

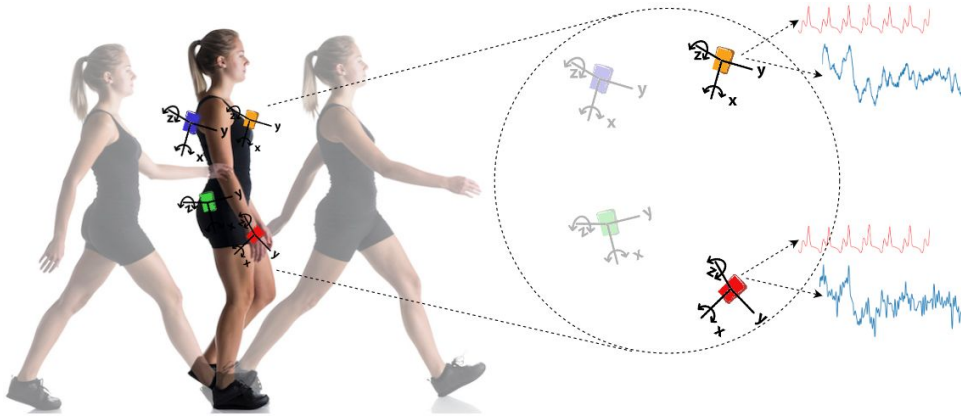
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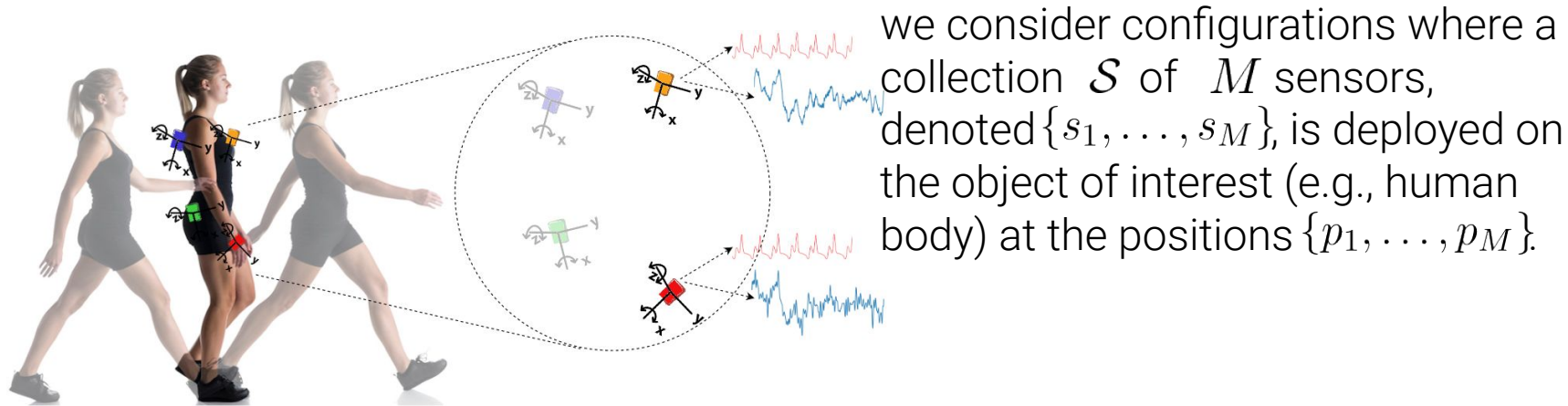
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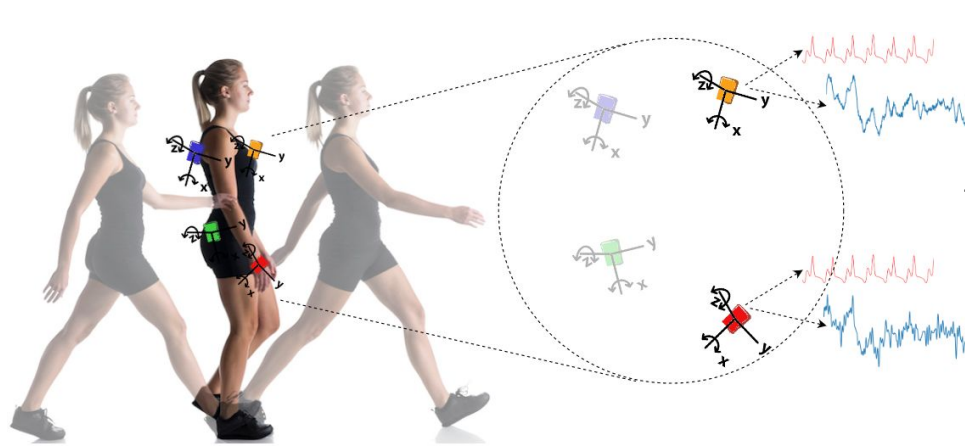
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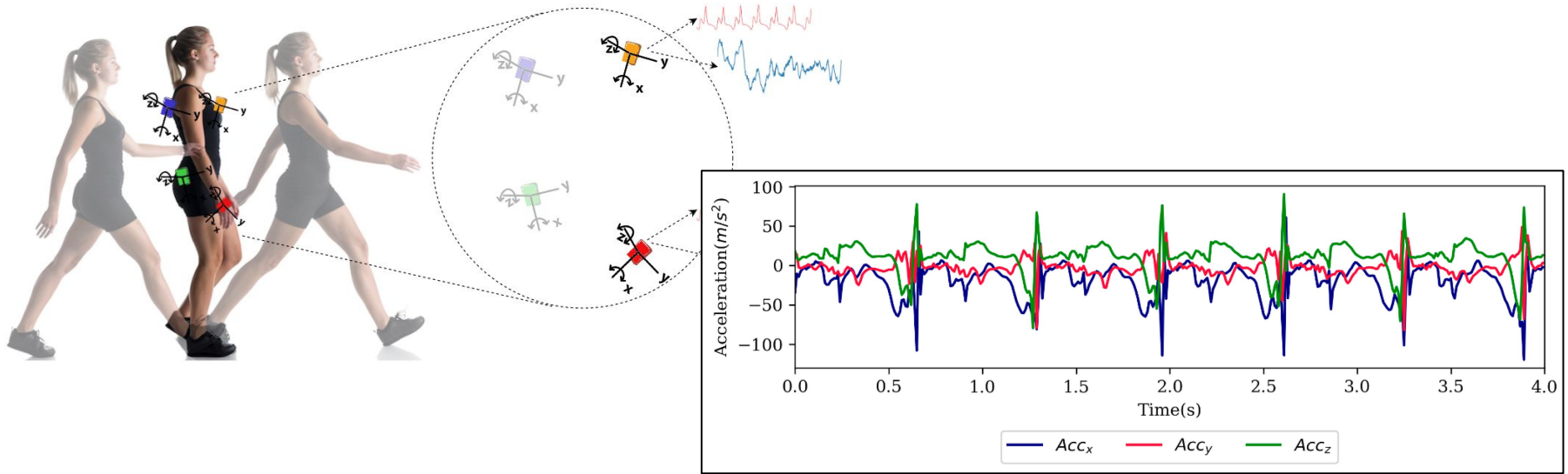


we consider configurations where a collection  $\mathcal{S}$  of  $M$  sensors, denoted  $\{s_1, \dots, s_M\}$ , is deployed on the object of interest (e.g., human body) at the positions  $\{p_1, \dots, p_M\}$ .

Each sensor  $s_i$  generates a stream  $\mathbf{x}^i = (x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots)$  of observations of a certain modality such as acceleration or gravity.

