

>>> **Privacy-Preserving Data Generation:**
>>> Towards Generating Privacy-Preserving, Synthetic and
Useful Time Series ECG Data for Anomaly Detection

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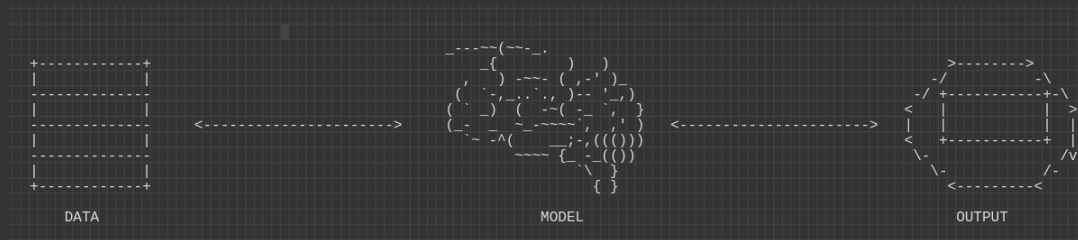
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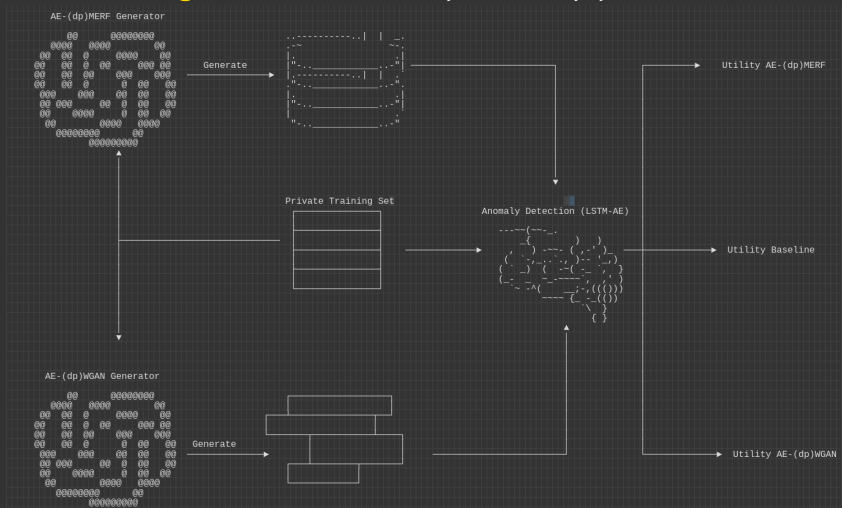
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- For **anomaly detection** this might not be the case (?).

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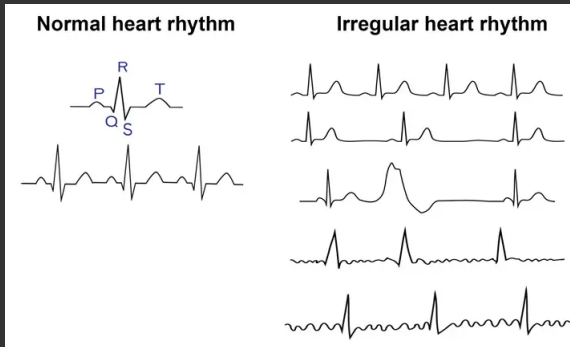


Figure: Different heartbeat arrhythmias ¹

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Two reasons for this semi-supervised approach: high class imbalance and no need for labelling.

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Model is a LSTM-AE that is **trained only on regular, private samples** with the goal to reconstruct normal samples. The classification is made based on the reconstruction error.

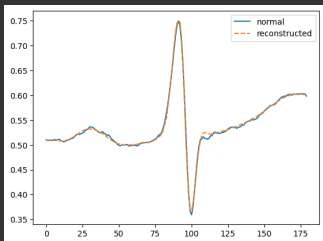


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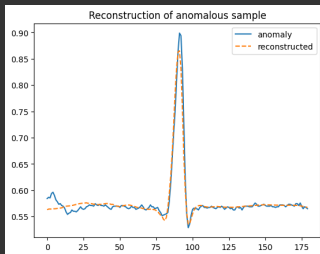


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Informally. Replacing one record in the data will not change the outcome of algorithm \mathcal{M} *too much* (specified via privacy budget ϵ). The lower ϵ the stricter the privacy guarantees.

