
Ubicomp and Smart Home/City

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Agenda

Hydro Sensing



Dynamically measuring water usage throughout the entire household utilizing pressure metrics



Energy Sensing



Pinpointing energy usage by appliance, enabling analysis and mitigation



Surface Sensing



Determining severity of deterioration of surfaces to save shocks, time, and lives



Combine these sensing capabilities (and more) to create happier, healthier, and more efficient homes and cities




HydroSense

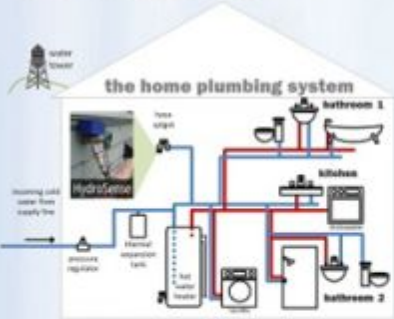


HYDROSENSE

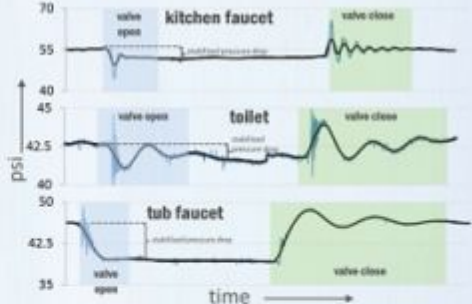
Tracking Per Fixture Water Usage from a Single Sensor



HydroSense is a pressure-based technology that tracks water usage at the fixture-level using only one sensor (i.e., itemizes water usage at the dishwasher, shower, kitchen sink).



the home plumbing system



Each fixture generates a unique pressure wave. HydroSense monitors these pressure signatures to identify the fixture and uses pressure deltas to calculate flow.

Water Facts!

- Nearly 97% of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all of humanity's needs — all its agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community, and personal needs.
- The average family can waste 180 gallons per week, or 9,400 gallons of water annually, from household leaks. That's equivalent to the amount of water needed to wash more than 300 loads of laundry.



What is HydroSense?

HydroSense, a low-cost, single-point solution for activity sensing mediated by a home's existing water infrastructure. HydroSense is based on continuous analysis of pressure within a home's water infrastructure.

Consists of a customized stainless steel pressure sensor, an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) and microcontroller, and a Bluetooth wireless radio.



Calculation of water flow

1. Flow rate is related to pressure change via Poiseuille's Law -

$$Q = \frac{\Delta P \pi r^4}{8 \mu L}$$

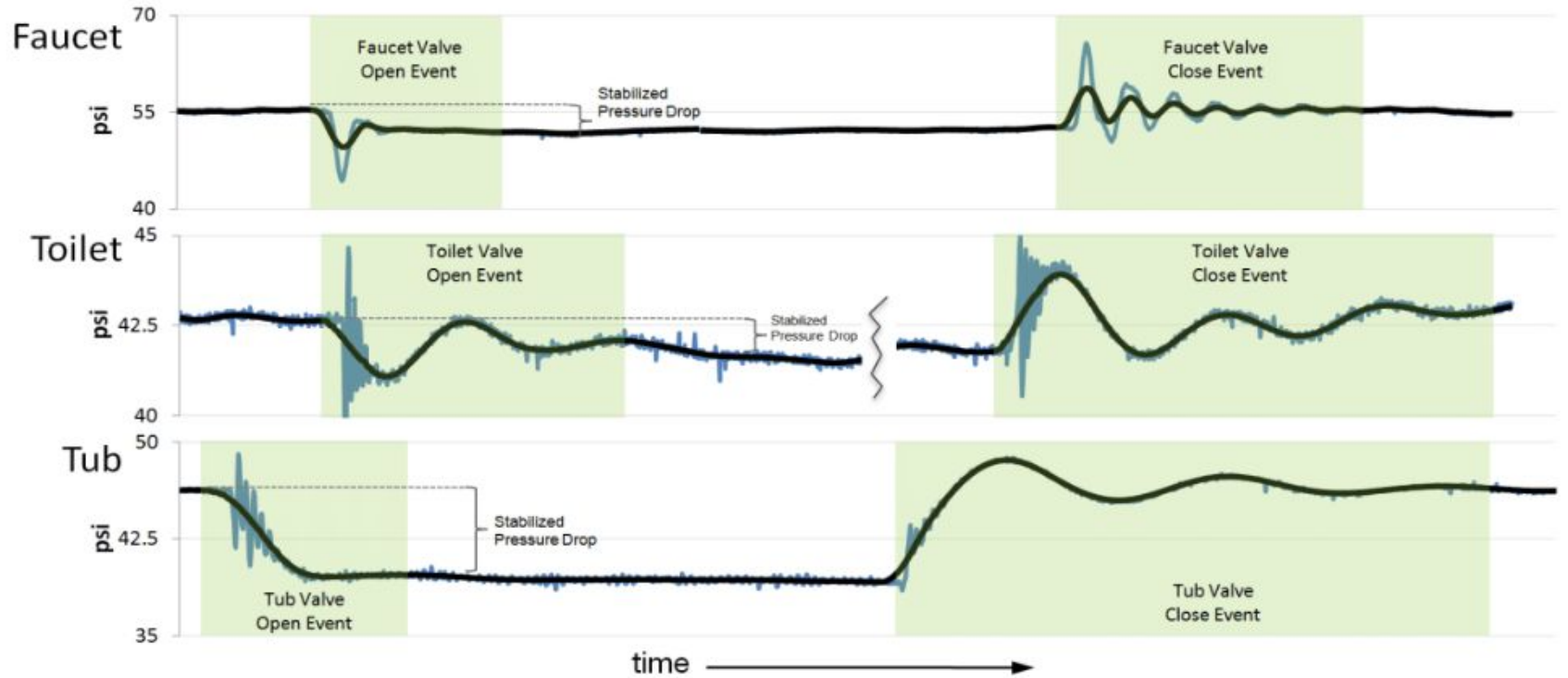
2. This can be simplified by the fluid resistance formulation -

