

VisDiff: SDF-Guided Polygon Generation for Visibility Reconstruction, Characterization and Recognition

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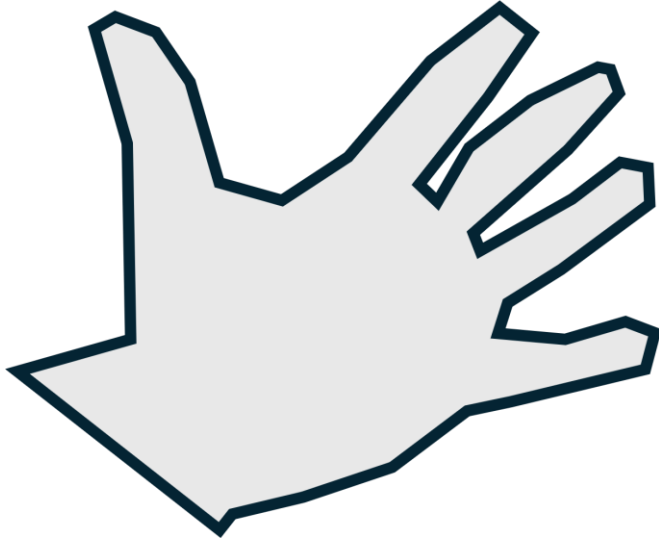
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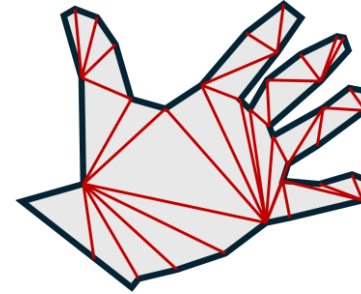


