

PROJECT VADER

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Overview

01

1.7 million people just in the U.S. alone with limb loss

02

Prosthetic arms are very costly (easily in the thousands of dollars)

03

Goal: Provide a high number of gesture classifications at a low cost (less than \$500)



Pipeline

**Raw
sEMG**



**Python (via
BrainFlow)**



**HDC
Classifier**



GUI



**Arduino Code
(via Serial)**



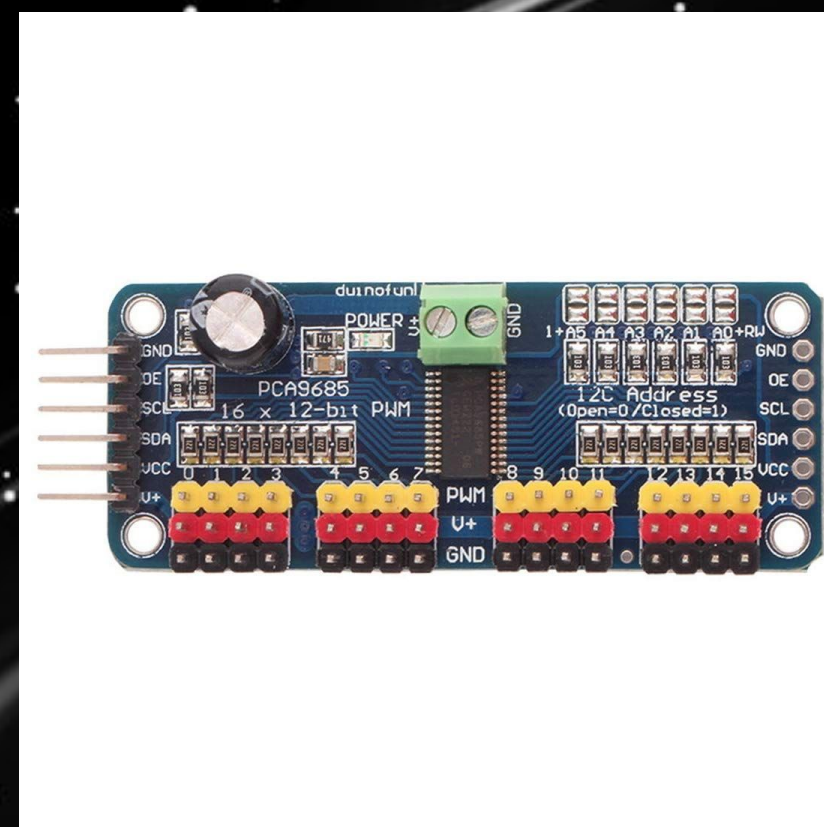
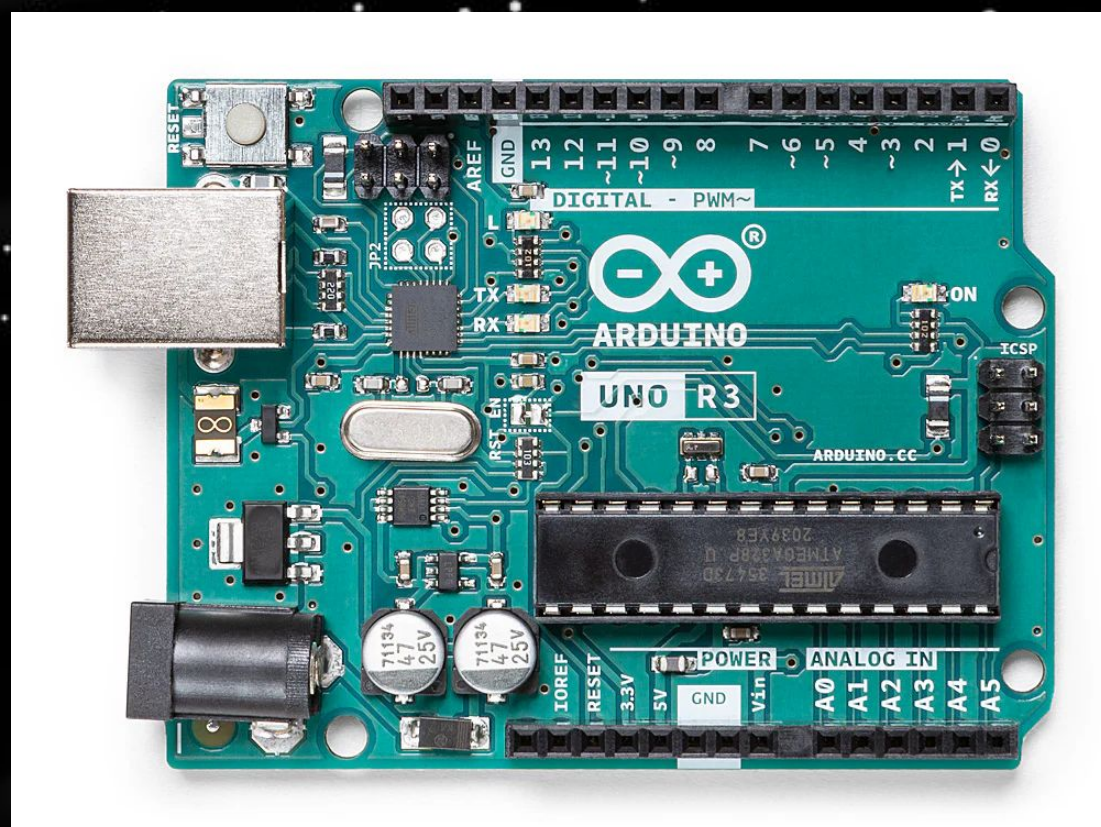
**Prosthetic
Arm**



