

# Pose estimation with limited data

*SOA analysis and research roadmap*

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# GOAL

State-of-the-art in pose estimation with limited data.

- IMU for our case.
- Extension to our research.
- Possible applications

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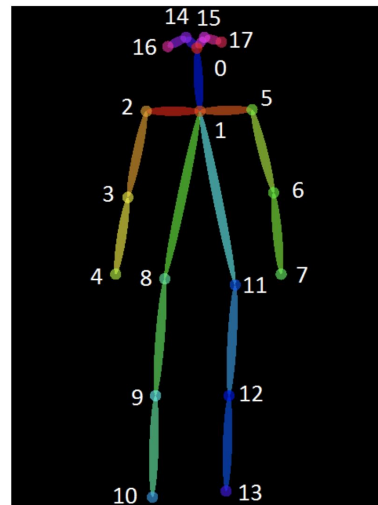
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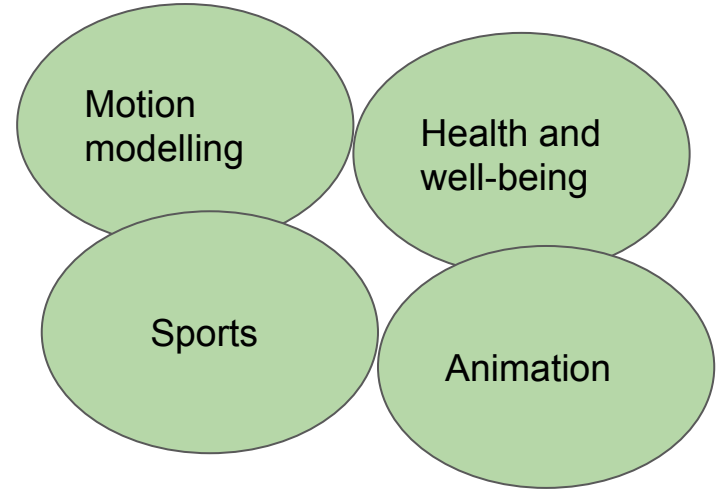
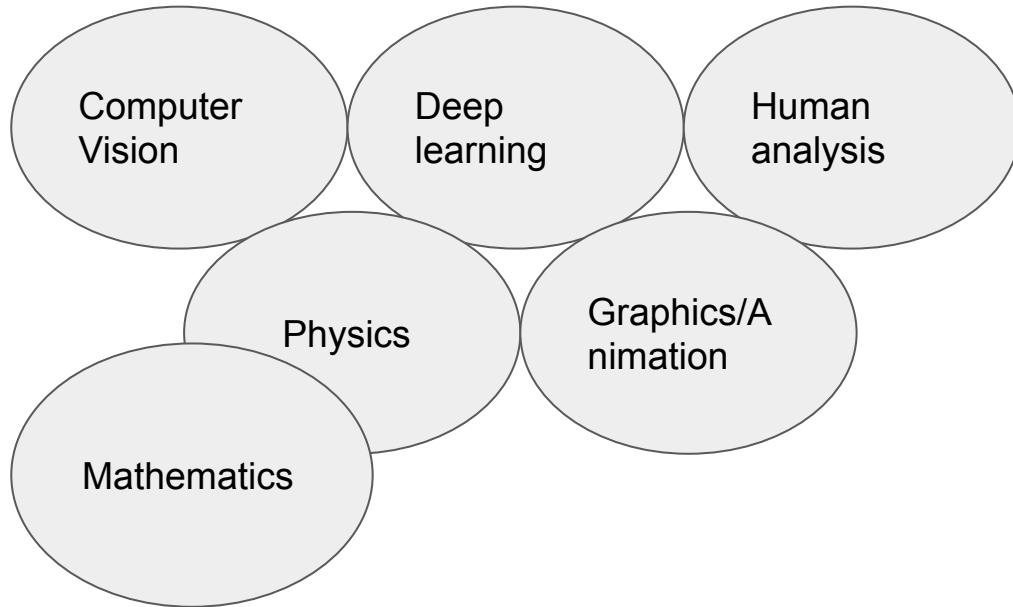
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# What is pose estimation?

- Computer vision problem.
- Detect human figures in image/video/**other data**.
- Detect key joints of the figure.
- Not a person identification process.



# Research and application domains



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# Evolution over some research works

- Pose estimation from video and imus. [1]
- Pose estimation from only imu. (Sparse inertial poser<sub>[2]</sub>)
- Pose estimation with only imu and deep learning (Deep inertial poser<sub>[3]</sub>).



