

Temporal Smoothing in 2D Human Pose Estimation for Bouldering

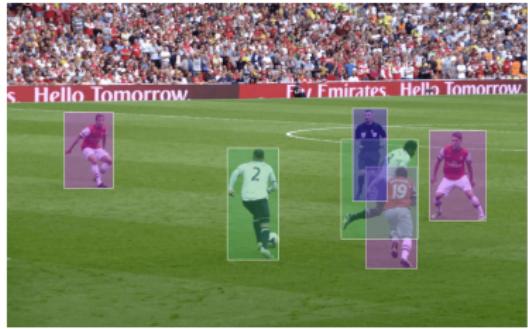
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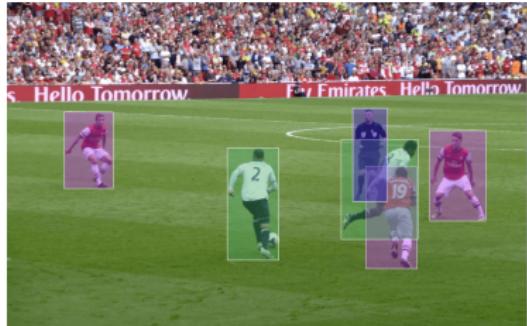
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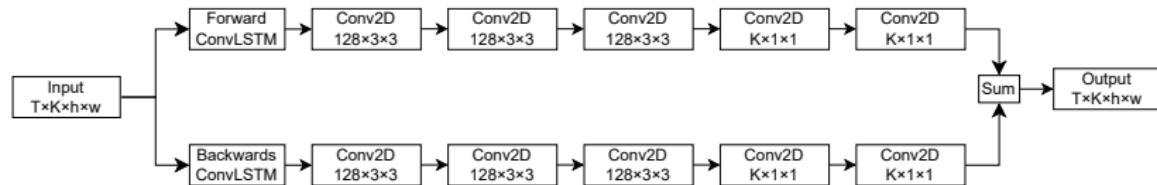
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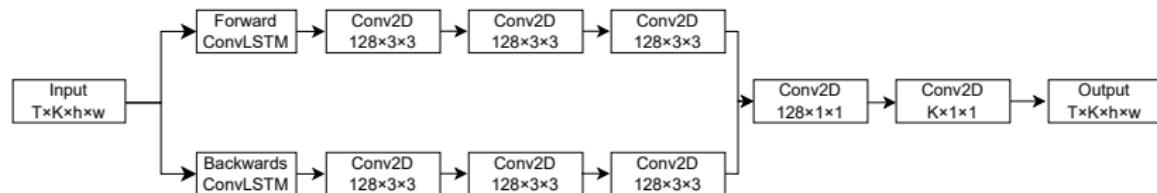
- ▶ Name: bi-ConvLSTM Model S
- ▶ Adaptation of Unipose-LSTM by Artacho and Savakis
- ▶ Bidirectional convolutional LSTM + 2D-conv. layers and ReLUs
- ▶ Processing directions summed together



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RNN-based 2:

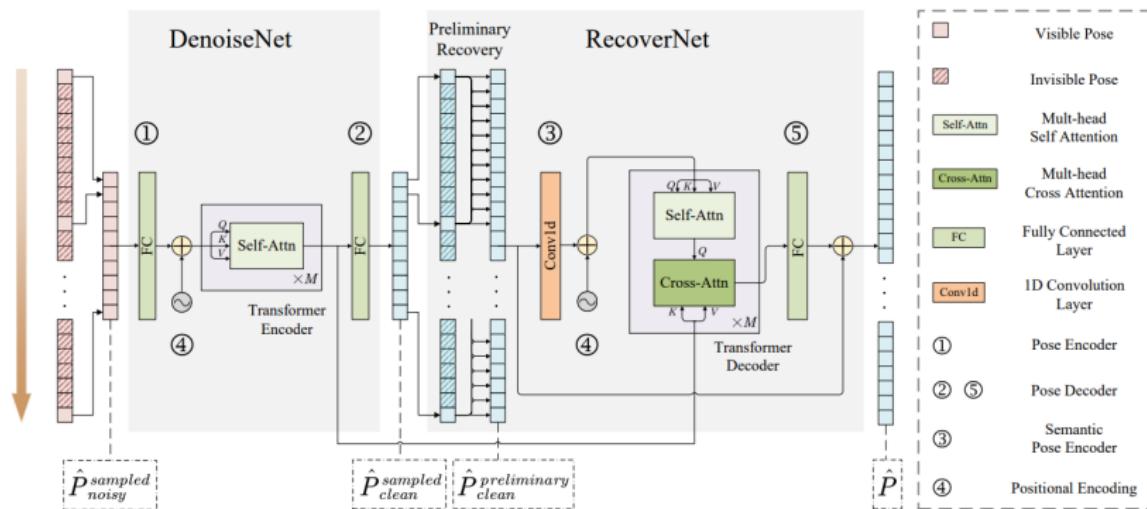
- ▶ bi-ConvLSTM Model C
- ▶ Problem: Prioritization of processing direction
- ▶ Solution: Using convolution
- ▶ Otherwise, very similar to bi-ConvLSTM Model S



