

# CS7351 传感系统原理与设计

## Principles and Design of Sensing Systems

### Sensing System Security

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# About Mid-term Exam

- Time
  - Next Thursday, at the Class
- Contents
  - The first two chapters
- Formality
  - 中文题目，中文或英文作答皆可
  - 5道填空题（共30分）；8道简答题（共70分）



# Sensors we have Introduced

| Type      | How it works                                                                                                                                         | Applications                                                                                                        | Notes                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IMU       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accelerometer: Hooke's Law</li><li>• Gyroscope: Coriolis Force</li><li>• Magnetometer: Hall Effect</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quantify motion into time-series data</li></ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to calibrate the sensor noise?</li></ul>                                                    |
| Camera    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tools and techniques in computer vision</li></ul>                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applications that need to "see"</li></ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to mitigate the energy and computation cost?</li></ul>                                      |
| Bluetooth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Received signal strength indicator (RSSI)</li><li>• Triangulation</li></ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coarse-grained indoor localization</li><li>• Ranging applications</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to mitigate the sensing noises?</li></ul>                                                   |
| Satellite | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trilateration</li><li>• Time-of-flight localization</li></ul>                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Localize outdoor object on earth</li></ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why we need four satellites to locate an object?</li><li>• What are the major noises?</li></ul> |



# Sensing System Security





# Outline for this Chapter

- Why Learning Security
- Threat Modeling
- Exemplary Attacks



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# What is Security

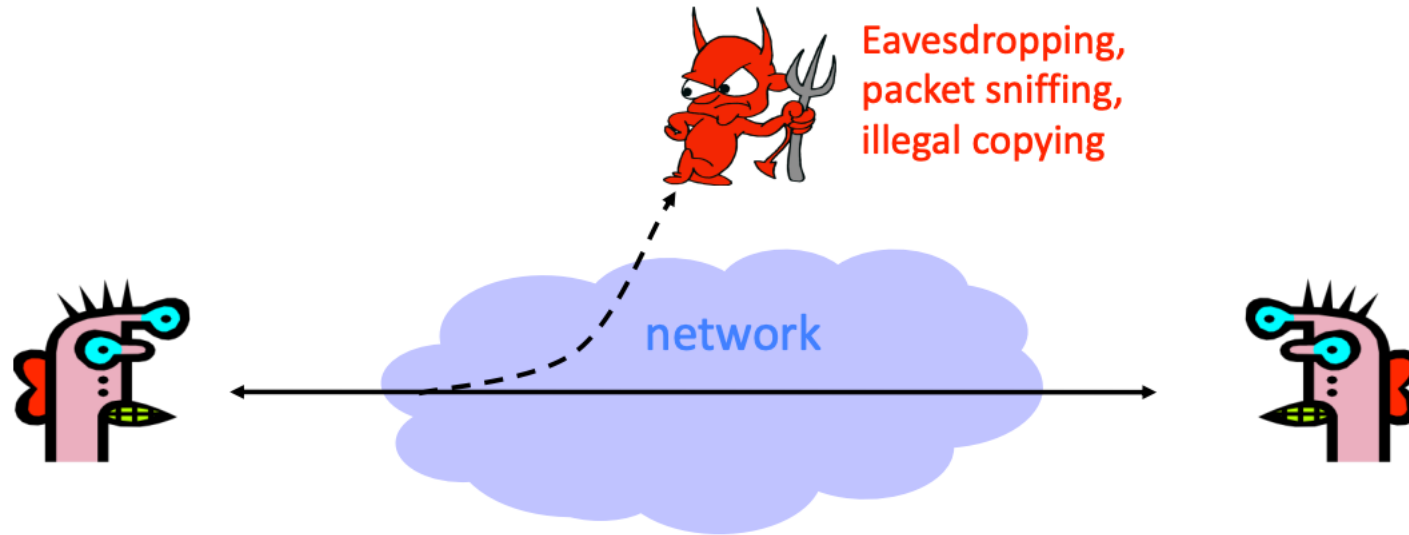
- Common general security goals: “CIA”
  - Confidentiality -- 保密性
  - Integrity – 完整性（真实性）
  - Availability -- 可用性（可控性）





# Confidentiality

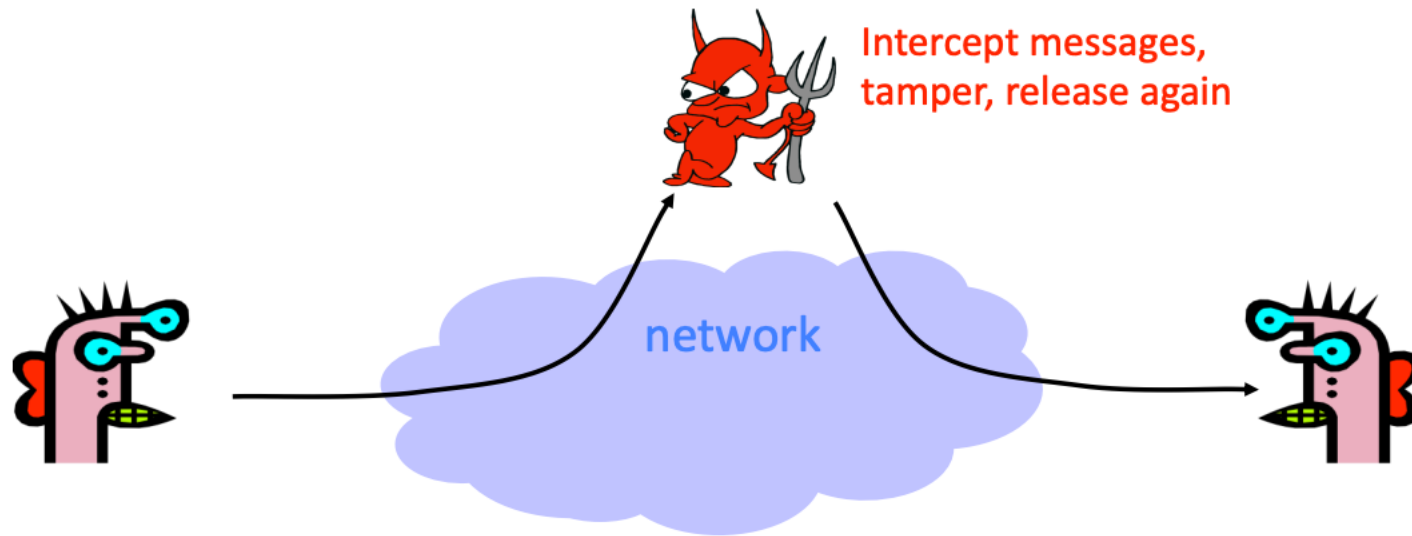
- Confidentiality is concealment of information





# Integrity

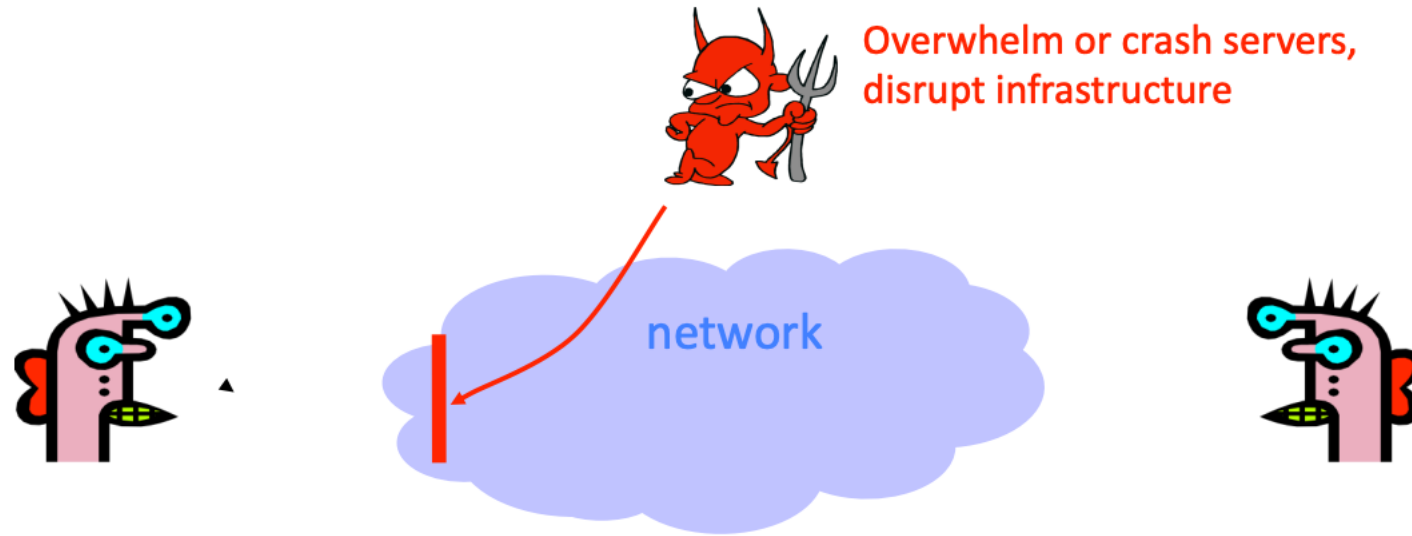
- Integrity is prevention of unauthorized changes





# Availability

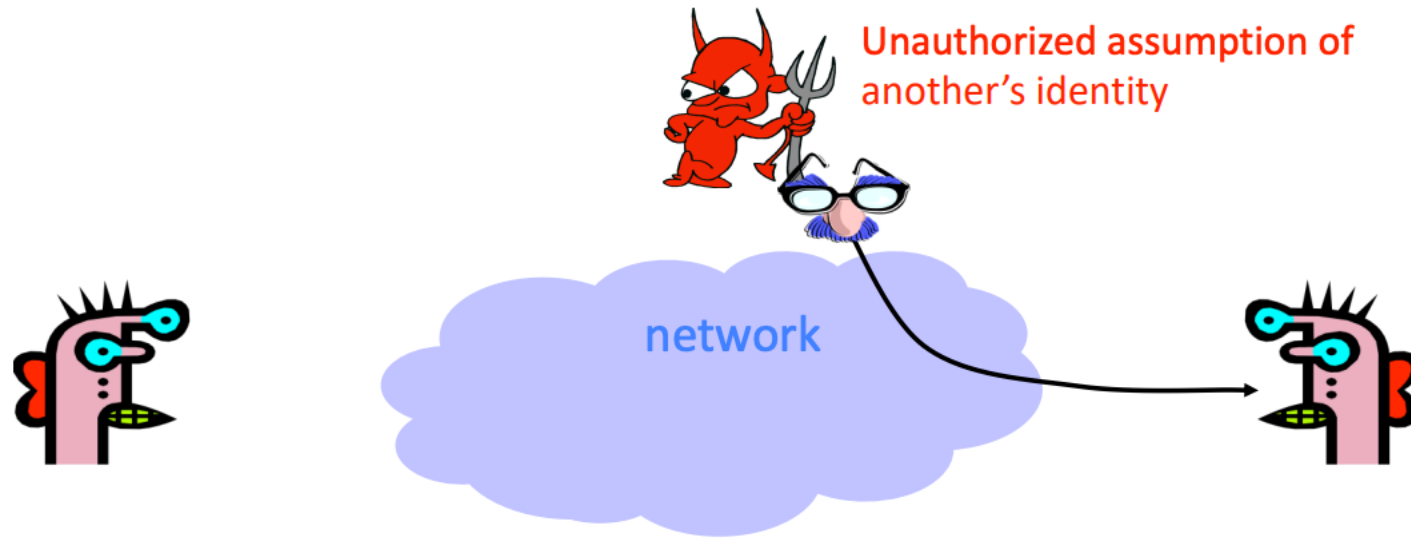
- Availability is ability to use information or resources





# (Optional) Authenticity

- Authenticity is knowing who you're talking to





# What is Security

- Or the extension: CPIAAU
  - **C**onfidentiality
  - **P**ossession or Control
  - **I**ntegrity
  - **A**uthenticity
  - **A**vailability
  - **U**tility





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- Analyze the Threat Model is ESSENTIAL!



