

CS 8803 Data Analytics for Well-being: Data Modeling I

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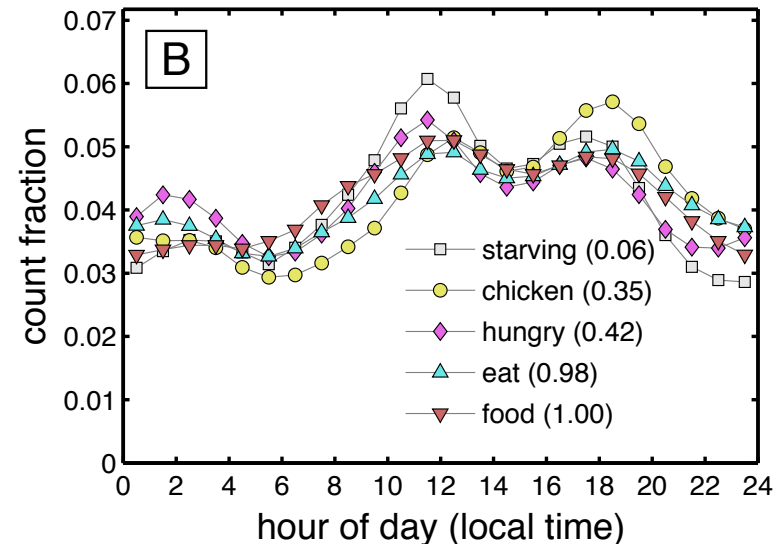
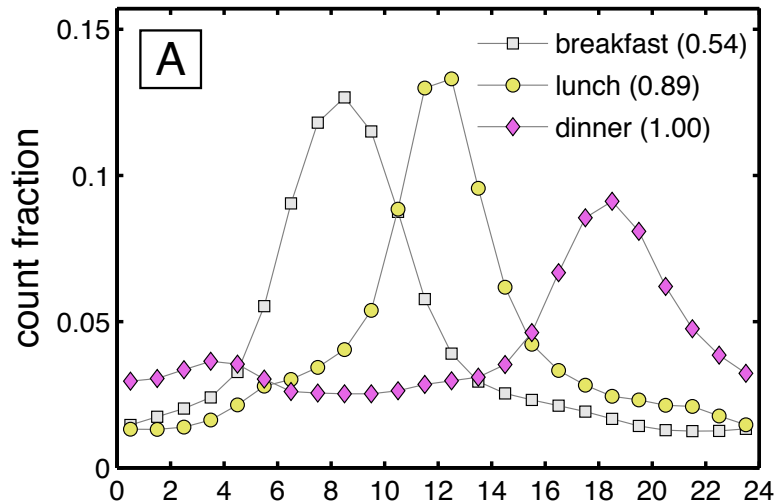
Temporal patterns of
happiness and information in
a global social network:
Hedonometrics and Twitter

