



**Privacy protection,
redefined.**

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Data custodians

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Sensitive location records

Data custodians need a privacy “filter”

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Share insights about groups

Desired Insight

The median weekday drop-off frequency on 59th Street during morning rush hour is 145

Protect individuals

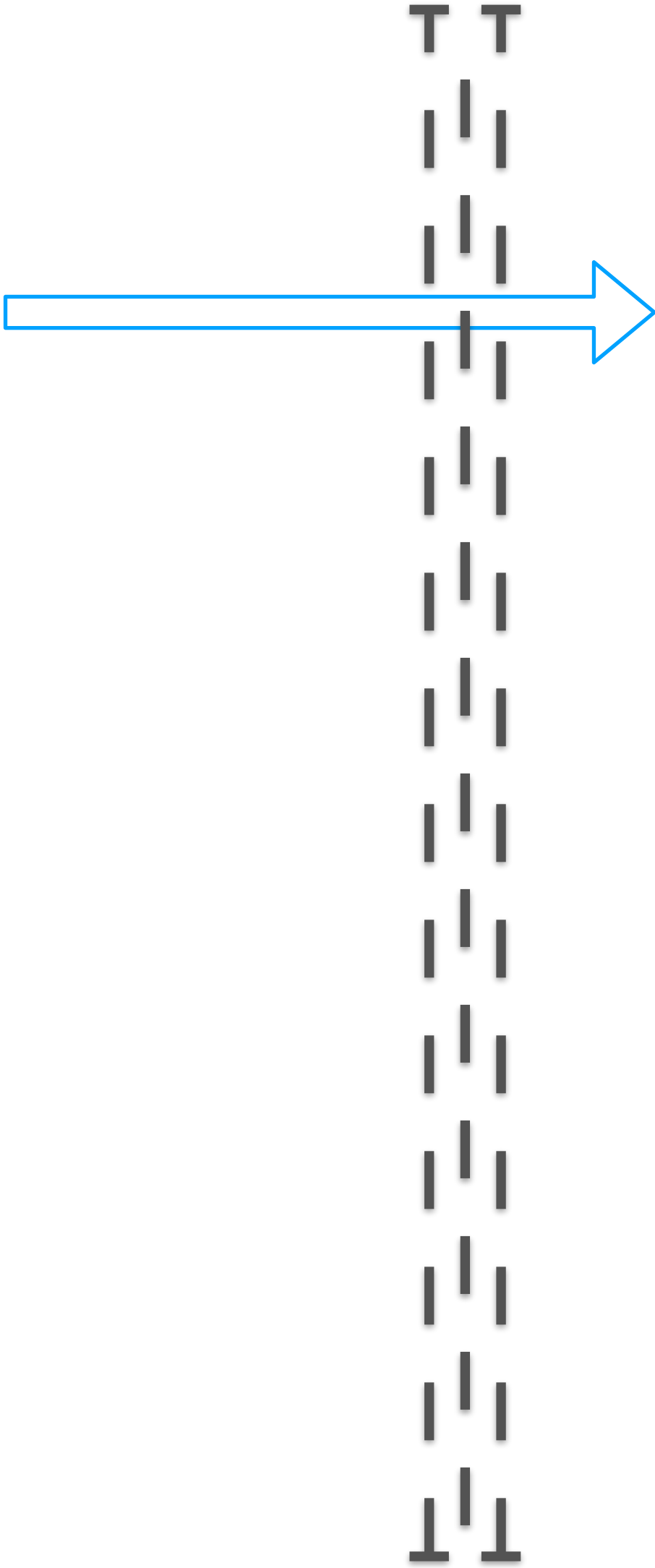
Privacy Violation

Customer x456 traveled from LGA to 59th St and 7th Ave, arriving June 1 at 8:30am

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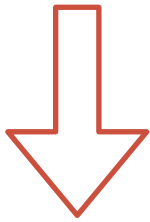


• De-identified data



➤ *Re-identification attack*

A re-identification attacks **uses de-identified data**, in combination with external information sources, to identify individuals and infer their sensitive properties.



