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# Learnable Triangulation of Human Pose

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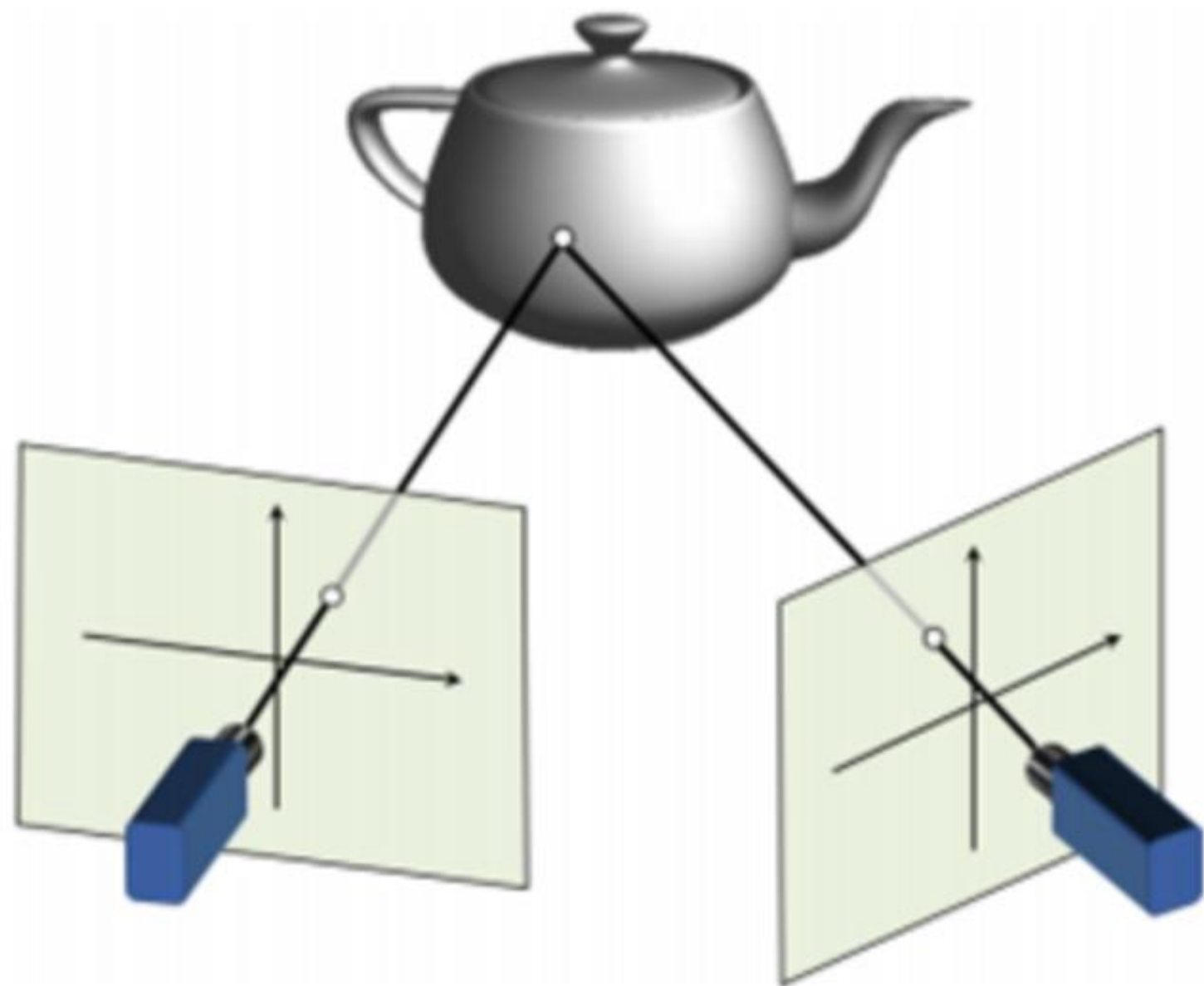
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- Triangulation



- **Technique used to estimate the position of a point in 3D space based on observations from two or more cameras**
- **The position of the 3D point is determined by finding the intersection of the lines formed by connecting the observed points from each camera**
- **Using camera parameters and corresponding points to determine the 3D position**

- How to solve?

