

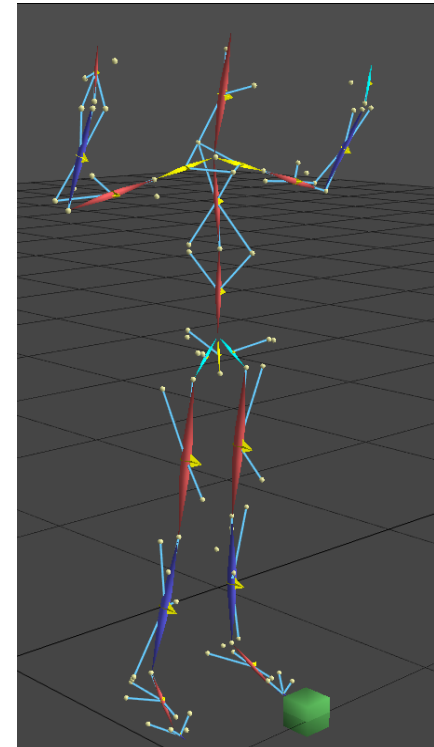
# Model Based Pose Estimation

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Human pose estimation algorithms can be classified in:

- Generative Models
  - „*explain the image*“
- Discriminative Models
  - „*condition on the image*“

- Many degrees of freedom
- Highly Dynamic / Skinning/ Clothing / Outdoor
- Large variability and individuality of Motion patterns



- Let us assume a *model* then:
  - How to parameterize/represent the model ?
  - How to optimize the model parameters ?
  - What features are suited ?



## 1) Kinematic parameterization

- Rotation Matrices
- Euler Angles
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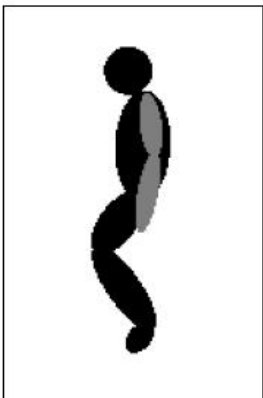
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- Particle Based optimization

## Karate



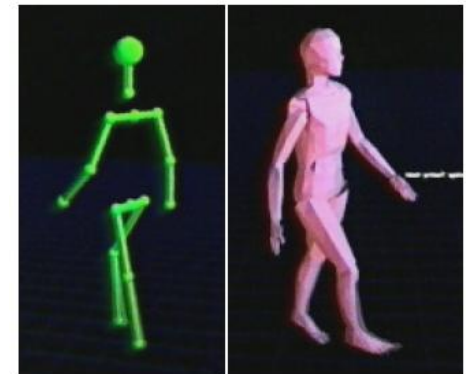
Motivated from robotics:

The human motion can be expressed via a „**kinematic chain**“, a series of local rigid body motions (along the limbs).



The model parameters to optimize for are rigid body motions.

How to model RBM ?





- 1) Pose configurations are represented with a **minimum** number of **parameters**
- 2) **Singularities** can be avoided during optimization
- 3) Easy computation of derivatives segment positions and orientations w.r.t parameters
- 4) Human **motion constrains** such as articulated motion are naturally described
- 5) Simple rules for concatenating motions

A rigid body motion is an affine transformation that preserves distances and orientations

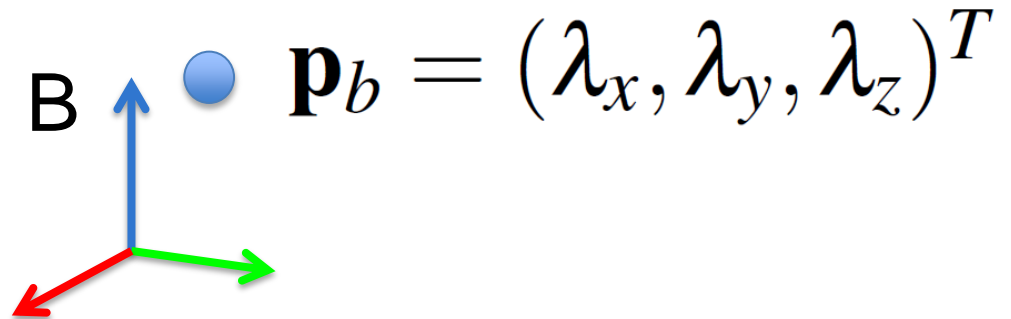
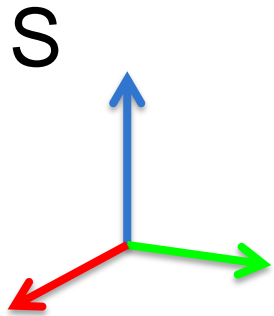
Euclidean : (non linear)

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow X' = RX + t, R \in \mathcal{R}^{3 \times 3}, t \in \mathcal{R}^3$$

$$RR^T = I, \det(R) = 1$$

Affine: (linear)

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow X' = \begin{pmatrix} R & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} X$$

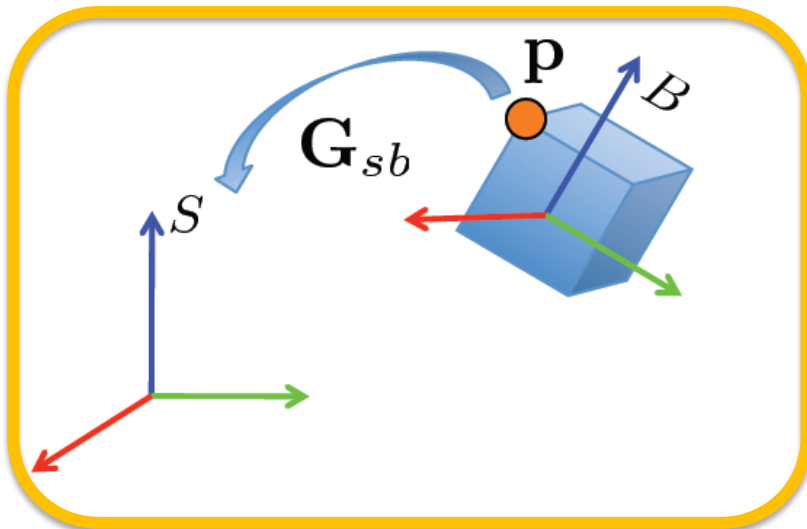


$$\mathbf{p}_s = \lambda_x \mathbf{x}_s^B + \lambda_y \mathbf{y}_s^B + \lambda_z \mathbf{z}_s^B$$

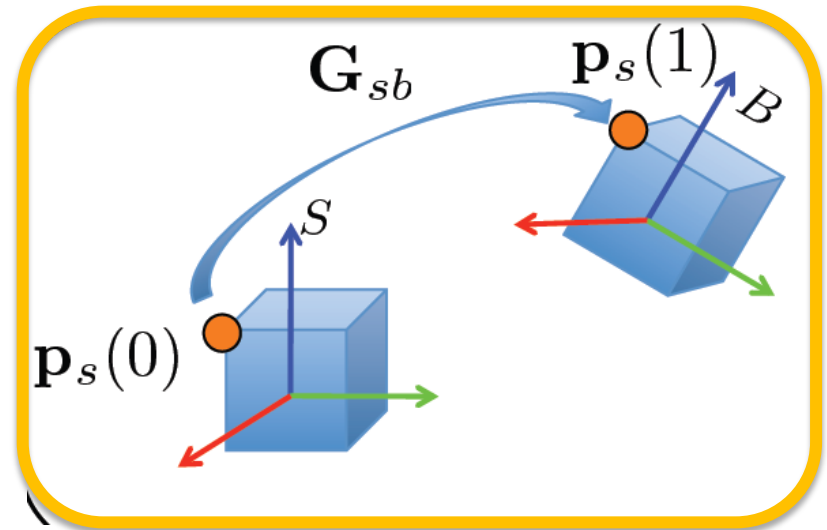
$$\mathbf{p}_s = \mathbf{R}_{sb} \mathbf{p}_b \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{R}_{sb} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_s^B & \mathbf{y}_s^B & \mathbf{z}_s^B \end{bmatrix}$$

The columns of a rotation matrix are the principal axis of one frame expressed relative to another

Rotations can be interpreted either as



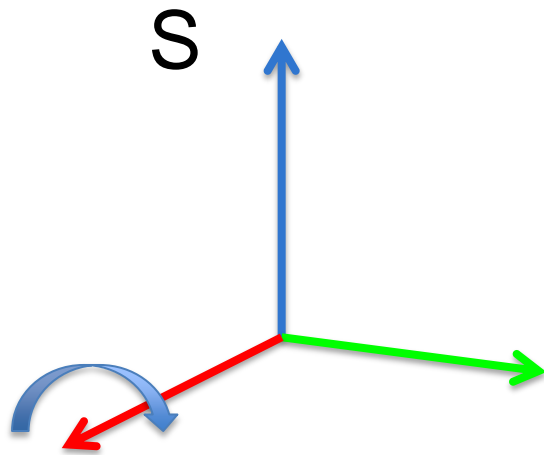
Coordinate  
transformation



Relative motion  
in time

- Need for **9 numbers**
- **6 additional constraints** to ensure that the matrix is orhtornormal
- Suboptimal for optimization

- One of the most **popular** parameterizations
- Rotation is encoded as **the successive rotations** about three principal axis
- Only **3 parameters** to encode a rotation
- **Derivatives** easy to compute



$$\mathbf{R}_x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ 0 & -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_y = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \beta & 0 & -\sin \beta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_z = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\gamma) & \sin(\gamma) & 0 \\ -\sin(\gamma) & \cos(\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \mathbf{R}_x(\alpha) \mathbf{R}_y(\beta) \mathbf{R}_z(\gamma)$$

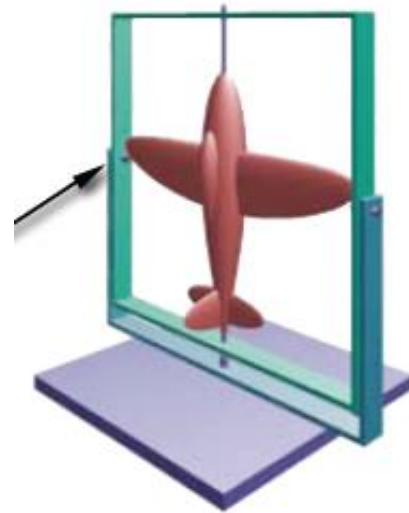
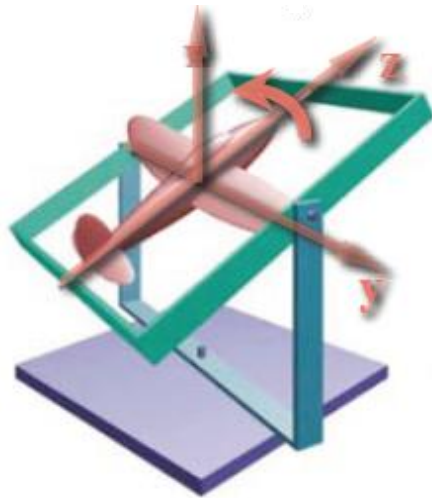
Careful: Euler angles are a typical source of confusion

When using Euler angles **2 things** have to be specified

- 1) Convention: X-Y-Z, Z-Y-X, Z-Y-Z ...
- 2) Rotations about the static spatial frame or the moving body frame



- **Gimbal lock:** When two of the axis align one degree of freedom is lost !
- Parameterization is not unique
- Lots of conventions for Euler angles



- A quaternion has 4 components:

$$\mathbf{q} = [q_w \ q_x \ q_y \ q_z]^T$$

- They generalize complex numbers

$$\mathbf{q} = q_w + q_x \mathbf{i} + q_y \mathbf{j} + q_z \mathbf{k}$$

with additional properties  $\mathbf{i}^2 = \mathbf{j}^2 = \mathbf{k}^2 = \mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = -1$

- **Unit length** quaternions can be used to carry out rotations. The set they form is called  $S^3$

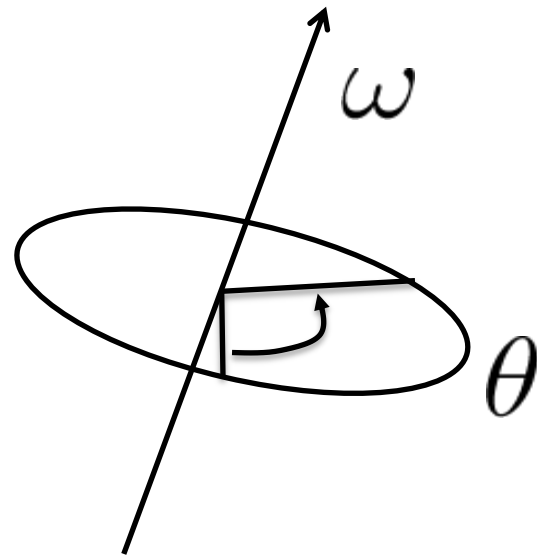
- Quaternions can also be interpreted as a scalar plus a 3-vector

$$\mathbf{q} = [q_w \ \mathbf{v}]^T$$

Where

$$q_w = \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}$$



- Rotations can be carried away directly in parameter space via the quaternion product:

- Concatenation of rotations:

$$\mathbf{q}_1 \circ \mathbf{q}_2 = (q_{w,1}q_{w,2} - \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2, q_{w,1}\mathbf{v}_2 + q_{w,2}\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2)$$

- If we want to rotate a vector  $\mathbf{a}$

$$\mathbf{a}' = \text{Rotate}(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{q} \circ \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \circ \bar{\mathbf{q}}$$

where  $\bar{\mathbf{q}} = (q_w - \mathbf{v})$  is the quat conjugate

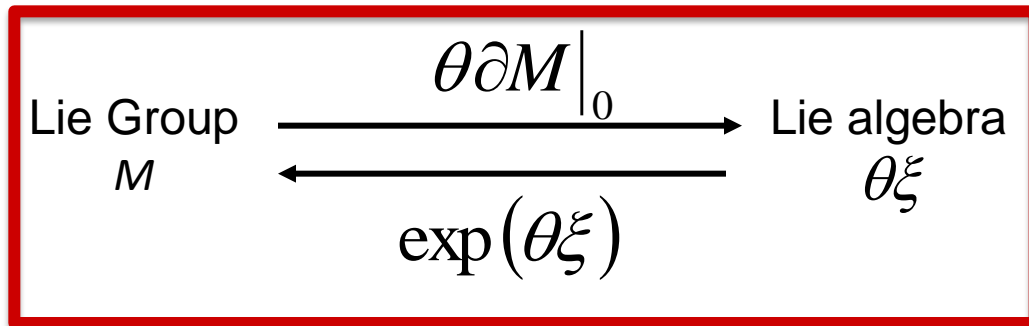
- ✓ Quaternions have no singularities
- ✓ Derivatives exist and are linearly independent
- ✓ Quaternion product allows to perform rotations
- ✗ But all this comes at the expense of using 4 numbers instead of 3
  - Enforce quadratic constrain  $\|\mathbf{q}\|_2 = 1$

