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- ▶ I have no affiliation (financial or otherwise) with a pharmaceutical, medical device or communications organization in relation to my addictions research.
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# Alcohol consumer segmentation

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## Past segmentation research

Attitudes, demographics, and knowledge



## Attitudes

Following attitude measurement

- Ordinaries, Socials, etc.
- Mathijssen, Janssen, van Bon-Martens, & van de Goor, 2012

# Alcohol consumer segmentation

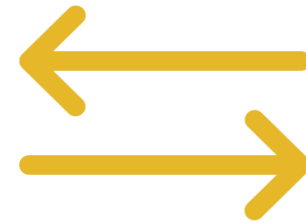
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## Demographics

Using audience segmentation databases

- Cyber Millennials etc
- Moss, Kirby, & Donodeo, 2009



## Knowledge

After an assessment of social marketing

- Risky Males, Good Females etc
- Dietrich, Rundle-Thiele, Leo, & Connor, 2015

# What we know

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## **Illness/ Injury sensitivity**

Protective



## **Negative affect**

Higher NA instills fear = reduces intentions



## **Intentions**

Predict drinking behaviour

# What we don't know

- ▶ Can we differentiate alcohol consumers based on illness/injury sensitivity and intentions to reduce drinking?
- ▶ If we can, will we find differences in:
  - ▶ Negative affect
  - ▶ Alcohol consumption

# Methods

- ▶ Procedure
  - ▶ 486 alcohol consumers/ ex-drinkers
  - ▶ Filled out illness/injury sensitivity scale, negative affect scale, demographic questionnaires, and questions about alcohol consumption
- ▶ Scales
  - ▶ Illness ( $\alpha=.88$ ) illness ( $\alpha=.89$ ); clear 2 factor solution (Carleton, Park, & Asmundson, 2006)
  - ▶ Intention ( $\alpha=.88$ ) (Al-Hamdani & Smith, 2016)
  - ▶ Negative affect ( $\alpha=.96$ ) (Wigg & Stafford, 2016)



## Type of analysis

K-means analysis

ANOVA and Chi-square tests



## Cluster solutions

3, 4, and 5



Solution	Variable		
	Injury Sensitivity	Illness Sensitivity	Intention
Main effect $F$			
3-cluster solution	286.66*	377.27*	193.42*
Mean score by cluster and variable			
1 <sup>st</sup> cluster	3.19	3.24	3.22
2 <sup>nd</sup> cluster	1.63	1.77	1.67
3 <sup>rd</sup> cluster	3.07	3.45	1.45
Main effect $F$			
4-cluster solution	241.44*	289.66*	349.41*
Mean score by cluster and variable			
1 <sup>st</sup> cluster	1.81	1.98	2.62
2 <sup>nd</sup> cluster	2.96	3.23	1.36
3 <sup>rd</sup> cluster	1.56	1.70	1.20
4 <sup>th</sup> cluster	3.56	3.75	3.00
Main effect $F$			
5-cluster solution	321.00*	256.94*	179.88*
Mean score by cluster and variable			
1 <sup>st</sup> cluster	2.11	2.40	2.88
2 <sup>nd</sup> cluster	3.38	3.73	1.51
3 <sup>rd</sup> cluster	1.23	1.45	1.63
4 <sup>th</sup> cluster	3.79	3.67	3.26
5 <sup>th</sup> cluster	2.15	2.23	1.29

