

ETICHIS & PRIVACY

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Our digital traces

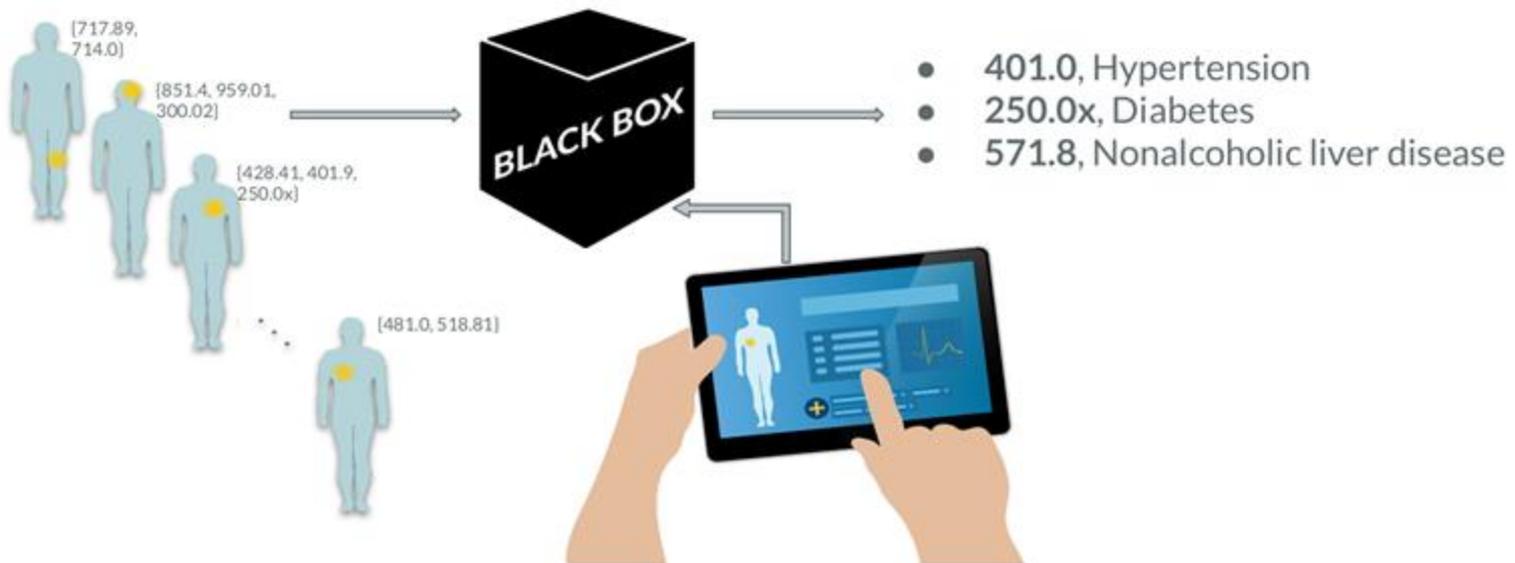
- We produce an unthinkable amount of data while running our daily activities.
- How can we manage all these data? Can we get an added value from them?



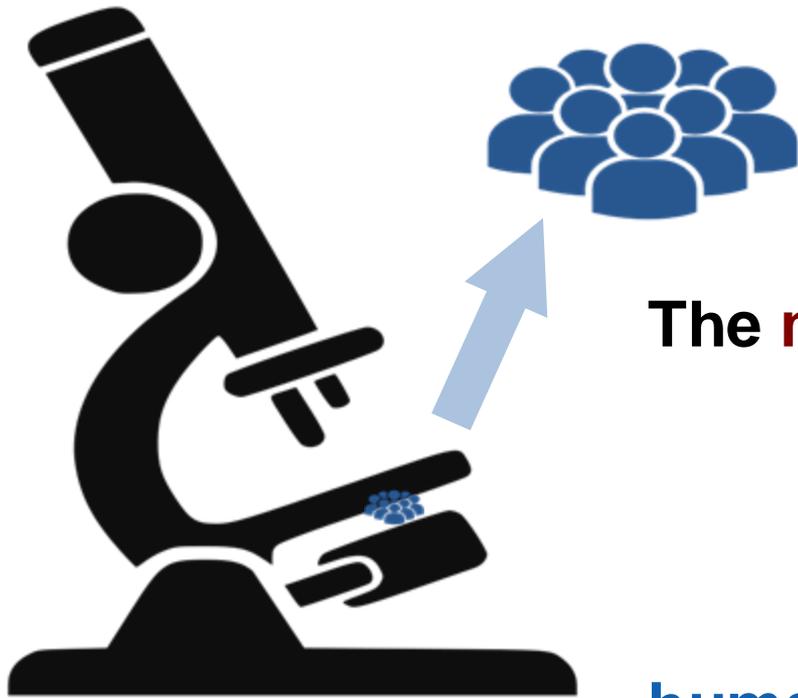
Big Data: new, more carefully targeted services



