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KITE: Exploring the Practical Threat from Acoustic Transduction Attacks on Inertial Sensors

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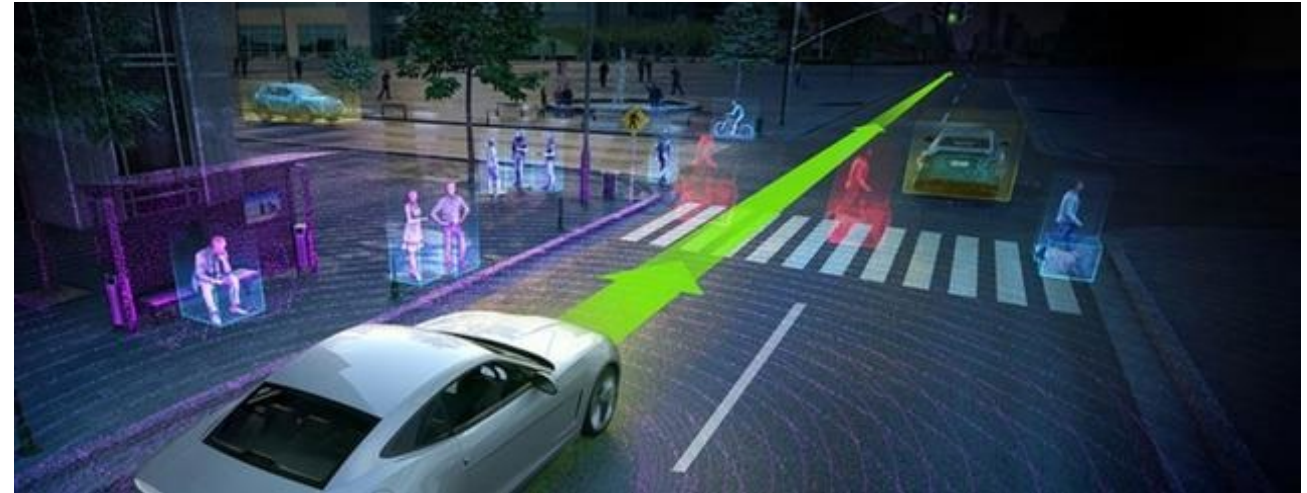
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Inertial Sensor



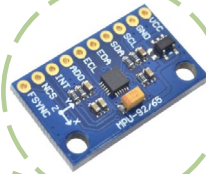
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Inertial Sensor



accelerator
(reflect changes in speed)



gyroscope
(reflect changes in direction)



