

# Privacy-Preserving Video Classification with Convolutional Neural Networks

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# Video Classification - Applications

## Surveillance

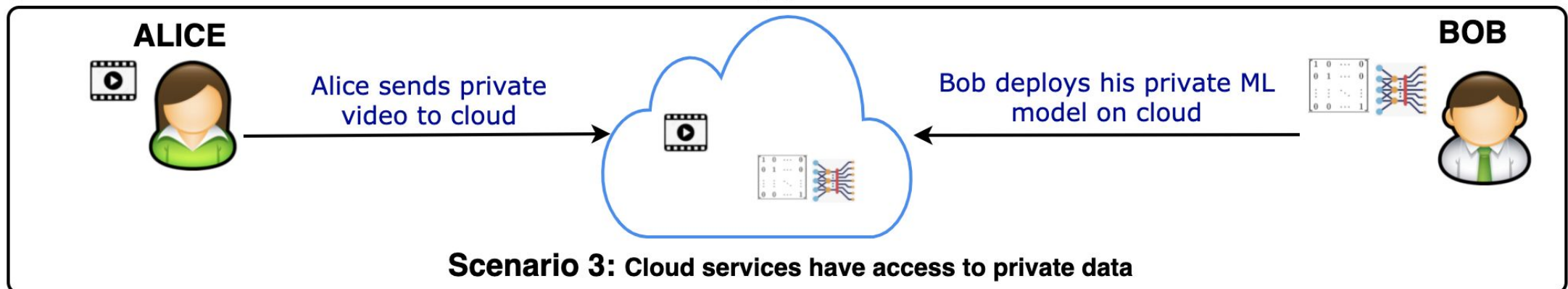
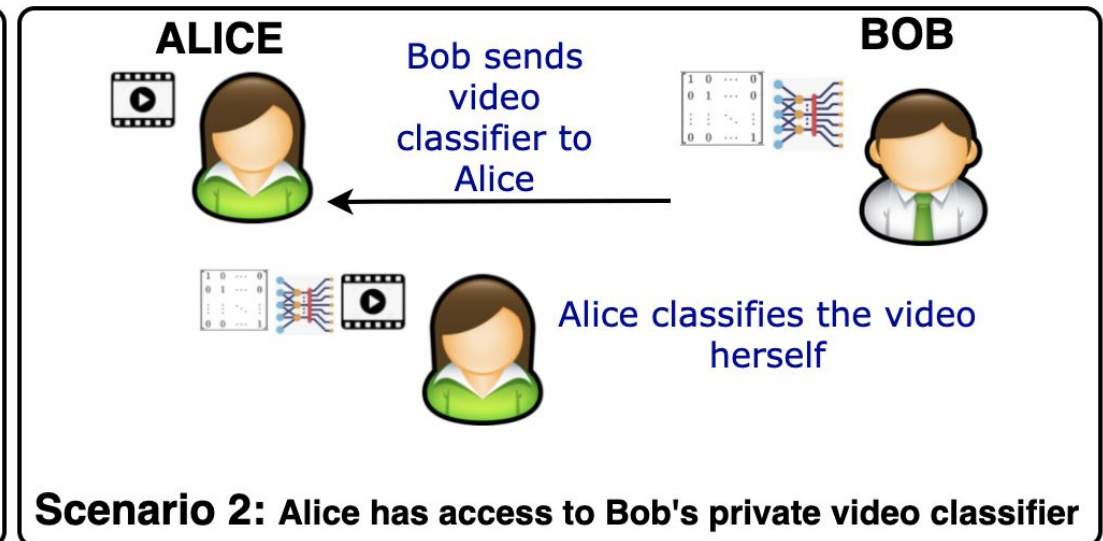
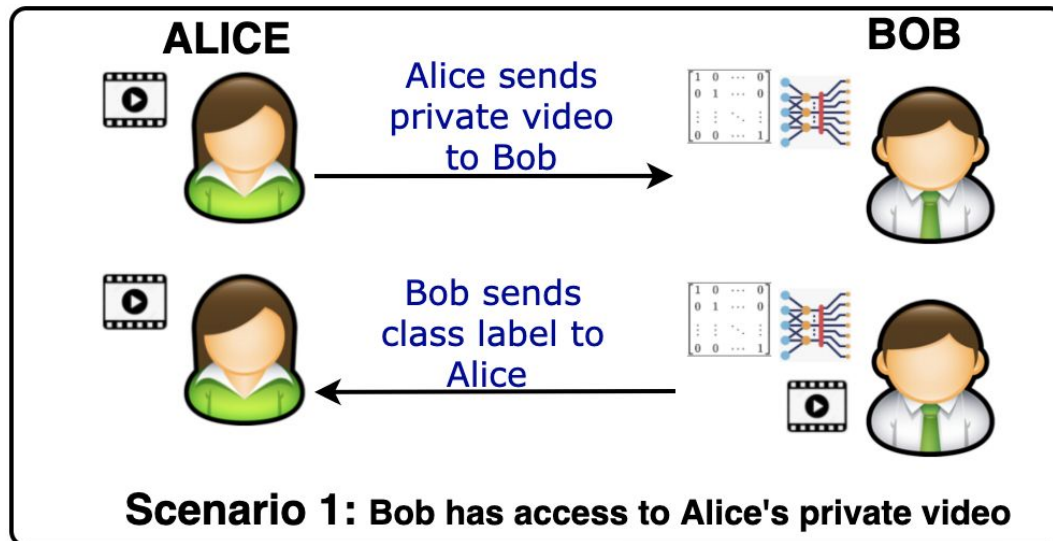
- Security
  - identify strangers, identify threatful actions, home monitoring systems,
  - facial recognition, masked face detection and recognition
- Retail – identify shoplifting
- Detecting concentration of students in online courses
- Activity recognition in care centers – baby monitoring systems, detection of abusive activities

