



Using mobility and social network data to predict and prevent future pandemics

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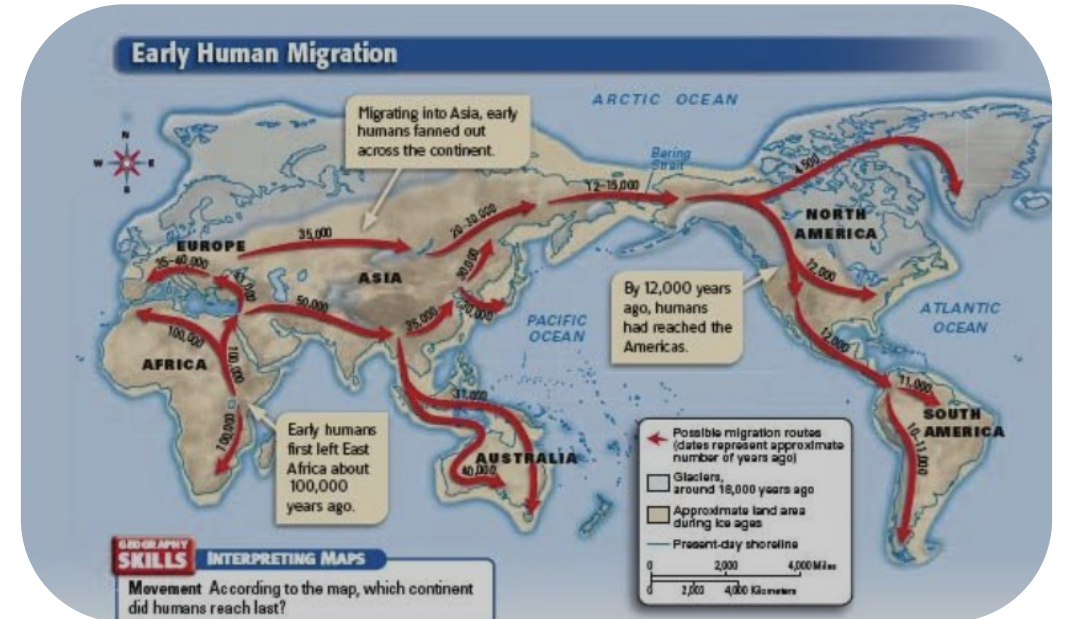
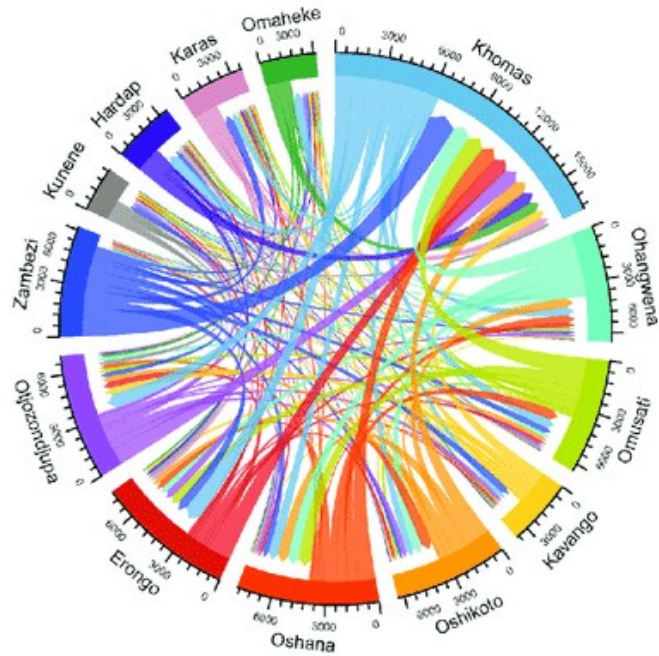
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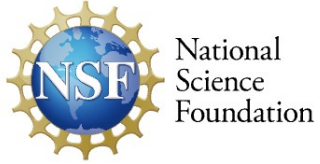
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Why Study Mobility and Social Mixing?





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MAPPS: Central, simple premise

- Infectious disease follows the movement of people
- Understanding how humans interact and move through space and time is therefore fundamental to how disease spread through populations
- If we know who interacts with who and under what circumstances, we could potentially implement targeted interventions that slow or eliminate spread



Epidemiological lens

R_0 the Basic Reproductive Number

$$R_0$$

- Important measure of epidemic potential
- **Answers the question: on average, how many new infections will a primary case produce when introduced into a totally susceptible population**
- $R_0 > 1$ means continued spread
- $R_0 < 1$ epidemic dies out

