



Personal Data: The New Charitable Economic Asset

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Today's Agenda

- 10:00 – 10:05 Chairman's Introduction
- 10:05 – 10:25 Keynote Presentation – Simon Hessami
- 10:25 – 10:45 Question & Answer



Today's Speaker

Simon Hessami

Head of the UK & Ireland AI
Center of Excellence

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Poll Question

Have you ever donated personal data?

- A – No
- B – Yes, I understand that my data is my most valuable on-line asset and want it put to good use
- C – Yes, though I don't know how value is generated from it
- D – Yes, for another reason

Personal Data: The New Charitable Economic Asset

Sharing our personal data with academic research organisations to benefit society.



YOUR PHONE, WHEN
YOU SAY YOU WANT
TO BUY SOMETHING

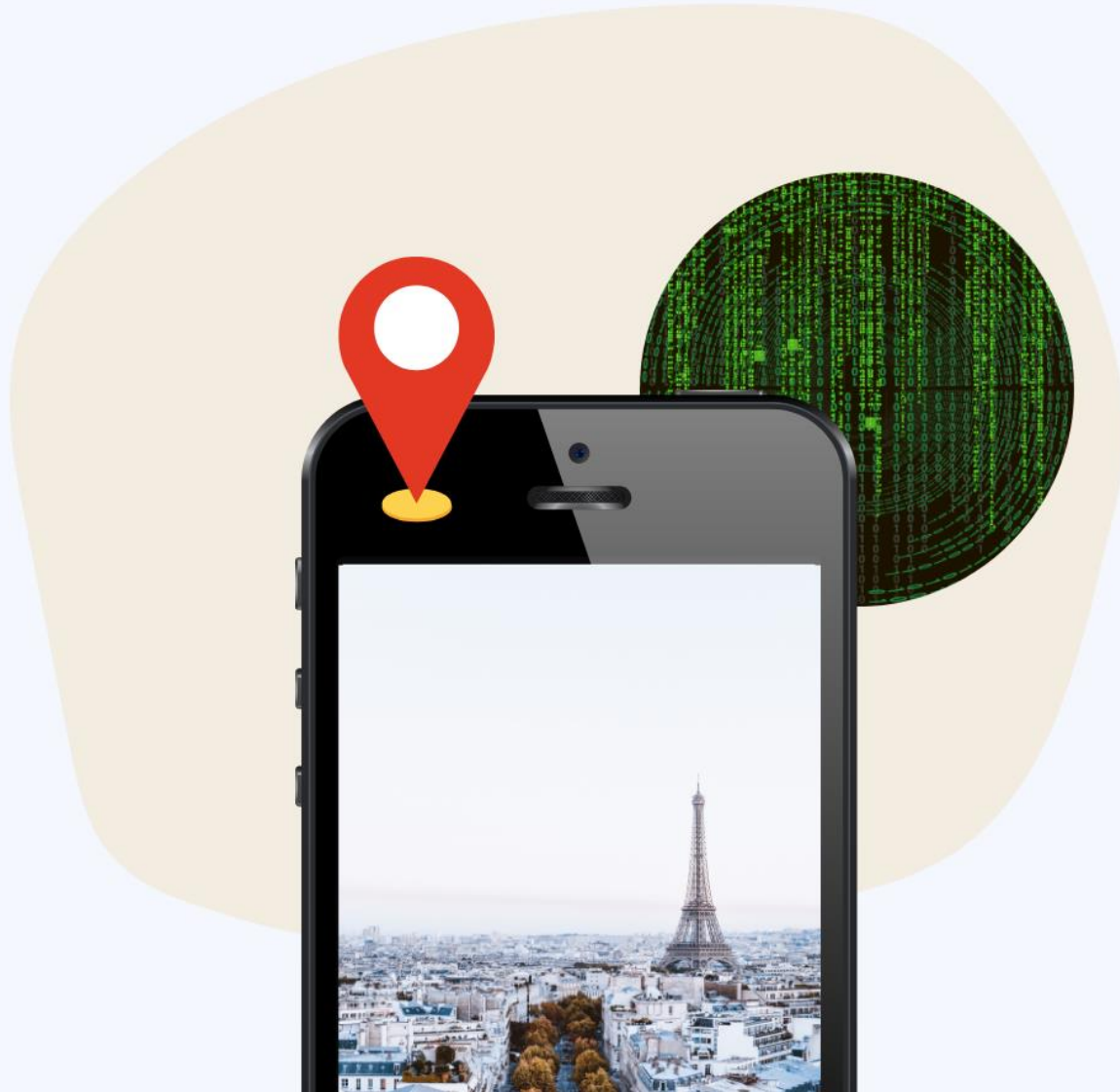


Our **personal data** can be
collected and processed
by private organisations
for commercial benefits

