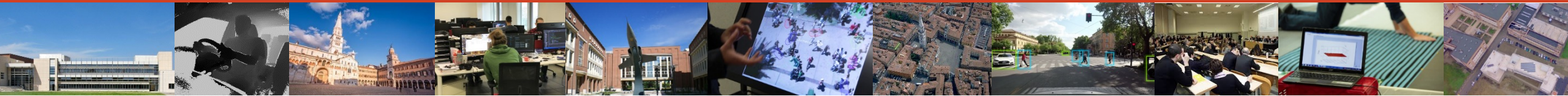


SnapPose3D: Diffusion-Based Single-Frame 2D-to-3D Lifting of Human Poses



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Problem definition

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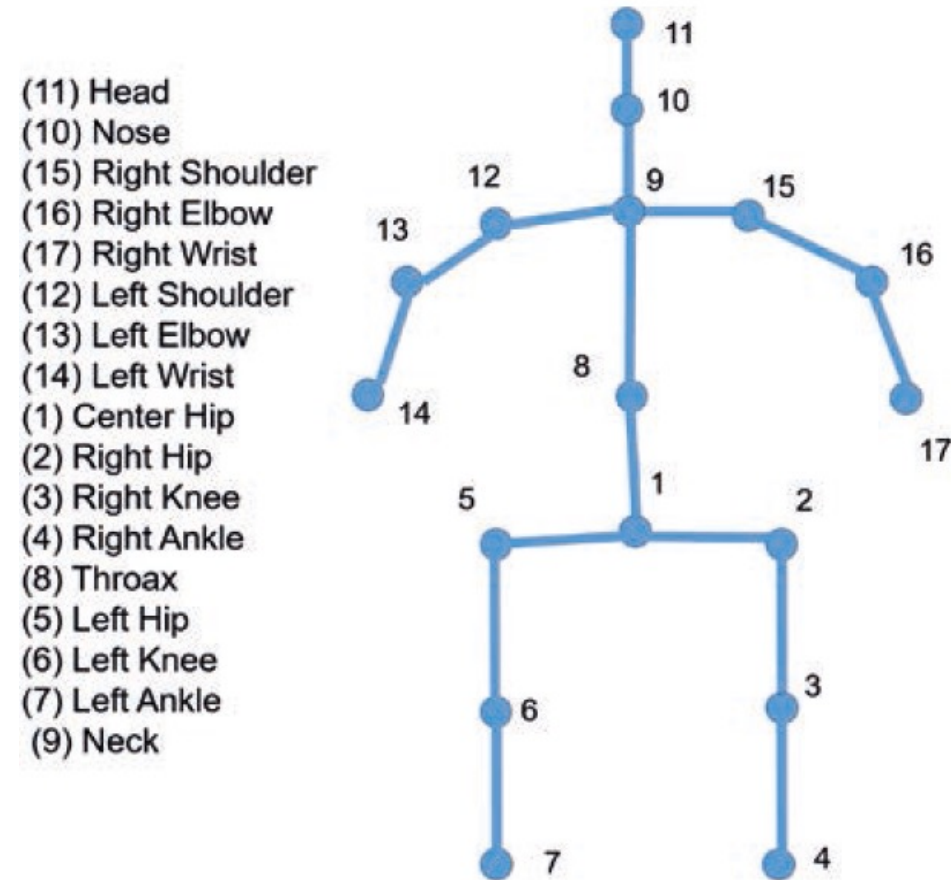
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Problem definition

- Given an image with a person and a 2D pose detector
- Given the coordinates of the joints in the 2D image space
- **Lift them to find the corresponding 3D coordinates (with respect to the camera)**
- During lifting, we allow changes of the X and Y coordinates as well
- A bit different than a backprojection

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Only one frame as input

- ✓ No motion data
- ✓ No previous frames
- ✓ No tracking
- ✓ No calibration data

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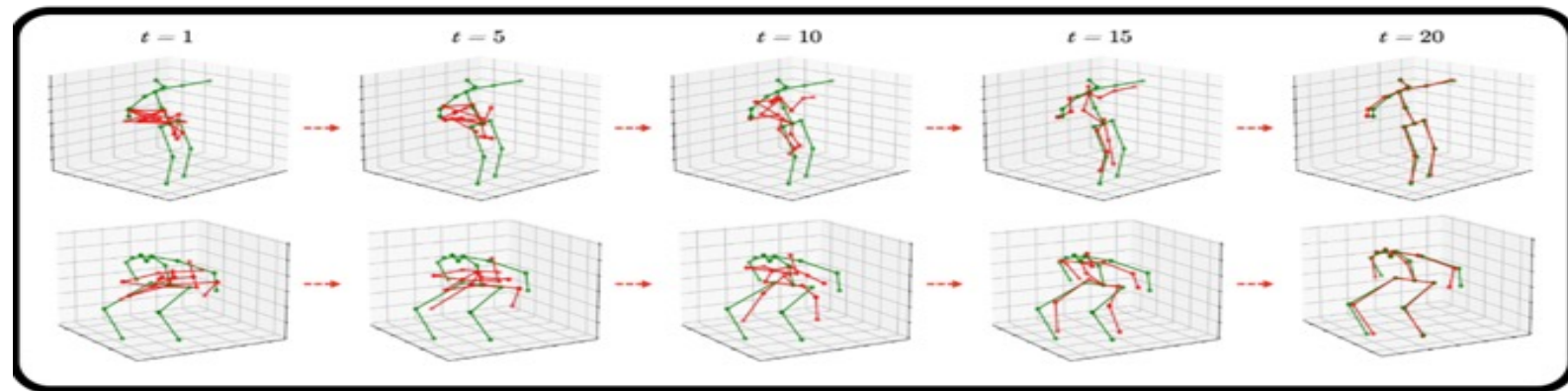
2D-to-3D Lifting

