

# Deep High-Resolution Representation Learning for Human Pose Estimation

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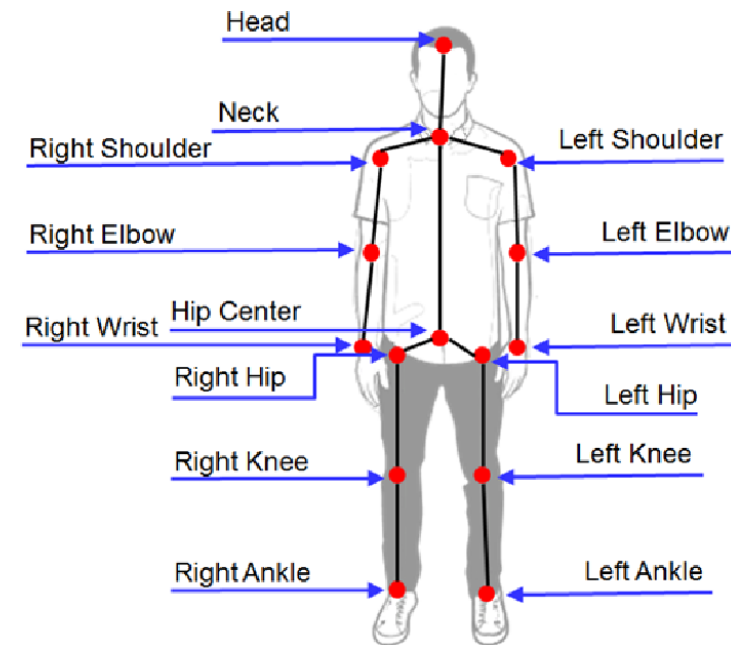
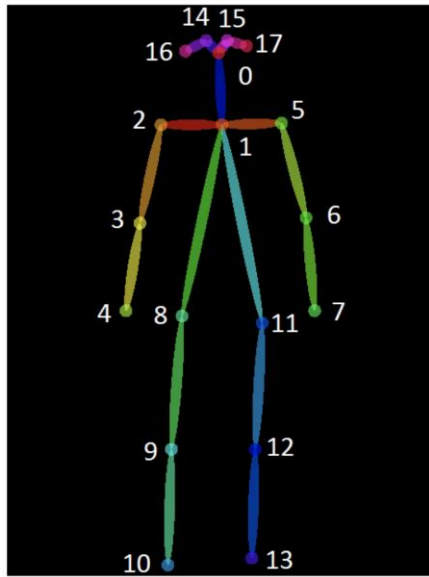
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# Preliminary

## Background

- What is Human Pose Estimation?
  - : a way of identifying and classifying the joints in the human body.



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## Regression vs Heatmap

- Regression:  $(x, y)$  e.g. COCO Dataset

[Image] Image



[Annotation] Key points

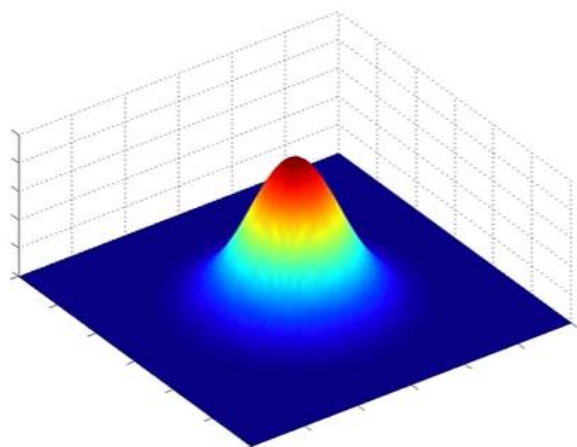
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x	367	374	...	396
y	81	73	...	341
z	2	2	...	2

- $x, y$  :  $(x, y)$ , 2D image 좌표
- $z$  : visibility flag
  - 0 : 이미지 내 존재하지 않는 키 포인트(not labeled)
  - 1 : 이미지 내 존재하지만, 겹으로 보이지 않는 키 포인트
  - 2 : 이미지 내 존재하고, 겹으로도 보이는 키 포인트

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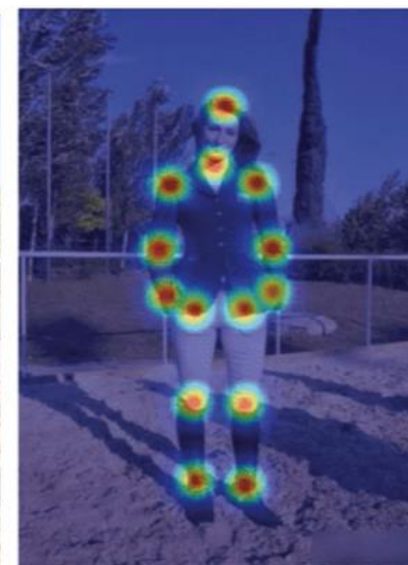
- Heatmap [loc = (x, y)]



0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0
0	0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0	0
0	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	0
0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
0	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.4	0
0	0	0.4	0.6	0.4	0	0
0	0	0	0.4	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0



