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MeTRAbs: Metric-Scale Truncation-Robust Heatmaps for Absolute 3D Human Pose Estimation

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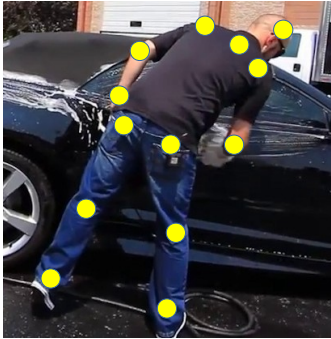
Reference

Prediction



Background: Human Pose Estimation in 2D and 3D

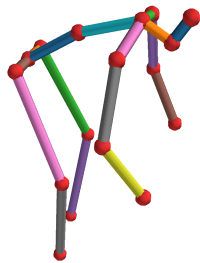
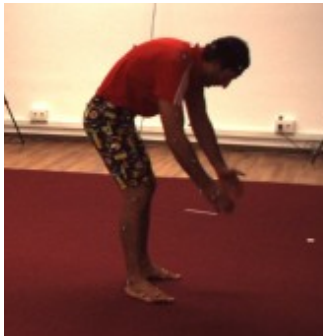
2D: pixels



$(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_N, y_N)$

(126 px, 50 px, ...)

3D: meters



$(X_1, Y_1, Z_1, \dots, X_N, Y_N, Z_N)$

(1.5 m, 0.6 m, 3.1 m, ...)

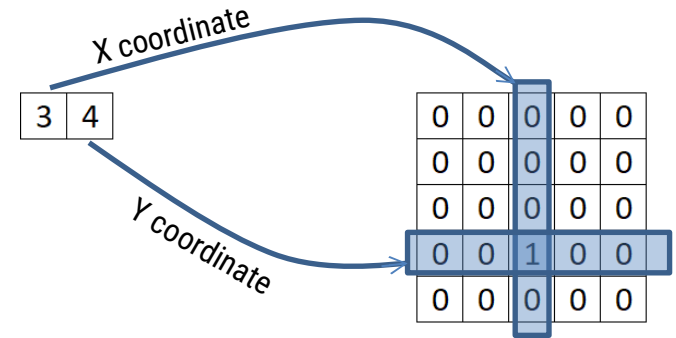
Background: How to Represent Joint Positions?

Represent as activation *values*

2D: pixels

$(x_1, y_1, \dots, x_N, y_N)$

Represent as activation *location*



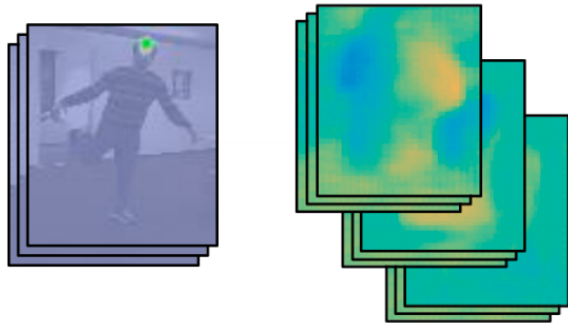
3D: meters

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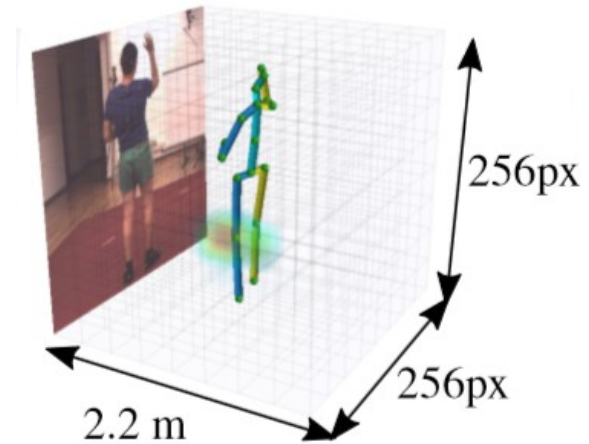
Related Work: Generalizing Heatmaps to 3D Pose

- [Mehta17TOG] “Hybrid”: Location maps



- [Pavlakos17CVPR] As activation *location*

Volumetric heatmaps (2.5D)



Key Idea: Combine the Benefits

Direct regression of coordinates

- Can directly regress metric 3D
- Not limited by image truncation
- Continuous output
- Does not exploit the conv. structure

2.5D heatmaps

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- Can only predict within FOV
- Effective use of convolutional structure
- High-resolution needed?
- Discrete output?

