

# Optimizing Physical Hand Training Effectiveness Using Deep Learning and Unsupervised Learning

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# Motivation

## The situation

- Imagine being 19 with CP and cognitive disabilities.
- Hand therapy can improve your quality of life, but it is demotivating.
- Jacob's son had CP after a serious meningitis as a baby.

## Our reflection

- Could machine learning motivate and support training at home?

## Our solution

- A simple software solution providing live motivational feedback.
- We will now show you what we built...

# Problem and Use Case

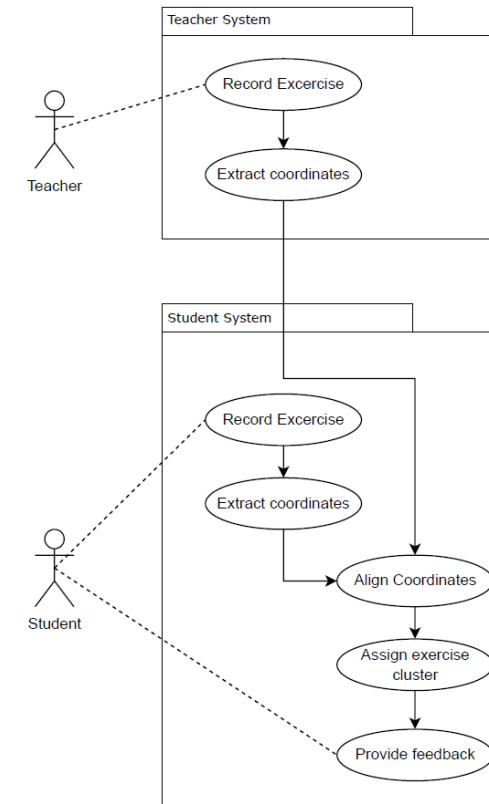
## Problem

Hand exercise training targeted for patients with hand mobility issues with the goal of making the training more effective and the patient more motivated.

## Hereunder:

1. Track hand positions.
2. Rate the students hand positions against the teacher's hand positions.
3. Apply supervised and unsupervised machine learning to a live stream

## Use Case



# CNN Model

## Purpose:

- Extract 3D landmarks from an image input.

## Model data

Data source: HanCo

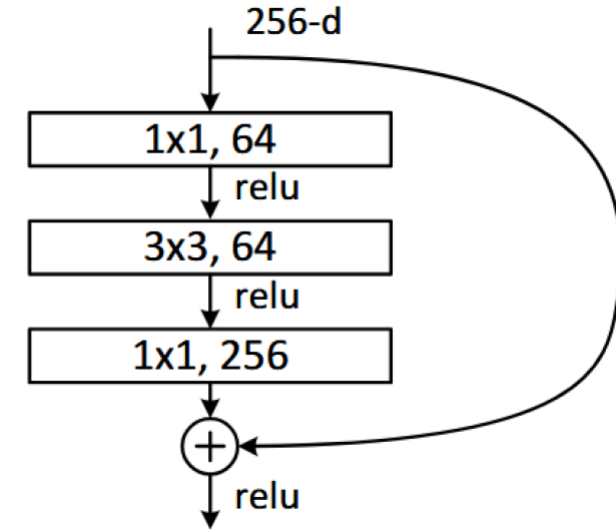
Input data: 224x224 RGB images of hands

Output data: 21 normalised 3D coordinates of landmarks.

