

# Virtual Humans – Winter 23/24

Lecture 8\_1 – Vertex based clothing

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# Topics today

- Clothing representation as vertex displacements and how to do registration
- Predicting people in 3D clothing from images
- Learning a model of clothing as a function of pose, shape and style

# Clothing Representation

# SMPL + Clothing

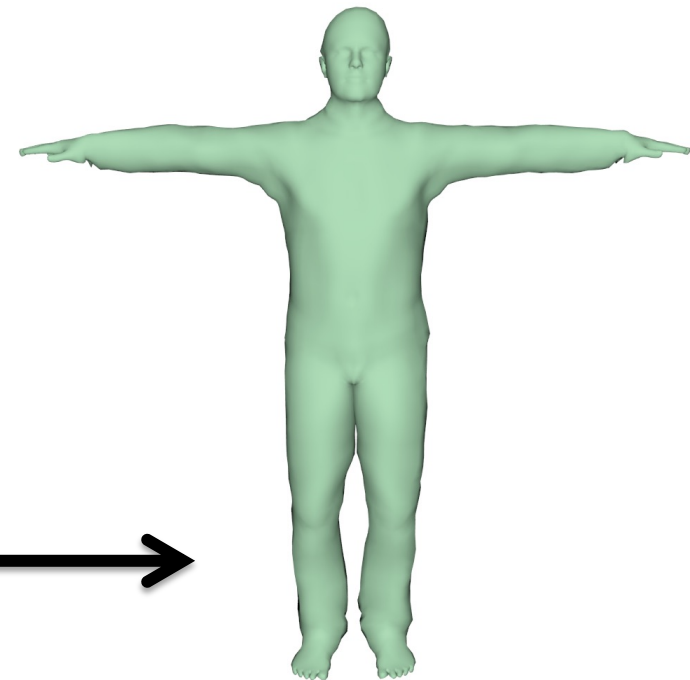
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$\theta$  Pose parameters

$\beta$  Shape parameters

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# Registration with Clothing

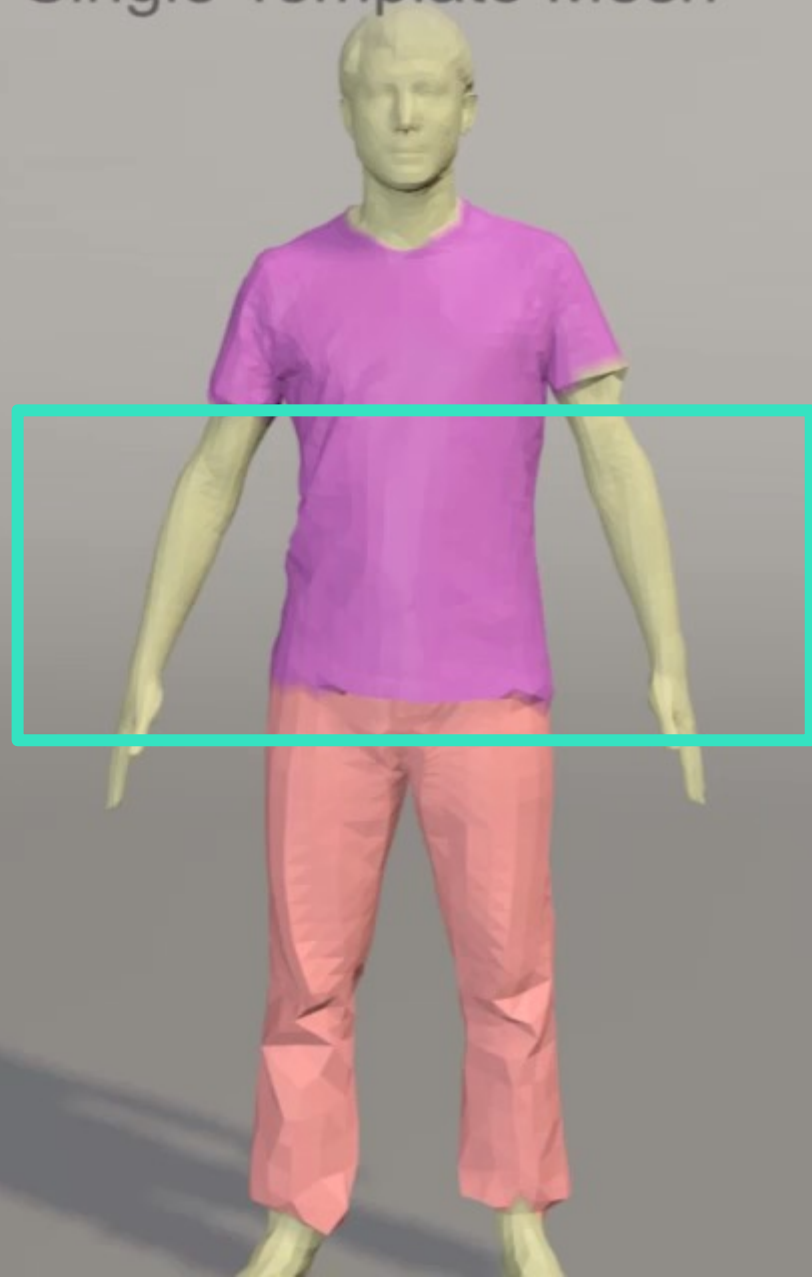
Scan



Scan



Alignment with  
Single Template Mesh



Alignment with  
Single Template



Alignment with  
Segmented Templates



Full ClothCap  
Alignment





# First: Shape under Clothing

Alignment



Cloth Template



Using the single frame objective function we align all clothed scans

## Cloth Template

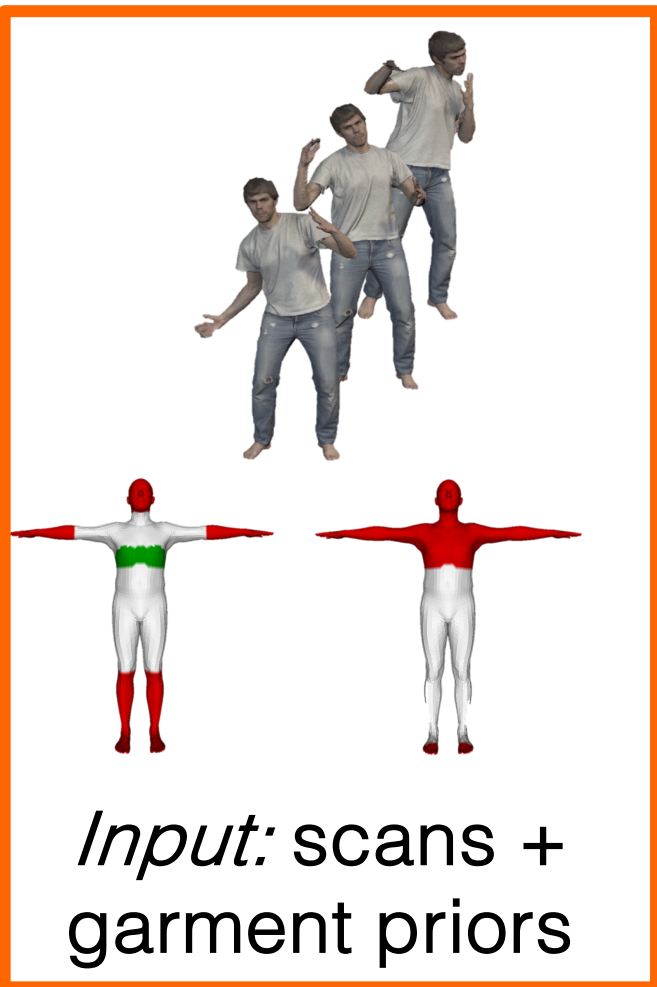


## Fusion Scan

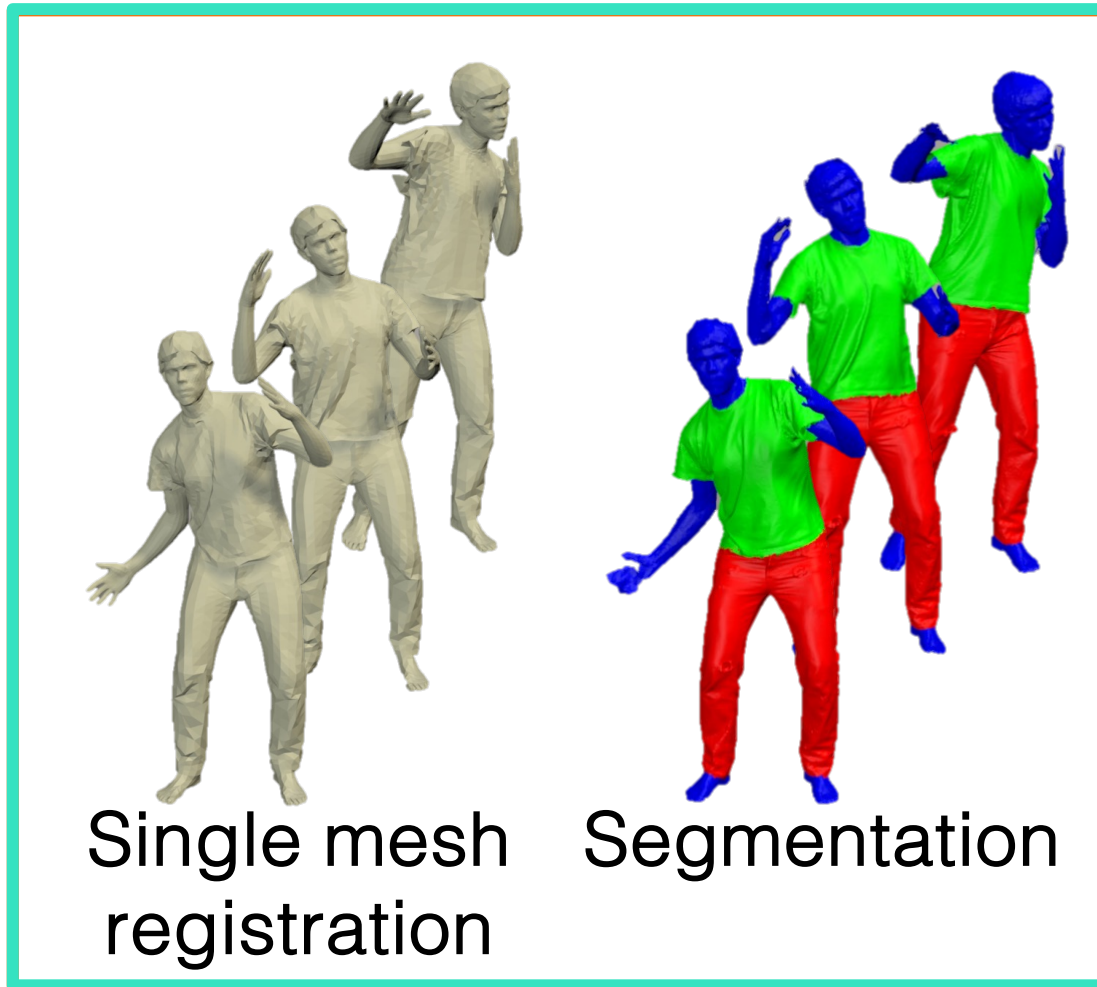
We create a fusion scan by gathering all cloth alignments in a single scan

