



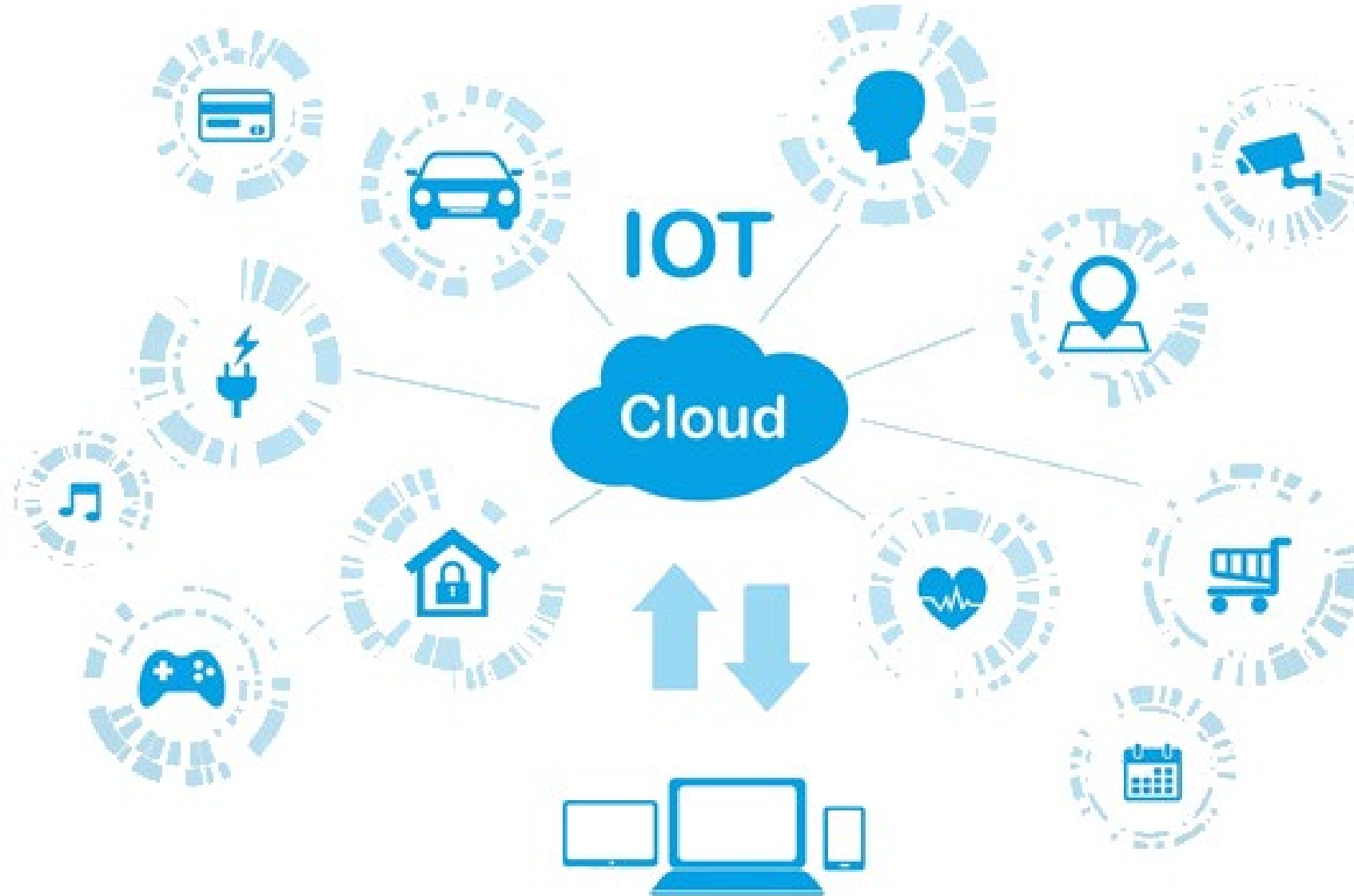
# *Deaf-Aid:* Mobile IoT Communication Exploiting Stealthy Speaker-to-Gyroscope Channel

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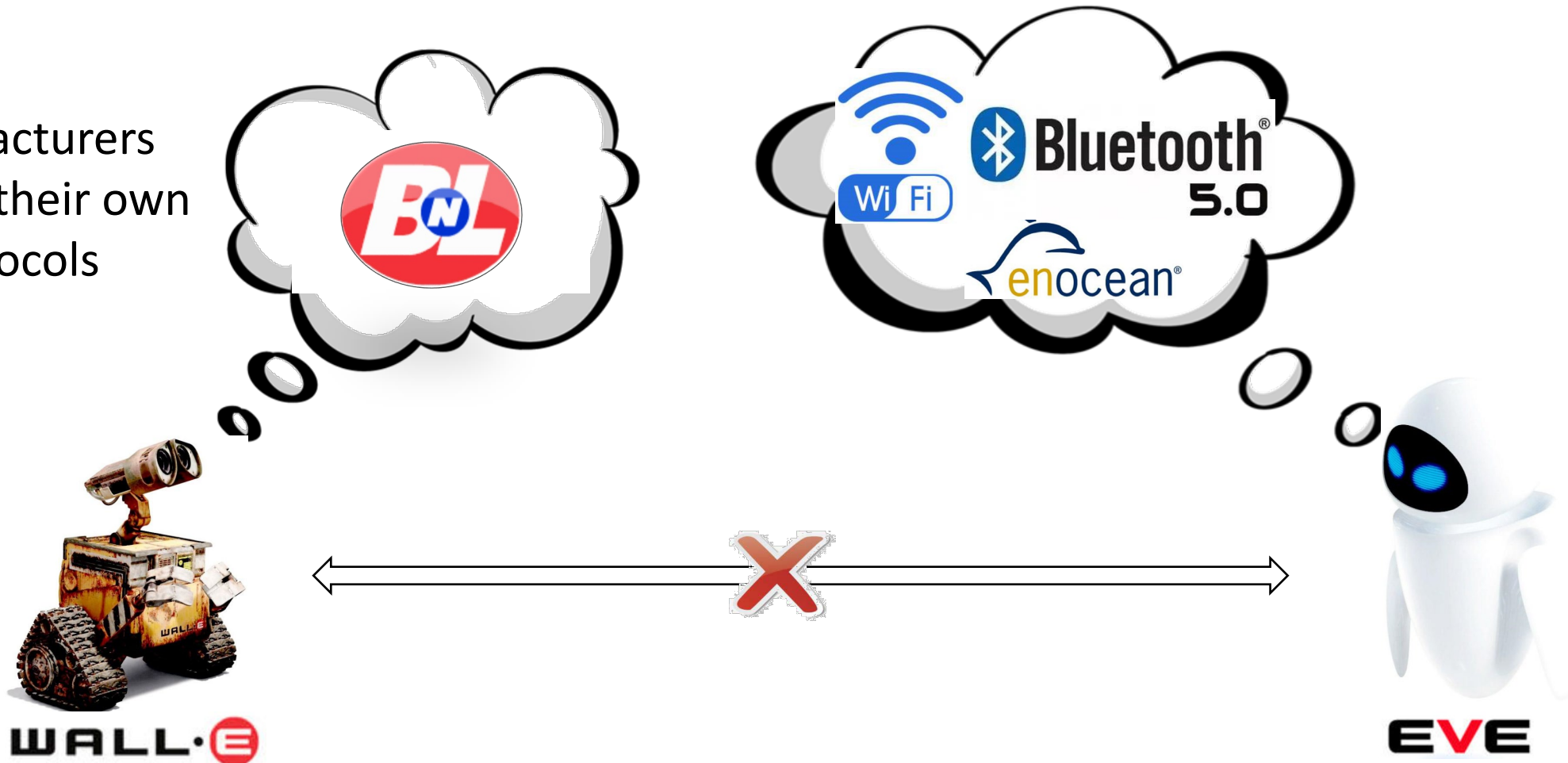
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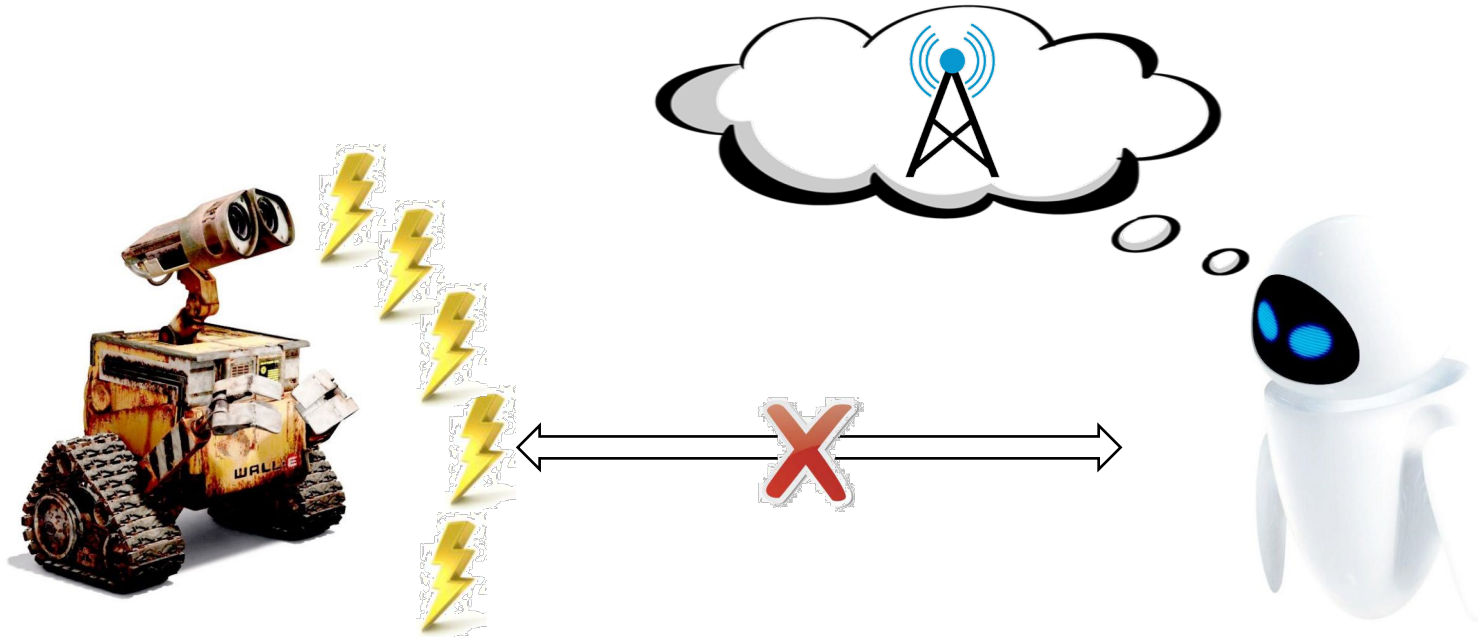


There are still many obstacles to realize such an everything-connected IoT network!

