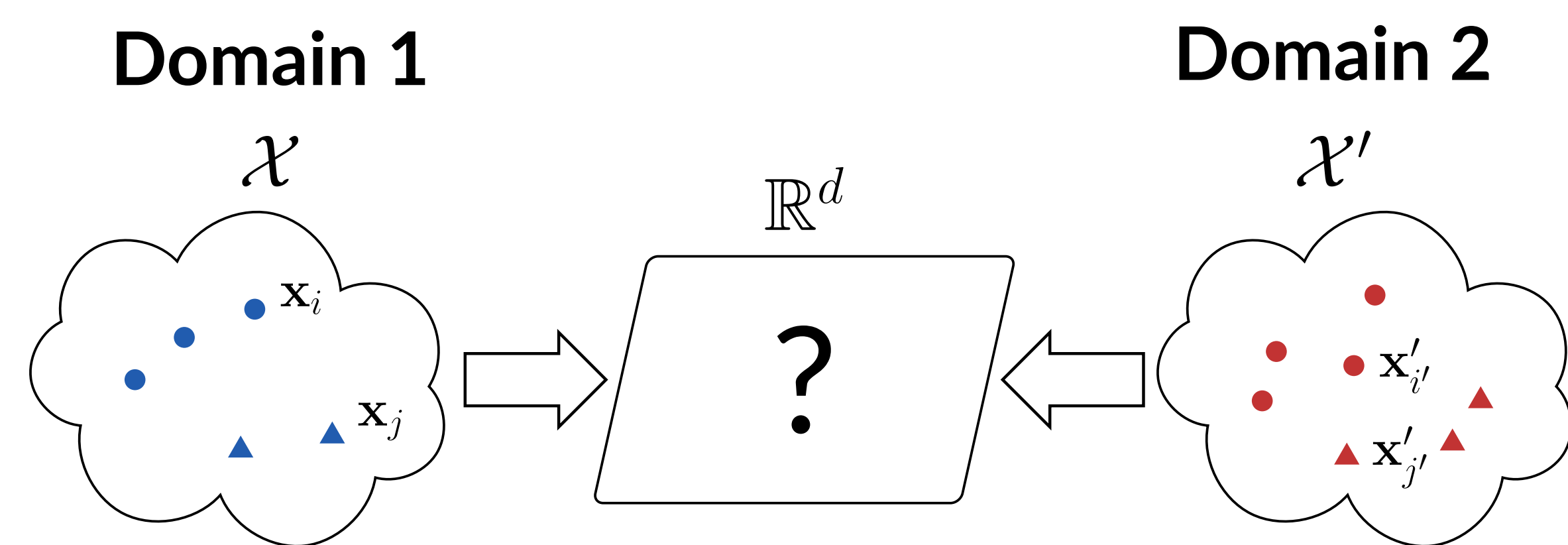
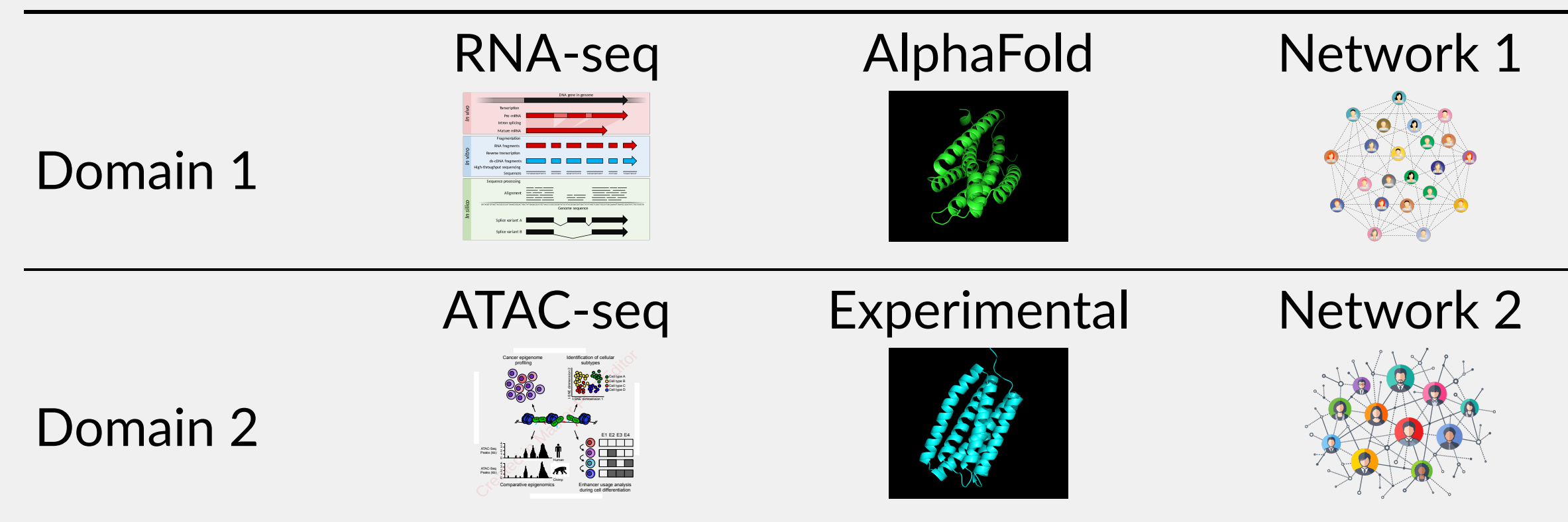


