

Mesh registration via geometric feature homogenization and offset cross-attention: application to 3D photogrammetry

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Background

3D photogrammetry



Cost efficient Non-invasive Accurate Fast

Motivation

3D photogram registration is necessary to enable:

- Quantitative population studies (e.g., anatomical modeling)
- Longitudinal pediatric evaluation

State-of-the-art challenges

- High spatial resolutions with large number of vertices
- Variable number of vertices between patients
- Require sampling and/or interpolation
- Disregard local mesh structure information

Goal

To build an efficient and automated method for 3D photogram registration

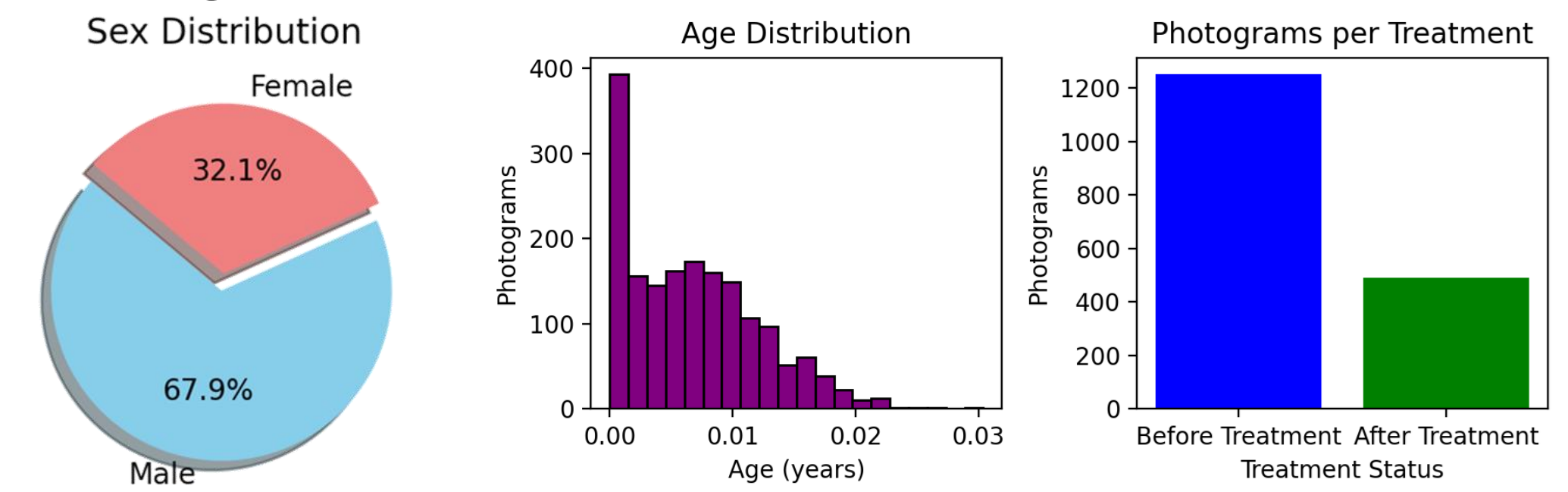
Data

ModelNet40 dataset [1]

- 12,311 3D point clouds with 1024 points
- 40 object categories
- Uniformly sampled from original meshes

3D photograms dataset [2]

- 1,744 3D photograms of children with craniosynostosis
- Average age: 2.16 ± 2.32 years (range birth -18 years)
- Average number of nodes: $23,686 \pm 915$



Methods

Feature homogenization network

Dimensionality reduction via feature homogenization:

