

# Intelligent Consumer Technologies



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Signal, image, and natural language processing in Consumer Technologies

## Sensors in Consumer Technologies

Topics: Computer Vision, CV in Consumer Technologies, Face Detection, Face Recognition

### Learning Objectives

- Definition of awareness in CT
- Definition of IMU
- Definition of HAR
- Definition of HAR pipeline

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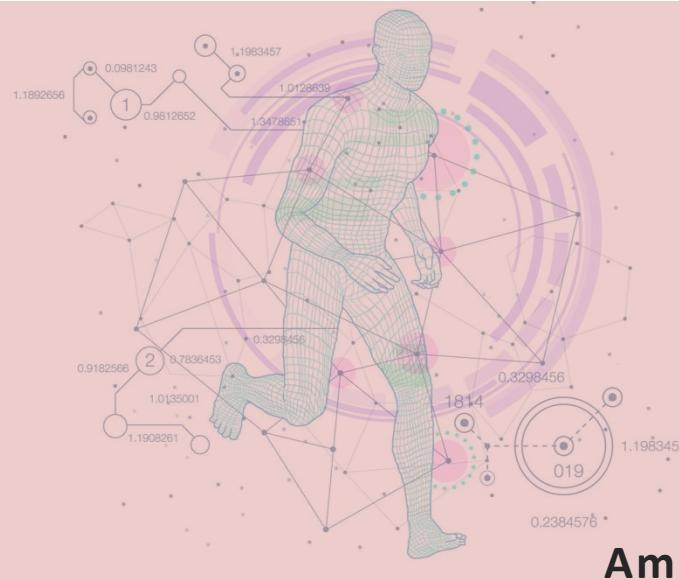
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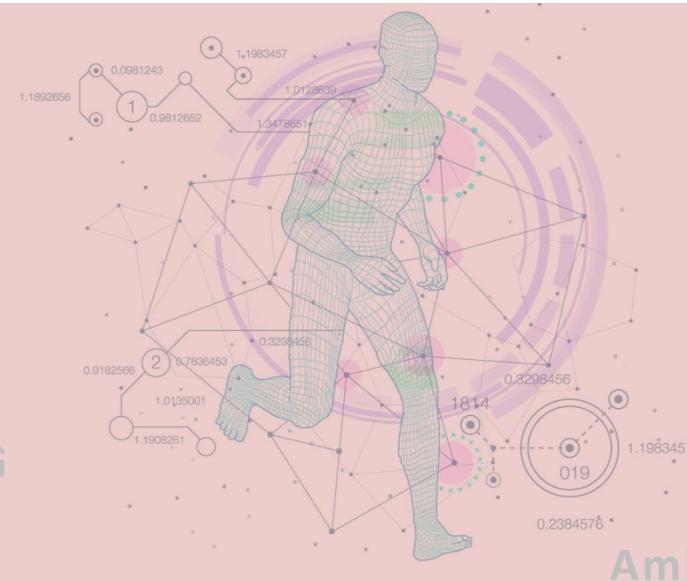
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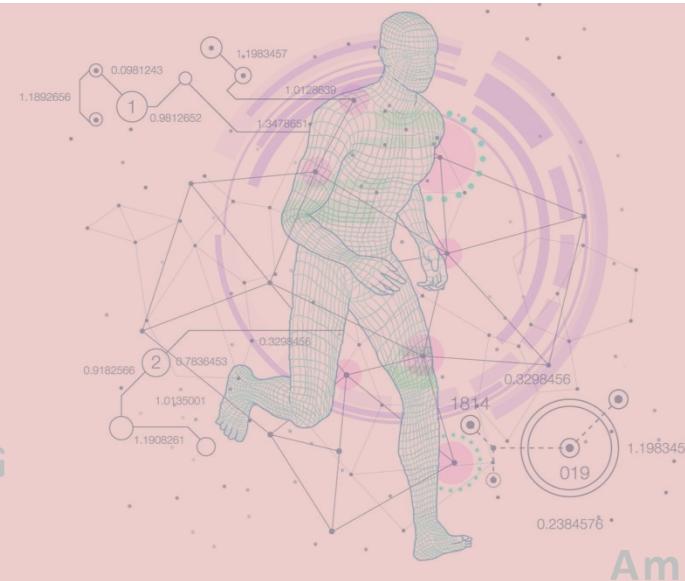
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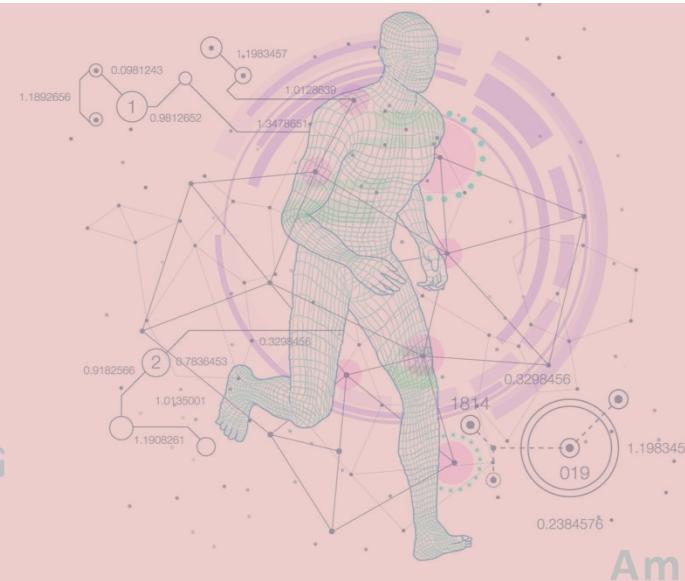
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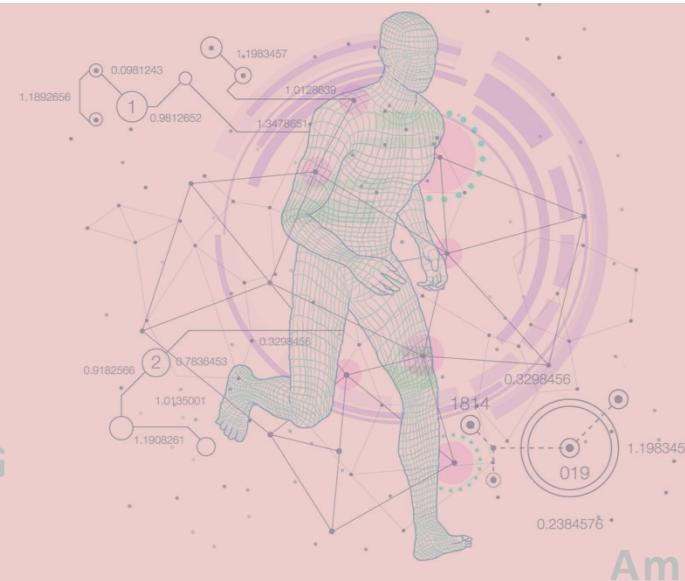
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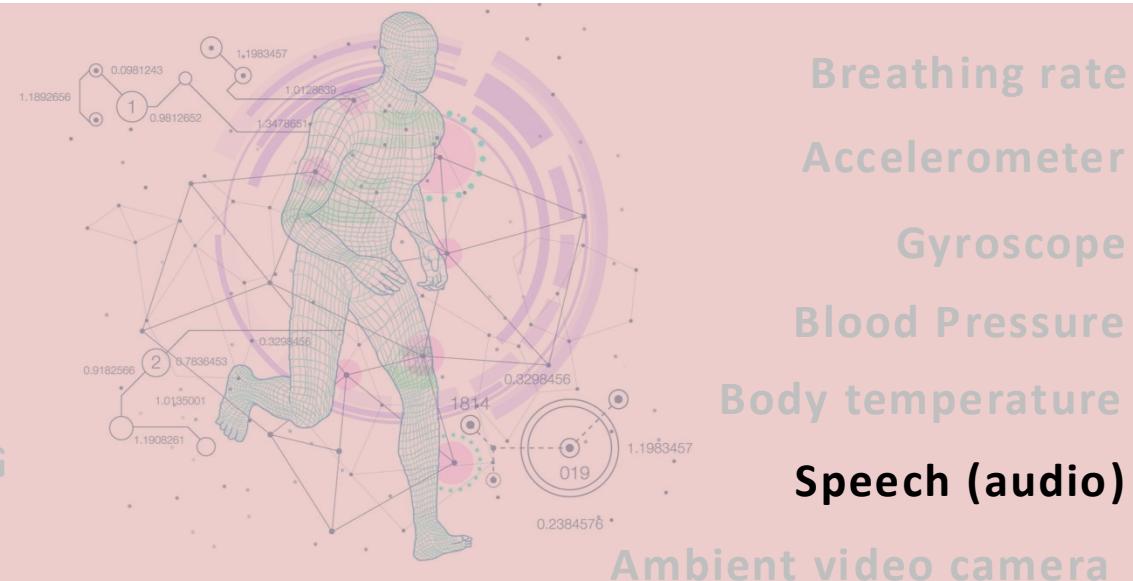
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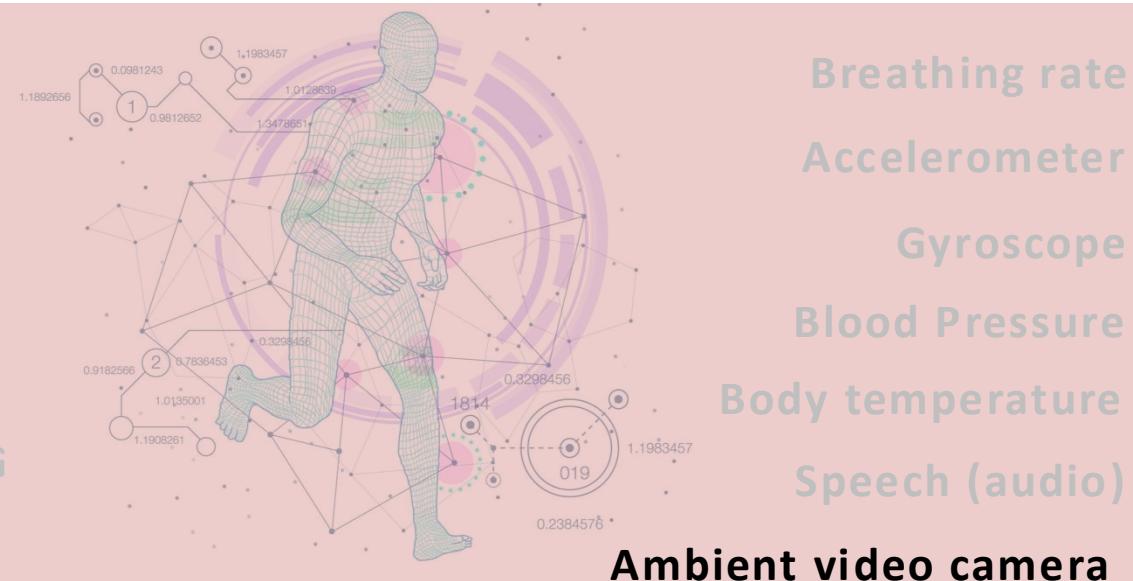
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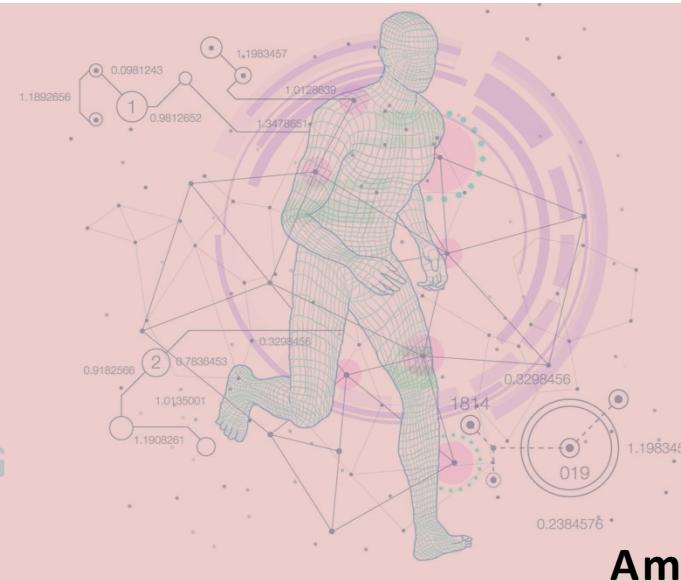
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## HUMAN EMOTIONS: SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM MOOD

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Current and future trends

Current consumer electronics are more **connected** than **smart**  
Internet of Things (IoT)



We want to take a **step forward**

# Sensors in Consumer Technologies

Current and future trends

We want to put **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** inside **CE**



... and make them **connected** and **aware of us**<sup>(IoT)</sup>

# Sensors in Consumer Technologies

Awareness



Hello Google



Hello

Can you turn off the light in the living room?

Yes, I can

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**BEING MORE AWARE OF THE USER**

**Sorry, I can't. You are unauthorized for this task. Please ask Paolo, the owner of this device, to add you to the list of authorized people**

**Yes Paolo, I do it.  
I see you quite tired, do you want me to put some relaxing music on?**

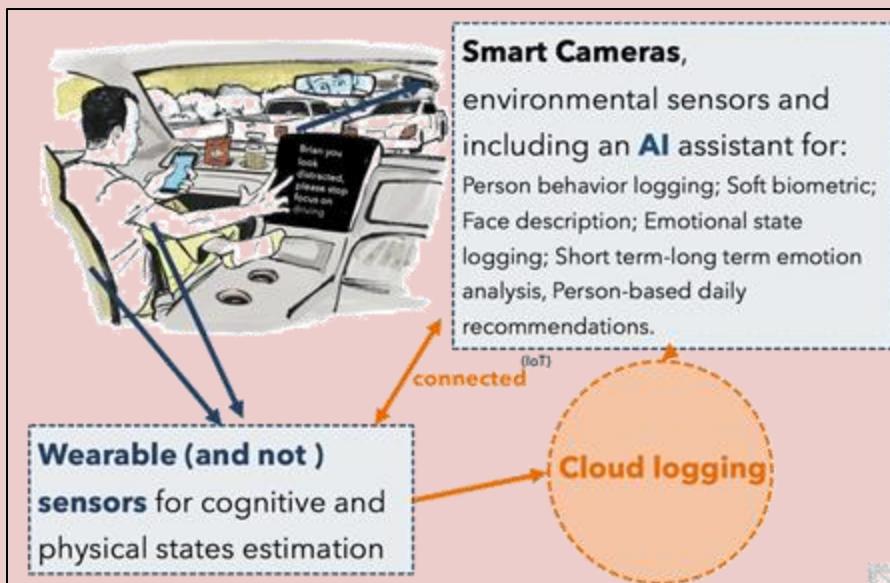
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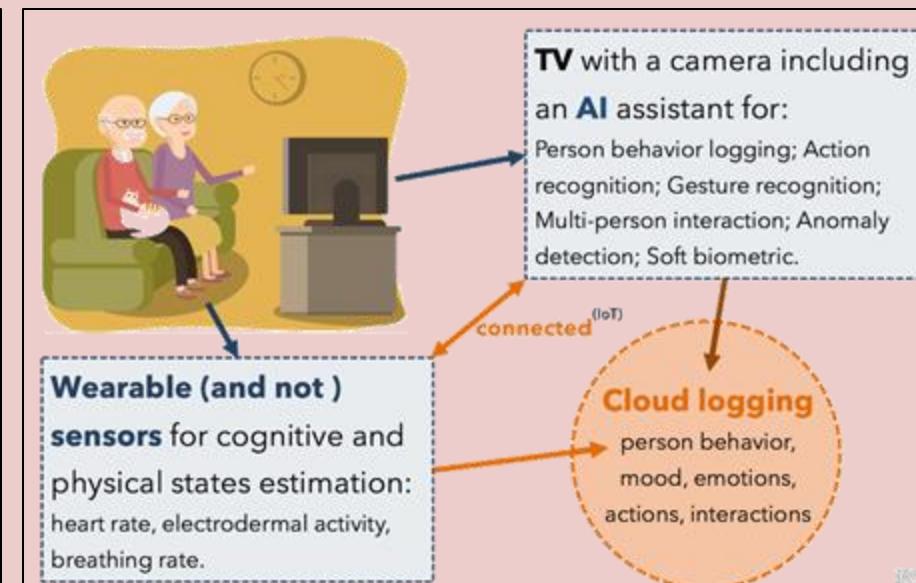
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### Possible scenarios

Vehicle Driver Monitoring (ADAS Level 0-4)



Assisted Living Room



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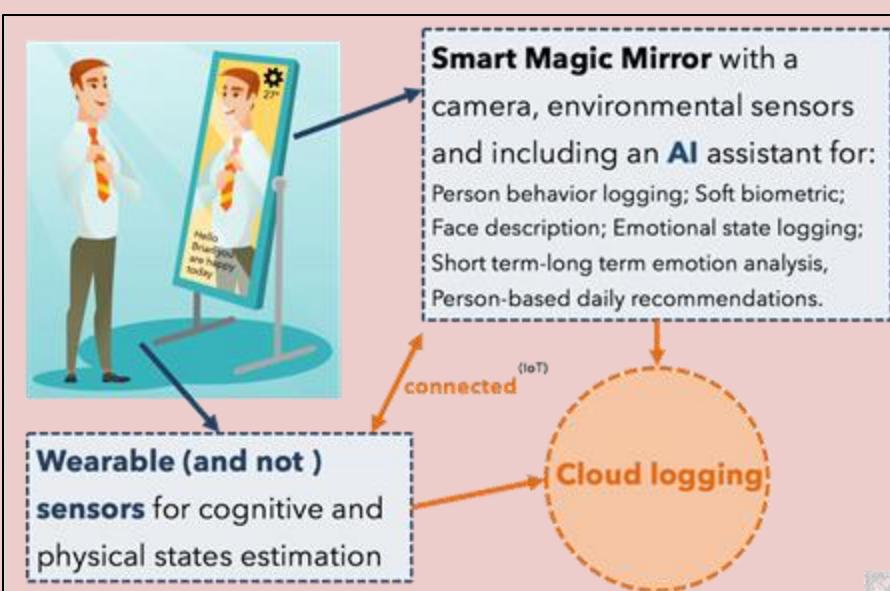
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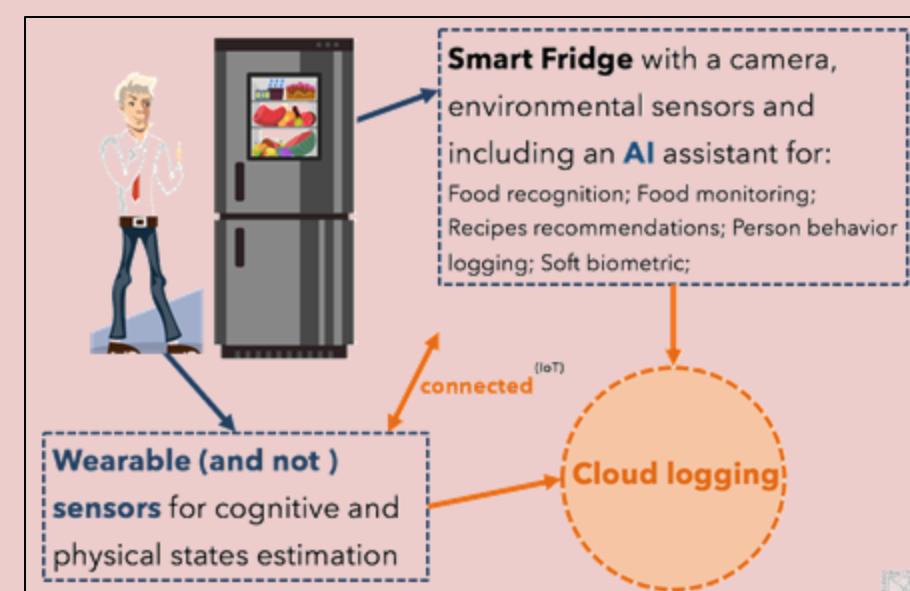
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Smart magic mirror



Smart Kitchen

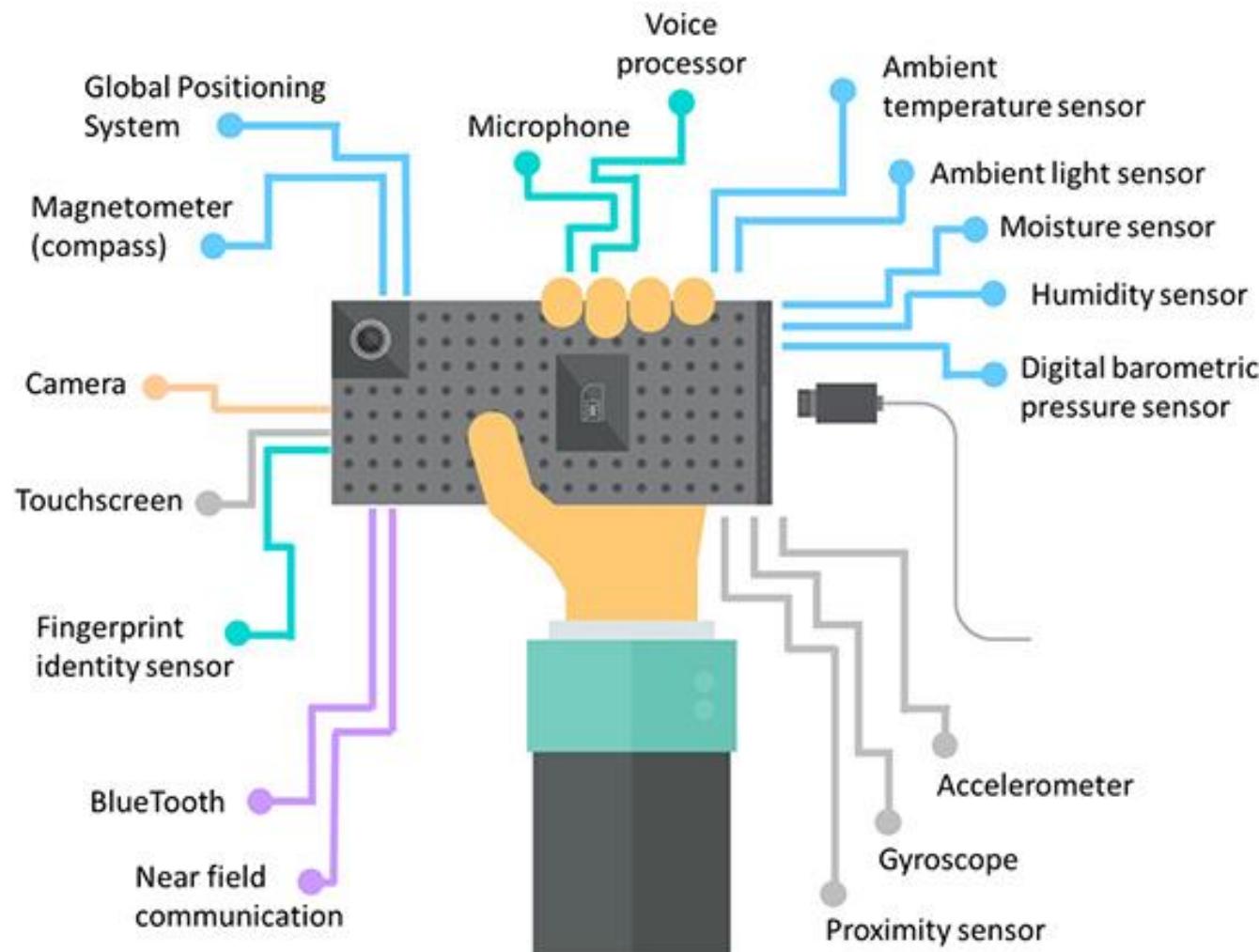


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## ❖ iPhone's sensors (14)

- ❖ Face ID
- ❖ Barometer
- ❖ High dynamic range gyro
- ❖ High-g accelerometer
- ❖ Proximity sensor
- ❖ Dual ambient light sensors



## ❖ Apple Watch's sensors (9):

- Third-generation optical heart sensor
- Temperature sensing
- Compass with Waypoints and Backtrack
- Always-on altimeter
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# Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)

Definition

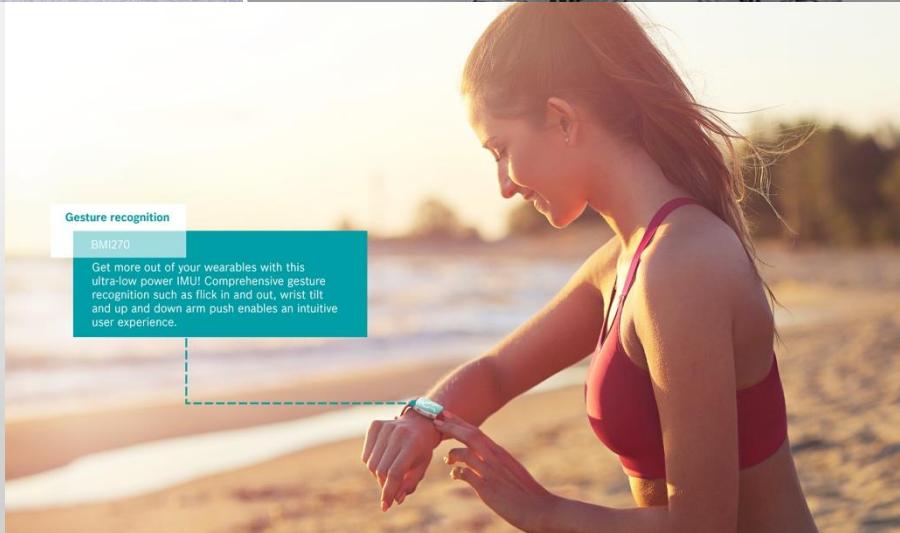
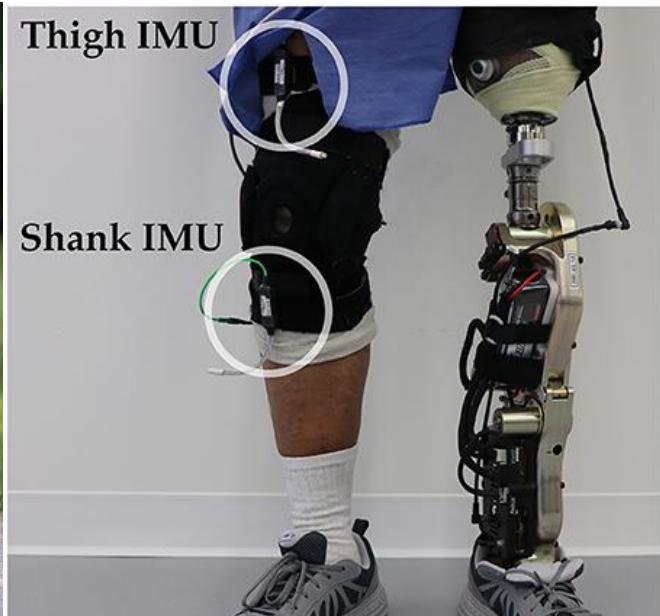


Accelerometer

Gyroscope

Magnetometer (compass)

# IMU: Applications

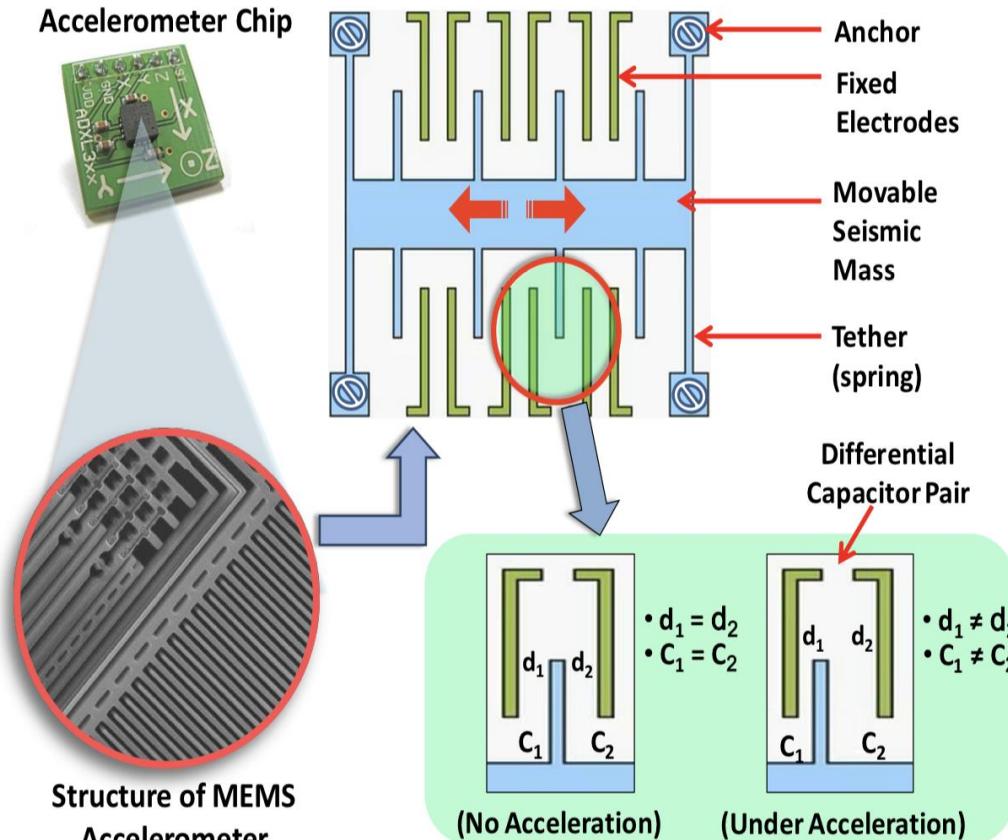


# Accelerometer

Explanation

Measures acceleration, not speed.