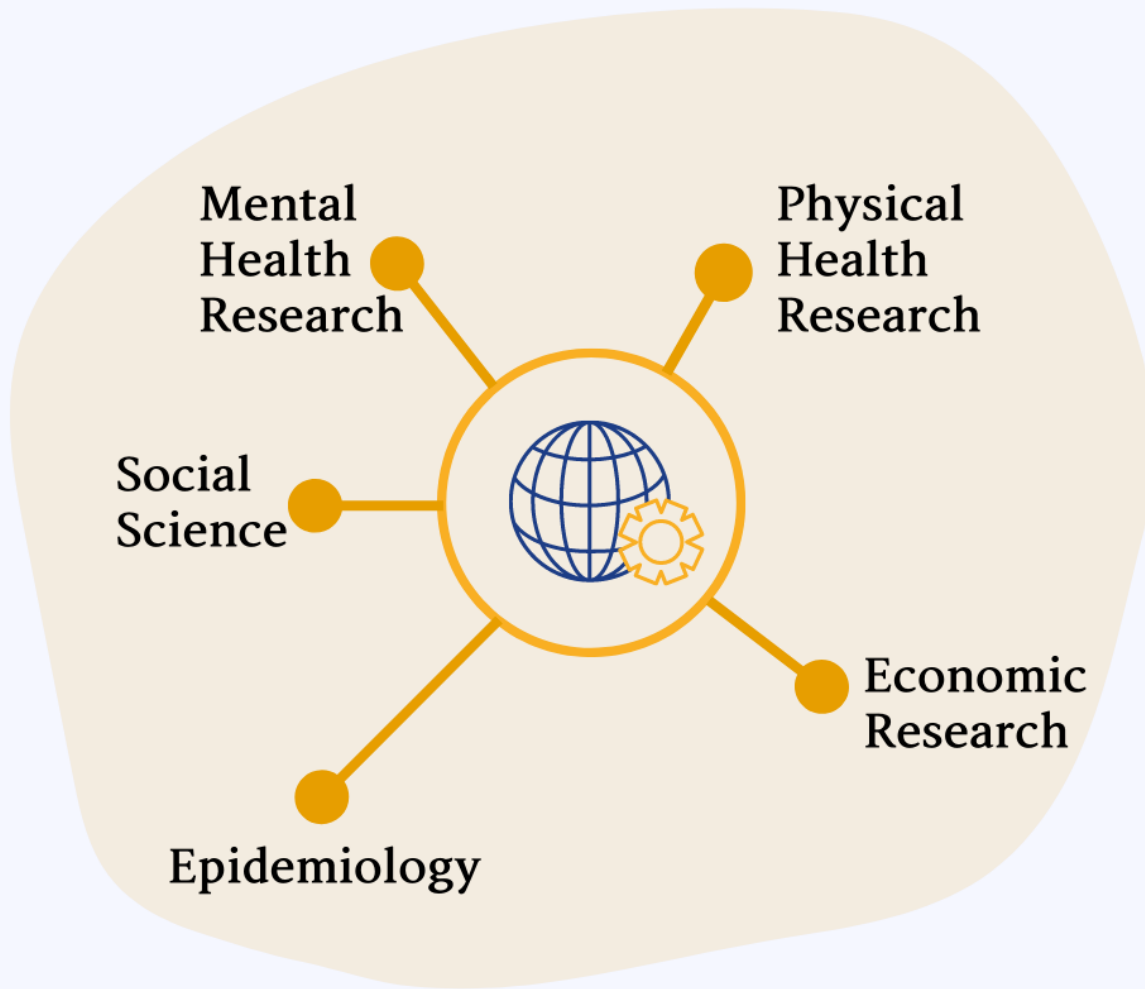




My Personal Experience



My Personal Experience



But a lot more can be done when such data is used for **academic & medical** research.