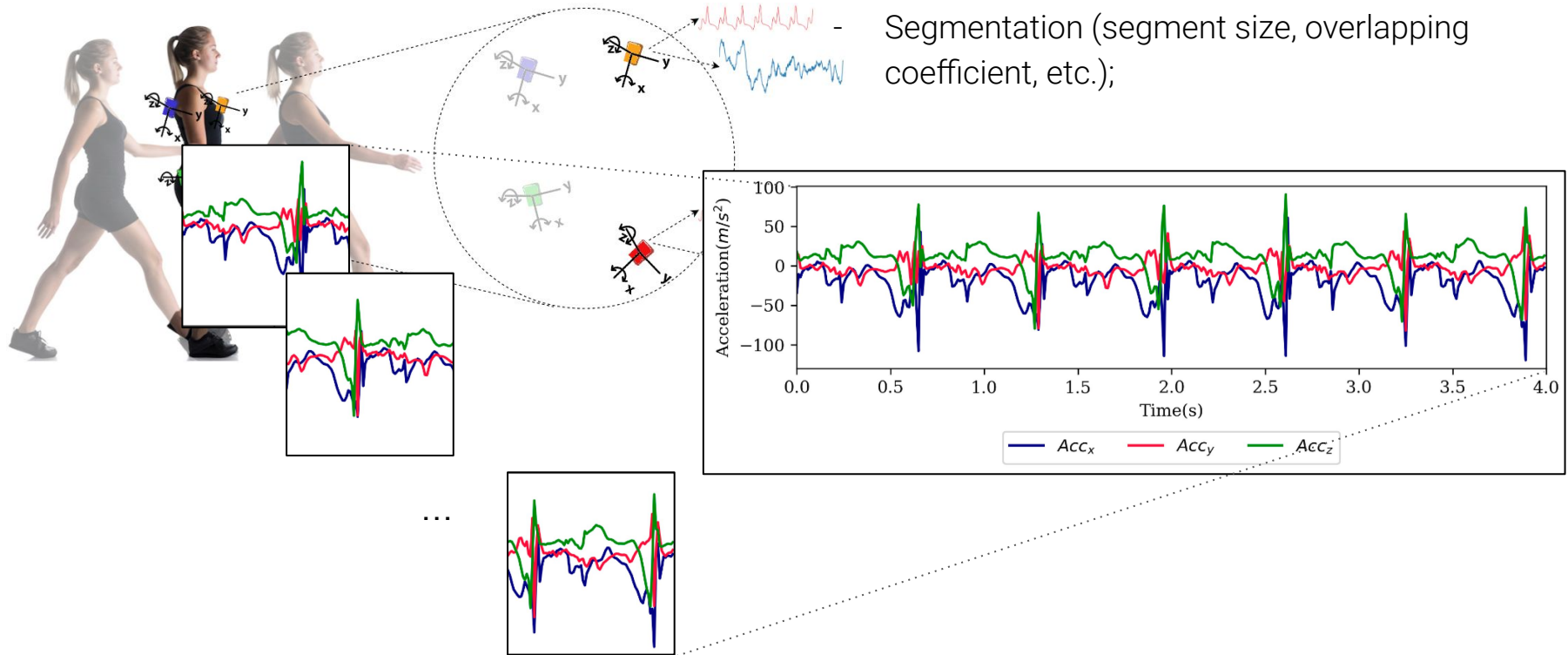
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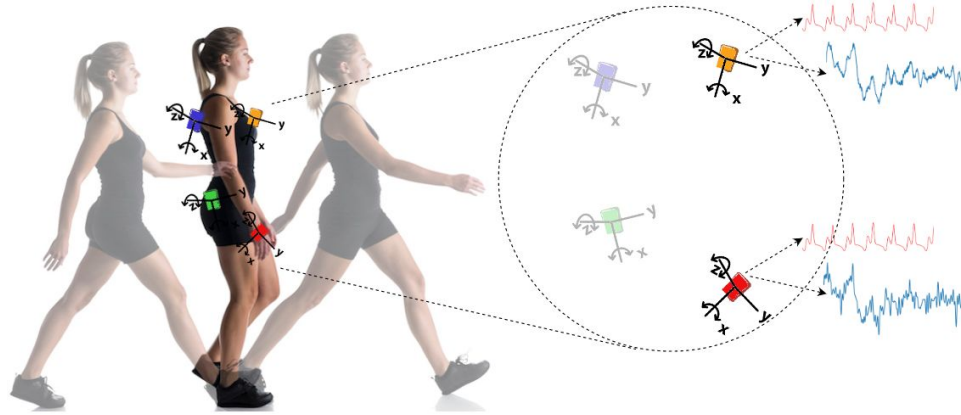


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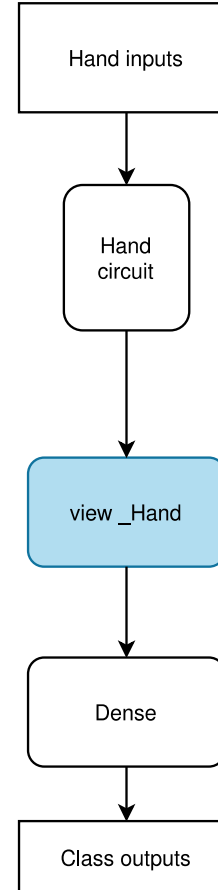
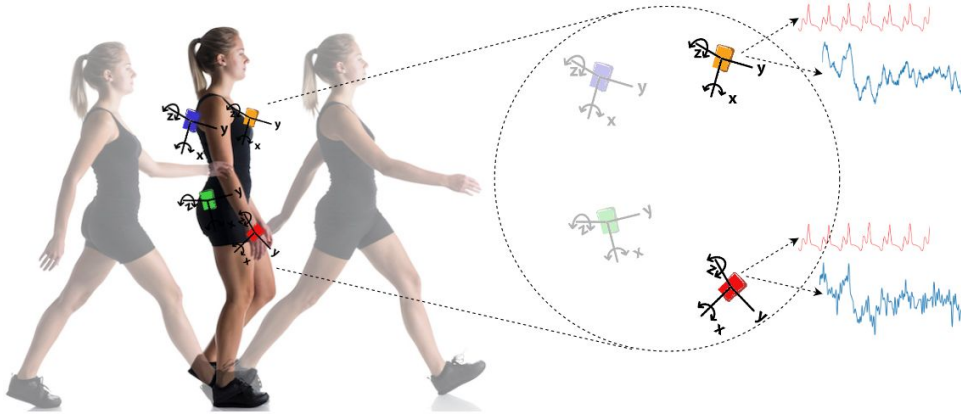


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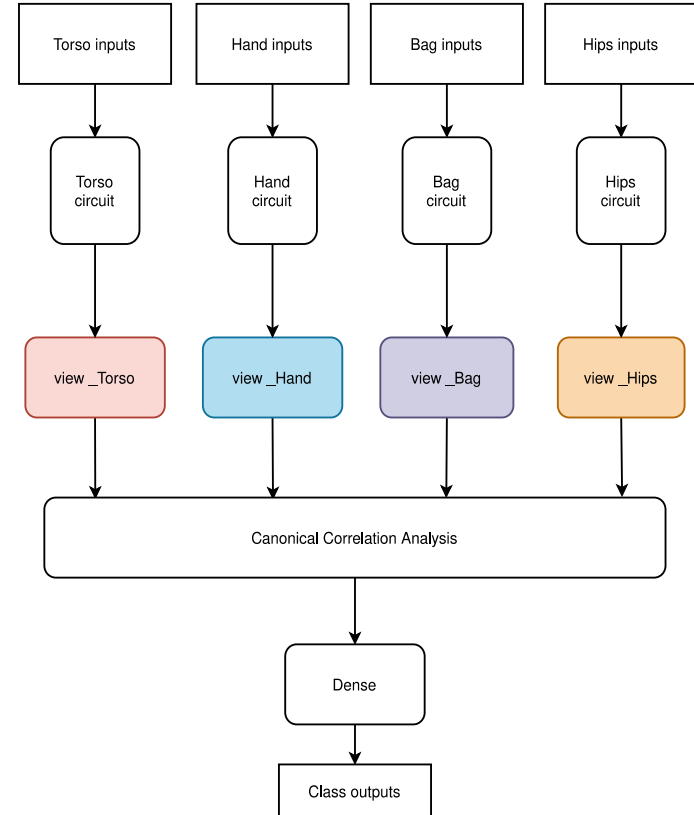
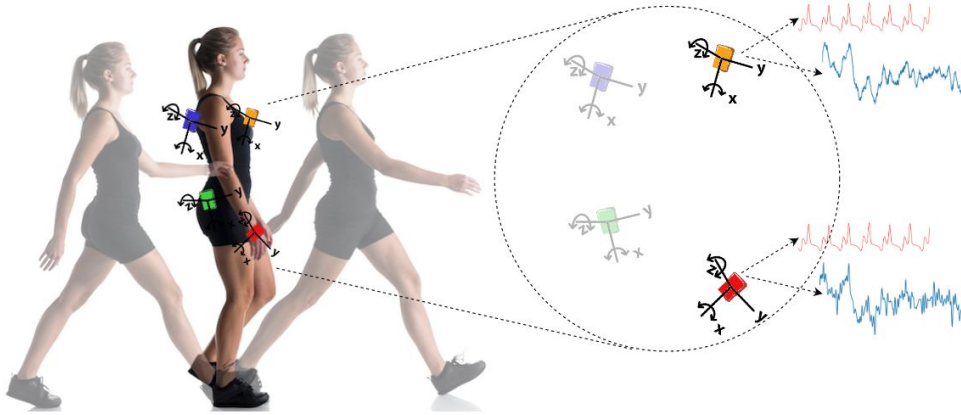
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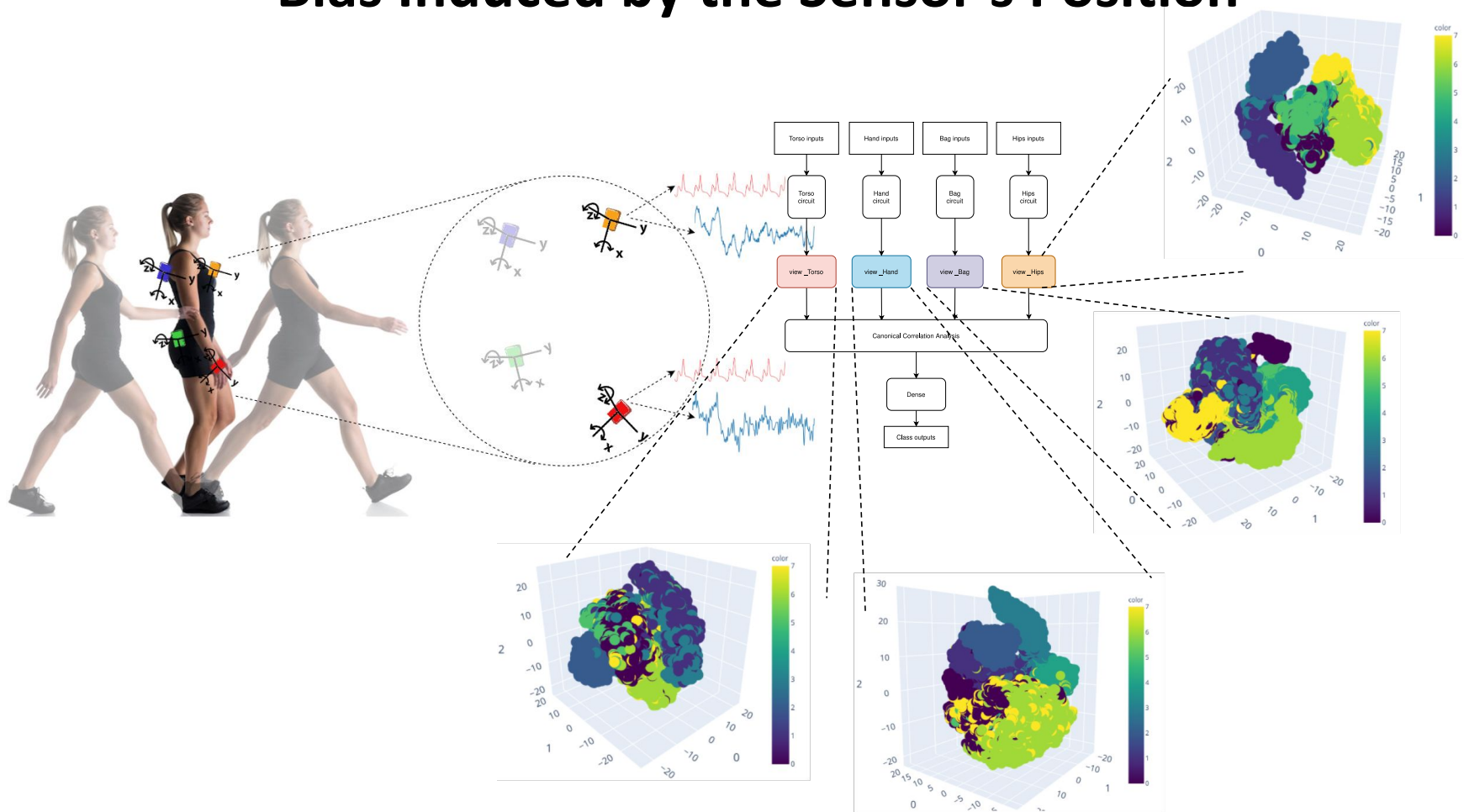




