

Integrating Efficient Optimal Transport and Functional Maps For Unsupervised Shape Correspondence Learning

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Abstract

In the realm of computer vision and graphics, accurately establishing correspondences between geometric 3D shapes is pivotal for applications like object tracking, registration, texture transfer, and statistical shape analysis. Moving beyond traditional hand-crafted and data-driven feature learning methods, we incorporate spectral methods with deep learning, focusing on functional maps (FMs) and optimal transport (OT). Traditional OT-based approaches, often reliant on entropy regularization OT in learning-based framework, face computational challenges due to their quadratic cost. Our key contribution is to employ the sliced Wasserstein distance (SWD) for OT, which is a valid fast optimal transport metric in an unsupervised shape matching framework. This unsupervised framework integrates functional map regularizers with a novel OT-based loss derived from SWD, enhancing feature alignment between shapes treated as discrete probability measures. We also introduce an adaptive refinement process utilizing entropy regularized OT, further refining feature alignments for accurate point-to-point correspondences. Our method demonstrates superior performance in non-rigid shape matching, including near-isometric and non-isometric scenarios, and excels in downstream tasks like segmentation transfer. The empirical results on diverse datasets highlight our framework's effectiveness and generalization capabilities, setting new standards in non-rigid shape matching with efficient OT metrics and an adaptive refinement module.

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approaches [4, 10, 16, 27], there has been a shift towards the utilization of data-driven methods for feature learning, which has resulted in marked enhancements in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and robustness.

Recently, an increasing body of work has exploited the use of spectral methods [5, 18, 21, 32, 46], especially the functional map (FM) representation [39]. Specifically, the FM methods succinctly encode correspondences through compact matrices, utilizing a truncated spectral basis. With recent developments in deep learning, deep FM (DFM) is quickly employed in numerous settings [11, 12, 27, 54] by incorporating feature learning as geometric descriptors for FM frameworks. Most DFM works focus on learning features that optimize FM priors to express desirable map priors, e.g. area preservation, isometry, and bijectivity, which achieves remarkable results even without supervision [10, 12, 20, 21, 46]. On the other hand, less attention is paid to the problem of explicitly aligning features outputted from the feature extractor network, due to the lack of smoothness and consistency of linear assignment problems.

In this work, we focus on jointly learning features via the functional map, and explicit features, i.e. directly from the feature extractor to establish correct correspondence. Nonetheless, learning to map explicit features is not easy since the geometric objects might potentially undergo arbitrary deformations. Therefore, we propose to employ optimal transport (OT), which is a well-known approach for linear assignment problems, to cast the feature alignment from 3D shapes as a probability measures matching problem.

The Wasserstein distance [41, 59] is widely acknowledged as an effective OT metric for comparing two probability measures, particularly when their supports are disjoint. However, it comes with the drawback of high computational complexity. Specifically, for discrete probability measures with at most m supports, the time and memory complexities are $\mathcal{O}(m^3 \log m)$ and $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$, respectively. This computational burden is exacerbated in 3D shape applications where each shape, represented as mesh, is treated as a distinct probability measure. To ameliorate the computational demands, entropic regularization

1. Introduction

Establishing precise correspondences between geometric 3D shapes is a core challenge in various domains of computer vision and graphics, including but not limited to, object tracking, registration, texture transfer, and statistical shape analysis [7, 14, 52, 61]. To facilitate the mapping between non-rigid shapes, early approaches [6, 9, 48] concentrated on the development of hand-crafted features, leveraging geometric invariance as a key principle. In the latter

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077 coupled with the Sinkhorn algorithm [13] can yield an ϵ -
078 approximation of the Wasserstein distance with a time com-
079 plexity of $\mathcal{O}(m^2/\epsilon^2)$ [2, 29–31]. Nonetheless, this method
080 does not alleviate the $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ memory complexity due to
081 the necessity of storing the cost matrix. Additionally, the
082 entropic regularization fails to produce a valid metric be-
083 tween probability measures as it does not satisfy the tri-
084 angle inequality. An alternative, more efficient method is
085 the sliced Wasserstein distance (SWD) [8], which calculates
086 the expectation of the Wasserstein distance between ran-
087 dom one-dimensional push-forward measures derived from
088 the original measures. SWD offers a time complexity of
089 $\mathcal{O}(m \log m)$ and a linear memory complexity of $\mathcal{O}(m)$.

090 Motivated by the above discussion, we introduce a novel
091 differentiable unsupervised OT-based loss derived from ef-
092 ficient sliced Wasserstein distance, which accounts for asso-
093 ciating two extracted extrinsic features to align two meshes
094 combined with functional map regularizers. Our proposed
095 approach leverages a valid efficient OT metric to obtain
096 highly discriminative local feature matching. Additionally,
097 the integration of functional map regularizers promotes
098 smoothness in the mapping process, allowing our method to
099 achieve both precise and smooth correspondence.

100 Furthermore, we introduce an adaptive refinement pro-
101 cess tailored for each pair of shapes, utilizing entropy regu-
102 larized OT to enhance matching performance. The differen-
103 tiable nature of entropic regularization in OT enables our
104 refinement strategy to leverage the Sinkhorn algorithm. This
105 approach yields a soft point-wise map, which is instrumen-
106 tal in calculating FM regularizers. These regularizers are
107 then used to iteratively update features, thereby facilitating
108 the retrieval of precise point-to-point correspondences.

109 Finally, we demonstrate our proposed approach on a di-
110 verse and extensive selection of datasets. Our contributions
111 are as follows:

- 112 • We propose an unsupervised learning framework that em-
113 ploys efficient optimal transport to jointly learn with func-
114 tional map in shape matching paradigm. Subsequently,
115 we derive two novel unsupervised loss functions based
116 on sliced Wasserstein distance, which is a valid fast op-
117 timal transport metric, to effectively align mesh features
118 by interpreting them as probability measures, potentially
119 offering a promising avenue for advancements in shape
120 matching through efficient optimal transport.
- 121 • To enhance the quality of point mapping, we propose
122 an adaptive refinement module that iteratively refines the
123 optimal transport similarity matrix estimated via entropy
124 regularization optimal transport.
- 125 • We outperform previous state-of-the-art works in vari-
126 ous settings of non-rigid shape matching including near-
127 isometric and non-isometric shape matching. Addition-
128 ally, when applied to a downstream task such as seg-
129 mentation transfer, our approach continues to outperform

contemporary state-of-the-art methods in non-rigid shape
130 matching. This success not only demonstrates the effi-
131 ciency of our method in specific applications but also under-
132 lines its strong generalization capabilities across various
133 use cases in shape matching.

2. Related work

Shape matching has been extensively explored for decades.
136 For a comprehensive examination of this topic, we encourage
137 readers to consult the detailed analyses presented in sur-
138 veys [47, 56]. In this section, we focus specifically on the
139 literature subset that directly relates to our research objec-
140 tives.

2.1. Deep functional maps for shape correspon- 142 dence.

Our methodology is founded on the functional map repre-
144 sentation, initially introduced in [39] and substantially de-
145 veloped through subsequent research, e.g. [40]. The cen-
146 tral concept of functional maps revolves around expressing
147 shape correspondences as transformations between their re-
148 spective spectral embeddings. This is efficiently achieved
149 by utilizing compact matrices formulated from reduced
150 eigenbases. The functional maps approach has seen con-
151 siderable enhancements in terms of accuracy, efficiency,
152 and robustness, as evidenced by a variety of recent contribu-
153 tions [22, 25, 45]. In contrast to axiomatic approaches
154 that rely on manually engineered features [53], deep func-
155 tional map methods aim to autonomously learn features
156 from training data. The pioneering work in this domain was
157 FMNet [32], which introduced a method to learn non-linear
158 transformations of SHOT descriptors [48]. Subsequent de-
159 velopments [21, 46] facilitated the unsupervised training of
160 FMNet by incorporating isometry losses in both spatial and
161 spectral domains. This unsupervised approach has been
162 further enhanced with the advent of robust mesh feature
163 extractors [49], leading to the development of new frame-
164 works [10, 12, 16, 27] that learn directly from geometric
165 data, achieving top-tier performance.

