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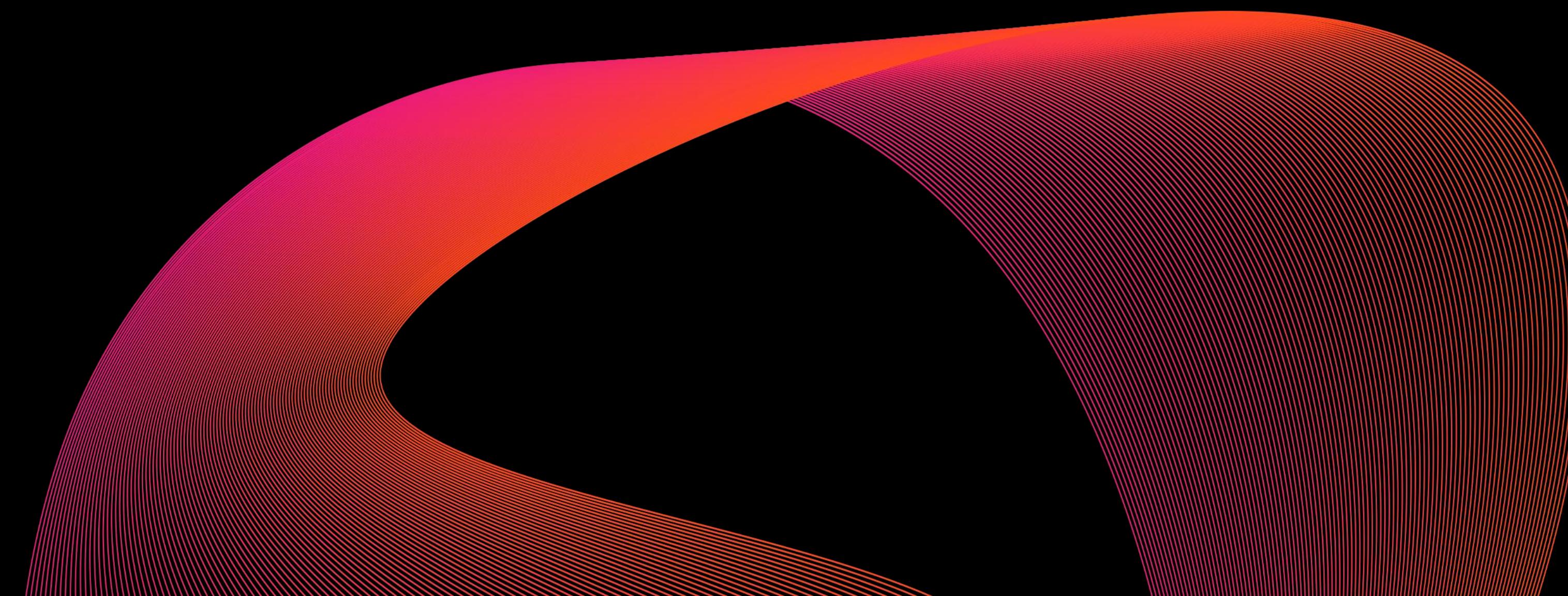
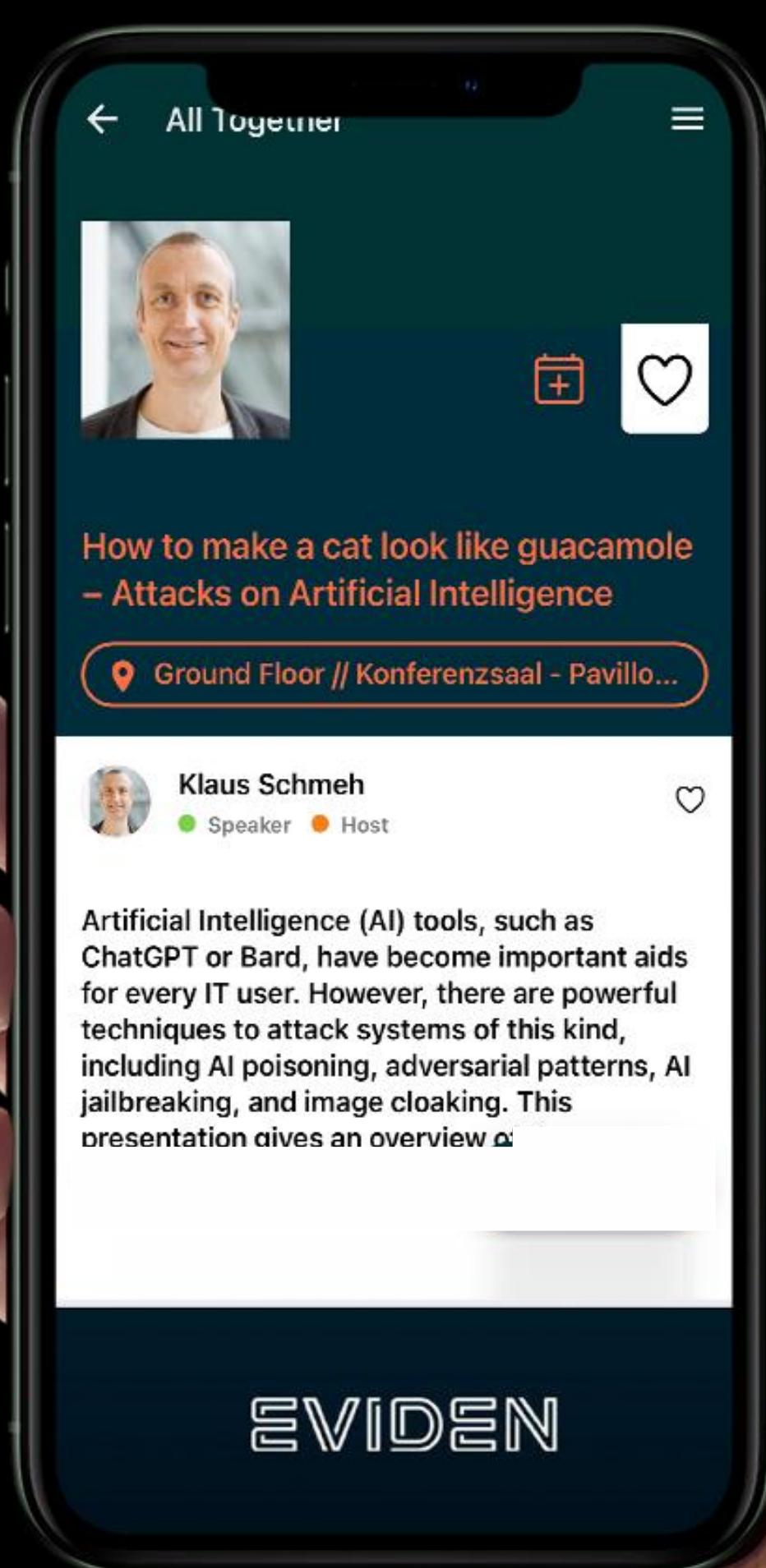
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# MINDSHARE AGENDA