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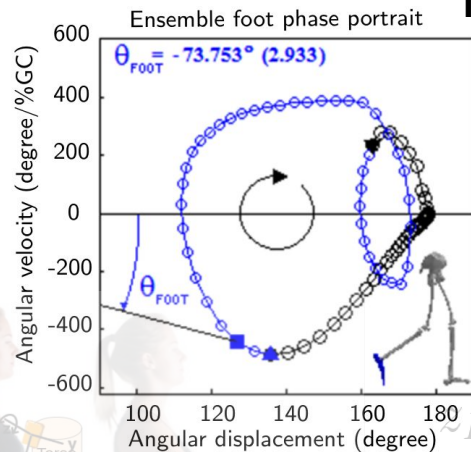
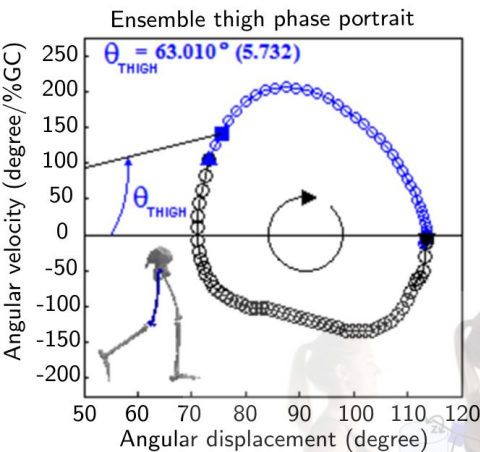
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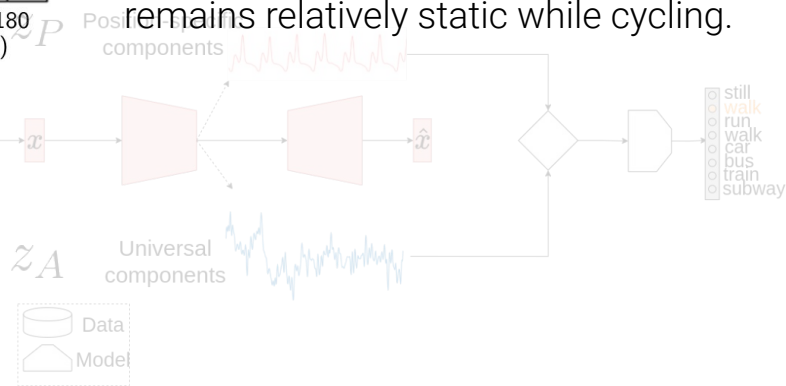
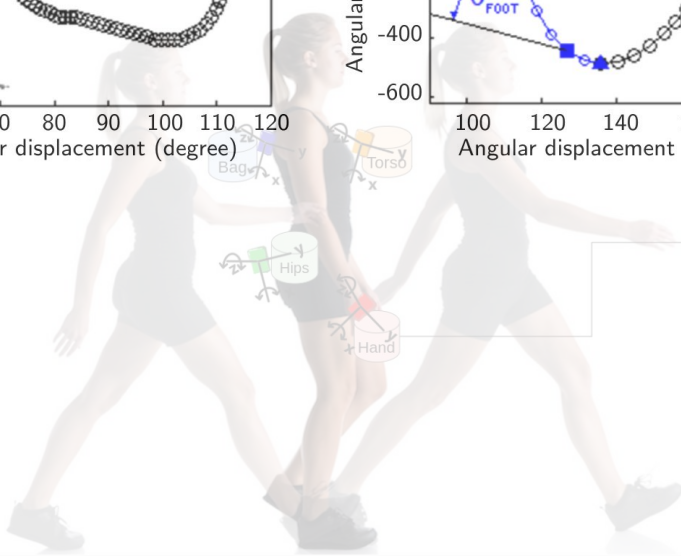


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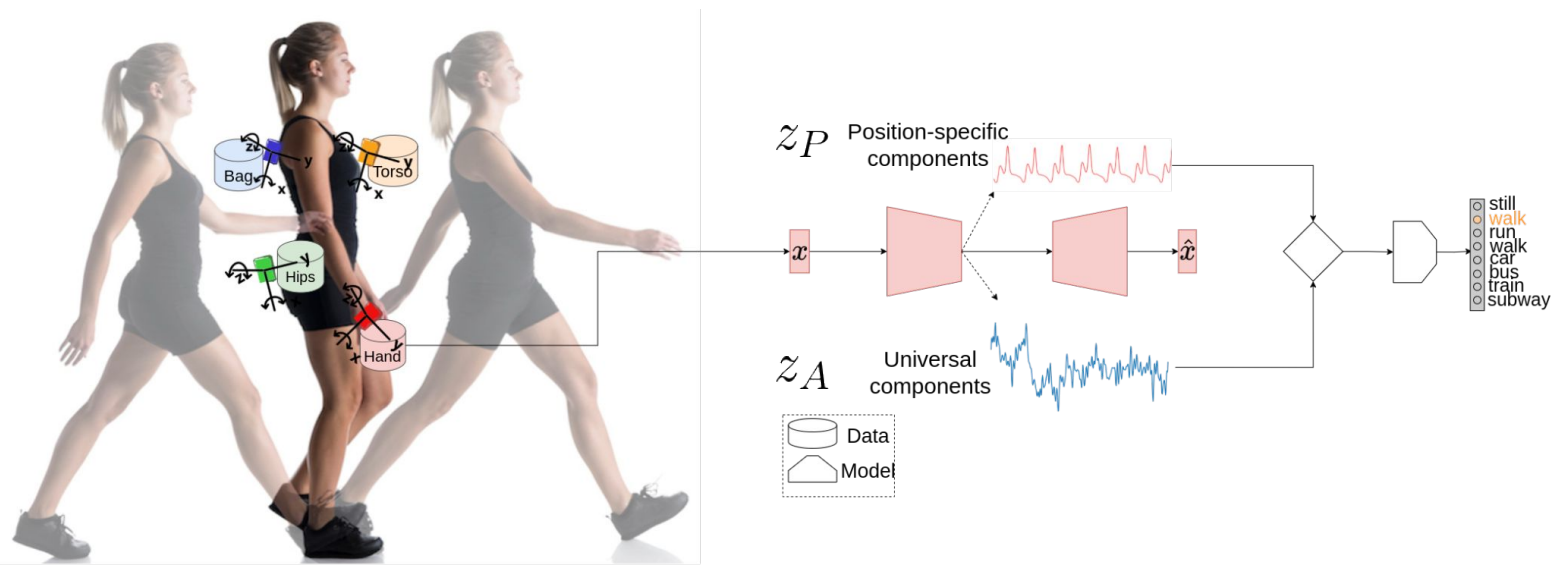
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- Discriminating between *walking* and *running* can be based simply on the translational components since there is a greater displacement relative to the environment;
- Discriminating between *running* and *cycling* can be done using the cyclic components since the hand remains relatively static while cycling.



# Abstraction of the Sensor's Position

The goal is to build a transformation through which each sensor will have the ability to **disentangle** the intertwined data streams between the **local** and **universal** component by projecting them into two distinct representations  $z_A$  and  $z_P$ .



