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Discrete Optimization for Shape Matching

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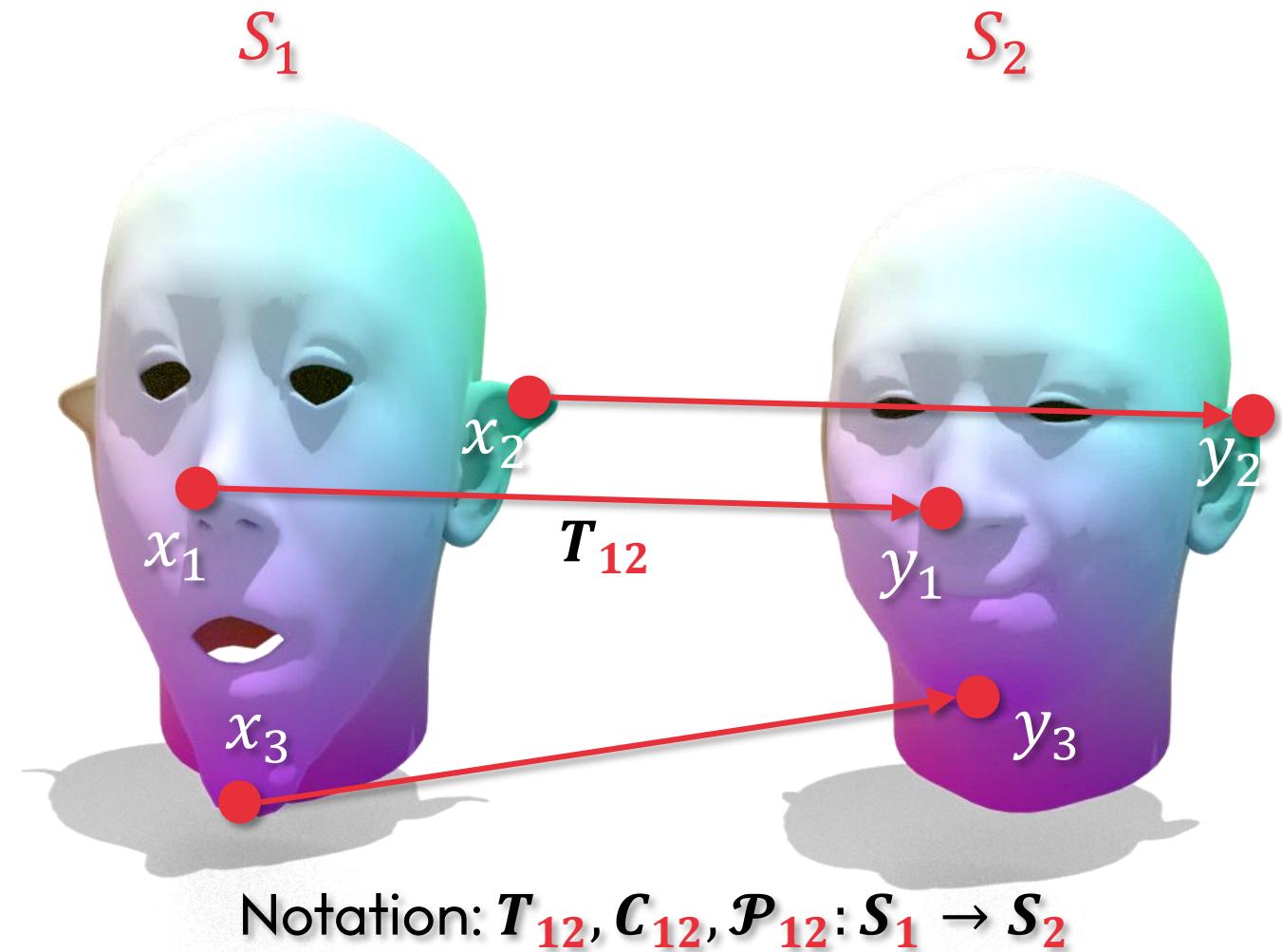
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Introduction to Shape Matching



Point-based methods

- [Bronstein et al. 2006],
- [Huang et. Al 2008]...

Parameterization-based methods

- [Lipman and Funkhouser 2009]
- [Aigerman et al. 2017]...

Optimal transport

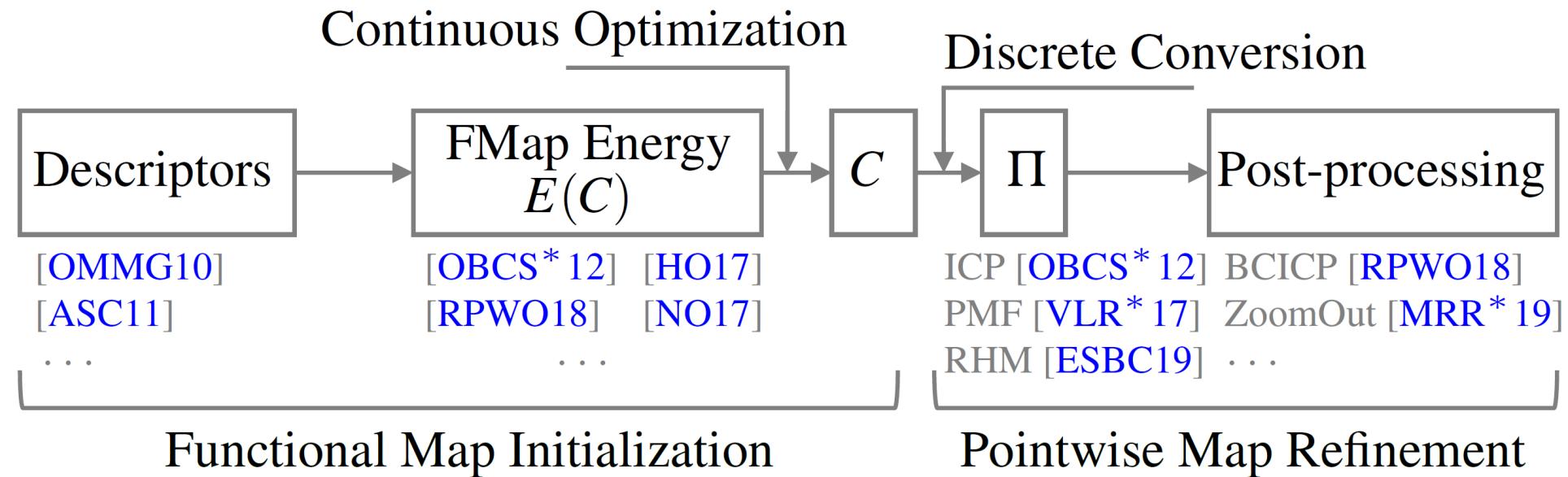
- [Solomon et al. 2016]
- [Mandad et al. 2017]...

