

Who Are You (I Really Wanna Know)? Detecting Audio DeepFakes Through Vocal Tract Reconstruction

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Unusual CEO Fraud via Deepfake Audio Steals US\$243,000 From UK Company

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The Deepfake problem is not just about authentication, fundamentally, it's about "Is this speaker even human?"





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- Model correctly mimics macro-acoustical features
- Model fails to mimic micro-acoustical features

YOU KNOW WHO ACTUALLY SAYS THAT?

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Take Away

- Fluid dynamics can be used to accurately recreate biology from audio
- Reconstruction of anatomical features can allow a defender to differentiate human generated audio from DeepFake audio
 - Are we even listening to a human? We can measure that!









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