# Threat Model Analysis Example: QR Code





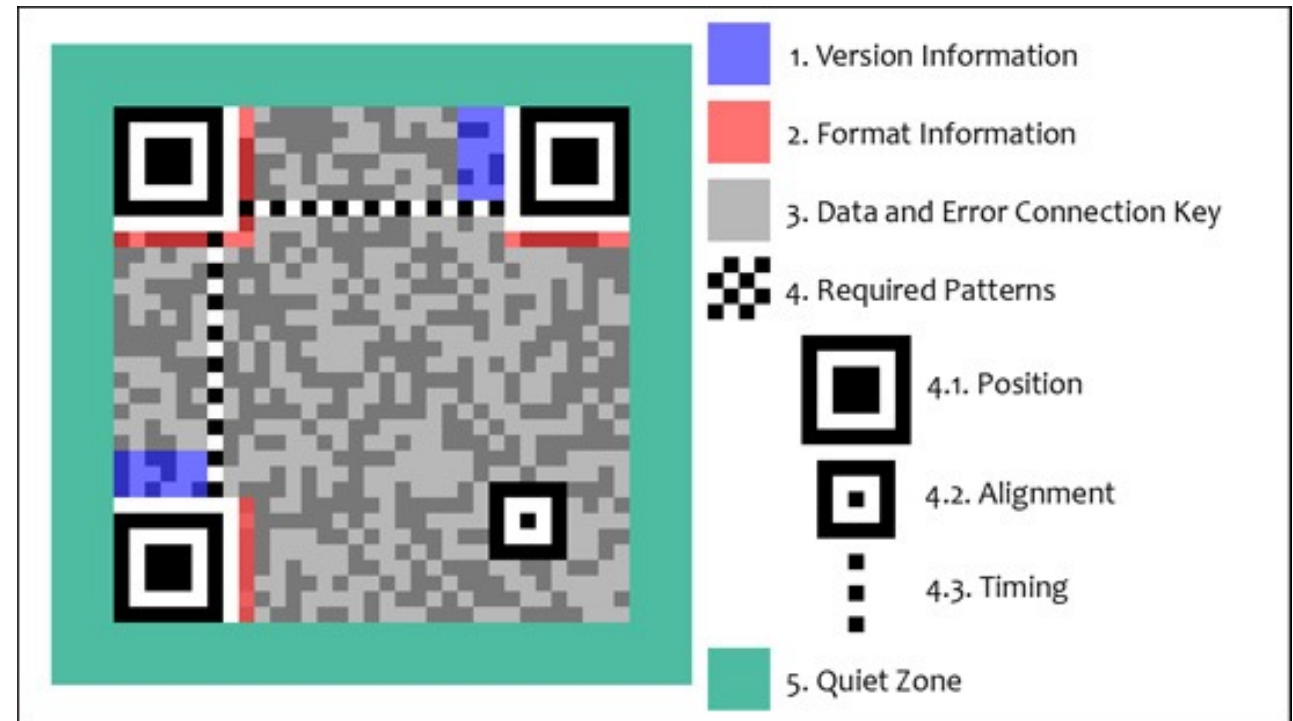
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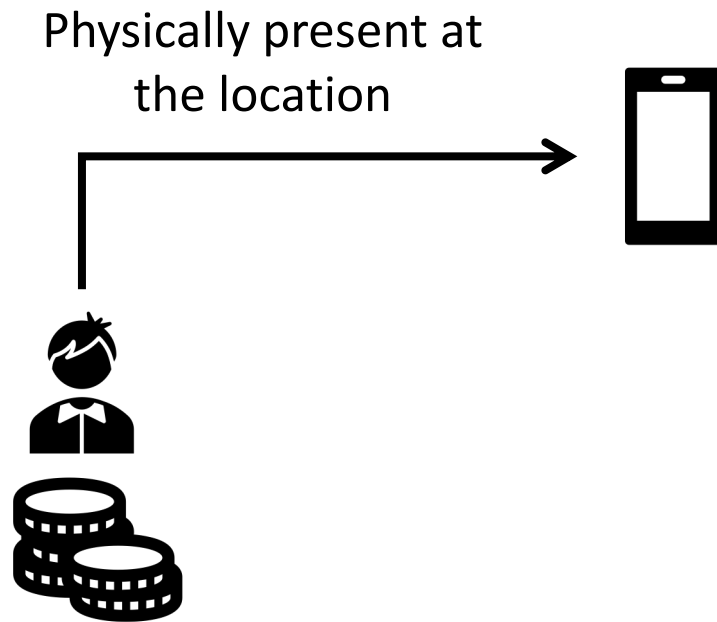
- It is designed to be robust
- Can be scanned with your camera at any angle, resilient to partial occlusion
- It also help conceal the clear text (明文) from human eyes