2.2. Optimal transport for shape correspondence

Optimal transport has emerged as a powerful tool in the field
168 of shape correspondence, offering innovative approaches
169 to match and analyze complex shapes in computer graph-
170 ics and computer vision. Starting with the axiomatic
171 shape matching approach, [51] proposed an algorithm for
172 probabilistic correspondence that optimizes an entropy-
173 regularized Gromov-Wasserstein (GW) objective [36] to
174 find the correspondence between two given shapes. The
175 proposed framework is inefficient since solving entropy-
176 regularized GW objective is relatively expensive and it does
177 not perform well on non-isometric shape matching. To ad-
178 dress the computational overhead of solving OT cost, [50]

brought robust OT to the forefront, significantly enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of point cloud registration, but the framework is designed for point cloud that avoids the connectivity of the shape mesh. Perhaps the most relevant work to ours is Deep Shells [18], which is an improvement of [17]. Deep Shells demonstrated how OT can be seamlessly integrated into deep neural networks, offering a new perspective in shape matching with improved adaptability and precision. However, computing OT cost via Sinkhorn algorithm in Deep Shells [18] can be expensive since it has to store the cost matrix with quadratic memory cost and quadratic time complexity. In light of this, we propose to employ an efficient OT in learning shape correspondence. To be specific, we employ sliced Wasserstein distance, which calculates the expectation the Wasserstein distance between two random one-dimensional push-forward measures derived from original measures. Recently, sliced Wasserstein distance has been successfully applied in point cloud [38] and shape [26] deformation. However, to the best of our knowledge, we are the first to employ sliced Wasserstein distance on shape correspondence framework.

3. Background

In this section, we briefly recap functional map representation [39]. After that, we review the definition of Wasserstein distance and its closed-formed solution sliced Wasserstein distance.

3.1. (Deep) Functional Maps

Given a pair of smooth shapes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} , which are discretized as triangular meshes with n_x and n_y vertices, respectively. The functional map method aims to obtain a dense correspondence between the two shapes by compactly representing the correspondence matrix as a smaller matrix. Specifically, the leading k eigenfunctions of the Laplace-Beltrami operator are computed on both shapes \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{Y} and are presented as $\Phi_x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times k}$ and $\Phi_y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times k}$, respectively. The geometric features of the shape are either precomputed [48] or extracted from a neural network [49], represented as $\mathcal{F}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times d}$ and $\mathcal{F}_y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times d}$, where d is the feature dimension. The extracted features are then projected into the eigenbasis to get the corresponding coefficients $\mathbf{A} = \Phi_x^\dagger \mathcal{F}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$ and $\mathbf{B} = \Phi_y^\dagger \mathcal{F}_y \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times d}$, where \dagger denotes the Moore-Penrose pseudo-inverse. After that, the bidirectional optimal functional map $\mathbf{C}_{xy}^*, \mathbf{C}_{yx}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ is obtained by solving the linear system:

$$\mathbf{C}_{xy}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{C}} E_{data}(\mathbf{C}) + E_{reg}(\mathbf{C}), \quad (1)$$

where $E_{data}(\mathbf{C}) = \|\mathbf{CA} - \mathbf{B}\|^2$ promotes the descriptor preservation, whereas the E_{reg} is a regularization term imposing structural properties of \mathbf{C} [39]. Finally, the dense correspondence can be reconstructed from estimated \mathbf{C}^* by

conducting nearest neighbor search between the rows of $\Phi_x \mathbf{C}_{yx}$ and that of Φ_y , with possible post-processing [19, 35, 42].

3.2. Efficient Optimal Transport

Wasserstein distance. For $p \geq 1$, given two probability measures $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\nu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, the Wasserstein distance [57] between μ and ν is :

$$W_p^p(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} \|x - y\|_p^p d\pi(x, y), \quad (2)$$

where $\Pi(\mu, \nu)$ are the set of all couplings between μ and ν i.e., joint probability measures that have marginals as μ and ν respectively. The Wasserstein distance is the optimal transportation cost between μ and ν since it is computed with the optimal coupling. As mentioned in the introduction section, the downside of Wasserstein distance is a high computational complexity in the discrete case i.e., $\mathcal{O}(m^3 \log m)$ in time and $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ in space for m is the number of supports. To reduce the time complexity, entropic regularized optimal transport [13] is introduced.

Sinkhorn divergence. For $p \geq 1$, given two probability measures $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\nu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$, the Sinkhorn-p divergence [13] between μ and ν is :

$$S_{\epsilon, p}^p(\mu, \nu) = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi_\epsilon(\mu, \nu)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d} cd\pi(x, y) + \epsilon H(\pi), \quad (3)$$

where $\Pi_\epsilon(\mu, \nu) = \{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu) | \text{KL}(\pi, \mu \otimes \nu) \leq \epsilon\}$ with KL denotes the Kullback Leibler divergence. The cost $c : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ is defined as $c_p(x, y) = \|x - y\|_p^p$ on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$. The entropy term $H(\pi)$ allows us to solve for the correspondence π via Sinkhorn-Knopp algorithm with $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ in time complexity.

Sliced Wasserstein distance. The sliced Wasserstein (SW) distance [8] between two probability measures $\mu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $\nu \in \mathcal{P}_p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is given by:

$$SW_p^p(\mu, \nu) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})} [W_p^p(\theta \sharp \mu, \theta \sharp \nu)], \quad (4)$$

where $\theta \sharp \nu$ denotes the push-forward measure of ν via function $f(x) = \theta^\top x$, and the one-dimensional Wasserstein distance appears in a closed form which is $W_p^p(\theta \sharp \mu, \theta \sharp \nu) = \int_0^1 |F_{\theta \sharp \mu}^{-1}(z) - F_{\theta \sharp \nu}^{-1}(z)|^p dz$. Here, $F_{\theta \sharp \mu}$ and $F_{\theta \sharp \nu}$ are the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of $\theta \sharp \mu$ and $\theta \sharp \nu$ respectively. When μ and ν have at most n supports, the computation of the SW is only $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ in time and $\mathcal{O}(n)$ in space. The SW often is computed by using L Monte Carlo samples $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L$ from the unit sphere:

$$\widehat{SW}_p^p(\mu, \nu; L) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L W_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mu, \theta_l \sharp \nu). \quad (5)$$

