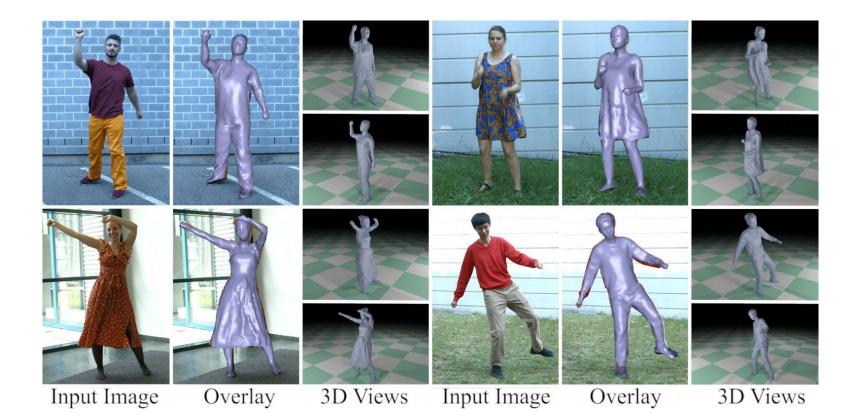
DeepCap: Monocular Human Performance Capture Using Weak Supervision

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Background and Problem Formulation

Human performance capture is a highly important computer vision problem with many applications in movie production and virtual/augmented reality.

Previous methods:

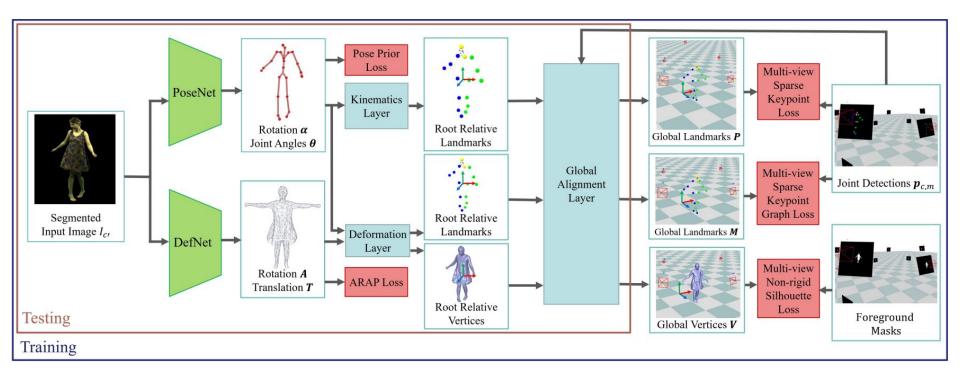
- multi-view marker-less methods rely on well-controlled multi-camera studios
- monocular human modeling approaches directly regress voxels or the continuous occupancy of the surface
- leverage deep learning-based sparse keypoint detections and perform an expensive template fitting afterwards, can only non-rigidly fit to the input view and suffer from instability

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Proposed method:

- The first learning-based method that jointly infers the articulated and non-rigid 3D deformation parameters in a single feed-forward pass at much higher performance, accuracy and robustness.
- a CNN model which integrates a fully differentiable mesh template parameterized with pose and an embedded deformation graph



Method: Character Model

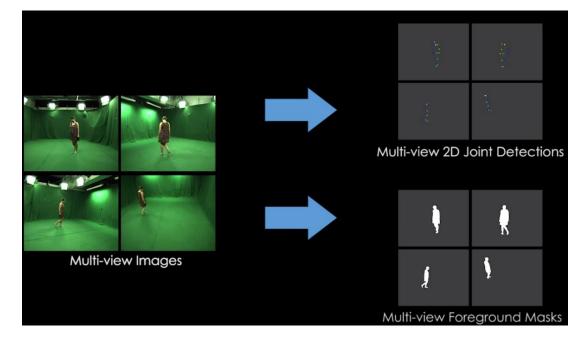
A person-specific 3D template model:

- Obtained by scanning the actor with a 3D scanner to obtain the textured mesh (Treedy's), rigged to a kinematic skeleton, which is parameterized with joint angles $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^27$, the camera relative rotation $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and translation $t \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- To model the non-rigid surface deformation, we automatically build an embedded deformation graph G with K nodes. The nodes are parameterized with Euler angles A ∈ R^K×3 and translations T ∈ R^K×3

