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# **PBN: Towards Practical Activity Recognition Using Smartphone-based Body Sensor Networks**

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# Introduction



## ■ Body Sensor Networks

- Athletic Performance
- Health Care
- **Activity Recognition**



**On-Body Sensors**  
+Sensing Accuracy  
+Flexibility



**Phone**  
+User Interface  
+Computational Power  
+Additional Sensors

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# Introduction

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## Activity Recognition Challenges

A **practical** approach

■ Portable and user friendly

TinyOS-based motes + Android phone

■ Computationally lightweight

Activity recognition approach appropriate for phones

**Identify redundant sensors** to reduce training costs

■ Accurate

Classify difficult activities with nearly **90% accuracy**

■ Not Invasive

Retraining detection **without** ground truth

# Related Work

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- No mobile or on-body aggregator
  - (Ganti, MobiSys'06), (Lorincz, SenSys'09), (Zappi, EWSN'08)
- Use of backend servers
  - (Miluzzo, MobiSys'10), (Miluzzo, SenSys'08)
- Single sensor modality or separate classifier per modality
  - (Azizyan, MobiCom'09), (Kim, SenSys'10), (Lu, SenSys'10)
- Do not provide online training
  - (Wang, MobiSys'09), (Wachuri, UbiComp'10)

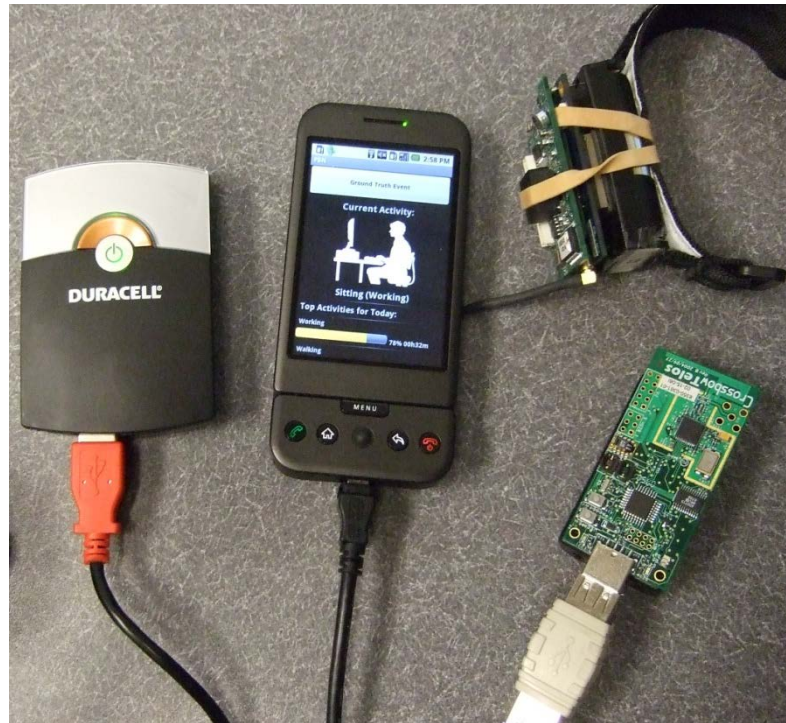
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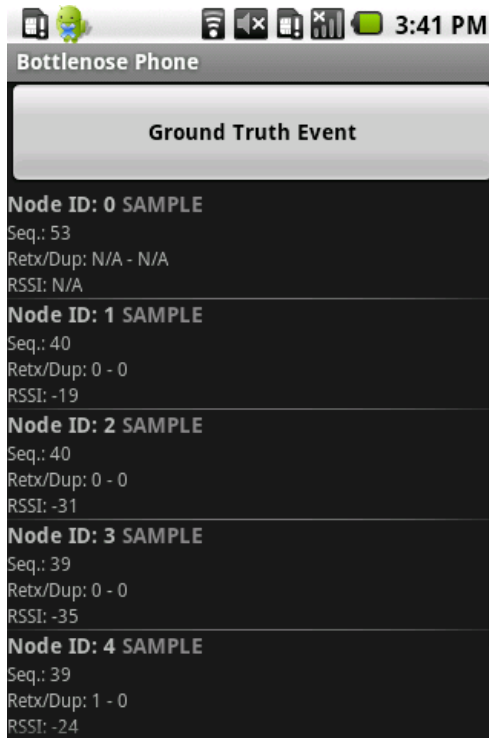
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- Hardware and Software
- Experimental Setup
- PBN System Design
- Evaluation
- Conclusion & Discussion

# Hardware: TinyOS + Android

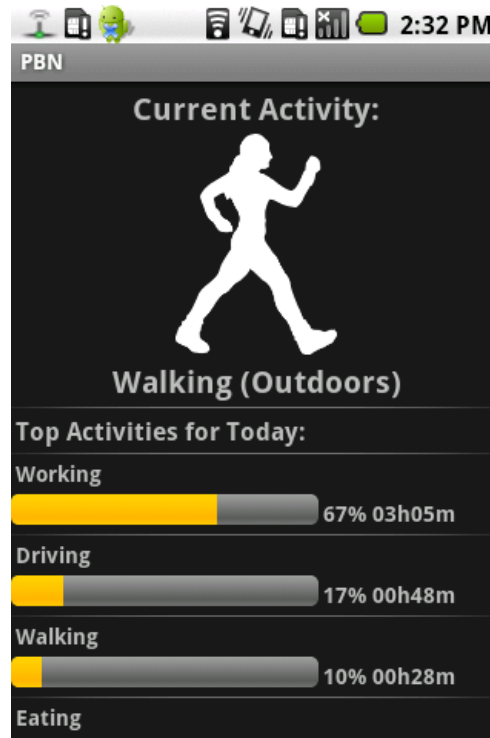
- IRIS on-body motes, TelosB base station, G1 phone
- Enable USB host mode support in Android kernel
- Android device manager modifications
- TinyOS JNI compiled for Android



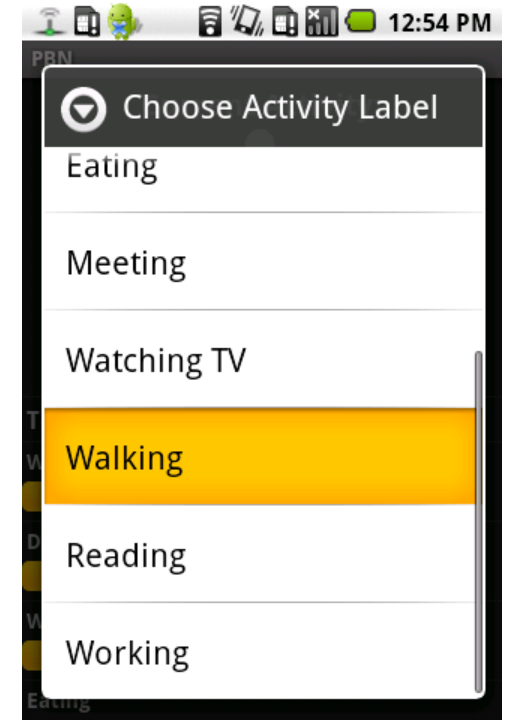
# Software: Android Application



Sensor Configuration



Runtime Control and Feedback

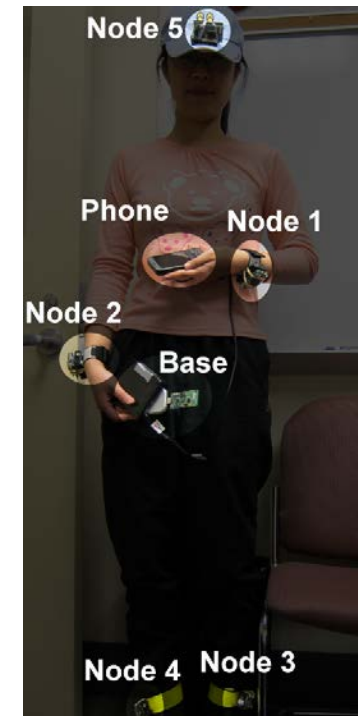
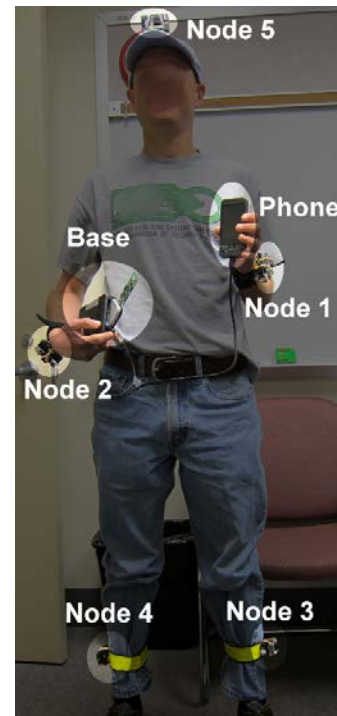


Ground Truth Logging

# Data Collection Setup

- 2 subjects, 2 weeks
- Android Phone
  - 3-axis accelerometer, WiFi/GPS Localization
- 5 IRIS Sensor Motes
  - 2-axis accelerometer, light, temperature, acoustic, RSSI

