

MPC

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Secure Multi-Party Computation (MPC)

- MPC enables multiple parties – each holding their own private data – to **evaluate a computation without revealing any of the private data** held by each party
- Each party can only learn any info based on what they can learn from the output and their own input
- Two families: Garbles circuits (2 party) and secret sharing (multi party)

Garbled circuits

Oblivious transfer

- Two parties: Alice and Bob
- Alice has two messages $m1$ & $m2$ and Bob wants to fetch either $m1$ or $m2$
 - Alice cannot know if Bob picked $m1$ or $m2$
 - If Bob picked $m1$, he does not know anything about $m2$
- Want to learn more? [Wiki link](#)

Garbled circuit

1. An underlying function is translated to a Boolean circuit with 2 inputs (can be done by a third party)
2. Alice *garbles* (i.e., encrypts) the circuit
3. Alice sends the *garbled circuit* along with her encrypted input to Bob
4. Bob needs to garble his own input and only the garbler (Alice) knows how to garble/encrypt it
 1. Alice and Bob use oblivious transfer
5. Bob evaluates the circuit and obtains encrypted output and shares with Alice

a	b	c
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Alice replaces 0 and 1 with randomly generated *labels* for 0 and 1 in each circuit

a	b	c
X_0^a	X_0^b	X_0^c
X_0^a	X_1^b	X_0^c
X_1^a	X_0^b	X_0^c
X_1^a	X_1^b	X_1^c

Alice encrypts the output column using the 2 input labels

Garbled Table
$Enc_{X_0^a, X_0^b}(X_0^c)$
$Enc_{X_0^a, X_1^b}(X_0^c)$
$Enc_{X_1^a, X_0^b}(X_0^c)$
$Enc_{X_1^a, X_1^b}(X_1^c)$

Output can be decrypted only using two correct input labels

Alice permutes the 4 entries and sends it to Bob along with her labeled input

If Alice's input is $\mathbf{a} = a_4 a_3 a_2 a_1 a_0 = 01101$, she sends $X_0^{a_4}, X_1^{a_3}, X_1^{a_2}, X_0^{a_1}$, and $X_1^{a_0}$

Bob needs the labels for his input that he obtains using Oblivious Transfer

If Bob's input is $\mathbf{b} = b_4 b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0 = 10100$, Bob first asks for $b_0=0$ between Alice's labels $X_0^{b_0}$ and $X_1^{b_0}$

After the data transfer, Bob evaluates the circuit one gate at a time and tries to decrypt the rows in the garbled circuit, where he can decrypt only one row

$$X^c = Dec_{X^a, X^b}(\textit{garbled_table}[i]), \text{ where } 0 \leq i \leq 3.$$

Recap

1. Take any function and transform it into a Boolean circuit
2. Have the garbler garble the entire circuit – every possible input and output combination per gate in the circuit
3. Communicate between the two parties using OT to transfer labels per bit of plaintext, per gate
4. Evaluate and decrypt the output

Secret sharing

Why Secret-Sharing?