# ClothCap Overview

Input



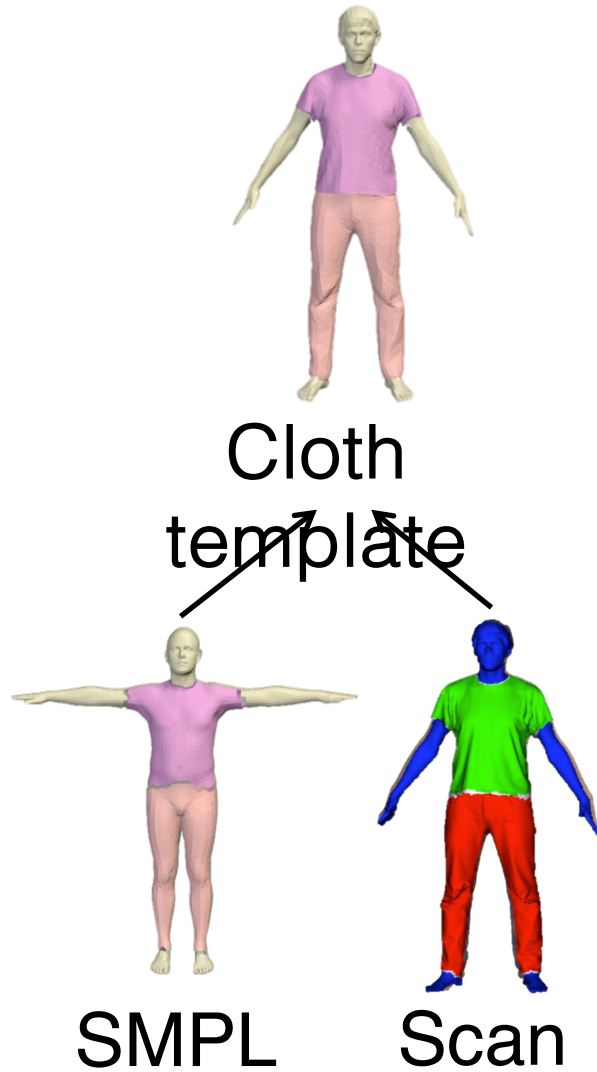
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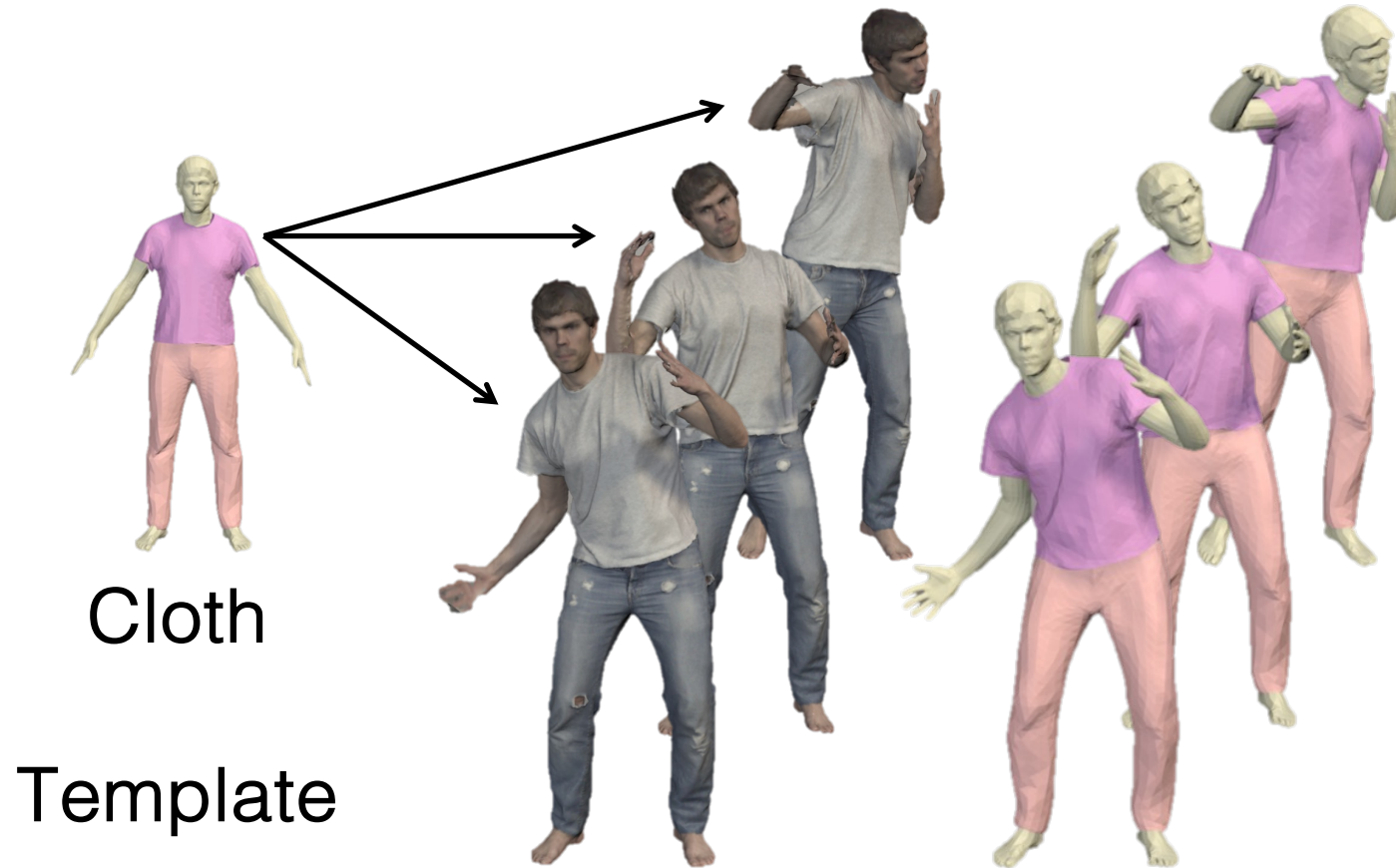
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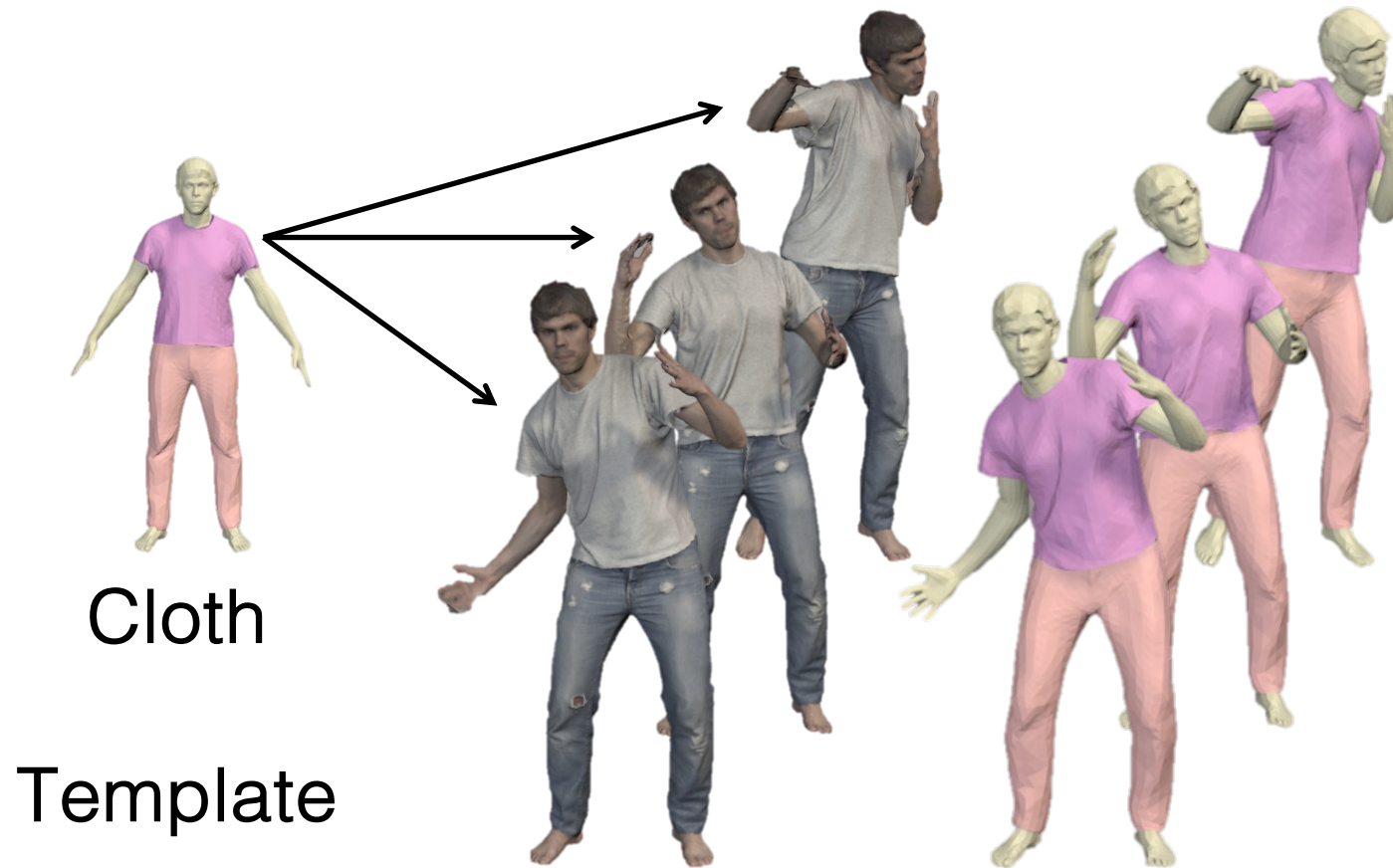
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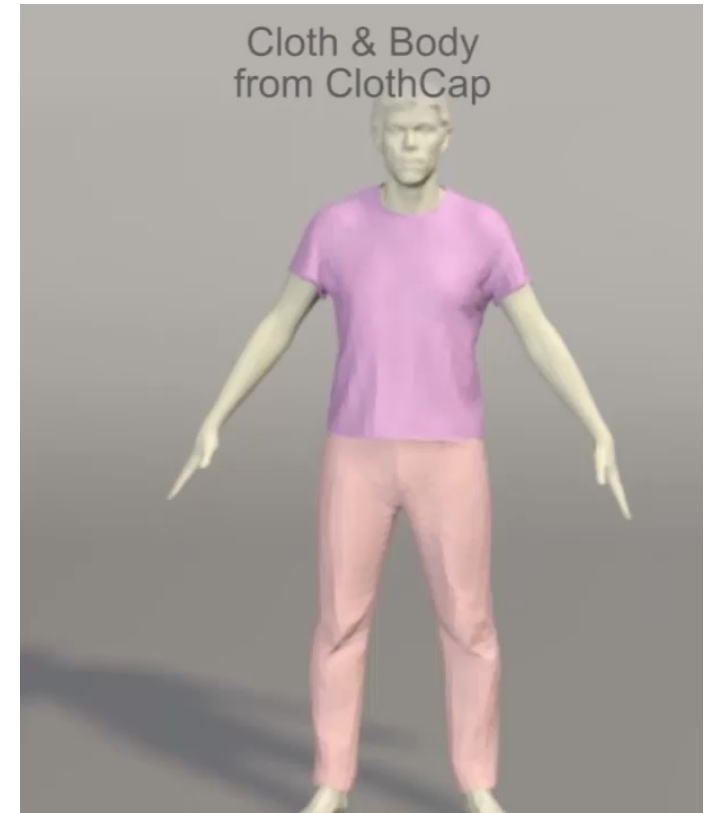


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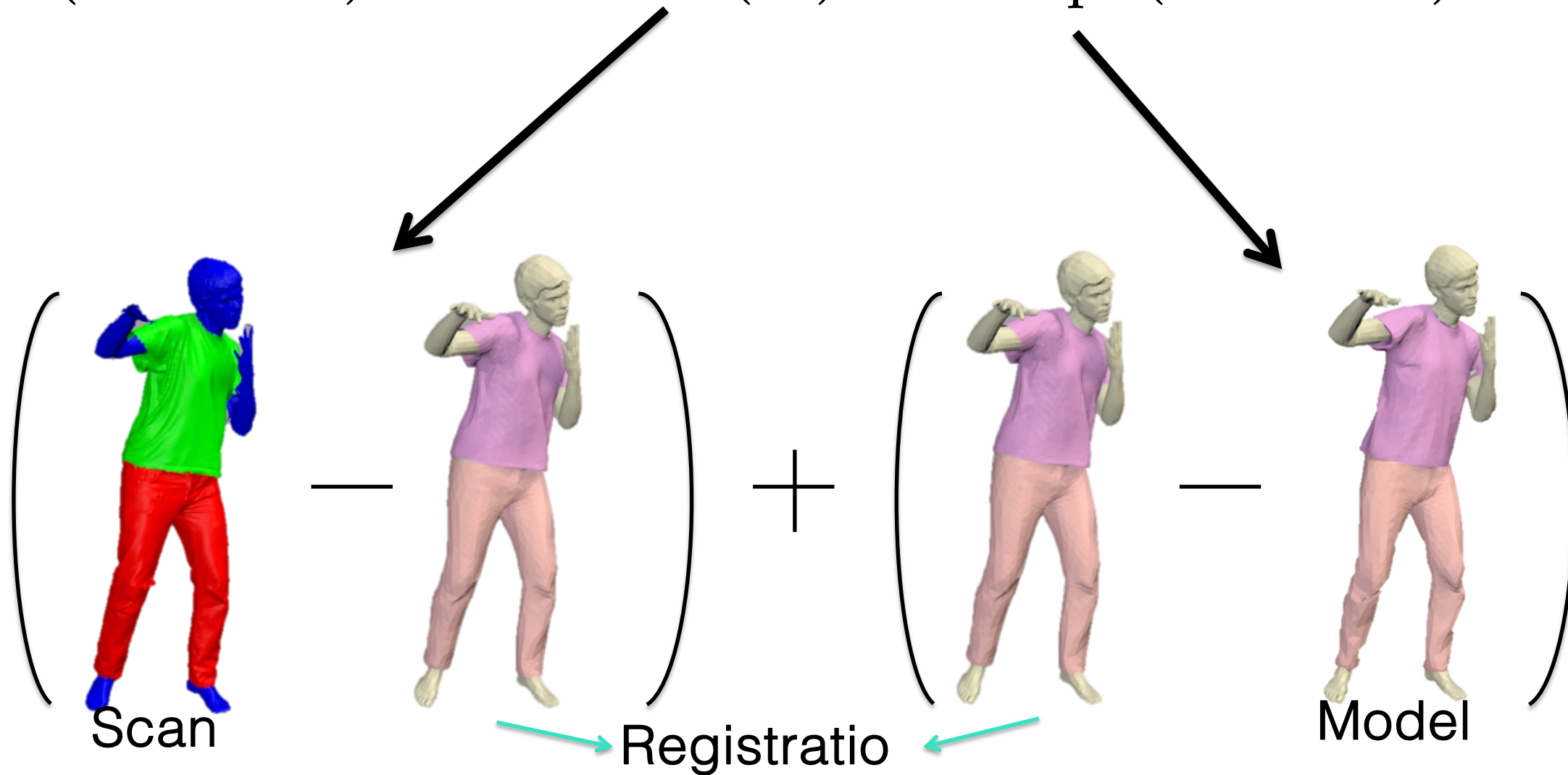


Cloth

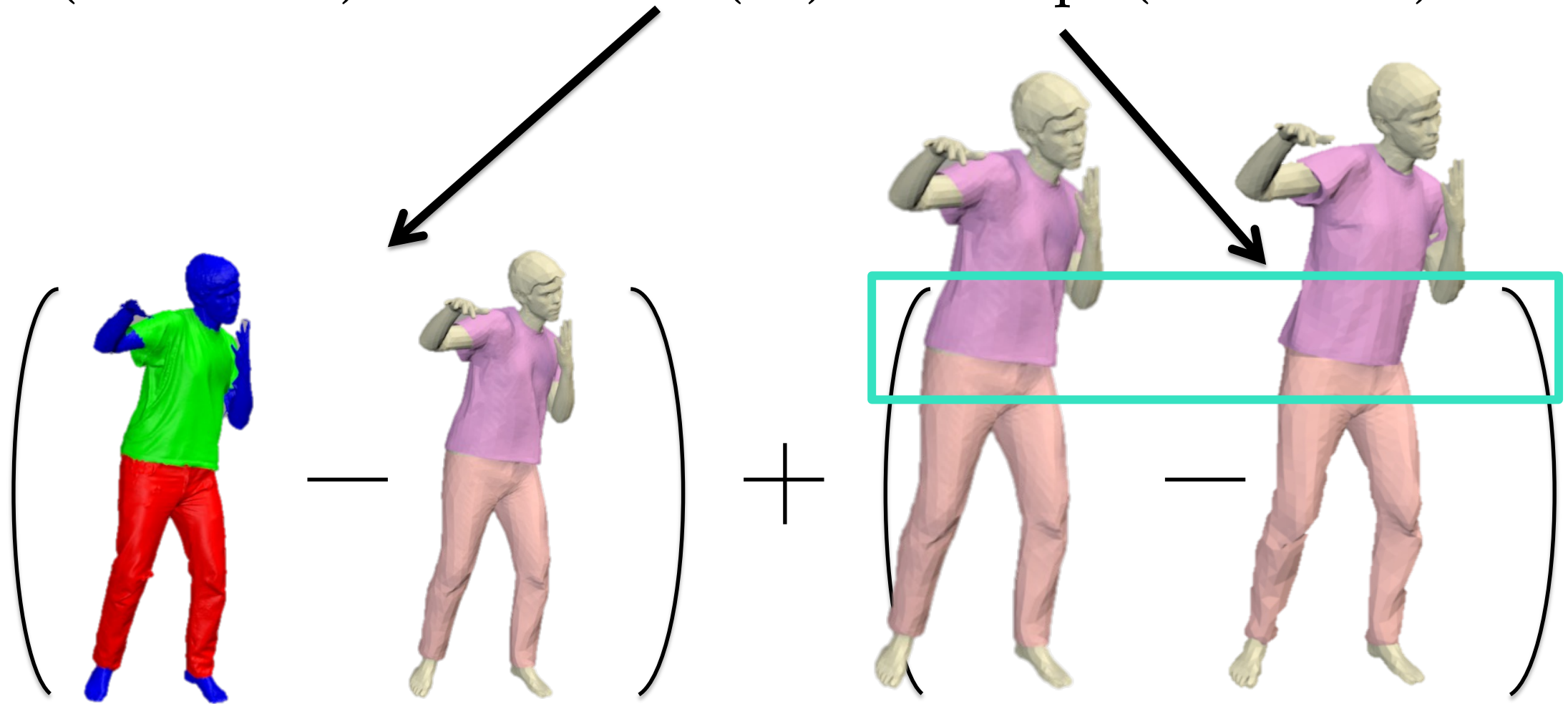
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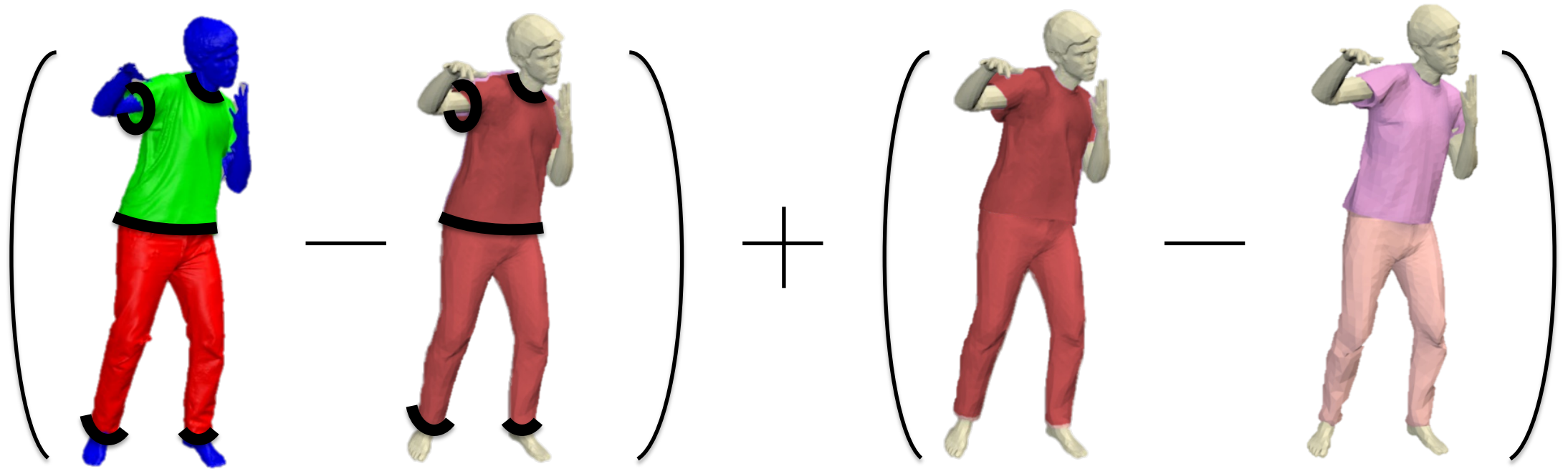