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Randomly generate a 3d posture
(random means implausible and inhuman)

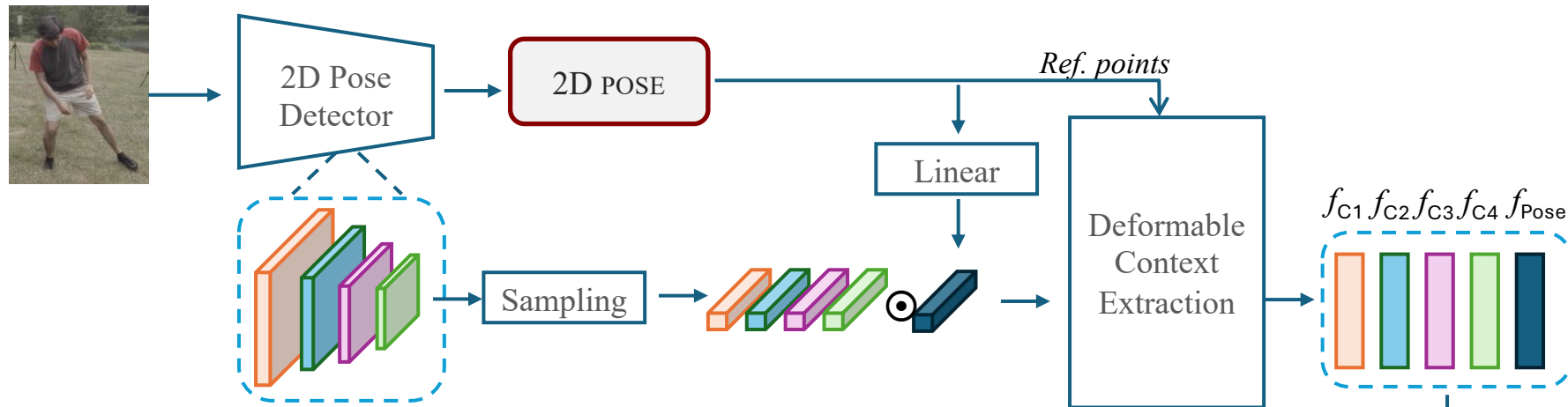


Iteratively refine the posture using
information (conditioning) from the current frame

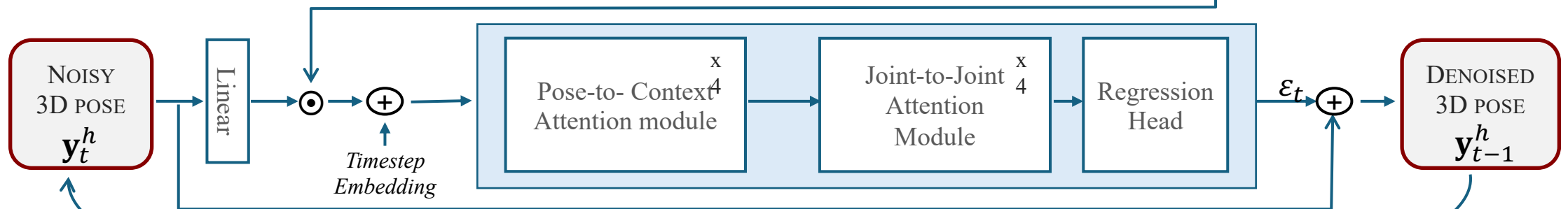


THE ALGORITHM

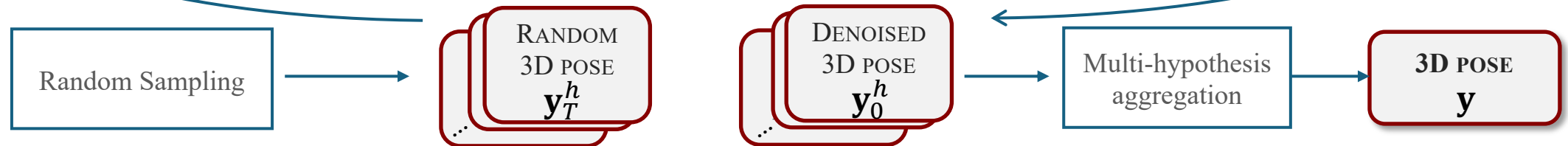
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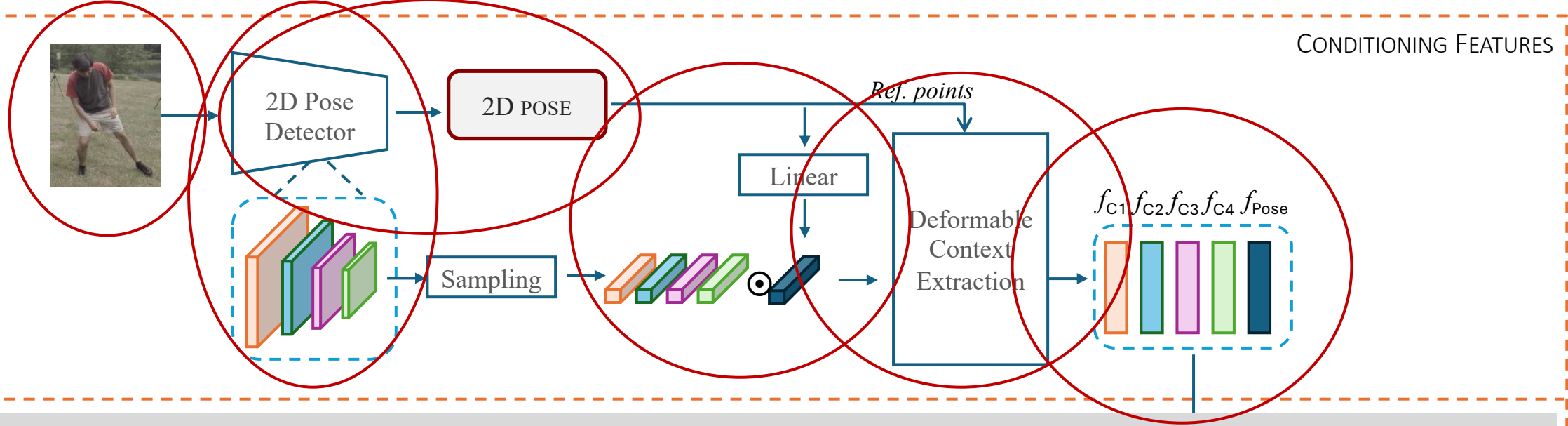
ITERATIVE DENOISING



