

# ParkUs: A Novel Vehicle Parking Detection System

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# Introduction: Motivation

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- Vehicle congestion is a major problem in most developed cities:
  - Searching or “cruising” for a vacant parking space in a city is estimated to account for ~30% of vehicle traffic
  - Park search ~ 8 minutes of any journey in a city
  - Huge waste of time
  - Lots of unnecessary pollution
- For example: Effects of 1 year’s worth of parking search in Westwood Village, LA:
  - Vehicles travelled 1.5M Km
  - Produced 662 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>

# Introduction: Opportunity

## Smartphones are more common in Europe, U.S., less so in developing countries

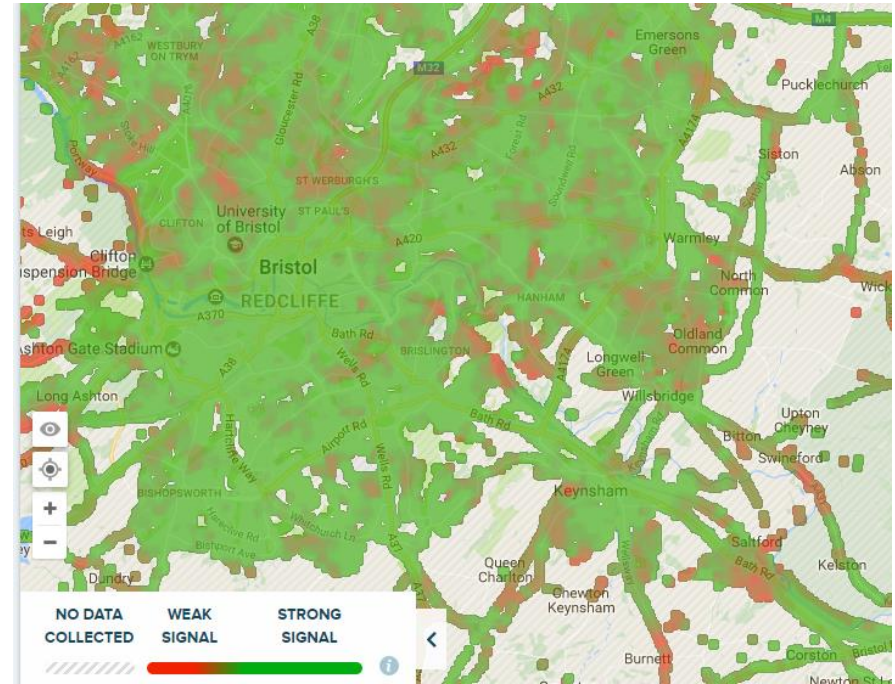
Percent of adults who report owning a smartphone



Note: Percentages based on total sample.

Source: Spring 2015 Global Attitudes survey, Q71 & Q72.

