

Introduction

The United Kingdom (UK) music festival sector is worth £2.6 billion annually, with over a quarter (26%) of UK adults attending a music festival in 2018 (Mintel, 2019). The primary audiences for music festivals are consumers aged 16-19 years (49%) and those aged 20-39 years (43%) (Mintel, 2019). However, issues related to perceived risk, security and safety at festivals have emerged, with Mintel (2017) finding that 44% of attendees feel unsafe at music festivals; with 58% of males aged 16-34 years, more likely to feel unsafe, as opposed to 53% of women. Whilst recent media and scholarly research have focused on harassment and sexual assault (Davies, 2017; Gisbert & Rius-Ulldemolins, 2019), Mintel (2017) found violence and drugs as the primary perceived risk factors. Other issues are related to fraud, theft and criminality (Aviva, 2012) and the threat of terrorism (Millward, 2016). Bowdin, Allen, & Harris, (2012, p. 594) argue that “events are particularly susceptible to risks” given the movement of attendees, staff, volunteers, and equipment. In response, festivals have sought to embed security measures to make attendees feel safer, and weed out individuals who may pose a risk. However, Boyle and Haggerty (2012, p. 255) argue that “the emphasis on raising the visibility of security may also serve to amplify rather than dampen uncertainty.” This has driven the sector to look at new systems of identification and verification that reduce perceived risks and increase perceived security, without being intrusive. This has spurred new ideas within the events sector, as to how to utilise biometric technologies (BT) for security and safety, as well as other processes, such as payments.

Garg and Singh (2014, p. 296) define BT as “a pattern recognition system that recognizes a person by determining the authentication by using his different biological features”. While a person can be identifiable through an identity card, a password or personal identification number (PIN), identity can also be based on something you are or have, such as a pattern of ridges on a fingertip (Davies, 1994). This form of identification is known as biometrics, with BT often framed as possibility changing the world (Stikeman, 2003). However, there are conflicting reports as to the comfort rate amongst the general public and event attendees for particular BT, such as facial recognition, iris scanning, and fingerprinting (IBM Security, 2018). The acceptance of BT amongst festival goers is of key interest to BT companies, event organisers, police and security services, as well as local and national authorities. This study identifies and evaluates acceptance of BT systems at outdoor festivals UK amongst 18-25 year old festival goers using the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), before exploring the implications for the festival sector.

Biometric Technologies (BT)

As identities “are the traits and characteristics, social relations, roles, and social group memberships that define who one is” (Oyserman, Elmore, & Smith, 2012, p. 69), BT emerged to utilise those traits and characteristics for identification and verification purposes. As any “automatically measurable, robust and distinctive physical characteristic or personal trait” (Woodward, Horn, Gatune, & Thomas,

2003, p. 1) can be used to identify or verify an individual, the term *biometric* arose from the Greek words *bios* (life) and *metrikos* (measure) (Delac & Grgic, 2004). While BT identification and verification systems include vein infrared thermograms, gait, hand and finger geometry, keystroke dynamics, palm print, retina scanning, signature and voice tracts (Jain, Ross, & Prabhakar, 2004), the most commonly used BT systems involve facial recognition, iris scanning and fingerprinting. As facial recognition “records the spatial geometry of unique features of the face” (Bhatia, 2013, p. 97), facial recognition systems, using cameras, can now identify a person from a distance (Hamid, 2015; Meng, Wong, Furnell, & Zhou, 2015; Woodward et al., 2003). Facial recognition systems are used to identify card counters in casinos, shoplifters in stores, criminals in urban areas and passengers in airports. Facial recognition is a BT accepted by many, given it is non-intrusive (Meng et al., 2015). While there are different types of facial recognition databases and algorithms (Patel & Yagnik, 2013), such as Amazon’s Rekognition system, most facial recognition systems are used either in identification or verification mode (Jain et al., 2004). As new uses become apparent, it has been increasingly used in varied contexts. Airports and airlines are utilising self-service facial recognition at check-in and at boarding gates, with the aim of improving the speed and efficiency (Chan, 2017). Banks and payment providers utilise facial recognition on phones so as to reduce security breaches (Brathwaite, 2017). In China, authorities use facial recognition through next-generation CCTV and smart-glasses (Perala, 2018) in multiple contexts, from boarding a train, to checking into a hotel. There has been criticism of facial technology accuracy, as people’s faces change over time with age, weight changes, plastic surgery and cosmetics (Buciu & Gacsadi, 2016; Hamid, 2015). Environmental conditions, such as light conditions, noise motion blur can also affect accuracy as well as the position and angle of the face (Buciu and Gacsadi, 2016). There is evidence to suggest that facial recognition systems are inaccurate identifying women and people of colour (Buolamwini & Gebru, 2018). While police use of facial recognition is accepted by British Courts, there has also been resistance by those who see facial recognition as inappropriate for legal, cultural and religious reasons (Lawson, 2003).

