

## Securing Data with Blockchain and AI

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### ABSTRACT

*Data is the center for diverse artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms to mine treasured features, yet records in Internet is scattered anywhere and managed through unique stakeholders who can't accept as true within each other, and utilization of the records in complicated our on-line world is difficult to authorize or to validate. As a result, it's miles very difficult to allow records sharing in our on-line world for the actual huge records, in addition to an actual effective AI. In this paper, we endorse the SecNet, an structure which could allow stable records storing, computing, and sharing within side the large-scale Internet surroundings, aiming at a extra stable our on-line world with actual huge records and accordingly enhanced AI with lots of records source, through integrating 3 key components: 1) block chain-primarily based totally records sharing with possession guarantee, which allows depended on records sharing within side the large-scale surroundings to shape actual huge records; 2) AI-primarily based totally stable computing platform to supply extra clever protection rules, which enables to construct a extra depended on our on-line world; 3) depended on value-change mechanism for getting protection service, providing a manner for individuals to benefit monetary rewards whilst giving out their records or service, which promotes the records sharing and accordingly achieves higher overall performance of AI.*

### I. INTRODUCTION

With the improvement of data technologies, the trend of integrating cyber, bodily and social (CPS) structures to a notably united data society, in place of only a digital Internet, is turning into growing obvious [1]. In such an information society, facts is the asset of its owner, and its usage have to be below the whole manipulate of its owner, despite the fact that this is now no longer the not unusual place case [2], [3]. Given facts is certainly the oil of the data society, nearly each large enterprise need to gather facts as plenty as possible, for his or her destiny competitiveness [4], [5]. An increase- in quantity of private facts, along with vicinity data, web-looking behavior, consumer calls, consumer preference, is being silently gathered with the aid of using the

Integrated sensors in the products from the ones large companies, which brings in large danger on privateers leakage of facts owners [6], [7]. Moreover, the usage of these records is out of manipulate in their owners, given that presently there isn't a dependable manner to file how the records is used and through who, and therefore has little techniques to hint or punish the violators who abuse the ones records [8]. That is, loss of capacity to efficaciously manipulate records makes it very difficult for an individual to govern the ability dangers related to the accrued records [9]. For example, as soon as the records has been accrued through a 1/3 party (e.g., a huge company), the dearth of get right of entry to to this records hinders a character to recognize or manipulate the dangers associated with the accrued records from him. Meanwhile, the dearth of immutable recording for using records will increase the dangers to abuse them [10].

If there may be an efficient and depended on manner to acquire and merge the records scattered throughout the entire CPS to form actual large records, the overall performance of arti\_cial intelligence (AI) may be signi\_cantly progressed considering that AI can deal with massive quantity of records which include massive records on the equal time, which might carry in excellent benefits (e.g., accomplishing enhanced protection for records) or even makes AI gaining the ability to exceed human abilities in extra areas [11]. According to the studies in [12], if given huge quantity of records in an orders of value extra scale, even the most effective AI set of rules currently (e.g.,

perceptions from the 1950s) can gain fanciest overall performance to overcome many state-of-the-art technology today. The key lies in the way to make records sharing depended on and secured [13]. Fortunately, the block chain tech- neologies can be the promising manner to gain this goal, via consensus mechanisms during the community to guarantee records sharing in a tamper-evidence manner embedded with economic incentives [14], [15]. Thus, AI may be in addition empowered with the aid of using block chain-blanketed information sharing [16] \_ [18]. As a result, better AI can offer higher overall performance and protection for information. In this paper, we goal at securing information with the aid of using combining block chain and AI together, and layout a Secure Networking architecture (termed as SecNet) to signi\_cantly enhance the protection of information sharing, after which the safety of the entire network, even the entire CPS. In SecNet, to shield information, one in all the most important challenges is wherein and a way to keep information, due to the fact customers ought to give their information to provider vendors in the event that they need to apply certain offerings or applications [1], [3]. This is because of the inherent coupling of person information and alertness in modern provider mechanisms, which significantly hinders the improvement of information safety and alertness innovation.