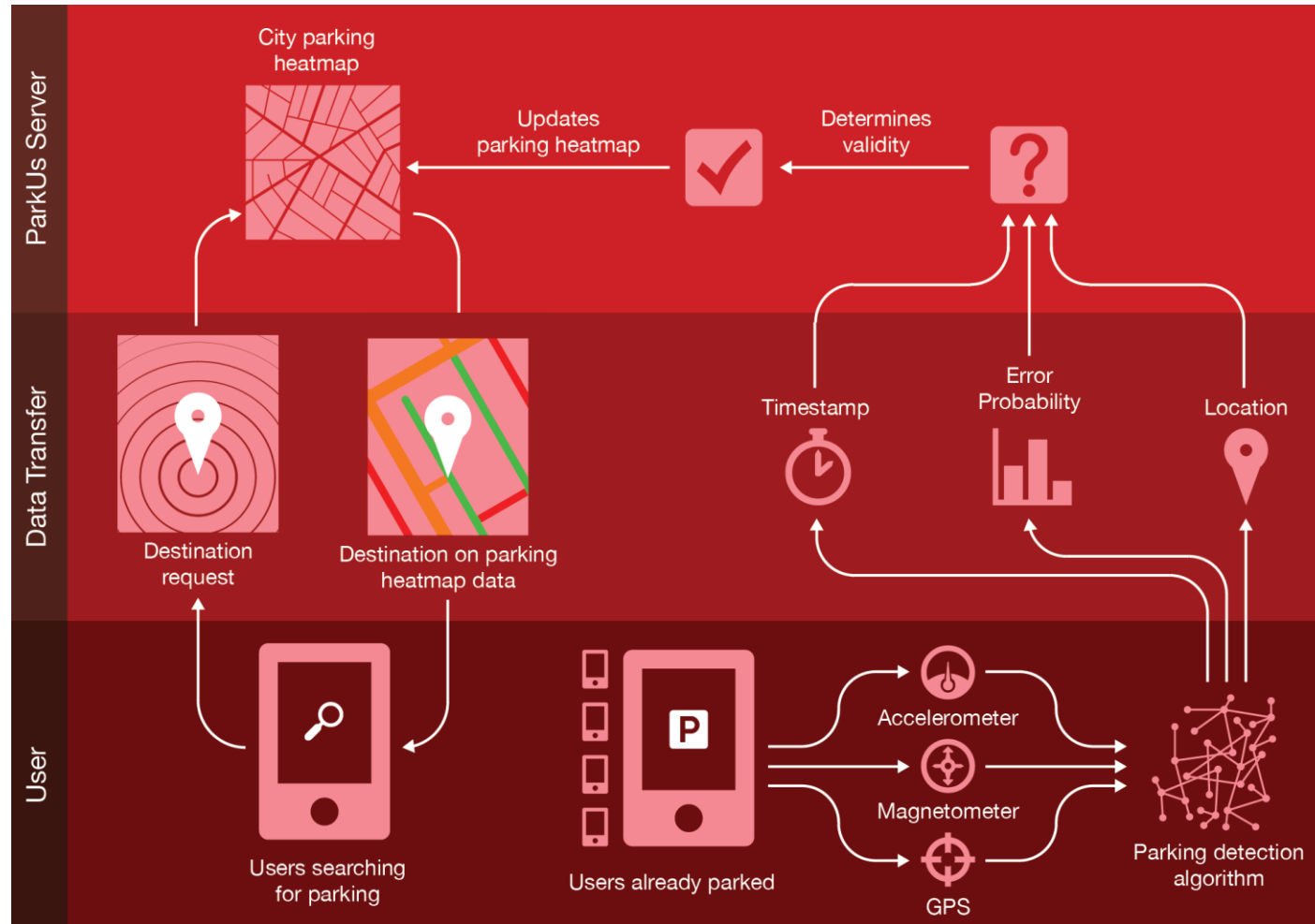
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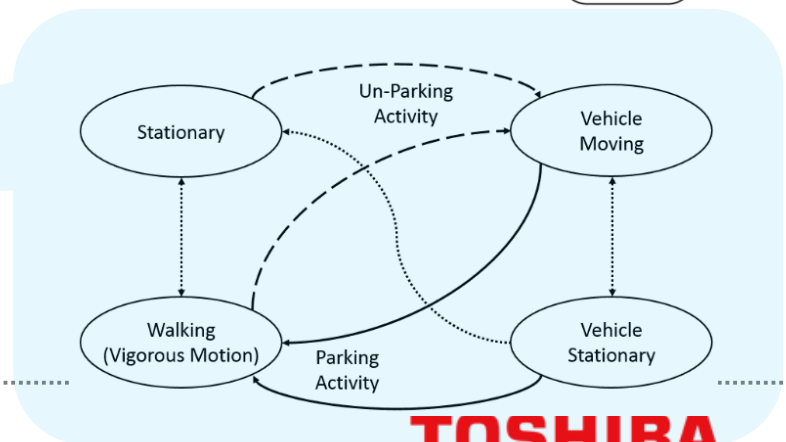
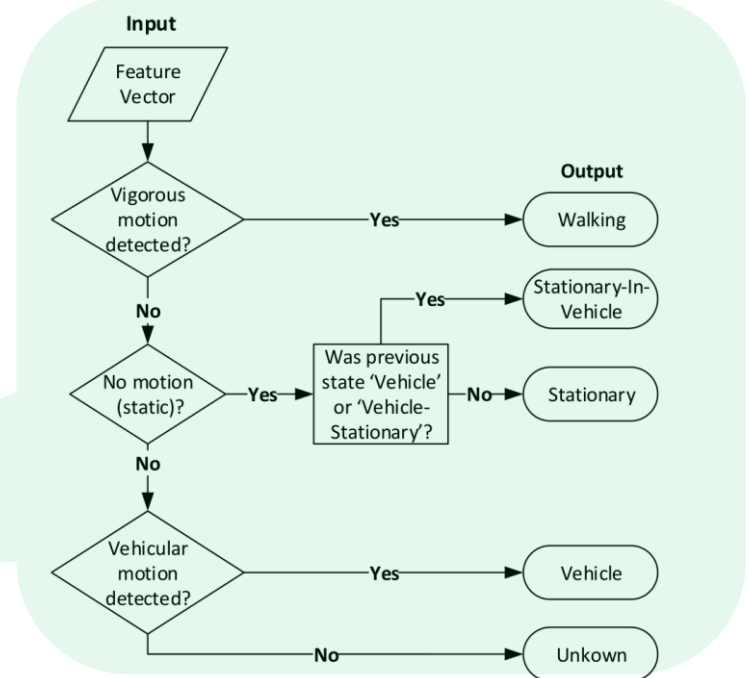
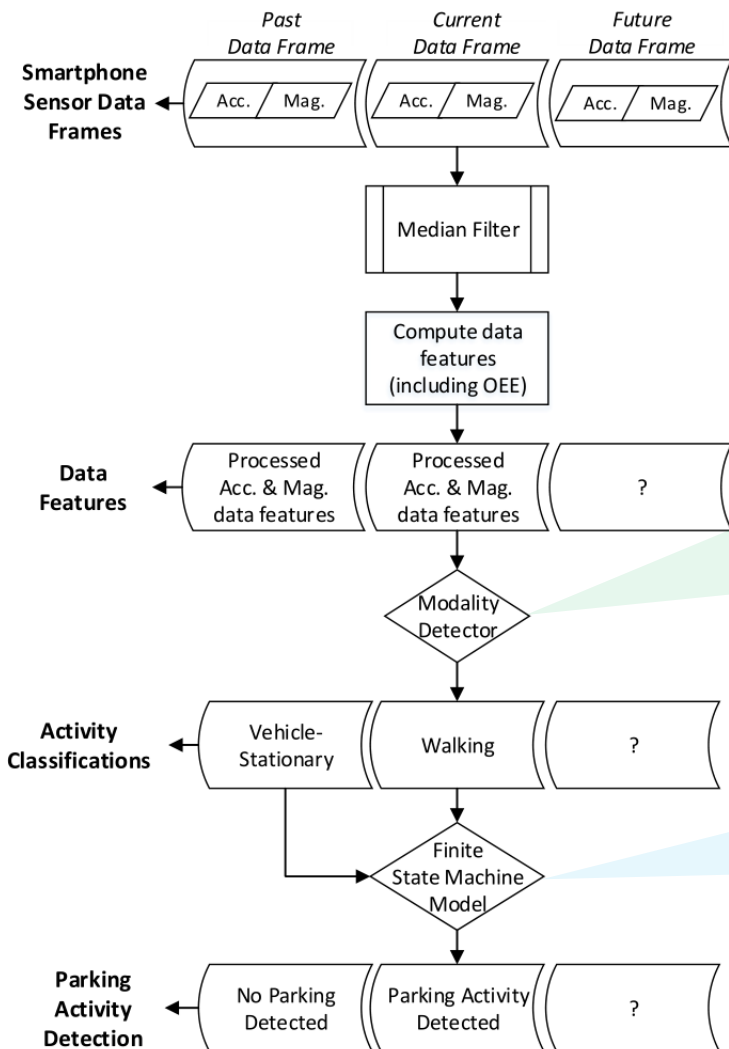