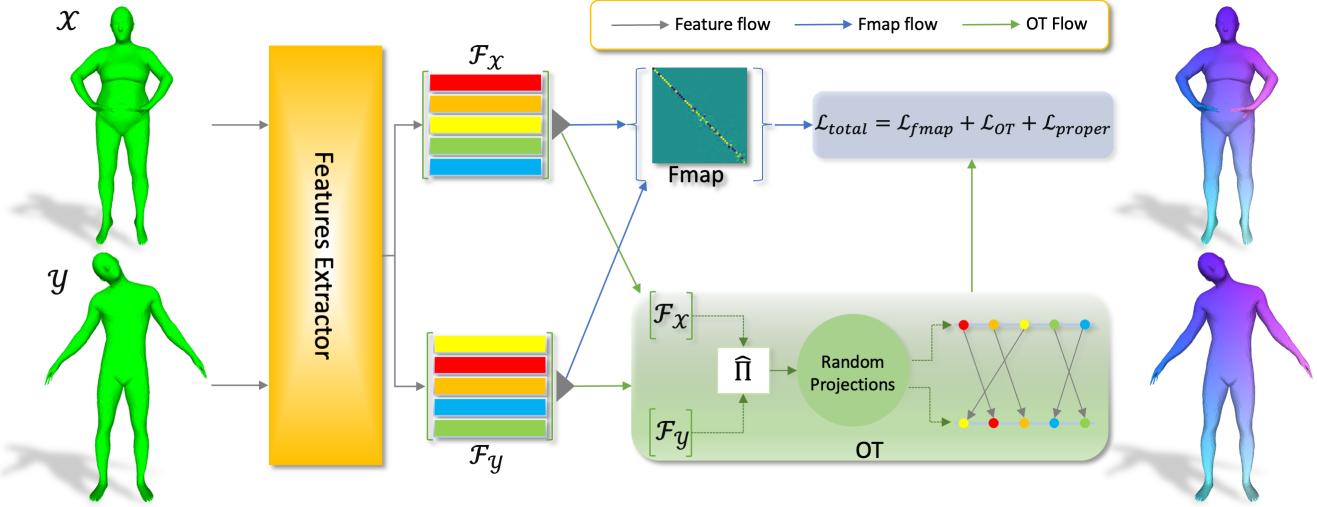


Figure 1. **Overview of unsupervised shape matching via efficient OT.** Our framework takes as input a pair of shapes \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} and outputs point-to-point correspondence. Firstly, the features extractor tasks the pair input and extracts vertex-wise features \mathcal{F}_x and \mathcal{F}_y . Subsequently, the differentiable functional map solver is used to compute functional map given pre-computed eigenfunctions and the extracted features. In parallel, our framework estimates a soft feature similarity matrix, derived from the same extracted features. After that, an OT cost is computed given soft feature similarity and extracted feature \mathcal{F}_x and \mathcal{F}_y . Finally, a proper loss is optimized together with regularized functional map loss and OT loss.

Energy-based Sliced Wasserstein distance. Energy-based sliced Wasserstein (EBSW) is a more discriminative variant of the SW proposed in [37]. The definition of the EBSW is given as:

$$\text{EBSW}_p^p(\mu, \nu; f) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \sigma_{\mu, \nu}(\theta; f, p)} [\mathbb{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mu, \theta \sharp \nu)], \quad (6)$$

where f is the energy function e.g., $f(x) = e^x$, and $\sigma_{\mu, \nu}(\theta; f, p) \propto f(\mathbb{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mu, \theta \sharp \nu)) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ is the energy-based slicing distribution. The EBSW can be computed based on importance sampling with L samples from proposal distribution $\sigma_0(\theta)$, e.g., $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$. For $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \sigma_0(\theta)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{IS-EBSW}_p^p(\mu, \nu; f, L) \\ = \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbb{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mu, \theta_l \sharp \nu) \hat{w}_{\mu, \nu, \sigma_0, f, p}(\theta_l), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

for $w_{\mu, \nu, \sigma_0, f, p}(\theta) = \frac{f(\mathbb{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mu, \theta \sharp \nu))}{\sigma_0(\theta)}$ is the importance weighted function and $\hat{w}_{\mu, \nu, \sigma_0, f, p}(\theta_l) = \frac{w_{\mu, \nu, \sigma_0, f, p}(\theta_l)}{\sum_{l'=1}^L w_{\mu, \nu, \sigma_0, f, p}(\theta_{l'})}$ is the normalized importance weights.

4. Learning Shape Correspondence with Efficient Optimal Transport

In this section, we provide in-depth details of our proposed non-rigid shape matching framework. The whole framework is described in Fig. 1. Our pipeline starts by extracting

features from the feature extractor as described in Sec. 4.1. Then we describe functional map in Sec. 4.2. Thirdly, we illustrate how efficient OT in Sec. 4.3 is applied to our framework and propose two novel loss functions for learning precise shape mapping. Thirdly, we summarize our unsupervised losses in Sec. 4.4. Finally, we propose an adaptive refinement process in Sec. 4.5.

4.1. Feature extractor

Our architecture is designed in the form of a Siamese network. Specifically, we utilize the same feature extractor with shared learning parameters to extract features from a pair of input shapes. We employ DiffusionNet [49] as our feature extractor since DiffusionNet is agnostic to discretization and resolution of the meshes, thereby ensuring robust shape correspondence. Consequently, from the pair of inputs, we extract two sets of features, denoted by $\mathcal{F}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times d}$ and $\mathcal{F}_y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times d}$ via DiffusionNet.

4.2. Functional map module

As discussed in 3.1, we aim to employ deep functional map as a proxy to learn an intrinsic feature shape matching. Specifically, we employ regularized functional map [43], to compute optimal functional map \mathbf{C}^* as mentioned in Sec. 3.1. During training, the network aims to minimize the structural regularization of functional map:

$$\mathcal{L}_{fmap} = \alpha_1 \mathcal{L}_{bij} + \alpha_2 \mathcal{L}_{othor}, \quad (8)$$

317 where $\mathcal{L}_{bij} = \|C_{xy}C_{yx} - I\|^2 + \|C_{yx}C_{xy} - I\|^2$ promotes
 318 identity mapping and $\mathcal{L}_{other} = \|C_{xy}^T C_{yx} - I\|^2 +$
 319 $\|C_{yx}^T C_{xy} - I\|^2$ imposes locally area-preserving [43].

320 4.3. Feature extrinsic alignment via efficient opti- 321 mal transport

322 We aim to integrate efficient OT into deep functional map to
 323 promote precise mesh feature alignment. Thanks to the fast
 324 computation and the closed-form solution of sliced Wasser-
 325 stein (SW) distance, we derive a novel loss function based
 326 on SW distance.

327 **Soft feature similarity.** Firstly, from a pair of features
 328 $\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y$ extracted from shapes \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} , respectively, we esti-
 329 mate a *soft feature similarity matrix* $\hat{\Pi}_{xy} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times n_y}$ such
 330 that:

$$331 \quad \hat{\Pi}_{xy}^{i,j} = \frac{\exp((\mathcal{F}_x^i \cdot \mathcal{F}_y^j)/\tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{n_y} \exp((\mathcal{F}_x^i \cdot \mathcal{F}_y^k)/\tau)}, \quad (9)$$

332 where τ is scaling factor, and $\mathcal{F}_x^i, \mathcal{F}_y^j \in \mathbb{R}^d$ represent d -
 333 dimensional features of point i^{th} in shape \mathcal{X} and j^{th} in
 334 shape \mathcal{Y} , respectively. Similarly, the $\hat{\Pi}_{yx}$ is constructed in
 335 the same fashion as in Eq. 9.

336 **Feature alignment via OT.** Finding precise point-to-point
 337 mapping based on feature similarity requires solving linear
 338 assignment problem in \mathbb{R}^d , which is expensive to integrate
 339 into a learning-based framework. Therefore, in this
 340 work, we relax the constraints to cast the feature-matching
 341 problem as a probability distribution matching problem. In
 342 other words, we represent the extracted features $\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y$ as
 343 probability distributions defined over \mathbb{R}^d . After that, we
 344 attempt to learn mappings that minimize the “distance”
 345 between the two distributions, i.e. probability measures. The
 346 OT cost [58] is a naturally fitted discrepancy between proba-
 347 bility measures, thereby being employed in our framework.