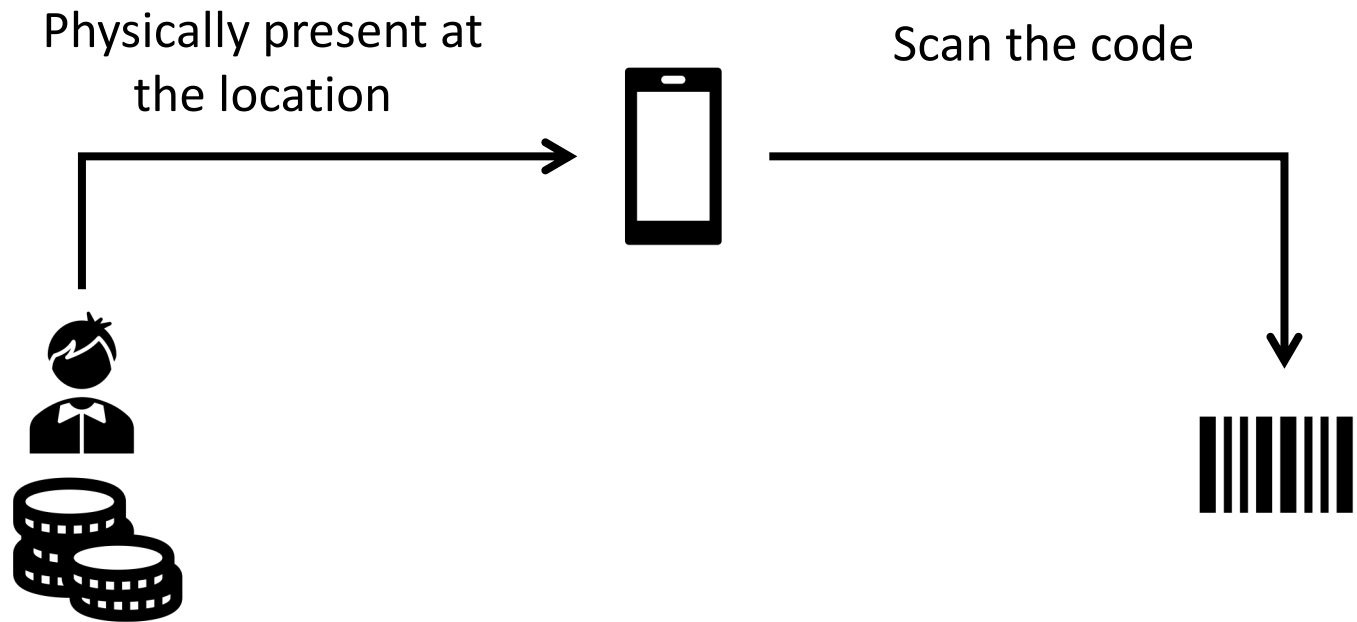


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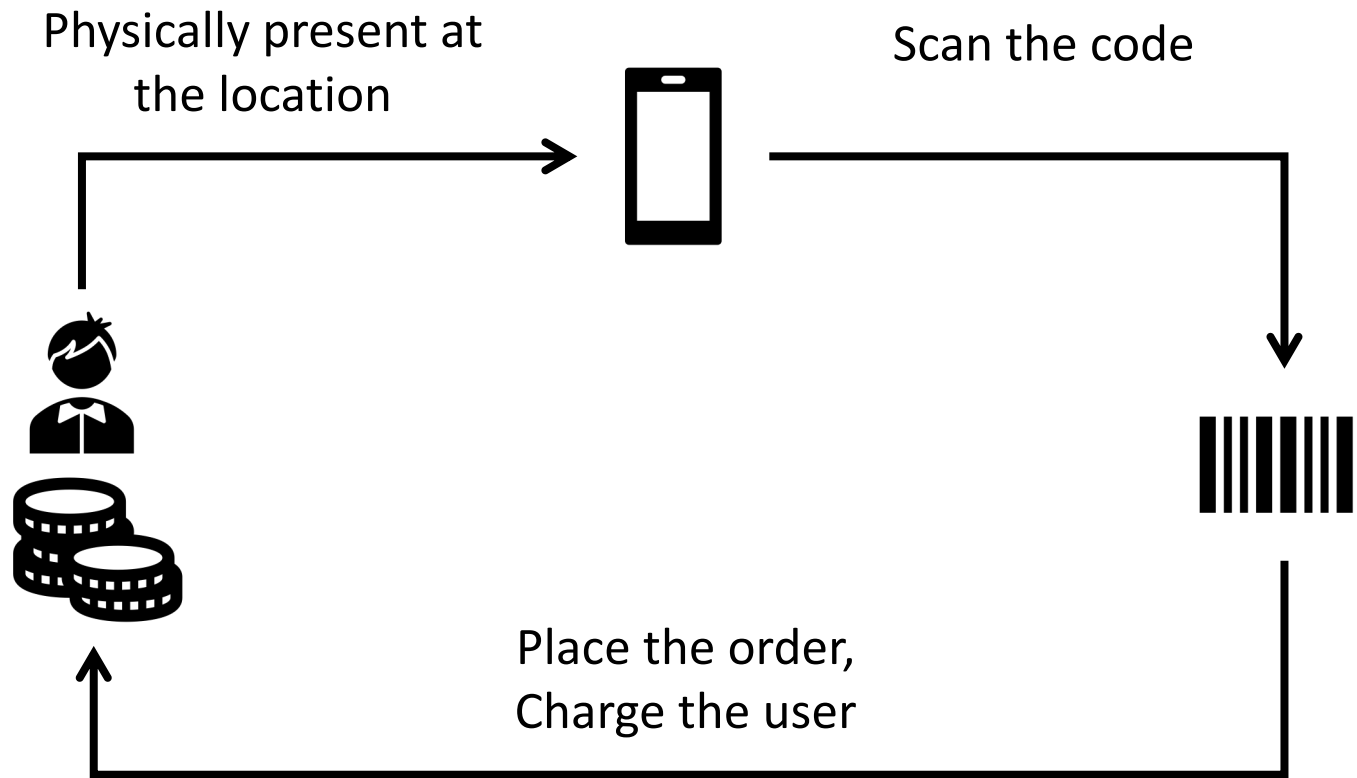
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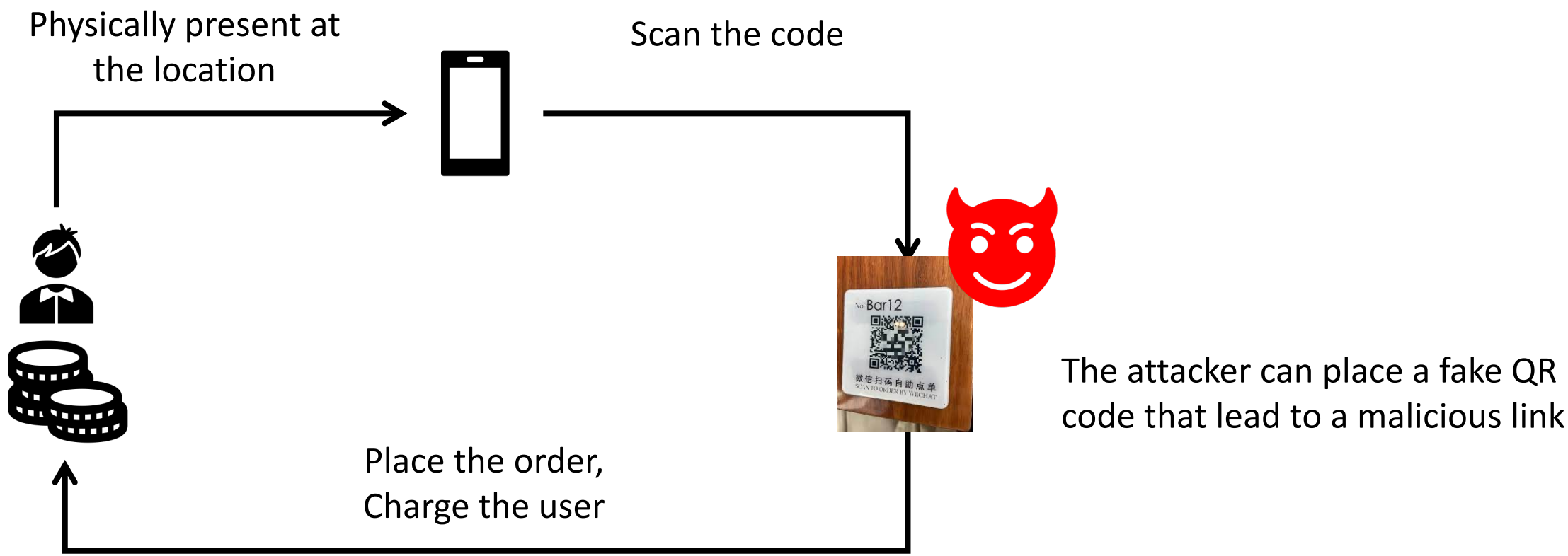


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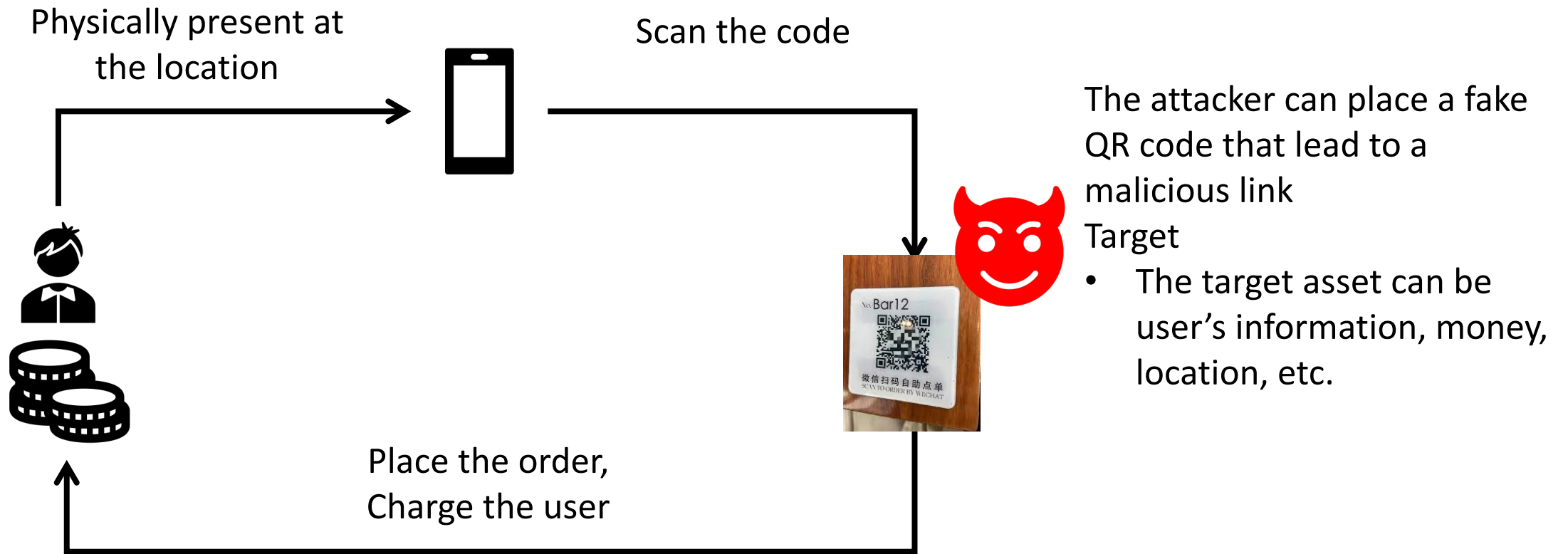


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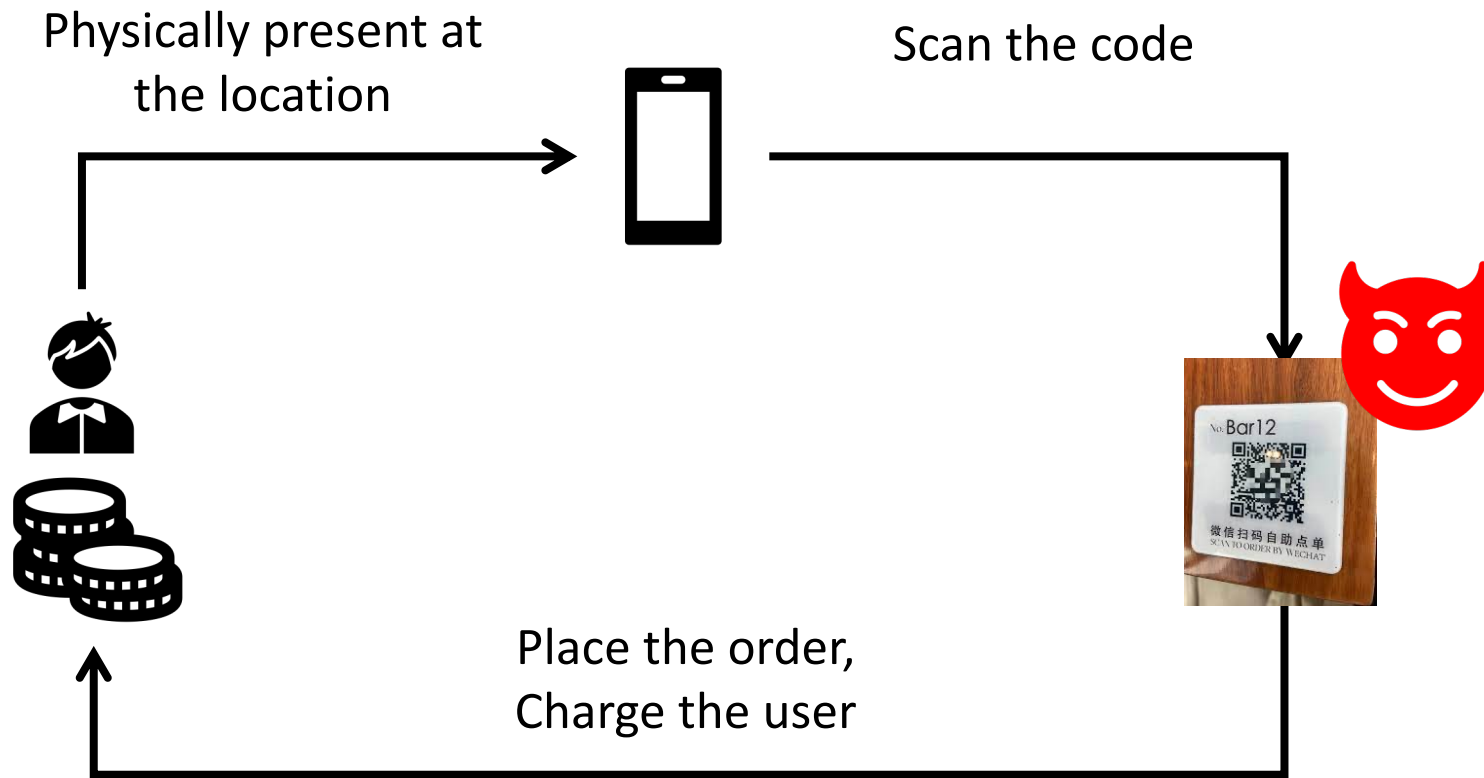