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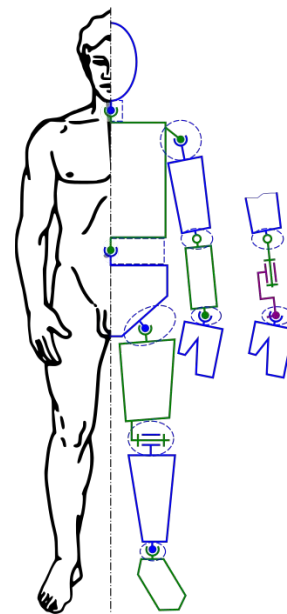
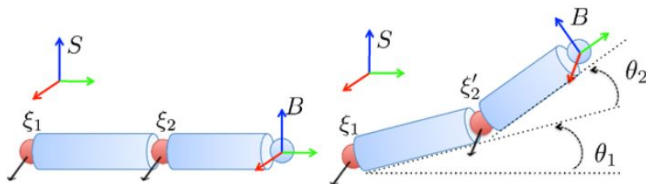
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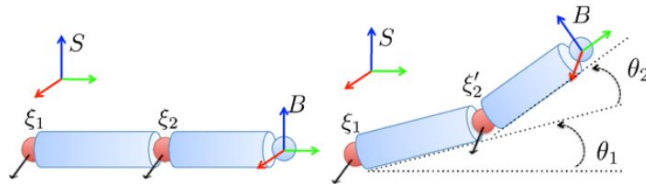
- Good parametrization requirements:
  - Pose configuration represented with minimum number of parameters.
  - Natural human motion.
  - Easy computation of derivatives of segment positions and orientation w.r.t to parameters.
  - Simple rules of concatenating motions.

- Kinematic chain.



# Background - Kinematic chain<sup>[4]</sup>

- Encodes motion of a body segment as motion of previous segment in the chain.
- Angular motion about the body joint.
- Motion of lower arm is parameterized by motion of upper arm and rotation about the elbow.



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- Kinematic parametrization.
  - Rotation matrices.
  - Axis-Angle
    - Exponential maps of rigid body motion.
  - Kinematic chains.
  - Human pose parametrization.
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# Background - Rotation Matrices

- Encodes orientation of body frame w.r.t spatial frame.

$$\mathbf{P}_s = \mathbf{R}_{sb}\mathbf{P}_b$$

$\mathbf{R}_{sb}$  = Rotation matrix

- Rotation and translation

$$\mathbf{P}_s = \mathbf{R}_{sb}\mathbf{P}_b + \mathbf{t}_s$$

- Rigid body motion:  $\mathbf{g} = (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t})$ .

# Background - Axis Angle representation<sup>[4]</sup>

- Describe rotations as angle  $\theta$  and axis  $\omega$ .
- Exponential formulae:  $R = \exp(\theta\hat{\omega})$ 
  - $\hat{\omega}$  = skew symmetric matrix of  $\omega$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- We can express  $\exp(\theta\hat{\omega})$  as

$$\exp(\theta\hat{\omega}) = I + \hat{\omega} \sin(\theta) + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

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- Twist denoted by  $\theta\xi = \theta(v_1, v_2, v_3, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$
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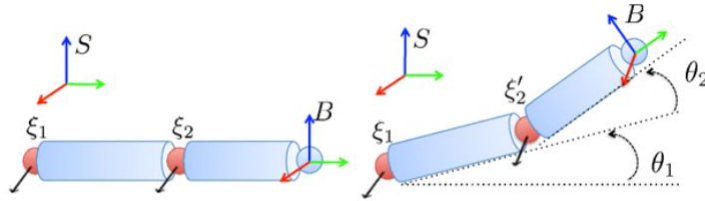
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Twist action  $\theta \hat{\xi} = \theta$

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# Background - Representing kinematic Chains<sup>[4]</sup>

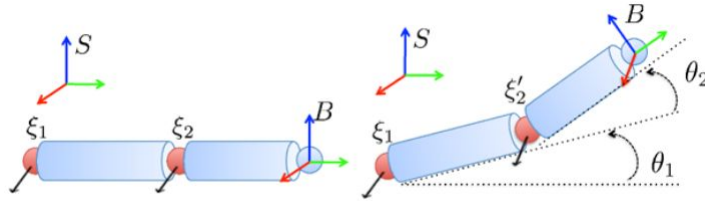


- Obtain control point in the hand in spatial coordinates  $\bar{p}_s$  from body coordinate  $\bar{p}_b$ .

$$\bar{\mathbf{p}}_s = \mathbf{G}_{sb} \bar{\mathbf{p}}_b = \mathbf{G}_1 \mathbf{G}_2 \mathbf{G}_{sb}(\mathbf{0}) \bar{\mathbf{p}}_b$$

$\mathbf{G}_1, \mathbf{G}_2$  = rigid body matrices of upper and lower arm,  $\mathbf{G}_{sb}$  = rest pose transformation.

