



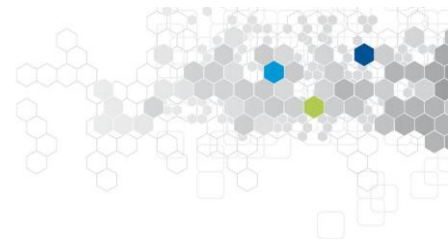
# Production of Categorical Data Verifying Differential Privacy: Conception and Applications to Machine Learning

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# Introduction

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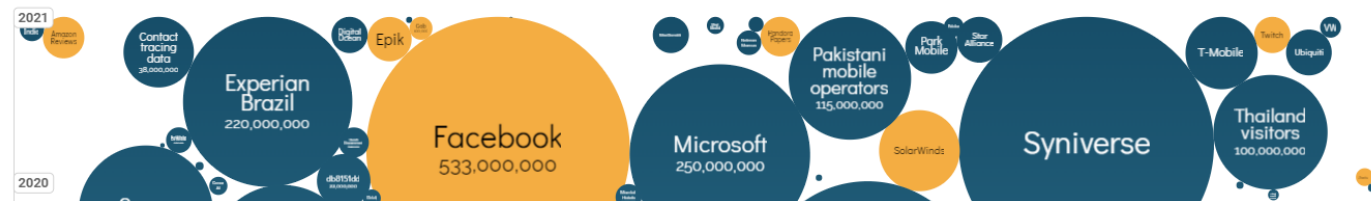
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## World's Biggest Data Breaches & Hacks

Selected events over 30,000 records

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size: records lost filter



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- There is a **need for privacy-preserving systems**;
- A **balance** needs to be found between privacy and utility.

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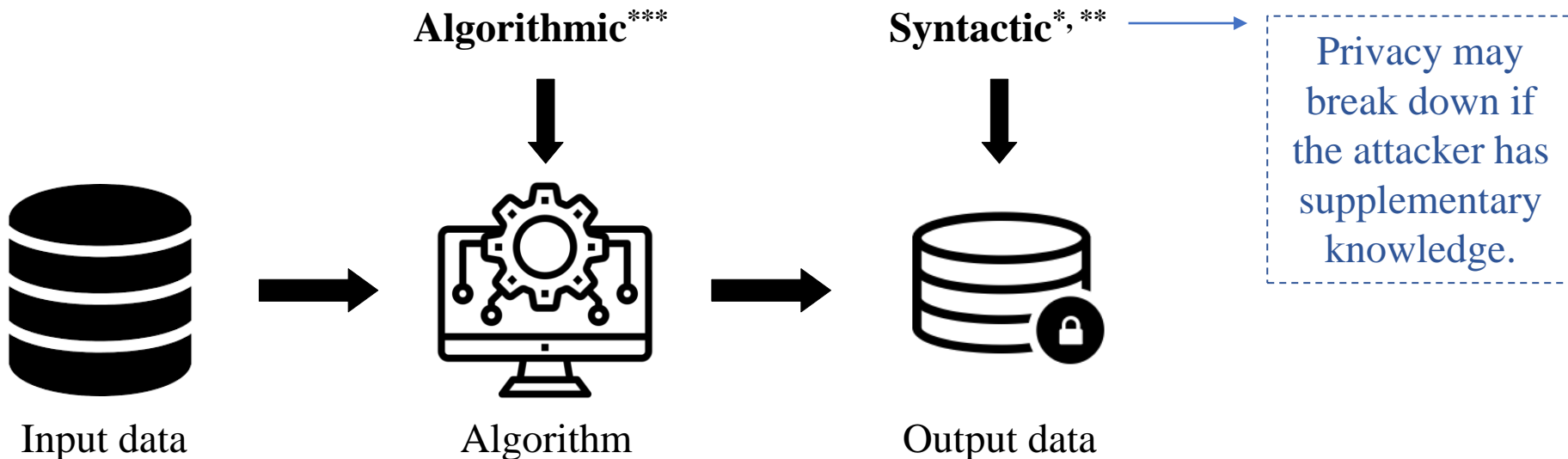


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# Privacy Notions: Syntactic vs Algorithmic

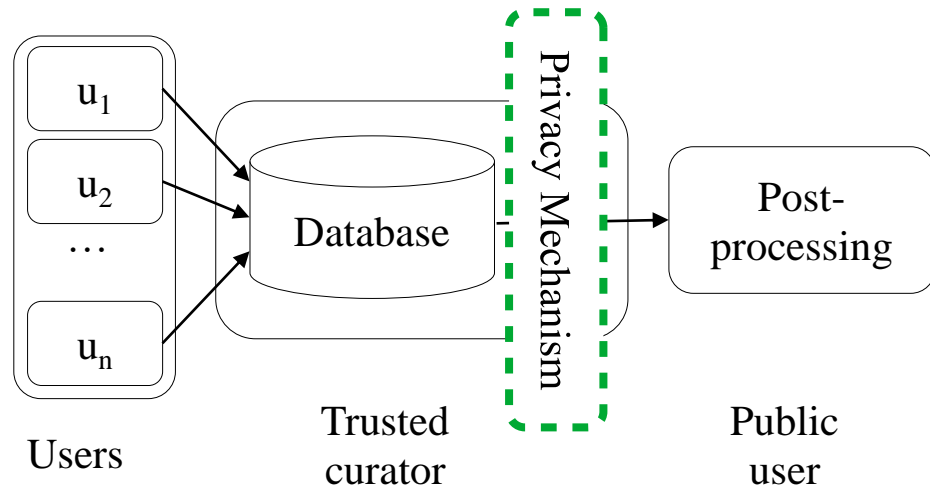


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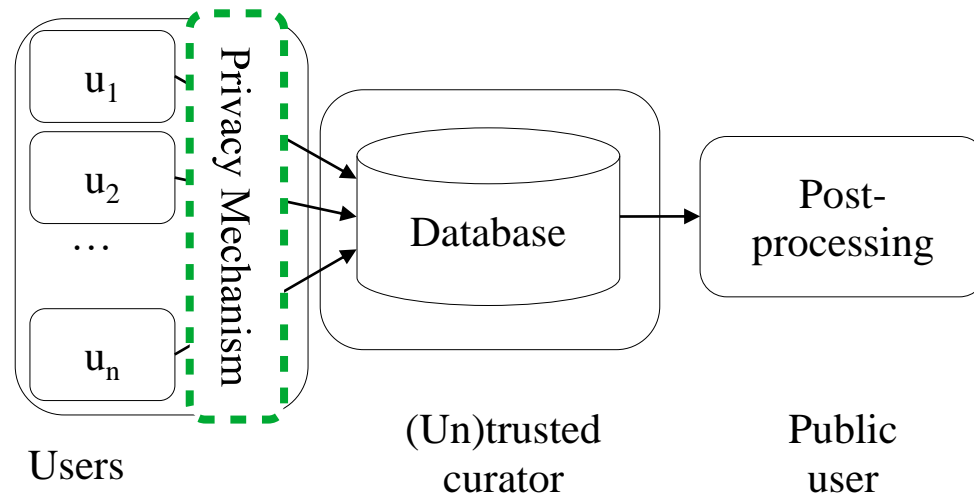
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# The Trust Model: Centralized vs Local



Centralized setting



Local setting

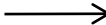
# Use of Big Data for Mobility Analytics

- Human mobility analysis through cell phone data (call detail record – CDR);

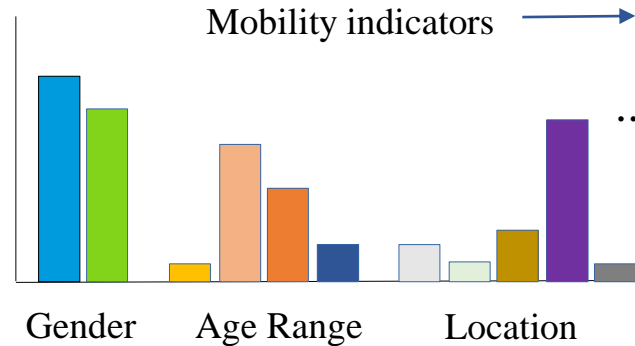
- Some motivations →



Geographic area



Frequency

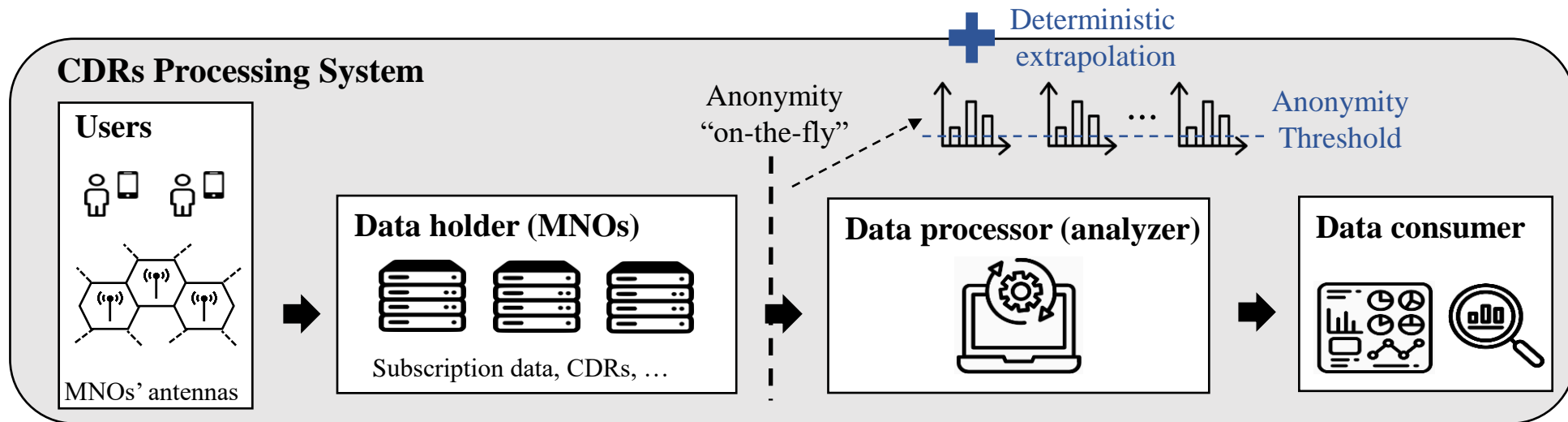


By hour;  
By day;  
By cumulative days...

# Anonymity-Based Mobility Reports



- Human mobility is quite **unique**\* → Mobile network operators (MNOs) must respect users' privacy;
- Users **cannot** sanitize their data → CDRs are automatically generated on MNOs' servers;





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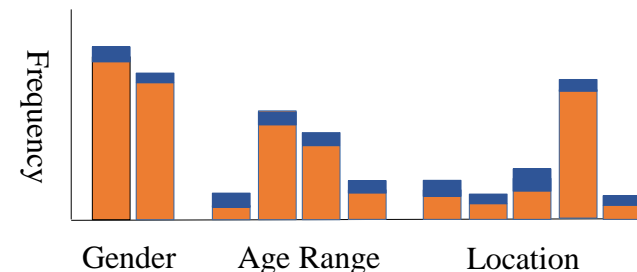
## Anonymity-based solution:

- Not robust to supplementary knowledge of attackers;
- One cannot account for the privacy leak of individuals;
- Releasing raw aggregates may still be **subject to privacy attacks**<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>;



## Differential privacy<sup>\*\*\*</sup>-based solution:

- Release histograms with differential privacy guarantees;
- Ex. of industry application: Google Mobility Reports<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> ...



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# Differential Privacy (DP)\*: $DP \rightarrow \text{Local DP}$

A randomized algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies  $\epsilon$ -DP, if for **any two neighbouring databases  $D$  and  $D'$**  and for any output  $O$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

Intuitively: Any output should be about as likely regardless of whether I am in the database or not.

