

# Utilizing Prior Knowledge for Non-Rigid Shape Completion

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# Shape completion applications



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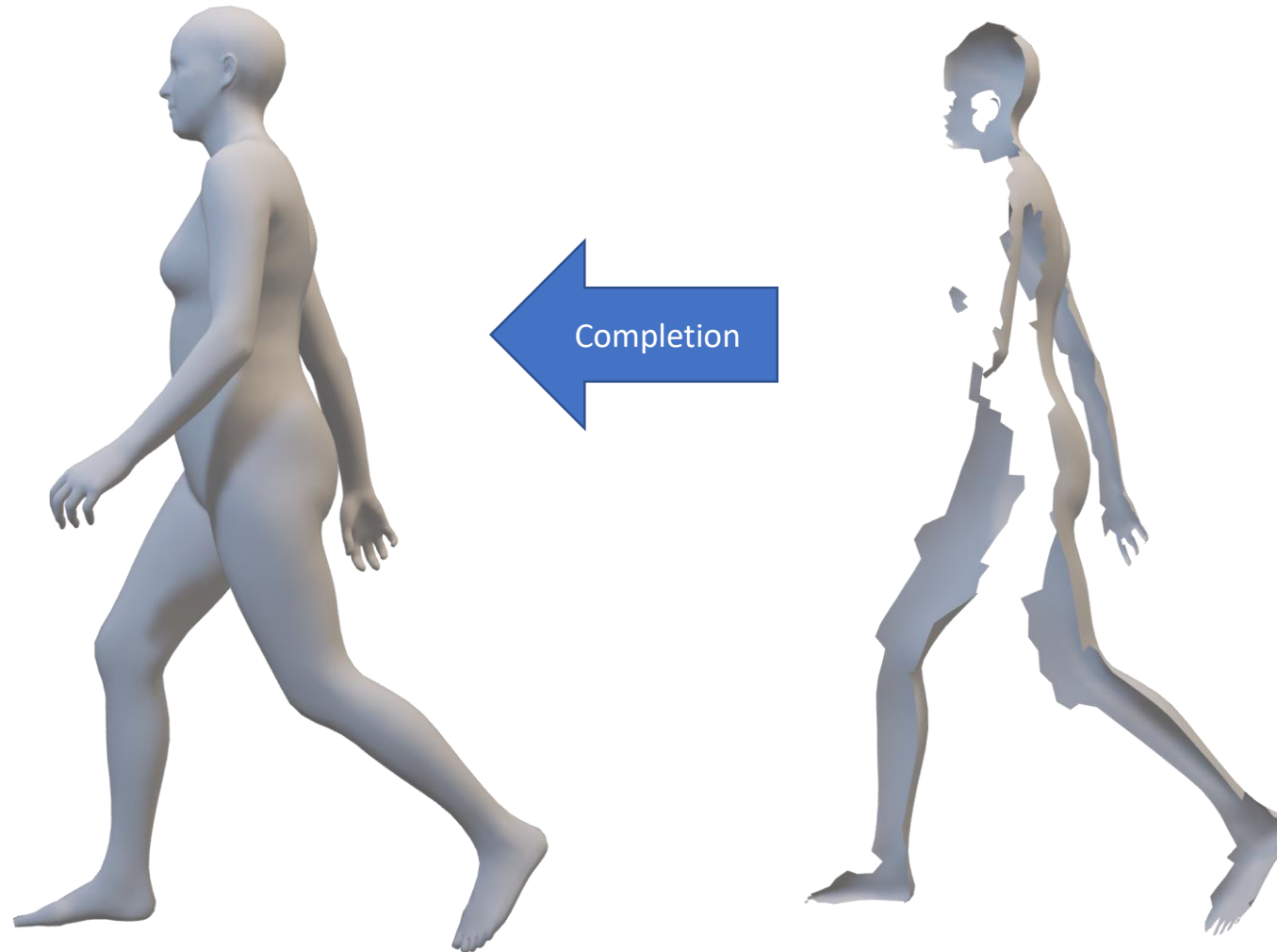
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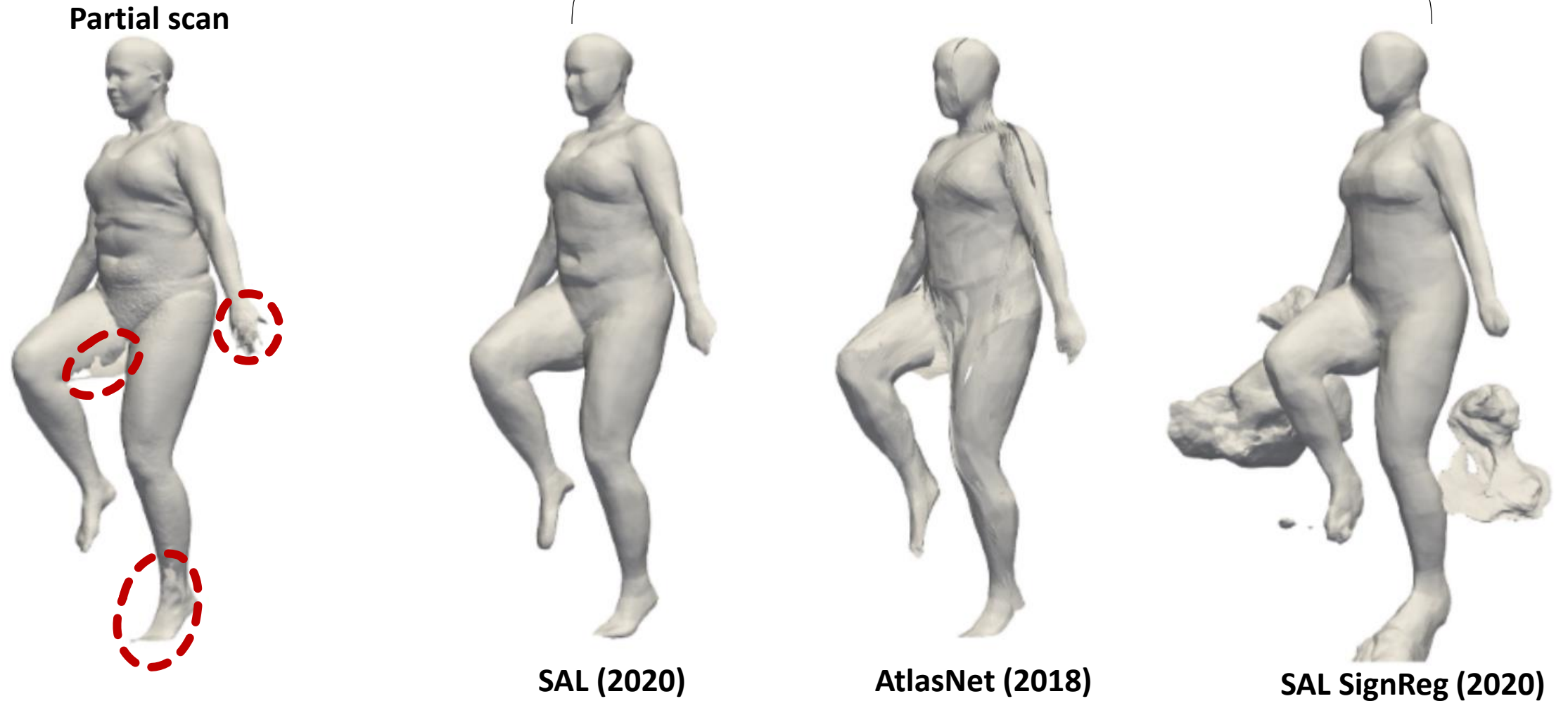
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# Goal: shape completion of human shapes

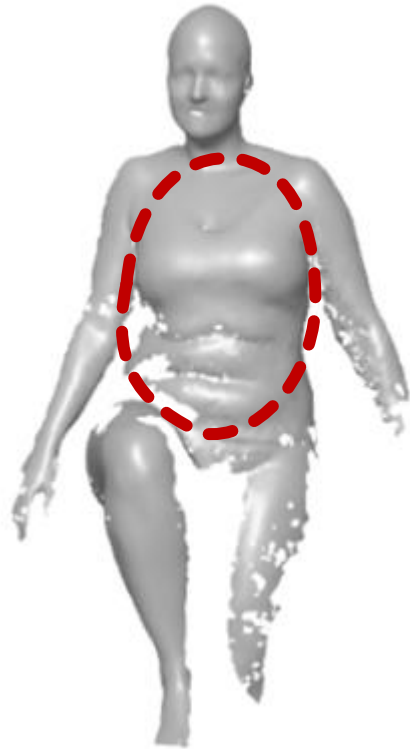


# Previous methods

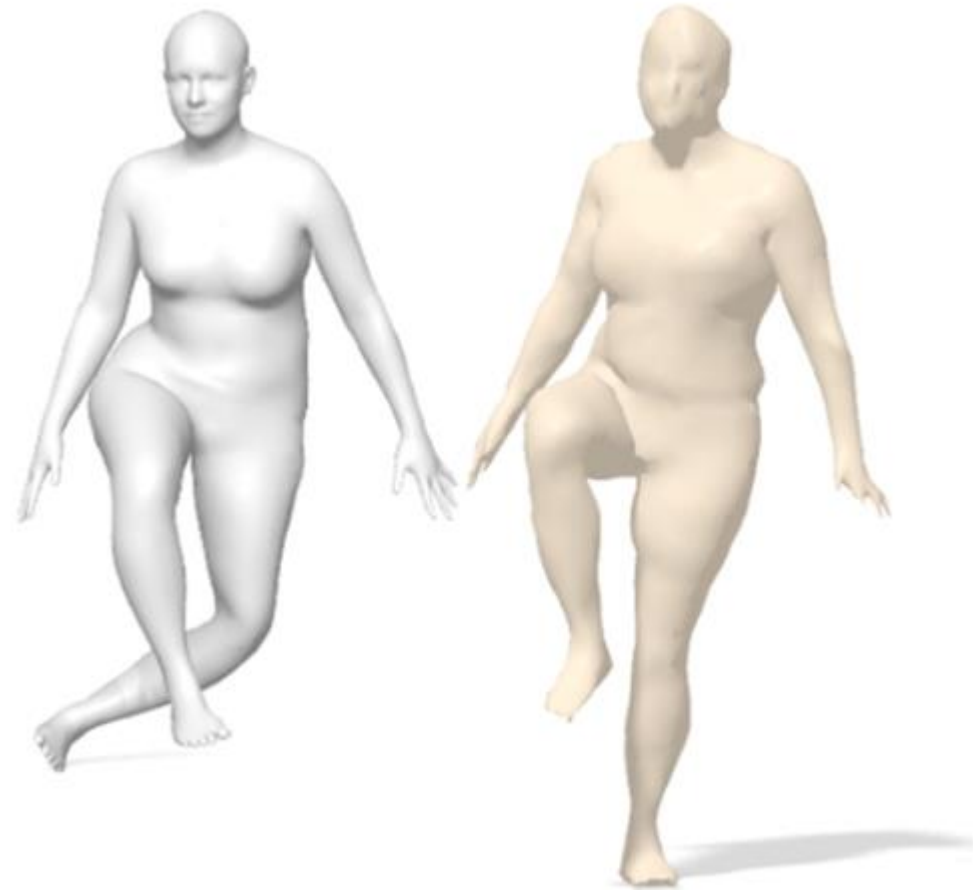


# Previous methods

Partial scan



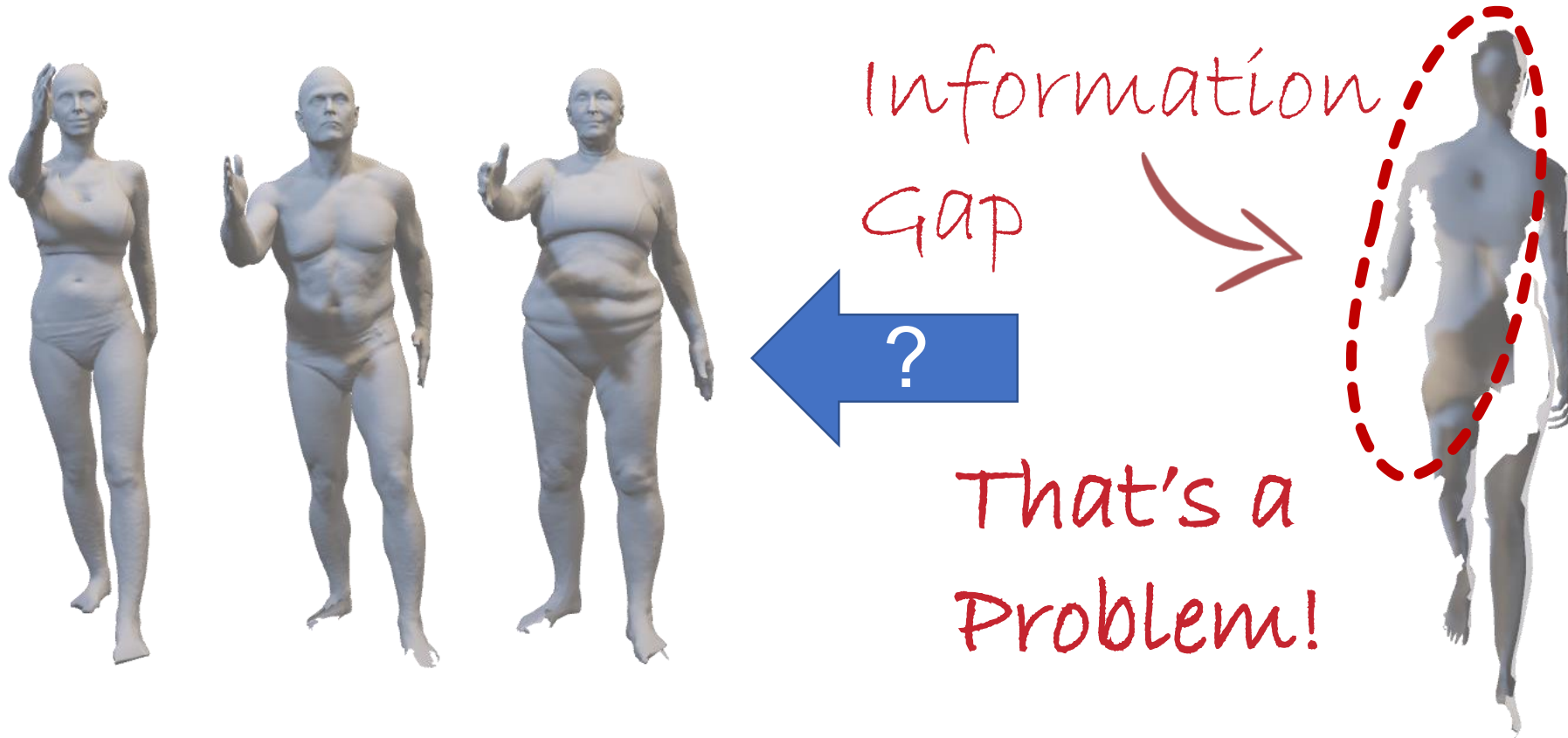
Reconstructions



Marin et al (2018)

Litany et al (2017)