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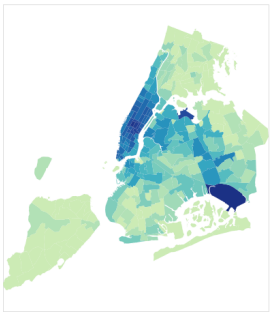
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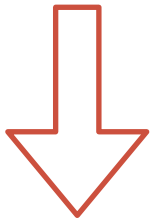
	Male	Female
WHO=0	345	1094
WHO=1	214	2439
WHO=2	172	1589



- Reports, analytics, aggregate stats, etc

➤ *Reconstruction attack*

A reconstruction attack **uses a set of aggregate query answers** to reconstruct the set of hidden input records.

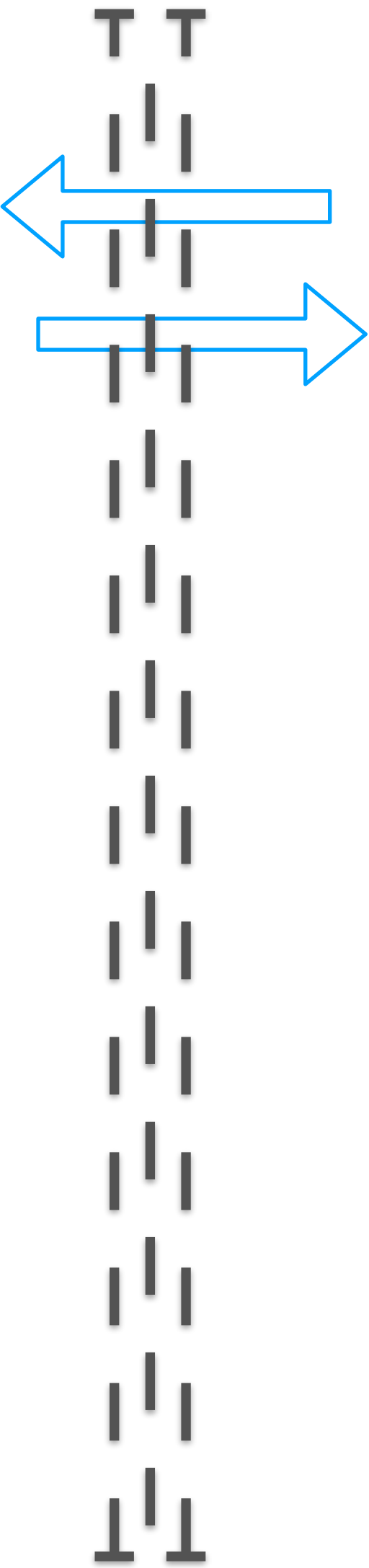


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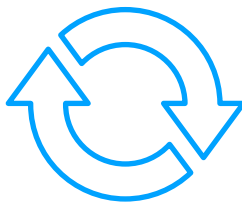
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- Sharing through a query interface

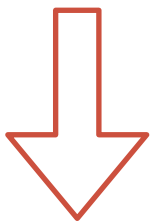
How many patients in cohort defined by...



1214

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- Sharing synthetic tables



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➤ *Membership inference attack*

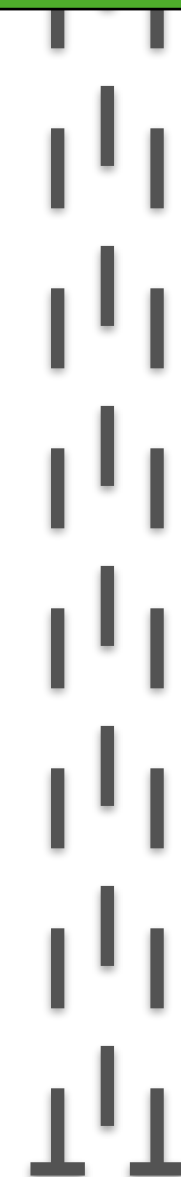
A membership inference attack occurs when repeated **access to predictions from a machine learning model** reveals sensitive properties of individuals present in the training data.