MULTI-HYPOTHESIS

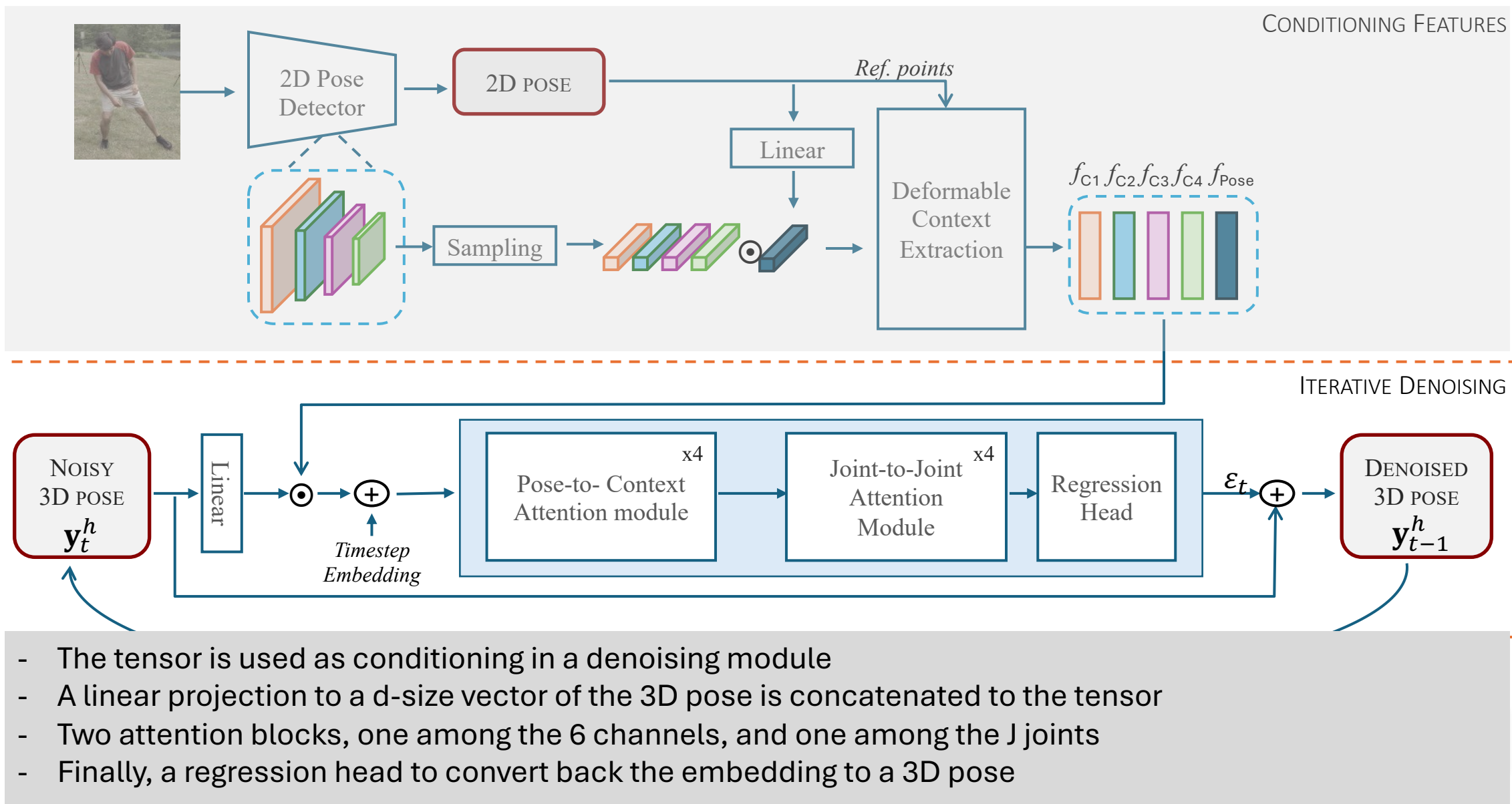


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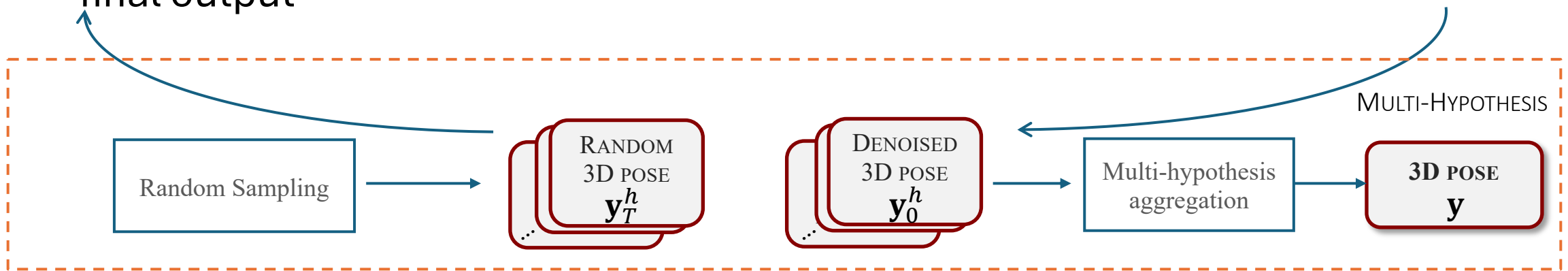
- We start with a crop around a detected person
- We use HRNet32 to obtain the 2D Pose
- We extract context features directly from the 2D pose estimator intermediate layers
- Context features are concatenated with a linear projection of the pose itself
- The features are collected around the 2D keypoints with a deformable module
- Final tensor size: $(L+1) \times J \times d$ (L layers + 1 pose = 5) $\times J$ joints $\times d$ embedding size

OVERALL SCHEMA



Multiple Hypothesis Aggregation

- During inference, SnapPose3D can be used to **generate multiple hypotheses** by sampling different initial 3D poses (from a Gaussian distribution), allowing an arbitrary number (H) of predictions.
- The distribution of the output hypotheses is not Gaussian -> average and median operators provide different results
- We studied the best way to aggregate the hypotheses to generate only one final output



Aggregation / Selection algorithms

- not general enough*
- ~~If the intrinsic camera parameters are given, the re-projection error of the 3D poses when compared with the initial 2D poses could be exploited as a selection schema~~
 - **R (random selection):** a single hypothesis is randomly selected as the final pose estimation among the available H ones. Using $H=1$ solves the task
 - **B (best/oracle selection):** selection of the one closest to the ground truth (“Supervision from an Oracle”)
 - it requires the knowledge of the ground truth → not useful in real and online cases