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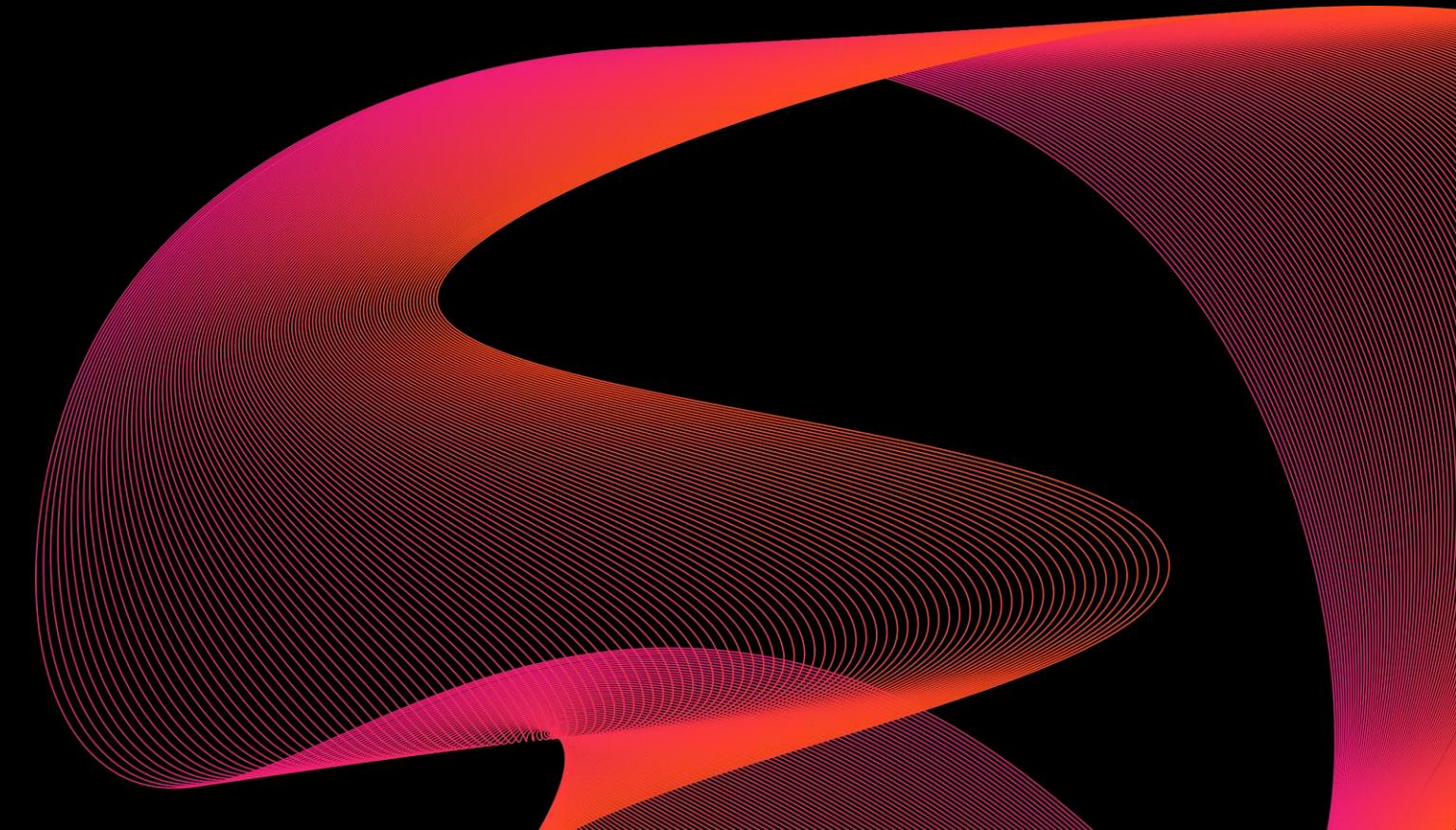


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Secure Multiparty  
Computation

