

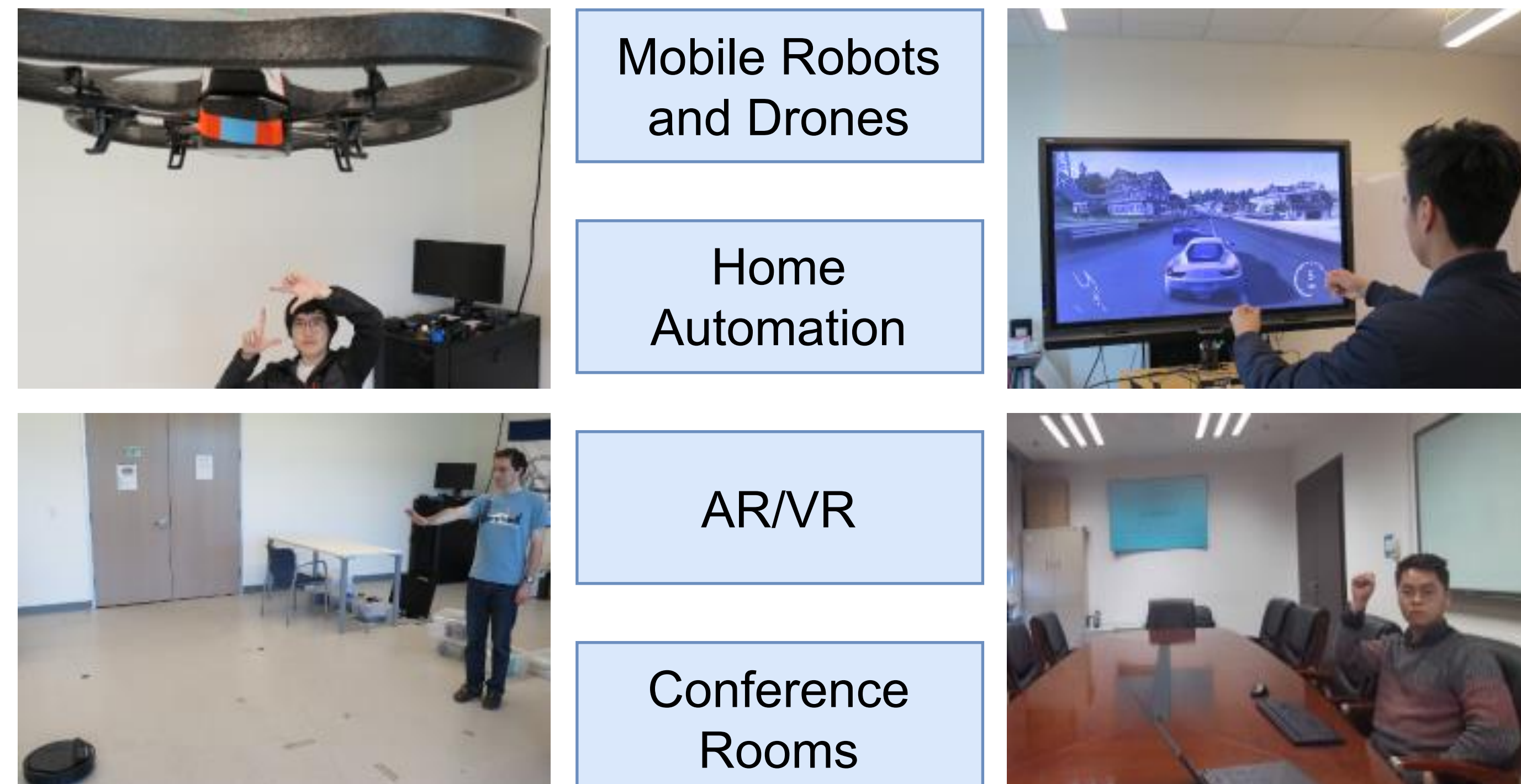


Long-Distance Gesture Recognition using Dynamic Neural Networks

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Motivation



- Gestures are a natural interface for communication between humans and machines
- Provide a convenient and contact-less way to communicate with robots

Challenges in Long Distance Recognition

Gesturing subject is small & 3D CNNs down sample input

Features might lose too much gesture information

Higher resolution video requires more compute, bandwidth!