## Model Architecture

Backbone: ResNet50 + custom model head

Pretrained weights: ImageNet



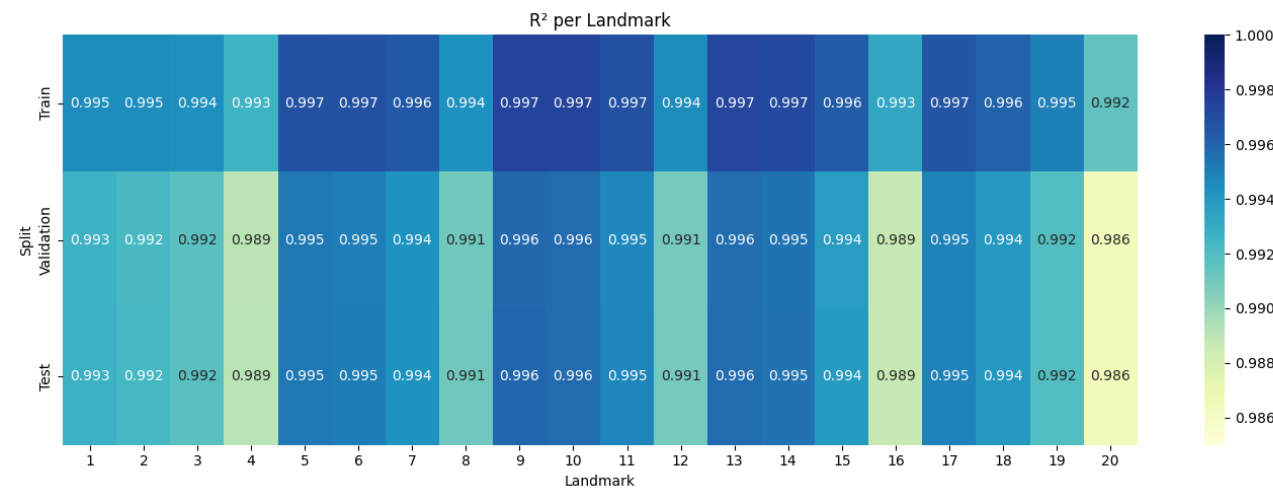
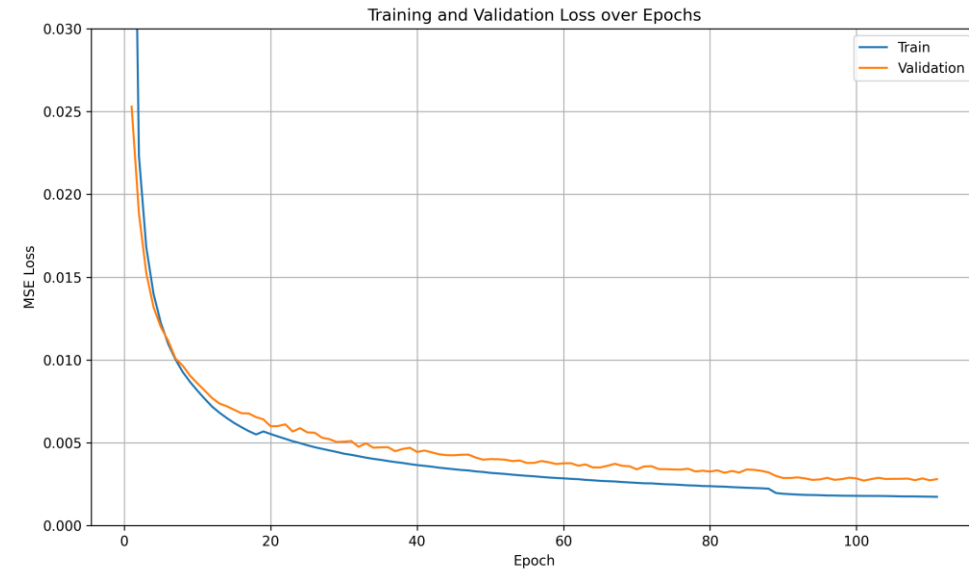
Layer	Dimensionality
FC + ReLU	2048 x 2048
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FC	2048 x 63

Table 1: Model head architecture with dimensionality of each layer.

# CNN Results

- Strong within-dataset generalisation
  - $R^2$  of 0.982 on test set
  - Healthy loss curve with small train/val gap.
  - High variance explainability across all landmarks

Dataset	MSE Loss	$R^2$
Train	0.00172	0.985
Val	0.00272	0.982
Test	0.00271	0.982



# K-Means Model

## Purpose

Cluster landmarks into different exercise states

## Model Data

Data Source: CNN prediction on self collected images (1174)

Input Data:

- 21 normalised 3D coordinates of landmarks
- 3 (1 good and 2 wrong) positions recorded (~400 each)
- Aligned to canonical coordinate system

Output Data: 63 dimensional centroid for each cluster.