# Background - Generalized forward kinematics map<sup>[4]</sup>



$$\bar{\mathbf{p}}_s = \mathbf{G}_{sb}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2' \theta_2} \mathbf{G}_{sb}(\mathbf{0}) \bar{\mathbf{p}}_b.$$

Generalized forward kinematic map:

$$\mathbf{G}_{sb}(\Theta) = e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2' \theta_2} \dots e^{\hat{\xi}_n \theta_n} \mathbf{G}_{sb}(\mathbf{0})$$

# Background - Pose parametrizations<sup>[4]</sup>

Joint	DoF	Unknown parameter	Example
Root	6	$\xi = \theta[v \ \omega]^T$	All body
Ball	3	$\theta \omega$	Hips
Saddle	2	$\theta_1, \theta_2$	Wrist
Revolute	1	$\theta$	Knee

$$\mathbf{x}_t := (\xi, \Theta), \quad \Theta := (\theta_1 \theta_2 \dots \theta_n).$$

- Root joint and revolute joint
- Root joint represents the twist parameter and revolute joints rest of the angles.

# Background - Model Creation

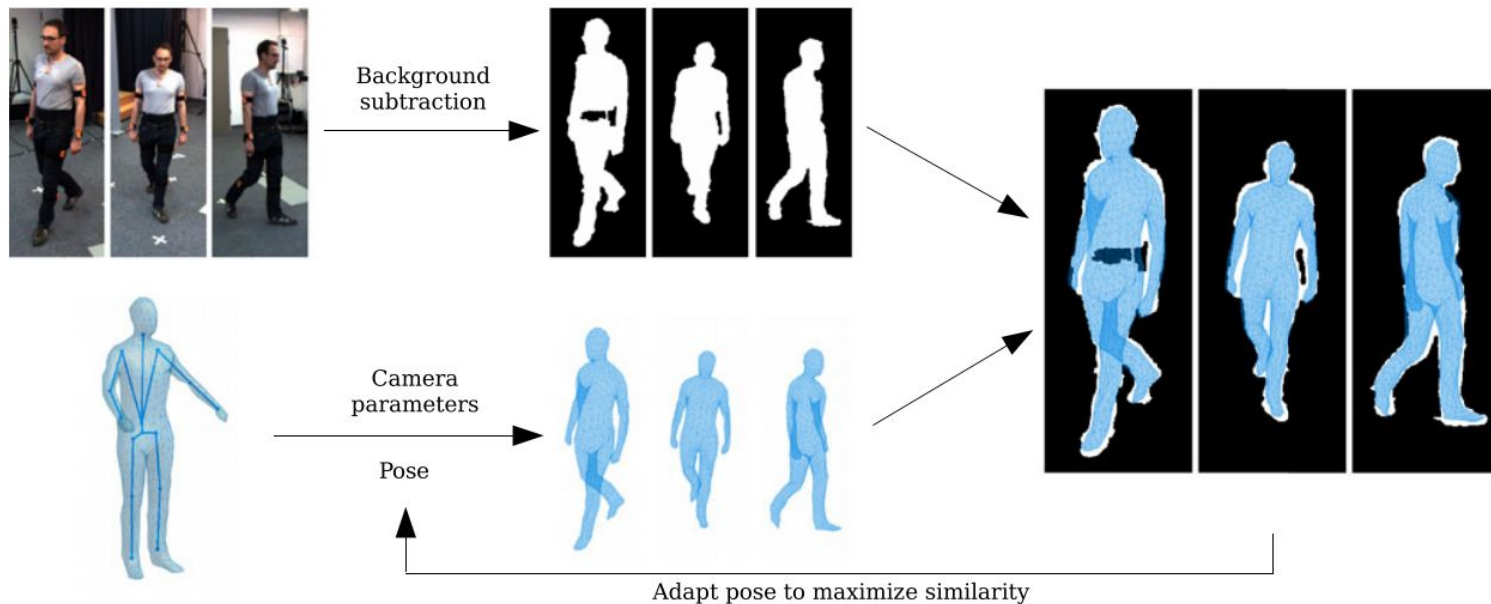
- Geometric primitives.
- Detailed body scans.
- Detailed shape from images.

