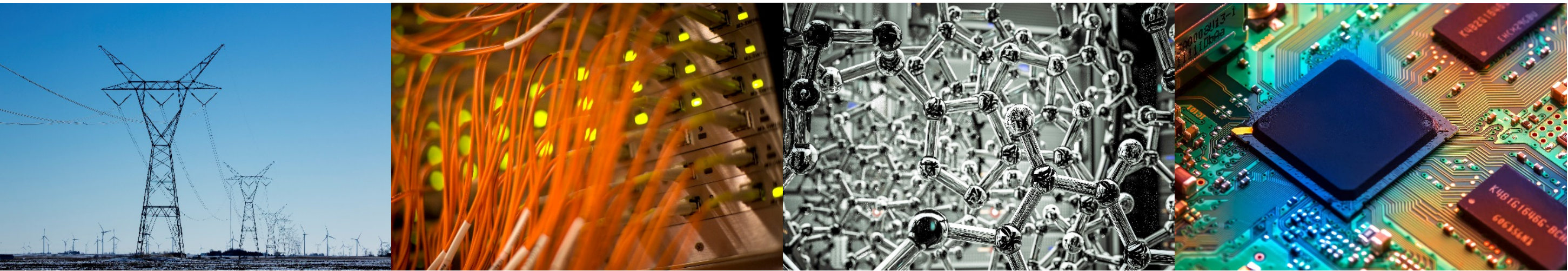


# Pressure Detection: Improving Prosthetics Efficacy

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# Introduction



- a low cost bionic arm solution

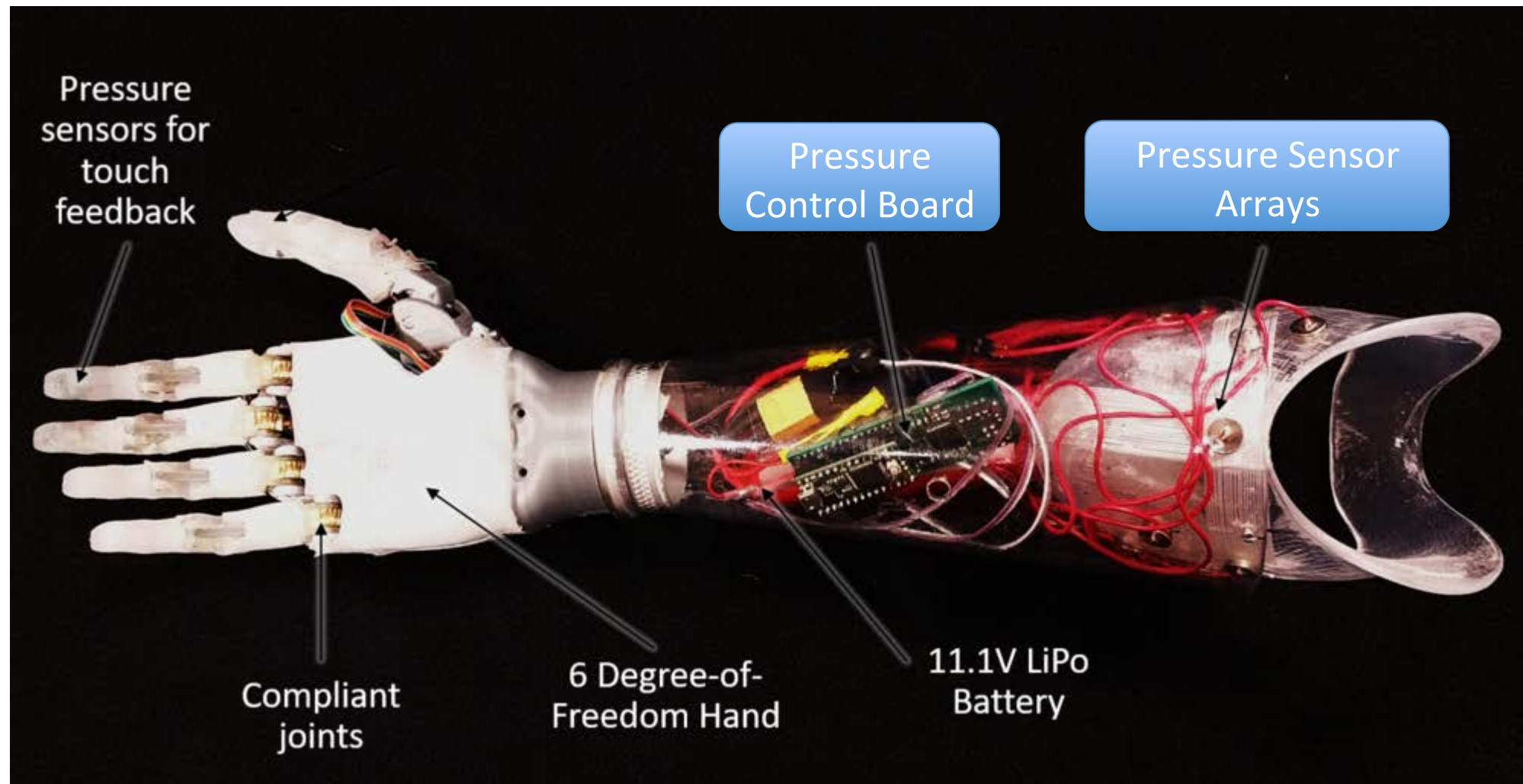
# Why?



*“A part of [me] has come back”*

[courtesy of Psyonic]





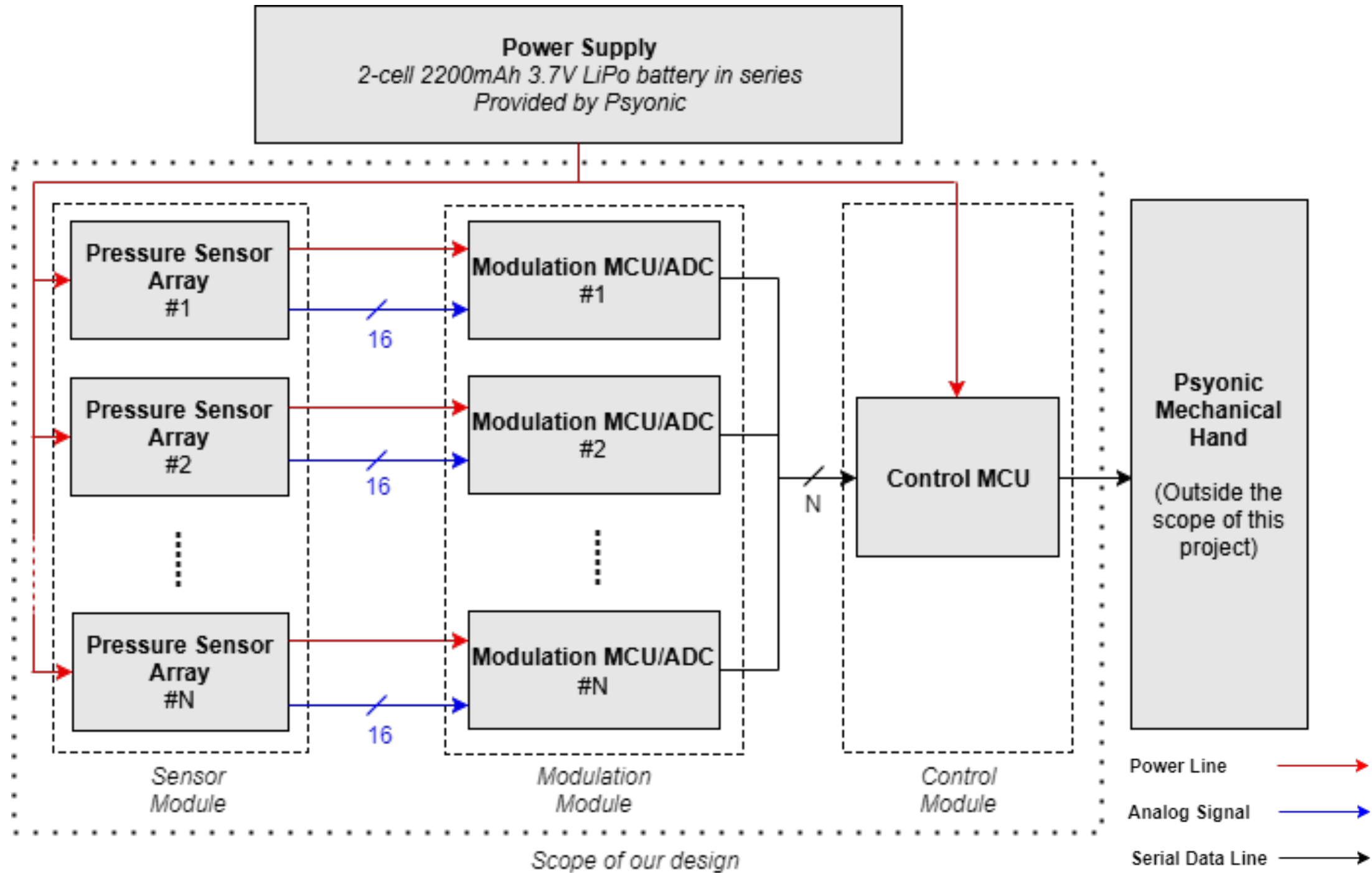
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# Goals

