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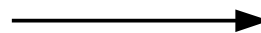
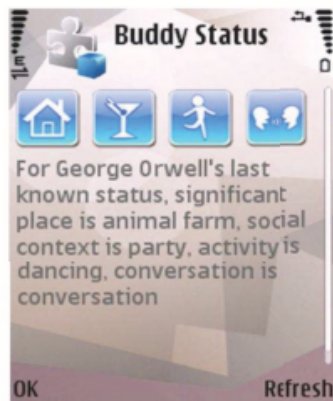
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# Continuous Sensing Applications

- Sensor-enabled mobile phones
- Continuously make inferences about people and environment
- Transmit data in real-time to a server



User activities inferred by CenceMe

Avatar refreshed in a consistent way

# Communication Cost

- Continuous sensing applications have significant communication costs
- Battery life time lasts only for a few hours
- Financial cost for data transmission



# Intelligent Data Uploading

- Trade-off between information availability and accuracy
- Guarantee satisfactory user experience
- Scenarios:
  - Connectivity always available
  - Connectivity intermittently available
  - GPS information available

# Dataset Description

- Collected during the deployment of the CenceMe application
- 20 Nokia N95 phones
- High-level activities inferred by the CenceMe classifier, GPS location coordinates
- Data from two weeks

Used as ground-truth for the experiments

# Optimizing User State Uploading

- High-level states inferred from processing the raw sensor data
- Set of possible activities  $S = \{\text{Sitting, Standing, Walking, Running}\}$
- Two cases:
  - Online strategies: Connectivity always available
  - Offline strategies: Connectivity intermittently available

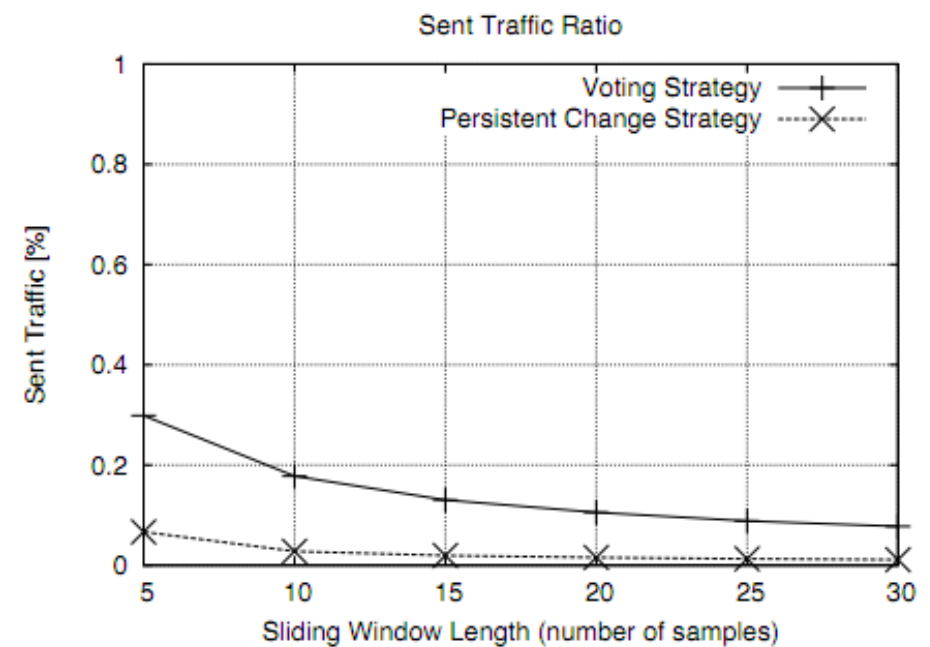
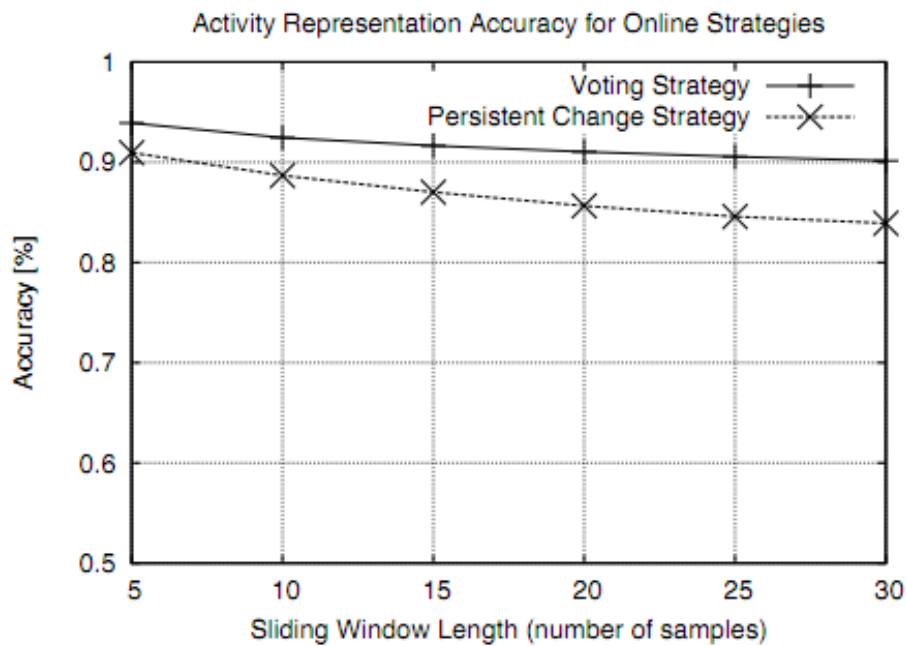
# Online Strategies

