

Human in the image

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Human motion

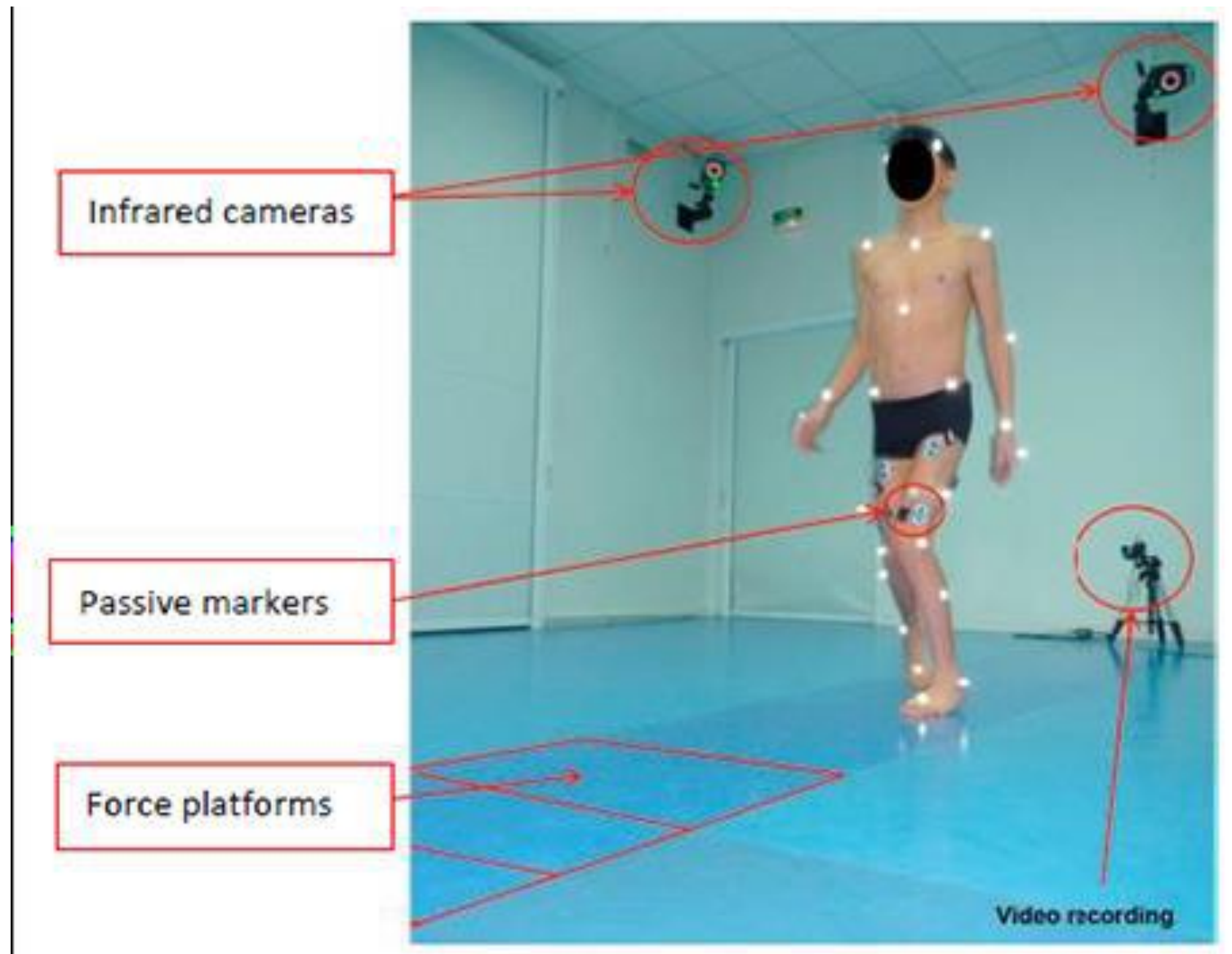
Computer-generated Imagery



A typical application of MARKER-BASED approaches, where a precise 3D estimation of the pose is essential

