



Learning to Fool the Speaker Recognition

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Biometric Systems

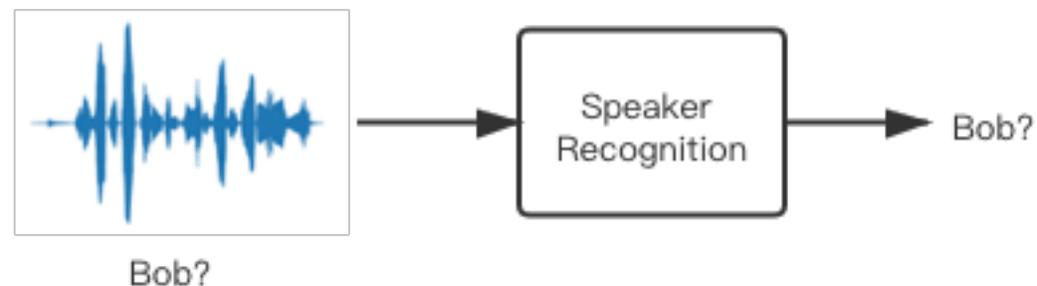
◆ Image-based Systems

- ✓ Face, fingerprint



◆ Speech-based Systems

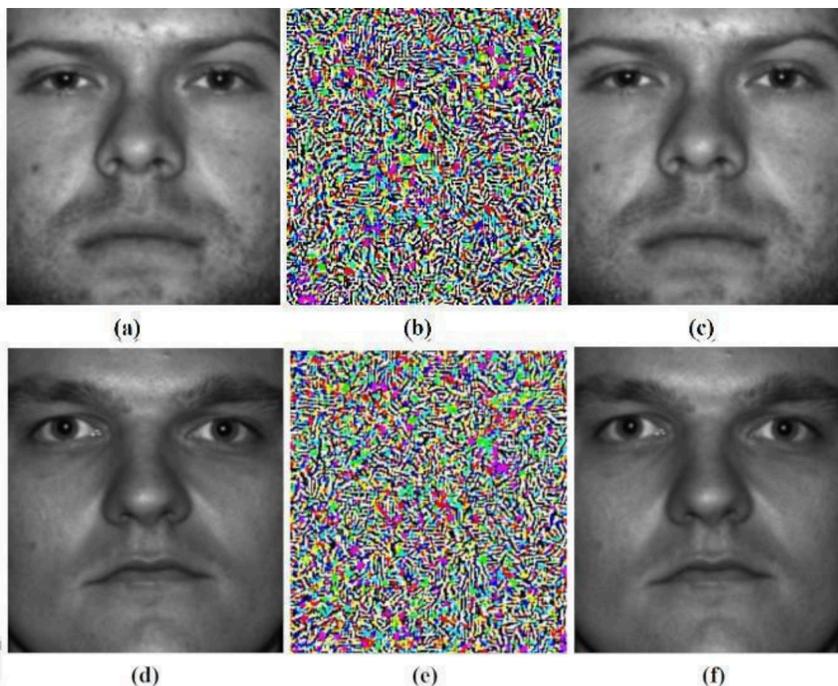
- ✓ Speaker recognition



Security Risks for Biometric Systems

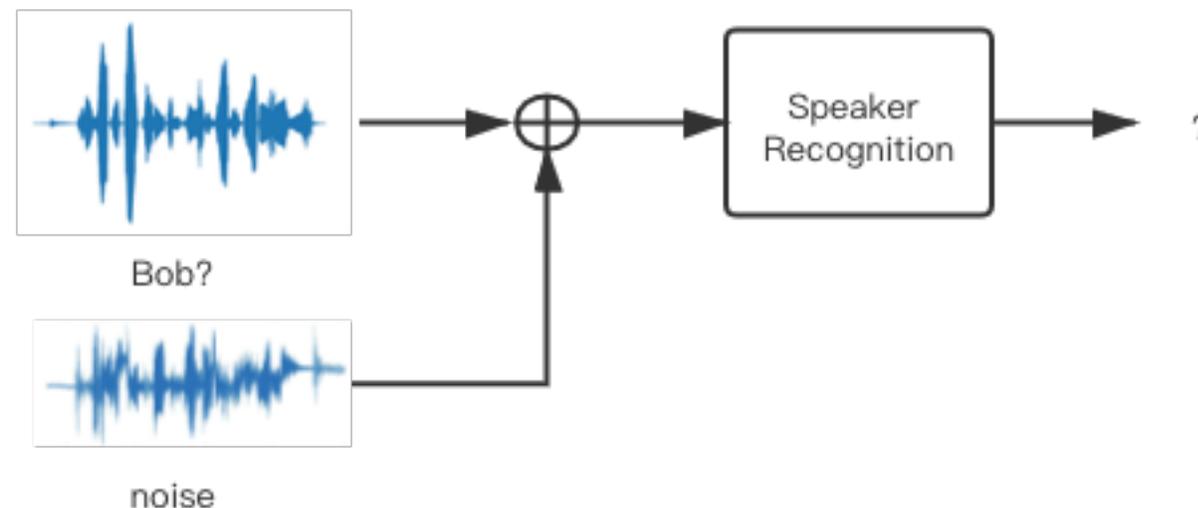