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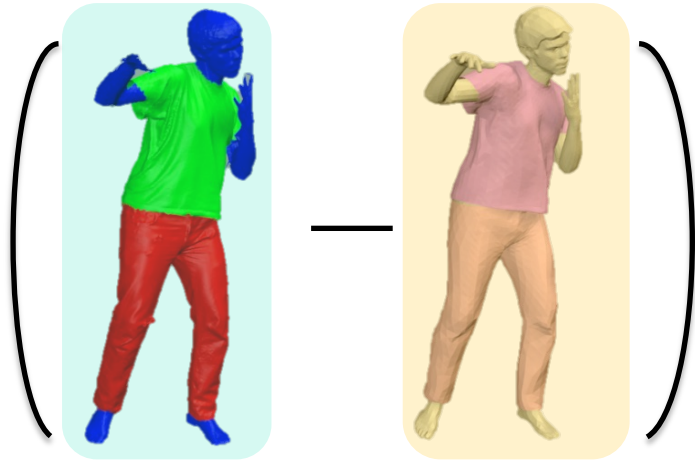




$$E(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{v}) = E_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{v}) + E_{\text{cpl}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{v}) + \\ + \underline{E_{\text{boundary}}}(\mathbf{v}) + \underline{E_{\text{lap}}}(\mathbf{v})$$



# Objective function terms: data term



$$E_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{g=1}^N E_g(\mathbf{v}_g; \mathcal{S}_g)$$

Per garment scan-to-mesh distance

Vertices of garment  $g$

Segmented scan garment  $g$

# Objective function terms: data term



$$E_{\text{boundary}}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{g=1}^N E_g(\mathbf{v}_g; \mathcal{S}_g)$$

Per garment scan-to-curve  
distance

Vertices of ring  $r$

Scan ring  $r$

# Objective function terms: Boundary Smoothness

Curve parameterized by arclength

$$\gamma(s) = (x(s), y(s), z(s))$$

$s$   
Curvature squared

$$k(s)^2 = x''(s)^2 + y''(s)^2 + z''(s)^2$$

To make boundaries smooth, minimize curvature for each ring  $r$ :

$$E_{\text{smth}}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{r=1}^{R_l} \sum_n \|\mathbf{v}_{r,n-1} - 2\mathbf{v}_{r,n} + \mathbf{v}_{r,n+1}\|^2$$

Rings

Ordered vertices along the ring



# Objective function: Laplacian Term

Given a mesh, the adjacency matrix  $Z$  is defined as:

$$Z_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{v}_i \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_j \text{ are connected} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a diagonal matrix where  $\mathbf{H}_{ii}$  equals the number of neighbors of vertex  $i$ .

The Graph Laplacian is defined as

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{lap}} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{Z}$$

# Objective function: Laplacian Term

To make a mesh smooth, we minimize a Laplacian term

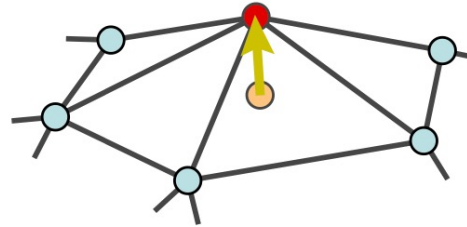
$$E_{\text{lap}}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{g=1}^{N_{\text{garm}}} \|\mathbf{G}_{\text{lap}}^g \mathbf{v}_g\|_F^2$$

Graph Laplacian matrix for garment  $g$

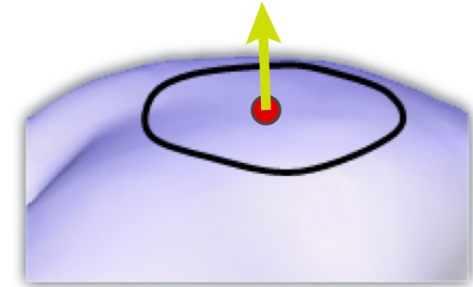
Vertices of garment  $g$

# Objective function: Laplacian Term

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{lap}}^g \mathbf{v}_g$$



$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{j \in N(i)} (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_j)$$



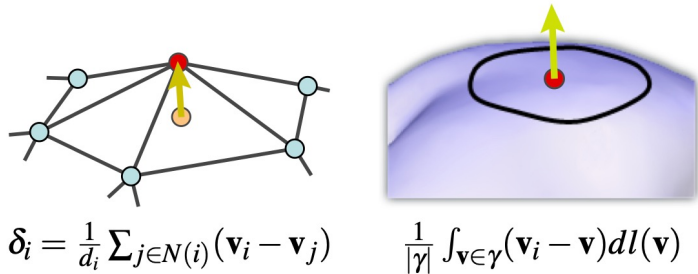
$$\frac{1}{|\gamma|} \int_{\mathbf{v} \in \gamma} (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}) dl(\mathbf{v})$$

**Figure 1:** The vector of the differential coordinates at a vertex approximates the local shape characteristics of the surface: the normal direction and the mean curvature.

The Laplacian matrix times the matrix of vertices computes the difference from vertex  $\mathbf{v}_i$  and the average of its neighbors  $\mathbf{v}_j$

# Objective function: Laplacian Term

What are we minimizing?  $E_{\text{lap}}(\mathbf{v}) = \sum_{g=1}^{N_{\text{garm}}} \|\mathbf{G}_{\text{lap}}^g \mathbf{v}_g\|_F^2$



**Figure 1:** The vector of the differential coordinates at a vertex approximates the local shape characteristics of the surface: the normal direction and the mean curvature.

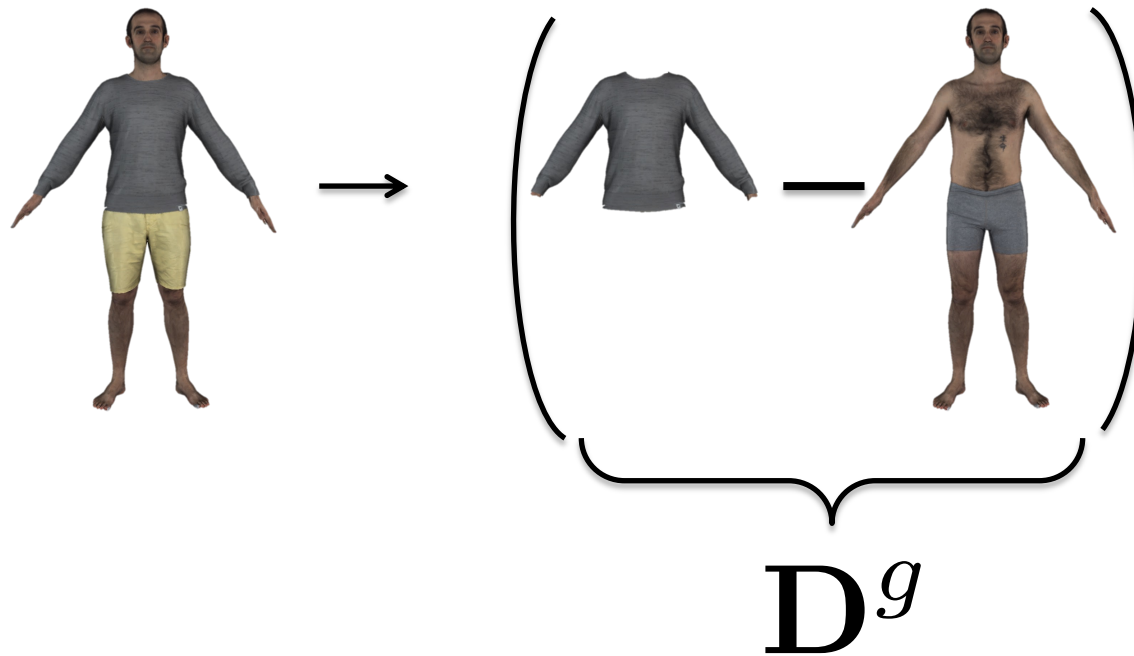
We minimize the norm of differential coordinates

$$E(\mathbf{v}_i) = \left\| \mathbf{v}_i - \frac{1}{\mathbf{H}_{ii}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_j} \mathbf{v}_j \right\|^2$$



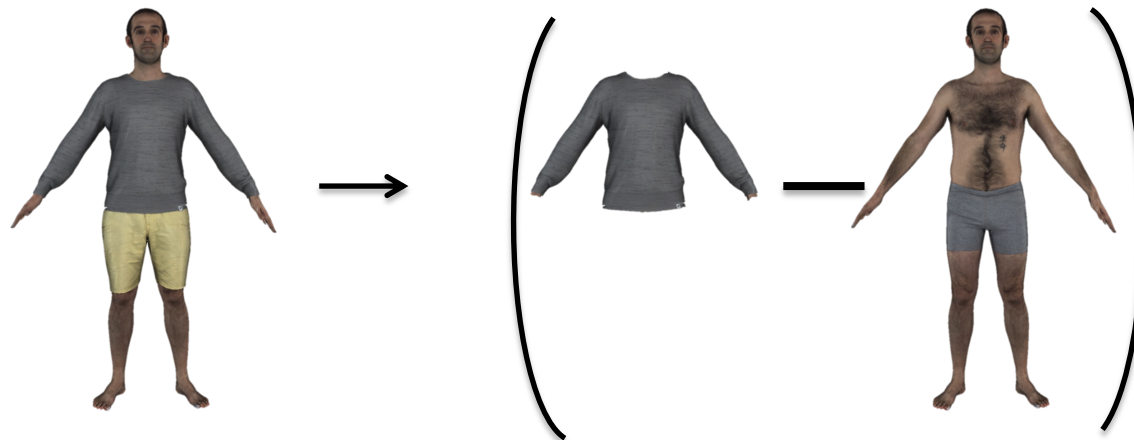
# SMPL + Garments

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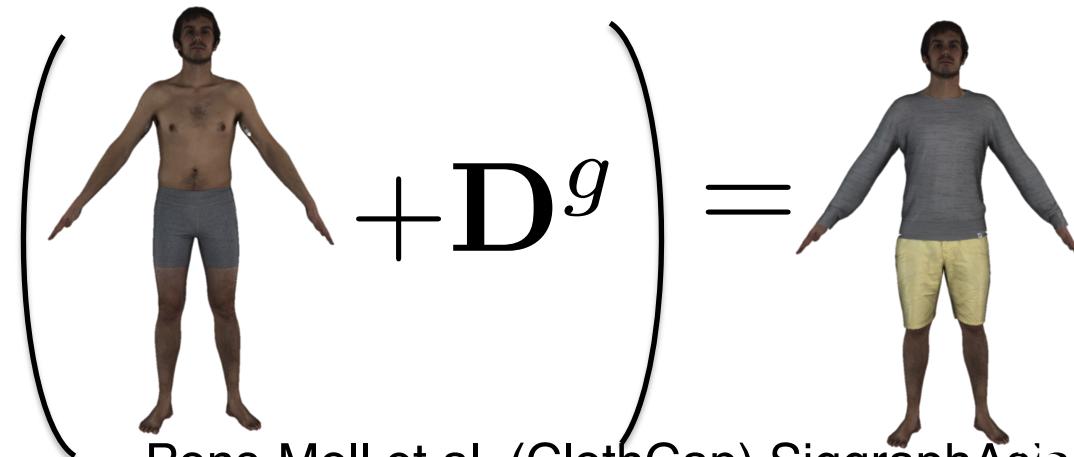


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$$T^g(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{D}^g) = \mathbf{I}^g T(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{0}_\theta, \mathbf{0}_D) + \mathbf{D}^g$$



ClothCap Result



ClothCap Cloth on  
new Body



4D Scan



ClothCap Result



ClothCap Cloth on new Body



ClothCap Result



ClothCap Cloth on  
new Body



CAESAR Dataset [Robinette, et al. 2002]  
Male Subjects



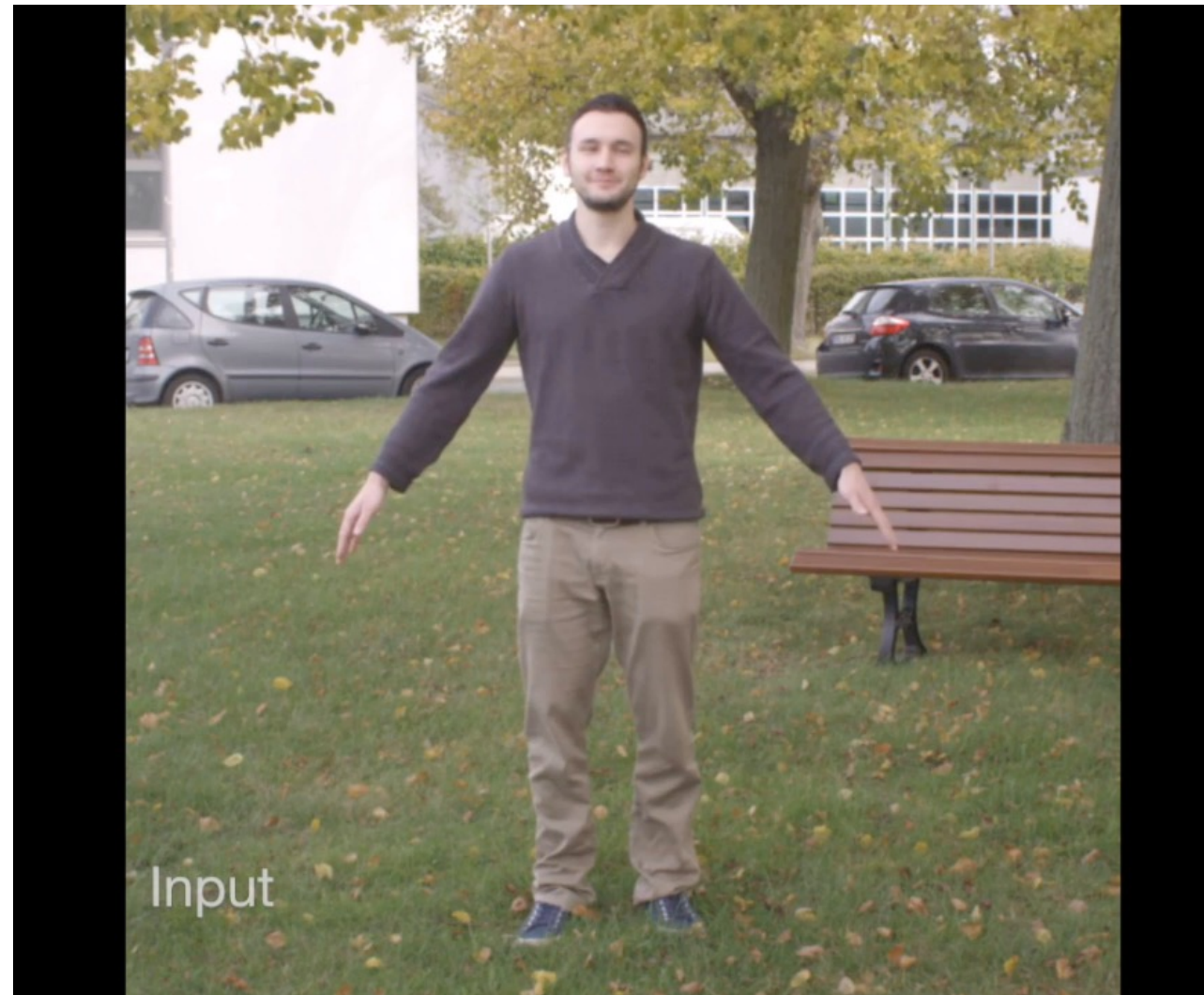
# Results: Garments with Different Topology



