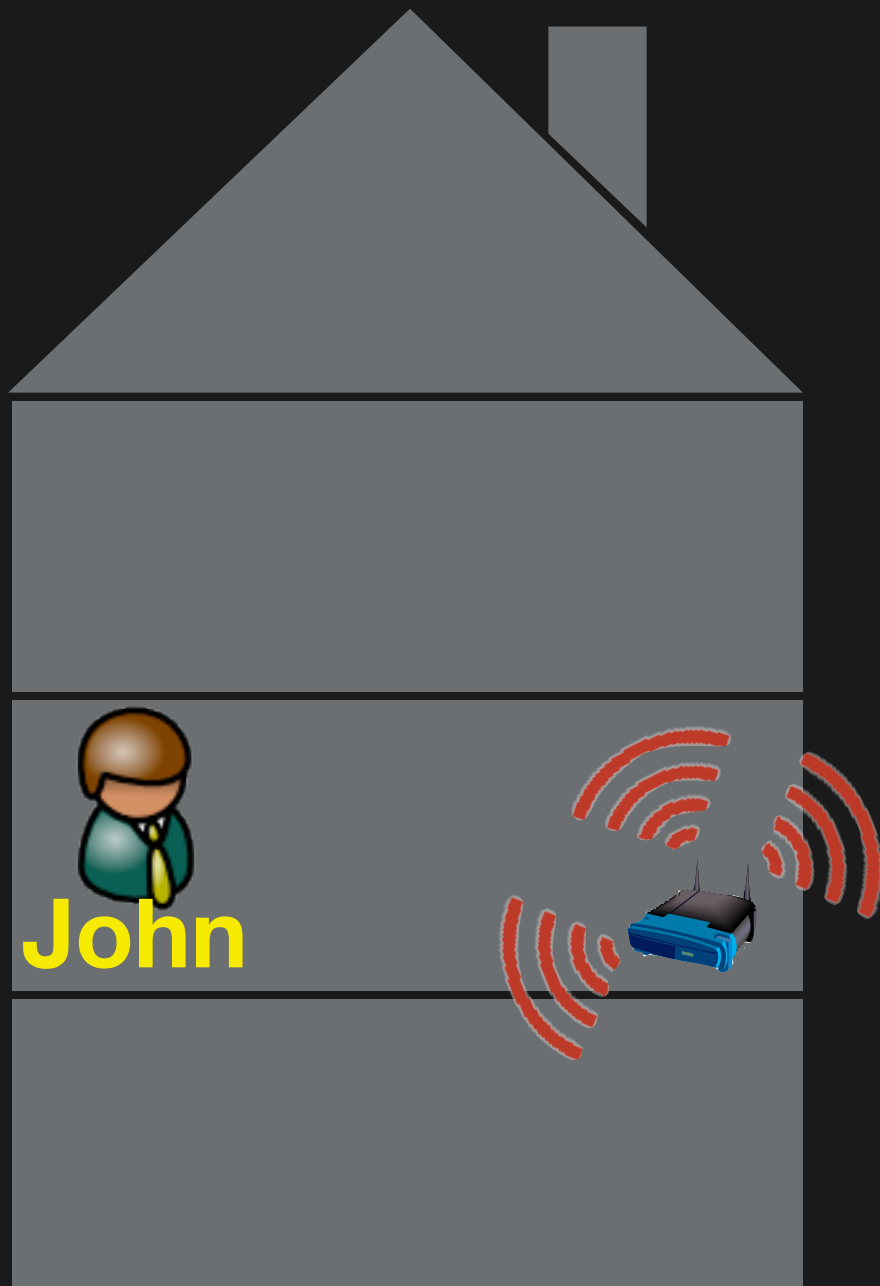


Wireless Roaming using 3-Party Authentication & Tunnels

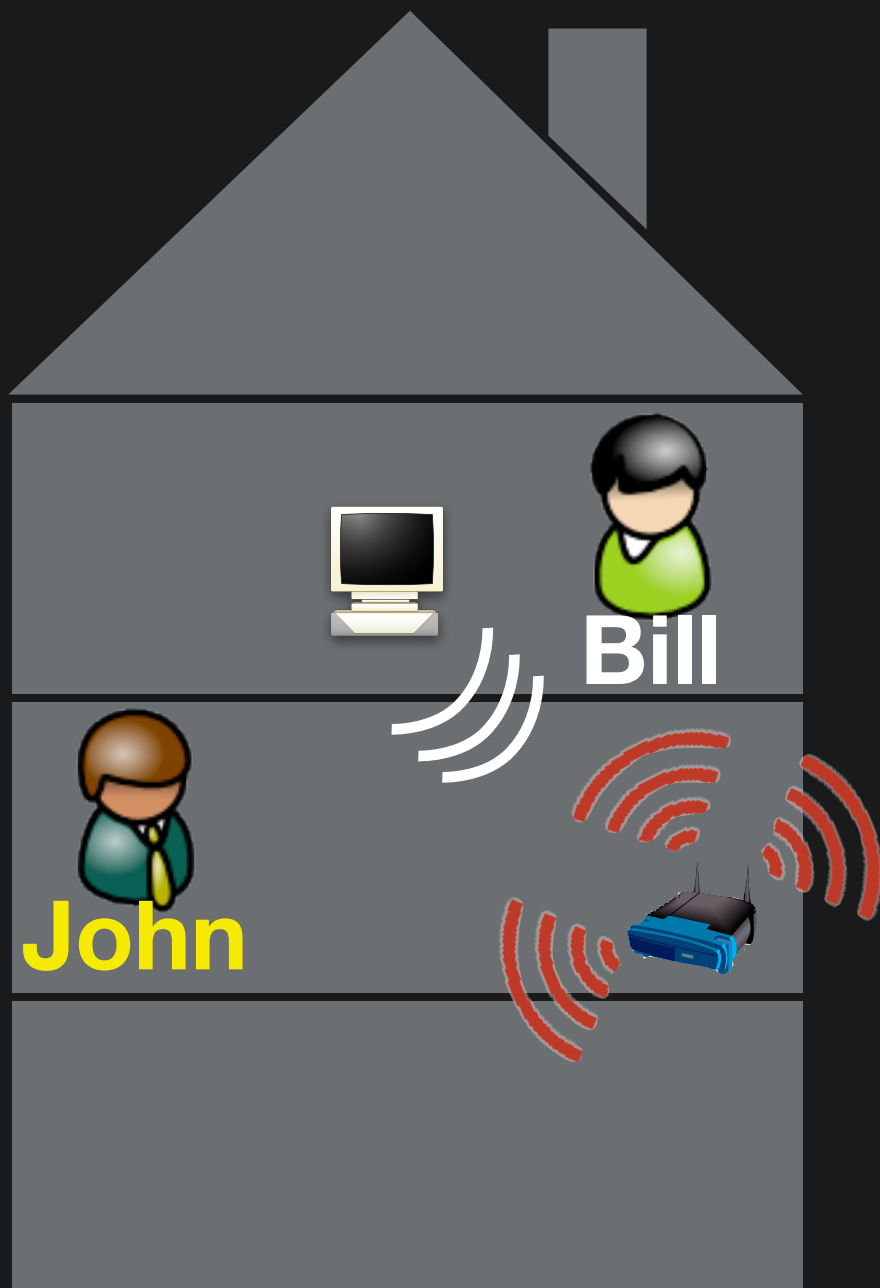
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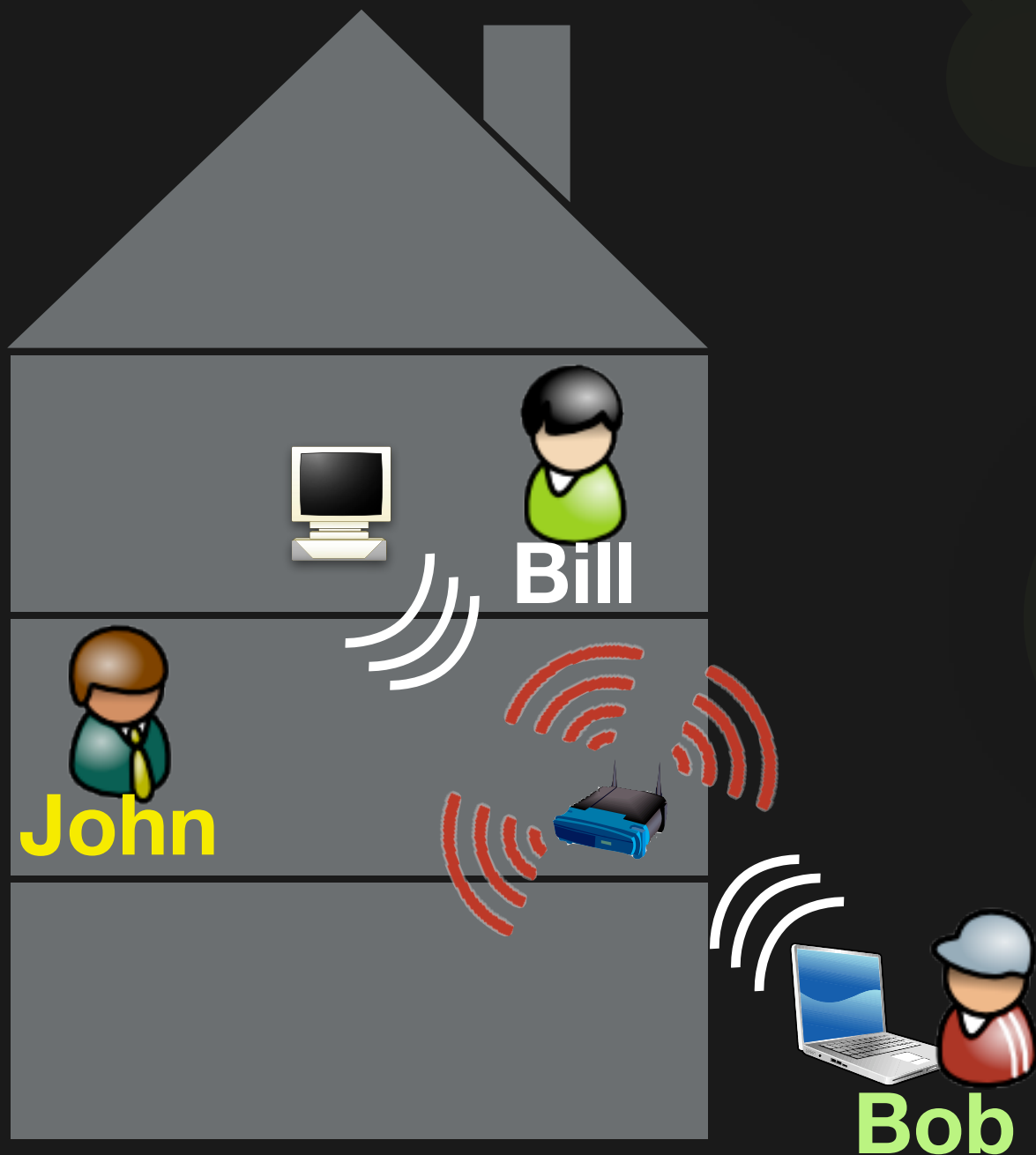
