

Tennis Shots Recognition

through Human-Pose estimation and
Deep LSTM-based Neural Network

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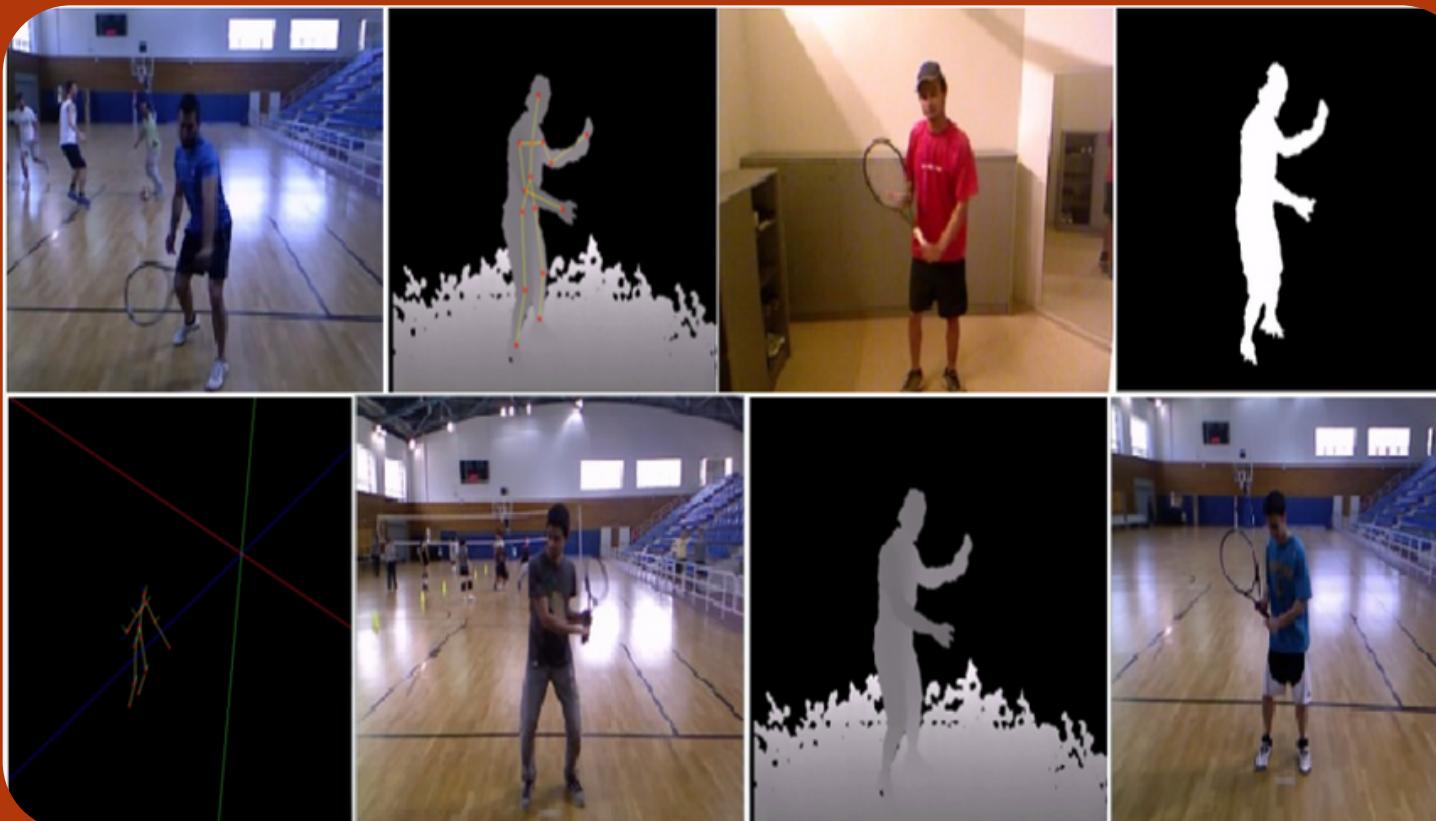
Goal of the project

Implement a Deep Neural Network model to classify different types of typical tennis strokes, starting with input in video format.

Dataset

THETIS (THree dimEnsional TennIs Shots [1])

