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# Confidential Computing - Federate **Private** Data Analysis

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# Confidential Computing project

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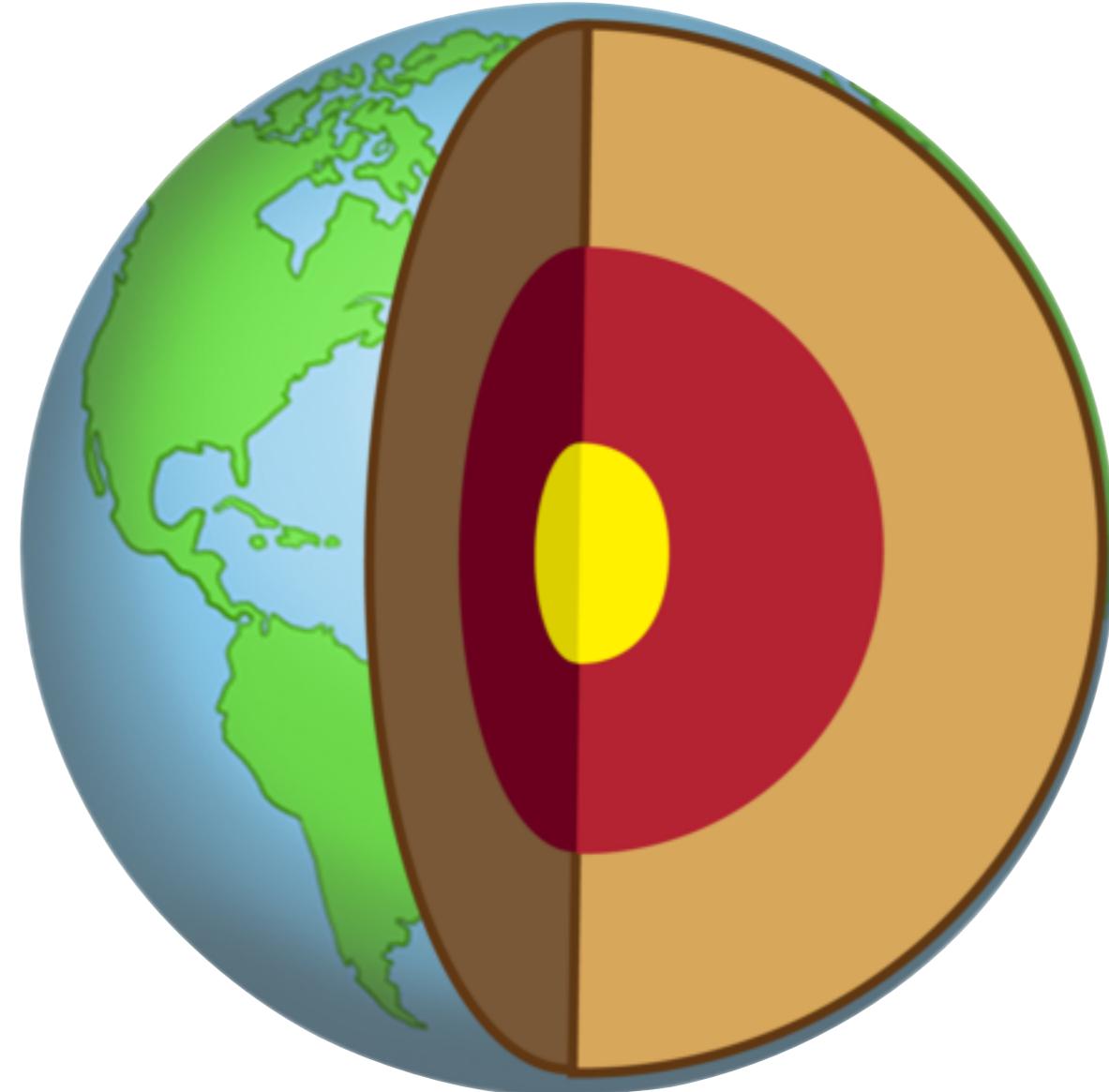
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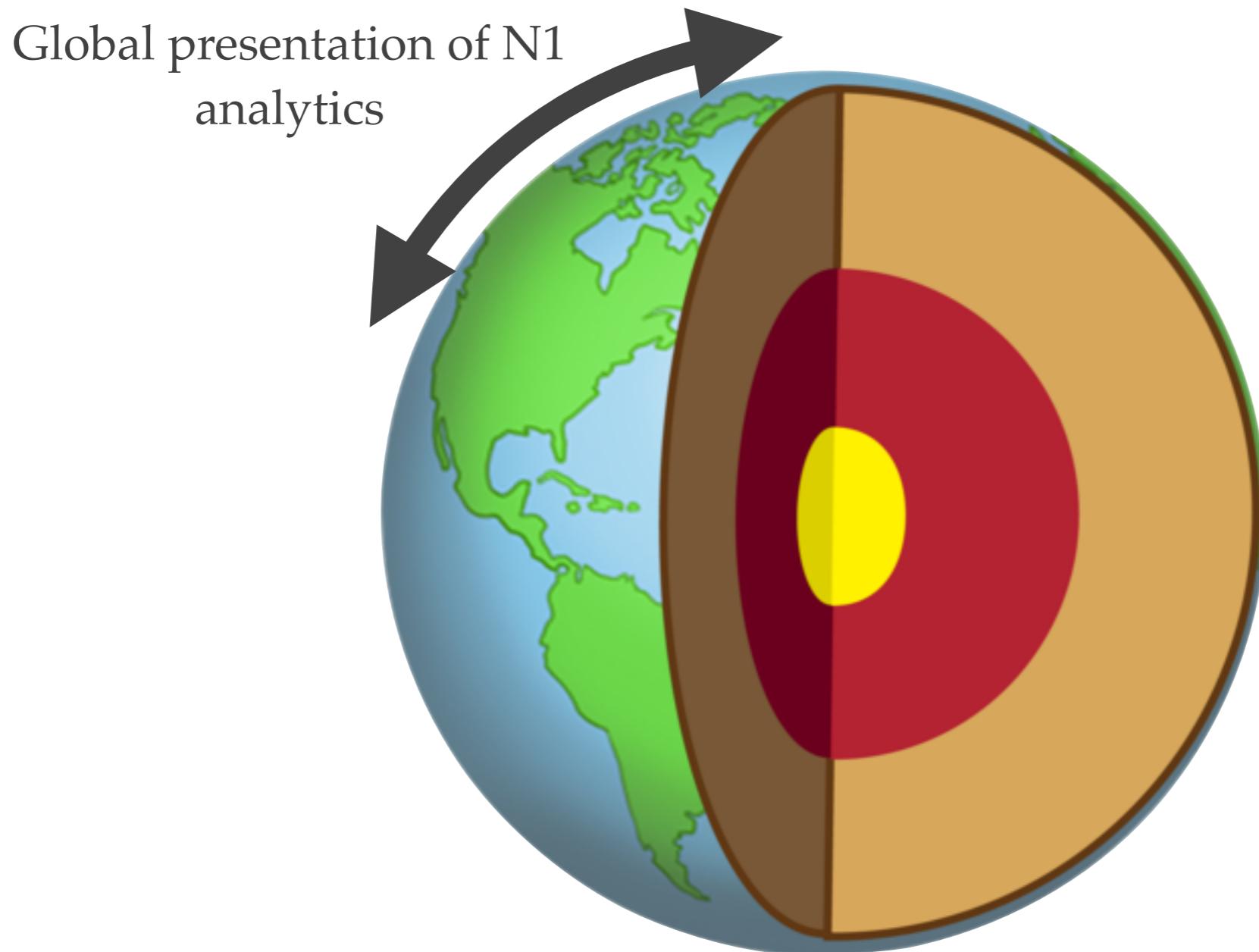
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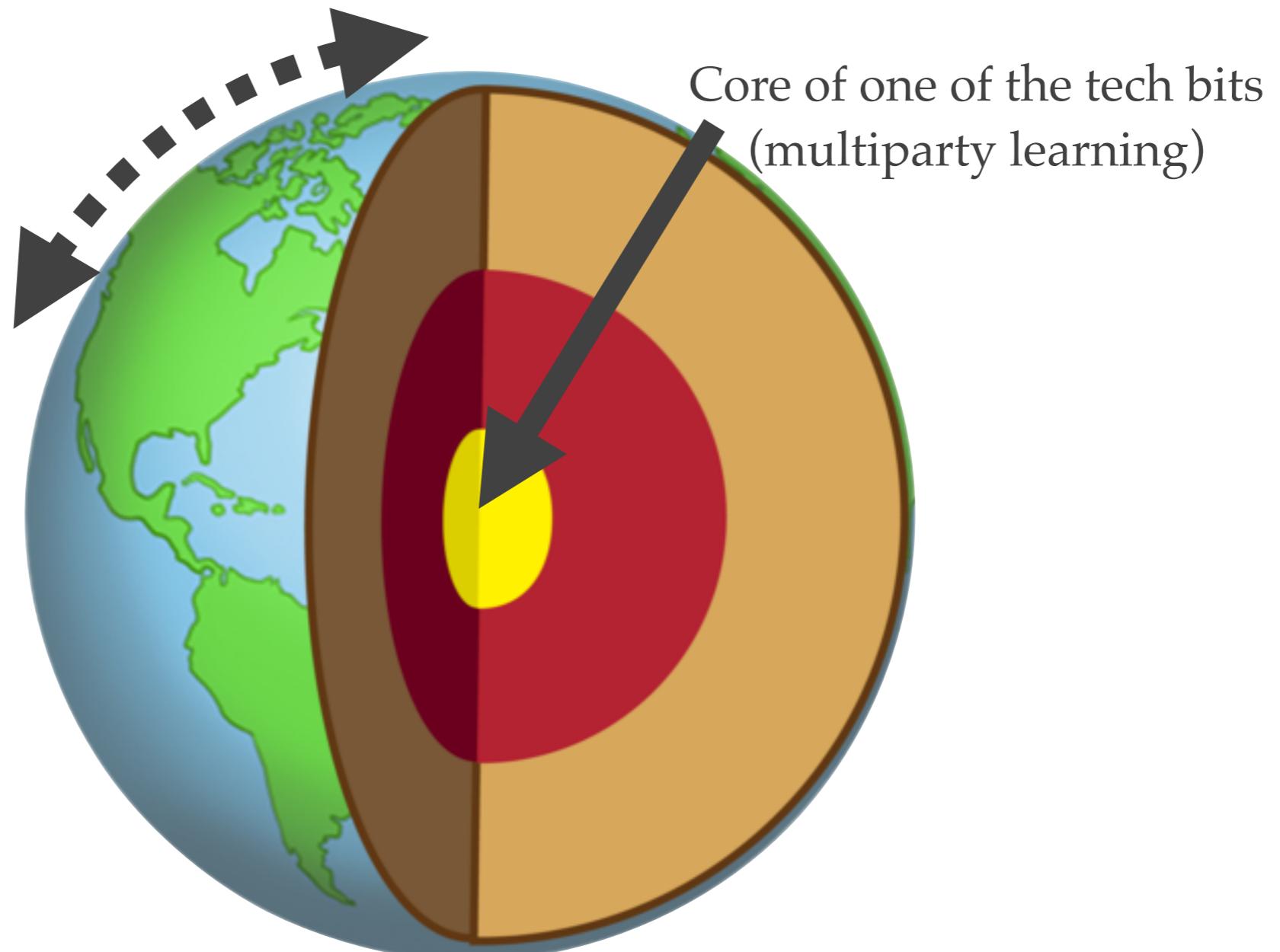
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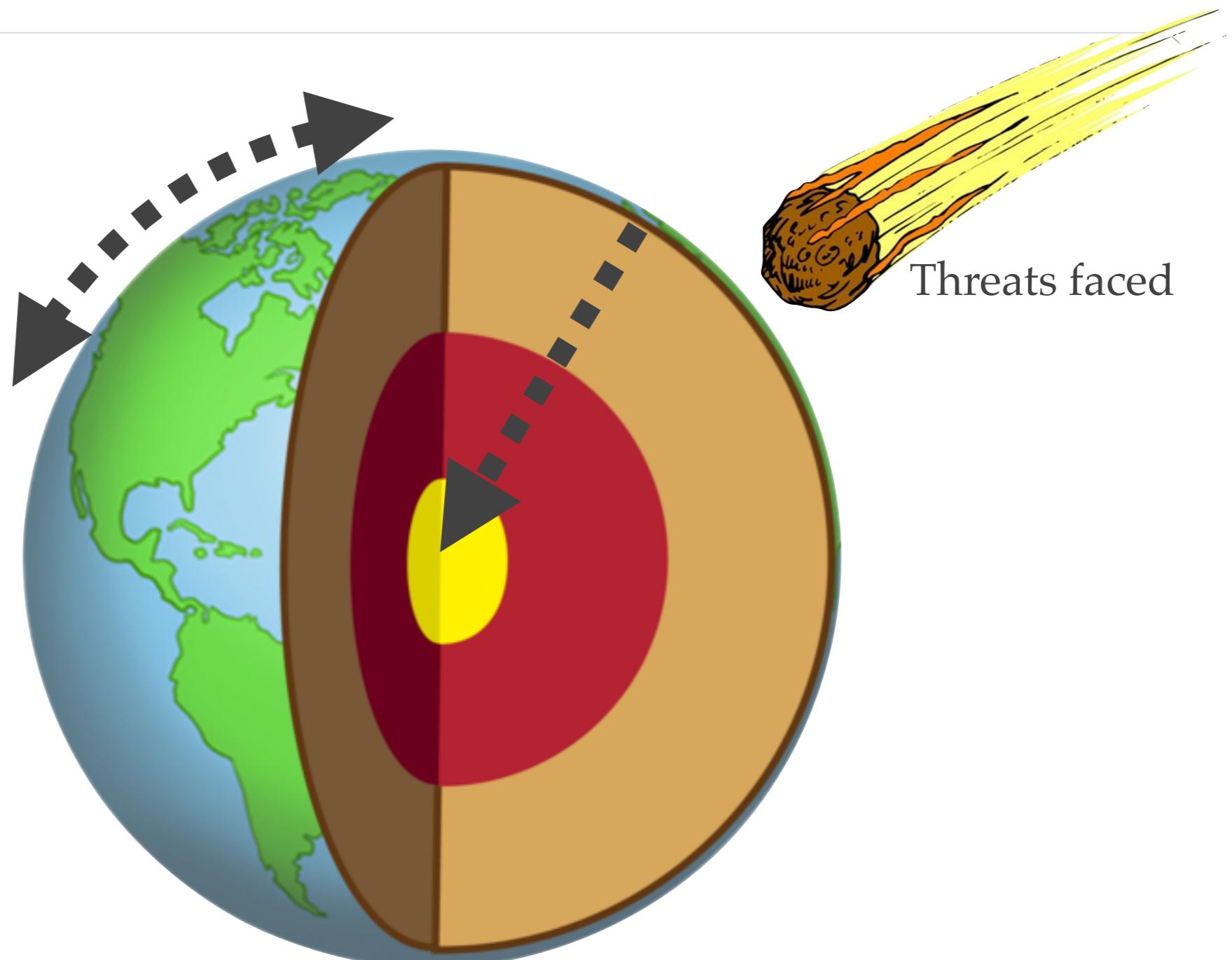
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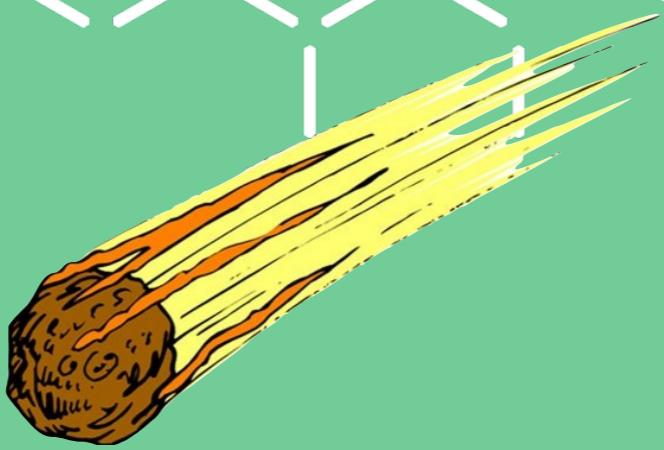


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# Threats

# Making “protected” data public...

The screenshot shows a web interface for a dataset. At the top, there is a breadcrumb navigation: Home / Organisations / Department of Health / Linkable de-identified 10% ... A green oval highlights the first two items in the breadcrumb. Below the navigation, there is a sidebar with the following information:

- Linkable de-identified 10% sample of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS)**
- Followers**: 7
- Organisation**: Department of Health
- Department of Health**: Department of Health [read](#)

The main content area features the title: **Linkable de-identified 10% sample of Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule (PBS)**. Below the title, there is a large text box containing the following description, which is also highlighted with a green rounded rectangle:

This data is a collection of the current and historical use of Medicare and PBS services. This data release contains approximately 1 billion lines of data relating to approximately 3 million Australians. The data sets have been designed to enable other datasets to be linked in the future, for example hospital data, immunisation data. The addition of these data sets will greatly increase the amount of data and open new areas of analysis.

At the top right of the main content area, there are download links for **ISO19115/ISO19139 XML**, **RDF**, and **JSON**.

# ...even with “safe” techniques...

**Confidentialisation Methodology**

All Medicare and PBS claims for a random 10% sample of patients are included in the release. To be clear, it is a 10% sample of patients, not a 10% sample of Medicare or PBS claiming activity for the selected patients. Although the data held by the Department does not contain identifiers such as individual patient names, a number of steps have been taken to further protect the confidentiality of the released data.

### ID number encryption

- Patient ID Numbers (PIN) are encrypted using the original PIN as the seed.
- Provider ID numbers are encrypted using the original ID number as the seed.

### Data adjustments

- Only the patient's year of birth is given, not the date of birth.
- Date of service and date of supply are randomly perturbed to  $\pm 14$  days of the true date.
- Geographic aggregation:
  - > Provider State is derived by the Department of Health by mapping the provider's postcode to State. The states are then collapsed to ACT and NSW, Victoria and Tasmania, NT and SA, QLD, and WA. This is not the Servicing Provider State which is supplied from the Department of Human Services.
- Rate event exclusion: Medicare and PBS items with extremely low service volumes have been removed.