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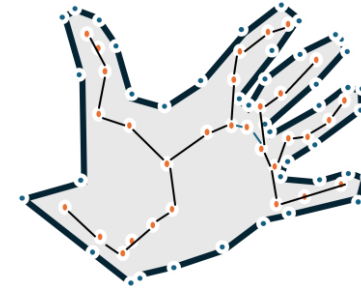
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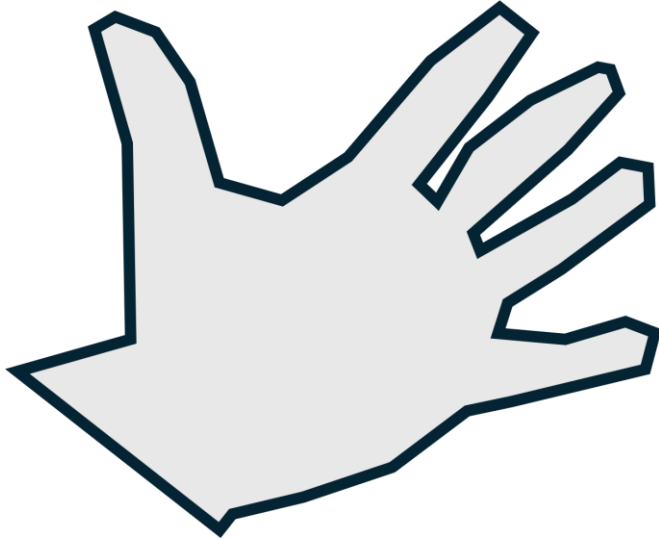
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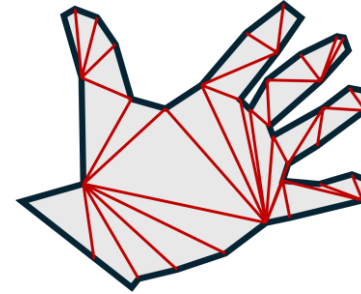
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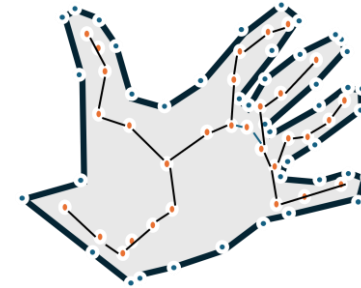
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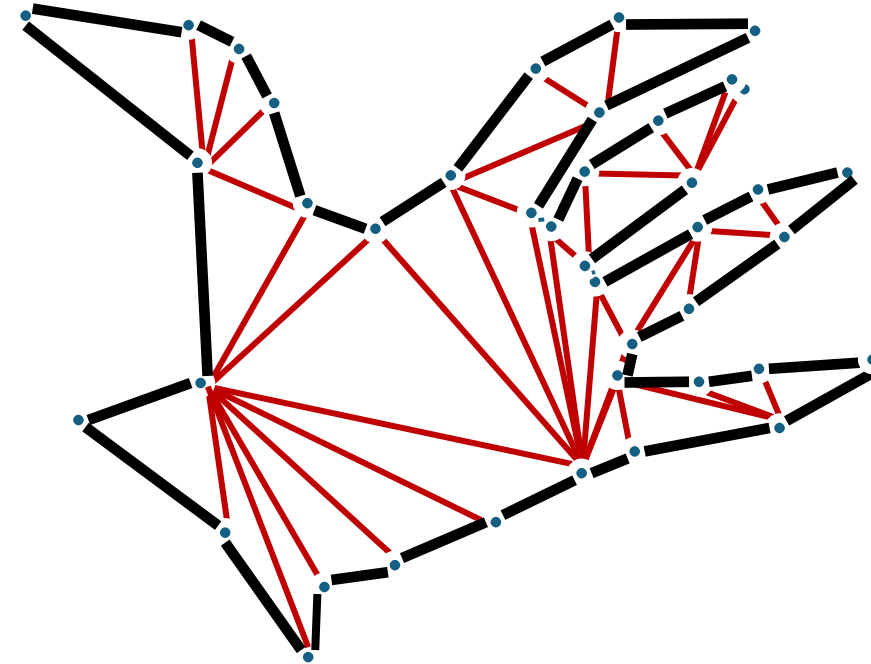
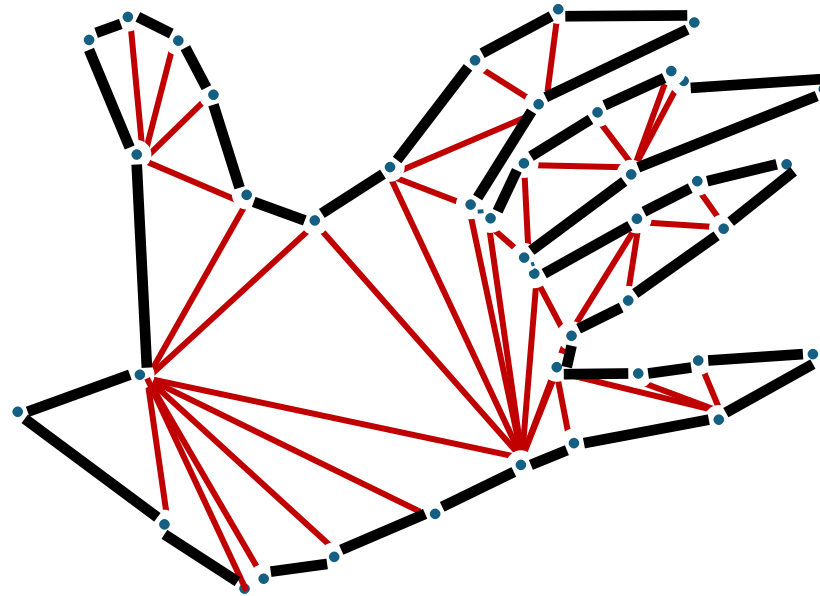
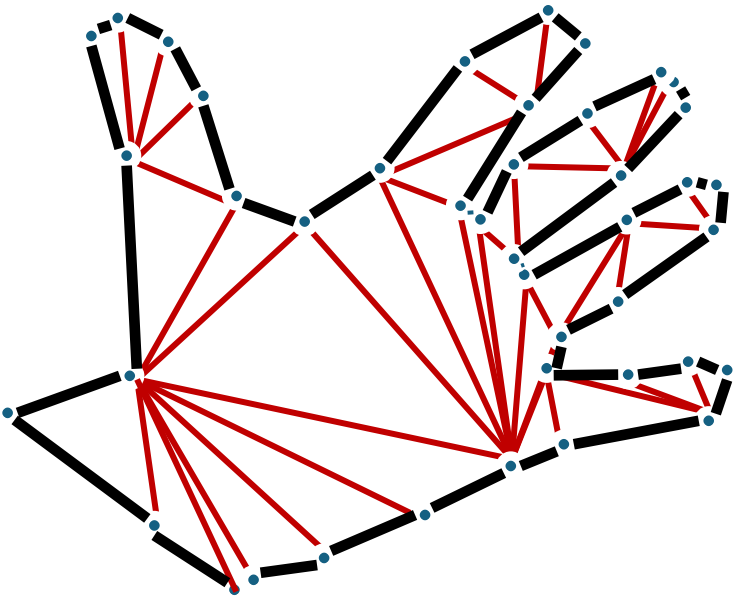


