

# **EMPOWER**

## **2023**



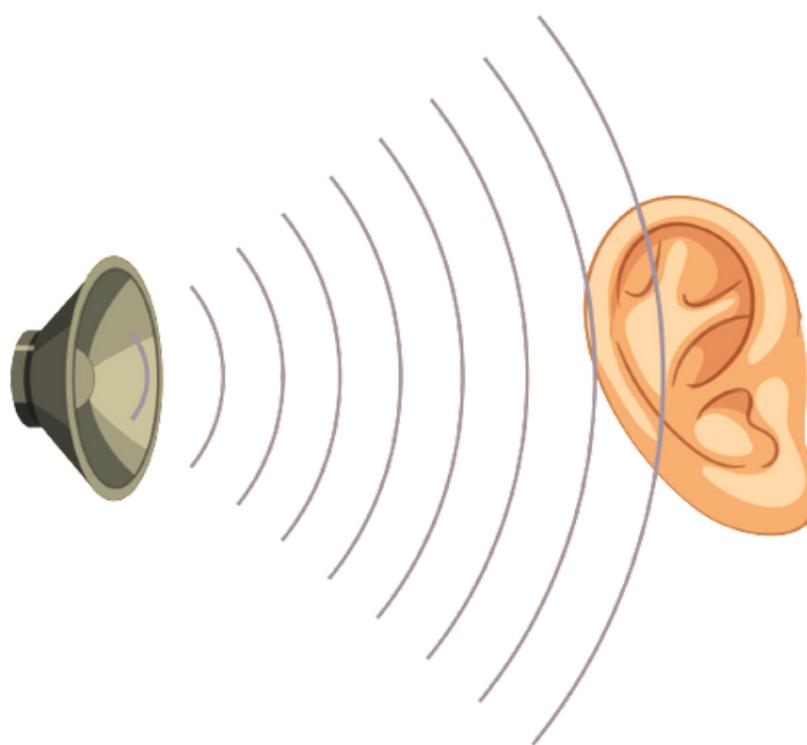
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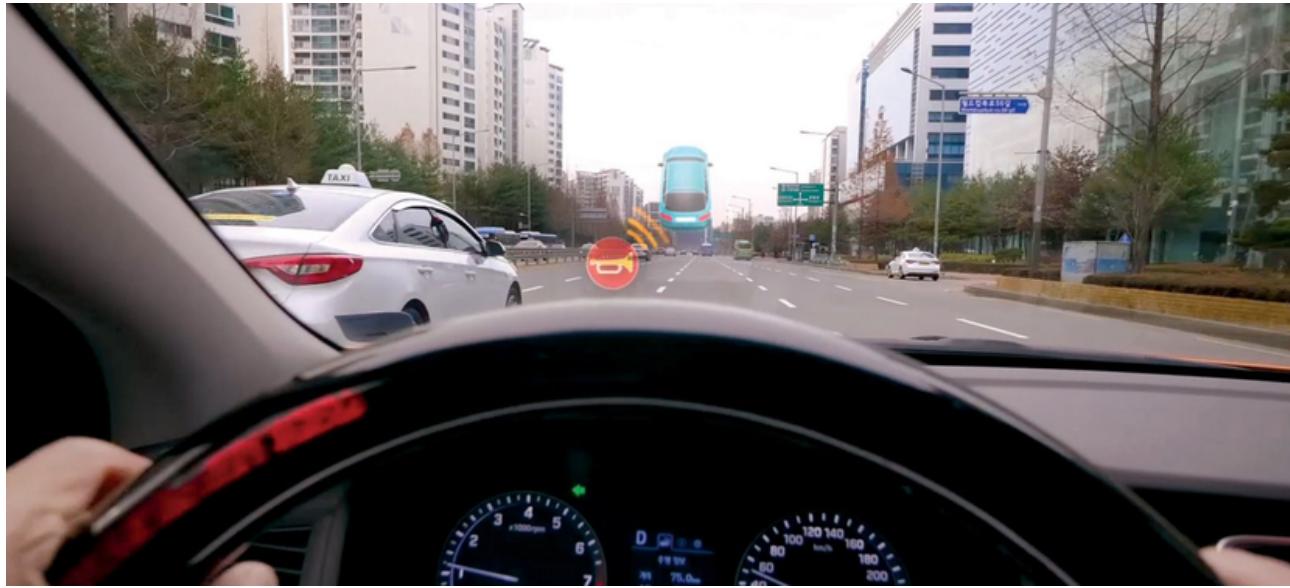
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# PROBLEM INTRODUCTION (PROBLEM STATEMENT - 5)

- Hearing impairment poses road safety challenges.
- A solution is required that **detects traffic sounds** and **provides tactile alert** to the hearing-impaired is required.
- **Affordable, durable, eco-friendly** driver safety system with tactile user feedback.