- Find the  $X$  that satisfies the  $AX=0$  equation

- $X$  : 3D homogenous coordinate (4 x 1)  
 $X = (U, V, W, 1)$

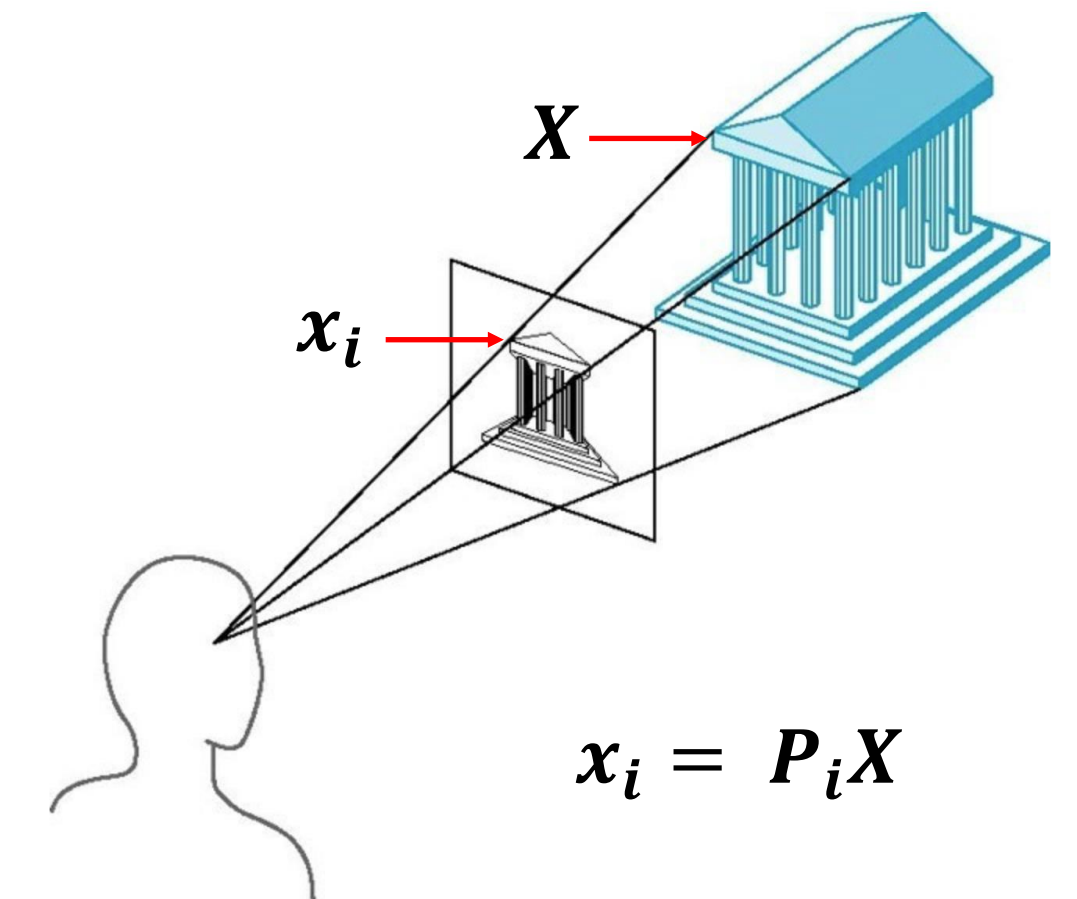
- $A$  : coefficient matrix (2C x 4)

The matrix  $A$  can be determined using the camera projection matrix  $P_i$  and the projected point  $x_i$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 P_{1,3} - P_{1,1} \\ v_1 P_{1,3} - P_{1,2} \\ u_2 P_{2,3} - P_{2,1} \\ v_2 P_{2,3} - P_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$P_{i,j}$  = the  $j$ -th row of the projection matrix  $P_i$  (3 x 4)

$x_i (u_i, v_i, 1) = 2d$  homogenous coordinate of  $X$  projected by  $P_i$



- **Problem Statement**

- **When utilizing the multi-view to determine 3D human pose, heatmaps of poor quality due to occlusions or noise can influence the results**