## Behavioral analysis

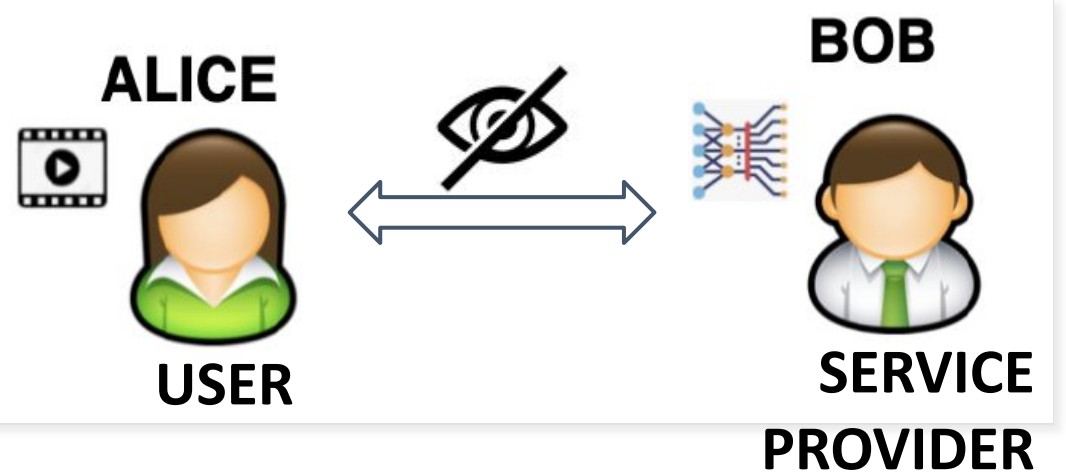
- Gesture analysis
- Sentiment and mood analysis
- Driver drowsiness
- Stress detection
- Eye gaze estimation
- Face, gesture and body analysis for monitoring intervention-measure compliance for COVID-19