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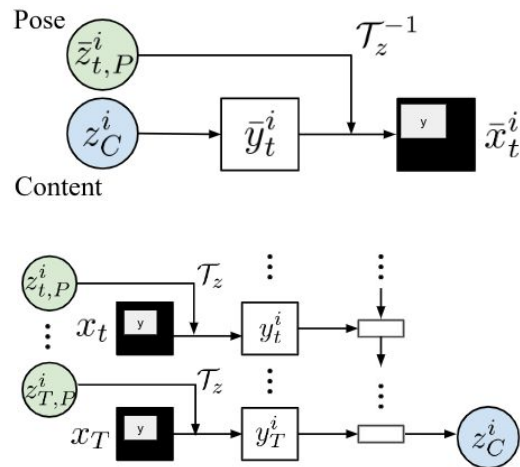
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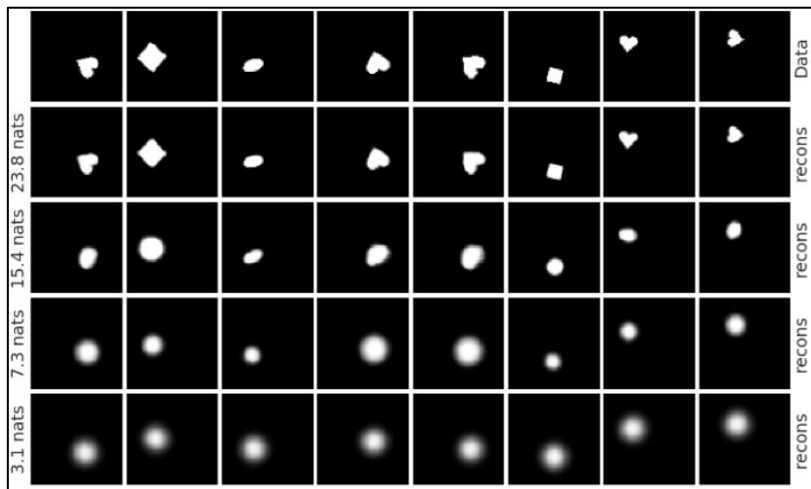
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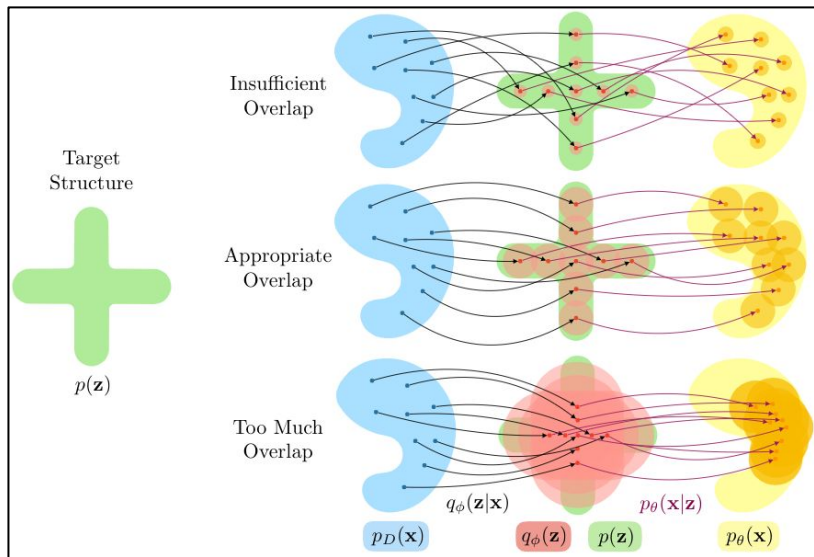


Implicit separation (or decomposition) of the components of the latent representations using the  $\beta$ -VAE

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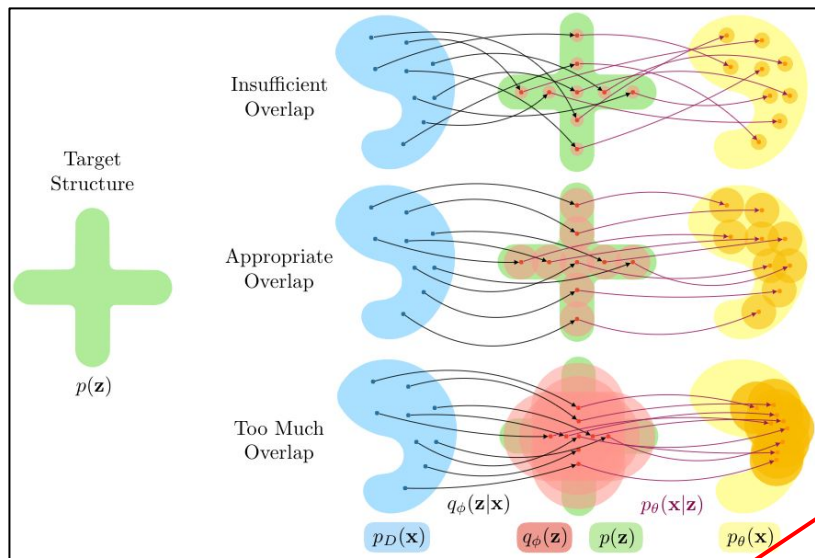
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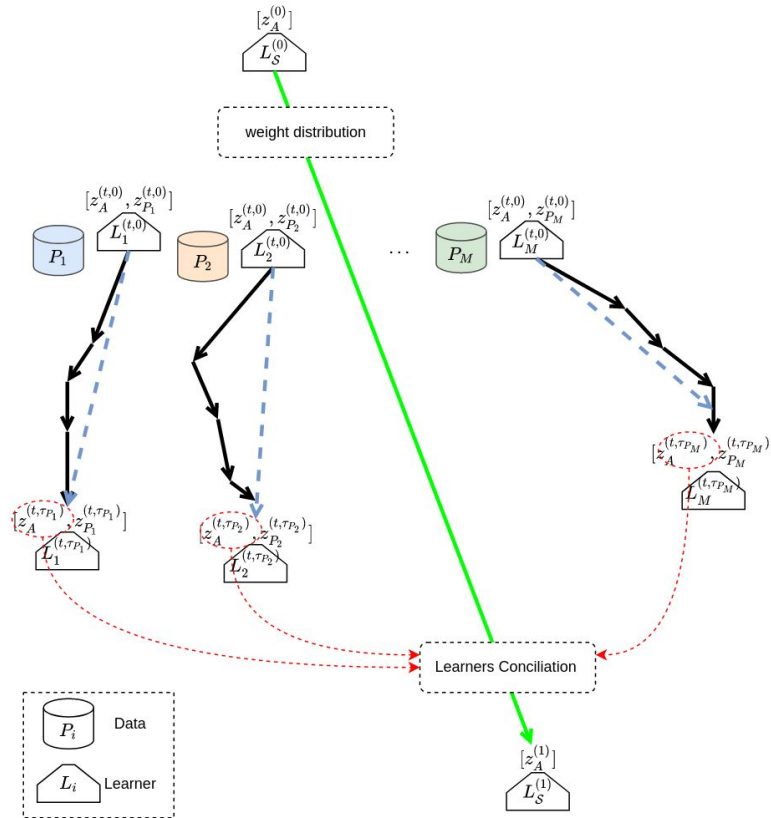
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Constraint imposing sparsity of the learned representations