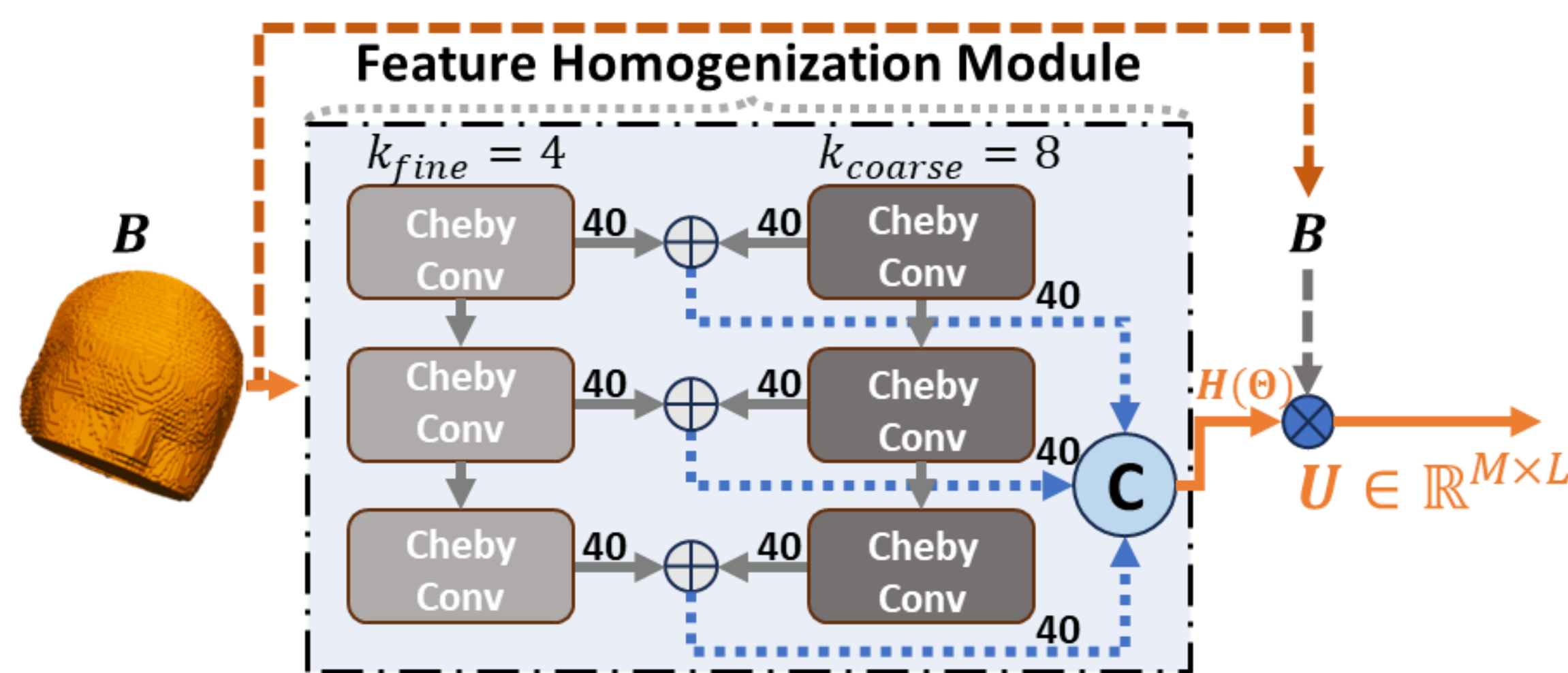
$$U(B, \Theta) = B^T H(\Theta)$$

$B \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$: variable dimensionality input data

$H(\Theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times L}$: learned feature transformation

$U(B, \Theta) \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times L}$: uniform dimensionality output features

