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Data, AI and Tokens: Ocean Protocol

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Blockchain



Blockchain: a confluence of technologies

Blockchain is a:

- Decentralized ledger
- A way of storing data
- Bringing together cryptography, proofs, consensus mechanisms, decentralization...

Blockchain 1.0: Bitcoin

- The most famous blockchain white paper
- New way of exchanging and storing data (=value)
- Basic functionalities, but did it well (apart from energy consumption...)

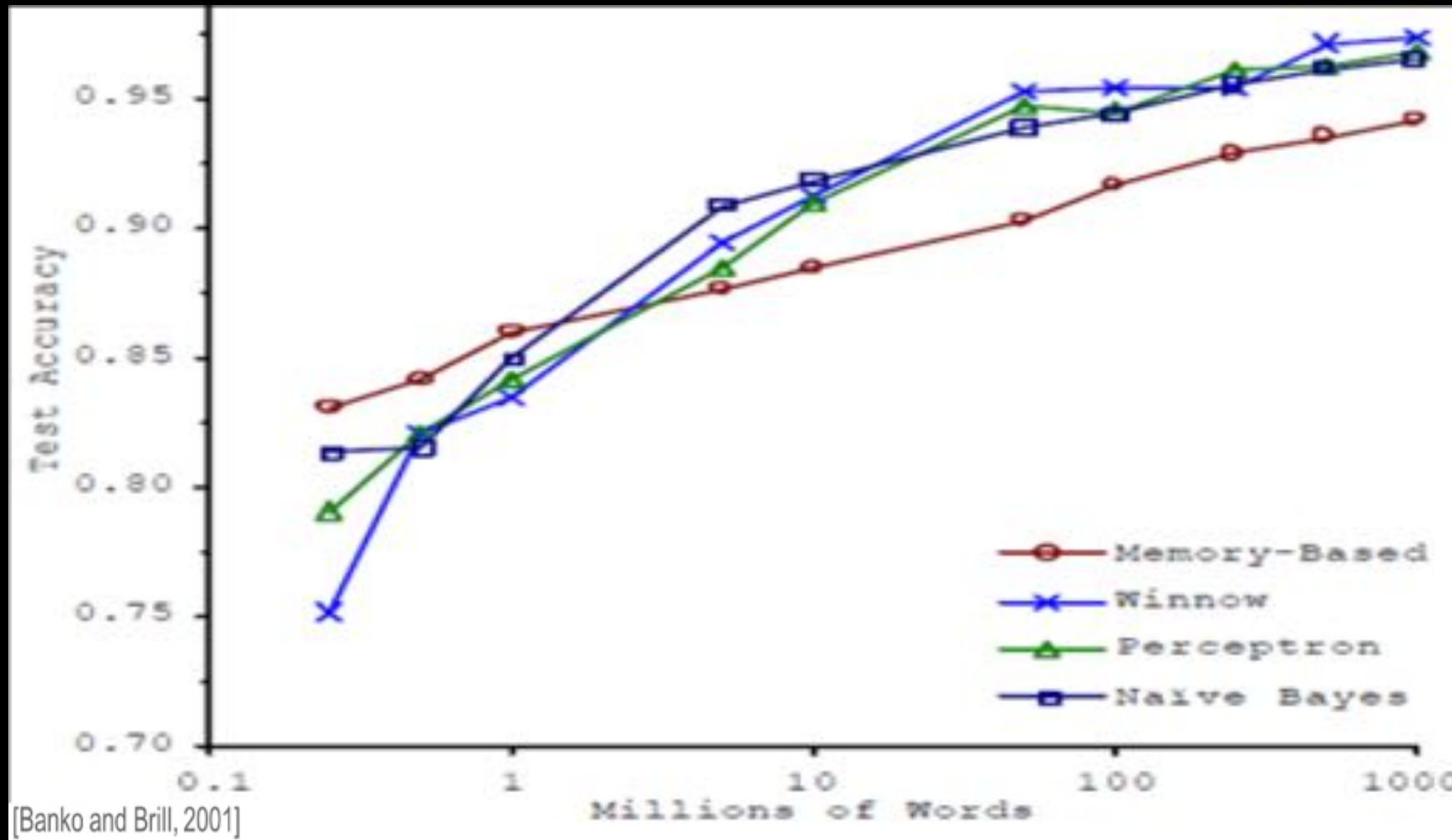
Blockchain 2.0: Ethereum

- The second most famous blockchain whitepaper!
- Improves on Bitcoin by adding an EVM and smart contracts
- You can execute code, create DAOs, and other cool stuff

AI



The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data



1000%
less
error!