◆ Image-based Systems

✓ Face attack



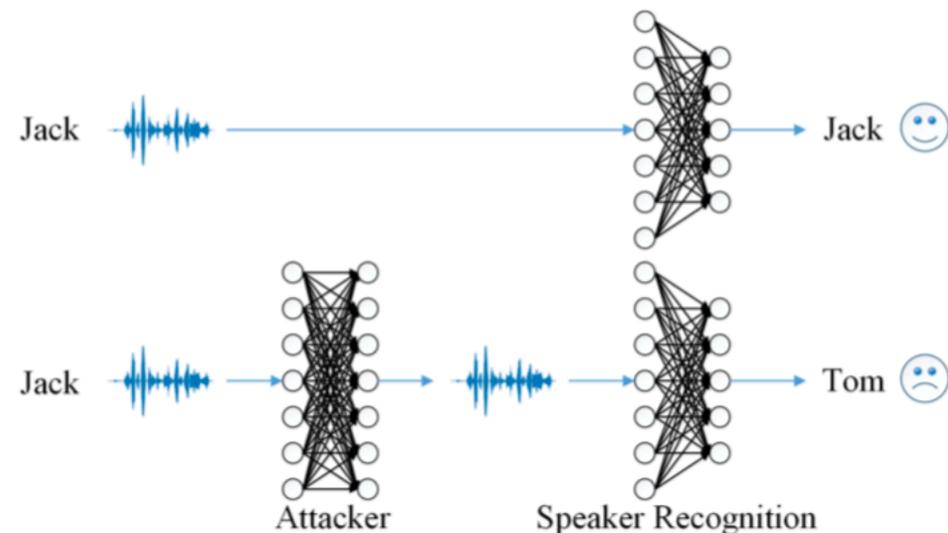
◆ Speech-based Systems

✓ Speech attack



Motivation

- ◆ How to attack the speech-based biometric systems?
- ◆ Is the speech-based biometric systems vulnerable to the adversarial attack?
- ◆ Is it possible to design a biometric systems robust to the adversarial attack?