**Many more ...**

# Video Classification - Undesirable Scenarios



# Problem Statement



Find a solution to

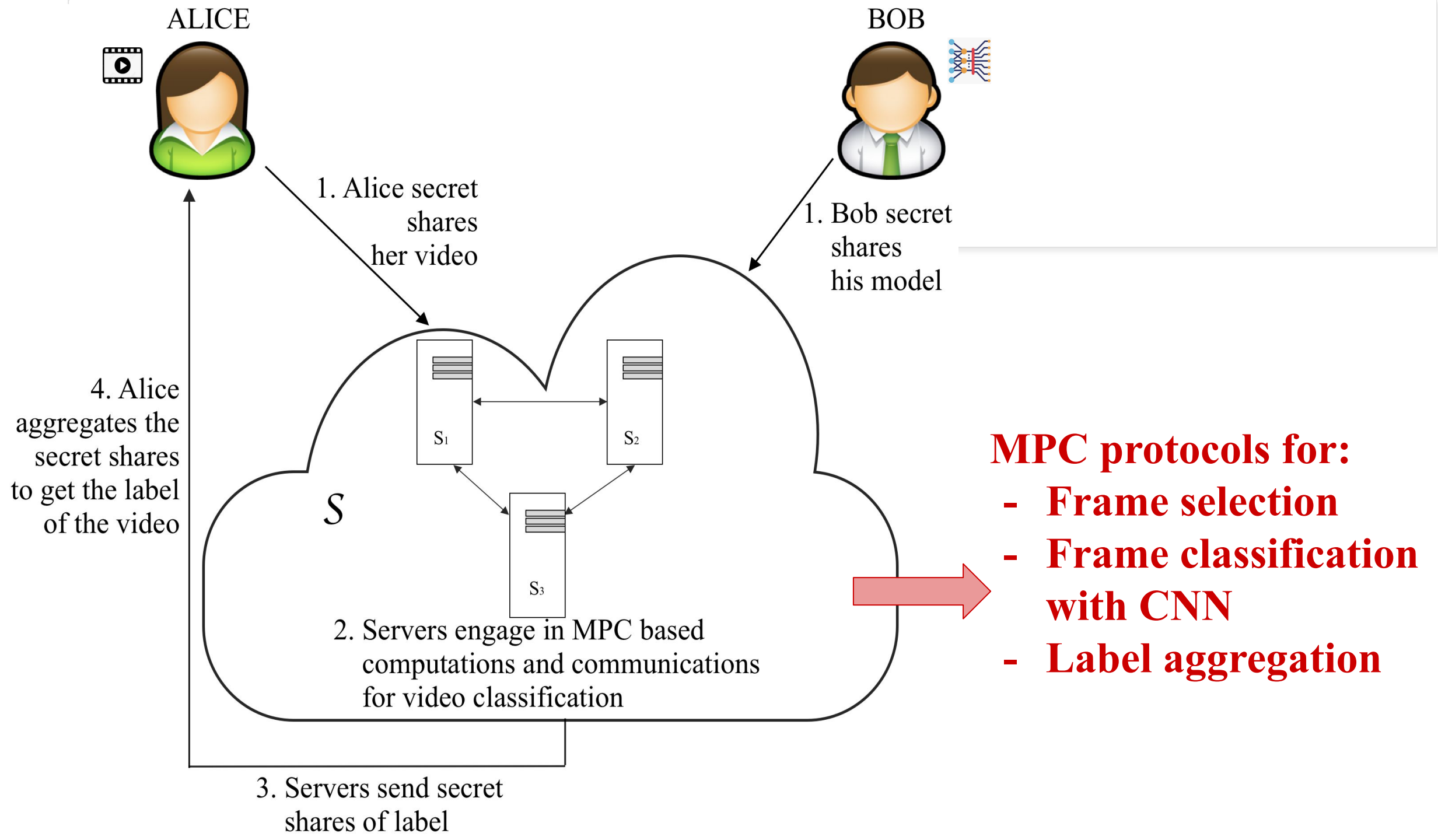
- **Classify** a video
- **Protect** Alice's video
- **Protect** Bob's video classifier

with

- **'No'** information leakage
- **No** special hardware
- **Reduced** computational complexity

using

**Secure Multi-Party computation (SMC/MPC)**



# Step 1: Oblivious Frame Selection



Alice's Frames  $A$   $N \times h \times w \times c$

Frame 1	Frame 2	Frame 3	Frame 4
1	2	9	10
5	6	13	14
3	4	11	12
7	8	15	16

Secure  
Flattening

Bob's Frame  
Selection Matrix

$B$   $n \times N$

0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1

$\times$

Flattened Matrix  $A_{flat}$   $N \times (hxwxc)$

Frame 1	1	2	3	4
Frame 2	9	10	11	12
Frame 3	5	6	7	8
Frame 4	13	14	15	16

Secure  
Matrix  
Multiplication

Selected Frames  $F_{flat}$   $n \times (hxwxc)$

Frame 2	9	10	11	12
Frame 4	13	14	15	16

Secure  
Expansion

Selected Frames  $F$   $n \times h \times w \times c$

Frame 2	Frame 4
9	10
13	14
11	12
15	16

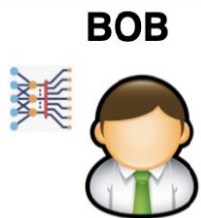
Parties hold the Secret  
Shares of the Expanded  
Tensor

$N$  : Total number of frames in video  
 $h$  : Height of each frame  
 $w$  : Width of each frame  
 $c$  : Channels in the video  
 $n$  : Number of frames to be selected

