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Learning Bijective Surface Parameterization for Inferring Signed Distance Functions from Sparse Point Clouds with Grid Deformation

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Abstract

001 Inferring signed distance functions (SDFs) from sparse 002 point clouds remains a challenge in surface reconstruction. The key lies in the lack of detailed geometric information in 003 sparse point clouds, which is essential for learning a con-004 tinuous field. To resolve this issue, we present a novel ap-005 proach that learns a dynamic deformation network to pre-006 dict SDFs in an end-to-end manner. To parameterize a con-007 008 tinuous surface from sparse points, we propose a bijective surface parameterization (BSP) that learns the global shape 009 010 from local patches. Specifically, we construct a bijective mapping for sparse points from the parametric domain to 011 3D local patches, integrating patches into the global sur-012 face. Meanwhile, we introduce grid deformation optimiza-013 tion (GDO) into the surface approximation to optimize the 014 deformation of grid points and further refine the paramet-015 ric surfaces. Experimental results on synthetic and real 016 scanned datasets demonstrate that our method significantly 017 outperforms the current state-of-the-art methods. 018

1. Introduction

Surface reconstruction from 3D point clouds is an important 020 021 task in 3D computer vision. Continuous surfaces are widely used in downstream applications, such as autonomous driv-022 ing, VR, and robotics. With the development of deep learn-023 024 ing [2, 16, 17, 38, 43], significant breakthroughs have been 025 made in learning signed distance functions (SDFs) to repre-026 sent continuous surfaces [12, 21]. The SDFs learned from 027 dense point clouds are continuous and complete, which allow us to obtain robust isosurfaces of discrete scalar fields 028 using the Marching-cubes algorithm [27]. However, when 029 confronted with sparse point clouds, current approaches fail 030 to accurately predict a signed distance field around the sur-031 032 face, impacting their performance on the real-world scenario where only sparse point clouds are available. 033

Previous works [13, 19, 34, 39] which infer the SDFsfrom raw point clouds typically require ground truth signed

distances or dense point clouds as supervision. With sparse 036 point clouds, current state-of-the-art methods [3] obtain 037 shape priors from large scale supervision to handle the 038 sparsity. Although prior-based methods can leverage data-039 driven information to infer SDFs with simple topological 040 structures, they still struggle to deal with real-world diverse 041 sparse inputs containing complex geometries. Some meth-042 ods learn self-supervised up-sampling priors from sparse 043 point clouds to maintain the shape integrity [8, 36]. How-044 ever, these approaches still do not work well with sparse 045 points, making it remain challenging to recover complete 046 geometry. 047

To address this issue, we propose Bijective Surface Parameterization (BSP) for learning a continuous global surface. Unlike previous approaches, we construct a continuous bijective mapping between the canonical spherical parametric domain and the 3D space. For each 3D point, we transform it into a code on the sphere manifold in the parameter space, and then regard the code as a center to densify the patch it locates by sampling more codes on the sphere. With the learned BSP, we transform each densified patch in the parameter space back into 3D space, leading to a 3D shape with denser points. Compared to methods which directly upsample a global shape, we train local patches with a shared network to recover more details on patches.

Based on the densified points, we propose a Grid Deformation Optimization (GDO) strategy to estimate the SDFs. Our key insight is to utilize deformable tetrahedral grids to generate watertight shapes under the supervision of densified points. To this end, we sample uniformly distributed vertices from the generated shape to match the densified points. It allows us to progressively learn SDFs from coarse to fine.

Extensive experiments on widely-used benchmark datasets demonstrate that our method significantly outperforms the current state-of-the-art methods. Our contributions are summarized as follows:

• We propose a novel framework that learns the neural deformation network to infer signed distance fields from sparse points without additional surface priors.

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- We demonstrate that learning bijective surface parameterization can parameterize the surface represented by sparse points, which introduces a novel way of sampling dense patches in the parameter space.
- We achieve state-of-the-art results in surface reconstruction on synthetic data and real scenes in widely used benchmarks, demonstrating the great potential in sparse reconstruction tasks.

