

Combinative Matching for Geometric Shape Assembly

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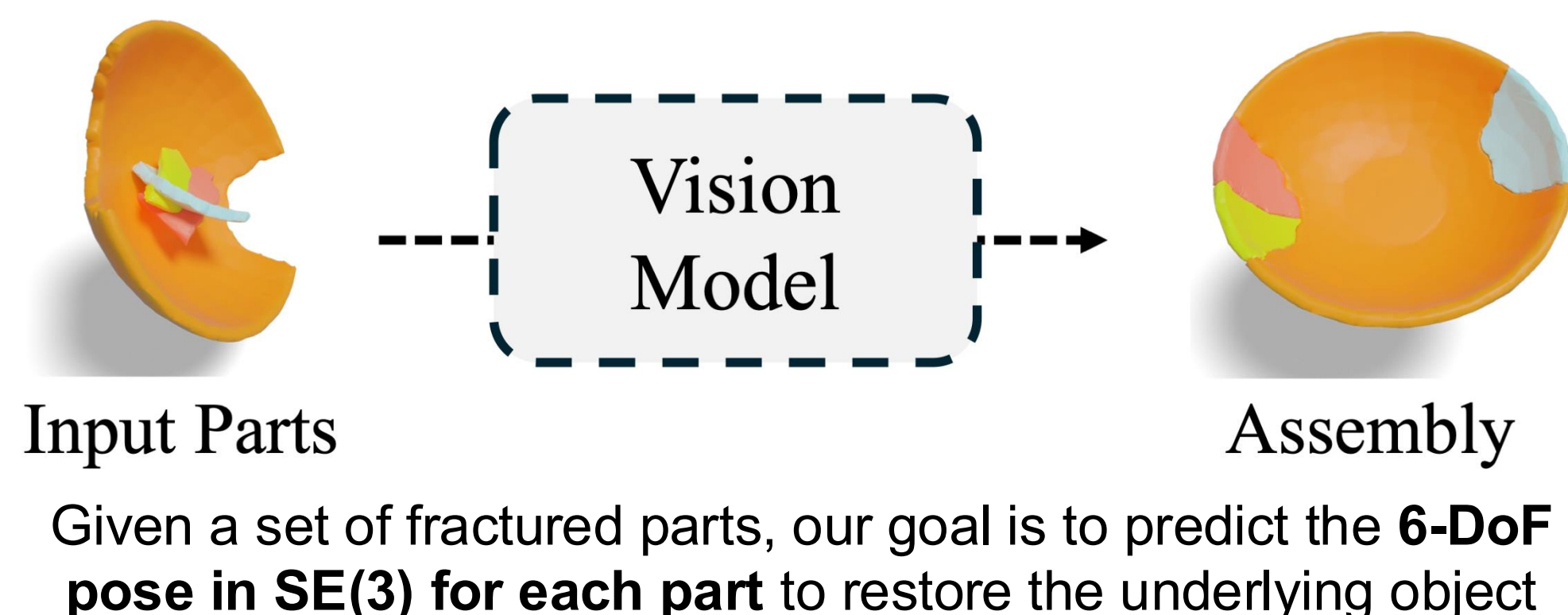