# ...may lead to problems...

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Dataset Groups Activity Stream Use Cases ISO19115/ISO19139 XML RDF JSON

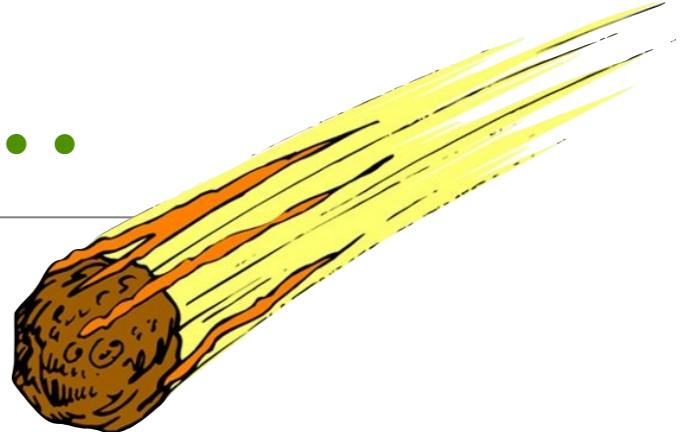
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# ...without extra care...



## UNDERSTANDING THE MATHS IS CRUCIAL FOR PROTECTING PRIVACY

Publishing data can bring benefits, but it also can be a great risk to privacy

*By Dr Chris Culnane, Dr Benjamin Rubinstein and Dr Vanessa Teague, Department of Computing and Information Systems, University of Melbourne*

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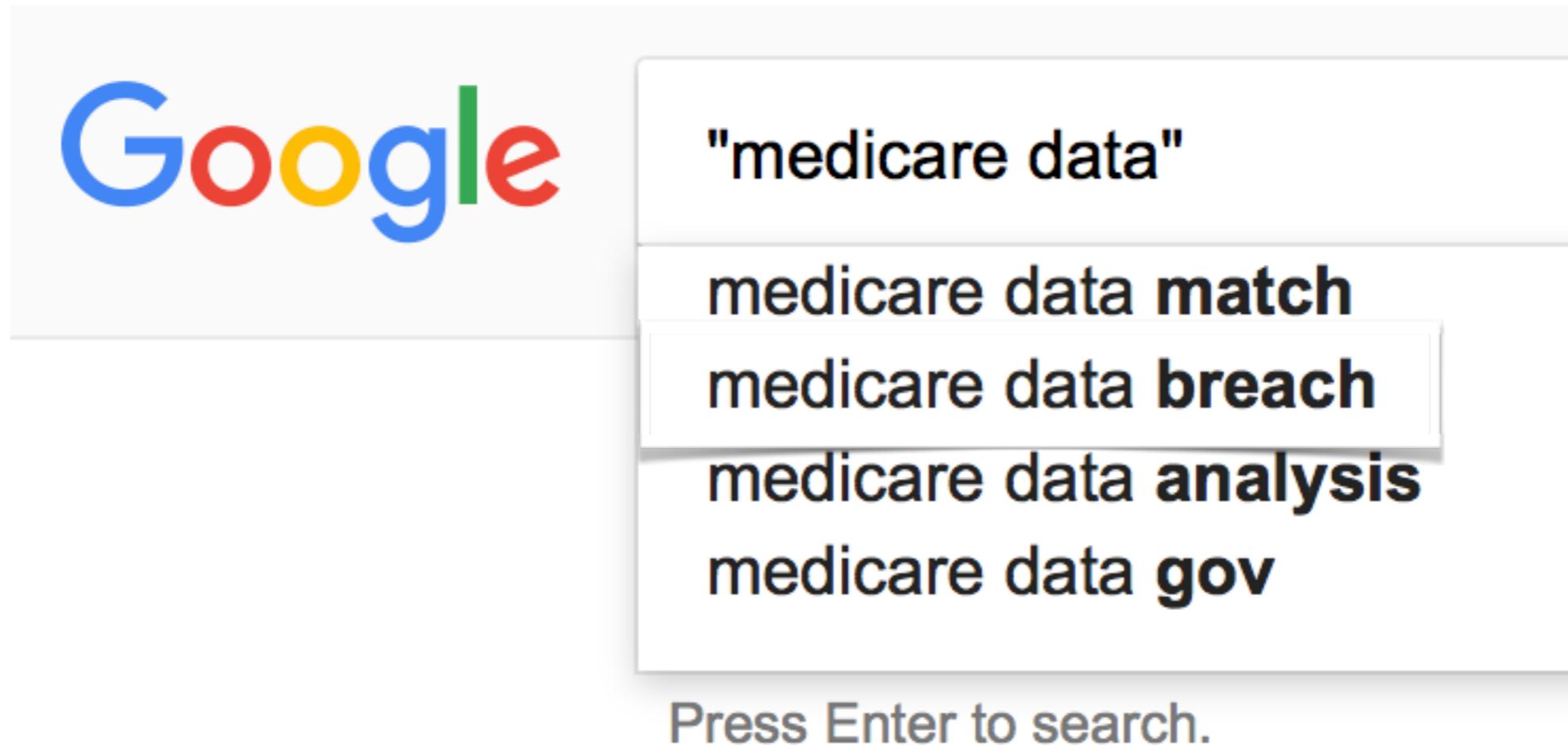
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**Linkage attacks** use the unencrypted data to identify people by linking the record with other known information; and

**Cryptographic attacks** reverse the encryption algorithm to recover encrypted data.

# ...and then comes (bad) buzz

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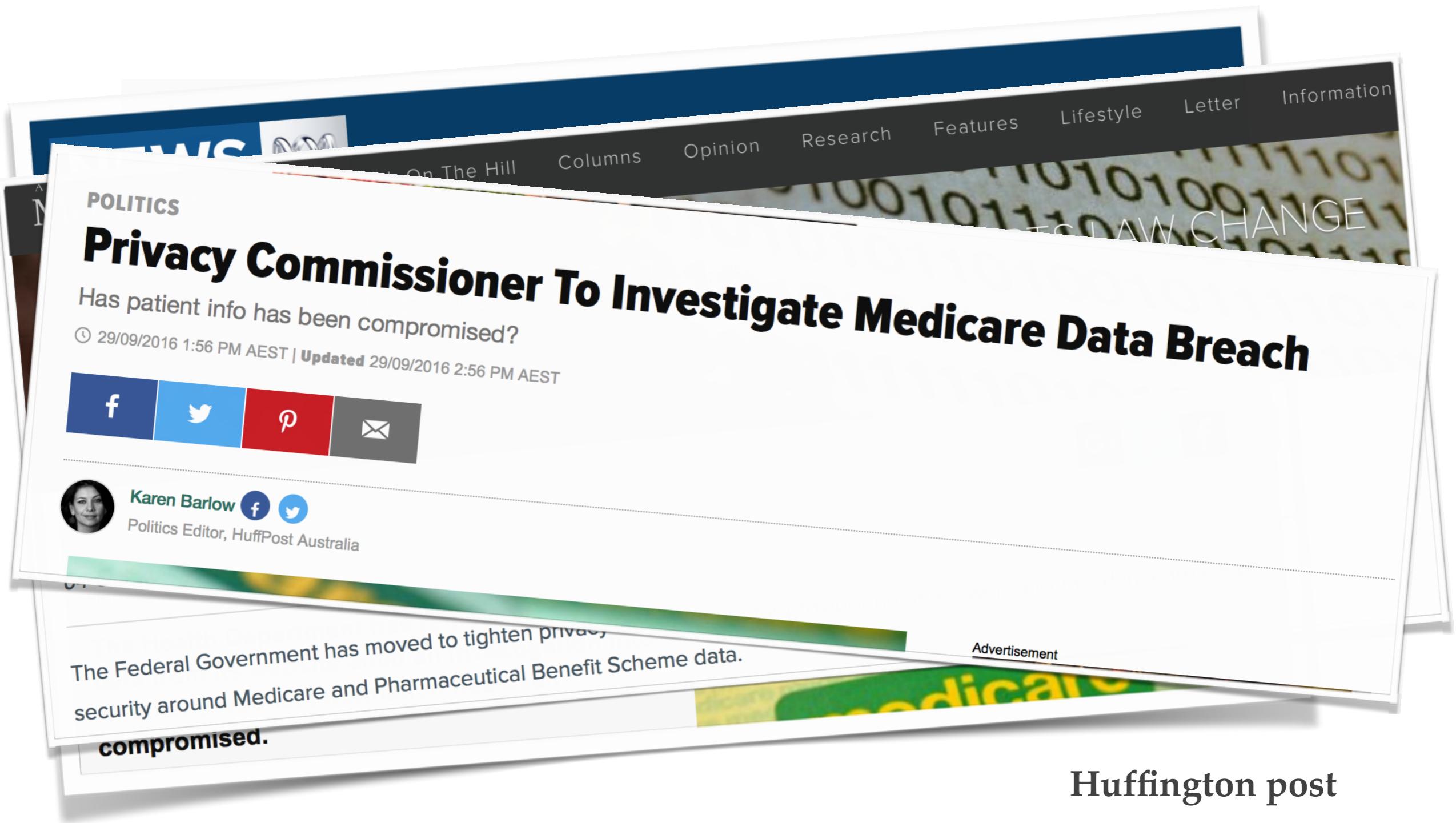
The screenshot shows a news article from ABC News. The header includes the ABC News logo and navigation links for Home, Just In, US Election, Australia, World, Business, Sport, Arts, Analysis & Opinion, and Programs. Below the header are sharing options for Print, Email, Facebook, Twitter, and More. The main headline reads: "Medicare dataset pulled after academics find breach of doctor details possible". A sub-headline states: "The Health Department has removed Medicare data from its website amid an investigation into whether personal information has been compromised." The article is by political reporter Stephanie Anderson and was updated on 29 Sep 2016, 6:51am. To the right of the text is a small image of a green Medicare card.

ABC news

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The screenshot shows a news article from 'AUSTRALIAN Medicine' dated 04 Oct 2016. The headline reads 'MEDICARE DATA BREACH PROMPTS LAW CHANGE'. The subtext states: 'The Federal Government has moved to tighten privacy laws after doctor provider numbers were disclosed in a breach of security around Medicare and Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme data. compromised.' Below the article is a logo for 'The Australian Medical Association'.

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The screenshot shows a news article from **ITnews**. The headline reads: **Health pulls Medicare dataset after breach of doctor details**. The article is by Paris Cowan, published on Sep 29 2016 at 11:27AM. A red banner at the bottom left says **SECURITY IS**. The main text says: **[Updated] Researchers say govt encryption was poor.** Below the article, a snippet of another story says: **security around Medicare and Pharmaceutical datasets compromised.** The ITnews logo is in the bottom right corner.

## LATEST NEWS

ATO outs tech giants with tiny tax bills

AFP readies data centre move

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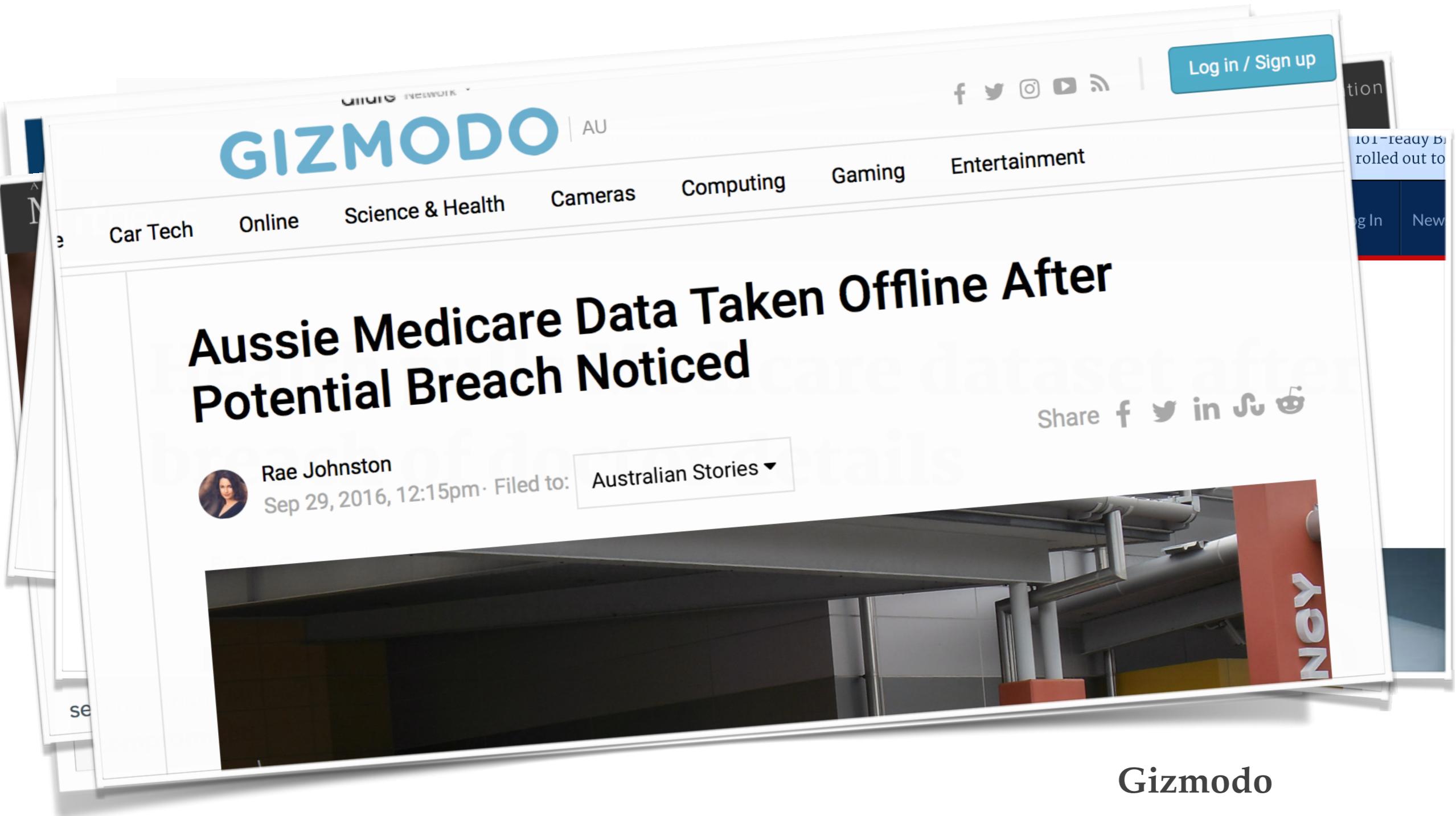
## Features

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## Information

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The screenshot shows a news article from The Canberra Times. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, News, Sport, Business, Public Service (which is underlined), World, Politics, Comment, Property, Entertainment, Lifestyle, and a three-dot menu. To the right of the menu are LOGIN and SIGN-UP buttons, and a search icon. Below the navigation is a breadcrumb trail: Home / Public Service. The main headline reads "Fears that patients' personal medical information has been leaked in Medicare data breach". Below the headline is the author's name, Rania Spooner and Noel Towell. The footer of the page features the text "The Canberra Times" and a green decorative bar at the bottom.

The Canberra Times

# Collateral damages

## Telstra on defensive as reverse-engineering of Medicare data highlights healthcare-security risks

Submissions caution against putting private healthcare data into hands of profit-minded outsourcer

David Braue (CSO Online) on 29 September, 2016 14:01

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## Fears that been lead

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# Key points of the attack

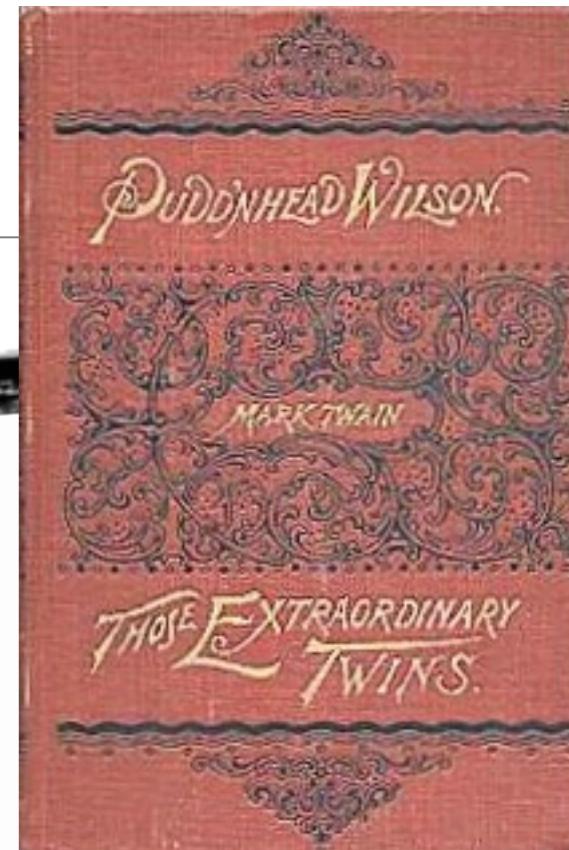
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- ❖ Questionable choice of ground techniques for the protection, but more importantly
- ❖ Attack tackles **bad implementation design** (parameters)
- ❖ Attack with **side information** (attacker)



(apologies to my colleagues for depicting them this way)