084 2. Related Work

Surface reconstruction from 3D point clouds has made sig-085 nificant progress over the years [6, 25, 26, 32, 43]. Ear-086 lier optimization based methods infer continuous surfaces 087 from the point cloud geometry. With the development of 088 datasets[1, 15], deep learning methods achieved promising 089 090 results. In particular, learning the neural implicit field (NIF) has been widely applied in various reconstruction tasks, 091 including multiview reconstruction[22, 35], point cloud 092 093 reconstruction[18, 29, 51], and occupancy estimation[33, 34, 37]. In the following section, we focus on implicit rep-094 095 resentation learning methods based on sparse point clouds. Neural Implicit Surface Reconstruction. In recent years, 096 a lot of advances have been made in 3D surface reconstruc-097 098 tion tasks with NIF methods. NIF represents shapes in implicit functions using occupancy [10, 37, 43] or signed dis-099 tance functions [30, 31, 53] and reconstructs surfaces with 100 the Marching-cubes algorithm. Previous studies employ the 101 global optimization based strategy [28, 42], embedding ob-102 jects as latent codes to predict the NIF. Furthermore, to 103 reconstruct finer local details, some methods use different 104 training strategies to capture the local priors [11, 44]. In 105 106 addition, some recent methods introduce new perspectives for learning NIF through differentiable Poisson solvers [38], 107 iso-points [51], and grid interpolation[7]. However, these 108 109 methods rely on dense point cloud inputs or real signed dis-110 tance values and normals, which limits their ability to accu-111 rately predict NIF from sparse point clouds.

112 Learning Self-Priors from Sparse Points Clouds. Learning NIF from sparse point clouds without real supervision 113 is a more intricate task. Onsurf [3] manages to under-114 stand sparse points by using pretrained priors. However, 115 it is limited by the weak generalization ability for diverse 116 117 inputs. Some studies focus on learning NIF from sparse point clouds. Ndrop[5] introduces a statistical strategy to 118 119 learn the decision function for implicit occupancy fields with sample points. However, this method struggles to 120 121 constrain all sample points accurately. Building on this, 122 SparseOcc[36] utilizes a classifier to simplify the process 123 of learning occupancy functions, which significantly improves the efficiency to learn occupancy field from sparse 124 inputs. Despite these advancements, these methods only 125 126 depend on sparse inputs as supervision, the learned deci-127 sion functions tend to produce coarse approximations and

fail to handle extremely sparse or complex inputs. Mean-
while, inferring smooth surfaces from occupancy fields still128challenging. VIPSS[20] and SparseOcc attempt to address
this issue through Hermite interpolation and entropy-based
regularization. However, these approaches are sensitive to
hyperparameters and lack general applicability.128129130131132133

Learning Parametric Surfaces from Sparse Point 134 **Clouds.** Previous studies [45, 52] proved that learning sur-135 face parameterization can map across dimensions and nat-136 urally infer the geometry of shapes. Although TPS[8] ex-137 plores its application to sparse point clouds, it is limited by 138 sparse inputs and only learn parametric surface in global 139 manner. TPS++[9] additionally introduces structure-aware 140 distance constraints to enhance accuracy. However, it still 141 struggles to learn the global geometry from local parametric 142 surfaces. To address this issue, we propose bijective surface 143 parameterization, which enables networks to learn multiple 144 local parametric surfaces from the sparse point cloud and 145 infer a finer global surface. 146