 - **A (averaging):** is the standard aggregation approach, though it is sensitive to outliers.
 - **M (Median operator),** which selects the central element after independently sorting the $3 \times J$ vectors (each containing the H values)



Datasets

- **Human3.6M**

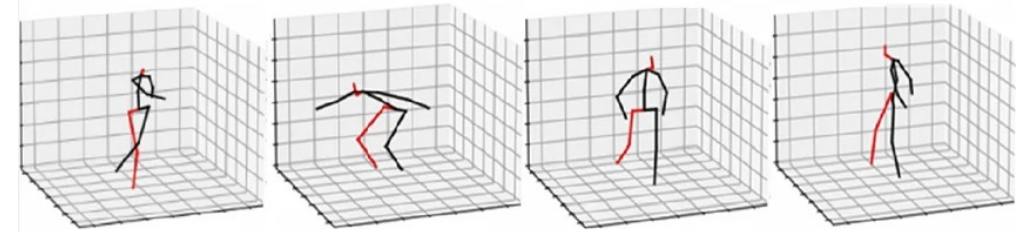
- 11 subjects, 15 daily activities.
- Train on subjects (S1, S5, S6, S7, S8), test on (S9, S11).

- **H36MA**

- To underline the advantage of having a multi-hypothesis system
- **H36MA**[52] is a subset of Human3.6M.
- H36MA contains 6.4% of the test set with highly ambiguous cases.

- **MPI-INF-3DHP**

- More than 1.3 million frames
- 8 actors performing 8 activities
- official train/test split



Training details

- We train SnapPose3D with a batch size of 128 for 50 epochs on both datasets.
- We use Adam optimizer with a starting learning rate of $6e-4$ using a linear decay with factor 0.993.
- We apply **random horizontal flipping as data augmentation** for both images and skeletons.
- We implement SnapPose3D using the PyTorch framework and the Diffusers library for the diffusion-based technique.

Metrics

- **Mean Per Joint Position Error (MPJPE)**
 - average Euclidean distance between estimated joint 3D coordinates and their ground truth in millimeters.
- **P-MPJPE**
 - aligned version of the MPJPE
 - MPJPE after rigid alignment of the prediction with the ground truth via Procrustes Analysis.
- **PCK**
 - Percentage of Correct Keypoints within a **Th=150mm** range
 - Area Under Curve (AUC) metrics for a range of PCK thresholds.

