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# **Fusing Wearable IMUs with Multi-View Images for Human Pose Estimation : A Geometric Approach**

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- **IMU Sensor**
  - **Inertial Measurement Unit**
  - **A device combines multiple sensors like accelerometers, gyroscopes, and magnetometers**
  - **Using the information mentioned above, after calibrating the initial position of the sensor, it is possible to estimate the position of the sensor**
  - **Advantages when using only IMU sensor : Robustness in certain environments(occlusion, low light conditions)**
  - **Drawbacks when using only IMU sensor :**
    - Calibration error**
    - Drift phenomenon**
    - Difficult to apply in real-world situations**

- **Problem Statement**

- **Estimating 3D human pose from a multi-view image using orientation data from IMUs**

- **Key Idea**

- **Instead of estimating 3D poses or pose embeddings from images and IMUs separately and then fusing them in the late stage, they fuse IMUs and image features in a very early stage with the aid of 3D geometry**
- **Use the orientation of the limb, when constructing 3d human pose**

- **Images-based**

- **Haibo Qiu et al. Cross view fusion for 3d human pose estimation**  
proposed to first estimate 2D pose for every camera view, and then estimate the 3D pose by triangulation
- **Helge Rhodin et al. Learning monocular 3d human pose estimation from multi-view images**  
proposed a method to estimate camera pose jointly with human pose, which allows to utilize multi-view images where calibration is difficult