Node ID	Location
0	BS/Phone
1	L. Wrist
2	R. Wrist
3	L. Ankle
4	R. Ankle
5	Head





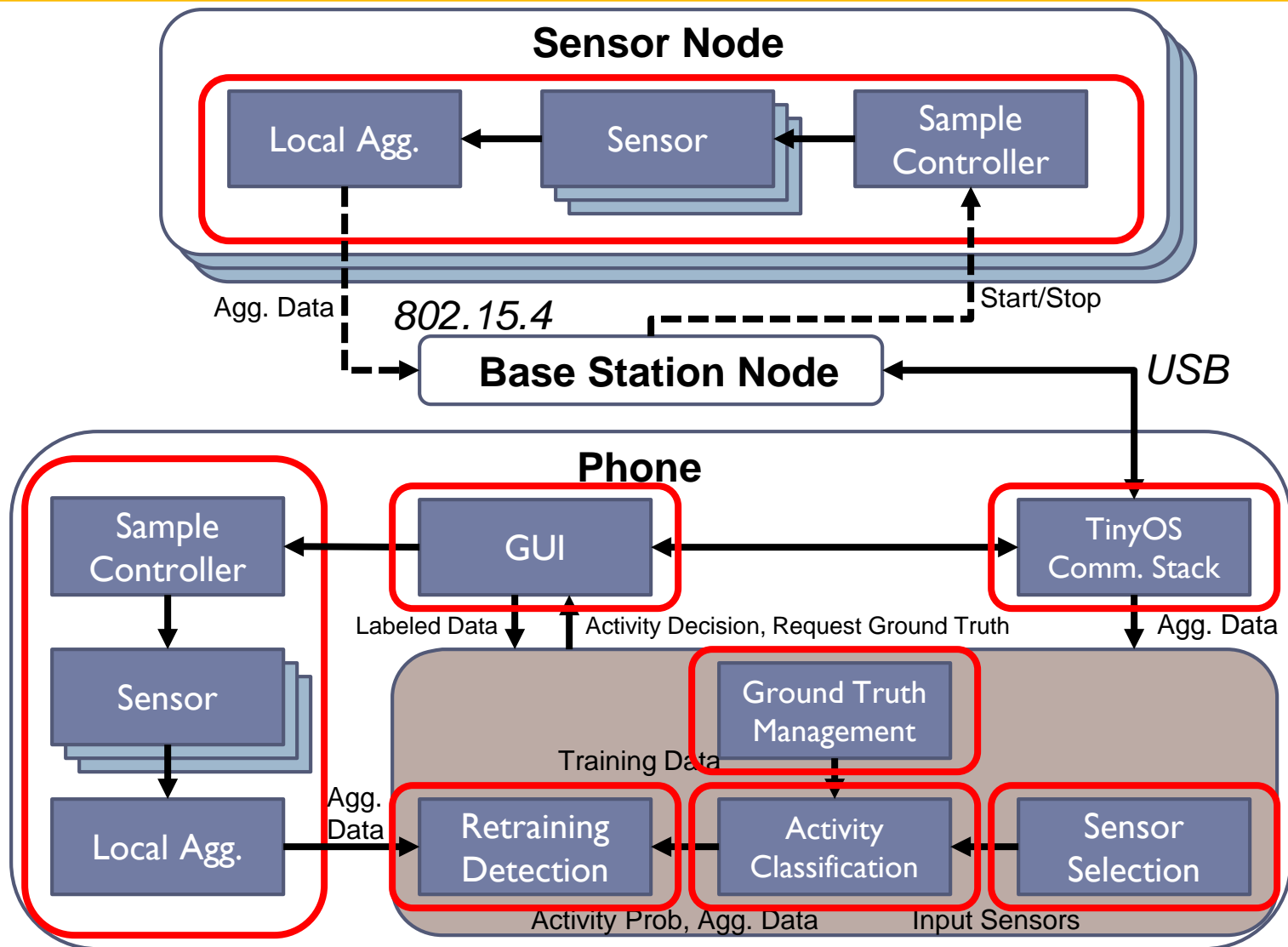
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- Classify typical daily activities, postures, and environment
- Previous work (Lester, et. al.) identifies some activities as hard to classify
- Classification Categories:

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<b>Posture</b>	Cycling, Lying Down, Sitting, Standing, Walking
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# PBN Architecture



# Retraining Detection

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■ **Body Sensor Network Dynamics** affects accuracy during runtime:

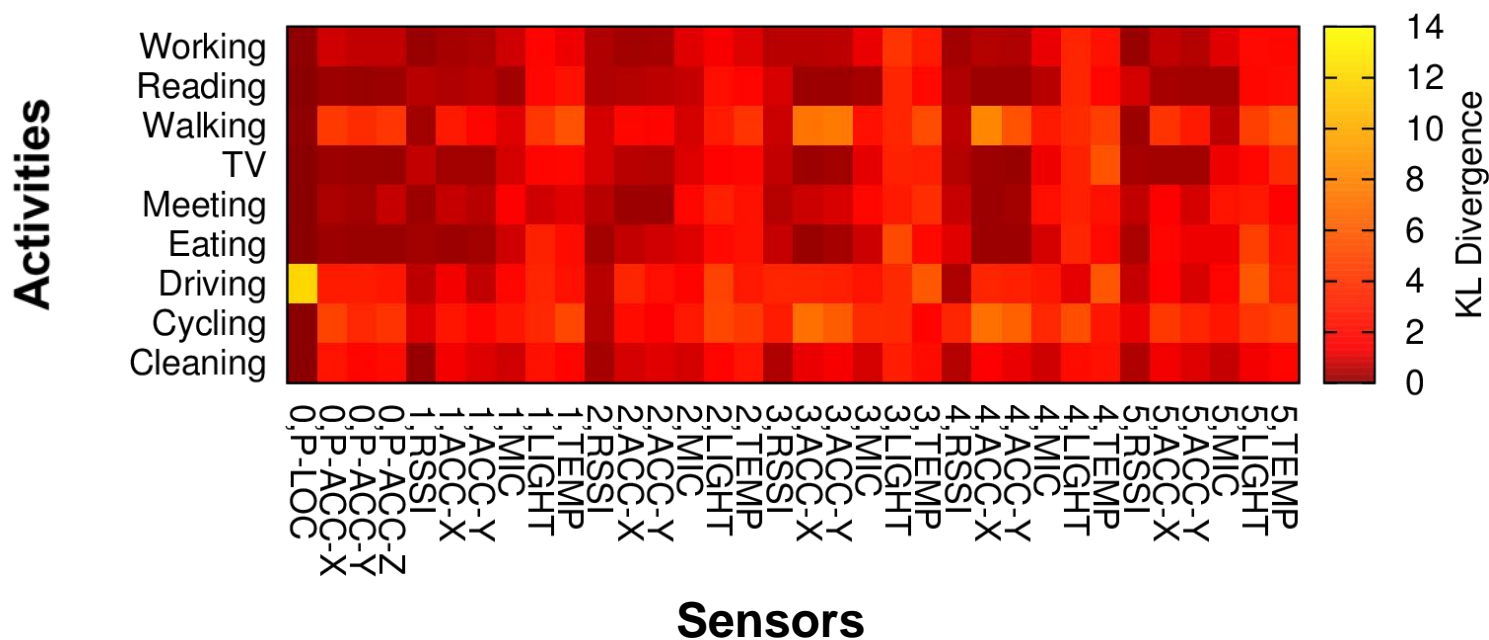
- Changing physical location
- User biomechanics
- Variable sensor orientation
- Background noise

■ How to detect that retraining is needed without asking for ground truth?

- Constantly nagging the user for ground truth is annoying
- Perform with limited initial training data
- Maintain high accuracy

# Retraining Detection

- Measure the discriminative power of each sensor: K-L divergence
  - Quantify the difference between sensor reading distributions

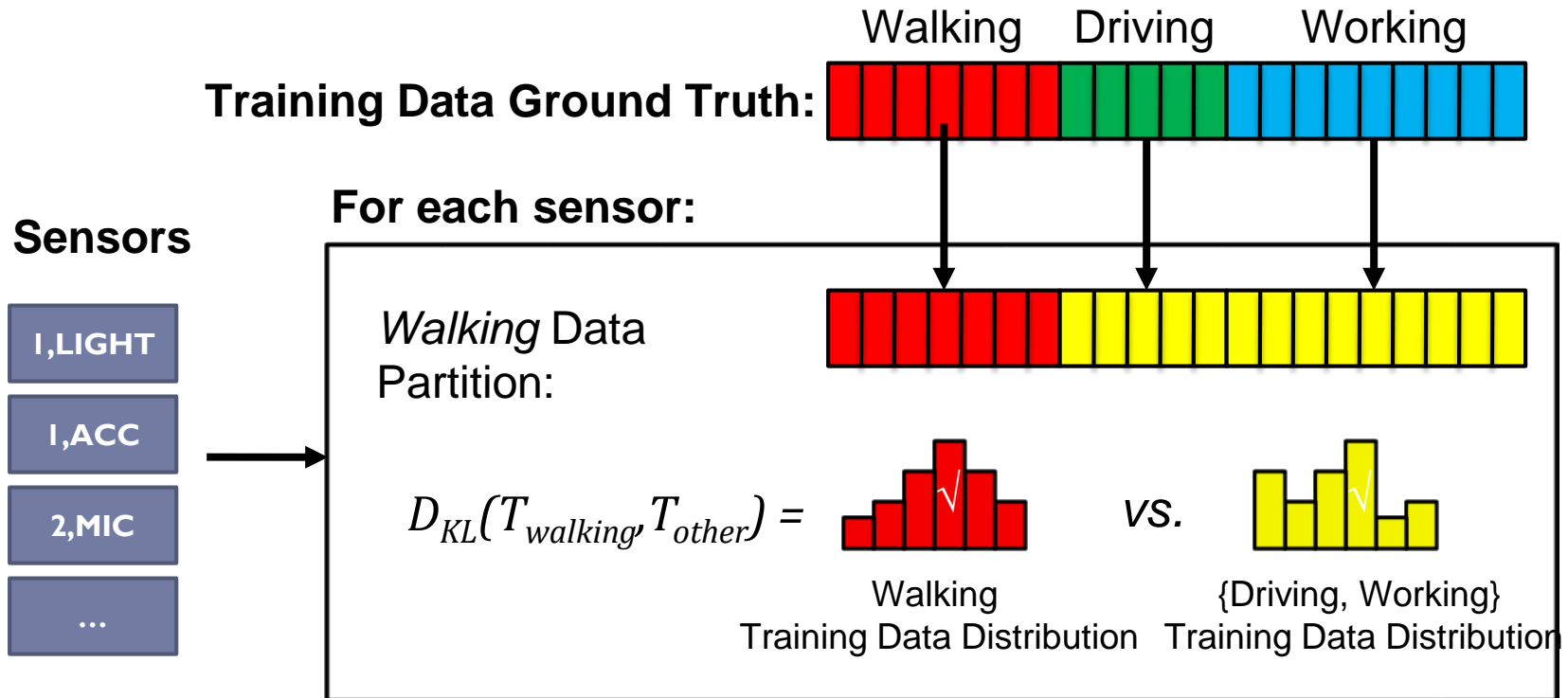


- Retraining detection with K-L divergence:
  - Compare training data to runtime data for each sensor

