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Deep Closest Point: Learning Representations for Point Cloud Registration

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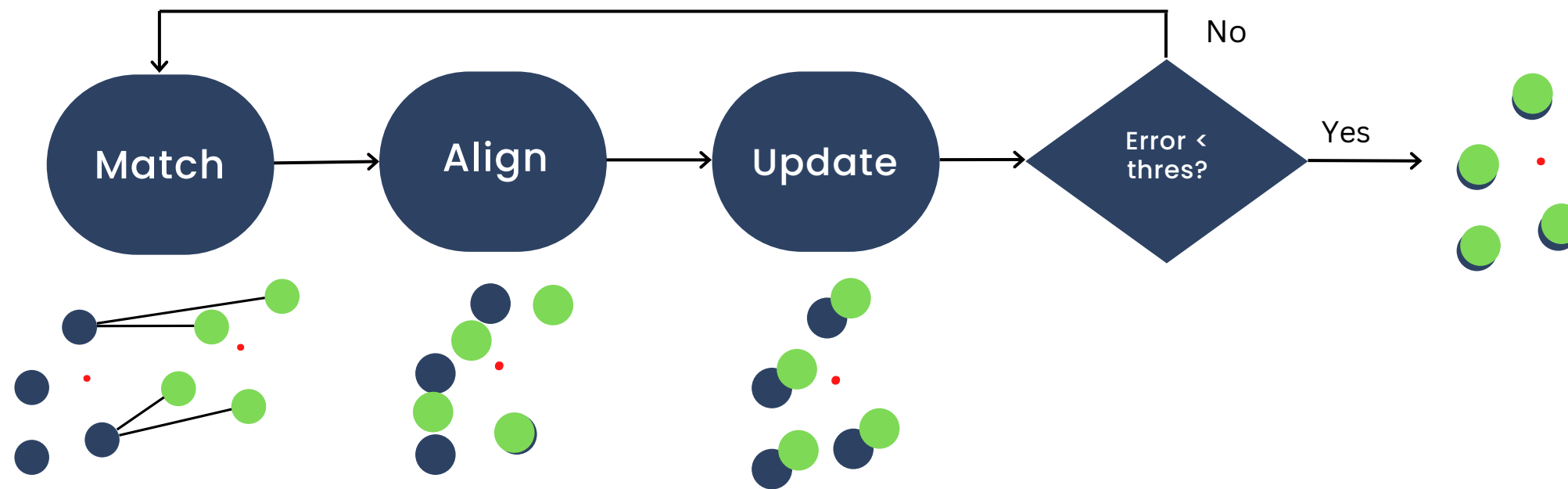
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Introduction

Motivation

- ICP and its variants
 - Simple, easily-implemented **iterative** methods
 - Local minima problem (classic ICP)



$$\mathcal{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_i, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_j, \dots, \mathbf{y}_M\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$[\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}}, \mathbf{t}_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}}]$$

$$E(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}}, \mathbf{t}_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \|\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}} \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{t}_{\mathcal{X}\mathcal{Y}} - \mathbf{y}_i\|^2.$$