BT utilising iris scanning, which measures the unique pattern in the coloured part of the eye (Miltgen, Popovic, & Oliveira, 2013) are the most reliable, given each iris has approximately 266 unique characteristics which are thought to remain stable over time (Cavoukian, 1999; Chowhan & Shinde, 2008; Miltgen et al., 2013). However, there are some negative feelings towards iris scanning as it needs to be done at close distance. Accuracy is impacted if the iris is partially hidden by eyelids, eyelashes, lenses and reflections (Chowman & Shinde, 2008). The third major BT involves fingerprint recognition, which “is a well-known and understood form of identification, and has a reliable reputation” (Ho, Stephens, & Jamieson, 2003, p. 2). Woodward et al., (2003) describe it as a digital version of the old ink and paper method. While fingerprinting had been the longest serving, most successful and popular method for identifying individuals (Jain & Kumar, 2012), new fingerprint scanners are primarily based on optical, capacitive, and ultrasonic sensors. From terminals at airport entry points to laptops, mobile phones, and personal digital handheld tablets (Ogbanufe & Kim,

2017), such sensors have become highly accepted, well known and understood by users in many parts of the world (Ho et al., 2003). As each and every fingerprint is different (Jain & Kumar, 2012), the insecurity associated with pins and passwords are reduced. While accuracy, ease of use and installation are advantages, injuries such as burns and cuts can hinder results (Ho et al., 2003).

Overall, while iris scanning and fingerprinting are seen to be the most accurate (Buciu & Gacsadi, 2016; Chowman & Shinde, 2008; Ho et al., 2003; Pons & Polak, 2008; Woodward et al., 2003), facial recognition has the advantage of being able to scan a person from a distance. Each technology, if used alone to identify or verify has disadvantages, given there may be noisy sensor data, lack of distinctiveness of the biometric trait, unacceptable error rates and spoof attacks (Galbally, Marcel, & Fierrez, 2014; Jain, Nandakumar, & Ross, 2005). While the use of two or more biometric systems simultaneously can overcome some of accuracy and security weakness of using one system (Delac & Grgic, 2004, Taouche, Batouche, Berkane, & Taleb-Ahmed, 2014), few organizations have developed or deployed multimodal biometric systems.

