Big Data Approaches to Psychological Processes

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In 1984, Ronald Cotton was convicted for two counts of rape and two counts of burglary.

He was sentenced to life + 50 years.



Cotton was exonerated in 1995, after spending over 10 years in prison when **DNA** evidence demonstrated it had been Bobby Poole who had committed the crimes.





JENNIFER THOMPSON-CANNINO AND RONALD COTTON HITH ERIN TORNEO

His convictions were based on an eyewitness misidentification made by one of the victims, Jennifer Thompson-Cannino.



Misidentification occurred in a photo lineup and then in a physical line up



In a retrial in 1987, when presented with the real rapist (Bobby Poole) and Ronald Cotton, Thompson-Cannino chose Cotton again.



Cotton also misremembered where he had been at the time of the crimes

His false alibi led jurors to the conclusion that he was lying

Captain Mike Gauldon, the detective in the case



Australian Bureau of Statistics

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The Innocence Project estimates that between 2% and 5% of prisoners have been falsely convicted.

In the United States, 2,298,300 people were incarcerated in 2016 (Prison Policy Initiative) suggesting over 100,000 people might be falsely imprisoned.

Australia had a prison population of 42,974 at 30 June 2018 (ABS), suggesting that over 2000 individuals may be serving time for crimes they did not commit. How reliably can people remember where they have been?

What factors affect this memory?

What questions might the detective have asked to uncovered the false memory?

Can't use laboratory paradigms to answer these questions.

For 2 months collect

GPS coords every 10 minutes, about 8640 pairs per subject

Accelerometry vectors 10 times a second continuously, about 51M data points per subject (then FFT)

Audio as 500 milliseconds of MFCCs every 10 minutes

One week retention interval

Then receive a memory test

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Click marker (?) where you were on Tuesday 2018-02-13 at 20:00



Categorical Time



Investigators should ask:

At what other times were you at this place?

Where were you the week before and after on this day?

Where were you the day before and after at this time?

But still need to determine if we have the right representations for the other modalities

The impact of emotion on memory for WHERE











The Data



Each night participants:

Segment images into contexts (episodes) Provide a description Provide activity, place and people tags





Did this happen last week or the week before?



Week Discrimination



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Experience Sampling (2-4 weeks)



World



8 s

 Were you able to remember the event?
 4-10 s ITI

 Yes
 No

 How vivid was your memory?

 Lots of detail

 Very little detail

3s

Representational Similarity Analysis (RSA)





Significant in Left Ant. Hippocampus





More than in other control regions









IFTTT provides access to over 600 data streams



SEMA3





How anxious do you feel right now?







Unforgettable App can collect GPS, accelerometry, obfuscated audio and images

Allows control over which streams are collected

Data is stored on phone to start with and can be deleted before it reaches our servers

The rate of data collection can be adjusted to optimize battery life

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Participants receive:

Search tools that allow them to recollect events from their lives

Visualization tools that allow them to reflect on patterns in their lives

Compensation for leasing their data to researchers



Data Marketplace (November 2019)







87 million Facebook profiles taken

Used to influence the US presidential election??



Alexandr Kogan is a social psychologist who studies personality Research associate at Cambridge University "This is your digital life" app tested the big five About 270,000 people used the app

In mid 2018, Public Transport Victoria (PTV) released 15 million de-identified myki records

Re-identification

Within three months researchers at the University of Melbourne had been able to identify themselves in the data, a co-traveller and a member of parliament.

https://pursuit.unimelb.edu.au/articles/two-data-points-enough-to-spot-youin-open-transport-records

Most people in the dataset are identifiable from just a handful of touch on or touch off events.

The Private Language

Current data analysis languages such as R or python have not been designed to be privacy preserving.

We have developed a new open source language called Private that allows researchers to analyse data without having access to it. They can't see it and they can't copy it.

But they can write programs to analyse the data.

All results are checked computationally to determine the privacy risk before release.



General Data Protection Regulation

Breach Notification

Right to Access

Right to be Forgotten

Data Portability

Privacy by Design

Data Officers



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The nature of context

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Recurrence plot of 30823 SD emails from 2007 to 2012



In lab, we manipulate place and time But activity seems to dominate



