

Privacy, Efficiency & Fault Tolerance in Aggregate Computations on Massive Star Networks

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A Crypto Puzzle

Flora



$\$f$

Elizabeth



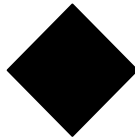
$\$e$



Wants to

know

$$\frac{b + c + d + e + f}{5}$$



$\$d$



David

$\$b$



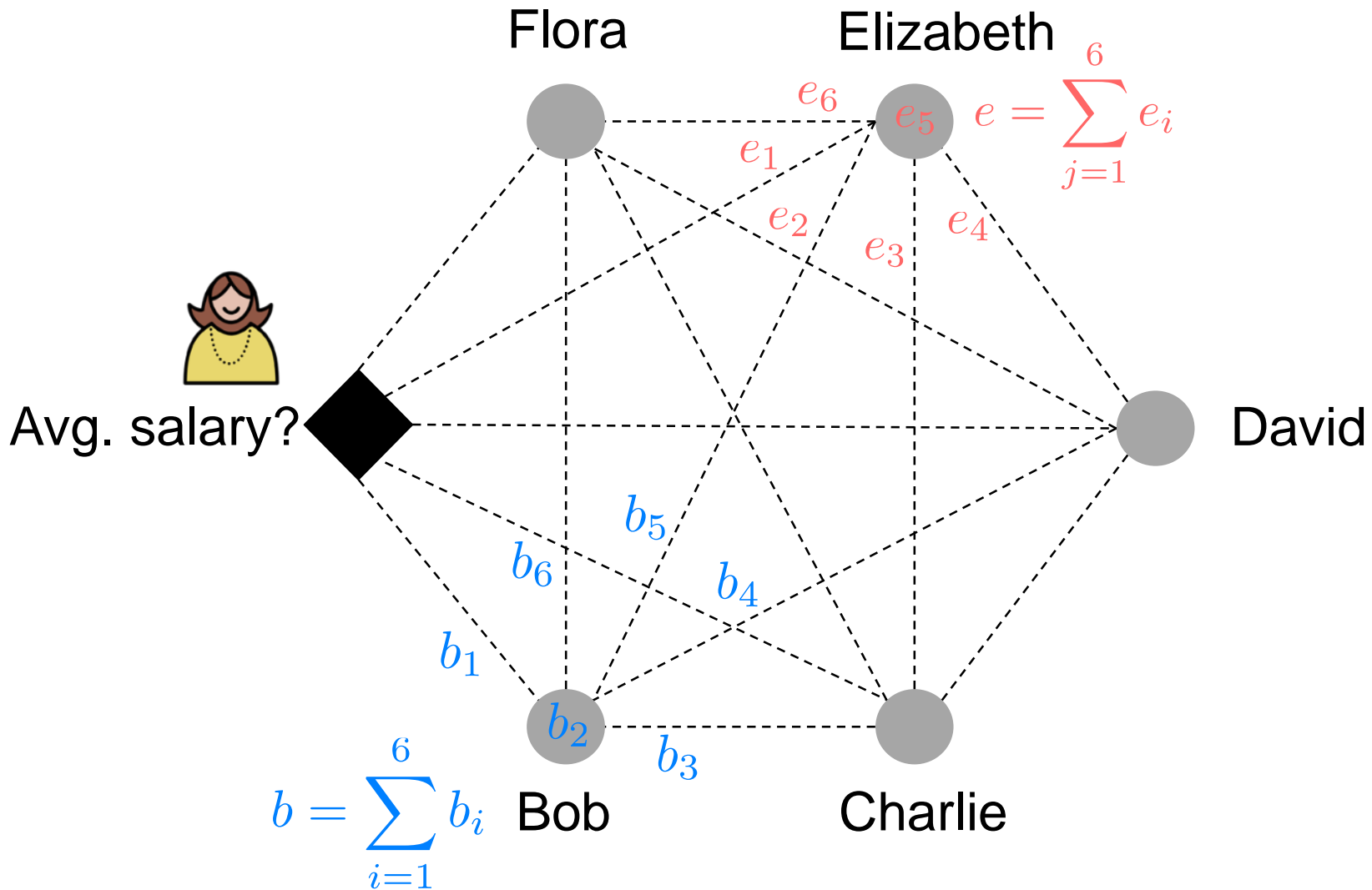
Bob

$\$c$

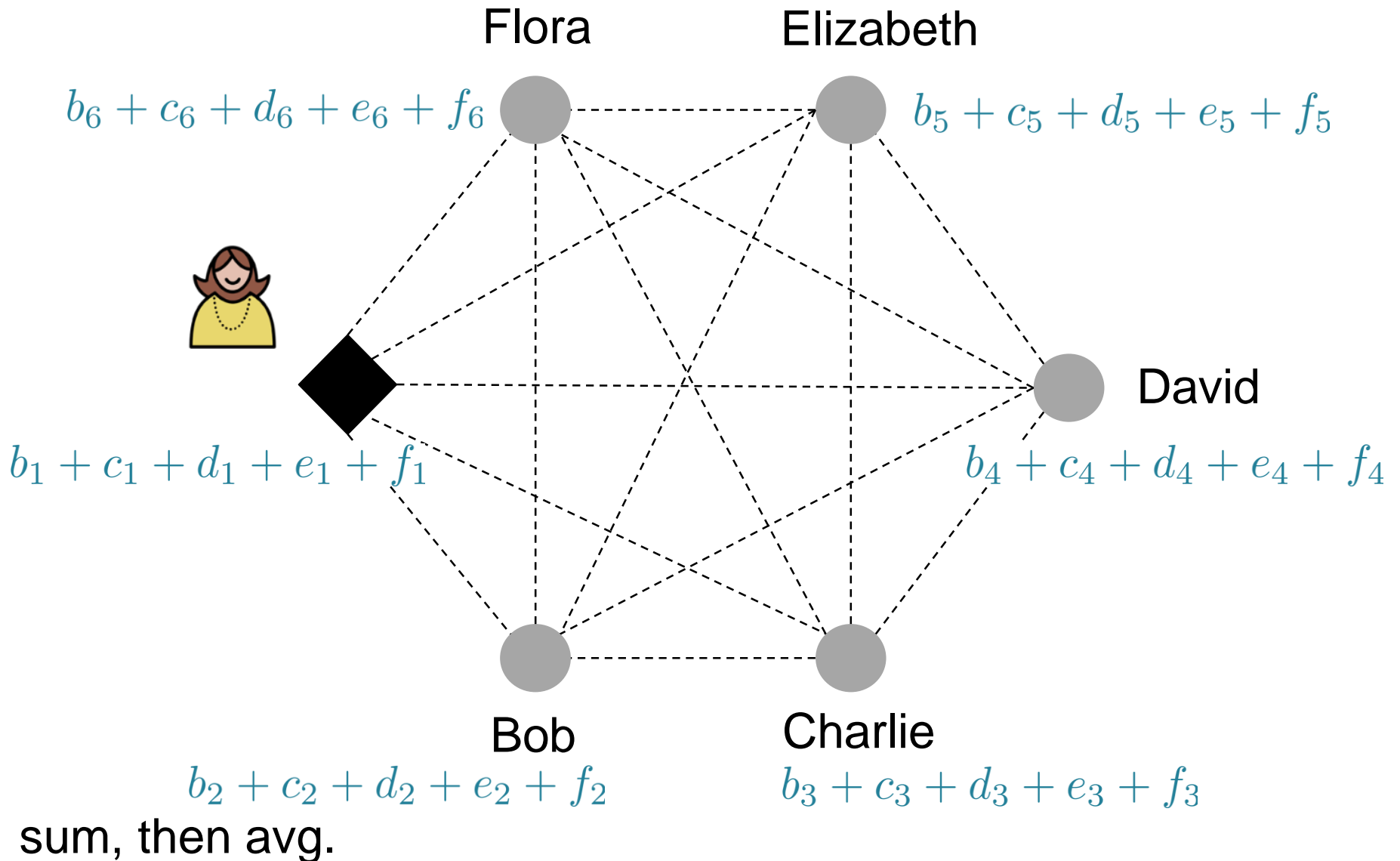


Charlie

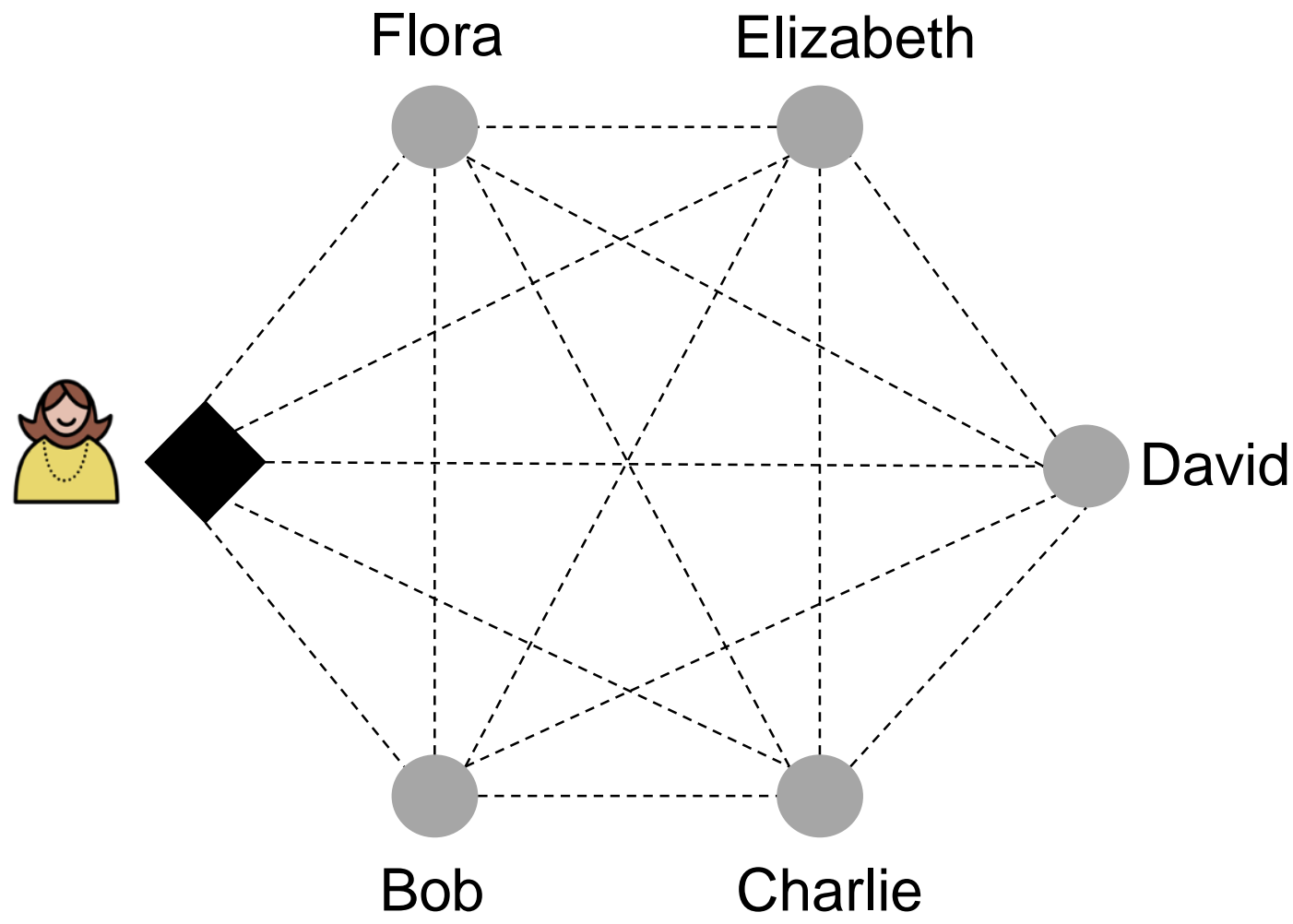
Allow people to gossip



Additive Secret Sharing



What if people can only talk to Alice?