# Lesson



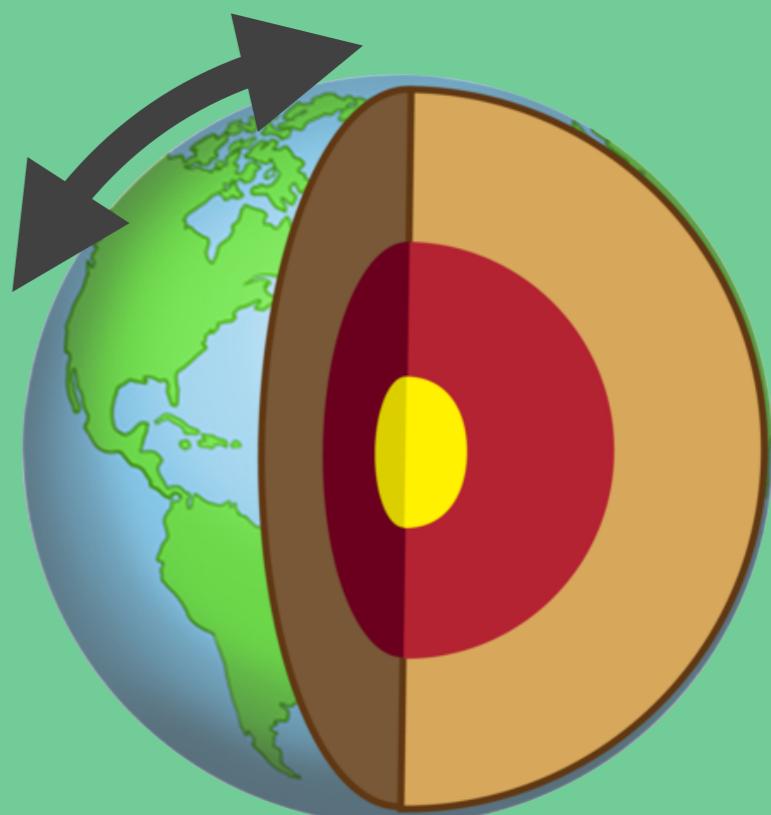
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NOTHING so needs reforming as other people's habits.—  
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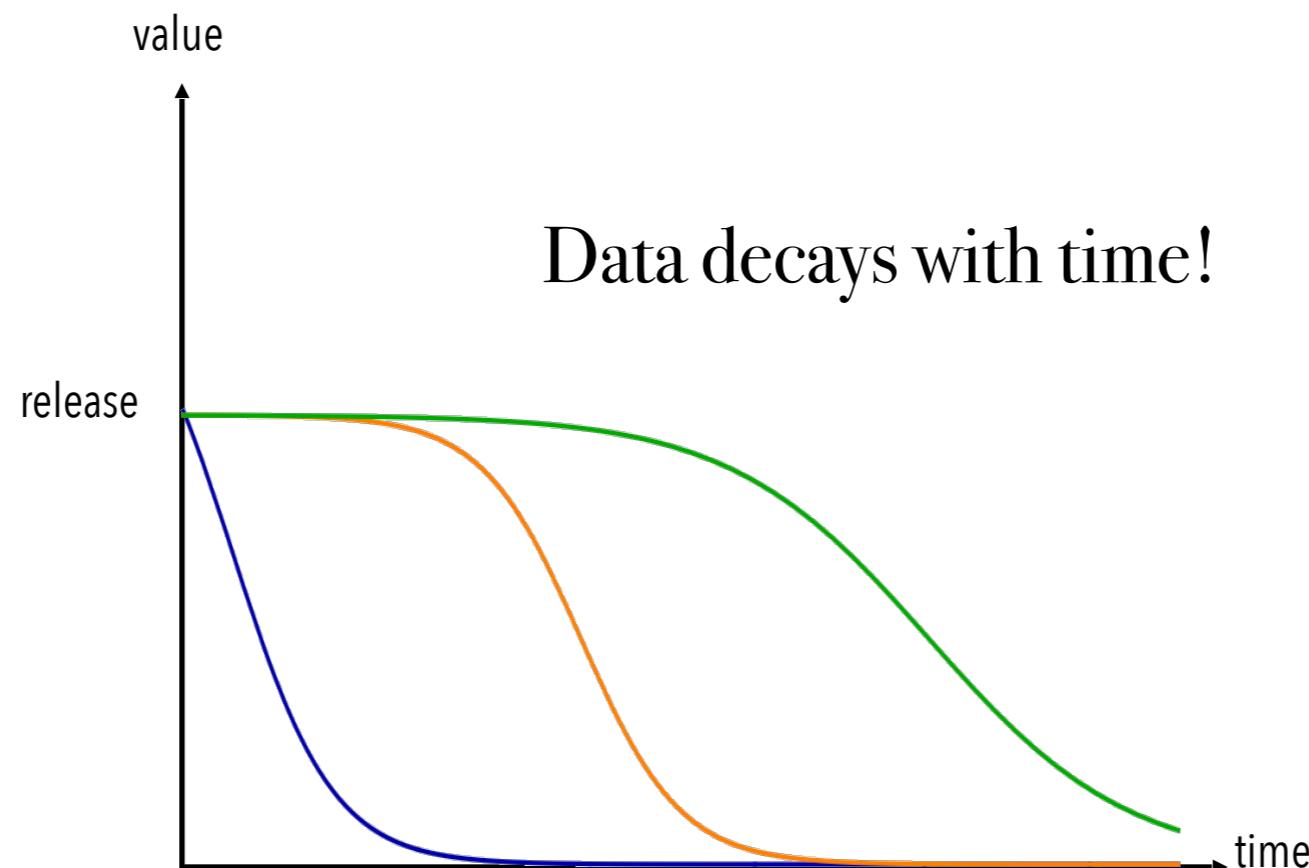
BEHOLD, the fool saith, “Put not all thine eggs in the one basket”—which is but a manner of saying, “Scatter your money and your attention;” but the wise man saith, “Put all your eggs in the one basket and—WATCH THAT BASKET.”—*Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar.*



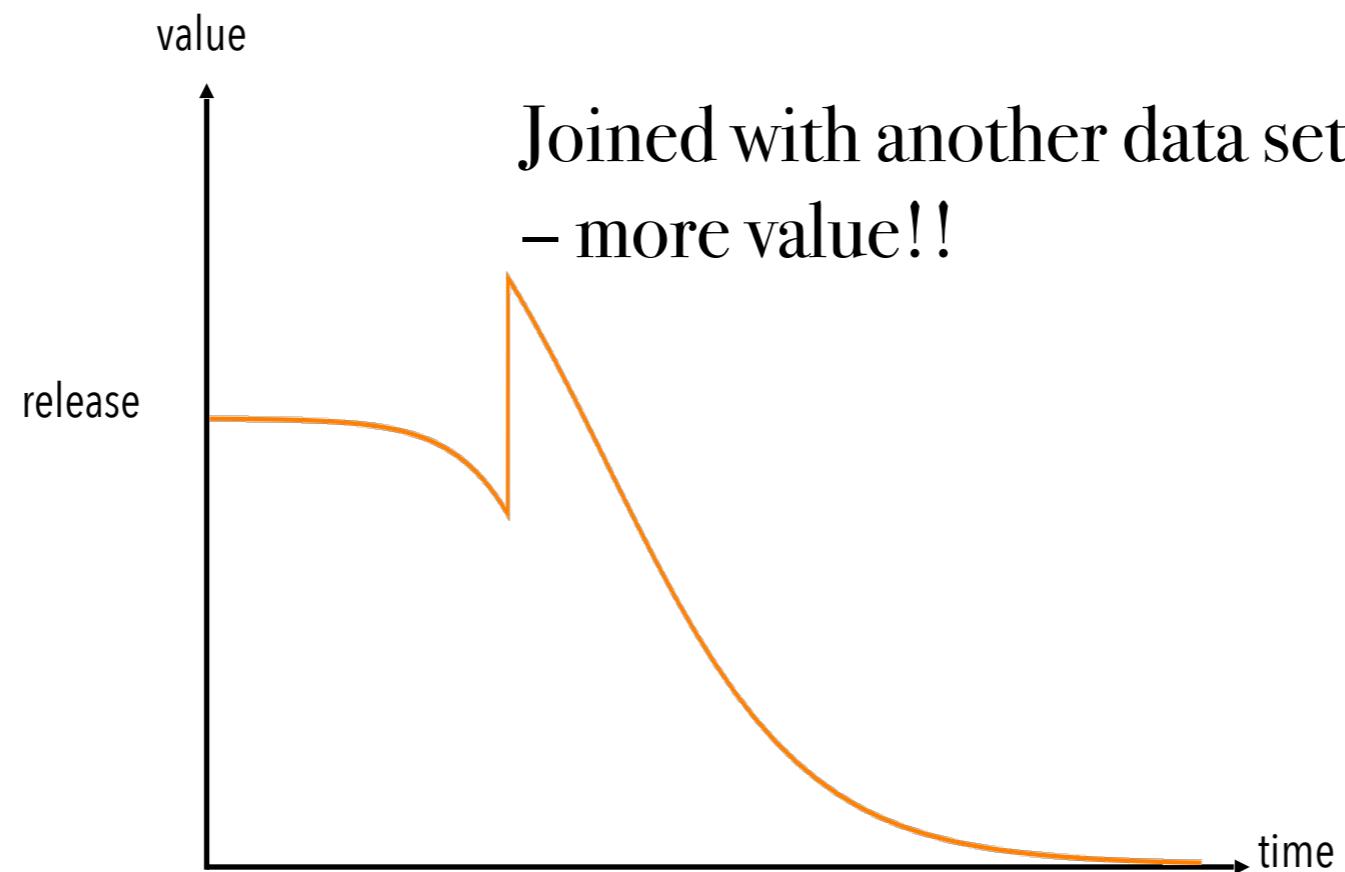
# Confidential computing overview & targeted problems



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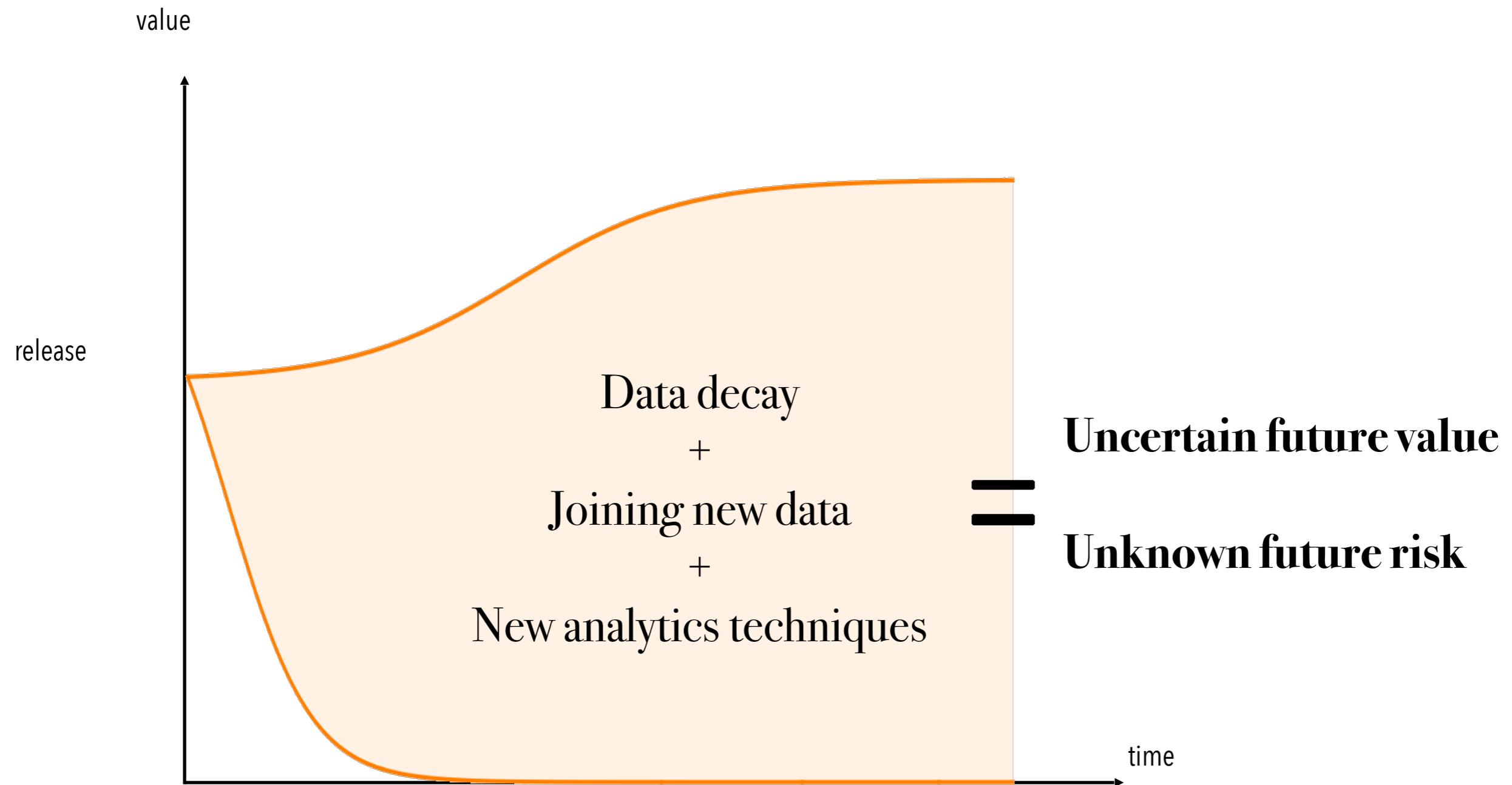
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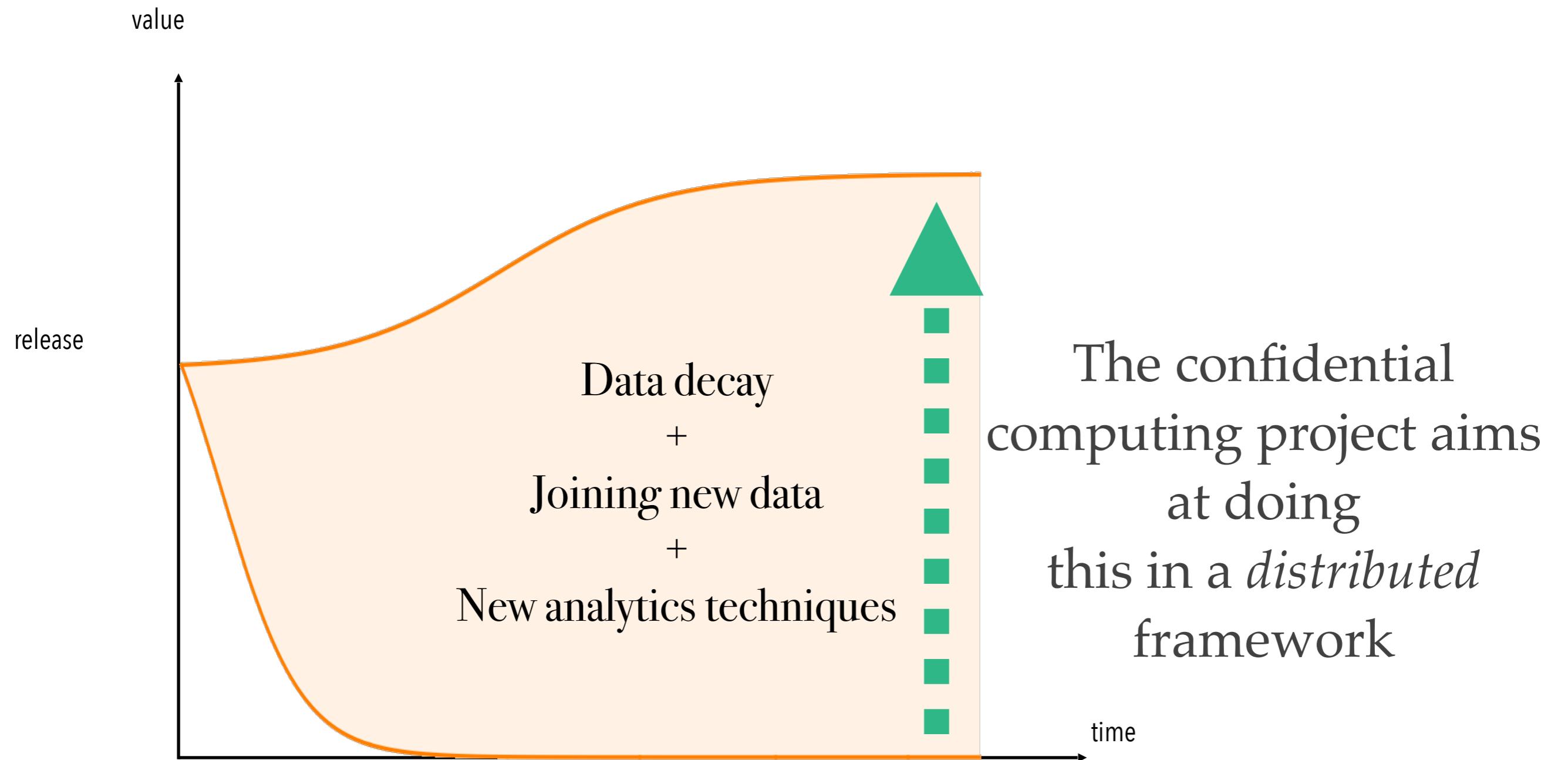
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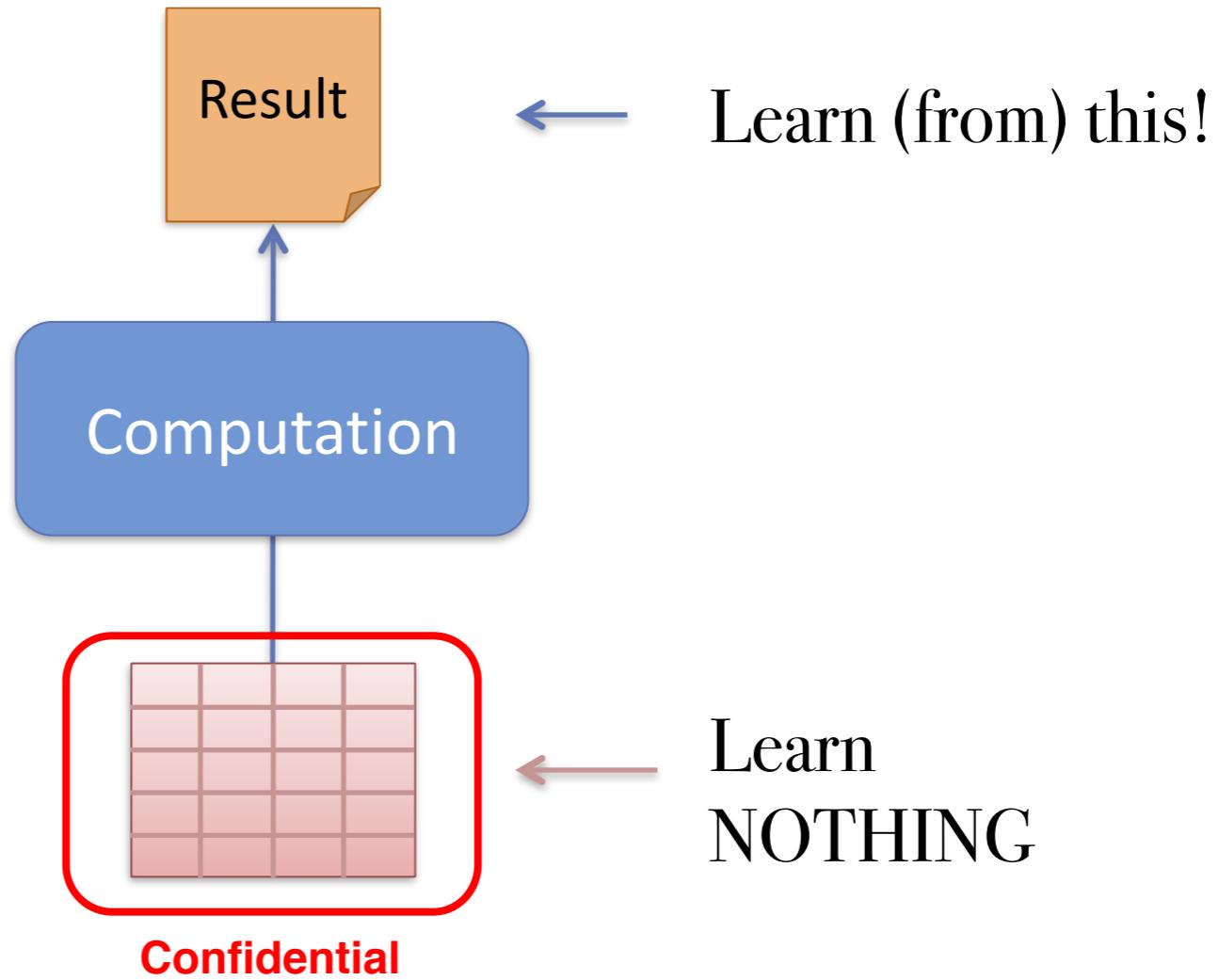
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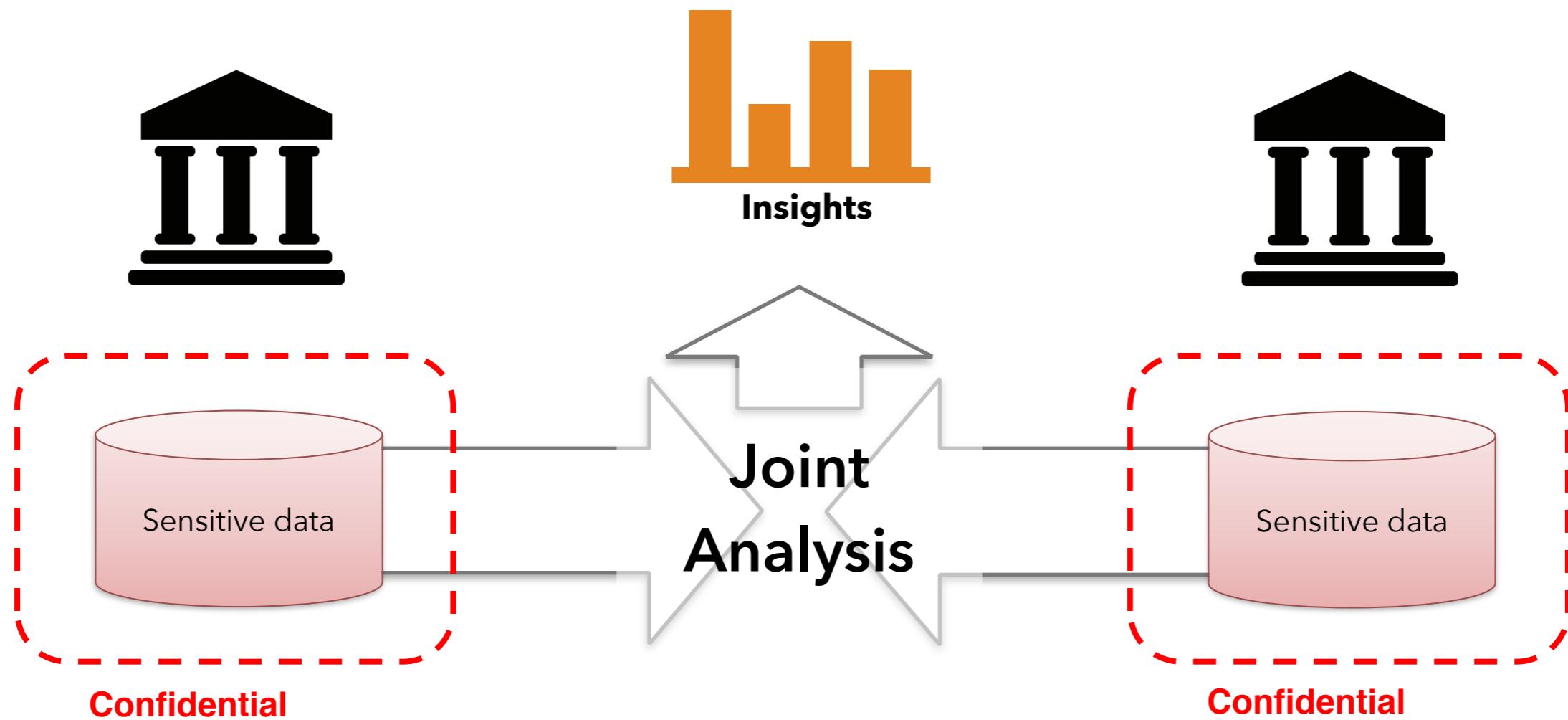