Our attack results

Non-targeted attack

dr1/fcjh0/si1027.ogg  

dr1/fcjh0/sx37.ogg  

dr2/faem0/si762.ogg  

dr8/fbcg1/sx82.ogg  

real

fake

Targeted attack

dr1/fcjh0/si1027.ogg    

dr1/fdaw0/si1046.ogg    

dr2/faem0/si762.ogg    

dr8/fbcg1/si982.ogg    

real

target0

target100

target200

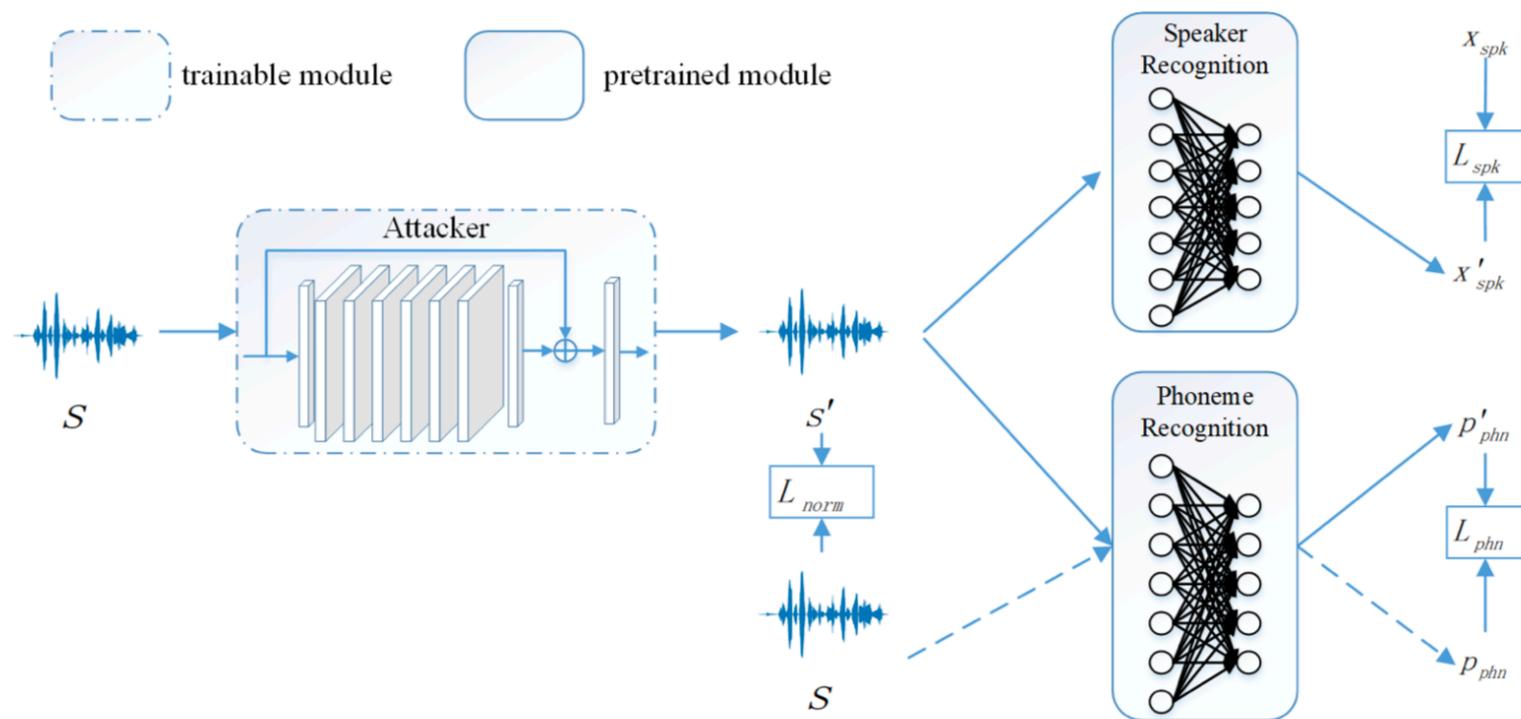
More results: <https://smallflyingpig.github.io/speaker-recognition-attacker/main>



Proposed Attack Framework

◆ Our Framework

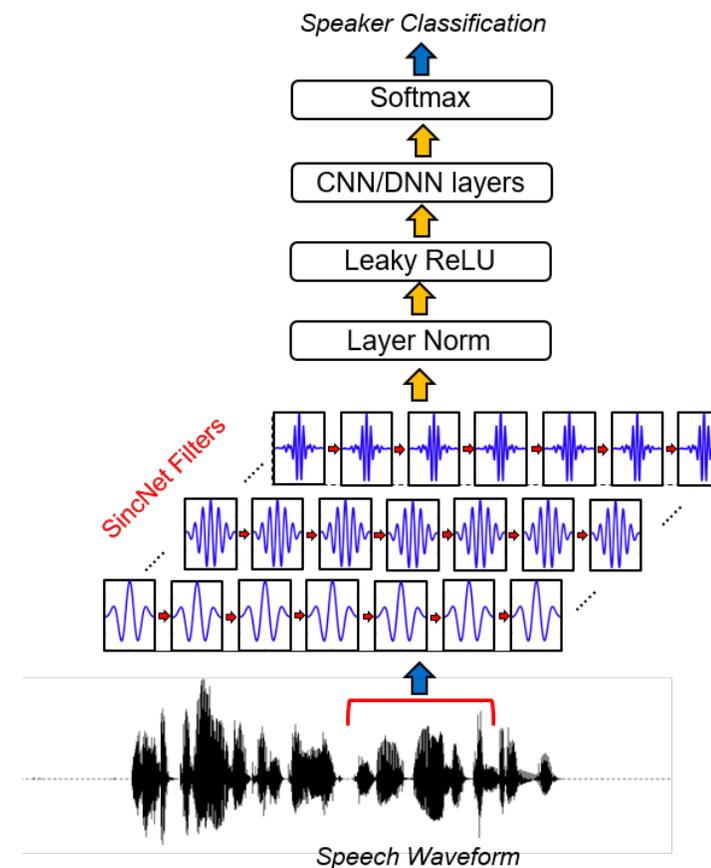
- ✓ An attacker for all samples
- ✓ Optimize the speech via phoneme recognition module