5m/s



3m/s



1m/s

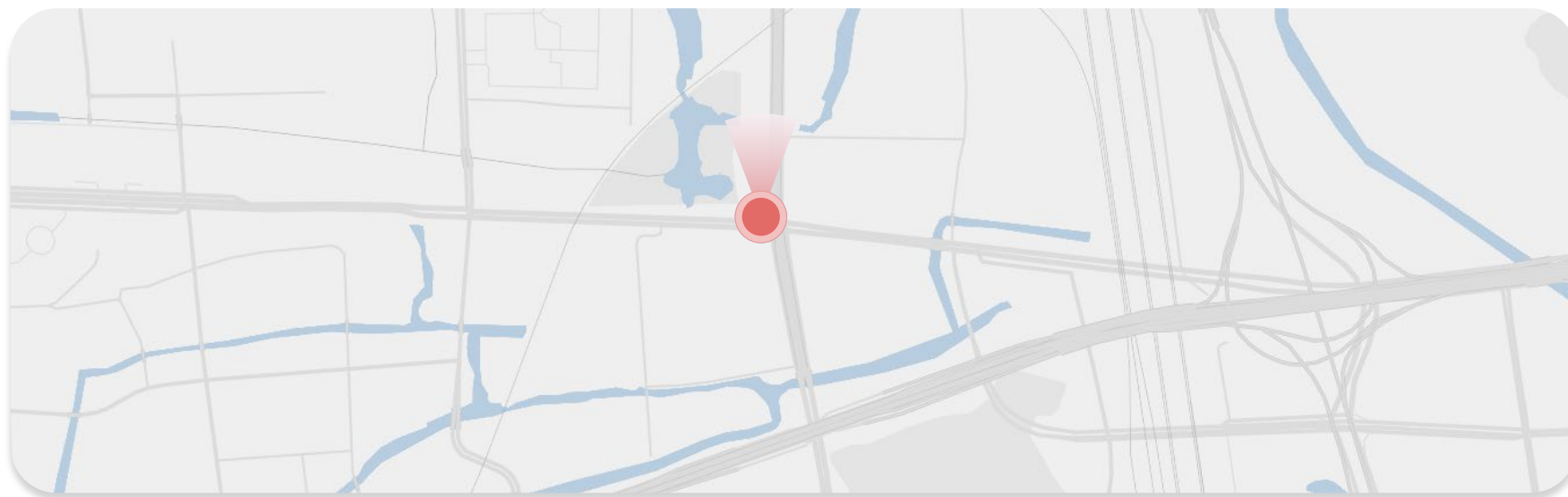
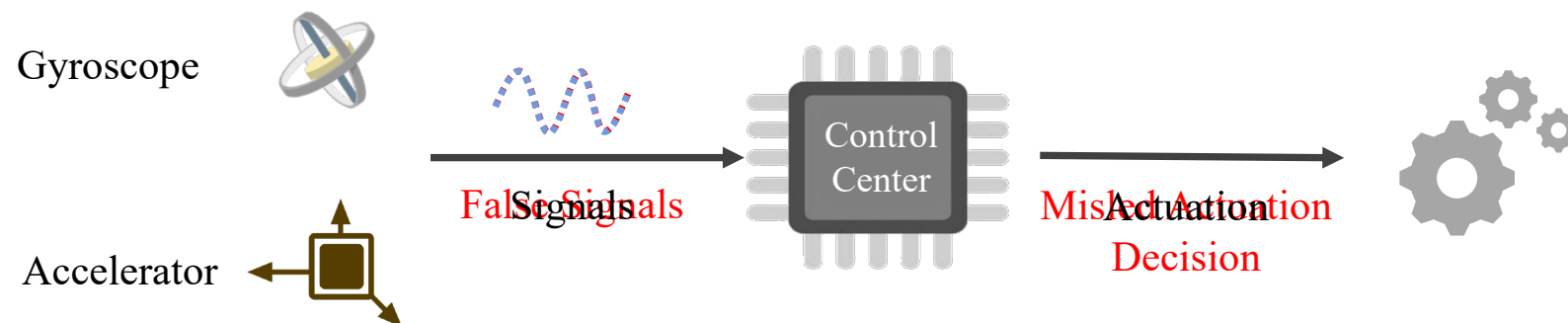


**turn
right**

Inertial Sensors \neq Reliable !