# Retraining Detection

## ■ Training

- Compute “one vs. rest” K-L divergence for each sensor and activity

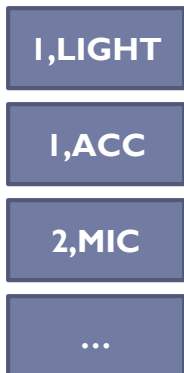


# Retraining Detection

## ■ Runtime

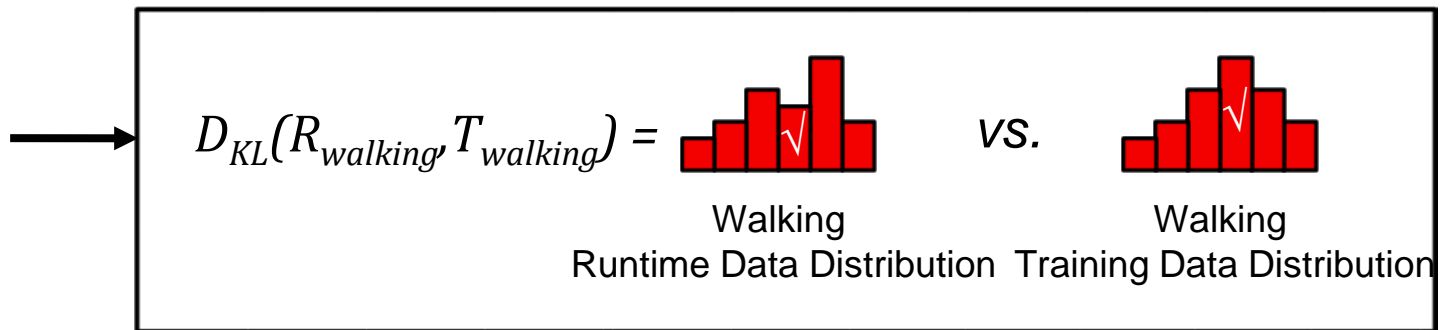
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### Sensors



Current AdaBoost Classified Activity: **Walking**

For each sensor:



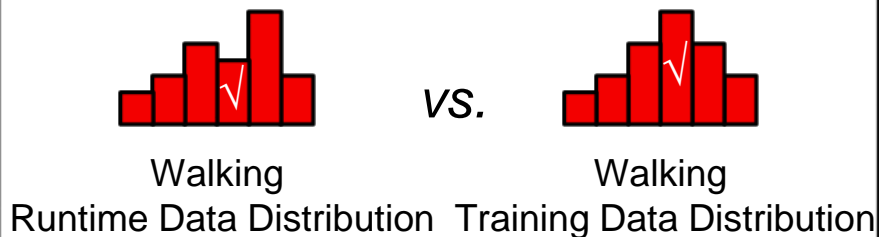
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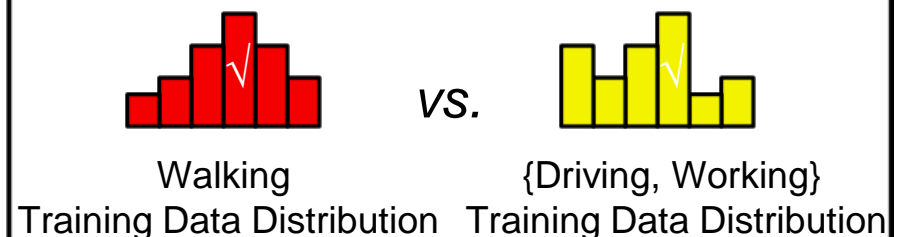
- At each interval, sensors compare runtime data to training data for current classified activity
- Each individual sensor determines retraining is needed when:

$$D_{KL}(R_{walking}, T_{walking}) > D_{KL}(T_{walking}, T_{other})$$

### Intra-activity divergence



### Inter-activity divergence



# Retraining Detection

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## Runtime

- At each interval, sensors compare runtime data to training data for current classified activity
- Each individual sensor determines retraining is needed
- The ensemble retraines when a weighted majority of sensors demand retraining



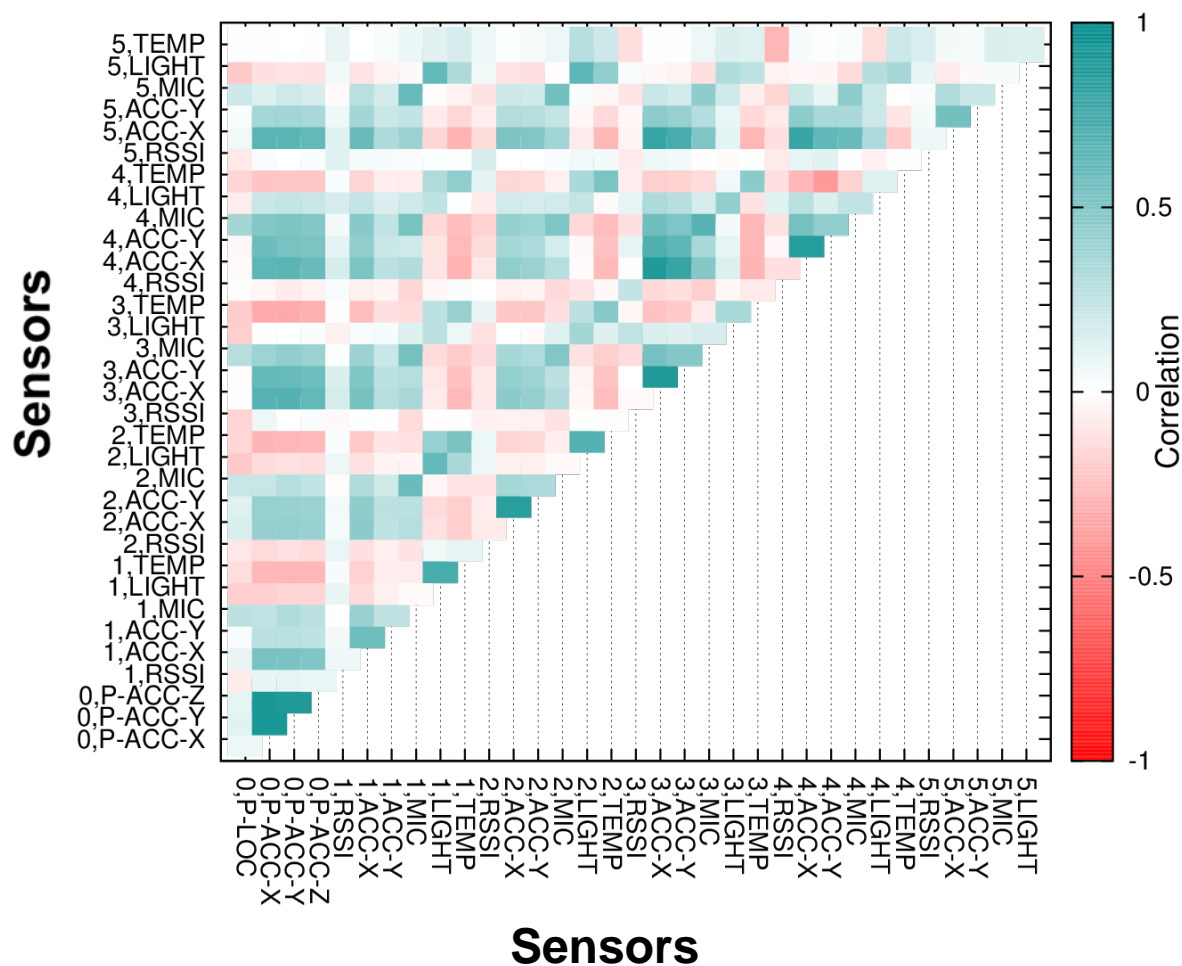
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- AdaBoost training can be computationally demanding
  - Train a weak classifier for each sensor at each iteration
  - > 100 iterations to achieve maximum accuracy
- Can we give only the most helpful sensors to AdaBoost?
  - Identify both helpful and redundant sensors
  - Train fewer weak classifiers per AdaBoost iteration
  - Bonus: use even fewer sensors