Competitors

- We tested SnapPose3D against several single-frame methods.
- Competitors have been divided into three groups:
 - Methods providing a single hypothesis as output
 - Methods directly comparable with SnapPose, generating multiple hypotheses and aggregating them without any additional knowledge
 - Methods providing multiple outputs but exploiting the ground-truth to select the best result (oracle)

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Baseline methods																
Pavlakos [33]	67.4	71.9	66.7	69.1	72.0	77.0	65.0	68.3	83.7	96.5	71.7	65.8	74.9	59.1	63.2	71.9
Martinez [28]	51.8	56.2	58.1	59.0	69.5	78.4	55.2	58.1	74.0	94.6	62.3	59.1	65.1	49.5	52.4	62.9
Zhao [57]	48.2	60.8	51.8	64.0	64.6	53.6	51.1	67.4	88.7	<u>57.7</u>	73.2	65.6	48.9	64.8	51.9	60.8
Sun [46]	52.8	54.8	54.2	54.3	61.8	<u>53.1</u>	53.6	71.7	86.7	61.5	67.2	53.4	47.1	61.6	53.4	59.1
Yang [55]	51.5	58.9	50.4	57.0	62.1	65.4	49.8	52.7	69.2	85.2	57.4	58.4	<u>43.6</u>	60.1	47.7	58.6
Hossain [15]	48.4	50.7	57.2	55.2	63.1	72.6	53.0	51.7	66.1	80.9	59.0	57.3	62.4	46.6	49.6	58.3
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(H=20, M) SnapPose3D	35.7	34.3	<u>34.0</u>	32.5	32.9	<u>36.7</u>	<u>35.6</u>	38.2	37.1	<u>38.4</u>	34.3	31.5	<u>32.8</u>	<u>32.4</u>	29.0	34.5
Diffusion-based methods One hypothesis selected																
(H=200, B) DiffPose [14]	28.1	<u>31.5</u>	28.0	<u>30.8</u>	<u>33.6</u>	35.3	28.5	27.6	<u>40.8</u>	44.6	<u>31.8</u>	<u>32.1</u>	32.6	<u>28.1</u>	<u>26.8</u>	<u>32.0</u>

(H=20, R) SnapPose3D	34.4	37.7	35.1	38.1	36.9	<u>32.4</u>	36.3	45.5	51.7	<u>37.2</u>	42.0	34.6	<u>29.2</u>	40.1	32.6	37.8
(H=20, B) SnapPose3D	<u>30.8</u>	29.2	<u>29.0</u>	27.8	28.2	31.6	<u>30.6</u>	<u>33.0</u>	32.1	33.3	29.6	27.2	28.3	27.9	24.5	29.7

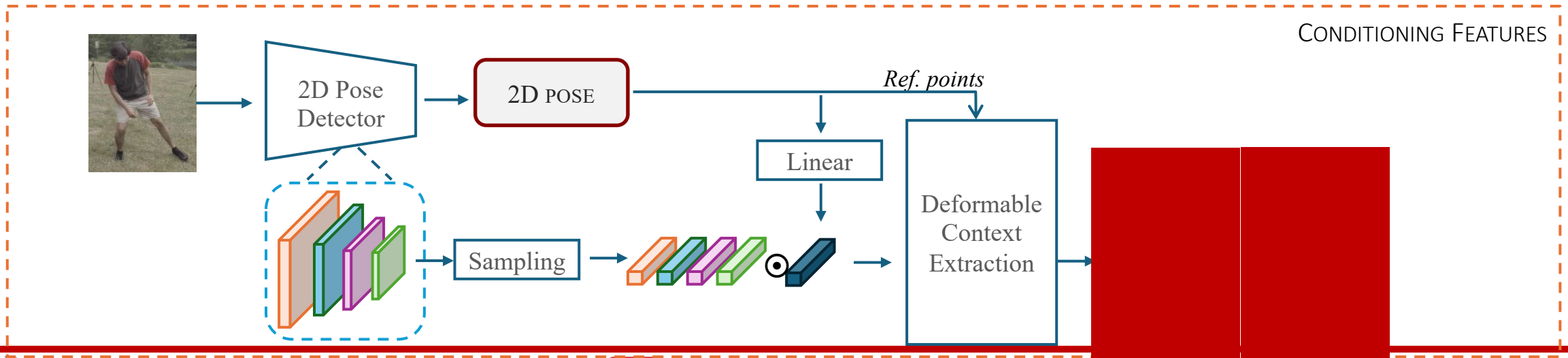
Results on MPI-INF-3DHP

Method	Pavvlo [34]	Zheng [60]	Wang [51]	Li [24]	Zheng [60]	Zhang [56]	Zhao [58]	<i>SnapPose3D</i> (H=20, R)	<i>SnapPose3D</i> (H=20, M)
PCK ↑	86.0	88.6	86.9	93.8	95.4	94.4	96.8	96.1	97.2
AUC ↑	51.9	56.4	62.1	63.3	63.2	66.5	70.7	70.2	71.4
MPJPE ↓	84.0	77.1	68.1	58.0	57.7	54.9	44.7	45.5	42.2