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Data custodians need a **reliable** privacy “filter”



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Desired
Computation

Differentially Private (DP)
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New tech is here

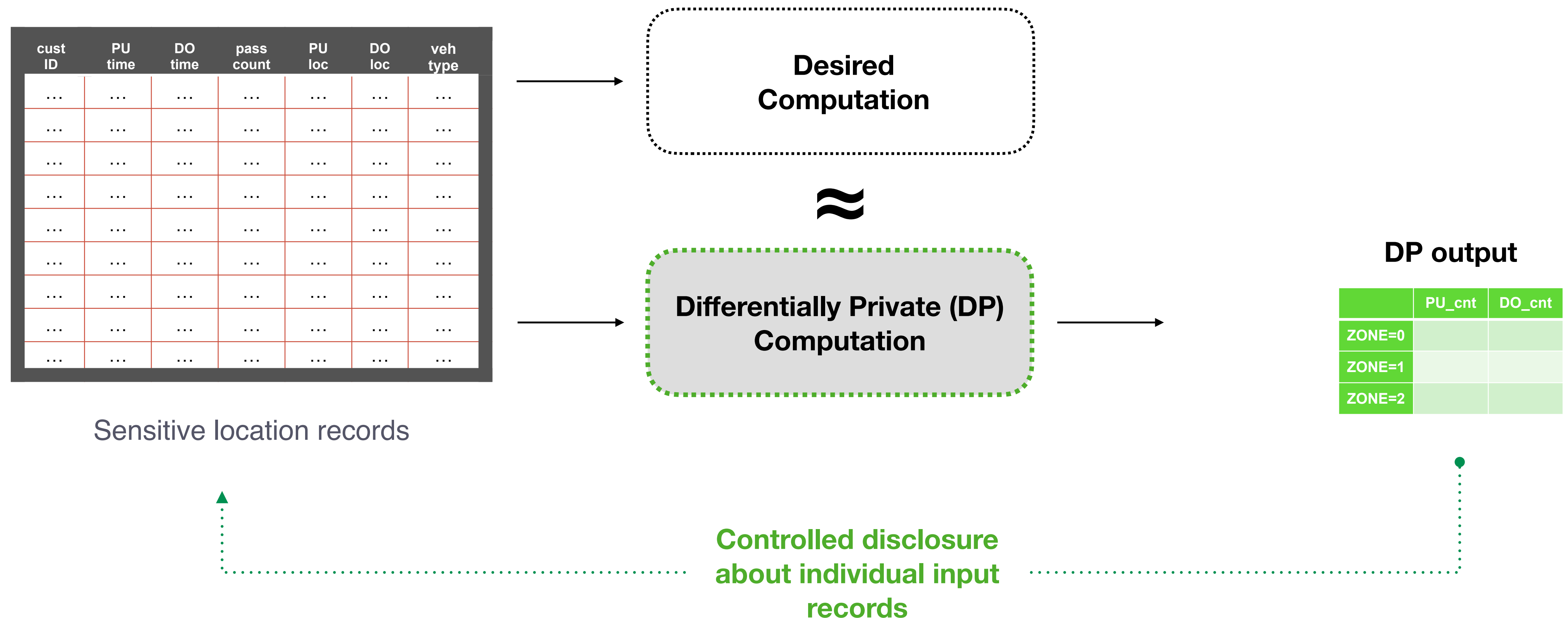
DP output

	PU_cnt	DO_cnt
ZONE=0		
ZONE=1		
ZONE=2		

Controlled disclosure
about individual input
records

The differential privacy guarantee

- Every individual protected.
- Every attribute protected.
- The guarantee holds, regardless of compute power or knowledge of potential attacker.
- Resists current and future attacks
- Ahead of regulation



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First key difference:
randomness

Differentially Private (DP)
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Some “noise”
in output