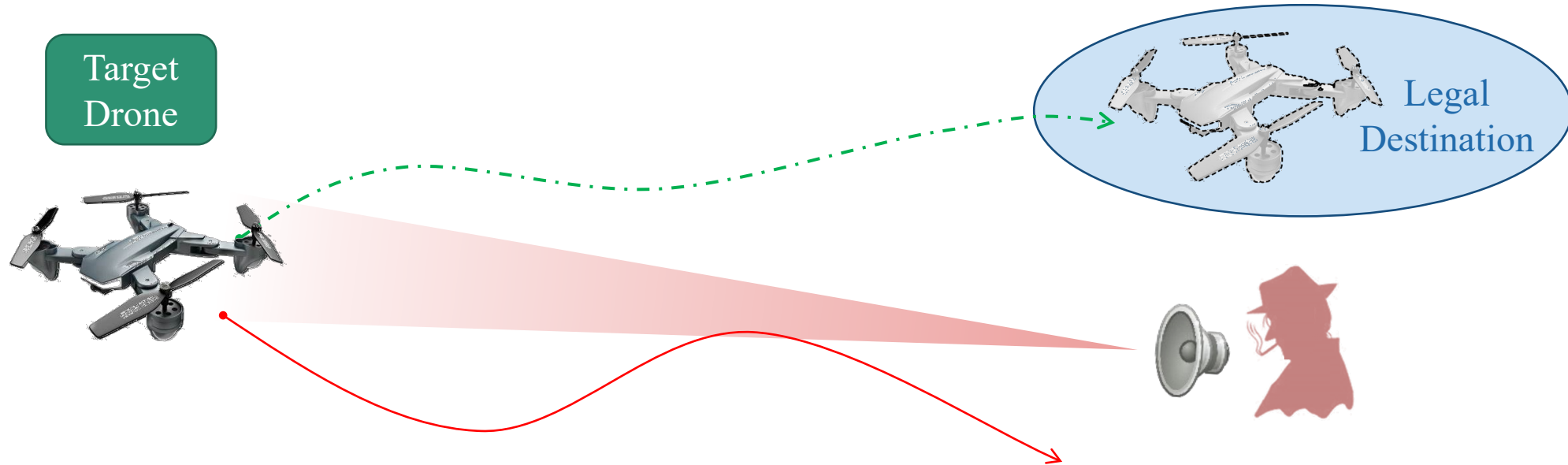
Acoustic Transduction Attack



Our Vision



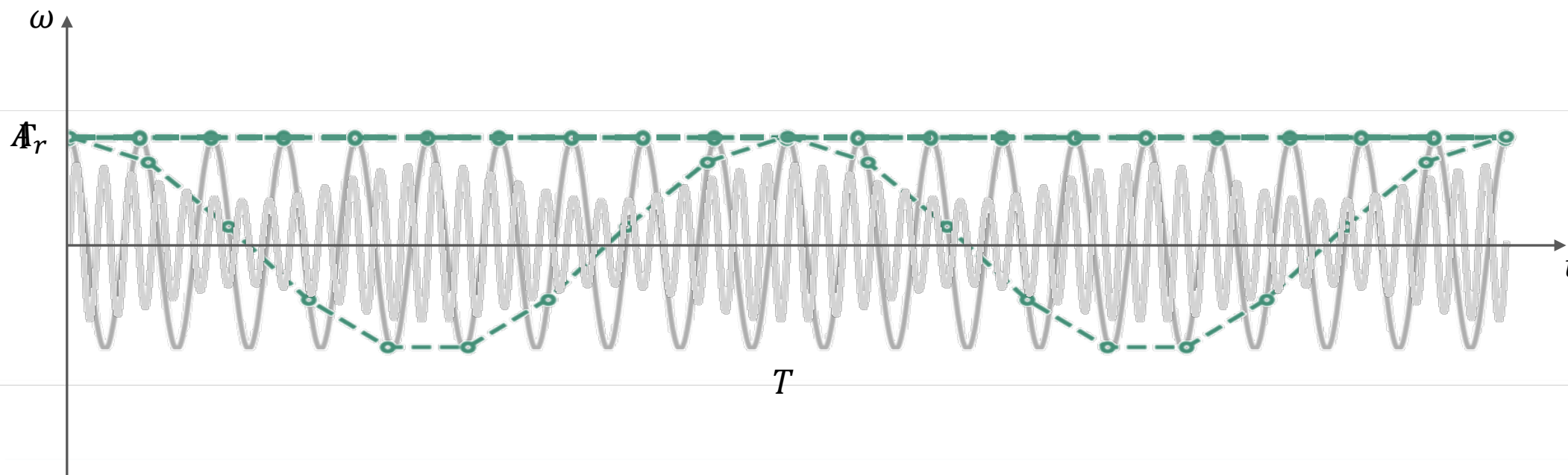
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- Manipulate a **multiple-degree-of-freedom** system to **follow** the maliciously assigned trajectory even the target is **moving**

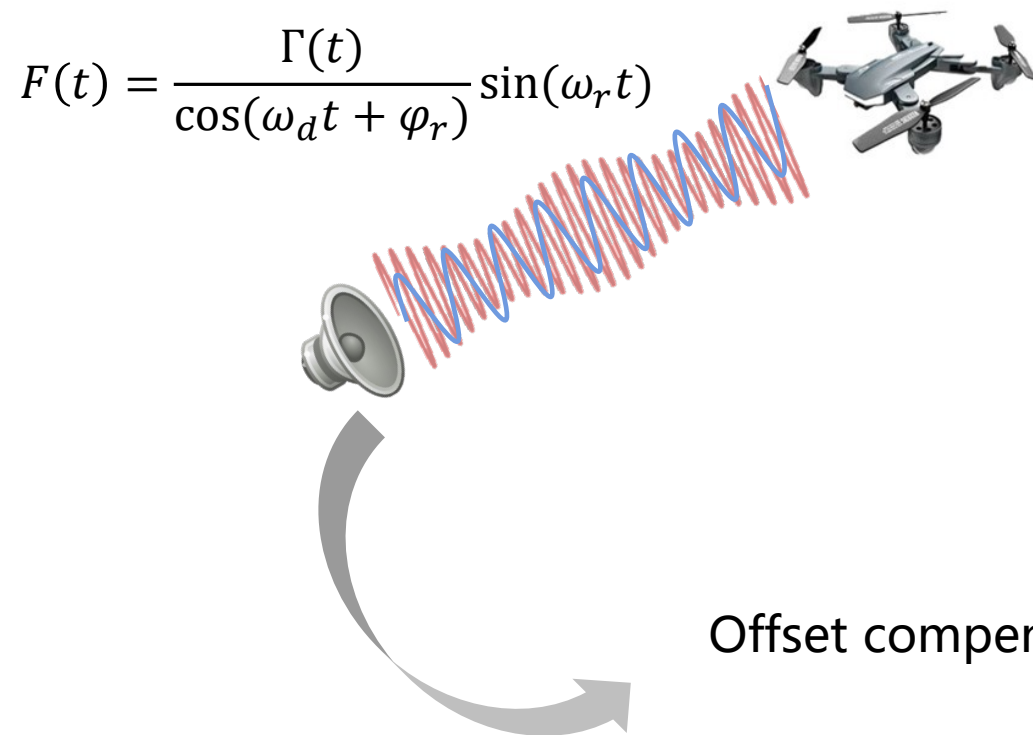
1. How to inject stable and controllable signals?