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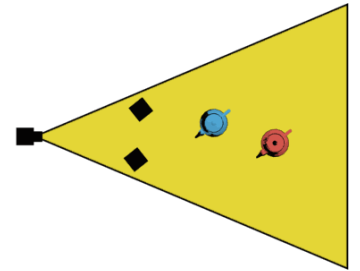
Needs post-processing for metric 3D
Can only predict within FOV
Heavy use of convolutional structure
Resolution needed?
Continuous output?

Our approach

Heatmap representation
Directly regress metric 3D
Not limited by image truncation
Continuous output
Low-res heatmap is enough
Simple and fast architecture

Background: Scale/Distance Ambiguity

- d : Distance of person to camera
- f : Focal length
- S : Metric size of person
- s : Projected size of person



Easy, direct image measurement

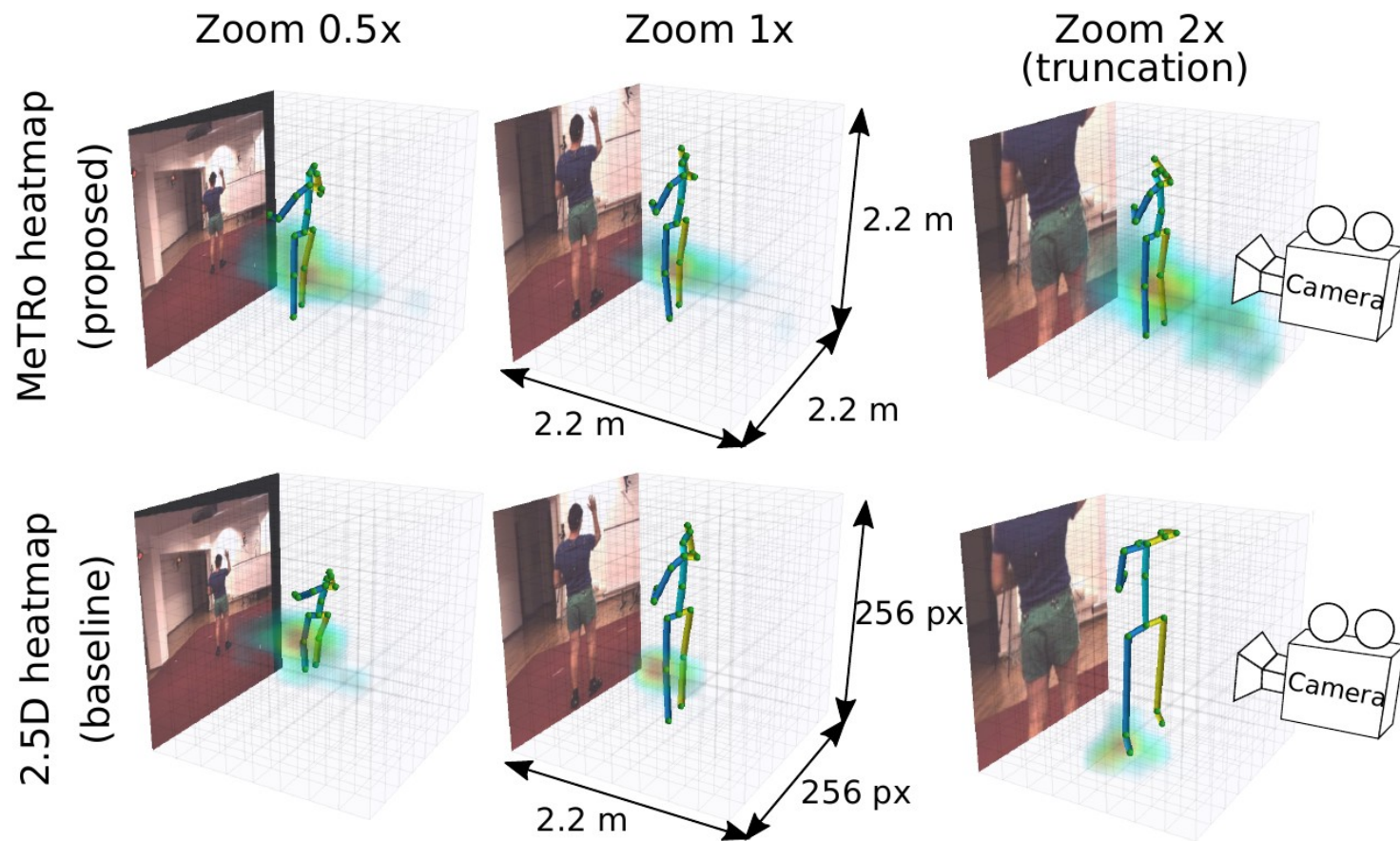
$$s = S \cdot f / d$$

Moderately hard, but plausible

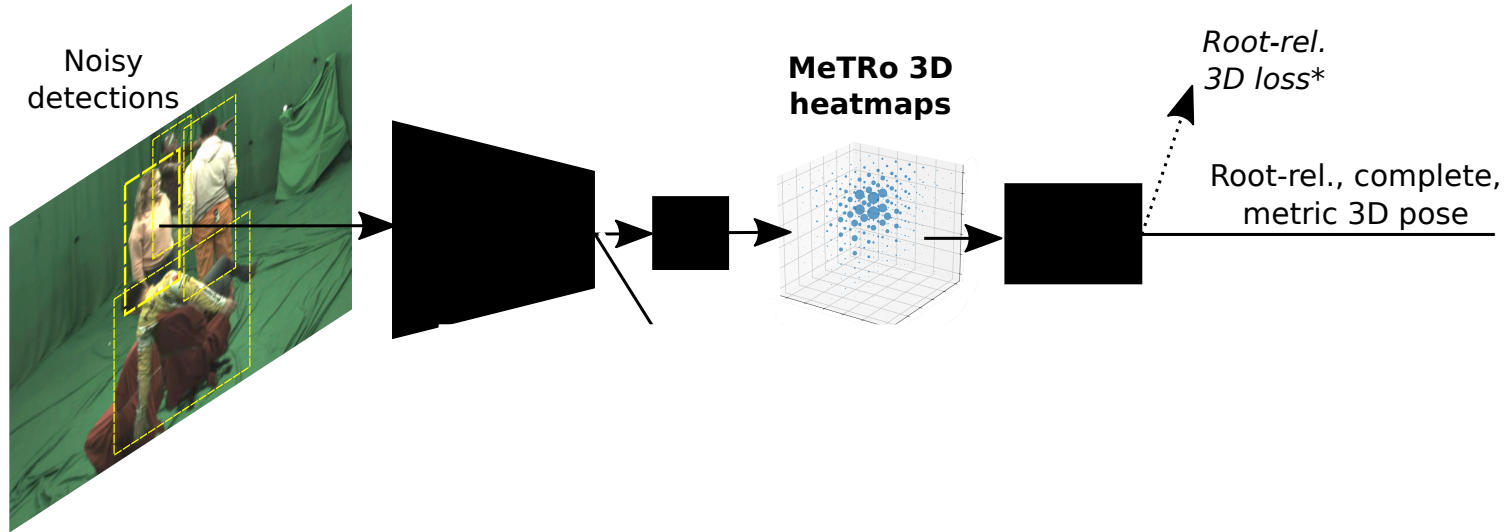
Often known and calibrated, otherwise hard to estimate

Very hard to estimate directly from a crop

MeTRo 3D Heatmap vs 2.5D Heatmap



Our Approach

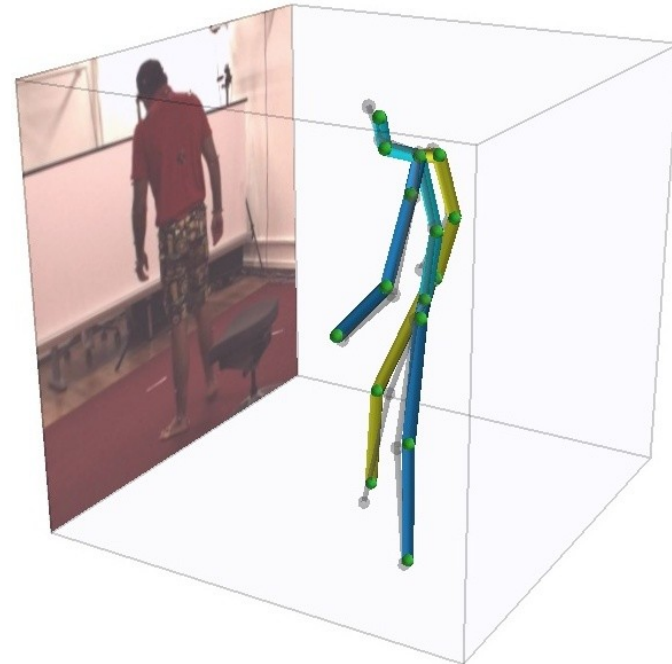


(Backbone is ResNet-50, except for 3DPW Challenge experiment)