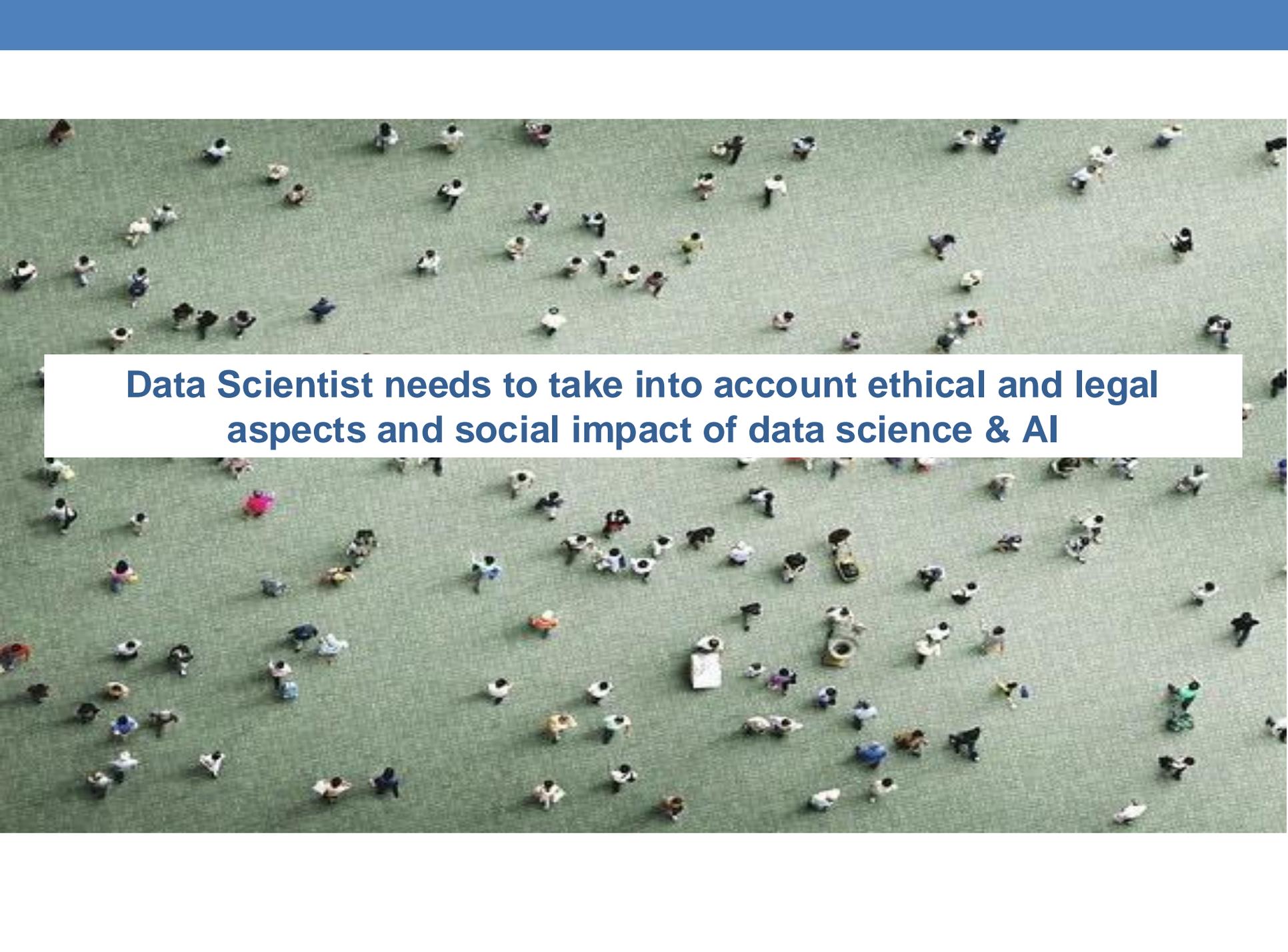
AI in healthcare



AI, Big Data Analytics & Social Mining



The **main tool** for a **Data Scientist** to measure, understand, and possibly predict **human behavior**