# Challenge:



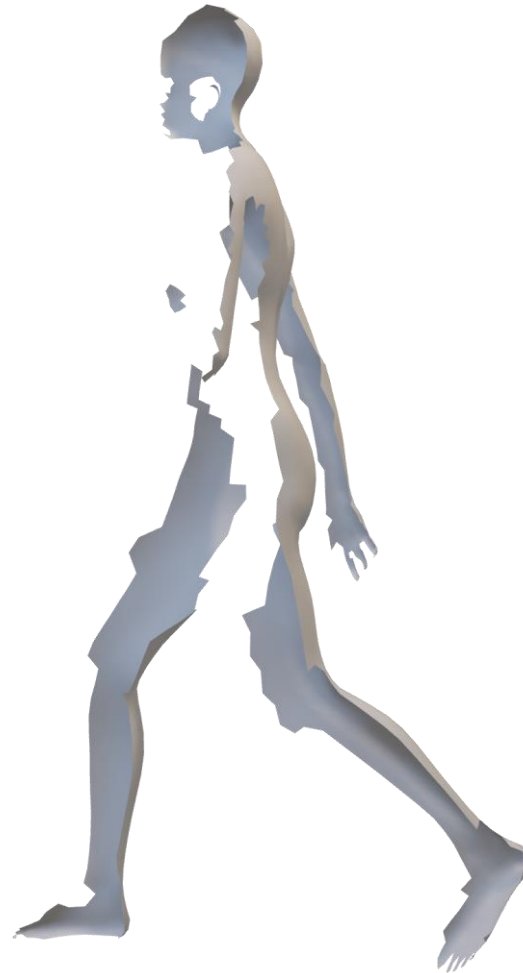
# Previous method: Towards Precise

Bridging the information gap

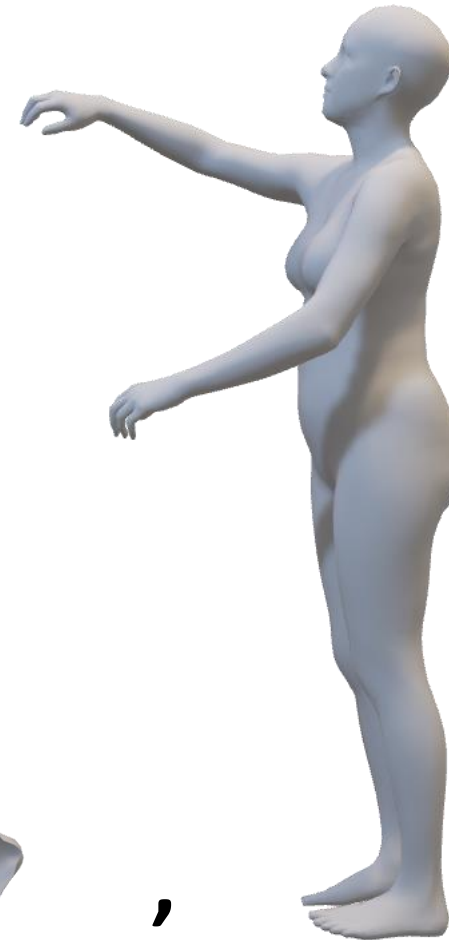
**Optimal completion**



**Partial scan**

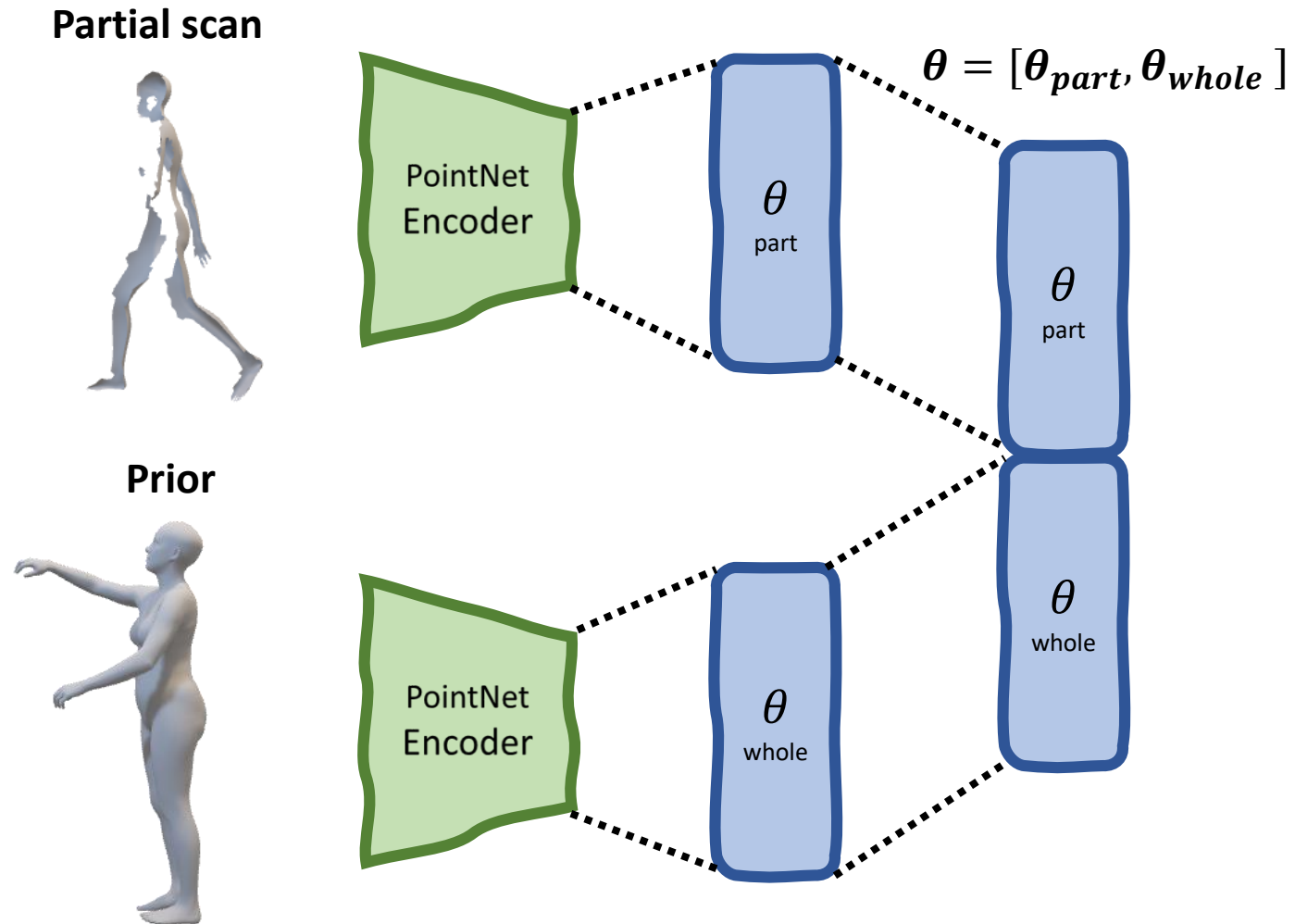


**Prior**



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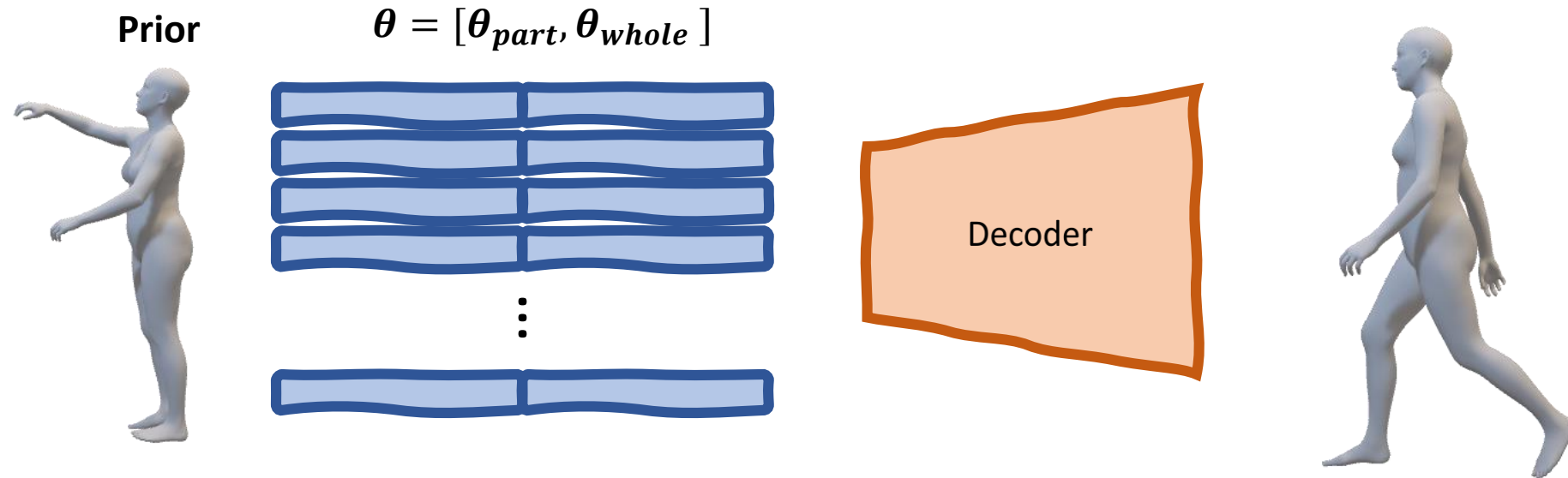
Completion idea - encoder





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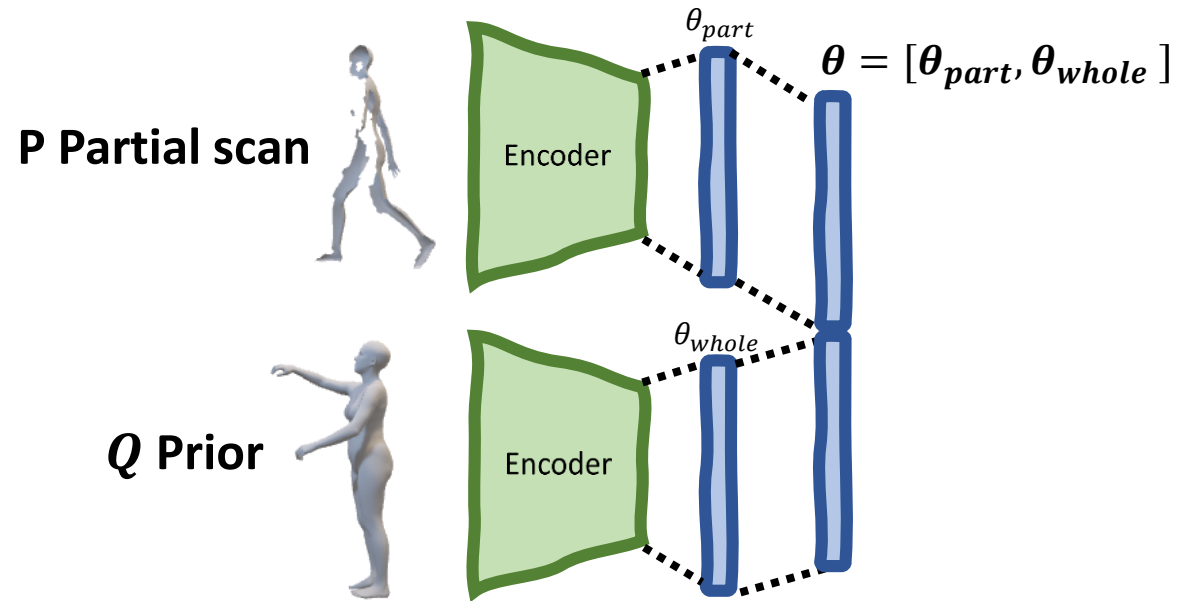
Completion idea - decoder



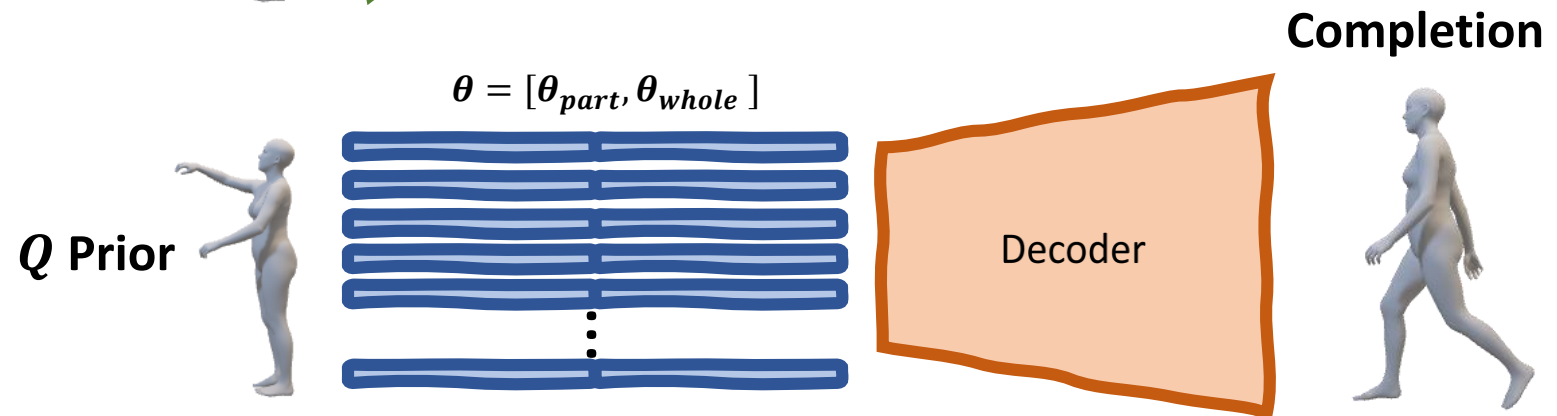
# Previous method: Towards Precise

Completion idea – full picture examples

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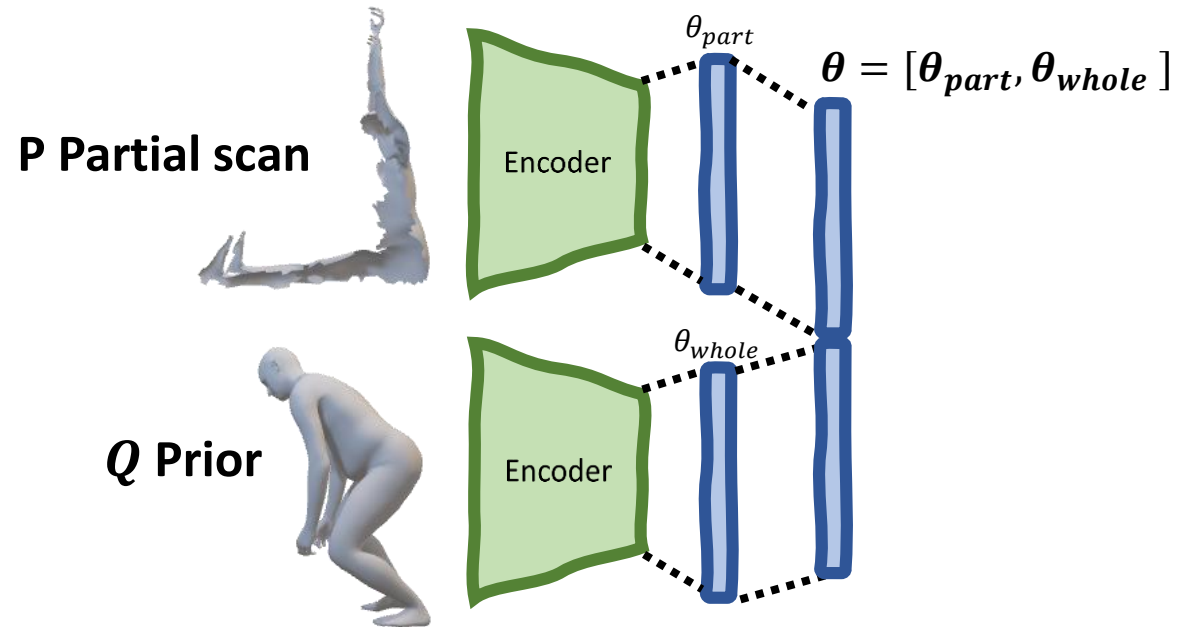
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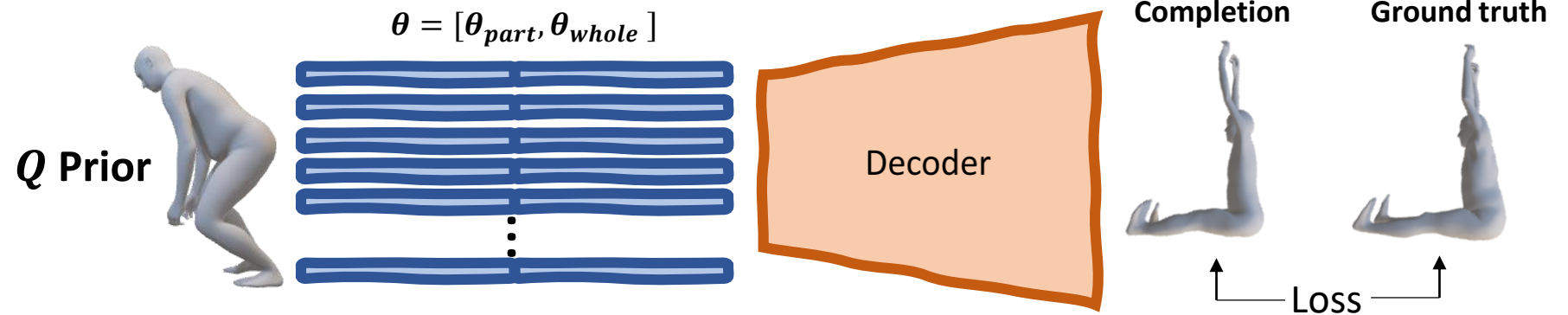
# Previous method: Towards Precise

Completion idea – example 1

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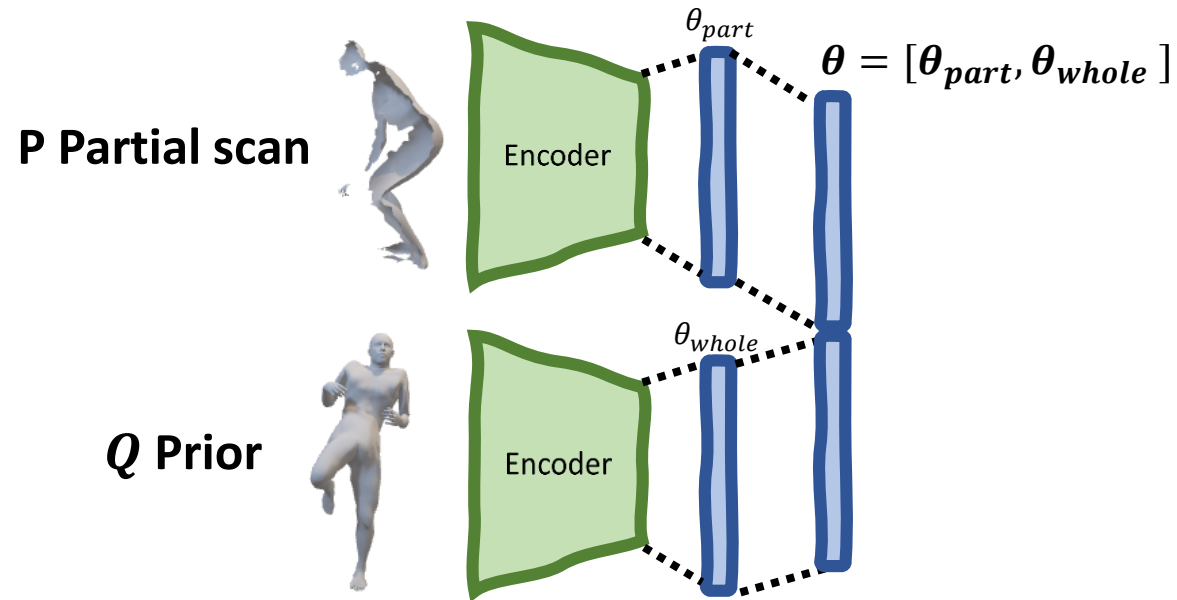
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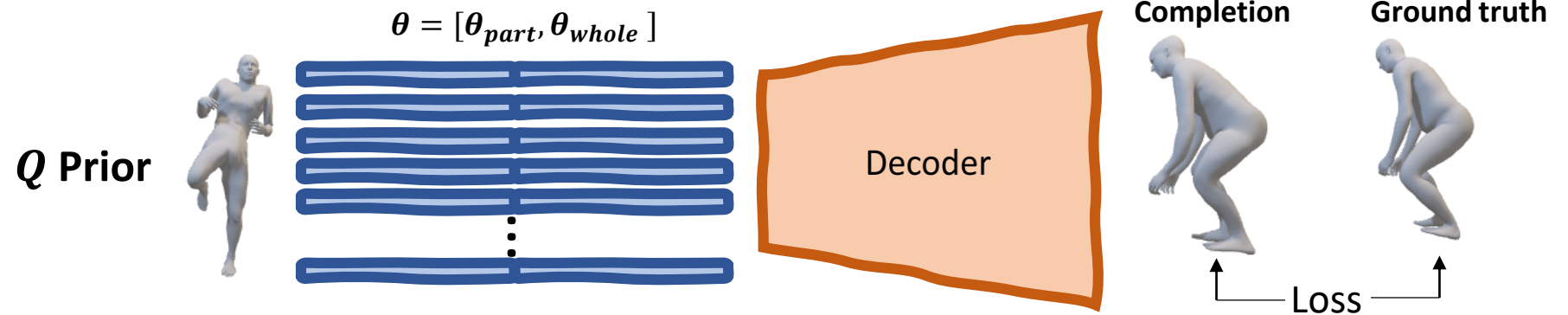
# Previous method: Towards Precise