## Problem and contribution



- Input:  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $x'_1, \dots, x'_{n'} \in \mathcal{X}'$ .
- Output: correspondence  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n'}$  and embeddings  $\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}'_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

## Examples



## Contribution

- We formulate the above problem as an optimization problem, jointly optimizing the correspondence matrix and the embeddings.
- We propose an alternating optimization strategy, by alternatingly solving a multidimensional scaling (MDS) and a Wasserstein Procrustes problem.
- Our algorithm, named Joint MDS, can effectively benefit from the optimization techniques for solving each individual sub-problem.
- We demonstrate the effectiveness of joint MDS in several machine learning applications.

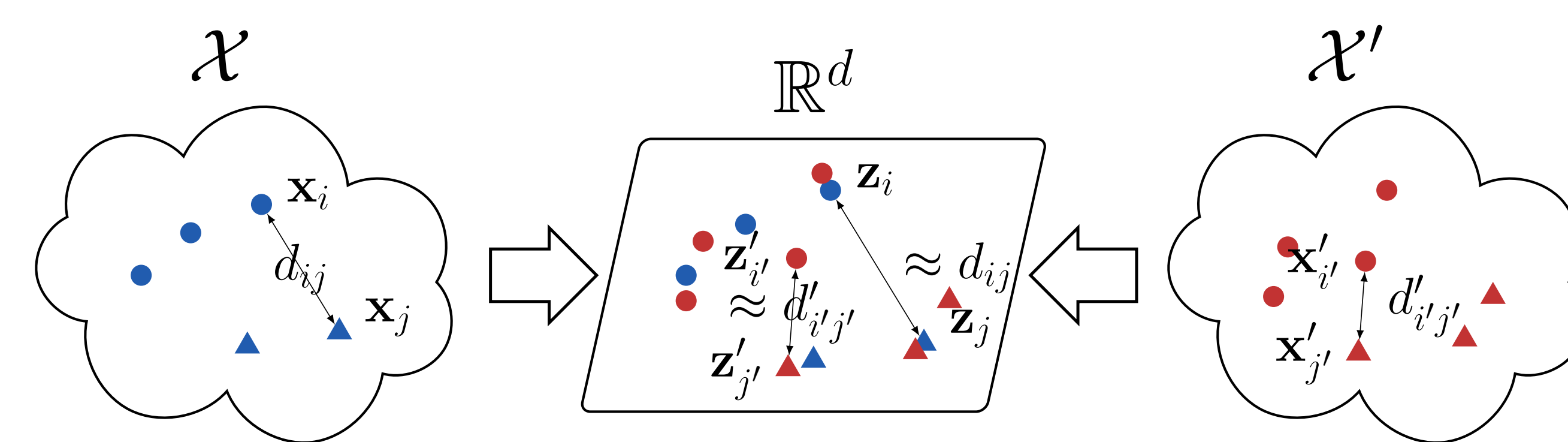
## Existing methods

Method	Input	Output	Limitations
Multidimensional scaling	$[d_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$	$\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$	only 1 dataset
Discrete OT	$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}'$	$\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n'}$	same metric space
Gromov-Wasserstein	$[d_{ij}], [d'_{i'j'}]$	$\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n'}$	only correspondence