# EXISTING PRODUCTS IN THE MARKET



Hyundai's Assistive Device

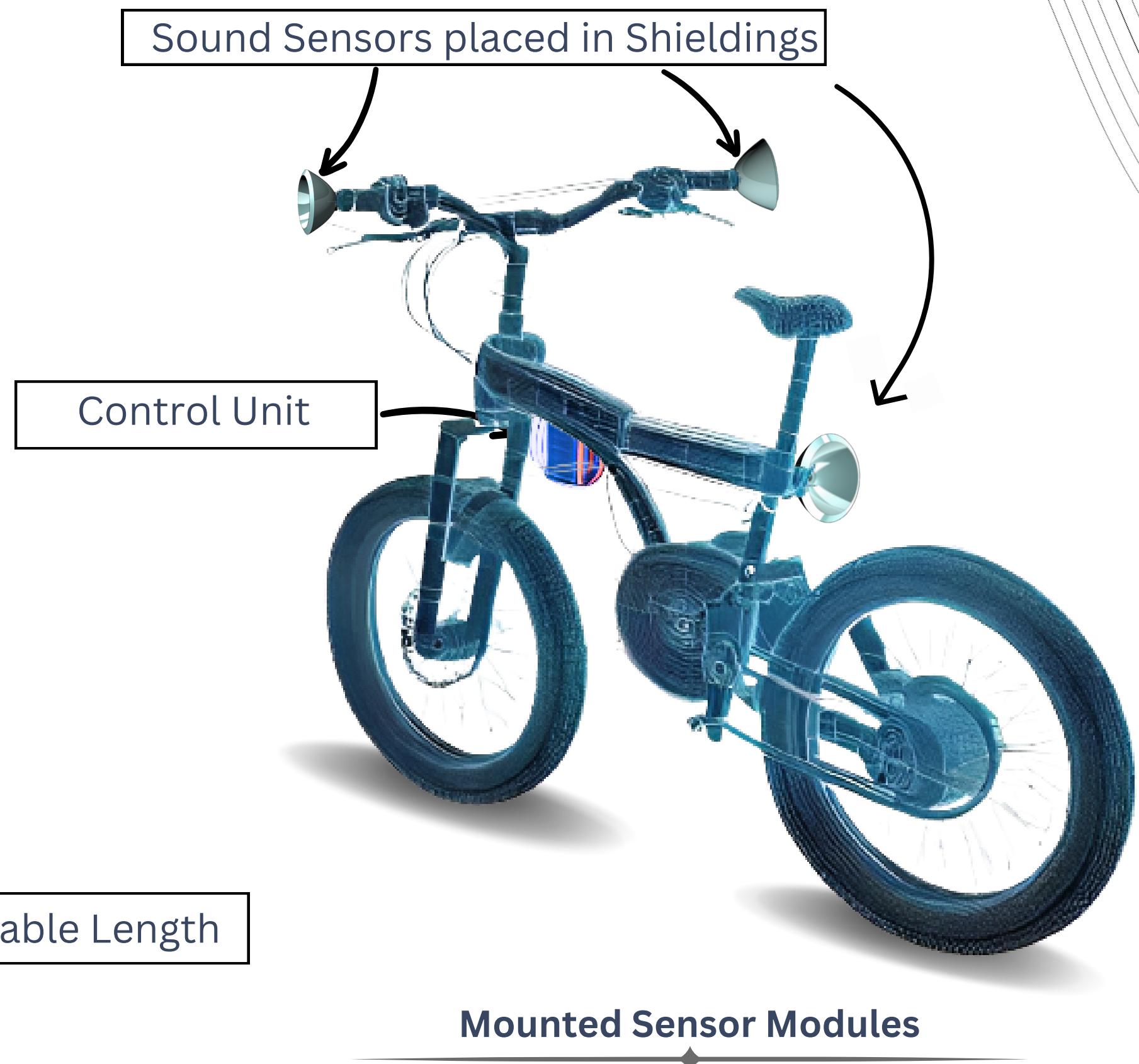
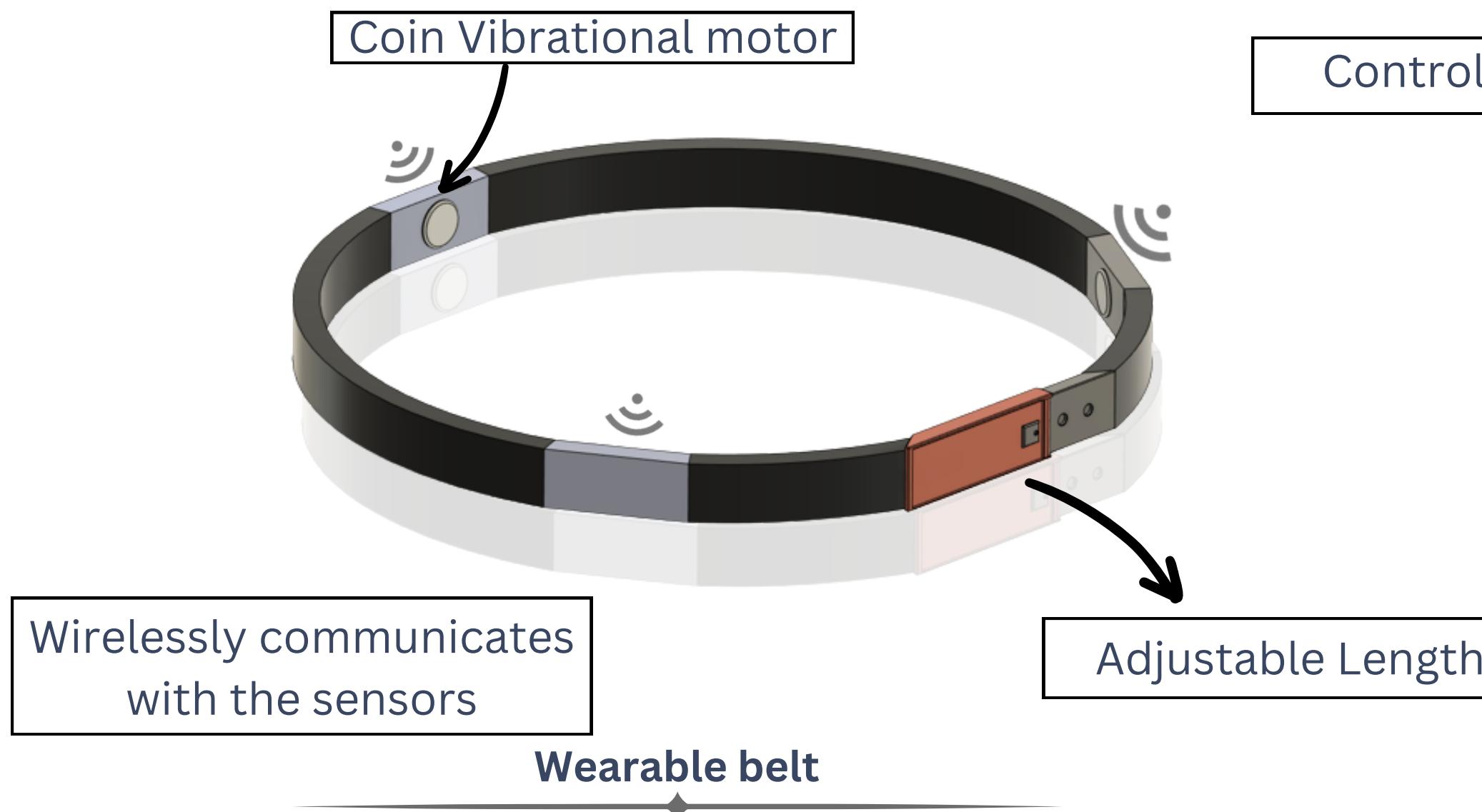
- Technology employs AI for external sound analysis.
- Two systems: AVC and ATC, aiding hearing-impaired drivers with touch and visual senses.

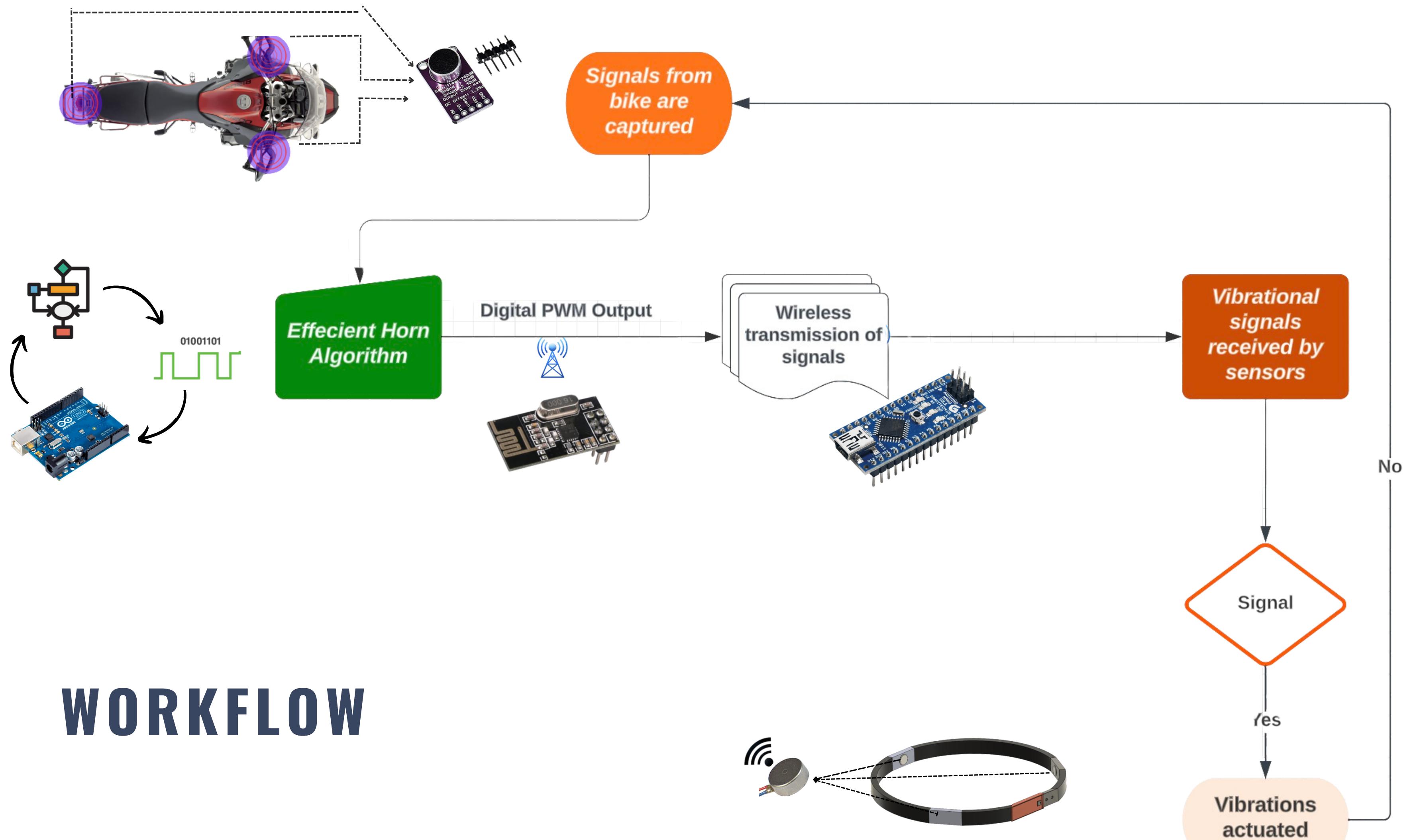
- Smartwatch tool converts vehicle horn sound to vibrations, aiding the deaf wearer's awareness of auditory signals.