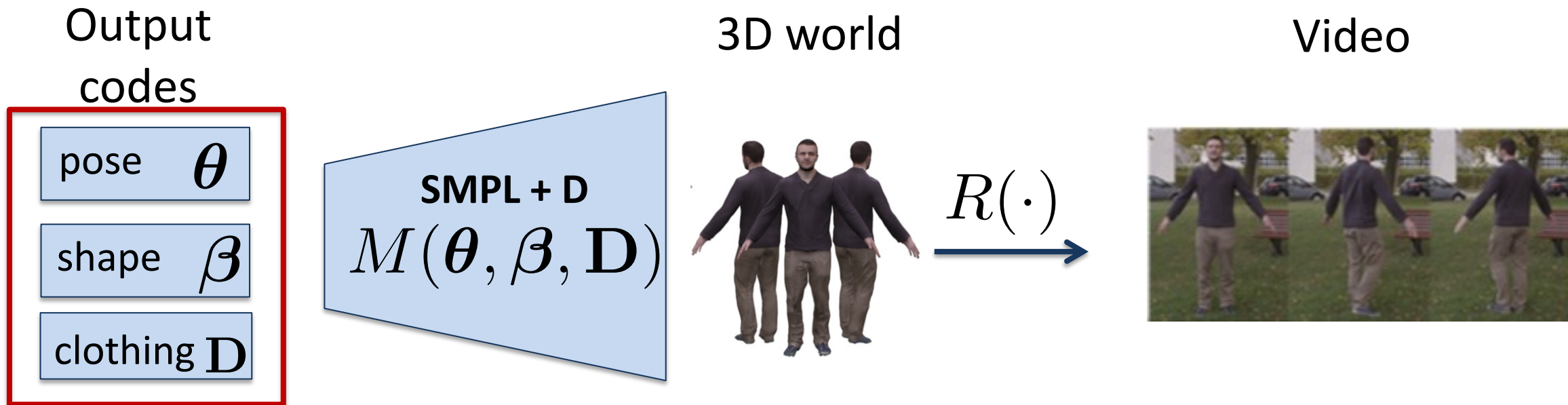
# People in Clothing from Images



# Goal: 3D Reconstruction of People from a Single Video



# Optimization

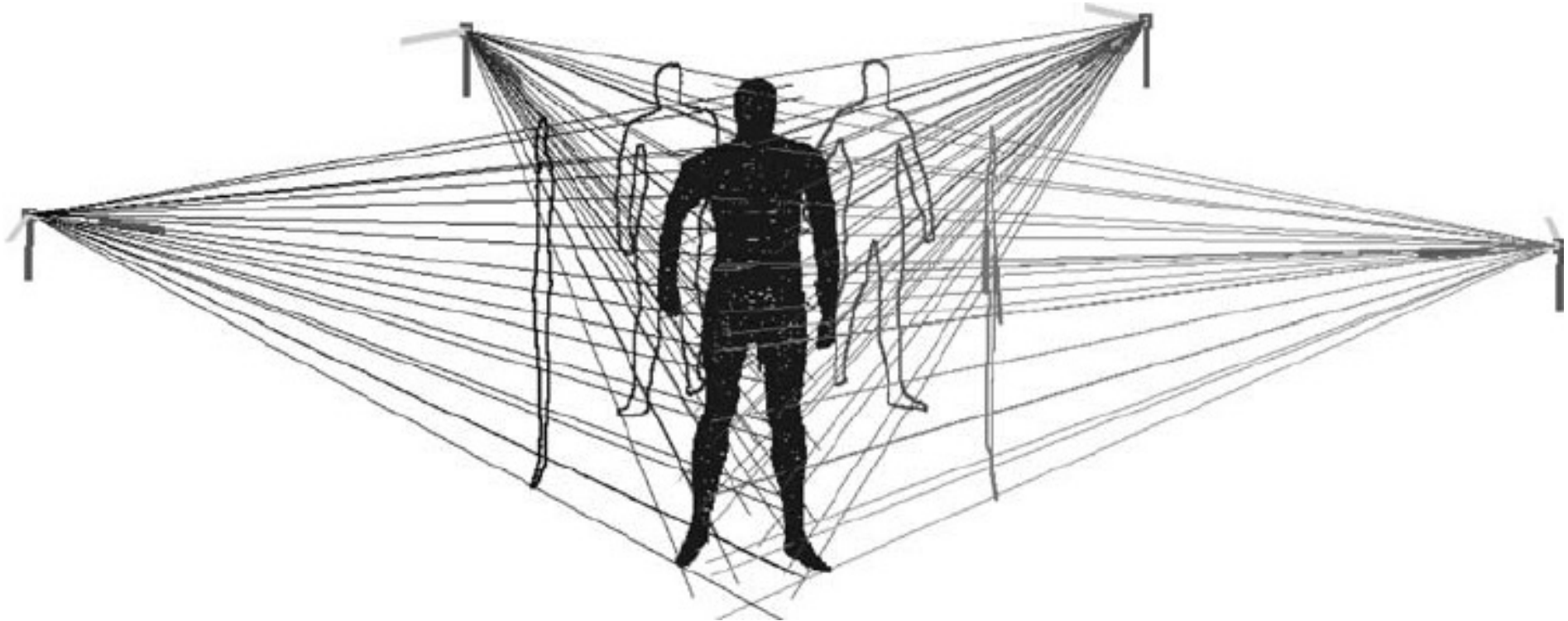


$$\arg \min_{\theta, \beta, \mathbf{D}} \sum_i \text{dist}(R(M(\theta_i, \beta, \mathbf{D})), \mathbf{I}_i)$$

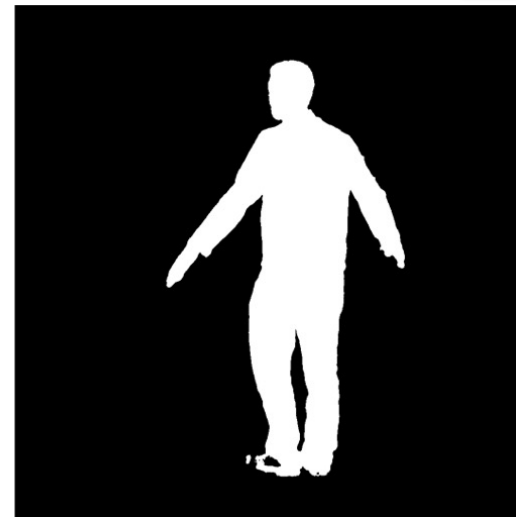
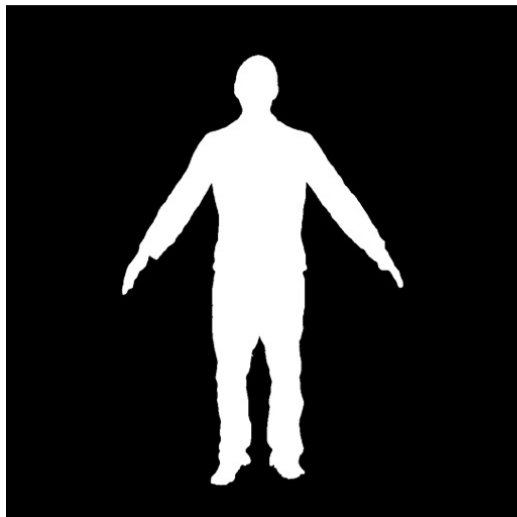
Optimize all poses at once is slow

# Key Idea: Extend Visual Hulls to Dynamic Human Motion

**Problem:** standard visual hull requires a **static** object captured by multiple views

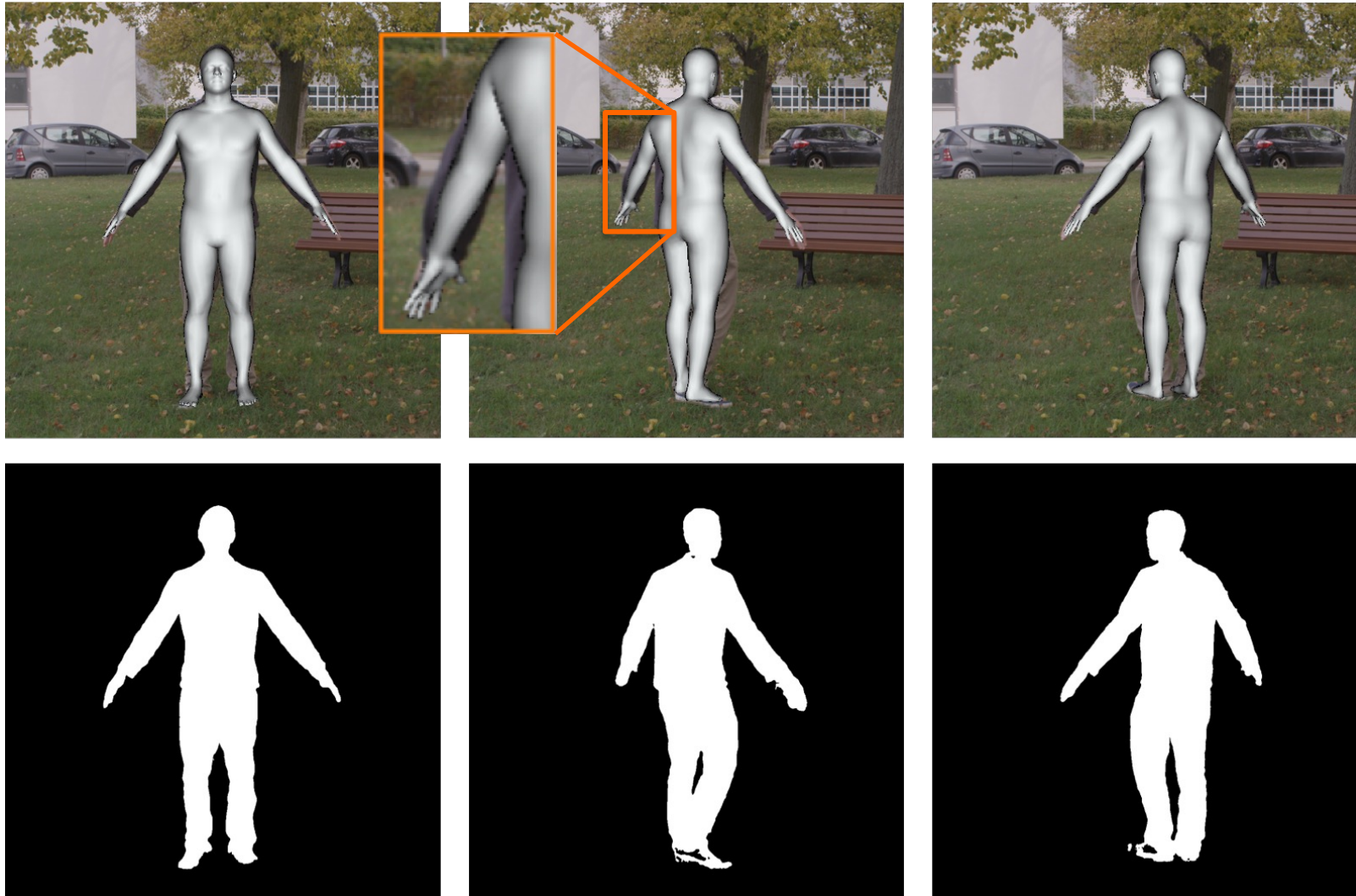


# How Can We Generalize It to Dynamic Human Motion ?

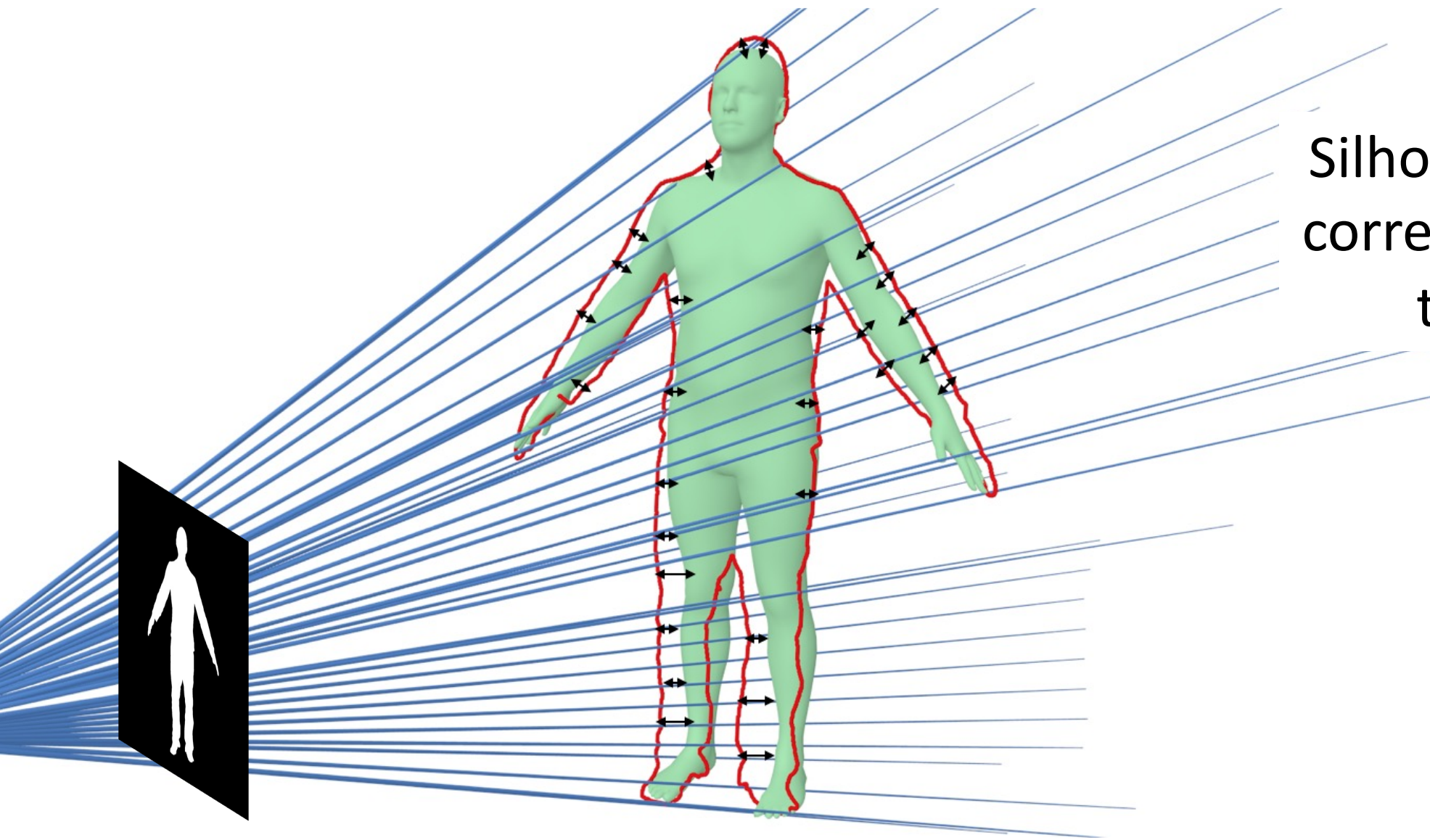


Person is moving!