The Models

DeciWatch by Zeng *Et al.*

- ▶ Transformer-based
- ▶ Samples every n th frame
- ▶ DenoiseNet + RecoverNet



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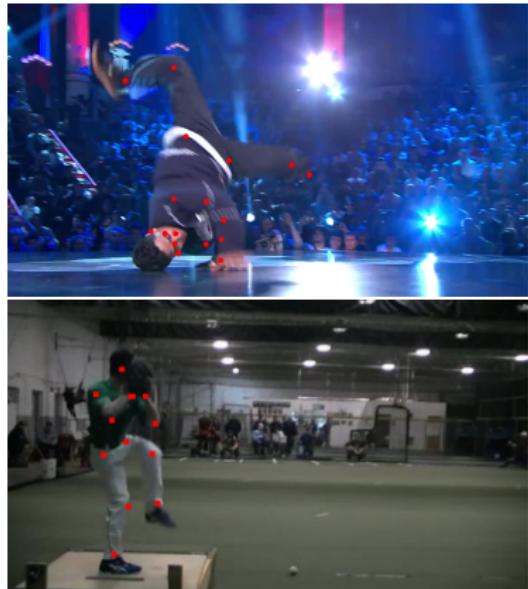
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 - ▶ BRACE
 - ▶ Penn Action



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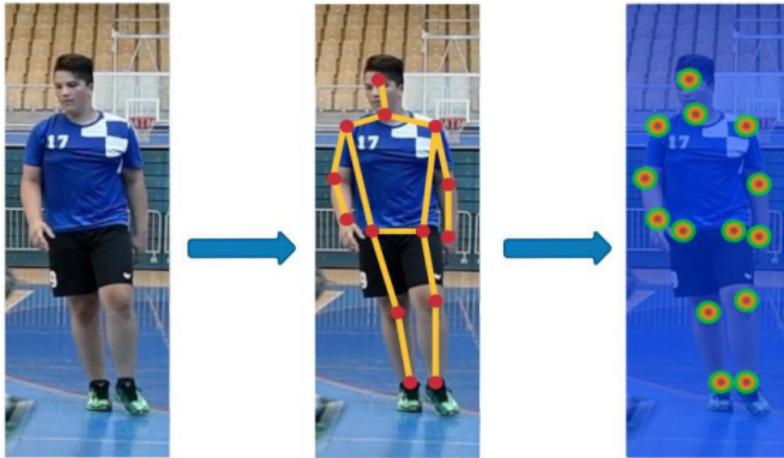
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- ▶ Instead, simulate pose-detector output by shifting input keypoints = learn to denoise

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- ▶ Two different shifting-scalars

Finetuning

Freezing already-developed pose-detector

1. Quicker fitting
2. Greater understanding of results

Accuracy metric

Percentage of correct keypoints (PCK)

- ▶ Correct if $dist(pred, gt) \leq d$
- ▶ PCK@0.05, PCK@0.1 and PCK@0.2

Test results

Only minor difference:

- ▶ Shifting-scalar: shifting-scalar $s = 1$ better simulates the pose-detector
- ▶ Translation + scaling vs only translation: standard deviations of peaks in ClimbAlong data not changing as much

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DeciWatch	76.0	75.9	36.8	94.2	94.2	74.9	99.2	99.2	92.8
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Decreased frame rate:

- ▶ 3DConv: benefit
- ▶ DeciWatch: drawback
- ▶ bi-ConvLSTM: benefit for less noise

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bi-ConvLSTM: Model S vs Model C:

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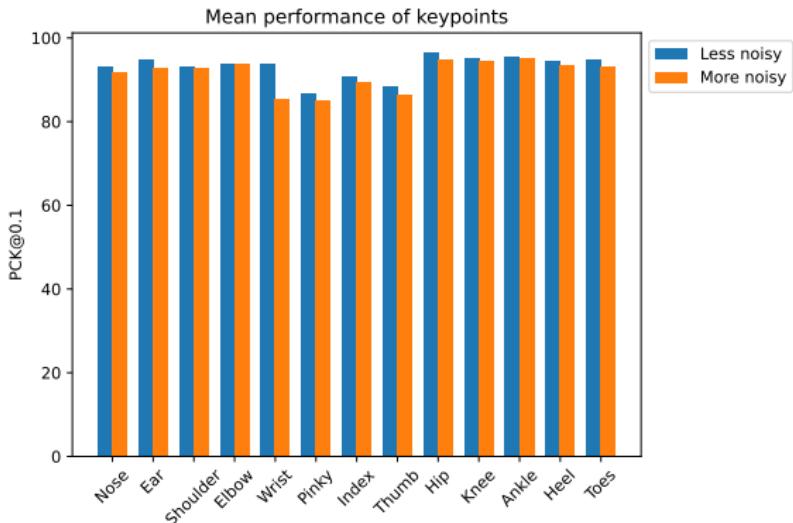
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Worst performing keypoints:

- ▶ Pinkies, index fingers and thumbs
- ▶ Not included during pretraining (minor effect - heels and toes)
- ▶ A lot of movement



Which model is the optimal choice?

