

3D Shape Reconstruction from Vision and Touch

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Abstract

When a toddler is presented a new toy, their instinctual behaviour is to pick it up and inspect it with their hand and eyes in tandem, clearly searching over its surface to properly understand what they are playing with. Here, touch provides high fidelity localized information while vision provides complementary global context. However, in 3D shape reconstruction, the *complementary* fusion of visual and haptic modalities remains largely unexplored. In this paper, we study this problem and present an effective chart-based approach to fusing vision and touch, which leverages advances in graph convolutional networks. To do so, we introduce a dataset of simulated touch and vision signals from the interaction between a robotic hand and a large array of 3D objects. Our results show that (1) leveraging both vision and touch signals consistently improves single-modality baselines; (2) our approach outperforms alternative modality fusion methods and strongly benefits from the proposed chart-based structure; (3) the reconstruction quality increases with the number of grasps provided; and (4) the touch information not only enhances the reconstruction at the touch site but also extrapolates to its local neighborhood.

1 Introduction

From an early age children clearly and often loudly demonstrate that they need to both look and touch any new object that has peaked their interest. The instinctual behavior of inspecting with both their eyes and hands in tandem provides insight into the complementary nature of vision and touch for 3D object understanding. Through machine learning techniques, 3D models of both objects and environments can be built by leveraging a variety of perception-based sensors, such as those for vision (e.g. a single RGB image) [57, 18] and touch [71, 66]. On the one hand, vision provides a global context for object understanding, but is hindered by occlusions introduced by the object itself and from other objects in the scene. Moreover, vision is also affected by bas-relief [38] and scale/distance ambiguities, as well as slant/tilt angles [2]. On the other hand, touch provides localized 3D shape information, including the point of contact in space as well as high spatial resolution of the shape, but fails quickly when extrapolating without global context or strong priors. Hence, combining both modalities should lead to richer information and better models for 3D understanding. An overview of 3D shape reconstruction from vision and touch is displayed in Figure 1.

Visual and haptic modalities have been combined in the literature [1] to learn multi-modal representations of the 3D world, and improve upon subsequent 3D understanding tasks such as object manipulation [40] or any-modal conditional generation [41]. Tactile information has also been used to improve 3D reconstructions in real environments. In particular, [66] leverages vision and touch

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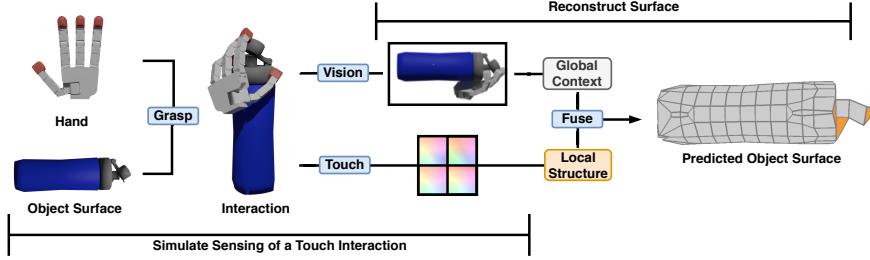


Figure 1: 3D shape understanding from vision and touch includes: (1) shape sensing with a camera and touch sensor, as well as (2) reconstruction algorithm that fuses vision and touch readings. In this paper, we introduce a dataset that captures object sensing and propose a chart-based fusion model for 3D shape prediction from multi-modal inputs. For touch, we realistically simulate an existing vision-based tactile sensor [39].

sequentially, by first using vision to learn 3D object shape priors on simulated data, and subsequently using touch to refine the vision reconstructions when performing sim2real transfer. However, to the best of our knowledge, the *complementary* fusion of vision (in particular, RGB images) and touch in 3D shape reconstruction remains largely unexplored.

In this paper, we focus on this unexplored space, and present an approach that effectively fuses the global and local information provided by visual and haptic modalities to perform 3D shape reconstruction. Inspired by the papier-mâché technique of [20] and leveraging recent advances in graph convolutional networks (GCN) [37], we aim to represent a 3D object with a collection of disjoint mesh surface elements, which we call *charts*, where some charts are reserved for tactile signals and others are used to represent visual information. More precisely, given an RGB image of an object and high spatial resolution tactile (mimicking a DIGIT tactile sensor [39]) and pose information of a grasp, the approach predicts a high fidelity local chart at each touch site and then uses the corresponding vision information to predict global charts which close the surface around them, in a fill-in-the-blank type procedure. As learning from real world robot interactions is resource and time intensive, we have designed a simulator to produce a multi-modal dataset of interactions between a robotic hand and four classes of objects, that can be used to benchmark approaches to 3D shape reconstructions from vision and touch, and help advance the field. Our dataset contains ground truth 3D objects as well as recordings from vision and tactile sensors, such as RGB images and touch readings. Results on the proposed dataset show that by combining visual and tactile cues, we are able to outperform single modality touch and vision baselines. We demonstrate the intuitive property that learning from touch exclusively translates into decreased performance, as the 3D shape reconstruction suffers from poor global context while learning from vision exclusively suffers from occlusions and leads to lower local reconstruction accuracy. However, when combining both modalities, we observe a systematic improvement, suggesting that the proposed approach effectively benefits from vision and touch signals, and surpasses alternative fusion strategies. Moreover, when increasing the number of grasps provided, we are able to further boost the 3D shape reconstruction quality. Finally, due to our model design, the touch readings not only enhance the reconstruction at the touch site but also reduce the error in the neighborhood of touch sensor position. Our main contributions can be summarized as: (1) we introduce a chart-based approach to 3D object reconstruction, leveraging GCNs to combine visual and haptic signals; (2) we build a dataset of simulated haptic object interactions to benchmark 3D shape reconstructions algorithms in this setting; and (3) through an extensive evaluation, we highlight the benefits of the proposed approach, which effectively exploits the complementarity of both modalities.

2 Related Work

3D reconstruction from vision. There is a vast literature addressing 3D shape reconstruction from visual signals. Approaches often differ in their input visual signal – e.g. single view RGB image [58, 57, 18, 45], multi-view RGB images [12, 26, 33, 35], and depth images [53, 72] –, and their predicted 3D representation – e.g., orientation/3D pose [25, 16], signed distance functions [44], voxels, point clouds, and meshes [31]. Point cloud-based approaches [15, 51, 28, 46], together with voxel-based approaches [9, 58, 62, 68–70], and their computationally efficient counter-parts

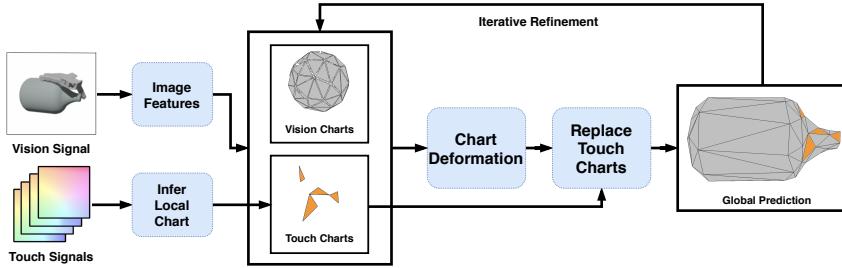


Figure 2: Our approach to 3D shape reconstruction combines a single RGB image with 4 touch readings. We start by predicting touch charts from a touch recordings, and projecting the visual signal onto all charts. Then, we feed the charts into an iterative deformation process, where we enforce touch consistency. As a result, we obtain a global prediction of deformed charts.

[52, 61, 22] have long dominated the deep learning-based 3D reconstruction literature. However, recent advances in graph neural networks [6, 13, 37, 64, 21] have enabled the effective processing and increasing use of surface meshes [34, 65, 32, 29, 24, 57, 8] and hybrid representations [19, 18]. While more complex in their encoding, mesh-based representations benefit greatly from their arbitrary resolution over other more naive representations. Our chosen representation more closely relates to the one of [19], which combines deformed sheets of points to form 3D shapes. However, unlike [19], our proposed approach exploits the neighborhood connectivity of meshes. Finally, 3D reconstruction has also been posed as a shape completion problem [58, 72], where the input is a partial point cloud obtained from depth information and the prediction is the complete version of it.