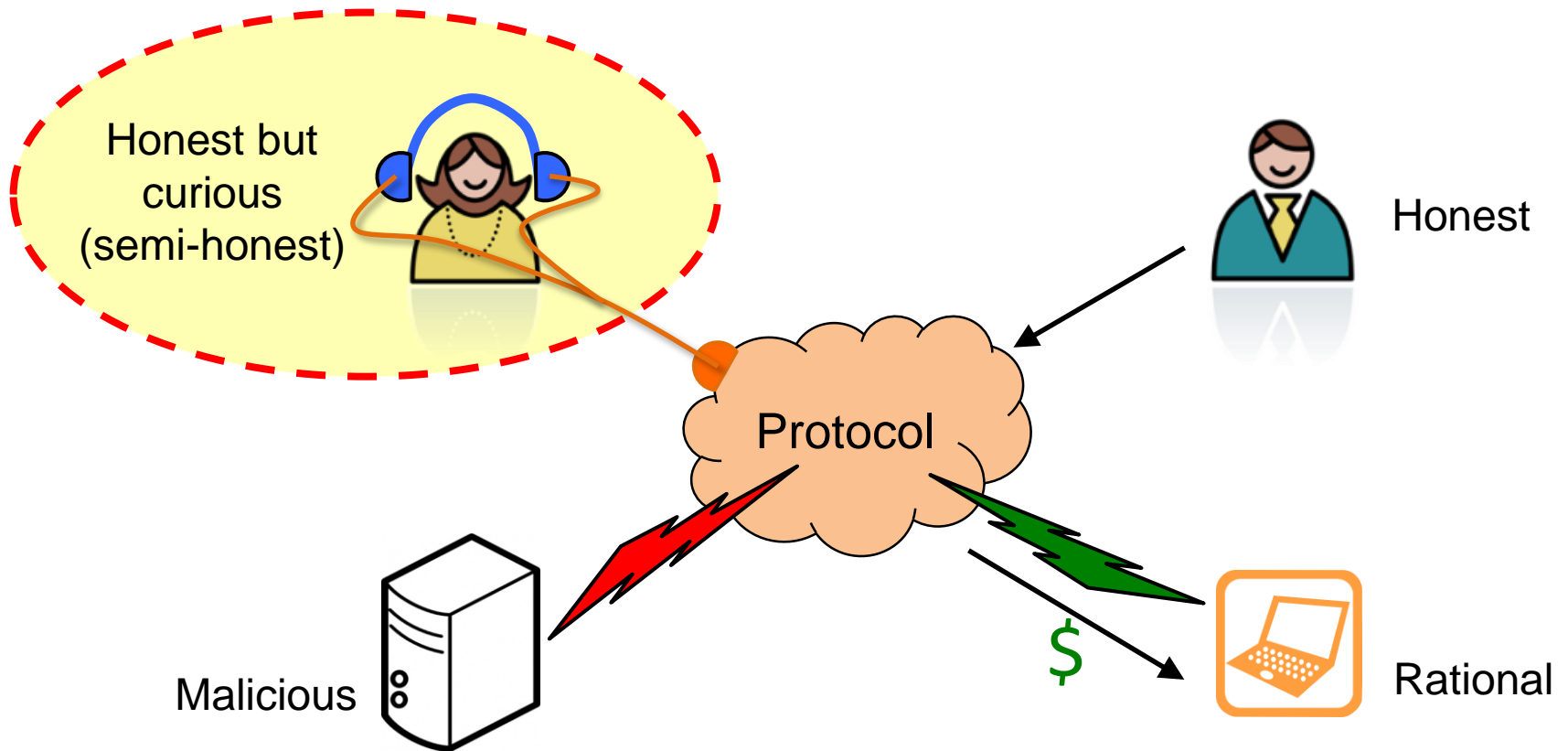
Applications

- Electronic voting
- Smart power grids
- Studying browsing behavior
- IoT analytics
 - Smart homes
 - Wearable devices
- Social Networks
- ... & many more

Existing aggregation solutions

[[Erkin, Troncoso-Pastoriza, Lagendijk, Gonzalez, 2012](#)]