>>> Examples of DP mechanism

\$ Gaussian mechanism

- Add **Gaussian noise** to output of some function.
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\$ DP-SGD

- DP version for training neural networks
- **Add noise to gradients** while training

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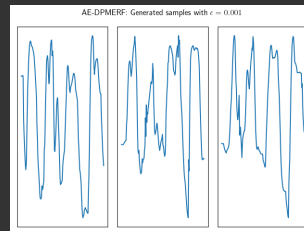
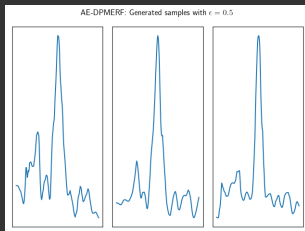
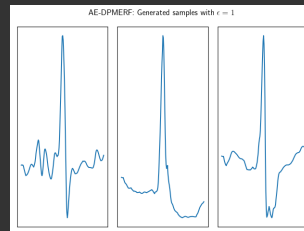
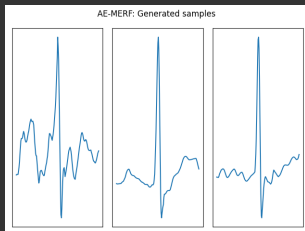


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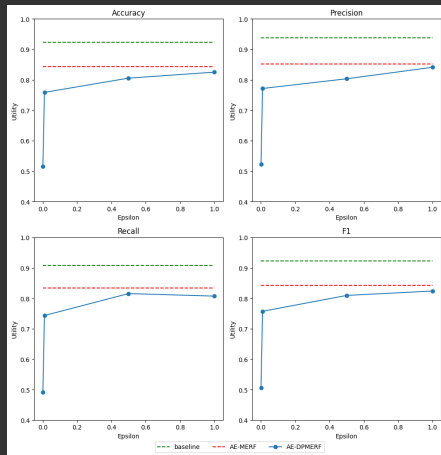


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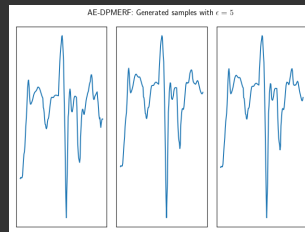
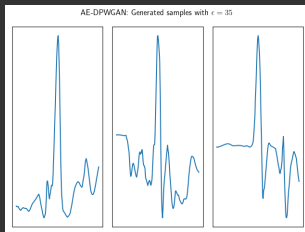
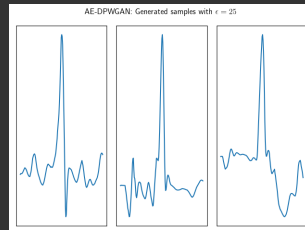
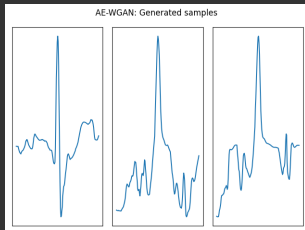


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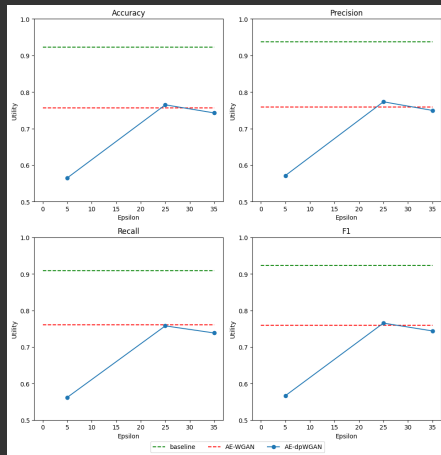


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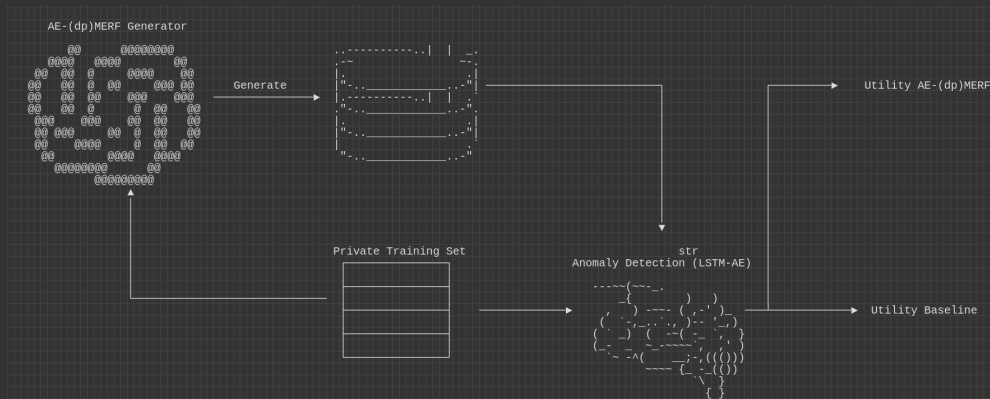