348 **SW distance as an efficient OT.** Thanks to the fast com-
 349 putation and its closed-form solution of SW distance, we
 350 derive a novel loss function that jointly learns the mapping
 351 and minimizes the discrepancy between two feature proba-
 352 bility measures as follows:

$$353 \quad \mathcal{L}_{biSW} = (\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})} [\mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) \\ + \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)])^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (10)$$

354 where $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x = \hat{\Pi}_{yx} \mathcal{F}_x$ and $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$. The loss \mathcal{L}_{biSW}
 355 minimizes the discrepancy between the feature probabil-
 356 ity measures in one shape and the softly permuted feature
 357 sets of its counterpart in a bidirectional manner. The loss
 358 converges toward zero when the soft feature similarity $\hat{\Pi}$
 359 approaches a (partial) permutation matrix, indicating that
 360 the point-wise corresponding features are closely aligned.
 361 Moreover, the loss encourages the cycle consistency of the

362 mapping. It is worth noting that our loss diverges from con-
 363 trastive losses explored in prior works [11, 27, 60]. Where
 364 the contrastive loss only considers whether individual point
 365 correspondences are correct or not, our proposed loss intro-
 366 duces a more general and flexible matching by conceptualiz-
 367 ing the point features as probability measures and em-
 368 ploying OT cost as a metric of evaluation.

369 **Bidirectional EBSW.** It is worth noting that the proposed
 370 loss \mathcal{L}_{biSW} in Eq. 10 employs the projecting directions
 371 sampled from uniform distribution over unit-hypersphere
 372 as the shared slicing distributions. Despite being easy to
 373 sample, the uniform distribution is not able to differenti-
 374 ate between informative and non-informative projecting
 375 features. Therefore, inspired by [37], we propose a bi-
 376 directional energy-based SW loss defined in the importance
 377 sampling form as:

$$378 \quad \mathcal{L}_{biEBSW} = \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \sigma_0(\theta)} [(\mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{X}} + \mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{Y}}) w(\theta)]}{\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \sigma_0(\theta)} [w(\theta)]} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (11)$$

379 where we denote $\mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{X}} := \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y)$, $\mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{Y}} :=$
 380 $\mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)$, and $w(\theta) := \frac{\exp(\mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{X}} + \mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{Y}})}{\sigma_0(\theta)}$. The loss
 381 \mathcal{L}_{biEBSW} shares the same properties for shape correspon-
 382 dence as the vanilla SW loss in Eq. 10. However, it imposes
 383 a more expressive mechanism for selecting projection di-
 384 rections in the computation of the SW distance. Moreover,
 385 the vanilla SW loss can be seen as a summation of two SW
 386 distances since the slicing distribution is fixed as uniform.
 387 In contrast, the bidirectional EBSW loss has the slicing
 388 distribution shared and affected by both one-dimensional
 389 Wasserstein distances. Hence, the bidirectional EBSW is
 390 considerably different from the original EBSW in [37].

391 We provide detailed computation and discussion of
 392 \mathcal{L}_{biSW} and \mathcal{L}_{biEBSW} at Sup. 9.

393 4.4. Loss functions

394 **Proper functional maps.** We employ the notion of proper
 395 functional map introduced by [44]: *The functional map C_{xy}*
 396 *is deemed “proper” if there exists a (partial) permuta-*
 397 *tion matrix Π_{yx} so that $C_{xy} = \Phi_y^\dagger \Pi_{yx} \Phi_x$.* Drawing on this
 398 concept, we introduce a loss term that not only promotes the
 399 “properness” of the functional map but also concurrently
 400 regularizes the (OT) cost, namely:

$$401 \quad \mathcal{L}_{proper} = \|C_{xy} - \Phi_y^\dagger \hat{\Pi}_{yx} \Phi_x\|^2 \quad (12)$$

402 It is worth noting that while our \mathcal{L}_{proper} might bear re-
 403 semblance to the coupling loss in [12], the proposed loss
 404 diverges by using soft feature similarity $\hat{\Pi}_{yx}$ jointly opti-
 405 mized with the feature extrinsic alignment through OT as
 406 discussed in Sec. 4.3. Therefore, it serves as a strong regu-
 407 larization for imposing structural smoothness of functional
 408 map and promoting precise mapping via OT.

409 **Total loss.** Our framework is trained end-to-end without annotation by minimizing the following unsupervised losses:
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$$\mathcal{L}_{total} = \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_{fmap} + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_{OT} + \lambda_3 \mathcal{L}_{proper}, \quad (13)$$

412 where λ_i is the weight for each loss, and \mathcal{L}_{OT} could be
413 either \mathcal{L}_{biSW} or \mathcal{L}_{biEBSW} .

414 4.5. Adaptive refinement via entropic optimal trans- 415 port

416 **Adaptive refinement.** To provide a more precise corre-
417 spondence, we propose an adaptive refinement module de-
418 signed to incrementally improve the final match for each
419 individual shape pairing. Specifically, we estimate the
420 pseudo soft correspondence $\tilde{\Pi}$ via entropic regularized op-
421 timal transport [13] as mentioned in Eq. 3 is defined as:

$$\tilde{\Pi}_{xy} = \mathcal{Q}^x(\mathcal{Q}^y \cdots (\mathcal{Q}^x(p_\epsilon))), \quad (14)$$

423 where $\mathcal{Q}(\cdot)$ is the projection operator of a given probabili-
424 ty density $p : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as: $p_\epsilon(x, y) \propto$
425 $\exp(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} c_2(x, y))$. Thanks to the differentiable property of
426 the Sinkhorn algorithm, we can refine each individual pair
427 by minimizing the \mathcal{L}_{total} to update the features accordingly.
428 In contrast to the axiomatic method [35] that often requires
429 alternately updating the functional map and pointwise map,
430 our method offers a differentiable process that facilitates si-
431 multaneous updates. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that our
432 approach is orthogonal to [18] since we only employ en-
433 tropic OT for refinement once during the inference, thereby
434 reducing the computation and memory cost of the Sinkhorn
435 algorithm. We provide detailed algorithms of adaptive re-
436 finement at Sup. 9.

437 **Inference.** During inference, our final mapping is obtained
438 by nearest neighbor search on features extracted from the
439 feature extractor module.

440 5. Experimental results

441 **Datasets.** We conduct a series of experiments across di-
442 verse shape-matching datasets and their application on a
443 downstream task. Specifically, we perform experiment on
444 human shape matching with near-isometric dataset such as
445 FAUST [7] and SCAPE [3] as well as non-isometric dataset
446 SHREC’19 [34]. Furthermore, our study extends to two
447 non-isometric animal datasets: SMAL [62] and the more
448 recent DeformingThings4D [28, 33]. Finally, we conclude
449 our experiments by performing segmentation transfer on 3D
450 semantic segmentation dataset introduced in [1].

451 **Baselines.** We conduct extensive comparisons with a
452 wide range of non-rigid shape matching methods: (1) Axi-
453 ometric methods including ZoomOut [35], BCICP [42],
454 Smooth Shells [17]; (2) Supervised methods including
455 FMNet [32], GeomFMaps [15], TransMatch [55]; (3)

456 Unsupervised methods including SURFMNNet [46], Deep
457 Shells [18], AFMap [27], SSLMSM [11], UDMMSM [10],
458 ULRSSM [12]. While there are numerous non-rigid shape-
459 matching methods in the literature, we decided to choose
460 the most recent and relevant to our works for comparison.

461 **Metrics.** Regarding shape matching metric, similar to all of
462 our competing methods, we employ mean geodesic errors
463 ($\times 100$) [24]. For segmentation transfer, we use semantic
464 segmentation mIOU as in [23].

465 5.1. Near-isometric Shape Matching

466 **Datasets.** We employ a more challenging remeshed version
467 of FAUST [7] and SCAPE [3], as proposed in [15, 42]. The
468 remeshed FAUST dataset includes 100 shapes, represent-
469 ing 10 individuals in 10 different poses, with the evaluation
470 focusing on the final 20 shapes. Similarly, the remeshed
471 SCAPE dataset comprises 71 poses of a single individual,
472 where again, the last 20 shapes are used for evaluation pur-
473 poses. Additionally, the SHREC’19 dataset presents a more
474 complex challenge due to its significant variations in mesh
475 connectivity, encompassing 44 shapes and 430 pairs for
476 evaluation.