- Always upload
- Upload in presence of changes
- Upload in presence of persistent changes (change is not isolated)
- Voting based uploading (state with highest frequency is uploaded)

Accuracy and transmission overhead of all techniques with respect to “upload in presence of changes”



# Accuracy and transmission overhead



90% accuracy achieved, 80% data traffic saved

# Offline Strategies

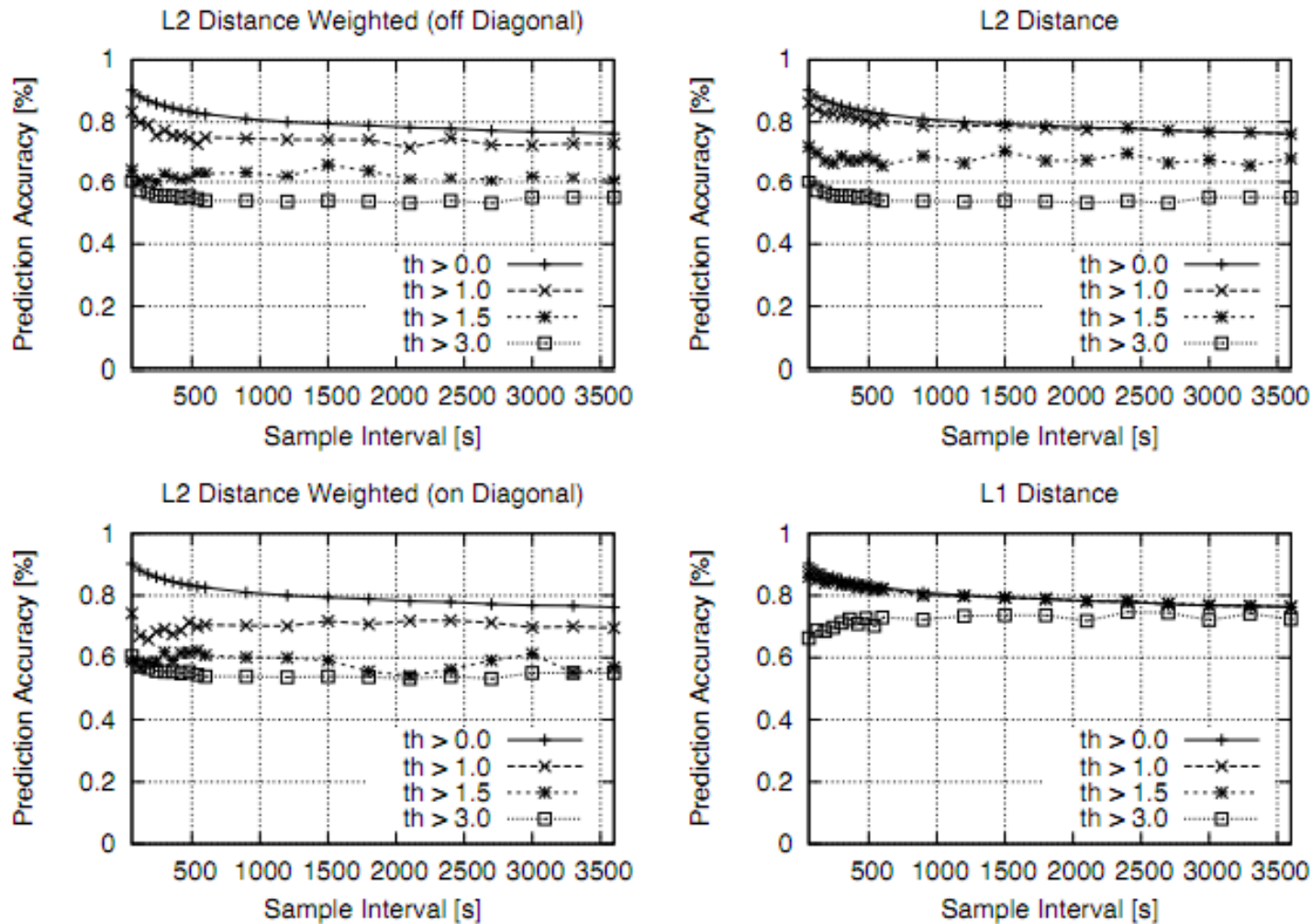
- Forecast next state during a disconnection
- Markov chain based prediction