Ablation: role of the Context and the 2D Pose

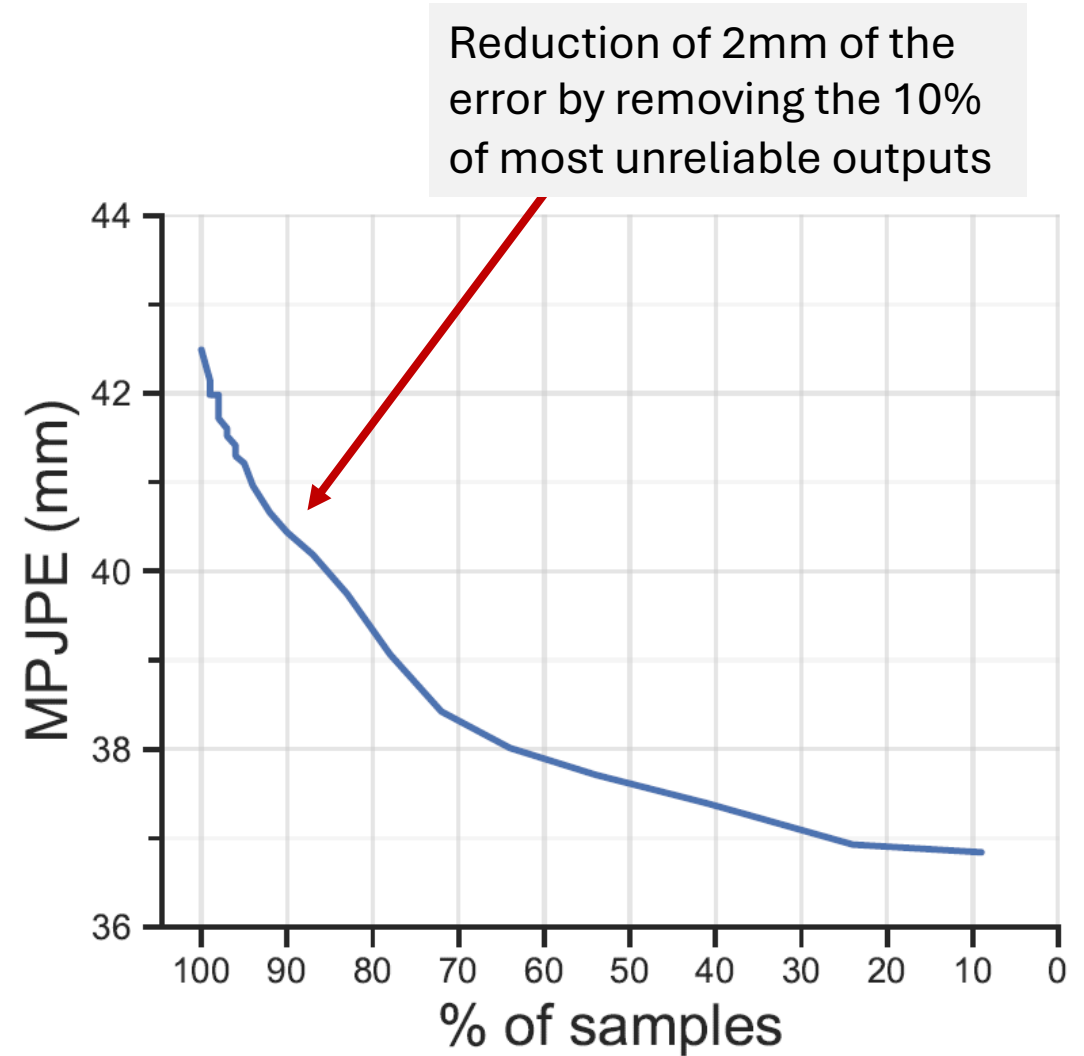
Pose Context		Multiple Hypothesis Aggregation			
		A	M	B	B
		(avg)	(median)	(Pose-level)	(Joint-level)
✓		59.9	59.8	56.8	49.9
	✓	45.3	45.4	42.3	37.6
✓	✓	43.2	42.8	36.9	28.6

Masking part of the conditioning
Metric: MPJPE
Dataset: Human3.6M



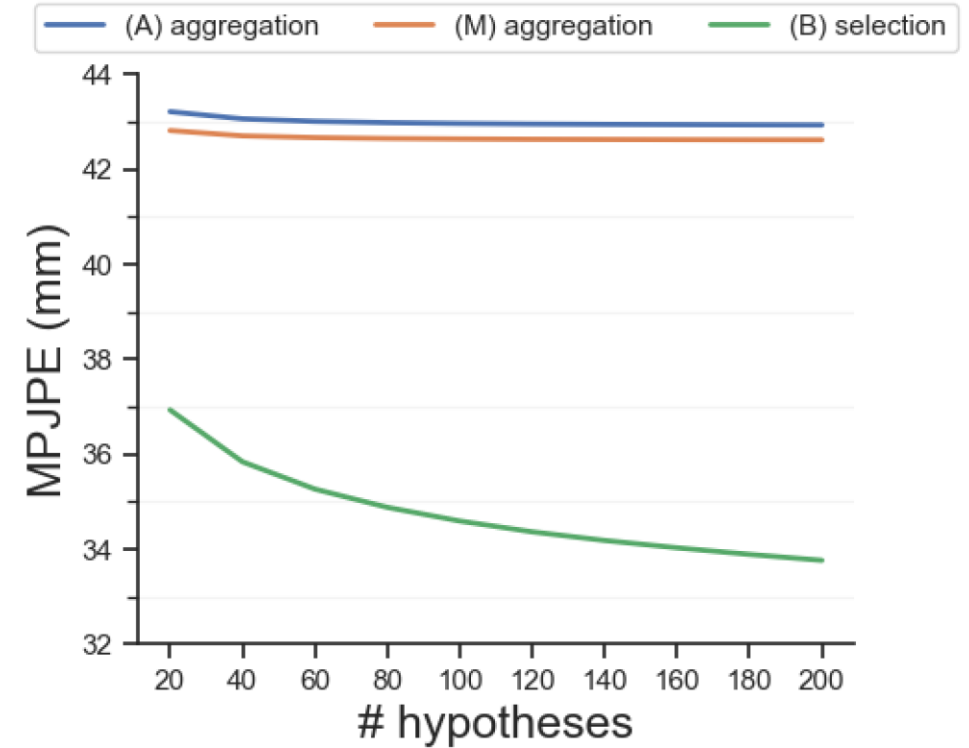
Confidence Score

- The generation of multiple hypotheses allows:
 - improvement of performance
 - the definition of a confidence score.
- **Variance** (between the H different solutions) as **Confidence score** of the final prediction
- Graph: ordering the results by confidence and keeping a % of samples
- The confidence metric does not require the ground truth