Completion idea – example 2

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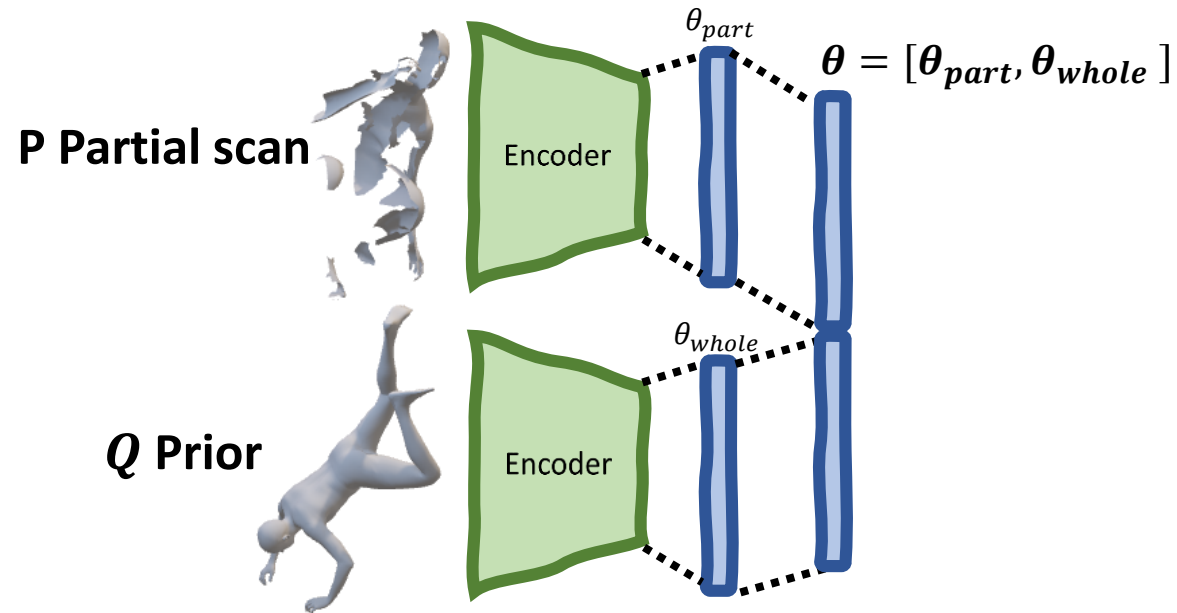
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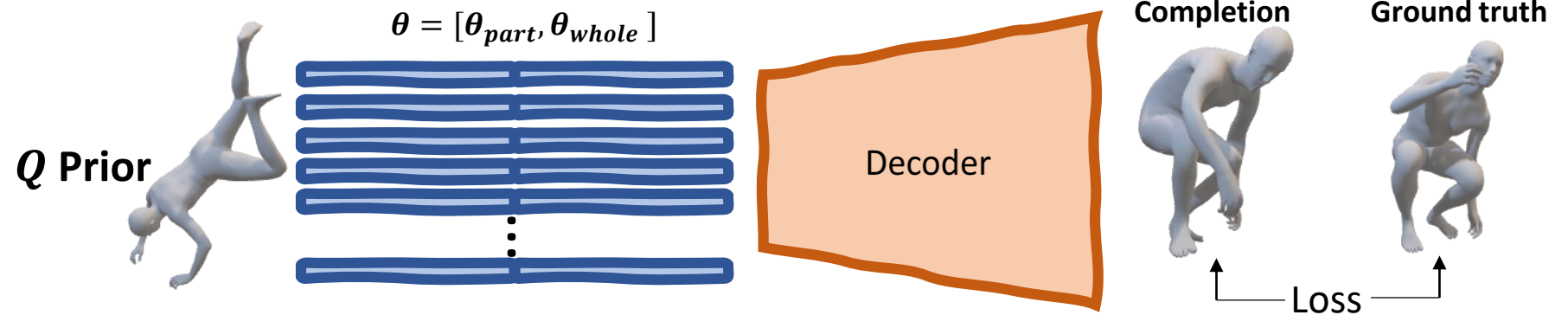
# Previous method: Towards Precise

Completion idea – example 3

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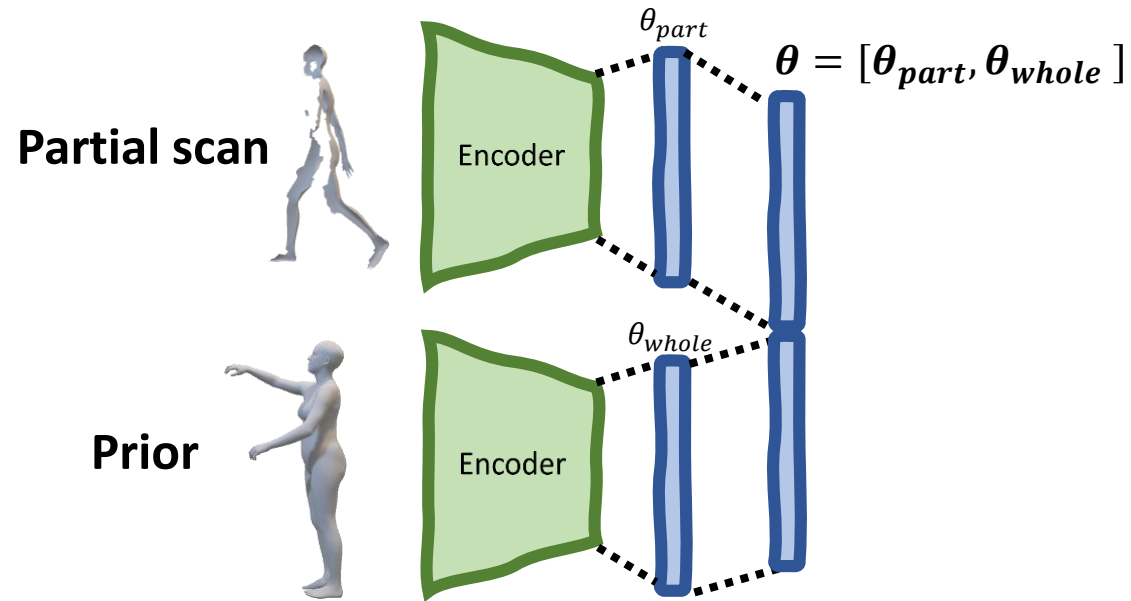
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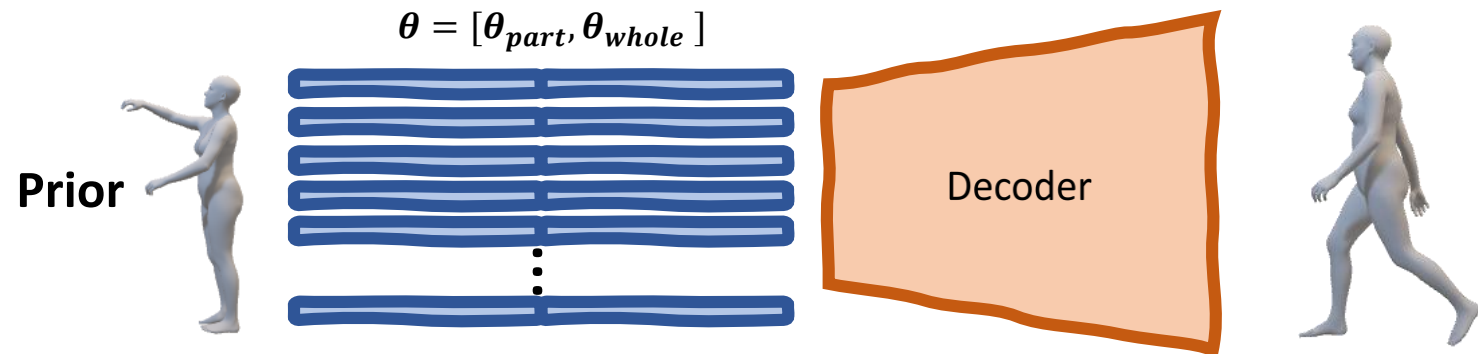
# our method: FTS (fixed template shape)

Completion idea

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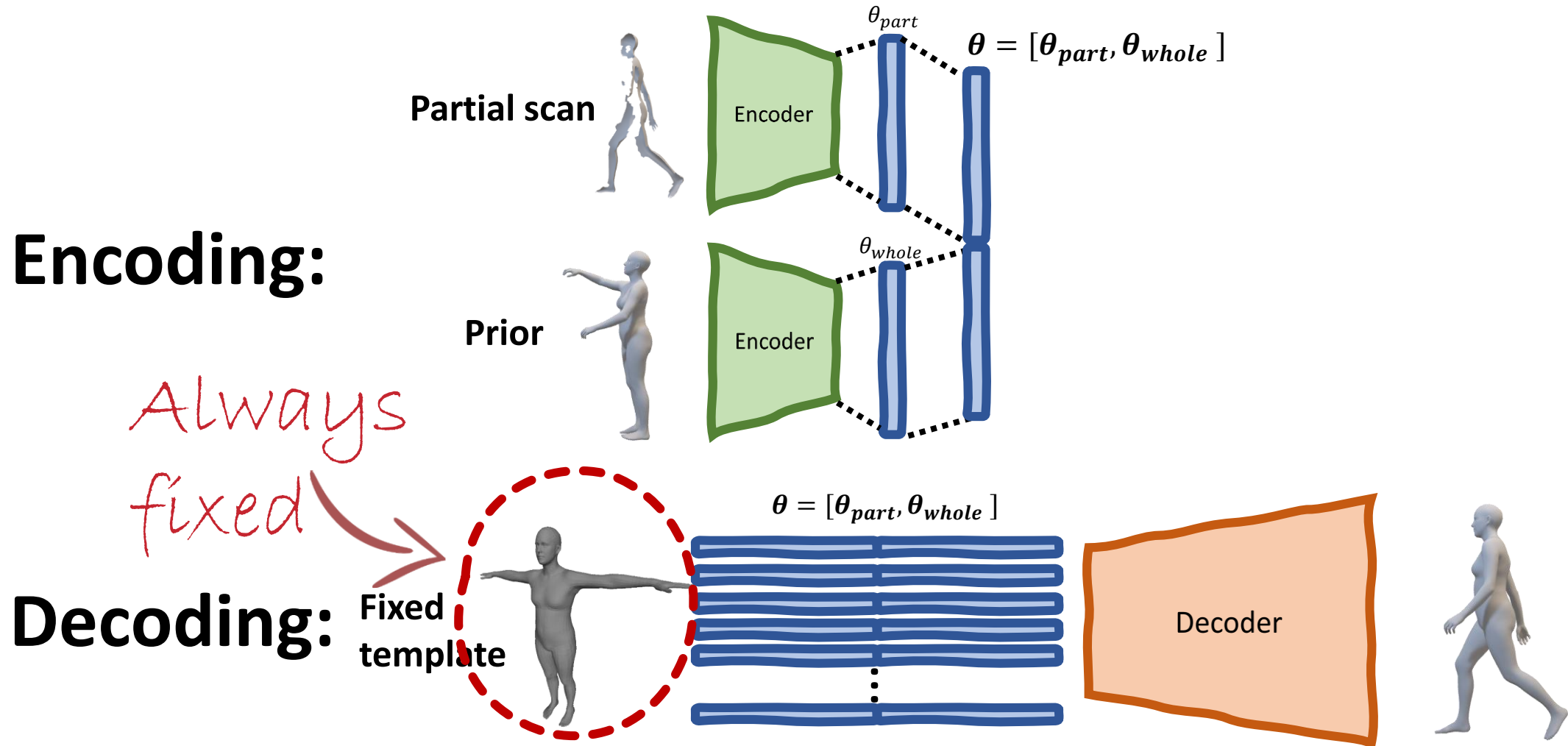


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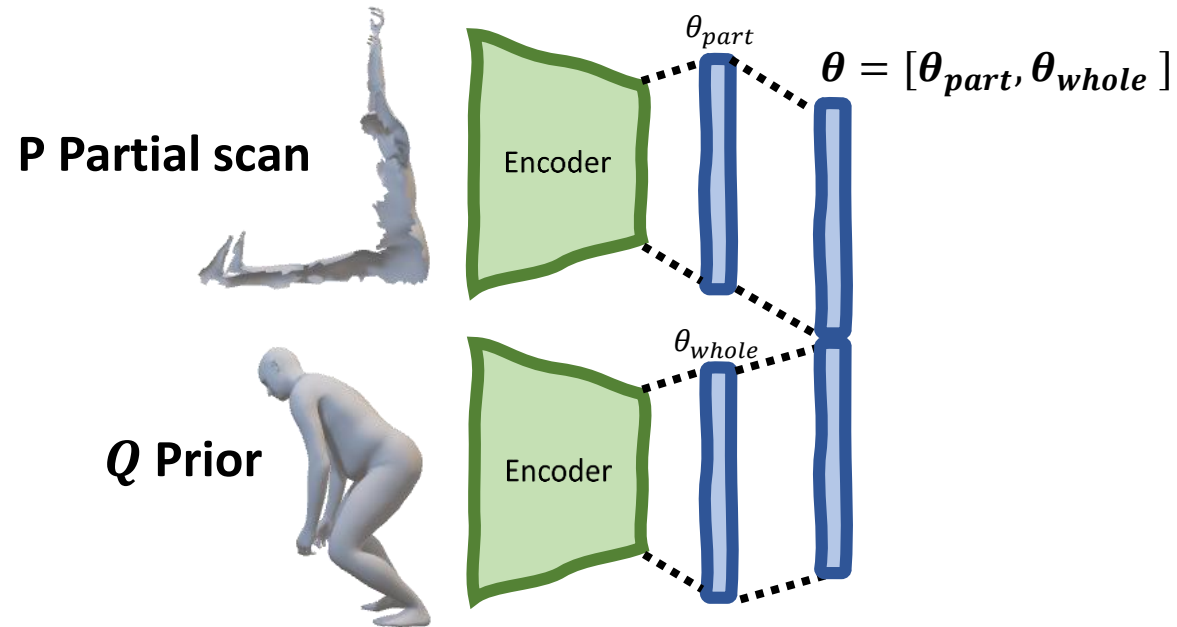
Completion idea



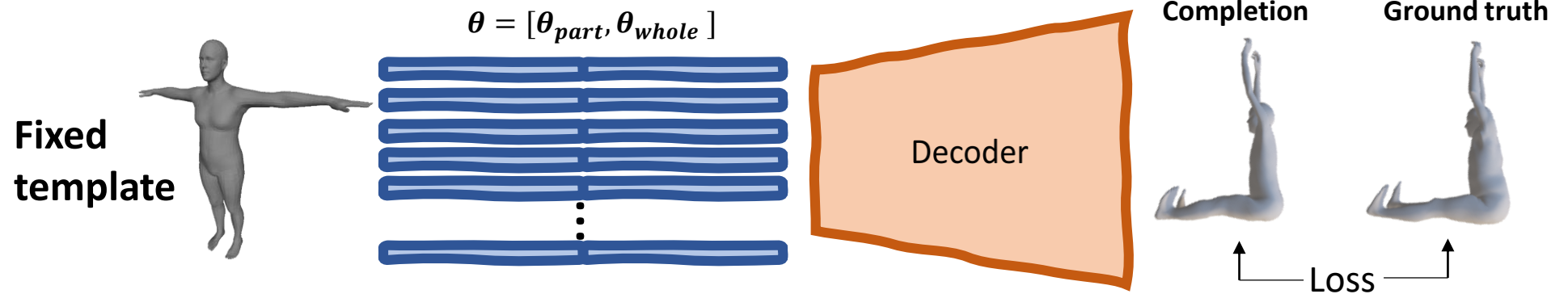
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Completion idea – example 1

## Encoding:



## Decoding:

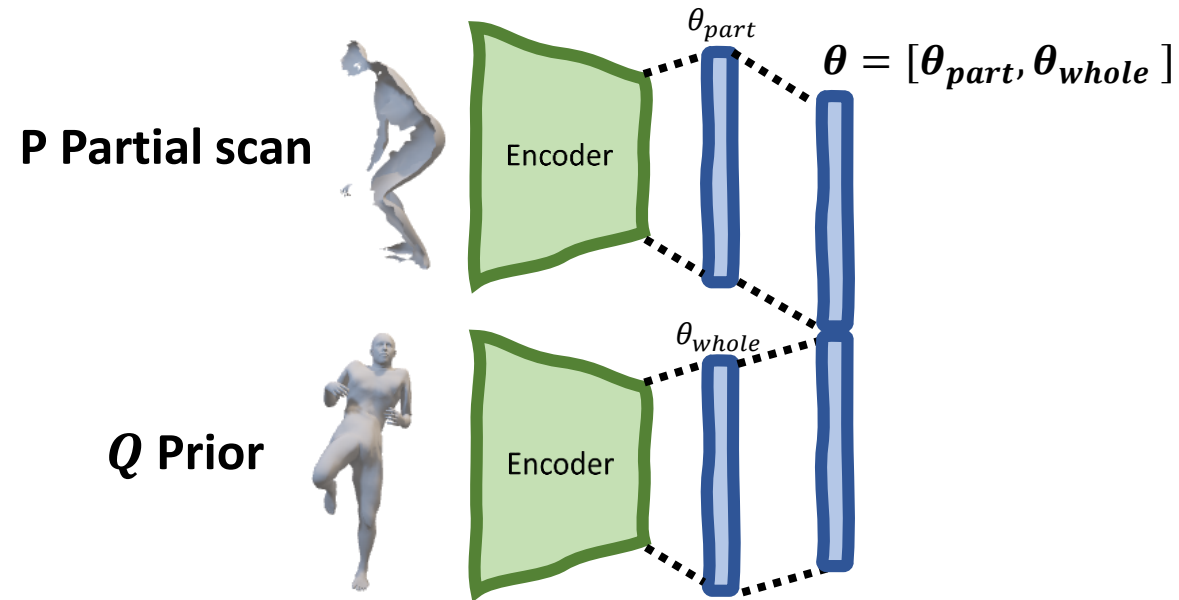




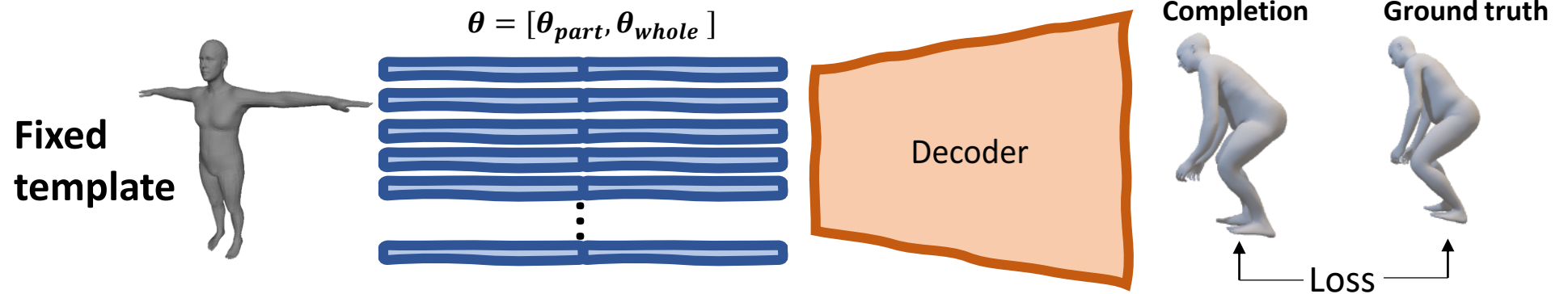
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Completion idea – example 2