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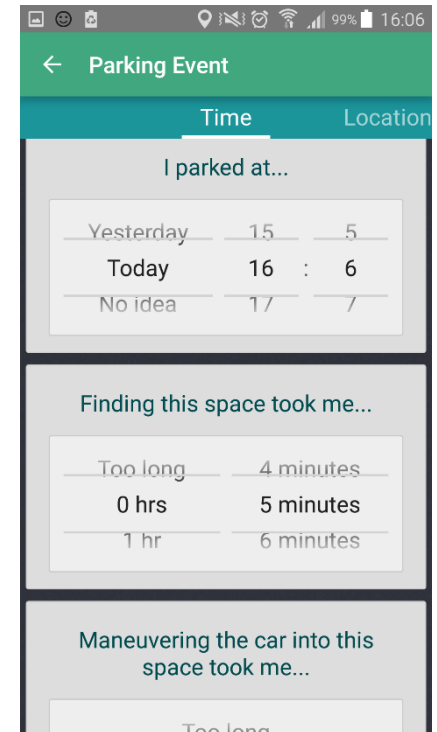
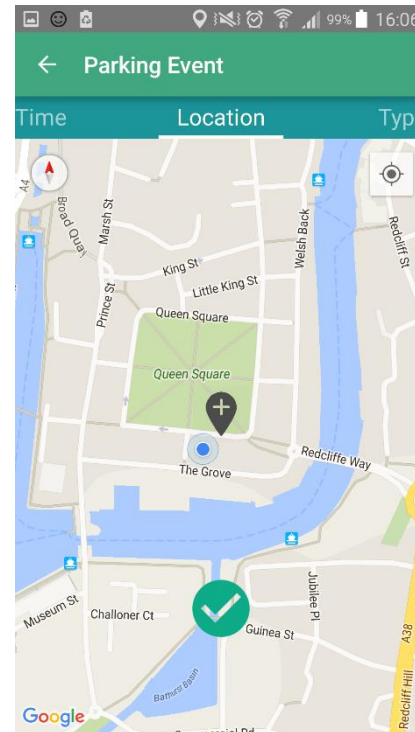
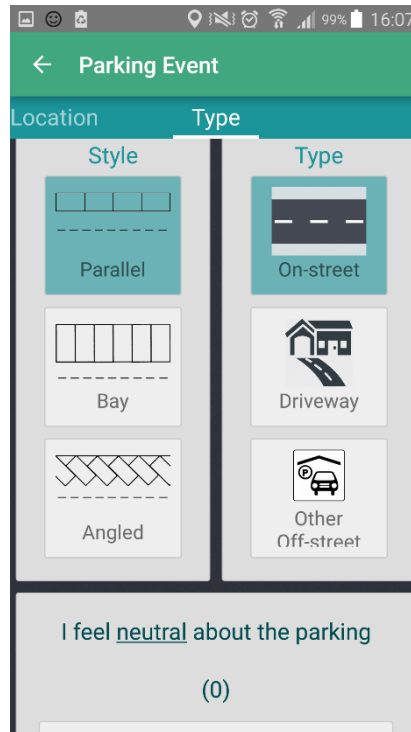
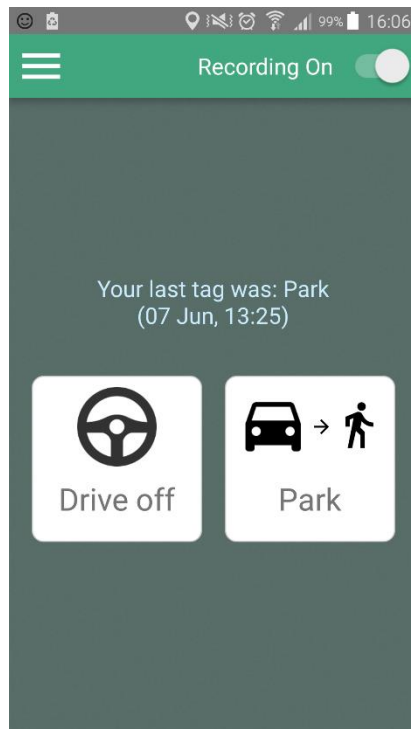
# Introduction: Overall ParkUs System