Dynamic Deformation Network. Neural deformation net-147 work [40, 41, 55] dynamically learns 3D shapes with arbi-148 trary topological structures using differentiable mesh vertex 149 grids. GET3D [14] explicitly learns 3D models through a 150 differentiable decoder to obtain detailed 3D models. By 151 contrast, DynoSurf [50] learns keyframe point clouds as 152 templates and uses neural networks to predict movement 153 steps to obtain time-series 3D models with arbitrary topo-154 logical structures. However, these methods rely on dense 155 point clouds or pre trained embeddings. Here, we explore 156 the feasibility of learning a deformation network for sparse 157 tasks from a new perspective. During training, we learn 158 parametric surfaces from sparse point clouds as supervision 159 and learn implicit fields through the deformation of tetrahe-160 dral vertices in a differential manner. 161

3. Method

3.1. Overview

Given a sparse point cloud $Q = \{q_n\}_{n=1}^N$, we aim to learn 164 the signed distance field that represents a continuous surface 165 from Q. An overview of the proposed method is shown in 166 Fig. 1. We present the bijective surface parameterization 167 (BSP) in Fig. 1 (a) to learn a continuous parametric surface 168 representation. We first learn a canonical mapping Ψ to en-169 code Q into the unit sphere parametric domain \mathcal{U} , where 170 we can sample local patches $P = \{p_m\}_{m=1}^M$ around each 171 point. Subsequently, we learn an inverse mapping Ψ to de-172 code ${\cal P}$ back to 3D space and integrate patches into a global 173 surface $S = \{s_i\}_{i=1}^{I}$. With S as supervision, we employ 174 the grid deformation optimization (GDO) strategy to move 175 the deformable grid points $V = \{v_j\}_{j=1}^J$ towards S to infer 176 the SDFs shown in Fig. 1 (b). The target is to minimize 177 the differences between S and Q. Moreover, We regulate 178



Figure 1. Overview of Our method. Given a sparse point cloud Q, we first learn a mapping function Φ to encode Q to a unit sphere parametric domain. We consider each point as center point and sample local patches on the parametric surface. Next, we learn the inverse mapping Ψ to predict the positions of these local patches in 3D space and integrate them to obtain S. We leverage S as the supervision for the grid deformation network g and predict the signed distance field through the GDO optimization strategy. We further extract dense point cloud \overline{V} from the implicit field and optimize the parameterized surface S.

179the deformation of V by constraining the distance between180V and S to infer a continuous surface. To predict accurate181SDFs, we also encourage V to be on the zero level set of182the field. In this section, we will begin with introducing183the bijective surface parameterisation (BSP). Subsequently,184we will describe the grid deformation optimisation (GDO)185strategy in the following.

186 3.2. Bijective Surface Parameterization

187Previous methods [8] are constrained in representing con-188tinuous surfaces with multiple patches due to sparsity,189which limits the completeness of the parametric surface. In190contrast, we learn two mapping functions to achieve this: Φ 191maps each $q \in Q$ to the canonical parametric domain while192 Ψ conducts inverse mapping. We learn two mapping functions with an auto-encoder structure as follows.

Canonical Mapping Φ . For each point $q_n \in Q$, we first encode the point-wise feature $\Phi(q_n)$ based on the PointTransformer [46] layer Φ , which can be formulated as

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$$\Phi(q_n) = \sum_{q_k=1}^k \rho(\gamma(\beta(q_n) - \eta(q_k) + \xi)) \odot (\alpha(q_k) + \xi), \quad (1)$$

198 where k is the set of k-nearest neighbors (KNN) of q_n , we 199 set k = 8 by default. $\{\alpha, \beta, \eta\}$ are linear layers, $\{\gamma, \delta\}$ are 200 MLP layers, ρ is the softmax function, position embeding 201 $\xi = \delta(q_n - q_k), \odot$ is point-wise product operation. With the learned Φ , we extract features into the coordi-
nates and project them in the canonical unit sphere \mathcal{U} , where202 $\mathcal{U}(q_n) \in \mathcal{U}(Q)$. Each $\mathcal{U}(q_n)$ is a center point where KNN203is utilized to sample a local patch $\mathcal{U}(p_m)$ around it. Specifically, we construct a uniform sphere coplanar with $\mathcal{U}(Q)$ to
provide samples for $\mathcal{U}(q_n)$.205