Medical applications

Neuro-motor evaluation and follow-up

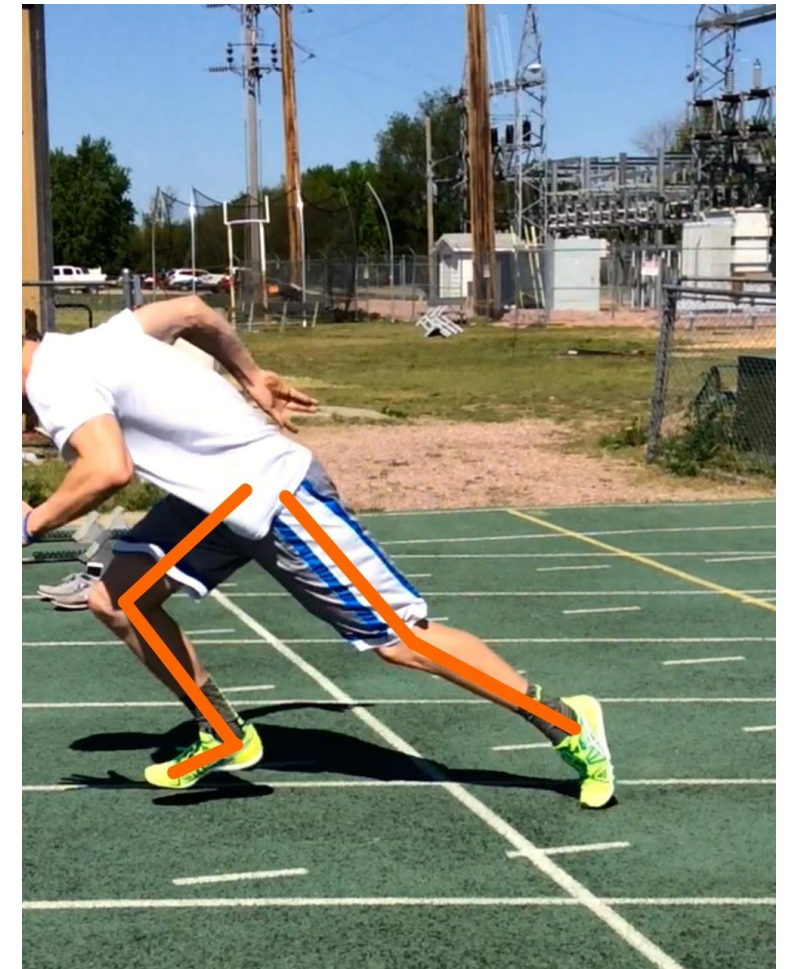


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Unconstrained environments

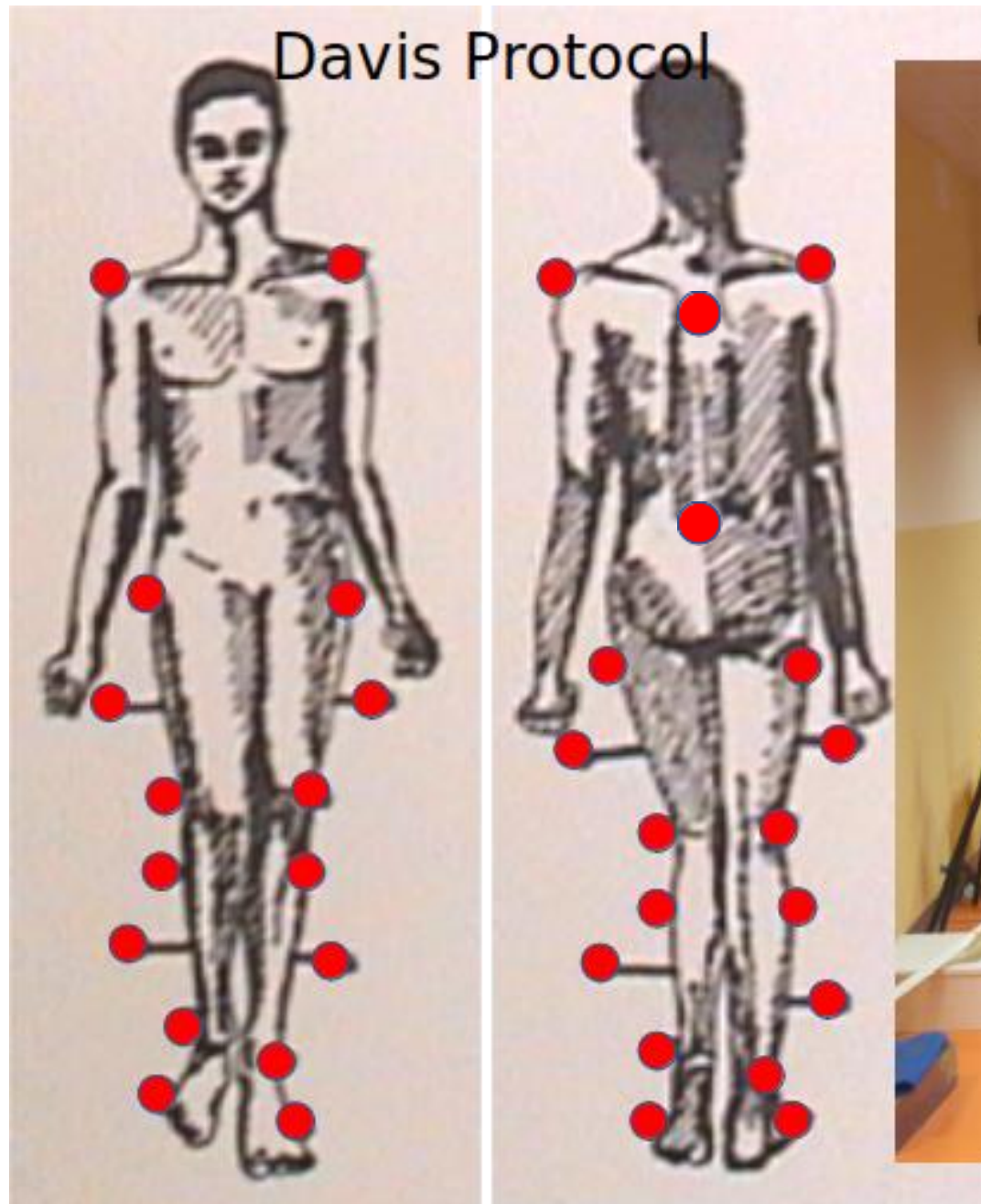


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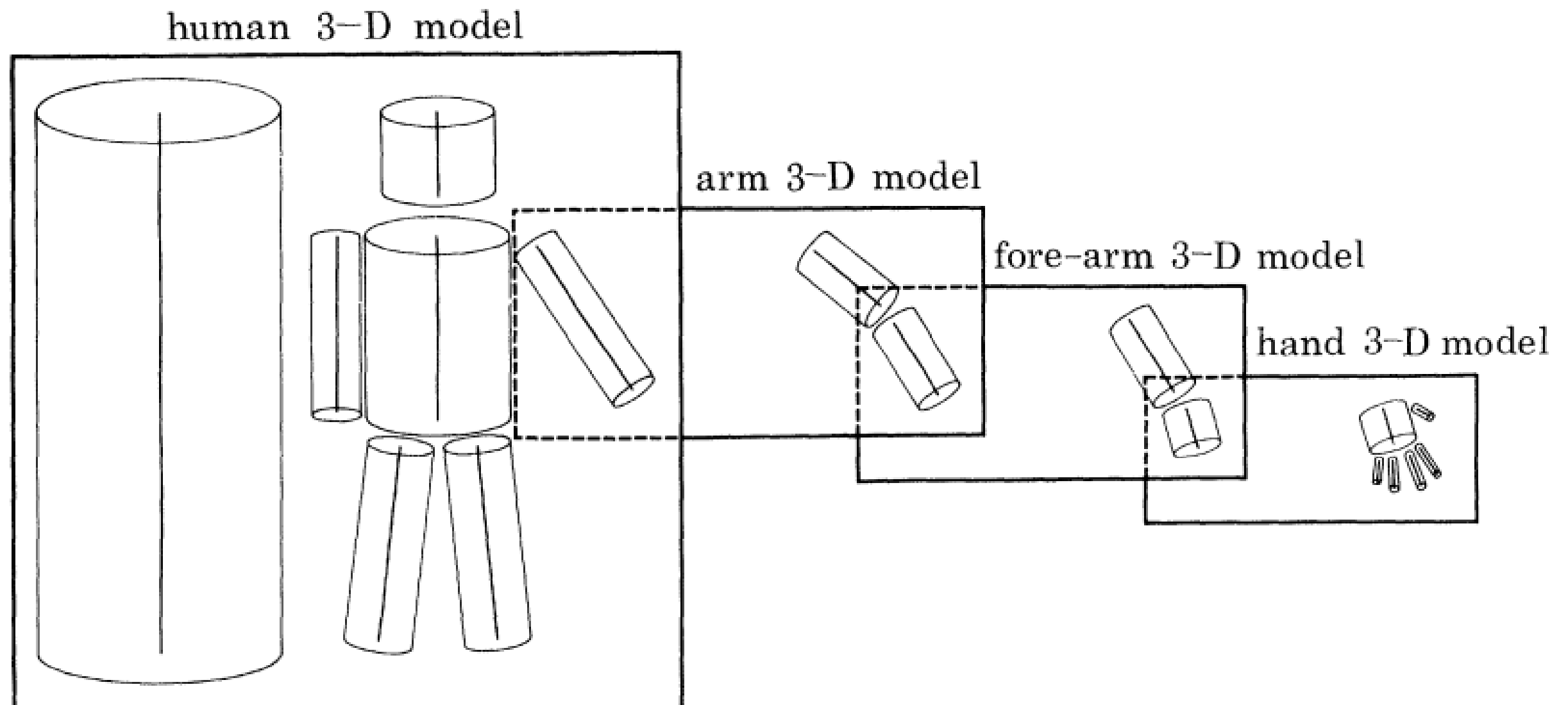
State of the art techniques