3D reconstruction from touch. Haptic signals have been exploited to address the shape completion problem [3, 49, 59, 47, 42]. Shape reconstruction has also been tackled from an active acquisition perspective, where successive touches are used to improve the reconstruction outcome and/or reduce the reconstruction uncertainty [4, 43, 71, 30, 14]. Most of these works use point-wise tactile sensors, while in contrast we use a high-dimensional and high-resolution sensor [39] which provide far more detailed local geometry with respect to the object being touched. In addition, these works make use only of proprioceptive and touch information, while we also tackle the problem of integrating global information from visual inputs in a principled manner. For an extensive and more general review on robotic tactile perception, we refer the reader to [42].

3D reconstruction from vision and touch. Many approaches exploiting vision and touch for 3D shape reconstruction rely on depth information [5, 27, 17]. In these works the depth information is represented as a sparse point cloud, augmented with touch points, which is fed to a Gaussian Process to predict implicit shape descriptors (e.g., level sets). Another line of work [66] considers RGB visual signals and uses a deep learning-based approach to produce voxelized 3D shape priors, which are subsequently refined with touch information when transferring the set-up to a real environment. Note that, following 3D shape reconstruction from touch, the previous works are concerned with the active acquisition of grasps. Moreover, [67] uses touch and partial depth maps separately to predict independent voxel models, which are then combined to produce a final prediction. In contrast to these works, we use a 4-fingered robot hand equipped with high-resolution tactile sensors – integrating such high-dimensional inputs is significantly more challenging but also potentially more useful for down-stream robot manipulation tasks.

3 Global and Local Reconstruction Methods

We consider the problem of 3D shape reconstruction from visual and haptic signals and leverage a deep learning approach which deforms disjoint mesh surface elements through a GCN. We assume that visual information is obtained from a single RGB image and haptic information is obtained from vision-based touch sensors with high spatial resolution, such as DIGIT [39]. More precisely, let V denote the RGB image used as vision signal. Let $T = [R_i, P_i, M_i]_{i=1}^{n_t}$ denote the touch information, where R_i is one touch sensor reading, P_i its corresponding position and rotation in space, M_i a binary mask indicating whether the touch is successful (i.e. the sensor is in contact with the object), and n_t is the number of touch sensors. Let O be the target object shape, represented as a surface mesh. The objective is to learn a function f_θ parameterized by θ that predicts an object shape

reconstruction $\hat{O} = f_\theta(V, T)$ such that it best captures the surface defined by O . In our approach, we represent \hat{O} as a set of independent surface elements, $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^{n_c}$, which we call *charts*. A chart, C_i , is implemented as a planar, 3D polygon mesh, composed of connected triangular faces, each defined by 3 vertex positions. Figure 3 depicts the structure of a chart, and outlines how a set of charts can be combined to form a closed 3D surface. The decomposition of the surface into charts allows us to have *vision-dedicated* and *touch-dedicated* charts, which we fuse by deforming the vision charts around the touch charts.

An overview of our approach is highlighted in Figure 2. Touch signals are used to predict *touch charts* using a pre-trained fully convolutional network, while vision signals are used to define image features over the set of *touch and vision charts* using perceptual feature pooling [65]. This set of vision and touch charts are then iteratively deformed to obtain the 3D shape reconstruction.

3.1 Merging vision and touch through chart deformation and tactile consistency

We adapt the mesh deformation setup outlined in [65, 57] and employ a GCN to deform our set of vision and touch charts. The GCN learns a function $f_{\theta_1}^{\text{chart}}$ parameterized by $\theta_1 \subset \theta$ that predicts the *residual* position of the vertices within each chart C_i through successive layers. Given a vertex u , each layer l of the GCN updates the vertex's features H_u^{l-1} as

$$H_u^l = \sigma \left(W^l \left(\sum_{v \in \mathcal{N}_u \cup \{u\}} \frac{H_v^{l-1}}{\sqrt{|\mathcal{N}_u| |\mathcal{N}_v|}} \right) + b^l \right), \quad (1)$$

where W^l and b^l are the learnable weights and biases of the l -the layer, σ is a non-linearity, and \mathcal{N}_u are the neighbors of the vertex u . We initialize each vertex's features H_u^0 by concatenating vision features obtained by applying perceptual pooling to the input image, with the (x, y, z) position of the vertex in space, and a binary feature indicating whether the vertex is within a successful touch chart. The function $f_{\theta_1}^{\text{chart}}$ is trained to minimize the Chamfer Distance [60] between two sets of points S and \hat{S} sampled from O and $\{C_i\}_{i=1}^{n_c}$, respectively, over a dataset \mathcal{D} :

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \left(\sum_{p \in S^{(i)}} \min_{\hat{p} \in \hat{S}^{(i)}} \|p - \hat{p}\|_2^2 + \sum_{\hat{p} \in \hat{S}^{(i)}} \min_{p \in S^{(i)}} \|p - \hat{p}\|_2^2 \right). \quad (2)$$

GCNs enforce the exchange of information between vertices, which belong to the same neighborhood at every layer to allow information to propagate throughout the graph (see Figure 4a). Vertices in independent charts, however, will never lie in the same neighborhood, and so no exchange of information between charts can occur. To allow for the exchange of information between *vision charts*, we initially arrange the vision charts $\{C_i^v\}_{i=1}^{n_{cv}}$ to form a closed sphere (with no chart overlap). Then, we update each vertex's neighborhood such that vertices on the boundaries of different charts are in each other's neighborhood if they initially touch (see Figure 4b). With this setup, the charts are able to effectively communicate throughout the deformation process, and move freely during the optimization to optimally emulate the target surface. This is advantageous over the standard mesh deformation scheme, which deforms an initial closed mesh, as the prediction is no longer constrained to any fixed surface genus. Moreover, to define the communication between *vision and touch charts*, and enable the touch charts to influence the position of the vision charts, a reference vertex from the center of each touch chart is elected to lie within the neighborhood of all boundary vertices of vision charts and vice versa (see Figure 4c). With this setup, every vision chart can communicate with other nearby vision charts, as well as the touch charts. This communication scheme allows local touch, and vision information to propagate and fuse over all charts.

The chart deformation occurs three times to refine the prediction, with the predicted charts being fed back to the input of the GCN before producing a final prediction. The GCN updates the positions of the charts, however the initial position of touch charts is enforced after every deformation step and in the final mesh, as their shape is known to be practically perfect. In this manner, the touch charts are fixed, and the vision charts learn to fill in the remaining surface around them through communication in the GCN. Touch charts corresponding to unsuccessful touches are initialized with simply the position of their finger tips at all vertices. This informs the model about where the fingers are in space, and so also where the object cannot be. Note that the position of unsuccessful touches is not enforced after their deformation. 95 vision charts are employed, each possessing 19 vertices and 24 faces each. Touch charts each posses 81 vertices and 128 faces.

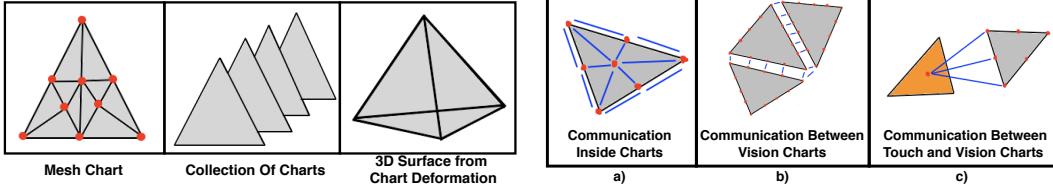


Figure 3: Structure of a chart along with how collections of charts can be deformed to produce a 3D surface, with vertices highlighted in red.

Figure 4: Communication within and between charts, with vertices highlighted in red, and communication between them highlighted in blue.

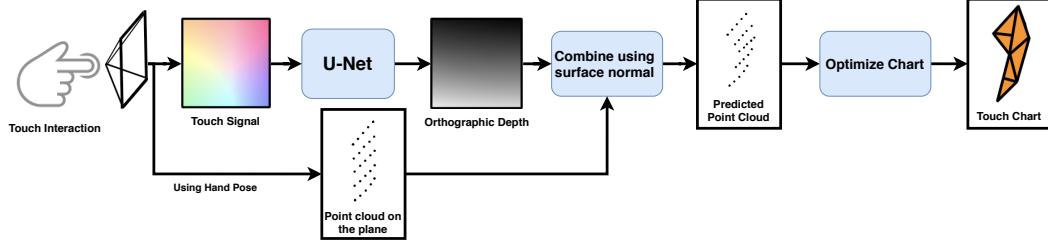


Figure 4: Communication within and between charts, with vertices highlighted in red, and communication between them highlighted in blue.