- ▶ Greatest testing accuracy: DeciWatch shifting-scalar $s = 1$, full frame rate
- ▶ Greatest rough estimation: bi-ConvLSTM Model C, shifting-scalar $s = 1$, experiment 1
- ▶ Speed and memory: 3DConv, shifting-scalar $s = 1$, experiment 3

	Mean prediction time (ms)	Standard deviation of prediction time (ms)	Number of parameters
3DConv	0.39	9.29×10^{-2}	78,150
DeciWatch	14.2	0.11	1,708,388
bi-ConvLSTM - Model S	10.6	1.68×10^{-2}	1,875,666
bi-ConvLSTM - Model C	20.1	6.93×10^{-2}	1,872,313

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- ▶ Finetuning

- ▶ Groundtruth outside of bbox



Conclusion

Successfully developed and tested models that incorporate temporal smoothing in 2D human pose estimation for bouldering.

- ▶ Pretraining and finetuning
- ▶ Multiple experiments to find the optimal setting of the models
- ▶ The optimal model depends on ones needs

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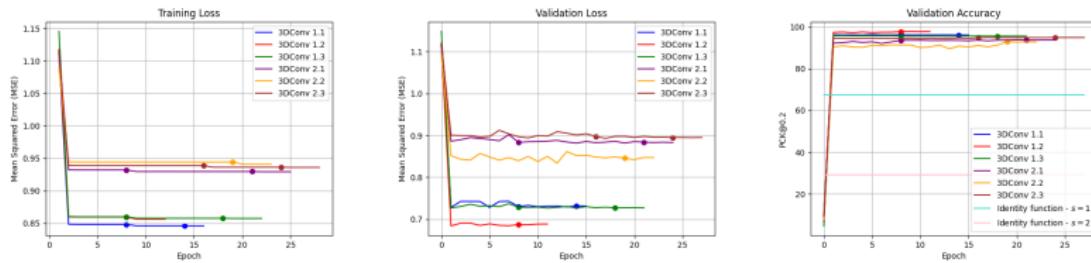
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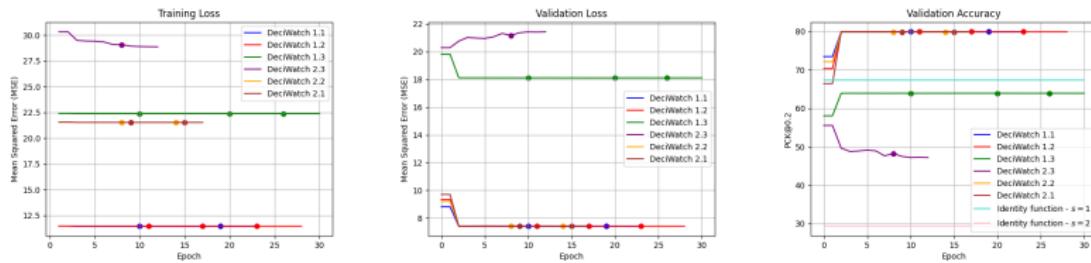
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Appendix

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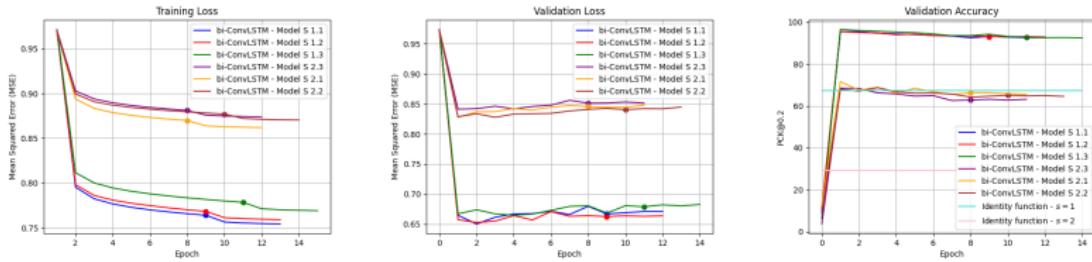


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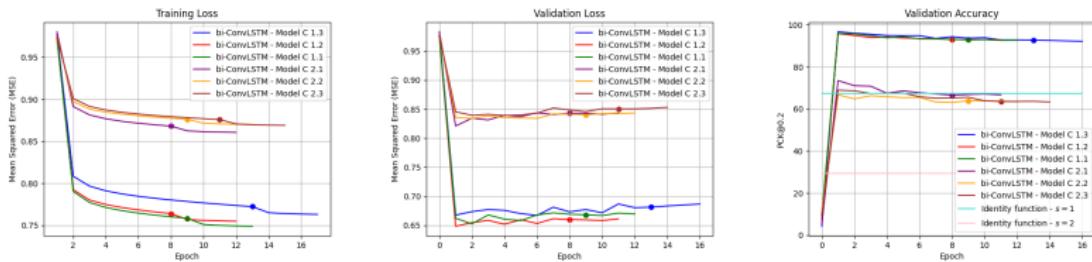


(b) Pretraining results of DeciWatch.