$M_{\text{phone}}$	$M_{\text{server}}$	$M_{\text{server}}$
Run-time matrix	Server-side matrix	Server-side matrix
0.7 0.2 0.2 0.1	0.6 0.1 0.2 0.1	0.6 0.1 0.2 0.1
0.2 0.7 0.1 0.0	0.2 0.7 0.1 0.0	0.2 0.7 0.1 0.0
0.1 0.2 0.5 0.2	0.0 0.3 0.5 0.2	0.0 0.3 0.5 0.2
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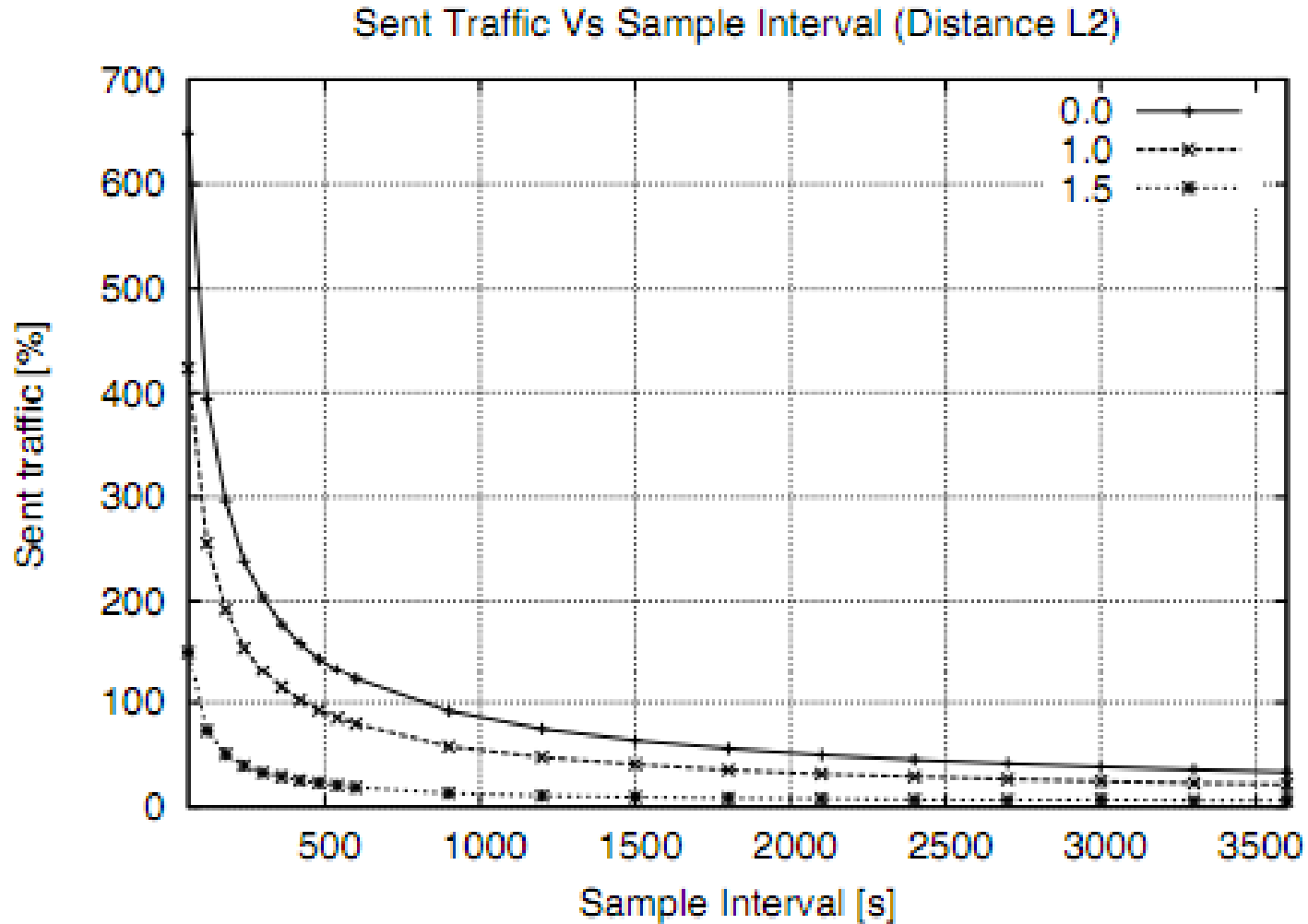
Transition matrix models sequence of state changes<sub>10</sub>