(a)



(b)



(c)

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## Human Pose Estimation Task

1. Train Global + Local Feature
2. Recover High-Resolution



✓ Trade off: Global information vs High resolution

**High** global information

**Low** resolution



When up-sampling,  
lose information

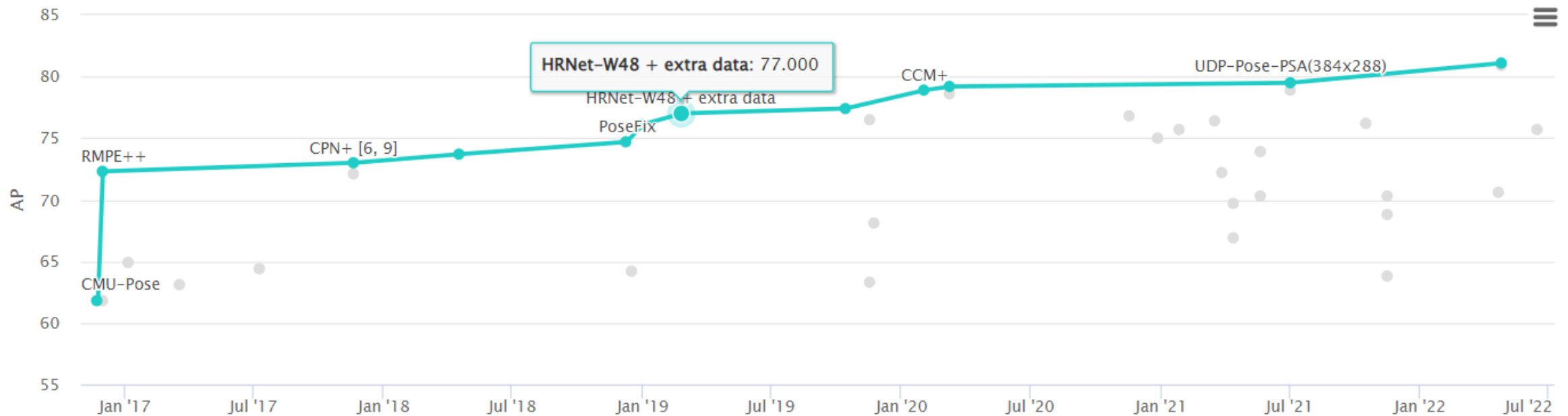
Increase receptive field size

Negative effect for Pixel-wise prediction

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## HR-Net Record

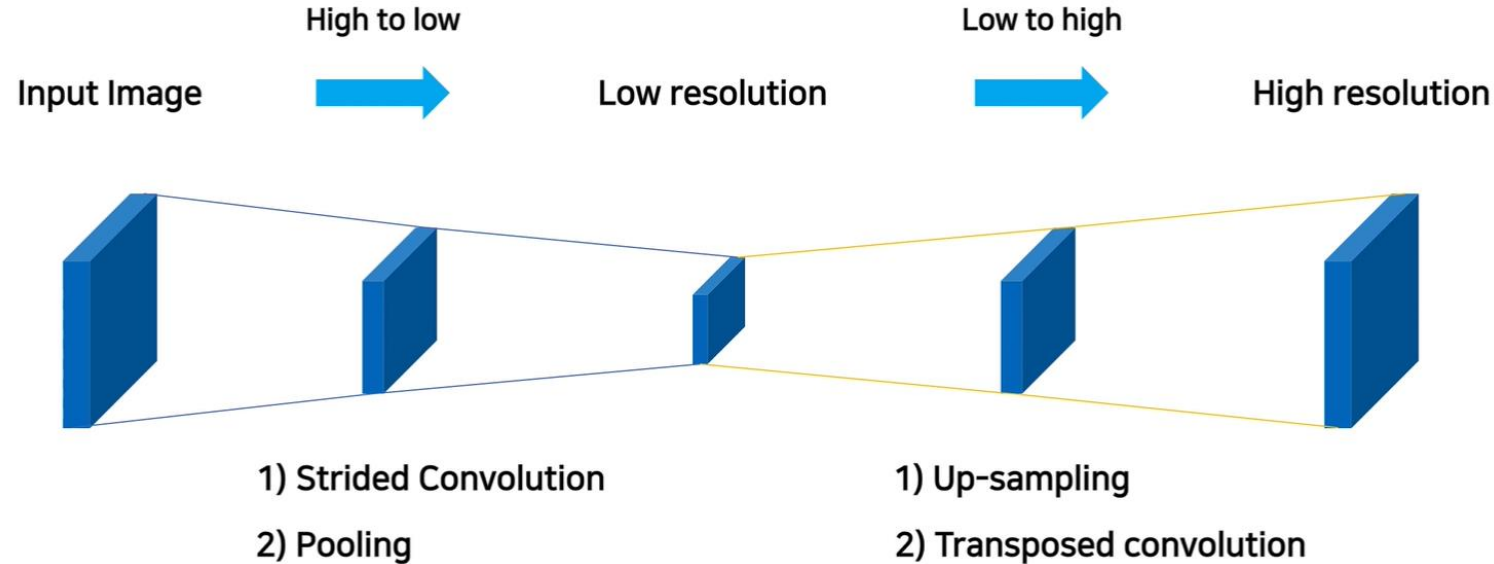
- Leader Board: Pose Estimation on COCO test-dev  
: It maintained SOTA for about two years.