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(a) Pretraining results of the bi-ConvLSTM Model S.



(b) Pretraining results of the bi-ConvLSTM Model C.

Pretraining test results

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Mean threshold distance (px)*	1.11			2.23			4.46		
Experiment	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Identity function	6.95	6.95	6.95	25.7	25.7	25.7	67.4	67.4	67.4
3DConv	1.84	20.5	0.67	30.6	58.5	23.8	96.6	98.0	96.3
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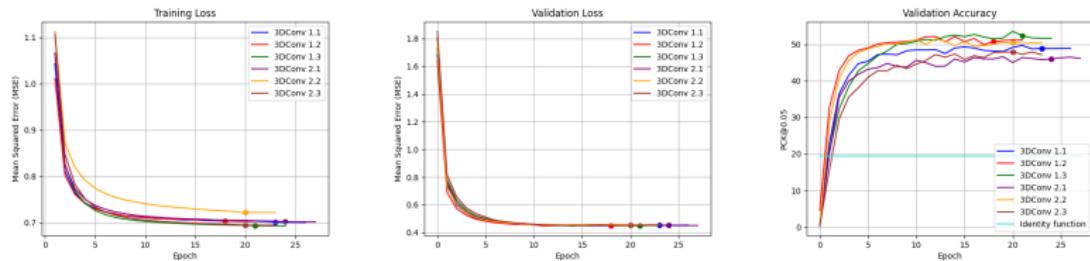
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Identity function	1.84	1.84	1.84	7.75	7.75	7.75	29.3	29.3	29.3
3DConv	0.80	2.40	0.11	21.6	27.6	16.8	94.2	91.8	95.5
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bi-ConvLSTM Model C	12.5	12.0	9.63	36.4	32.5	29.8	74.6	65.5	70.0

Pretraining keypoint test results

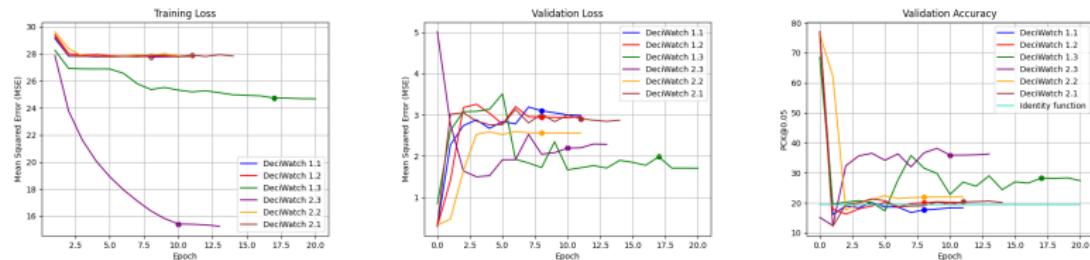
	3DConv			DeciWatch			bi-ConvLSTM Model S			bi-ConvLSTM Model C			Total
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
Experiment													
Nose	30.4	44.3	26.5	68.9	68.0	54.1	80.6	67.7	81.4	74.9	73.3	70.1	61.7
Ear	29.4	43.8	24.9	69.6	69.6	55.2	76.5	73.2	76.2	74.9	75.2	71.5	61.7
Shoulder	34.0	71.3	29.4	68.1	68.1	53.5	65.2	72.0	71.4	70.9	77.0	69.4	62.5
Elbow	31.1	68.3	24.0	62.7	62.7	49.4	71.9	79.0	68.0	67.6	71.9	83.6	61.7
Wrist	26.5	45.3	19.8	59.8	59.8	48.3	70.5	70.4	66.8	68.6	70.7	74.6	56.8
Hip	34.3	84.3	24.4	63.6	63.6	50.1	65.2	65.6	57.4	67.1	62.1	56.3	57.8
Knee	33.7	65.2	25.1	59.5	59.5	48.0	73.9	69.2	66.8	61.9	69.0	73.2	58.8
Ankle	25.4	37.2	17.6	58.9	58.9	48.3	80.1	69.4	66.1	73.1	72.2	75.2	56.9
Total	30.6	58.5	23.8	64.6	64.6	51.5	68.4	71.0	72.5	69.5	71.3	71.8	

