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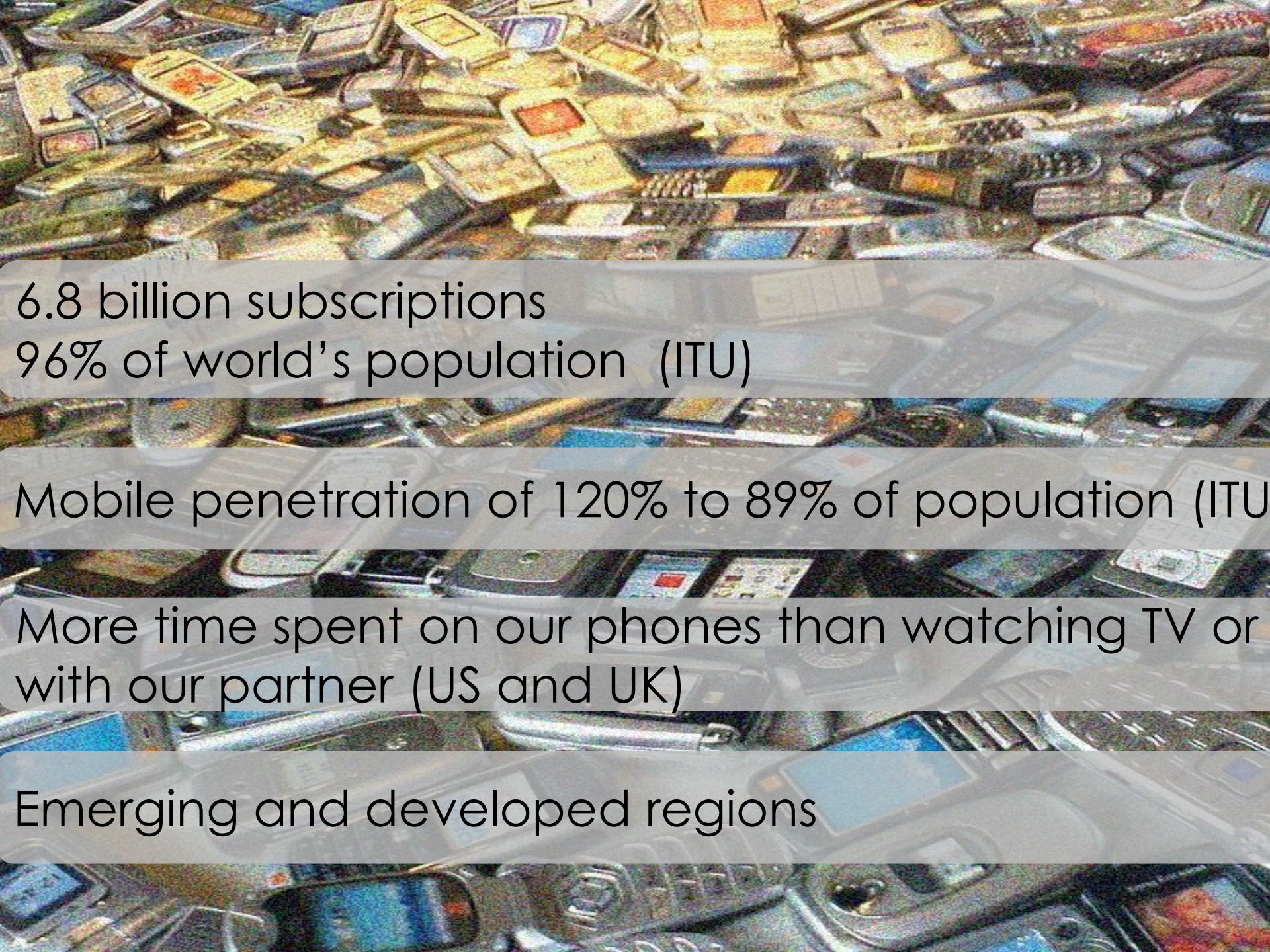
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Big Data for Social Good

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6.8 billion subscriptions
96% of world's population (ITU)

Mobile penetration of 120% to 89% of population (ITU)

More time spent on our phones than watching TV or
with our partner (US and UK)

Emerging and developed regions

Cell Phones as Sensors of Human Activity

Digital footprints enable large-scale analysis of human behavior



Bits

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NEWS

Cellphones for Science

Scientists want to put sensors into everyone's hands

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Big Data from Cheap Phones

Collecting and analyzing information from simple cell phones can provide surprising insights into how people move about and behave—and even help



A blue-tinted globe with a grid overlay, set against a background of vertical data streams. The globe is positioned on the left side of the image, and the text is on the right. The background consists of vertical lines of varying lengths, creating a digital or data-like effect.

