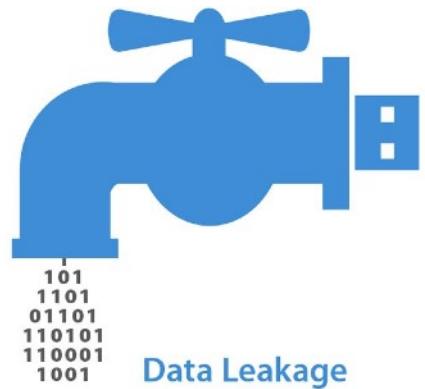




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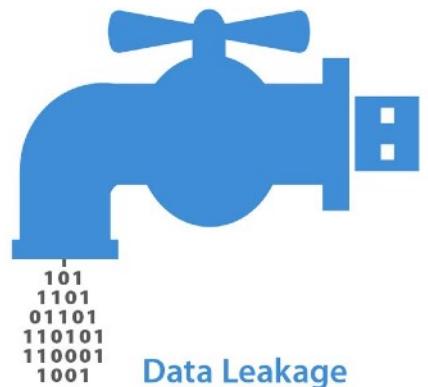
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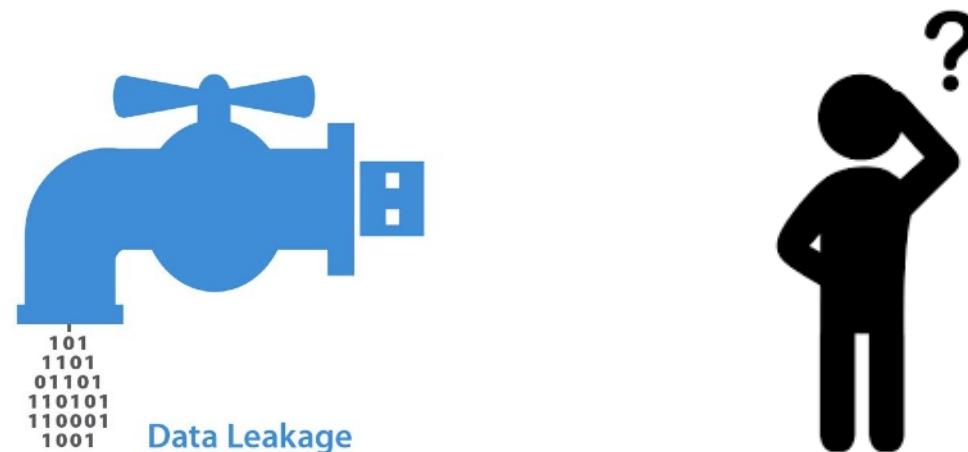
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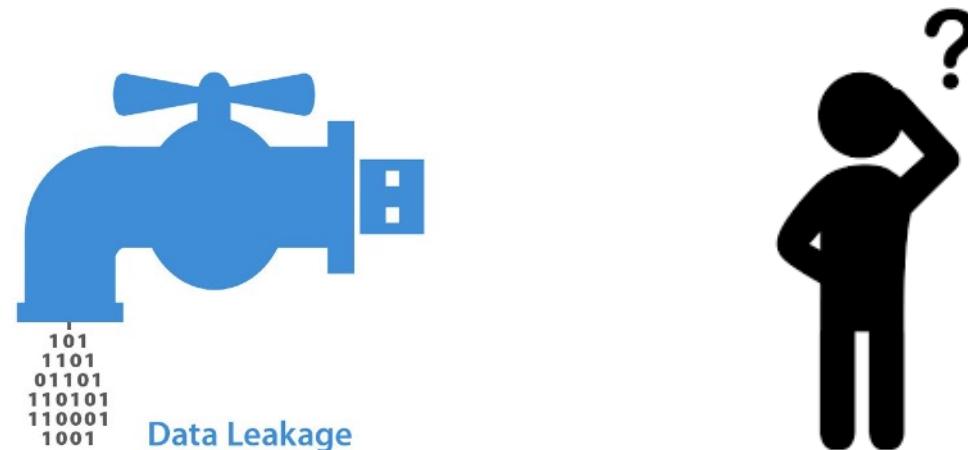
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In a nutshell: given a gender classifier, infer race of people in Bob's photos

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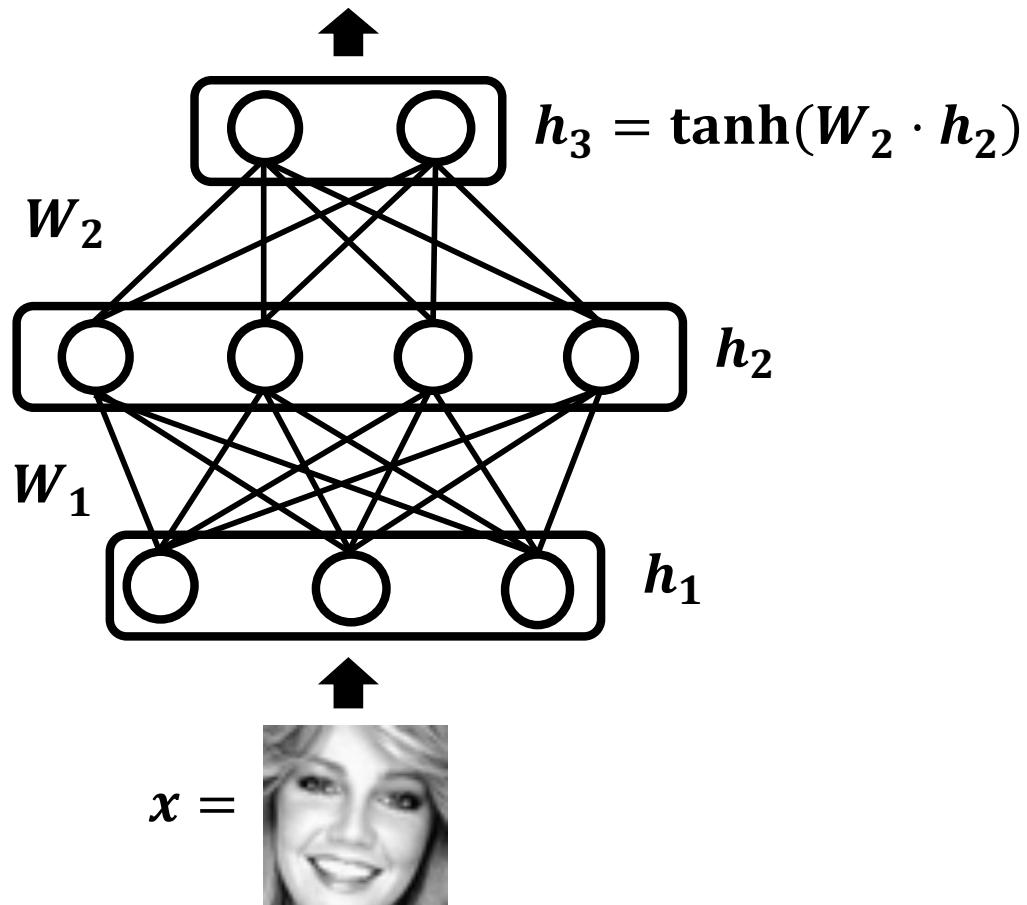
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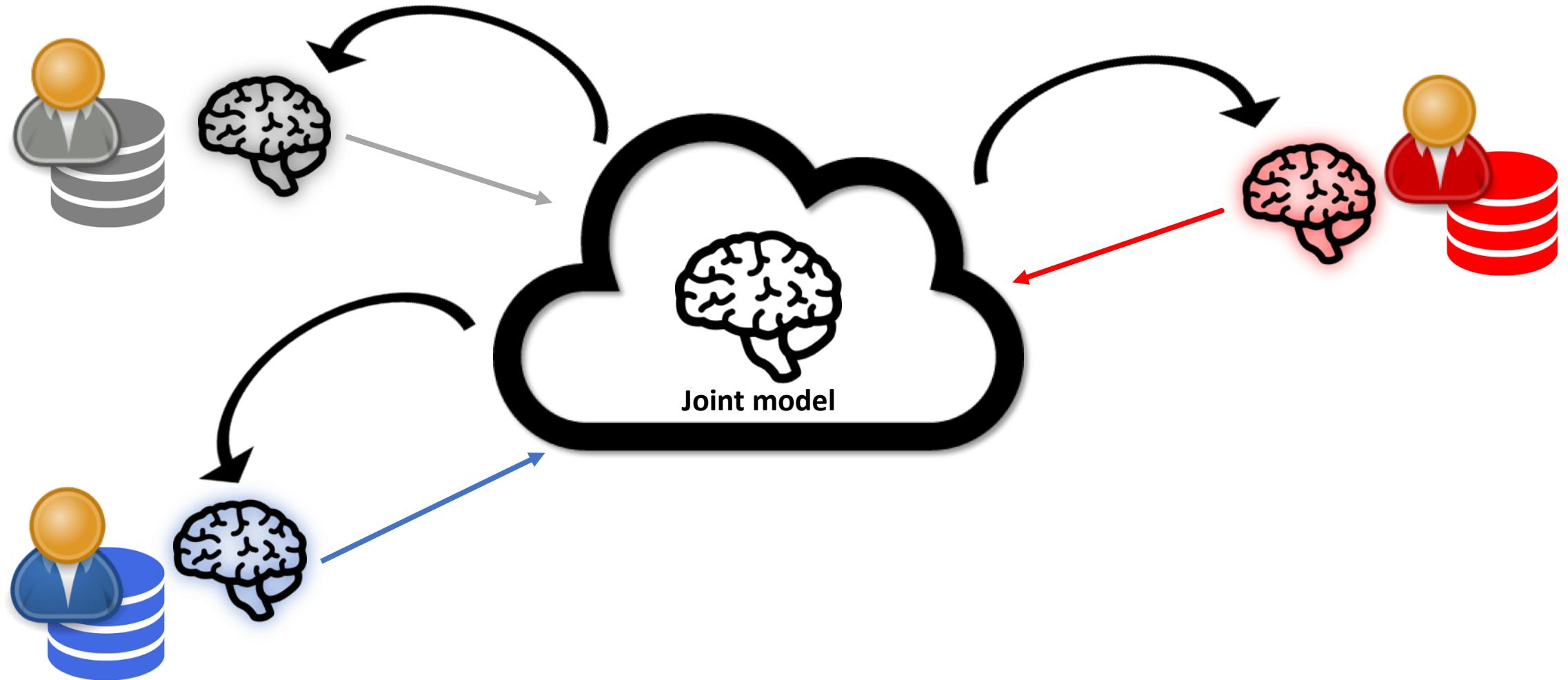
# Deep Learning

$$f(x) = p(\text{female}) = 0.9$$



- Map input  $x$  to layers of hidden representations  $h$ , then to output  $y$
- $h_{l+1} = a(W_l \cdot h_l)$  with parameter  $W_l$
- Train model to minimizes loss:  
$$W = \operatorname{argmin}_W L(f(x), y)$$
- Gradient descent on parameters:
  - Each iteration train on a batch
  - Update  $W$  based on gradient of  $L$

# Collaborative/Federated Learning



# Collaborative

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**Algorithm 1** Parameter server with synchronized SGD

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**Server executes:**

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Initialize  $\theta_0$ 
for  $t = 1$  to  $T$  do
    for each client  $k$  do
         $g_t^k \leftarrow \text{ClientUpdate}(\theta_{t-1})$ 
    end for
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end for
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**ClientUpdate( $\theta$ ):**

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Select batch  $b$  from client's data
return local gradients  $\nabla L(b; \theta)$ 
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**Algorithm 2** Federated learning with model averaging