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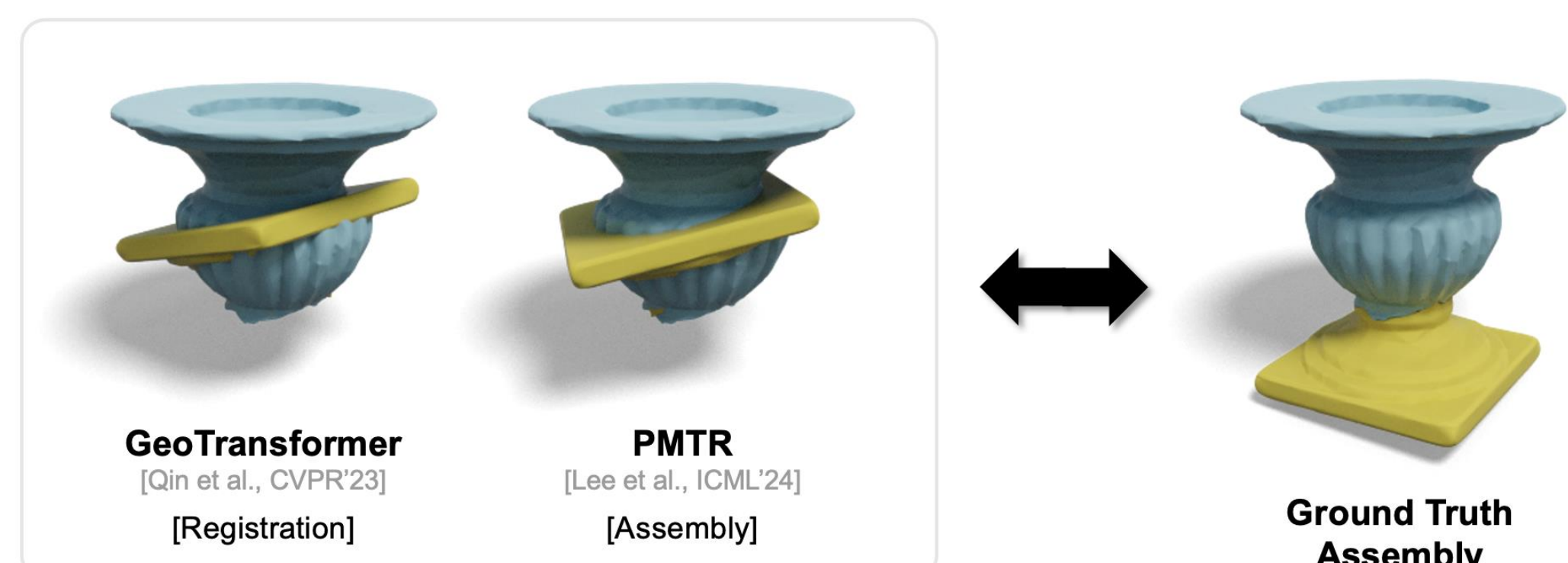
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Geometric Shape Assembly?



Motivation and Overview

Traditional shape matching methods rely on **equative matching strategy**, which assumes that mating parts resemble each other at their surfaces.



Often falls short in geometric shape assembly, where parts are **not merely visually similar**, but are **structurally complementary**.

Then, what do we miss? 🤔

➡ **Complementary properties:** Surfaces must not only look alike but also **fit by occupying opposite volumes**.

Main Contributions

- **Combinative Matching:** a new shape-matching methodology to combine interlocking parts for shape assembly.
- **Combinative Matching Network:** a framework utilizing combinative matching, achieving SoTA on Breaking Bad.

Learning to interlock parts: Combinative Matching

We propose **Combinative Matching**, explicitly modeling both **identical surface shapes** and **opposite volume occupancy**, enabling robust combination of interlocking parts.