3.2 Prediction of local touch charts

In this subsection, we describe how to obtain touch charts from touch signals produced using a gel-based sensor with high spatial resolution, such as the DIGIT [39]. To do this, we make note of what gel-based touch sensors truly observe: the impression of a surface through the gel. When untouched, the gel is lying perpendicular to the camera’s perspective and at a fixed distance away. When touched by an object, that object’s local surface is interpretable by the depth of the impression it makes across the plane of the gel. If we then want to recover this surface from the sensor, we simply need to interpret the touch signal in terms of the depth of the impression across this plane.

Figure 5 depicts the pipeline for local structure prediction. Using the finger position information P , we start by defining a grid of points $G_{init} \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100 \times 3}$ of the same size and resolution as the sensor, lying on a perpendicular plane above it, which corresponds physically to the untouched gel of the sensor. Then, we apply a function $f_{\theta_2}^{touch}$, parameterized by $\theta_2 \subset \theta$, and represented as a fully convolutional network (U-Net-like model [54]) that takes as input the touch reading signal $R \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100 \times 3}$ and predicts orthographic distance from each point to the surface [56]. This distance corresponds to the depth of the impression across the surface. Next, we transform this prediction into a point cloud \hat{G} as

$$\hat{G} = G_{init} + f_{\theta_2}^{touch}(R) * \hat{n}, \quad (3)$$

where \hat{n} denotes the plane’s unit normal. This transforms the grid of points to the shape of the gel across the impression, and so should match the local geometry which deformed it. To learn θ_2 , we minimize the Chamfer distance between the predicted point cloud \hat{G} and the ground truth point cloud local to the touch site, G . After predicting the local point cloud \hat{G} , a local touch chart C can be obtained by minimizing the Chamfer distance between points sampled from C and \hat{G} .

4 A Visuotactile Dataset of Object-Grasp Interactions

To validate the model described in Section 3, we built a new dataset that aims to capture the interactions between a robotic hand and an object it is touching. We simulate these interactions using a Wonik’s Allegro Hand [55] equipped with vision-based touch sensors [39] on each of its three fingers and thumb. We use objects from the ShapeNet dataset [7], given its ubiquitous use in computer vision research, and to enable comparisons with previous vision-only work [57, 18, 20, 65].

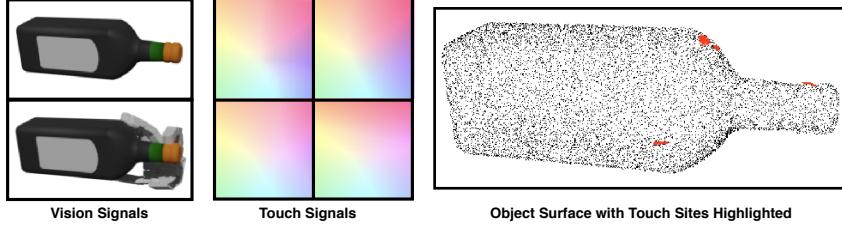


Figure 6: A data point from our dataset displaying an occluded (by hand) and unoccluded RGB image, 4 RGB images representing touch readings and a 3D object surface with touch sites highlighted.

An example instance of data collected from a single grasp is highlighted in Figure 6. We load example objects into the 3D robotics simulator Pybullet [11], place the hand randomly on its surface, and close its fingers attempting to produce contact between the sensors and some point on the object using inverse kinematics. To simulate the touch signal from each sensor, a grid of 10,000 points on the surface of the sensor are projected towards the object using sphere tracing [23] in Pytorch [48], defining a depth map from the sensor’s perspective. Placing three lights (pure red, green and blue) around the boundary of the surface each depth map defines, the Phong reflection model [50] is used to compute intensity values for each depth position, and so produce a simulated touch image signal with resolution $100 \times 100 \times 3$. This process provides a quality approximation of how vision-based tactile sensors work and upon visual inspections the simulated images look plausible to a human expert. To acquire visual information from this interaction two images are rendered using Blender [10]: (1) a pre-interaction image of the object alone, and (2) an interaction image of an object occluded by the hand grasping it. Both images have resolution $256 \times 256 \times 3$. Details with respect to the Allegro Hand, how the grasp simulations are performed in Pybullet, the rendering and scene settings in Blender, and the simulation of touch signals can be found in the supplemental materials.

The bottle, knife, cellphone, and rifle were chosen from the ShapeNet dataset due to their hand-held nature for a total of 1732 objects. From each grasp an occluded image, an unoccluded image, four simulated touch signals with a mask indicating if each touch was successful, the hand’s current pose, a global point cloud of the object’s shape, and four local point clouds defining each touch site are recorded. This information is visualized in Figure 6. From each object, five hand-object interactions, or grasps are recorded, and for each grasps at least one successful touch occurs, though on average 62.4 % of touches are successful. We split the dataset into training and test sets with approximately a 90:10 ratio. Further details on the design and content of this dataset, together with in-depth statistics and analysis of the content, are provided in the supplemental materials.

5 Experimental Results

In the following section, we describe the experiments designed to validate our approach to 3D reconstruction that leverages both visual and haptic sensory information. We start by outlining our model selection process. Then, using our best model, we validate generalization of the complementary role of vision and touch for 3D shape reconstruction. We follow by examining the effect of increasing number of grasps and then measure the ability of our approach to effectively extrapolate around touch sites. For all experiments, details with respect to experiment design, optimization procedures, hardware used, runtime, and hyper-parameters considered can be found in the supplemental materials.

5.1 Complementarity of vision and touch: model selection and generalization

In the model selection, we compare our approach to three other modality fusion strategies on the validation set: (1) **Sphere-based**, where the chart-based initialization is replaced with a sphere-based one, and the sphere vertices contain a concatenation of projected vision features and touch features extracted from a simple CNN; (2) **Chart-based (no copying)**, where we remove the hard copying of local touch charts in the prediction; and (3) **Chart-based (no sharing)**, where we remove the sharing of local chart information in the GCN and only copy them to the final prediction. For vision only inputs, we compare our model to the sphere-based model only. For all comparisons we consider both the occluded and unoccluded vision signals.

The results of model selection are presented in Table 1. We observe that: (1) the sphere-based model suffers from a decrease in average performance when compared to our model (see rows 1 vs 4, 5 vs 8,

Row	Model	Vision	Touch	Bottle	Knife	Cellphone	Rifle	Average
1	Sphere-based	U	✓	0.775	0.572	1.262	0.643	0.813
2	Chart-based (no copying)	U	✓	0.741	0.538	1.141	0.603	0.756
3	Chart-based (no sharing)	U	✓	0.709	0.723	1.222	0.500	0.788
4	Ours	U	✓	0.741	0.676	1.116	0.473	0.751
5	Sphere-based	O	✓	0.985	0.692	1.270	1.023	0.992
6	Chart-based (no copying)	O	✓	0.953	0.656	1.176	0.892	0.919
7	Chart-based (no sharing)	O	✓	0.954	0.784	1.413	0.904	1.014
8	Ours	O	✓	0.872	0.685	1.142	0.806	0.876
9	Sphere-based	U	✗	0.816	0.561	1.322	0.667	0.841
10	Ours	U	✗	0.783	0.703	1.115	0.588	0.797
11	Sphere-based	O	✗	1.093	0.719	1.404	1.074	1.072
12	Ours	O	✗	0.994	0.831	1.301	0.956	1.020

Table 1: Model selection. We report the per-class Chamfer distance for the validation set together with average value. Note that O stands for *occluded* and U for *unoccluded*

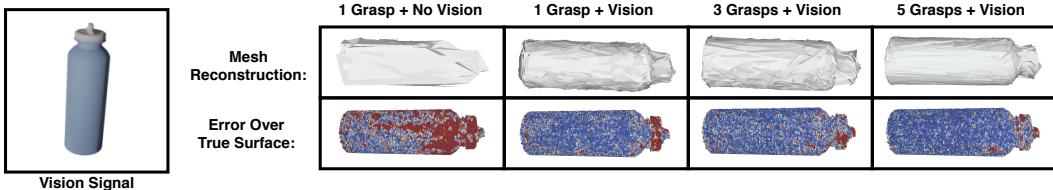


Figure 8: Reconstruction results of our method across different input modalities and number of grasps. For vision signal, we use an unoccluded RGB image.

