

Camera-based PCB Analysis for Solder Paste Dispensing

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- Objective
- Workflow
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Motivation

- **All-in-one** machine for fabrication of PCBs for **small batches** & **prototypes**

- SMD components **are hard**

- Cheap and fast **prototyping**

- Reuse existing **3D printing** hardware

- Save work space

- Allow reuse of existing machine

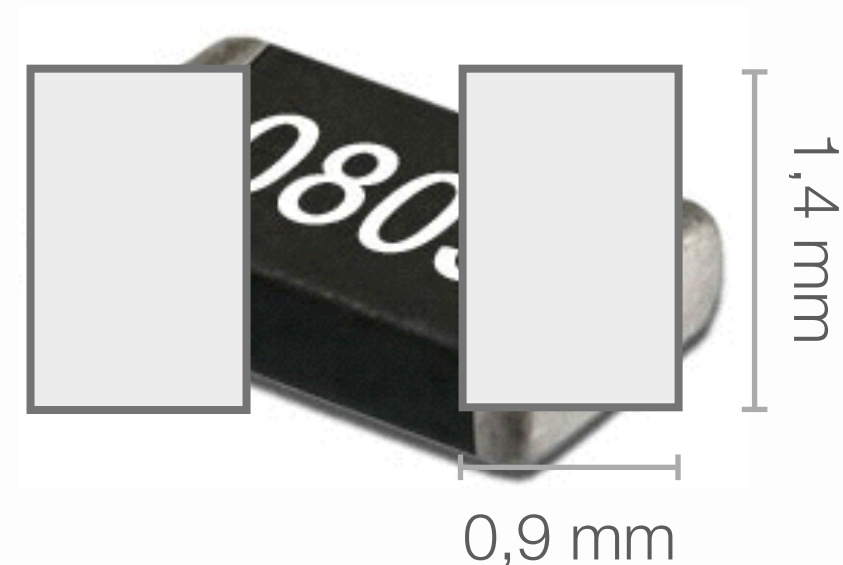
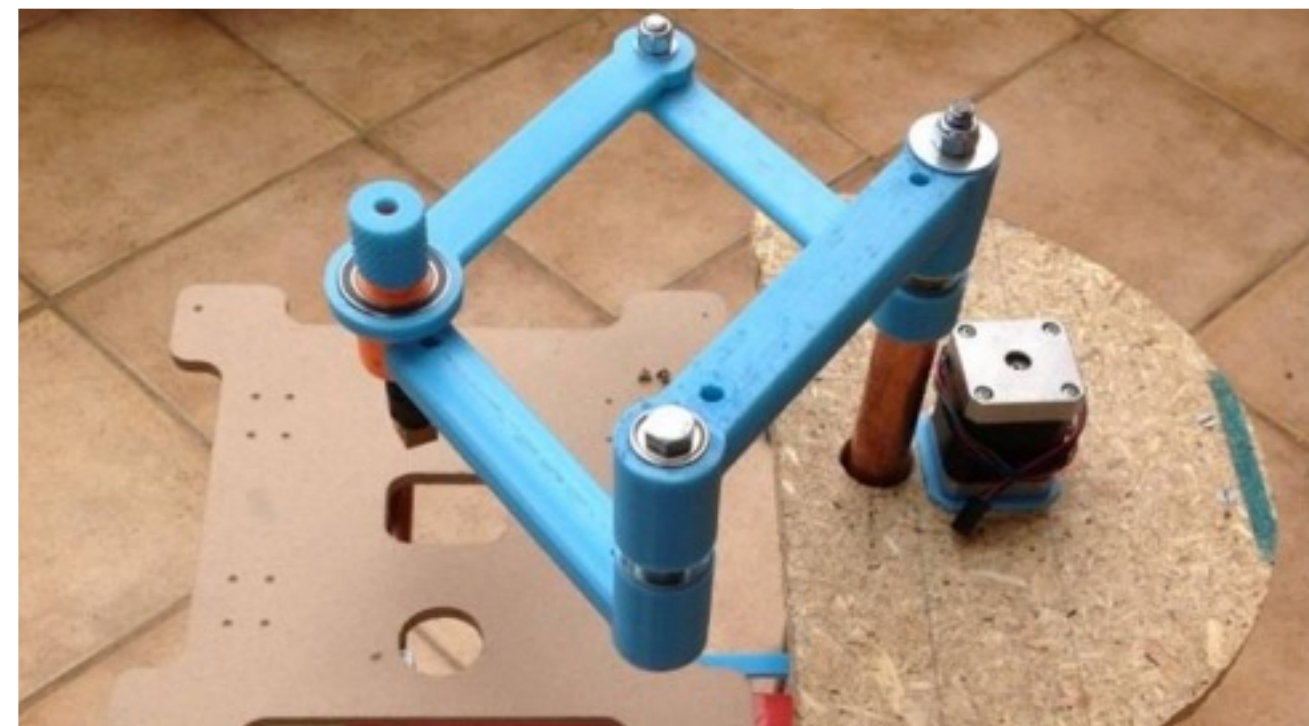
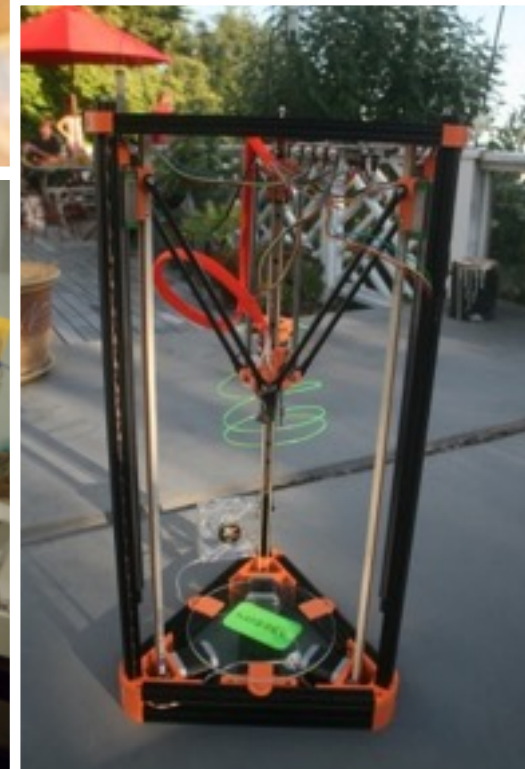
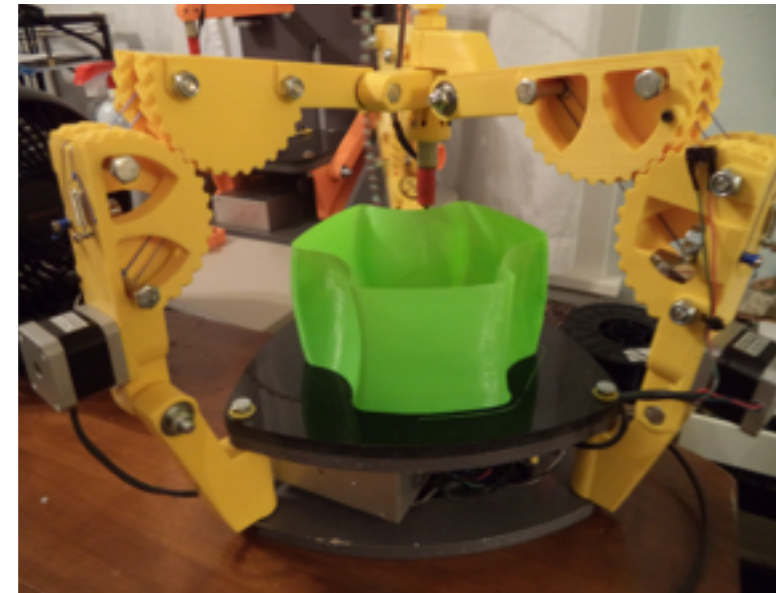
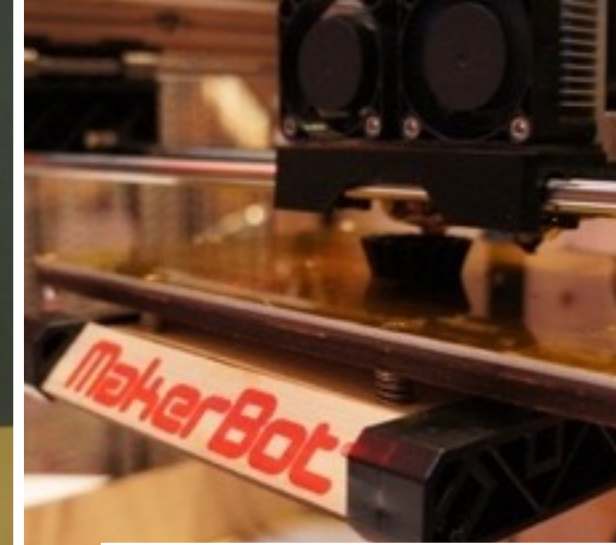
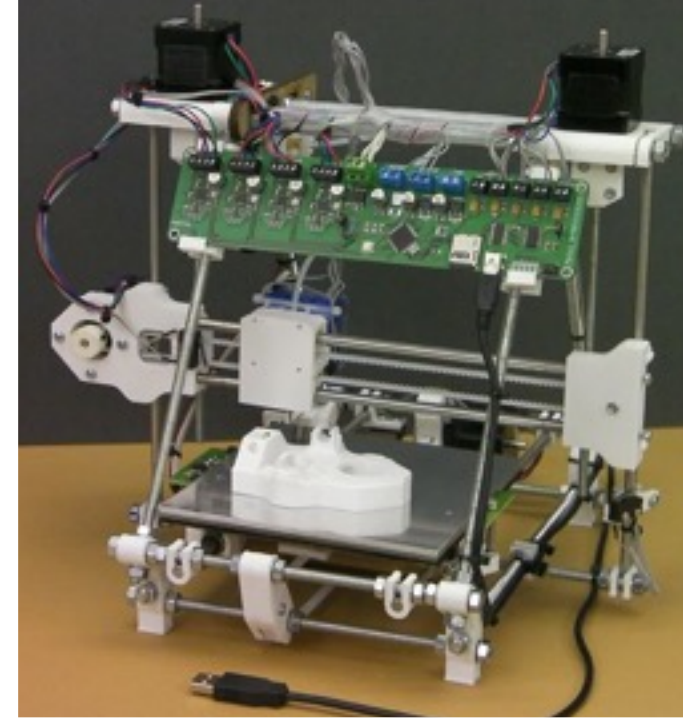


Figure 1: 0805 sized Resistor
Figure 2: Solder Pad



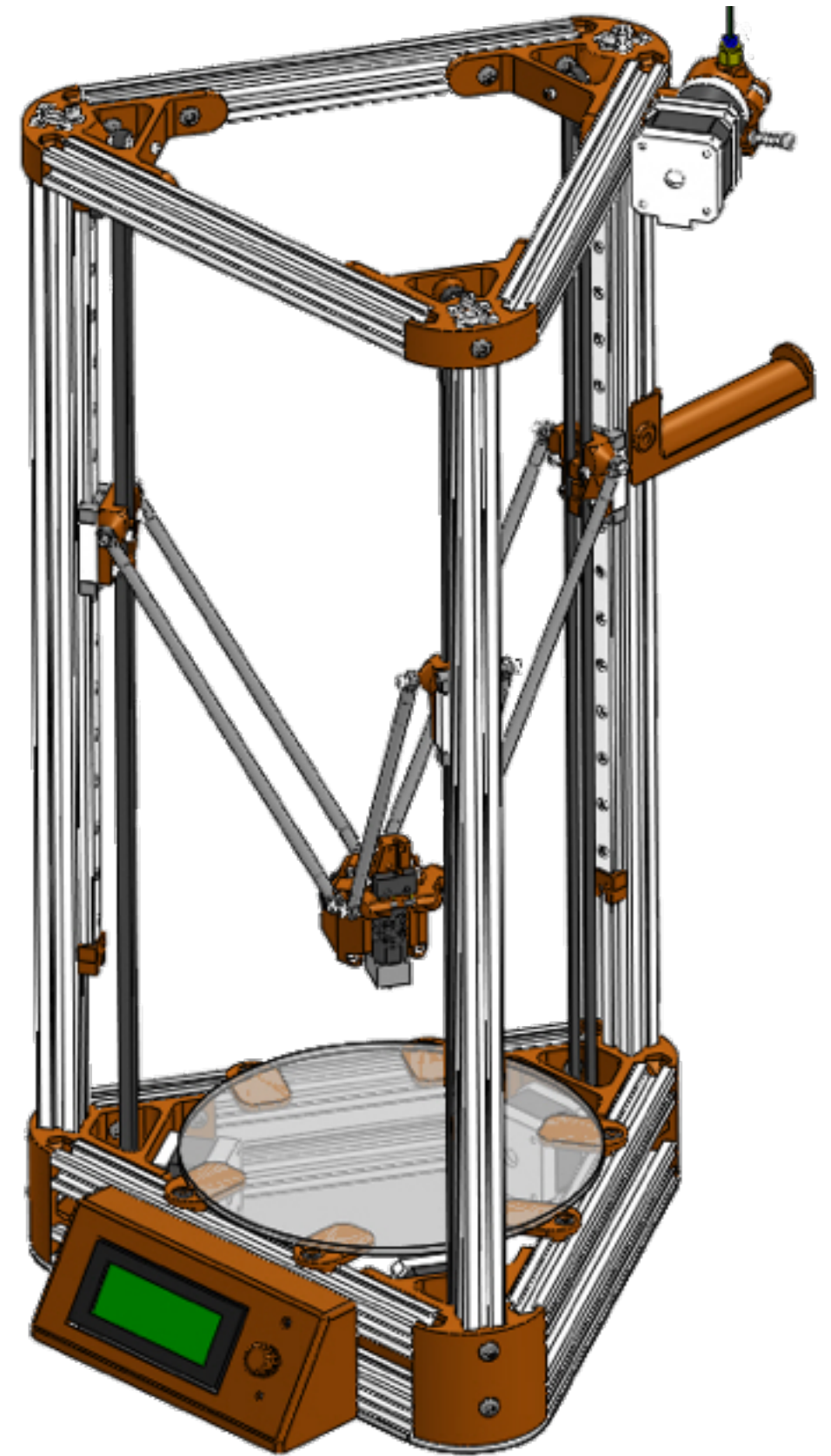
RepRap Project

- Develops self-replicating 3d printers for DIY
- Open Source / Community effort
- Started 2005 by Adrian Bowyer at Bath University (UK)
- Print plastic, clay, chocolate, conductive materials etc.
- Provides Delta Robot platform with controller and firmware

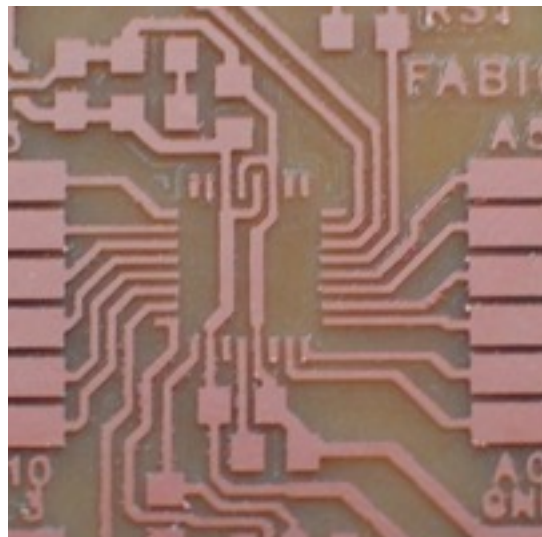


Mini Kossel

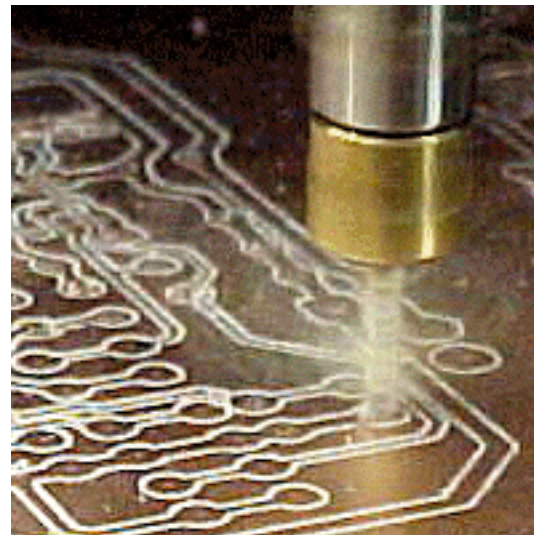
- Parallel kinematic 3D printer
- Stepper Motors: 3 DOG
- Resolution: 100 steps/mm with 0.03 mm repeatability
- Build volume:
20 cm x 18 cm Ø cylindrical
- Automatic calibration: Bed Leveling
- Open-loop controller
- Interprets G-Code