Hardware & Firmware



- Servos
- Arduino Uno
- PCA 9685
- Springs
- 200 lb Fishing Line





Hardware & Firmware

Armband

- **Electrodes for sEMG Data**
- **Receive Data via BrainFlow**
- **Gyroscope Data**



Arduino

- **Receive Data via Serial**
- **Posture Alignment**
- **Signaling to PCA 9685**

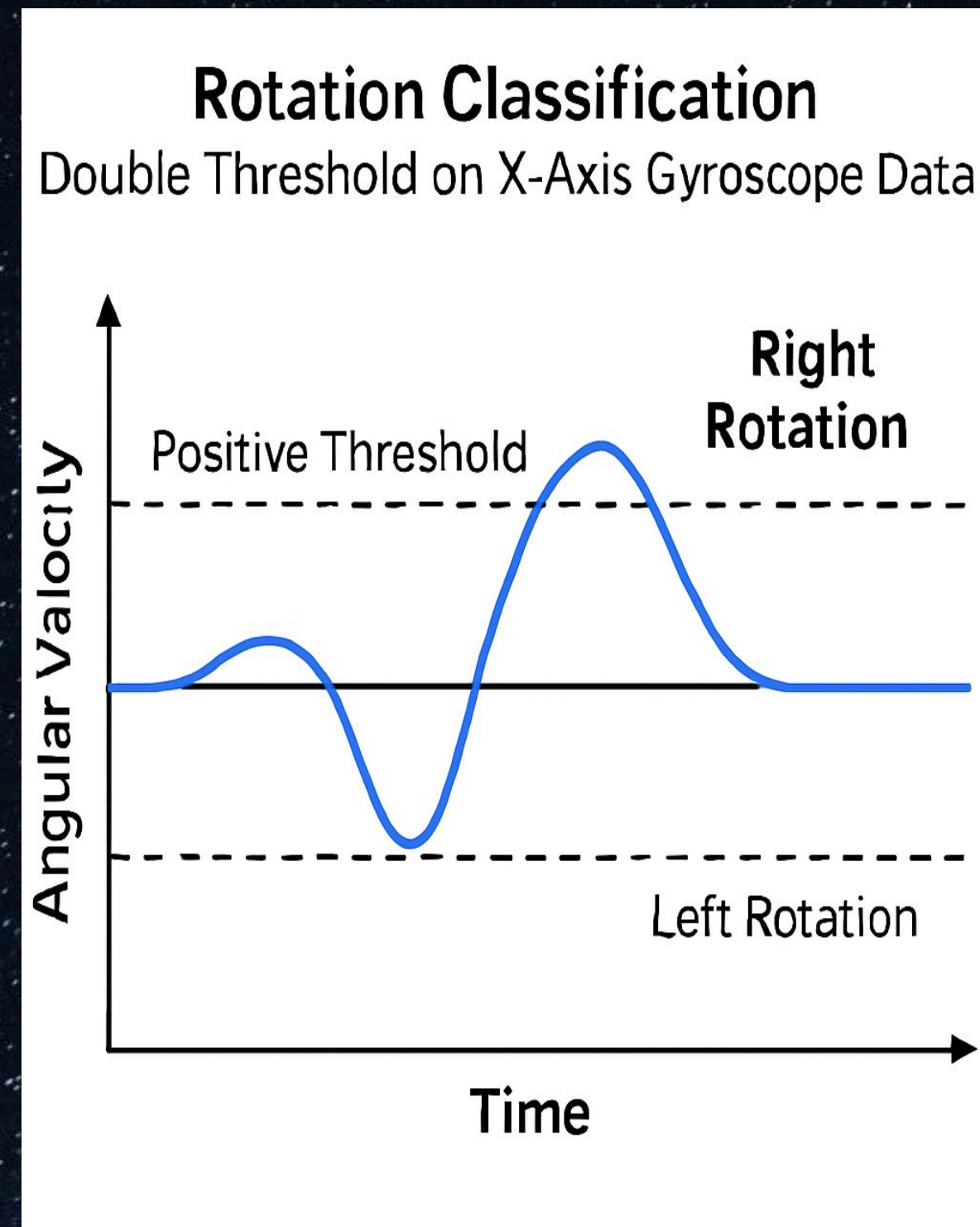
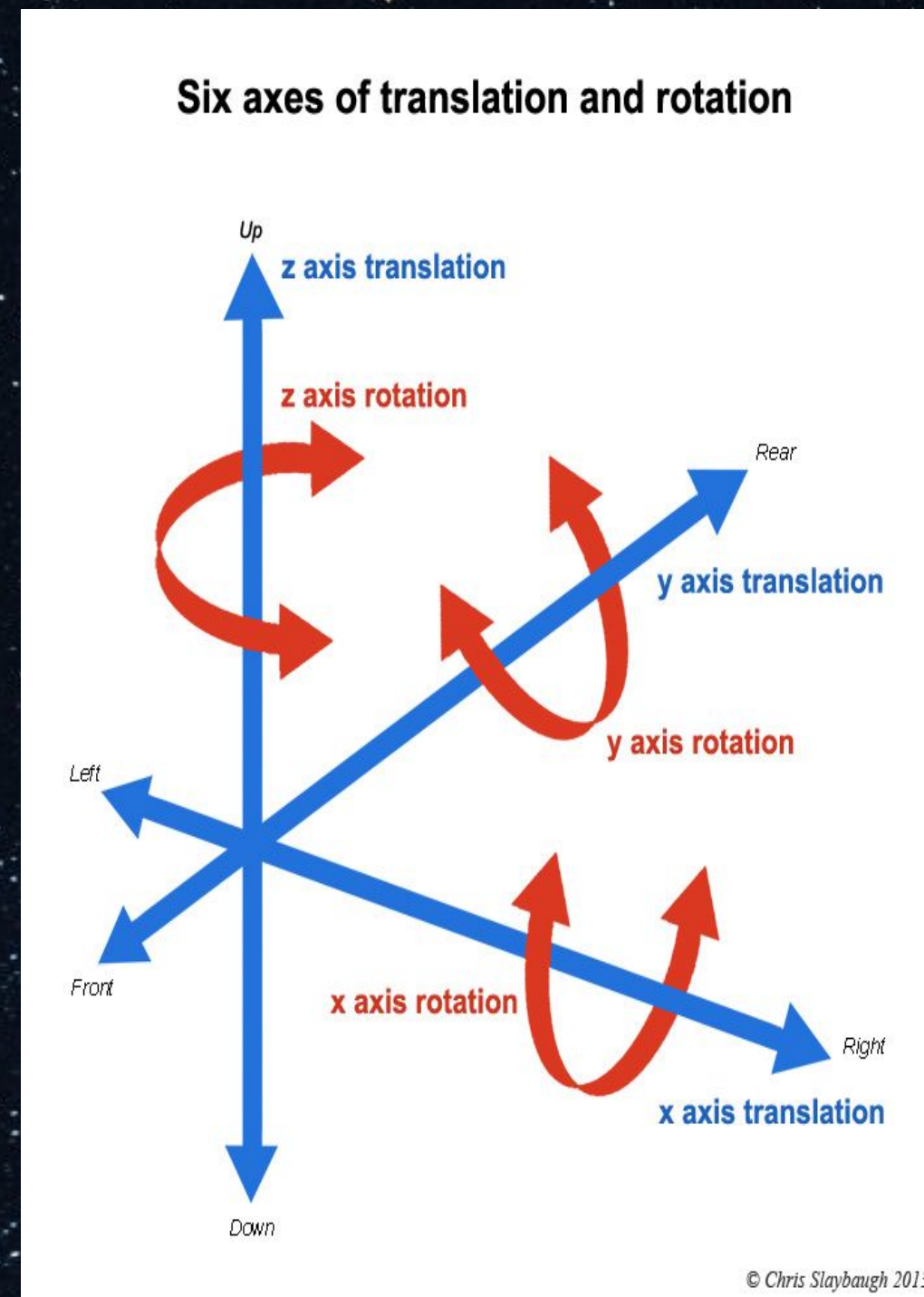
ML & Software

Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

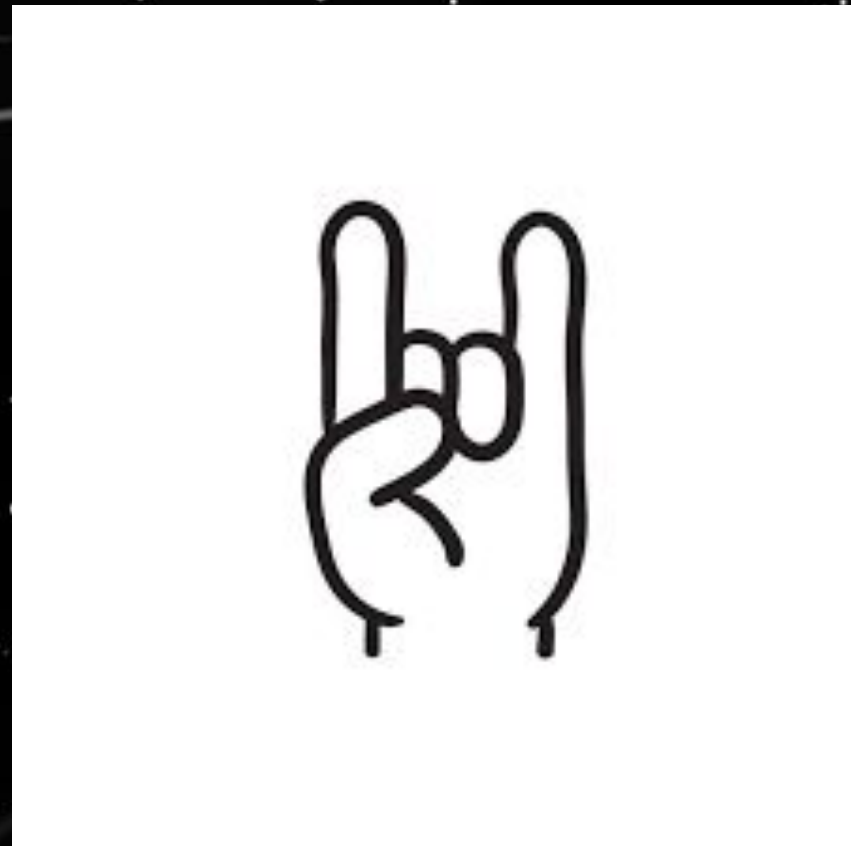
