„Something, that is allegedly secure is not necessarily secure, Something, that is allegedly known might turn out to be unknown. Appearance can be deceptive, our senses can deceive us. Even though experience and knowledge can limit errors, reality also limits those.“

*Inspired by Berthold Brecht*

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The Communication of Criminal Groups on the Internet

New Approaches in Predictive Policing

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Digitization of society

Digitization is in full swing. It affects us all - and makes for a profound change in every area of life. The digital transformation offers great opportunities for a better quality of life, revolutionary business models and more efficient management.
"Automation will reshape entire economies, turmoil labor markets and change the rules of the game in many industries"

Karen Harris, Austin Kimson and Andrew Schwedel (2018)
With the proliferation of mobile devices, the networking of our society has grown rapidly. The IoT exponentially increases this tendency.
Modern society is globally networked, we communicate in seconds with friends, acquaintances and business partners worldwide. However, the **positive possibilities** of using the Internet also have **negative side effects**: cybercriminals have a variety of opportunities. **Crime moves to the Internet, new crime phenomena arise.**
Crime vs revolutionary business
MedEvolve leaked over 200,000 patient information due to server vulnerabilities

MedEvolve is a medical software company based in Arkansas, USA. According to a press release issued on July 10, 2018, MedEvolve faced a data breach that exposed the patient’s personal information. On May 11, 2018, when the company’s staff found a file containing patient data on an FTP server, they noticed the vulnerability. It is worth noting that anyone can access this file.

Although databreach[.]net clearly announced that the exact amount of data leaked was 205,000, no such data was disclosed in MedEvolve’s press release.
Login information for a large number of Mega accounts has been compromised.

Mega, a company founded in New Zealand that provides online cloud storage and files hosting services, is currently found to have thousands of account credentials on its platform that have been publicly posted online. The leaked information is provided as a text file. It is understood that this text file contains more than 15,500 usernames, passwords, and file names, which means that these accounts have been abnormally logged in, and the file name in the account is also crawled.

https://securityonline.info/login-information-for-a-large-number-of-mega-accounts-has-been-compromised/
Hackers sell US military drone documents for $150

https://securityonline.info/hacker-sell-us-military-drone-documents-for-150/
200 million Japanese netizens’ personal data offered on the underground market

In a survey released on Thursday, May 17th, the cybersecurity company FireEye stated that the company’s security team has discovered a set of data sets being sold on underground hacking forums. These datasets involve a large number of sensitive information includes personal identity information (PII) of more than 200 million Japanese netizens.

According to the report description, these data sets were discovered in early 2017, and a cyber hacker suspected of living in China’s Zhejiang Province is advertising for the sale of these data sets. The contents of the data set include name, login credentials (account number and password), email address, date of birth, phone number, and home address.

Australia’s largest bank Commonwealth lost 12 million user bank data

Foreign media BuzzFeed reported that Australia’s largest commercial bank, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), confirmed that two storage tapes containing customer’s name, address, account number, and transaction details record from 2004 to 2016 were identified in a data center transfer mission. Its subcontractor Fuji-Xerox was lost. Including at least 12 million users of bank transaction data.

https://securityonline.info/australias-largest-bank-commonwealth-lost-12-million-user-bank-data/
Crime moves to the Internet, new crime phenomena arise.

- Cybercrime -

Cybercrime covers the offenses that are directed against the Internet, data networks, information technology systems or their data or that are committed by means of this information technology.
Locard's exchange principle

holds that the perpetrator of a crime will bring something into the crime scene and leave with something from it, and that both can be used as forensic evidence.

Dr. Edmond Locard (1877 - †1966)
Physical or digital traces

- fingerprint
- DNA traces
- traces of blood and pattern

Texts
- Short massages
- Chats
- ...

