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

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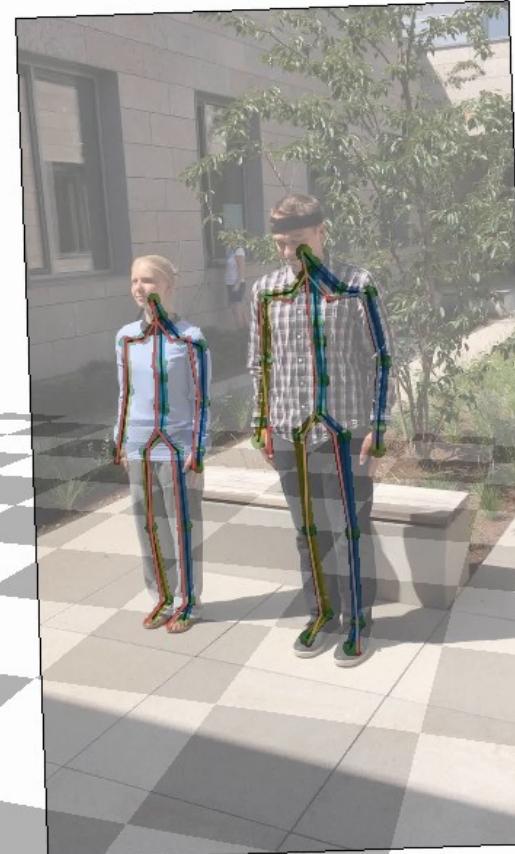
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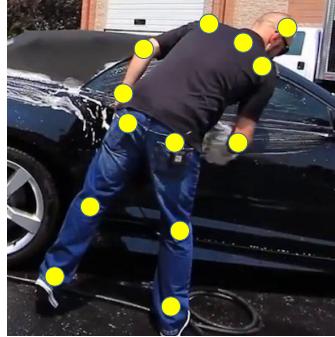
■ Reference

■ Prediction



Background: Human Pose Estimation in 2D and 3D

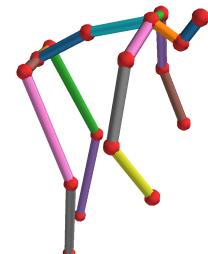
2D: pixels



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

$(126 \text{ px}, 50 \text{ px}, \dots)$

3D: meters



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

$(1.5 \text{ m}, 0.6 \text{ m}, 3.1 \text{ m}, \dots)$

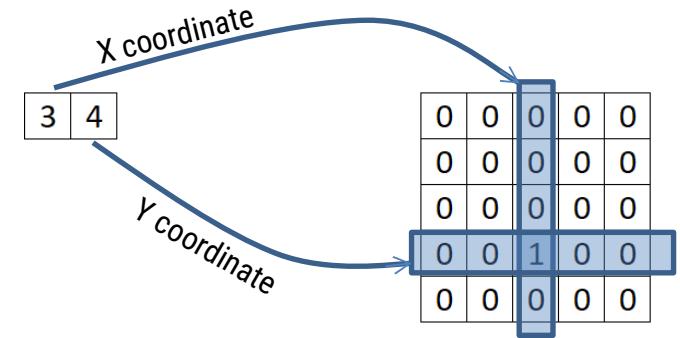
Background: How to Represent Joint Positions?

Represent as activation *values*

2D: pixels

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

Represent as activation *location*



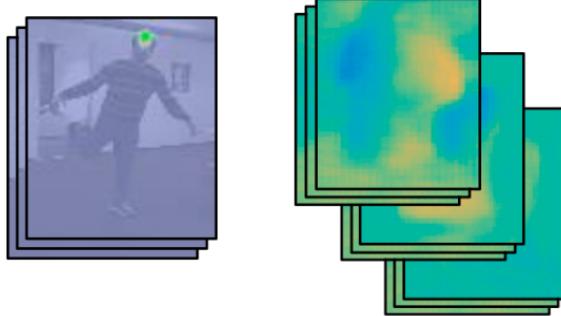
3D: meters

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

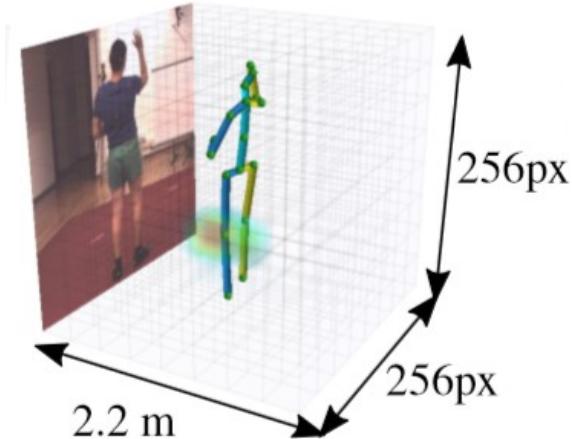
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Related Work: Generalizing Heatmaps to 3D Pose