# Accuracy of Offline Strategies



The lower the threshold the higher the accuracy

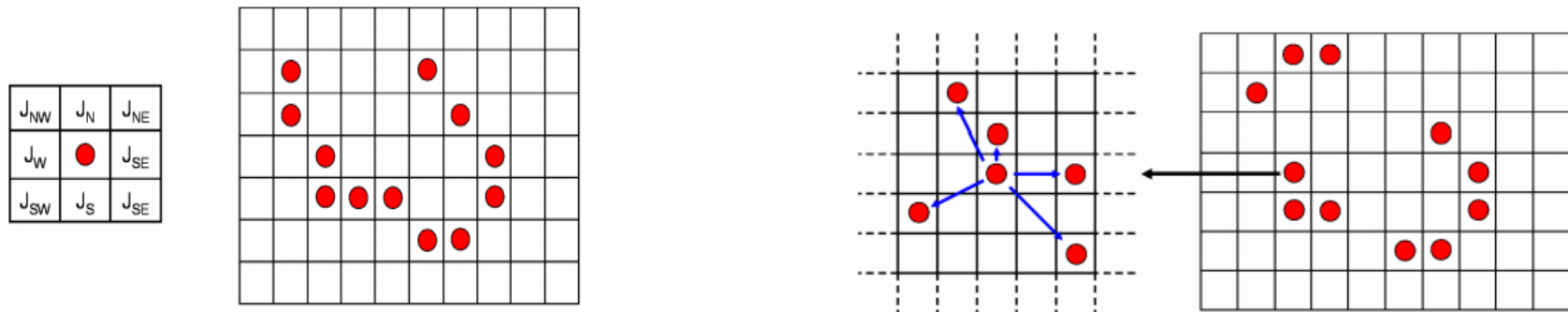
# Sent Traffic of Offline Strategies



The sent traffic is up to 7x higher

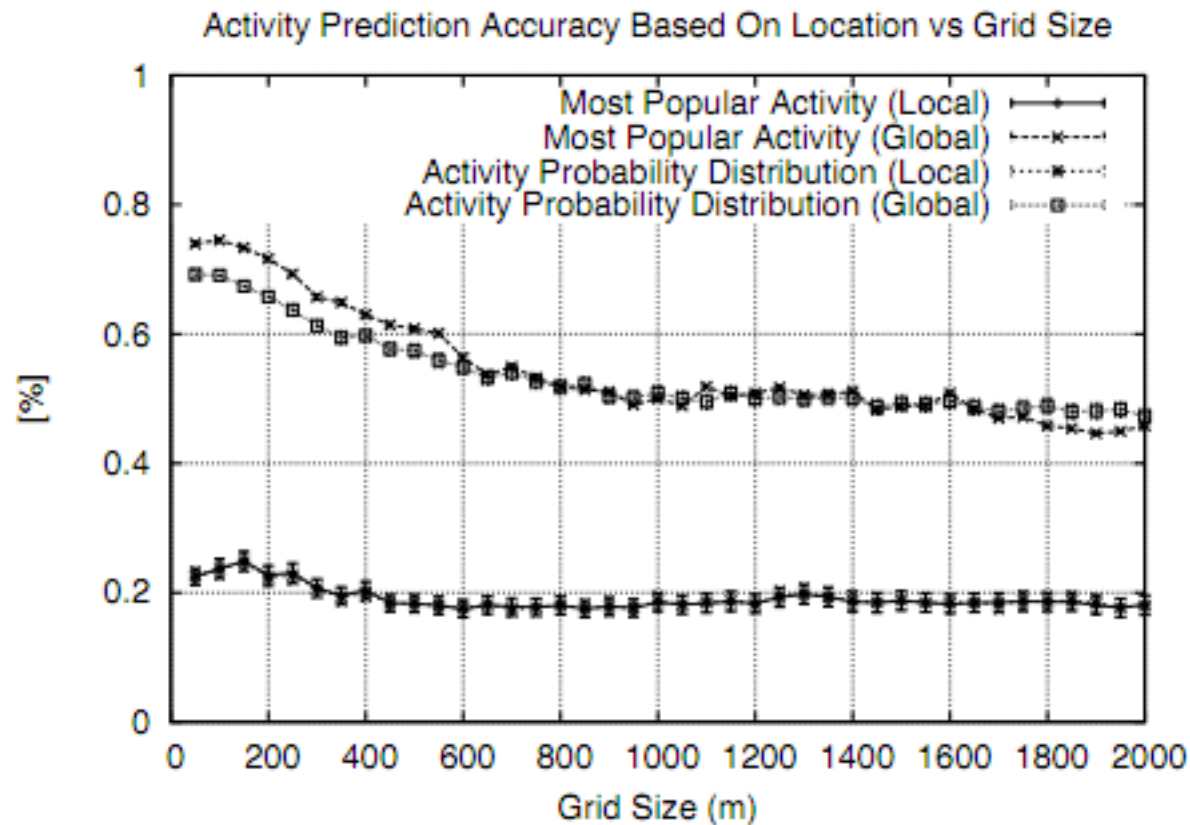
# Location-based State Uploading

- Associate state transition matrix to location
- Two-level Markov model: first forecast next location, then predict future activity



Local and global movement models

# Activity Accuracy Prediction



Prediction accuracy decreases for all models with increasing grid sizes

# Reviews

- Overall rating: 0.6 (borderline)
- Main concerns:
  - Is 80% accuracy acceptable?
  - Upload strategies and location based prediction are not very original
  - Simulate server's predictions on the phone and use this to decide when to send new matrix
  - Although authors claim to present a general solution, it is not clear for what kind of applications this works
  - Evaluation is based on a very specific data set