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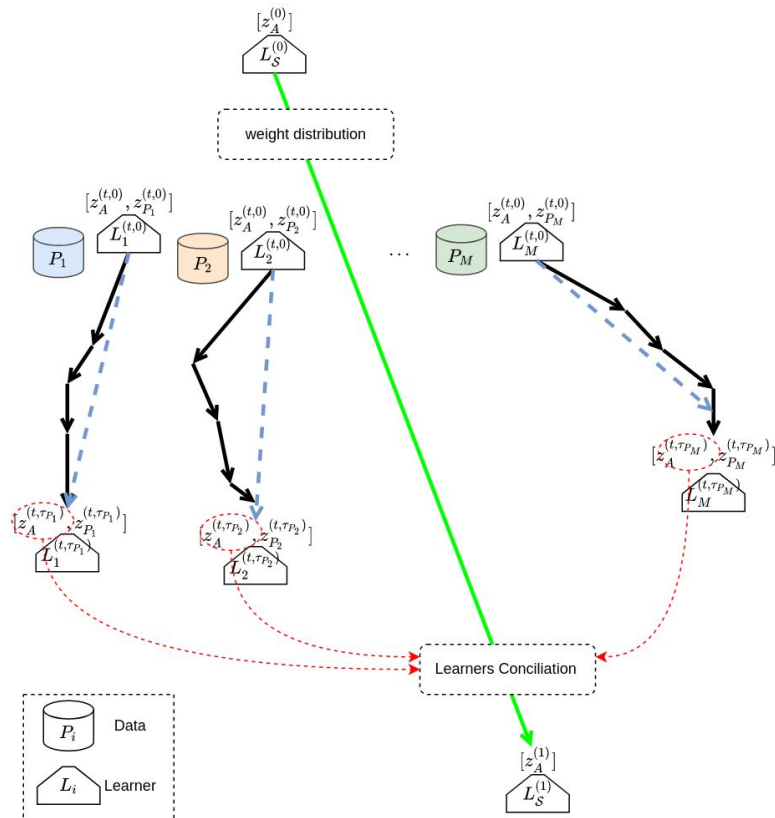
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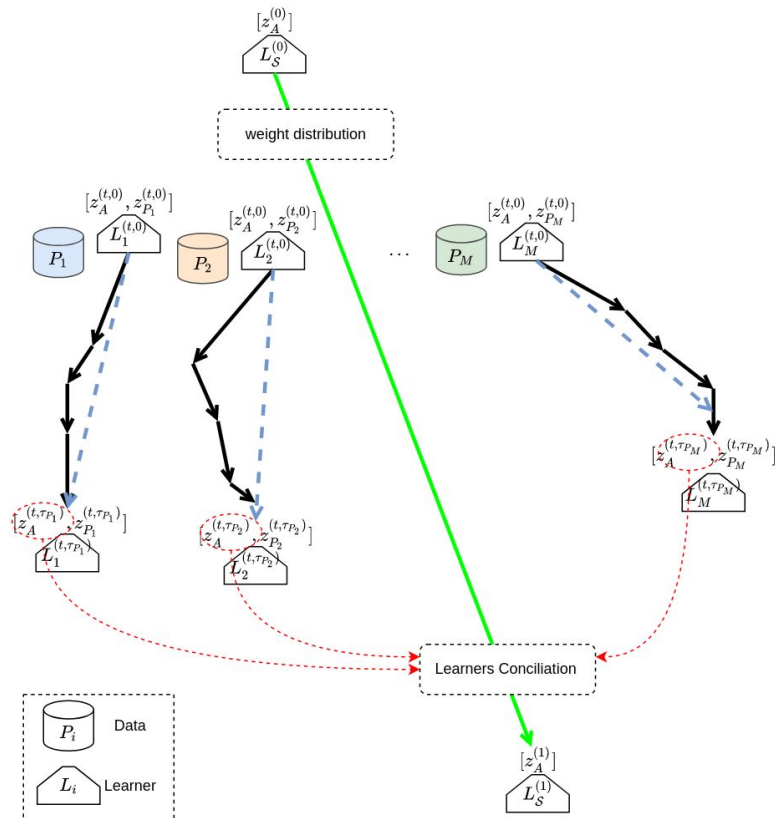
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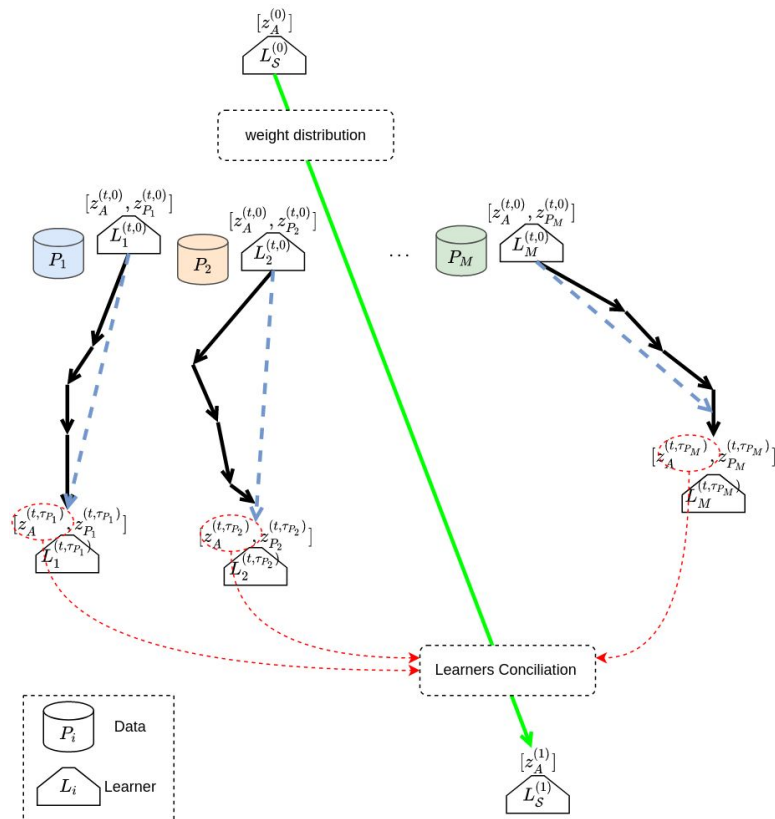
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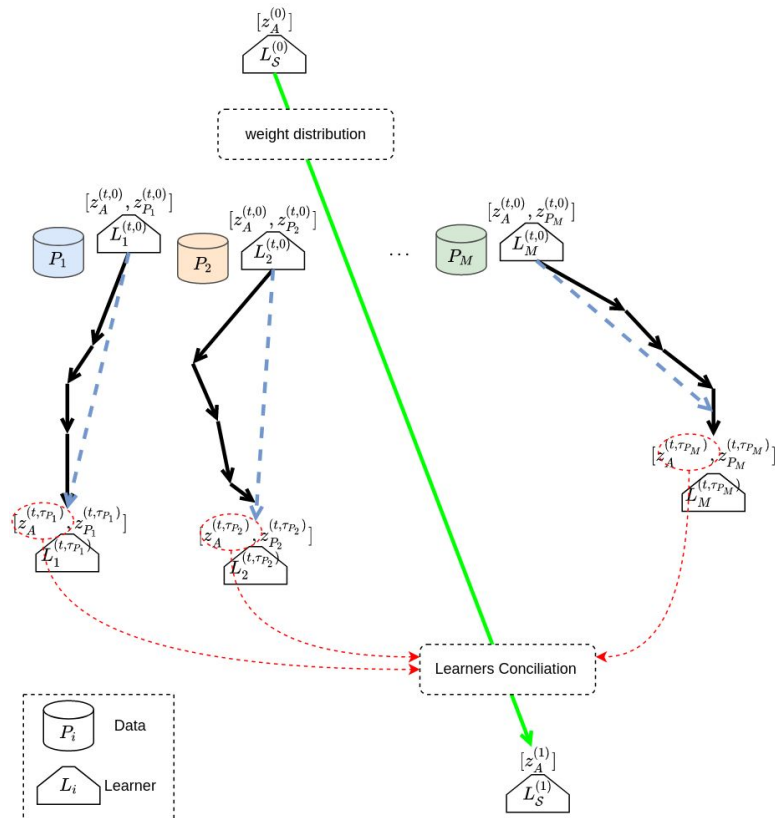
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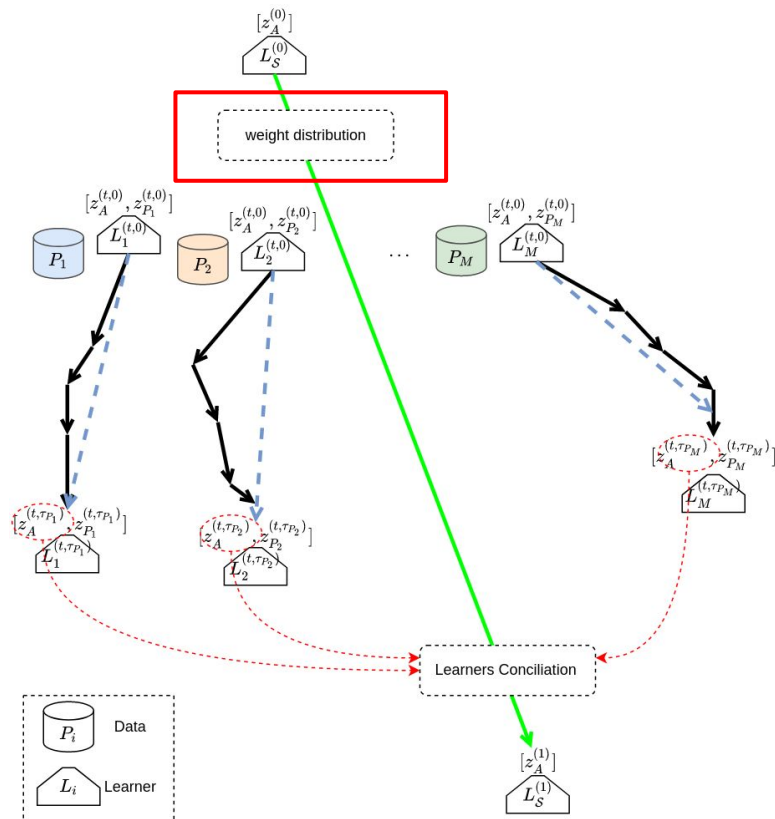
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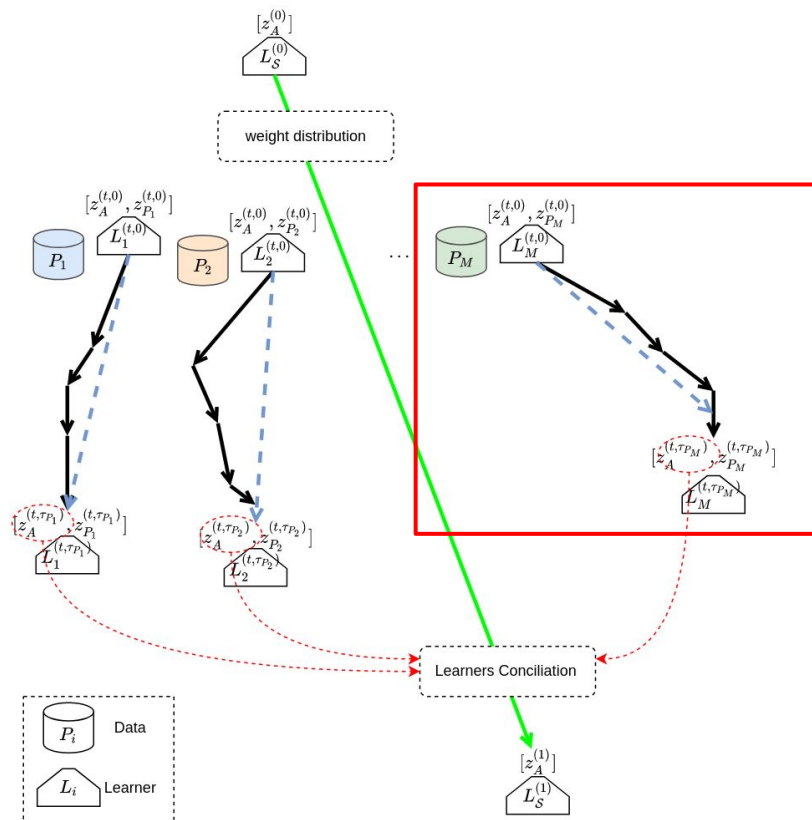


