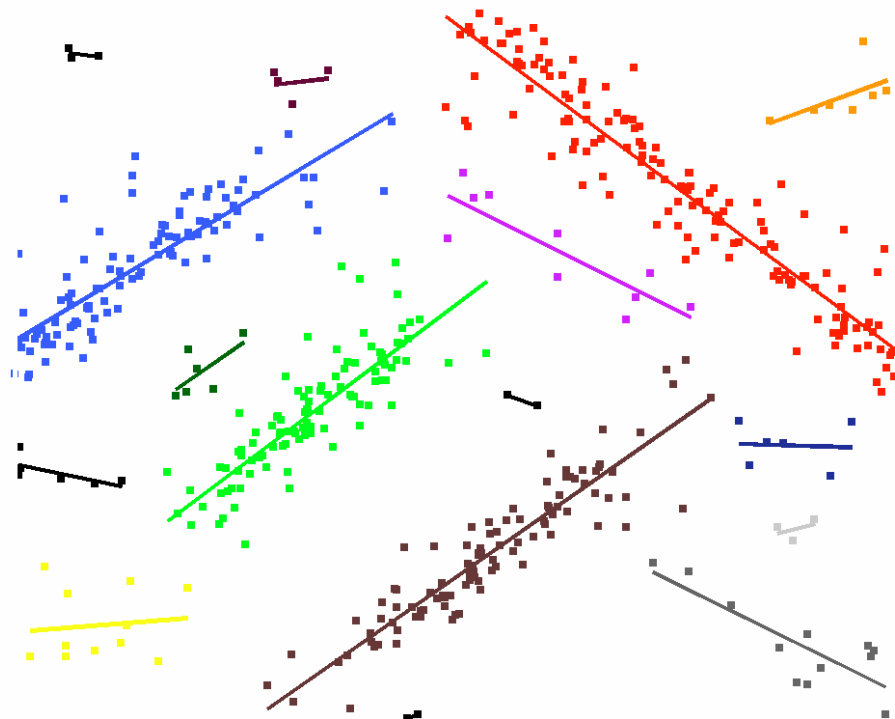
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Practical problem: number of potential labels (models) is huge,
how can we use a-expansion designed for a finite set of labels?

Discrete optimization for continuum of labels?

example: line detection

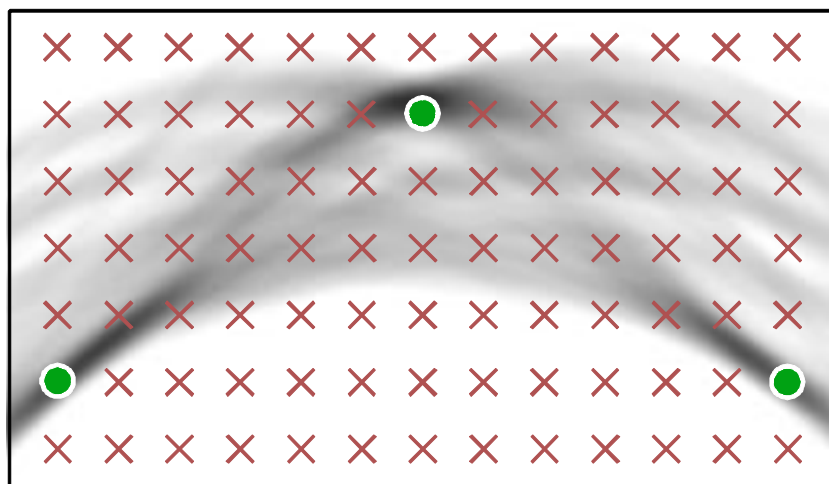


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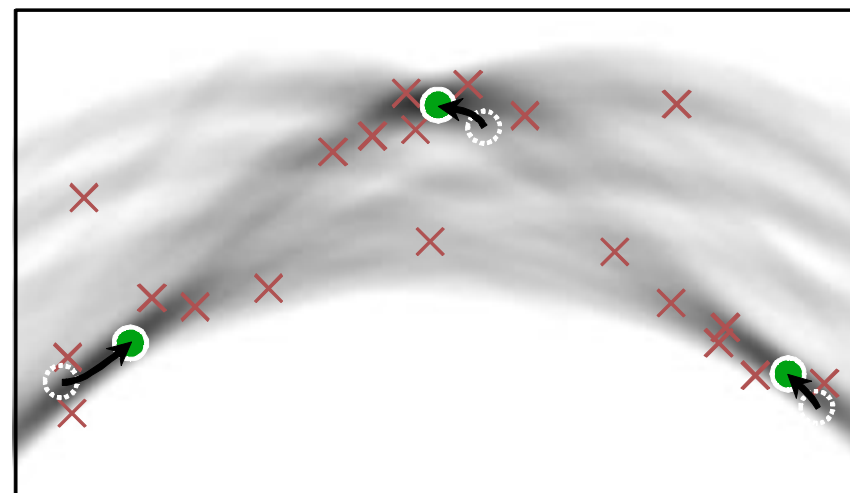
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Hough transform (that is, **space of lines**)



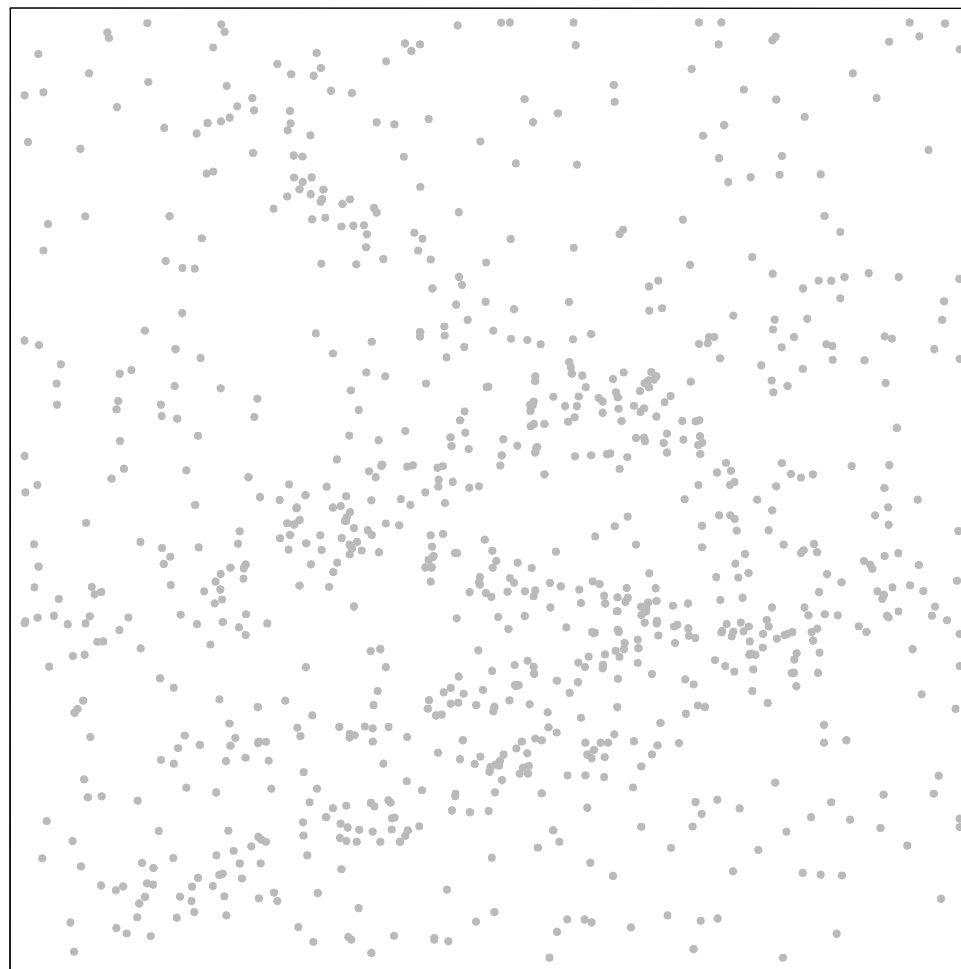
Uniform discretization of label space



Adaptive exploration of label space (PEARL)

PEARL

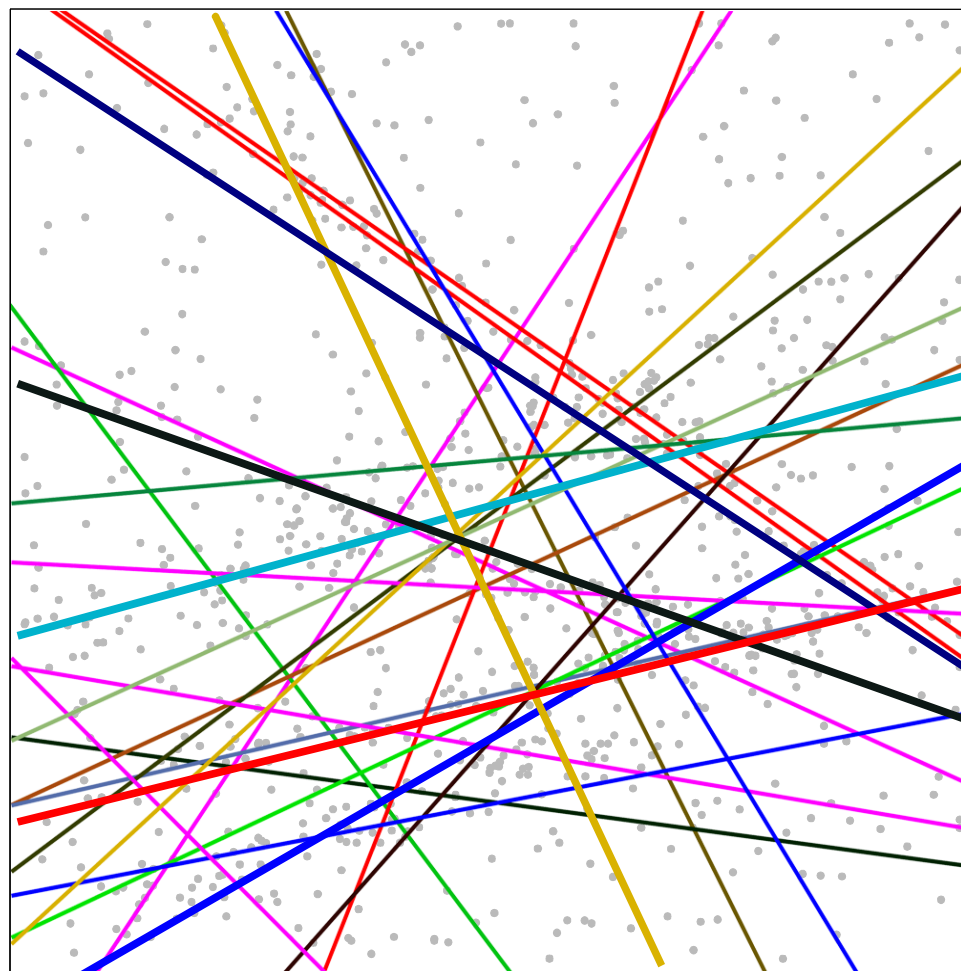
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And
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data points

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sample data
to generate
a **finite set**
of **initial**
labels

 Λ

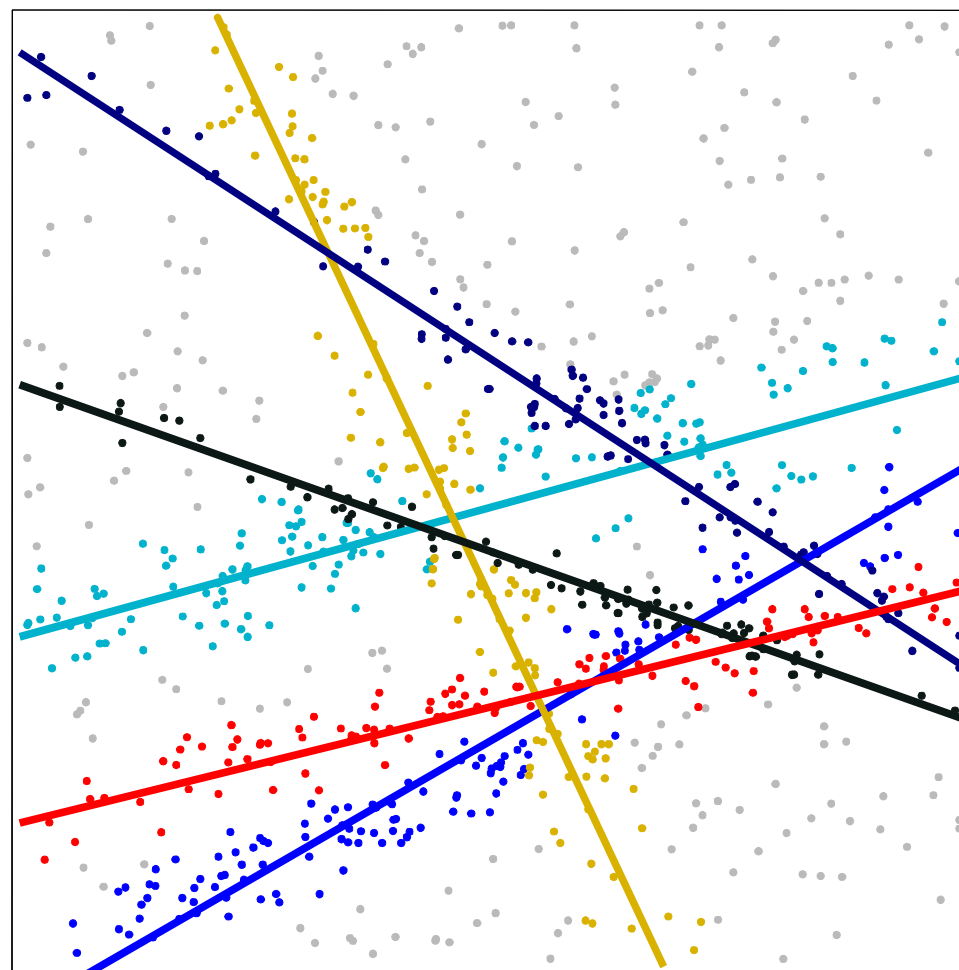
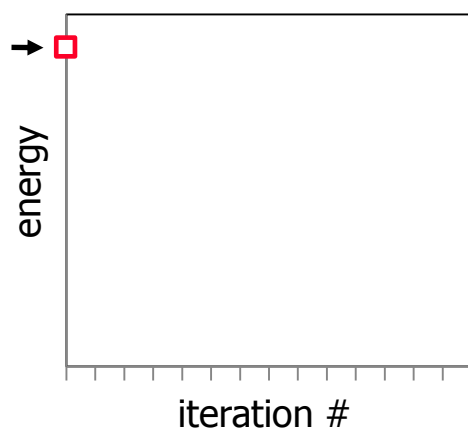
data points + randomly sampled models

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$$L_p \in \Lambda$$

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iteration 1: optimize labeling \mathbf{L}

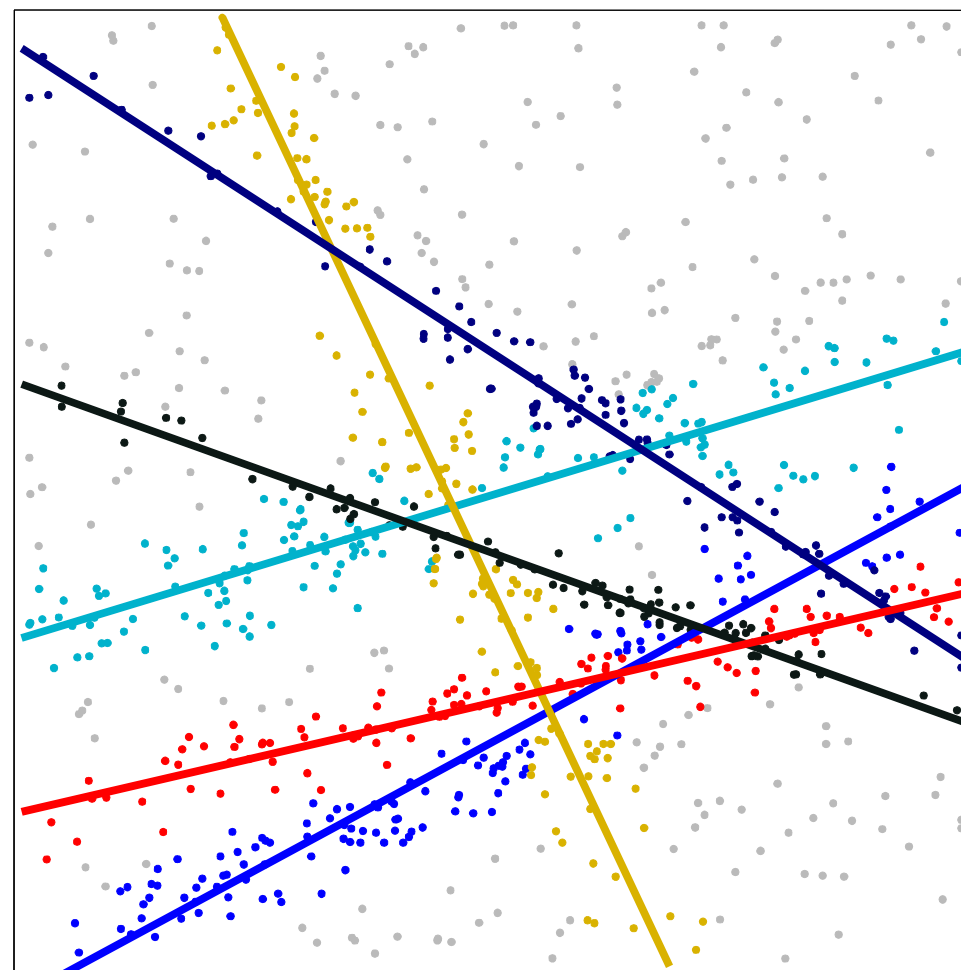
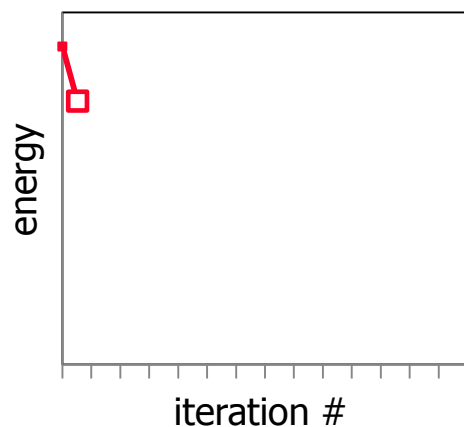
a-expansion:
 minimize $E(\mathbf{L})$
 over a fixed
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reestimating
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 for given inliers