# ParkUs: Detection Architecture

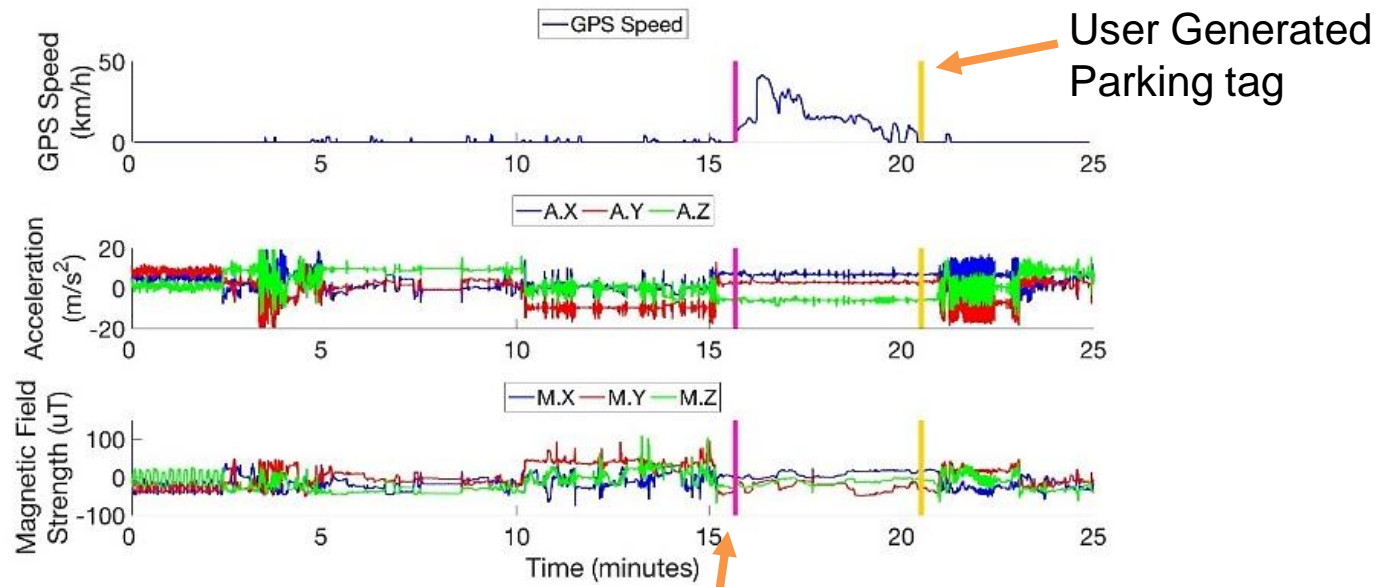


# Training Data Collection Trial



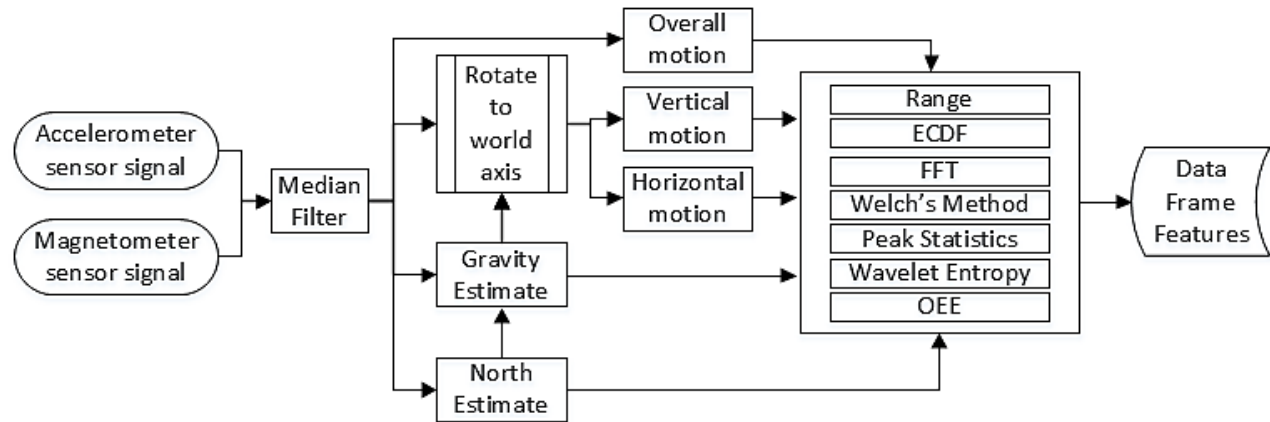
# Typical Journey and Data Collected

Smartphone Sensor	Sampling Frequency (Hz)
Accelerometer	25
Magnetometer	5
GPS (speed and location)	~1
Ambient light	5
Ambient Noise Level	10