➤ Existing Approach



$$F(t) = \frac{\Gamma(t)}{\cos(\omega_d t + \varphi_r)} \sin(\omega_r t).$$

Solution: Offset Compensation and Phase Estimation



Offset compensation:

$$\omega_{r_2} = \omega_{r_1} - n_p \Delta F s$$

Phase estimation:

$$\varphi_{r_2} = \varphi_{r_1} + \frac{1}{\xi} (\omega_{d_2} - \omega_{d_1})$$

2.How to control the direction of injection

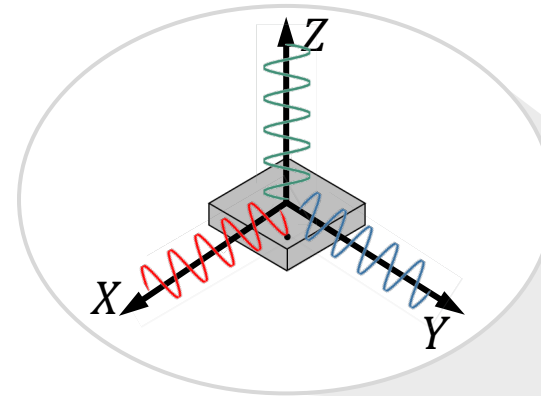
➤ SDOF system

- one direction motion
- easy to be controlled



➤ MDOF system

- move free in space
- multi-axis simultaneous resonance

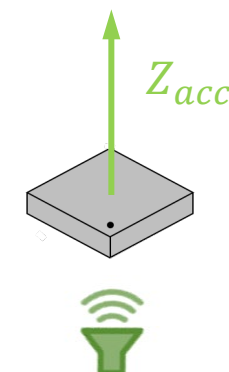
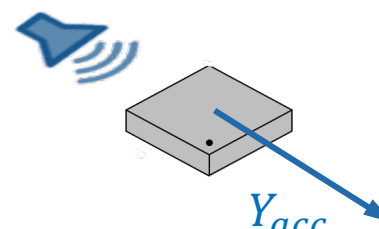
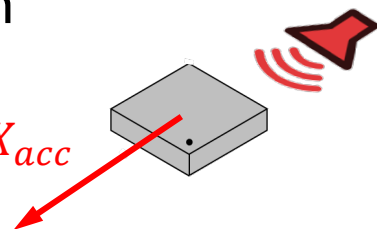