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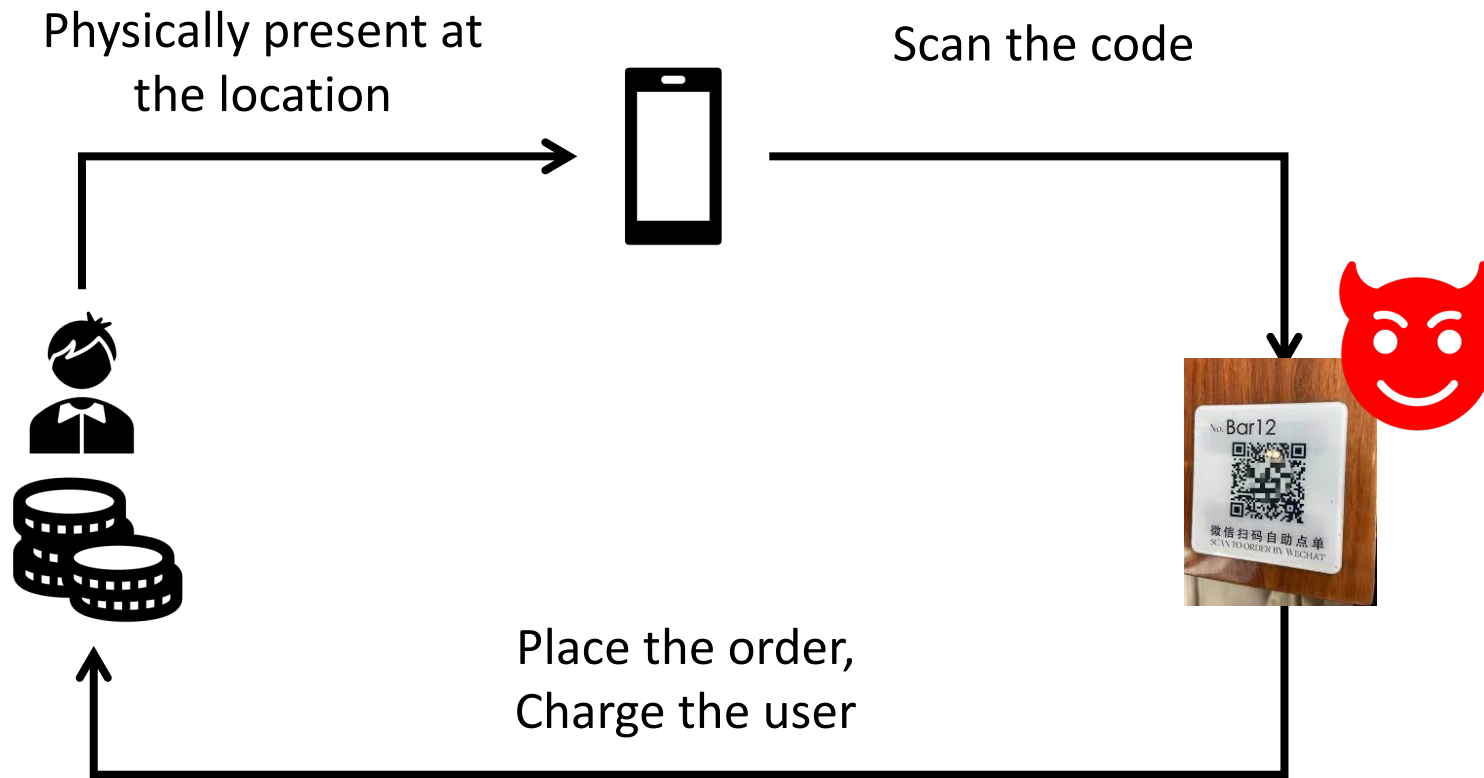
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Attacker

- Individual hacker
- Malicious organization
- ...



# The Attack is Already Exist!



Try it for yourself



21 x 21 pixel QR Code

Try it for yourself



Change 1 pixel



Try it for yourself



Change 6 pixels

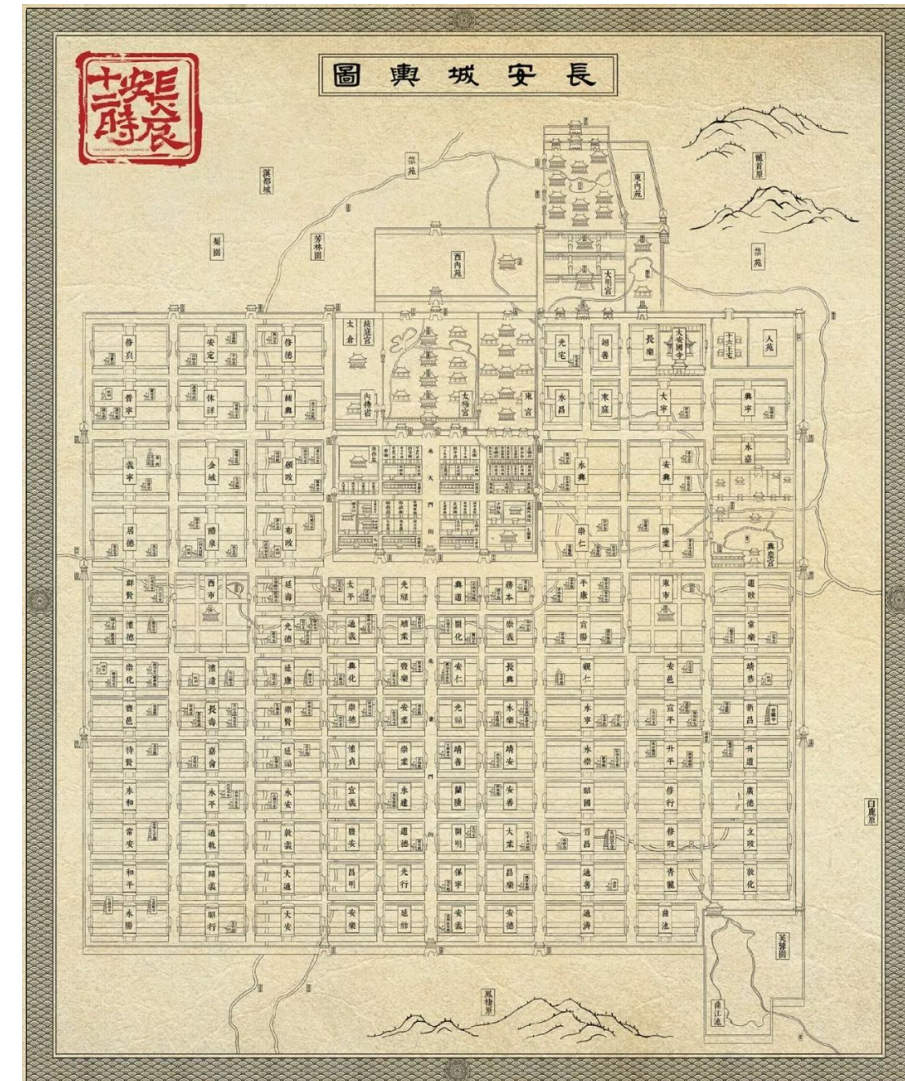


# Defenses

- You must physically at the place
- Timestamp the QR code
- You're advised to examine the code
- After the scan, there has to be some steps before confirmation



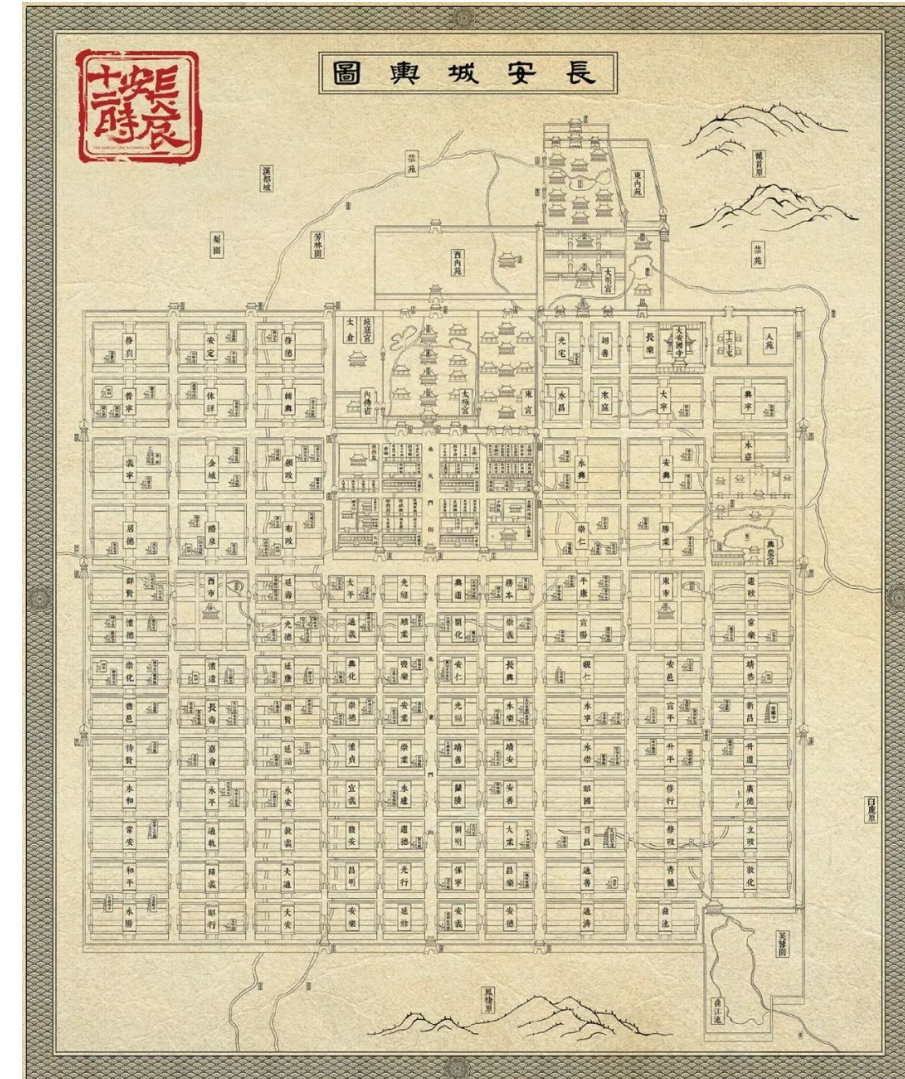
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- Attacker only needs to win in one place
- Defender's response:
  - Defense in depth
  - Think about the whole system