- [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

- Needs post-processing for metric 3D
- Can only predict within FOV
- Effective use of convolutional structure
- High-resolution needed?
- Discrete output?

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- High resolution needed?
- Large output?

Our approach

- Heatmap representation
- Directly regress metric 3D coordinates
- 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

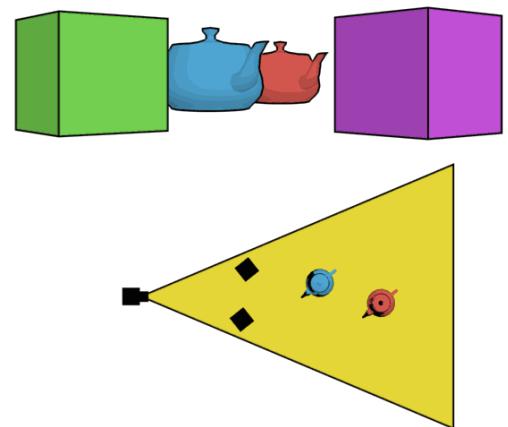
$$s = S \cdot f/d$$

Easy, direct image measurement

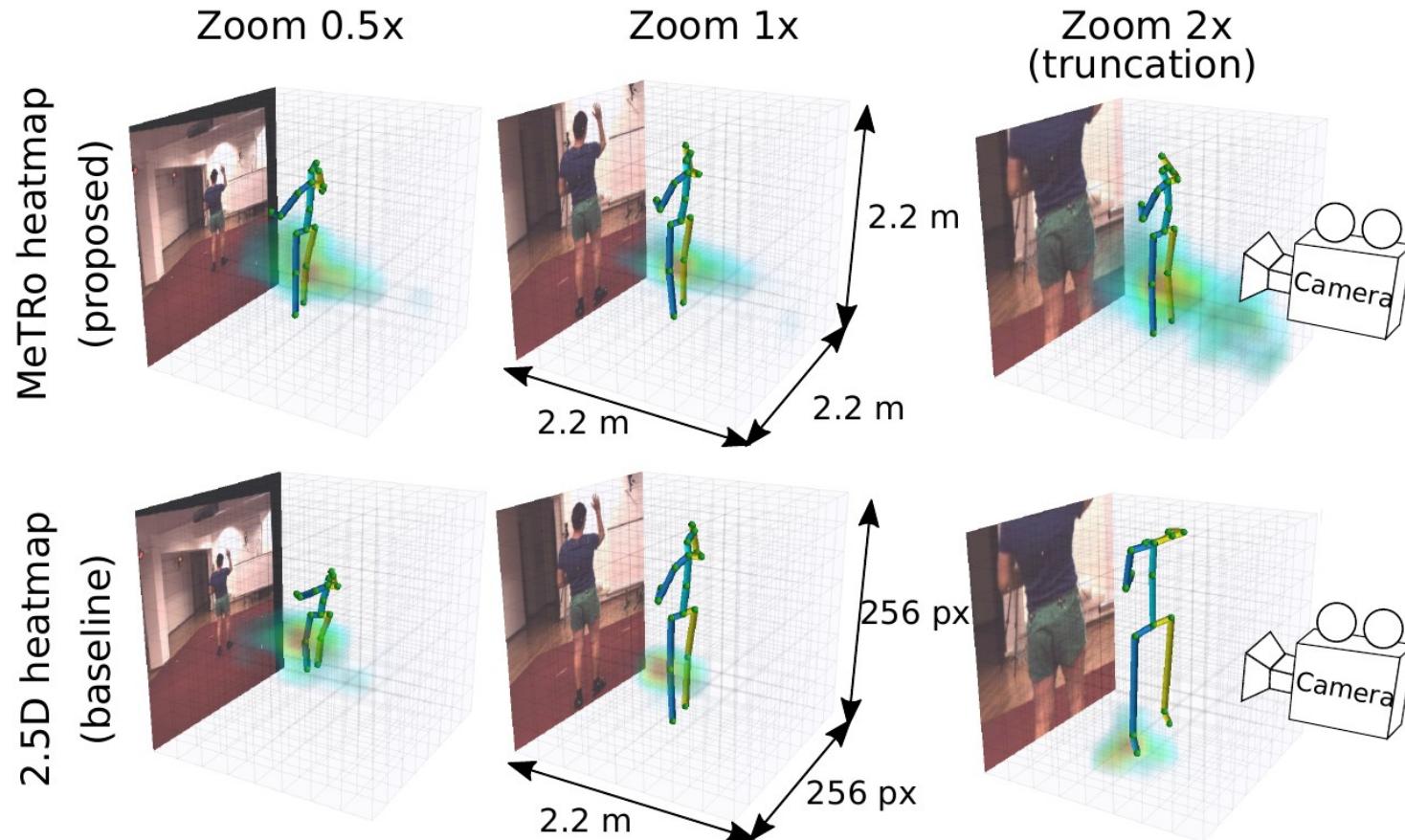
Moderately hard, but plausible

Often known and calibrated, otherwise hard to estimate

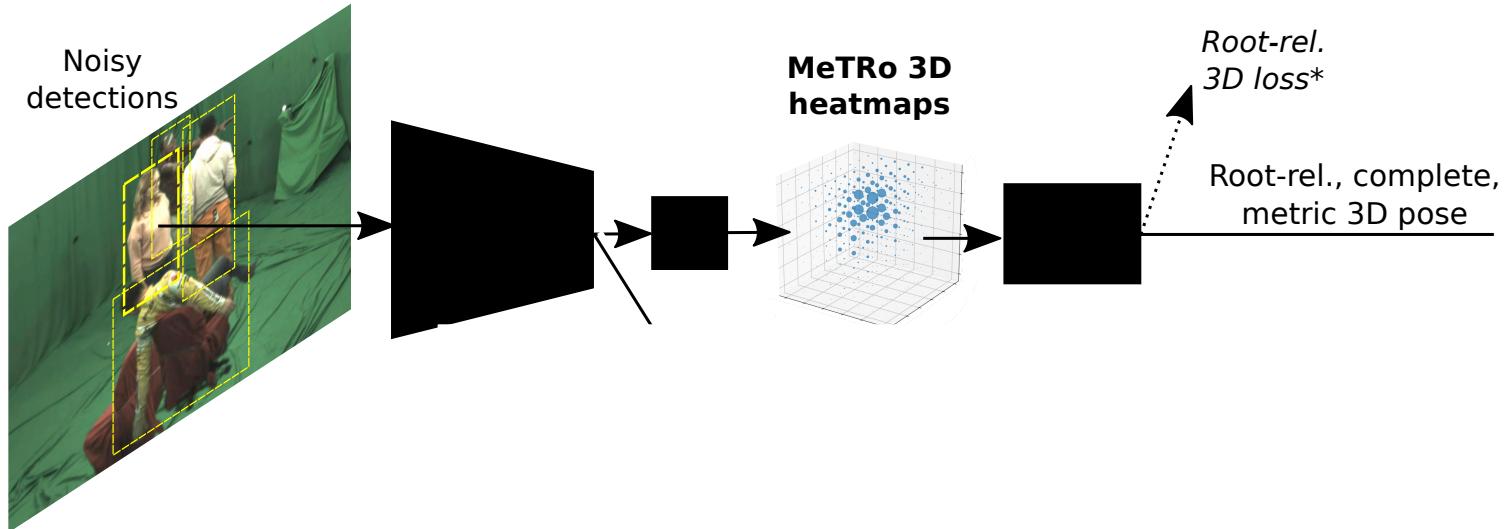
Very hard to estimate directly from a crop