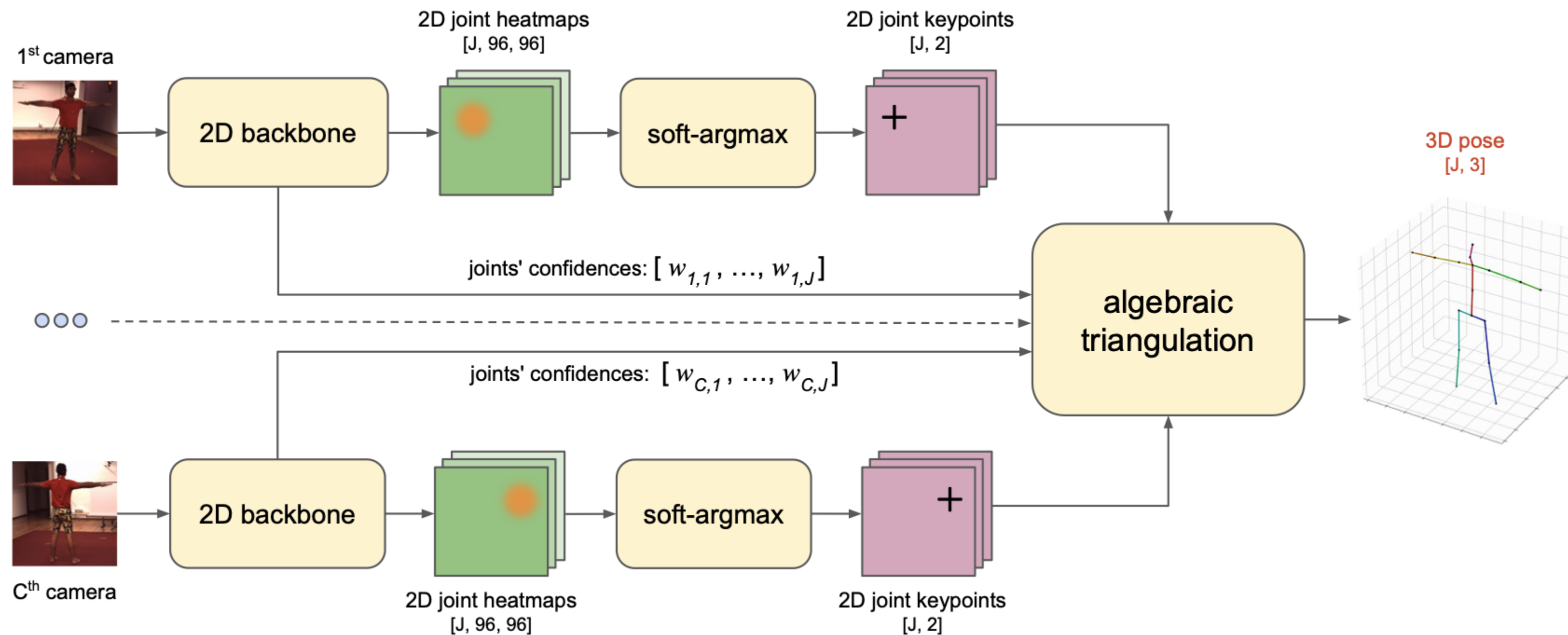
- **Key Idea**

- **To reflect the quality of each view, a learnable weight is added**
- **Estimate the 3d pose by applying learnable weights to both algebraic and volumetric triangulation**

- **Single view 3D pose estimation**
  - **A simple yet effective baseline for 3d human pose estimation(J.Martinez et al. 2017) proposed to lifting the 2D coordinates to 3D via deep neural networks.**
  - **Integral human pose regression(X. Sun et al. 2018) proposed to infer the 3D coordinates directly from the images using convolutional neural networks.**
- **Multi-view 3D pose estimation**
  - **A generalizable approach for multi-view 3D human pose regression (A. Kadkhodamohammadi and N. Padoy. 2018) proposed concatenating joints' 2D coordinates from all views into a single batch as an input to a fully connected network**
  - **Panoptic studio : A massively multiview system for social interaction capture (H. Joo et al. 2015) utilized unprojection of 2D keypoint probability heatmaps to volume with subsequent non-learnable aggregation**
- **Multiple view geometry**
  - **Mutiple view geometry in computer vision(R. Hartley et al. 2003) described the geometric relationships in multiple view for computer vision**

- Algebraic Triangulation(baseline)

- Using synchronized video streams from  $C$  cameras with known projection matrices  $P_c$
- For each timestamp, the frames are processed independently(not using temporal information)
- Process each joint independently of each other
- Using heatmaps to infer the 2D location of the joint
- Then proceeding with triangulation using camera parameters to find the 3D points ( $A_j X = 0$ )



