

Using AI for Supporting Cybercrime Investigations

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Challenges for Law Enforcement

- Extent of the problem
 - 200 billion devices by 2020
- Identity in a digital world
 - fluid
 - dynamic
 - Adaptable
- Global aspect





Potential of Artificial Intelligence for LE

- Automatically build, compare and detect user profiles on social media based on their linguistic fingerprint
- Detect false user profiles
- Detect suspicious conversations
- Automatic analysis of image and video content

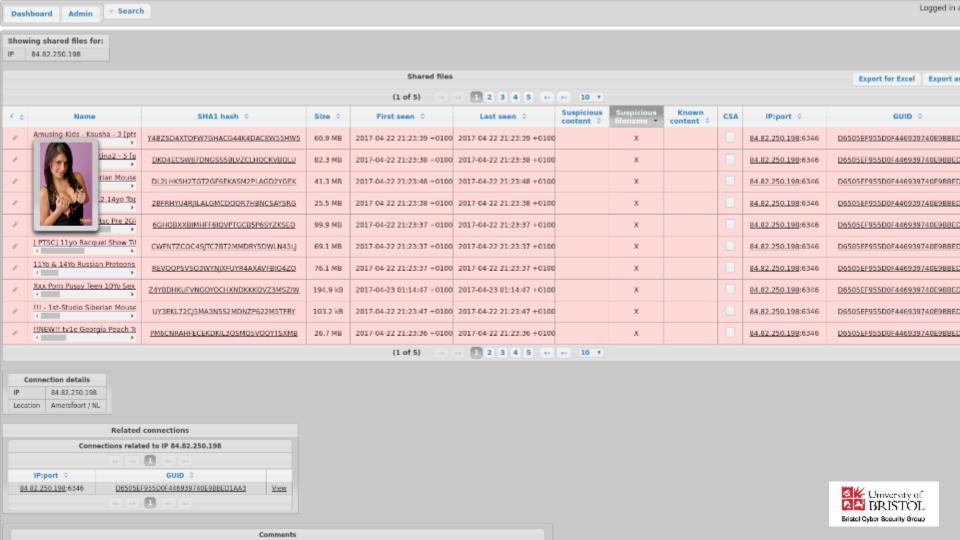


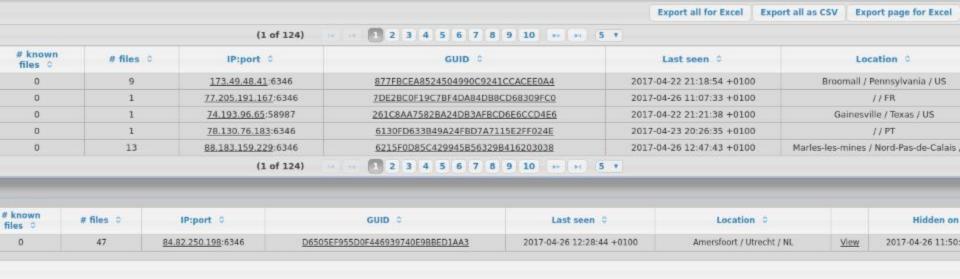


Applications of AI for Cybercrime Detection at UoB

- Online Child Protection
 - iCOP: identifying new CSAM on P2P networks
 - DAPHNE: detecting grooming in online social media
- Mass-marketing Fraud
 - DAPM: identifying deceptive messaging in advanced-fee and romance scams
- Financially motivated cyber crimes
 - AMoC: analyse the social and economic development of cyber criminal careers







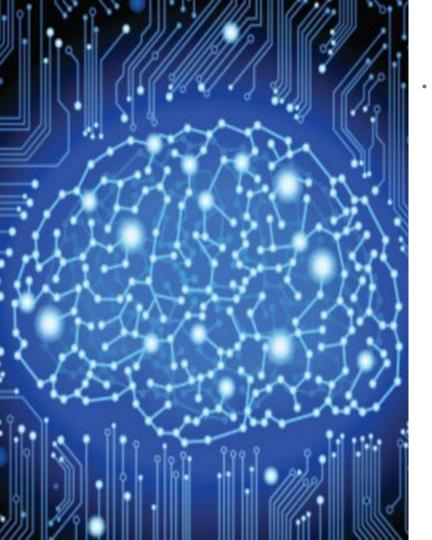


iCOP's false positive rates:

• Images 7.9%

Videos 4.3%

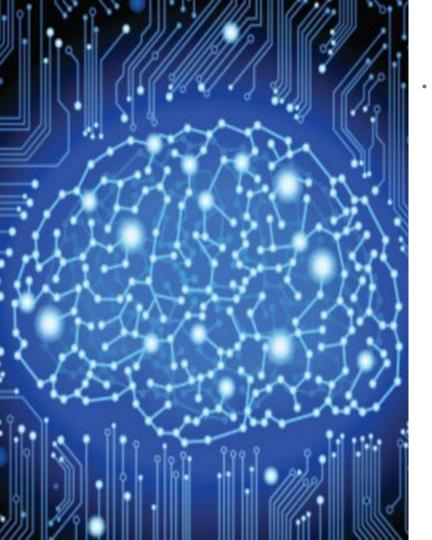




Benefits of Artificial Intelligence

- Match/outperform human performance
 - fraction of time
 - no human limitations
 - consistent performance
- Automatically detect victims at acute risk
- Assign degrees of importance and urgency to items of evidence in order to assess cyber offenders' potential danger to society
- Find useful evidence in a timely manner
- BUT: final decisions are made by human experts





Challenges of Artificial Intelligence

- Projects like iCOP require a multi-stakeholder approach:
 - European Safer Internet Programme
 - Interpol & other LE
 - Multi-disciplinary academic expertise
- Training data is essential: both quality and quantity
- Forecasting is critical to get a step ahead of cybercriminals instead of being a step behind





Research Papers

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