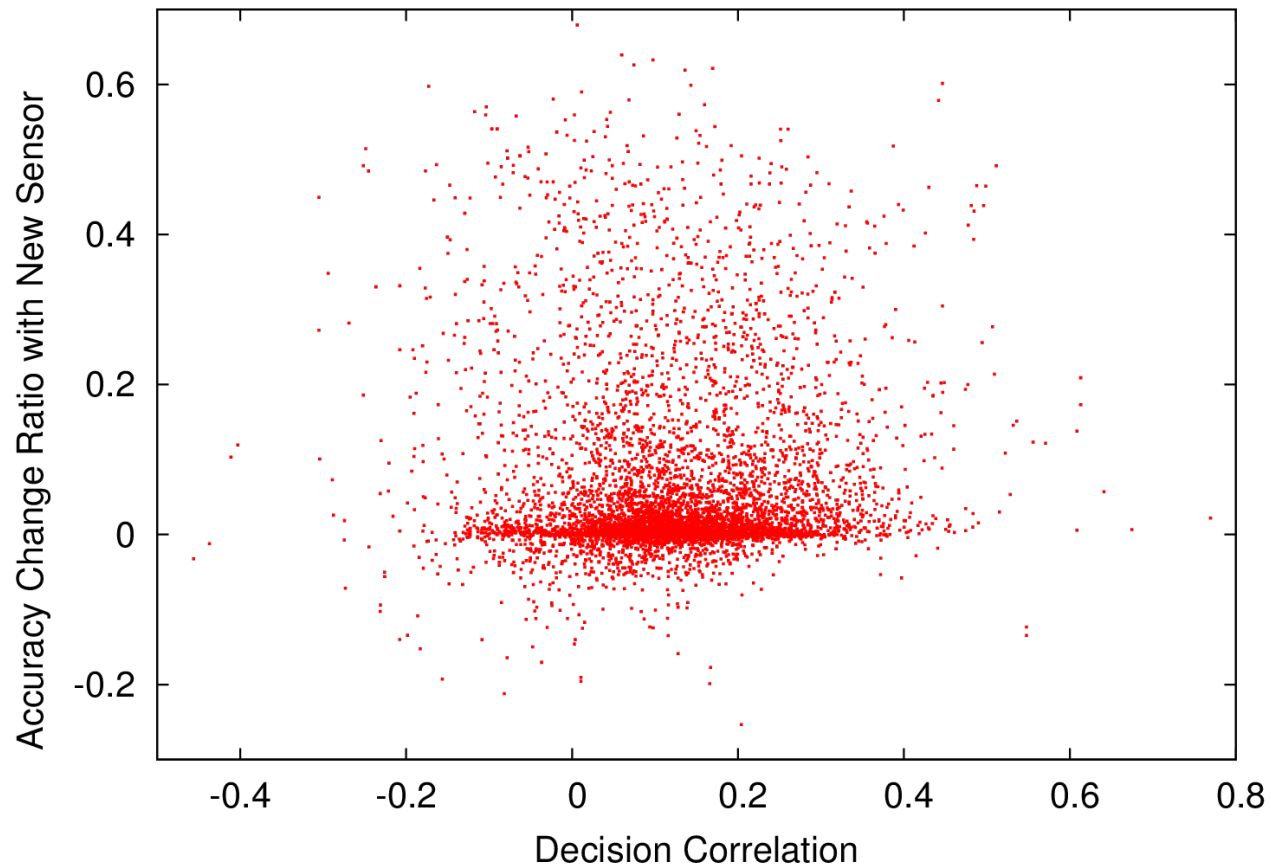
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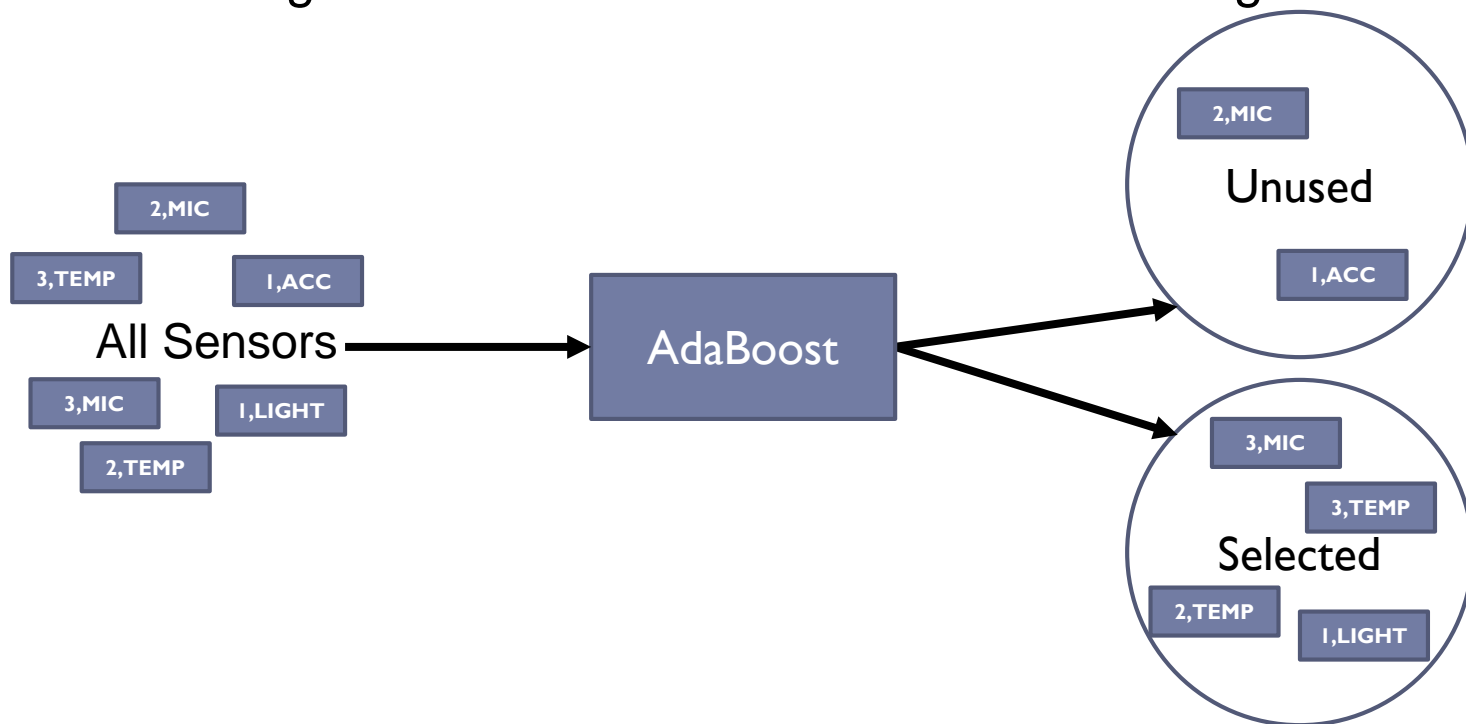