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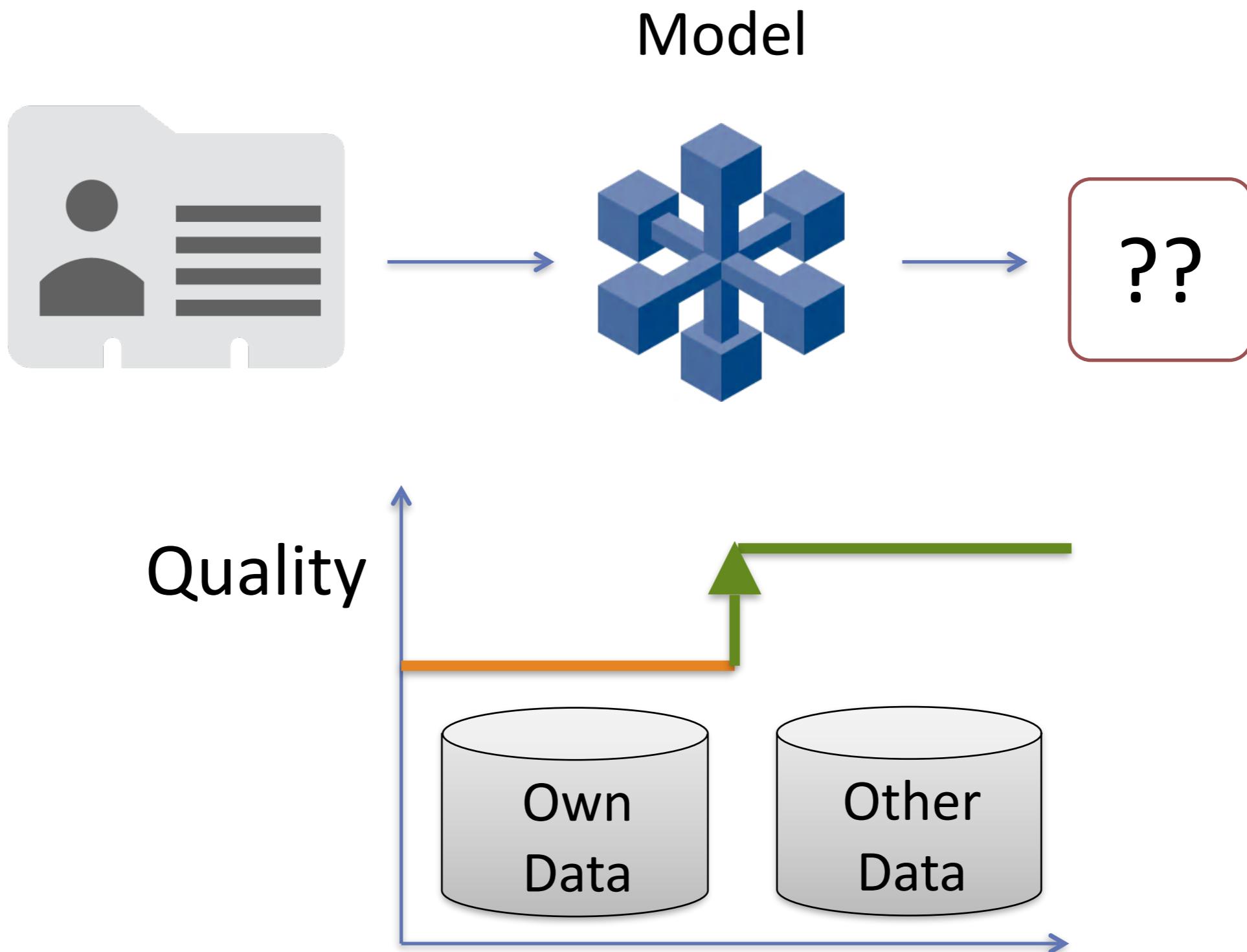
# The problem

- ❖ How can we learn valuable **insights** from **sensitive** data from **multiple** organisations?