Proposed Attack Framework

◆ Speaker/Phoneme Recognition Model: Sincnet[1]

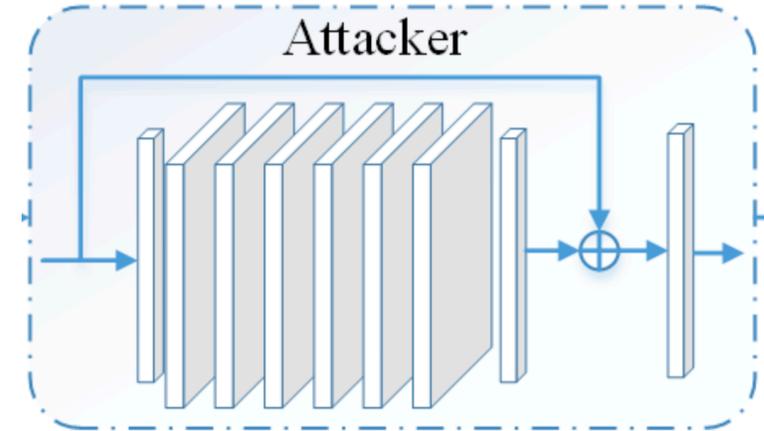
- ✓ Frequency filters in the first layer
- ✓ Process on the raw waveform
- ✓ More interpretable



Proposed Attack Framework

◆ Attacker: a Residual Block

- ✓ Referring to Adversarial Transformer Networks (ATNs)[1]
- ✓ Additive perturbations
- ✓ The scale of the perturbation is controllable
- ✓ Training once for all testing samples



[1] Baluja, Shumeet, and Ian Fischer. "Learning to Attack: Adversarial Transformation Networks." *AAAI*. Vol. 1. 2018.

Proposed Attack Framework

◆ Adversarial training/Optimization

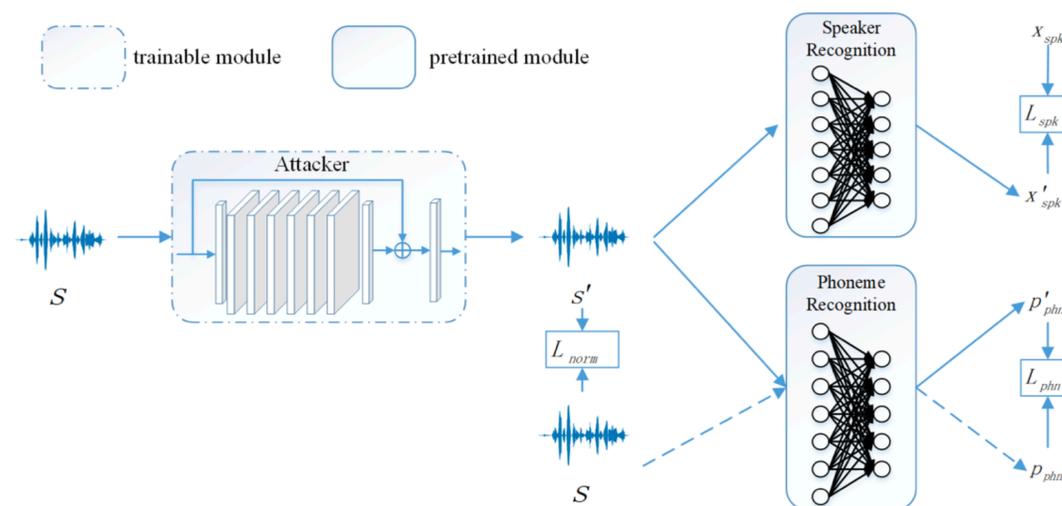
✓ Non-targeted attack

$$L_{total} = L_{spk} + \lambda_{phn}L_{phn} + \lambda_{norm}L_{norm}$$

$$L_{spk} = \begin{cases} x'_{spk}[I_{1st}] - x'_{spk}[I_{2nd}], & I_{1st} = y_{spk} \\ 0, & else \end{cases}$$

$$L_{phn} = KL(p_{phn} || p'_{phn})$$

$$L_{norm} = [\max(s - s' - m, 0)]^2$$



✓ Targeted attack

$$L_{spk} = \begin{cases} x'_{spk}[I_{1st}] - x'_{spk}[y_{target}], & I_{1st} \neq y_{target} \\ 0, & else \end{cases}$$



Experimental Results

◆ Datasets and Metrics

✓ Dataset

Dataset	Label	Speaker number	Samples (train+test)
TIMIT	Speaker+phoneme	462	3694(2309+1385)

✓ Metric

- Sentence Error Rate(SER): used for non-targeted attack
- Prediction Target Rate(PTR): used for targeted attack
- Signal-noise Ratio(SNR)
- Perceptual Evaluation of Speech Quality(PESQ): 0.5~4.5



Experimental Results

◆ Can our proposed model attack the pretrained speaker recognition model?

