

Serial and Non-Serial Rape in Queensland

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Prevalence



- ▶ 16.4% of women in AUS & NZ will be victims of non-partner sexual violence within their lifetime (Abrahams et al., 2014)
- ▶ 2,359 reported rapes and attempted rapes in Queensland in 2018/19 (QPS, 2019)
- ▶ Estimated that 20% of rapes are committed by strangers in Australia (QPS, 2017)

Serial Rape



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SPORTS FINAL

Chance of showers, 85/74 Monday, July 27, 2015

DAILY NEWS


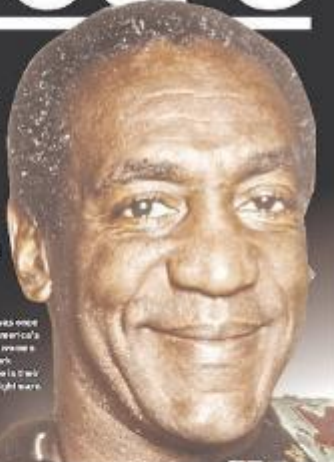
NEW YORK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Cosby's victims unite in show of strength

America's rapist

**35 brave women
come together to tell
their stories, show
their faces and speak
to the evil of a man
we once all loved**

8.8 Cosby was once known as America's Dad, but 35 women's bold New York magazine led his revealing night mare



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BOBBI KRISTINA BROWN DEAD AT 22

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Sneak Peek

- ▶ Serial rapists are more cold, calculating, and knowledgeable regarding evidence
- ▶ Non-serial rapists engage in crimes of opportunity that involve alcohol, and are generally more interpersonal