minimizing
 the first term
 of energy $E(\mathbf{L})$

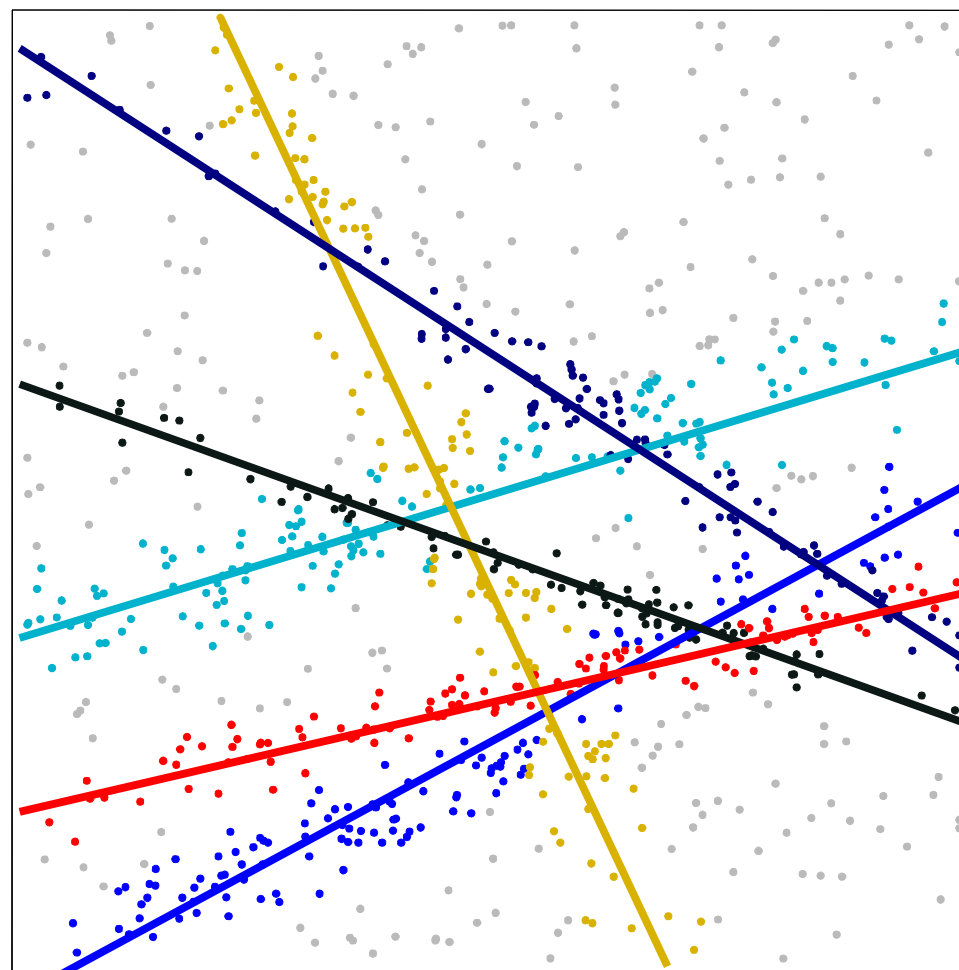
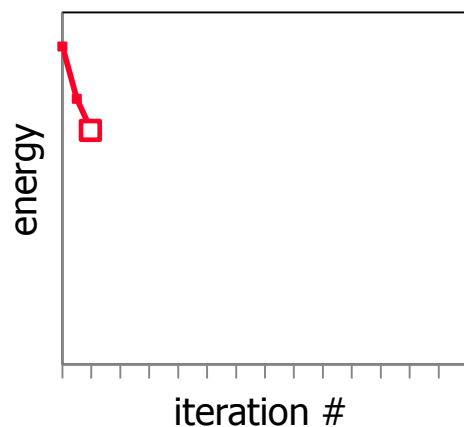
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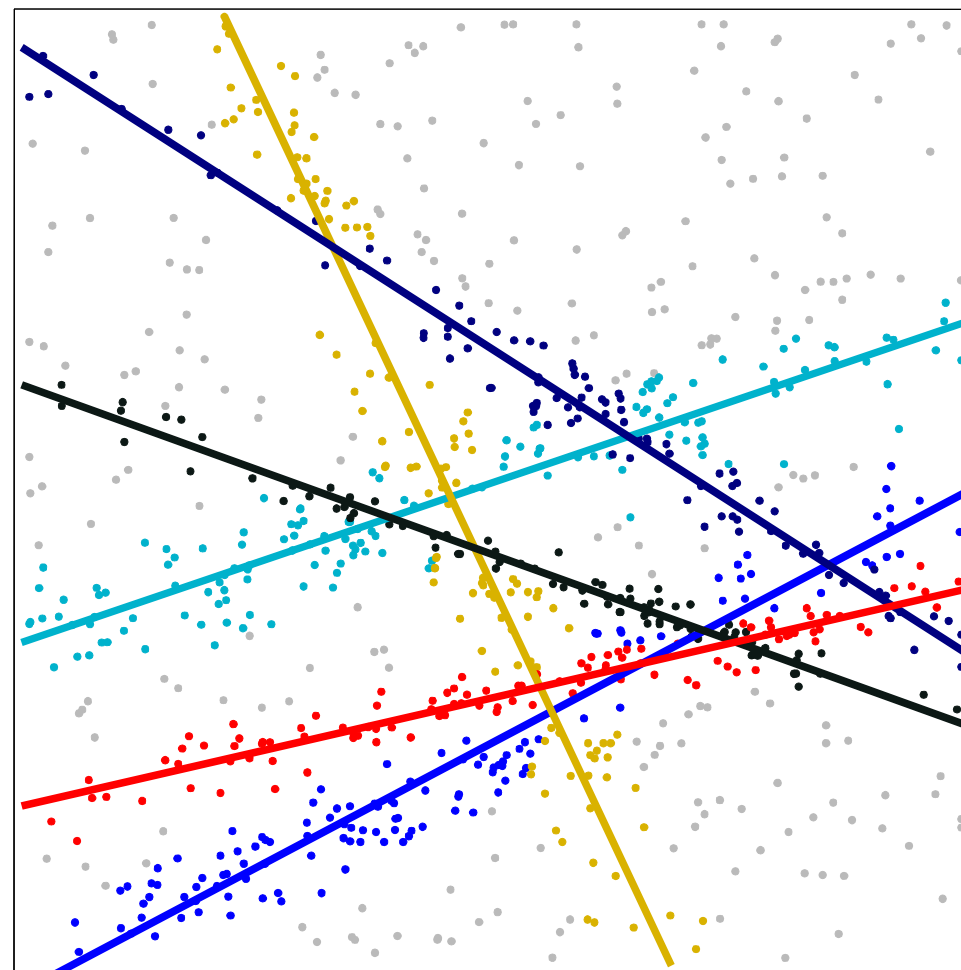
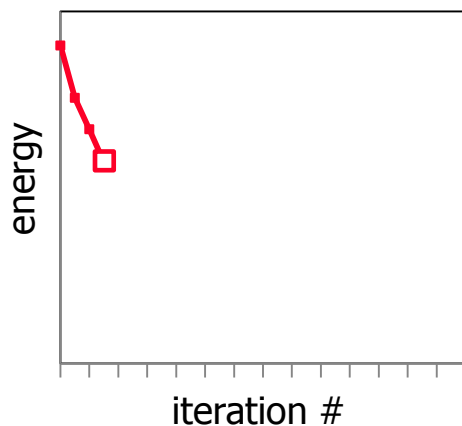
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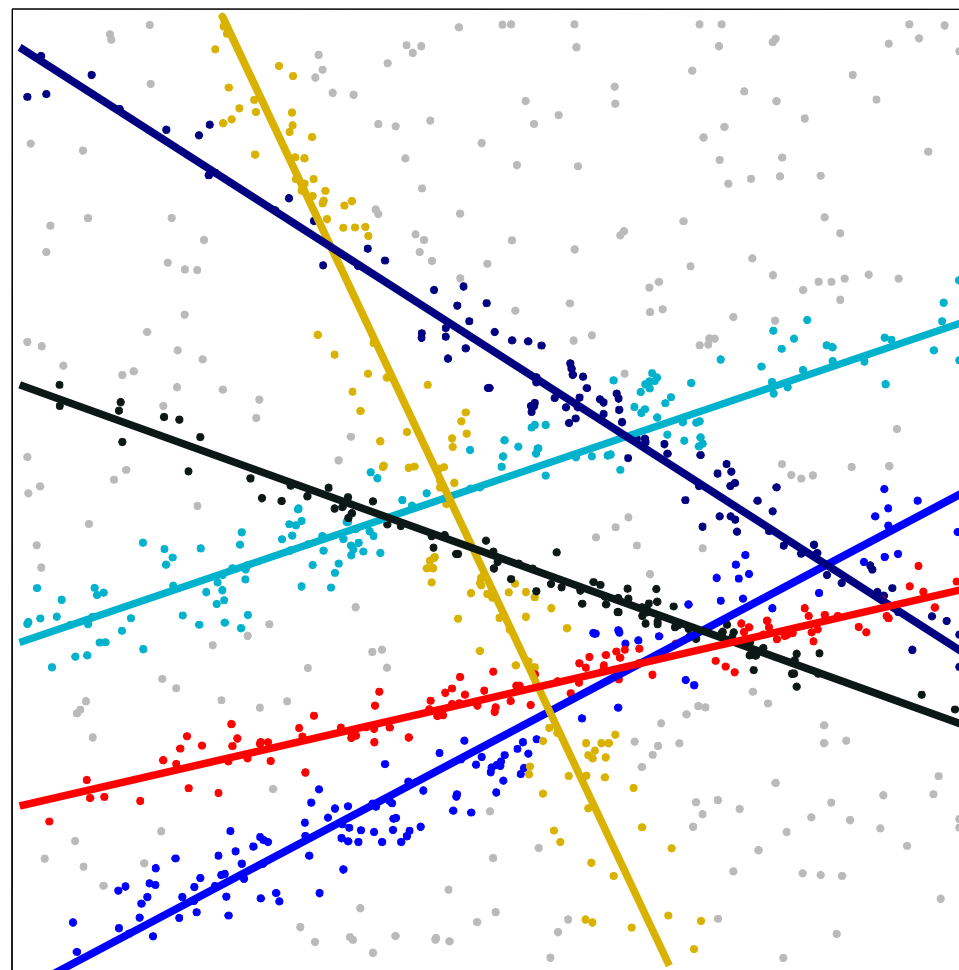
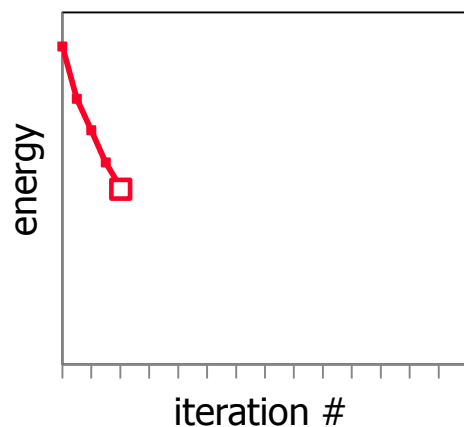
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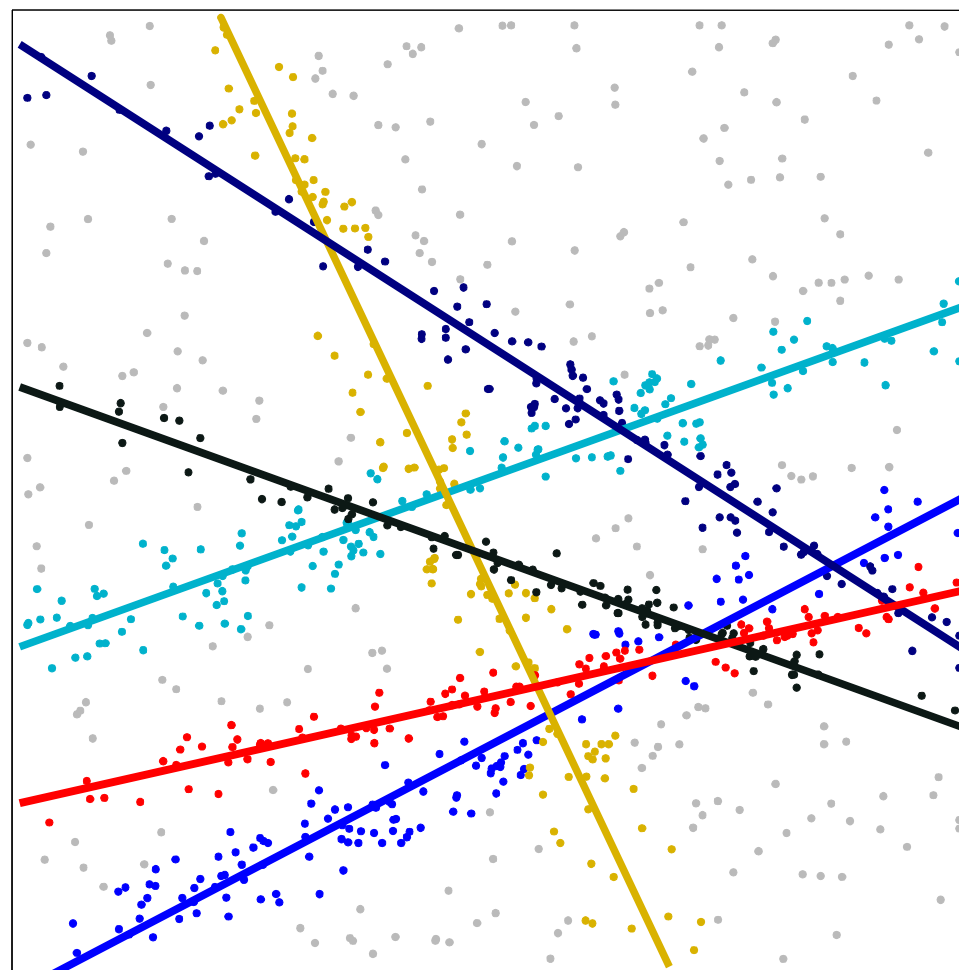
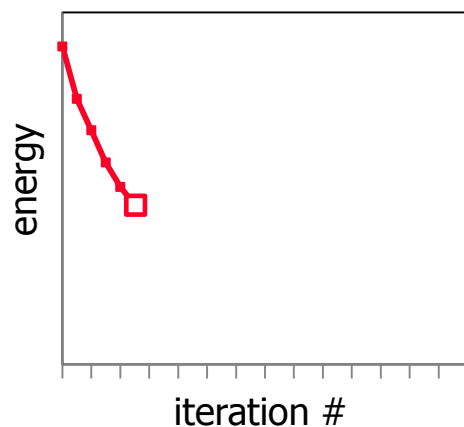


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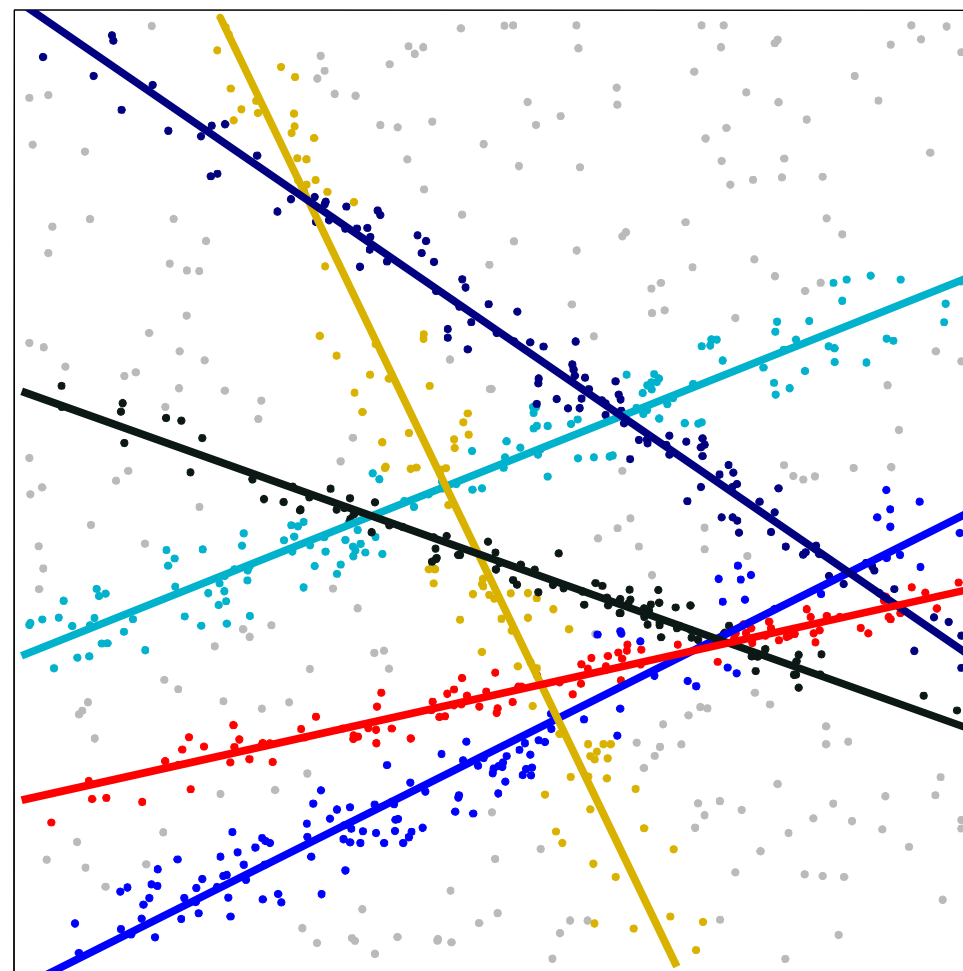
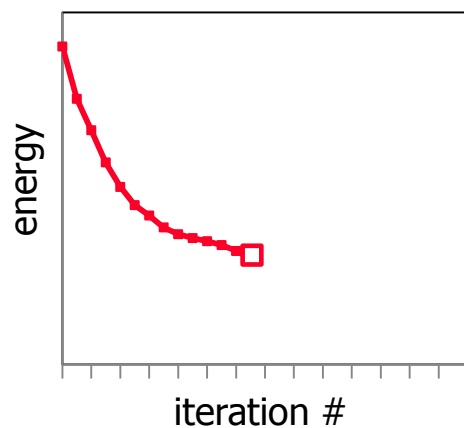
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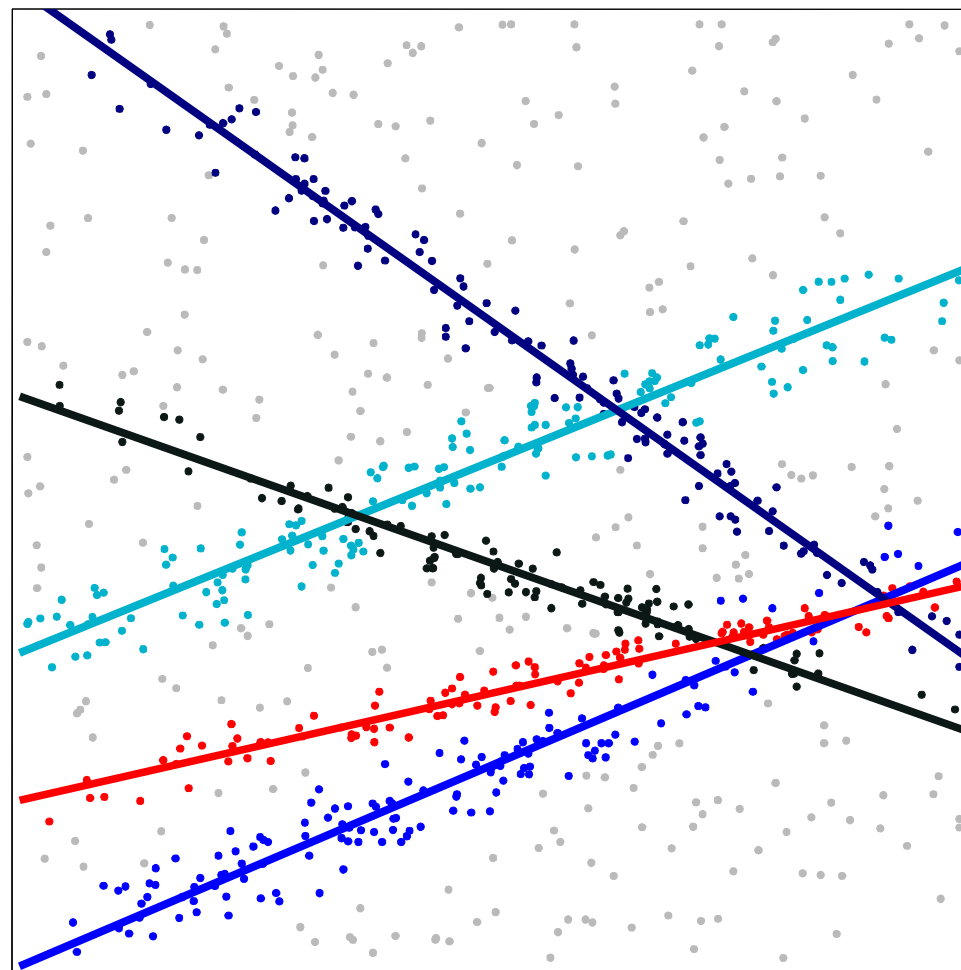
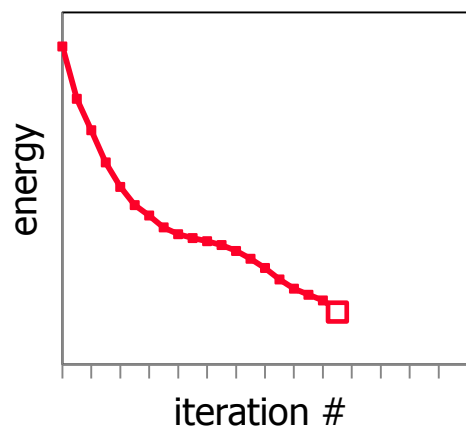
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iteration 7...