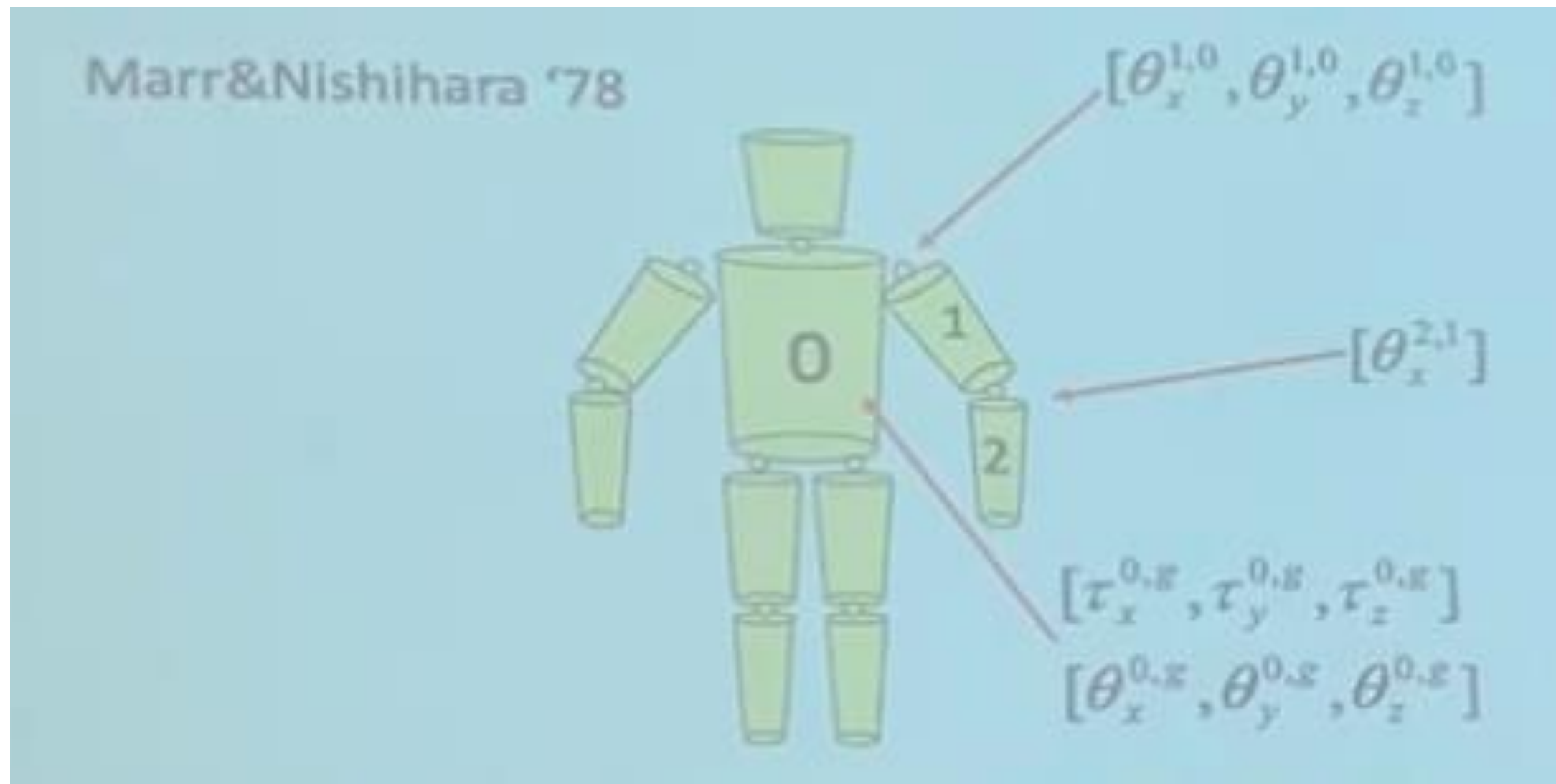
Deformable models

The early history was 3D



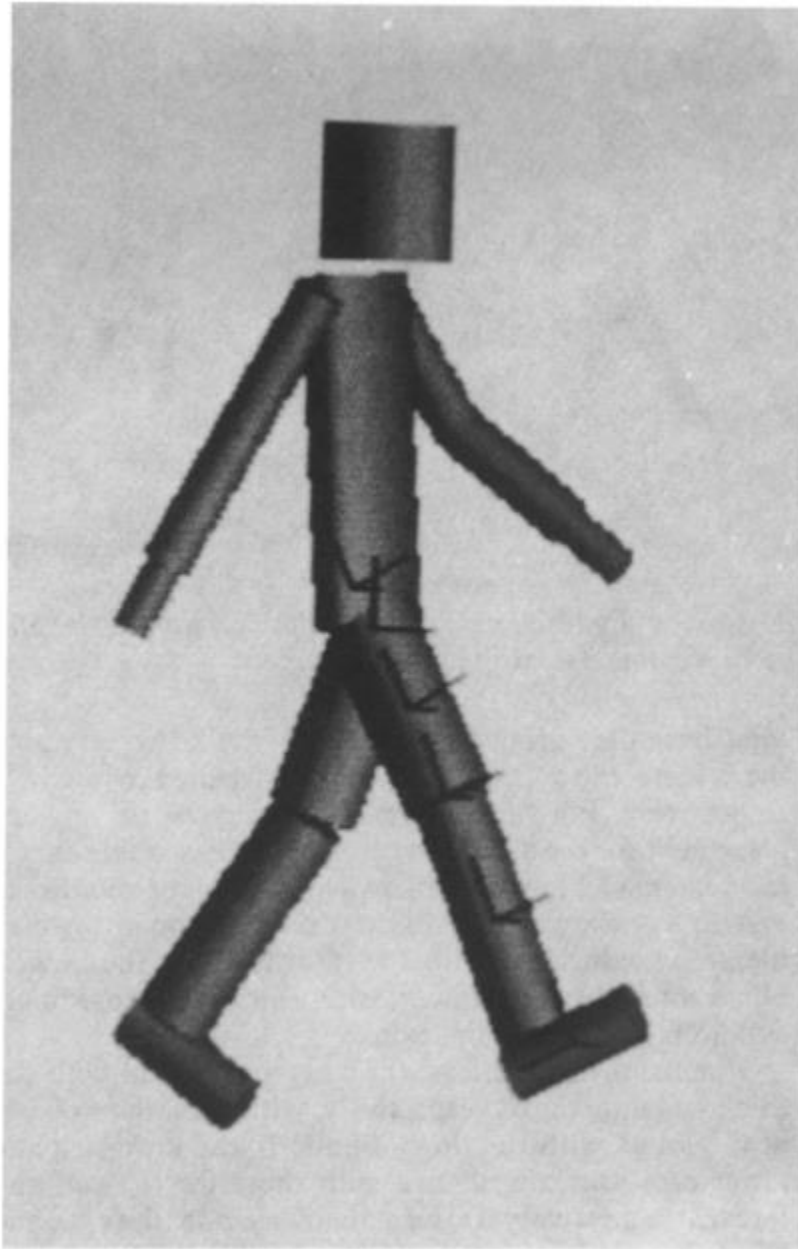
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Kinematic tree



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Rule-based approaches



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class: WALKER
strength: 0.33
parts:
  class: person
  position:  $x = 51.3 \ y = 42.8 \ z = 136 \ a = -73 \ b = -20 \ c = 180 \ s = 0.2$ 
  posture: stretch1
  strength: 0.33
  parts:
    class: torso
    position:  $x = 0 \ y = 45 \ z = -5 \ a = 0 \ b = -5 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.3$ 
    strength: 0.62
    class: head
    position:  $x = 0 \ y = 112 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.1$ 
    strength: 0.14
    class: arm
    position:  $x = 26 \ y = 85 \ z = -10 \ a = 0 \ b = -35 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
    strength: 0.42
    parts:
      class: upper-arm
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -20 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.2$ 
      strength: 0.14
      class: lower-arm
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -40 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = -20 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
      strength: 0.71
      parts:
        class: forearm
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -20 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.2$ 
        strength: 0.68
        class: hand
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -50 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.1$ 
        strength: 0.78
    class: arm
    position:  $x = -26 \ y = 85 \ z = -10 \ a = 0 \ b = 30 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
    strength: 0.51
    parts:
      class: upper-arm
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -20 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.2$ 
      strength: 0.5
      class: lower-arm
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -40 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
      strength: 0.52
      parts:

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        class: forearm
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -20 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.2$ 
        strength: 0.68
        class: hand
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -50 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.1$ 
        strength: 0.14
    class: leg
    position:  $x = 16 \ y = 10 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 20 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
    posture: straight
    strength: 0.3
    parts:
      class: thigh
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -40 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.2$ 
      strength: 0.1
      class: lower-leg
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -60 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 15 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
      strength: 0.41
      parts:
        class: calf
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -35 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.3$ 
        strength: 0.65
        class: foot
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -78 \ z = 10 \ a = 0 \ b = -90 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
        strength: 0.14
    class: leg
    position:  $x = -16 \ y = 10 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = -30 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
    posture: straight
    strength: 0.31
    parts:
      class: thigh
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -40 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.2$ 
      strength: 0.32
      class: lower-leg
      position:  $x = 0 \ y = -60 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 5 \ c = 0 \ s = 1$ 
      strength: 0.31
      parts:
        class: calf
        position:  $x = 0 \ y = -35 \ z = 0 \ a = 0 \ b = 0 \ c = 0 \ s = 0.3$ 
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        class: foot
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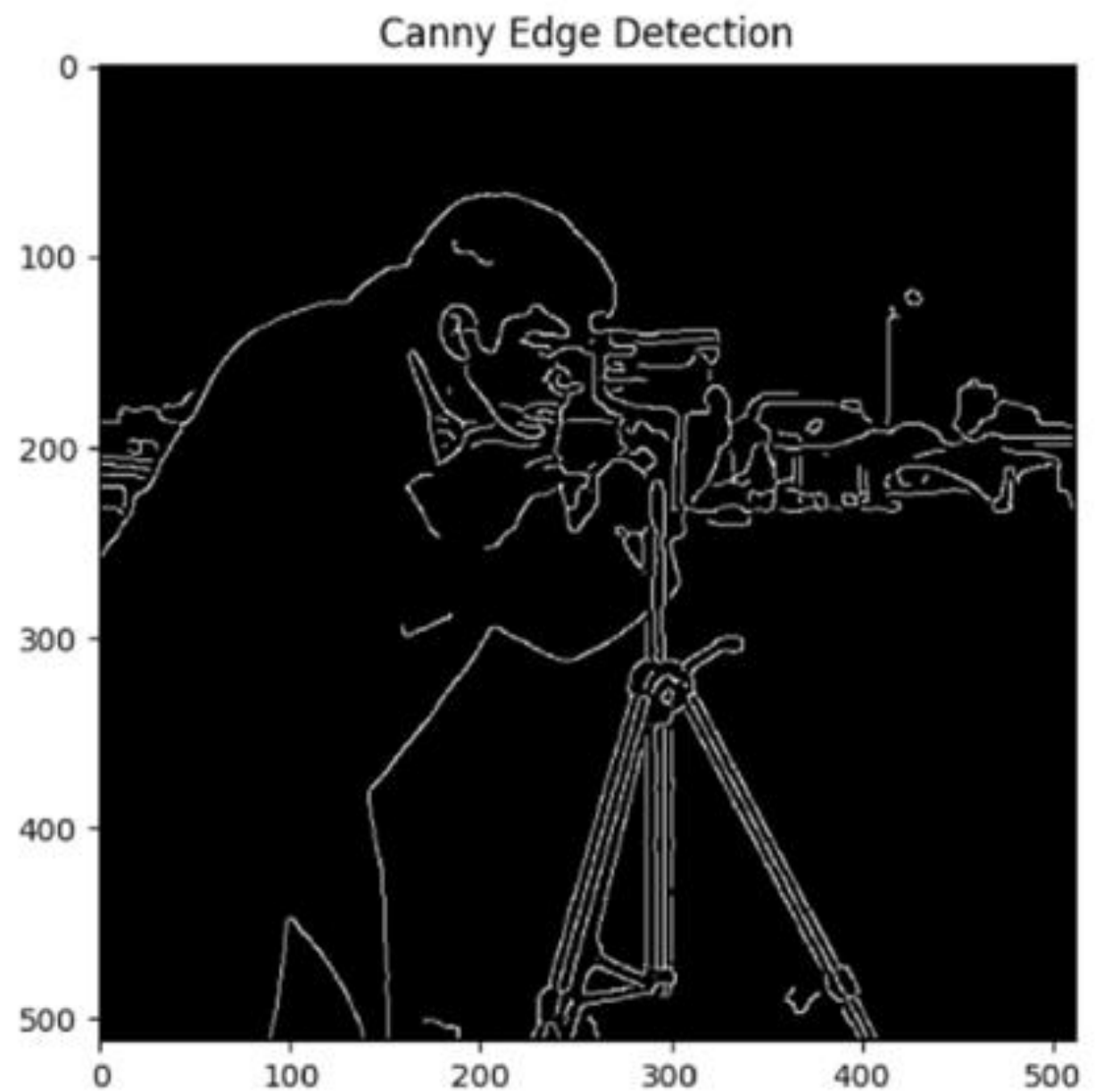
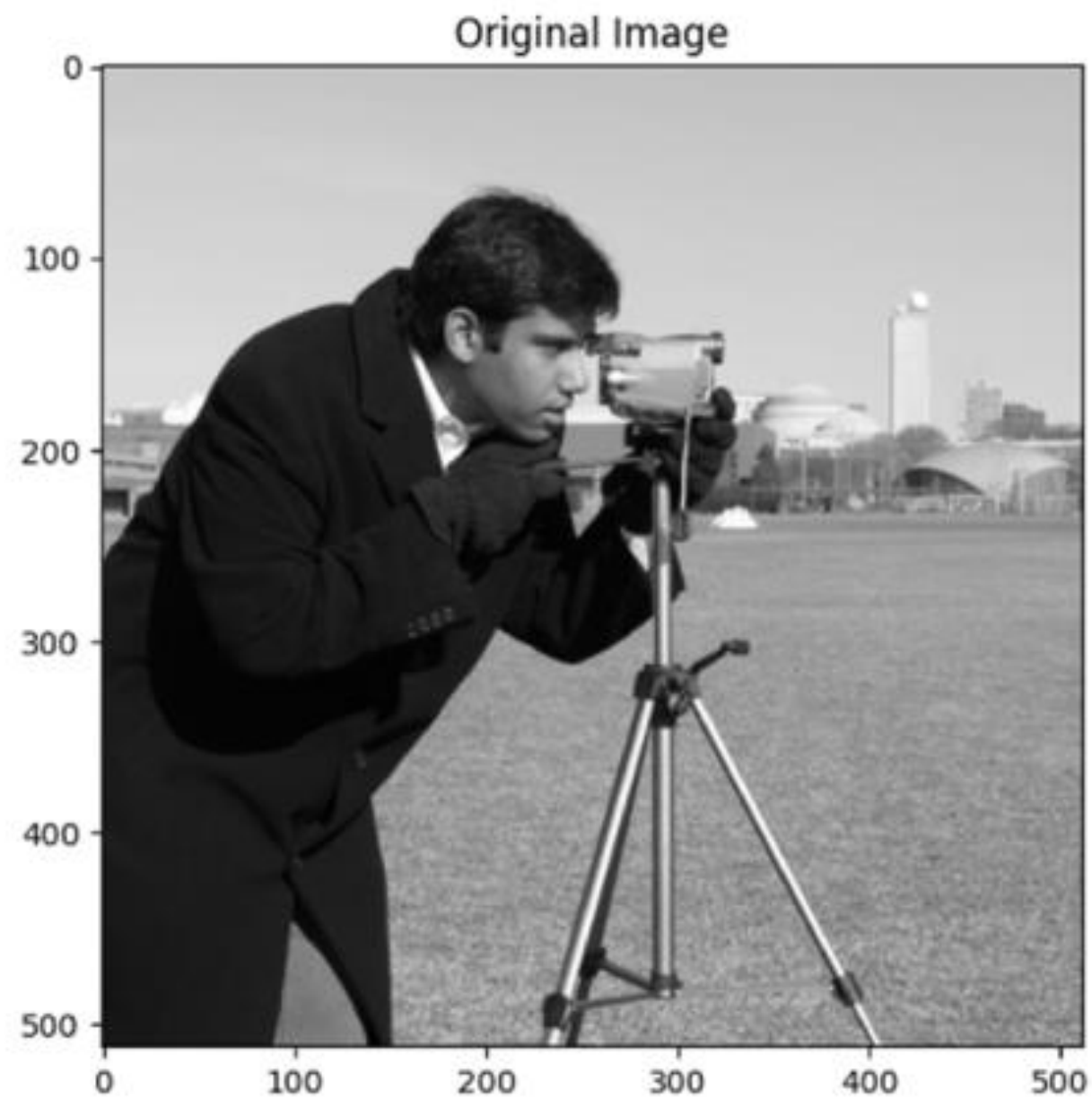
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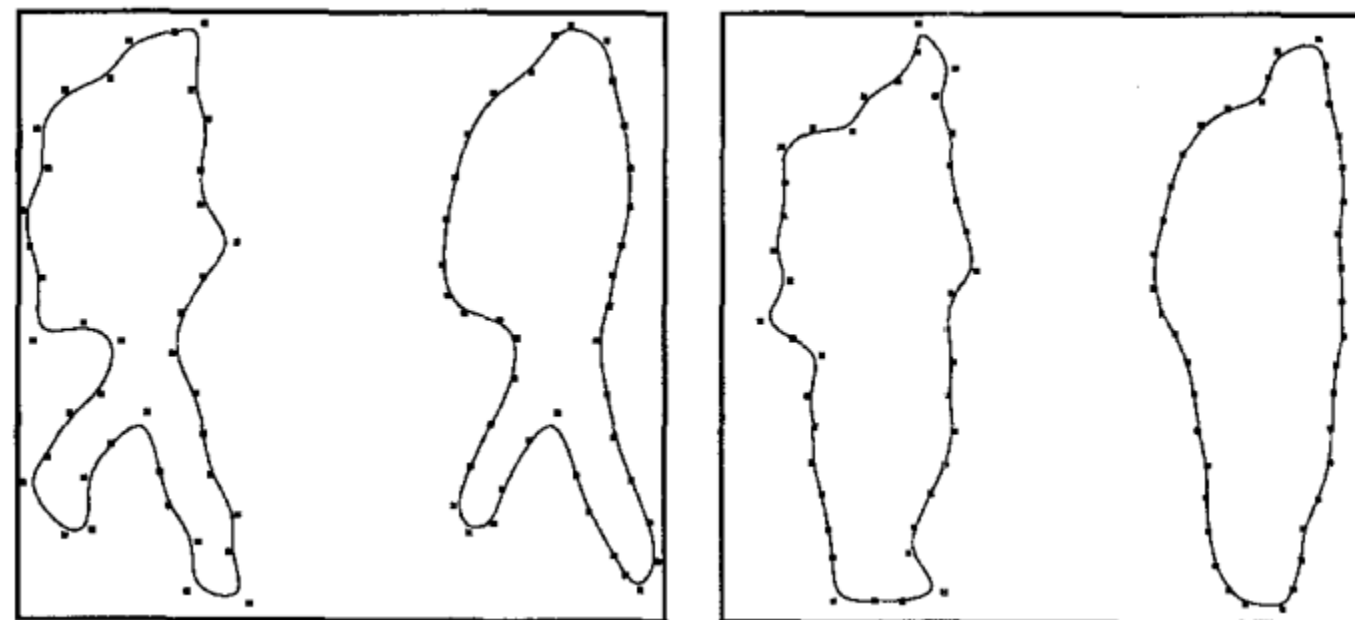
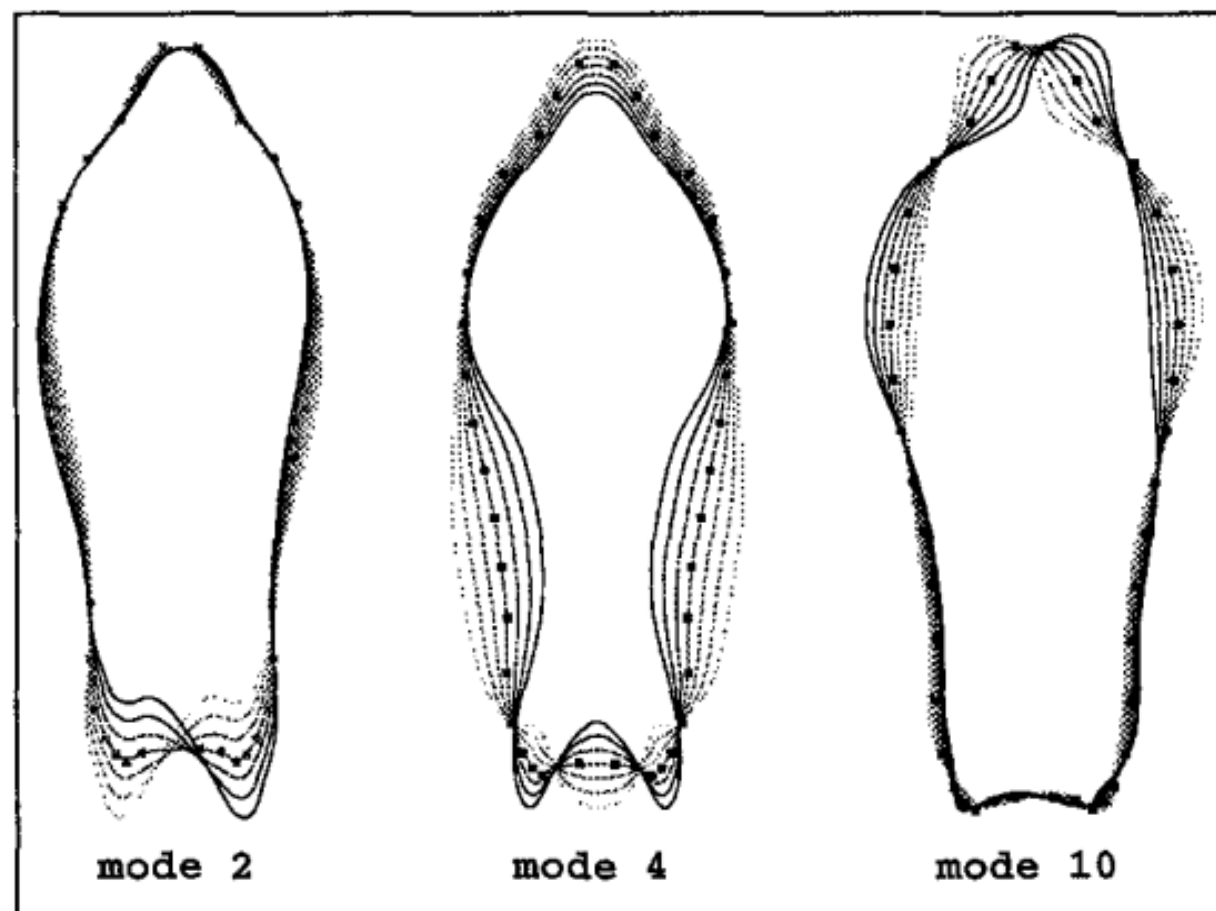