Manufacturers  
develop their own  
protocols

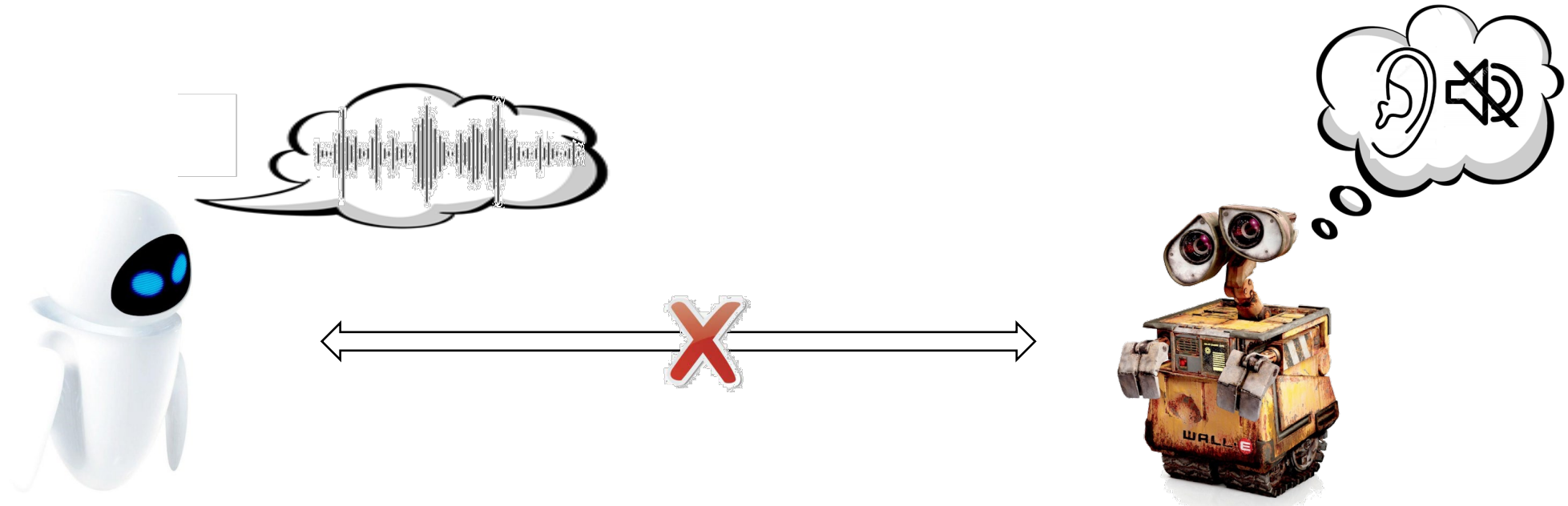


Incompatible protocols make it impossible for  
WALL.E to communicate with EVE!



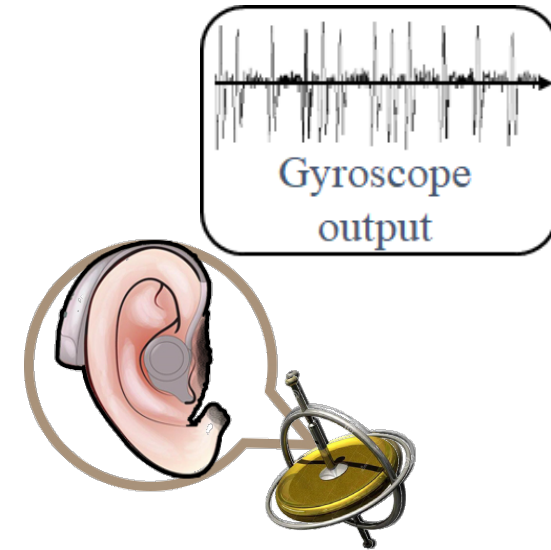
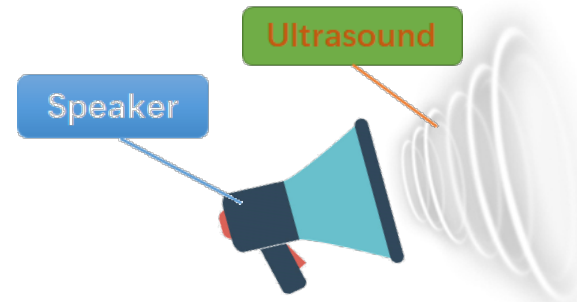
Communication means based only on the electromagnetic wave would fail upon the electromagnetic interference and shielding!

Paired transmitter-receiver are always required.

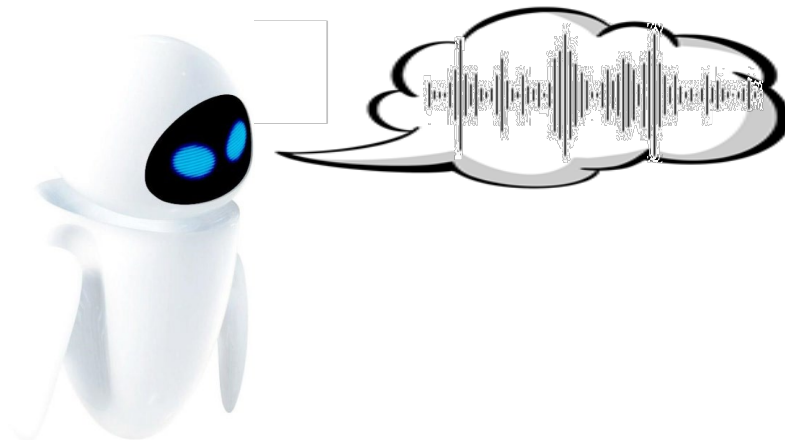


# Our vision

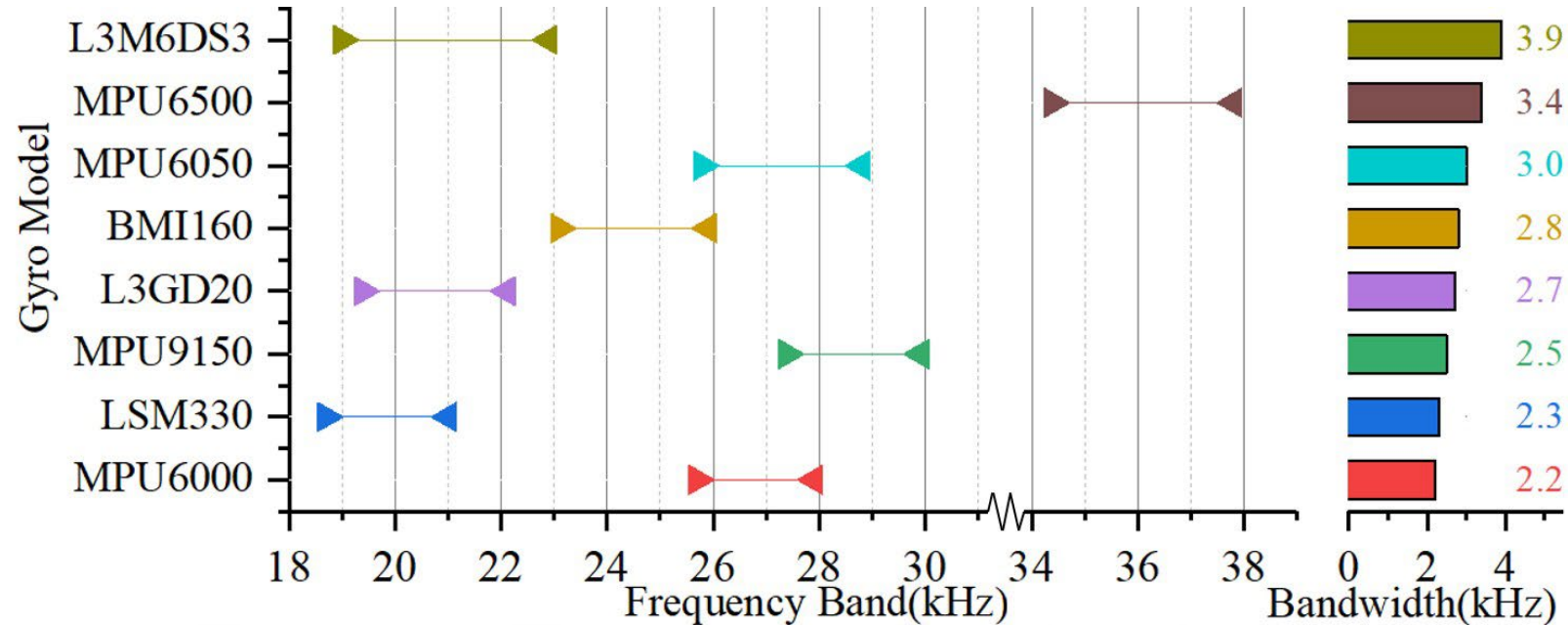
- Protocol-independent
- No Peripheral
- Robust to Movement



It provides a complementary communication channel to current IoT devices.



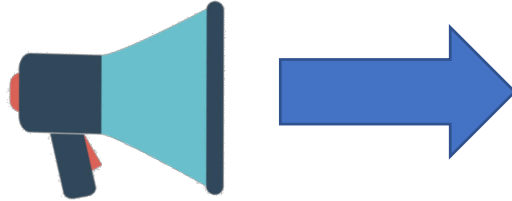
# Feasibility Study



- ✓ Non-contact
- ✓ Inaudibility
- ✓ No peripheral

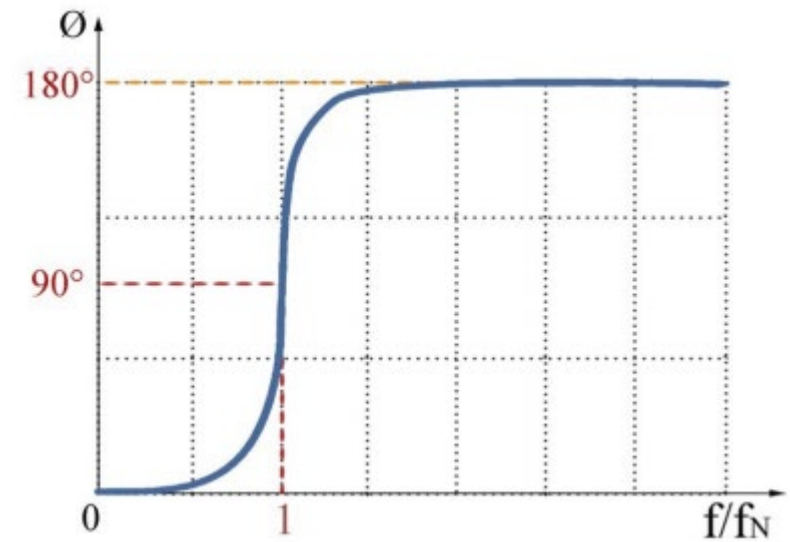
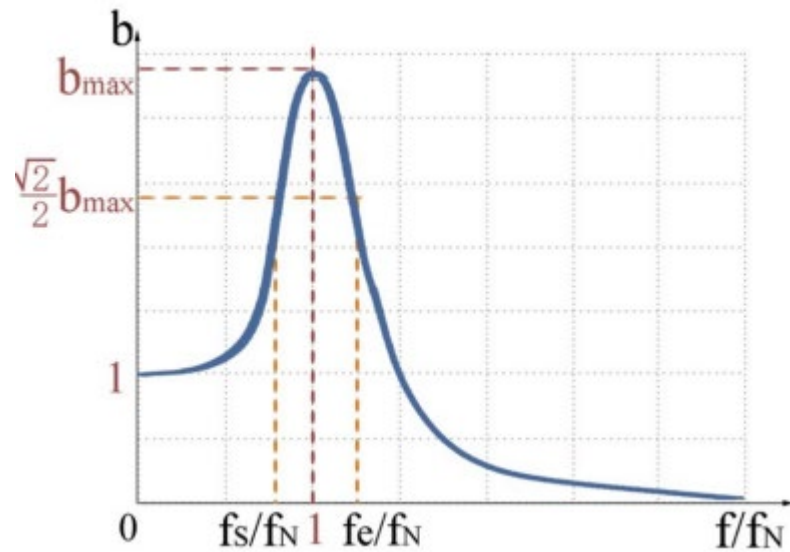


$$F(t) = A \cdot \sin(2\pi f_0 t + \phi_0)$$



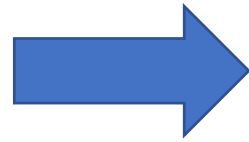
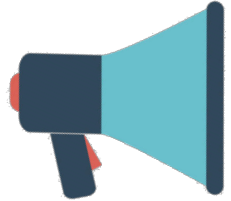
$$M = F(t) - F(t + t_{pw}) \\ + F(t + \boxed{\Delta t}) - F(t + \boxed{\Delta t} + t_{pw})$$