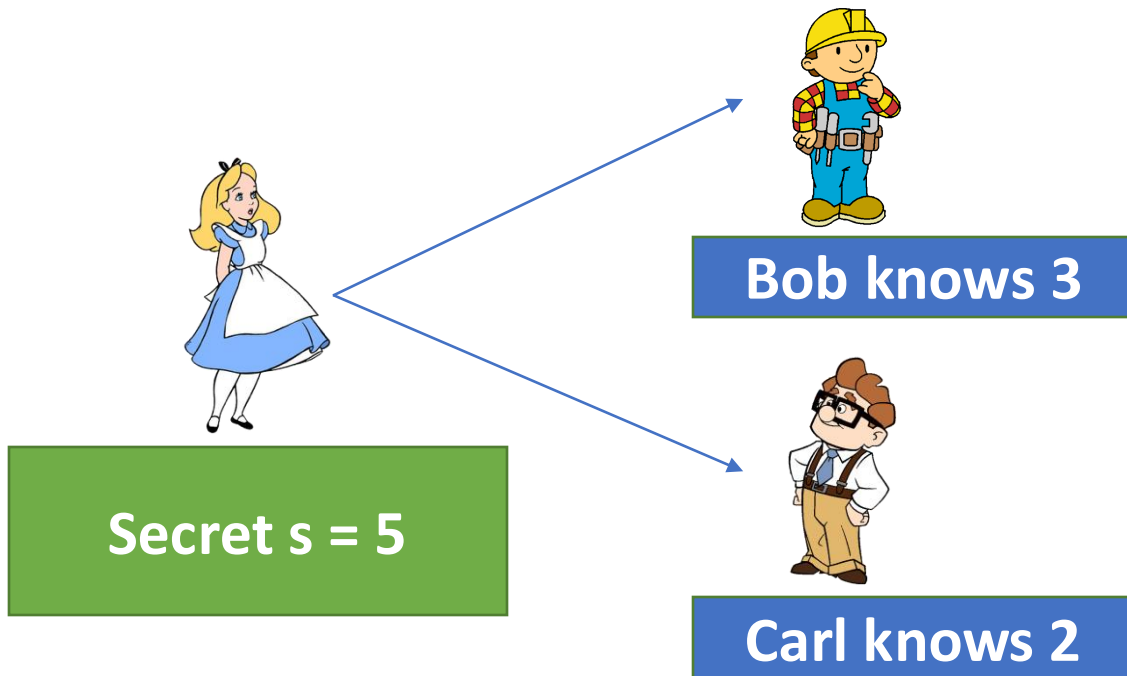
- Encryption techniques are **computationally secure**
 - A powerful adversary can break the encryption technique
 - Google, with sufficient computational capabilities, broke SHA-1 (<https://shattered.io/>)
- **Information-theoretical security**
 - Secure regardless of the computational power of an adversary
 - Quantum secure

Additive Secret-Sharing

Assumption: of S servers, at most $S-1$ servers collude with each other

Split a secret into S shares, store S_i on server i

Reconstruct by fetching shares from all and adding them



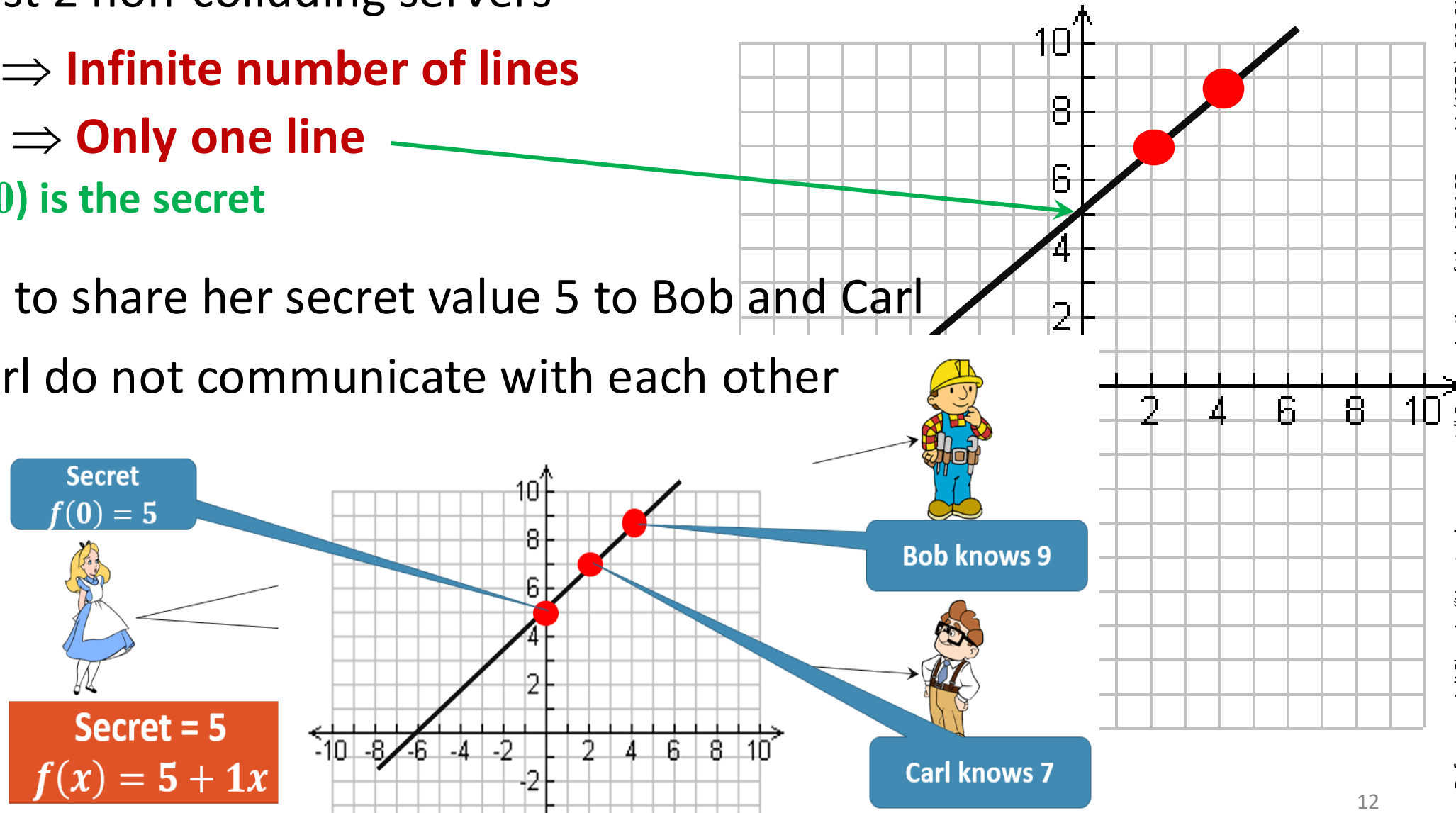
Easy to add (or subtract) secret shared data