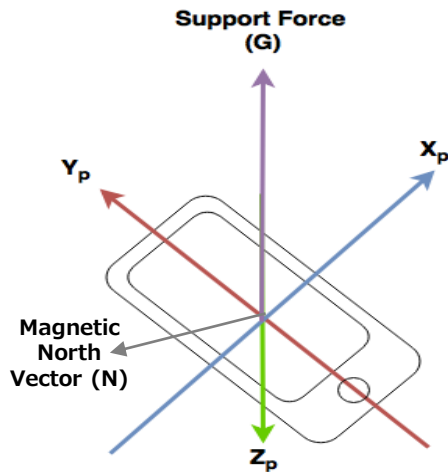




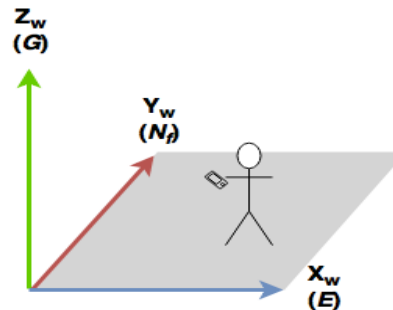
# Modality Classification and novel OEE feature



## Local (smartphone) Axis



## World Axis



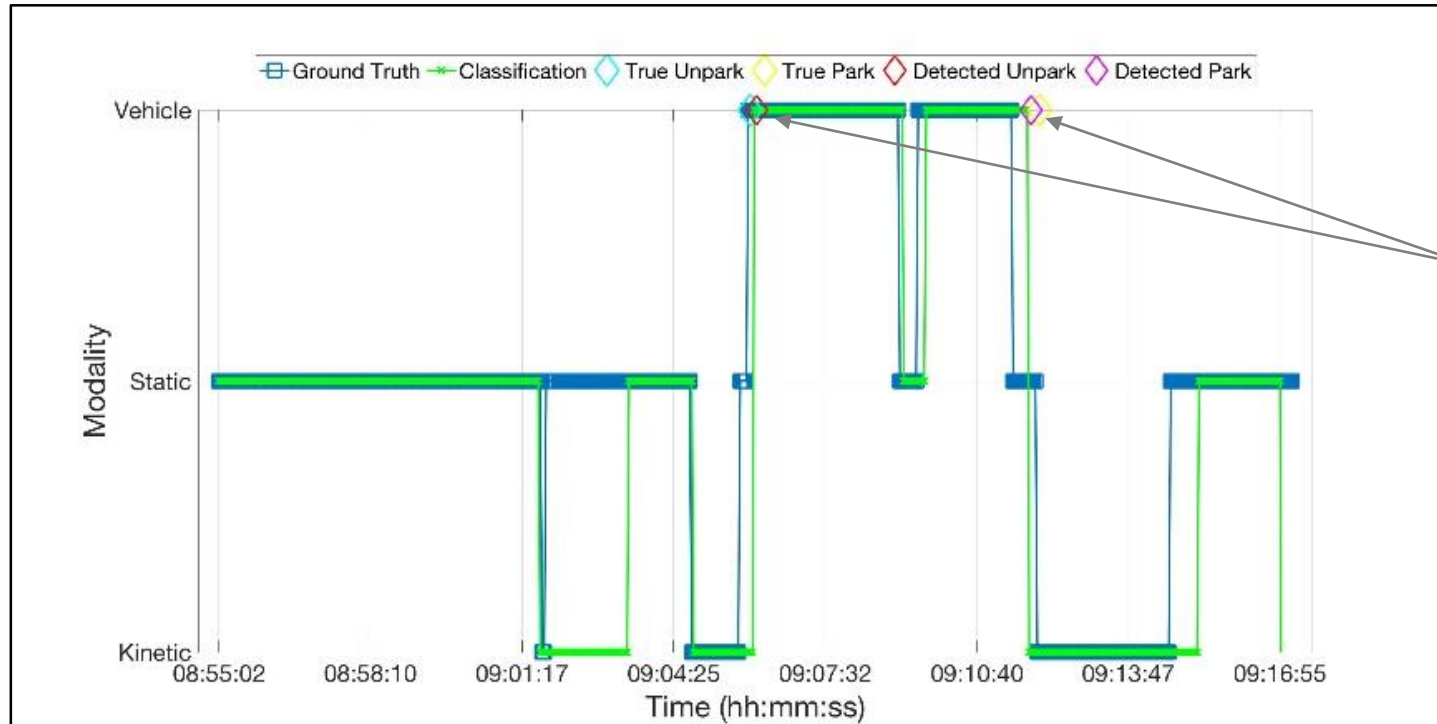
$$\theta_{GN} = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{G \cdot N}{|G| \cdot |N|} \right)$$