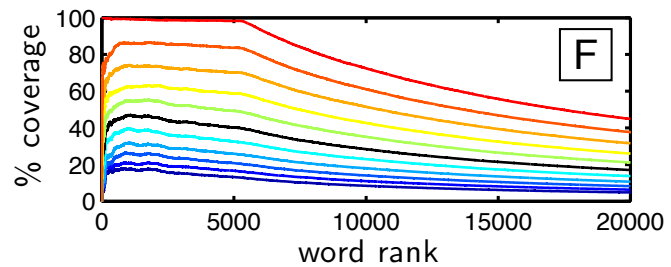
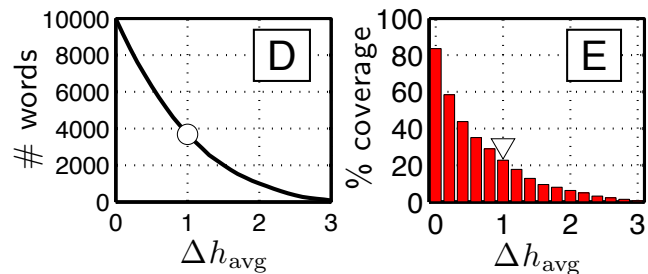
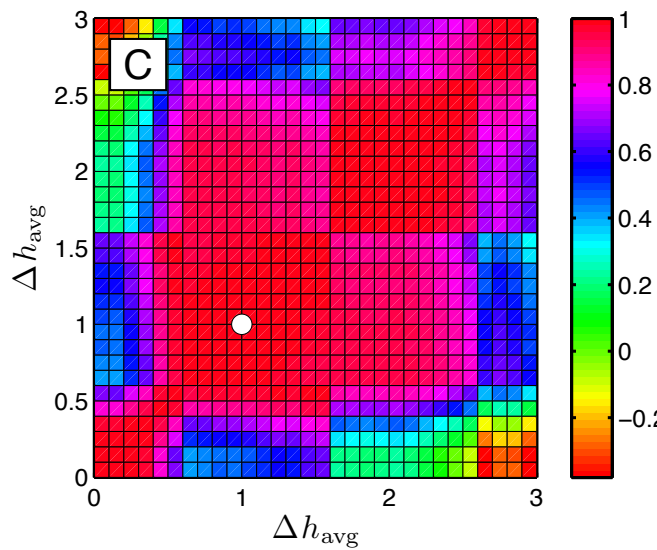
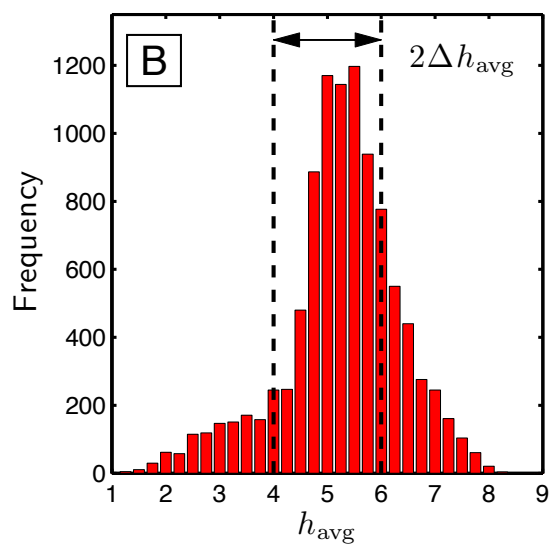
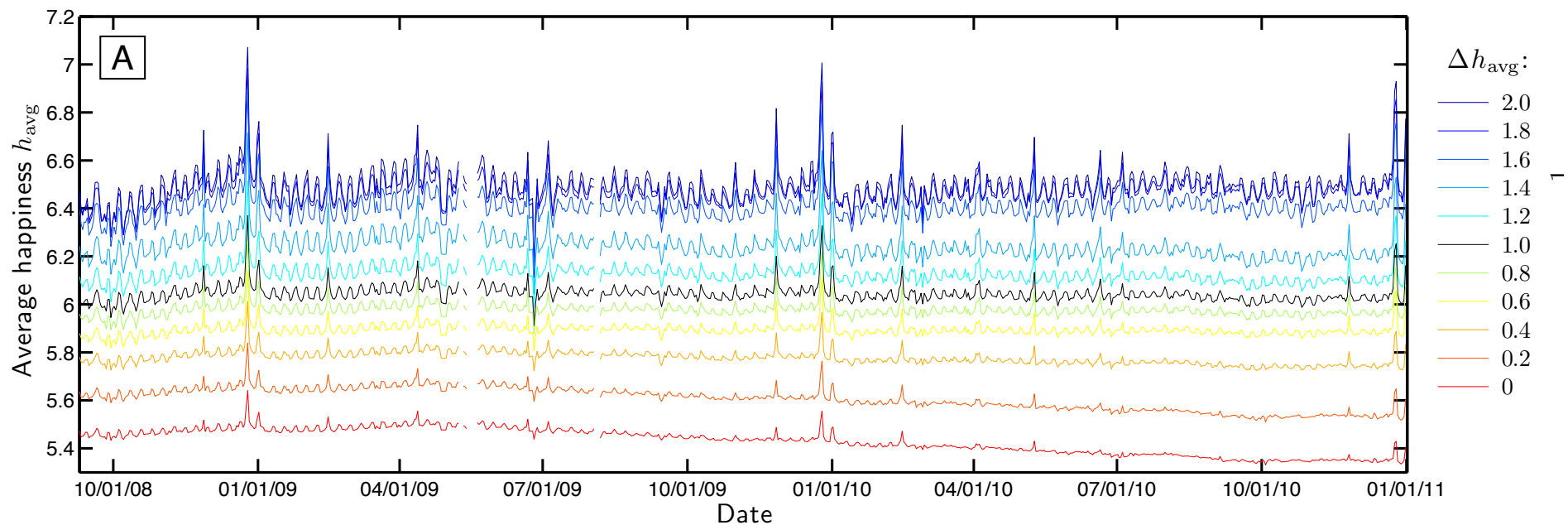
Main Idea

- The article says the following about the web: “a collective, open recording of an enormous number of transactions, interactions, and expressions, marking a clear transition in our ability to quantitatively characterize, and thereby potentially understand, previously hidden as well as novel microscale mechanisms underlying sociotechnical systems”
- Method (a hedonometer): use of word frequency distributions combined with independently assessed numerical estimates of the ‘happiness’ of over 10,000 words obtained using Amazon’s Mechanical Turk