For human motion modeling it is often needed to specify the axis of rotation of a joint

Any rotation about the origin can be expressed in terms of the axis of rotation  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and the angle of rotation  $\theta$  with the **exponential map**

$$\mathbf{R} = \exp(\theta \hat{\omega})$$

**Definition:** A group is an  $n$ -dimensional *Lie-group*, if the set of its elements can be represented as a continuously differentiable manifold of dimension  $n$ , on which the group product and inverse are continuously differentiable functions as well



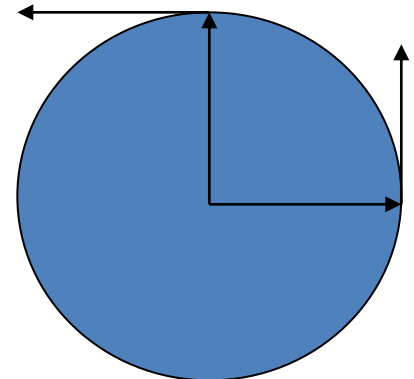
$$\begin{aligned} so(2) &= \left( \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{pmatrix}, \theta \partial \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) \end{pmatrix} \right) \Big|_0 \\ &= \theta \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\phi) & -\cos(\phi) \\ \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) \end{pmatrix} \Big|_0 = \theta \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \theta \hat{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

$$so(2) = \{A \in \mathcal{R}^{2 \times 2} | A = -A^T\}$$

If a body rotates at constant velocity about an axis, the velocity can be written as

$$\dot{q}(t) = \hat{\omega} q(t) \quad (1)$$

Example:  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$



(1) Is a time invariant linear differential equation which may be integrated to give:

$$q(t) = \exp(\hat{\omega}t)q(0)$$



Given a vector  $\omega$  the **skew symmetric** matrix is

$$\theta \hat{\omega} = \theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

You will also find  
it as  $\omega \times$

It is the matrix form of the cross-product:

$$\omega \times \mathbf{p} = \hat{\omega} \mathbf{p}$$

**Proof:** exponential map

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{p}(t) = \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} \mathbf{p}(t)$$

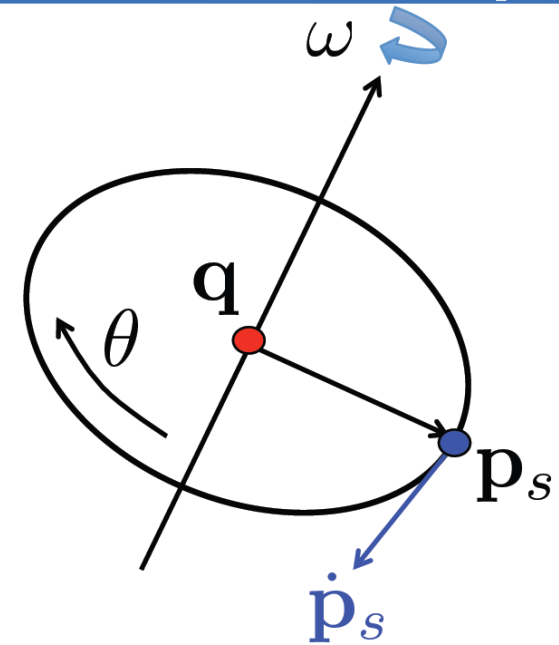


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If we rotate  $\theta$  units of time

$$\mathbf{R}(\theta, \boldsymbol{\omega}) = \exp(\theta \hat{\boldsymbol{\omega}})$$



$$\exp(\theta \hat{\omega}) = e^{(\theta \hat{\omega})} = I + \theta \hat{\omega} + \frac{\theta^2}{2!} \hat{\omega}^2 + \frac{\theta^3}{3!} \hat{\omega}^3 + \dots$$

Exploiting the properties of skew symmetric matrices

Rodriguez formula

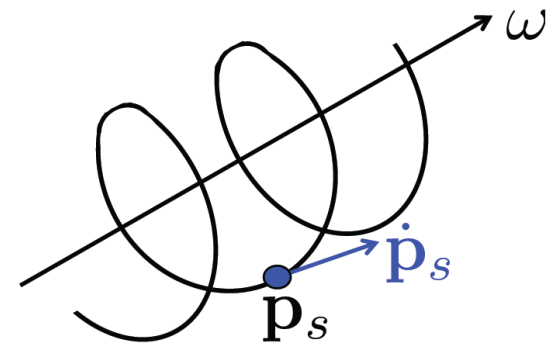
$$\exp(\theta \hat{\omega}) = I + \hat{\omega} \sin(\theta) + \hat{\omega}^2 (1 - \cos(\theta))$$

Closed form!

What about translation ?

The **twist coordinates** are defined as

$$\theta^\xi = \theta(v_1, v_2, v_3, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$$



And the **twist** is defined as

$$[\theta^\xi]^\wedge = \theta \hat{\xi} = \theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 & v_1 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 & v_2 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 & v_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{p} = \hat{\xi} p}$$

The rigid body motion can be computed in closed form as well

$$\mathbf{G}(\theta, \omega) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{t}_{3 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \exp(\theta \hat{\xi})$$

From the following formula

$$\exp(\theta \hat{\xi}) = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(\theta \hat{\omega}) & (I - \exp(\theta \hat{\omega}))(\omega \times v + \omega \omega^T v \theta) \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

| Number of parameters | Singularities | Human constraints | Concatenate motion | Optimization (derivatives) |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Twists               | Quaternions   | Twists            | Quaternions        | Twists                     |
| Euler Angles         | Twists        | Quaternions       | Twists             | Euler Angles               |
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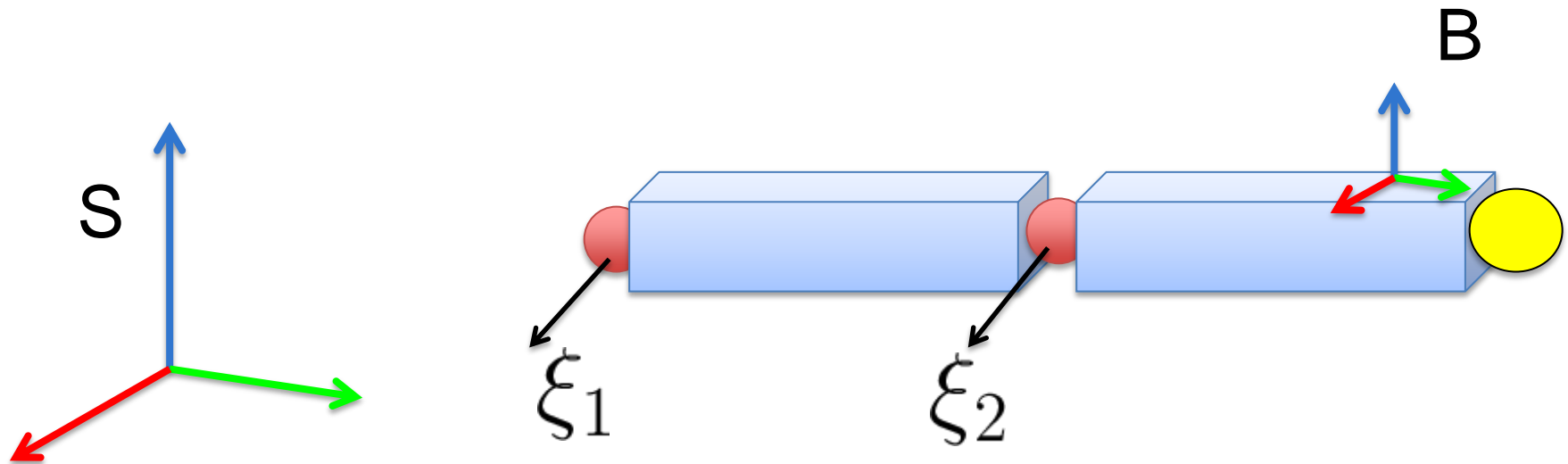
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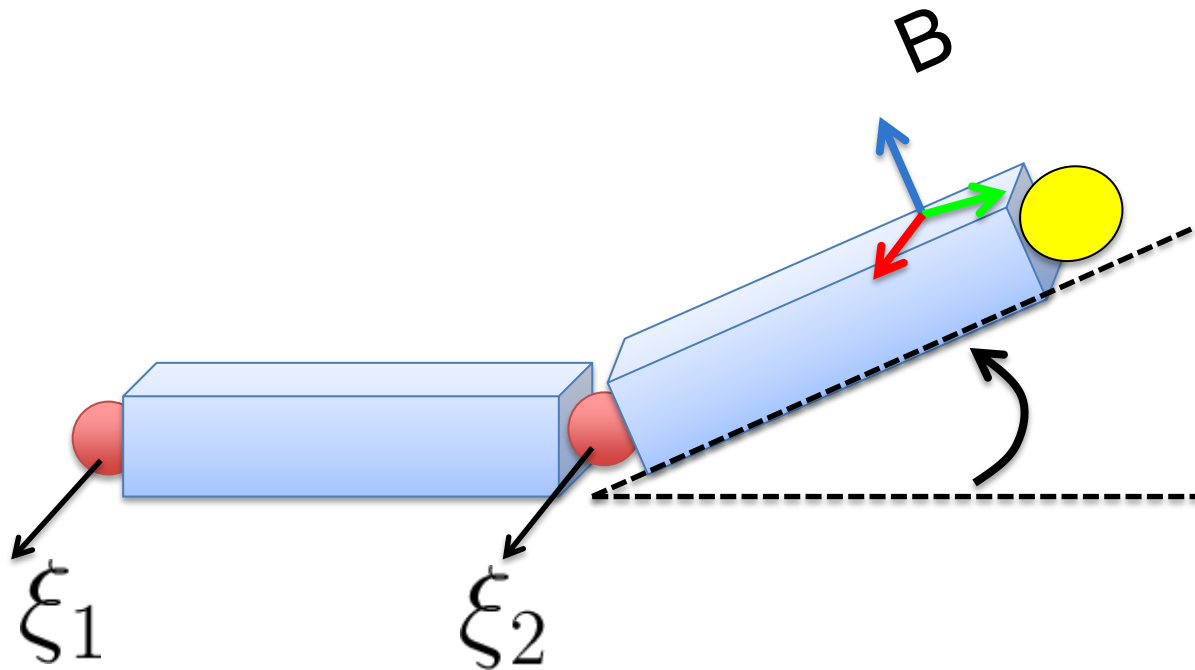
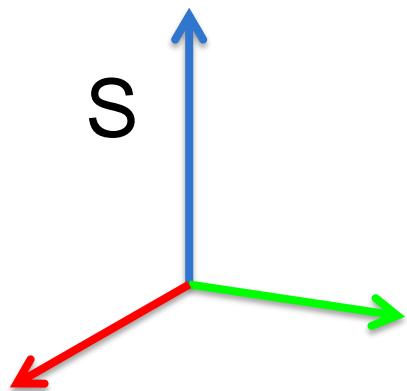
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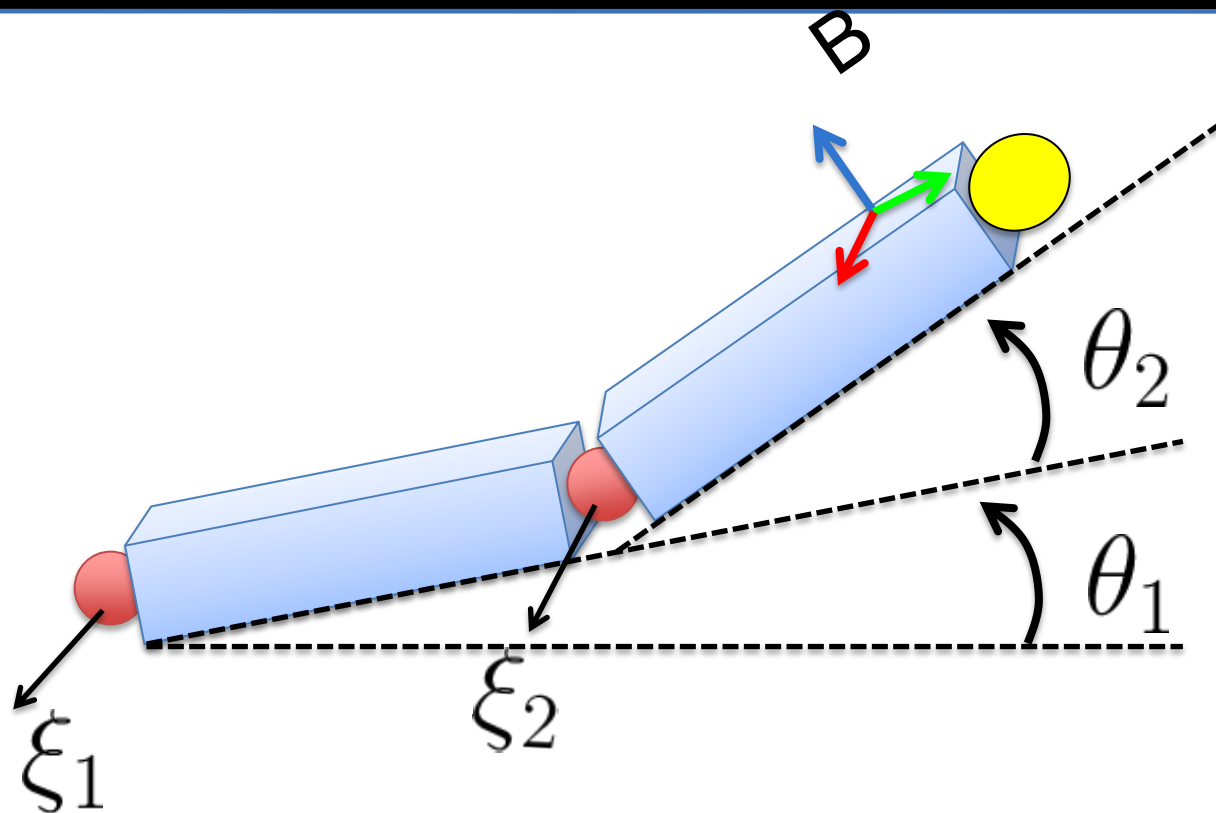
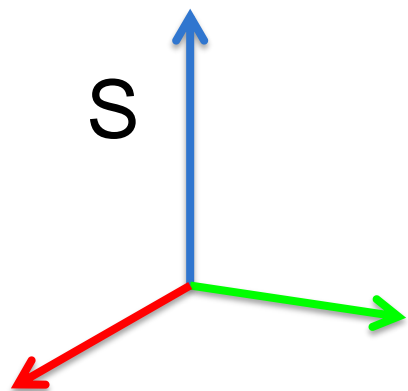