Choosing sensors with **slight correlation** yields the highest accuracy

# Sensor Selection

**Goal:** determine the sensors that AdaBoost chooses using correlation

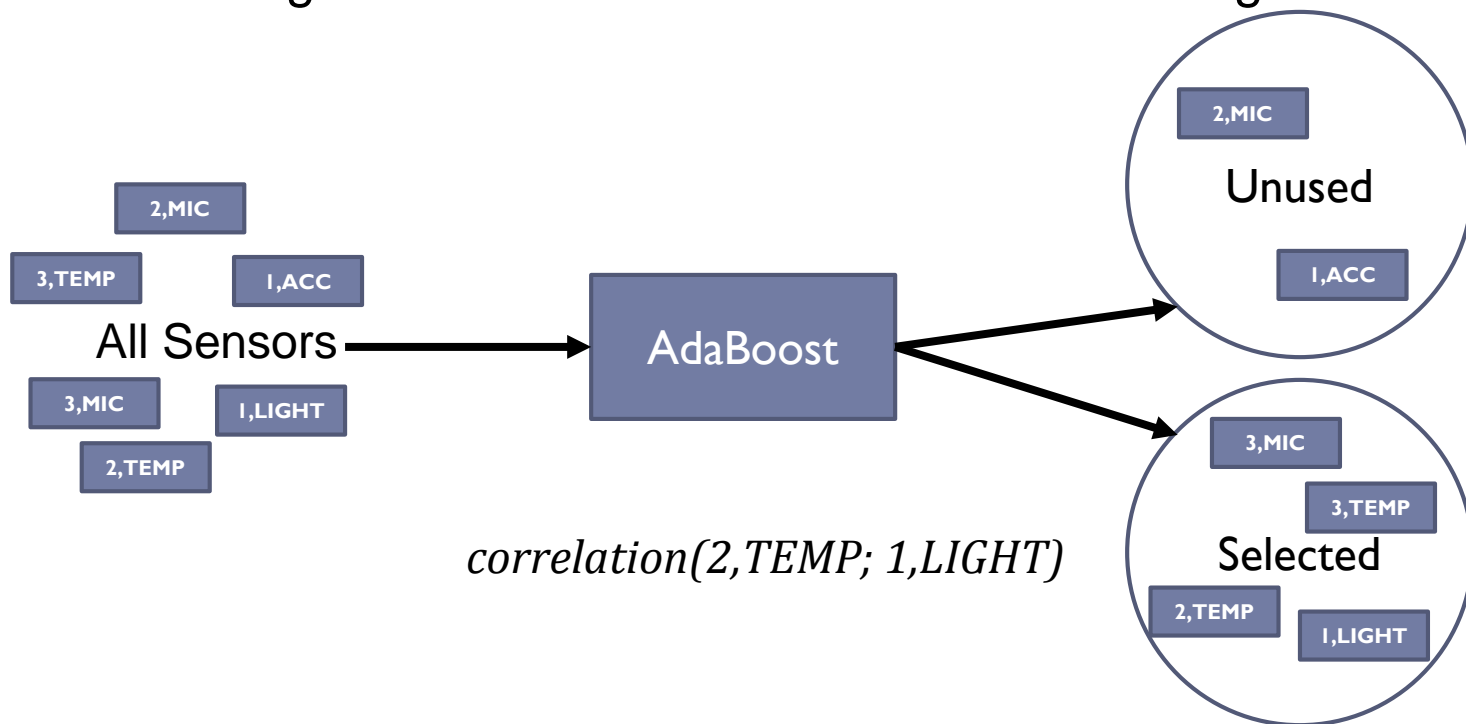
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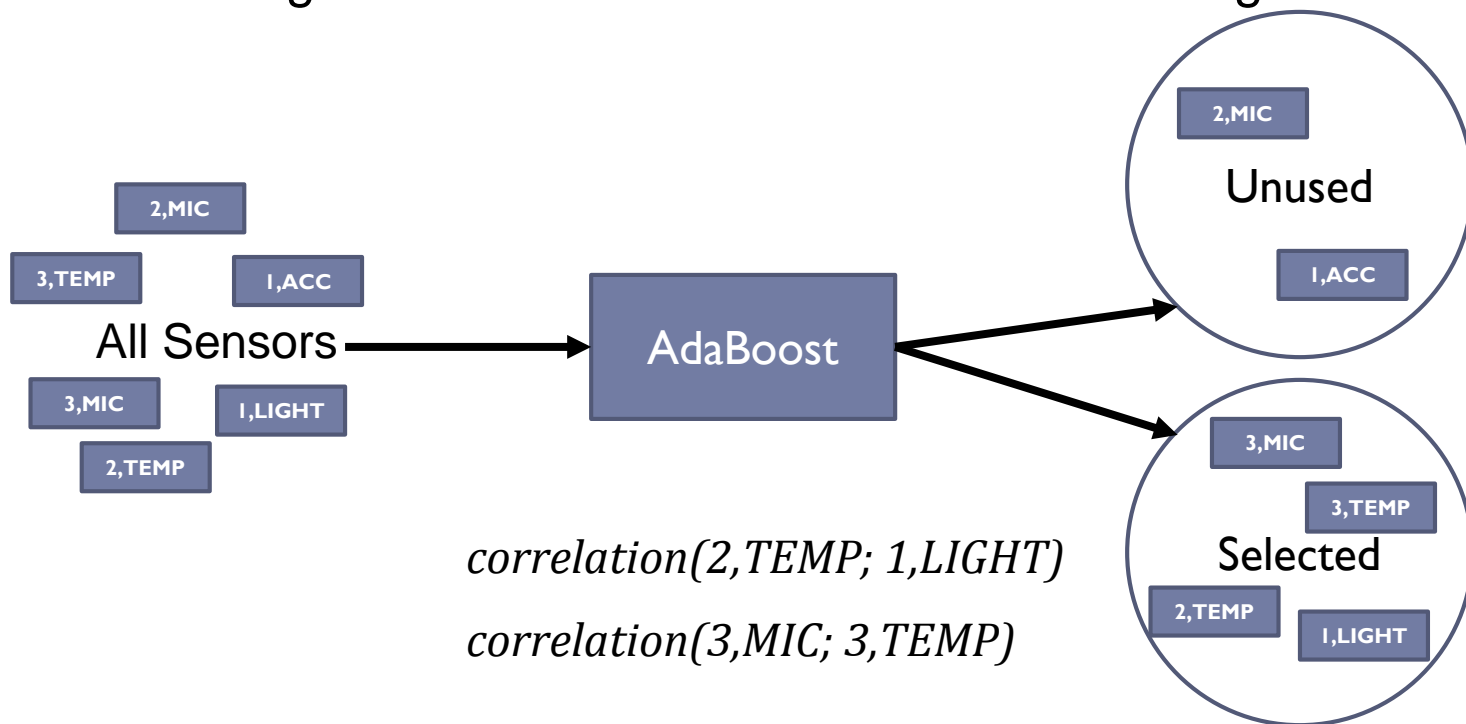
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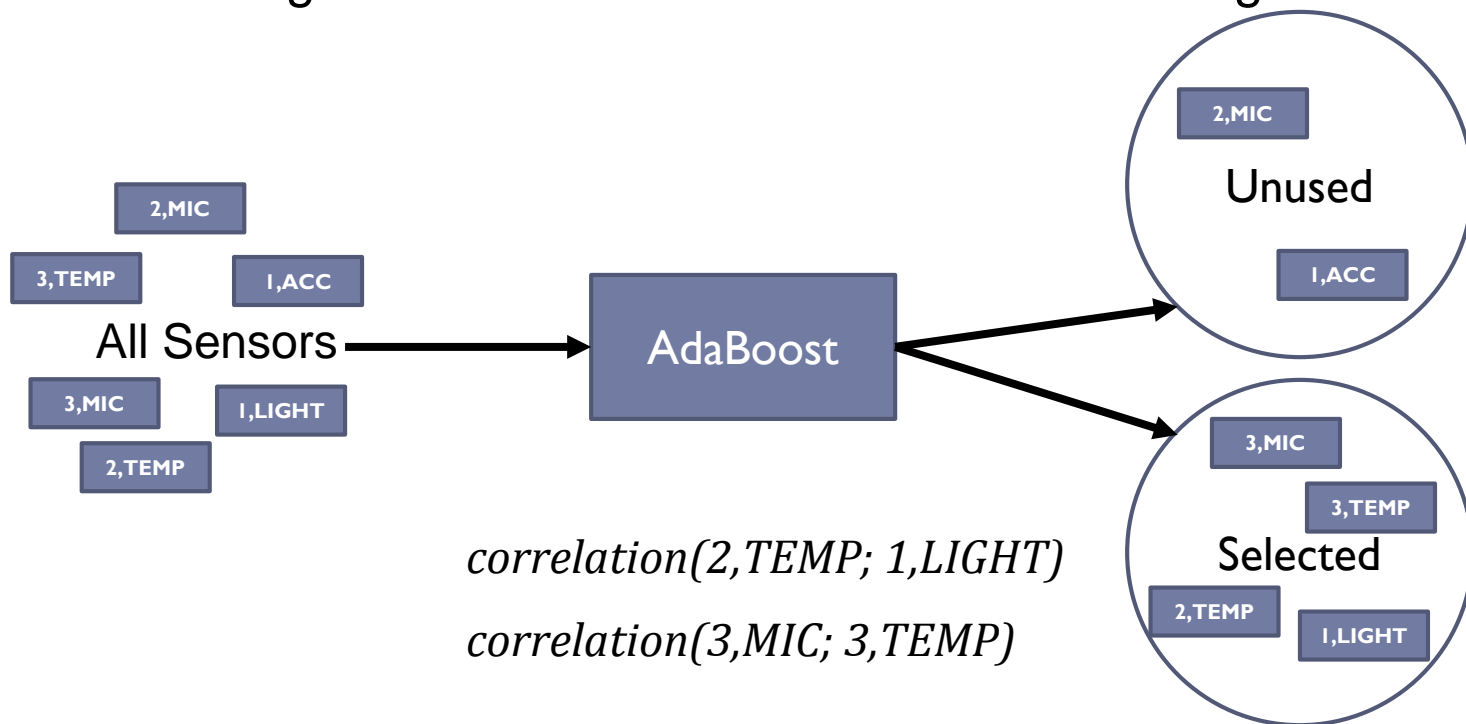
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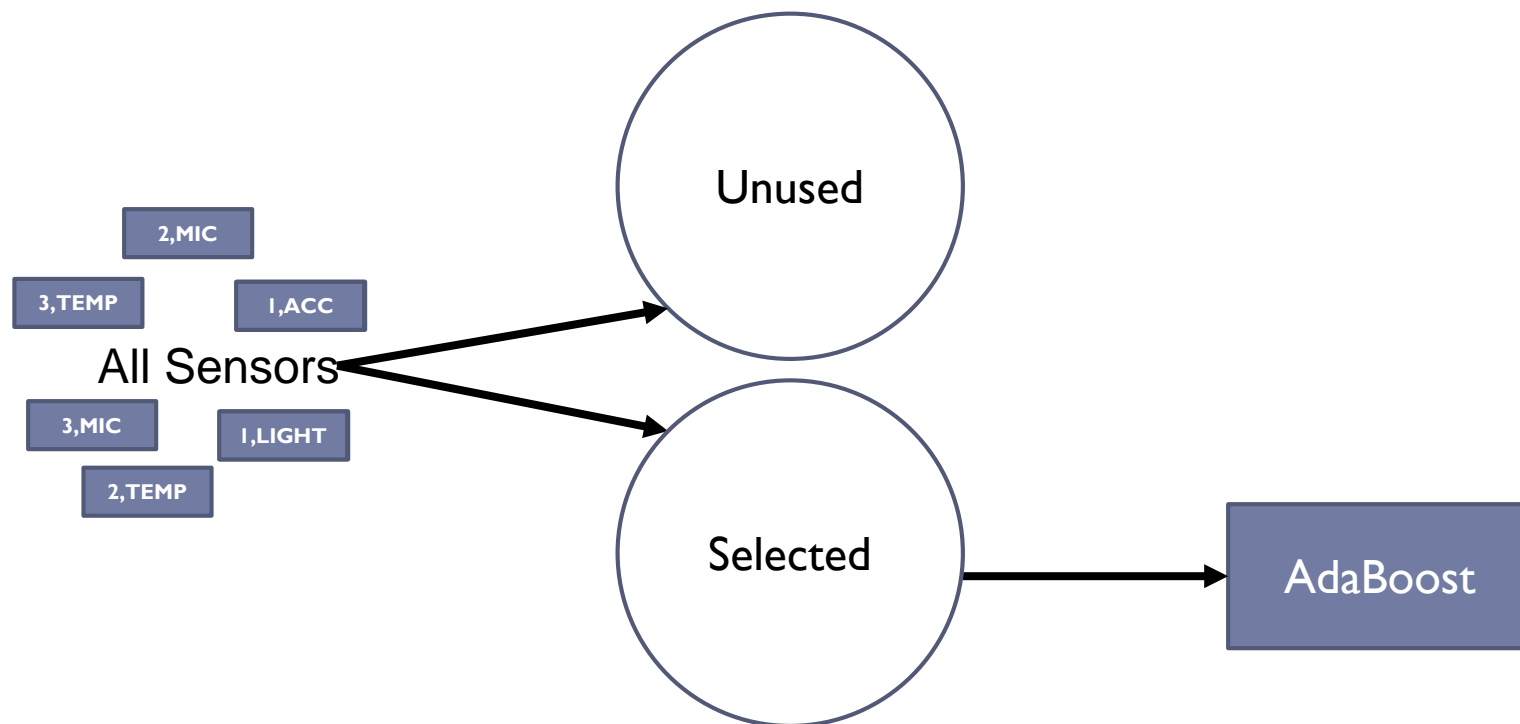
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Set threshold  $\alpha$  based on average correlation:  $\alpha = \mu_{\text{corr}} + \sigma_{\text{corr}}$