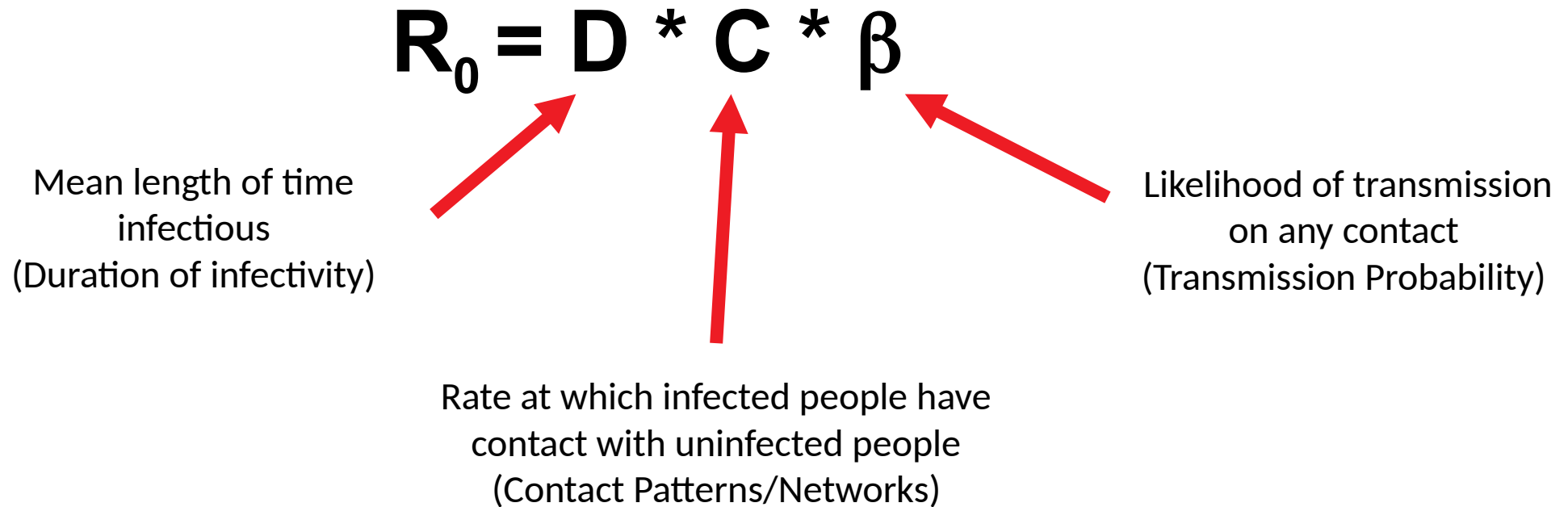
The Basic Reproductive Number: How Fast Will An Epidemic Grow?

$$R_0 = D * C * \beta$$

Mean length of time infectious
(Duration of infectivity)

Rate at which infected people have contact with uninfected people
(Contact Patterns/Networks)

Likelihood of transmission on any contact
(Transmission Probability)



Outline



- I. Rationale for MAPPS
- II. Main components of MAPPS
 - Brief overview of MAPPING@Brown Project
- III. Overview and structure of the workshop

MAPPS Project Components



Our grand challenge:

How can we best measure and use human mobility and population mixing data to inform real-time pandemic responses across a range of pathogens and under conditions of uncertainty while balancing benefits, risks and harms?



Data

Device

**Modeling and
Prediction**

**Ethics, privacy,
confidentiality**



Data

Collect, catalogue and make publicly available data on human mobility and social mixing

Federated database; data protections

Data clearinghouse for pandemic researchers



Develop new technologies for measuring mobility,
social interactions and biometrics

- wearables, phone apps

Develop methodologies for analysing and using
“passive” surveillance data


- Swipe cards, wifi login

Device



Modeling and Prediction

To use data from our devices and library of studies to model the impact of new pathogens spreading through a network and to identify potential interventions that could slow disease spread



To infuse our work with a strong ethical foundation,
addressing issues of privacy and confidentiality

To think critically and educate the Brown community about
big data, privacy and confidentiality

To develop MAPPS ethics primer, a Q and A addressing
likely ethical concerns of app users

Ethics, privacy, confidentiality



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MAPPING@Brown: Main Goals

- Measure the social network at Brown University
- Use the social network data to populate flexible and realistic mathematical models of disease transmission
 - Intervention assessment: Explore transmission dynamics under different scenarios of social mixing and mobility
- Simulation exercise
 - Introduce a virtual pathogen with specific epidemiological characteristics into the network and observe spread through the network
 - Identify point of intervention/changes in social mixing that would be effective at elimination or containment of the virtual pathogen



MAPPING@Brown: Overarching, proof-of-concept study

- 18-month goals:
 - Device development
 - Deep community engagement
 - Pilot in Brown School of Public Health in AY 2022/23
- 5-year goal:
 - To map the entire social network at Brown (!)
- 5-10 year goal
 - Add biometrics and other measurements;
 - Discover wider applications

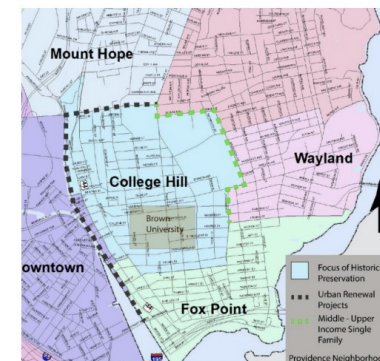


MAPPING@Brown

- More to come about this in the breakout sessions!