MOBILE PHONE DATA



EPIDEMIOLOGICAL
RESEARCH

**The use of mobile phone data to
inform analysis of COVID-19
pandemic epidemiology**

Amy Wesolowski et al.

Mobile phone data have been proposed to monitor effectiveness of non-pharmaceutical interventions, to assess potential drivers of spatiotemporal spread, and to support contact tracing efforts.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of
Public Health
Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health
University of Florida

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Epidemiology

The ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has heightened discussion of the use of mobile phone data in outbreak response.

RETAIL DATA



SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCES
HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

**Those Whose Calorie Consumption
Varies Most Eat Most**

*Anya Skatova, Neil Stewart, Edward Flavahan, James
Goulding*

We used 2,831,403 machine recorded 'meal deal' transactions from 205,781 individuals over the course of one year from one of the UK's largest suppliers of lunch time foods to investigate whether there is a relationship between patterns of choice and higher calorie consumption.

Alan Turing Institute
University of Bristol
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Health-related Behavior

Unhealthy eating habits are associated with higher mortality rates and various negative health outcomes, including diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and various types of cancer.

MOBILE PHONE DATA



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
RESEARCH

**Predicting poverty and wealth from
mobile phone metadata**

Joshua Blumenstock, Gabriel Cadamuro, Robert On

Accurate and timely estimates of population characteristics are a critical input to social and economic research and policy. In industrialized economies, novel sources of data are enabling new approaches to demographic profiling, but in developing countries, fewer sources of big data exist.

University of Washington
University of California Berkeley

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Predicting Poverty & Wealth

An individual's past history of mobile phone use can be used to infer his or her socioeconomic status.

MOBILE PHONE DATA



MENTAL HEALTH
RESEARCH

**Mobile Phone Sensor Correlates of
Depressive Symptom Severity in
Daily-Life Behavior: An Exploratory
Study**

David C Mohr et al.

Features extracted from mobile phone sensor data, including GPS and phone usage, provided behavioral markers that were strongly related to depressive symptom severity.

Center for Behavioral Intervention
Technologies, Department of Preventive
Medicine, Northwestern University

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Identifying Depression Severity

The objective of this study was to explore the detection of daily-life behavioral markers using mobile phone global positioning systems (GPS) and usage sensors, and their use in identifying depressive symptom severity.



There is a big gap
between commercial &
non-commercial use of
personal data.



Problem 1

The lack of understanding around digital footprints and how data used for research purposes can benefit society.



Problem 2

Collect and storage of such data are outside the mainstream of traditional academia research.

Solution 1

A platform allowing individuals (data owners) to have 100% control over their personal data and offers them a secure way to share and donate data for research benefiting the public.

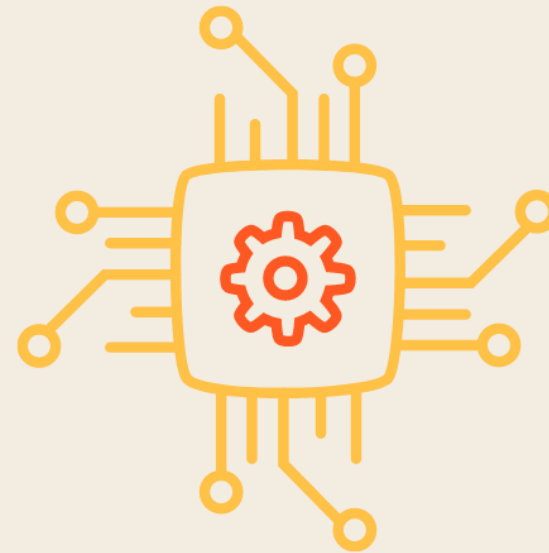
- Find out what the internet knows about them through their digital footprint,
- Assess the value of their data,
- Control who could have access to their personal data and what is done with it.



Solution 2

Crowd-data-sourcing platform helps researchers (data consumers) to access real-life data and use it for research purposes.

- Find datasets for their research projects,
- Getting access to high quality and anonymised data recorded from different sources,
- Taking advantage of automated collection and storage data pipelines to accelerate research processes.



Linking Data Owners & Researchers for Helping Good Causes



1

Anonymisation

AI-powered anonymisation algorithms to guarantee non-stop privacy control.



2

Secure Connections

Secure channels to connect data from different sources.