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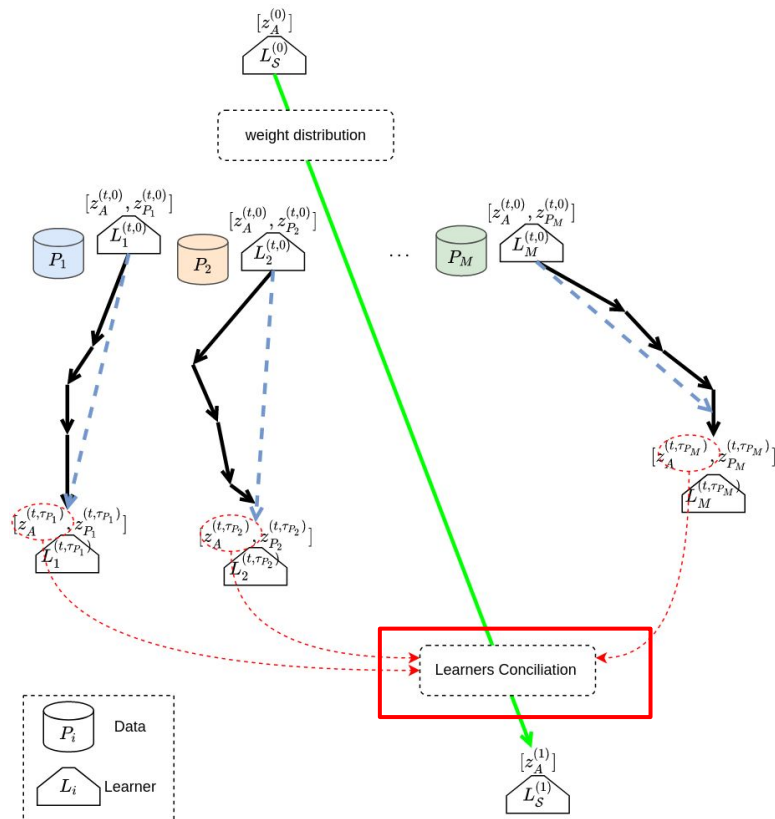
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At the step  $t$  of communication round, each local learner independently runs  $\tau_p$  iterations of the local solver, e.g., stochastic gradient descent, starting from the current global model  $L_S^{(t,0)}$  until the step  $L_p^{(t,\tau_p)}$  to optimize its own local objective (see the black arrows).

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$$w^{(t+1,0)} - w^{(t,0)} = \sum_{p=1}^M \alpha_p \Delta_p^{(t)} = - \sum_{p=1}^M \alpha_p \cdot \eta \sum_{k=0}^{\tau_p-1} g_p(w_p^{(t,k)})$$

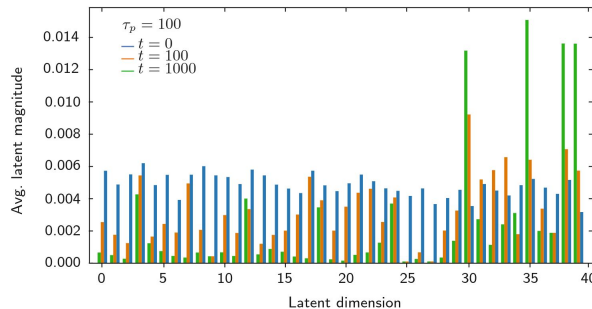
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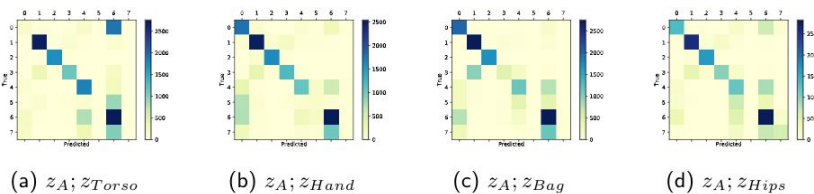
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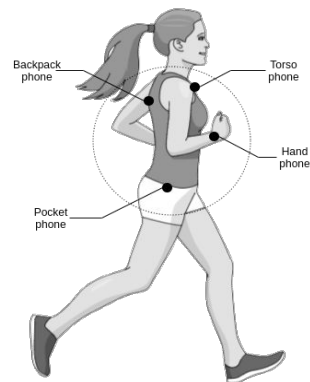
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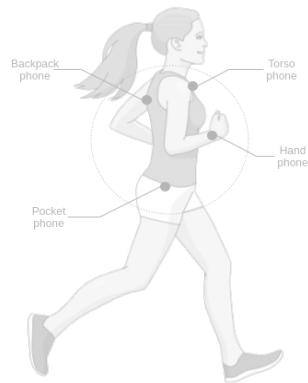
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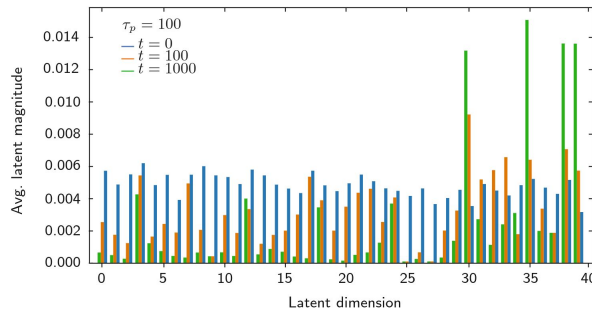
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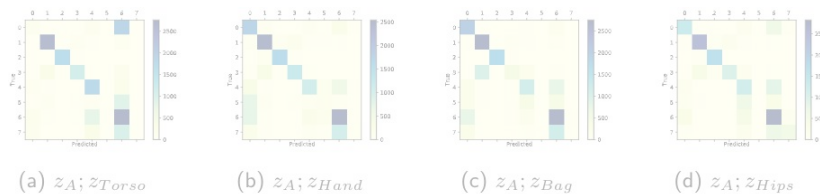
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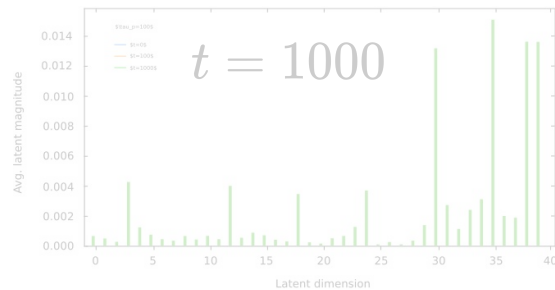
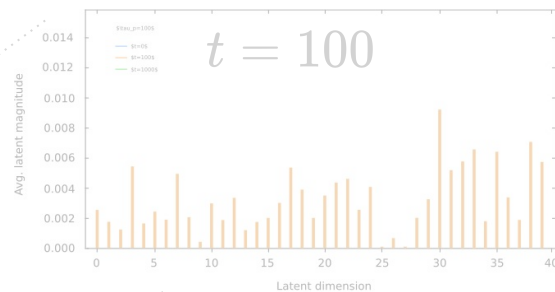
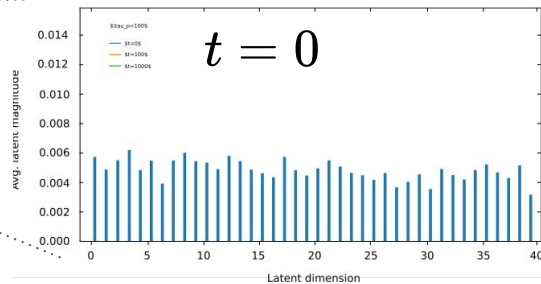
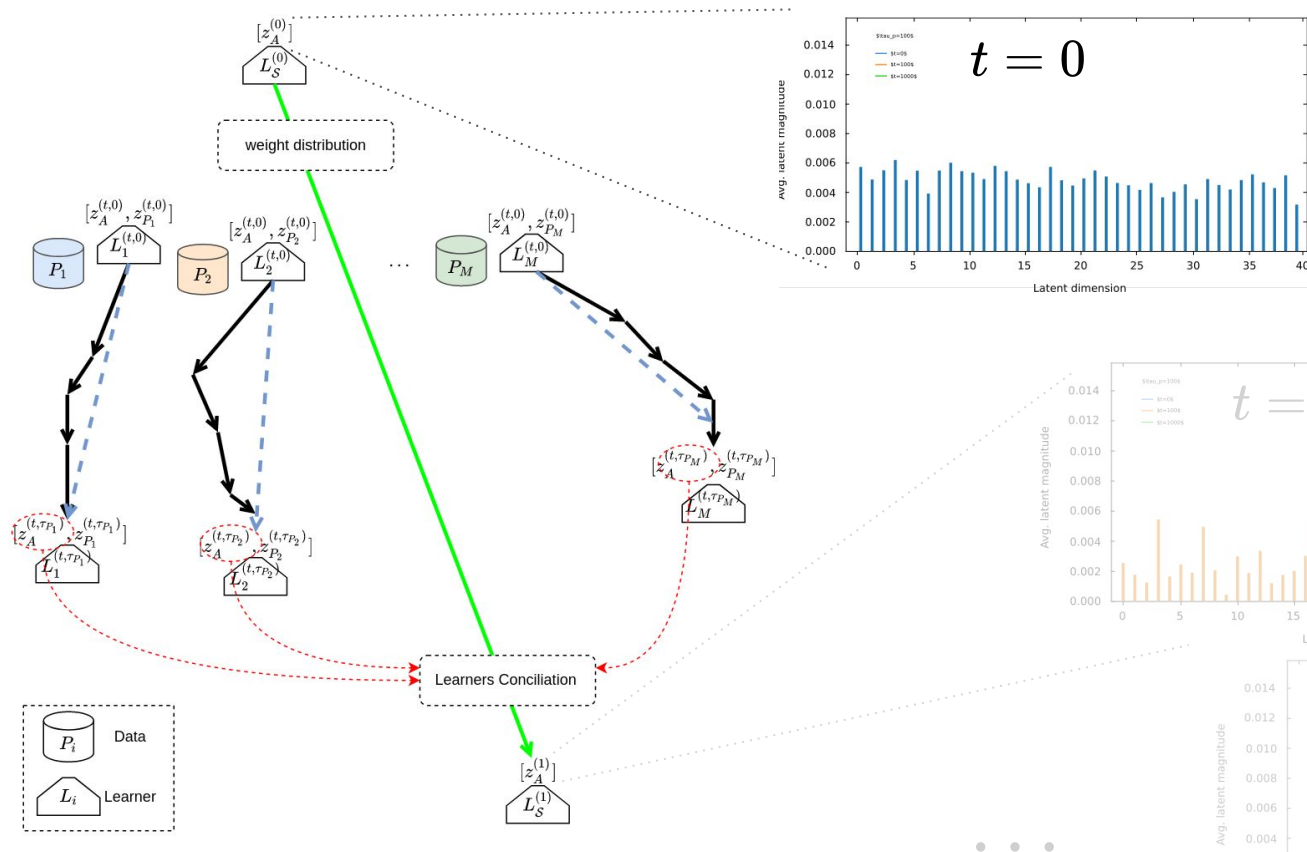
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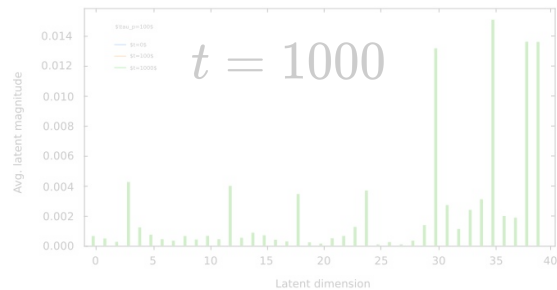
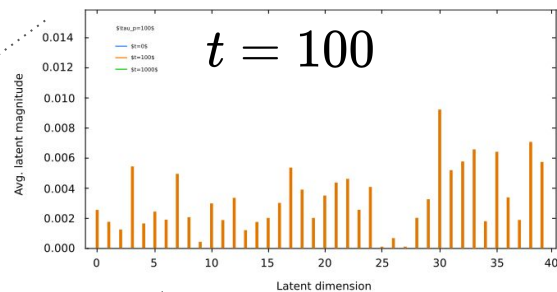
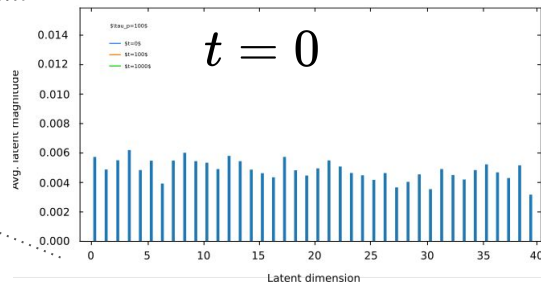
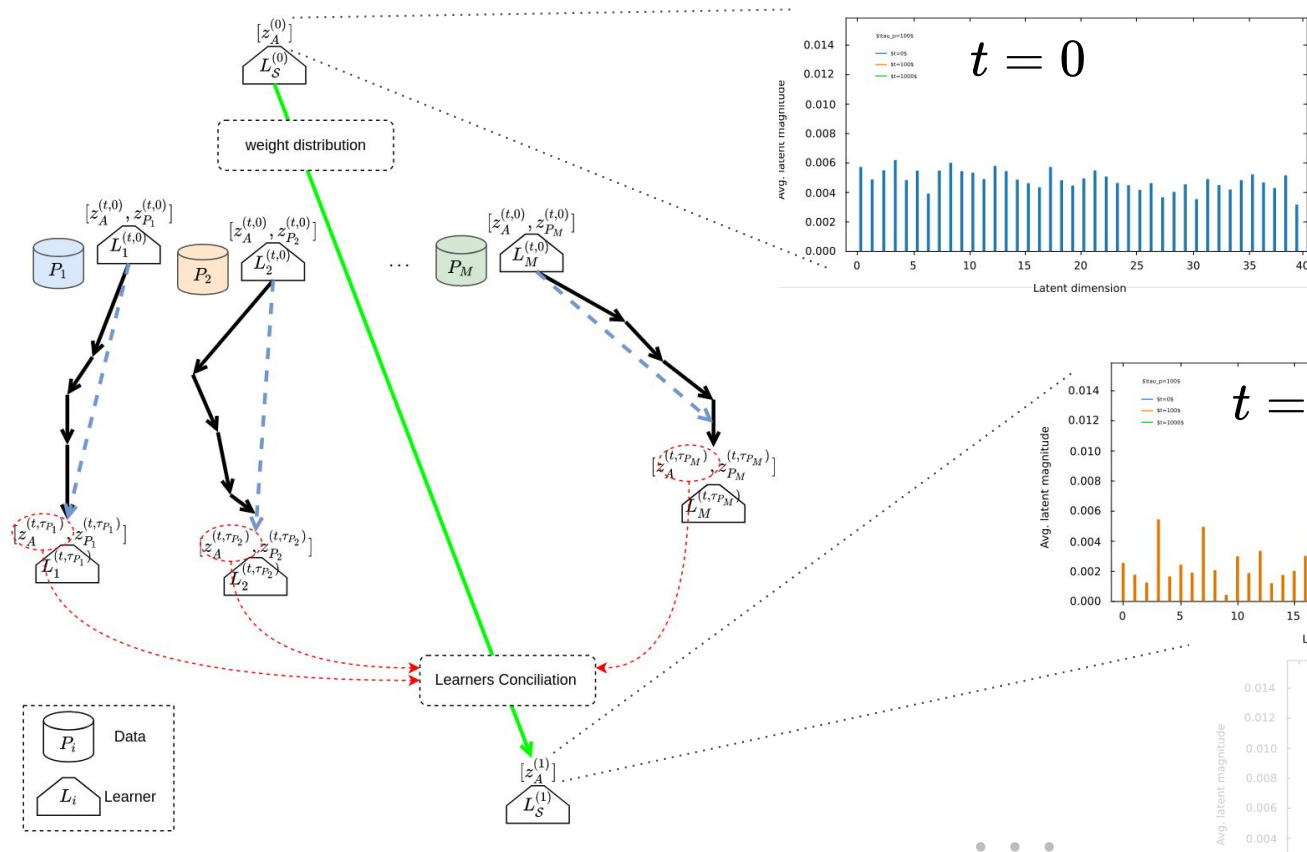