## Joint MDS: overall algorithm

- **Initialization:** Solve  $\mathbf{Z} = \text{MDS}(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W})$  and  $\mathbf{Z}' = \text{MDS}(\mathbf{D}', \mathbf{W}')$  using SMACOF.
- **Alignment:** Solve Wasserstein Procrustes  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{O} = \text{WP}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}')$ .
- Update  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}, \tilde{\mathbf{D}},$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}}$  using  $\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}', \mathbf{P},$  and  $\mathbf{O}$ .
- **Embedding:** Solve  $\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}' = \text{MDS}(\tilde{\mathbf{D}}, \tilde{\mathbf{W}})$  using SMACOF with  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$  as initialization.
- Repeat step **Alignment** and **Embedding** until convergence.

## Overview of the Joint MDS problem



- Input: intra-dataset pairwise dissimilarities  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\mathbf{D}' \in \mathbb{R}^{n' \times n'}$ .
- Output: correspondence  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n'}$  and embeddings  $\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}'_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

## Optimization problem and solution

$$\min_{\substack{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, \mathbf{Z}' \in \mathbb{R}^{n' \times d} \\ \mathbf{P} \in \Pi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}), \mathbf{O} \in \mathcal{O}_d}} \text{stress}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}) + \text{stress}(\mathbf{Z}', \mathbf{D}', \mathbf{W}') + 2\lambda \langle \mathbf{P}, d^2(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{Z}') \rangle_F.$$

- When  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{O}$  fixed, it amounts to minimizing  $\text{stress}(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}, \tilde{\mathbf{D}}, \tilde{\mathbf{W}})$  where

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Z}} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z} \\ \mathbf{Z}' \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{D}} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{D}' \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{W}} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{W} & \lambda \mathbf{P} \\ \lambda \mathbf{P}^\top & \mathbf{W}' \end{bmatrix}.$$

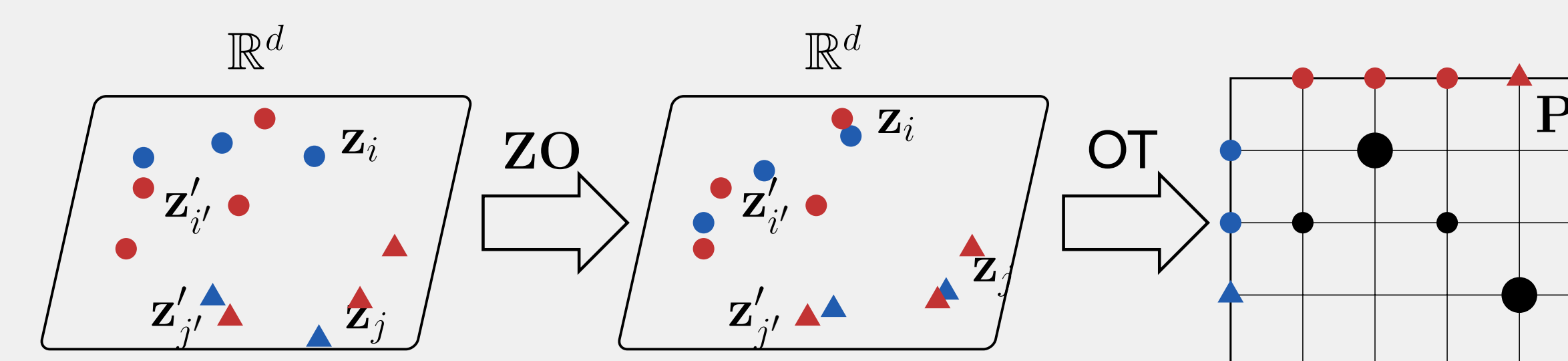
- When  $\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}'$  fixed, one recovers the Wasserstein Procrustes problem.

## Weighted MDS [2]

$$\text{MDS}(\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}) := \min_{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}} \text{stress}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W}) := \sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (d_{ij} - d(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{z}_j))^2,$$

- Input: pairwise distance  $\mathbf{D}$  and weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- Output: embeddings  $\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- Algorithm: iterative majorization method SMACOF.