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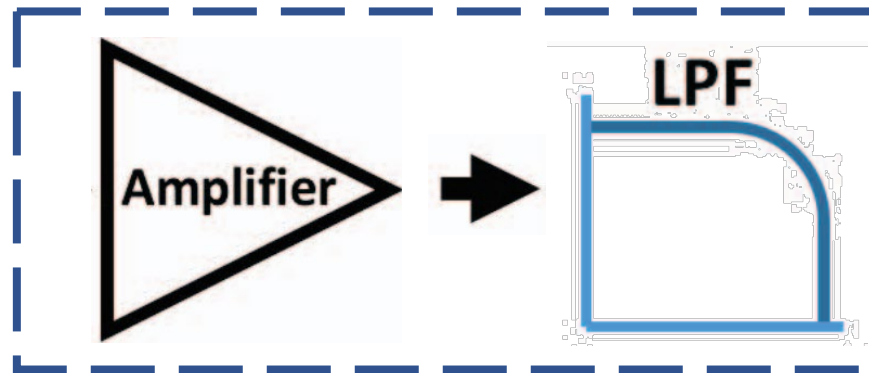


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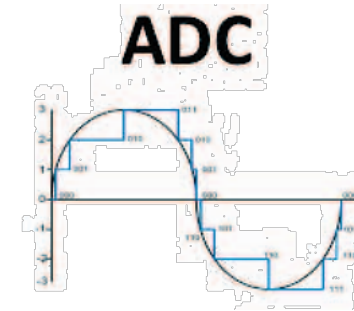
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$$R(t) = bLA \cdot \sin(2\pi f'_0 t + \Phi)$$

$$\Phi = \phi_0 + \phi_1 + \phi'$$



$$f'_0 = n \times F_s + f_1 \quad \left(-\frac{F_s}{2} < f_1 < \frac{F_s}{2}\right)$$

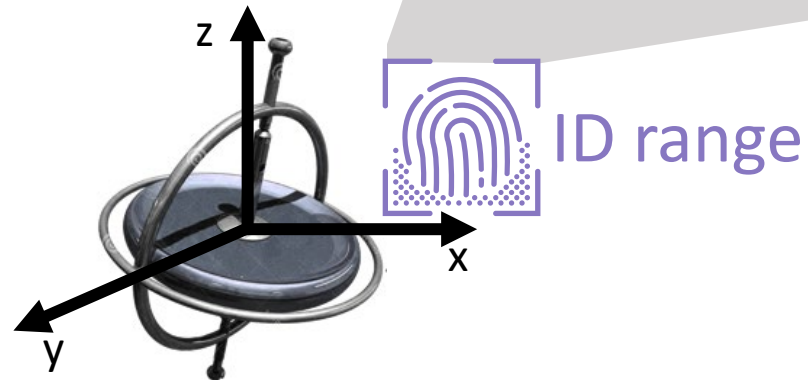
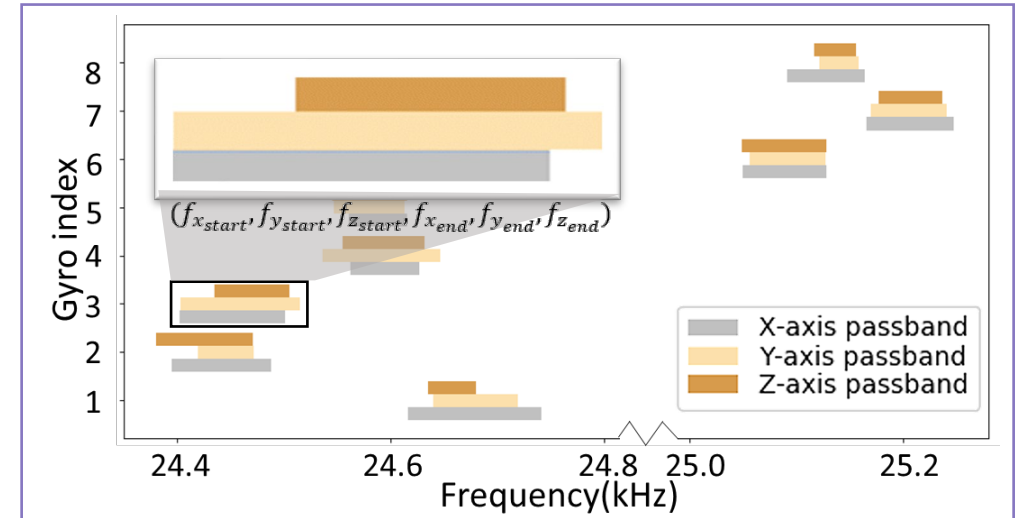
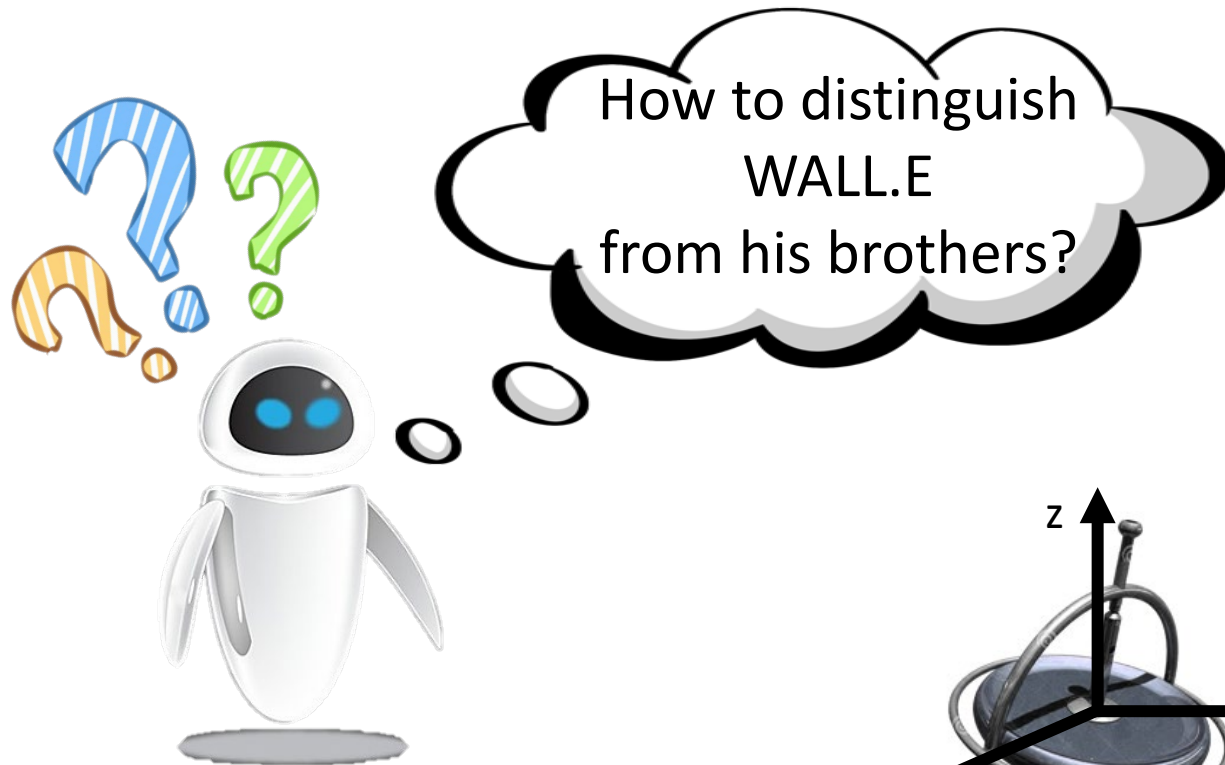
$$R[k] = bLA \cdot \sin(2\pi \boxed{f_1} \frac{k}{F_s} + \Phi)$$

# System Overview

1. How to identify the receiver?

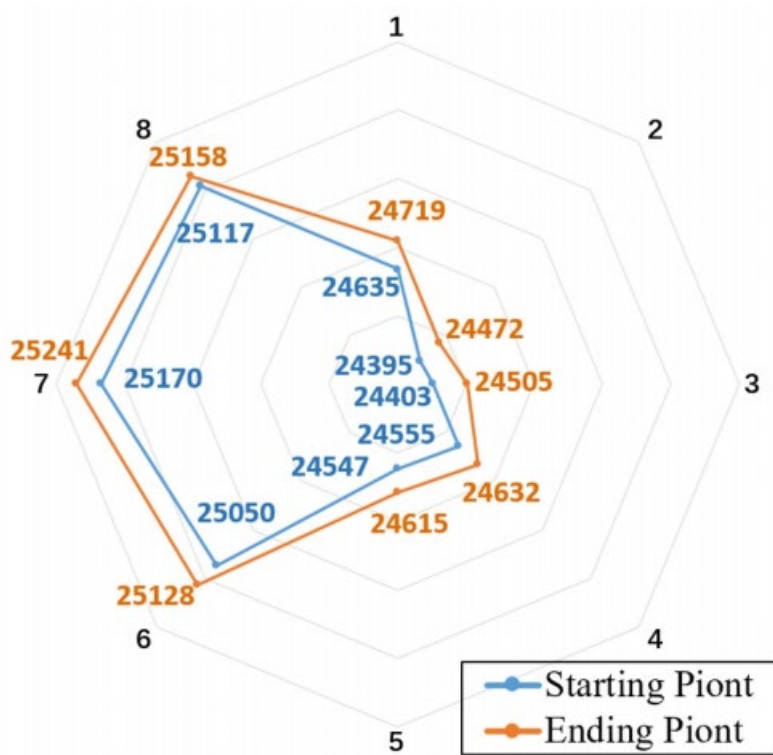
2. How to ensure high-quality communication?

3. How to suppress motion influence?



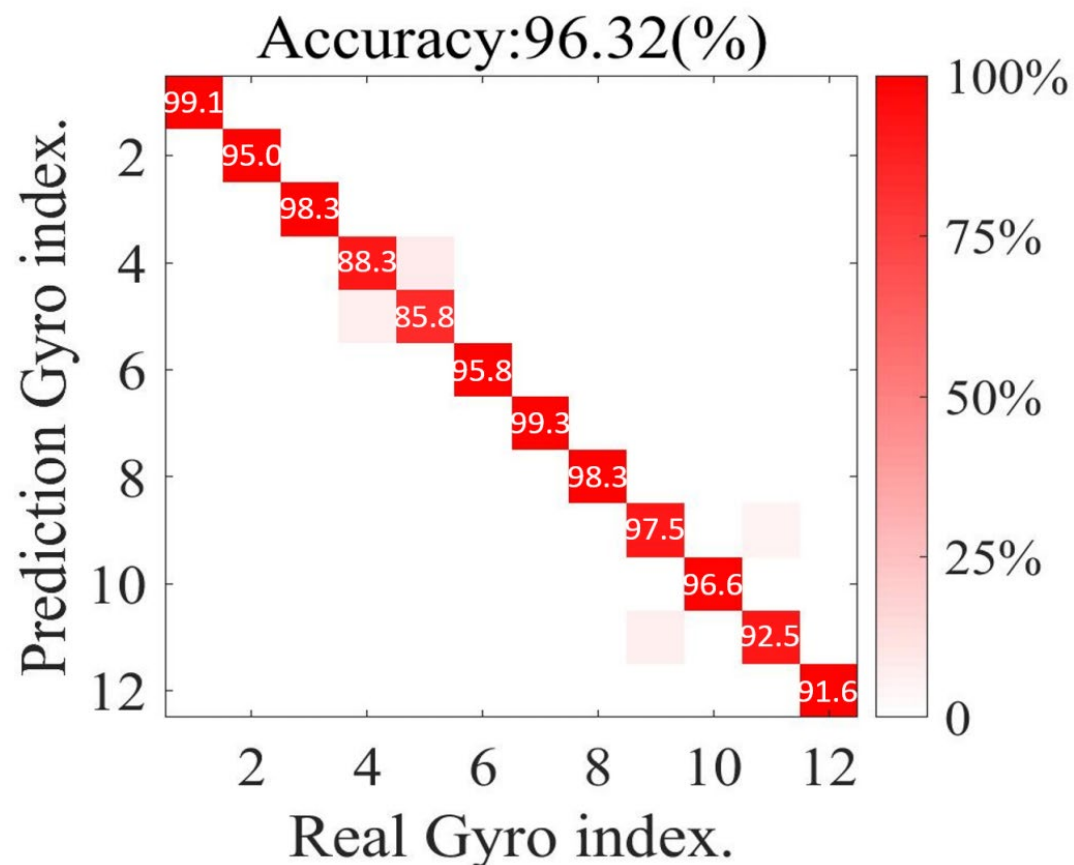
*Deaf-Aid* leverages **the diversity of resonant passband** of gyroscope as device fingerprint to identify receivers

# ID Range



$[\text{Median}(f_{x_{start}}, f_{y_{start}}, f_{z_{start}}), \text{Median}(f_{x_{end}}, f_{y_{end}}, f_{z_{end}})]$

- We tested 6 speakers and 12 gyroscopes
- It achieves an accuracy of **96.32%** totally.

