Unveiling the Multimedia Unconscious: Implicit Cognitive Processes and Multimedia Content Analysis



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The New Role of Multimedia



flickr 87M users: 2K views each user, each day



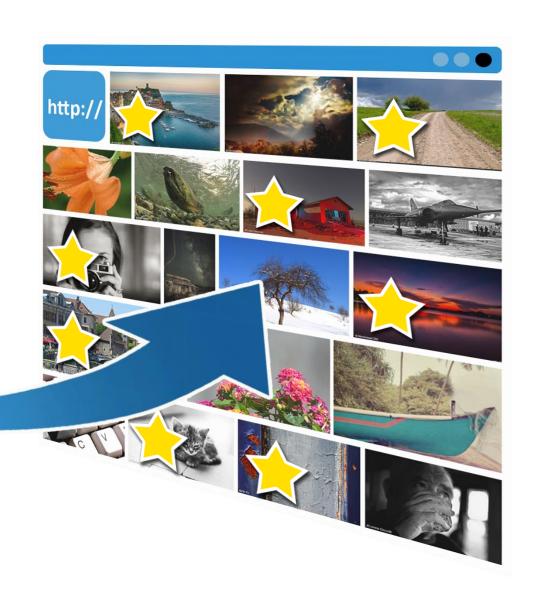
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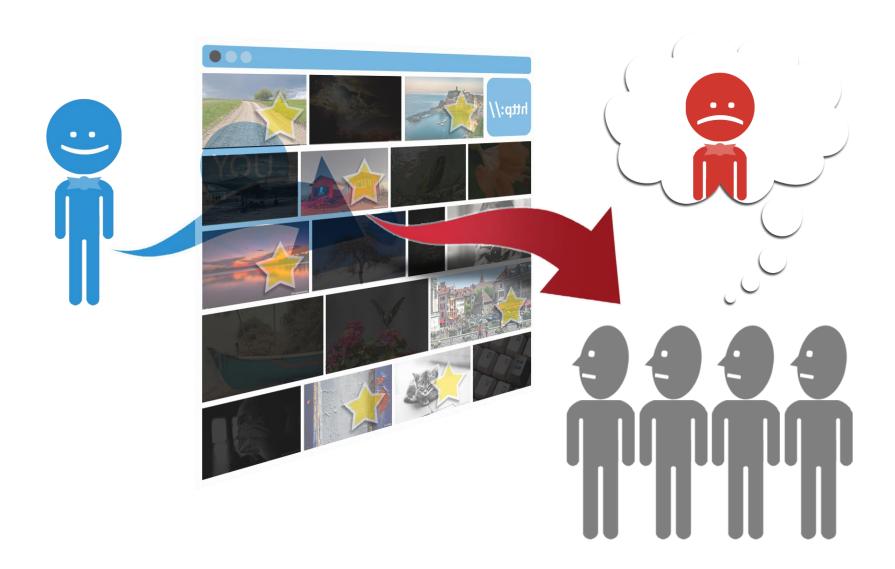
Way to transmit information