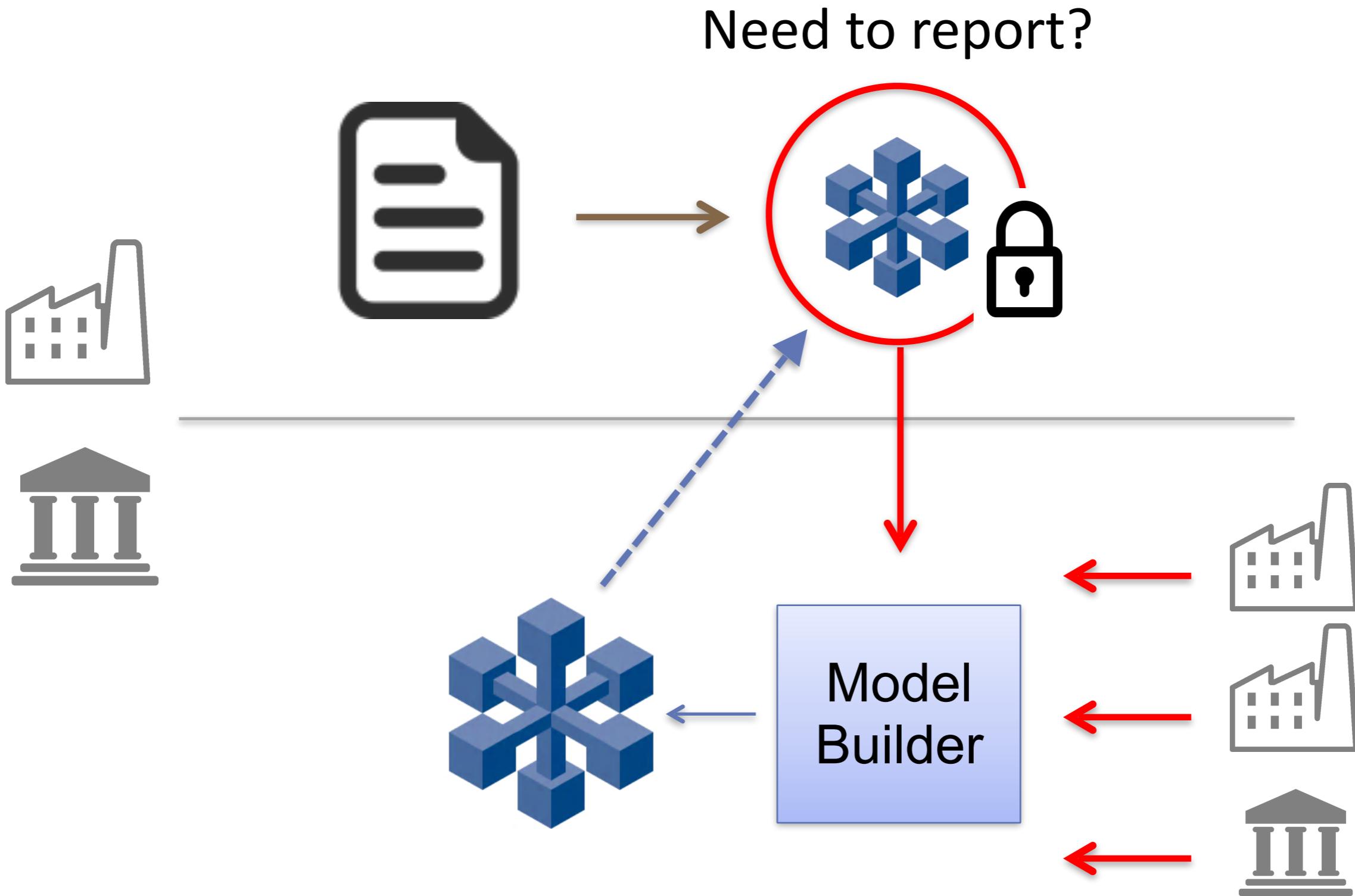


# Case studies

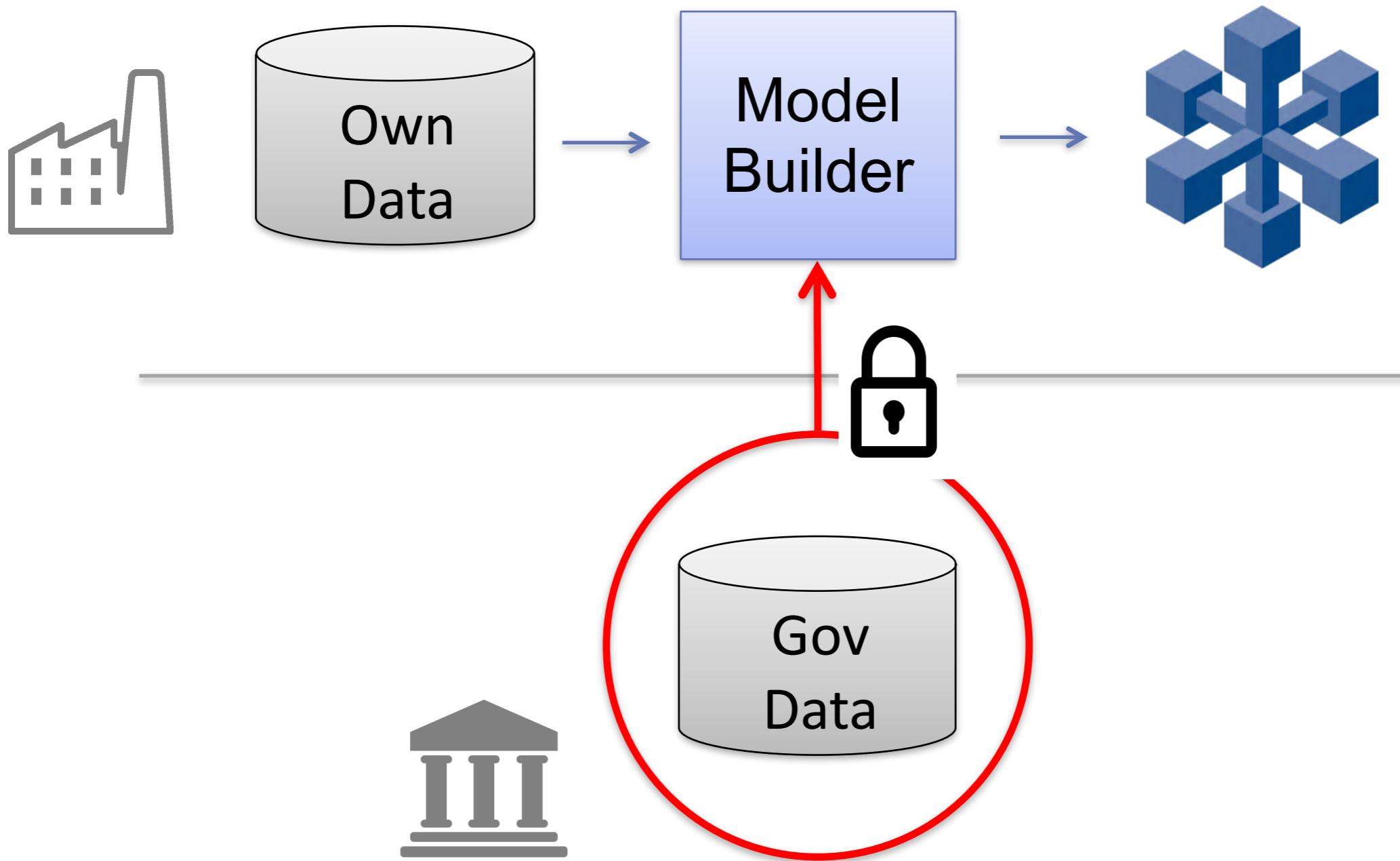
# Scoring



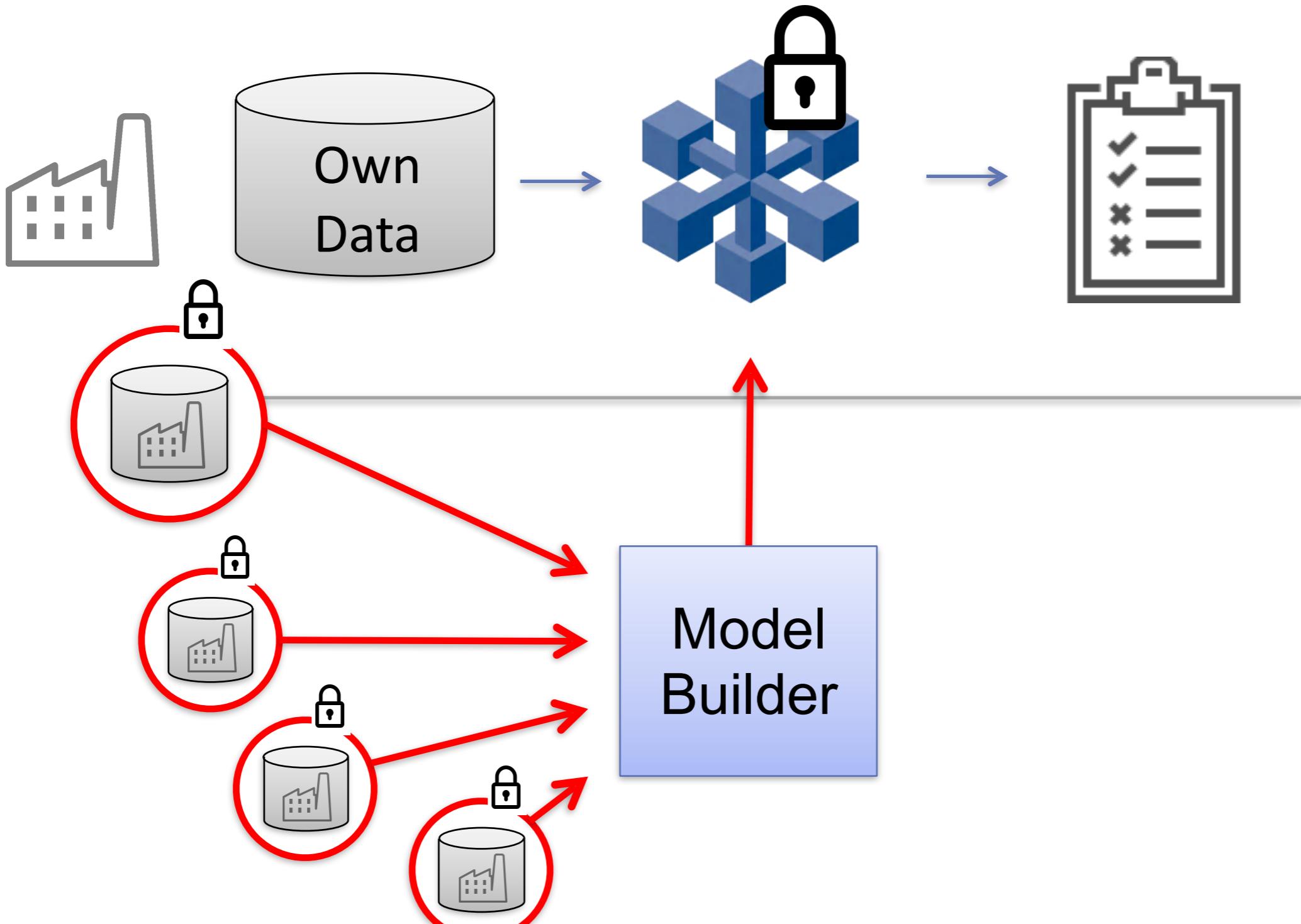
# Suspicious activities



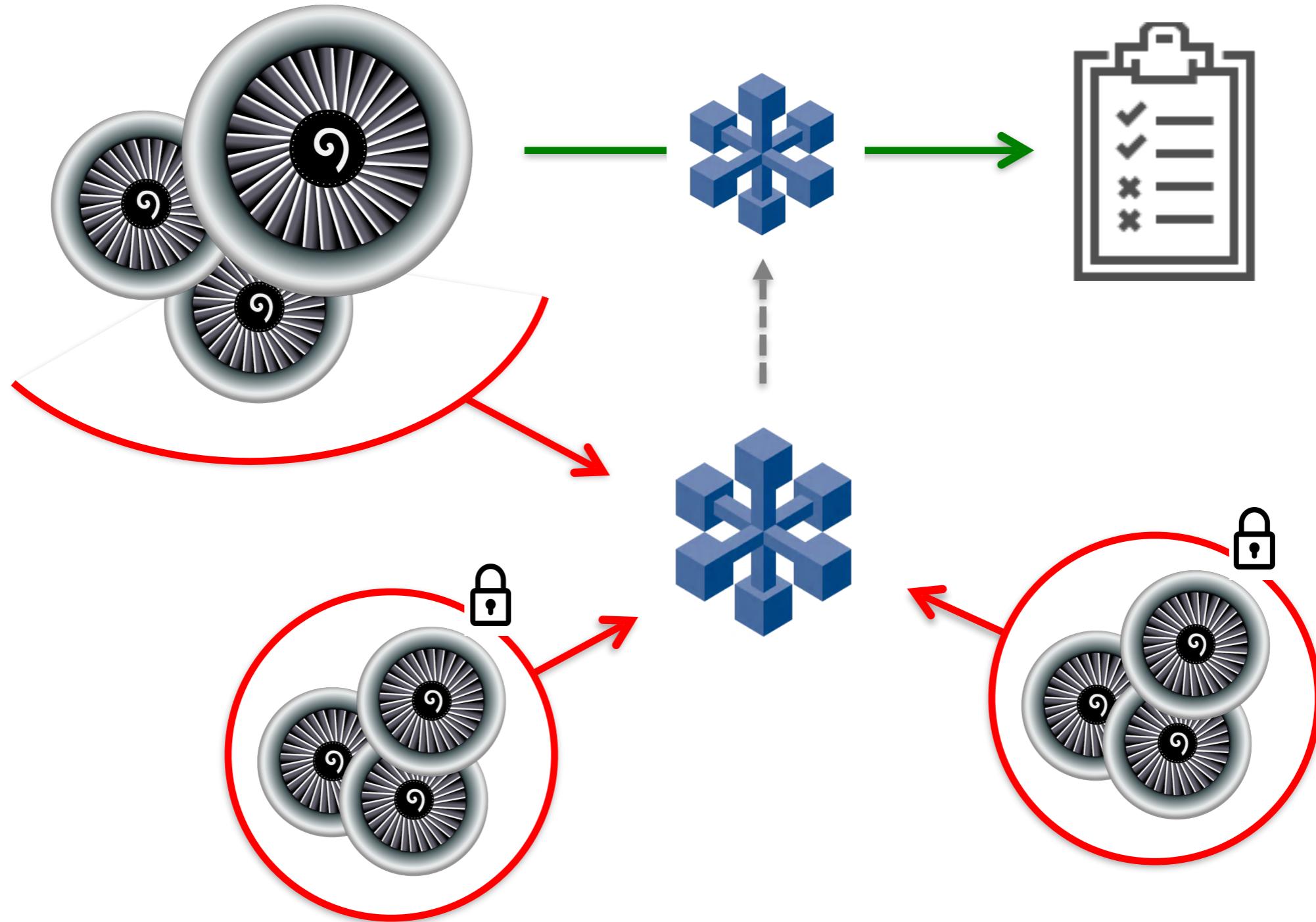
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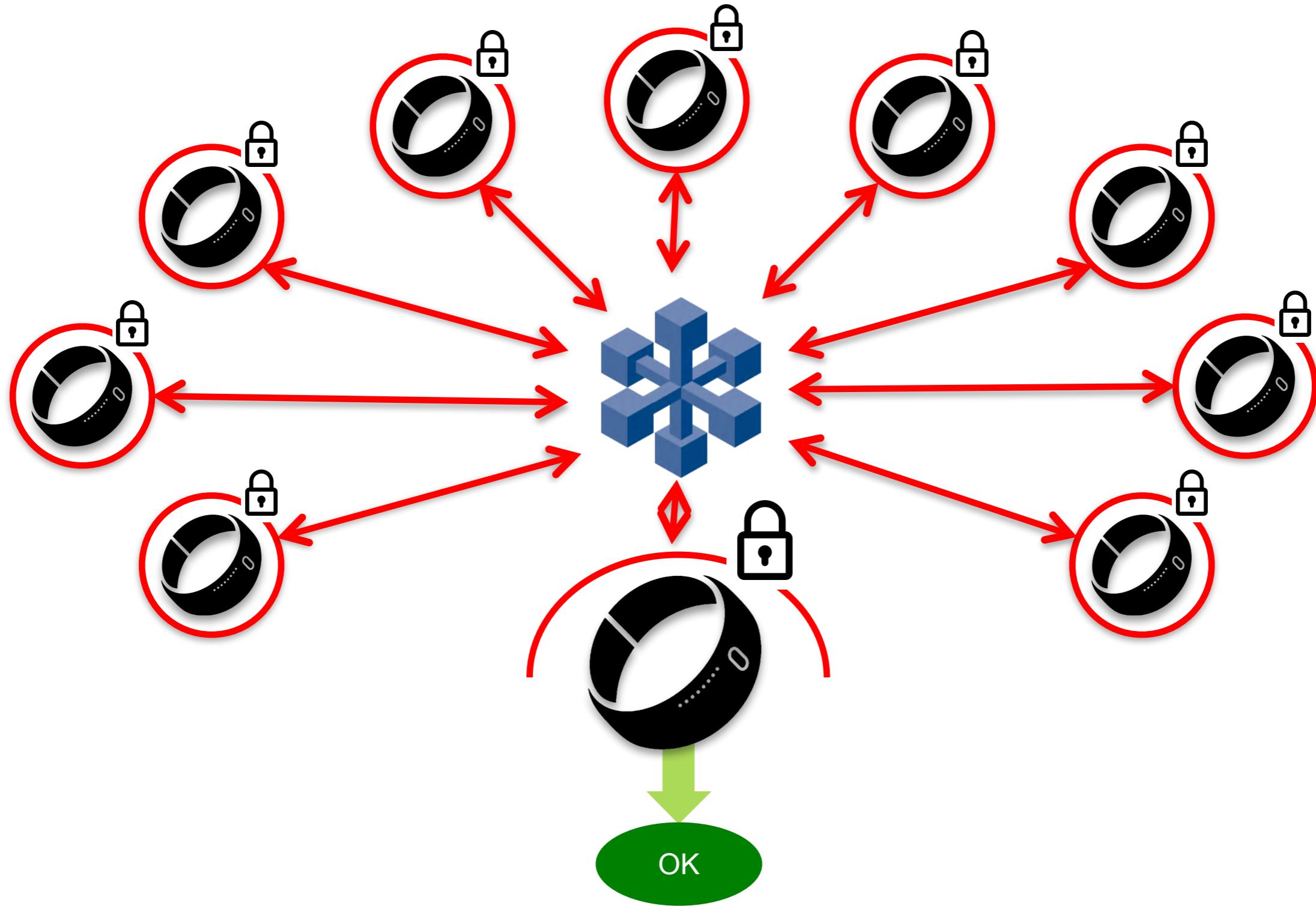
# Benchmarking



# Predictive Maintenance



# Device analytics



# N1 Analytics and an example

# N1 Analytics

Platform for federated private analytics

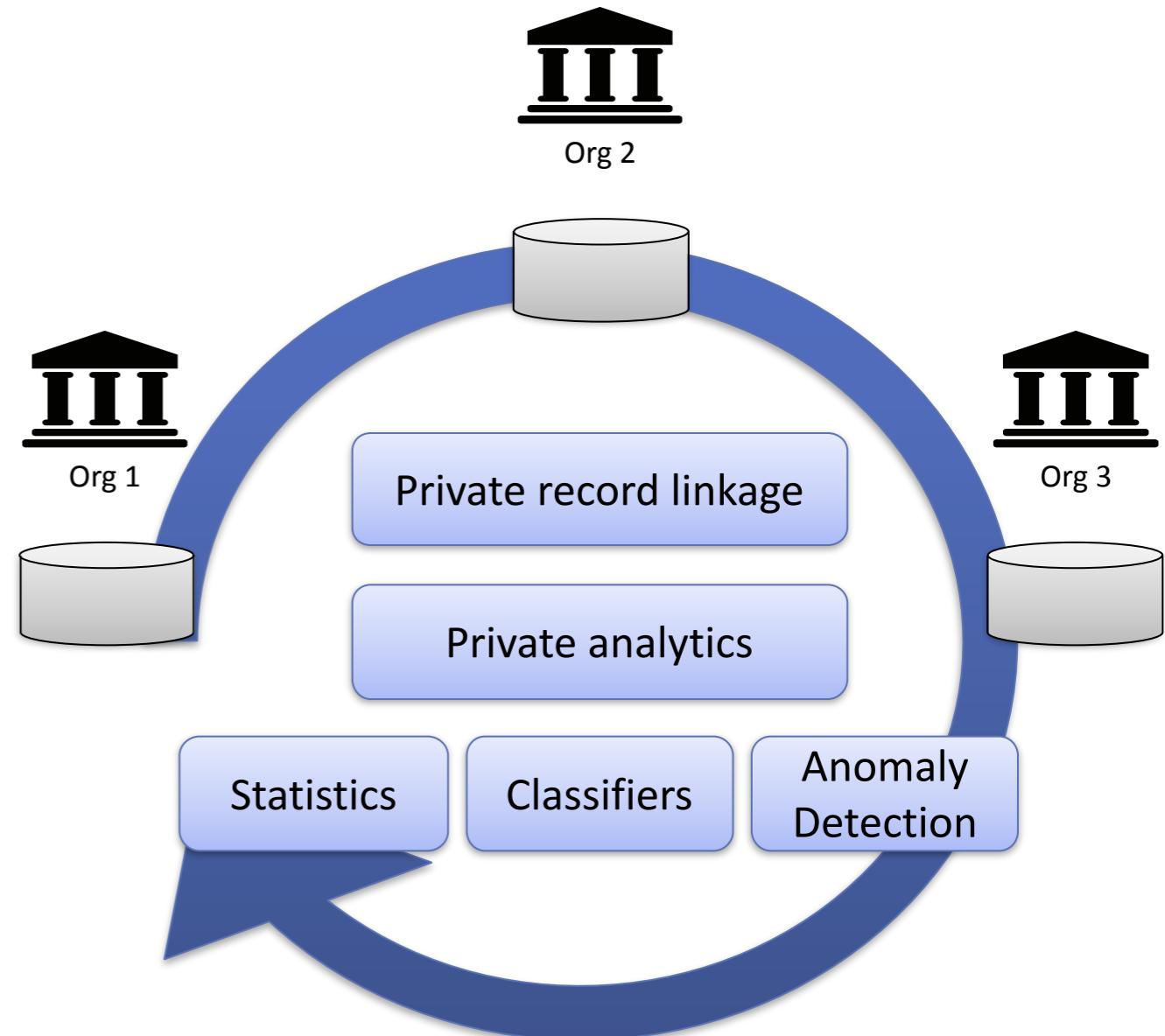
- Automated private record linkage
- Paillier encryption
- Rados
- Web APIs, Java/python Implementation

Standard data analytics techniques on secret data:

- Correlation analysis
- Classification / prediction
- Clustering
- Statistics

Fine grained access control

Scales to millions of records x hundreds of features

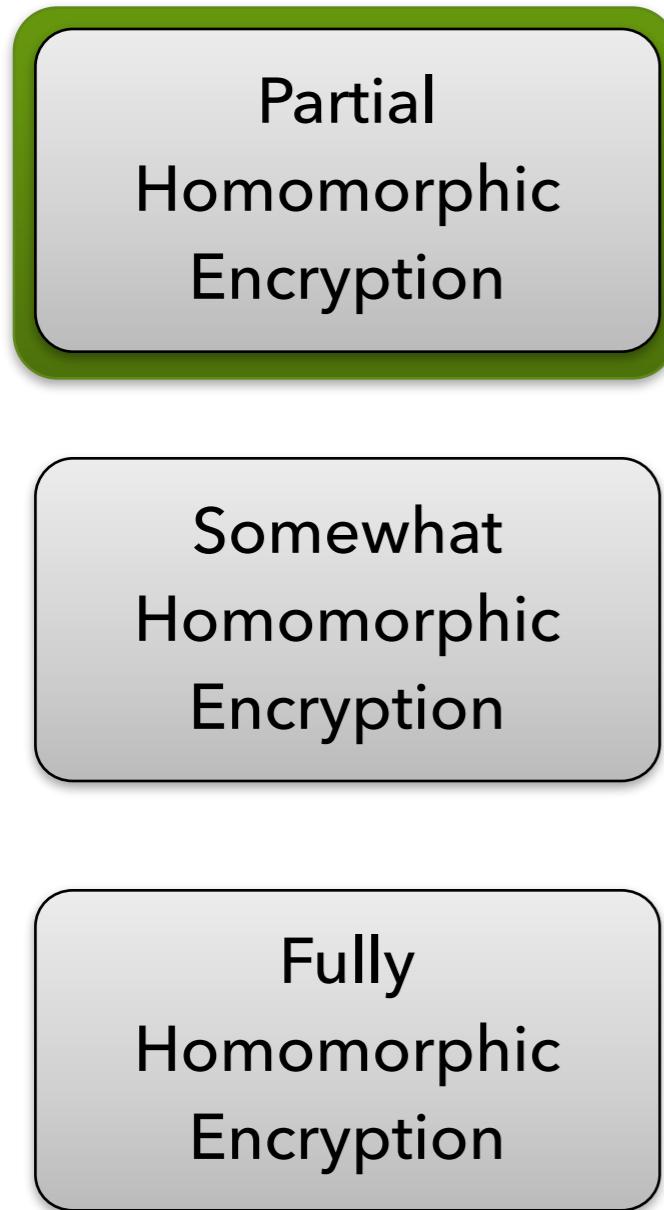


# The three basic N1 building blocks

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- Private computation
  - Arithmetic on encrypted numbers
- Distributed, confidential analytics
  - Distributed algorithms, computation & protocols
- Private Record Linkage
  - Privacy preserving record level matching

# Homomorphic encryption



Allows either addition or multiplication of encrypted numbers

Allows evaluation of low order polynomials

Allows evaluation of arbitrary functions

# Paillier encryption

Encryption of  $m$ :  $c = g^m r^n \pmod{n^2}$

Addition of encrypted numbers:

$$D(E(m_1) \cdot E(m_2) \pmod{n^2}) = m_1 + m_2 \pmod{n}$$

Multiplication of encrypted number by a scalar:

$$D(E(m_1)^{m_2} \pmod{n^2}) = m_1 m_2 \pmod{n}$$

# Paillier implementation

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- Python – open source
  - [www.github.com/nicta/python-paillier](https://www.github.com/nicta/python-paillier)
- Java – open source
  - [www.github.com/nicta/javallier](https://www.github.com/nicta/javallier)
- Javascript – still under closed development

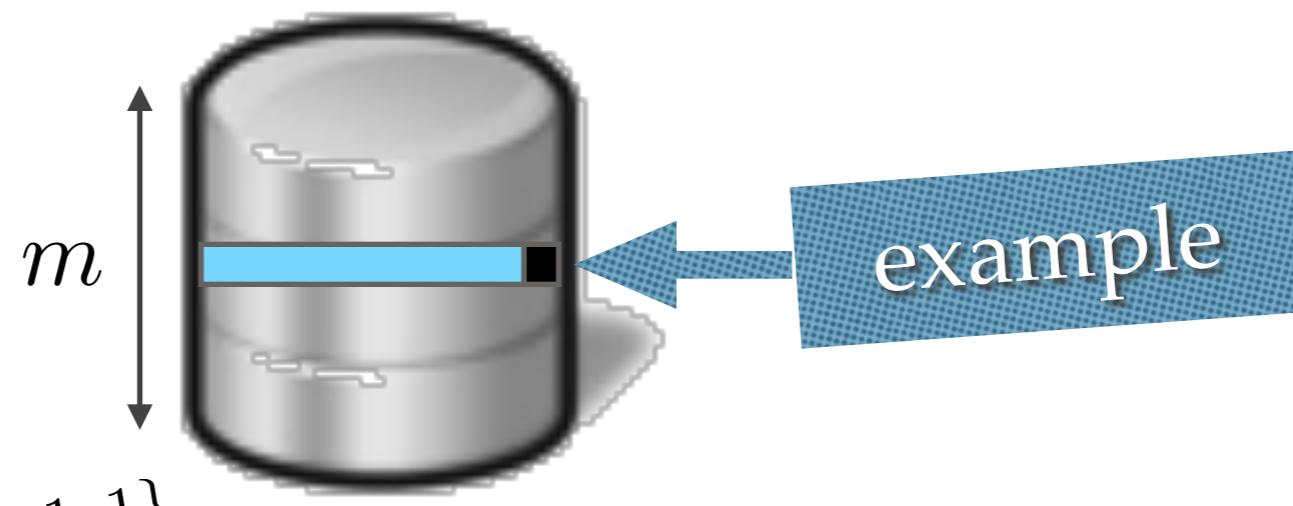
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# Distributed, Confidential Analytics



# Basic definitions



$$\in \{-1, 1\}$$

- ❖ Input:  $\mathcal{S} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  with  $m$  examples
- ❖ Objective: learn safely linear classifier  $\theta$  ...