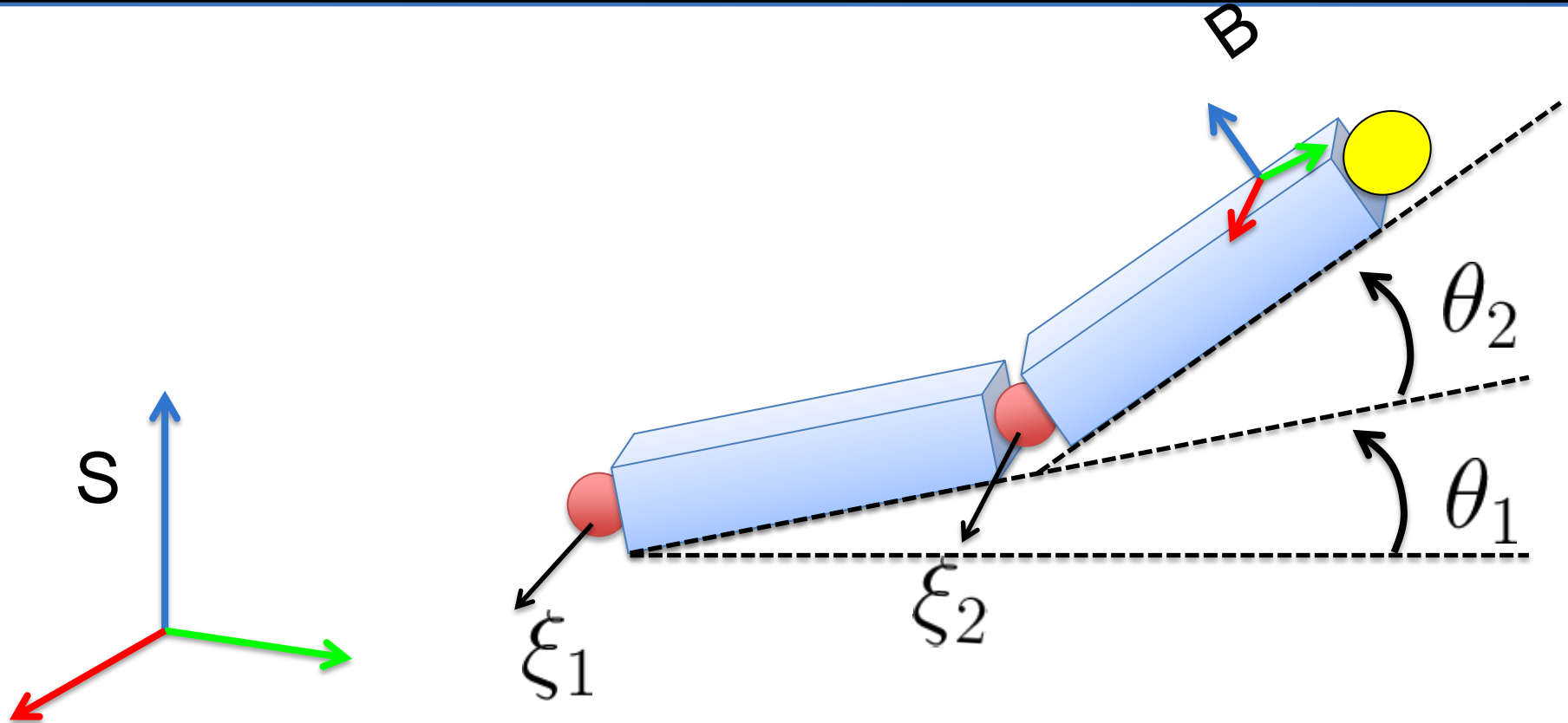
In a rest position we have

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









The coordinates of the point in the spatial frame

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

Product of exponentials formula

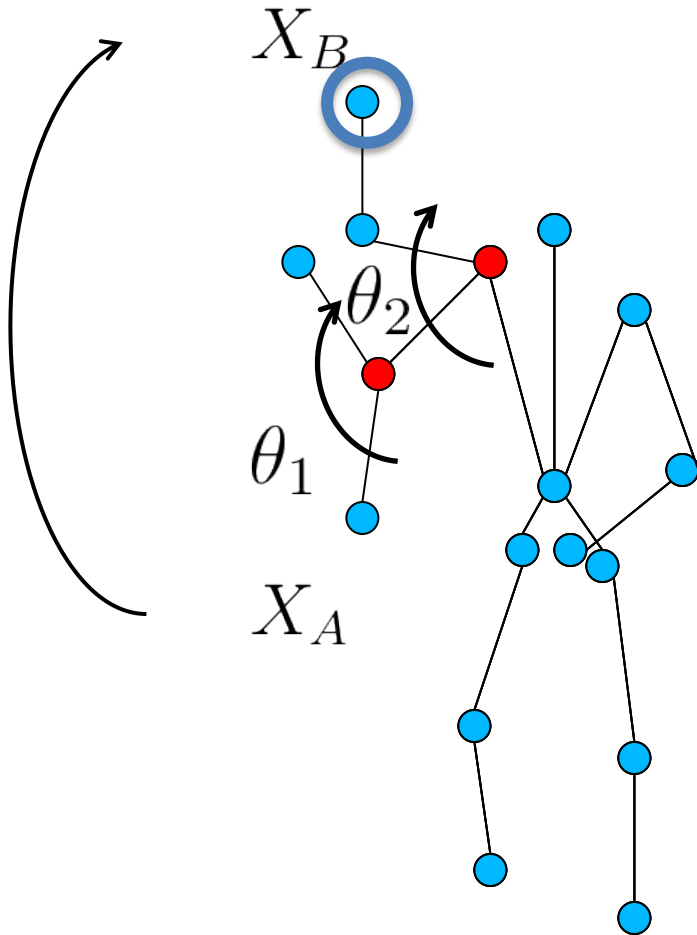
$$\mathbf{G}_{sb}(\Theta) = e^{\hat{\xi}_1 \theta_1} e^{\hat{\xi}_2 \theta_2} \dots e^{\hat{\xi}_n \theta_n} \mathbf{G}_{sb}(\mathbf{0})$$

$\mathbf{G}_{sb}(\Theta)$  is the mapping from coordinate B to coordinate S

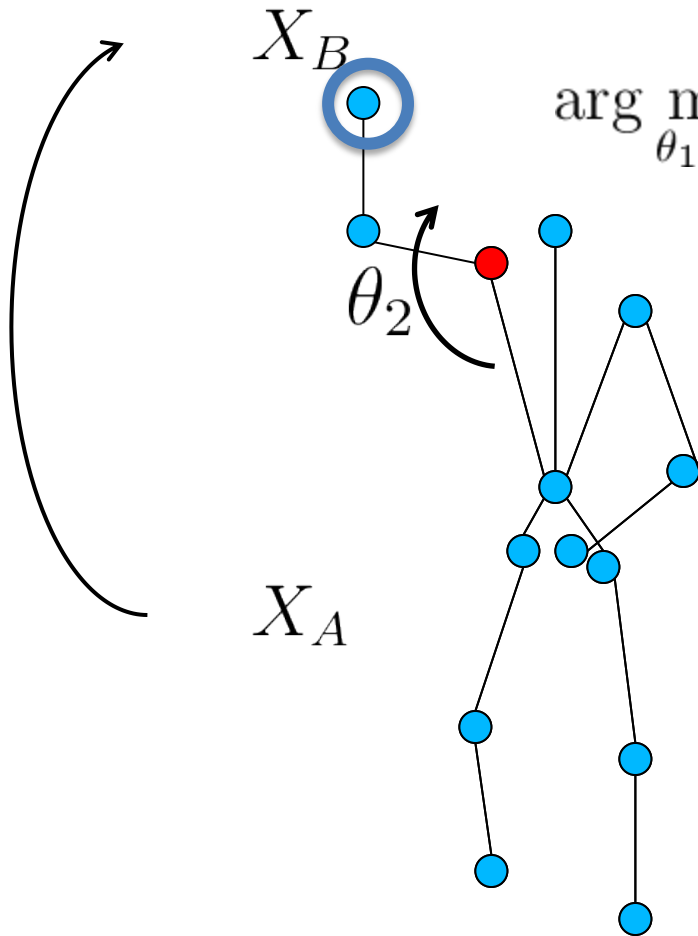
BUT  $\exp(\theta_i \hat{\xi}_i)$  **IS NOT** the mapping from segment i+1 to segment i.

Think of  $\exp(\theta_i \hat{\xi}_i)$  simply as the relative motion of that joint

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$$\arg \min_{\theta_1 \dots \theta_n} \left\| \exp(\theta_1 \hat{\xi}_1) \dots \exp(\theta_n \hat{\xi}_n) \mathbf{X}_A - \mathbf{X}_B \right\|^2$$

- The problem is non-linear

- Linearize with the articulated **Jacobian**

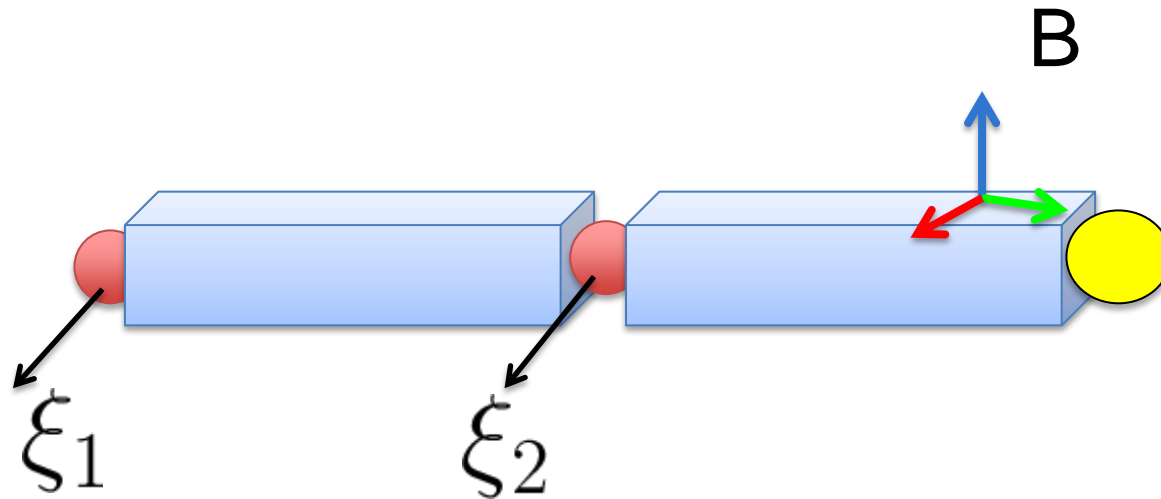
The **Jacobian** using twists is extremely simple and easy to compute

$$\mathbf{J}_{\Theta} = [\xi_1 \quad \xi'_2 \quad \dots \quad \xi'_n]$$

- 1) Every column corresponds to the contribution of i-th joint to the end-effector motion
- 2) Maps an increment of joint angles to the end-effector twist

$$\mathbf{J}_{\Theta} \Delta \Theta = \xi_T$$

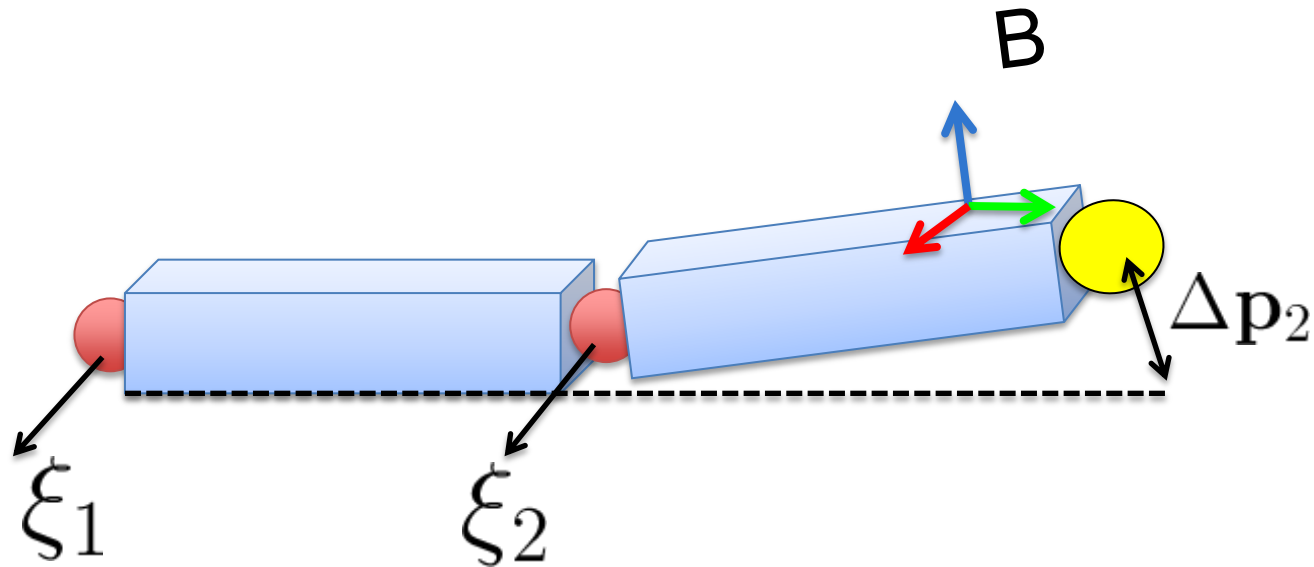
Intuition: Linear combination of twists



$$\Delta \bar{\mathbf{p}}_s = [ \mathbf{J}_\Theta \cdot \Delta \Theta ]^\wedge \bar{\mathbf{p}}_s = [\xi_1 \Delta \theta_1 + \xi'_2 \Delta \theta_2 + \dots + \xi'_n \Delta \theta_n]^\wedge \bar{\mathbf{p}}_s$$