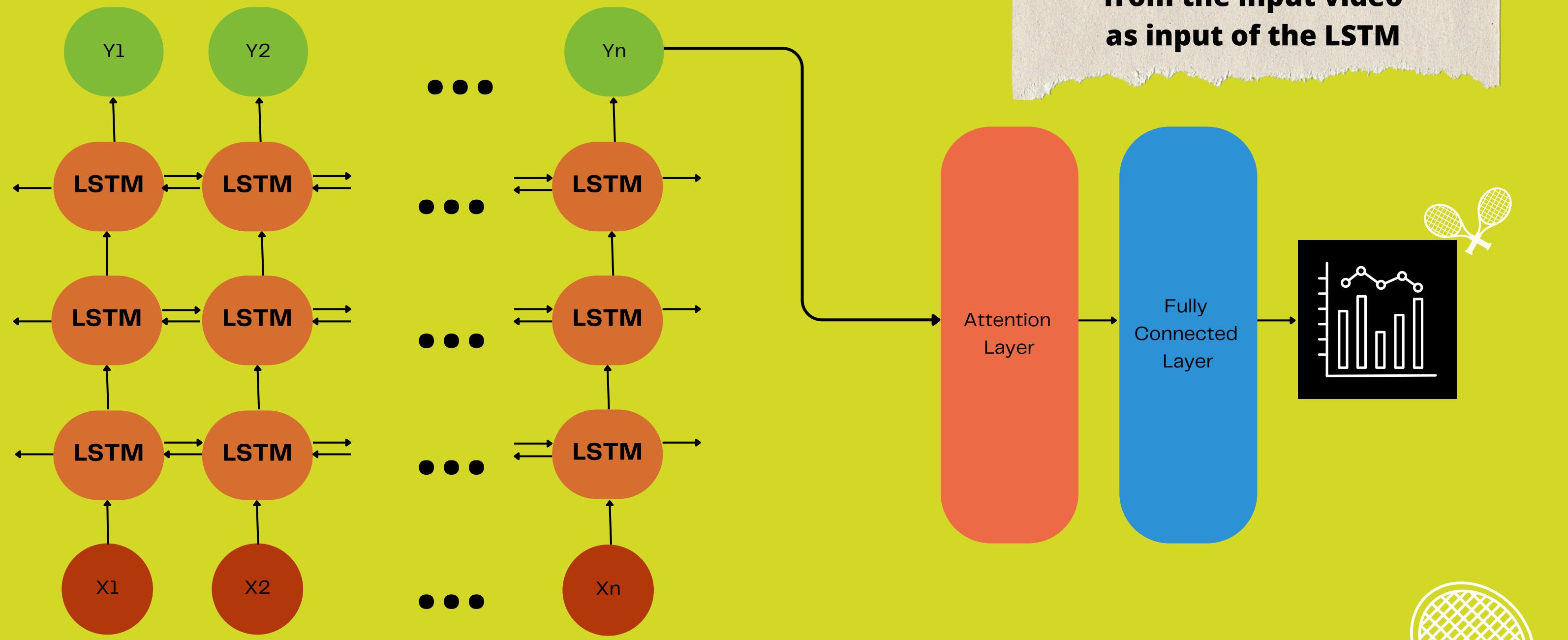
- A sport based human action dataset composed of the 12 basic tennis shots captured by Kinect;
- The data are provided in 5 different synchronized forms (RGB, silhouettes, depth, 2D skeleton and 3D skeleton).
- Each shot has been performed several times resulting in 8734 videos (1980 RGB videos), converted to AVI format.



12 types of shots:

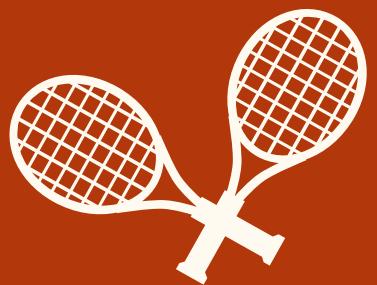
- Backhand with two hands
- Backhand
- Backhand slice
- Backhand volley
- Forehand flat
- Forehand open stands
- Forehand slice
- Forehand volley
- Service flat
- Service kick
- Service slice
- Smash.