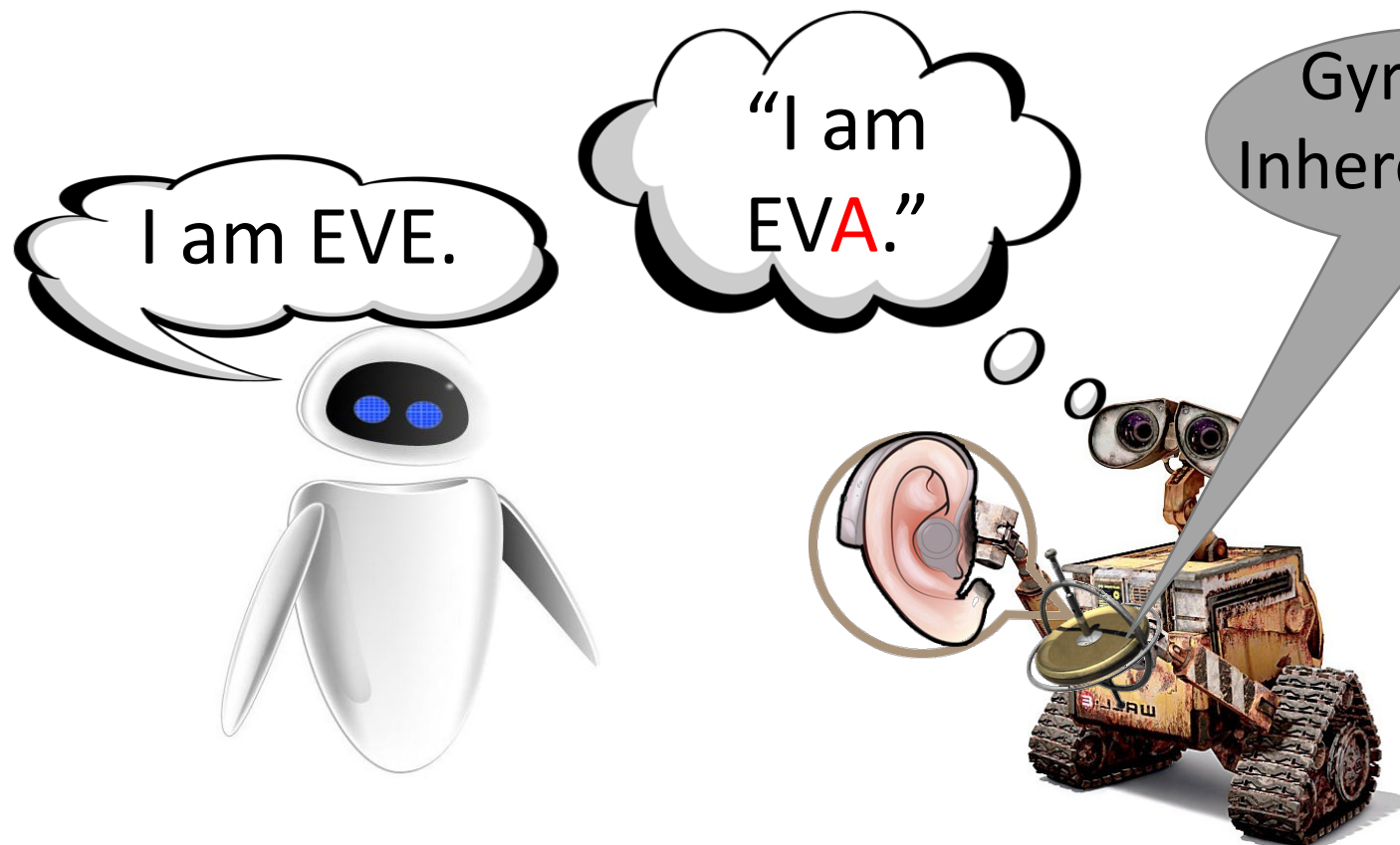


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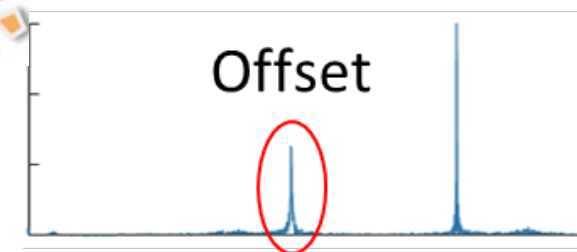
3. How to suppress motion influence?



✗ Traditional anti-noise techniques:  
Spectrum analysis



Frequency offset



$$f'_0 = n \times (Fs + \Delta Fs) + f_2$$

$$R[k] = bLA \cdot \sin(2\pi f_2 \frac{k}{Fs + \Delta Fs} + \Phi)$$

# Solution: Multiplier-based Correction

Our Observation:

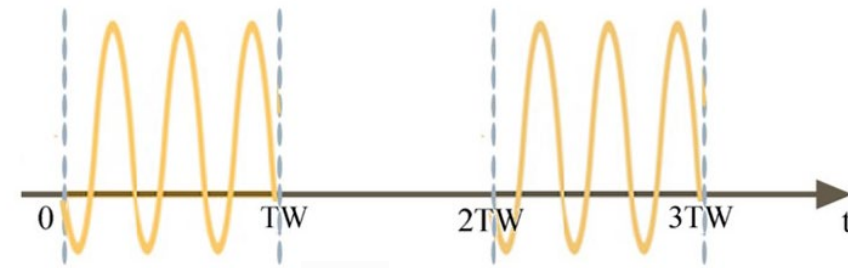
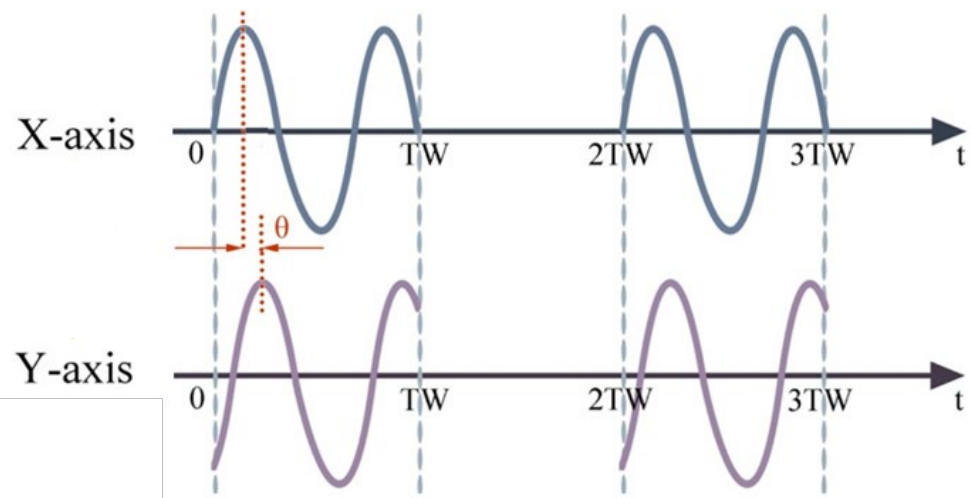
- Frequency synchronization
- Fixed phase difference

$$S_{cor}[k] = R_x[k] \times R_y[k]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} A_x A_y \cos(\Phi_x - \Phi_y)$$

Constant!

Noise is removed in an offset-independent way.