$$a + b = \sum a_i + \sum b_i = \sum (a_i + b_i)$$

Cons: Even if one party is down, secret cannot be reconstructed

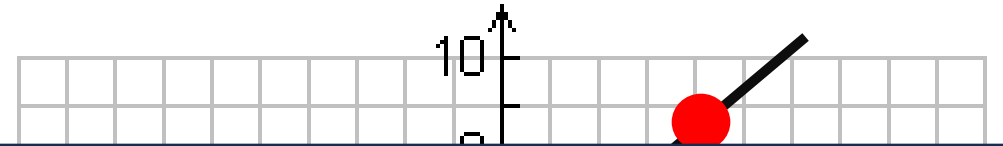
Shamir's Secret-Sharing (SSS) [Shamir79] – Key Idea

- Need at least 2 non-colluding servers
- **One point** $\Rightarrow$ **Infinite number of lines**
- **Two points** $\Rightarrow$ **Only one line**
 - Where $f(0)$ is the secret
- Alice wants to share her secret value 5 to Bob and Carl
- Bob and Carl do not communicate with each other



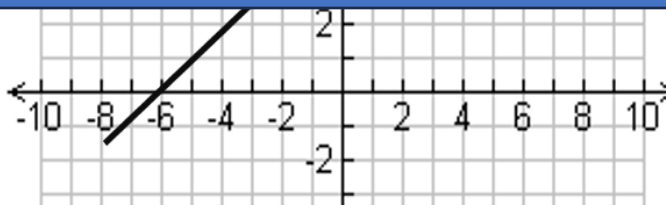
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- **Impact of degree of the polynomial vs security**
 - f servers collude $\Rightarrow$ polynomial degree should be $f + 1$
 - Servers do not collude $\Rightarrow$ a polynomial of the degree 1
- **Fault tolerant**
 - Due to creating multiple shares

Secret = 5
 $f(x) = 5 + 1x$



Carl knows 7

Shamir's Secret-Sharing (SSS)

Secret-Share Creation:

e.g., under the assumption that
no server will collude

Secret
S

Mathematical operations
 $f(x) = S + ax$

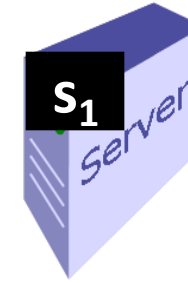
Secret Owner

Share 1 (s_1)

Share 2 (s_2)

Share 3 (s_3)

Share 4 (s_4)



Each server
cannot learn
the secret S

Non-Communicating Public Servers

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Secret Reconstruction

e.g., under the assumption that
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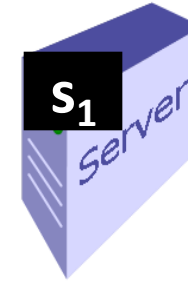
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Lagrange Interpolation