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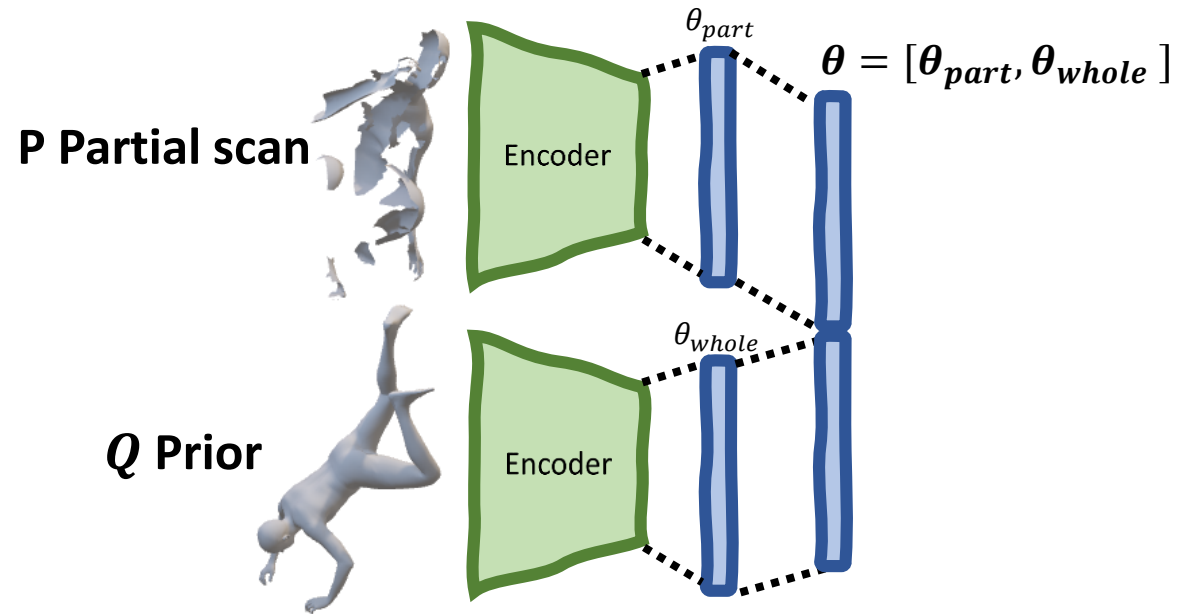
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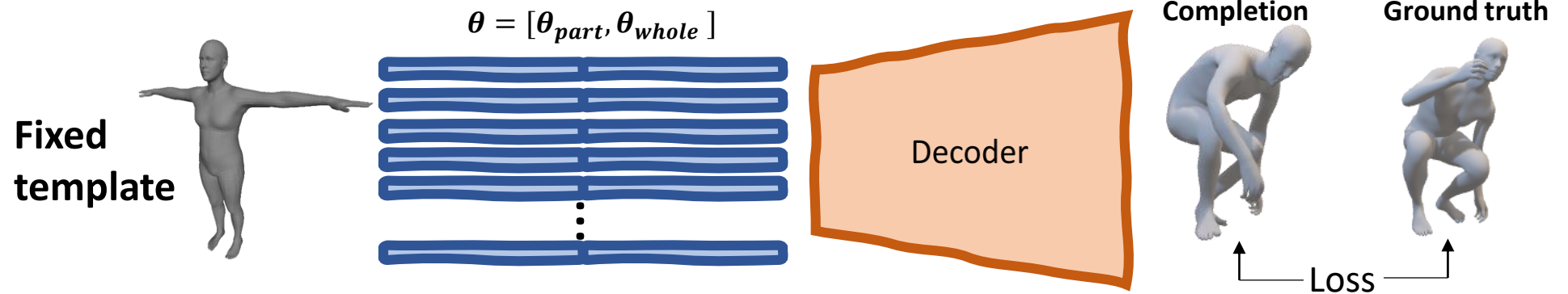
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Completion idea – example 3

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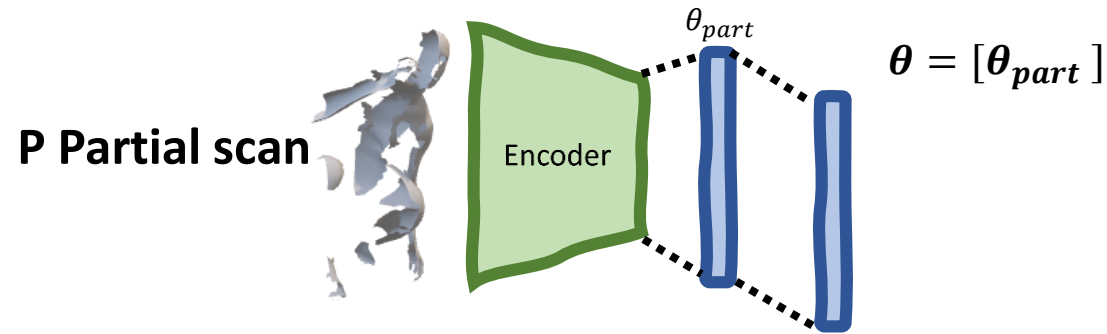


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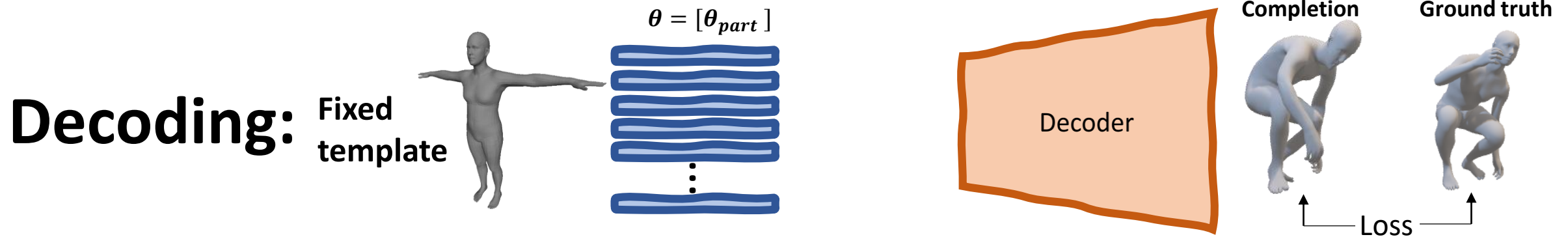


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Completion idea



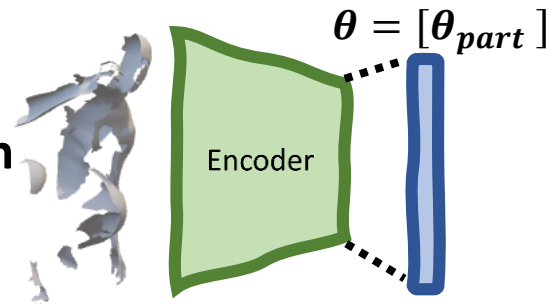
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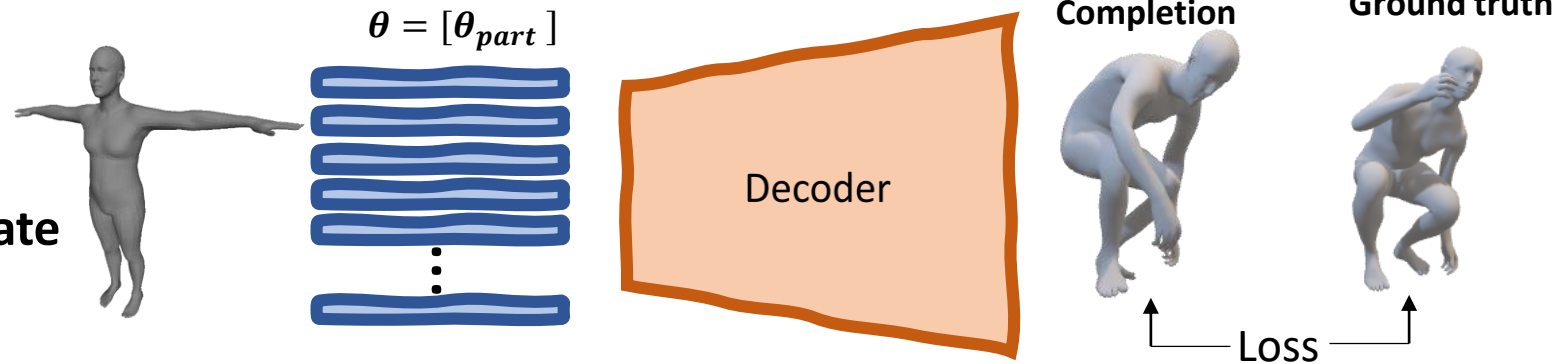
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Completion idea

**Encoding:** P Partial scan



**Decoding:** Fixed template



# Experiment

Methods in compression:

- **Towards Precise**
- **FTS**
- **FTS-NP**

Tested on subsampled datasets from AMASS Dataset

(10 males, 50 samples for each actor)

The training set was sampled randomly.

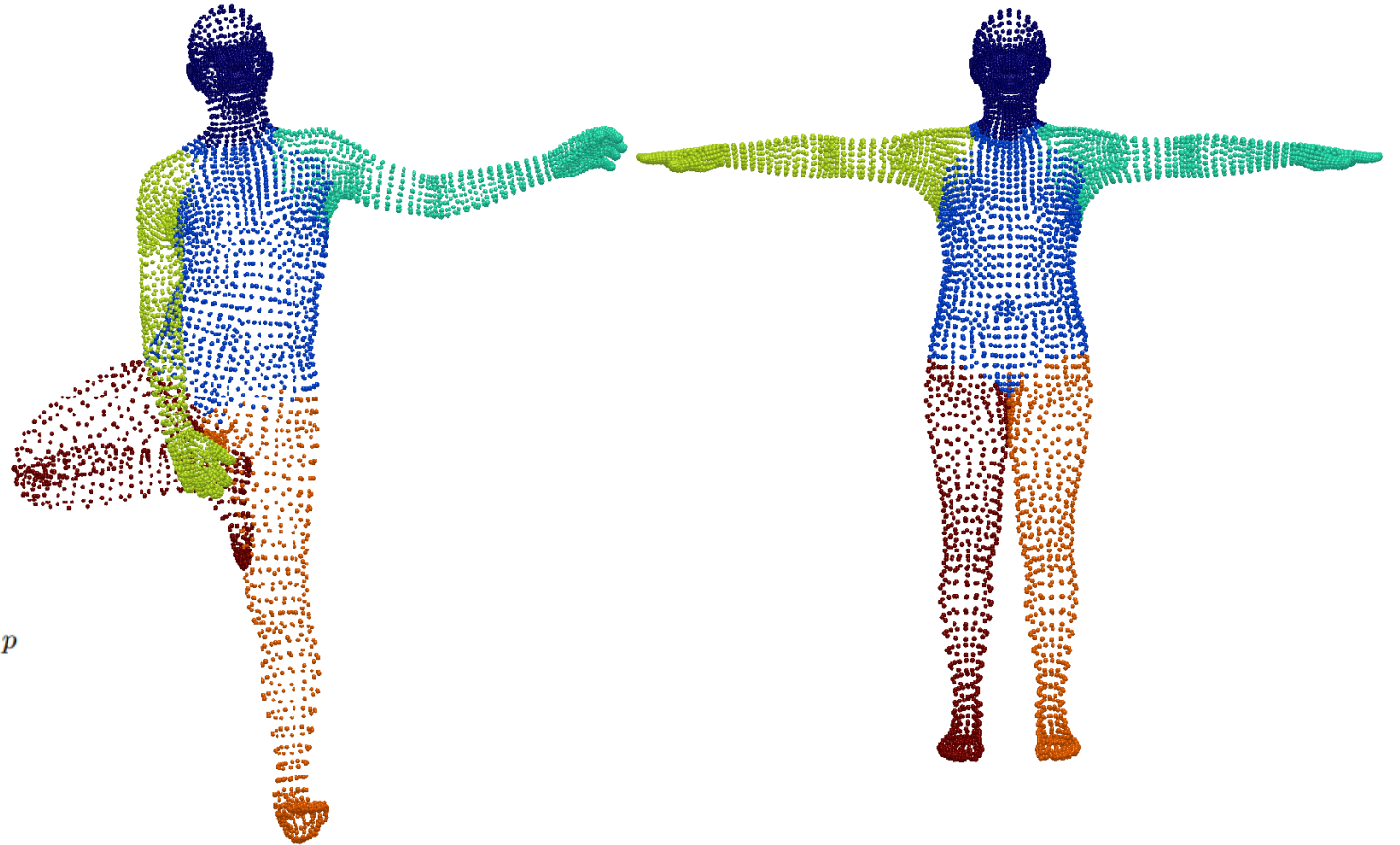
# Evaluation metrics

- full body + **Segments**: head, torso , left arm , right arm , left leg, right leg.
- **errors**:

$$\forall p \in \{1, 2, \infty\} : \mathbb{E}_{l_n(G,R)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| g_i - r_i \right\|_p$$

$$\forall O \in \{Vol, Area\} : M_O(G, R) = \frac{|O(G) - O(R)|}{O(G)} \cdot 100$$

N = #Points in segment



# Results

	Segment						
	full body	head	torso	left arm	right arm	left leg	right leg
$\mathbb{E}_{l_1}$ Error [cm]							
Towards Precise	0.240746	0.162363	0.166394	0.266586	0.270954	0.293877	0.303135
FTS-NP (ours)	0.172014	0.117620	0.121781	0.198461	0.200176	0.193018	0.199039
FTS (ours)	<b>0.147619</b>	<b>0.097046</b>	<b>0.103619</b>	<b>0.166146</b>	<b>0.170752</b>	<b>0.172403</b>	<b>0.182553</b>
$\mathbb{E}_{l_2}$ Error [cm]							
Towards Precise	0.162575	0.109220	0.111560	0.179142	0.183097	0.200223	0.206027
FTS-NP (ours)	0.116217	0.078855	0.081467	0.133859	0.135026	0.132671	0.135104
FTS (ours)	<b>0.099525</b>	<b>0.064675</b>	<b>0.069361</b>	<b>0.111625</b>	<b>0.115255</b>	<b>0.117476</b>	<b>0.124246</b>
$\mathbb{E}_{l_\infty}$ Error [cm]							
Towards Precise	0.137028	0.091874	0.093337	0.150302	0.154346	0.170173	0.174576
FTS-NP (ours)	0.097944	0.065986	0.068019	0.112450	0.113825	0.113498	0.114432
FTS (ours)	<b>0.083730</b>	<b>0.053837</b>	<b>0.057882</b>	<b>0.093691</b>	<b>0.097165</b>	<b>0.099761</b>	<b>0.105167</b>
Volumetric error [%]							
Towards Precise	46.854080	45.355503	44.622883	55.759094	57.923038	51.874989	52.759754
FTS-NP (ours)	31.126259	32.397682	28.613161	39.795094	42.709961	32.265114	32.649700
FTS (ours)	<b>26.938036</b>	<b>24.644217</b>	<b>24.285990</b>	<b>32.891121</b>	<b>35.859035</b>	<b>29.393967</b>	<b>29.738489</b>
Surface area error [%]							
Towards Precise	30.000505	32.000538	27.276175	36.425770	39.768318	33.572063	34.273651
FTS-NP (ours)	22.995281	22.502445	19.693295	29.450409	31.579748	22.296270	23.120274
FTS (ours)	<b>19.846867</b>	<b>16.847292</b>	<b>17.354050</b>	<b>24.950127</b>	<b>26.357685</b>	<b>19.766914</b>	<b>20.035872</b>

Table 1: Comparison of Towards-precise , FTS-NP (ours) and FTS (ours) shape completion methods with respect to the described evaluation metrics on each segment. All the methods was trained on the high-variance males random (MR) dataset. The minimum value on each column appear in bold.

# Results

- Our completion methods outperform the existing state-of-the-art Towards Precise method across **all segmentations** and **all errors**.
- **FTS** method **surpass FTS-NP** method in all the same aspects as well, which imply the **prior importance** in shape completion.



# How can we improve results?

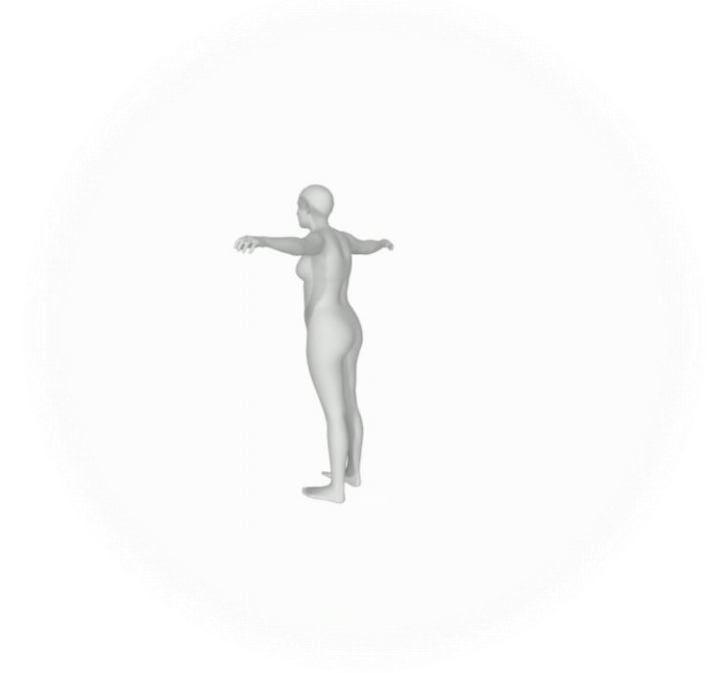
- Hyper parameters tuning
- Dataset sampling
- Achieving similar results using weaker prior

*Our focus*



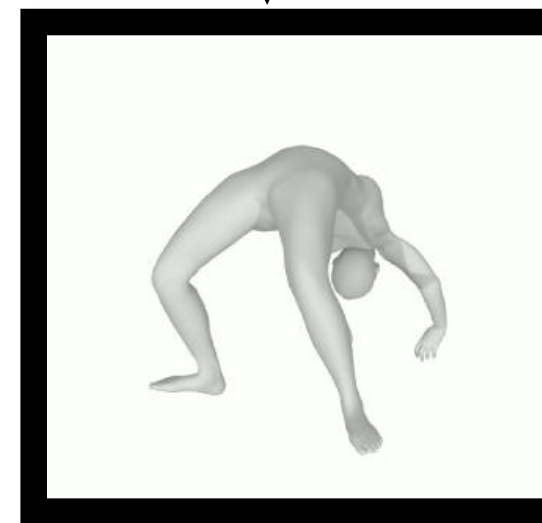
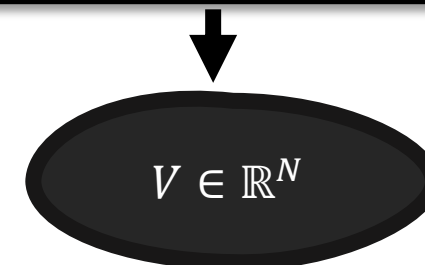
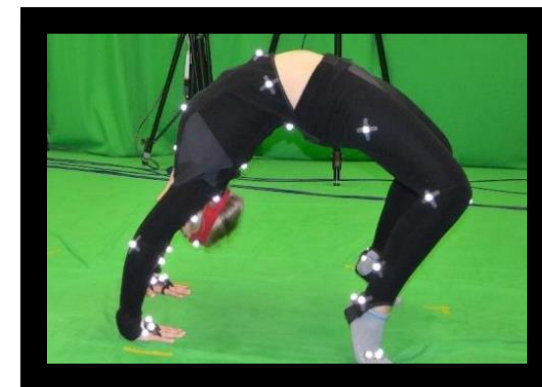
# AMASS Dataset

- 14 inner datasets
- 344 actors
- 11,265 animations, 17 million frames

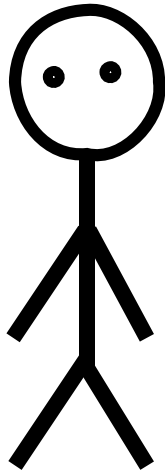


# AMASS – deep dive

- AMASS collected motion capture scans from existing datasets.
- Each scan was transformed into SMPL+H **parametric body model**.
- Finally, the feature vector is decoded into a synthetic body model.