Inspired with the aid of using the idea of Personal Data Store (PDS) from appends [5] and the Private Data Center (PDC) from Hyper Net [1], Secret \_ally inherits and adopts PDC as opposed to PDS, as PDC is extra appropriate to installation and to address this problem, since it presents extra stable and sensible records garage system through bodily entities as opposed to software-primarily based totally algorithms as in appends. Each PDC clearly serves as a secured in addition to centralized bodily area for every Secret person wherein his/her records lives in. Embedding PDC into Secret could permit customers to reveal and motive approximately what and why their records is used in addition to with the aid of using who, which means the customers can certainly control each operation on their very own records and reap \_ne-grained control on get right of entry to behaviors for records. Actually, besides PDC, different alternatives also can be implemented for the records storing in Secret consistent with positive requirements (see Section V). Furthermore, statistics is the gasoline of AI [11], and it could greatly assist to enhance the overall performance of AI algorithms if statistics can be efficiently networked and well fused. Enabling statistics sharing throughout more than one provider vendors may be a manner to maximize the usage of scattered statistics in separate entire- ties with capacity convicts of interest, that may enables an extra effective AI. Given sufficient statistics and block chain- primarily based totally clever contract [20] on steady statistics sharing, it's far not amazed that AI can grow to be one of the maximum effective technology and equipment to enhance cyber security, given that it could test massive quantity of statistics extra fast to store time, and discover and mitigate threats extra rapidly, and meanwhile supply extra correct prediction and choice guide on security guidelines that a PDC have to deploy. Besides, embedded with Machine Learning [21] inside, AI can continuously research pat- terns with the aid of using making use of present statistics or artificial statistics generated with the aid of using GAN [22] to enhance its techniques over time, to strengthen its capacity on figuring out any deviation on statistics or behaviors on a 24/7/365 basis. SecNet can practice that superior AI technology into its Operation Support System (OSS) to adaptively discover extra suspicious statistics-associated behaviors, even they're in no way visible before. In addition, swarm intelligence may be utilized in SecNet to in addition enhance the information security, via way of means of accumulating special safety expertise from huge quantity of shrewd retailers scattered anywhere within side the CPS, with the assist of relied on trade mechanisms for incentive tokens [23]. The relaxation of this paper is prepared as follows. Section II overviews associated works. Section III affords the SecNet architecture. Section IV offers a normal use state of affairs of SecNet on hospital therapy area. Section V discusses an opportunity way to installation a special information garage version in SecNet. Section VI gives the evaluation on each safety development of the community machine and the motivation for customers to percentage learned safety rules. Finally, segment VII concludes this paper and offers a few destiny directions.

## II. RELATED WORK

Data safety is amongst key issues of any community architectures, and is the bottom for AI algorithms to enhance due to its requirement for big quantity of statistics from as a lot as feasible locations in Internet. Meanwhile, with a greater powerful AI, statistics safety may be in addition covered at a better level as a better AI can figure out superior and complicated threats greater without difficulty than everyday AI. To beautify the safety of statistics in CPS, numbers of efforts are conducted. The paintings in [3] offers an architecture named Amber to allow decoupling statistics from the internet packages, which offers manipulate cap potential to internet customers over their private statistics, in addition to presents a powerful internet-huge question feature to go looking private statistics. To extend the decoupling mechanism of statistics and packages from only internet offerings to all sorts of packages, the studies

group from the Media Lab in Massachusetts Institute of Technology designs the appends [5], appearing as a secured digital space for customers to collect, keep and manipulate their statistics, separating all sorts of packages from working on statistics directly. In addition, appends introduces a brand new carrier paradigm named Safe Answer, to dynamically guard records privateers with the aid of using decreasing the size of private records. Besides, the rising block chain generation gives an efficient and impact manner to assure the safety of records in CPS, with the aid of using presenting tamper-evidence and traceable recording capabilities in addition to incentive mechanisms. The authors in [8] broaden the Origin Chain gadget to realize the transparency and tamper-evidence capabilities of the metadata whilst the supply chain strains products. Origin Chain permits all associated parties to acquire the identical depended on records and adapt to dynamic surroundings and regulations.