Contributions and Findings

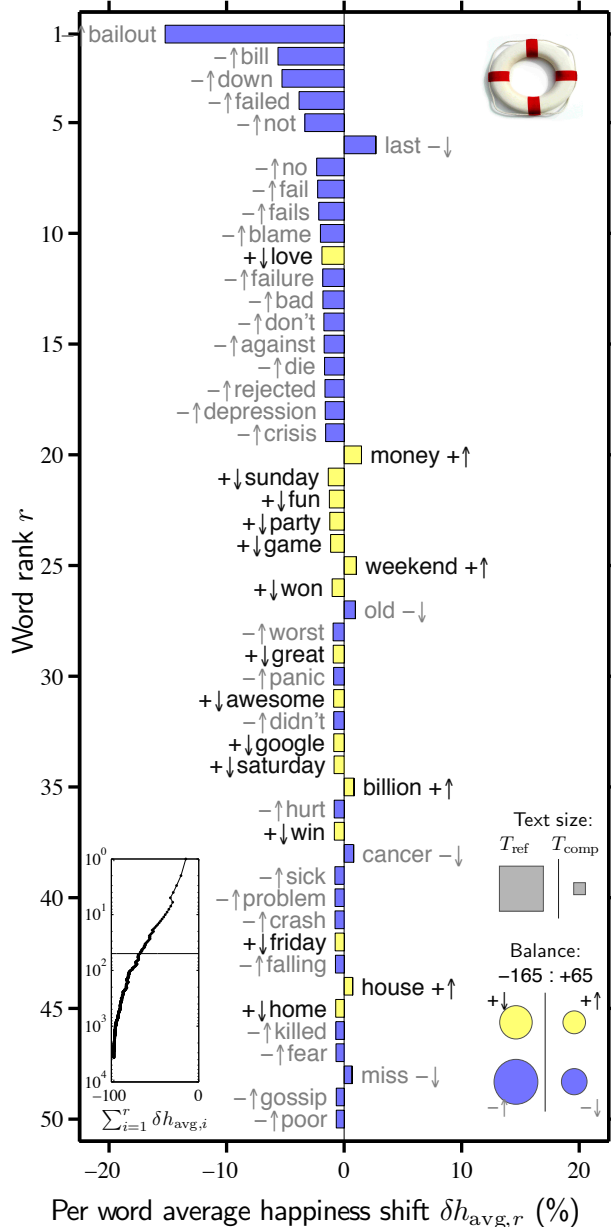
- The paper explores happiness as a function of time, space, demographics, and network structure.
- Examine temporal variations in happiness including: the overall time series; regular cycles at the scale of days and weeks; time series for subsets of tweets containing specific keywords; and detailed comparisons between texts at the level of individual words.





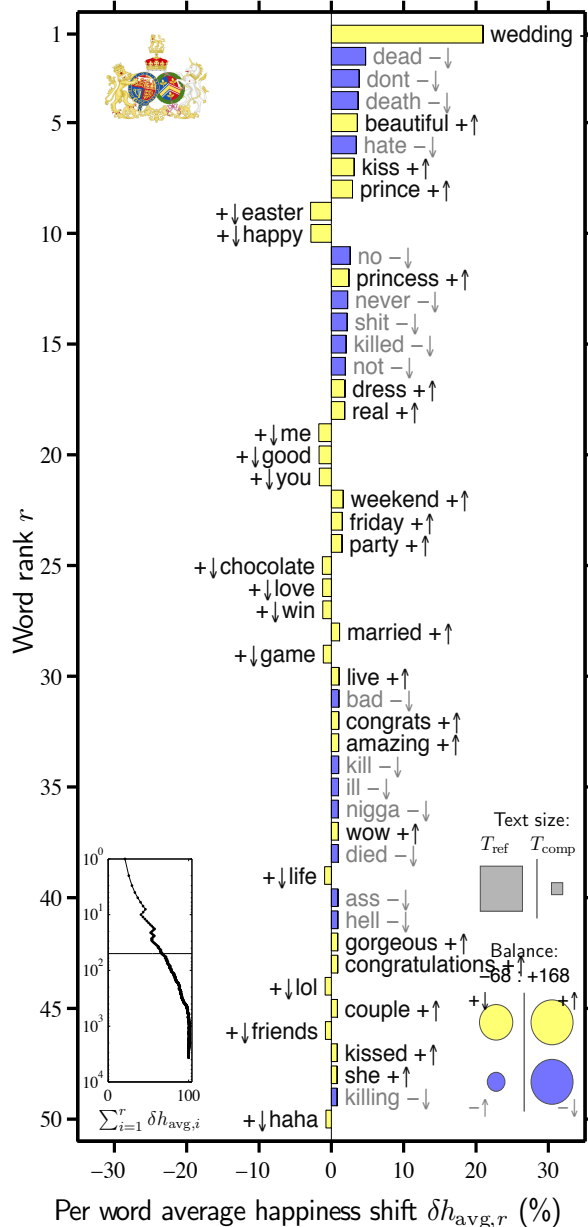
Bailout of the U.S. financial system:

A T_{ref} : 7 days before and after ($h_{avg}=6.00$)
 T_{comp} : Monday, 2008/09/29 ($h_{avg}=5.95$)



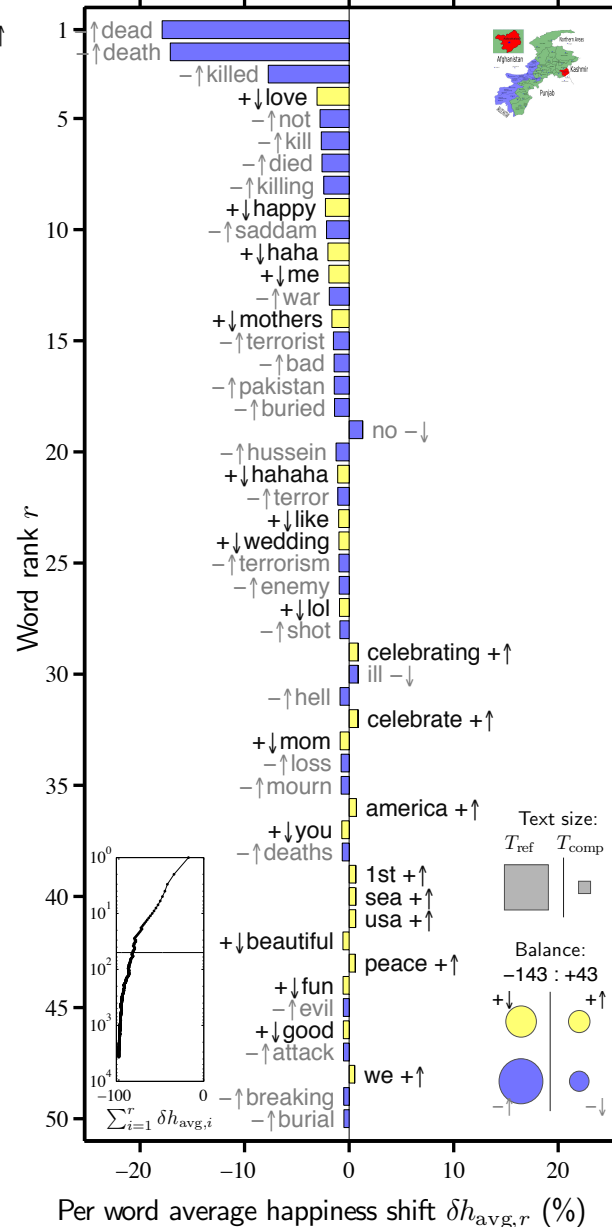
Royal Wedding of Prince William & Catherine Middleto