Perceptions of Biometric Technology

While BT has become more increasingly embedded in consumer devices such as laptops and phones (Nandakumar, Nagar, & Jain, 2007), Morosan (2012b) notes a conflict in study findings for the acceptance of BT technology amongst intended users. While industry reports often focus on high public acceptance amongst intended users (Juniper Research, 2017), BT acceptance has been dominated by scholarly output from criminal studies (Prabhakar, Pankanti, & Jain, 2003; Weaver, 2006) and explorations of technical issues such as accuracy and concerns over false rejection rates (FRR), false acceptance rates (FAR) and failure to enrol rates (FTER) (Bharadwaj, Vatsa, & Singh, 2014; Clarke, Furnell, & Reynolds, 2002; Down & Sands, 2005). Within the leisure, tourism and events sectors, studies have noted the acceptance of BT in restaurants (Morosan, 2011) and hotels (Morosan, 2012b; Murphy and Rotten, 2009). However, no studies exist within the events sector, despite BT increasingly trialled at events. Facial recognition, for example, was used by the Police in the United Kingdom at Notting Hill Carnival in 2016 and 2017 and Remembrance Day 2017 to understand whether it could be used for large crowds, with further deployments under consideration at football sporting events and music festivals. Given there were a total of 722 deaths at music festivals between 1999 and 2014, caused predominantly by trampling and overdoses (Turriss & Lund, 2017); there is some justification to use BT at events to potentially increase safety. The choice to trial BT at events also suggests a risk to public health, personal security or the possibility of terror attacks (Vulliamy, 2016; Wilkinson, 2016). As no national camera surveillance network exists outside China (Lui & Xiqing, 2017), BT providers and intermediaries' often trial their systems at events to improve BT systems (Hanumanthappa, LourduSuganthi, & Karthik. 2015). Complex event environments can test identification and verification speeds, reliability and accuracy, along with algorithms and BT

databases. Events can also be used to build BT databases, and BT successes at events might suggest that the technology could be used in other complex environments like airports or crowded city centres.

A number of companies, either through standalone commercial efforts or with authorities, have developed BT systems for, or in support of the event sector (Dai, 2018; Nilsson, 2018). While many of these efforts seek to identify, locate and arrest wanted criminals (Perala, 2017), companies like Zeus Biometrics (zenus-biometrics.com) use closed facial recognition databases, through existing registration platforms for use in conferences, exhibitions, trade-shows, and festivals. For such companies, BT offers possibilities for speeding up identification and verification at registration. BT technologies might identify whether crowds are seated or standing, identify drowsiness or inebriation amongst attendees, follow faces through a crowd, check audience emotions and even reduce predictable risks by blacklisting those with particular medical or criminal histories (e.g. a history of drug use, stalking) (Arbon, 2004; Kavanagh, Baral, Milanga, & Sugarman, 2018). Particular societies, ethnic and interest groups might be cautious of BT, given BT technologies are still relatively new, with issues linked to all BT systems, as well as specific ones. Trocchia & Ainscough (2006) argue that a primary concern is with the technologies themselves. Accuracy is an issue noted by many researchers as of primary concern (Langenderfer & Linnhoff, 2005), given the possibility of misidentification. Ho et al., (2003, p. 3) describes accuracy as “the ability to correctly match a biometric sample with its template”. The accuracy of biometrics is largely dependent on the technology, with the accuracy of fingerprinting considered high, facial recognition medium and iris scanning very high (Ho et al., 2003). Martin (2017) reported that thirty-five false matches were made and an erroneous arrest took place at the 2017 Notting Hill Carnival. Therefore, the accuracy of BT is still a concern, and has been identified as an important variable in the extant literature.

Another issue identified in the literature as important regarding acceptance is reliability; given that BT systems can be compromised because of sabotage, intrinsic failures or administration abuse (Jain et al., 2008). Langenderfer & Linnhoff (2005) found that consumers are concerned that the technology could fail whilst using it, even if there was no criminal intent. Privacy was also found to be an issue in the literature, with Normalini & Ramayah (2017) arguing that governments can use BT to minimise internal and external threats. While they may do so to improve public safety, certain religious and civil liberty groups believe BT could lead to a digital panopticon, with BT systems powered by artificial intelligence (Liu & Silverman, 2001). However, individuals may be willing to accept biometrics and less privacy if they know that its use can be exchanged for better security (Davis & Silver, 2004; Halevi, Kuppasamy, Caiazzo, & Memon, 2015). Consumers have been found, not to fully understand BT and the issues surround privacy and security risks (Huys 2014; Miltgen et al., 2013). Compatibility with the festival context is also an important element to be explored and identified. Moore and Benbasat (1991, p. 195) state that compatibility is “the degree to which an innovation is perceived as being consistent with the existing values, needs, and past experiences of