Review: Semi-honest Adversary

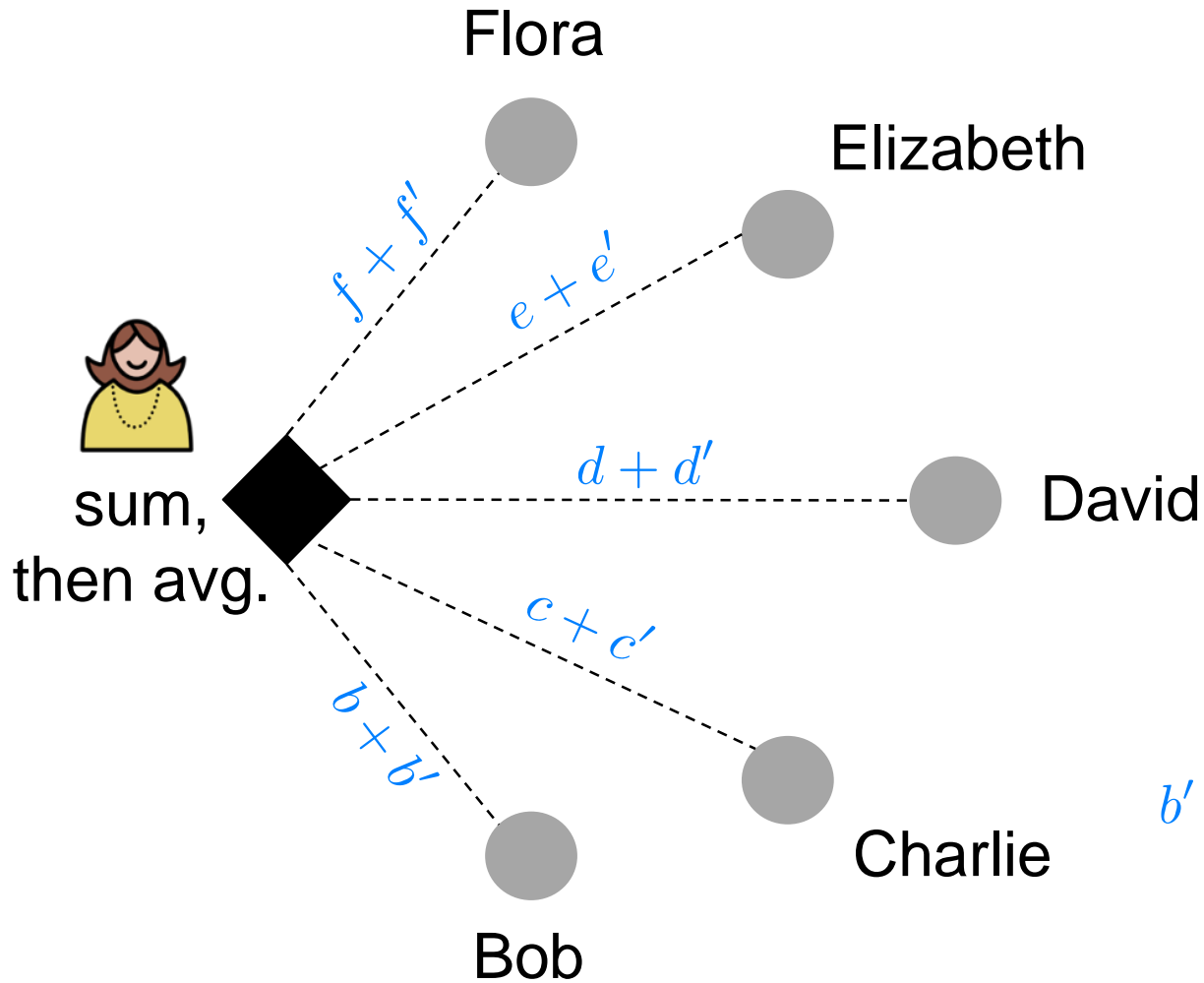


Review: Homomorphic Encryption

$$\begin{array}{c} + \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline x \\ \hline y \\ \hline z \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline S = x + y + z \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{c} \times \\ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline E(x) \\ \hline E(y) \\ \hline E(z) \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \hline E(S) = E(x)E(y)E(z) \\ = E(x + y + z) \end{array}$$

[Paillier, 1999] [Damgard-Jurik, 2001] [El Gamal, 1985] [Gentry, 2009]

Soln #1: Let there be a Genie



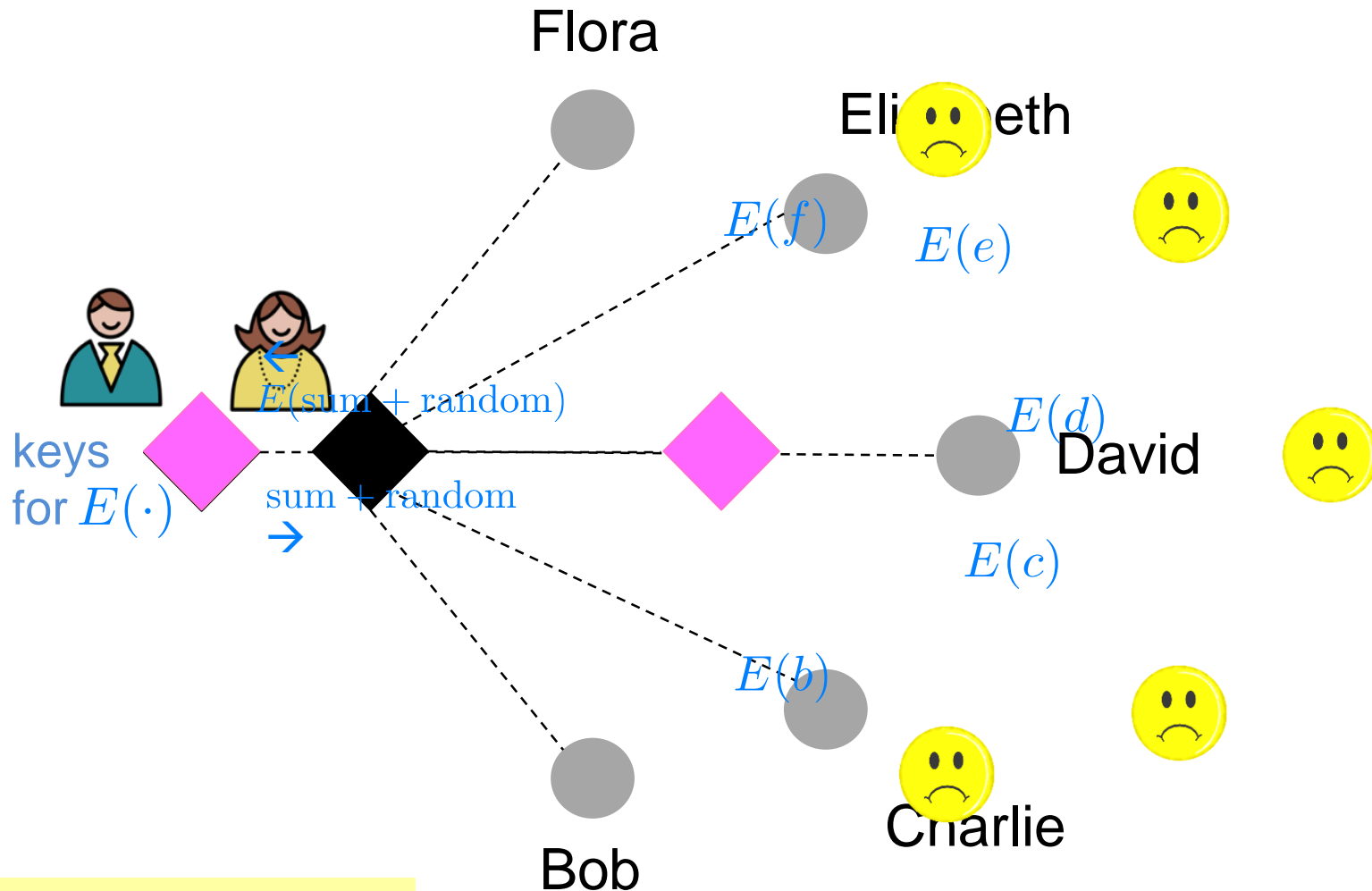
$$b' + c' + d' + e' + f' = 0$$



[Shi et al., 2011] [Chan et al., 2012] [Bilogrevic et al., 2014]