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# Data Acquisition

- Smartphones have many on-board sensors (e.g., GPS, accelerometer, and compass)
- Smartphones aggregate data from variety of external sensors (e.g., medical and environmental sensors)



# Data Transmission to Smartphone

- Data transmitted over Personal Area Network (PAN), e.g, Bluetooth, IEEE 802.15.4, and WiFi
- Main goal:

Reduce data that is transmitted over the PAN interface, without compromising the fidelity of the event processing logic

# Continuous Stream Processing

- ACQUA: Acquisition Cost-Aware Query Adaption
- Learns the selectivity properties of different sensor streams
- Optimize sequence in which the smartphone acquires sensor data

# Example Query

- Two example episodes to detect:
  - Conjunctive query: walking AND above 25°C AND outside
  - Disjunctive query: walking OR above 25°C OR outside
- Sensors:
  - Accelerometer, Temperature, and GPS
- What is the optimal querying sequence?
  - Conjunctive query: start with the sensor which evaluates to FALSE with high probability
  - Disjunctive query: start with the sensor which evaluates to TRUE with high probability

# Functional Requirements

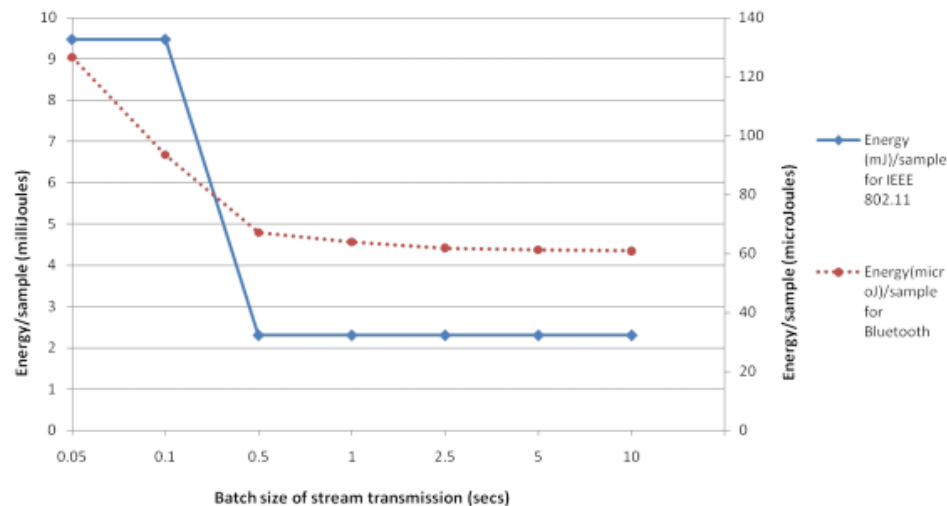
- Heterogeneity in sensor data rates, packet sizes, and radio characteristic
- Adapt to dynamic changes in query selectivity properties
- Take into account other objectives besides energy minimization

# Simulation Results

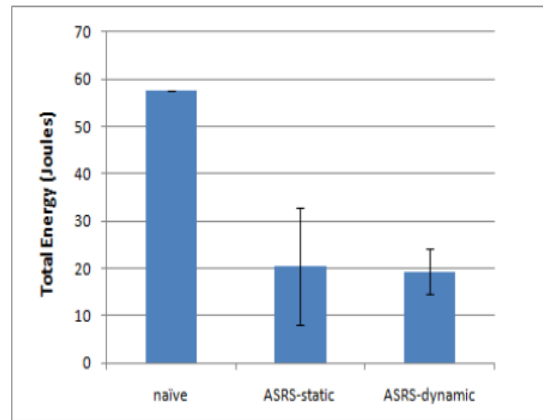
- Evaluate one single query:

Generate an alert if  $((AVG(SPO_2, 5sec) < 98\%) \text{ AND } ((SPREAD(Accel, 10sec) < 2g) \text{ AND } (AVG(HR, 10sec) < 75))) \text{ OR } ((AVG(SPO_2, 5sec) < 95) \text{ AND } ((SPREAD(Accel, 10sec) > 4g) \text{ AND } (AVG(HR, 10sec) > 100)))$ .

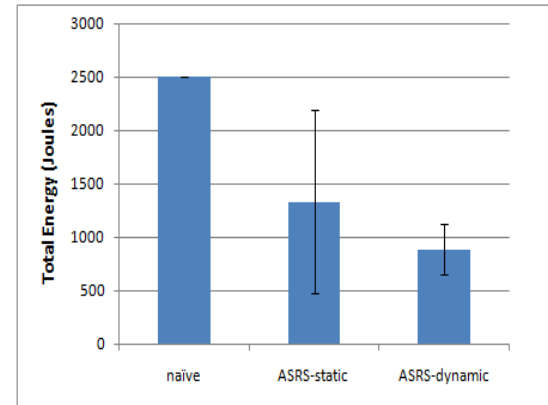
- Two transmission models: WiFi and Bluetooth