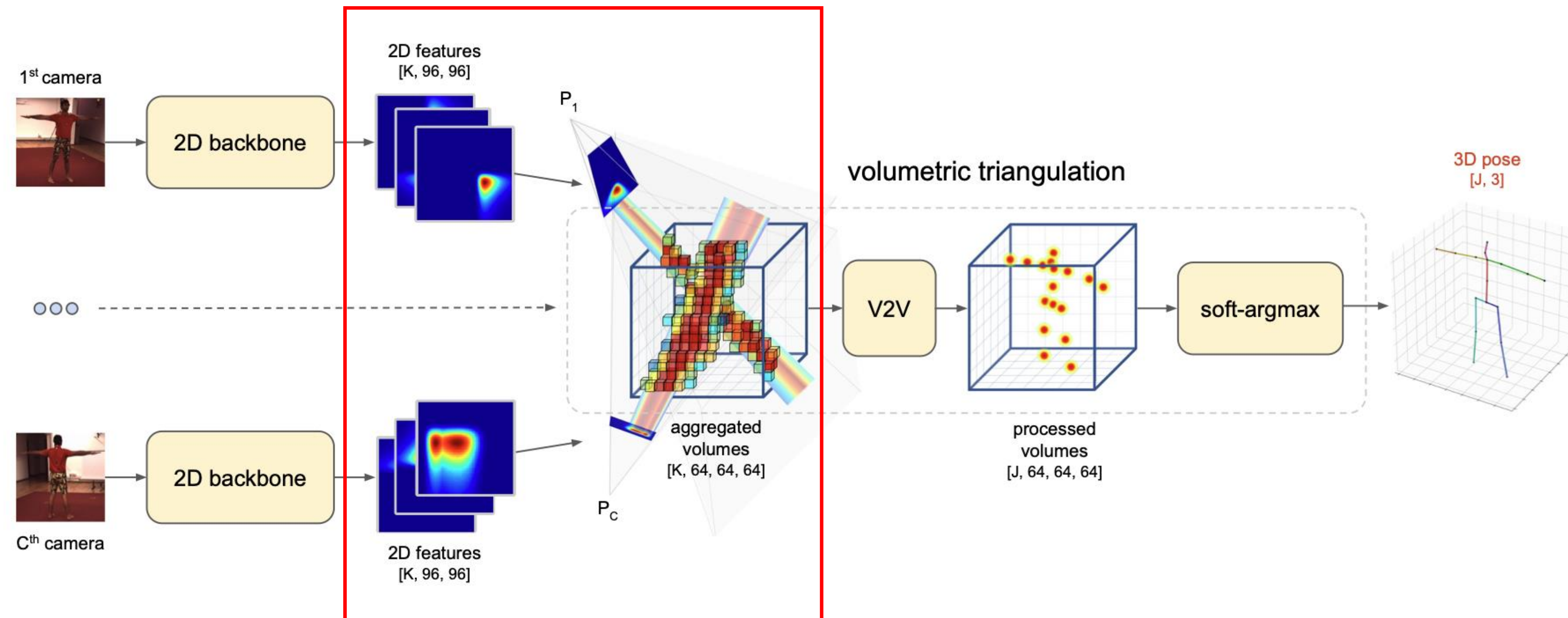
- **Problem from determining 2d points**
  - **The accuracy of the 2D extracting algorithm is high**
  - **There are times when 2d points are not accurate in the event of occlusions**
  - **Cannot assign the same weight and consider all views equally**
  
- **RANSAC**
  - **RANdom SAmple Consensus**
  - **Statistical method used for estimating models, especially in situations where there are outliers in the data**
  - **If using RANSAC, there is a drawback that the model cannot learn from outlier cameras**

- **Learnable camera-joint Confidence Weights**
  - **Apply learnable weights  $w_c$  meaning contribution of camera  $c$**
  - **By using learnable weights, become more robust against joints that are incorrectly estimated due to noise or occlusions**
  - **In scenes with sever occlusions, the heatmap is spread out evenly, so learnable weights  $w_c$  is measured to be small**
  - **$w_j = (w_{1,j}, w_{1,j}, w_{2,j}, w_{2,j}, \dots, w_{C,j}, w_{C,j})$**
  - **$w_{i,j}$  means weight of the  $j$ -th joint captured by the  $i$ -th camera**
  - **Solve the equation which satisfies  $w_j \circ A_j X = 0$**   
( $\circ$  means Hadamard product)