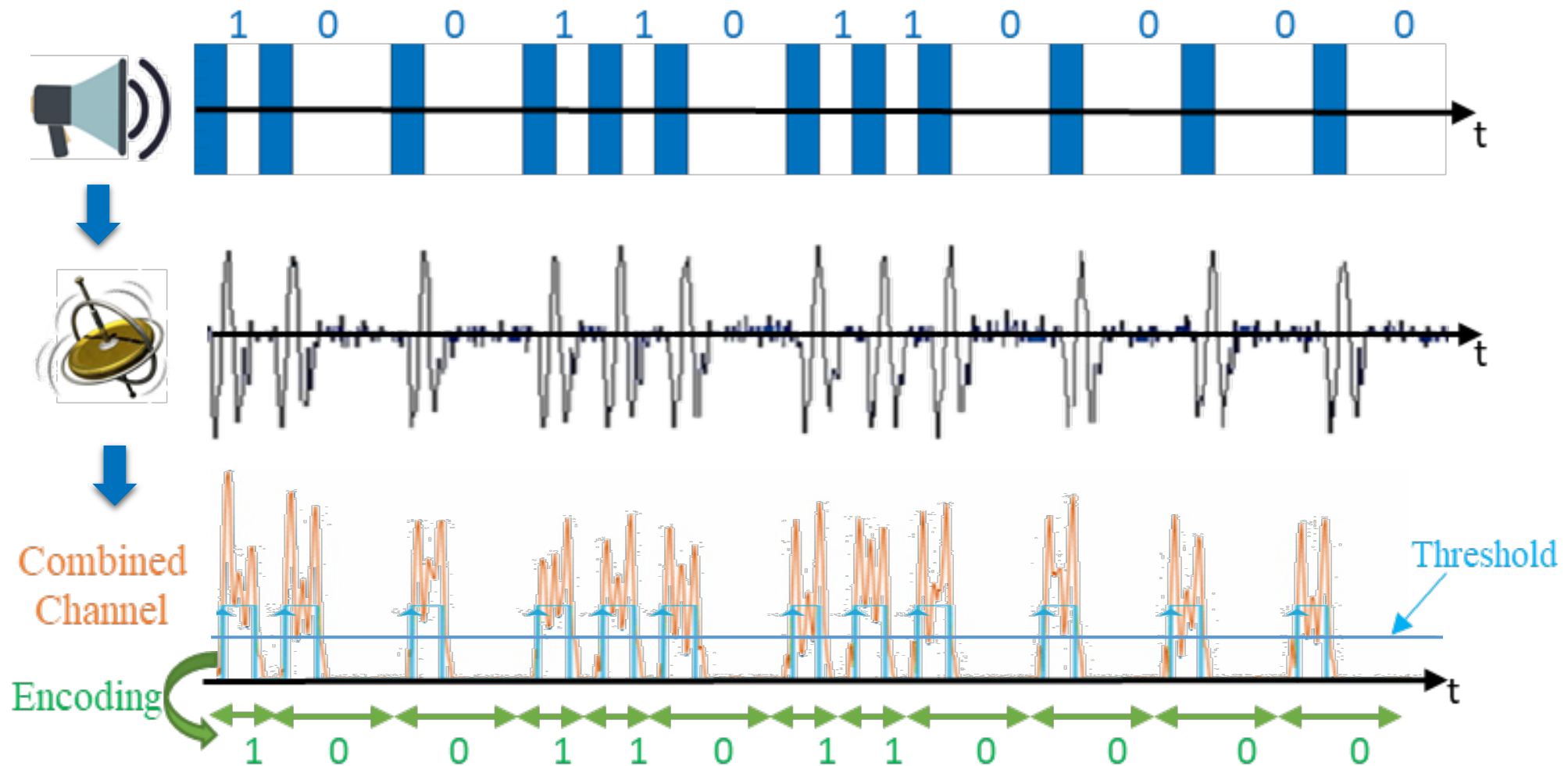


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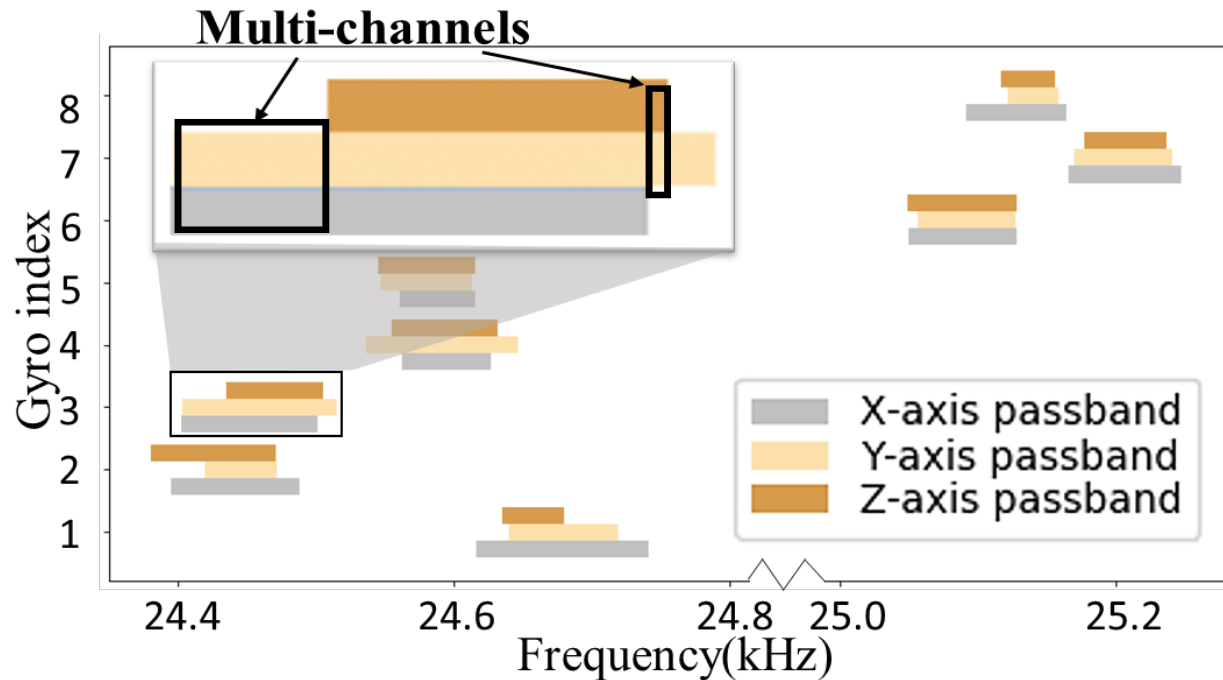


## An example of transmission via *Deaf-Aid*



Signals are received by gyroscope!

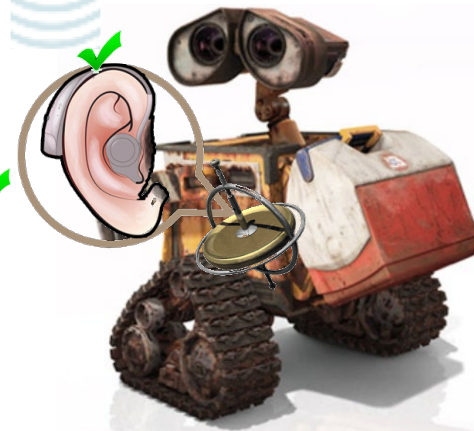
# Multi-channel Support



What is your mission?

Keep secret!

*Deaf-Aid* supports simultaneous communication on multiple channels, even from two transmitters.



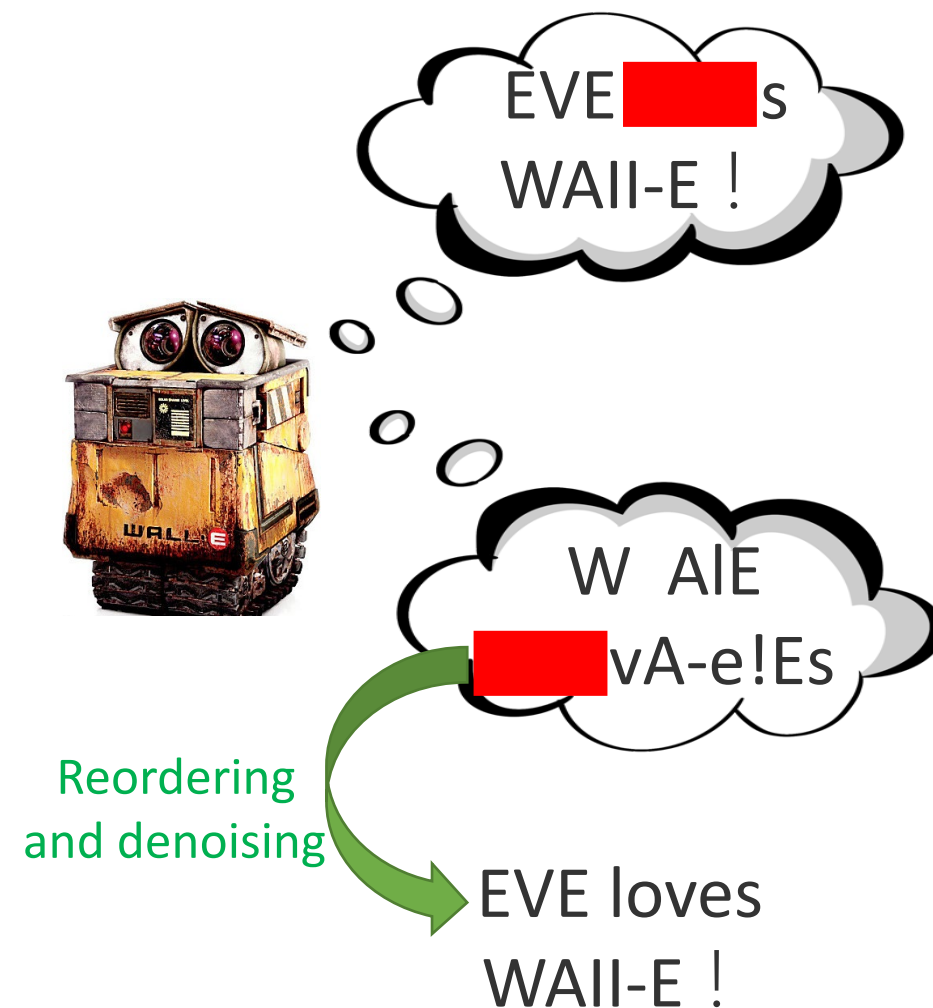
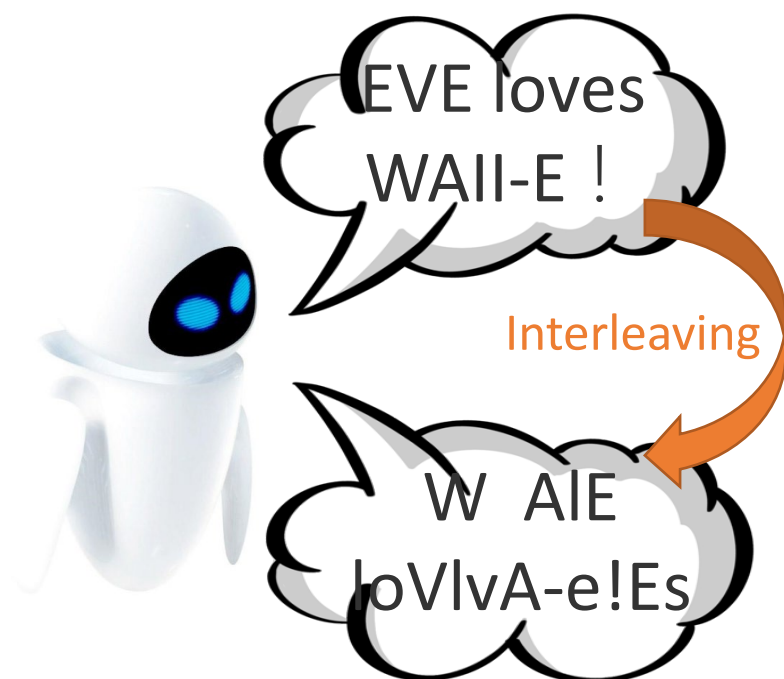
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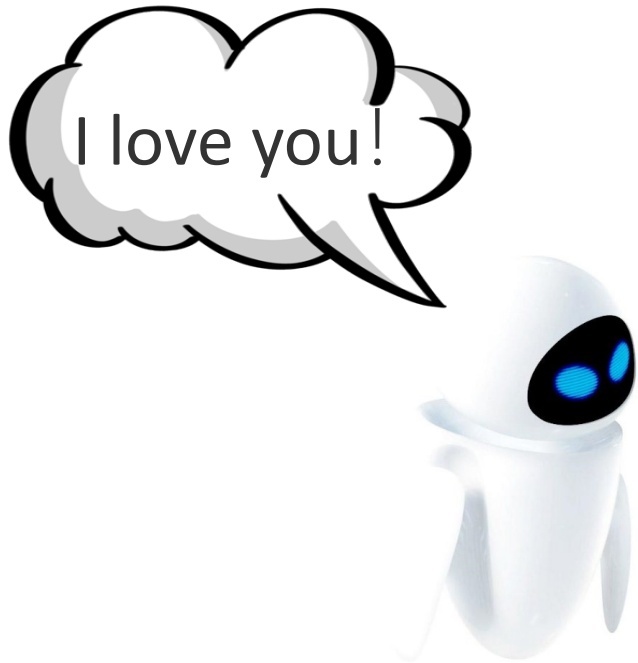
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# Line-of-Sight Blocking



# Transmitter Motion



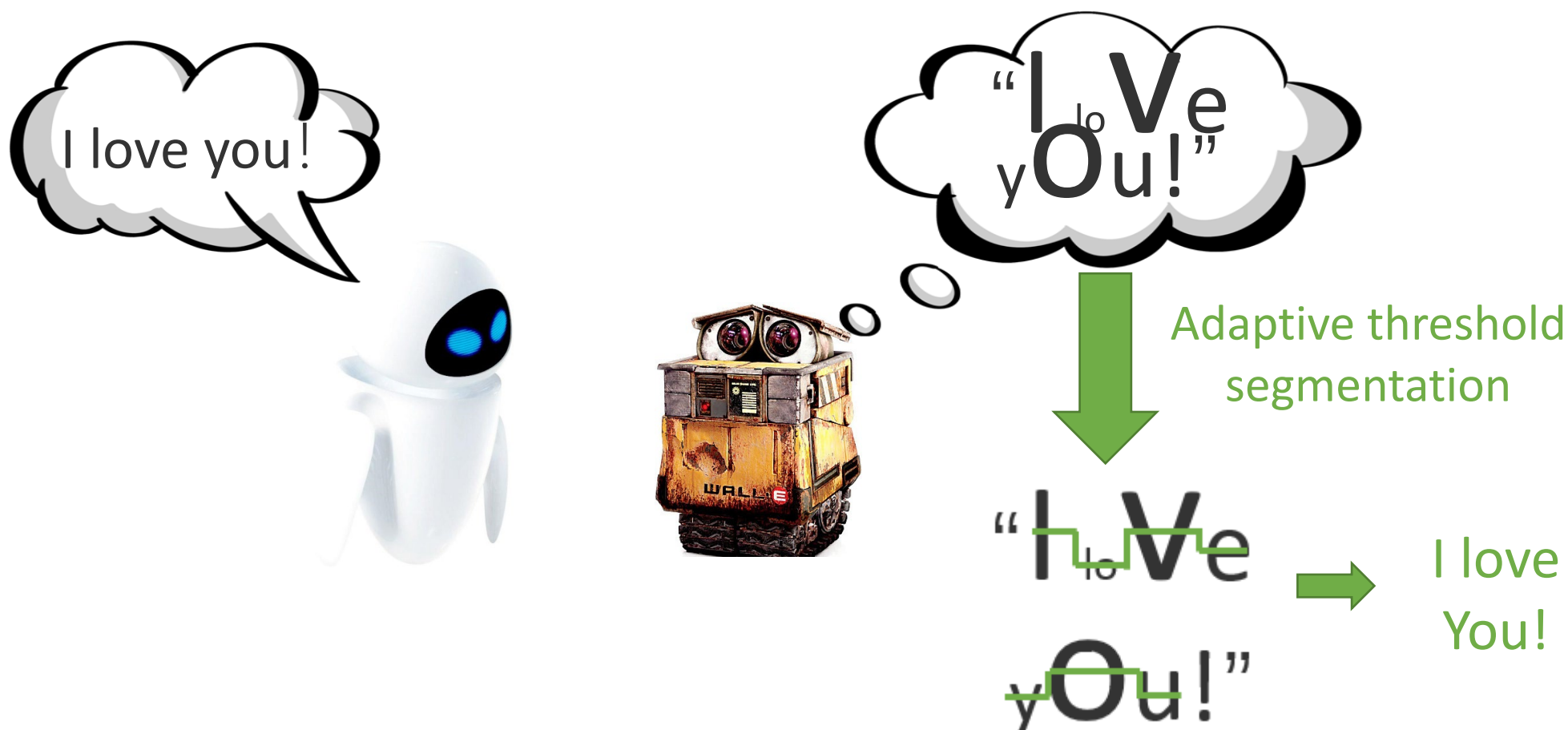
A global  
threshold

I love you!  
I ve ou!