Measurements are proportional to the force. Why?



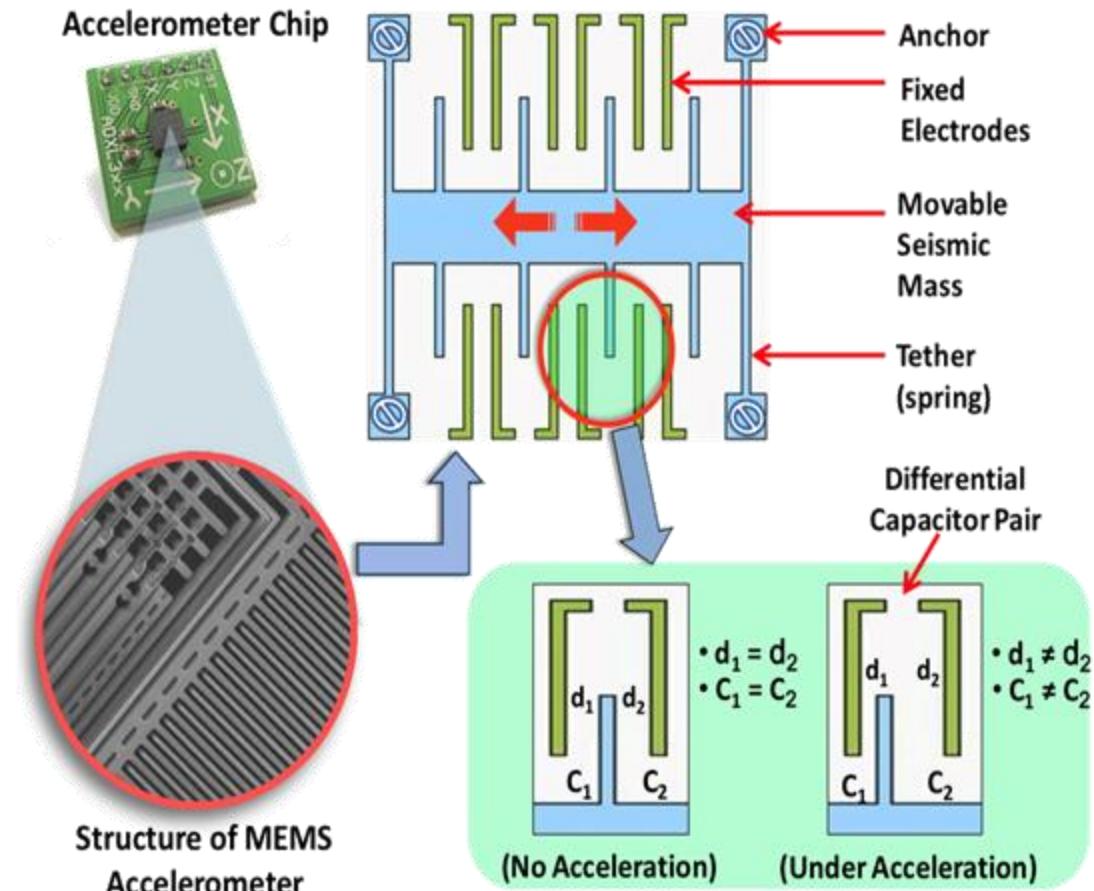
MEMS - micro-electro-mechanical systems

# IMU

## Explanation

An **accelerometer** is an electromechanical sensor that captures the rate of change of the velocity of an object over time.

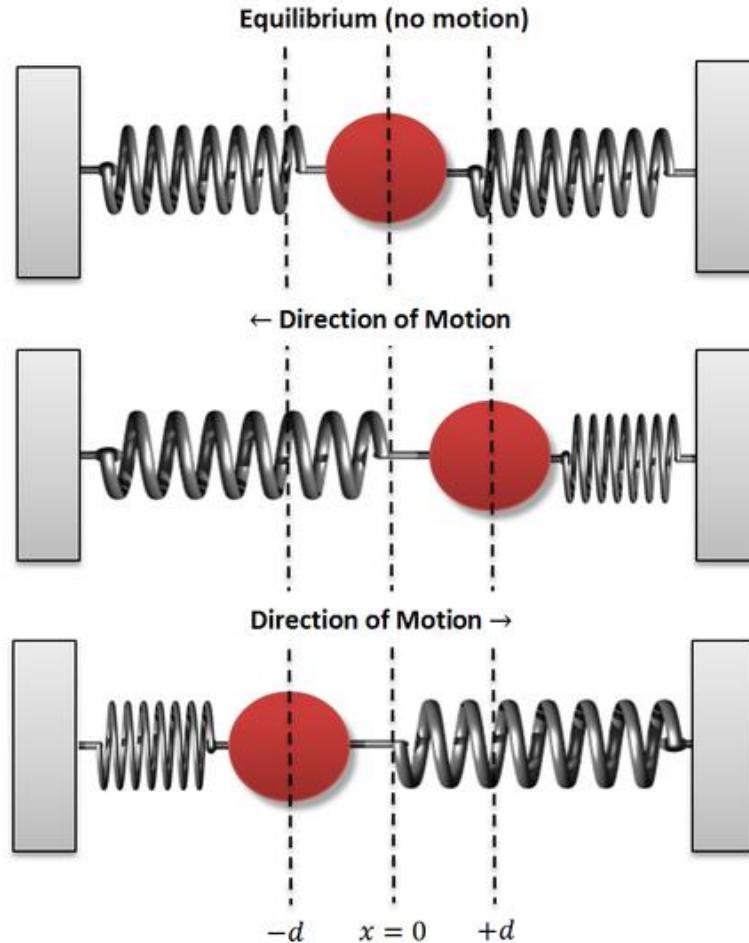
It records **three-dimension acceleration**, which joins the reference devices' axes. Thus, a trivariate time series is produced. The measuring unit is  $m/s^2$  or  $g$  forces.



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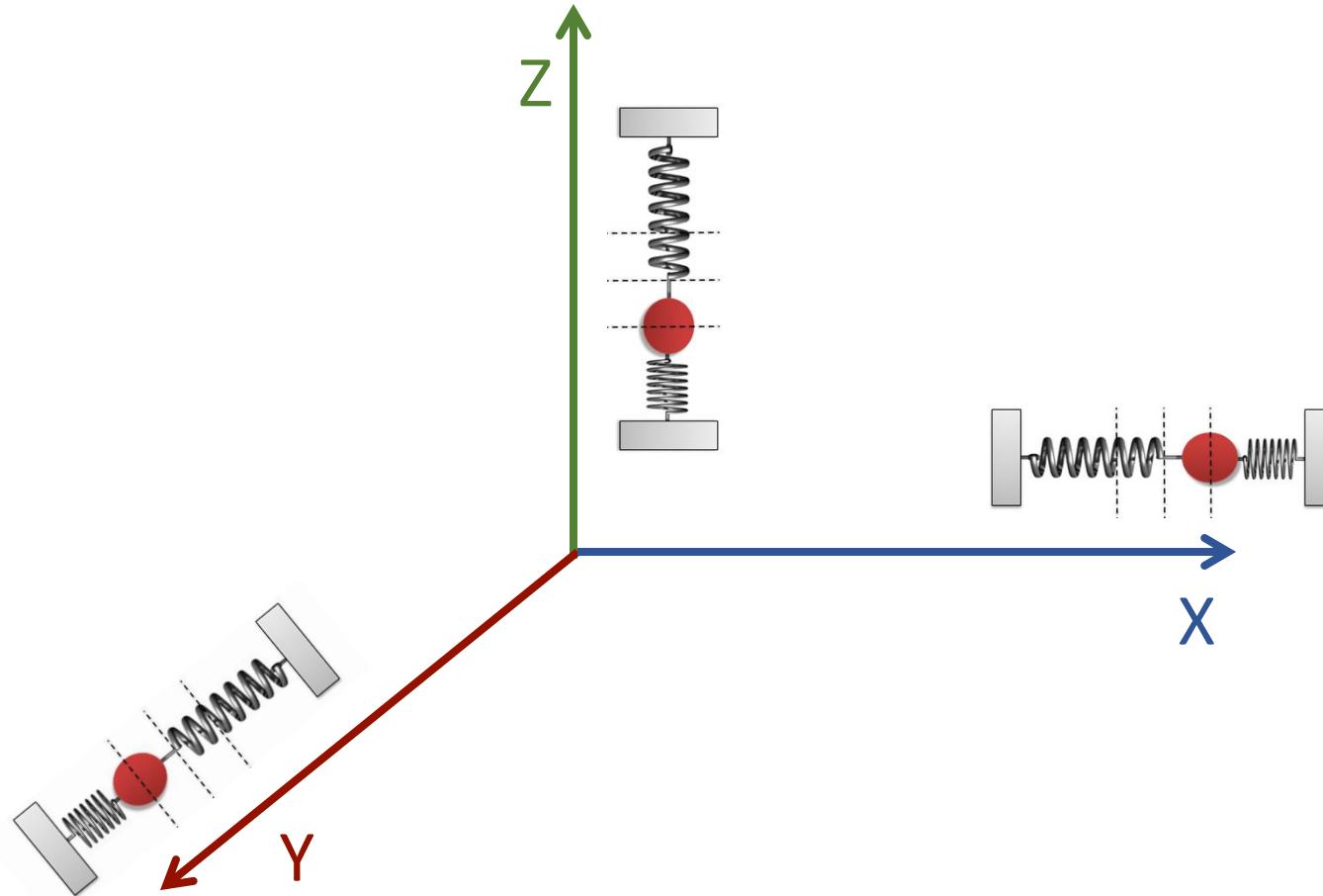
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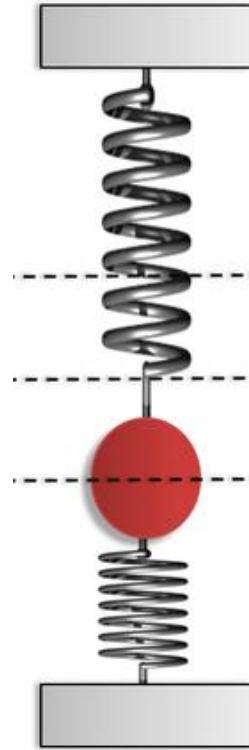
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Gravity =  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$



What reading will you get when the device is in “free-fall”?

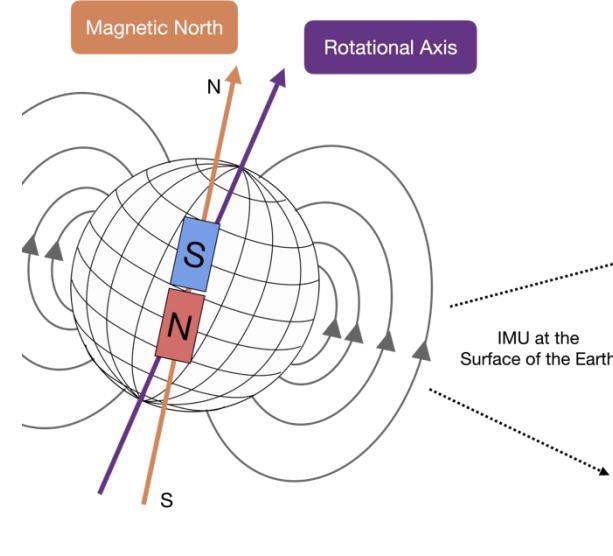
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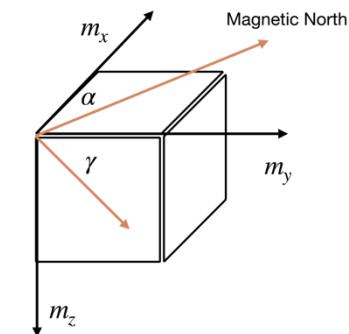
The **gyroscope** measures three-axial angular velocity. Its unit is measured in degrees over seconds (*degrees/s*).



A **magnetometer** measures the change of a magnetic field at a particular location. The measurement unit is *Tesla (T)* and is usually recorded on the three axes.



$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &\equiv \text{Heading} \\ \gamma &\equiv \text{Inclination}\end{aligned}$$

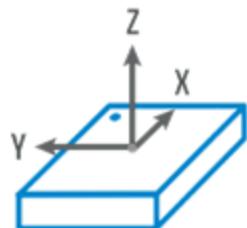


# Roll, Pitch and Yaw

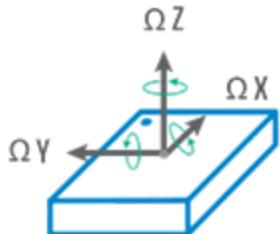
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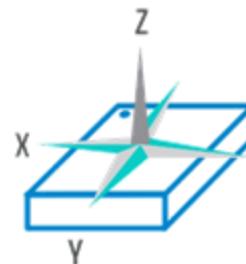
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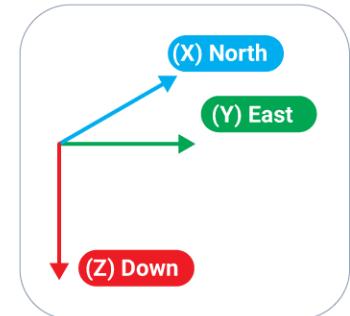
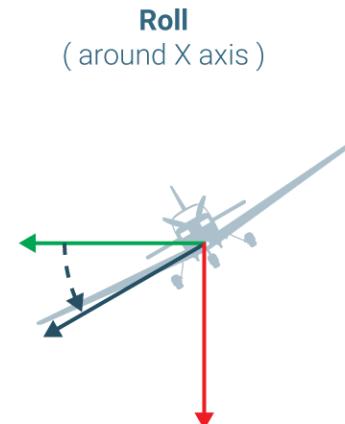
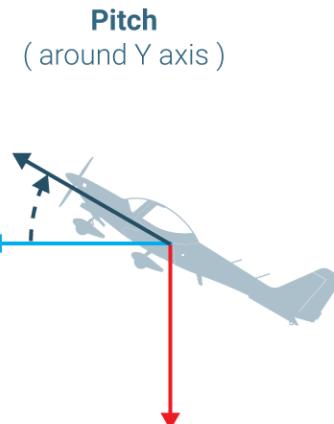
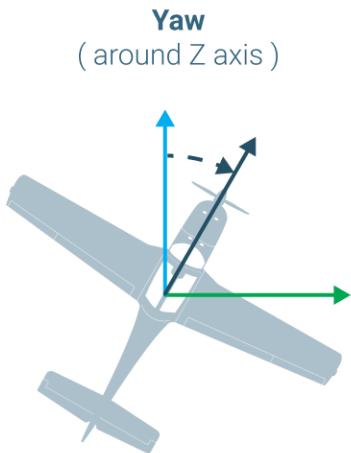
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Orientation		Mag

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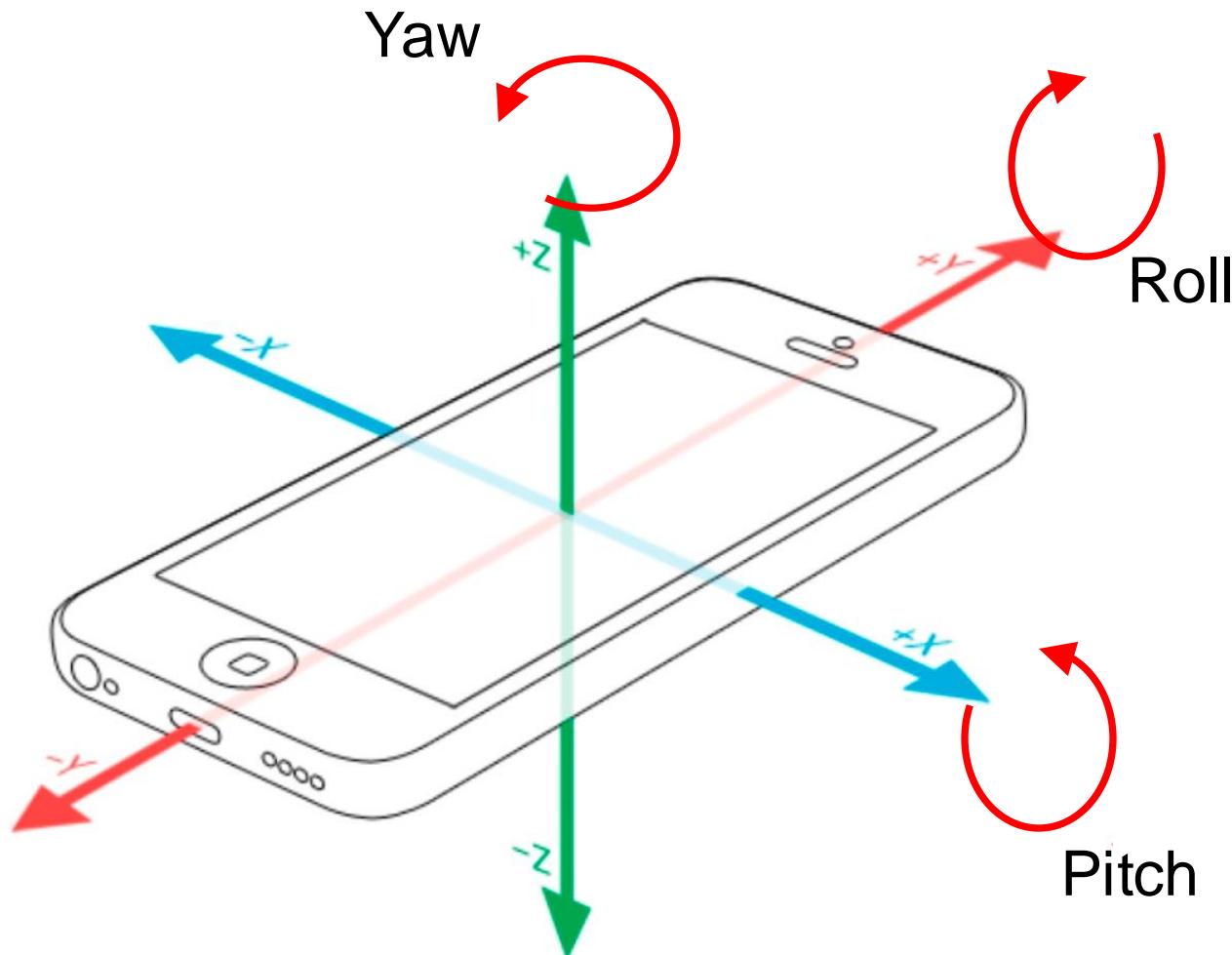
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# Pitch-Roll-Yaw on a Smartphone

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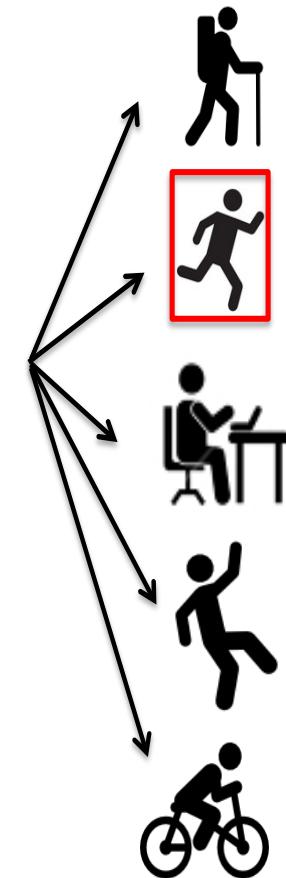


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## Definition

- Recognizing **human activities** and monitoring population behavior are fundamental needs of our society.
- Population **security**, **crowd surveillance**, **healthcare support** and **living assistance**, and lifestyle and behavior tracking are some of the main applications that require the recognition of human activities.
- Human Activity Recognition (HAR)** is the field of research which focuses on all these tasks. **HAR** automatically recognizes human activity by analyzing signals acquired by sensors: : **environmental** and **wearable**.



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- Among the environmental devices, cameras are the most used, while wearable devices encompass all on body worn sensors, such as smart-shirt, smart-shoes, ad-hoc **Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)**, smartphones and smartwatches.
- Nowadays, commercial fitness **bracelets**, **smartwatches**, and **smartphones** are equipped with inertial sensors, such as **accelerometer** and **gyroscope**.
- Such sensors acquire signals that are exploited by machine learning methods for automatic **Human Activity Recognition (HAR)**



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- ❖ Human Activity Recognition (**HAR**): methods and techniques to automatically identify Activities of Daily Living (**ADLs**) from inertial sensors of smartphones and smartwatches
- ❖ Recent statistics show that more than 5.19 billion people (67% of the world's population) use **smartwatches**, with user numbers up by 124 million (2.4%) over the past year.
- ❖ HAR can be extensively used in several domains. For example, in **healthcare** to keep track of elderly people or the rehabilitation process after accidents and injuries, or in the guide to safe travel

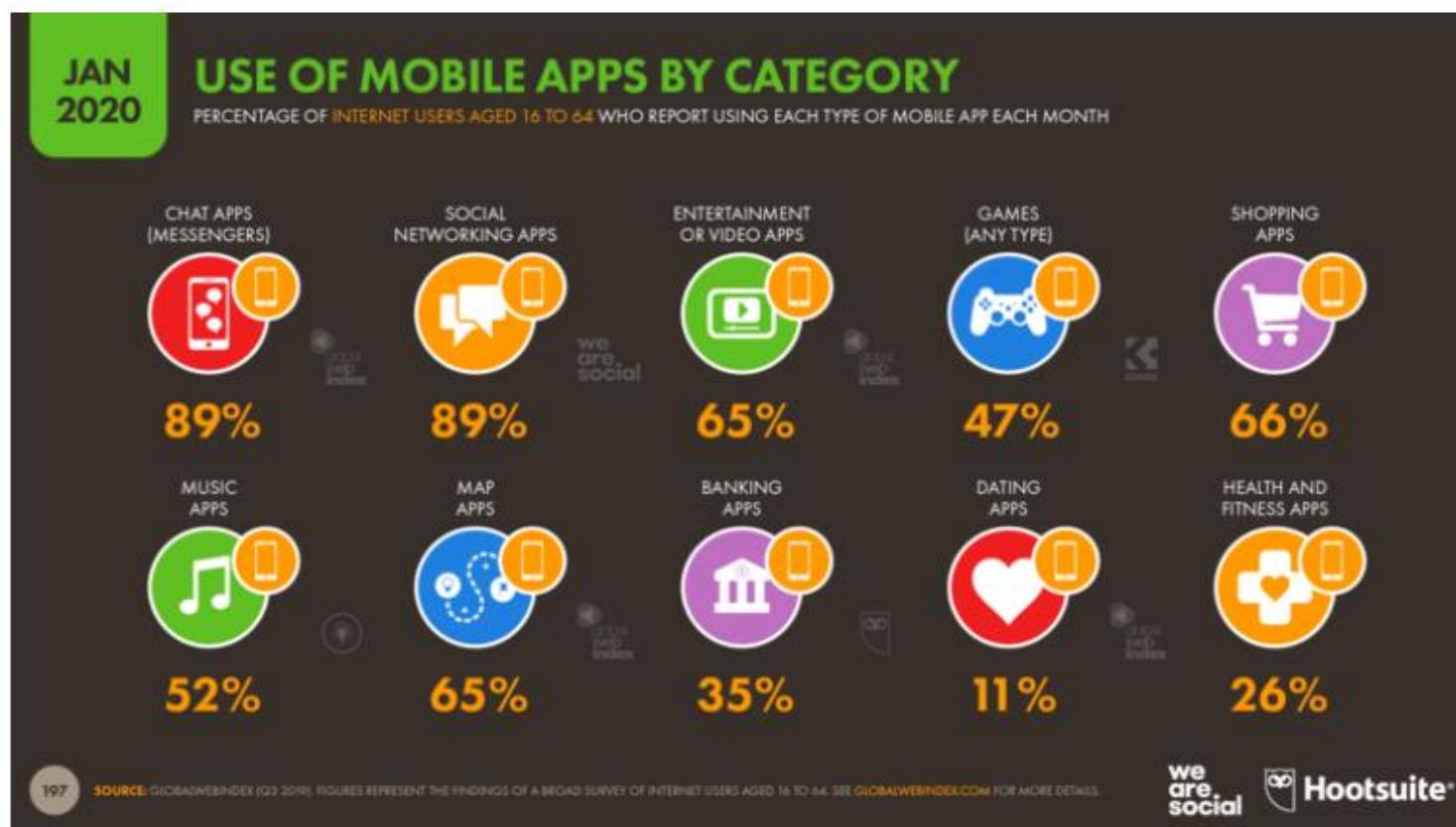


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# Use of mobile phone

## Numbers

People use apps in almost every aspect of their lives, whether it's staying in touch with friends and family, relaxing on the couch, managing their finances, getting fit, or even finding love.