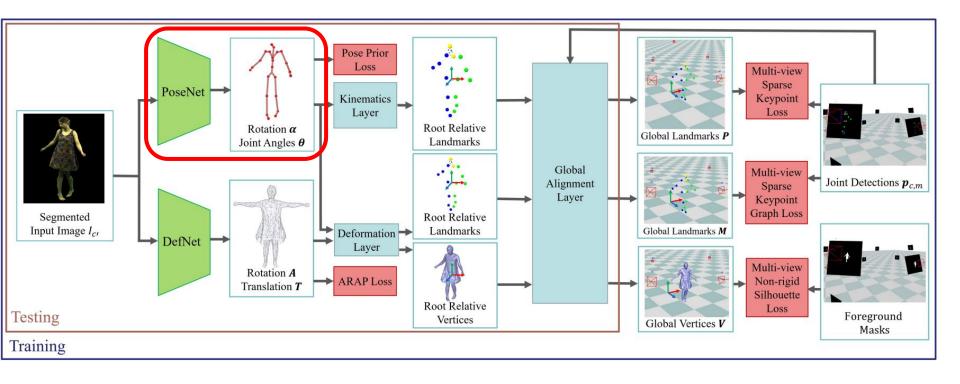
Method: Data

Recorded a multi-view video of the actor doing various actions in a calibrated multi-camera studio with green screen.

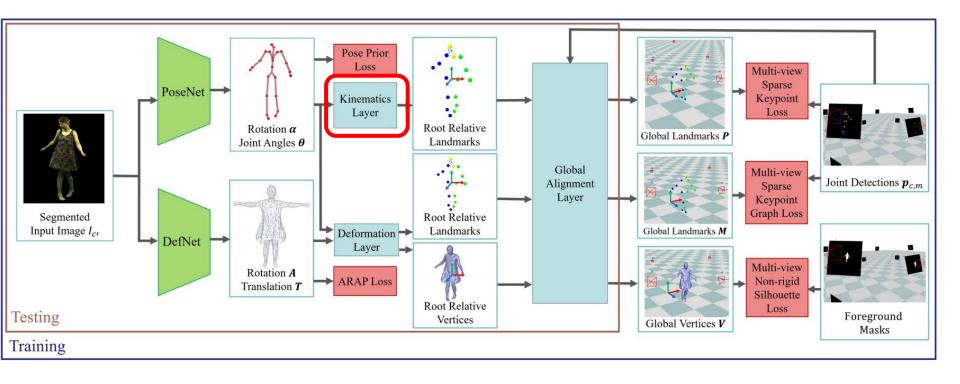
- 2D pose detection on the sequences using
 OpenPose and apply temporal filtering
- generate the foreground mask using color keying and compute the corresponding distance transform image D_f,c



Pose Network with ResNet50 Backbone



Pose Network: Kinematics Layer



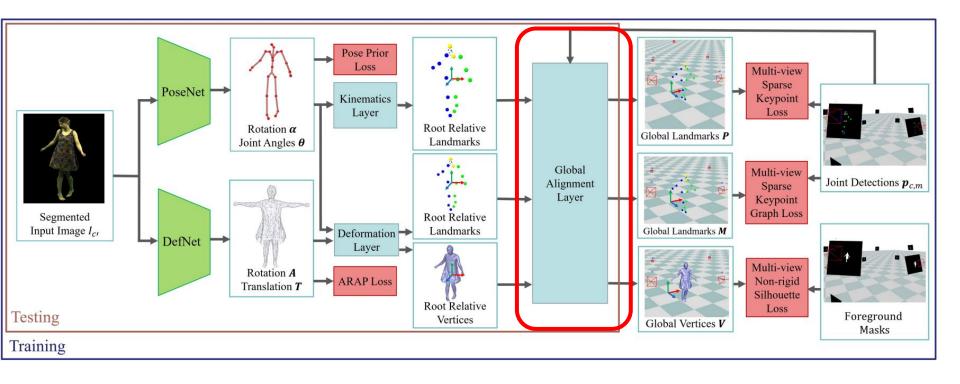
Pose Network: Kinematics Layer

A kinematics layer as the differentiable function that takes the joint angles θ and the camera relative rotation α and computes the positions $\mathbf{P}_{c'} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times 3}$ of the M 3D landmarks attached to the skeleton (17 body joints and 4 face landmarks).