# Introduction

## Previous Approach

- Existing networks for pose estimation are built by connecting high-to-low resolution subnetworks in series. e.g. Simple baseline(2018)



Lose small object or detailed spatial information



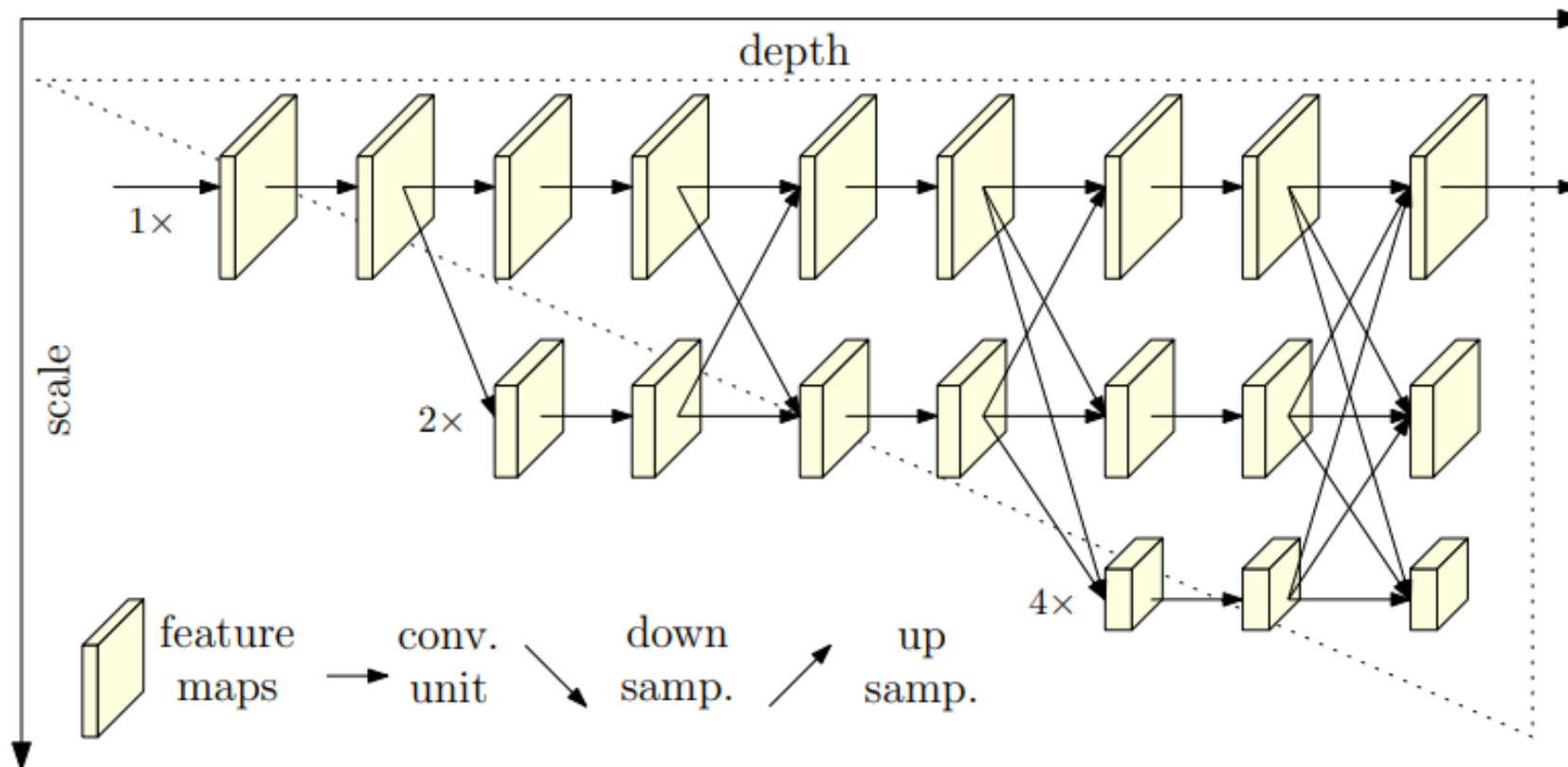
Negative effect for Pixel-wise prediction



# Method

## Architecture of the proposed HRNet

- It consists of parallel high-to-low resolution subnetworks with repeated information exchange across multi-resolution subnetworks (multi-scale fusion)

