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# SONIC GUN TO SMART DEVICES

YOUR DEVICES LOSE CONTROL UNDER ULTRASOUND/SOUND

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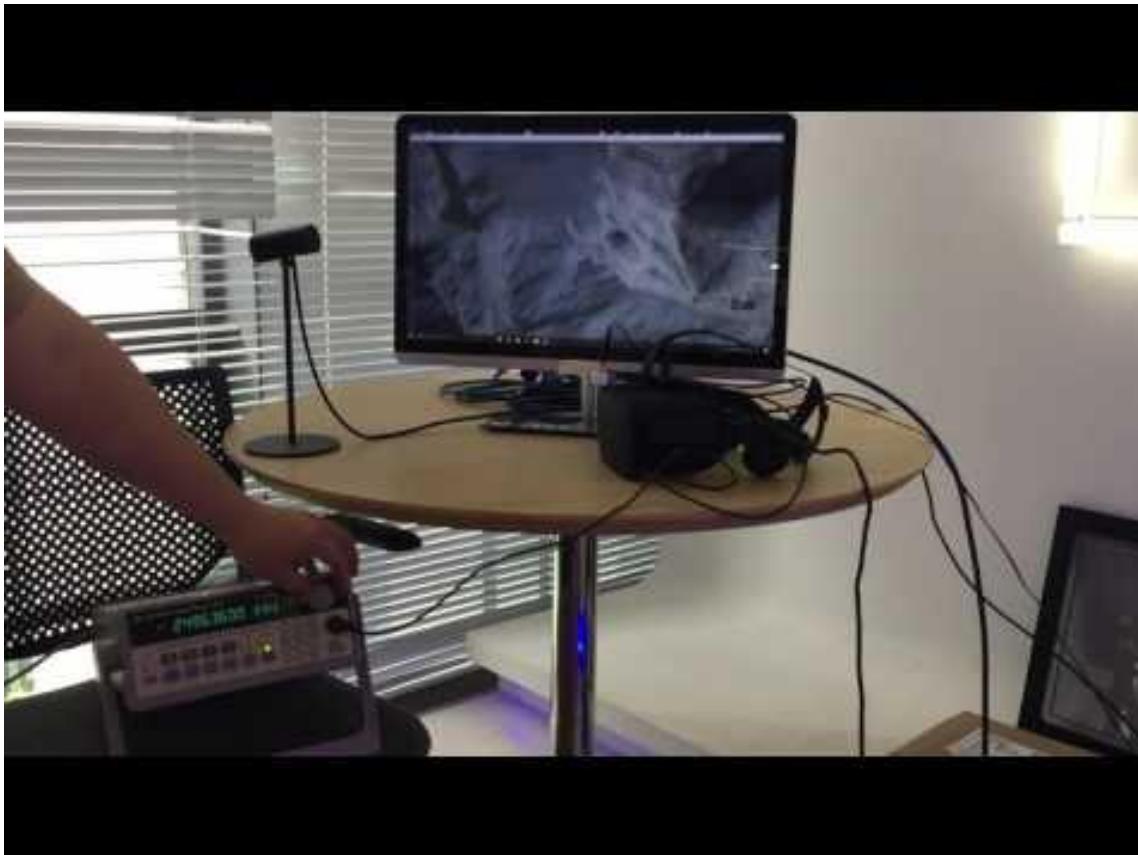
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- Who are we:  
A research team of Alibaba security.
- Our research interests:  
Security issues about IoT, AI and their combinations.
- Previous briefing:  
Time and Position Spoofing with Open Source Projects  
Blackhat Europe 2015

- An attack demo of Oculus headset
- Physical Principle of MEMS
- Other attack attempts on VR devices
- Attack attempts on drones
- Attack attempts on self-balanced vehicles -
- Countermeasures

# Attack Demo on Facebook Oculus



# How This Happens?

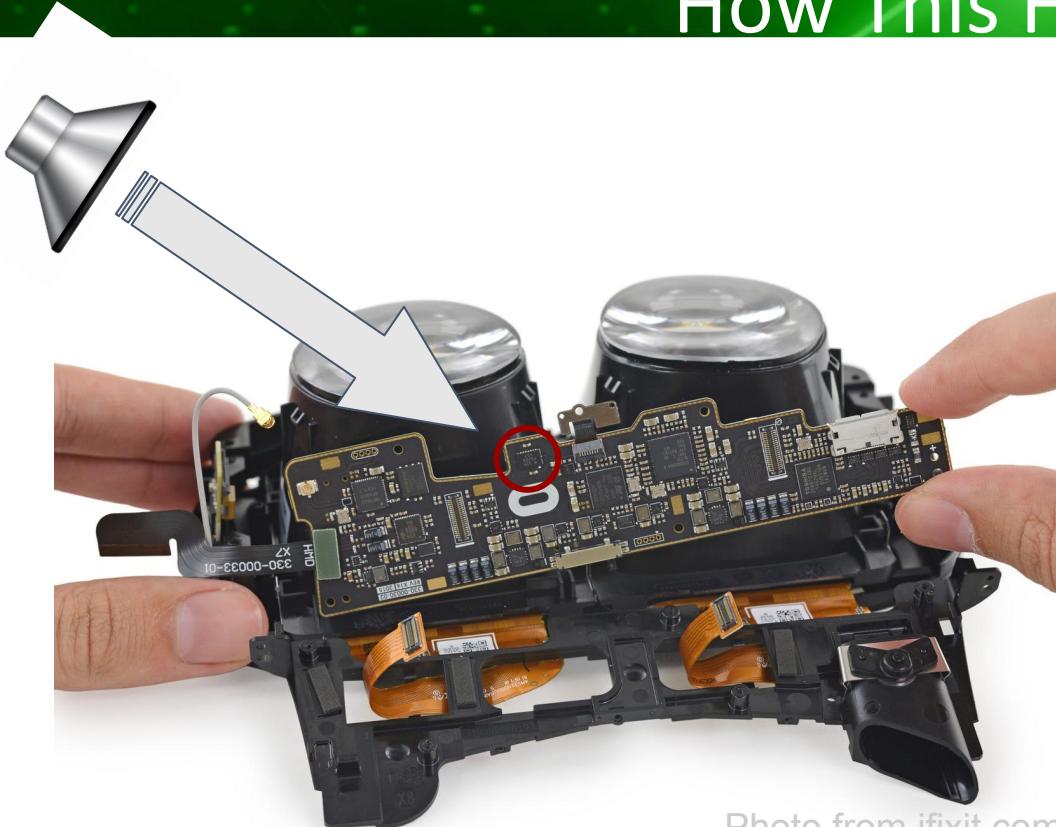
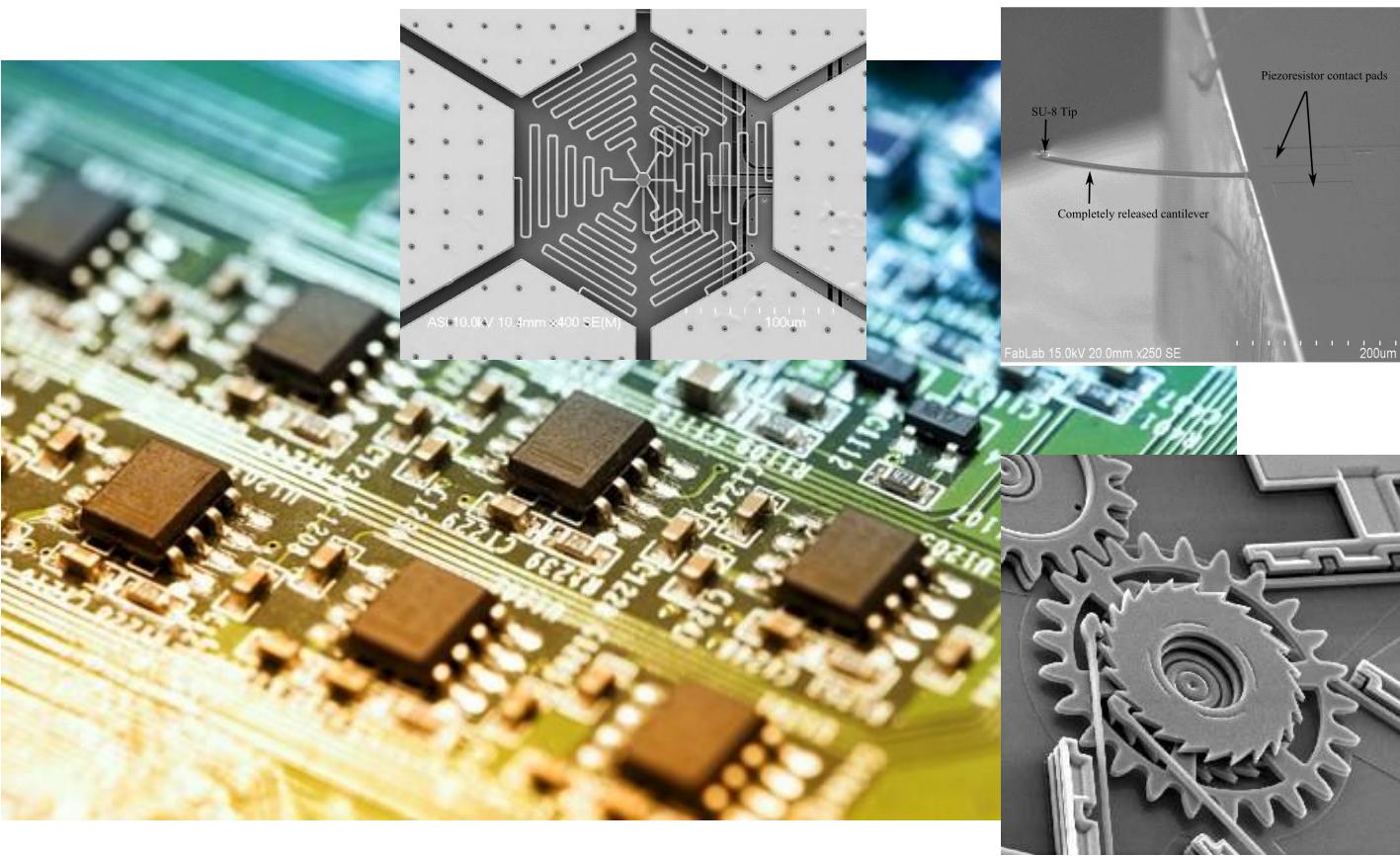