Solution: multiple acoustic sources

➤ Our observation

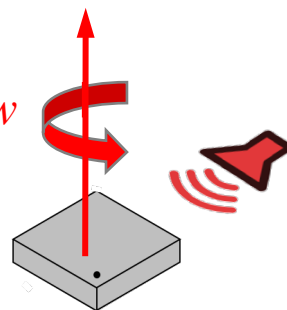
Accelerator

X_{acc}

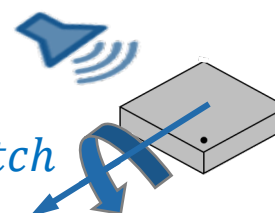


Gyroscope

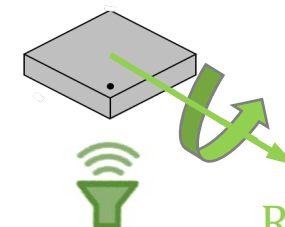
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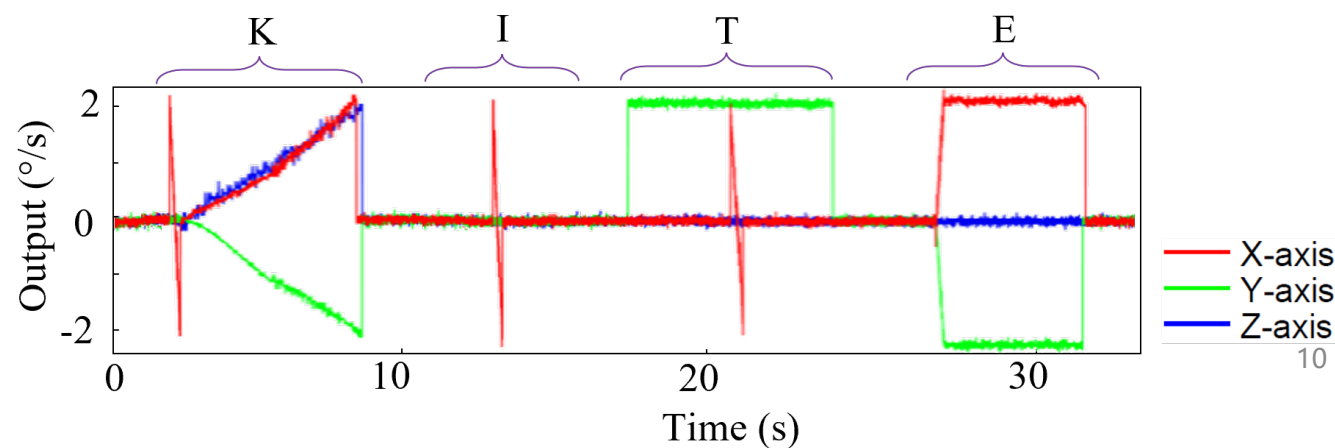
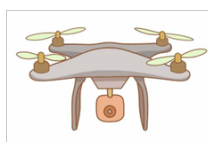
$Pitch$



$Roll$

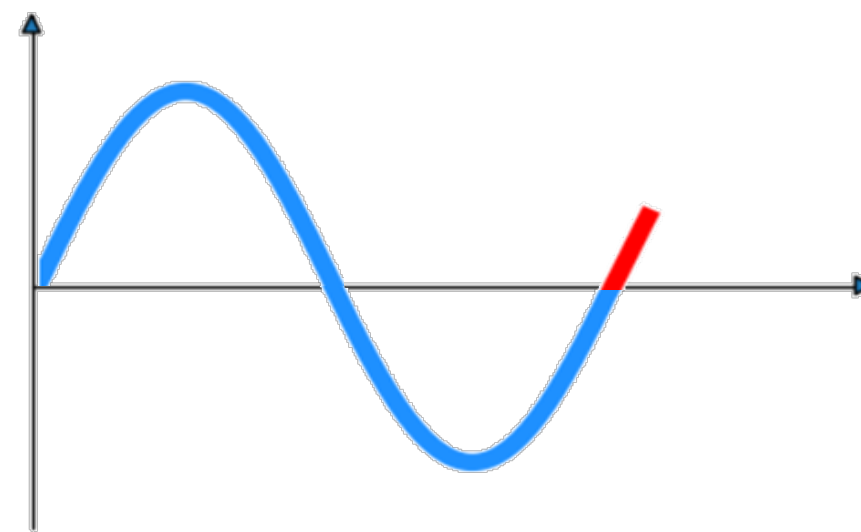


➤ Orientation control



3. How to eliminate the motion influence

➤ Phase fluctuation



original phase: 0 → new phase: $\frac{\pi}{8}$

3. How to eliminate the motion influence

➤ Coupling effect

$$x(t) = \frac{2mA_d\Omega}{\omega_n c^2} \cos(\omega_n t) - a_r F_x \cos(\omega_r t + \varphi_r) + 2ma_r^2 F_y \Omega \omega_r \cos(\omega_n t + \varphi_r)$$