Contour-based 2D models

Edge detection



First learned body model



Baumberg, Adam, and David Hogg. "Learning flexible models from image sequences." *Computer Vision—ECCV'94: Third European Conference on Computer Vision Stockholm, Sweden, May 2–6, 1994 Proceedings, Volume I 3*. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 1994.



2D Skeleton-based human pose estimation

Human Pose Estimation

Problem: estimating the configuration of the body (pose)

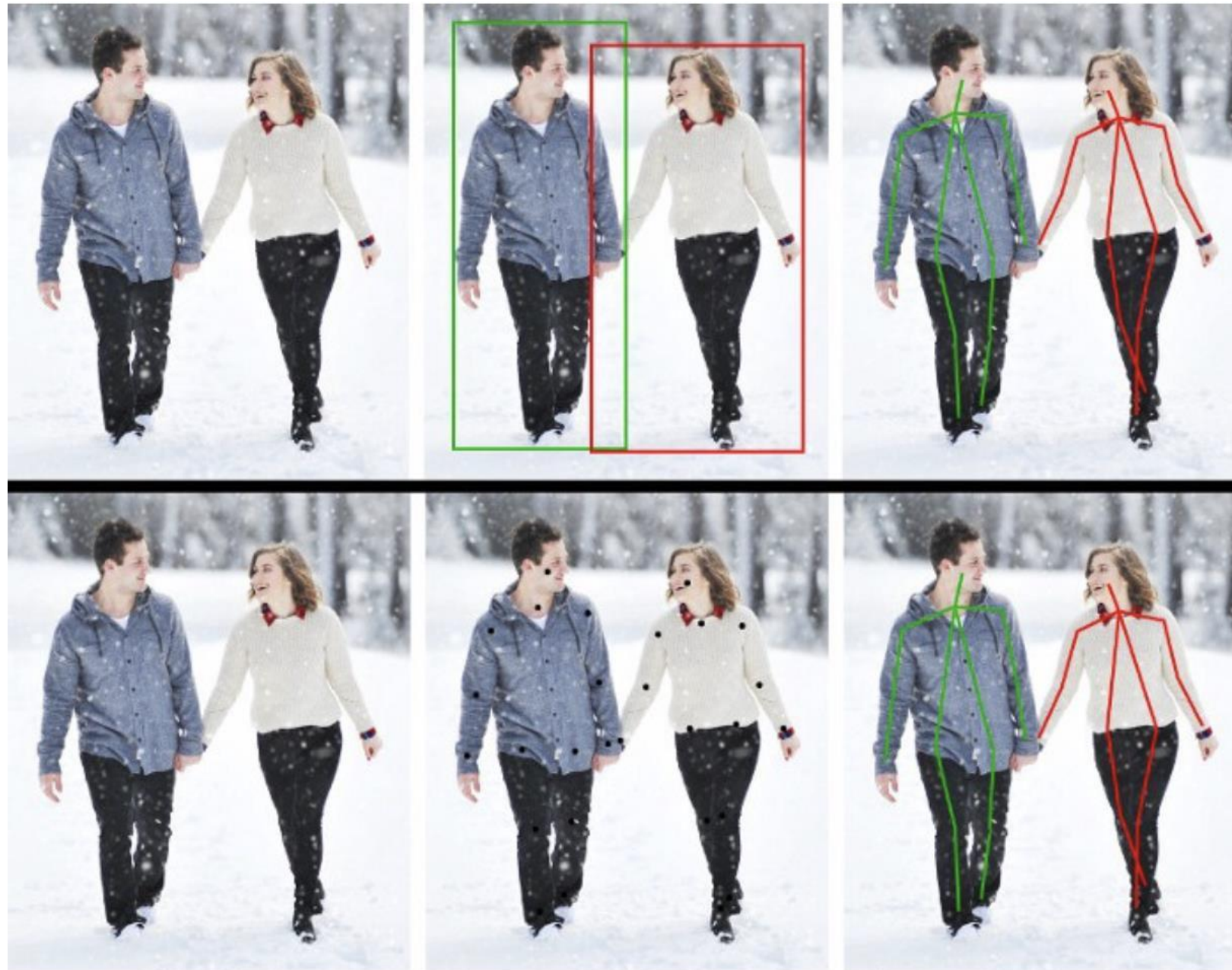
While classical methods adopt wearable sensors or combinations of markers and motion capture (MoCap) systems, in Computer Vision this task is addressed using images as Inputs.



Human Pose Estimation: variants

Different methods are based on different assumptions on how many people can be jointly analyzed: **single person** or **multi- persons** algorithms exist

Top-down and bottom-up approaches



Top down

Bottom up

Notice: *bottom-up* approaches can be used as a “richer” alternative to people detectors

HPE following detection (top-down)

-*Top-down* approaches start from the output of a person detector.



Represent pose as a set of 14 joint positions:

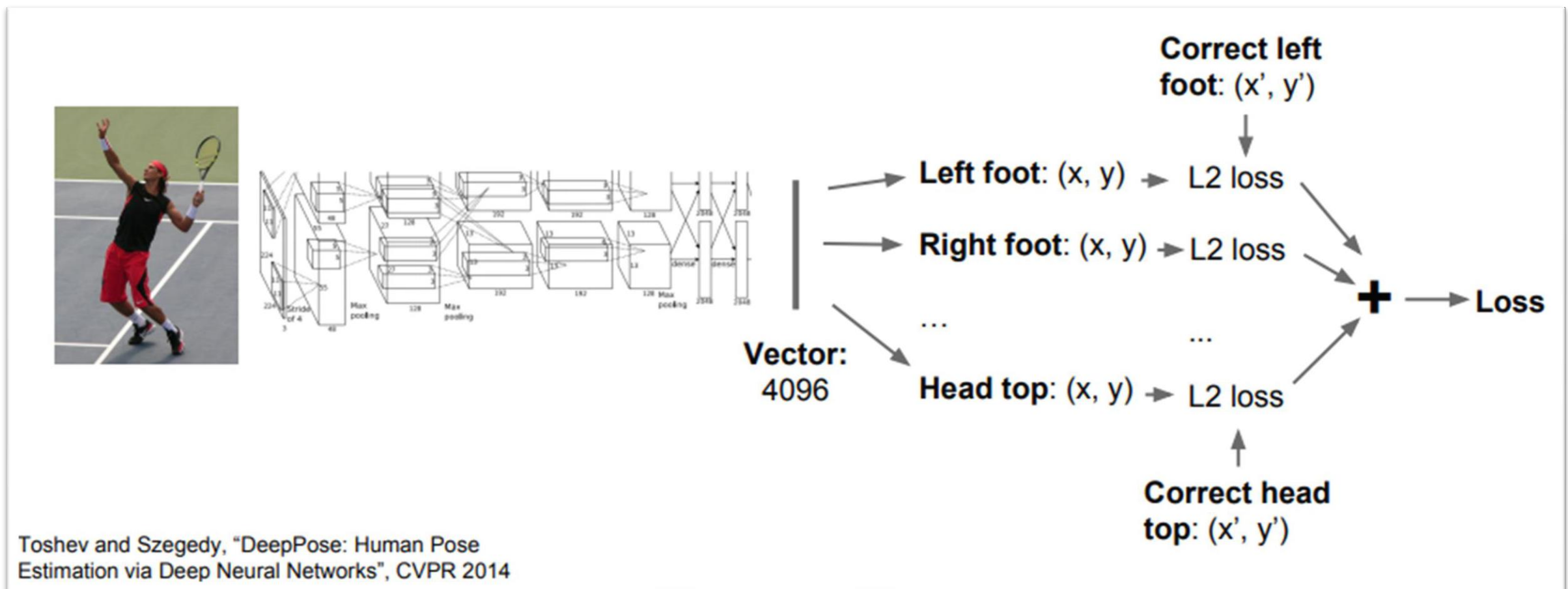
- Left / right foot
- Left / right knee
- Left / right hip
- Left / right shoulder
- Left / right elbow
- Left / right hand
- Neck
- Head top

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Johnson and Everingham, "Clustered Pose and Nonlinear Appearance Models for Human Pose Estimation", BMVC 2010