# What's Wrong of this Picture?





# Think about the Whole System



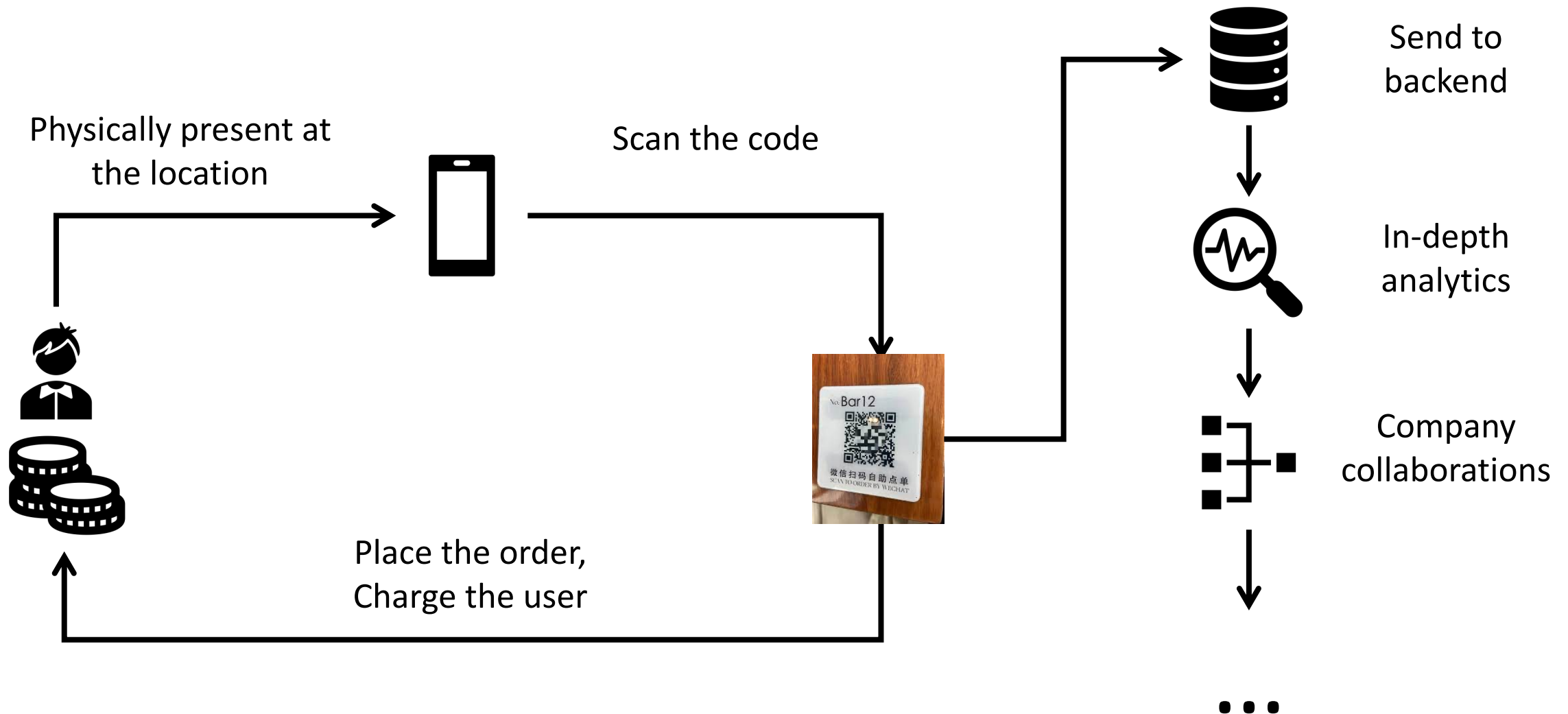


# Whole System is Critical





# More than Quishing Attack?







# From Policy to Implementation

- After you've figured out what security means to your application, there are still challenges:
  - Requirements bugs and oversights
    - Incorrect or problematic goals
  - Design bugs and oversights
    - Poor use of cryptography
    - Poor sources of randomness
    - ...
  - Implementation bugs and oversights
    - Buffer overflow attacks
    - ...
  - Is the system **usable**?



# Many Participants

- Many parties involved
  - System developers
  - Companies deploying the system
  - The end users
  - The adversaries (possibly one of the above)
- Different parties have different goals
  - System developers and companies may wish to optimize cost
  - End users may desire security, privacy, and usability
  - But the relationship between these goals is quite complex (e.g., will customers choose features or security?)



# Better News

- There are a lot of defense mechanisms
  - We'll study some, but by no means all, in this course
- It's important to understand their limitations
  - “If you think cryptography will solve your problem, then you don't understand cryptography... and you don't understand your problem”  
-- Bruce Schneier

[https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2008/03/the\\_security\\_mi\\_1.html](https://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2008/03/the_security_mi_1.html)



# What is Side-channel Attack?

- In computer security, a **side-channel attack** (旁路攻击) is any attack based on extra information that can be gathered because of the **fundamental way a computer system is implemented**



# Light Commands: Laser-Based Audio Injection on Voice-Controllable Systems

Takeshi Sugawara, Benjamin Cyr, Sara Rampazzi, Daniel Genkin, Kevin Fu  
USENIX 2020



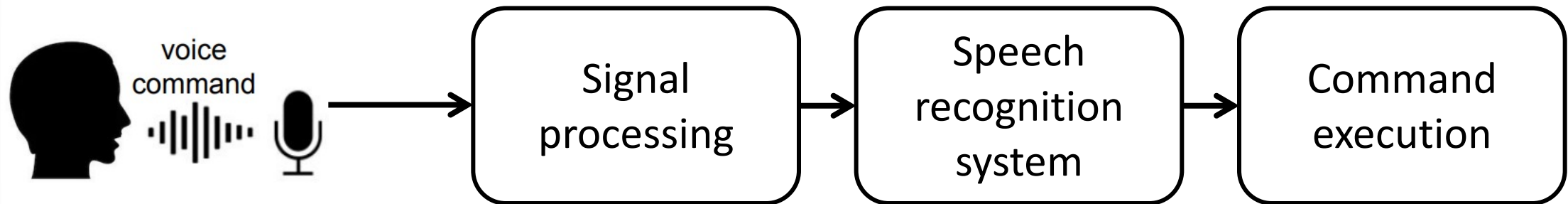
# Voice Controllable System (VCSs)



[Source: pandaily.com]



[Source: developers.google.com]





# Security Concerns

- Sacrifice of security to promote usability
- Interfacing with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Software
- Blind trust in microphone readings



"123..."

"124..."

"125..."

...

"438..."

"Incorrect Passcode, Try Again..."

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...

"OK, Opening the front door"







# The Problem

- Assumption:  
Microphones capture acoustic signals





# The Problem

- Reality:

Microphones capture acoustic signals & LIGHT signals





# The Problem

- Two questions:
  1. How does laser injection affect VCSs?
  2. How can we protect VCSs against laser injection





# Highlights of this paper

- Inject light commands via MEMS microphones
- Analyze limits of light-based VCS vulnerabilities
  - Success at 110 m with 5 mW laser pointer
  - Works through glass windows between buildings
- Demonstrate risks to smart speakers, phones, smart homes, and cars
- Suggest HW and SW countermeasures



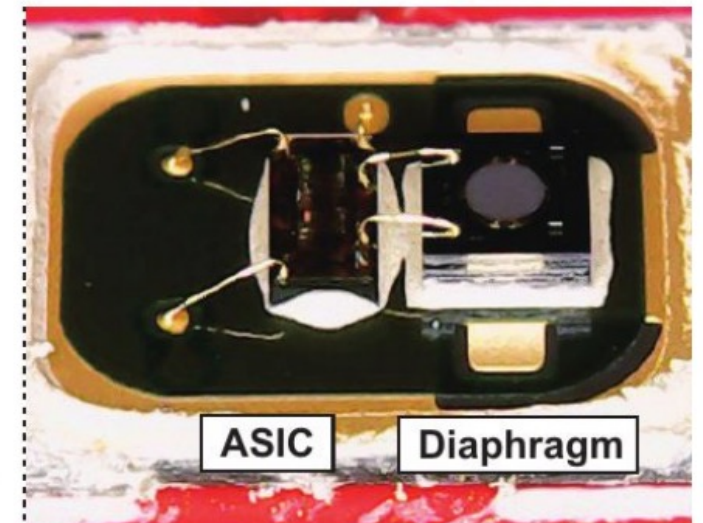
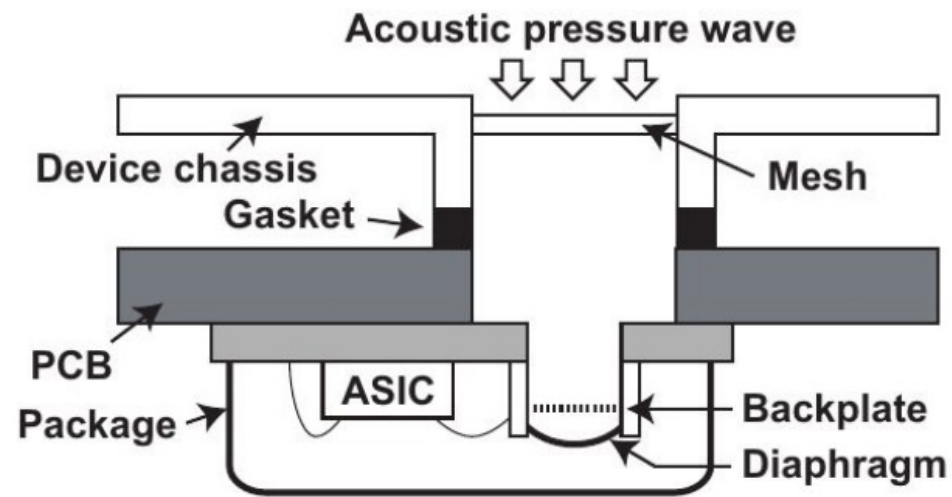
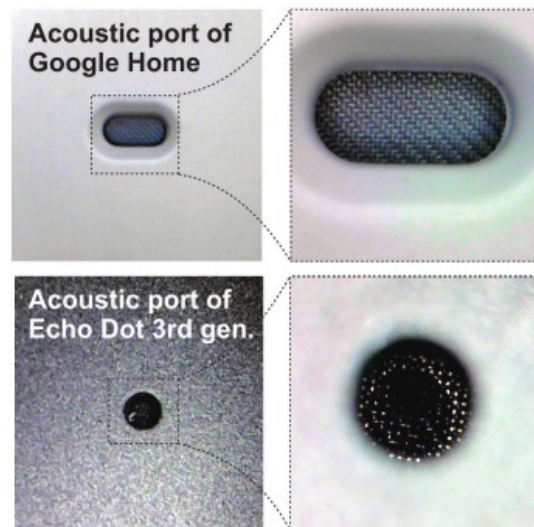
# How it works?

