

# Ubiquitous and Mobile Computing

## CS 403X: Social Sensing for Epidemiological Behavior Change

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# Motivation



- Use ubiquitous computing to understand how individual behavior patterns are affected by physical and mental health symptoms

# Vision

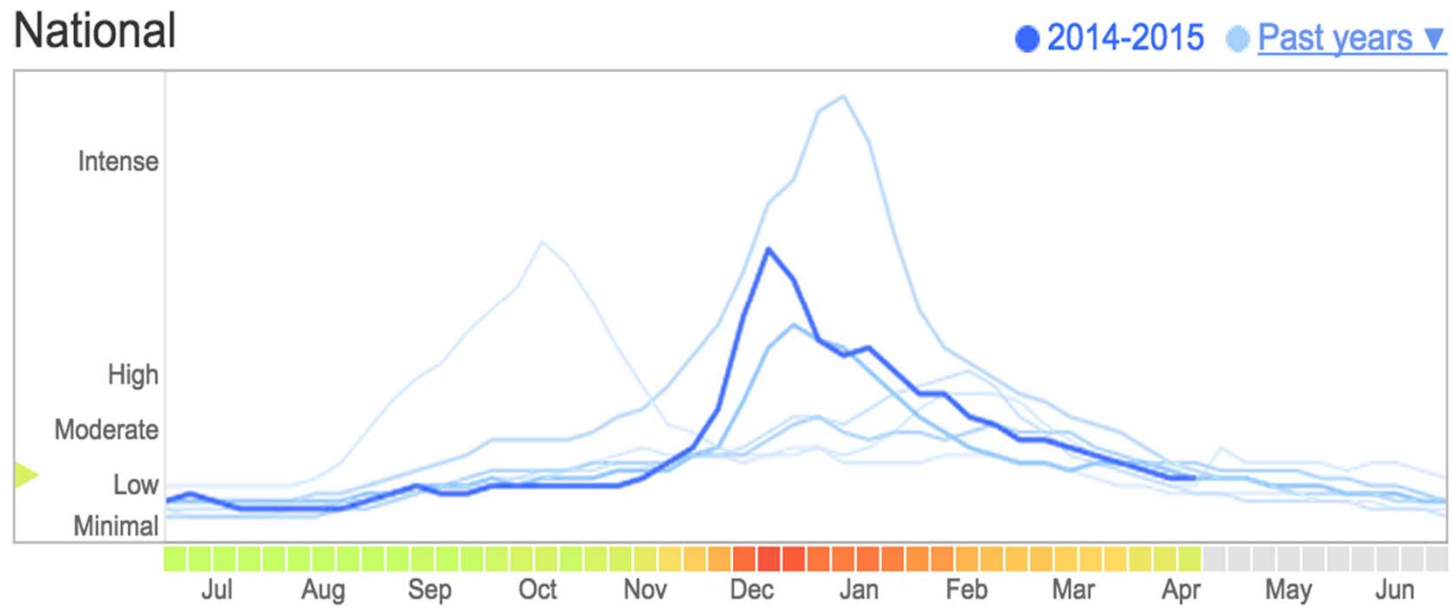
- Use mobile phone based co-location and communication sensing to measure behavioral changes
- Predict health status of an individual



# Related Work



- Google Flu Trend



Flu Trend in the U.S. in 2014 - 2015



## Related Work (Cont'd)

- Sociometric badge (sociometer)

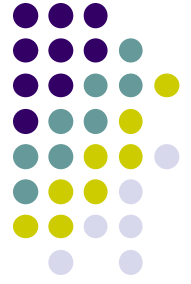


# Methodology



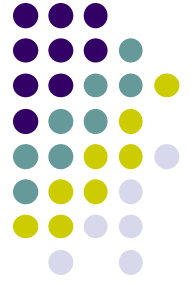
- Population
  - 70 participants (38 M and 32 F)
  - Same residence hall
  - 66 undergraduate and 4 graduate students

# Methodology (Cont'd)



- Device
  - Windows Mobile 6.x device
  - Primary phones
- Data collection
  - Call and SMS logs
  - Bluetooth scans
  - WLAN scans
  - Daily Survey





# Methodology (Cont'd)

## Survey Question (as shown on mobile phone)

Do you have a sore throat or cough?

Do you have a runny nose, congestion or sneezing?

Do you have a fever?

Have you had any vomiting, nausea or diarrhea?

Have you been feeling sad, lonely or depressed lately?

Have you been feeling stressed out lately?