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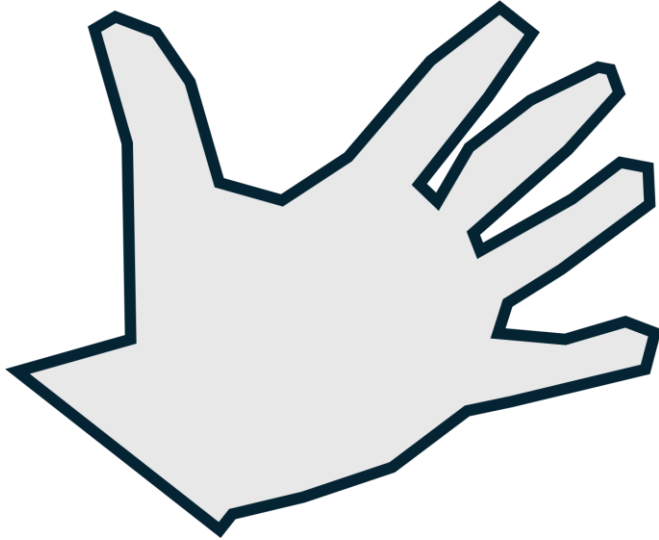
- Multiple Polygons can exist with the same visibility graph / topological feature



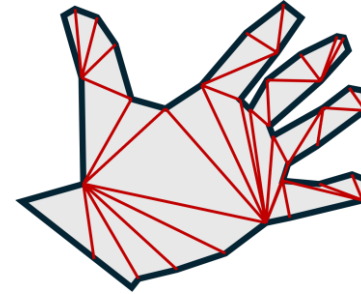
Note: Only few visibility edges are visualized

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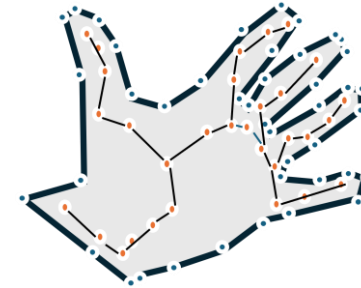
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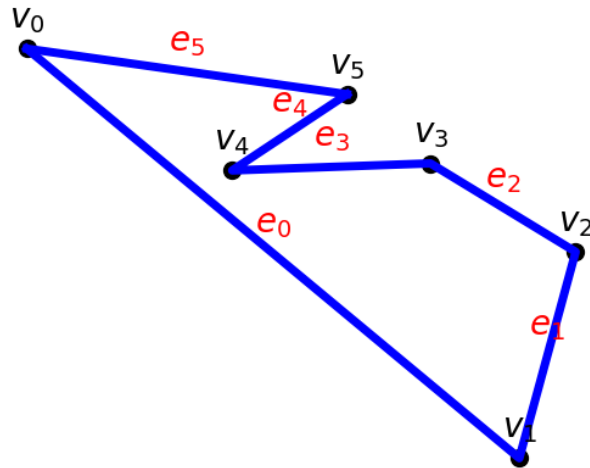