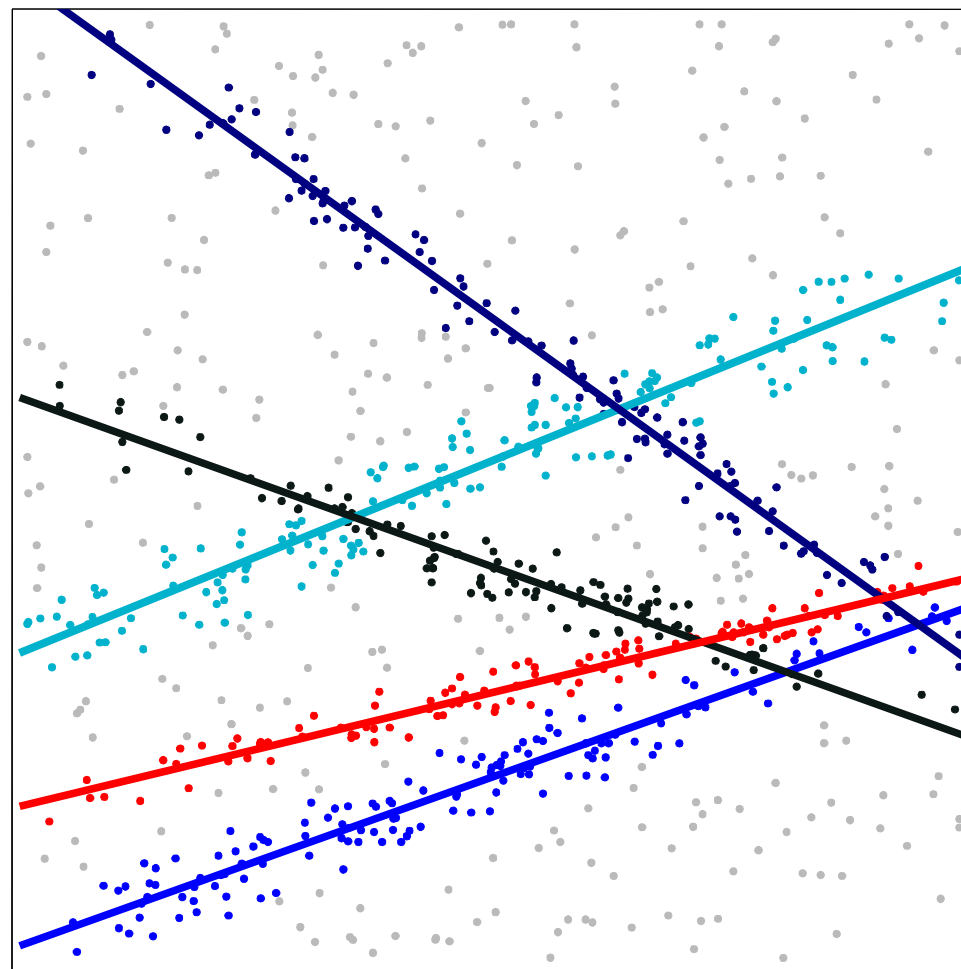
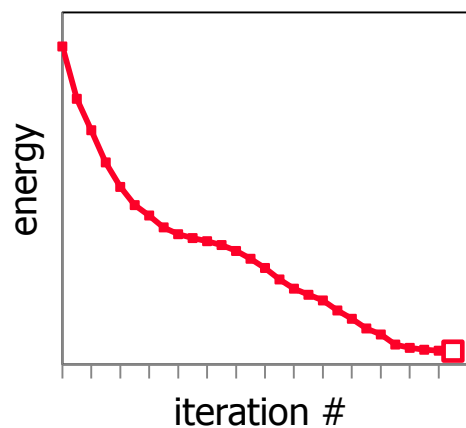
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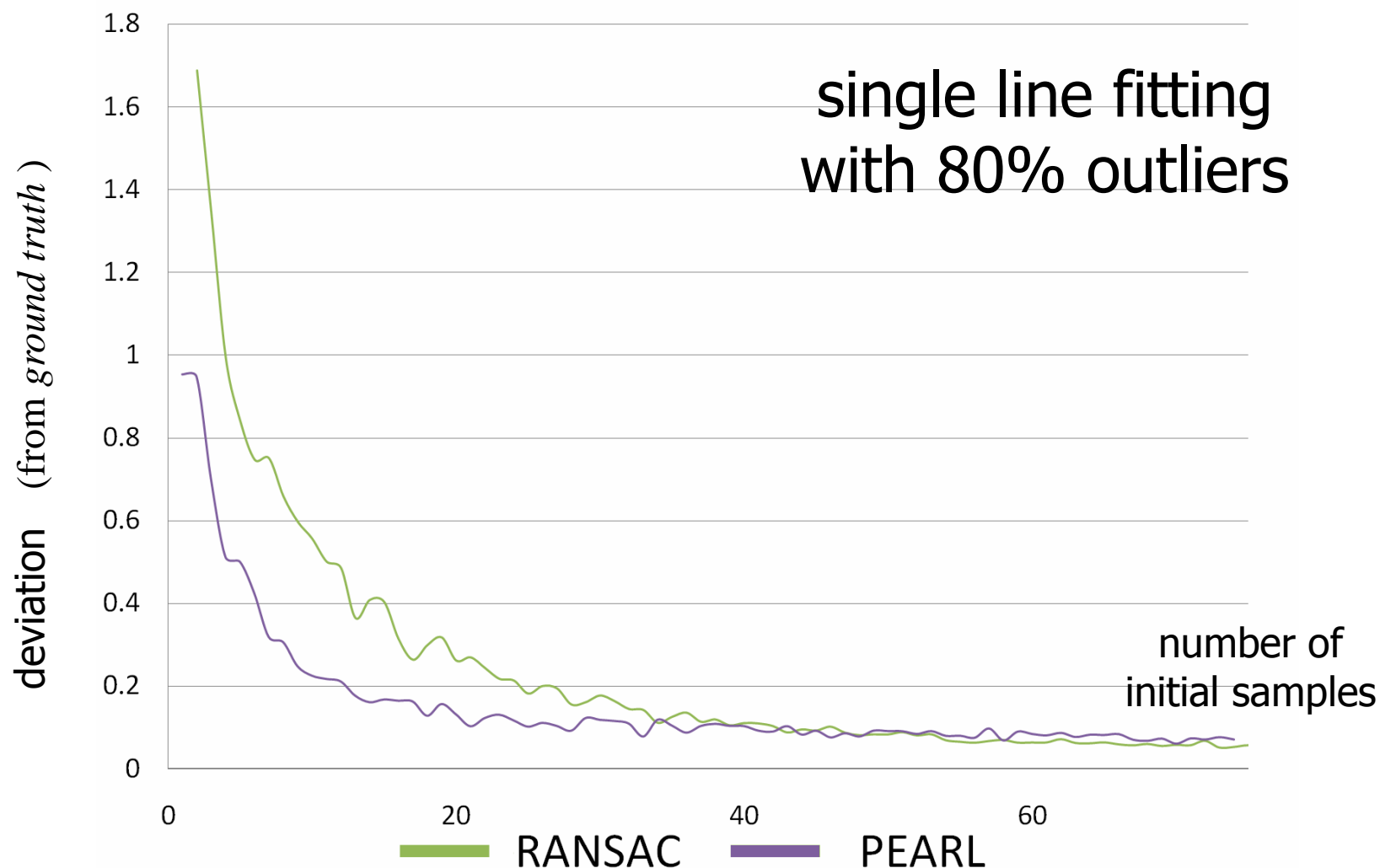
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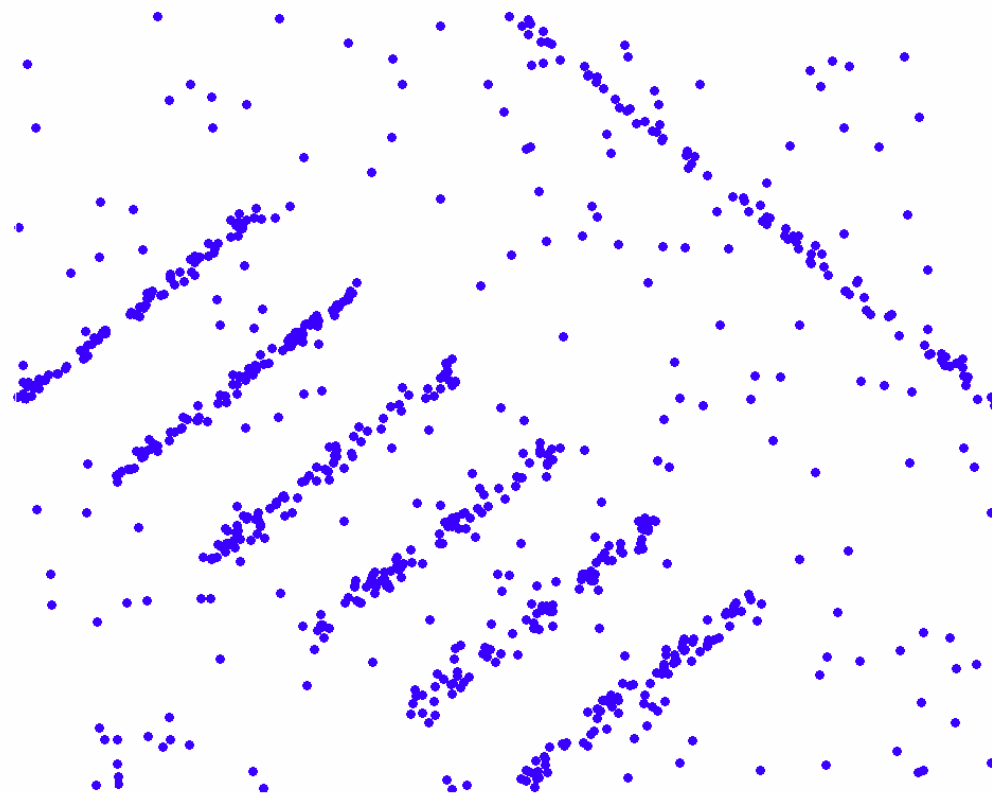


iteration 15... converged.

PEARL can significantly improve initial models



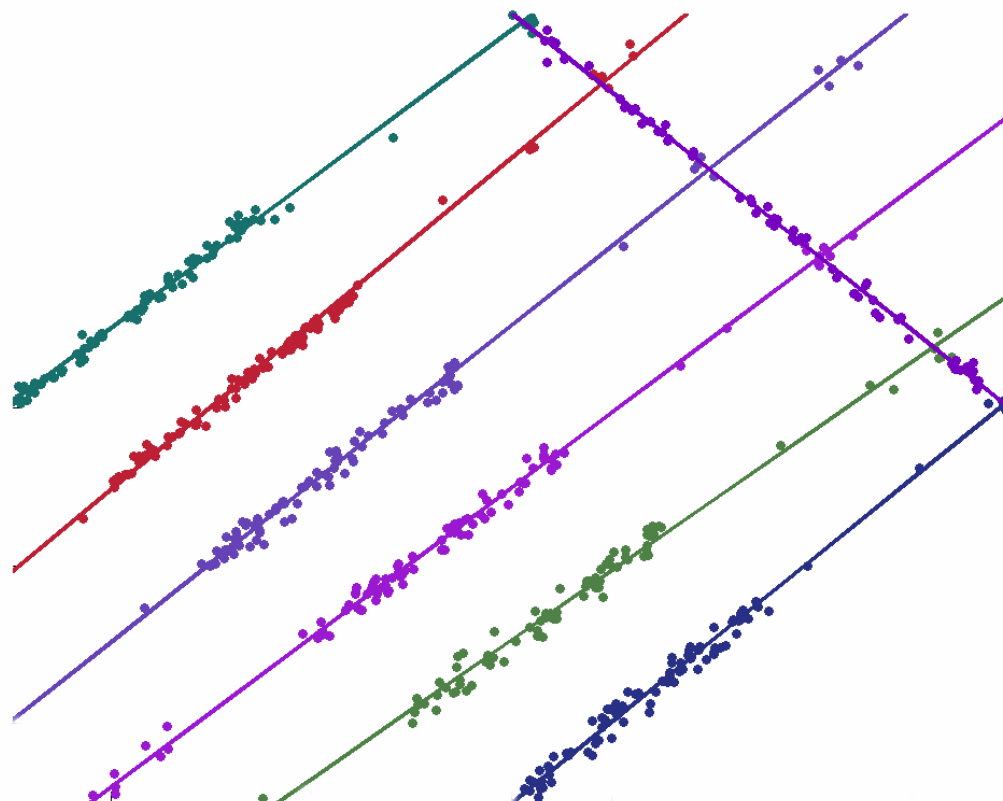
Comparison for multi-model fitting



Low
noise

original data points

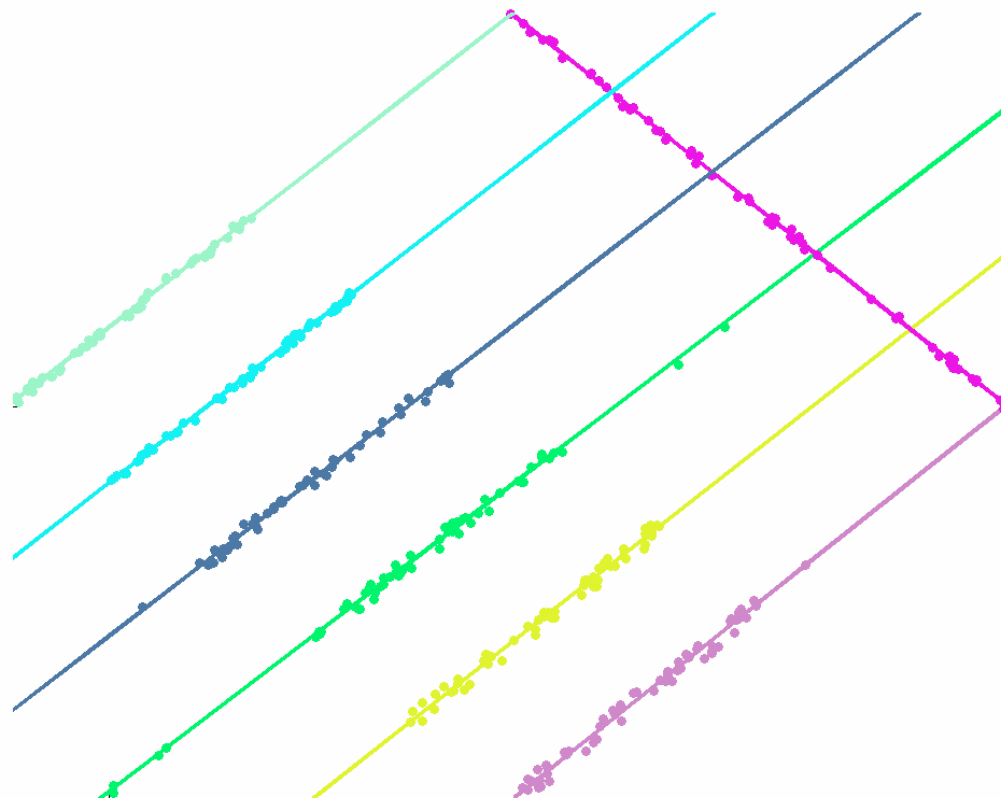
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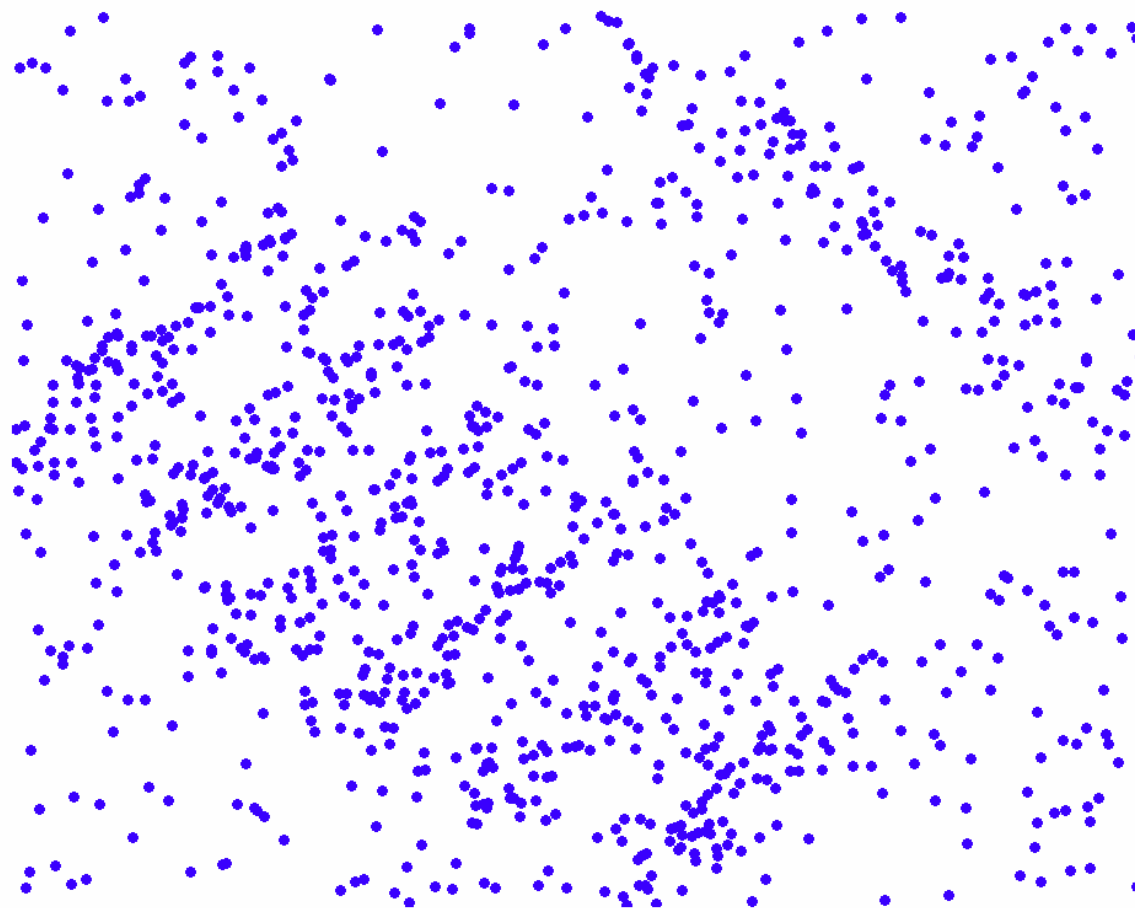
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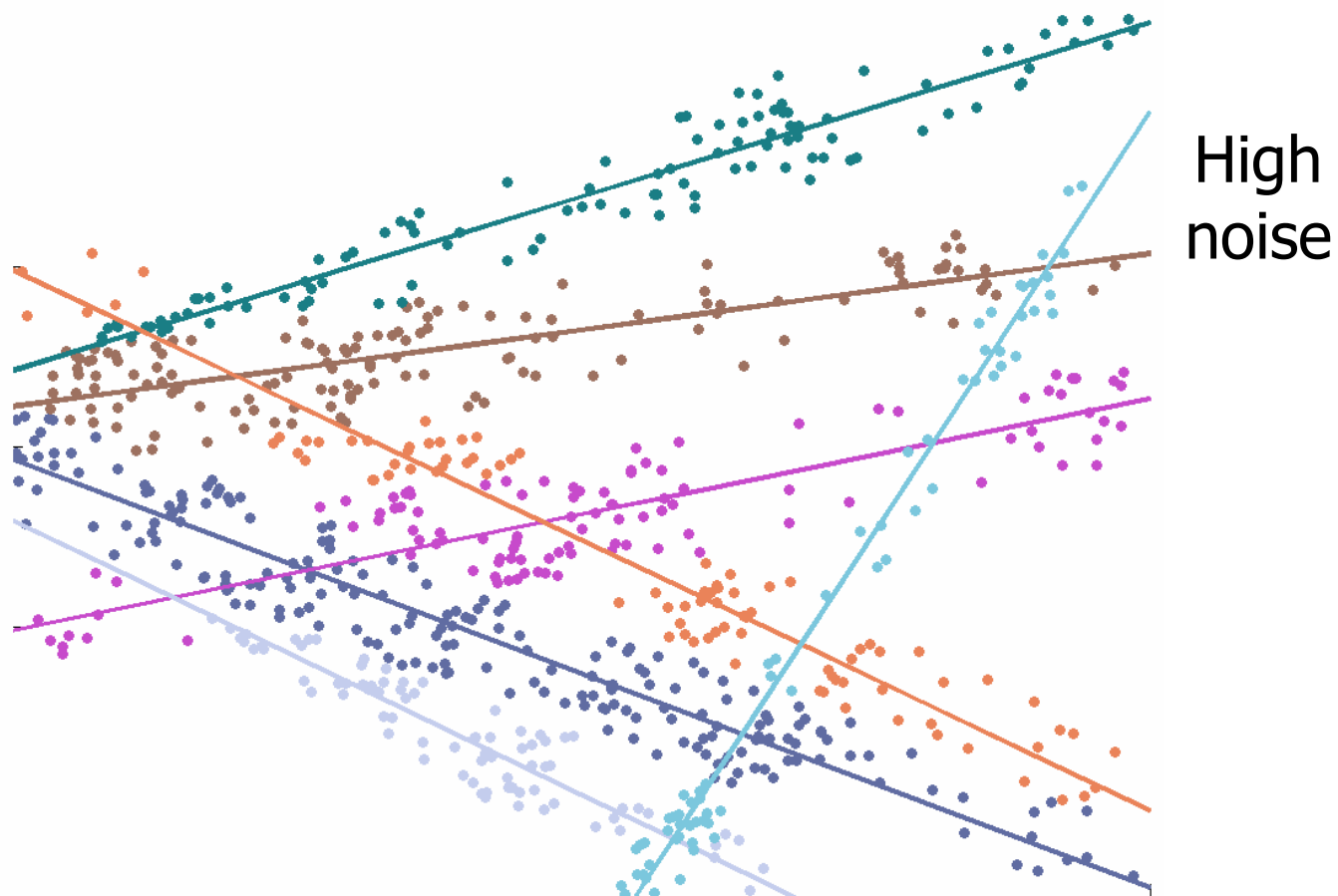
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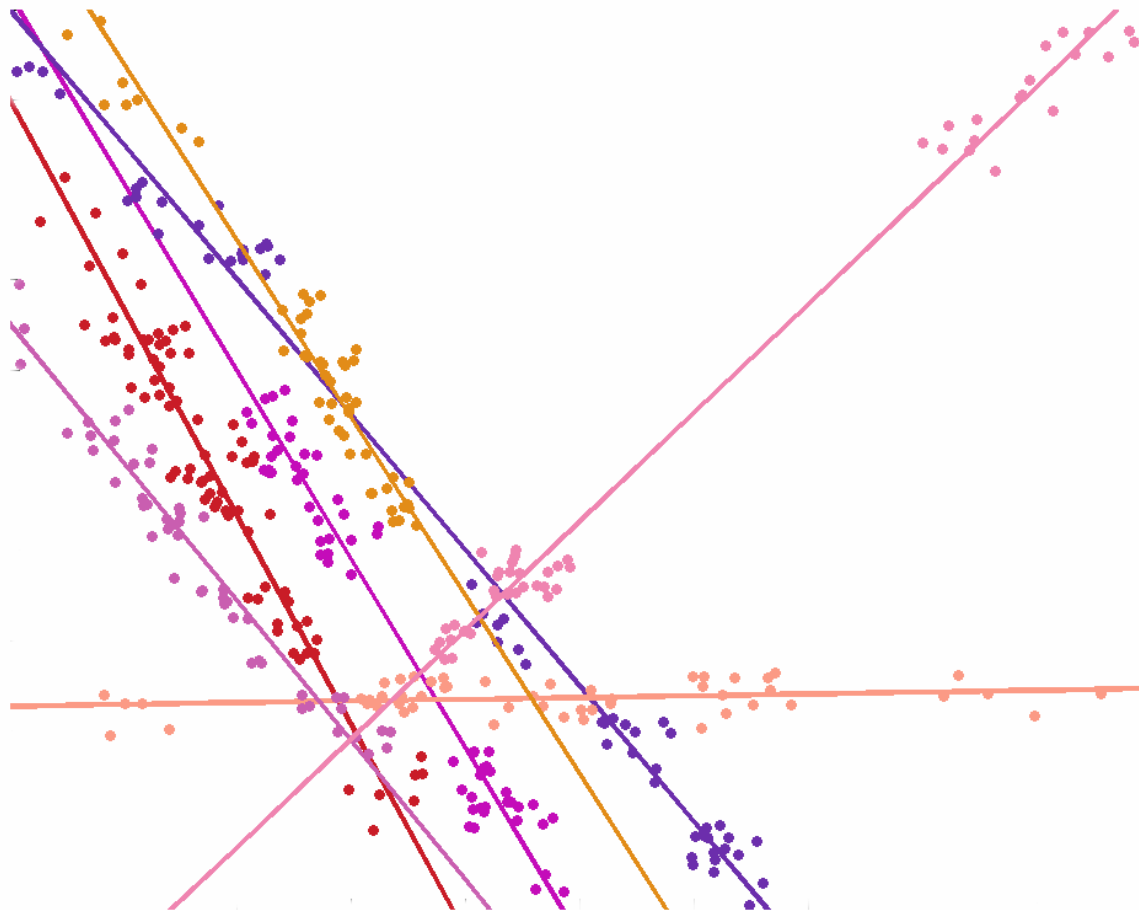
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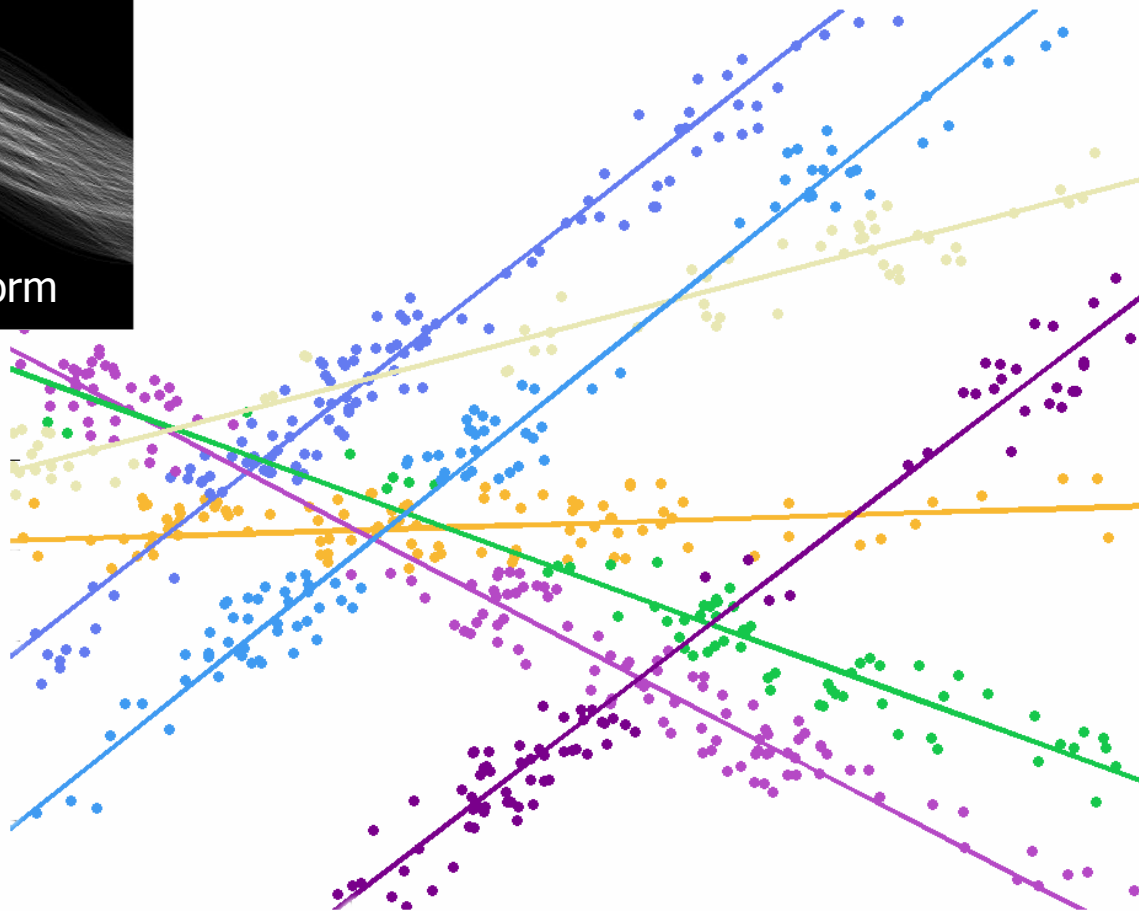
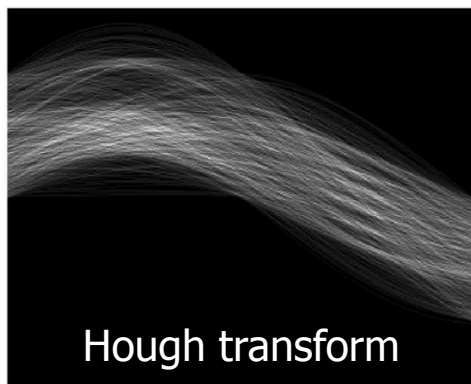
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Other generalization of RANSAC (J-linkage, Toldo & Fusiello, ECCV'08)