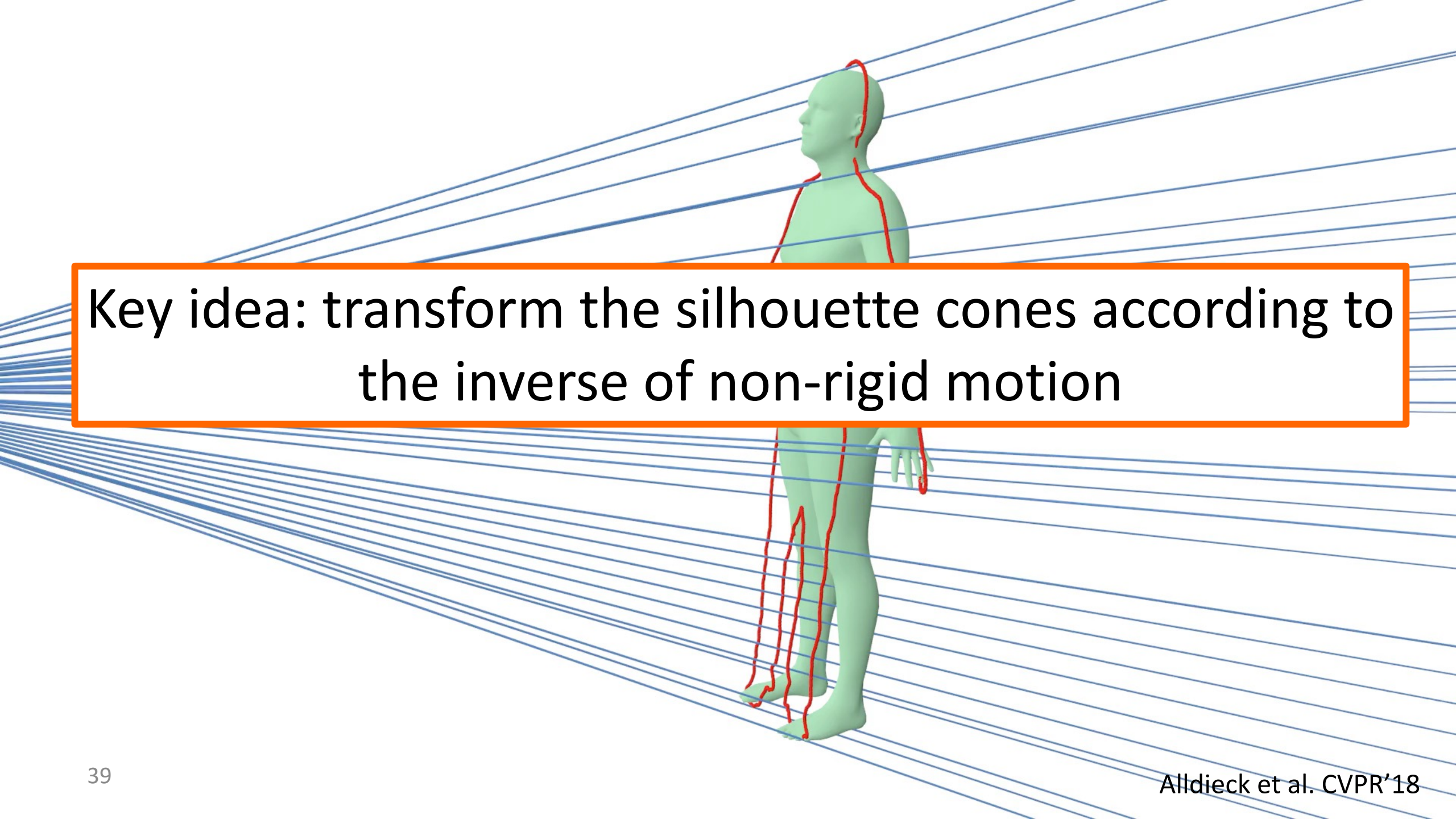
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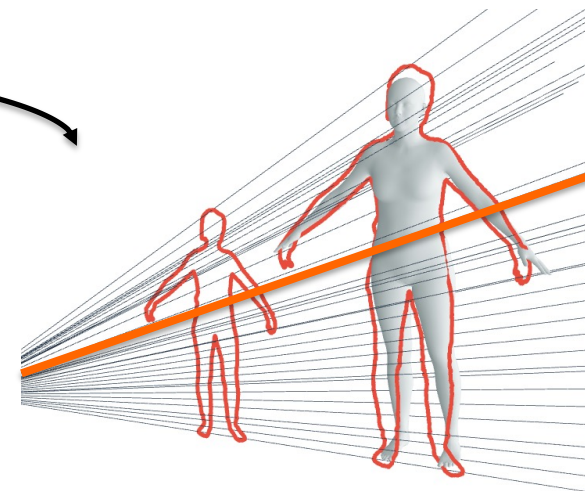
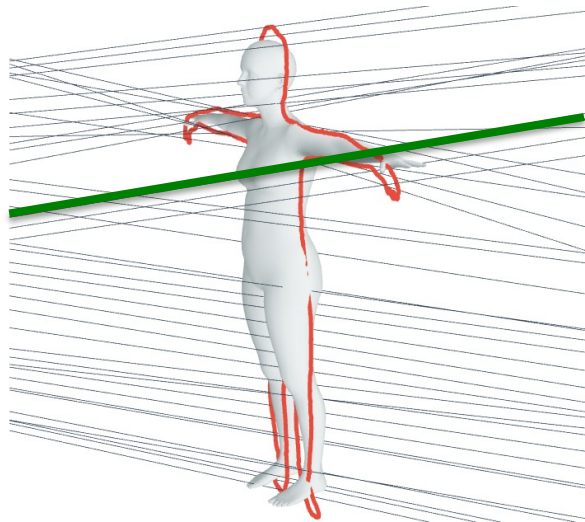
Estimate the  
3D human  
pose and  
shape per  
frame



Silhouette rays with correspondences on the surface



Key idea: transform the silhouette cones according to the inverse of non-rigid motion



$$\mathbf{r} = \left( \sum_{k=1}^K w_{k,i} G_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{J}_\beta) \right)^{-1} \mathbf{r}' - b_{P,i}(\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

Ray in Canonical Frame

Inverse of Articulated Motion

Ray



# Optimize a Single Shape to Fit all *Unposed* Silhouette Cones

$$\arg \min_{\beta, \mathbf{d}} E_{\text{cons}}(\beta, \mathbf{d})$$

$$E_{\text{data}} = \sum_{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{r}) \in \mathcal{M}} \rho(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}_n - \mathbf{r}_m)$$

Sum of **point to line** distances

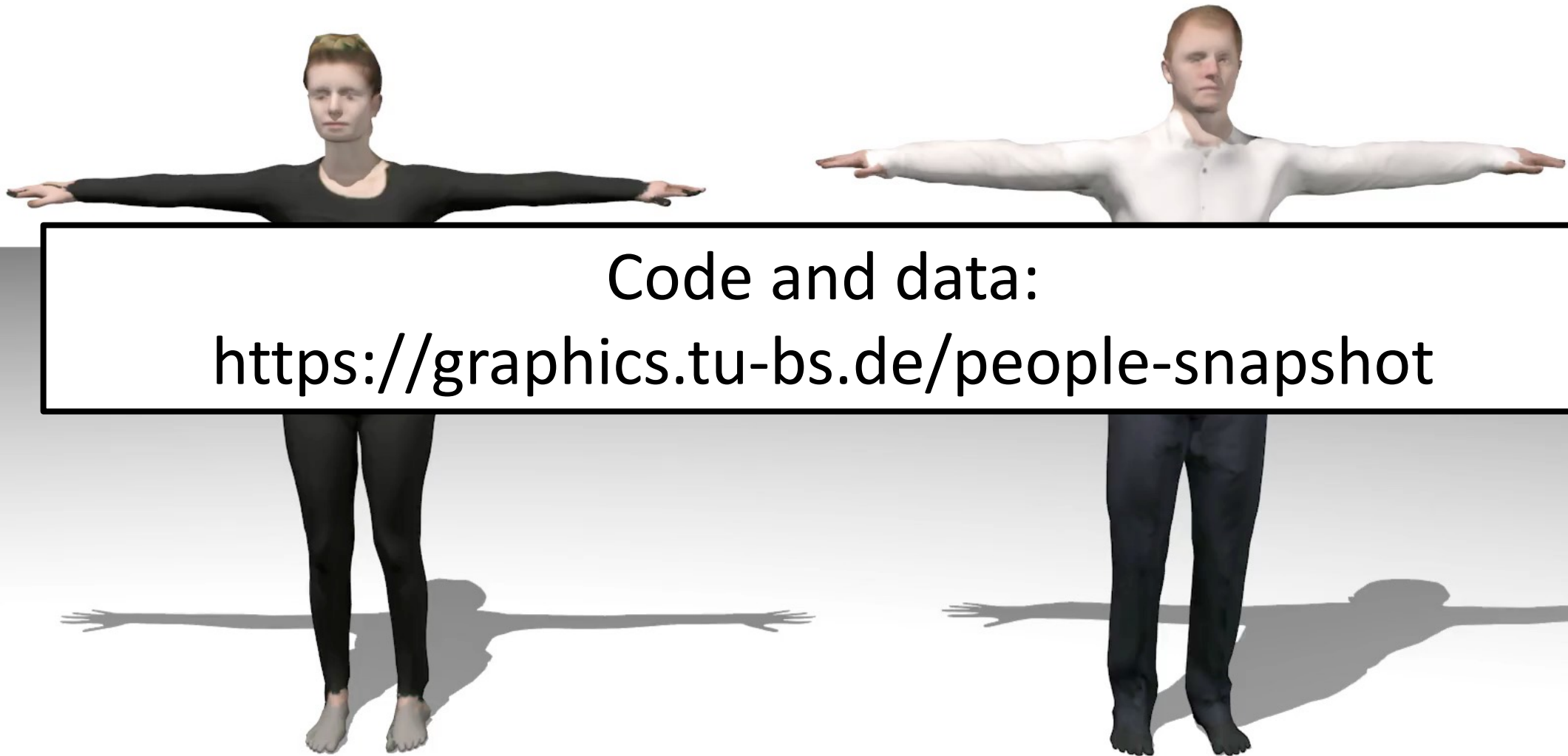
Prior Terms:

- Symmetry
- Prior on Shape
- Surface Smoothness





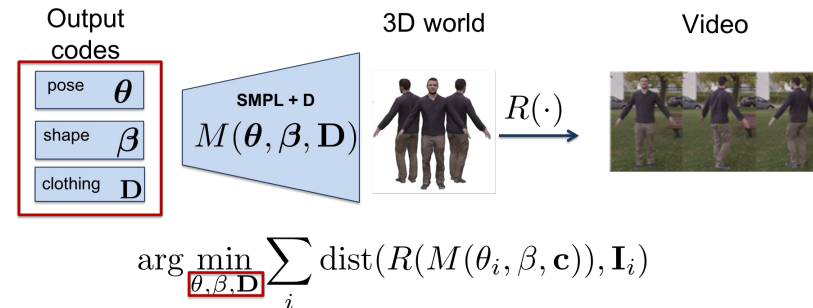




Code and data:  
<https://graphics.tu-bs.de/people-snapshot>

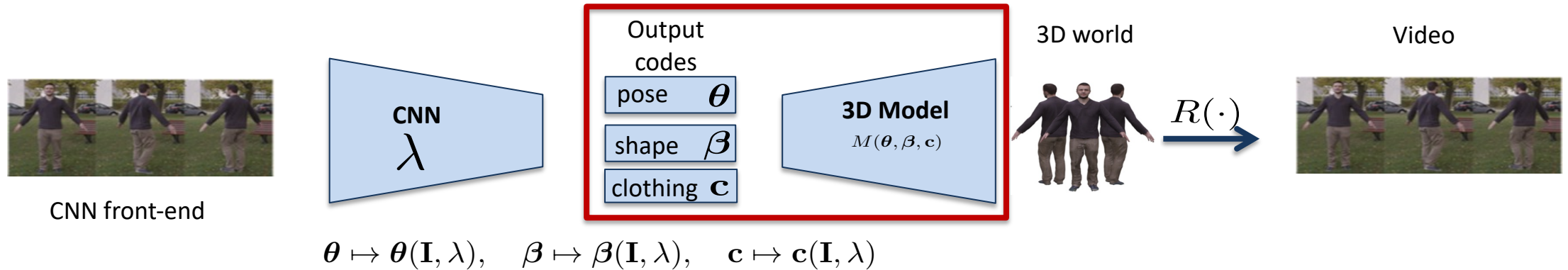


# Limitations



- Optimization: Local minima and slow
- Clothing as a single offset field is limiting:
  - Can not separate body from clothing

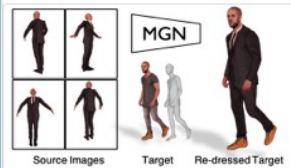
# Self-supervised Full Surface Reconstruction



Thiemo Alldieck, Marcus Magnor, Bharat Lal Bhatnagar, Christian Theobalt, Gerard Pons-Moll  
**Learning to Reconstruct People in Clothing from a Single RGB Camera**  
 in *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2019.

CVPR'19

[BibTeX](#) [PDF](#) [Video](#) [Code/Data](#)



Bharat Lal Bhatnagar, Garvita Tiwari, Christian Theobalt, Gerard Pons-Moll  
**Multi-Garment Net: Learning to Dress 3D People from Images**  
 in *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2019.

ICCV'19



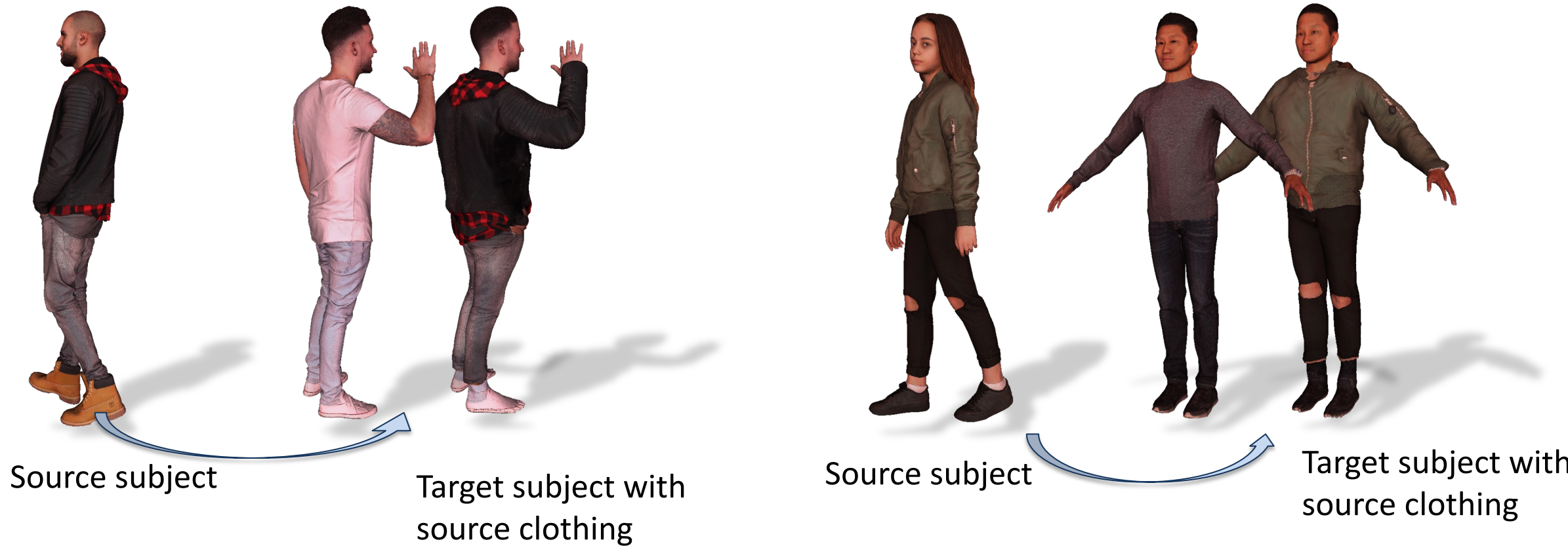
Marc Habermann, Weipeng Xu, Michael and Zollhoefer, Gerard Pons-Moll, Christian Theobalt  
**DeepCap: Monocular Human Performance Capture Using Weak Supervision**  
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CVPR'20

**Best Student Paper**  
**Honorable Mention**



# Multi-Garment Net: Learning to Dress People from Images



# SMPL + Clothing

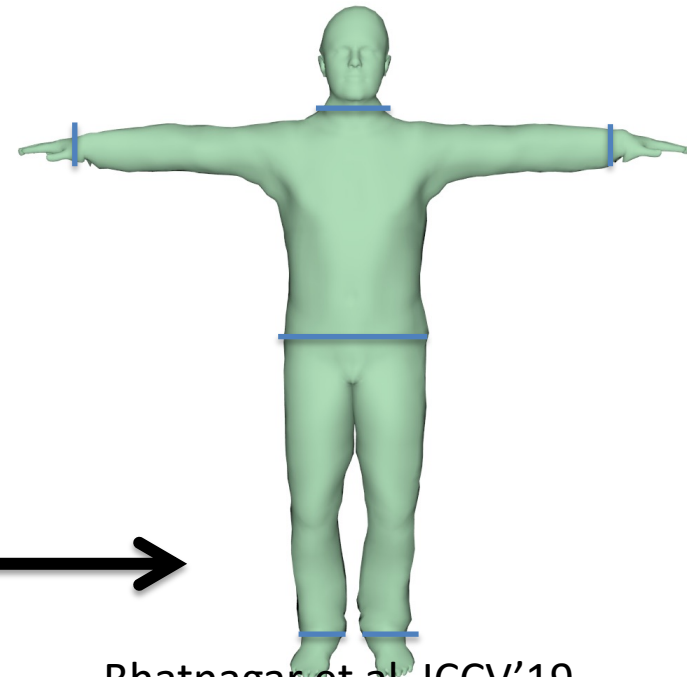
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# Registration



- 1) Segment the scans into garments
- 2) Estimate body shape under clothing
- 3) Non rigidly register each garment template to each scan → joint optimization