- **IMUs-based**

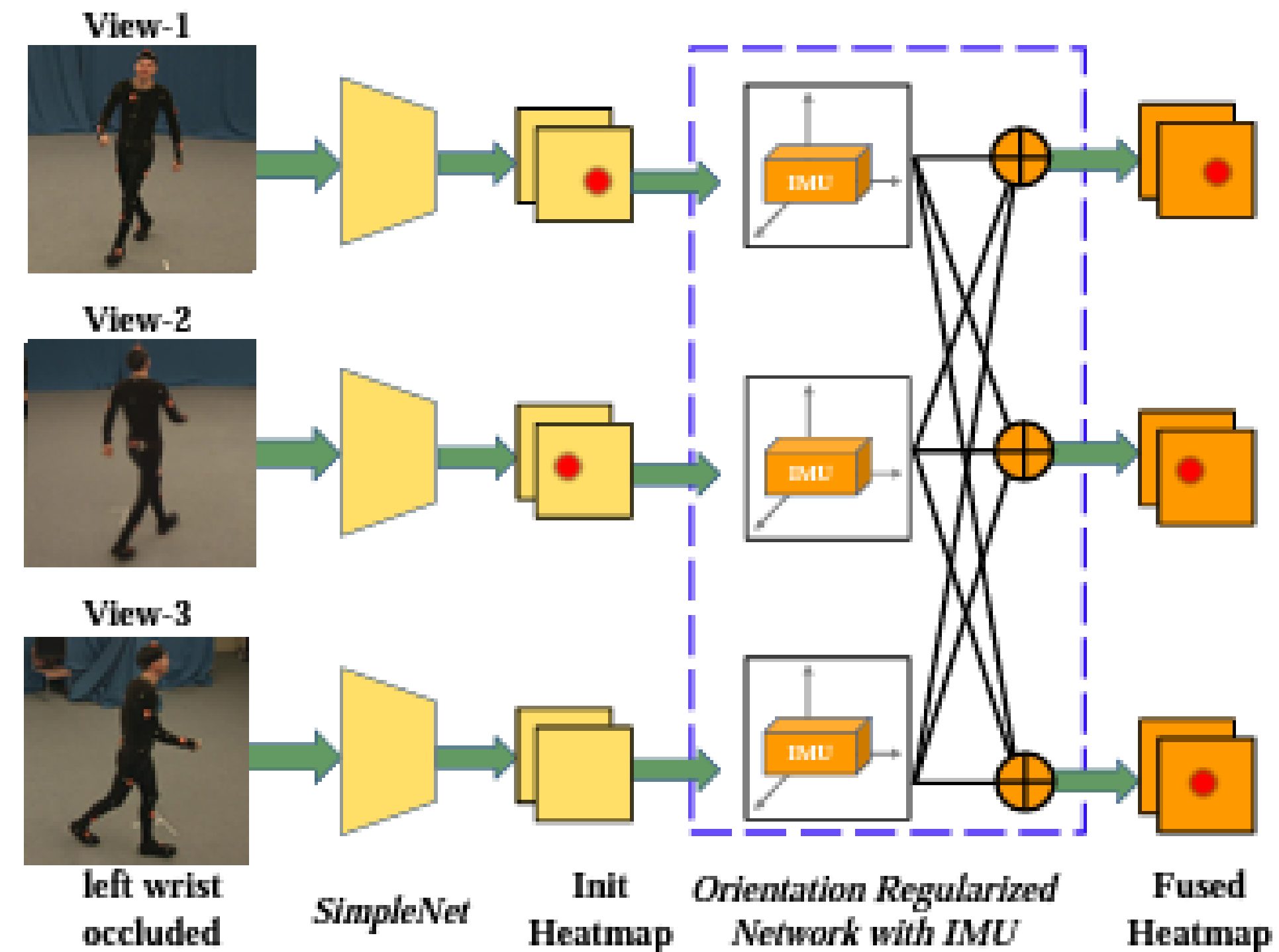
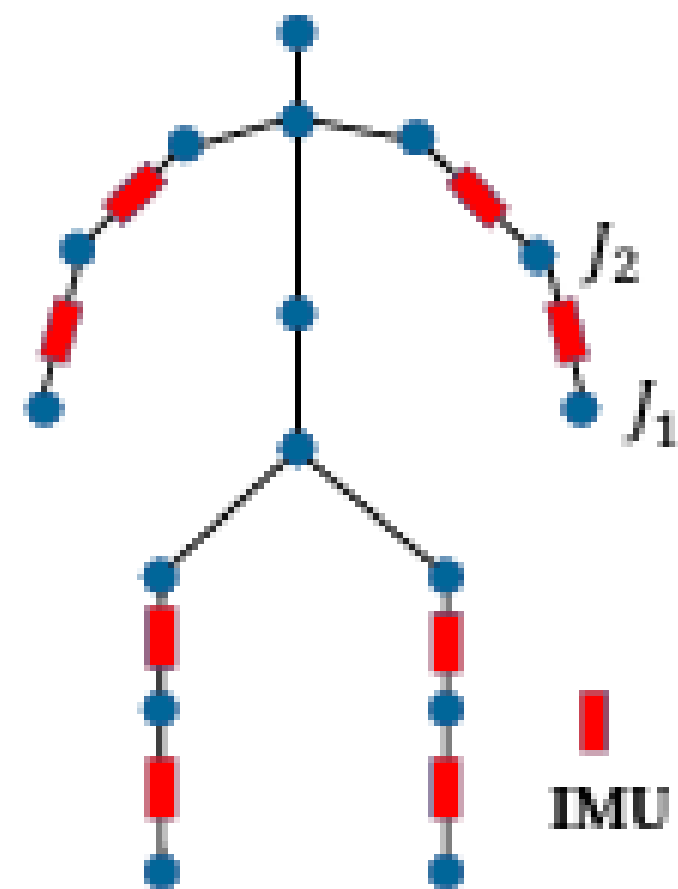
- **Denis Time et al. Rethinking pose in 3D : Multi-stage refinement and recovery for markerless motion capture**  
proposed to reconstruct human pose from 5 accelerometers by retrieving prerecorded poses
- **Daniel Roetenberg et al. Xsens mvn : full 6dof human motion tracking using miniature inertial sensors**  
used 17 IMUs equipped with 3D accelerometers, gyroscopes and magnetometers and all the measurements are fused using a Kalman Filter

- **“Images+IMUs”-based**

- **Matthew Trumble et al. Total capture : 3D human pose estimation fusing video and inertial sensors**  
proposed a two stream network to concatenate the pose embeddings separately derived from images and IMUs for regressing the final pose