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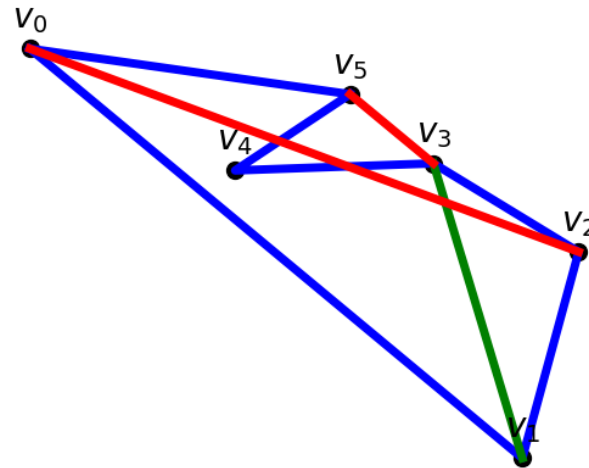


What is a Visibility Graph?

- Two vertex locations are visible to each other if line segment joining them is contained inside the polygon



Simple Polygon



Example Visibility Edges

Green: Visible Edges
Red: Non-Visible Edges

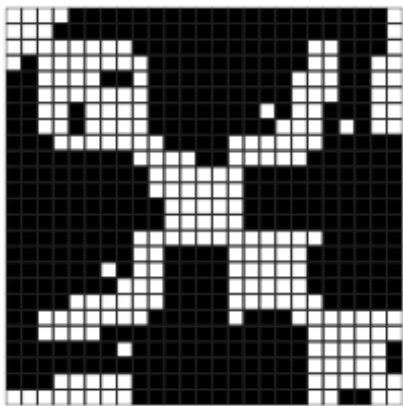
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Visibility Graph

White (1): Visible Edges
Black (0): Non-Visible Edges

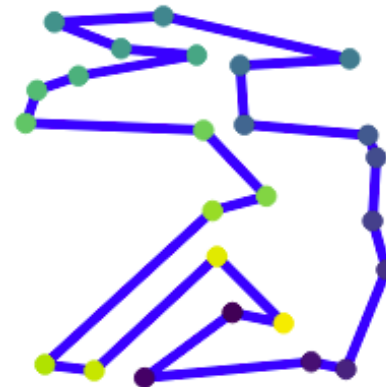
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- **Characterization**
 - Given a **valid visibility graph** G , generate **all** polygons P such that $\text{Vis}(P) = G$
- **Recognition**
 - Given an **arbitrary graph** G , determine whether there **exists** a polygon P such that $\text{Vis}(P) = G$
- Solved only for specific polygon classes, general cases remain open.



G Only

A graph G is **valid** if at least one polygon exists for it.



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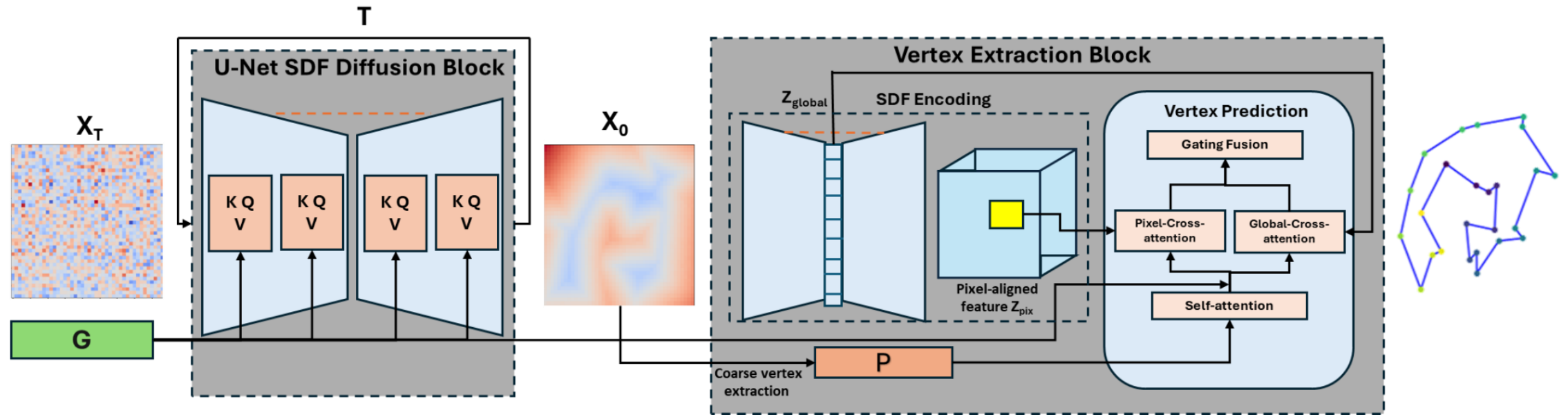
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- Demonstrate that utilizing the SDF **enhances** the efficiency of the current learning approach in understanding visibility relationships.