Inverse Mapping Ψ . Similarly, we efficiently estimate 208 $\Psi \approx \Phi^{-1}$ with an neural network. We utilize the standard 209 transformer decoder block as Ψ , which receives point-wise features with several linear layers φ as the global condition, 211 and local patch $\mathcal{U}(p_m)$ as queries to integrate a global shape 212 S in 3D space, which can be formulated as 213

$$S = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \Psi(\varphi(\Phi(Q), \mathcal{U}(p_m))).$$
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We measure the distance between the parameterized surface215S and the sparse point cloud Q using Chamfer Distance216(CD), denoted as L_{para} .217

$$L_{para} = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{s \in S} \min_{q \in Q} \|s - q\|^2 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{q \in Q} \min_{s \in S} \|q - s\|^2.$$
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We visualize the BSP process in Fig. 2. For $q_n \in Q, \Phi$ 219 maps its position in \mathcal{U} and samples local patches $\mathcal{U}(p_m)$. 220 With the inverse mapping Ψ , we generate a local surface on 221

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S. We integrate all local patches to obtain the global shape as the coarse surface S.



Figure 2. Illustration of BSP. The white points indicate the sparse input Q. For each point $q \in Q$, we learn mapping function Φ to map q to a local patch $\mathcal{U}(p)$ on the parametric surface. Subsequently, we employ an inverse mapping Ψ to assembles these patches into a global surface (red points).

3.3. Grid Deformation Optimization

225 With the learned BSP, we parameterize the coarse surface S. Naive implementations rely on S to infer SDFs and re-226 construct surfaces, often producing holes due to the non-227 228 uniformity distribution. Unlike these methods, we design 229 the grid deformation optimization strategy to learn continu-230 ous signed distance functions and further optimize paramet-231 ric surface. Given tetrahedral grid points V, a straightforward strategy to update the deformed points V' is to learn an 232 offset ε from neural network g, formulated as $V' = V + \varepsilon$. 233 However, directly learning offsets from q fails to maintain 234 235 consistency of deformation direction, resulting in difficulties in convergence. We maintain the consistency of the 236 237 deformation by constraining on normals n_V with gradients $\nabla q(V)$. During training, we predict the SDFs $q(V; \theta)$ and 238 the gradient $\nabla q(V)$ to guide the deformation process of V. 239 We consider q(V) and n_V to be the stride and direction, re-240 241 spectively. Therefore, the deformation process of V can be 242 described as

$$V \to V' = \|g(V;\theta) \cdot n_V - V\|_2,\tag{4}$$

244 where θ is learnable parameter in deformation network g, 245 $n_V = g(V; \theta) / \|\nabla g(V)\|_2.$

We further compare the movement directions and opti-246 247 mization results of GDO in Fig. 3(a) and the classical strategy [40] in Fig. 3(b). The red lines indicate the next de-248 formation direction of the grid points. Compared to direct 249 offset prediction, GDO achieves more consistent deforma-250 tion directions, resulting in a more accurate shape learning. 251 Meanwhile, we extract the surface using Deep Marching 252 253 Tetrahedra (DMT), the operation denoted as $DMT(\cdot)$. The



Figure 3. Visual comparison of GDO (a) and direct offset optimization (b), the red lines indicate the offset direction.

deformation grid points \bar{V} on the surface can be expressed as $\bar{V} = \text{DMT}(V')$, where $\bar{V} = \{\bar{v}_t\}_{t=1}^T$. We use Chamfer Distance to regulate the deformation process of \bar{V} and minimize the difference to S, denoted as L_{deform} , we have: 257

$$L_{deform} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\bar{v} \in \bar{V}} \min_{s \in S} \|\bar{v} - s\|^2 + \frac{1}{I} \sum_{s \in S} \min_{\bar{v} \in \bar{V}} \|s - \bar{v}\|^2.$$
(5) 258