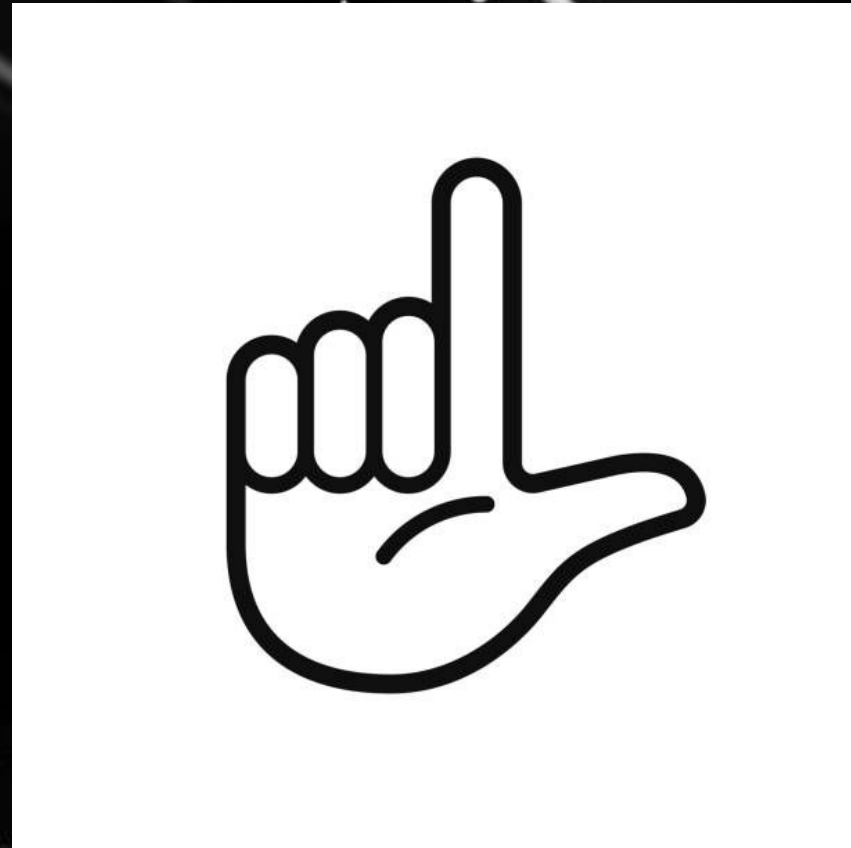
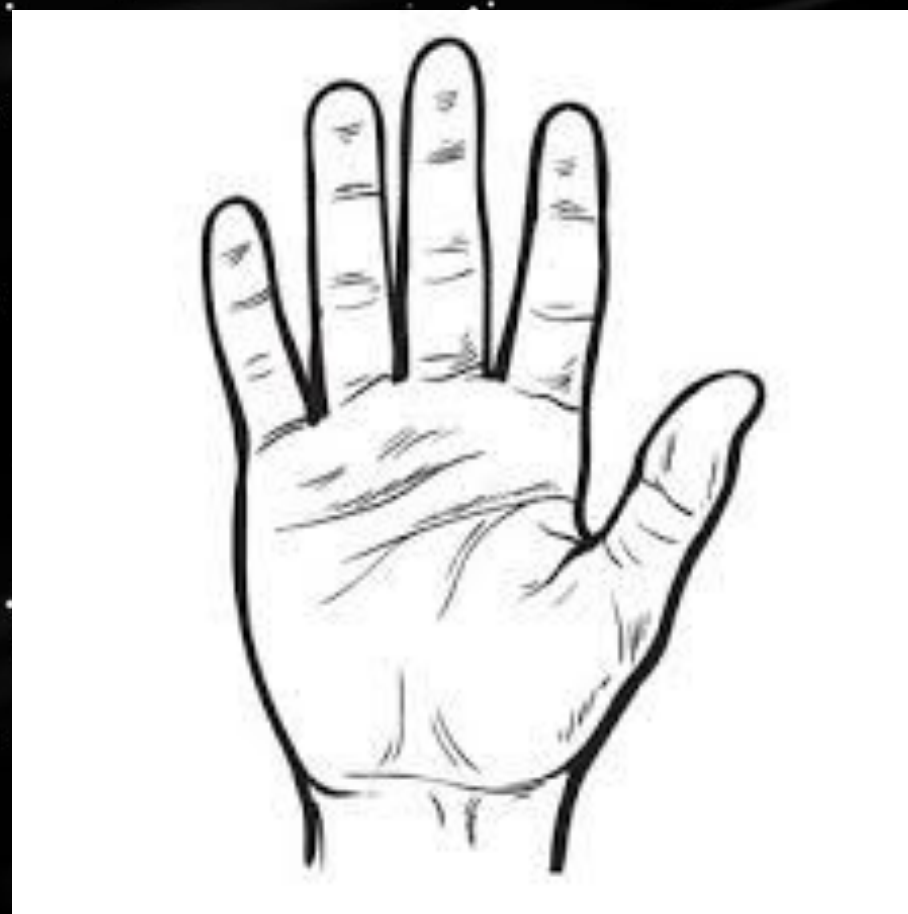
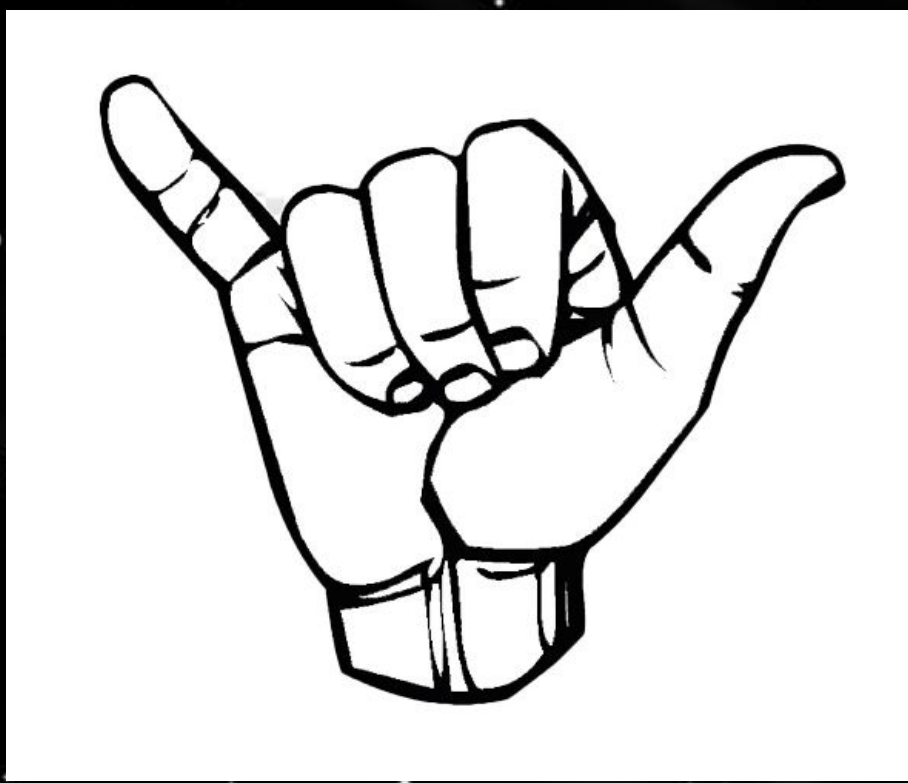