The computed positions are in a camera-root-relative coordinate system, we can use $\mathbf{P}_m = \mathbf{R}_{c'}^T \mathbf{P}_{c',m} + \mathbf{t}$

to transform $\mathbf{P}_{c'}$ to the world coordinate system.

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It localizes the skeleton model in the world space, such that the globally rotated landmarks $\mathbf{R}_{c'}^T \mathbf{P}_{c',m}$ project onto the corresponding detections in all camera views.

This is done by minimizing
$$\sum_{c} \sum_{m} \sigma_{c,m} \| (\mathbf{R}_{c'}^T \mathbf{P}_{c',m} + \mathbf{t} - \mathbf{o}_c) \times \mathbf{d}_{c,m} \|^2$$

And $\mathbf{d}_{c,m}$ is obtained from $\mathbf{d}_{c,m} = \frac{(\mathbf{E}_c^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{c,m})_{xyz} - \mathbf{o}_c}{\| (\mathbf{E}_c^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{c,m})_{xyz} - \mathbf{o}_c \|}.$

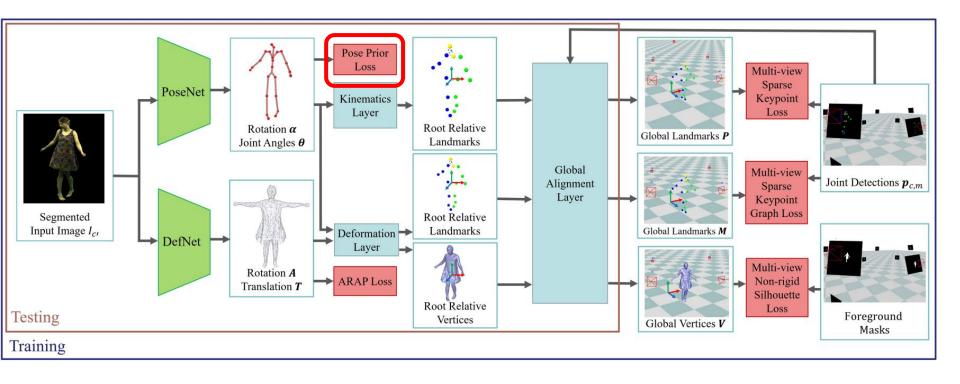
The minimization problem of Eq. 2 can be solved in closed form:

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{W}^{-1} \sum_{c,m} \mathbf{D}_{c,m} (\mathbf{R}_{c'}^T \mathbf{P}_{c',m} - \mathbf{o}_c) + \mathbf{o}_c - \mathbf{R}_{c'}^T \mathbf{P}_{c',m},$$

where

$$\mathbf{W} = \sum_{c} \sum_{m} \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D}_{c,m}.$$

Losses: Pose Prior Loss



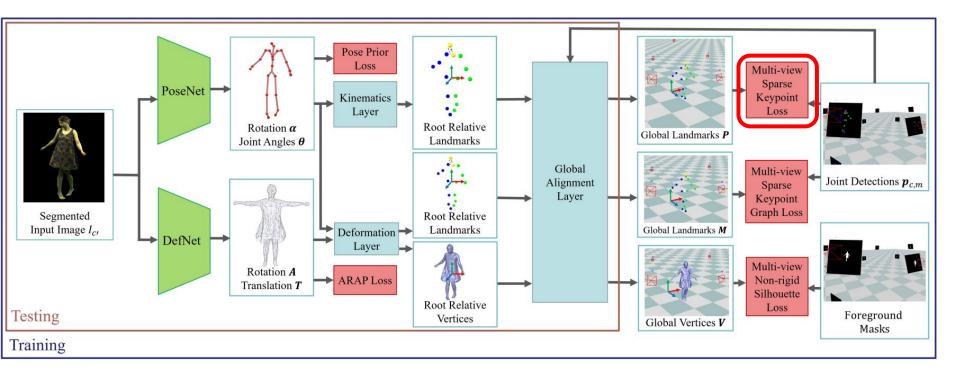
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To avoid unnatural poses, the authors impose a pose prior loss on the joint angles