$$R_f = \frac{\Delta P}{Q} \equiv \frac{8 \mu L}{\pi r^4}$$

3. The final formula then is -

$$Q = \frac{\Delta P}{R_f}$$

Open/Close Pressure Waves



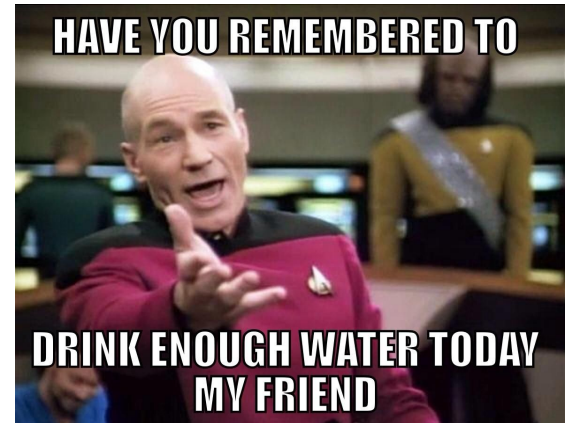
Potential issues with HydroSense

- Events that occur at the exact same instant cannot be distinguished as separate events with the current segmentation algorithm.
- The current sampling is done in a controlled manner
- They do not account for the smoothness of the inner pipe surface, the number of bends, valves, or constrictions in pipes, nor pipe orientation.



Discussion Questions

- Is there any scope of using HydroSense by everybody in the world? Why or why not?
- Are there any other potential issues related to the usage of HydroSense other than the ones mentioned earlier?
- Other than measuring the water flow, is there anywhere else this technology can be used?



Electrisense | Single-Point Sensing | Electrical Event Detection & Classification

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1	5.Cilantro Fish Rolls	8.00
1	11.Grandma's Noodle	7.00
1	24.Szechuan Bang Bang Shrimp	9.00
1	Pinot Blanc(g)	8.00
1	Tsing Tao	4.50
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EVERSOURCE

Account Number: 0000 000 0000

Customer name key: CUST

Statement Date: 04/05/19

Service Provided To:

JOHN J CUSTOMER

Service Address: ANY STREET

ANY TOWN, MA 00000

Rate: A1 R1 RESIDENTIAL Bill Cycle: 03

Service from 03/07/19 - 04/03/19

27 Days

Next read date on or about: May 06, 2019

Meter Number	Current Read	Previous Read	Current Usage	Reading Type
0000000	30596	30143	453	Actual

Monthly kWh Use

Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
463	427	459	439	559	1035	559
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
525	562	522	677	520	453	

Contact Information

Emergency: 800-592-2000

www.eversource.com

CustomerServiceMA@eversource.com

Pay by Phone: 800-592-2000

Customer Service: 800-592-2000

Total Amount Due
by 04/30/19

\$117.17

Electric Account Summary

Amount Due On 04/05/19	\$133.48
Last Payment Received On 04/04/19	-\$133.48
Balance Forward	\$0.00
Current Charges/Credits	
Electric Supply Services	\$61.55
Delivery Services	\$55.62
Total Current Charges	\$117.17
Total Amount Due	\$117.17

Total Charges for Electricity

Supplier (Eversource) (Basic Svc Fixed)

Generation Service Charge	453 kWh X .13588	\$61.55
Subtotal Supplier Services		\$61.55

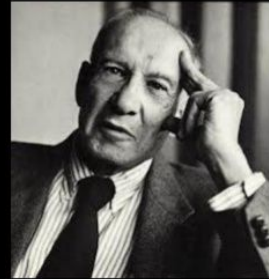
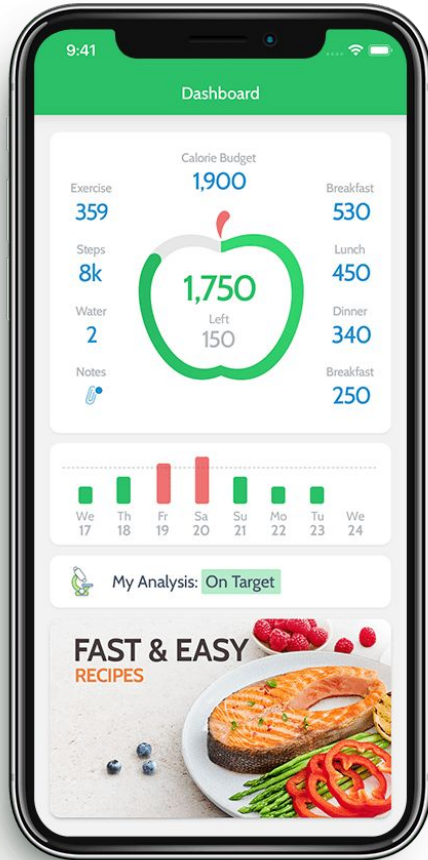
Delivery (Rate A1 R1 RESIDENTIAL)

Customer Charge		\$7.00
Distribution Charge	453 kWh X .06396	\$28.97
Transition Charge	453 kWh X -.00052	-\$0.24
Transmission Charge	453 kWh X .02585	\$11.71
Revenue Decoupling Charge	453 kWh X -.00057	-\$0.26
Distributed Solar Charge	453 kWh X .00088	\$0.40
Renewable Energy Charge	453 kWh X .00050	\$0.23
Energy Efficiency	453 kWh X .01725	\$7.81
Subtotal Delivery Services		\$55.62
Total Cost of Electricity		\$117.17

Total Current Charges **\$117.17**

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Eversource is required to comply with Department of Public Utilities' billing and termination regulations. If you have a dispute please see the bill insert for more information.
Visit the "Monthly Customer Communications" page under "My Account" then "Billing & Payment" on Eversource.com for an electronic version of this insert.
Eversource offers Payment Plans for customers with overdue bills. Budget Billing is also available to pay a more consistent bill each month.
Please see the Customer Rights Supplement for more information.