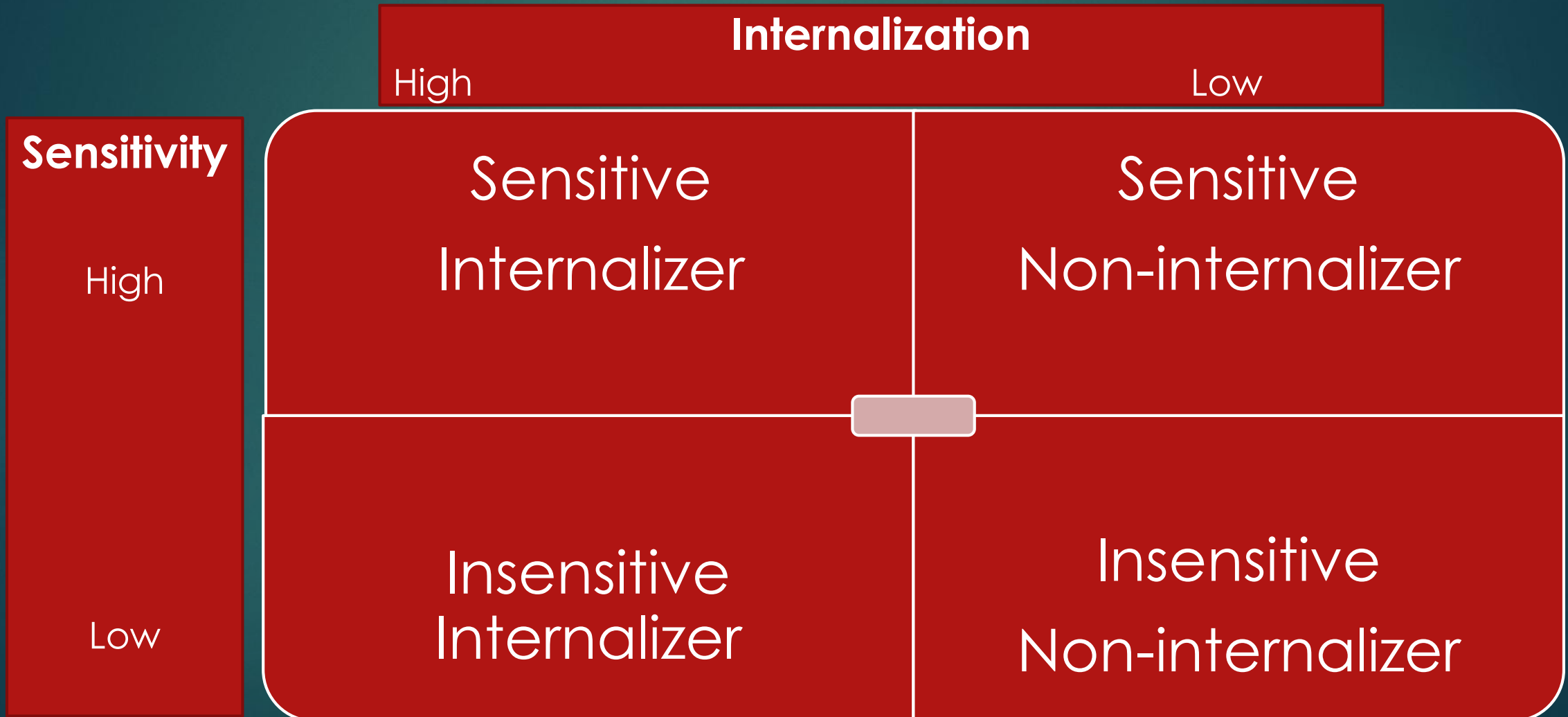
# Cluster solution comparison

Note. Main effect  $F$  is derived from an Analysis of Variance. \* $p < .001$ .