9 vs 10, and 11, vs 12), (2) the copying of the local charts to the final prediction leads to performance boosts (see rows 2 vs 4, and 6 vs 8), and (3) the global prediction benefits from information sharing across touch and vision charts (see rows 3 vs 4, and 7 vs 8). Moreover, as expected, we notice a further decrease in average performance when comparing each unoccluded vision model with their occluded vision counterpart. Finally, for models leveraging vision and touch, we consistently observe an improvement w.r.t. their vision-only baselines, which particularly benefits our full chart-based approach. This improvement is especially noticeable when considering occluded vision, where touch information is able to enhance the reconstruction of sites occluded by the hand touching the object. To further validate our chart-based approach, its performance on single image 3D object reconstruction on the ShapeNet dataset[7] was evaluated and compared to an array of popular methods in this setting. The performance of our model here was highly competitive with that of state of the art methods and the results, details, and analysis of this experiment can be found in the supplemental materials.

In Table 2, we highlight the generalization of our best model by evaluating it on the test set for five 3D shape reconstruction set ups, namely occluded and unoccluded vision scenarios with and without touch. We notice that the improvement introduced by including the haptic modality generalizes to the test set, for both occluded and unoccluded vision signals. Moreover, we test our approach by removing the vision signal and optimizing it to recover the 3D shape using only tactile signals. In this case, we experience an increased global error of 3.050, compared to the next worse model with 1.074 error, demonstrating its difficulty to extrapolate without global context and further highlighting the locality of the touch signals. Finally, we display some example reconstructions that our best performing fusion models produce in Figure 8.

5.2 Going beyond a single grasp: Multi-grasp experiments

We design a further experiment in which we examine the effect of providing increasing number of grasps. The only practical change to the model here is that the number of touch charts increases by 4

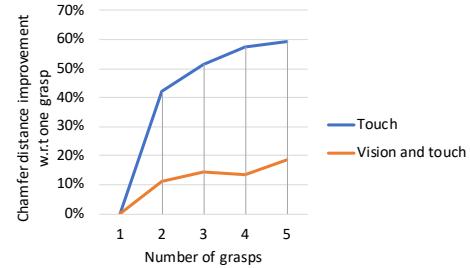


Figure 7: Multi-grasp experiment: we depict the Chamfer distance increase w.r.t. one grasp.

Input	Vision (occluded)		Vision (unoccluded)		
	Touch	No Touch	Touch	No touch	Touch only
Ours	0.991	1.074	0.804	0.861	3.050

Table 2: Test set results for 3D reconstruction tasks with different input modalities: combination of touch readings and occluded or unoccluded vision signal.

Class	Bottle	Knife	Cellphone	Rifle
C.D.	0.0099	0.0136	0.0072	0.00749

Table 3: Chamfer distance per class for local point cloud prediction at each touch site.

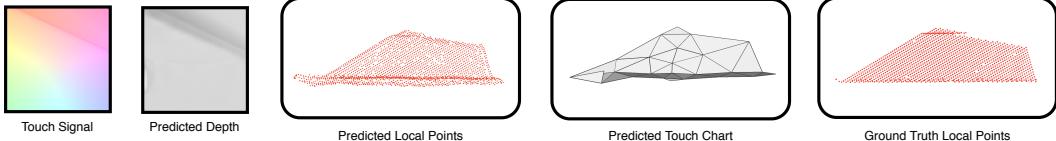


Figure 9: Local prediction of structure at a touch site, together with the touch chart.

for every additional grasp provided. This experiment is conducted using 1 to 5 grasps, and in both the touch-only setting and the unoccluded vision and touch setting. The results of this experiment are shown in Figure 7, where we demonstrate that by increasing the number of grasps provided, the reconstruction accuracy significantly improves both with and without the addition of unoccluded vision signals. Reconstruction results across different numbers of grasps can be viewed in Figure 8. From this experiment, it can be concluded that our model gains greater insight into the nature of an object by touching new areas on its surface.

5.3 From touch sensor readings to local structure prediction

Per-class reconstruction results at each touch site using the U-Net-based architecture are highlighted in Table 3. As expected, the reconstructions are practically perfect, when compared to the error incurred over full surfaces (smallest average global error of 0.804). The small errors incurred here are mainly due to the fact that predicted points are selected as belonging to the surface by observing differences in the touch signal and an untouched touch signal. This leads to overshooting and undershooting of the boundary of the touch, and consequently too large or too small predicted surfaces. A reconstruction result from this experiment is displayed in Figure 9.

Last, we design an experiment which examines how well the target surface is reconstructed in expanding regions around each touch site. To do this, square rings of points of 1 to 5 times larger dimensions than the touch sensor are projected onto each object’s surface at each touch site in order to produce increasingly distant regions around them. Then, the mean distance from these points to the closest point in the corresponding prediction is computed to determine how well these regions have been reconstructed. We perform this experiment with and without touch for both occluded and unoccluded vision models, and the results are shown in Figure 10. As expected, the vision-only models incur approximately the same loss at every plane size while models which leverage touch begin with a drastically lower loss and only slowly increase errors as the plane size increases. This experiment implies that the sharing of information between local and global charts allows for the propagation of touch information to regions around each touch site, suggesting a successful fusion of the complementary signals of vision and touch.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, we explored the problem of 3D shape reconstruction from vision and touch. To do so, we introduced a dataset of simulated touch and vision signals, and proposed a chart-based approach that effectively exploits the complementary nature of both modalities, namely, the high fidelity local information from touch and the global information from vision. Our results consistently highlight the benefit of combining both modalities to improve upon single modality baselines, and show the

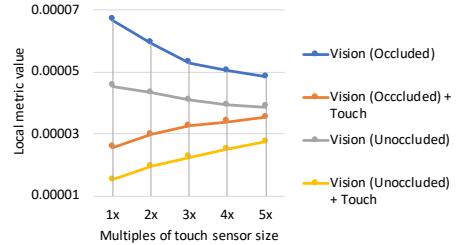


Figure 10: Local Chamfer distance at expanding distances around each touch site.

potential of using a chart-based approach to combine vision and touch signal in a principled way. The benefit of fusing vision and touch is further emphasized by the ability of our model to gracefully extrapolate around touch sites, and by the improved reconstruction accuracy when providing an increasing number of grasps, which suggests that the active sensing of visual and touch signals is a promising avenue to improve 3D shape reconstruction.

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Supplemental Materials

In the following sections, we provide additional details with respect to various elements of the paper which could not be fully expanded upon in the main paper. This begins with an in depth explanation of the proposed dataset, including its exact contents, and the manner in which they were produced. This is followed by a closer look into the various aspects of touch chart prediction including architectures, experimental procedures, hyper-parameters, and additional results. Finally, a comprehensive examination of the prediction of vision charts is provided, again with detailed explanations of architectures, experimental procedures, hyper-parameters, and additional results.

A Visuotactile Dataset

This section describes the multi-modal dataset of simulated 3D touches, which this paper contributes and makes use of. This includes both the methods by which each component of the dataset was produced, and its exact contents.

A.1 Dataset content

For each object-grasp example in the dataset, the following are recorded:

- A dense point cloud of 10,000 points representing the object’s surface, S^{obj} .
- Four local point clouds of at most 10,000 points, each representing the surface of the object at each touch site, $\{S_i^{loc}\}_{i=1}^4$.
- Four orthographic depth maps representing orthographic distance from the plane of the each touch sensor to any object geometry in front of them, $\{D_i\}_{i=1}^4$.
- Four simulated touch signals $T = [R_i, P_i, M_i]_{i=1}^{n_t=4}$, where R_i is one touch sensor reading, P_i its corresponding position and rotation in space, and M_i a binary mask indicating whether the touch is successful (i.e. the sensor is in contact with the object).
- Two vision signals V_u and V_o , corresponding to an image of the object alone (*unoccluded vision*) and an image of the object being grasped by the hand (*occluded vision*), respectively.