MeTRo 3D Heatmap vs 2.5D Heatmap



Our Approach

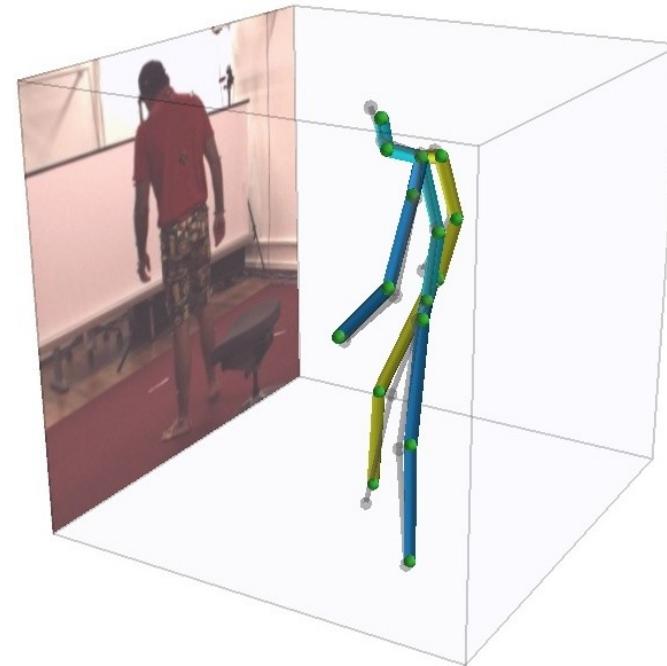


(Backbone is ResNet-50, except for 3DPW Challenge experiment)

Soft-argmax: [Levine16JMLR, Nibali18Arxiv, Sun18ECCV]

Results: Human3.6M

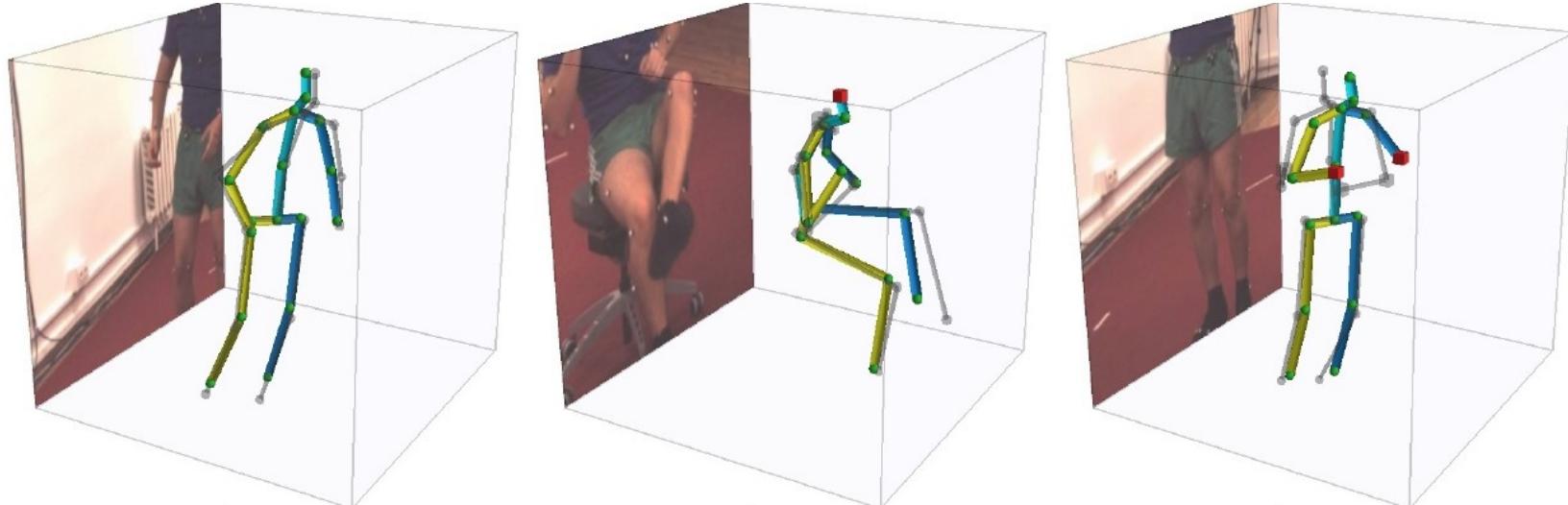
	MPJPE↓
Pavlakos <i>et al.</i> [13]	71.9
Zhou <i>et al.</i> [10]	64.9
Martinez <i>et al.</i> [8]	62.9
Fang <i>et al.</i> [61]	60.4
Yang <i>et al.</i> [62]	58.6
Pavlakos <i>et al.</i> [63]	56.2
Liu <i>et al.</i> [64]	52.4
Xu <i>et al.</i> [65]	49.2
Sharma <i>et al.</i> [66]	58.0
Cai <i>et al.</i> [67]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