We can use the parameterizations learned before to create body models.

# Background - Optimization

- **Model the likelihood of the observations for a given configuration of pose parameters**
  
- **Pose that best explains observation: Minimizes error function that fits the model data to the given data.**
  - **Model-image association and then error minimization.**
  - **Model-imu data association and then error minimization.**

# Background - Example<sup>[4]</sup>

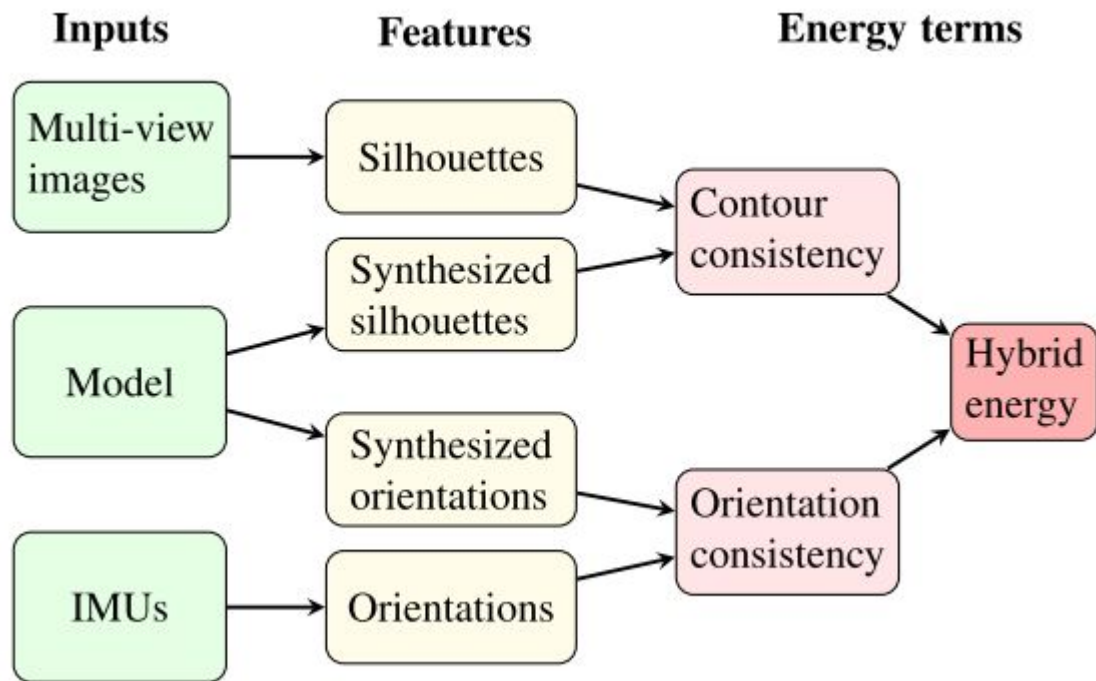




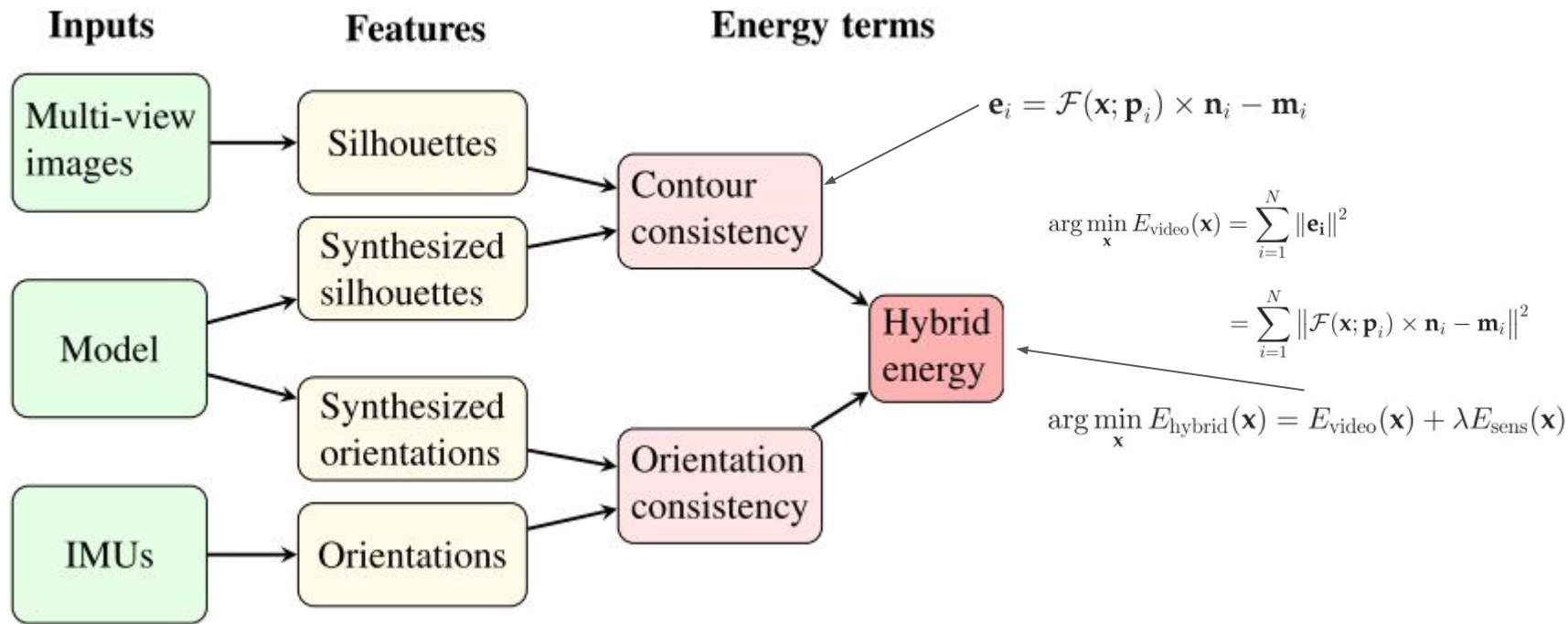
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# Pose estimation from videos and imus - Measures<sub>[1]</sub>

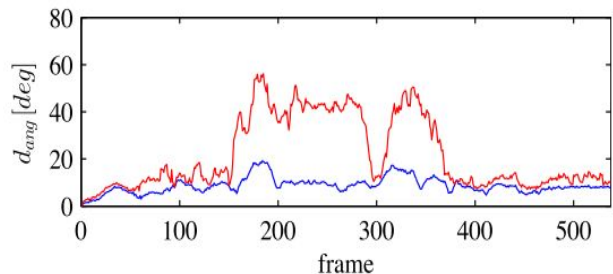
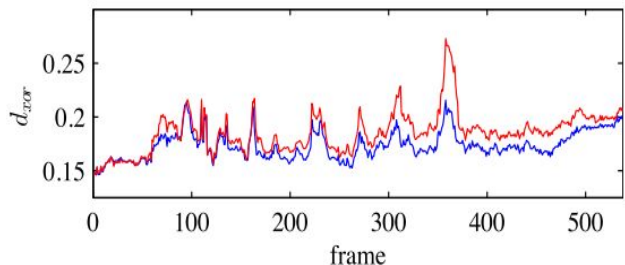
- TNT-15 dataset.
  - 5 activity sequence: Walking, running ....
  - Multi-view camera images.