Students of BIT, Indonesia

# OUR PRODUCT





# **DEMONSTRATION VIDEO**

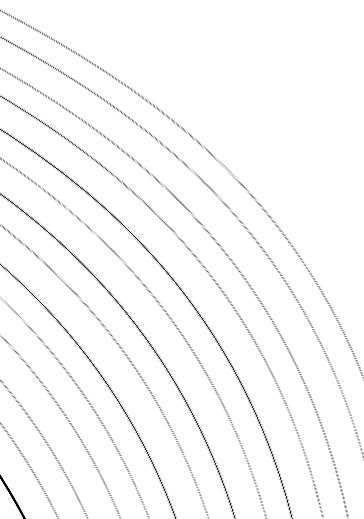


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Analog Signal



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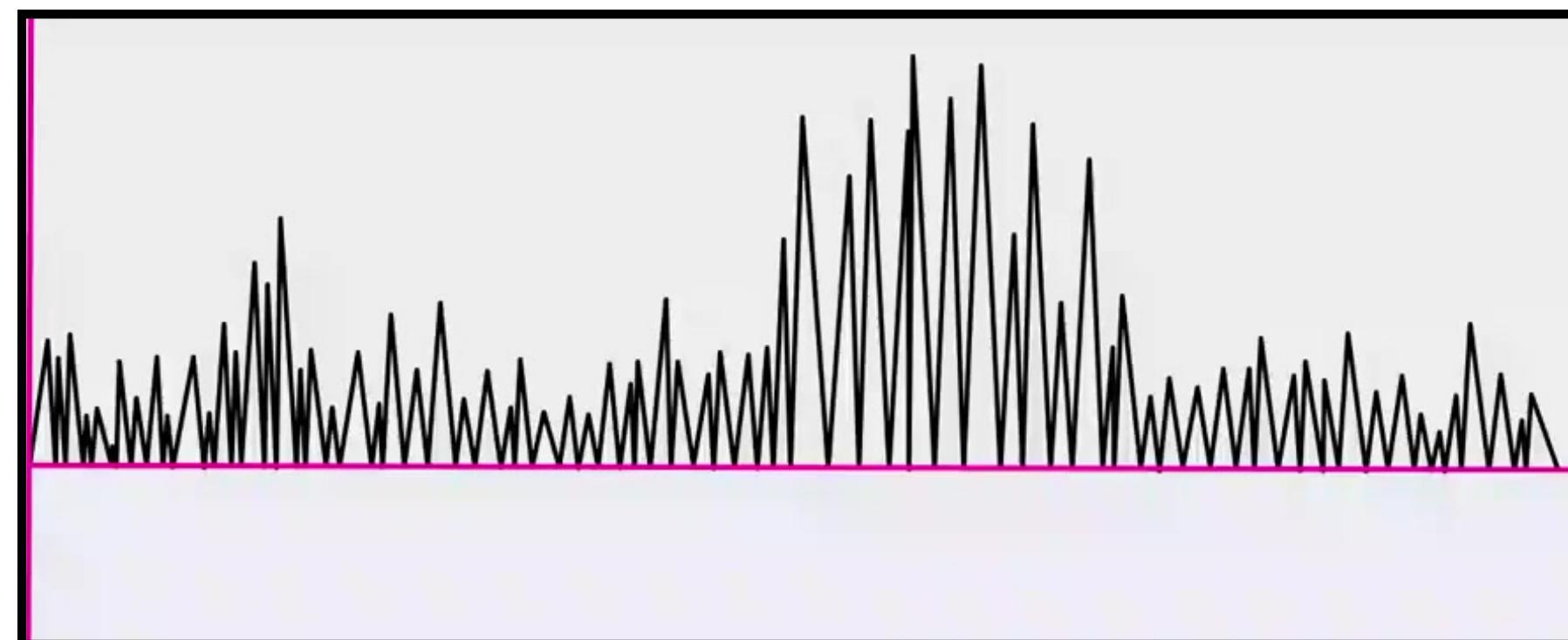


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Absolute value  
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# ALGORITHM INTUITION



$s_t$  : Processed Signal at time t

b : Exponential Weight

s : Analog value from sensor



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Exponential moving  
average  
 $b=0.75$

**Exponential moving averages**

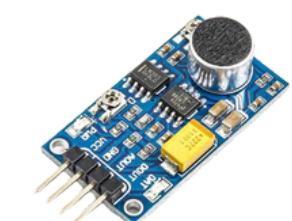
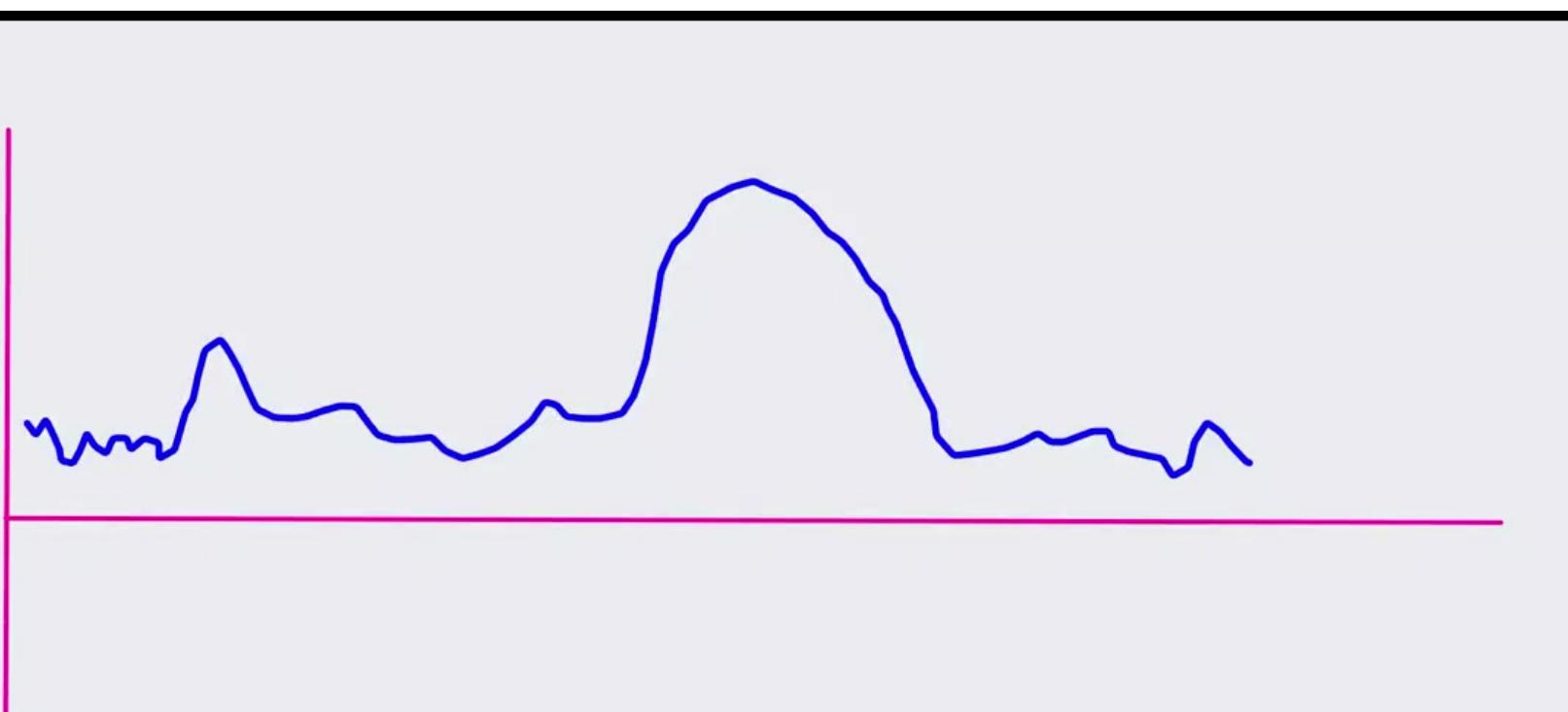
$$\frac{s_t}{1 - b^t} = b \cdot s_{t-1} + (1 - b) \cdot s$$

Weighted average with decaying  
weights



More weight to recent data

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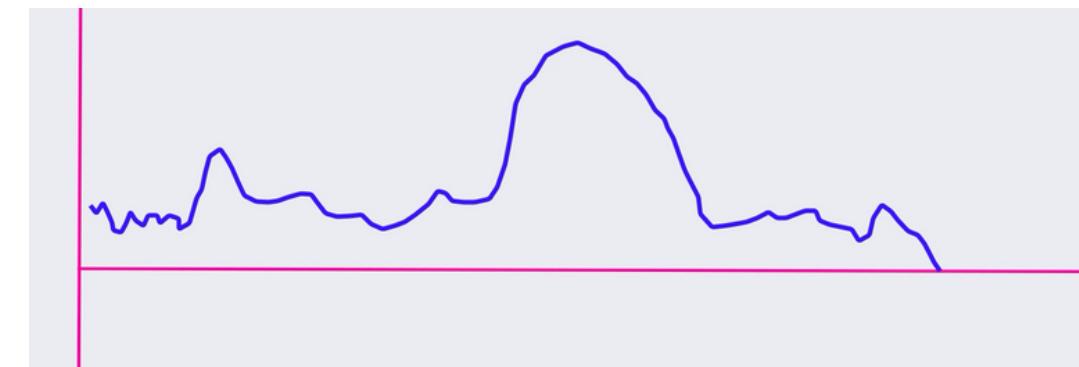