- ✓ Non-targeted attack
- ✓ SER 90.5% with SNR 59.01 dB
- ✓ SER 90.5% with PESQ 4.28

λ_{phn}	λ_{norm}	SER(%)↑	SNR(dB)↑	PESQ↑
-	-	1.52*	-	-
0	0	99.7	18.56	1.09
0	1000	96.5	56.39	3.72
0	2000	86.7	57.79	3.61
1	1000	99.2	57.20	4.20
5	1000	93.9	58.00	4.25
10	1000	90.5	59.01	4.28



Experimental Results

◆ Can our proposed model attack the pretrained speaker recognition model?

- ✓ Targeted attack
- ✓ Average success rate 72.1%
- ✓ Average SNR 57.64dB
- ✓ Average PESQ 3.48

Target ID	PTR(%)↑	SNR(dB)↑	PESQ↑
0	91.4	57.55	3.36
100	89.3	56.83	3.16
200	63.3	58.42	3.69
300	58.7	56.92	3.52
400	57.6	58.36	3.68
avg	72.1	57.64	3.48



Experimental Results

◆ Does our design work? (the phoneme recognition model)

✓ With fixed λ_{norm} , larger λ_{phn} results a higher SNR and PESQ

✓ The phoneme brunch works for obtaining a trade-off between SER and SNR/PES

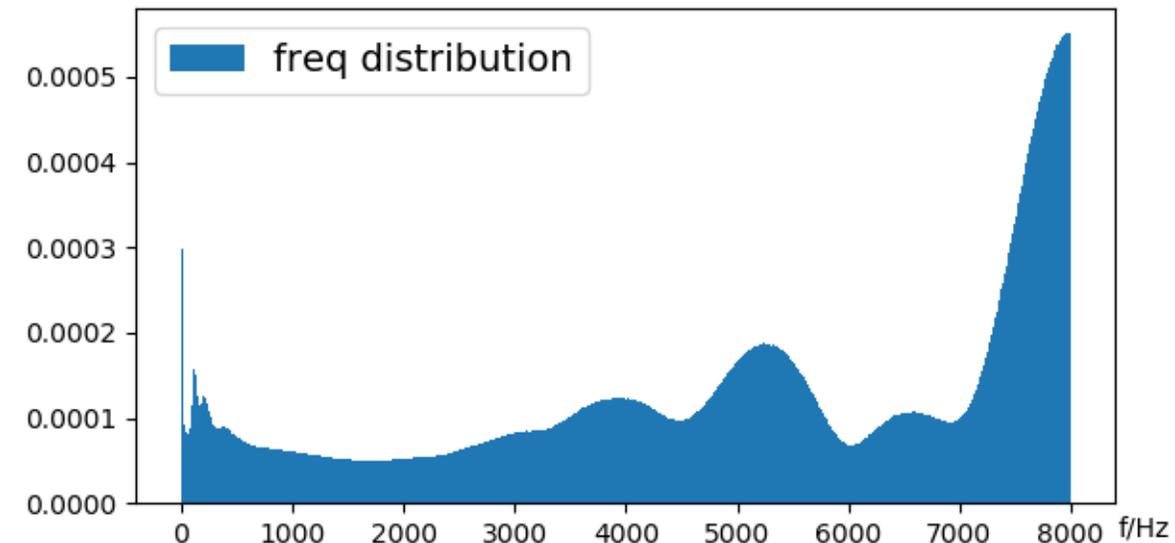
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◆ Other findings

- ✓ The perturbations concentrate on high frequency
- ✓ Can we design robust speaker recognition models focusing on the low frequency? (future works)



Perturbations distribution



The questions

- ◆ How to attack the speech-based biometric systems?
 - ✓ Our proposed framework successfully attacked the SOTA speaker recognition model
- ◆ Is the speech-based biometric systems vulnerable to the attacker?
 - ✓ Yes
- ◆ Is it possible to design a biometric systems robust to the adversarial attack?
 - ✓ The future works



Thanks

Q & A

Codes, data and more results: <https://smallflyingpig.github.io/speaker-recognition-attacker/main>

Paper early access: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9053058>