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# What is MEMS Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems

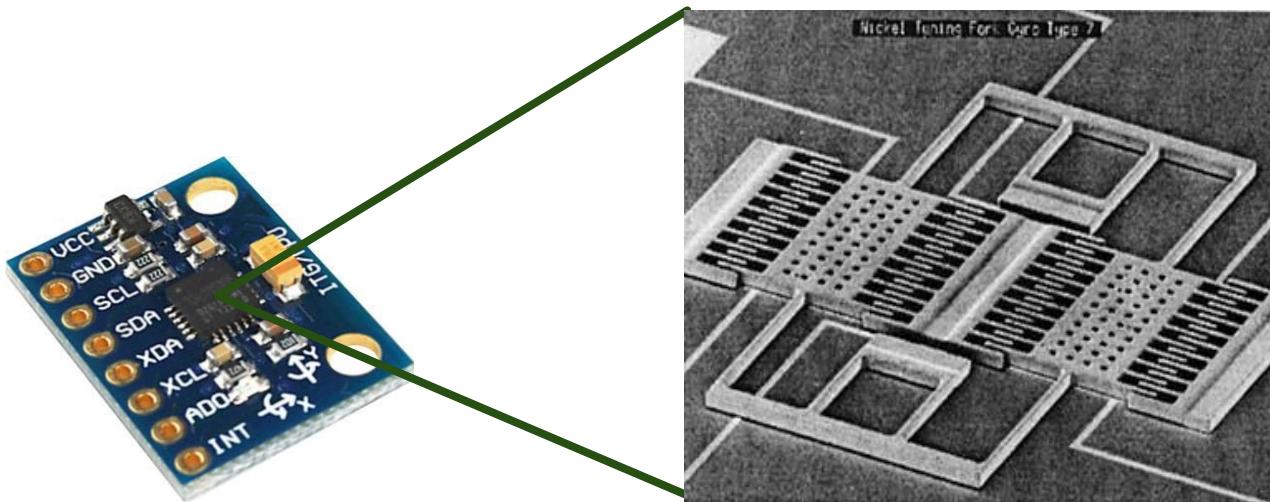


# What is MEMS



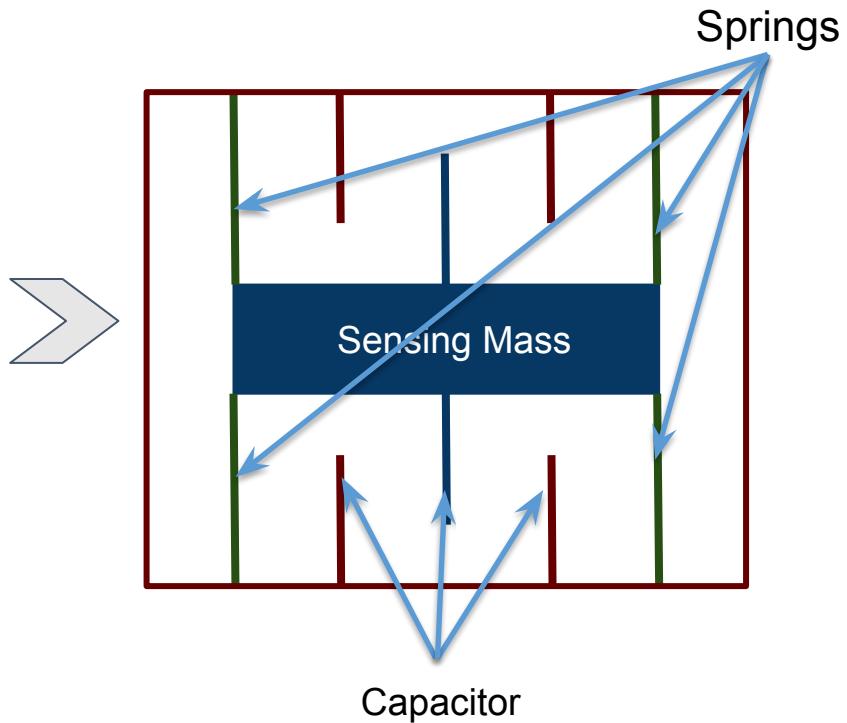
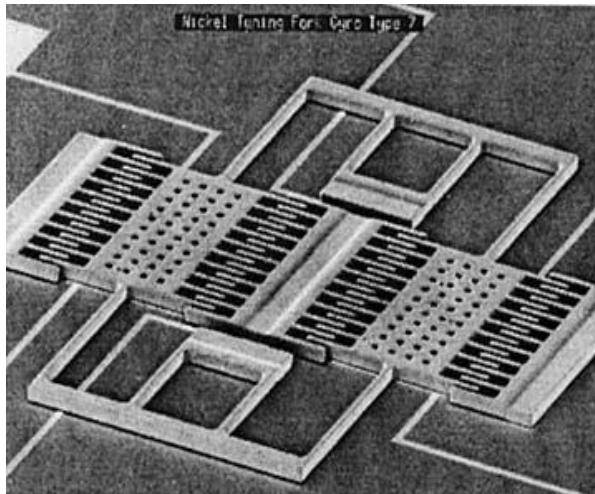
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## Accelerometer



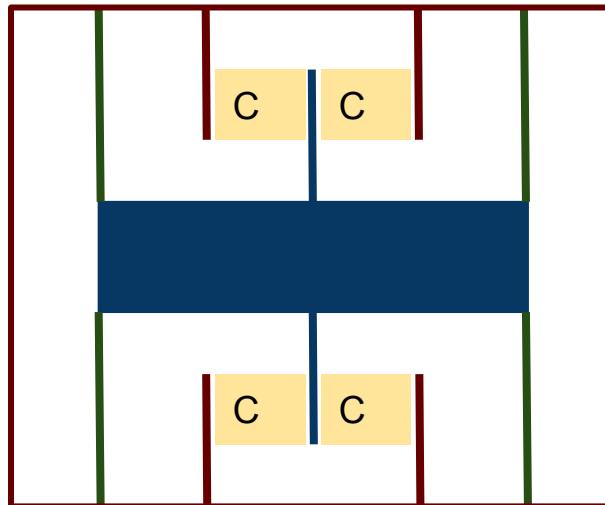
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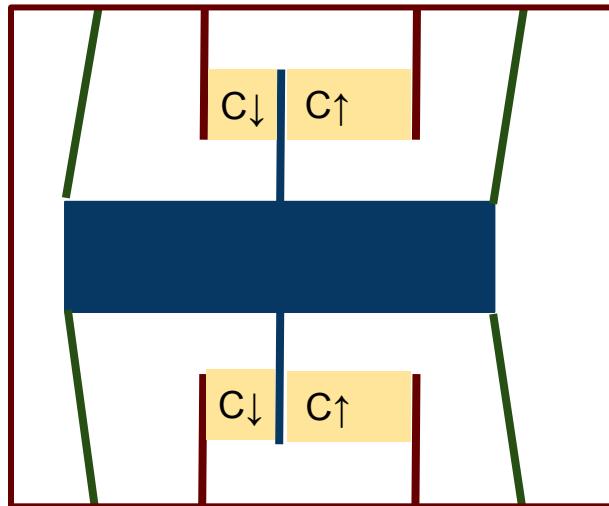
## Accelerometer



