



Which Protocol Has Stronger Observable Economics: Aave vs Spark?

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Every metric is fetched or marked missing. Review before publishing.

Research lens: Treat this as a sourced snapshot, not a verdict about the future.

Editorial format: comparative_scorecard. Comparable targets and source-backed trade-offs.

Public copy is source-linked research, not financial advice.

The research prompt

Brief framing: assess the requested economics decision by separating observable usage from protocol capture; the brief contributes no factual claims.

Which protocol has stronger observable economics for this use case?

What the Data Shows

Target	Metric	Value	Confidence
Aave	TVL	\$13.69B	high
Aave	30d fees	\$29.33M	high
Aave	30d revenue	\$3.90M	high
Aave	Take-rate	13.3%	medium
Aave	Category	-	high
Spark	TVL	\$4.28B	high
Spark	30d fees	\$11.16M	high
Spark	30d revenue	\$1.14M	high
Spark	Take-rate	10.2%	medium
Spark	Category	-	high

Signals worth keeping

- Source-backed rows allow a like-for-like view of the fields that returned.
- The report keeps fetched metrics separate from interpretation and recommendation.

Gaps that change the read

- Missing trends, concentration, incentives, and control context can change the read.
- Incompatible categories or missing category labels weaken any direct ranking.

Signal versus headline

Warning: one or more protocol categories are missing, so compatibility cannot be established. The comparison is about observable depth and capture, not a universal winner.

What I Would Monitor Next

- Re-fetch the same source windows and compare direction, not only the current snapshot.
- Review concentration, incentives, control dependencies, and use-case fit.
- Brief-specific watch: fees, revenue capture, and the definition used by the source.

The first-pass view

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What I Checked

- defillama_protocol_tvl for each target [high]
- defillama_protocol_profile for each target [high]
- defillama_protocol_fees for each target [high]
- defillama_protocol_revenue for each target [high]

Why It Matters

The anchor is observable economics: TVL, fees, revenue, take-rate, chain distribution, and category fit. A comparison is only useful when the source definitions and use case are comparable.

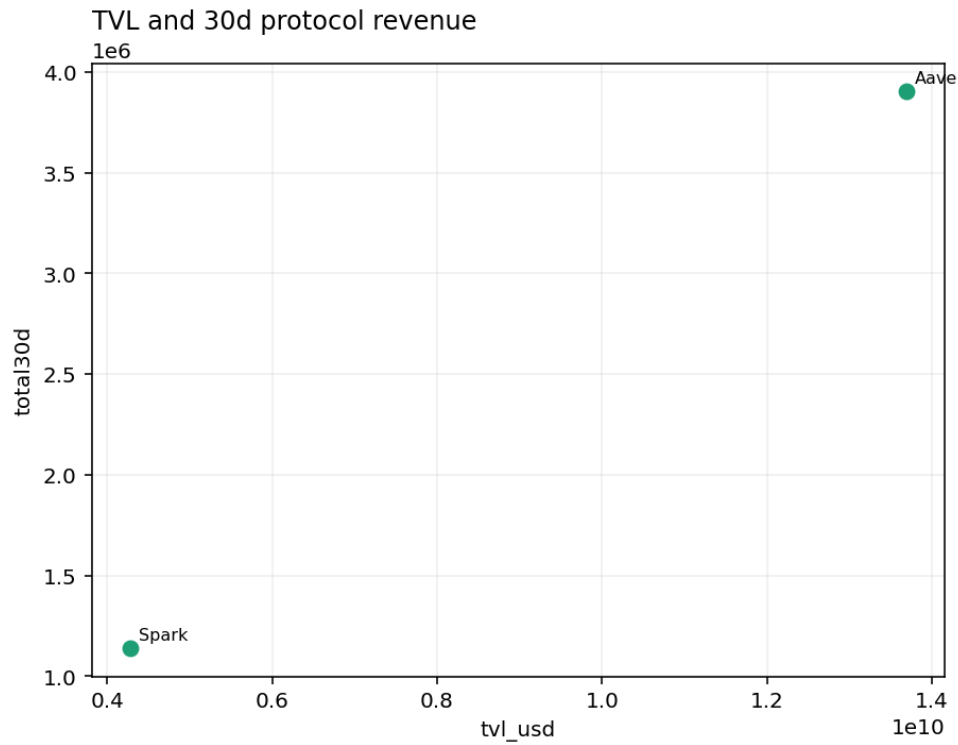
Visual Evidence

Source-backed visuals are rendered from the fetched bundle; missing visuals do not change report status.

Protocol economics evidence

Source	Target	Metric	Fetched value	Confidence
Defillama Protocol Tvl	Aave	tvl_usd	\$13.69B	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Aave	total24h	\$872.50K	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Aave	total7d	\$6.38M	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Aave	total30d	\$29.33M	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Aave	totalAllTime	\$2.22B	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Aave	total24h	\$114.81K	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Aave	total7d	\$846.02K	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Aave	total30d	\$3.90M	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Aave	totalAllTime	\$300.86M	high
Defillama Protocol Tvl	Spark	tvl_usd	\$4.28B	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Spark	total24h	\$467.43K	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Spark	total7d	\$2.76M	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Spark	total30d	\$11.16M	high
Defillama Protocol Fees	Spark	totalAllTime	\$334.63M	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Spark	total24h	\$75.24K	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Spark	total7d	\$444.93K	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Spark	total30d	\$1.14M	high
Defillama Protocol Revenue	Spark	totalAllTime	\$28.36M	high

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<https://api.llama.fi/summary/fees/aave?dataType=dailyRevenue>; <https://api.llama.fi/tvl/spark>;
<https://api.llama.fi/summary/fees/spark?dataType=dailyFees>;
<https://api.llama.fi/summary/fees/spark?dataType=dailyRevenue>: high: Fetched numeric fields only; table rows retain source and confidence labels.



TVL and 30d protocol revenue

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<https://api.llama.fi/tvl/spark>; <https://api.llama.fi/summary/fees/spark?dataType=dailyRevenue>: high: Fetched x/y fields only; the plot describes observed structure, not a forecast.