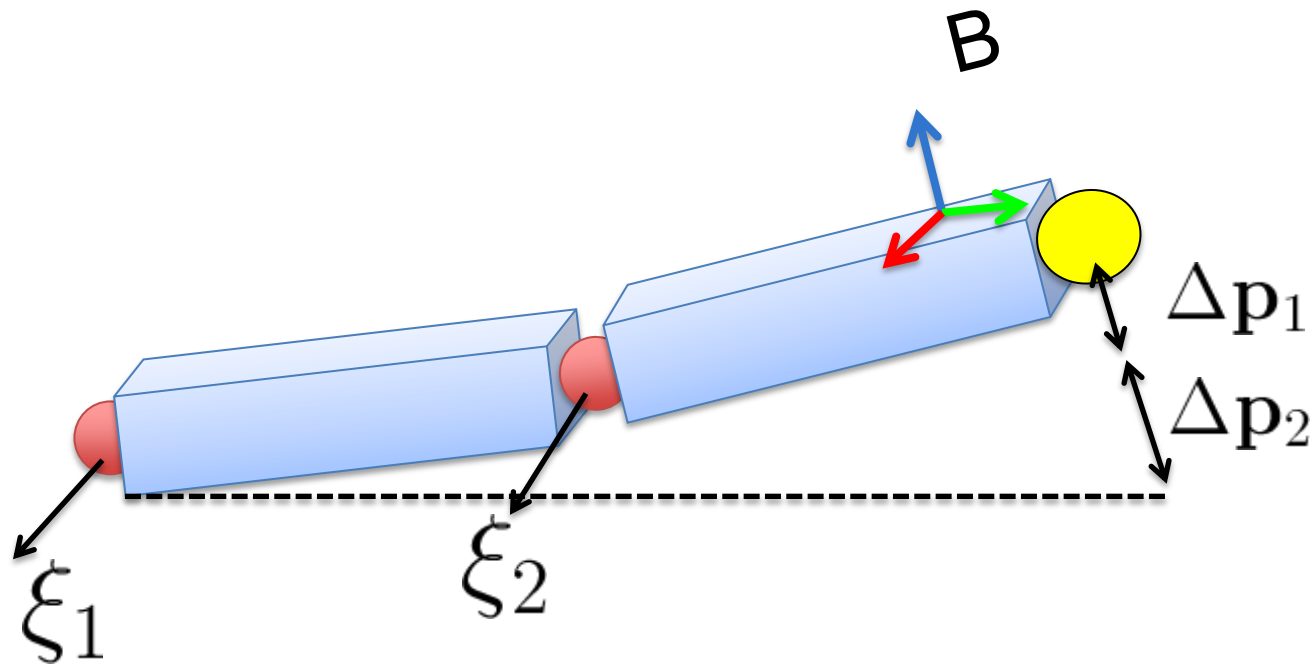


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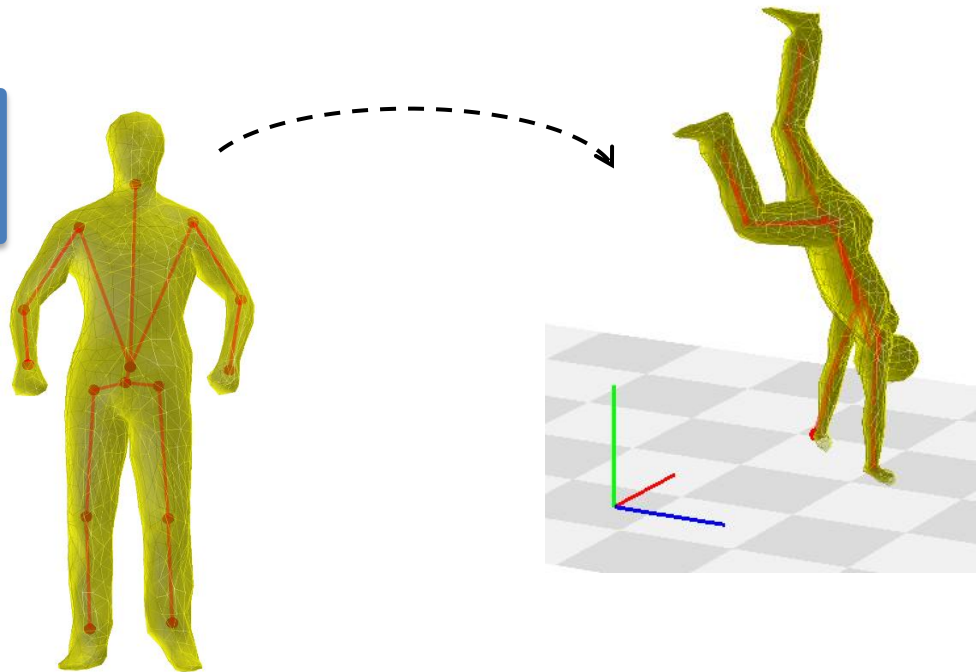
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Pose parameters: root + joint angles

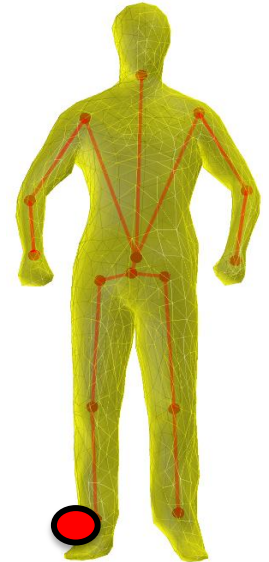
$$\mathbf{x}_t = (\xi, \theta_1 \dots \theta_n)$$



Maps increments in the pose parameters to increments in end-effector position

$$\mathbf{J}_x : \Delta \mathbf{x} \mapsto \Delta \mathbf{p}_s$$

$$\mathbf{J}_x(\mathbf{p}_s) = \begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{\mathbf{I}_{[3 \times 3]} \quad -\hat{\mathbf{p}}_s}_{6 \text{ columns of Root}} \quad \underbrace{\hat{\xi}_1 \bar{\mathbf{p}}_s \quad \hat{\xi}'_2 \bar{\mathbf{p}}_s \quad \dots \quad \hat{\xi}'_n \bar{\mathbf{p}}_s}_{N \text{ columns for one per joint}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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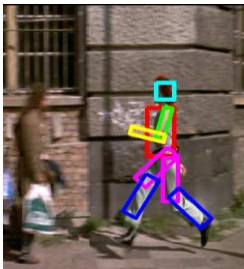
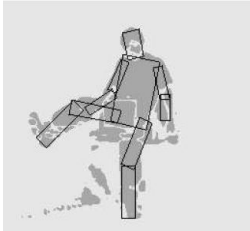
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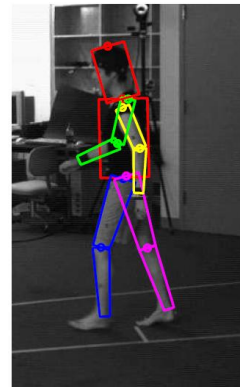
## 2D



Felzenszwalb et.al  
Ramanan et.al.  
Andriluka et.al.

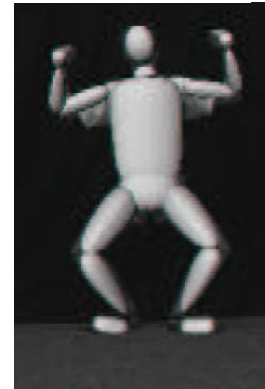
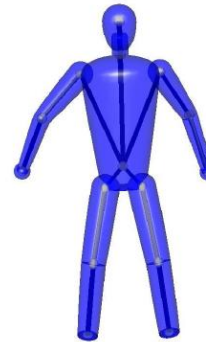
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Cylinders

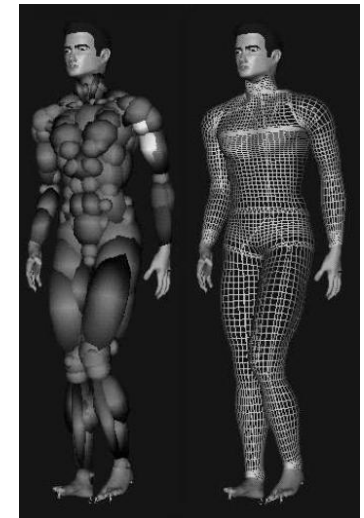


Kjellström et.al.  
Sigal et.al.

Ellipsoids Gaussian Blobs



Kehl and Van Gool  
Sminchisescu and Triggs



Plaenkers and Fua

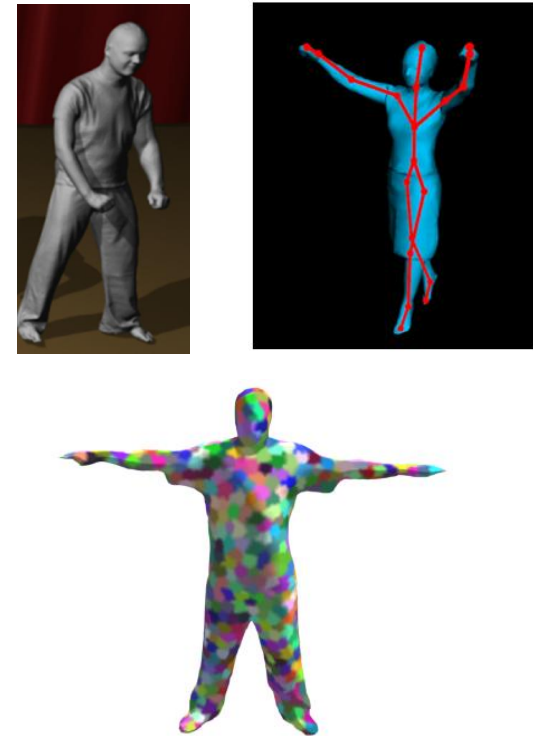
## Rigged Subject Scan



Pons-Moll et.al.  
Rosehnahn et.al.  
Hasler et.al.

- ~ 30 DoF
- Kinematic model

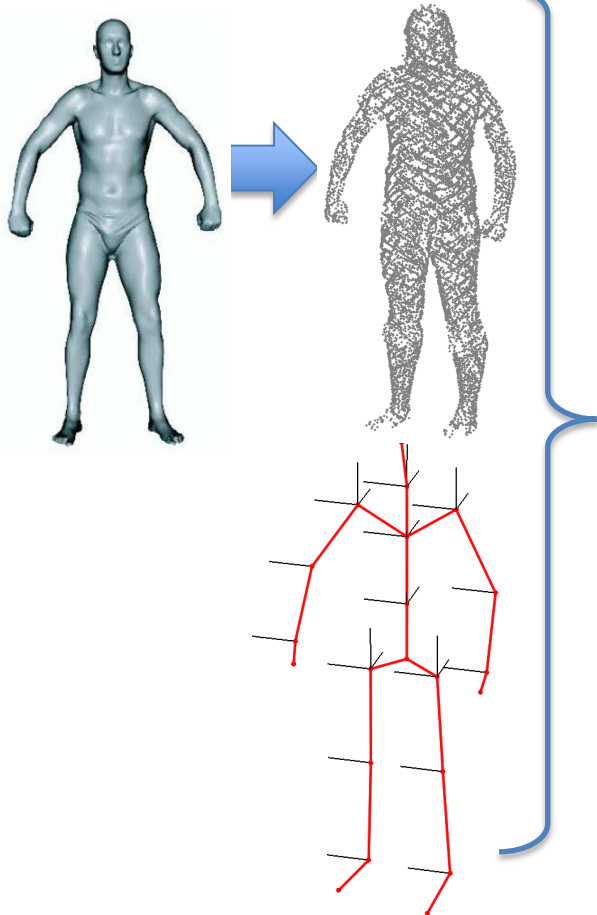
## Free form Surface



Aguiar et.al.  
Gall et.al  
Cagniard et.al.

- > 1000 DoF
- with ++ constrains

Non-rigid  
registration

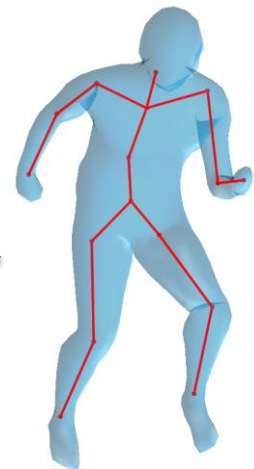


Skeleton

Skinning

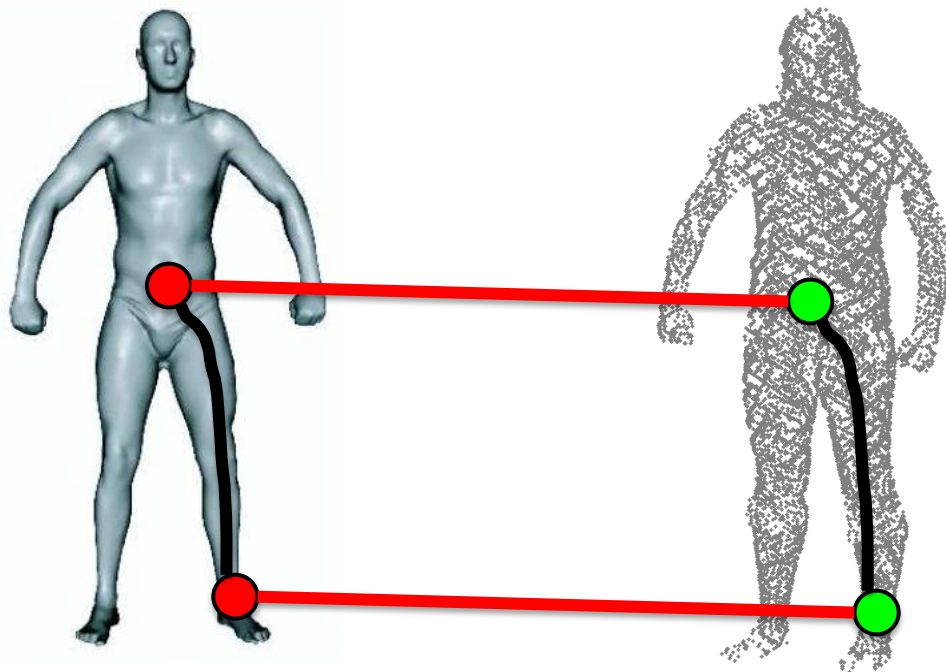


Animate





Correspondences of **pairwise** points  
with similar **local regions** and similar  
**geodesic distances**