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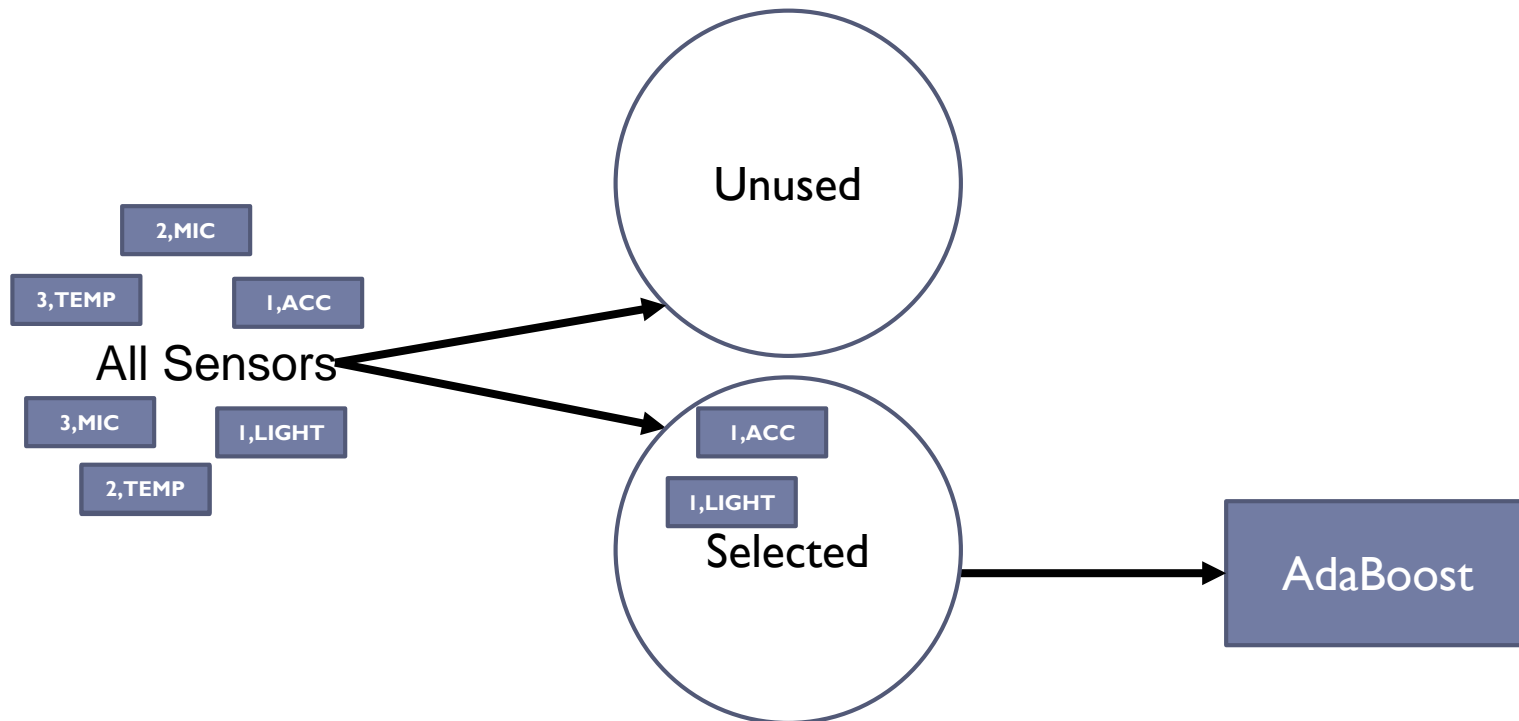


$$\text{correlation}(1, \text{ACC}; 1, \text{LIGHT}) \leq \alpha$$



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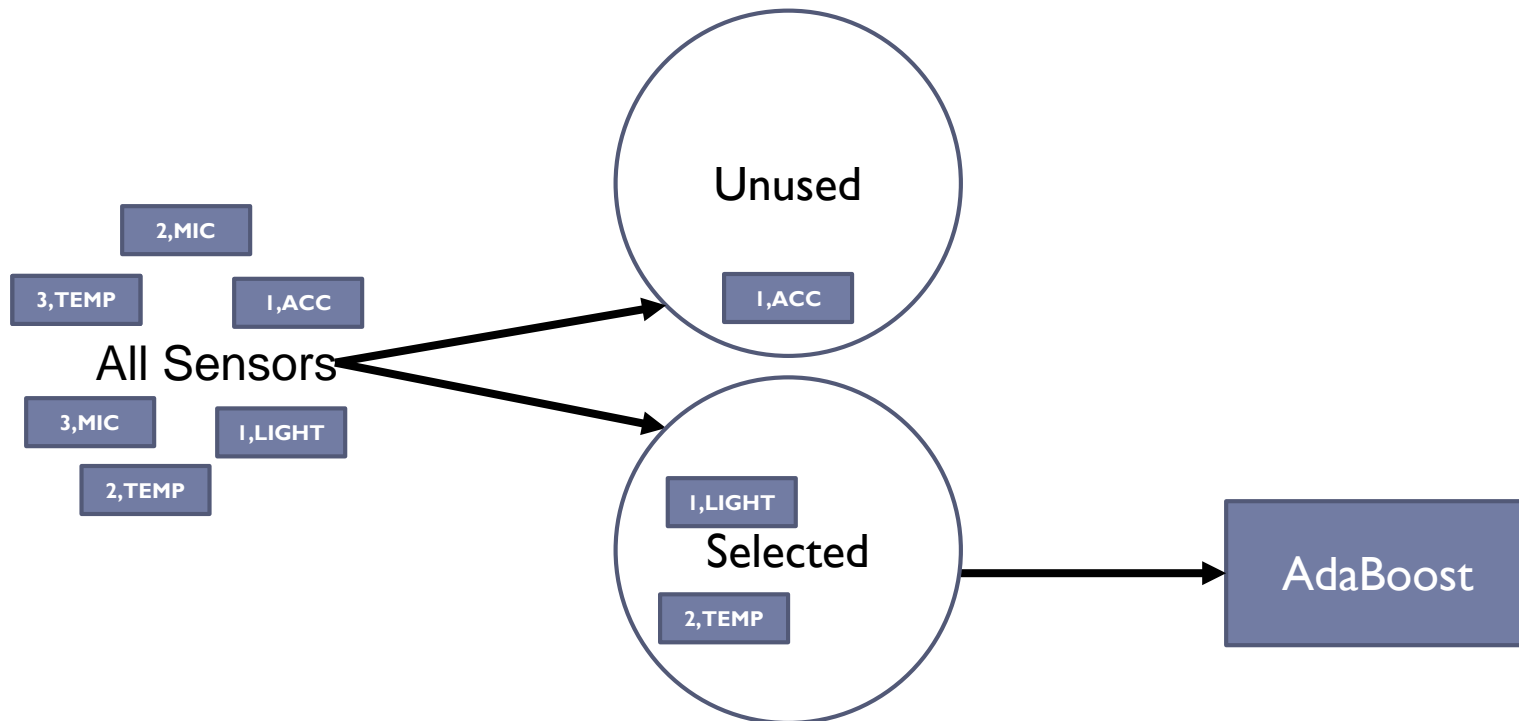


