

Fake News

Session 3

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Session 3 – Solution Space

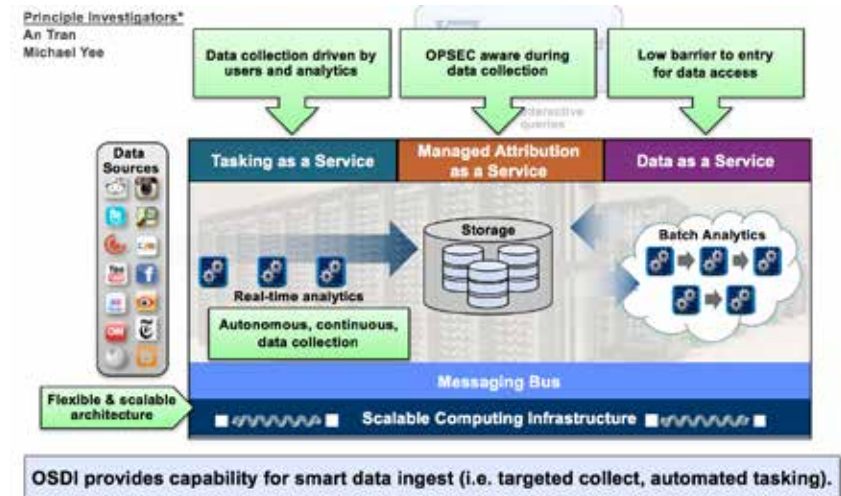
- Excavating Facts in a Post-Truth Landscape (Mei-Ling McNamera)
- “Fake Media” Research at MIT Lincoln Laboratory (Joseph Zipkin and Charlie Dagli)

Mei-Ling: Lessons from Recent Political Season

- Meeting between community and journalists
- Observations
 - Archives – documenting power
 - Out of community into the wire – decline of local media
 - Enemy of the people – free press under fire
 - Authentic reporting
 - Eyewitness video vs. traditional journalism
 - War on press
 - Why people believe in obvious lies
 - Community group-think
 - People think they know more than they know

Charlie: Thoughts and Progress from MIT Lincoln Labs

- National Security Threat of Information Warfare
- Automatically detecting unreliable content, then assessing any coordinated campaign and influence is a difficult, multi-disciplinary challenge.
- The Open Source Challenge for Combatting Fake Media
- Lincoln Laboratory Open Source Data Initiative (OSDI)
- MIT-LL Fake Media Hackathon



A Conclusion from Retrospective

- Fake News Analysts
 - Truthsayers or weather forecasters?
- Which are they? What should our goal be?

The image is a screenshot of the Dune Wiki page for the term 'Truthsayer'. The page has a dark brown background with orange accents. At the top, the word 'Dune' is written in white. Below it, there is a navigation bar with links for 'TOPCONTENT', 'ORIGINAL DUNE', 'COMMUNITY', and 'EXPLORE'. The main heading 'Truthsayer' is in large white font. Below the heading, there is a section titled 'Original Dune' with a light orange background, containing the text: 'This article or section refers to elements from Original Dune.' The main body of the page contains the definition: 'A Truthsayer is anyone who can detect truth when it is being told.' To the right of this text is a small box containing the number '2' and the word 'Truthsayer'. Below the definition, there is a paragraph: 'Truthsaying was a skill developed and used by the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood. Indeed, the majority of Truthsayers employed during the time of the Faufreluches were Bene Gesserit adepts.'