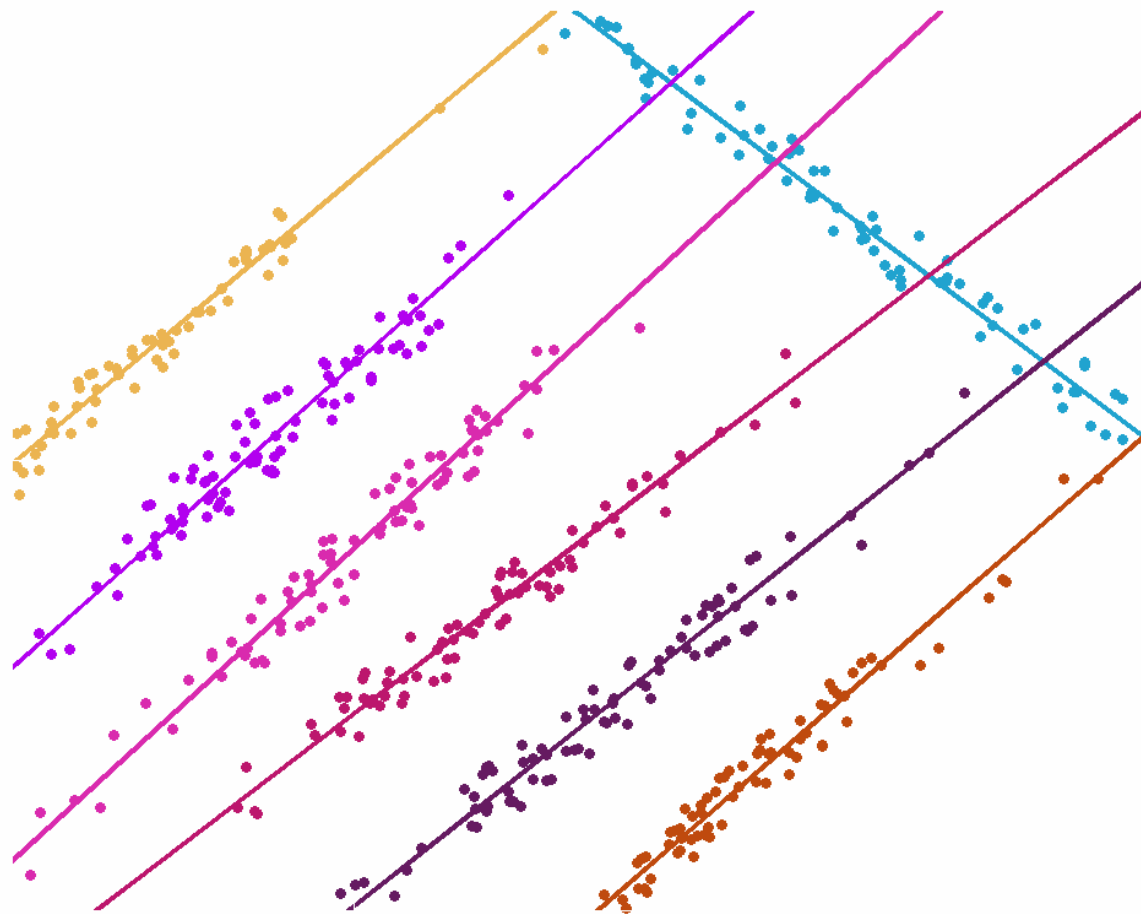
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Finding modes in Hough-space, e.g. via **mean-shift**
(also maximizes the number of inliers)

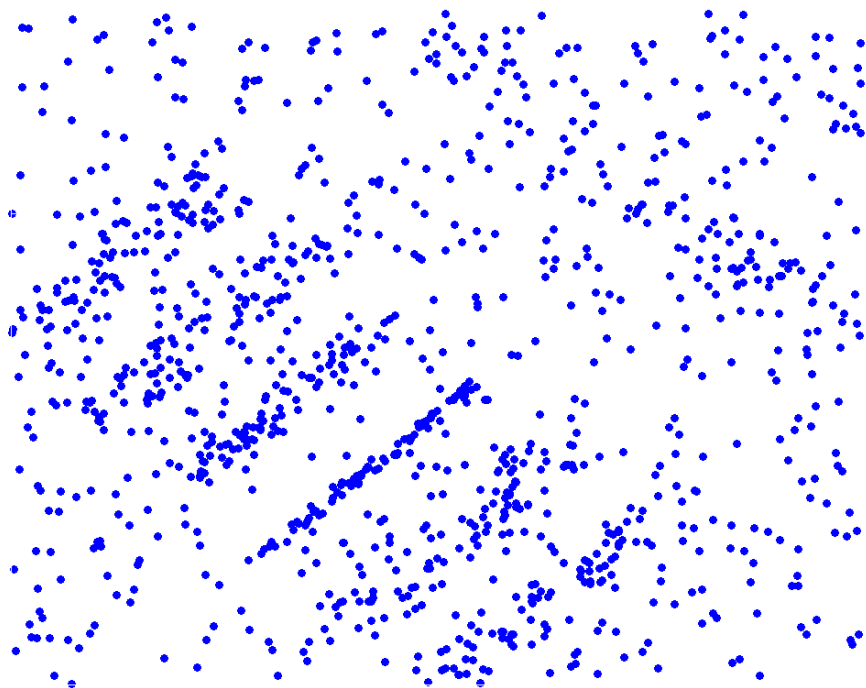
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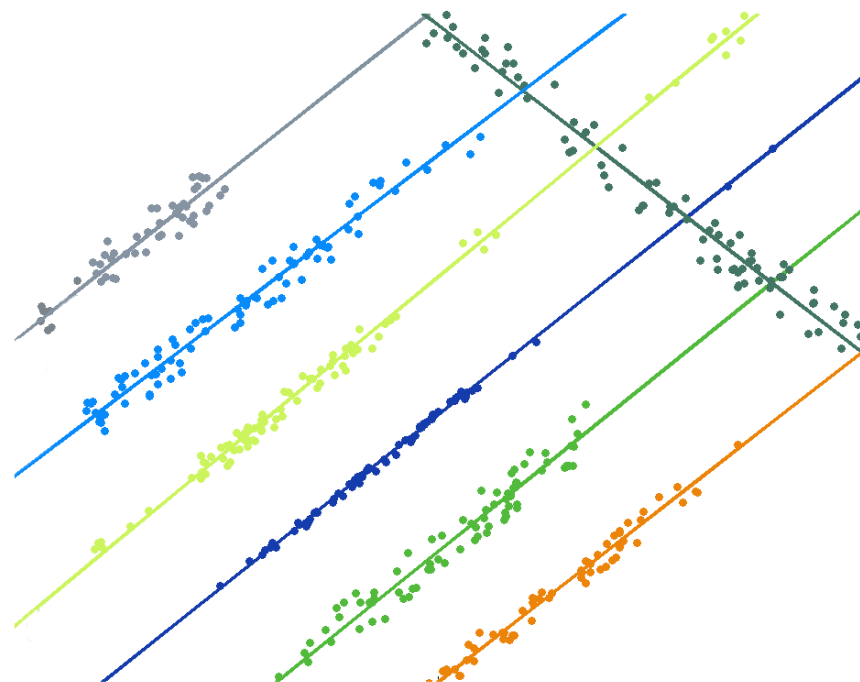
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Automatic noise level estimation by fitting models $L=(a,b,\sigma)$



various level of noise



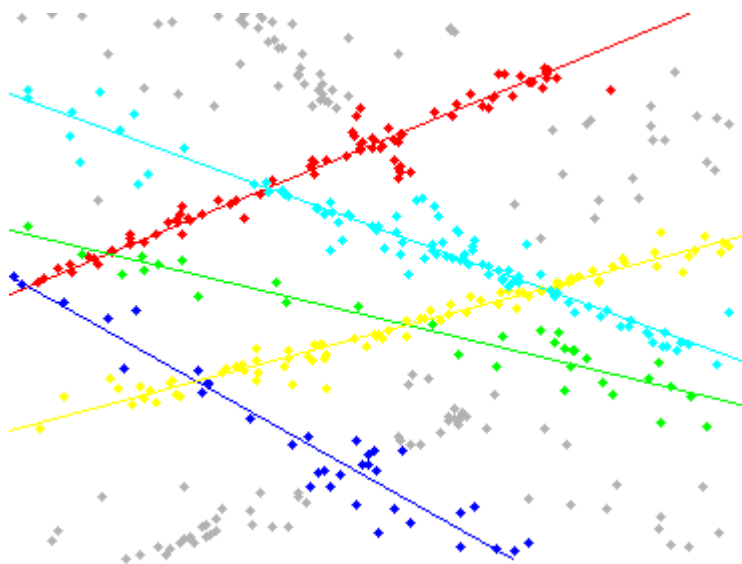
our result

Each model L_k gets its own σ_k

K-means vs. PEARL

$$E(\mathbf{L}) = \sum_p \|p - L_p\| + \text{hard constraint on number of models}$$

K-means



5 random initial lines + outlier model

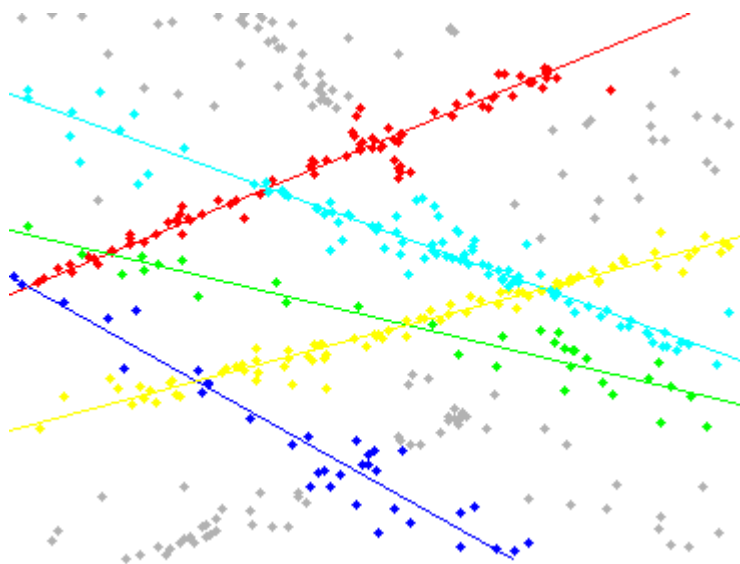
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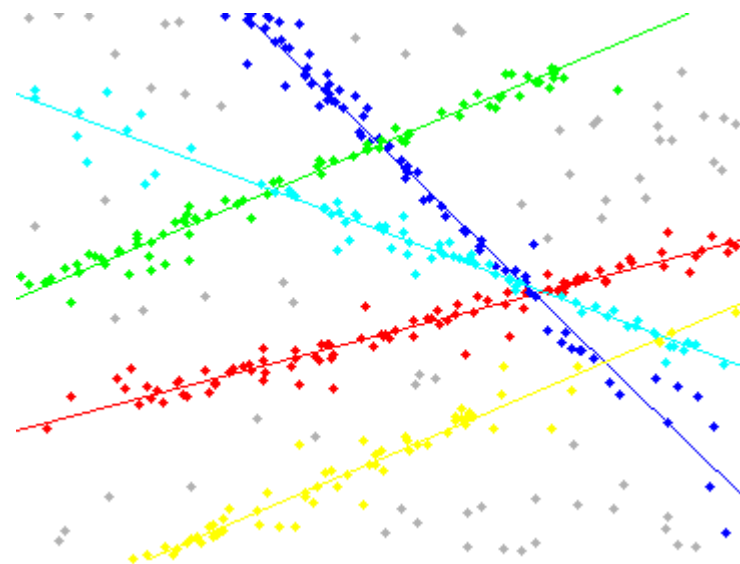
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PEARL $h_L = 1000$