# Classical technique in the encrypted domain

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Minimise for  $\theta$  :

$$\ell_{\log}(\mathcal{S}, \theta) = \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_i y_i \log \hat{p}[\mathbf{x}_i; \theta] + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{p}[\mathbf{x}_i; \theta])$$

Log likelihood

Evaluate:

$$\hat{p}[\mathbf{x}_i; \theta] = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^\top \mathbf{x}_i)} \text{ Logistic function}$$

Requires “secure log” and “secure inverse” protocol  
using Paillier encryption

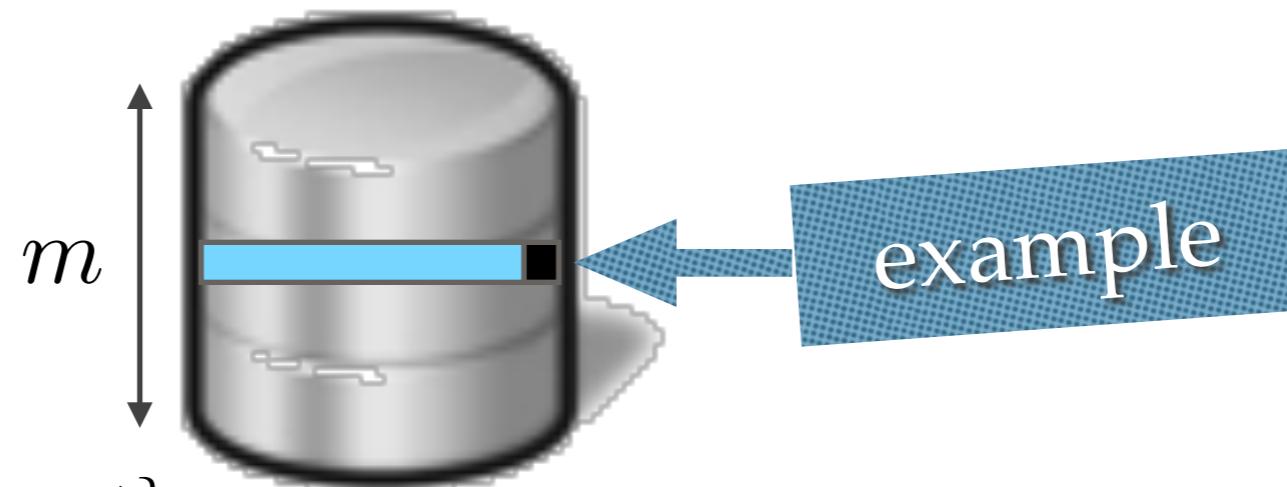
*Builds on Han et al. 2010 “Privacy Preserving Gradient Descent Methods”*

# New techniques: public references

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- ❖ Giorgio Patrini, Richard Nock, Paul Rivera & Tiberio Caetano,  
“(Almost) No label No Cry”  
in *NIPS 2014*
- ❖ Richard Nock, Giorgio Patrini, Arik Friedman,  
“Rademacher Observations, Private Data, and Boosting”  
in *ICML 2015*
- ❖ Giorgio Patrini, Richard Nock, Stephen Hardy, Tiberio Caetano  
“Fast Learning from Distributed Datasets without Entity  
Resolution”  
in *IJCAI 2016*
- ❖ Richard Nock  
“On Regularizing Rademacher Observation Losses”  
in *NIPS 2016*

# New technique: outline



$\in \{-1, 1\}$

- ❖ Input:  $\mathcal{S} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^m$  with  $m$  examples,  $\Gamma$  sym. pos. def.
- ❖ Objective: minimize Ridge regularized square loss for  $\theta$  :

$$\ell_{\text{sql}}(\mathcal{S}, \theta; \Gamma) \doteq \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_i (1 - y_i \theta^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \theta^\top \Gamma \theta .$$

linear classifier

A blue arrow points upwards from the term  $(1 - y_i \theta^\top \mathbf{x}_i)^2$  in the equation to a blue rectangular box containing the text "linear classifier".

# Setting: supervised learning

basic

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$\mathbf{X} \doteq [\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{x}_2 | \cdots | \mathbf{x}_m]$

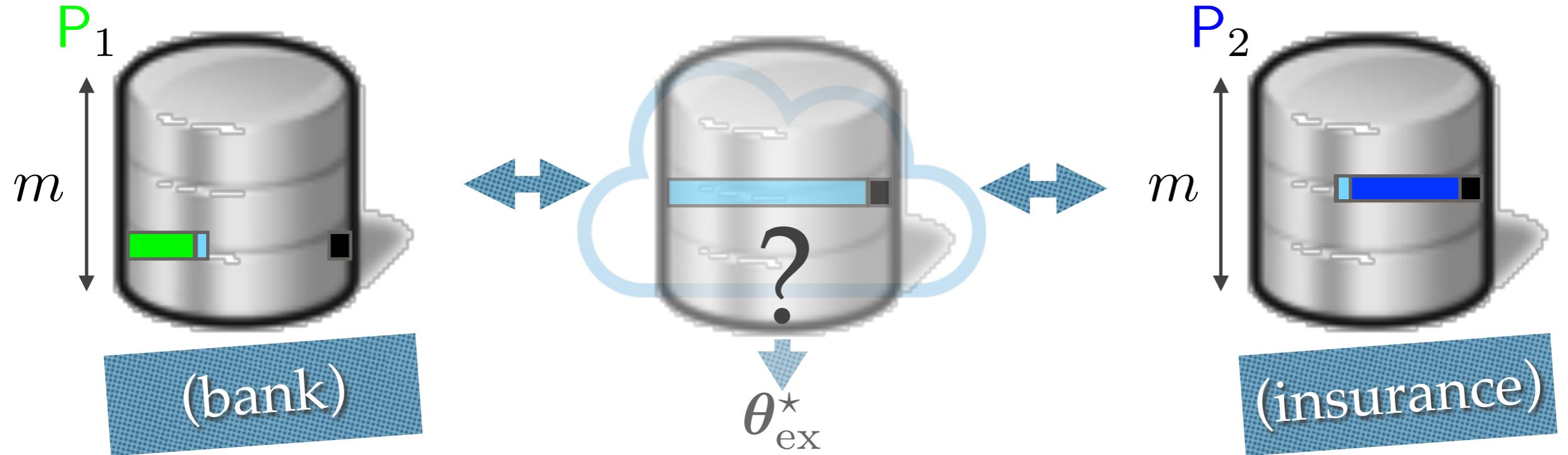
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# Distributed: supervised learning



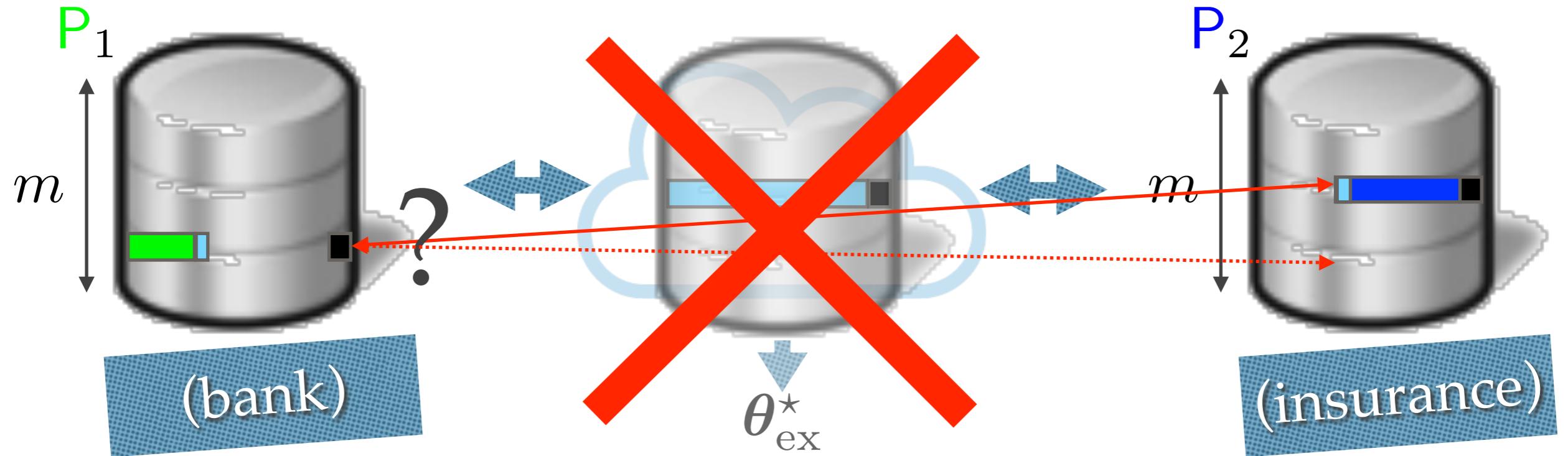
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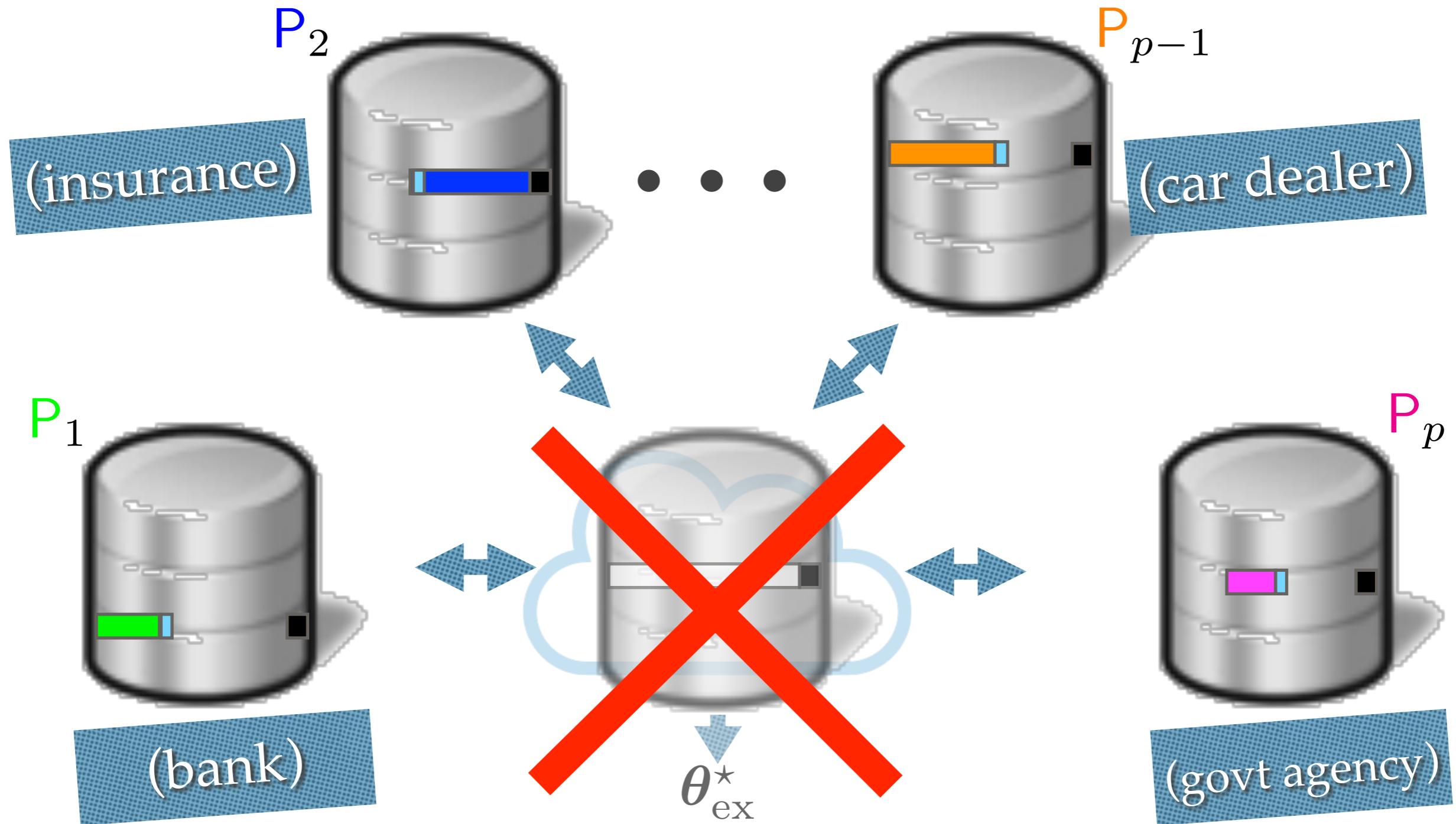
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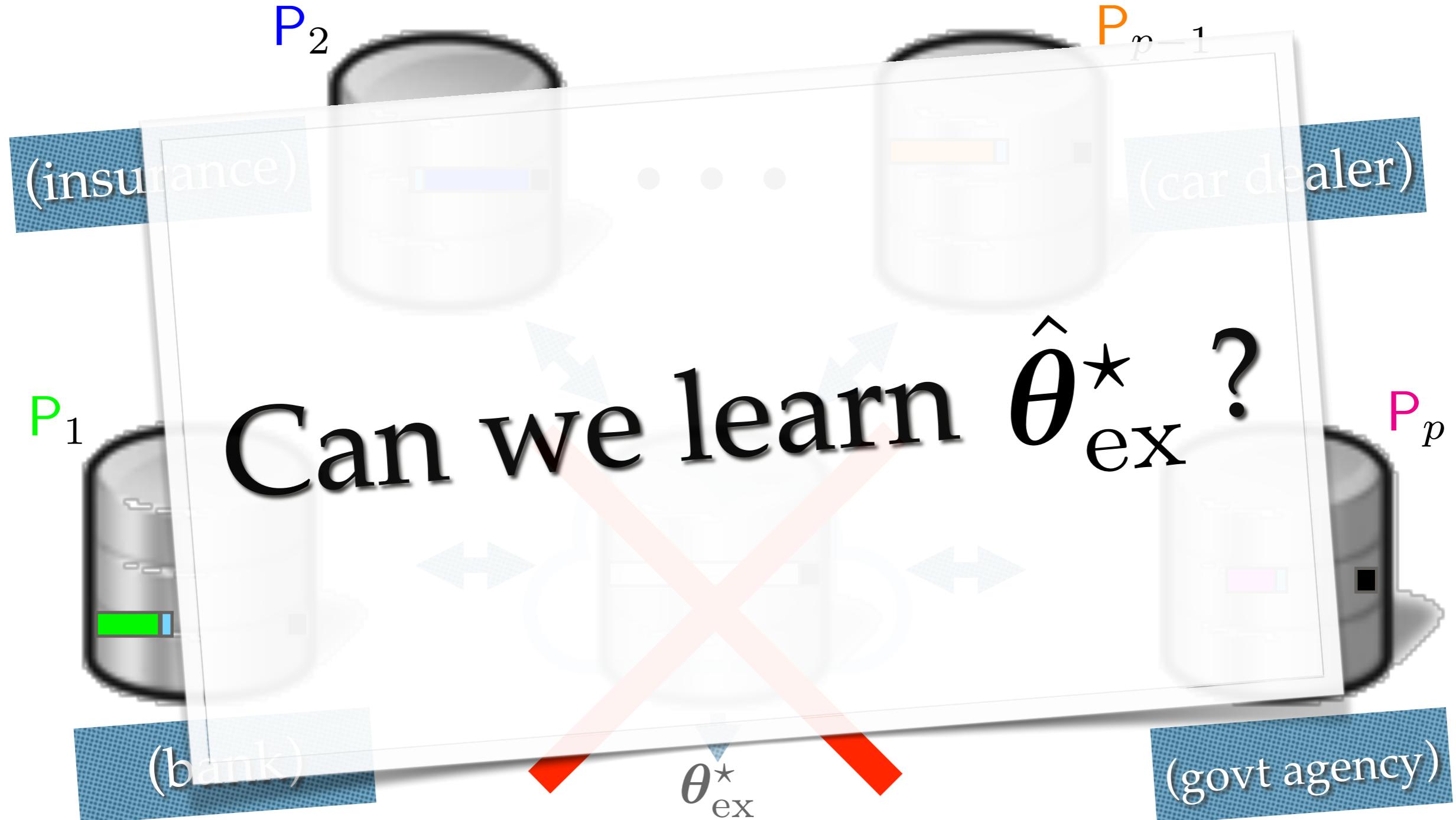
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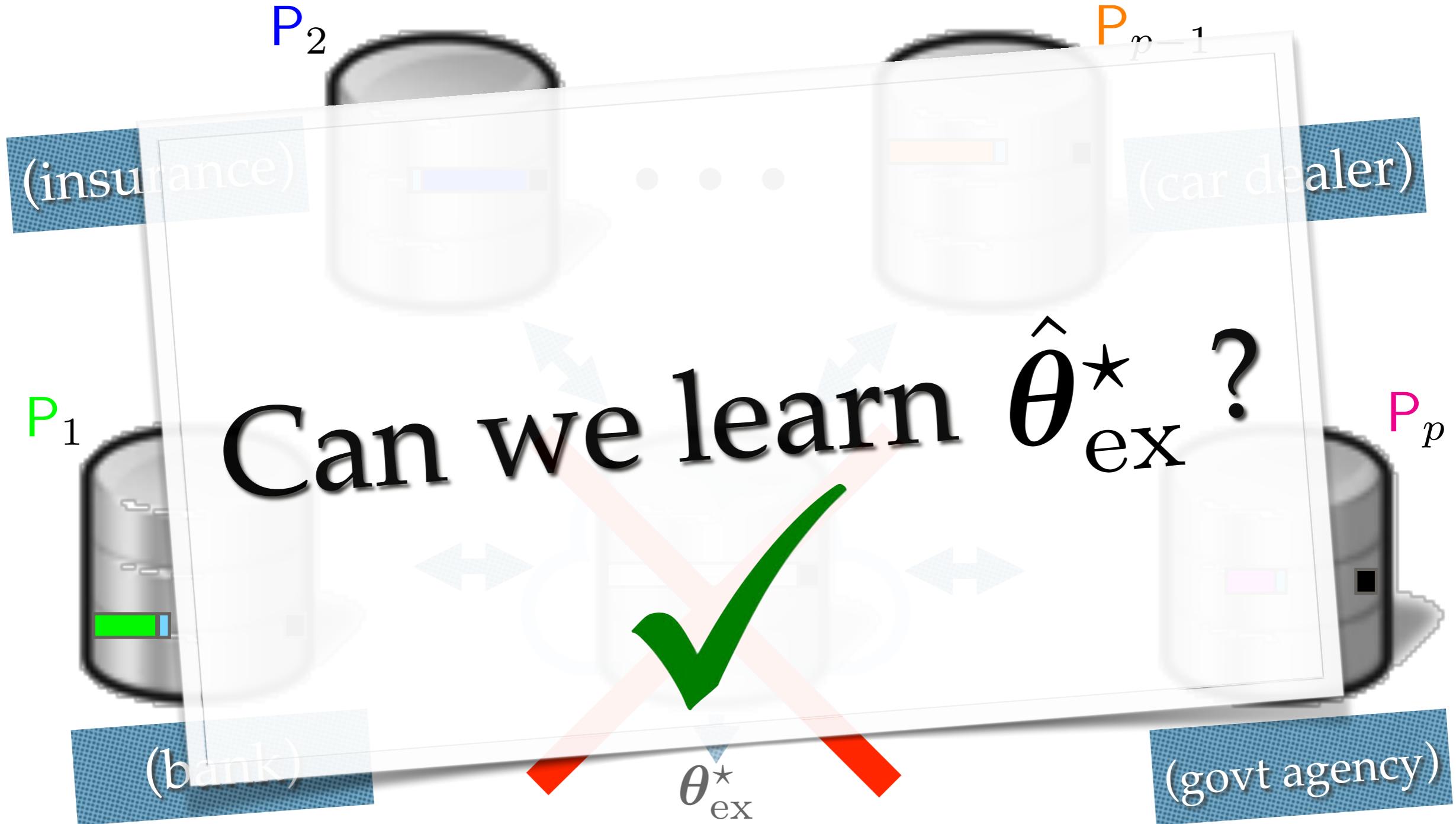
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Bypass the construction of examples, and thereby the need to solve entity matching !