Analyses
- Validation
- Evaluation

circumstances of a crime

evidence

comparison of traces:
- Methods for the comparison
- Definition of similarity
- Evaluation of the results

Systems forensics – traces (data)
Digital Data and Digital traces

Behavior

Digital Individual Digital Footprint
Data ... Information ... Knowledge

Data, counts, numbers
the lowdown
System understanding
Models Modeling
relationship

Modeling Models <-> real System
The **Identity** is the unique personality structure of a human being: **who am I, who am I referring to, who refers to me, what do I define myself and what makes me special?**

**digital Identity:** Any form of technical data that belongs to a person.

**personal Data:** The 5 Dimensions
Communication and content have changed due to the digitalization.

Digital identity and real identity
Modern communication and crime

Modern ways of communication is not only used in order to perform criminal acts, yet especially to plan criminal activities.

Consideration of digital communication for the modeling and simulation of criminal offences.

Combating crime
Digitization of society

4 Dimensions of Big Data

Volume
- mounds of data

Variety
- data and data formats

Velocity
- Data streams

Accuracy
- uncertain data: reliability management and predictability of inaccurate data types

Short messages

Digital Texts

Social Network

Big Data analyzation -- prediction of system states

Cybercrime
Top-Down - Approach

Approaches for modern forensics from the system theory
Methods in information gathering

**Top-down (deductive)**

- Creating experimental data
- Analysis of data and formulation of hypotheses (iterative)
- Validate hypotheses by means of experiments (iterative)
- **Goal:** Identification and characterization of new mechanisms leading to a better understanding of the complex relations in a „populated urban structure“
- Integration in the resilience process

Measurement of overall condition

Data analysis and integration

Network analysis

Modeling

Top-down (deductive)
A **Simulation** is an approach used for the **analysis** of systems which are too complex to be analyzed theoretically or with formulas. This is mostly the case for **dynamic system behavior**. In a simulation, experiments are performed with a model in order to gain knowledge about the real system.

- Discovering of network structures on different levels
- Gathering of the temporal and spatial dynamic of „system“ components using different (environmental) conditions
- Development of detailed mathematical models
- Visualization of networks and the processes taking place within those networks

-> **Understanding of the processes as a whole**
Can we use the *Human Individual Digital Footprint* in the modern forensics?

Digital communication and predictive policing
Communication

Communication of Criminal Groups on the Internet
Human Individual Digital Footprint (HIDF) Network

- Communication
- Information transfer
- Feelings
- Emotions
- Sentiments
- Statements
- Analyses
- Validation
- Evaluation
- HIDF in groups, sub-groups
Virtual groups, where the members mainly (but not exclusively) communicate via computer-aided communication.

In the context of the virtual group, the spatially dispersed members collaborate for a certain amount of time to complete defined tasks.
Computer-mediated communication, which is proceeds via computer networks. In the narrower sense computer-aided communication is understood to be only text communication, as it is typical for exchanging via e-mail, mailing list, newsgroup or chat, for example, and is theoretically modeled using various models.
Communication of Criminal Groups on the Internet

An ontology is a specification of a conceptualization.

Definition of syntax of terms and symbols in a network of associations
Ontologies and Semantics

- oriented in the Topic Map ISO-standard
- readable for humans and processable for computers
- they define terms and symbols referring to a syntax and an association network
- can support the information extraction process in different ways
- can support the visualization of results
Ontologies and Semantics

Forensische Topic Map instantiation

Information Extraction

Template

Treffen

Person

Datum:
Ort:

Person

Template Element Filling

Template Relation

Co-Reference Resolution

named Entity Recognition

Metadaten: author: Franz date: 25.03.2011

Ich treffe mich morgen mit Klaus im Ritz.

