# Using sensor hubs to support energy efficient sensor monitoring

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# Continuous sensor monitoring apps are becoming popular





BeWell, Acoustic: Lifestyle monitoring



**Ambulation**: Healthcare

monitoring



**MobiPerf**: Participatory

sensing

## ...but are huge energy consumers...



A Google User - August 22, 2012 - Samsung Galaxy Nexus with version 3.0.120704r635

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Locale app, \$10



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Sucks up

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★★★★★ Love the app. Hate the power drain.

Like many people I installed Locale to help me control power usage. What I found lately is that Locale is causing a race condition in wakelocks that is preventing my phone from entering deep sleep. Disabled locale and all is well again. I am using CM9 on a Galaxy S. Please investigate and fix this issue so I can start using the app again.



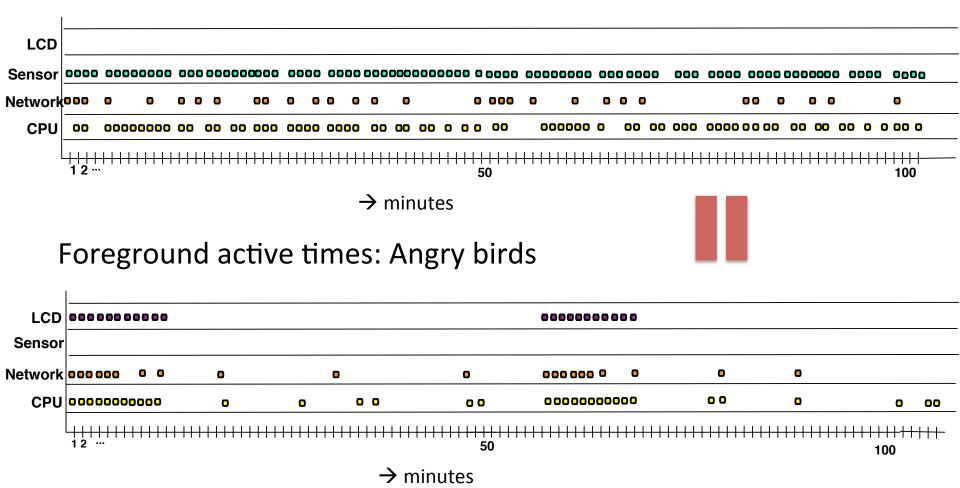
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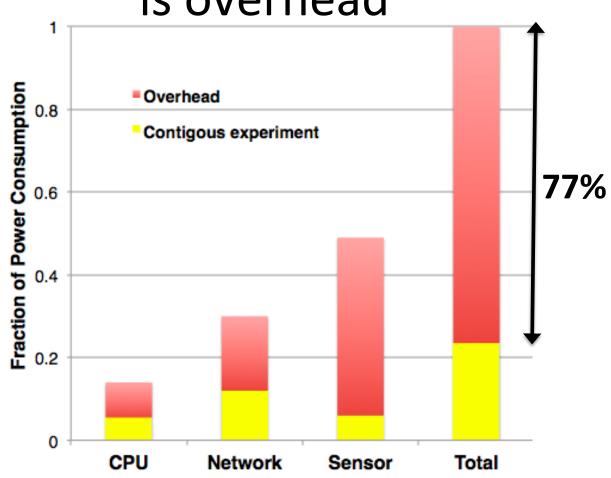
This app does what it says, but it alone was consuming about 10% of my battery and about half my memory. As if I didn't have enough performance issues already with my phone. Uninstalled!

# Continuous sensing characteristics

Continuous sensing active times: MobiPerf, Ambulation, and Acoustics

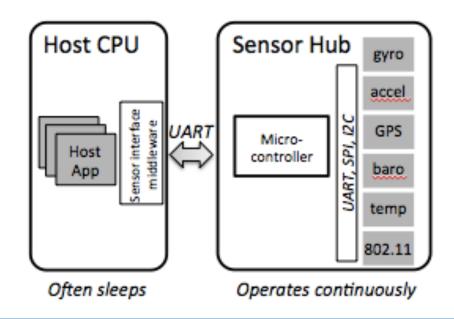


# Large fraction of power consumption is overhead



Existing power saving techniques are ill-suited for sensing apps

### Sensor hubs



- What should we do with the sensor hub?
- How can applications seamlessly leverage the sensor hub?