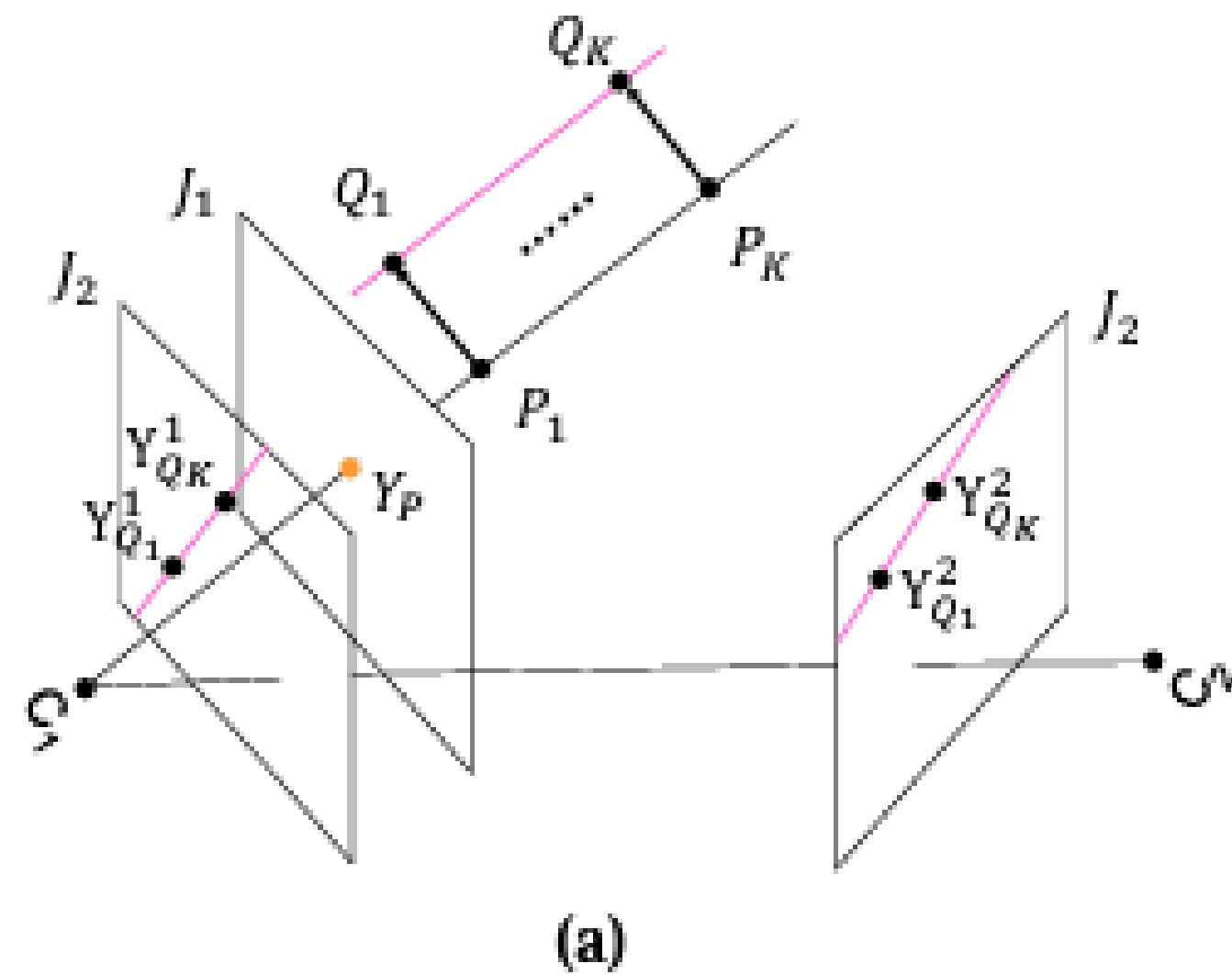
- ORN for 2D Pose Estimation

- ORN : Orientation Regularized Network
- Takes multi-view images as input and estimates initial heatmaps
- With the aid of IMU orientations, fuses the heatmaps of the linked joints(Same-View Fusion)
- Also fuses the heatmaps across all views(Cross-View Fusion)