  - 10 sensors: 5 sensors for tracking, 5 sensors for validation.
- Error measure:
  - Angular error w.r.t bone orientations. -> Good measure for orientation consistency.
  - Silhouette overlap between projected and original image.

$$d_{xor}(S^{video}, S^{model}) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{S_j^{video} \oplus S_j^{model}}{S_j^{video} \vee S_j^{model}}$$

d=0 means identical silhouette and d=1 means no overlap.

# Pose estimation from videos and imus - Results<sup>[1]</sup>

- Walking sequence.
- Red = Video tracker.
- Blue = Hybrid tracker.



Mean Angular Error  $\mu_{ang}$  [deg] of the Validation Sensors Attached to Thighs, Chest and Upper Arms for the Video-Based and Hybrid Tracker for All Sequences of the Database

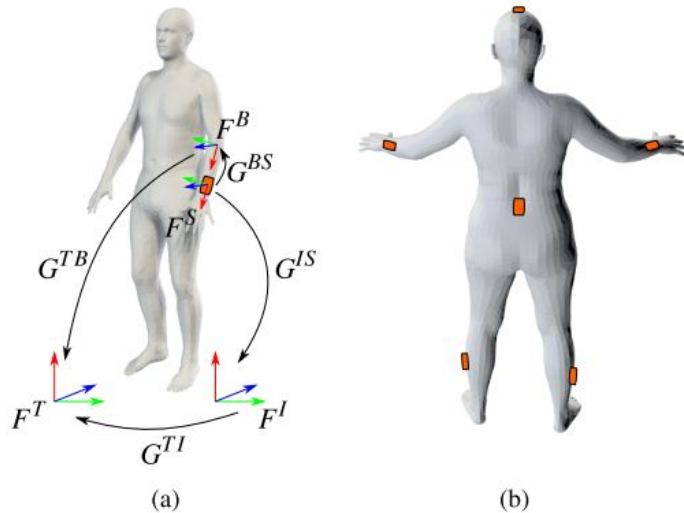
	lThigh	rThigh	chest	lUArm	rUArm
video tracker	19.12	12.36	11.97	61.03	46.28
hybrid tracker	8.64	6.75	6.88	27.30	28.96