1000x more data

The Problem



The world's most valuable resource



**Data and the new rules
of competition**

**More data
(and more compute)**



More accuracy



More \$



Here's

your

personal

data



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2/ Core problem - Siloed data with no
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Eroding the silos



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~~Site~~ *Pool* more Data
(and more compute)

↓
More accuracy

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More \$



**Have lotsa data
(1000 enterprises)**

**Have lotsa AI
(1000 AI startups)**

A new data economy

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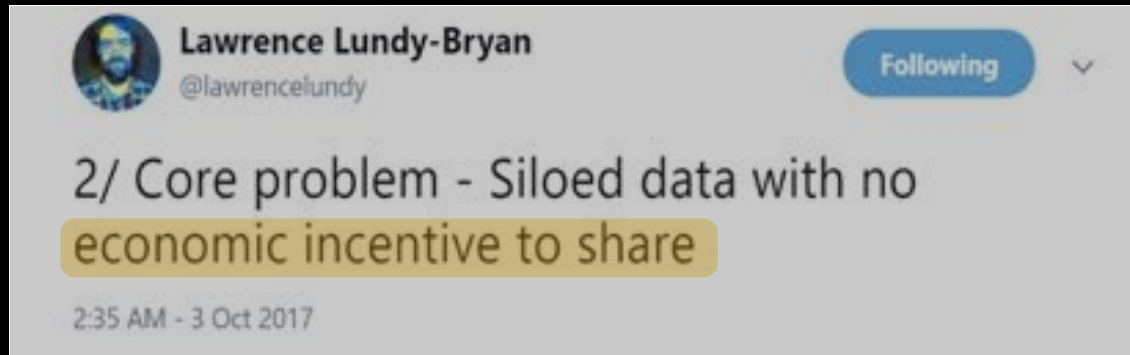
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Ocean

Economic incentives



**“Show me the incentive
and I will show you the outcome.”**

-Charlie Munger

Blockchain Superpower:
Get people to do stuff
By rewarding with tokens





Case Study: Analysis of Bitcoin

Bitcoin goal: maximize security of network

Token rewards if: run compute to secure network



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$$E(R_i) \propto H_i * T$$

$E()$ = expected value

block rewards

hash power of actor = contribution to “security”

tokens (BTC) dispensed each block



Case Study: Design of Ocean

Steps in *Token* Design

1. **Formulate the problem.** Objectives, constraints, design space.
2. **Try an existing pattern.** If needed, try different formulations or solvers.
3. **Design new pattern?**

1. Formulate the Problem:

(a) Who are stakeholders? What do they want?

Key stakeholders in Ocean ecosystem

Stakeholder	What value they can provide	What they might get in return
Data/service provider, data custodian, data owner	Data/service (market's supply)	Tokens for making available / providing service
Data/service referrers, curators. Includes exchanges and other application-layer providers.	Data/service (via a provider etc), curation	Tokens for curating
Data/service verifier. Includes resolution of linked proofs on other chains	Data/service (via a provider etc), verification	Tokens for verification
Data/service consumer	Tokens	Data/service (market's demand)
Keepers	Correctly run nodes in network	Tokens for chainkeeping

1. Formulate the problem:

(b) Translate into objectives and constraints

Objective function: maximize supply of relevant data

Token rewards if: supply relevant data

Token rewards if: supply data, and curate it

Objective: maximize supply of relevant data

- Reward curating data (staking on it) + making it available
- New pattern: Proofed Curation Market

$$E(R_{ij}) \propto \log_{10}(S_{ij}) * \log_{10}(D_j) * T * R_i$$

Expected
reward for user
 i on dataset j

S_{ij} = predicted popularity
= user's curation market
stake in dataset j

D_j = proofed popularity
= # times made dataset
available

tokens
during
interval

From AI data to AI *services*

Motivations:

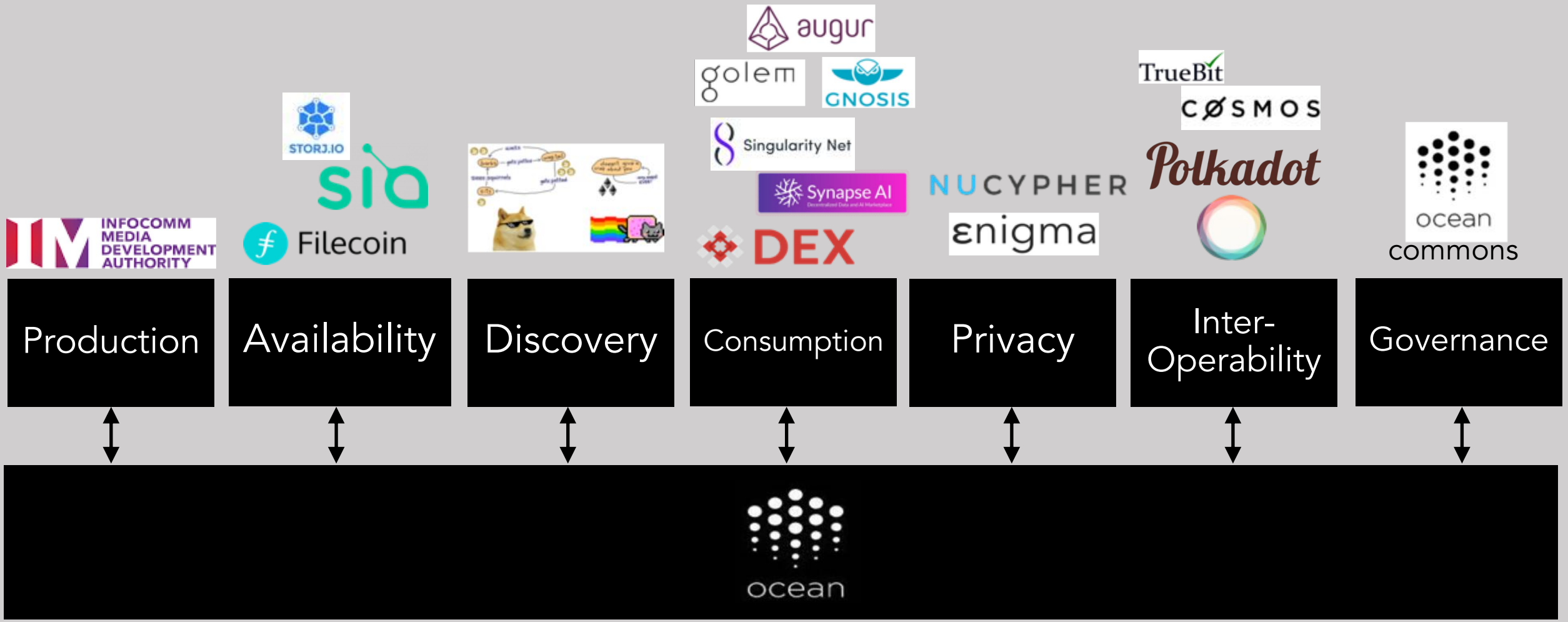
- Privacy, so compute on-premise or decentralized
- Data is heavy, so compute on-premise
- Link in emerging decentralized AI compute

Objective function: Maximize supply of relevant *services*

=reward curating *services* + proving that it was delivered

$$E(R_{ij}) \propto \underbrace{\log_{10}(S_{ij})}_{\text{predicted popularity of service}} * \underbrace{\log_{10}(D_j)}_{\text{proofed popularity of service}} * T * R_i$$

Ocean is a network of *curated services*. An AI services pipeline.