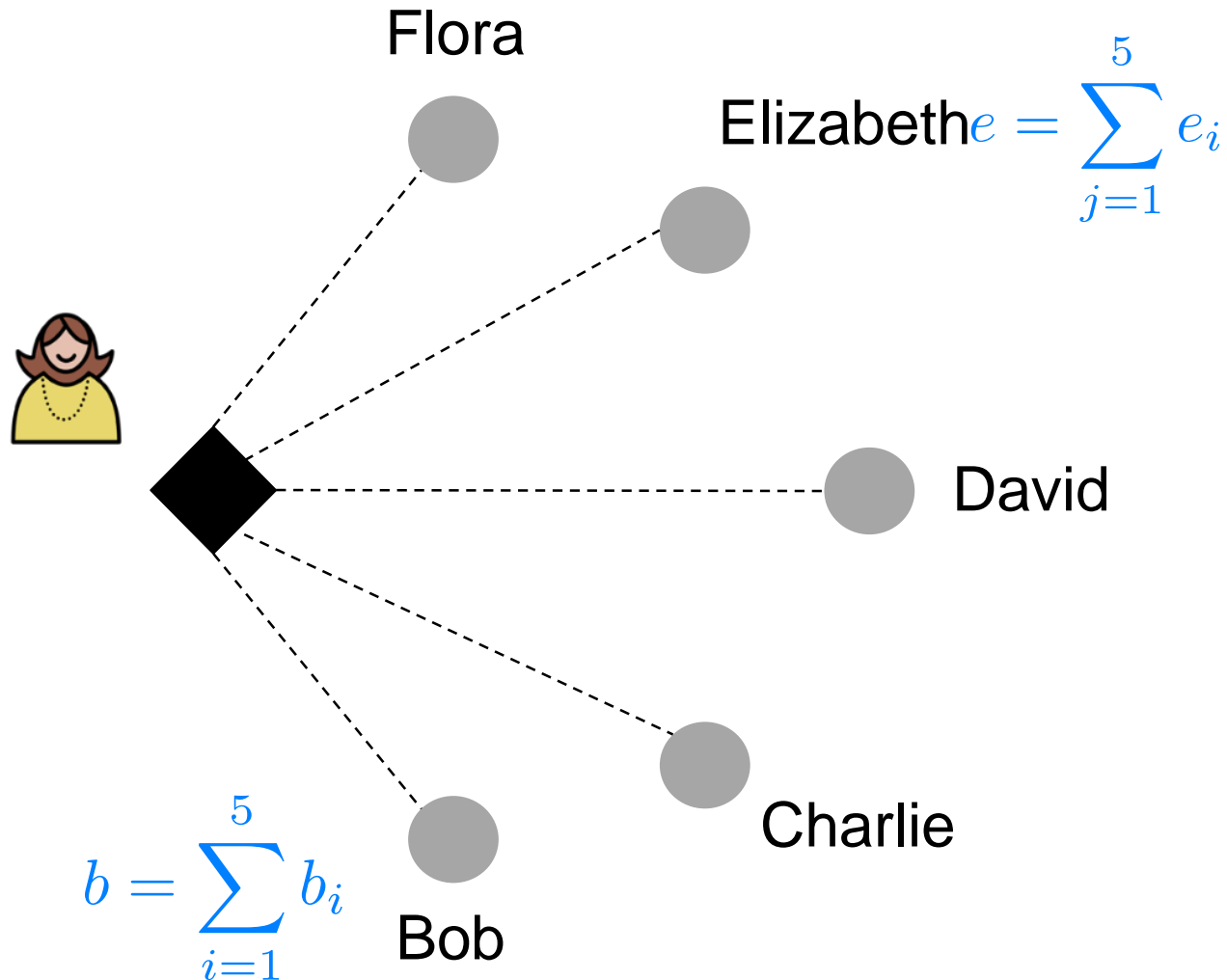
Related Approach: [Erkin, Tusdik, 2012]

Soln #2: Untrusted Key Manager



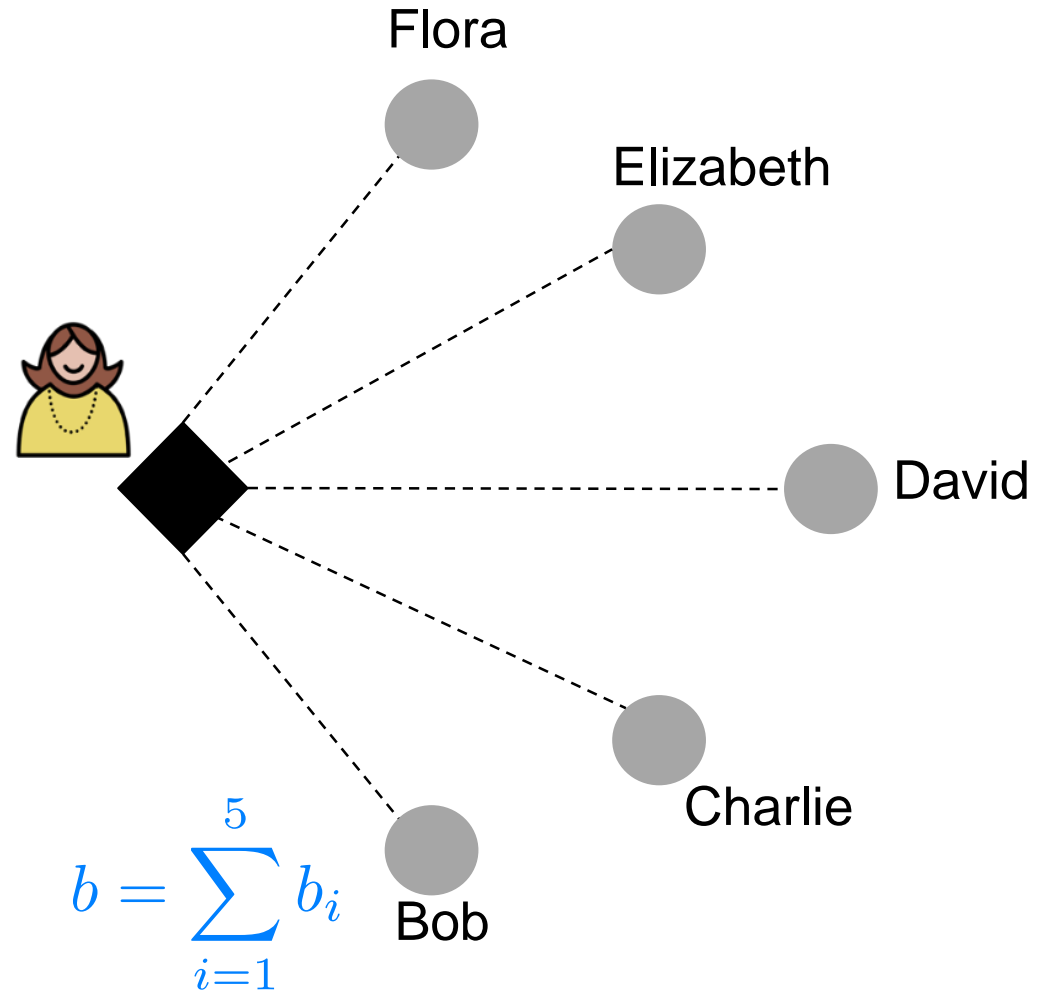
Everyone can encrypt.
Only KM can decrypt.