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Processed Signal



$s$  : Processed Signal at time t  
 $b$  : Exponential Weight  
 $s$  : Analog value from sensor  
 $a$  : Threshold off-set

More weight to recent data

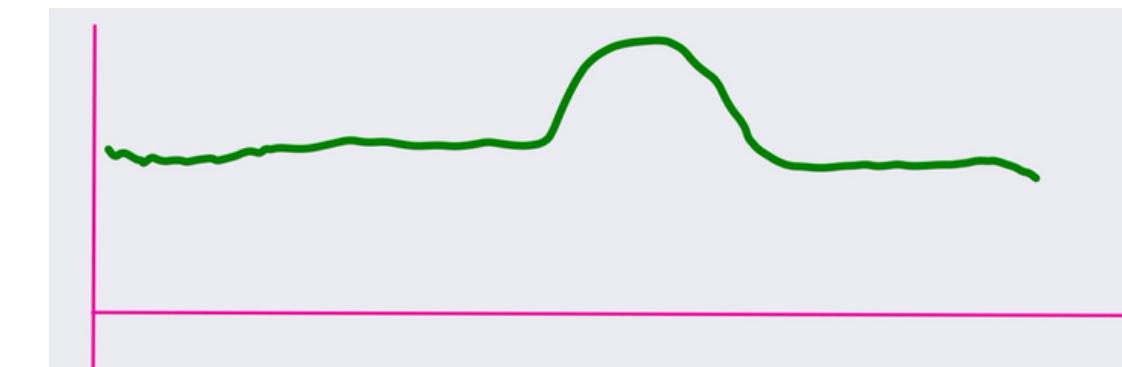
**Exponential moving averages**

$$\frac{s_t}{1 - b^t} = b \cdot s_{t-1} + (1 - b) \cdot s$$

Weighted average with decaying  
weights

$b=0.90$

Threshold Signal



More weight to the average of previous data

# ALGORITHM INTUITION:

## Impulse Responses

Processed Signal

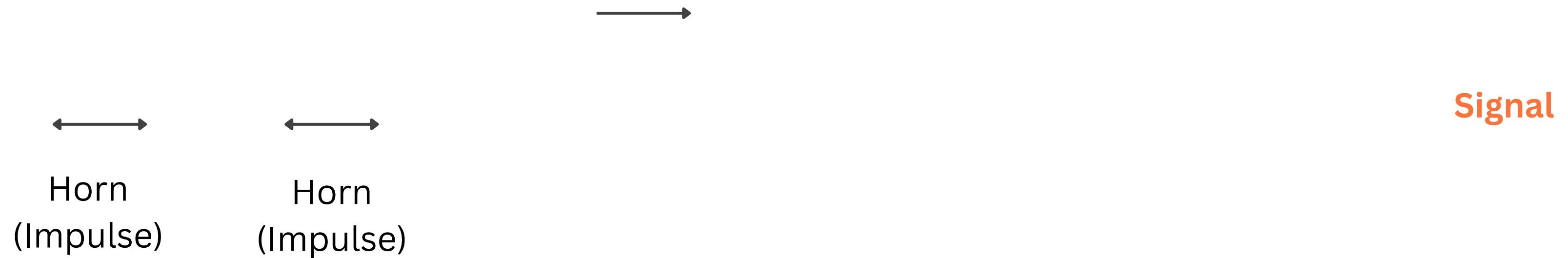
Threshold Signal

High Magnitude  
Response

Minimised  
Response

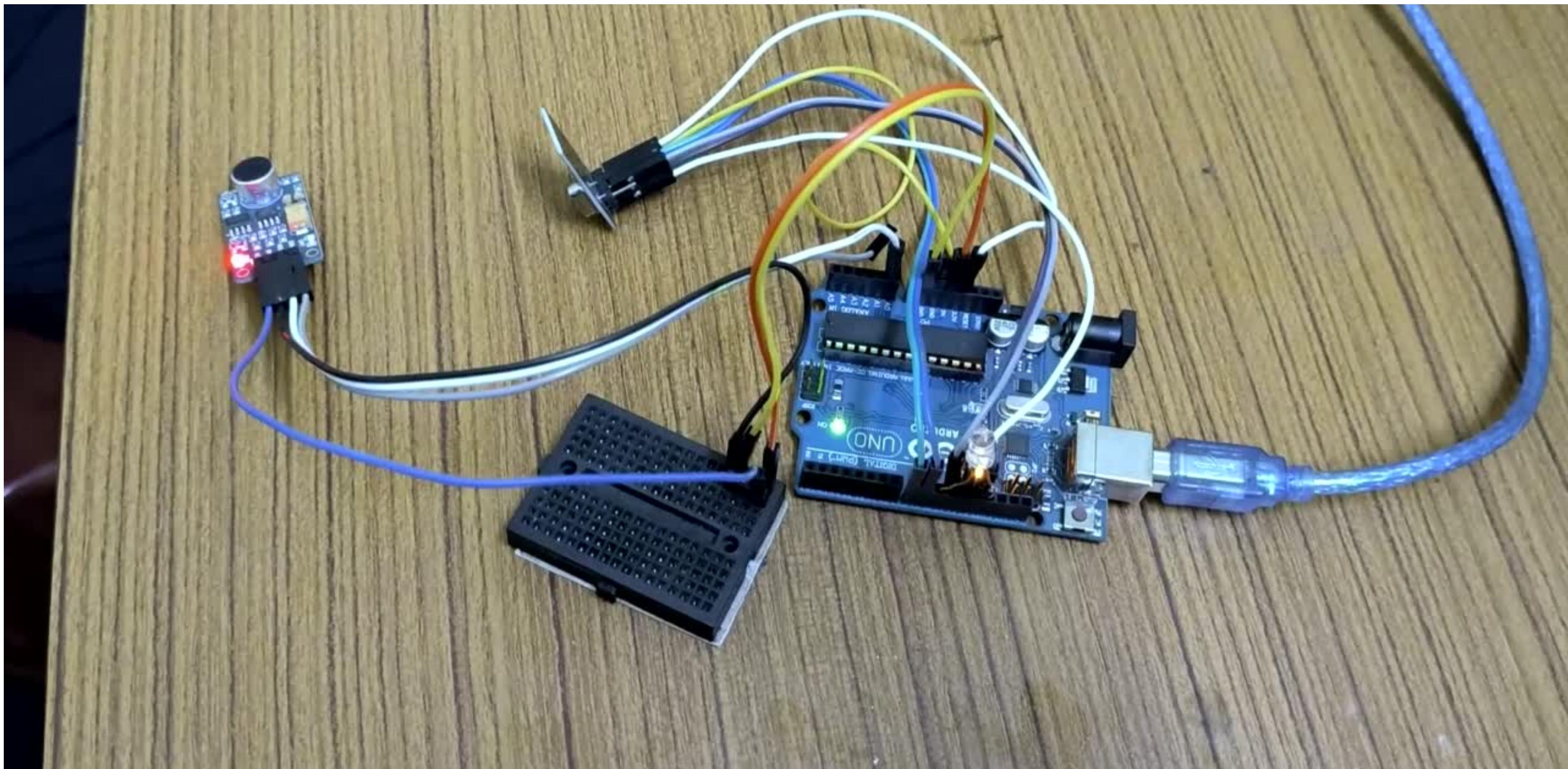
This difference in  
Responses is the key to  
the Horn Identification