- Know the background of MEMS microphones



# Background: MEMS Microphones

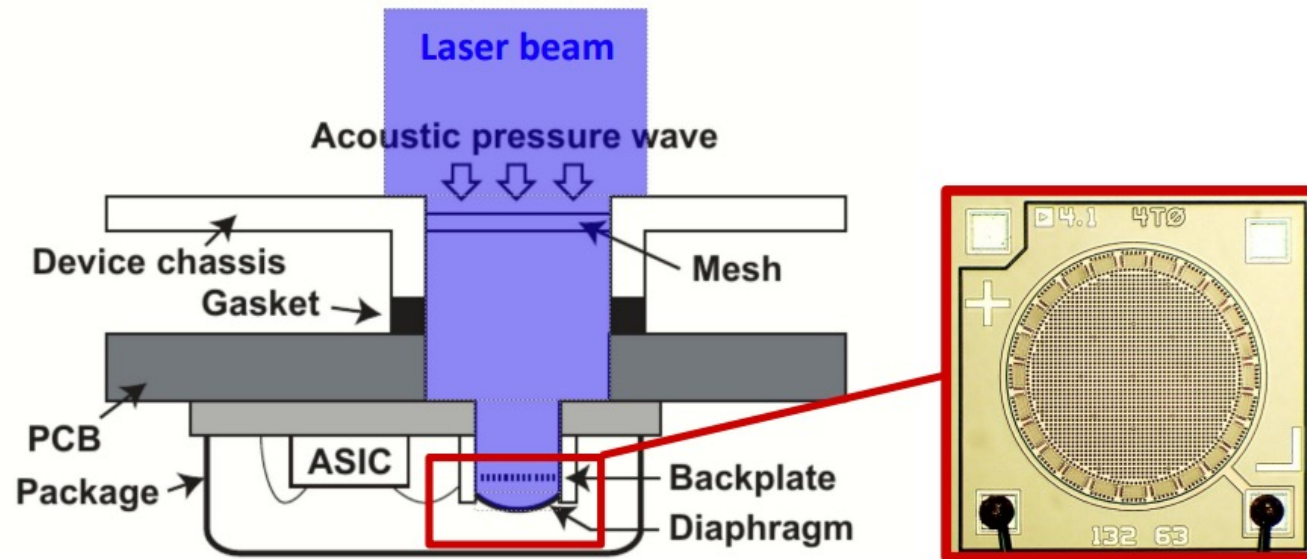
- Used in most Voice Controllable Systems
- The diaphragm and backplate (振动膜和背板) work as a capacitor
- When diaphragm moves, causes a change in capacitance
- The ASIC converts the capacitive change to voltage





# Background: MEMS Microphones

- MEMS microphones exhibit light sensitivity
- Output voltage affected by light irradiance (辐照度)
- Inject signal by modulating optical power



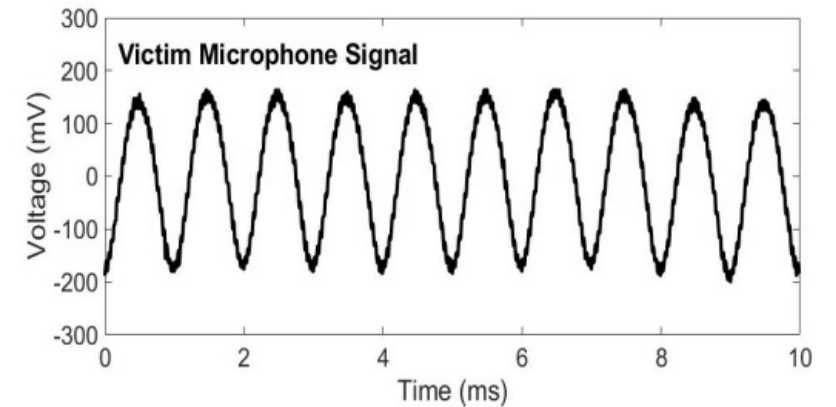
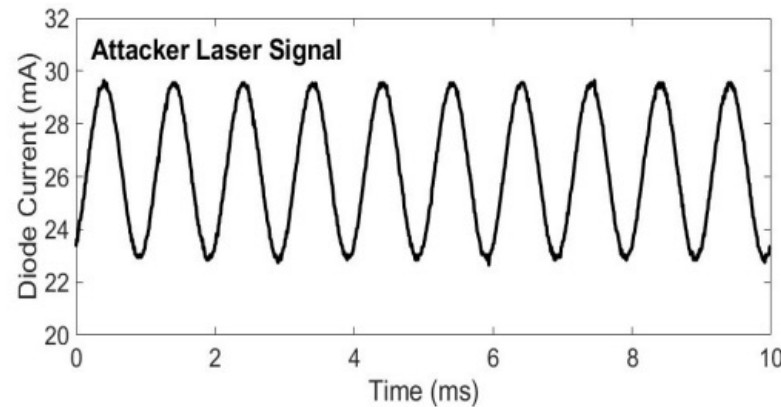
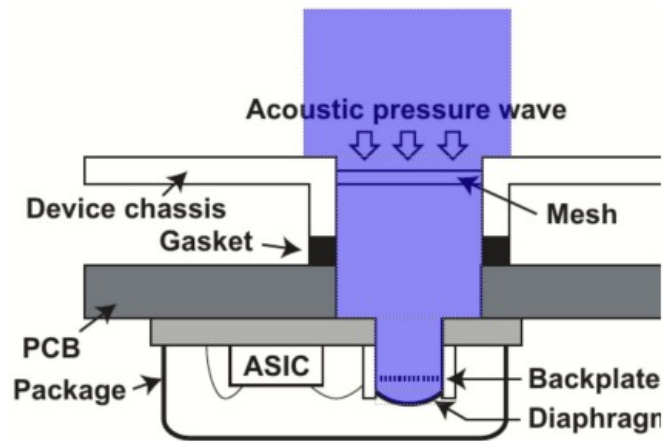
**Irradiance:**

$$I = \frac{\text{Optical Power (Watts)}}{\text{Beam Area (meters}^2\text{)}}$$



# Key Ideas

1. Amplitude modulated light generates a voltage signal on microphone output
2. Higher amplitude light == higher amplitude voltage
3. Very little distortion



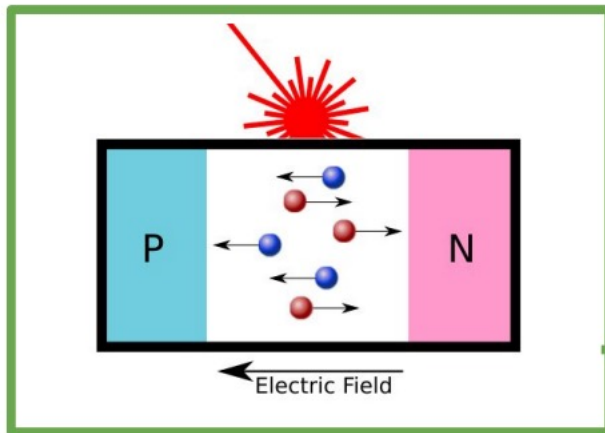




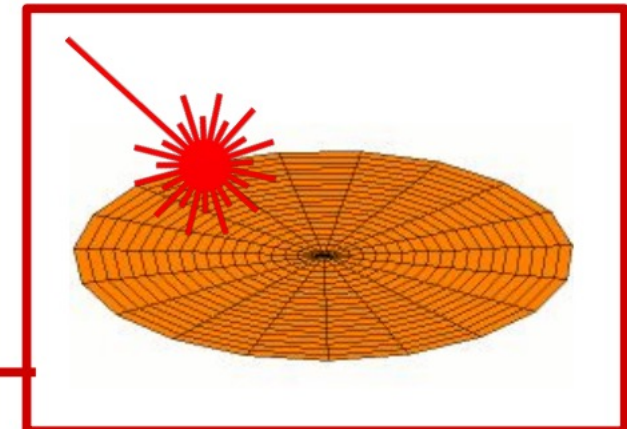
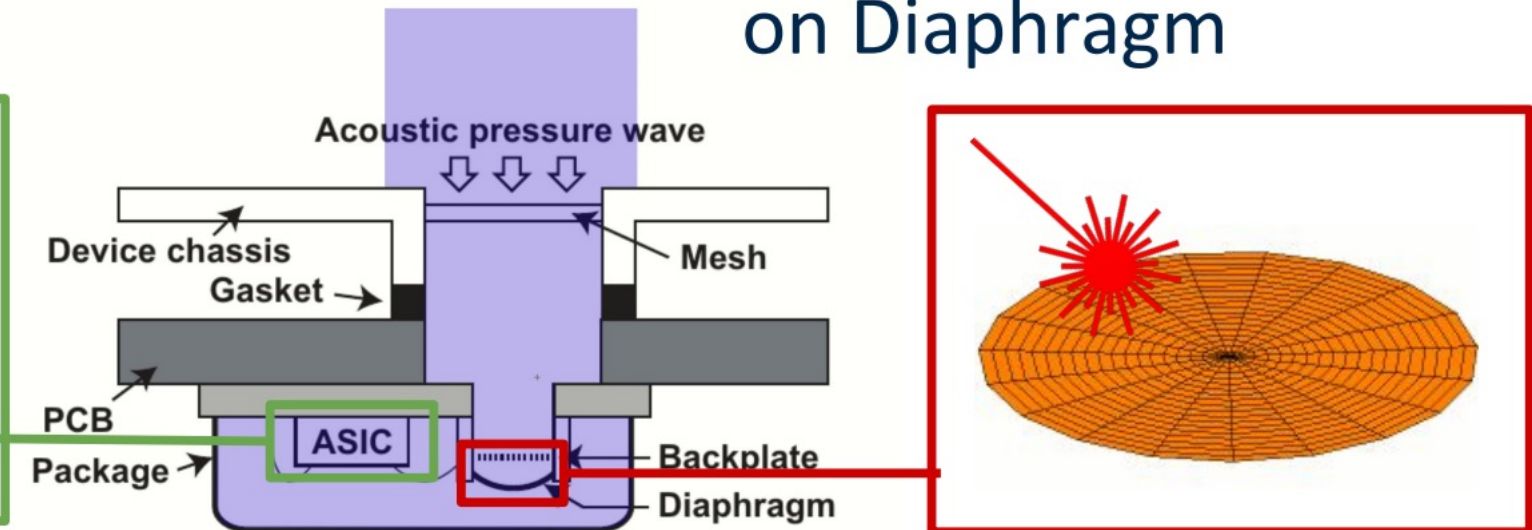
# How is this Work?