## How do apps use sensor data?

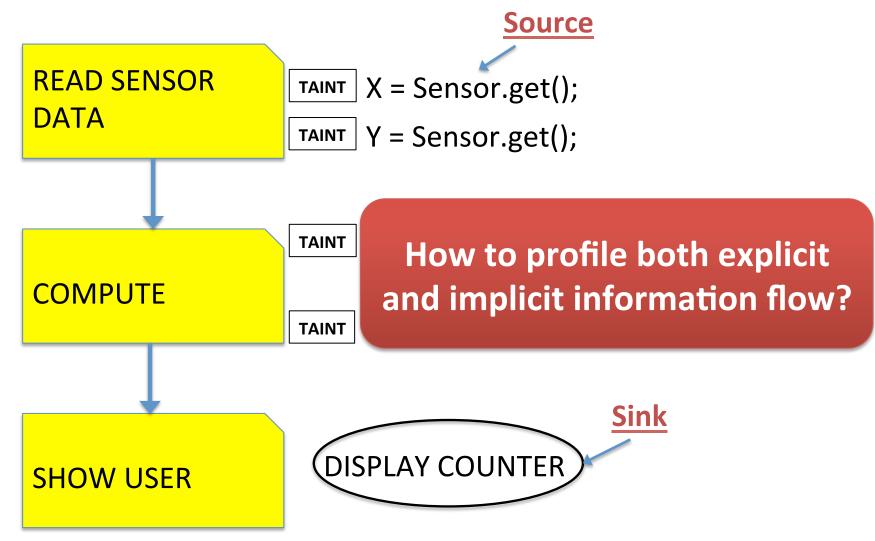
How often is a collected sensor data used?

 What is the time between when sensor data is collected and used?

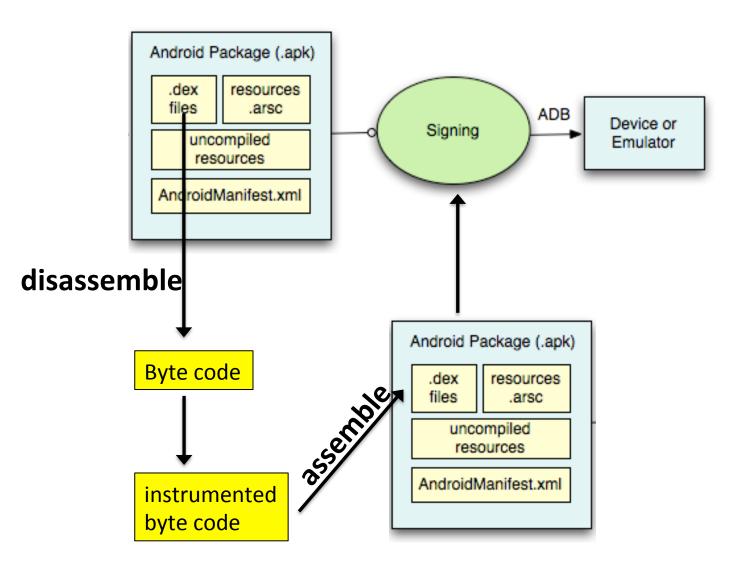
How is sensor data used by the application?

Answer those questions without knowing the source code.

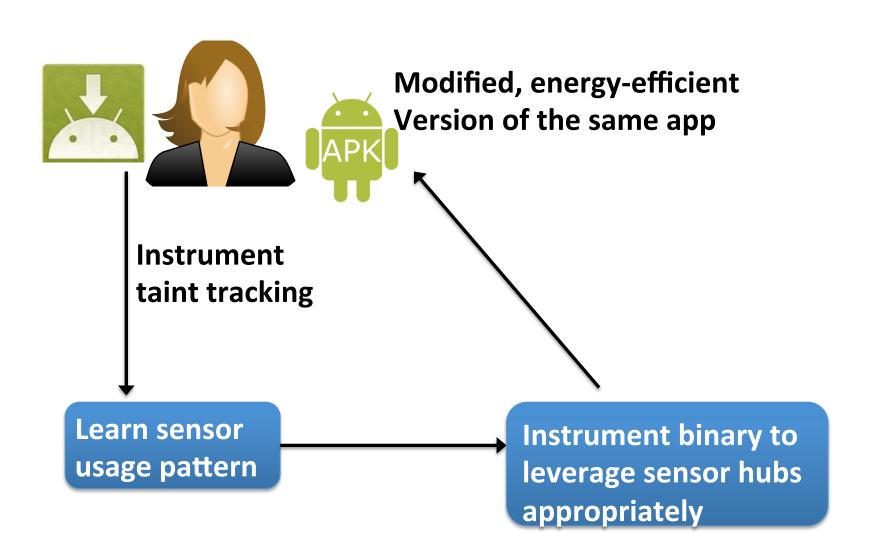
## Our approach: Taint tracking



### Instrumenting android byte code



#### Goal



#### Questions?

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