	3DConv			DeciWatch			bi-ConvLSTM Model S			bi-ConvLSTM Model C			Total
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	1.3	
Experiment													
Nose	20.5	20.5	17.3	67.9	22.2	41.8	75.8	36.2	29.1	32.8	35.2	25.5	35.4
Ear	22.5	29.7	18.8	69.1	18.6	47.9	80.3	46.9	42.7	47.9	49.4	42.4	43.0
Shoulder	22.4	30.5	17.0	68.1	13.3	32.2	74.7	26.3	23.3	32.8	31.5	21.0	32.8
Elbow	22.5	32.0	16.5	62.7	14.1	19.3	58.2	33.9	21.1	27.2	31.1	27.1	30.5
Wrist	21.5	26.9	17.1	59.7	34.2	35.5	69.4	37.1	32.3	39.8	33.1	33.5	36.7
Hip	22.4	27.9	16.3	63.5	16.8	19.9	64.7	26.5	32.1	35.2	22.2	30.3	31.5
Knee	19.9	25.5	15.4	59.5	24.2	23.4	60.1	28.2	16.1	26.0	21.0	13.2	27.7
Ankle	21.0	24.5	16.2	58.8	47.5	35.6	69.4	34.1	40.0	48.6	39.4	43.7	39.9
Total	21.6	27.6	16.8	64.4	64.4	24.4	31.1	33.4	29.5	36.4	32.5	29.8	

Finetuning evolution

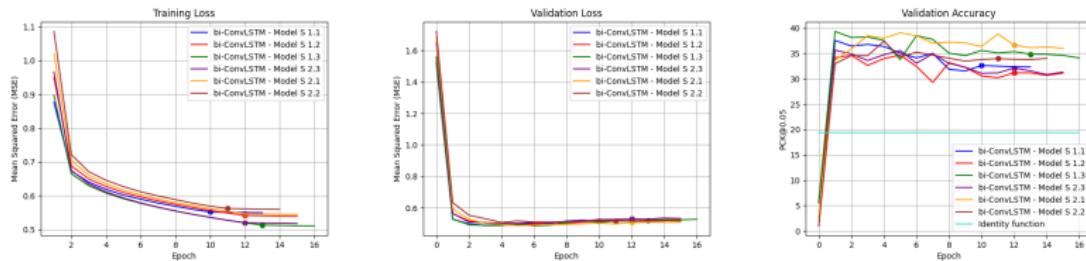


(a) Finetuning results of 3DConv.

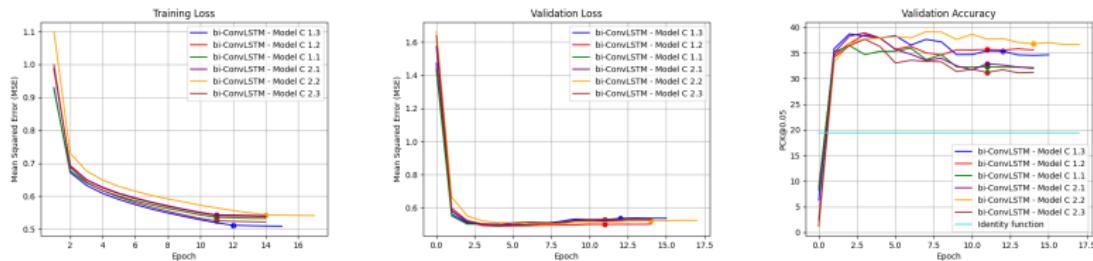


(b) Finetuning results of DeciWatch.

Finetuning evolution

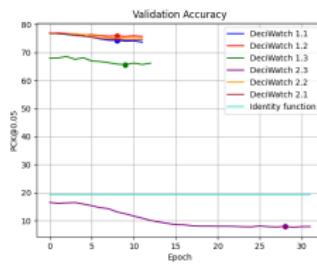
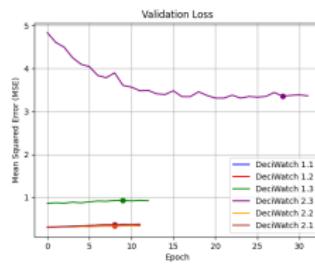
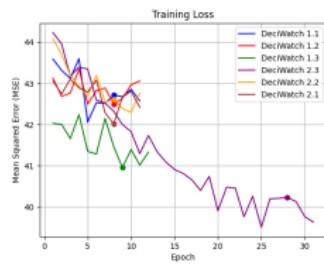


(a) Finetuning results of bi-Conv LSTM Model S.



(b) Finetuning results of bi-Conv LSTM Model C.