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(D) = O] \leq e^\epsilon \cdot \Pr[\mathcal{A}(D') = O]$$

Privacy loss

Run by a  
trusted server

A randomized algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies  $\epsilon$ -local-differential-privacy ( $\epsilon$ -LDP), if for **any two inputs  $x$  and  $x'$**  and for any output  $y$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

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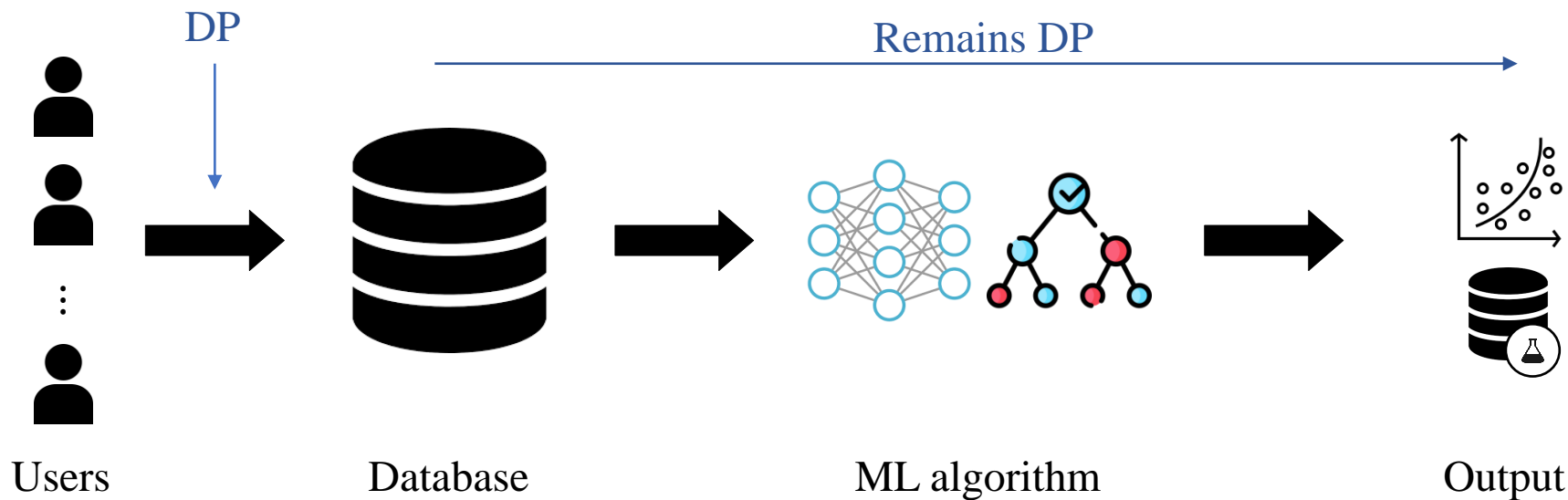
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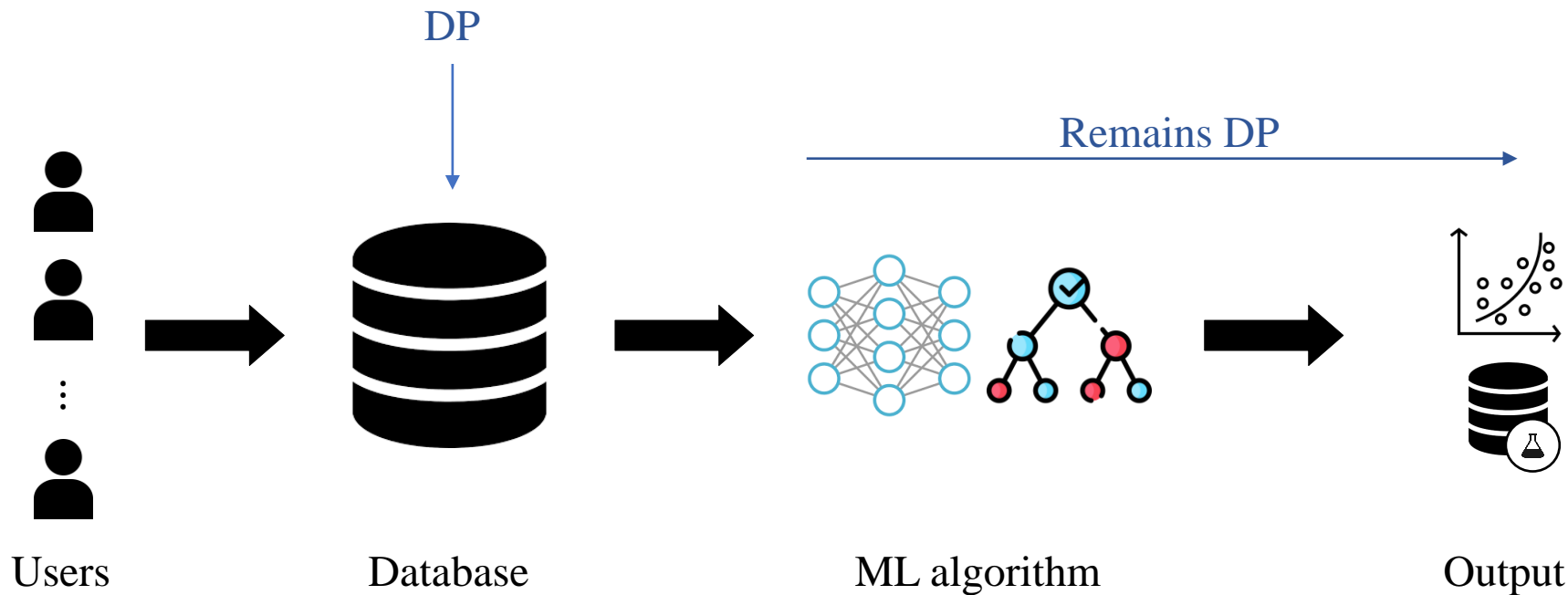


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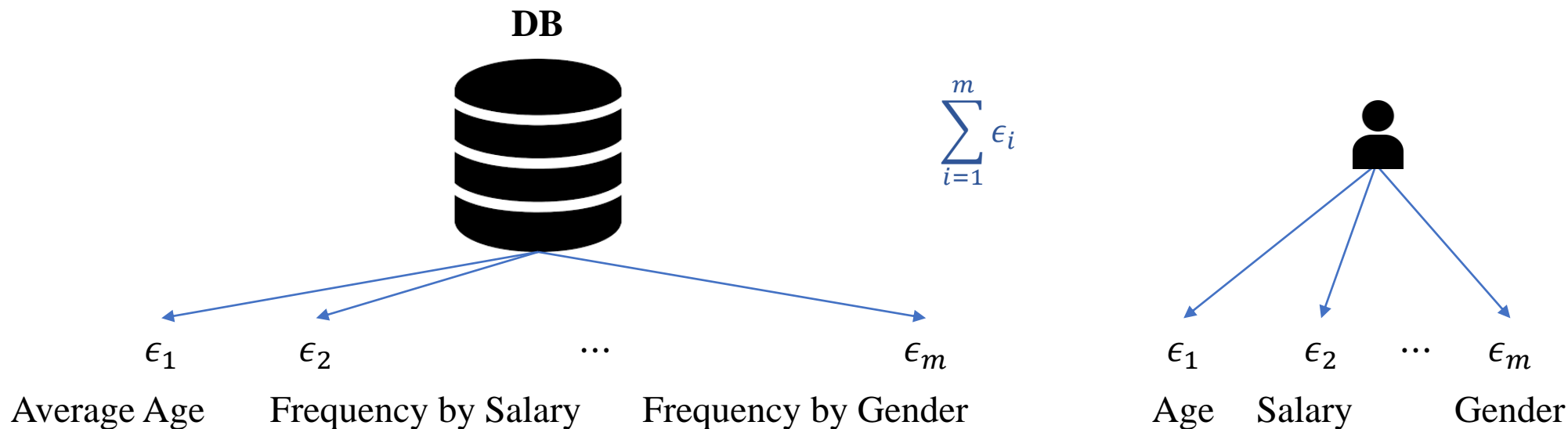
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# Properties of DP\*: Composition



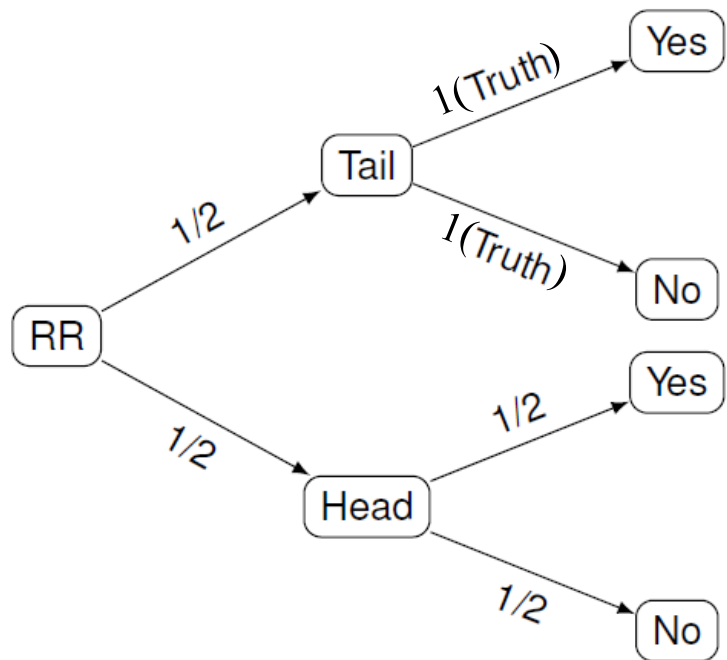
- Composition** → DP allows to accounting for the **overall privacy loss** when several DP algorithms are applied to the same database (DB).



- Motivated by surveying people on sensitive/embarrassing topics.
- Main idea → Providing **deniability** to users' answer (yes/no → binary).
- Ask: “Did you test positive for HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)?”
- Each person:
  - Throw a secret unbiased coin:
    - If tail, throw the coin again (ignoring the outcome) and answer the question honestly.
    - If head, then throw the coin again and answer “Yes” if head, “No” if tail.

**RR: Seeing answer, still not certain about the secret.**

# Frequency Estimation and $\epsilon$ Study of RR



$$p = \Pr[RR(Yes) = Yes] = \Pr[RR(No) = No] = 0.75$$

$$q = \Pr[RR(No) = Yes] = \Pr[RR(Yes) = No] = 0.25$$

- $f(v_Y) \rightarrow$  frequency of *true* Yes (or No –  $v_N$ )

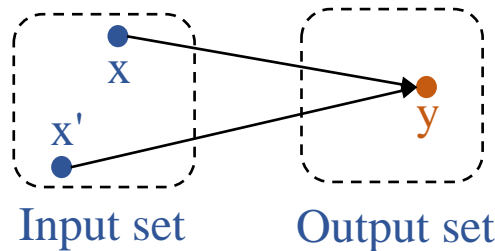
- $\approx \hat{f}(v_i) = \frac{N_i - nq}{(p - q)}, \forall i \in \{Y, N\}$  -----> Estimated frequency

- Satisfies  $\epsilon$ -LDP w/:

$$\frac{\Pr(y|x)}{\Pr(y|x')} \leq e^\epsilon \Rightarrow e^\epsilon = \frac{0.75}{0.25}, \epsilon = \ln(3)$$

prob.  $p$  of ‘being honest’

prob.  $q$  of ‘lying’



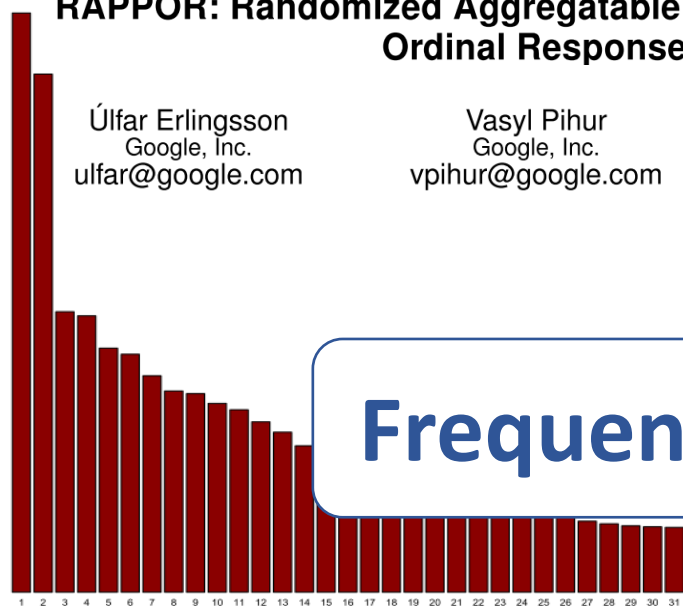


## RAPPOR: Randomized Aggregatable Privacy-Preserving Ordinal Response

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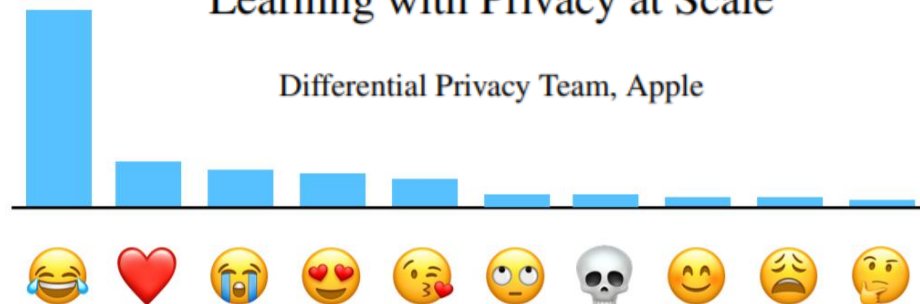


## Frequency (histogram) estimation

Figure 6: Relative frequencies of the top 31 unexpected Chrome homepage domains found by analyzing ~14 million RAPPOR reports, excluding expected domains (the homepage “google.com”, etc.).