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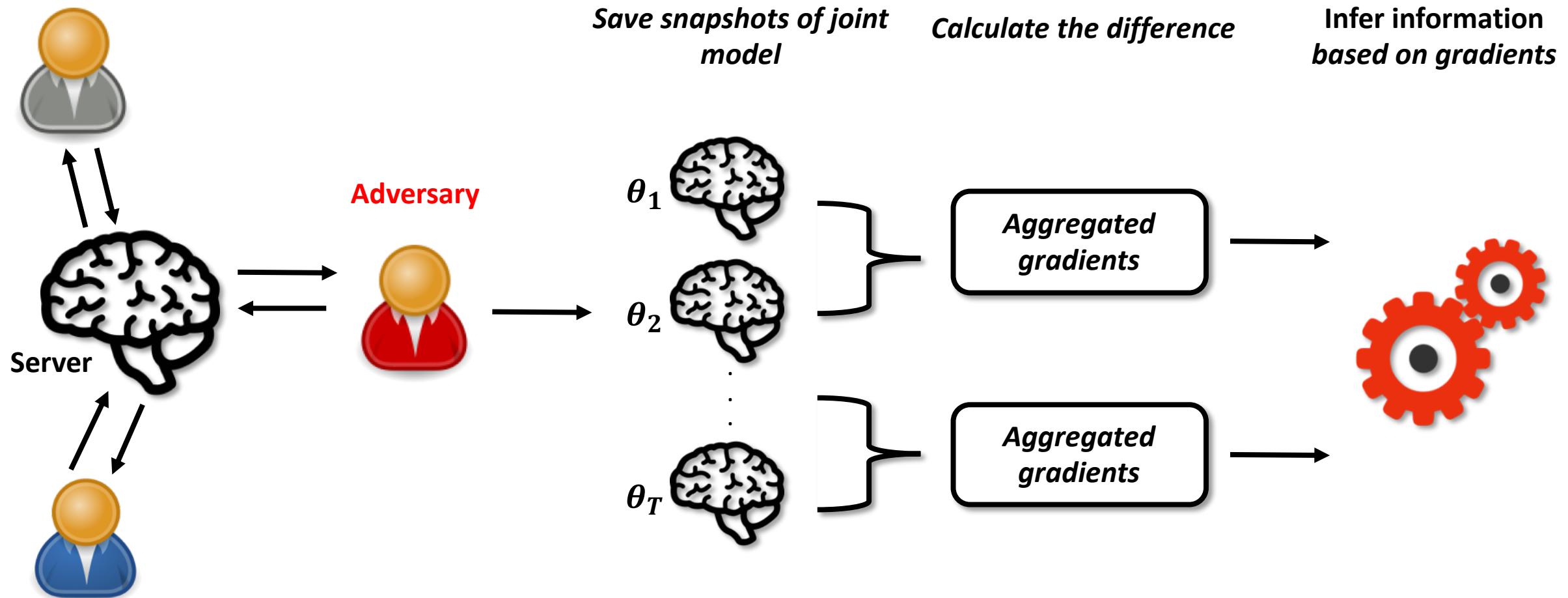
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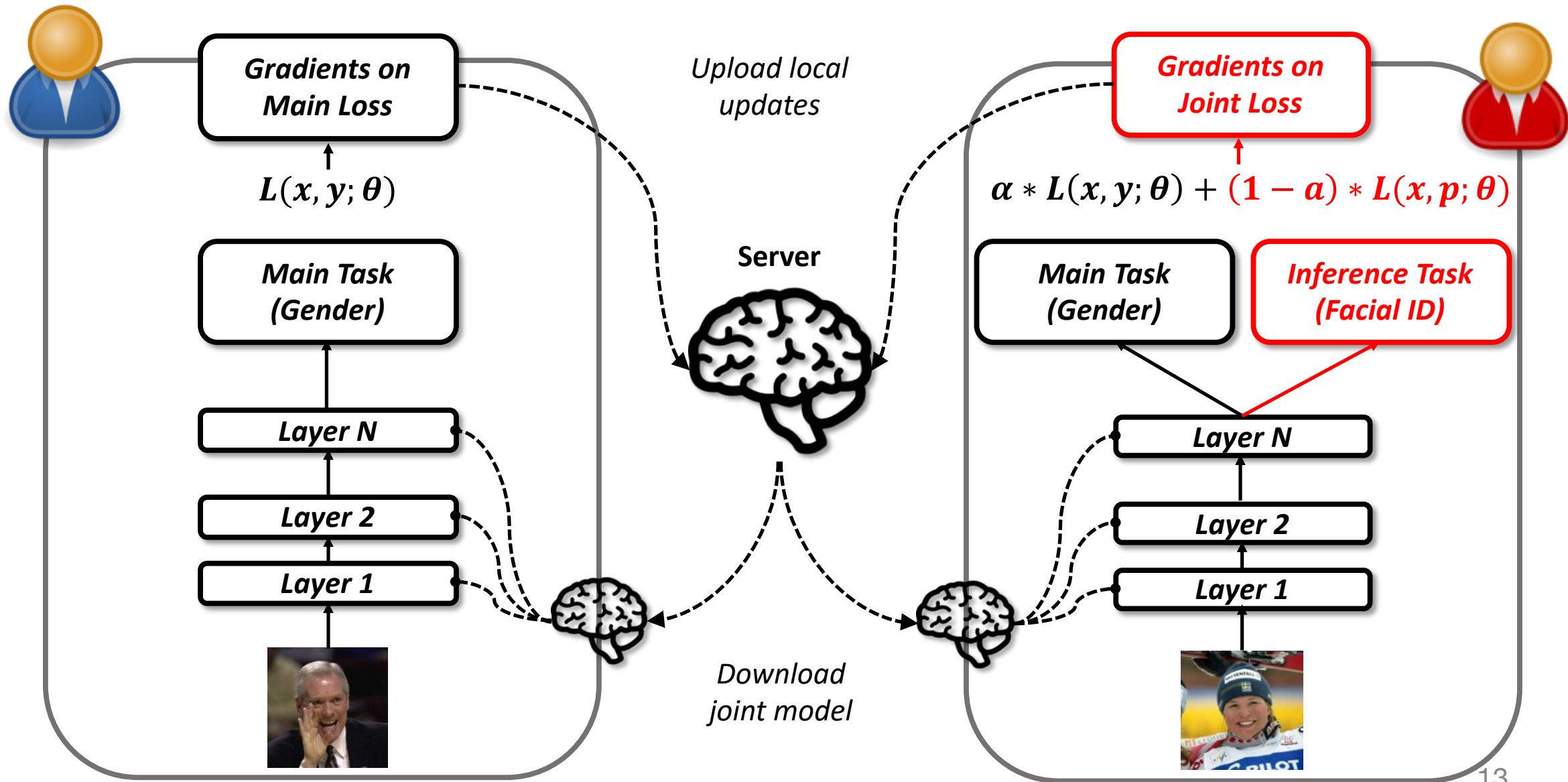
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# Passive Property Inference Attack



# Active Property Inference Attack

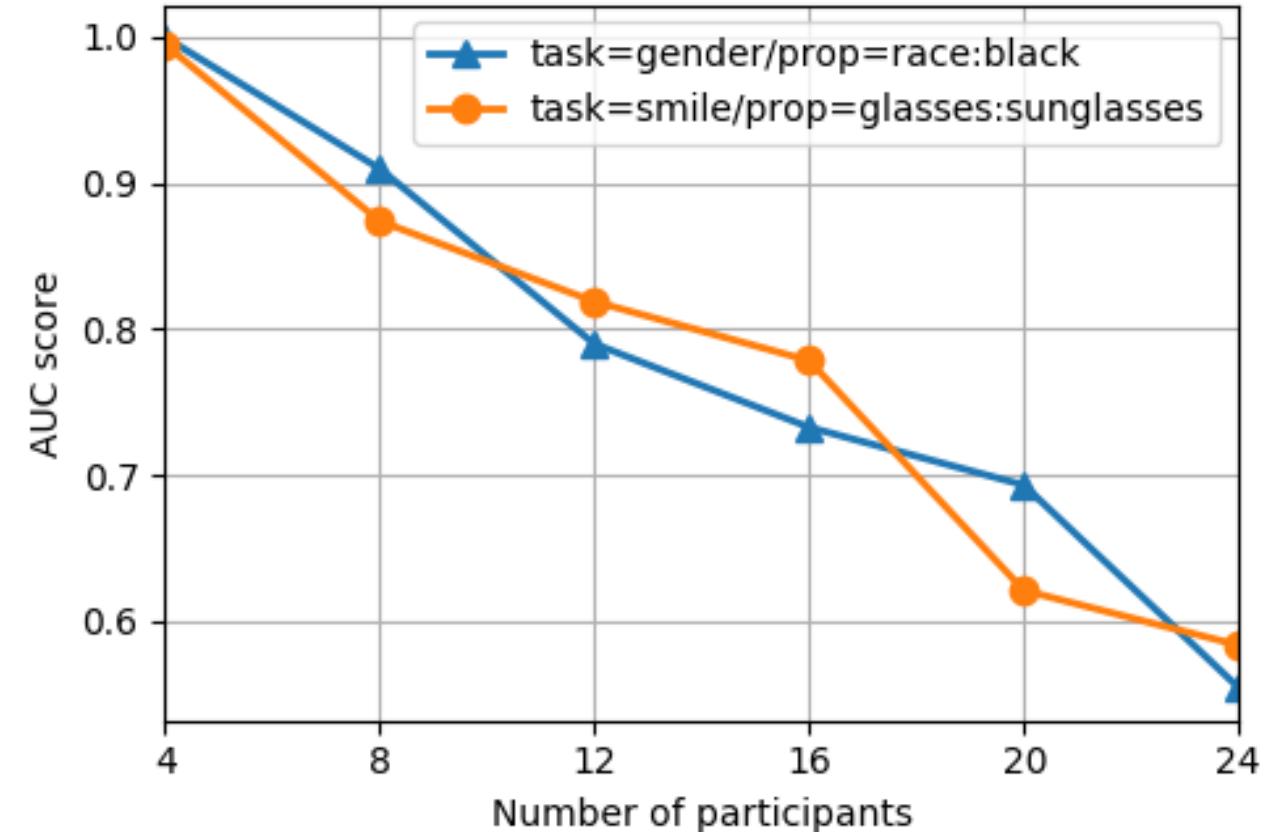


Dataset	Type	Main Task	Inference Task
LFW	Images	Gender/Smile/Age Eyewear/Race/Hair	Race/Eyewear
FaceScrub	Images	Gender	Identity
PIPA	Images	Age	Gender
FourSquare	Locations	Gender	Membership
Yelp-health	Text	Review Score	Membership Doctor specialty
Yelp-author	Text	Review Score	Author
CSI	Text	Sentiment	Membership Region/Gender/Veracity

# Property Inference on LFW

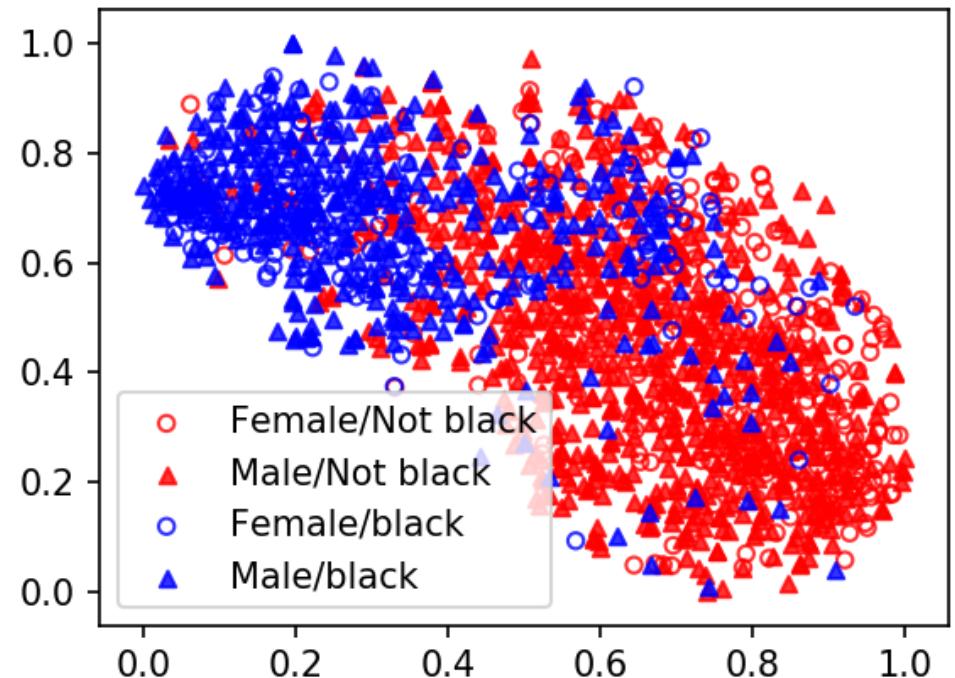
Main Task	Inference Task	Correlation	AUC score
Gender	Sunglasses	-0.025	1.0
Smile	Asian	0.047	0.93
Age	Black	-0.084	1.0
Race	Sunglasses	0.026	1.0
Eyewear	Asian	-0.119	0.91
Hair	Sunglasses	-0.013	1.0