Θ : trainable coefficients



Offset cross-attention (OCA) network

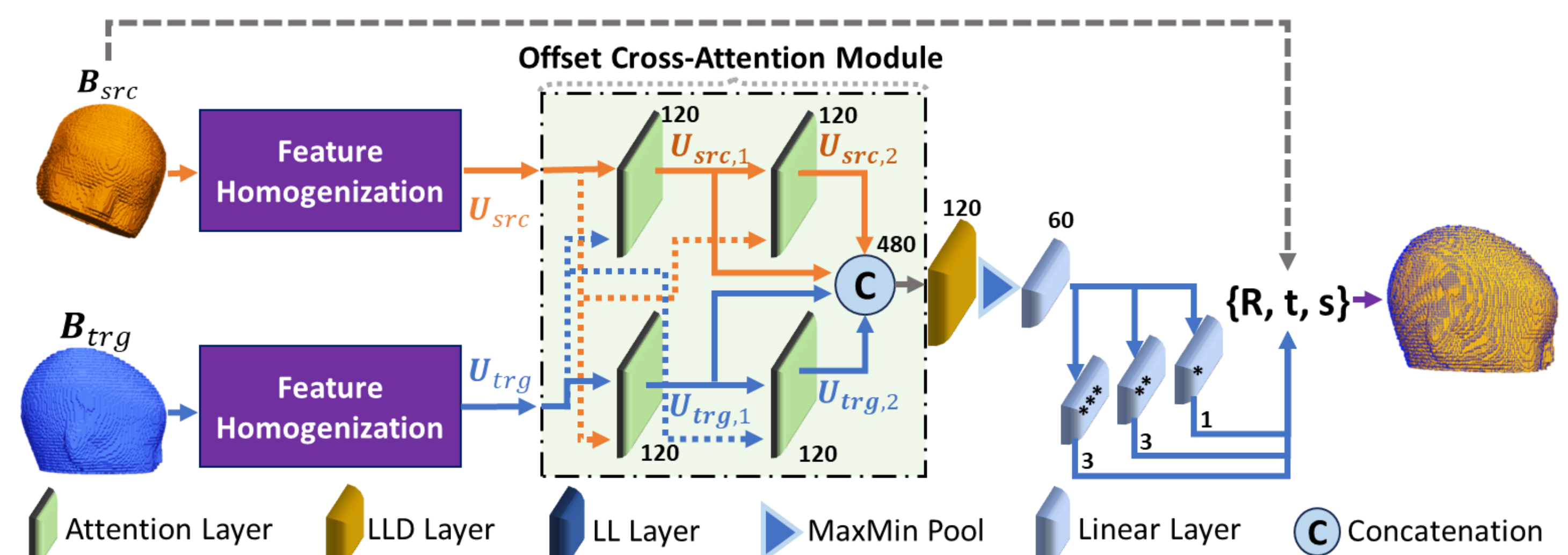
Efficient comparisons between latent feature representations:

Offset Cross-Attention operation

$$OCA(Z_1, Z_2) = LBL(Z_1 - \text{softmax}(QK^T)V) + Z_1$$

Four OCA layers

$$\begin{aligned} U_{src,1} &= OCA(U_{src}, U_{trg}) & U_{trg,1} &= OCA(U_{trg}, U_{src}) \\ U_{src,2} &= OCA(U_{src,1}, U_{src}) & U_{trg,1} &= OCA(U_{trg,1}, U_{trg}) \end{aligned}$$



