# Al and Blockchain: Future Convergence and Synergies

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Fiscal Fraud Detection Territory Evolution Analysis

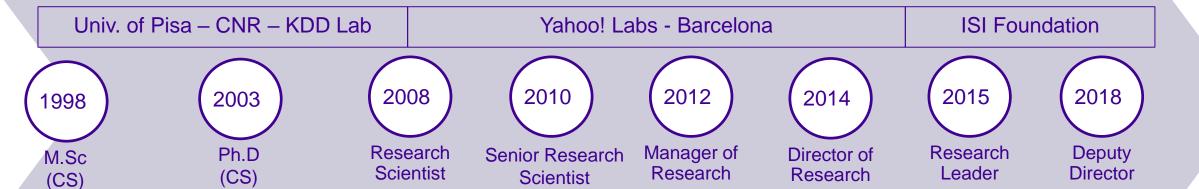
Bio-medical
Data Mining
(solid organ
transplantation)

Mobility Data Analysis Yahoo Search, Advertisement, Personalization, Mobile, Yahoo Finance, Yahoo Answer, Flickr, Tumblr, IntoNow, Contacts, Social Platforms, etc...

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Intelligent Web Caching Promotion Analysis, Churn Prediction @Carrefour

> Promotion Analysis, Churn Prediction @Coop



Spatio-temporal Data Mining, Mobility Data Analysis

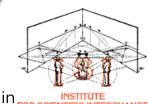
Frequent Pattern Mining, Constrains, Data Mining Query Language, PI Data Mining Systems

Privacy Preserving Data Mining, Anonymity

Mining Social Networks,
Mining Query Logs, Graph Mining,
Social Influence Analysis / Viral Marketing,
Opinion Dynamics, Fake News

Algorithmic Bias, Fairness in ML

Algorithms for Brain INSTITUTE
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# Machine Learning Business Intelligence Data Analysis Statistical Data Analysis

# Big Data Data Science Data Mining

Knowledge Discovery from Databases

# Data Scientist:

The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century

Meet the people who can coax treasure out of messy, unstructured data. by Thomas H. Davenport and D.J. Patil

hen Jonathan Goldman arrived for work in June 2006 at LinkedIn, the business networking site, the place still felt like a start-up. The company had just under 8 million accounts, and the number was growing quickly as existing members invited their friends and colleagues to join. But users weren't

seeking out connections with the people who were already on the site at the rate executives had expected. Something was apparently missing in the social experience. As one LinkedIn manager put it, "It was like arriving at a conference reception and realizing you don't know anyone. So you just stand in the corner sipping your drink—and you probably leave early."



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70 Harvard Business Review October 2012

# Brief history of the recent resurgence in Al (part 1 of 2)

Web companies (e.g., Google, Facebook, Amazon etc.) start producing lot of data

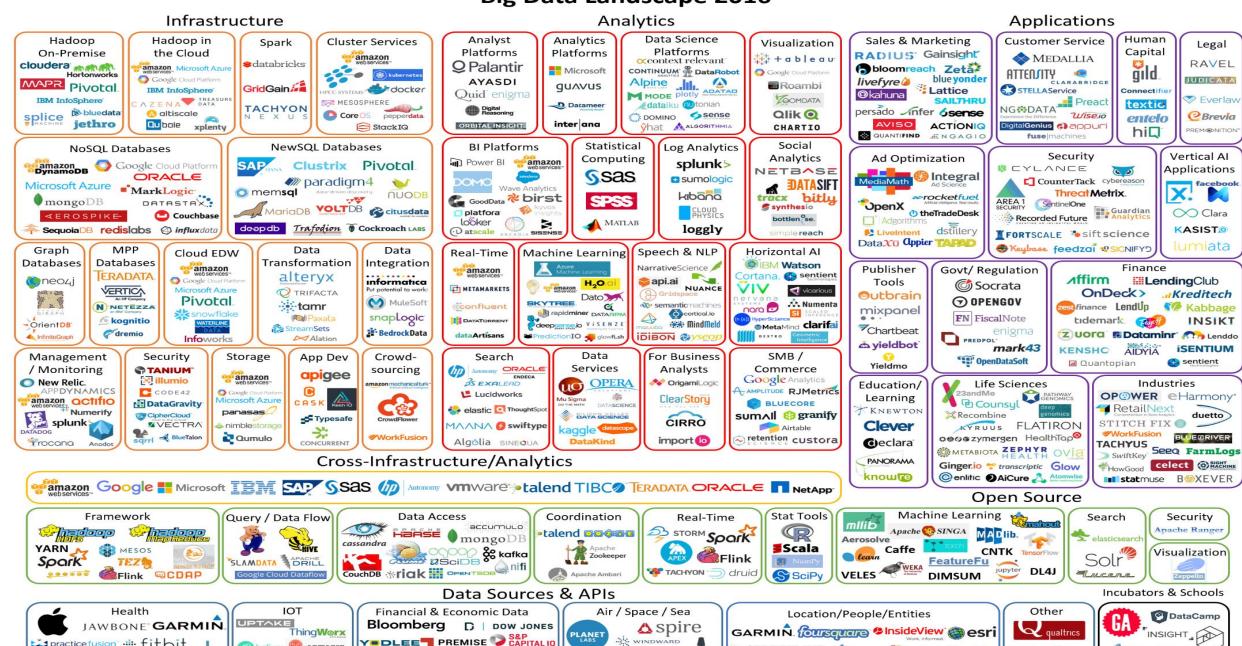
They need to make sense of this data to build better services, to target their users with advertisement, etc.