Architecture

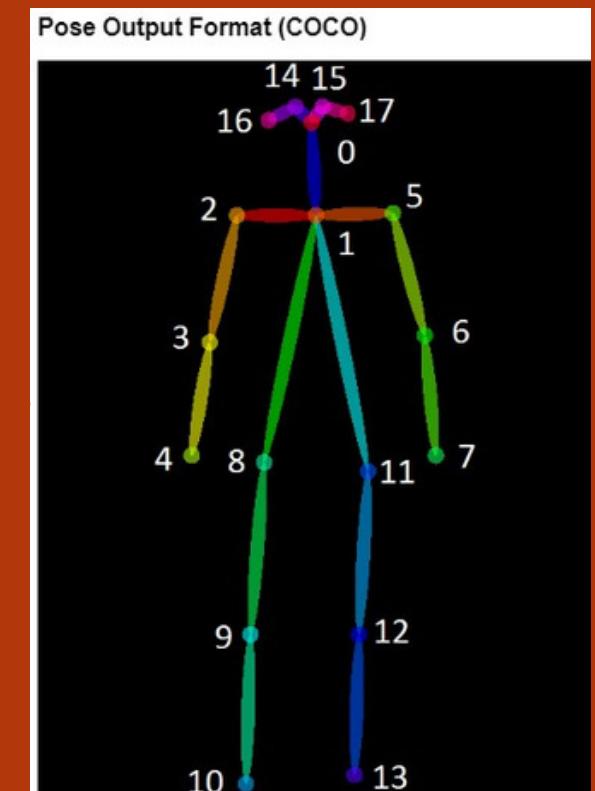
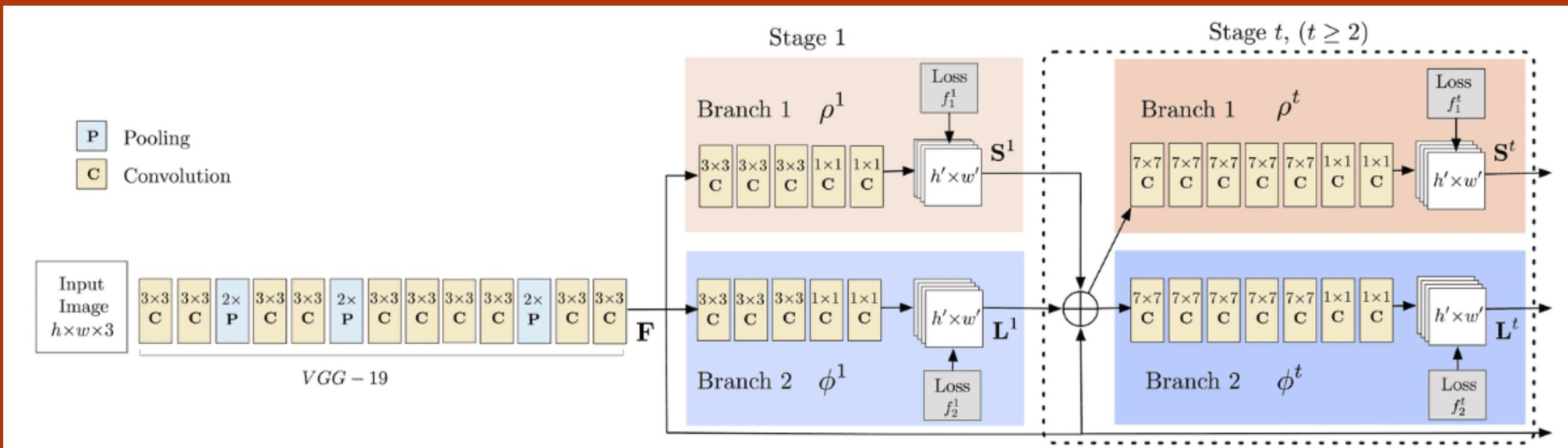


💡 At each time step i , we have the frame feature vector x_i from the input video as input of the LSTM

OpenPose



- [2] Bottom-up approach for multi-person human pose estimation
- First detects the keypoints in the image
- Maps appropriate keypoints to form pairs
- Returns detected pose in COCO pose output format
- Each detected body joint has (x, y, confidence_score)



Preprocessing



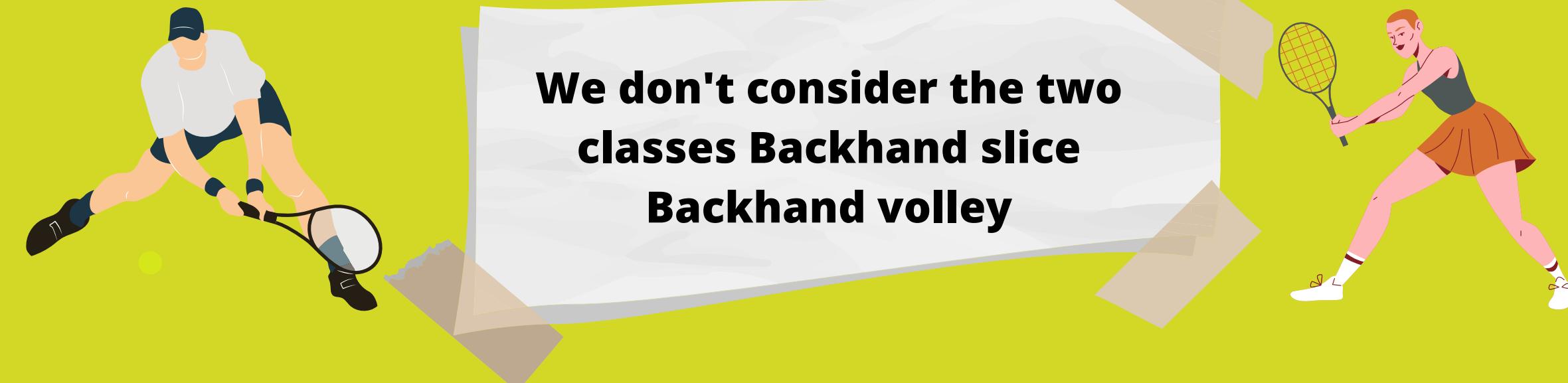
From OpenPose keypoints
in json format to **dataset**
list, composed by **1620**
videos of 10 different types
of shots