Soln #3: Secret Sharing + Homomorphic Encryption



Assume, everyone knows everyone's public encryption keys, so David can encrypt with Bob's public key, etc.

	Bob	Charlie	David	Elizabeth	Flora
	$[b_1]$	$[b_2]$	$[b_3]$	$[b_4]$	$[b_5]$
	$[c_1]$	$[c_2]$	$[c_3]$	$[c_4]$	$[c_5]$
	$[d_1]$	$[d_2]$	$[d_3]$	$[d_4]$	$[d_5]$
	$[e_1]$	$[e_2]$	$[e_3]$	$[e_4]$	$[e_5]$
	$[f_1]$	$[f_2]$	$[f_3]$	$[f_4]$	$[f_5]$
	$[q_1]$	$[q_2]$	$[q_3]$	$[q_4]$	$[q_5]$



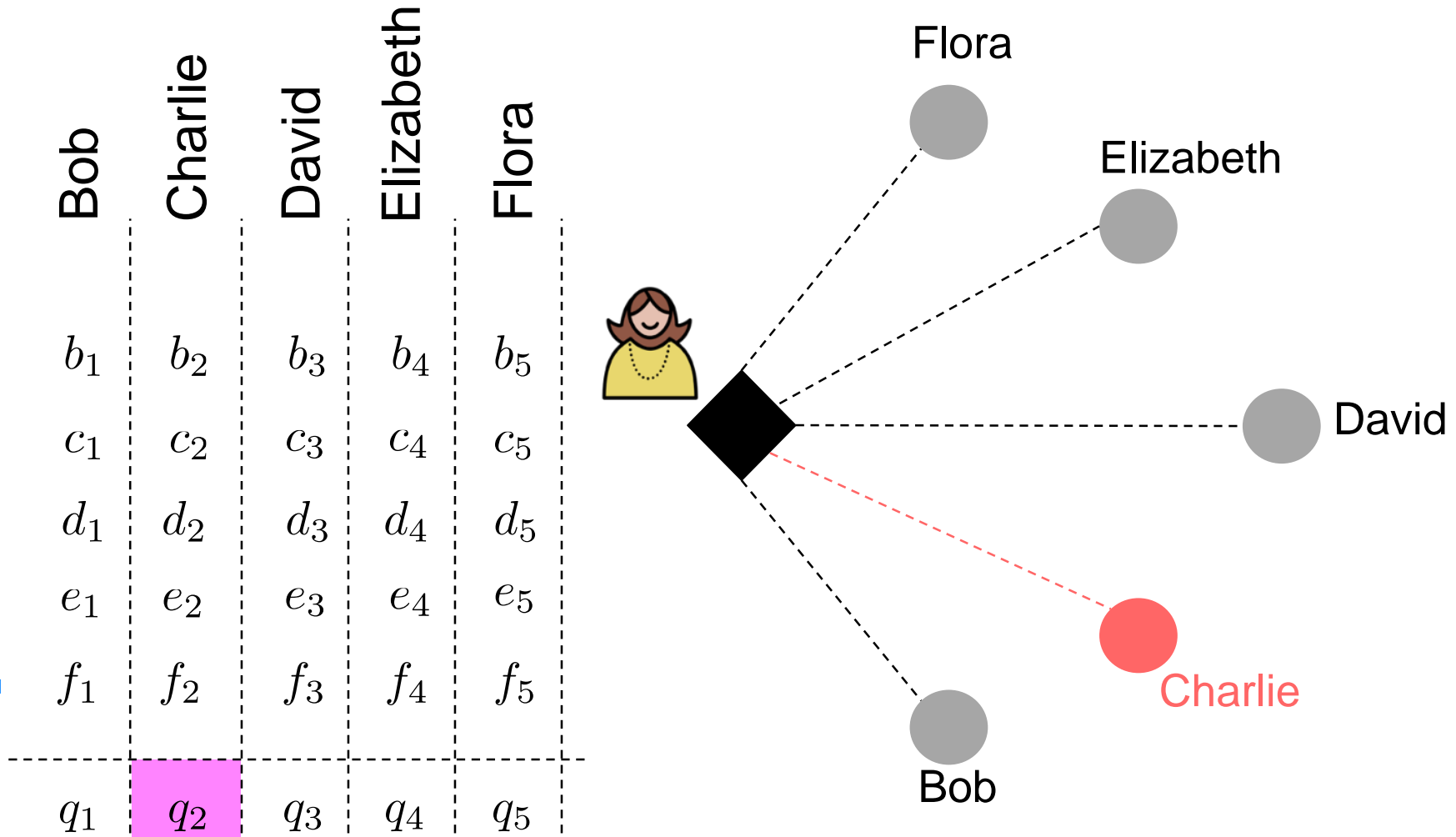
Book-keeping with additive shares

Alice requests decryptions q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5 from parties.

By construction, $q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + q_4 + q_5$
 $= b + c + d + e + f$ done!

Collusion resistance → To compromise Bob, all other parties are forced to collude.