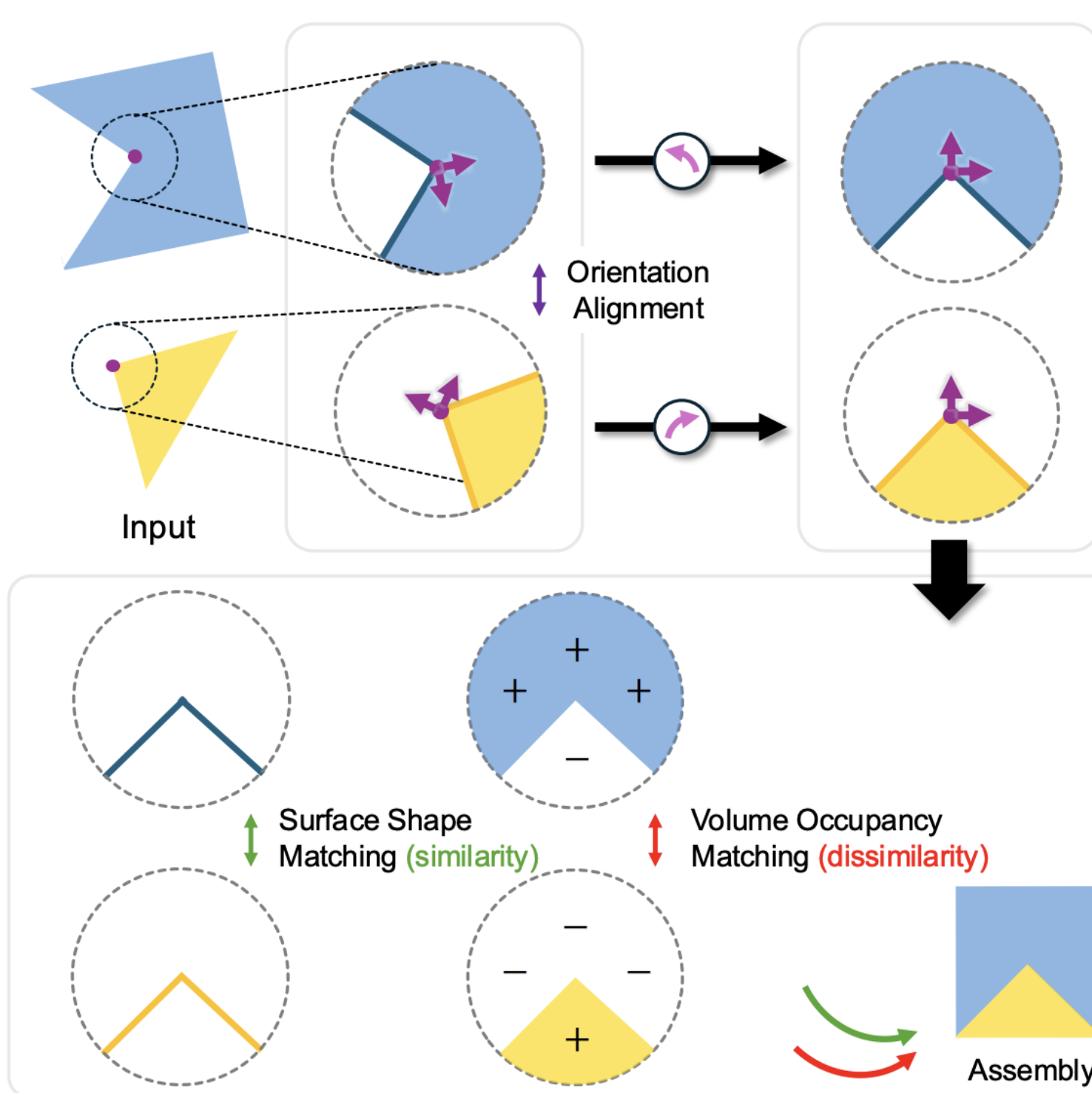
$$\mathcal{L}_d = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{C}} \|(\mathbf{F}_d^P)_i \mathbf{R}^P - (\mathbf{F}_d^Q)_j \mathbf{R}^Q\|_F$$

$$\mathcal{L}_s = \mathbb{E}_{i \sim \mathcal{I}} \left[\log \left(1 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{E}_p(i)} e^{\alpha_{ij}(d_{ij}^p - \Delta_p)} \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathcal{E}_n(i)} e^{\beta_{ik}(\Delta_n - d_{ik}^n)} \right) \right]$$