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- **Classify** valid if $G - G' > T$ (Threshold)



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- Characterization
 - Given the set of polygons P with with visibility graphs G'
 - Diversity: Average Chamfer distance between point sets of P
 - Coverage: Breadth-First exploration over the latent space
 - Initialize root polygon P using VisDiff.
 - Breadth-first exploration is then performed up to a fixed depth d and branching factor b
 - Children generated by adding scheduled noise to its parent in latent space.
 - Node expanded: **(1)** F1 greater than T (Same as Recognition), **(2)** Distance from previous nodes greater than T_d
 - **Coverage:** expanded nodes / maximum possible node



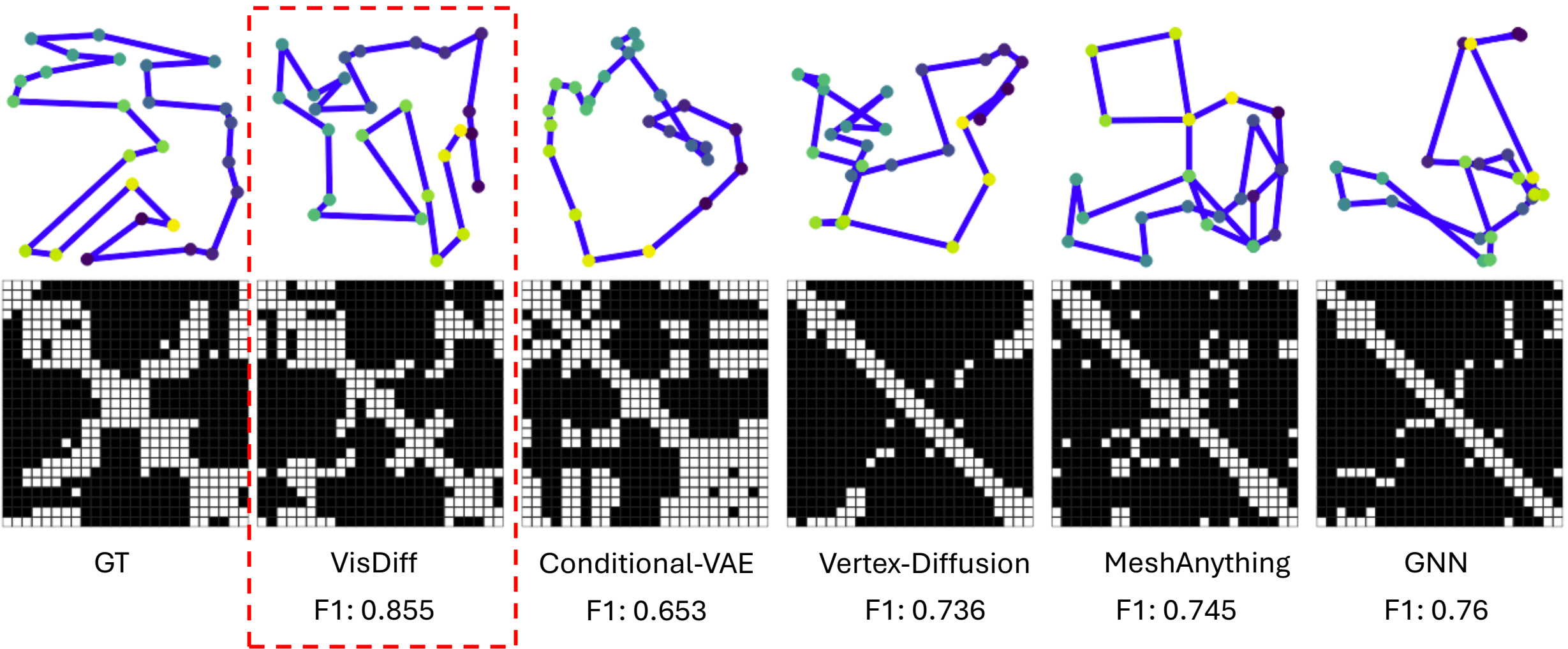
Baselines

- No existing learning method for visibility → polygon mapping
- We use generative models learning similar topological mappings as baselines-
 - **Triangulation-conditioned Mesh Generation:** MeshAnything [1], Vertex-Diffusion [2]