An aerial photograph of a large crowd of people scattered across a green field. The people are small, colorful figures from a high-angle perspective. A white rectangular box with blue text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Data Scientist needs to take into account ethical and legal aspects and social impact of data science & AI

EU Ethics Guidelines for AI – (2019)

Human-centric approach: AI as a means, not an end

Trustworthy AI as our foundational ambition, with three components

Lawful AI

complying with all applicable laws and regulations

Ethical AI

ensuring adherence to ethical principles and values

Robust AI

perform in a **safe, secure** and **reliable** manner, both from technical and a social perspective, with safeguards to foresee and prevent unintentional harm

Requirements

1. Human agency and oversight

- Fundamental rights
- Human agency
- Human oversight

2. Technical robustness

- Resilience to attack and security
- Safety
- Accuracy
- Reliability and reproducibility

3. Privacy and data governance

- Privacy and data protection
- Quality and integrity of data
- Access to data

4. Transparency

- Traceability
- Explainability



Requirements

5. Diversity, non-discrimination and fairness

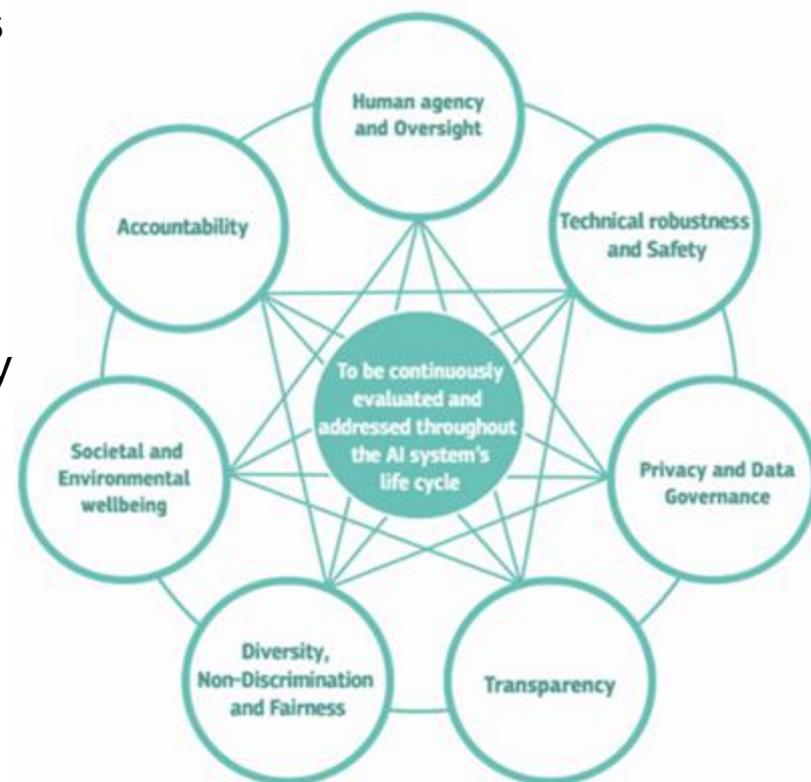
- Avoidance of unfair bias
- Accessibility and universal design
- Stakeholder Participation