1 DoF (Degree of Freedom)  
Spring-Mass System

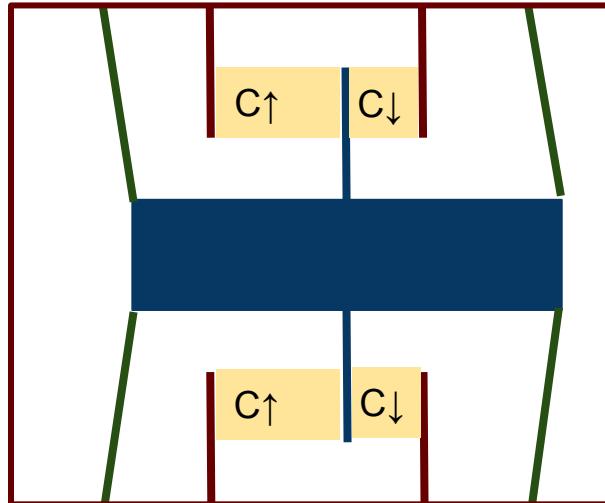
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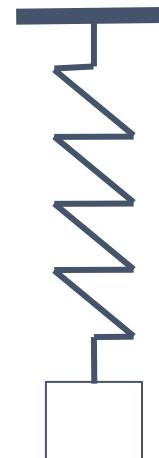
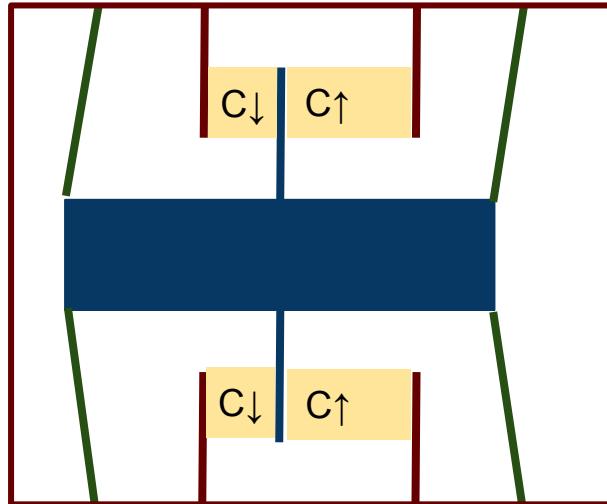
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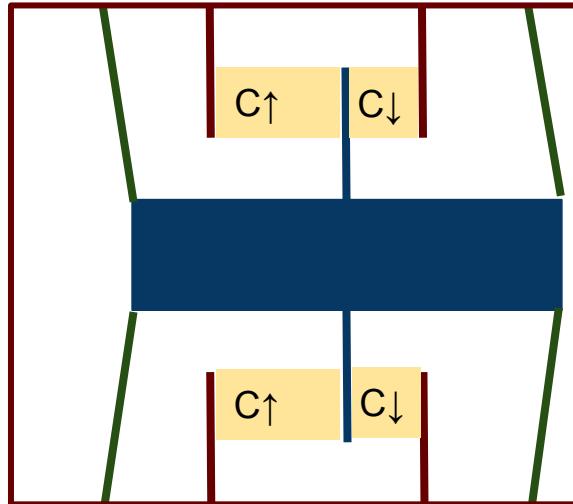
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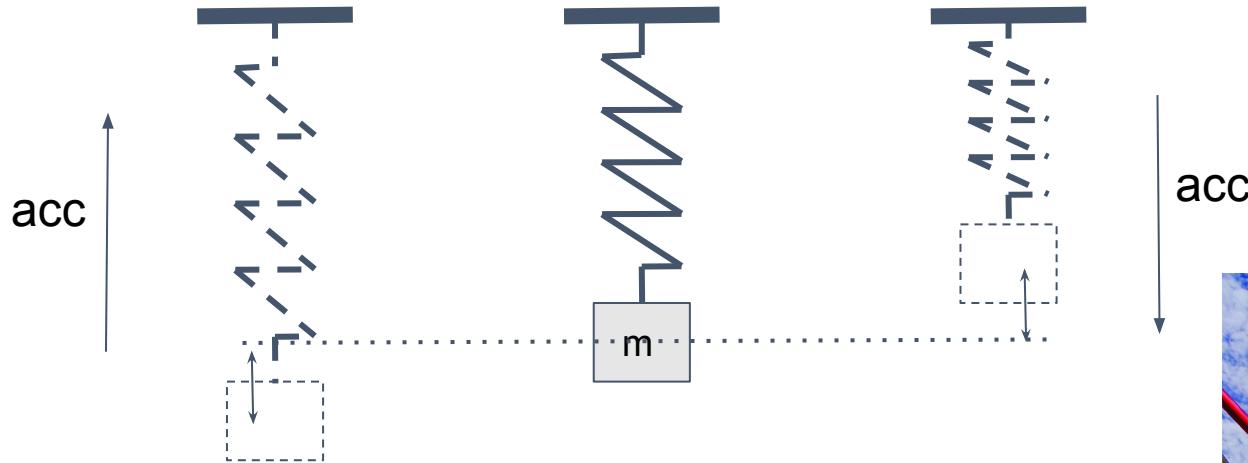
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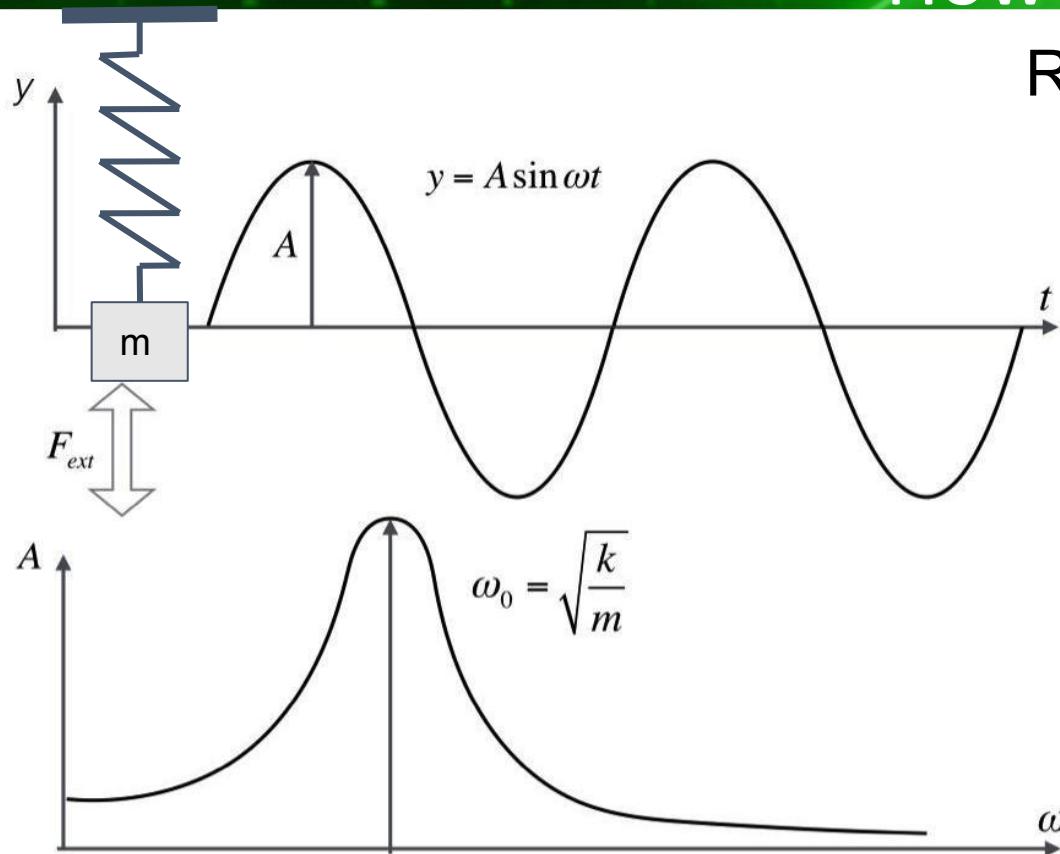