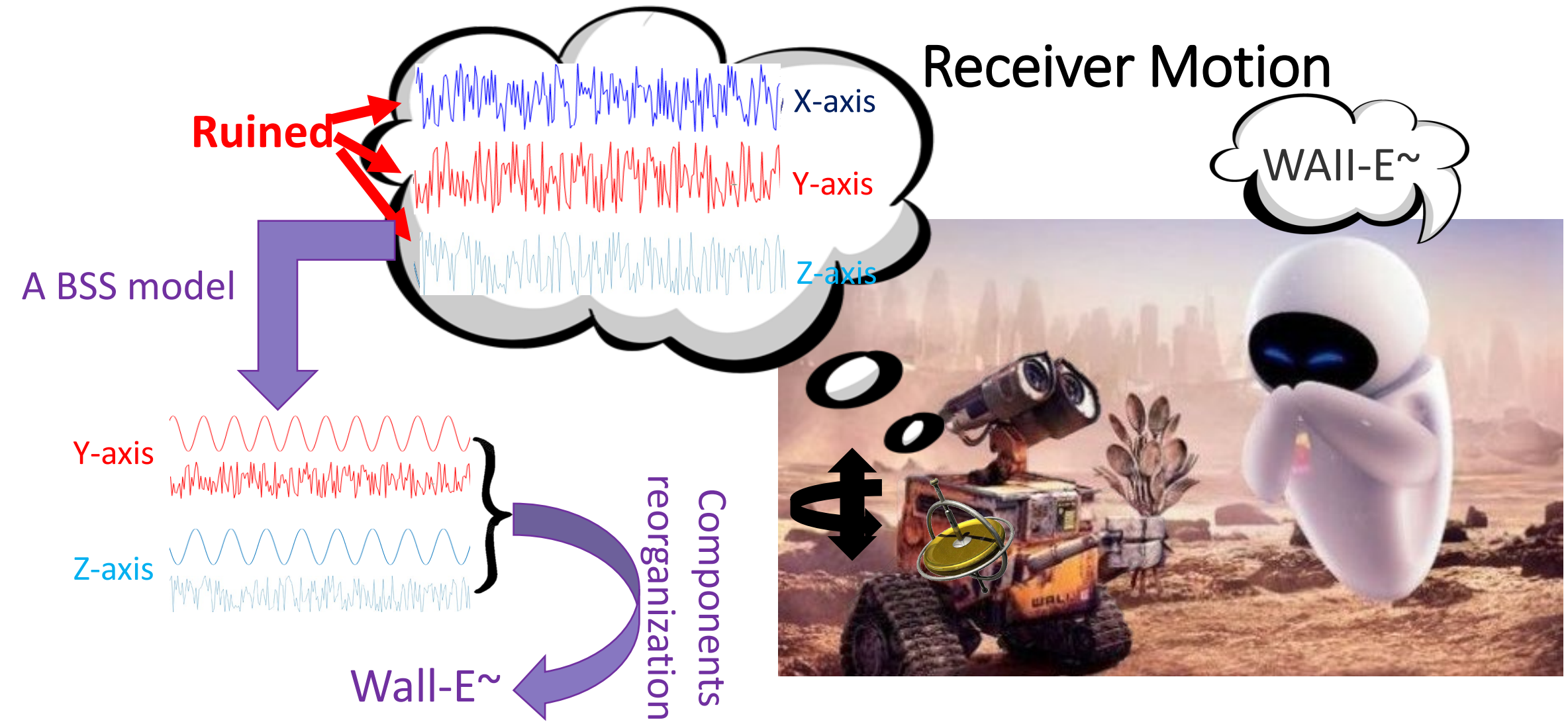
or

I love you!  
In lovn en yonun!

# Transmitter Motion



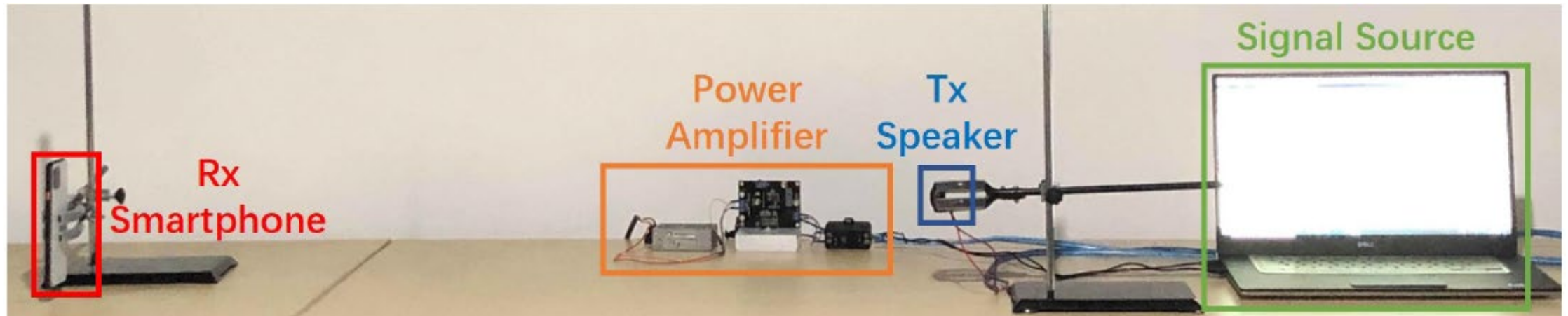




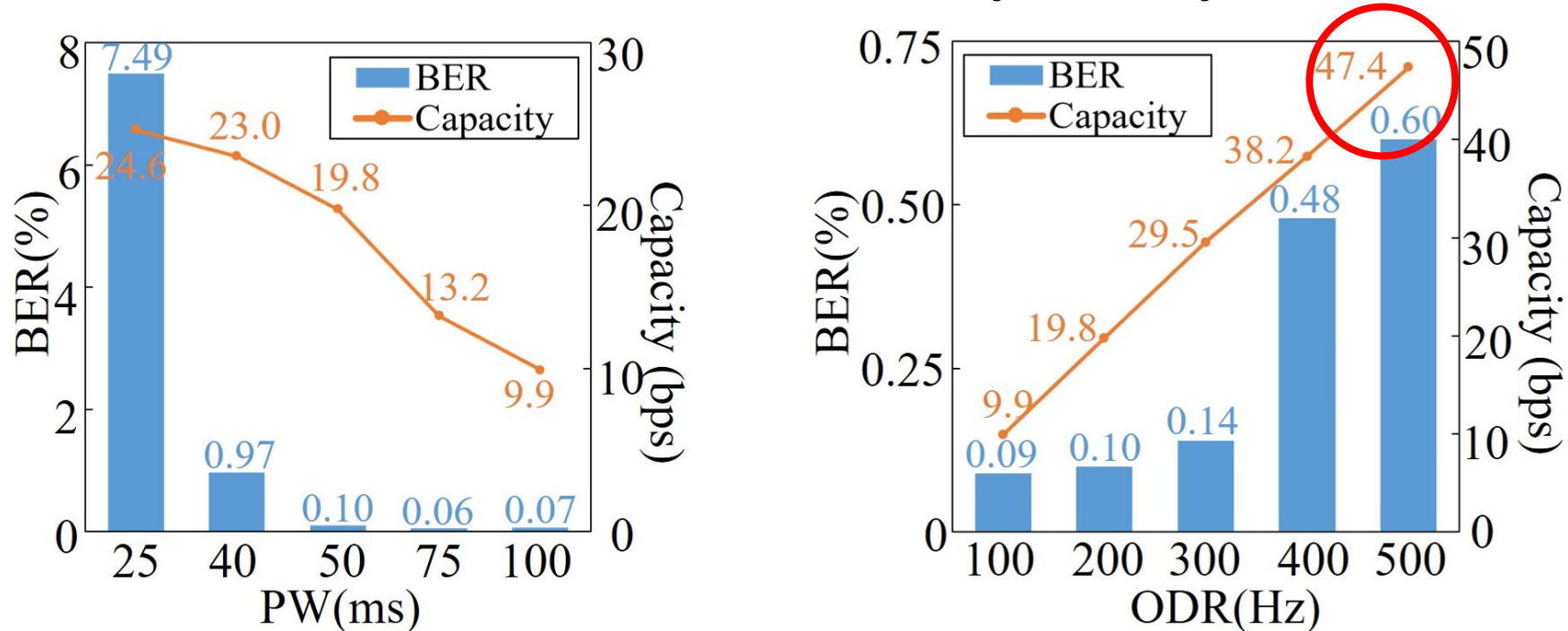
*Deaf-Aid* manages to be robust against movements.



# Experimental Setup



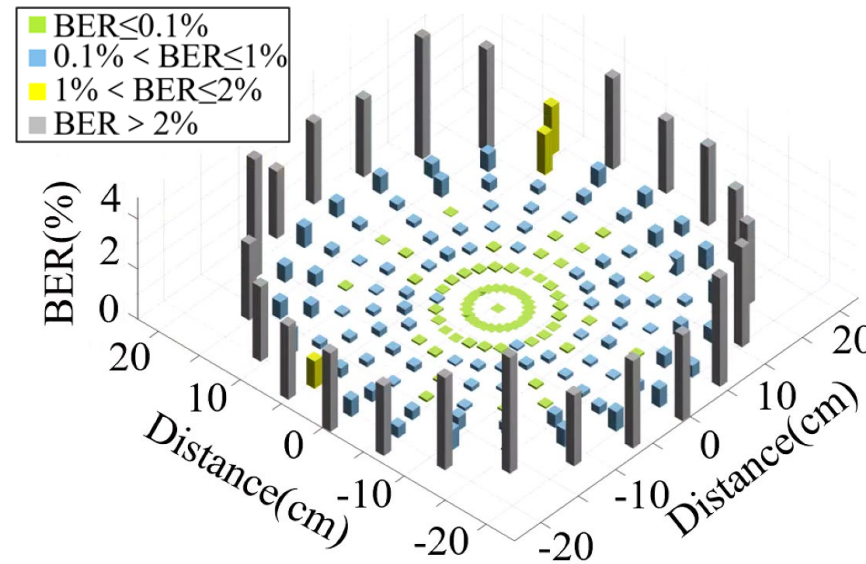
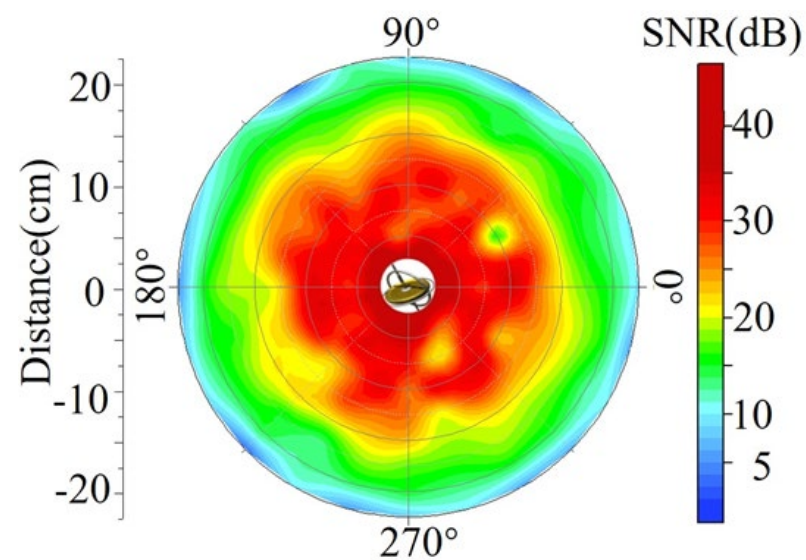
# Transmission Capacity