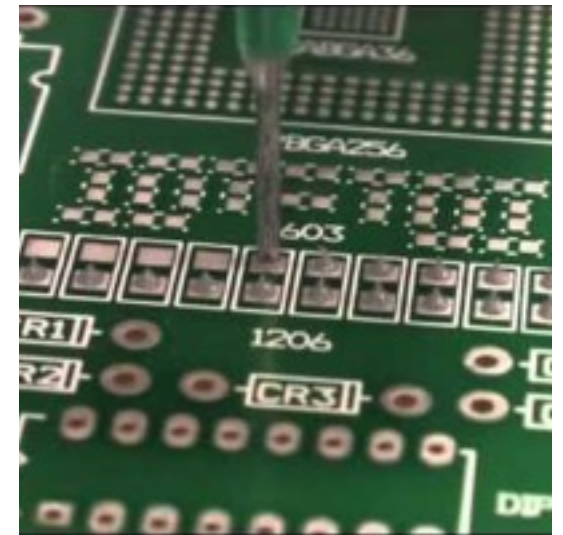
Workflow: Overview



Milling / Plotting



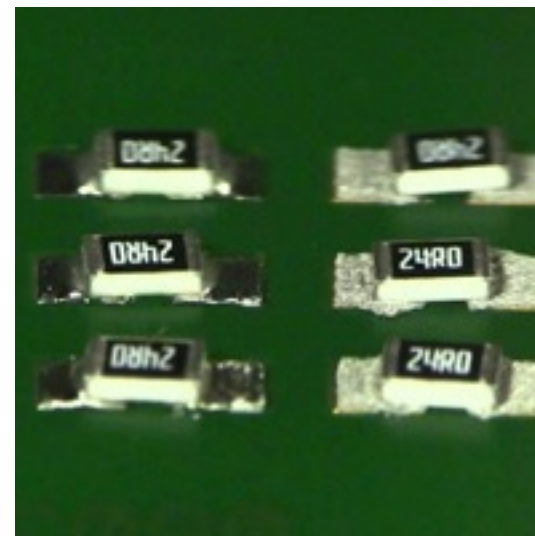
Drilling



Paste Dispensing



Pick-n-Place

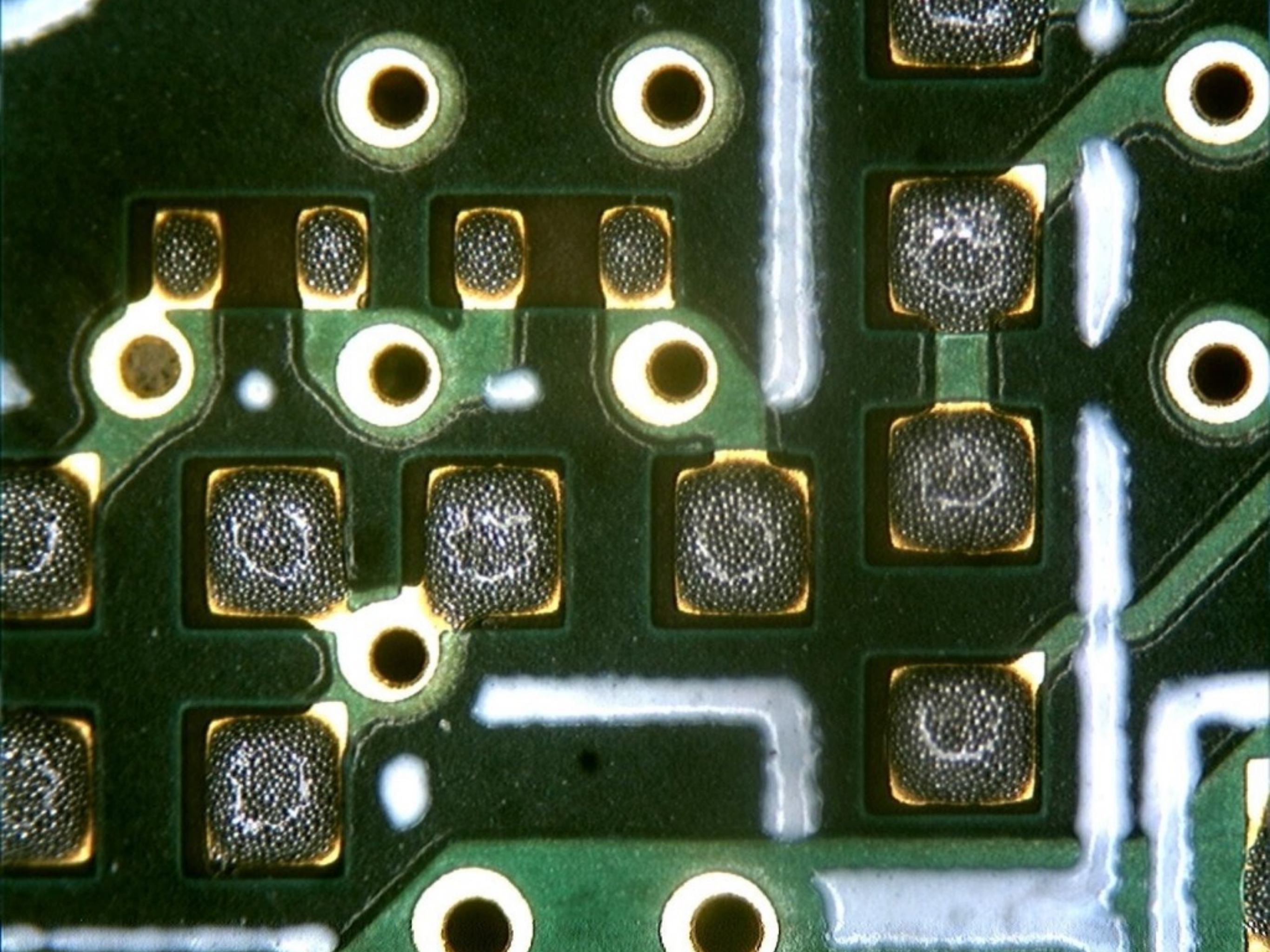


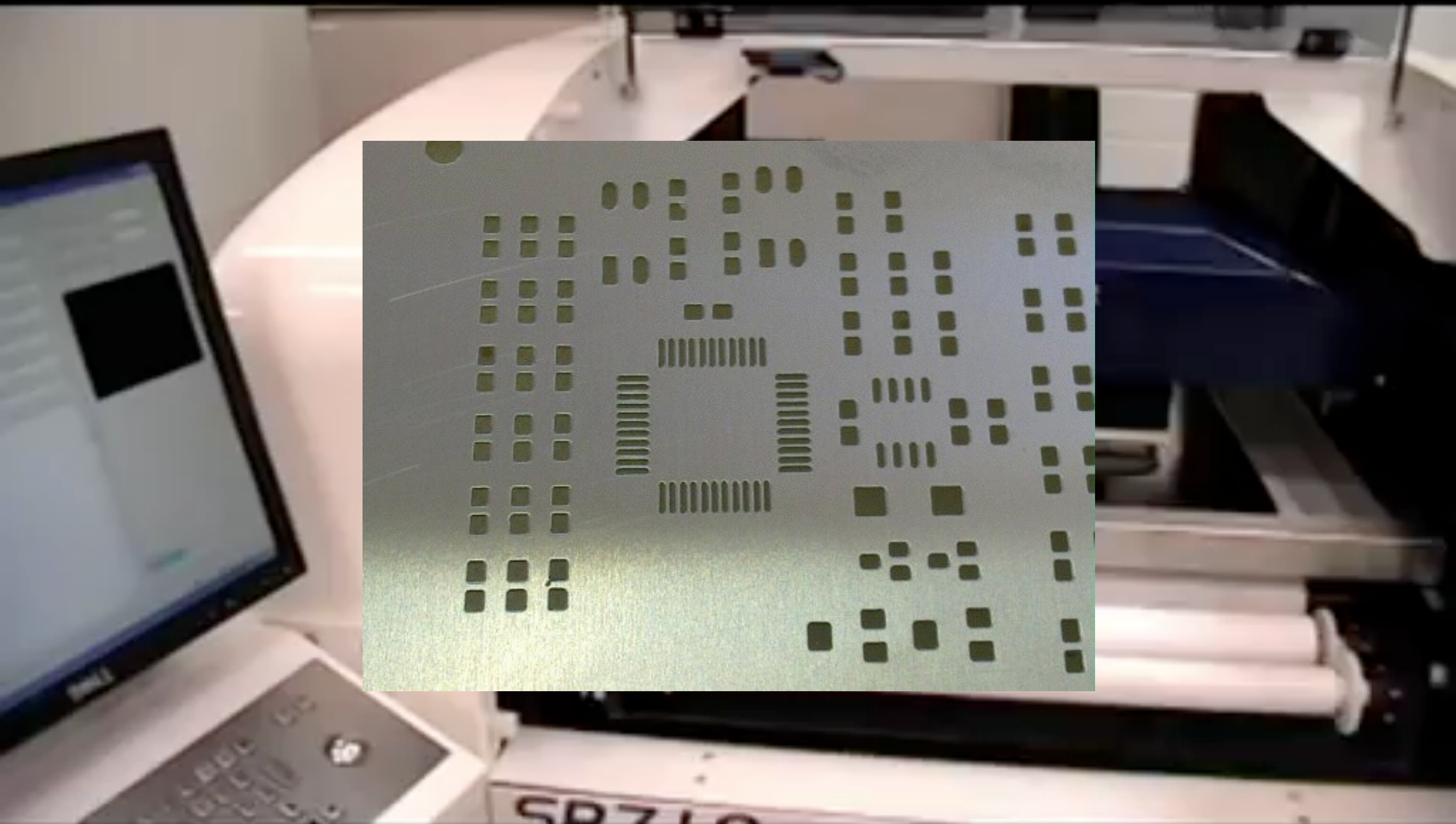
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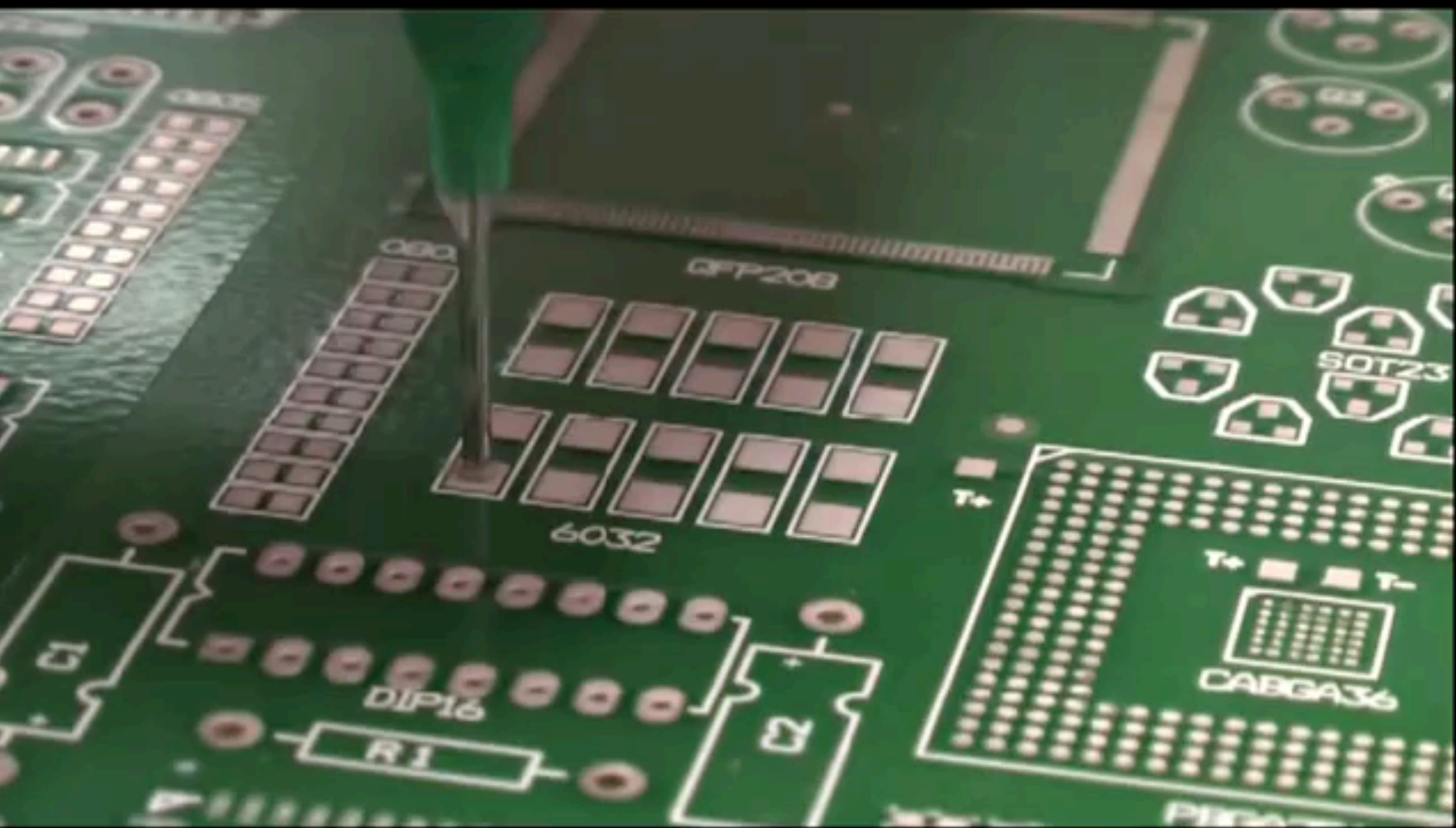
Objective

- Develop **workflow** & **tools** for solder paste dispensing
- Use commonly **available** & **cheap** tools for hobbyists / DIY
- **Automate** as much as possible by **CV**
 - Simple / **no reconfiguration** of machines
 - **No CAD** data required

⇒ Fundamentals for complex tasks
(Automated Pick-and-Place)



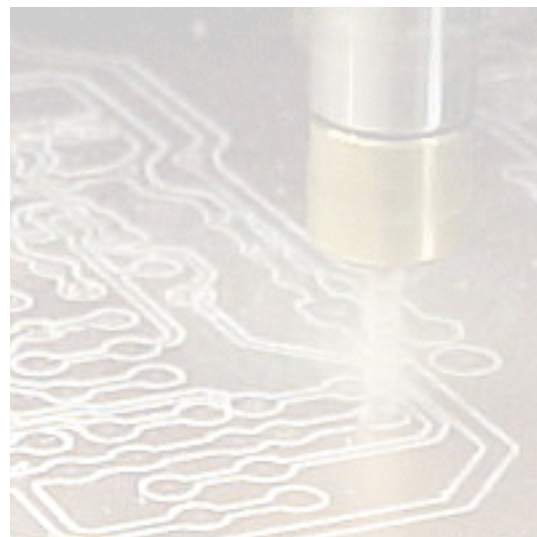




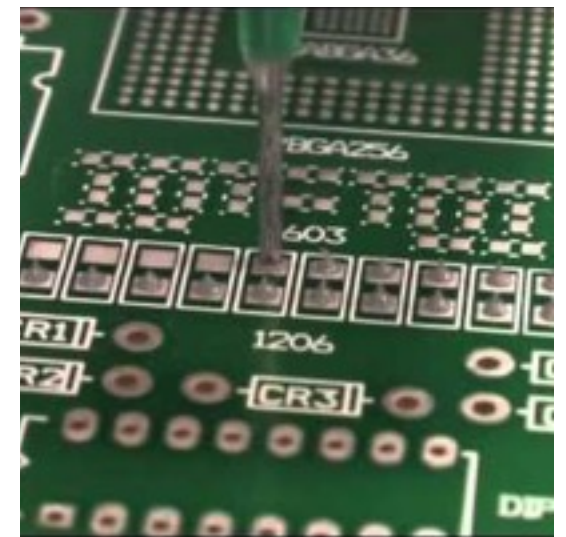
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Paste Dispensing

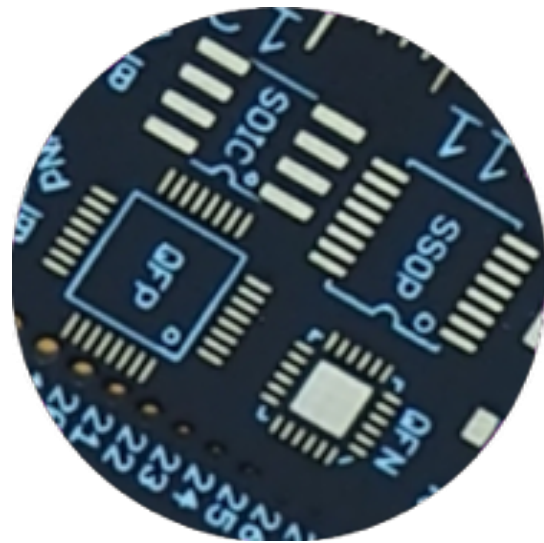
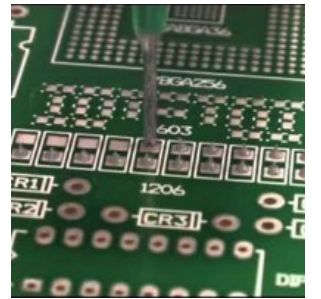