Finetuning evolution with regularization



Finetuning test results

Accuracy metric	PCK@0.05			PCK@0.1			PCK@0.2		
Mean threshold distance (px)*	0.80			1.60			3.21		
Experiment	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Identity function	19.4	19.4	19.4	66.1	66.1	66.1	85.2	85.2	85.2
3DConv	49.7	52.3	53.1	95.7	95.7	95.8	99.2	99.3	99.3
DeciWatch	76.6	76.7	68.1	94.4	94.3	87.3	99.2	99.2	96.1
bi-ConvLSTM - Model S	37.8	34.9	39.0	91.8	92.1	92.2	99.4	99.7	99.2
bi-ConvLSTM - Model C	35.9	39.0	38.5	93.1	93.6	92.6	99.8	99.7	99.7

Accuracy metric	PCK@0.05			PCK@0.1			PCK@0.2		
Mean threshold distance (px)*	0.80			1.60			3.21		
Experiment	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Identity function	19.4	19.4	19.4	66.1	66.1	66.1	85.2	85.2	85.2
3DConv	46.5	51.6	47.3	95.5	95.5	95.8	99.2	99.3	99.2
DeciWatch	76.0	75.9	36.8	94.2	94.2	74.9	99.2	99.2	92.8
bi-ConvLSTM - Model S	38.8	37.4	35.9	92.7	92.1	91.2	99.4	99.5	99.3
bi-ConvLSTM - Model C	39.2	39.5	37.1	92.5	92.9	92.6	99.6	99.3	99.6

Finetuning additional test results

Accuracy metric	PCK@0.05			PCK@0.1			PCK@0.2		
Mean threshold distance*	0.87			1.77			3.55		
Experiment	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Identity function	21.2	21.2	21.2	65.5	65.5	65.5	84.7	84.7	84.7
3DConv	58.4	61.4	61.7	98.7	98.9	99.0	99.6	99.8	99.7
DeciWatch	82.6	82.4	74.6	96.2	96.1	92.3	99.1	99.1	97.4
bi-ConvLSTM - Model S	45.7	45.0	47.6	97.3	96.9	97.0	99.6	99.6	99.1
bi-ConvLSTM - Model C	44.5	46.1	48.5	97.4	97.9	97.9	99.6	99.5	99.6

Accuracy metric	PCK@0.05			PCK@0.1			PCK@0.2		
Mean threshold distance*	0.87			1.77			3.55		
Experiment	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Identity function	21.2	21.2	21.2	65.5	65.5	65.5	84.7	84.7	84.7
3DConv	56.2	60.0	56.6	98.9	98.8	98.8	99.7	99.7	99.7
DeciWatch	81.6	81.8	37.5	96.0	96.0	73.3	99.1	99.1	90.7
bi-ConvLSTM - Model S	44.8	46.2	45.0	96.9	95.9	97.1	99.5	99.6	99.5
bi-ConvLSTM - Model C	45.9	47.9	46.7	96.7	97.1	98.1	99.6	99.4	99.6

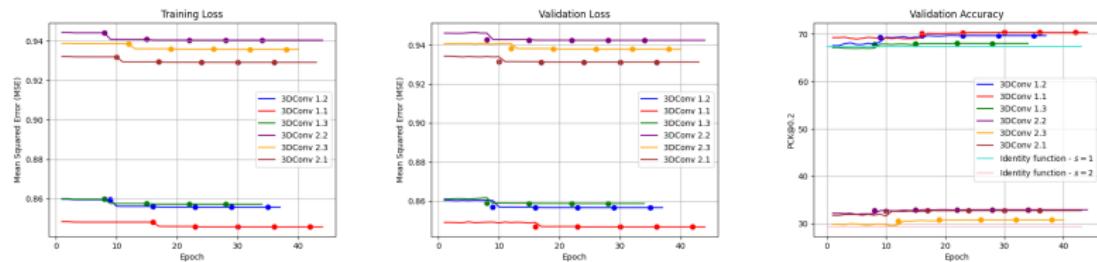
Finetuning keypoint testing results

Experiment	3DConv			DeciWatch			bi-ConvLSTM Model S			bi-ConvLSTM Model C			Total
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	
Nose	95.5	97.6	95.7	94.9	94.9	88.5	93.5	89.7	95.4	93.4	88.8	90.9	93.2
Ear	96.5	96.7	96.8	95.5	95.5	88.6	94.3	91.9	94.2	96.3	95.6	96.1	94.8
Shoulder	95.6	97.4	97.1	95.4	95.4	88.4	91.2	90.6	87.2	91.9	95.1	92.9	93.2
Elbow	97.6	97.2	97.5	94.5	94.6	86.5	93.2	93.7	94.9	95.1	96.7	95.2	94.7
Wrist	96.4	96.4	96.3	93.9	93.9	85.8	94.2	92.7	94.1	94.5	93.2	94.3	93.8
Pinky	86.6	85.4	85.4	92.5	92.2	84.0	84.5	86.5	86.6	83.4	88.4	87.0	86.9
Index finger	92.7	92.5	93.1	92.2	92.1	84.3	90.3	89.1	88.2	89.9	92.3	92.1	90.7
Thumb	91.6	91.0	91.4	92.8	92.7	84.5	81.0	89.3	84.9	89.6	85.5	86.9	88.4
Hip	99.4	99.0	99.8	96.4	96.4	89.9	92.5	96.5	98.0	94.6	97.7	96.1	96.4
Knee	97.7	98.1	98.4	95.0	95.0	88.4	96.1	92.5	96.5	96.0	93.9	93.6	95.1
Ankle	98.6	98.4	99.1	95.0	95.0	87.6	94.3	93.6	96.0	97.2	98.1	94.3	95.6
Heel	98.6	98.1	98.5	95.2	95.1	86.2	94.2	93.4	94.9	92.5	92.6	93.0	94.4
Toes	97.2	97.5	98.0	94.2	94.0	86.8	94.9	95.3	95.5	93.8	95.7	94.4	94.8
Total	95.7	95.7	95.8	94.4	94.3	87.3	91.8	92.1	92.2	93.1	93.6	92.6	