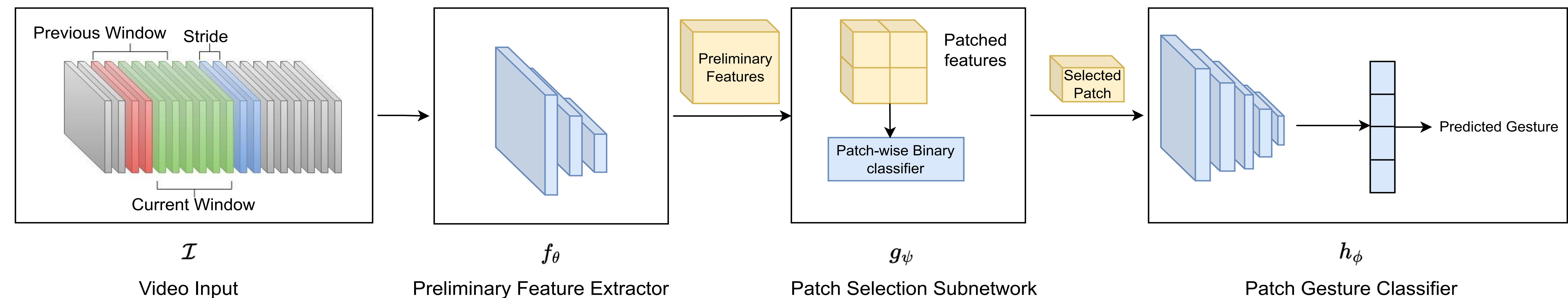
Dynamic Neural Network

Adapt computational graph to input at run-time

Discard **background** features

Preserve **gesturing subject** features

Proposed Spatially Dynamic Neural Network



Patch Selection Subnetwork

Binary Gesture Classifier

Core of Patch selection subnetwork

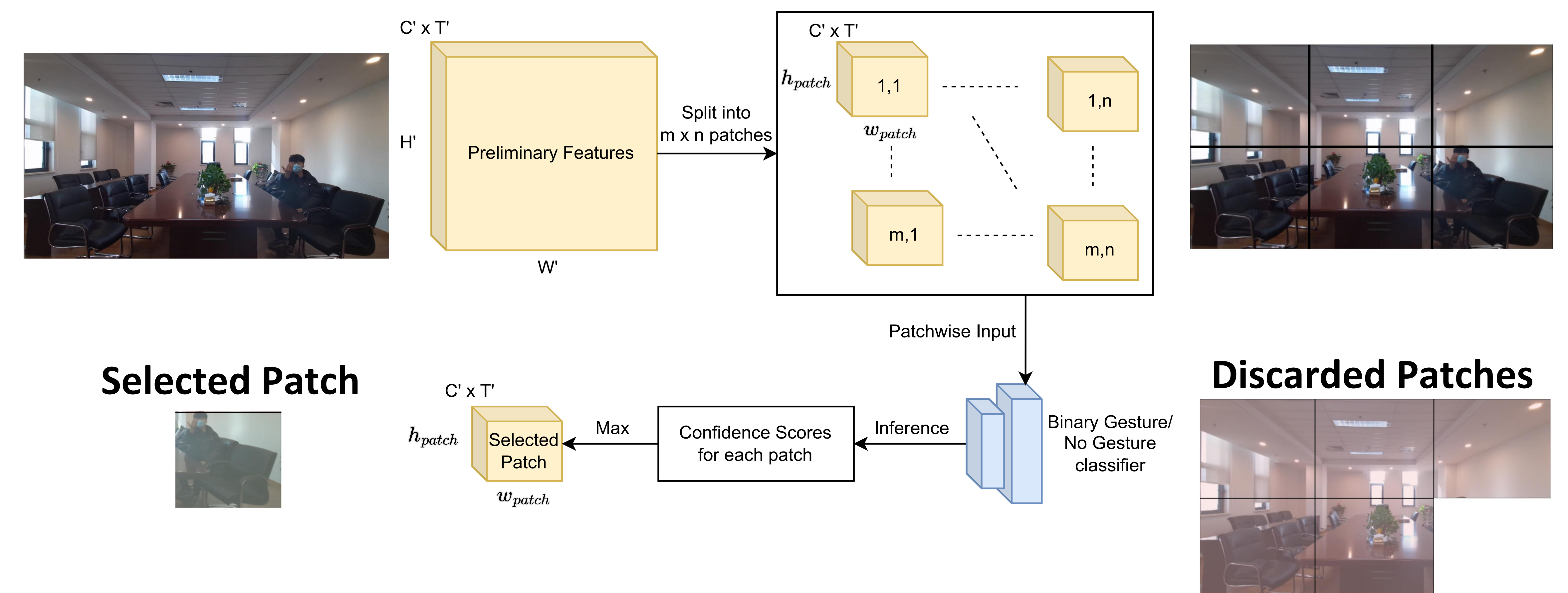
- Predicts if input patch features contain subject