**“If you can’t
measure it,
you can’t
manage it”**

Peter Drucker

Distributed Sensing

- Dedicated sensors for each appliance or area.
- Problems: Costly installation and maintenance.
- Potential Solution: reduce cost by using a single point to sense

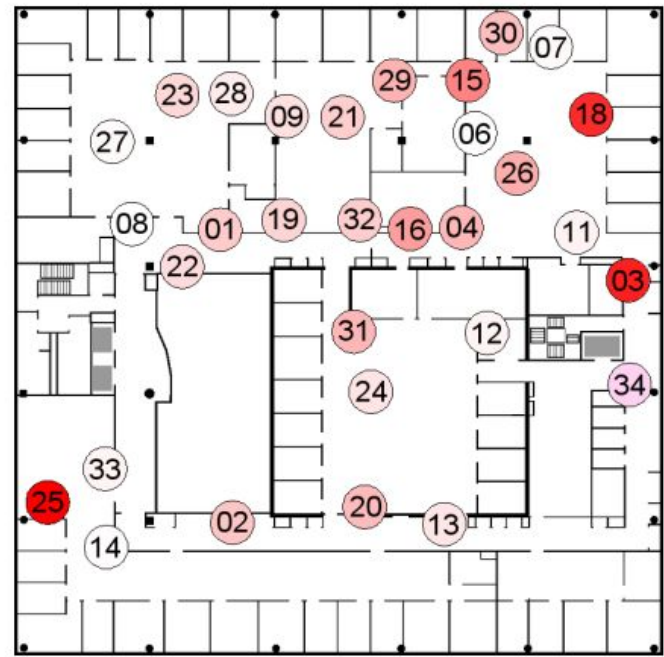


Figure 7: A map of the third floor of the MIT Media Lab. The 31 large circles indicate the location of Plug sensor nodes. The number within each circle is the ID of the Plug at that location. The darker the circle, the more activity occurred at that node over the span of a 20-hour data collection period. Here, “activity” is defined as the sum of the number of motion sensor and vibration sensor activations.

Image Source: Lifton, J., Feldmeier, M., Ono, Y., Lewis, C., and Paradiso, J. A. A platform for ubiquitous sensor deployment in occupational and domestic environments

Single Point Sensing

- Metering technique for whole-house appliance usage via power meter.
- Problem: relies on step change activation to identify usage.
- Potential Solution: utilize advancing chip technology and shifting macro trends (SMPS systems) to get high accuracy, low cost solution

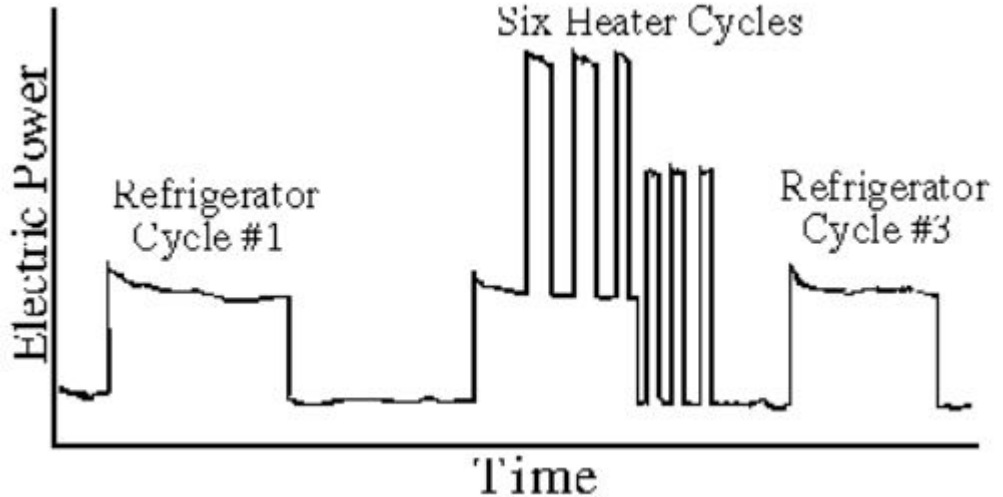


Fig: total (real) power consumption vs. time for a single-family home over a two-hour period

Electrisense (2010)

- A single point system utilizing high frequency EMI signals from each SMPS appliance
- SMPS do not dissipate power as heat, rather store energy in high frequency switches
- Enables high efficiency, and to our benefit, distinct signals to monitor

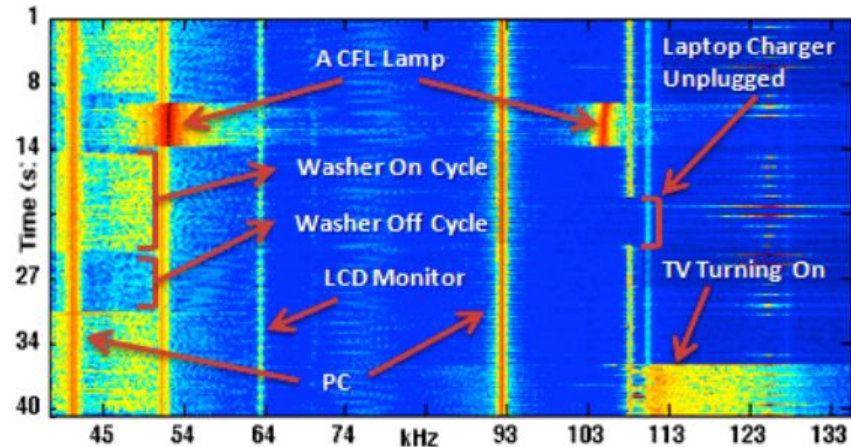


Figure 2: Frequency spectrogram showing device actuation in a home.