Two-Party

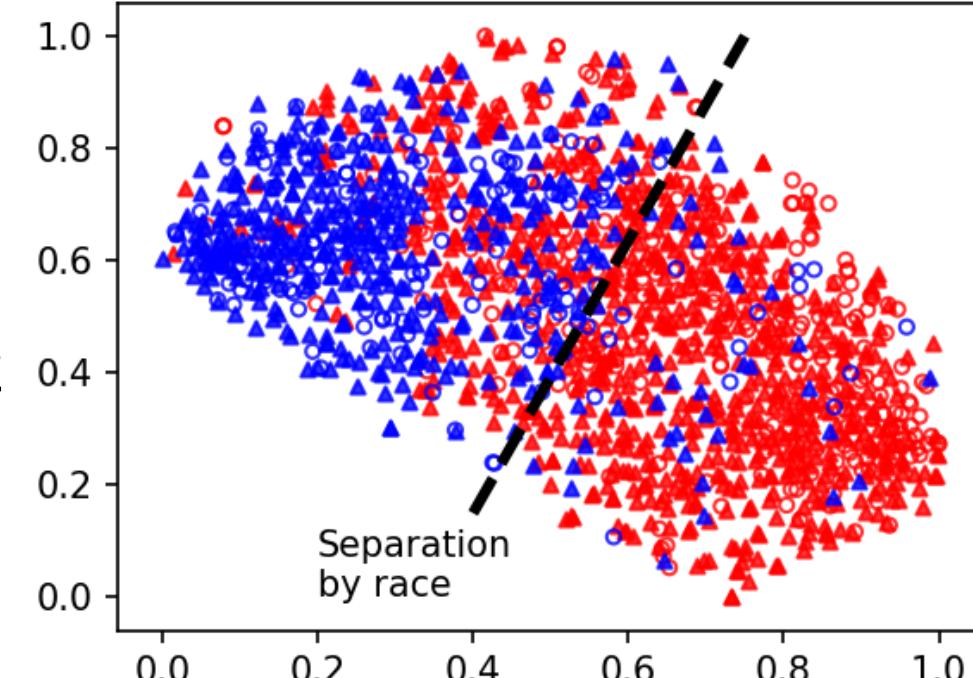


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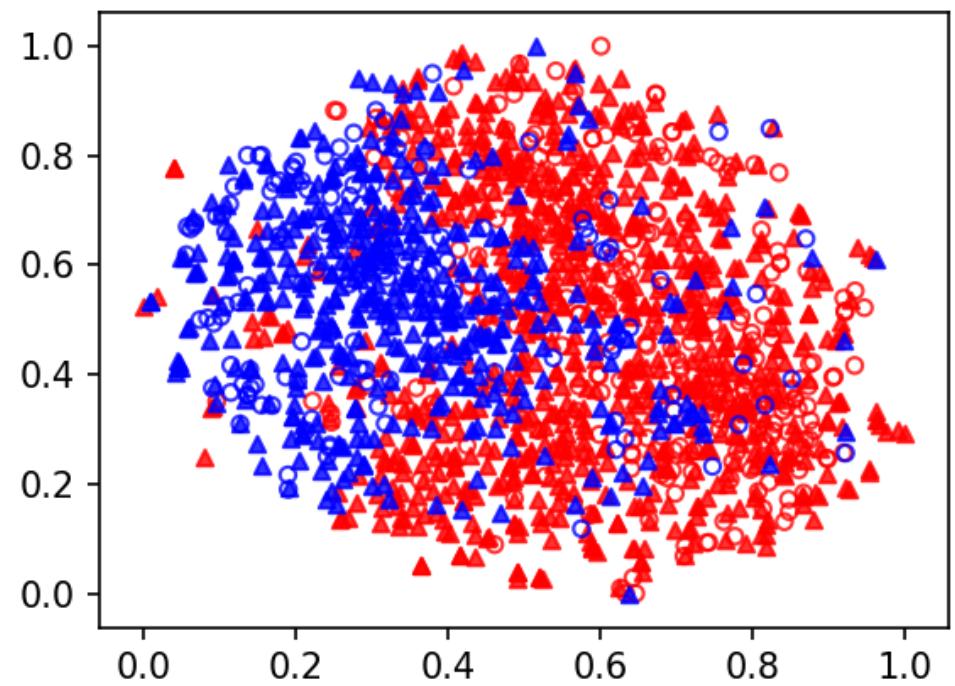
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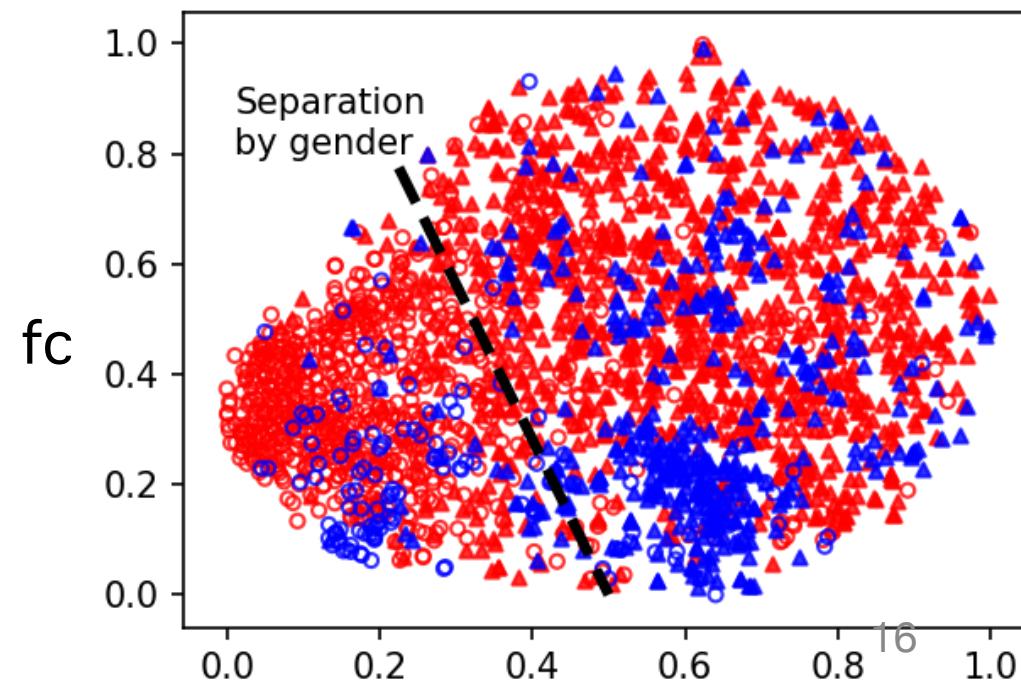
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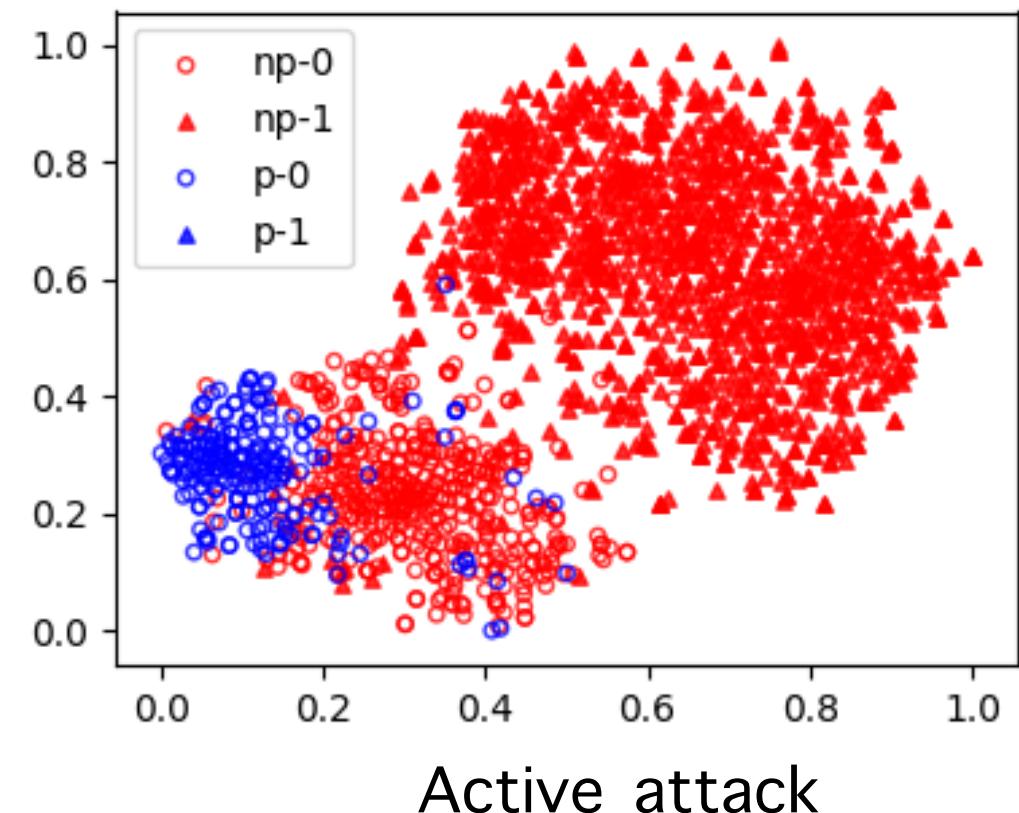
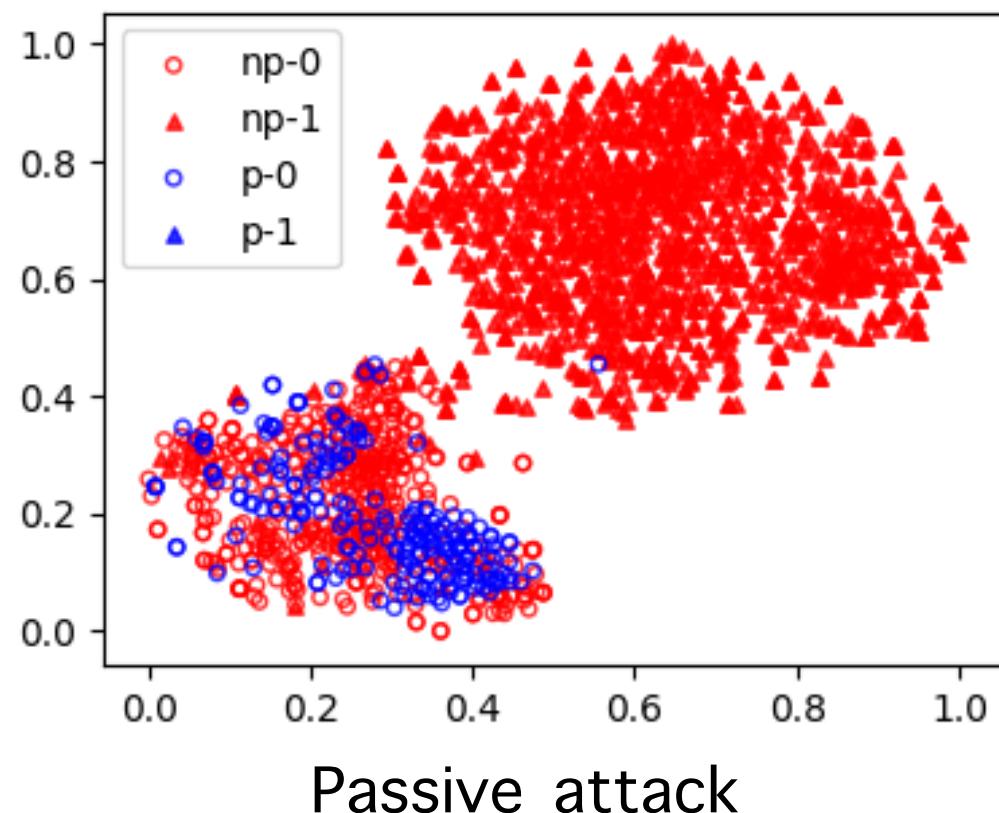