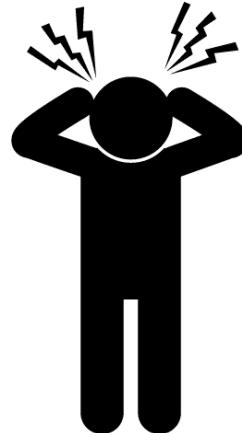


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# Activity Monitoring

Types of actions

Activity monitoring



Distress detection

Anomaly detection

Atomic / complex actions



JUMP



DANCE

VS

Single subject / multi-subject



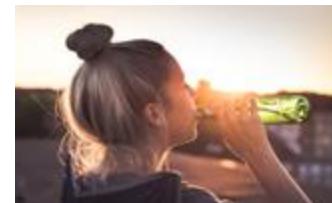
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Interaction with objects

RUNNING

CHASING



DRINKING

VS



SINGING



SITTING DOWN

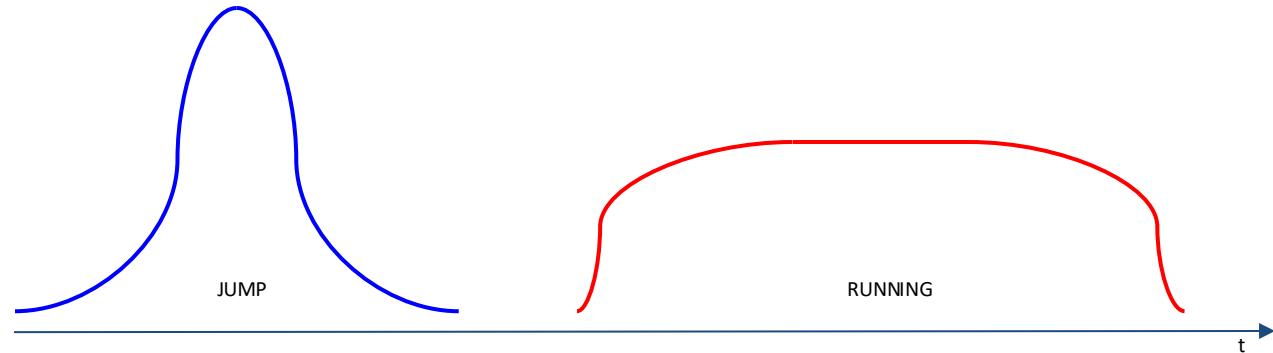


STANDING UP

VS

Order matters

Temporal saliency



# HAR – Activity of Daily Living

Type of actions

The activities of daily living (**ADLs**) is a term used to collectively describe fundamental skills that are required to independently care for oneself such as eating, bathing, and mobility. The term activities of daily living was first coined by Sidney Katz in 1950.

## Activities of daily living (ADLs)

- Bathing
- Toileting
- Getting dressed
- Walking
- Eating meals
- Personal hygiene



## Instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs)

- Doing laundry
- Paying bills
- Preparing meals
- Shopping for groceries
- Managing chores and cleaning

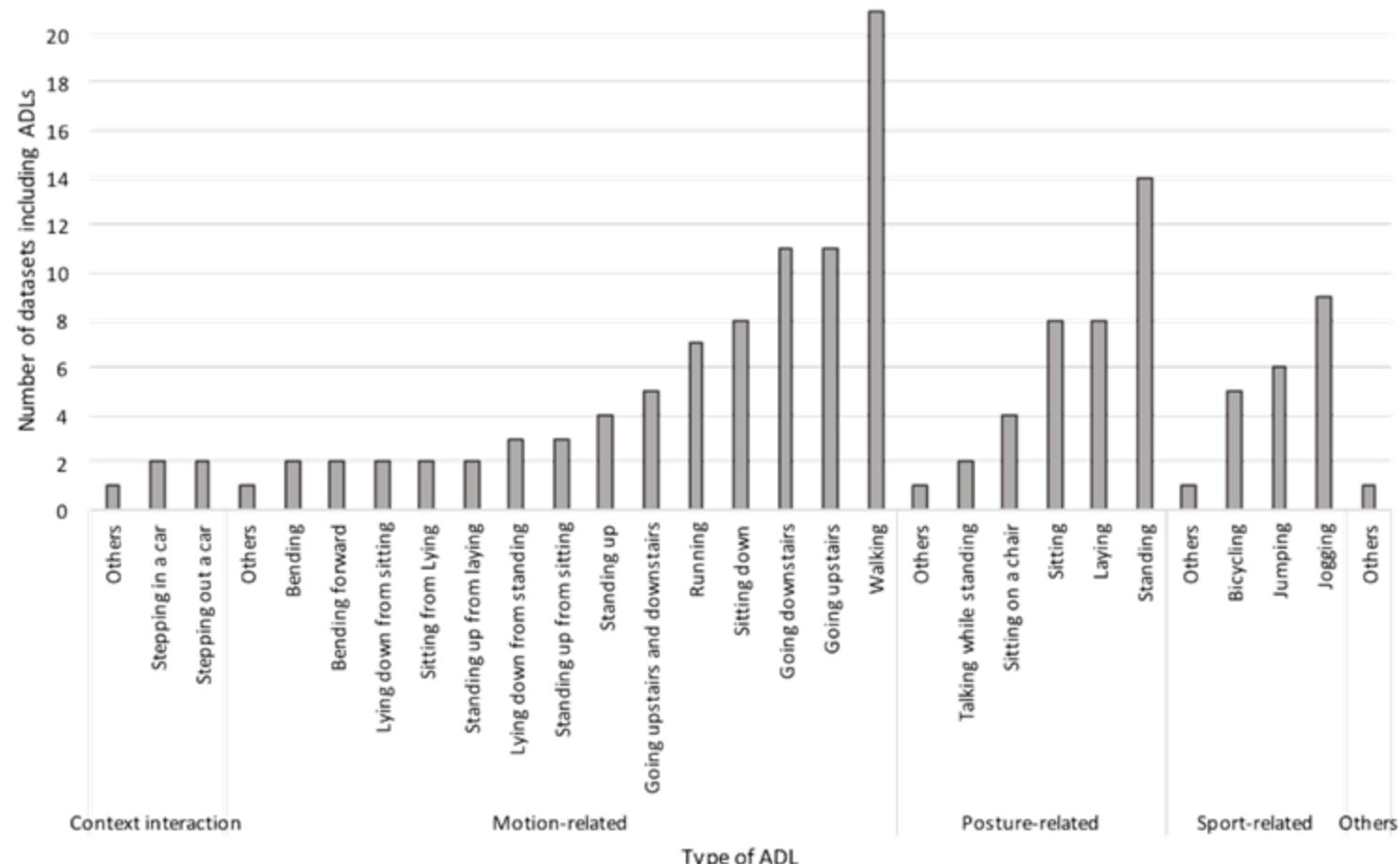


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# HAR – Activity of Daily Living

Type of actions

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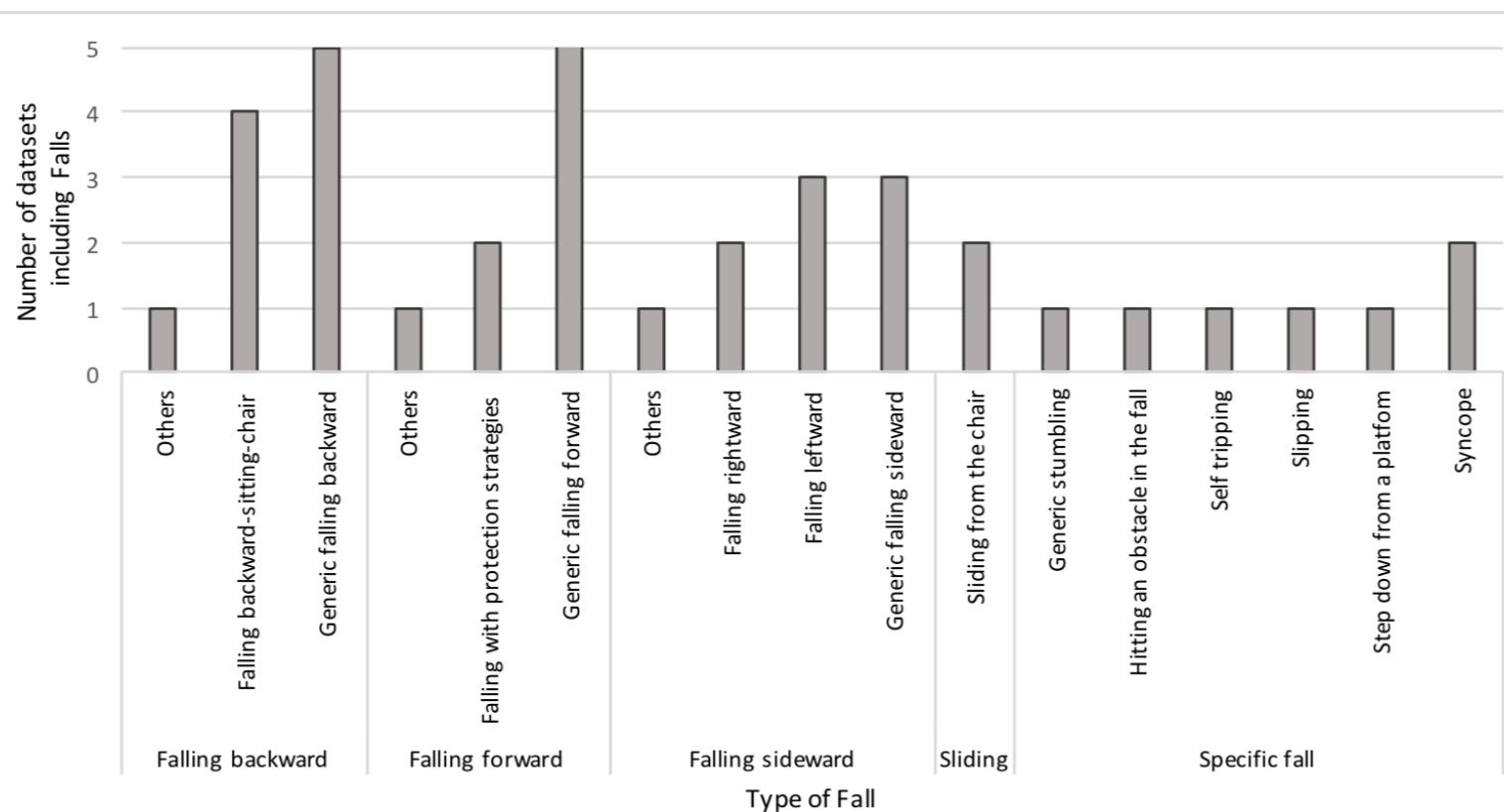


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Falls and theirs occurrence in the publicly available datasets analysed grouped by category.



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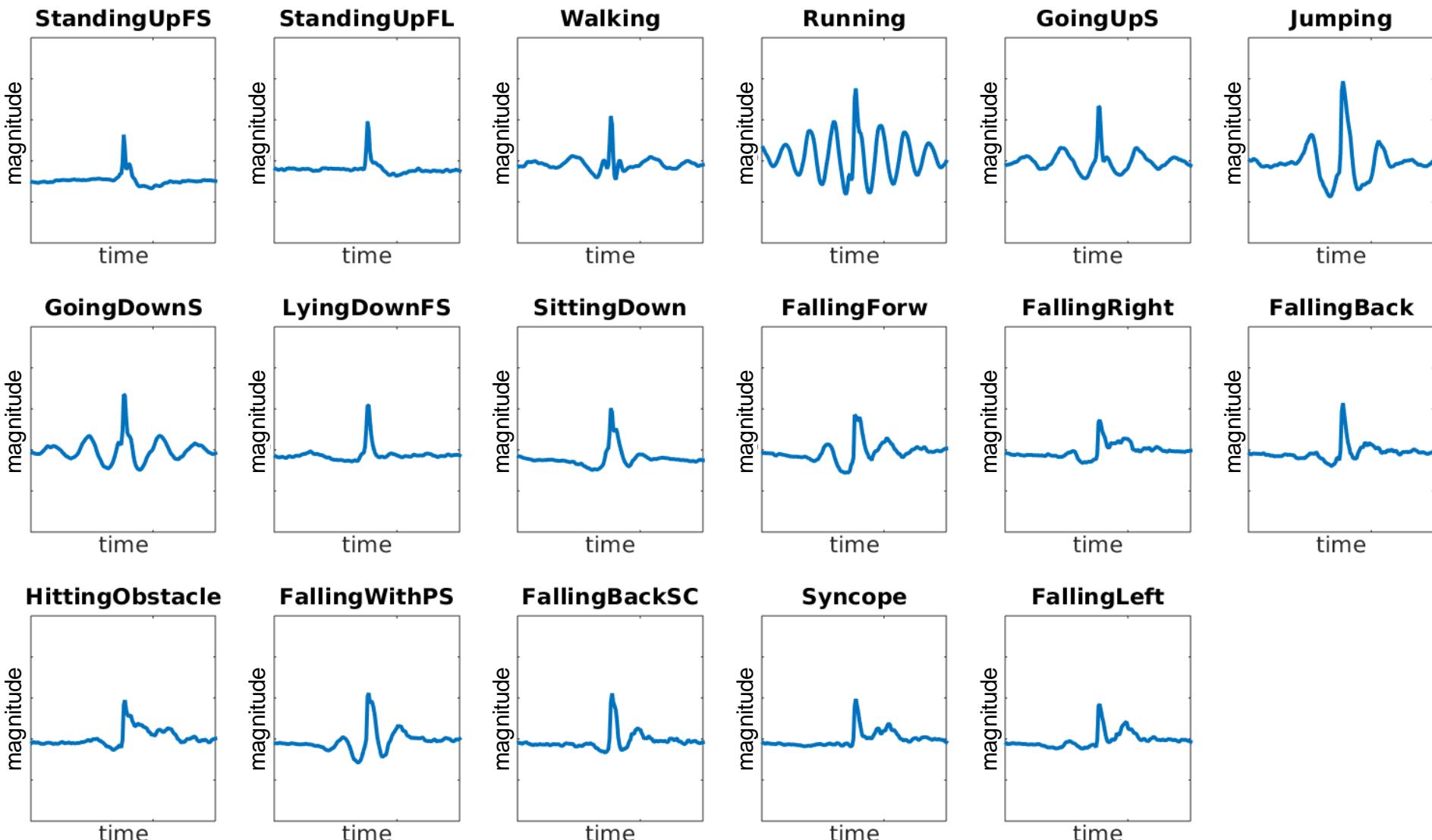
Publicly available datasets containing samples from smartphones sensors.

Dataset	Year	ADLs	Falls	Nr. of Subjects	Gender		Age (Years)	Height (cm)	Weight (Kg)
					Female	Male			
DMPSBFD [24]	2015	yes	yes	5	-	-	-	-	-
Gravity [23]	2016	yes	yes	2	-	-	26–32 $29 \pm 4.2$	170–185 $178 \pm 10.6$	63–80 $71.5 \pm 12$
MobiFall [11]	2014	yes	yes	24	7	17	22–47 $27 \pm 5$	160–189 $175 \pm 7$	50–103 $76.4 \pm 14.5$
MobiAct [25]	2016	yes	yes	57	15	42	20–47 $25 \pm 4$	160–193 $175 \pm 4$	50–120 $76.6 \pm 14.4$
RealWorld (HAR) [26]	2016	yes	no	16	7	8	16–62 $32 \pm 12$	163–183 $173 \pm 7$	48–95 $74.1 \pm 13.3$
Shoib PA [27]	2013	yes	no	4	0	4	25–30	-	-
Shoib SA [28]	2014	yes	no	10	0	10	25–30	-	-
tFall [29]	2013	yes	yes	10	7	3	20–42 $31 \pm 9$	161–184 $173 \pm 1$	54–98 $69.2 \pm 13.1$
UCI HAR [30]	2012	yes	no	30	-	-	19–48	-	-
UCI HAPT [31]	2015	yes	no	30	-	-	19–48	-	-
UCI UIWADS [32]	2013	yes	no	22	-	-	-	-	-
UMA Fall [33]	2016	yes	yes	17	6	11	14–55 $27 \pm 10$	155–195 $172 \pm 9$	50–93 $69.9 \pm 12.3$
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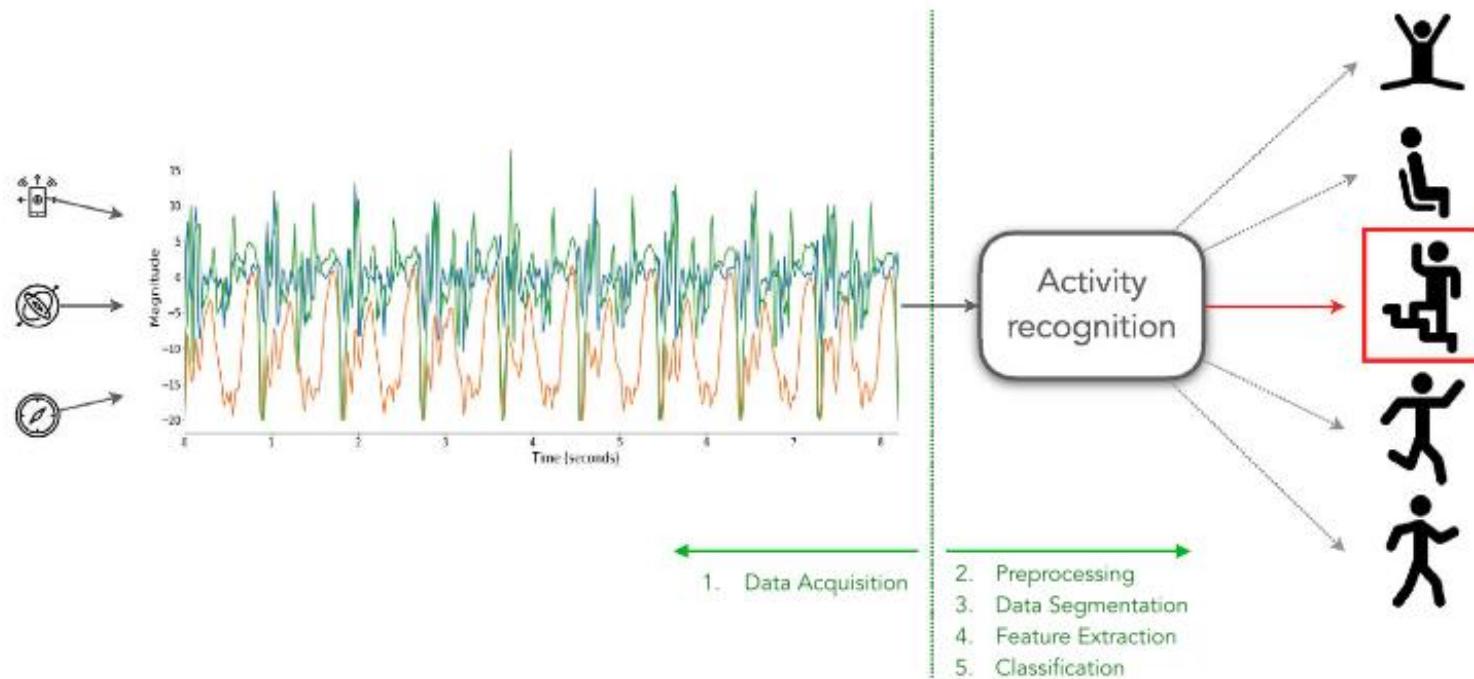
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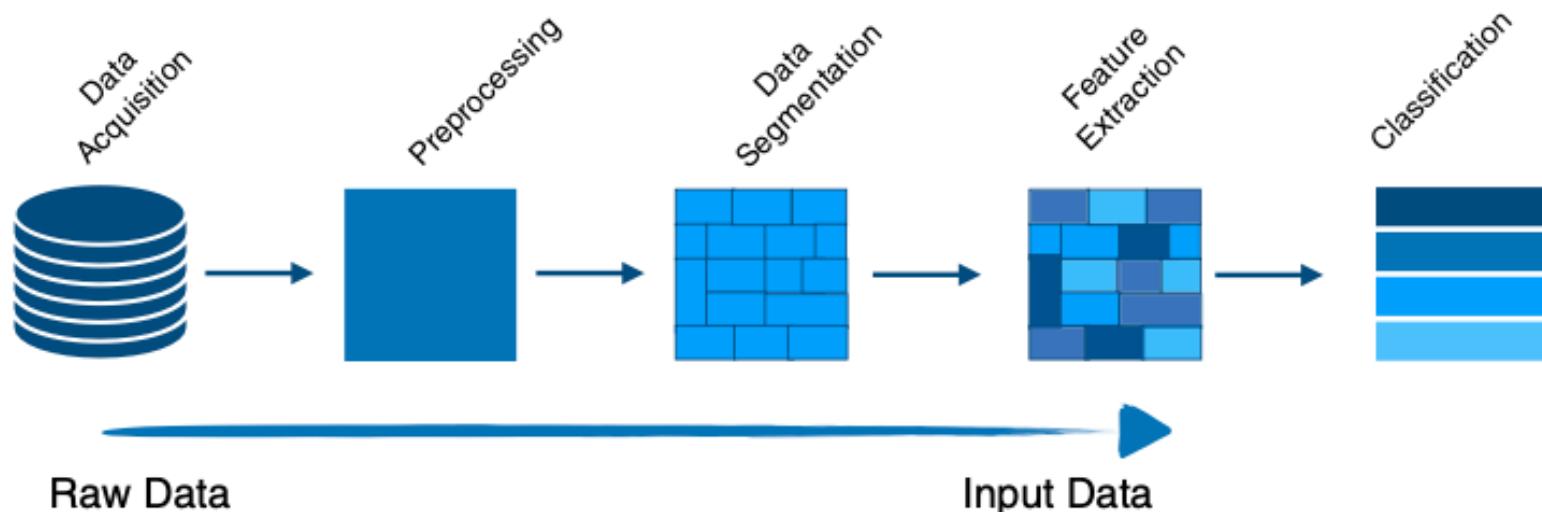


## An abstracted overview of the human activity recognition process



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# HAR pipeline



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# HAR – Data Acquisition

## Accelerometer and Gyroscope

- ❖ **Accelerometer** is the most popular sensor in HAR, because it measures the directional movement of a subject's motion status over time
- ❖ Nevertheless, it **struggles** to resolve lateral **orientation** or **tilt**, and to find out the location of the user, which are precious information for activity recognition.
- ❖ For these reasons, some sensor combinations have been proposed as valid solution in HAR. In most of the cases, **accelerometer** and **gyroscope** are used conjointly to both acquire more information about the device movements, and to possibility infer the device position



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# HAR – Data Acquisition

Sampling rate

An important factor to consider in the acquisition step is the **sampling rate** that influences the number of available samples for the classification step.

The sampling rate is defined as the **number of data points** recorded **in a second** and is expressed in Hertz. For instance, if the sampling rate is equal to 50Hz, it means that 50 values per second are recorded.

In the literature, different sampling rates have been considered ranging from **30Hz** to **100Hz**



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Data sheet

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### 3.6.3 Fusion Output data rates

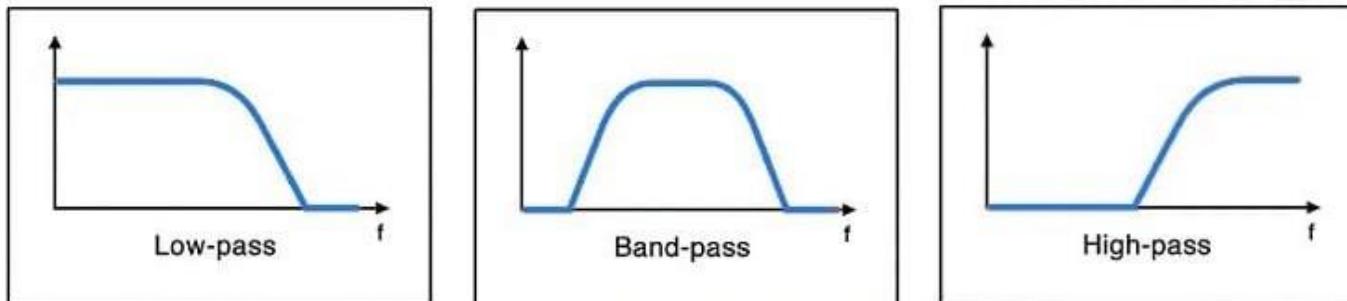
Table 3-14: Fusion output data rates

BNO055 Operating Mode	Data input rate			Algo calling rate	Data output rate			Fusion data
	Accel	Mag	Gyro		Accel	Mag	Gyro	
IMU	100Hz	NA	100Hz	100Hz	100Hz	NA	100Hz	100Hz

# HAR – Data preprocessing

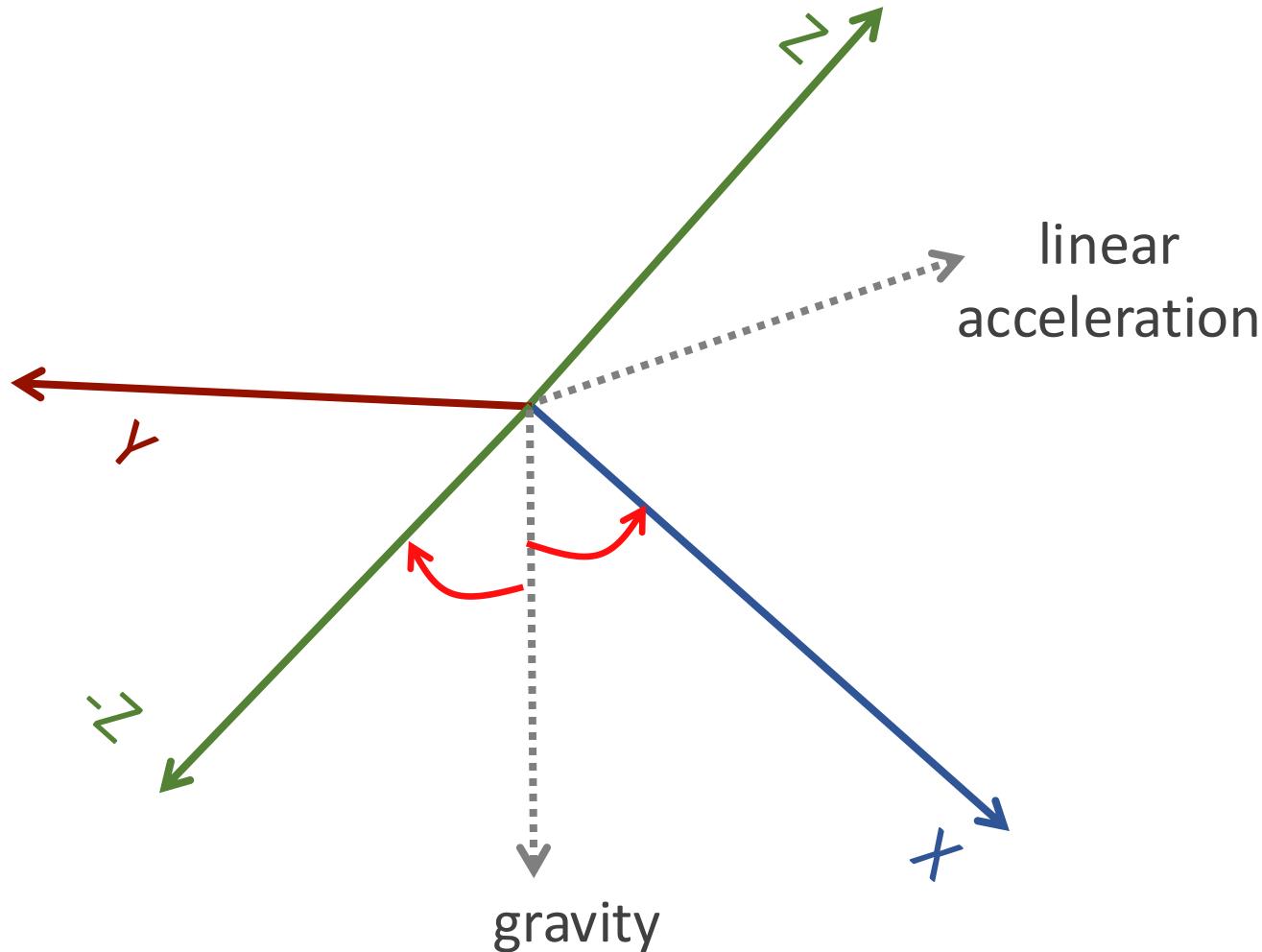
## Filtering

- The **high-frequency** component of the accelerometer signal is mostly related to the action performed by the subjects, while the **low-frequency** component of the accelerometer signal is mainly related to the presence of **gravity**.
- Usually, a low-pass filter with **cut-off frequency** ranging between 0.1 and 0.5 Hz is used to isolate the gravity component. To find the body acceleration component, the result of the low-pass filtered signal is subtracted from the original signal.
- Filtering is also used to **clear raw data from artifacts**. It is stated that a cut-off frequency of 15Hz is enough to capture human body motion whose energy spectrum lies between 0 Hz and 15 Hz