Image Source: Reading 1, Electrisense paper

The Experiment

- 7 homes, 6 short term (H1-H6), 1 six month deployment (H7)
- In home devices + 8 20" dell monitors, a camera charger and 2 CFL lamps.

The Setup

- Once configured, just plug into an outlet! So much easier than other systems

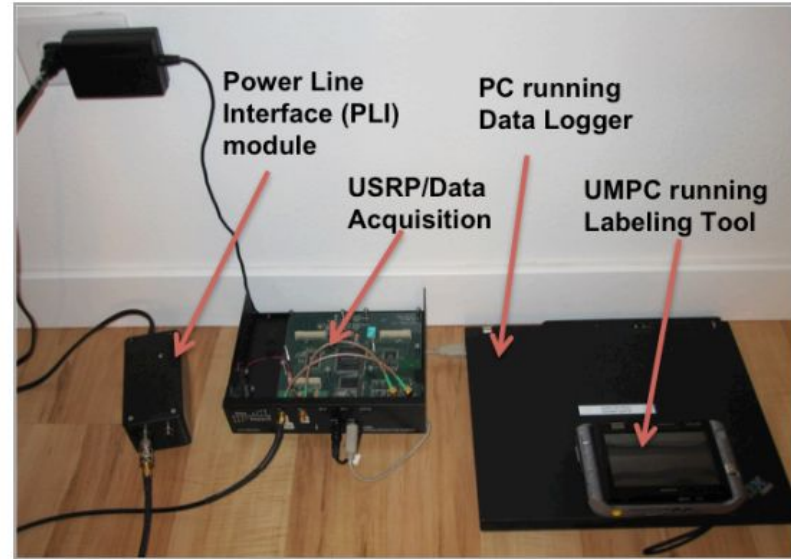
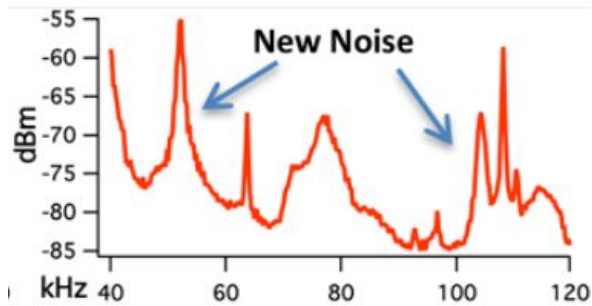
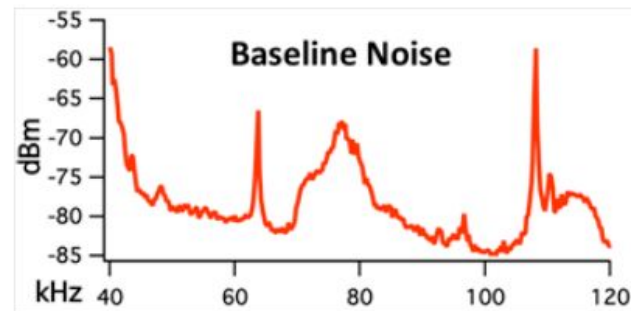


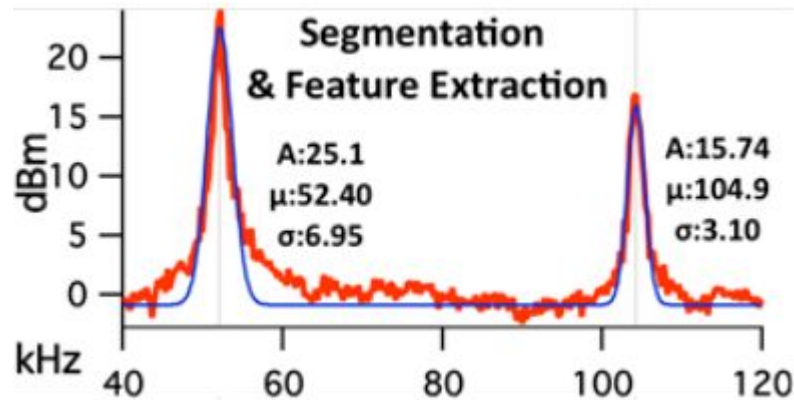
Figure 3: Our prototype system consists of a single plug-in module, acquisition hardware and the supporting software



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Amplitude, Mean and Variance captured