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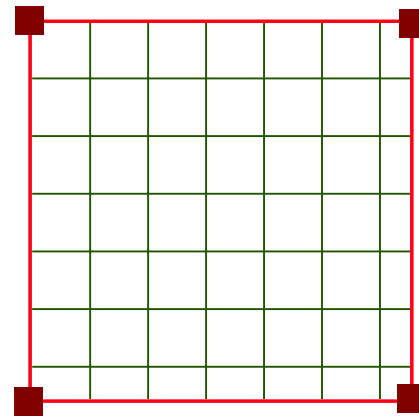


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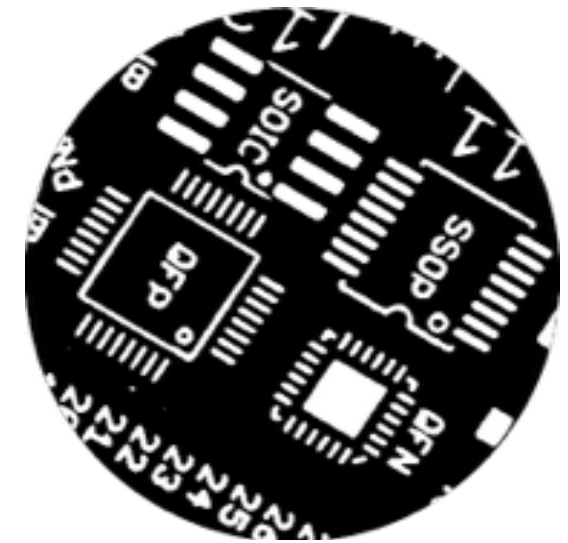
Workflow: Paste Dispensing



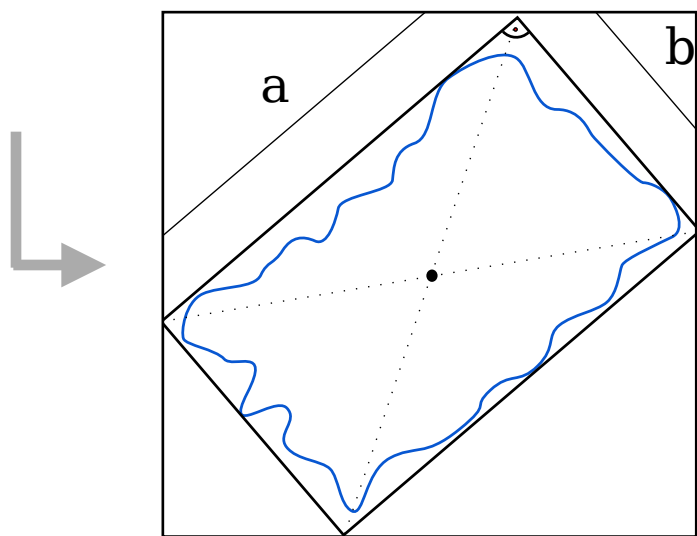
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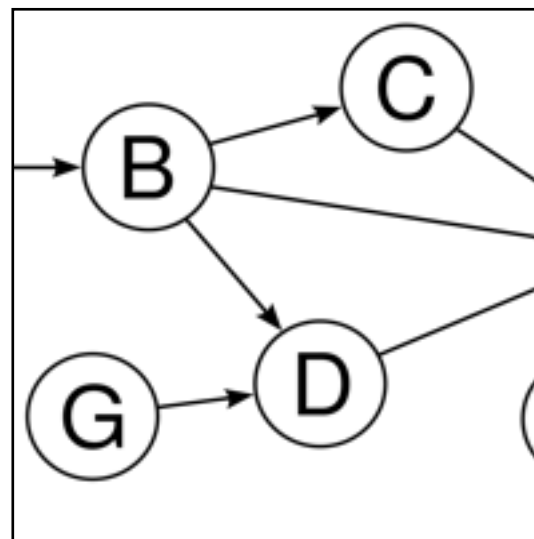
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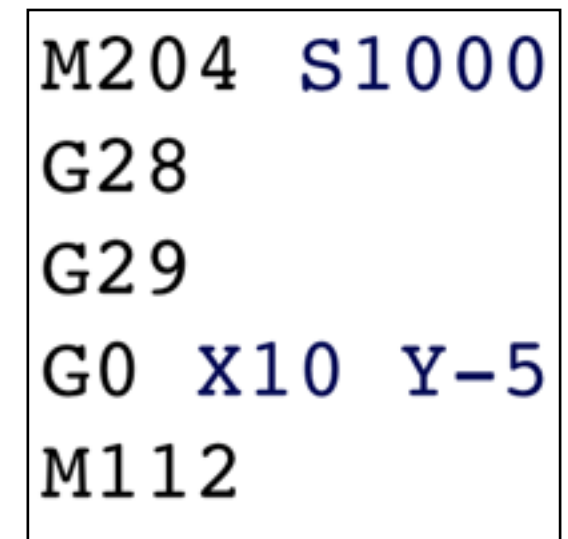
Segmentation



Pad Detection

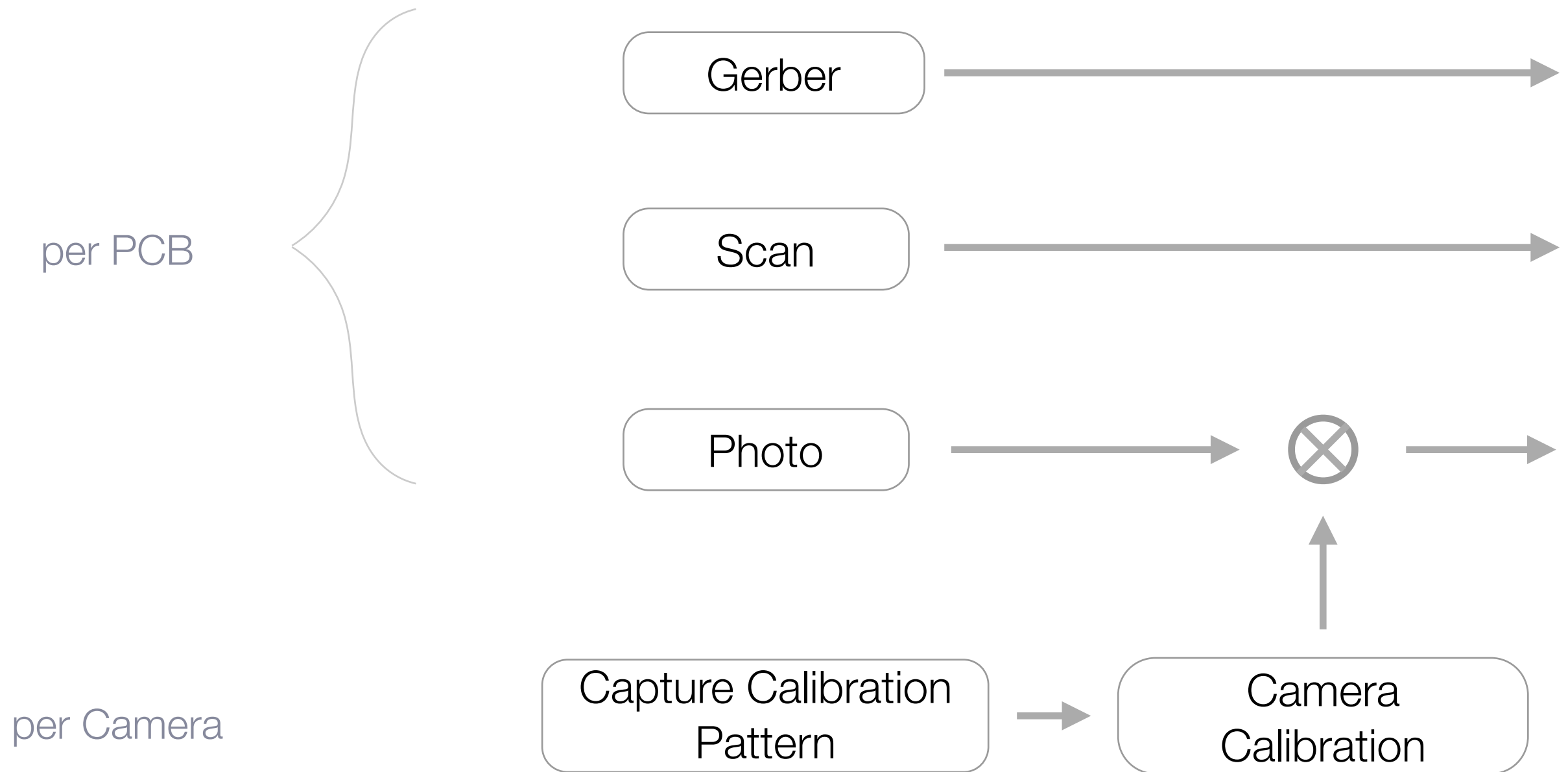
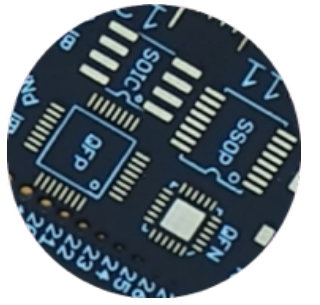


Path Planning

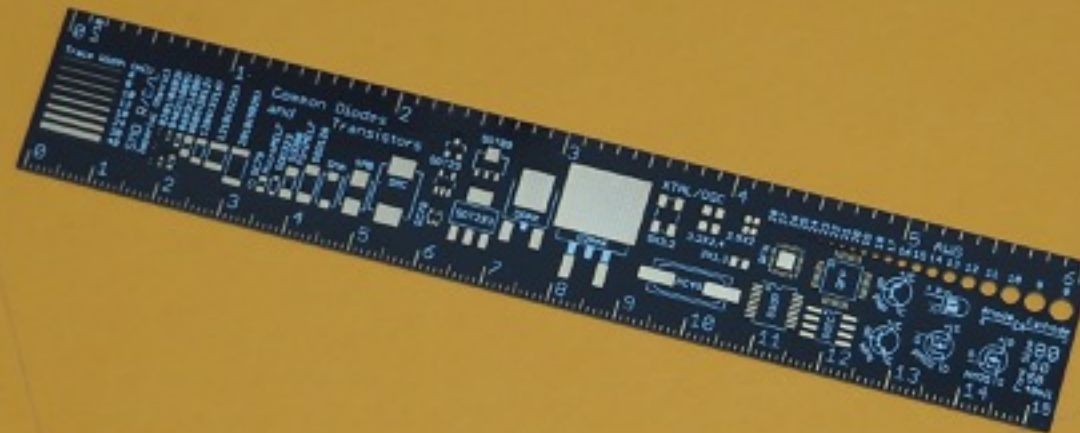


Printer Control₁₂

Workflow: Imaging

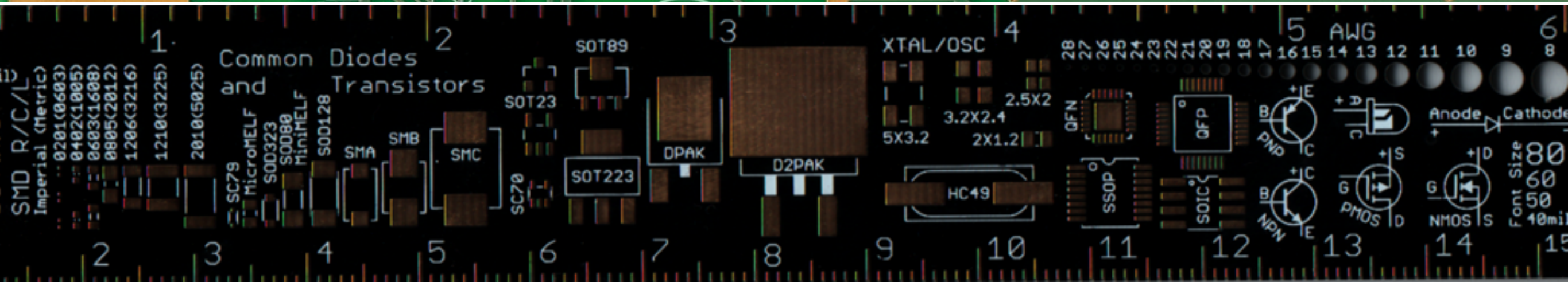
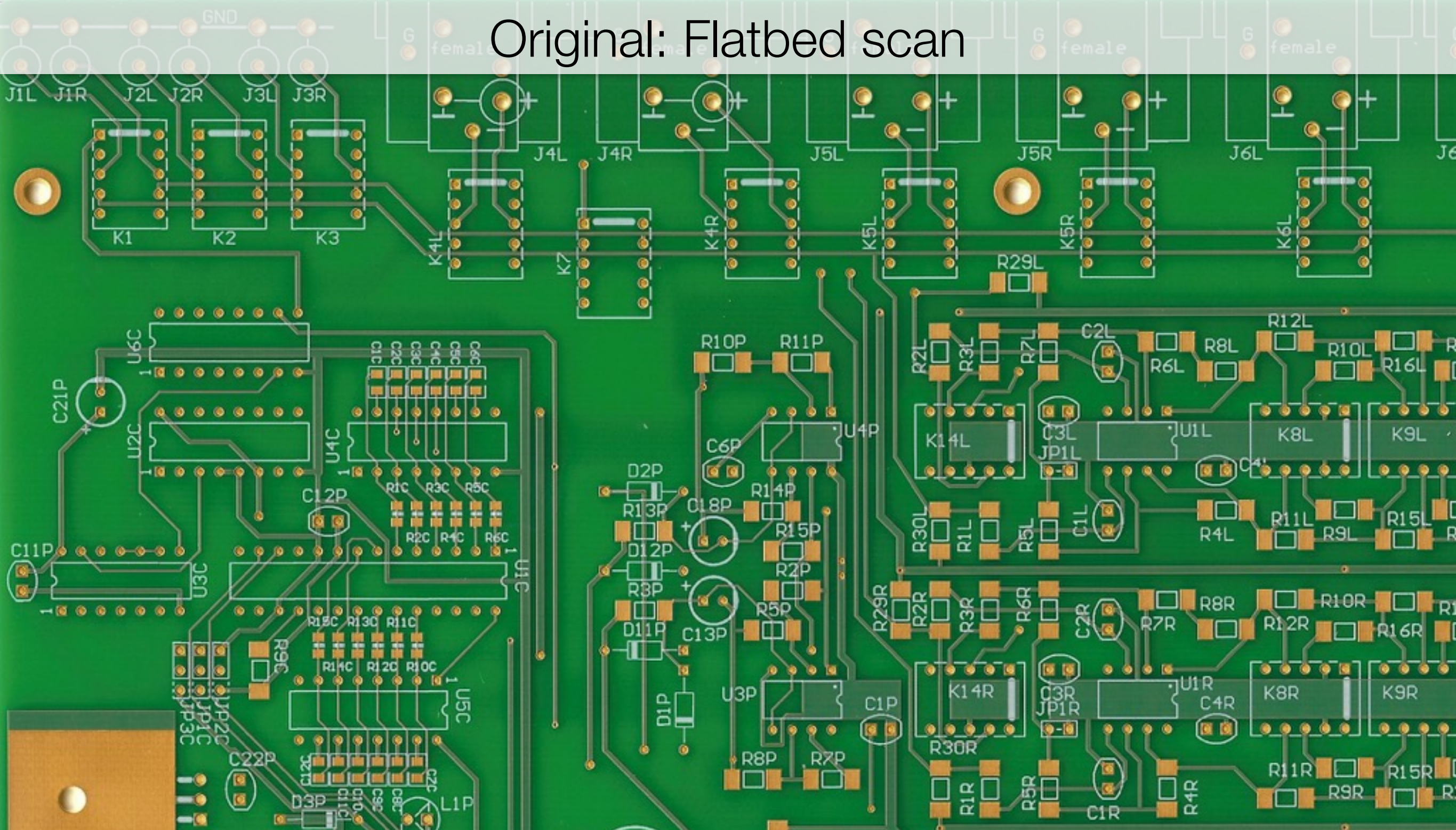