Soft-argmax: [Levine16JMLR, Nibali18Arxiv, Sun18ECCV]

Results: Human3.6M

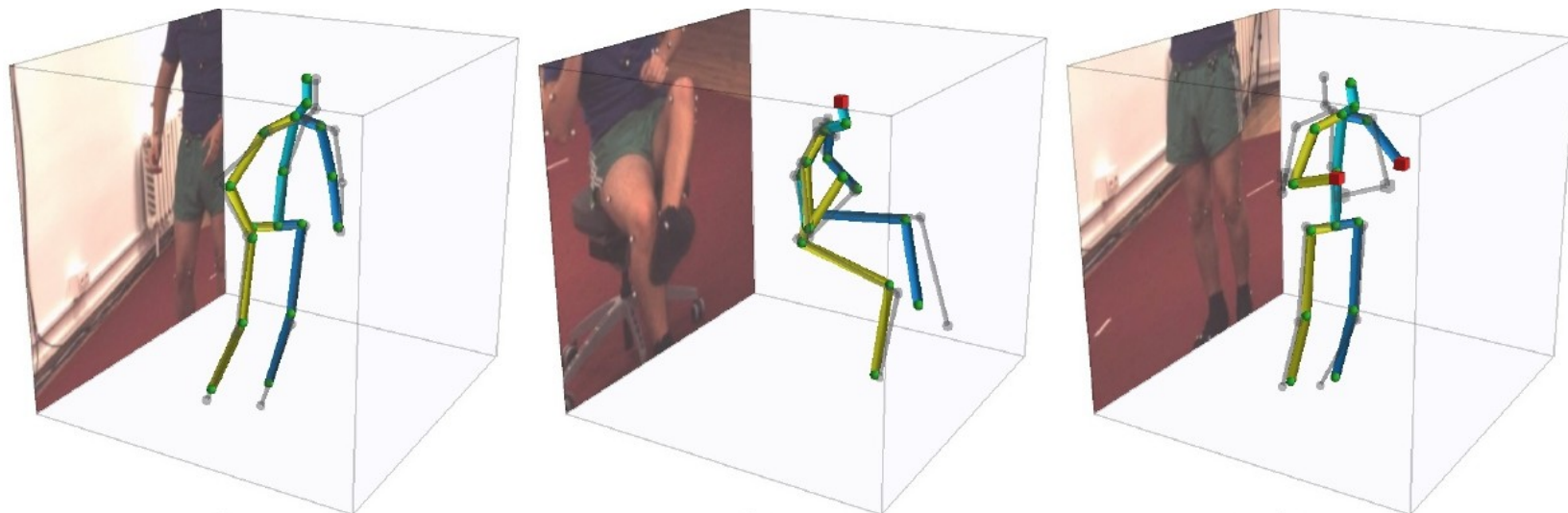
	MPJPE↓
Pavlakos <i>et al.</i> [13]	71.9
Zhou <i>et al.</i> [10]	64.9
Martinez <i>et al.</i> [8]	62.9
Fang <i>et al.</i> [61]	60.4
Yang <i>et al.</i> [62]	58.6
Pavlakos <i>et al.</i> [63]	56.2
Liu <i>et al.</i> [64]	52.4
Xu <i>et al.</i> [65]	49.2
Sharma <i>et al.</i> [66]	58.0
Cai <i>et al.</i> [67]	50.6
2.5D baseline	50.2±0.3
MeTRo (ours)	49.3±0.7