# Sparse Inertial Poser<sup>[2]</sup>

- Recovers full human 3D pose using only 6 IMUs.
- Sensors measure orientation and acceleration.
- Uses SMPL body model.



# Sparse Interlial Poser<sub>[2]</sub>



**Figure 3:** (a) Coordinate frames: Global tracking coordinate frame  $F^G$ , Inertial coordinate frame  $F^I$ , Bone coordinate frame  $F^B$  and Sensor coordinate frame  $F^S$ . (b) Sensor placement at head, lower legs, wrists and back.

- Sensors attached to the marked locations.
- Translation along each coordinate system gives us the translation for the rigid body motion.
- Formulate the kinematic chain.

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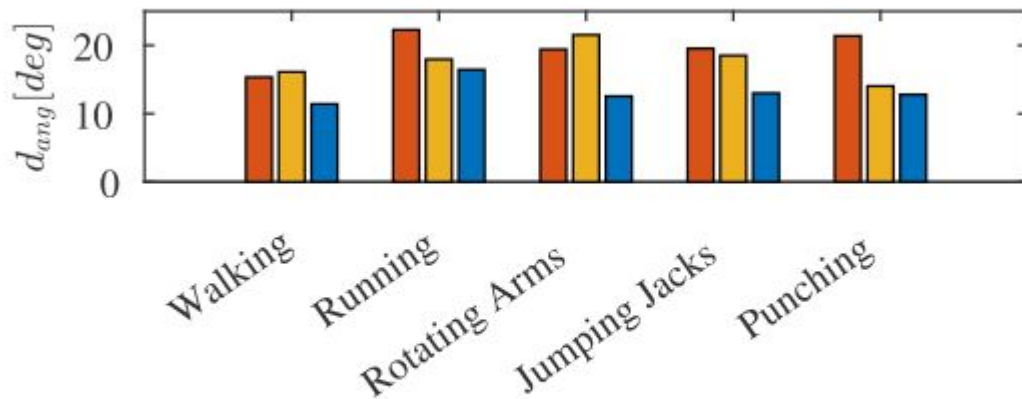
- Creates SMPL body model over multiple frames.
- Measures orientation and acceleration of the actor over the frames.
- Learn the pose parameters for the SMPL body model.

$$\mathbf{x}_{1:T}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}_{1:T}} E_{\text{motion}}(\mathbf{x}_{1:T}, \mathbf{R}_{1:T}, \mathbf{a}_{1:T})$$

- Aim to recover sequence of poses s.t actual sensor acceleration matches corresponding vertex acceleration.
- Incorporates anthropometric term for realism.



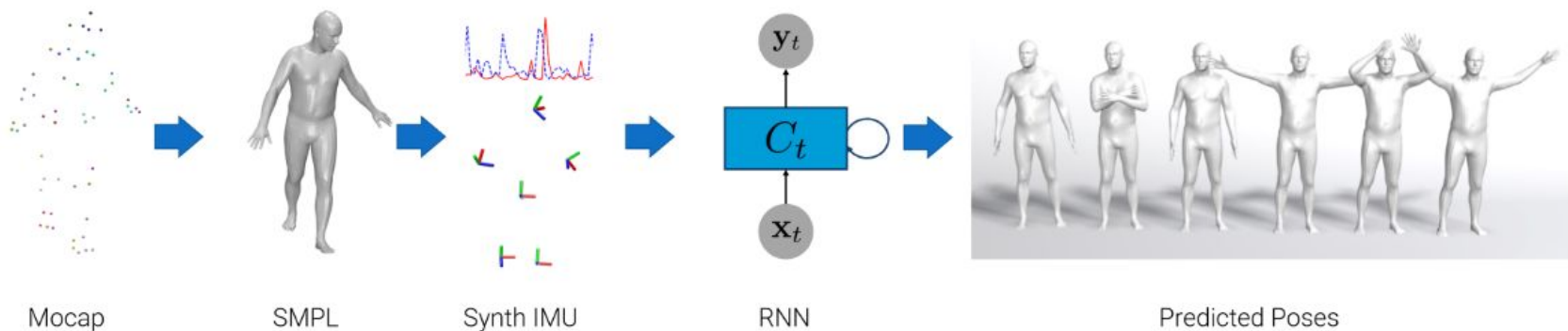
# Sparse Interrial Poser - Evaluation<sup>[2]</sup>



**Figure 9:** Mean orientation error on the TNT15 data set: comparison of SOP (red), SIP-M (yellow) against our proposed SIP (blue).