...
Ontologies and Semantics

Forensische Topic Map instantiation

Question Answering System

Digital Texts – Ontologies and Semantics
Mona
Mobile Message ANALYZER

SemanTA
Semantic Text ANALYZER

AVATAR
A Victim Analysis Toolbox for Anatomic Reconstruction

SoNA
Social Network ANALYZER
Measurement of communication

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Opinion Leaders in Star-Like Social Networks: A Simple Case?
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- Influence
- Opinions
- Communication
Predictive policing
Advertising ... but

• temporal aspect
• spatial aspect
• Aspect of Data collection
  • Aspect of statistical prediction
  • Aspect of the intervention

Information about future crimes
Predictive policing is a “multi-disciplinary, law enforcement-based strategy that brings together advanced technologies, criminological theory, predictive analysis, and tactical operations that ultimately lead to results and outcomes – crime reduction, management efficiency, and safer communities.” (Uchida 2014)
Predictive policing

End-to-End-Process
Mathematical models and assumptions
Mathematical models and assumptions

- Approaches from epidemiology (diffusion)
- Crime Sociology "Repeat Victimization"
- "Routine-Activity-Theory"
- Rational Choice
- Lifestyle Approach
- Broken Windows-Theory

Geographic Information Systems + space-based algorithms and modeling = Probabilities of crime

Search for patterns
First „statistic of criminal activity“ – people mark crimes on a map. Basic idea – divide in quadrants (grid)
BigData – Predictive Policing

Number of criminal offences and their „conditions“
All still awake?
Near-repeat pattern analysis

Question:
When a criminal event takes place, how does the risk develop in the surrounding area?
→ Repeated attacks at the same or nearby places

\[ P(A|x, t) \rightarrow P(B|x + \Delta x, t + \Delta t) \]

What influence does an assault A at the place \( x \) at the time \( t \) have at a later point in time \( t + \Delta t \) and a nearby place \( x + \Delta x \).

Relations for time and space can be derived from statistics.
Near-repeat pattern analysis

Cyclic-load forecasting

Question:
Are there certain days in the year, certain days of the week or certain times in the day in which more criminal incidents are to be expected?

\[ P(\text{Event}|\text{Point in time}) = P(\text{Event}|\text{Month}) + P(\text{Event}|\text{Day}) + P(\text{Event}|\text{Day of the week}) + P(\text{Event}|\text{Time of day}) + \ldots \]
Result

B \( (x+\Delta, y+\Delta) \)

A \( (x, y) \)

r
Cellular Automata

- Interaction with neighboring cells in a fixed grid
- Neighborly relations have to be determined at the beginning

Graph Automata

- Neighbor geometry can be flexibly modified
- Neighborly relations can change at any time

Definition of neighbors by means of a graph
Graphen Automaten
Securit of a house in an urban structure with a well defined crime rate
Cellular automata and multi-agent systems can be used for the simulation of the dynamic of spatial processes.
Cellular automata model spatial elements such as streets, parcels of land, and buildings. Those are treated as locally fixed objects, whose state can change at a certain point in time. In a first step, these elements are transferred to a cell of a regular grid and saved as the status of this cell.
A second level includes the individual and collective urban actors, which will be called agents. In comparison to the cells, agents are mobile and can move freely through the cell grid, the cellular room. It is possible to define different types of communication between the agents and between the agents and the cell.
Model of an urban system. The system is separated in different levels, which are represented either by the cells of a CA or the agents of the MAS.
Communication as additional input for predictive policing
Social networks -
Sentiment analyses of groups in social networks

Generation of landscapes
Sentiment Detection:
• sub-area of text mining
• automatic analysis of texts with the aim of identifying an expressed attitude as positive or negative

Statistical analysis starts from a basic set of concepts (or n-grams), which is associated positive or negative sentiments.
• Occurrences of positive or negative sentiments
• Comparison
• Designation of trends, opinions Statements

Inside the Web --- feelings, beliefs and personal opinions!
Social networks

Generation of person landscapes from Facebook

PEGIDA – Patriotische Europäer gegen die Islamisierung des Abendlandes
(Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the West)