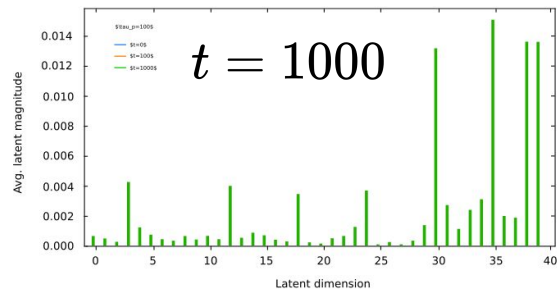
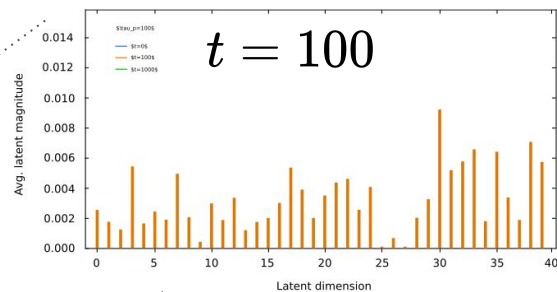
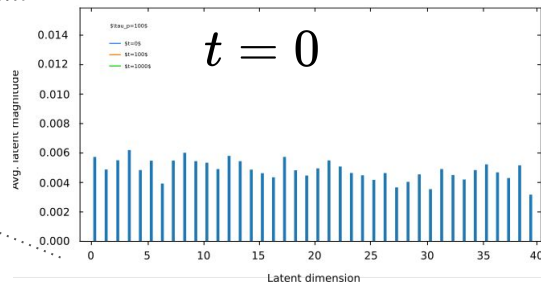
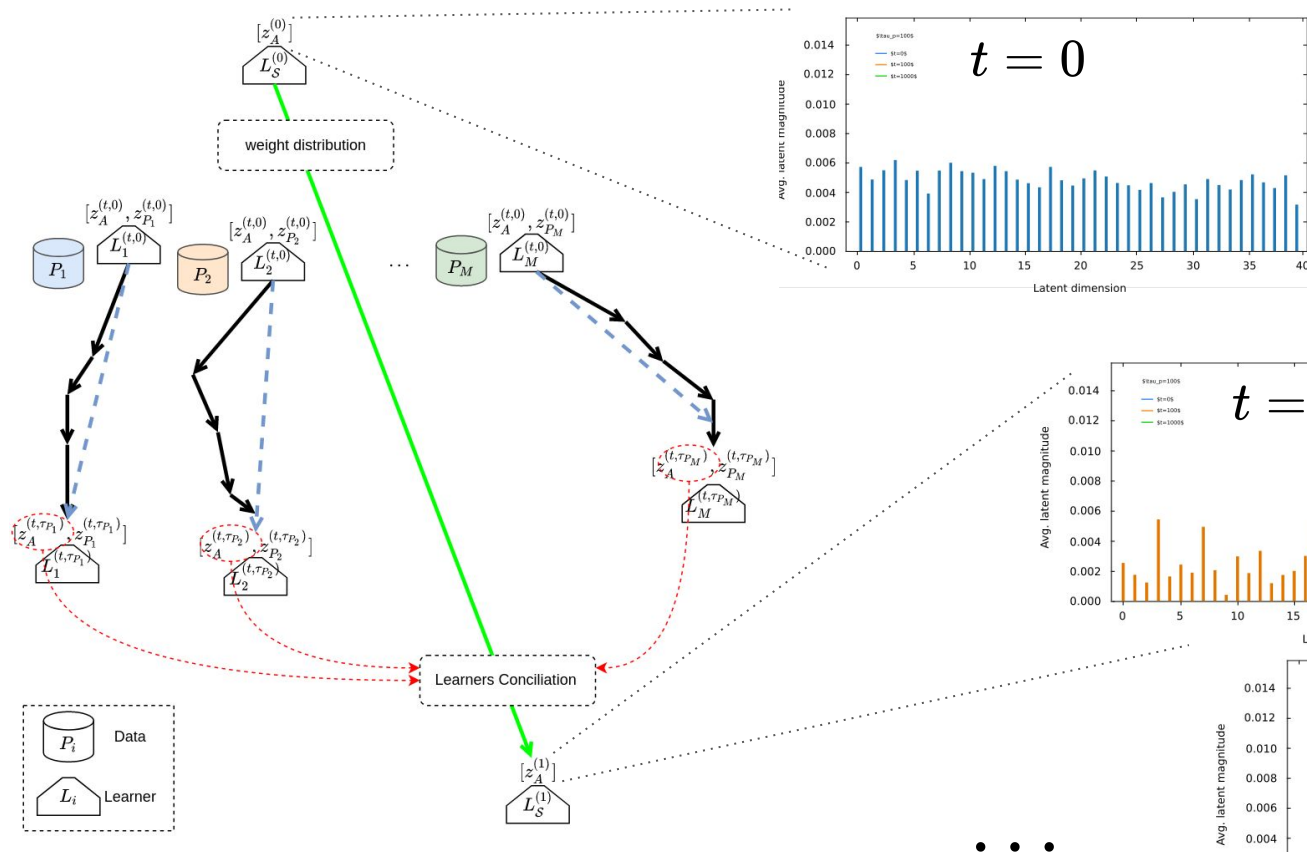
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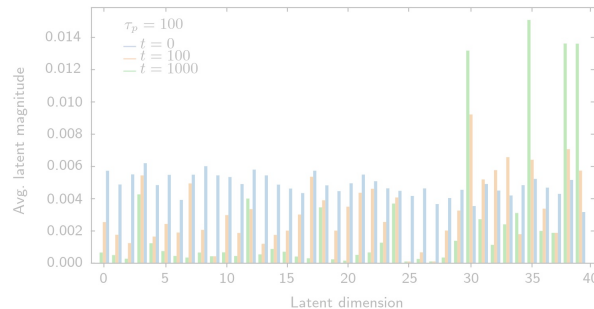