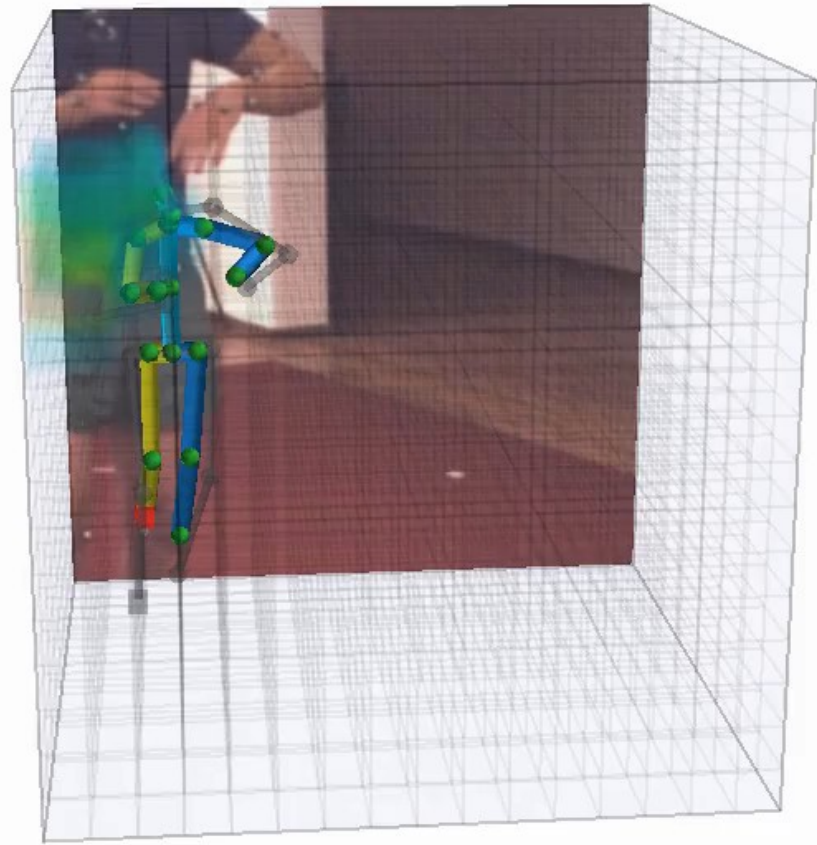


Results: Truncated Human3.6M

	Mehta* [9]	Zhou* [10]	Vosoughi [46]	MeTRo*	MeTRo
All joints	396.4	400.5	185.0	124.7	77.8
Present joints	338.0	332.5	173.6	76.8	59.8

(*No strong truncations applied during training)





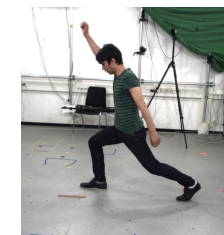
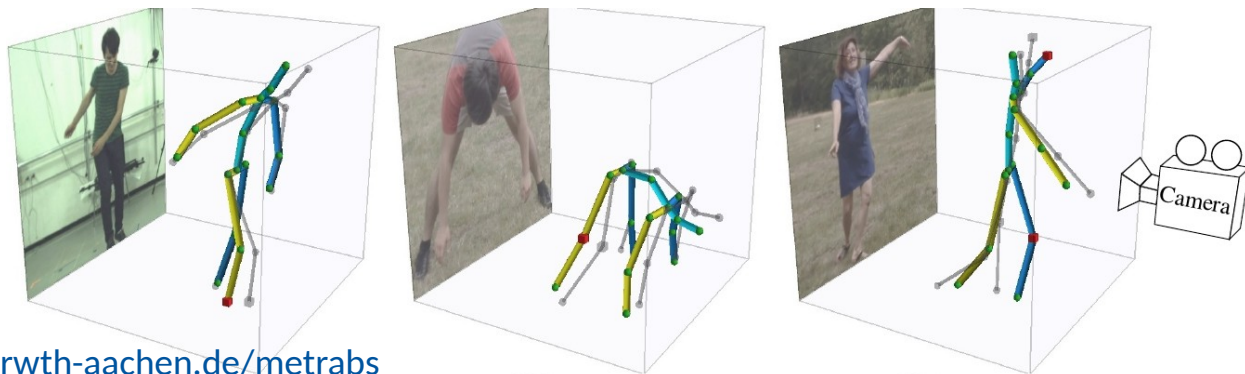
Results: MPI-INF-3DHP

Scale normalized

	Green screen	No gr.sc.	Out-door	Total		
				PCK↑	AUC↑	MPJPE↓
Rogez <i>et al.</i> [74]*	–	–	–	59.7	27.6	158.4
Zhou <i>et al.</i> ^{H+M} [10]*	71.7	64.7	72.7	69.2	32.5	137.1
Zhou <i>et al.</i> ^{H+M} [76]	75.6	71.3	80.3	75.3	38.0	–
Mehta <i>et al.</i> ^{3+M+L+H} [9]*	–	–	–	76.6	40.4	124.7
Mehta <i>et al.</i> ^{3+M+L+H} [34]*	84.6	72.4	69.7	75.7	39.3	117.6
Mehta <i>et al.</i> ^{3+M+L+C} [31]*	–	–	–	75.2	37.8	122.2
Luo <i>et al.</i> ^{3+M+H} [11], [77]	–	–	–	84.3	47.5	84.5
Nibali <i>et al.</i> ^{3+M} [12]	–	–	–	87.6	48.8	87.6
2.5D baseline ^{3+M}	92.1	89.0	87.7	89.9±0.2	52.8±0.4	79.7±0.6
MeTRo (ours)^{3+M}	93.4	90.3	86.5	90.6±0.4	56.2±0.5	74.9±1.4