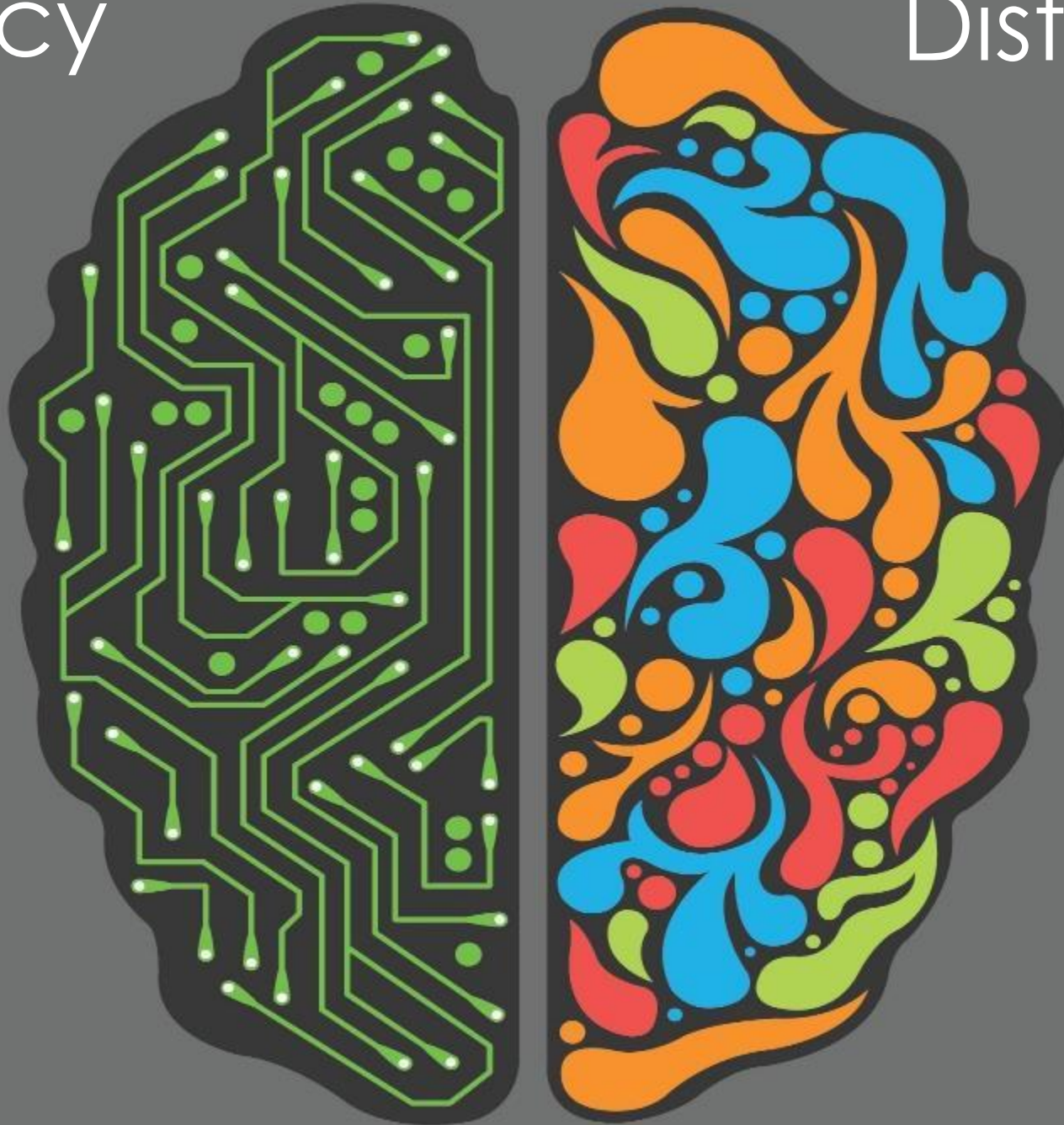




Case Linkage

Consistency

Distinctiveness



Research Questions

- ▶ Do serial rapists (as a group) display behaviours that are distinct to non-serial rapists?
- ▶ Are the principles of offender consistency and distinctiveness and the practice of case linkage supported within this sample of Australian rapists?
- ▶ Can offence behaviours be used to discriminate between serial and non-serial rapists?



Definitions



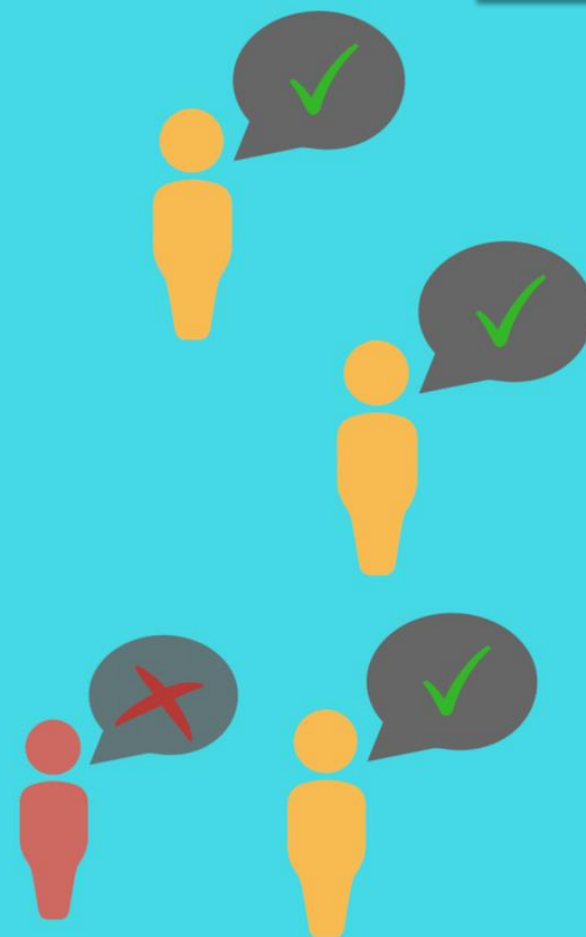
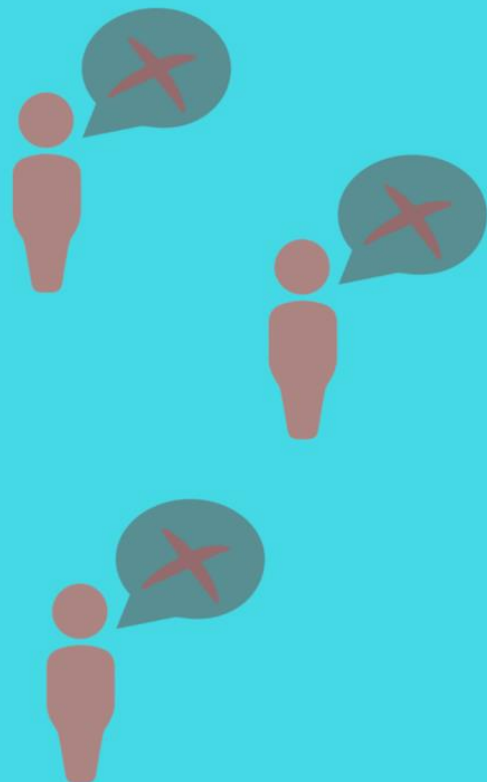
- ▶ Rape
- ▶ Section 349 of the Criminal Code of Queensland:
 - ▶ Sexual intercourse without the other person's consent
 - ▶ Penetration of oral, vaginal or anal cavities to any extent with any part of the body or an object without the other person's consent
- ▶ Serial rape
 - ▶ Two or more rape offences in separate events