Functional maps

- [Ovsjanikov et al. 2012]
- [Ezuz and Ben-Chen 2017]...

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Standard Functional Map Pipeline



Observations:

- different energies for fMap optimization and post-processing
- optimize fMap with regularizers but no hard constraints: $\min_C E(C)$
 - For some $E(C)$ such as Laplacian Commutativity, the global minimizer is zero matrix



Outline

1. Introduction to shape matching
2. Standard functional map pipeline for shape matching
3. Proper functional map
4. Discrete solver for functional map optimization
5. Results: evaluations & applications



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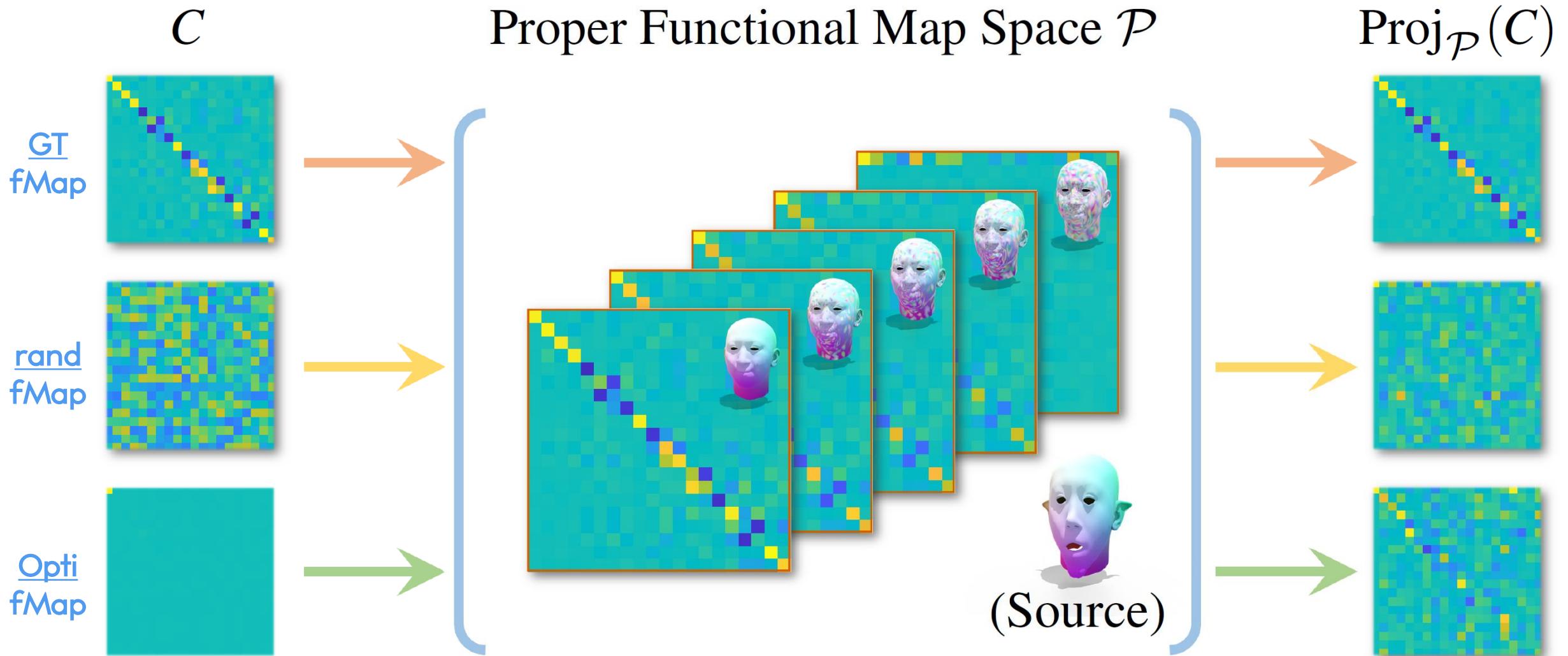
- Φ_i : Laplace-Beltrami eigenbasis of shape S_i
- A^\dagger : Moore–Penrose pseudoinverse of matrix A
- Π_{21} : matrix representation of a pointwise map from S_2 to S_1 , i.e.,
 - if $\Pi_{21}(i, j) = 1$, $v_i \in S_2$ is corresponding to $v_j \in S_1$

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[NO17]:

$$\min_{C_{12}} E(C_{12}) + E_{\text{multiplicative}}(C_{12})$$

Propose the multiplicative operators to guide the fmap to be proper implicitly



Discrete Solver for Functional Map Optimization

Problem Formulation:

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Naïve solution 1:

1. $C^* = \operatorname{argmin} E(C_{12})$
2. $C = \operatorname{Proj}_{\mathcal{P}_{12}}(C^*)$

- Pros: easy to solve
- Cons: the unconstrained optimization can lead to undesirable local minima; the projection step is discrete and can introduce errors

Naïve solution 2: \mathcal{P}_{12} is discrete, and we can enumerate all possible proper functional maps to find the global minimizer

