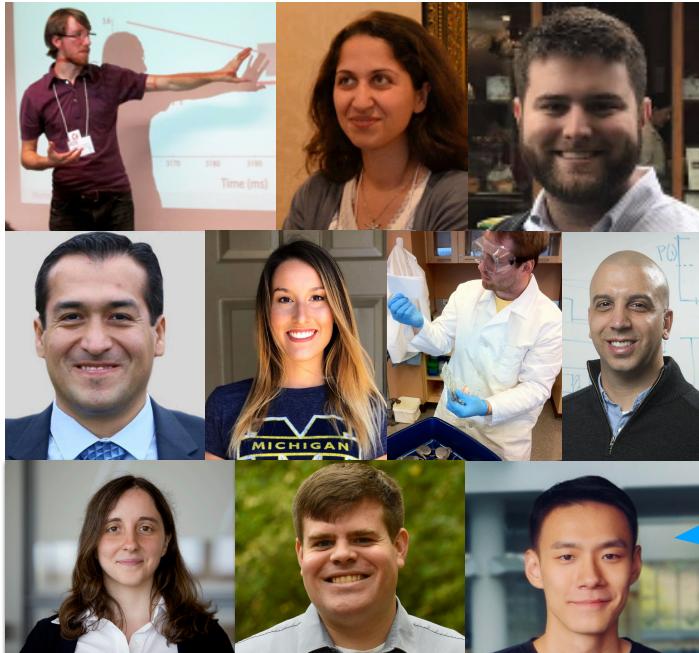


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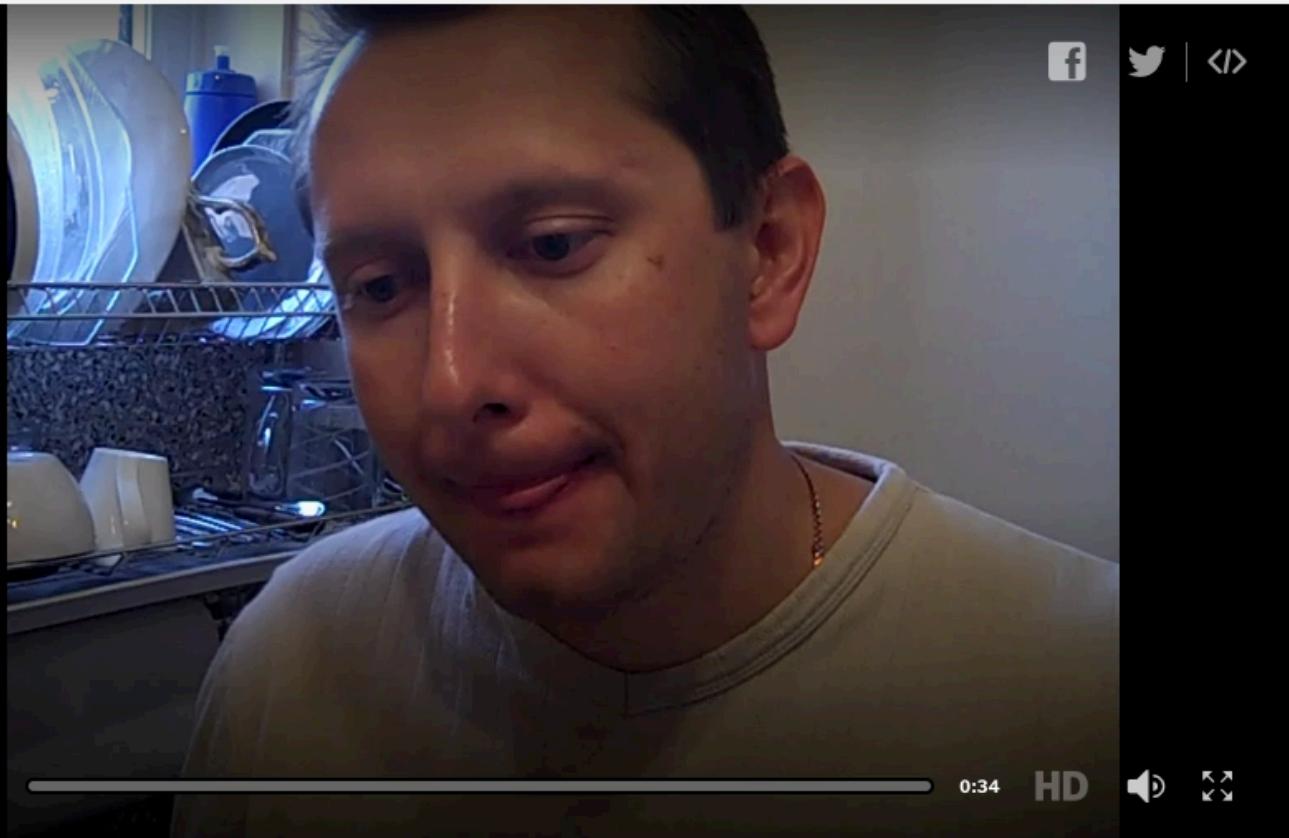
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Inside Risks

Risks of Trusting the Physics of Sensors

Protecting the Internet of Things with embedded security.



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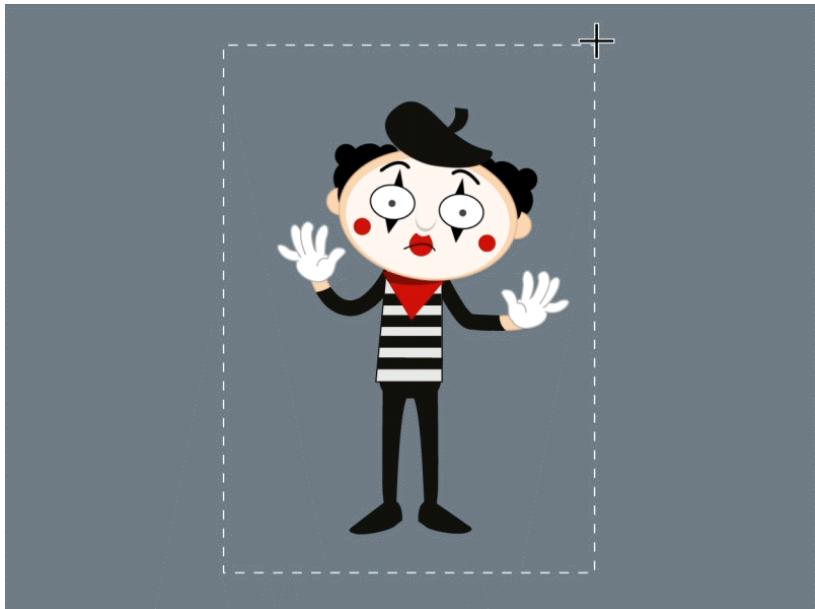
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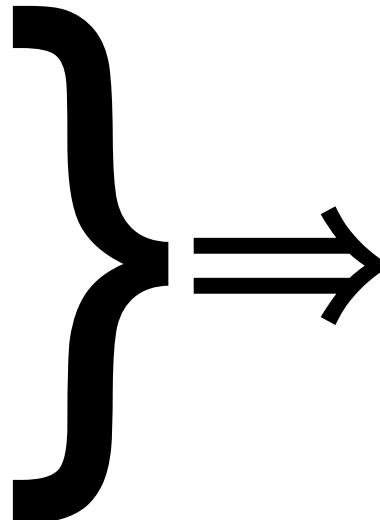
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Digital Abstraction != Force Field

intentional interference violates assumption of sensor output integrity



- Vibration
- Acoustics
- RF
- Light
- Heat

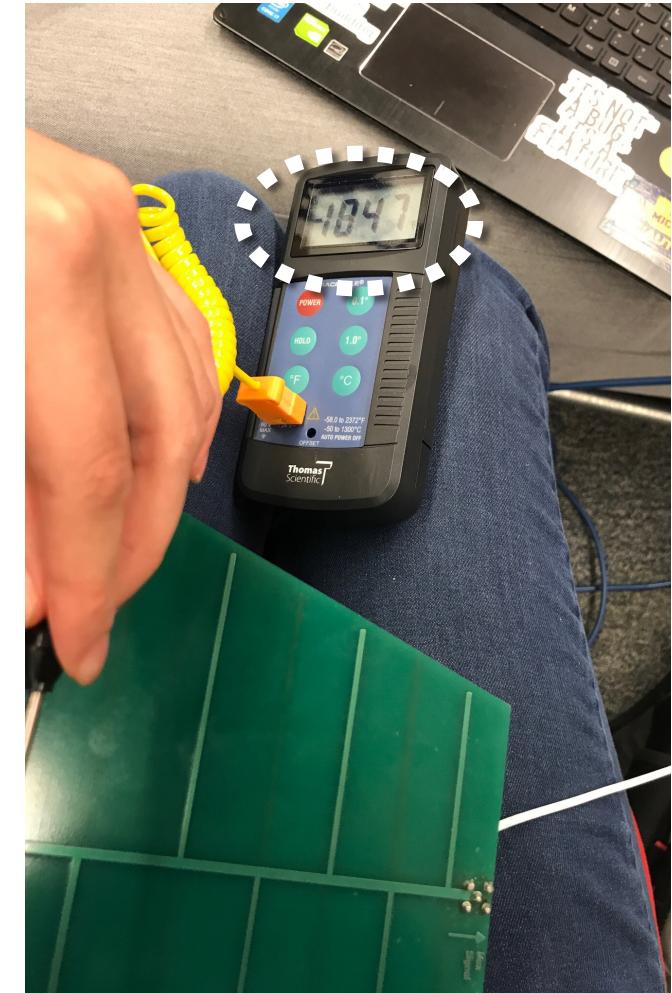


Analog
Sensor
Spoofing

Do Not Blindly Trust Sensors

Sensors are a proxy for reality

- Thermocouple interpolates from a voltage potential
- Not necessarily temperature



Absolute Zero Day Attack

Sensors are a proxy for reality

→ Microphone measures
electromagnetic potential of
copper spool

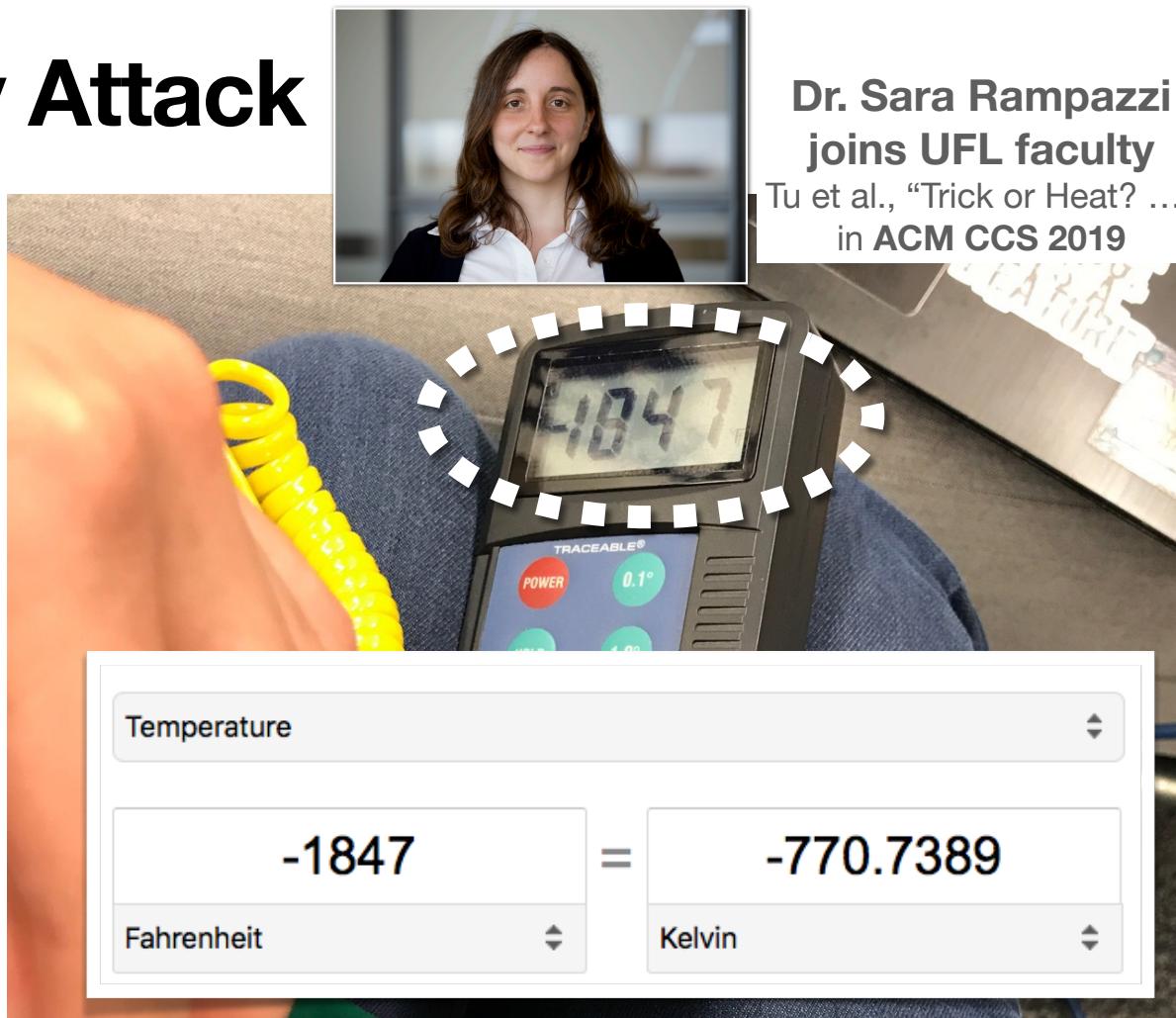
* Not necessarily sound

→ MEMS accelerometer measures
vibration of a tiny element

* Not necessarily sensor acceleration

→ Thermocouple interpolates from
a voltage potential

* Not necessarily temperature



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Tu et al., "Trick or Heat? ..."
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Where Do Thermocouples Matter?