- Same-View Fusion

- Helps to accurately localize the occluded joints based on their neighbors
- Determine the relative positions between each pair of joints in the images using orientation data



$$Q_k = P_k + o * l \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, K$$

$Q_k$  : Possible 3D point candidate of  $J_2$  using IMU orientation and  $J_1$

$P_k$  : Possible 3D point candidate of  $Y_p$

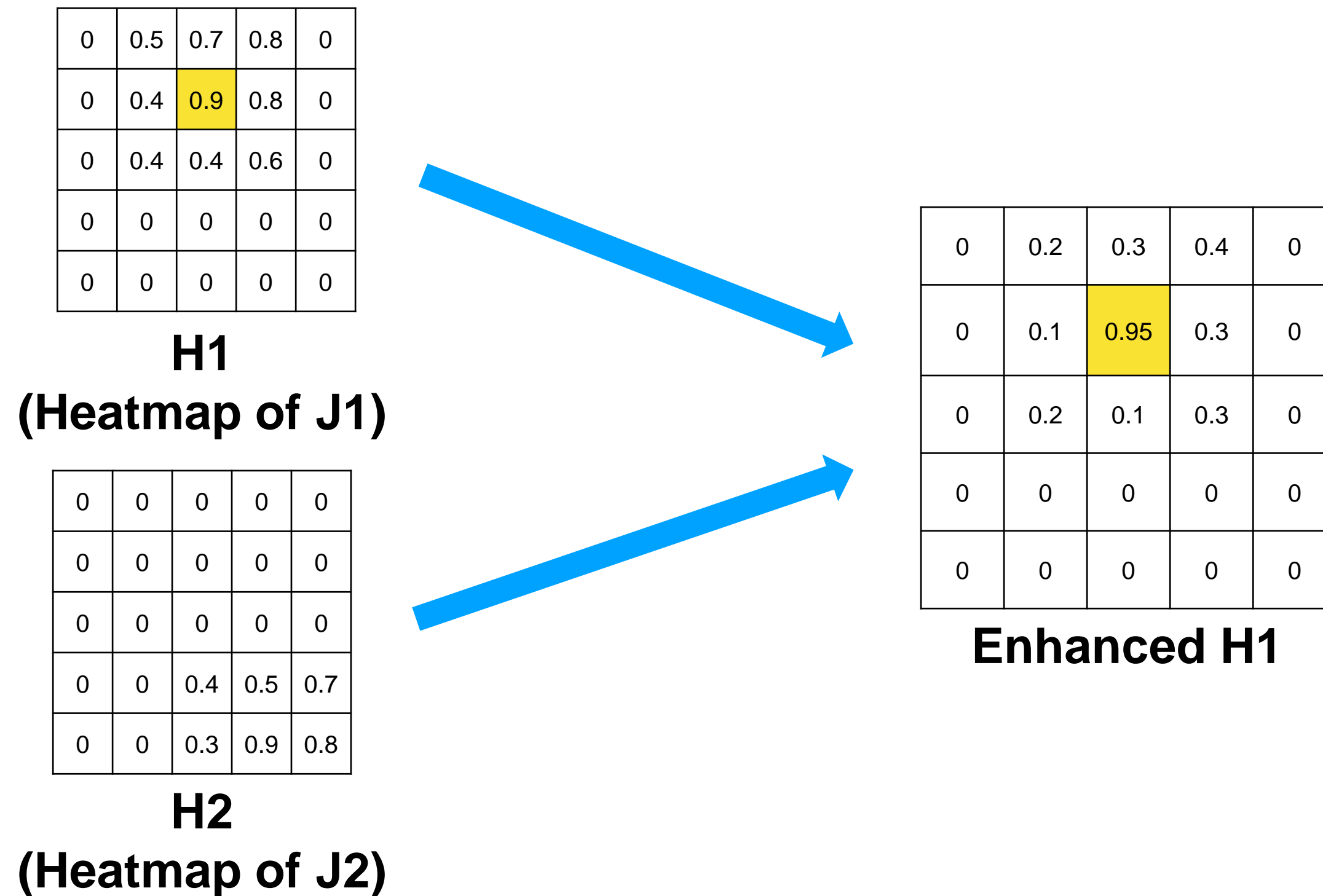
$o$  : orientation vector from IMU

$l$  : average limb length

- Same-View Fusion

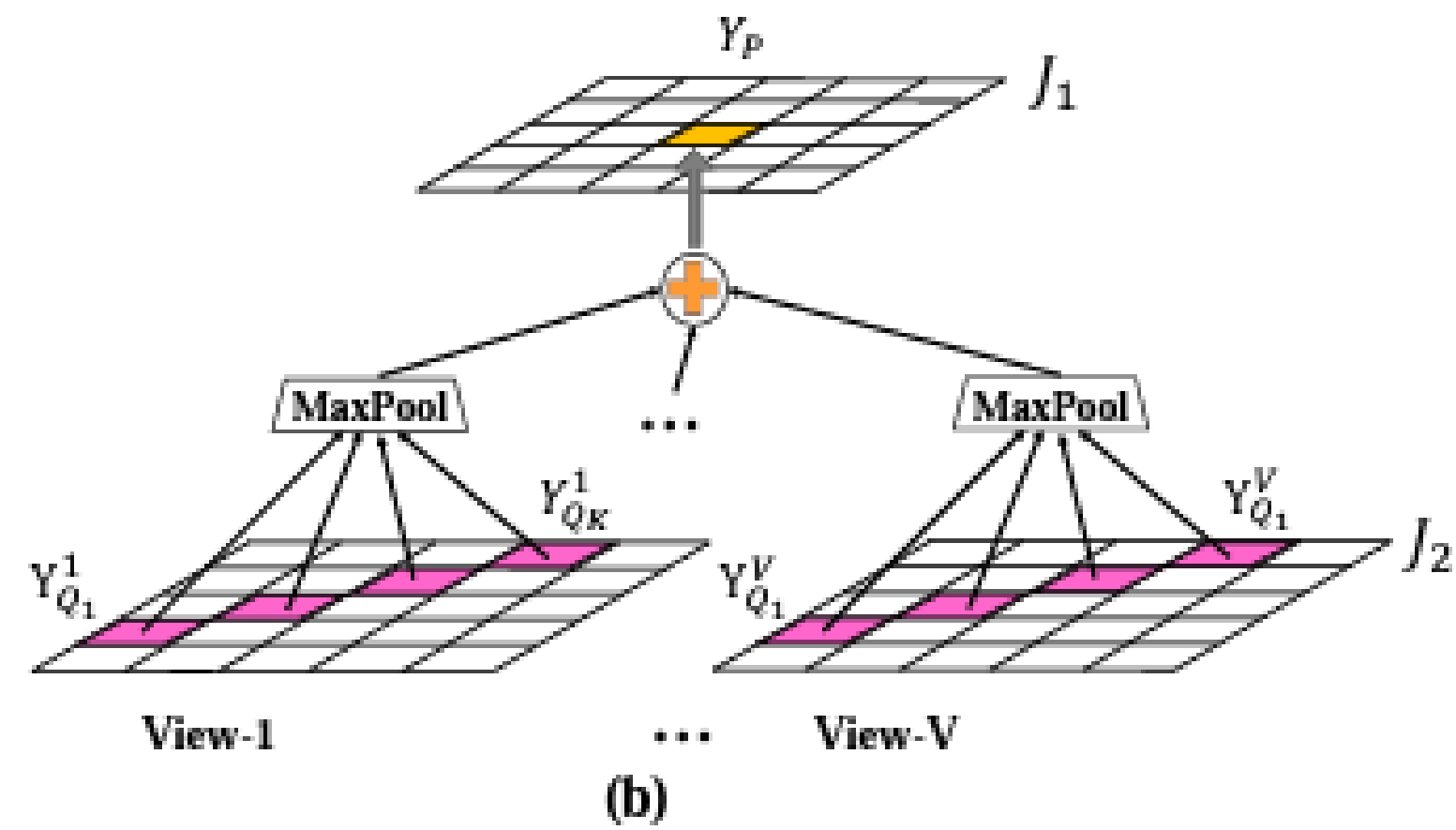
- Enhance the heatmap value using linked joints

$$H_1(Y_P) \leftarrow \lambda H_1(Y_P) + (1 - \lambda) \max_{k=1 \dots K} H_2(Y_{Q_k})$$