477 **Results.** We conduct experiments on FAUST, SCAPE, and
478 the combination of both datasets. Quantitative results in
479 Tab. 1 show that supervised methods tend to overfit the
480 trained dataset. On the other hand, unsupervised meth-
481 ods typically can achieve a better generalization on new
482 datasets. Compared to Deep Shells, an OT-based method,
483 we outperform in most settings as shown in Tab. 1 and
484 Fig. 2. Compared to state-of-the-art ULRSSM, our method
485 indicates a slightly better mapping demonstrated in Fig. 2.

486 5.2. Non-isometric Shape Matching

487 **Datasets.** We consider SMAL [62] and DeformingTh-
488 ings4D [28, 33] for evaluating non-isometric shape match-
489 ing. For the SMAL dataset, we adopt the data split in [16]
490 that uses five species for training and three unseen species
491 for testing, resulting in a 29/20 split of the dataset. Regard-
492 ing DeformingThings4D, denoted as DT4D-H, we follow
493 the split also presented in [16] comprising 198 samples for
494 training and 95 for testing.

495 **Results.** To measure the performance on non-isometric
496 datasets, i.e. SMAL and DT4D-H, we compare our method
497 with previous state-of-the-art baselines as shown in Tab. 2.
498 Regarding the DT4D-H dataset, we only perform compar-
499 isons on the challenging intra-class scenario. Our pro-
500 posed method outperforms previous methods in both dataset as
501 shown in Tab. 2. Visualization in Fig. 3 shows that AFMap
502 often fails to retrieve a non-isometric mapping. In addition,
503 ULRSSM demonstrates better mapping despite some ambi-
504 guity. On the other hand, our method obtains a precise and

Table 1. **Quantitative results on near-isometric shape matching.** The color denotes the best and second-best result. Our method outperforms various methods including axiomatic, supervised and unsupervised methods in most settings.

Method	FAUST			SCAPE			FAUST + SCAPE		
	FAUST	SCAPE	SHREC'19	FAUST	SCAPE	SHREC'19	FAUST	SCAPE	SHREC'19
<u>Axiomatic</u>									
ZoomOut [35]	6.1	\	\	\	7.5	\	\	\	\
BCICP [42]	6.1	\	\	\	11.0	\	\	\	\
Smooth Shells [17]	2.5	\	\	\	4.7	\	\	\	\
<u>Supervised</u>									
FMNet [32]	11.0	30.0	\	33.0	17.0	\	\	\	\
GeomFMaps [15]	2.6	3.3	9.9	3.0	3.0	12.2	2.6	3.0	7.9
TransMatch [55]	1.8	32.8	19.0	18.5	16.0	39.5	1.7	13.5	12.9
<u>Unsupervised</u>									
SURFMNet [46]	15.0	32.0	\	32.0	12.0	\	33.0	29.0	\
Deep Shells [18]	1.7	5.4	27.4	2.7	2.5	23.4	1.6	2.4	21.1
AFMap [27]	1.9	2.6	6.4	2.2	2.2	9.9	1.9	2.3	5.8
SSLSSM [11]	2.0	7.0	9.1	2.7	3.1	8.4	1.9	4.3	6.2
UDSSM [10]	1.5	7.5	20.1	3.2	2.0	28.3	1.7	7.6	28.7
ULRSSM [12]	1.6	3.6	7.2	1.9	1.9	7.6	1.7	3.2	4.6
Ours	1.5	3.4	5.5	1.6	1.8	7.0	1.6	2.2	4.7

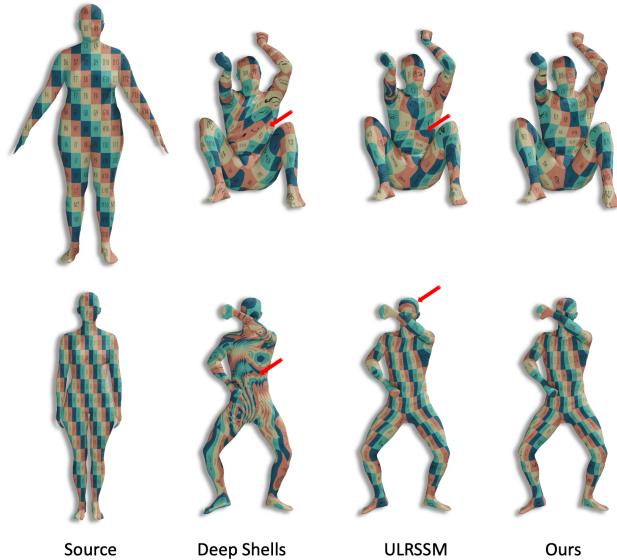


Figure 2. **Qualitative results** of different methods evaluated on SHREC'19 datasets. Correspondence is visualized by texture transfer. The red arrow indicates poor mappings.

smooth mapping, thus visually better than the two state-of-the-art methods.

5.3. Segmentation transfer

Datasets. We illustrate the performance of our proposed method on the task of segmentation transfer on 3D semantic segmentation dataset proposed in [1]. Specifically, the

Table 2. **Quantitative results for non-isometric matching on SMAL and DT4D-H.** Our method surpass state-of-the-art methods on challenging non-isometric dataset such as SMAL and DT4D-H.

Method	SMAL	DT4D-H
Deep Shells [18]	29.3	31.1
GeoFMaps [15]	7.6	22.6
AFMap [27]	5.4	11.6
ULRSSM [12]	4.2	4.5
Ours	4.0	4.2

Table 3. **Quantitative results for 3D shape segmentation transfer.** Our method is effectively applied to semantic segmentation transfer on 3D shapes, establishing a new benchmark for state-of-the-art performance in this domain.

Method	Coarse	Fine-grained
AFMaps [27]	81.3	43.2
UDSSM [10]	85.3	45.2
ULRSSM [12]	84.2	58.2
Ours	87.8	60.5

dataset is derived from FAUST [7], which is manually annotated into two types of label: coarse annotations include 4 classes and fine-grained annotations comprise 17 cate-

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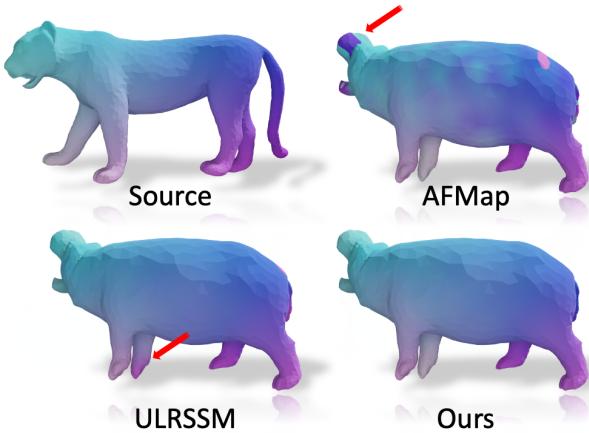


Figure 3. **Qualitative results** of various methods on challenging non-isometric SMAL dataset. Our method demonstrates superior point mapping capabilities compared to previous works. More visualization is provided in Sup. 12.

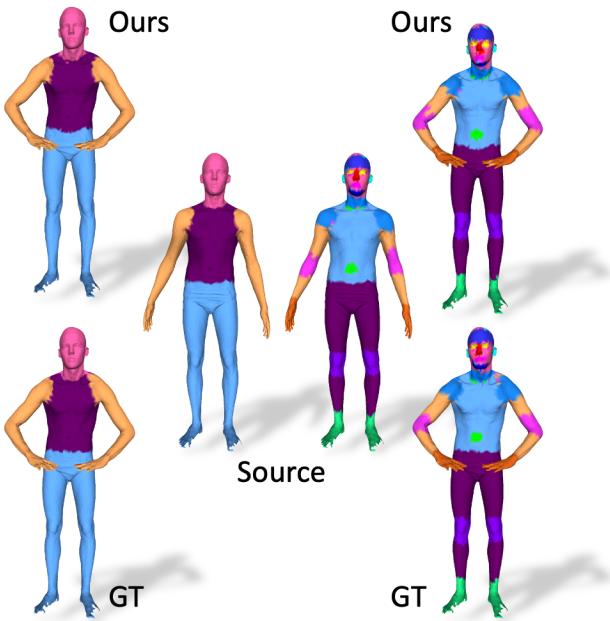


Figure 4. **Qualitative results of segmentation transfer.** Our method exhibits a high-quality segmentation map via computed correspondence. More visualization is provided in Sup. 12.