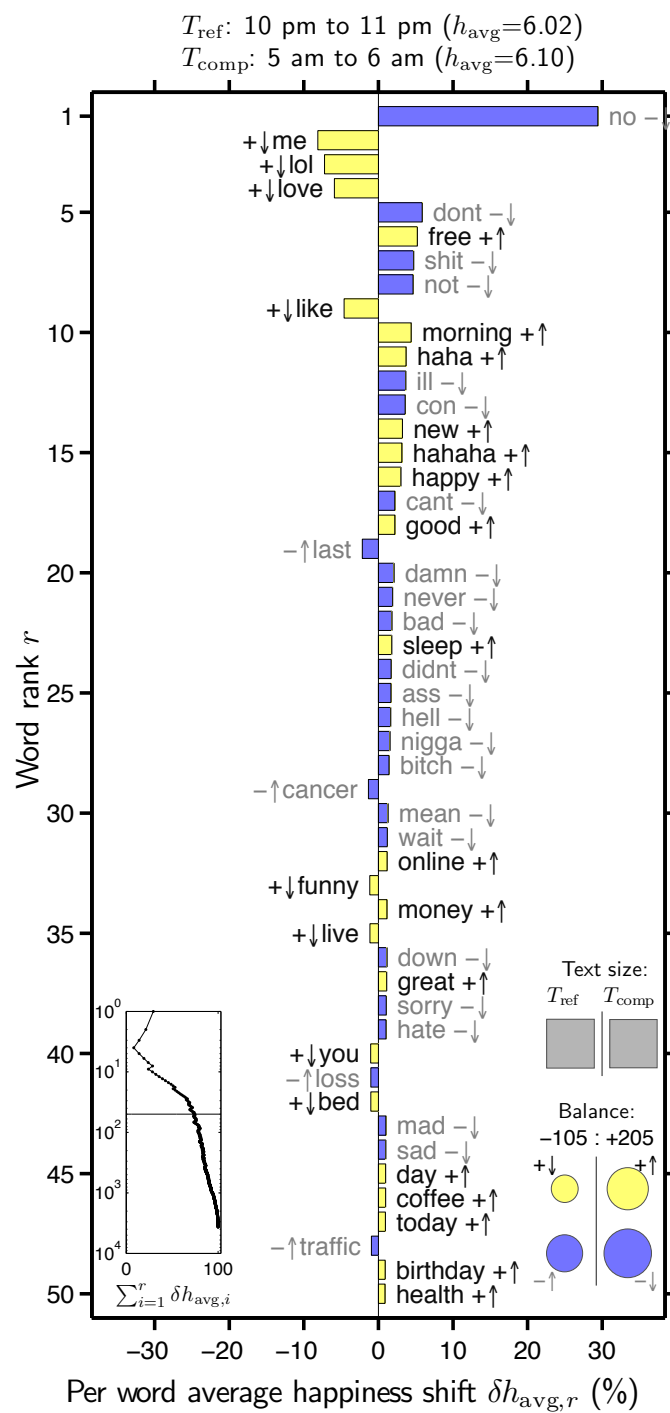
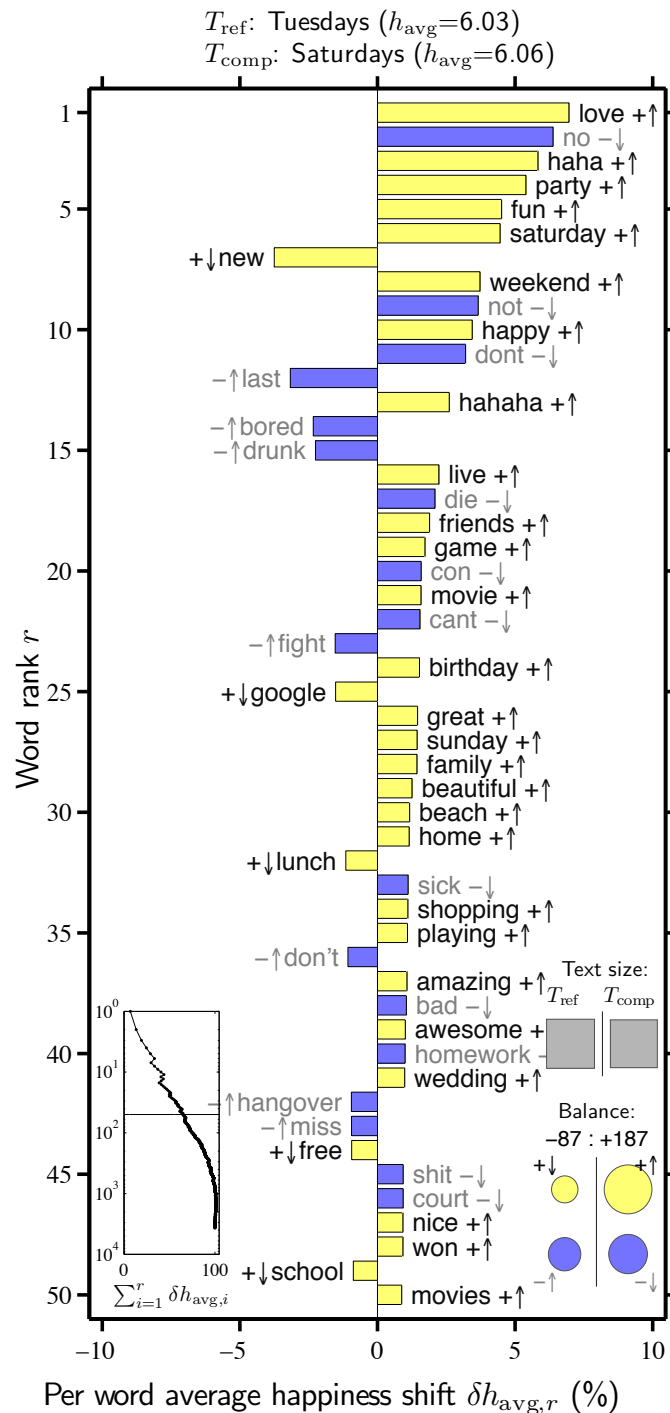
B T_{ref} : 7 days before and after ($h_{avg}=5.98$)
 T_{comp} : Friday, 2011/04/29 ($h_{avg}=6.04$)