# Accelerometer

Gravity filtering

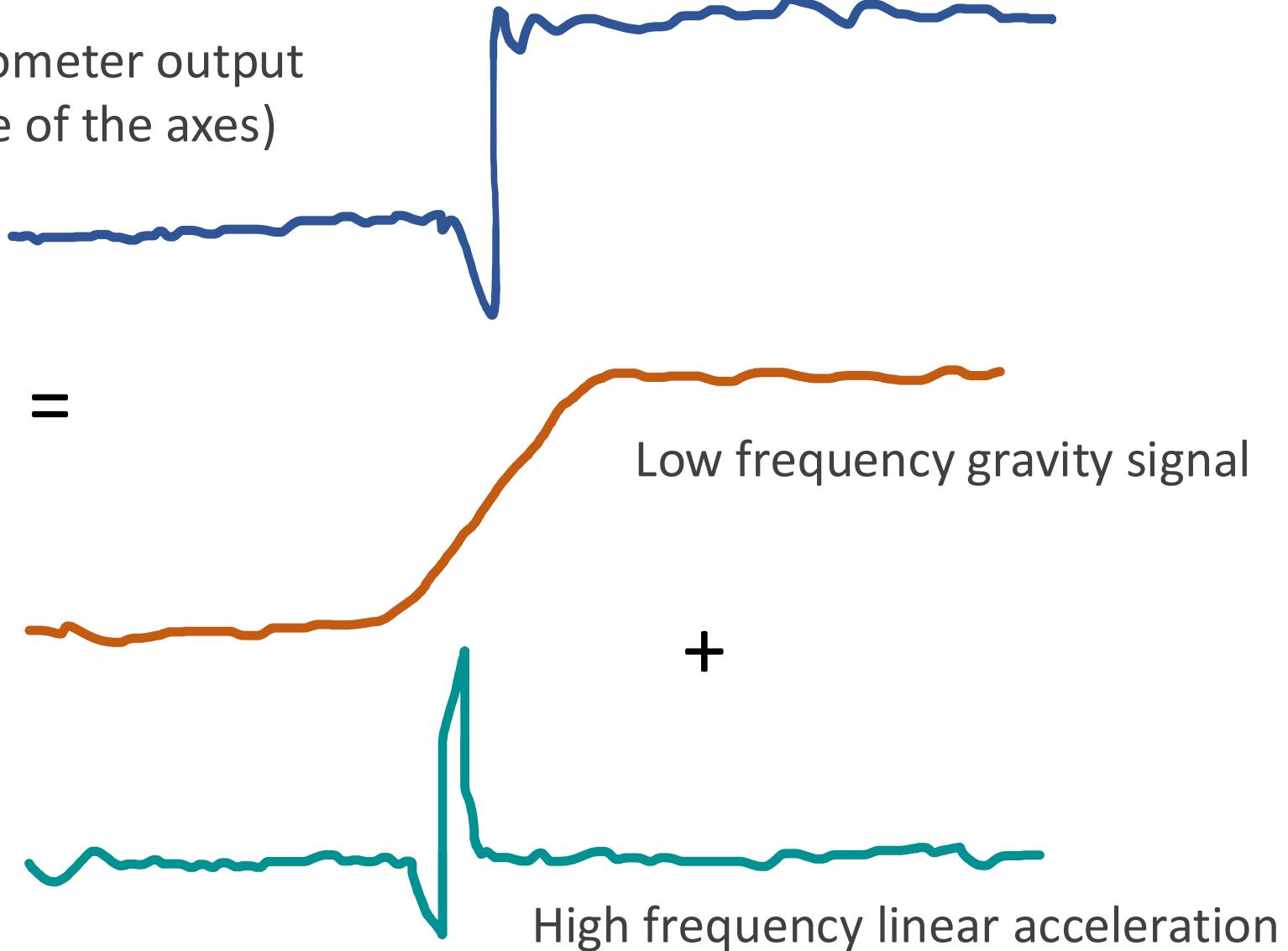


Output = linear acceleration + gravity

# Accelerometer

Gravity filtering

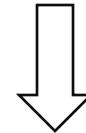
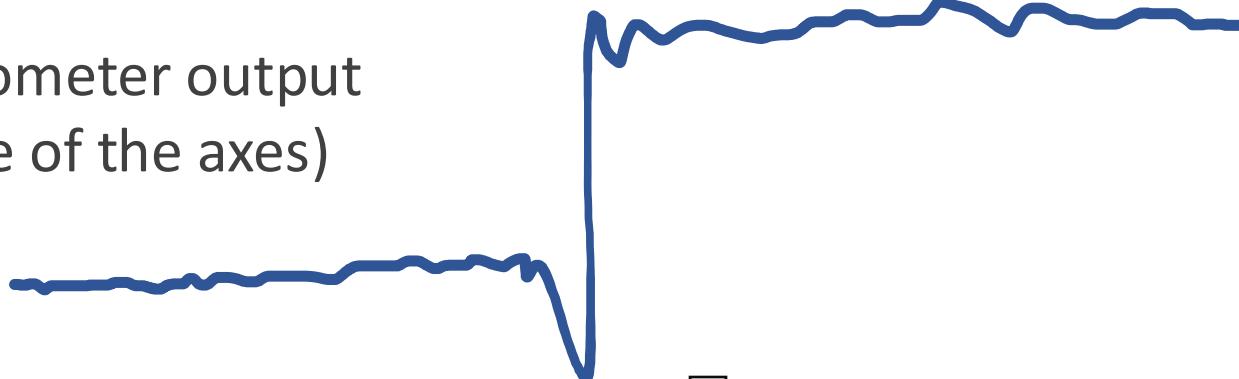
Accelerometer output  
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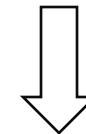
# Accelerometer

Gravity filtering

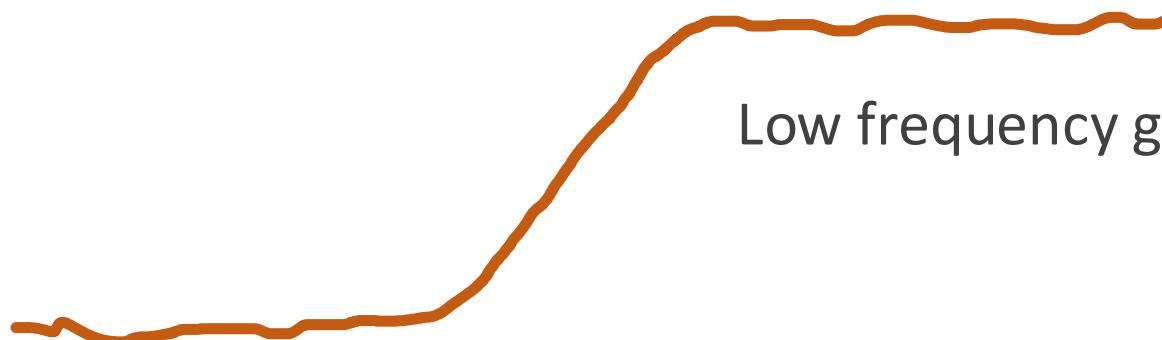
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Low-pass filter



Low frequency gravity signal

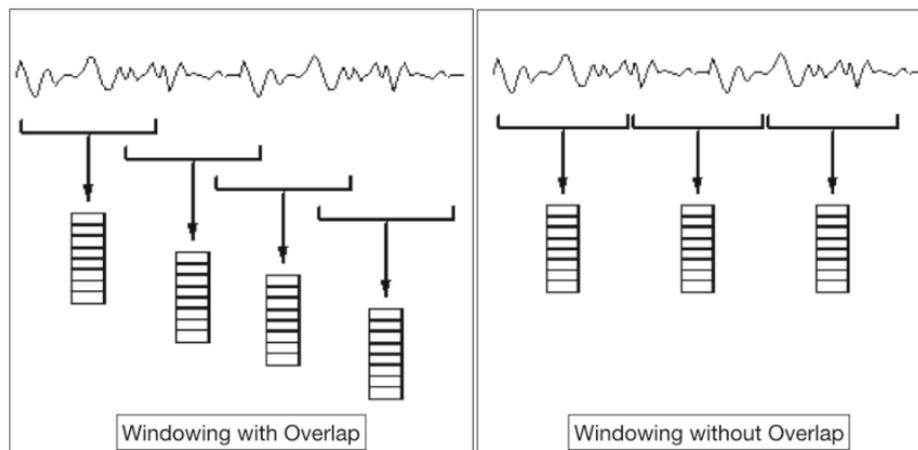


# HAR – Data segmentation

## Segmentation

Data **segmentation** partitions signals into smaller data segments, also called windows:

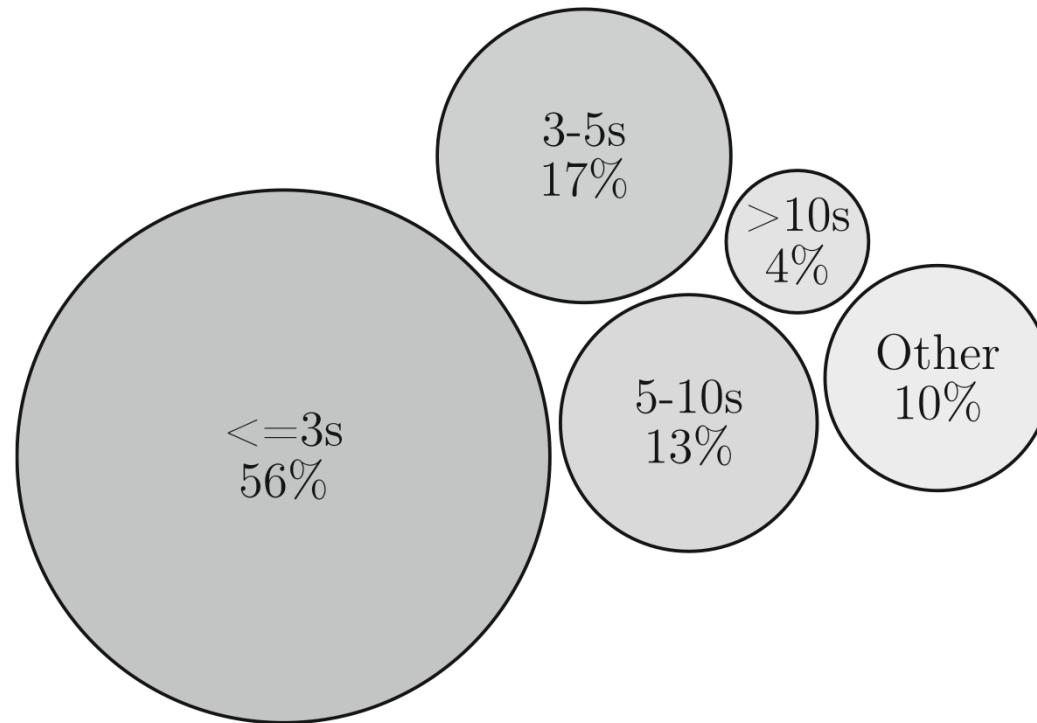
- ❖ In **activity-defined** windowing, the initial and end points of each window are selected by detecting patterns of activity changes.
- ❖ In **event-defined** windowing, the window is created around a detected event. In some studies, it is also mentioned as windows around the peak.
- ❖ In **sliding windowing**, data are split into windows of fixed size, without the gap between two consecutive windows, and, in some cases, overlapping.



# HAR – Data segmentation

## Segmentation

### State-of-the-art Sliding Window's Size

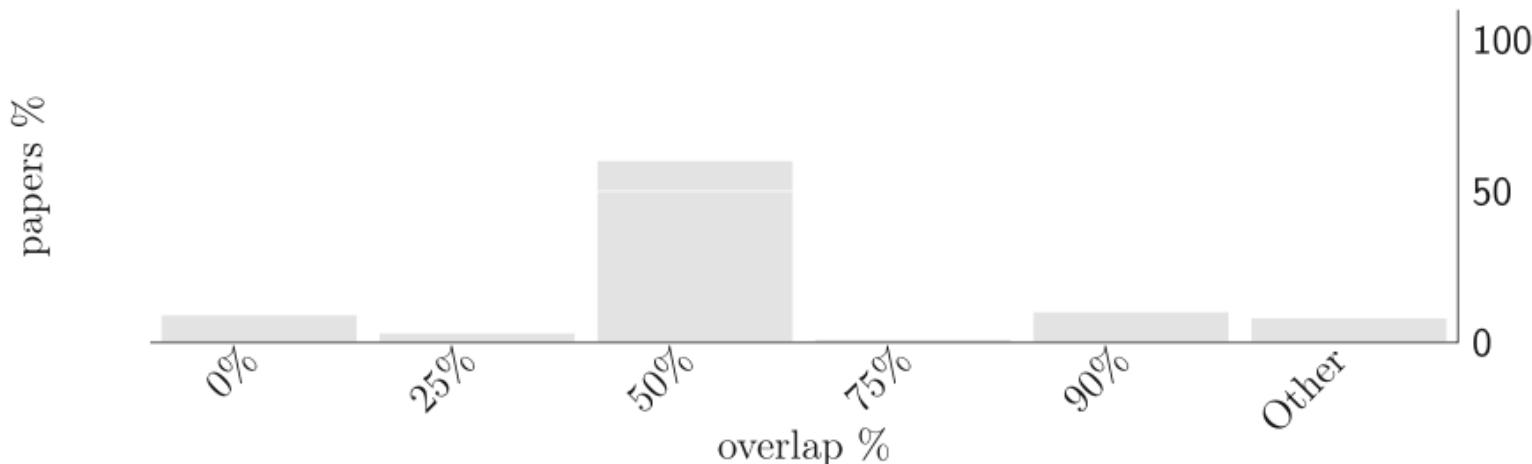


# HAR – Data segmentation

## Segmentation

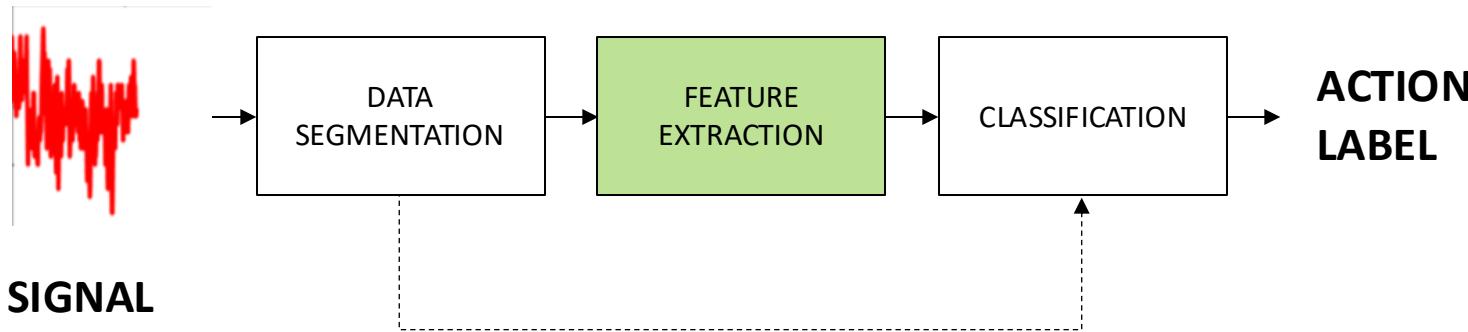
Sliding windows are often **overlapped**, which means that a percentage of a window is repeated in the subsequent window:

1. it avoids noise due to the truncation of data during the windowing process,
2. increases the performance by increasing the data points number.

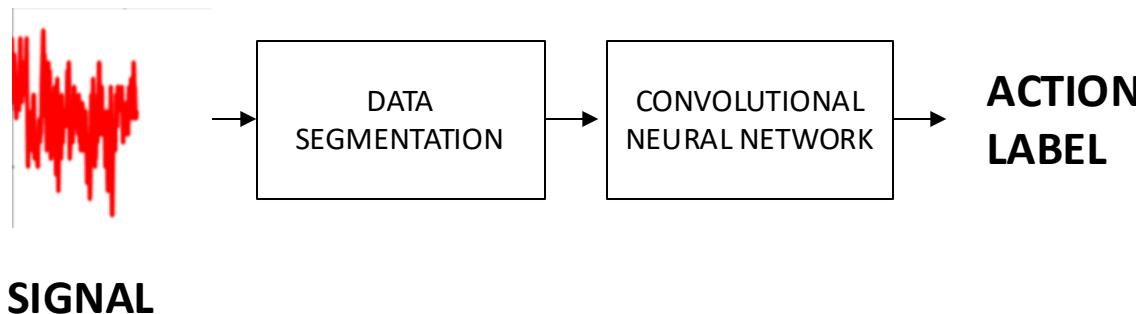


# HAR – Pipeline

Methods for recognition



**Classifiers:** k Nearest Neighbour (k-NN) and Support Vector Machines (SVM)  
classifiers have been used.



**Convolutional Neural Networks:** AlexNet, Inception, GoogleNet, ResNet.

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# HAR – Feature Extraction

Hand-crafted

Features extraction reduces the data dimensionality while extracting the most important peculiarity of the signal by abstracting each data segment into a high-level representation of the same segment.

## Frequency domain features

Feature name	Formula	Description
Entropy	$H(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2 p(x_i)$	Normalized information entropy of the discrete FFT components
Sum of the spectral power components	$ID = x_{0.75} - x_{0.25}$	Difference between third and first quartile of a given segment in each dimension
Mean of the spectral components	$\mu_f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n FFT_j$	Mean of FFT distribution
Median of the spectral components	$Me_f = FFT_{0.5} : F(FFT_{0.5}) = 0.5$	Median of FFT distribution
First cepstral coefficient	$c(1) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\{\log  FFT(f) \}$	First coefficient of the cepstrum transformation

# HAR – Feature Extraction

## Hand-crafted

Time domain features Feature name	Formula	Description
Minimum	$\min_{j=1,\dots,n}(x_j)$	Minimum value of a given segment in each dimension
Maximum	$\max_{j=1,\dots,n}(x_j)$	Maximum value of a given segment in each dimension
Mean	$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$	Mean value of a given segment in each dimension
Median	$Me = x_{0.5} : F(x_{0.5}) \leq 0.5$	Median value of a given segment in each dimension
Standard Deviation	$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$	Standard deviation of a given segment in each dimension
Variance	$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$	Variance of a given segment in each dimension
Interquartile Difference	$ID = x_{0.75} - x_{0.25}$	Difference between third and first quartile of a given segment in each dimension
Skewness	$skw = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^3}{s^3}$	Skewness value of a given segment in each dimension
Kurtosis	$kurt = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^4}{s^4}$	Kurtosis value of a given segment in each dimension
Root mean square	$rms = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$	Root mean square value of a given segment in each dimension
Total Sum	$ts = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$	Total sum value of a given segment in each dimension
Range	$R = \max - \min$	Range of a given segment in each dimension
Mean of Peak's distance	$m_p = \frac{1}{s^2} \sum_{j=1}^s \sum_{i=1}^s d(p_i, p_j)$	Mean of distance between peaks of a given segment in each dimension
Fourth central moment	$m_4 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (x - \bar{x})^4$	Fourth central moment of a given segment in each dimension
Fifth central moment	$m_5 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^5$	Fifth central moment of a given segment in each dimension

# HAR – Learned Features

Learned

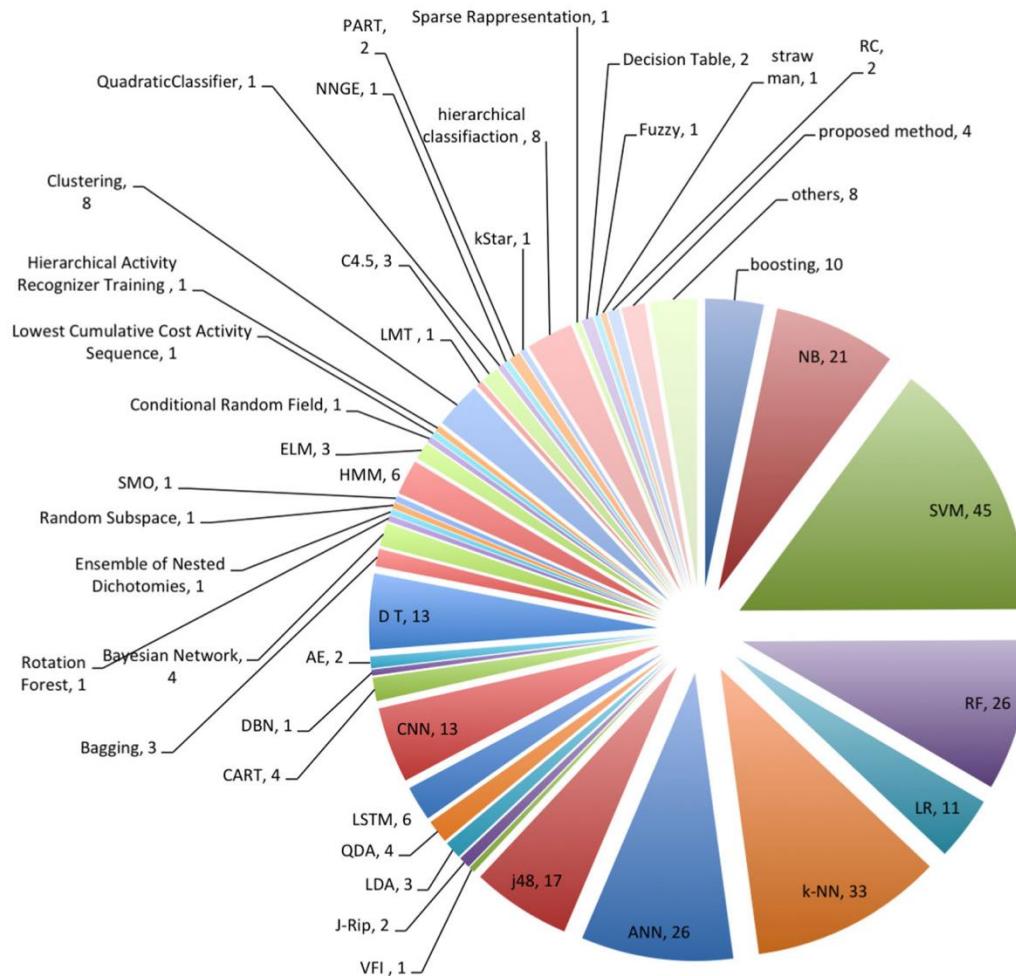
The goal of feature learning is to automatically discover meaningful representations of raw data to be analyzed

- » **Codebooks** considers each sensor data window as a sequence, from which subsequences are extracted and grouped into clusters. Each cluster center is a codeword. Then, each sequence is encoded using a bag-of-words approach using codewords as features.
- » **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)** is a multi-variate technique, commonly used for dimensionality reduction. The main goal of PCA is the extraction of a set of orthogonal features, called principal component, which are linear combination of the original data and such as the variance extracted from the data is maximal. It is also used for features selection.
- » **Deep Learning** uses Neural Networks engines to learn patterns from data