- **4 Channels**
- **500 Hz Sampling Rate**
- **Label Synchronization**
- **Bandpass + Notch**

Rotation Classification



- **Angular Velocity**
- **X-Axis Rotation**
- **Double Threshold**
- **3 Rotational States**



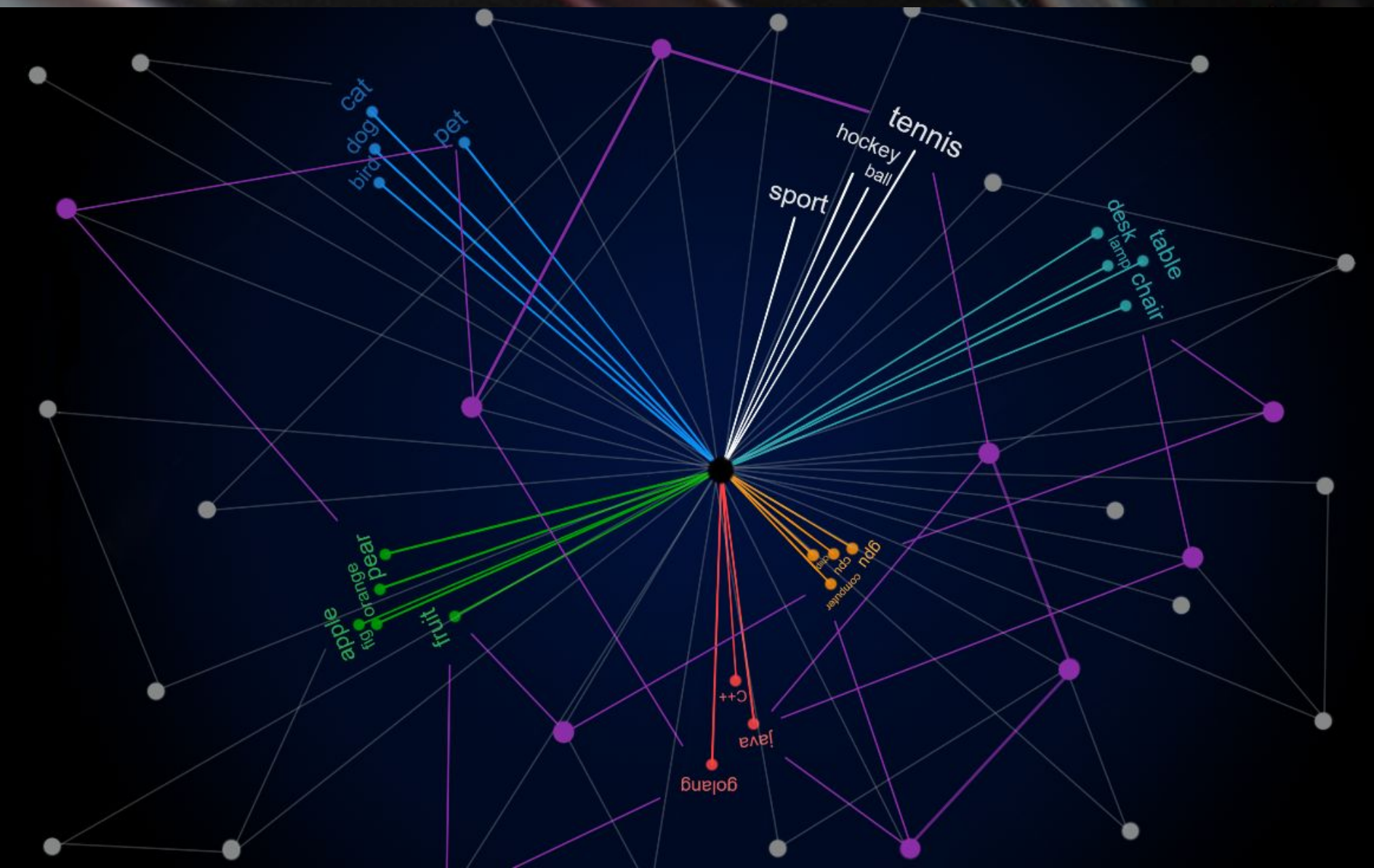
Gesture Classification

- **Training Data**
- **5 Classes**
- **Hyperdimensional Computing**



Brain-Inspired Computing

- **Flexible, noise-tolerant representation**
- **Very large, high-dimensional patterns ("hypervectors")**
- **Robustness through redundancy and randomness**