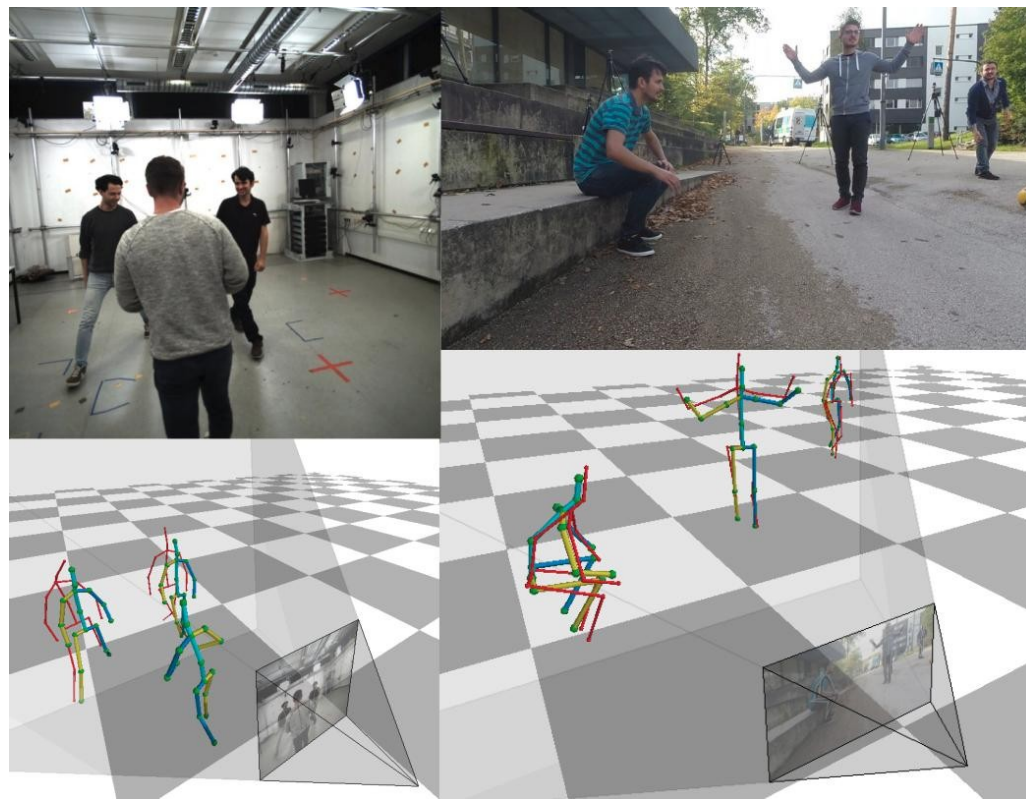
Unnormalized

2.5D baseline ^{3+M}	89.0	87.9	89.4	88.7±0.6	48.6±1.3	87.1±2.2
MeTRo (ours)^{3+M}	90.1	87.8	85.7	88.2±0.5	48.7±0.7	88.4±1.3



Results: MuPoTS-3D

	A-MPJPE↓	MPJPE↓	A-PCK↑
Rogez <i>et al.</i> [74]	–	146 [‡]	–
Mehta <i>et al.</i> [31]	–	132 [‡]	–
Baseline in [39]	320 [†]	122 [‡]	–
Véges <i>et al.</i> [39]	292 [†]	120 [‡]	–
Véges <i>et al.</i> [75]*	257.2 (255 [†])	119.4 (108 [‡])	38.1
2.5D baseline	317.6 (313.6 [†])	114.0 (110.0 [‡])	40.0±1.0
MeTRAbs	248.2 (246.9[†])	108.2 (104.3[‡])	40.2±1.9
w/o abs. loss	328.8 (327.8 [†])	108.4 (104.7 [‡])	36.7±3.2