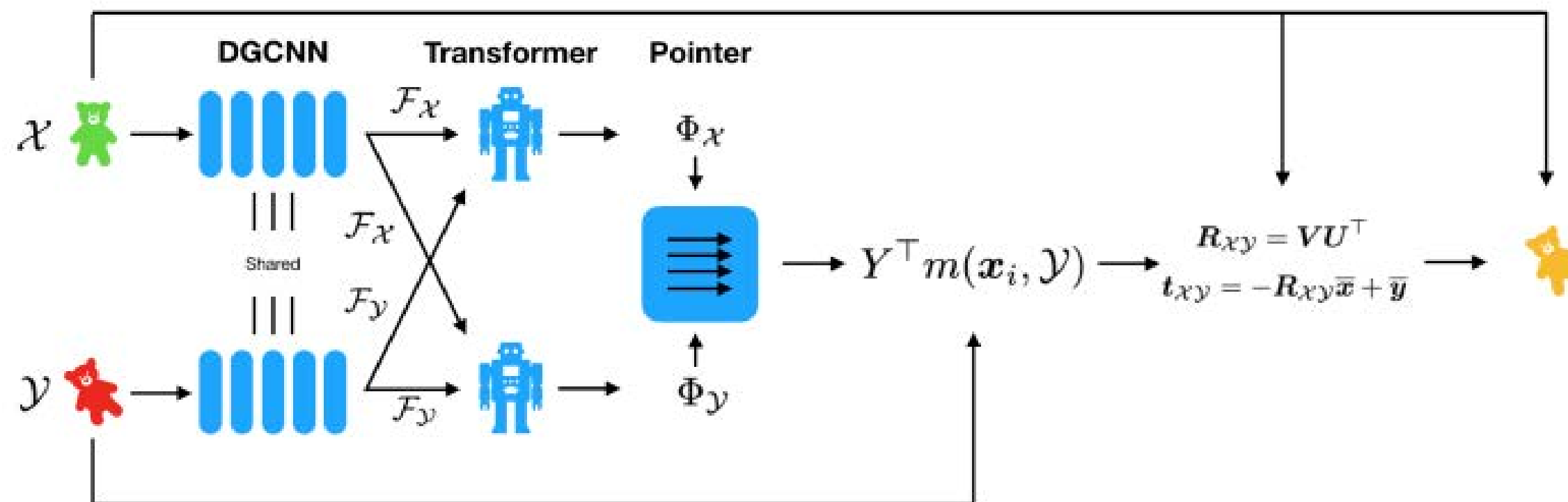
Motivation

- Wang and Solomon
 - Deep Learn perspective
 - Inspiration from computer vision, natural language techniques
 - Deep Closest Point (DCP)
 - Address ICP issues

DCP

Pipeline

- Three modules
 - Point cloud embedding network
 - Matching pairs of points
 - Attention-based module combining pointer network
 - Correspondences, two point clouds
 - Singular value decomposition (SVD) layer
 - Transformation

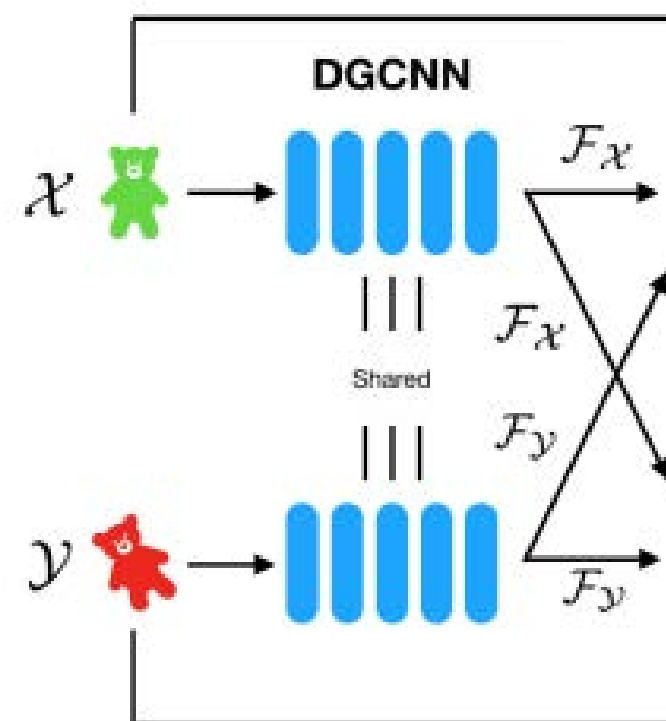


Pipeline – Point Cloud Embedding Network

- Unaligned input clouds -> find matching pairs of points
- PointNet
 - Independently
- Dynamic Graph CNN (DGCNN)
 - Local neighborhood