The authors in [10] recommend a block chain-primarily based totally Med Share gadget to successfully manage and defend scientific records, in addition to proportion scientific records amongst cloud repositories, with ensures on records prove- Nance, auditing and controlling. The paintings in [17] overviews the heritage of block chain and Intrusion Detection System (IDS) in details, and discusses the way to follow block chain technology to IDS, in addition to offers affordable guesses about feasible hidden risks on this direction. Besides, the paintings in [15] designs a block chain-primarily based totally incentive mechanism for crowd sensing applications, with privateers maintaining and records protection guaranteeing. Furthermore, AI is likewise a promising manner to decorate records protection in CPS, when you consider that it may deeply examine big amount of records, analyze hidden styles after which make correct predictions, with the assist of availability of huge records and accelerated computational power. The paintings in [11] has made a particular evaluation approximately the usage of AI for massive facts as well as the usage of massive facts for AI, and additionally recommend some improvement instructions which includes a way to enhance the facts safety through AI. The paintings in [16] highlights AI can benefit higher overall performance if supplied large quantity of facts to reap a higher base model, and appeals to increase extra efforts for constructing large precious datasets, to empower the AI for higher safety of facts. Furthermore, the paintings in [21] overviews and provides a complete survey on AI techniques for cyber safety. In addition, the paintings in [20] goals at developing a marketplace in which contributors can change gadget learning modes for rewards, making AI extra sensible and accessible to everyone, and accordingly offering extra AI answers for higher safety of facts.

All those thoughts and answers above advise to defend facts safety, via way of means of designing a brand new provider paradigm assisting the decoupling of facts and application, or via way of means of designing a septic block chain to fulfill needs of positive applications, or via way of means of integrating AI algorithms as a practical element to analyze facts safety. However, none of them treats the problem of facts safety from the view of structure. To all this gap, SecNet attempts to assemble a not unusual place and well-known networking structure via way of means of combining the energy of AI and block chain collectively at a big scale, that can help dynamic update of most of these practical element one at a time at any time as needed, to efficiently and efficiently enhance the facts security for all applications.

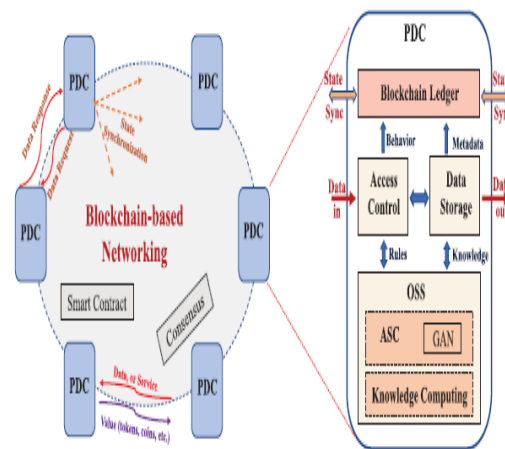
It is really well worth noting that SecNet is special from Hyper Net [1]. For instance, firstly, AI in Hyper Net mainly acts because the digital non-public assistant to guard privateers of a unmarried PDC consumer whilst AI in SecNet is likewise in price of producing artificial facts for schooling extra sturdy safety policies, which may be used to decorate AI again. Secondly, how to safely sharing safety policies with the assist of a detailed on-chain clever settlement is given in SecNet, but HyperNet lacks. In addition, SecNet pursuits at attaining a extra secure our on-line world via way of means of sharing now no longer most effective consumer facts however additionally safety policies produced via way of means of AI, whilst HyperNet most effective pursuits at securely sharing consumer facts. Last however now no longer least, PDC is most effective one in all the facts storing answers for SecNet (see Section V), but is the most effective answer for HyperNet.