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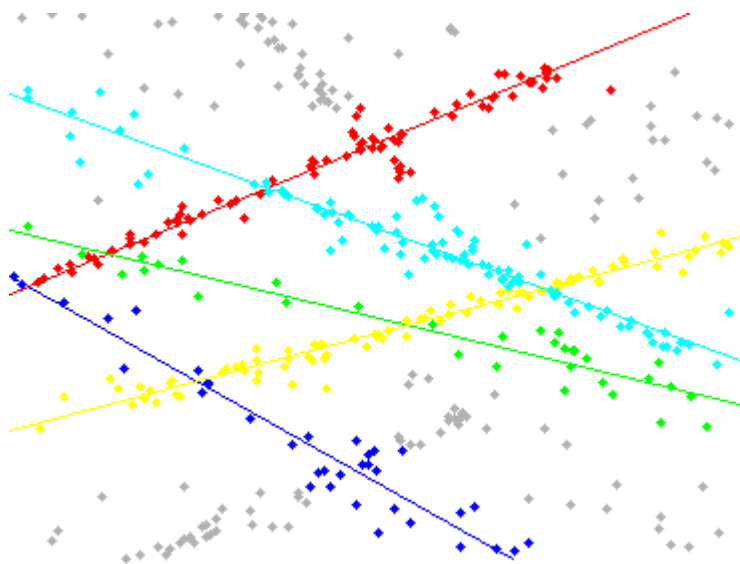
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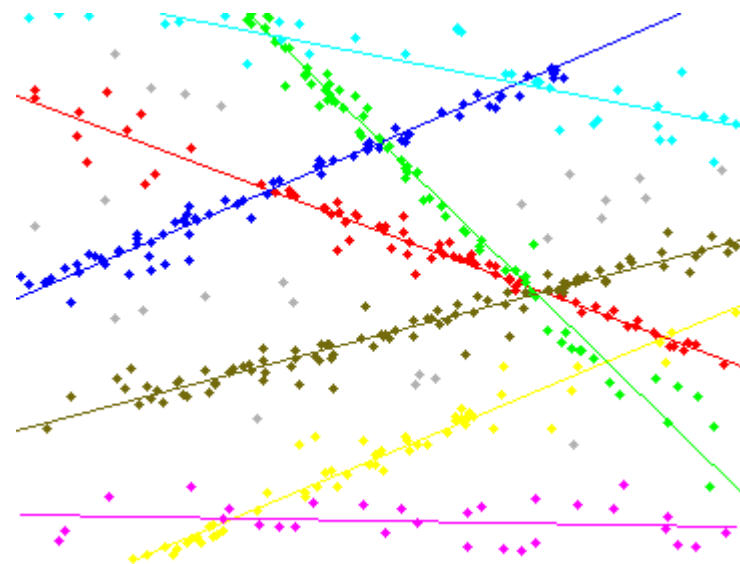
K-means

PEARL $h_L = 500$



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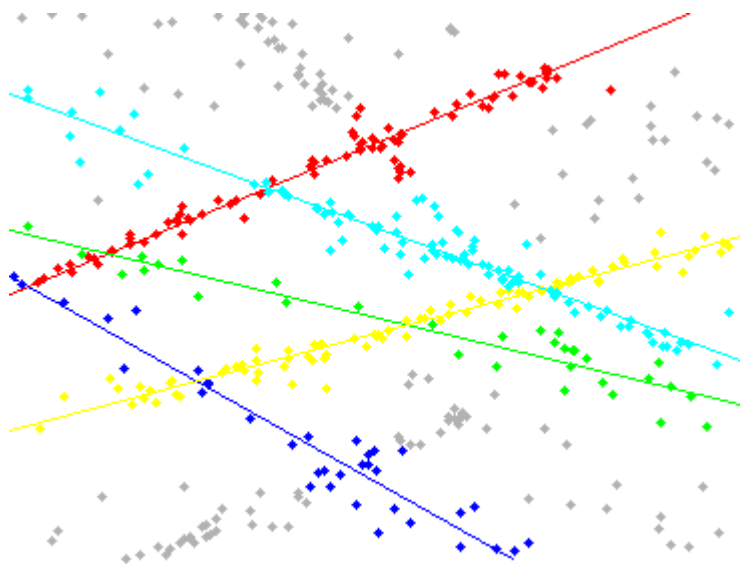
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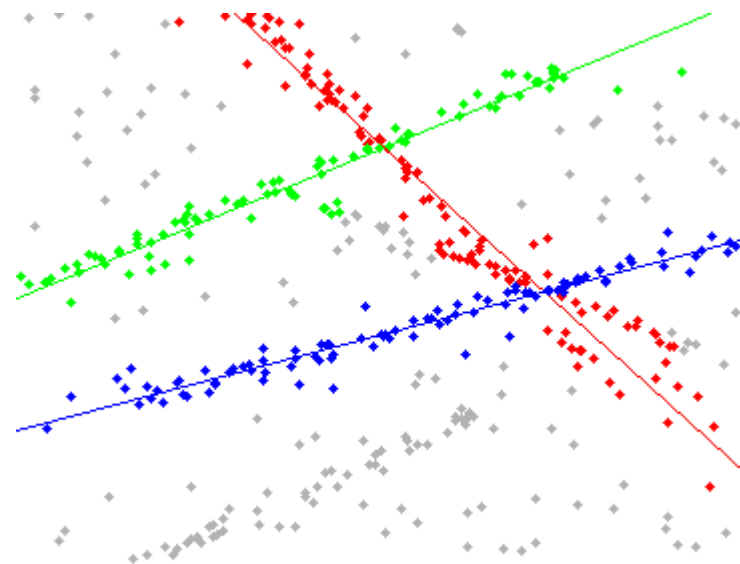
K-means

PEARL $h_L = 2000$



5 random initial lines + outlier model

gets stuck in local minima

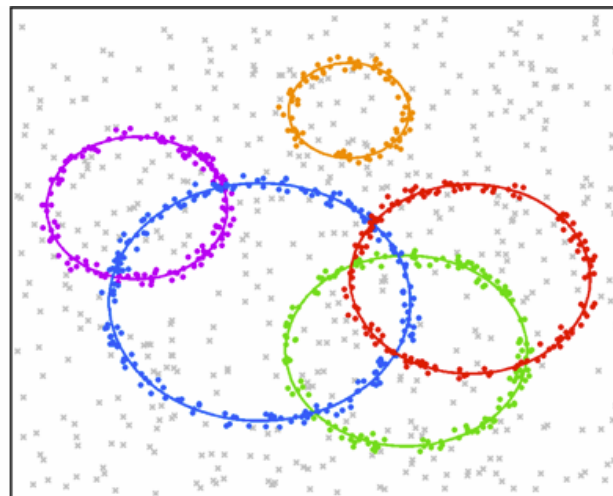
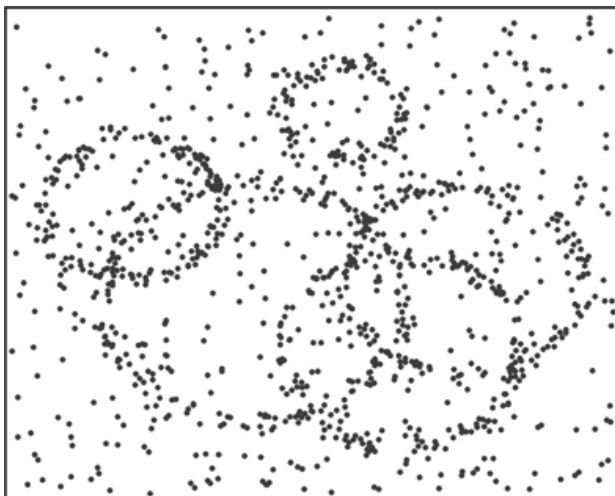


1000 initial lines + outlier model

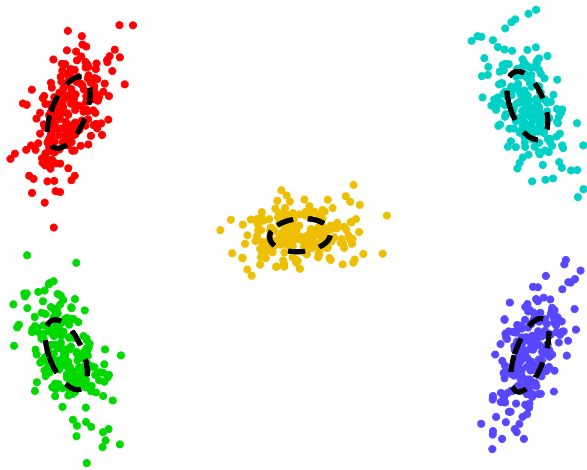
better explores label space

Fitting circles

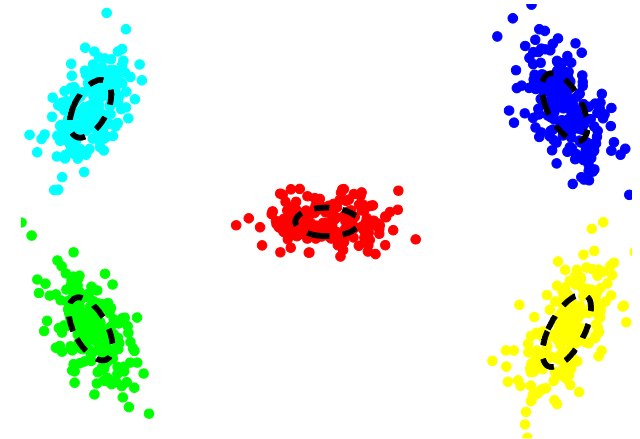
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EM vs K-means

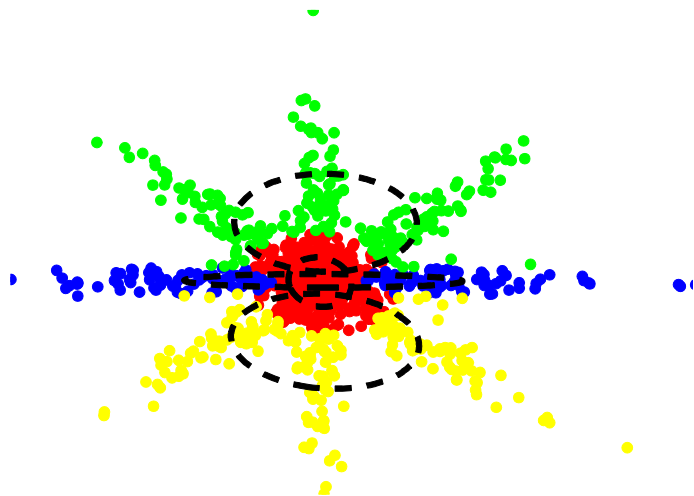


EM, with 5 models

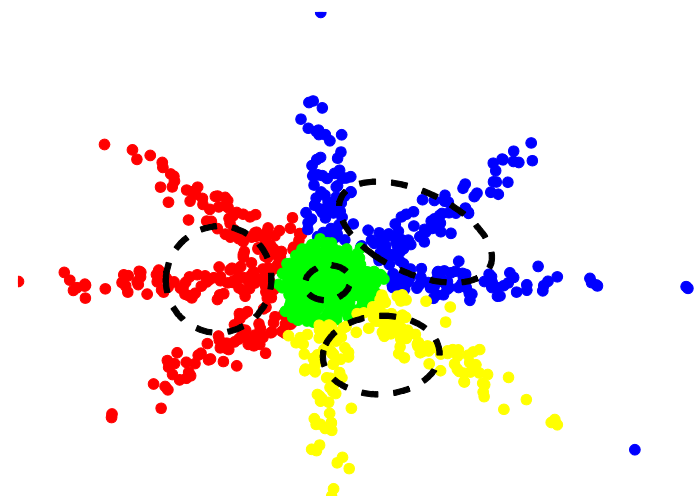


K-means, with 5 models

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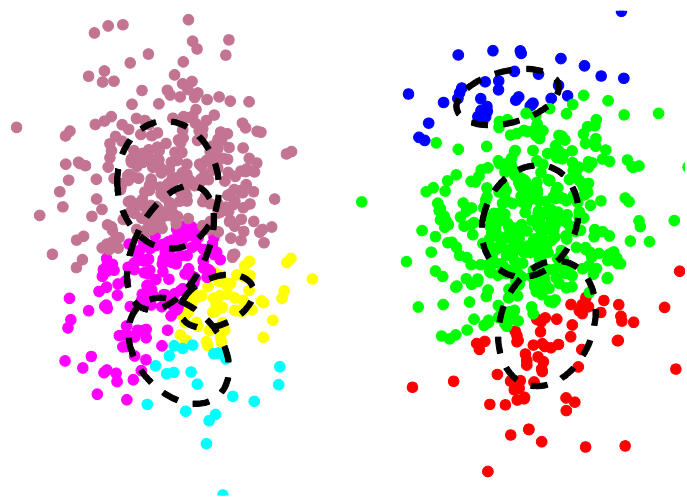


EM, with 4 models

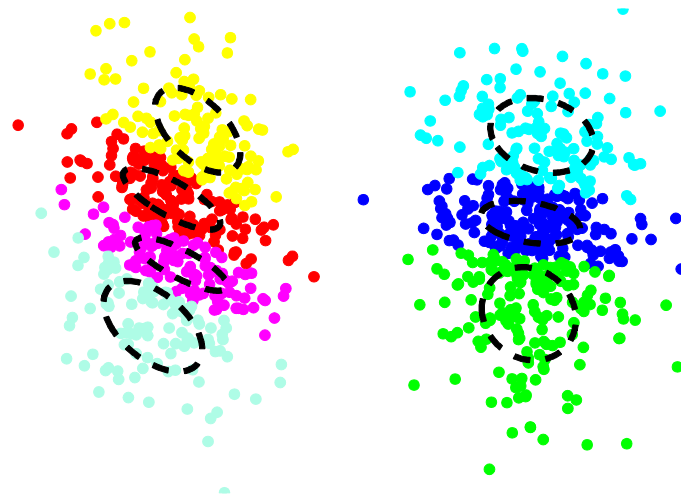


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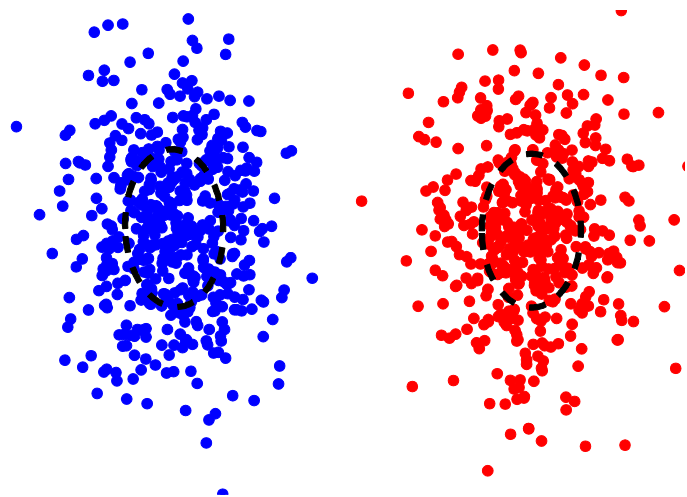


EM, with 7 models



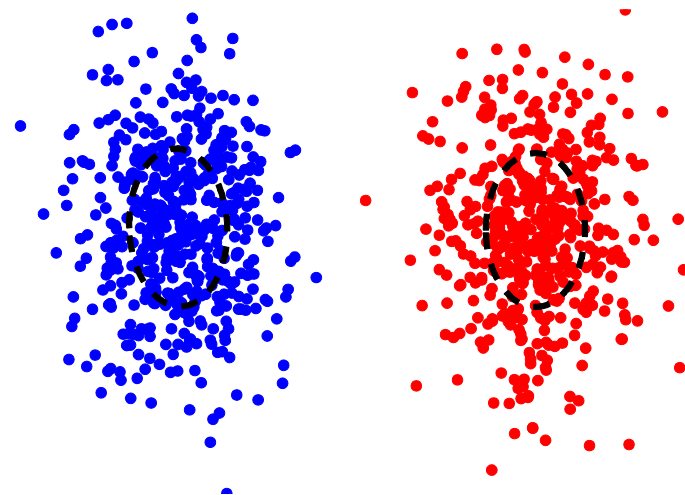
K-means, with 7 models

EM vs K-means + sparsity + many proposals



EM + dirichlet, with 50 models

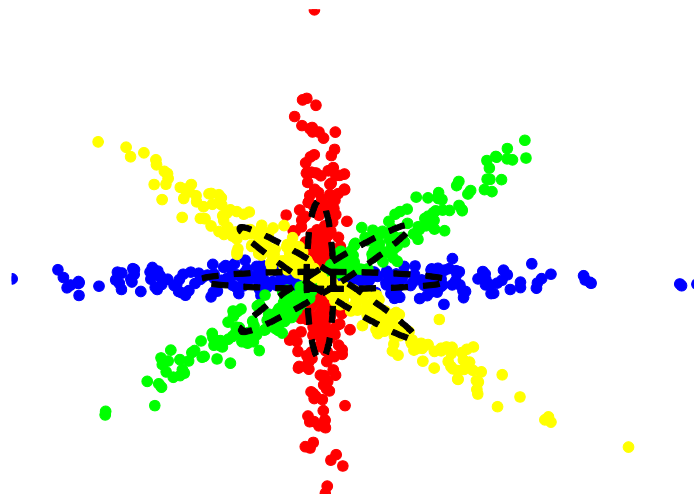
[Figueiredo & Jain, PAMI 2002]



K-means + label cost, with 50 models

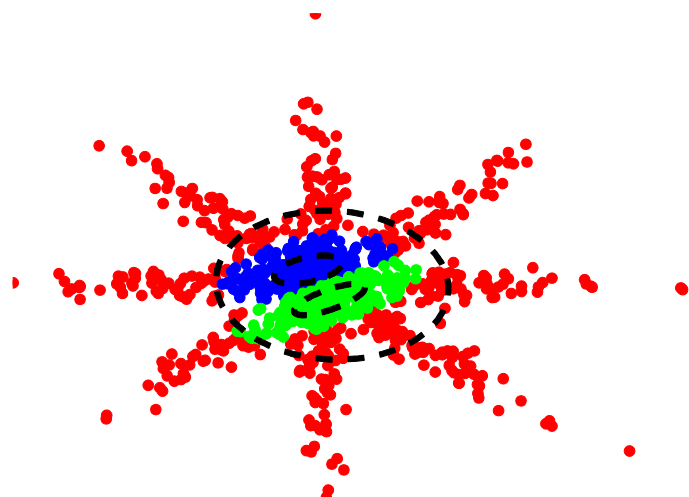
[DeLong, Osokin, Isack, Boykov, IJCV 2012]
(PEARL)

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EM vs PEARL

Models in vision have non-overlapping support
(since non-transparent models occlude each other)

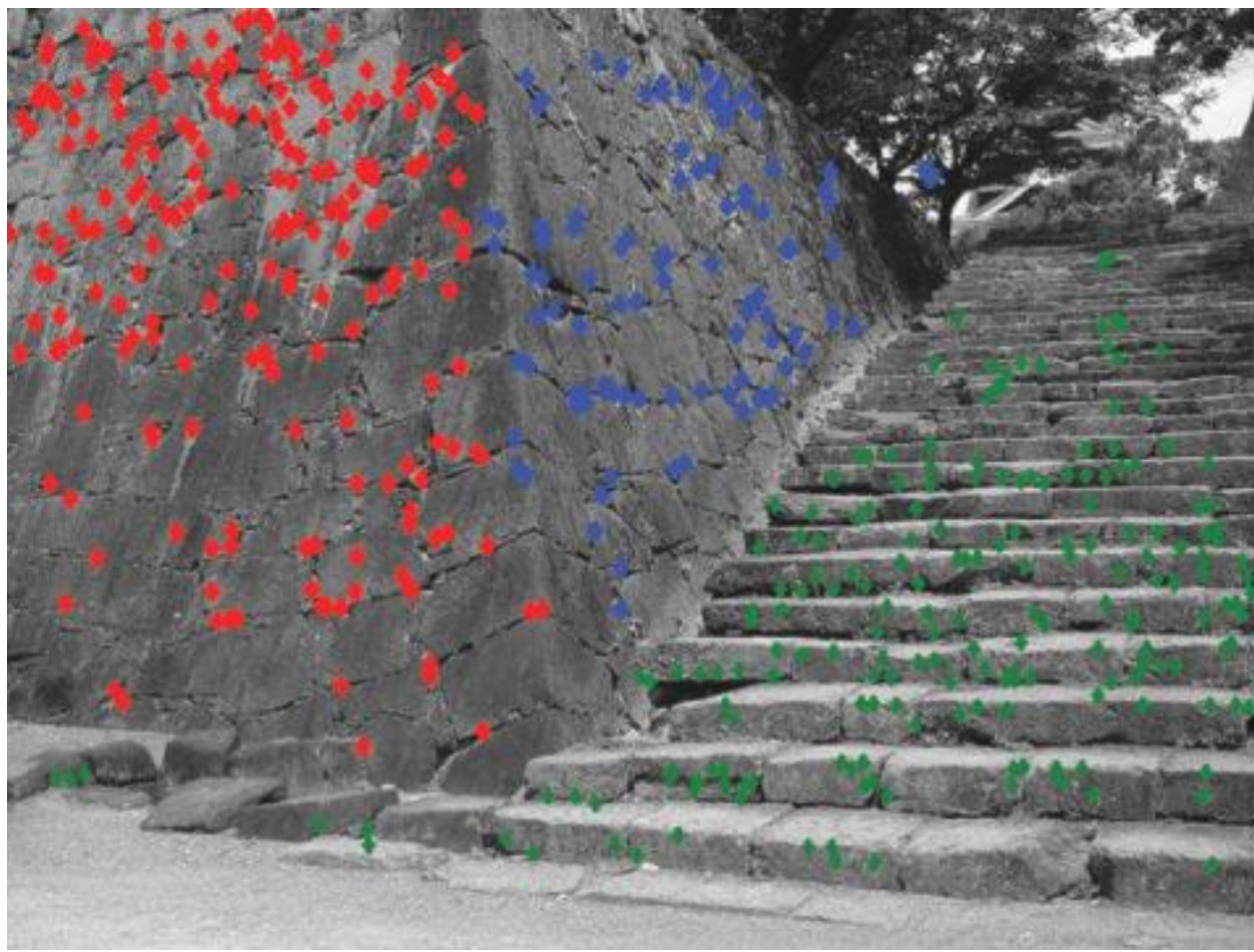
PEARL can integrate both **sparsity** and **spatial regularity**
[DeLong, Osokin, Isack, Boykov, IJCV 2012]

Q: spatial regularity + EM?