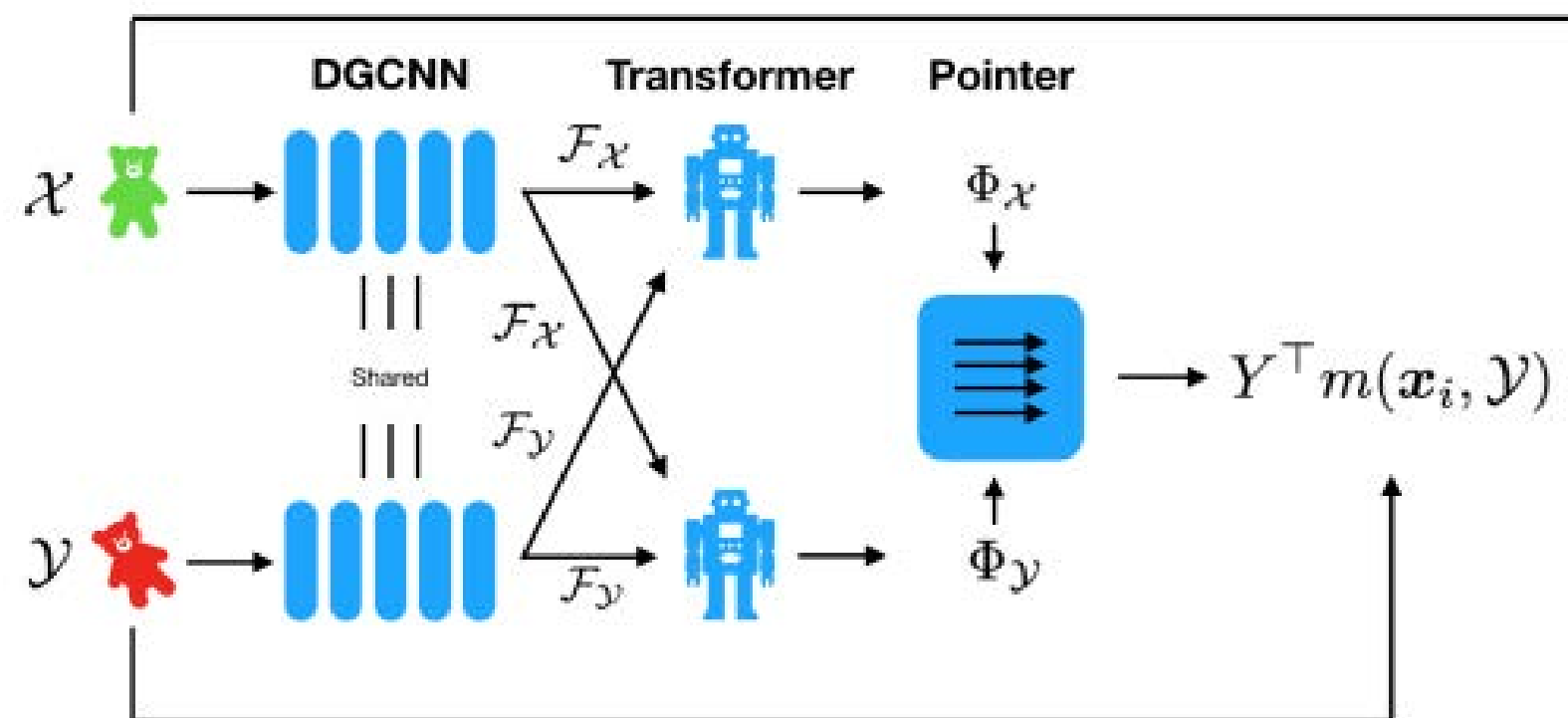
$$\mathbf{x}_i^l = f(\{h_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i^{l-1}, \mathbf{x}_j^{l-1}) \forall j \in \mathcal{N}_i\}),$$

$\mathcal{N}_i = \text{neighbor of vertex } i$



Pipeline – Transformer & Pointer

- Attention (Transformer)
 - Improve matching features
 - Learn co-contextual information
 - Encoder
 - Self-attention, shared MLP
 - Decoder
 - Encoder, co-attention
- Pointer Generation
 - Probabilistic approach