The New York Times

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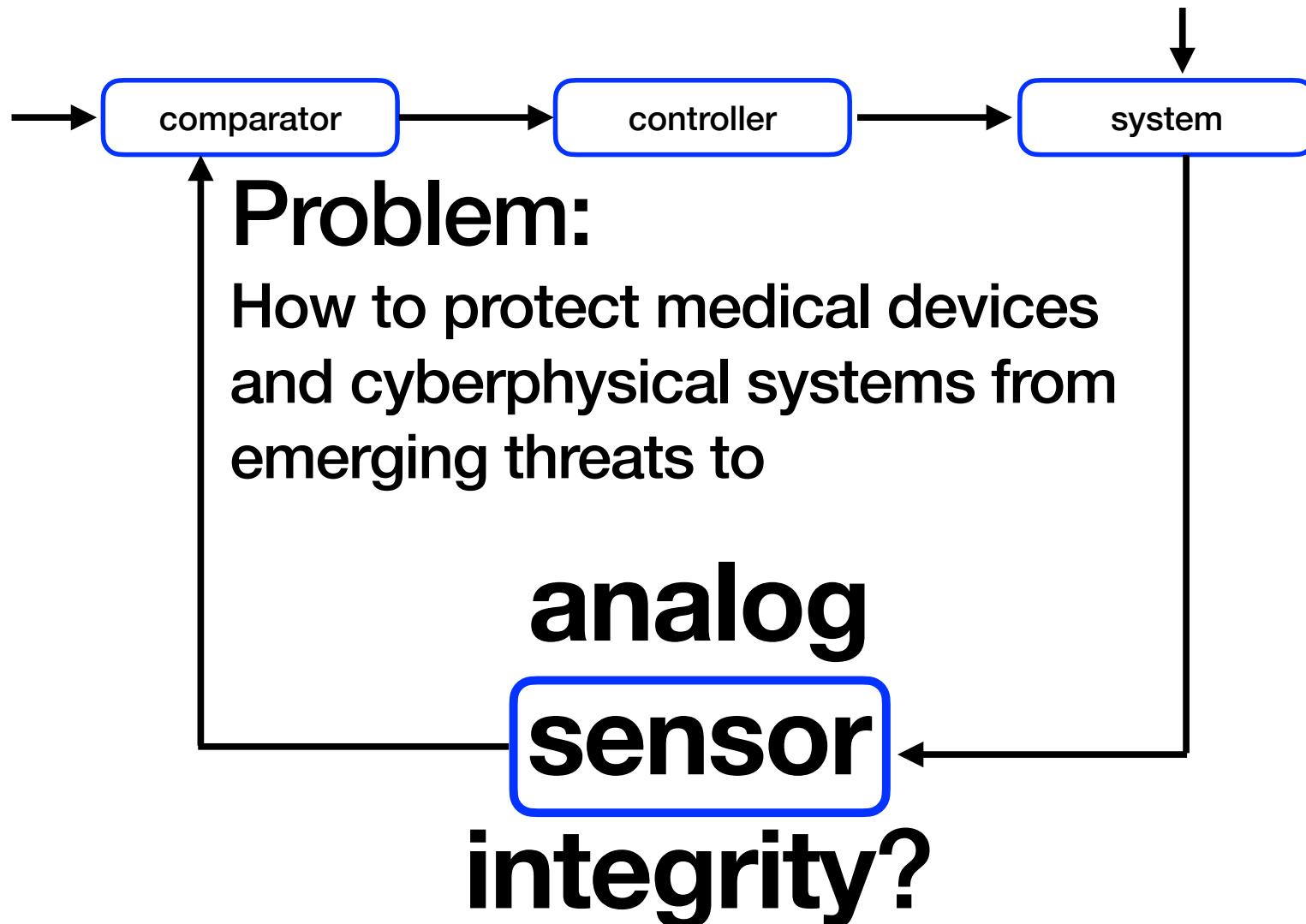
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At Risk: Closed-Loop Feedback Systems

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Outline: Protecting Sensor Integrity

Today: taste of sensor security research across three modalities:

- Defending against **radio-based attacks** on sensors
- Defending against **sound-based attacks** on sensors
- Defending against **light-based attacks** on sensors

Intentional Electromagnetic Interference (Or Don't Trust Your Sensors)



**"Ghost Talk: Mitigating EMI Signal Injection Attacks against Analog Sensors" by Foo Kune et al.
In Proc. IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, 2013.**

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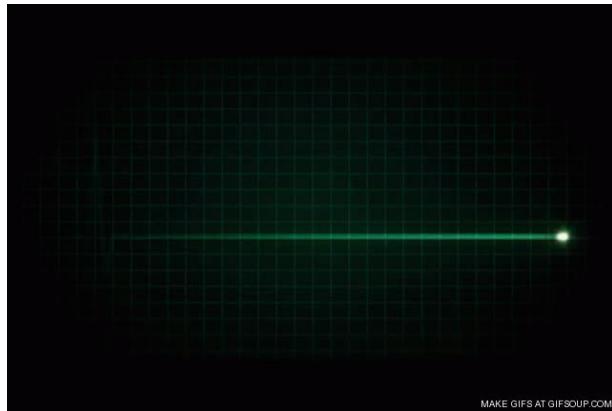
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Which one is the real cardiac signal?

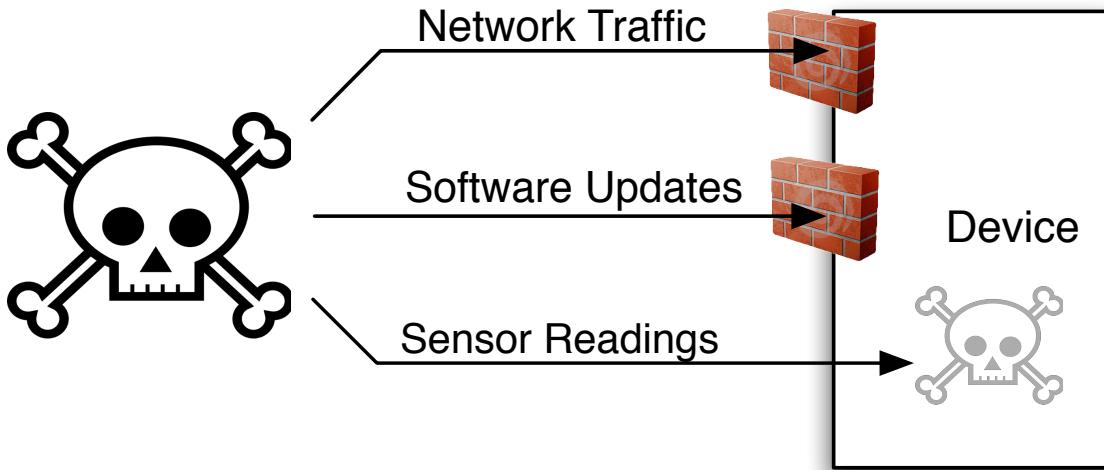
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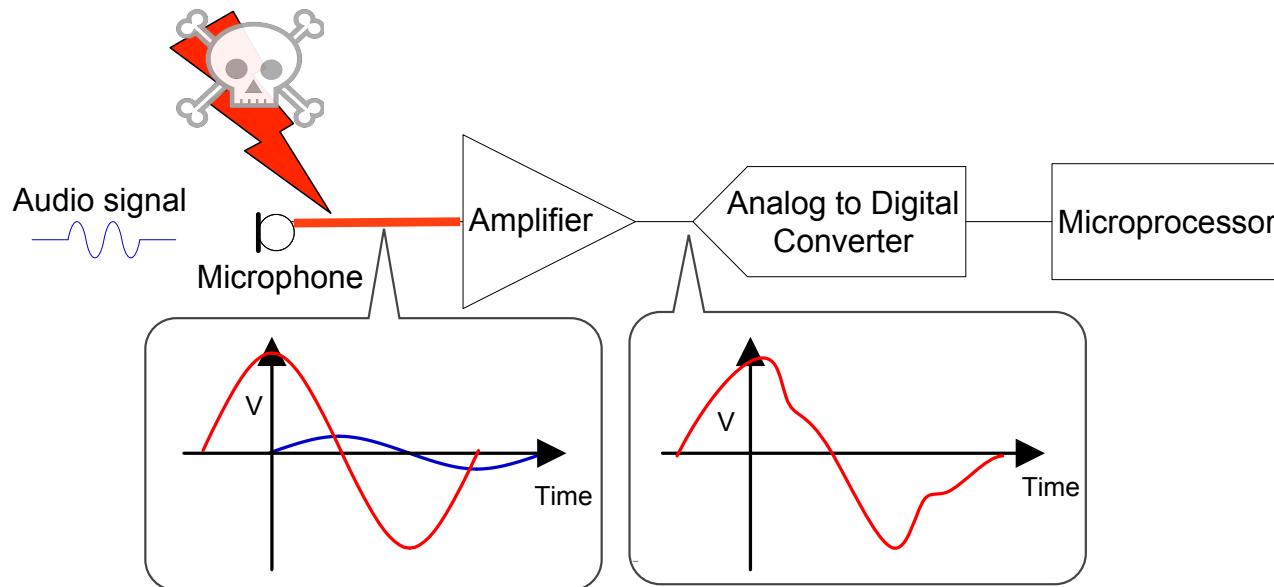
Inputs may not be trustworthy



[“Ghost Talk” by Foo Kune et al., IEEE S&P 2013]

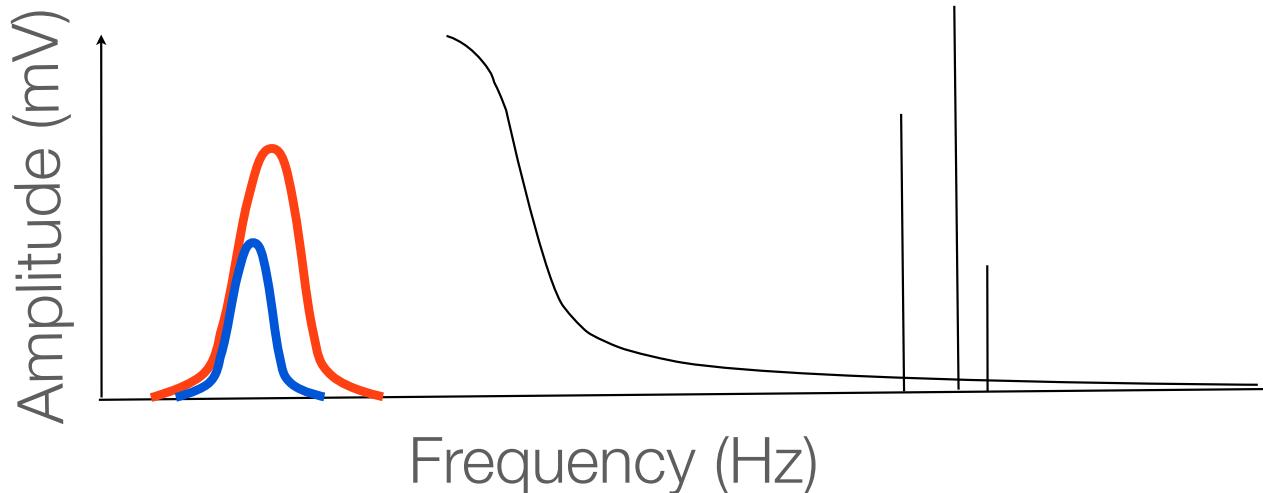
Ghost Talk: Intentional interference

- Conducting traces can couple to EMI (back-door).
- Sensitive analog sensors can be affected.

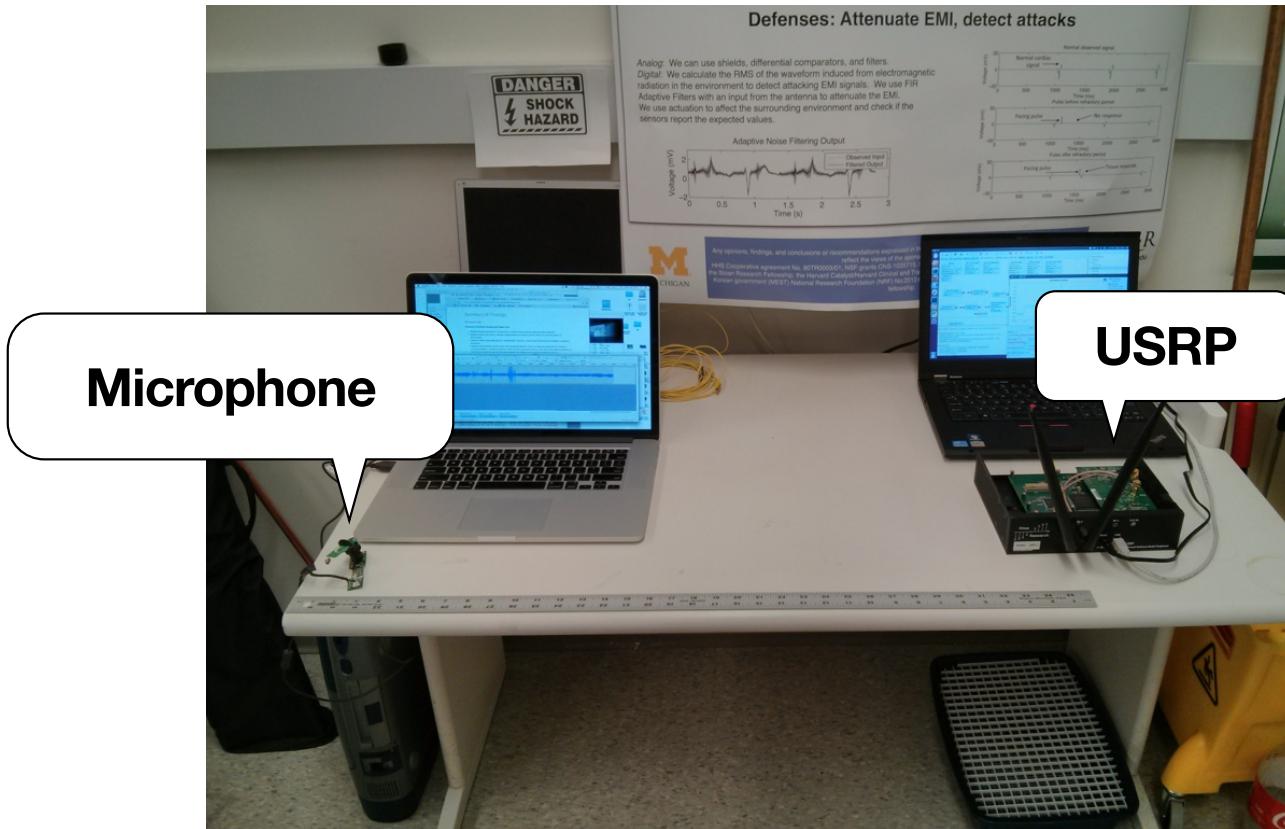


Fundamental Problem: Baseband

- Baseband: frequency range of desired signals.
- Interference outside the baseband is easy to filter.
- Interference in the baseband is hard to remove.