Drawback: Not fault tolerant



... the secret sharing approach breaks down.

Completely.

Shamir Secret Sharing [1979]


Bob

$$b(x) = b + b_1x + b_2x^2 + b_3x^3 \pmod{\beta}$$

Coefficients chosen at random from 0 to $\beta - 1$

Observe, $b(0) = b$

Bob evaluates his polynomial at $x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

$$e(x) = e + e_1x + e_2x^2 + e_3x^3 \pmod{\beta}$$

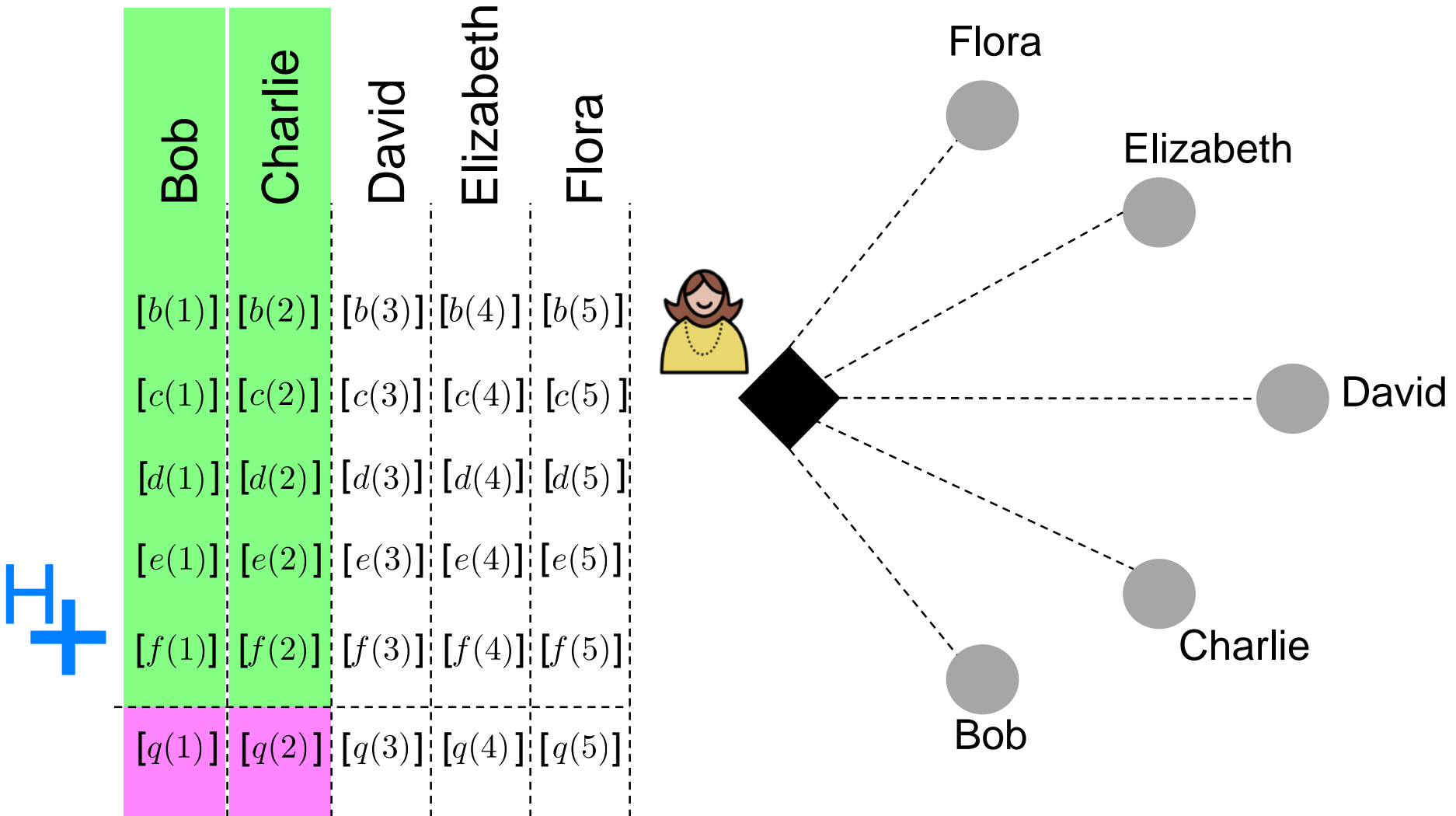
Coefficients chosen at random from 0 to $\beta - 1$


Elizabeth

Again, $e(0) = e$

She evaluates her polynomial at $x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

Assume, everyone knows everyone's public encryption keys, so David can encrypt with Bob's public key, etc.



Alice requests decryptions of $q(1)$ $q(2)$ $q(3)$ $q(4)$ $q(5)$

$$\text{Evaluations of } q(x) = q + q_1x + q_2x^2 + q_3x^3$$

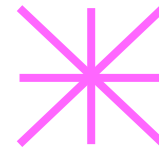
where, $q = b + c + d + e + f$

Putting $x = 1, 2, \dots, 5$, Alice has 5 equations in 4 unknowns.