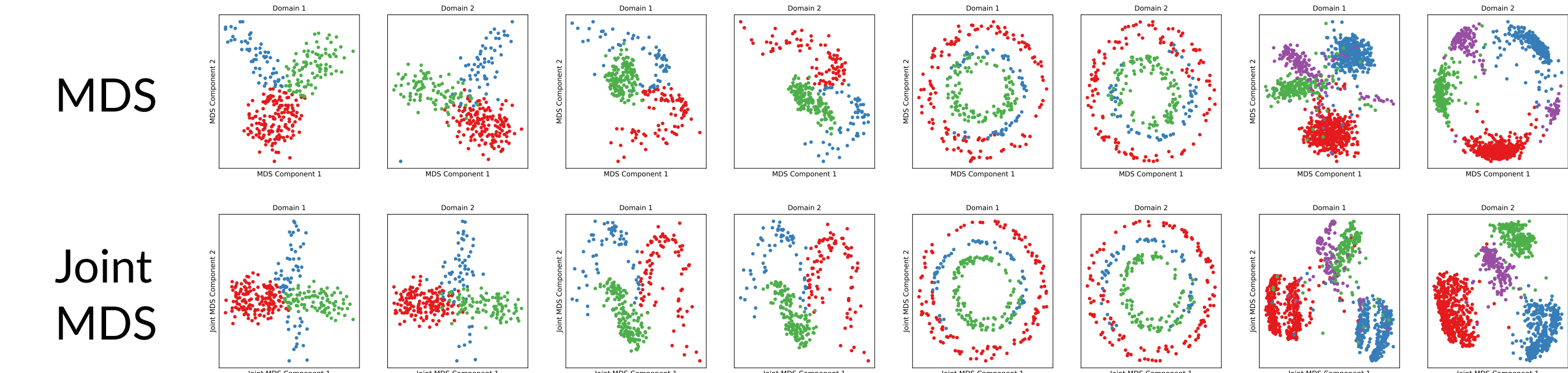
## Wasserstein Procrustes [1]



$$\text{WP}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}') := \min_{\mathbf{P} \in \Pi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})} \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \langle \mathbf{P}, d^2(f(\mathbf{Z}), \mathbf{Z}') \rangle_F$$

- $\mathcal{F}$  is a pre-defined invariance class.
- In particular if  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_d$ , one recovers the Wasserstein Procrustes problem.
- Input:  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, \mathbf{Z}' \in \mathbb{R}^{n' \times d}$ . Output:  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n'}, \mathbf{O} \in \mathcal{O}_d$ .
- Algorithm: Sinkhorn-Knopp (for OT) + SVD (for orthogonal Procrustes).