Original: Photography



11x17cm

Original: Flatbed scan



Original: Gerber mask

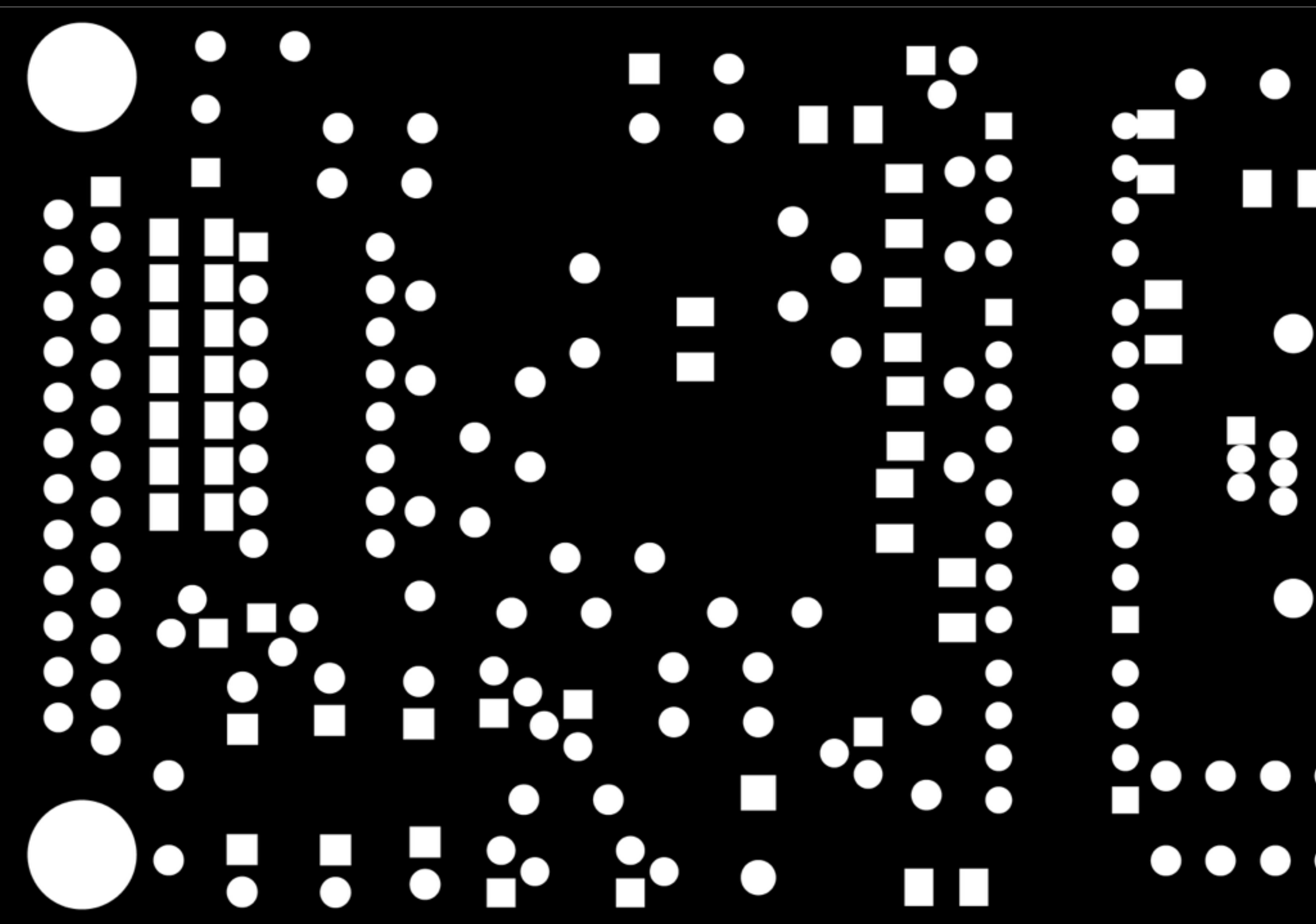
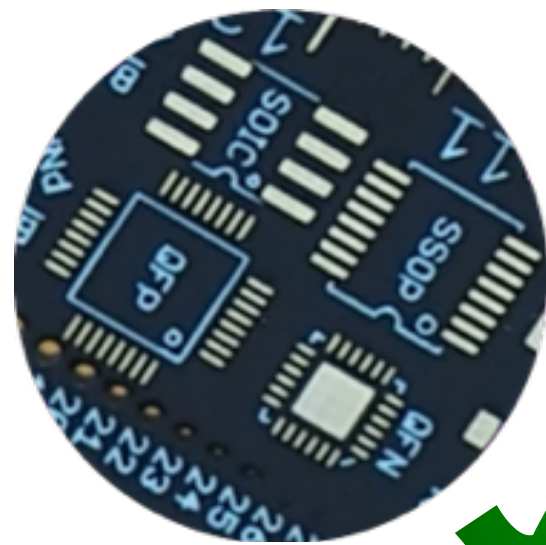
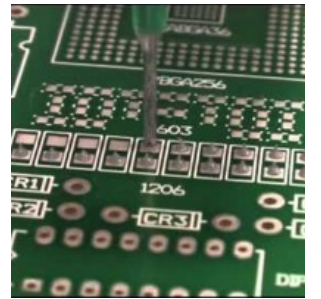


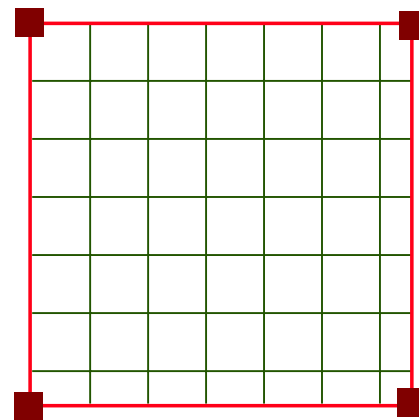
Image Sources

	Format	Resolution	Optics	Pro / Con
Webcam	Raster	1-3 MP	Manual focus	+ Cheap + Small - Distortion
Digital Camera	Raster	10-15 MP	Autofocus	- Expensive - (Distortion)
Flatbed Scanner	Raster	> 200 MP (2400 DPI)		+ No Perspective + Bad Lighting
Gerber CAD	Vector	∞	—	+ Layer seperation + Industry Standard

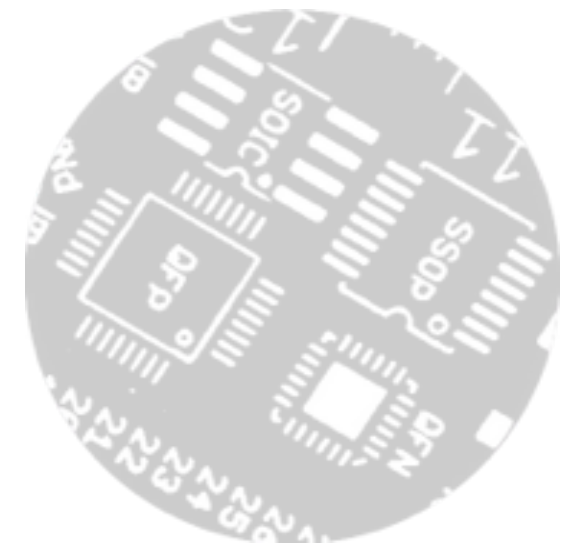
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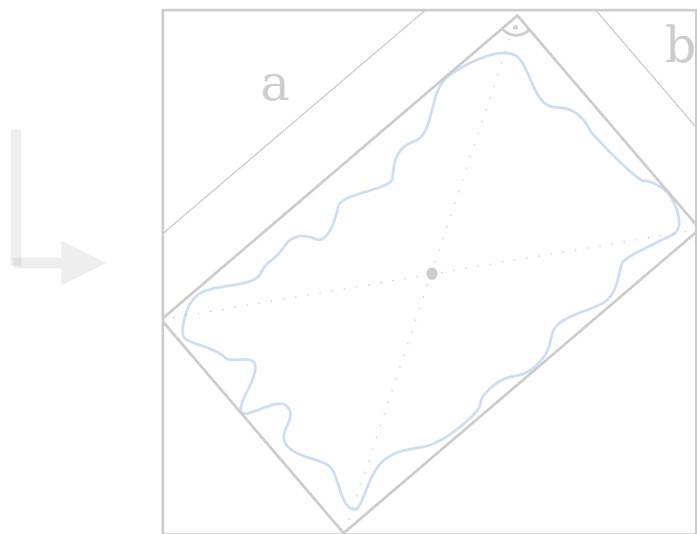
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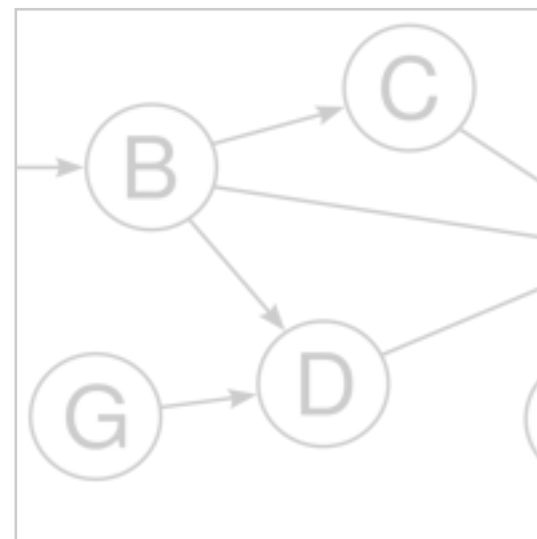
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Segmentation



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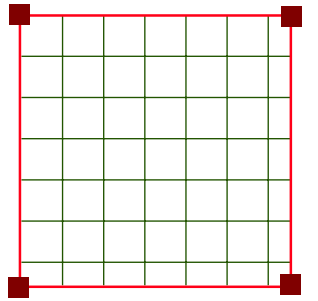


Path Planning

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M204 S1000
G28
G29
G0 X10 Y-5
M112
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Printer Control

Workflow: Perspective Correction



Gerber

Scan

Photo

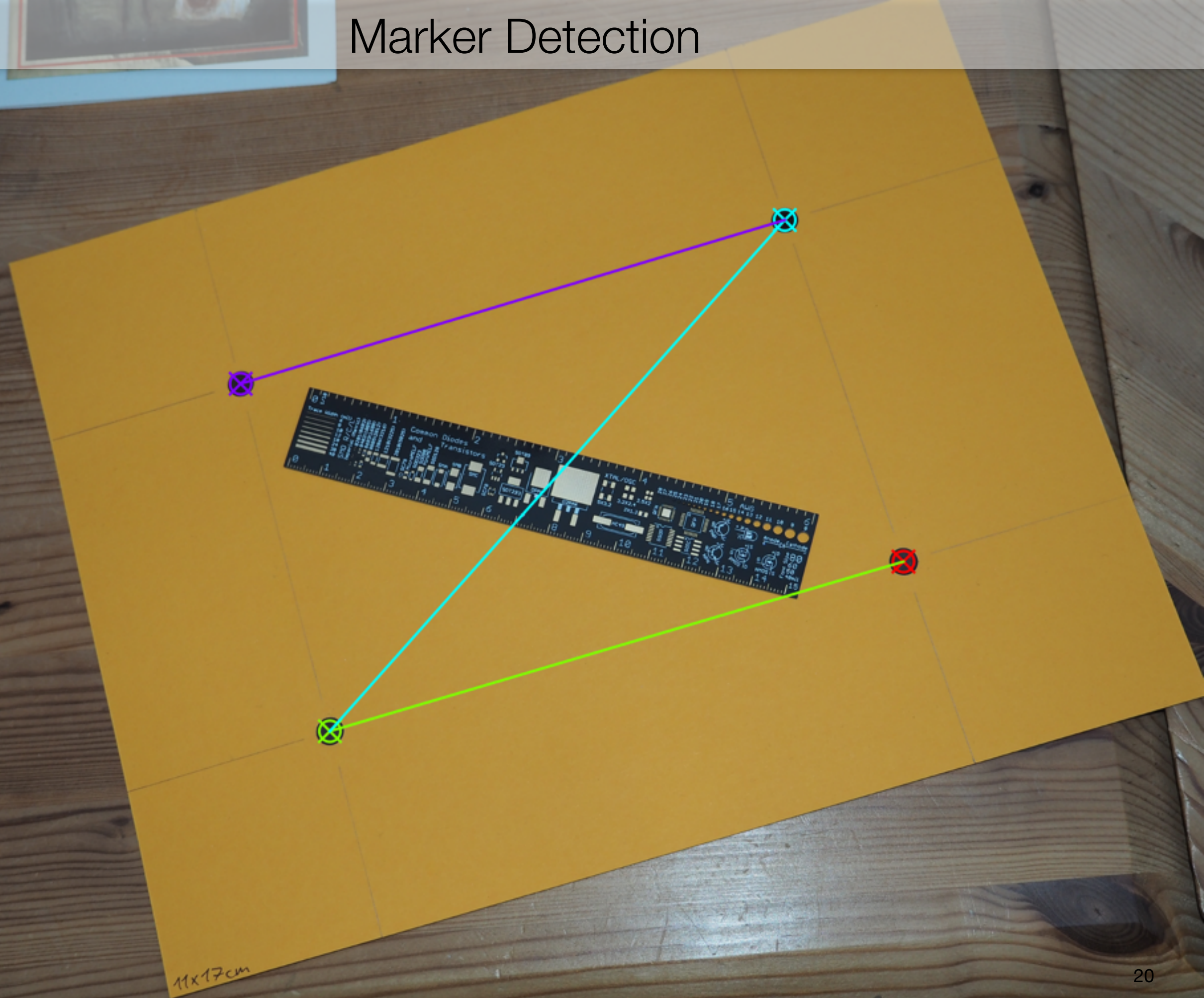
Find Markers

Match to known
Pattern

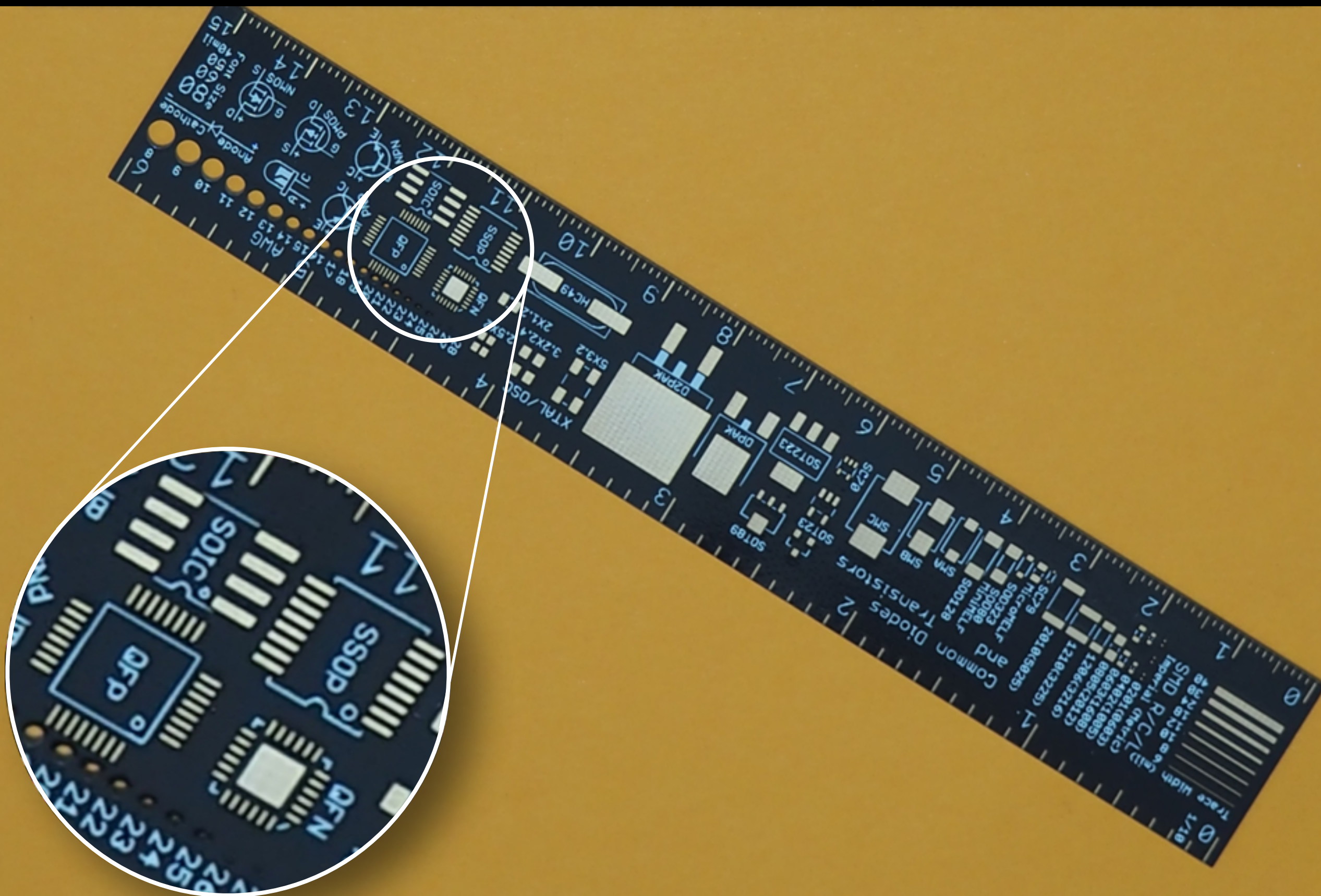
Warp Perspective

Get Homogenous
Transformation

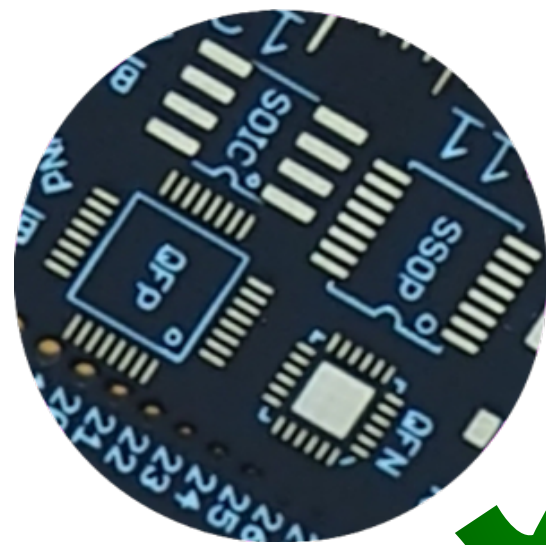
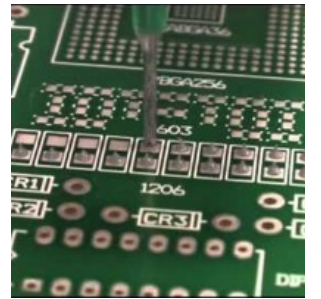
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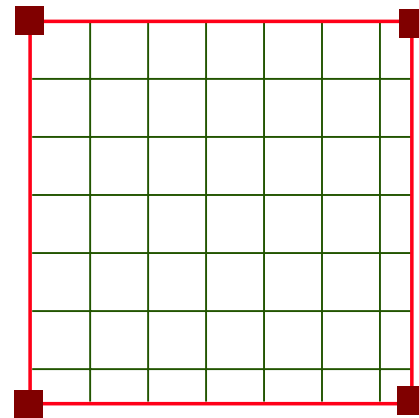
Perspective Warping