3

Data Evaluation

Evaluate data power by using machine learning algorithms.



4

Data Access & Security

A framework for regulating or restricting access to use of data.

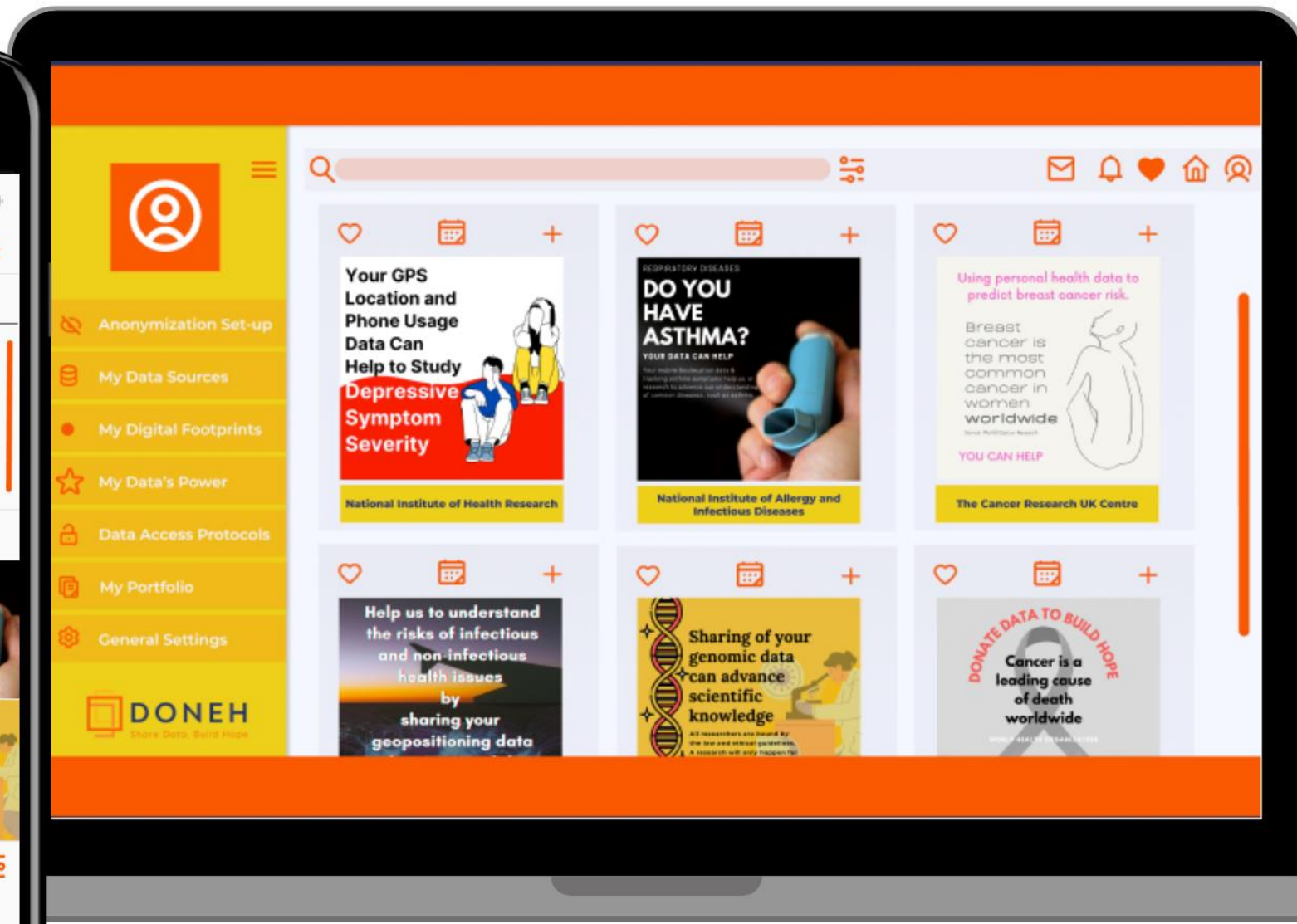


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Transparency

Informing about what is done with shared data.







Comments, Questions & Answers





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- Tue, 18 Oct (16:00-16:45) Dealing With Difficult People At Work
- Tue, 18 Oct (17:00-19:00) US Midterm Election Panel Discussion

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