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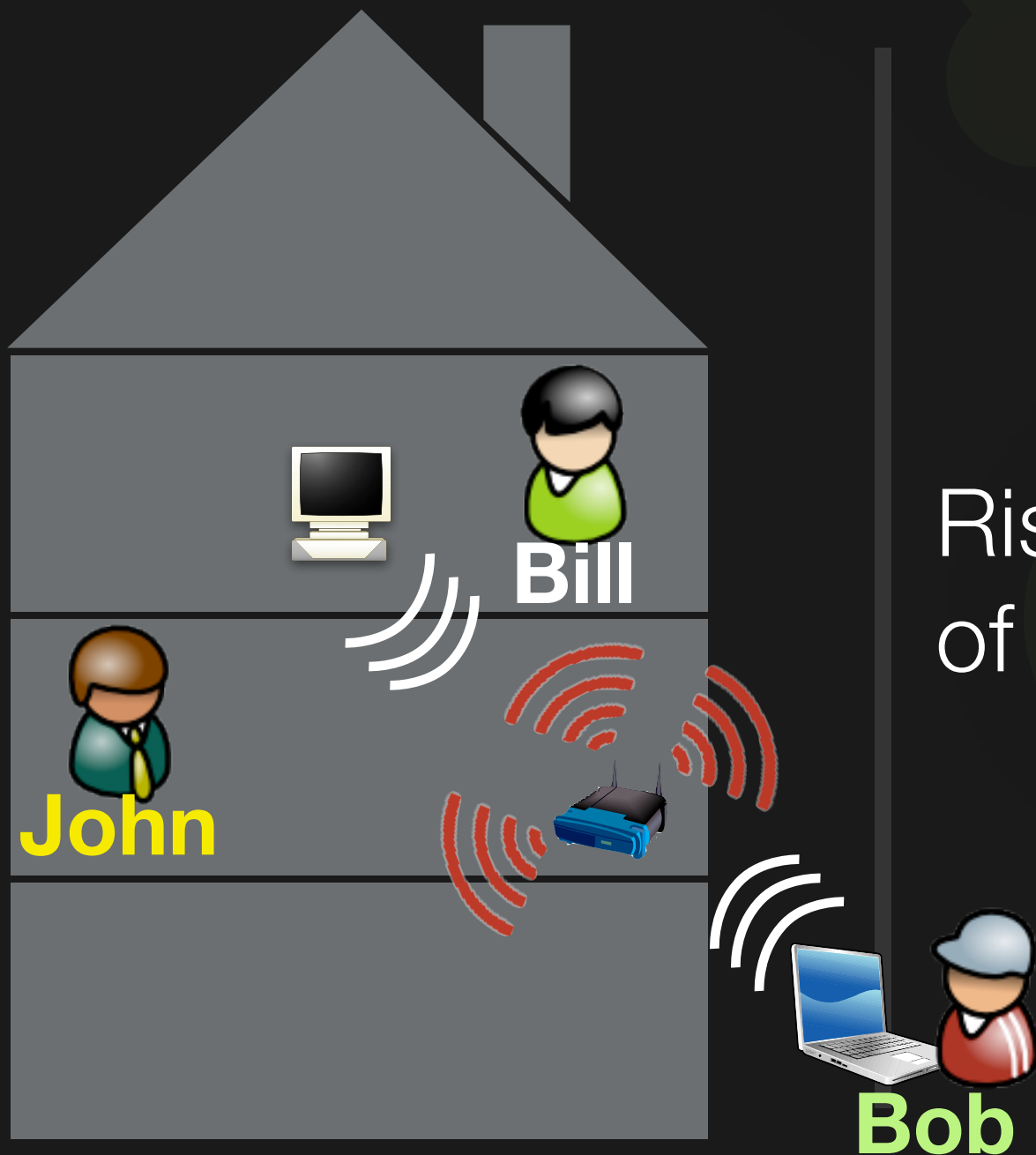
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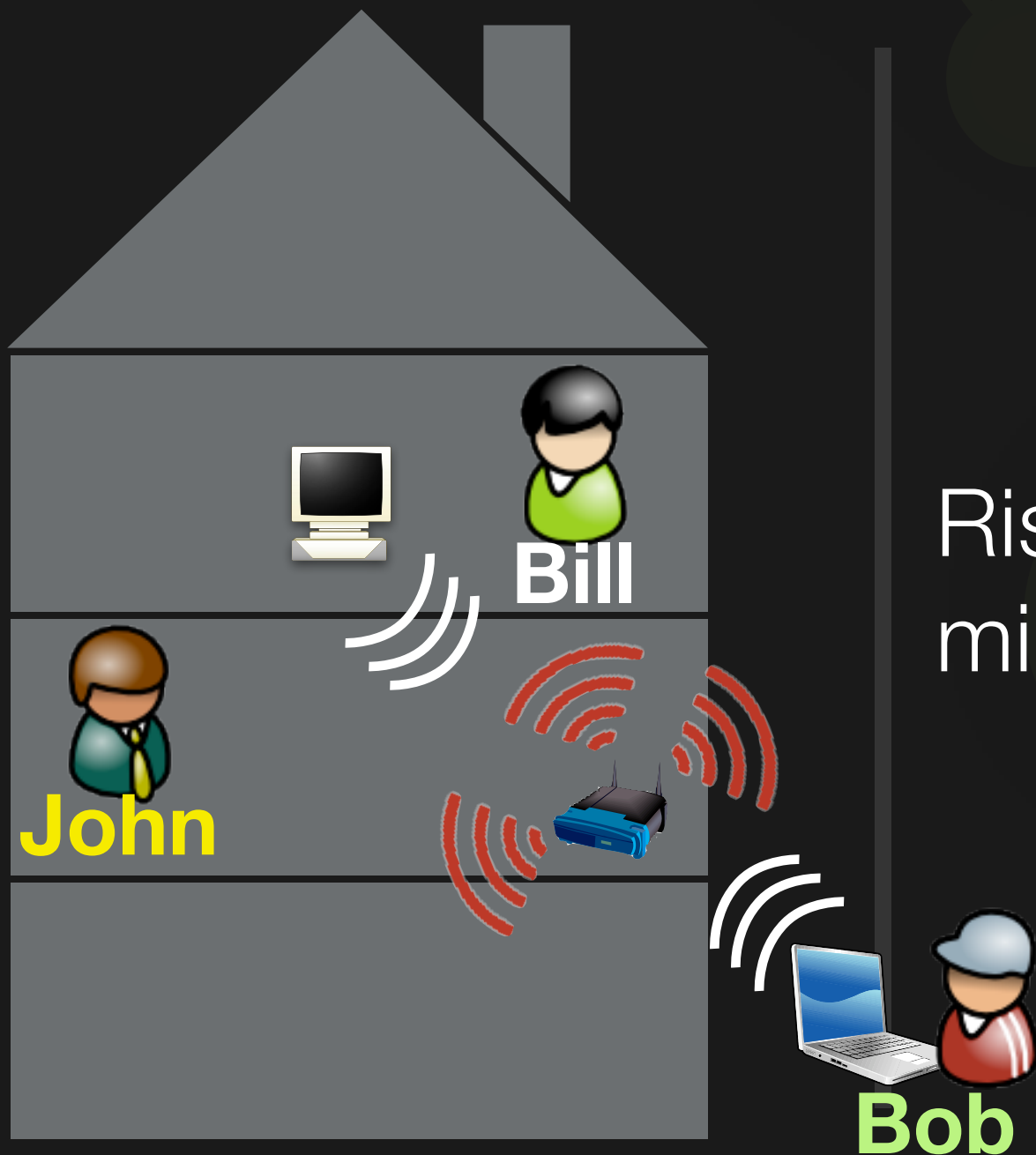
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Risk 1: Legal issues because of visitor's behaviors