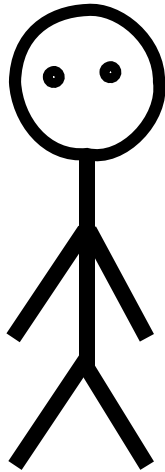


# Parametric body models 2D example

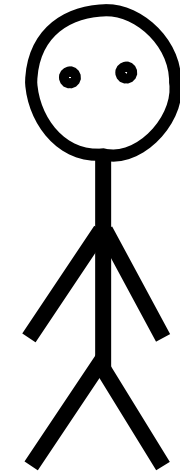


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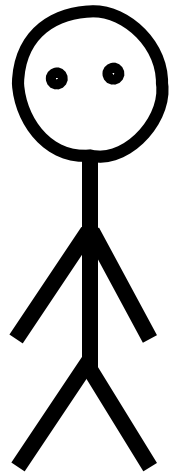
$$\Theta_{pose} = (\overset{\text{Hands}}{\theta_1}, \theta_2, \overset{\text{legs}}{\theta_3}, \theta_4)$$

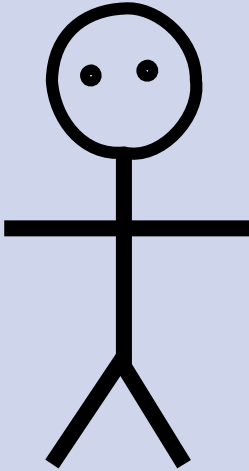
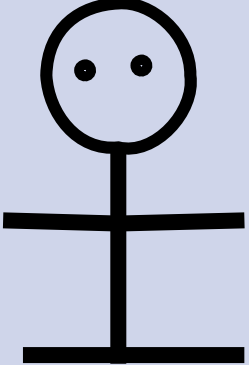
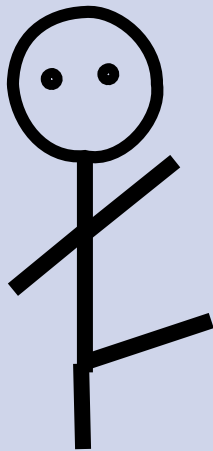


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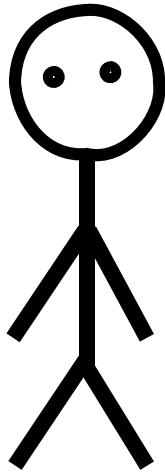
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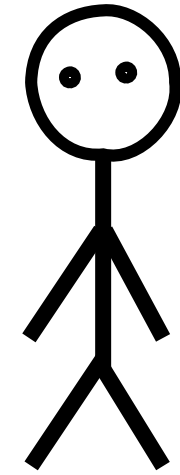
	$\Theta_{pose} = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4)$	(30,30,90,90)	(90,90,90,90)	(110,0,45,135)
Model pose				

# Parametric body models 2D example

$$\mathbf{B}_{shape} = \overset{\text{Head size, Hight}}{(\beta_1, \beta_2)}$$

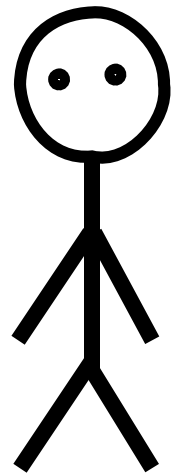


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*Head size, Hight*



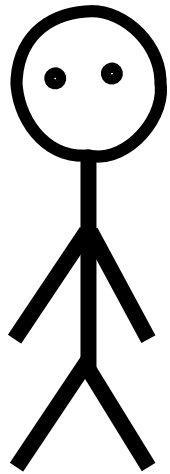
	$B_{shape} = (\beta_1, \beta_2)$	(100,1)	(10,10)	(1,100)
Model Shape				



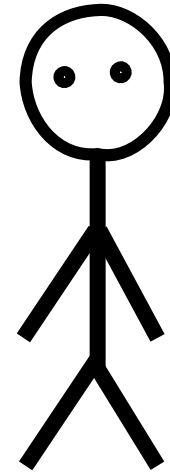
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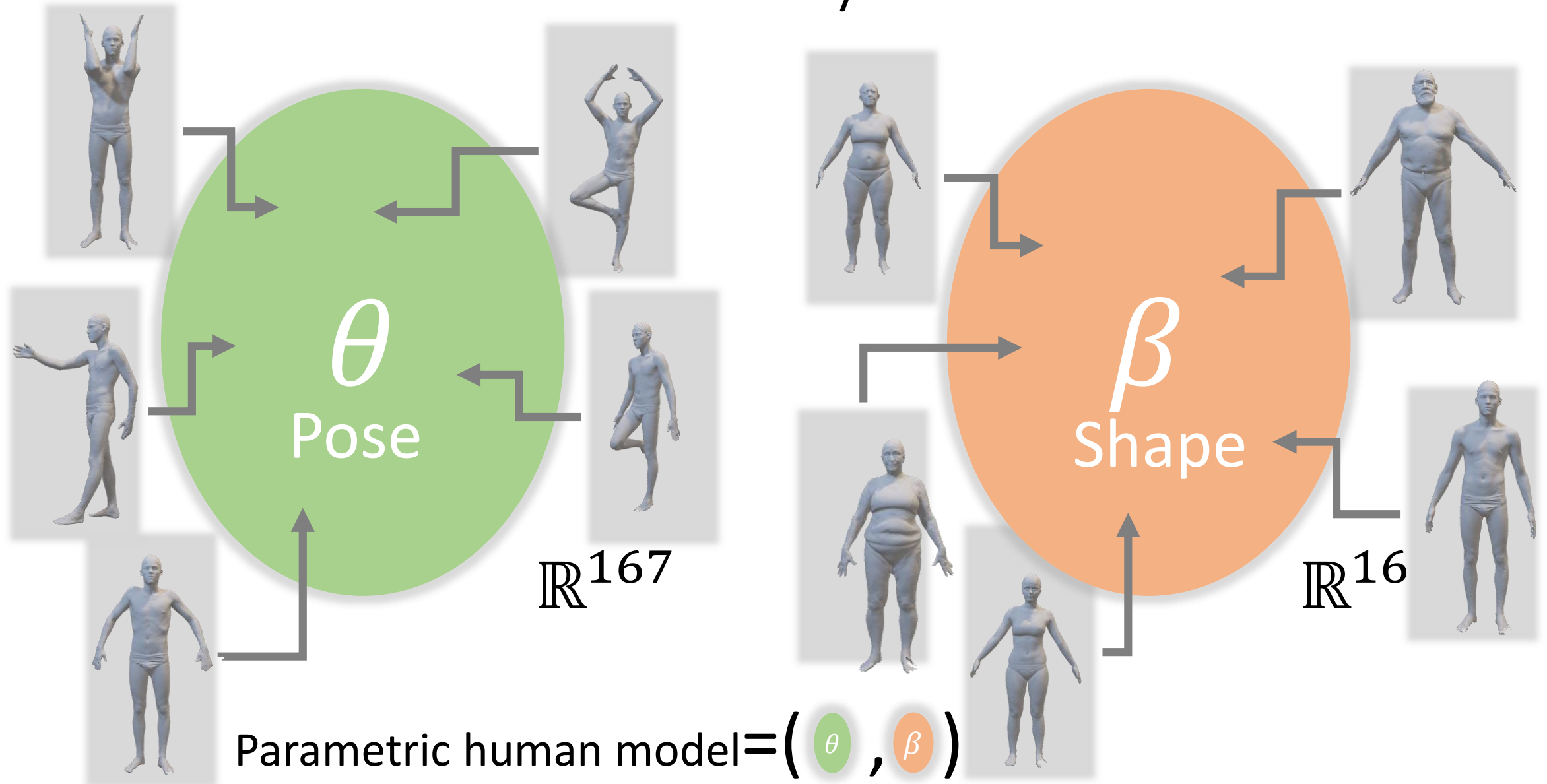


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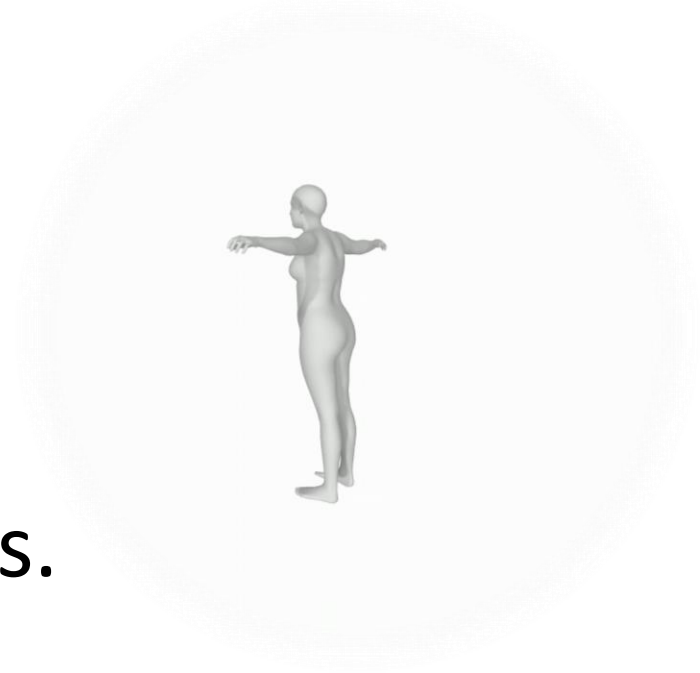
= Stickman model

# SMPL+H Parametric body model

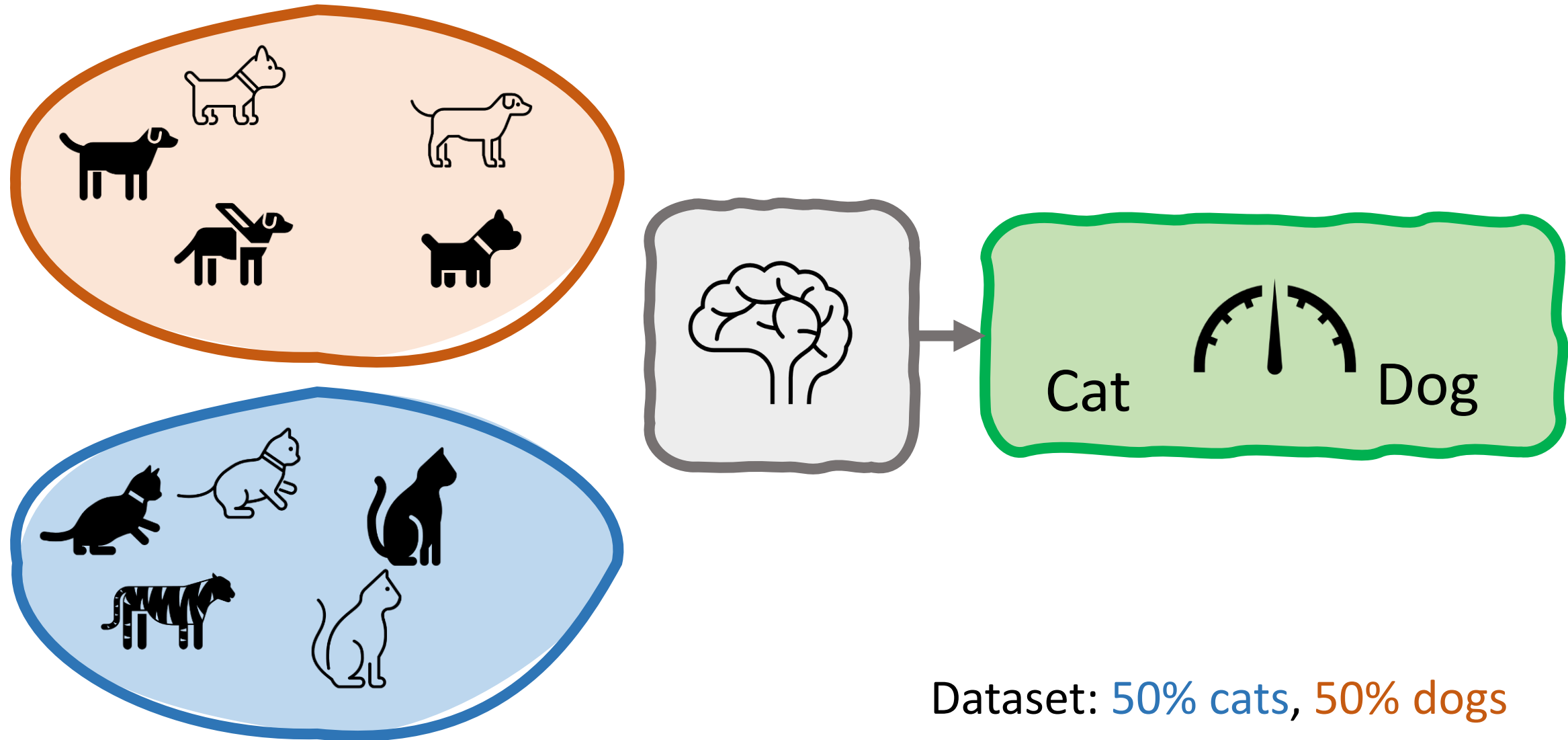


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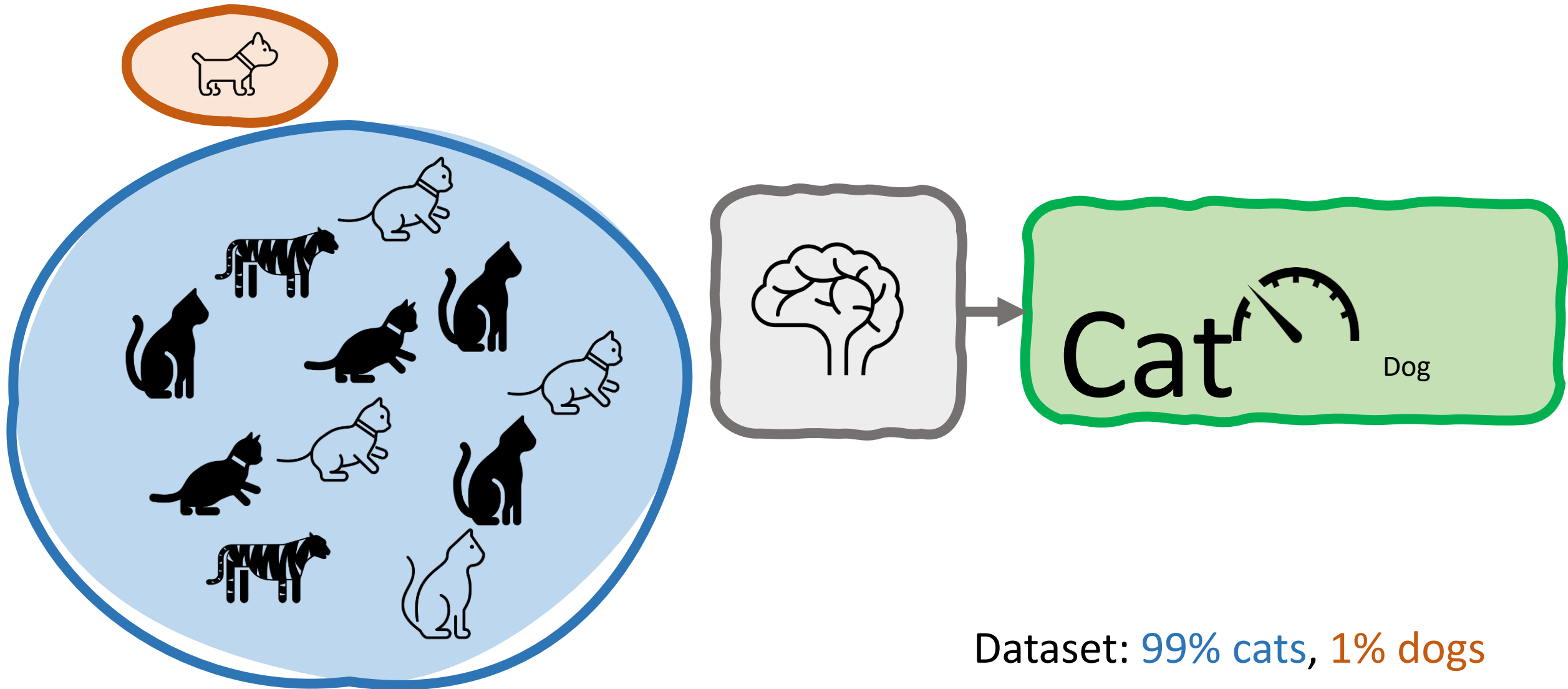
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- **Problem:** Heavily biased towards rest poses.



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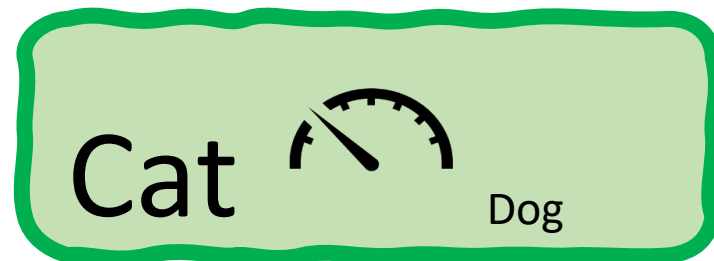


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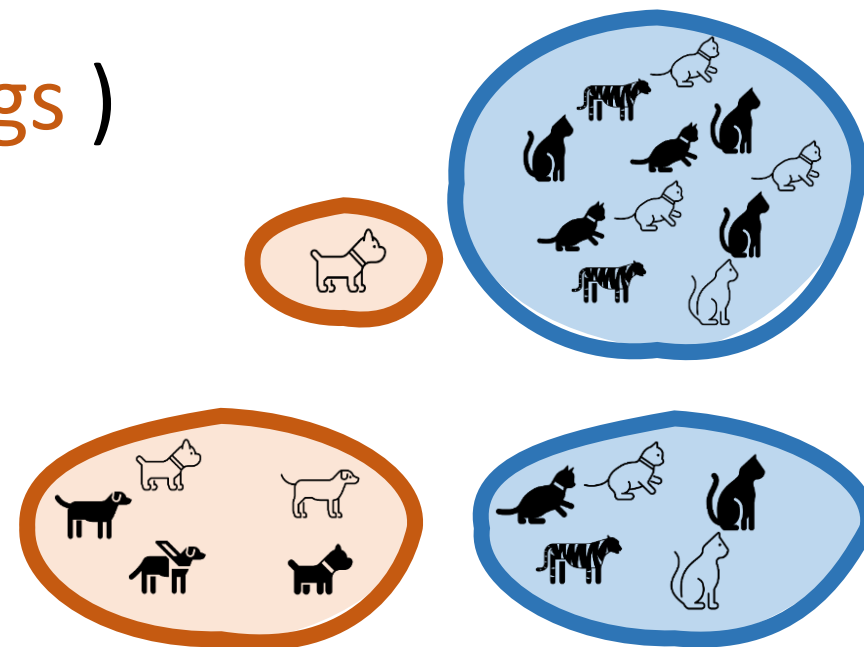
# Biased dataset problem

Testing the bad classifier



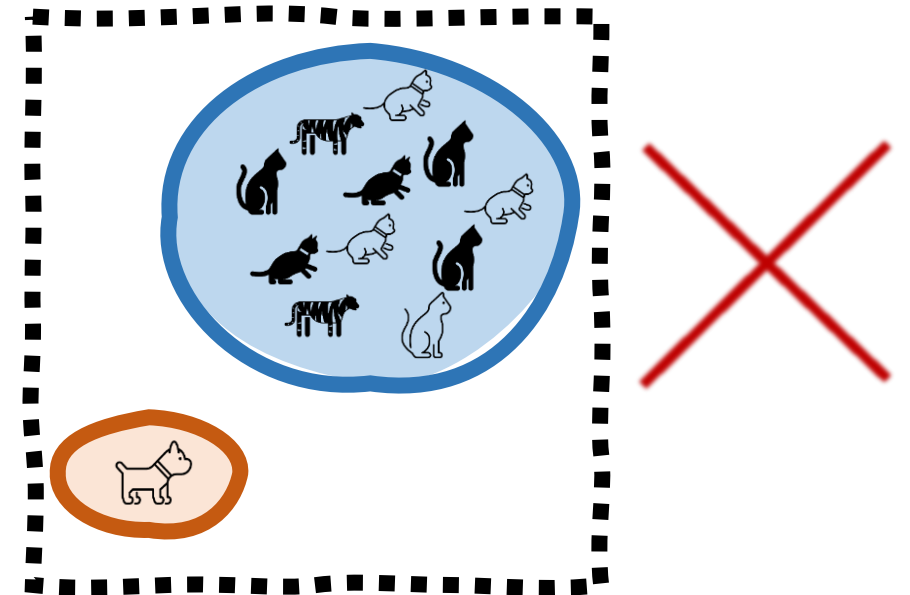
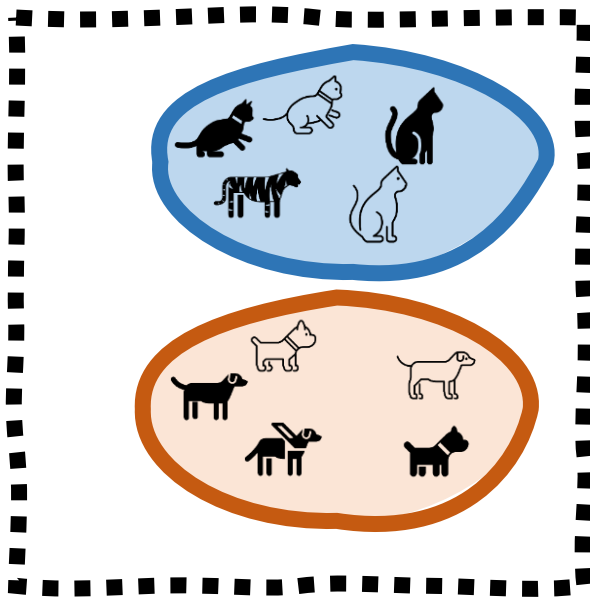
- biased testing set of ( 99% cats, 1% dogs ) leads to false evaluation of the model.