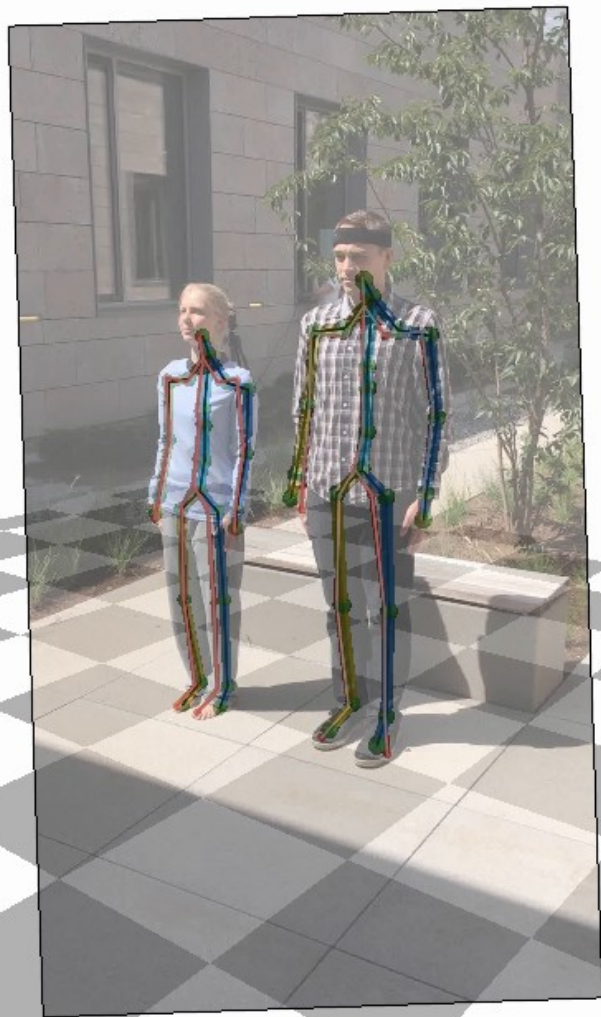


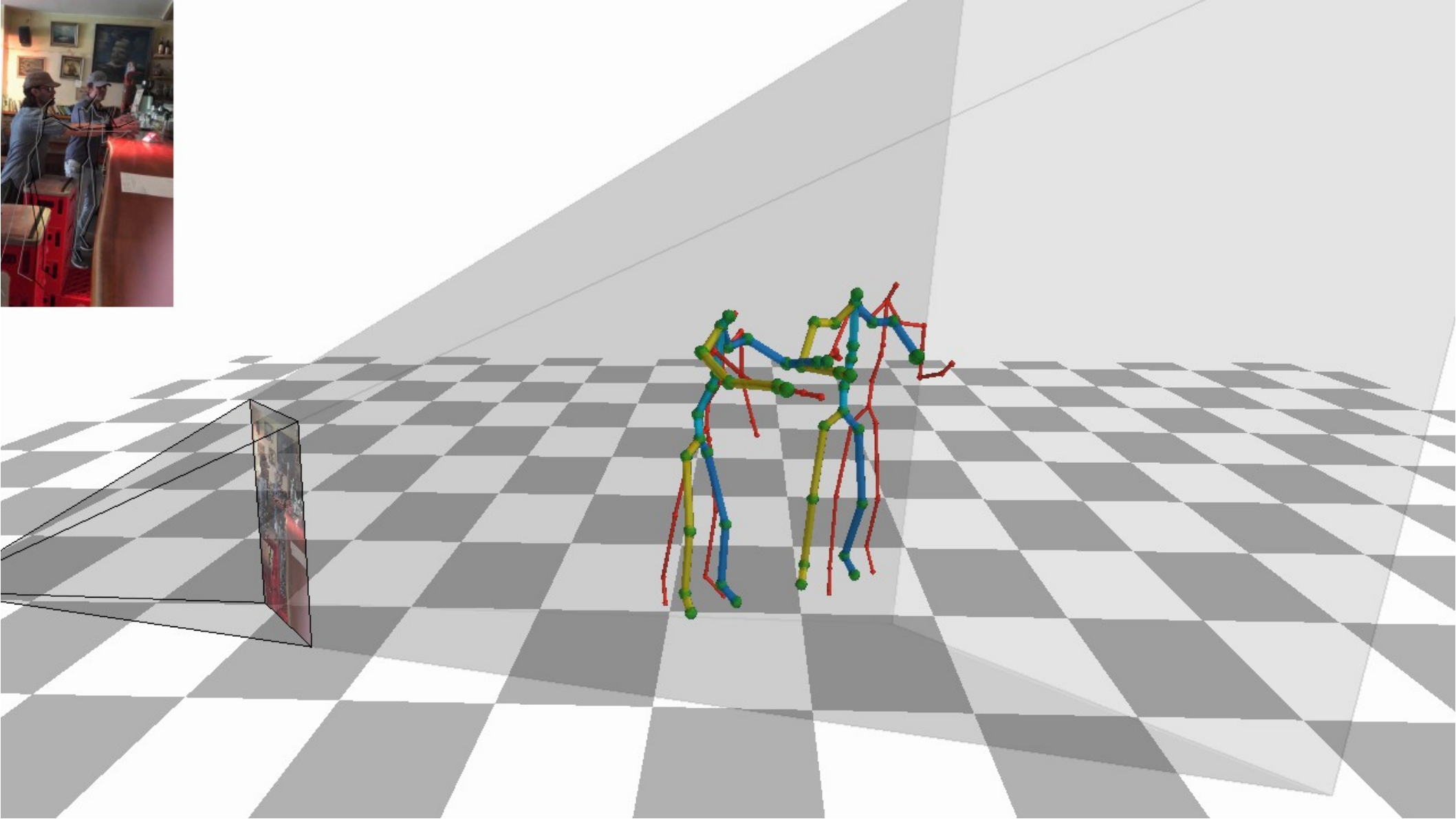
ECCV'20 3DPW Challenge Win

- Trained MeTRAbs on the union of many public datasets
- ResNet-101 backbone
- 5-crop test-time augmentation

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Results											
#	User	Entries	Date of Last Entry	Team Name	Rank ▲	MPJPE ▲	MPJPE_PA ▲	PCK ▲	AUC ▲	MPJAE ▲	MPJAE_PA ▲
1	isarandi	3	09/29/20		1.0000	68.8397 (1)	49.6909 (1)	48.7720 (1)	0.6679 (1)	- (14)	- (14)
2	DJ_Walker	7	08/22/20	JDAI-CV	3.0000	81.7641 (2)	58.6131 (2)	37.3293 (4)	0.5991 (4)	20.8089 (3)	19.0901 (1)
3	milo	12	08/01/20	milo	3.2500	83.1544 (3)	59.7027 (4)	42.4194 (3)	0.6231 (3)	19.6965 (1)	19.1486 (2)
4	rbr	12	08/20/20		4.2500	83.1845 (4)	64.1717 (9)	46.9092 (2)	0.6323 (2)	20.1264 (2)	19.9578 (5)
5	mks0601	16	08/01/20	SNU CVLAB	6.0000	84.2889 (5)	61.7517 (6)	36.6064 (7)	0.5966 (6)	21.2543 (4)	19.7324 (4)
6	xuchen	8	08/01/20		4.7500	85.0523 (6)	59.3378 (3)	37.1122 (5)	0.5985 (5)	- (14)	- (14)
7	root9527	6	08/01/20		7.2500	85.7423 (7)	61.1041 (5)	36.1977 (9)	0.5915 (8)	21.5570 (5)	19.2689 (3)
8	Arthursy	22	07/30/20		8.0000	86.0644 (8)	63.1549 (7)	36.3558 (8)	0.5868 (9)	22.2771 (6)	20.5152 (6)
9	redarknight	15	08/02/20	SNU CVLAB	7.5000	86.3765 (9)	63.5519 (8)	36.7535 (6)	0.5932 (7)	23.5012 (7)	21.1888 (9)





Inference Speed

		Test stride			
		32	16	8	4
Speed (crop per sec.)	no batching	160	150	105	38
	batch size 8	511	475	292	92

Using a single Nvidia RTX 2080Ti consumer GPU
Person detection not included

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In [1]: 1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 image = tf.image.decode_jpeg(tf.io.read_file('./test_image.jpg'))
4 intrinsic_matrix = tf.convert_to_tensor([[1030, 0, 980], [0, 1030, 550], [0, 0, 1]], tf.float32)
5 person_detections = tf.convert_to_tensor([[621, 238, 204, 658], [932, 207, 250, 783]], tf.float32)
6
7 metrabs = tf.saved_model.load('./metrabs_fullimage_smpl_model')
8 metrabs(image, intrinsic_matrix, person_detections)
```

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Summary

- End-to-end learned scale-recovery (metric output)
- Express everything as heatmaps
- Guess joints outside the input crop (truncation-robustness)
- No focal length needed for (root-relative) metric output
- Fast and simple architecture (up to 511 crops per second)
- Extension to absolute pose with differentiable root joint reconstruction
- State-of-the-art results on Human3.6M, MPI-INF-3DHP, MuPoTS-3D
- 1st place at the ECCV2020 3D Poses in the Wild Challenge

Extended Journal Version



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Thank you!

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