

Working with data in Sweden

A researcher's experience during the last 20 years

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My research just now

- State dependence in social assistance in Sweden during 1990s
 - using SWIP data base from **Swedish National Data Service (SND)**
- Part-time sick leave in Sweden
 - using longitudinal data from the Swedish Social Insurance Agency (**SSIA**) register supplemented with survey data
- The effects of the managers' gender for the Swedish firms
 - using employer-employee via Micro data Online Access (**MONA**)– a system that provides microdata at Statistics Sweden
- The Romanian migration after the second EU enlargement
 - Difficult to get access to microdata ☹

Other relevant activities

- Since January 2009: member of one of the six regional boards deals with vetting the ethics of research that involves humans.
 - Changes made to the Act (2003:460) concerning the Ethical Review Act (ethical review act) came into force on 1 June 2008.
 - vetting the ethics of research that involves humans. It encompasses research involving living persons, but it also covers such areas as research on the deceased, biological material from people and research that involves dealing with sensitive information about people or personal information concerning offences against the law.

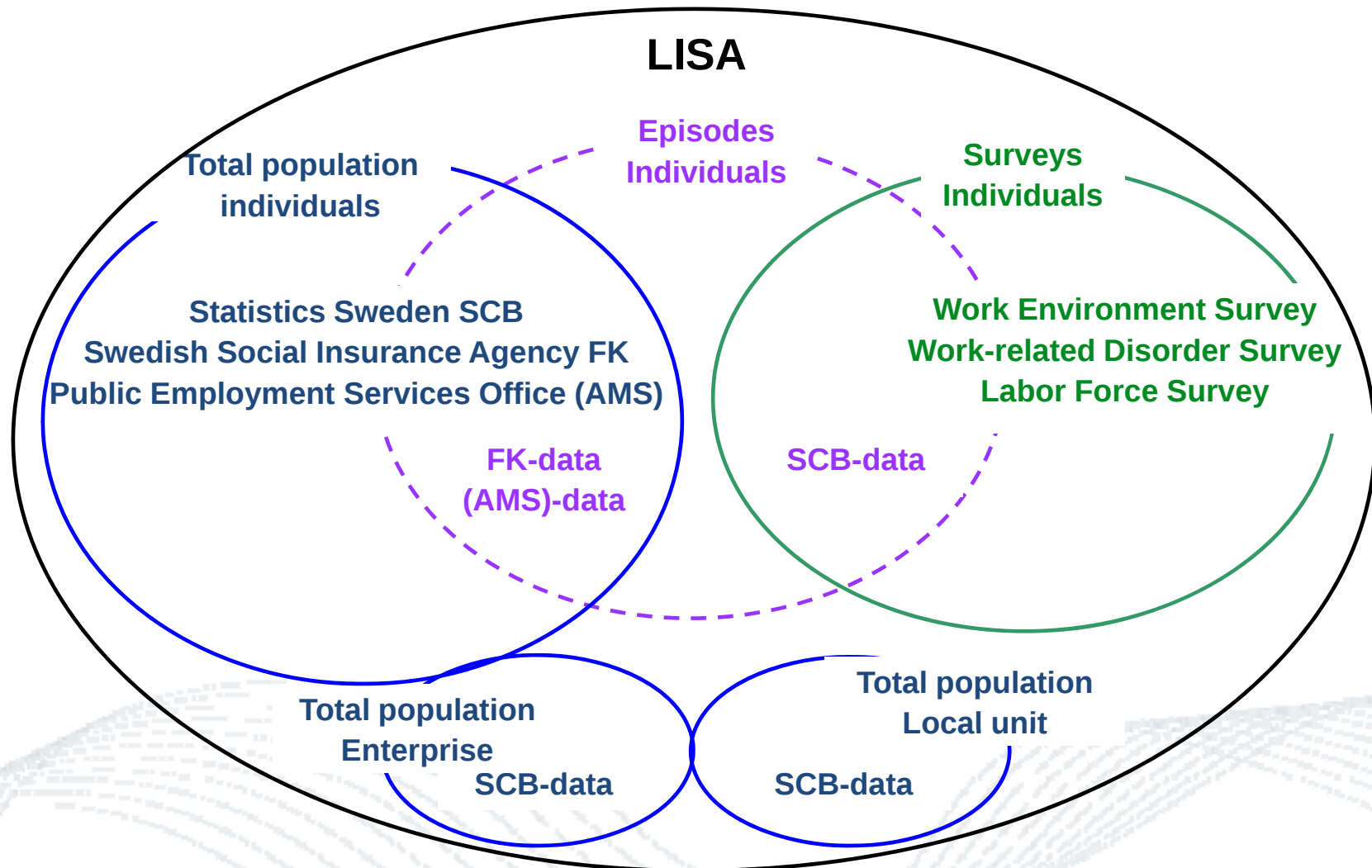
My empirical research history

- **1994:** started to work with a rich longitudinal database owned by the National Social Insurance Board of Sweden, RFV (SSIA, today)
 - **Statistics reform in 1994:** parts of the responsibility for official statistics were transferred from SCB to 24 other authorities
- **1998:** started to work with data managed & documented by the Swedish Social Science Data Service, SSD (SND, today)
 - **Government evaluation in 1998:** “Coordination and overall view of the statistical system had worsen”. Recommendation ...
- **2008:** started to use MONA data managed Statistics Sweden
 - The Swedish National Data Service (SND) was established 1st January 2008 by the Swedish Research Council.

Where is the data?

Integrated data

(Source: Statistics Sweden)



Remote Access (RA)

- RA: Researchers have access *via a secure connection* and work with the data (i.e., see & analyze the microdata, which stays at the server).
- But where are the very good services offered by SND?
 - coding and documentation of data
 - understanding my data sometime in the future
 - sharing my research data to increase the visibility of my work
 - What happen with my research data after a project?!



Thank you
for your attention

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An example of rich microdata

Swedish Initiative for Research on Microdata in the Social And Medical Sciences (SIMSAM)