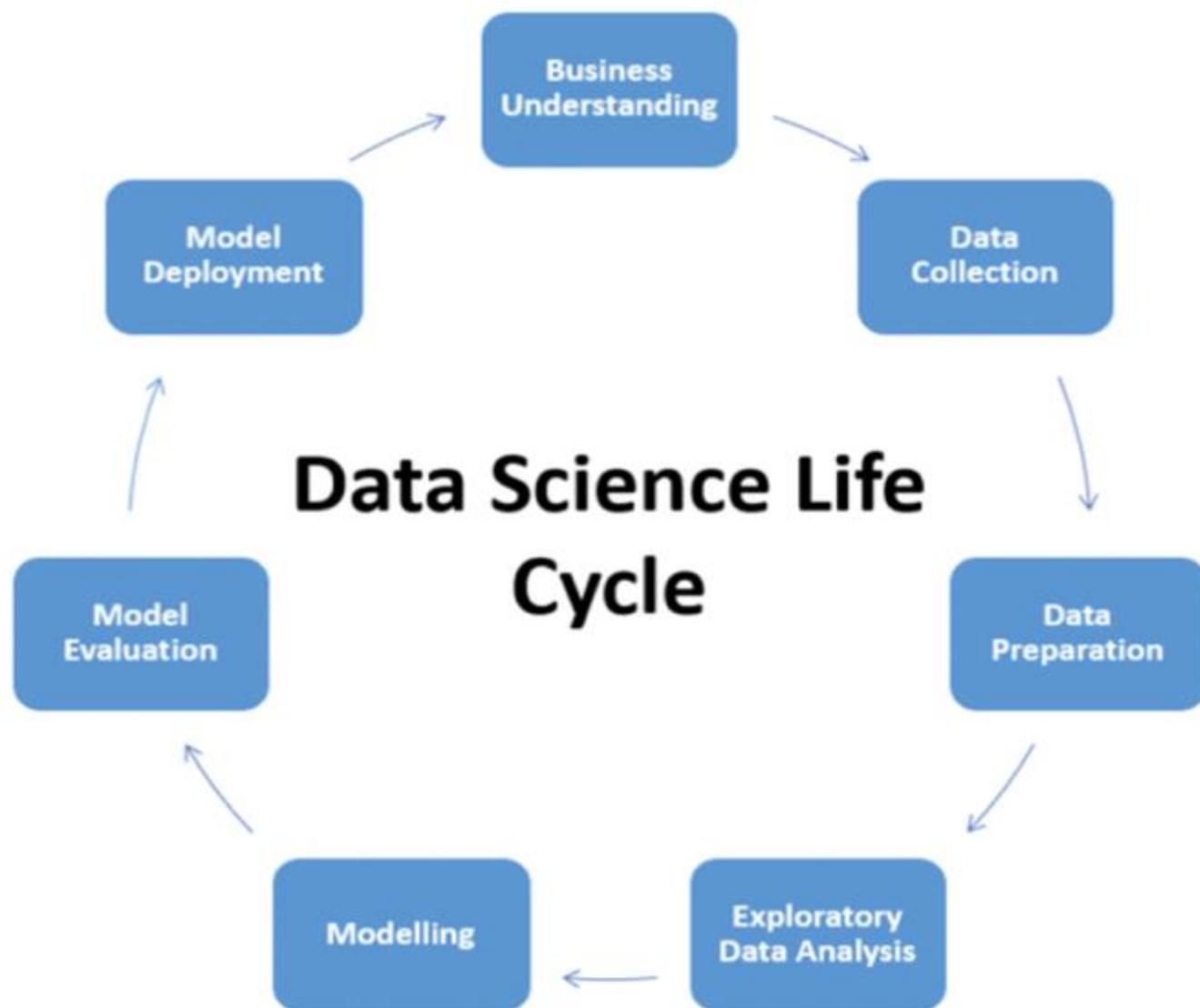
6. Societal and environmental well-being