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{limit}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{27} \Psi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)$$

$$\Psi(x) = \begin{cases} (x - \theta_{\max,i})^2, \text{ if } x > \theta_{\max,i} \\ (\theta_{\min,i} - x)^2, \text{ if } x < \theta_{\min,i} \\ 0, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Losses: Sparse Keypoint Loss

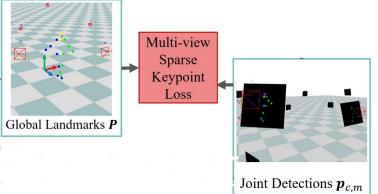


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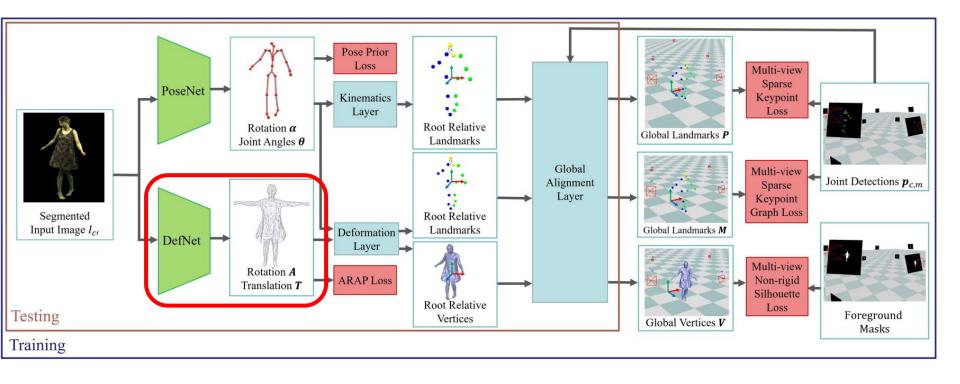
2D sparse keypoint loss for the PoseNet can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{kp}}(\mathbf{P}) = \sum_{c} \sum_{m} \lambda_{m} \sigma_{c,m} \| \pi_{c} \left(\mathbf{P}_{m} \right) - \mathbf{p}_{c,m} \|^{2}$$

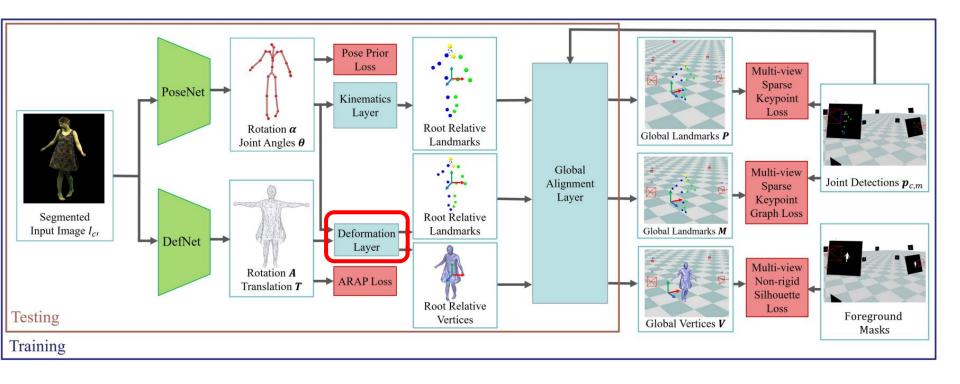
which ensures that each landmark projects onto the corresponding 2D joint detections $\mathbf{p}_{c,m}$ in all camera views



Deformation Network



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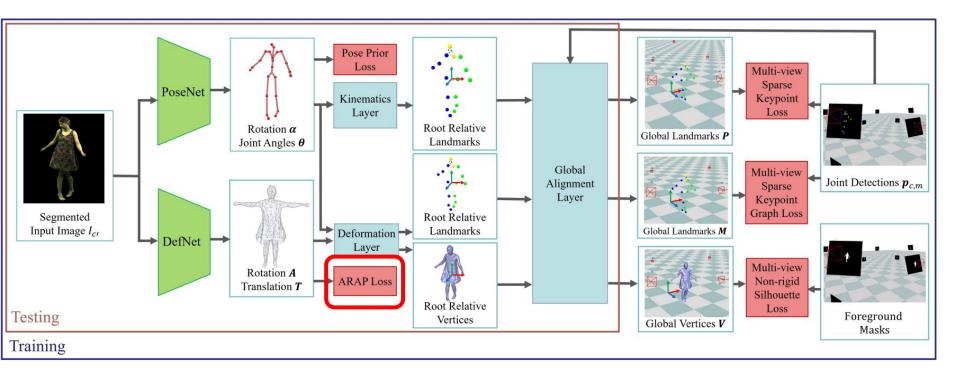
The deformation layer takes A and T from DefNet as input to non-rigidly deform the surface $\mathbf{V}_{i} = \sum_{w \in i} (B(\mathbf{A}_{i}))(\hat{\mathbf{V}}_{i} = \mathbf{G}_{i}) + \mathbf{G}_{i} + \mathbf{T}_{i})$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{i} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{vn}(i)} w_{i,k} (R(\mathbf{A}_{k})(\mathbf{V}_{i} - \mathbf{G}_{k}) + \mathbf{G}_{k} + \mathbf{T}_{k}).$$