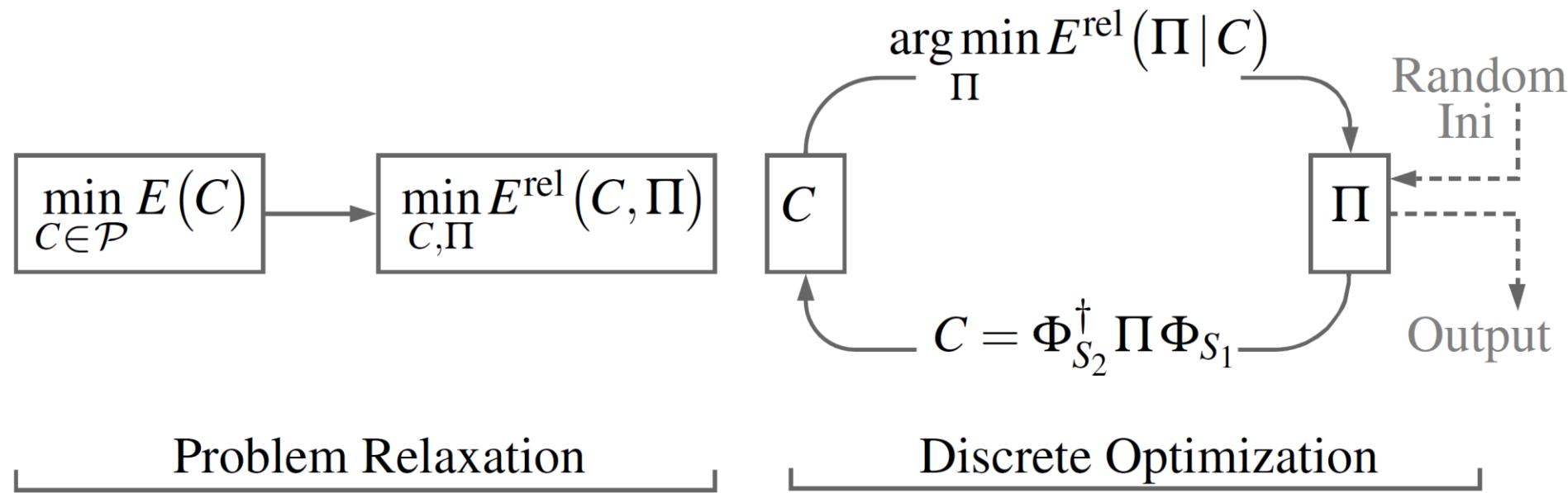
- Pros: returns global minimizer
- Cons: \mathcal{P}_{12} is toooooo large, only works for shapes with less than 10 vertices



Discrete Solver for Functional Map Optimization

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Lemma 4.1: Given arbitrary matrices X, Y , and a reduced basis Φ , s.t. $\Phi^T A \Phi = Id$, then the following two problems:

- i. $\min_{\Pi} \| \Phi^\dagger \Pi X - Y \|_F^2 + \| (Id - \Phi \Phi^\dagger) \Pi X \|_A^2$, where $\|W\|_A^2 = \text{tr}(W^T A W)$
- ii. $\min_{\Pi} \| \Pi X - \Phi Y \|_F^2$

are **equivalent**. Moreover problem ii) is **row-separable** and can be solved in closed form through nearest neighbor search. ([EBC17] provides a special case of this statement.)

- [EBC17] EZUZ D., BEN-CHEN M.: Deblurring and denoising of maps between shapes. Computer Graphics Forum 36, 5 (2017)



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Example of minimizing $E(\mathbf{C}_{12}) = \|\mathbf{C}_{12}\mathbf{f}_1 - \mathbf{f}_2\|_F^2$:

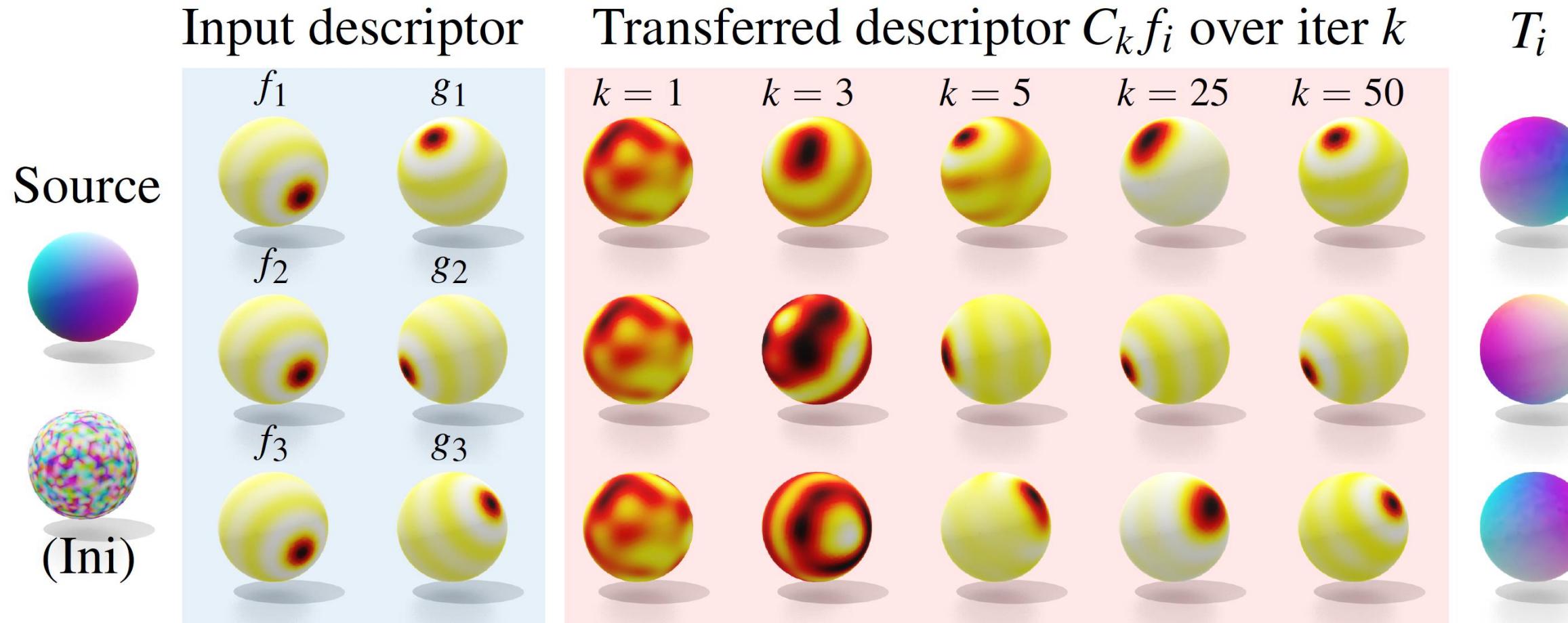
1. Apply **reformulation**: $E^{\text{mod}}(\mathbf{C}_{12}, \Pi_{21}) = \|\Phi_2^\dagger \Pi_{21} \Phi_1 \mathbf{f}_1 - \mathbf{f}_2\|_F^2$
2. Add a **coupling term**: $E^{\text{rel}}(\mathbf{C}_{12}, \Pi_{21}) = E^{\text{mod}}(\mathbf{C}_{12}, \Pi_{21}) + \alpha \|\Phi_2^\dagger \Pi_{21} \Phi_1 \mathbf{C}_{12}^T - I\|_F^2$
3. Optimize in an **alternating** scheme:
 - $\Pi_{21} = \text{argmin}_{\Pi_{21}} E^{\text{rel}}(\mathbf{C}_{12}, \Pi_{21})$
 - $\mathbf{C}_{12} = \Phi_2^\dagger \Pi_{21} \Phi_1$