- Volumetric Triangulation

- Unproject the feature maps produced by the 2D backbone into 3D volumes
- Filling a 3D cube around the person via projecting output of the 2D network along projection rays inside the 3D cube size  $L \times L \times L$
- The cubes obtained from multiple views are then aggregated together and processed



- 3 methods for the aggregation

- Raw summation of the voxel data :  
Simply add the heatmap values from all cubes

$$V_k^{\text{input}} = \sum_c V_{c,k}^{\text{view}}$$

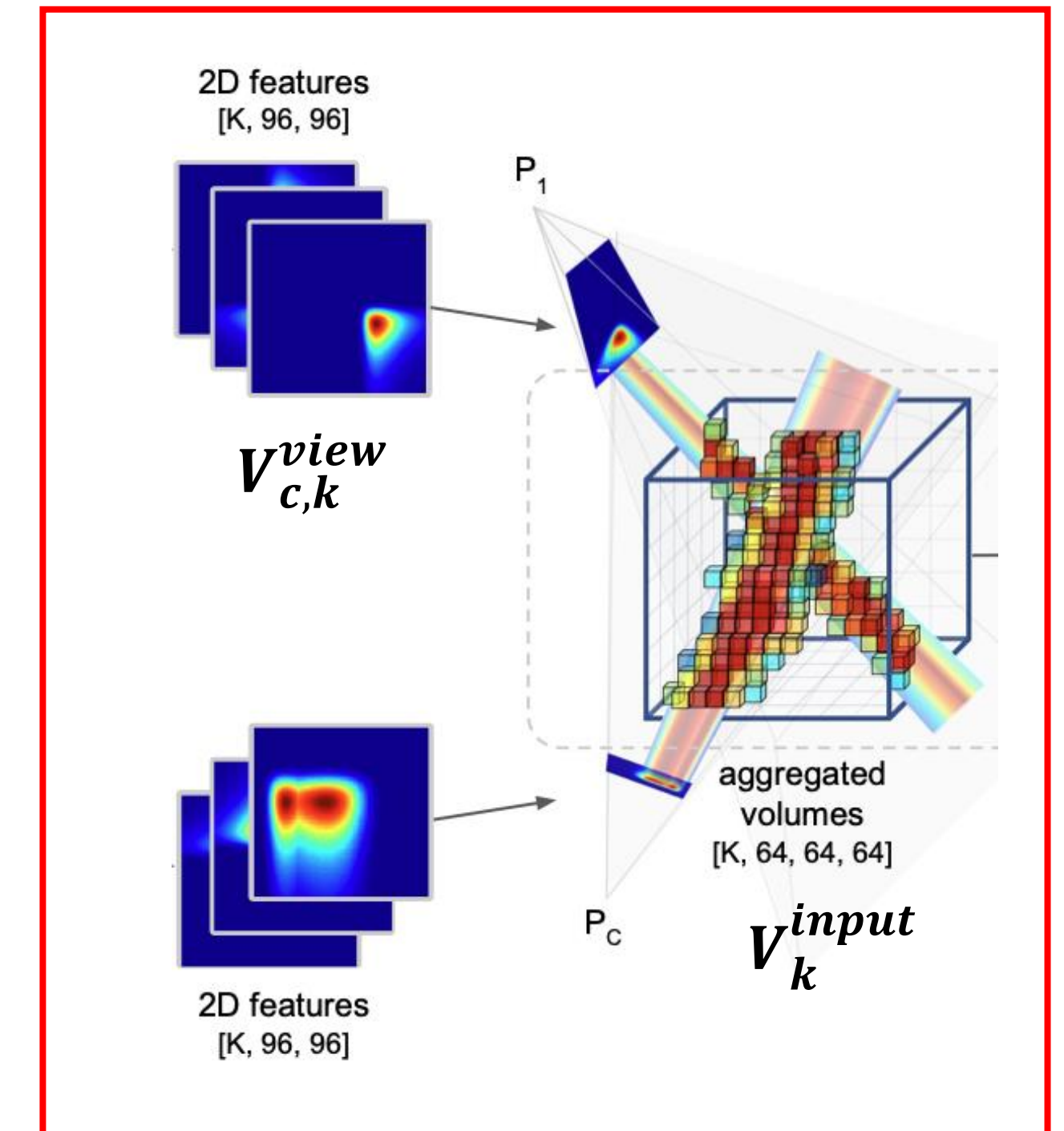
- Summation of the voxel data with normalized confidence multipliers  $d_c$  :  
Weighted sum of heatmap values using the learnable weight  $d_c$