# HAR – Classifiers

## Traditional classifiers

### Traditional machine learning and deep learning classifiers distribution



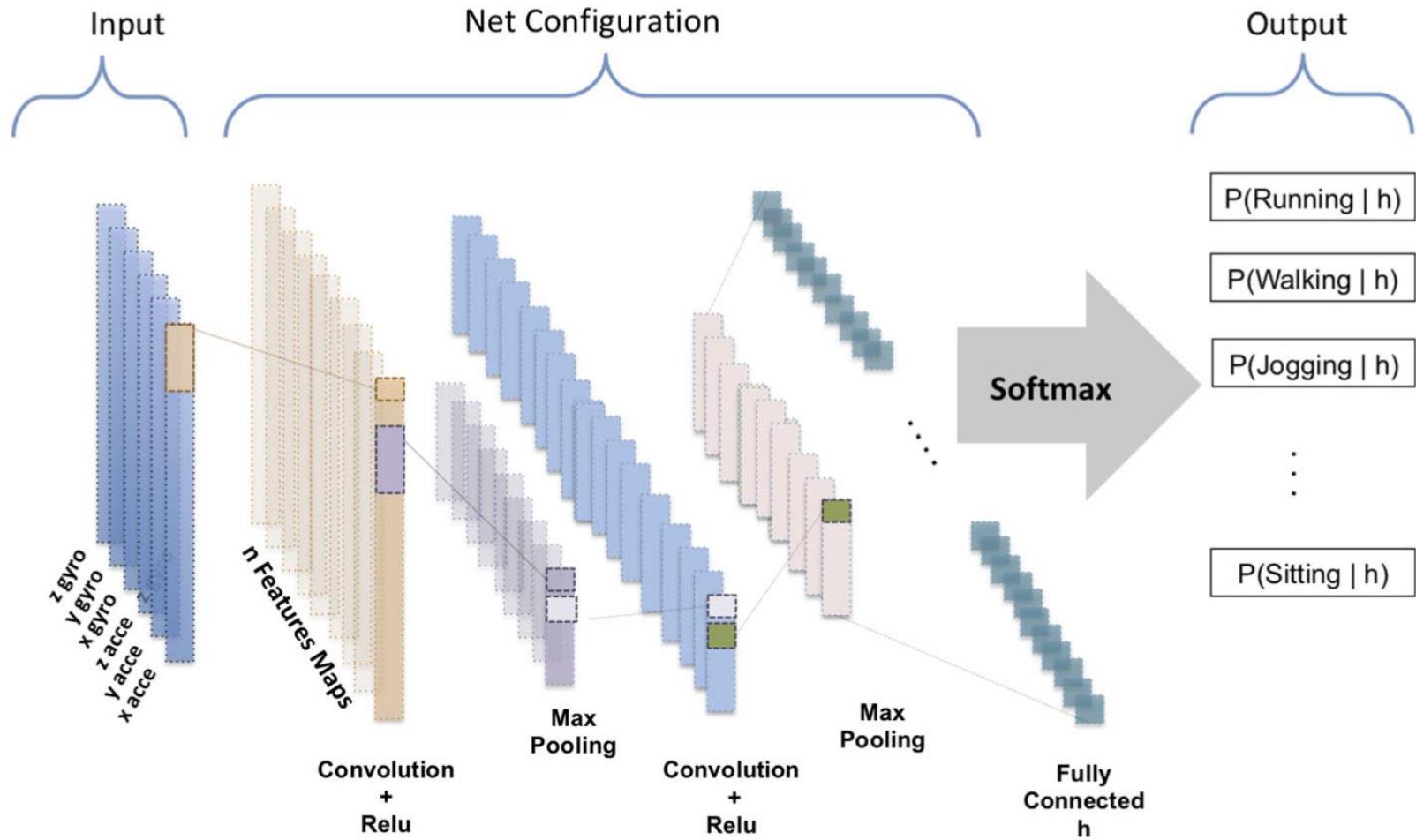
Distance	Formula
Euclidean	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^2}$
City Block	$\sum_{i=1}^n  \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j $
Chebychev	$\max_{i=1\dots n}  \mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j $
Cosine	$1 - \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_j^T}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^T)(\mathbf{x}_j \mathbf{x}_j^T)}}$
Correlation	$1 - \frac{(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)(\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j)^T}{\sqrt{(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_i)^T} \sqrt{(\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j)(\mathbf{x}_j - \bar{\mathbf{x}}_j)^T}}$
Mahalanobis	$\sqrt{(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j) C^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)^T}$

where  $C$  is the covariance matrix

# HAR – DNNs

## Deep Neural Networks

Traditional machine learning and deep learning classifiers distribution



# HAR – Data

## Available datasets

### Traditional machine learning and deep learning classifiers distribution

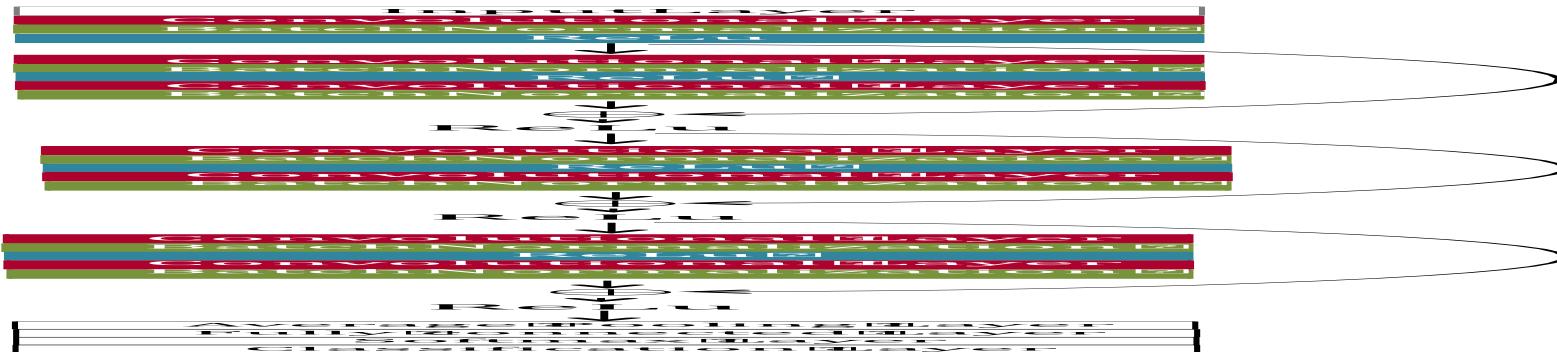
ID	Dataset	# Activity	# Subject	# Devices	Sensors	Sampling rate (Hz)	Metadata
D01	UCI HAR	6 ADL	30	SP(1)	A,G	50	No
D02	Smartphone-based recognition of human Activities and postural transitions data set	6 ADL	30	SP(1)	A,G	50	No
D03	HHAR	6 ADL	9	SP(8),SW(4)	A,G	H	No
D04	Physical activity recognition dataset using Smartphone sensors	6 ADL	4	SP(4)	A,G,M	50	No
D05	Sensors activity dataset	7 ADL	10	SP(5)	AG,M,LA	50	No
D06	Complex human activities dataset	13 ADL	10	SP(2)	A,G,LA	50	No
D07	Motions sense	6 ADL	24	SP(1)	A,G,AT	50	Gender, Age Height,Weight
D08	MobiAct	11 ADL, 4 F	67	SP(1)	A,G,OR	87	Gender, Age Height,Weight
D09	UniMiB-SHAR	9 ADL, 8 F	30	SP(1)	A	50	Gender, Age Height,Weight
D10	UMAFall	12 ADL, 3 F	19	SP(1),IMUs(4)	A,G,M	200,20	Gender, Age Height,Weight
D11	Real world	8 ADL	15	SP(6),SW(1)	A,G,GPS,L,M,S	50	Gender, Age Height,Weight
D12	WISDM	6 ADL	29	SP (1)	A	20	No
D013	Smartphone dataset for HAR in Ambient assisted living (AAL) data Set	6 ADL	30	SP(1)	A,G	50	No
D14	Daily activity dataset	5 ADL	8	SP (1)	A	40	No
D15	HASC2010	6 ADL	96	SP(1)	A	[10-100]	Gender,Height Weight,Shoes Floor,Place
D016	Extrasensory dataset	7 ADL + 109 Specific activities	60	SP(1), SW	A,G,M,CO,LO,S,SM,ST	40,25	No

# HAR – Traditional Classifiers vs DNNs

## Comparison

In the recent literature, deep learning methods are predominant

**Proposed ResNet:** The network architecture is made of an initial convolutional block, 3 residual stages, each containing a variable number  $n$  of residual blockoling layer, fully connected layer, and softmax layer.



Layer name	shape
conv1	$\{1 \times 3\} \times n$
conv2_n	$\{1 \times 3 \times f_{maps}\} \times n$
conv3_n	$\{1 \times 3 \times 2f_{maps}\} \times n$
conv4_n	$\{1 \times 3 \times 4f_{maps}\} \times n$
avg_pool_x	$1 \times 32$
fully conn.	$(1 \times 4f_{maps}) \times 15$
softmax	$1 \times 15$

For each dataset, the best values for  $n$  and  $f_{maps}$  have been found by following a grid search approach:  $n$  ranged between 3 and 21, while  $f_{maps}$  ranged between 10 and 200.

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# HAR – Traditional Classifiers vs DNNs

## Comparison

- Raw data (denoted as *raw*): x,y, and z accelerometer segments (without any kind of processing) are concatenated and used as feature vectors;
- Magnitude of the segments (denoted as *magn*);
- 21 features extracted from the magnitude of the segments (denoted as *hc magn*).
- 21 features extracted from each of the three segments along the three axes x, y, and z (denoted as *hc raw*). The total number of features is 63.

Minimum	$\min = \min_{j=1,\dots,n}(x_j)$
Maximum	$\max = \max_{j=1,\dots,n}(x_j)$
Mean	$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$
Median	$Me = x_{0.5} : F(x_{0.5}) = 0.5$
Standard Deviation (SD)	$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$
Variance	$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$
Fourth central moment	$m_4 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (x - \bar{x})^4$
Fifth central moment	$m_5 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^5$
Skewness	$S = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^3}{s^3}$
Kurtosis	$K = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^4}{s^4}$
Root Mean Square (RMS)	$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$
Interquartile Difference	$ID = x_{0.75} - x_{0.25}$
Total Sum	$TS = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$
Range	$R = \max - \min$
Entropy	$H(x) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \log_2 p(x_i)$
SD of the intervals between two successive peaks	$SDNN = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (PP_j - \bar{PP})^2}$
RMS of the differences between two successive peaks	$RMSSD = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (PP_{j+1} - PP_j)^2}$
Number of pairs of successive peaks intervals that differ by more than 50 ms	$pNN50 = p( PP_{j+1} - PP_j  > 50)$
Sum of the spectral power components	$SP = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^f  FFT_j ^2$
Mean of the spectral components	$\mu_f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n FFT_j$
Median of the spectral components	$Me_f = FFT_{0.5} : F(f_{0.5}) = 0.5$

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# HAR – Traditional Classifiers vs DNNs

## Comparison

TABLE IV  
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS - MEAN CLASS ACCURACY(STANDARD DEVIATION CLASS ACCURACY): SVM vs RESNET

Dataset	SVM				ResNet
	raw	magn	hc raw	hc magn	
UCI-HAR	79.51 ( $\pm$ 17.40)	53.10 ( $\pm$ 25.48)	79.47 ( $\pm$ 20.59)	48.45 ( $\pm$ 22.12)	90.73 ( $\pm$ 10.92)
MobiAct	77.93 ( $\pm$ 22.71)	63.63 ( $\pm$ 24.13)	76.73 ( $\pm$ 26.11)	59.95 ( $\pm$ 23.94)	92.98 ( $\pm$ 8.65)
MotionSense	90.04 ( $\pm$ 14.36)	78.22 ( $\pm$ 29.59)	96.39 ( $\pm$ 3.79)	83.45 ( $\pm$ 21.13)	99.47 ( $\pm$ 0.87)
UniMiB-SHAR	58.26 ( $\pm$ 16.85)	52.27 ( $\pm$ 18.10)	58.08 ( $\pm$ 16.70)	50.81 ( $\pm$ 15.49)	88.59 ( $\pm$ 8.52)

TABLE V  
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS - MEAN CLASS ACCURACY(STANDARD DEVIATION CLASS ACCURACY): k-NN vs RESNET

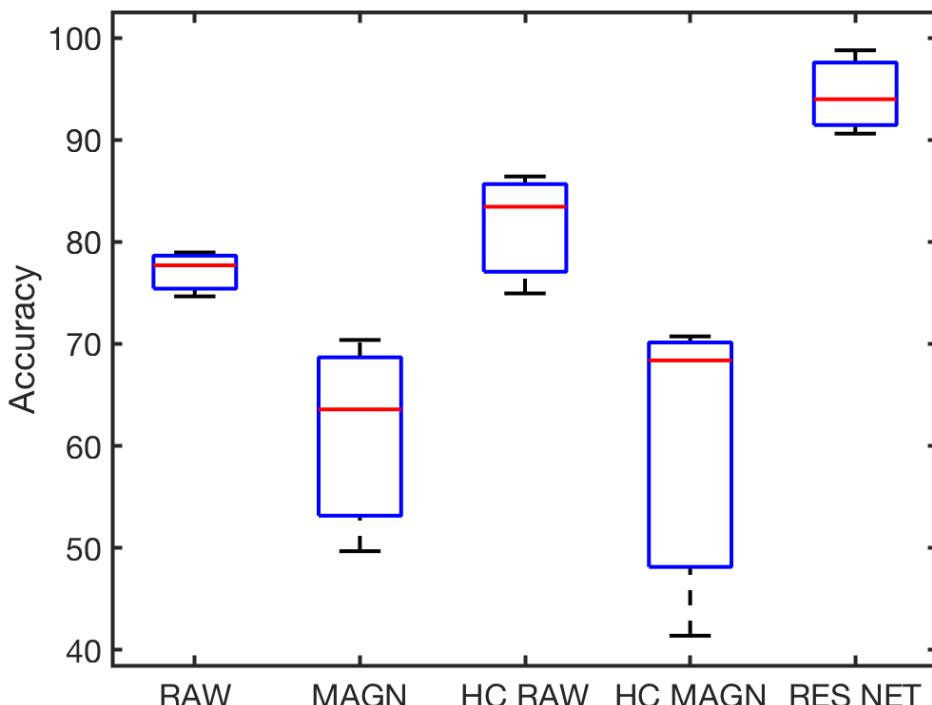
Dataset	k-NN				ResNet
	raw	magn	hc raw	hc magn	
UCI-HAR	73.71 ( $\pm$ 26.78)	46.92 ( $\pm$ 29.89)	69.35 ( $\pm$ 17.04)	37.75 ( $\pm$ 13.39)	90.73 ( $\pm$ 10.92)
MobiAct	87.69 ( $\pm$ 9.07)	77.81 ( $\pm$ 13.60)	91.86 ( $\pm$ 6.72)	80.50 ( $\pm$ 10.74)	92.98 ( $\pm$ 8.65)
MotionSense	79.19 ( $\pm$ 31.83)	73.51 ( $\pm$ 25.16)	95.82 ( $\pm$ 5.61)	81.34 ( $\pm$ 20.30)	99.47 ( $\pm$ 0.87)
UniMiB-SHAR	61.97 ( $\pm$ 11.83)	55.13 ( $\pm$ 14.29)	65.74 ( $\pm$ 12.99)	52.22 ( $\pm$ 11.70)	88.59 ( $\pm$ 8.52)

The average gap between hand-crafted features combined with traditional classifiers and deep learning is about 15%

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# HAR – Traditional Classifiers vs DNNs

## Comparison



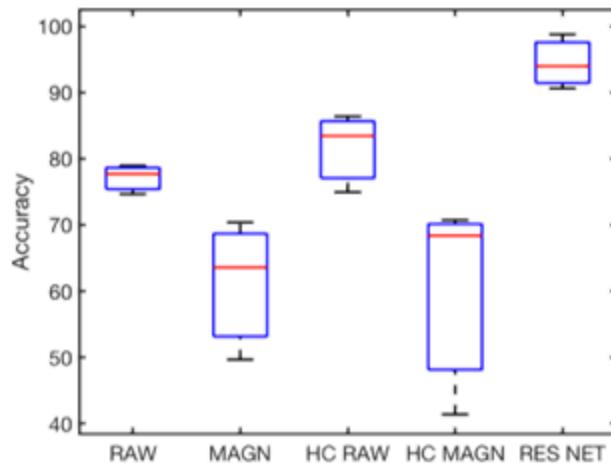
- ResNet is the best performing with an average accuracy across datasets of about 93%
- The second best across classifiers and datasets are the *hc raw* features with an average accuracy of about 80 %.
- The third best are the *raw* features with an average accuracy of about 76%.
- The worst are the *magnitude* and *magnitude raw* features with an average accuracy of about 62%.

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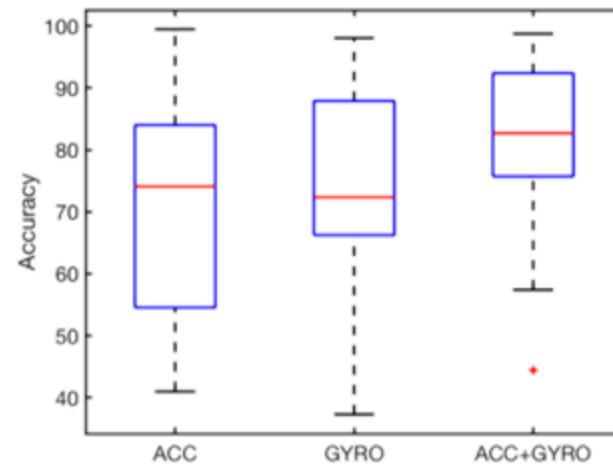
# HAR – Traditional Classifiers vs DNNs

## Comparison

According to recent studies, the combination of accelerometer and gyroscope signals, also called multimodal recognition, increases the accuracy in HAR with respect to the use of each signal alone.



(a)



(b)

**Fig. 1.** Experiments. (a) comparison across datasets between hand-crafted and ResNet. (b) comparison across datasets and methods between multimodality and single modality.

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# Arm-gesture recognition

**Inertial sensors** can be exploited by machine learning algorithms to perform fine and coarse-grained **human action recognition** with a high level of accuracy. Inertial signals, in contrast with visual signals taken with video cameras, **preserve privacy** of the user thus being a very good candidate for development of applications for the remote control of devices.



## Target

- A **dictionary of arm gestures** using inertial sensors embedded in a **smart bracelet** is created.
- A machine learning method for the recognition of arm gestures that is **invariant** with respect to the **time** employed to perform the gesture, to the **subject** who performs the gesture and the position of the arm.

1. **Gesture Recognition:** The goal of this first task is to recognize the input gesture into one of the N classes of the acquired dataset.
2. **User Identification:** This is the recognition of the identity of the user that performed one of the gestures taken from the vocabulary.
3. **User Authentication:** This is the task of user authentication, meaning the ability to verify the identity of a user attempting to use the wristband.
4. **Gesture Authentication:** This is the task of gesture authentication, meaning the ability to verify that a given type of action has been performed whatever is the user.

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**User Authentication:** The third experiment is focused on the task of user authentication, meaning the ability to verify the identity of a user attempting to use the wristband.

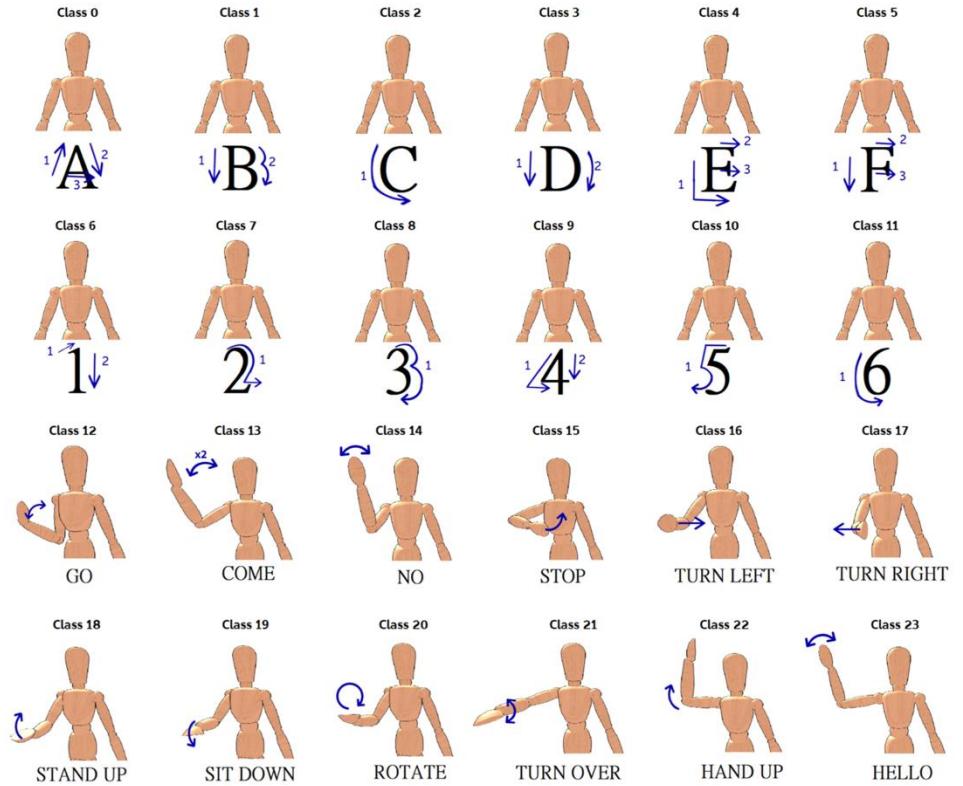
- *Gesture independent*, where the aim is to verify the identity of a user whatever is the arm gesture performed. For example, being able to verify the identity of user X performing the gesture A as well as the gesture B, C, etc.
- *Gesture dependent*, where the aim is to verify the identity of a user performing a given arm gesture. For example, being able to verify the identity of user X performing the gesture A and not B, C, etc.

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# Arm gesture dictionary

AI

Taking inspiration from [1] and [2], a combination of gestures and symbols is proposed. To these “no action” class is added which is performed by randomly moving the arm or by keeping the arm steady.



**A total of 25 classes (12 symbols + 12 gestures + 1 no-actions)**

Taken from more than 30 people which randomly performed each gesture 5 times

<http://www.ivl.disco.unimib.it/activities/u-wear/>

[1] Li, C., Xie, C., Zhang, B., Chen, C., & Han, J. (2018). Deep Fisher discriminant learning for mobile hand gesture recognition. *Pattern Recognition*, 77, 276-288

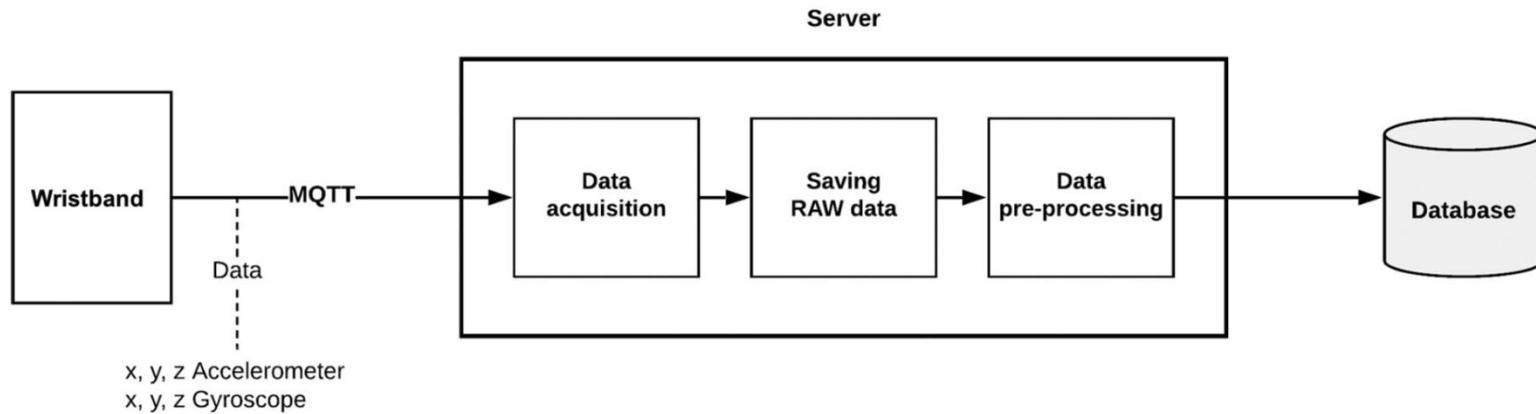
[2] Wu, Y., Wu, Z., & Fu, C. (2018). Continuous Arm Gesture Recognition Based on Natural Features and Logistic Regression. *IEEE Sensors Journal*, 18(19), 8143-8153.

# Arm gesture dictionary

AI

## Data collection

A **wristband** equipped with a **IMU** is used for data collecting. Data are sent through the **message queue telemetry transport (MQTT) protocol** from the wristband to a server. On server side, a data buffer is used until the gesture performed by the user is finished. Then, raw data are saved and after a preprocessing step data are also saved into a database.



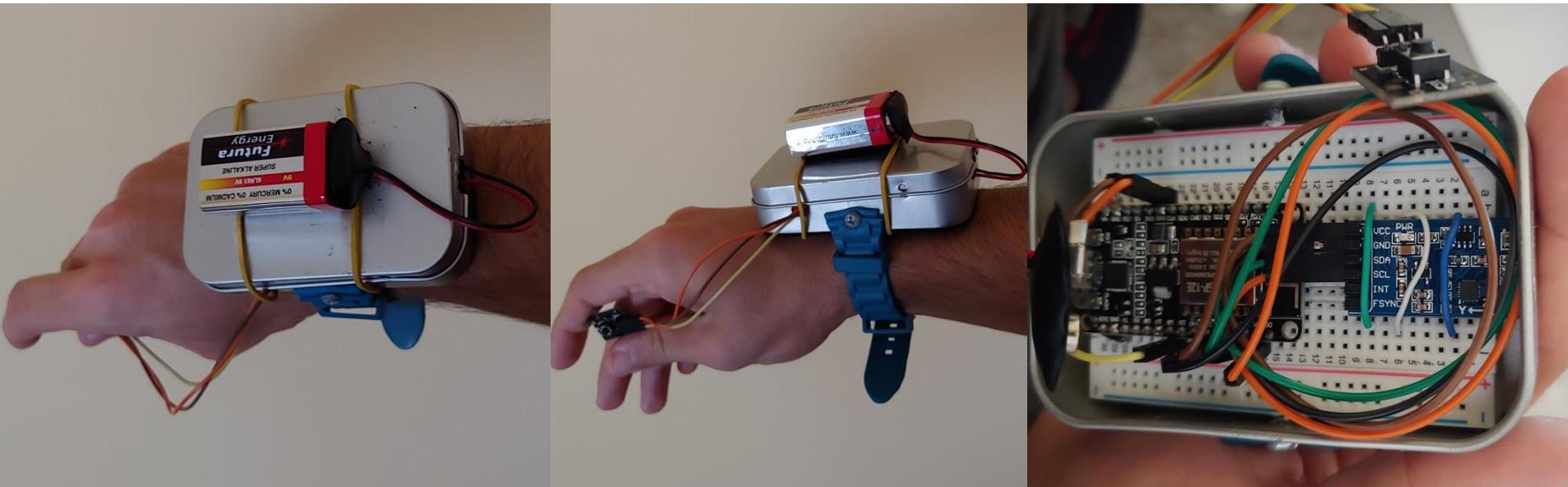
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## A smart bracelet....

Now it is more a handcrafted bracelet than a smart one 😊



It records 3 axial **accelerometer** and **gyroscope**



The bracelet is based on a commercial Micro (wi-fi-enabled) coupled with an IMU sensor. It is subscribed to a **MQTT** topic. It sends data at **200Hz** to a cloud server which performs the classification pipeline

\* See **additional materials** on Bianco, S., Napoletano, P., Raimondi, A., & Rima, M. (2022). U-wear: User recognition on wearable devices through arm gesture. *IEEE transactions on human-machine systems*, 52(4), 713-724.

The **wristband** consists of a computing unit, a wireless communication unit, and an inertial sensor.

1. Inertial measurement unit (**IMU**) sensor, including a 3-axis accelerometer and 3-axis gyroscope.
2. **NodeMCU** microcontroller, equipped with the ESP8266 chip.
3. Activation **button** (KY-004 module).
4. External power source.



The magnetometer is not considered to have an initial position not limited by height, position in space or by the inclination of the arm.

The server is a **workstation** equipped with Ubuntu 22.04



<https://www.waveshare.com/product/modules/10-dof-imu-sensor-c.htm>

[https://www.nodemcu.com/index\\_en.html](https://www.nodemcu.com/index_en.html)

## 10 DOF IMU Sensor (C), Inertial Measurement Unit,

- Power: 3.3V~5.5V (internal voltage regulation with low dropout)
- Accelerometer
  - Resolution: 16 bit
  - Measurement range (configurable):  $\pm 2$ ,  $\pm 4$ ,  $\pm 8$ ,  $\pm 16g$
  - Operating current: 450uA
- Gyroscope
  - Resolution: 16 bit
  - Measurement range (configurable):  $\pm 250$ ,  $\pm 500$ ,  $\pm 1000$ ,  $\pm 2000^{\circ}/sec$
  - Operating current: 3.2mA
- Compass/Magnetometer
  - Resolution: 14bit
  - Measurement range:  $\pm 4800\mu T$
  - Operating current: 280uA
- Barometric pressure sensor
  - Barometric resolution: 0.0016hPa
  - Temperature resolution: 0.01°C
  - Measurement range: 300~1100hPa (altitude: +9000m ~ -500m)
  - Barometric relative accuracy (700hPa~900hPa, 25°C~40°C):  $\pm 0.12hPa$  ( $\pm 1m$ )
  - Operating current (1Hz update rate, ultra-low power mode): 2.8uA

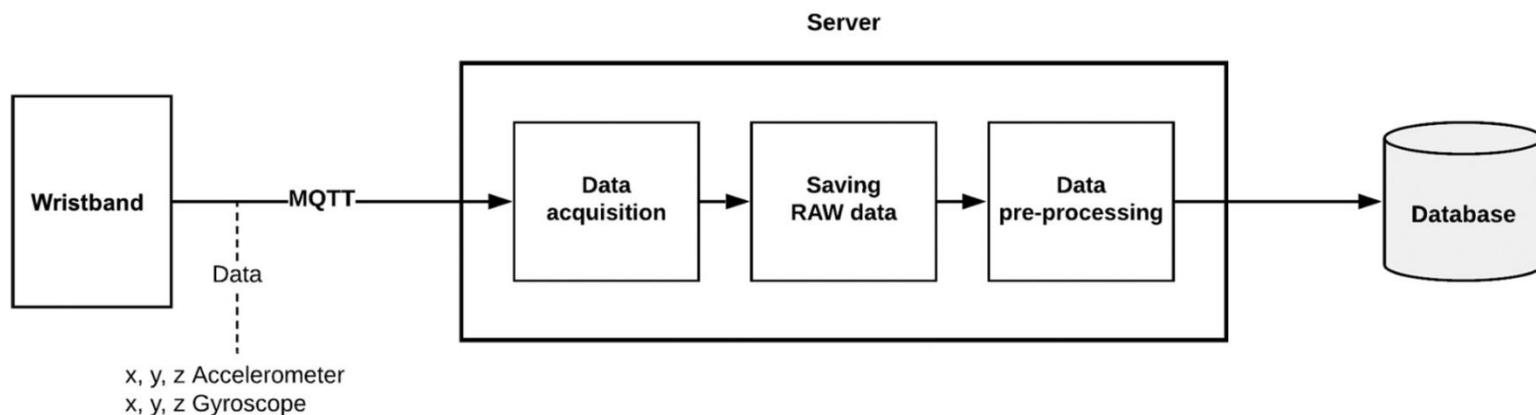
NodeMCU microcontroller, equipped with the ESP8266 chip

NodeMCU Technical Specifications		
	Official NodeMCU Amica	LoLin NodeMCU
Microcontroller	ESP-8266 32-bit	ESP-8266 32-bit
NodeMCU Model	Amica	Clone LoLin
NodeMCU Size	49mm x 26mm	58mm x 32mm
Pin Spacing	0.9" (22.86mm)	1.1" (27.94mm)
Clock Speed	80 MHz	80 MHz
USB to Serial	CP2102	CH340G
USB Connector	Micro USB	Micro USB
Operating Voltage	3.3V	3.3V
Input Voltage	4.5V-10V	4.5V-10V
Flash Memory/SRAM	4 MB / 64 KB	4 MB / 64 KB
Digital I/O Pins	11	11
Analog In Pins	1	1
ADC Range	0-3.3V	0-3.3V
UART/SPI/I2C	1 / 1 / 1	1 / 1 / 1
WiFi Built-In	802.11 b/g/n	802.11 b/g/n
Temperature Range	-40C - 125C	-40C - 125C

A **Python-based** application is running on the server. This application is listening on the **MQTT topic** used by the wristband to transmit the IMU sensor data to the server.