potential adopter”. As compatibility is positively related to user adoption (Uzoka & Ndzingo, 2009), it would also affect the intention to implement BT. In the context of this study, this would suggest that if BT is compatible in the festival setting, it is more likely to be accepted by users. Other issues about BT include existential worries, including moral concerns and socio-cultural considerations (National Research Council, & Whither Biometrics Committee, 2010). There is concern that young people in particular, are being socialised into accepting of BT, with Trocchia and Ainscough (2006, p. 610) noting that BT is criticized for setting a rather dark precedent by “conditioning students at a young age to embrace the idea of big brother-style biometric tracking”. Indeed, Bakir, Cable, Dencik, Hintz, & McStay (2015) go as far as to argue, that security-orientated surveillance technologies were effective security tools that could disrupt human rights. The literature and the researcher’s knowledge of the events sector indicate the factors that could impact upon user acceptance of BT (Table 1).

Table 1 – Variables impacting upon user acceptance of BT

Methodology

The Technology Acceptance Model

The determinants of Information Systems (IS) usage and acceptance have long been an issue for researchers, with the technology acceptance model (TAM) (Davis, 1989a,b) becoming the most widely used model in exploring the determinants of technology usage. The TAM, adapted for IS, is itself an adaptation of the Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) which originates from social psychology. The TRA suggests that a person’s behavior is determined by their intention to perform the behavior and that this intention is a function of their attitude toward the behavior and subjective norms (Fishbein & Ajzen, 1975). While the TRA is used to predict individuals’ decisions and is designed to explain “virtually any human behavior” (Ajzen and Fishbein, 1980, p. 4), the TAM uses TRA as a theoretical foundation for identifying the basic relationship two main beliefs: perceived usefulness (PU) and perceived ease of use (PEOU), and users’ attitudes, intentions and actual use of technology (Davis, Bagozzi, & Warshaw, 1989a). Over the past three decades, the TAM has assumed a strong position as a means to model and explain the determinants of user acceptance of a broad spectrum of IS and end-user technologies.

Given rapid technological change across many societies, researchers have identified barriers to new technology acceptance (Wu & Wang, 2005). The TAM can explain the general determinants of acceptance that lead to explaining users’ behaviour, with extensive empirical TAM studies ranging from acceptance of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) by physicians (Dee, Teolis, & Todd, 2005) to

smartphone acceptance during leisure-based tourism (O'Regan & Chang, 2015). However, the original TAM model has been criticized for its generalizability and failure to sufficiently predict in specific contexts and circumstances. That has provided an impetus for studies of BT to extend and adapt the model (Al-Harby, 2010; Alsamydai, 2014; Ami-Narh, Aziale, & Akanferi, 2014; Holden & Karsh 2008; James, Pirim, Boswell, Reithel, & Barkhi, 2006; Miltgen et al., 2013; Morosan 2012b; Tassabehji & Kamala 2009; Sumner 2007). Adding additional factors or combining the model with other acceptance models can enhance the TAM specificity and explanatory utility (Szajna, 1996). While researchers have extended the TAM model by adding variables such as consumer perceptions (Moore & Benbasat, 1991), and gender (Gefen & Straub, 1997), TAM studies related to BT acceptance have included variables such as concern for information privacy and voluntariness (Elgarah & Falaleeva, 2005), accuracy, security, and trust (Ngugi et al., 2011) and facilitating conditions, innovativeness, social influence and perceived risks (Miltgen et al., 2013). This study adapts an a TAM proposed by Ho et al., (2003), which itself is derived from an extended TAM by Venkatesh and Davis (2000) to create a conceptual model to understand the issues surrounding BT adoption at festivals.

Figure 1 – The studies amended TAM model

The model uses two key determinants—perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use—based on the TAM, and adds additional factors based on literature and researcher knowledge of the events sector. The model follows the TRA in selecting respondent's attitudes toward use and actual use as dependent variables (Table 2).