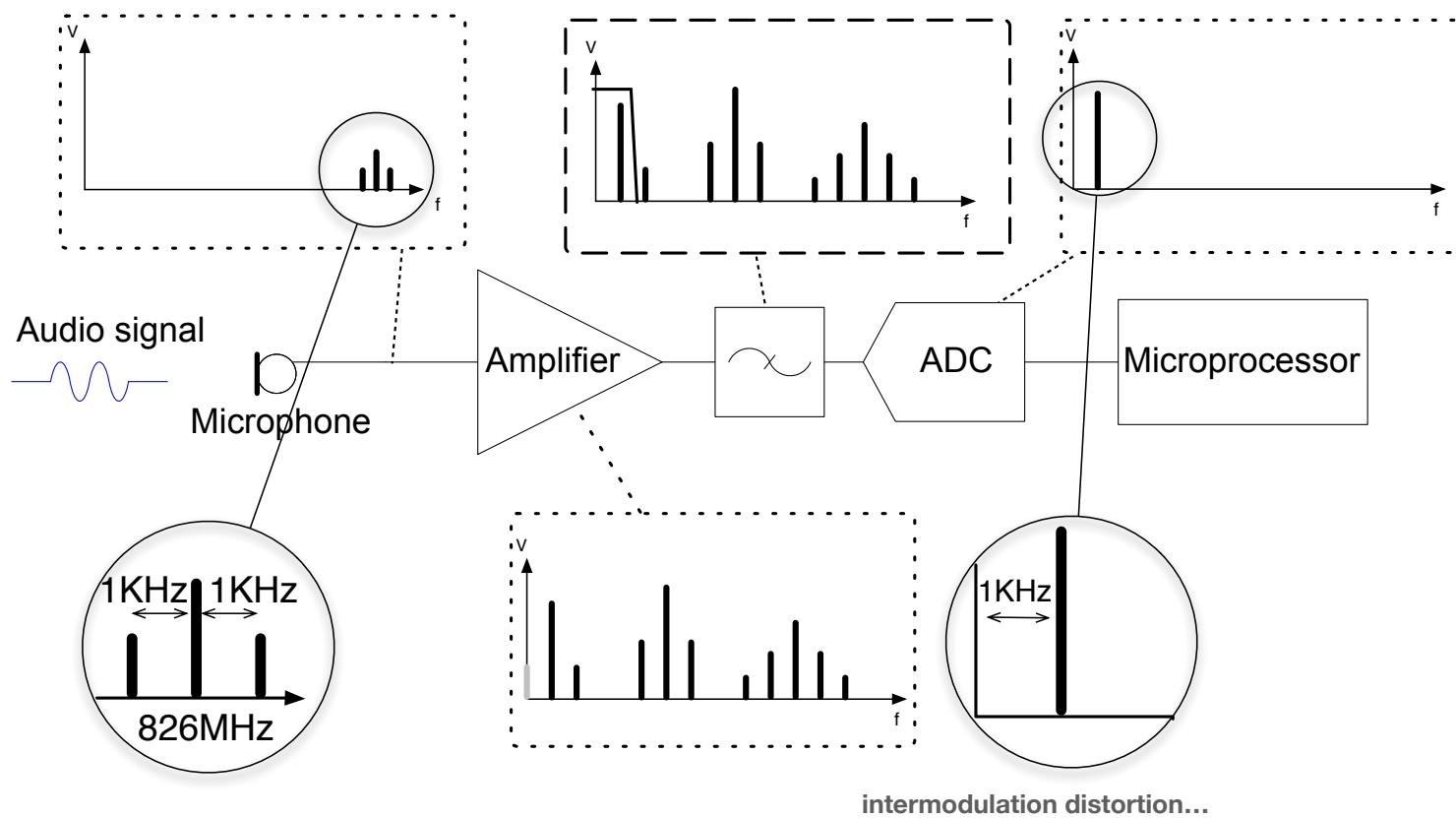


Microphone Interference with RF



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Non-Linearity: Self Demodulation



Intentional EMI on cardiac devices

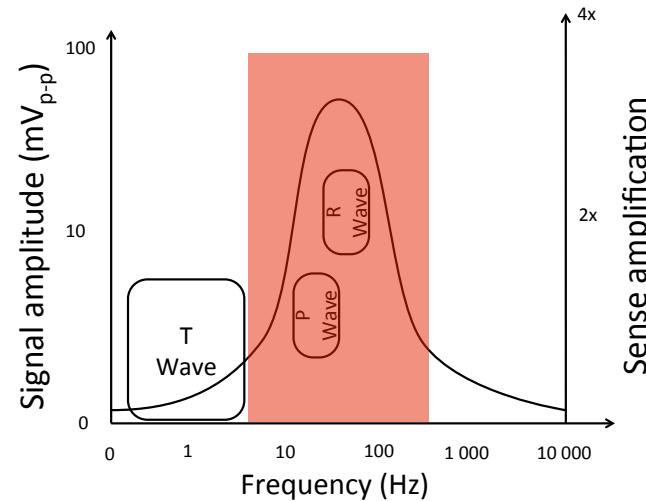
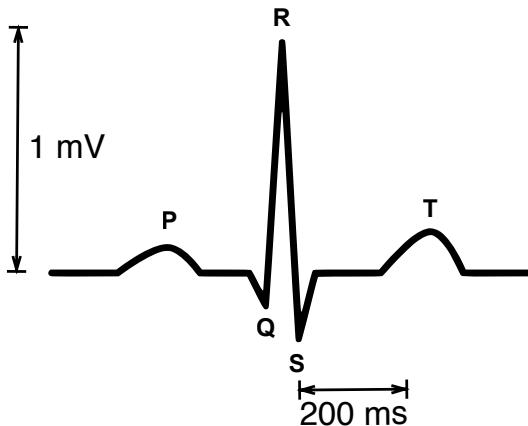
- Pacemakers, defibrillators
- Electrocardiogram machines



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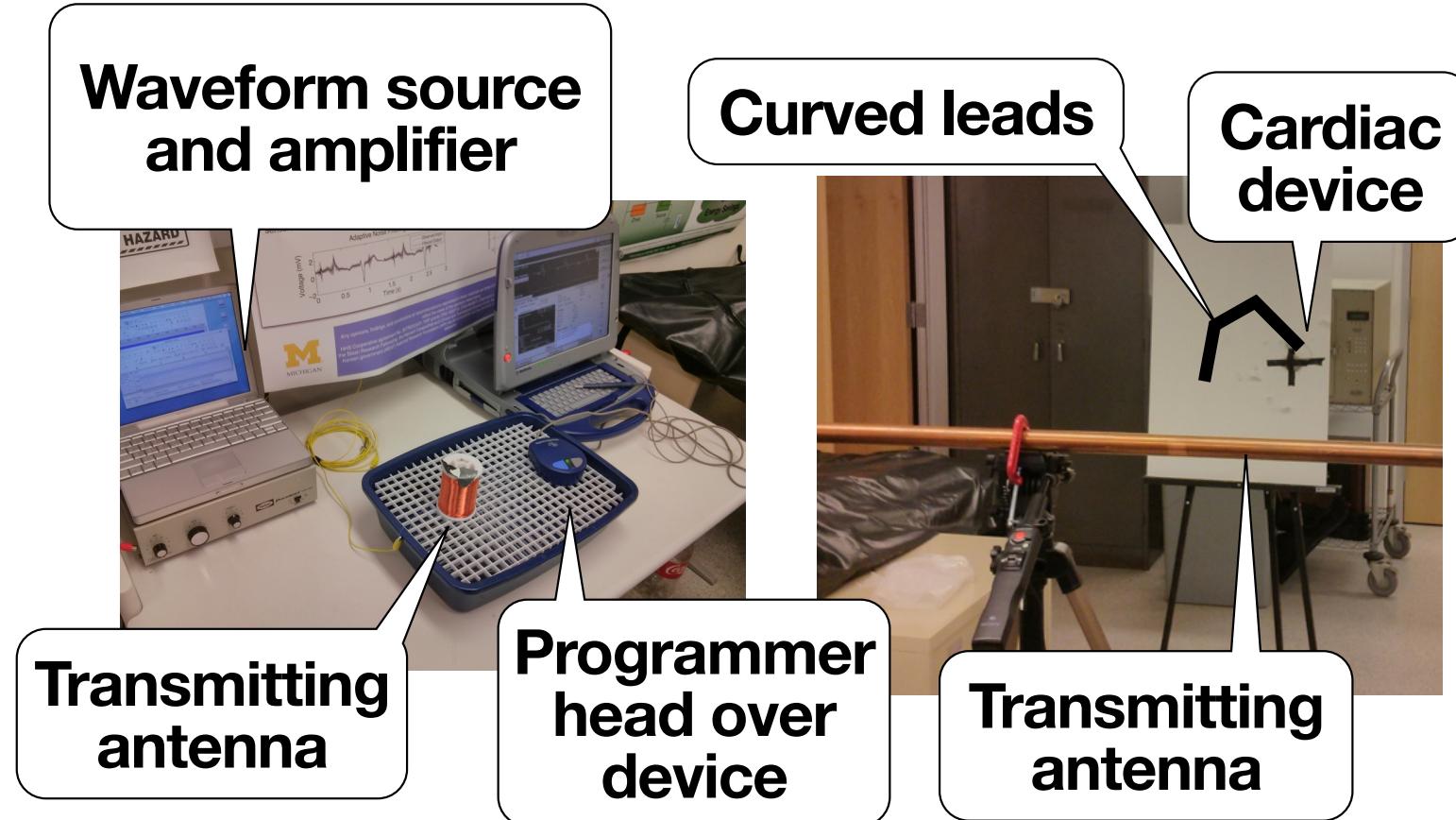
Cardiac devices vulnerable to baseband EMI

- Filter high frequency
 - 800MHz and GHz range: attenuation of up to 40dB
- Can't filter baseband



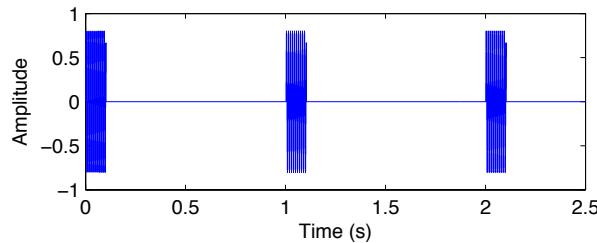
Cohan et al, 2008

Experiment: Implants & Emitters

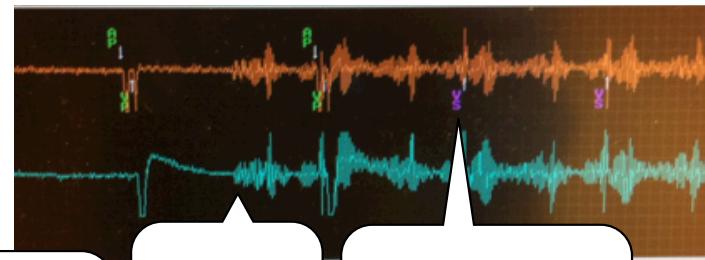
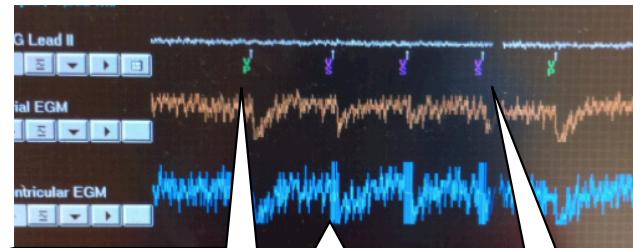
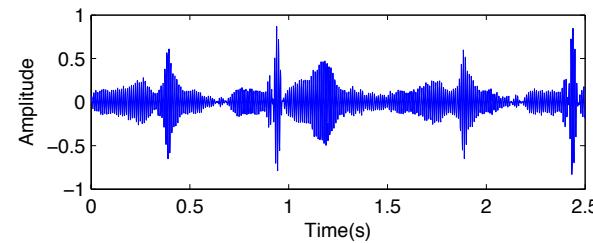