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# Passive vs Active Attack on FaceScrub

Main Task:  $\blacktriangle/\bullet$ = female/male

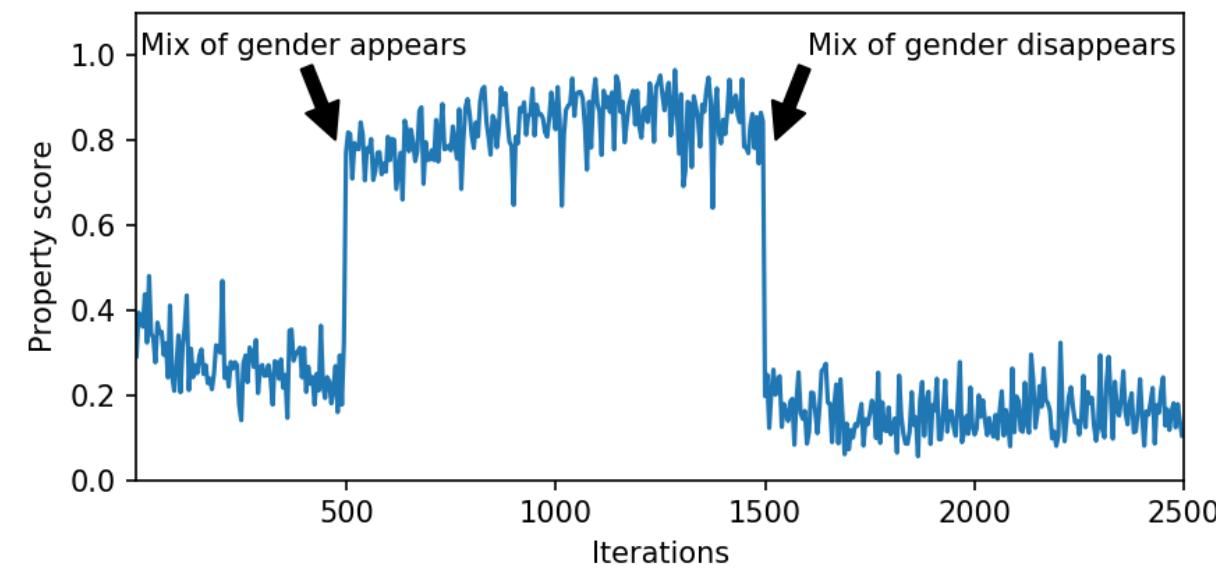
Inference Task: Blue points with the property (identity)



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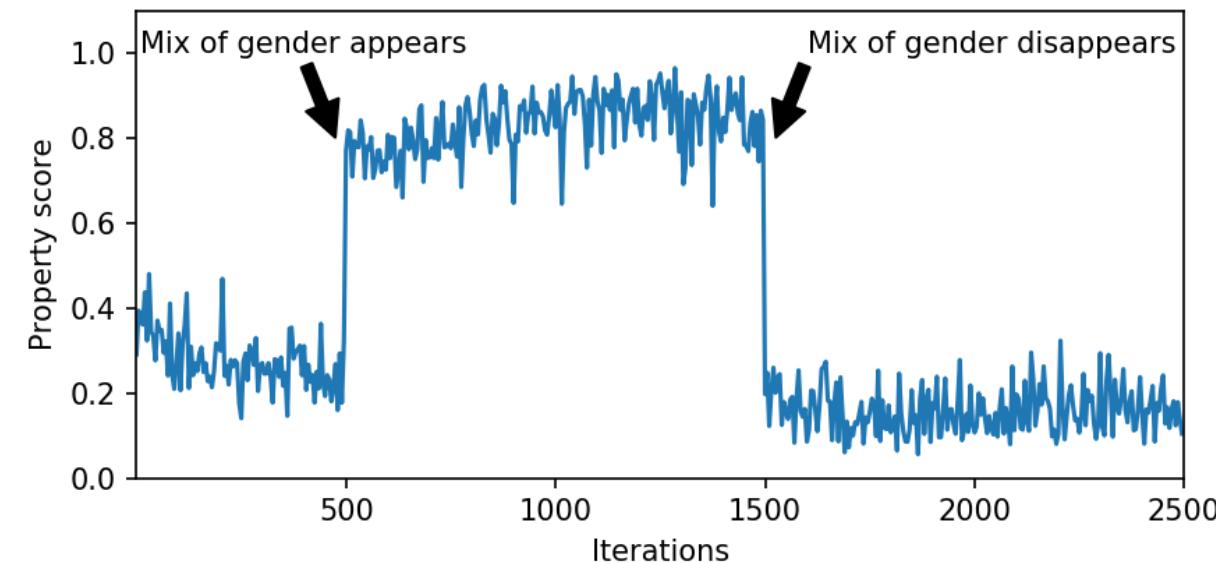


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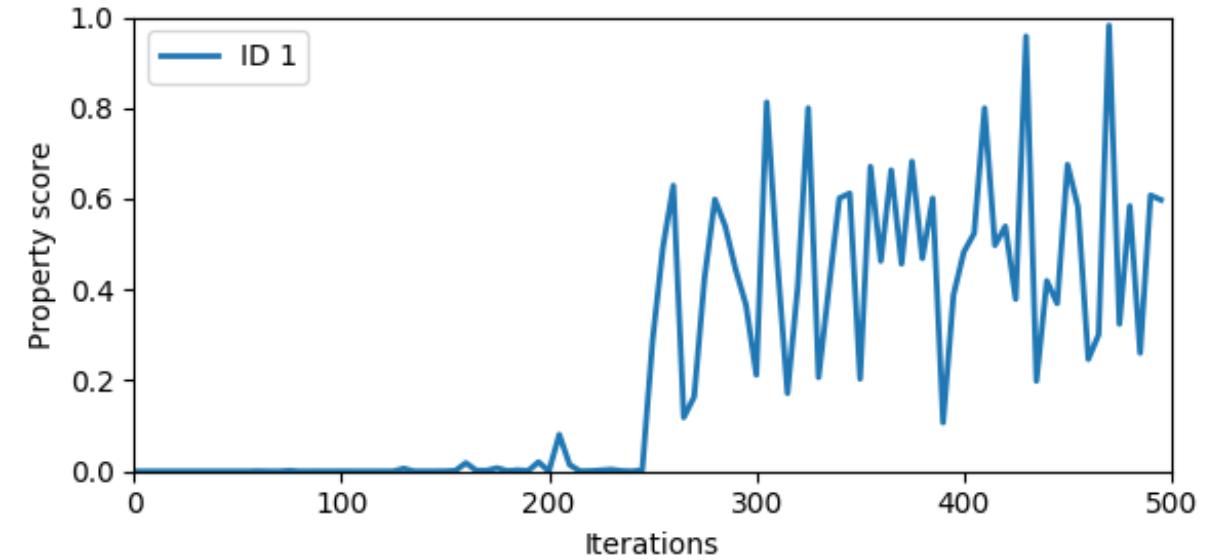
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Participant-level differential privacy

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Only two mechanisms in the literature