Death of Osama Bin Laden:

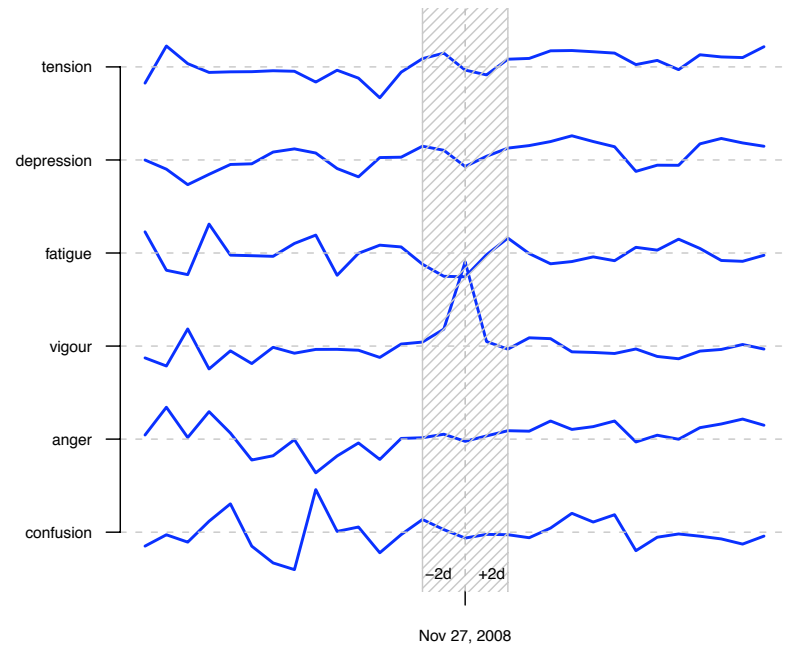
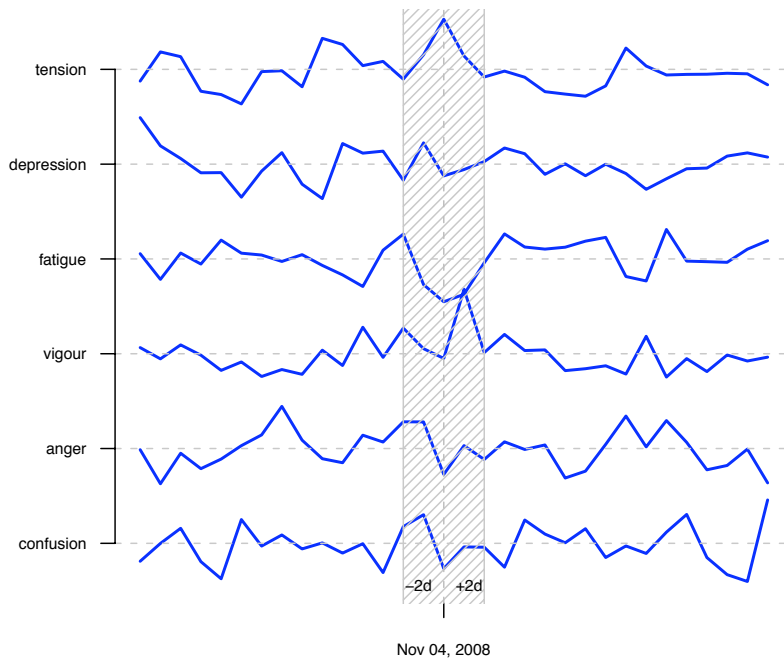
C T_{ref} : 7 days before and after ($h_{avg}=5.98$)
 T_{comp} : Monday, 2011/05/02 ($h_{avg}=5.89$)