Example: Minimize Descriptor-preserving Energy

$$\min_{C_{12} \in \mathcal{P}_{12}} \|C_{12}f_i - g_i\|_F^2$$

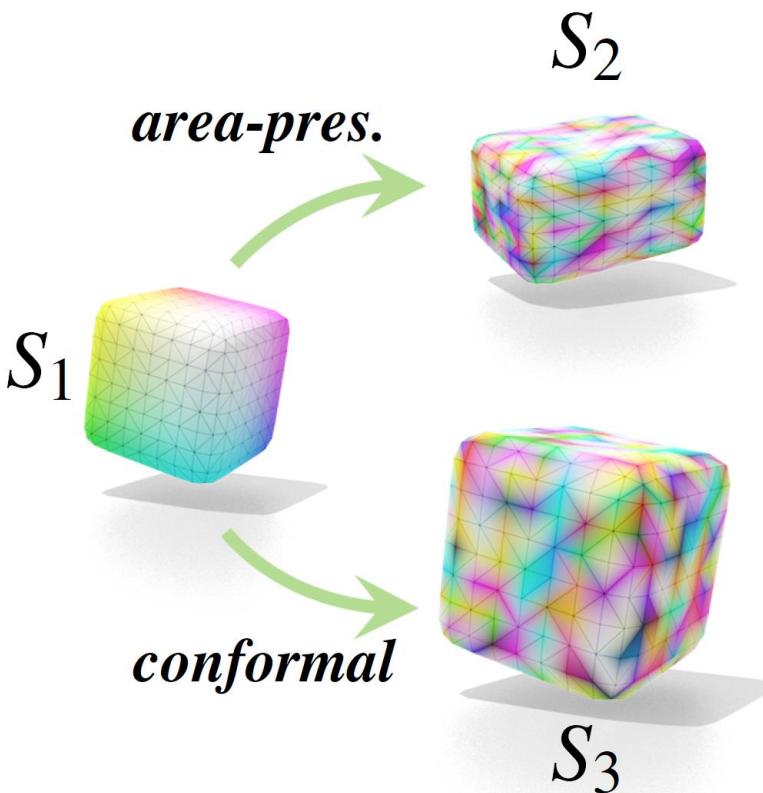
- (f_i, g_i) : given corresponding descriptors



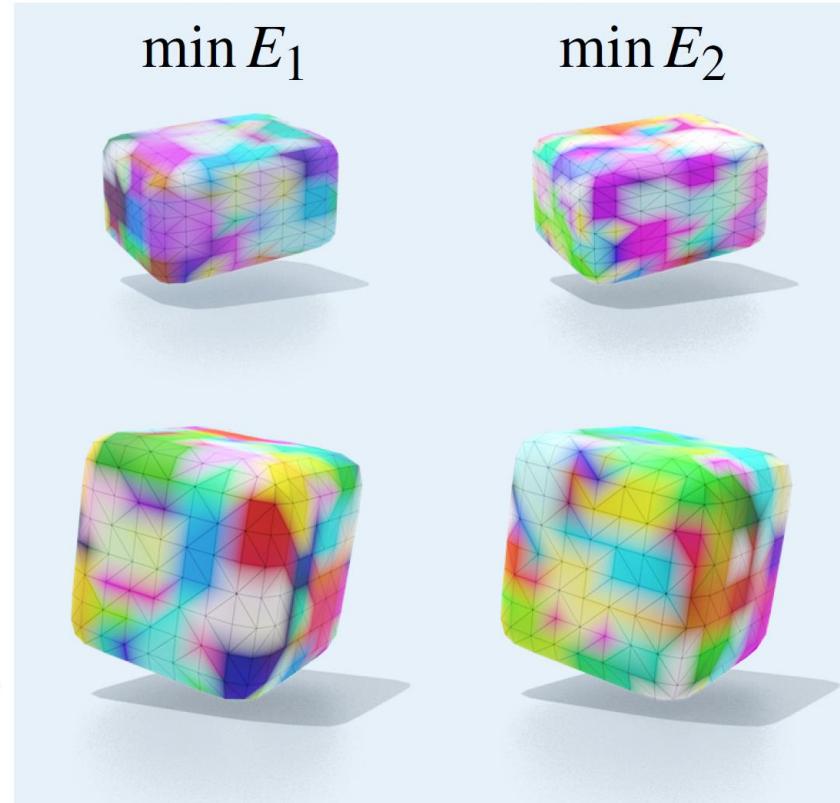
Example: Minimize Area-pres. & Conformal Energy

$$\min_{C_{12} \in \mathcal{P}_{12}} \|C_{12} C_{12}^T - I\|_F^2 \quad \text{v.s.} \quad \min_{C_{12} \in \mathcal{P}_{12}} \|C_{12} \Delta_1 C_{12}^T - \Delta_2\|_F^2$$