Can mobile digital
footprints be
used to
understand
aspects of
human behavior
that could help
improve the
world?



Pandemics



2009 H1N1 Mexico Timeline



PREFLU

2009 H1N1 Mexico Timeline



1st LEVEL

17th April

PREFLU

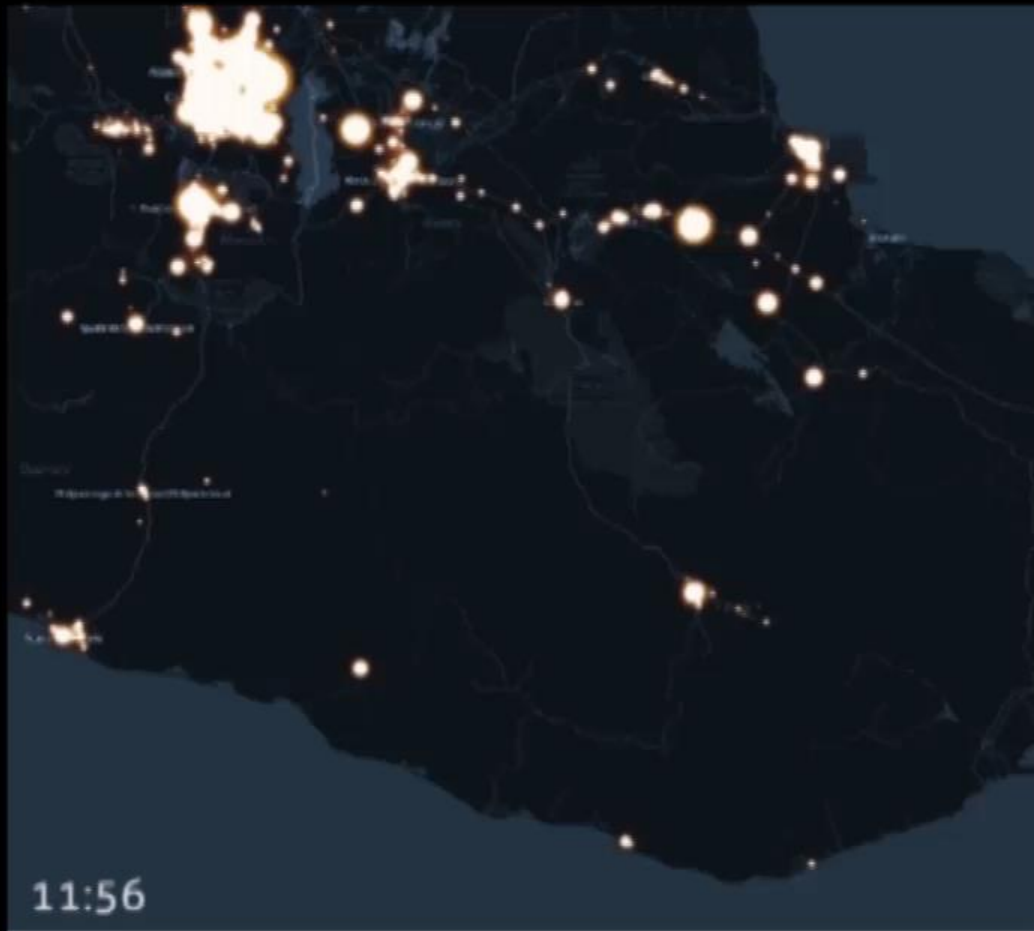
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2009 H1N1 Mexico Timeline



2009 H1N1 Mexico Timeline





Mexico 2012 Earthquake

Magnitude: 7.4

Date & Time: March 20, 2012 at 12:02:48 PM

Location: 16.662°N, 98.188°W

Depth: 20 km (12.4 miles)