Methodology

- ▶ Inclusion/Exclusion criteria:
 - ▶ Stranger offence
 - ▶ Adult offender (at least 17 years old)
 - ▶ Solo offenders
 - ▶ Meet legal definition of rape
 - ▶ Serial offenders must have committed at least 2 stranger rapes
 - ▶ Non-serial offenders must not have any other sexual offences outside of the single rape
- ▶ 250 offences: 125 non-serial, 125 serial (46 offenders)



STATISTICS



Non-Serial Rape

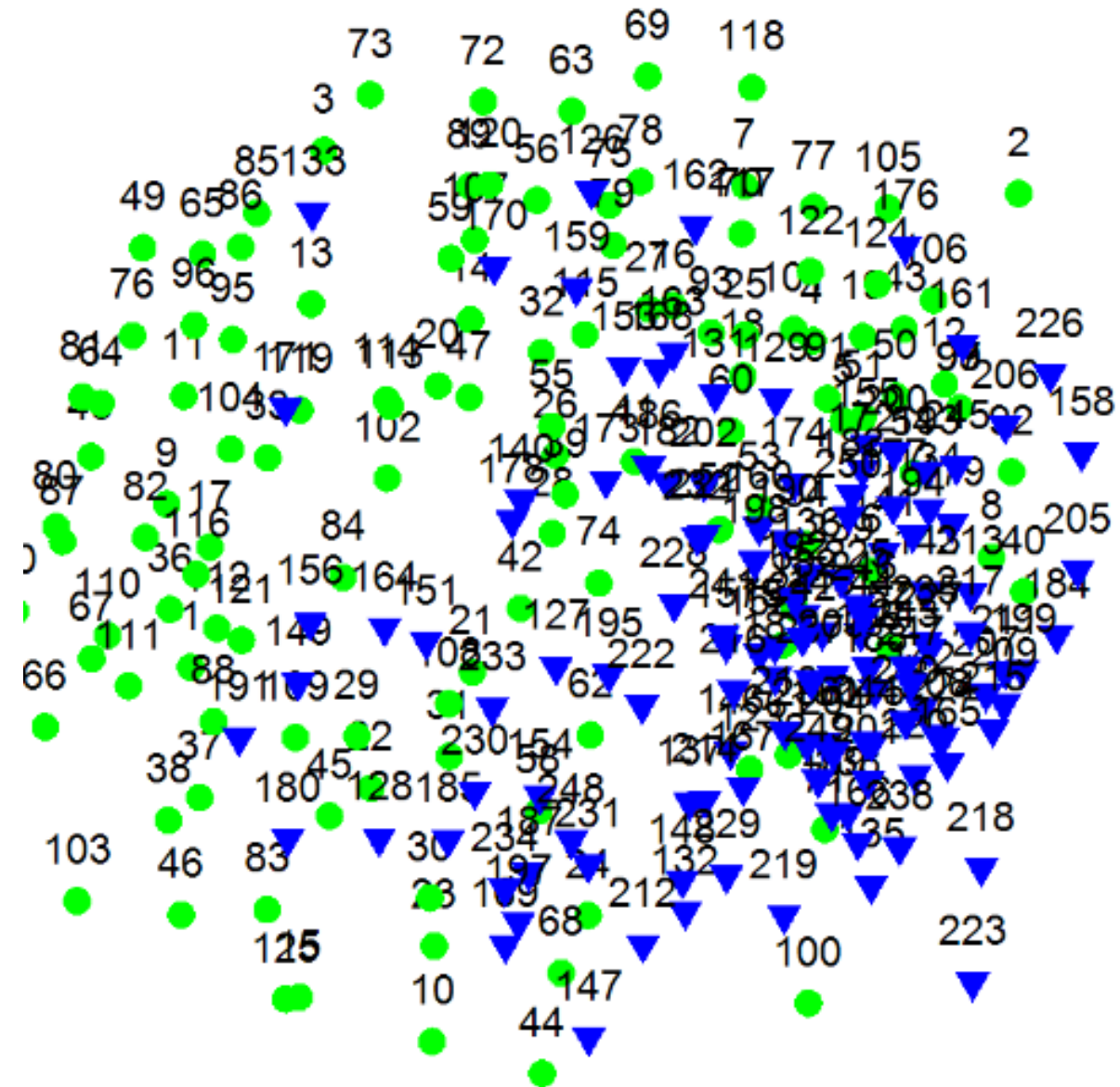
- ▶ Weekend offence, opportunistic
- ▶ Initial contact at a bar or nightclub while victim socialising and with witnesses present
- ▶ Victim and offender under the influence of alcohol
- ▶ Offender kissed victim
- ▶ Victim engaged in physical resistance
 - ▶ Offender flee or cease actions/demands
- ▶ Offender leave DNA