Optimization

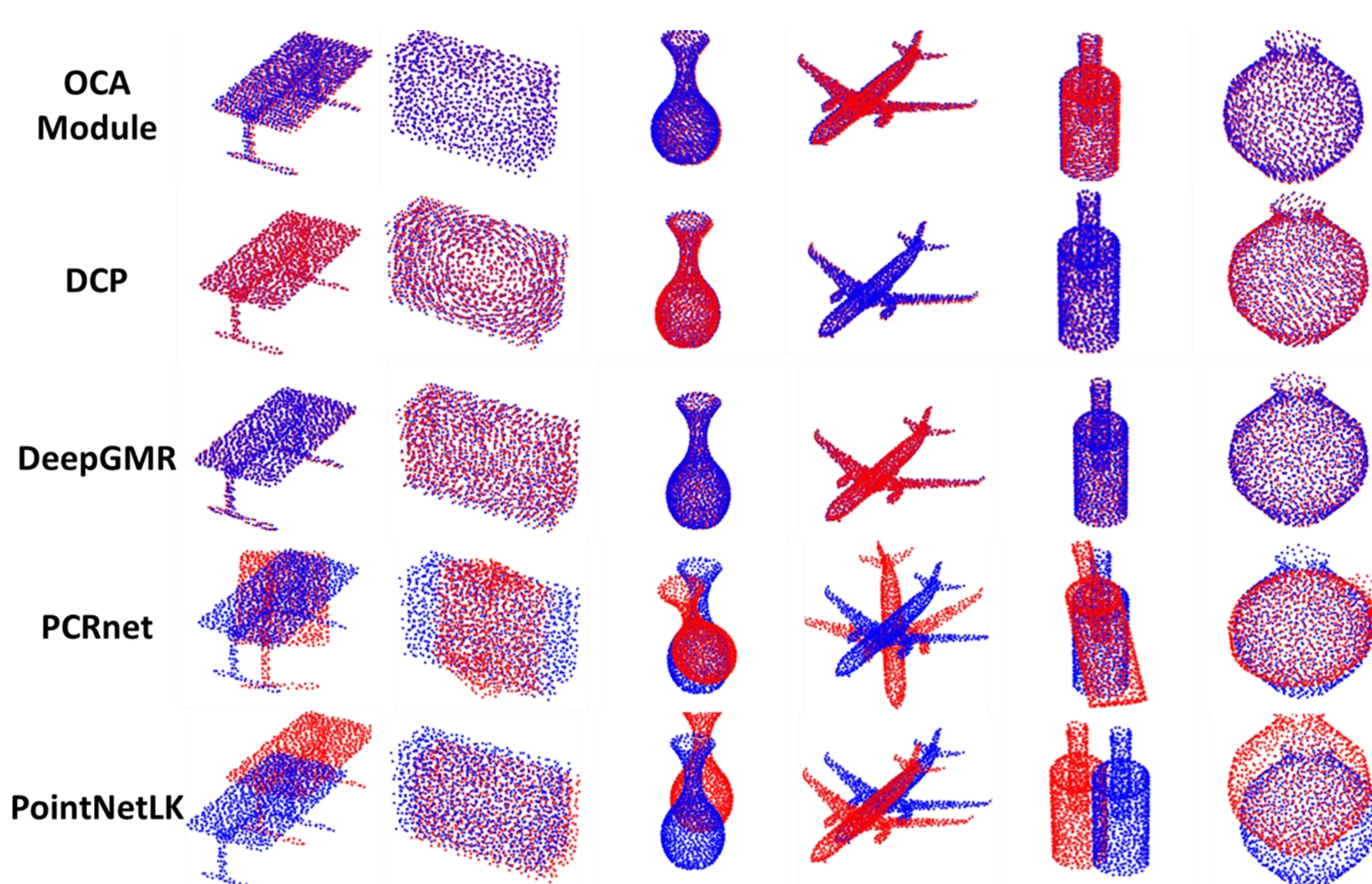
$$\mathcal{L} = \|R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)^T R(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}) - I\|_F + \|t - \hat{t}\|^2 + \|s - \hat{s}\|^2$$

$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$: rotation angles
 t : translation vector
 s : scaler factor