 - **Graph Embedding:** GNN [3]
 - **Conditional-Generation:** Conditional-VAE [4]
 - **Note:** We train the following models for visibility-polygon mapping

Quantitative Metrics - Reconstruction

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1
Vertex-Diffusion [2]	0.777	0.7773	0.716	0.724
Conditional-VAE [4]	0.74	0.718	0.704	0.702
GNN [3]	0.73	0.786	0.686	0.674
MeshAnything [1]	0.7747	0.739	0.723	0.712
VisDiff	0.924	0.914	0.911	0.912

Qualitative Results- Reconstruction



White: Visible Edges
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Quantitative Metrics - Characterization

- Diversity
 - Mean Chamfer Distance: **0.56**
 - $N = 50$
 - **High** Diversity: **20%** of 2x2 domain



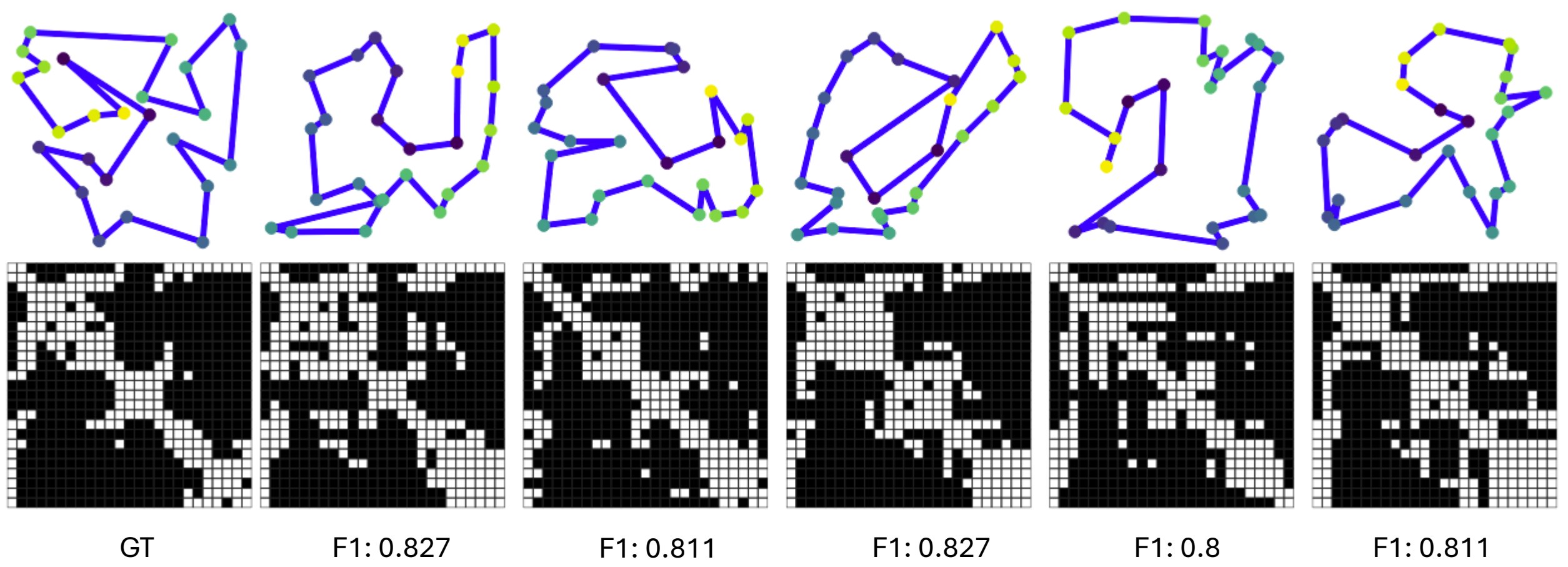
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F1 Threshold T	Depth d	Branching Factor b	Distance Threshold T_d	Coverage Metric
0.85	5	2	0.1	0.475
0.80	5	2	0.1	0.488
0.75	5	2	0.1	0.495
0.70	5	2	0.1	0.515