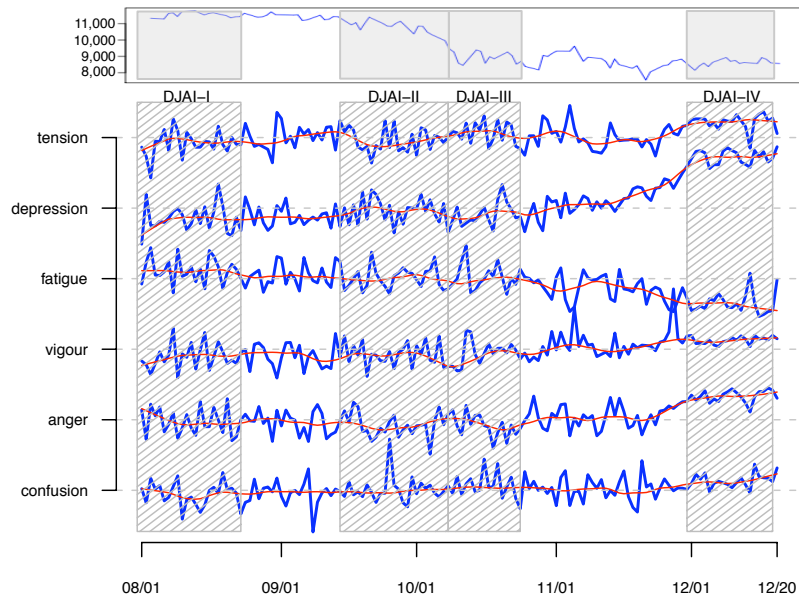
Modeling Public Mood and Emotion: Twitter Sentiment and Socioeconomic Phenomena – (Bollen, Pepe, Mao, 2010)

- Examine how Twitter moods reflect social, political, and economic events
- Use POMS (profile of mood states) for detecting mood-indicative twitter posts.
 - POMS dimensions: tension, depression, anger, vigor, fatigue and confusion
- Investigate how a six vector representation of moods deviates during different big scope events.
- High stress/tension during elections; excitement/vigor during thanksgiving.