A.2 3D Objects and Hand

3D Objects: The 3D objects used for this dataset are from the ShapeNet Dataset [7]. These are CAD objects and so possess geometry and texture information. For each object we want to grasp, S^{obj} is extracted from its surface using the technique defined in [56].

Hand: The Allegro hand [55] is used for grasping the objects. The URDF definition of this hand was altered to add the shape of a sensor to the finger tips and thumb tip of the hand. To make the hand easier to manipulate and render, its mesh components were altered by removing non-surface vertices and faces, and decimating the mesh. Note that this hand pre-processing has practically no impact on its behavior nor appearance.

A.3 Simulating Grasps

The 3D robotics simulator PyBullet [11] was used for producing the touch interactions. The process by which grasps are produced in PyBullet is displayed in Figure 11. First, the object and the Allegro hand are loaded into the simulator in a fixed pose (see first two images from left to right). The Allegro hand is then placed such that its palm is tangent to a random point on the object’s surface (see third image). The distance from the object and the rotation of the hand on the tangent plane is also random. Using inverse kinematics, the joints of the hand are then rotated such that each of the hand’s touch sensors meet the surface of the object, so long as physical integration of the hand and object allow it (see fourth image). This is repeated multiple times until sufficiently many grasps are recorded with

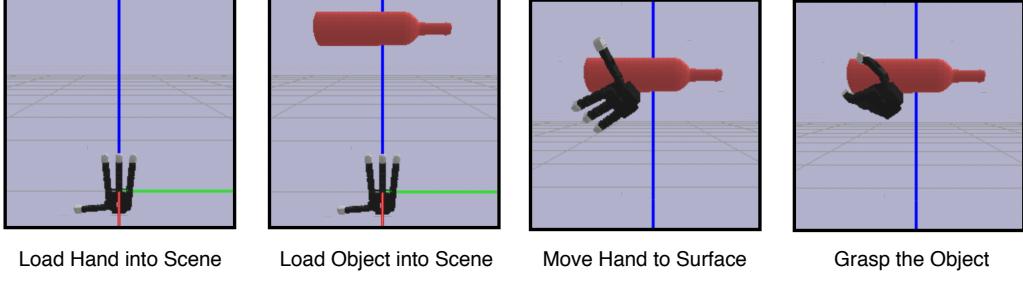


Figure 11: Visualization of the procedure used to create grasps in PyBullet.

successful touches. The pose information P_i , and the masks M_i from the best 5 grasps (with respect to the number of successful touches) are saved for use in the dataset.

A.4 Simulating Vision

To simulate the vision signals for each grasp, two RGB images V_u and V_o are rendered using Blender [10]. The object is placed at position [0, 0, 0.6] in its canonical ShapeNet pose, and the camera is placed at position [0.972, 0.461, 0.974], with rotation [70.458°, 4.940°, 113.540°]. Both images have resolution of 256 × 256 × 3, and are produced with constant lighting from a single lamp.

A.5 Simulating Touch

For each grasp, to simulate the touch signal, T , at a successful touch site, and in particular its readings R_i , the 3D mesh of its corresponding object is first loaded into PyTorch [48]. Then, a 100 × 100 grid of points is created with the same size, position, shape, and orientation as the sensor. The dimensions of this grid define the resolution of the sensor: 100 × 100 pixels. The grid of points is projected orthogonally towards the surface of the object using sphere tracing, and so halts exactly at the touch site of the sensor. The distance these points move during this projection defines an orthographic depth map, D_i , for each touch sensor. The final position of the points defines the local structure of the surface, which the sensor interacts with. The depth maps of each touch site are saved, along with the points in the point cloud which correspond to depths smaller than the true depth of the sensor. We find the depth of the impression into the touch sensor as:

$$D'_i = \text{ReLU}(w - D_i), \quad (4)$$

where w is the depth of the sensor. Then, each position x, y in D'_i is projected into a 3D point cloud S_i^{loc} as follows: $[x/100, y/100, D'_i[x, y]]$.

To obtain the simulated RGB touch reading R_i from S_i^{loc} , three lights of pure red, green and blue are defined in a triangular shape above this surface at positions P_r , P_g , and P_b . We then use the Phong reflection model [50], where we assume zero specular or ambient lighting. The intensity values for the red colour channel of the simulated touch reading, $R_i \in \mathbb{R}^{100 \times 100 \times 3}$, are then defined as:

$$R_i = \lambda * \hat{n} * \hat{l}, \quad (5)$$

where λ is the diffuse reflection constant, \hat{n} is the unit normal of the plane (broadcasted for shape compatibility), defined as

$$n = \left[-\frac{dD'_i}{dx}, -\frac{dD'_i}{dy}, 1 \right], \quad (6)$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{n}{\|n\|}, \quad (7)$$

and \hat{l} is the normalized light direction, defined as

$$\hat{l} = \frac{P_r - S_i^{loc}}{\|P_r - S_i^{loc}\|}, \quad (8)$$

where P_r is broadcast for shape compatibility. The intensity values for the green and blue colour channels are defined in the same manner.

Class	Objects	Grasps	Touches	% Successful
Bottle	487	2435	9740	71.8
Knife	416	2080	8320	54.1
Cellphone	493	2465	9860	67.2
Rifle	335	1675	6700	53.6

Table 4: Per-Class dataset statistics of the number of objects, grasps, touches and percentage of successful touches in each class.

A.6 Dataset Statistics

Five classes from ShapeNet were used in the dataset: the bottle, knife, cellphone, and rifle classes, for a total of 1731 objects. We split the dataset into a training set with 1298 objects, a validation set with 258 objects, and a test set with 175 objects. Statistics on the size, number of grasps, number of touches, and the percentage of those that were successful are provided in Table 4. With respect to the distribution of successful touches over grasps, 9.47% of grasps possess only 1 successful touch, 26.08% possess 2, 53.83% possess 3, and finally 10.61% possess 4. Additional dataset examples are displayed in Figure 12.

B Local Touch Chart Predictions

In the following section, additional details are provided with respect to how predictions of local touch charts are created. These include details surrounding the architecture of models used, the range of hyperparameters considered, optimization details, additional results, runtime, and hardware used.

B.1 Model Architecture Details

To predict local charts we first predict a depth map. As described in the paper, a U-Net-based architecture [54] is leveraged for this task. The exact architecture for this network is displayed in Table 8.

B.2 Optimization Details

The model was trained using the Adam optimizer [36] with learning rate 5e-5 on 8 Tesla V100 GPUs with 16 CPU cores each, and batch size of 32. The learning rate for this experiment was tuned on the following grid [0.001, 0.0001, 0.00005, 0.00003, 0.00001]. The model was trained for a maximum number of 114 epochs (a total of 3 hours), it was evaluated every epoch on the validation set, and the best performing model across these evaluations was selected.

Moreover, it is worth noting that when optimizing the model’s parameters, we compute the loss only for those positions in the touch sensor that interacted with the object. To do that, we first calculate the difference between the touch reading (sensor-object interaction) and an untouched sensor reading (no sensor-object interaction), and then compute the pixelwise ℓ_2^2 of the resulting differences. Finally, we apply a threshold of 0.001 and only consider those positions with a greater value.

B.3 Converting Point Clouds to Charts

As explained in the paper, the trained U-Net-based model produces a local point cloud for each touch signal in the dataset. Each point cloud is then used to produce a touch chart. To do this, a planar, triangular mesh with 81 vertices and 128 faces is first placed in the same position, orientation, shape, and size as the touch sensor which produced the touch signal. Then, using Adam[36] and learning rate 0.003, the position of the vertices in the chart is optimized so that it emulates the surface of the point cloud. The loss used for this optimization is the Chamfer distance between the point cloud and points uniformly sampled on the surface of the chart as in [57]. The optimization scheme halts when the loss is lower than 0.0006.

B.4 Additional Results

Additional visual reconstruction results are displayed in Figure 13. From these visualization, it can be seen that the predicted point clouds almost perfectly match the ground truth point clouds, though with a small degree of extrapolation beyond the observed surface. It can also be observed that the corresponding chart predictions almost perfectly match the predicted point clouds.