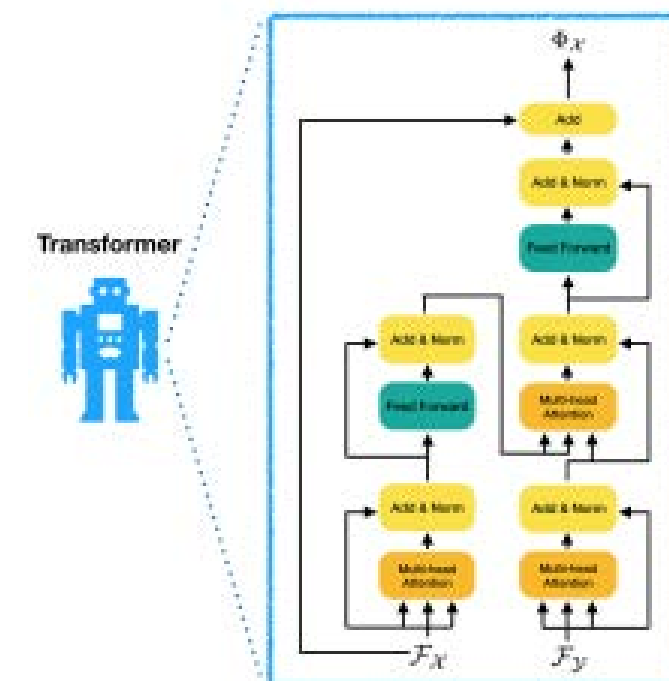
$$\Phi_\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{F}_\mathcal{X} + \phi(\mathcal{F}_\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}_\mathcal{Y})$$

$$\Phi_\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{F}_\mathcal{Y} + \phi(\mathcal{F}_\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{F}_\mathcal{X})$$

$$\Phi_\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{F}_\mathcal{X}$$

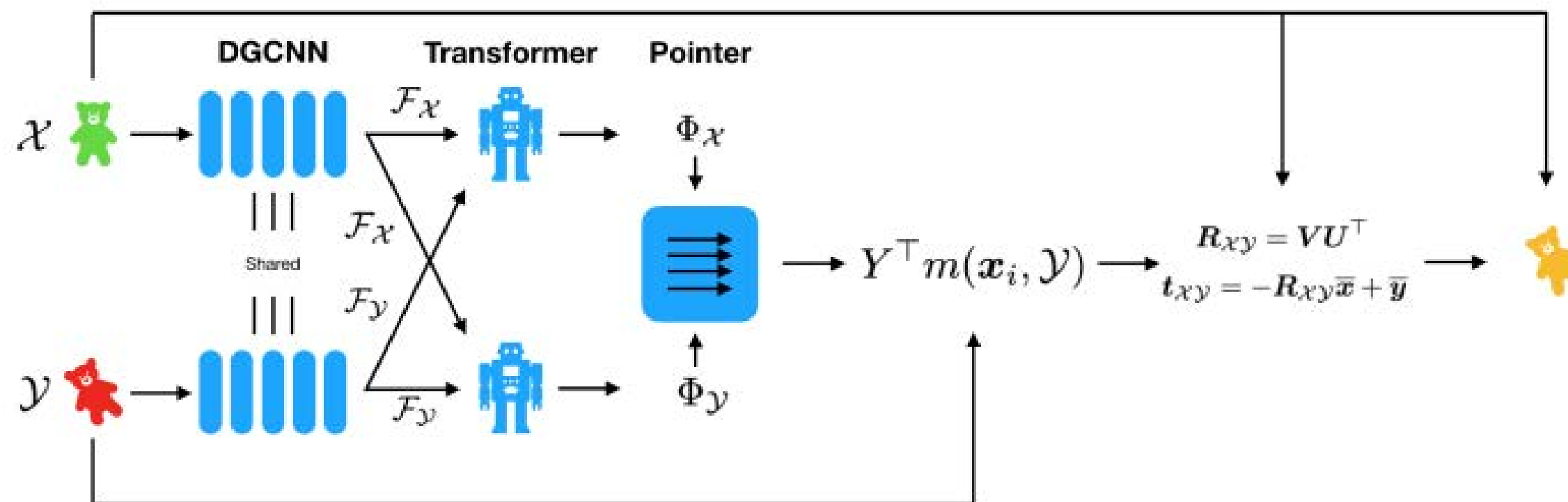
$$\Phi_\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{F}_\mathcal{Y}$$

$$m(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathcal{Y}) = \text{softmax}(\Phi_\mathcal{Y} \Phi_{\mathbf{x}_i}^\top).$$