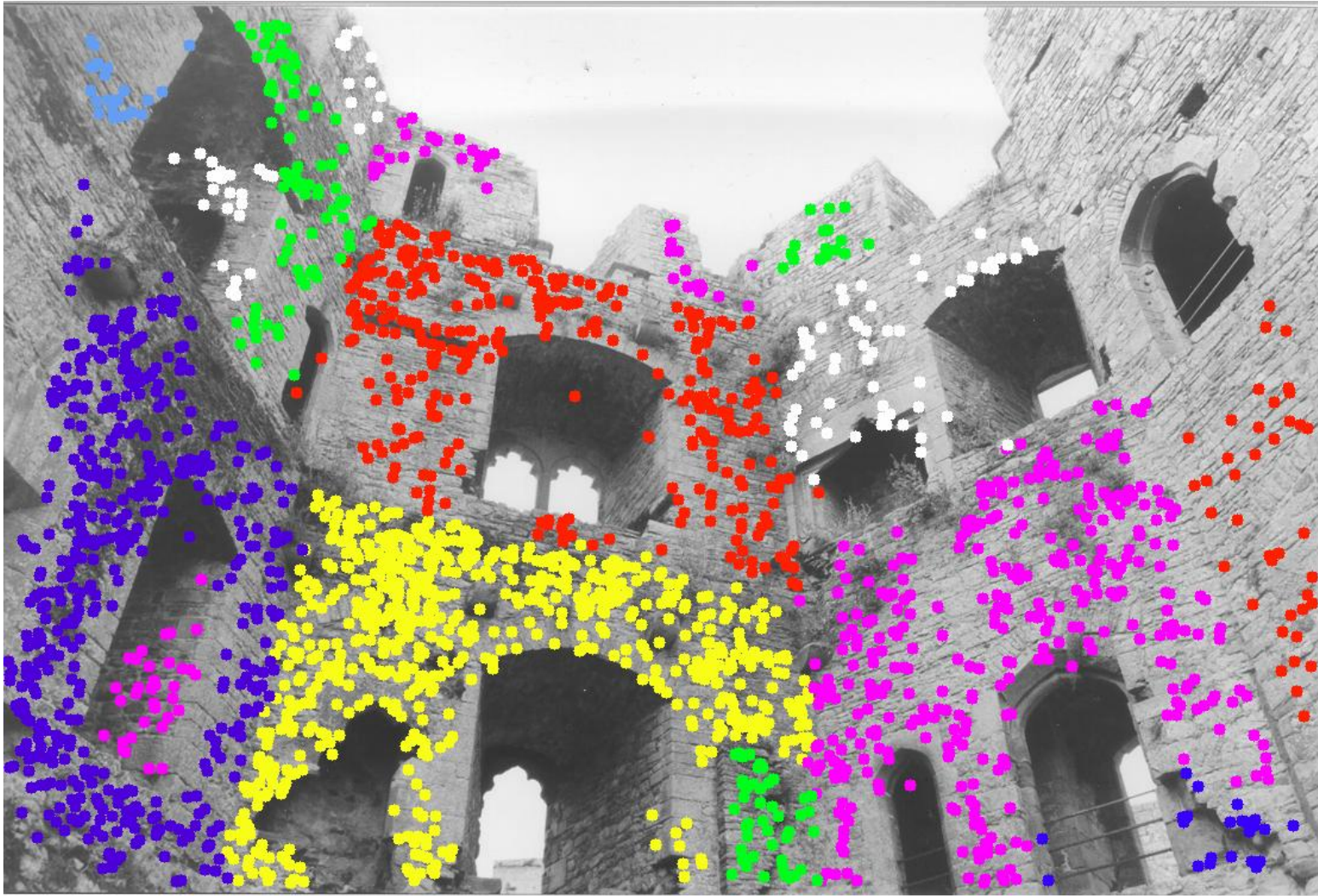
Fitting planes (homographies)

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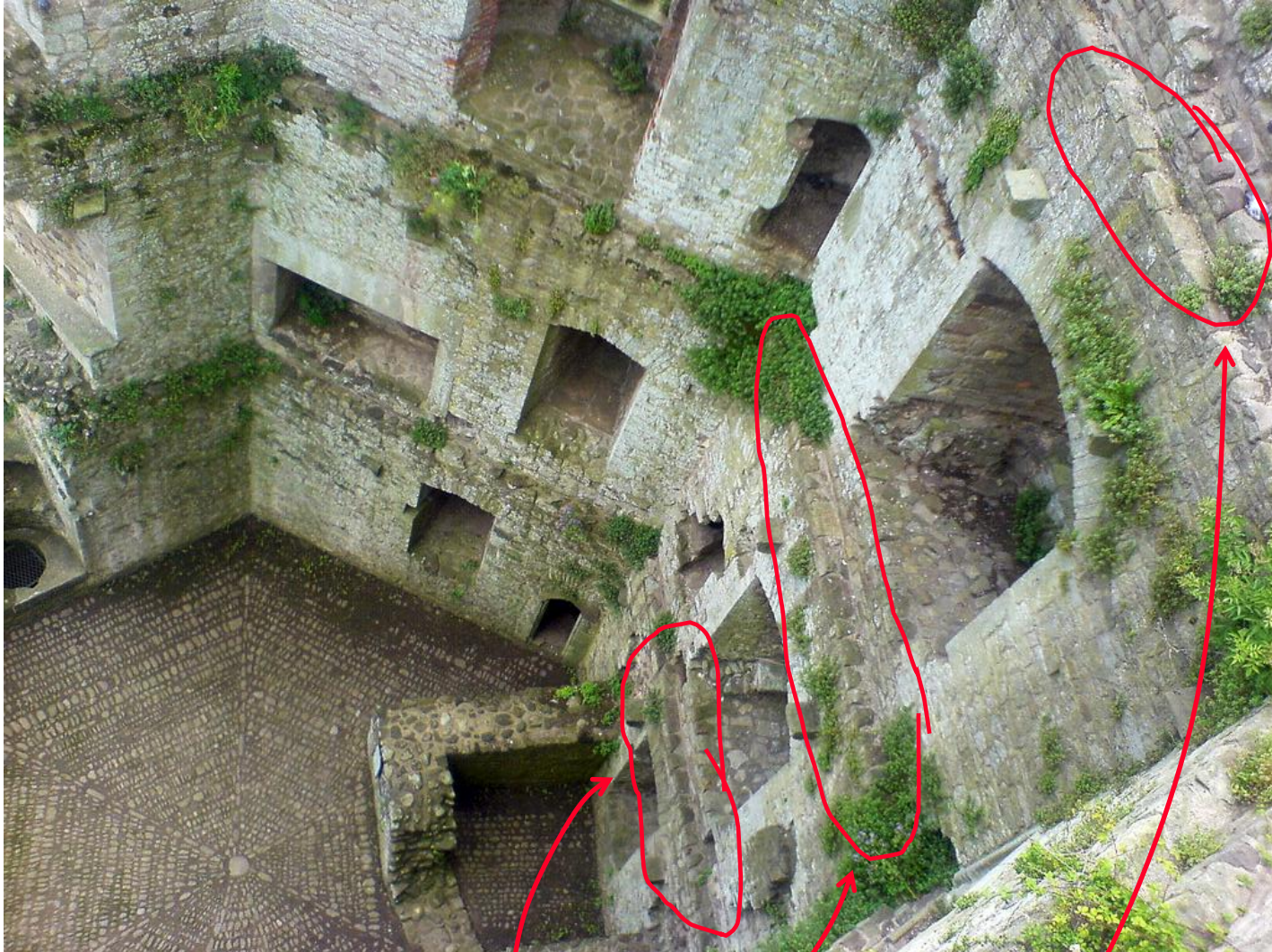
PEARL



Fitting planes (homographies)



same scene
from a different view point...



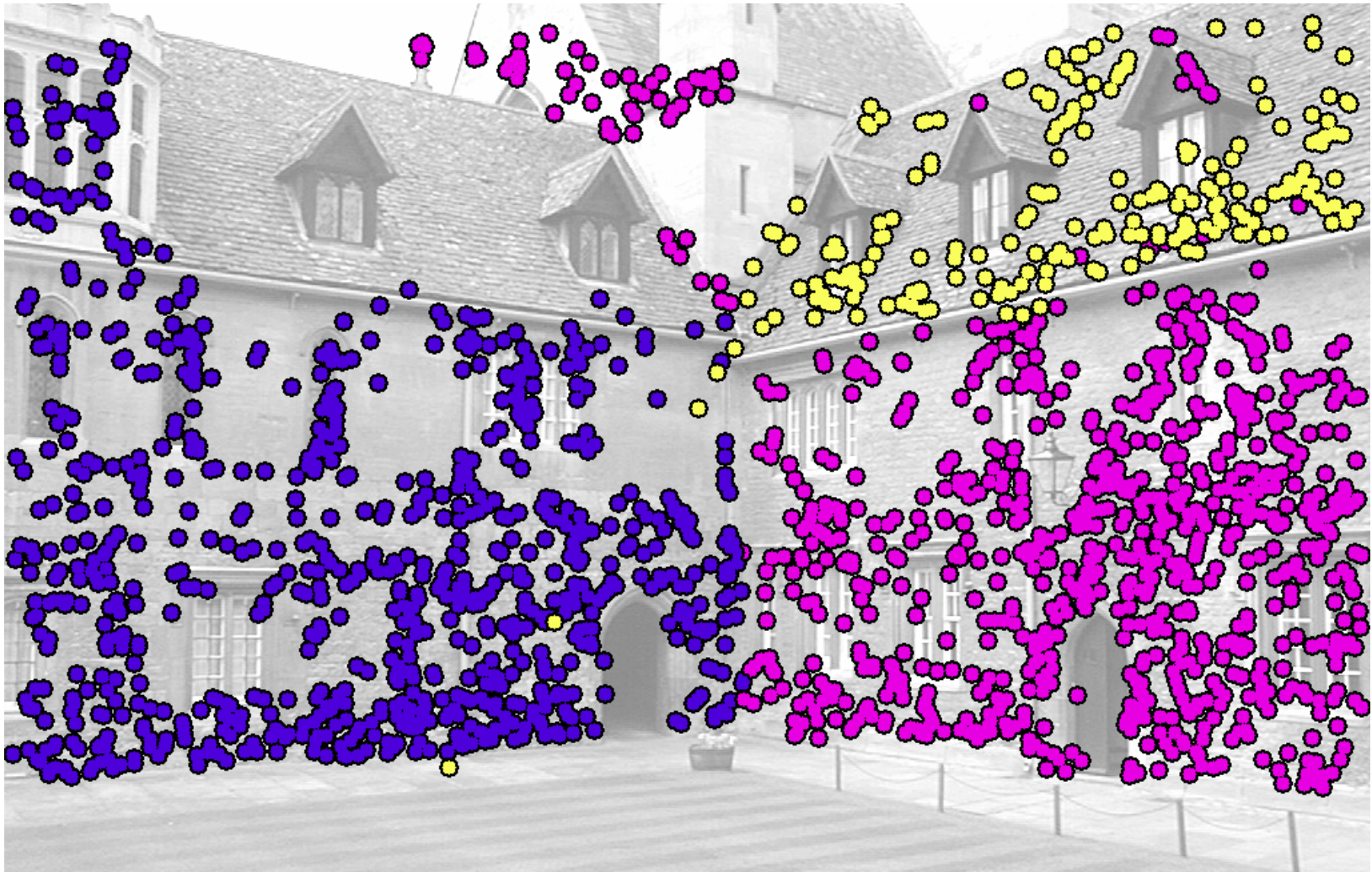
Note **very small steps** between each floor

Fitting planes (homographies)



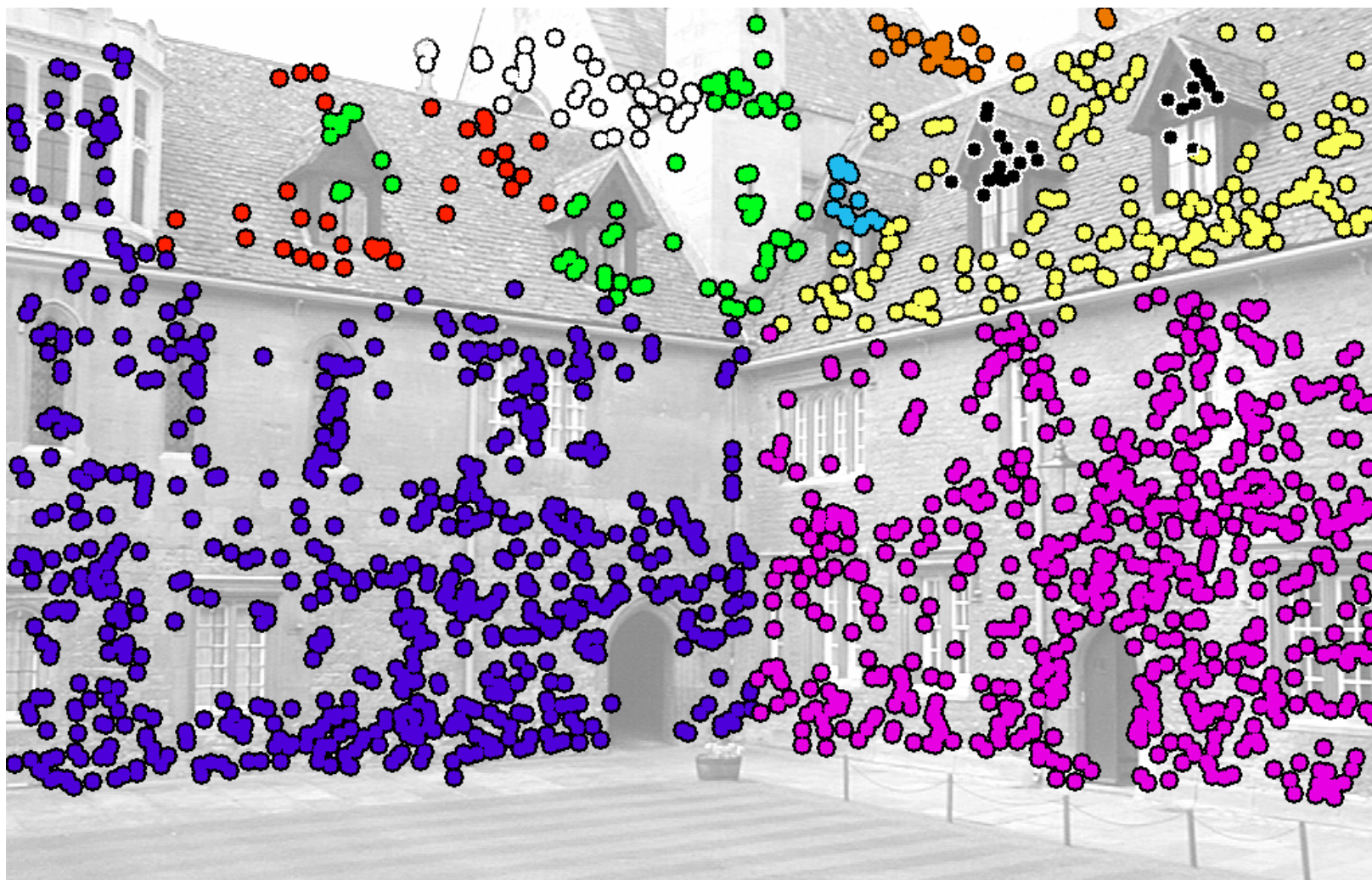
Original image (one of 2 views)

Fitting planes (homographies)



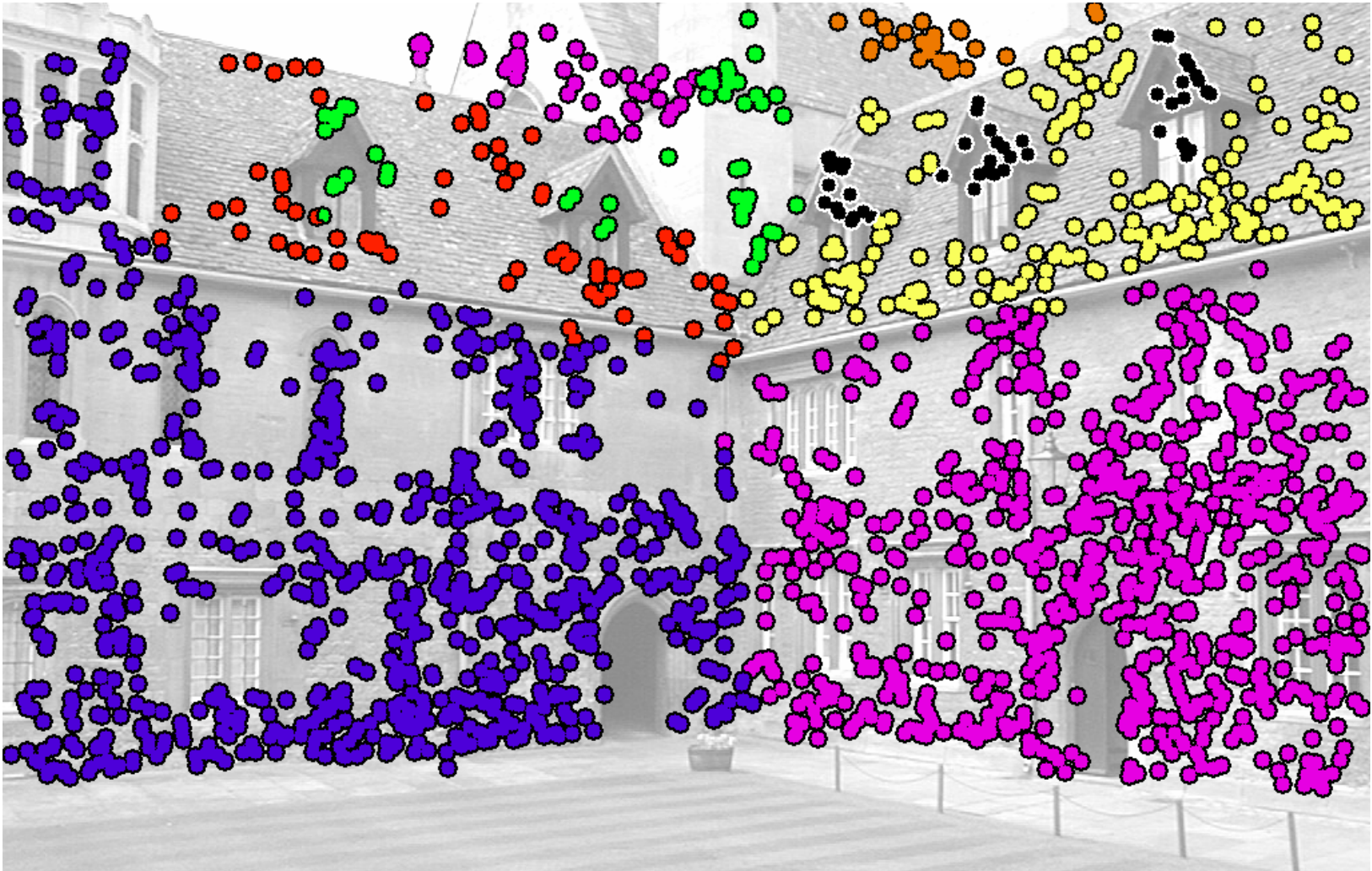
(a) Label costs only

Fitting planes (homographies)