↓ True Motion ↓ False Injection ↓ Noises caused by The coupling effect

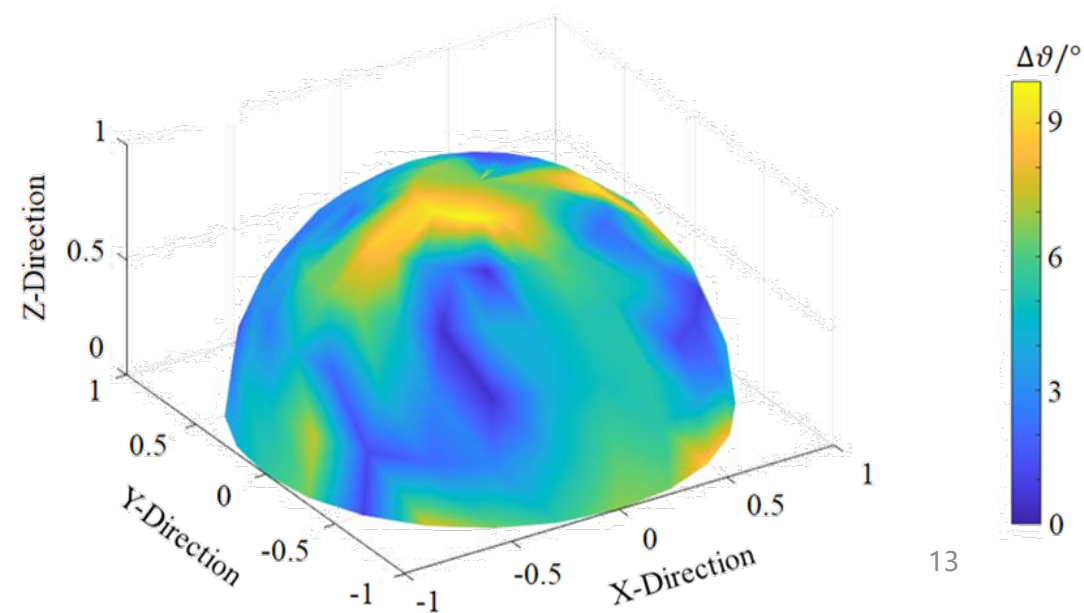
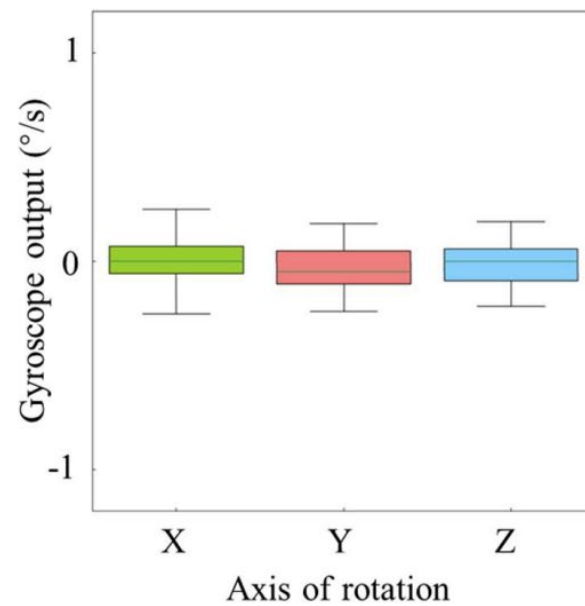
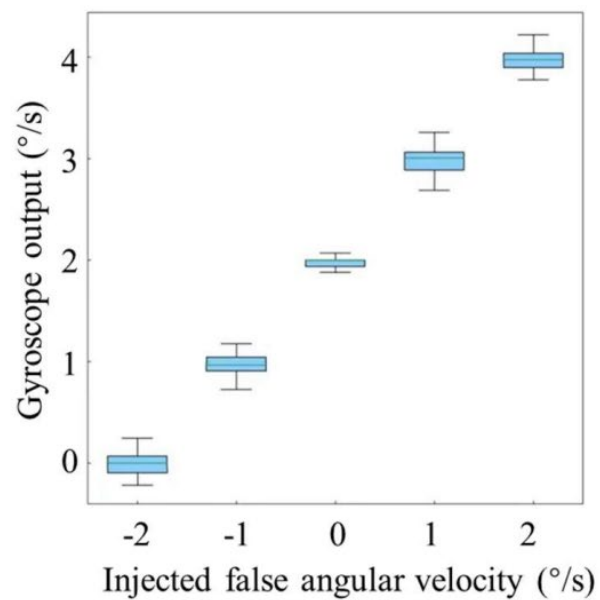
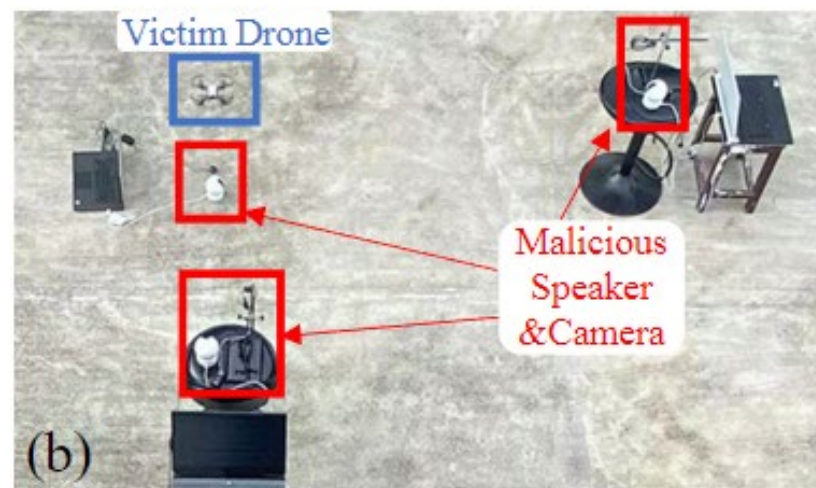
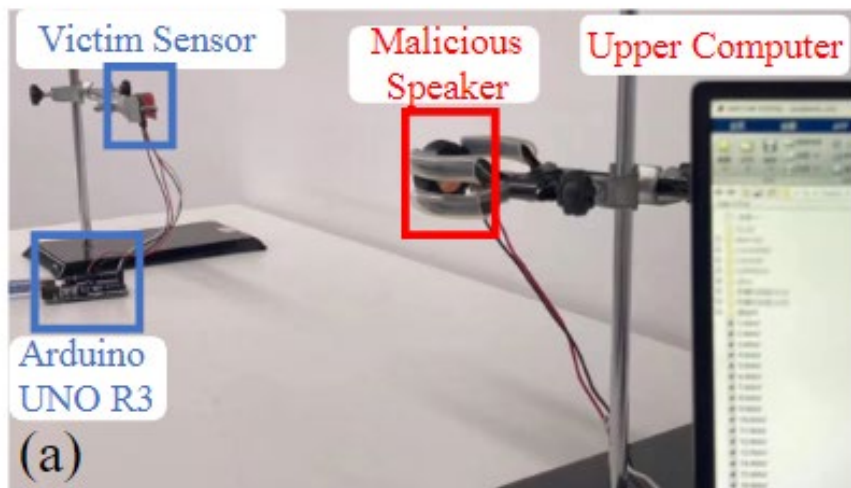


