

### Exploring Collections of 3D Models using Fuzzy Correspondences

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Ovsjanikov et al., SIGGRAPH 2011

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### Approach

Compute correspondences between similar points on all models in the collection



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Allen et al., SIGGRAPH 2003.

#### **Problem: Representing Correspondences**

Point-to-point correspondences are not welldefined for all pairs of models



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## **Problem: Matching Dissimilar Shapes**

Geometric alignment algorithms work well only for similar pairs of shapes





## **Solution: Transitivity**

Leverage correspondences between similar shapes to reason about correspondences in dissimilar shapes



## **Problem: Handling N<sup>2</sup> Complexity**

Computing pairwise alignments for all pairs is too expensive for large collections: O(N<sup>2</sup>) alignments



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#### **Example Collection**



#### **Step 1: Sample Points**



#### Input Model

**K** Points









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# Quantitative Evaluation – refer to paper

#### Experiments:

- Diffusion and optimization improve correspondences
- $\circ$  Far less than N² alignments are necessary
- Larger collections yield better correspondences
- Our method compare favorably on benchmarks



Chairs, Bikes, & Airplanes from Google 3D Warehouse [Kim et al. 2012]



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Key features enabled by fuzzy correspondences

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# **Aligning Models**

#### Find best alignment weighted by fuzzy corrs.



# **Sorting by Similarity**

#### Sort based on similarity in aligned regions



# Sorting by Similarity: Intrinsic Matching

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# **Sorting with Multiple Facets**

#### Provide several similarity objectives



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# Exploration with Fuzzy Correspondences Allows navigating in shape space by interactively selecting regions of interest

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#### Long-term:

- Higher-level understanding of collections of shapes
- Data-driven Analysis: segmentation, labeling
- Data-driven Synthesis: assembly-based modeling

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#### **CODE AND DATA**

http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~vk/CorrsFuzzy

### **Additional Slides**
A small subset of pairwise alignments suffices



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Best results on examples in [Nguyen et al., 2011]



Best results on benchmark in [Kim et al. 2011]



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