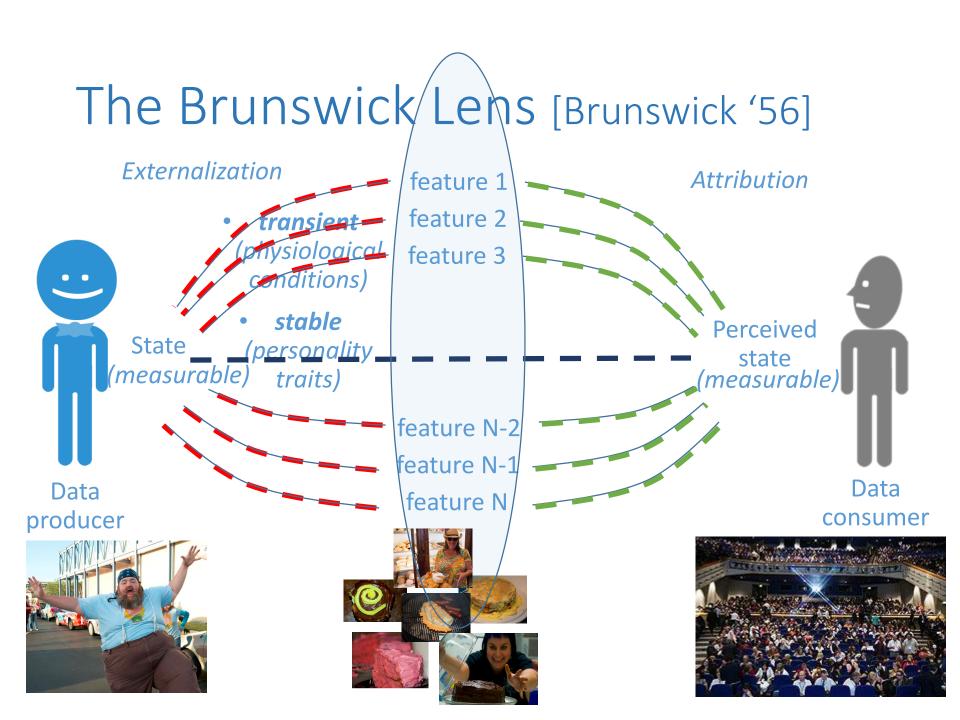


Channel for human-human interaction









Experiments on Images



- 300 Flickr professional users (the data producer)
- For each user:
 - Take 200 random faved images, from which we extract
 - 15 computational aesthetic features [Datta '06]
 - 14 objects, scenes [Felzenszwalb et al. '10,Oliva et al. '01]
 - Let him fill a personality questionary (the Big Five Inventory 10)
 - It gives 5 scores (-4...4) for the personality traits of Openness,
 Consciousness, Extraversion, Agreableness, Neuroticism
 → the State

The Big Five

- Openness: intellectually open, curious, wide interests
- Conscientiousness: responsible, reliable and trustworthy
- Extraversion: interact and spend time with others
- Agreeableness: kind, generous
- Neuroticism: anxious, sensitive

Experiments on Images



- 8 assessors (the data consumer)
- For each assessor:
 - Check the 200 favorites of each user
 - For each user, fill the BFI questionary, inferring how the user could be!
 - We check homogeneity in the scores and the average of the test was computed. → Perceived State

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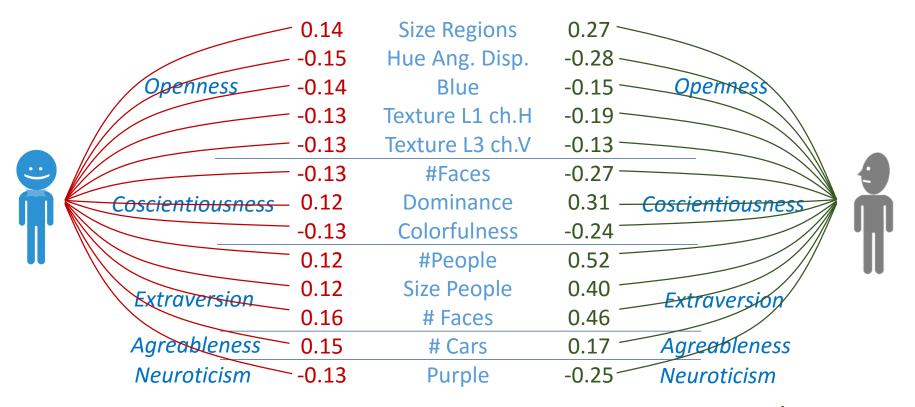




- At this point we want to:
 - 1. Measure correlations state/perc. state, state/feats, perc. state/feats
 - 2. Given the faved pictures of a user
 - infer the state
 - infer the *perceived state*