# How MEMS Works

## Accelerometer



# How to Attack Resonance



## Previous Work

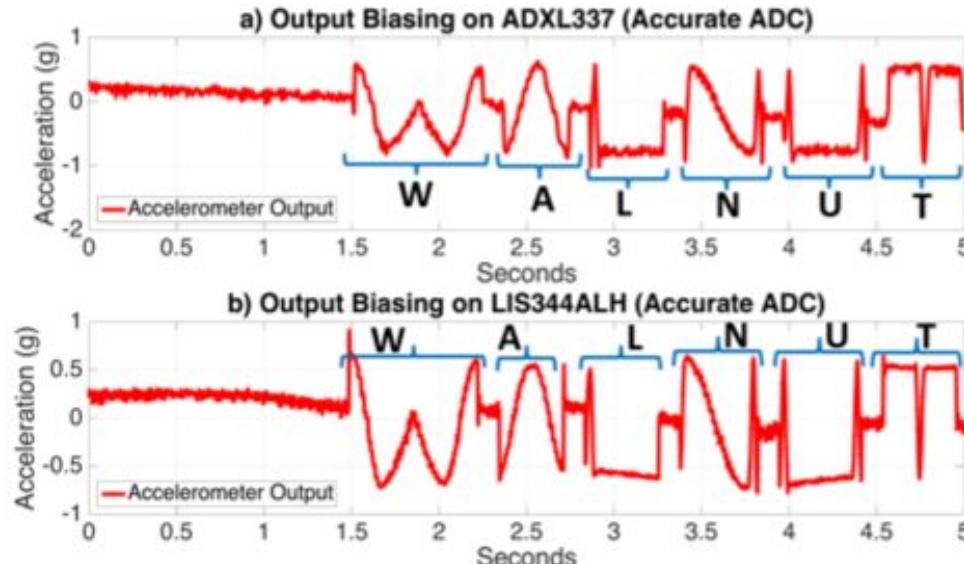
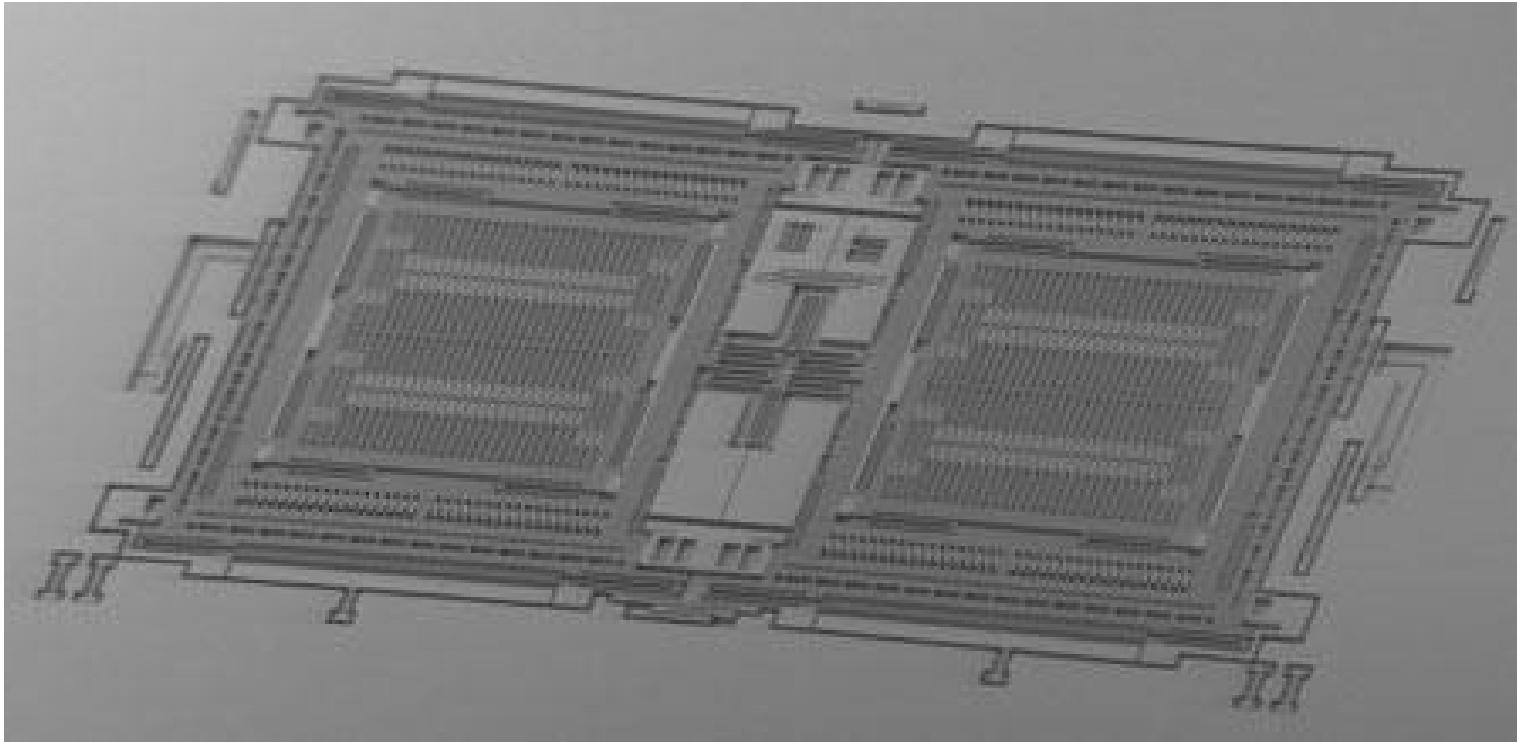


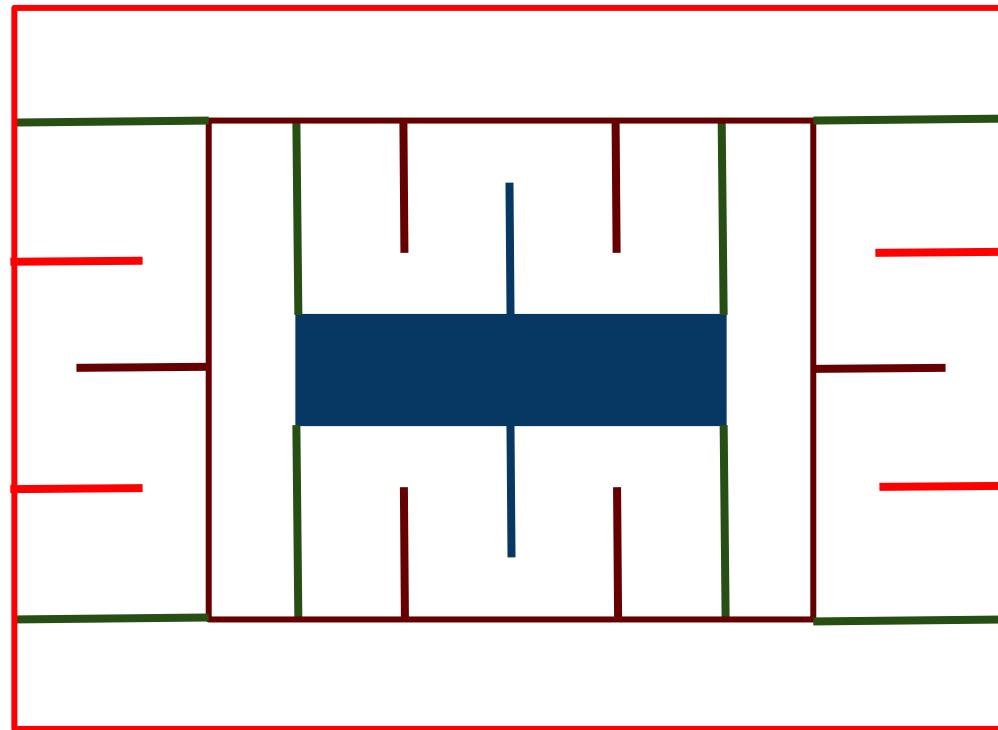
Figure 11. Spelling WALNUT: Output Biasing Attack on Sensors with Accurate ADCs. We demonstrate the output biasing attack can control