### III. THE SECNET ARCHITECTURE

SecNet is construct as an structure for a extra steady cyberspace, with the aid of using integrating 3 key components:

1) block chain-primarily based totally facts sharing with possession guarantee; 2) AI-primarily based totally steady computing platform primarily based totally on massive facts to produce wise and dynamic safety rules; 3) accept as true with value- alternate mechanism for buying safety services. Figure 1 illustrates the general structure of SecNet. Nodes in SecNet are linked with Block chain-primarily based totally net- working. In the network, nodes speak with every different and attain a consensus primarily based totally on block chain techniques. In the meanwhile, they

cooperate thru the execution of smart contracts. In order to attain a consensus, both on node country or smart-agreement execution results, every node incorporates a block chain ledger to sync country with different nodes. In terms of facts, SecNet nodes are prepared with the facts storage module and get admission to manipulate module for facts protection. SecNet nodes additionally have an Operation Support System (OSS) module which permits AI-primarily based totally stable computing (ASC) for generating know-how and stable regulations from facts. A. DATA SHARING GUARANTEED BY BLOCKCHAIN For facts safety, SecNet adopts the Private Data Center (PDC) from Hyper Net [1], and integrates block chain- primarily based totally safety mechanism for facts sharing between entrusted entities. PDC affords bodily protection for facts, leveraging superior architectural and engineering techniques to



**FIGURE 1. The SecNet architecture.**

Running AI-primarily based totally OSS. One crucial characteristic PDC provides is the uniform information get entry to manipulate. Uniform information get entry to manipulate comes from aspects. The \_rest one is uniform information representation (UDR). UDR allows information be represented in a preferred form, wherein information is self-description and can be effortlessly parsed with the aid of using programs conforming UDR preferred, which makes it handy for information sharing amongst entities. With UDR, diverse styles of information may have a uniform representation to information consumers, which clearly mitigates information layout trouble in surroundings in which distinct applications have distinct information formats. The 2nd one is uniform get entry to manipulate (UAC). UAC may be very just like get entry to manipulate schemes used in lots of \_le systems. It's involved with giving get admission to to agents (users, groups, programs and more) to carry out diverse types of operations (read, write, append, etc) on statistics. PDC can without difficulty determine whether or not a request for a statistics from a specific entity is felony or now no longer with UAC. Besides the illustration aspects, PDC additionally gives a mechanism for statistics identification. PDC additionally gives a uniform statistics identifier (UDI) platform for statistics identification and routing. With UDI, PDC is able to figuring out the source, version, possession and plenty of different attributes of statistics, makes it viable to manipulate and trade statistics items between specific entities and programs. The UDI platform in PDC is decentralized, with which consumer statistics will be controlled in a decentralized manner and no provider company can manipulate statistics, as a result the abuse of statistics or statistics leakage is avoided.

Every PDC is housed in nondescript centers and the bodily get right of entry to is precisely managed each at the fringe and at constructing ingress factors through expert safety workforce as well as GAN-primarily based totally progressed rules, simplest supplying records get right of entry to for valid customers who've such privileges. Every entity (e.g., a user, or an institute) has a PDC to store records. All the records produced in our on-line world associated with an entity are saved in a corresponding PDC, and may be merged and computed to shape a know-how system, to similarly improve the records safety. Before any records may be shared through Internet, these records should be registered into the DRB, to announce its availability for sharing. DRB is in fee of now no longer simplest

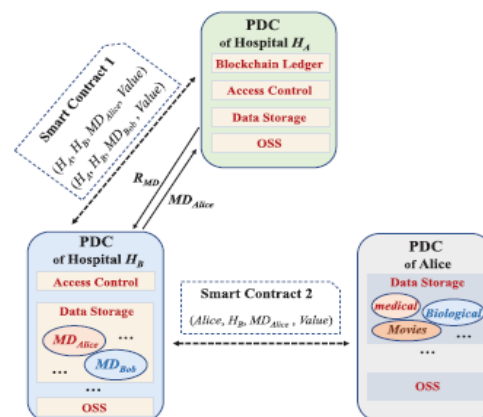


records naming, however also records validating and conduct recording of records interplay. That is, any interplay with this records could be recorded through DRB, and the authenticity and integrity of records can simplest be tested through DRB as well.

B. AI-BASED SECURE COMPUTING Data is so vital for its owner, and differing types of information may be produced with the aid of using reshaping the uncooked information, in accordance to distinct necessities and scenarios. For example, the health data of a person saved in PDC may be extracted and reorganized to end up established clinical information that's very handy for its shoppers from hospital, studies institutes and healthy software developers. All the information of an entity in our on-line world is saved in PDC, and for this reason its protection is of amazing significance to its owner, as the information is in reality the virtual a twin of the entity in actual world. To shield information, SecNet introduces ASC aspect into the OSS in each PDC.