- However, testing with unbiased dataset of ( 50% cats, 50% dogs ) will reveal the problem.



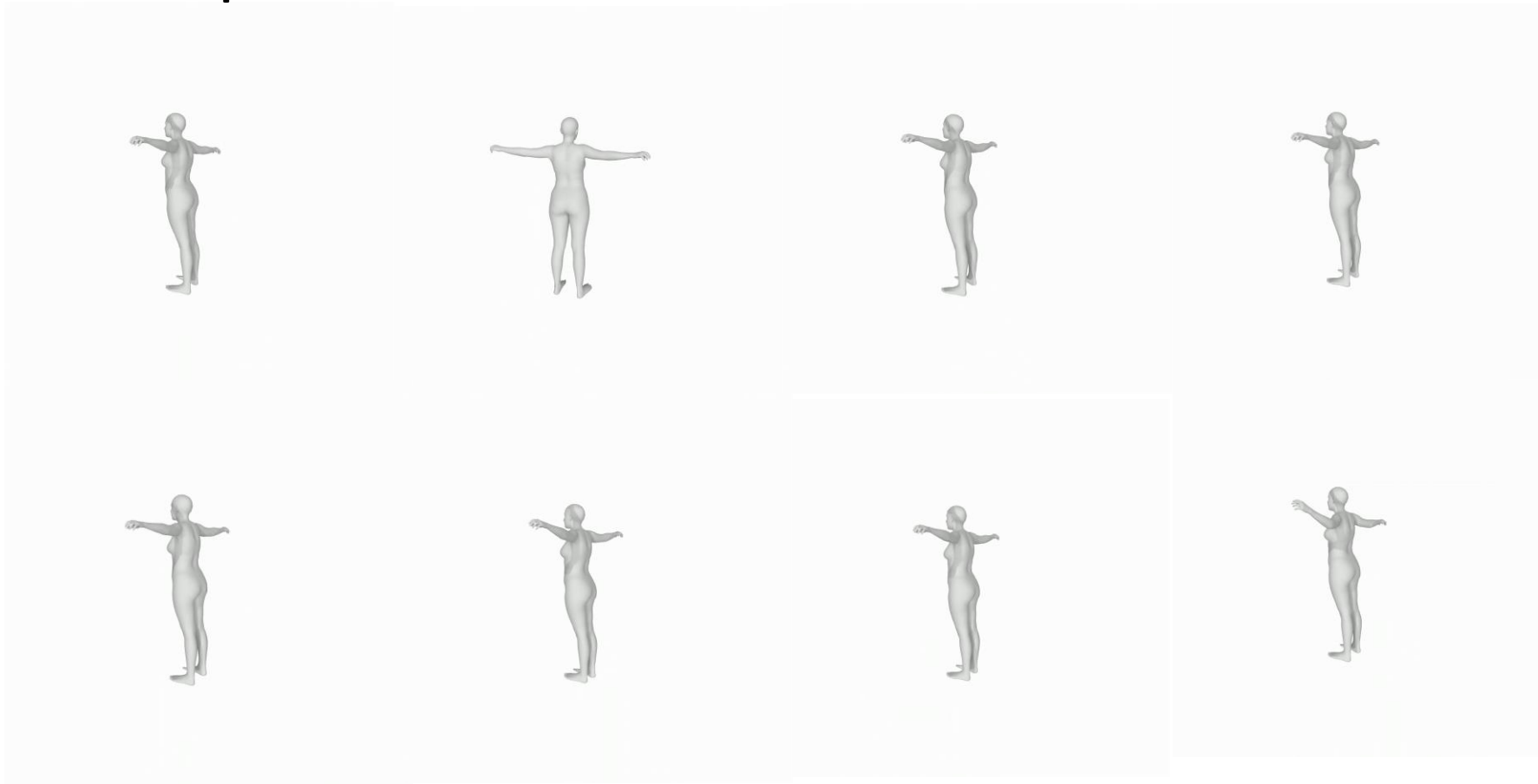
# Biased dataset problem

- Important Conclusion: the testing set should be as unbiased as possible.



# Problem - AMASS is heavily biased towards rest poses

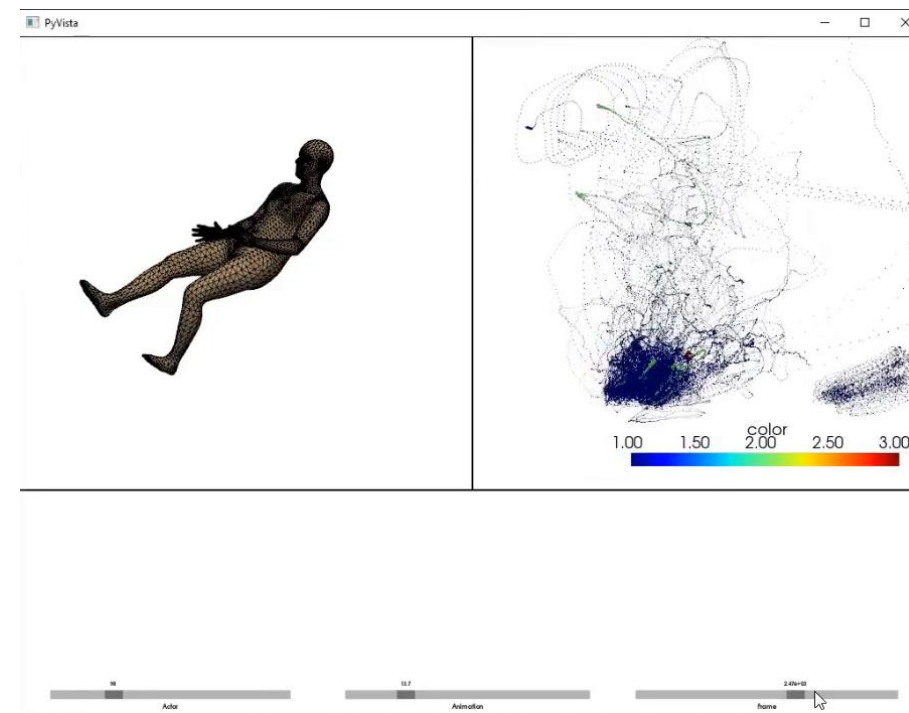
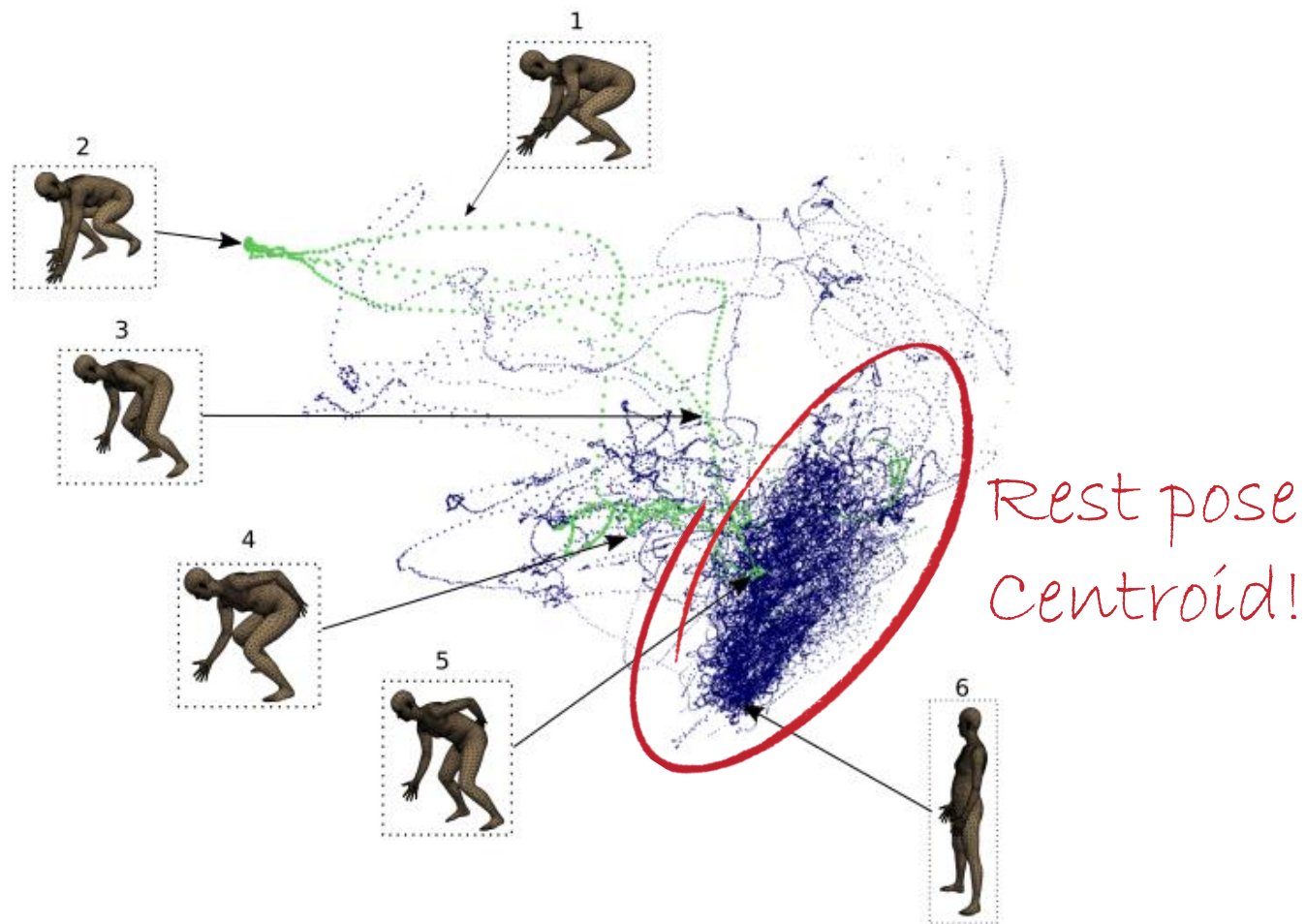
Aspect 1: Several animations for an actor:





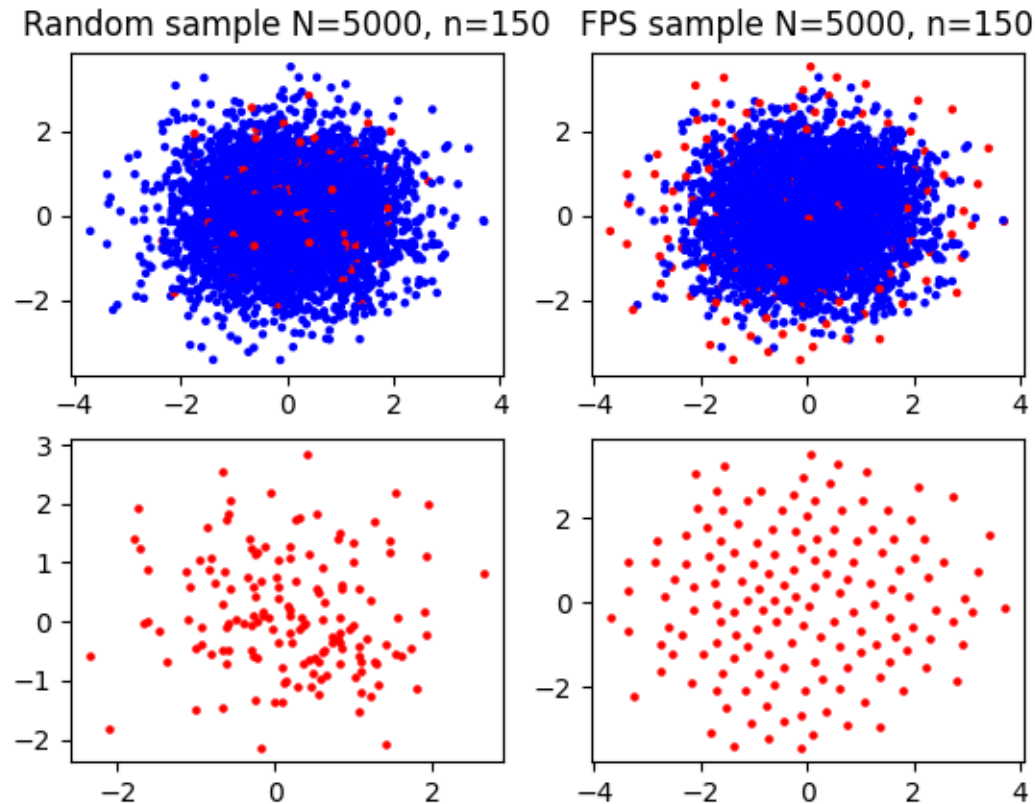
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Aspect 2:3D PCA projection of  $\theta$  pose for an actor:



# Our solution: FPS sampling (farthest point sampling)

- We propose the FPS sampling methodology in order to sample subset of points that are farther away from each other.



# Our solution: FPS sampling (farthest point sampling)

- We sample the frames using FPS sampling **over the shape vector**  $\theta_{shape}$  on SMPL+H, resulting unbiased pose manifold with high variability.



FPS result for  $n = 4$  on actor from BMLmovi dataset

# Our solution: FPS sampling (farthest point sampling)

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**Algorithm 1:** FARTHEST POINT SAMPLING (FPS)

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**Data:**

$N \in \mathbb{N}^+$  the number of frames of a given actor.

$n \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  the number of frames to be sampled.

$\Theta^{\text{body pose}} = \{\theta^{\text{body pose}}\}_{i=1}^N$  the body pose vectors for each frame.

**Result:** selected frames  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ ,  $|S| = n$

**Function**  $FPS(N, n, \Theta^{\text{body pose}})$

**sample randomly:**  $s \leftarrow \mathcal{U}\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$

$S \leftarrow \{s\}$

$U \leftarrow \{1, 2, \dots, N\} \setminus S$

**while**  $|S| < n$  **do**

$\forall i \in U : d_i^{\text{min}} =$   
          $\min_{j \in U; j \neq i} \left\| \theta_j^{\text{body pose}} - \theta_i^{\text{body pose}} \right\|_2$

$s \leftarrow \arg \max_{i \in U} d_i^{\text{min}}$

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{s\}$

$U \leftarrow U \setminus \{s\}$

**return**  $S$

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# Sampling Experiment

Names:

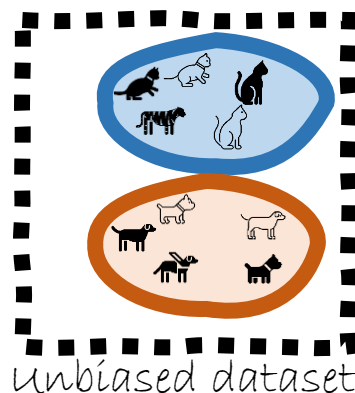
	Males	Females
Random	high-variance males random (MR)	high-variance females random (FR)
FPS	high-variance males fps (MF)	high-variance females fps (FF)

**[M/F] [R/F]**  
Gender: Males or Females  
Sample: Random or FPS

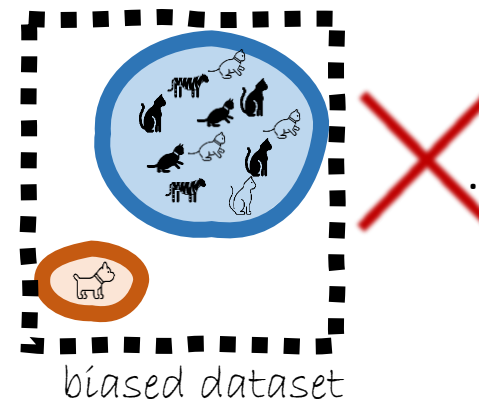
Splits:

	Train	Validation	Test
males random	MR	<u>MF</u>	<u>MF</u>
males fps	MF	<u>MF</u>	<u>MF</u>
females random	FR	<u>FE</u>	<u>FE</u>
females fps	FF	<u>FE</u>	<u>FE</u>