„Slogan“

- Asylindustrie – asylum industry
- Lügenpresse – lies press
- Volksverräter – public traitor
- Der Untergang des Abendlandes
- „the decline of the West”
- Islamisierung ... Islamic
Social networks

Generation of landscapes from Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/pages/PEGIDA/790669100971515

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Definition of a general **Data Model** – based on the Graph API

Information from FB via API → Data model

“all” relevant Data (Subsets)

Search relations and correlations and sentence
Social networks

CONFERENCE-PAPER
*Towards Predictive Policing: Knowledge-based Monitoring of Social Networks*

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*Since the Arab Spring many countries have seen the phenomenon of mass public demonstrations. The power of such movements is a central concern for governments. In this paper, we introduce a knowledge-based monitoring system for the detection of social network events.*
Social networks – Detection of Information

All information are labeled by time and user!

Analyze der opinion in der Group
a. positive  Sentiment Analyze
b. negative
 c. neutral

Time and geographical Monitoring
Social networks – Detection of Information

• User activities
• Topics
• Subgroups
• User-specific content
• Sentiments of the network
Social networks

Opinions and moods (Sentences)

hot phase

Negative Comment Sentences
Negative Post Sentences
Digitized traces - geographical Monitoring

Digital traces
Social networks – Detection of Information

Content

Meta-data

User-list

All information are labeled by time, locations and user!

Sentiment Analyze

+  

Posible geo-information
BigData from communication – Predictive Policing
Towards Predictive Policing: Knowledge-based Monitoring of Social Networks

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Abstract—Increasing the resilience of the society against disorders, such as disasters, attacks or threatening groups, is one of the biggest challenges. Recent events highlight the importance of a resilient society and steps which are required to be taken in resilience engineering. A priori the optimal way to handle such adverse events is to prevent them, or at least provide appropriate courses of preparation. The essential requirement for every kind of preparation is information about relevant upcoming events. Such information can be gained for example from social networks and can form the basis for a long-term and short-term strategic planning by security forces. For that purpose, an application framework for knowledge-based monitoring of social networks is proposed, which is able to predict short-term activities as well as the long-term development of potentially dangerous groups, and discuss its basic concepts.

Index Terms—forensic; text processing; resilience engineering
• Extraction of profiles for monitoring
• Extraction of post or comment content relating to the threat ontology and a sentiment analysis
→ enables short-term reaction
• Simulation of temporal development of groups and hot-spots
→ enables long-term resource and strategic planning
• Increasing resilience
Opinions and moods (Sentences)

hot phase

rights rioters in Leipzig-Connewitz

Entsetzen in Leipzig
Rechte Randalierer verwüsten Connewitz

Während in der Leipziger Innenstadt das fremdenfeindliche Legida-Bündnis demonstriert, nutzen rund 250 Hooligans die Gelegenheit, in Connewitz einzufallen. Sie ziehen eine Schneise der Verwüstung durch das linksalternative Viertel, bevor die Polizei die Lage unter Kontrolle bekommt.
Social networks – Predictive Policing

- comprised by a set of independent **statistical testing units**
- the role of each unit is **to test the degree of change between sentiment statistics obtained for two points in time**
• an energy value is assigned to each unit

• for each observation (sentiment and comment frequencies), it is decided whether a given unit conducts a statistical test on the new data depending on its energy value

• in the test, the new data is compared to the data the unit processed during the last test! ➔ the network memorizes the data and underlying dynamics!
Sentiment analyses of user comments made on officials PEGIDA’s facebook page → per day ‘temper’ tracking

The networking energy is the sum of all unit energy values → Representation of ‘network awareness’
Social networks – Predictive Policing

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Are energy peaks correlated to major criminal incidents with anti-Islam and anti-refugee background?

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→ Representation of ‘network awareness’
predictive policing 2.0
Number of criminal offences and their „conditions“

Combination of two statistically approaches:

Real world and Digital world

Data from social networks: communication behavior of “virtual” groups
Is this the future of policing?

Is everything allowed?
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