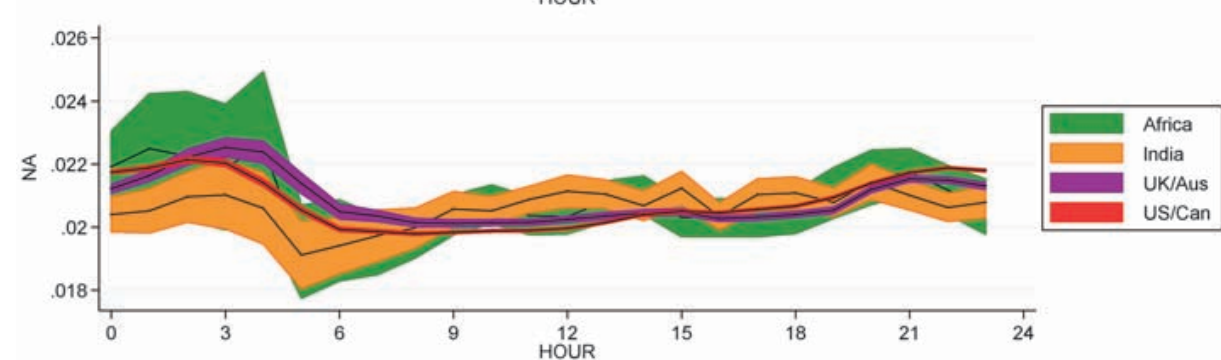
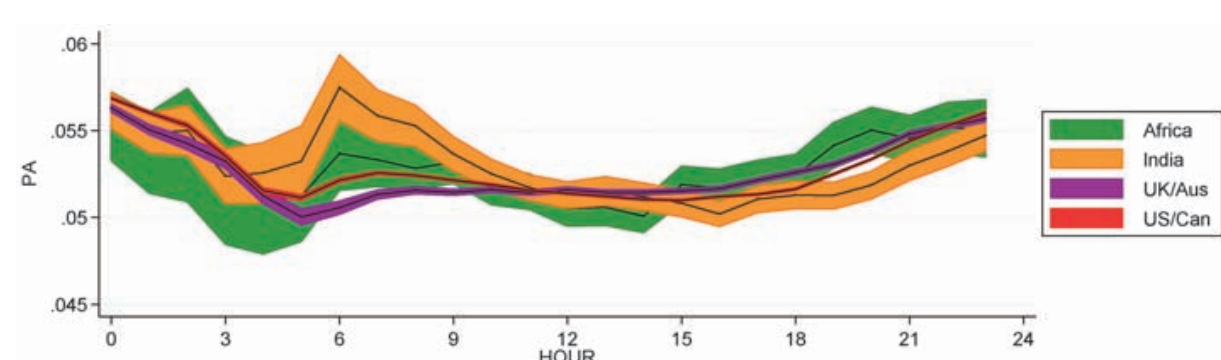
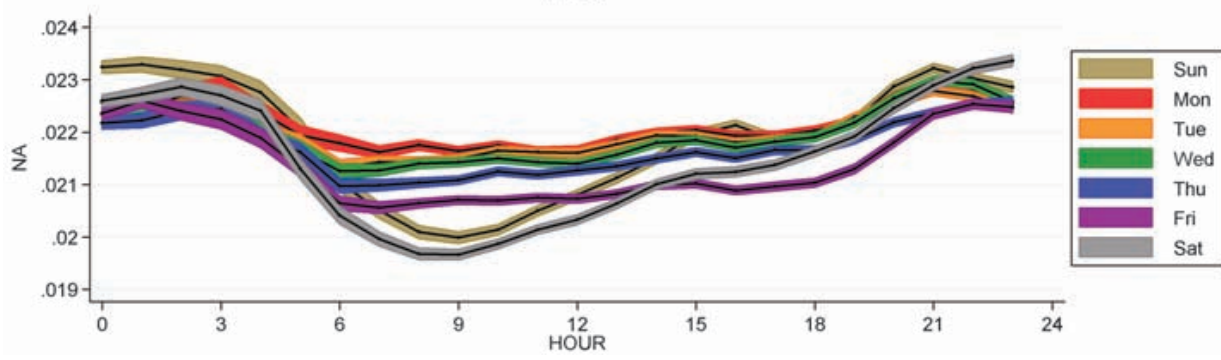
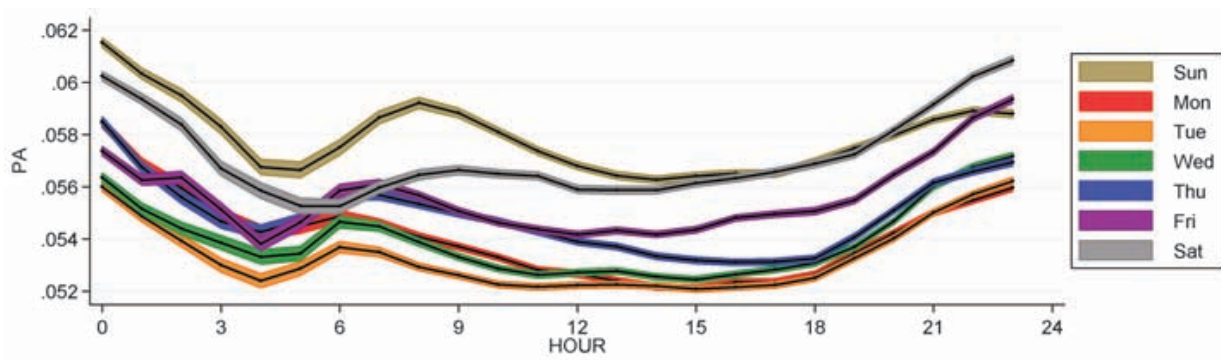
2008 Presidential elections

Thanksgiving



Diurnal and Seasonal Mood Vary with Work, Sleep, and Day length Across Diverse Cultures

- One of the early works examining relationship between social media mood and behavior and psychological theories.
- Identify daily and seasonal mood variations and relate it to work, sleep and daylight.
- Validate circadian rhythms in humans.
 - PA spike in the morning, NA increases as the day progresses
- Measure positive affect and negative affect based on the lexicon LIWC.
- PA and NA are not mirror images of each other.



Is measurement of positive and negative emotion sufficient for assessing the well-being of populations?