$$V_k^{\text{input}} = \sum_c (d_c \cdot V_{c,k}^{\text{view}}) / \sum_c d_c$$

- Calculating a relaxed version of maximum :  
Weighted sum of heatmap values using the softmax function

$$V_{c,k}^w = \exp(V_{c,k}^{\text{view}}) / \sum_c \exp(V_{c,k}^{\text{view}})$$

$$V_k^{\text{input}} = \sum_c V_{c,k}^w \circ V_c^{\text{view}}$$



- **Experiment Details**
  - **Used Human3.6M and CMU Panoptic datasets**
  - **The size of volumetric cube L : 2.5m**
  - **The number of output channels from the 2D backbone : K=32**
  - **2D backbone : ResNet-152 network**

- Experimental Results

- Comparison between other algorithms and proposed methods with human 3.6m dataset
- Volumetric methods performs the best, providing about 30% reduction in the error to the RANSAC
- Used 4 cameras for this experiment

\* MPJPE relative to pelvis :  
Mean Per Joint Position Error from the pelvis(mm)

Protocol 1 (relative to pelvis)	Dir.	Disc.	Eat	Greet	Phone	Photo	Pose	Purch.	Sit	SitD.	Smoke	Wait	WalkD.	Walk	WalkT.	Avg
Multi-view methods (MPJPE relative to pelvis, mm)																
Multi-View Martinez [18]	46.5	48.6	54.0	51.5	67.5	70.7	48.5	49.1	69.8	79.4	57.8	53.1	56.7	42.2	45.4	57.0
Pavlakos <i>et al.</i> [12]	41.2	49.2	42.8	43.4	55.6	46.9	40.3	63.7	97.6	119.0	52.1	42.7	51.9	41.8	39.4	56.9
Tome <i>et al.</i> [18]	43.3	49.6	42.0	48.8	51.1	64.3	40.3	43.3	66.0	95.2	50.2	52.2	51.1	43.9	45.3	52.8
Kadkhodamohammadi & Padoy [6]	39.4	46.9	41.0	42.7	53.6	54.8	41.4	50.0	59.9	78.8	49.8	46.2	51.1	40.5	41.0	49.1
RANSAC (our implementation)	24.1	26.1	24.0	24.6	27.0	25.0	23.3	26.8	31.4	49.5	27.8	25.4	24.0	27.4	24.1	27.4
<b>Ours, algebraic (w/o conf)</b>	22.9	25.3	23.7	23.0	29.2	25.1	21.0	26.2	34.1	41.9	29.2	23.3	22.3	26.6	23.3	26.9
<b>Ours, algebraic</b>	20.4	22.6	20.5	19.7	22.1	20.6	19.5	23.0	25.8	33.0	23.0	21.6	20.7	23.7	21.3	22.6
<b>Ours, volumetric (softmax aggregation)</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	19.3	18.7	<b>20.2</b>	<b>19.3</b>	18.7	22.3	23.3	29.1	<b>21.2</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>Ours, volumetric (sum aggregation)</b>	19.3	20.5	20.1	19.3	20.6	19.8	19.0	22.9	23.5	29.8	22.0	21.4	19.8	22.1	20.3	21.3
<b>Ours, volumetric (conf aggregation)</b>	19.9	<b>20.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>18.5</b>	20.5	19.4	<b>18.4</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>21.2</b>	20.8	19.7	22.1	20.2	<b>20.8</b>

- Experimental Results

- Comparison between RANSAC method and proposed methods with CMU dataset
- Volumetric approach has a dramatic advantage over the algebraic one
- Used 4 cameras for this experiment