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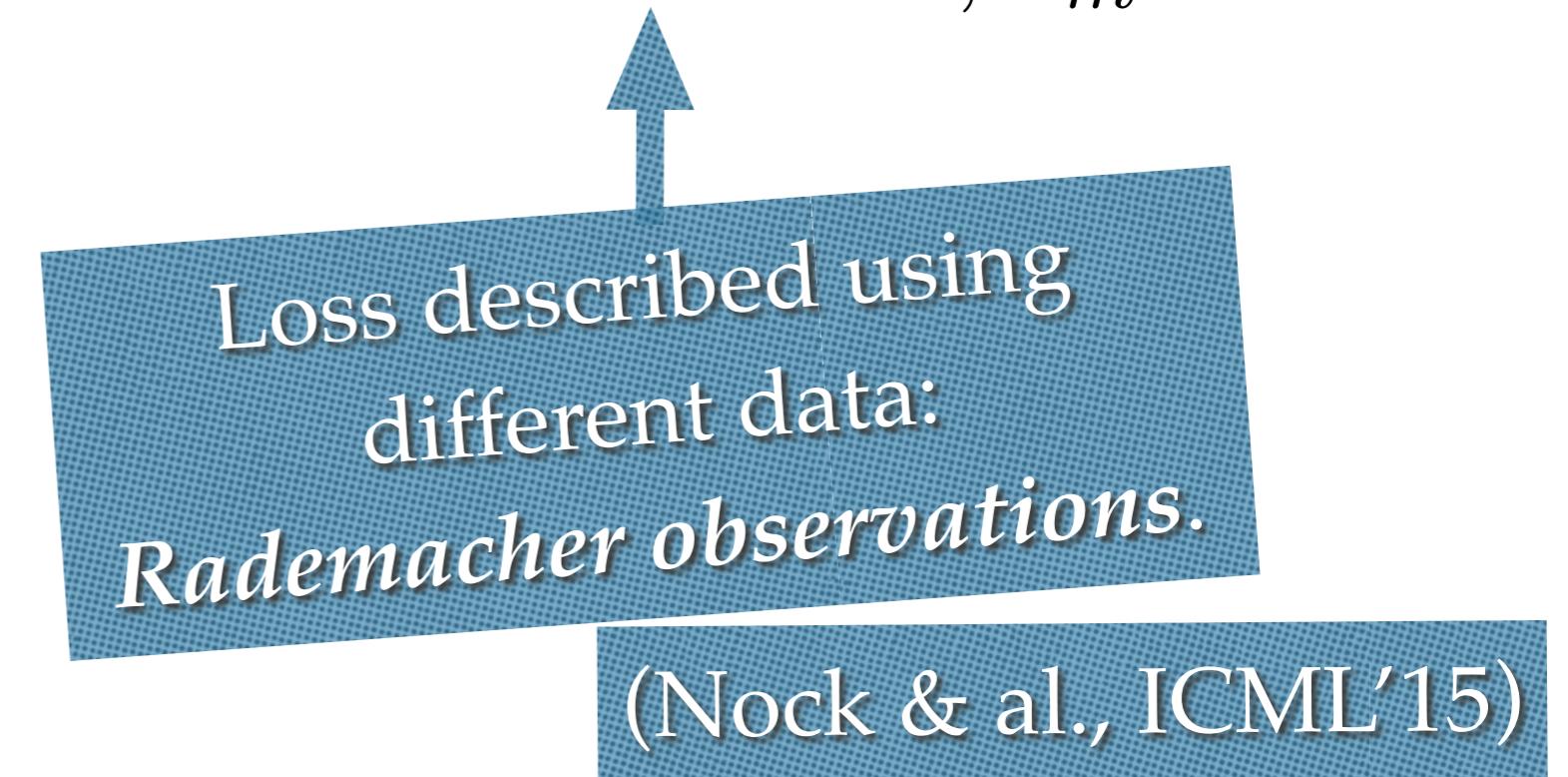
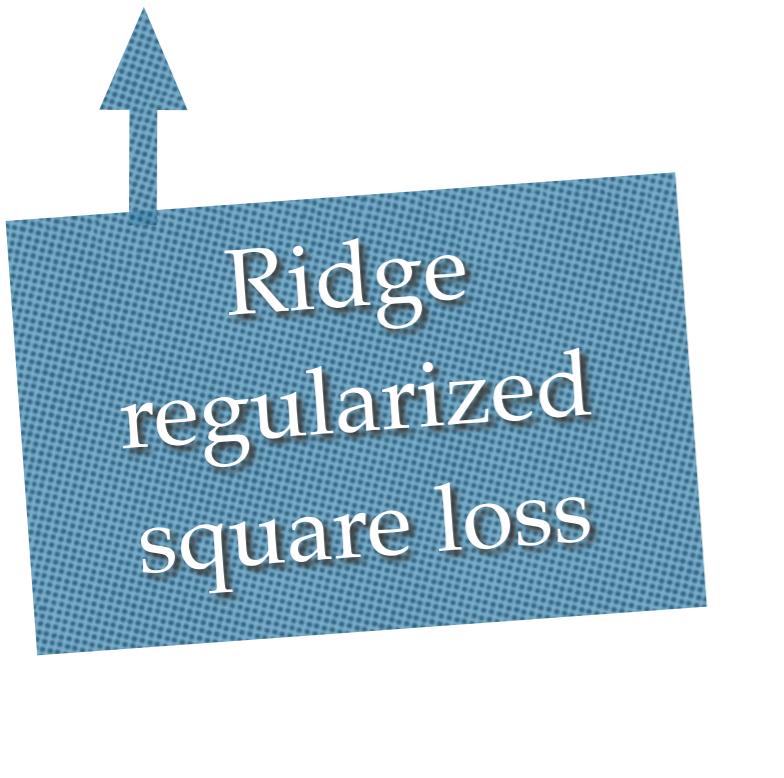
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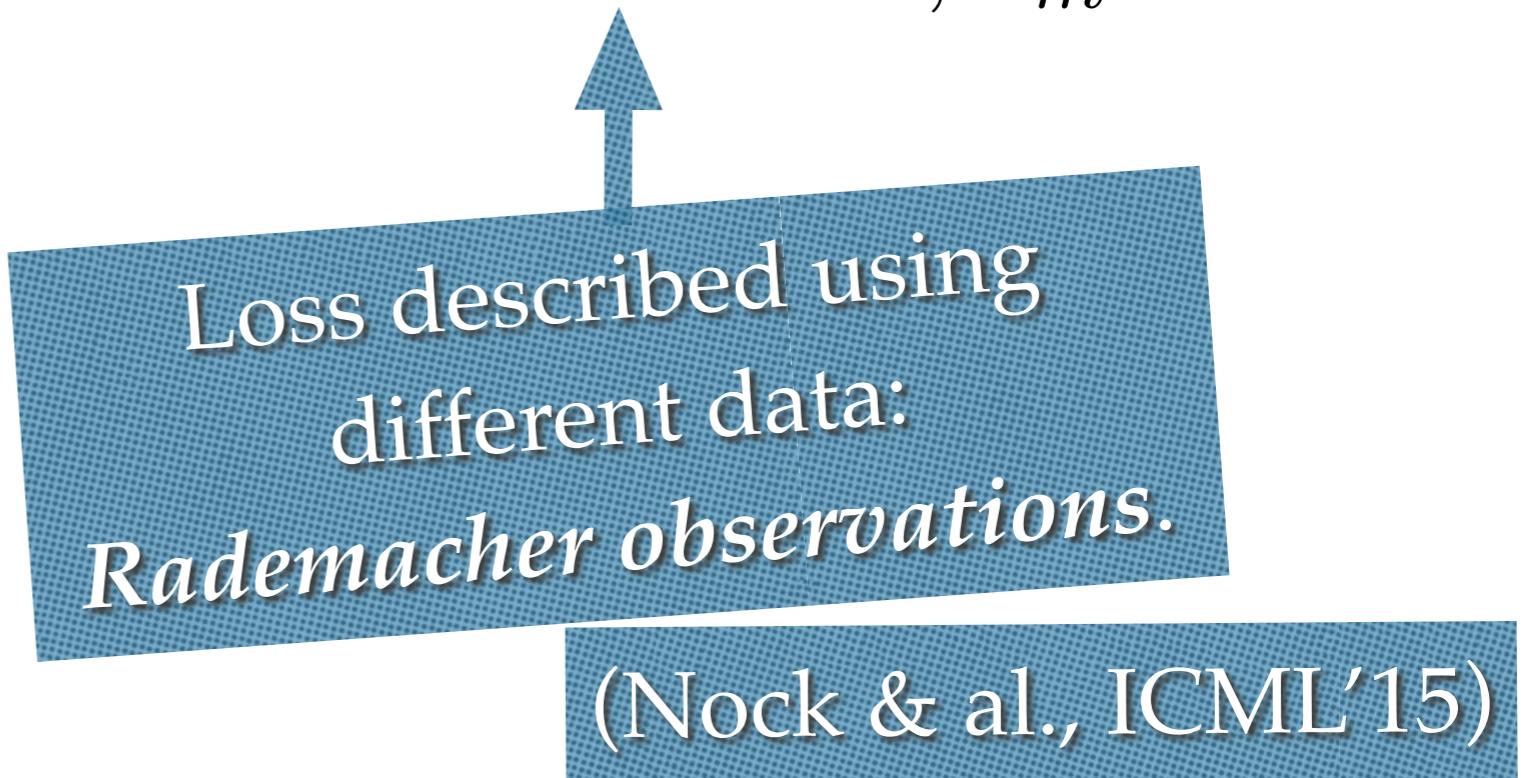
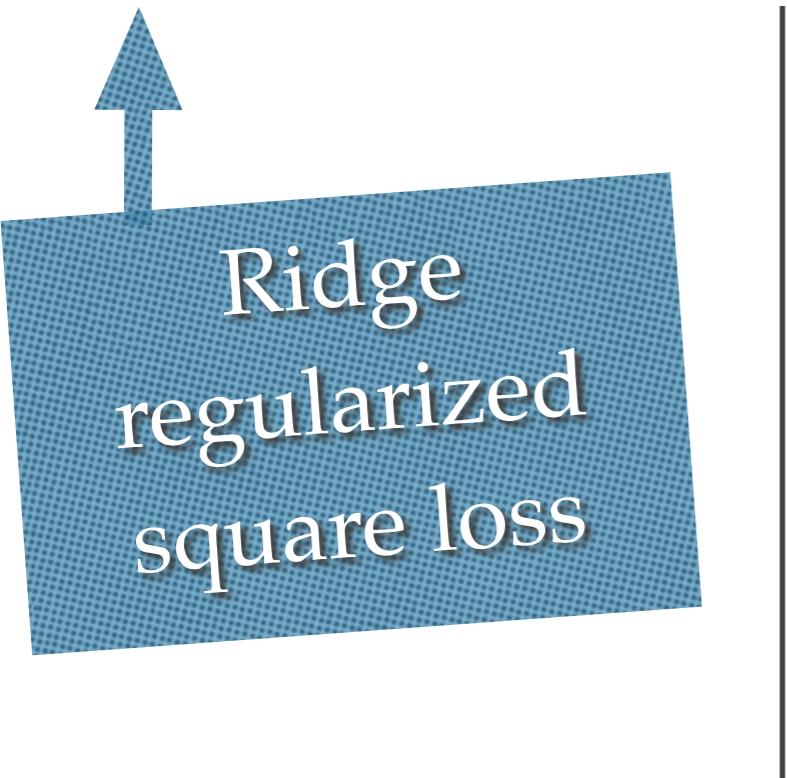


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(Nock & al., ICML'15)

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$$\Sigma_m = \{-1, 1\}^m$$
- ❖ *Rado* set  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}, \Sigma'} = \{\boldsymbol{\pi}_\sigma \doteq \sum_{y_i=\sigma_i} y_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i : \sigma \in \Sigma'\}$ , with  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma_m$

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- ❖ *Rademacher complexity*:  $\mathbb{E}_{\theta \sim \Theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathcal{S} \sim \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}} \ell_{\text{sql}}(\mathcal{S}, \theta; \Gamma)$

Reduction trick works  
for other losses,  
even regularised

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$$\ell_{\text{sql}}(\mathcal{S}, \theta; \Gamma) = 1 + (4/m) \cdot \ell_M(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}, \Sigma_m}, \theta; \Gamma)$$

- ❖ *Rado* set  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}, \Sigma'} = \{\pi_\sigma \doteq \sum_{y_i=\sigma_i} y_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i : \sigma \in \Sigma'\}$ , with  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma_m$

- ❖ A significant subset  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}, \Sigma^*} \subset \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}, \Sigma_m}$  with large size (in  $m$ ) can be built **without knowing entity matching**

- ❖ classifier  $\theta_{\text{rad}}^* \doteq \arg \min_{\theta} \ell_M(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{S}, \Sigma'}, \theta; \Gamma)$  is *faster* to build than  $\theta_{\text{ex}}^*$

- ❖ ...and we *also* have  $\theta_{\text{rad}}^* \rightarrow \theta_{\text{ex}}^*$

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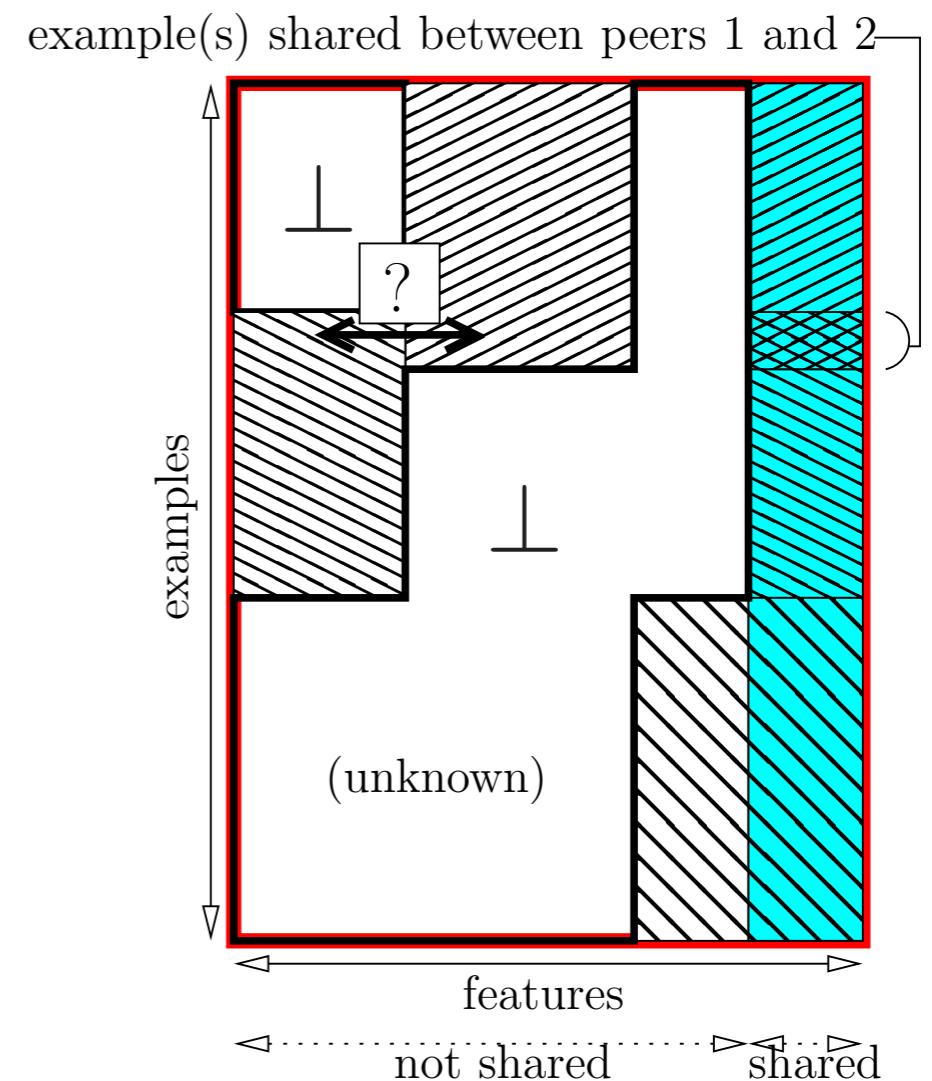
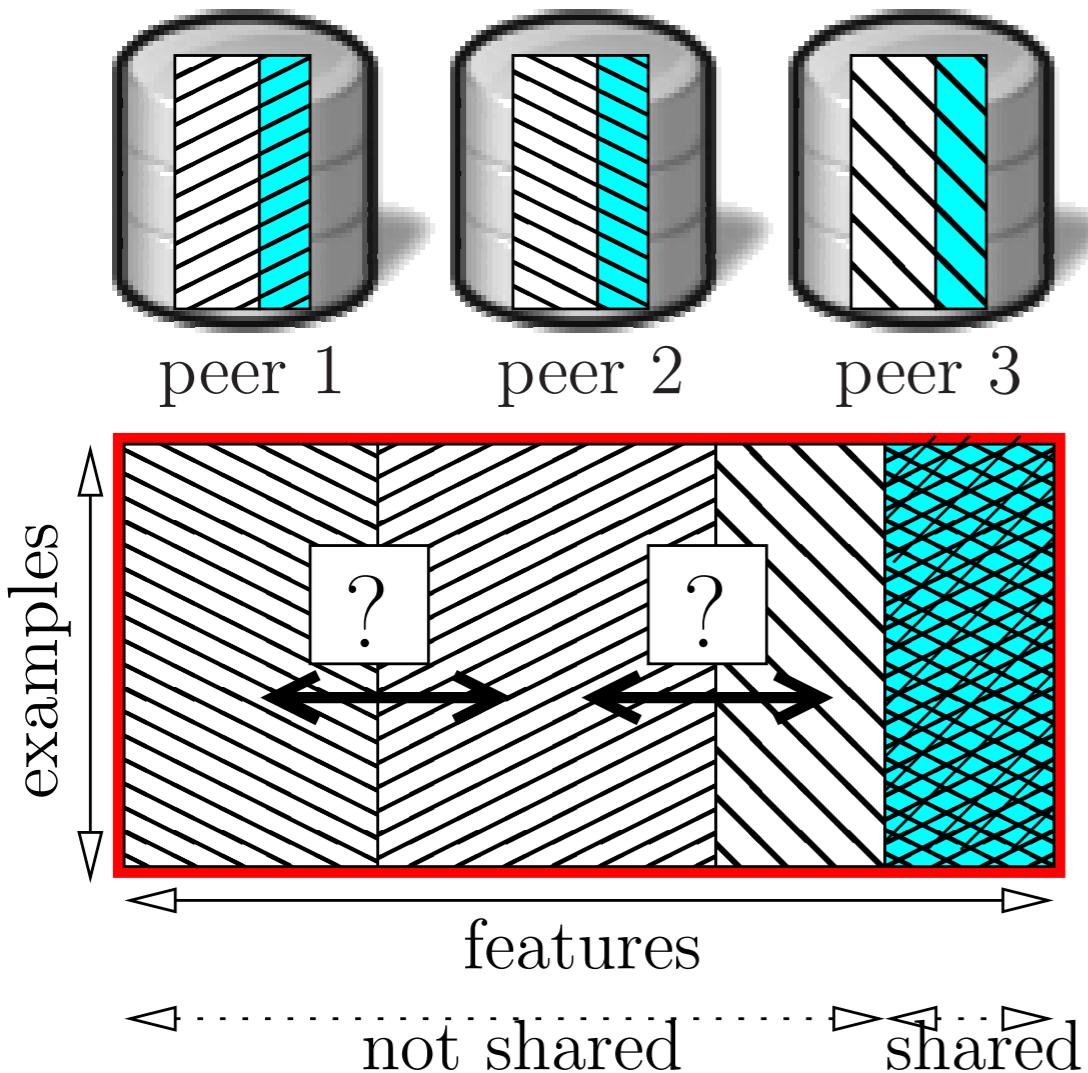
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- ❖ Works outside the vertical partition assumption