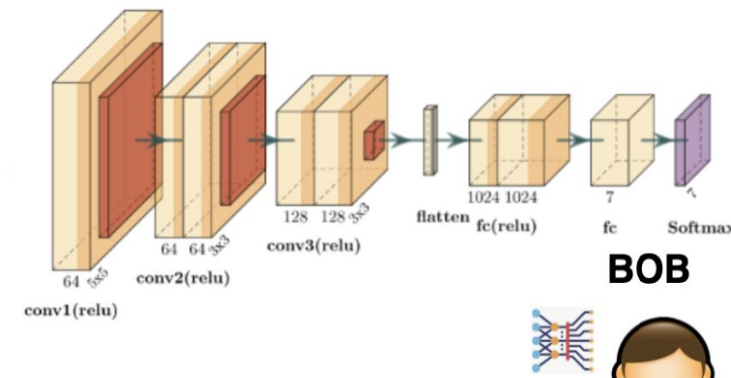
**This example:**

$N$  : 4 frames in video  
 $h$  : 2  
 $w$  : 2  
 $c$  : 1 (grayscale)  
 $n$  : 2 frames selected

B selects Frame 2 and 4



# Step 2: Private Frame Classification



- Secure frame classification = secure image classification
- Efficient secure image classification protocols available
- Operations for frame classification\*:
  - Convolution:  $\pi_{\text{DMM}}, \pi_{\text{DM}}$
  - ReLU:  $\pi_{\text{ReLU}}, \pi_{\text{LT}}$
  - Average Pooling:  $\pi_{\text{DIV}}$
  - Fully Connected layers:  $\pi_{\text{DMM}}$
  - Softmax:  $\pi_{\text{SOFT}}$

**Approximated Softmax\*\* :**

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{RELU}(u_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^C \text{RELU}(u_j)}, & \text{if } \sum_{j=1}^C \text{RELU}(u_j) > 0 \\ 1/C, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

\* A. Dalskov, D. Escudero, and M. Keller. Secure evaluation of quantized neural networks. Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies, 2020(4):355–375, 2020.

\*\* P. Mohassel and Y. Zhang. Secureml: A system for scalable privacy-preserving machine learning. In 2017 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (SP), pages 19–38, 2017.



# Step 3: Secure Label Aggregation

**Protocol 3** Protocol  $\pi_{\text{LABELVIDEO}}$  for classifying a video securely based on the single-frame method

**Input:** A video  $\mathcal{V}$  secret shared as a 4D-array  $[[A]]$ , a frame selection matrix secret shared as  $[[B]]$ , the parameters of the ConvNet model  $\mathcal{M}$  secret shared as  $[[M]]$

**Output:** A secret share  $[[L]]$  of the video label

- 1: Let  $[[prob_{\text{sum}}]]$  be a list of length  $C$  that is initialized with zeros in all indices.
- 2:  $[[F]] \leftarrow \pi_{\text{FSELECT}} ([[A]], [[B]])$
- 3: **for all**  $[[F[j]]]$  **do**
- 4:    $[[SM_{\text{approx}}]] \leftarrow \pi_{\text{FINFER}} ([[M]], [[F[j]]])$
- 5:   **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $C$  **do**
- 6:      $[[prob_{\text{sum}}[i]]] \leftarrow [[prob_{\text{sum}}[i]]] + [[SM_{\text{approx}}[i]]]$
- 7:   **end for**
- 8: **end for**
- 9:  $[[L]] \leftarrow \pi_{\text{ARGMAX}} ([[prob_{\text{sum}}]])$
- 10: **return**  $[[L]]$

	SM <sub>approx</sub> for Frames						
Labels →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Frame 1	0	0	0	0	0.28	0	0.72
Frame 2	0	0	0	0	0.55	0.45	0
Frame 3	0	0	0	0	0.83	0.17	0
Frame 4	0	0.21	0	0	0.48	0.31	0

prob <sub>sum</sub>	0	0.21	0	0	2.14	0.93	0.72
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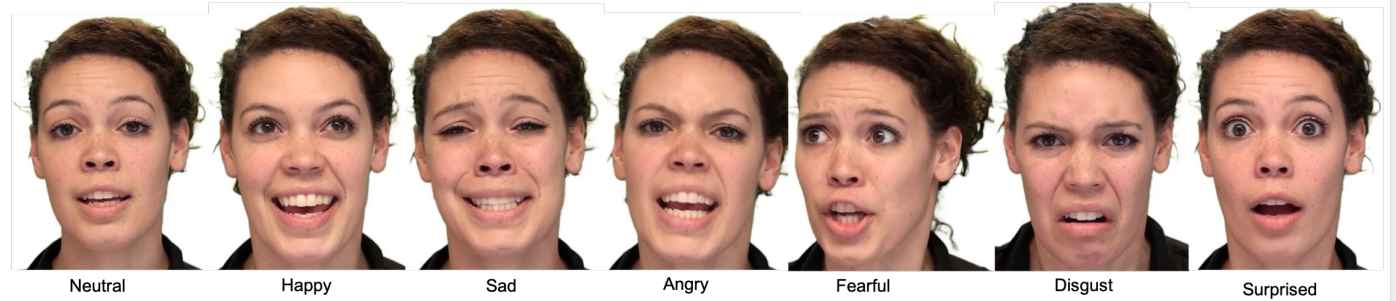
Output Label L is 5

The probabilities for each class are summed up over all the frames.