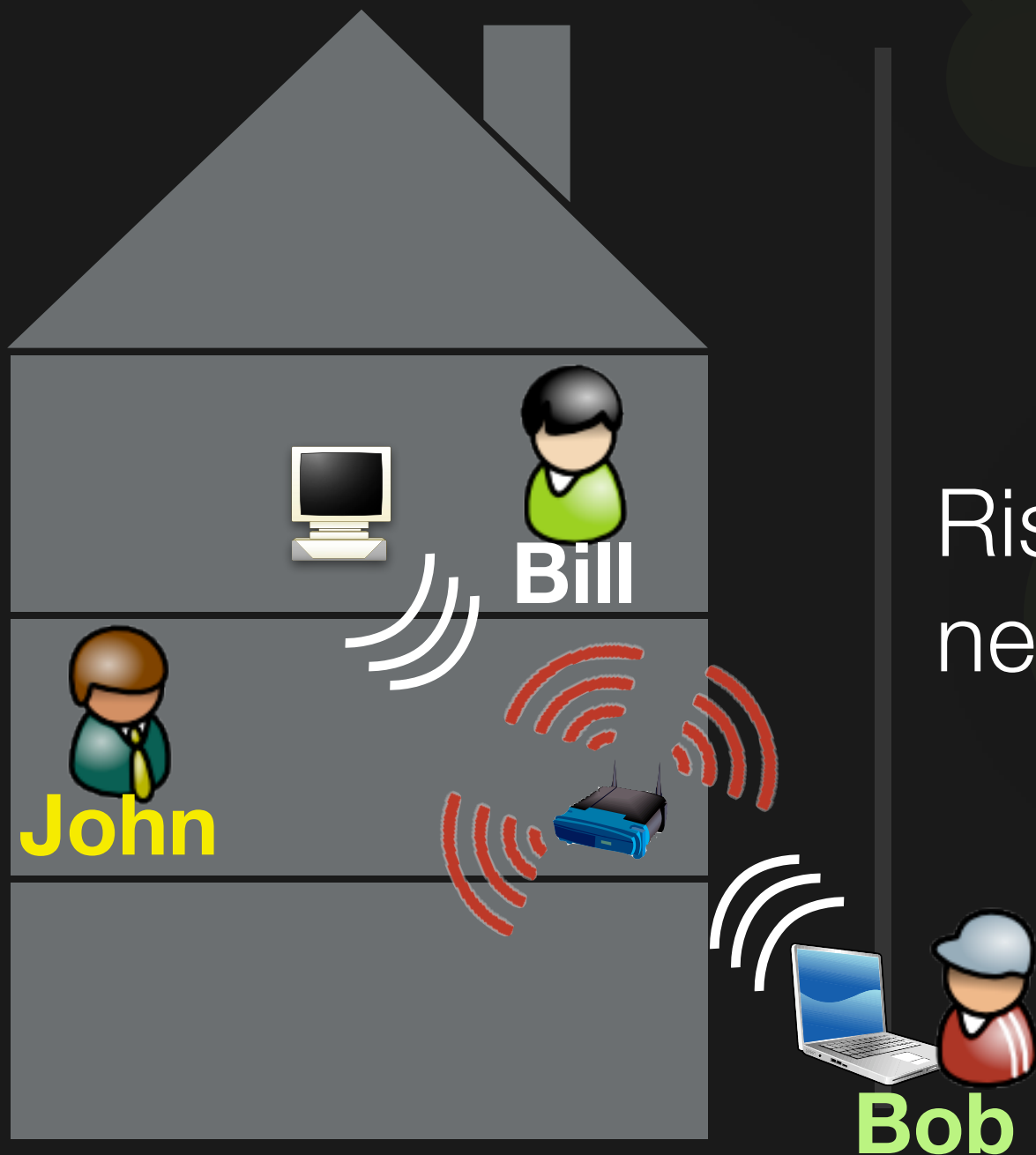
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Risk 2: Issues with ISP for misbehavior



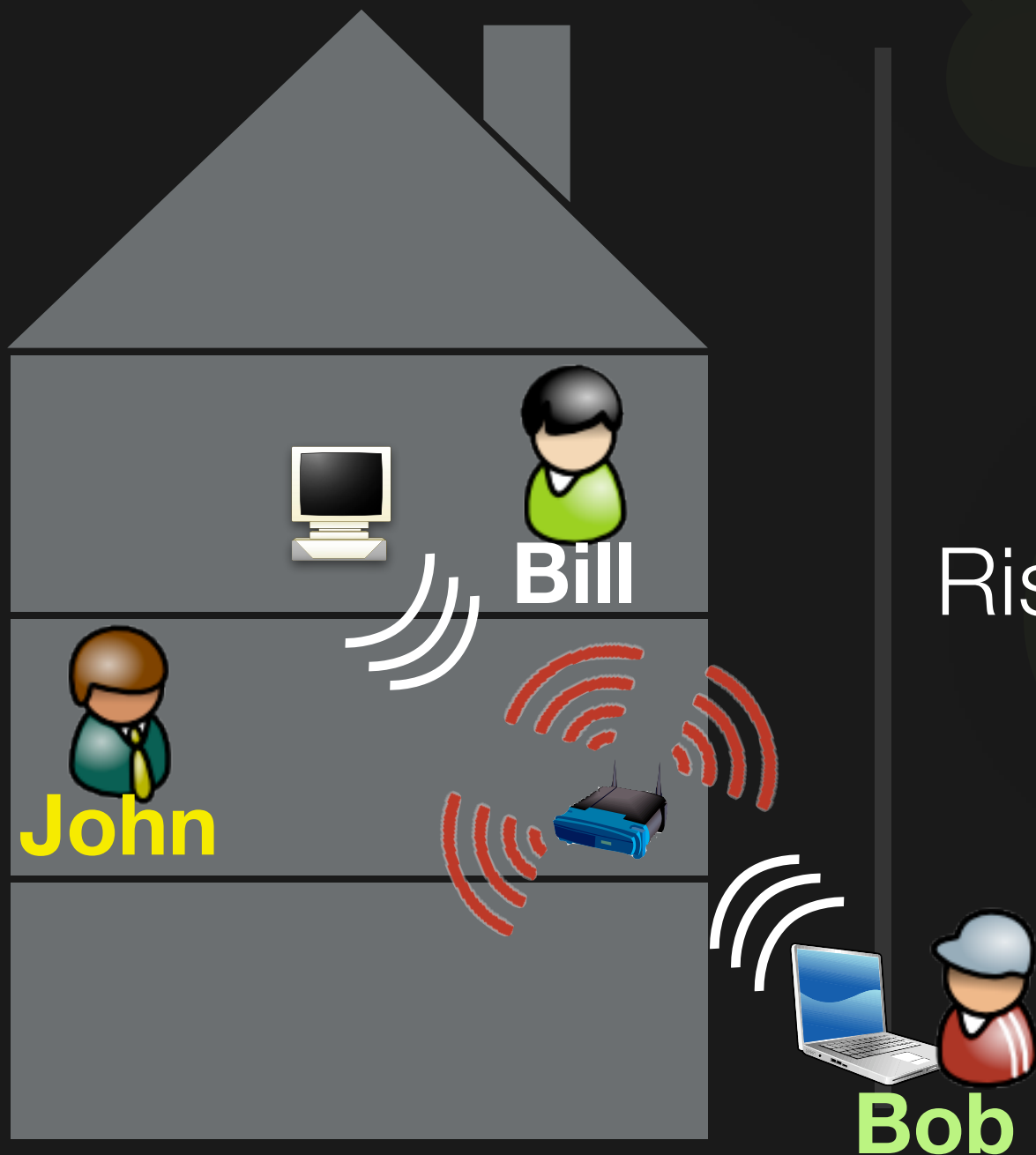
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Risk 3: Attack on John's network