- Average: **50%** coverage metrics **~32** nodes indicating **high coverage**
 - Training: **20** Augmentations

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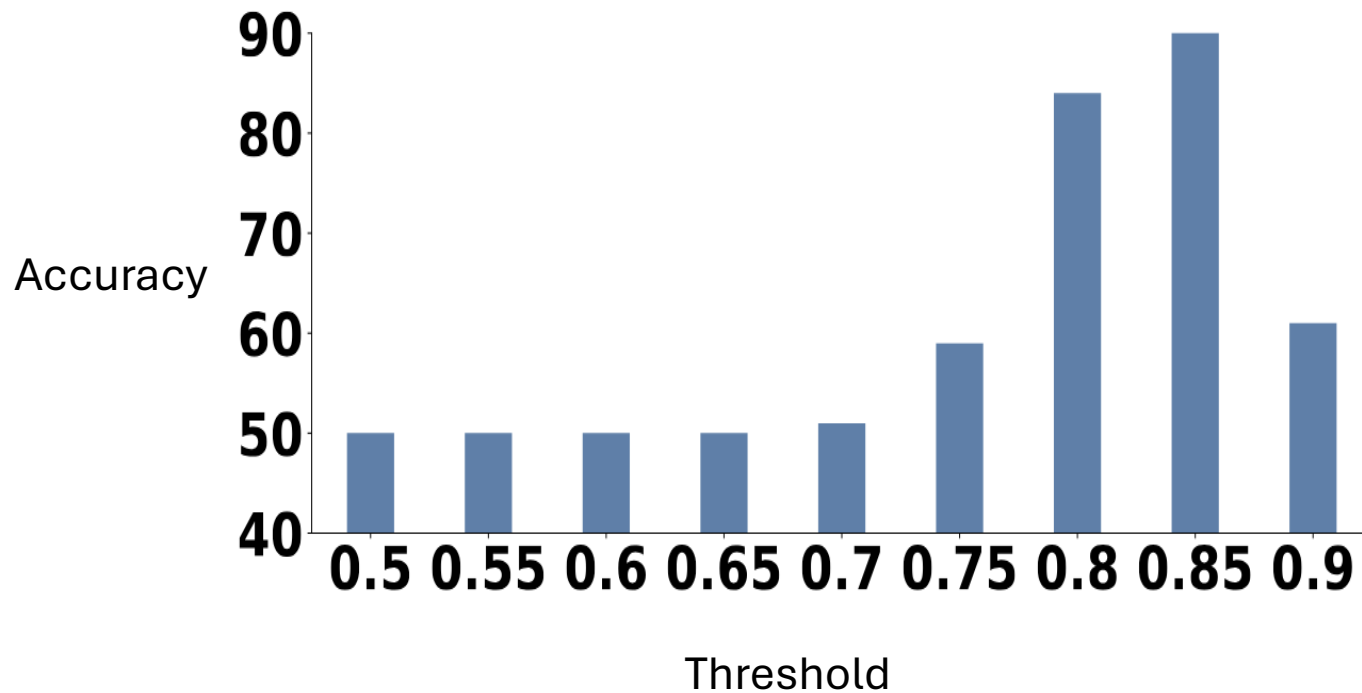
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Quantitative Metrics - Recognition