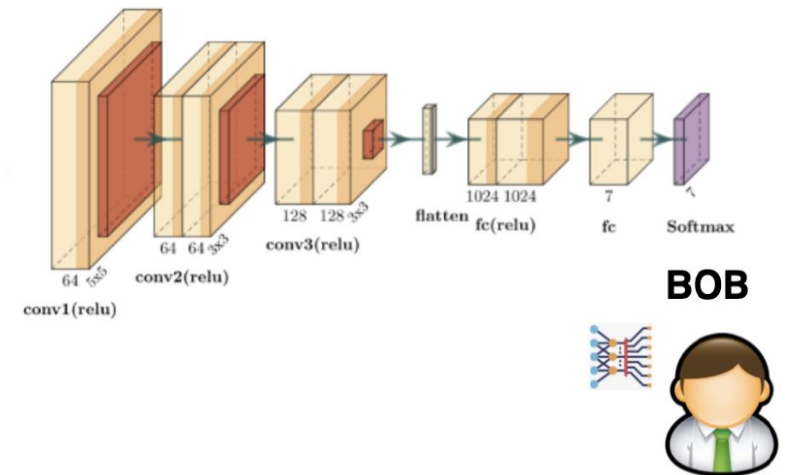
Index with maximum probability is the class label



# Experiments



- Emotion detection in a video
- RAVDESS dataset\*
  - 1,116 videos for train/validation; 132 videos for testing
  - 7 emotions: happy, sad, angry, fearful, surprised, disgust, neutral
- Bob has trained CNN model with 1.5 M parameters
  - video preprocessing: face detection, alignment, cropping, resizing, converting to grayscale, normalization



# Experimental Setup



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- **2PC/3PC/4PC**: 2, 3 or 4 computing parties (servers), one of which may be corrupted by an adversary
- **passive (semi-honest)**: corrupted party follows protocol instructions but tries to learn information from the messages it sees
- **active (malicious)**: corrupted party may deviate from protocol instructions
- F32s Azure VMs: 32 vCPUs, 64 GiB Memory, connected over up to 14 Gbps link

# Results

**Accuracy over the test set : 56.8%** (same as that in-the-clear - without secure pipeline)

*Table 4. Averages for classifying one RAVDESS video of duration 3-5 seconds. Average metrics are obtained over a set of 10 such videos with a number of frames in the 7-10 range on F32s VMs with n\_threads=32 in MP-SDPZ. VC: time to classify one video ( $\pi_{\text{LABELVIDEO}}$ ); FS: time for frame selection for one video ( $\pi_{\text{FSELECT}}$ ); FI: time to classify a selected frame for one video averaged over all selected frames in the videos ( $\pi_{\text{FINFER}}$ ); LA: time taken for label aggregation (sum up all probabilities,  $\pi_{\text{ARGMAX}}$ ). Communication is measured per party.*

F32s V2	VMs	Time VC	Time FS	Time single FI	Time LA	Comm. VC
Passive	2PC	302.24 sec	12.95 sec	35.38 sec	0.00500 sec	374.28 GB
	3PC	<b>8.69 sec</b>	0.07 sec	0.26 sec	0.00298 sec	0.28 GB
Active	2PC	6576.27 sec	393.57 sec	759.211 sec	0.00871 sec	5492.38 GB
	3PC	27.61 sec	0.94 sec	2.05 sec	0.00348 sec	2.29 GB
	4PC	<b>11.67 sec</b>	0.15 sec	0.57 sec	0.00328 sec	0.57 GB

# Conclusion and Future Work

- First baseline end-to-end privacy-preserving solution to classify a video using MPC
- Novel baseline MPC protocols for
  - oblivious frame selection
  - secure label aggregation
- Demonstrated feasibility of our solution to detect emotions in a video
  - with no information leakage (mathematically provable)
  - with state-of-the-art accuracy: as accurate as in-the-clear (without encryption)
  - no special hardware

## Future directions

- Use of machine learning for intelligence frame selection
- Develop MPC protocols for other state-of-the-art video classification methods beyond single-frame technique

Thank You