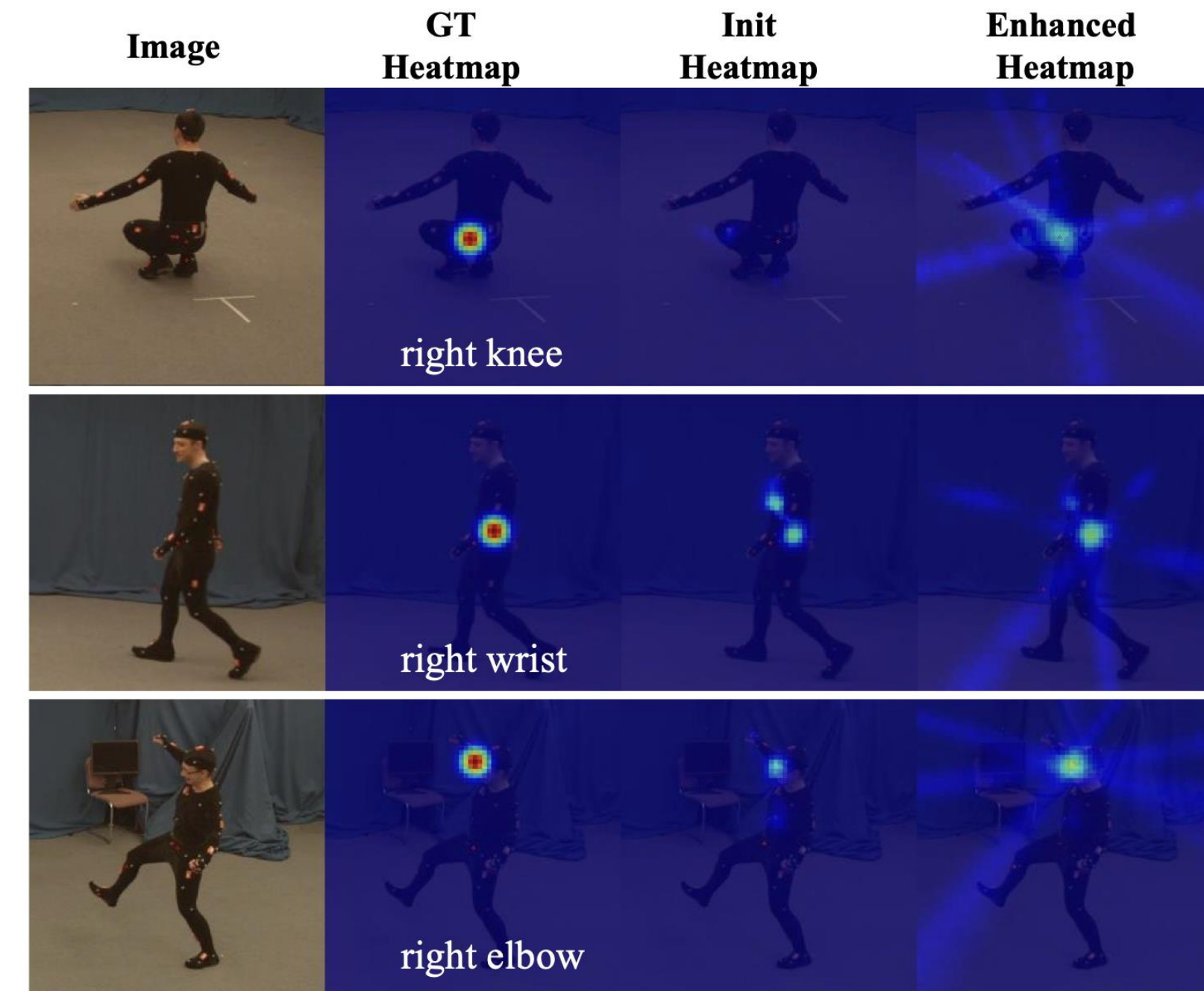


- Cross-View Fusion

- Some non-corresponding locations are mistakenly enhanced in Same-View Fusion
- Performs fusion across multiple views simultaneously