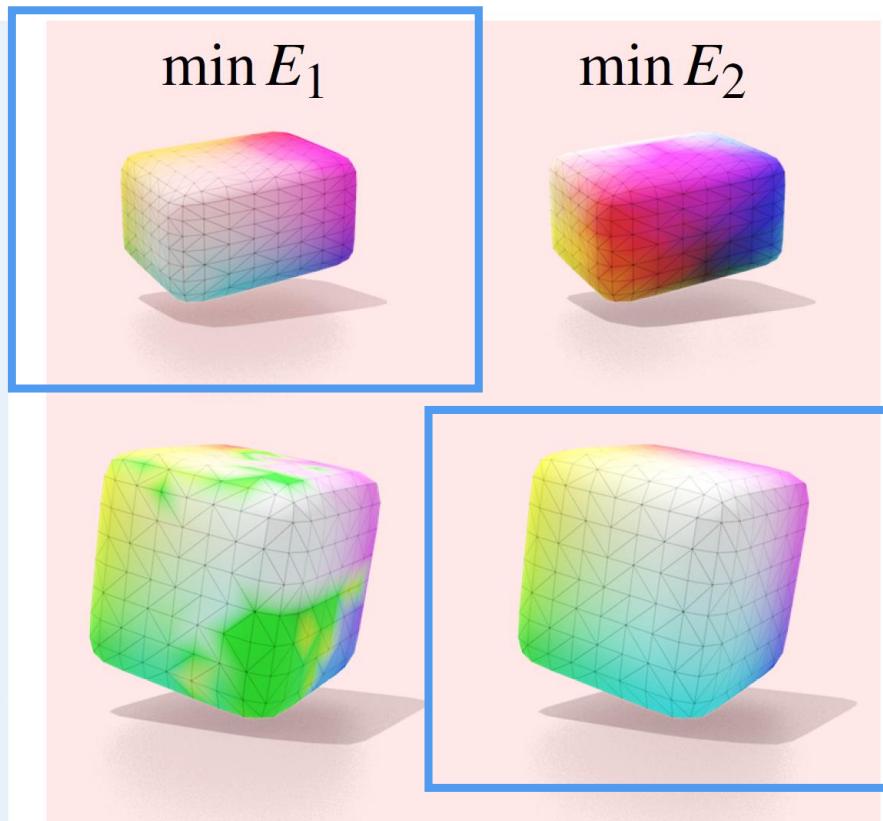
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Continuous solver \mathcal{C}



Discrete solver \mathcal{D} (Ours)



Contributions

We propose a discrete solver that can optimize functional map-based energies.

- Easy to use/adapt for different energies
- Returns a proper functional map that corresponds to a pointwise map
- Achieves lower energy values compared to the standard continuous solver

Two practical applications:

- Alternative of Multiplicative Operators
 - [NO17] proposes the multiplicative operators to guide the optimization towards proper functional maps (implicitly). Our discrete solver outperforms the multiplicative Op.
- New refinement method: Effective Functional Map Refinement
 - Combines commonly used fMap energies including bijectivity, orthogonality and Laplacian commutativity from both directions.
 - Achieves better accuracy/bijectivity on SHREC'19



Results: Evaluation on the Discrete Solver

50 Shape pairs from the [SMAL](#) dataset

For [different](#) functional map-based [energies](#), we compare:

- [continuous solver](#) \mathcal{C}
- [discrete solver](#) \mathcal{D}

Energies \ Stats.		min.	avg.	max.	std.
$E_1 = \ CC^T - I\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	4.9924	5.1932	5.4530	0.0976
	\mathcal{D}	0.6789	2.2557	3.0707	0.4801
$E_2 = \ C\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 C\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	1.0615	1.2261	1.4205	0.0900
	\mathcal{D}	0.1575	0.8053	1.2197	0.2229
$E_3 = \ C\Delta_1 C^T - \Delta_2\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	1.9219	2.1302	2.2884	0.1005
	\mathcal{D}	0.2972	1.3173	1.8223	0.3694
$E_4 = \ C_{12}C_{21} - I\ _F + \ C_{21}C_{12} - I\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	12.531	13.059	13.948	0.2645
	\mathcal{D}	0.9355	4.1369	5.3564	1.0138

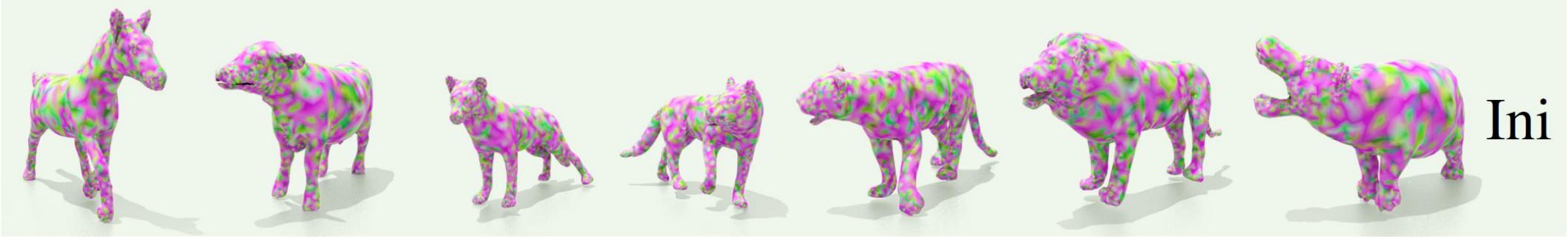


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Minimize the **Laplacian Commutativity** energy