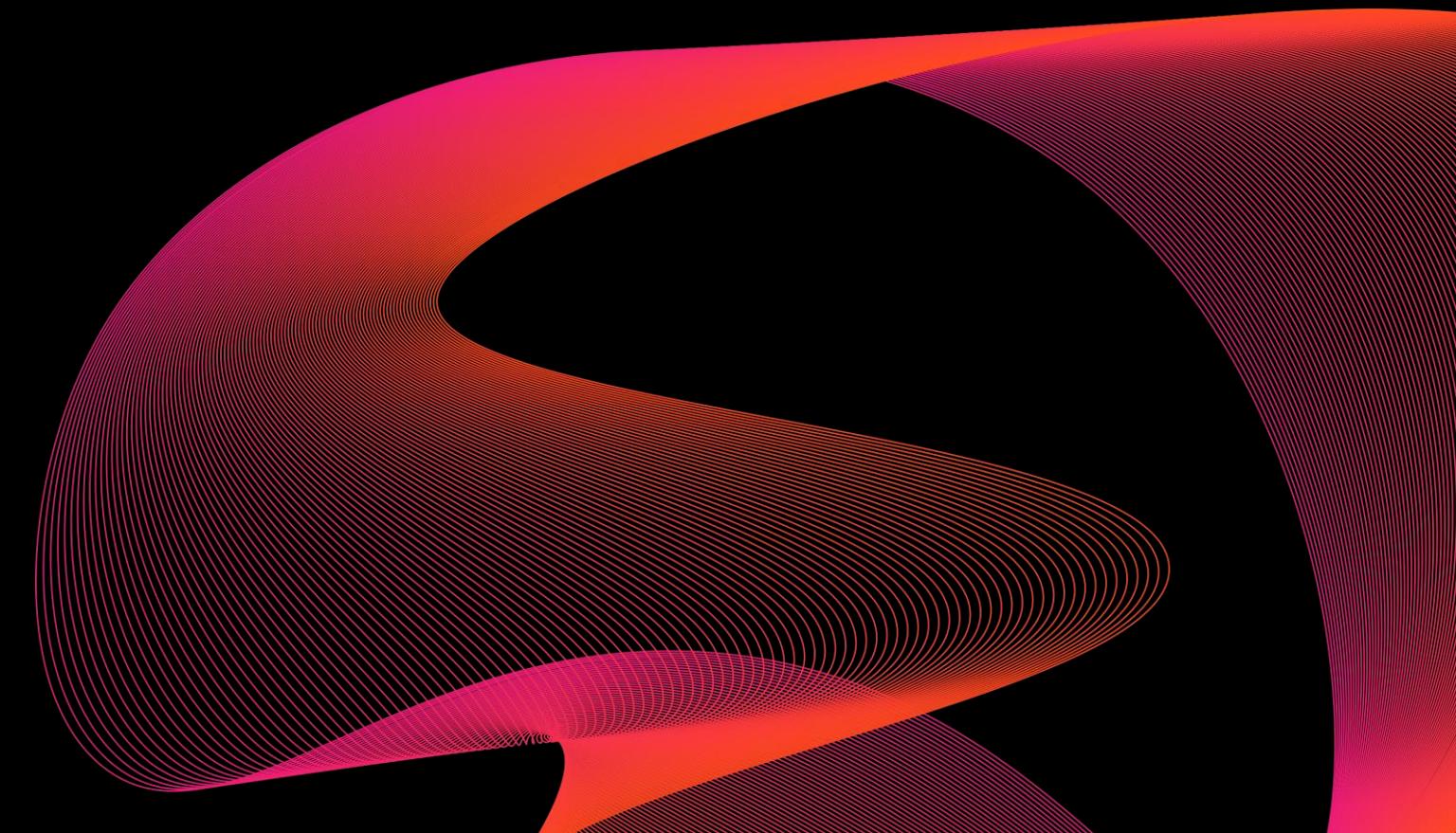
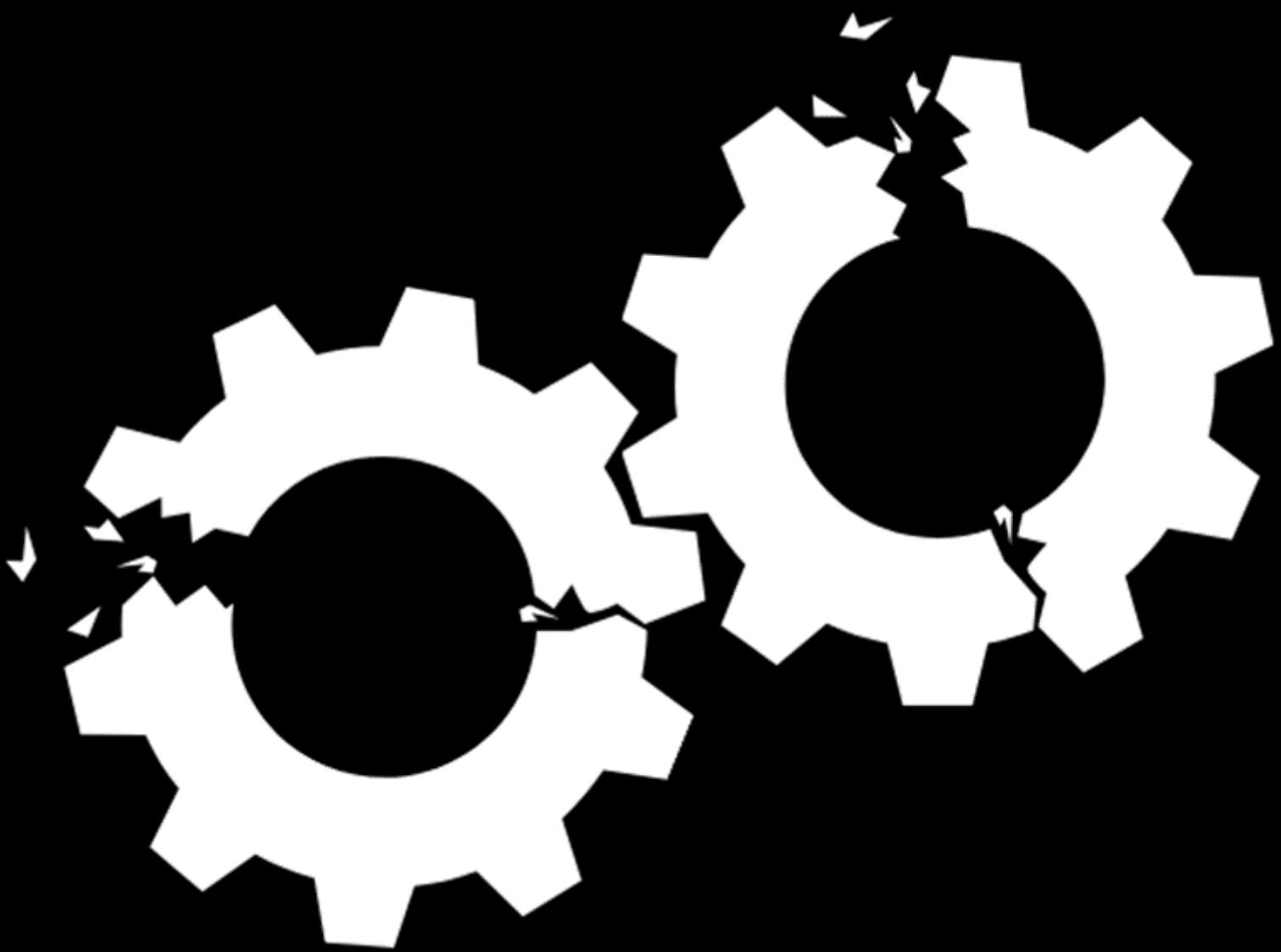
# Why you should share your data