DP analytics
output

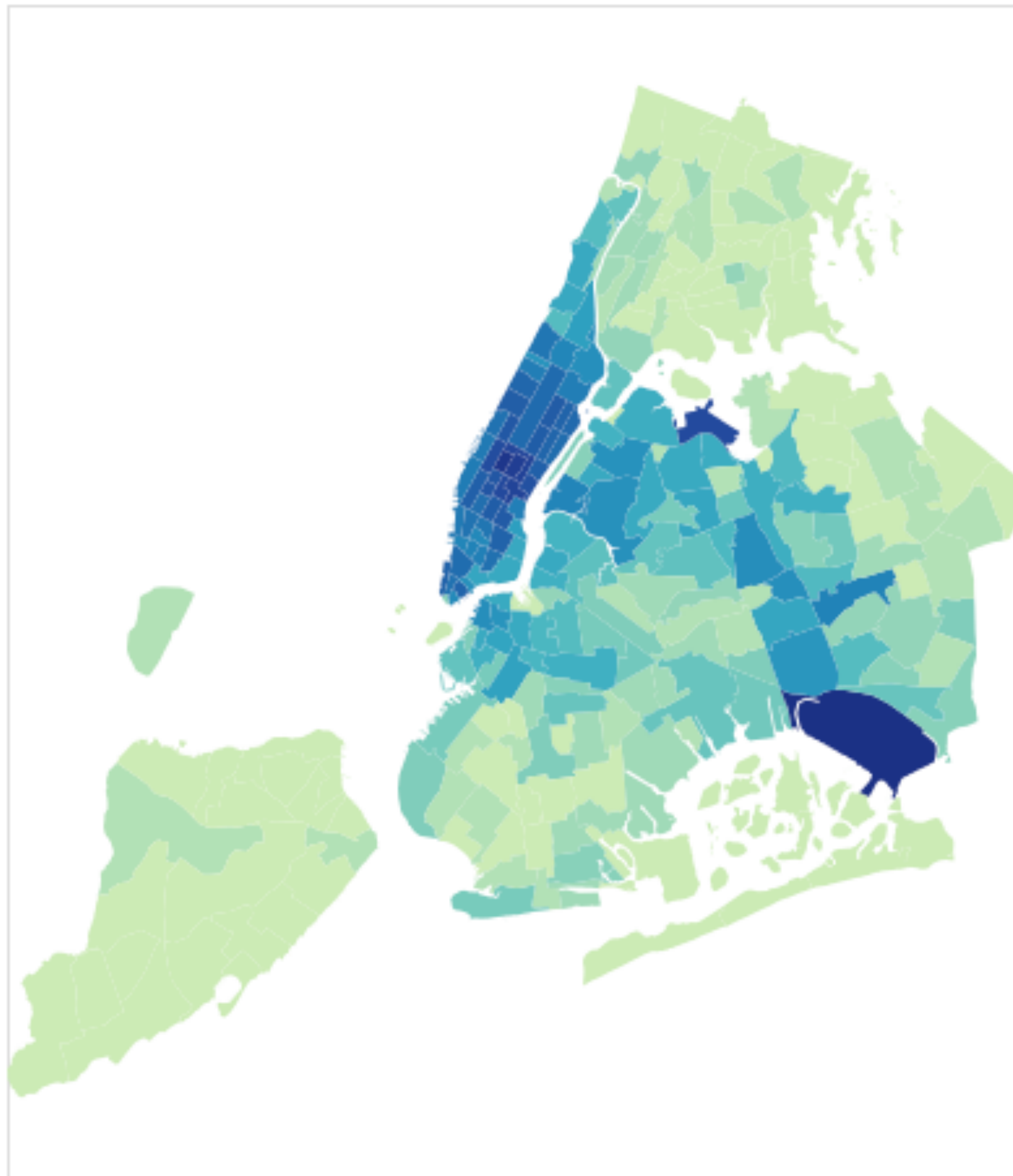
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