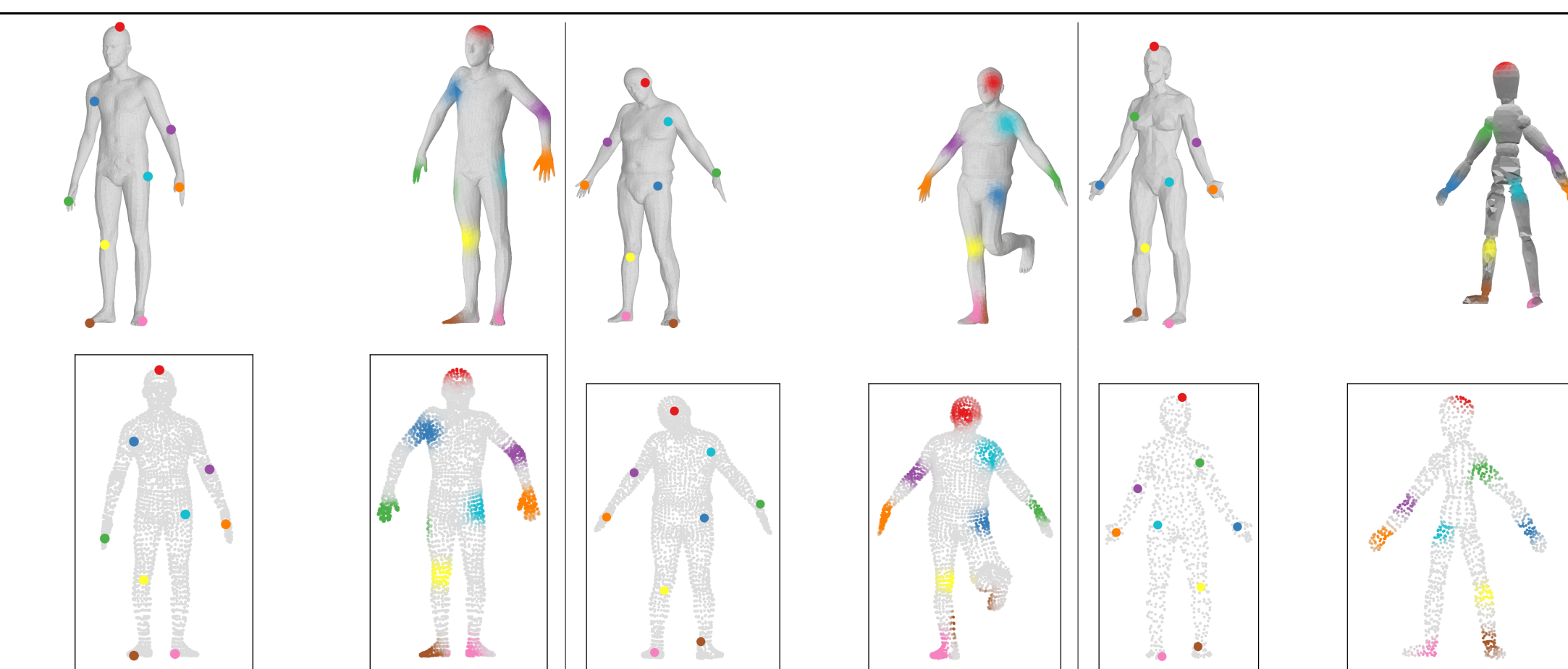
## Joint visualization of two datasets



## Unsupervised heterogeneous domain adaption

Method	Bifurcation	Swiss roll	Circular frustum	SNAREseq	scGEM	MNIST-USPS
SCOT	93.7	97.7	95.7	98.2	57.6	26.7
EGW	95.7	99.3	94.7	93.8	62.7	43.1
Joint MDS (d=2)	96.0	99.3	94.0	85.5	64.4	15.0
Joint MDS (d=16)	96.7	99.3	94.7	94.7	72.9	60.2

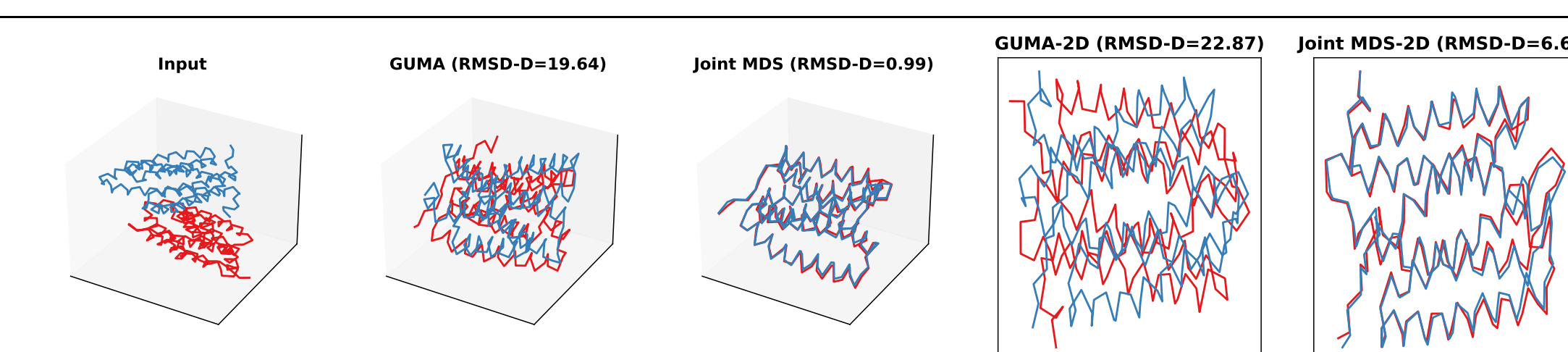
## Human body pose alignment



## Graph matching

Method	PPI 5%	PPI 15%	PPI 25%	MIMIC top 3	MIMIC top 5
MAGNA++	50.00	35.16	12.85	—	—
HubAlign	46.06	32.47	27.39	—	—
GWL	84.31	74.35	67.42	27.98	42.14
Joint MDS	86.44±0.33	72.31±0.62	55.3±0.78	30.24±1.66	46.28±1.51

## Protein structure alignment



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