514 gories. After excluding non-connected meshes, we test our
 515 method on 79 meshes by computing correspondence among
 516 the collection and then transferring annotation from one single
 517 mesh to the others.

518 **Results.** To further demonstrate the robustness, we apply
 519 our methods on co-segmentation, also known as segmen-
 520 tation transfer task. We train all methods on the remeshed
 521 FAUST_r mentioned in Sec. 5.1. It is worth noting while
 522 the FAUST_r is remeshed to around 10K faces, the segmen-

tation dataset in [1] is remeshed to 20K triangular faces. Therefore, it showcases the generalization of our method that does not depend on the discretization and resolution of mesh. Tab. 3 indicates that our method sets a new state-of-the-art on the segmentation-transfer task on FAUST [1] dataset in both coarse and fine-grained annotation. Fig. 4 shows that our method is very closed to ground truth without the need for training semantic segmentation models.

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6. Ablation study

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Table 4. **Ablation study on SHREC’19.** In the first setting, we replace \mathcal{L}_{OT} with \mathcal{L}_{MSE} in Eq. 13. In the second row, we substitute \mathcal{L}_{OT} with \mathcal{L}_{uniSW} . The third row indicates the \mathcal{L}_{OT} being \mathcal{L}_{biSW} as in Eq. 10. The fourth row indicates not using adaptive refinement at the end of the training process.

Ablation Setting	SHREC’19
w. \mathcal{L}_{MSE}	34.3
w. \mathcal{L}_{uniSW}	4.9
w. \mathcal{L}_{biSW}	4.8
w.o. adaptive refinement	7.2
Ours	4.7

Settings. We conduct an ablation study to validate our contribution. We train our model on FAUST+SCAPE dataset and evaluate it on SHREC’19 dataset. Firstly, we evaluate the effectiveness of different losses in the feature alignment component. Furthermore, we also investigate the importance of the adaptive refinement module.

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Results. Our results are summarized in Tab. 4. First of all, by comparing the first row with the last row, we conclude that \mathcal{L}_{MSE} can not learn to align features for retrieving point-to-point correspondence. Secondly, we observe that by using bidirectional SW, we can gain a slightly better performance. Finally, the last row indicates that by employing importance sampling energy-based SW, we can even gain better performance.

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7. Conclusion

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In conclusion, we introduce an innovative framework that integrates functional maps with an efficient optimal transport method, notably the sliced Wasserstein distance, to address computational challenges and enhance feature alignment. Our approach significantly outperforms existing methods in non-rigid shape matching across various scenarios, including both near-isometric and non-isometric forms. This advancement, confirmed through successful applications in tasks like segmentation transfer, highlights our method’s efficacy and strong generalization potential in shape matching.

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Supplementary Material

In this supplementary, we first define some notations that are used in our main paper and supplementary in Sec. 8. We then discuss some limitations of our work and potential future directions to address them in Sec. 9. In Sec. 10, we provide detailed computation and algorithm to compute the proposed loss functions. Furthermore, we delineate the implementation details and hyperparameters used in our training process in Sec. 11. Finally, we provide additional qualitative results of our proposed approach in Sec. 12.

8. Notations

For any $d \geq 2$, we denote $\mathbb{S}^{d-1} := \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \|\theta\|_2^2 = 1\}$ and $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ as the unit hyper-sphere and its corresponding uniform distribution. We denote $\theta \sharp \mu$ as the push-forward measures of μ through the function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that is $f(x) = \theta^\top x$. Furthermore, we denote $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{X})$ as the set of all probability measures on the set \mathcal{X} . For $p \geq 1$, $\mathcal{P}_p(\mathcal{X})$ is the set of all probability measures on the set \mathcal{X} that have finite p -moments.

9. Limitations and discussion

Our work is the first to integrate an efficient optimal transport to functional map framework for shape correspondence, yet it is not without limitations, potentially opening new research directions. First of all, our algorithm is designed for use with clean and complete meshes. An intriguing avenue for future research would be to extend the applicability of our method to more diverse scenarios, such as dealing with partial meshes, noisy point clouds, and other forms of data representation. This expansion would enhance the versatility of our approach in handling a wider range of practical applications. Secondly, our adaptive refinement module, which utilizes an entropic regularized optimal transport for estimating the soft-feature similarity matrix, shows promise in achieving more precise refinement. However, this method is not without its drawbacks, notably a quadratic increase in memory complexity and computational demand. This presents a challenge that future research could address by developing more computationally efficient approximations, thereby making the process more feasible for larger datasets or more resource-constrained environments. Overall, these potential research directions could significantly contribute to the evolution of shape correspondence methodologies.

10. Detailed algorithms and discussion

Sliced Wasserstein distance. The unidirectional sliced Wasserstein distance version of Eq. 10 is given by:

$$\mathcal{L}_{uniSW} = (\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})} W_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y))^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 831$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$. The unidirectional sliced Wasserstein distance given in Eq. 15 is computed by using L Monte Carlo samples $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L$ from the unit sphere: 832
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$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniSW}} = \left(\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L W_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 835$$

where $W_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) = \int_0^1 |F_{\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x}^{-1}(z) - F_{\theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y}^{-1}(z)|^p dz$ denotes the closed form solution one-dimensional Wasserstein distance of two probability measures \mathcal{F}_x and $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y$. Here, $F_{\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x}$ and $F_{\theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y}$ are the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of $\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x$ and $\theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y$ respectively. 836
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Similarly, the bidirectional sliced Wasserstein distance in Eq. 10 is also estimated by using L Monte Carlo samples $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L$ from the unit sphere: 844

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{biSW}} = \left(\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L [W_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) + W_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)] \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 844$$

where $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x = \hat{\Pi}_{yx} \mathcal{F}_x$ and $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$. We provide a pseudo-code for computing the unidirectional and bidirectional sliced Wasserstein distance in Algorithm 1 and Algorithm 2, respectively. 845
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Energy-based sliced Wasserstein distance. The unidirectional sliced Wasserstein distance version of Eq. 11 is defined as: 849
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$$\mathcal{L}_{uniEBSW} = \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \sigma_0(\theta)} [W_{\theta, \mathcal{X}} w(\theta)]}{\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \sigma_0(\theta)} [w(\theta)]} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 852$$

where we denote $W_{\theta, \mathcal{X}} := W_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y)$, $w(\theta) := \frac{\exp(W_{\theta, \mathcal{X}})}{\sigma_0(\theta)}$, and $\sigma_0(\theta) \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ denotes the proposed distribution. The unidirectional energy-based sliced Wasserstein distance given in Eq. 18 can be computed via importance sampling estimator L Monte Carlo $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L$ sampled from $\sigma_0(\theta)$: 853
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$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniEBSW}} = \left(\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L [W_{\theta_l, \mathcal{X}} \tilde{w}(\theta_l)] \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad 859$$

Algorithm 1 Computational algorithm of the unidirectional SW distance

Input: Features extracted from feature extractor module $\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y$; $p \geq 1$; soft features similarity $\hat{\Pi}$ from Eq. 9; and the number of projections L .