Template

Point cloud

Loopy belief  
propagation

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{T}_2 \dots \mathbf{T}_n]$$

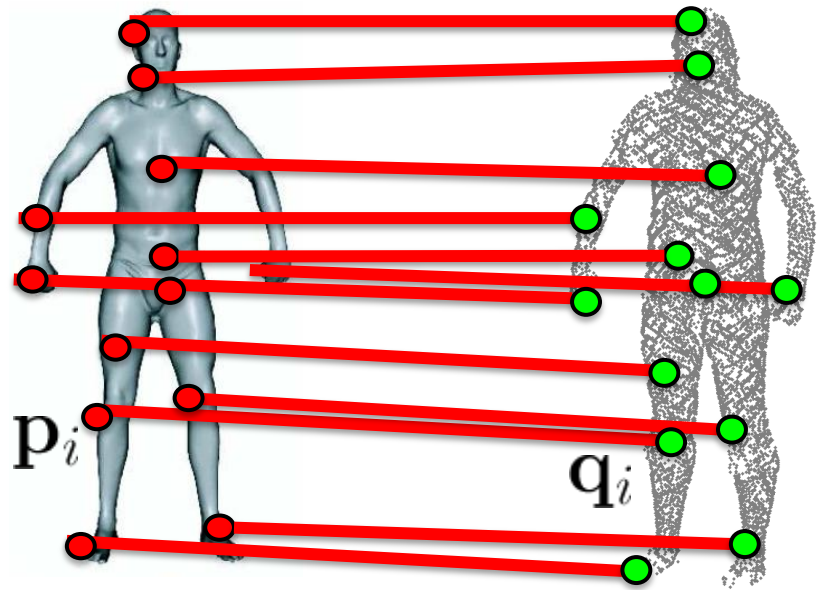
$\mathbf{T}_i$  3x4 affine matrix

Least squares

$$E(\mathbf{X}) = \underbrace{\alpha \sum_i \|\mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{q}_i\|^2}_{\text{Distance term}} + \underbrace{\beta \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} \|\mathbf{T}_i - \mathbf{T}_j\|_F^2}_{\text{Smoothness term}}$$

Distance term

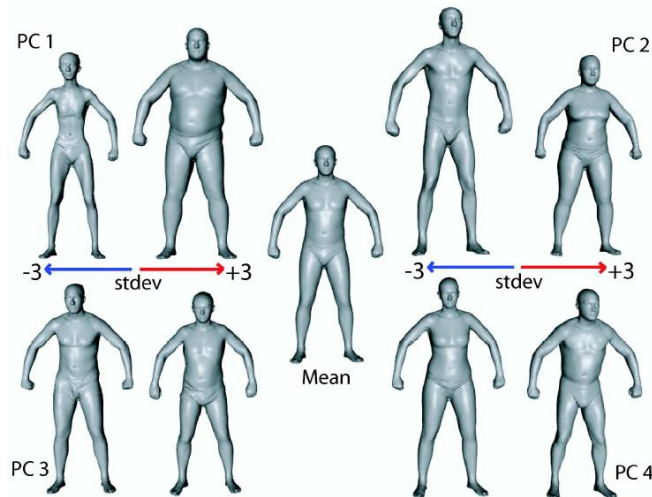
Smoothness term



## Learn a PCA model of shape



Hasler et.al



Anguelov et.al

SCAPE

## Infer model parameters from images



Ballan et.al



Guan et.al



Hasler et.al

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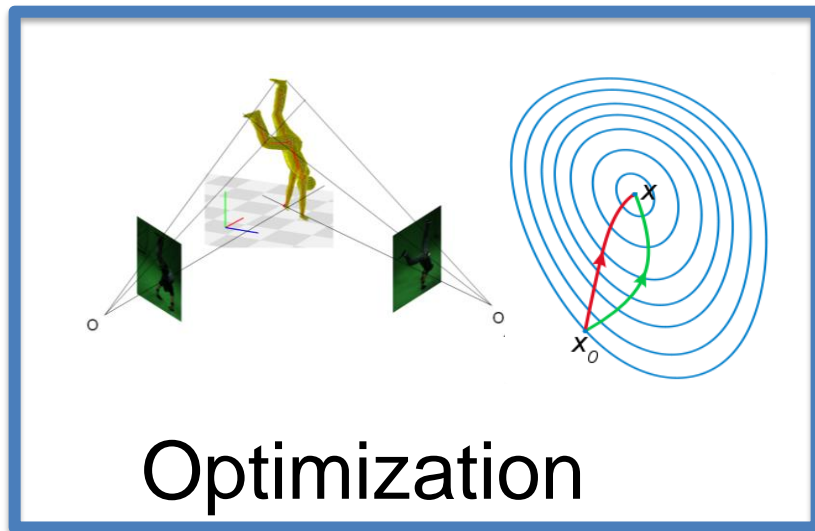
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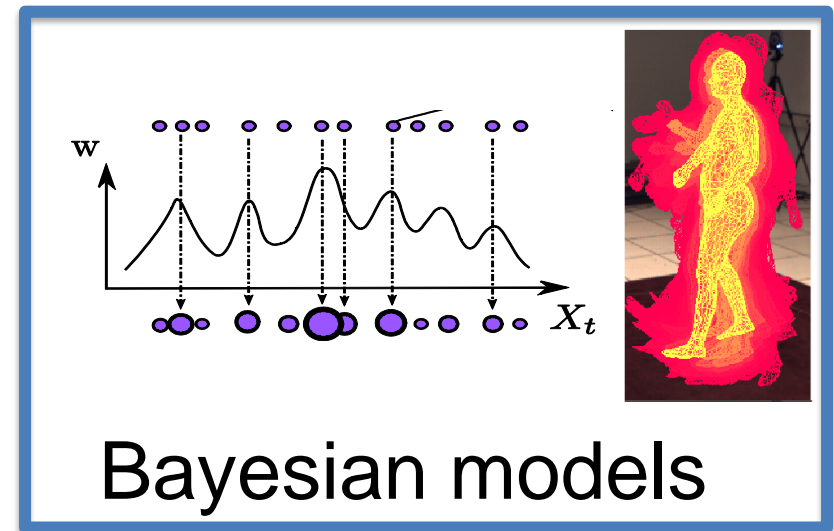
## Generative models

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{I}) \propto p(\mathbf{I}|\mathbf{x}) \times p(\mathbf{x})$$

Posterior                      Likelihood  $\times$  Prior



Map of  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{I})$



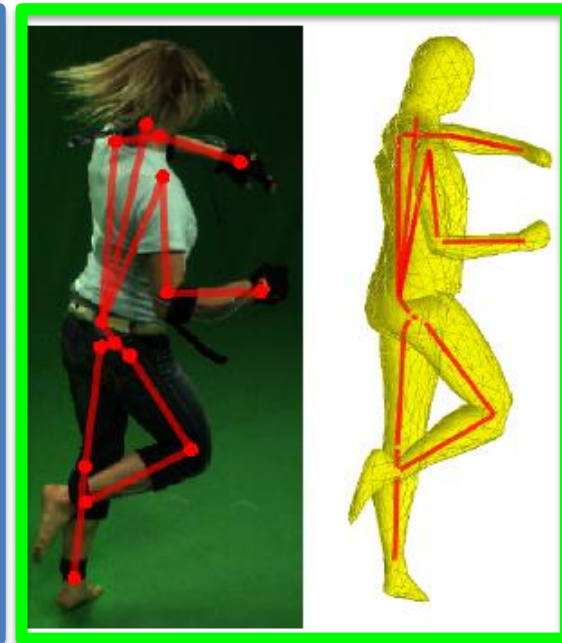
Approx.  $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{I})$  with  
weighted samples



Extract features

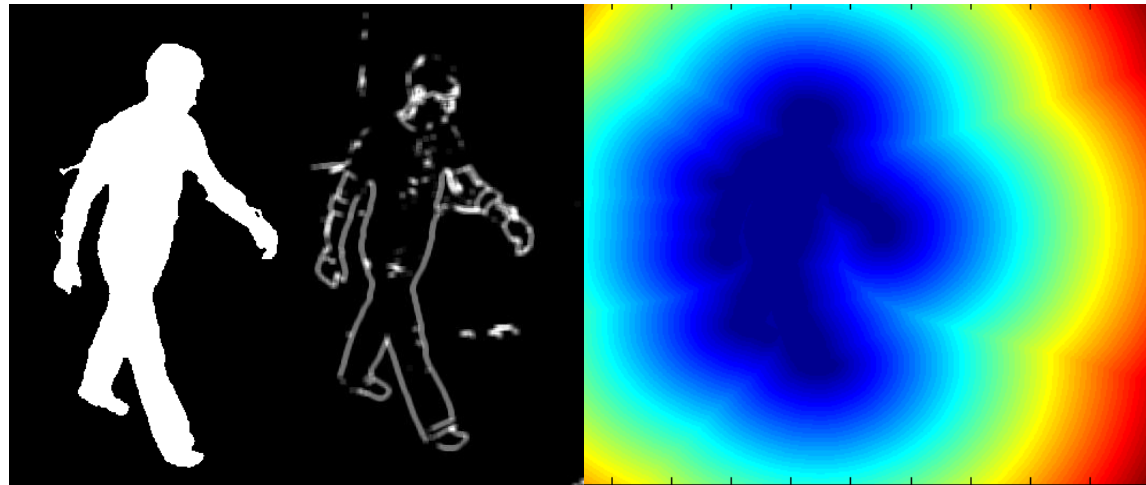


Predict and  
match



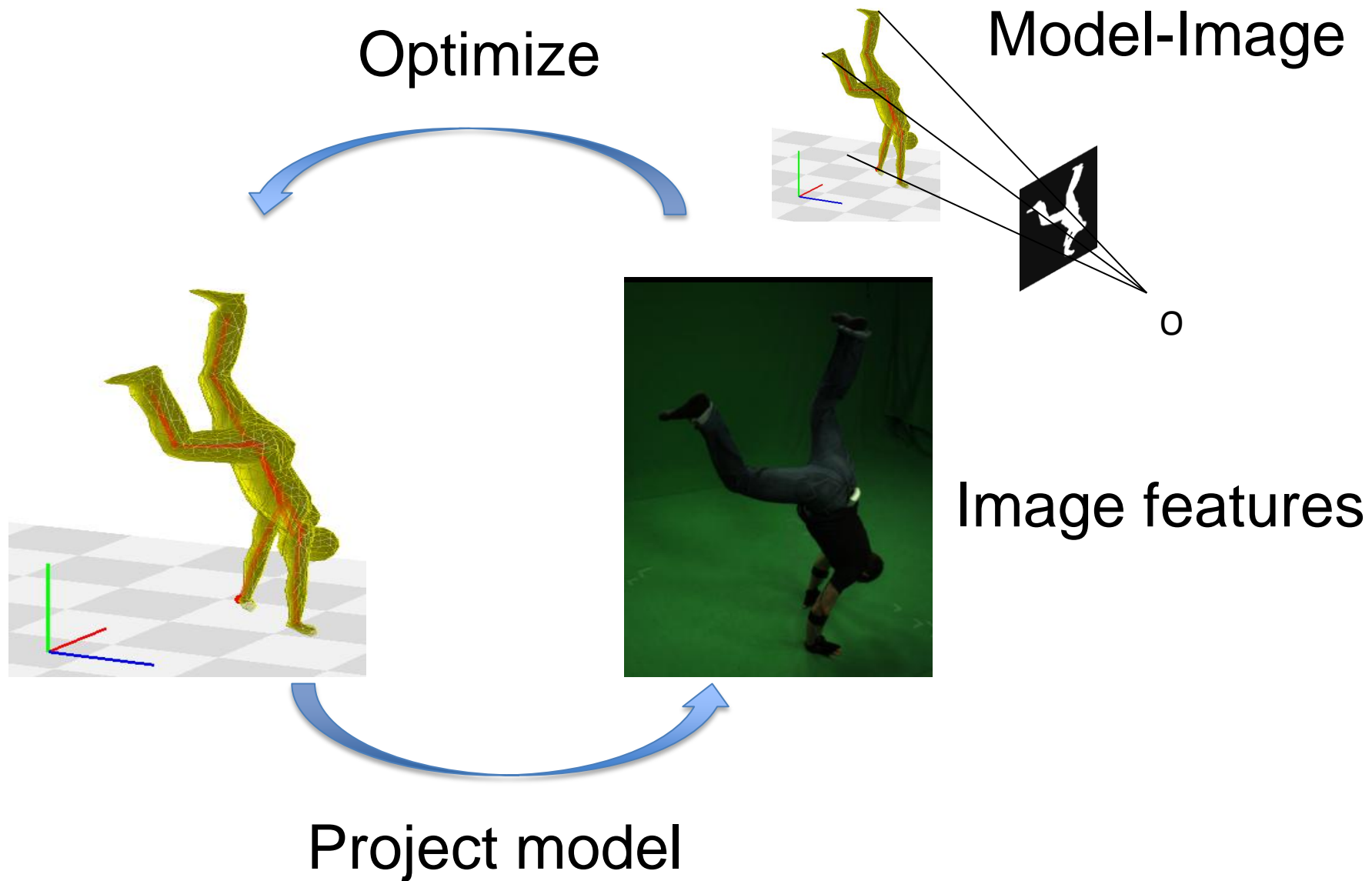
Optimize

- Silhouettes
- Edges
- Distance transforms
- SIFT
- Optic flow
- Appearance
- ...