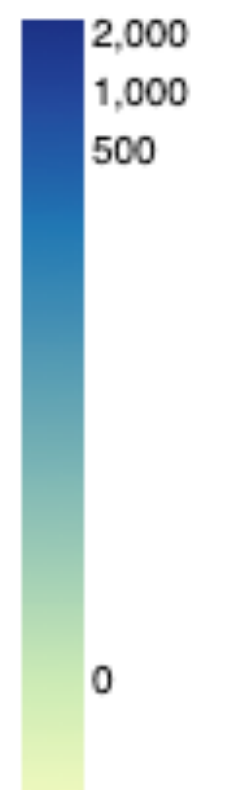
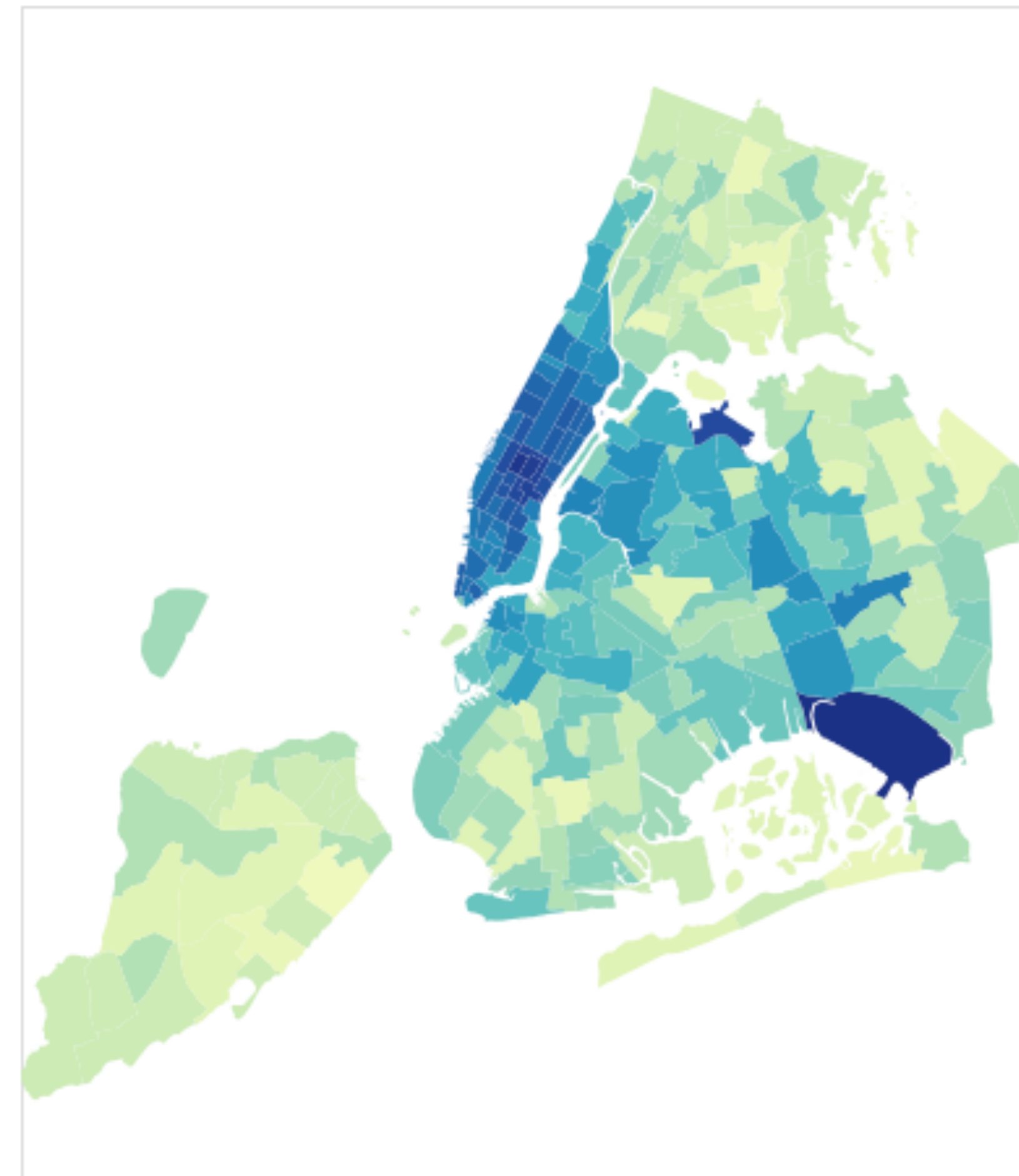
Pickup frequency by taxi zone