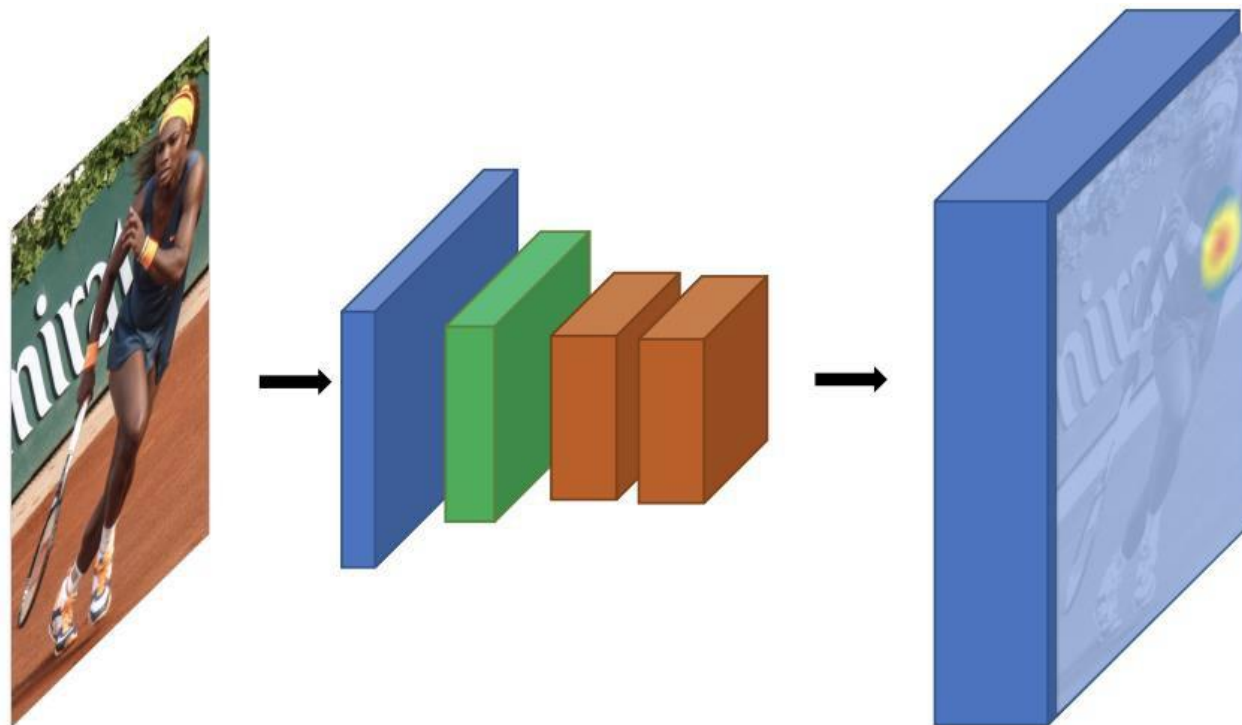
HPE following detection (top-down)

- A possible strategy to address the task is to define the localization of each feature as a regression task (as we did for object localization)



HPE following detection (towards bottom-up)

-An alternative approach is the estimation of heat maps



Some of the challenges for HPE (multi- person)

- Unknown number of people
- People can appear at any pose or scale
- People contact and overlapping
- Runtime complexity grows with the number of people

Bottom-up detection: OpenPose

It first detects parts (keypoints) belonging to every person in the image, followed by assigning parts to distinct individuals. Shown below is the architecture of the OpenPose model.

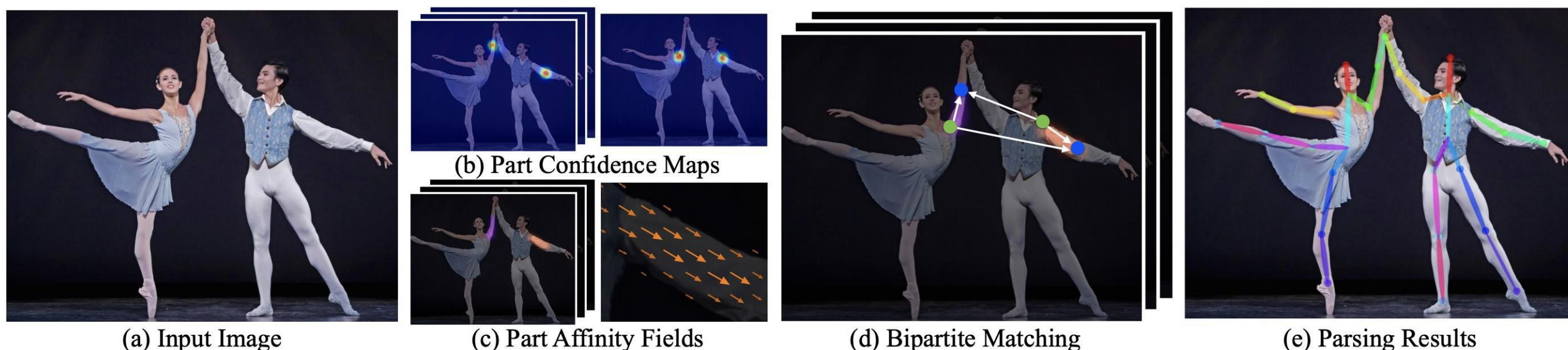


Figure 2. Overall pipeline. Our method takes the entire image as the input for a two-branch CNN to jointly predict confidence maps for body part detection, shown in (b), and part affinity fields for parts association, shown in (c). The parsing step performs a set of bipartite matchings to associate body parts candidates (d). We finally assemble them into full body poses for all people in the image (e).

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1611.08050.pdf>

OpenPose pipeline

- (a) Take the entire image as the input for a CNN
- (b) Predict confidence maps for body parts detection
- (c) Predict PAFs for part association
- (d) Perform a set of bipartite matching
- (e) Assemble into a full body pose

Open Pose: Schematic architecture (1)

- An input RGB image is fed to a two branch multi-stage CNN;