Once the data from the wristband is received, then data are kept in a buffer until the user has his **hand steady** for a given time.

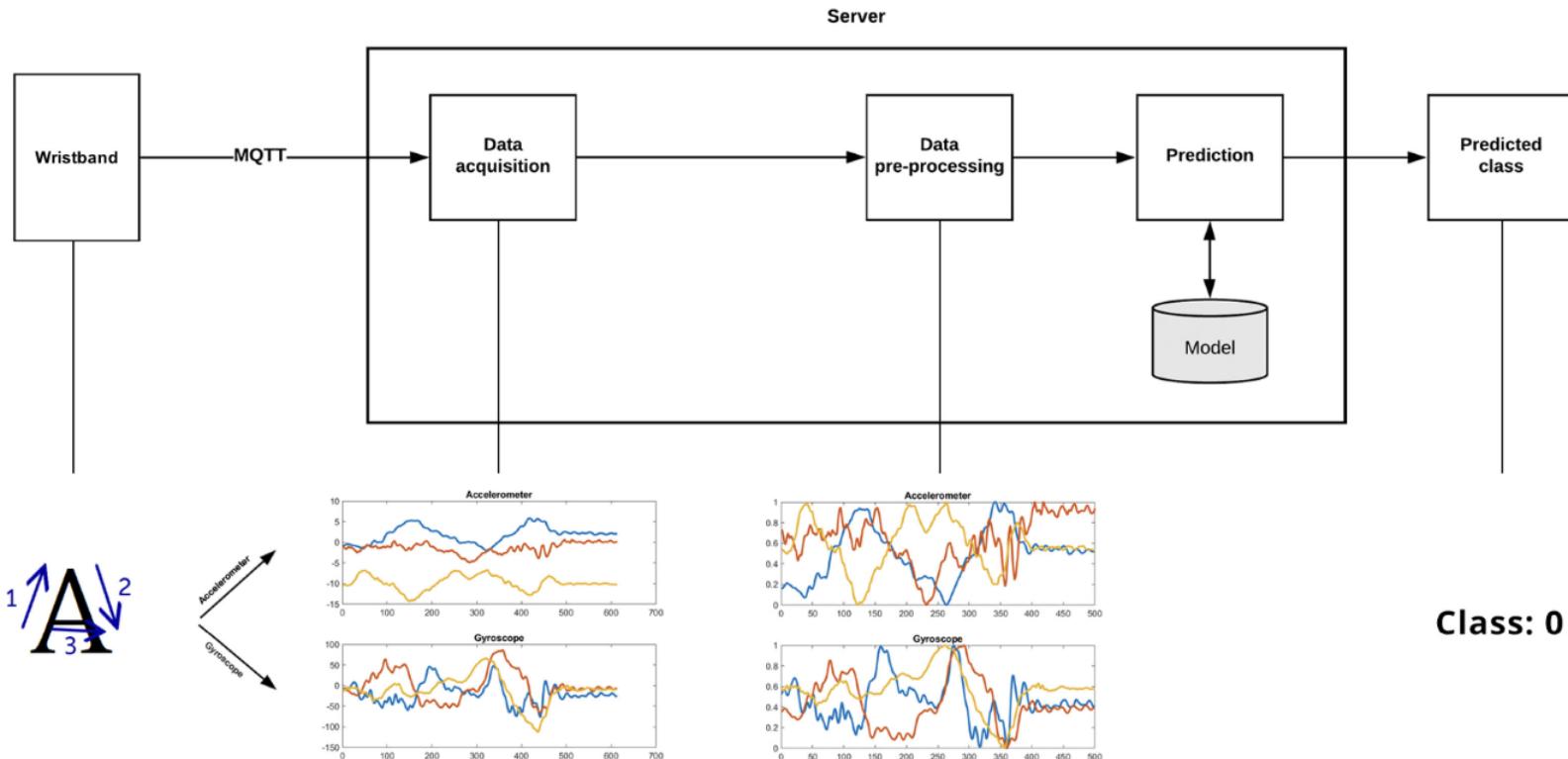
The data are saved in **raw format** and after a **preprocessing** step it is saved to the final **database** or processed for **recognition**.



# Arm gesture recognition pipeline

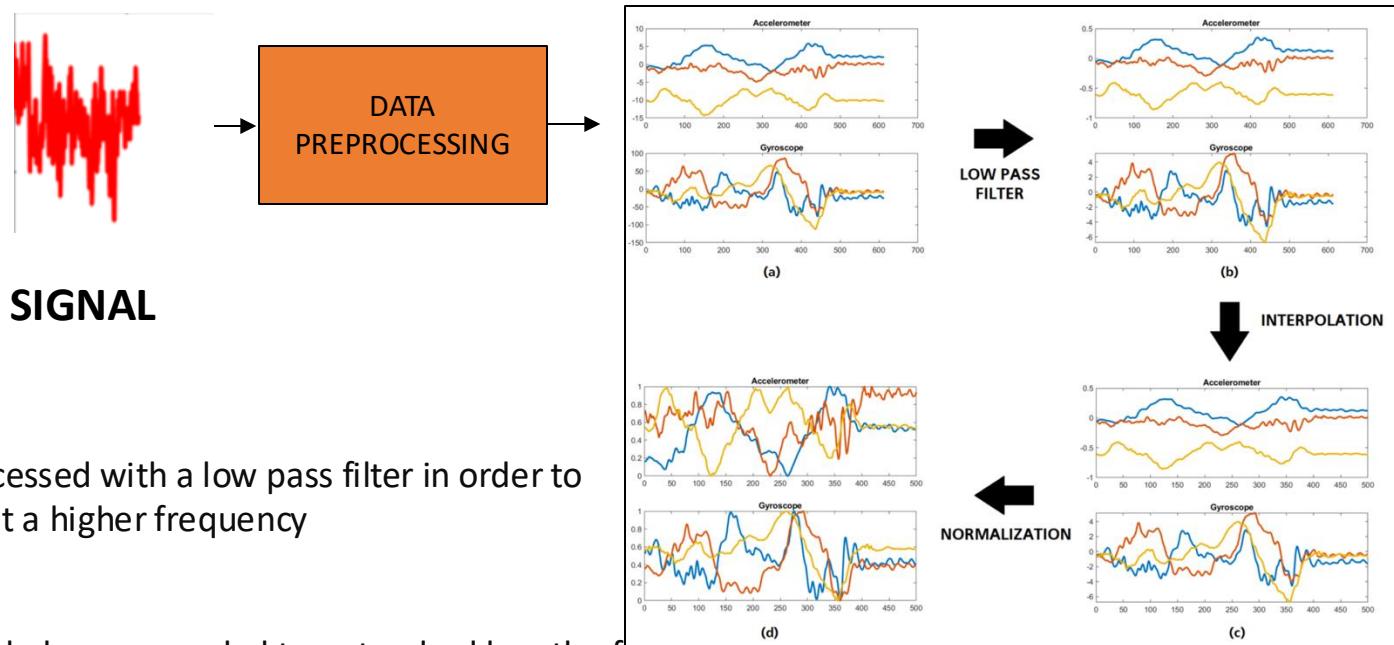
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## Recognition pipeline



# Arm gesture recognition pipeline

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## Noise reduction

Each incoming signal is processed with a low pass filter in order to reduce noise components at a higher frequency

## Time-length invariance

Recorded data are subsampled or upsampled to a standard length of 500 samples, which is equivalent to a recording of length 2.5 s considering 200 samples per second.

## Space-length invariance

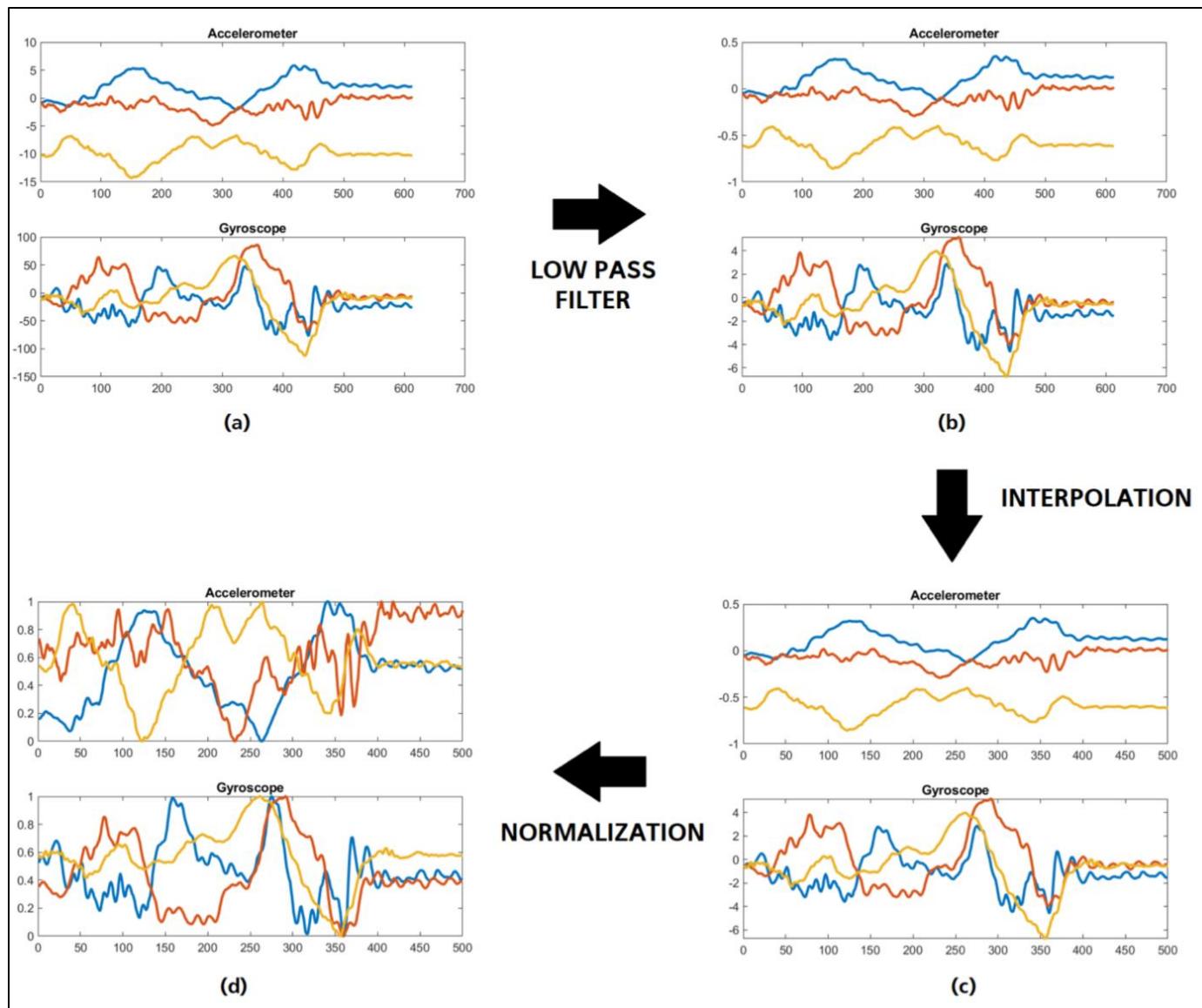
Each gesture can be performed by ranging from a few centimeters to hundreds of centimeters.

## Normalization

It depends on the recognition task. In the case of gesture recognition, we constrained each recording gesture to a range between 0 and 1. In the case of user identification, we applied the Z-score normalization

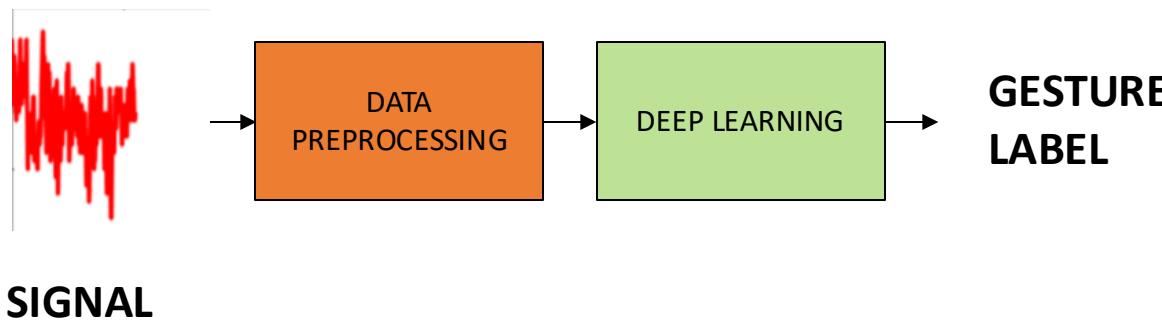
# Arm gesture recognition pipeline

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# Arm gesture recognition pipeline

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## Deep learning

Each sample is of size  $500 \times 6$  (3 accelerometer + 3 gyroscope signals). This is the input of the network ( $N=6$  and  $T=500$ ).

$$G = \{G_1, \dots, G_T\} \quad G_t = (x_1(t), \dots, x_N(t))$$

We consider two different networks:

- F-BLSTM (Fisher criterion Bidirectional Long-Short Term Memory)
- F-BGRU (Fisher criterion Bidirectional Gated Recurrent Unit)

# Combined Loss

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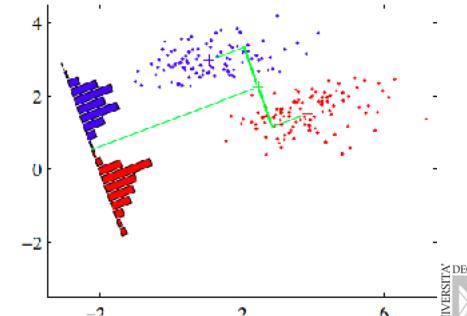
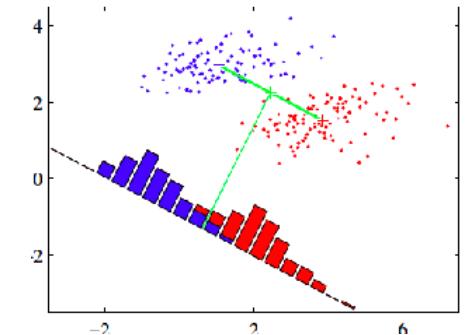
## Fisher's criterion combined with cross entropy:

This criterion maximizes the variance of the class means while minimizes the variance of the individual classes

$$\boxed{\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_s + \theta \mathcal{L}_f}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_s = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log \frac{e^{W_{y_i}^T O_i + b_{y_i}}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{W_j^T O_i + b_j}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \|O_i - \mu_{y_i}\|_2^2 - \frac{\delta}{n(n-1)} \sum_{j=1, k=1}^n \|\mu_j - \mu_k\|_2^2$$

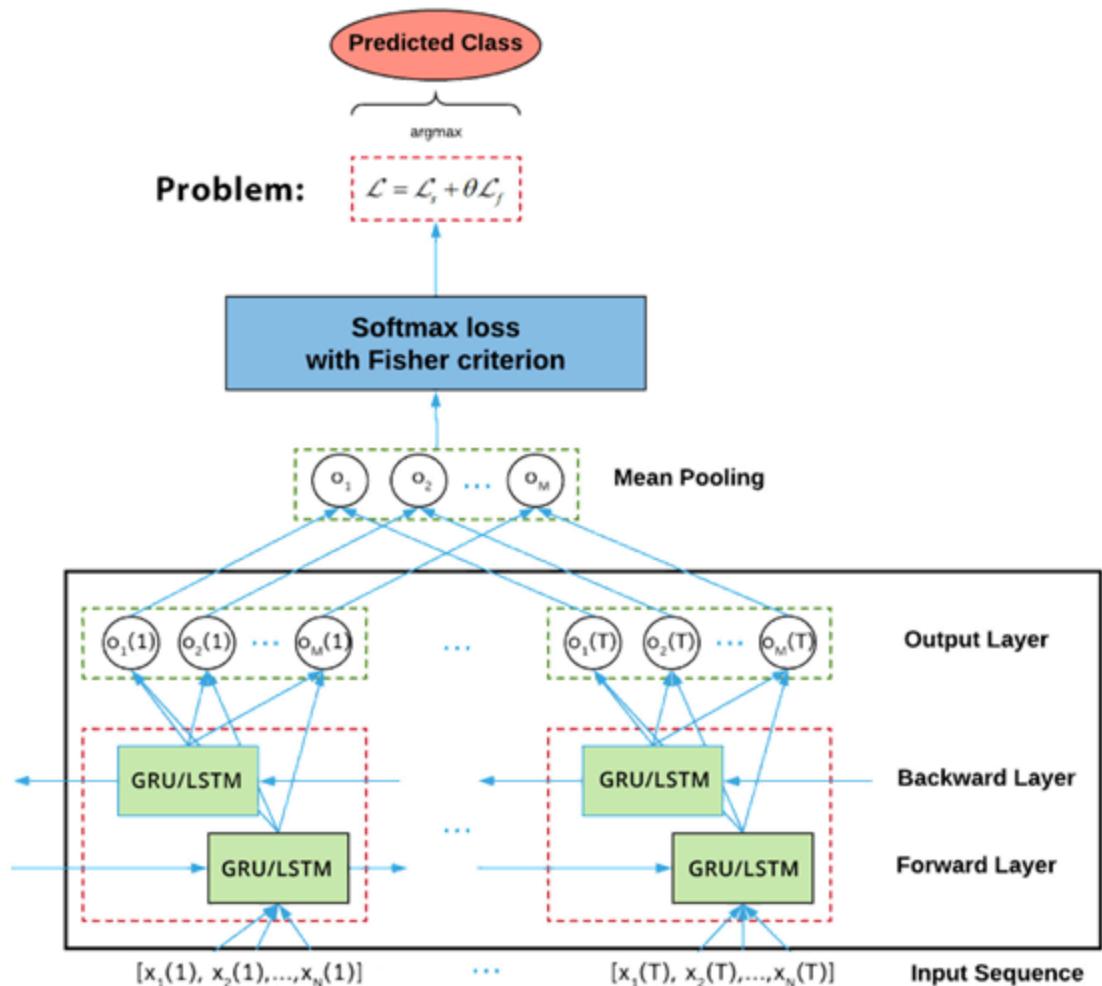


# Arm gesture recognition pipeline

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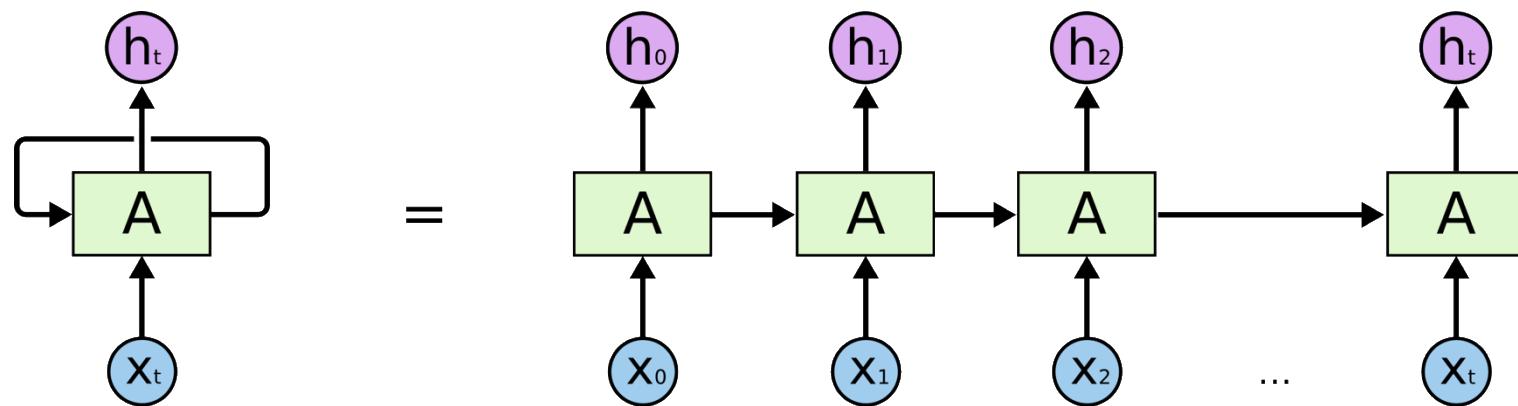
Two different networks:

- F-BLSTM (Fisher criterion  
Bidirectional Long-Short  
Term Memory)
- F-BGRU (Fisher criterion  
Bidirectional Gated  
Recurrent Unit)
- We have M=64 hidden  
layers that are fully  
connected to the  
backwards and forwards  
LSTM units. N=6 and  
T=500.



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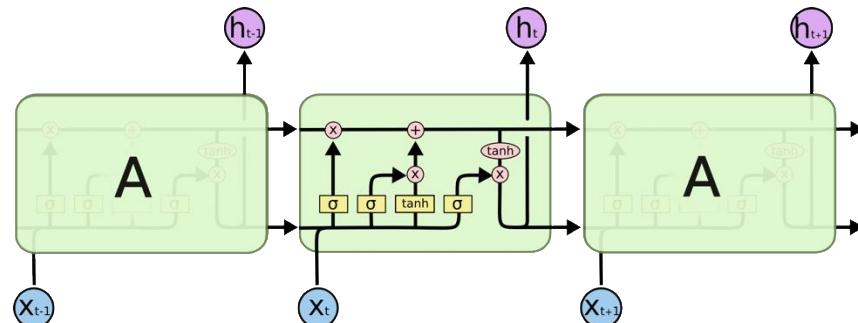
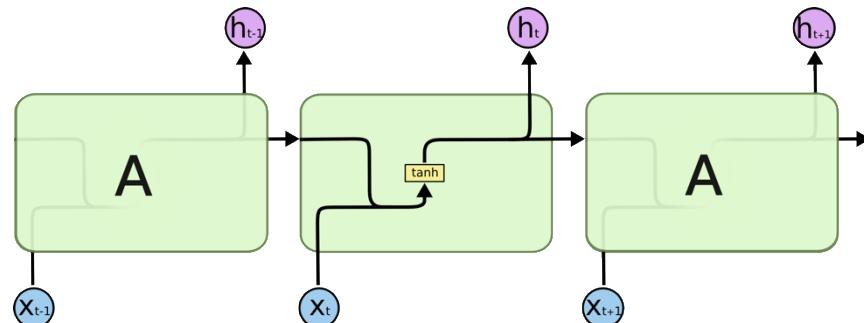
## Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)



RNNs have loops →

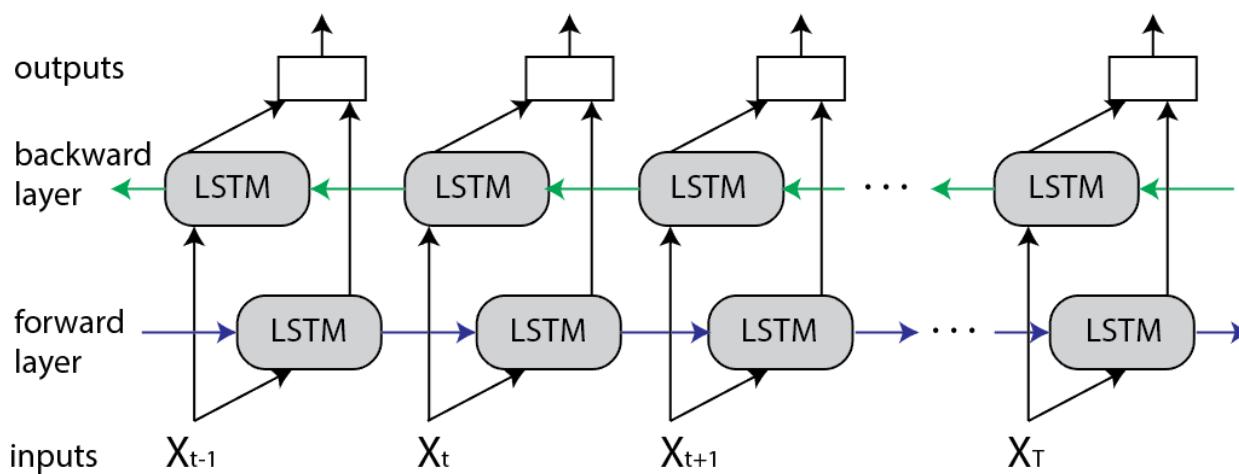
An unrolled RNNs.