New York City taxi/passenger data; 3.17 million records

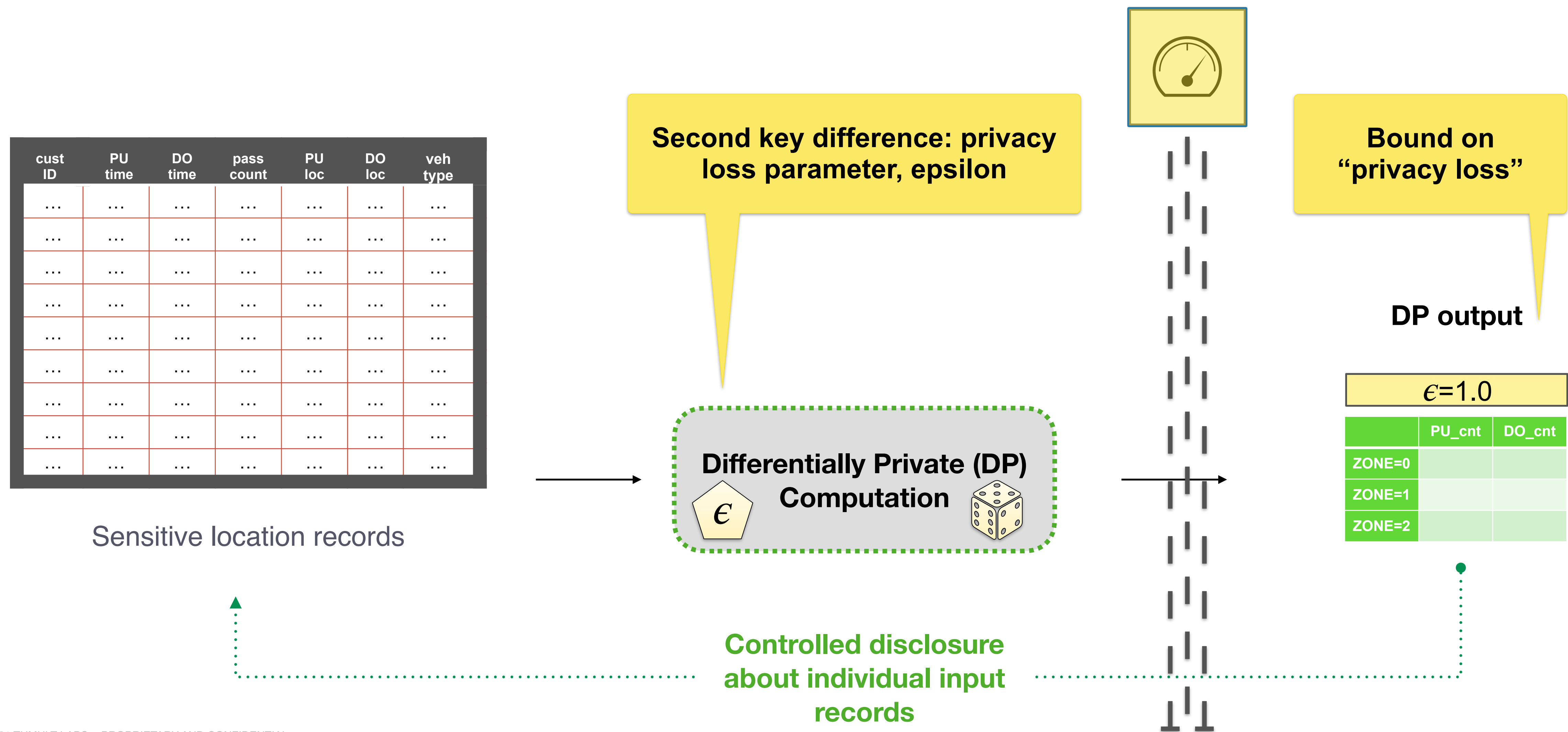
Original data



Differentially private, epsilon = 1.0