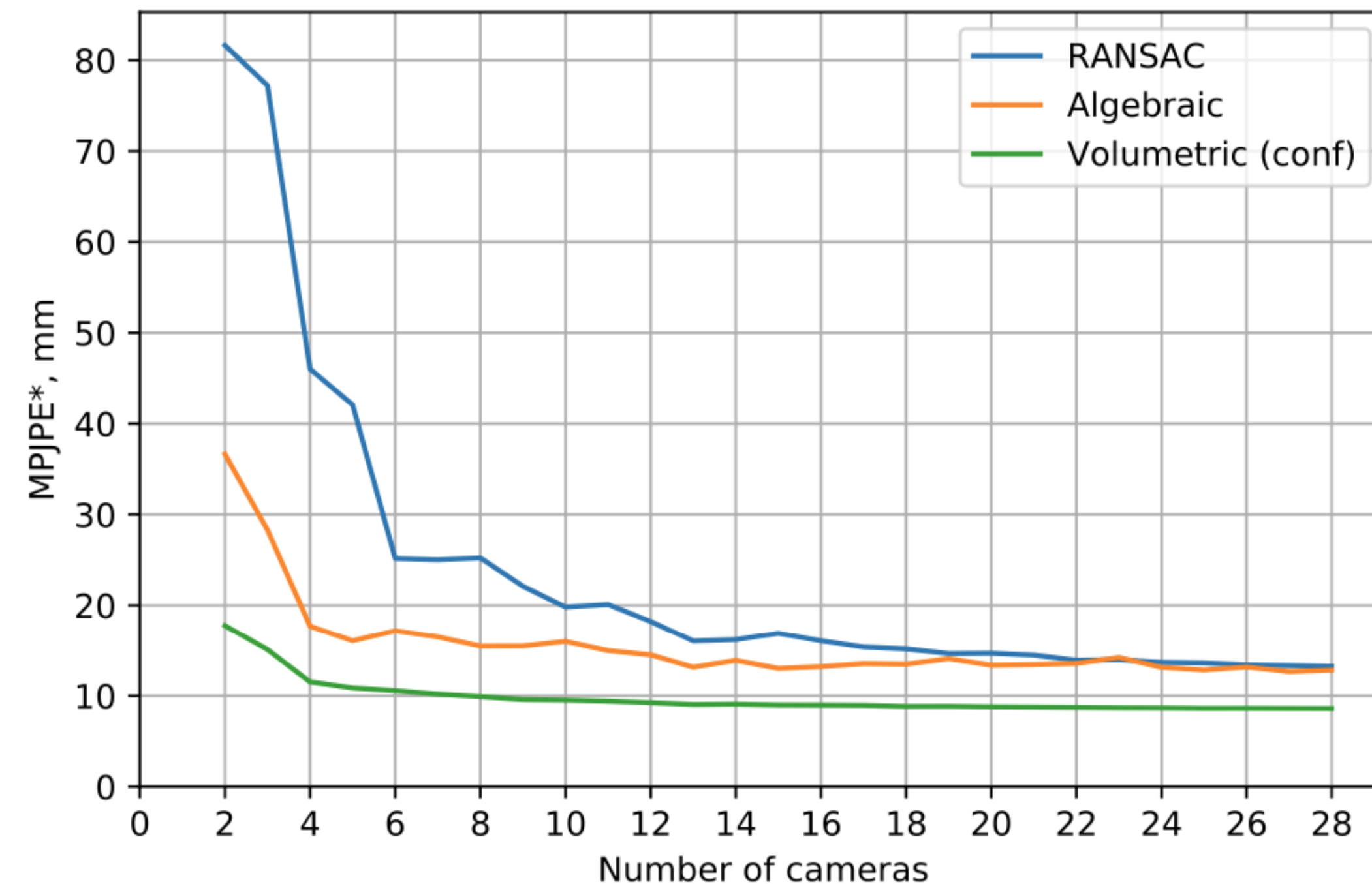
\* MPJPE(mm) : Mean Per Joint Position Error

Model	MPJPE, mm
RANSAC	39.5
<b>Ours, algebraic (w/o conf)</b>	33.4
<b>Ours, algebraic</b>	21.3
<b>Ours, volumetric (softmax aggregation)</b>	<b>13.7</b>
<b>Ours, volumetric (sum aggregation)</b>	<b>13.7</b>
<b>Ours, volumetric (conf aggregation)</b>	14.0

- Experimental Results

- Error versus the numbers of used cameras with CMU Panoptic dataset
- Volumetric triangulation methods drastically reduced the number of cameras in real-life setups
- The error of RANSAC approach with **28 cameras** > The error of Volumetric approach with **4 cameras**

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



- **Conclusion**
  - **Applying the confidence weight of each feature maps, they achieved better 3D estimation results**
  - **Using volumetric triangulation method, they reduced the number of views needed to achieve high accuracy**
  - **The limitation of this algorithm is that it supports only a single person in the scene**