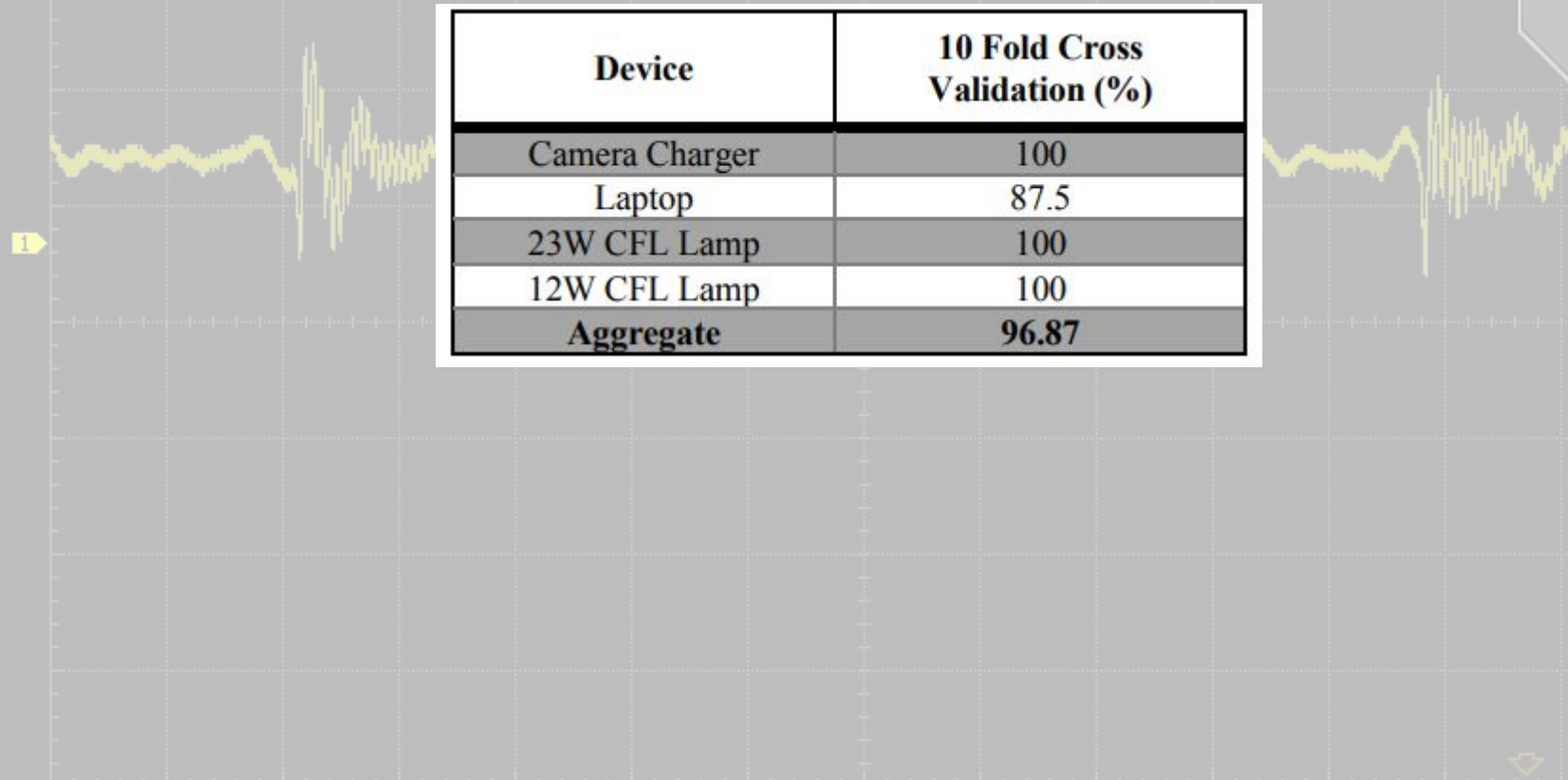
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Device classification using K Nearest Neighbours

HORIZONTAL

Issue with windowing



Device	10 Fold Cross Validation (%)
Camera Charger	100
Laptop	87.5
23W CFL Lamp	100
12W CFL Lamp	100
Aggregate	96.87

CH1

Coupling
AC

BW Limit
OFF

Ratio
1X

Input
1MΩ

Invert
OFF

Volts/Div
Coarse

Unit
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Issue with same brand, same device model

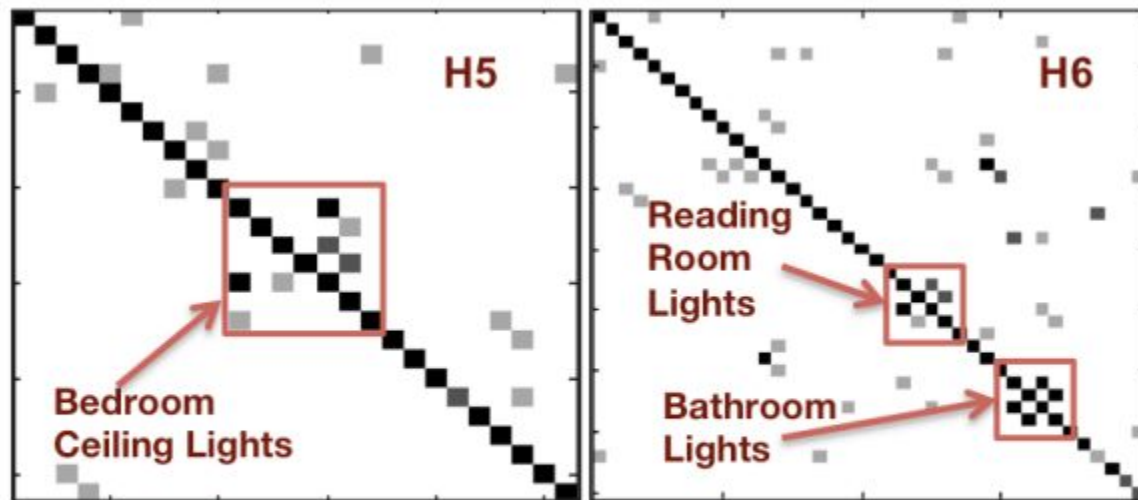


Figure 7: Visual confusion matrix highlighting misclassification due to physical proximity of similar fixtures in H5 and H6.

What's not right?

KNN can not work if we give some new devices to the system as we only have data for some specific devices.

Needs user to actuate each device atleast once. So it is not a device detection system per se until all devices are used.

The EMI in SMPS is considered to be a disadvantage in these power supplied. Relying on a disadvantage for creating technology can make this obsolete.



Did you find more limitations to this 2010 work?



Were there some interesting things you learnt while reading this work ? Was there anything you found unique about this paper different from other papers we have read so far? Data collection? Performance calculation?



What in your opinion got this paper the best paper award? What have the authors done so well?



How is this work - Electrical device detection relevant to us or to Ubiquitous Computing for Smart Home/Smart City? How and where can we leverage it? Any project ideas you can suggest to the class?