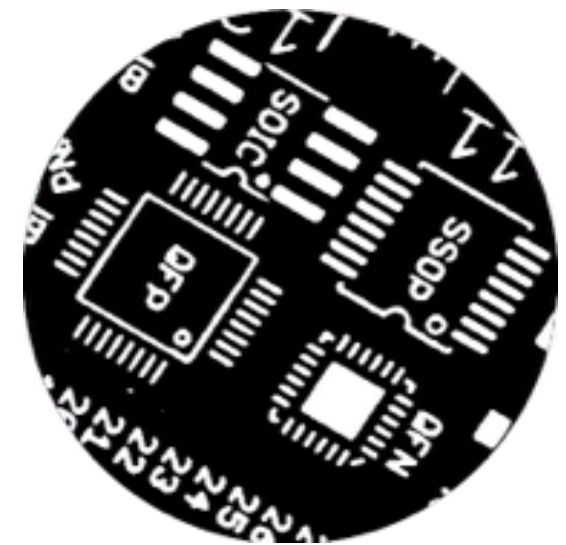
Workflow: Paste Dispensing



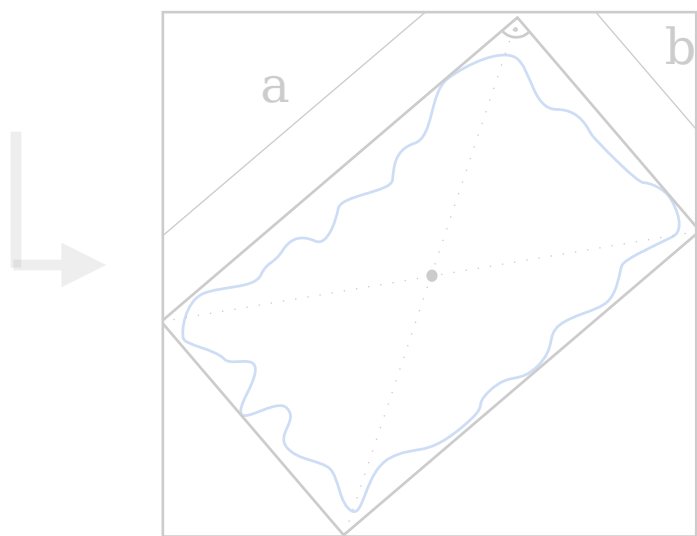
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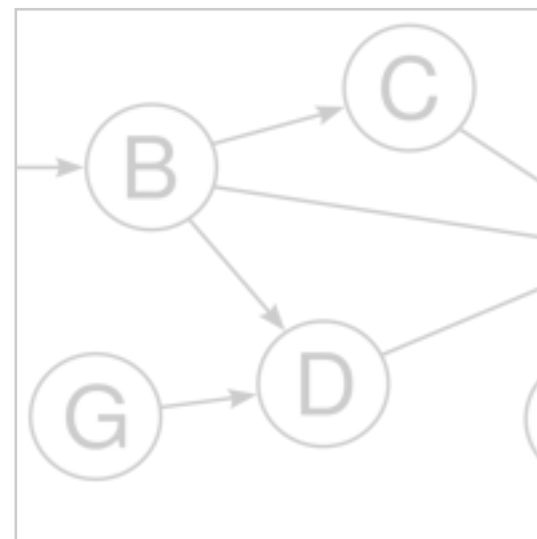
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Segmentation



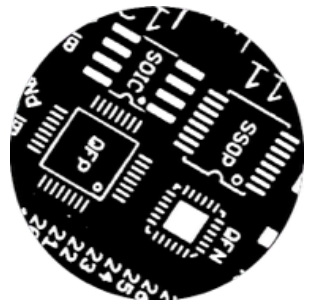
Pad Detection



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M112
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Printer Control



Workflow: Segmentation

Gerber

Scan

Photo

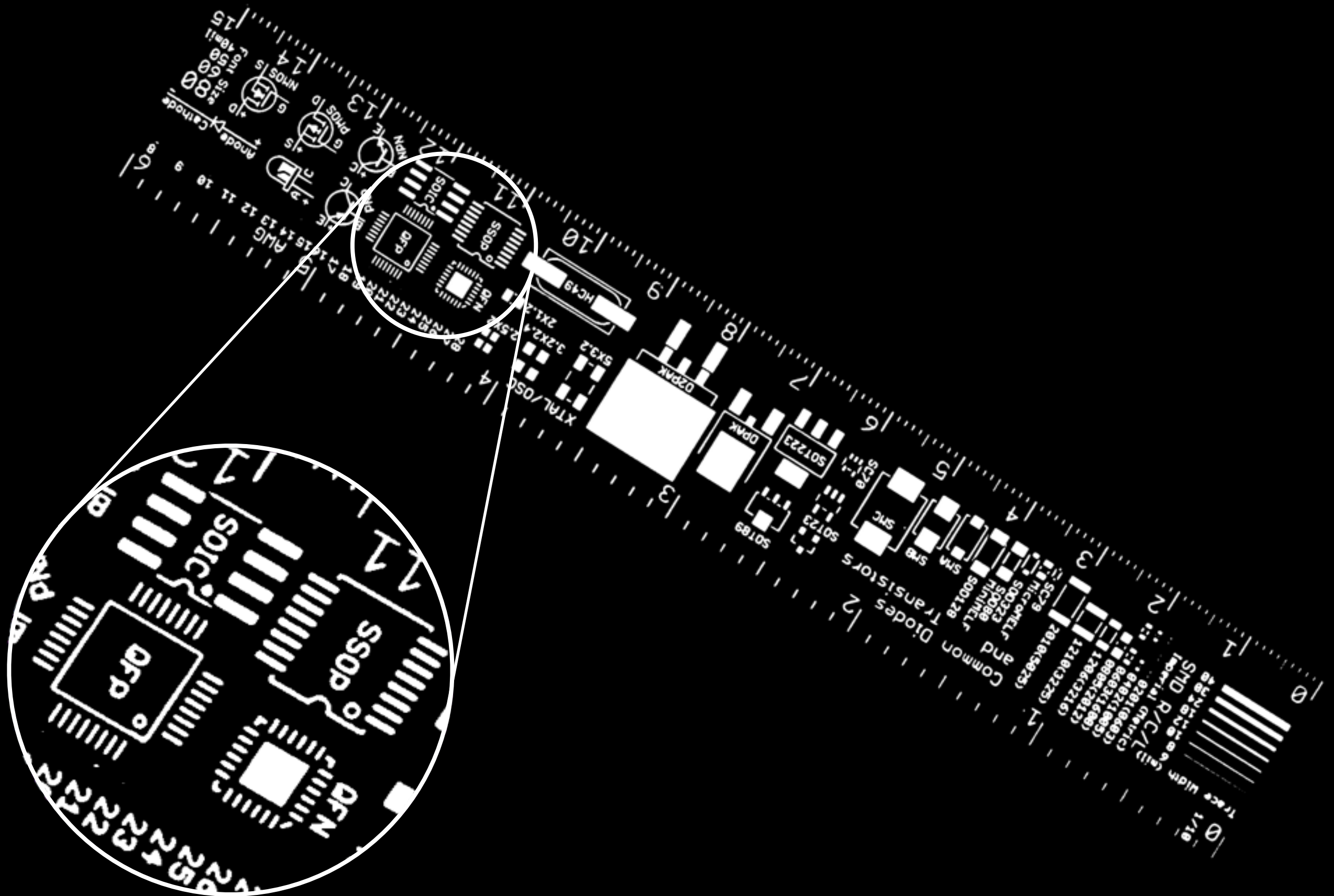
1. Preprocessing: Blur, Resize
- 2a. Clustering: K-Means
- 2b. Thresholding: Otsu
3. Morph.: Erosion / Opening

- Color based
- Detect:
 - Background
 - Base Material
 - Pads
 - Silkscreen

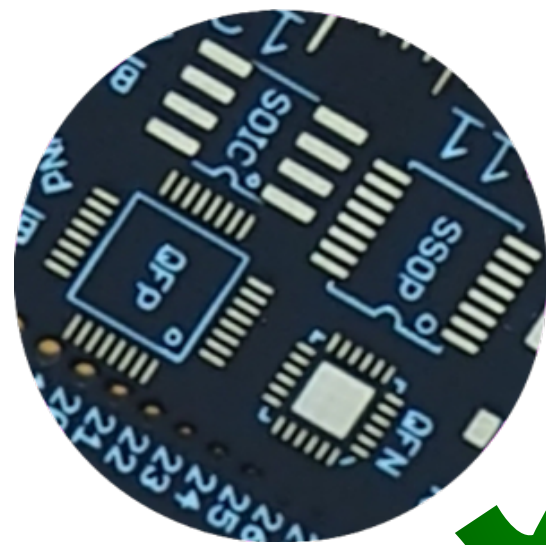
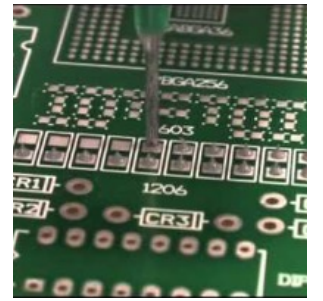
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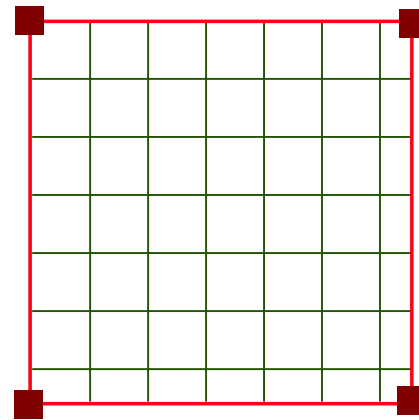
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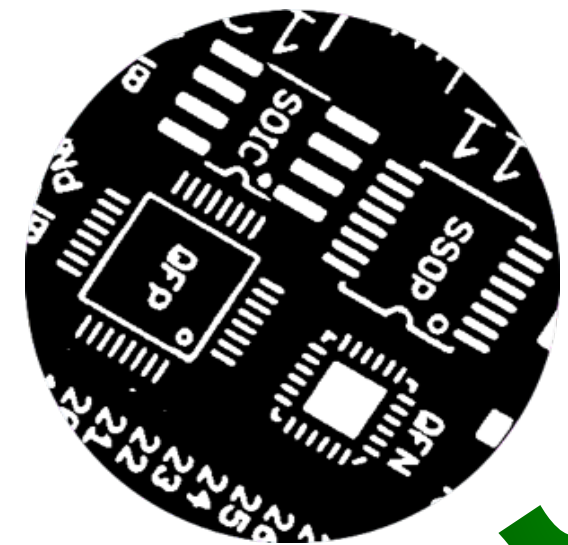
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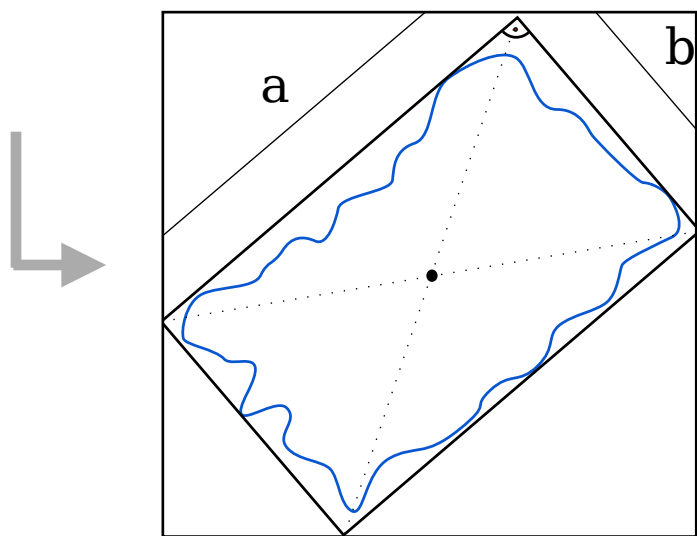
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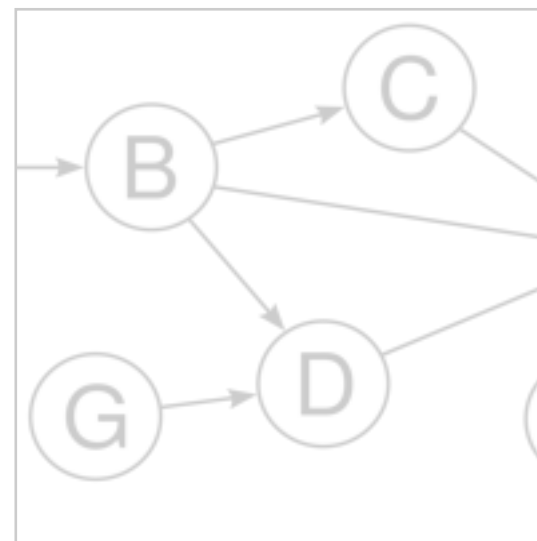
Undistortion



Segmentation



Pad Detection

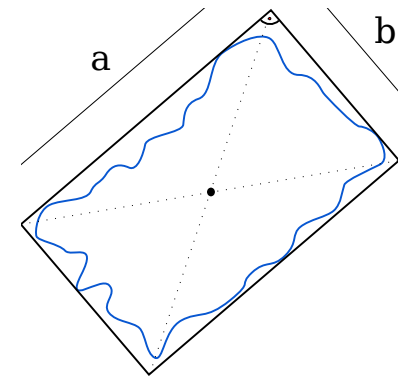


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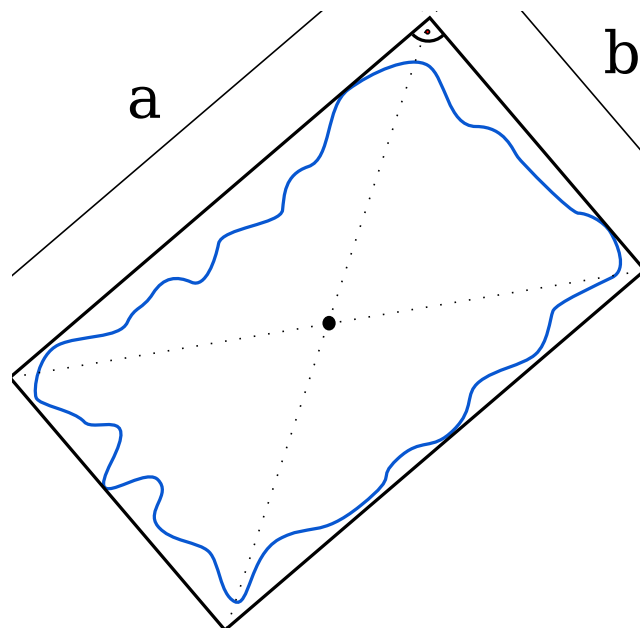
Printer Control