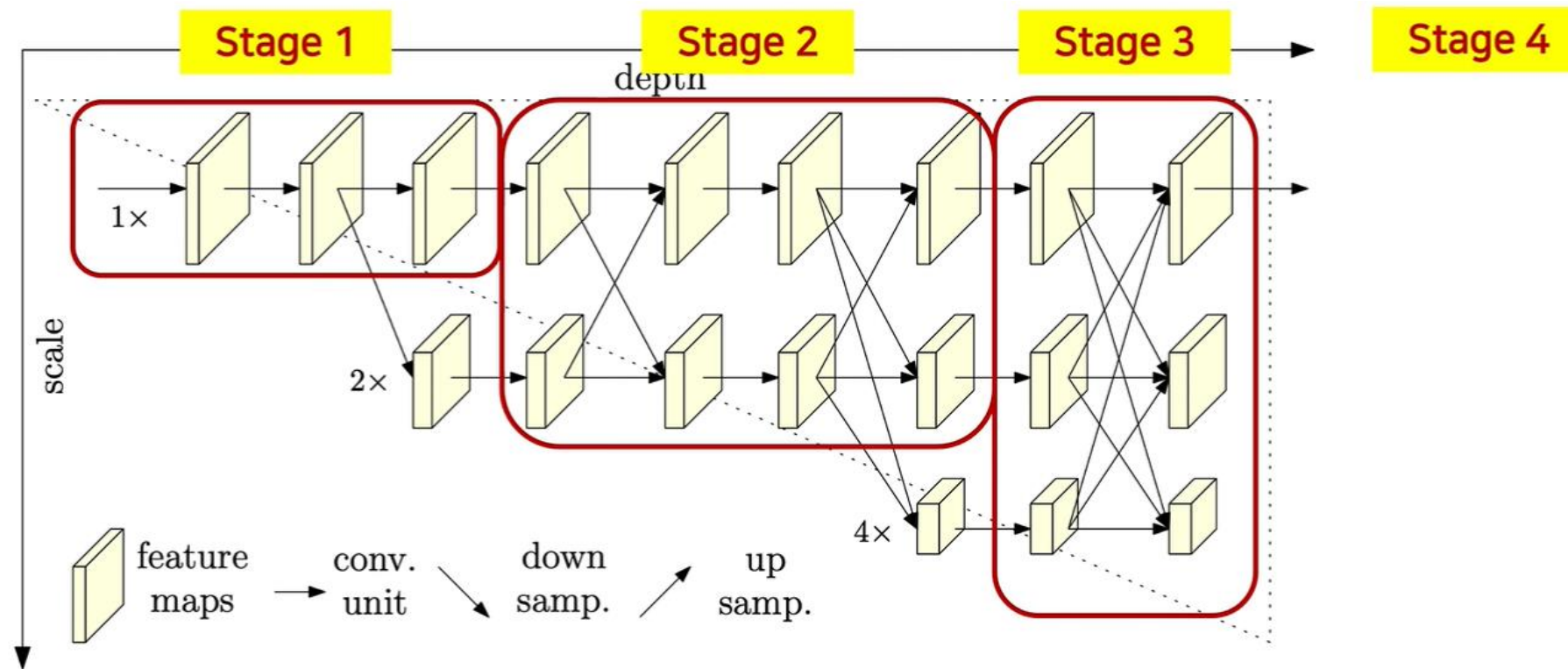




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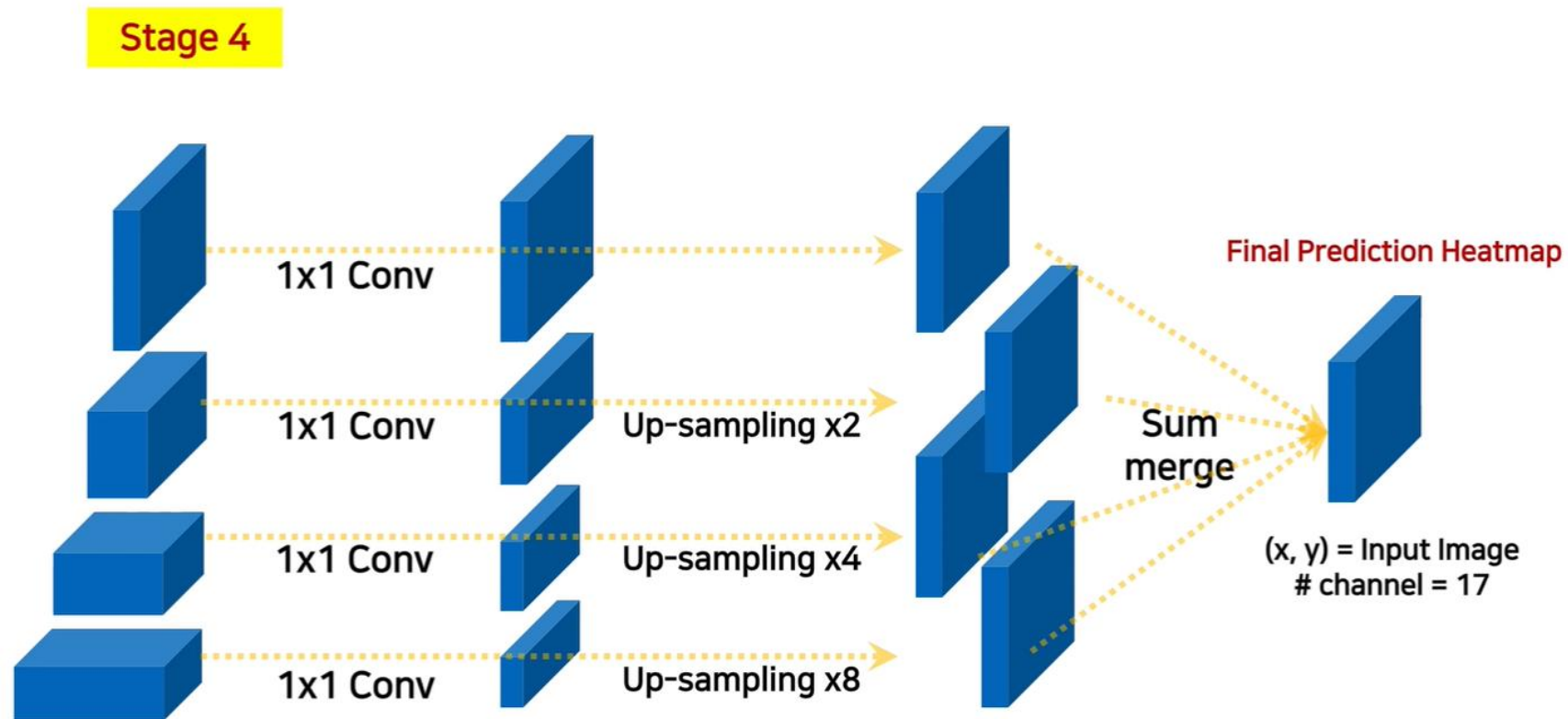
- The resolutions for the parallel subnetworks of a later stage consists of the resolutions from the previous stage, and an extra lower one.