Experiments and results

1 OCA Evaluation with ModelNet40 dataset [1]

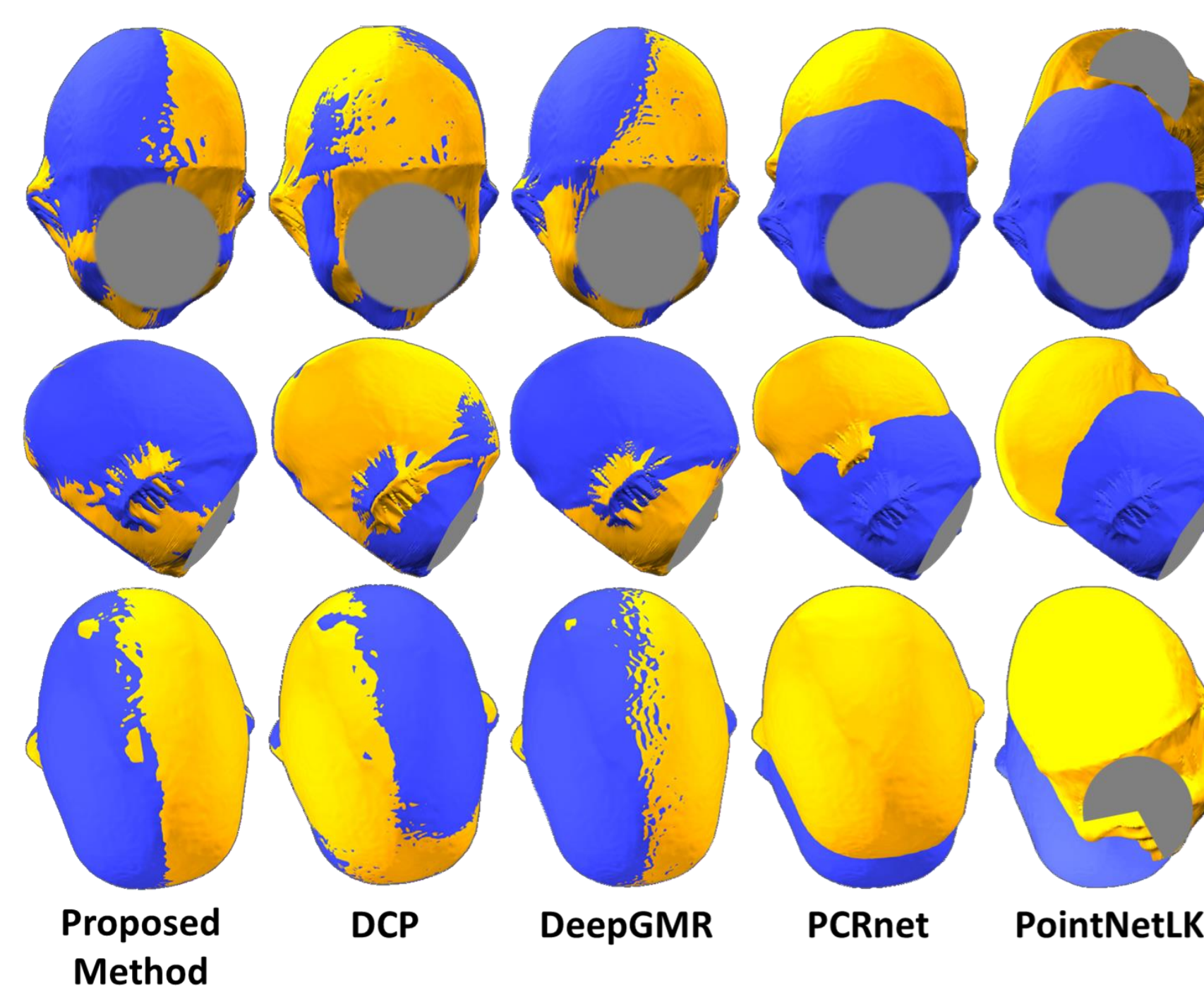
- Training size: 9,846 Rotation: $\pm 45^\circ$
- Testing size: 2,468 Translation: ± 0.5



Method	MSE		MAE		MSE (src,trg)	Chamfer (src,trg)
	$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$	t	$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$	t		
DCP	5.43	4E-4	1.45	0.01	4E-4	0.46
PointNetLK	80.30	0.08	1.52	0.24	0.09	0.23
DeepGMR	32.67	1E-3	2.45	0.02	2E-3	0.02
PCRnet	683.18	0.08	22.63	0.24	0.05	0.13
OCA module	3.42	1E-3	1.29	0.02	1E-3	0.07