- Combination of two physical effects: photoelectric (光电效应) on ASIC (专用集成电路) and photoacoustic (光声效应) on diaphragm

## 1. Photoelectric Effects on ASIC



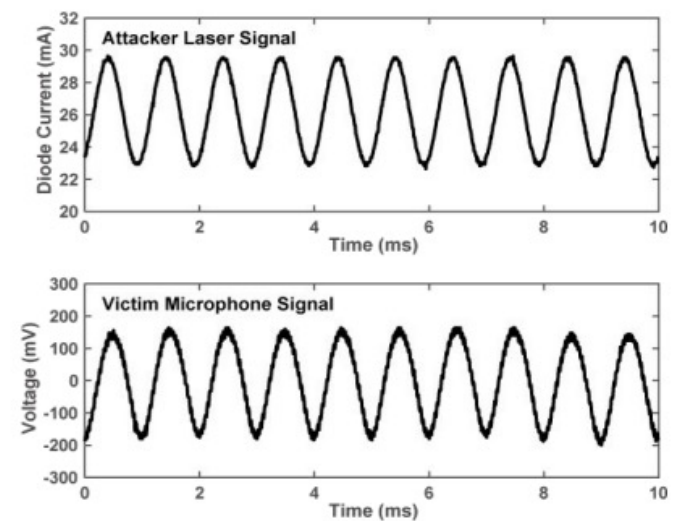
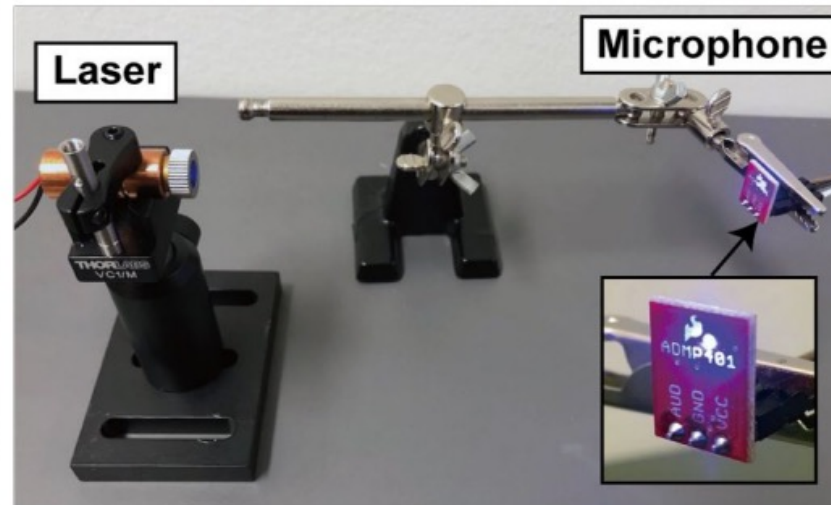
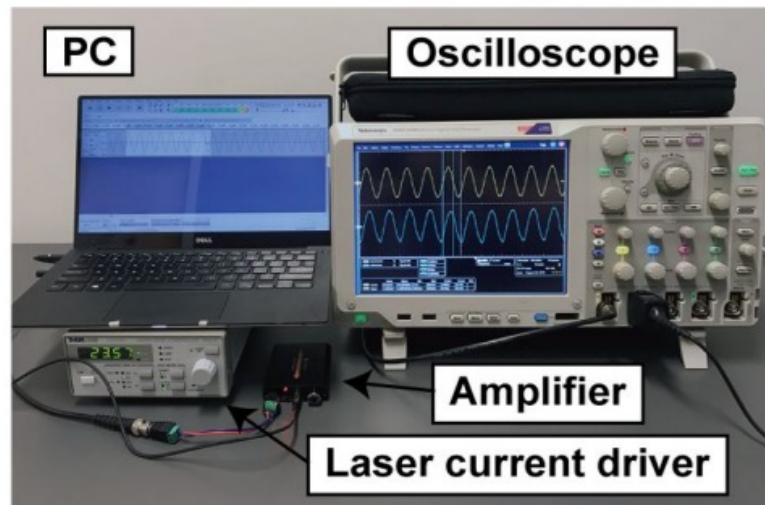
## 2. Photoacoustic Effects on Diaphragm





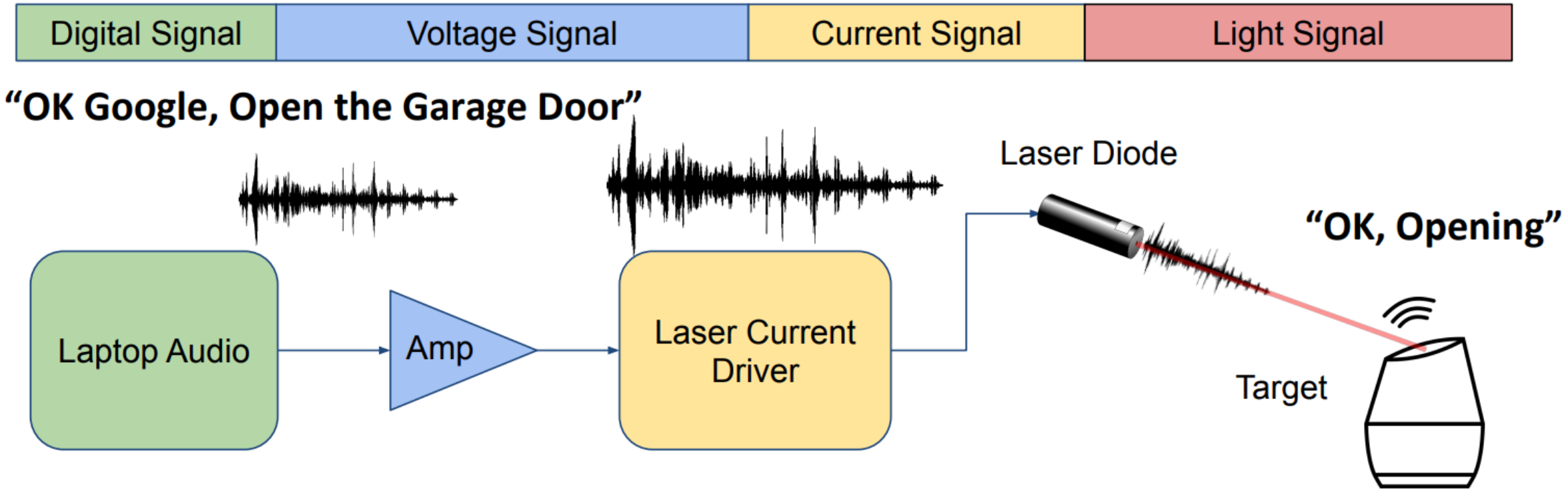
# Signal Injection via Laser

- Audio voltage signal from laptop
- Laser current driver converts to current signal – With DC Bias
- Laser output power is proportional to current





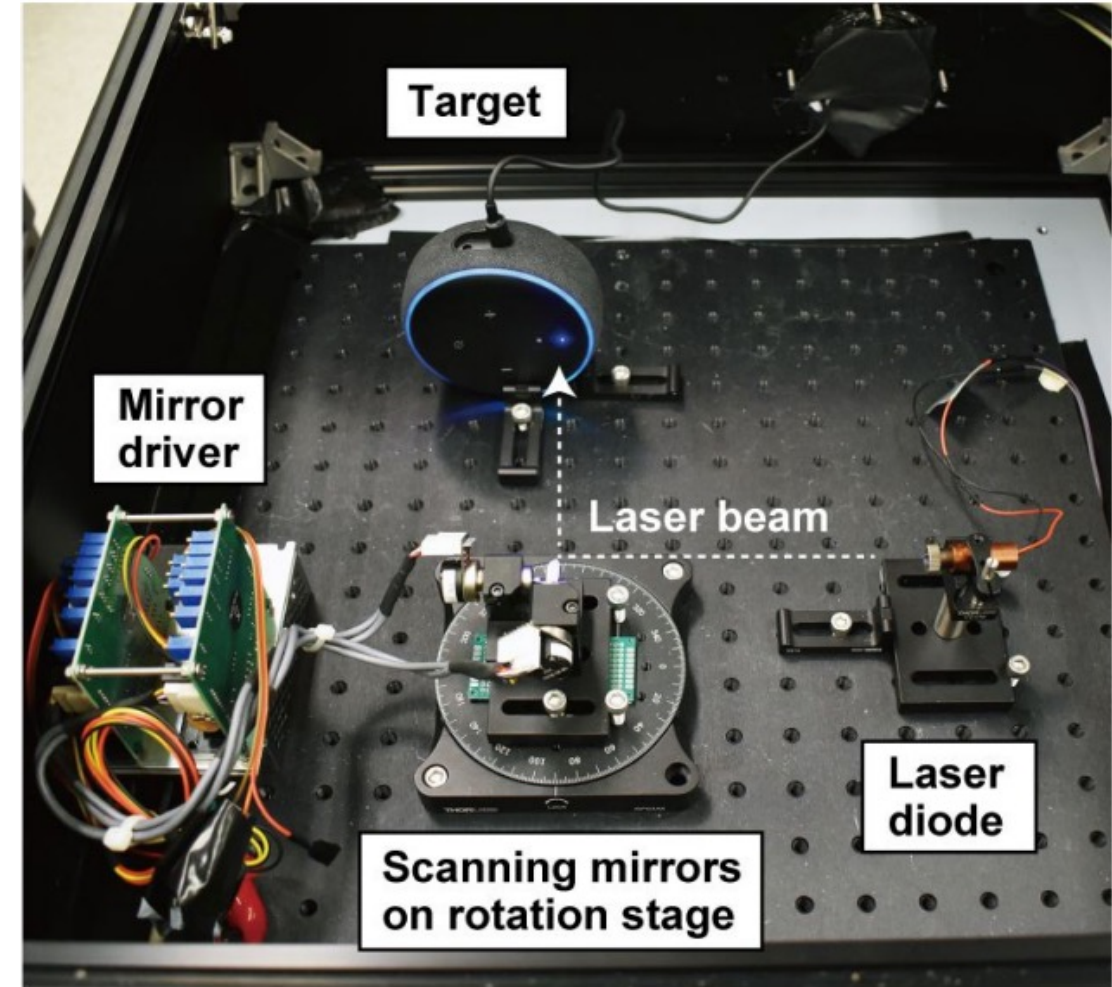
# VCS Command Injection via Light





# Measuring Vulnerability - Power

- Investigated 17 different devices
- Used scanning mirrors
- Measured minimum optical power to recognize commands