Table 2 – Questions and Variables

Dependent and Independent Variables

Attitude toward Use (ATU)

Within the model, Attitude to Use (ATU) includes privacy and trust. While Ho et al., (2003) originally favored the variable 'intention to use', attendees at a festival may not have the option of using the technology. Therefore ATU is a more appropriate variable. The relationship between ATU and privacy, trust, accuracy, compatibility, perceived usefulness (PU) and perceived ease of use (PEOU) has been hypothesised as:

H1. Privacy positively affects the ATU

H2. Trust positively affects the ATU

H3. Accuracy positively affects the ATU

H4. Compatibility positively affects the ATU

H5. PU positively affects the ATU

H6. PEOU positively affects the ATU

Perceived Usefulness (PU)

Saade and Bahli (2005, p. 318) define perceived usefulness as “the degree to which a person believes that using a particular system could enhance his or her job performance”. Perceived usefulness is a strong determinant of users’ adoption and behavior, and within the study contest, indicates how useful a festival goer finds the technology in the festival context. Ho et al., (2003) argues that security, accuracy, cost, information sensitivity and reliability are determinants of perceived usefulness. The study model (figure 1) includes security and reliability as variables. Reliability refers to the probability that the system does not fail in achieving its intended outcomes (Chau, Stephens, & Jamieson, 2004). Whilst there have been few TAM studies incorporating the variable (Moon, Kang, Choi, & Kim, 2015), the literature indicates that reliability of a biometric modality, regardless of factors such as environment, age, ethnicity, and skin integrity, is important at a large population event like a festival. The extant literature also regards security as a significant factor, with Ho et al., (2003, p. 3) noting that security refers to “the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information used” (Ho et al., 2003). The relationship between PU and PEOU, security, reliability, compatibility and accuracy has been hypothesised as:

- H7. PEOU positively affects the PU
- H8. Security positively affects the PU
- H9. Reliability positively affects the PU
- H10. Compatibility positively affects the PU
- H11. Accuracy positively affects the PU

Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU)

PEOU is defined by Davis (1989a, p. 320) as “the degree to which a person believes that using a particular system would be free of effort”. In the conceptual model, PEOU and convenience have been included as variables, with Ho et al., (2003) noting that convenience can be a significant determinant of PEOU. As convenience means a user’s preference for convenient products and services, Hsu and Chang (2013) found that perceived convenience of an online system has a positive effect on perceived usefulness. The relationship between PEOU and accuracy, compatibility and convenience has been hypothesised as:

- H12. Accuracy positively affects the PEOU
- H13. Compatibility positively affects the PEOU
- H14. Convenience positively affects the PEOU

Actual Use (AU)

Actual use (AU) was used by Davis, Bagozzi, & Warshaw (1989b) in the original TAM model, and is a well-established dependent variable (Ho et al., 2003). The relationship between AU and ATU, compatibility and accuracy has been hypothesis as:

H15. ATU positively affects the AU

H16. Compatibility positively affects the AU

H17. Accuracy positively affects the AU

The hypotheses were tested on data collected from a self-administrated questionnaire. The initial section consisted of screening questions to ensure the study participants were United Kingdom residents aged between 18 and 25 years, and had previously been to an outdoor music festival. The questionnaire was formatted as to also question the respondents about their previous knowledge of BT, as well as educate them about BT. TAM items were measured on a seven Likert-scale (1 = Definitely disagree, 7 = Definitely agree). Prior to designing the survey instrument, the questionnaire was piloted to 13 people, and 8 amendments were made to improve the clarity and meaning of the statements. The questionnaires were completed anonymously to reduce self-report bias and “opt-in consent” was requested. The questionnaire was administered online using Google Forms and was available from the 15th February 2018 until the 24th February 2018. Promoted via social media, a total of 127 completed responses were collected through a mixture of convenience and purposeful sampling (Etikan, Musa, & Alkassim, 2016, p. 2). This data was analysed using S.P.S.S 22 and Stata 12. The Cronbach Alpha Test was applied on S.P.S.S to get a better understanding of the validity and reliability of the 22 Likert-scale questions. The TAM statements had a Cronbach Alpha score of .945, indicating factor reliability (Gliem & Gliem, 2003). The study employed Stata software version 12 to perform the ordered logistic regression. Ordered Logistic Regression (OLR) was applied to empirically validate the conceptual model. When choosing between regression methods, the primary statistical principle is that it should fit the data and not vice versa (Berenson & Levine, 1992). Based on the characteristics of the data, the most optimal method was chosen to perform the analysis. OLR was suitable because it works well on small samples (Fullerton, 2009), is a well-established methodological procedure in TAM studies (Kolodinsky, Hogarth, & Hilgert, 2004; Lee & Kim, 2014) and for testing hypotheses (Murad, Fleischman, Sadetzki, Geyer, & Freedman, 2003). In order to analyse OLR data, the constant variables (PU, PEOU, ATU and AU) were reduced to 3 points on the Likert scale (disagree, neither agree nor disagree and agree) instead of 7 points. 1-3 (Definitely disagree, disagree, and mostly disagree) was reduced to 1 point (Disagree), 4 (neither agree nor disagree) was turned to 2 (neither agree nor disagree), 5-7 (mostly agree, agree and definitely agree) was reduced to 1 point (Agree). In order to analyse the data, each question was grouped into a variable, and the mean responses used.