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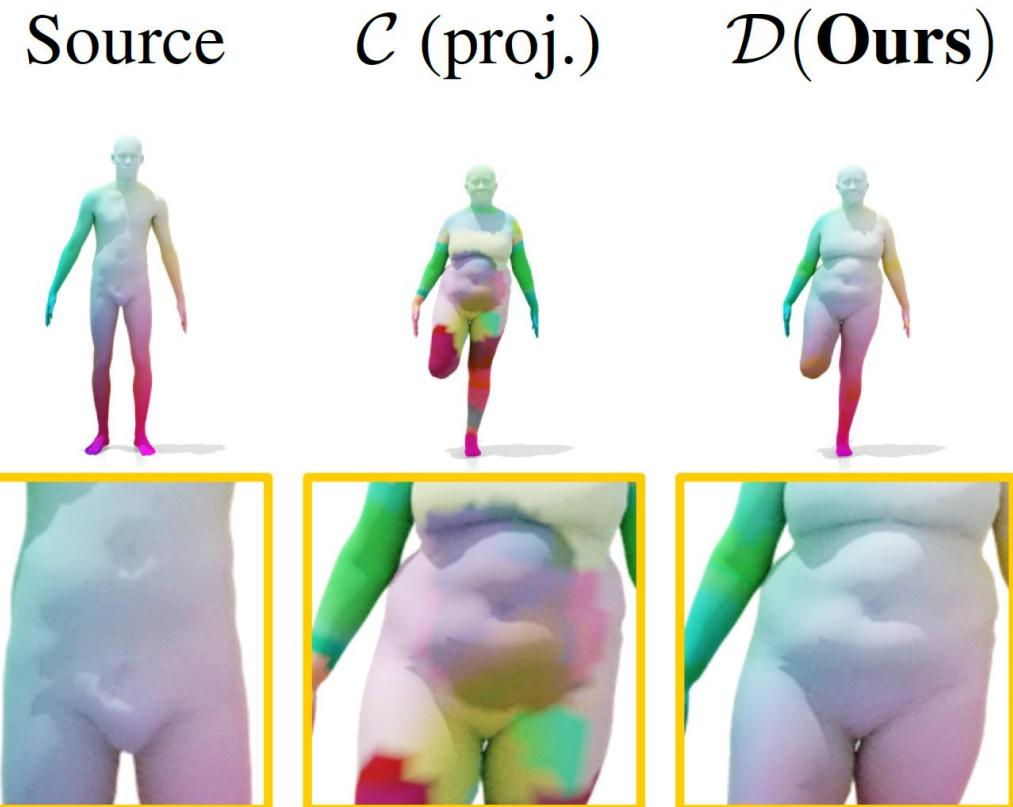
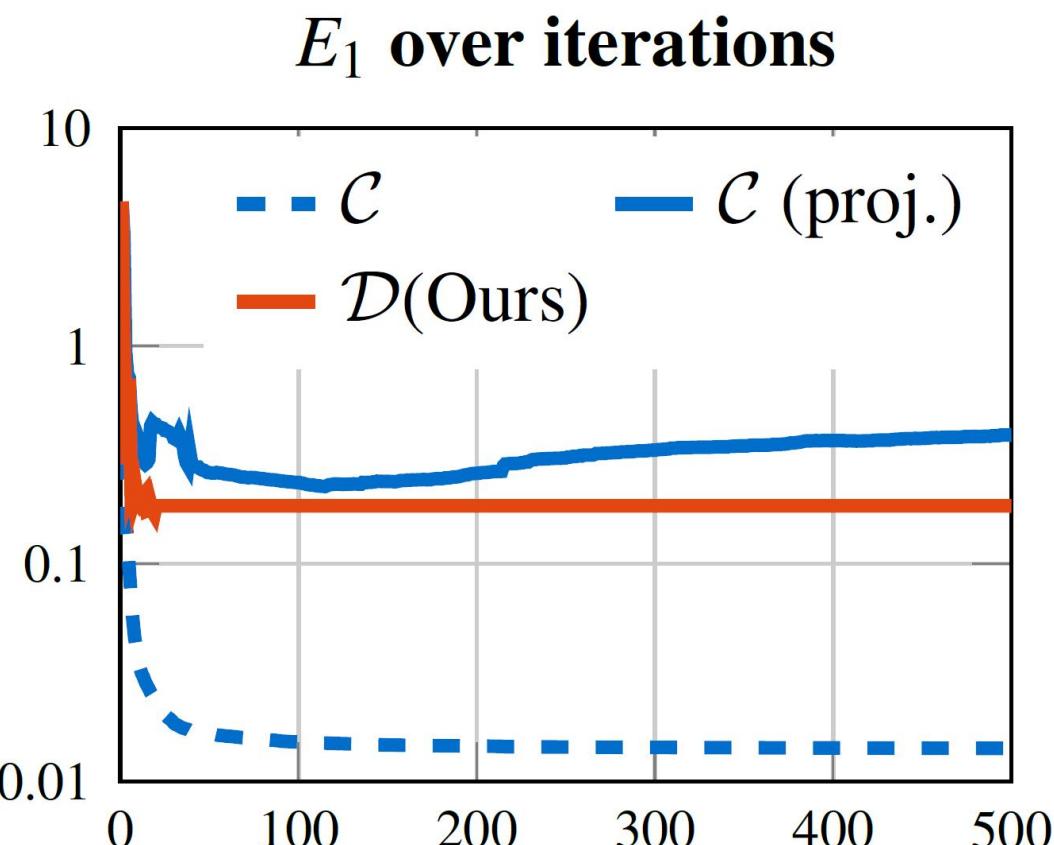
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Results: Alternative of Multiplicative Operators

Baseline: $\min_{C_{12}} \sum_i \|C_{12}f_i - g_i\|_F^2 + \alpha \|C_{12}\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 C_{12}\|_F^2 + \beta \sum_i \|C_{12}\Omega_{f_i} - \Omega_{g_i} C_{12}\|_F^2$

Ours: $\min_{C_{12} \in \mathcal{P}_{12}} \sum_i \|C_{12}f_i - g_i\|_F^2 + \alpha \|C_{12}\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 C_{12}\|_F^2$