Pipeline - SVD

- From soft match to rigid motion
 - $[R_{xy}, t_{xy}]$



Pipeline - Loss

- DCGNN and attention module
 - Parameterized by NN weights

$$\text{Loss} = \underbrace{\| \mathbf{R}_{xy}^T \mathbf{R}_{xy}^g - \mathbf{I} \|^2 + \| t_{xy} - t_{xy}^g \|^2}_{\text{Deviation of } [R_{xy}, t_{xy}] \text{ from GT}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|\theta\|^2}_{\text{Tikhonov regularization}}$$

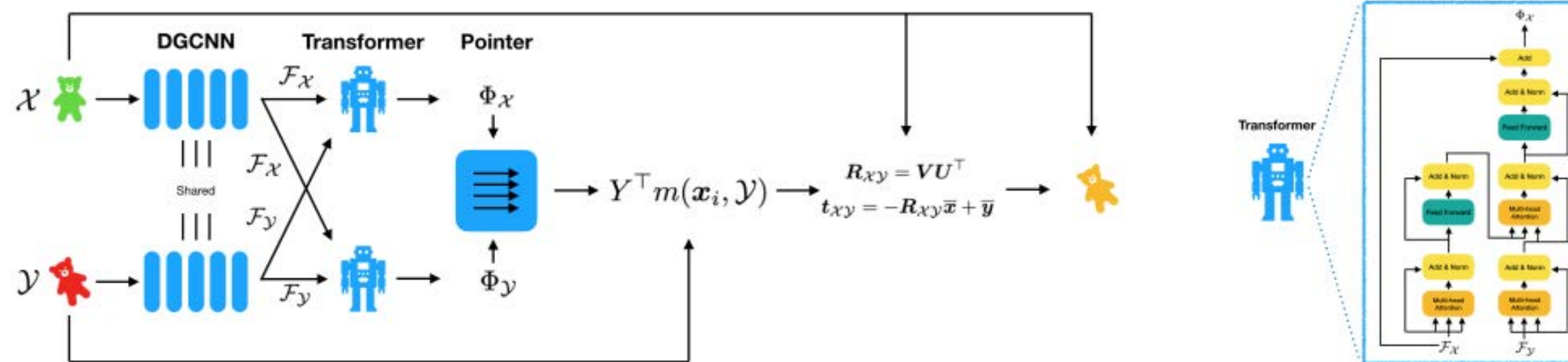
Deviation of $[R_{xy}, t_{xy}]$ from GT

Tikhonov regularization

Experiments and Results

Background

- Two models
 - DCP-v1 & DCP-v2
- ICP, Go-ICP, Fast Global Registration (FGR) and PointNetLK
- ModelNet40
- MSE, RMSE, MAE



Experiment 1

- Full training and test set
- No knowledge of the category label
- Test on unseen point clouds

| Model | MSE(\mathcal{R}) | RMSE(\mathcal{R}) | MAE(\mathcal{R}) | MSE(t) | RMSE(t) | MAE(t) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ICP | 894.897339 | 29.914835 | 23.544817 | 0.084643 | 0.290935 | 0.248755 |
| Go-ICP [53] | 140.477325 | 11.852313 | 2.588463 | 0.000659 | 0.025665 | 0.007092 |
| FGR [57] | 87.661491 | 9.362772 | 1.999290 | 0.000194 | 0.013939 | 0.002839 |
| PointNetLK [16] | 227.870331 | 15.095374 | 4.225304 | 0.000487 | 0.022065 | 0.005404 |
| DCP-v1 (ours) | 6.480572 | 2.545697 | 1.505548 | 0.000003 | 0.001763 | 0.001451 |
| DCP-v2 (ours) | 1.307329 | 1.143385 | 0.770573 | 0.000003 | 0.001786 | 0.001195 |

Experiment 2

- Generalizability
- Dataset split evenly by category
- Test on unseen categories

| Model | MSE(R) | RMSE(R) | MAE(R) | MSE(t) | RMSE(t) | MAE(t) |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ICP | 892.601135 | 29.876431 | 23.626110 | 0.086005 | 0.293266 | 0.251916 |
| Go-ICP [53] | 192.258636 | 13.865736 | 2.914169 | 0.000491 | 0.022154 | 0.006219 |
| FGR [57] | 97.002747 | 9.848997 | 1.445460 | 0.000182 | 0.013503 | 0.002231 |
| PointNetLK [16] | 306.323975 | 17.502113 | 5.280545 | 0.000784 | 0.028007 | 0.007203 |
| DCP-v1 (ours) | 19.201385 | 4.381938 | 2.680408 | 0.000025 | 0.004950 | 0.003597 |
| DCP-v2 (ours) | 9.923701 | 3.150191 | 2.007210 | 0.000025 | 0.005039 | 0.003703 |