Results: Waveforms & Responses

Pulsed sinusoid



Modulated heart beat



Ventricular
pace

Signal
onset

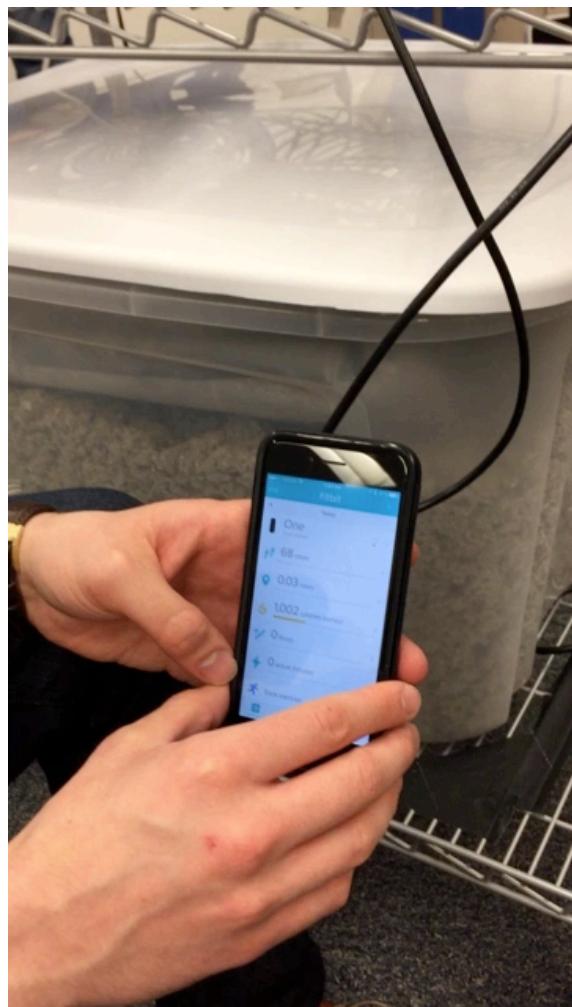
Ventricular
sense

Signal
onset

Ventricular
sense

Good News: Distance

Device	Open air pacing	Open air Defib	Saline tips only	SynDaver
Medtronic Adapta	1.40m	NA	3cm	Untested
Medtronic InSync Sentry	1.57m	1.67m	5cm	8cm
Boston Scientific Cognis	1.34m	No defib	Untested	Untested
St. Jude Promote	0.68m	No defib	Untested	Untested



Sound and MEMS Sensor Security

The New York Times  Follow 

It's possible to hack a phone with sound waves, researchers show. "You can think of it as a musical virus." nyti.ms/2nzCGJy

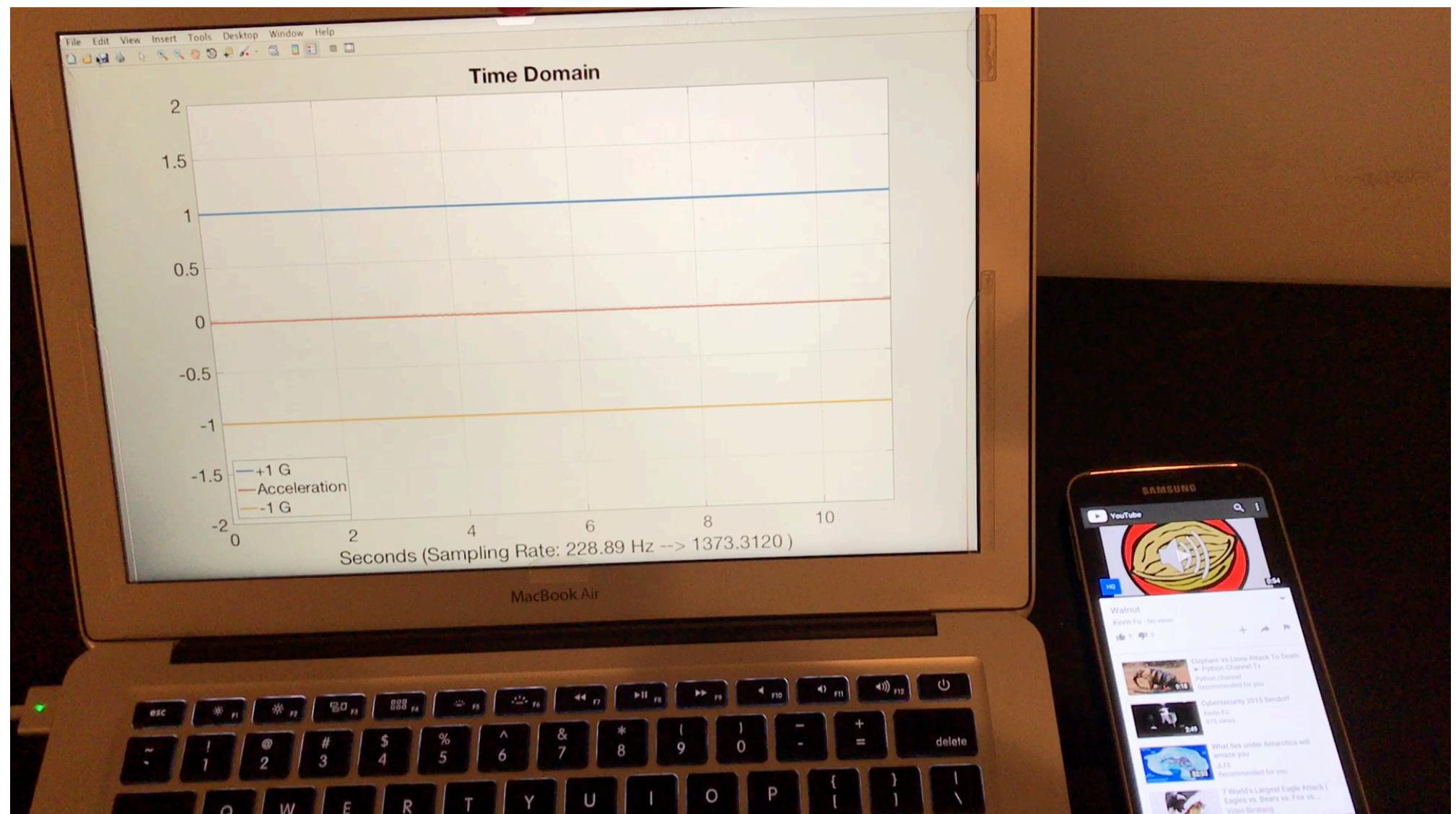


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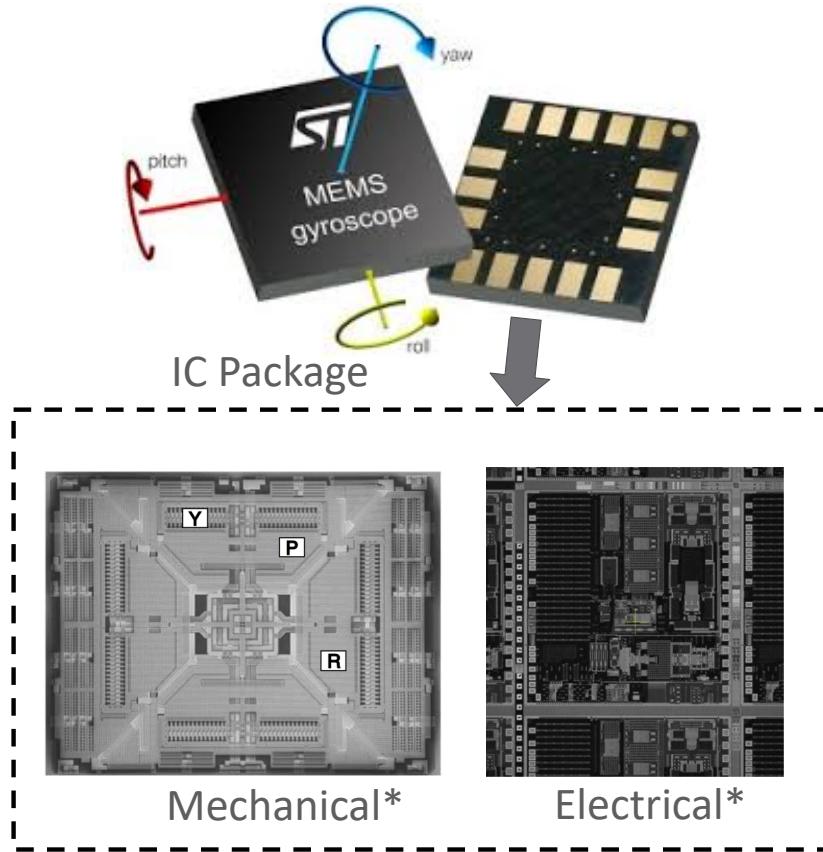
MEMS Sensors

- Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems

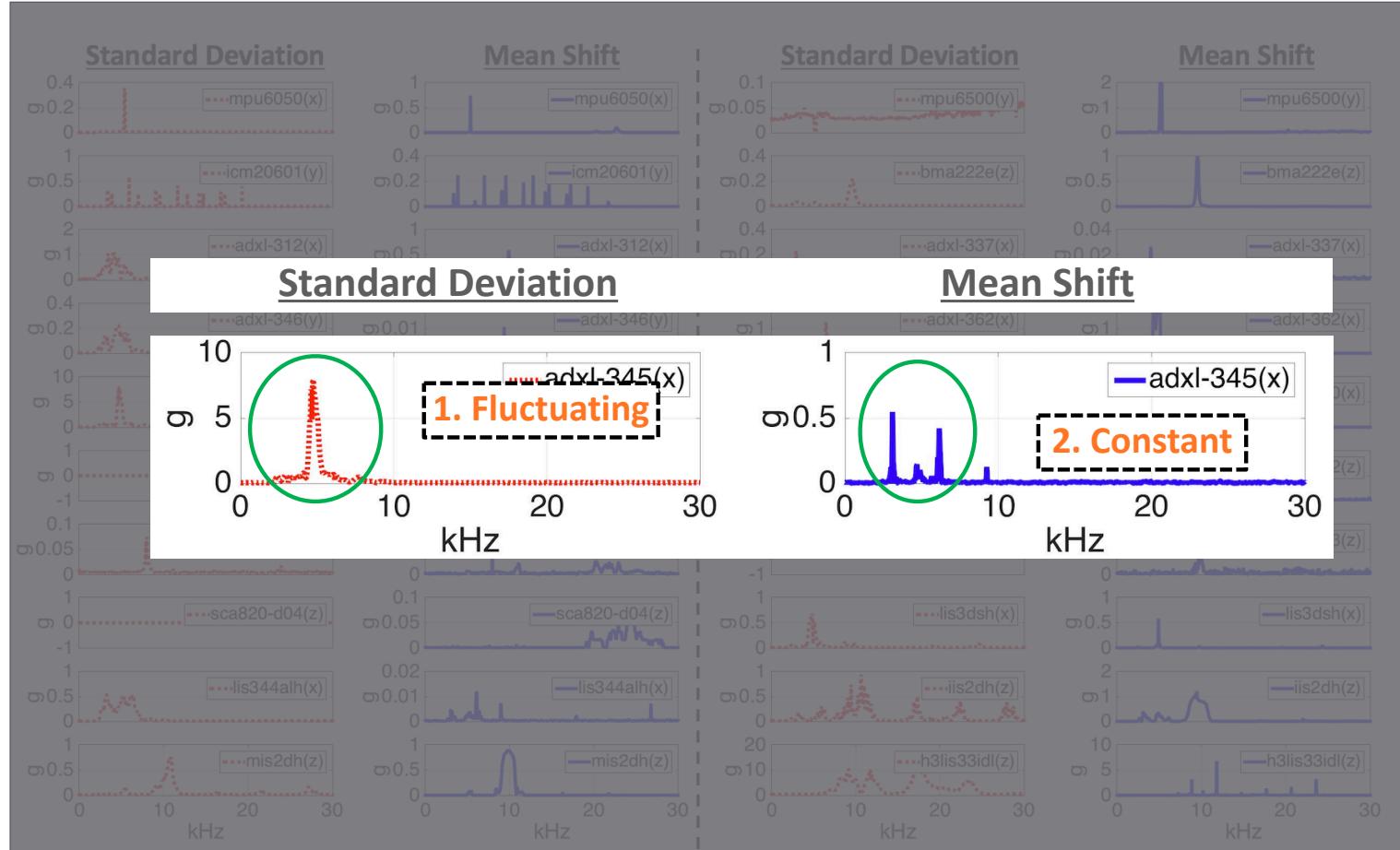
- Accelerometers
- Gyroscopes
- Clocks

- Advantages

- Low cost
- Low power
some < 1 mA
- Small integrated circuit



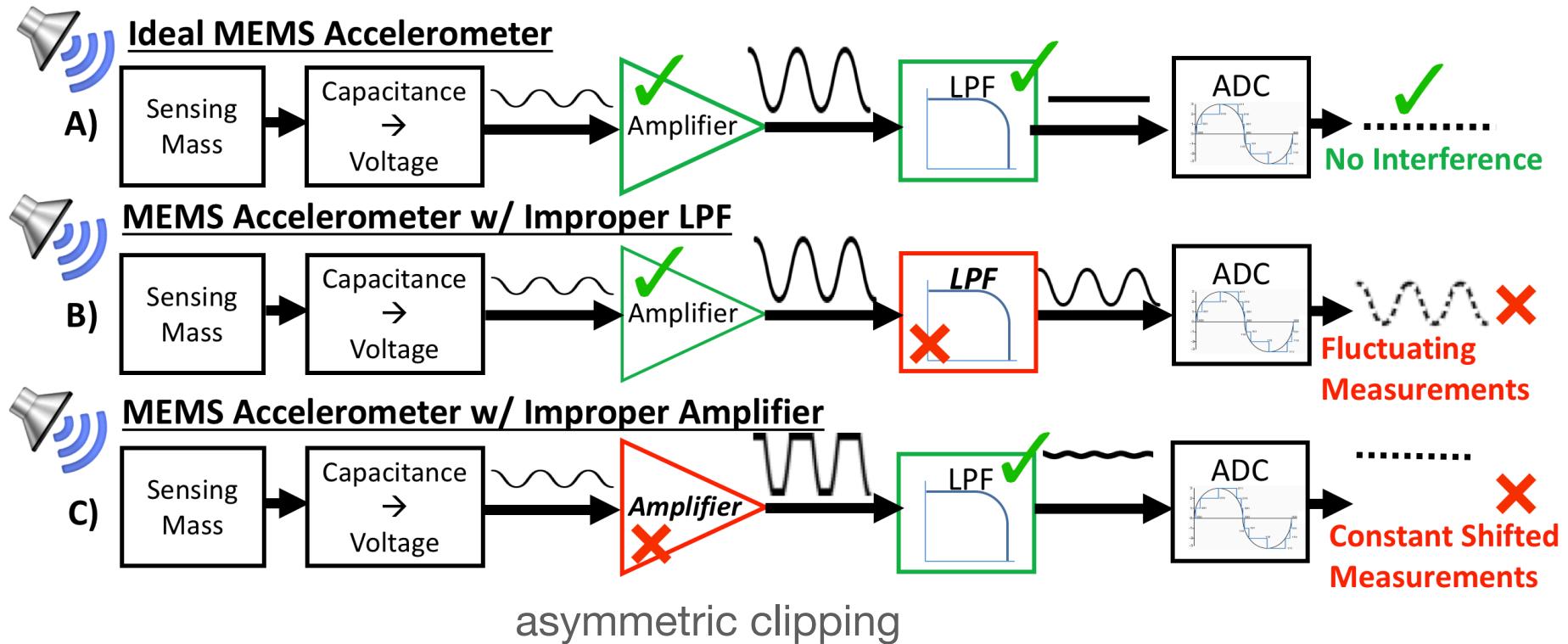
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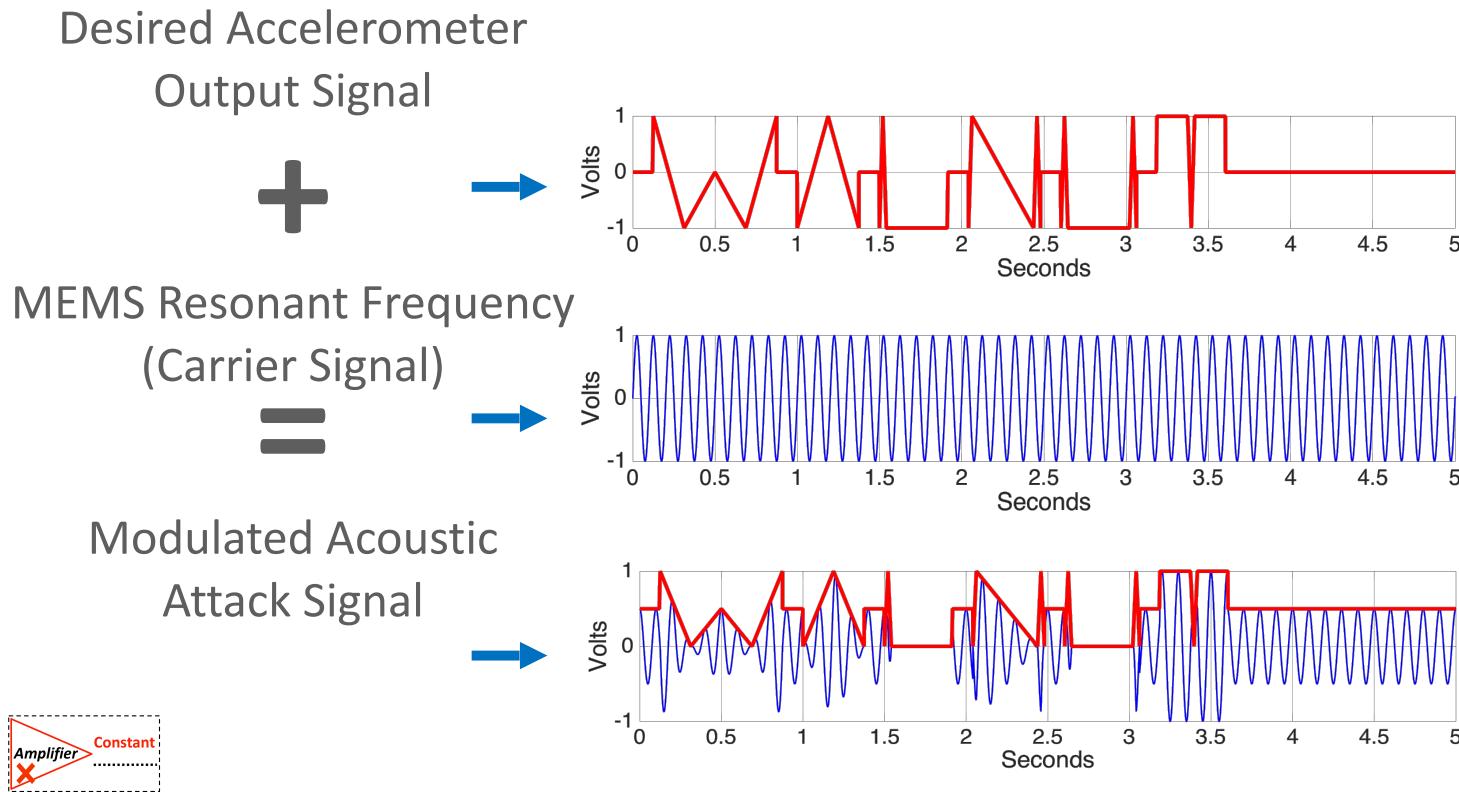
Signal Distortion

Two types of spoofed acceleration

- Fluctuating accelerometer output
- Constant accelerometer output



Output Control Modulation



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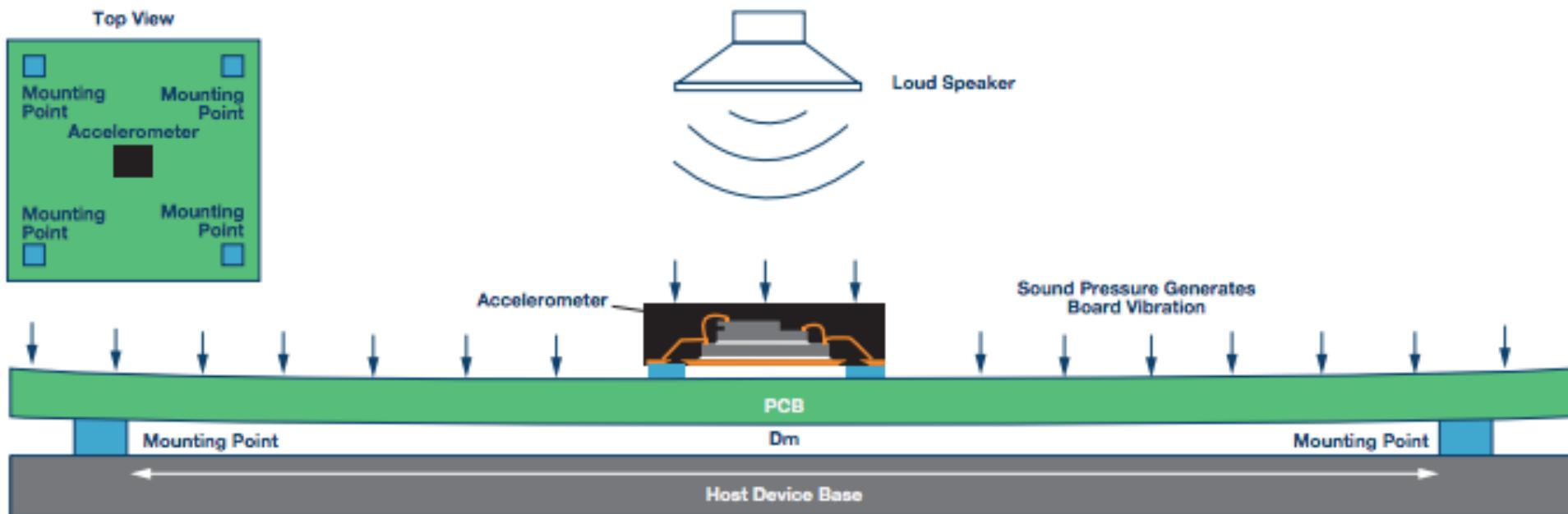


Figure 1. MEMS accelerometer board and mounting with acoustic vibration from off-board speaker.

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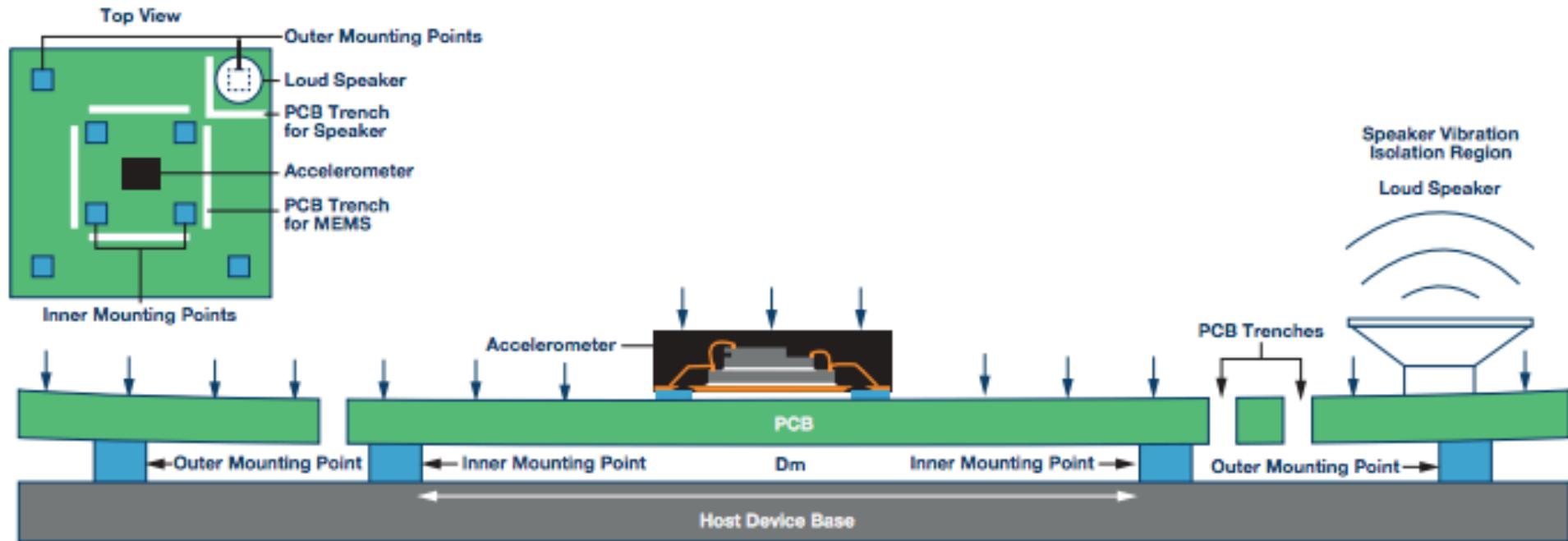


Figure 2. MEMS accelerometer board and mounting with acoustic and mechanical vibration from on-board speaker.

ICS-CERT is also working with several of the cooperative vendors to identify a list of affected devices that contain vulnerable capacitive MEMS accelerometer sensors.

The following MEMS Accelerometer sensors may be affected:

- Bosch BMA222E,
- STMicroelectronics MIS2DH,
- STMicroelectronics IIS2DH,
- STMicroelectronics LIS3DSH,
- STMicroelectronics LIS344ALH,
- STMicroelectronics H3LIS331DL,
- InvenSense MPU6050,
- InvenSense MPU6500,
- InvenSense ICM20601,
- Analog Devices ADXL312,
- Analog Devices ADXL337,
- Analog Devices ADXL345,
- Analog Devices ADXL346,
- Analog Devices ADXL350,
- Analog Devices ADXL362,
- Murata SCA610,
- Murata SCA820,
- Murata SCA1000,
- Murata SCA2100, and
- Murata SCA3100.



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The following derivations based on a single periodic sound frequency can be used to relate the board deflection to acceleration level.

The board harmonic deflection can be defined as:

$$\text{deflection} = d_{bd} \times \sin(\omega \times t) \quad (1)$$

where d_{bd} is the amplitude of the board deflection under the sound pressure and ω is the frequency of the sound.