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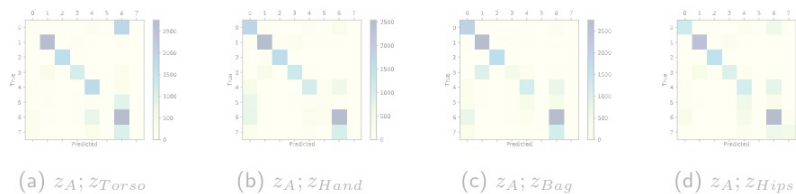
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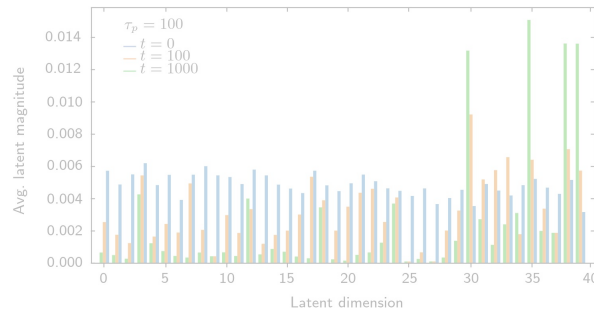
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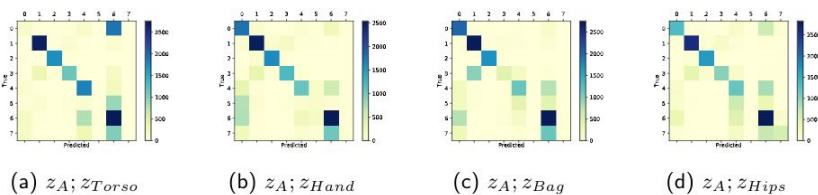
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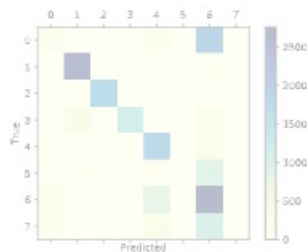
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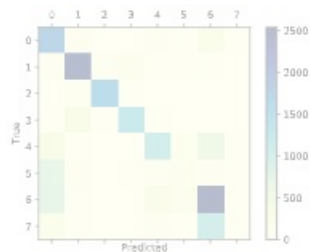


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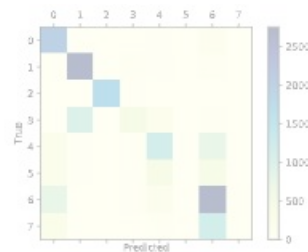
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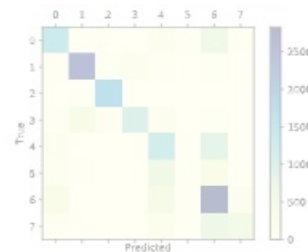
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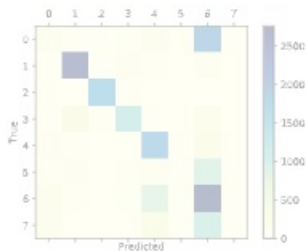
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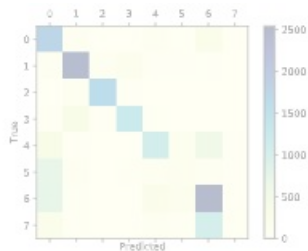
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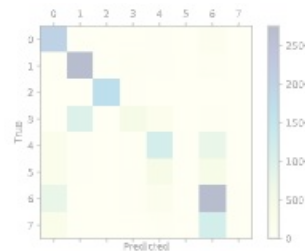
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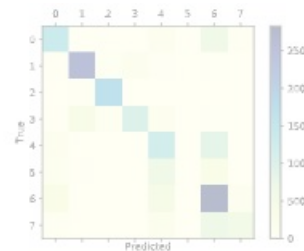
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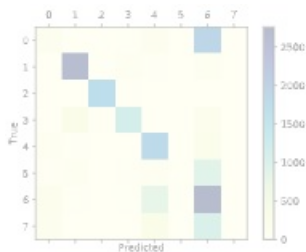
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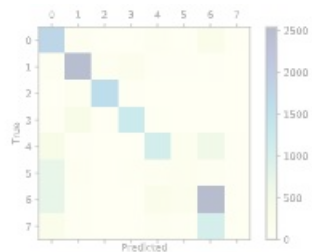
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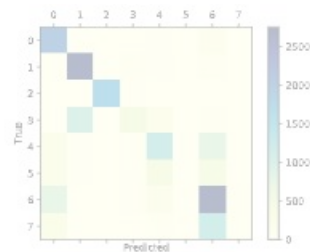
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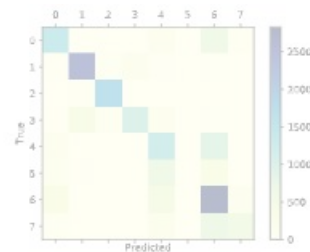
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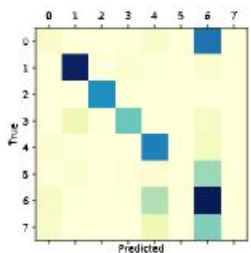
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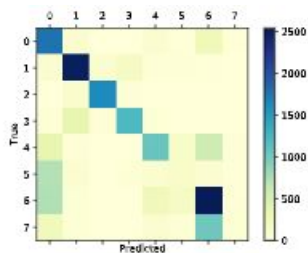
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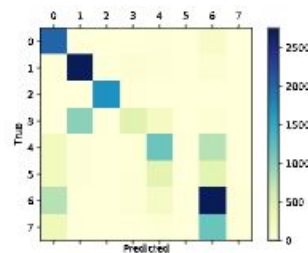
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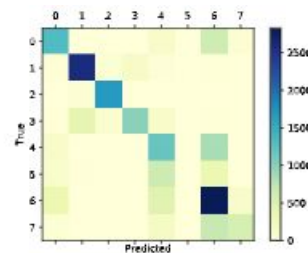
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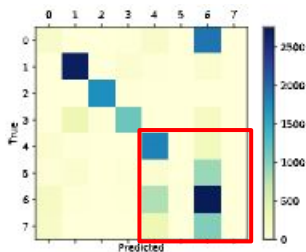
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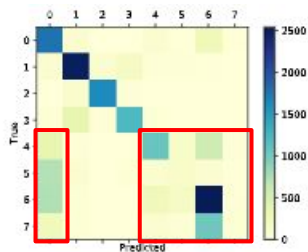
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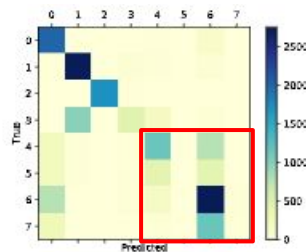
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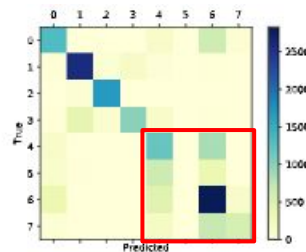
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# Summary

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- The information conveyed by these perspectives are not of the same nature: e.g., *Sensor's Position Bias* induce different types of information.
- The proposed approach is able to abstract this bias by decomposing the sensory signals into universal and position-specific components.

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