## Learning with Privacy at Scale

Differential Privacy Team, Apple



most popular emoji to help  
i for US English speakers

## Collecting Telemetry Data Privately

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Windows Insiders in Windows 10 Fall Creators Update to protect users' privacy while collecting application usage statistics.



- **Generalized RR (GRR)\***: Extends RR to the case of  $k_j \geq 2$ .

$$\forall_{y \in A_j} \Pr[\mathcal{A}_{GRR(\epsilon)}(v) = y] = \begin{cases} p = \frac{e^\epsilon}{e^\epsilon + k_j - 1}, & \text{if } y = v \\ q = \frac{1}{e^\epsilon + k_j - 1}, & \text{if } y \neq v \end{cases} \quad \epsilon = \ln\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$$

- **Unary Encoding (UE)\*\***: Encode as a bit-vector  $B$  and perturb each bit independently into a new bit-vector  $B'$ . More specifically:

$$\Pr[B'_i = 1] = \begin{cases} p, & \text{if } B_i = 1 \\ q, & \text{if } B_i = 0 \end{cases} \quad \epsilon = \ln\left(\frac{p(1-q)}{q(1-p)}\right)$$

**Symmetric UE (SUE)**:  $p = \frac{e^{\epsilon/2}}{e^{\epsilon/2} + 1}, q = \frac{1}{e^{\epsilon/2} + 1},$       **Optimized UE (OUE)\*\*\***:  $p = \frac{1}{2}, q = \frac{1}{e^\epsilon + 1}$

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- Variance of the estimator\*:

$$\text{Var}[\hat{f}(v_i)] = \frac{q(1 - q)}{n(p - q)^2} + \frac{f(v_i)(1 - p - q)}{n(p - q)}$$

$f(v_i) = 0 \rightarrow \text{Approximate Var}^*$

$p + q = 1$  “symmetric”



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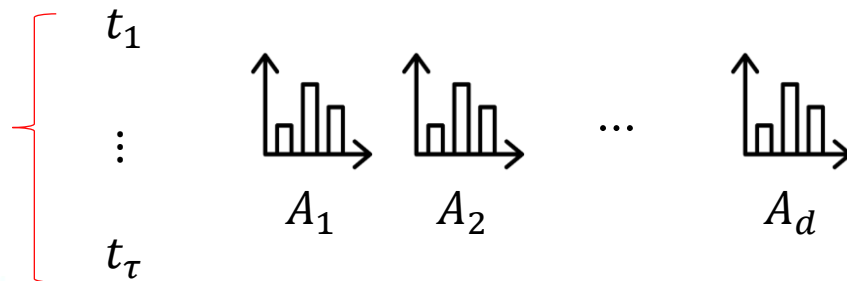


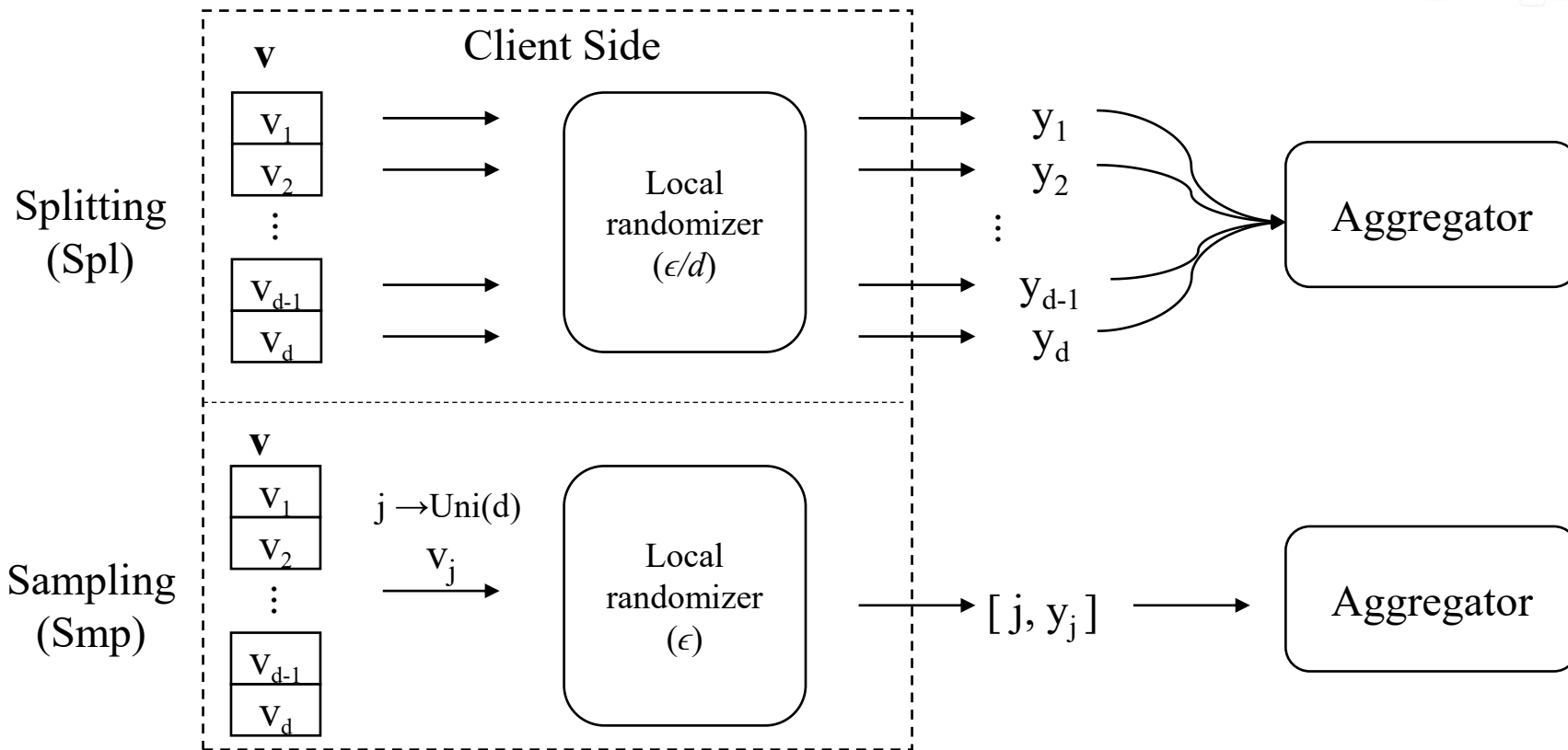
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# Problem Statement: Statistical Learning

- **Tackled Issue:** Collecting *multidimensional data* under  $\epsilon$ -LDP throughout time (i.e., *longitudinal study*) for *frequency estimation*.
- **More formally (notation):**
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Multiple collection





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- $\epsilon$  : privacy budget;
  - $d$  : total number of attributes;
  - $n$  : total number of users.
- ↗ number of attributes each user will sample

**Sampling-based solution**\*: Find  $r$  that minimizes the variance of each protocol\*\*.

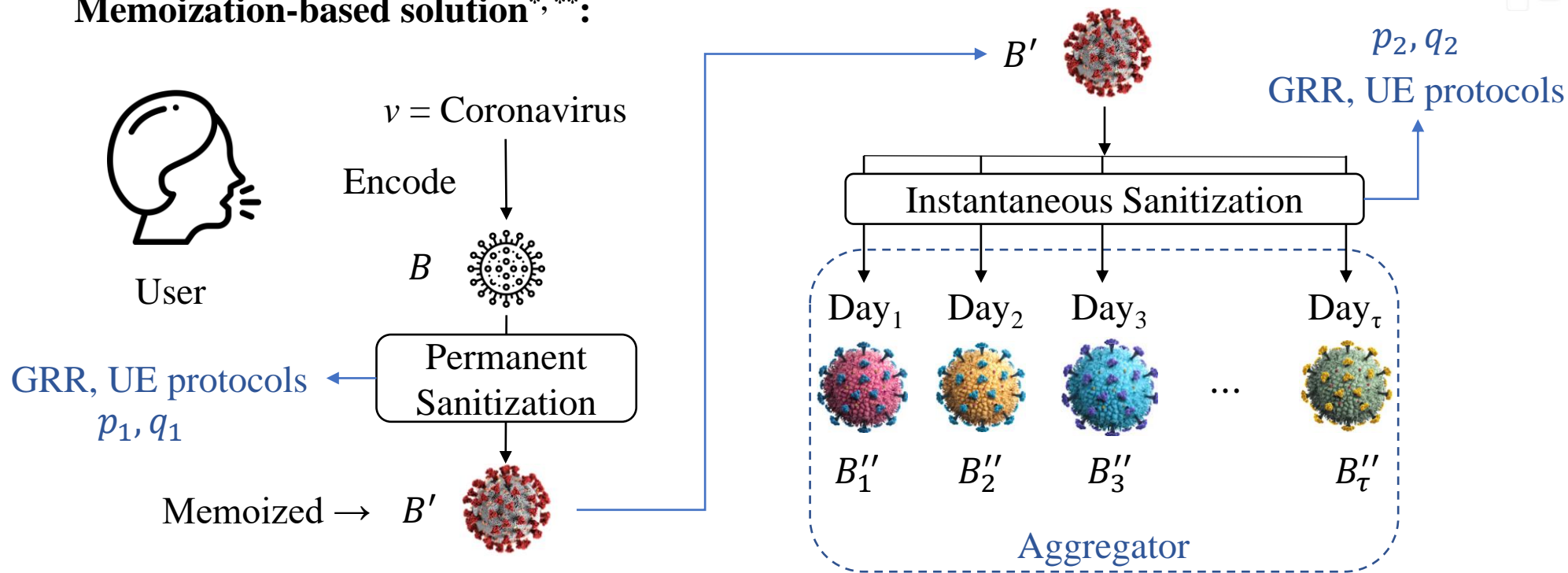
$$\text{Var}[\hat{f}_{GRR}] = \frac{d(e^{\epsilon/r} + k_j - 2)}{nr(e^{\epsilon/r} - 1)^2} \quad \text{Var}[\hat{f}_{SUE}] = \frac{d(e^{\epsilon/2r})}{nr(e^{\epsilon/2r} - 1)^2} \quad \text{Var}[\hat{f}_{OUE}] = \frac{d(4e^{\epsilon/r})}{nr(e^{\epsilon/r} - 1)^2}$$

- Variance is minimized for sampling (Smp, i.e.,  $r = 1$ ), as in\*,\*\*.

# Longitudinal Frequency Estimates



## Memoization-based solution<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>:





- **Unbiased** normalized longitudinal frequency estimation  $f_L(v_i)$  for  $v_i \in A_j$ :

$$\hat{f}_L(v_i) = \frac{\frac{N_i - nq_2}{(p_2 - q_2)} - nq_1}{n(p_1 - q_1)} \rightarrow \frac{N_i - nq_1(p_2 - q_2) - nq_2}{n(p_1 - q_1)(p_2 - q_2)}$$

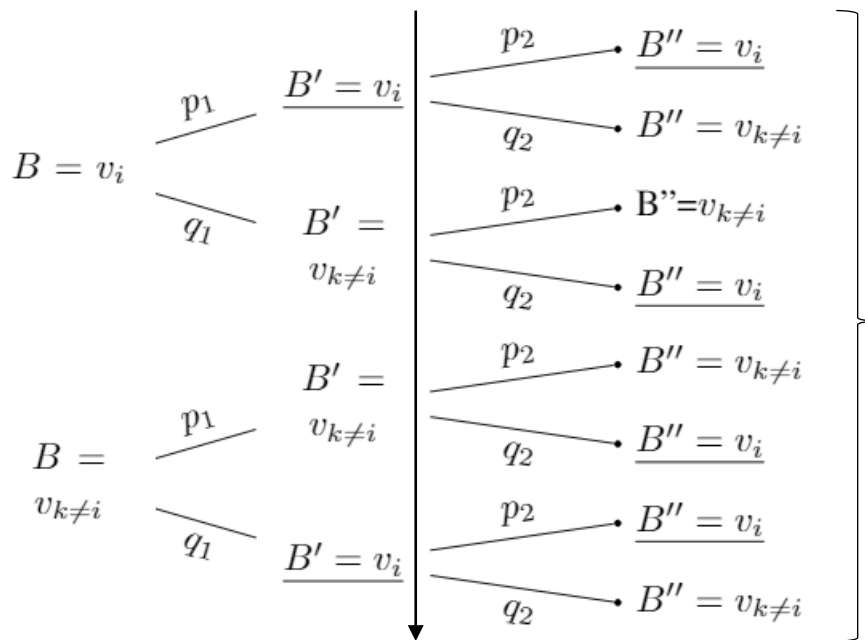
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- **Approximate** variance of the estimator:

$$\text{Var}^*[\hat{f}_L(v_i)] = \frac{(p_2q_1 - q_2(q_1 - 1))(-p_2q_1 + q_2(q_1 - 1) + 1)}{n(p_1 - q_1)^2(p_2 - q_2)^2}$$