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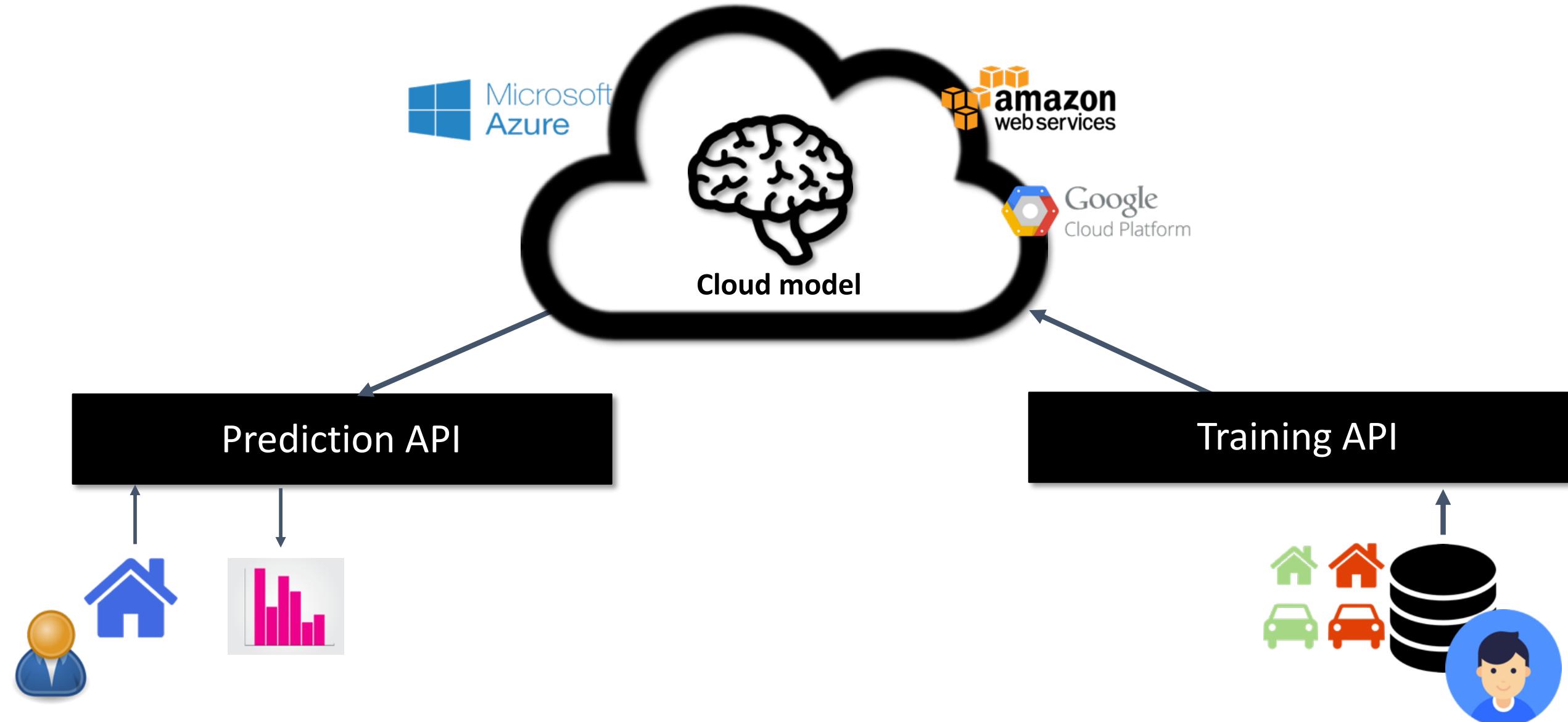
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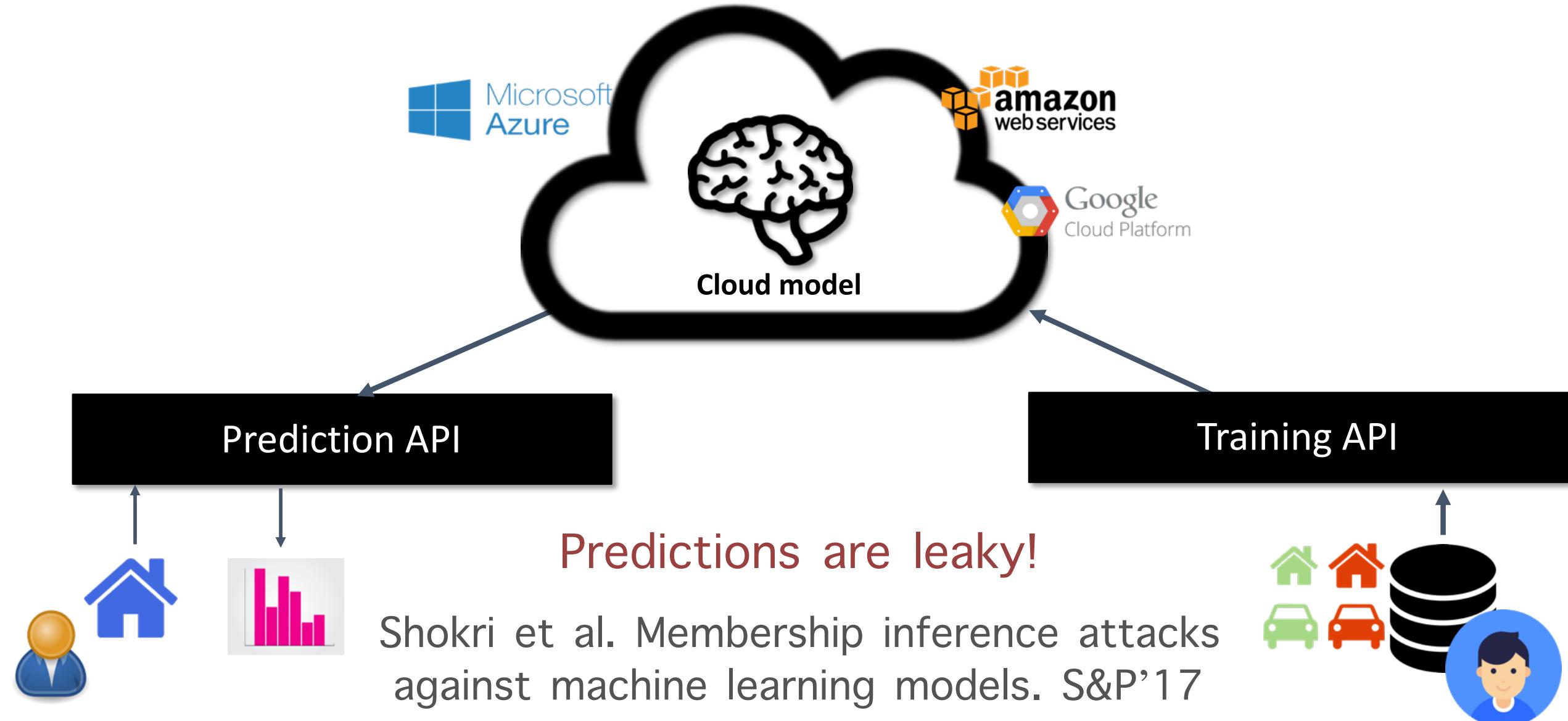
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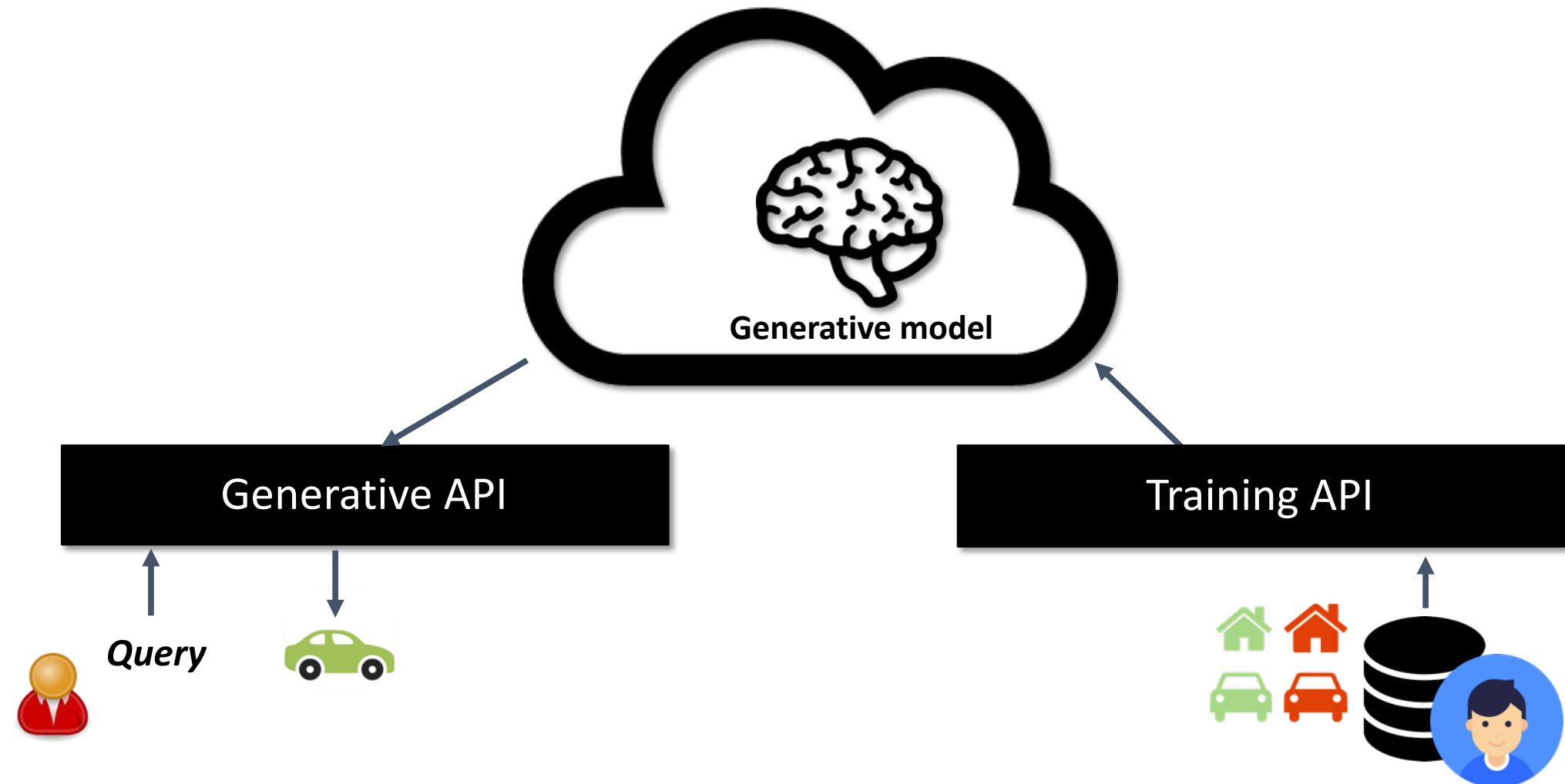


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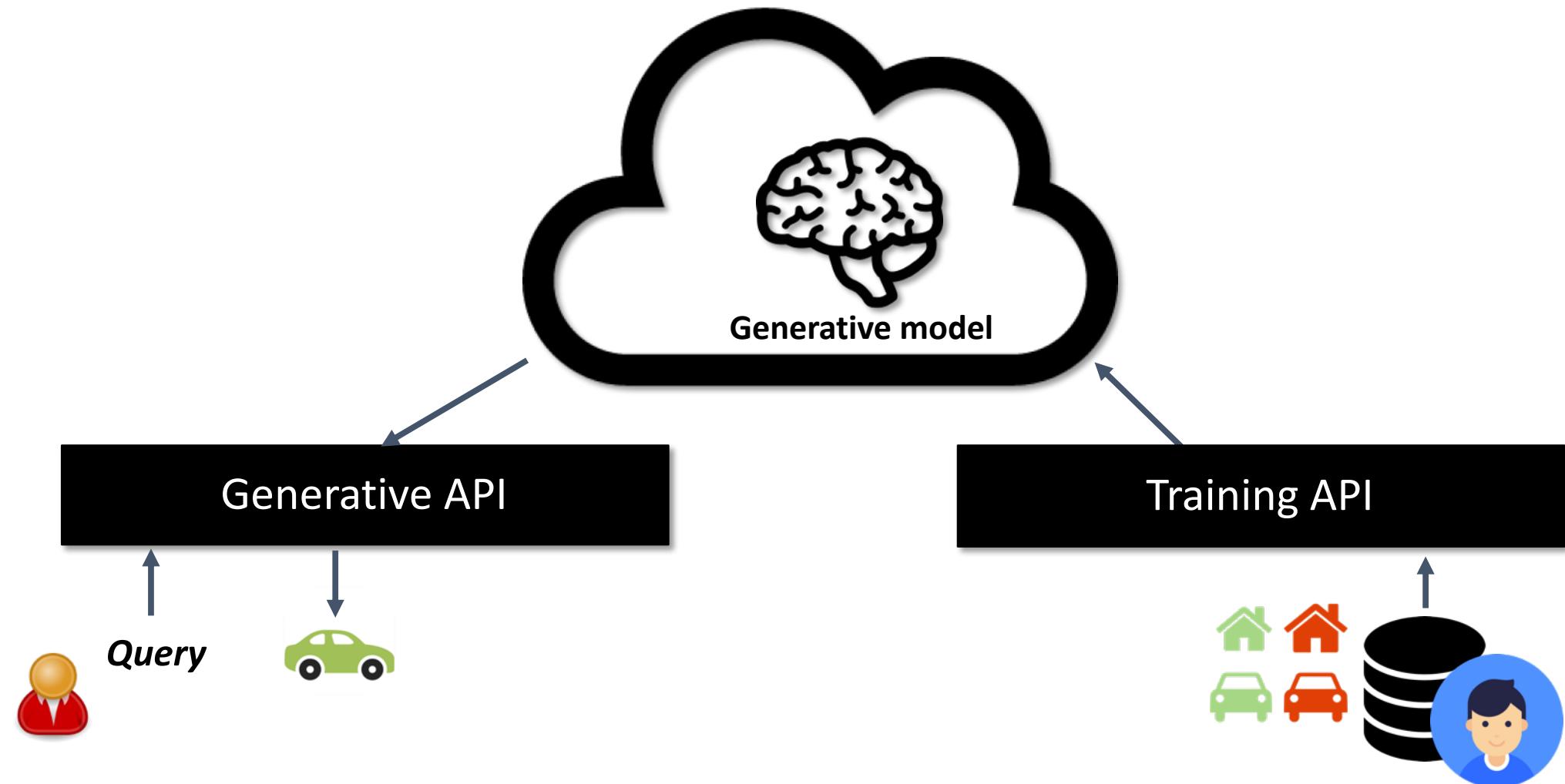