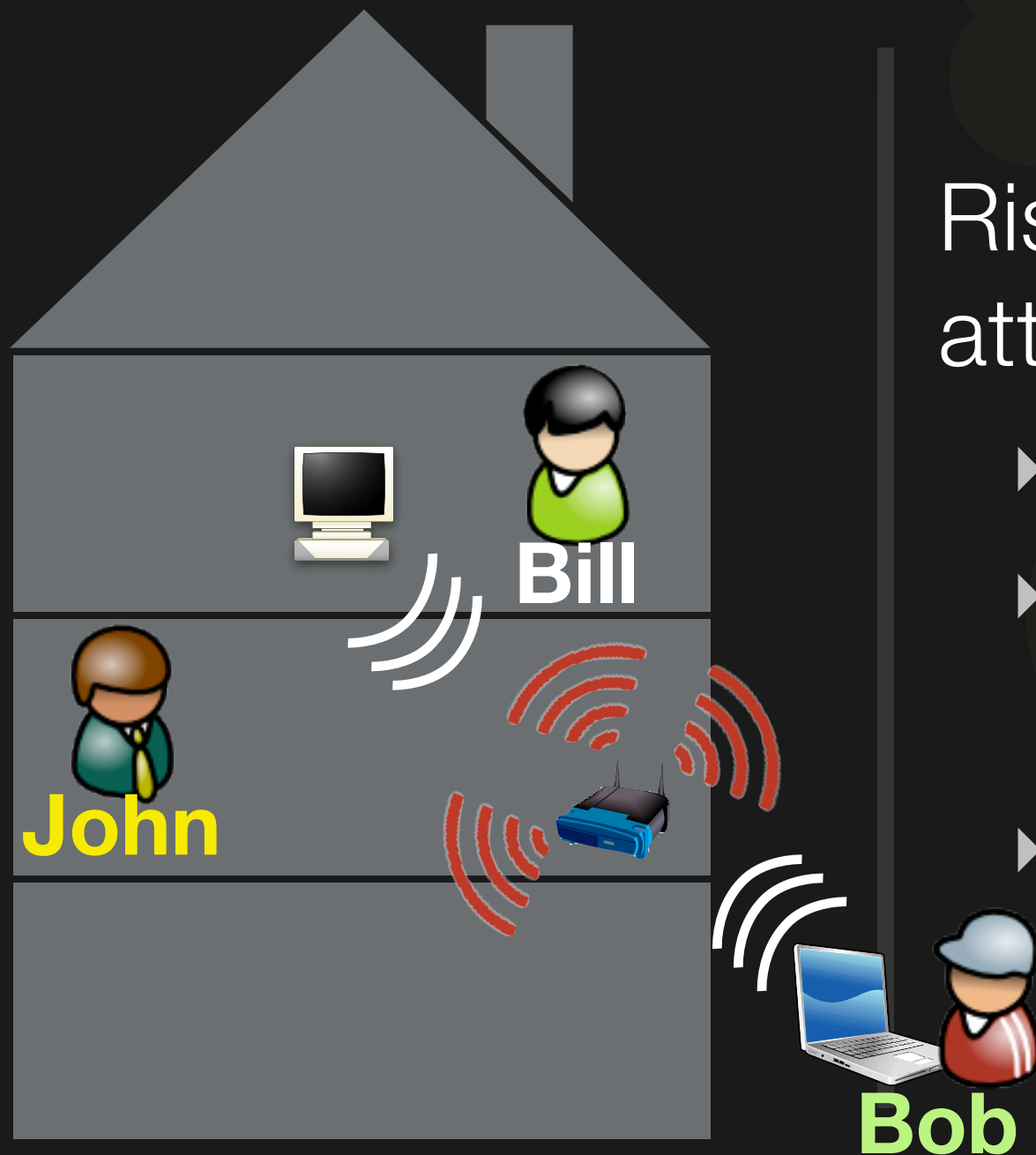
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Risk 4: Resource consumption



There are risks in connecting to a shared network



Risk 5: Man-in-the-Middle attacks

- ▶ Sniffing
- ▶ Pharming
- ▶ Even if AP trusted (AP/SSID spoofing)



The main 5 risks in WiFi sharing

- ✗ legal issues
- ✗ ISP issues
- ✗ attack on visited network
- ✗ resource consumption
- ✗ MITM



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Software-based WiFi sharing

WEP/WPA keys shared by users on the service website

Specific software must be used

When connecting to a WiFi, the software knows the WEP/WPA key to use





Software-based WiFi sharing: Issues

Visitors are connected on the same SSID as the AP's owner

SSID \leftrightarrow key mapping is stored on clients (!!!)

Easy to set up a fake AP to obtain keys



Software-based WiFi sharing: ... risks are still there



- ✗ legal issues
 - ▶ but user could be identified
- ✗ ISP issues
- ✗ attack on visited network
- ✓ resource consumption
- ✗ MITM
- ✗ + keys can be known
 - ▶ risky if linked to other passwd





Hardware-based WiFi sharing



Have to buy the FON AP

One private SSID (encrypted),
One public (open + web-auth)

Access to FON users & paying
users





Hardware-based WiFi sharing: issues



Visitors' traffic can be sniffed
15 free minutes for anybody
Easy to set up a fake AP to
stealing FON credentials





Hardware-based WiFi sharing: ... some risks are still there



- ✗ legal issues
- ✗ ISP issues
- ✓ attack on visited network
- ✓ resource consumption
- ✗ MITM



Wisher/Wifi.com & FON are not really satisfying...