The acceleration produced by the harmonic deflection is:

$$\text{acceleration} = d_{bd} \times \omega^2 \times \sin(\omega \times t) \quad (2)$$

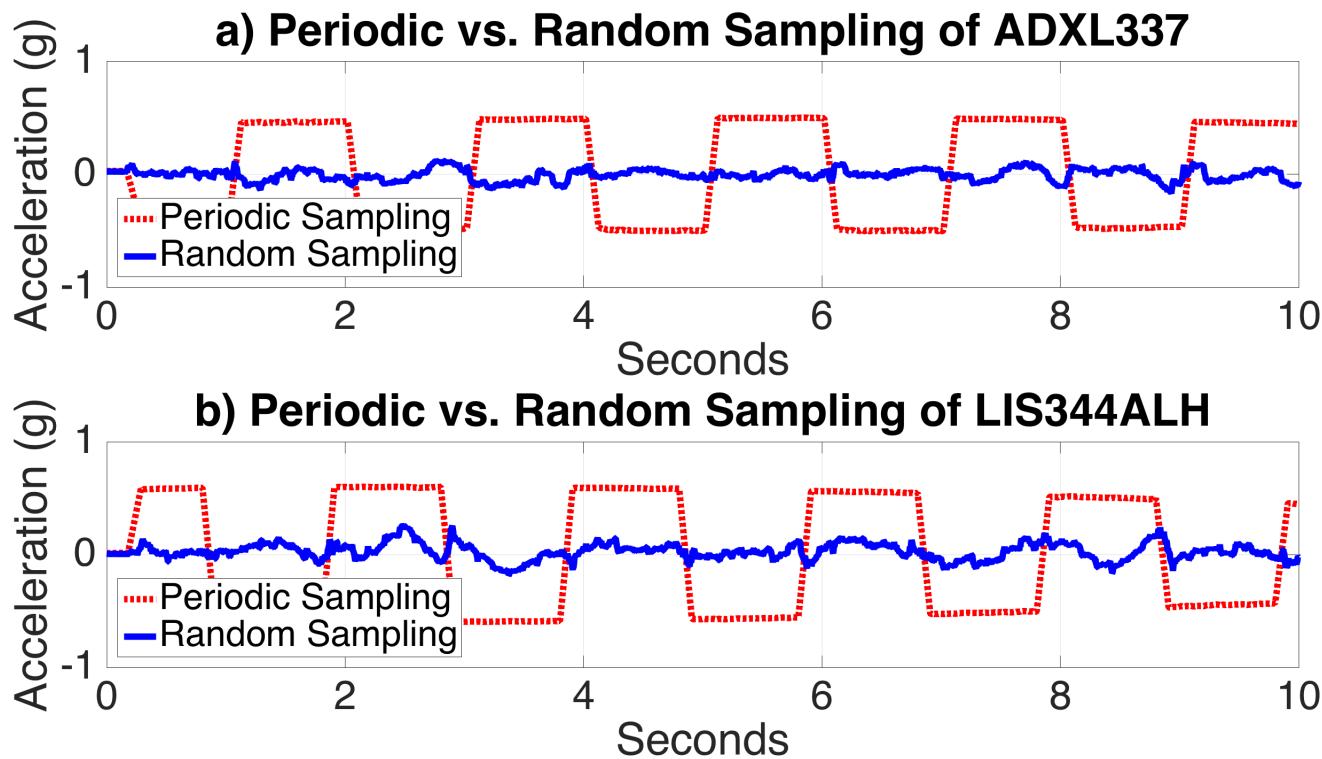
In the case where the sound frequency matches the board resonant frequency, the deflection will be amplified by the quality factor (Q_{bd}) of the board and Equation 2 will be modified as:

$$\text{acceleration at board resonance} = Q_{bd} \times d_{bd} \times \omega^2 \times \sin(\omega \times t) \quad (3)$$

By inspecting Equation 3, one can find the following methods to mitigate the board acceleration effect. These methods have been either implemented in Analog Devices' accelerometer products or advised to the customers for system design considerations, whichever is applicable.

Randomized Sampling

- Destroy predictability of sampling regime
- Randomize delay at each sampling interval



Lasers & Sensor Security



The New York Times @nytimes · Nov 5, 2019

"This is so basic." Researchers say they have found a way to take over voice-controlled digital assistants like Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa — and all it took was a cleverly pointed light.

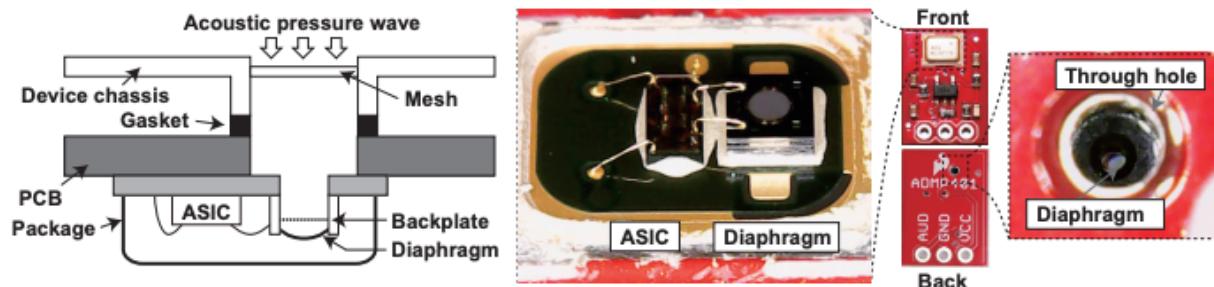


NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt @NBCNig... · Nov 4, 2019

The smart speaker in your home may not be as secure as you think.

Researchers discovered that Amazon's Alexa, Apple's Siri and Google Home can be hacked by laser pointers and flashlights.

[@jolingkent](#) has the details.



Sugawara et al., Light Commands: Laser-Based Audio Injection Attacks on Voice-Controllable Systems, USENIX Security 2020



[“Light Commands” by Sugawara et al., USENIX Security 2020]



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So, you depend on sensors?



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Creating Trustworthy Sensors

 Demystify analog sensor attack surface

👉 Test to security **FAILURE**, not test to `_(ツ)_/``

👉 Unwrap abstractions of electrical engineering,
mechanical engineering, materials science

 Ad-hoc security \Rightarrow measurable science

👉 Physically de-risk **intentional interference** with more deliberate HW specs & design (e.g., resonance)

 Rethink ICs and hardware-software APIs

👉 Convey to SW stack **WHY** trust sensor output

👉 HW should expose **HINTS** of trustworthiness

Analog Cybersecurity Risks

- Computers have always been vulnerable to analog cybersecurity threats
- What's changing?
 - Degree of connectedness and dependence
 - From human-in-the-loop to automated consequences
 - Increased risks to availability and integrity
- Maybe it's a not a good idea to put a computer in everything unless there's a good reason



Embedded Security References

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 - Tire pressure sensors: [Rouf et al., USENIX Sec '10], Infusion pumps [Park et al., USENIX WOOT '16], BADFET [Cui & Housley, USENIX WOOT '17]
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 - Light Commands [Sugawara et al., USENIX Security 2020]

Research Vision:

A world where science-based security is built-in by design to all embedded systems:

- medical devices
- healthcare delivery
- autonomous transportation
- manufacturing
- the Internet of Things (IoT)
- Why important now?
 - Consumers need confidence in security and privacy before they can trust innovative medical devices and other emerging technology

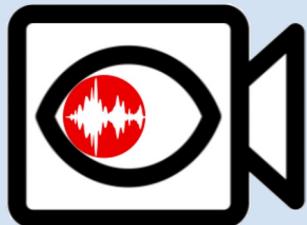
Conclusions

- ★ **Microprocessors should not blindly trust sensors**
- ✓ **Protect emerging devices with SW that leverages physics**
- ✓ **Focus on trustworthy systems, rather than just secure components**



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Side Eye: Characterizing the Limits of POV Acoustic Eavesdropping from Smartphone Cameras with Rolling Shutters and Movable Lenses



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Sound Vibrations

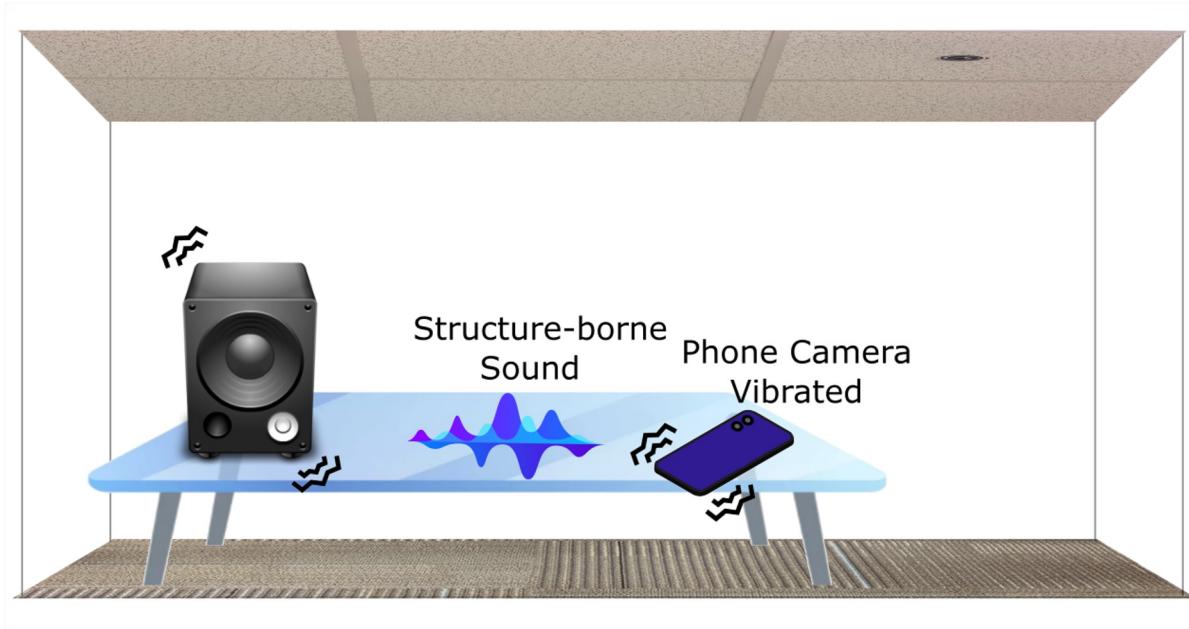
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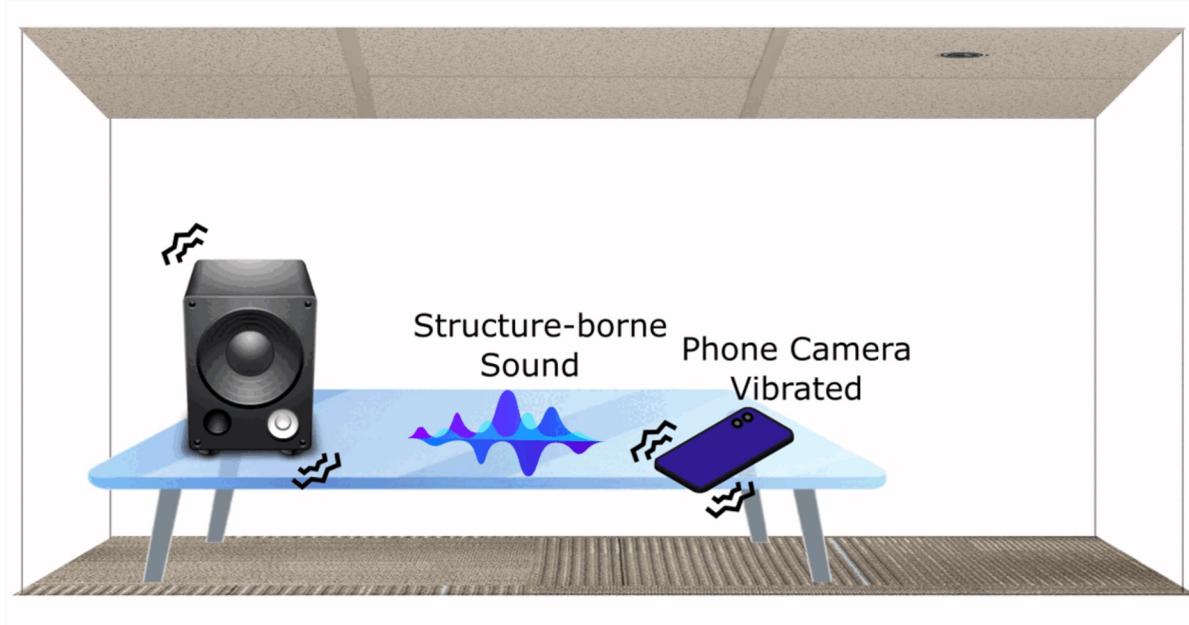
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Adversary:

- Eavesdrop on sound
- Camera access
- No microphone access

Overview

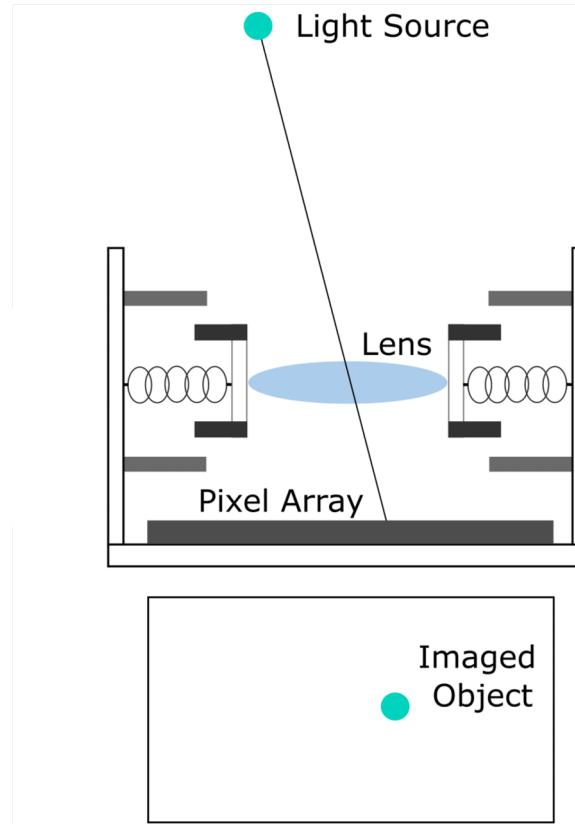


- Acoustic signals leak into muted videos
 - 2 Gender (99.67%)
 - 20 Speaker (91.28%)
 - 10 Spoken digits (80.66%)