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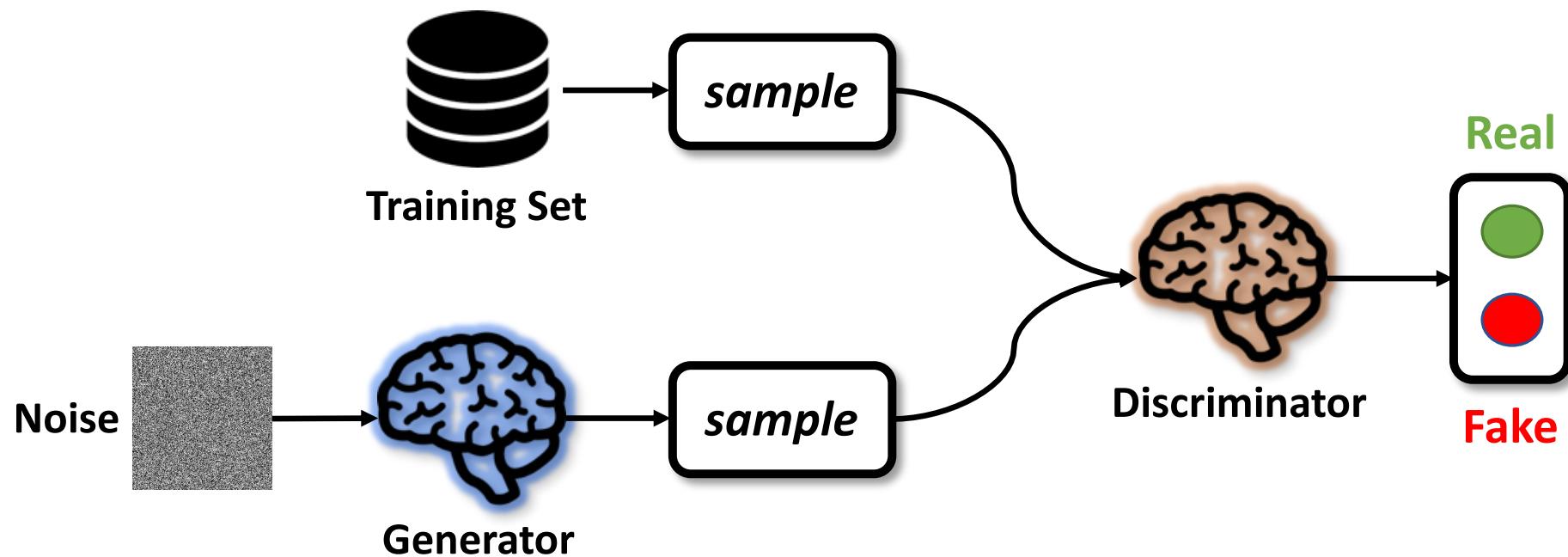
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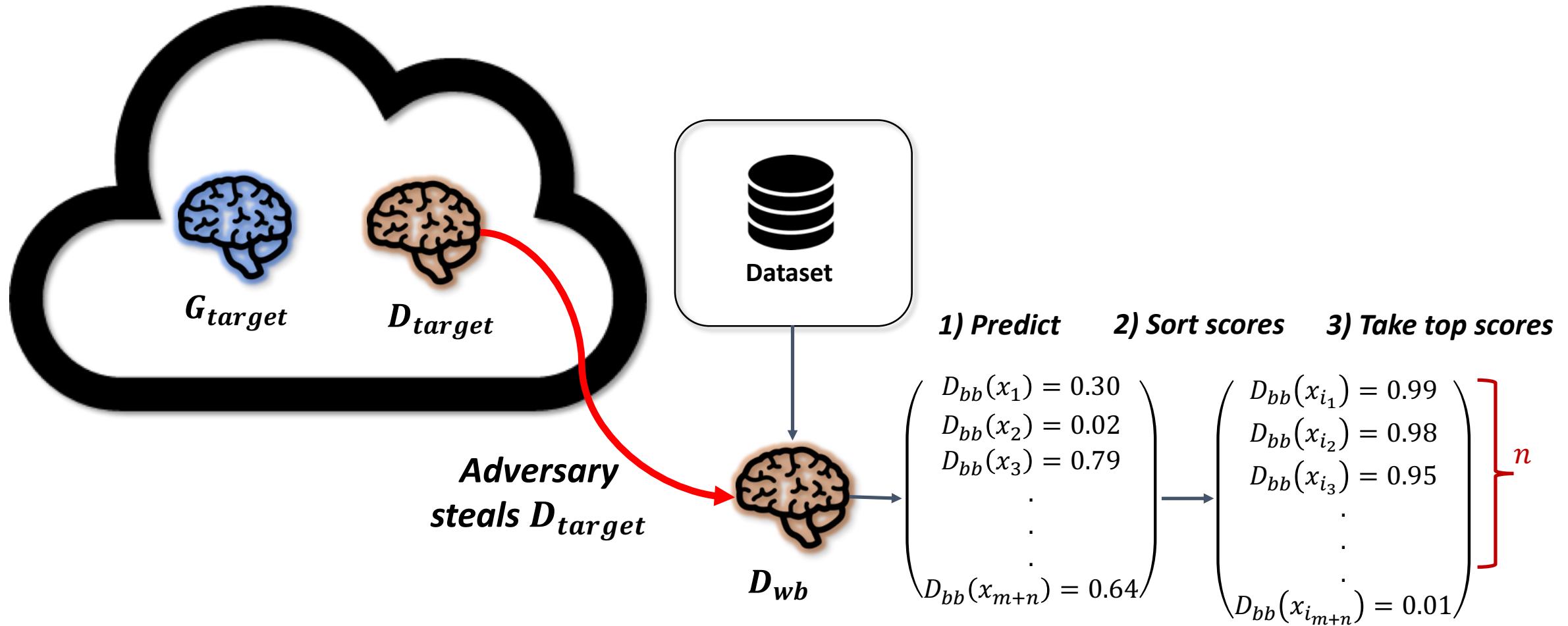
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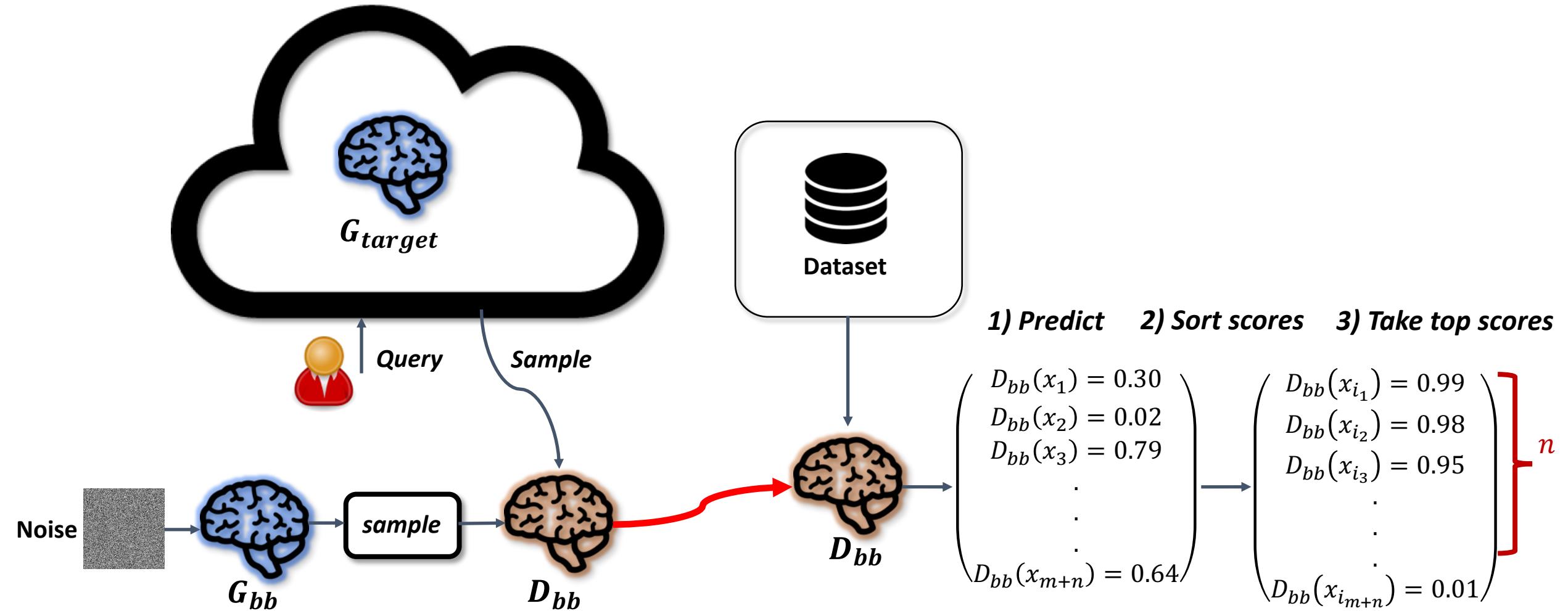
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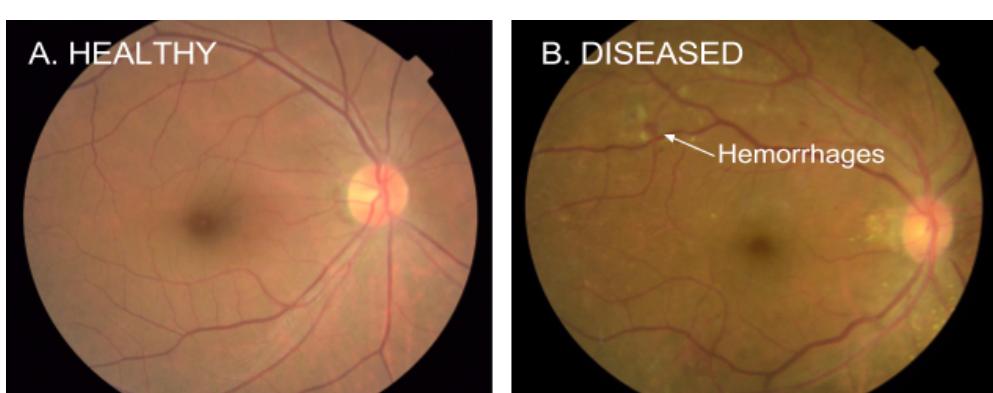


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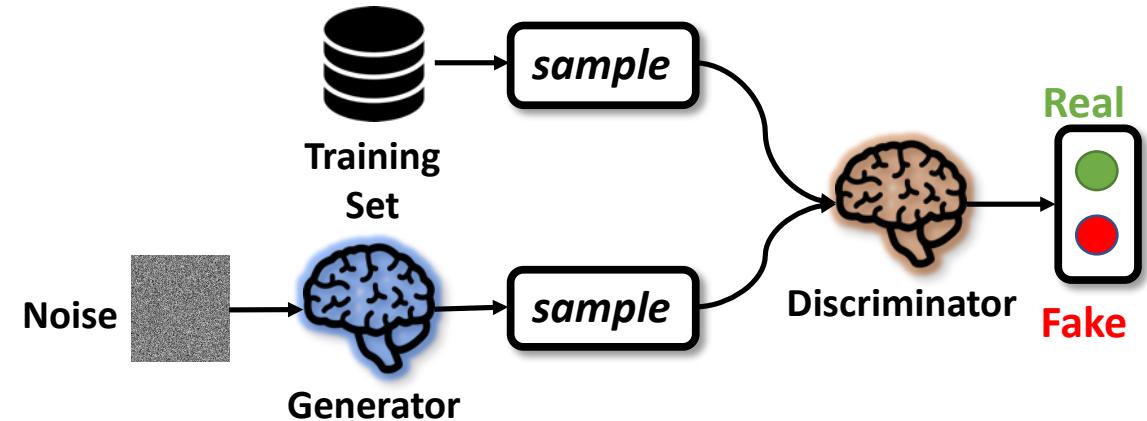


CIFAR-10



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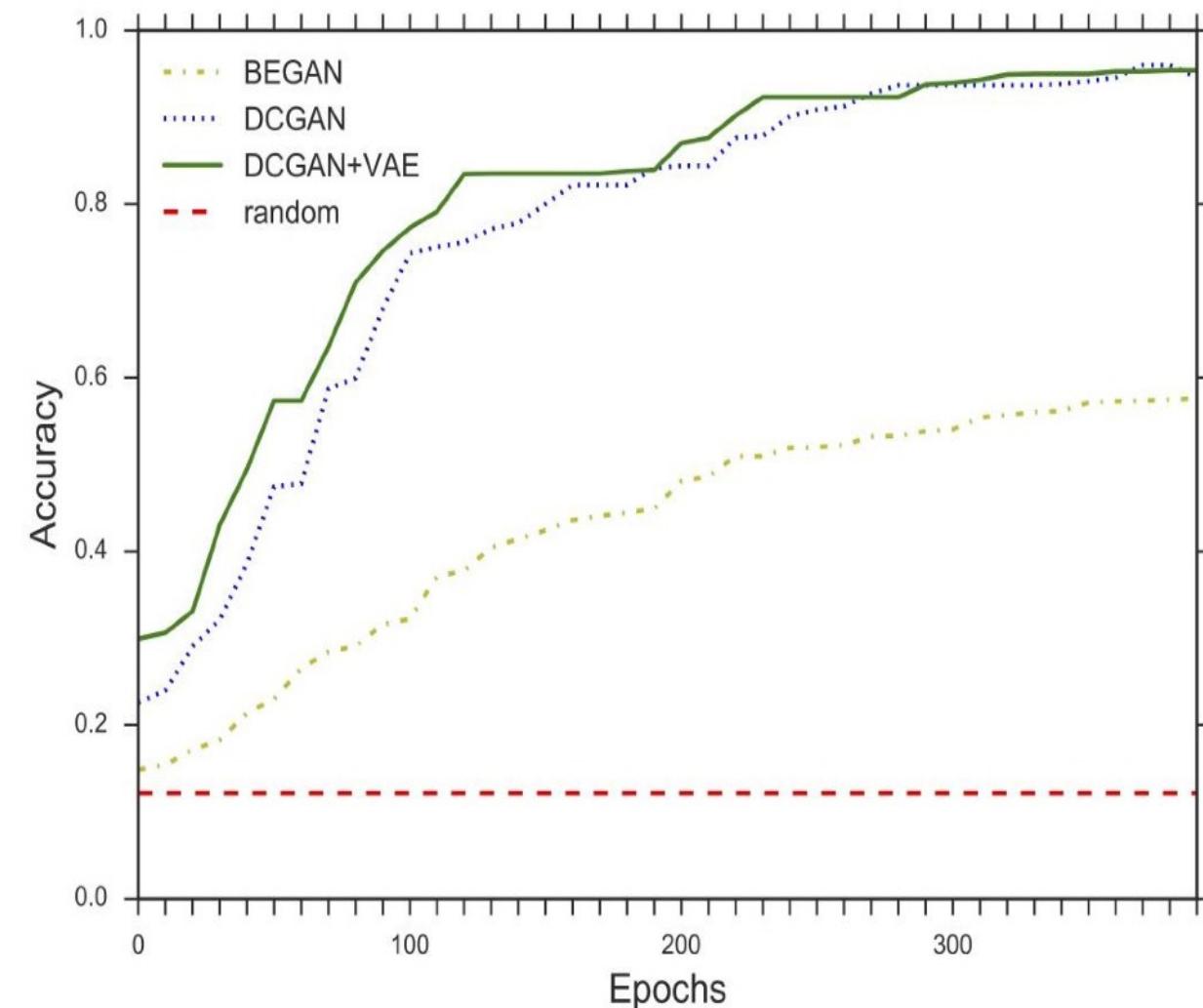