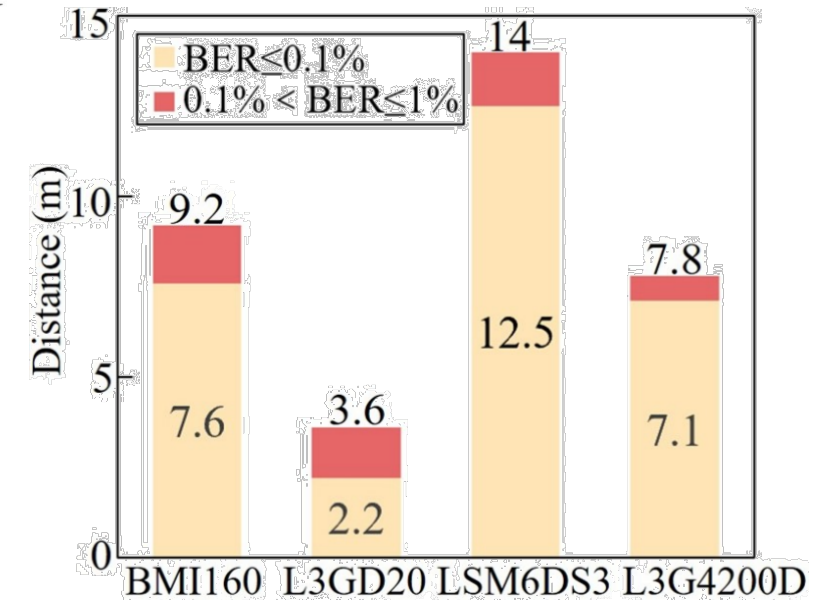
## Error-free and high-speed communication

- Channel capacity reaches 47bps
- BER remains a low level within 0.6%
- *Deaf-Aid* is competent for the different requirements of transmission speed and tolerance of error flexibly in various occasions.

# Orientation and Distance



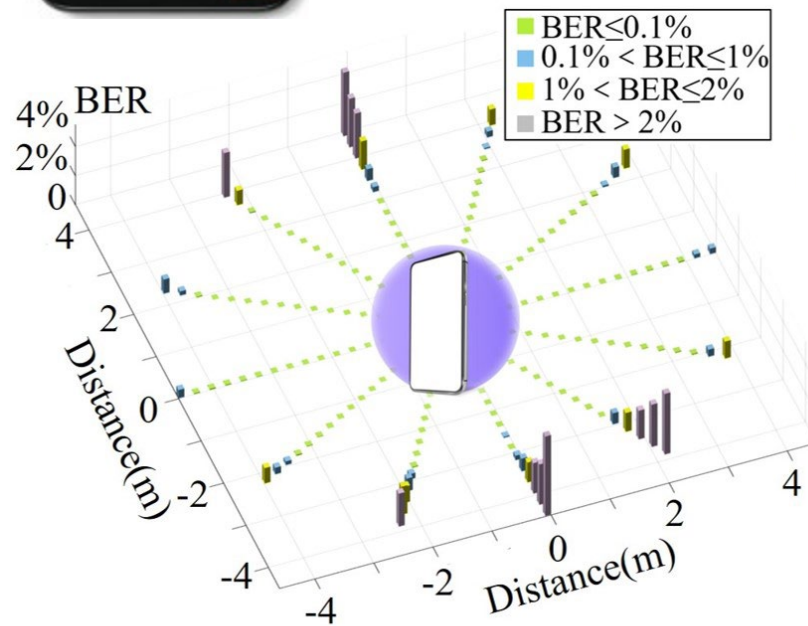
- Scarce constraints on the orientation
- The distance is extended up to **14m**



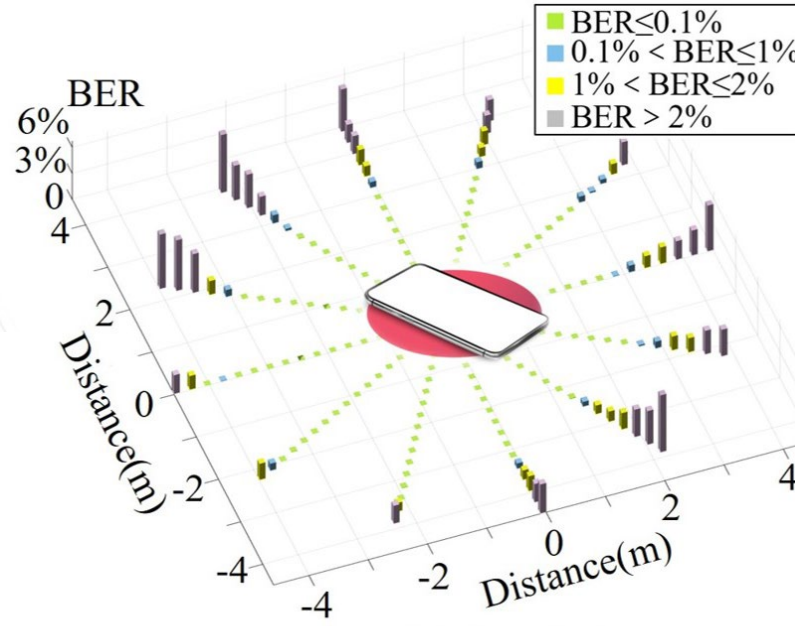


# Smartphone Prototype

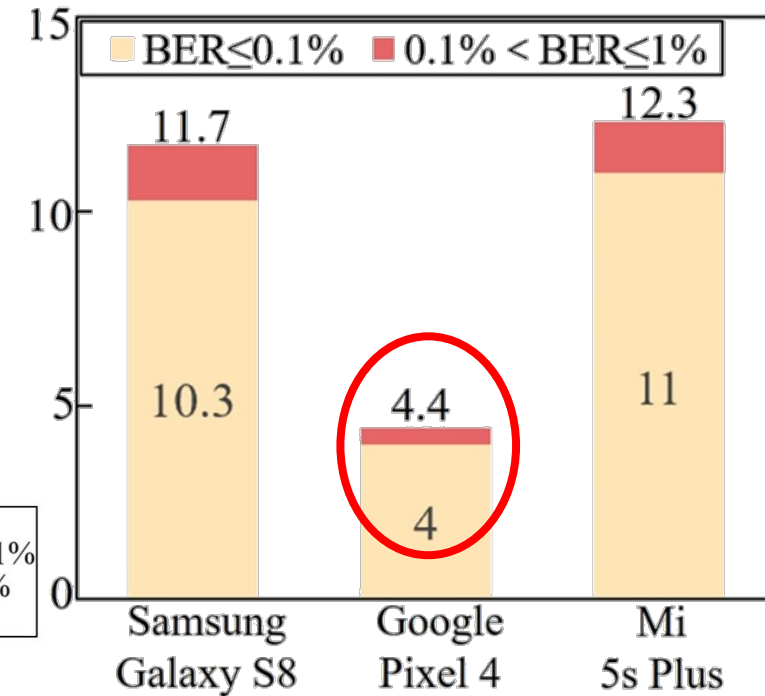
- We rotate a speaker around the fixed phone
- Two different position
- Scarce constraints on the orientation



(a) Vertical

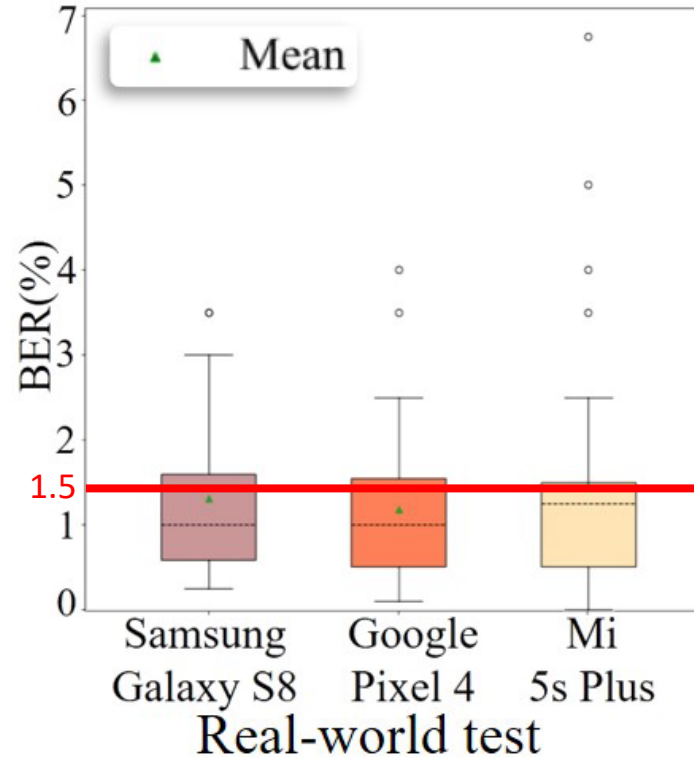
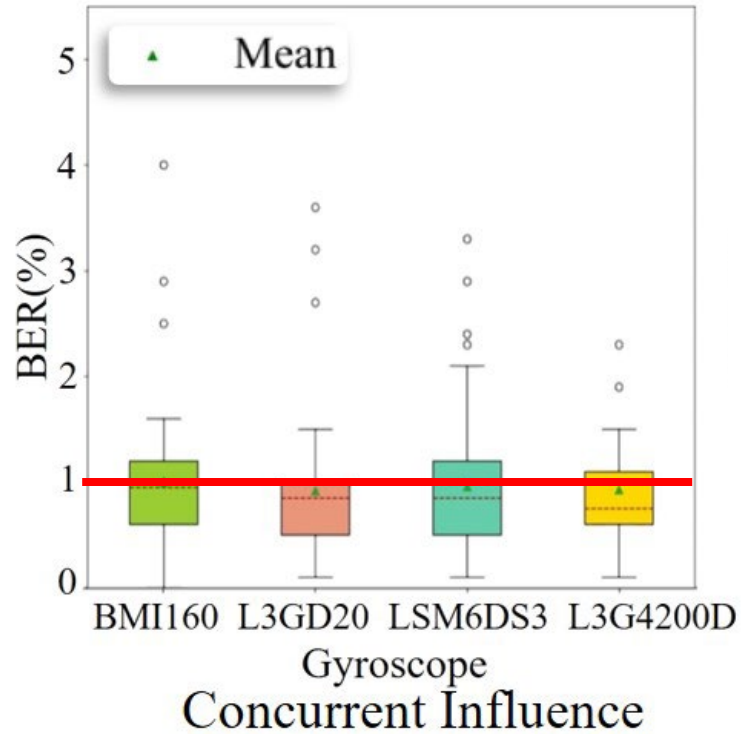


(b) Parallel



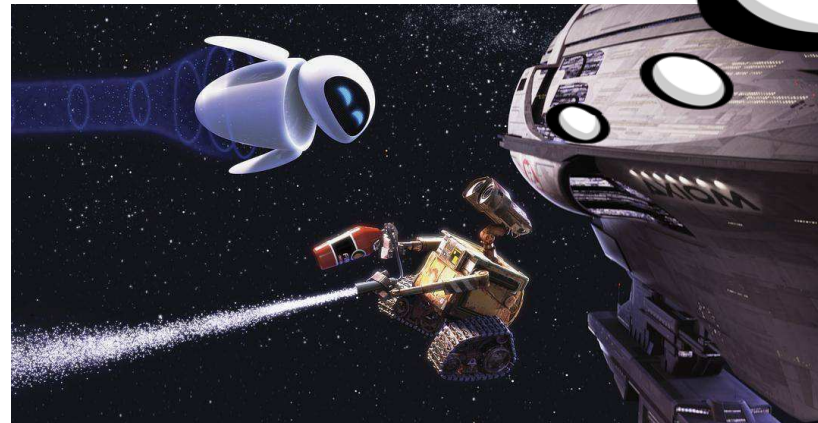
The communication distance can reach up to **12 meters** among realistic devices.