# Digital Wardrobe



# Dressing Shapes from Images

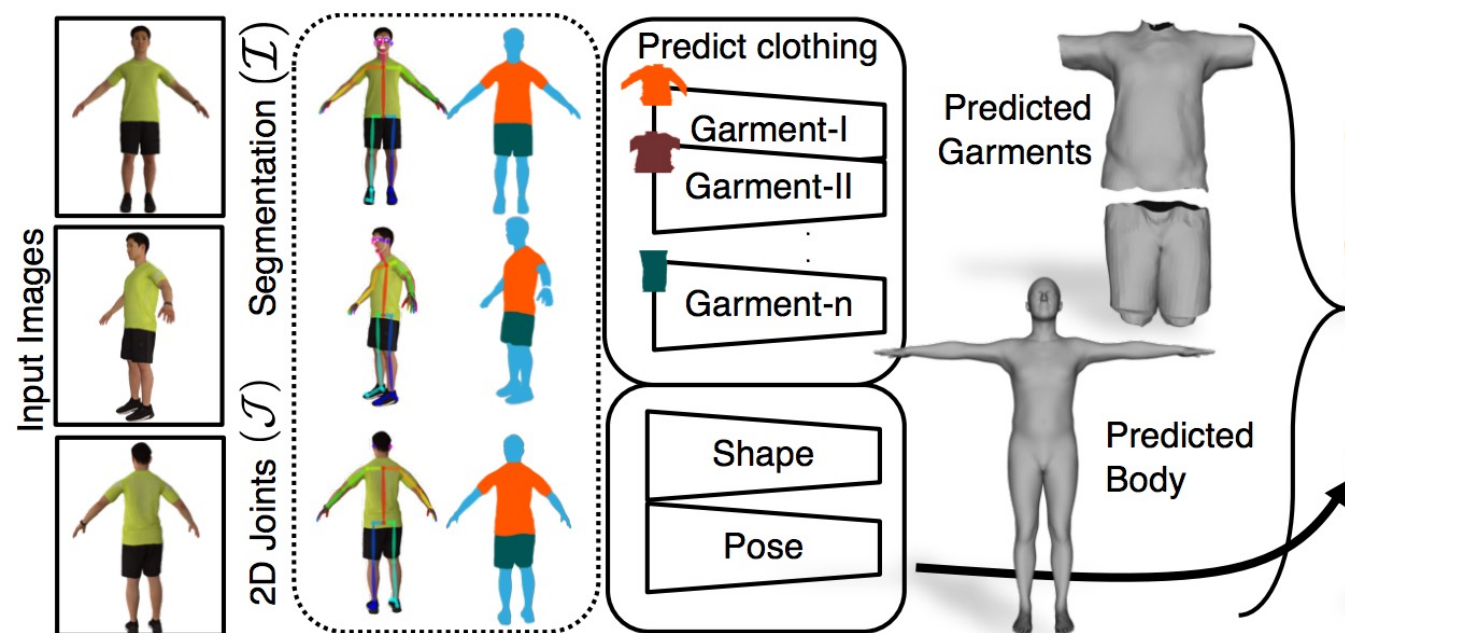


**Source:** 8 images of a person turning

**Target:** scan

**Result:** 3Dmesh

# Multi-Garment Net: MGN



$$\mathbf{G}^g = \mathbf{B}^g \mathbf{z}^g + \mathbf{D}^{\text{hf},g}$$

Codes for clothing,  
pose and shape

# Dressing in different shapes and poses

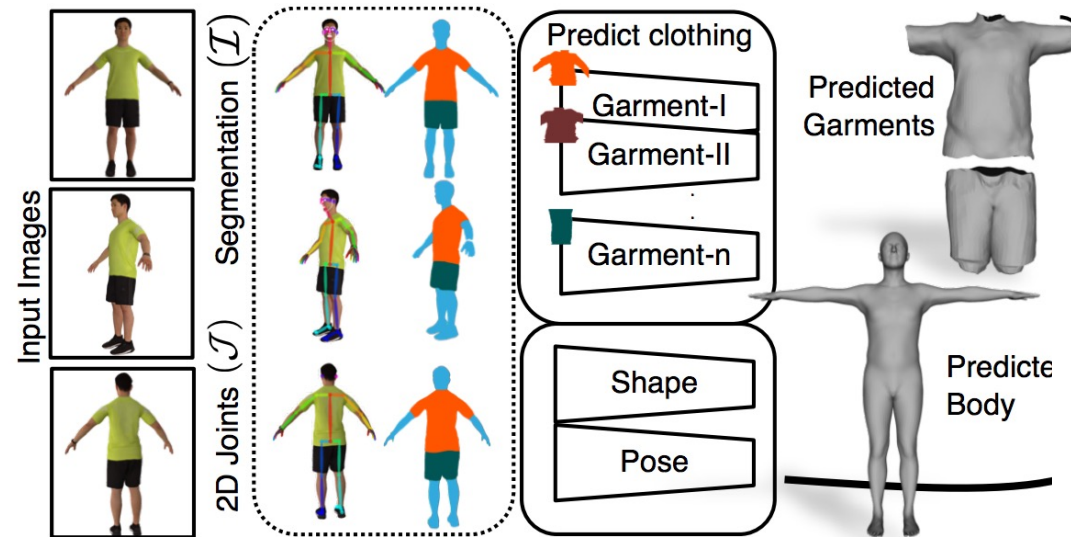


Input: 8  
images



Output: Dressed digital avatars with  
input clothing

# Remaining Problem: Details

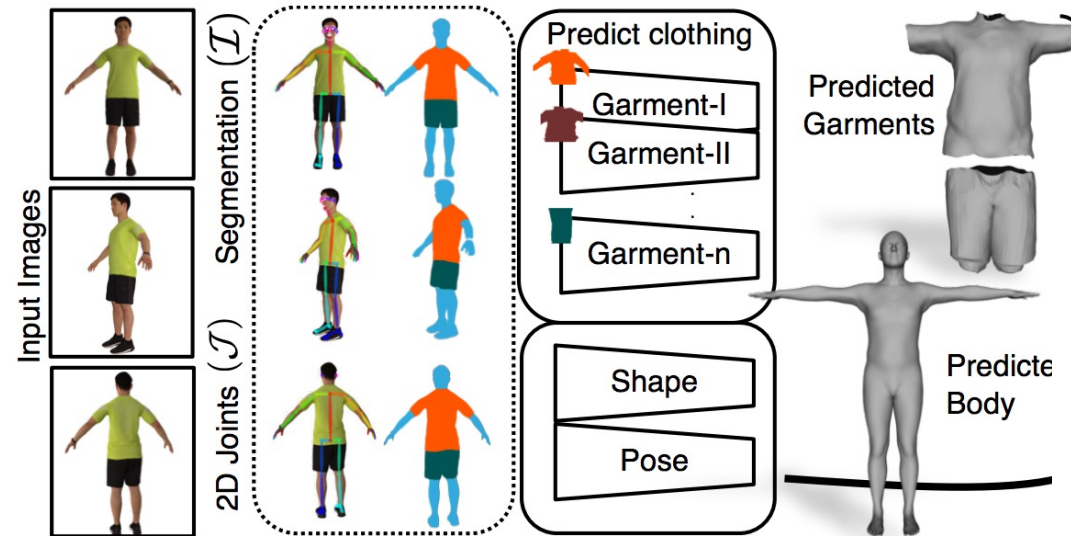


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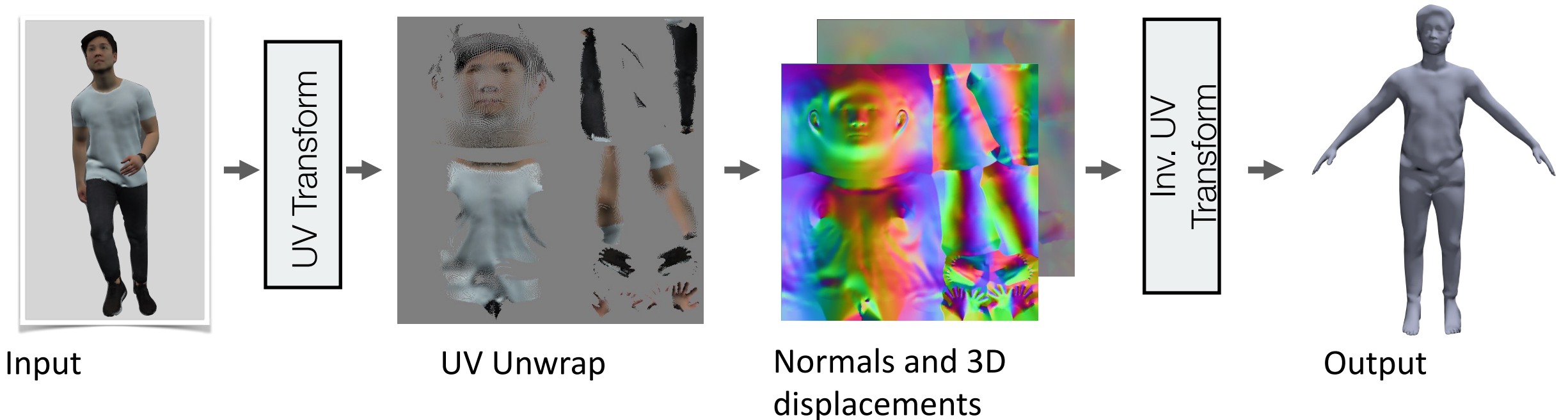
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# Tex2Shape: Detailed Full Human Body Geometry from a Single Image Exploiting UV-maps



Alldieck et al. ICCV'19

Lazova et al. 3DV'19 (for texture completion)

Mir et al. CVPR'20 (transfer texture from shopping websites)

# Results



# Results



# Learning to Transfer Texture from Clothing Images to 3D Humans

Aymen Mir, Thiemo Alldieck, Gerard Pons-Moll



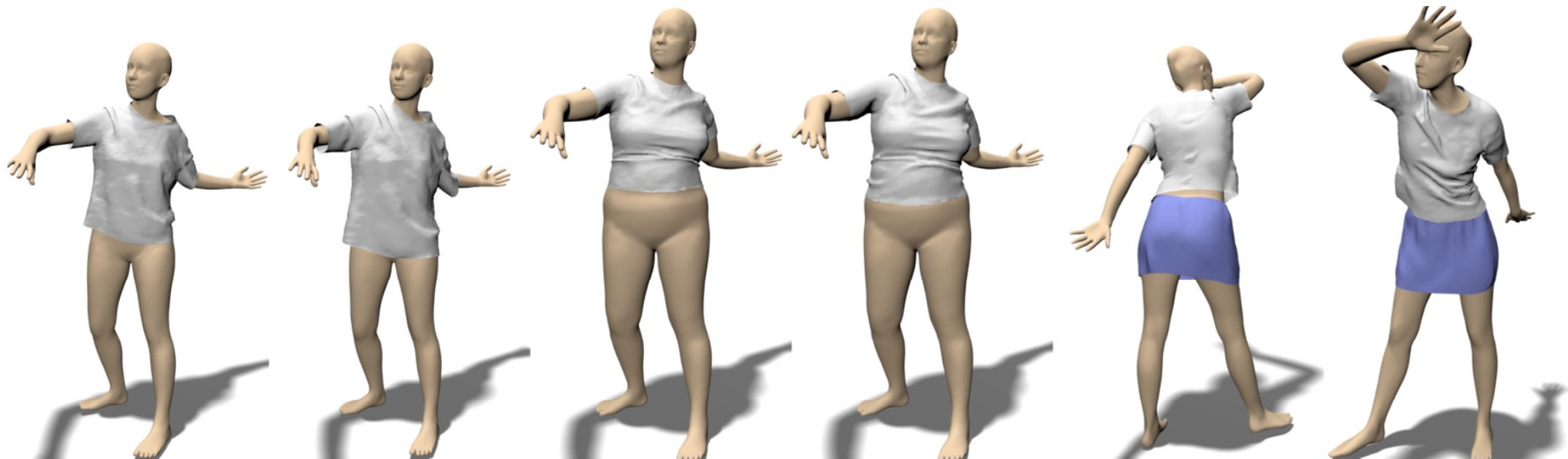
# Take home messages

- Displacements are the simplest representation for clothing
- Video Avatars demonstrated 3D **reconstruction** of people in clothing is possible from a **single video**
- Exploit temporal information: shape barely changes over time
- Encoding body separately from clothing allows more **control**
- **Codes** carry **meaning** and allow **control**
- Pixel-aligned predictions in **UV-space** yield detailed reconstruction

# Learning a Model of Clothing

# TailorNet: Predicting 3D Clothing as a Function of Human Pose, Shape and Garment Style

Chaitanya Patel, Zhou Liao and Gerard Pons-Moll





# SMPL + Clothing

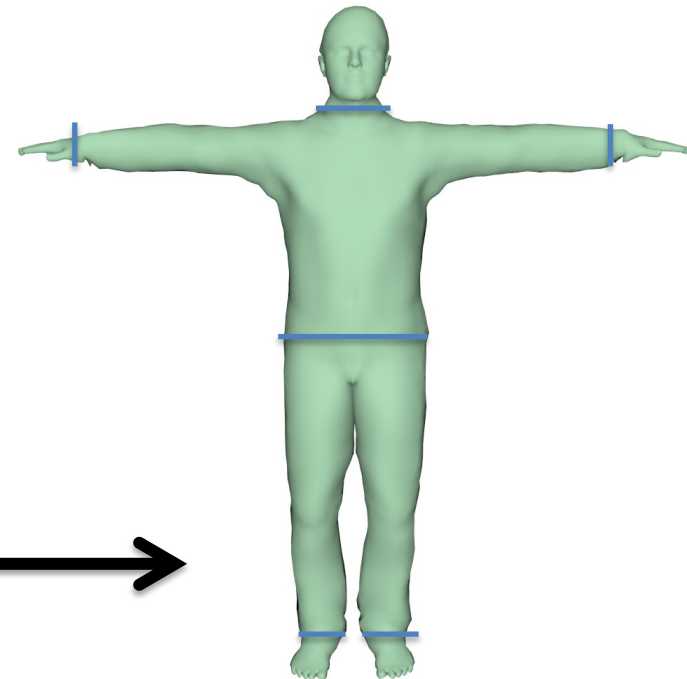
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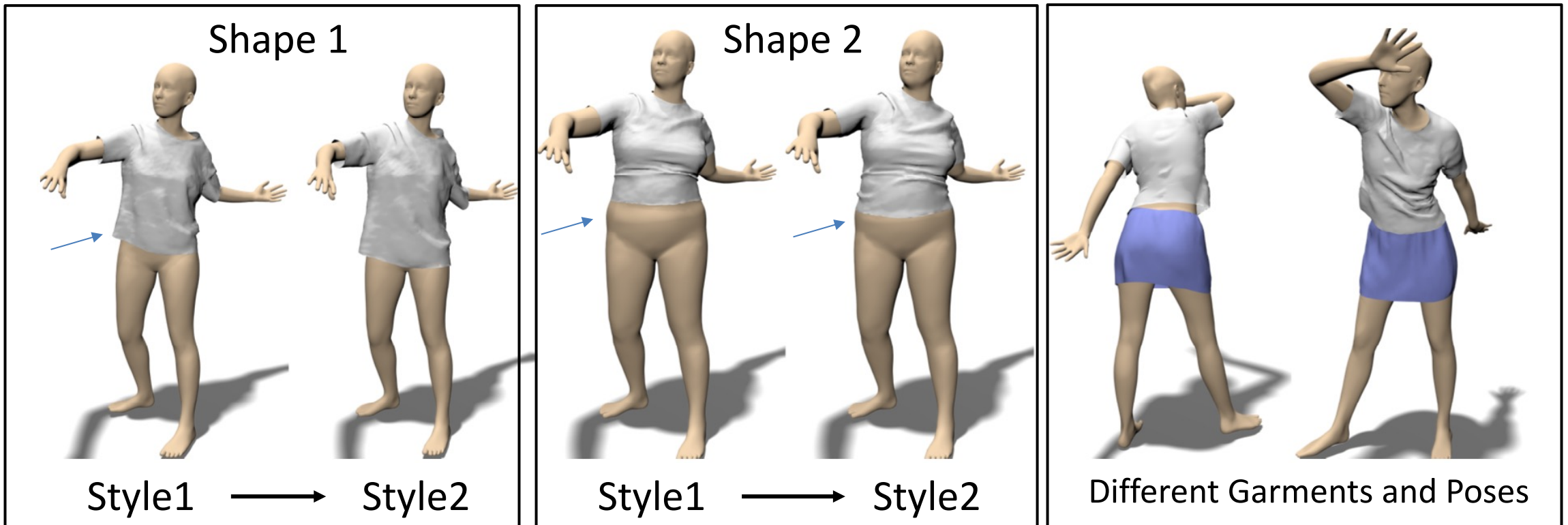
$\mathbf{D}$  Personal details + clothing