To make the implicit field more accurate, we add the L_{surf} 259 term to encourage the network to learn zero level set from g(V). Formulated as: 261

$$L_{surf} = |g(V)|.$$
 (6) 262

Therefore, the total loss L is given as:

$$L = \lambda_1 L_{para} + \lambda_2 L_{surf} + L_{deform}, \tag{7}$$

where λ_1 and λ_2 are weight parameters, which we set to 10 265 and 0.01 by default. 266

3.4. End-to-end Training

Existing self-supervised strategies [5, 36] struggle to accu-268 rately predict implicit fields from sparse point clouds. Here, 269 we propose an effective framework to train our methods in 270 an end-to-end manner. We first use BSP to map the sparse 271 point cloud Q into a continuous parametric point cloud 272 S, providing more precise supervision for GDO. Next, we 273 leverage the neural network g to learn grid deformations to 274 predict the implicit field. To further enhance the smooth-275 ness of the implicit field, GDO learns more consistent de-276 formation directions from the gradients to improve overall 277 details. Experimental results validate the effectiveness of 278 our method. 279

4. Experiments

4.1. Experiment Setup

Datasets and Metrics.We adopt five synthetic and real282scanned datasets to evaluate our method.We first compare283the performance of our method on D-FAUST [4], SRB [48],284

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Figure 4. Visual comparison on ShapeNet. The input contains 300 points.

Class	Nspline	NP	NDrop	Onsurf	SparseOcc	NTPS	NTPS++	Ours
Plane	0.119	0.141	0.499	0.153	0.219	0.095	0.088	0.072
Chair	0.306	0.196	0.395	0.316	0.183	0.197	0.195	0.142
Cabinet	0.181	0.163	0.229	0.244	0.220	0.138	0.137	0.105
Display	0.193	0.145	0.287	0.204	0.091	0.127	0.122	0.099
Vessel	0.134	0.116	0.488	0.128	0.158	0.104	0.101	0.080
Table	0.318	0.400	0.426	0.288	0.261	0.225	0.215	0.108
Lamp	0.213	0.162	0.554	0.229	0.192	0.120	0.112	0.077
Sofa	0.168	0.139	0.259	0.147	0.178	0.125	0.129	0.116
Mean	0.206	0.183	0.392	0.214	0.187	0.141	0.137	0.099

Table 1. Reconstruction accuracy under ShapeNet in terms of $CD_{L1} \times 10$.

Class	Nspline	NP	NDrop	Onsurf	SparseOcc	NTPS	NTPS++	Ours
Plane	0.127	0.036	0.755	0.112	0.165	0.030	0.026	0.022
Chair	0.247	0.174	0.532	0.448	0.162	0.149	0.140	0.115
Cabinet	0.064	0.086	0.245	0.171	0.178	0.050	0.050	0.046
Display	0.095	0.099	0.401	0.153	0.081	0.083	0.078	0.078
Vessel	0.066	0.074	0.844	0.066	0.073	0.051	0.046	0.042
Table	0.312	0.892	0.701	0.419	0.415	0.272	0.264	0.188
Lamp	0.183	0.144	1.071	0.351	0.466	0.051	0.047	0.043
Sofa	0.053	0.072	0.463	0.066	0.010	0.056	0.062	0.052
Mean	0.143	0.197	0.627	0.223	0.193	0.093	0.089	0.073

Table 2. Reconstruction accuracy under ShapeNet in terms of $CD_{L2} \times 100$.