**Unbiased estimation and variance development in the manuscript**

# Longitudinal GRR: $\epsilon$ study



$$\Pr[B''|B] = \begin{cases} \Pr[B'' = v_i|B = v_i] = p_1p_2 + q_1q_2 \\ \Pr[B'' = v_{k \neq i}|B = v_i] = p_1q_2 + q_1p_2 \\ \Pr[B'' = v_i|B = v_{k \neq i}] = p_1q_2 + q_1p_2 \\ \Pr[B'' = v_{k \neq i}|B = v_{k \neq i}] = p_1p_2 + q_1q_2 \end{cases}$$

First report:  $\epsilon_1 = \ln \left( \frac{p_1p_2 + q_1q_2}{p_1q_2 + q_1p_2} \right)$

Given  $\epsilon_\infty$  and  $\epsilon_1$ :

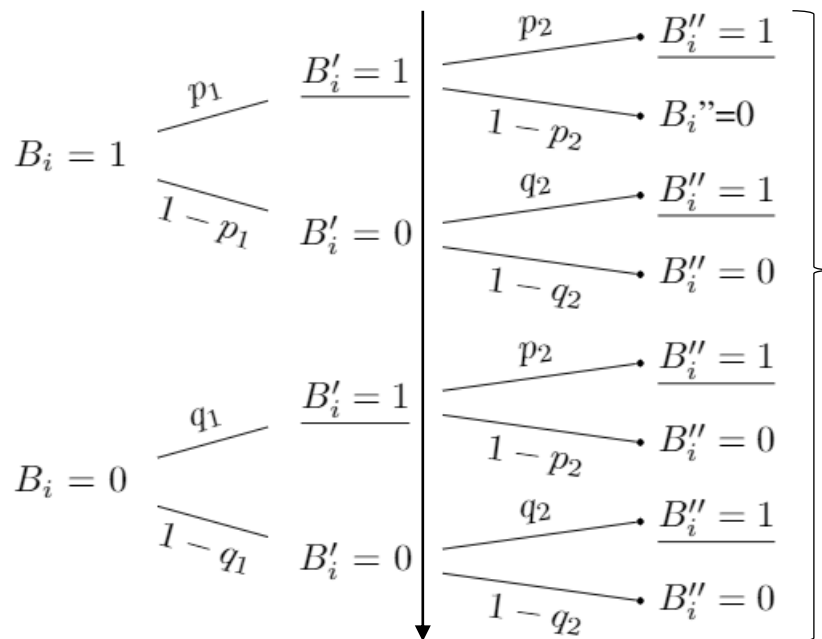
$$p_1 = \frac{e^{\epsilon_\infty}}{e^{\epsilon_\infty} + k_j - 1}, q_1 = \frac{1 - p_1}{k_j - 1}$$

Infinity reports:

$$\epsilon_\infty = \ln \left( \frac{p_1}{q_1} \right)$$

$$p_2 = \frac{e^{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_\infty} - 1}{-k_j e^{\epsilon_1} + (k_j - 1)e^{\epsilon_\infty} + e^{\epsilon_1} + e^{\epsilon_\infty + \epsilon_1} - 1}, q_2 = \frac{1 - p_2}{k_j - 1}$$

# Longitudinal UE: $\epsilon$ study



$$\Pr[B''_i | B_i] = \begin{cases} \Pr[B''_i = 1 | B_i = 1] = p_1 p_2 + (1 - p_1) q_2 \\ \Pr[B''_i = 0 | B_i = 1] = p_1 (1 - p_2) + (1 - p_1) (1 - q_2) \\ \Pr[B''_i = 1 | B_i = 0] = q_1 p_2 + (1 - q_1) q_2 \\ \Pr[B''_i = 0 | B_i = 0] = q_1 (1 - p_2) + (1 - q_1) (1 - q_2) \end{cases}$$

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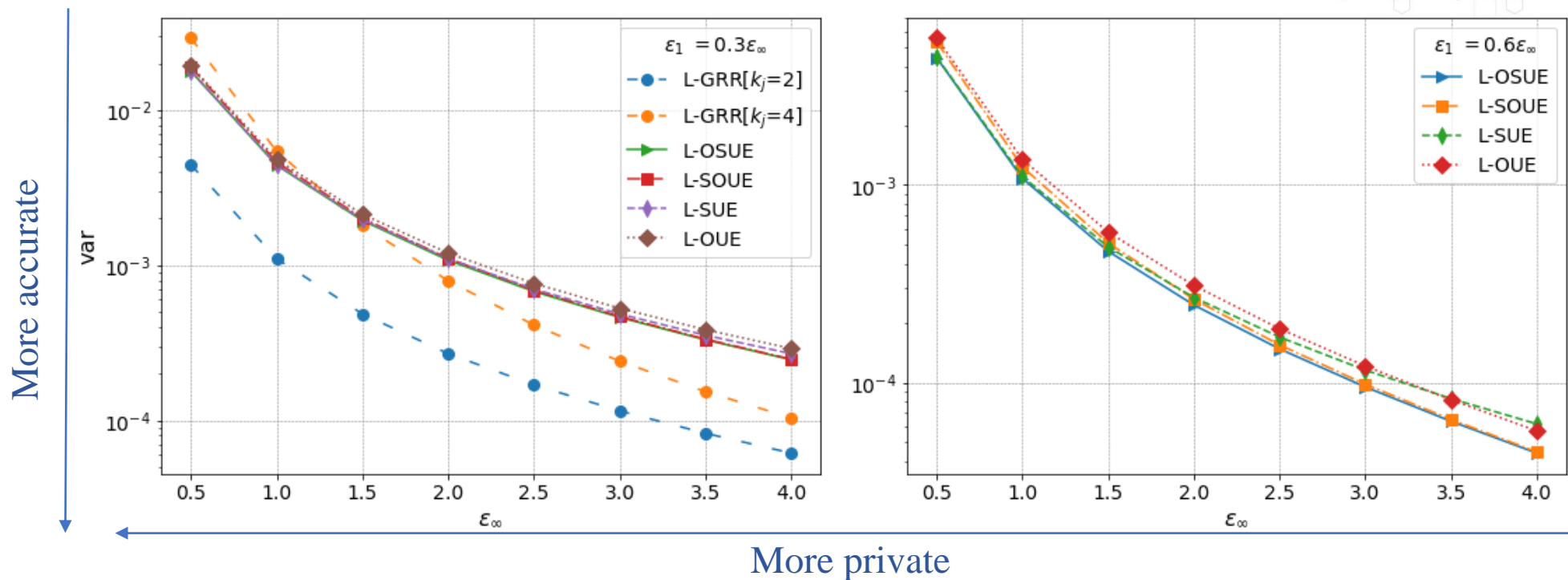
Given SUE and OUE:

- Apply OUE twice (L-OUE);
- Apply SUE twice (L-SUE);
- OUE then SUE (L-OSUE);
- SUE then OUE (L-SOUE).

Infinity reports:

$$\epsilon_\infty = \ln \left( \frac{p_1 (1 - q_1)}{(1 - p_1) q_1} \right)$$

# Num. Eval. of L-GRR and L-UE Variances



Adaptive LDP for LOngitudinal and Multidimensional FREquency Estimates

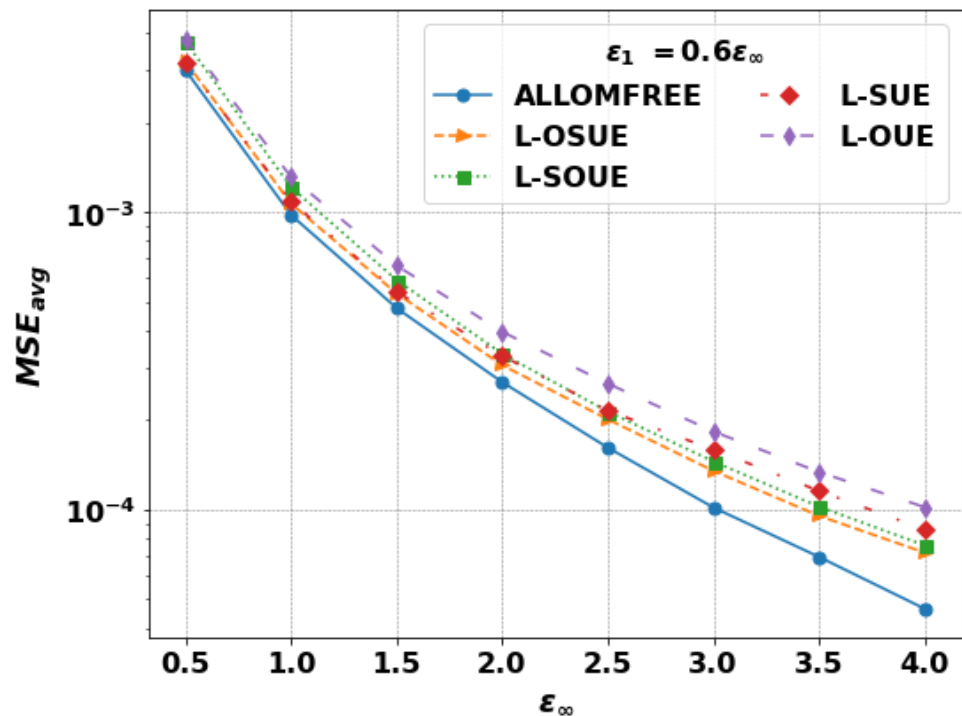
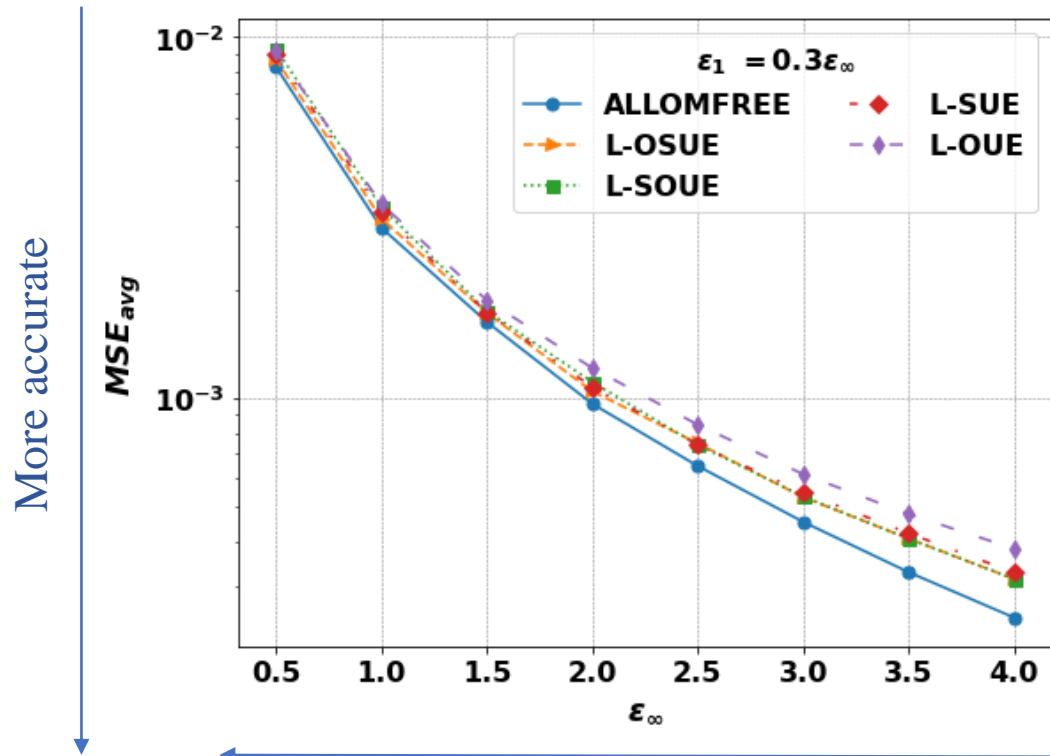
(ALLOMFREE):  $\min \left( Var^* \left[ \hat{f}_{L(L-GRR)} \right], Var^* \left[ \hat{f}_{L(L-OSUE)} \right] \right)$



- Dataset:
  - Census-Income\*:  $n = 299285$ ,  $d = 33$ ,  $\mathbf{k} = [9, 52, 47, 17, \dots, 3, 3, 2]$
- Evaluation:  $\epsilon_\infty = [0.5, 1, \dots, 3.5, 4]$  with  $\epsilon_1 = \{0.3\epsilon_\infty, 0.6\epsilon_\infty\}$ .
- Methods:
  - Smp: L-SUE, L-OUE, L-OSUE, L-SOUE;
  - ALLOMFREE (i.e., L-GRR or L-OSUE).
- Metric: Averaged MSE with  $\tau = 1$  (a single collection),

$$\text{MSE}_{avg} = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{t \in [1, \tau]} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j \in [1, d]} \frac{1}{|A_j|} \sum_{v_i \in A_j} (f(v_i) - \hat{f}(v_i))^2.$$