# ALGORITHM WORKING:



Detects Horns due to difference of behavior when impulsive input is given

# ALGORITHM WORKING DEMO:

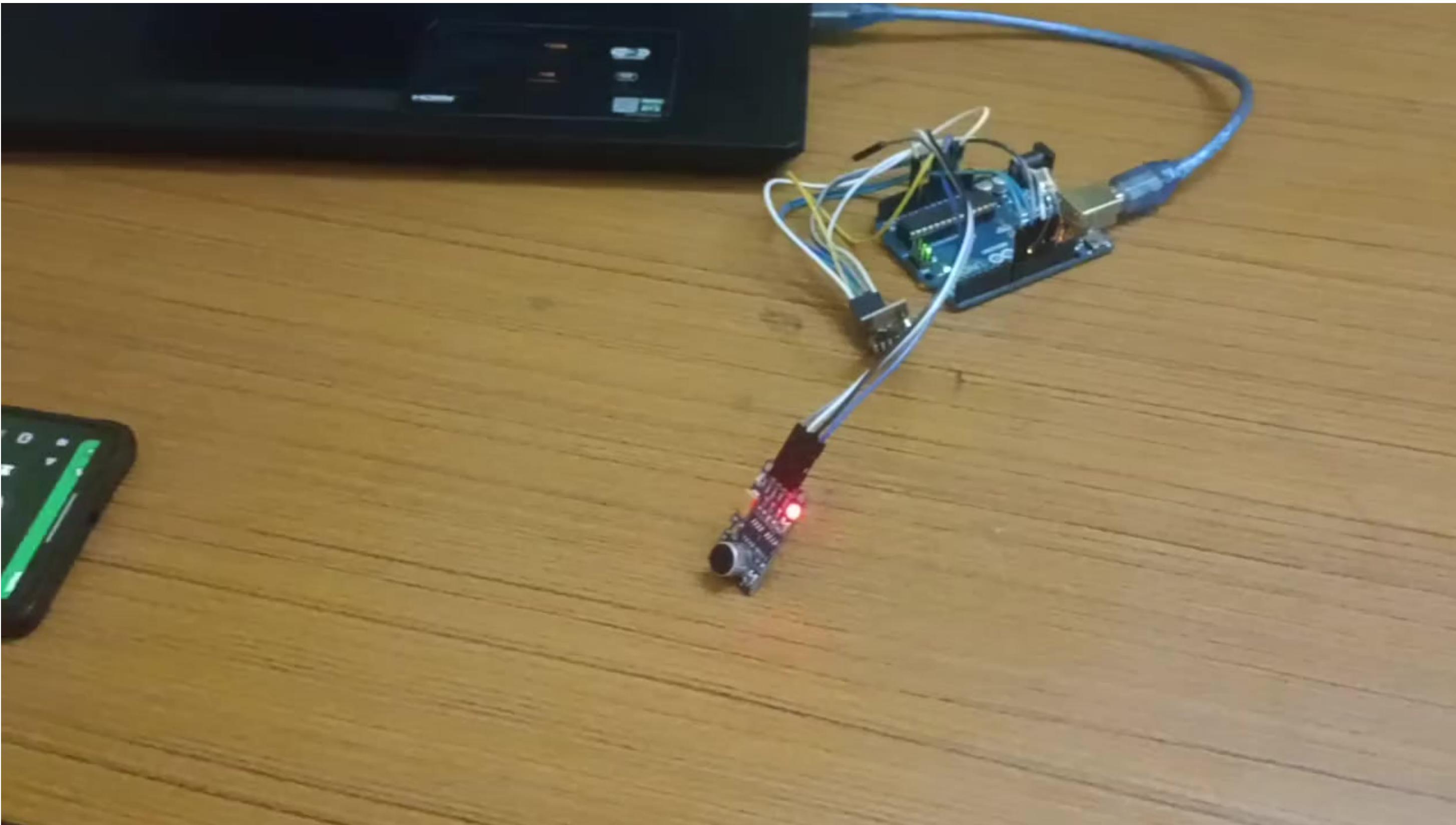


# INTELLIGENT NOISE SEGREGATION:



No impulsive input, Hence, No difference in behavior  
the two signal runs parallel.

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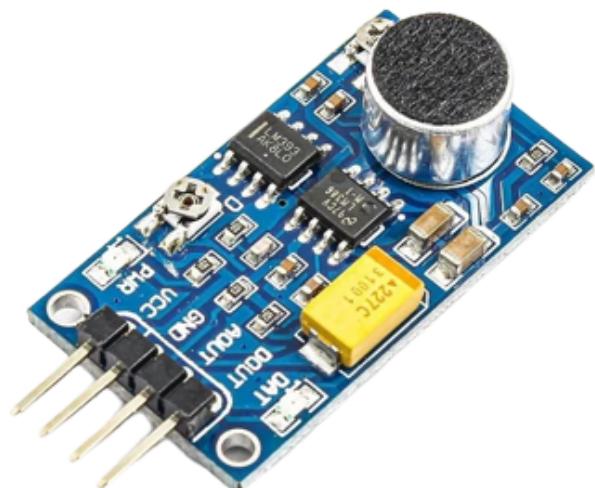


No Detection of Music or other Noises

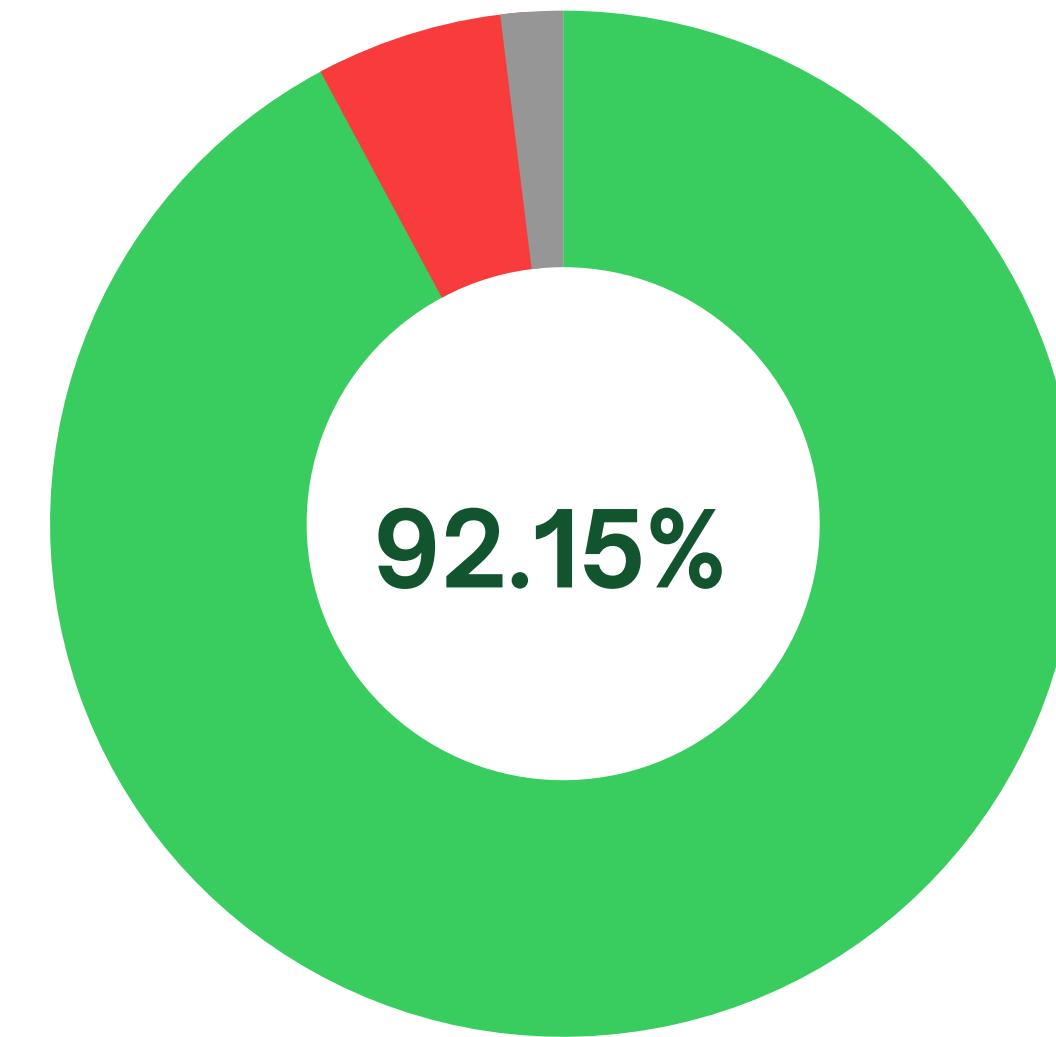
# ALGORITHM TESTING:

Our Algorithm is tested on Indian traffic sound data

- Correct classification of 47 horns out of 51 horns
- Only 2 Misclassifications, where noise is erroneously detected as horn



- Mic sensitivity: 52dB
- Frequency range: 50Hz ~ 20KHz
- Power: 3.3V ~ 5.3V
- Onboard audio power amplifier LM386
- Audio signal gain up to 200