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# Experiments

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## Dataset (COCO Dataset)

- Train dataset: 57,000 images (150K person instances)
- Evaluation: 5,000 images(val), 20,000 images(test-dev)
- Key-points: 17

## Evaluation metric

- OKS (= Object Keypoint Similarity)
- AP (=Average Precision)

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## Evaluation metric

\* Object Detection task에서의 'IOU(Intersection over Union)' 개념

### 1. 키 포인트 유사성 측정 지표 : OKS (=Object Keypoint Similarity)

$$\frac{\sum_i \exp(-d_i^2 / 2s^2 k_i^2) \delta(v_i > 0)}{\sum_i \delta(v_i > 0)}$$

$d_i$  Euclidean 거리(Ground-Truth 관절(key-point), 예측 관절)

$v_i$  Visibility flag ( $v_i > 0$  : 이미지 내 존재하는 모든 키 포인트)

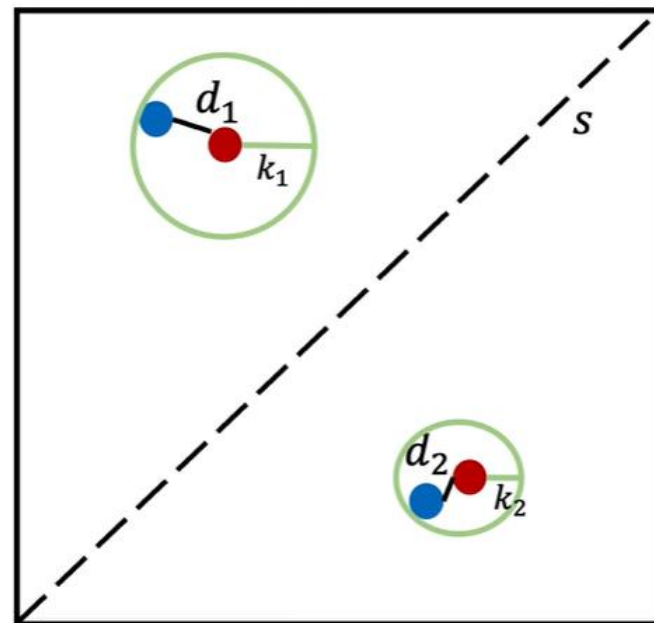
$s$  객체 Bounding box 대각선 길이

$k_i$  관절 종류마다 사전 설정되어 있는 상수

✓ OKS는 1(Best)과 0(Worst)사이의 값을 가짐

- 완벽한 예측의 경우,  $d_i$ 는 0이 되어 OKS값이 1이 됨

- 반대의 경우,  $d_i$ 값이 매우 커져  $\exp(-x)$ 값이 0에 접근하며 OKS가 0이 됨



•  $s^2 k_i^2$  역할 : 각 Image, 관절 마다 일종의 '정규화'

# Experiments

## Evaluation metric

### 2. 평가 Metric : AP (= Average Precision)

[Average Precision]

- 1) OKS Threshold에 따른 'Precision', 'Recall' 값 계산
- 2) Recall에 따른 Precision 값을 도식화 해 'Precision-Recall' curve
- 3) 'Precision-Recall' curve 의 면적을 'Average Precision' 으로 정의