# Experimental Results on Census Dataset

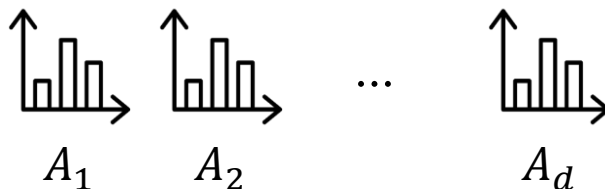


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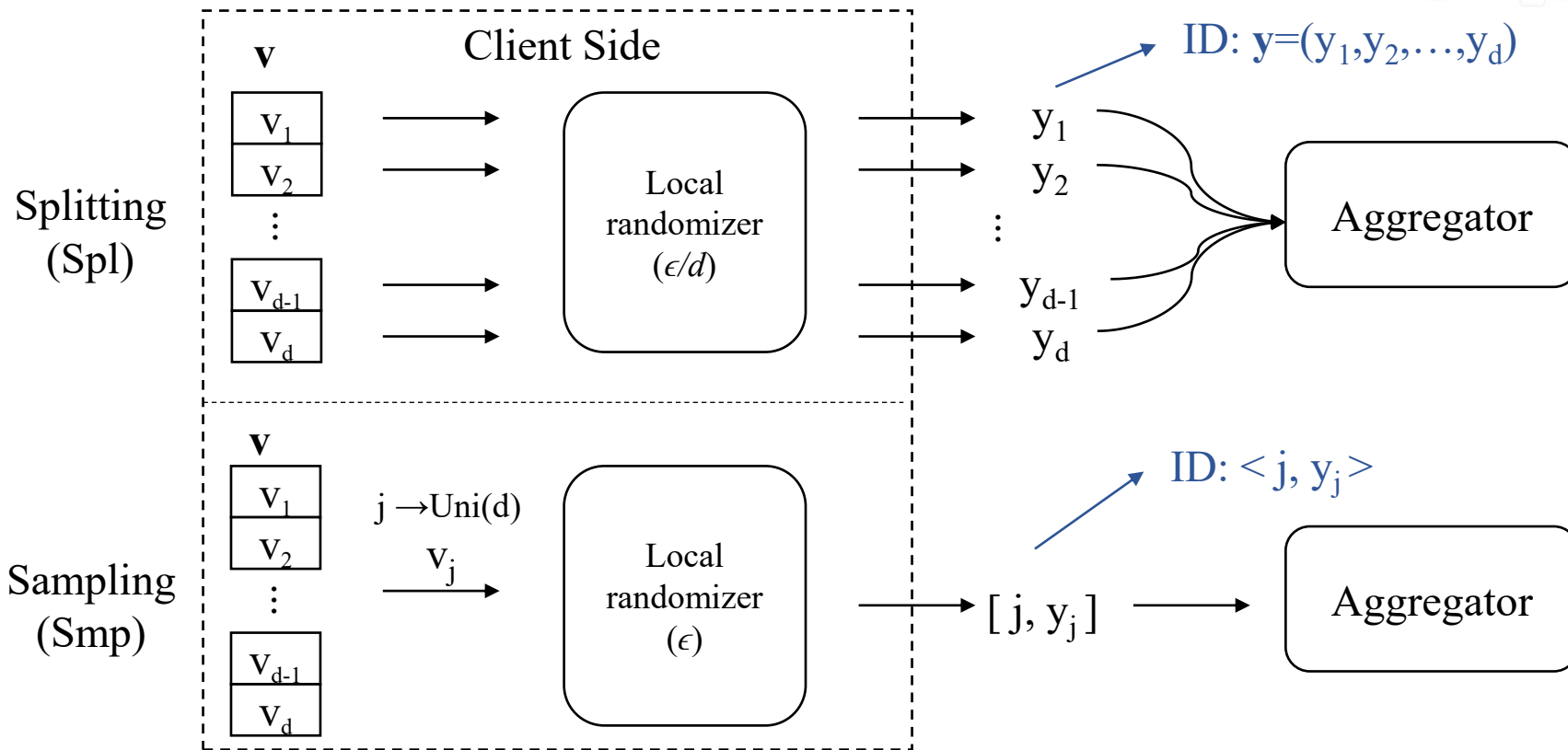
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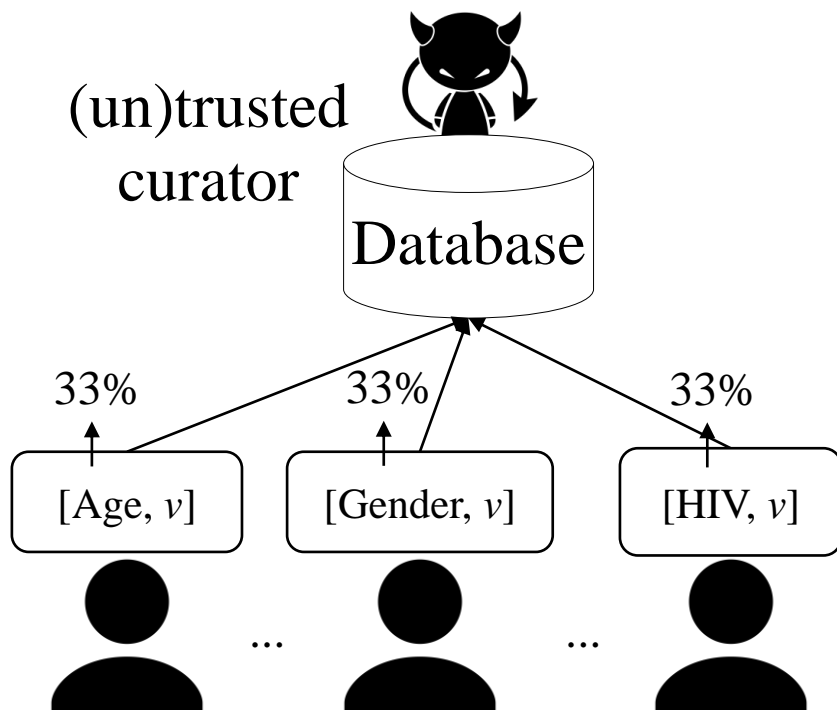
# State-of-the-Art for Multiple Attributes<sup>\*, \*\*</sup>



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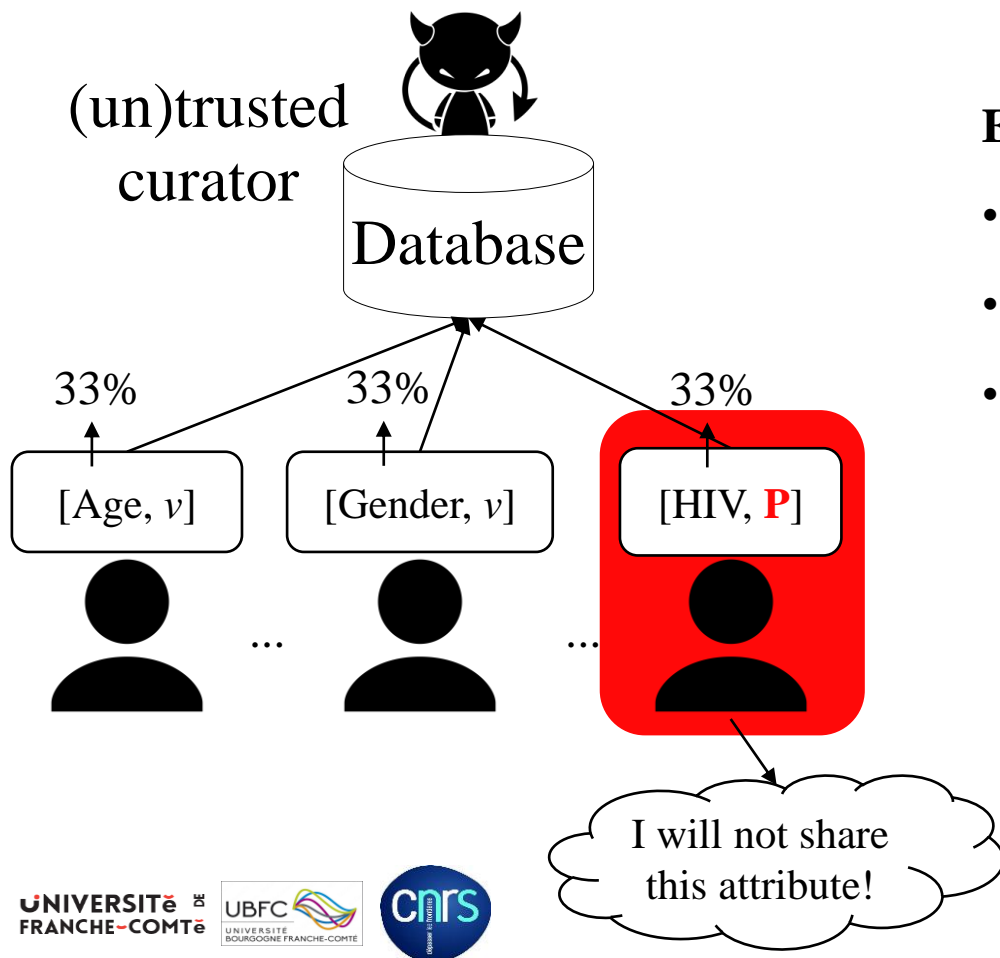
## Example:

GRR for attributes with small domain  
OUE otherwise

- $Smp[ADP] \rightarrow (\text{attribute}, \epsilon\text{-LDP value})$
- Application scenario: health data
- $\epsilon = 2$ ,  $d = 3$  attributes: age ( $k_1 = [1, \dots, 100]$ ), gender ( $k_2 = [M, F]$ ), and HIV ( $k_3 = [P, N]$ ).

# Why not *Smp*?

All attributes have equal  
'weight' in terms of privacy.



## Example:

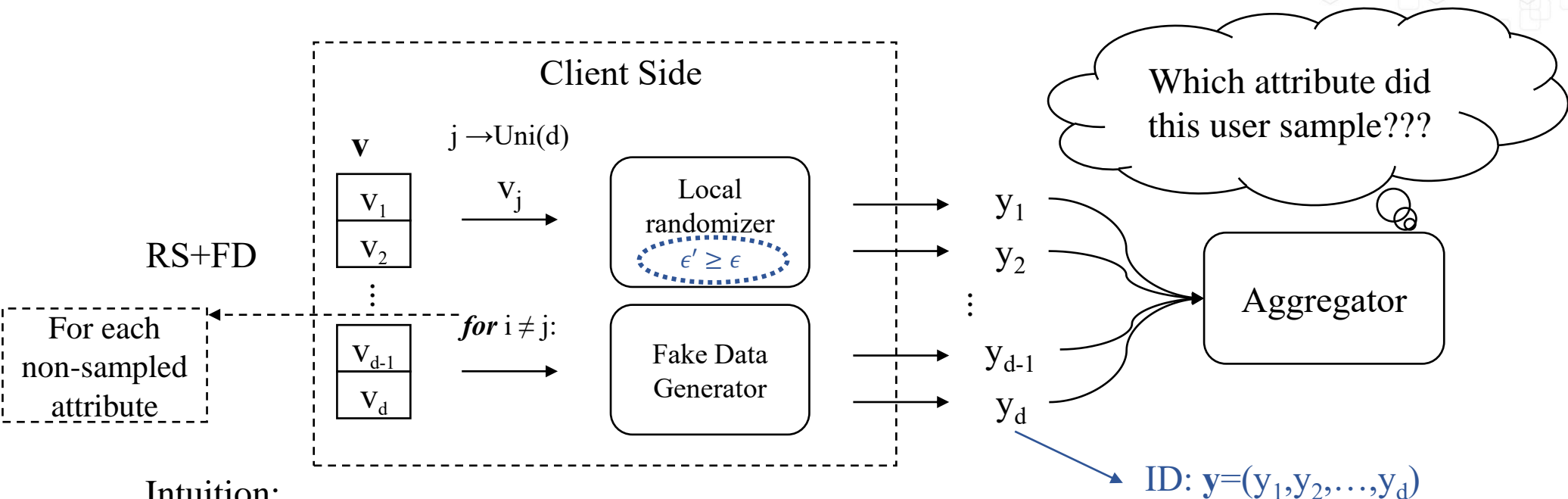
GRR for attributes with small domain  
OUE otherwise

- $Smp[ADP] \rightarrow (\text{attribute}, \epsilon\text{-LDP value})$
- Application scenario: health data
- $\epsilon = 2$ ,  $d = 3$  attributes: age ( $k_1 = [1, \dots, 100]$ ), gender ( $k_2 = [M, F]$ ), and HIV ( $k_3 = [P, N]$ ).