Serial Rape

- ▶ Contact before offence via phone, pre-targeted victim
- ▶ Initial contact outside: public street or parking lot
- ▶ Use of vehicle and weapon
- ▶ Evidence of precautions
- ▶ Macho image projected, some anger, demeaning treatment of victim, and escalation of behaviour
- ▶ Inclusion of fellatio and fondling
- ▶ Victim as prostitute, victim familiar with initial contact location, victim disrobed self

Resemblance: S7 Jaccard

2D Stress: 0.27



Consistency
and
Distinctiveness

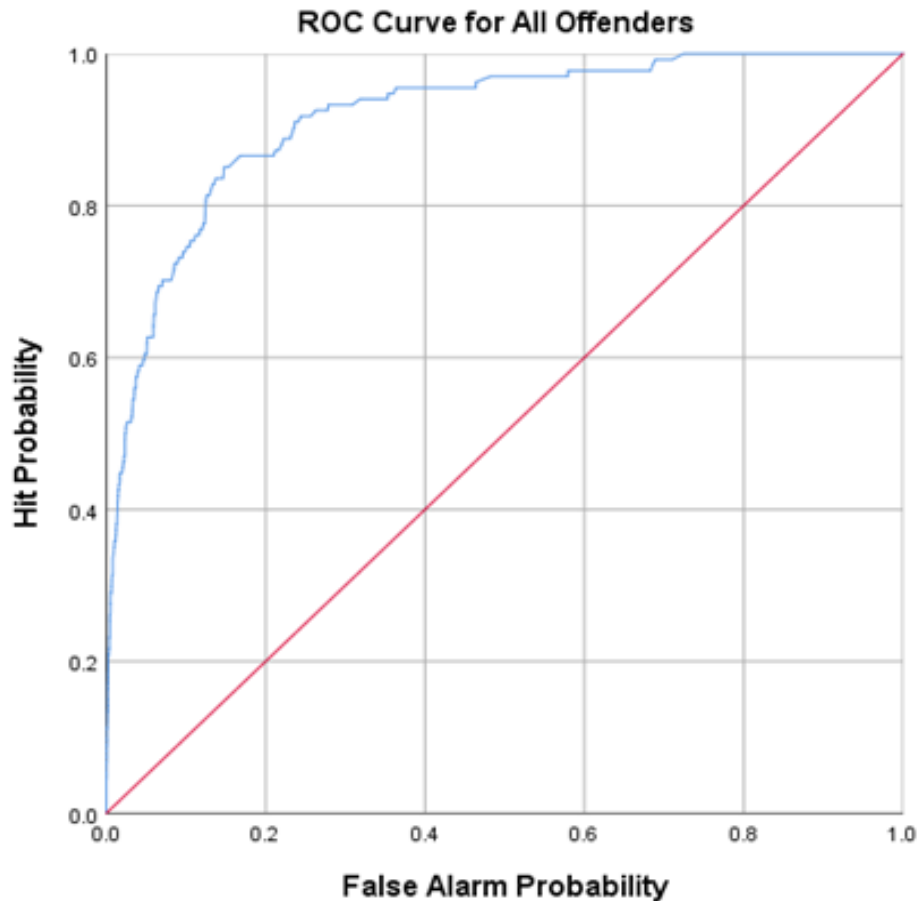
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Paired Serial Rape