Mainly on the following topics:

- ▶ liability (against ISP and law)
- ▶ possibility of MITM attack from the visited network
- ▶ easy to place a fake AP



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Remaining issues can be solve, but we need another solution

Liability (against ISP and law)

- ▶ visitors and users from the visited network must not be mixed on the Internet

Possibility of MITM attack from the visited network

- ▶ data sent by the visitors should be encrypted

Easy to place a fake AP

- ▶ AP should be authenticated

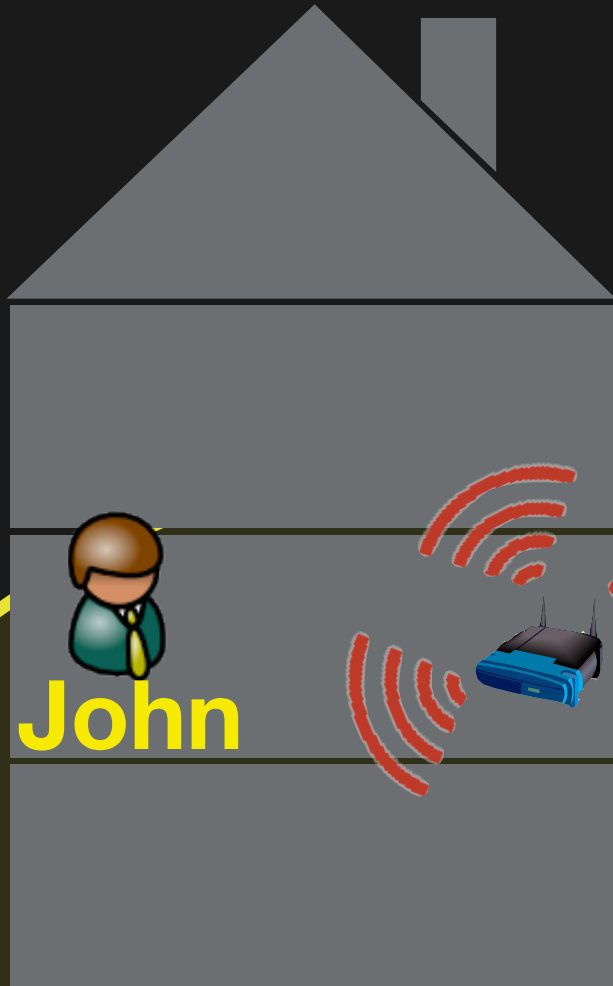


**We think we should
involve ISPs**

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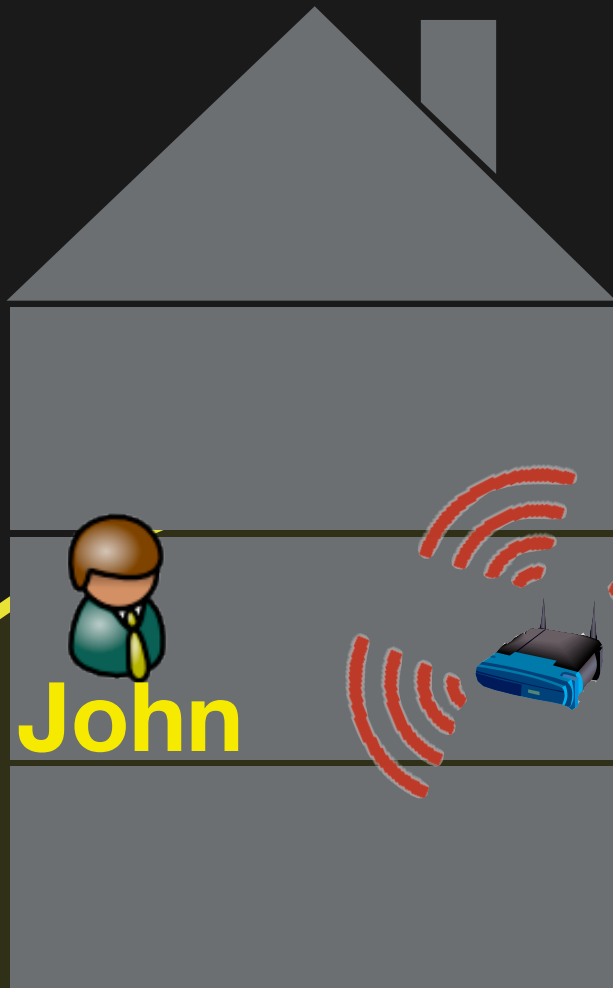


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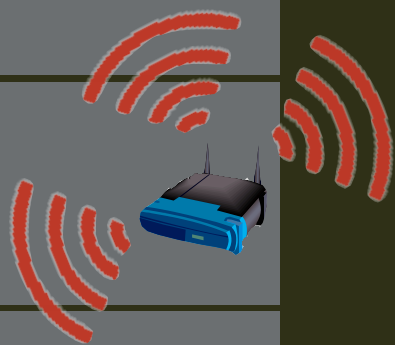
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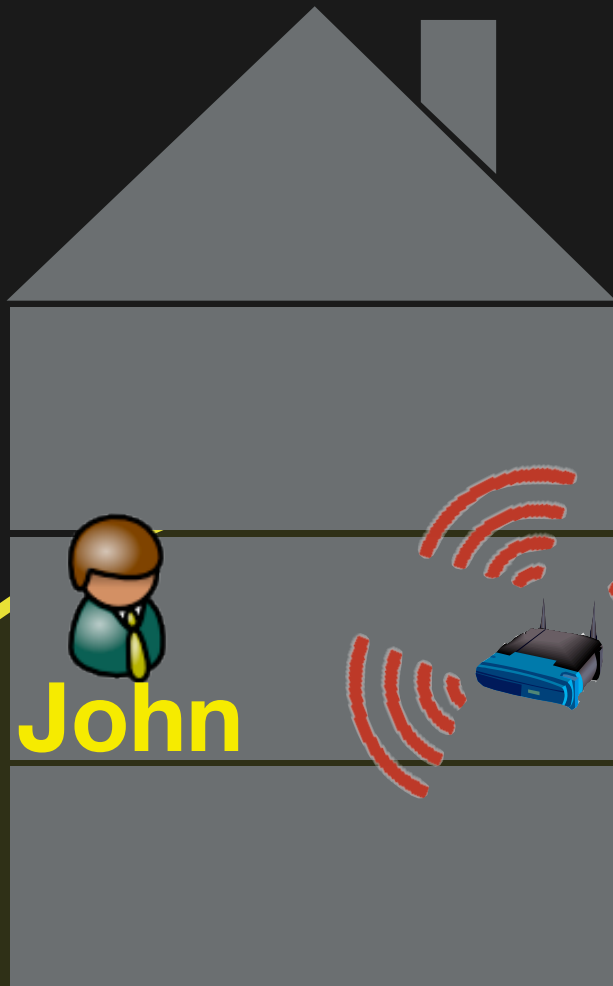


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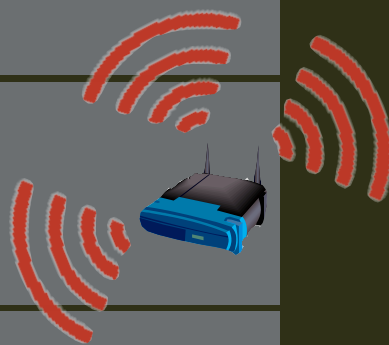
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EAP-RAKE*