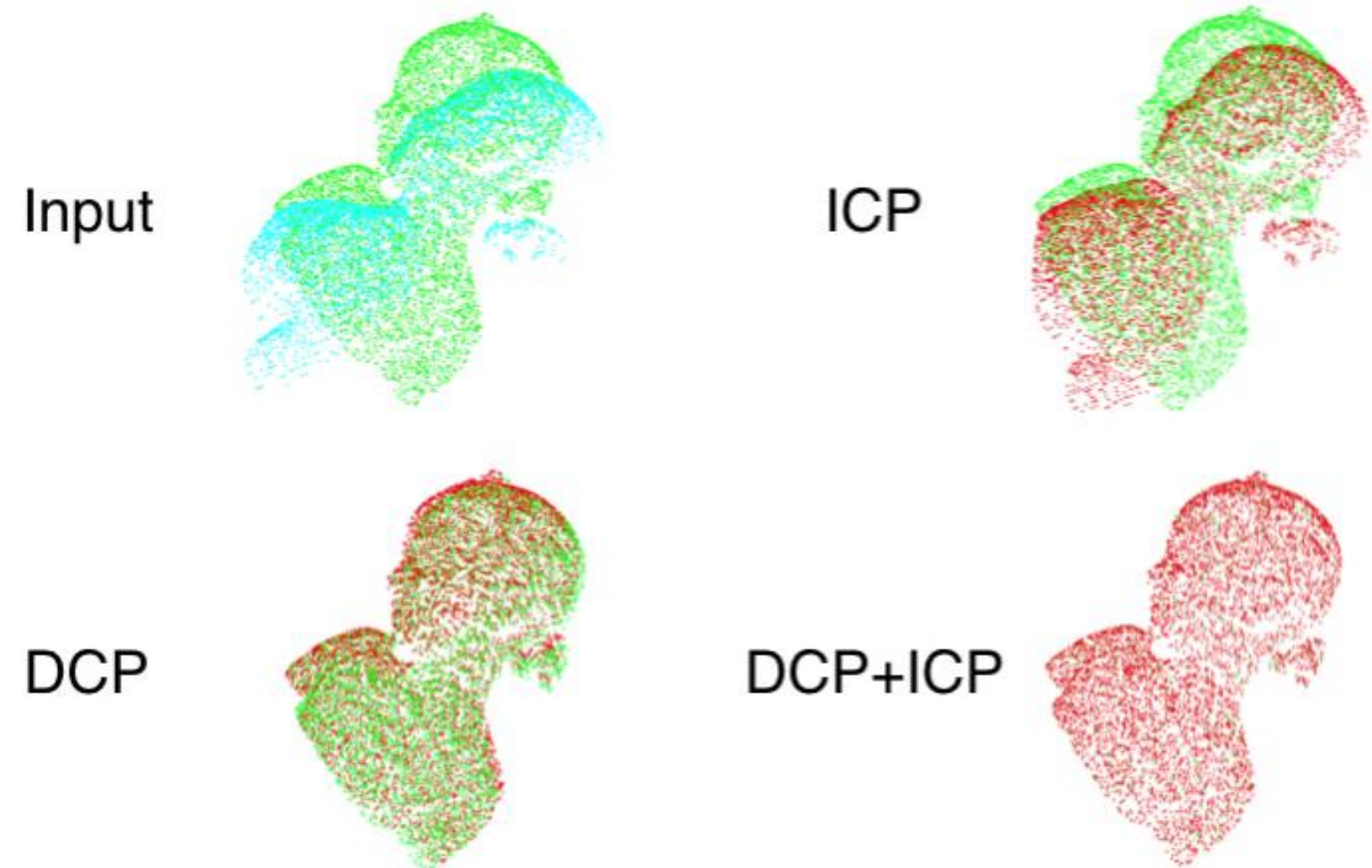
Experiment 3

- DCP-v1
- Added noise on test data

| Model | MSE(\mathcal{R}) | RMSE(\mathcal{R}) | MAE(\mathcal{R}) | MSE(t) | RMSE(t) | MAE(t) |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ICP | 882.564209 | 29.707983 | 23.557217 | 0.084537 | 0.290752 | 0.249092 |
| Go-ICP [53] | 131.182495 | 11.453493 | 2.534873 | 0.000531 | 0.023051 | 0.004192 |