- Business Value
  - Better insights
  - Better forecasts
  - Industry benchmarks
- Compliance
- Altruism



# Why is it difficult to share data?

- Legal objections
- Fear of misuse
- Competitive risks
- Data compatibility



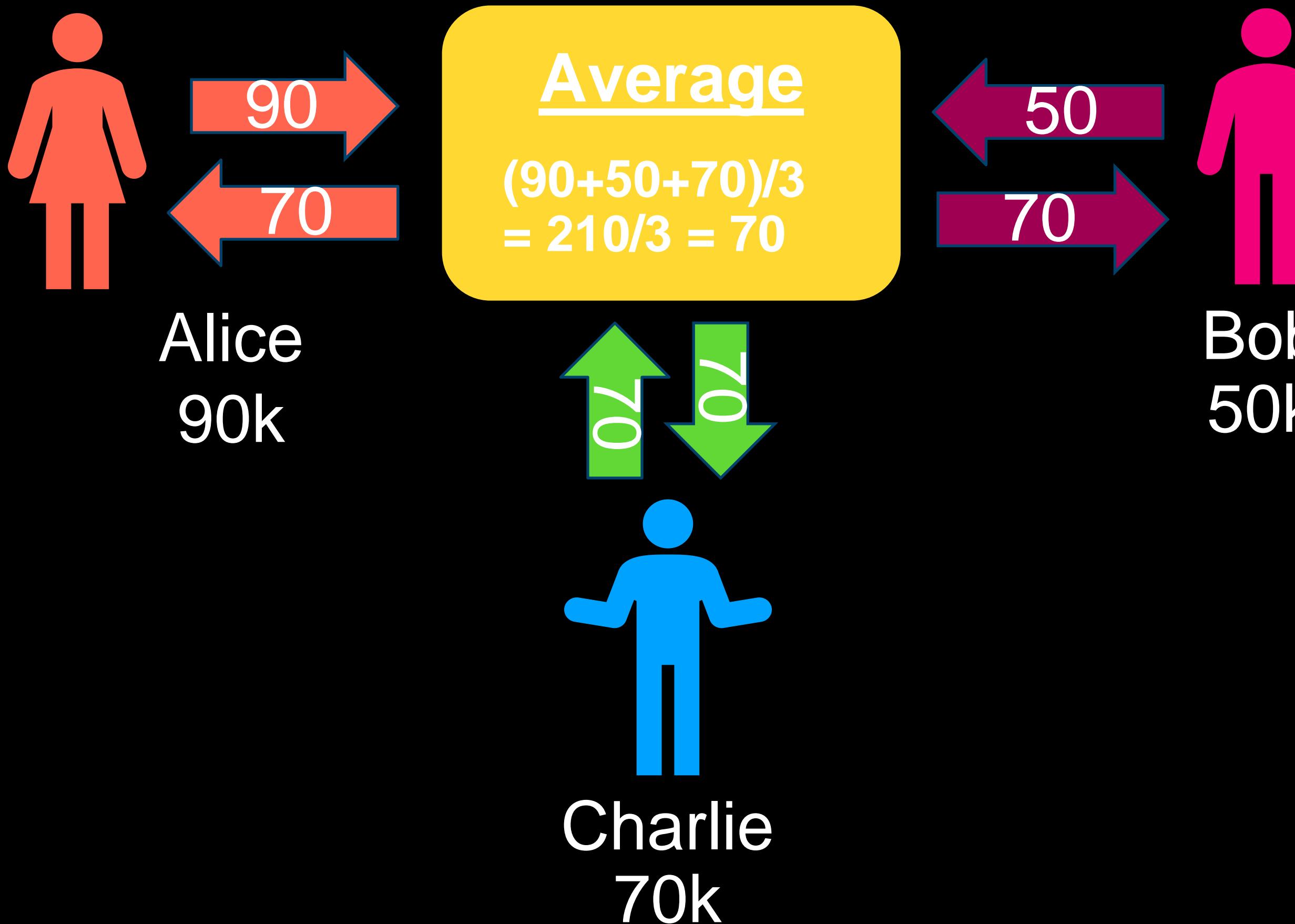
# Is my salary adequate?