Fundamental Principles

Camera POV Variations

Camera
Sensor



Image

$$f(\text{Sound}) = \text{Image}$$

$$g(\text{Image}) = \text{Sound}$$

Movable Lens

Camera
Sensor



Image



Lens not moving

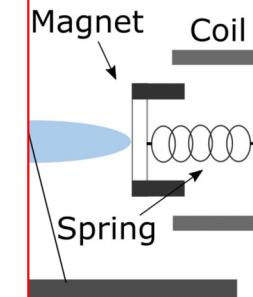
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Limited sample rate
posed by the video
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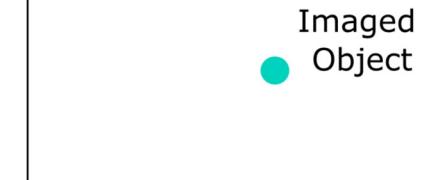
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Movable Lens (OIS/AF)

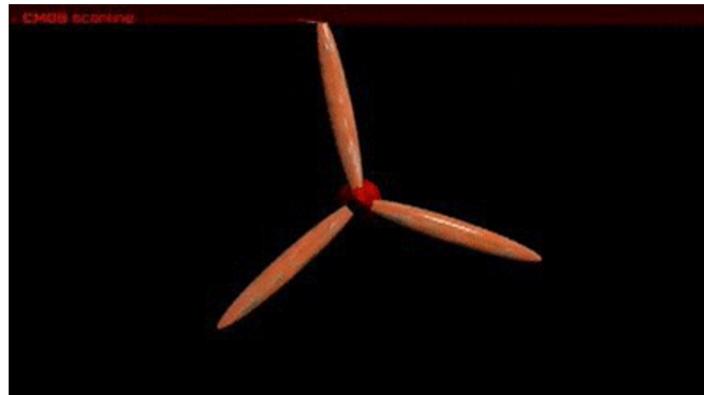
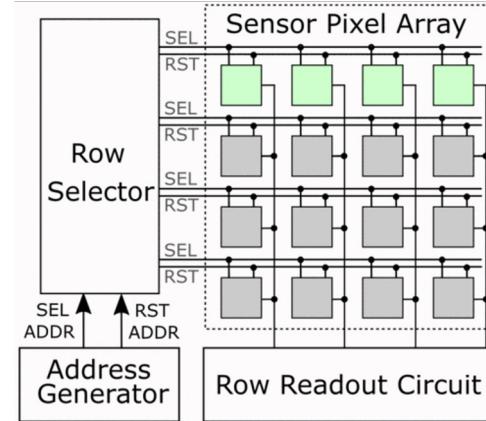
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Signal
Amplified



Rolling Shutter



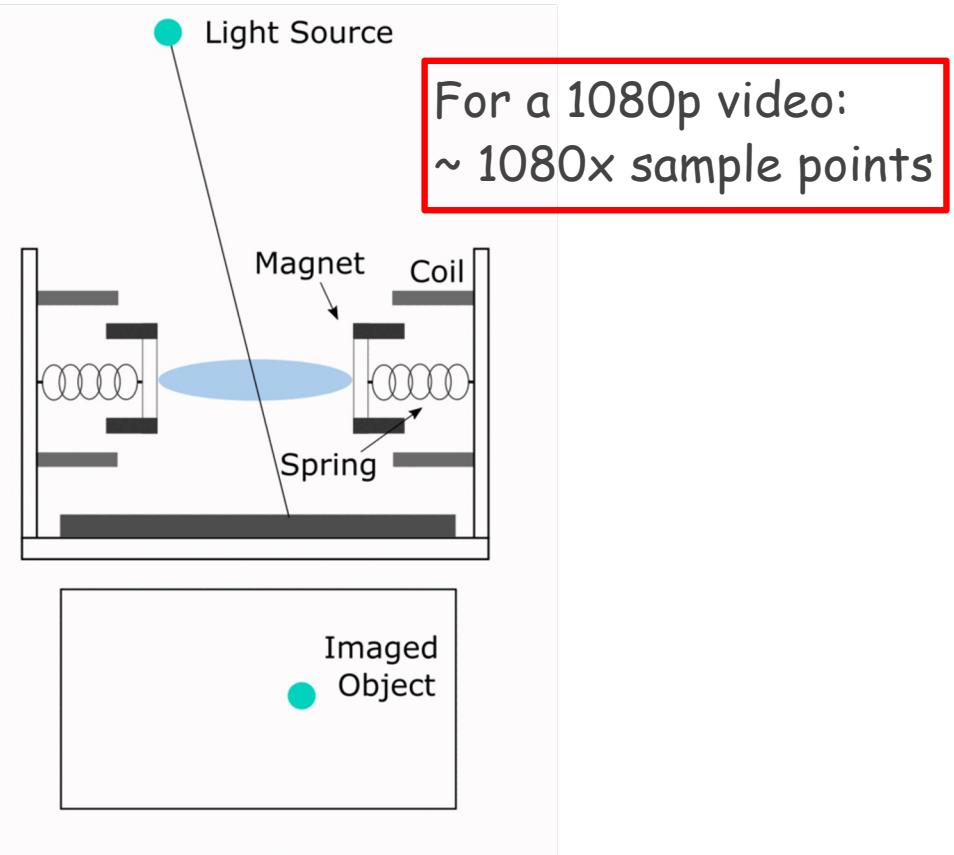
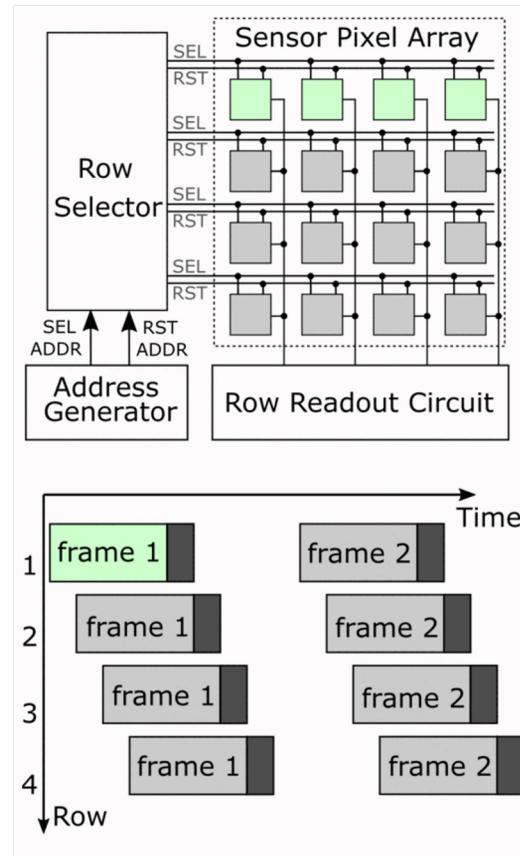
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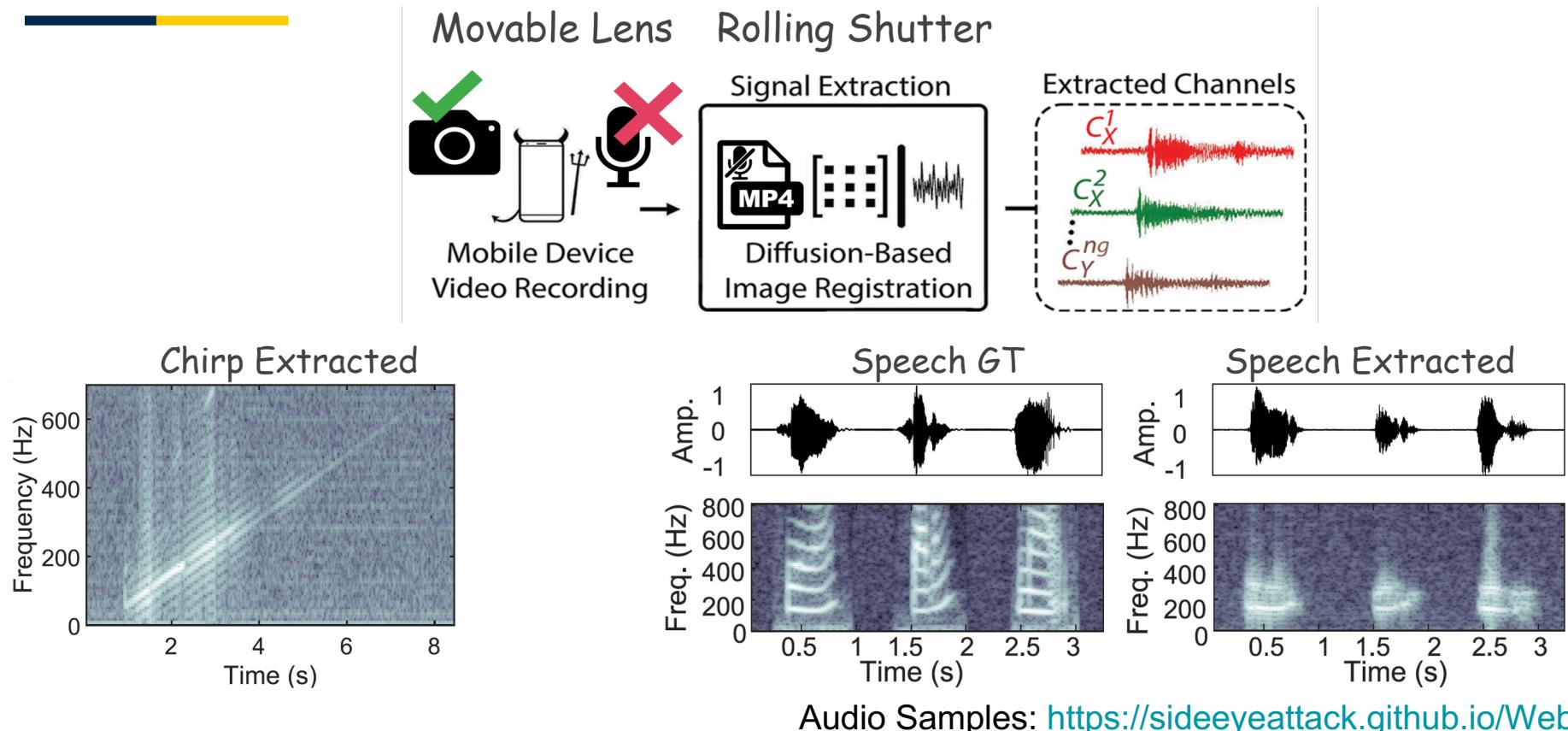
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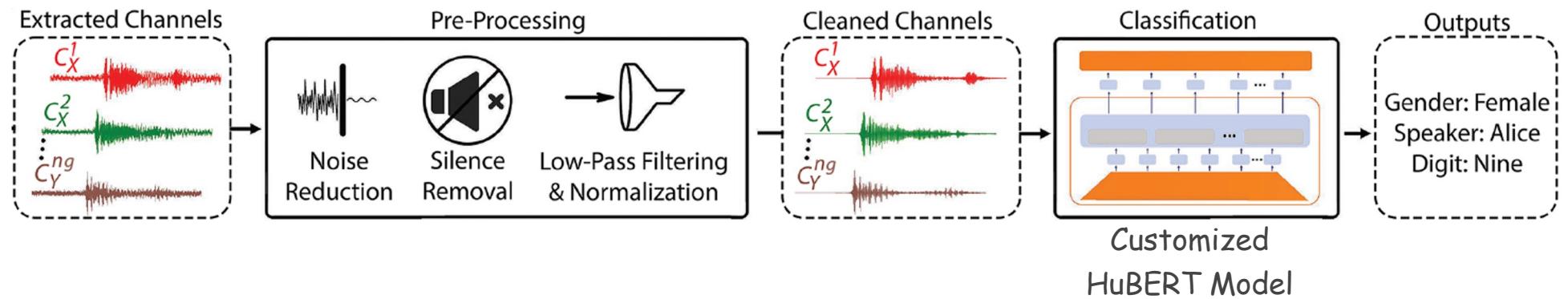


System Design & Results

Attack Mechanism



Attack Mechanism



Same-surface Scenarios

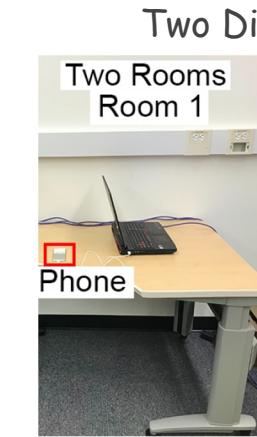
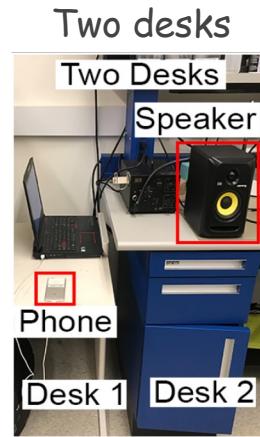
Scenario	Case	Avg. SNR	Avg. STOI	(random guess)		
				>50%	>5%	>10%
Volume	85 dB	18	0.51	99.87	91.02	79.69
	75 dB	11	0.44	99.80	89.13	76.95
	65 dB	4	0.18	98.83	76.11	68.16
	55 dB	2.4	0.13	80.27	34.77	27.67
	45 dB	2.3	0.15	54.49	8.92	13.28
	35 dB	2.3	0.14	54.23	6.84	15.95
Wooden CR TBL, Distance, Volume	10 cm, 85 dB	8.8	0.33	99.02	79.82	66.6
	10 cm, 65 dB	2.4	0.19	76.76	42.58	32.49
	200 cm, 65 dB	2.3	0.19	70.75	33.53	26.43
	300 cm, 65 dB	2.6	0.19	83.2	41.86	30.99