$$\text{correlation}(2,TEMP; 1,ACC) > \alpha$$

$$\text{acc}(2,TEMP) > \text{acc}(1,ACC)$$

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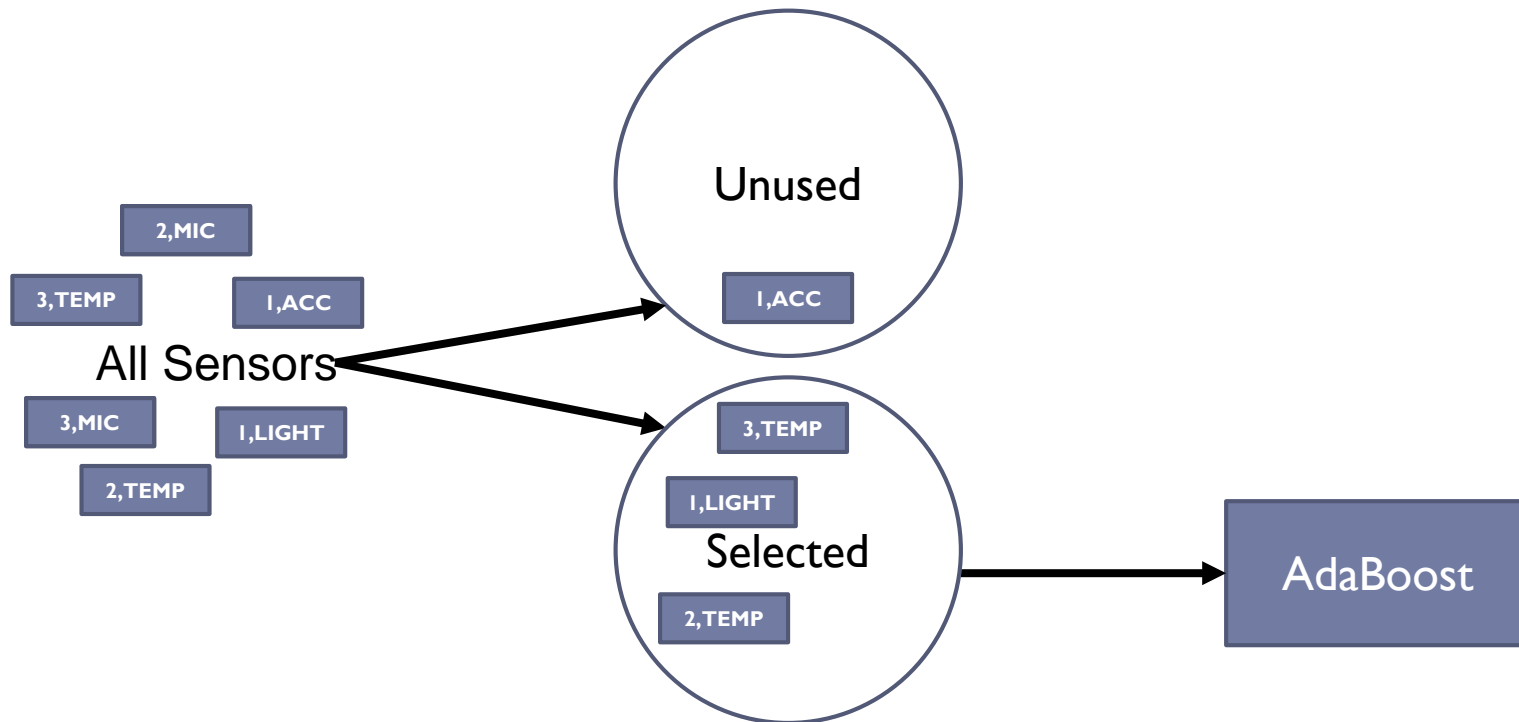
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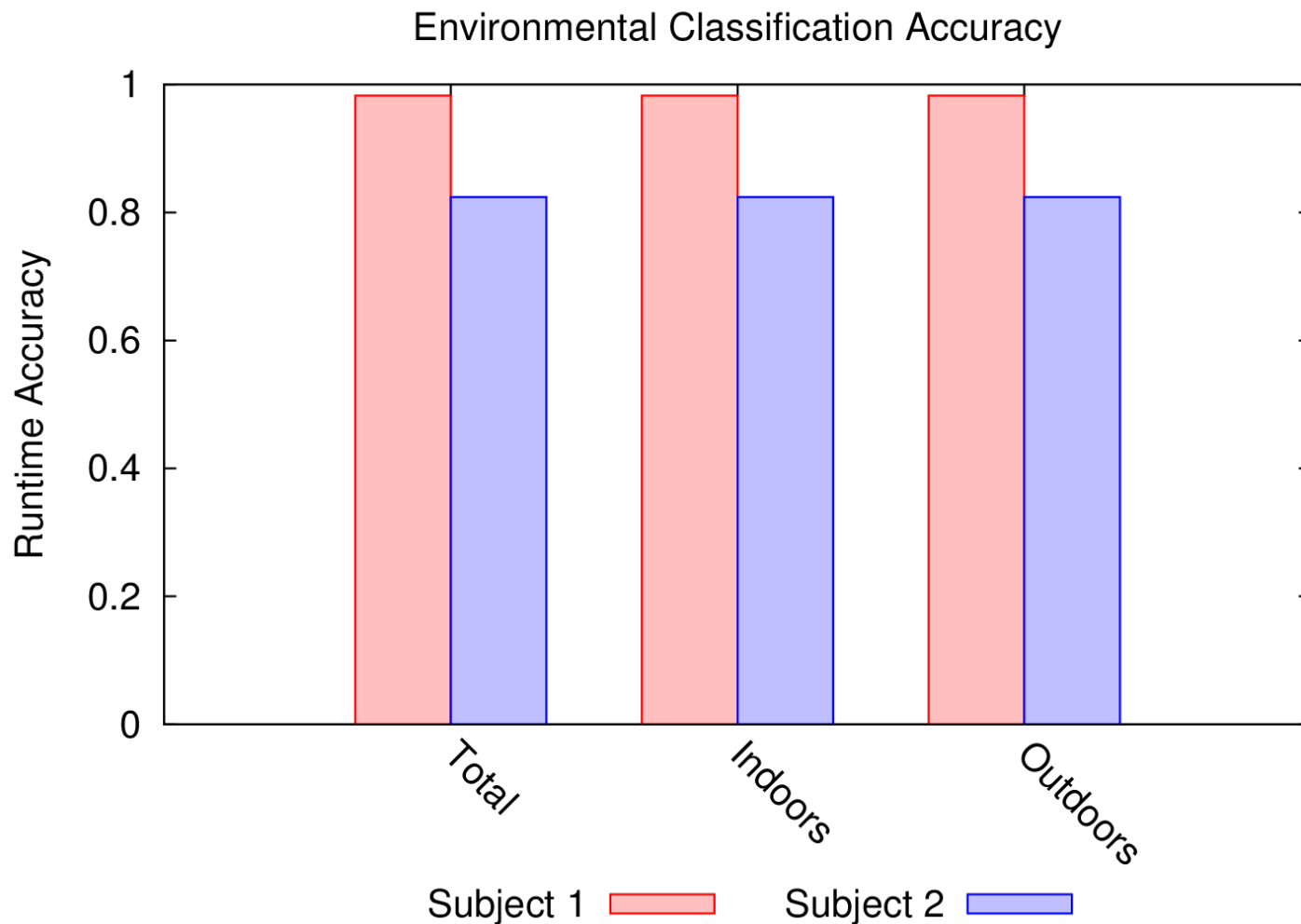
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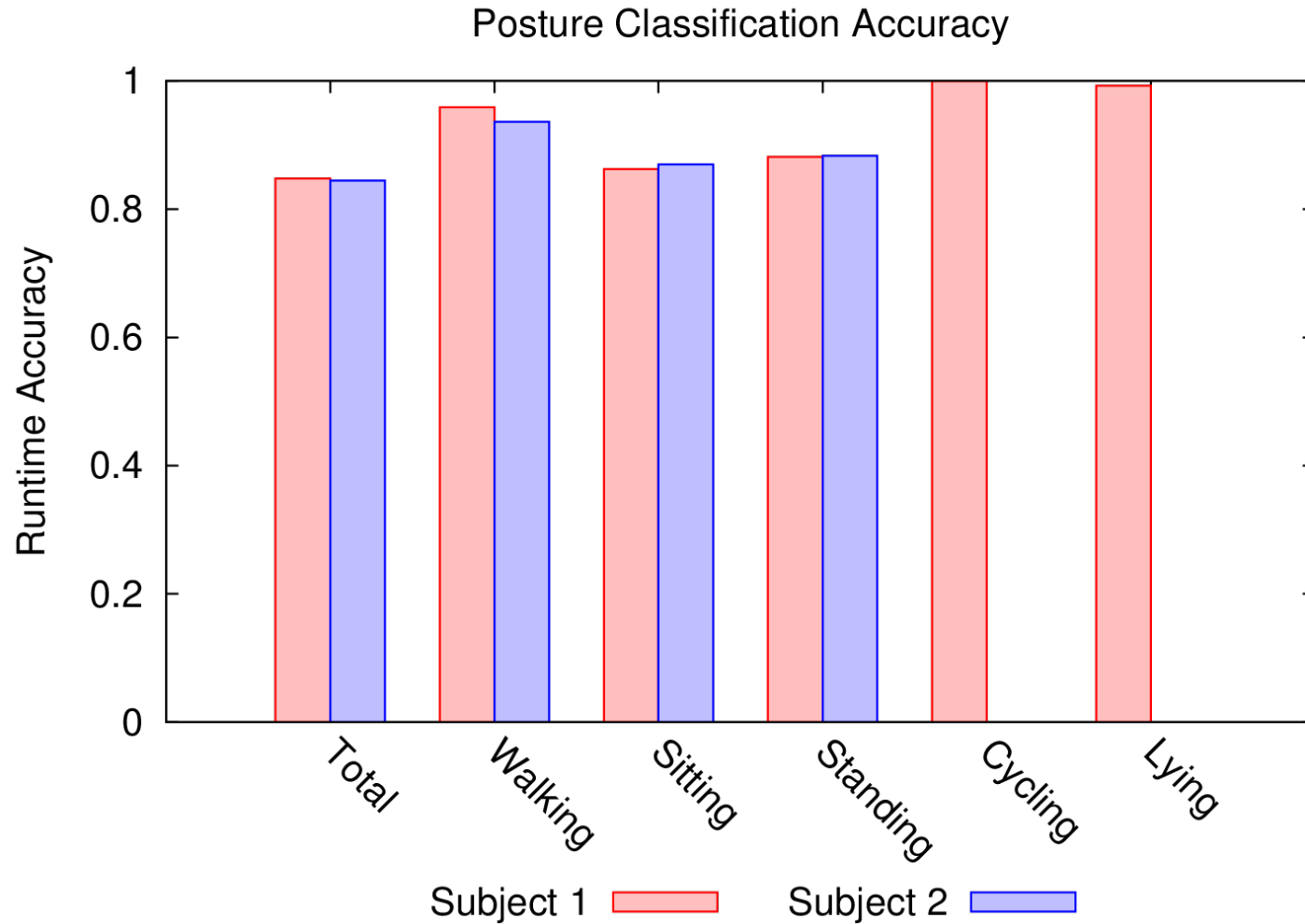
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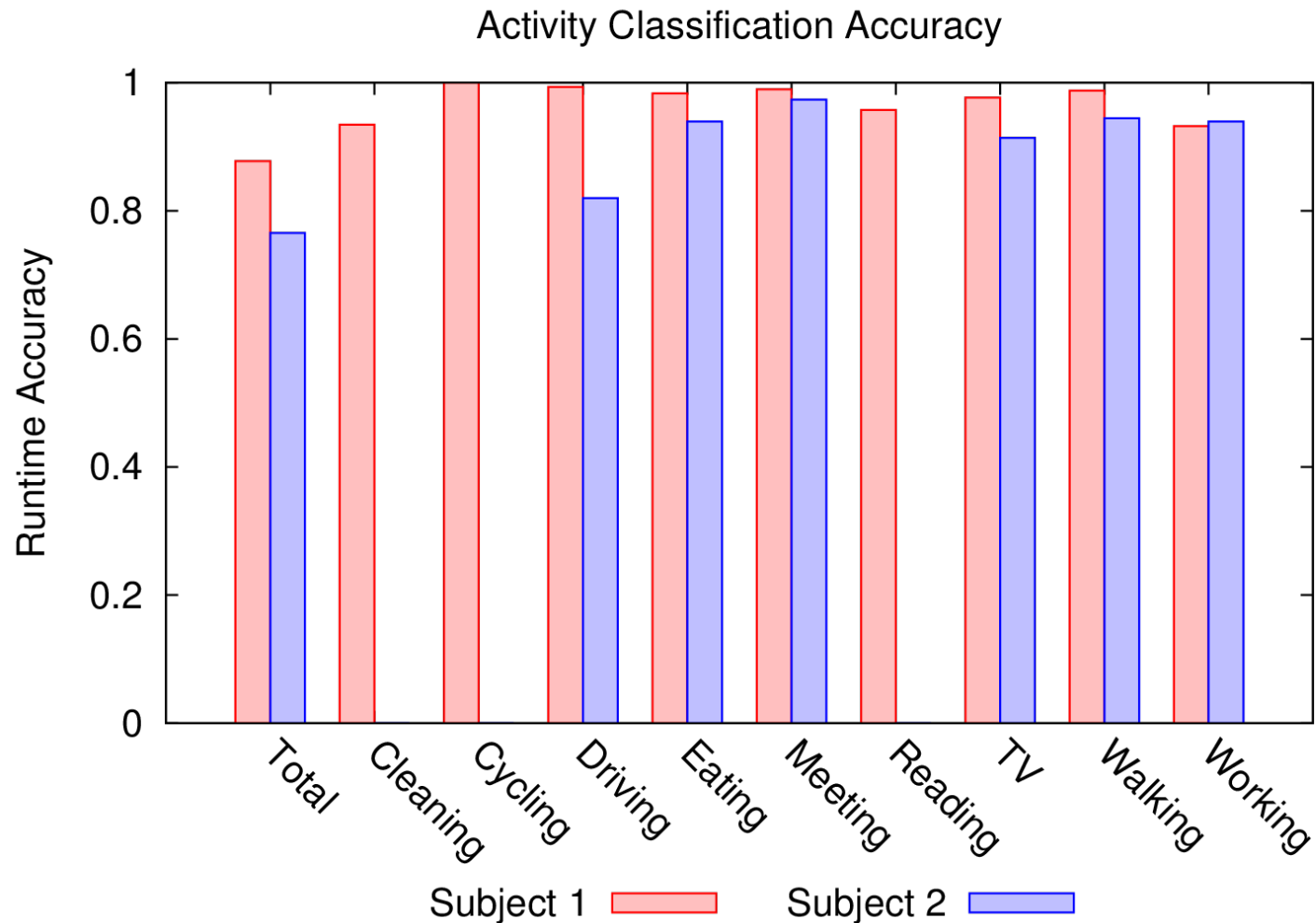
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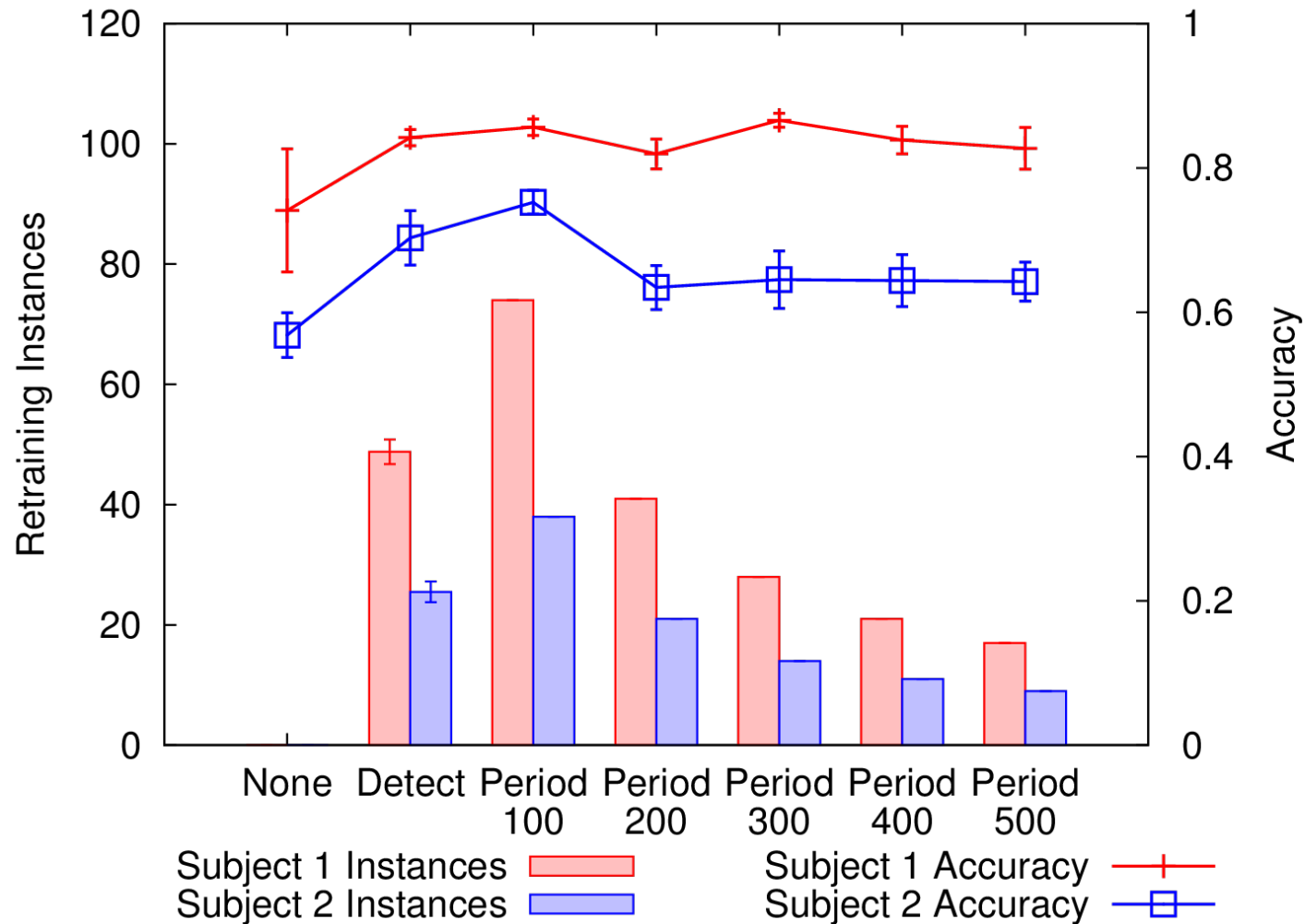
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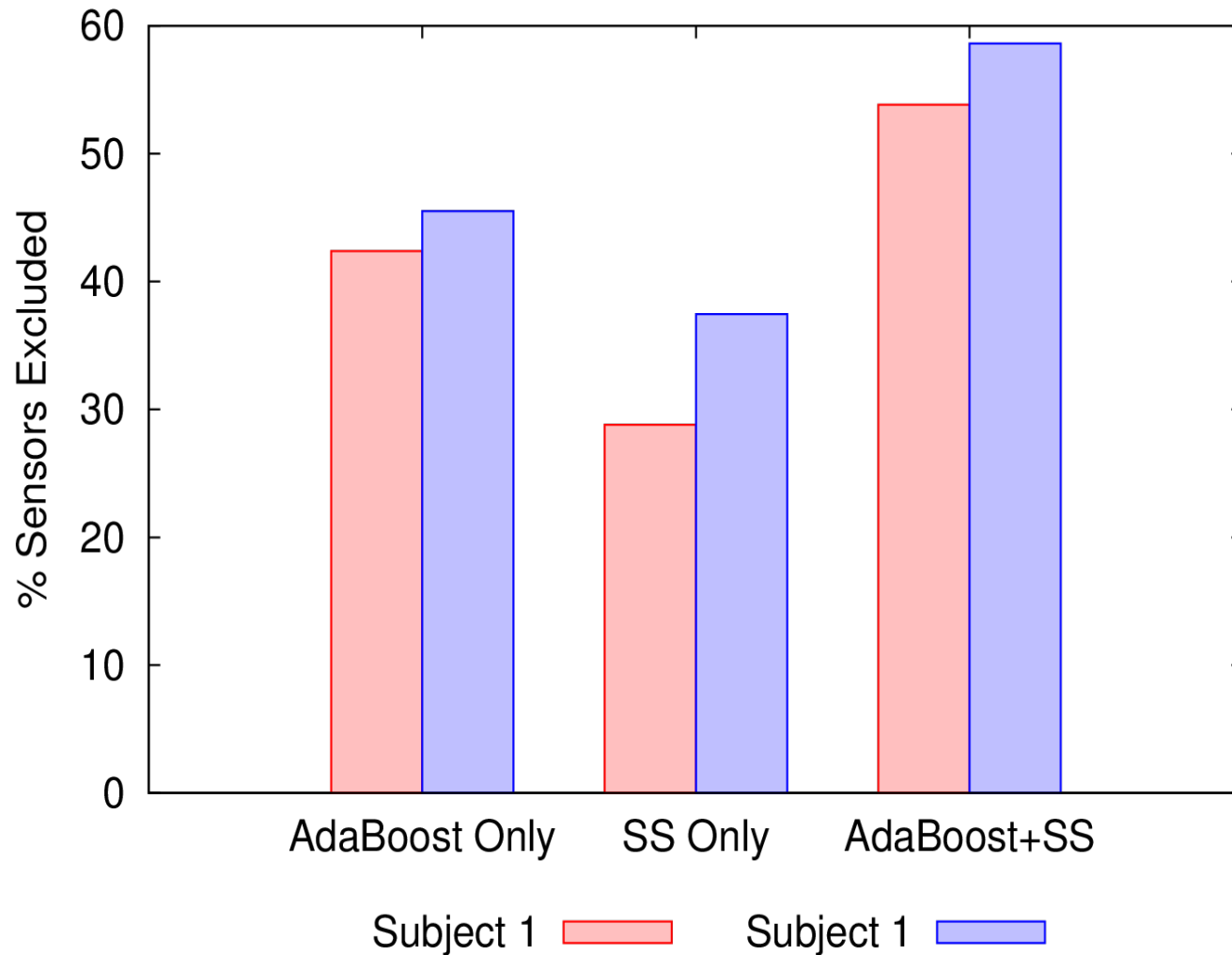


# Retraining Performance





# Sensor Selection Performance



# Application Performance



Mode	CPU	Memory	Power
Idle (No PBN)	<1%	4.30MB	360.59mW
Sampling (WiFi)	19%	8.16MB	517.74mW
Sampling (GPS)	21%	8.47MB	711.74mW
Sampling (Wifi) + Train	100%	9.48MB	601.02mW
Sampling (WiFi) + Classify	21%	9.45MB	513.57mW

# Conclusion & Discussion

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■ PBN: Towards practical BSN daily activity recognition

■ PBN provides:

- User-friendly hardware and software
- Strong classification performance
- Retraining detection to reduce invasiveness
- Identification of redundant resources

■ Discussion

- Extensive usability study?
- Improving phone energy usage?
- Reducing the number of on-body sensor nodes?
- Turning on-body sensor nodes into wearable devices?
- Sharing resources among multiple BSN?
- Sharing resources with other sensors/devices in environment?