## Dilemma:

- **Utility**: Many **good reasons** to ask this question
- **Privacy**: Difficult to answer, because we are **reluctant to share** the data



# Example: Computing the Average Salary

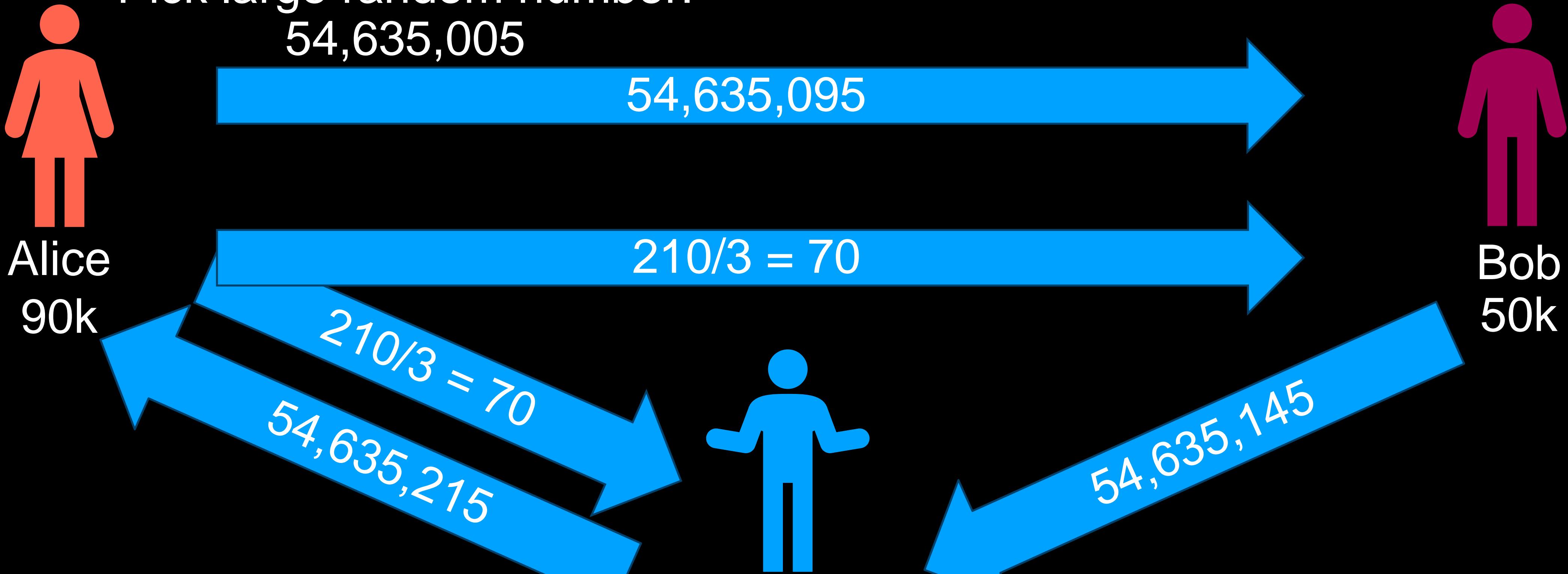


- **Trusted** third party  
(e.g., colleague, notary, ...)
- **Trusted** hardware  
(e.g., Intel SGX)
- Use a **magic box**  
(*seems* not to exist)

# Computing the average salary, securely

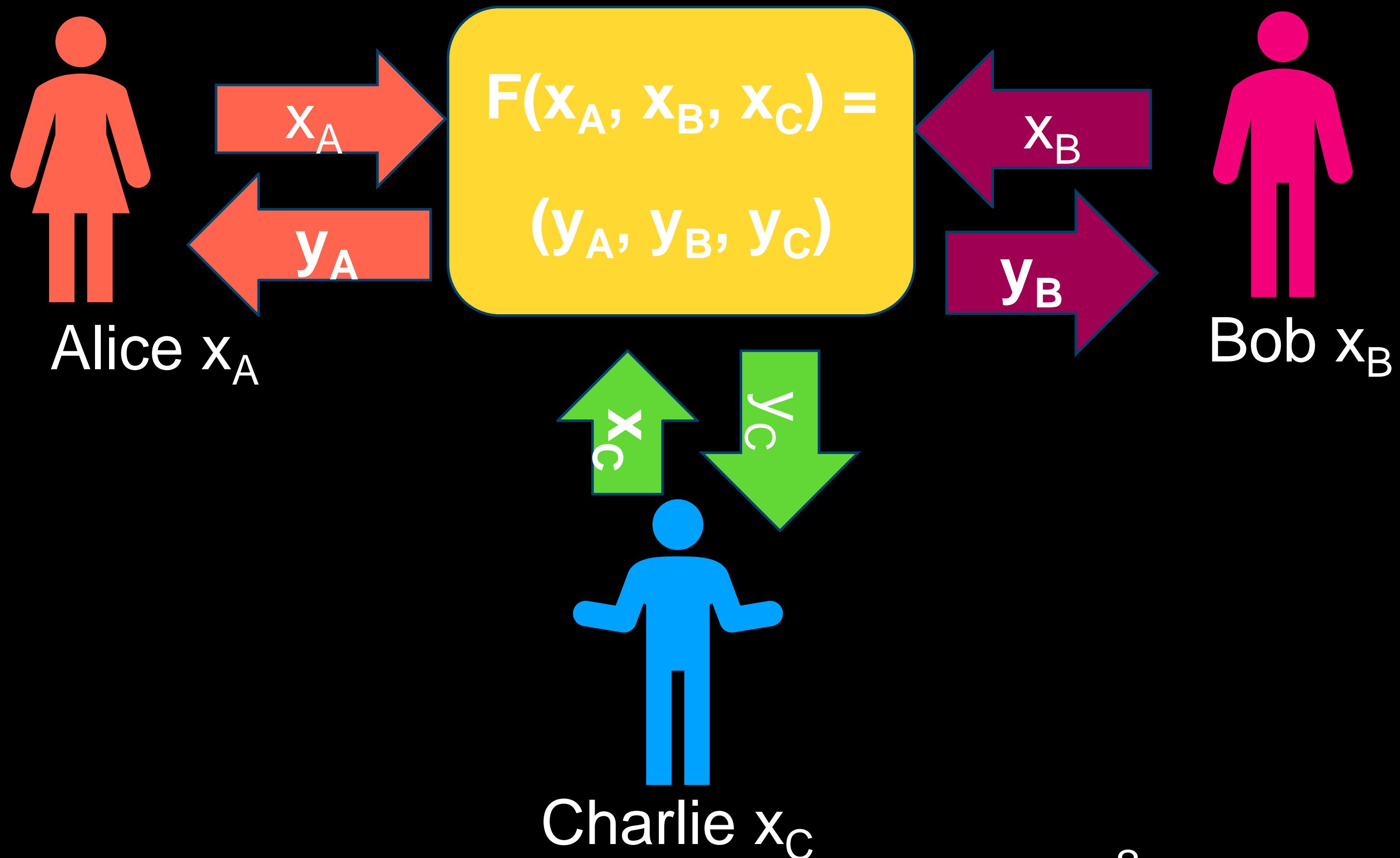
Pick large random number:

54,635,005



Possible to perform joint calculations with secret data, without disclosing it

# Building “Magic Boxes” with Cryptography



- Protocol leaks **no information** beyond the desired result
- Mathematically guaranteed:  
**Cryptographic Zero Trust**

# Application 1: Boston Women's Workforce Council



From: <https://thebwwc.org>

**Goal:** Eliminate gender and racial wage gaps in Greater Boston

- Employers are often unwilling to share payroll data due to **privacy concerns**
- Traditional analysis methods rely on **self-reported, incomplete, or biased data**
- **MPC** enables comparison without disclosing individual or company-level details

# Application 2: Mozilla's Privacy-Preserving Attribution (PPA)

## Ethical Ad Attribution Without Surveillance

- **Organizations:** Mozilla (Firefox), ISRG (DAP operator), Meta (collaborator)
- **Motivation:** Replace **invasive cross-site tracking** with **default-private mechanisms**
- **Prototype:** Enabled experimentally in **Firefox 128** for a limited number of test sites

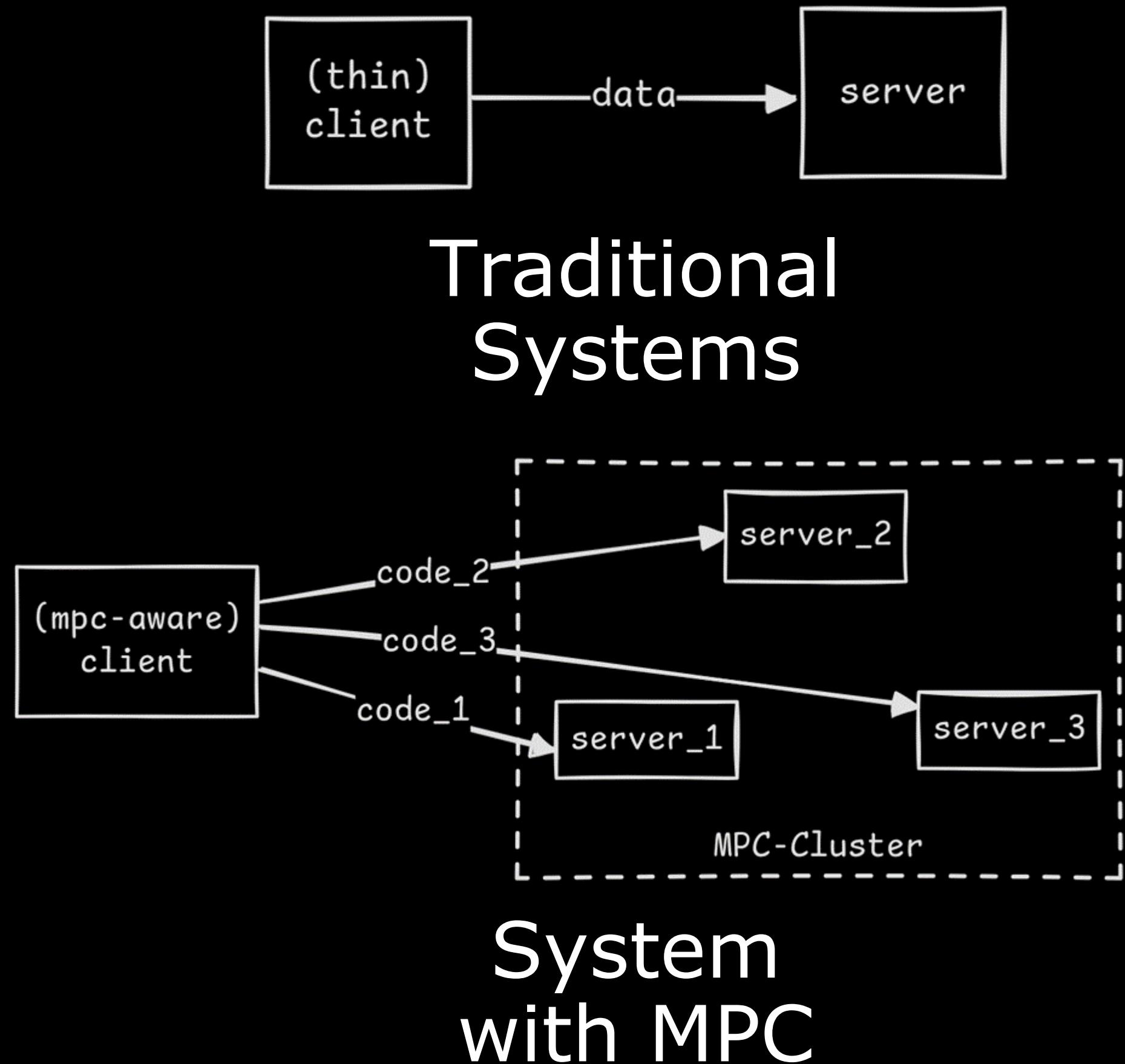
*“Digital advertising is not going away, but the surveillance parts could [...]”*  
— Mozilla CTO