The skeletal pose is applied on the deformed mesh vertices to obtain the vertex positions in the input camera space

$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{c}',i} = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{vn}}(i)} w_{i,k}(R_{\mathrm{sk},k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha})\mathbf{Y}_i + t_{\mathrm{sk},k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}))$$

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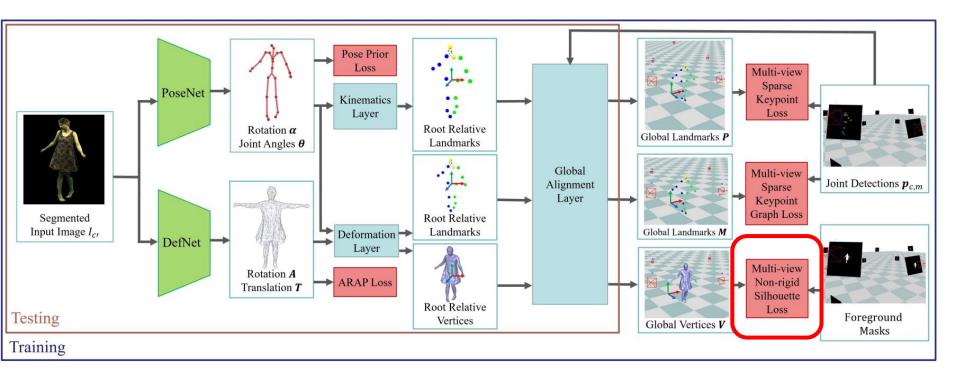
To enforce local smoothness of the surface, an as-rigid-as-possible loss is imposed:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{arap}}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{T}) = \sum_{k} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{n}}(k)} u_{k,l} \| d_{k,l}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{T}) \|_{1}$$

where

$$d_{k,l}(\mathbf{A},\mathbf{T}) = R(\mathbf{A}_k)(\mathbf{G}_l - \mathbf{G}_k) + \mathbf{T}_k + \mathbf{G}_k - (\mathbf{G}_l + \mathbf{T}_l)$$

Losses: Non-rigid Silhouette Loss

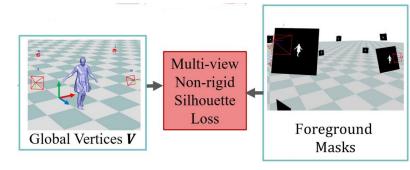


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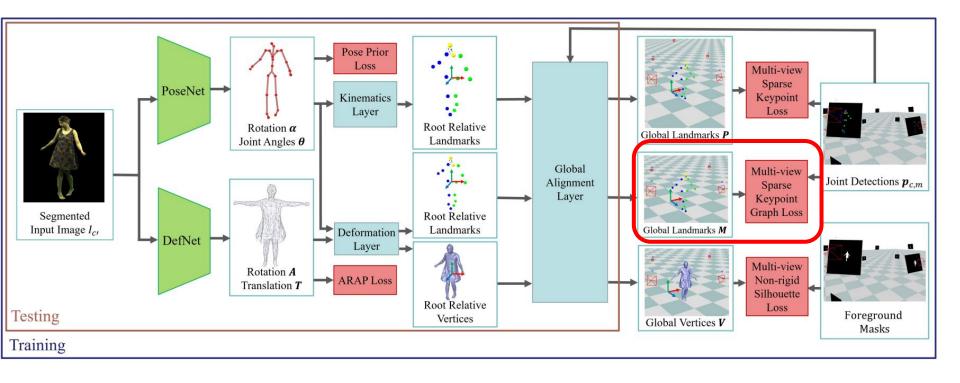
This loss encourages that the non-rigidly deformed mesh matches the multi-view silhouettes in all camera views. It can be formulated using the distance transform representation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{sil}}(\mathbf{V}) = \sum_{c} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}_{c}} \rho_{c,i} \| D_{c} \left(\pi_{c} \left(\mathbf{V}_{i} \right) \right) \|^{2}$$