astonishment
eagerness
curiosity

inspiration
desire
love

irritation
disgust
alarm

activated

disappointment
contempt
jealousy

unpleasant

pleasant

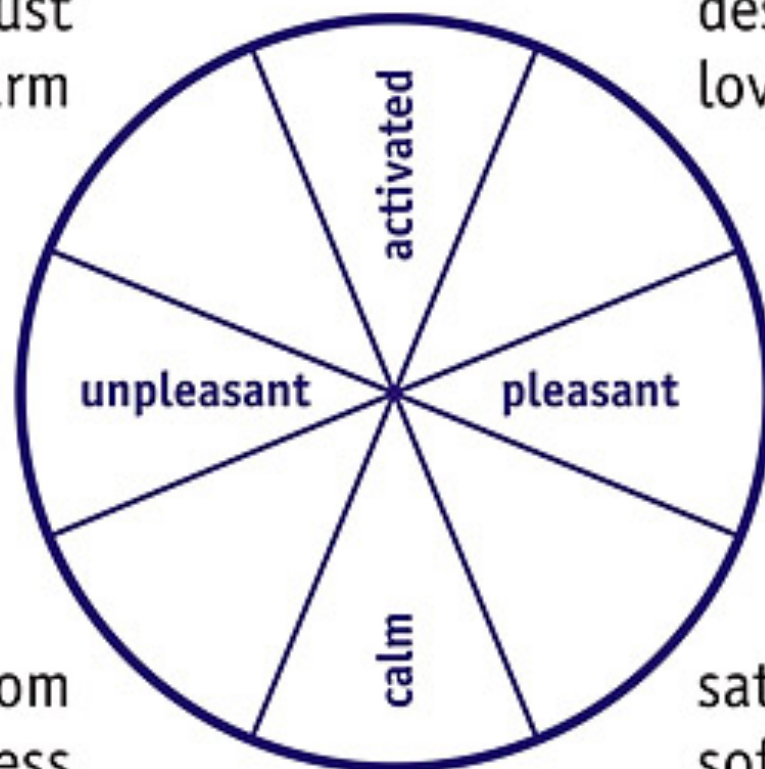
fascination
admiration
joyfulness

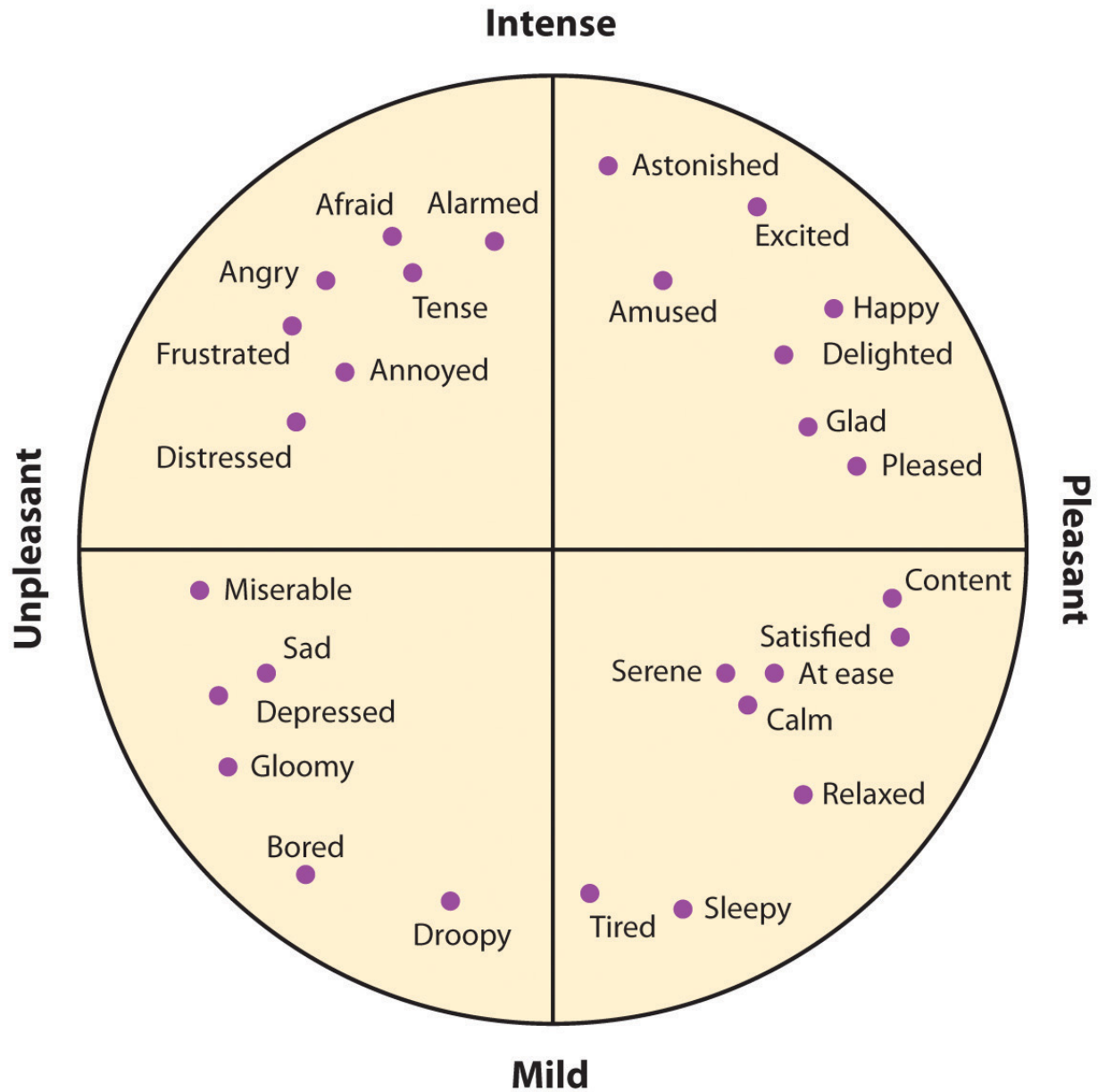
boredom
sadness
isolation

calm

satisfaction
softened
relaxed

awaiting
deferent
calm





The hedonometer algorithm uses ratings from Amazon's Mechanical Turk on words obtained from music lyrics, Twitter, NY Times and Google Books. Are there limitations to this rating gathering approach?

Twitter is used by millions, but could it also have bias?

Dictionary approach of mood detection:
what is its limitation?

True emotion versus displayed emotion on social media: how would you tackle this issue?

People use social media for all kinds of reasons and purposes. Would that affect the moods they express?

Would “self-presentation”, “social comparison” or identity impact the kinds of moods shared?

Can social media manifested emotion have a cultural, demographic, or geographical bias?

Could the moods of certain Twitter users be more “important” than others? (Hint: influencers and contagion)

What are some of the other aspects, not considered in the papers, they may impact mood? (Hint: Aristotle said: “man is a social animal”)

One possible application is to study
Twitter moods during important events,
and how they impact each other.
However can public displays of mood
from others impact our opinions?