TBL - Table, CR - Conference room, G - Gender, S - Speaker, D - Digit



2 genders, 20 speakers, 10 spoken digits
<https://github.com/soerenab/AudioMNIST>)

Different-surface Scenarios



Scenario	Avg. SNR	Avg. STOI	>50%	>5%	>10%
			G (%)	S (%)	D (%)
Monitor Stand 85 dB	11	0.45	99.09	80.53	60.42
Monitor Stand 65 dB	2.6	0.09	84.05	42.32	32.1
Two Desks 85 dB	2.6	0.08	75.72	19.6	14.26
Two Rooms 85 dB	2.3	0.06	66.93	15.17	15.17
Shirt Pocket 85 dB	2.5	0.19	95.9	66.37	45.7
Bag Pocket 85 dB	4.1	0.23	93.1	40.1	55.34

Mitigation

- User-based: (1) lower-quality cameras, (2) larger distances, (3) dampening
- Address rolling shutters (RS): (1) higher RS frequency, (2) random-coded RS
- Address movable lens: (1) tougher springs, (2) lens locking

Defense	Gender (%)	Speaker (%)	Digit (%)
None (Baseline)	99.87	91.02	79.69
① Rubber Mat Dampening	98.64	80.11	65.36
② Higher RS Freq. (648 kHz)	93.29	62.89	48.89
③ Random-coded RS	98.18	76.56	60.22
①+②	75.65	43.88	33.14
①+③	72.66	46.03	37.63
④ Tough Spring/Lens Locking	65.23	16.73	16.67
②+④	53.91	8.66	16.73
③+④	54.36	8.46	13.93

Applications

- Digital forensics on photographs for prosecution or defense
 - Opto-acoustic equivalent to DNA profiling
 - Exonerate by showing absence of opto-acoustic fingerprint
 - Implicate by showing presence of opto-acoustic fingerprint
- Law enforcement and private investigation
 - De-anonymize disguised or muted voices from kidnapping videos and propaganda
 - Determine likely gender and identity associated with voices modulated into pixels
 - Line up of the usual suspects: Determine statistical likelihood of presence or absence of a speaking individual from a recorded off-camera scene
 - Determine probability of phrases spoken behind the camera in dubbed videos (TikTok, IG, etc.)
- Detecting deep fakes or synthetic media in political videos, propaganda, etc.
- Advertising based on posted photographs that contain hints of conversations and individual interests

Summary

- Acoustic signals can leak into muted videos/image streams as POV variations
- Movable lens amplifies signals, rolling shutter increases sampling rates.

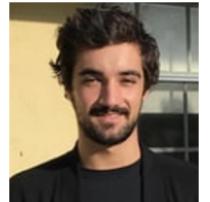
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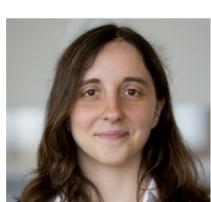
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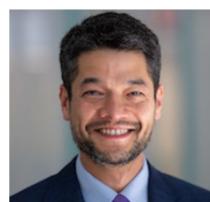
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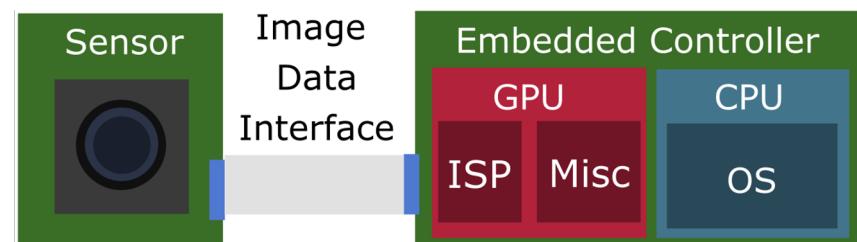
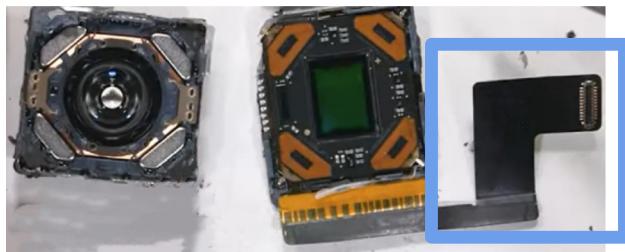


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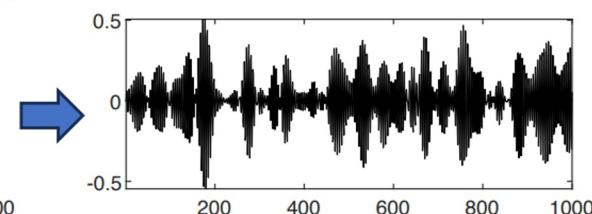
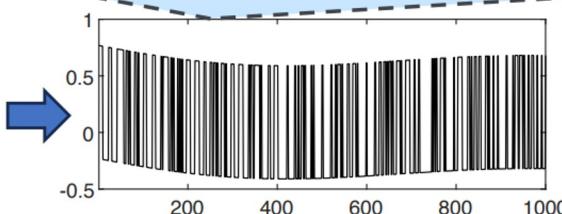
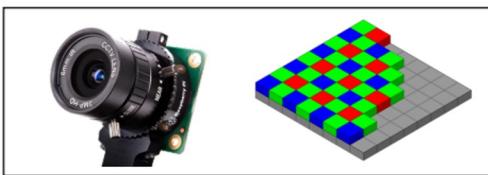
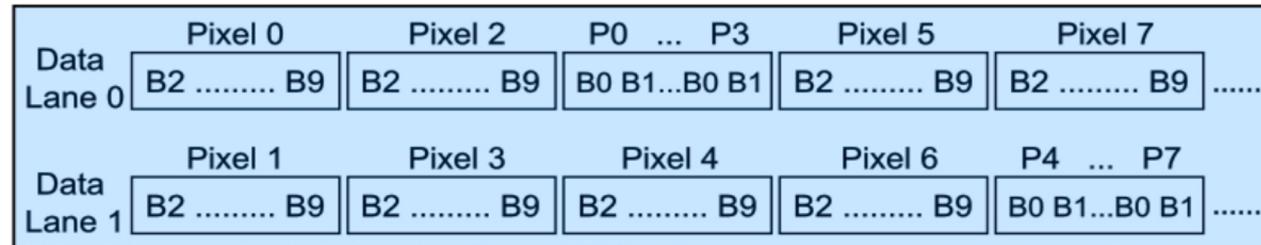
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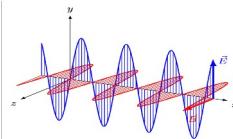
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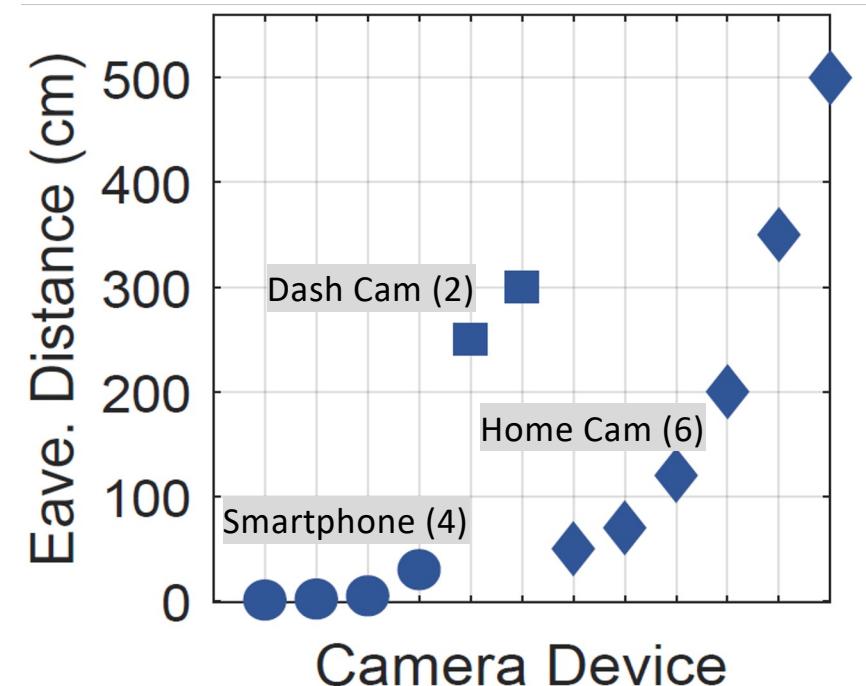
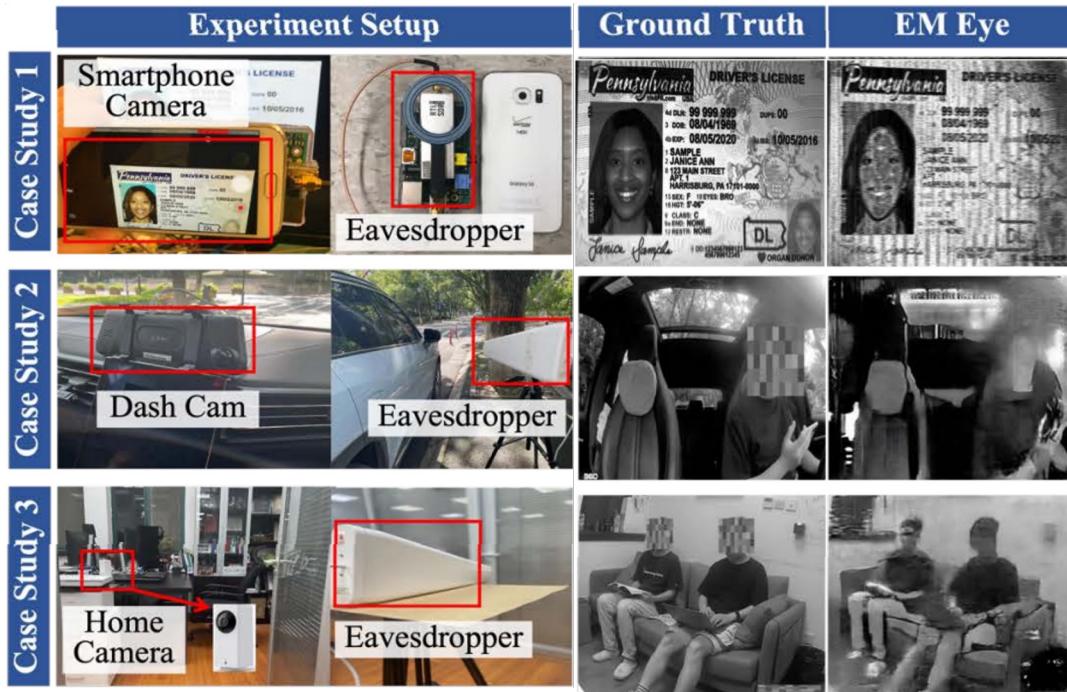


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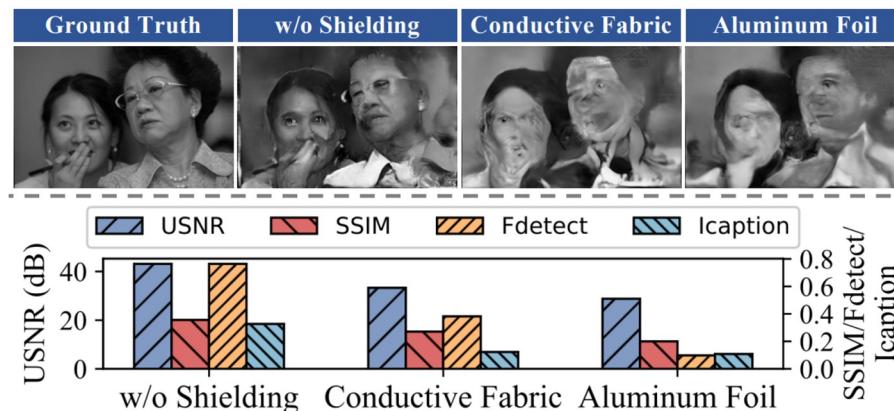
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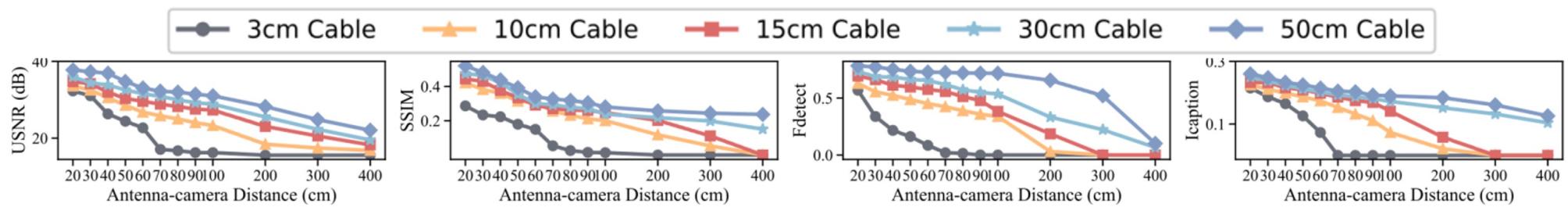




Impact of Shielding Transmission Cables



Impact of Transmission Cable Length and Distance



Prediction of EM Reconstruction

$$I_{EM}^{[l,h]} = \mathcal{R}_{base} \left\{ z + b_{clk} + \mathcal{F}_{filt} [l, h, \mathcal{F}_{data}(I_{GT})] \right\}$$

Camera RAW Ground-truth Capture