- To replace the current EMG system with a TMG system
  - Higher accuracy
  - Faster training time
- To fit the current enclosing

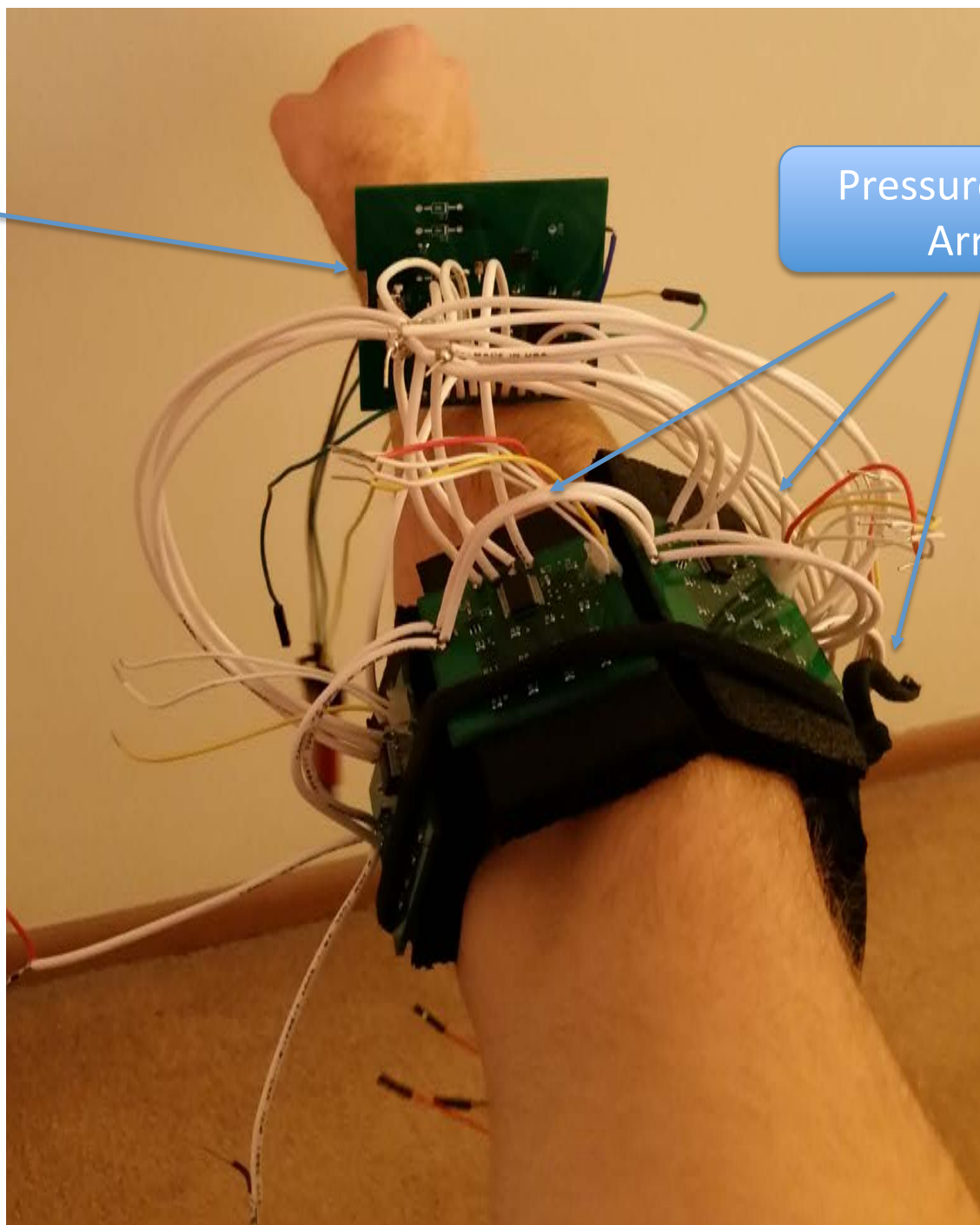
# The Components

- Hardware:
  - Pressure sensors, modulation PIC, control MCU, CP2012x UART serial com
- Software:
  - Classification algorithm