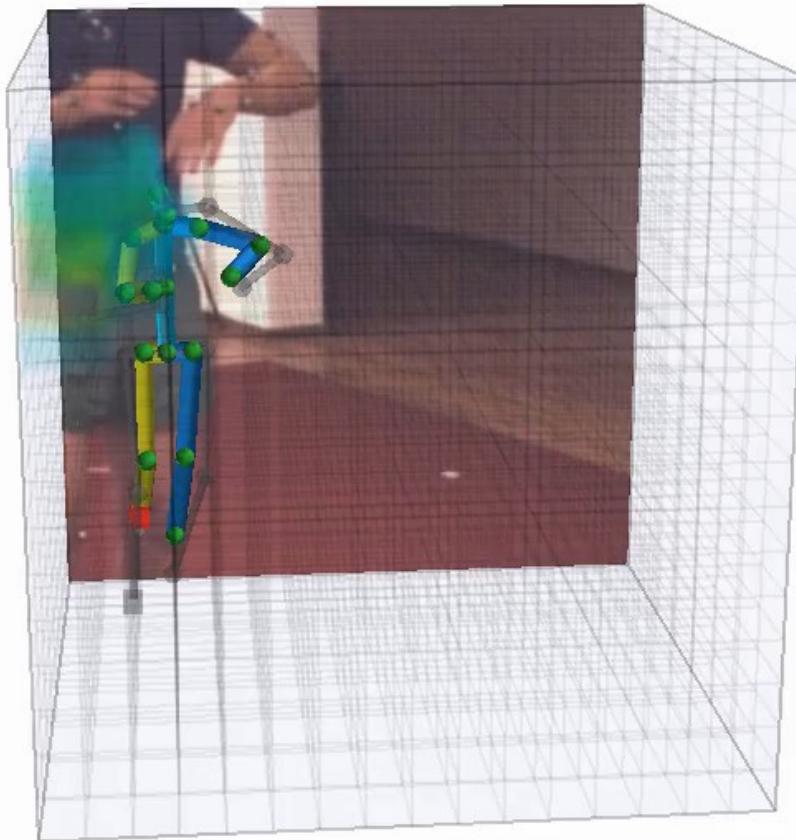


Results: Truncated Human3.6M

	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)