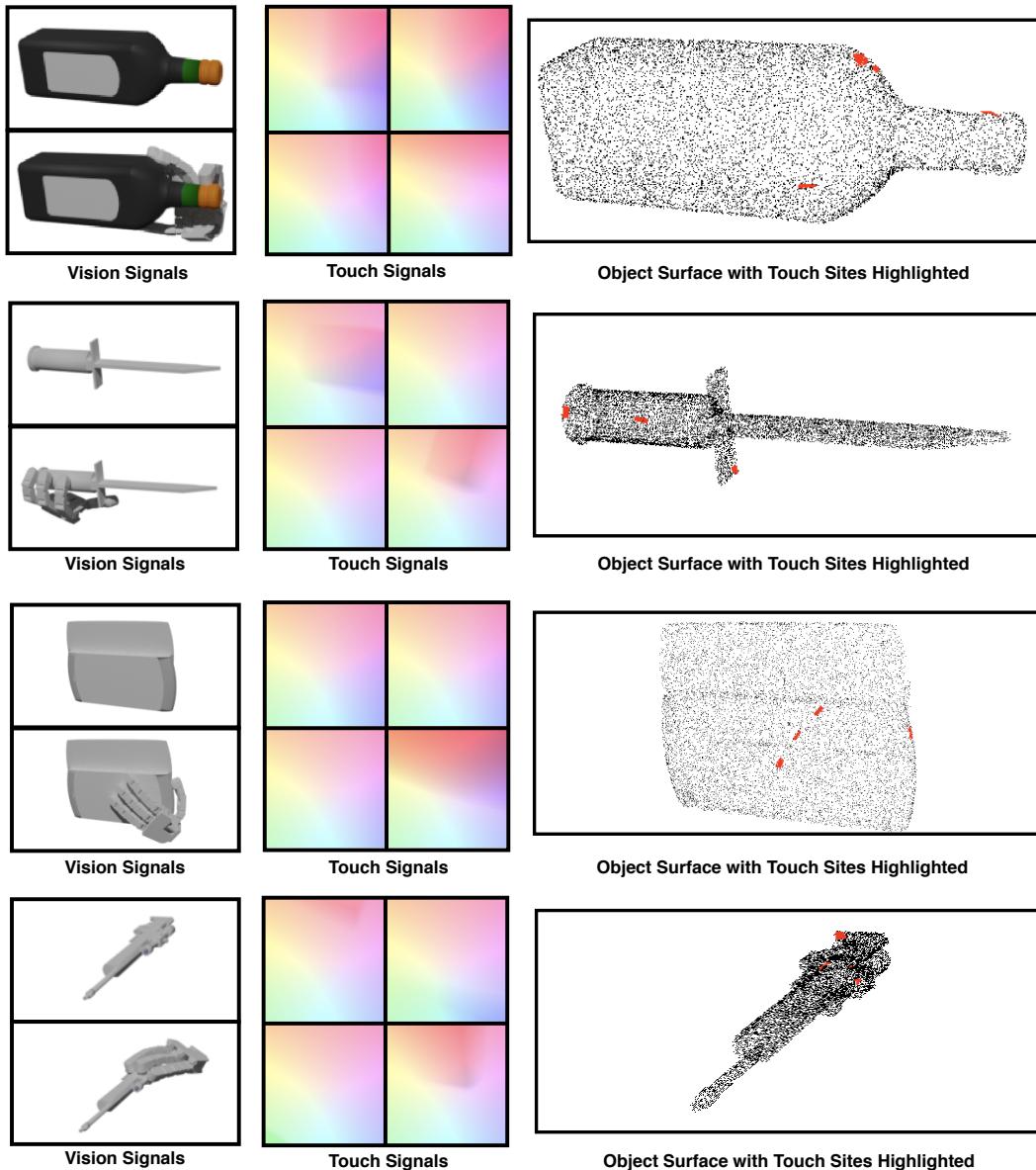


Figure 12: Visualization examples from the dataset showing an occluded (by hand) and unoccluded RGB image, 4 RGB images representing touch readings and a 3D object surface with touch sites highlighted.

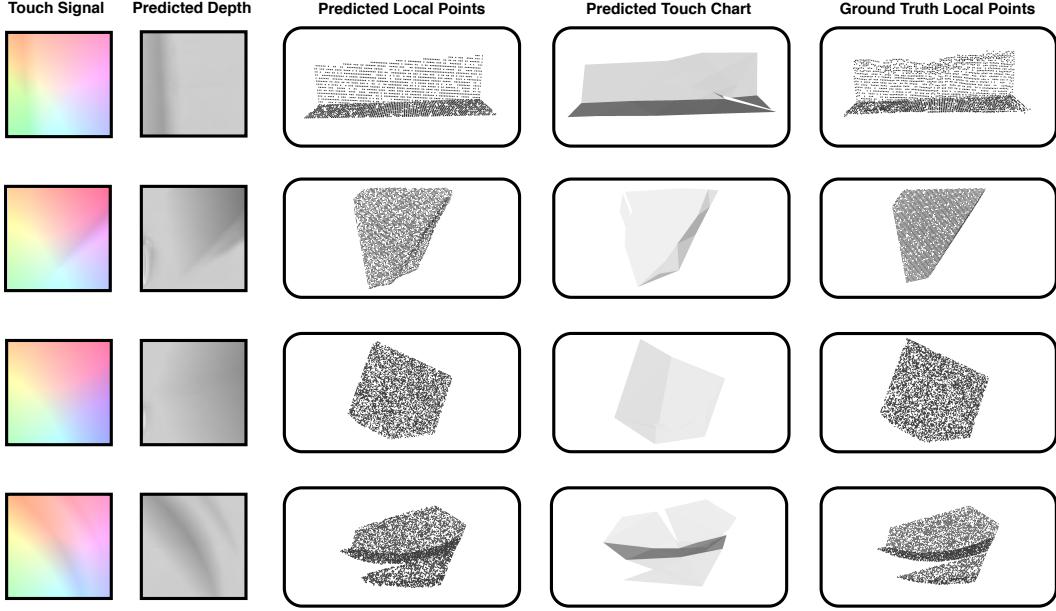


Figure 13: Local predictions of structure at each touch chart together with the corresponding charts produced from them.

C Global Vision Chart Predictions

In the following section, additional details are provided with respect to how vision charts are deformed around known touch charts, such that their combination emulates the target surface. These include details such as the models’ architectures, the range of hyperparameters considered, optimization details, additional results, runtime, and hardware used.

C.1 Chart Feature Initialization

Vision and touch charts must have features defined over their vertices before they can be combined and passed to the Graph Convolutional Network (GCN) to be deformed. Three types of features are defined over all charts: image features, position of the vertex, and a masking feature indicating if the chart corresponds to a successful touch or not. For touch charts, the position and mask feature of each of their vertices are predefined. The initial position of vision charts is defined such that they combine to form a closed sphere, only touching at their boundary. This arrangement is highlighted in Figure 14. Their mask feature is set to 0 as they do not correspond to successful touches. The image features of both vision and touch charts are defined using perceptual feature pooling [65]. Here images are passed through a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and feature maps from intermediate layers are extracted. For any given vertex, its 3D position in space is projected onto the 2D plane of the input image using known camera parameters. The location of this projection in the pixel space of the image corresponds exactly to a position in each feature map. The vertex’s image features are then defined as the bilinear interpolation between the four closest features to the projection in each feature map.

C.2 Model Architecture Details

Two networks are used to deform the positions of vision charts. The first is the CNN which defines image features for perceptual feature pooling, and the second is the GCN which updates the vertex positions. The network architectures for each model evaluated on the test set are displayed in Tables 10, 11, 12, 13, and 9. The GCN layers in each architecture are zero-neighbor layers as defined in [57].

C.3 Optimization Details

Each model type was trained using Adam [36] with learning rate 3e-5 and batch size 16 on a Tesla V100 GPU with 16 CPU cores. Each model was allowed to train for a maximum of 260 epoch (roughly 12 hours), was evaluated every epoch on the validation set and the best performing model across these evaluations was selected. Models were early-stopped if they failed to improve on the

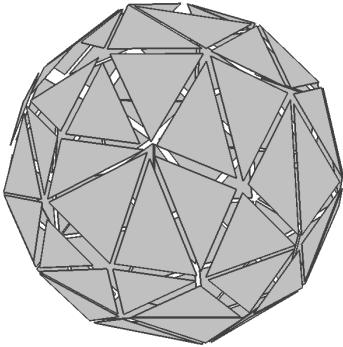


Figure 14: Initial positions of vision charts in a closed sphere. Charts have been separated slightly to improve their distinction.