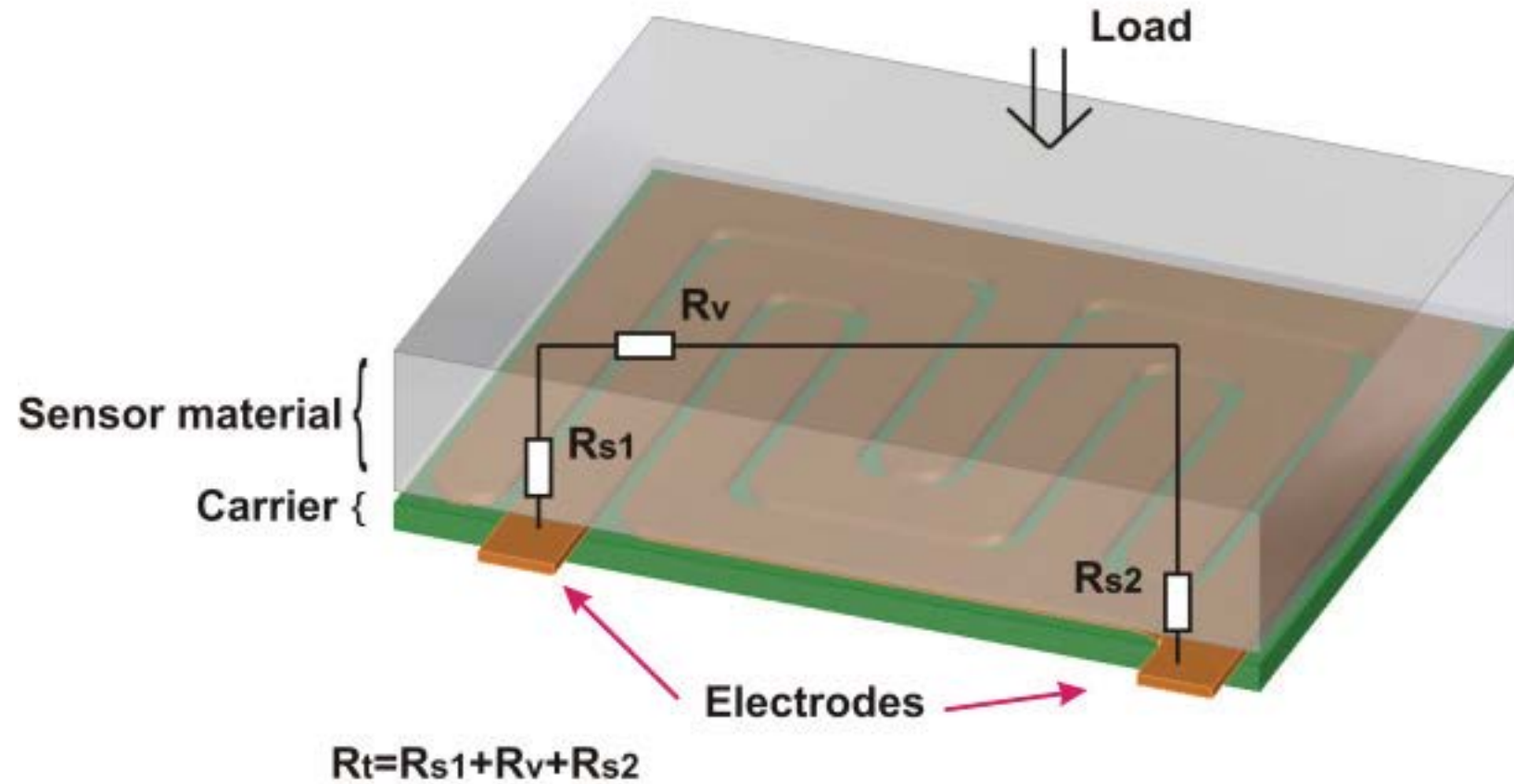
Pressure  
Control Board

Pressure Sensor  
Arrays

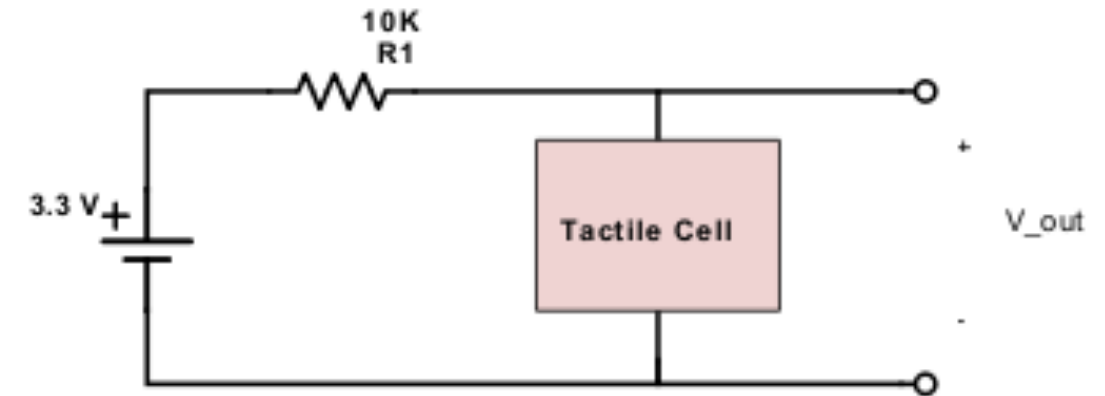




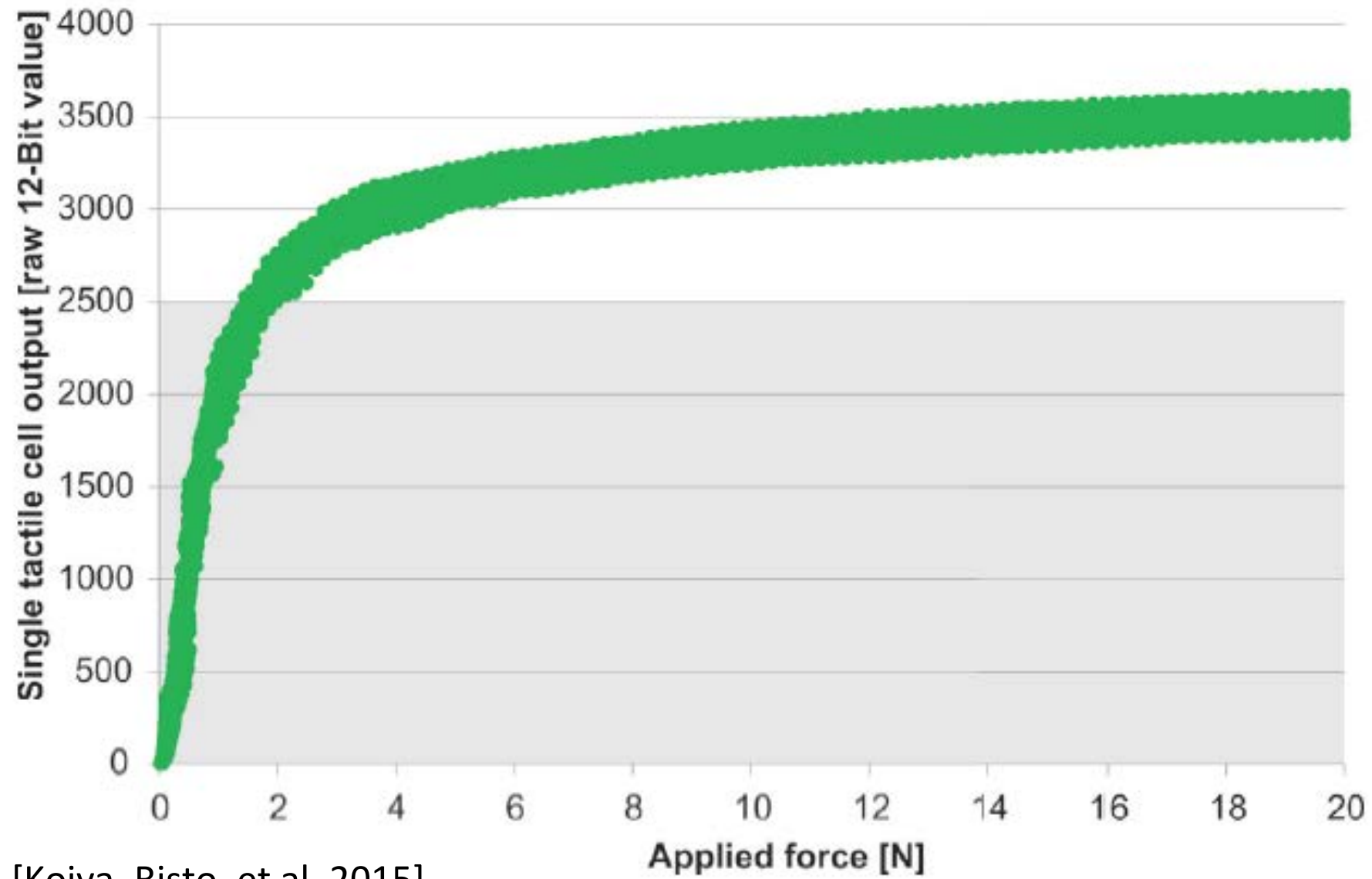
# Pressure Sensor



$$V_{out} = 3.3 V * \frac{R_t}{10K\Omega + R_t}$$



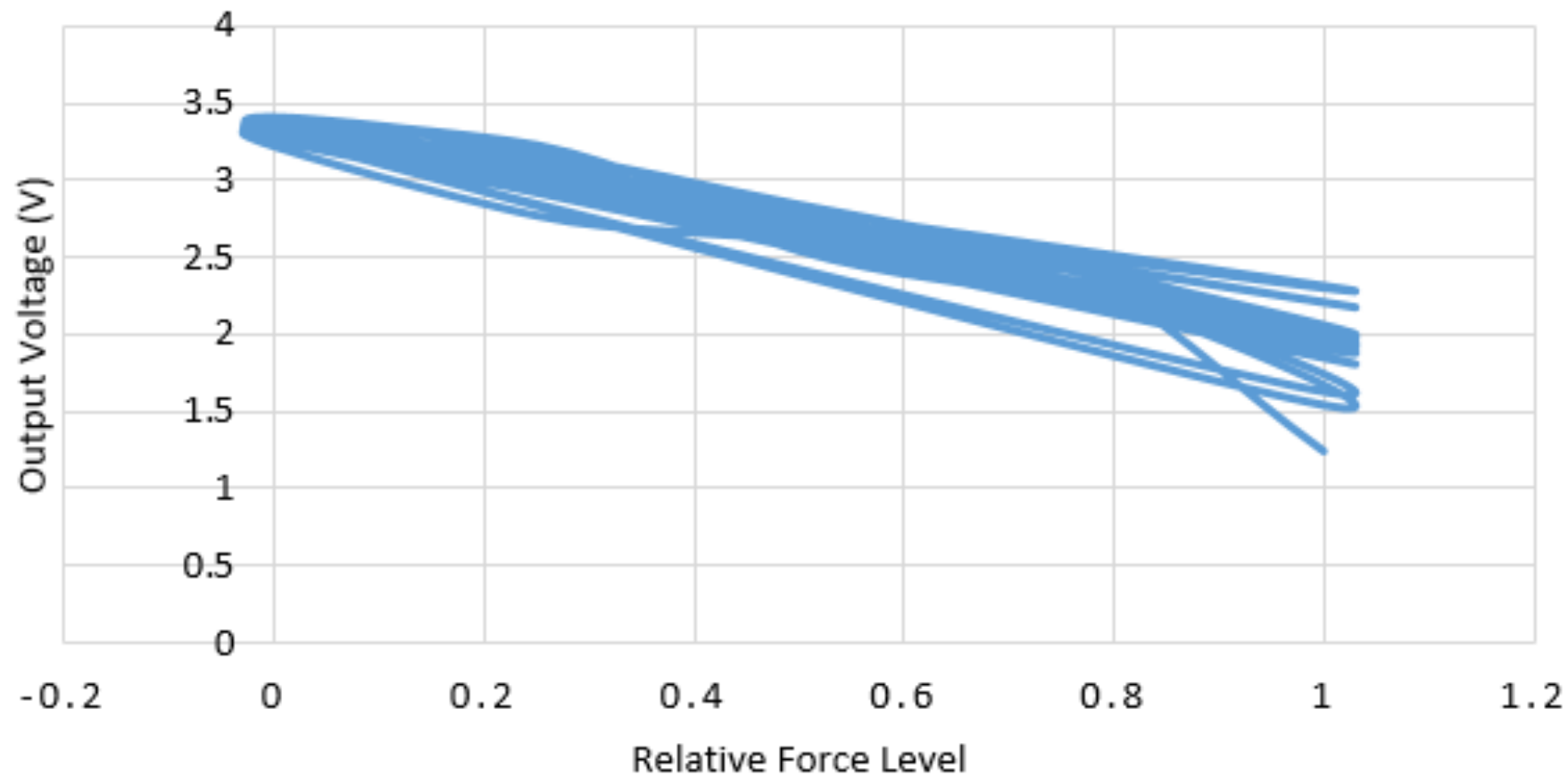
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[Koiva, Risto, et al. 2015]

