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Cybersecurity and Trust: Technology Innovations and Data Privacy Implications for DFS

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DATA: THE NEW OIL?

"Data is the new oil"

Clive Humby (co-founder of consumer analytics firm DunHumby), 2006

"The world's most valuable resource is no longer oil, but data",

The Economist, 2017

IT TURNS OUT THERE ARE KEY DIFFERENCES

- Oil has a proven infrastructure for extraction, refining and sale. Turning raw data into profits is not a clear process
- Data requires investment in specialized infrastructure (typically cloud-based) and skilled data scientists
- Data can't deliver value in isolation requires testing against real-world observations
- Data needs scale (over time, across populations) to deliver real value
- Data raises Issues of privacy, security and trust

TELECOM DATA: WHO HAS IT?

Mobile Network Operators

- Source: Call Data Records (calls, texts, data), Billing and customer information
- Advantages: Scale
- Challenges: Utility-centric regulation; weak data infrastructure; data-only networks
- Primary use case: Internal marketing

OTP Providers

- Source: Data gathered from mobile apps (with customer opt-in)
- Advantages: Rich data set
- Challenges: Weak security, identity fraud,
 lack of consumer protection (Apple, Google)
- Primary use case: Digital advertising

TELECOM DATA & DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

With few exceptions, mobile operators have failed to develop scalable DFS:

- Lack of investment in data infrastructure
- Data privacy restrictions that prevent sharing or aggregating raw customer data
- Difficulty developing commercial partnerships with balance sheet providers
- Non-core business with limited impact on customer ARPU
- Increased availability of other non-traditional data sources that compete with telco.
- Digital lenders largely rely on app-based and other data
 - Tala, Neon, Julo, Grab, Alipay, Konfio, Branch.....

CASE STUDY: RISK SCORING IN BRAZIL

- Collaborative model 100% coverage maximizes value
- Credit bureau for low-cost distribution and data security
- Data privacy rules (LGPD) permit use for fraud and credit
- Enquiry-only model avoids any raw data transfer
- First product localization score





MONETIZING TELECOM DATA MORE EFFECTIVELY

- Clear data privacy/usage rules for app providers as well as MNOs
- Align permitted data usage with public policy/financial inclusion objectives (similar to open banking)
- Opt-in/Informed Consent
- Transparency to build trust in underwriting/approval algorithms

Thank You

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