## Long Short Term Memory Networks (LSTM)



Usual RNNs

LSTM



Bidirectional LSTM

# Multilayer RNN

other architectures

Vanilla RNN:

$$h_t^l = \tanh W^l \begin{pmatrix} h_t^{l-1} \\ h_{t-1}^l \end{pmatrix}$$
$$h \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad W^l [n \times 2n]$$

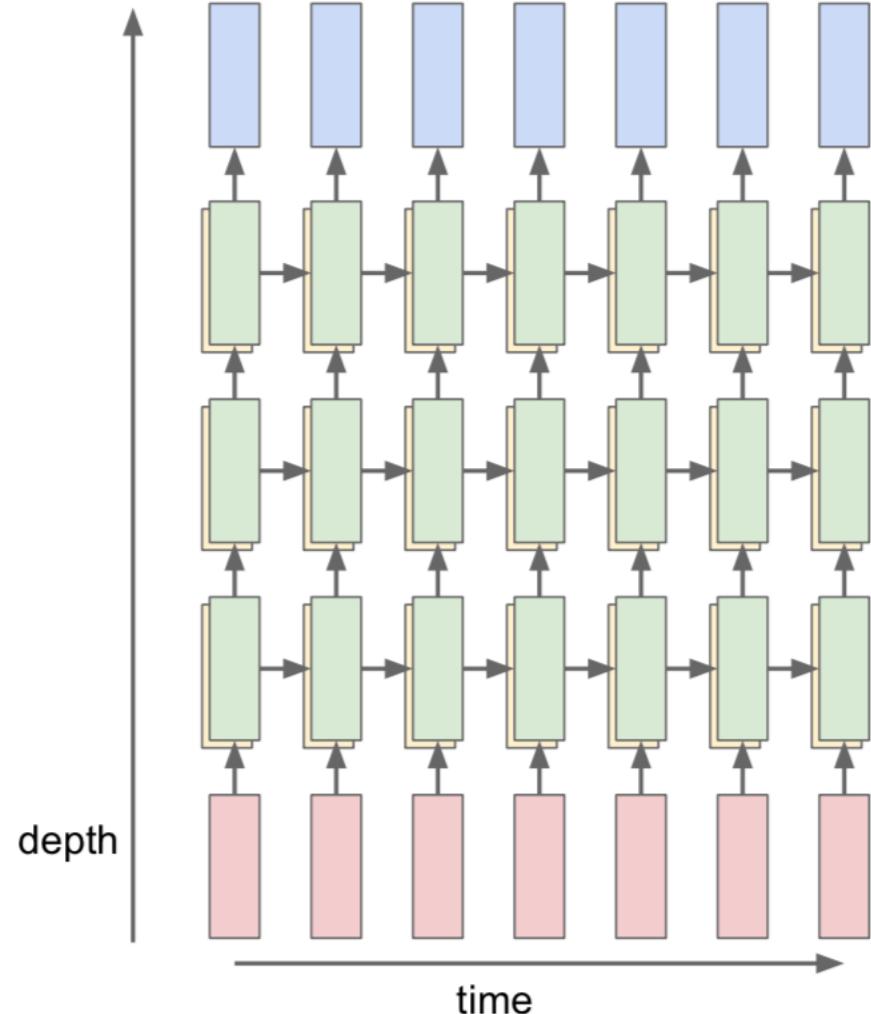
LSTM:

$$W^l [4n \times 2n]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i \\ f \\ o \\ g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{sigm} \\ \text{sigm} \\ \text{sigm} \\ \tanh \end{pmatrix} W^l \begin{pmatrix} h_t^{l-1} \\ h_{t-1}^l \end{pmatrix}$$

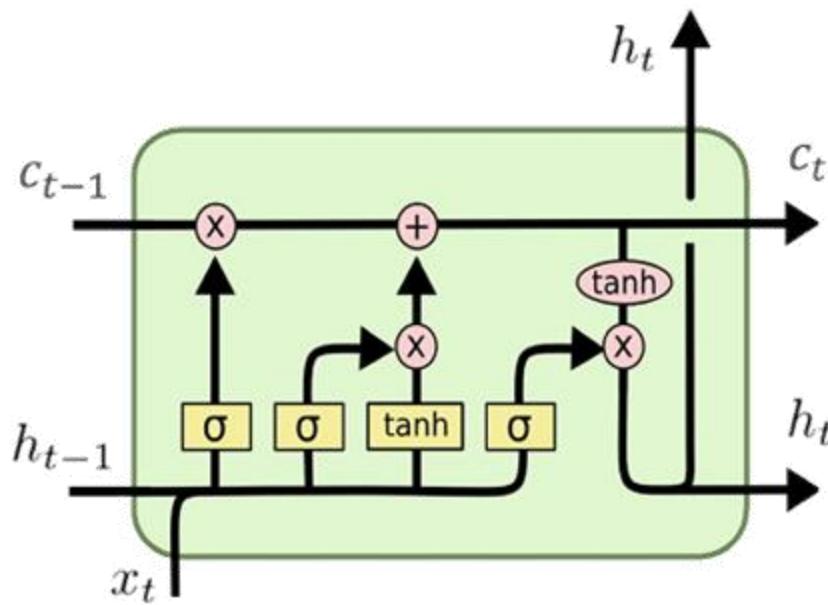
$$c_t^l = f \odot c_{t-1}^l + i \odot g$$

$$h_t^l = o \odot \tanh(c_t^l)$$



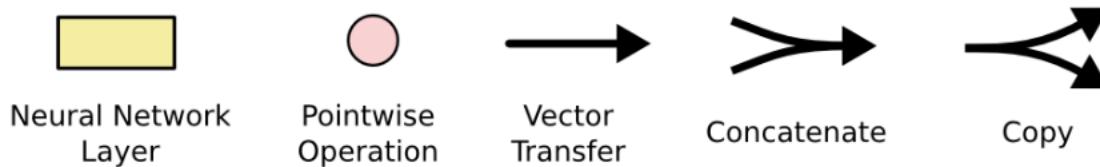
# LSTM

other architectures



LSTM  
(Long-Short Term Memory)

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\* See **additional materials** on <https://elearning.unimib.it/course/view.php?id=37919>

Hochreiter, S., & Schmidhuber, J. (1997). Long short-term memory. Neural computation, 9(8), 1735-1780.

## Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

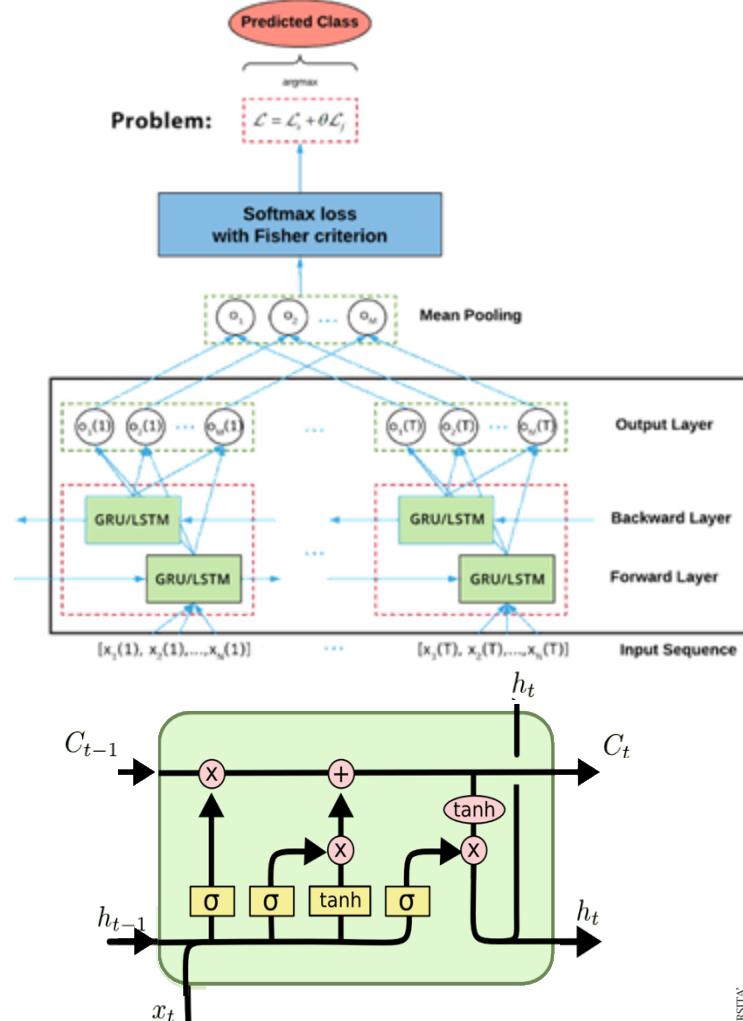
F-BLSTM (Fisher criterion Bidirectional Long-Short Term Memory)

LSTMs: the repeating module has a different structure. Instead of having a single neural network layer, there are four, interacting in a very special way

We have M=64 hidden layers that are fully connected to the backwards and forwards LSTM units. N=6 and T=500.

**forget gate layer**

$$f_t = \sigma (W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f)$$



## Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

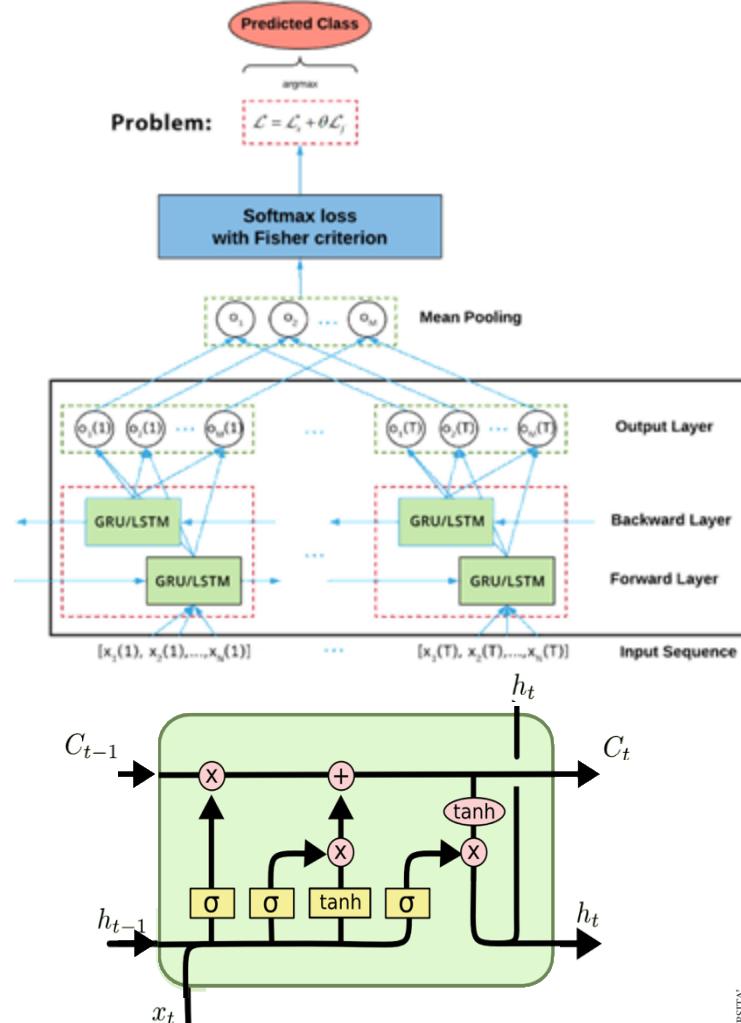
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### input gate and tanh layers

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i)$$

$$\tilde{C}_t = \tanh(W_C \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_C)$$



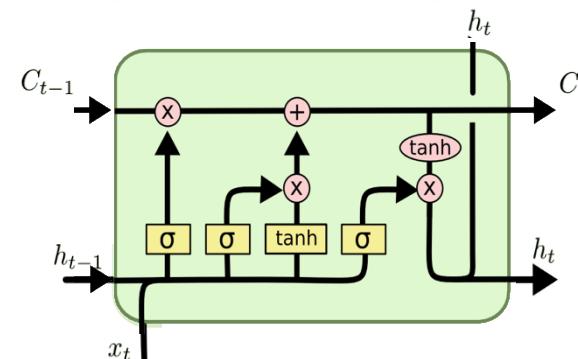
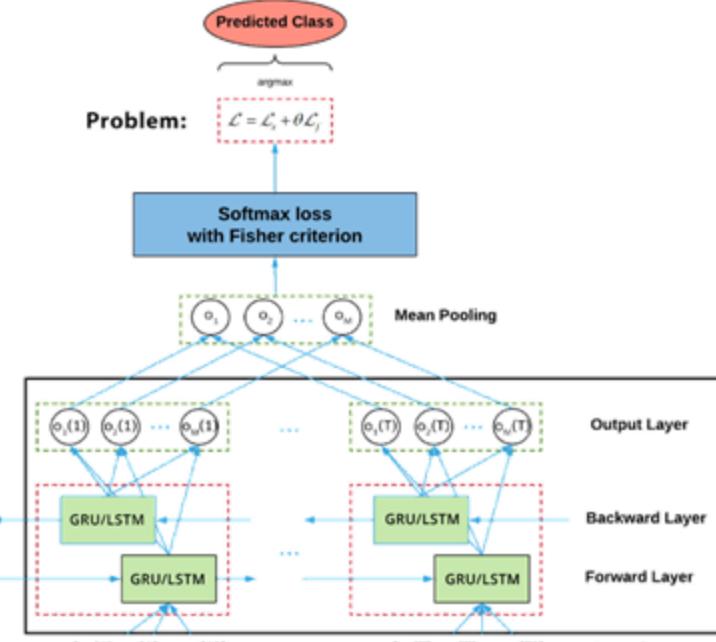
## Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

F-BLSTM (Fisher criterion Bidirectional Long-Short Term Memory)

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### Updating the cell state

$$C_t = f_t * C_{t-1} + i_t * \tilde{C}_t$$



## Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

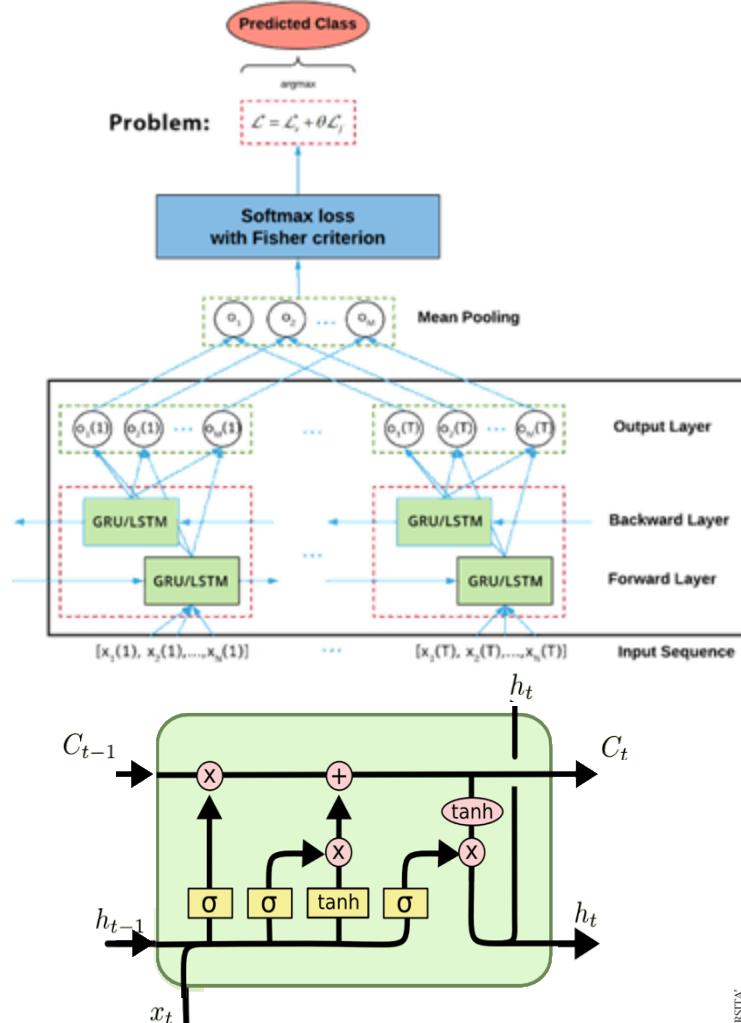
F-BLSTM (Fisher criterion Bidirectional Long-Short Term Memory)

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### Output layer

$$o_t = \sigma (W_o [ h_{t-1}, x_t ] + b_o)$$

$$h_t = o_t * \tanh (C_t)$$



## Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

F-BGRU (Fisher criterion Bidirectional Gated Recurrent Unit)

GRU was proposed to make each recurrent unit to adaptively capture dependence of different time scales

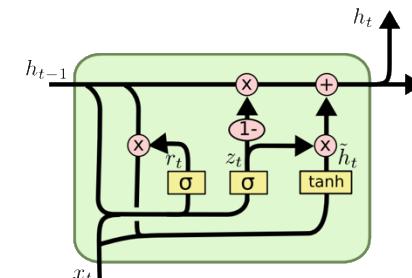
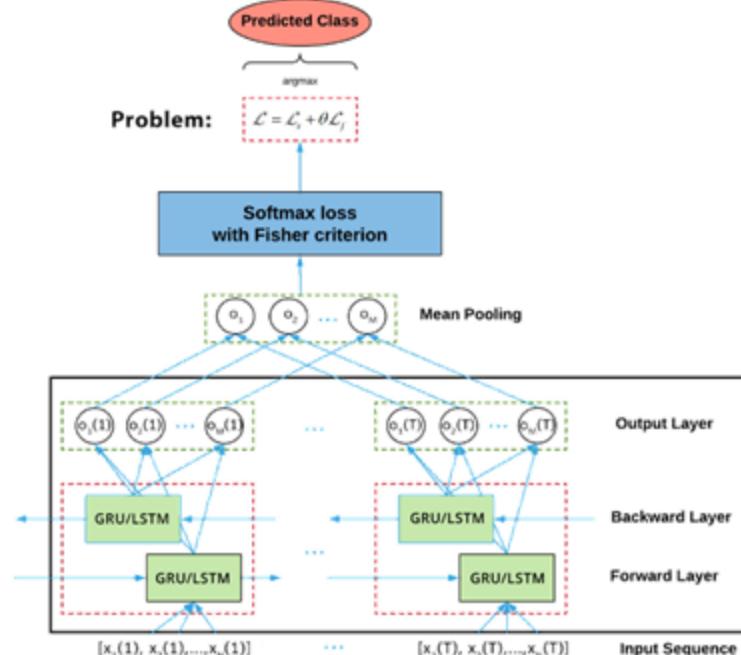
It combines the forget and input gates into a single “update gate.”

$$z_t = \sigma(W_z \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t])$$

$$r_t = \sigma(W_r \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t])$$

$$\tilde{h}_t = \tanh(W \cdot [r_t * h_{t-1}, x_t])$$

$$h_t = (1 - z_t) * h_{t-1} + z_t * \tilde{h}_t$$



Cho, K., Van Merriënboer, B., Gulcehre, C., Bahdanau, D., Bougares, F., Schwenk, H., & Bengio, Y. (2014). Learning phrase representations using RNN encoder-decoder for statistical machine translation. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1406.1078*.

# Arm gesture recognition results

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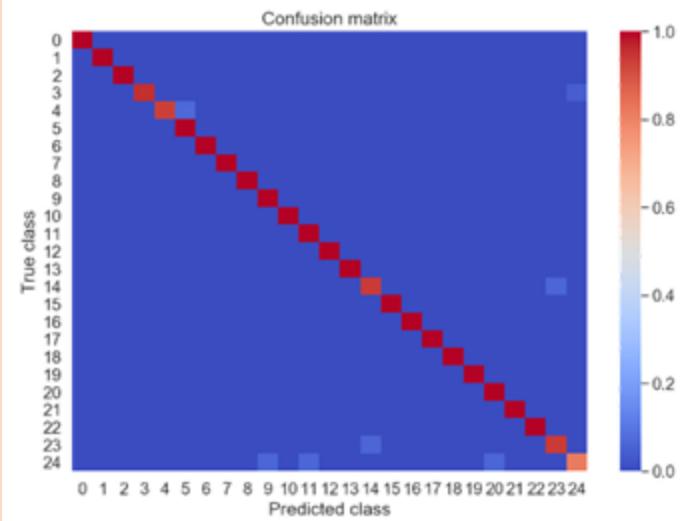
Concerning the data split, for the gesture recognition experiments a fivefold cross validation and a leave one subject out cross validation (**LOSO**) are performed

	Accuracy		F1-measure	
	Fivefold CV	LOSO	Fivefold CV	LOSO
<b>BLSTM</b>	95.75 ( $\pm$ 0.6)	94.35 ( $\pm$ 5.1)	95.83 ( $\pm$ 0.6)	94.80 ( $\pm$ 4.7)
<b>BGRU</b>	96.24 ( $\pm$ 0.5)	95.37 ( $\pm$ 4.6)	96.29 ( $\pm$ 0.5)	95.63 ( $\pm$ 4.8)
<b>F-BLSTM</b>	95.90 ( $\pm$ 0.8)	95.00 ( $\pm$ 4.5)	96.00 ( $\pm$ 0.8)	95.38 ( $\pm$ 4.3)
<b>F-BGRU</b>	<b>96.63</b> ( $\pm$ 0.3)	<b>95.58</b> ( $\pm$ 4.2)	<b>96.70</b> ( $\pm$ 0.3)	<b>95.67</b> ( $\pm$ 4.3)

It is possible to see that the use of the Fisher criterion is able to improve the performance

$$\begin{aligned} \text{F1 Score} &= \frac{2}{\frac{1}{\text{Precision}} + \frac{1}{\text{Recall}}} \\ &= \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \end{aligned}$$

Normalized confusion matrix of the F-BGRU model trained for gesture recognition.



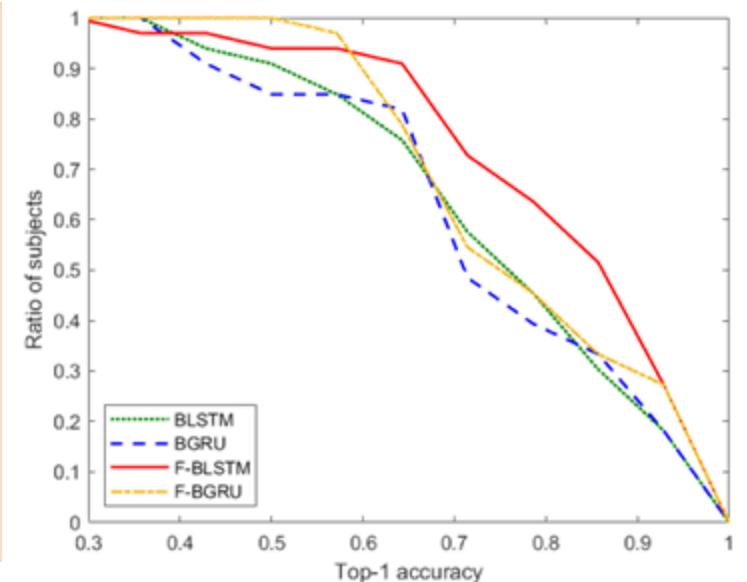
# User identification results

Concerning the data split, for the user identification experiment a fivefold cross validation is performed

	Top-1 acc.	Top-3 acc.	Top-5 acc.	F1-measure
<b>BLSTM</b>	82.61 ( $\pm$ 2.9)	93.48 ( $\pm$ 1.4)	96.32 ( $\pm$ 0.9)	83.00 ( $\pm$ 2.7)
<b>BGRU</b>	80.65 ( $\pm$ 2.2)	91.92 ( $\pm$ 1.2)	94.76 ( $\pm$ 0.7)	81.00 ( $\pm$ 2.1)
<b>F-BLSTM</b>	<b>85.24</b> ( $\pm$ 1.3)	<b>94.35</b> ( $\pm$ 0.4)	<b>96.68</b> ( $\pm$ 0.2)	<b>85.57</b> ( $\pm$ 1.3)
<b>F-BGRU</b>	83.00 ( $\pm$ 0.8)	93.23 ( $\pm$ 0.4)	96.00 ( $\pm$ 0.3)	83.42 ( $\pm$ 0.7)

Similarly to the first experiment the use of the Fisher criterion improves the results for both BLSTM and BGRU

Curves representing the ratio of subjects having a top-1 accuracy above a given threshold in the range [0.3;1] for all the methods



Concerning the data split, for the user authentication experiment a different split is used by considering the data of 28 of the users as the training set and the data of the remaining five users as the test set.

For the user authentication step the following distance metrics are used, both with and without  $\ell_2$  normalization.

- 1) Euclidean distance (Euc).
- 2) Normalized Euclidean distance (N-Euc).
- 3) Standardized Euclidean distance (S-euc).

## User authentication process

# User authentication

- Once the F-BLSTM model has been trained for user identification, the softmax activation is discarded, and feature extraction using the unnormalized log probabilities is performed, thus producing a 128-dimensional representation for each gesture.
- After the features have been extracted for all the training and test datasets the pairwise distances are computed using the three distance metrics described in the previously.
- For each metric considered, both with and without l2 normalization to unit vectors, user authentication performance are measured by computing the EER.

**Equal Error Rate**

$$P_{\text{Miss}}(\theta_{\text{EER}}) = P_{\text{FA}}(\theta_{\text{EER}})$$

$\theta$  = decision threshold

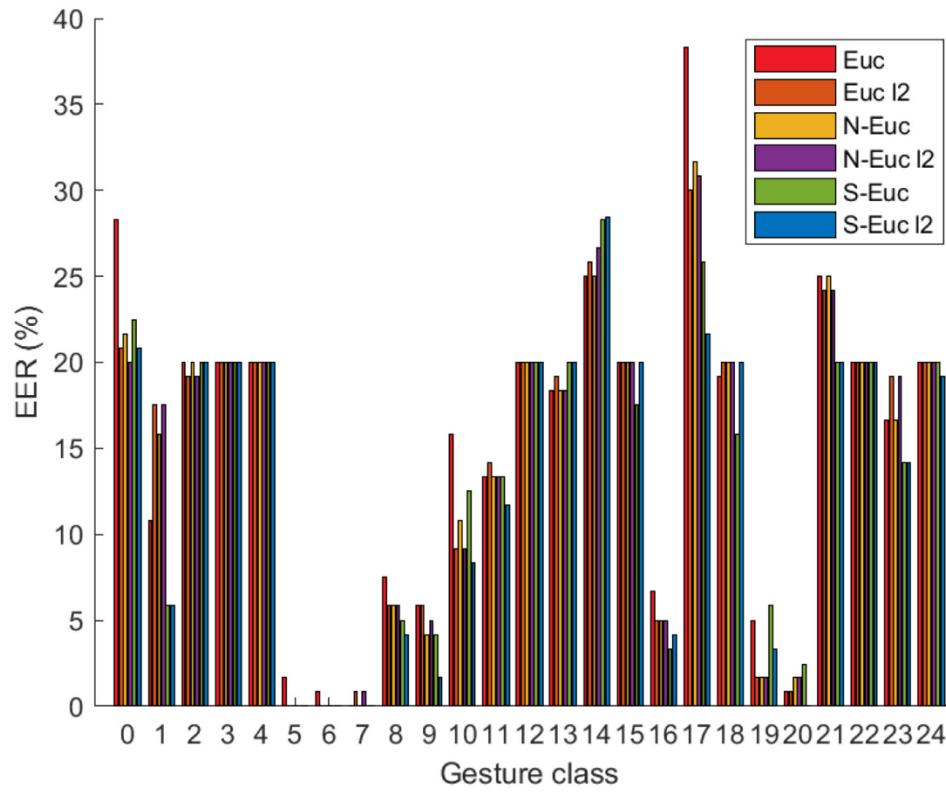
# User authentication results

	Gesture independent	Gesture dependent
Euc	38.38 ( $\pm$ 0.77)	15.17 ( $\pm$ 0.74)
Euc- $l_2$	<u>36.24</u> ( $\pm$ 0.87)	14.37 ( $\pm$ 0.45)
N-Euc	36.62 ( $\pm$ 0.89)	14.27 ( $\pm$ 0.74)
N-Euc- $l_2$	<u>36.25</u> ( $\pm$ 0.85)	14.33 ( $\pm$ 0.45)
S-Euc	37.69 ( $\pm$ 0.55)	13.46 ( $\pm$ 0.53)
S-Euc- $l_2$	<b>35.62</b> ( $\pm$ 0.78)	<b>12.94</b> ( $\pm$ 0.29)

The standardized Euclidean distance with l2 normalization (S-Euc-l2) is the variant of Euclidean distance that achieves the best results in both the gesture independent and gesture independent setups.