$$p_{grr} = \frac{e^\epsilon}{e^\epsilon + k_j - 1} \approx 0.88 \text{ (probability of 'being honest')}$$

$$q_{grr} = \frac{1 - p_{grr}}{k_j - 1} \approx 0.12 \text{ (probability of 'lying')}$$

# RS+FD: Random Sampling + Fake Data

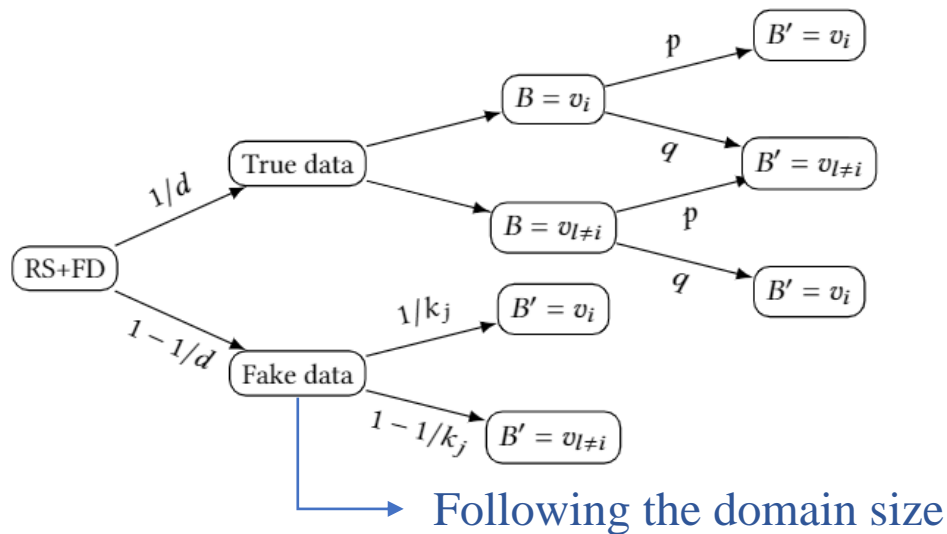


Intuition:

- RS+FD introduces **uncertainty** in the view of the aggregator.
- **Sampling result is not disclosed**, what is the impact in terms of privacy\*?



## Client-Side of RS+FD[GRR]:



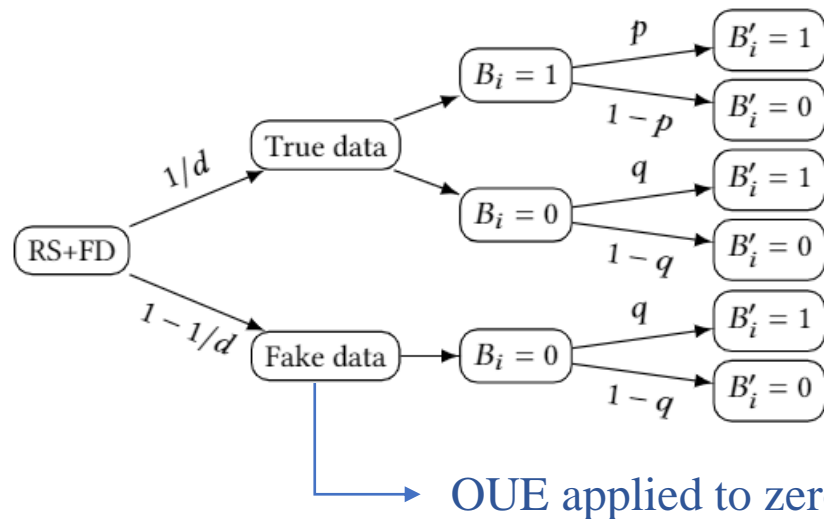
**Aggregator** → For each attribute  $j \in [1, d]$ , estimate:

$$\hat{f}(v_i) = \frac{N_i d k_j - n(d - 1 + q k_j)}{n k_j (p - q)}$$

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**Client-Side of RS+FD[OUE-z]:**



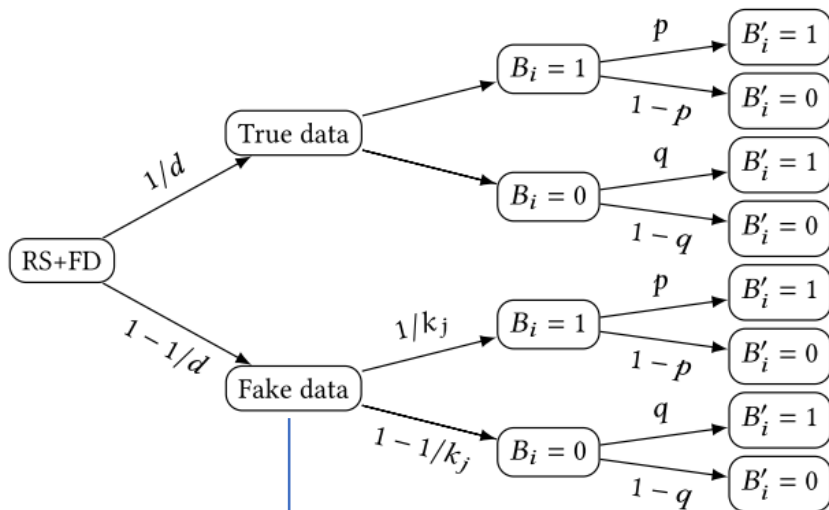
**Aggregator**  $\rightarrow$  For each attribute  $j \in [1, d]$ , estimate:

$$\hat{f}(v_i) = \frac{d(N_i - nq)}{n(p - q)}$$

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## Client-Side of RS+FD[OUE-r]:



OUE applied to random unary-encoded vectors

**Aggregator** → For each attribute  $j \in [1, d]$ , estimate:

$$\hat{f}(v_i) = \frac{N_i d k_j - n [q k_j + (p - q)(d - 1) + q k_j (d - 1)]}{n k_j (p - q)}$$

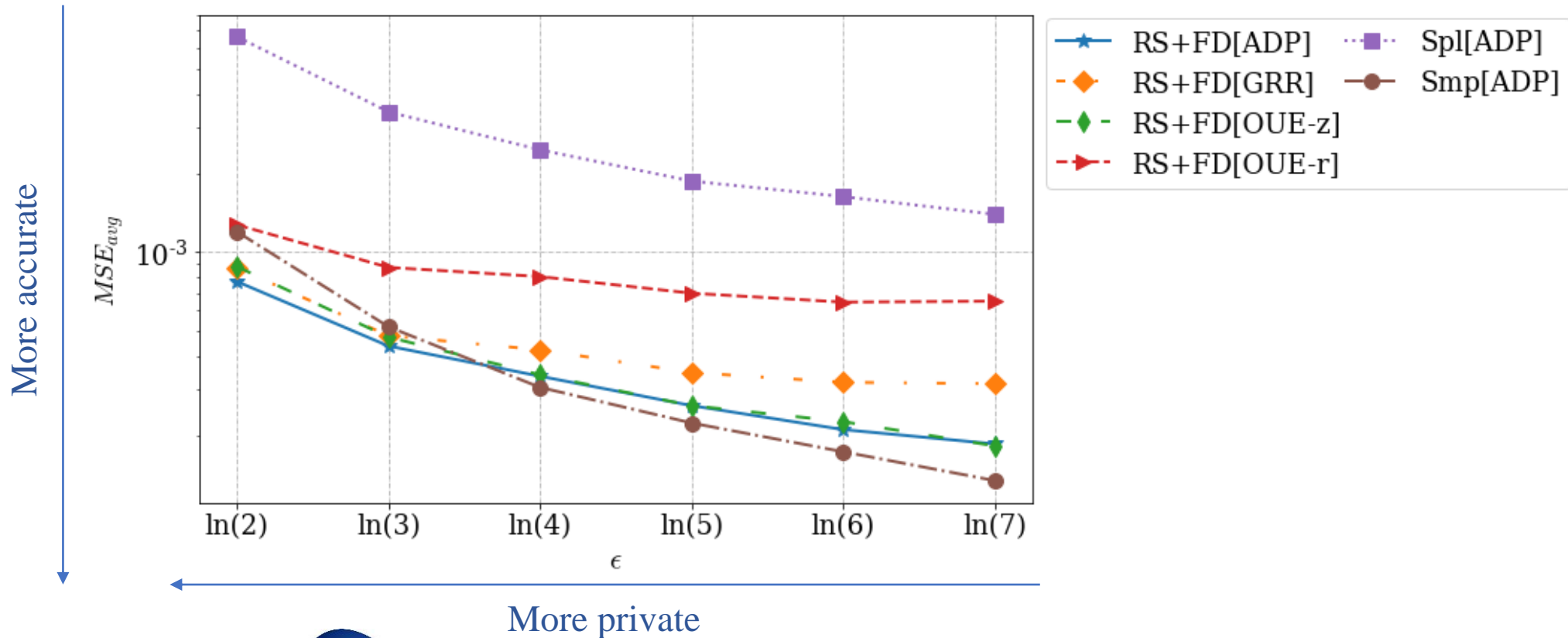
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- Dataset:
  - Census-Income\*:  $n = 299285$ ,  $d = 33$ ,  $\mathbf{k} = [9, 52, 47, 17, \dots, 3, 3, 2]$
- Evaluation:  $\epsilon = [\ln(2), \ln(3), \dots, \ln(7)]$ .
- Methods:
  - Spl: ADP (i.e., either GRR or OUE);
  - Smp: ADP;
  - RS+FD: GRR, OUE-z, OUE-r, and ADP (i.e., either GRR or OUE-z).
- Metric: Averaged MSE,

$$\text{MSE}_{avg} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j \in [1, d]} \frac{1}{|A_j|} \sum_{v_i \in A_j} (f(v_i) - \hat{f}(v_i))^2.$$



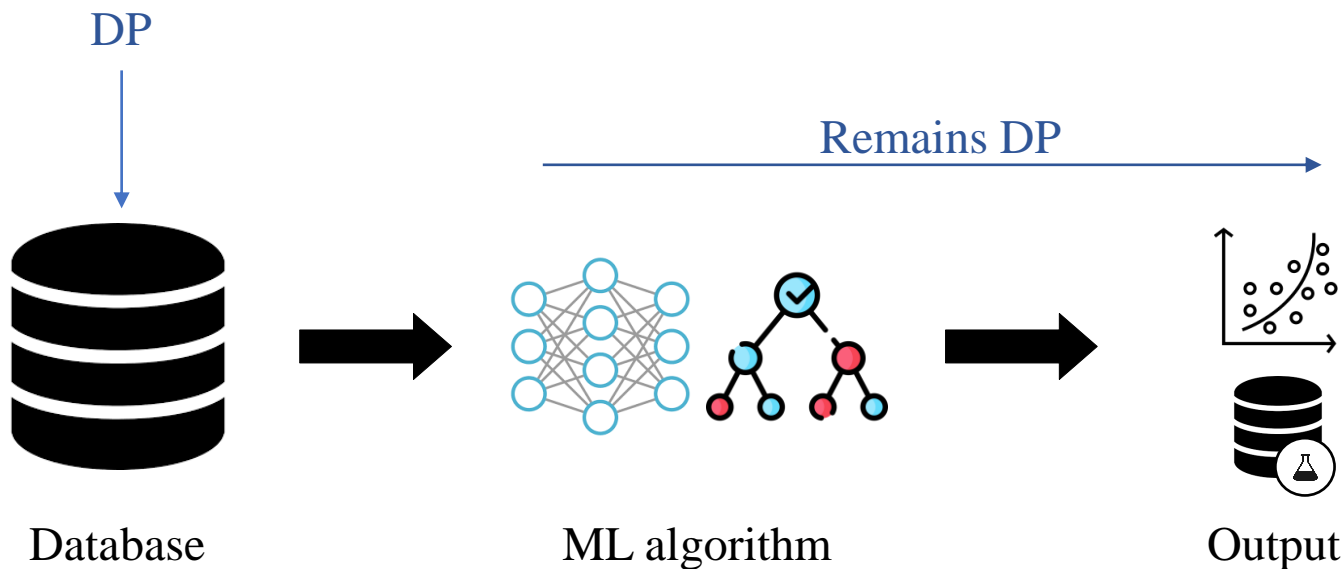




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# Problem Statement: Machine Learning

- **Tackled Issue:** Evaluation of the privacy-utility trade-off of training machine learning algorithms over differentially private data.
- **Motivation:** ML models are also susceptible to privacy attacks<sup>\*,\*\*</sup>.



\* Shokri, R., Stronati, M., Song, C., Shmatikov, V. Membership inference attacks against machine learning models. In: IEEE S&P (2017).