Workflow: Pad Detection



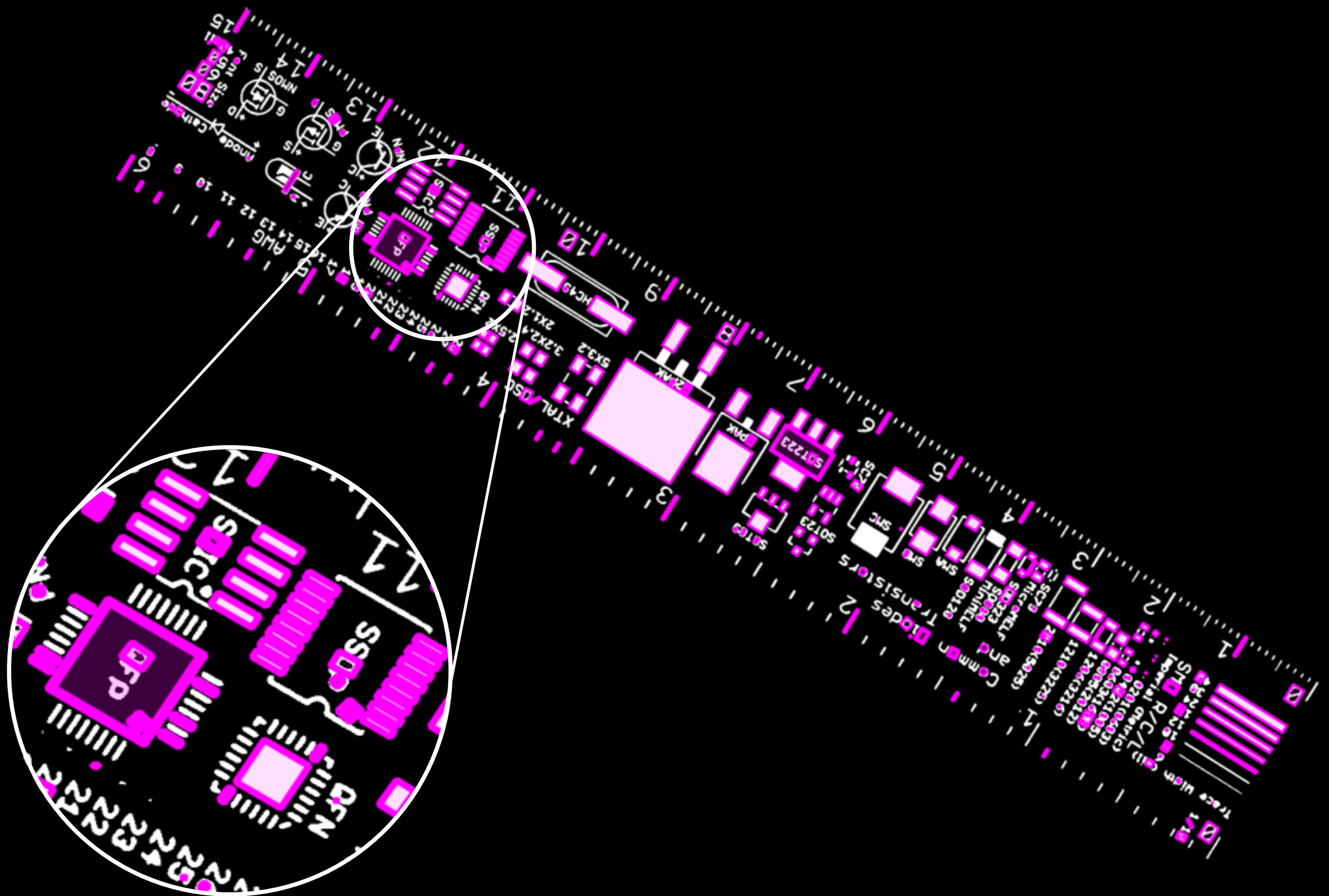
- From binary Image

- Area
- Aspect Ratio
- Overlaps

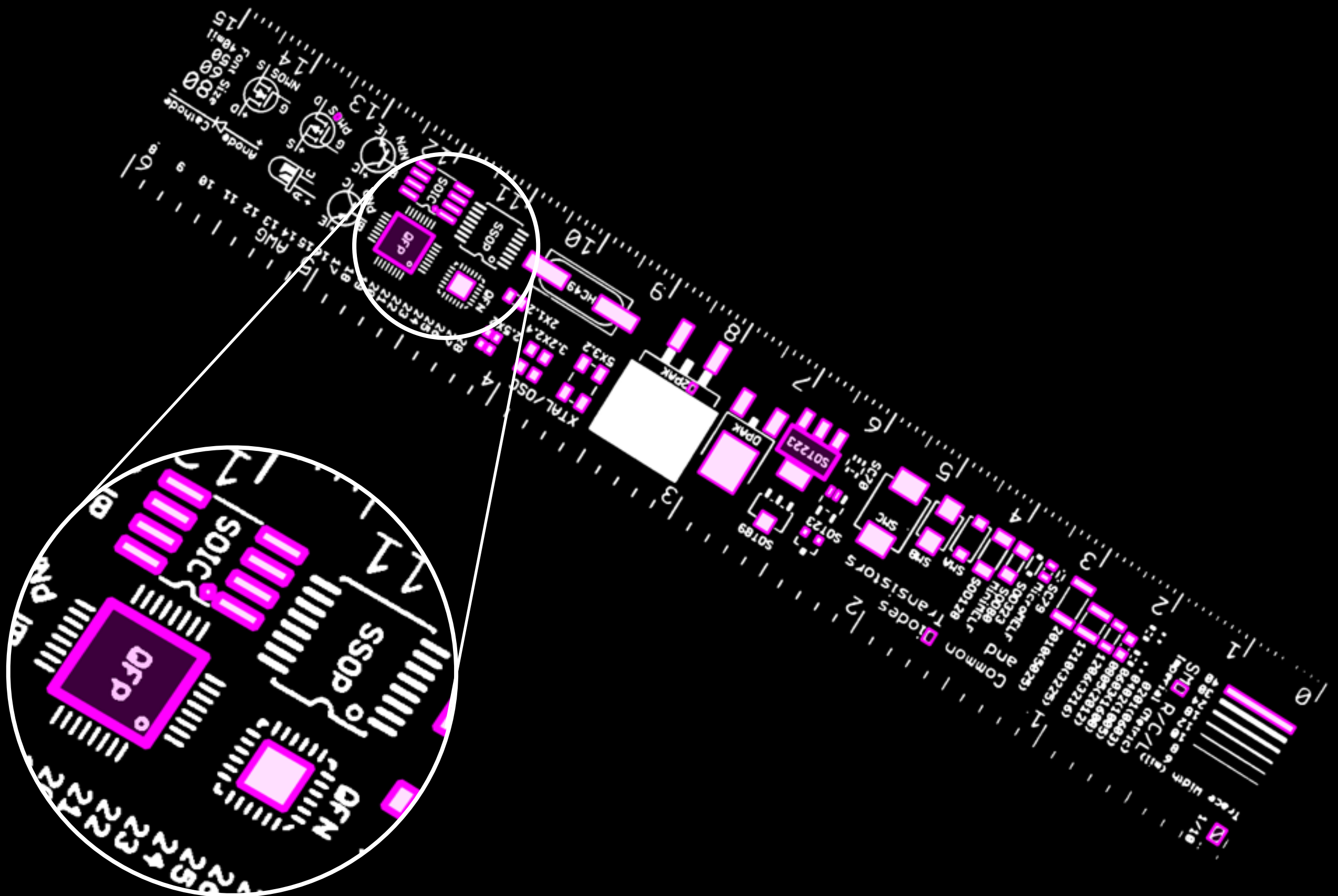


- Minimum bounding rect.
vs. contour area
- Polygon approximation

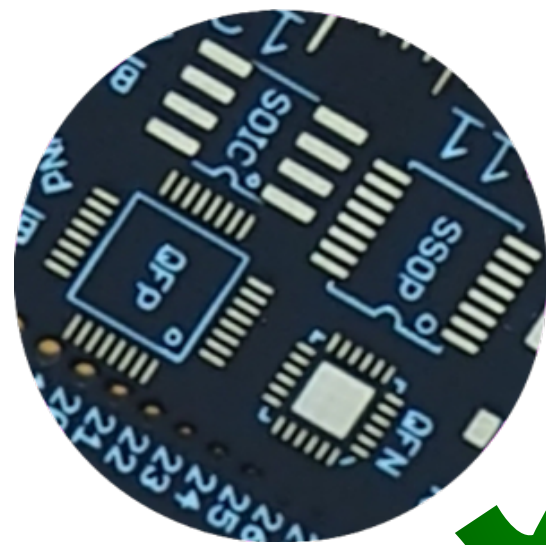
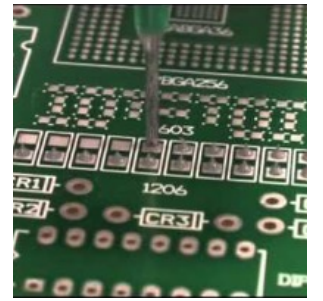
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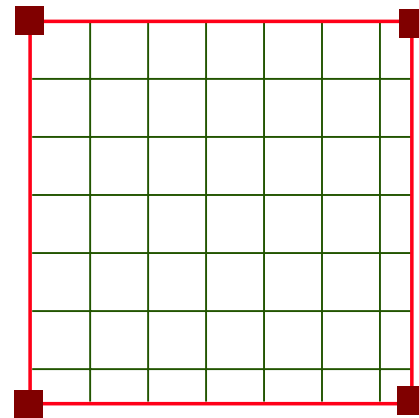
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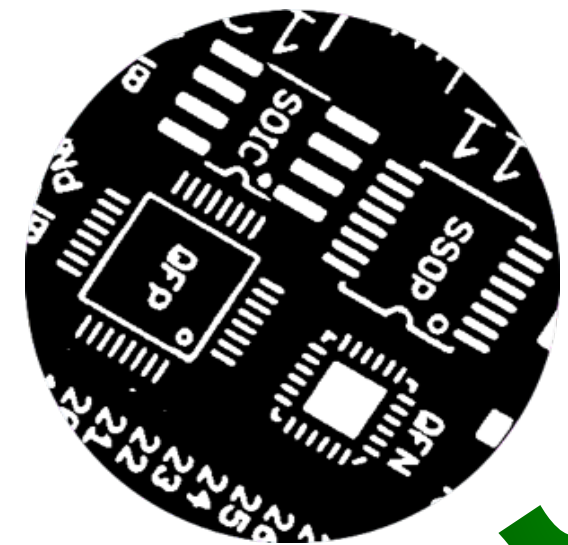
Workflow: Paste Dispensing



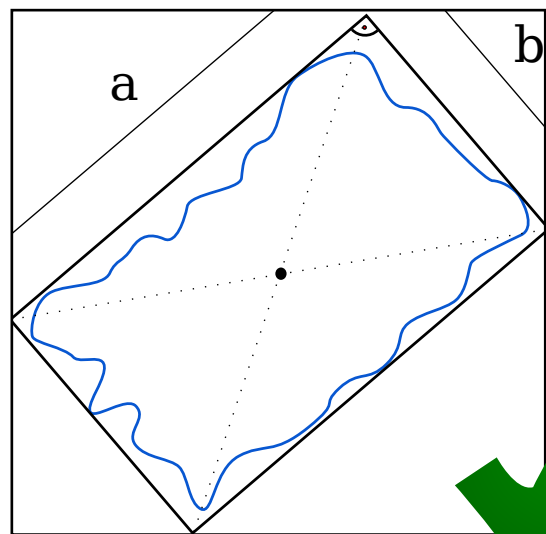
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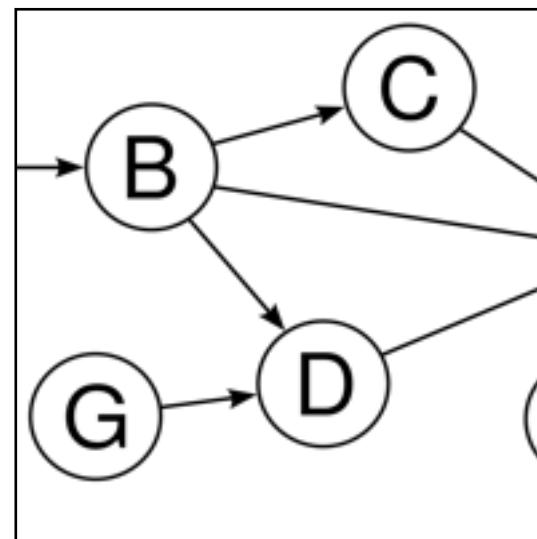
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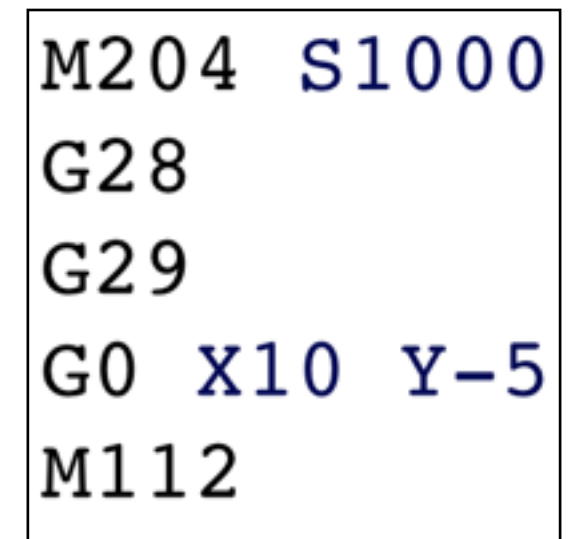
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Pad Detection

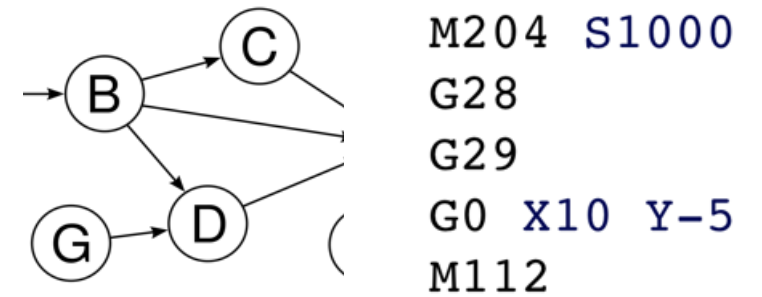


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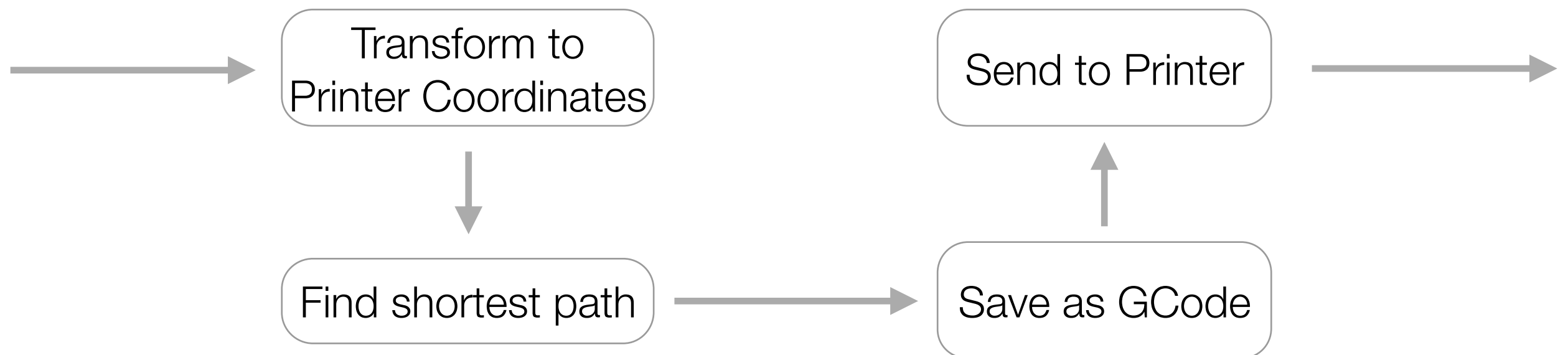
Printer Control₃₀

Workflow: Path Planning Printer Control



- Affine transformation

- Via SD card or serial port



- Nearest Neighbour Heuristic

GCode

- Industry standard for controlling CNC alike machines:
 - Laser Cutters, CNC, Lathes, 3D Printers