Attacker Model:  
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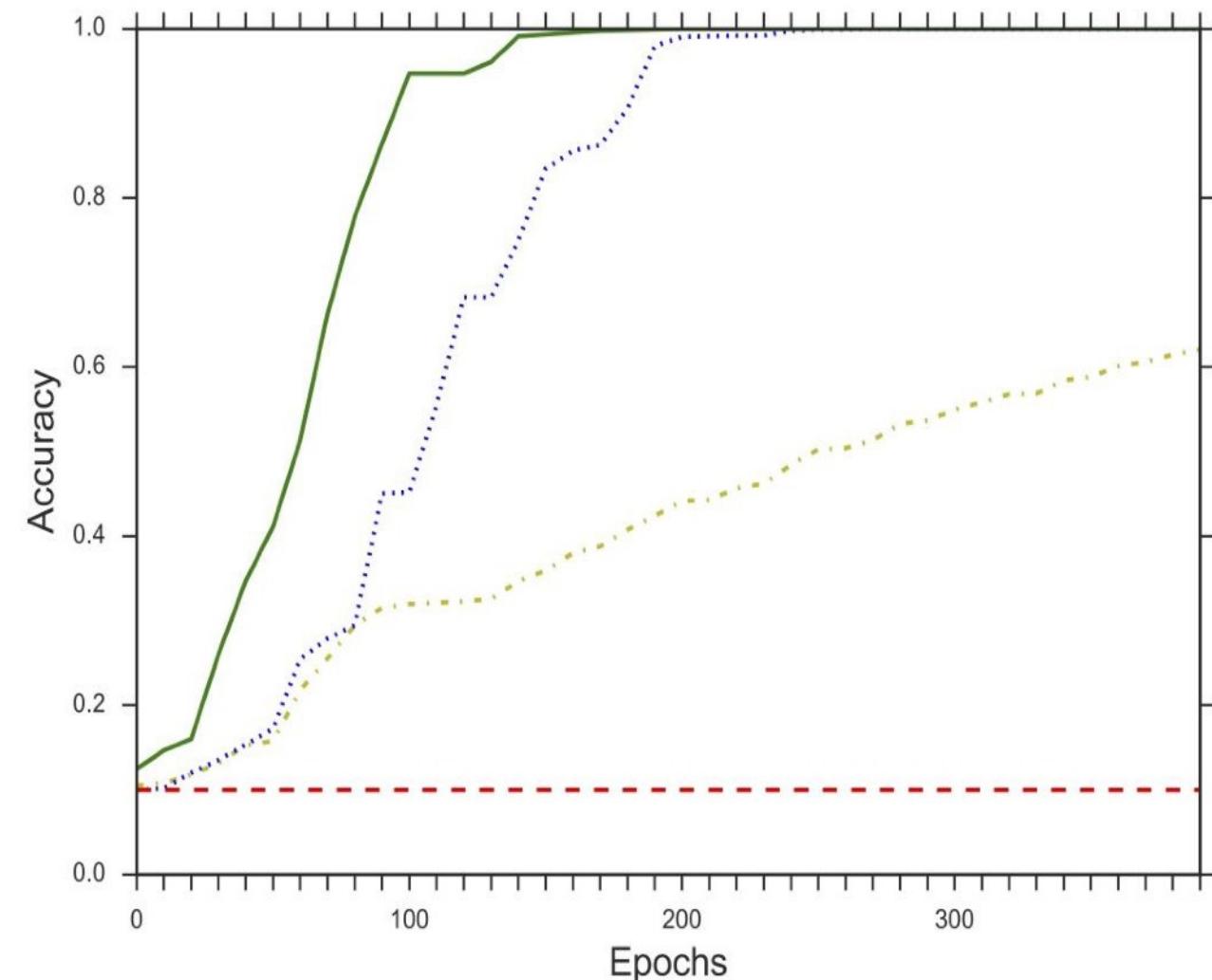
Target Model:  
DCGAN, DCGAN+VAE, BEGAN

# White-Box Results

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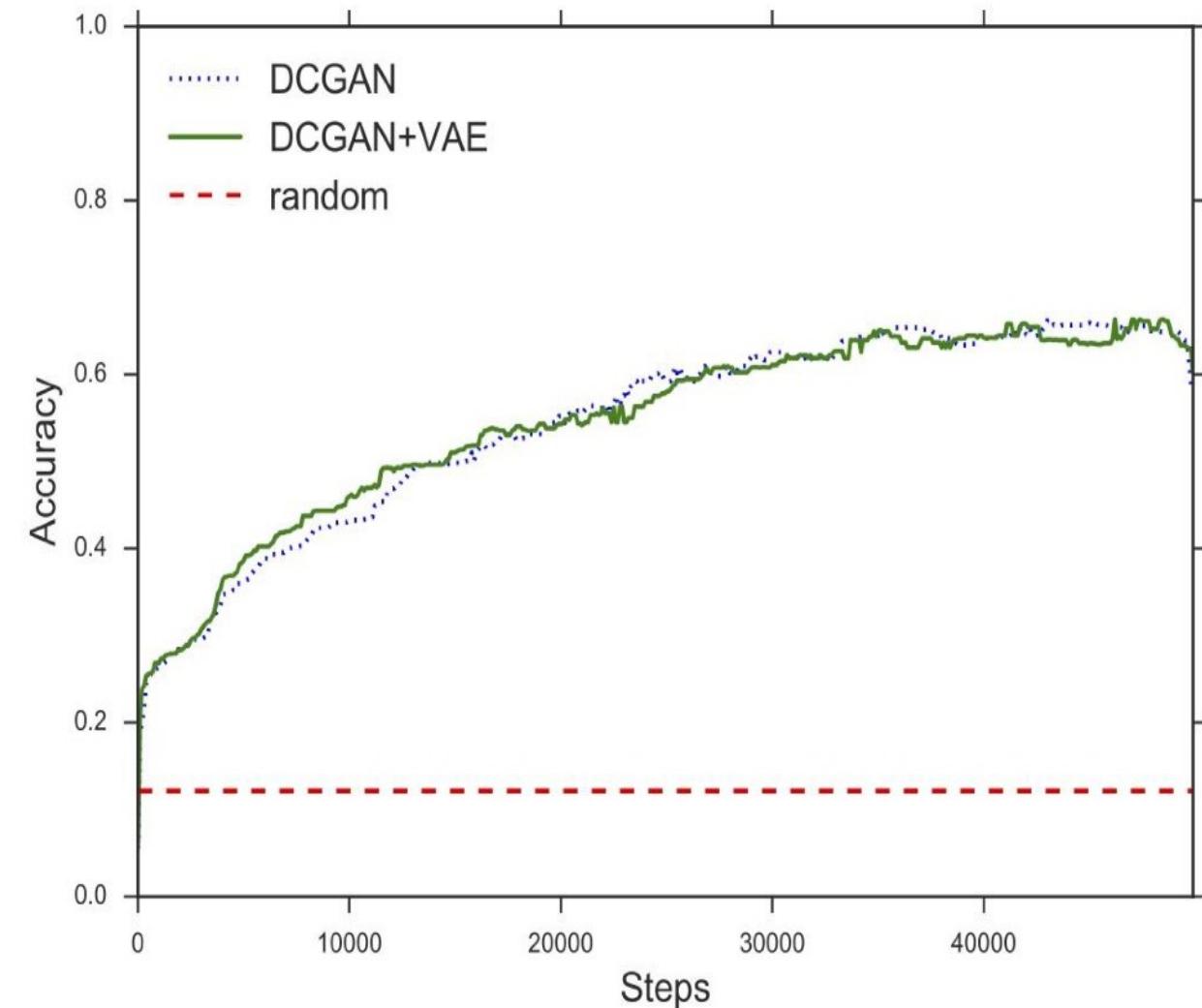


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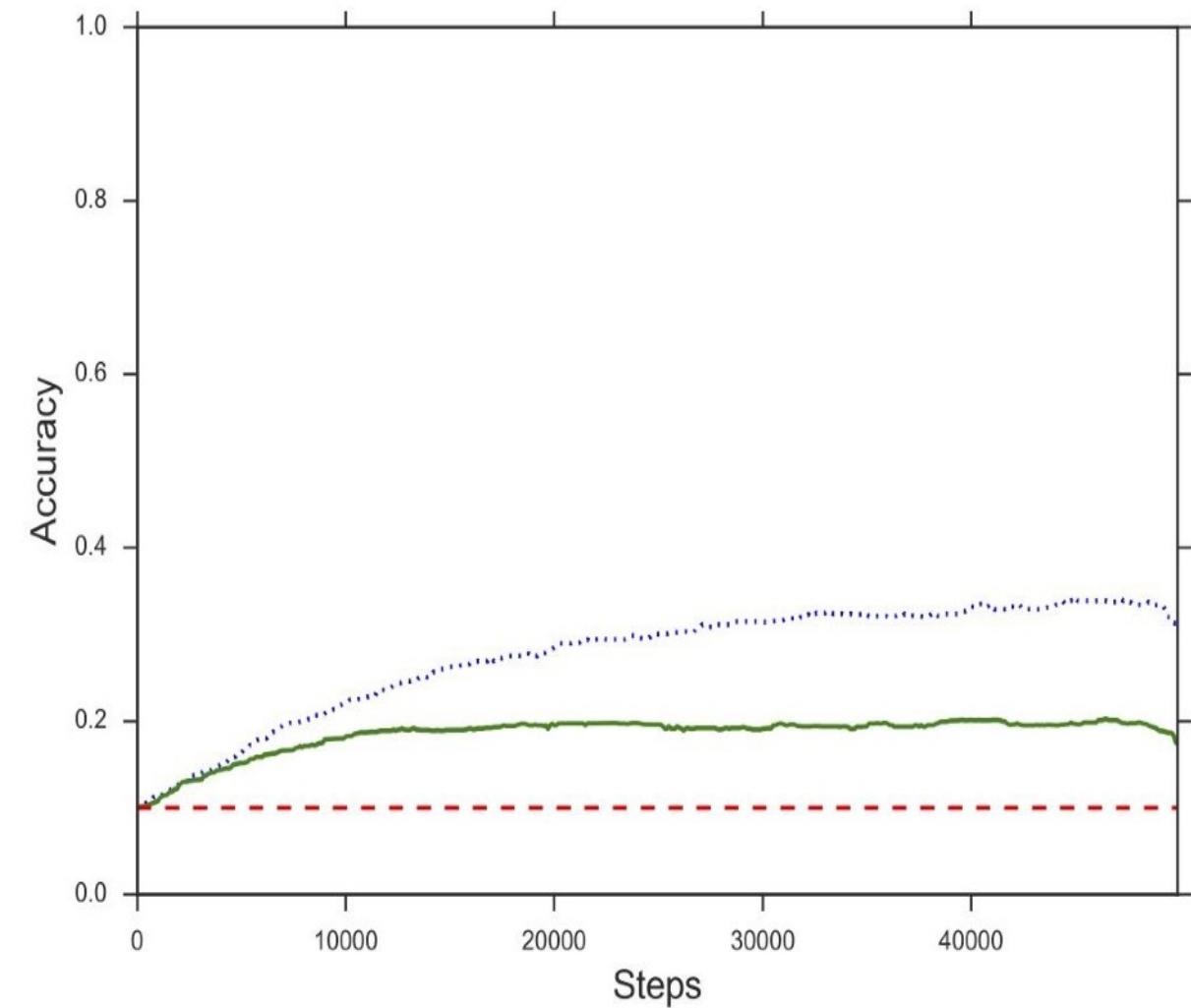