There is a need for tools for handling and analysing Big Data

New computational paradigms start emerging (Hadoop, Spark, NO SQL, etc...)



#### **Big Data Landscape 2016**



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mattermark @estimize PLAID

WINDWARD

Airware Tone Deploy

SKYLATCH

Crimson Hexagon placemeter BASIS Sense

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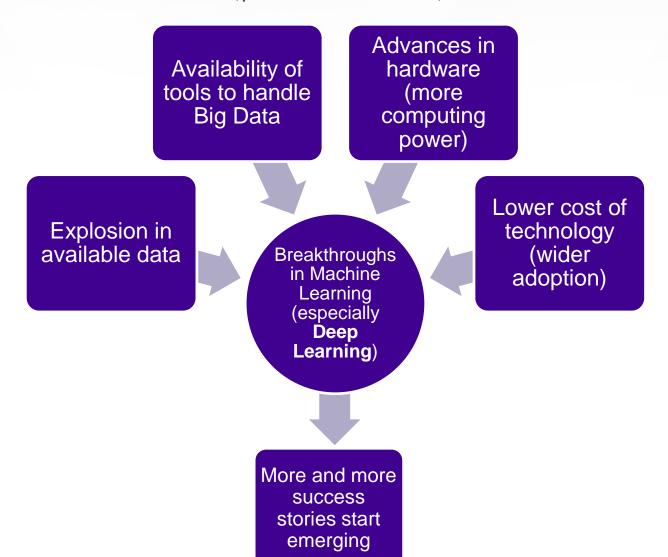
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# Brief history of the recent resurgence in Al (part 2 of 2)

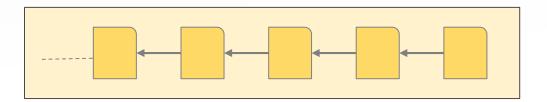


## Al: limits & concerns

- Privacy
- Transparency, Accountability, Explainability
- Fairness, Algorithmic Bias
- Monopolization of Al power by a few big players
- Creation of fake news (fake but realistic photos, voice, videos)



## Blockchain: a decentralized data structure



#### Limits and concerns:

- Security
- Scalability
- Efficiency
- Energy consumption

- list of blocks of transactions
- replicated in all the nodes of the network
- kept synchronized
  - structure is append only!
- Immutable: it is almost impossible to modify any information without having network consensus.





## The DAO attack: unexpected use of code

- The DAO (decentralized autonomous organization) was the largest online crowdfunding service.
  - a form of investor-directed venture capital fund
  - it was instantiated on the Ethereum blockchain
  - no conventional management structure or board of directors.
  - 150M\$ market cap (~11000 investors)
- On the 16th June 2016, an attacker "stole" ~50M USD
  - ...using the contract in a correct, but unexpected way.





## Points of views

"The DAO's **code** controls and sets forth all terms of The DAO Creation and usage."

From the DAO service level agreement.