Any feature that can be predicted from the model and is fast to compute



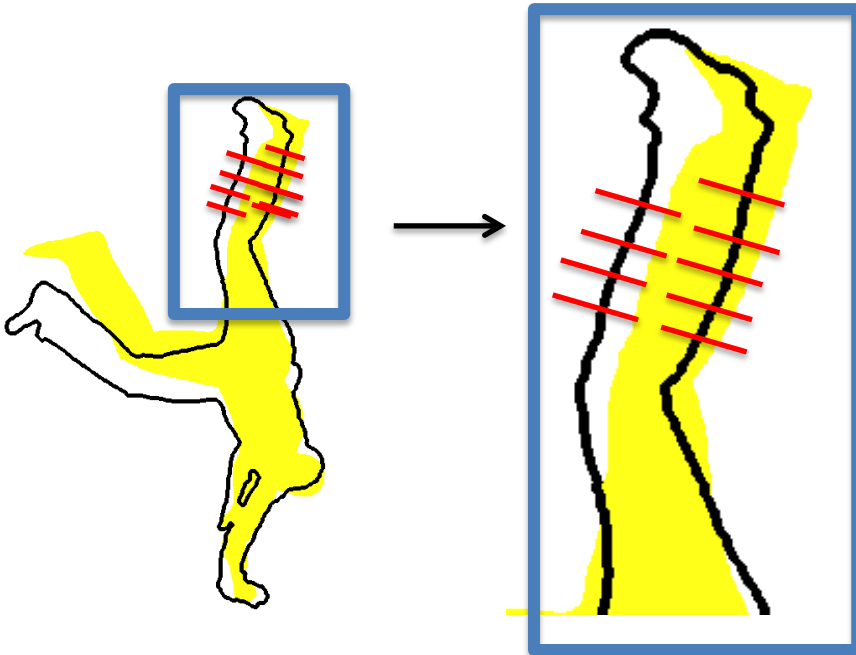




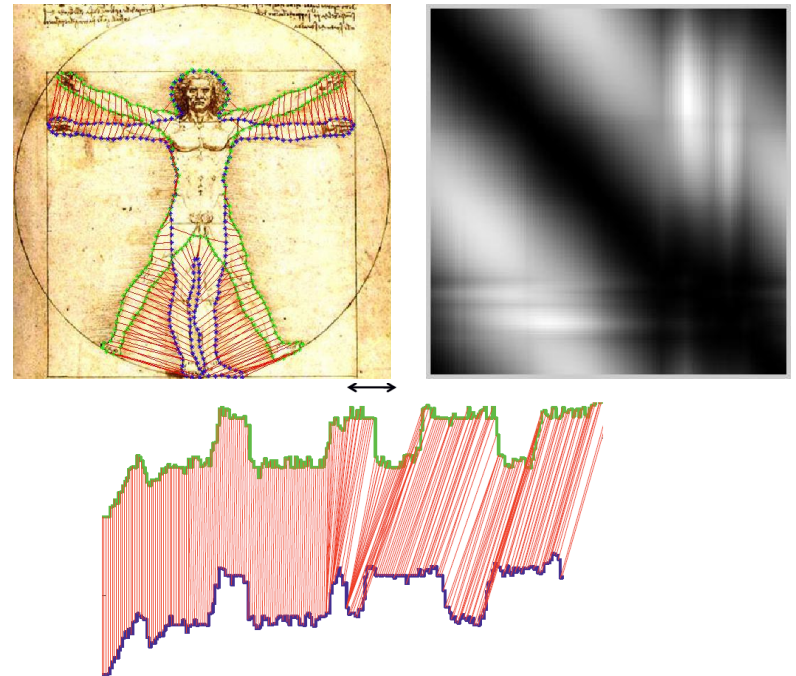
**TIPS:**

- 1) Match image to model and model to image
- 2) Careful removing outliers

- 1) Look along normal model contour directions



- 2) Discretize and match



$$e(\mathbf{x}_t) = \sum_i^N \mathbf{e}_i^2(\mathbf{x}_t) = \sum_i^N \|\underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i(\mathbf{x}_t)}_{\substack{\text{Model} \\ \text{predictions}}} - \underbrace{\mathbf{r}_i}_{\substack{\text{Image} \\ \text{observations}}}\|^2$$

Assuming Gaussian distribution it is equivalent to a MAP estimate

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_t) = \boxed{p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t)} p(\mathbf{x}_t) \propto \boxed{\exp \left( - \sum_i^N \mathbf{e}_i^2(\mathbf{y}_t^i | \mathbf{x}_t) \right)} p(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

Express the problem in vector form

$$e(\mathbf{x}_t) = \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} \quad \mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$$
$$\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{e}_1^T, \mathbf{e}_2^T, \dots, \mathbf{e}_N^T)$$

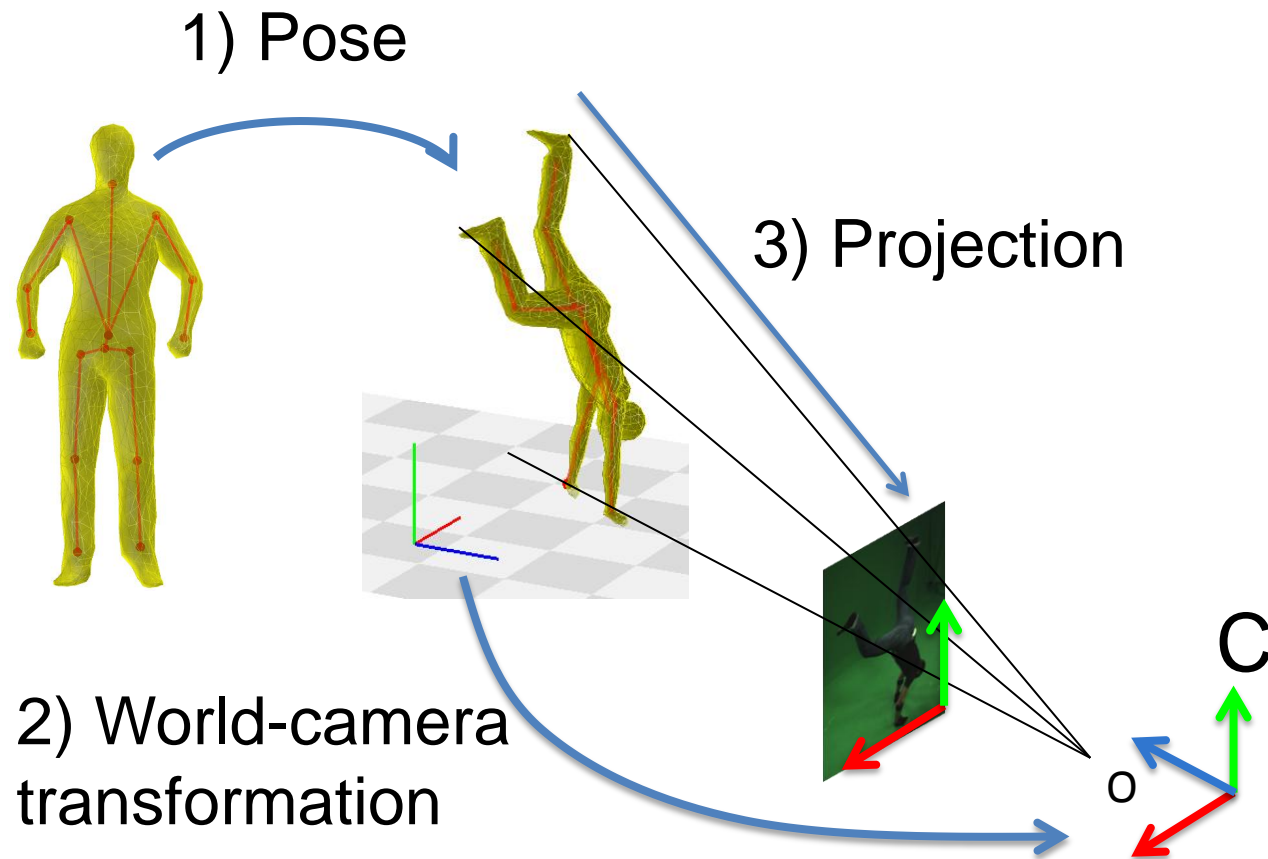
$$e(\mathbf{x}_t) = \underbrace{[\Delta r_{1,x} \quad \Delta r_{1,y} \quad \dots \quad \Delta r_{N,x} \quad \Delta r_{N,y}]}_{\text{Residual for match 1}} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta r_{1,x} \\ \Delta r_{1,y} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \Delta r_{N,x} \\ \Delta r_{N,y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta \mathbf{x} &= \arg \min_{\Delta \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{e}^T (\mathbf{x}_t + \Delta \mathbf{x}) \mathbf{e}(\mathbf{x}_t + \Delta \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \arg \min_{\Delta \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{J}_t \Delta \mathbf{x})^T (\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{J}_t \Delta \mathbf{x}) \\ &= \arg \min_{\Delta \mathbf{x}} \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} + \underbrace{\Delta \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{J}_t^T \mathbf{e}}_{\text{Gradient}} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{x}^T \underbrace{\mathbf{J}_t^T \mathbf{J}_t}_{\sim \text{Hessian}} \Delta \mathbf{x}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{x} = -(\mathbf{J}_t^T \mathbf{J}_t + \mu \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{J}_t^T \mathbf{e}$$

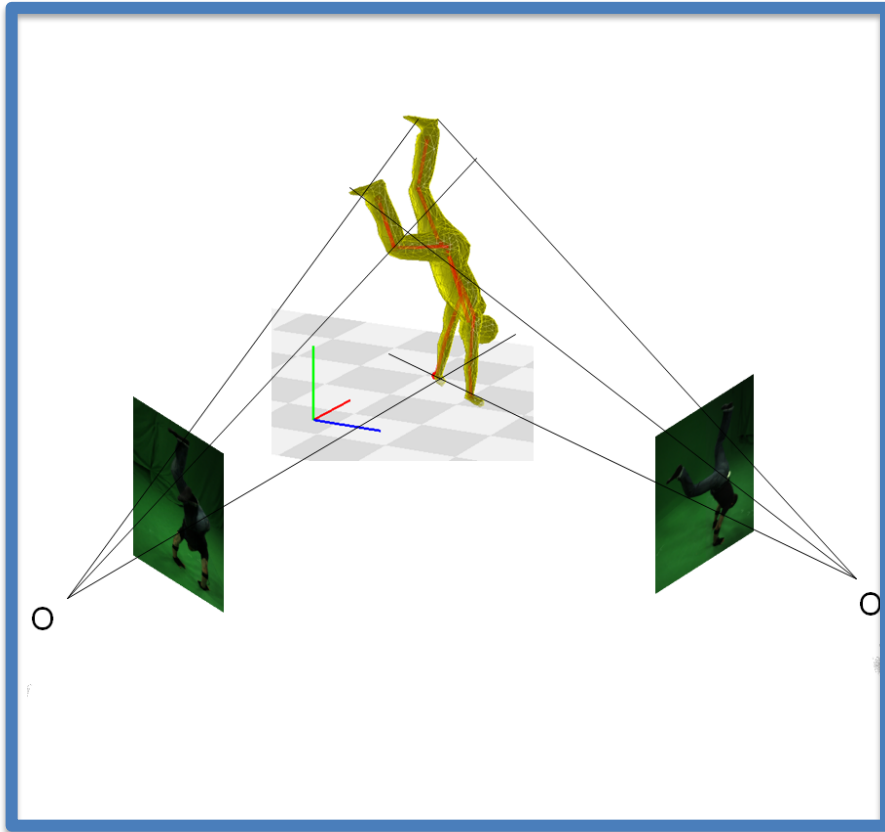
Take a step in that  
direction

$$\mathbf{x}_{t+1} = \mathbf{x}_t + \Delta \mathbf{x}$$

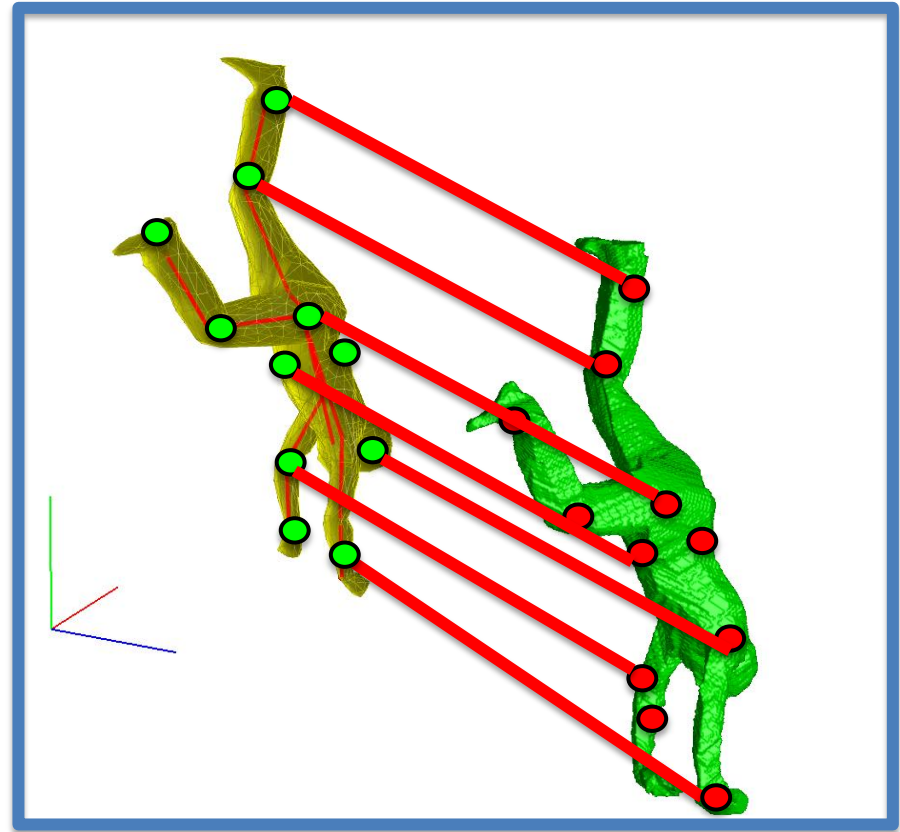


$$\mathbf{J}_{t,i} = \frac{\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i}{\Delta \mathbf{x}_t} = \frac{\Delta \tilde{\mathbf{r}}_i}{\Delta \mathbf{p}_c} \cdot \frac{\Delta \mathbf{p}_c}{\Delta \mathbf{p}_s} \cdot \frac{\Delta \mathbf{p}_s}{\Delta \mathbf{x}_t} = \mathbf{J}_p \mathbf{R}_{cs} \mathbf{J}_x(\mathbf{p}_s^i)$$

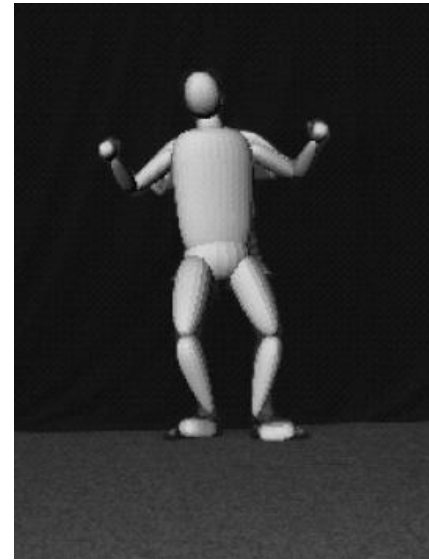
3                  2                  1



2D-3D error  
point-to-line distance



3D-3D error  
point-to-point distance



inconsistent      consistent

- 1) Push model inside silhouette
- 2) Force the model to explain the image

Distance transform + overlapp term

## Region-based



Rosenhahn et.al.