## Cluster Selection

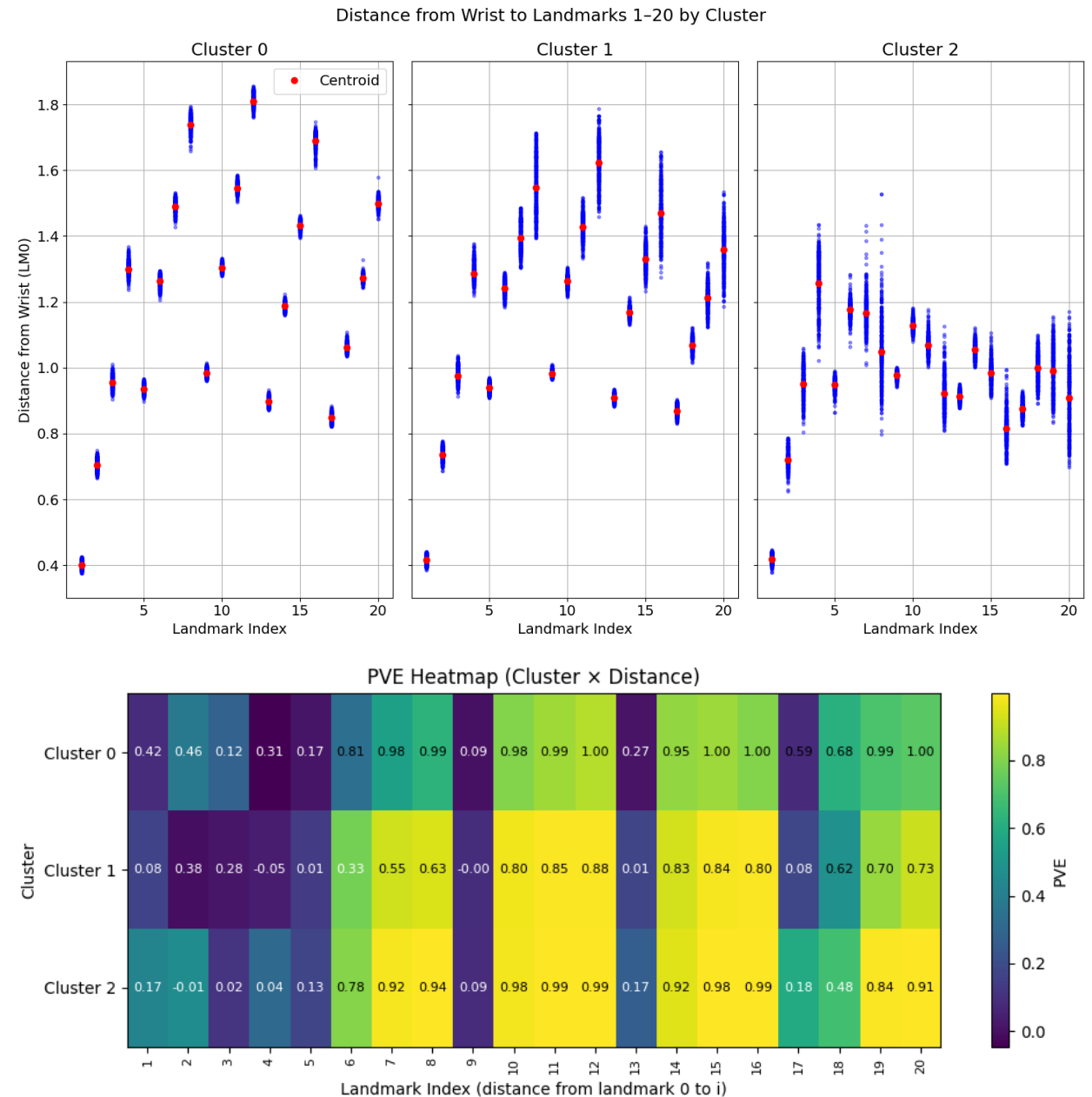
- Elbow method used
- Matches the expected 3 positions