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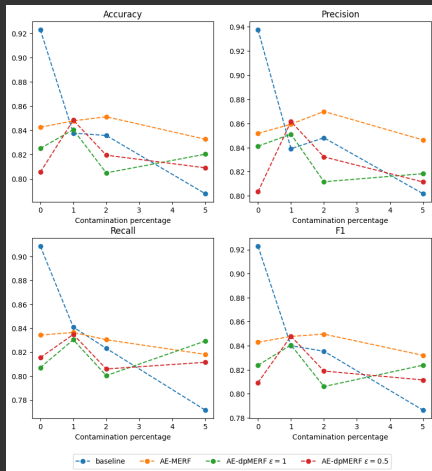
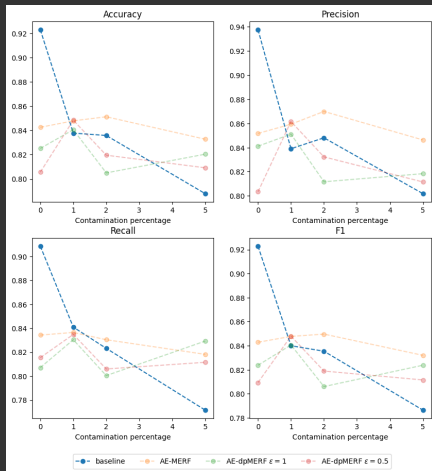


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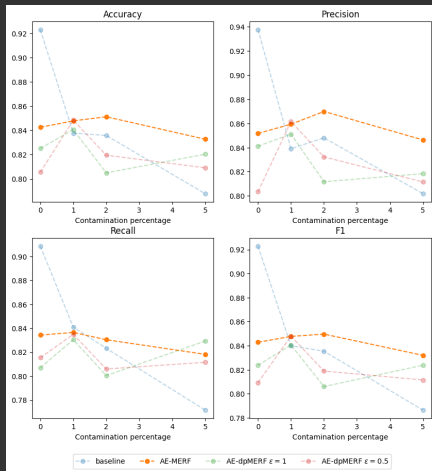
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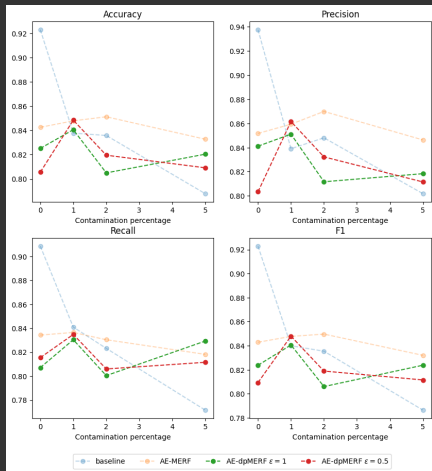


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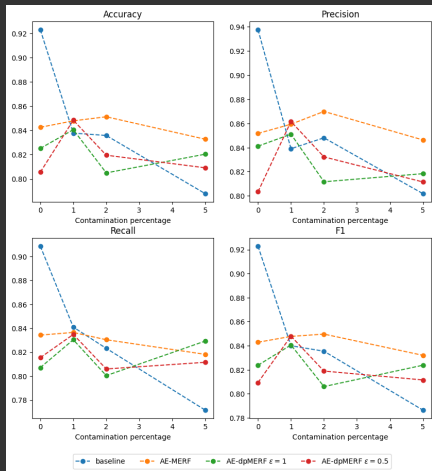
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Hypothesis: Noise added during data generation and DP noise can have a **regularising effect** on the synthetic data which counteracts the contamination.