Damage: 2 deaths

13 injuries

800 houses collapsed

Data: U.S. Geological Survey

Telefonica Mexico

OpenStreetMap



Legend



Earthquake



Aftershocks

09:00



Impact of Government Measures on Mobility

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1st LEVEL

*Medical
Alert*

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2nd LEVEL

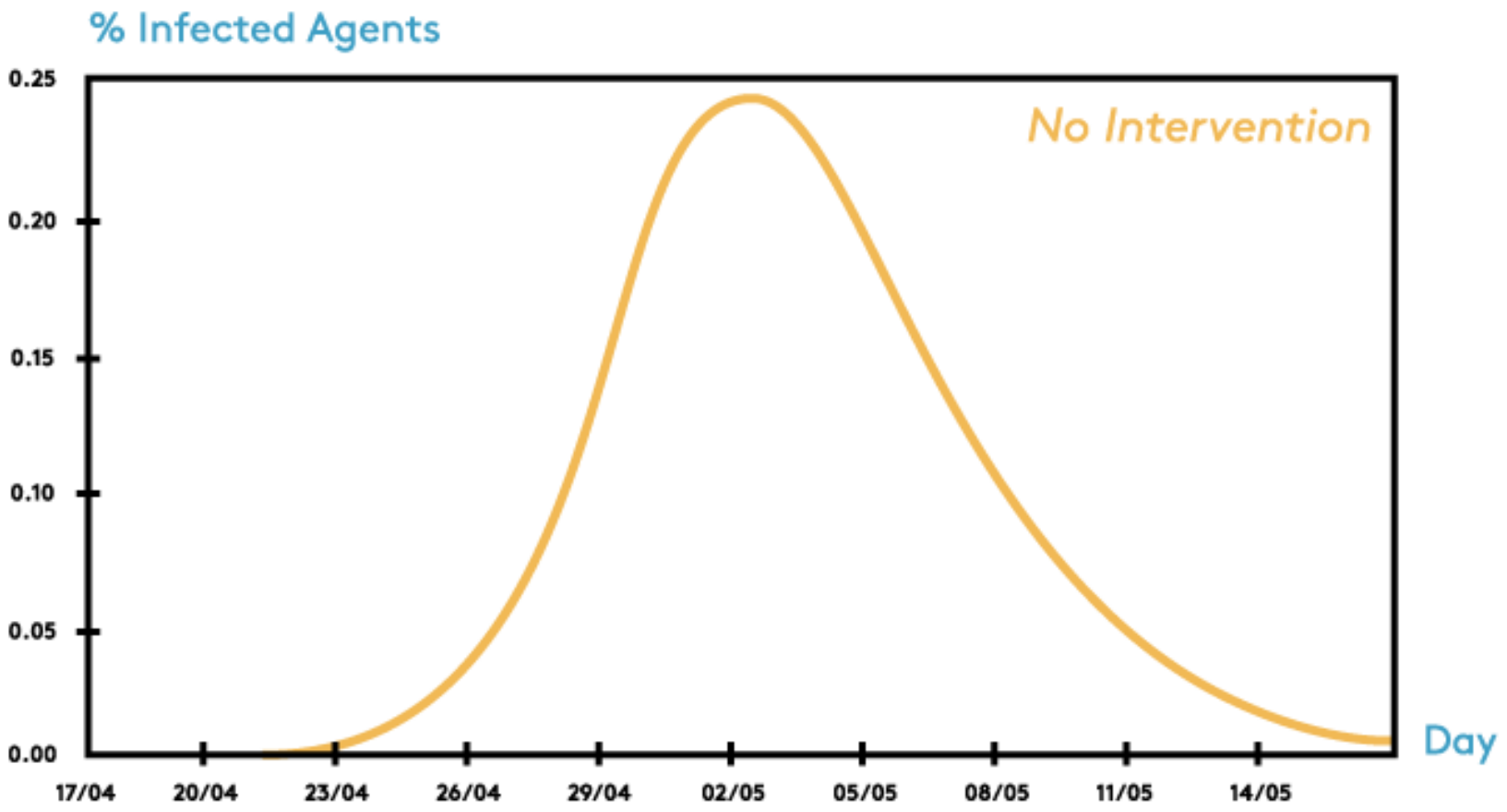
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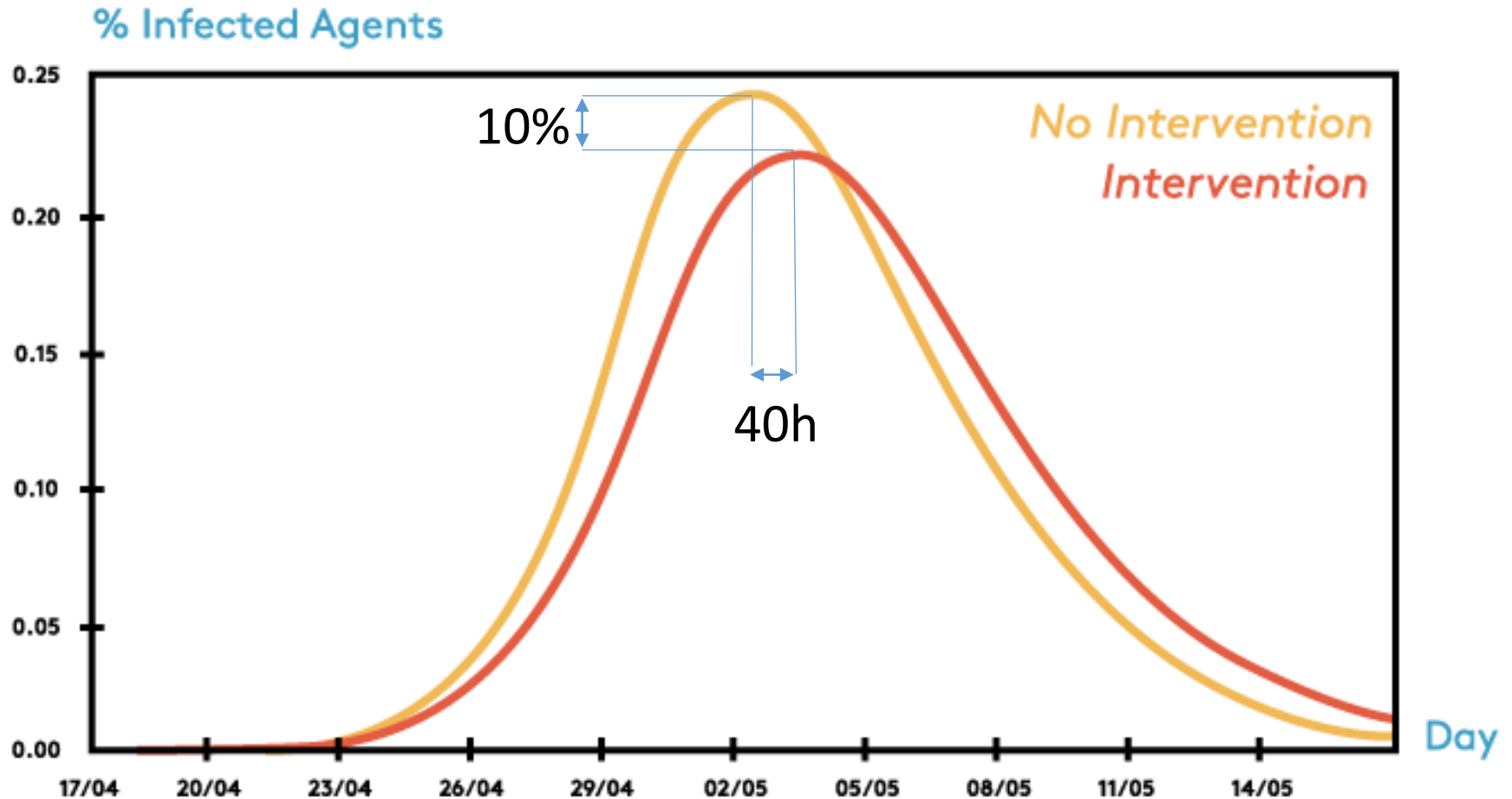
3rd LEVEL