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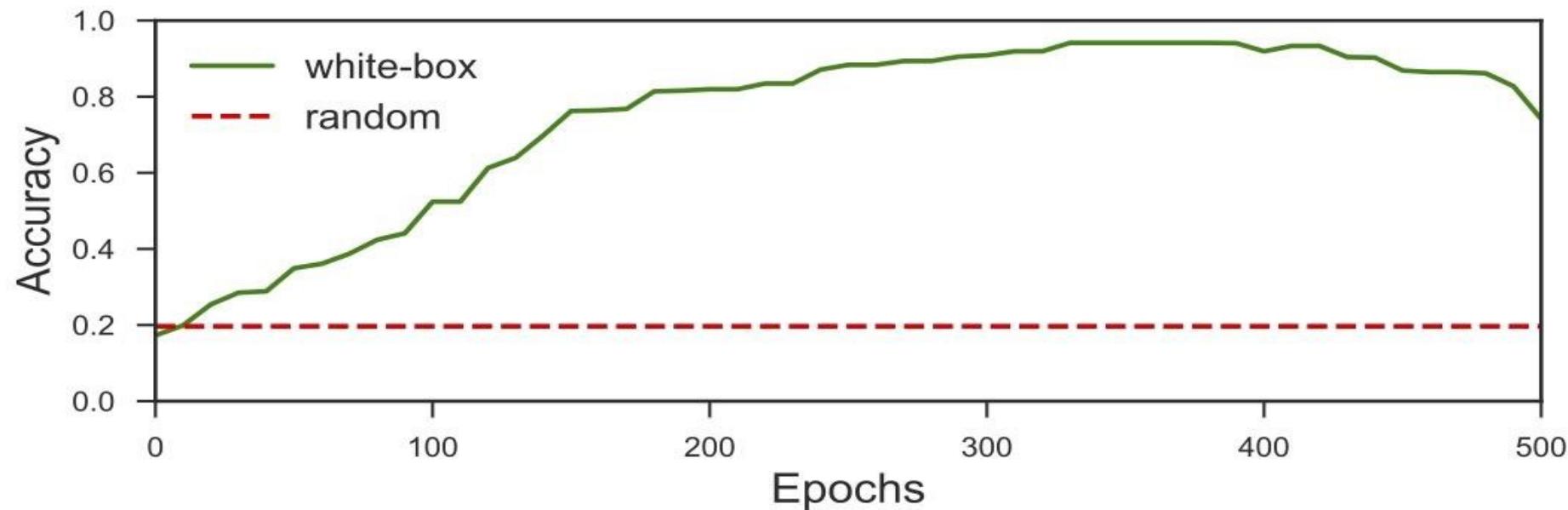
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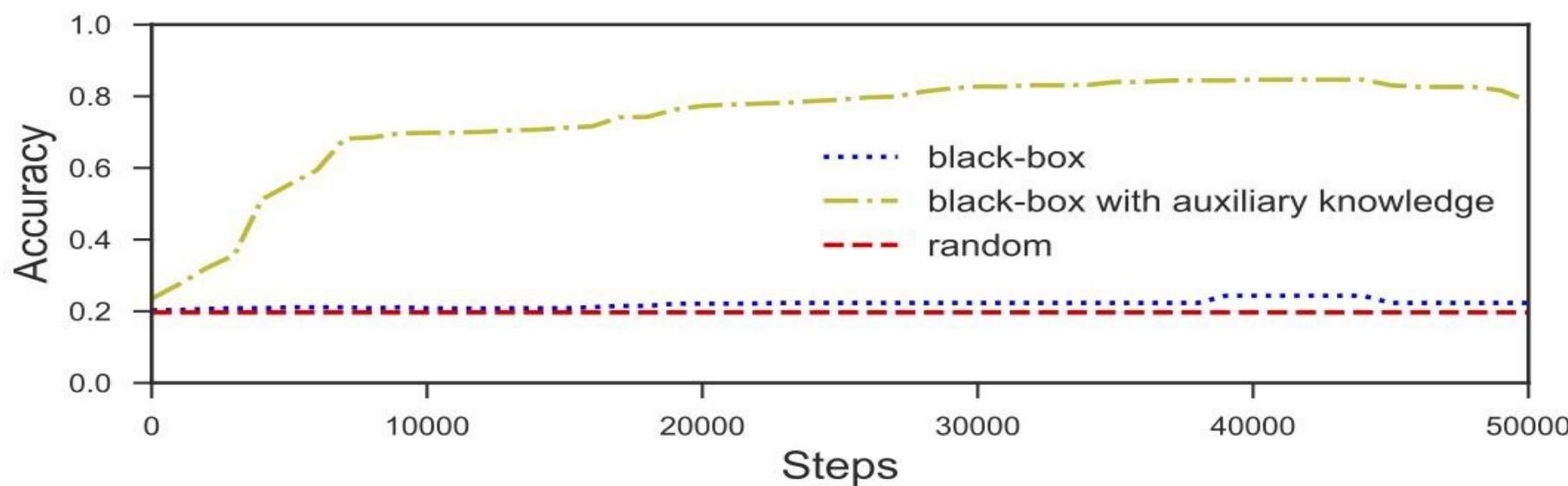
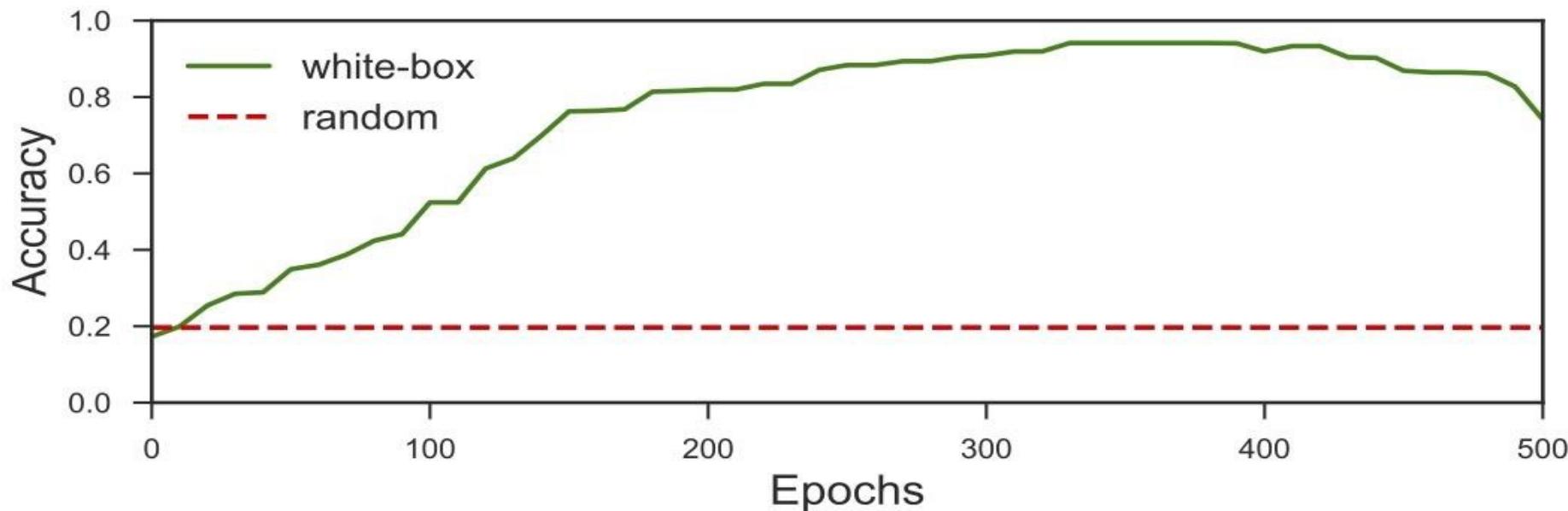
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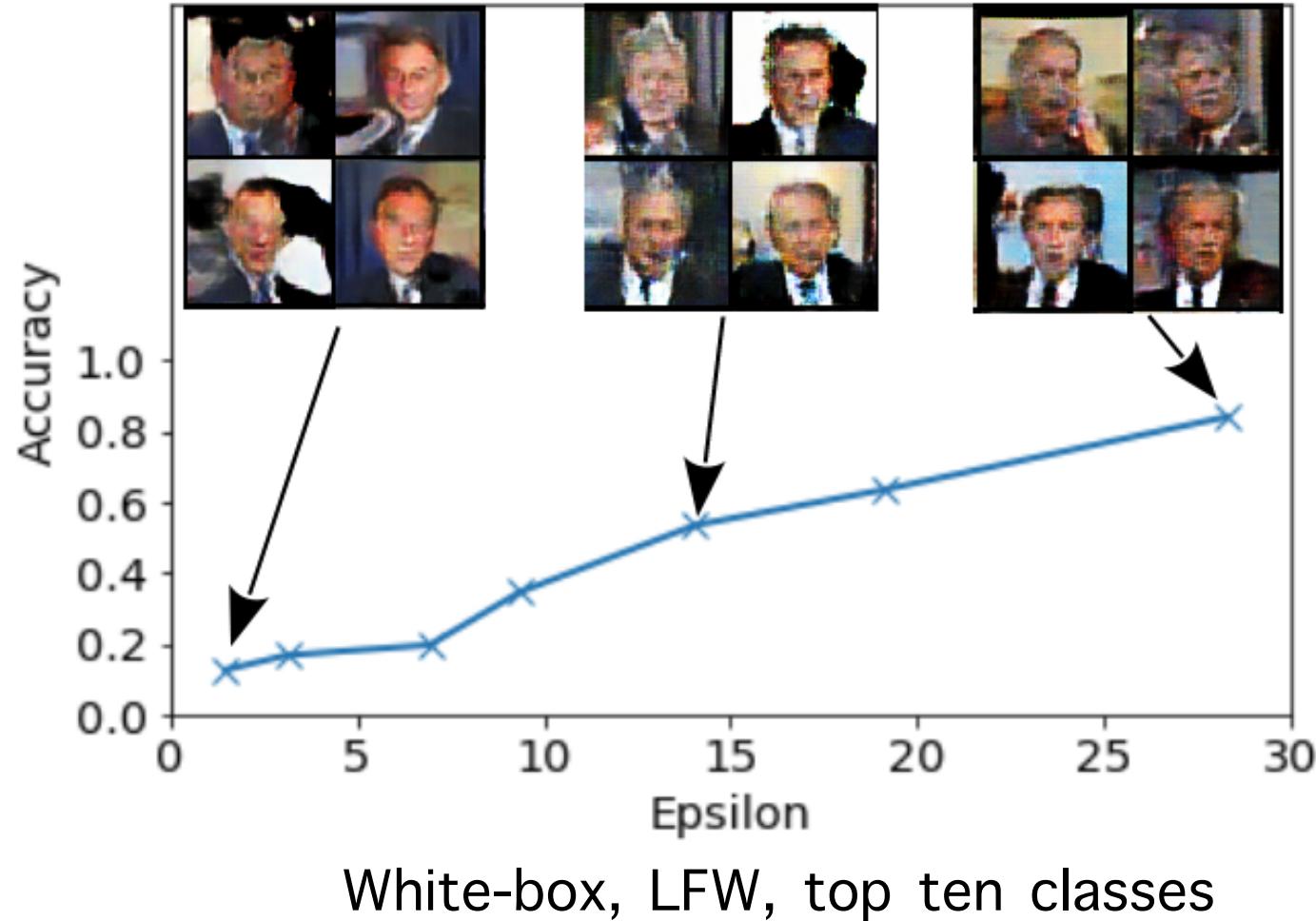
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# Defense? Differentially Private GAN\*



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