Mobility Analysis for Pandemic Prevention Strategies



Help Brown University researchers and professors in developing robust computer models to predict and reduce the spread of potential disease outbreaks by **donating your location data for 90 days**.

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MAPPS 18-month and 5-year goals

MAPPS	18 Month Vision	Five Year Vision
Thrust 1: Data 	Develop methods for collating, cataloguing and analyzing existing data streams on human mobility and social networks	Launch a secure human mobility and social network data clearinghouse with robust infrastructure for accessing and sharing data in real-time
Thrust 2: Device 	Identify core functions of and overcome technical impediments to developing a novel wearable device	Pilot test a wearable device capable of measuring social networking, mobility and biometrics in real-time
Thrust 3: Models & Decisions 	Develop modeling methodologies leveraging existing data sources to describe the impacts of social networking and mobility on pandemic potential at multiple scales to inform decisions	Create an open-source mathematical modeling platform fed by new and existing data sources to predict pandemics in real-time
Thrust 4: Ethics & Community Engagement 	Support work across each thrust focusing on ethical applications of big data in pandemic preparedness; Select appropriate secure systems and integrate privacy algorithms	Operate as a center of excellence in pandemic preparedness and a leader in the ethical use of big data to guide pandemic preparedness activities



NSF PIPP Phase 2

RFA not yet released

Approximately 7 years and \$20-25 million

Workshop Purpose & Structure

Privacy and Ethics in Pandemic Data Collection and Processing Websites



Workshop Website

<https://mapps-brown.github.io/workshop2023/>

The workshop materials can be found here. We will post materials to this website throughout the week.



ICERM Website

https://icerm.brown.edu/topical_workshops/tw-23-pep/

The daily agenda will be posted here, and ICERM will live stream the keynotes each day.



Purpose

- Develop a framework for state of the art privacy and ethics protection in the context of pandemic data collection and processing;
- Develop protocol for MAPPING@Brown exercise;
- Develop new collaborations for Phase 2 PIPP Application.



Desired Outcomes

1. **Data:** Prioritized list of data needs for measuring movement and social mixing during MAPPING@Brown
2. **Privacy and Ethics:** Concrete approaches to managing the ethical issues that arise from collecting, managing, analyzing, and sharing human mobility and social mixing data
3. **Technical Execution:** Outline the technical approaches to responsible use of shared data
4. **Modeling:** Outline modeling and simulation scenarios using MAPPING@Brown data to facilitate optimal prediction and prevention of future pandemics
5. **Data Sharing:** Identify techniques for ethically using multi-party computation to analyze mobility and social mixing datasets from multiple institutions at once



Structure

- Distinguished keynote speakers;
 - Breakout sessions in which we ask for your input in the design, ethics, implementation and analysis of MAPPING@Brown
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- Small, focused, interdisciplinary and participatory;
 - Plenty of time for discussions
 - Lots of unstructured time
 - These walls can speak

Breakout Sessions

Focus on MAPPING@Brown exercise



Solving specific ethical, technical and analytical issues
arising in MAPPING@Brown exercise

Breakout Sessions

Focus on MAPPING@Brown exercise



Breakout 1

What data will we collect during MAPPING@Brown in order to map mobility and social mixing patterns within the Brown community? How and how often might these data be collected?

Data collection

Tuesday, 3:00-4:30 PM
Led by Mark Lurie

Breakout 2

How might we approach the ethical issues that arise from collecting, managing, analyzing, and sharing the types of data identified in Breakout 1?



Ethical
concerns

Wednesday, 1:15-2:45 PM
Led by Julia Netter

Breakout 3

How can we protect participants' right to privacy on a technical level using cryptographic approaches like differential privacy, which guide what questions we can ask of our data without risking reidentification or other harms?



Privacy
protection

Wednesday, 3:15-4:45 PM
Led by Anna Lysyanskaya



Breakout 4

How do we make best use of the social network data we will gather in MAPPING@Brown and what can we use that to advance network science?

What is the optimal design of an embedded outbreak simulation using MAPPING@Brown data to inform our efforts to predict and prevent future pandemics?



Simulation
design &
analysis

Thursday, 10:30-12:00 PM

Led by Thomas Trikalinos, Jason Gantenberg,
and Aditya Khanna

Breakout 5

How can we use multi-party computation to enable researchers to analyze MAPPING@Brown-type datasets from multiple institutions in conjunction?

Data storage
&
collaboration

Thursday, 3:15-4:45 PM
Led by Anna Lysyanskaya

MAPPING@Brown Breakouts



The MAPPS Team

MAPPS Team: Principal investigator



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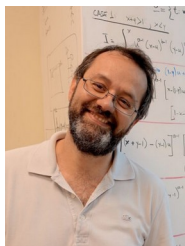
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- **Aquielle Person**, RA with the Pandemic Center at Brown University
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**Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?**