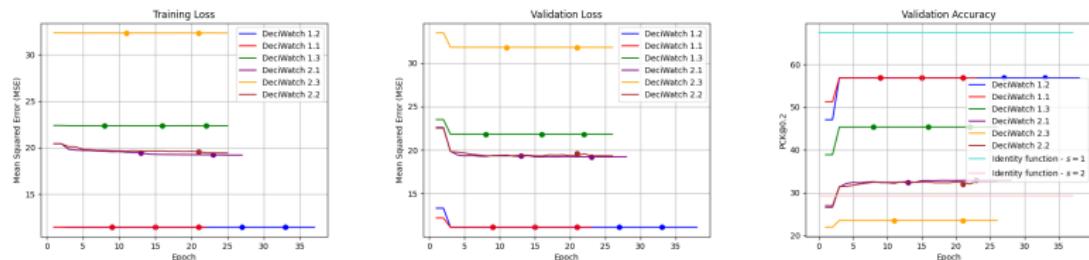
Finetuning keypoint testing results

	3DConv			DeciWatch			bi-ConvLSTM Model S			bi-ConvLSTM Model C			Total
	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	
Experiment													
Nose	95.6	97.0	95.6	94.1	94.3	80.8	90.9	89.6	93.2	88.1	91.1	90.8	91.76
Ear	96.8	95.7	96.9	93.3	93.4	80.8	94.2	92.7	92.6	91.9	93.2	94.9	93.0
Shoulder	95.1	97.1	95.7	95.3	95.4	77.5	93.5	93.4	90.1	90.0	97.7	95.6	93.0
Elbow	97.2	97.1	97.5	94.4	94.5	72.0	96.0	96.7	90.9	97.1	97.0	94.7	93.8
Wrist	96.4	96.5	96.6	93.8	93.8	77.4	89.2	93.8	91.9	93.2	94.3	9.33	85.5
Pinky	85.0	85.3	87.0	92.3	92.4	66.1	84.5	82.6	84.0	87.4	83.6	89.7	85.0
Index finger	93.1	92.8	93.0	92.5	92.5	65.3	92.7	89.9	92.4	92.1	88.0	91.4	89.6
Thumb	91.1	90.8	91.6	93.0	92.9	71.4	85.3	83.5	81.1	82.6	84.6	88.9	86.4
Hip	99.3	98.8	99.6	96.3	96.4	78.6	97.1	96.2	96.8	97.8	97.4	84.5	94.9
Knee	97.6	97.8	97.9	95.1	95.0	77.9	94.9	93.3	91.3	95.9	98.4	97.5	94.4
Ankle	98.6	98.5	99.3	94.5	94.6	79.3	96.2	96.0	93.8	98.5	96.8	96.2	95.2
Heel	98.2	97.8	98.8	95.1	95.0	78.5	93.7	93.0	93.2	93.0	91.3	92.8	93.4
Toes	97.4	97.4	97.8	94.0	94.0	73.1	95.1	96.8	93.5	92.7	93.7	93.7	93.3
Total	95.5	95.5	95.8	94.2	94.2	74.9	92.7	92.1	91.2	92.5	92.9	92.6	