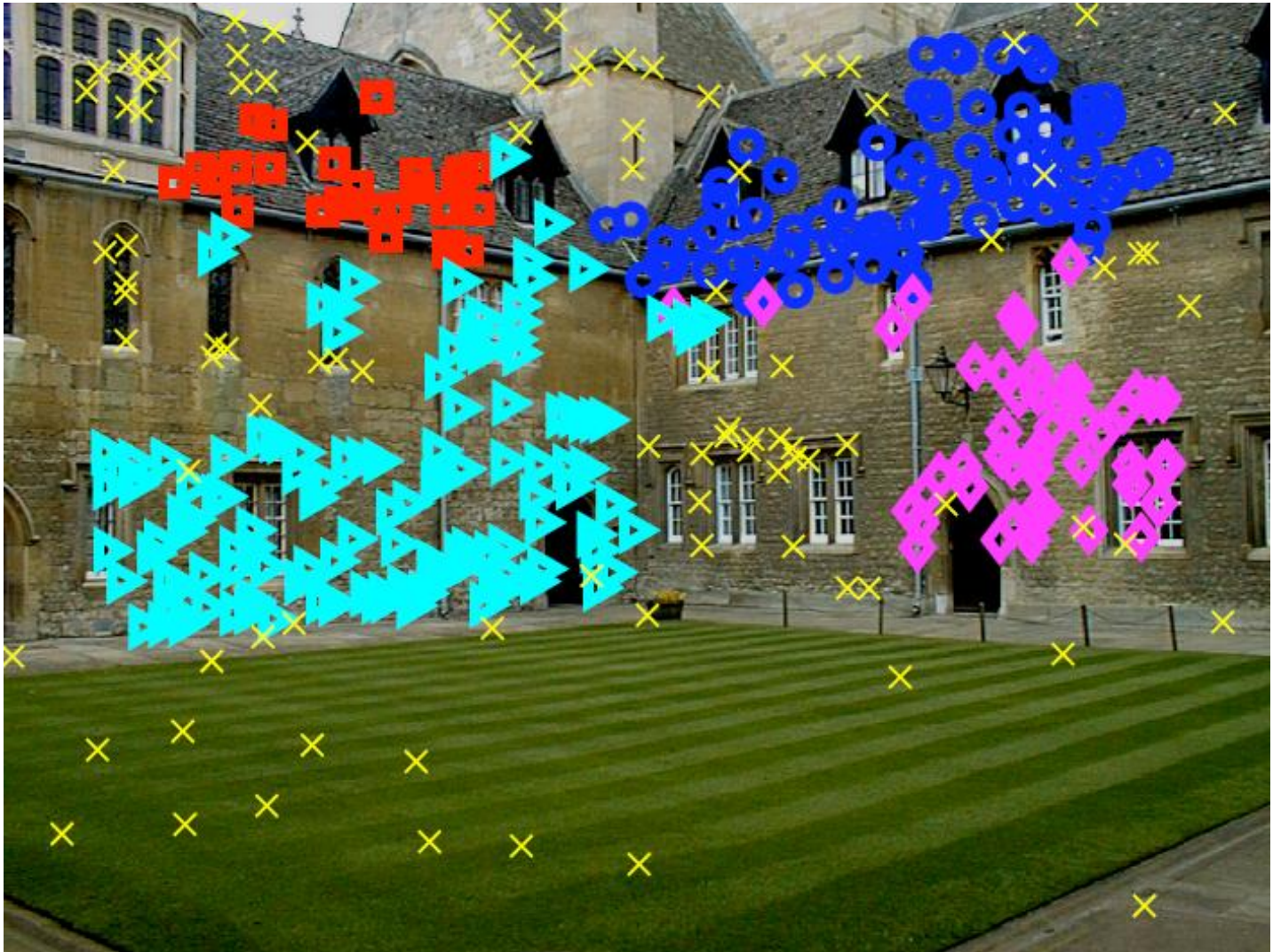
(b) Spatial regularity only

Fitting planes (homographies)



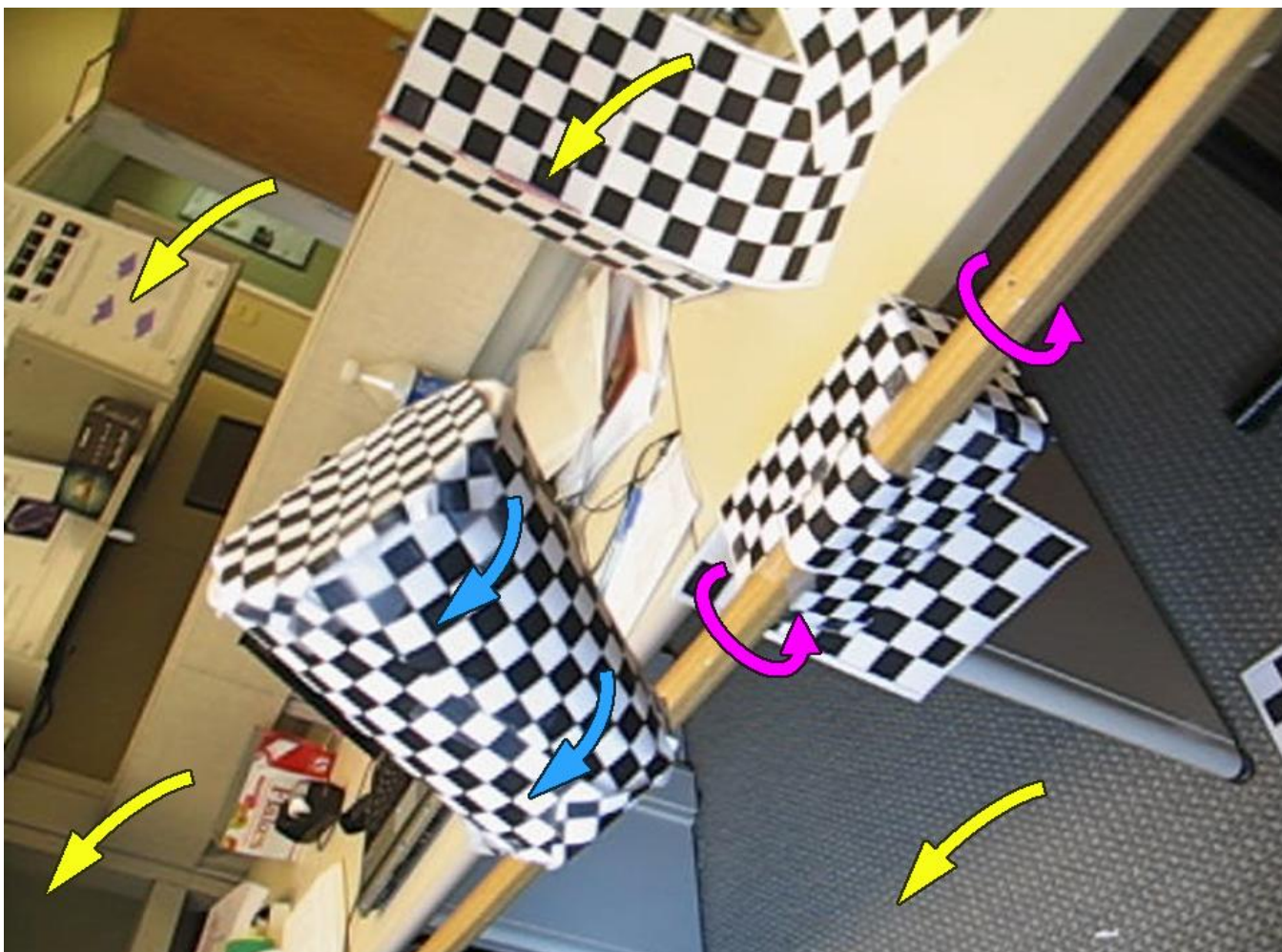
(c) Spatial regularity + label costs

Comparison



based on spectral clustering - Chin, Wang, Sutter ICCV 2009

Fitting Rigid Motions (fundamental matrices)

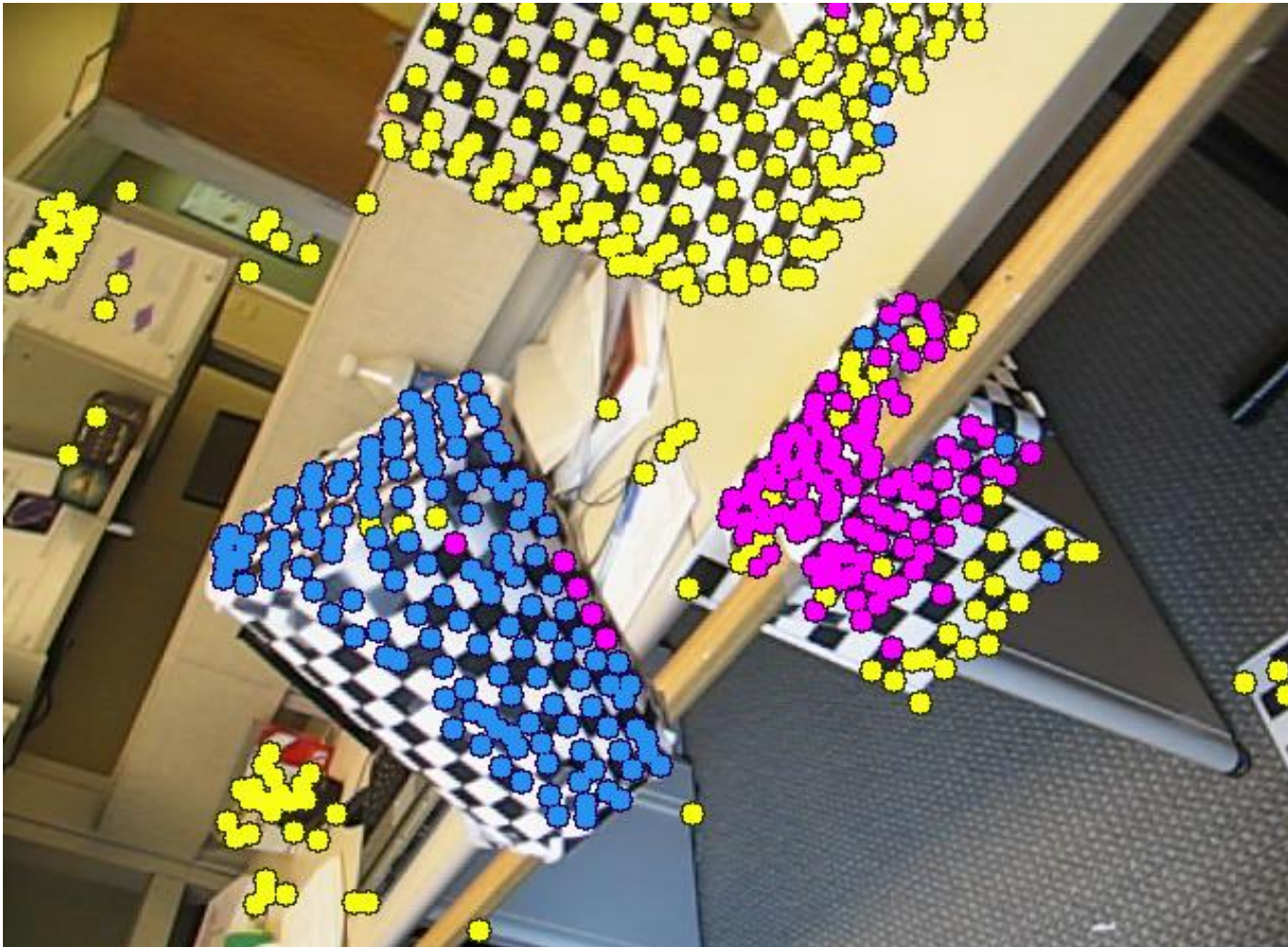


3
motions

Original image

[Rene Vidal]

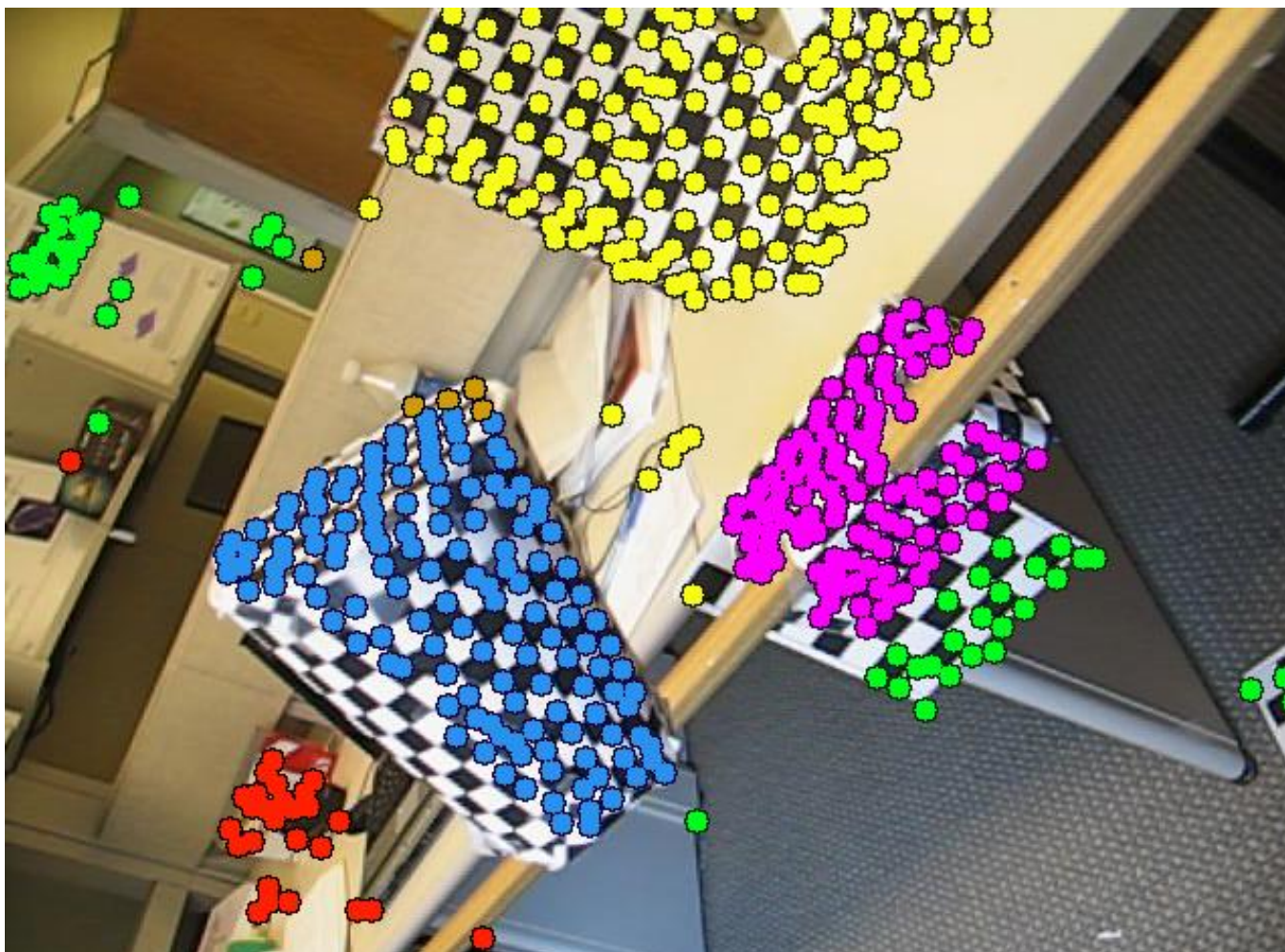
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motions

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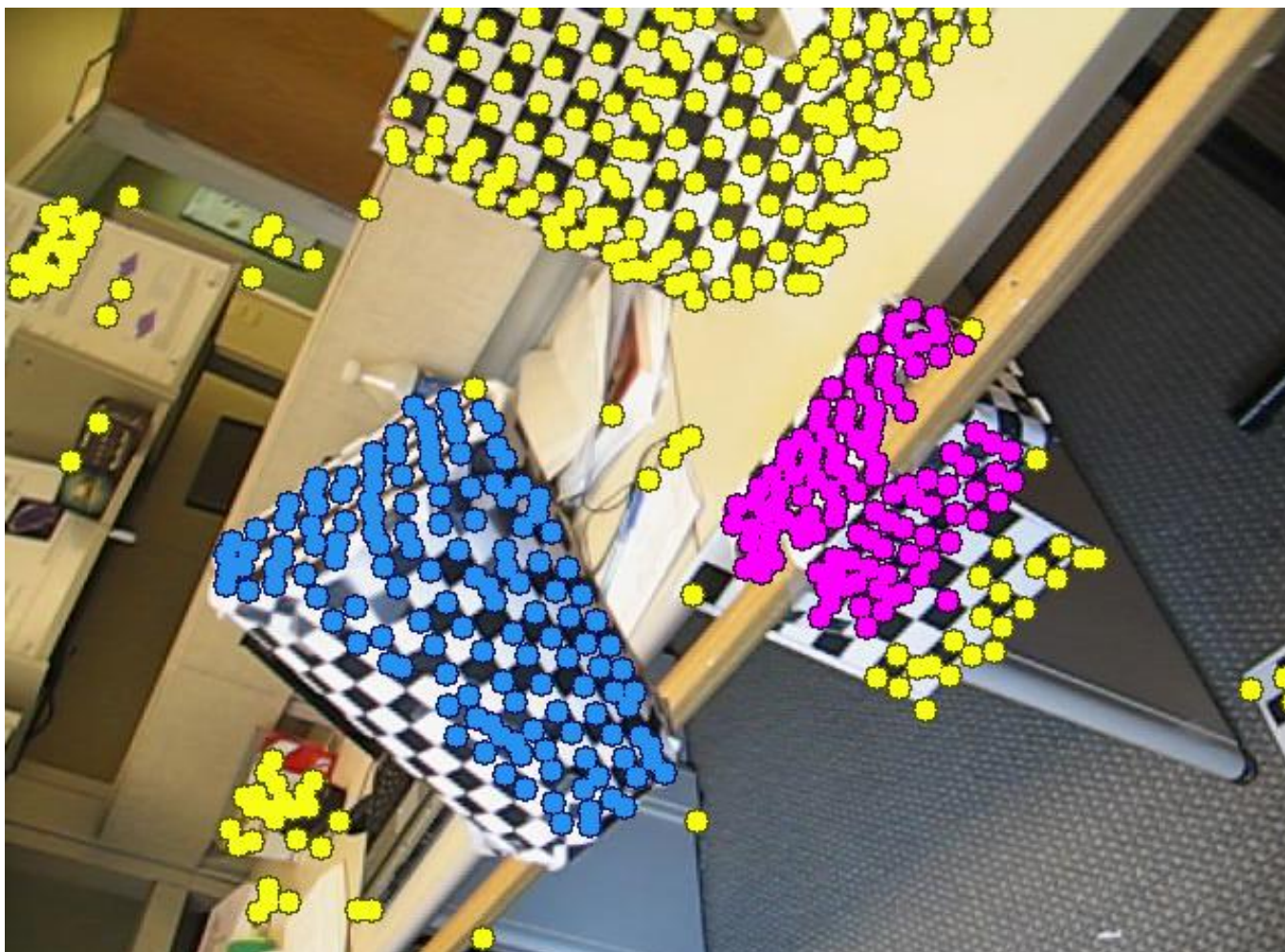
Fitting Rigid Motions (fundamental matrices)



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motions

(b) Spatial regularity only

Fitting Rigid Motions (fundamental matrices)



3
motions

(c) Spatial regularity + label costs

Fitting Rigid Motions (fundamental matrices)



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(unsupervised image segmentation)

Fitting color models

label L represents parameters (e.g. mean) of a Gaussian $N(I/L)$



$$E_I(\mathbf{L}) = \sum_p (I_p - L_p)^2 + \sum_{(p,q) \in N} w \cdot [L_p \neq L_q]$$

$\underbrace{-\ln N(I_p | L_p)}_{\text{color consistency model (Chan-Vese)}}$

color consistency model (**Chan-Vese**)

(unsupervised image segmentation)

Fitting color models

more generally...

label L represents parameters of an arbitrary distribution $Pr(I/L)$



$$E_I(\mathbf{L}) = \sum_p \underbrace{||p - L_p||}_{-\ln Pr(I_p | L_p)} + \sum_{(p,q) \in N} w \cdot [L_p \neq L_q] + \sum_{L \in \Lambda} h_L \cdot \delta_L(\mathbf{L})$$

information theory (MDL) interpretation:

= **number of bits to compress image I losslessly**

(unsupervised image segmentation) Fitting color models



Spatial smoothness + label costs

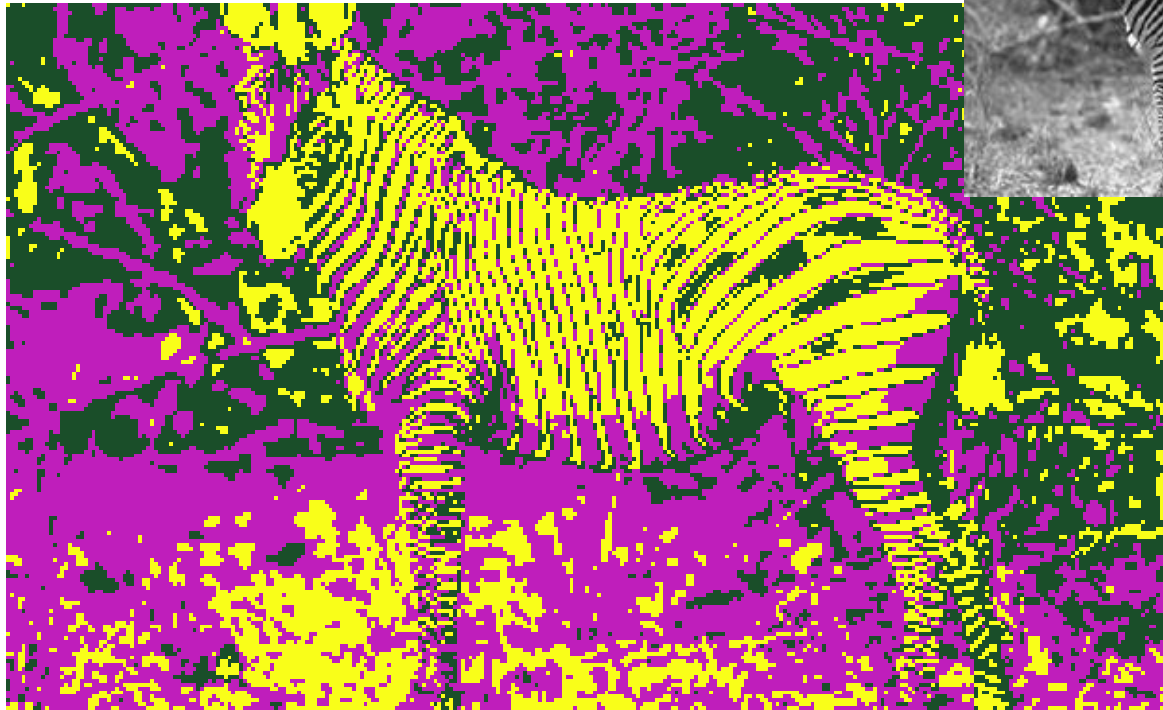
Zhu & Yuille, PAMI 1996
used continuous formulation (gradient descent)

(unsupervised image segmentation) Fitting color models



Spatial smoothness only [Zabih & Kolmogorov, CVPR 04]

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Label costs only

(unsupervised image segmentation) Fitting color models



Spatial smoothness + label costs

Lossy image compression

 \bar{I}

$$E(\bar{I}, L) = E_{\bar{I}}(L) + \lambda \cdot \sum_p \| \bar{I}_p - I_p \|$$

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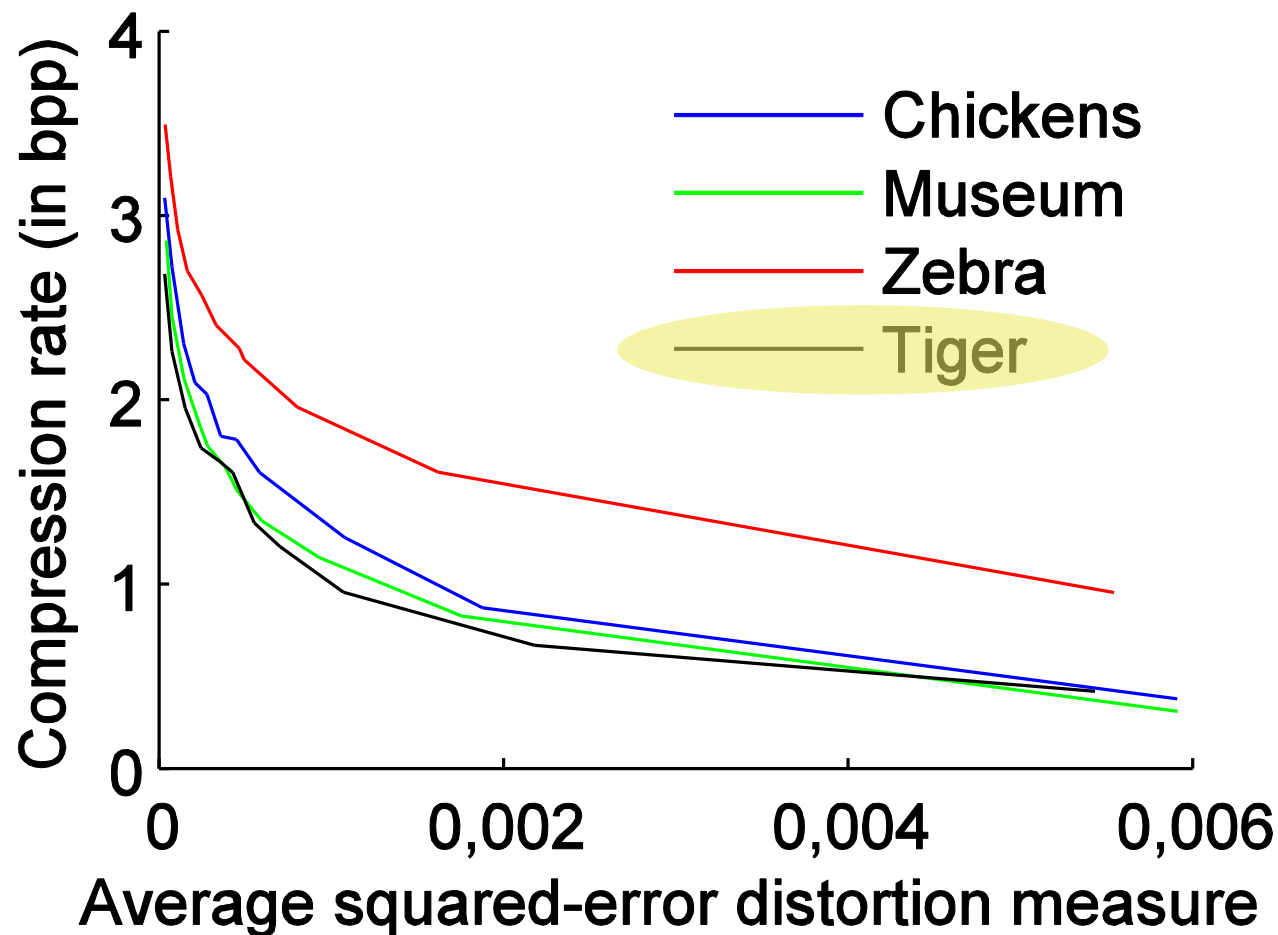
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Rate-Distortion Plot

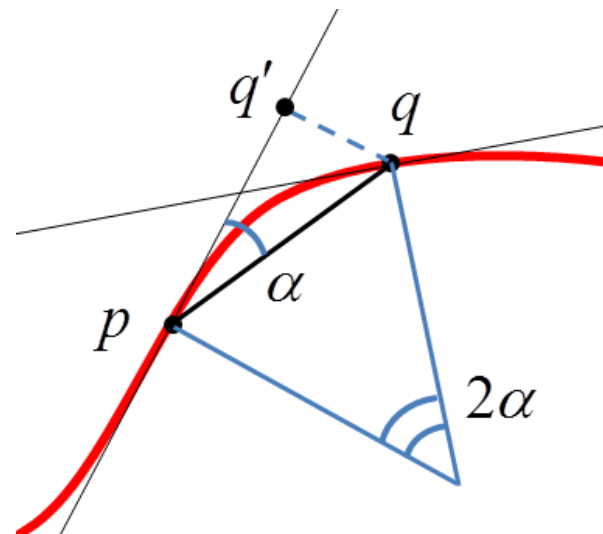
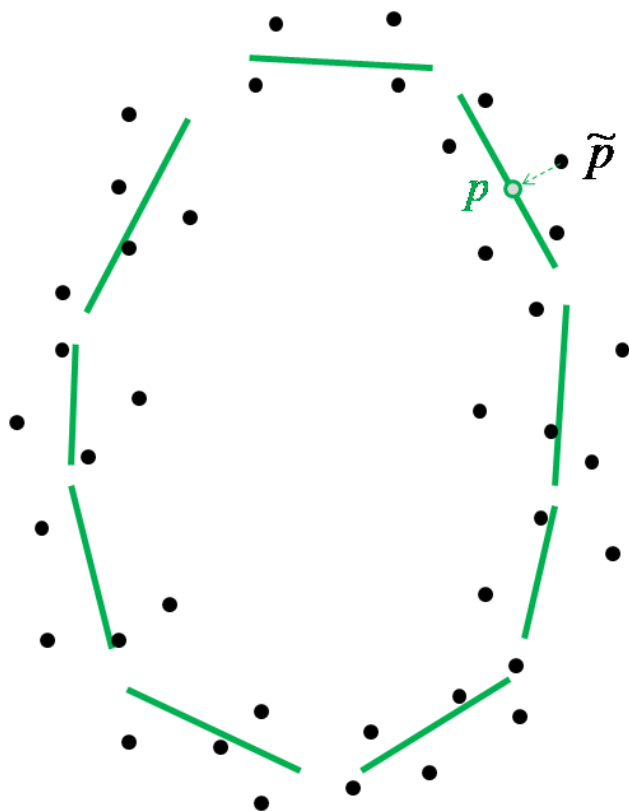


Conclusions

- Energy-based multi-model fitting
- Algorithms for minimizing label-costs energies with global optimality guarantees
 - **extended *a-expansion***, standard ***UFL*** heuristics
- Exploring a continuum of labels, ***PEARL***

Extensions

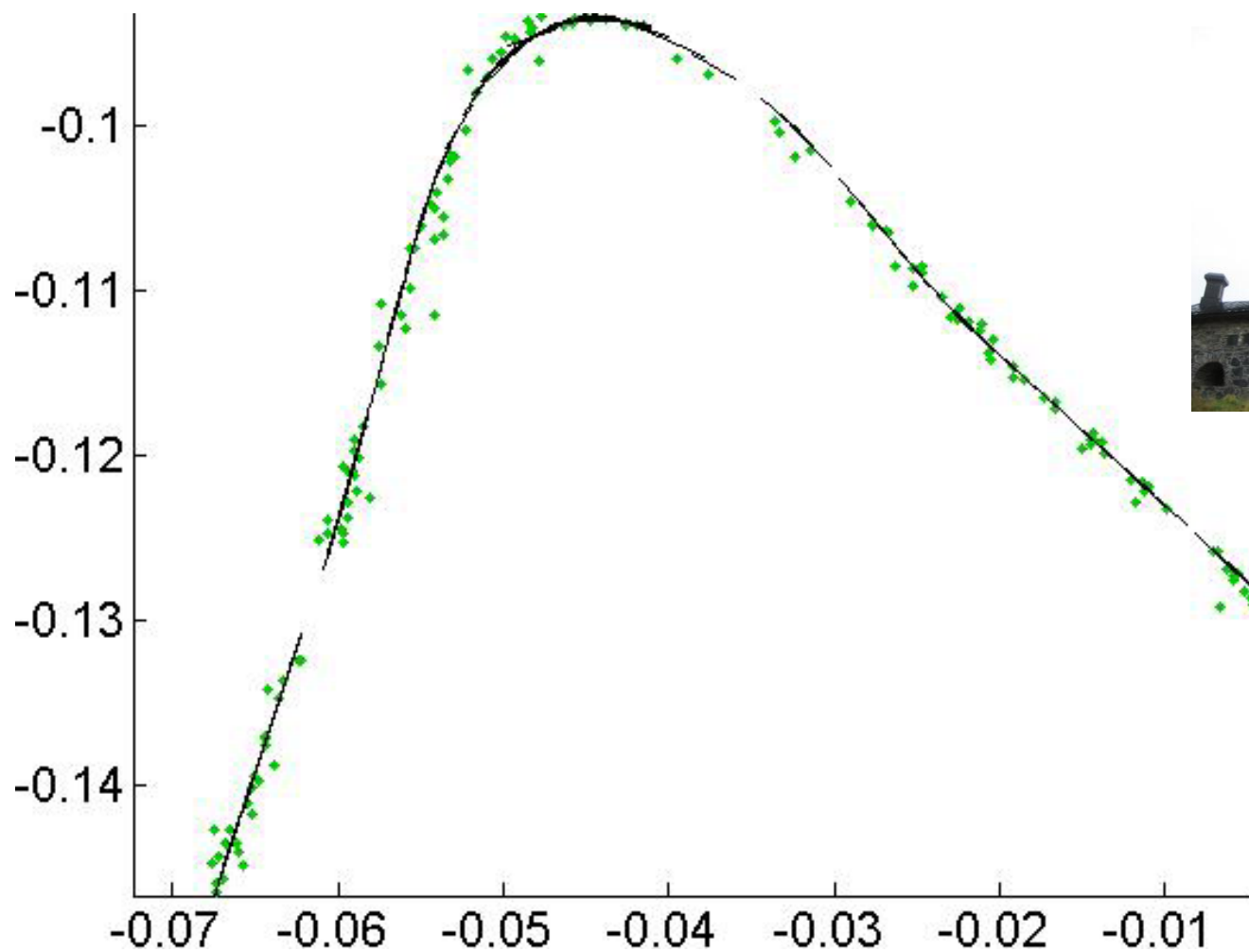
Piece-wise smooth model fitting



$$\kappa = \frac{|q - q'|}{2|p - q|^2}$$

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Piece-wise smooth model fitting

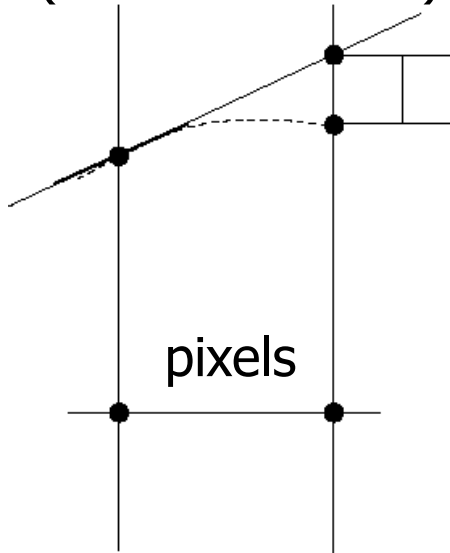


[Olsson, Boykov CVPR12]

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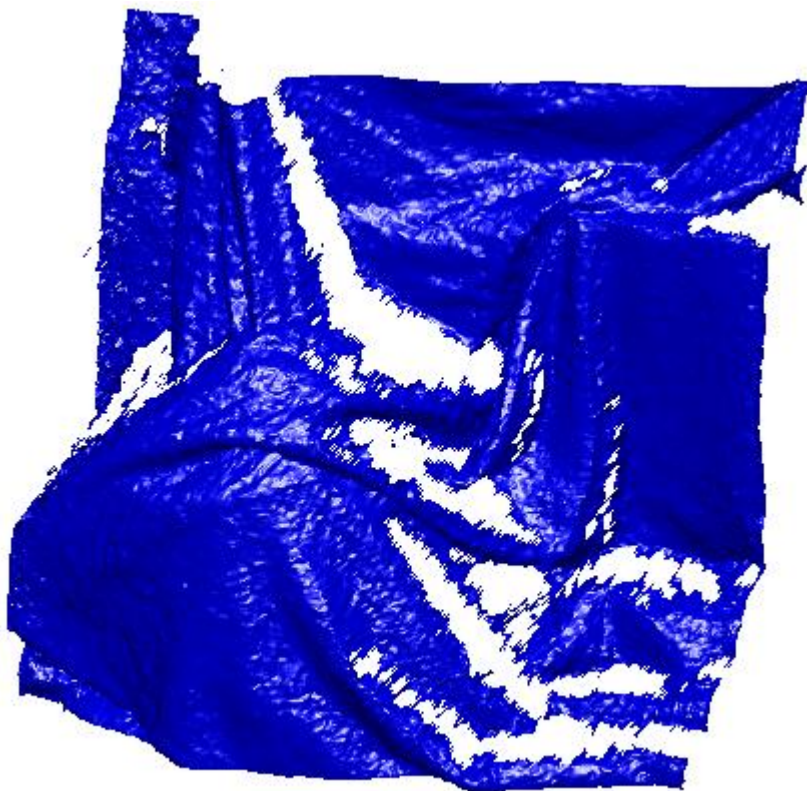
Piece-wise smooth stereo

Labels are tangents
(incl. orientation)



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First-order smoothness

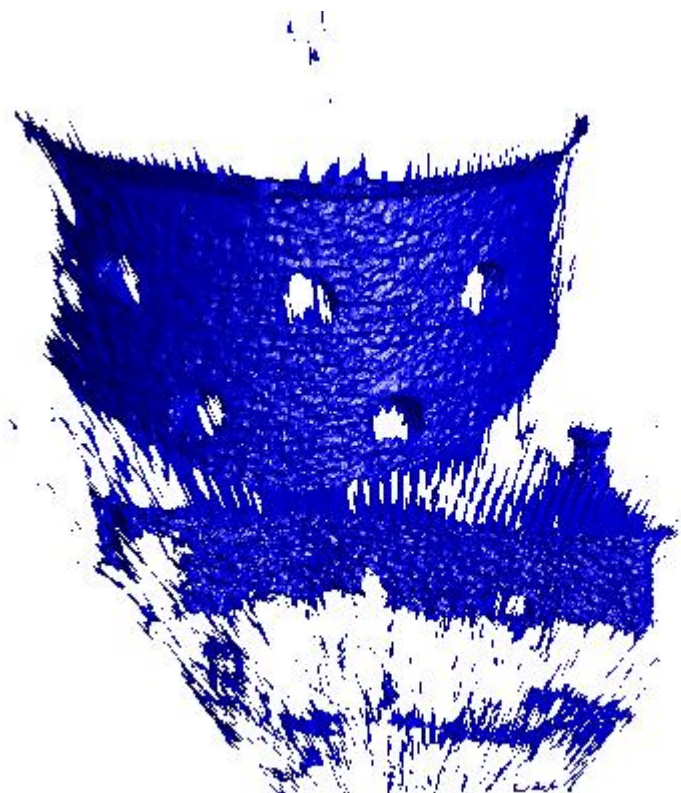


Second-order smoothness

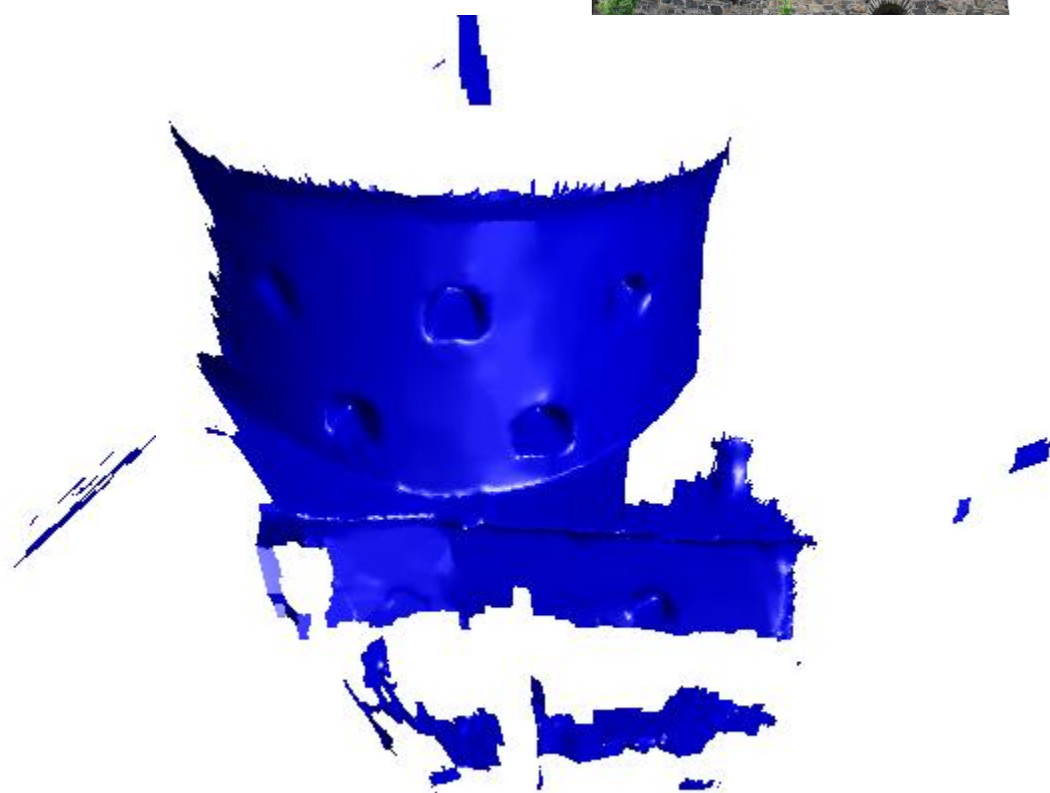
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