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Compute  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$ 
for  $l = 1$  to  $L$  do
    Sample  $\theta_l \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ 
    Compute  $v_l = \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y)$ 
end for
Compute  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniSW}} = \left( \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L v_l \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 
Return:  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniSW}}$ 

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Algorithm 2 Computational algorithm of the bidirectional SW distance

Input: Features extracted from feature extractor module $\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y$; $p \geq 1$; soft features similarity $\hat{\Pi}$ from Eq. 9; and the number of projections L .

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Compute  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x = \hat{\Pi}_{yx} \mathcal{F}_x$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$ 
for  $l = 1$  to  $L$  do
    Sample  $\theta_l \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ 
    Compute  $v_l = \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) + \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)$ 
end for
Compute  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{biSW}} = \left( \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L v_l \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 
Return:  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{biSW}}$ 

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Algorithm 3 Computational algorithm of the unidirectional EBSW distance

Input: Features extracted from feature extractor module $\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y$; $p \geq 1$; soft features similarity $\hat{\Pi}$ from Eq. 9; and the number of projections L .

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Compute  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$ 
for  $l = 1$  to  $L$  do
    Sample  $\theta_l \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ 
    Compute  $v_l = \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y)$ 
    Compute  $w_l = f(\mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y))$ 
end for
Compute  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniEBSW}} = \left( \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L v_l \frac{w_l}{\sum_{i=1}^L w_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 
Return:  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniEBSW}}$ 

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where $\tilde{w}(\theta_l) := \frac{w(\theta_l)}{\sum_{l'=1}^L w(\theta_{l'})}$. When $\sigma_0(\theta) = \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1}) = \frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2\pi^{d/2}}$ (a constant of θ) [37], we substitute $w(\theta_l)$ with $f(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{X}})$. We can choose the energy function $f(x) = e^x$, then the normalized importance weights become the Softmax function of $\mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{X}}$ as follows:

$$\tilde{w}(\theta_l) = \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{X}}) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{X}})}{\sum_{l'=1}^L \exp(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_{l'}, \mathcal{X}})}$$

Based on the computation of unidirectional energy-based sliced Wasserstein distance, we can compute the

bidirectional energy-based sliced Wasserstein distance, i.e. 862
 \mathcal{L}_{biEBSW} , in Eq. 11 as follows: 863

$$\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{biEBSW}} = \left(\frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L [(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{X}} + \mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{Y}}) \hat{w}(\theta_l)] \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad (20) \quad \text{864}$$

where we denote $\mathbf{W}_{\theta, \mathcal{Y}} := \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)$, and $\hat{w}(\theta_l) := \frac{\exp(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{X}} + \mathbf{W}_{\theta_l, \mathcal{Y}})}{\sum_{l'=1}^L \exp(\mathbf{W}_{\theta_{l'}, \mathcal{X}} + \mathbf{W}_{\theta_{l'}, \mathcal{Y}})}$. It is worth noting that the importance weights of \mathcal{L}_{biEBSW} in Eq. 20 are different from that 865
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Algorithm 4 Computational algorithm of the bidirectional EBSW distance

Input: Features extracted from feature extractor module $\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y$; $p \geq 1$; soft features similarity $\hat{\Pi}$ from Eq. 9; and the number of projections L .

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Compute  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_x = \hat{\Pi}_{yx} \mathcal{F}_x$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_y = \hat{\Pi}_{xy} \mathcal{F}_y$ 
for  $l = 1$  to  $L$  do
    Sample  $\theta_l \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ 
    Compute  $v_l = \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) + \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x)$ 
    Compute  $w_l = f(\mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_x, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_y) + \mathbf{W}_p^p(\theta_l \sharp \mathcal{F}_y, \theta_l \sharp \hat{\mathcal{F}}_x))$ 
end for
Compute  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{biEBSW}} = \left( \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L v_l \frac{w_l}{\sum_{i=1}^L w_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 
Return:  $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{biEBSW}}$ 
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Algorithm 5 Algorithm of the adaptive refinement

Input: Pair shapes \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} with their Laplace-Beltrami operators Φ_x, Φ_y . Trained model with parameter \mathcal{G}_Θ . Number of refinement steps T .

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while reach T do
    Compute  $\mathcal{F}_x = \mathcal{G}_\Theta(\mathcal{X}, \Phi_x)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_y = \mathcal{G}_\Theta(\mathcal{Y}, \Phi_y)$ .                                 $\triangleright$  Extract features.
    Compute  $C_{xy}, C_{yx} = \text{FMSolver}(\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y, \Phi_x, \Phi_y)$ .                             $\triangleright$  Find functional map via FM solver.
    Compute  $\tilde{\Pi}_{xy}, \tilde{\Pi}_{yx} = \text{Sinkhorn}(\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y)$ .                                 $\triangleright$  Estimate pseudo similarity matrix via Sinkhorn.
    Compute unsupervised losses  $\mathcal{L}_{total}(\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y, C_{xy}, C_{yx}, \tilde{\Pi}_{xy}, \tilde{\Pi}_{yx})$ .
    Update features and soft similarity matrix by minimizing  $\mathcal{L}_{total}$ .
end while
Compute  $P = NN(\mathcal{F}_x, \mathcal{F}_y)$                                                $\triangleright$  Compute point-to-point correspondence via nearest neighbor search.
Return:  $P$ 
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of $\widehat{\mathcal{L}_{uniEBSW}}$ in Eq. 19, since the slicing distribution here is shared and affected by both one-dimensional Wasserstein distances, thus providing a more expressive projecting features for computing sliced Wasserstein distance. We provide a pseudo-code for computing the unidirectional and bidirectional energy-based sliced Wasserstein distance in Algorithm 3 and Algorithm 4, respectively.

Adaptive refinement. As discussed in Sec. 4.5, we refine our correspondence result by estimating the pseudo-soft correspondence via entropic regularized optimal transport. The pseudo-code for our adaptive refinement is given in Algorithm 5.

11. Implementation details

All experiments are implemented using Pytorch 2.0, and executed on a system equipped with an NVIDIA GeForce RTX GPU 2080 Ti and an Intel Xeon(R) Gold 5218 CPU. We employ DiffusionNet [49] as the feature extraction mechanism, with wave kernel signatures (WKS) [6] serving as the input features. The dimension of the WKS is set to 128 for all of our experiments. Regarding spectral resolution, we opt for the first 200 eigenfunctions derived from the Laplacian matrices to form the spectral embed-

ding. The output features of the feature extractor are set to 256. During training, the value of the learning rate is set to $1e - 3$ with cosine annealing to the minimum learning rate of $1e - 4$. The network is optimized with Adam optimizer with batch size 1. About adaptive refinement, the number of refinement iterations is empirically set to 12.

Regarding the loss functions, as stated in Eq. 13, we empirically set $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 = 1.0, \lambda_2 = 100.0$. About the weight for each component of \mathcal{L}_{fmap} in Eq. 8, we set $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 1.0$. Regarding Sliced Wasserstein distance and energy-based sliced Wasserstein distance, we set $p = 2, L = 200$ for all of our experiments.

12. Additional visualizations

In this section, we provide additional visualizations of our proposed approach on multiple datasets.