$$OEE = |\theta_{GN} - 90^\circ|$$

OEE feature: measures/estimates angle between gravity and magnetic North Vector



# Example Classifications



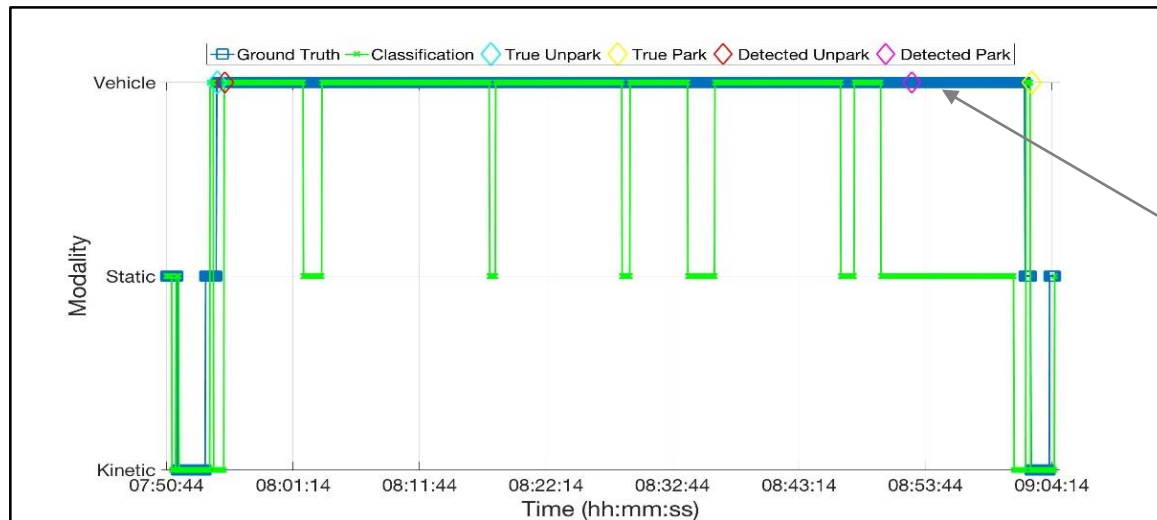
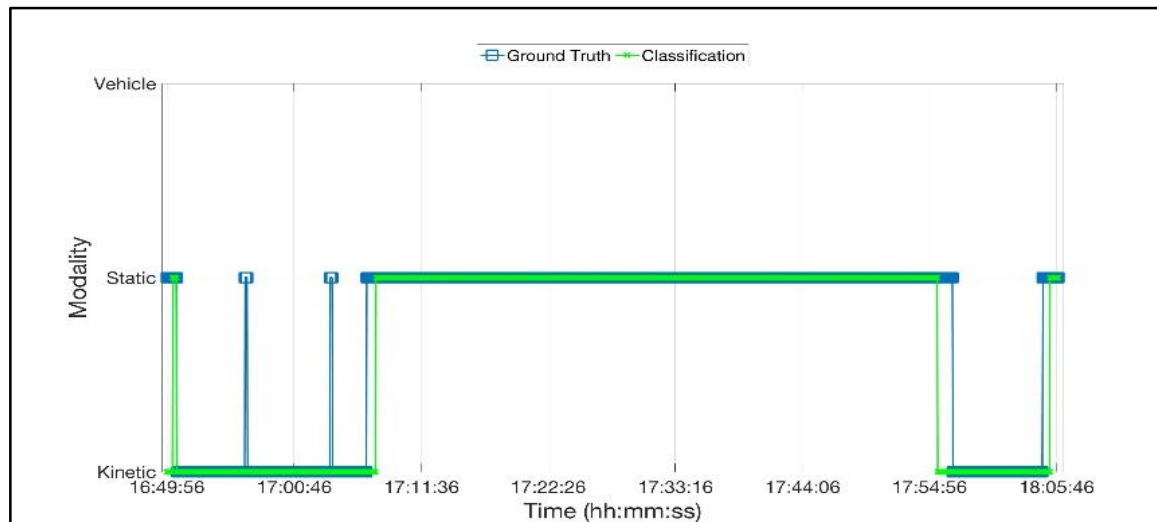
Note that parking activity tags (diamonds) are very close to the classified results

Classification = ParkUs application detection results (green crosses)

Ground truth = collected user data (blue boxes)