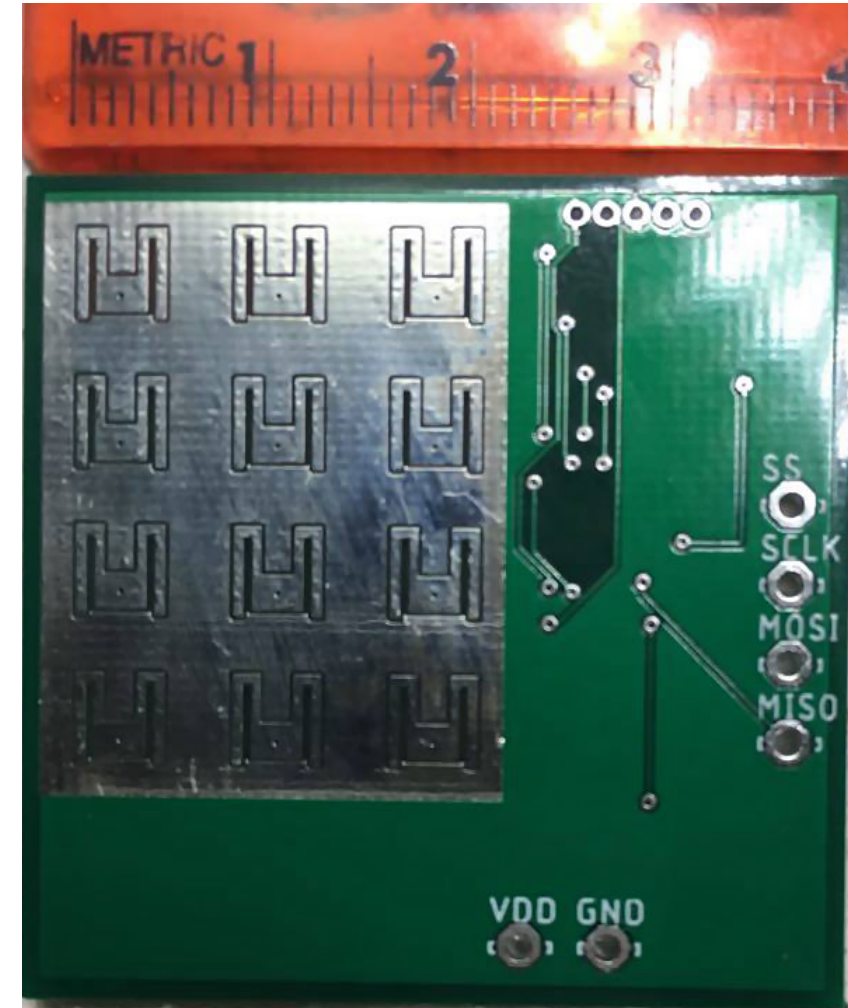
# Pressure Sensor – Our Results

**Sensor Force-Voltage Relationship**

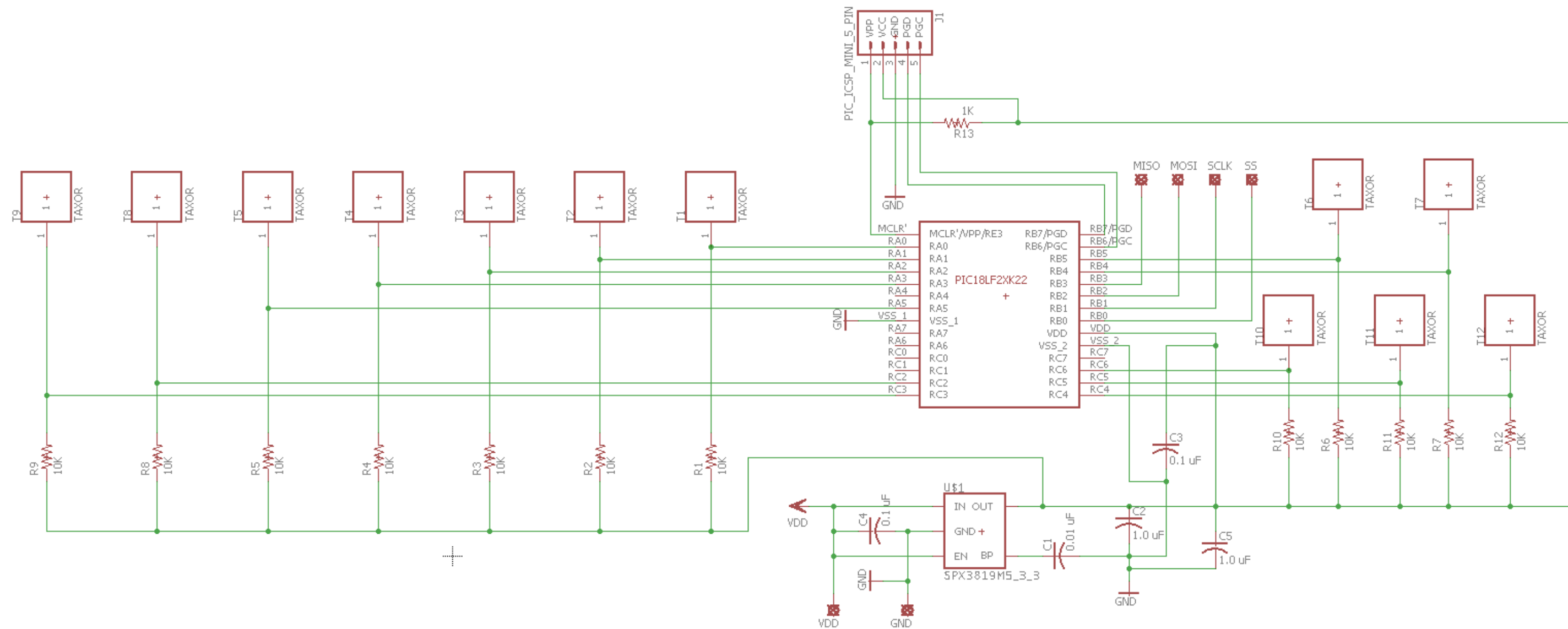


# Pressure Sensor Board

- PIC microprocessor
- Access data from pressure sensor array
- Sends data to control board



