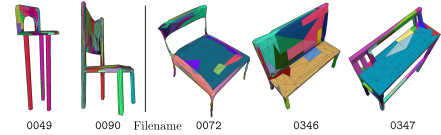


1 We thank the reviewers for their valuable feedback. We are pleased that they found the approach to be well-designed
 2 [R1], the expositions, illustrations, and experimentation to be comprehensive and detailed [R2, R3], the method "quite
 3 elegant" [R3], and the analysis of limitations of prior works solid [R4].

4 **Contributions.** We apologize for the lack of clarity that caused some sentences to be perceived as overclaiming;
 5 we will carefully rephrase them. **R1, R2, R4:** "incrementality of approach"/"value of knowledge transfer": while
 6 it is true that we use the convolution from [20], we would like to stress that this was only applied on generic
 7 graph benchmarks, and that the idea of reconducting primal-dual graphs to meshes is novel. This extension, to-
 8 gether with the idea of "bridging the gap" between graph-based ([20]) and ad-hoc methods for meshes, enables
 9 to use tools from the graph-NN literature in the context of meshes and to combine them with tools from the
 10 mesh-processing literature. Specifically, it allows implementing dynamic aggregation on meshes (via attention),
 11 and to assign features not only to edges, but also to faces. Finally, we are the first, in the context of learning-
 12 based mesh processing, to perform an attention-based pooling operation, which can be geometrically interpreted as
 13 face clustering. **R2:** "geometric interpretation": the "uniqueness" is in its *type*, not in the fact that we have one;
 14 **R4:** "network identifies high-level structure with semantic meaning":

15 we apologize for the lack of clarity: our intention was not to claim that
 16 all sub-parts identified by the network have a semantic meaning, but
 17 rather that the approach can identify «semantic components in a mesh
 18 *more naturally* [...]» than other methods. (L318-320). We believe this
 19 work paves the way for a number of research avenues (L334-337): our pooling operation goes in the direction of
 20 abstracting similar larger structures across similar samples. In the Figure above (same color \leftrightarrow same face cluster):
 21 on the left, the legs of the chairs are identified as clusters; on the right, larger planar structures are found. We stress
 22 that the network does not always find such structures, but also highlight that no supervision on face clusters was
 23 provided during training. To reproduce figures: see PD-MeshNet/docs/results.md, command `python test.py`
 24 `--f $UNZIP_FOLDER/coseg/chairs/ --save_clusters`.



25 **Ablation studies.** As suggested [R1, R4], we provide ablation
 26 studies to evaluate the contribution of the components. We
 27 use the Human Body dataset with same network parameters as
 28 the main paper, and train for 300 epochs. We do not perform
 29 data augmentation to further isolate the importance of each

P no Pool	Ours no Pool	Ours (mean)	Ours (sum)
45.67%	77.53%	84.27%	84.52%

Table 1: Ablation Study (Face-label acc.)

30 component. Table 1 shows the result of the experiments. When pooling is removed, taking away the convolution on the
 31 dual graph (*P no Pool*) worsens performance by $\sim 31\%$ w.r.t. doing primal-dual convolution (*Ours no Pool*). Adding
 32 pooling significantly increases performance (by 6.74%, cf. *Ours (mean)*). Following the suggestion of **R3**, we ablated
 33 the reduction function of the pooling layer and noticed a very small performance improvement when changing the
 34 aggregation from mean to sum (*Ours (sum)*). Finally, we ablate the importance of the dual-graph by removing pooling
 35 and predicting labels on dual nodes (mesh edges). Note that this accuracy is not comparable to the one in Tab. 1. Using
 36 only the dual graph results in edge-label accuracy of 80.16%; on the other hand, adding the primal graph (while keeping
 37 the training/testing procedure still on edges) produces an accuracy of 80.39%.

38 **Improvement over SOTA.** We acknowledge that our method is slightly "more complicated" [R1] than others, but we
 39 would like to stress that we improve on the SOTA by up to 8.1% on SHREC, 2.23% on Cube Engraving and up to
 40 5% on COSEG (cf. Table 1 – 3 in main paper). **R4:** "different metrics"/"re-run results": MeshCNN uses an ad-hoc
 41 accuracy for segmentation; please cf. Sec. G of supplementary for more details. To ensure fairness, Table G.7 in
 42 the supplementary reports results for 3 different accuracies, including the one by MeshCNN. Furthermore, while for
 43 classification we were able to reproduce the results of MeshCNN, this was partially not the case for COSEG (the
 44 experiment on the chairs subset gave results significantly lower than those reported in their paper). We thus decided
 45 to report the values that we were able to reproduce with the official MeshCNN code.

46 **Technical details and clarifications.** **R2:** "duality": $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{M})$ are dual in the classical graph-theory sense
 47 (e.g., [33, 34]), while $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{M})$ are dual in the sense introduced by [20]; " $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$ as primal graph": possible
 48 extension, but using $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{M})$ as primal graph also allows defining our pooling operation: edge contraction in $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{M})$ is
 49 instead a classical "edge collapse", as in MeshCNN, thus more limited (cf. Sec. C.1 in supplementary); **R3:** "pooling":
 50 it is done in parallel through tensor operations; **R4:** "size of test dataset": not a problem only for our method; we wanted
 51 to stress that the limited size of the test dataset and the «the large intra-class variability» (L326) could amplify the effect
 52 of wrong predictions; **R4:** "capturing the local topology of the mesh": the reason is in the convolution: MeshCNN
 53 aggregates features weighted by kernels *shared by all the mesh edges*, thus not tuned on the local region on which they
 54 are applied. The convolution of our approach ([20]) implements instead an attention mechanism, by which nodes in
 55 different regions of the mesh can aggregate information differently, depending on the local properties of the mesh.

56 **Limitations.** [R3] We indeed empirically noticed a performance drop when the network is too deep (due to the larger
 57 number of parameters associated with the two graphs and the more complex optimization landscape). Moreover, pooling
 58 layers can be sensitive to their threshold parameters. Indeed, too-aggressive pooling causes a degradation of results.

59 **Miscellaneous.** We will add a discussion on the additional related work [R3] and correct typos [R2].