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YEAR	WEEK	CITY	REASON	NB_OPE
2018	10	AUVERS-SAINT-GEORGES	AID_TO_PEOPLE	4
2018	34	BROUY	AID_TO_PEOPLE	1
2018	35	BOUTIGNY-SUR-ESSONNE	AID_TO_PEOPLE	3
2018	32	ITTEVILLE	AID_TO_PEOPLE	1
2018	5	GUILLERVAL	AID_TO_PEOPLE	1

YEAR_MONTH	ZIP_CODE	CITY	AID_TO_PEOPLE
2008-4	71232	HAUTEFOND	1.0
2013-6	71450	ST MARTIN DE COMMUNE	0.0
2010-10	71469	ST PIERRE LE VIEUX	1.0
2009-5	71520	SEVREY	1.0
2013-7	71016	AZE	3.0

## Brouy

Commune in France

Brouy is a commune in the Essonne department in Île-de-France in northern France. Inhabitants of Brouy are known as Brogaçois.

[Wikipedia](#)

**Area:** 8.39 km²

**Population:** 144 (2015) [INSEE](#)

Generic Time ?  
Generic Location ?  
Generic Reason/Type

## Hautefond

Commune in France

Hautefond is a commune in the Saône-et-Loire department in the region of Bourgogne-Franche-Comté in eastern France. [Wikipedia](#)

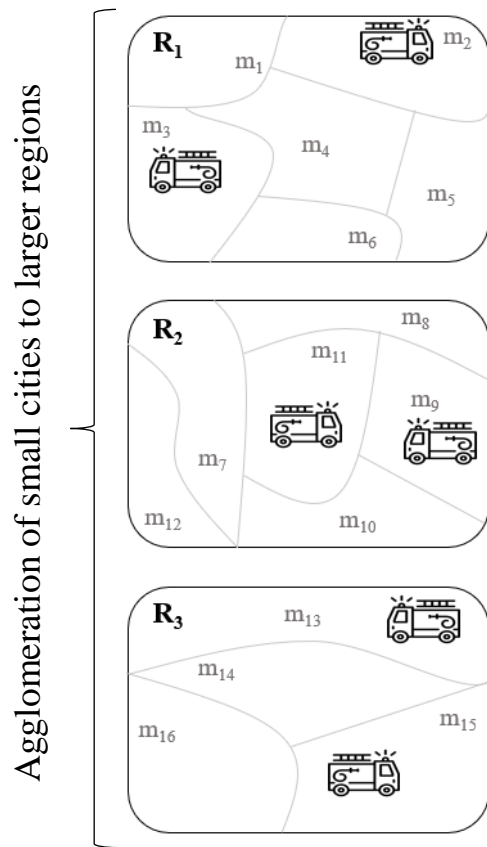
**Area:** 13.62 km²

**Weather:** 13°C, Wind S at 8 km/h, 72% Humidity [weather.com](#)

**Population:** 213 (2015) [INSEE](#)

## Target: Multivariate Operational Demand Forecast

# Our Solution: Generalization + DP



Interv. ID	SDate (YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS)	Region	Sanitization	$\epsilon$ -LDP
ID_1	2006-01-01 <del>00:05:23</del>	R <sub>1</sub>		[0, 1, 0]
ID_2	2006-01-01 <del>00:15:55</del>	R <sub>1</sub>		[1, 0, 1]
ID_3	2006-01-01 <del>01:24:12</del>	R <sub>2</sub>		[1, 1, 0]
...	...	...		...
...	...	...		...
ID_n-2	2018-12-31 <del>23:30:25</del>	R <sub>2</sub>		[1, 1, 1]
ID_n-1	2018-12-31 <del>23:45:23</del>	R <sub>3</sub>		[0, 1, 1]
ID_n	2018-12-31 <del>23:59:30</del>	R <sub>3</sub>		[0, 0, 0]

GRR, SUE, OUE, ...

The data analyst can aggregate by any period s/he wishes (e.g., 1-day, 3-days, 1-week, 1-month, ...)

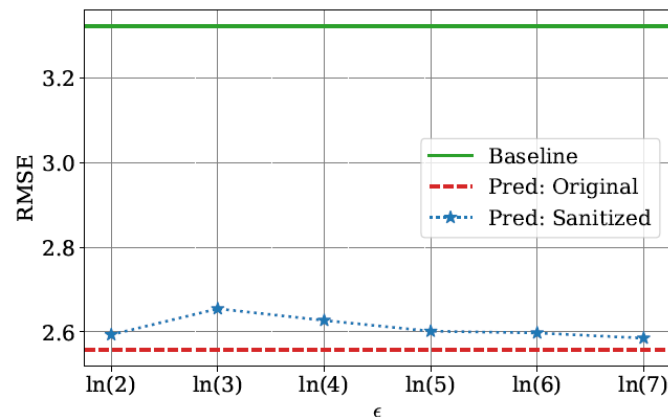
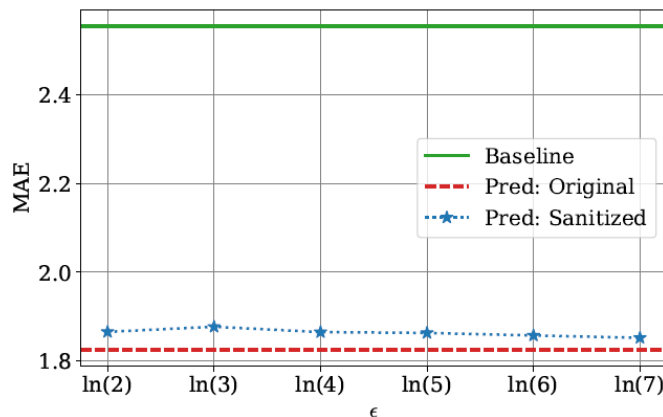
Daily  
Generalization

Sanitized  
Region

Sanitized  
Dataset

# Impact on Predictions of Daily Demand

- **Target:** Number of operations **per day** and **per region**.
- **Metrics:** Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE);
- **ML technique:** eXtreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost).
- **Methods:** Baseline (average per day of the week), XGBoost trained over original and **sanitized data**.





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# Firemen Operation: Open Data\*



Date/Time	Incident #	Level	Units	Location	Type
12/23/2021 4:28:37 AM	F210141750 1	M17		3900 7th Ave Ne	Medic Response
12/23/2021 4:27:22 AM	F210141748 1	A5		607 3rd Ave	Aid Response
12/23/2021 4:28:37 AM	F210141750 1	E17		3900 7th Ave Ne	Medic Response
12/23/2021 4:10:09 AM	F210141747 1	E31		2140 N Northgate Way	Aid Response
12/23/2021 3:50:06 AM	F210141743 1	M28		6900 37th Ave S	Medic Response



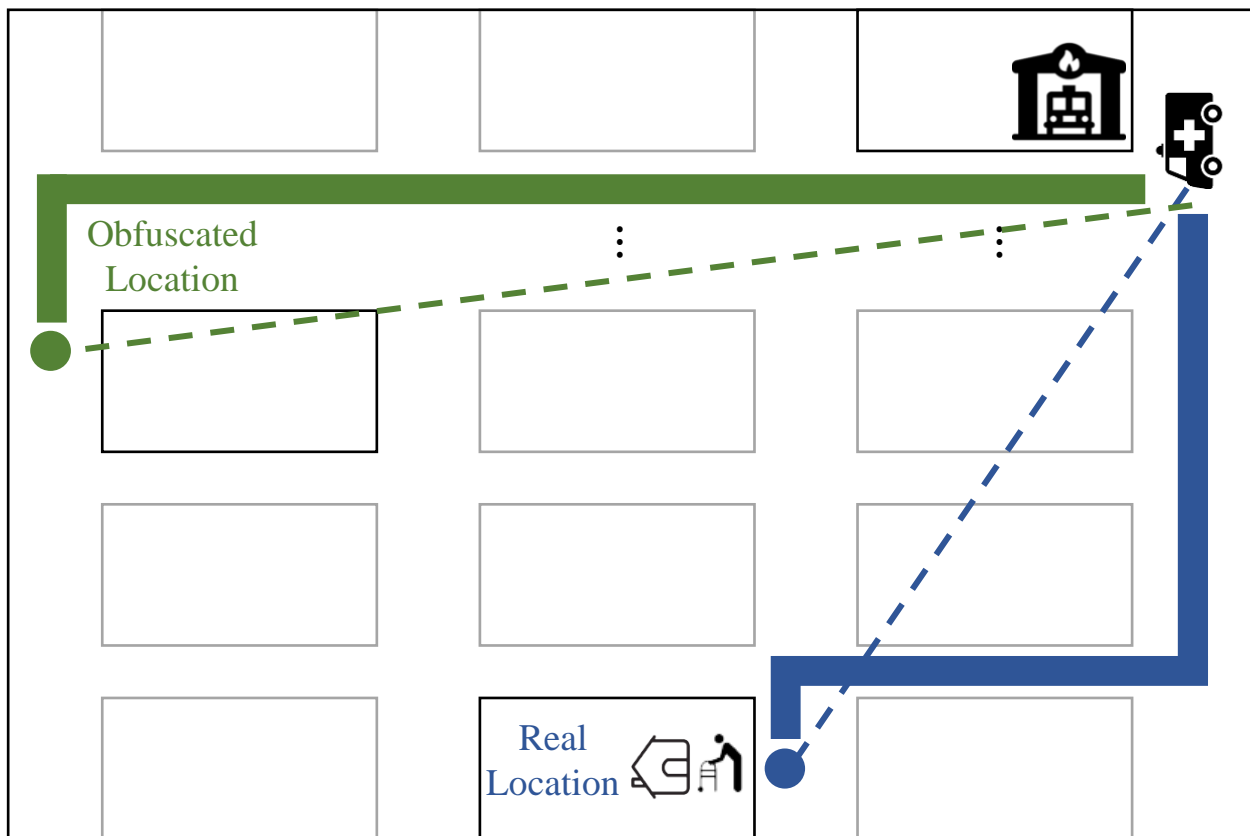
Precise Time  
Precise Location  
Generic Reason/Type

With both locations: Fire brigade and intervention  
**Target: Predict ambulance response time (ART)**



Time measured  
from the call until  
an ambulance  
arrives at the  
emergency scene.

# Need a Precise Location to Predict ART?

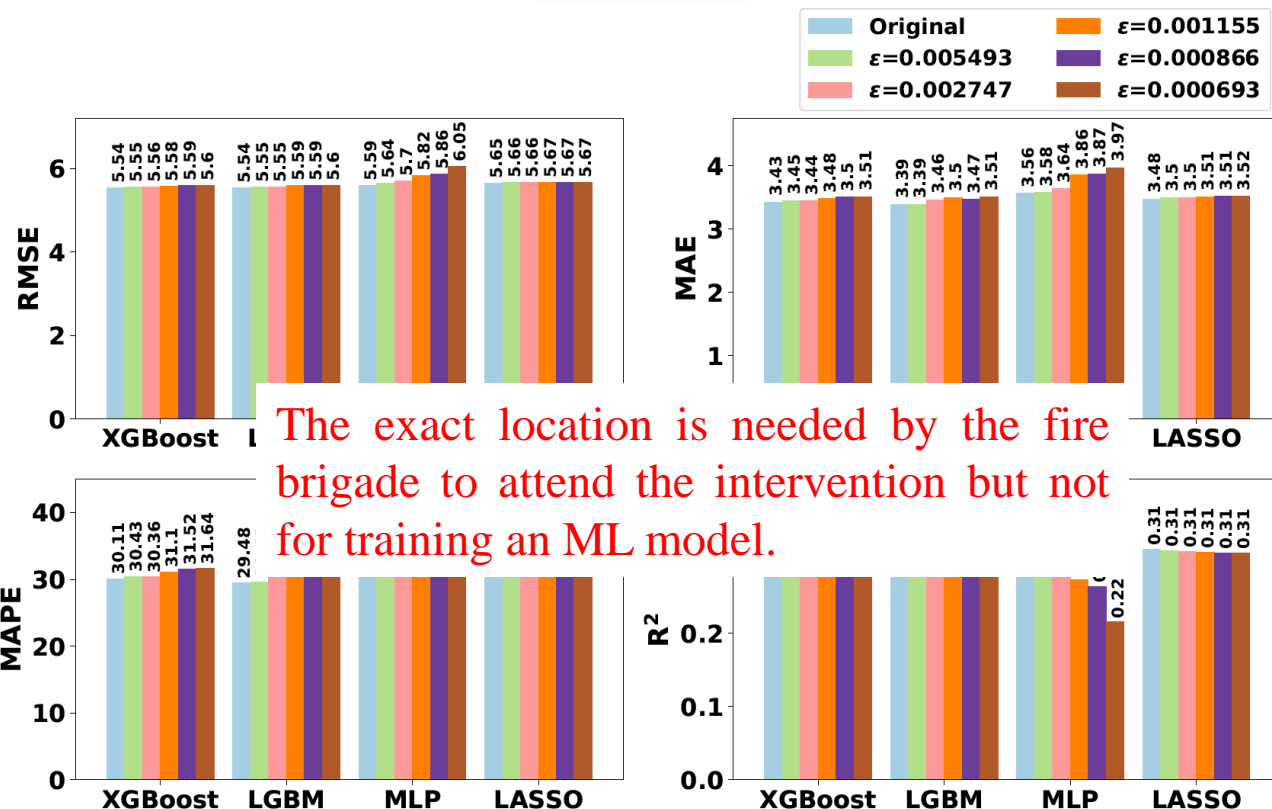


Obfuscation of emergency location data (i.e., latitude & longitude) using Planar Laplace Mechanism\*;

Additional perturbation:

- Estimated travel time;
- Estimated travel distance;
- Euclidean distance;
- Neighborhood, city, zone;
- ...