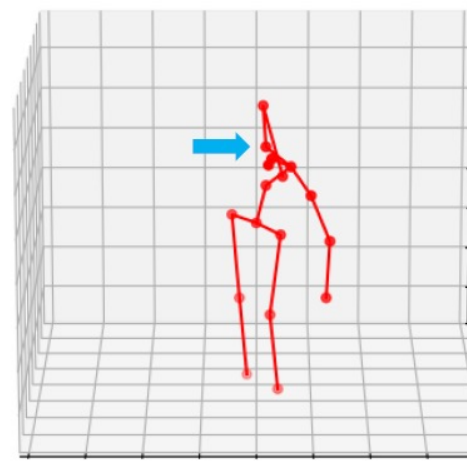
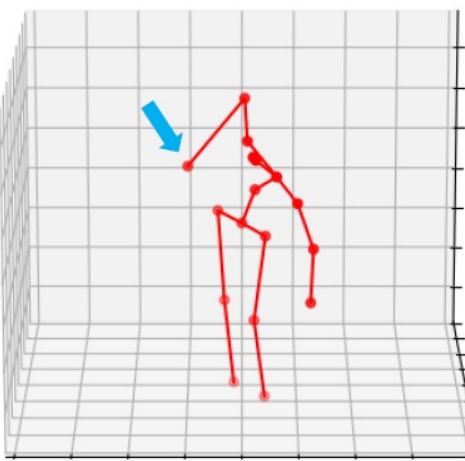
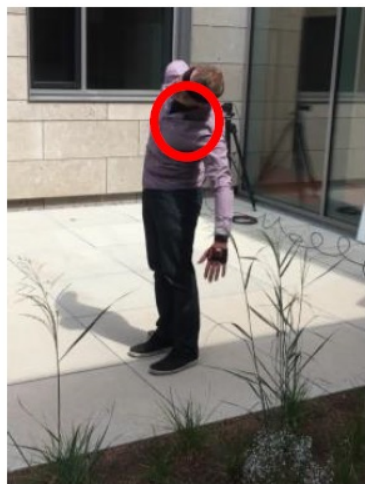
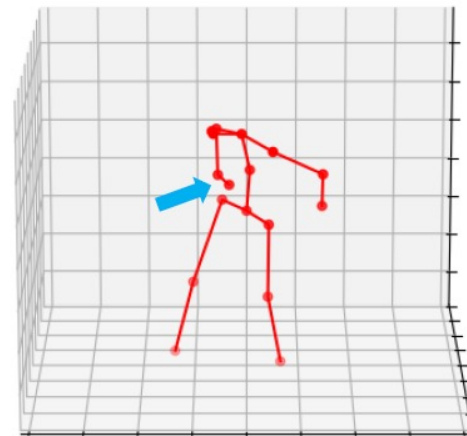
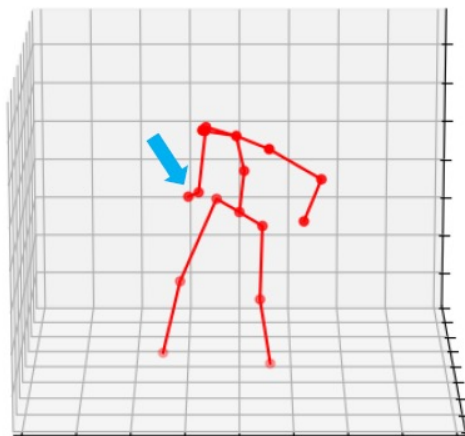


Number of generated hypotheses

- MPJPE error (Protocol 1), Human3.6M
- Error does not decrease a lot after $H=40$ using aggregation
- Use higher values of H only if you use an oracle selection
- **$H=20$** is a good trade off between performance and computational cost