Ethereum is a decentralized platform that runs programs exactly as programmed without any possibility of *downtime*, *censorship*, *fraud* or *third party interference*.

www.ethereum.org

"I have carefully examined the code of The DAO and found a feature where splitting is rewarded with additional ether. I have made use of this feature and have rightfully claimed 3,641,694 ether. I am disappointed by those who are characterizing the use of this intentional feature as "theft". "

The DAO Attacker



# Security issues: bugs that harm the contract

#### Rubixi

Bug: wrong naming of a function

Effect: users were able to steal the owner fees

#### **PiggyBank**

Bug: wrong way to initialize a variable

**Effect:** the owner fees were constantly growing, instead of being fixed to 3%

#### **TheFunction**

Bug: Upon errors in a money send, it reverts the execution

**Effect:** users can stop the contract (ransomware attack)



## New technology, new frauds

- Scam wallets
- Exchange scams
- Phishing scam
- Money laundering
- Ransomware
- Ponzi schemes
- Fraudolent ICOs
- Smart contracts with a mismatch between the declared and actual behaviour
- Exploitation of bugs



### bitcointalk.org > Economy > Trading > Scam accusations

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#### The Monetize Coin Monetization Platform

The Monetize platform uses the Monetize Bot to generate a monthly return for investors.

To get started simply deposit either Bitcoin or Ethereum into your MonetizeCoin online wallet, purchase MNZ tokens either during the ICO, the integrated exchange or through our external exchange partners.

Choose a lending package to invest in and earn a daily dividend payment of upto 2% per day to your account.

\$ 100 - \$ 1000

Monetize Bot upto 40% monthly Capital Return 239 Days \$ 1001 - \$ 5,000

Monetize Bot
upto 40% monthly
Capital Return 179 Days
+0.10% Daily Bonus

\$ 5001 - \$ 10,000

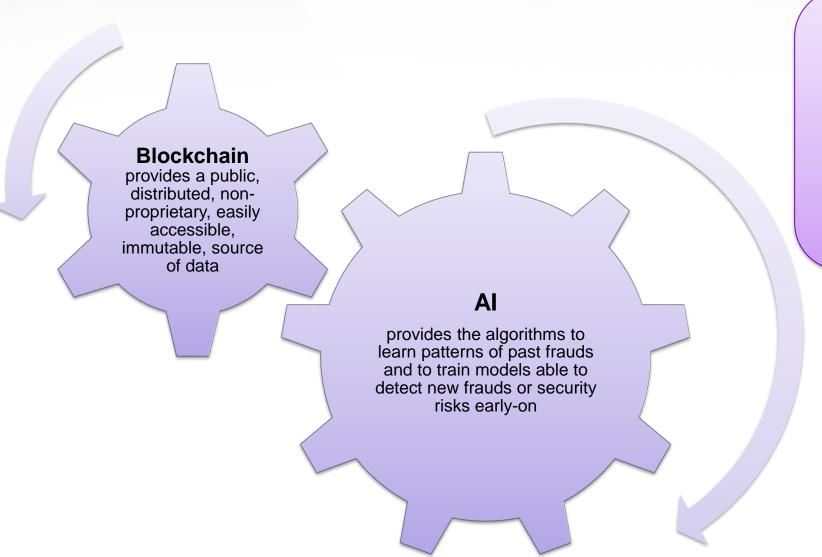
Monetize Bot
upto 40% monthly
Capital Return 120 Days
+0.20% Daily Bonus

\$ 10,000 +

Monetize Bot
upto 40% monthly
Capital Return 99 Days
+0.25% Daily Bonus



#### How can AI+Blockchain help preventing/detecting frauds?



Fraud detection has been one of the early success story of Machine Learning (since the 90s)

Credit cards fraud detection, Insurance fraudolent claims detection, Fiscal fraud detection



# Before execution

Ads analysis to check whether the declared specifications matched the implementation.

Code analysis to devise scheme patterns, bugs, vulnerabilities and possible attacks.