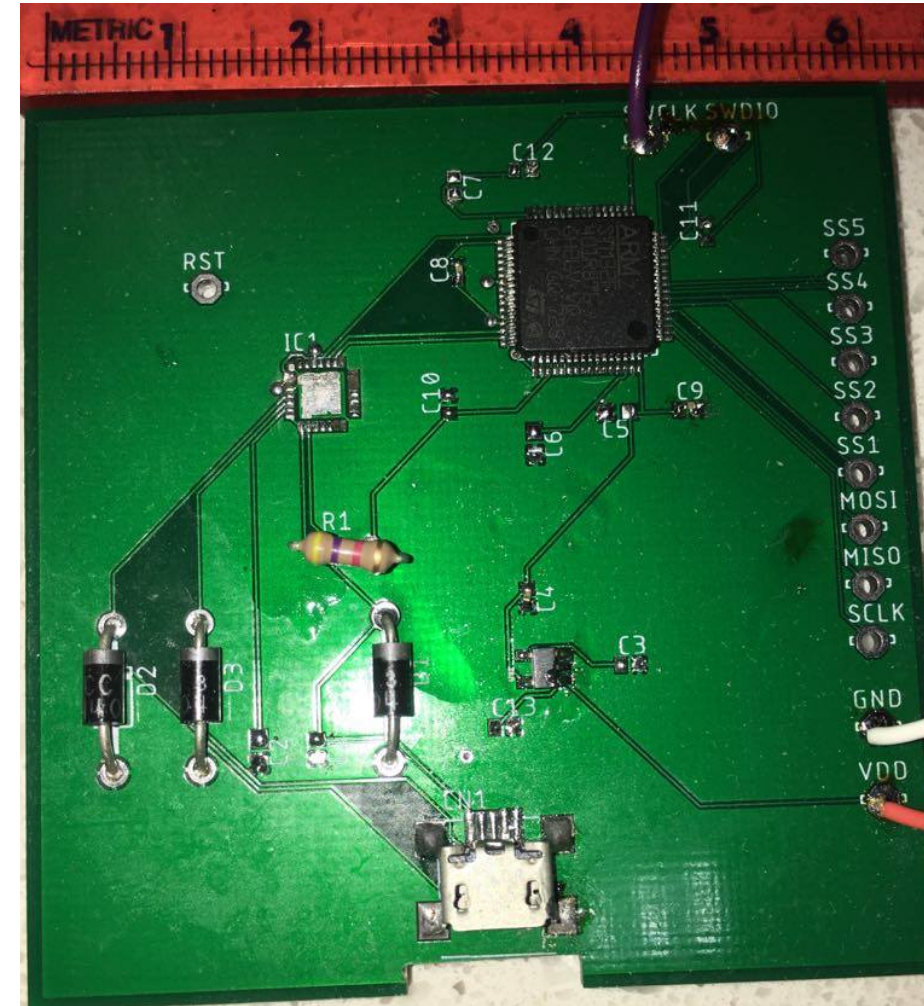


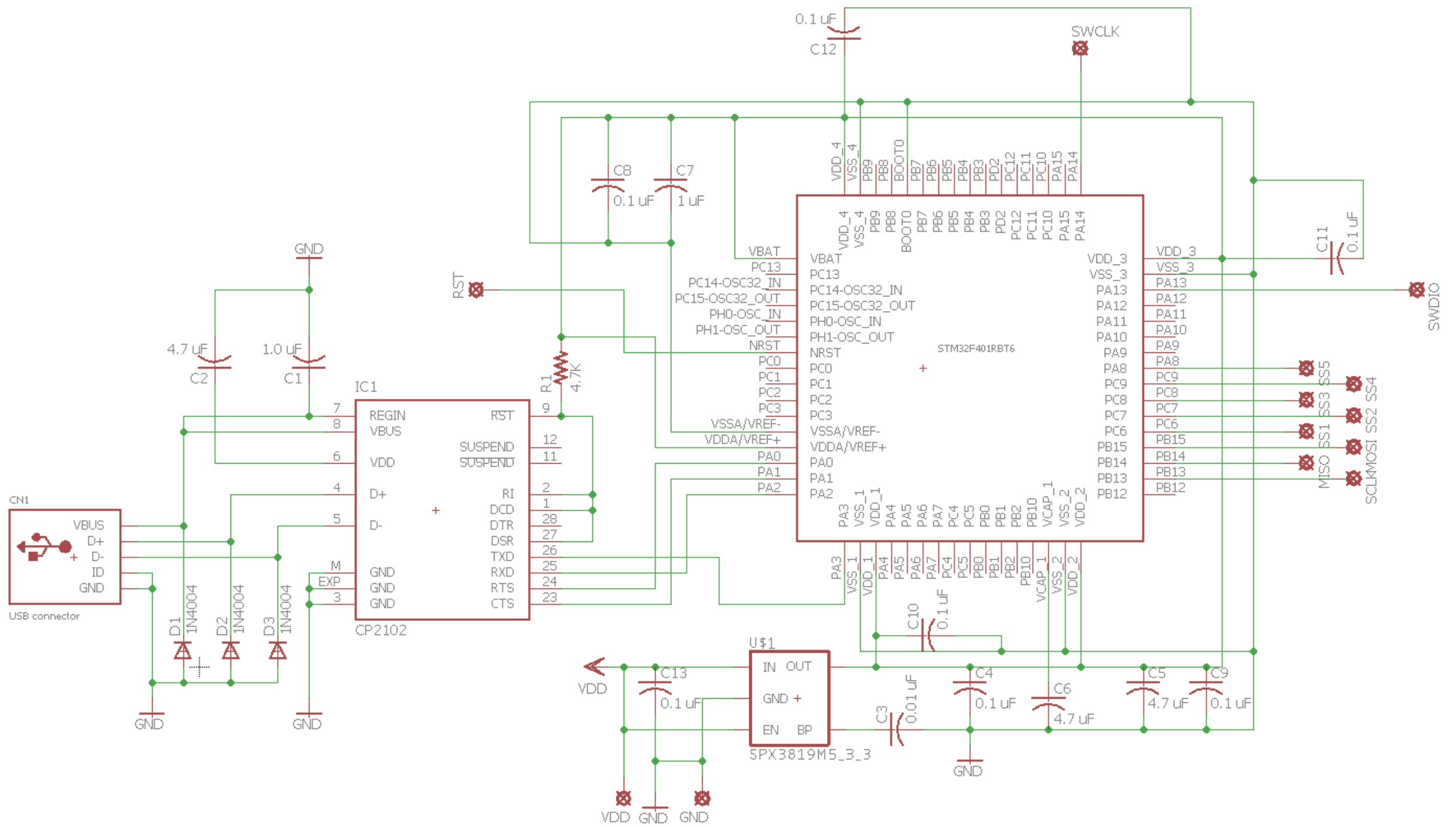




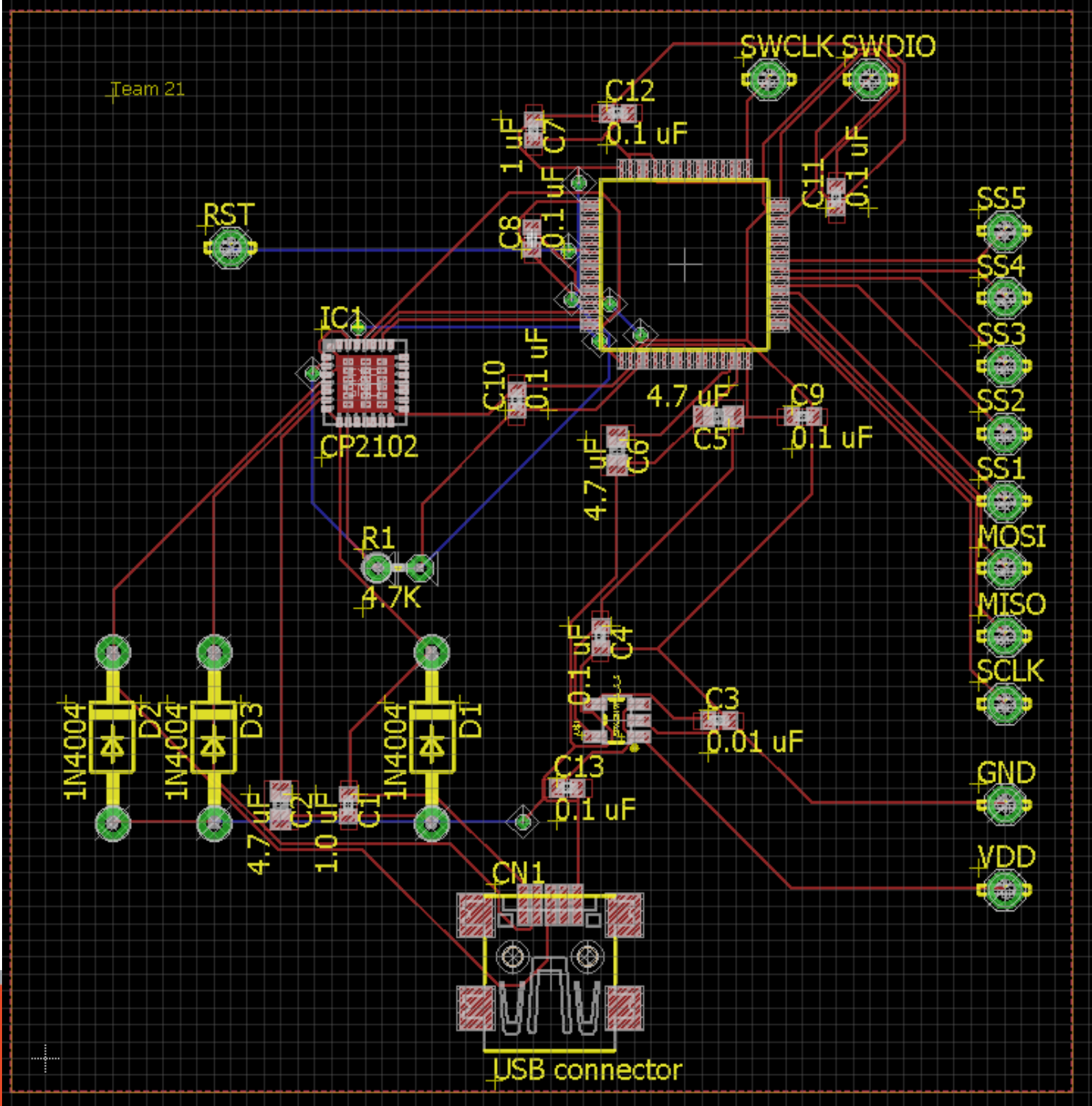
# Control Board

- STM32 ARM processor
- Reads data from pressure boards
- Runs classification algorithm





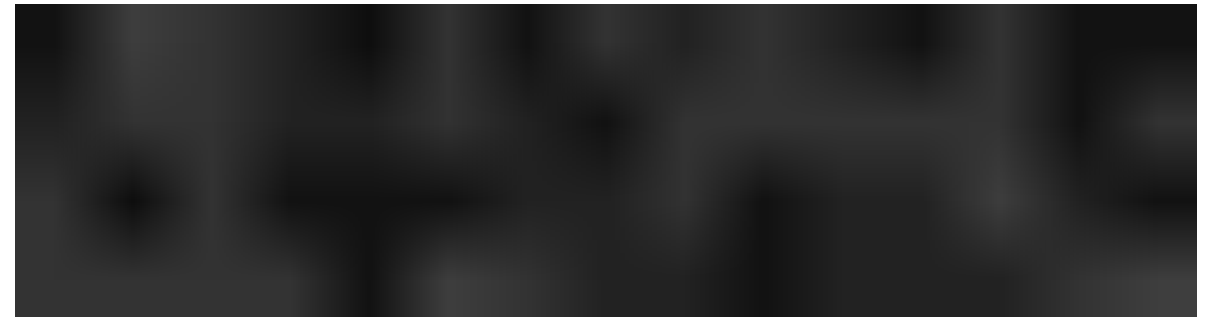