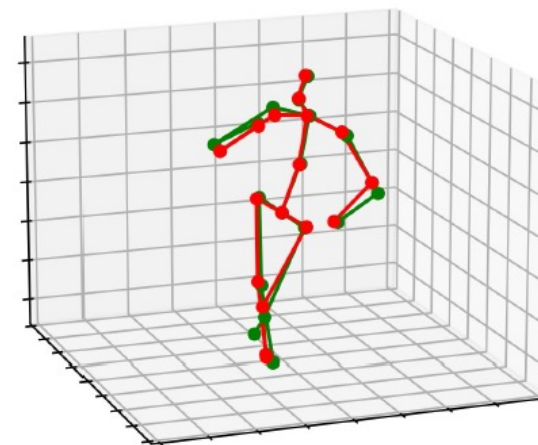
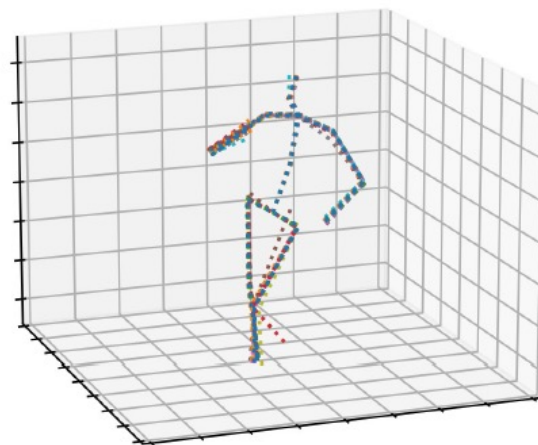
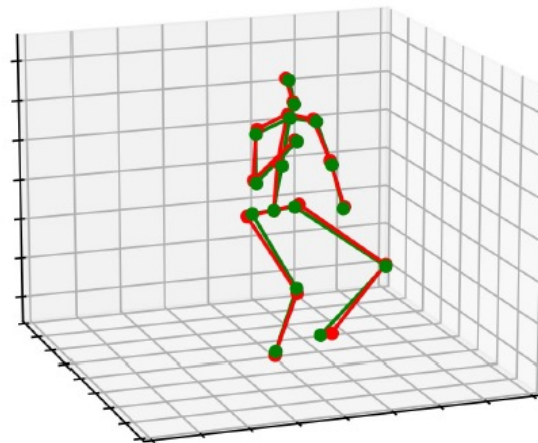
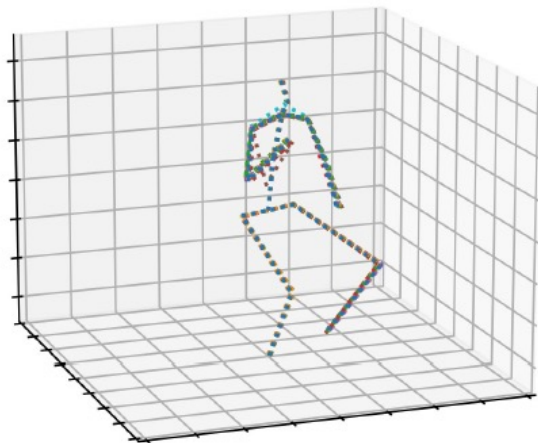
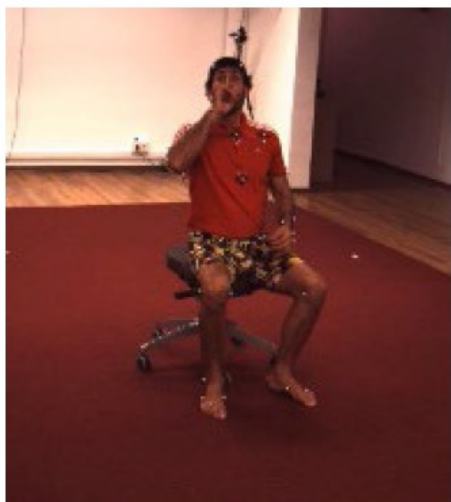
Some qualitative results



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SnapPose3D

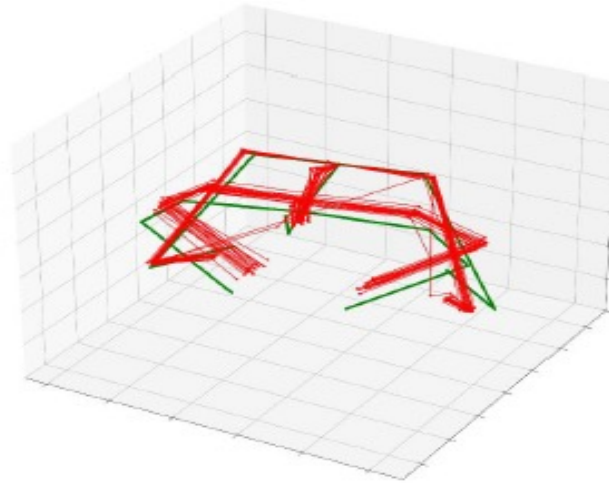
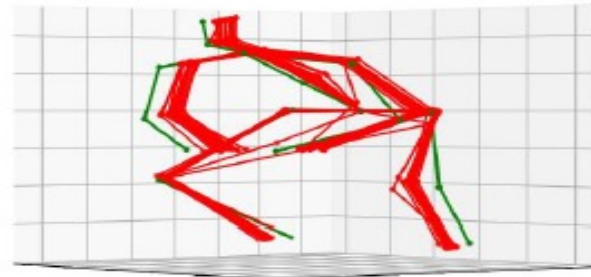
Some qualitative results



20 hypotheses

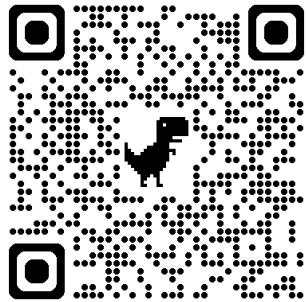
SnapPose3D and **GT**

Some qualitative results



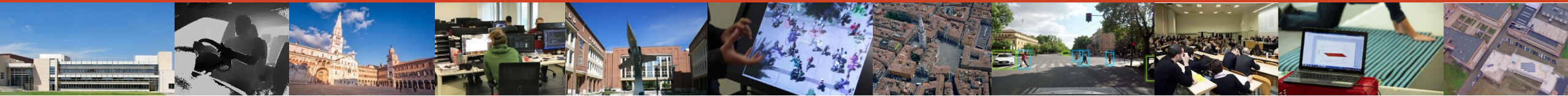
Conclusions

- A 2D to 3D Pose lifting has been proposed
- The method works on a single image input
- The denoising diffusion model can generate multiple plausible hypotheses conditioned on the context and the 2d pose
- Aggregating the set of generated solutions improves the results and allows to compute a reliability (confidence) score
- Connected work: SnapPose3D has been used as core block in a simultaneous 3D pose & 3D gaze estimation (**GazeD**)



Thank you
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