Secret Owner

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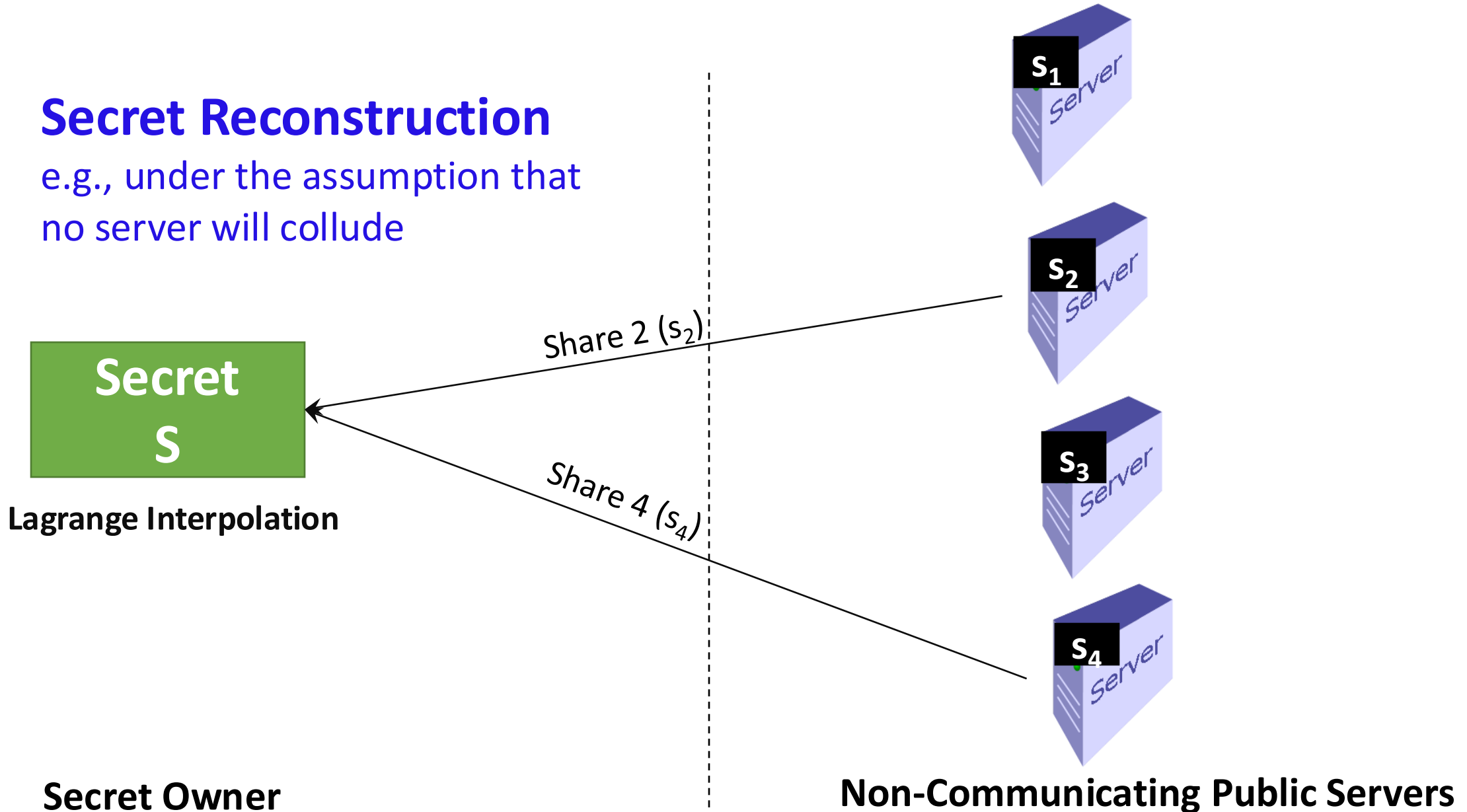


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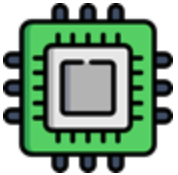
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MPC conclusion marks

- SSS can be used to also support multiplication ([how?](#))
 - SSS supports both addition and multiplication
- Conceptually, GC and SSS can execute most programs
 - However, both have large communication overheads
 - Many solutions to minimize 'online' rounds
- Both techniques are used in developing secure dbs
 - Primarily differs from ORAM dbs in supporting *computations* over columns
 - MPC-based dbs don't always hide access patterns

Privacy-Preserving Computations

Homomorphic Cryptography	Distributed Trust / Multi-Party Computation	Trusted Execution Environments (TEEs)
Compute directly on encrypted data	Data is secret shared and computed upon by servers	Data computations inside secure containers
Well-understood hardness assumptions 	Non-collusion of computation parties 	Assumes trustworthy hardware 
Impractical overheads	Incurs large bandwidth overheads	Vulnerable to side channel attacks