Results: Effective Functional Map Refinement

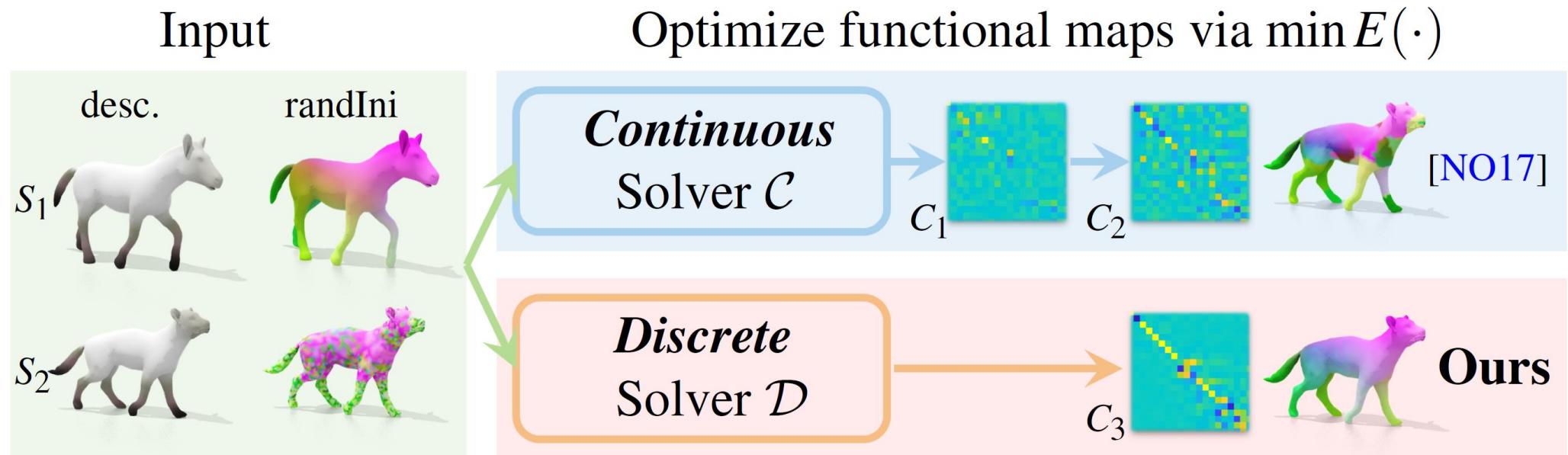
SHREC'19 Challenge

Methods \ Metrics	Accuracy ($\times 10^{-3}$)	Bijectivity ($\times 10^{-3}$)	Runtime (s)
Initialization	60.4	95.1	-
ICP	47.0	47.4	87.3
PMF (1k)	51.8	11.8	118.1
BCICP (5k)	30.1	12.7	437.9
RHM	42.6	13.5	2313
ZOOMOUT	28.8	26.1	1.5
Ours	27.3	15.1	8.17



Summary

1. We propose a **discrete solver** that can optimize **functional map-based energies**.
2. Two practical **applications**:
 - Alternative of Multiplicative Operators
 - New refinement method: Effective Functional Map Refinement



Limitations

1. Our discrete solver with the practical modifications has few theoretical guarantees.
 2. For some functional map energies with complicated formulations, e.g., using higher order terms, our reformulation strategy might not work directly and more advanced solvers might be needed.

Future Work

1. Explore different coupling terms
 2. Investigate different pointwise recovery techniques, such as Sinkhorn algorithm



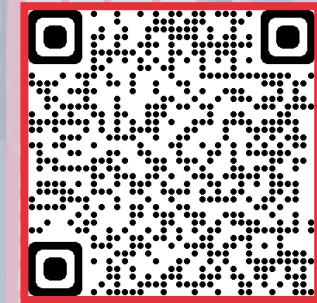
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Demo code is available at:

https://github.com/lorz/SGP21_discreteOptimization



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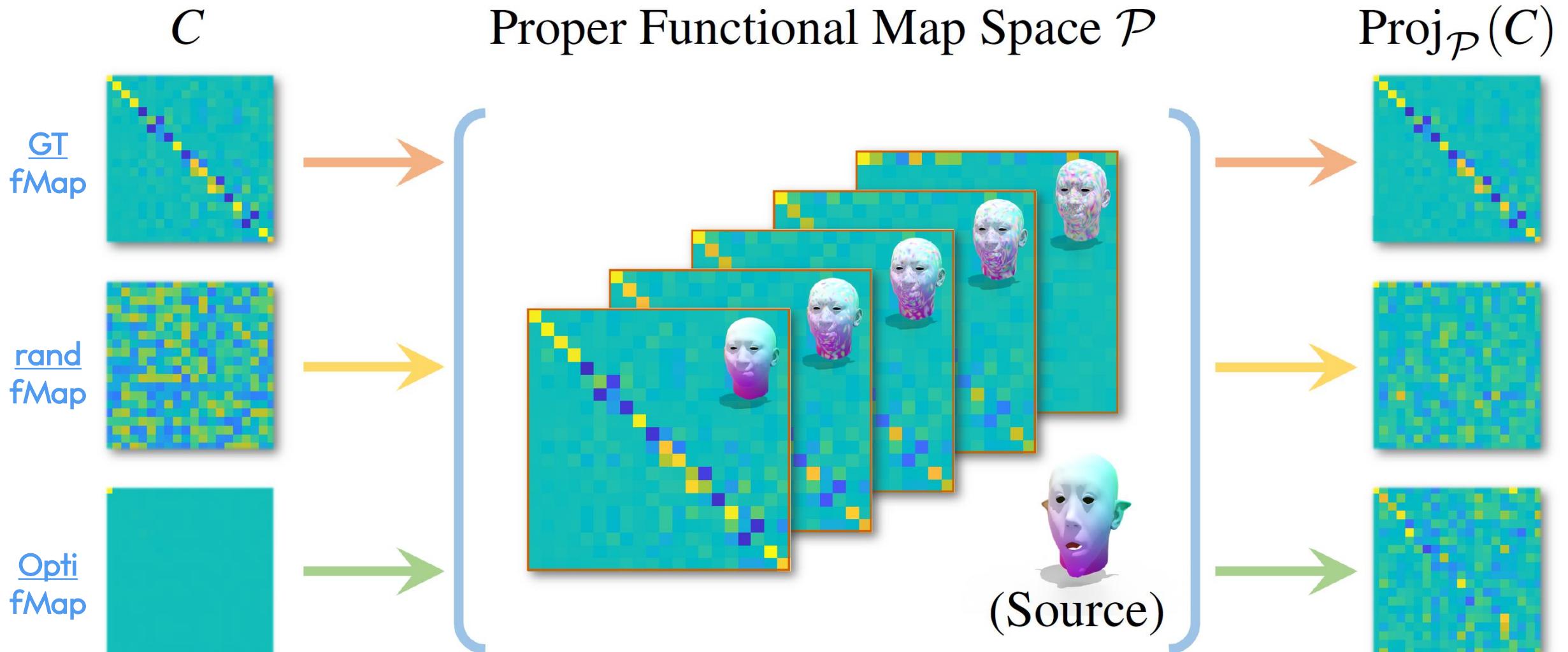
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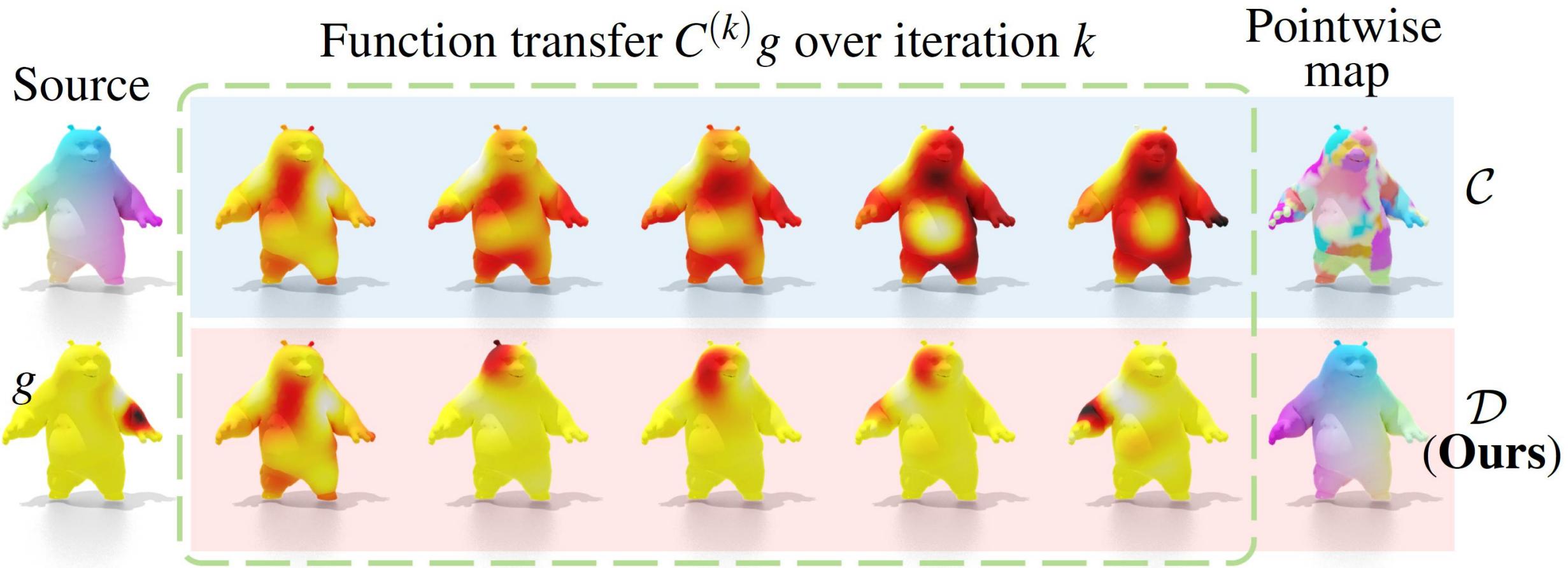
Examples of Reformulation :

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Example: Minimize Orientation-Reversing Energy

$$\min_{C \in \mathcal{P}} \|C\Omega_g + \Omega_g C\|_F^2 \quad \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ } C: \text{fmap maps to itself} \\ \bullet \text{ } \Omega_g: \text{orientation operator constructed from } g \end{array}$$



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$E_1 = \ CC^T - I\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	5.270	5.061	5.304	5.230	5.148	5.213	5.241	5.183	5.041	5.093	5.335	5.122	5.081	5.453	5.287	5.193
	\mathcal{D}	2.341	2.573	2.484	2.127	2.477	2.106	2.375	1.821	1.798	2.566	1.264	2.590	2.414	2.386	2.347	2.256
$E_2 = \ C\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 C\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	1.133	1.227	1.156	1.271	1.091	1.123	1.291	1.190	1.125	1.213	1.188	1.113	1.242	1.237	1.170	1.226
	\mathcal{D}	0.665	0.465	0.960	1.040	0.818	0.626	0.798	0.626	0.511	0.770	0.158	0.887	0.715	0.894	0.963	0.805
$E_3 = \ C\Delta_1 C^T - \Delta_2\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	2.128	2.172	2.136	2.040	2.010	1.987	1.975	2.197	2.259	2.282	1.997	2.154	2.177	2.275	1.956	2.130
	\mathcal{D}	1.412	1.588	1.495	1.193	1.474	1.178	1.729	1.533	1.083	1.451	0.413	1.455	1.568	1.718	0.834	1.317
$E_4 = \ C_{12}C_{21} - I\ _F + \ C_{21}C_{12} - I\ _F$	\mathcal{C}	13.02	12.94	13.28	13.16	12.93	13.58	12.93	13.09	13.24	13.16	13.31	12.91	13.95	13.18	13.01	13.06
	\mathcal{D}	3.895	5.068	4.661	4.926	3.085	4.382	4.074	4.448	4.657	4.716	1.299	4.694	4.380	4.957	4.742	4.137

For different functional map-based energies, we compare:

- standard [continuous solver \$\mathcal{C}\$](#)
- our [discrete solver \$\mathcal{D}\$](#)