UbiComp Applications ready for use



Roll over image to zoom in



5 VIDEOS

Sense Energy Monitor – Track Electricity Usage in Real Time and Save Money – Meets Rigorous ETL/Intertek Safety Standards

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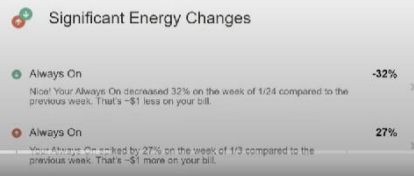
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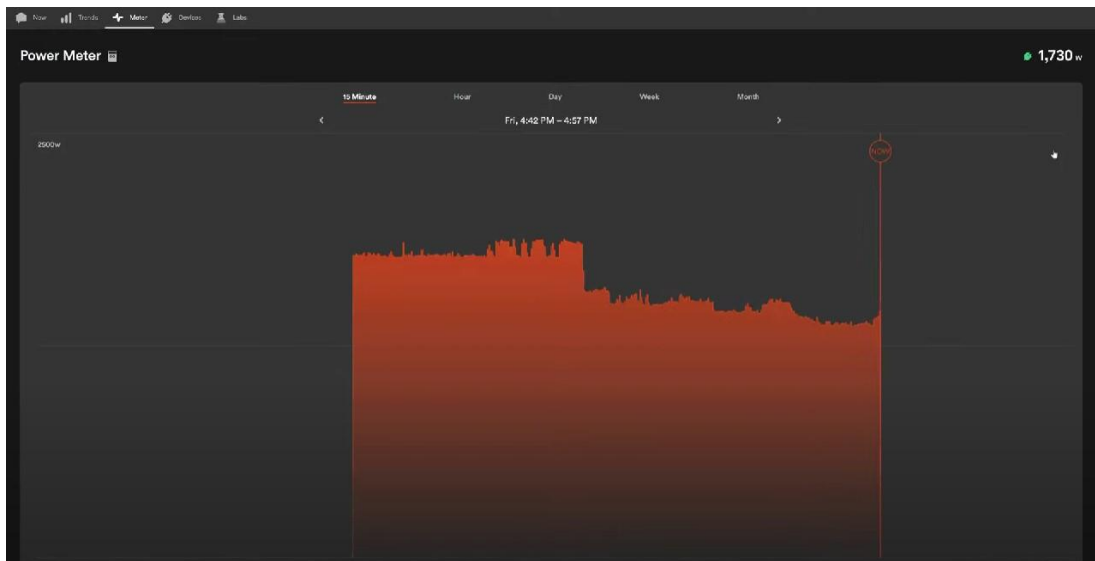
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- SEE WHAT'S UP. KNOW WHAT'S ON: Track how much electricity you're using,





Merge Devices

- 3D Printer ☐
- 3d Printer ☐
- AC ☐
- Aquarium Heater ☐
- Dewalt air compressor ☐
- Dishwasher ☐
- Dryer ☐
- Fridge ☒
- Fridge ☐
- Fridge Freezer Defrost ☒
- Garage door ☐
- Microwave ☐
- Mitre / Table Saw ☐
- Motor 3 ☐

OTHER MERGED DEVICES

- Dryer
- Oven
- Front Left Element
- Dishwasher

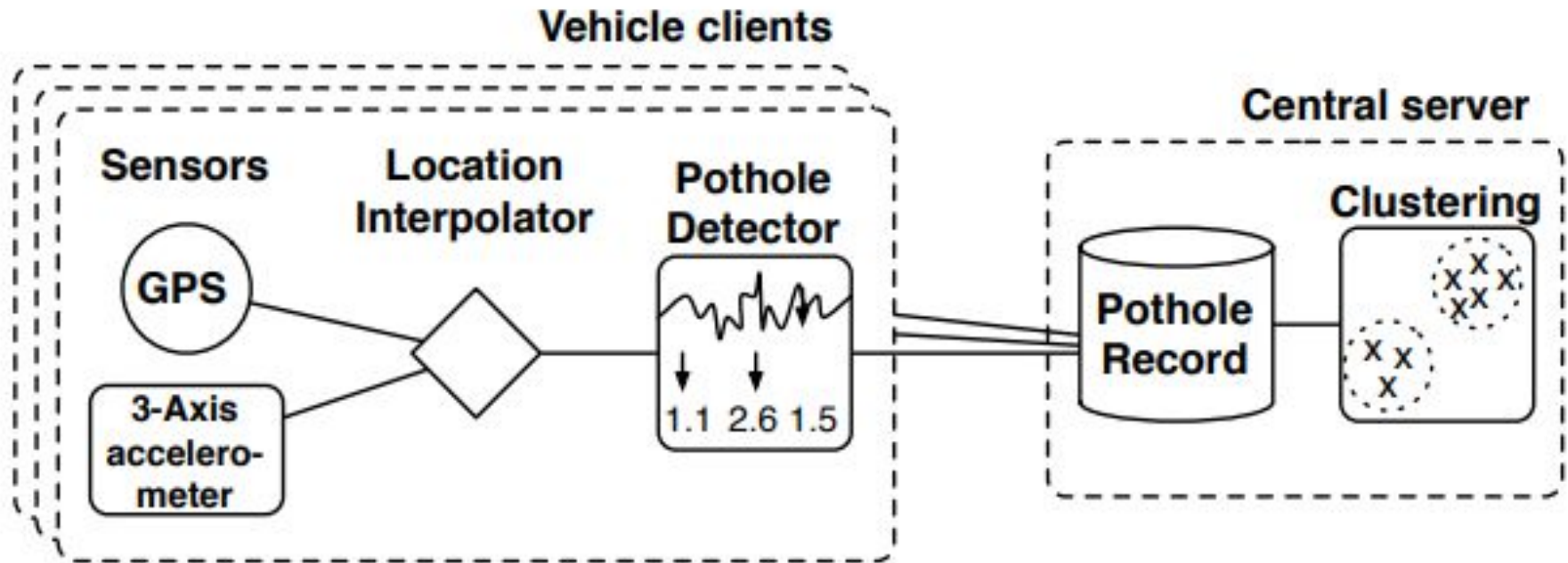
Unmerge



Pothole Patrol

- Municipalities around the world spend millions of dollars, yet few people are happy with quality of the roads.
- Bad roads
 - Damage vehicles
 - Hazardous to drivers and pedestrians
 - Very annoying to drive or bike on
- The researchers are trying to find out potholes on travelled roads using different sensors in vehicles so that those that are of high severity could be repaired.
- *"Runs on a network of 7 taxis in the Boston metropolitan area"*