| FGR [57] | 607.694885 | 24.651468 | 10.055918 | 0.011876 | 0.108977 | 0.027393 |
| PointNetLK [16] | 256.155548 | 16.004860 | 4.595617 | 0.000465 | 0.021558 | 0.005652 |
| DCP-v1 (ours) | 6.926589 | 2.631841 | 1.515879 | 0.000003 | 0.001801 | 0.001697 |
| DCP-v2 (ours) | 1.169384 | 1.081380 | 0.737479 | 0.000002 | 0.001500 | 0.001053 |

Experiment 4

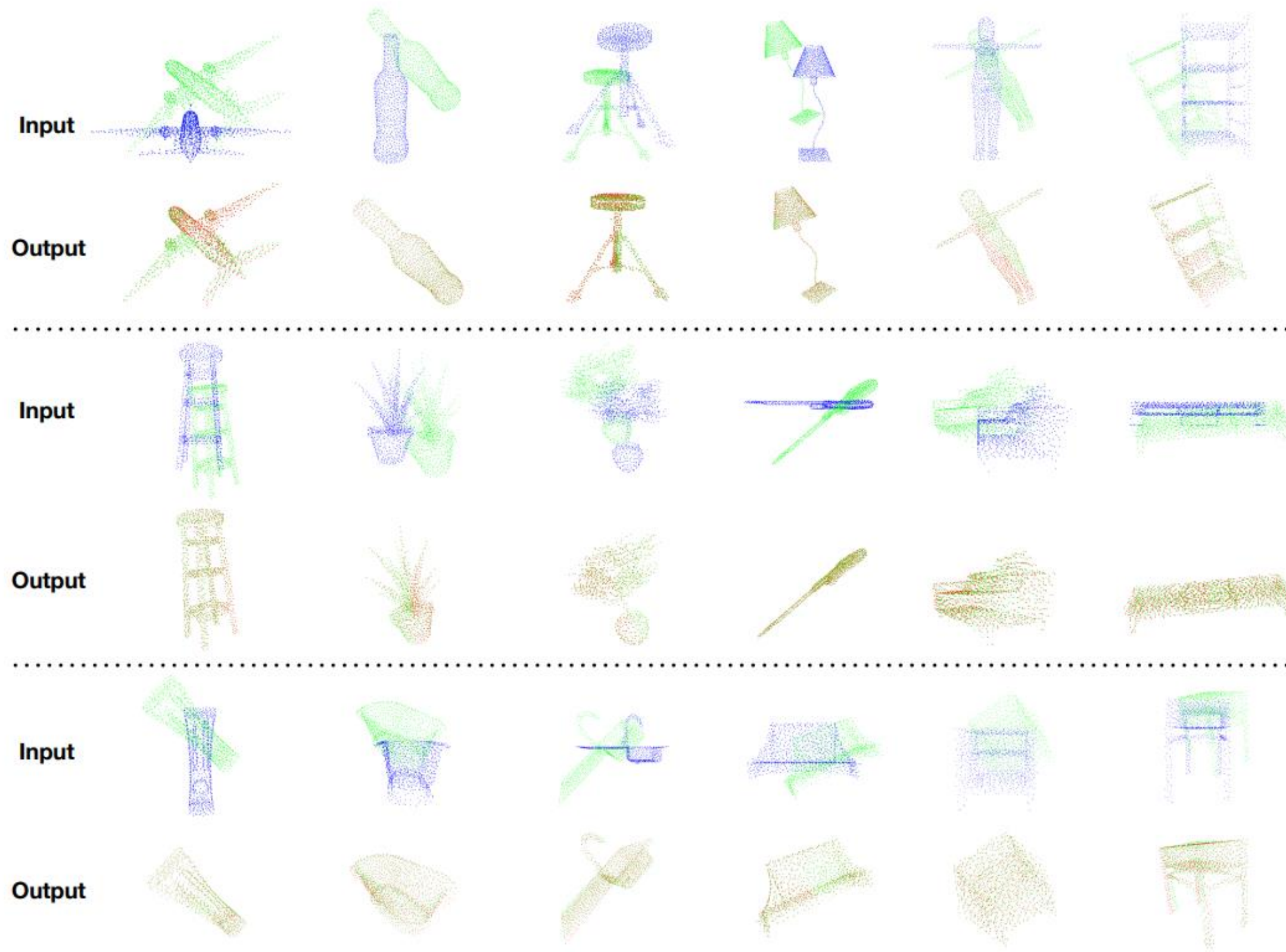
- DCP followed by ICP
 - Good initial guess for ICP