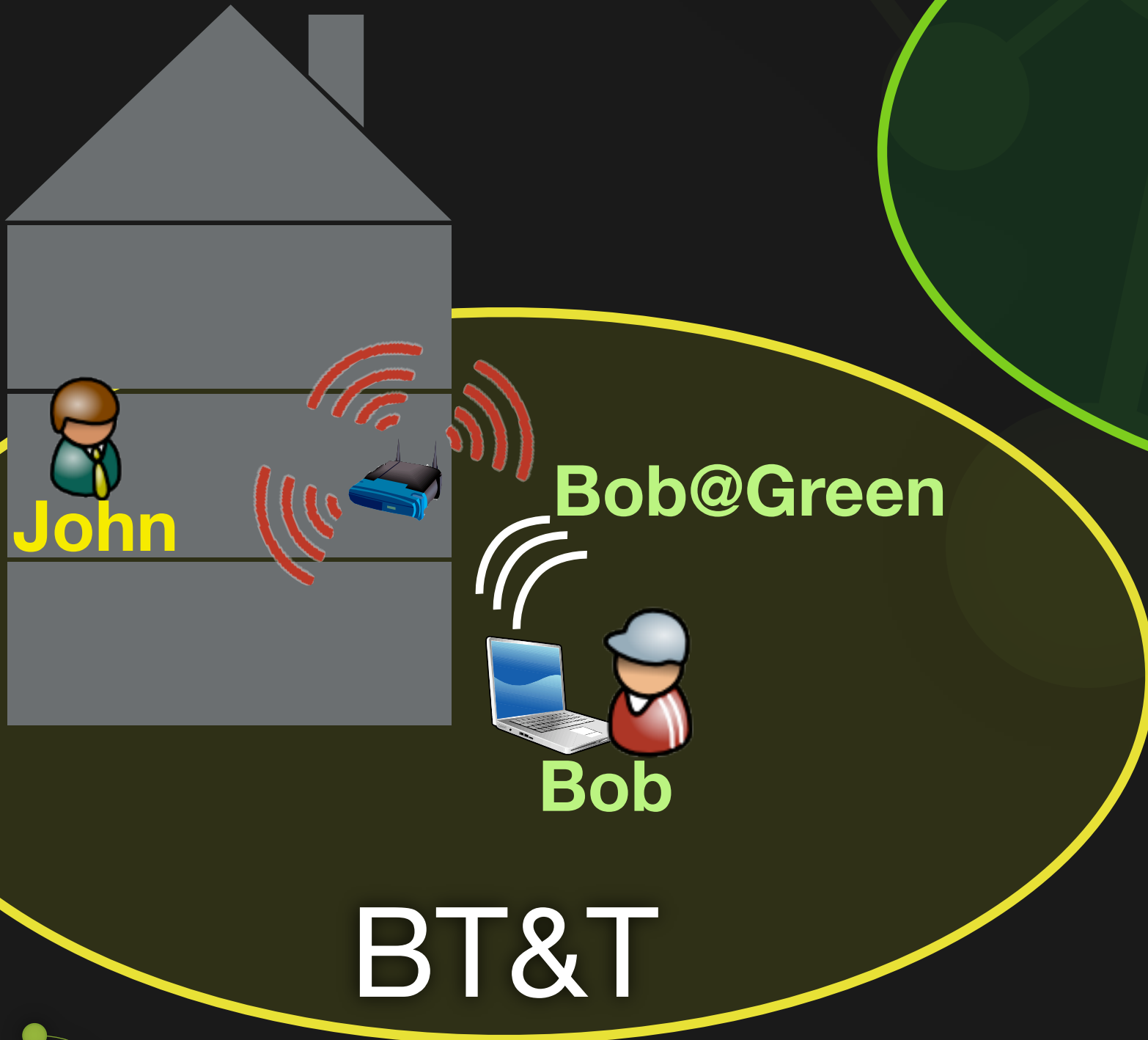


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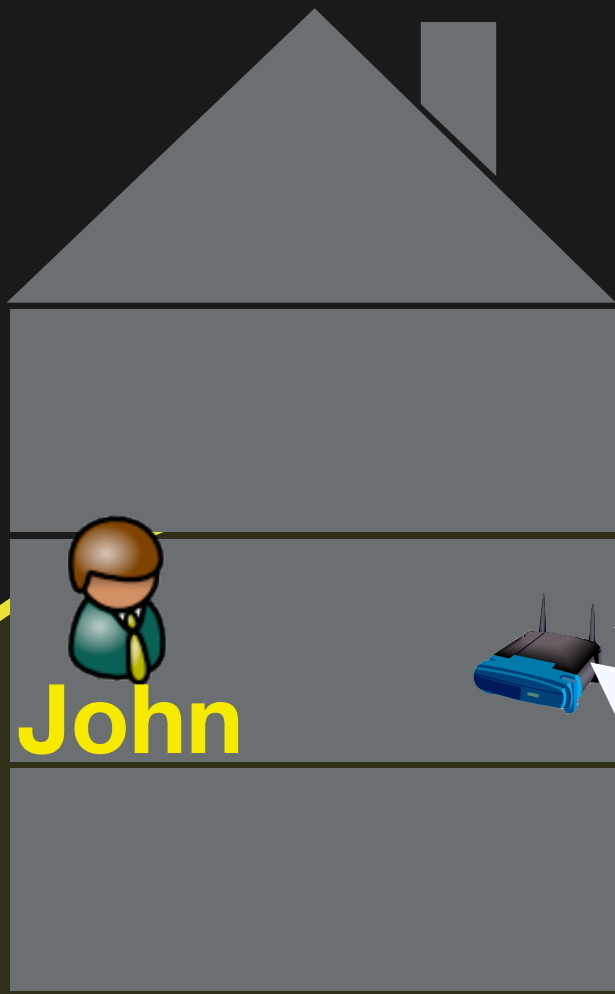
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EAP-RAKE
on RADIUS



John



EAP-RAKE



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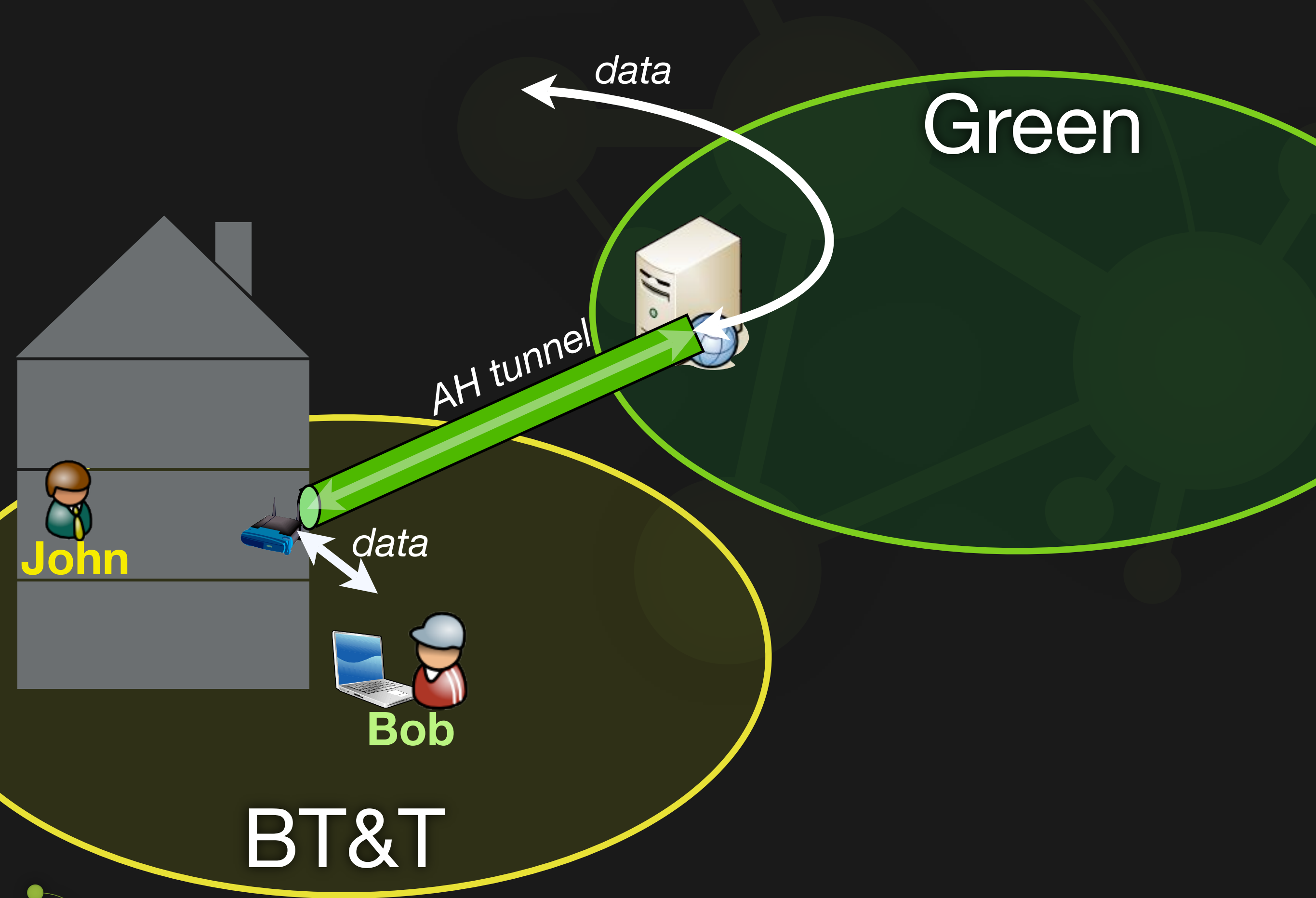
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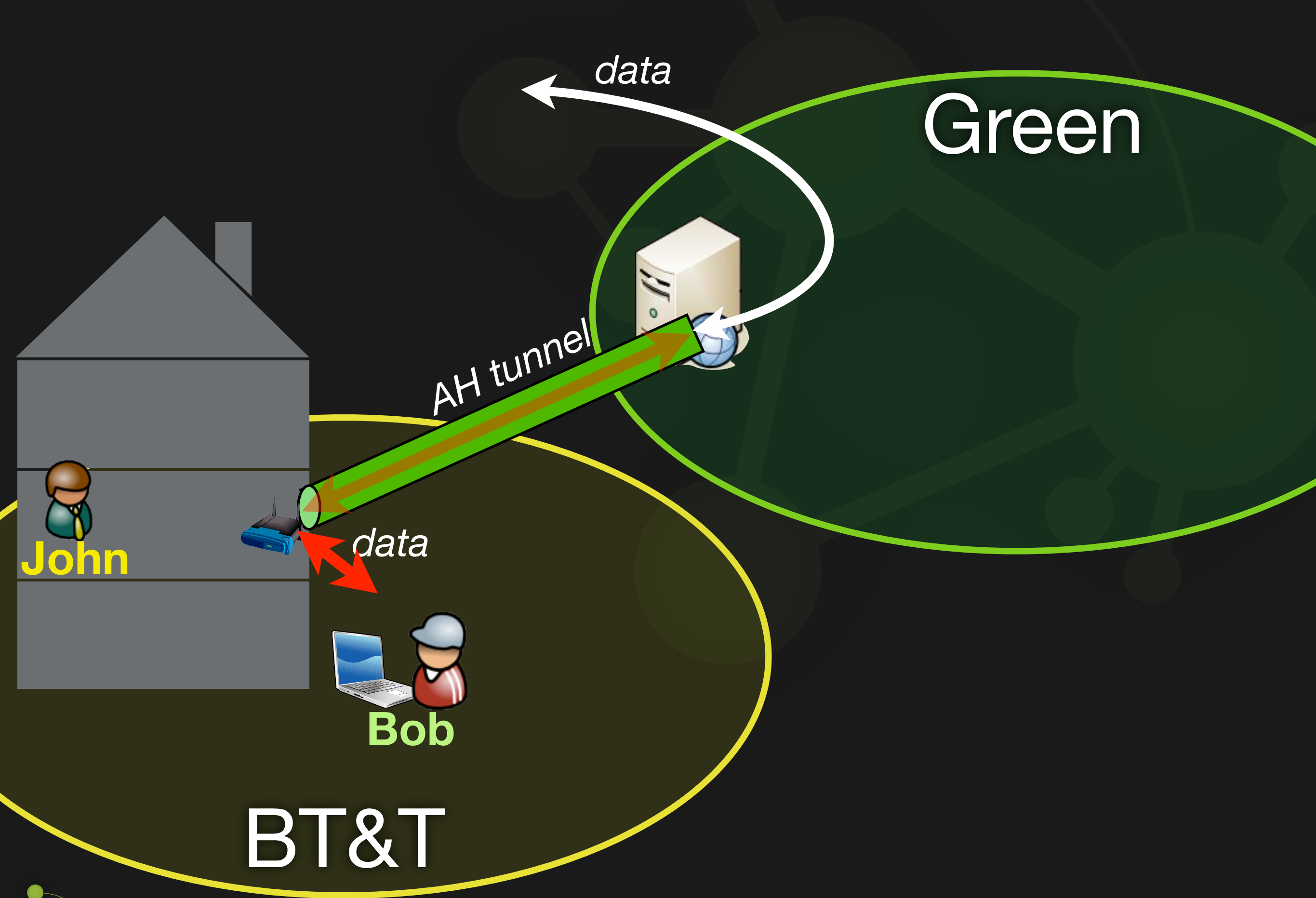
Authentication