# Data Description

- 6 Classes + 1 “No Movement”
- Data Simulation

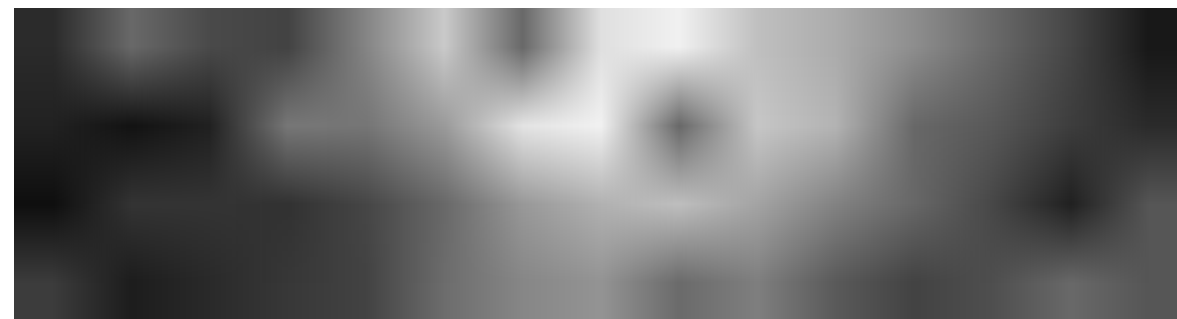
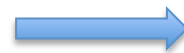
No Movement



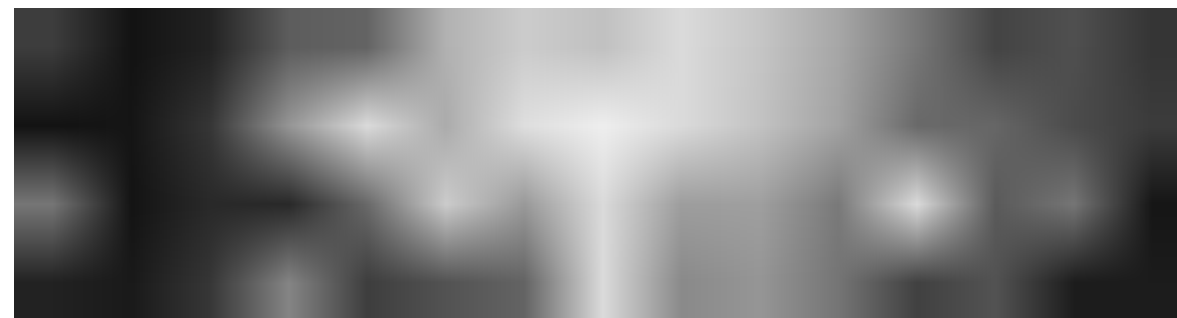
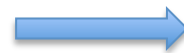
Min. Force  
Detected