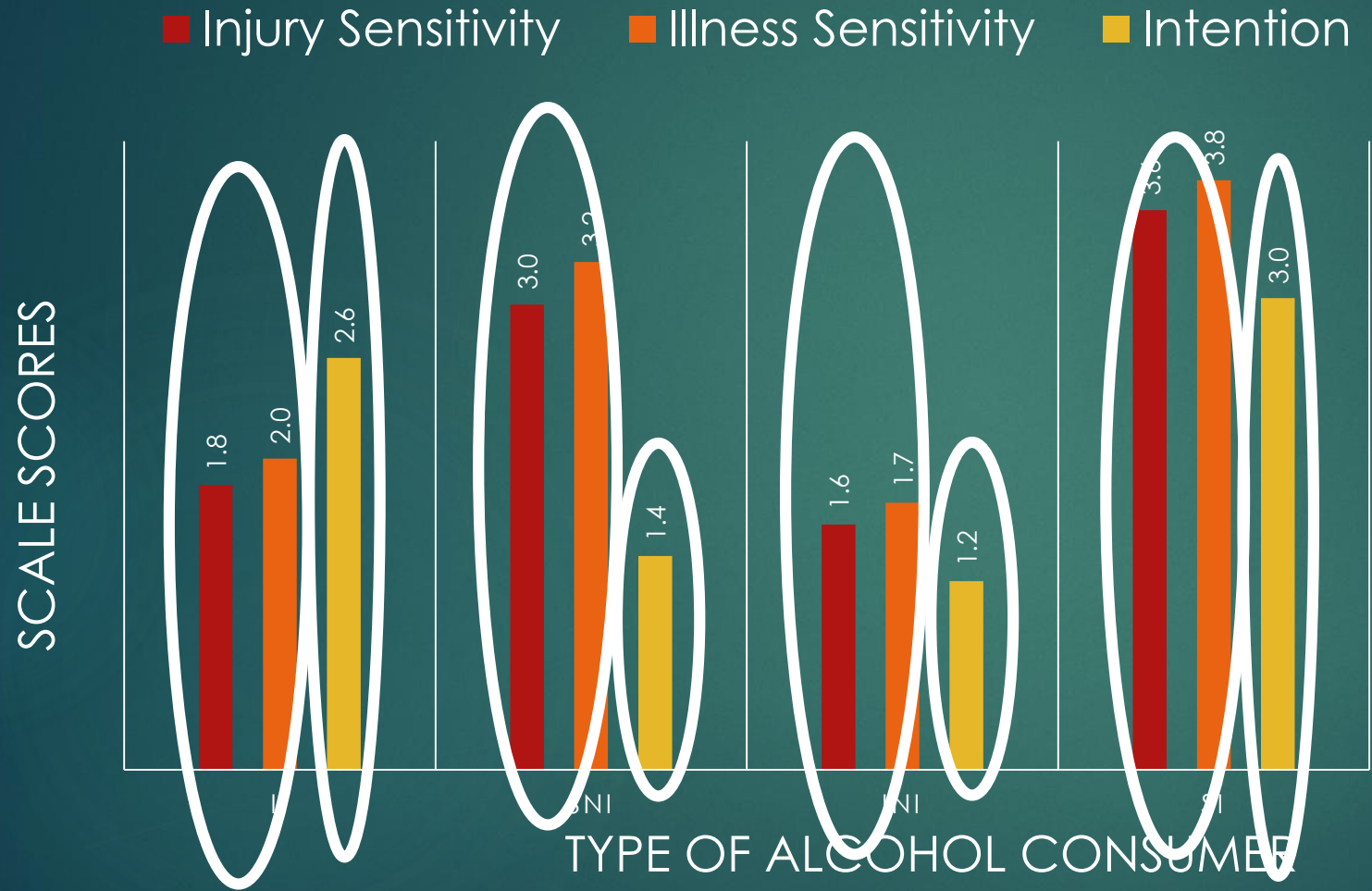
# Labeling the 4 clusters

- ▶ The groups were labelled based on
  - ▶ Sensitivity (levels of illness/injury sensitivity)
  - ▶ “internalization” (internalizing sensitivity through increased intentions to reduce consumption)

# 2 x 2 matrix



# Mean scores for the final cluster solution



Note.