*Interruption of
non-essential
activities*

Impact on disease propagation



Impact on disease propagation

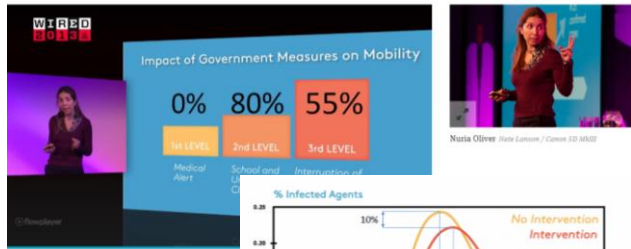


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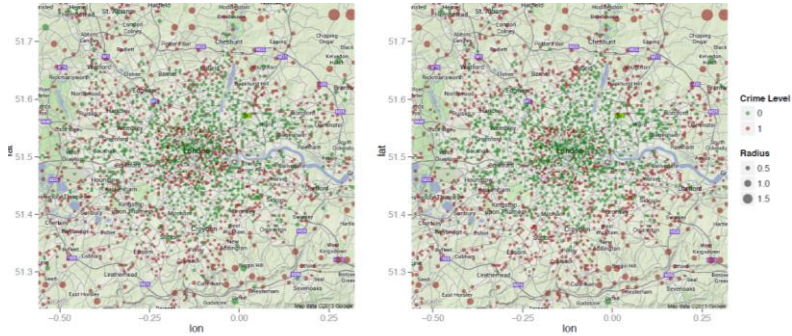
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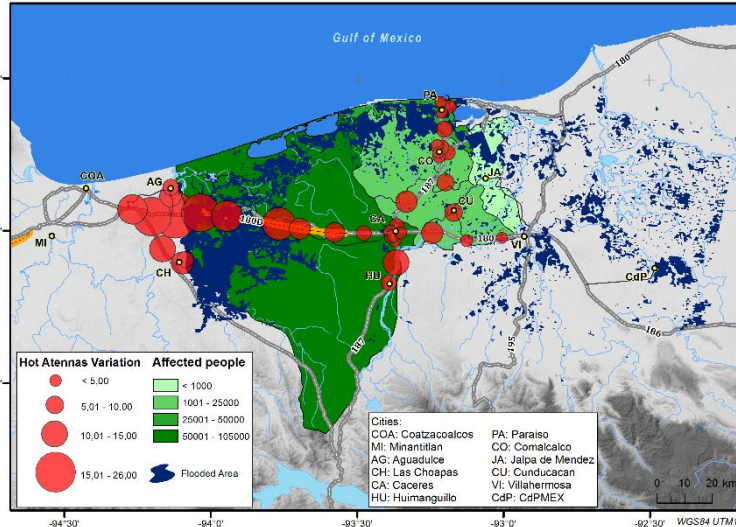
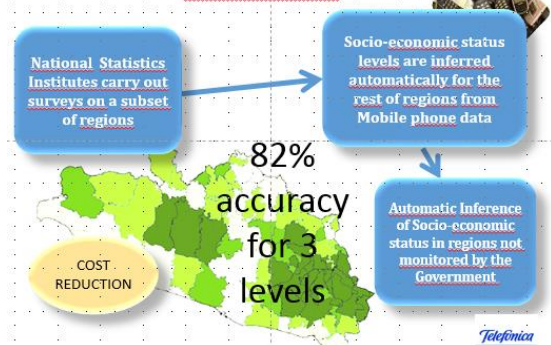


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Crime Prediction



Socio-economic Level Inference



Analysis of impact of floods



Relevant Publications

"An Agent-Based Model Of Epidemic Spread Using Human Mobility and Social Network Information", Vanessa Frias-Martinez et al, 3rd International Conference on Social Computing, SocialCom '11, Boston, USA, 2011.

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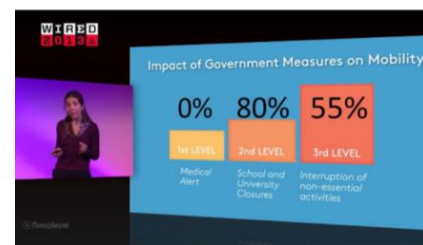
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Talk at WIRED 2013. London UK

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Challenges



Ebola and big data

Waiting on hold

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IN THE battle against Ebola, mobile phones could be invaluable—not just in themselves, as devices that can be used to send people public-health information or let them call helplines, but also because of the data they generate. Phone companies use call-data records, or CDRs, to manage their networks and bill their customers. These records include a caller's identity, the time of the call, the phone tower that handled it and the

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Regulatory

1. Lack of updated regulation
2. Lack of clear guidelines regarding safe data handling, processing and sharing for humanitarian purposes

Technical

1. Representativeness of the data, generalization
2. Combination of data from multiple sources
3. Real-time analysis and prediction
4. Lack of ground truth → intervention to validate

Privacy

1. Potential privacy risks need to be minimized and understood
2. Clear code of conduct and ethical principles



Opportunities

Aggregated and Anonymized Mobile Phone Data allows us to quantitatively

- Model and understand large-scale human behavior (e.g. levels of activity, mobility patterns)
- Measure behavioral changes
- Predict/Classify external information
- Enhance the tools currently used by policy makers and provide critical information in areas like urban planning, crisis management or global health

What can we all do to
responsibly turn this
opportunity into a
reality ?

Thanks!

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