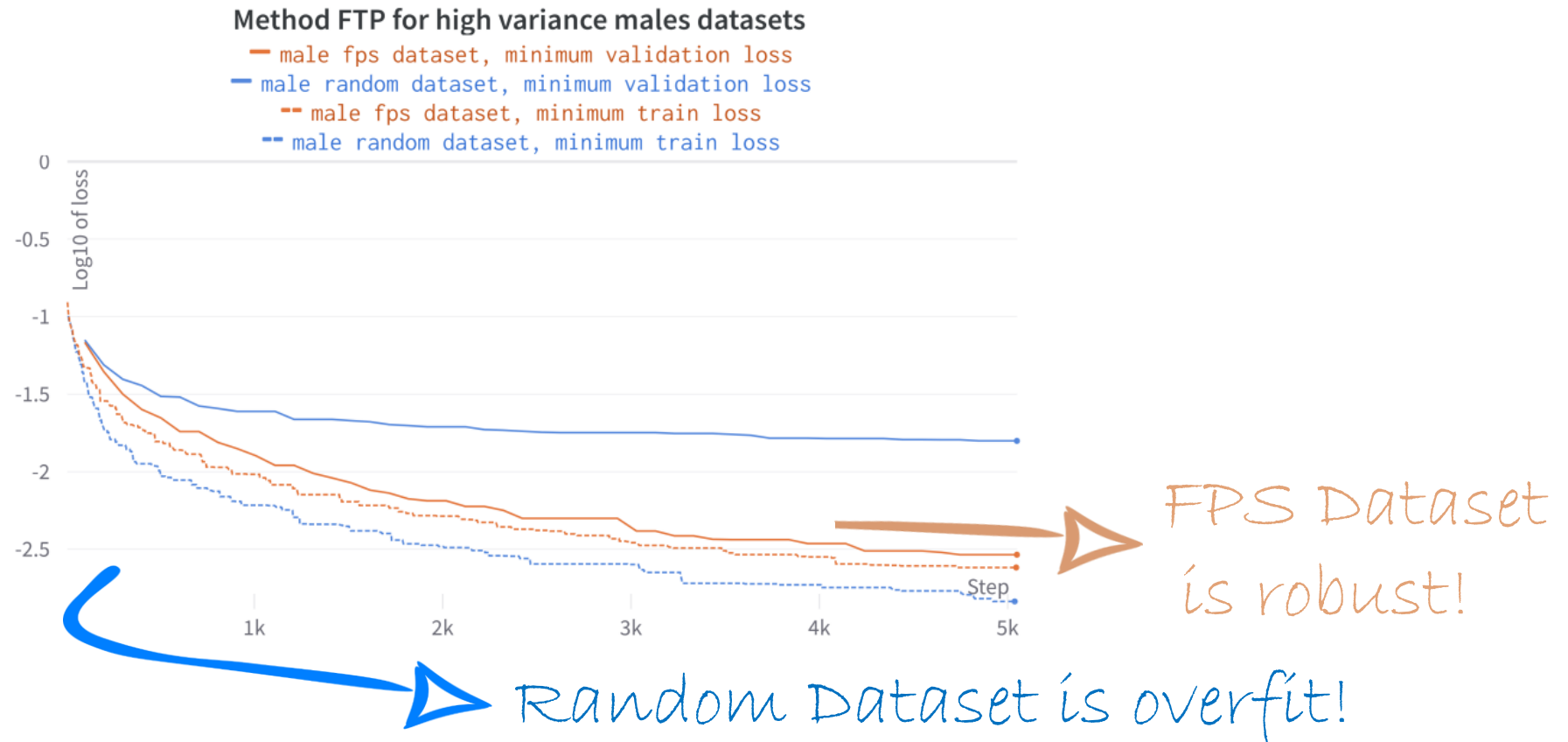
Remember, we want to test with



and not with



# Results

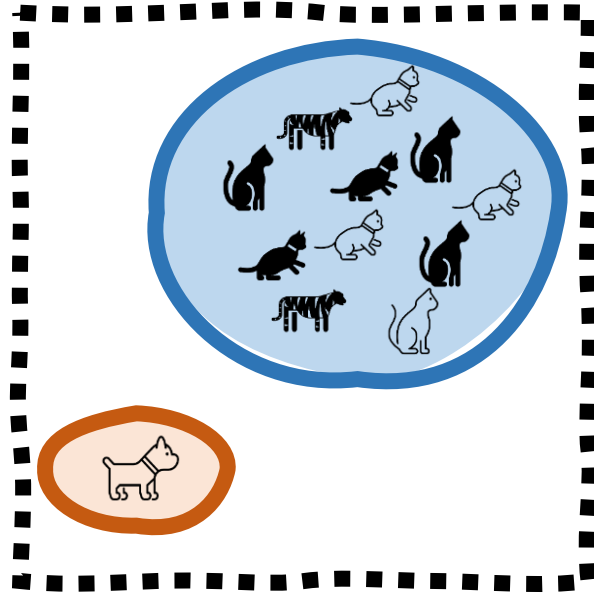
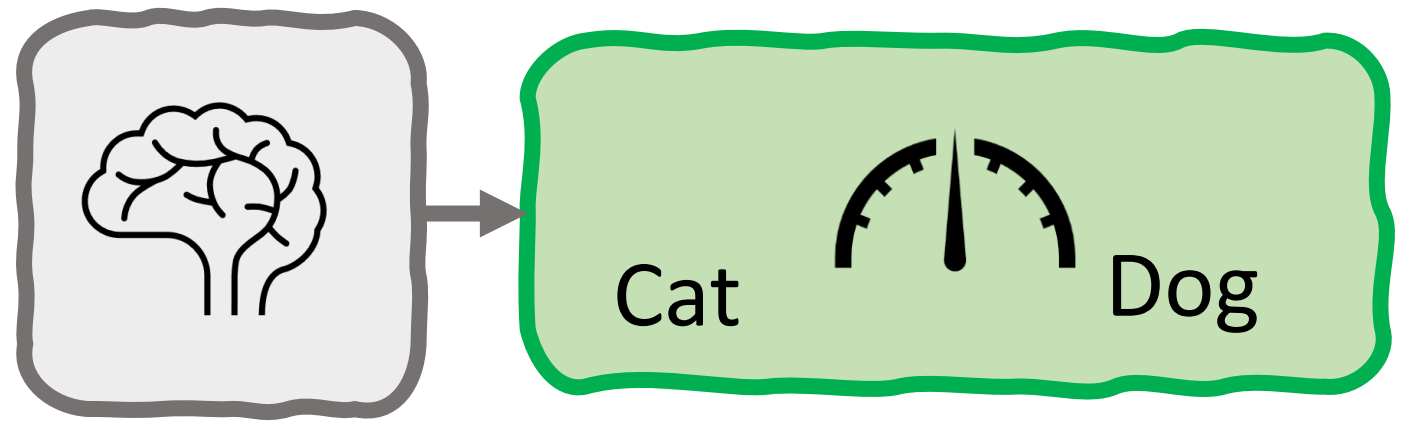


# Results

$\mathbb{E}_{l_2}$ Error [cm]	FTS (ours)	FTS-NP (ours)	Towards precise
males random	0.0977	0.1142	0.1584
males fps (ours)	0.0390	0.0474	0.0908
improvement factor	<b>2.505</b>	<b>2.409</b>	<b>1.744</b>
females random	0.0786	0.0715	0.1399
females fps (ours)	0.0348	0.0363	0.08244
improvement factor	<b>2.258</b>	<b>1.969</b>	<b>1.696</b>

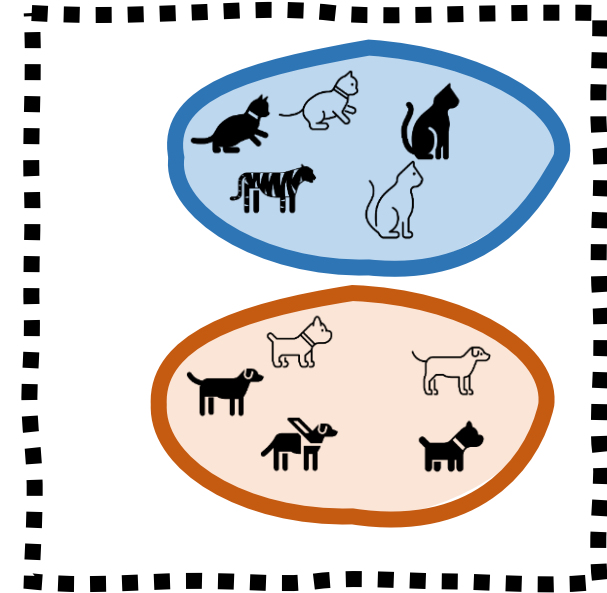
significant performance improvement factor: **at least 1.5, across all cases.**

# Implications



biased dataset

*FPS sampling*



Unbiased dataset



# How can we improve results?

- Hyper parameters tuning
- Dataset sampling
- Achieving similar results using weaker prior

*Our focus*



Improve results – utilize weaker prior

# What if we don't have the full prior?

Bridging the information gap

**Optimal completion**



**Partial scan**



**Prior**

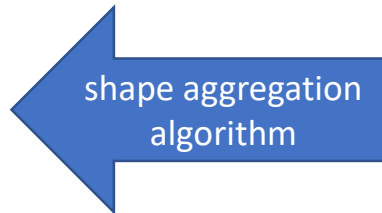


Improve results – utilize weaker prior

# What if we don't have the full prior?

Bridging the information gap

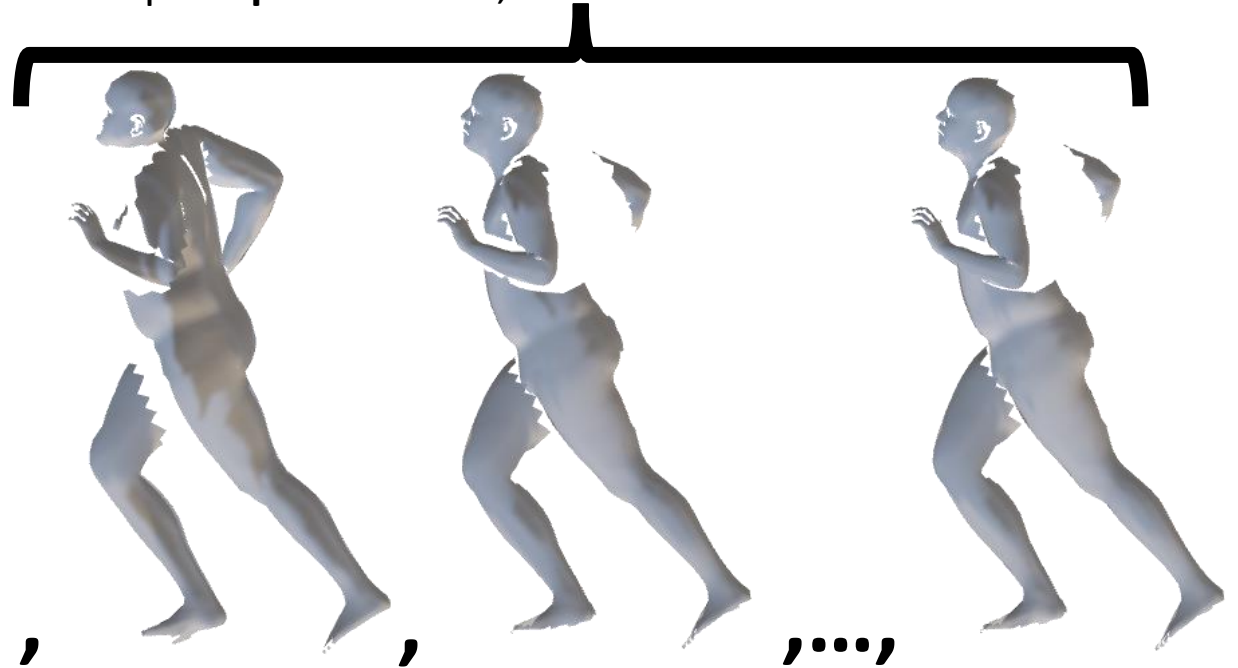
**Optimal completion**



**Partial scan**



$N$  prior **partial** scans, from the same actor

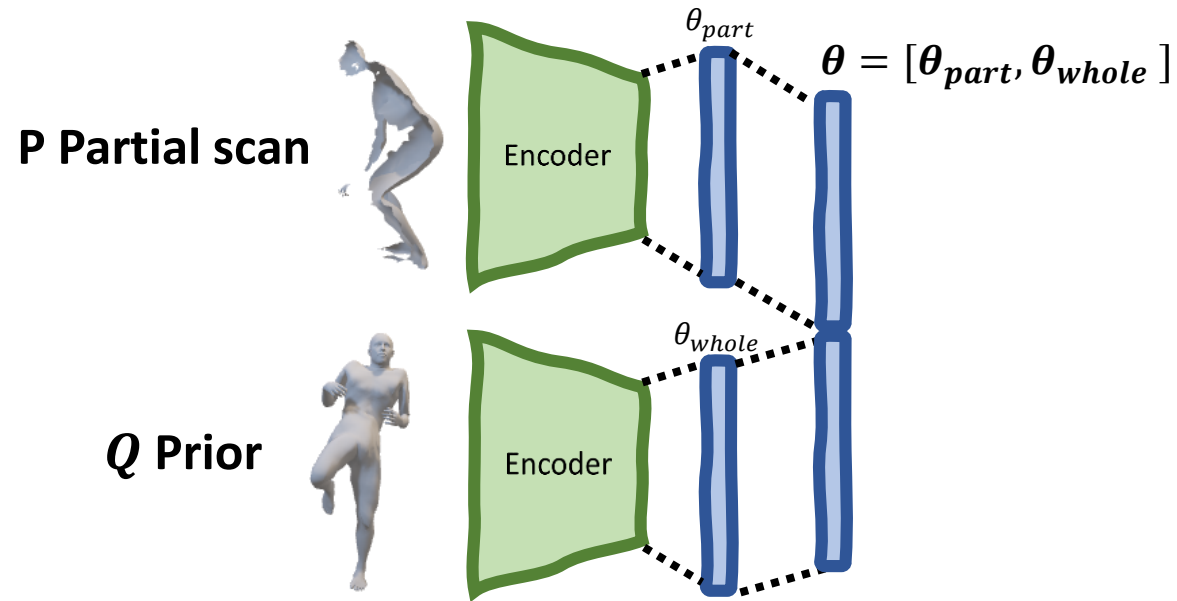


Improve results – utilize weaker prior

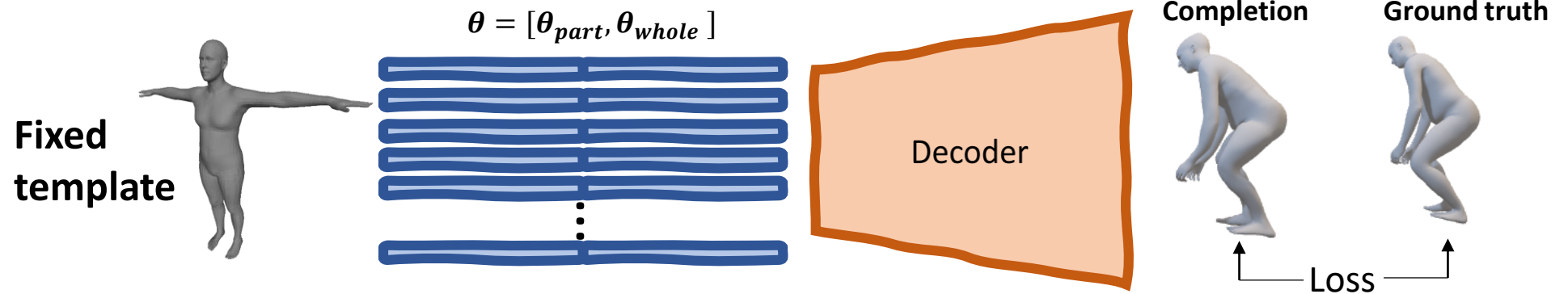
# our method: FTS (fixed template shape)

Completion idea

## Encoding:



## Decoding:



Improve results – utilize weaker prior

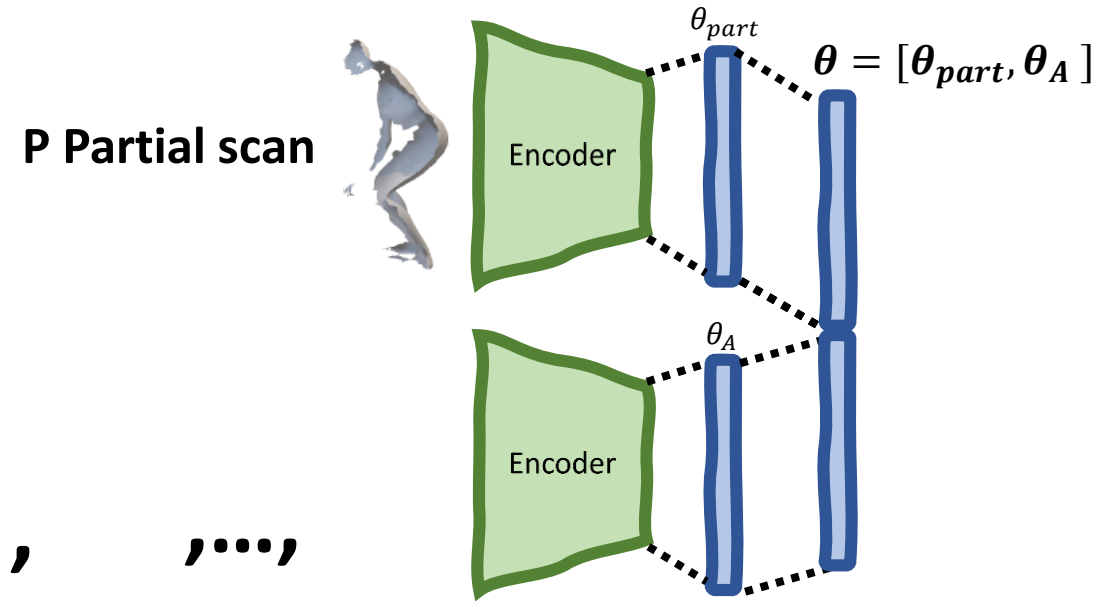
# our method: FTMP (fixed template multiple prior)

Completion idea

## Encoding:

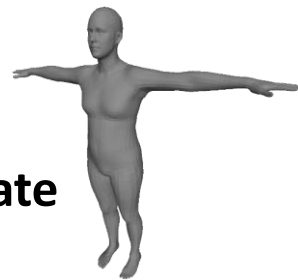
$$A = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N\}$$

Multiple Prior

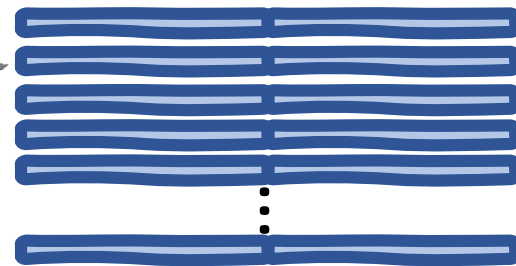


## Decoding:

Fixed template



$$\theta = [\theta_{part}, \theta_{whole}]$$



Completion



Ground truth



Loss



Improve results – utilize weaker prior

# Experiment

FTMP with different multiple prior scenarios:

## “Same pose”

- $N$  Partial point clouds acquired from the **same** actor (as the **partial** scan) and the **same** pose (Multi-view stereo)

P Partial scan



$$A = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N\}$$

Multiple Prior

, , ..., ,

## “Other pose”

- $N$  Partial point clouds acquired from the **same** actor (as the **partial** scan), in **another pose**