# Goal: Clothing as a function of Pose, Shape and *Style*

$$D(\theta, \beta, \gamma) : \mathbb{R}^{|\theta|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|\beta|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|\gamma|} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{m \times 3}$$

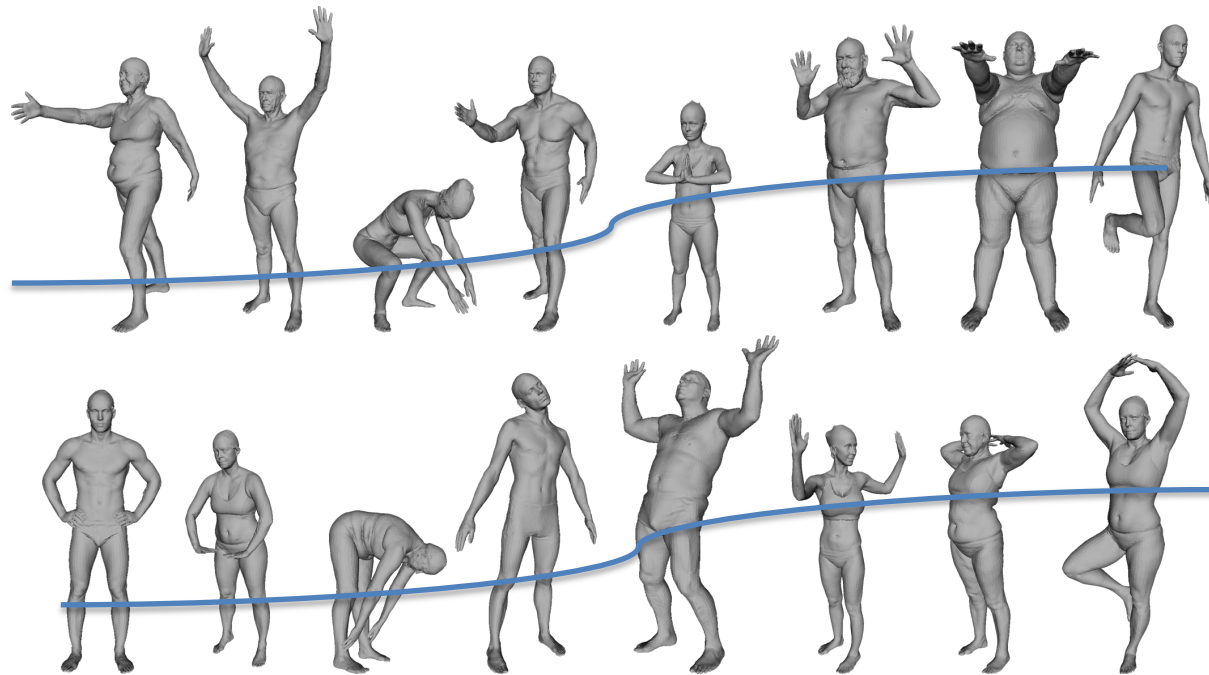
Pose
Shape
Style
Vertices of garment



# TailorNet Style-Space

- Step 1: Unpose all publicly available garments of MGN ICCV'17
- Step2: Run physics based simulation on garments
- Step3: do PCA
- Alternate steps 2 and 3
- Style parameters are controlled with PCA coefficients  $\gamma$

# TailorNet training data: pose and shape variation

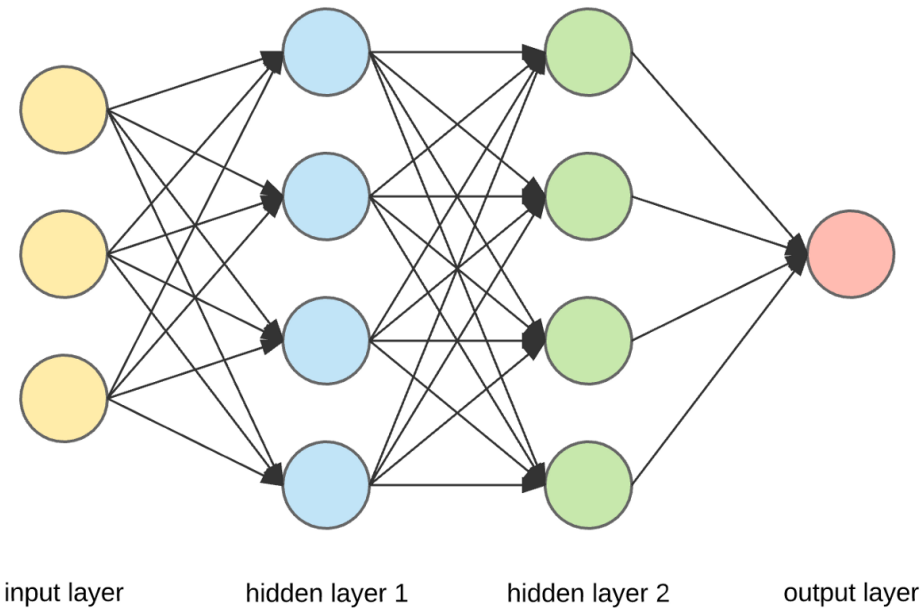


- Interpolate poses and animate the sequence with physics simulation
- Vary the shape smoothly along path
- Do this for multiple styles (garment types)
- This creates variation over pose, shape and style
- Unpose all data

# TailorNet, first idea

$$D(\theta, \beta, \gamma) : \mathbb{R}^{|\theta|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|\beta|} \times \mathbb{R}^{|\gamma|} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{m \times 3}$$

Pose  
Shape  
Style

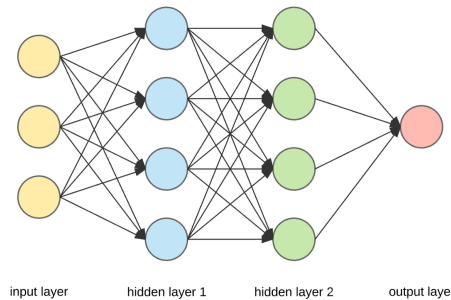


Unposed vertices

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Unposed vertices

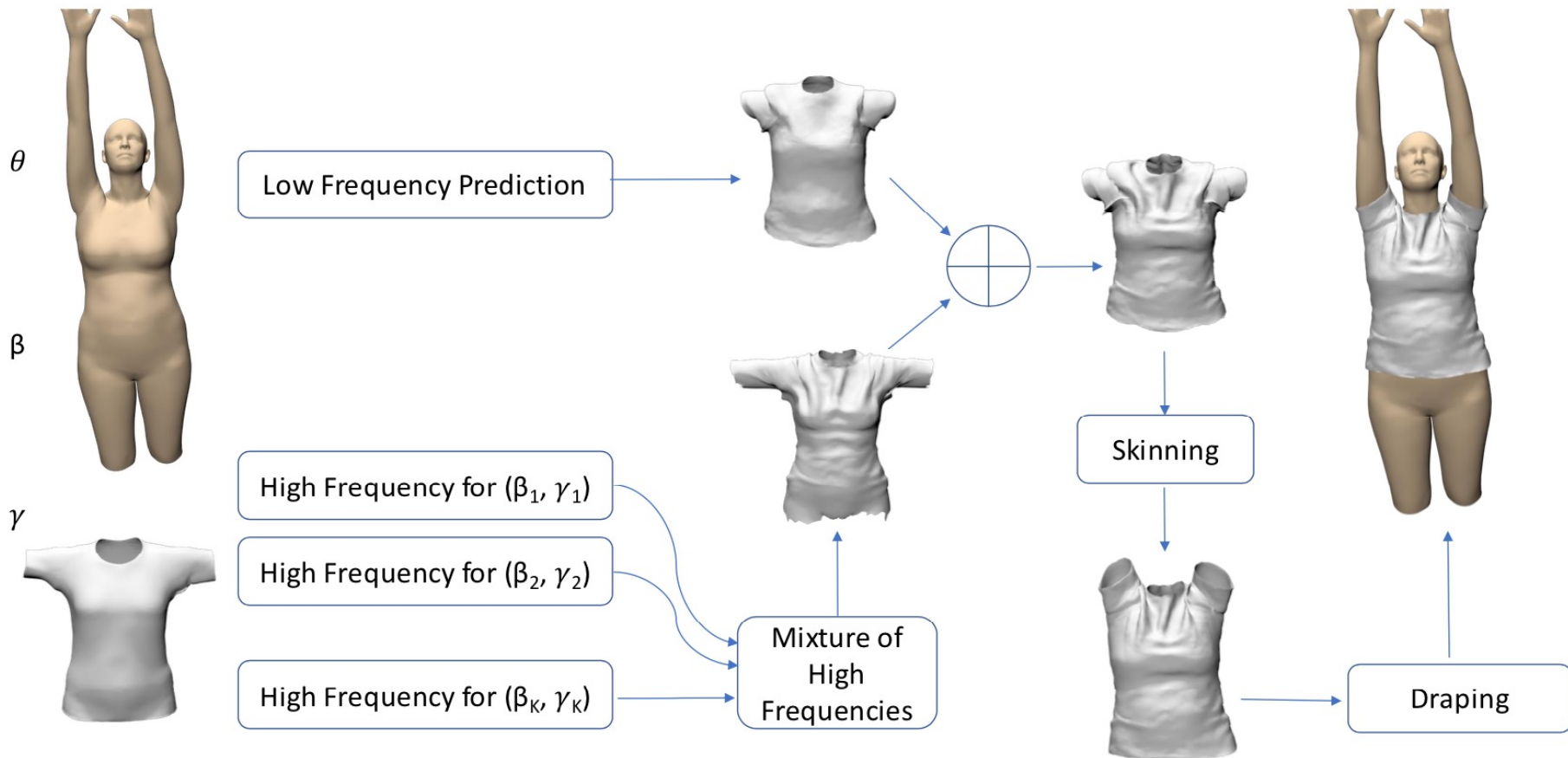
Empirical observation: MLP generalizes well to new poses, but produces smooth results when trained over multiple shapes and styles

Hypothesis: High-frequency wrinkle patterns vary a lot depending on the shape and style for the same pose. When jointly learned the model

$$D(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \phi) = D^{LF}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \phi) + \sum_{k=1}^K \Psi(\phi, \phi_k) D_{\phi,k}^{HF}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \quad \phi = (\beta, \gamma)$$

Low-frequency

High-frequency



Prototypes

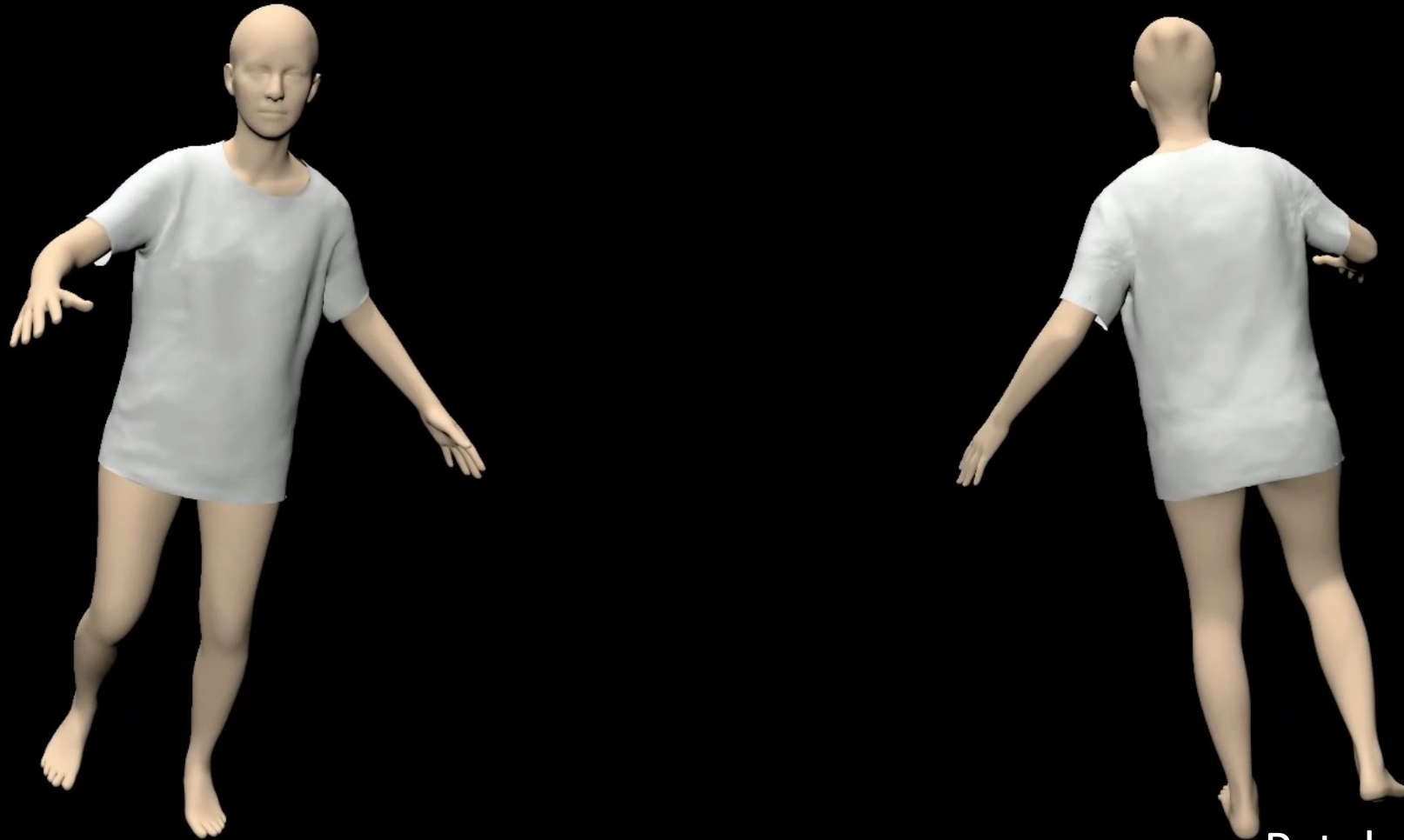
# Results: Generalization to completely new poses

The Virtual Tailor: Predicting Clothing in 3D as a Function  
of Human Pose, Shape and Garment Style