From: <https://www.reddit.com/r/firefox/comments/1e43w7v>

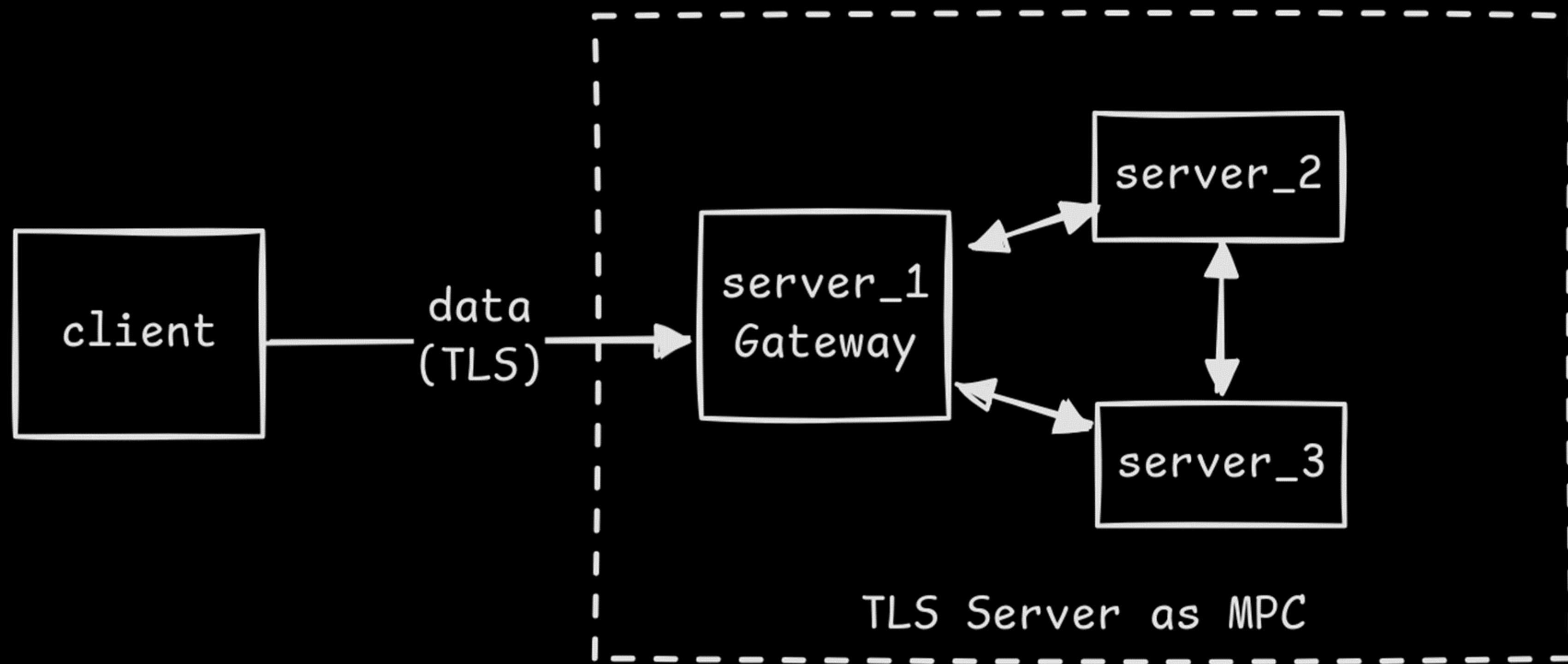
# The Catch: MPC Is a Leaky Abstraction

## Why adoption is hard in practice

- Data must be transformed **before** it enters the protocol
- Every data source (and data sink) **must be MPC-aware**
- **Not backwards-compatible** with existing systems
- Changes must happen at the edges