Findings

The data analysis shows that 67.2% of the respondents were female and 32% were male. While 44% of respondents had heard of the term biometrics before, 54.4% had not. 40.8% of the sample was employed, and 57.6% were students, with the remaining 1.6% either self-employed or not employed. Other findings identified that 70.9% of the respondents would feel comfortable using fingerprint recognition at music festivals, 68.5% with facial recognition and 50.4% would feel comfortable using iris scanning. After testing the conceptual model, ATU hypothesis (Table 3) results show that H1 and H3 had a negative and insignificant relationship between privacy, accuracy and the ATU, and therefore null hypothesis is retained. H2, H4 and H6 displayed a significant and positive relationship between trust, compatibility, PEOU and the ATU. Therefore the null hypothesis is rejected. Finally H5 showed a positive but insignificant relationship between PU and the ATU and therefore the null hypothesis is retained.

Table 3 - ATU hypothesis results

Importantly, hypothesis two results reveal that trust positively affects the attitude to use BT at festivals. Secondly, hypothesis four results reveal that compatibility positively affects the attitude to use biometrics at festivals. Finally, hypothesis six results reveal that the perceived ease of use positively affects the attitude to use biometrics at festivals. These results therefore indicate that trust, compatibility and perceived ease of use positively affect the attitude to use biometrics at festivals.

Table 4 - Perceived Usefulness hypothesis results

The results of the OLR (Table 4) indicate that H7, H8 and H10 had a positive and significant relationship between PEOU, security, compatibility and the PU and therefore reject the null hypothesis. H9 and H11 showed that there was a negative and insignificant relationship between reliability, accuracy and PU and therefore retain the null hypothesis. Importantly, hypothesis seven results reveal that the perceived ease of use positively affects the perceived usefulness of biometrics at festivals. Hypothesis eight results reveal that security positively affects the perceived usefulness at festivals. Finally, hypothesis ten results reveal that the compatibility positively affects the perceived usefulness of biometrics at festivals.

Table 5 - Perceived Ease of Use hypothesis results

The results of the OLR indicate that H12, H13 and H14 (Table 5) had a positive and significant relationship between accuracy, compatibility, convenience and PEOU and therefore reject the null hypothesis. Importantly, hypothesis twelve results reveal that the accuracy positively affected the perceived ease of use of biometrics. Hypothesis thirteen results reveal that compatibility positively affected the perceived ease of use of biometrics and finally hypothesis fourteen results reveal that convenience positively affected the perceived ease of use of biometrics. These results therefore indicate that perceived ease of use, security and compatibility positively affect the perceived usefulness of biometrics at festivals and accuracy, compatibility and convenience positively affect the perceived ease of use of biometrics at festivals.