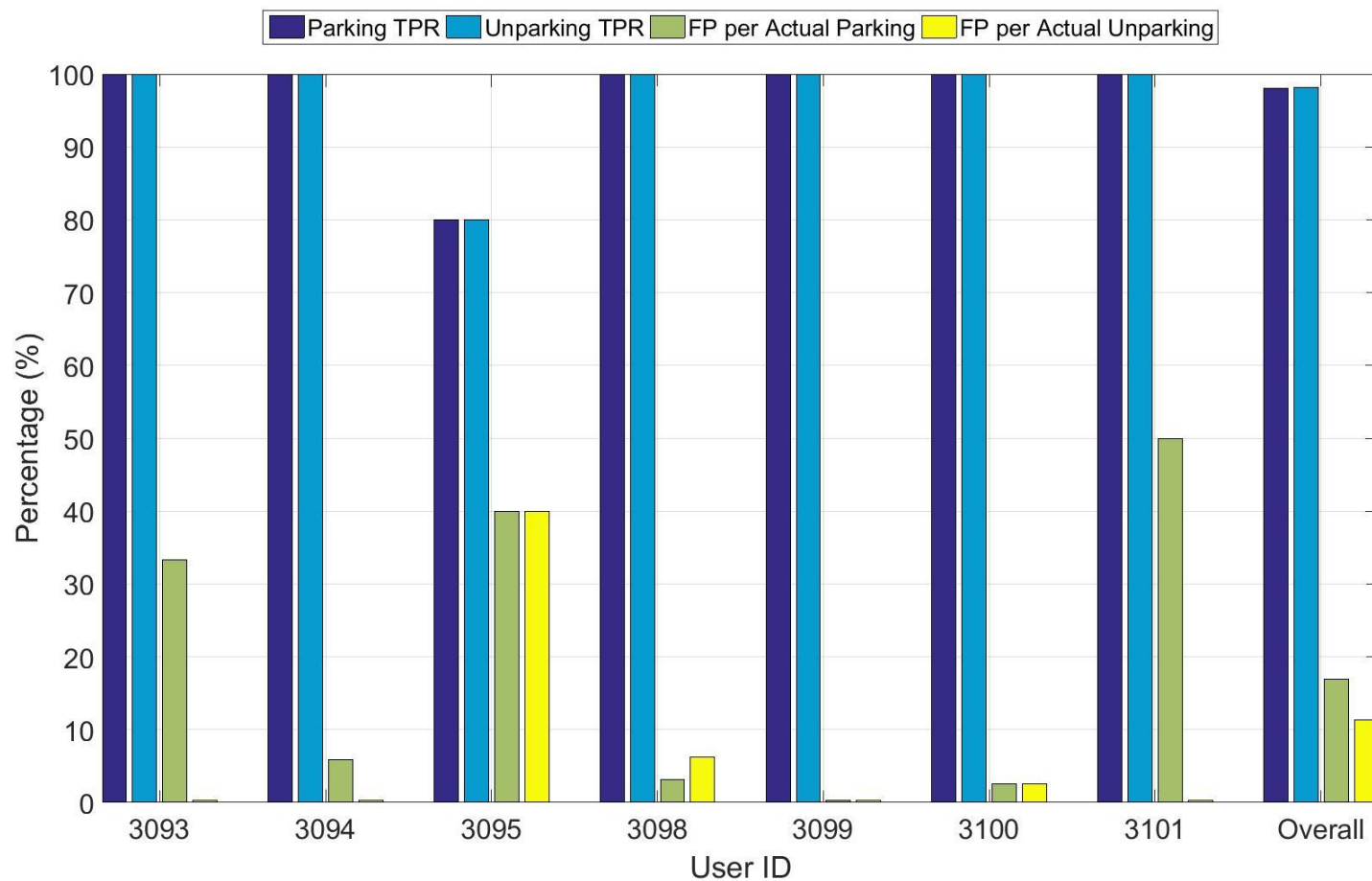
# Example Classifications

Successful all  
negative  
(walking) test



Only false  
negative  
result in  
data set

# Detection Results



# Performance Comparison

Study	Modality Detection Accuracy	Unparking True Positive Rate	Parking True Positive Rate	Probability of false positive	Detection Delay (minutes)	Size of Dataset	2400 mAh, 3.7V Battery Drain Estimate (%)
ParkUs	0.96	0.98	0.98	0.19	0.90	111 events 7 users	8.00
ParkUs-SA		0.98	0.98	0.12	1.00		12.0
PhonePark <sup>1</sup>	0.93	0.85	0.80	N/P	N/P	N/P events 5 users	67.0
ParkSense <sup>2</sup>	0.93	0.83	N/P	N/P	5.30	41 events N/P users	21.0
Park Here! <sup>3</sup>	0.90	1.00	1.00	0.11 (No Bluetooth) 0.00 (With Bluetooth)	N/P	40 events N/P users	12.5

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# Future Work: UWE Planned Trial

- 5,000 users
- 2,000 parking spaces
- Users not supposed to park on streets
- Huge park search problem
- Aim to gather data to test our algorithm and learn to detect park searching behaviour and parking type