# User authentication results

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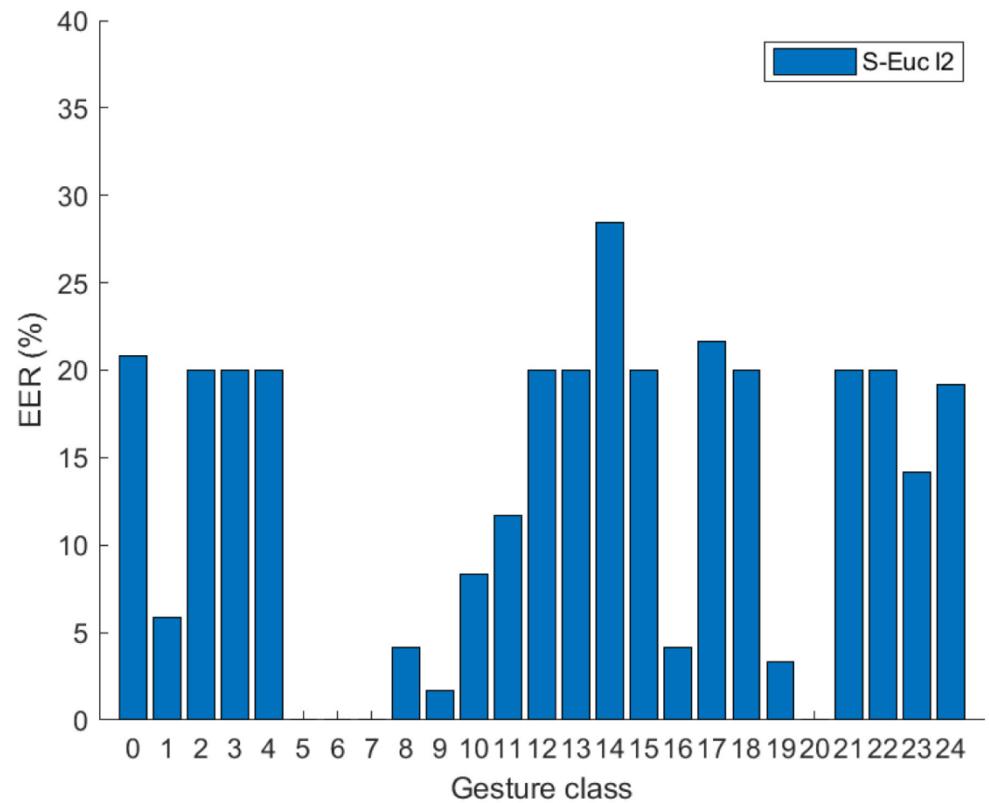


Considering the standardized Euclidean distance with I2 normalization (i.e., S-Euc-I2), the user authentication performs noticeably better for some classes of gestures: the recognition of users performing gestures belonging to class 5, 6, 7, and 20 has a zero EER; while five other classes of gestures (i.e., class 1, 8, 9, 16, and 19) have a lower EER compared to the other classes.

# Gesture authentication results

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Gesture dependent robustness	
Euc	19.60 ( $\pm$ 0.45)
Euc l2	18.66 ( $\pm$ 0.12)
N-Euc	18.96 ( $\pm$ 0.05)
N-Euc l2	18.85 ( $\pm$ 0.11)
S-Euc	18.43 ( $\pm$ 0.29)
S-Euc l2	<b>17.37</b> ( $\pm$ 0.35)



**gesture authentication:** we define a correct authentication when for a gesture performed by a user, the closest gesture belongs to the same class independently from the user that performed it.

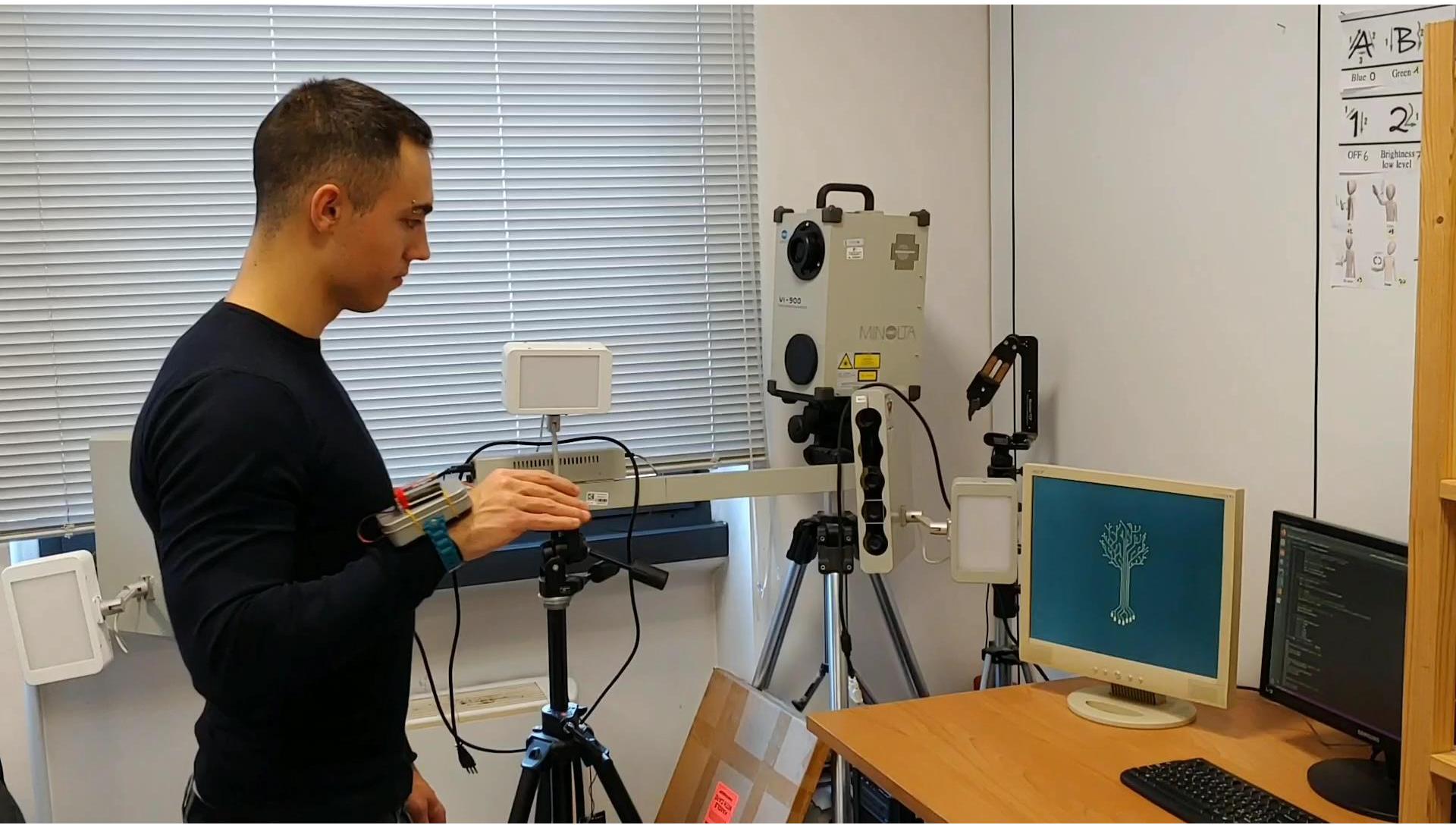
# Prototype – demo 4

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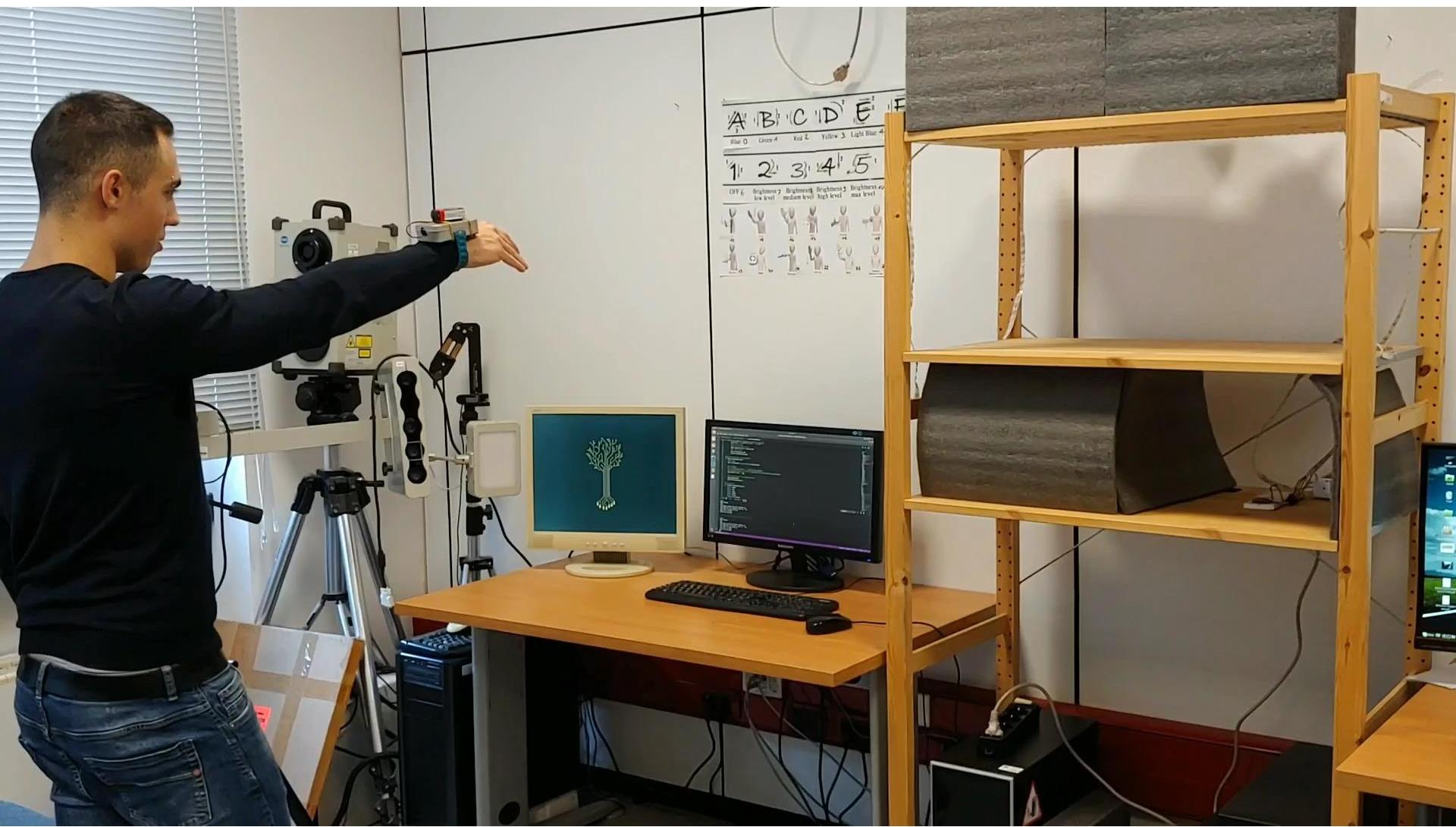
# Prototype – demo 1

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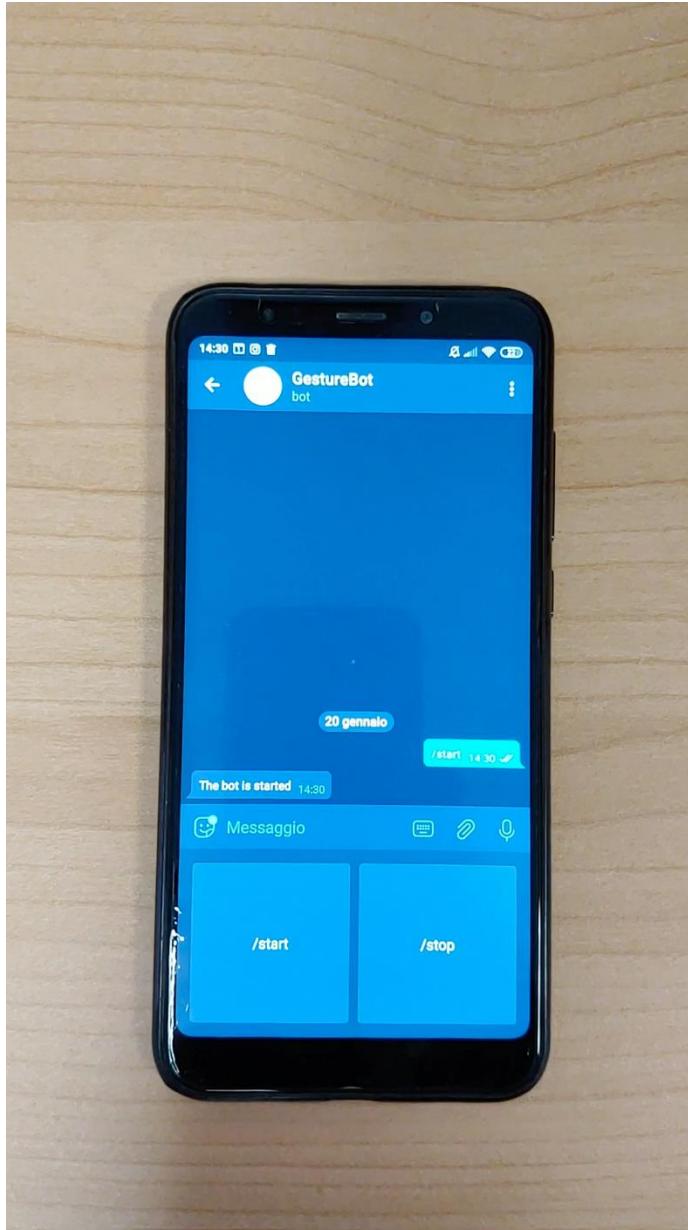
# Prototype – demo 3

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# Prototype - demo 2

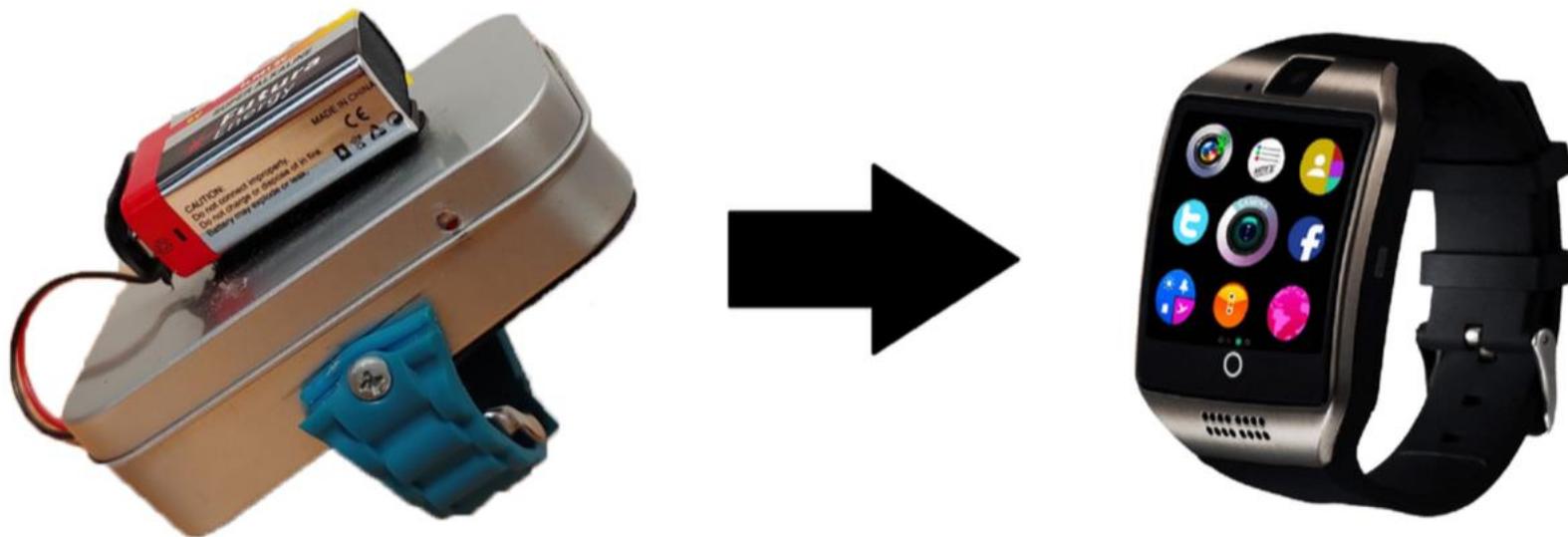
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# Biometric recognition

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Using the bracelet to unlock private devices  
Privacy preserved!!

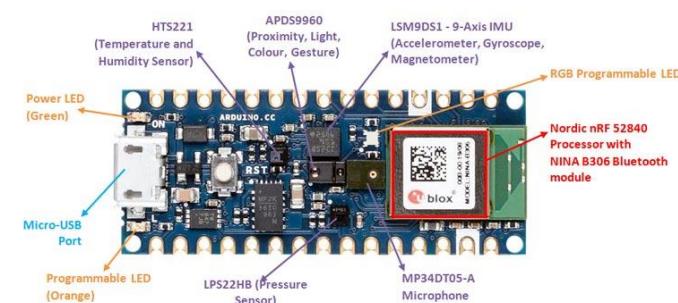


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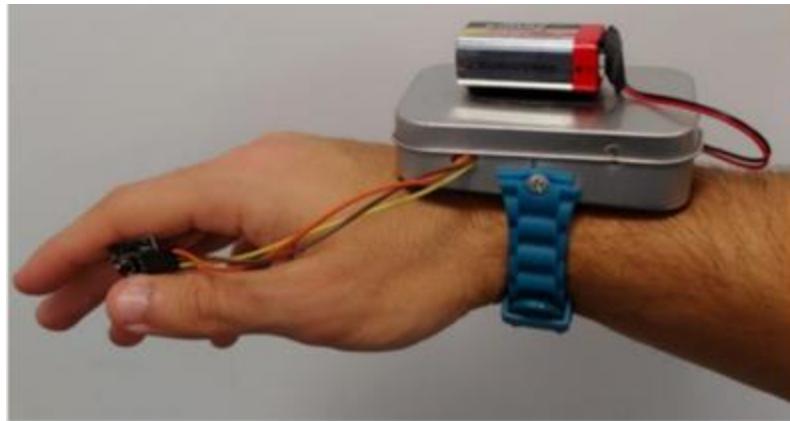
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Operating Voltage	3.3V
Input Voltage (limit)	21V
DC Current per I/O Pin	15 mA
Clock Speed	64MHz
CPU Flash Memory	1MB (nRF52840)
SRAM	256KB (nRF52840)
EEPROM	none
Digital Input / Output Pins	14
PWM Pins	all digital pins
UART	1
SPI	1
I2C	1
Analog Input Pins	8 (ADC 12 bit 200 ksamples)
Analog Output Pins	Only through PWM (no DAC)
External Interrupts	all digital pins
LED_BUILTIN	13
USB	Native in the nRF52840 Processor
Length	45 mm
Width	18 mm
Weight	5 gr (with headers)

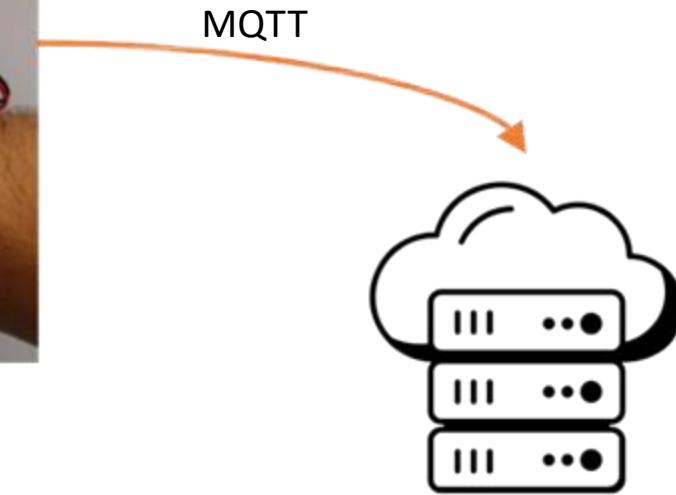
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USB to Serial	CP2102
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Input Voltage	4.5V-10V
Flash Memory/SRAM	4 MB / 64 KB
Digital I/O Pins	11
Analog In Pins	1
ADC Range	0-3.3V
UART/SPI/I2C	1 / 1 / 1
WiFi Built-In	802.11 b/g/n
Temperature Range	-40C - 125C

# Wristband for arm gesture recognition

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Wristband equipped with an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU)

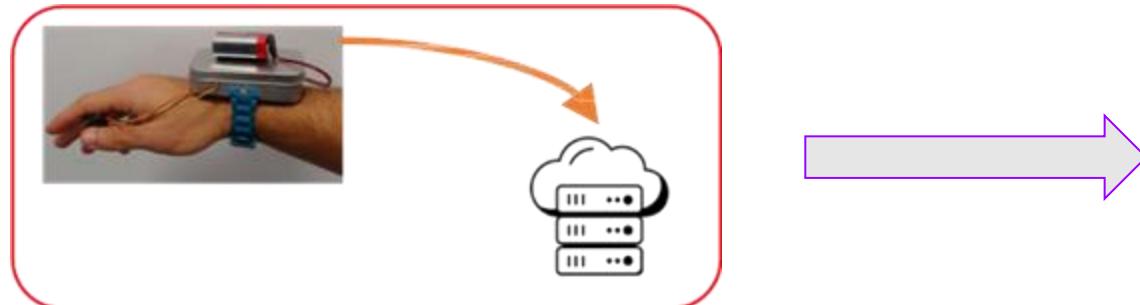


Server for performing **deep model inference** for gesture recognition

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# Using smartwatches

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Google Pixel Watch 2

Qualcomm 5100 chip coupled with a Cortex M33 coprocessor  
2GB SDRAM and 32GB of eMMC flash memory

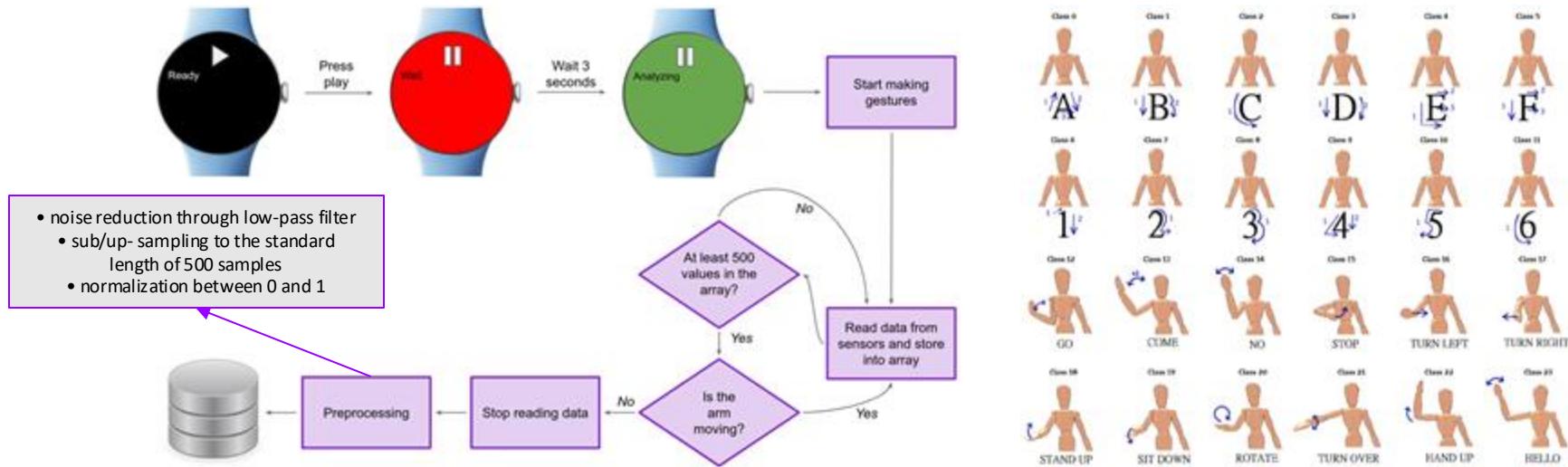
## Challenges

A direct porting is actually **not feasible** due to the difference in the device's IMU

The model requires optimization and size reduction to ensure compatibility and efficient execution on the resource-constrained device

# Dataset

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- Dataset of 875 arm gestures
- 25 classes (24 gestures + reject class)
- 7 subjects
- 5 repetitions

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# Post-Training Quantization results

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PTQ is a technique used to convert pretrained models to **a more compact format with only minimal impact on model accuracy**

Dynamic Range PTQ (DR-PTQ)

Full Integer PTQ (FI-PTQ)

- Integer with Float Fallback (IFF FI-PTQ)
- Integer only (IO FI-PTQ)

Float16 PTQ (FP16-PTQ)

Int8 weights and Int16 activations PTQ (16x8-PTQ)



The results are estimated for one of the checkpoints that performed best on the test, namely, the epoch 88 checkpoint of the 5-fold CV experiment

Conversion type	Weight Bit-width	Activation Bit-width	Weight (MB)	Acc. (%)	Prec.	Rec.	F1
TF	32	32	35.1	89.14	0.91	0.89	0.90
TFLite	32	32	2.7	89.14	0.91	0.89	0.90
IO FI-PTQ	8	8	14.7	86.84	0.88	0.87	0.88
IFF FI-PTQ	8	8	14.7	87.34	0.89	0.88	0.88
16x8-PTQ	8	16	3.9	88.57	0.90	0.89	0.89
FP16-PTQ	16	32	2.5	89.14	0.91	0.89	0.90
DR-PTQ	8	8	2.4	89.71	0.91	0.90	0.90

# Application profiling

Profiling revealed that the application imposed a **low CPU load**

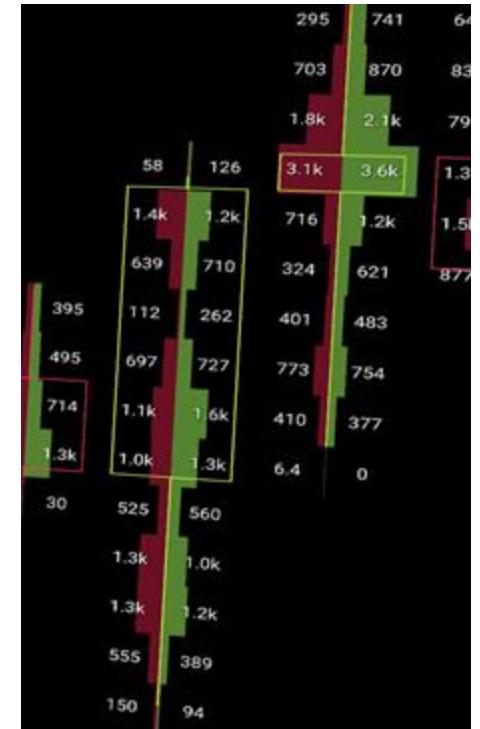
- Booting and data recording involved approximately 3% CPU usage
- The inference process caused a higher CPU load of about 20%

The **base memory usage** was recorded at 37 MB

- + 1 MB during the data collection phase
- + 5 MB during data preprocessing and inference

The **baseline energy consumption** is around 100mA

- A peak of 280mA is recorded at the start of gesture recording (about 0.5 seconds)
- The consumption then stabilizes at around 120mA
- For data preprocessing and inference, a consumption spike of approximately 350mA is registered





**QUESTIONS?**