Experiment 5

- Inference time (seconds)
- Average of 100 results

| # points | ICP | Go-ICP | FGR | PointNetLK | DCP-v1 | DCP-v2 |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| 512 | 0.003972 | 15.012375 | 0.033297 | 0.043228 | 0.003197 | 0.007932 |
| 1024 | 0.004683 | 15.405995 | 0.088199 | 0.055630 | 0.003300 | 0.008295 |
| 2048 | 0.044634 | 15.766001 | 0.138076 | 0.146121 | 0.040397 | 0.073697 |
| 4096 | 0.044585 | 15.984596 | 0.157124 | 0.162007 | 0.039984 | 0.74263 |



Ablation Study

PointNet vs. DGCNN

| Metrics | PN+DCP-v1, | DGCNN+DCP-v1 | PN+DCP-v2 | DGCNN+DCP-v2 |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| $MSE(\mathcal{R})$ | 17.008427 | 6.480572 | 49.863022 | 1.307329 |
| $RMSE(\mathcal{R})$ | 4.124127 | 2.545697 | 7.061375 | 1.143385 |
| $MAE(\mathcal{R})$ | 2.800184 | 1.505548 | 4.485052 | 0.770573 |
| $MSE(t)$ | 0.000697 | 0.000003 | 0.000258 | 0.000003 |
| $RMSE(t)$ | 0.026409 | 0.001763 | 0.016051 | 0.001786 |
| $MAE(t)$ | 0.01327 | 0.001451 | 0.010546 | 0.001195 |

MLP vs. SVD

| Metrics | DCP-v1+MLP | DCP-v1+SVD | DCP-v2+MLP | DCP-v2+SVD |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| $MSE(\mathbf{R})$ | 21.115917 | 6.480572 | 9.923701 | 1.307329 |
| $RMSE(\mathbf{R})$ | 4.595206 | 2.545697 | 3.150191 | 1.143385 |
| $MAE(\mathbf{R})$ | 3.291298 | 1.505548 | 2.007210 | 0.770573 |
| $MSE(\mathbf{t})$ | 0.000861 | 0.000003 | 0.000025 | 0.000003 |
| $RMSE(\mathbf{t})$ | 0.029343 | 0.001763 | 0.005039 | 0.001786 |
| $MAE(\mathbf{t})$ | 0.022501 | 0.001451 | 0.003703 | 0.001195 |

Embedding Dimension

- Important parameter
- Spaces of different dimensions

| Metrics | DCP-v1 (512) | DCP-v1 (1024) | DCP-v2 (512) | DCP-v2 (1024) |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| $MSE(\mathbf{R})$ | 6.480572 | 7.291216 | 1.307329 | 1.217545 |
| $RMSE(\mathbf{R})$ | 2.545697 | 2.700225 | 1.143385 | 1.103424 |
| $MAE(\mathbf{R})$ | 1.505548 | 1.616465 | 0.770573 | 0.750242 |
| $MSE(\mathbf{t})$ | 0.000003 | 0.000001 | 0.000003 | 0.000003 |
| $RMSE(\mathbf{t})$ | 0.001763 | 0.001150 | 0.001786 | 0.001696 |
| $MAE(\mathbf{t})$ | 0.001451 | 0.000677 | 0.001195 | 0.001170 |

Conclusion

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- High-quality alignment
- Further work
 - Iteratively
 - Reinforcement learning
 - Scenes
 - Larger pipelines
 - SLAM or SFM