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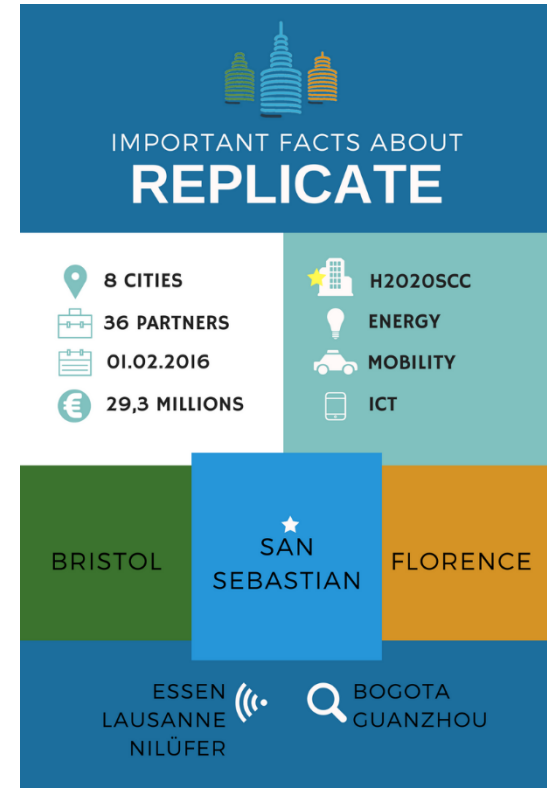
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# Appendix – Energy Consumption Comparison

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## Energy Model Test Case Scenario Assumptions

**PhonePark:** Bluetooth turned off, GPS sampled every 15s, 3G transmission every 15s, accelerometer briefly turned on for 3 minutes after each parking event and no false positives:  $E_{go}(T_{out}, T_{out}/15) + E_{gi}(T_{in}, T_{in}/15) + E_{ut}(T, T/15) + E_{ac}(3 \times 60 \times 2) = 10600J$

**ParkSense:** Wi-Fi scans every 60s when user is away, Wi-Fi scans every 2s when user driving, 3G transmission with GPS location for 4 of the detected events, no false positives. It is assumed that ParkSense is able to detect parking to aid comparison:  $E_{ws}(T_{out}, T_{out}/2) + E_{ws}(T_{in}, T_{in}/60) + 4E_{er} = 3330J$



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**Park Here!:** Accelerometer and gyroscope turned on throughout, 3G transmission with GPS location for 4 of the detected events, no false positives:  $E_{ac}(T) + E_{gy}(T) + 4E_{er} = 1840J$

**ParkUS:** Accelerometer and compass turned on throughout, 3G transmission with GPS location for 4 of the detected events, 0.192 false positive probability:  $E_{ac}(T) + E_{mg}(T) + (4 + 4 \times 0.192)E_{er} = 1240J$

**ParkUs-SA:** Accelerometer and compass turned on throughout, 4 GPS samples per detected event, 3G transmission for 4 of the detected events, 0.121 false positive probability:  $E_{ac}(T) + E_{mg}(T) + (4 + 4 \times 0.121)(E_{er} + 4E_{go}(30, 4)) = 1880J$

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Table 2: Energy consumption model; governing equations

	Process	Energy Estimate
UMTS	Idle-off	$E_{io}(T, N) = \max(\min(T + T_{io}, N \cdot T_{io}) \cdot P_i, 0)$
	Active-idle	$E_{ai}(T, N) = \max(\min(T + T_{iai}, T_{ai} \cdot N) \cdot (P_a, 0)$
	Tail	$E_t(T, N) = E_{ai}(T, N) + E_{io}(T - N \cdot T_{ai}, N)$
	Send	$E_s(N) = N \cdot P_a \cdot T_{tr}$
	Total	$E_u(T, N) = E_s(N) + E_t(T - N \cdot T_{tr}, N)$
GPS	Outdoors	$E_{go}(T, N) = \min(T + T_{gpo}, N \cdot T_{gpo}) \cdot (P_{go})$
	Indoors	$E_{gi}(T, N) = \min(T + T_{gpo}, N \cdot T_{gpo}) \cdot (P_{gi})$
	Event Report	$E_{er} = E_{go}(1, 1) + E_{ut}(1, 1)$
	Wi-Fi	$E_{ws}(T, N) = N \cdot T_{wtr} \cdot P_{ws} + T \cdot P_{wi}$
	Gyr.	$E_{gy}(T) = T \cdot P_{gy}$
	Acc.	$E_{ac}(T) = T \cdot P_{ac}$
	Compass	$E_{mg}(T) = T \cdot P_{mg}$

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Sensor/Component	Average Power Consumption (mW)	Symbol
Wi-Fi Scan	1426	$P_{ws}$
Wi-Fi Connected	635	$P_{wc}$
UTMS (3G) active	645	$P_{ua}$
UTMS (3G) idle	466	$P_{ui}$
GPS (Outdoors)	597	$P_{go}$
GPS (Indoors)	357	$P_{gi}$
Bluetooth Connected	185	$P_{bc}$
Bluetooth Scan	195	$P_{bs}$
Gyroscope	103	$P_{gy}$
Accelerometer	55	$P_{ac}$
Wi-Fi Idle	42	$P_{wi}$
Compass (Magnetometer)	45	$P_{mg}$