Social Media analysis (e.g., Twitter) to monitor future ICOs

# During execution

**Transactions analysis** to track the actual money flow and to perform statistics.

Attacks monitoring by pretrained models able to detect anomalous behaviour of the system and invoke defense mechanisms

Develop Al-driven defense mechanism to be triggered when under atatck

# After execution

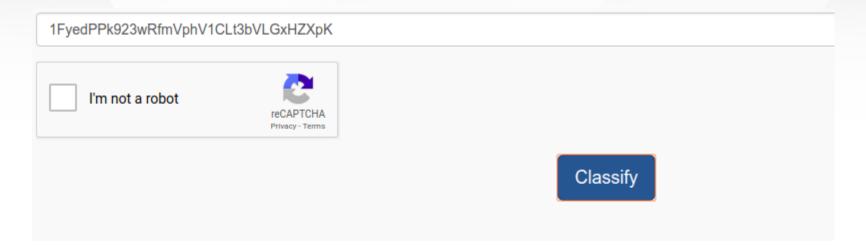
**Learn patterns of frauds** 

**Develop models** that can be used to detect future frauds early on

Learn parameters to setup the blockchain optimizing for higher security, performance and better governance.



#### blockchain.unica.it/deponzifier/

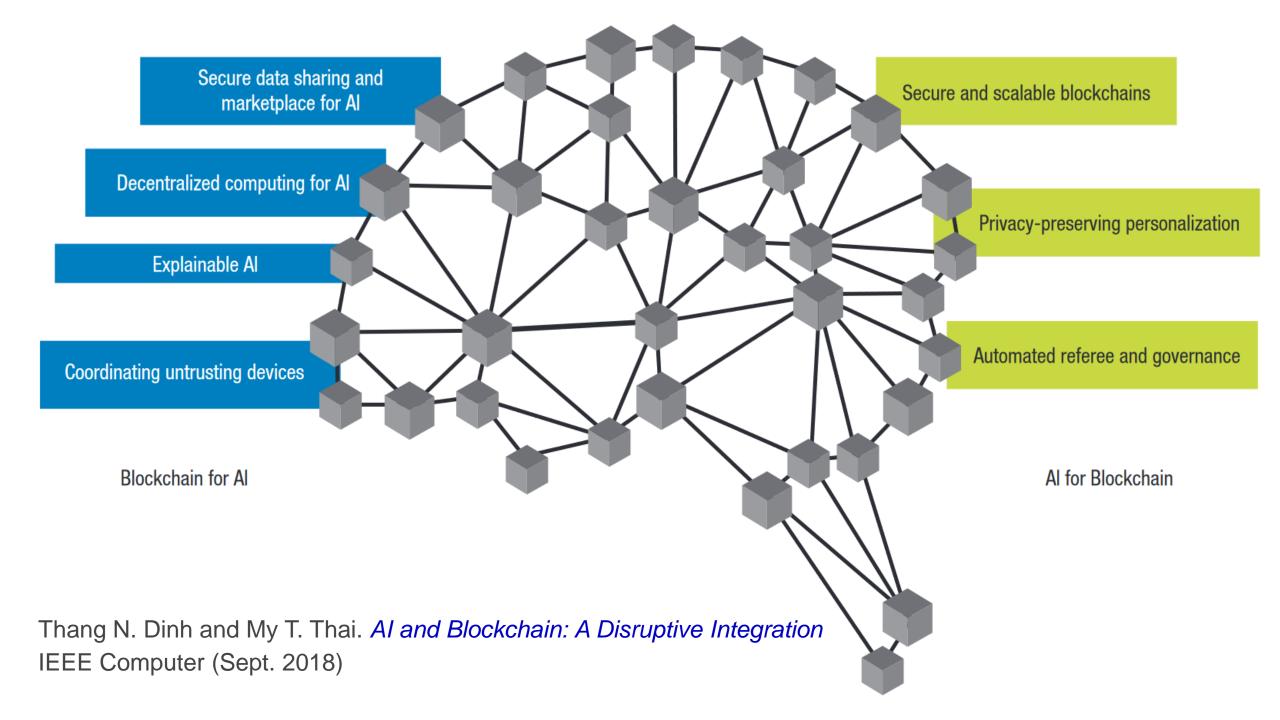


#### Classification result

The address is classified as a Ponzi scheme.

Feature	Value
Gini income class	99.317123
Gini send class	98.739998
Gini income value	73.910004
Gini send value	78.300003





# Thank you!

"Blockchain and AI are the two extreme sides of the technology spectrum: one fostering centralized intelligence on close data platforms, the other promoting decentralized applications in an opendata environment. However, if we find an intelligent way to make them working together, the total positive externalities could be amplified in a blink."

Francesco Corea "The convergence of AI and Blockchain: what's the deal?"



# Thanks for images, slides, and ideas to

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