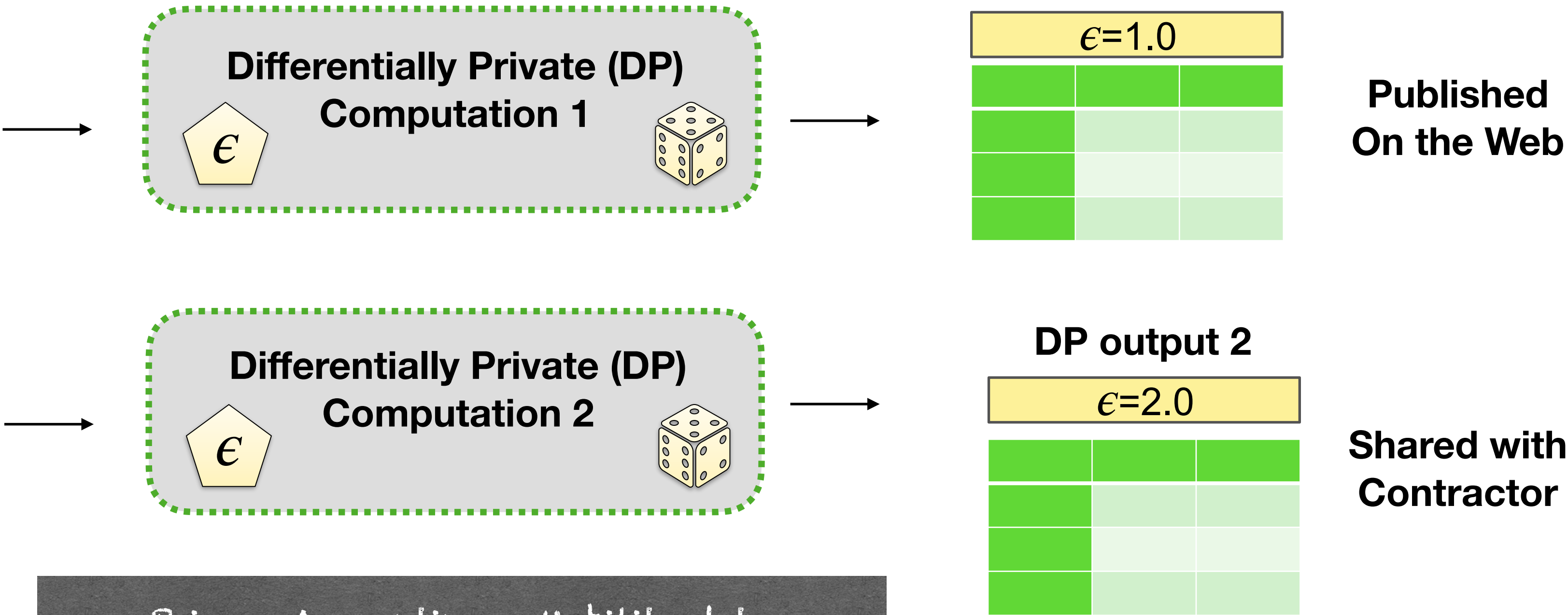
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Managing **cumulative** privacy loss