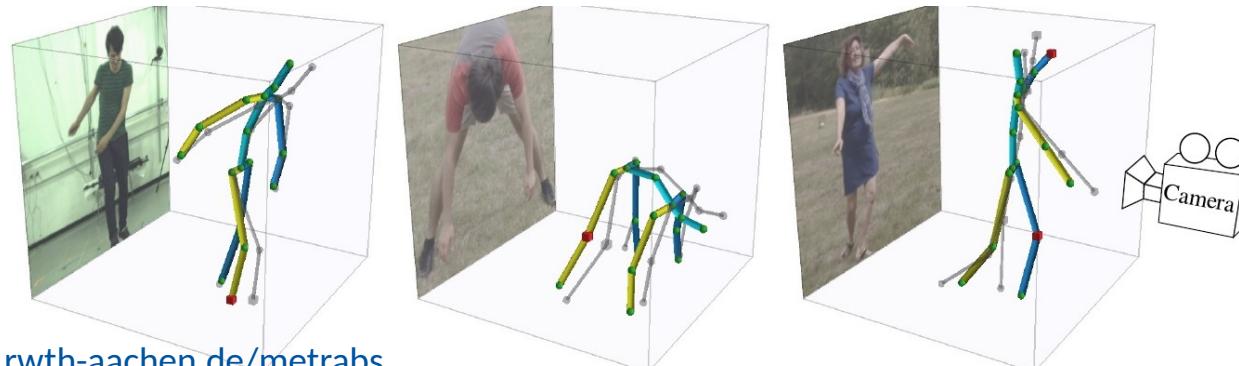
Results: MPI-INF-3DHP

Scale
normalized

	Green screen	No gr.sc.	Out-door	Total		
				PCK↑	AUC↑	MPJPE↓
Rogez <i>et al.</i> [74]* H+M	—	—	—	59.7	27.6	158.4
Zhou <i>et al.</i> [10]* H+M	71.7	64.7	72.7	69.2	32.5	137.1
Zhou <i>et al.</i> [76] H+M	75.6	71.3	80.3	75.3	38.0	—
Mehta <i>et al.</i> [9]* 3+M+L+H	—	—	—	76.6	40.4	124.7
Mehta <i>et al.</i> [34]* 3+M+L+H	84.6	72.4	69.7	75.7	39.3	117.6
Mehta <i>et al.</i> [31]* 3+M+L+C	—	—	—	75.2	37.8	122.2
Luo <i>et al.</i> [11], [77] 3+M+H	—	—	—	84.3	47.5	84.5
Nibali <i>et al.</i> [12] 3+M	—	—	—	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