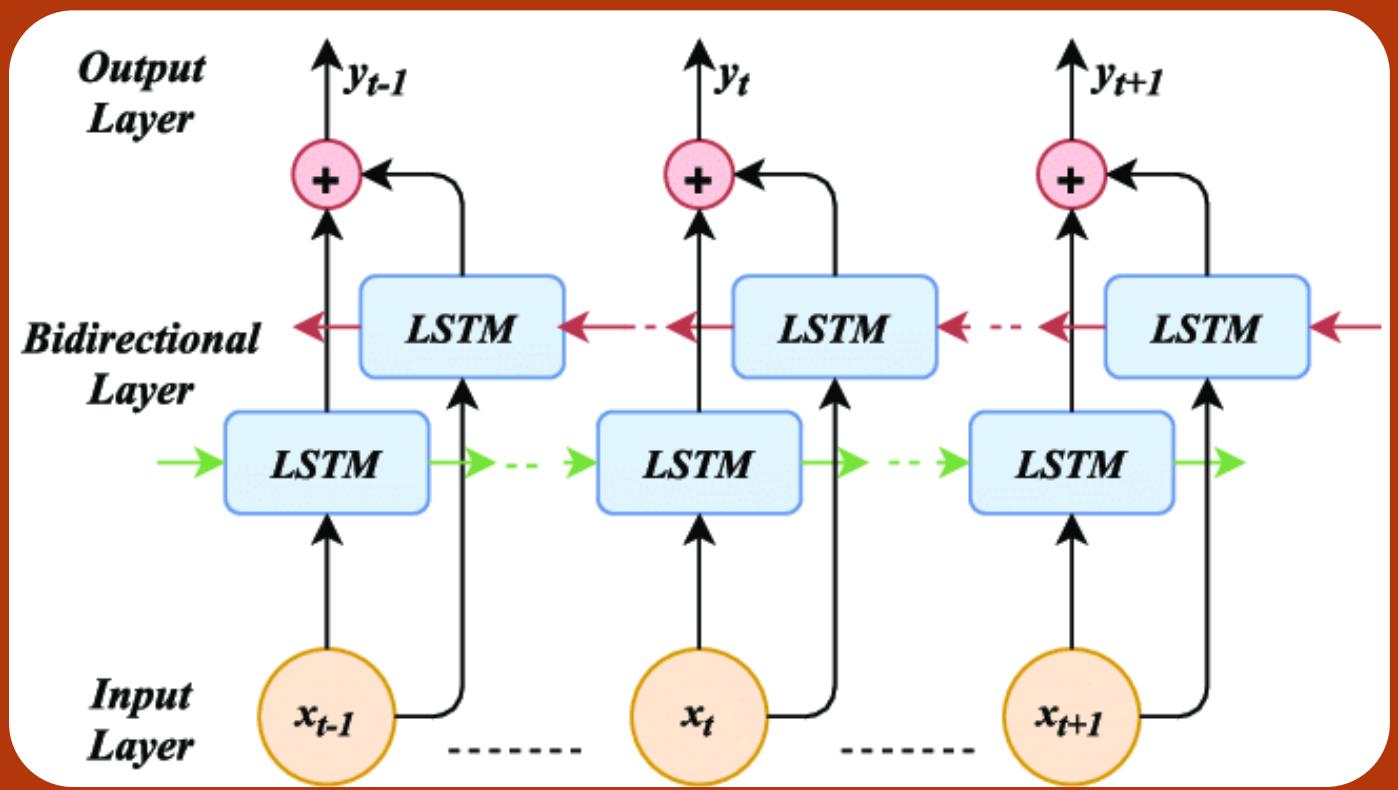
Added **padding** where
needed &
made coordinates invariant
w.r.t. the position and size
of the tennis player's body.



Z-Score Normalization and
subdivision the dataset into
train,
validate
and **test** sets.



Bidirectional LSTM



with 3 layers

First: dropout2d & reshape

- Video as a sequence of N-frames, where a frame = 18 joints x 2 coordinates (x , y), passed through a Dropout2D layer => some joints will be dropped out during training to prevent overfitting
- Reshape each frame from 18x2 to 36 coordinates.

Input:

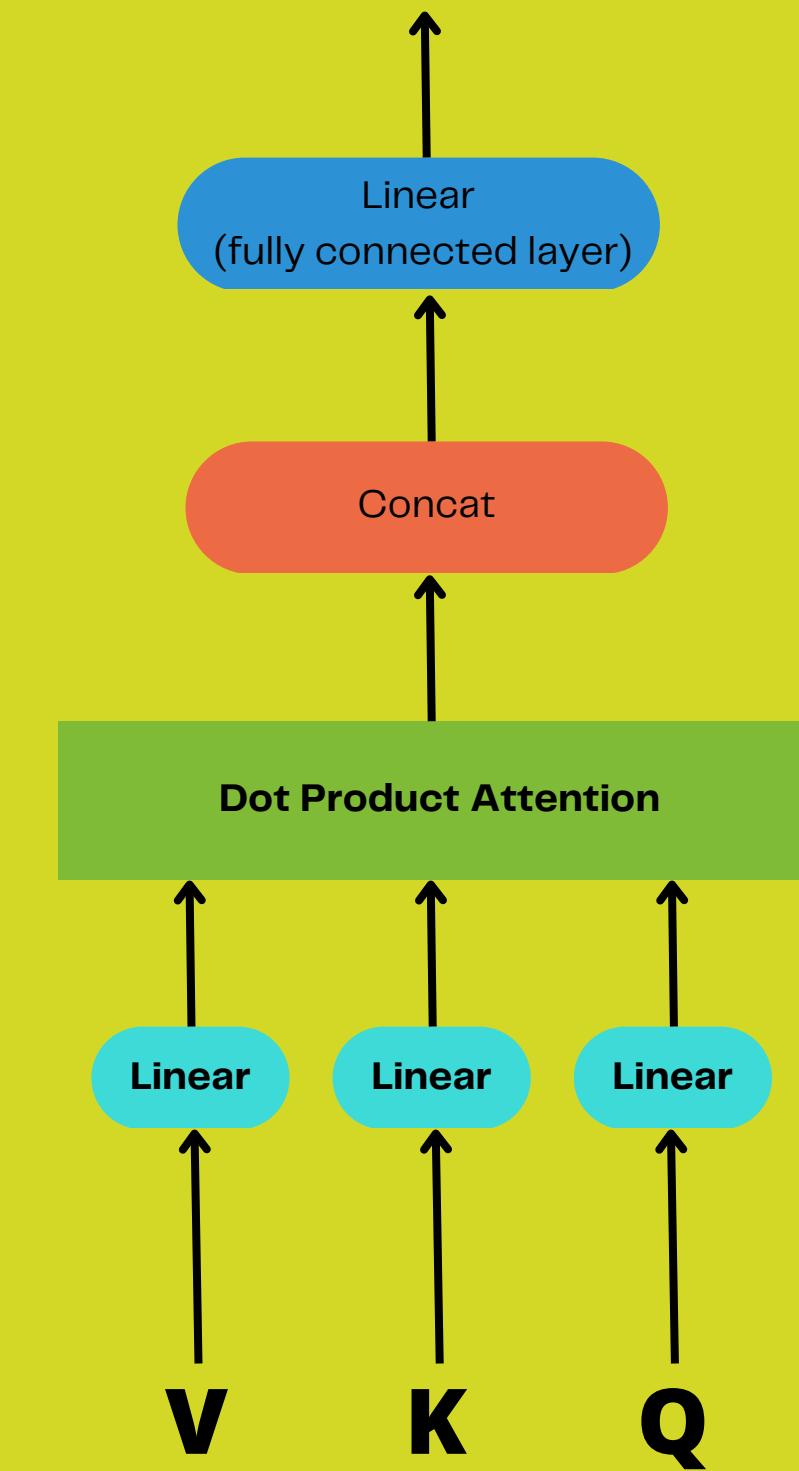
Video with size (N, 36) , in a PackedSequence object (to make padding frames irrelevant for the prediction)

Output

1. Output features from the last layer, for each time-step t (corresponding to a frame)
2. Final hidden states (in both directions) of Bidirectional-LSTM, from the last of the three layers.

Attention Layer

- [3] Applied on the 2nd output of LSTM
- Query (Q) = 2nd output
- Key (K), Value (V) = 1st output
- Similarity measure: give more relevance to the output features that most influenced the final output