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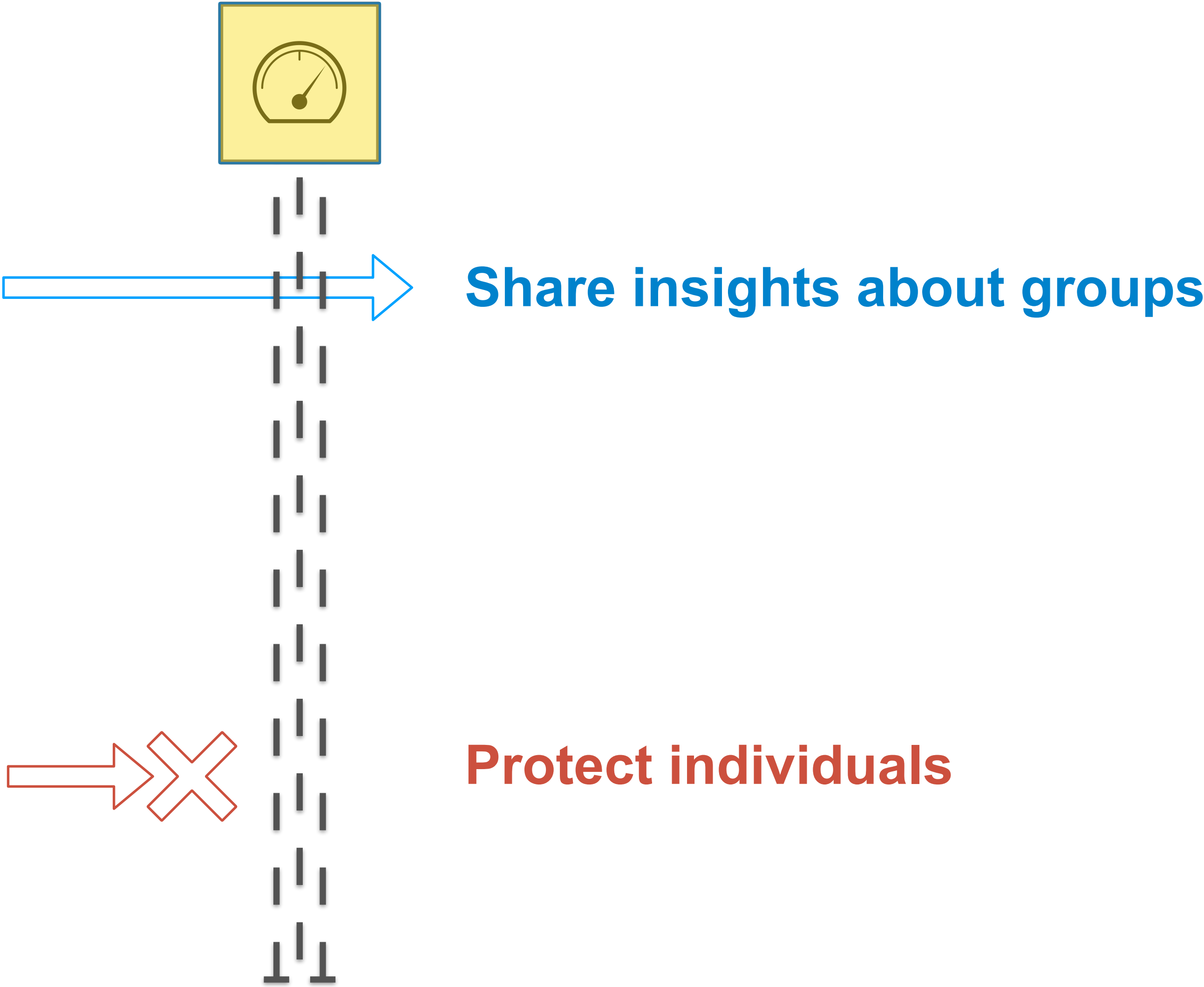


Privacy Accounting – Mobility data		
Release	Recipient	Privacy Loss
Analytics 1	Web Pub	$\epsilon=1.0$
Analytics 2	Contractor	$\epsilon=2.0$
TOTAL PRIVACY LOSS		$\epsilon=3.0$

Differential privacy gives Data custodians a **reliable, metered** privacy “filter”

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