Max. Force  
Detected

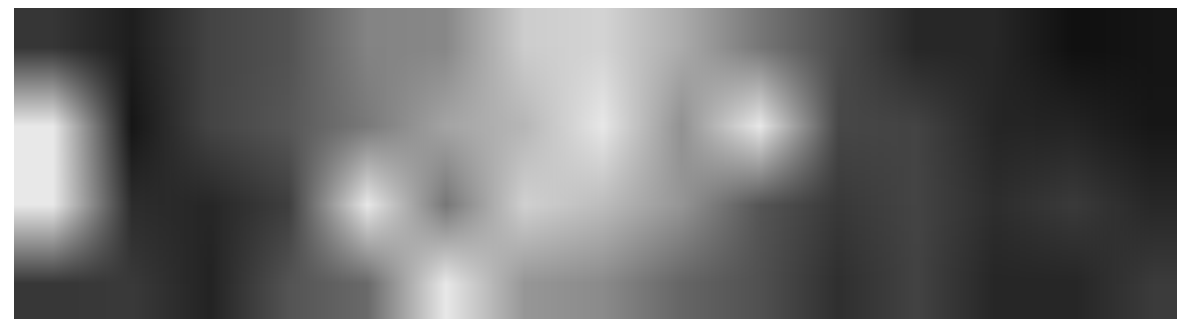
**Little Finger  
Flexion**



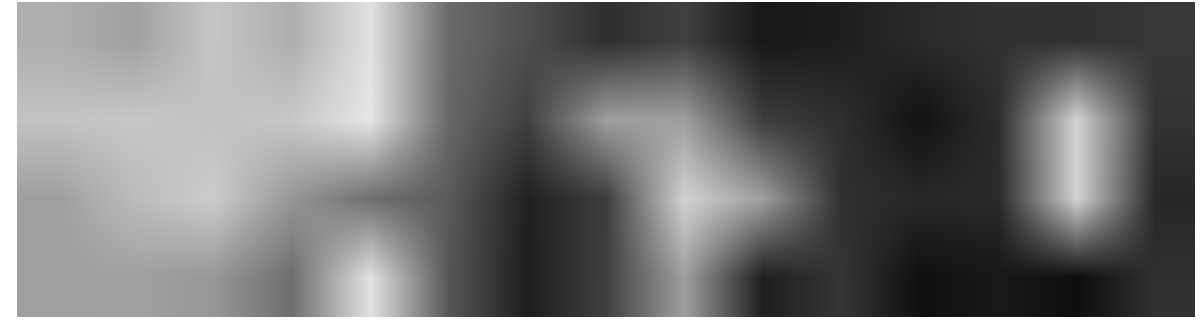
**Index Finger  
Flexion**



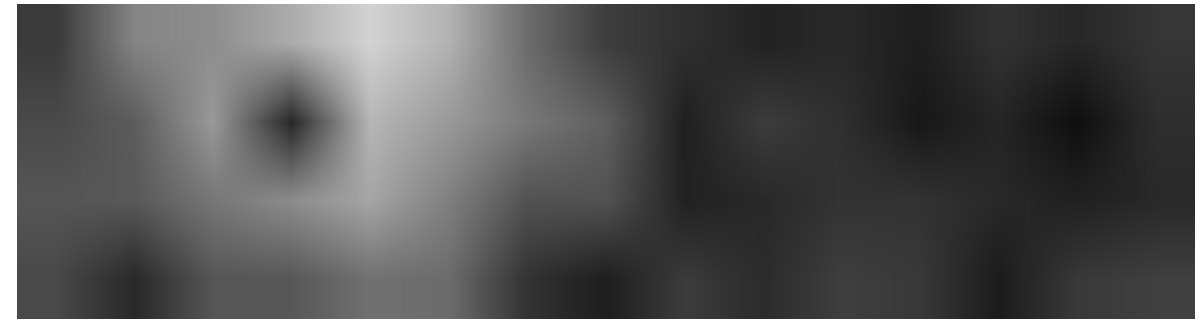
**Thumb Rotation**



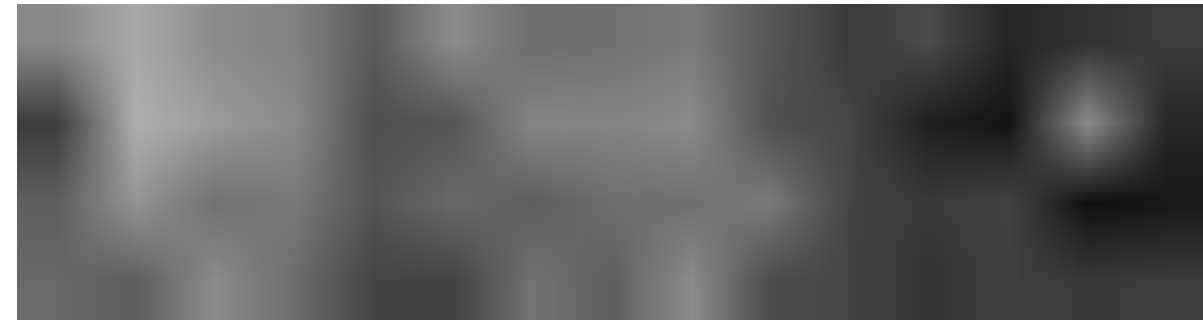
**Wrist  
Flexion**



**Wrist  
Extension**



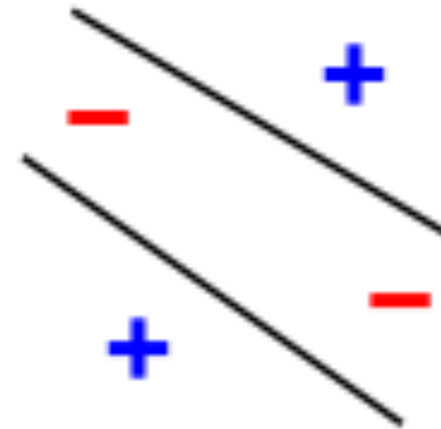
**Wrist  
Supination**





# Classification Algorithm

- Choice of Algorithm
- Criteria: “Linear Separability”