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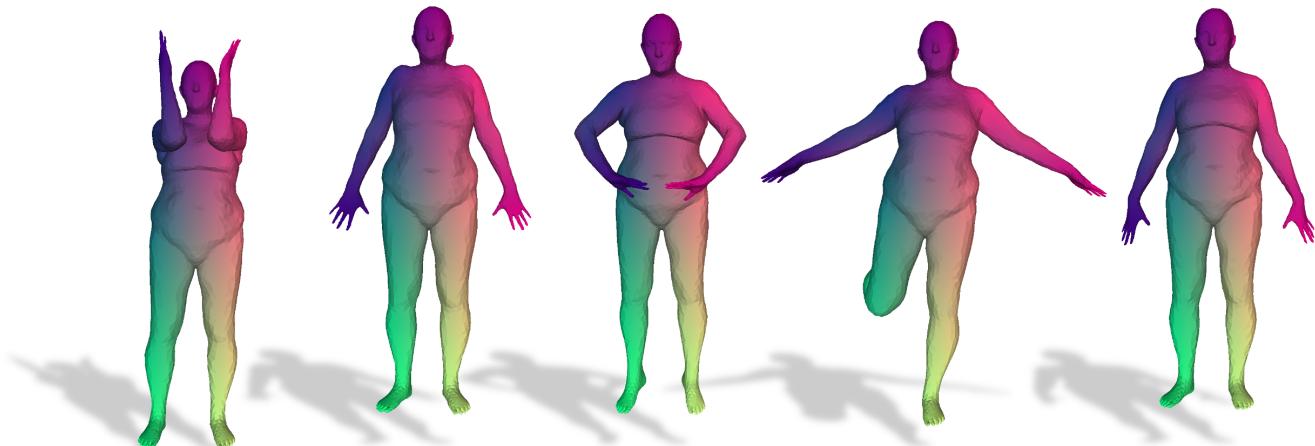


Figure 5. Qualitative results of our method on FAUST dataset.



Figure 6. Qualitative results of our method on SCAPE dataset.



Figure 7. Qualitative results of our method on SHREC dataset.

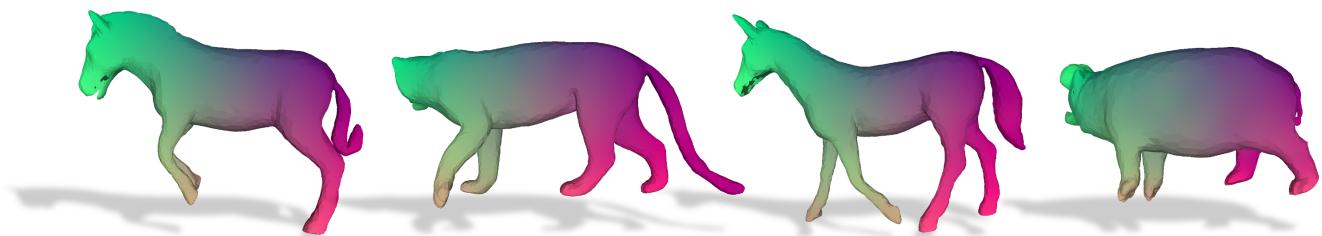


Figure 8. Qualitative results of our method on SMAL dataset.

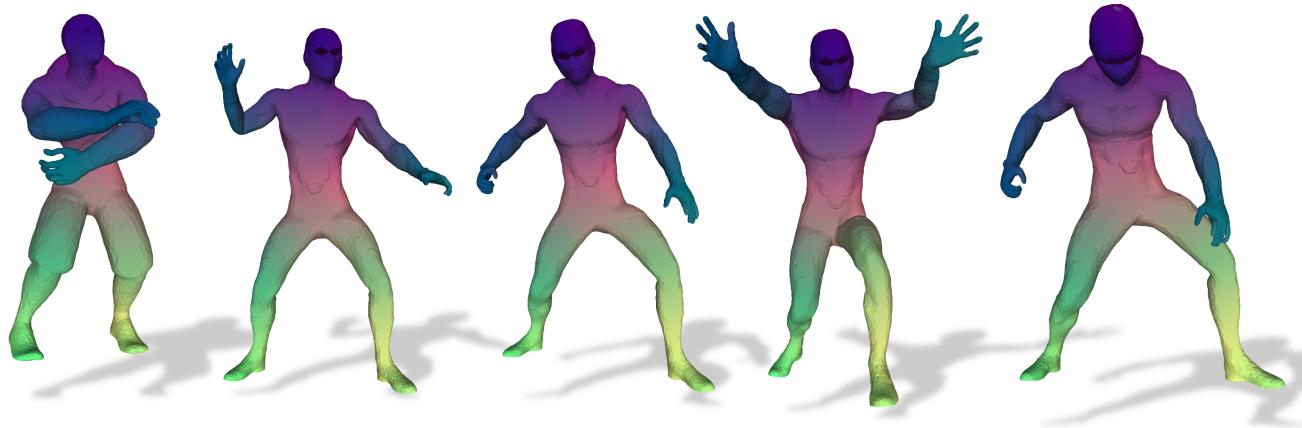


Figure 9. Qualitative results of our method on DT4D-H dataset.

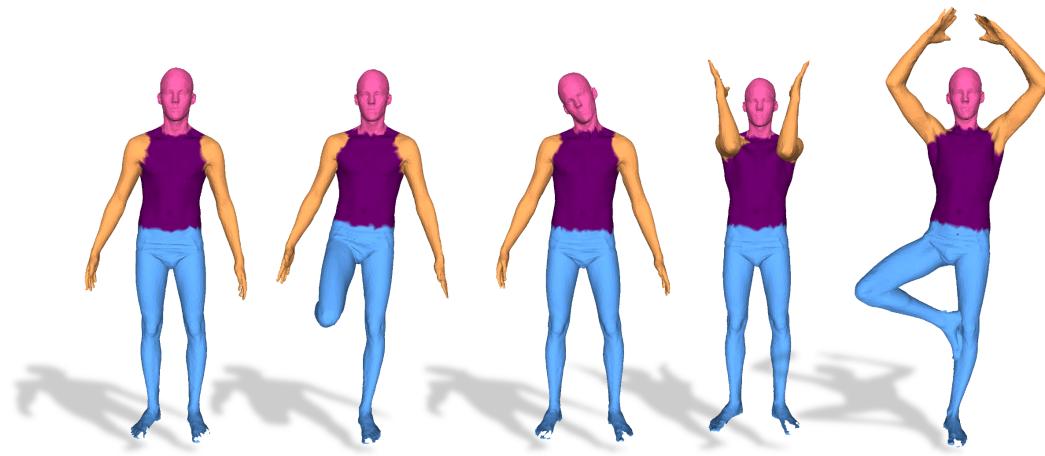


Figure 10. Qualitative results of our method on segmentation transfer coarse FAUST dataset.

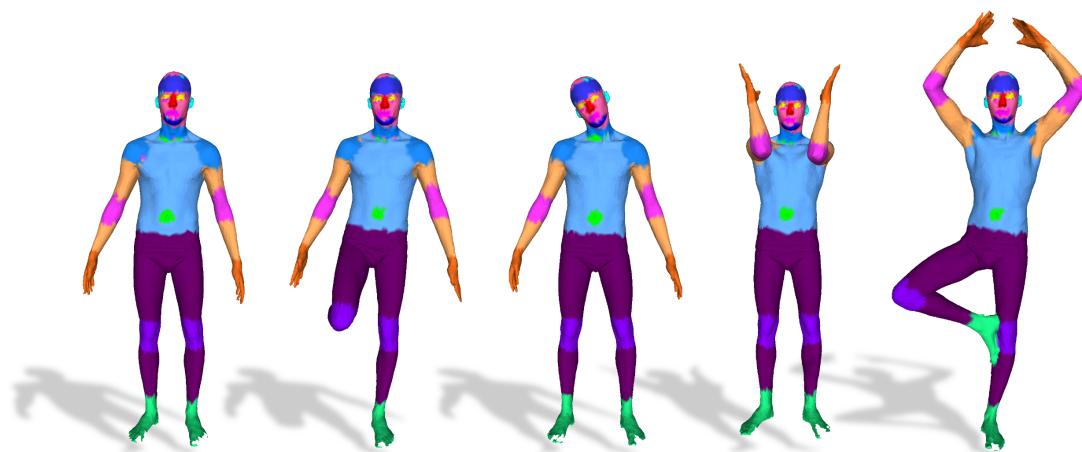


Figure 11. Qualitative results of our method on segmentation transfer fine-grained FAUST dataset.