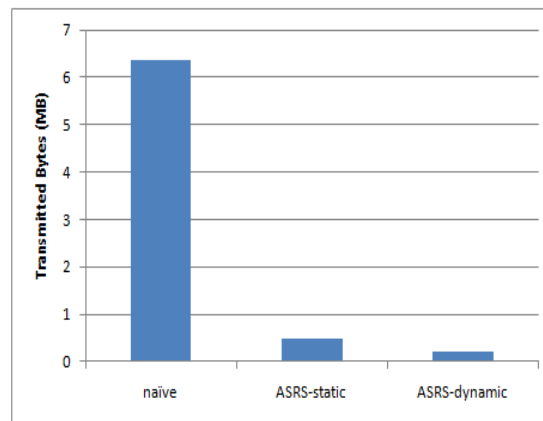
# Energy and Data Overhead



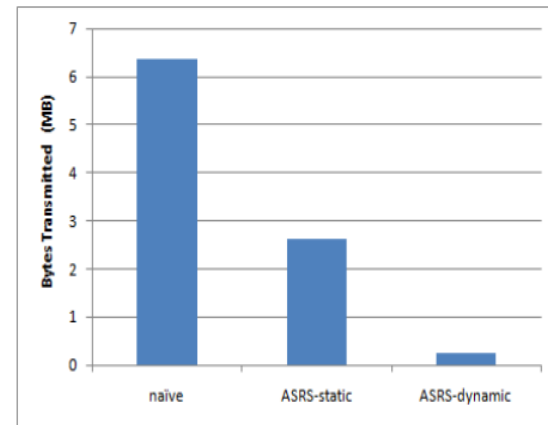
(a) Total Energy (Bluetooth)



(b) Total Energy (WiFi)



(c) Total Bytes of Sensor Data (Bluetooth)



(d) Total Bytes of Sensor Data (WiFi)

~50% and ~70% energy reduction compared to the Naive scheme

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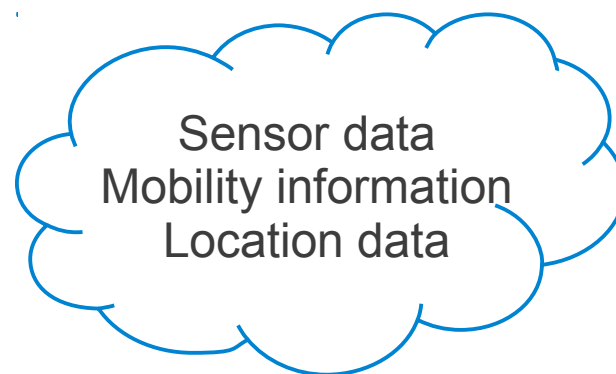
# Collaborative Sensing

- Participatory Sensing:  
Users actively engage in sensing activity
- Opportunistic Sensing:  
Sensing is fully automated without user involvement



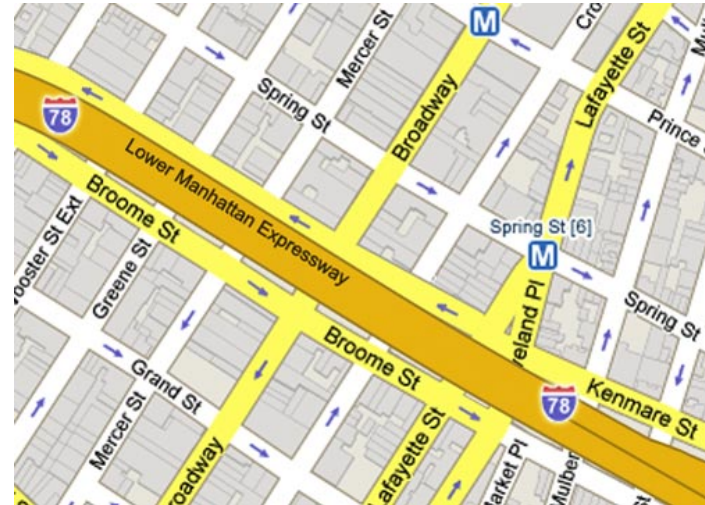
# Opportunistic Sensing

- Usually periodic sensing is used
  - not efficient, many redundant data reports
- Control sensing procedure to minimize sensing energy consumption
  - use cloud-assisted collaborative sensing approach



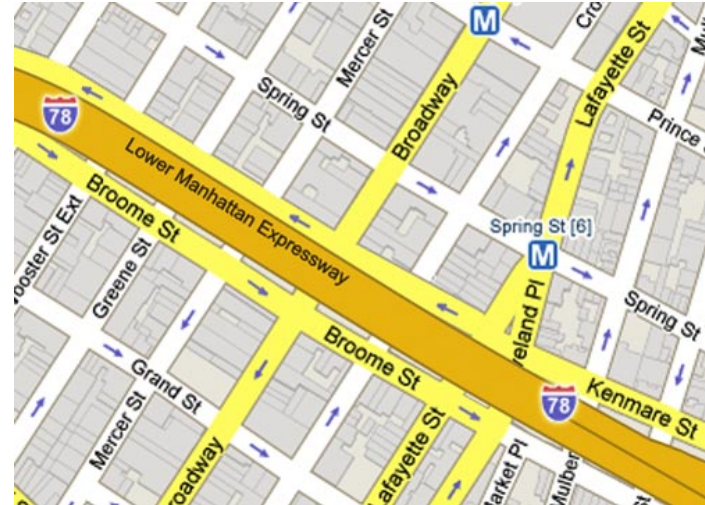
# Minimum Energy Collaborative Sensing Schedule (MECSSS)