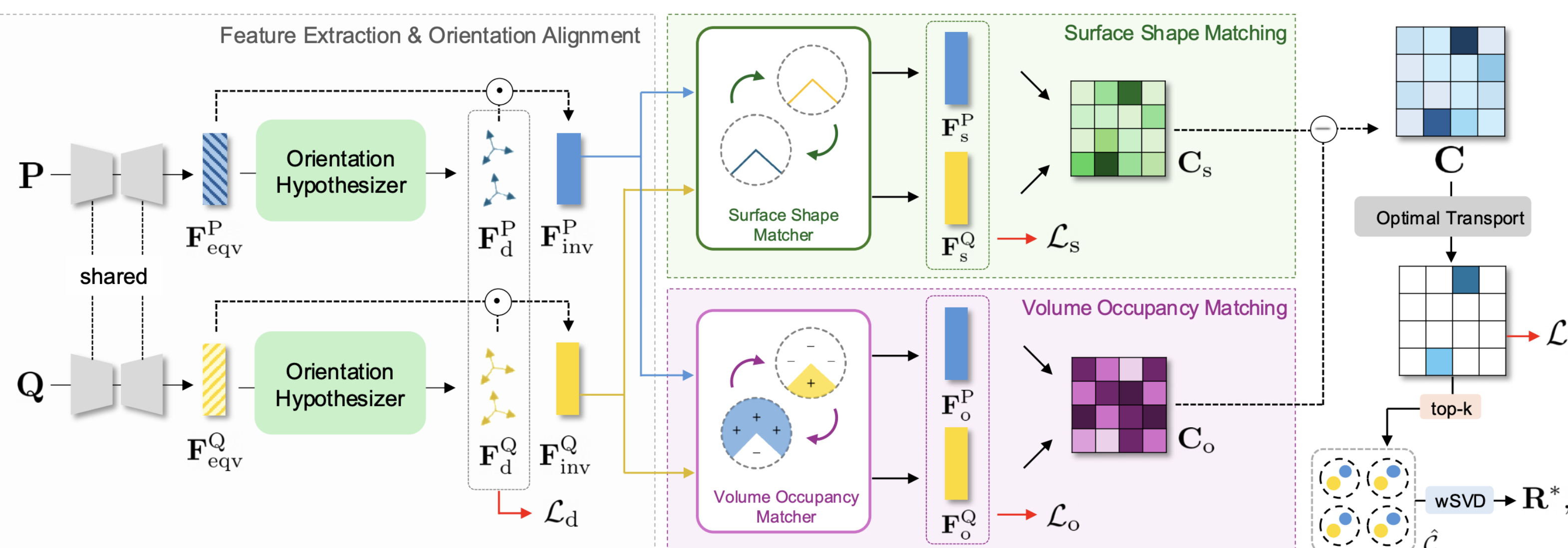
$$\alpha_{ij} = \gamma[d_{ij}^p - \Delta_p]_+, \beta_{ik} = \gamma[\Delta_n - d_{ik}^n]_+, d_{ij}^p = \|\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{s,i}^P - \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{s,j}^Q\|_2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_o = \mathbb{E}_{i \sim \mathcal{I}} \left[\log \left(1 + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{E}_p(i)} e^{\alpha_{ij}(s_{ij}^p - \Delta_p)} \cdot \sum_{k \in \mathcal{E}_n(i)} e^{\beta_{ik}(\Delta_n - s_{ik}^n)} \right) \right]$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \gamma[s_{ij}^p - \Delta_p]_+, \beta_{ik} = \gamma[\Delta_n - s_{ik}^n]_+, s_{ij}^p \approx \cos(\mathbf{F}_{o,i}^P, \mathbf{F}_{o,j}^Q)$$



Combinative Matching Network (CMNet)



Step 1. Orientation Alignment

- Encode rotation-equivariant features (w/ VN-Layers)
- Predict per-point orientations
- Derive **rotation-invariant embeddings** via dot-product

Step 2. Combinative Matching

- **Dual matching branches:** shape & occupancy matching
- Learn to align both identical surface shape and opposite volume occupancy