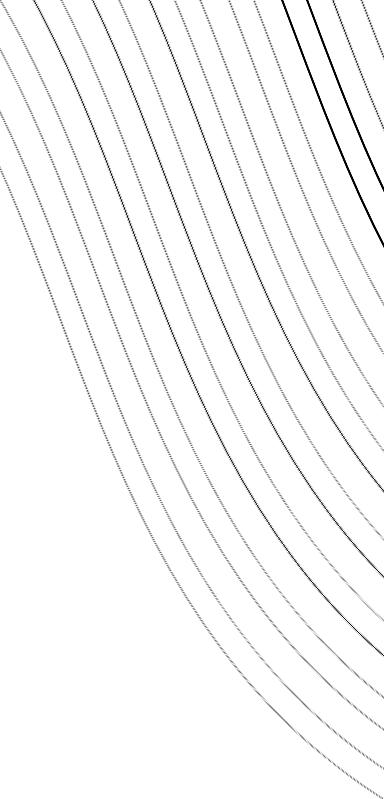


Accuracy

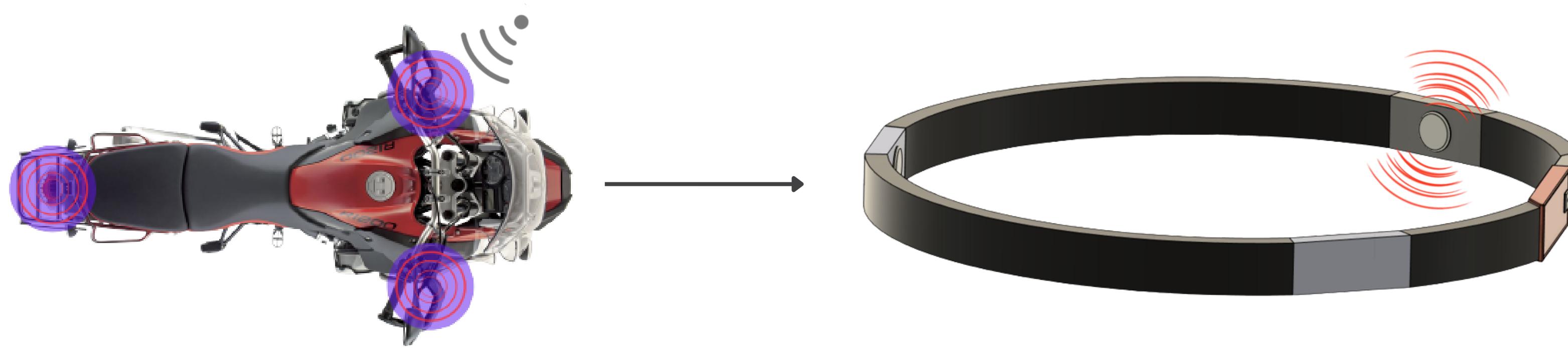
Test Data link :



# SALIENT FEATURES

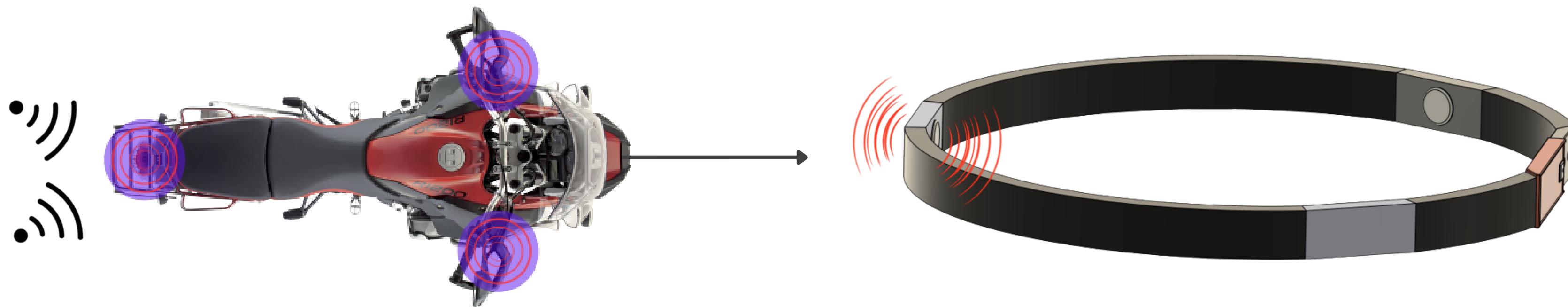


# SOUND LOCALIZATION AND ENHANCED RANGE



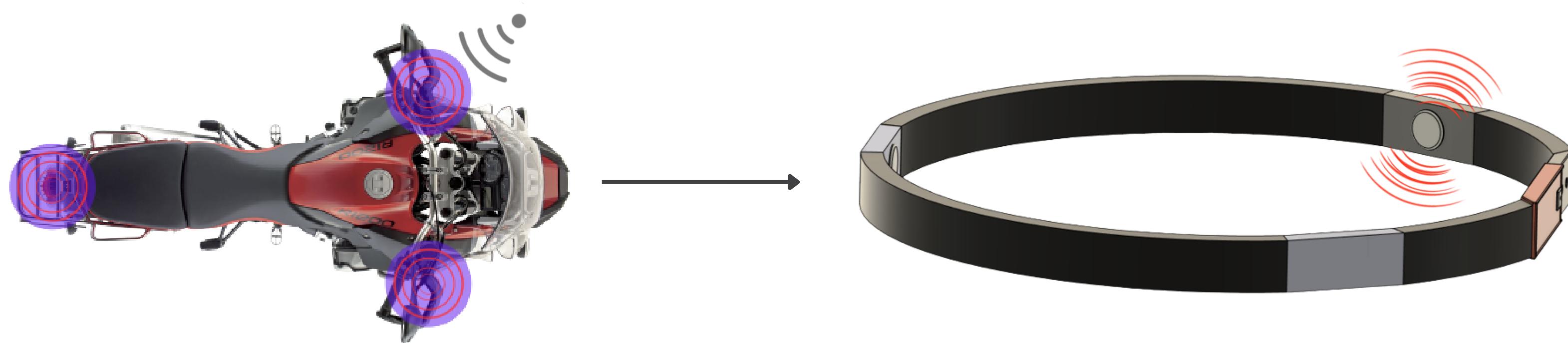
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## SOUND SHIELDING

- Accurate sound detection from a specific direction
- Sound from any other direction will be absorbed by the form covering



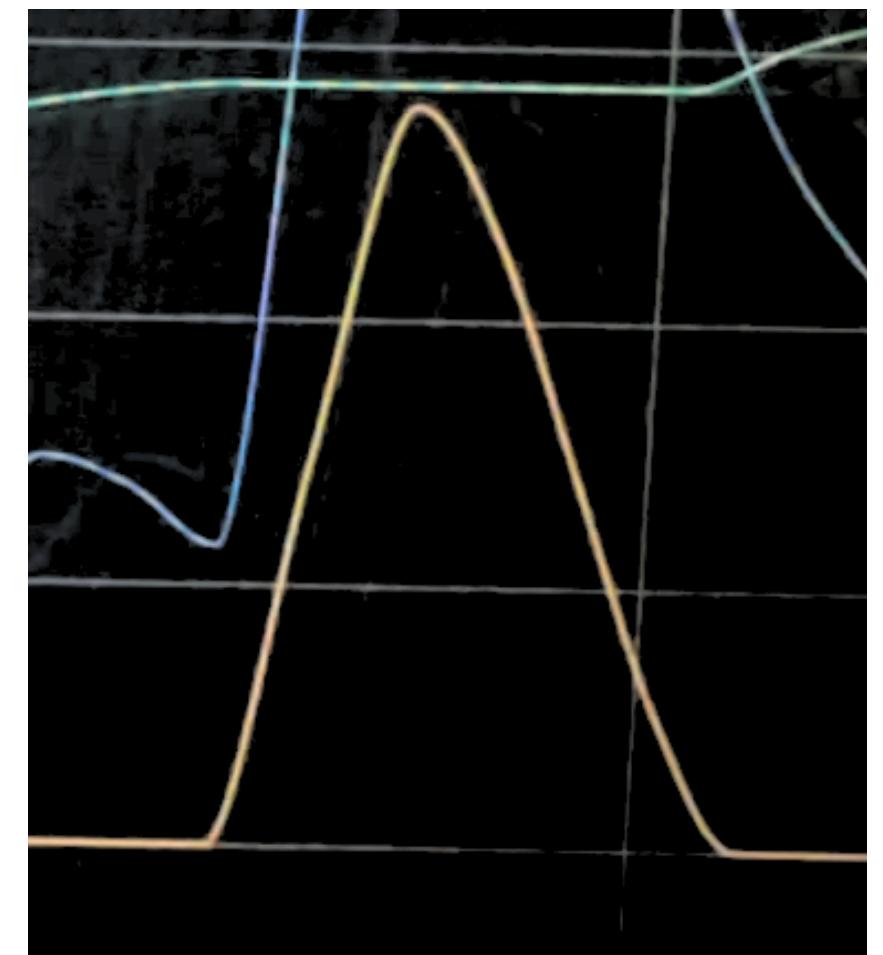
## ACOUSTIC MIRROR

Reflects sound coming from a specific direction into the microphone placed at the focus. Thus enhancing range.