Class	Nspline	NP	NDrop	Onsurf	SparseOcc	NTPS	NTPS++	Ours
Plane	0.895	0.897	0.819	0.864	0.853	0.899	0.912	0.913
Chair	0.759	0.861	0.777	0.813	0.844	0.863	0.873	0.896
Cabinet	0.840	0.888	0.843	0.787	0.813	0.898	0.897	0.904
Display	0.830	0.909	0.873	0.855	0.872	0.924	0.936	0.927
Vessel	0.842	0.880	0.838	0.879	0.841	0.908	0.913	0.911
Table	0.771	0.835	0.795	0.827	0.856	0.877	0.888	0.890
Lamp	0.814	0.887	0.828	0.858	0.883	0.902	0.910	0.914
Sofa	0.828	0.905	0.808	0.881	0.870	0.919	0.915	0.923
Mean	0.822	0.883	0.823	0.845	0.854	0.899	0.905	0.909

Table 3. Reconstruction accuracy under ShapeNet in terms of NC.

and ShapeNet [1], following the Ndrop and NTPS. To ver-285 ify the applicability of the method under extremely sparse 286 conditions, we follow NTPS to randomly sample 300 points 287 for each shape as the input for ShapeNet and D-FAUST. For 288 fair comparison, we trained SparseOcc according to the de-289 fault settings with open source code. For SRB dataset, we 290 follow SparseOcc [36] to sample 1024 points for compari-291 son. To further validate the effectiveness of in real large-292 scale scenarios, we validate our method on the 3DScene 293 [54] and KITTI [15]. For the 3DScene dataset, we follow 294 previous methods to randomly sample 100 points $/m^2$. For 295 the KITTI dataset, we use point clouds in single frames to 296 conduct a comparison. 297

We leverage L1 and L2 Chamfer Distance (CD_{L1} , CD_{L2}), Normal Consistency (NC) and Hausdorff Distance (HD) as evaluation metrics. For the shape and scene surface reconstruction, we sample 100k and 1000k points from the reconstructed and ground truth surfaces to calculate the errors.

4.2. Surface Reconstruction On Shapes

ShapeNet. We compare our method with Nspline^[49], 305 NP[28], NDrop, Onsurf, SparseOcc, NTPS++ and NTPS. 306 The comparison results for different metrics are reported in 307 Tab. 1, Tab. 2 and Tab. 3, where our method achieves the 308 best results across all classes. We further present the visual 309 comparison in Fig. 4. Ndrop and Nspline fail to generate 310 accurate shape surfaces from sparse input, while NTPS++ 311 and Onsurf generate correct shapes but with larger errors. 312

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Figure 5. Visual comparison on D-FAUST. The input contains 300 points.



Figure 6. Visual comparison on SRB. The input contains 1024 points.

SparseOcc cannot rely on decision boundaries to accurately
predict occupancy fields under extremely sparse input conditions, making it challenging to reconstruct complex geometries. In contrast, our method produces more complete
and smoother surfaces.

DFAUST. As shown in Tab. 4, we follow Ndrop to report 318 319 the 5%, 50% and 95% of CD_{L1} , CD_{L2} , and NC results on the DFAUST dataset, achieving the best performance across 320 321 all metrics. Additionally, we present a visual comparison with Onsurf, SparseOcc and NTPS in Fig. 5. Our method 322 generates more complete human body with different poses. 323 324 SRB. We report the results on the real scanned dataset SRB in Tab. 5 and present a viusal comparison in Fig. 6. All 325 baseline methods reconstruct coarse surfaces with input of 326 327 1024 points. In contrast, our method not only reconstructs 328 the complete shape but also recovers more local details.

Methods	C	NC		
Wiethous	5%	50%	95%	ne
VIPSS	0.518	4.327	9.383	0.890
NDrop	0.126	1.000	7.404	0.792
NP	0.018	0.032	0.283	0.877
Nspline	0.037	0.080	0.368	0.808
SAP	0.014	0.024	0.071	0.852
SparseOcc	0.012	0.019	0.034	0.870
OnSurf	0.015	0.037	0.123	0.908
NTPS	0.012	0.160	0.022	0.909
Ours	0.007	0.133	0.019	0.914

Table 4. Reconstruction accuracy under DFAUST in terms of $CD_{L2} \times 100$ and NC.