# K-Means Results

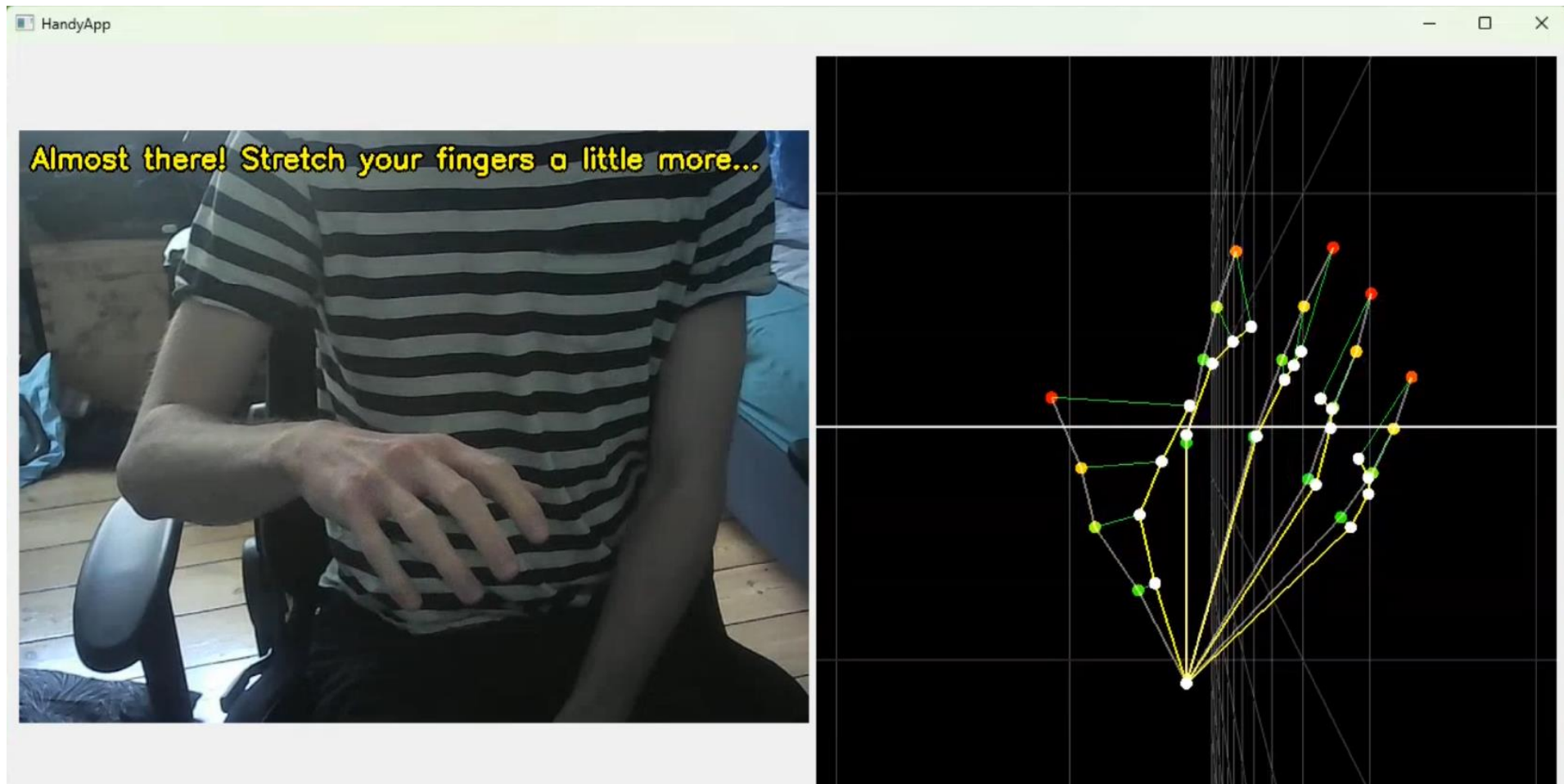
Centroids match the exercise's three positions well.

- Wrist-landmark distances in each cluster matches our expectations from the three recorded image scenarios.
- The datapoints distribute close to their centroids
- PVE shows good explainability for landmarks further from the wrist (exluding the thumb).