# SOUND PROXIMITY



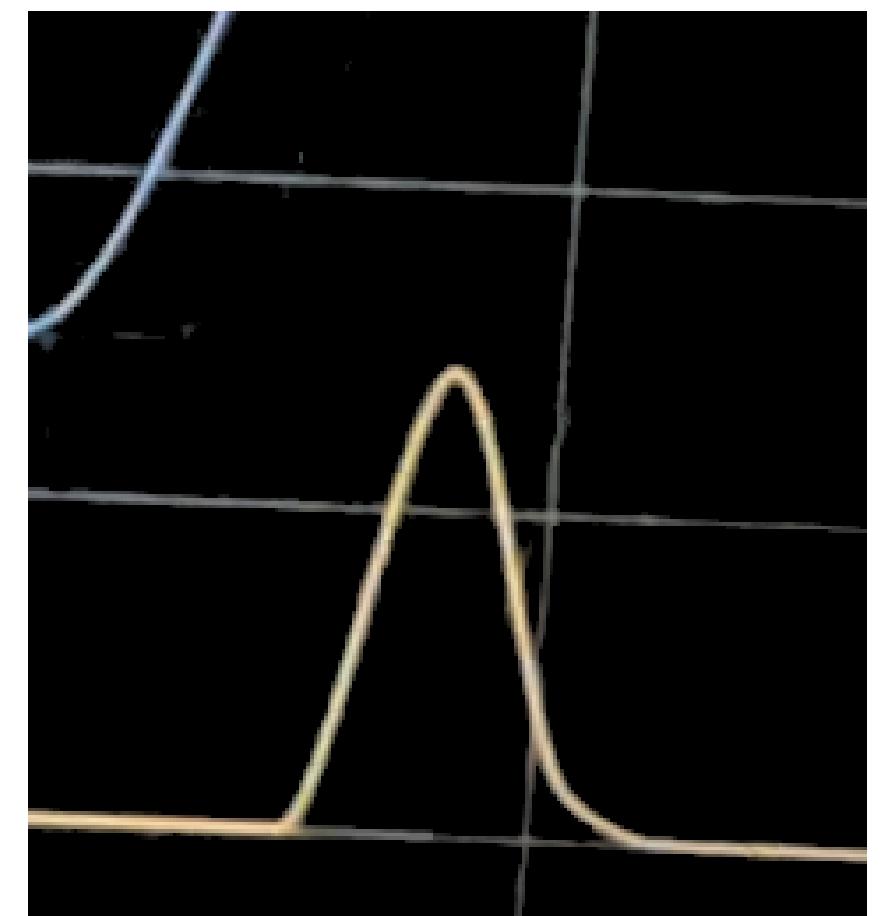
Nearby horn triggers relatively higher intensity vibrations.



Nearby horn



Distant horn triggers relatively lower Intensity vibrations.

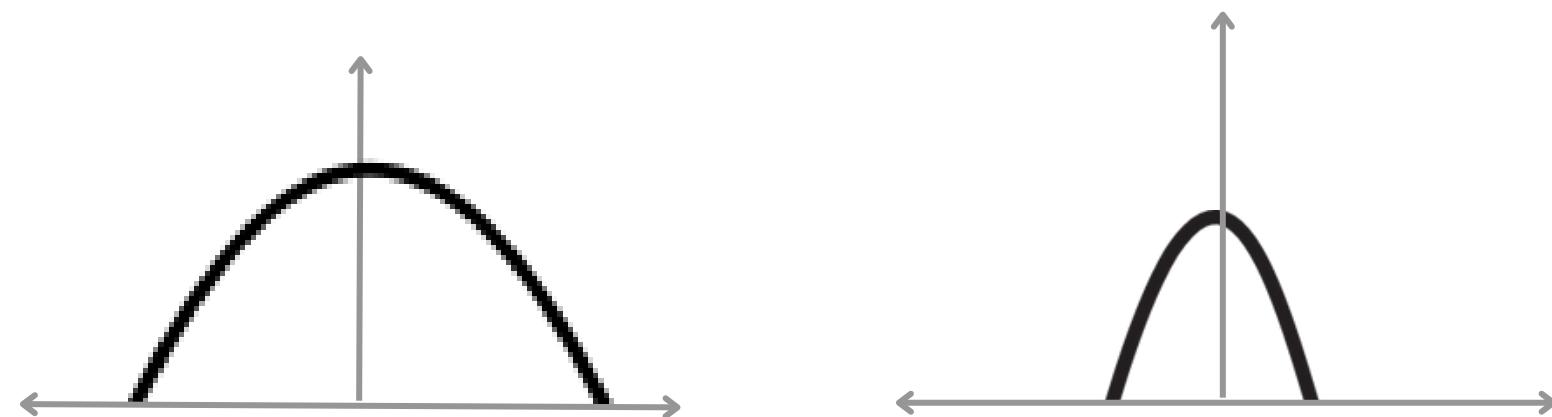


Distant horn

PROXIMITY AWARENESS !!

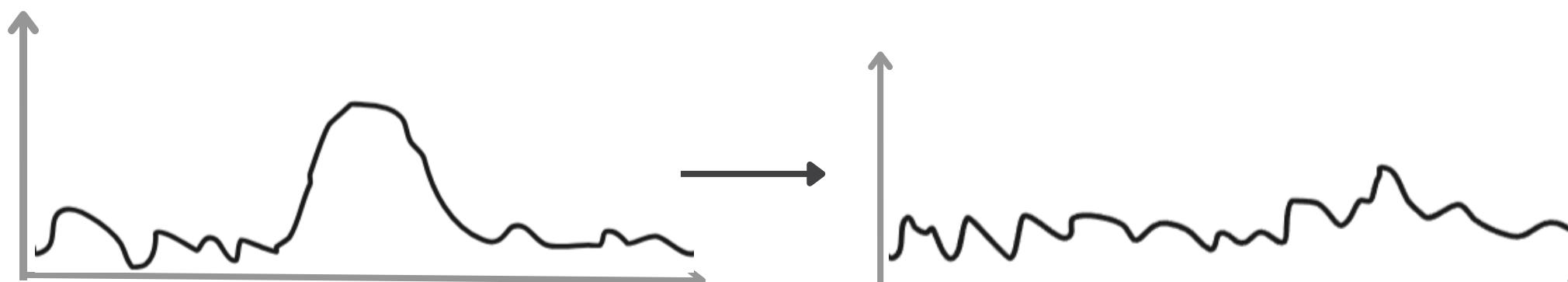
# AVOIDS DETECTION OF OWN HORN

If our own horn sound is detected



Wave form will be properly scaled for all three sensors

- Low sensitivity sound sensor has been installed in front of the Horn
- Sensor sensitivity has been adjusted to minimize environmental noise.