$AP$	The mean of AP at 10 positions (OKS = [0.5, 0.05, 0.95])
$AP^{50}$	AP at OKS = 0.5
$AP^{75}$	AP at OKS = 0.75
$AP^M$	AP for medium object ( $32^2 < \text{segmentation area} < 96^2$ )
$AP^L$	AP for Large object ( $\text{segmentation area} > 96^2$ )
$AR$	Average Recall

# Experiments

## Training

### 1. Extension of Human detection box image

- Fixed Human detection box image ( $height : width = 4 : 3$ )  
예시)  $256 \times 192$  or  $384 \times 288$



### 2. Data Augmentation

- 1) Random Rotation(  $-45^\circ, 45^\circ$  )
- 2) Random scale(0.56, 1.35)
- 3) flipping
- 4) half body data augmentation



# Results

## COCO validation set

Table 1. Comparisons on the COCO validation set. Pretrain = pretrain the backbone on the ImageNet classification task. OHKM = online hard keypoints mining [11].

Method	Backbone	Pretrain	Input size	#Params	GFLOPs	AP	AP <sup>50</sup>	AP <sup>75</sup>	AP <sup>M</sup>	AP <sup>L</sup>	AR
8-stage Hourglass [40]	8-stage Hourglass	N	256 × 192	25.1M	14.3	66.9	—	—	—	—	—
CPN [11]	ResNet-50	Y	256 × 192	27.0M	6.20	68.6	—	—	—	—	—
CPN + OHKM [11]	ResNet-50	Y	256 × 192	27.0M	6.20	69.4	—	—	—	—	—
SimpleBaseline [72]	ResNet-50	Y	256 × 192	34.0M	8.90	70.4	88.6	78.3	67.1	77.2	76.3
SimpleBaseline [72]	ResNet-101	Y	256 × 192	53.0M	12.4	71.4	89.3	79.3	68.1	78.1	77.1
SimpleBaseline [72]	ResNet-152	Y	256 × 192	68.6M	15.7	72.0	89.3	79.8	68.7	78.9	77.8
HRNet-W32	HRNet-W32	N	256 × 192	28.5M	7.10	73.4	89.5	80.7	70.2	80.1	78.9
HRNet-W32	HRNet-W32	Y	256 × 192	28.5M	7.10	74.4	90.5	81.9	70.8	81.0	79.8
HRNet-W48	HRNet-W48	Y	256 × 192	63.6M	14.6	75.1	90.6	82.2	71.5	81.8	80.4
SimpleBaseline [72]	ResNet-152	Y	384 × 288	68.6M	35.6	74.3	89.6	81.1	70.5	79.7	79.7
HRNet-W32	HRNet-W32	Y	384 × 288	28.5M	16.0	75.8	90.6	82.7	71.9	82.8	81.0
HRNet-W48	HRNet-W48	Y	384 × 288	63.6M	32.9	<b>76.3</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>81.2</b>



# Results

## COCO validation set

Table 2. Comparisons on the COCO test-dev set. #Params and FLOPs are calculated for the pose estimation network, and those for human detection and keypoint grouping are not included.

Method	Backbone	Input size	#Params	GFLOPs	AP	AP <sup>50</sup>	AP <sup>75</sup>	AP <sup>M</sup>	AP <sup>L</sup>	AR
Bottom-up: keypoint detection and grouping										
OpenPose [6]	—	—	—	—	61.8	84.9	67.5	57.1	68.2	66.5
Associative Embedding [39]	—	—	—	—	65.5	86.8	72.3	60.6	72.6	70.2
PersonLab [46]	—	—	—	—	68.7	89.0	75.4	64.1	75.5	75.4
MultiPoseNet [33]	—	—	—	—	69.6	86.3	76.6	65.0	76.3	73.5
Top-down: human detection and single-person keypoint detection										
Mask-RCNN [21]	ResNet-50-FPN	—	—	—	63.1	87.3	68.7	57.8	71.4	—
G-RMI [47]	ResNet-101	353 × 257	42.6M	57.0	64.9	85.5	71.3	62.3	70.0	69.7
Integral Pose Regression [60]	ResNet-101	256 × 256	45.0M	11.0	67.8	88.2	74.8	63.9	74.0	—
G-RMI + extra data [47]	ResNet-101	353 × 257	42.6M	57.0	68.5	87.1	75.5	65.8	73.3	73.3
CPN [11]	ResNet-Inception	384 × 288	—	—	72.1	91.4	80.0	68.7	77.2	78.5
RMPE [17]	PyraNet [77]	320 × 256	28.1M	26.7	72.3	89.2	79.1	68.0	78.6	—
CFN [25]	—	—	—	—	72.6	86.1	69.7	78.3	64.1	—
CPN (ensemble) [11]	ResNet-Inception	384 × 288	—	—	73.0	91.7	80.9	69.5	78.1	79.0
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HRNet-W48 + extra data	HRNet-W48	384 × 288	63.6M	32.9	<b>77.0</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>82.0</b>

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## Ablation Study

Table 6. Ablation study of exchange units that are used in repeated multi-scale fusion. Int. exchange across = intermediate exchange across stages, Int. exchange within = intermediate exchange within stages.