Multiples of Touch Sensor Size	x1	x2	x3	x4	x5
Occluded Vision	6.687e-5	5.938e-5	5.305e-5	5.038e-5	4.841e-5
Occluded Vision + Touch	2.569e-5	2.970e-5	3.257e-5	3.393e-5	3.528e-5
Unoccluded Vision	4.553e-5	4.333e-5	4.080e-5	3.922e-5	3.866e-5
Unoccluded Vision + Touch	1.510e-5	1.944e-5	2.243e-5	2.494e-5	2.736e-5

Table 5: Local Chamfer distance in increasingly large square rings around each touch sites.

validation set for 70 epochs. The best performing model with occluded vision and touch was selected on epoch 113. The best performing model with only occluded vision was selected on epoch 114. The best performing model with unoccluded vision and touch was selected on epoch 122. The best performing model with only unoccluded vision was selected on epoch 99. The best performing model with only touch was selected on epoch 90.

C.4 Hyperparameter Details

The hyper-parameters tuned for the experiments in this setting were the learning rate, the number of layers in the CNN, the number of layers in the GCN, and the number of features per GCN layer. The possible settings for the learning rate were [1e-4, 3e-5, 1e-5]. The possible settings for the number of CNN layers were [12, 15, 18]. The possible settings for the number of GCN layers were [15, 20, 25]. The possible settings for the number of features per GCN layer were [150, 200, 250].

C.5 Additional Results

Additional reconstruction results for each class are visualized in Figure 15. Numerical results for the multi-grasp experiment are displayed in Table 6. Numerical results for the experiment which examined the local Chamfer distance at expanding distances around each touch site are displayed in Table 5.

C.6 Single Image 3D Object Reconstruction

As mentioned in the main paper, and as a sanity check, the chart-based approach to 3D object reconstruction was also applied to the task of single image 3D object reconstruction to validate that it is competitive with other vision exclusive methods for 3D shape reconstruction. We used the ShapeNetCore.v1 with rendered images from [9], and compared using the evaluation setup released

Number of Grasps	1	2	3	4	5
Unoccluded Vision + Touch	0.804	0.714	0.689	0.695	0.654
Touch	3.05	1.769	1.479	1.296	1.237

Table 6: Chamfer distance when increasing the number of grasps provided to the models.

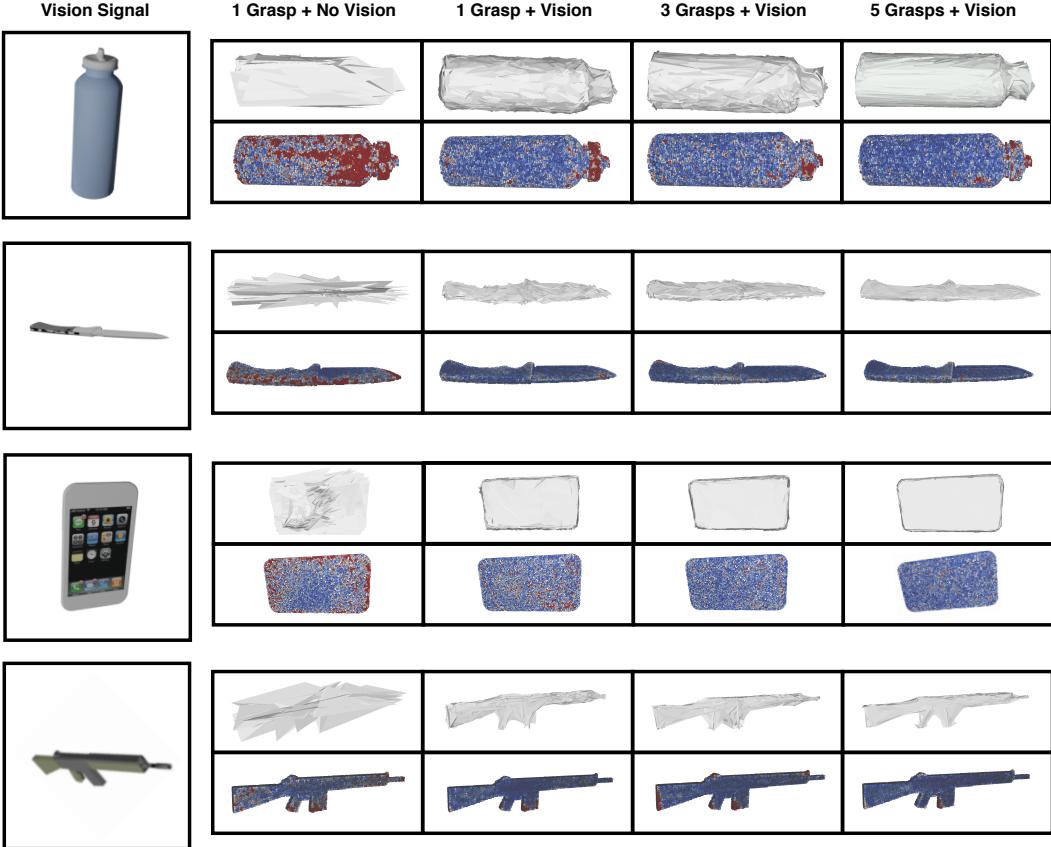


Figure 15: Reconstruction results of our method for each class across different input modalities and number of grasps. For vision signal, we use an unoccluded RGB image.

by [18]. The model was trained for a maximum of 40 epochs (roughly 3 days of training), was evaluated after each epoch, and the best performing model across these evaluations was selected. The model was trained with the Adam optimizer [36] with learning rate e-5 and batch size 64 on a Tesla V100 GPU with 16 CPU cores. In this set up, we removed touch charts from our prediction pipeline and used exclusively vision signals. The architecture used for this experiment is displayed in Table 14.

We highlight the results of the evaluation in Table 7. The Chamfer Distance shown is the same metric as in the main paper, however, the scaling and density of points is different and so not comparable to other experiments. For a given distance threshold τ , $F1^\tau$ is the harmonic mean of the precision (percentage of predicted points with distance at most τ from any ground truth point) and recall (percentage of ground truth points with distance at most τ from any predicted point) of predicted and ground truth point clouds. The table demonstrates that we are competitive with other vision based approaches to 3D shape reconstruction, only failing to outperform the newly released MeshRCNN algorithm [18]. It should be noted that our approach has not been heavily tuned for this specific dataset or task, and so failing to overtake the most recent state of the art method is not wholly surprising.

	Chamfer Distance(\downarrow)	$F1^\tau (\uparrow)$	$F1^{2\tau} (\uparrow)$
N3MR [34]	2.629	3.80	47.72
3D-R2N2 [9]	1.445	39.01	54.62
PSG [15]	0.593	48.58	69.78
MVD [56]	-	66.39	-
GEOMetrics [57]	-	67.37	-
Pixel2Mesh [65]	0.463	67.89	79.88
MeshRCNN [18] (Pretty)	0.391	69.83	81.76
MeshRCNN [18] (Best)	0.306	74.84	85.75
Ours	0.369	69.52	82.33

Table 7: Single image 3D shape reconstructing results on the ShapeNet Dataset. This evaluation is performed using the evaluation standard from [18] and [65].