- Input:
  - Region:  $M$  roads
  - $N$  mobile users
  - Deadline  $T$
  - Moving trajectory for each user
- Output:
  - Sensing schedule for each user that minimizes total energy consumption and fully covers region



# Fair Energy-efficient Collaborative Sensing Schedule (FECSS)

- Input:
  - Region:  $M$  roads
  - $N$  mobile users
  - Deadline  $T$
  - Moving trajectory for each user
- Output:
  - *Min-max fair* sensing schedule for each user that minimizes total energy consumption and fully covers region



# Collaborative Sensing Algorithms

- Optimal Algorithms (MECSS, FECSS):
  - Moving trajectory from every user required

These algorithms can be used as benchmarks
- Heuristic Algorithms:
  - Moving trajectory unknown, duty cycled GPS
  - GPS turned on
    - right after initiating sensing task
    - every time user enters new road segment

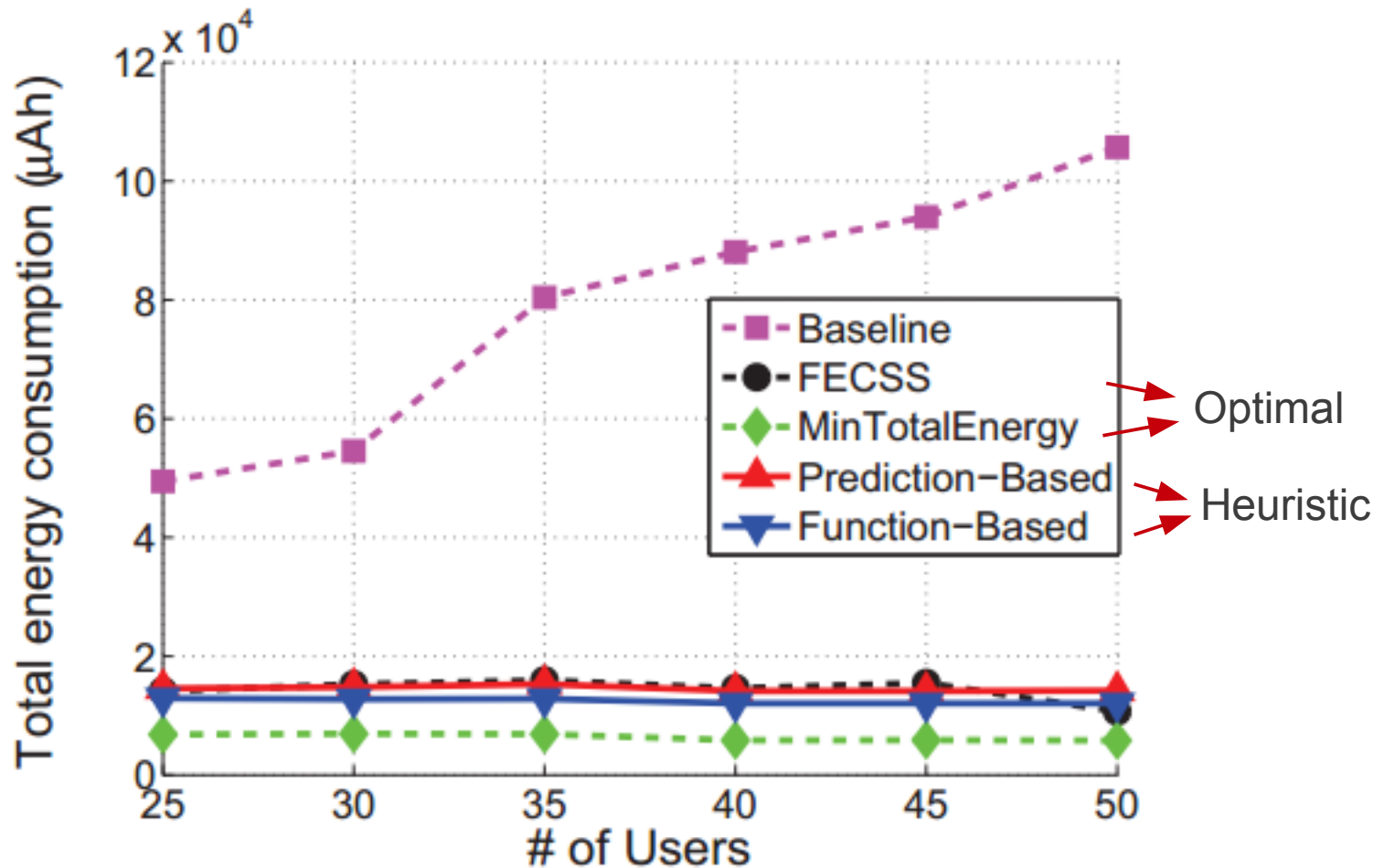
# Simulations

- WiFi signal sensing with three Android phones
- Target region: 4 blocks in Manhattan, NY
- Mobile users moving trajectory generated with the Manhattan model
- Compare algorithms:
  - Baseline (sampling every 3 seconds)
  - Optimal algorithms: FECSS and MECSS
  - Heuristic algorithms: Prediction-based and Function-based