Use model as **region mask**  $Q$  that separates foreground from background

$$e(\mathbf{x}) = - \int_{\Omega} Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}) \log p_1 + (1 - Q(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r})) \log p_2 d\mathbf{r}$$

## Optical flow



Bregler and Malik

Parameterize **flow** with human motion model

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x & I_y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} - I_t = 0,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x & I_y \end{bmatrix} \cdot \text{Pr}_c(\Delta \mathbf{p}_s) - I_t = 0,$$



- ✓ It is fast and accurate
- ✗ Prone to local minima
- ✗ Requires initialization
- ✗ Matching cost is ambiguous
- ✗ Single hypothesis propagated

## 1) Kinematic parameterization

- Rotation Matrices
- Euler Angles
- Quaternions
- Twists and Exponential maps
- Kinematic chains

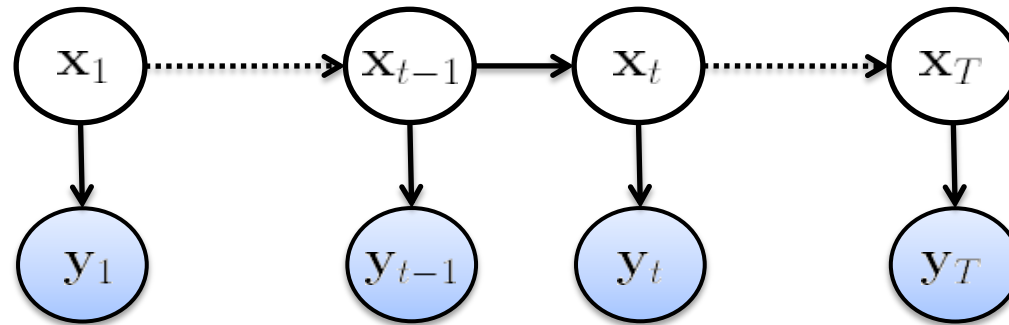
## 2) Subject model

- Geometric primitives
- Detailed Body Scans
- Human Shape models

## 3) Inference

- Observation likelihood
- Local optimization
- Particle Based inference

First order Markov process



$\mathbf{y}_t = (\mathbf{r}_1 \dots \mathbf{r}_N)$  Image observations at t

$\mathbf{X}_t$

State space, pose parameters at t

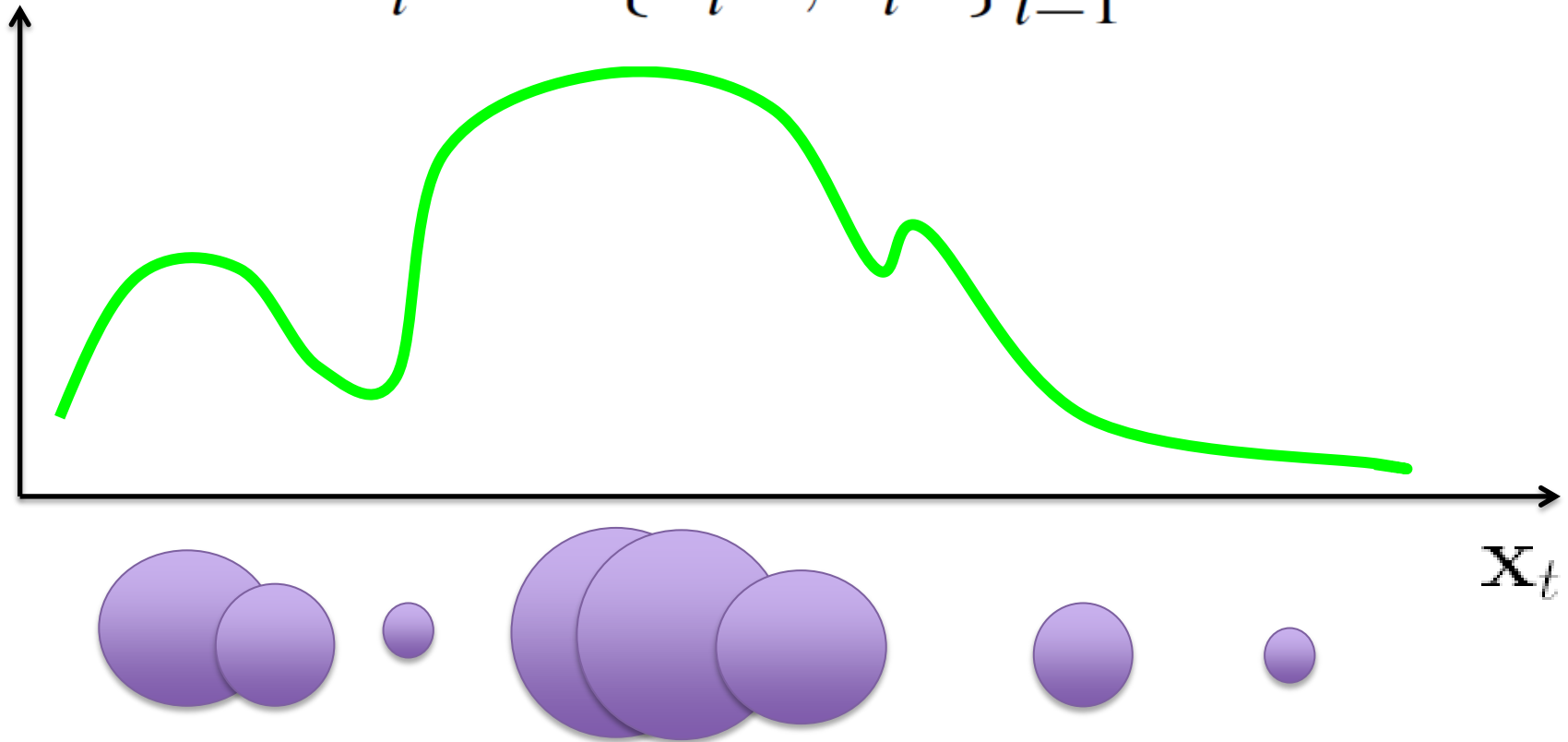
- Once I know  $\mathbf{X}_{t-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_t$  is independent on previous measurements

$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \mathbf{y}_{1:t-1}) = p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1})$$

- Once I know the state, the new measurement becomes independent on the others

$$p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \mathbf{y}_{1:t-1}) = p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t)$$

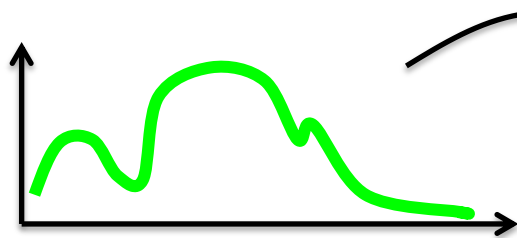
$$\mathcal{P}_t^+ := \{\pi_t^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}_t^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^N$$



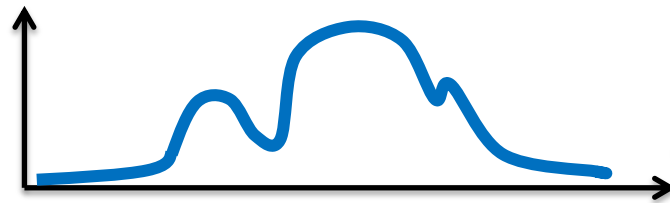
Distribution approximated with a set of  
**weighted samples**

$$\underline{p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t})} = p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) \int p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) \underline{p(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{y}_{1:t-1})} d\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$$