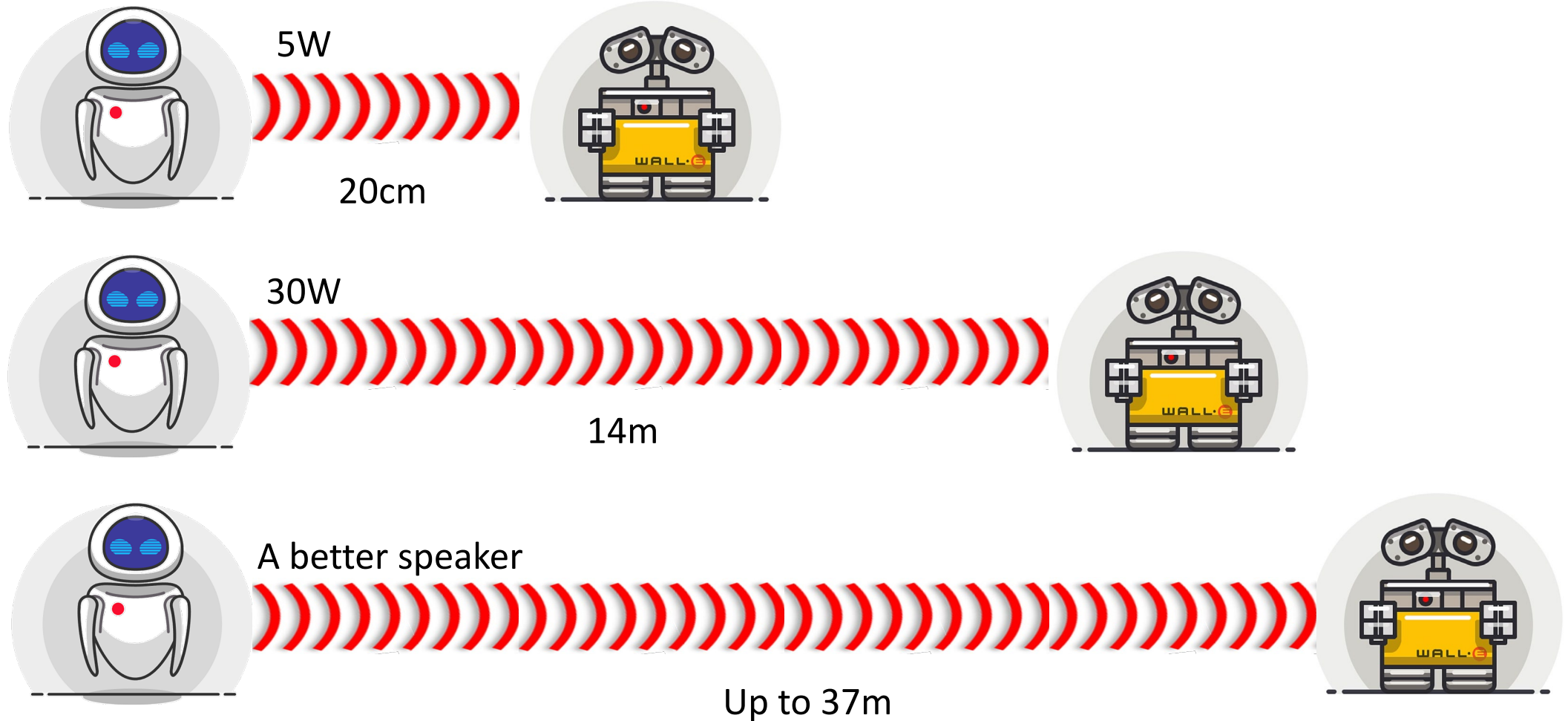
Robust to movement

Motion Influence



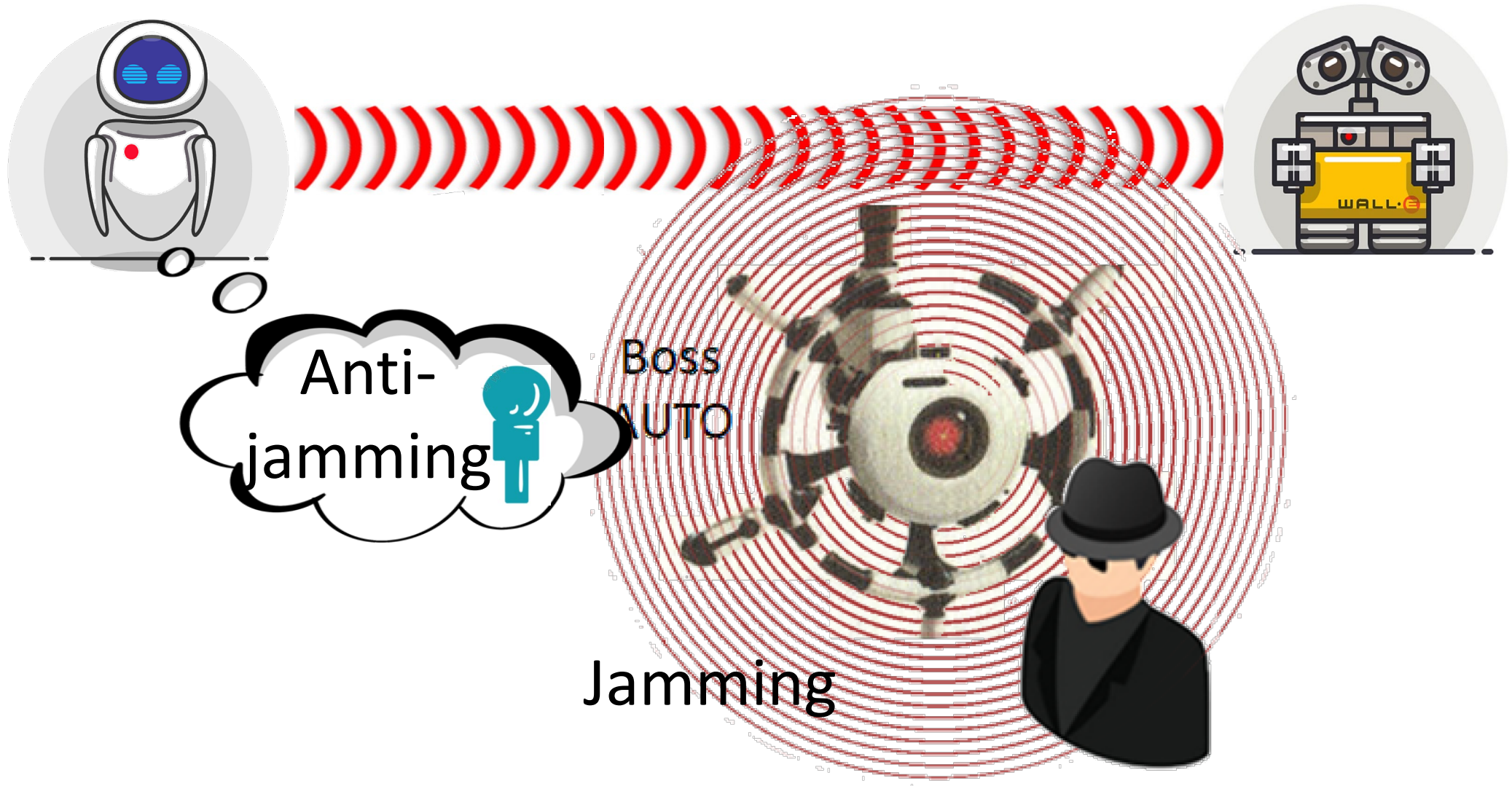
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	Ripple <a href="#">[RGC15]</a>	Ripple II <a href="#">[RC16]</a>	BitWhisper <a href="#">[GMME15]</a>	Dhwani <a href="#">[NCPV13]</a>	Deaf-Aid	
Speed	200bps	30kbps	1-8 bits per hour	2.4kbps		
Accuracy	BER<1.7%	SNR>15db	Not evaluate	Accuracy>95%		
Distance	6 inches	Touch based	40cm	10cm		
Free Placement	✗	✗	✗	✓		
No need for Peripheral	✓	✓	✓	✗		
Motion Robustness	✗	✗	✗	✓		
Automatic Identification	✗	✗	✗	✗		

# Implementation Consideration

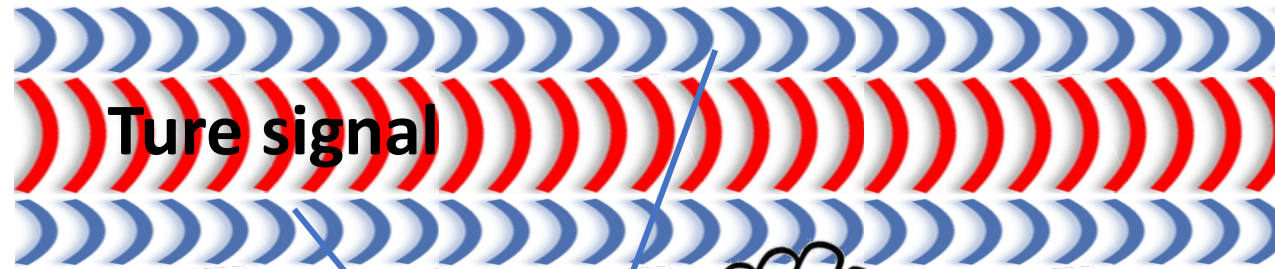
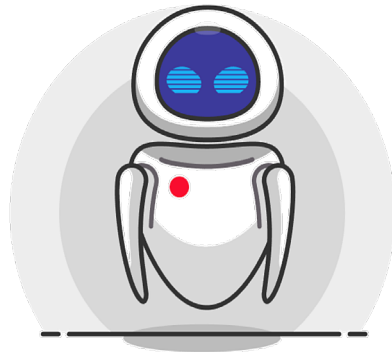




# Security



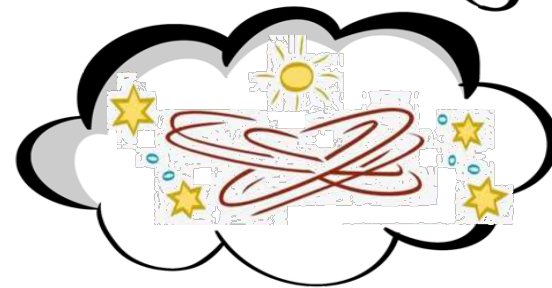
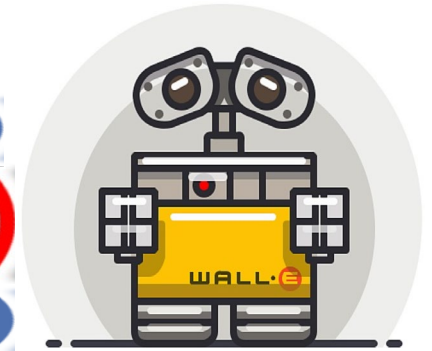
# Security



True signal

Camouflage

Eavesdropping



Boss  
AUTO



# Conclusions



- We build the speaker-to-gyroscope channel, *Deaf-Aid*, for protocol-independent mobile IoT communication.
- We analyze the inter-axes relationship in a gyroscope under resonance.
- *Deaf-Aid* leverages the diversity of resonant passband of gyroscope as device fingerprint to identify receivers.



# Thank you!

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