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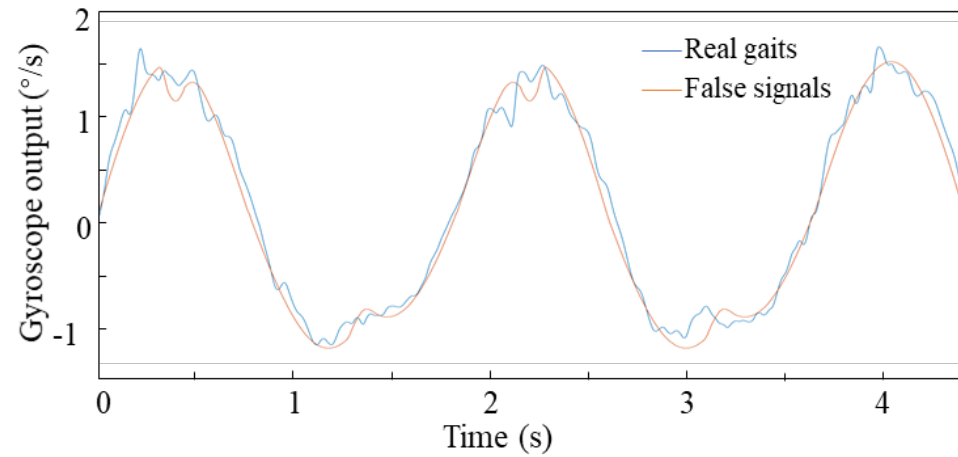
Drone