P2 architecture

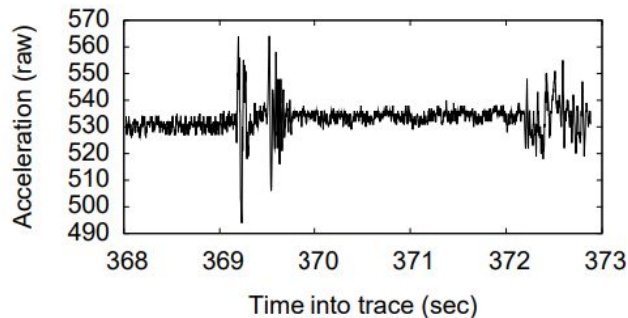


Challenges

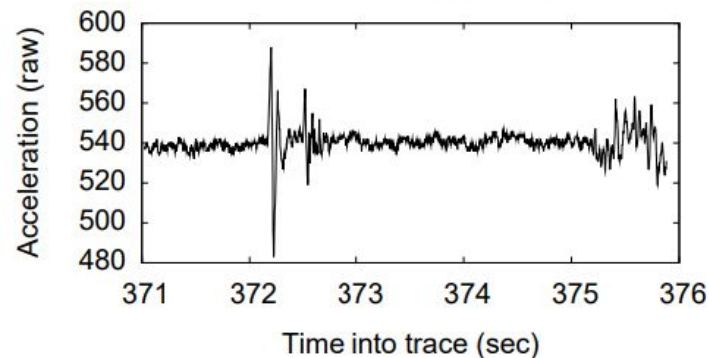
- Gathering data is challenging because this would require driving through bad roads. Also, gathering hand-labeled training data would require a lot of effort.
 - Used loosely labeled data as well because completely labeled data is harder to collect.
- Normal events such as fast brakes, speeding, etc. might look similar to some sensors.
 - Different filters are used to resolve this issue (to be continued)

Accelerometer Placement

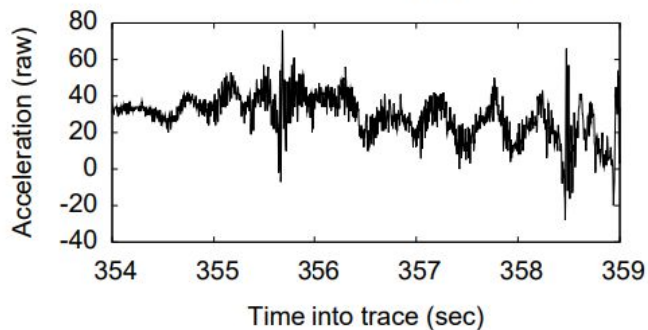
Attached to Dashboard



Attached to Windshield



Attached to Embedded PC



Different Filters

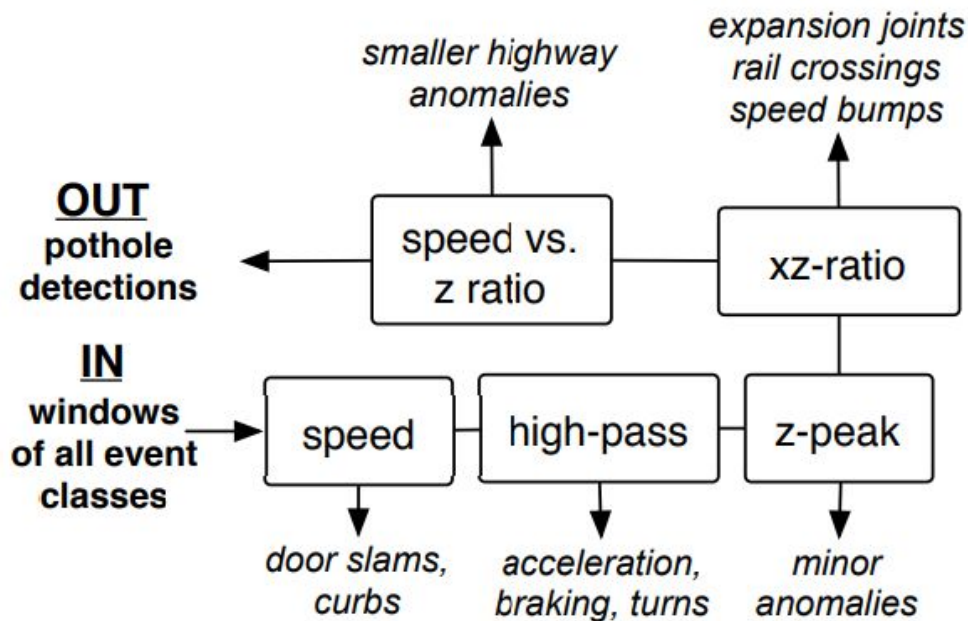
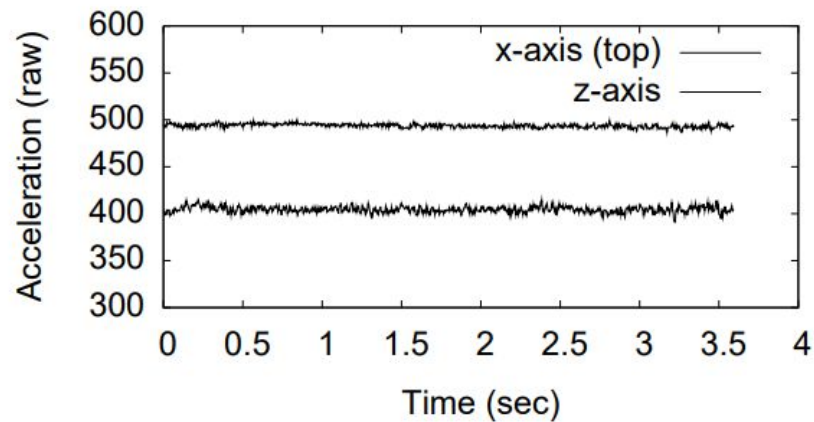
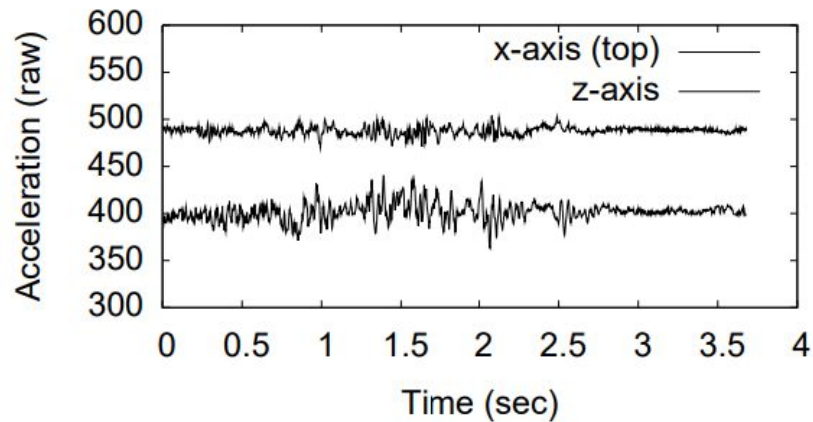