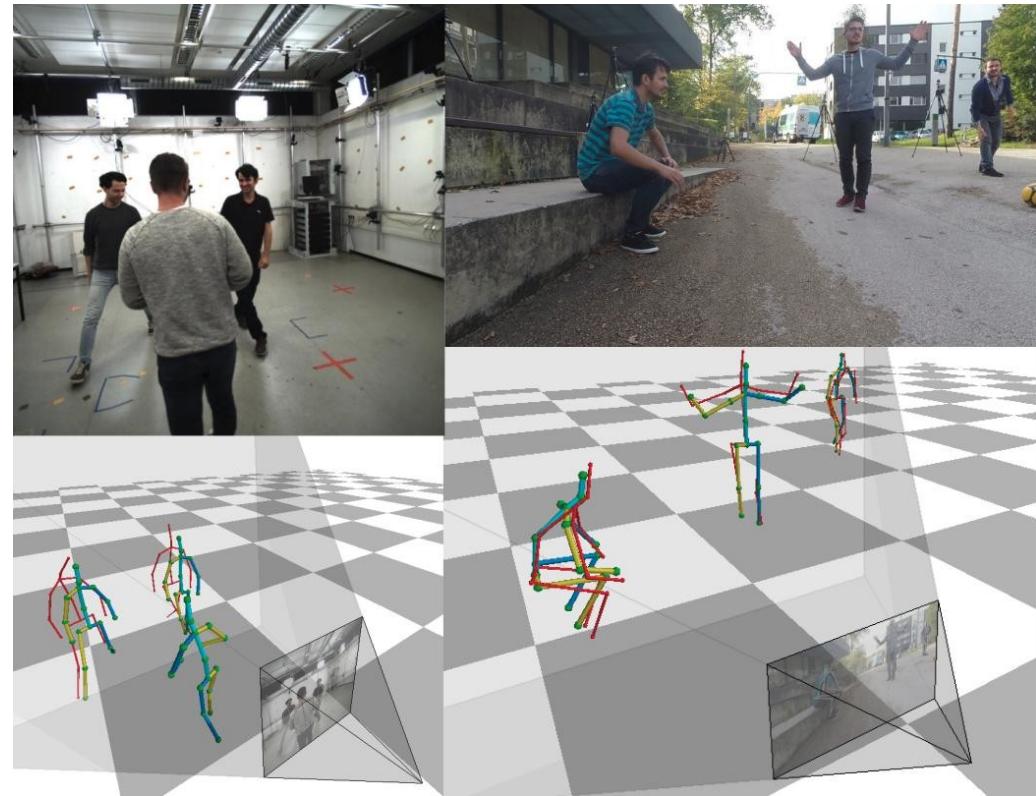
Unnormalized

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

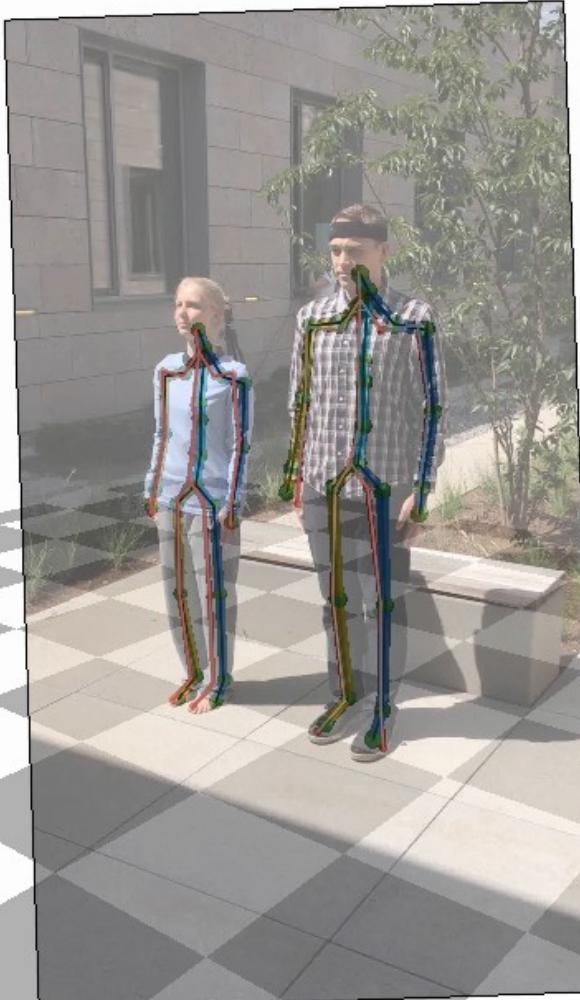


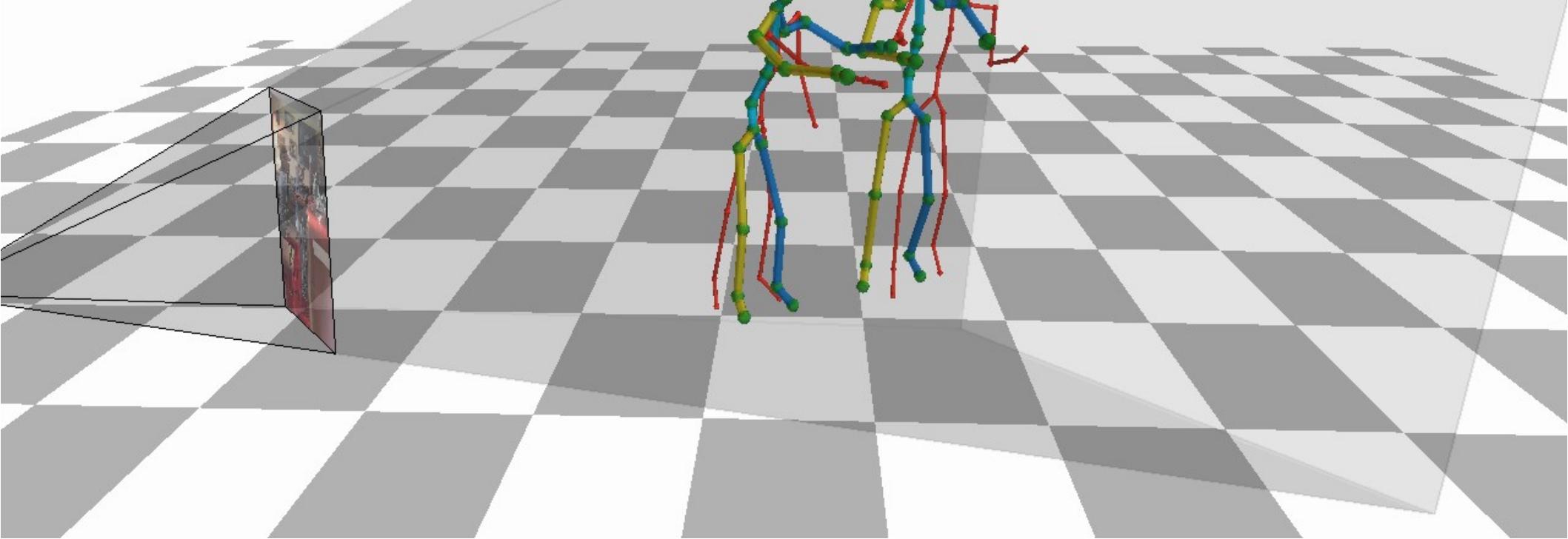
ECCV'20 3DPW Challenge Win

- 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

Speed (crop per sec.)		Test stride			
		32	16	8	4
	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

Publicly Available for TensorFlow 2!

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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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