The silhouette loss ensures that the boundary vertices project onto the zero-set of the distance transform, i.e., the foreground silhouette



Losses: Sparse Keypoint Graph Loss

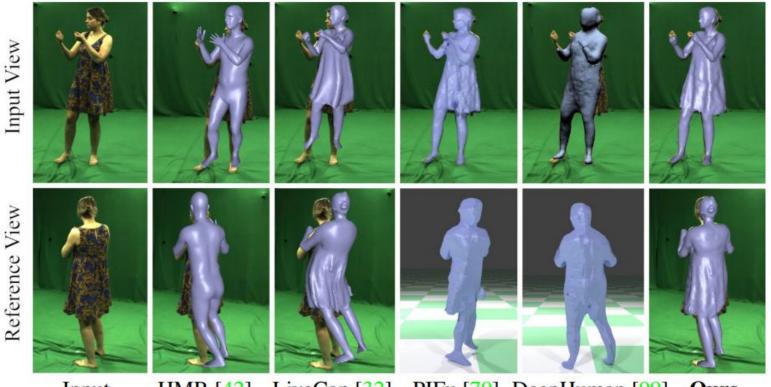


Losses: Sparse Keypoint Graph Loss

A sparse keypoint loss to constrain the mesh deformation, which is similar to the keypoint loss for PoseNet

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kpg}}(\mathbf{M}) = \sum_{c} \sum_{m} \sigma_{c,m} \| \pi_{c} \left(\mathbf{M}_{m} \right) - \mathbf{p}_{c,m} \|^{2}$$

Qualitative Results



Input HMR [42] LiveCap [32] PIFu [70] DeepHuman [99] Ours

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Quantitative Results: Skeletal Pose Accuracy

Method	GLE↓	3DPCK↑	AUC ↑	MPJPE↓
VNect [53]	-	66.06	28.02	77.19
HMR [42]	-	82.39	43.61	72.61
HMMR [43]	-	87.48	45.33	72.40
LiveCap [32]	317.01	71.13	37.90	92.84
Ours	91.08	98.43	58.71	49.11
MVBL	76.03	99.17	57.79	45.44

consistently better than other monocular approaches

even close to the multi-view baseline

Method	GLE↓	3DPCK ↑	AUC ↑	MPJPE ↓
VNect [53]	-	82.06	42.73	72.62
HMR [42]	-	86.88	43.91	73.63
HMMR [43]	-	82.80	41.18	77.41
LiveCap [32]	248.67	75.11	37.35	83.48
Ours	96.56	96.74	59.25	45.40
MVBL	75.82	96.20	57.27	45.12

Quantitative Results: Surface Reconstruction Accuracy

Method	AMVIoU	RVIoU ↑	SVIoU	
HMR [42]	62.25	61.7	68.85	
HMMR [43]	65.98	65.58	70.77	
LiveCap [32]	56.02	54.21	77.75	
DeepHuman [99]	-	-	91.57	
Ours	87.2	87.03	89.26	
MVBL	91.74	91.72	92.02	

Method	AMVIoU	RVIoU ↑	SVI0U^	
HMR [42]	65.1	64.66	70.84	
HMMR [43]	63.79	63.29	70.23	
LiveCap [32]	59.96	59.02	72.16	
DeepHuman [99]	-	-	84.15	
Ours	82.53	82.22	86.66	
MVBL	88.14	88.03	89.66	

Ablative Studies

Method	3DPCK ↑	AMVIoU ↑
1 camera view	62.11	65.11
2 camera views	93.52	78.44
3 camera views	94.70	79.75
7 camera views	95.95	81.73
6500 frames	85.19	73.41
13000 frames	92.25	78.97
PoseNet-only	96.74	78.51
Ours(14 views, 26000 frames)	96.74	82.53

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