Evaluation

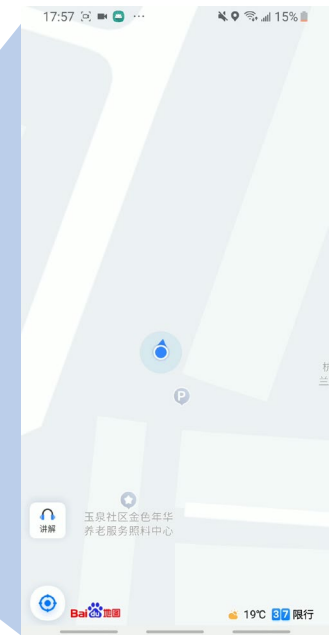
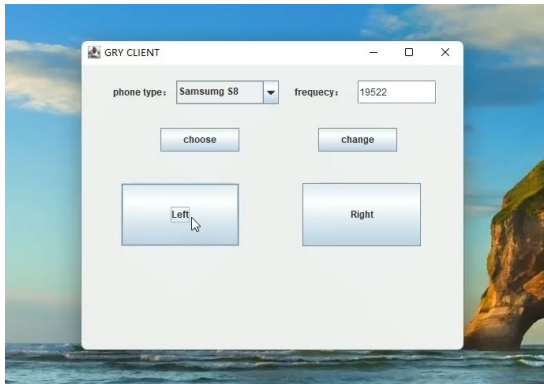


End-to-end Attack Cases: on smartphones

➤ Step count (pedometer)



➤ Navigation service

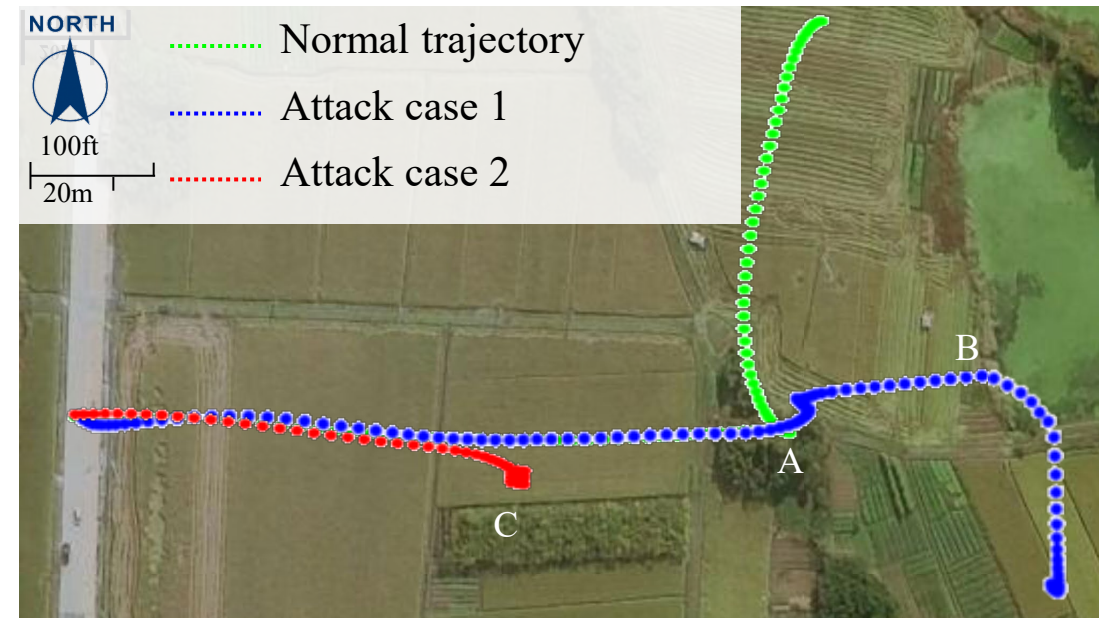


End-to-end Attack Cases: on drone

➤ Target device



➤ Attack effect



Countermeasure

➤ Existing Approaches

- ❑ Dampening and Isolation
- ❑ Filtering
- ❑ Common-mode difference
- ❑ Redundancy



➤ Our suggestion

- ❑ We design a method that alters sampling rate and reduces its side effect of the accuracy loss.

$$SNR = -20\log_{10}(\omega \times rms(t_a))$$
$$t_a[i] = \alpha_m, (m = i \bmod C, i \in N)$$

- We propose a new acoustic modulation-based attacking method to exploit the practical potential threat of a realistic attacker covering most of possible attack scenarios.
- We expand the attack surface into MDOF systems and suppress the motion influence.
- We accomplish control over COTS in an automatic manner using the designed PCB proto-type.

Thanks for your listening!

Q&A