Methods	$CD_{L1} \times 100$	HD
PSR	2.27	21.1
NTPS	0.73	7.78
NP	0.58	8.90
NTPS++	0.66	7.30
SparseOcc	0.49	6.04
Ours	0.41	5.66

Table 5. Reconstruction accuracy under SRB in terms of $CD_{L1} \times 100$ and HD.

		PSR	NP	Ndrop	NTPS	SparseOcc	Ours
Burghers	CD_{L1}	0.178	0.064	0.200	0.055	0.022	0.015
	CD_{L2}	0.205	0.008	0.114	0.005	0.001	0.001
	NC	0.874	0.898	0.825	0.909	0.871	0.890
Copyroom	CD_{L1}	0.225	0.049	0.168	0.045	0.041	0.037
	CD_{L2}	0.286	0.005	0.063	0.003	0.012	0.003
	NC	0.861	0.828	0.696	0.892	0.812	0.897
Lounge	CD_{L1}	0.280	0.133	0.156	0.129	0.021	0.012
	CD_{L2}	0.365	0.038	0.050	0.022	0.001	0.001
	NC	0.869	0.847	0.663	0.872	0.870	0.903
Stonewall	CD_{L1}	0.300	0.060	0.150	0.054	0.028	0.021
	CD_{L2}	0.480	0.005	0.081	0.004	0.003	0.002
	NC	0.866	0.910	0.815	0.939	0.931	0.937
Totempole	CD_{L1}	0.588	0.178	0.203	0.103	0.026	0.022
	CD_{L2}	1.673	0.024	0.139	0.017	0.001	0.001
	NC	0.879	0.908	0.844	0.935	0.936	0.931

Table 6. CD_{L1} , CD_{L2} and NC comparison under 3DScene.

4.3. Surface Reconstruction On Scenes

3DScene. We compare our method with the current state-of-the-art methods, including PSR[23], NP, Ndrop, SparseOcc, NTPS on the 3DScene dataset. The extensive results presented in Tab. 6 demonstrate that our method performs well in real-world scenarios. As shown in Fig. 7, our method reconstructs smoother surfaces and captures more internal details than NP and SparseOcc.

KITTI. We make a visual comparision the performance 337 of our method with IMLS^[47], Ndrop, PSR, SAP, NTPS 338 and SparseOcc on real scanned large-scale street and lo-339 cal pedestrians on the KITTI dataset. Due to the lack of 340 ground truth models, we provide the visual comparison in 341 Fig. 9 and Fig. 8. Decision boundary based methods like 342 SparseOcc only capture the shape's edges. In contrast, pa-343 rameterized methods excel at reconstructing continuous sur-344

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Figure 8. Visual comparison on KITTI-street.



Figure 9. Visual comparison under KITTI-pedestrians.

faces. Our method can reconstruct more complete and detailed surfaces, such as diverse human poses and complex
street scenes.

348 5. Ablation Studies

To validate the effectiveness of each module, we conduct
ablation experiments on the lamp class of ShapeNet dataset.
We present the quantitative results and visualization under

different experimental settings.

Effect of BSP. To evaluate the effectiveness of the BSP, we 353 firstly remove the BSP and only rely on sparse input to infer 354 signed distance functions (denoted as Sparse), which lead a 355 significant increase in CD error. It indicates that the pa-356 rameterized supervision generated by BSP has a substan-357 tial impact on reconstruction accuracy. Next, we replace 358 the BSP with the parameterization strategies proposed by 359 TPS [8] and Atlas [52], which denoted as Single and Mul-360 tiple, respectively. As shown in Tab. 7, both Single and 361 Multiple lead to an increase in CD error. We additionally 362 compared the CD error maps of point clouds predicted by 363 different parameterization methods in Fig. 10. Notably, 364 single based parameterization (such as TPS) only generate 365 a coarse global surface. Meanwhile, the multi-part param-366 eterization strategy based on AtlasNet exhibites truncation 367 and overfitting in local regions. In contrast, BSP efficiently 368 integrates local parameterized surfaces to construct a con-369 tinuous global surface, achieving the best performance. To 370 further illustrate the applicability of BSP to sparse input, we 371 replace BSP with the state-of-art upsampling method LID 372 [24] noted as Upsample. As shown in Tab. 7, LID also 373 struggles to predict accurate result due to the highly sparse 374 distribution. We provide detailed visualization comparison 375 in supplementary. 376