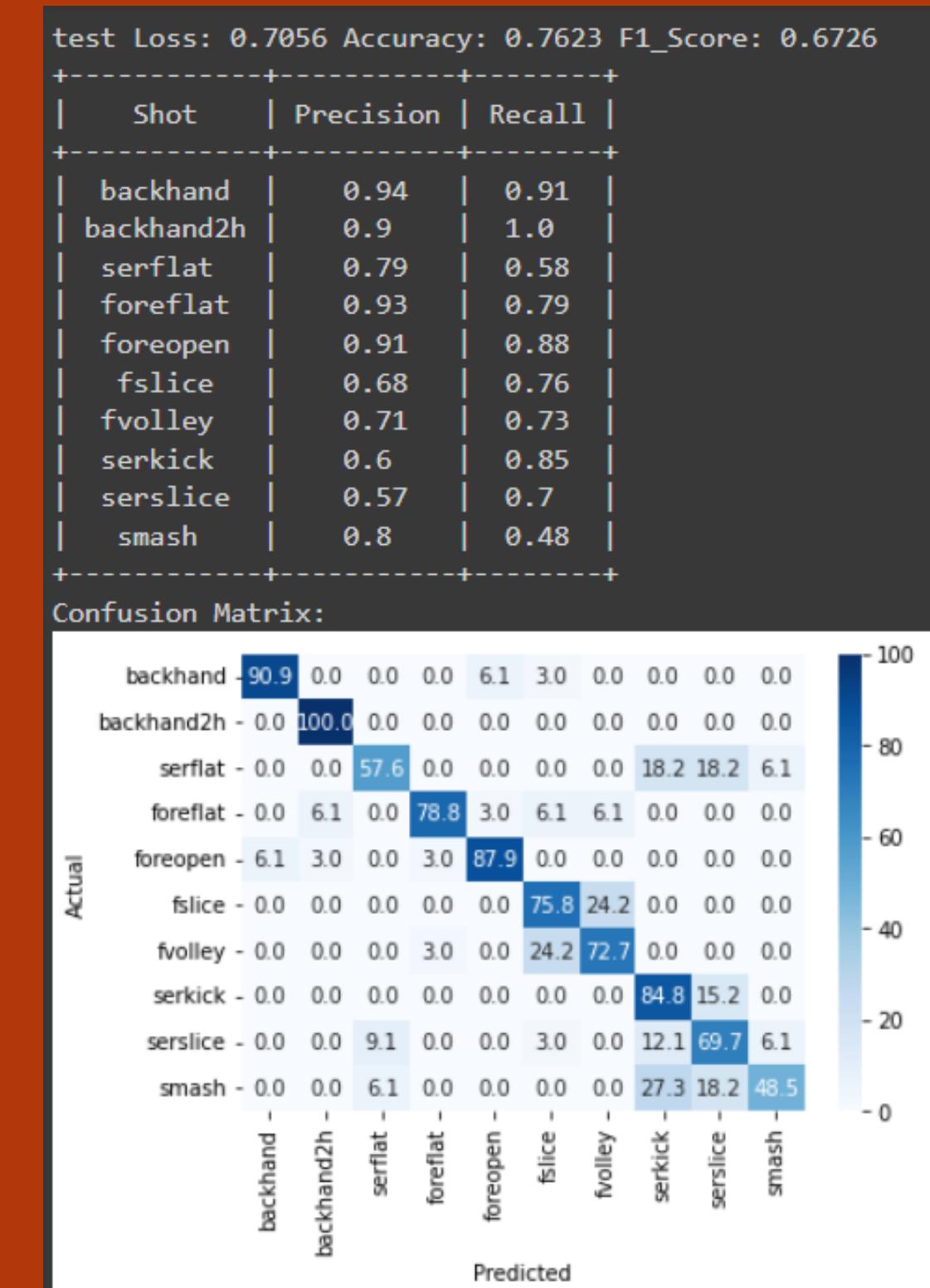


Model results and benchmarks

Starting from 1620 videos, we splitted the dataset in

- **48% training**
- **32% validating**
- **20% testing**

NUM_EPOCHS	300
NUM_HIDDEN	128
BATCH_SIZE	32
DROPOUT_2D	0.3
LSTM DROPOUT	0.5
Optimizer	Adagrad
LEARNING_RATE	0.001



Deep Learning for Domain-Specific Action Recognition in Tennis [4]