P Partial scan



$$A = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N\}$$

Multiple Prior

, , ..., ,

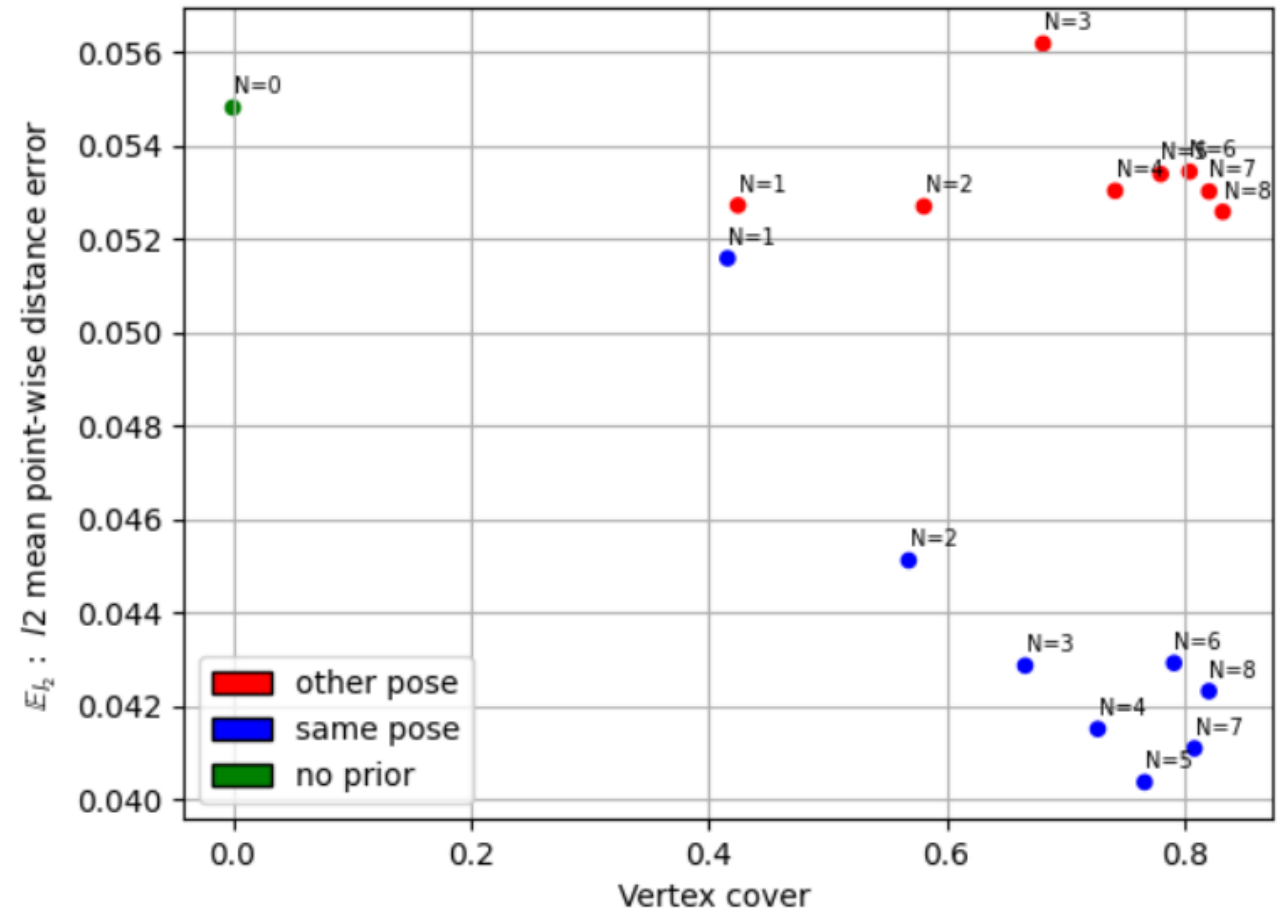
The scenarios compared on extensive version of AMASS, over 250 actors with 1K frames each, across  $N \in \{0, 1, \dots, 8\}$  partial point clouds.



# Results

- Almost across all the cases, results with  $N > 0$  were better than the no prior case  $N = 0$ .
- On the **Same pose** scenario:
  - Steady error decrease for  $N \in \{1, \dots, 5\}$
  - On larger  $N$ 's, the error stop decrease. (curse of dimensionality)
- On the **Other pose** scenario:
  - There was no significant difference between the experiments with respect to the error rate.
  - Might be related to the usage of the size of the shape descriptor components sizes relation  $\theta = [\theta_{part}, \theta_A]$ . In our experiment,  $\theta$  comprised of two vectors with same lengths  $|\theta_{part}| = |\theta_A| = 512$ .

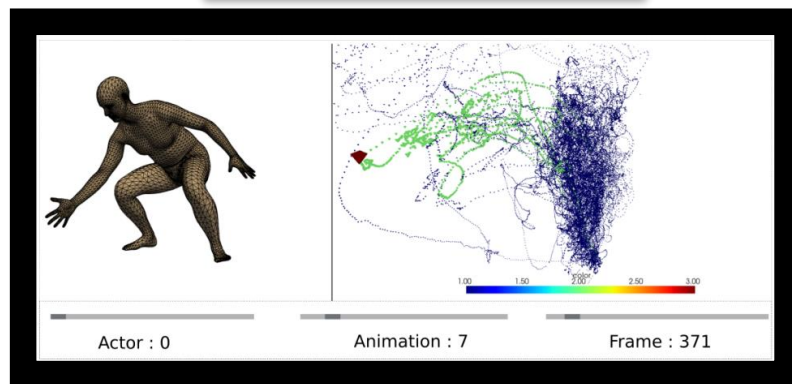
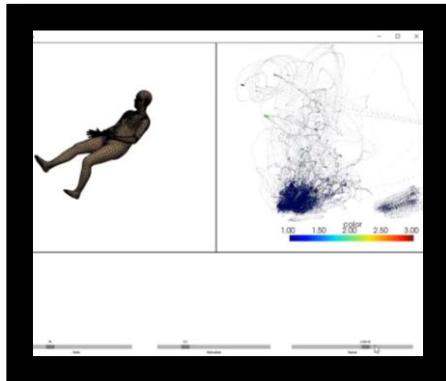
FTMP  $\mathbb{E}_{l_2}$  error for  $N \in \{0, \dots, 8\}$  **Partial** point clouds



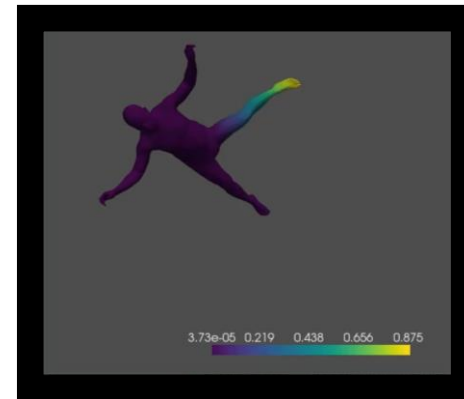
# Contributions

## visualization tools

**1.** We developed **strong visualization tools** to explore the shape manifold of parametric body models.



AMSS Pose manifold explorer



not covered  
here



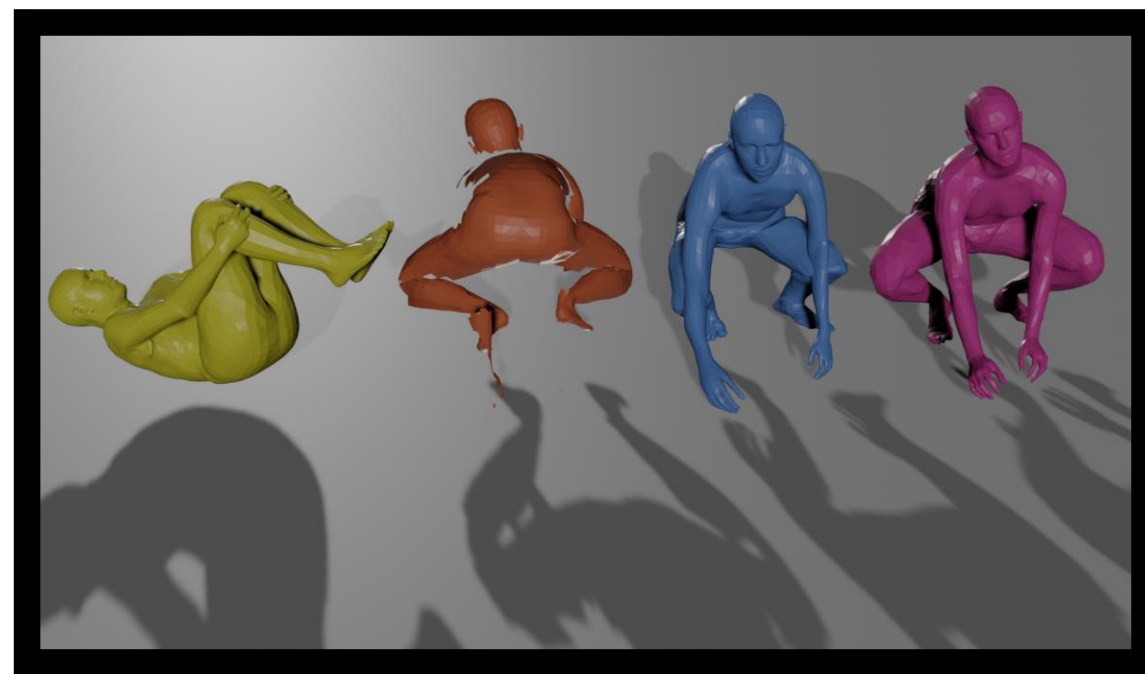
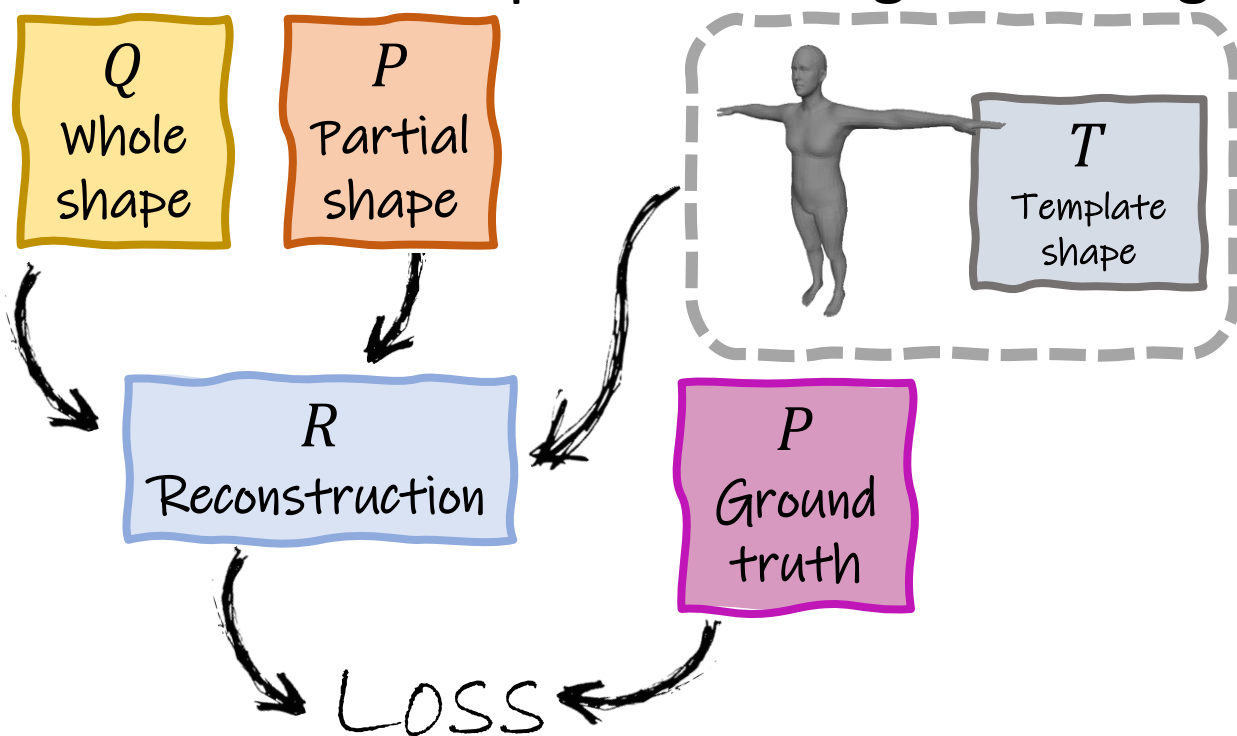
SMPL+H explorer



# Contributions

## 3D shape completion algorithm

**2.** We developed **state-of-the-art** 3D shape completion algorithm for shape completion from single partial view and another complete view in another pose. The algorithm significantly improve existing methods.



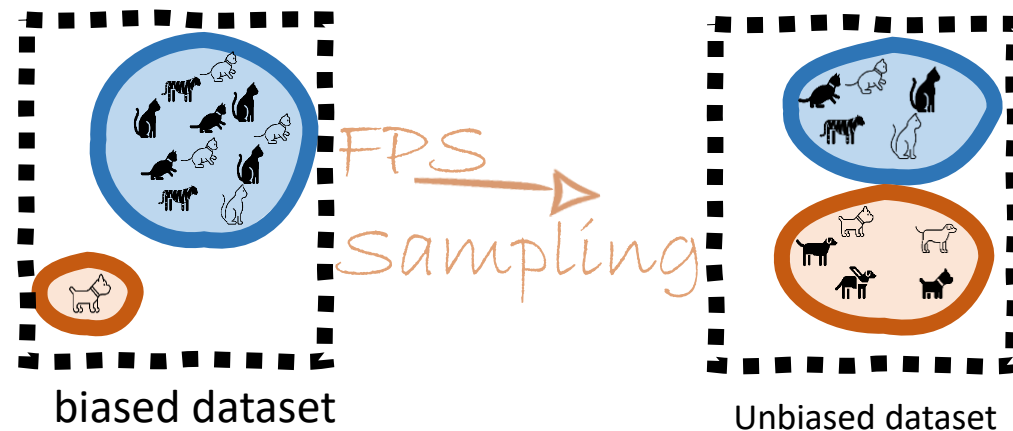
# Contributions

## FPS sampling methodology

**3.** We show a **new methodology** for choosing samples from large datasets that decrease the dataset bias and leads to **significant performance improvement factor of at least 1.5, across all cases**. It is the **first time** FPS sampling is implemented on the pose domain of human body parametric models. This method can be used in another machine-learning scenarios.



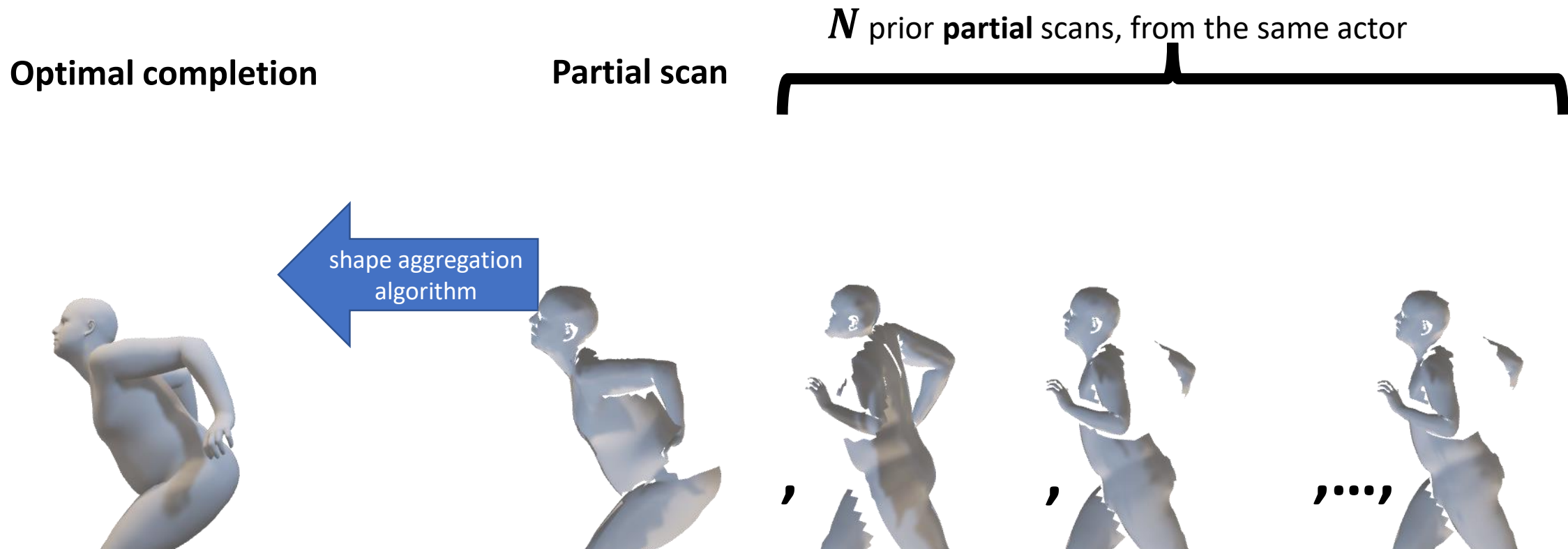
FPS result for  $n = 4$  on actor from BMLmovi dataset



# Contributions

Non – rigid shape aggregation algorithm

**4.** We propose **new** architecture for shape completion from a single complete view and another set of multiple partial views.



# Utilizing Prior Knowledge for Non-Rigid Shape Completion

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## Abstract

*In recent years, researchers have shown an increased interest in 3D human pose and shape estimation. Most studies in the field relies solely on completion from partial shape without additional information, resulting a limited models that cannot always reconstruct the partial shape precisely. The study utilized prior based approach for shape reconstruction of human partial scans that significantly improved the performance of existing methods. Additionally, in this study we developed and applied new technique for sampling from large datasets resulting solid increase of the performance across all tested learning models. The sampling methodology presented here has profound implications for future studies of machine-learning models that relies on learning from large datasets. Finally, we designed new visualization tools to explore the shape and the pose manifold of parametric body models and datasets.*

**Keywords:** 3D shape completion, Non-rigid geometry, FPS sampling, Single View Reconstruction.

## 1 Introduction

In recent years, major advances in computational capabilities have arise a growing demand for creating and consuming 3D content. However, professional scanning devices are too expensive to be used for the typical user. As a result, acquisition

geometry of the original partial shape. Therefore, they often cannot be based solely on symmetry properties due to their non-rigid nature, and should be established upon more data in addition to the original scan.

[11] lists two basic approaches currently being adopted in research into shape completion of non-rigid shapes. One is generative based method and the second is alignment based method. Generative based approaches learn to approximate the class distribution and achieved impressive results in shape completion tasks. Yet, they suffer from notable methodological weaknesses, i.e. they are limited in that they only considers the partial shape during the completion time and does not take into account additional information that derived from the object. Hence, they failed to demonstrate generalization capabilities and cannot provide a accurate completion for unseen partial shapes. On the other hand, alignment based methods aiming to fit a complete shape to a partial shape. Since they exploit additional data during the inference time, they have potential advantage in terms of generalization and precise completions. However, current alignment based methods can carry only moderate partiality and considered to be slow.

This study set out to shine new light on shape completion tasks from several angles:

1. We introduce the design of visualization tools to explore the shape manifold of parametric body models.
2. We show a new methodology for choosing samples from large datasets that increase the performance of the learning

# Future Work

- **FPS Sampling:** this sampling methodology could increase the performance of existing models in different scenarios: noise-reduction ,image classification, etc..
- **3D shape completion algorithm:** hyper-parameters tuning, improving the encoder-decoder architectures with newer point cloud learning shape encoders like PointNet++ .
- **Non – rigid shape aggregation algorithm:** improve the hyper-parameters , mainly  $|\theta_{part}|$ ,  $|\theta_A|$  in order to achieve better results.

# Thanks