Polygons with **holes** are used as proxy for **non-valid visibility graphs**



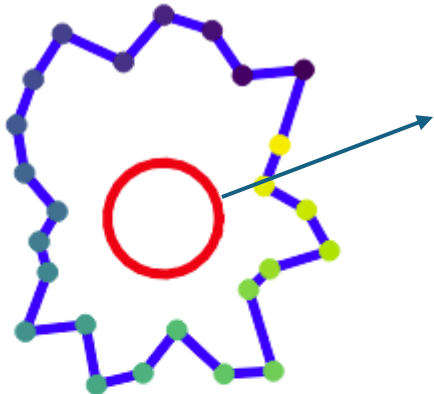
Threshold - F1 Score
Accuracy - Classification Accuracy

- **90% Accuracy** achieved with 0.85 threshold F-1 Score

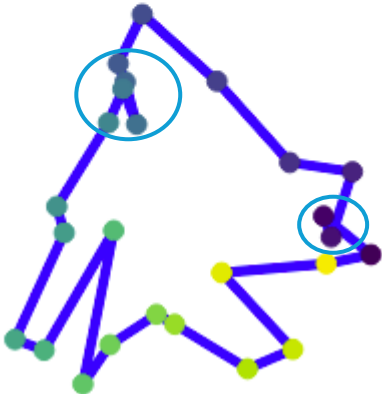
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○ shows crossings

Hole

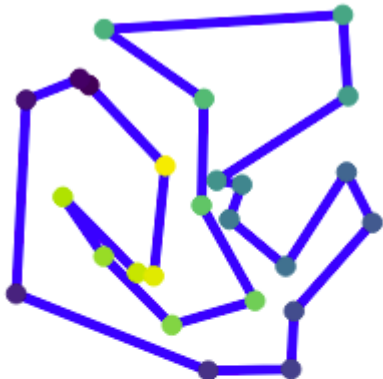


No valid polygon
generated by
VisDiff

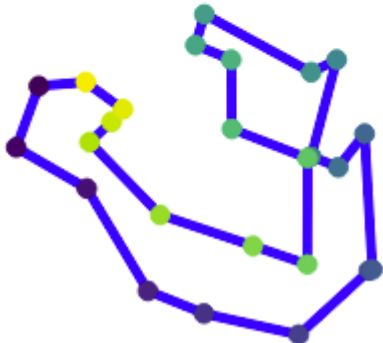


Prediction:
Non-Valid
Visibility graph

Non-Valid
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Valid polygon with
F1 0.87 generated
by VisDiff



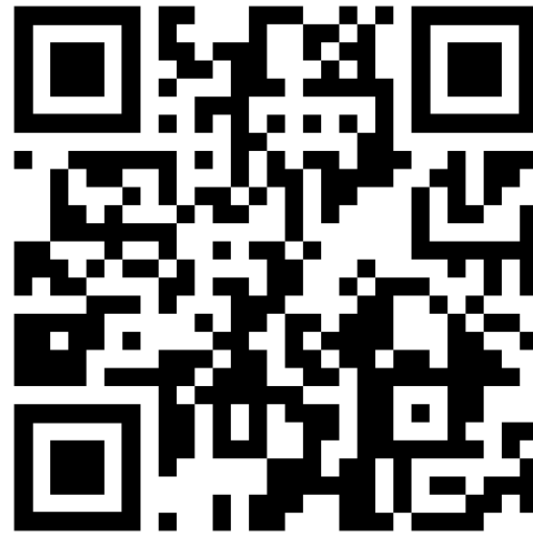
Prediction:
Valid Visibility
graph

Valid Visibility Graph

Conclusion

- Demonstrated effectiveness of having an intermediate **SDF** representation which enhances the understanding of visibility relationships
 - **VisDiff** outperforms to the state of the art approaches on the visibility reconstruction task by **26%** in terms of F-1 Score
- Showcased the capability of **VisDiff** to provide evidence for the visibility characterization and Recognition problem

Thank You!



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