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## Gyroscope

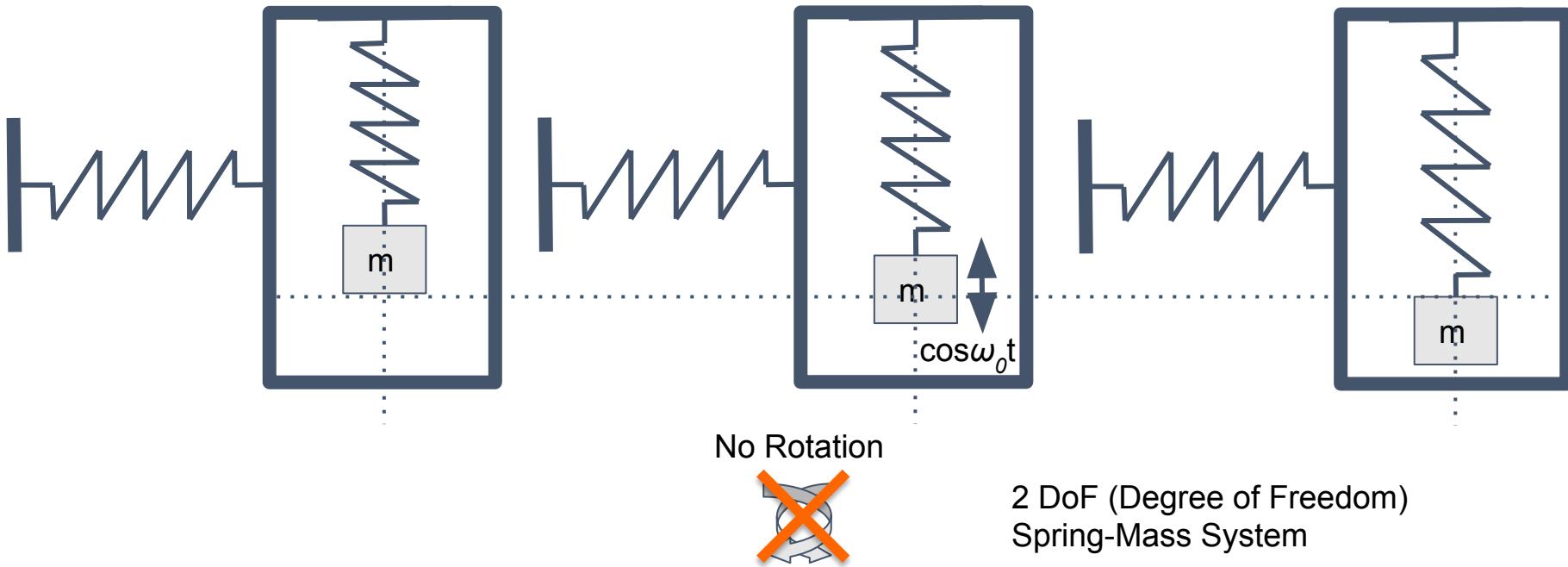


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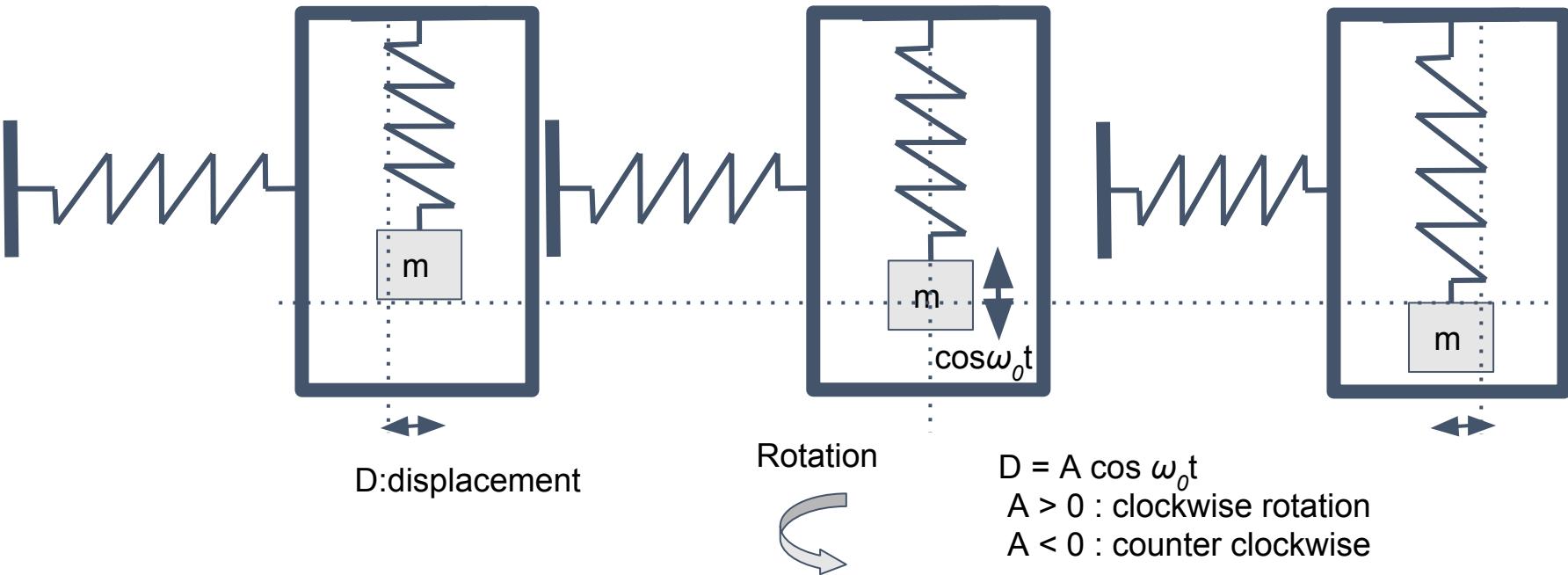
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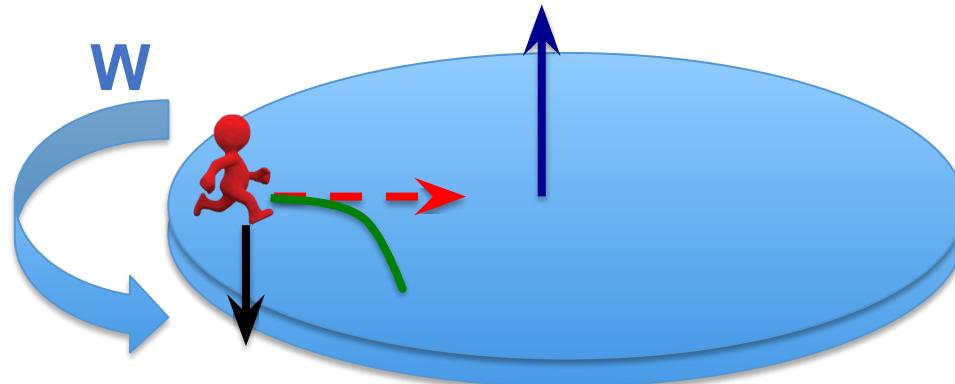
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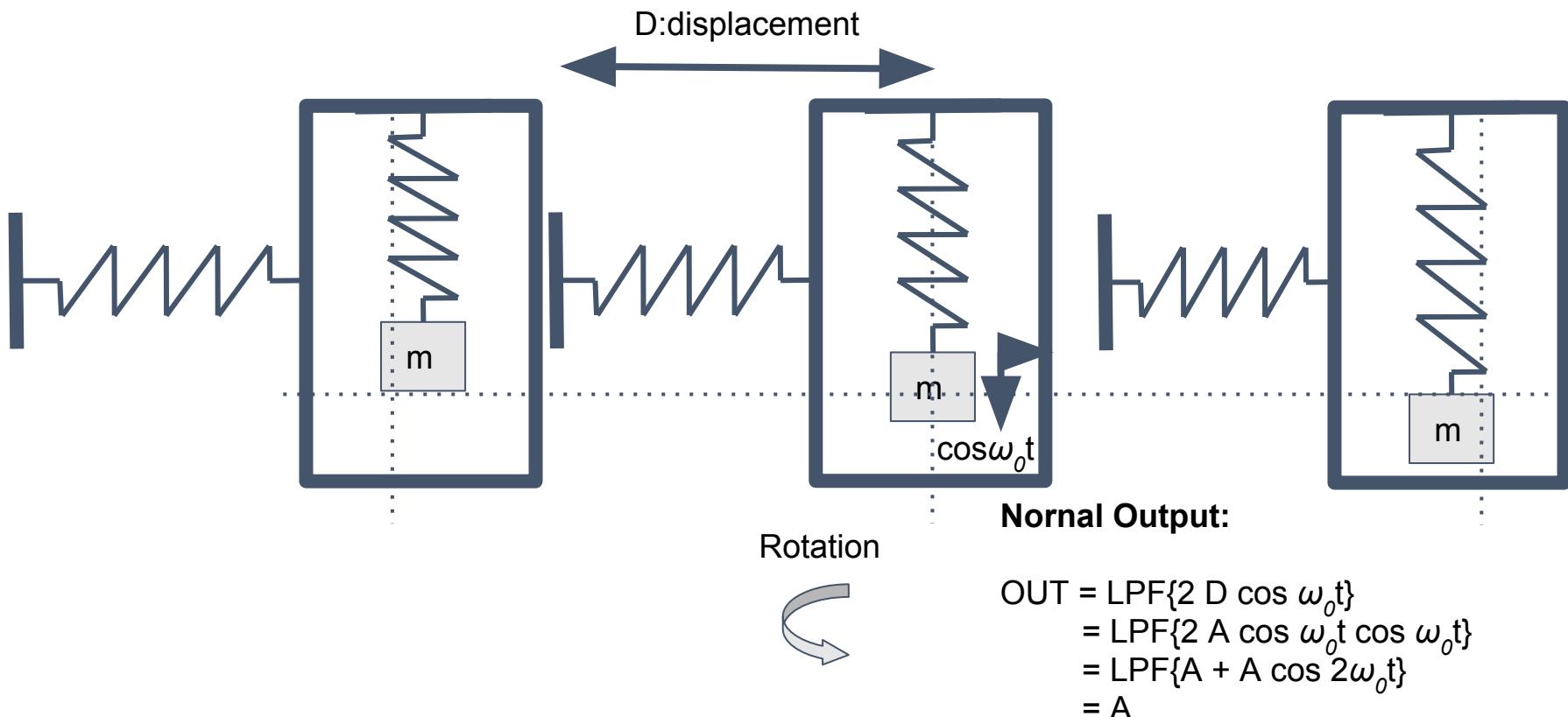
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# How to Attack