Training Loss

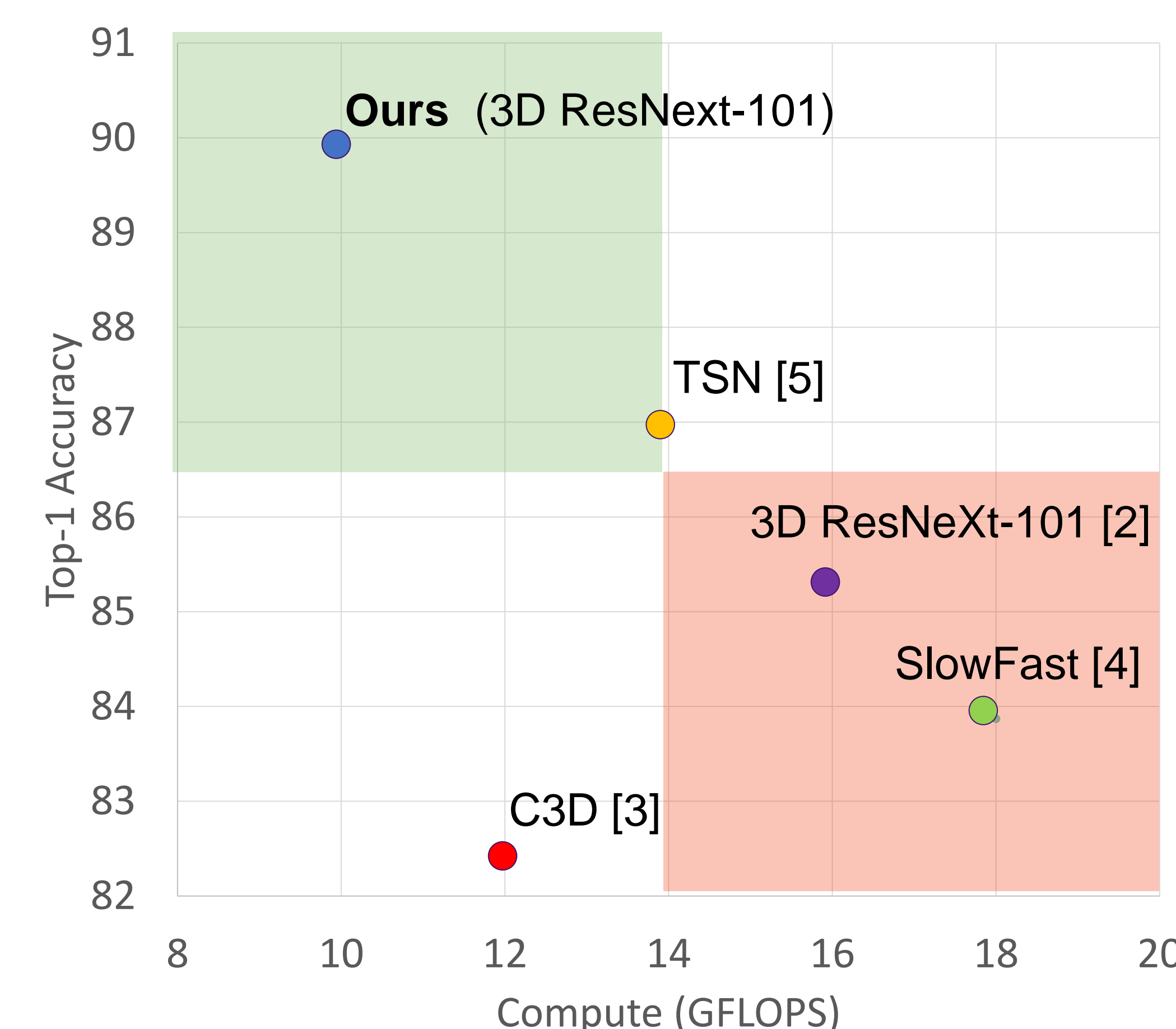
$$L = L_{h_\phi} + \lambda L_{g_\psi}$$

L_{h_ϕ} = Cross entropy for Gesture Recognition

L_{g_ψ} = Cross entropy for Patch Selection



Experiments and Results



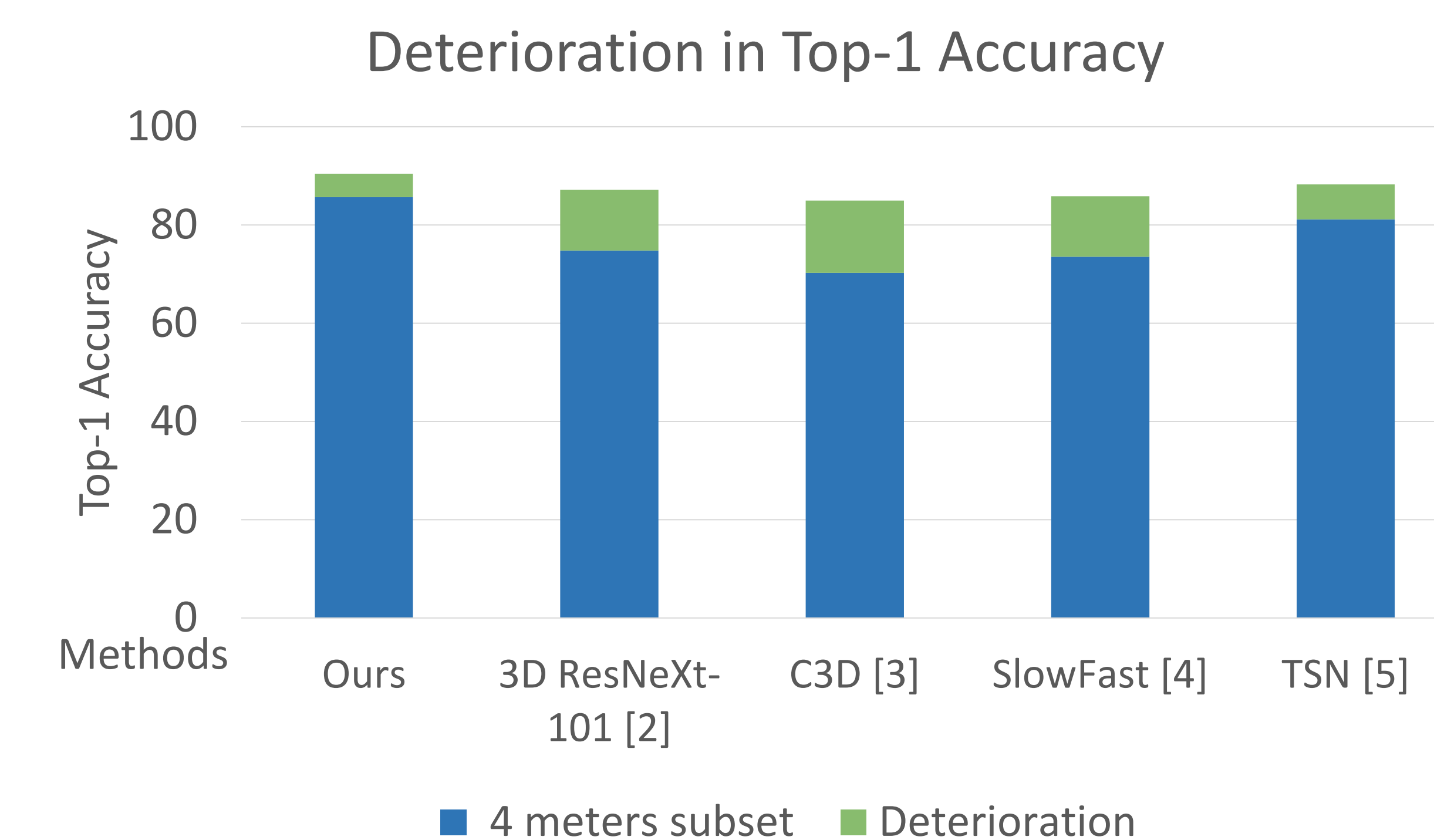
Lower compute & Better performance compared to state-of-the-art

| Patches (m x n) | Compute (GFLOPS) | Accuracy % |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 x 2 | 26 | 86.48 |
| 2 x 2 | 18 | 88.67 |
| 2 x 3 | 10 | 89.94 |

Smaller patches improve accuracy and efficiency

| Method | Compute (GFLOPS) | Top-1 Accuracy |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Ours (3D MobileNet) | 1.5 | 76.68 |
| 3D MobileNet [6] | 1.5 | 65.33 |

Significant improvements in resource constrained robots



Lower performance deterioration with distance