- ▶ Bob ↔ Green
- ▶ Green ↔ BT&T AP

Key derivation







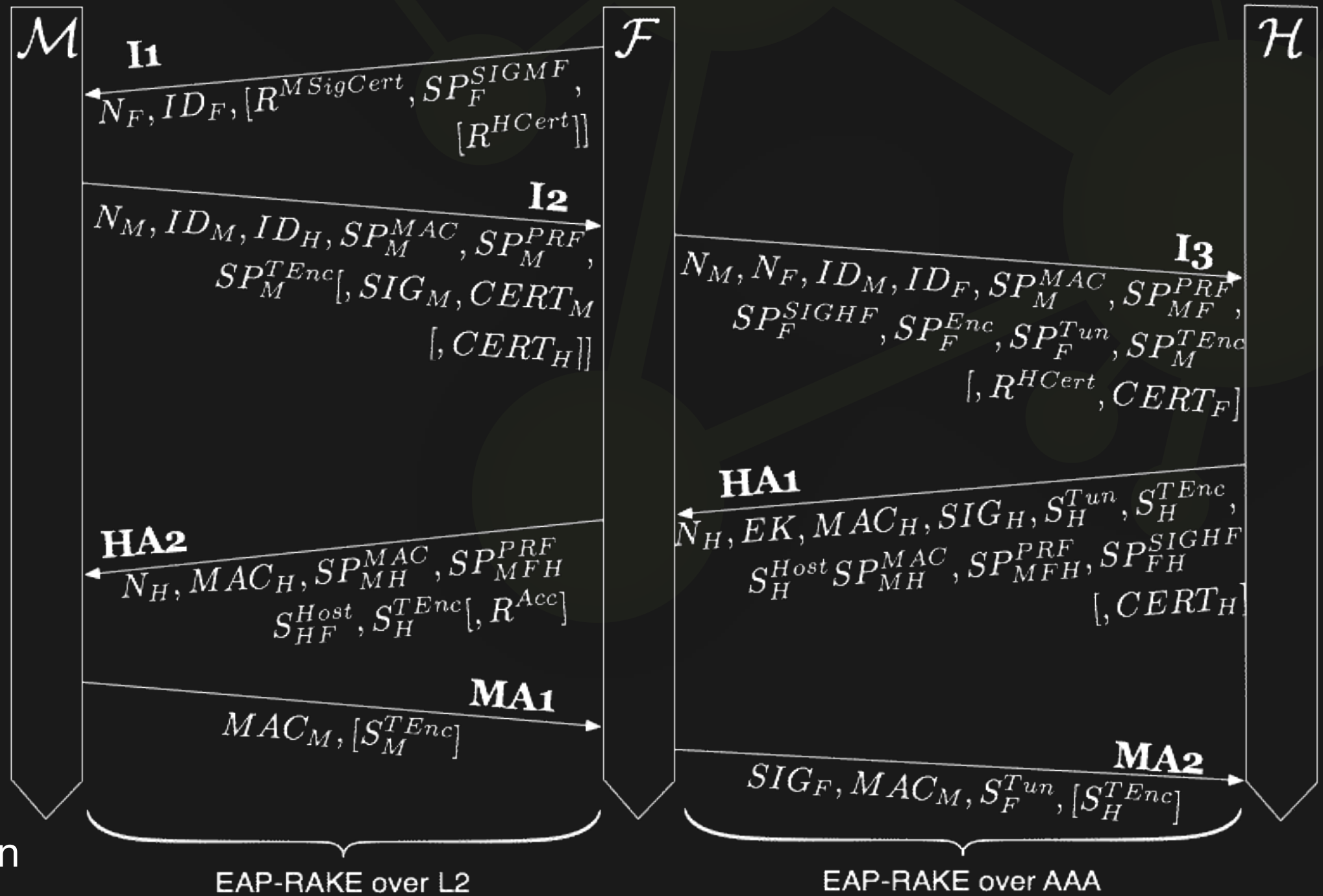
EAP-RAKE solves main security issues



- ✓ legal issues
- ✓ ISP issues
- ✓ attack on visited network
- ✓ resource consumption
- ✓ MITM



A look at the authentication protocol: EAP-RAKE



Crypto part has been proved in [Man09]

Tunnels between entities using standards

Tunneling between the AP and the home network

- ▶ Using L2TP (or AH tunnel)
- ▶ The tunnel is authenticated (e.g., with IPsec/AH)

Encryption

- ▶ Kept optional (should be turned off in some cases)



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A prototype of the authentication protocol has been implemented