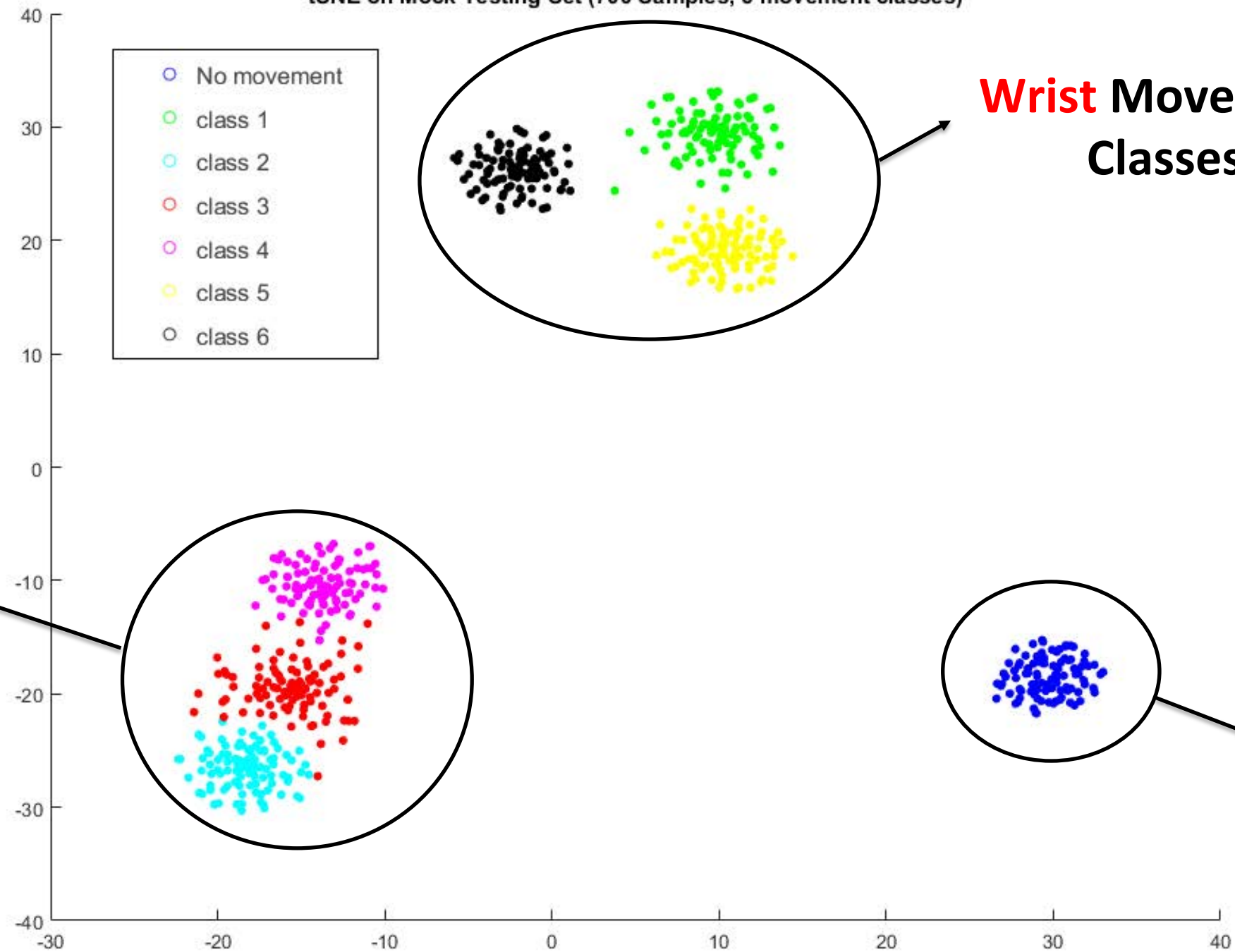


“Linear separability,” *Wikipedia*, 11-Sep-2017. [Online].  
Available: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linear\\_separability](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linear_separability). [Accessed: 12-Dec-2017].

tSNE on Mock Testing Set (700 Samples, 6 movement classes)

**Finger Movement  
Classes**

**Wrist Movement  
Classes**

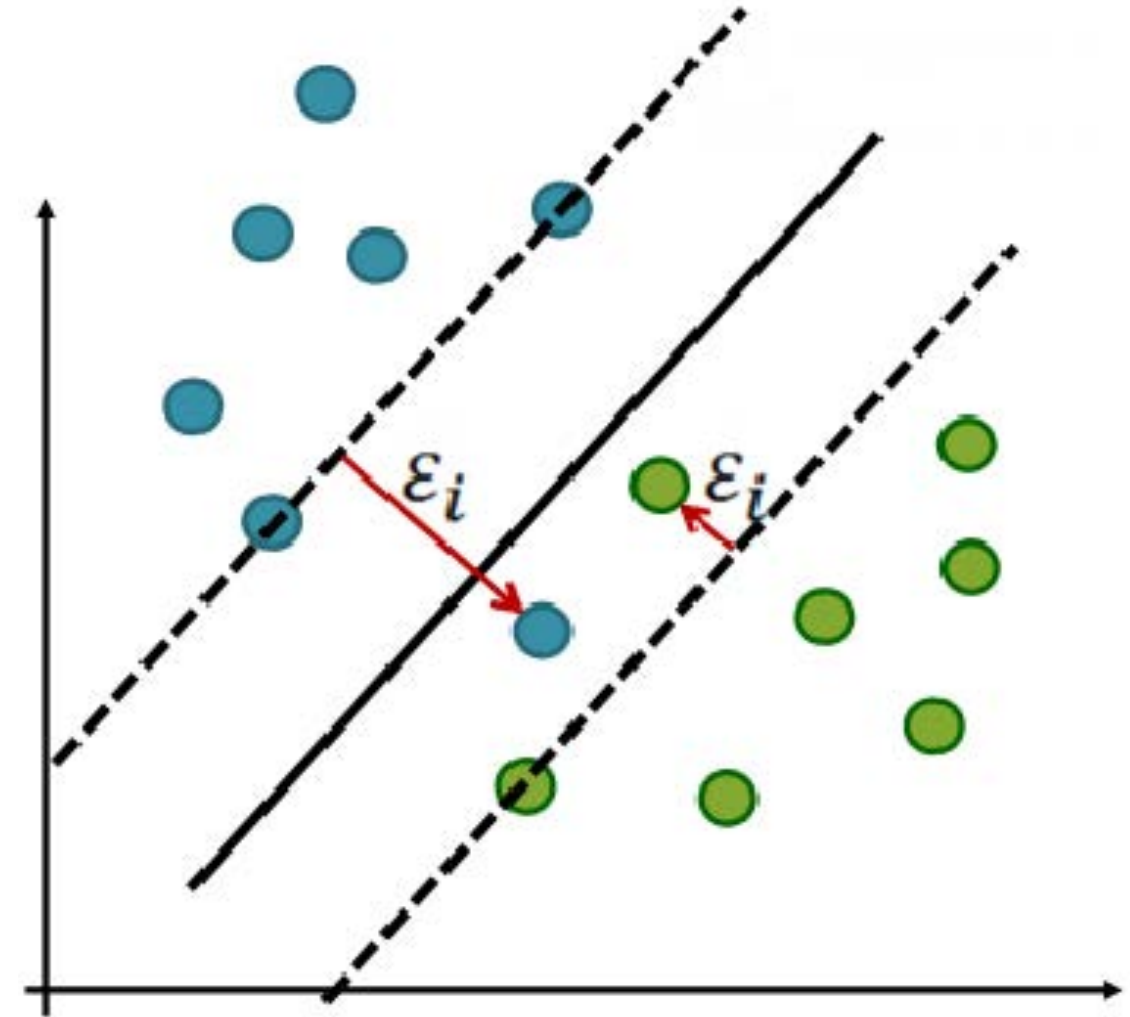


**No Movement**

# Our Choice – Soft Margin L-1 Loss SVM

“Slack” Penalty Term

$$\operatorname{argmin}_w \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{k=1}^m \max\{0, 1 - w \cdot x_k \cdot y_k\}$$



C. Moreira, P. Calado, and B. Martins, “Learning to rank academic experts in the DBLP dataset,” *Expert Systems*, vol. 32, no. 4, pp. 477–493, 2013.





# Classification Algorithm – Our Results

- Training on **70** samples takes **~6.2** seconds on Control MCU
- Testing on **700** samples
- Result by F1 score
  - Training set: **1.0**
  - Testing set: **0.9427**

# Strength & Weakness

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ML training under 10 sec</li><li>• Resilient to sweat</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foam availability</li><li>• SPI debug</li></ul>
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 350,000+ amputated</li><li>• 15,000 per year</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many other low cost prosthetic arm startups</li></ul>

# Conclusion

- Pressure sensor verified and integrated with ADC
- Highly accurate ML algorithm and can run efficiently on our ARM chip
- Prototype proof of concept successful

# Future Development Considerations

- Develop synchronization logic to enable SPI
- Revise the pressure board to use a gold etched t-stop layer
- Collect a larger set of samples to analyze confidence interval of our classification result
- Expand functionality to support more movement classes

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*Questions?*