$$H_1(Y_P) \leftarrow \lambda H_1(Y_P) + \frac{(1 - \lambda)}{V} \sum_{v=1}^V \max_{k=1 \dots K} H_2^v(Y_{Q_k}^v)$$



Example of Cross-View Fusion



- ORPSM for 3D Pose Estimation

- ORPSM : Orientation Regularized Pictorial Structure Model
- Pictorial Structure Model : Modeling the inter-relationship between joints to estimate the pose
- Objective Function :

$$\text{Maximize } p(\mathcal{J}|\mathcal{F}) = \frac{1}{Z(\mathcal{F})} \prod_{i=1}^M \phi_i^{\text{conf}}(J_i, \mathcal{F}) \prod_{(m,n) \in \mathcal{E}_{limb}} \psi^{\text{limb}}(J_m, J_n) \prod_{(m,n) \in \mathcal{E}_{IMU}} \psi^{\text{IMU}}(J_m, J_n)$$

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- Unary Potential : Average response over all camera views

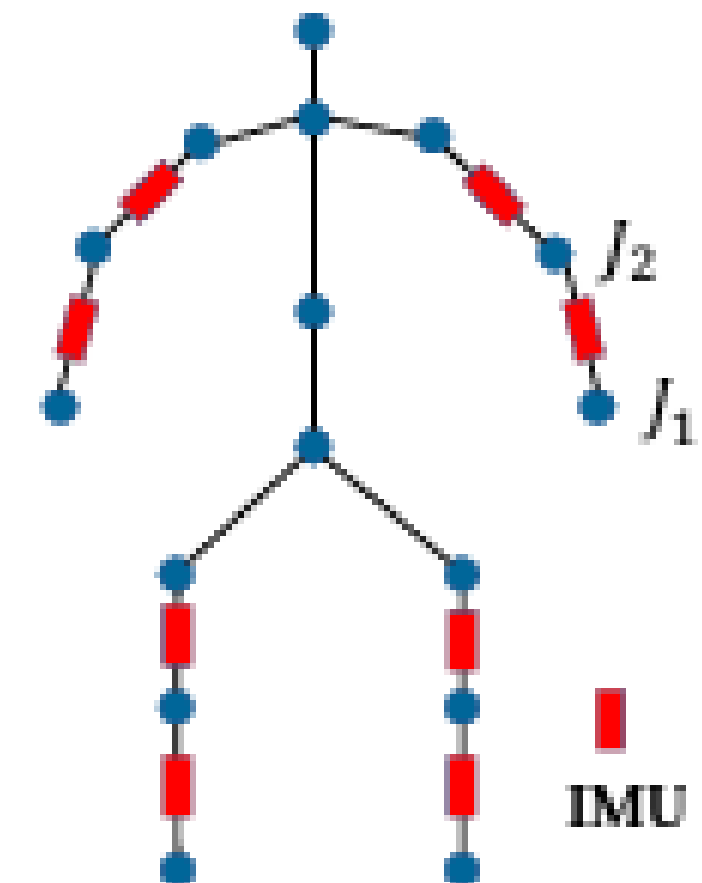
$$\phi_i^{\text{conf}}(J_i, \mathcal{F})$$

- Limb Length Potential :

$$\psi^{\text{limb}}(J_m, J_n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |l_{m,n} - \tilde{l}_{m,n}| \leq \epsilon, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Limb Orientation Potential:

$$\psi^{\text{IMU}}(J_m, J_n) = \frac{J_m - J_n}{\|J_m - J_n\|_2} \cdot o_{m,n}$$