TABLE II  
ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF A WiFi SCAN

Phone Models	Energy Consumption( $\mu$ Ah)
Google Nexus S	30.99
Samsung S5830	16.25
Samsung I9000	54.08

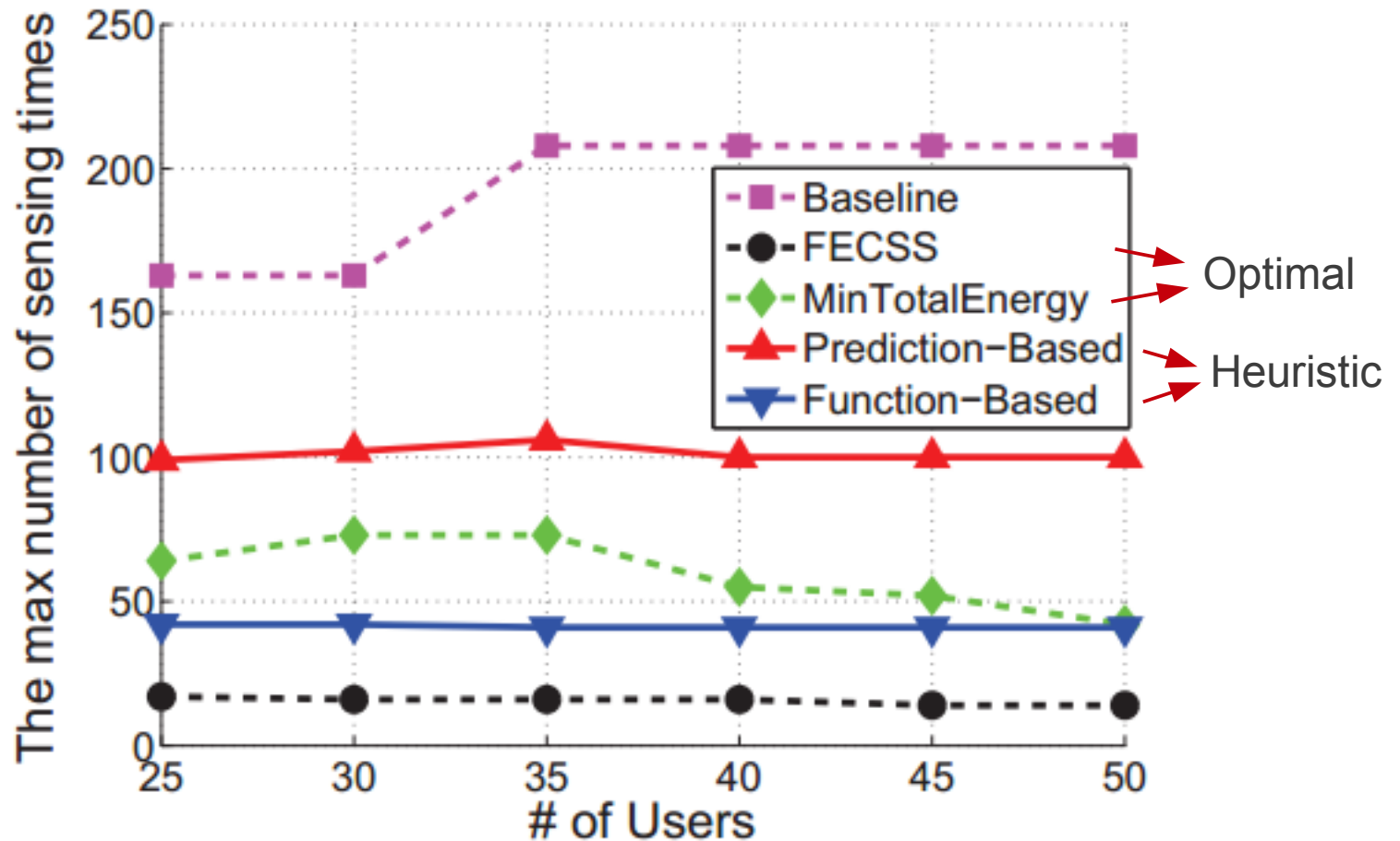
# Total Energy Consumption



All algorithms significantly reduce total energy consumption by 80% to 90%



# Max. Sensing Times



FECSS guarantees that the max. number of sensing times is minimum among all possible solutions