Method	Final exchange	Int. exchange across	Int. exchange within	AP
(a)	✓			70.8
(b)	✓	✓		71.9
(c)	✓	✓	✓	73.4

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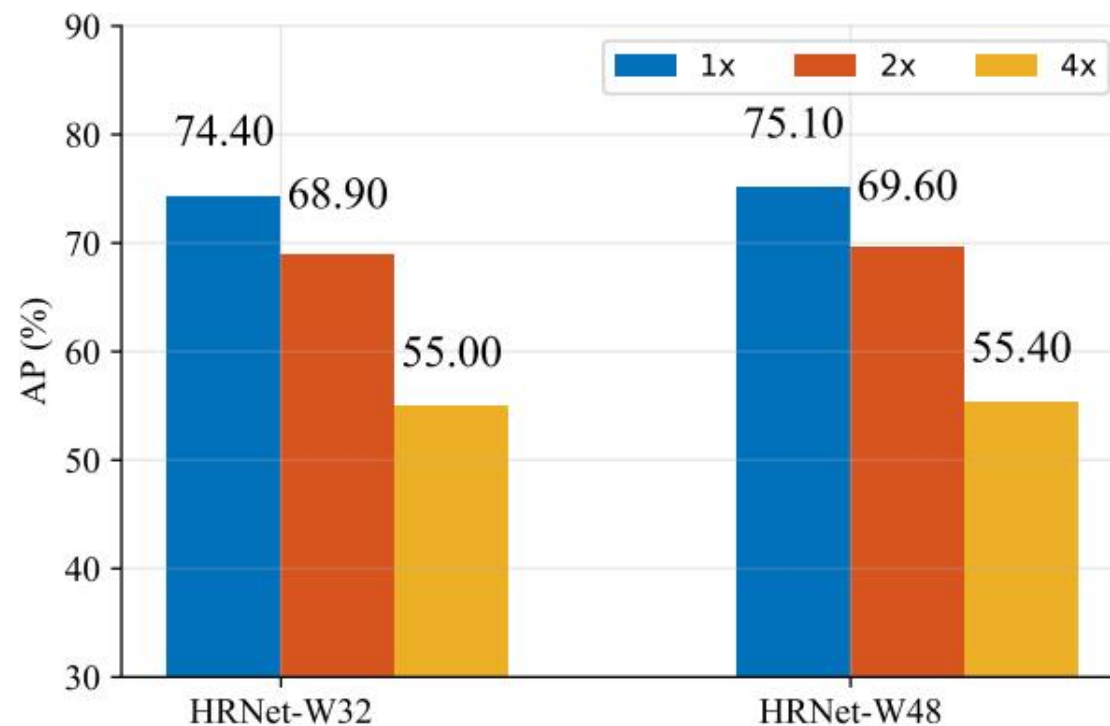


Figure 5. Ablation study of high and low representations. 1 $\times$ , 2 $\times$ , 4 $\times$  correspond to the representations of the high, medium, low resolutions, respectively.