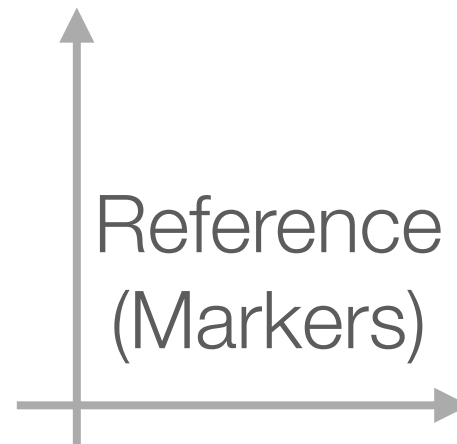
Example

```
M204 S1000 Z100 E500 ; set acceleration
G28                    ; home all axes
G29                    ; calibrate bed
G0 X10 Y-5 F100        ; move to x=10, y=-5
M112                   ; emergency stop
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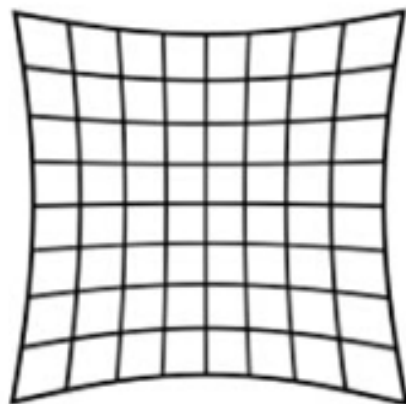

Coordinate Systems



Camera



non-linear



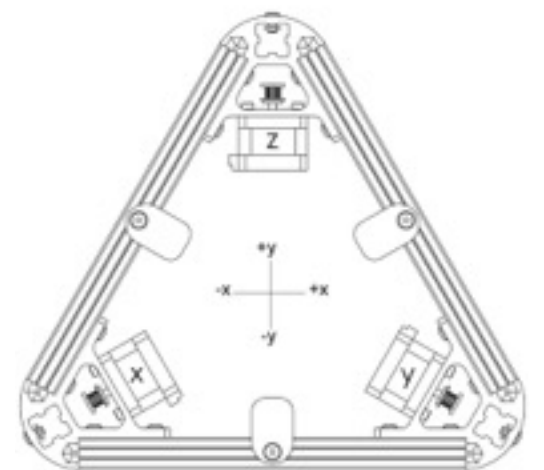
Undistorted

perspective (3x3)



Scan & Gerber

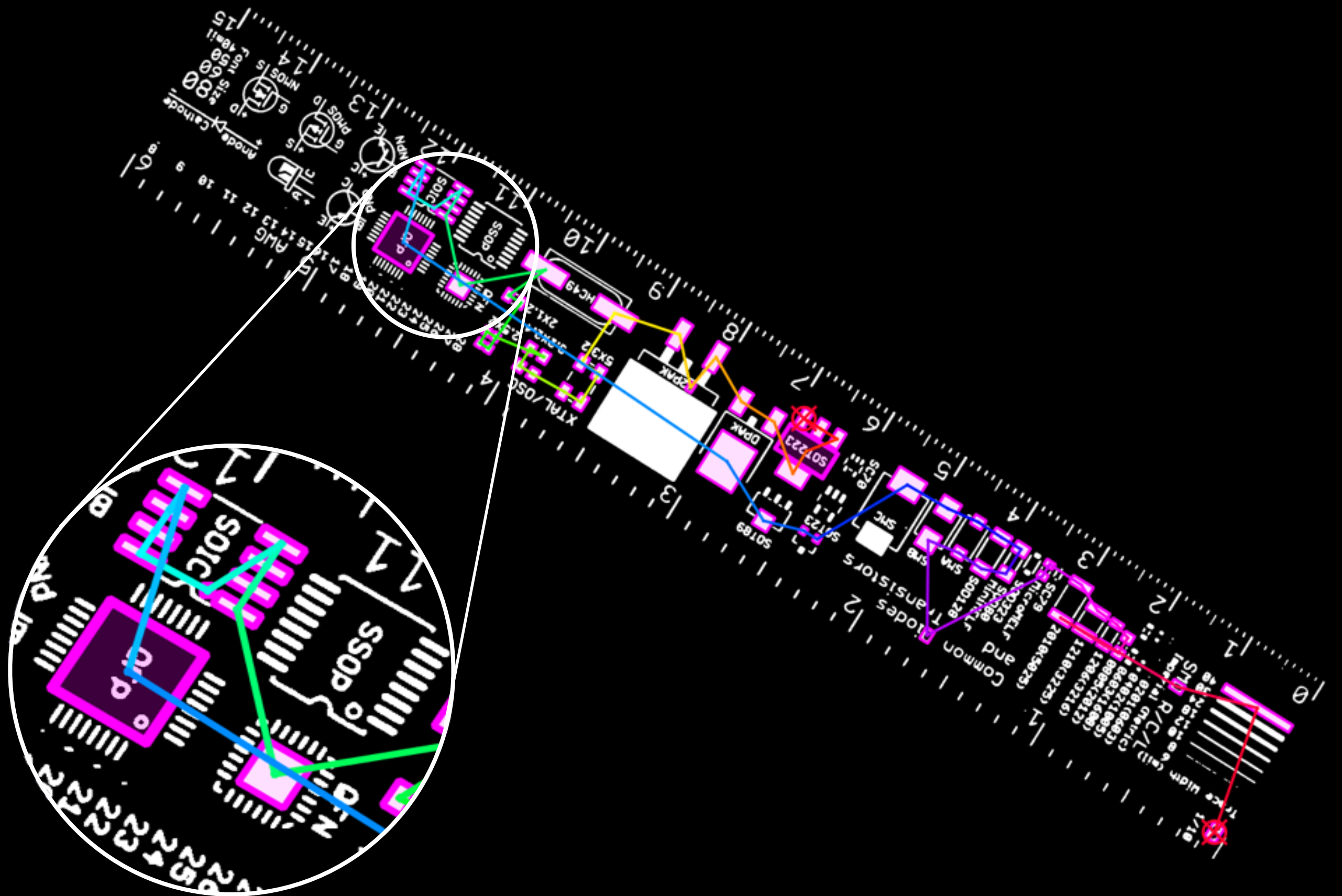
affine (2x3)



Printer

affine (2x3)

Path Planning





Implementation: Pastie

- Powerful GUI for various OpenCV functions
- Camera Calibration / Undistortion
- Live processing of webcam stream
- Filter Pipeline
- Zooming / Panning
- Import / Export
- Printer interface via GCode
 - Planned: Octoprint



Implementation: Pastie

- C++11
 - OpenCV 3.0 beta
 - Qt 5.4
- Portable: Windows / Mac / Linux / Android?
- Processing Time: typically 1-10 seconds
- Potential for optimizations

Processing Pipeline

1. Undistortion
2. Detect Edge Markers
3. Perspective Warping
4. Blur / Resize
5. K-Means Color Clustering
6. Filter Pad Colors
7. Morphology Erode / Closing
8. Detect Pads
9. Filter Pads
10. Toolpath Planner

The screenshot displays a software interface with a top navigation bar containing tabs: Images, Filters, Camera, Calibration, and Robot. The 'Filters' tab is active. Below the navigation bar is a table listing the processing pipeline steps. The table has five columns: Enabled, Show, Filter, Result, and Time [mS]. The 'Pattern' filter is currently selected and highlighted in blue. Below the table is a 'Settings' section with various adjustable parameters. At the bottom of the interface are three buttons: a dropdown menu, an 'Add' button, and a 'Remove' button.

Enabled	Show	Filter	Result	Time [mS]
☒	☒	Pattern	found = 1, points = 4	84.8
☒	☒	Perspective		107
☒	☒	Resize		8.65
☒	☒	Blur		3.36
☒	☒	KMeans		1.08e+03
☒	☒	Convert		1.96
☒	☒	Threshold	tresh = 45	3.21
☒	☐	PadDetect	count = 323	4.65
☒	☒	PadFilter	count = 34	0.0221
☒	☒	PathPlanner	pads = 34, length = 1404.1	1.8

Settings

Area Range: 4000,00 40000,00

Ratio Range: 1,00 1,70

Show Threshold: ☐

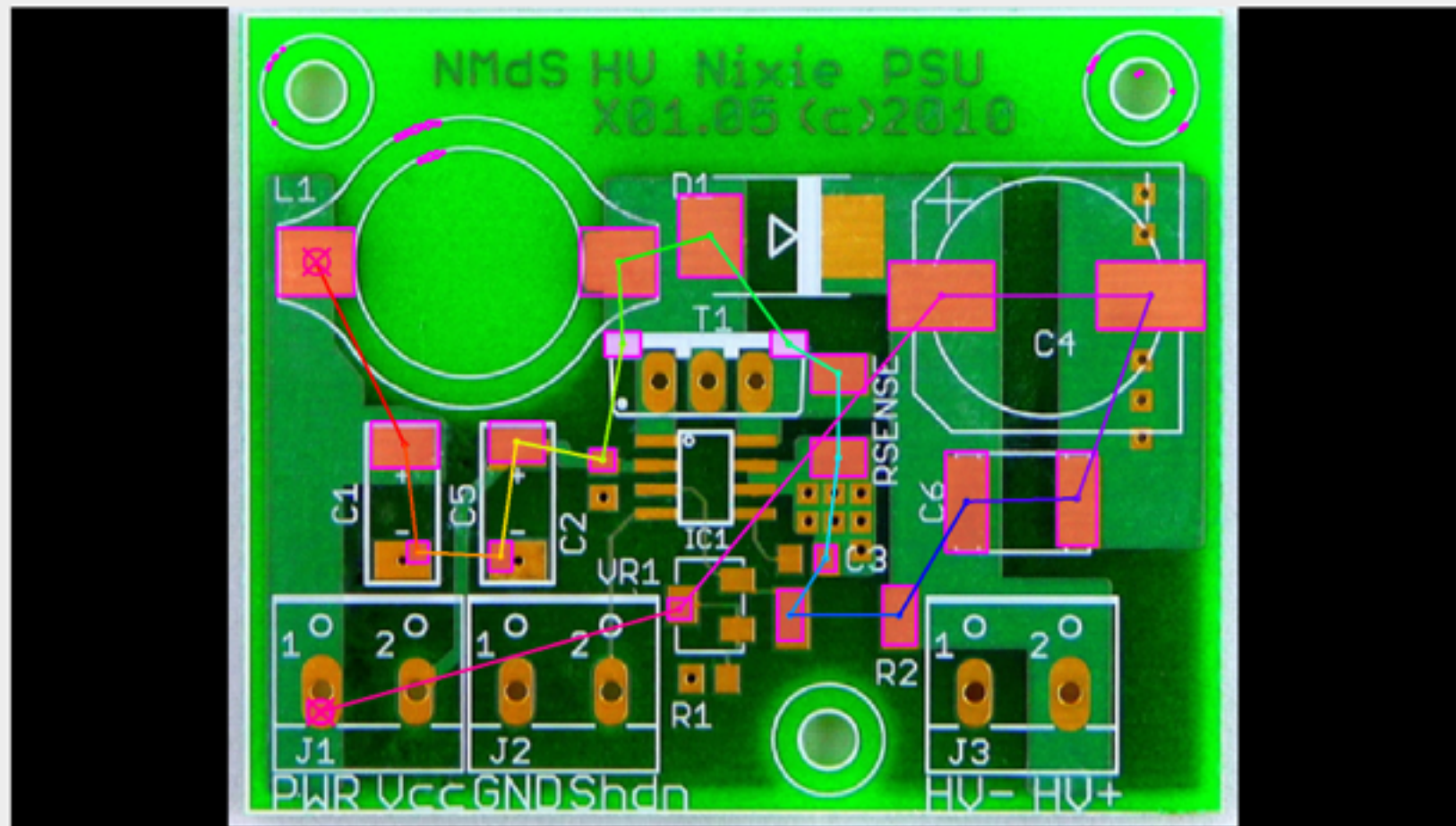
Size: 2 x 2

Spacing: 60 x 60

Type: Quadrilinear Markers



Pastie



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[Debug ] mask = QBitArray(1000) labelShape = 480 390
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[Warning] QNSView mouseDragged: Internal mouse button tracking invalid (missing Qt::LeftButton)
[Critical] /Users/stv0g/workspace/rwth-dbv/code/libs/opencv/modules/imgproc/src/thresh.cpp:1198: error:
(-215) src.type() == CV_8UC1 in function threshold
[Debug ] Rendering completed
```

Images Filters Camera Calibration Robot

Enabled	Show	Filter	Result	Time [mSec]
☐	☐	Pattern		
☐	☐	Perspective		
☐	☐	Resize		
☐	☐	Blur		
☐	☐	KMeans		
☐	☐	Convert		
☒	☒	Threshold	tres...	0.238
☒	☒	Morph		0.446
☒	☒	PadDetect	cou...	4.52
☒	☒	PadFilter	cou...	0.00476
☒	☒	PathPlanner	pad...	0.163

Settings

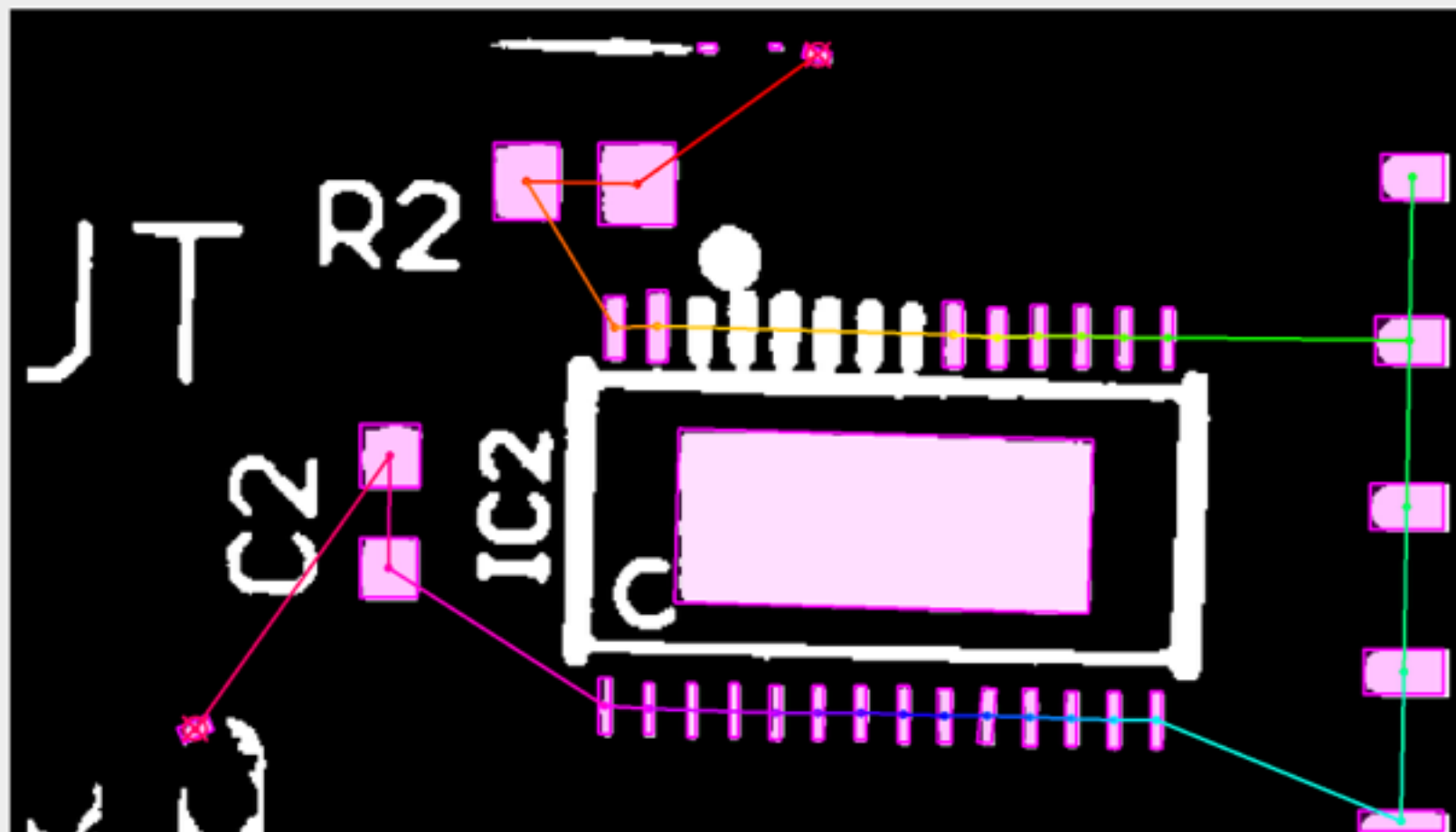
Iterations

Operation

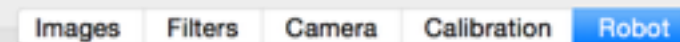
Shape

Size x

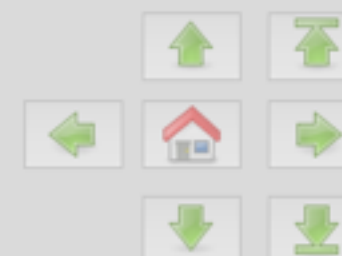
Threshold



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[Debug ] Rendering completed
[Critical] /Users/stv0g/workspace/rwth-dbv/code/libs/opencv/modules/imgproc/src/thresh.cpp:1198: error:
(-215) src.type() == CV_8UC1 in function threshold
[Debug ] Rendering completed
[Debug ] Clicked at: QPoint(413,169) ( QPoint(691,279) )
[Debug ] mask = QBitArray(0001) labelShape = 500 291
[Debug ] Rendering completed
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[Debug ] Rendering completed
[Debug ] Set settings widget to "PadFilter"
[Debug ] mask = QBitArray(0010) labelShape = 500 291
[Debug ] Rendering completed
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Control