## Gyroscope

### Displacement Under Attack:

$$D = A_u \cos(\omega_u t + \Delta\phi)$$

$A_u$  : ultrasound induced amplitude

$\omega_u$  : ultrasound frequency

$\Delta\phi$  : ultrasound phase shift

### Attack Output:

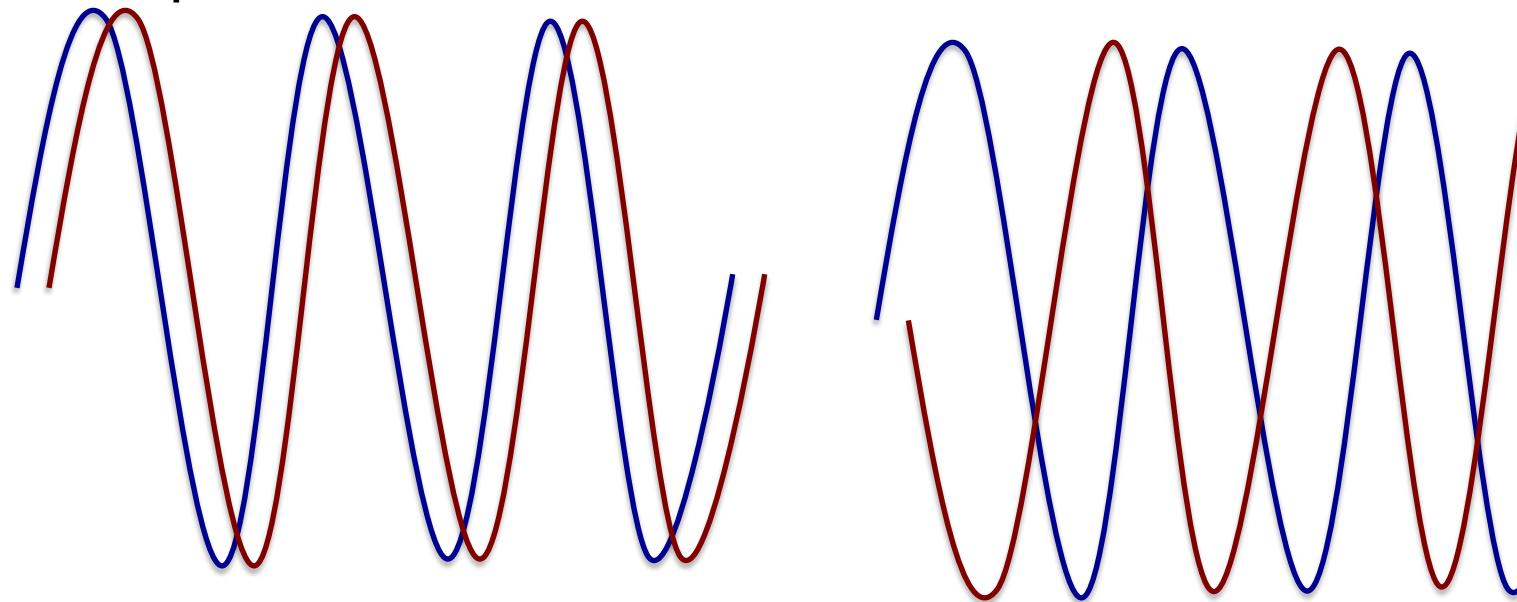
$$\text{OUT} = \text{LPF}\{2 D \cos \omega_0 t\}$$

$$= \text{LPF}\{A_u \cos [(\omega_0 - \omega_u)t - \Delta\phi] + A_u \cos [(\omega_0 + \omega_u)t + \Delta\phi]\}$$

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# How to Attack

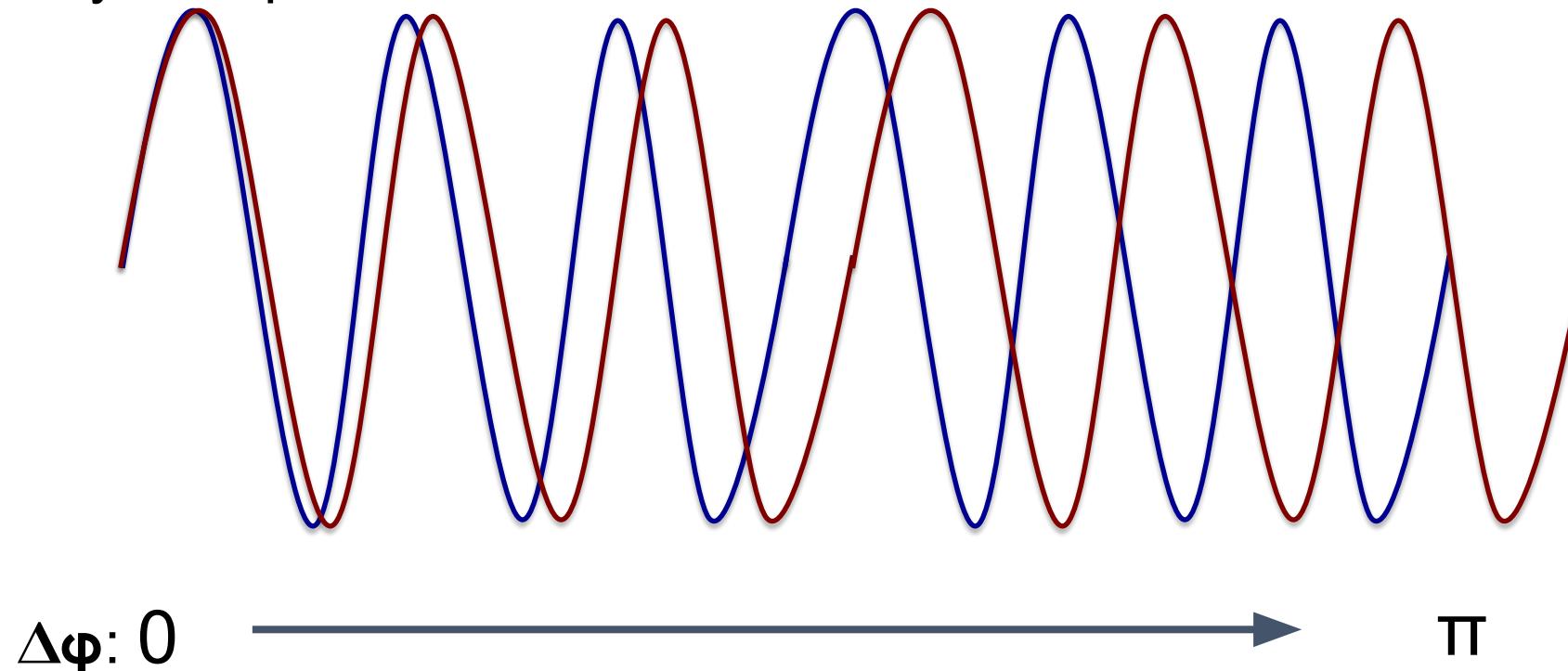
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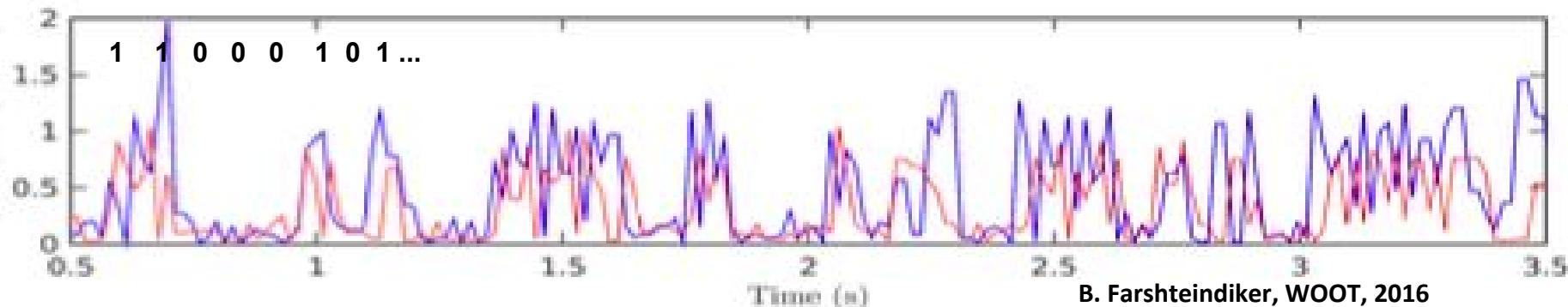
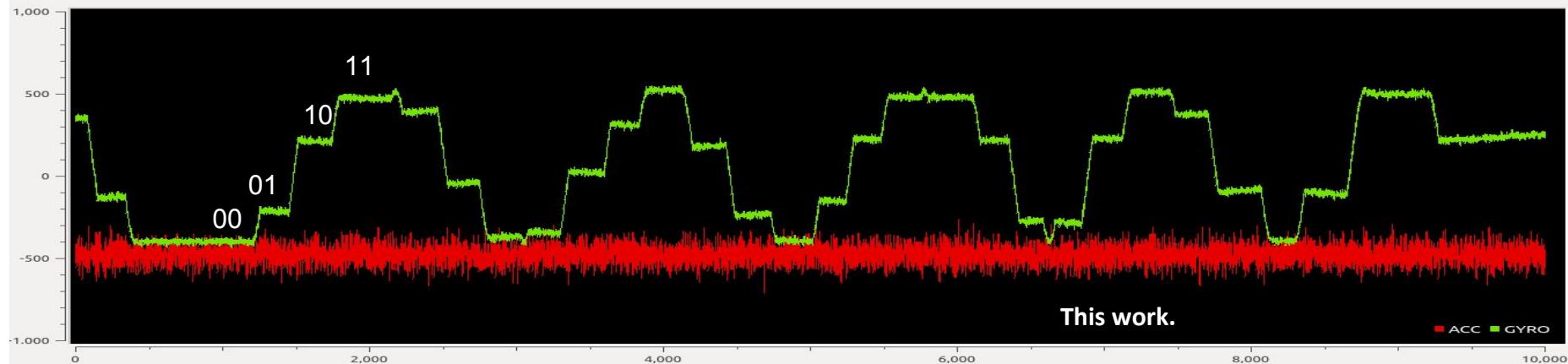
$0 < \Delta\phi < \pi$   
OUT > 0