## IV. USE SCENARIO

SecNet will allow substantial packages because of the inherent embedding of AI and block chain. One of the standard cases for SecNet deployment and alertness is the consider scientific records sharing amongst consider-much less one of a kind parties, to aid an smart and stable scientific records control ecosystem, that is the important thing to a worldwide fitness care system. A. NECESSARIES OF IMPLEMENTING SECNET FOR MEDICAL CARE The traditional way of scientific records control is inefficient for constructing a worldwide fitness care system. On the only hand, nowadays, the scientific records is saved in diversi\_ed fitness care surroundings and managed via way of means of one of a kind entities which



**FIGURE 2. Medical data sharing using SecNet.**

May also have extraordinary business requirements. The lack of consider mechanisms for information provenance, auditing and control, makes the sharing of treasured information impossible. Moreover, in maximum cases, sufferers ought to gather their clinical data through themselves after which offer them to extraordinary establishments (e.g., extraordinary hospitals), despite the fact that those clinical data may also be saved numerous instances in different institutes before, because extraordinary establishments cannot without problems percentage clinical data due to no fashionable layout for information or no financial incentive. On the alternative hand, clinical information contains its owner's privacy information, however unfortunately, sufferers are in truth lack of authority for using that information. Additionally, for better hospital therapy services, sufferers ought to provide out their clinical information without choices, because of the mismatch of the want for correct evaluation on clinical information and the dearth of knowledge in clinical take care of sufferers. To remedy the ones issues above, SecNet employs 1) block chain-primarily based totally records sharing guaranteeing, 2) smart contracts to modify the interactions among believe-much less entire- ties, 3) AI-primarily based totally stable computing for conduct analyzing, to efficiently offer records provenance, auditing and control, in addition to conduct tracking, through a tamper-evidence way. Embed- deed with those characters SecNet provides, the precise work- \_own to obtain believes scientific records sharing is as follows. B. MEDICAL DATA SHARING WORKFLOW USING SECNET As proven in Figure 2, if the sanatorium HA desires to use Alice's scientific records Malice, that's presently saved in

another sanatorium HB, to guide a completely crucial scientific experiment. HA desires to get right of entry to its PDC PA, after which ship the records request RMD containing the metadata/identifier IDR to the PDC PB belonged to HB.

When PB gets the RMD from PA, the Access Control module analyzes the RMD with the assist of ASC module in OSS, and in the meantime file this request conduct to the Block chain Ledger, looking ahead to nation synchronization. After the RMD is excluded from malicious get entry to conduct in keeping with the studying end result from ASC in addition to its sub module GAN, the Access Control module communications with the Data Storage module for the RMD and then triggers the on-chain clever agreement SC1 among HB and HA at the asked dataMDAlice, and perhaps always triggers the clever agreement SC2 among HB and Alice. The former regulates the price that HA need to pay for the asked data from HB, and the latter for the price that HB need to transfer to Alice for the reason that possession of Malice belongs to her. When HA gets the asked statistics Malice, corresponding value (e.g., tokens, coins, electric powered cash) is transferred from HA to HB and from HB to Alice, in step with the smart contracts SC1 and SC2 respectively. That is, HB profits rewards via way of means of imparting storing provider for Alice's clinical statistics, and Alice is likewise paid via way of means of permitting her clinical statistics to be shared with HB. To make the most the statistics for a few in addition data that may be beneficial to HB, the Knowledge Computing module of PB will merge the brand new obtained Malice with associated statistics storing in its Data Storage module, and might decompose the statistics into extraordinary sorts of statistics components (e.g., disorder name, disease duration, affected person name, affected person age, drug-the usage of records, etc.), to make the most in addition data and capacity \_endings.