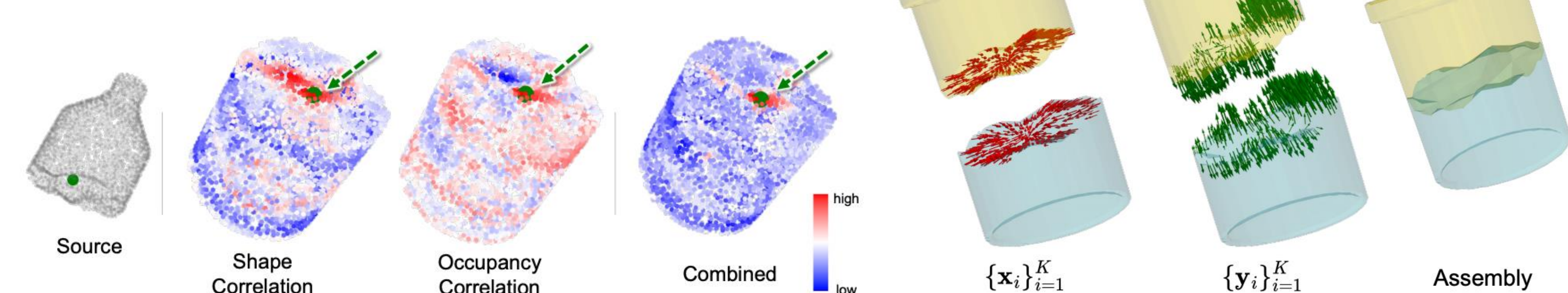
Step 3. Transformation Estimation

- Combine **shape / occupancy correlations** → Optimal Transport
- Estimate SE(3) pose via wSVD
- Further utilized as pairwise matcher for multi-part assembly

Experiments and Analysis

Learned Descriptor Analysis

(left: correlation distribution, right: orientation visualization)



By combining shape and occupancy information, the local ambiguity and match confidence uncertainty are resolved.

Learned orientations capture complementarity between parts **without any explicit supervision**.

Ablation Studies on Combinative Matching

Occupancy Affinity	Orientation Loss ($\mathcal{L}_d$)	CRD ↓ (10^{-2})	CD ↓ (10^{-3})	RMSE(R) ↓ (°)	RMSE(T) ↓ (10^{-2})	Equivariant Embedding	Shape Matching	Occupancy Matching	CRD ↓ (10^{-2})	CD ↓ (10^{-3})	RMSE(R) ↓ (°)	RMSE(T) ↓ (10^{-2})
L2 dist	✗	0.42	0.31	14.88	4.31	✗	✓	✓	0.74	0.53	38.74	11.88
cosine	✗	0.31	0.21	14.58	4.44	✗	✗	✓	0.38	0.28	13.17	3.86
L2 dist	✓	0.38	0.30	13.29	3.81	✓	✓	✗	0.35	0.25	14.01	4.24
cosine	✓	0.28	0.17	12.88	3.78	✓	✓	✓	0.28	0.17	12.88	3.78

(a) Ablation study on combinative matching.

(b) Ablation study on model components.

Learning **complementary volume occupancy** under **orientation alignment** is crucial for accurate geometric shape assembly.

Incorporating **joint shape and occupancy matching** under **SO(3)-equivariance** significantly enhances the assembly accuracy and robustness.

Improving SOTA for Geometric Shape Assembly

(top: pairwise assembly, bottom: multi-part assembly)

Method	CRD ↓ (10^{-2})	CD ↓ (10^{-3})	RMSE(R) ↓ (°)	RMSE(T) ↓ (10^{-2})
everyday				
Wu et al. [44]	20.65	11.66	84.58	22.90
GeoTransformer [32]	0.61	0.51	22.81	7.28
Jigsaw [22]	5.48	1.34	38.73	2.73
PMTR [14]	<u>0.39</u>	<u>0.25</u>	<u>17.14</u>	5.53
CMNet (Ours)	0.28	0.17	12.88	3.78

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everyday						
Wu et al. [48]	28.18	19.70	54.98	15.59	35.66	36.28
Jigsaw [24]	14.13	11.82	41.12	11.74	52.48	60.26
PMTR [16]	6.51	5.56	31.57	9.95	66.95	70.56
CMNet (Ours)	5.18	3.65	27.11	8.13	73.88	77.88