Table 6 – Actual use hypothesis results

The results of the OLR (Table 6) indicated that H15 and H17 had a positive and significant relationship between the ATU, accuracy and the AU and therefore reject the null hypothesis. H16 had a positive but insignificant relationship between compatibility and AU and therefore retain the null hypothesis. Importantly, hypothesis fifteen results reveal that the attitude to use biometrics at festivals positively affects the actual use. These results therefore indicate that attitude and accuracy positively affect the actual use of biometrics at festivals.

Discussion

This study found variables, such as convenience, trust, compatibility and security, were significant to respondents, and factors including reliability, accuracy and privacy were not. The accuracy of BT was found to have a significant relationship with perceived ease of use (PEOU). This is in line with results from Sidharta et al., (2016), who note that accuracy and timeliness have a significant impact on the PEOU. There was also a significant relationship between accuracy and perceived usefulness (PU). While this finding is supported in TAM studies (Langenderfer & Linnhoff, 2005), Murphy and Rottet (2009) specifically found accuracy to be a particular concern to BT users. However, the study unexpectedly found that accuracy had no significant relationship with attitude to use (ATU) and actual use (AU). The findings suggest respondents would be willing to trade away accuracy for attendance, at least in the festival context, where misidentification may not be perceived as leading to serious consequences. While older consumers tend to avoid risk and prefer accuracy, young people may be willing to accept BT at a festival, despite issues with the accuracy of BT. Privacy was identified in the literature as having a strong effect on the core TAM constructs, such as attitude, behavioral intention, and use behaviors related to BT (Liu & Silverman, 2001, Giesing, 2005; Morosan, 2012a). However, unexpectedly, privacy was not found to have a significant impact on the

ATU. This may indicate that privacy amongst young people, used to sharing information, may not be foremost in their minds. Given festival attendance and entry, along with other functions, may be conditional on BT use, young people may feel compelled to accept BT. Similar trade-offs amongst young people have been found with Instagram (Doleck, Bazelais, & Lemay, 2017) and Snapchat use and acceptance (Lemay, Doleck, & Bazelais, 2017). This finding goes against the popular narrative that privacy is an important factor in the acceptance and use of BT.

Convenience was found to have a positive impact on the PEOU, with young adults showing a strong preference for convenience. The respondents believe BT will make their lives easier (Hsu & Chang 2013; Yoon & Kim 2007). Frumkin (2015) remarked that the millennial generation are also known as convenience customers, who enjoy innovative technology, but may stop using if they believe that they are putting in too much effort to use it. Trust, was found to have a significant impact on the ATU. Given that studies find that consumers have trust issues with BT (Giesing, 2003; Morosan, 2012a), a lack of trust in a technology would act as a potential obstacle to its acceptance (Bélanger & Carter, 2008). The finding is supported by studies which found trust has a significant impact on the ATU (Hassanein & Head, 2007; Ha & Stoel, 2008; Tung et al., 2008). The findings indicate that trust needs to be maintained by BT providers and those who utilise it, since trust can be easily lost. In line with extant literature, the study found that compatibility had a significant relationship with ATU and PEOU (Lane & Stagg 2014; Miltgen et al., 2013). The relationships are situational, with Chen et al. (2009) finding no relationship between compatibility and ATU and PEOU with regards to smart phone use. Compatibility can play an essential role in BT adoption, as it indicates BT is perceived to be consistent with the respondent's beliefs, lifestyle, values and past experience. However, this study found no significant relationship between compatibility and PU. This may indicate that respondent's preferred festival practices, or prior experiences with BT at festivals have yet to trigger positive perception of the use value of BT at a festival setting (Karahanna, Agarwal, & Angst, 2006). In line with extant literature, the study found that security has a positive effect on PU (Trocchia & Ainscough, 2006; Westdorp, 2015; Yoon & Barker Steege, 2013). Since personal data can be intercepted and used for fraudulent purposes, BT requires greater security. Respondents need a sense of security to accept BT, so as to reduce subjective risk perception. Security mechanisms to reduce the objective and subjective risks will lead to an increased effect on its PU. While reliability, in regards to BT has been identified as important in the literature (Deane et al., 1995; Fairhurst, 1997; Morosan, 2012b), this study found that reliability was not a significant factor for 18-25 year olds. This indicates that reliability will not affect PU of the technology, with individuals continuing to use BT regardless.