II = Insensitive Internalizer

SNI = Sensitive Non-Internalizer

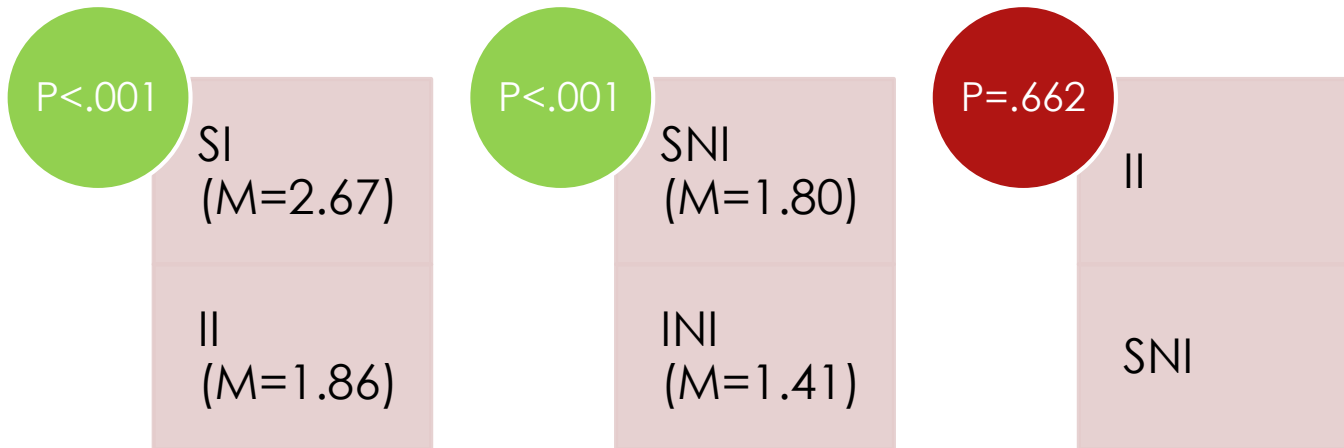
INI = Insensitive Non-Internalizer

SI = Sensitive Internalizer

Variable	INI	II	SNI	SI	Total	<i>p</i>
Sex						
Male	104	78	45	37	264	.053 <sup>b</sup>
Female	77	50	60	29	216	
Prefer not to say	2	2	0	2	6	
Education						
High school	39	25	25	13	102	.986 <sup>a</sup>
Diploma	36	23	24	13	96	
Undergraduate	71	50	35	26	182	
Graduate	33	29	20	14	96	
Other	4	3	1	2	10	
Ethnicity						
Caucasian	155	107	90	53	405	.220 <sup>b</sup>
African/Caribbean	1	1	1	0	3	
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	2	2	
South Asian	3	3	0	3	9	
East Asian/Pacific	21	17	11	10	59	
Islander						
Other	3	2	3	0	8	
Country of residence						
United States	127	94	73	45	339	.074 <sup>a</sup>
Canada	15	16	7	13	51	
Other	41	20	25	10	96	
Favourite alcoholic drink						
Beer	73	61	51	26	211	.378 <sup>a</sup>
Wine	40	18	14	14	86	
Hard liquor	70	51	40	28	189	
Alcohol consumption status						
Heavy	27 (15)	23 (18)	13 (12)	7 (10)	70	.044 <sup>a*</sup>
Moderate	49 (27)	25 (19)	22 (21)	9 (13)	105	
Light	87 (47)	64 (49)	50 (48)	33 (49)	234	
Occasional	20 (11)	17 (13)	18 (17)	16 (24)	71	
Ex-drinker	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (1)	3 (4)	6	
Total	183	130	105	68	486	

# Cluster Profile by Type of Consumer

*Note.* II = Insensitive Internalizer; SNI = Sensitive Non-Internalizer; INI = Insensitive Non-Internalizer; SI = Sensitive Internalizer. Pearson chi-square was used when the count was under 5 for 20% or less of the cells. Likelihood ratio was used when the count was over 5 for 20% or more of the cells. <sup>a</sup> = Pearson chi-square; <sup>b</sup> = Likelihood ratio. \**p* < .05, two-tailed test. Parenthesis used to indicate percentages for variables with significant effects.



## Negative affect scores by group

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# In a nutshell

SI	
SNI II	
INI	

- ▶ Prior studies
  - ▶ high illness/injury sensitivity
  - ▶ increases fear and health protective behaviours
- ▶ Our findings
  - ▶ 4 clusters
  - ▶ Negative affect : SI = highest & INI = lowest.
  - ▶ SI were more likely = occasional and ex-drinkers
  - ▶ INI were more likely = moderate drinkers
  - ▶ Co-occurrence of high illness/injury sensitivity and intentions to reduce drinking = protective





# Limitations

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Convenience sample



Cross sectional design



Causes of sensitivity internalization



Cluster prediction of actual behaviour

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