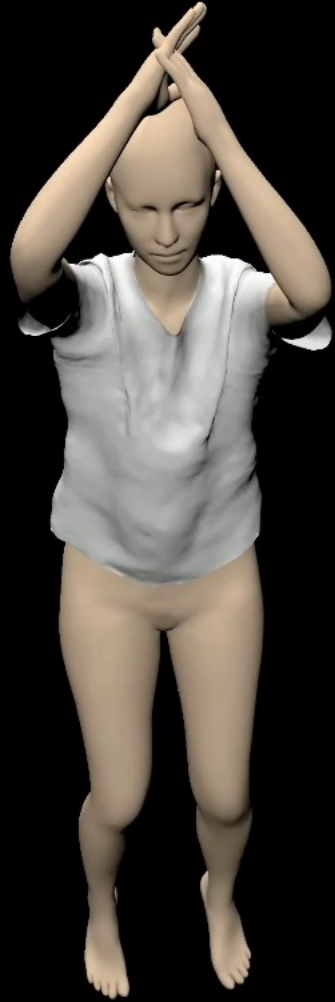
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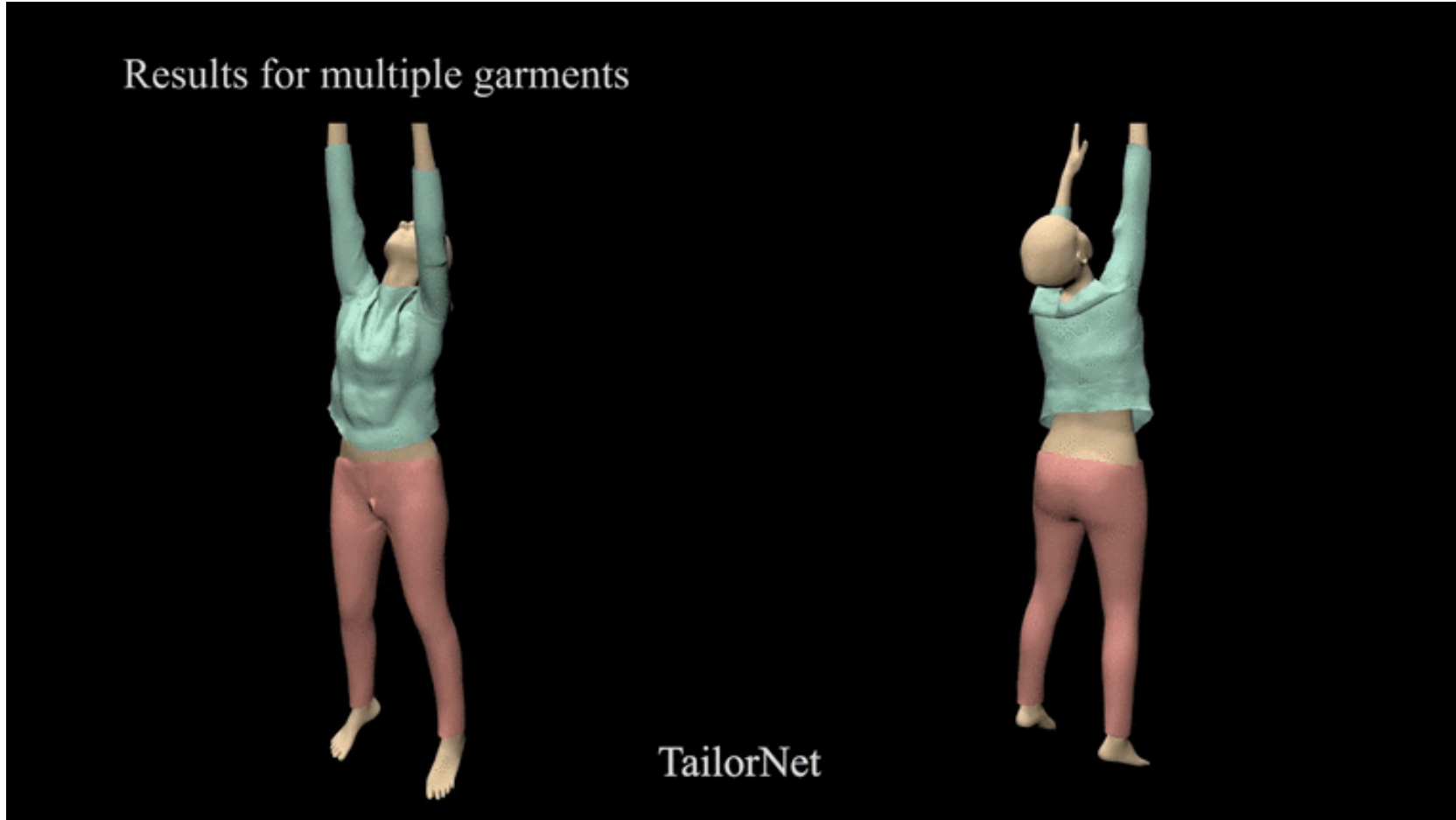
# Change style – keep shape fixed



# Keep style – Change shape



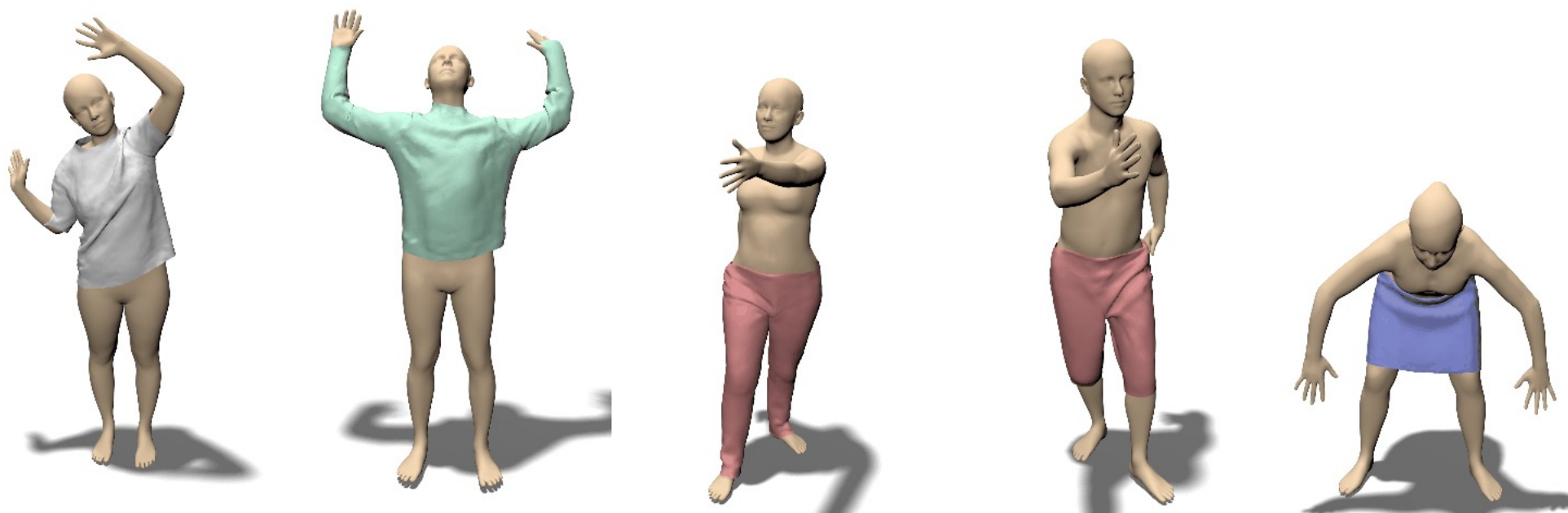
# TailorNet for different garments



# TailorNet with Texture



# Shape variation for different garments



# Different Garments

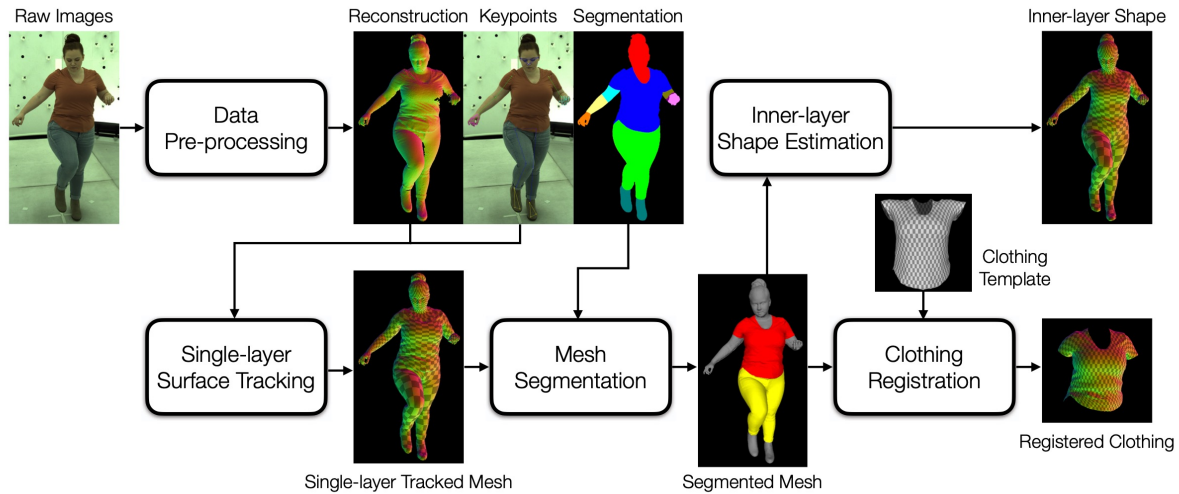


# SNUG: Self-supervised

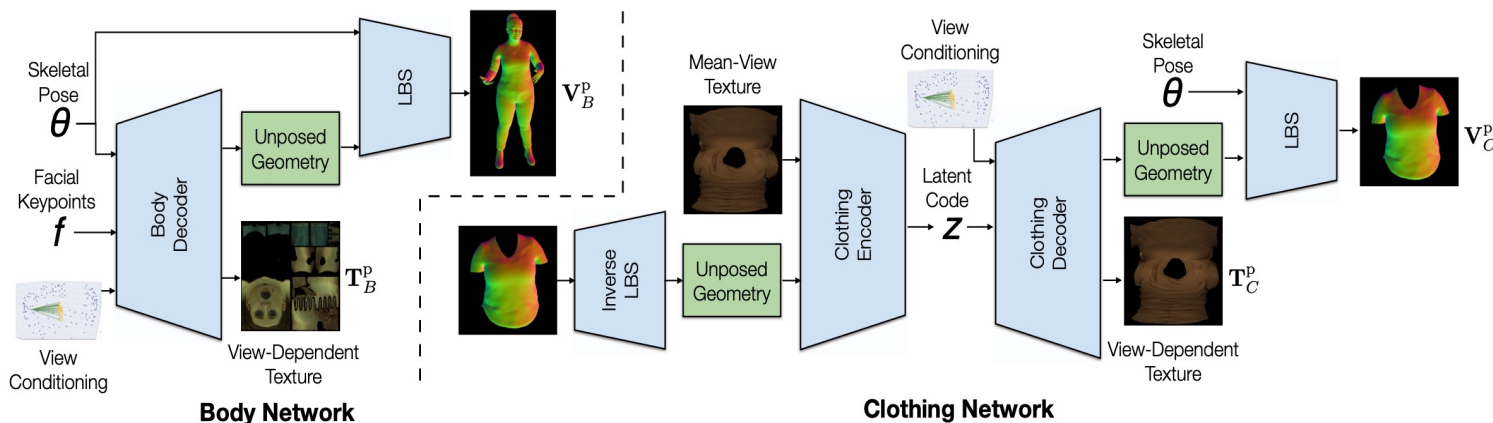
TailorNet: Generate data with physics simulation. Train.  
SNUG: Physics simulation is used within training



# 2 layer Codec Avatars (from Meta/Facebook)



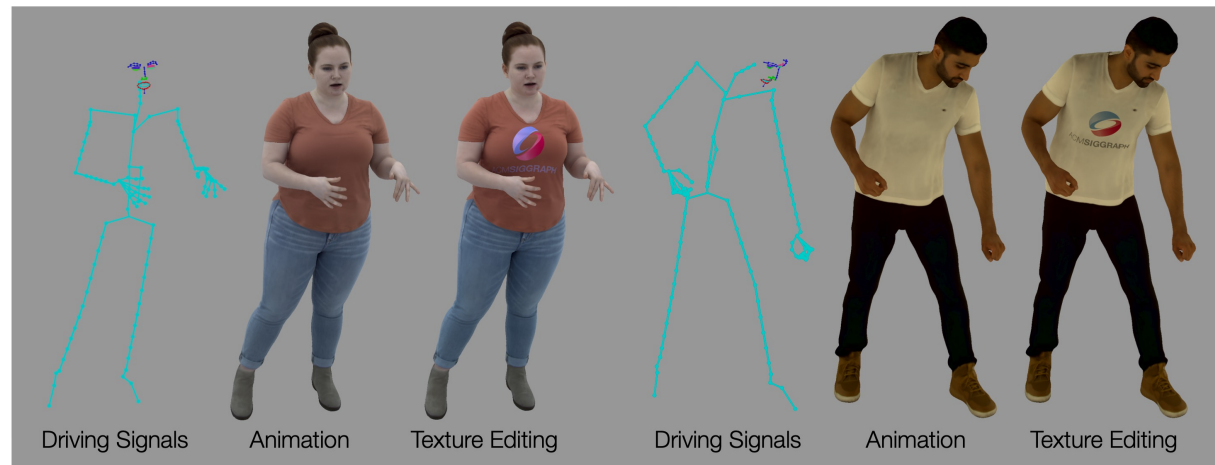
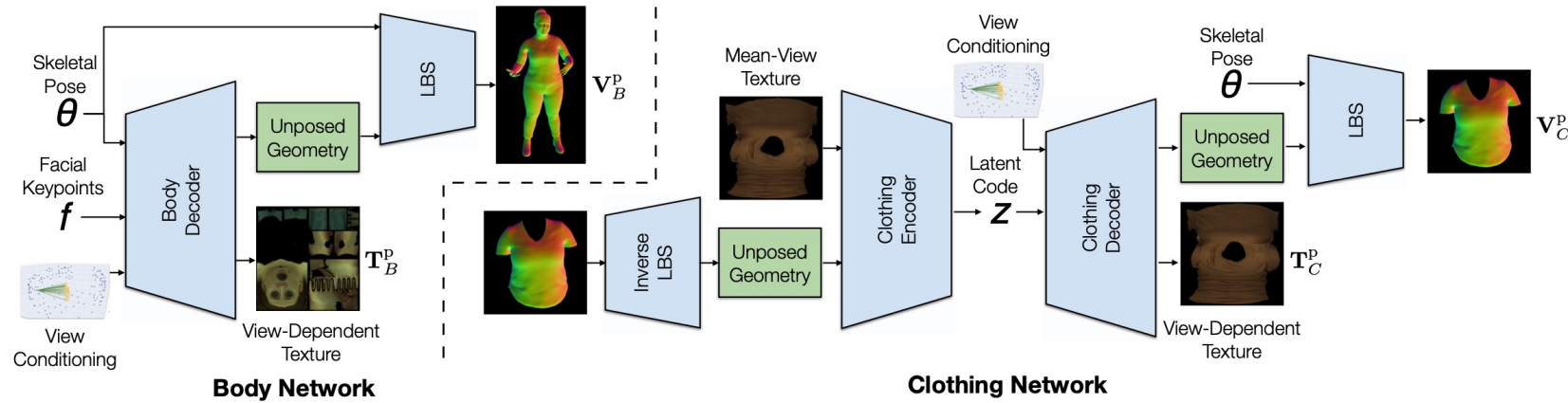
Training data:  
 Registration of clothing.  
 Conceptually similar to  
 ClothCap



Learning:  
 VAE to regress  
 - Cloth deformation  
 - Pose dependent texture

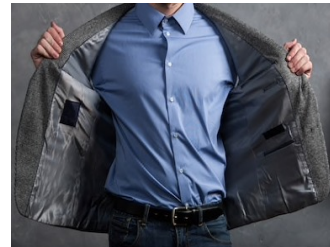
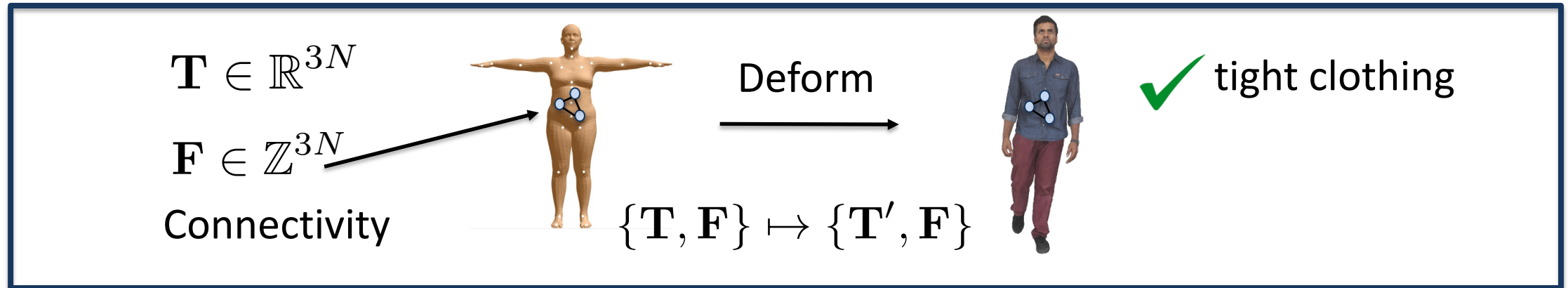


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# Remaining Problem

Mesh based representations are limited to surfaces with 1 “**topology**”



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✗ Complex topologies



✗ General objects

# CONCLUSIONS

- Clothing is much harder than undressed bodies (representation, registration, image fitting is harder)
- Vertex based models require registration of training data
- Mesh based **parametric** models like SMPL are **powerful** and **easy to use and control and compatible** with graphics pipelines
- But they are **limited to 1 topology per model**, and it is hard to produce detail
- In the next lecture: implicit surface models of clothing

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## DATA & CODE:

<https://virtualhumans.mpi-inf.mpg.de/software.html>



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