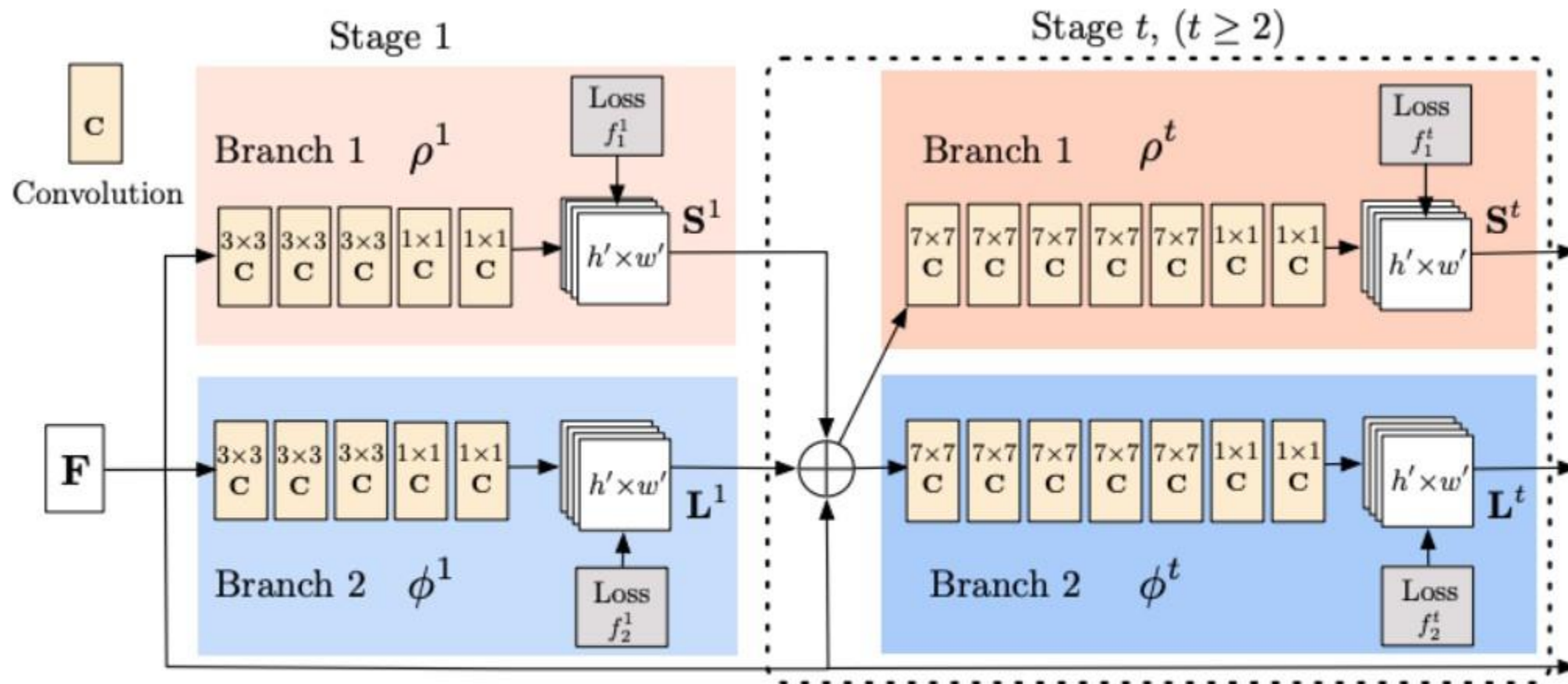


Fig 2. Architecture of the two-branch multi-stage CNN. Image taken from “Realtime Multi-Person 2D Pose Estimation using Part Affinity Fields”.

Open Pose: Schematic architecture (2)

Two-branches: The top branch, shown in beige, predicts the confidence maps of different body parts location such as the right eye, left eye, right elbow and others. The bottom branch, shown in blue, predicts the part affinity fields, which represents a degree of association between different body parts.

Multi-stage: At step 0 an initial estimation of confidence maps and part affinity fields. In the next steps, the image is concatenated with the initial estimations to obtain refined estimations.

Finally, a greedy inference algorithm produces the final output, with the identification of the pose.

Further details on architecture for OpenPose

The image is first analyzed by a pre-trained convolutional neural network such as the first 10 layers of VGG-19, to produce a set of feature maps \mathbf{F}

$$\text{Stage 1} \quad \mathbf{S}^1 = \rho^1(\mathbf{F})$$

$$\mathbf{L}^1 = \phi^1(\mathbf{F})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^t &= \rho^t(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{S}^{t-1}, \mathbf{L}^{t-1}), \quad \forall t \geq 2, \\ \mathbf{L}^t &= \phi^t(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{S}^{t-1}, \mathbf{L}^{t-1}), \quad \forall t \geq 2, \end{aligned} \quad \text{Stage } \geq 2$$

What about the loss function?

L2 losses;

Total loss is the sum of the two L2 losses for confidence maps and part affinity fields

$$f_{\mathbf{S}}^t = \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \|\mathbf{S}_j^t(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{S}_j^*(\mathbf{p})\|_2^2,$$
$$f_{\mathbf{L}}^t = \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \mathbf{W}(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \|\mathbf{L}_c^t(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{L}_c^*(\mathbf{p})\|_2^2,$$

OpenPose: confidence map

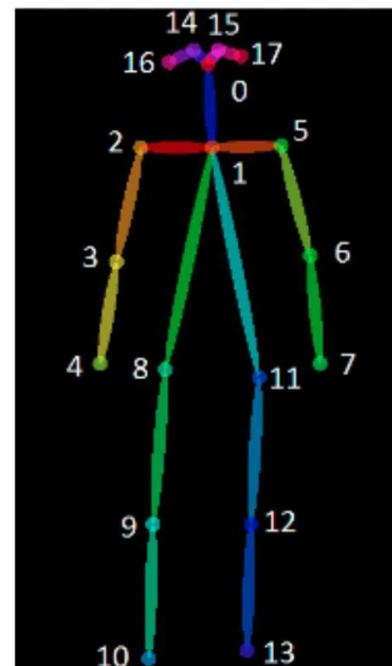


Confidence map is the 2D representation of the belief that a particular body part can be located. A single body part will be represented on a single map. So, the number of maps is the same as the total number of the body parts.

$$S = (S_1, S_2, S_3 \dots S_j)$$

$$S_j \in \mathbb{R}^w \times h$$

$j \in \{1 \dots J\}$ where J is the total number of body parts



OpenPose: skeleton derivation

Part Affinity Fields

Vector fields that encode the location and the orientation of limbs in the image



$$\mathbf{L} = (L_1, L_2, L_3 \dots L_c)$$

$$L_c \in \mathbb{R}^{w \times h \times 2}$$

$c \in \{1 \dots C\}$ where C is the total number of limbs

Evaluation Metrics – some examples

Defining with x_p the predicted keypoint and with x_{GT} the ground truth:

- **Percentage of Correct Parts – PCP:** the distance between two predicted joints locations (x_p^1 and x_p^2) and the true limb joint locations is less than half of the limb length (L)

$$|(x_p^1 - x_p^2) - (x_{GT}^1 - x_{GT}^2)| < L/2$$

Evaluation Metrics – some examples

Defining with x_p the predicted joint and with x_{GT} the ground truth:

- **Percentage of Correct Key-points – PCK:** A detected joint is considered correct if the distance between the predicted (x_p) and the true joint (x_{GT}) is within a certain threshold (thr)

$$|x_p - x_{GT}| < thr$$

- **Mean Average Precision (mAP):** percentage of correctly estimated joints



3D monocular human pose estimation

Mediapipe and TensorFlow.js



<https://blog.tensorflow.org/2021/08/3d-pose-detection-with-mediapipe-blazepose-ghum-tfjs.html>



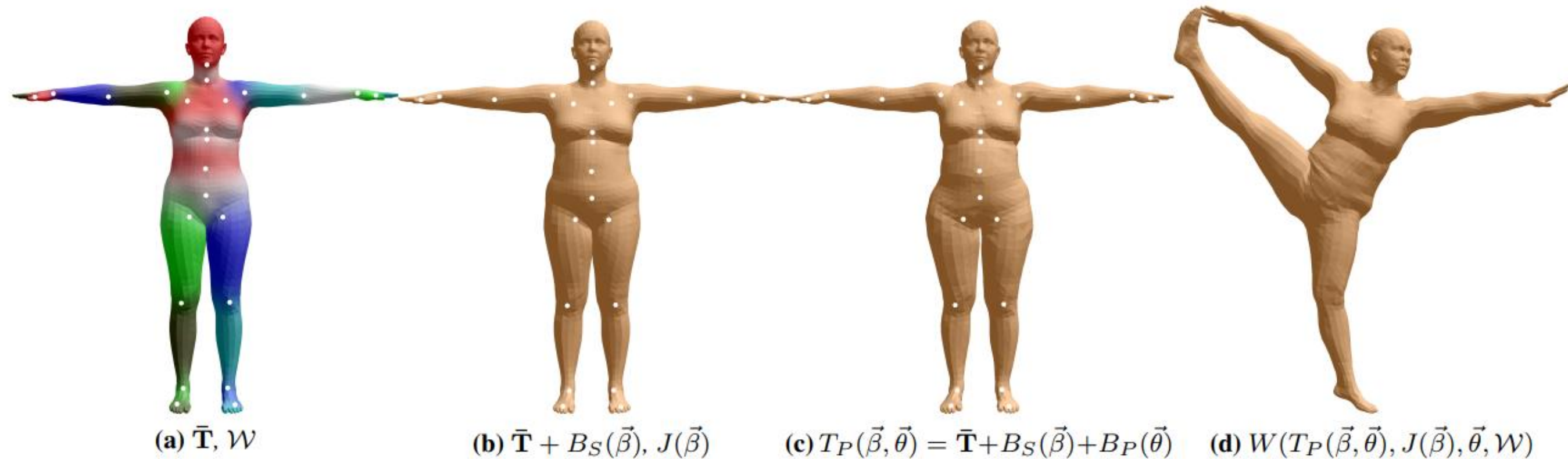
**Skinned multi-person
linear mode (SMPL)**

SMPL



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