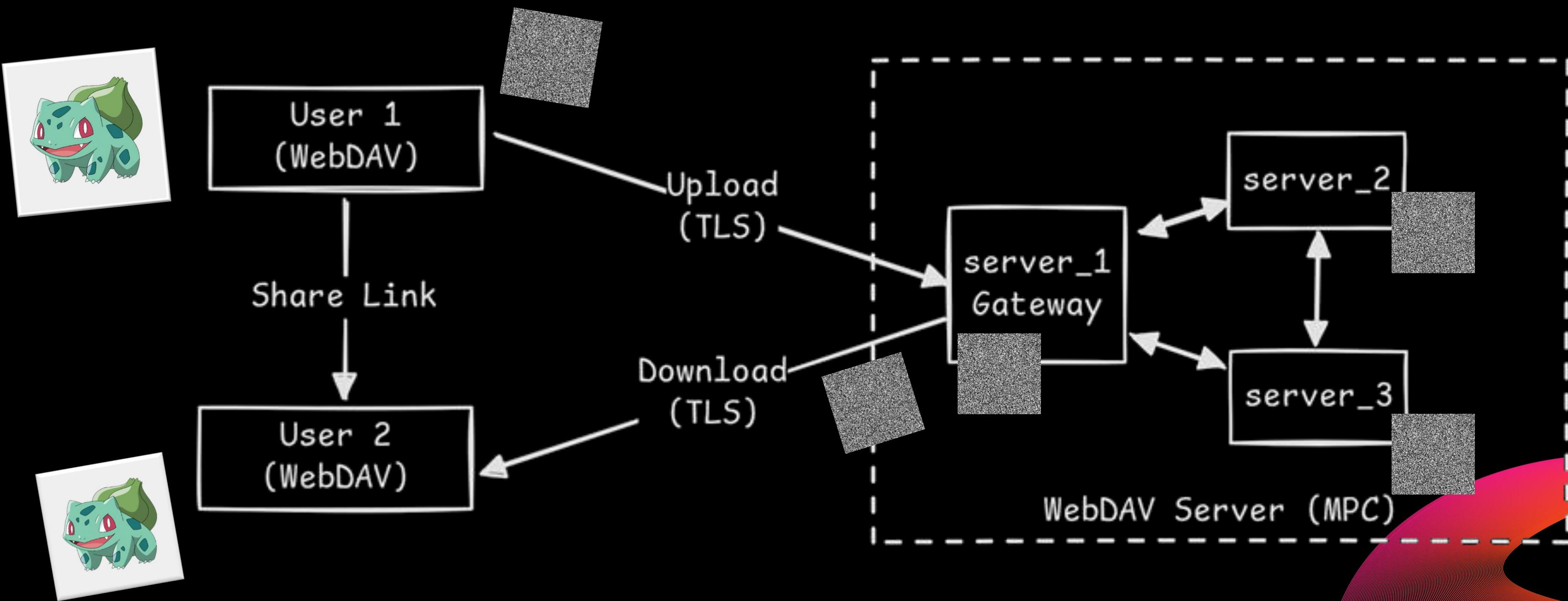


# Oblivious TLS\*: Smuggling MPC into the Internet



\* <https://eprint.iacr.org/2021/318.pdf>,  
Work by: Damiano Abram, Ivan Damgård, Peter Scholl, and Sven Trieflinger

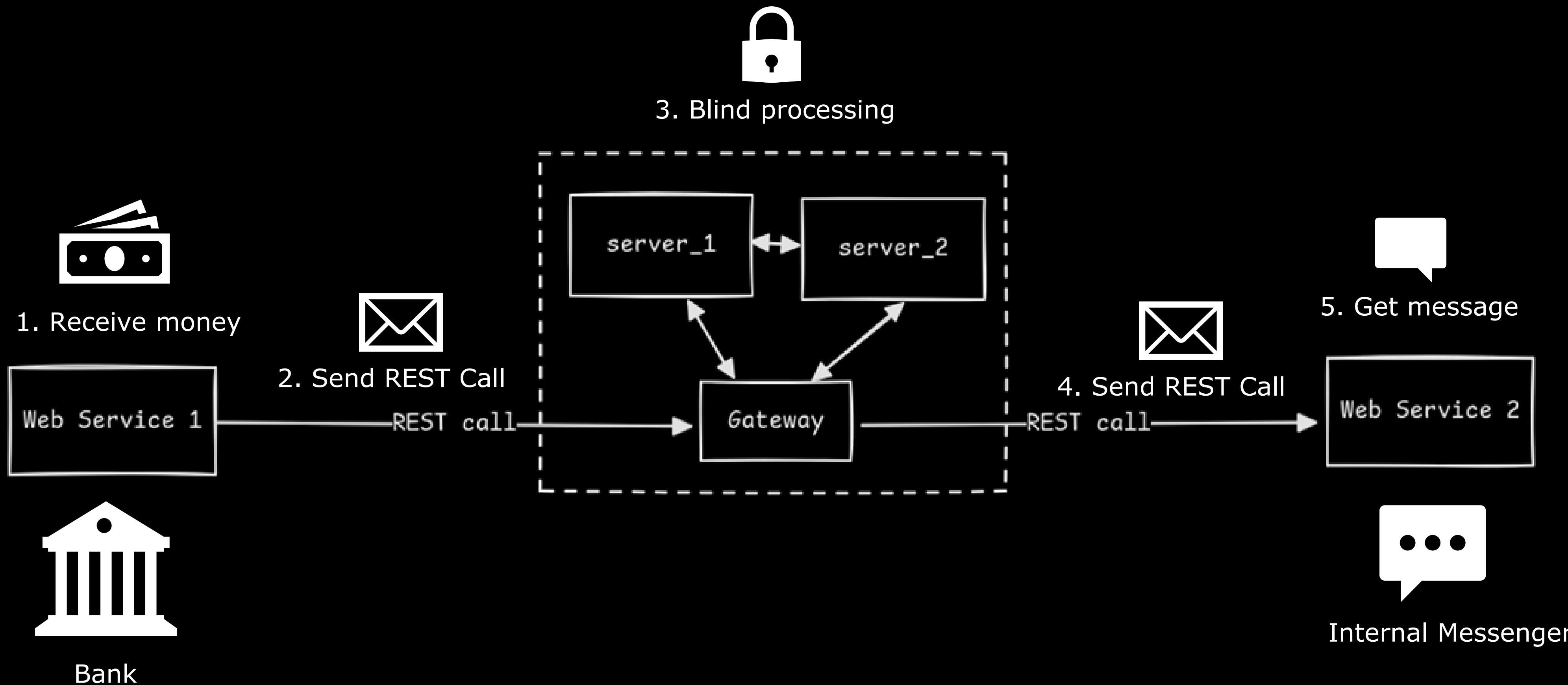
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- Leverages existing **WebDAV protocol** and **TLS infrastructure**
- Client uses standard tools: **no changes required**
- Data is stored encrypted: **no server ever sees the original**
- Enables **private sharing** with others via standard clients
- Backwards compatible **end-to-end encryption**

# Application 4: Privately combining REST-APIs



# Takeaways

- **MPC** lets us compute without revealing our data
- **Oblivious TLS** bridges modern cryptography with existing infrastructure
- We can upgrade privacy without changing clients or **breaking compatibility**
- **What utilacy does:**
  - we build MPC applications and interfaces
  - we see huge potentials with OTLS and are building implementations
  - we can do it better than state-of-the-art: Ready for real world usage

# Thank you

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**Keep Your Data  
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## TAKE A MINUTE AND GIVE US FEEDBACK