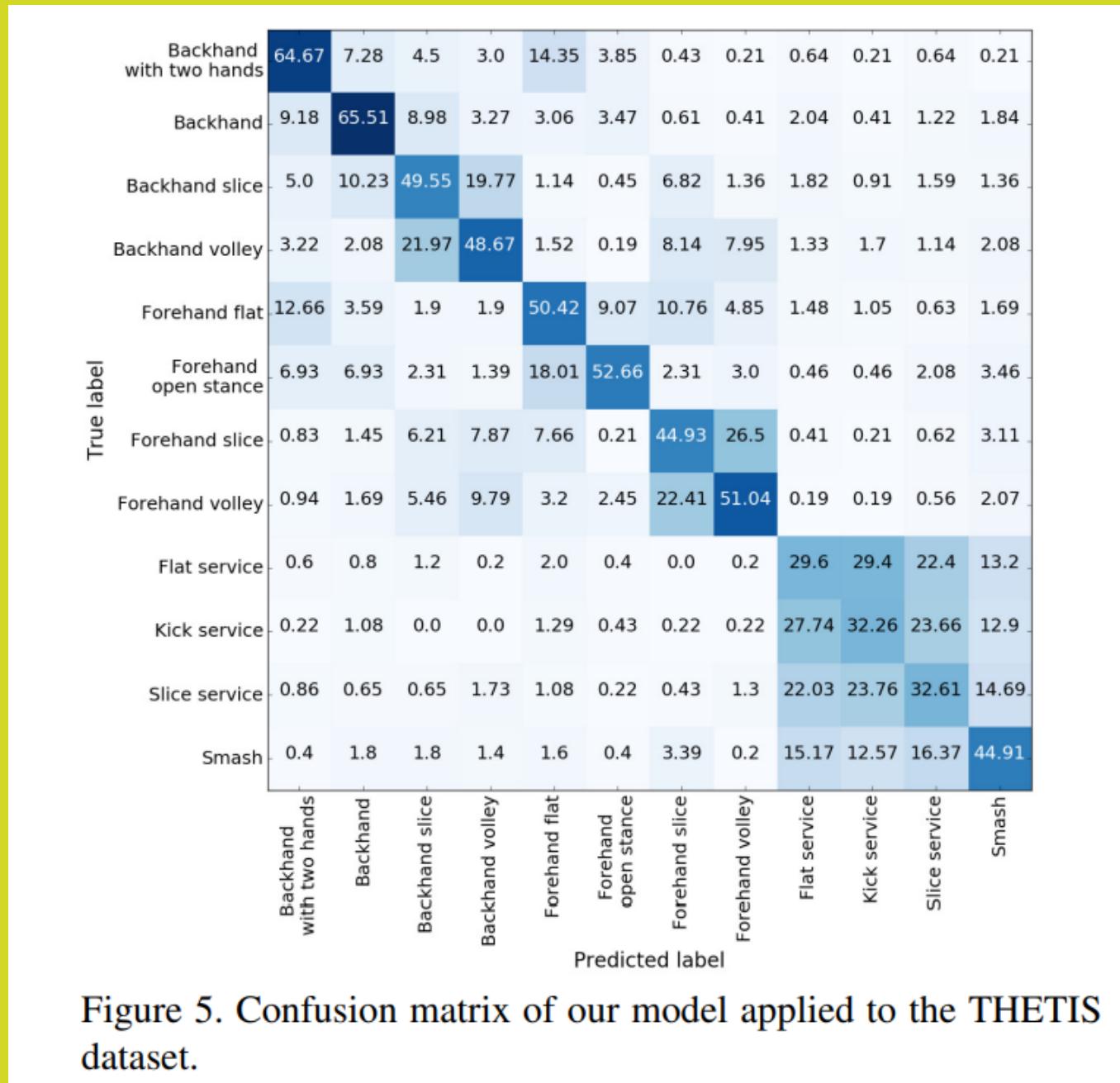
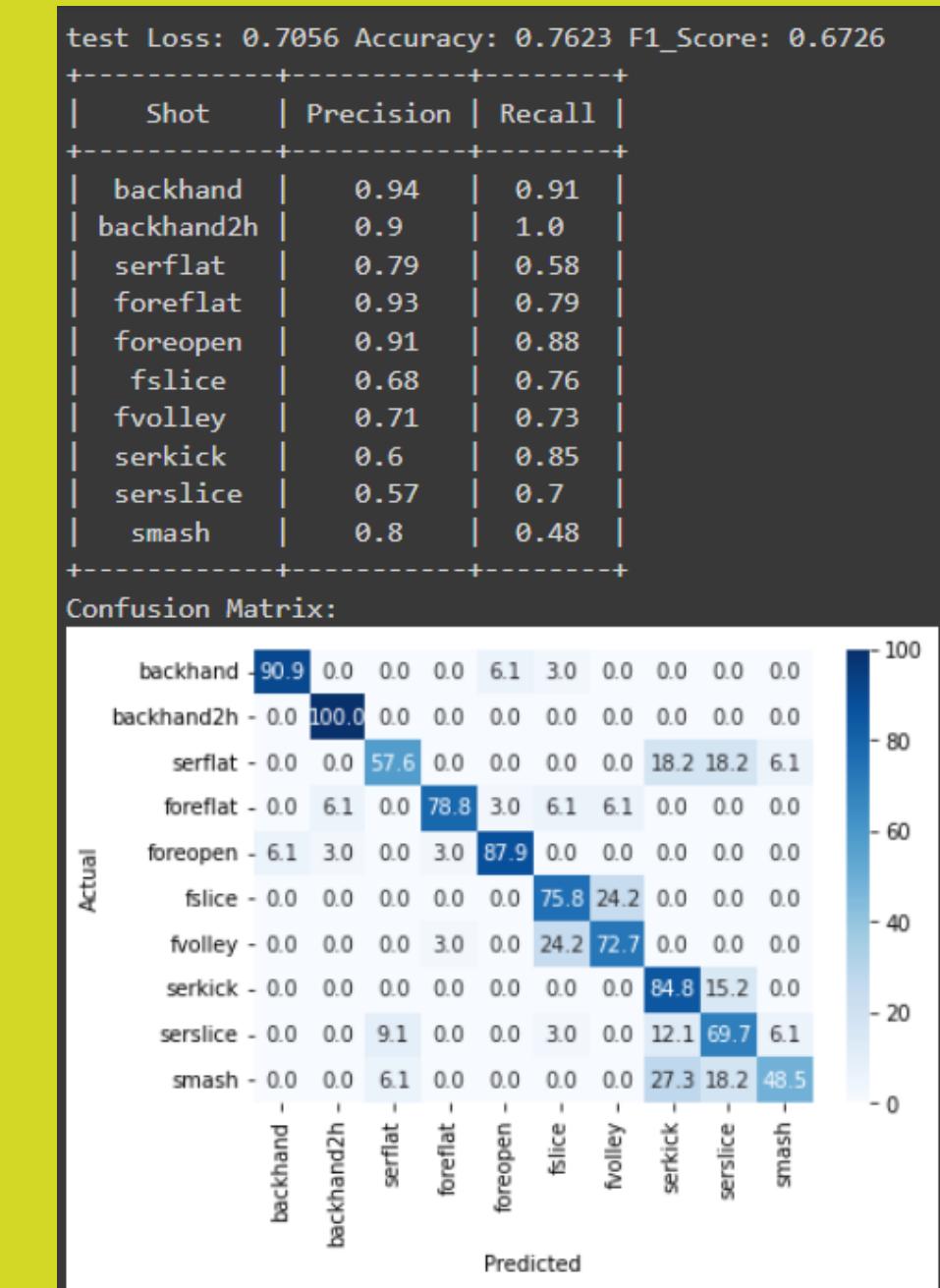


Figure 5. Confusion matrix of our model applied to the THETIS dataset.