Pretraining evolution - corrected

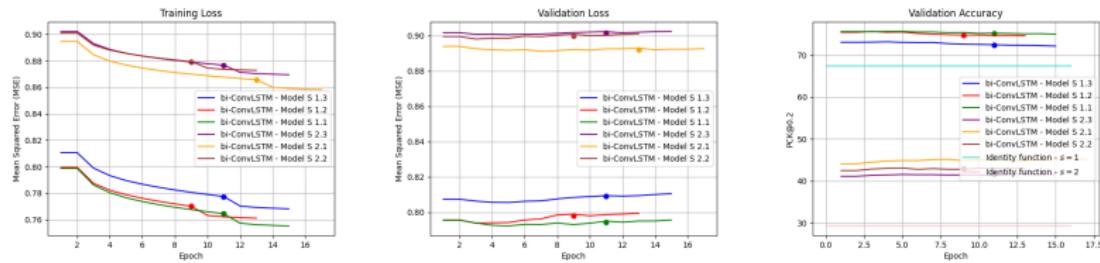


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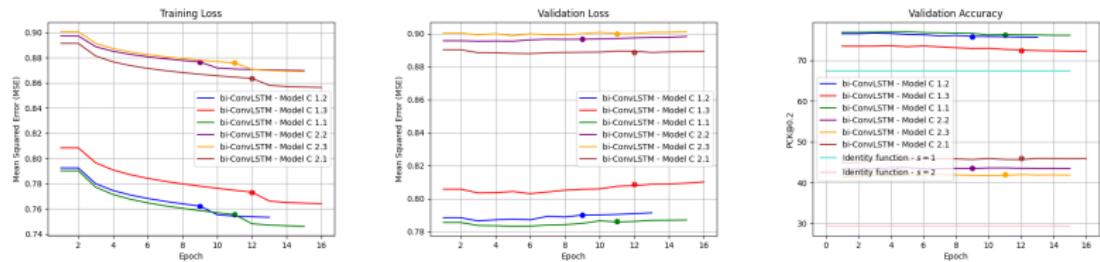


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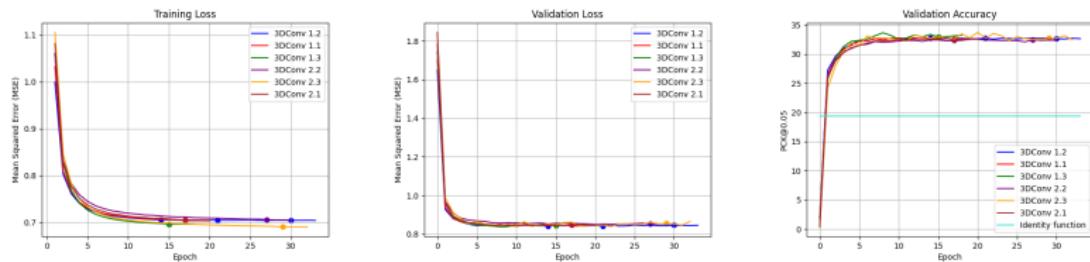


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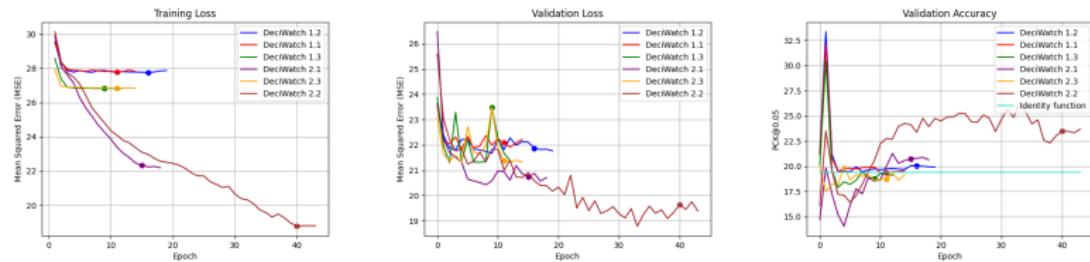


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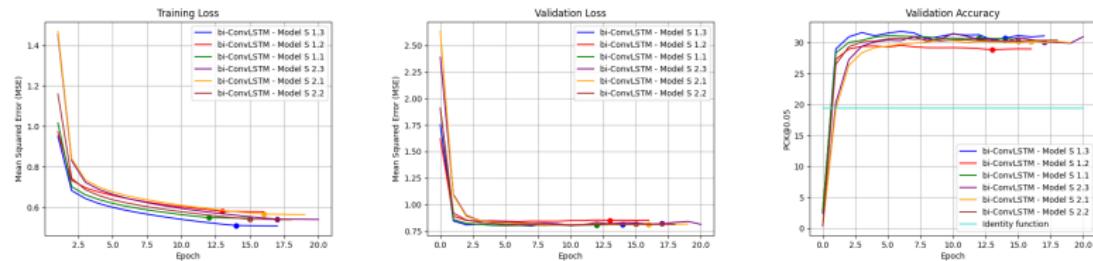


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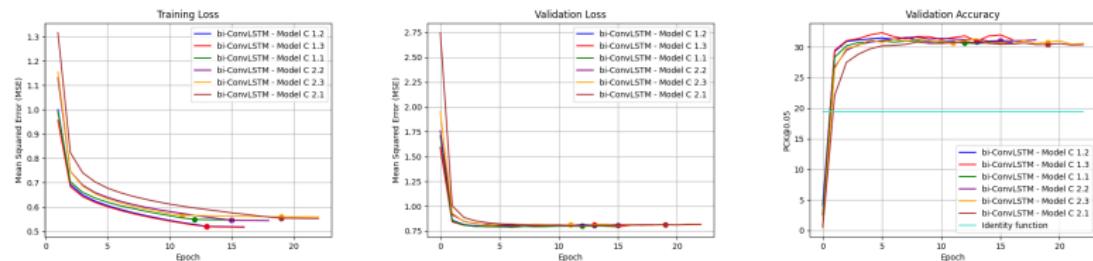


(b) Finetuning results of DeciWatch

Finetuning evolution - corrected



(a) Finetuning results of bi-Conv LSTM Model S.



(b) Finetuning results of bi-Conv LSTM Model C.