2 Intra-subject registration of 3D photograms

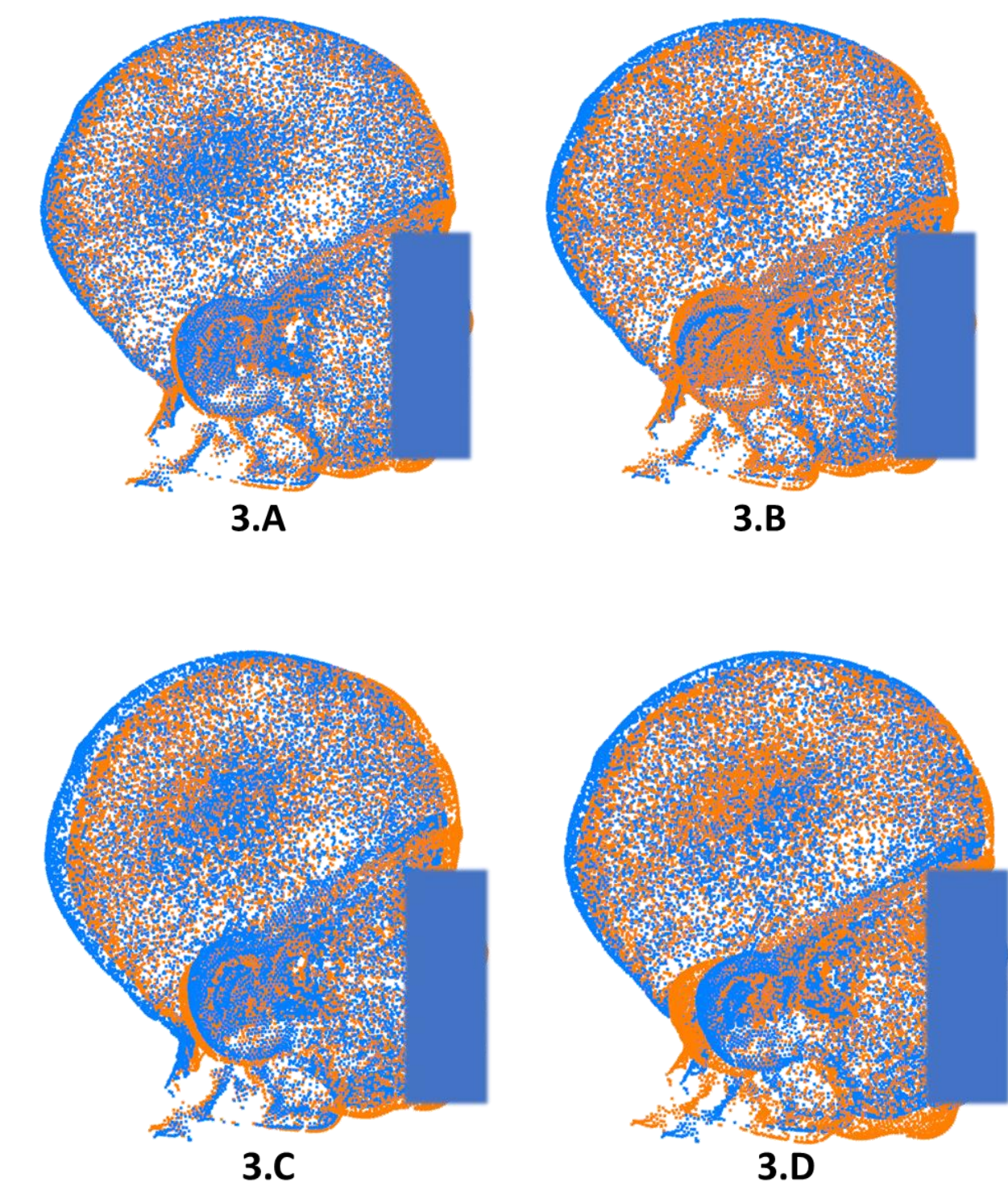
- Training size: 1,396 Rotation: $\pm 45^\circ$
- Testing size: 174 Translation: ± 0.5



Method	MSE		MAE		MSE (src,trg)	Chamfer (src,trg)
	$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$	t	$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$	t		
DCP	60.09	0.01	5.01	0.06	0.03	4.81
PointNetLK	278.43	0.10	5.87	0.25	0.13	0.30
DeepGMR	31.53	0.01	3.14	0.06	0.02	0.189
PCRnet	494.64	0.01	15.12	0.25	0.08	0.19
Proposed method	27.761	1E-3	3.66	0.03	0.01	0.02

3 Intra/Inter-subject registration of 3D photograms with scaling

- Training size: 13,952
- Testing size: 1,744
- Rotation: $\pm 45^\circ$
- Scaling: $[-0.5, 0.5]$
- Translation: $\pm 50\%$



Metric	MSE		MAE		MSE (src,trg)	Chamfer (src,trg)
	$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$	t	$\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$	t		
3.A Same subject	11.55	1E-3	2.03	0.02	0.01	0.02
3.B Inter-subject	23.72	1E-3	3.51	0.02	0.01	0.02
3.C Same subject	13.34	1E-3	2.23	0.03	0.01	0.02
3.D Inter-subject	30.42	1E-3	3.94	0.03	0.01	0.02

Conclusions

- 3D surface registration method independent from the number of nodes and spatial resolution
- Feature homogenization module allows creating uniform representations independent from data dimensionality
- Offset cross-attention module improves registration performance by learning common spatial patterns between meshes
- State-of-the-art accuracy without data pre-processing or spatial sampling

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