Experiments - Correlations

Corr. state/perceived state ≤ 0.17



state/feats

perceived state/feats

Extraversion







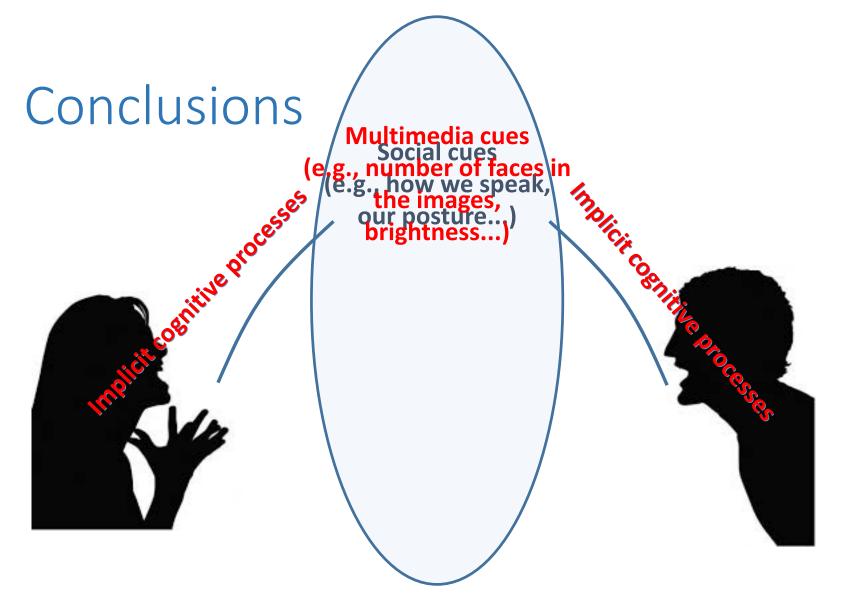
(perceived) High

(perceived) Low

Experiments – Personality Inference

- Regression approach (see the paper), 1-user-out
- Correlation between the regr. output / state labels

Traits	Label	Correlation	
Openness	STATE PERCEIVED	0.25 0.35	
Coscientiousness	STATE PERCEIVED	0.24 0.57	
Extraversion	STATE PERCEIVED	0.28 0.62	
Agreeableness	STATE PERCEIVED	0.20 0.52	
Neuroticism	STATE PERCEIVED	0.14 0.60	



Social Signal Procuringo[Kinciarelli et al. 2008]

Conclusions - Potential Applications

- In Multimedia
 - recommendation systems
 - marketing
 - computational aesthetics
- In CVPR
 - feature learning

Conclusions - Open Questions

 What do we reveal about ourselves when we share multimedia data?

• Is it possible to improve multimedia technologies by taking into account implicit cognitive processes?

 Once we are aware that our implicit cognitive processes can be encoded, how do we change our behavior with respect to the multimedia data?

Our preferred images... what do you guess?









































Thanks!!!

Experiments – Personality inference

- After feature extraction
- Low-dimensional projection of the features on a 2D manifold via Counting Grids [Perina et al. '11]

 Regression on the personality traits via LASSO [Tibshirani '94]

Coscientiousness







High

Low

Regression Results

Traits	Label	Max corr.	Mean (std) corr	% s.s
Openness	SELF	0.25	0.17 (0.04)	100%
	PERC.	0.35	0.32 (0.04)	100%
Coscientiousness	SELF	0.24	0.22 (0.03)	44%
	PERC.	0.57	0.49 (0.05)	100%
Extraversion	SELF	0.28	0.19 (0.05)	88%
	PERC.	0.62	0.55 (0.03)	100%
Agreeableness	SELF	0.20	0.17 (0.03)	55%
	PERC.	0.52	0.45 (0.05)	100%
Neuroticism	SELF	0.14	0.12 (0.07)	7%
	PERC.	0.60	0.54 (0.04)	100%

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 - Example: Agreeableness





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