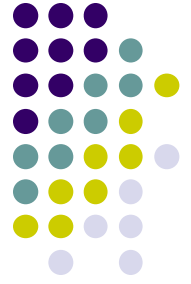
Symptom survey questionnaire





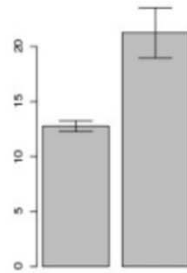
# Data Analysis

- Date: 02/01/2009 - 04/15/2009
- Peak influenza months in New England
  - 1.4 million scanned Bluetooth devices
  - 201,000 WLAN APs
  - 15,700 calls and 11,269 SMS records
  - 2994 survey responses

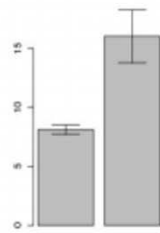


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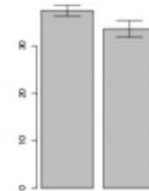
- Behavior effects of runny nose, congestion, sneezing symptom



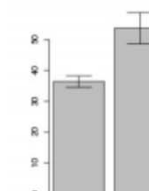
(a) Total communication increases \*\*\*



(b) Late-night early morning communication increases \*\*



(c) Overall Bluetooth entropy decreases \*

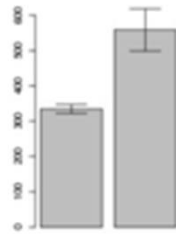


(d) Total WLAN APs detected increase \*\*

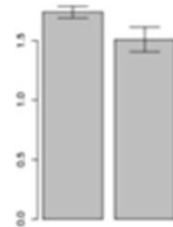


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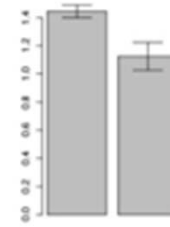
- Behavior effects of sore throat and cough symptom



(a) Bluetooth entropy with respect to other dorm residents increases \*\*\*



(b) WLAN entropy with respect to university WLAN APs reduces \*

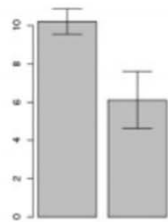


(c) WLAN entropy with respect to external WLAN APs reduces \*\*

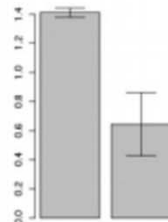


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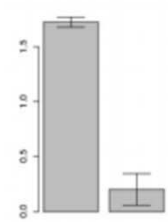
- Behavior effects of fever



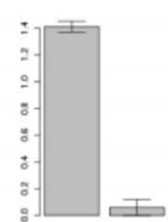
(a) Late night and early morning calls and SMS decrease \*\*



(b) Late night and early morning Bluetooth counts and entropy decrease\*



(c) WLAN based entropy with respect to university WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

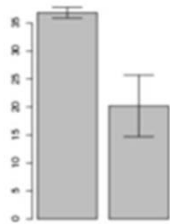


(d) WLAN Entropy with respect to external WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

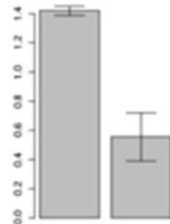


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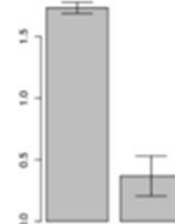
- Behavior effects of CDC-defined influenza



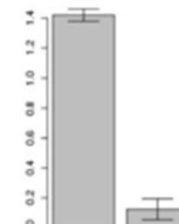
(a) Total Bluetooth interactions and entropy decrease \*\*



(b) Late night early morning Bluetooth entropy with respect to other participants decreases \*\*



(c) WLAN based entropy with respect to university WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

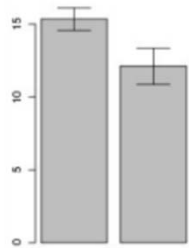


(d) WLAN Entropy with respect to external WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

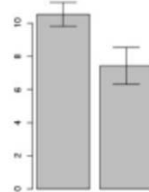


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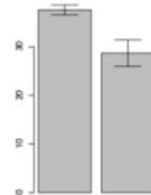
- Behavior changes with self-reported sad-lonely-depressed responses



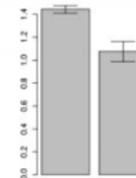
(a) Total communication decreases \*



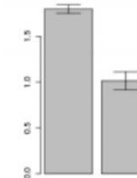
(b) Late-night vs early morning communication decreases \*



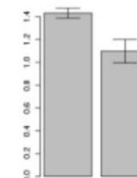
(c) Overall Bluetooth entropy decreases \*



(d) Late night vs early morning Bluetooth entropy with respect to other experiment participants reduces \*\*



(e) WLAN based entropy with respect to university WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

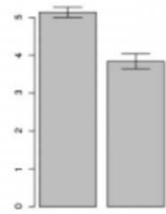


(f) WLAN Entropy with respect to external WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