## V. ALTERNATIVE WAY FOR SECNET

The records garage in SecNet is supplied via way of means of PDC, and the security of records is the obligation of the PDC's owner. In this way, records are below manipulated of its owner, and any interaction with records may be monitored regionally in PDC. However, if the SecNet customers desires to save their records in a stable cloud, supplied via way of means of a huge enterprise which has great recognition and capacity to assure records security, as an alternative than storing of their personal PDCs, the philosophy of Interplanetary File System (IPFS) [24] can be a preference to update the Data Storage module of PDC with dispensed \_le system in which records gadgets are exchanged inside one Get repository, as proven in Figure 3. In this way, PDC coordinates and keeps a records storing network, in which all of the records is handled equally, and is fragmented into records portions after which scattered throughout the whole network. Thus, the privateers of records in addition to the survivability may be included higher than storing all of the records of a person in an unmarried PDC.

For instance, if malicious events damage or hack into a few PDCs, they'll get just a few portions of different statistics however can't effortlessly get an entire statistics containing valuable information, which significantly reduces the danger for privacy leakage and degrades the chance that a statistics is completely destroyed because of the centralized storing in a nearby PDC. However, the downside is that it turns into very difficult to permit customized information computing or AI-based steady computing via way of means of exploiting all of the non-public statistics for a sure user, due to the fact those statistics is scattered throughout the whole SecNet, now no longer saved within side the statistics-owner's PDC. One possible answer is to assemble a few steady computing nodes in SecNet, in which statistics can \_own in but most effective solutions however no

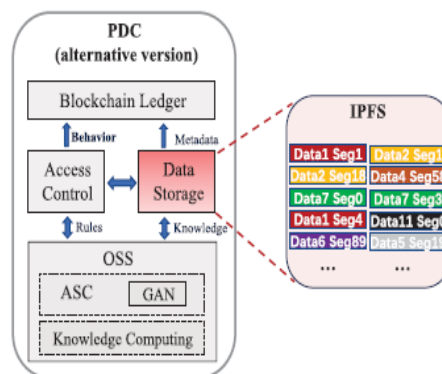


FIGURE 3. Alternative garage version of SecNet. High-dimensional records may be \_own out, to help AI-based computing and information extracting for a few positive users, without inflicting harm for records protection and privacy.

## VI. PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

In this section, we compare the layout of SecNet in two aspects: vulnerability whilst struggling infamous network assaults along with the Distributed Denial of Service (Dodos) Attacks, and sales for participants who offer the security regulations on block chain. A. VULNERABILITY OF ARCHITECTURE Dodos assaults remain one of the maximum critical net- paintings assaults for each the Internet infrastructure [25] and its applications [26]. Attackers can use this sort of assaults to exhaust the bandwidth aid for a few famous and critical Web applications, making those offerings unavailable to the customers or maybe blocking off Internet connectivity for a huge part of a country, and therefore can bring about large monetary lost.

For example, even an unmarried minute of provider downtime can price as much as 22000 greenbacks in revenue [26]. In Secret, due to the sharing of safety guidelines via way of means of each Internet person resulting in a greater complete understanding on community safety, the vulnerability that may be exploited via way of means of Dodos attackers will be reduced dramatically. That is, SecNet can substantially reduce the effect of the infamous Dodos assaults. For a situation that DDoS assaults are going on independently and identically, the quantity of assaults being detected may be taken into consideration as following the Poisson distribution. In this case, we assume all of the customers will record their discovered safety guidelines to the block chain as soon as struggling DDoS assaults. Figure four shows the vulnerability that may be exploited via way of means of DDoS attackers (the opportunity of the SecNet may be attacked via way of means of DDoS assaults) varies with the sharing quantity of safety guidelines, wherein 4 exceptional safety factors ( $\lambda$  0:2; 0:four; 0:6; 0:8) are taken into consideration. The safety component shows the severity of community threats (e.g., the frequency of Dodos assaults).