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Input	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 100 \times 100$
(2)	(1)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 100 \times 100$
(3)	(2)	MaxPooling (2×2)	$64 \times 50 \times 50$
(4)	(3)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 50 \times 50$
(5)	(4)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 50 \times 50$
(6)	(5)	MaxPooling (2×2)	$128 \times 25 \times 25$
(7)	(6)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$256 \times 25 \times 25$
(8)	(7)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$256 \times 25 \times 25$
(9)	(8)	MaxPooling (2×2)	$256 \times 12 \times 12$
(10)	(8)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$512 \times 12 \times 12$
(11)	(10)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$512 \times 12 \times 12$
(12)	(11)	MaxPooling (2×2)	$512 \times 6 \times 6$
(13)	(12)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$1024 \times 6 \times 6$
(14)	(13)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$1024 \times 6 \times 6$
(15)	(14)	DeConv (2×2)	$512 \times 12 \times 12$
(16)	(15) (11)	Concatenate	$1024 \times 12 \times 12$
(17)	(16)	Conv (2×2) + BN + ReLU	$512 \times 12 \times 12$
(18)	(17)	DeConv (2×2)	$256 \times 25 \times 25$
(19)	(18) (8)	Concatenate	$512 \times 25 \times 25$
(20)	(19)	Conv (2×2) + BN + ReLU	$256 \times 25 \times 25$
(21)	(20)	DeConv (2×2)	$128 \times 50 \times 50$
(22)	(21) (5)	Concatenate	$256 \times 50 \times 50$
(23)	(22)	Conv (2×2) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 50 \times 50$
(24)	(23)	DeConv (2×2)	$64 \times 100 \times 100$
(25)	(24) (2)	Concatenate	$128 \times 100 \times 100$
(26)	(25)	Conv (2×2) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 100 \times 100$
(27)	(26)	Conv (1×1)	$1 \times 100 \times 100$

Table 8: Architecture for the U-Net style network used to predict point cloud positions for our local touch charts.

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Vertex Inputs	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
(2)	(1)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
...
(15)	(14)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 3$

Table 9: Architecture for deforming charts with touch information only ($|V| \times 3$).

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Image Input	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 127 \times 127$
(2)	(1)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 125 \times 125$
(3)	(2)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 123 \times 123$
(4)	(3)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 121 \times 121$
(5)	(4)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 119 \times 119$
(6)	(5)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 59 \times 59$
(7)	(6)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 57 \times 57$
(8)	(7)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 55 \times 55$
(9)	(8)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 53 \times 53$
(10)	(9)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 51 \times 51$
(11)	(10)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 25 \times 25$
(12)	(11)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 23 \times 23$
(13)	(12)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 21 \times 21$
(14)	(13)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 19 \times 19$
(15)	(14)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 17 \times 17$
(16)	(15)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 8 \times 8$
(17)	(16)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 6 \times 6$
(18)	(17)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 4 \times 4$
(19)	(10) (15) (18)	perceptual feature pooling	$ V \times 224$
(20)	(19) Vertex Input	Concatenate	$ V \times 228$
(21)	(20)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
(22)	(21)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
...
(41)	(40)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 3$

Table 10: Architecture for deforming charts with occluded vision signals and touch information. The input to this model is an RGB image ($4 \times 256 \times 256$), and vertex features ($|V| \times 4$). BN refers to batch normalization.

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Image Input	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 127 \times 127$
(2)	(1)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 125 \times 125$
(3)	(2)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 123 \times 123$
(4)	(3)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 121 \times 121$
(5)	(4)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 119 \times 119$
(6)	(5)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 59 \times 59$
(7)	(6)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 57 \times 57$
(8)	(7)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 55 \times 55$
(9)	(8)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 53 \times 53$
(10)	(9)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 51 \times 51$
(11)	(10)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 25 \times 25$
(12)	(11)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 23 \times 23$
(13)	(12)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 21 \times 21$
(14)	(13)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 19 \times 19$
(15)	(14)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 17 \times 17$
(16)	(15)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 8 \times 8$
(17)	(16)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 6 \times 6$
(18)	(17)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 4 \times 4$
(19)	(10) (15) (18)	perceptual feature pooling	$ V \times 224$
(20)	(19) Vertex Input	Concatenate	$ V \times 227$
(21)	(20)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 200$
(22)	(21)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 200$
...
(41)	(40)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 3$

Table 11: Architecture for deforming charts with occluded vision signals without touch information. The input to this model is an RGB image ($4 \times 256 \times 256$), and vertex features ($|V| \times 3$). BN refers to batch normalization.

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Image Input	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 127 \times 127$
(2)	(1)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 125 \times 125$
(3)	(2)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 123 \times 123$
(4)	(3)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 121 \times 121$
(5)	(4)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 119 \times 119$
(6)	(5)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 59 \times 59$
(7)	(6)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 57 \times 57$
(8)	(7)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 55 \times 55$
(9)	(8)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 53 \times 53$
(10)	(9)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 51 \times 51$
(11)	(10)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 25 \times 25$
(12)	(11)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 23 \times 23$
(13)	(12)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 21 \times 21$
(14)	(13)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 19 \times 19$
(15)	(14)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 17 \times 17$
(16)	(15)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 8 \times 8$
(17)	(16)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 6 \times 6$
(18)	(17)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 4 \times 4$
(19)	(10) (15) (18)	perceptual feature pooling	$ V \times 224$
(20)	(19) Vertex Input	Concatenate	$ V \times 228$
(21)	(20)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 200$
(22)	(21)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 200$
...
(46)	(45)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 3$

Table 12: Architecture for deforming charts with unoccluded vision signals and touch information. The input to this model is an RGB image ($4 \times 256 \times 256$), and vertex features ($|V| \times 4$). BN refers to batch normalization.

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Image Input	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 127 \times 127$
(2)	(1)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 125 \times 125$
(3)	(2)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$16 \times 123 \times 123$
(4)	(3)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 61 \times 61$
(5)	(4)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 59 \times 59$
(6)	(5)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$32 \times 57 \times 57$
(7)	(6)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 28 \times 28$
(8)	(7)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 26 \times 26$
(9)	(8)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$64 \times 24 \times 24$
(10)	(9)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 11 \times 11$
(11)	(10)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 9 \times 9$
(12)	(11)	Conv (3×3) + BN + ReLU	$128 \times 7 \times 7$
(13)	(3) (6) (9) (11)	perceptual feature pooling	$ V \times 240$
(14)	(13) Vertex Input	Concatenate	$ V \times 243$
(15)	(14)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
(16)	(15)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
...
(35)	(34)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 3$

Table 13: Architecture for deforming charts with unoccluded vision signals without touch information. The input to this model is an RGB image ($4 \times 256 \times 256$), and vertex features ($|V| \times 3$). BN refers to batch normalization.

Index	Input	Operation	Output Shape
(1)	Image Input	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$16 \times 69 \times 69$
(2)	(1)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$16 \times 69 \times 69$
(3)	(2)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$16 \times 69 \times 69$
(4)	(3)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$16 \times 69 \times 69$
(5)	(4)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$16 \times 69 \times 69$
(6)	(5)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + IN + ReLU	$32 \times 35 \times 35$
(7)	(6)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$32 \times 35 \times 35$
(8)	(7)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$32 \times 35 \times 35$
(9)	(8)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$32 \times 35 \times 35$
(10)	(9)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$32 \times 35 \times 35$
(11)	(10)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + IN + ReLU	$64 \times 18 \times 18$
(12)	(11)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$64 \times 18 \times 18$
(13)	(12)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$64 \times 18 \times 18$
(14)	(13)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$64 \times 18 \times 18$
(15)	(14)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$64 \times 18 \times 18$
(16)	(15)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + IN + ReLU	$128 \times 9 \times 9$
(17)	(16)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$128 \times 9 \times 9$
(18)	(17)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$128 \times 9 \times 9$
(19)	(18)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$128 \times 9 \times 9$
(20)	(19)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$128 \times 9 \times 9$
(21)	(20)	Conv (3×3) (stride 2) + IN + ReLU	$256 \times 5 \times 5$
(22)	(21)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$256 \times 5 \times 5$
(23)	(22)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$256 \times 5 \times 5$
(24)	(23)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$256 \times 5 \times 5$
(25)	(24)	Conv (3×3) + IN + ReLU	$256 \times 5 \times 5$
(26)	(25) (22) (19)	perceptual feature pooling	$ V \times 896$
(27)	(26)	Linear + ReLU	$ V \times 250$
(28)	(27) Vertex Input	Concatenate	$ V \times 253$
(29)	(28)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
(30)	(29)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 250$
...
(53)	(52)	GCN Layer	$ V \times 3$

Table 14: Architecture for chart deformation in the single image 3D object reconstruction experiment on the ShapeNet Dataset. The input to this model is an RGB image ($3 \times 256 \times 256$), and vertex features ($|V| \times 3$). IN refers to instance normalization [63].