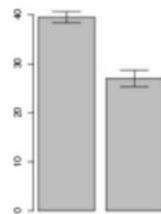


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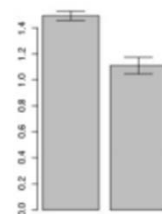
- Behavior changes with self-reported often Stressed responses



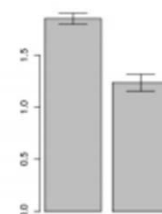
(a) Communication diversity decreases \*\*



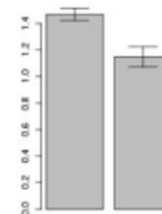
(b) Overall Bluetooth entropy decreases \*\*



(c) Late night early morning Bluetooth entropy with other experiment participants reduces \*\*



(d) WLAN based entropy with university WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*

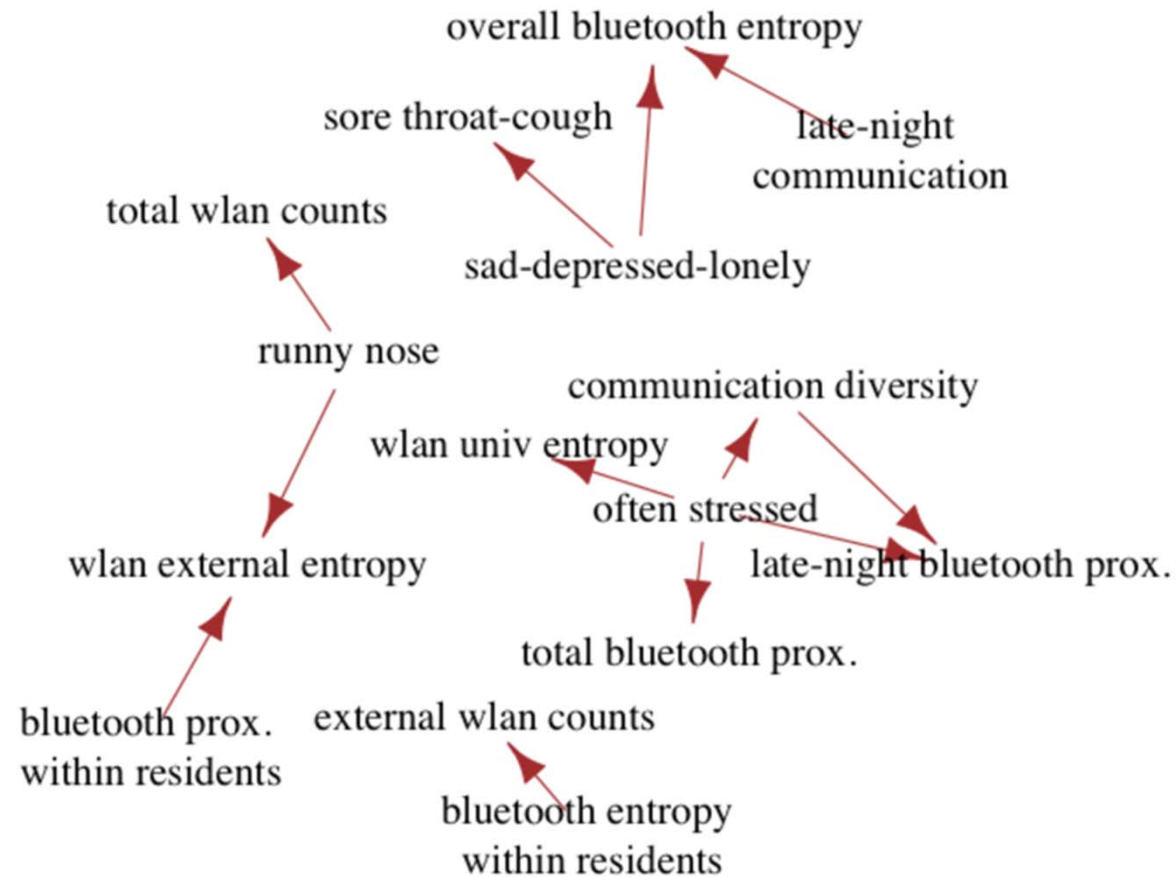


(e) WLAN Entropy with external WLAN APs decreases \*\*\*



# Data Analysis (Cont'd)

- PSI





# Conclusion



It's possible to determine health status of individuals using information gathered from mobile phones

# Significance



- Model epidemiological contagion in social networks without medical health measurements
- Improve doctor-patient interaction model

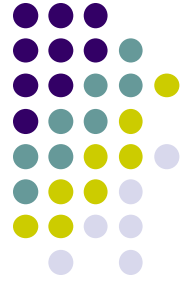
# Potential Improvements

- Samples not independent
- Exams and events
- Bluetooth signal strength
- GPS instead of WLAN-based location



# Critique

- Bluetooth not enabled
- Device may not be carried all the time
- Battery impact of the phone





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