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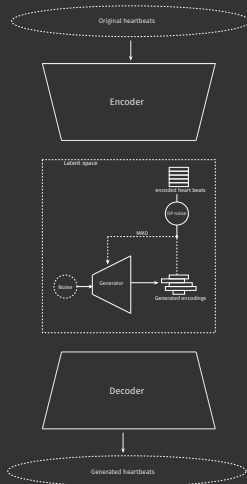


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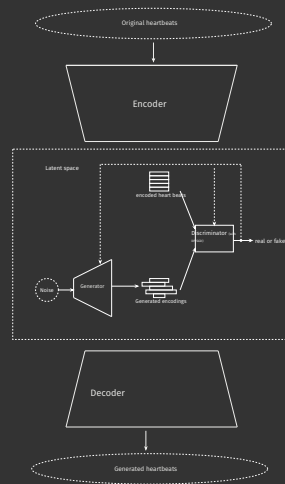


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>>> Performance metrics

\$ Accuracy measures the overall percentage of correct classifications:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN} \quad . \quad (4)$$

\$ Precision looks only on the samples that are labelled as anomalies and computes the percentages of correctly detected anomalies:

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad . \quad (5)$$

\$ Recall looks at all true anomalies and computes the percentage of correctly detected anomalies

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad . \quad (6)$$

\$ F1 computes the an average of Precision and Recall

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>>> DP Illustrated

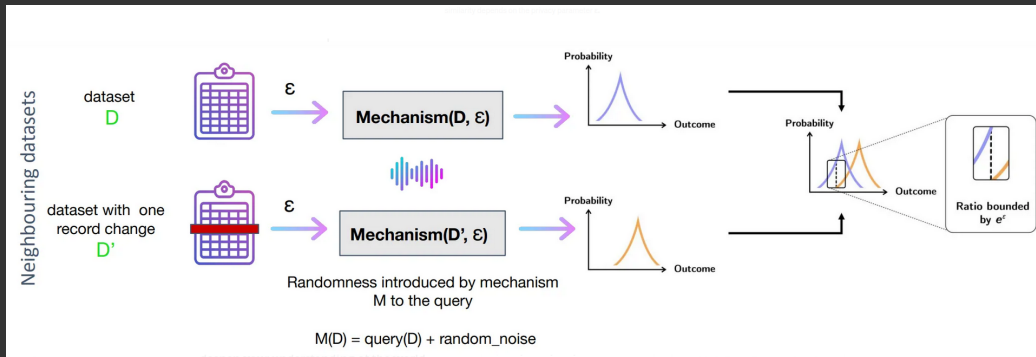
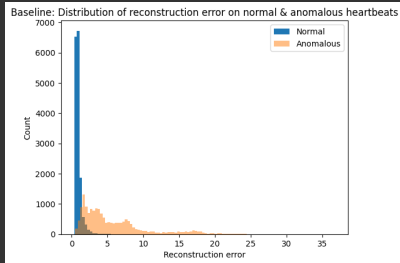


Figure: Illustration of DP²

²taken from: <https://medium.com/dsaid-govtech/protecting-your-data-privacy-with-differential-privacy-an-introduction-abee1d7fcb63>

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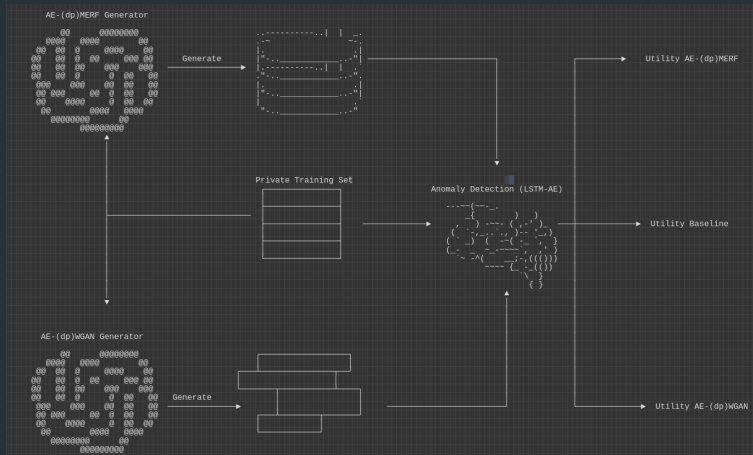


We can clearly see a **difference in error distribution** for regular and anomalous samples. We choose the **threshold that maximises the classification accuracy**.

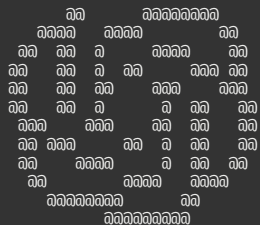
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Terminal



AE-(dp)MERF Generator



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Private Training Set

Anomaly Detection (LSTM-AE)

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