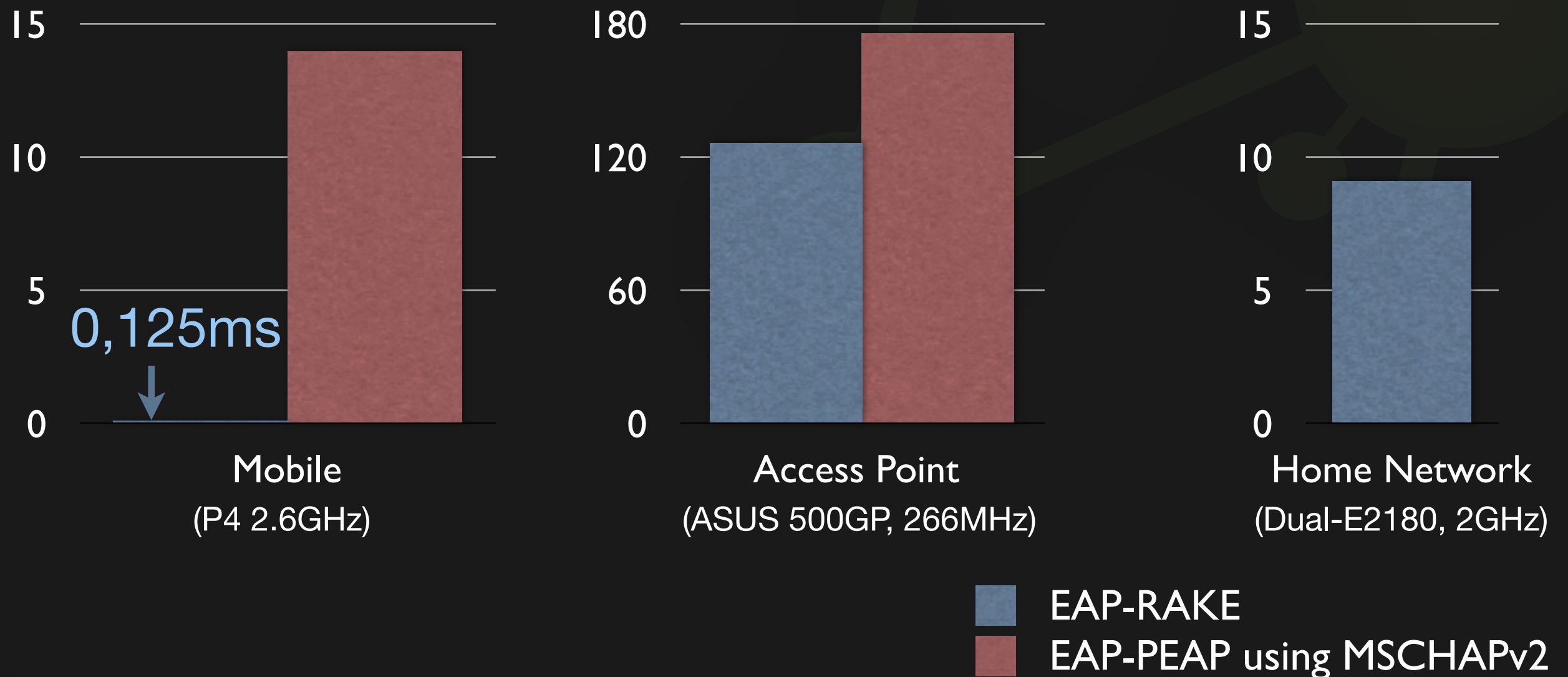
As a new EAP method, in *hostap* implementation

- ▶ *hostap* is an open-source project
- ▶ (our implementation not yet)
- ▶ client (mobile) works on Linux, MacOS, Win (?)
- ▶ server (AP) works on Linux (and so on OpenWRT)



Results of first measurements : EAP-RAKE is lighter than PEAP

Processing time for authentication (in msec)



Assembly of tunnels mechanisms has also been made

Using L2TP requires a PPP concentrator (no OpenSource solution existing)

- ▶ Using pure IPsec solutions is possible (tunnel mode)

Tunnel encryption/authentication uses AH mechanism (openswan)

It works ! And seems to fit to networks' reality



It was not fair to compare our solution \gg FON

Security is stronger in our solution

But (computing) cost is higher in our case

But involving ISPs is a HUGE issue

- ▶ even if in our case, ISPs do not increase their security risks (incentive)

What are we willing to do for stronger security ?



Would a more secure mechanism push more people to share their WiFi ?

Lots of people stop sharing their WiFi access after reading / experiencing issues with malicious (or stupid) visitors

If there was no more risk in sharing, could we observe more sharing ?



QUESTIONS ?

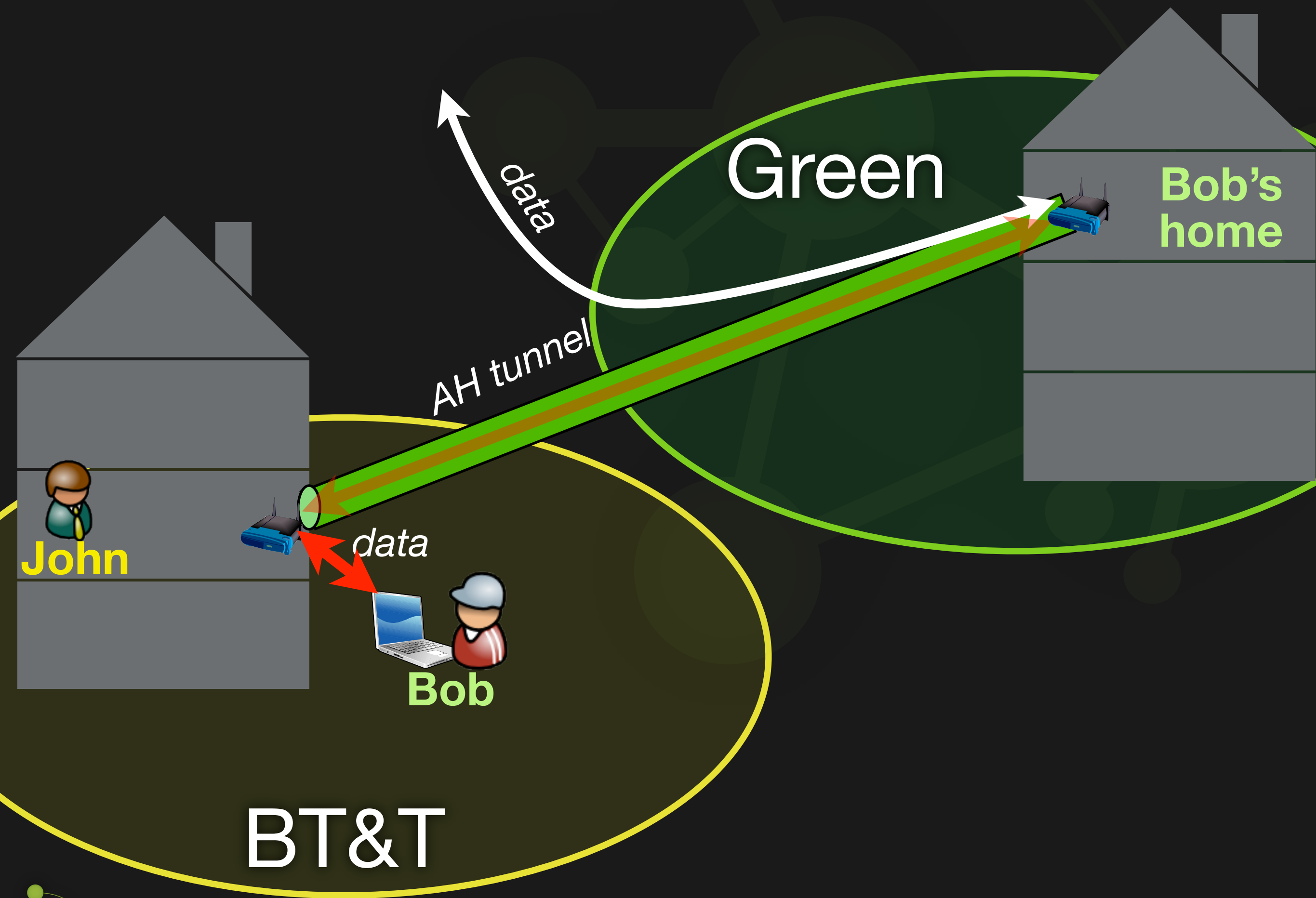


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**Some backup
slides**



Our solution requires widespread adoption

Could rely on communities (as FON, Whisher, ...)

ISPs could decide to add EAP-RAKE to set-top boxes (home routers) they control

- ▶ but they must be >1 ISP participating



Scalability issues could appear

Cost of the authentication protocol evaluated

Cost of the authenticated tunnel (and encryption) has not been evaluated (yet)

- ▶ For home network, should load balance (or distribute servers in data centers around the world)
- ▶ For AP,
 - either limiting number of simultaneous clients,
 - or only tunneling (without AH) to a proxy-server that makes the job