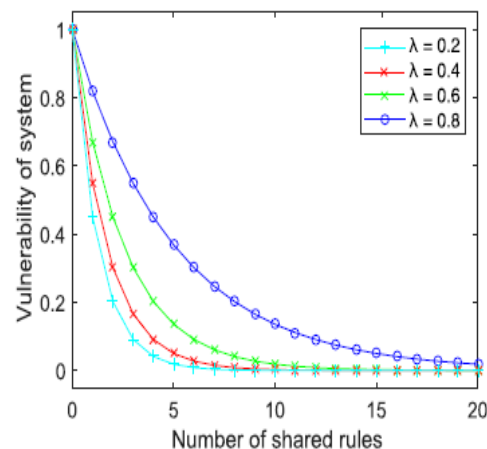


FIGURE 4. Vulnerability of Secret while struggling DDoS safety. This is due to the fact the increase within side the wide variety of shared safety guidelines ends in a greater complete know-how of network safety for all of the individuals, which makes it greater difficult for attackers to release a a hit DDoS assault to keep away from the detection of the developing safety guidelines. B. REVENUE FOR CONTRIBUTORS The safety degree of SecNet can be progressed constantly if each contributor stocks his personal safety rule on block chain with earth other, due to the fact that all individuals within side the machine have greater safety know-how to defend in opposition to attacks.

The sales for every contributor are a key thing affecting contributor initiative. Firstly, we check out how the sales for every participant vary while sharing safety regulations public for a greater secure network, with specific tiers of rule excellent control. Con- side ring the thing within side the excellent impact of the actual market, the sales for each contributor will growth linearly at the very starting level however at specific rates, but will vary in specific instructions after the quantity of shared safety regulations exceeds a threshold. Accordingly, on this simulation, we

moderately set the growing price of the sales of a contributor on the very starting level because the excellent control stage of the shared safety regulations.

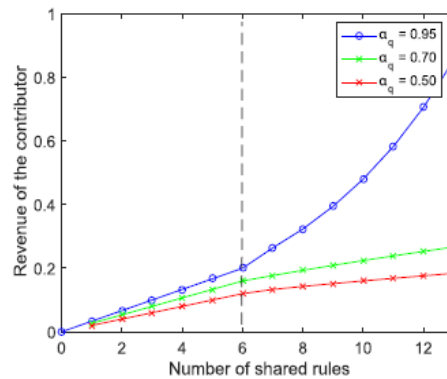


FIGURE 5. Revenue when sharing security rules with varying rule quality.

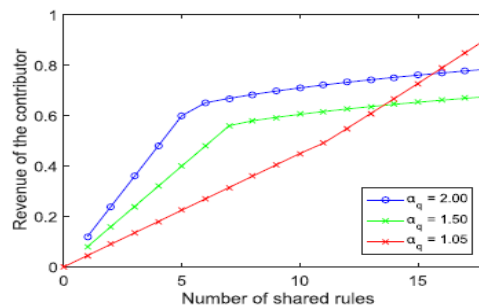


FIGURE 6. Revenue while sharing safety policies with distinct rule price. For all members is increase, the sales for each single contributor may be very distinct. As may be visible from the figure, while the best impact of the actual marketplace is formed, contributors who proportion exquisite safety policies beneath plenty greater fast even as different members earn little. This is because the bulk of purchasers will choose to pick out exquisite safety policies that are greater powerful on guard themselves than people with decrease best and clutter impact.

## VII. CONCLUSION

In order to leverage AI and block chain to \_t the problem of abusing facts, in addition to empower AI with the assist of block chain for depended on facts control in trust-much less environment, we endorse the SecNet, that is a brand new community- in paradigm specializing in steady facts storing, sharing and computing in place of communicating. SecNet gives facts possession making certain with the assist of blockchain tech- neologies, and AI-primarily based totally steady computing platform as well as block chain-primarily based totally incentive mechanism, providing paradigm and incentives for facts merging and extra effective AI to acquire higher community safety. Moreover, we discuss the standard use situation of SecNet in hospital therapy system, and offers opportunity approaches for using the garage function of SecNet. Furthermore, we compare its development on community vulnerability while countering DDoS attacks, and examine the ingenious thing on encouraging customers to share safety regulations for an extra steady community. In destiny work, we are able to discover the way to leverage block chain for the get entry to authorization on information requests, and design steady and exact clever contracts for information sharing and AI-primarily based totally computing provider in Secret. In addition, we are able to version SecNet and examine its overall performance thru extend- sive experiments primarily based totally on superior platforms (e.g., inte grating IPFS [27] and Ethereum [28] to shape a SecNet-like architecture).



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