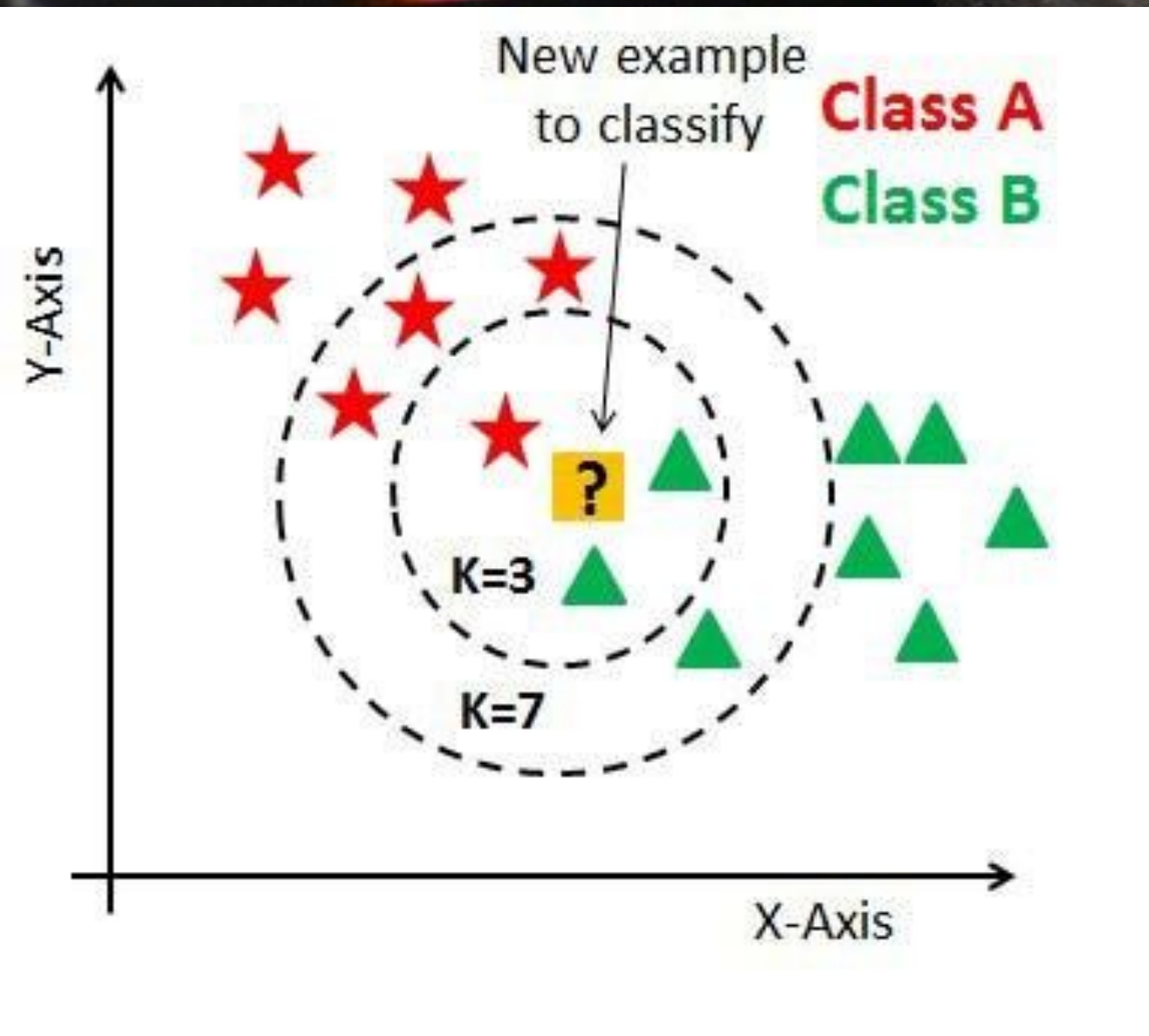


How we use it

- **Centroid-based**
- **Few-shot learning**

Limitations:

- **Classification, not regression**



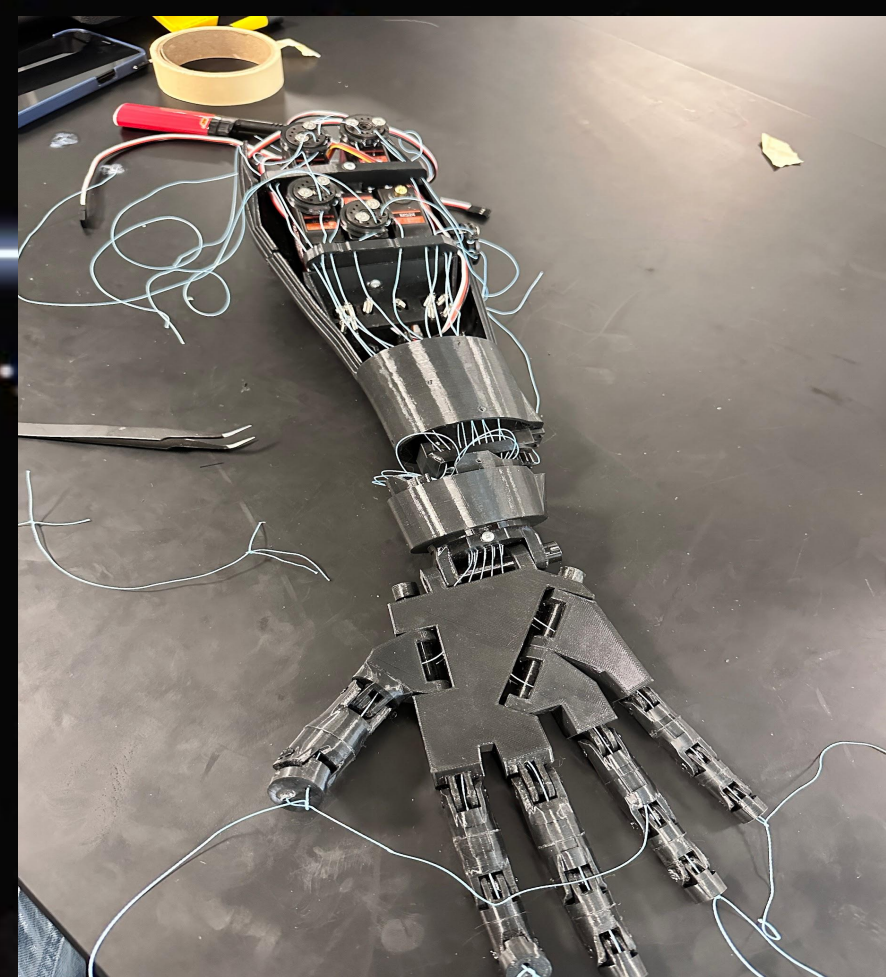


Preliminary Results

- **80 training samples per class:**
 - **Test Accuracy:**
 - **4 classes: ~95%**
 - **5 classes: ~89%**
 - **6 classes ~80%**



LIVE DEMO



- Custom Armband
- Bio-Feedback
- Regression-Based Clenching