Figure 6: The pothole detector is composed of a number of filters, each separating out a different class of event.

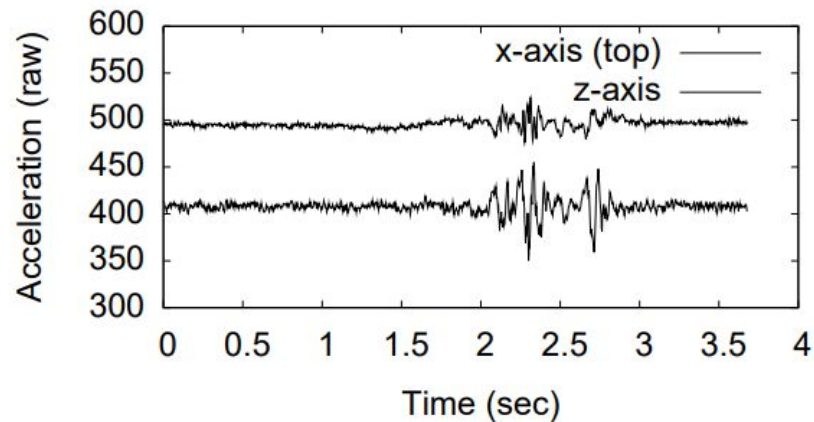
Smooth Road



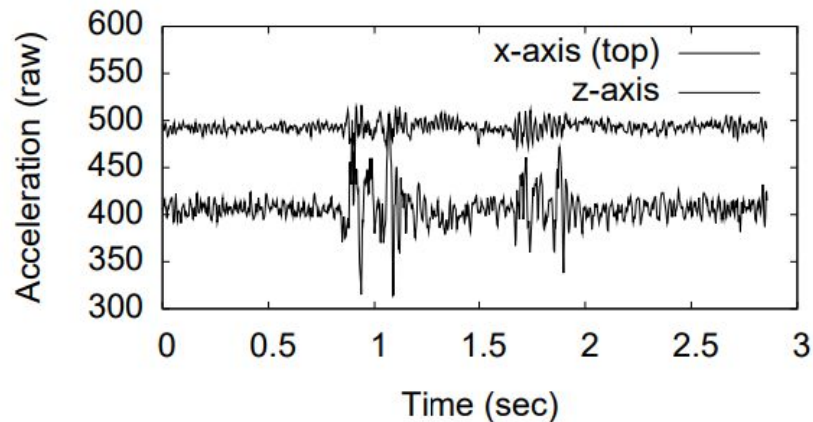
Rail Crossing



Pothole



Expansion Joint



Training

$$s(\mathbf{t}) = corr - incorr^2.$$

$$s(\mathbf{t}) = corr - incorr_{labeled}^2 - \max(0, incorr_{loose} - count_r).$$

Class	before	after
Pothole	88.9%	92.4%
Manhole	0.3%	0.0%
Exp. Joint	2.7%	0.3%
Railroad Crossing	8.1%	7.3%

Table 3: Test data of listed class that was reported as potholes by our algorithm, before and after training on additional loosely labeled data.

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Discussion questions

- In the P2 architecture, the predictions are processed on car. Could that be limiting the predictions because complex models can't be processed on car?
- Could the research be applicable to wide scale such that every car is reporting potholes? Are there any issues that would need to be fixed to make before making it widespread?
- GPS doesn't give the most precise localization information. Since the sensors are inside a vehicle which is mostly outdoors and most cars have internet access, could that be used to get a better prediction?

SMART CITY

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Closing thoughts

- What synergies can we identify between these 3 sensing technologies?
- What additional technologies or sensors could be implemented into this system?