$\pi < \Delta\phi < 2\pi$   
OUT < 0

## Gyroscope



# Modulation Demo



B. Farshtejnaker, WOOT, 2016

# Attack Attempts

## VR Devices(including Phones)

Facebook Oculus Rift CV1  
HTC Vive + Controller  
Microsoft HoloLens  
iPhone 7  
Samsung Galaxy S7

## Drone

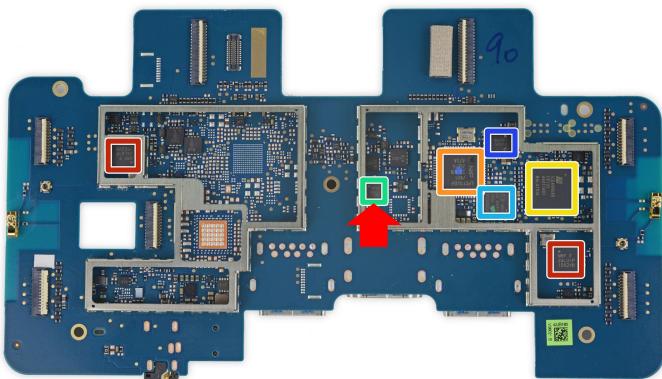
DJI phantom 3

## Self Balancing Vehicles(including Toys)

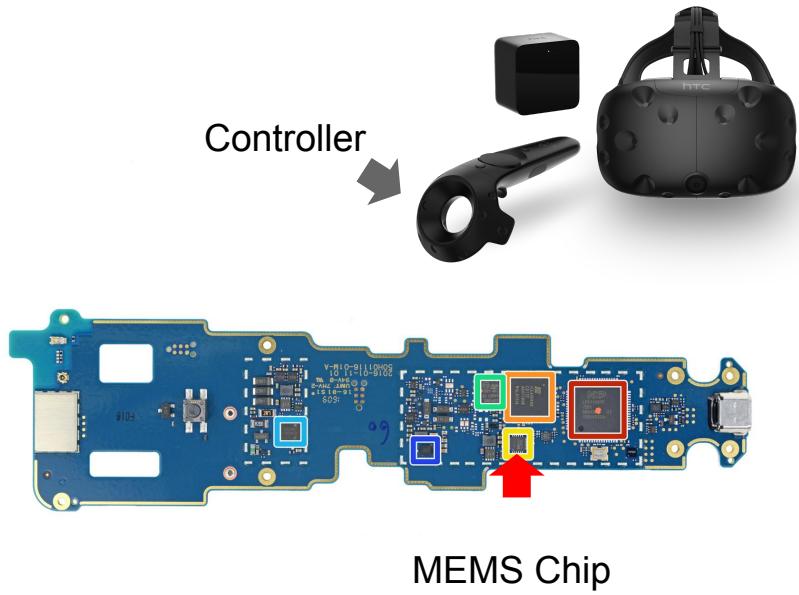
DIY balancing robot  
Mi Mitu toy robot  
Mi Ninebot Mini



- HTC Vive Headset



# HTC Vive Controller



Controller



MEMS Chip



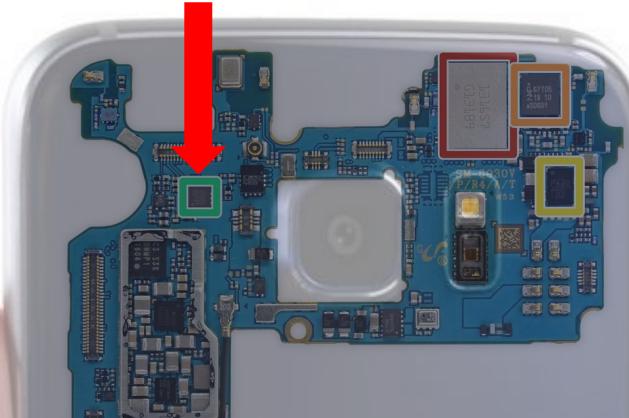
# HoloLens



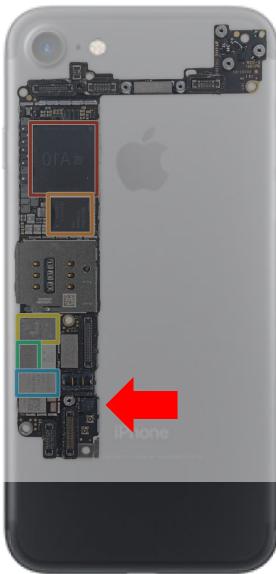
# Video Demo: Samsung S7

STMicroelectronics LSM6DS3

MEMS Chip



# Video Demo: iPhone 7



InvenSense 773C



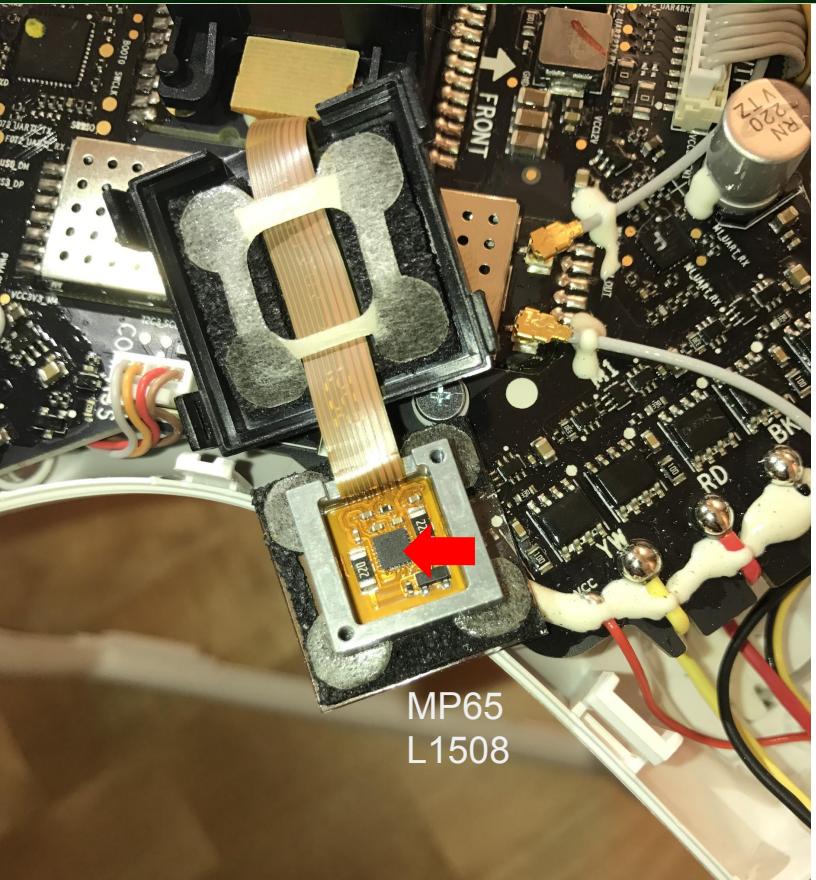
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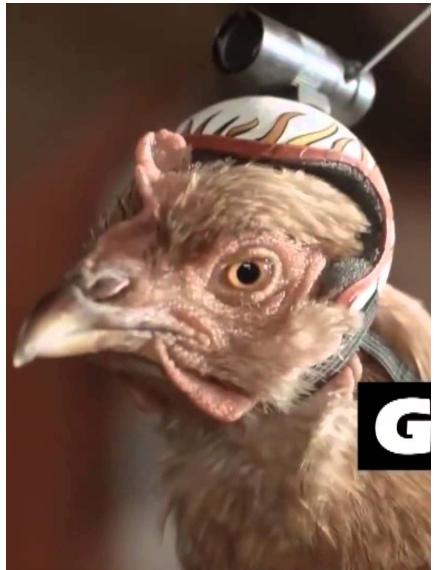