▶ **Start**

 Abort Calibrate Save GCode

OctoPrint Server



OctoPrint Key

z Swing

6.00

Bed Shape

☐ Circular

Bed Size

x	17,00
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y	17,00
---	-------

1

2

3

Calibration Points

x	0,00	0,00	0,00
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y	0,00	0,00	0,00
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z 0,80

Acceleration

xy 1500,00

z	1500,00
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(-210) [Start]FindContours support only 8uCl and 32sCl images in function cvStartFindContours
[Debug  ] Rendering completed
[Critical] /Users/stv0g/workspace/rwth-dbv/code/libs/opencv/modules/imgproc/src/contours.cpp:196: error:
(-210) [Start]FindContours support only 8uCl and 32sCl images in function cvStartFindContours
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Pattern ☒ Chessboard

Board Size ☐ Circles Symmetric

☐ Circles Asymmetric

Spacing 25,00

Results

Average Reprojection Error: 0.166388

Cam Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3.949e-19 & 4.023 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3.202e+31 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

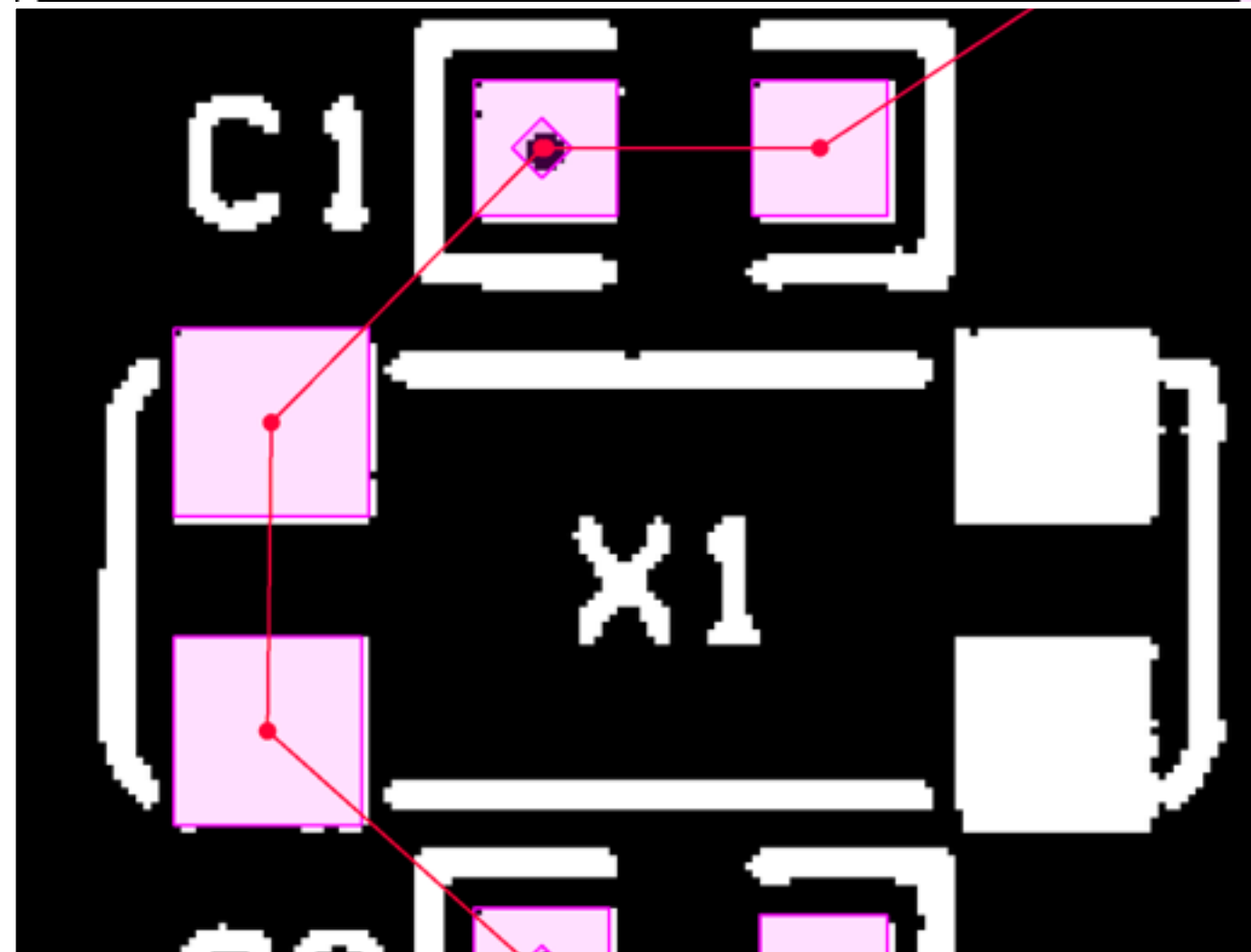
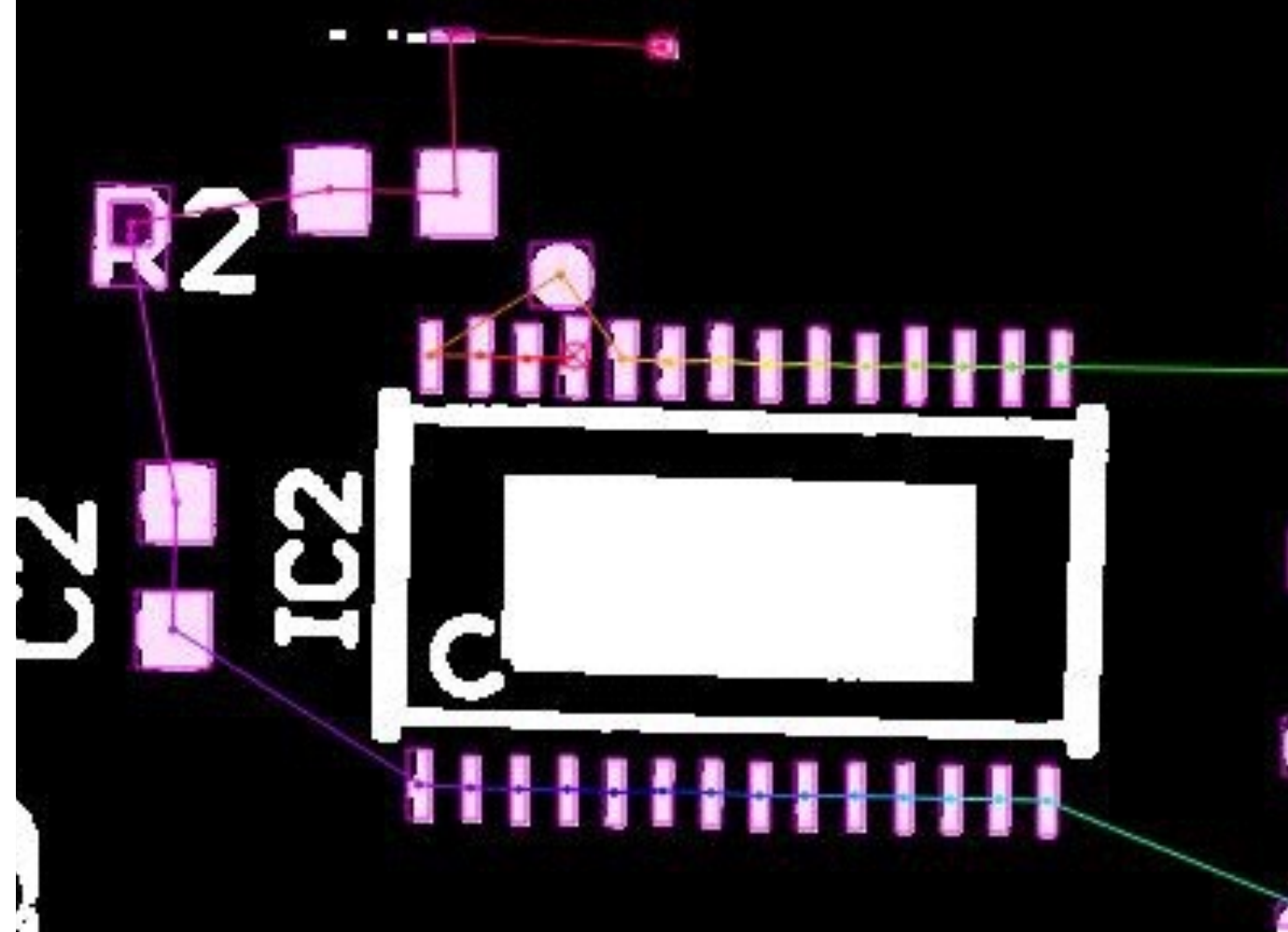
Distortion Coefficients:

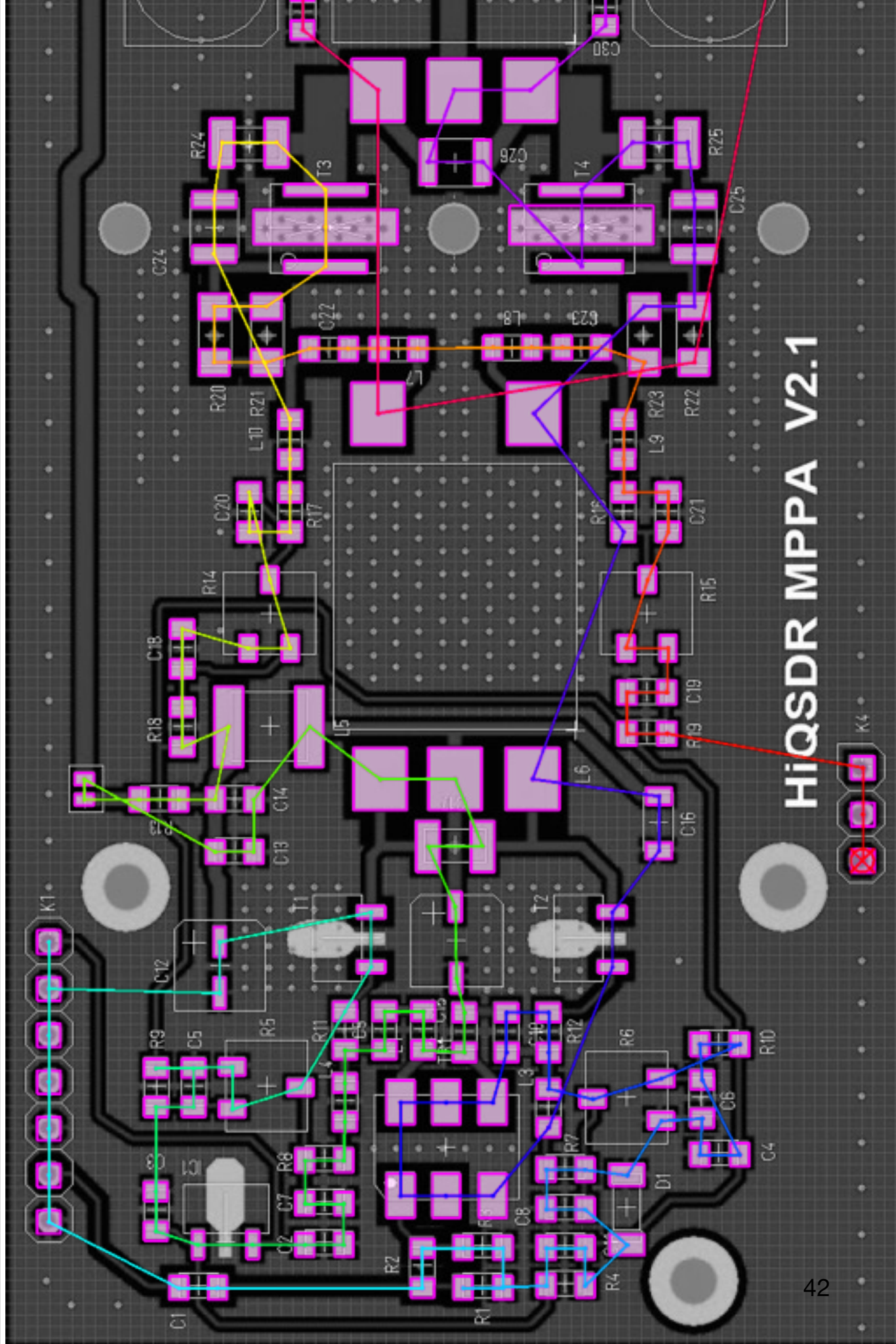
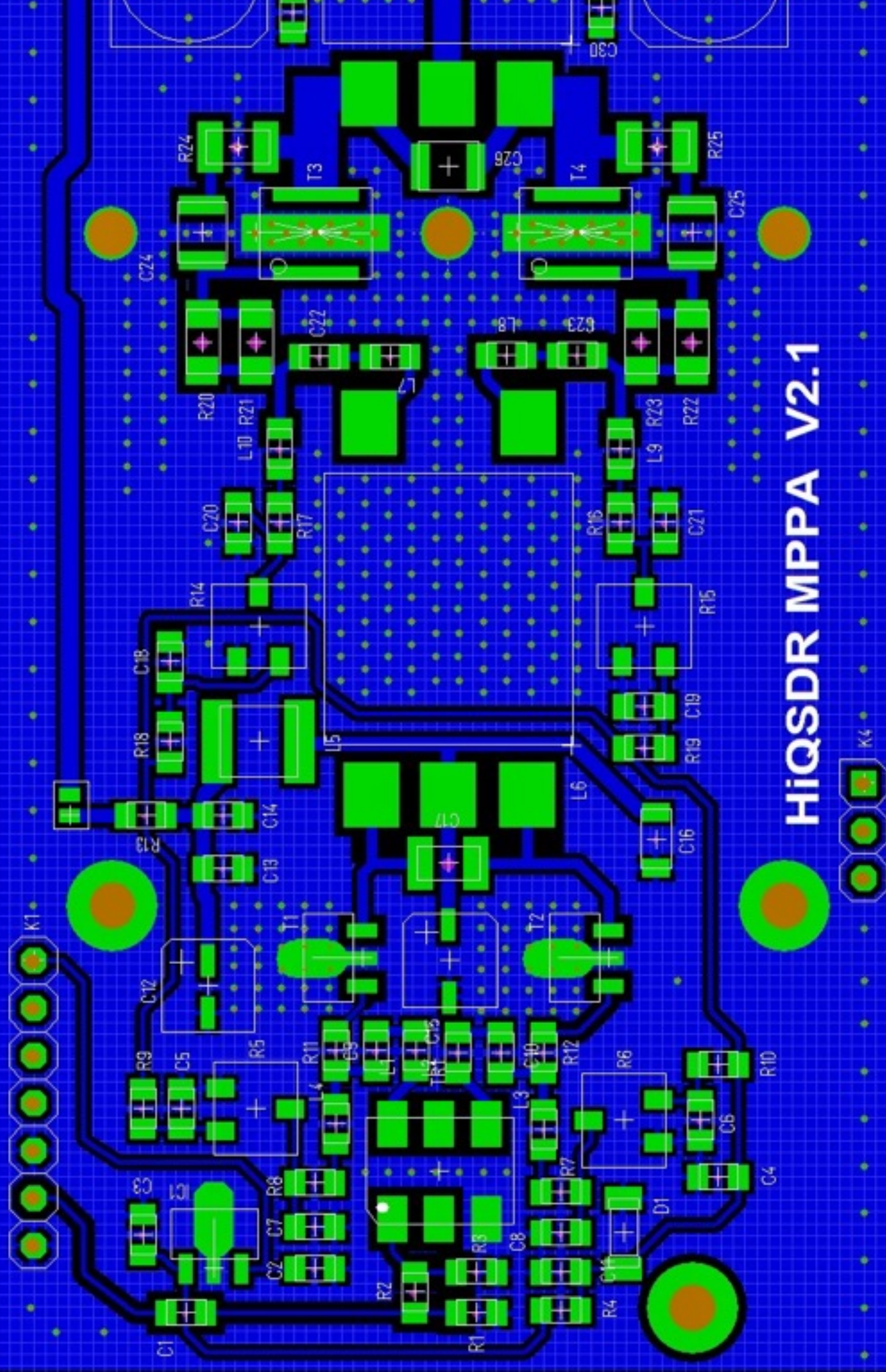
$$\begin{bmatrix} -2.056e-10 & -4.975e-08 & -1.209 & -1.634 & -1.242e-21 \end{bmatrix}$$

Problems

- Lightning
 - Reflexions & Shadows

→ Use flash & indirect illumination
- Image Resolution
 - WebCams not suitable
- Silk-screen
 - Color similar to Pads
 - Overlapping with Pads





Next goals

- Try Watershed & Harris Corner detection algorithms
- Further improvements of workflow
 - WiFi connection to camera & printer ([libqt-omd](#))
 - Import Gerber files ([libgerbv](#))
- Design of dispenser toolhead
- Try TSP solvers for tool path planning

Thank you for your kind attention.

Paper, Sources and Presentation will be available at:

<http://www.noteblok.net/2015/01/30/seminar/>

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