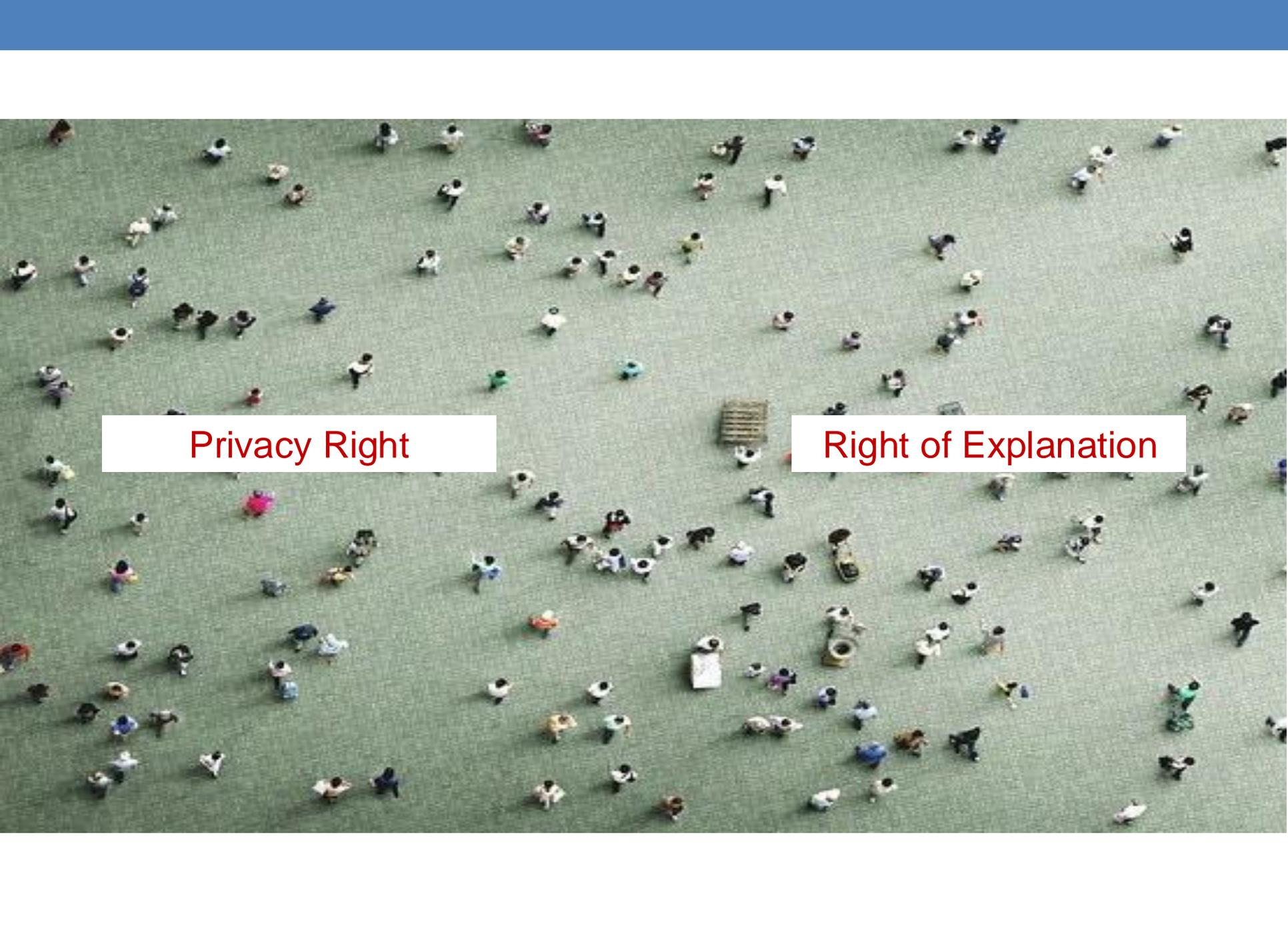
- Sustainable and environmentally friendly AI
- Social impact
- Society and Democracy

7. Accountability

- Minimisation and reporting of negative impacts
- Auditability
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- Trade-offs