- **Experiment Details**
  - **Used Total Capture, Human3.6M(3d) dataset**
  - **Total Capture(2D, 3D) : Dataset with images, IMUs and ground truth 3D pose**
  - **Human3.6M(3D) : Dataset with images and ground truth 3D pose**

- Experimental Results

- 2D Pose Estimation Result using Total Capture Dataset
- SN : Simple Network(ResNet50)
- $ORN^{same}$  : Using only Same-View Fusion
- $ORN$  : Using Cross-View Fusion

\* PCKh @ : The Percentage of Correct Keypoints

Methods	PCKh@	Hip	Knee	Ankle	Shoulder	Elbow	Wrist	<i>Mean (Six)</i>	Others	<i>Mean (All)</i>
<i>SN</i>	1/2	99.3	98.3	98.5	98.4	96.2	95.3	97.7	99.5	98.1
$ORN^{same}$	1/2	99.4	99.0	98.8	98.5	97.7	96.7	98.3	99.5	98.6
$ORN$	1/2	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>98.7</b>	99.5	98.9
<i>SN</i>	1/6	97.5	92.3	92.5	78.3	80.8	80.0	86.9	95.4	89.1
$ORN^{same}$	1/6	97.2	94.0	93.3	78.1	83.5	82.0	88.0	95.4	89.9
$ORN$	1/6	<b>97.7</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>89.3</b>	95.4	90.9
<i>SN</i>	1/12	<b>87.6</b>	67.0	68.6	47.4	50.0	49.3	61.7	78.1	65.8
$ORN^{same}$	1/12	81.2	70.1	68.0	43.9	51.6	50.1	60.8	78.1	65.2
$ORN$	1/12	85.3	<b>71.6</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>63.4</b>	78.1	67.1

- Experimental Results

- 3D Pose Estimation Result using Total Capture Dataset
- LSTM-AE[26] : Has benefits when it is applied to periodic actions

\* MPJPE(mm) : Mean Per Joint Position Error

Approach	IMUs	Temporal	Aligned	Subjects(S1,2,3)			Subjects(S4,5)			Mean
				W2	A3	FS3	W2	A3	FS3	
PVH [27]				48.3	94.3	122.3	84.3	154.5	168.5	107.3
Malleson <i>et al.</i> [15]	✓	✓		-	-	65.3	-	64.0	67.0	-
VIP [28]	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.0
LSTM-AE [26]		✓		<b>13.0</b>	23.0	47.0	<b>21.8</b>	40.9	68.5	34.1
IMUPVH [6]	✓	✓		19.2	42.3	48.8	24.7	58.8	61.8	42.6
Qiu <i>et al.</i> [19]				19.0	21.0	28.0	32.0	33.0	54.0	29.0
<i>SN + PSM</i>				14.3	18.7	31.5	25.5	30.5	64.5	28.3
<i>SN + PSM</i>			✓	12.7	16.5	28.9	21.7	26.0	59.5	25.3
<i>ORN + ORPSM</i>	✓			14.3	<b>17.5</b>	<b>25.9</b>	23.9	<b>27.8</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>24.6</b>
<i>ORN + ORPSM</i>	✓		✓	12.4	14.6	22.0	19.6	22.4	41.6	20.6

- Experimental Results

- 3D Pose Estimation Result using Human 3.6M dataset
- No IMU data in Human 3.6M dataset
  - ➔ Created limb orientations using the ground truth 3D poses

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Methods	Hip	Knee	Ankle	Shoulder	Elbow	Wrist	<i>Mean (Six)</i>	Others	Mean (All)
<i>noFusion (SN + PSM)</i>	23.2	28.7	49.4	29.1	28.4	32.3	31.9	18.3	27.9
<i>ours (ORN + ORPSM)</i>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>23.1</b>	18.3	21.7

- **Conclusion**
  - **Using orientation of limbs and cross-view fusion, the accuracy of the 2D pose estimation increased**
  - **By using more accurate 2D heatmaps, the accuracy of 3D pose estimation has also increased**
  - **But in some cases, the accuracy was lower than the method using sequential information**