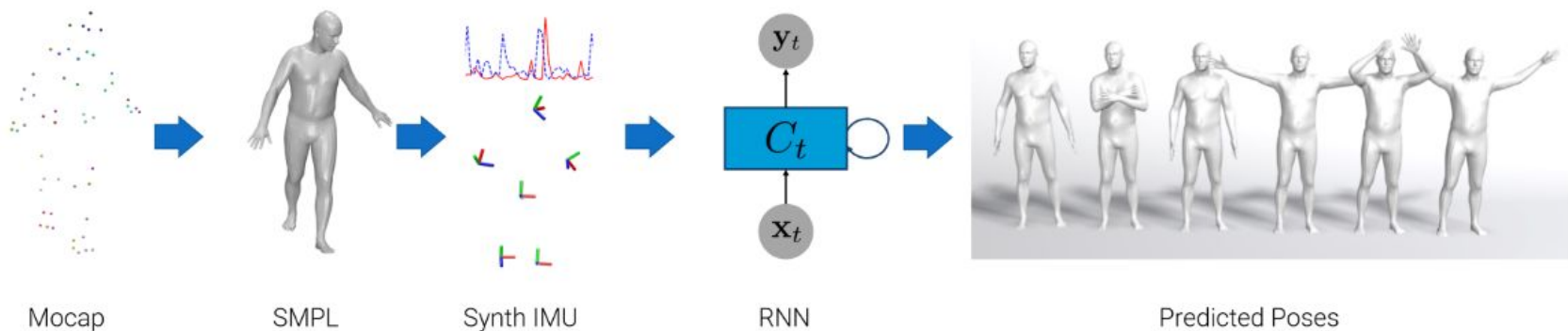
13.32 over all sequences - Mean angular error

# Deep Inertial Poser<sup>[3]</sup>



- Computationally more efficient than the previous work.
- Real-time predictor.
- Synthesizes IMU data from motion capture dataset.

# Deep Inertial Poser<sup>[3]</sup>



- Model long-range temporal dependencies using RNN to map orientation and acceleration to SMPL parameters.
- Reconstructs acceleration during training.
- Uses bidirectional RNN for using both past and future information.

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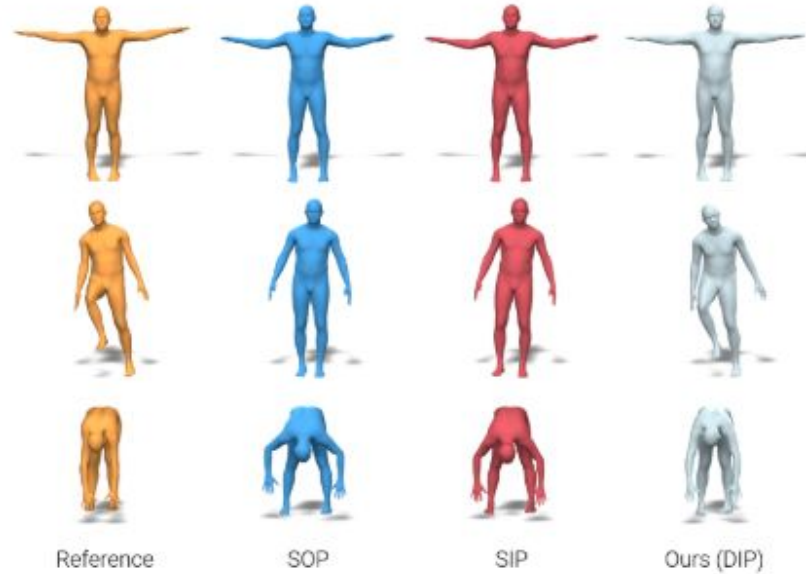


Fig. 8. Sample frames from TotalCapture data set (S1, ROM1).

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# From application to research

- Personalized pose models for athletes.
  - Providing pose-estimate.
  - Providing motion-estimate.
  - Technique improvement.
  - Technique analysis.