*Note: logos shown are examples and do not imply partnerships or integrations

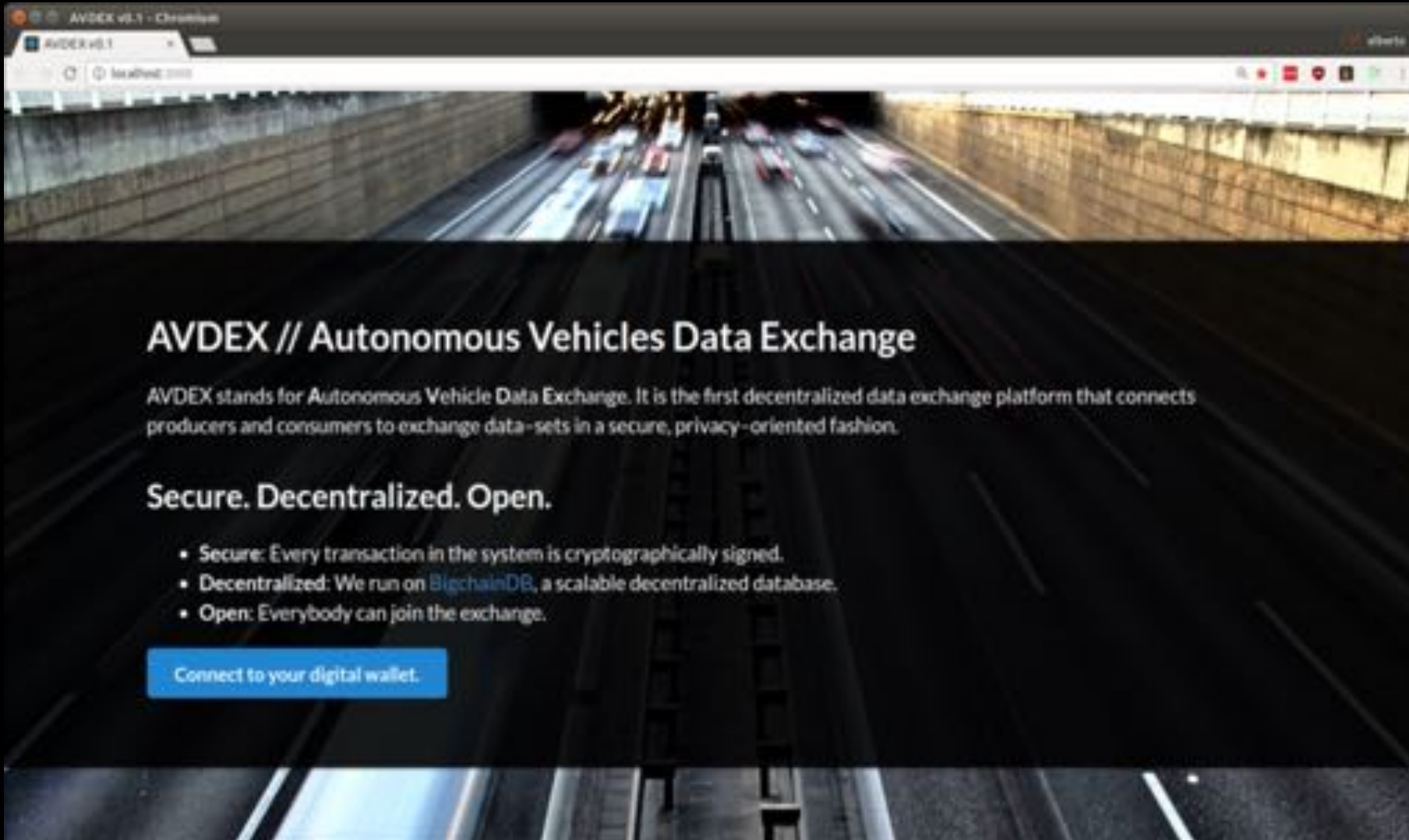


Data Commons



**What unlocking AI data
& services unlocks**

Self-driving cars: fewer accidents, more mobility

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying the AVDEX website. The browser's address bar shows 'localhost:3000'. The website features a background image of a multi-lane highway with cars in motion, viewed from an elevated perspective. The text on the page is white and blue, providing information about the AVDEX platform.

AVDEX // Autonomous Vehicles Data Exchange

AVDEX stands for **Autonomous Vehicle Data Exchange**. It is the first decentralized data exchange platform that connects producers and consumers to exchange data-sets in a secure, privacy-oriented fashion.

Secure. Decentralized. Open.

- **Secure:** Every transaction in the system is cryptographically signed.
- **Decentralized:** We run on [BigchainDB](#), a scalable decentralized database.
- **Open:** Everybody can join the exchange.

[Connect to your digital wallet.](#)

**>100x more data for health
care research**



Machine/Deep Learning as a Service

Fred Ehrsam - 2018

We can go further: an Ocean service where competing models earn tokens:

- Marketplace for ML/DL models
- Uses secure computation (MPC, HE)
- An Oracle checks the best models, and reward them

Models competing for data!

Brad Burnham

Search inverted: not people searching for products, but products searching and competing for people

- People upload their data using an Ocean service
- Models for companies compete and bid to use this data
- People get rewarded by tokens



Conclusion

AI data is siloed.

AI services are siloed.

Let's change the rules of the game with incentives.

Let's democratize access to AI data & services!