From any 4 equations, she can obtain q and divide by 5. **Done!**

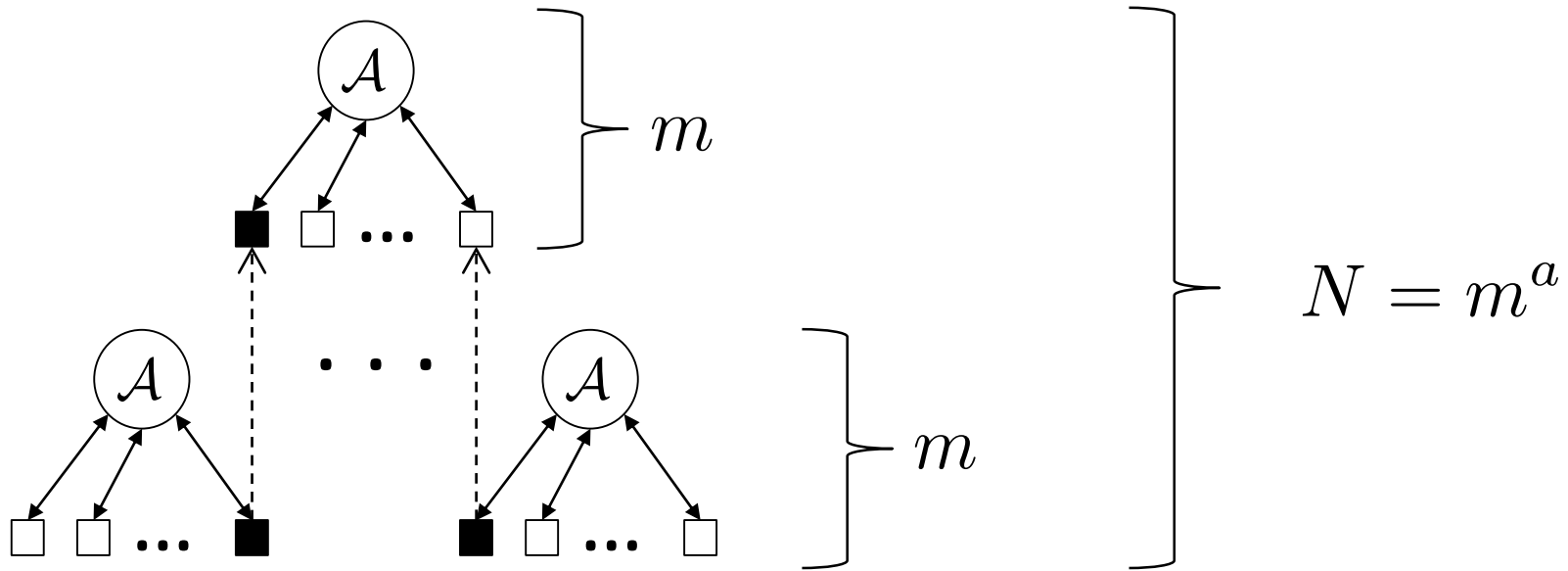
Fault tolerance \rightarrow Any one person can leave after distributing the polynomial secrets. Can generalize this.

Complexity at Aggregator



# calculations	$O(m)$	$O(m)$	$O(m^2)$
# transmissions	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(m)$
Collusion resistance	Yes	No	Yes
Fault tolerance	No	Yes	Yes

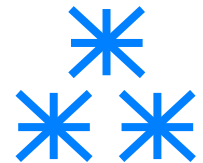
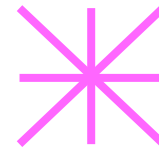
Complexity with Logical Hierarchy



$$\text{No. of cohorts} = m^{a-1} + m^{a-2} + \dots + m^2 + m + 1 = \frac{m^a - 1}{m - 1}$$

$$\text{Effective Complexity} = O\left(m^2 \frac{m^a - 1}{m - 1}\right) \equiv O(Nm) \equiv O\left(N^{1+\frac{1}{a}}\right)$$

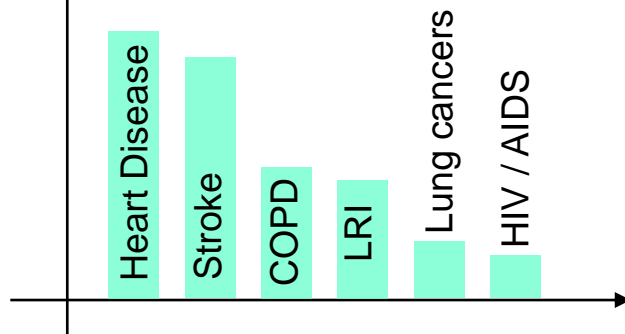
Complexity



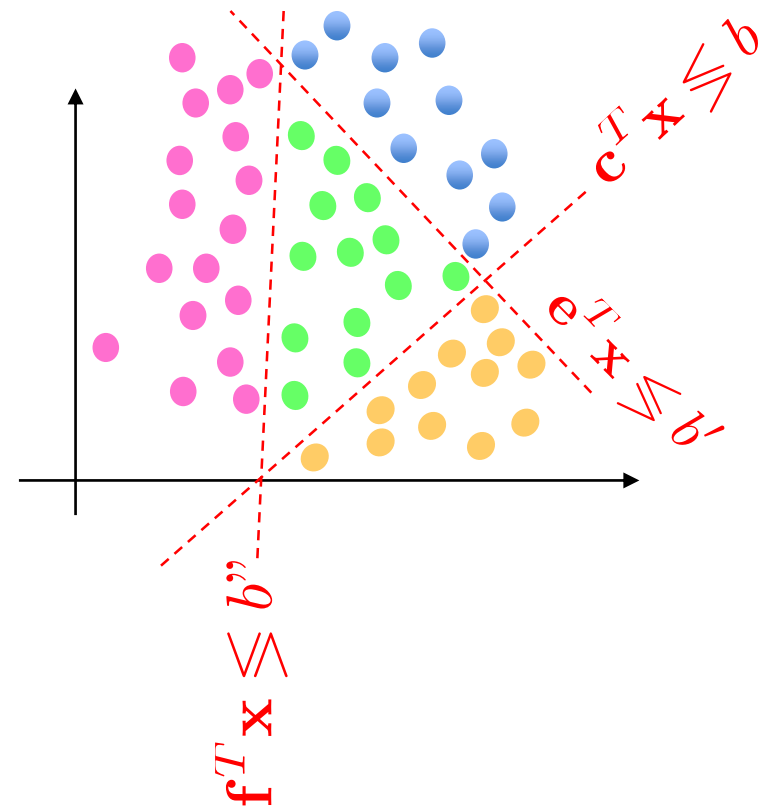
# calculations	$O(N)$	$O(N)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^{l+\epsilon})$
# transmissions	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(N)$	$O(N)$
Collusion resistance	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Fault tolerance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

More interesting computations

Histograms



Linear Classifiers



Summary

- Aggregation under constraints on privacy, network topology and fault tolerance for strict stat topology needs $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$
- With hierarchical approach, can reduce the overhead down to $\mathcal{O}(N^{1+\epsilon})$
- Tradeoffs among collusion resistance and fault tolerance.
- **Future work:** What other expressive computations are (efficiently) possible in star networks?