# Our research setup - super constrained input space.

- Accelerometer recordings (Mobile, sensor).
- Pressure sensor.
- Heart-rate monitor.

# Our research setup - Constrain output space.

- Knowledge about motion prior.
- Specific nature of motion (e.g. running)
  - May use the fact that the motions may arise from similar distribution.
- Parts affecting the motion might be limited.
  - E.g. Leg for running might be more interesting to analyze.



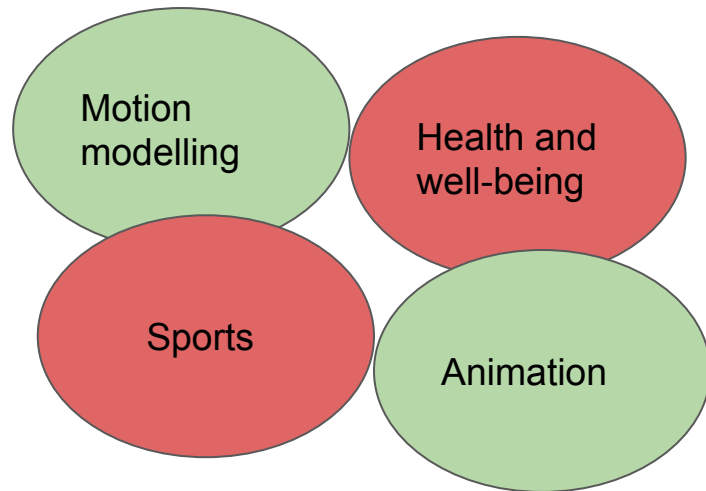
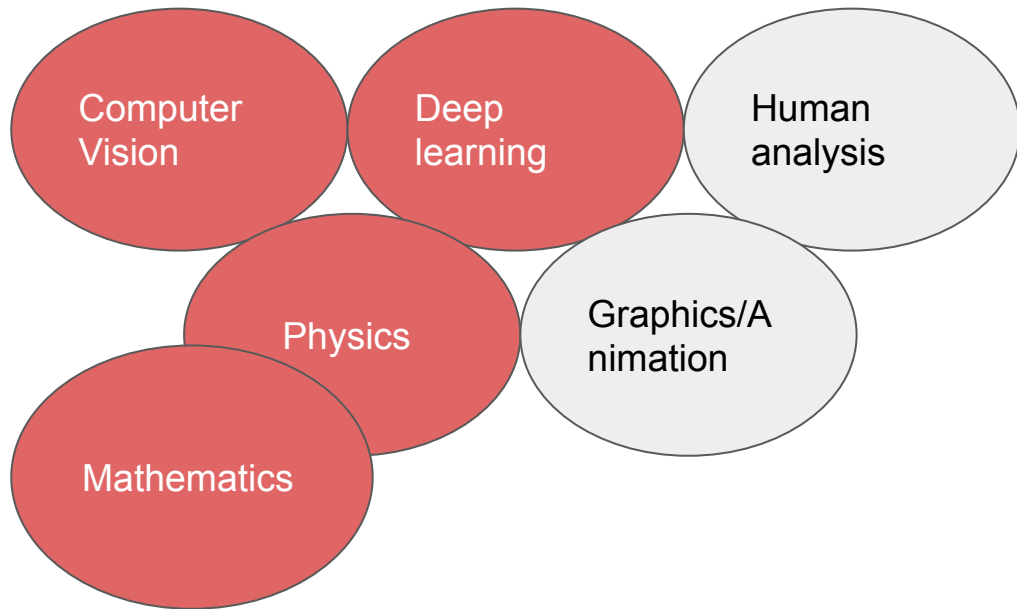
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# Possible areas to explore

- Spatio-temporal nature of the problem..
- Usage of deep neural networks in the problem.
  - Usage of autoencoder to generate motion patterns from same distribution.
- Pose estimation problems with deep neural networks.
- Effect of incorporation of prior knowledge.
- Exploring other latent signals arising from sensor data.
- Physics based models for human motion.

# Target impact circles.



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# Collaborative learning.

Explore possibility of having collaborative learning in the setup.

- Explore if interaction among multiple actors can improve individual models.

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# Other applications.

- Medical domain.
- Gait analysis.
- Injury prevention.
- Real-time pose estimates in sports like football.

# Future works

- Explore other data for pose estimation.
- Explore real-time angle of the same.
- Publishing a survey paper on the same.
- Exploration of other possible application domains.
- Present on individual smaller topics in study-groups.



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