with Doppler Frequency Shift

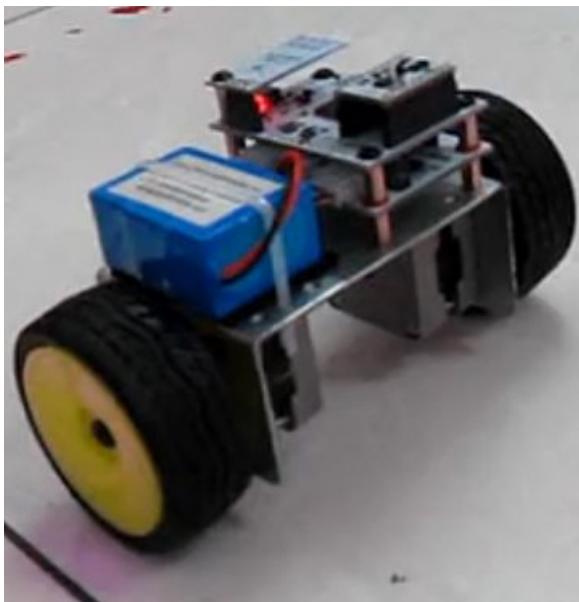
# DJI Phantom 3 Standard



# DJI Phantom 3 Standard - Camera



MPU6050 module

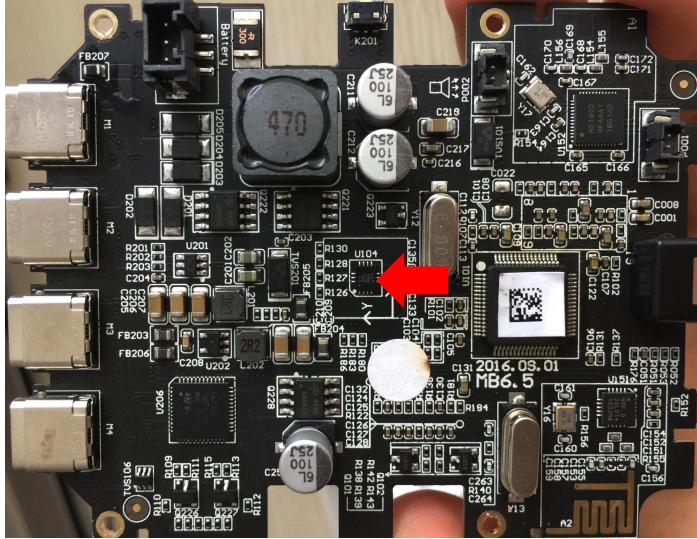


# DIY Self-balancing Robot

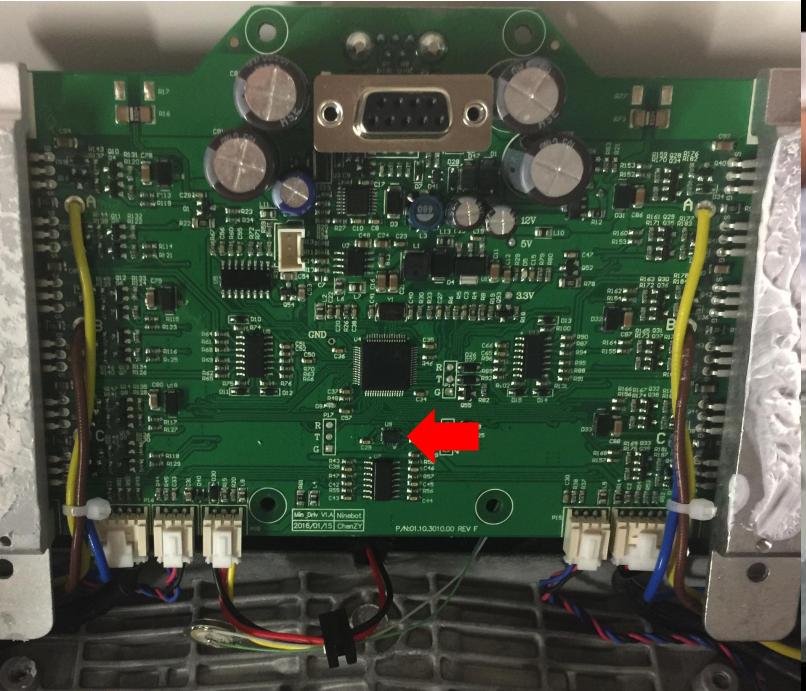


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# MiTU Self-balancing Robot



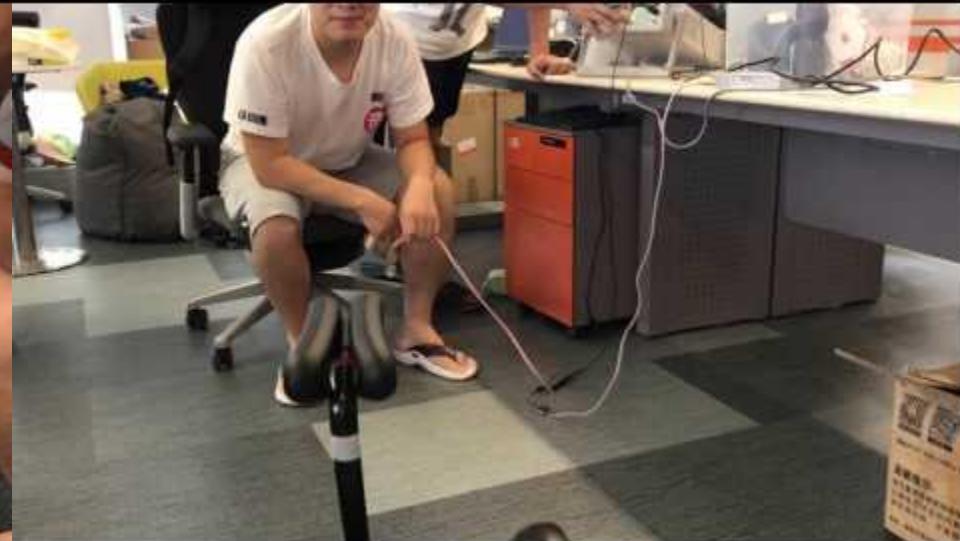
# Commerical Scooter



# Commerical Scooter



Without Power Amplifier



With Power Amplifier

What about real car?



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# MEMS and Security: An inexhaustive list

	Gyroscope	Accelerometer	Other MEMS*
DoS	Son, et al.	Trippel, et al.	TODO
Manipulation	This work!	Trippel, et al.	TODO
Long Range	TODO	TODO	TODO

\* Other MEMS chips include MEMS microphones, barometers, digital micromirror display and so on.

# Countermeasures

## 1. Shell

- prevent sonic energy from intruding.
- reflective material with multilayer may be considered.

## 2. Software

- actively detect the resonating sound with microphone.
- warn or perform noise cancelling.

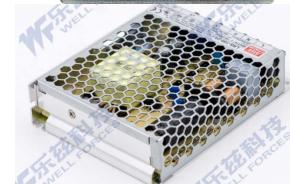
## 3. Chip

- new design of MEMS chips that can resist sonic attacks\*.

## 4. Multi Sensors

\*Serrano D E, et al. PLANS, 2016.

Device	Model	Price
Signal Genenerator	SP F20A Max Freq: 20MHz (> 30kHz) Max Ampl: 20Vpp	\$320
Ultrasound Emitter	2425	\$0.4
Amplifier	TDA8932	\$2
DC Power	LRS-100-24	\$10
Signal Generator (Cheaper one)	UTG9002C Max Freq: 2MHz Max Ampl: 25Vpp	\$16



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# Q&A

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