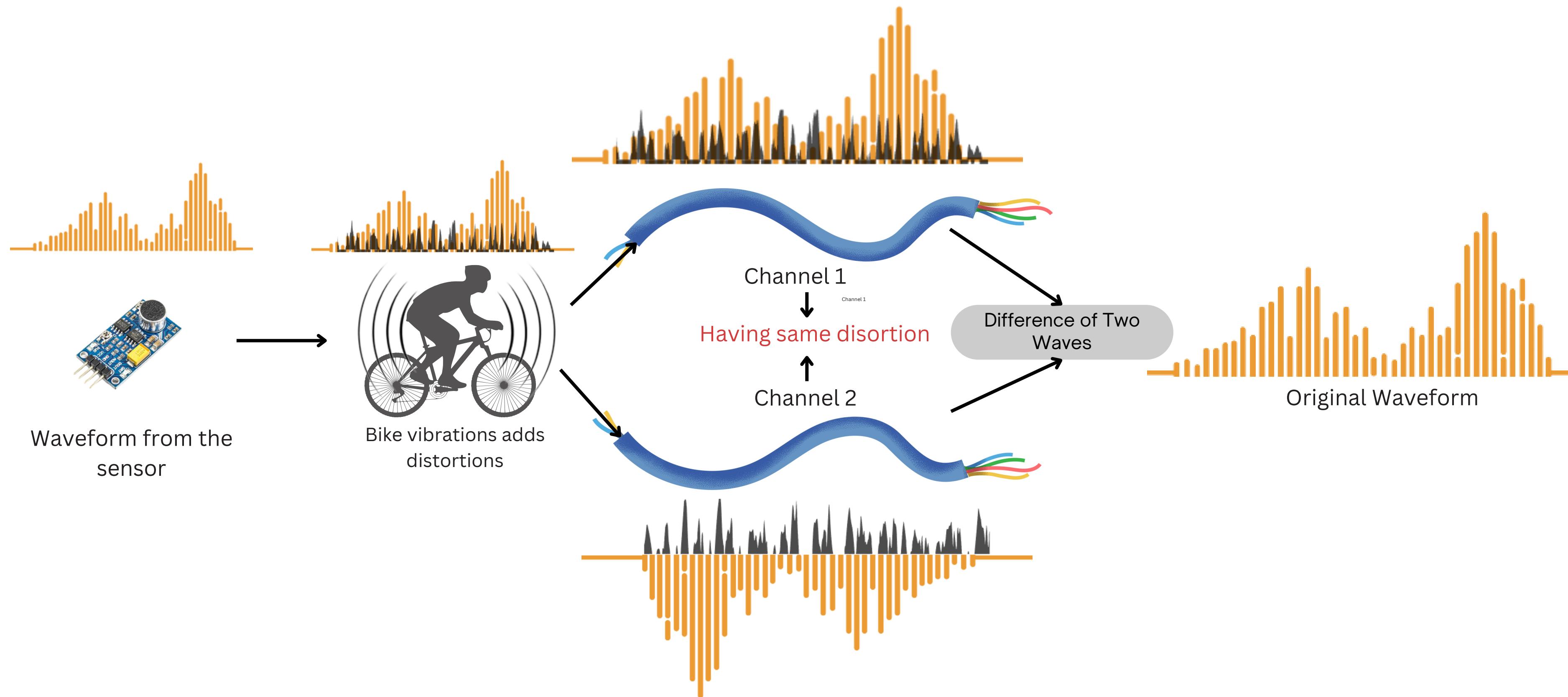


Detected sound will be subtracted from all the sensors

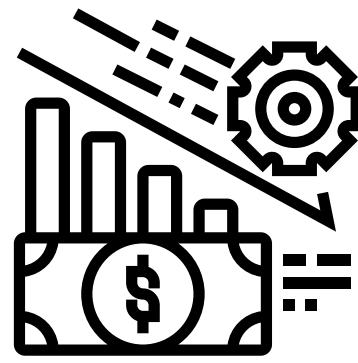
# AVOIDS DETECTION OF OWN HORN DEMO



# VIBRATION NOISE CANCELLATION



# COST EFFECTIVENESS



## Approximate cost

components	cost
Microprocessor*2(Arduino/Nano)	1300
Sound Sensor (MAX9814)*3	800
Vibration Motors*3	300
nRF24L01*2	180
casing & fabrication	400
<b>Total</b>	$\approx 3000$

## Cost comparison with Hearing Aids:



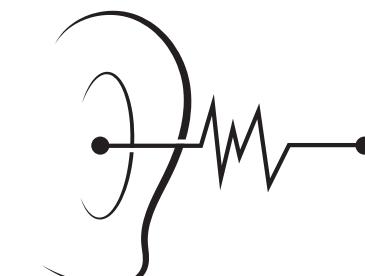
### Our Product

Price - **INR 3000**

Mid-range hearing aids range from  
**INR 20,000 to 75,000 per Ear Machine.**

Advanced hearing aids cost around  
**INR 50,000 to 2,00,000 per ear**

Affordable in comparison to other expensive models and hearing aids present in market.



# ADDITIONAL FEATURES

## Alternate Sources for Power

- Using an OTG USB connector, our product can be powered by a powerbank or a mobile device.
- In emergency scenarios where the power source has dried up, this function can be useful.

## Adjusting Knob

To cater to all types of clothing and comfort, user can adjust the maximum intensity of the vibration module using a knob.



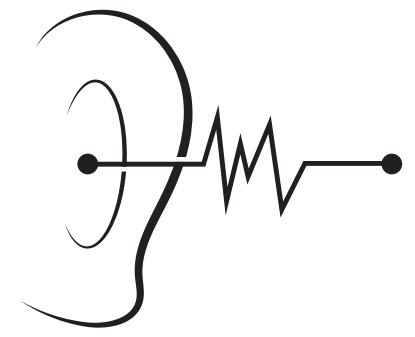
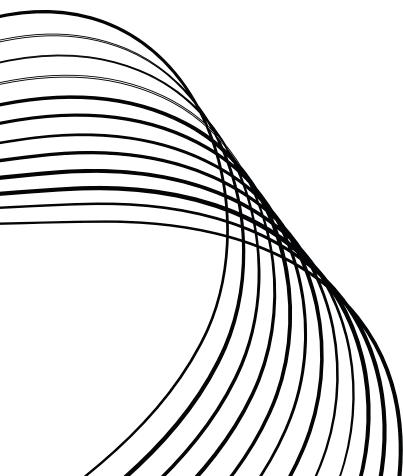
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*Adjusting  
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# Thank You

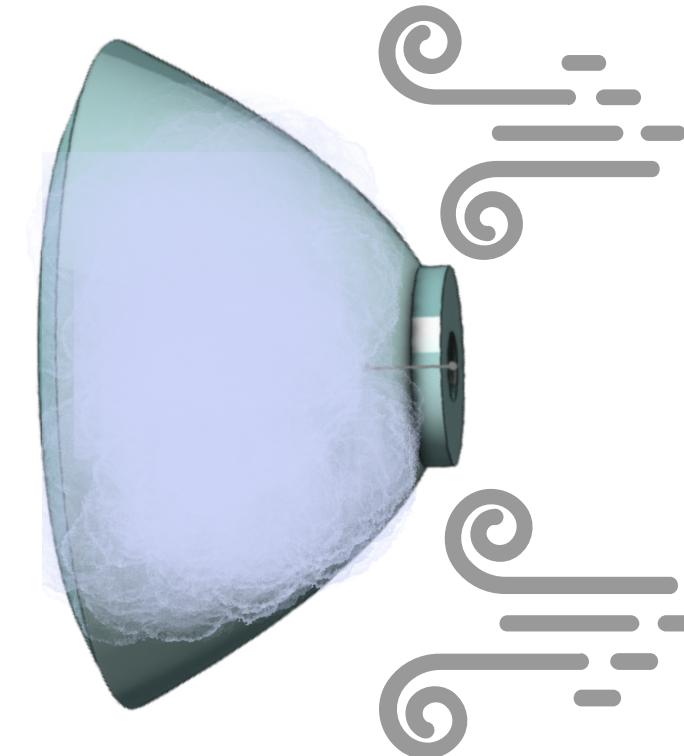


# ADDITIONAL SLIDES



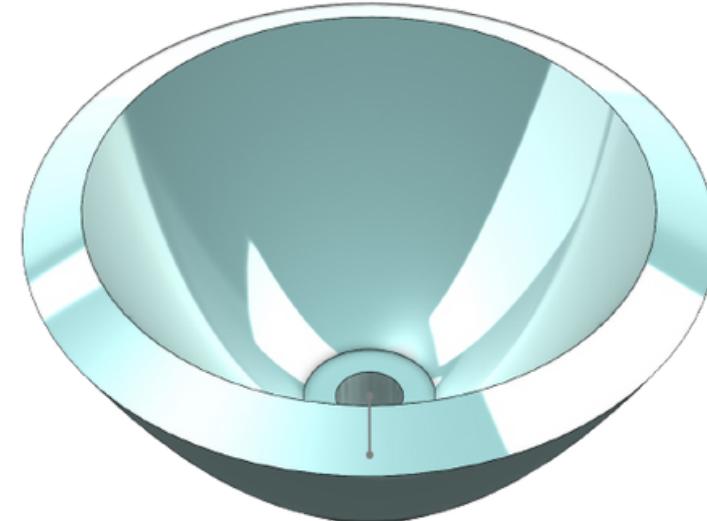
# TACKLES WIND INFLUENCE ON SENSOR

- We will cover the sensor with foam windscreen.
- We will place a foam sheet covering over the sensor cup. (Foam is better at absorbing high frequencies).
- In addition, the cup itself would cover the sensor from the direct passage of wind.



# WEATHER PROTECTION

- Utilize weather-resistant sturdy case for Arduino, safeguarding against rain, and dust.
- The acoustic mirrors will protect the sensors and inner circuitries from rain.



# BATTERY LIFE

- Using 2500mAh rechargeable Li-ion baterry, we calculated **60 days** of run in one battery life.



# USER-FRIENDLY DESIGN

- **Customizable fit:** Adjustable belt size ensures **tailored comfort**.
- **Safety:** Ensures device integration **doesn't hinder rider safety** or attention on the road.