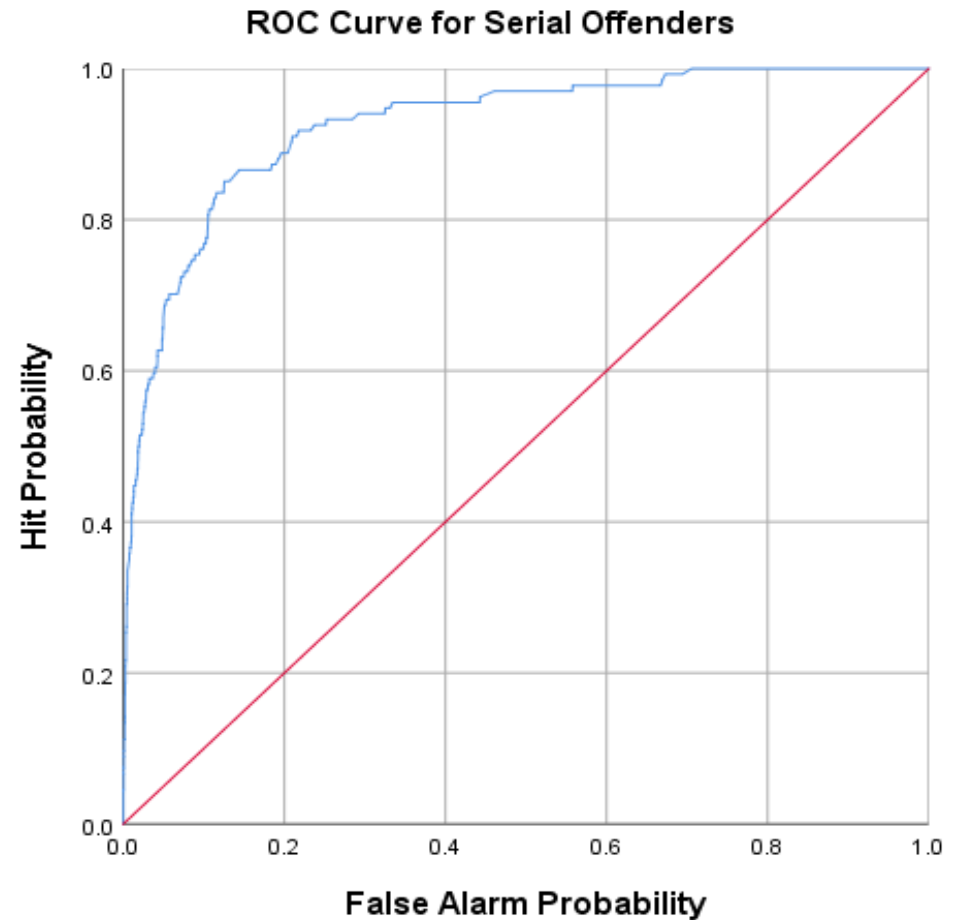
Unpaired Non-Serial Rape

Unpaired Serial Rape

Consistency and Distinctiveness



Note. $n(\text{Linked}) = 134$. $n(\text{Unlinked}) = 30,991$. Diagonal line represents chance (.50) and acceptance of null hypothesis. $AUC = .917$



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Predicting Rapist Type

Serial Rapists

- ▶ Victim Lifestyle: Prostitute
- ▶ Initial Contact Outdoors: Public Street or Parking Lot
- ▶ **Offender Image Projected: Macho**
- ▶ Victim Disrobed Self
- ▶ Evidence of Offender Precautions

Non-Serial Rapists

- ▶ **Offender Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol**
- ▶ Victim Incapacitation: Alcohol
- ▶ DNA Available
- ▶ Offender Displayed Some Anger*
- ▶ Offender Kissed Victim

Conclusion

- ▶ Contribute to the understanding of serial rape behaviours within Australia
- ▶ Provide additional support for the theories of consistency and distinctiveness
- ▶ Future goal to contribute to proactive policing by providing early detection of possible serial rapists through the implementation of a Statistical Prediction Rule

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