Level of Input Size. We evaluate the robustness of our

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Figure 10. Effect of BSP. The color indicate the point distance error to ground truth surface.

method with different point size levels. Our visualization
results are reported in Fig. 11. As the number of point
clouds increases, we are able to generate more uniform parameterized surfaces and accurate geometries.

Effect of GDO. We demonstrate that GDO can learn a con-383 sistent deformation direction from gradients in Fig. 3. Here, 384 385 we further justify the effectiveness of GDO in inferring the implicit function f. We first remove the gradient consis-386 387 tency constrain, and only learn the implicit functions from predicting the grid point offsets, denoted as f_{offset} . Then, 388 we remove GDO and apply TPS optimization strategy as 389 baseline denoted as f_{TPS} . Both of them cause increases 390 the CD error at different levels. As shown in Tab. 8, grid 391 392 deformation-based strategies (f_{offset} and Ours) achieve higher accuracy, and f_{GDO} provides the most precise ge-393 ometric surface prediction. We provide visualizations of re-394 construction results under different optimization strategies 395 in supplementary.





	$CD_{L1} \times 10$	$CD_{L2} \times 100$	NC			
f_{TPS}	0.094	0.058	0.861			
f_{offset}	0.089	0.055	0.883			
Ours	0.077	0.043	0.914			
Table 8. Effect of GDO.						

ing different loss terms in Tab. 9 to assess their importance 399 in our method. We first remove L_{para} and rely solely on 400 the sparse point cloud for reconstruction, which leads to a 401 significant increase in CD error. To remove L_{deform} , we 402 pretrain BSP to obtain a parameterized surface as super-403 vision without further optimization, which also results in 404 decreased accuracy. Finally, we remove L_{surf} results in 405 slightly worse results. Overall, L_{para} and L_{deform} have 406 a greater impact on the metrics, indicating that dense and 407 further optimizable parameterized surface are important for 408 learning accurate implicit functions. 409

Number of Samples. We explore the effectiveness of dif-410ferent sample numbers of single local patch in Tab.10.411With the increasing of samples, the network can predict412the parametric surface more precisely. However, when the413hyper-parameter set to 15, the improvements in accuracy414become marginal. To consider the balance between performance and efficiency, we set this hyper-parameter to 10 by416

	$CD_{L1} \times 10$	$CD_{L2} \times 100$	NC
w/o L _{para}	0.873	4.315	0.814
w/o L _{deform}	0.085	0.053	0.898
w/o L _{surf}	0.081	0.044	0.908
Ours	0.077	0.043	0.914

Table 9. Effect of loss functions.

Sample Size	3	5	10	15
$CD_{L1} \times 10$	0.086	0.081	0.077	0.075
$CD_{L2} \times 100$	0.049	0.047	0.043	0.041
NC	0.896	0.905	0.914	0.914

Table 10. Number of Samples.

6. Conclusion

We propose an innovative training framework that learns 419 smooth implicit fields from sparse point cloud inputs and 420 reconstructs complete and continuous surfaces. Unlike pre-421 vious methods, we parametrize local surfaces by learn-422 ing bijective functions and integrate them into a global 423 surface to ensure shape continuity. Experimental results 424 demonstrate that the BSP strategy can generate more ac-425 curate parametrized surfaces. Additionally, we intro-426 duce a novel approach to apply deformation networks to 427 sparse reconstruction tasks and propose GDO to further 428 improve the accuracy of implicit field predictions. We 429 validate the effectiveness of our method across exten-430 sive datasets and ablation studies. The results demon-431 strate its robustness for under varied conditions and set-432 tings. 433

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