The study found that the PEOU of BT had a significant impact on the PU and ATU of BT. Davis (1993) found that PEOU had a strong influence on PU, and this was also confirmed by Morosan (2012b), Jones, McCarthy, Halawi, & Mujtaba (2010) and Jain et al., (2008). The PEOU

positively affecting the ATU was also supported by Morosan (2012b), Al-Harby, Qahwaji, and Kamala (2009) and Lane and Stagg (2014). In line with extant literature, ATU was identified as having a significant impact on the AU of BT (Al-Harby et al., 2009; Davis, 1993; Morosan, 2012b; Ko, 2014). PU did not have a significant effect on ATU, despite empirical support for the relationship. While extant literature found a significant relationship between the PU and ATU in the acceptance of BT (Al-Harby, 2010; Morosan, 2012b; Lane & Stagg, 2014; Yu, Ha, Choi, & Rho, 2005), PU was found not to be a critical factor in particular contexts, such as a Library Automation System (Hak, 2015), and a e-learning system (Al-Adwan, Al-Adwan, & Smedley, 2013). It is an important finding given the PU variable is the most significant and important variable in influencing attitudes to use technology (Davis, 1989a; Sun, 2003). The PU generated by BT, offers, at least in the perception of respondents, no effect on user acceptance. Instead, it seems acceptance is based primarily on convenience, and security.

The study findings indicate that festival attendees may be willing to 'opt in' to BT, as long as it's explained how the technology works for end users. Attendees need to perceive benefit from BT implementation, and festival planners need to focus on providing information that describes the usefulness of BT as well convenience, and security. This will allow event goers to develop positive attitudes toward use. BT, and allow festival planners to create personalized experiences for attendees. While it was expected that the accuracy, reliability and privacy may be significance to users, the study found that security and convenience are more important factors in contributing to consumers' intention to accept BT at festival. Whilst findings suggest that necessity beliefs have strong effects on acceptance and use, festival planners may still be reluctant to adopt BT despite willingness amongst young people to accept BT. As BT becomes more common, privacy needs to be balanced with security. Whilst attendees seem willing to trade privacy for use, data protection needs to be established through security improvements. For example, whilst an attendee might be happy to trade their picture and registration number for entry, other identifying information, such as email address and birth date should be secured to ensure security. As legislation has trailed the adoption of BT, festival planners need to ensure basic rights are being ensured and data is protected, This may mean giving attendees the option to opt in and ensure details are not retained in databases after the festival end. It will also require planners to address those in the community, authorities and other stakeholders who may raise the concern that festivals are being co-opted as sites for the normalisation of a far-reaching technology. Planners will need to clear as to their intentions, justifications for use, and the usefulness of BT for attendees.

Limitations and suggestions for future research

The findings cannot accurately represent the acceptance of BT amongst older festival attendees, who may have a greater aversion to BT. The study did not consider diversity in the United Kingdom and

the ways in which underrepresented minorities may come to accept and use BT. The model should sample attendees in different countries, and cultural contexts, to generalize its findings. As TAM generally explains between 40% and 60% of variance in use, there are likely other constructs and path relationships that could be involved in acceptance and use behaviors (Lemay et al., 2017). Finally, whilst this studies data analysis is statistically relevant, future studies should increase sample size, especially when incorporating Ordered Logistic Regression (OLR).

Conclusions

The study found that festival goers would accept and use BT at music festivals. Contrary to expectations, BT acceptance and use is driven less by accuracy, reliability and privacy, and more by security and convenience. This goes against the popular narrative that accuracy, reliability and privacy remains important factors in the adoption and use of BT. While the study suggests that privacy may not be operative in the liminal festival context for young people, the finding raises ethical questions for event organisers, authorities, police services and biometric companies when contemplating the introduction of such systems for use in the events sector. As young users seem to be immune to the risks associated with BT, festival planners need to take on additional educational and data protection responsibilities.

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