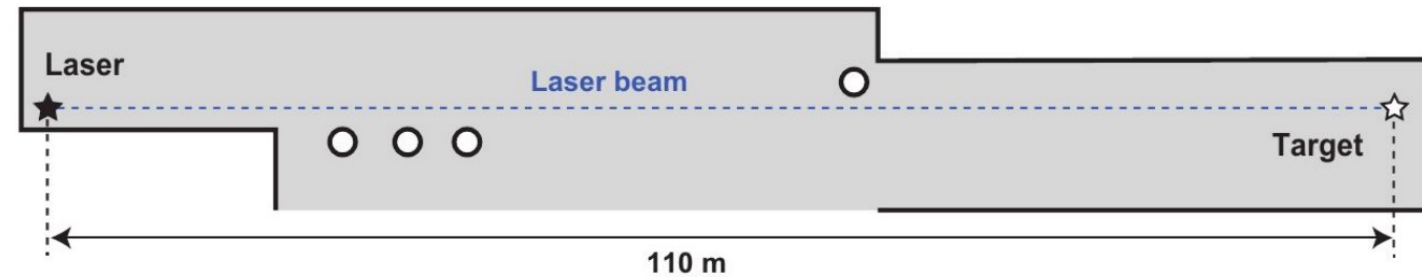




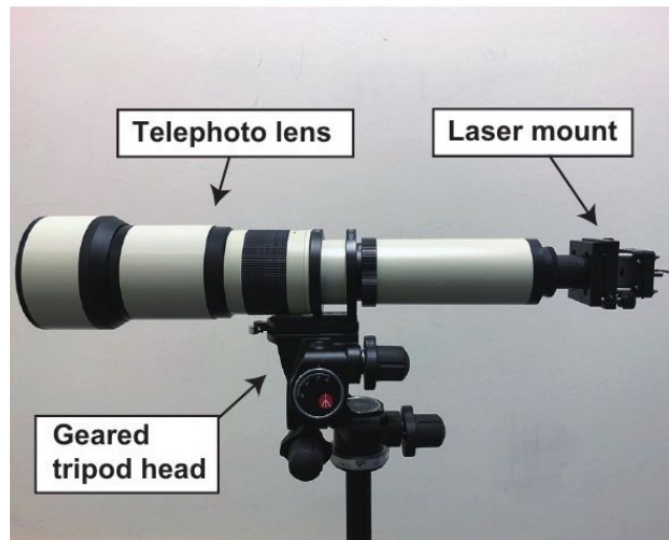
# Measuring Vulnerability - Range

- Measuring the maximum range of the attack

$\frac{\text{Optical Power (Watts)}}{\text{Beam Area (meters}^2\text{)}}$



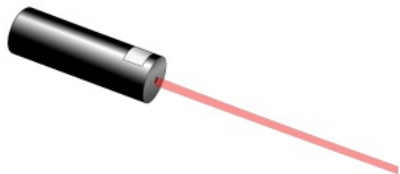
## Optics!





# Attack Results

Laser pointer  
power!



| Device                   | Voice Recognition System | Minimum Laser Power at 30 cm [mW] | Max Distance at 60 mW [m]* | Max Distance at 5 mW [m]** |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Google Home              | Google Assistant         | 0.5                               | 50+                        | 110+                       |
| Google Home mini         | Google Assistant         | 16                                | 20                         | -                          |
| Google NEST Cam IQ       | Google Assistant         | 9                                 | 50+                        | -                          |
| Echo Plus 1st Generation | Amazon Alexa             | 2.4                               | 50+                        | 110+                       |
| Echo Plus 2nd Generation | Amazon Alexa             | 2.9                               | 50+                        | 50                         |
| Echo                     | Amazon Alexa             | 25                                | 50+                        | -                          |
| Echo Dot 2nd Generation  | Amazon Alexa             | 7                                 | 50+                        | -                          |
| Echo Dot 3rd Generation  | Amazon Alexa             | 9                                 | 50+                        | -                          |
| Echo Show 5              | Amazon Alexa             | 17                                | 50+                        | -                          |
| Echo Spot                | Amazon Alexa             | 29                                | 50+                        | -                          |
| Facebook Portal Mini     | Alexa + Portal           | 18                                | 5                          | -                          |
| Fire Cube TV             | Amazon Alexa             | 13                                | 20                         | -                          |
| EchoBee 4                | Amazon Alexa             | 1.7                               | 50+                        | 70                         |
| iPhone XR                | Siri                     | 21                                | 10                         | -                          |
| iPad 6th Gen             | Siri                     | 27                                | 20                         | -                          |
| Samsung Galaxy S9        | Google Assistant         | 60                                | 5                          | -                          |
| Google Pixel 2           | Google Assistant         | 46                                | 5                          | -                          |

5mW:  
110+ meters

60mW:  
50+ meters

Phones/Tablets

60mW:  
5-20 meters

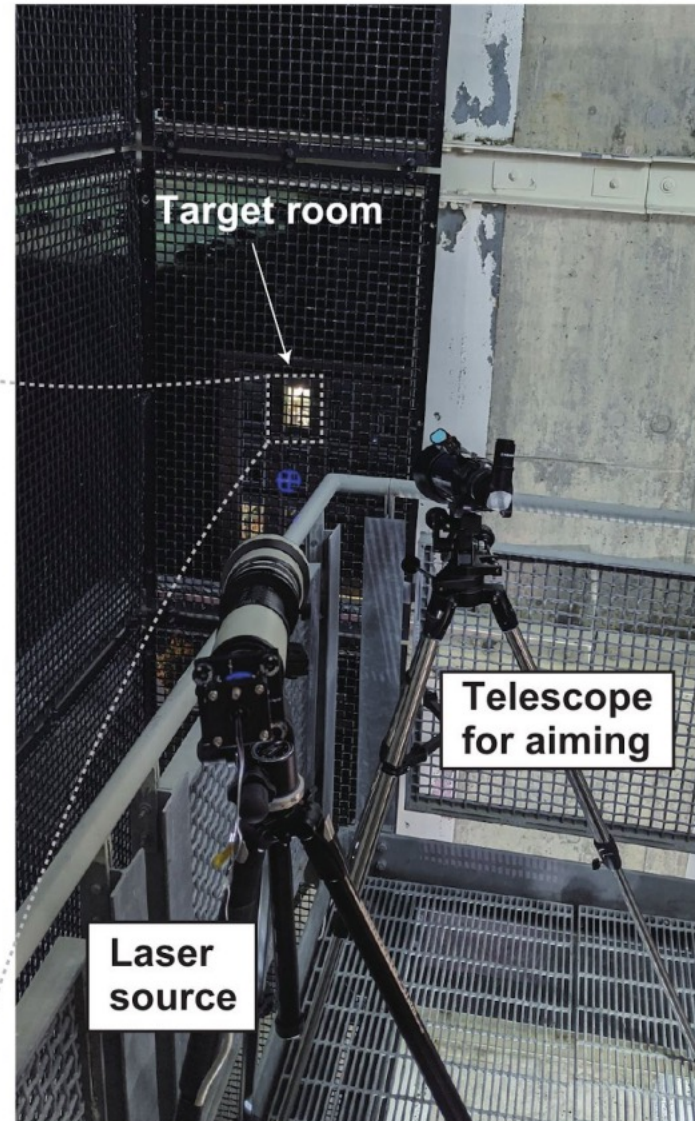
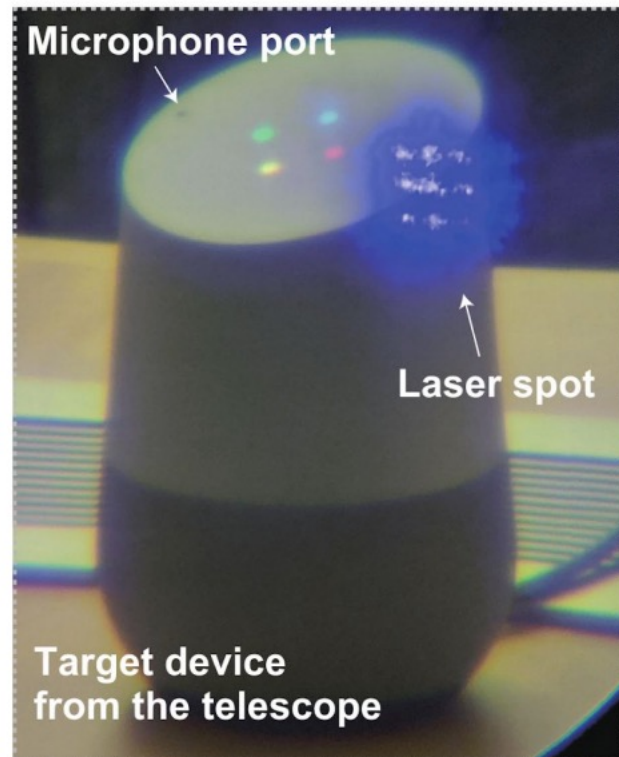
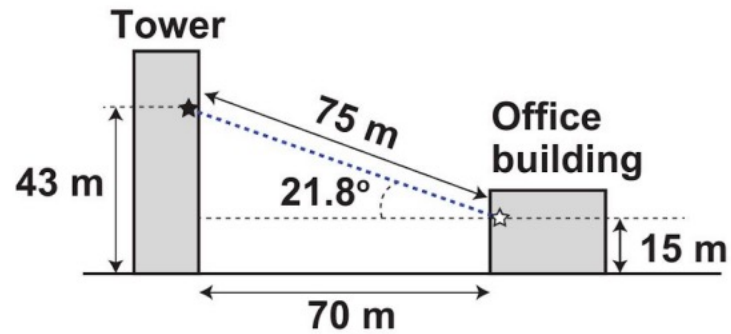
\* Limited to a 50 m long corridor.

\*\* Limited to a 110 m long corridor.





# Cross-building Attack Scenario





# Attack Demo 1



**LIGHT  
COMMANDS**





# Attack Demo 2



**LIGHT  
COMMANDS**