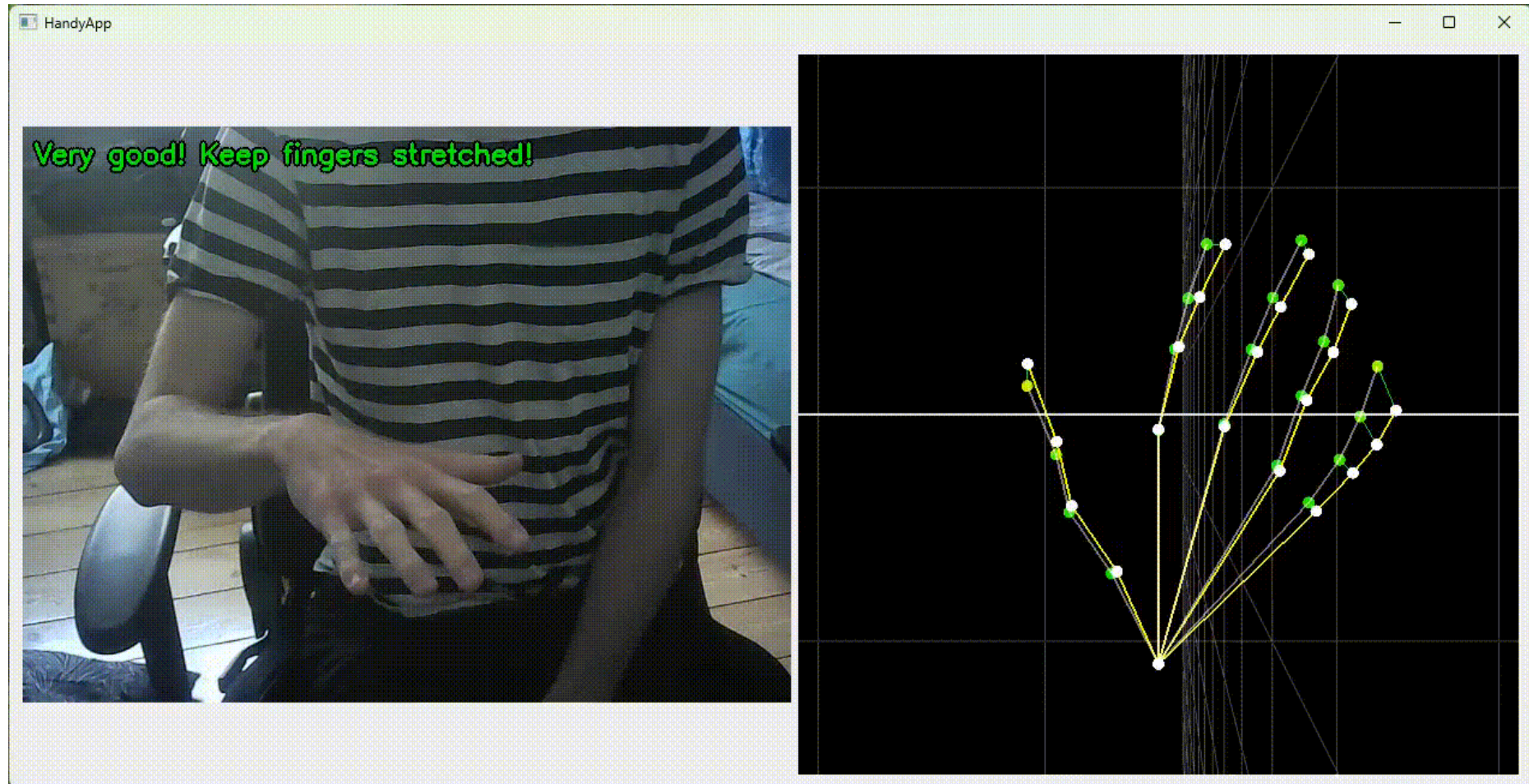




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# Conclusion

- Good CNN performance/generalisation with  $R^2 = 0.982$
- Well performing K-means clustering matching our 3 scenarios
- Well performing live-inference software capable of guiding the patient

# Perspectives

Dataset expansion/  
Fine tuning

More exercises

Data collection

Regulatory  
compliance

Faster detection/  
Mobile devices

Telemedicine

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