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Infrastructure-Mediated Single-Point Sensing of Whole-Home Water Activity

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water scarcity



barcelona, spain

lake mead, nevada

what are the most consuming water activities in your home?

average indoor household water usage per person/day (70 gpd)



Vickers, 2001

hydrosense



- single-point pressurebased sensor of water usage
- identifies water usage activity down to fixture level (e.g., toilet)
- provides estimates of flow at each fixture

hydrosense









the hydrosensor prototype



water tower

brief plumbing primer

water tower

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incoming cold water from supply line









some possible installation points





raw bathroom sink signal

time (t)

detecting water usage events

1. detect a water event

2. classify event as "open" or "close"

3. determine source of event (e.g., toilet, kitchen sink).

4. provide flow estimate

example open events

signature dependent on:

- fixture type
- valve type
- valve location in home

fixture classification

open event library

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unclassified open event

open event library

unclassified open event

open event library

shower

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unclassified open event

open event library

raw bathroom sink signal

time (t)

using $\Delta \textbf{pressure to estimate flow}$

 ΔP = change in pressure L = length of pipe r = radius of pipe μ = viscosity of liquid Q = volumetric flow rate

poiseuille's law:

fluid resistance formula:

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

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

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in-home data collection

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home profiles

ten locations - 8 houses - 1 apt / 1 cabin size - avg: 2,300 sq ft - min: 750 sq ft - max: 4,000 sq ft install point: - 8 hose bib - 1 water heater - 1 utility faucet

experimental protocol

- controlled experiments
 - 2 researchers per site

 5 trials per valve
 e.g., 5 cold / 5 hot for bathroom sink

 for each trial, valve open for 5 seconds, then closed

collecting flow data

- 4 / 10 homes gathered flow data

- measure time to fill 1 gallon in a calibrated bucket

- this provides Q, allowing us to solve for R_f - $R_f = \Delta P / Q$

data collection stats

ten locations
706 trials
155 flow rate trials
84 total fixtures tested

classification results across homes

- cross validation experiment
- learn similarity thresholds from test data
- classify each event per home using a leaveone out method

fixture classification results across homes

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flow estimation results

	Avg Error	Stdev Error	Avg Error	Stdev
Home	(GPM)	(GPM)	(%)	Error (%)
H1	0.17	0.13	7.3	6.7
(7 valves)				
H4	0.19	0.17	5.6	5.3
(6 valves)				
H5	0.13	0.11	4.5	5.5
(8 valves)				
H7	0.15	0.18	4.5	3.8
(4 valves)				

future work: hydrosense 2.0

longitudinal data collection 192.168.18.155

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water feedback interfaces

or water consumption. May 2004

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Statistics.

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flow estimation

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