Dataset: Departure's history of SDIS 25 ambulances



Metrics:

- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
- Mean Absolute Error (MAE)
- Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE)
- Coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ )

ML Techniques:

- eXtreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)
- Light Gradient Boosted Machine (LGBM)
- Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)
- Least Absolute Shrinkage and Selection Operator (LASSO)



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# Providing Synthetic Data for Mobility

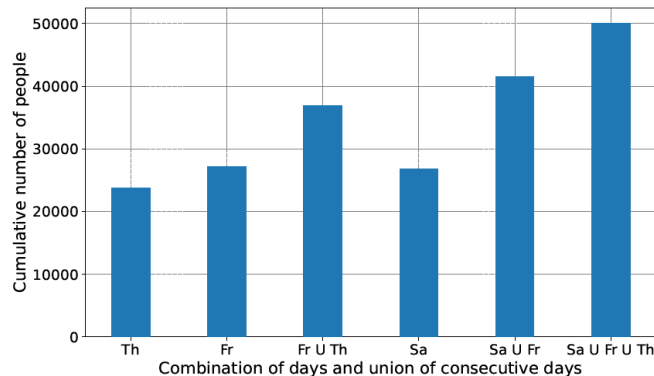


Input Flux  
Vision® data

Solve mobility scenario  
expressed as Linear Program

Get frequency per day by:  
age ranges, gender  
socio-professional categories, ...

Generate virtual humans  
(VH) for each day



Multiple Attributes:  
Gender, Age-ranges,  
Sleeping Area, ...

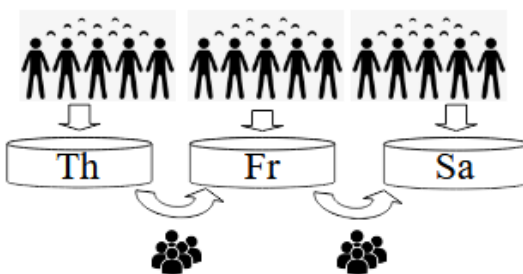
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	Th	Th	Th	Th
Fr				
Sa	x1	x2	x3	x4
Sa	x5	x6	x7	x8

Legend:   
Th   
Sa U Fr

Solves for  $Nb$  days:  
 $2^{Nb} - 1$  combinations  
of day intersections.

New VHs



MS-FIMU → Longitudinal and Multidimensional Dataset of Categorical Attributes:

- $d = 7$  attributes;  $n = 88,935$  unique users;  $Nb = 7$  days;
- Averaged Mean Relative Error  $\approx 8\%$

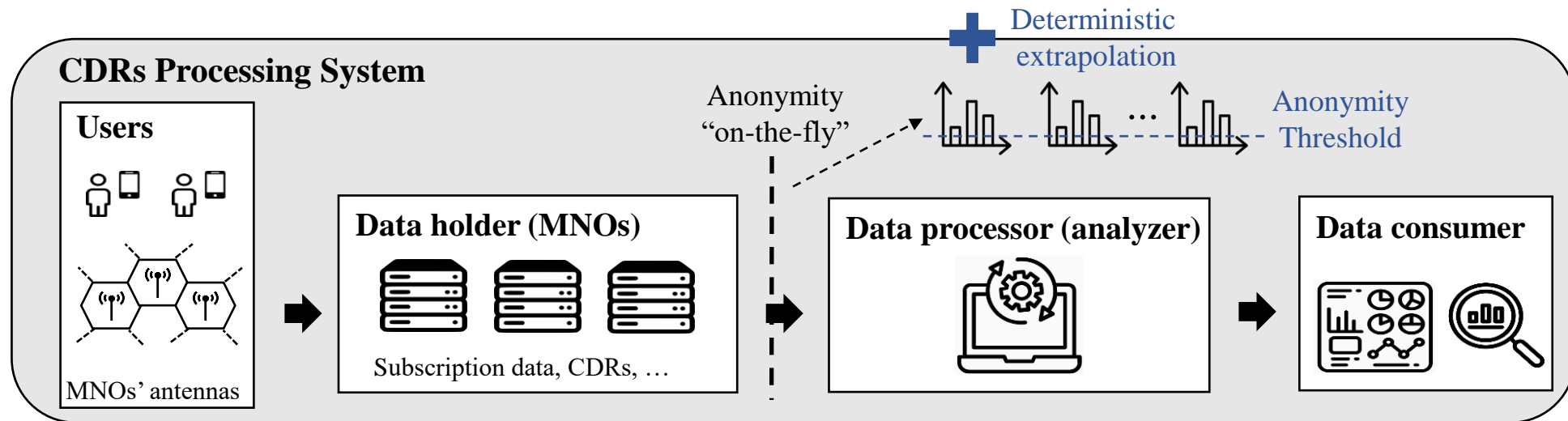
Person ID	Name	Gender	Age	...	Visitor category	Region
91	Adrien Clement	M	45-54	...	French tourist	Alsace
32947	Grégoire Didier	M	25-34	...	French tourist	Franche-Comté
53990	Marie Le Lemaitre	F	25-34	...	Resident	Franche-Comté
58664	Michelle-Céline Marion	F	25-34	...	Resident	Franche-Comté

Date ID	Date
1	2017-05-31
2	2017-06-01
...	...
7	2017-06-06

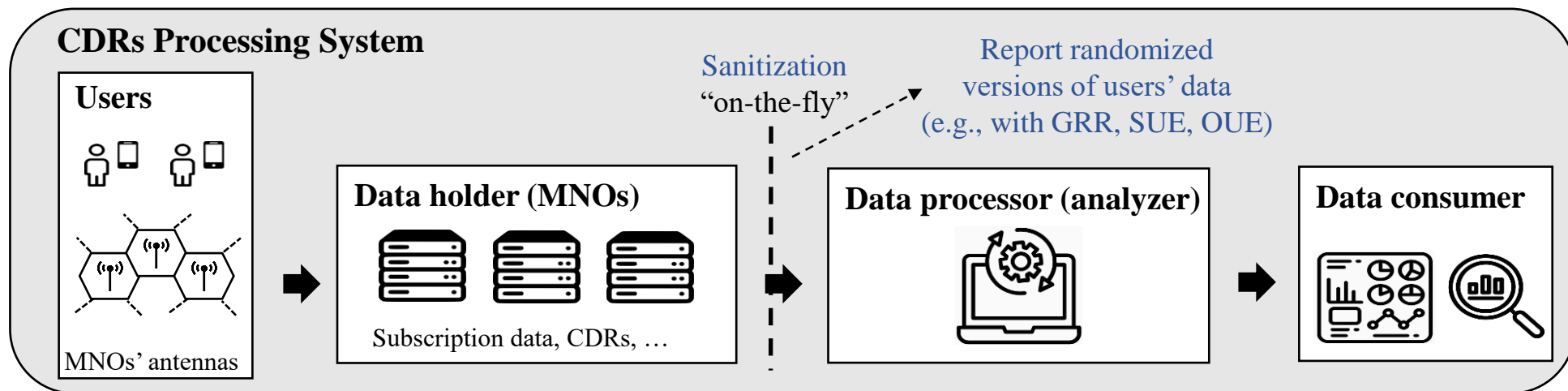
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2	234	5	4h



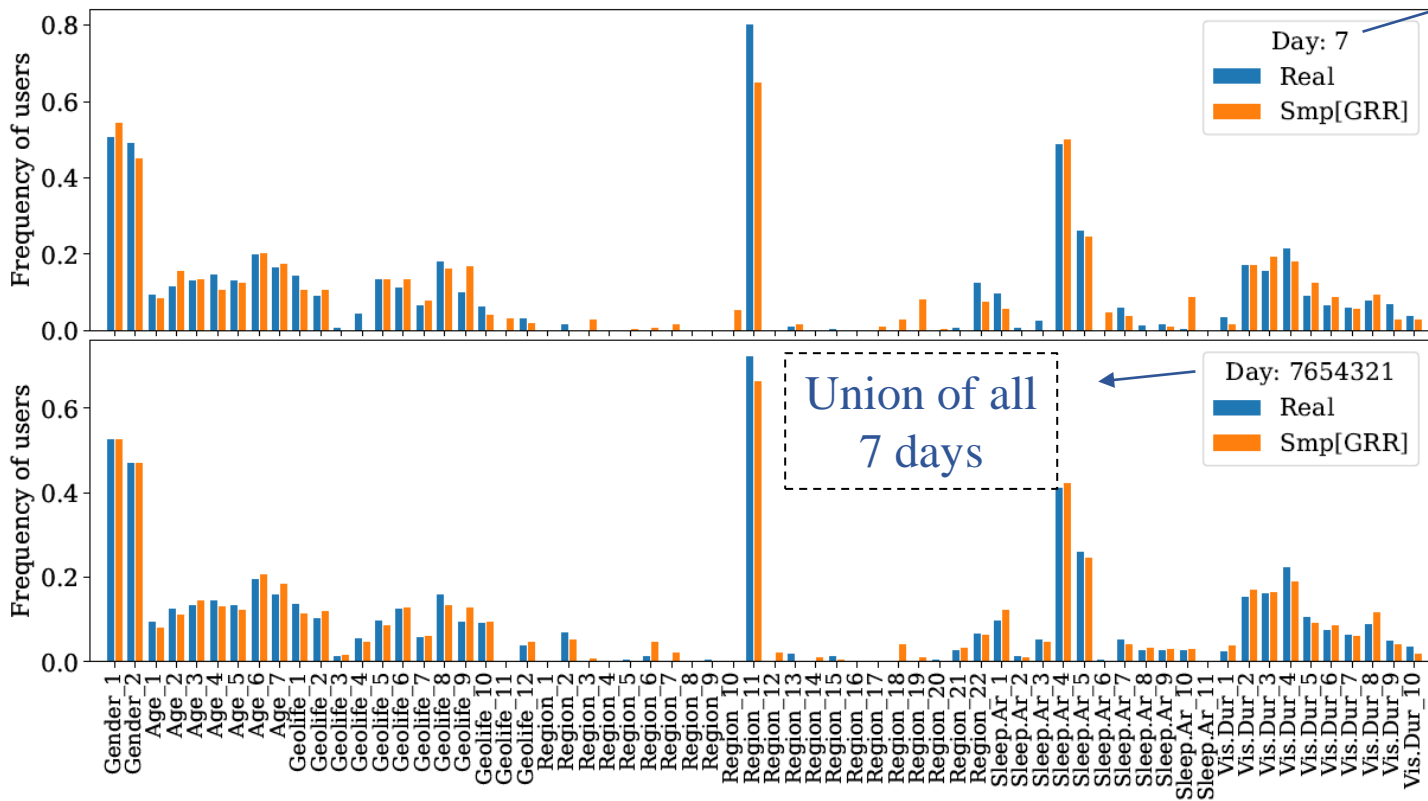
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- Advantage: This scenario considers a *strong adversary* and *strong restrictions* for MNOs.
- Issue: The use of local randomizers can lead to great *loss of utility*.



A single day

Dataset:

- MS-FIMU

Method:

- Smp[GRR];

Privacy budget:

- $\epsilon = 1$



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## General Conclusion:

- We published an open dataset MS-FIMU of categorical attributes based on real-world mobility analytics (longitudinal and multidimensional);
- We proposed a CDRs processing system with DP guarantees at the user level for human mobility analytics;
- We optimized the utility of LDP protocols (i.e., L-GRR and L-OSUE) for longitudinal frequency estimates through memoization with theoretical proofs;
- We improved utility and privacy in multiple frequency estimates under LDP through generic frameworks (i.e., ALLOMFREE and RS+FD);
- We empirically evaluated the privacy-utility trade-off of differentially private machine learning models on real-world datasets/tasks.



## Perspectives:

- Improve RS+FD with realistic fake data;
- Design more enhanced post-processing methods (e.g., Expectation-Maximization algorithm) for ALLOMFREE and RS+FD;
- Cast other LDP protocols into RS+FD, including longitudinal ones;
- Evaluate performance VS privacy protection of ALLOMFREE and RS+FD on generating synthetic data for ML classification/regression tasks;
- Attack RS+FD, i.e., try to correctly guess the sampled attribute of each user;
- Evaluate the privacy-utility trade-off of differentially private ML models against attacks (e.g., membership inference attacks).
- Build a python library for multiple frequency estimates under LDP.





# Thank you for your attention!

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