- Always 3-layered LSTM for classification
- "Inception Neural Network" used for feature extraction
- All 12 shot classes analyzed
- 47% Average Accuracy

Our model



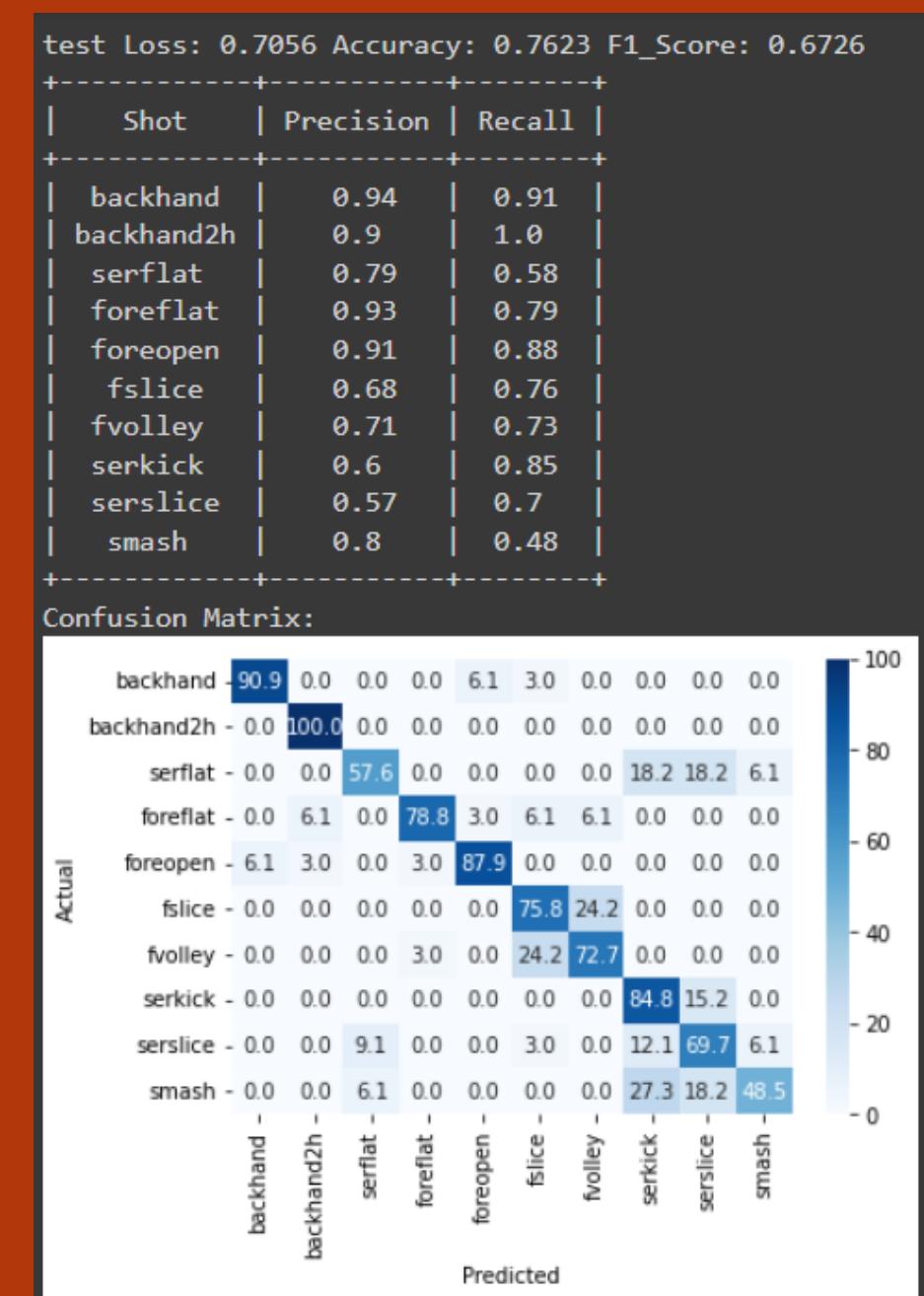
RGB Video Based Tennis Action Recognition Using a Deep Historical Long Short-Term Memory [5]

- "Inception V3" model used for feature extraction
 - "historical LSTM" model trained first with "HMDB51" dataset
 - training on "THETIS" with 12 classes and K-Fold Cross Validation

TABLE II
ACCURACY COMPARISON OF METHODS ON THETIS DATASET

Method	Accuracy
Historical LSTM ($\tau = 2$)	0.70
Historical LSTM ($\tau = 3$)	0.74
Historical LSTM ($\tau = 4$)	0.71
Historical LSTM ($\tau = 5$)	0.63
LSTM	0.56
Mora et al. [2]	0.47
Gourgari et al. (using depth videos)[8]	0.6
Gourgari et al. (using 3D skeletons)[8]	0.54

- τ = length of state sequence used to re-initialize historical state, using the response states from time $t - \tau$ to time t



**Thanks for
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References

[1] [THETIS](#)

[2] [OpenPose Documentation](#)

[3] [Dot Product Attention](#)

[4] [Deep Learning for Domain-Specific Action Recognition in Tennis](#)

[5] [RGB Video Based Tennis Action Recognition Using a Deep Historical Long Short-Term Memory](#)