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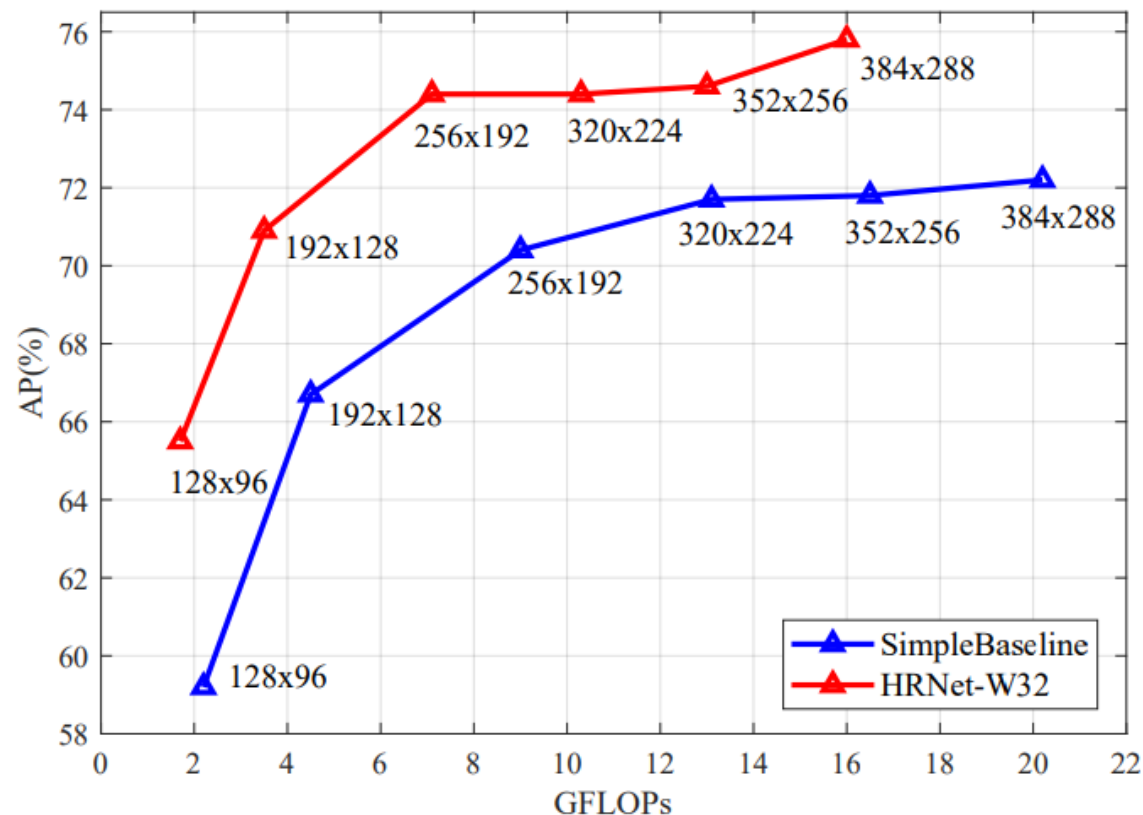
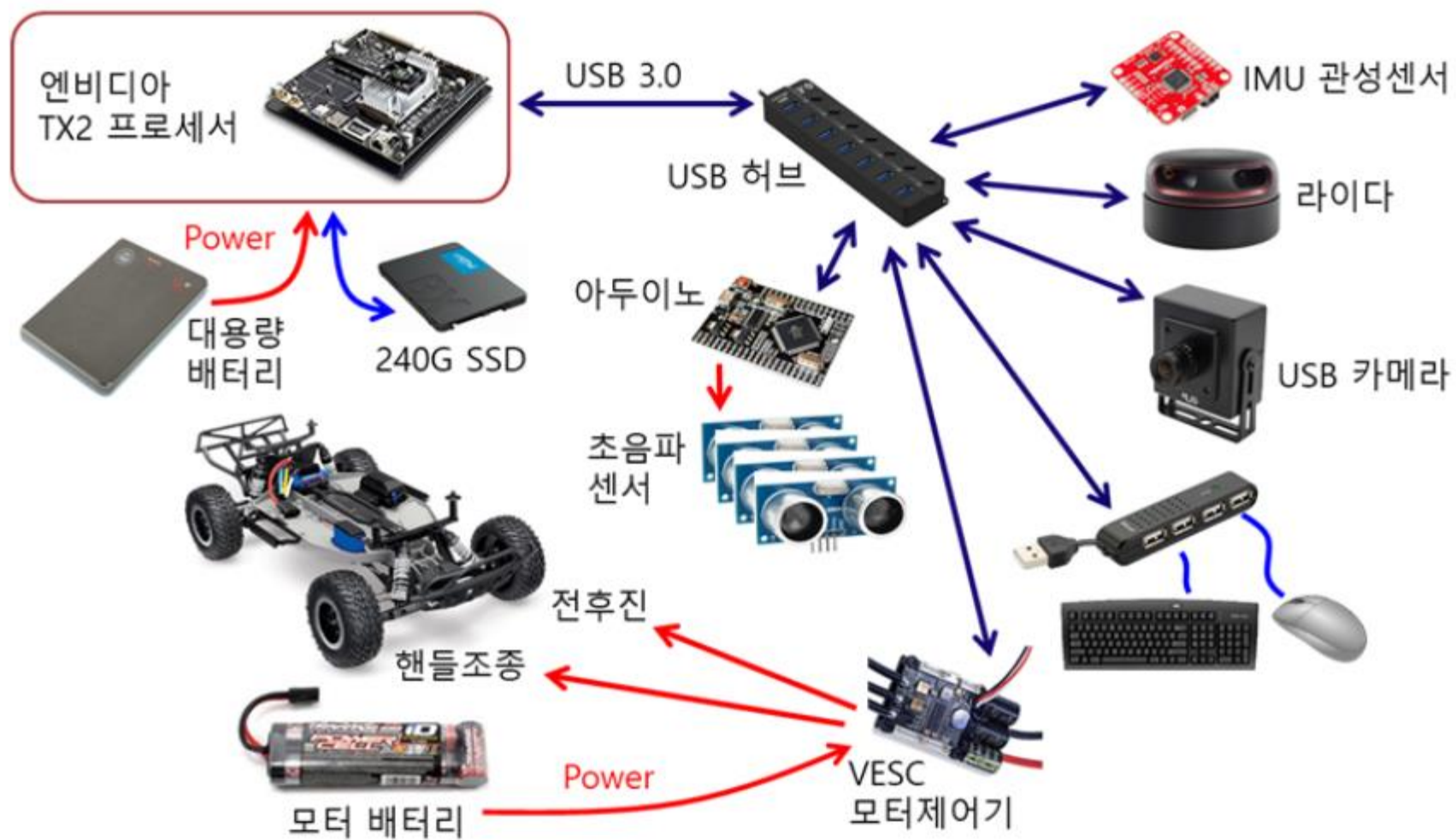


Figure 6. Illustrating how the performances of our HRNet and SimpleBaseline [72] are affected by the input size.

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