# Experiments

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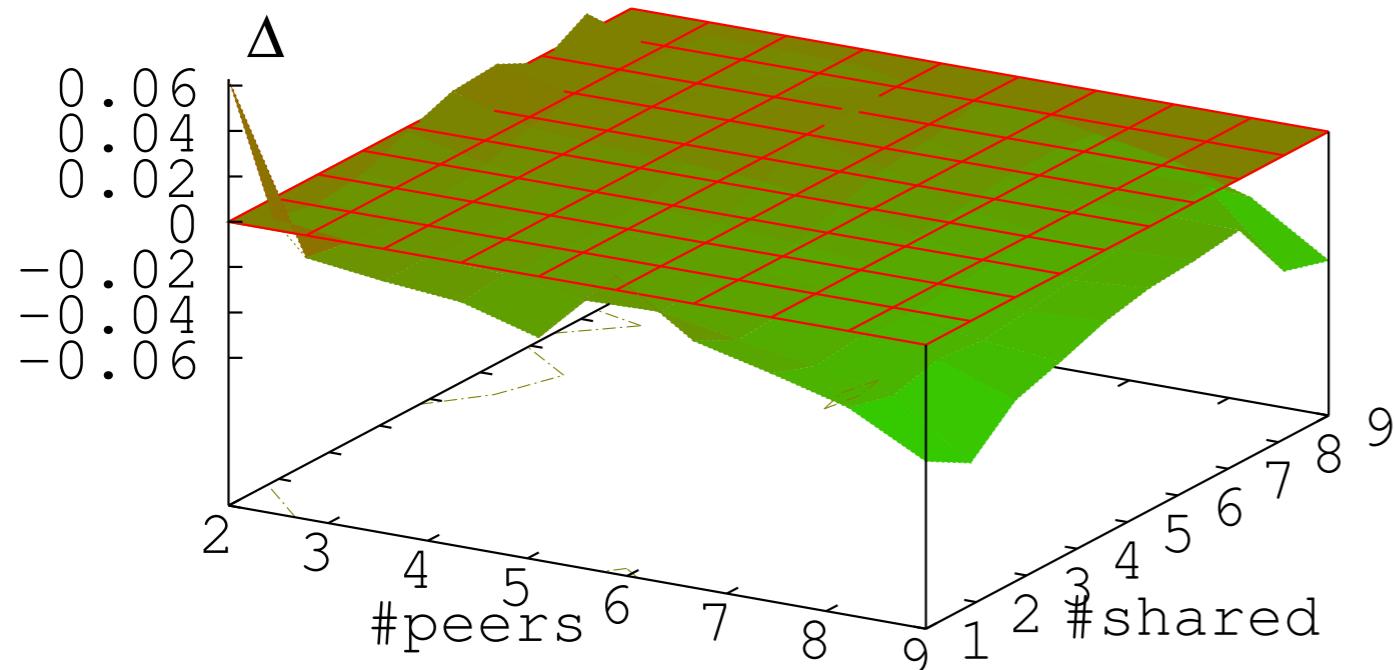
- ❖ simulation: split datasets — vary #peers, #shared(features), #bins, #joint\_examples
- ❖ Little experimental influence of #bins (in range 2-5)
- ❖ Tested no #joint\_examples (peers see all different examples, harder) + small % of #joint\_examples

objective: beat the *best* peer in hindsight

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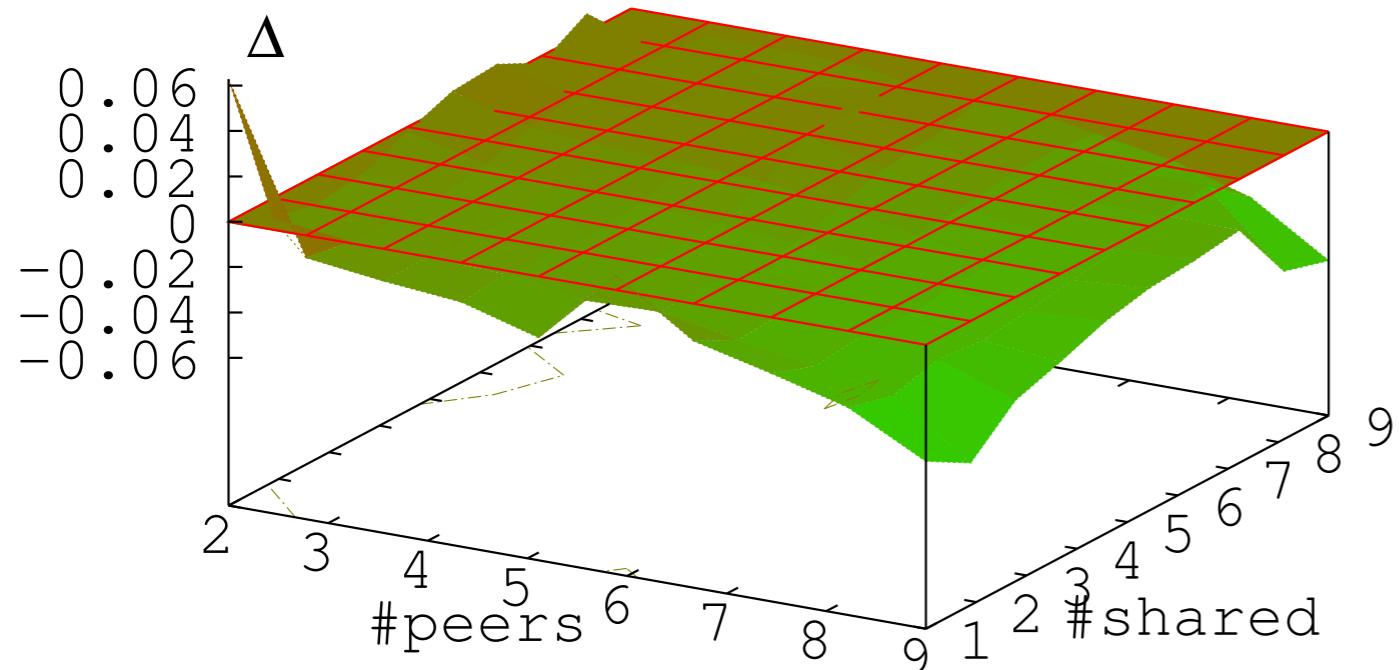
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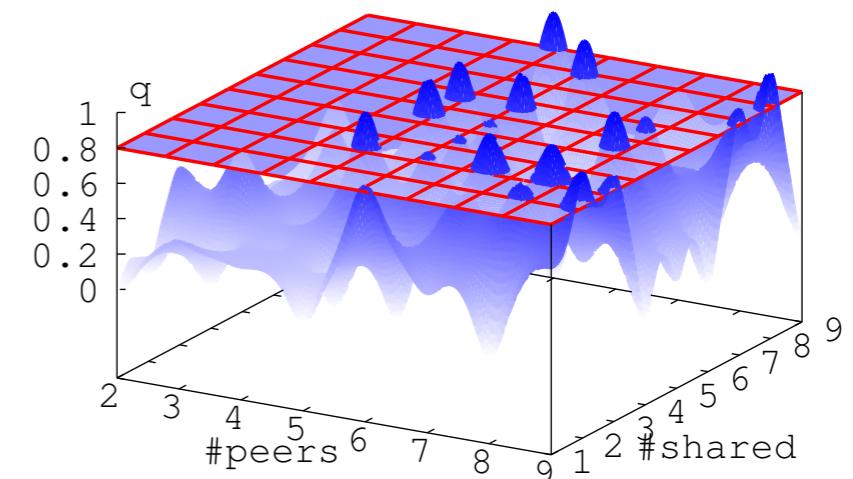
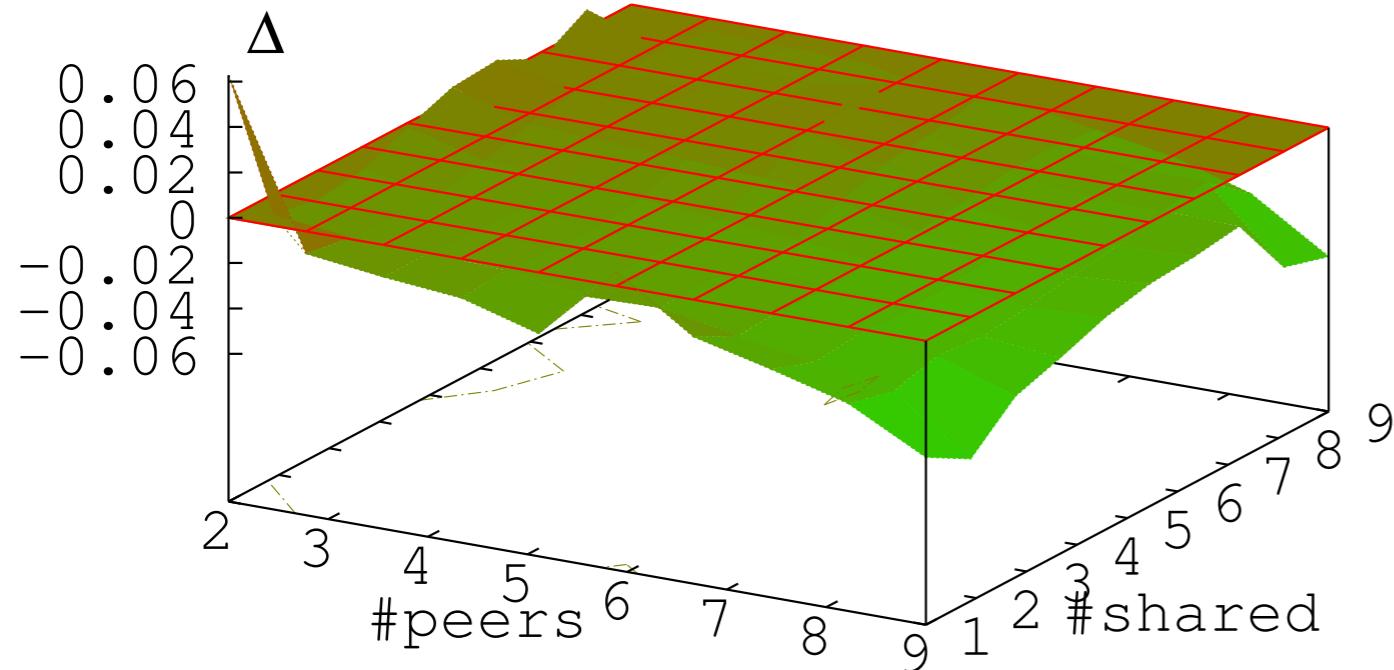
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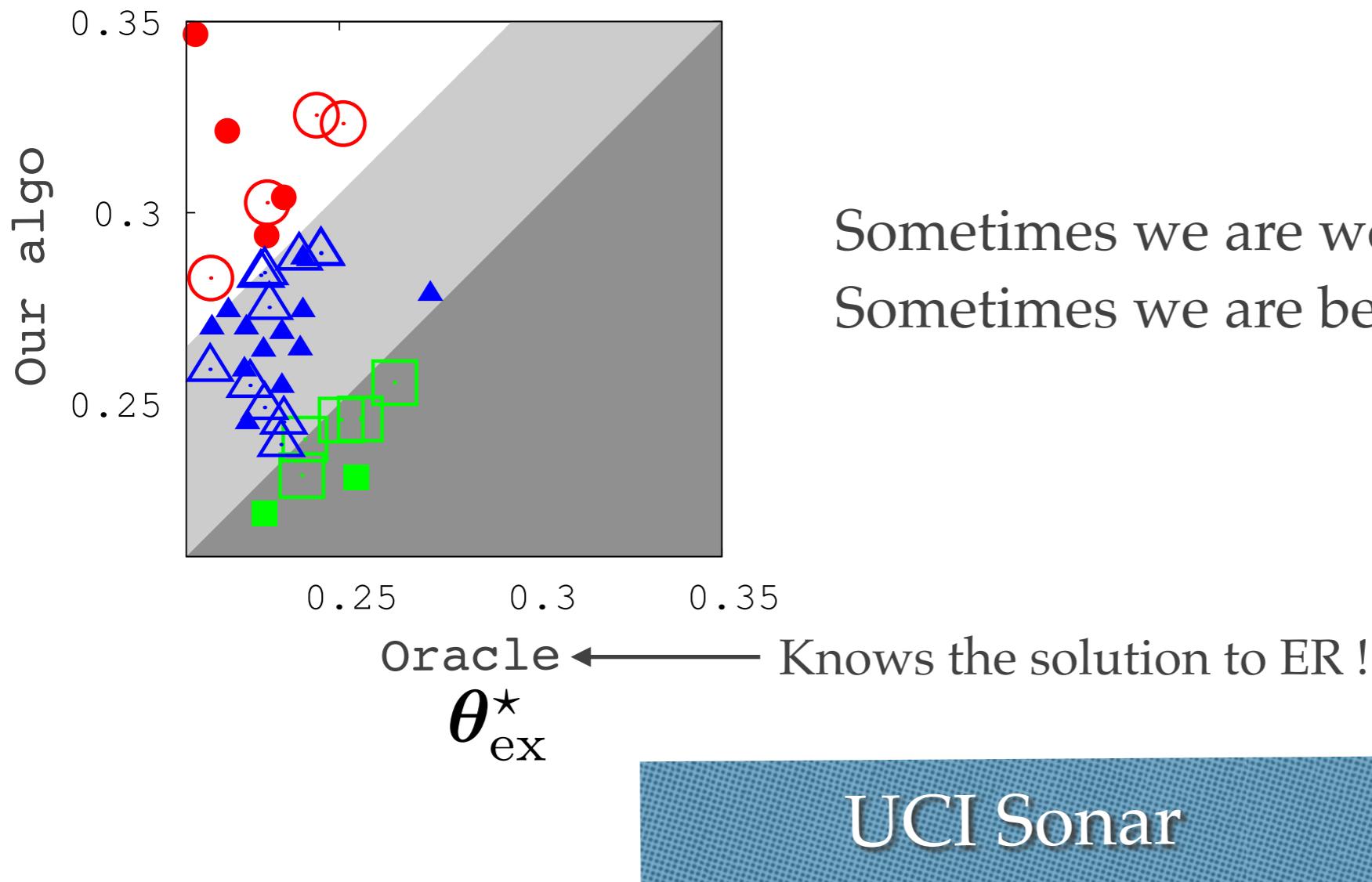


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# Experiments

- ❖ See poster, paper & long ArXiv version for more experiments



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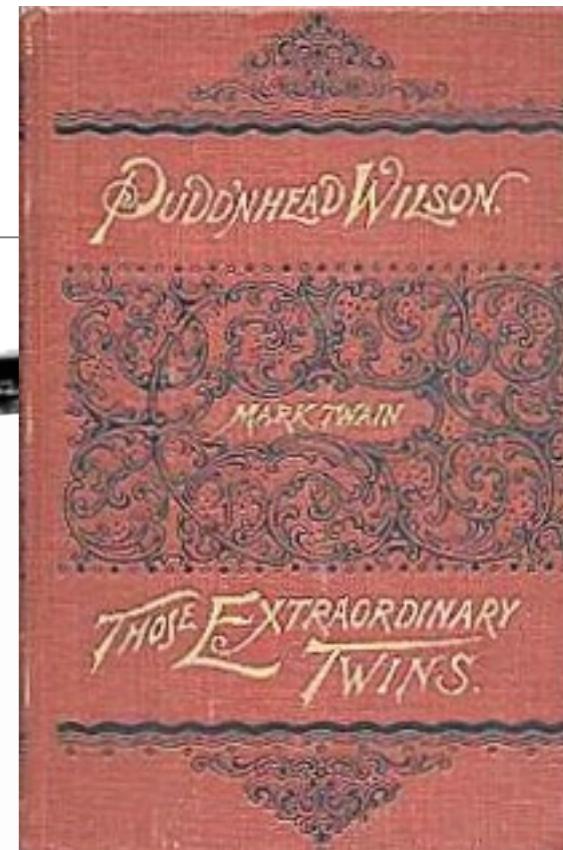
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# Conclusion: research

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- ❖ All the results on Rademacher observations rely on the observation that the sufficient statistics for the class is *small* (*one* vector, for *any* symmetric proper scoring rule)
- ❖ Therefore, can learn efficiently from weakly labeled data, no-ER data (etc.) as long as it can be reliably estimated

# Conclusion: design



## CHAPTER XV.

NOTHING so needs reforming as other people's habits.—  
*Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar.*

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# Thank you!

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