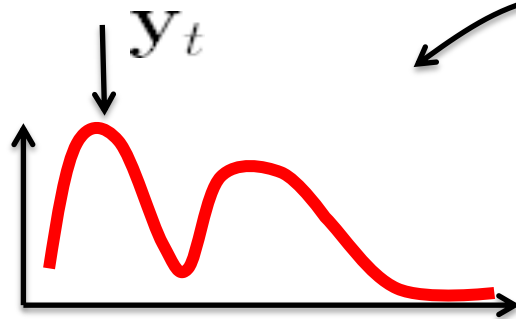
Posterior t-1



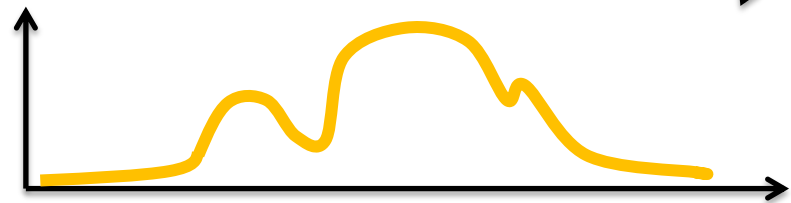
Temporal Dynamics

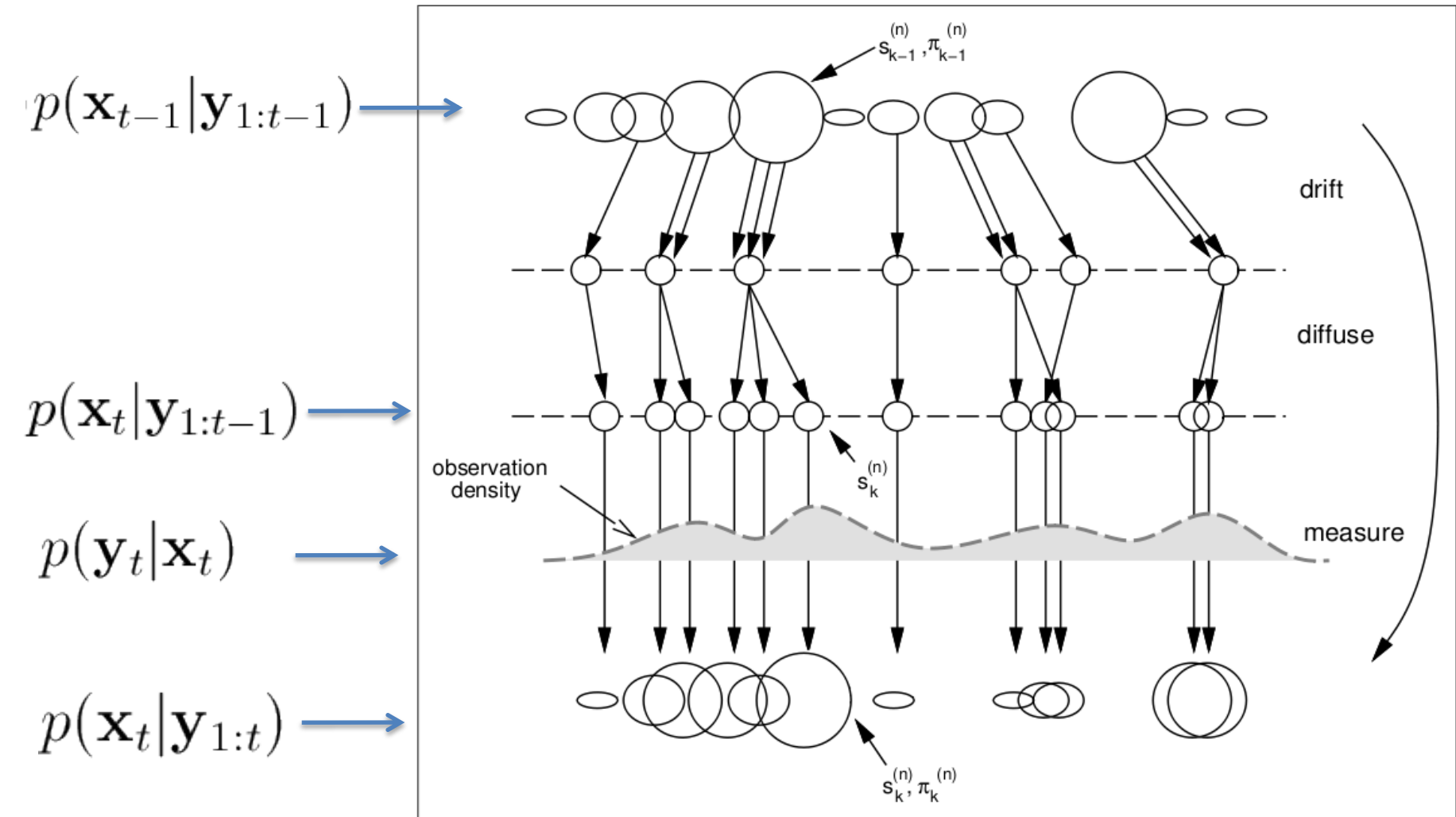


Posterior t



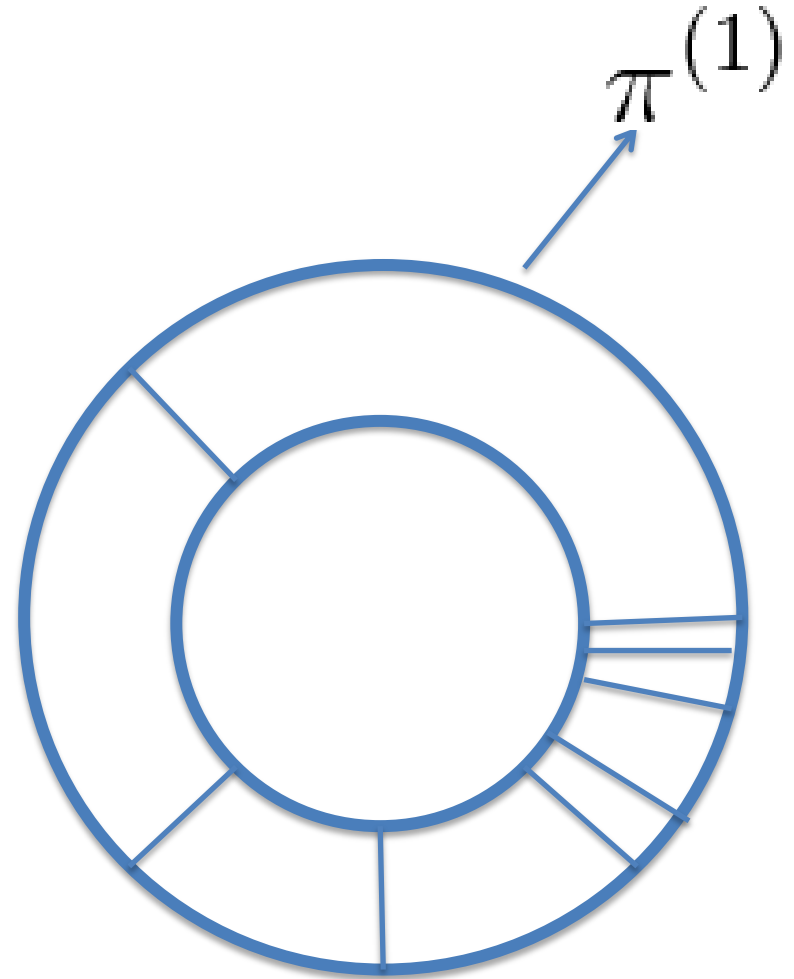
Diffusion

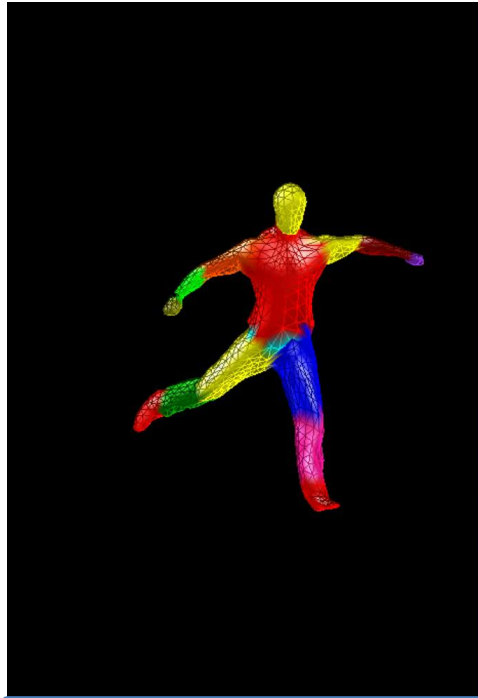




$$\mathcal{P}_t^+ := \{ \pi_t^{(i)}, \mathbf{x}_t^{(i)} \}_{i=1}^N$$

Resample with  
probability equal to  
the weights





$$p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{y}_{1:t-1})$$

sample



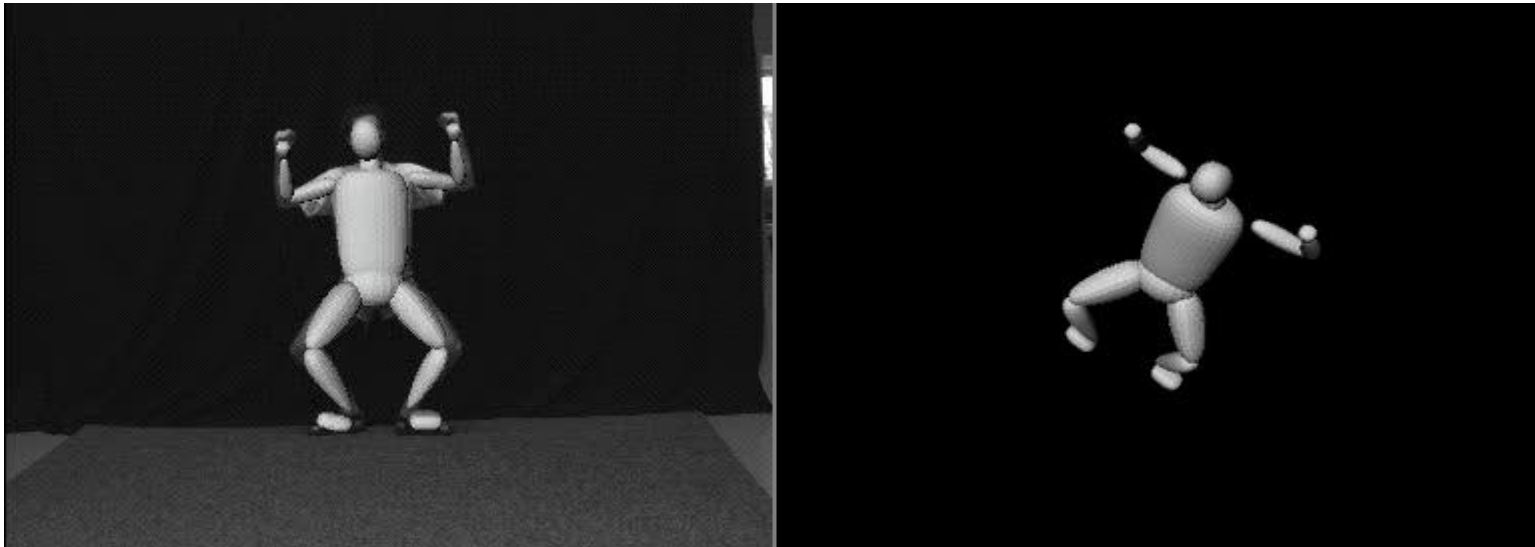
$$p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t)$$

weight

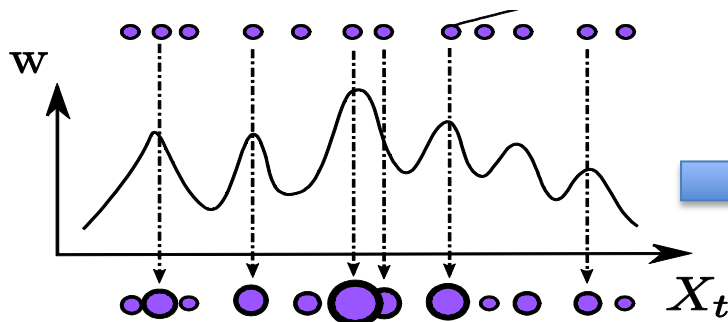
weight  $\longrightarrow w(\mathbf{y}_t, \mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{x}_t^{(i)}) = \exp \left( -e \left( \mathbf{x}_t^{(i)} \right) \right)$



Observation likelihood is highly multimodal !



Video from Sminchisescu and Triggs



- 1) Multiple optima  
2) Huge search space

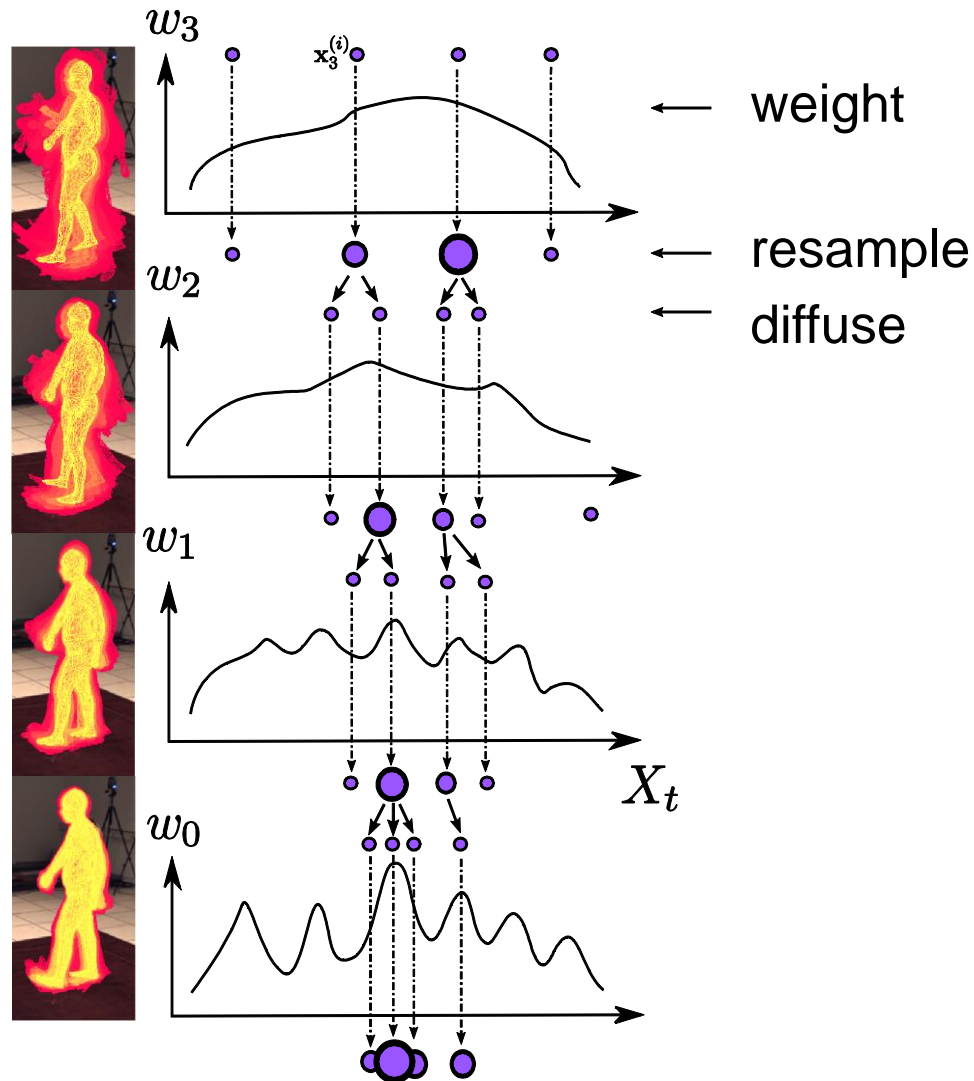
Iteratively evaluate smooth versions of  $p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t)$

✓ Particles reduced by a factor  $>10$

✓ Less prone to local optima

✗ Not as robust as Bayesian

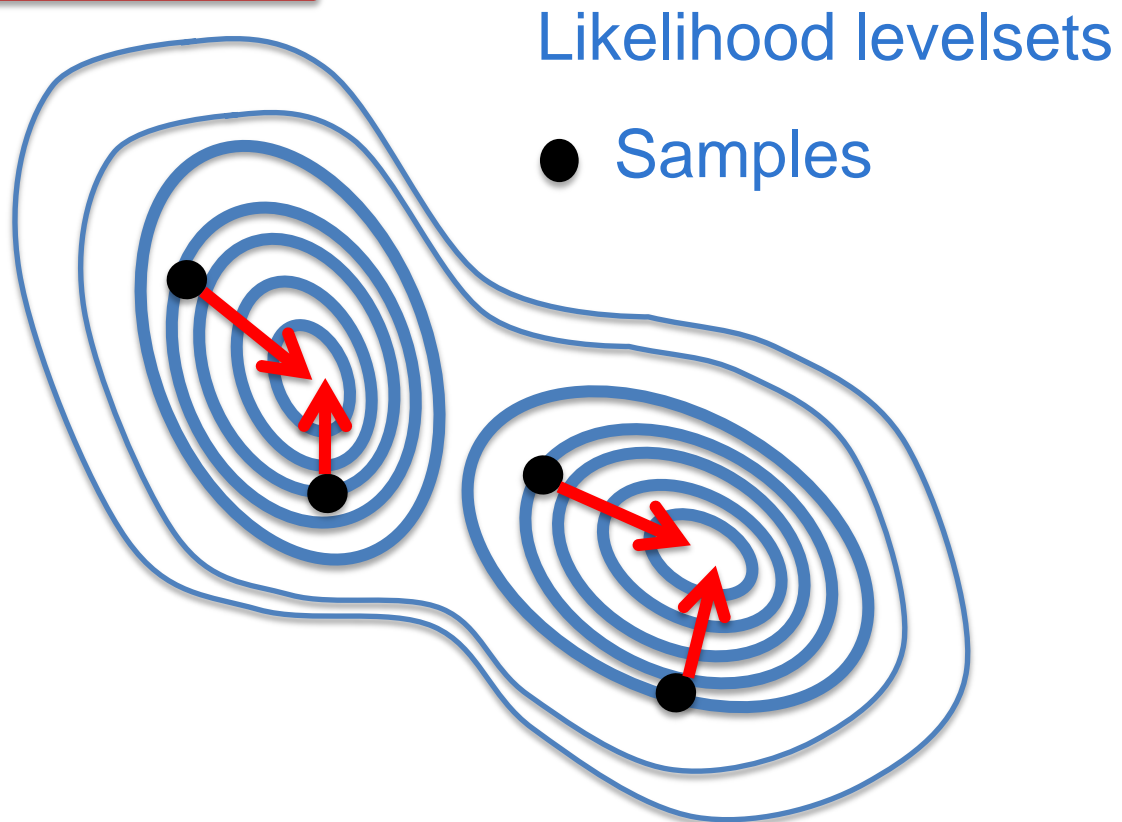
✗ Still computationally expensive



## Hybrid MCMC

Locally optimize every  
sample of MCMC

Cho and Fleet

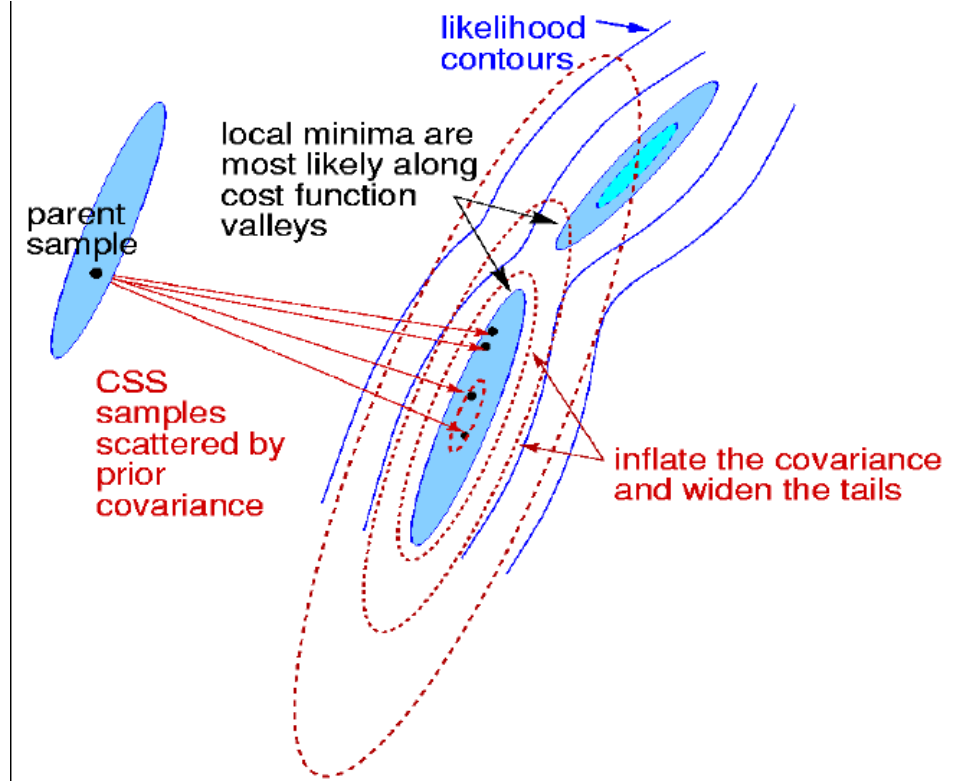


## Covariance Scaled Sampling

Scatter particles along cost function valley

Sminchisescu and Triggs

- ✓ Explore high dimensional space more efficiently
- ✓ Dedicates some particles to explore globally



Generative modeling:

- Need to model Kinematics
- Need to model Shape
- Need to model Observation Likelihood
- Texture
- Illumination
- ufff lots of work so ...

IS THIS THE END OF GENERATIVE ?

Well, depends on the application...

✗ In totaly uncontrolled scenarios will never work!

✓ But the **accuracy** is still higher and they **generalize** to complex motions better than discriminative approaches

✓ Useful as refinement stage coupled with discriminative initialization