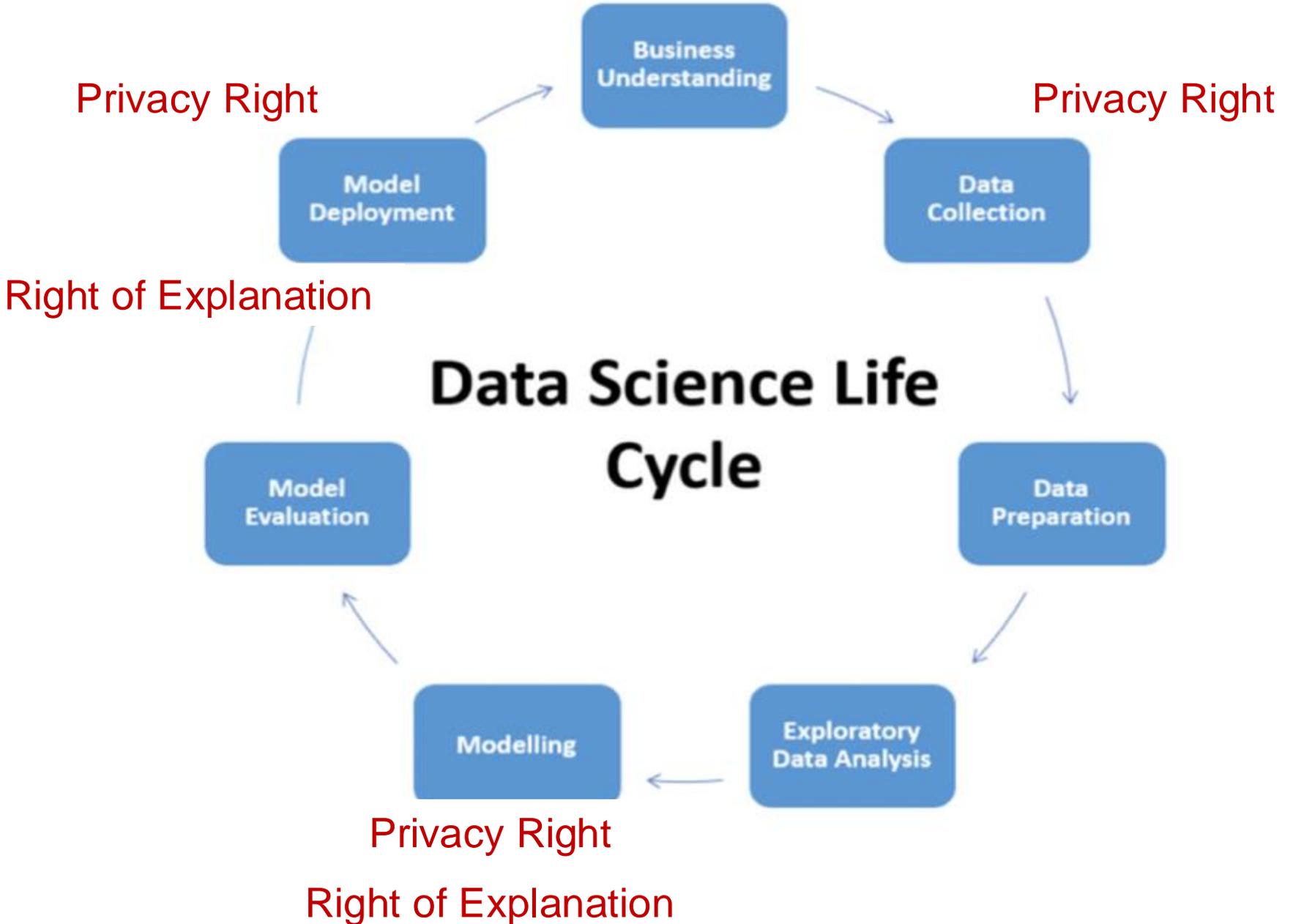




An aerial photograph of a large crowd of people scattered across a green field. The people are small figures from this perspective, engaged in various activities. Two white rectangular boxes with red text are overlaid on the image. The box on the left contains the text 'Privacy Right' and the box on the right contains the text 'Right of Explanation'.

Privacy Right

Right of Explanation



PRIVACY & DATA PROTECTION

EU Legislation for protection of personal data

- European directives:
 - Data protection directive (95/46/EC)
 - ePrivacy directive (2002/58/EC) and its revision (2009/136/EC)
 - General Data Protection Regulation (May 2018)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32016R0679&from=IT>

EU: Personal Data

- **Personal data** is defined as any information relating to an identity or **identifiable** natural person.
- An **identifiable person** is one who can be identified, **directly or indirectly**, in particular by reference to an identification number or to one or more factors specific to his physical, physiological, mental, economic, cultural or social identity.

Personal Data

- Your name
- Home address
- Photo
- Email address
- Bank details
- Posts on social networking websites
- Medical information,
- Computer or mobile IP address
- Mobility traces
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Sensitive Data

- Sensitive personal data is a specific set of “**special categories**” that must be treated with extra security
 - Racial or ethnic origin
 - Political opinions
 - Religious or philosophical beliefs
 - Trade union membership
 - Genetic data
 - Biometric data

EU Directive (95/46/EC) and GDPR

- **GOALS:**
 - protection protection of individuals with regard to the **processing** of personal data
 - the free movement of such data
 - User control on personal data
- The term “process” covers anything that is done to or with personal data:
 - collecting
 - recording
 - organizing, structuring, storing
 - adapting, altering, retrieving, consulting, using
 - disclosing by transmission, disseminating or making available, aligning or combining, restricting, erasing, or destroying data.

Anonymity according to 1995/46/EC

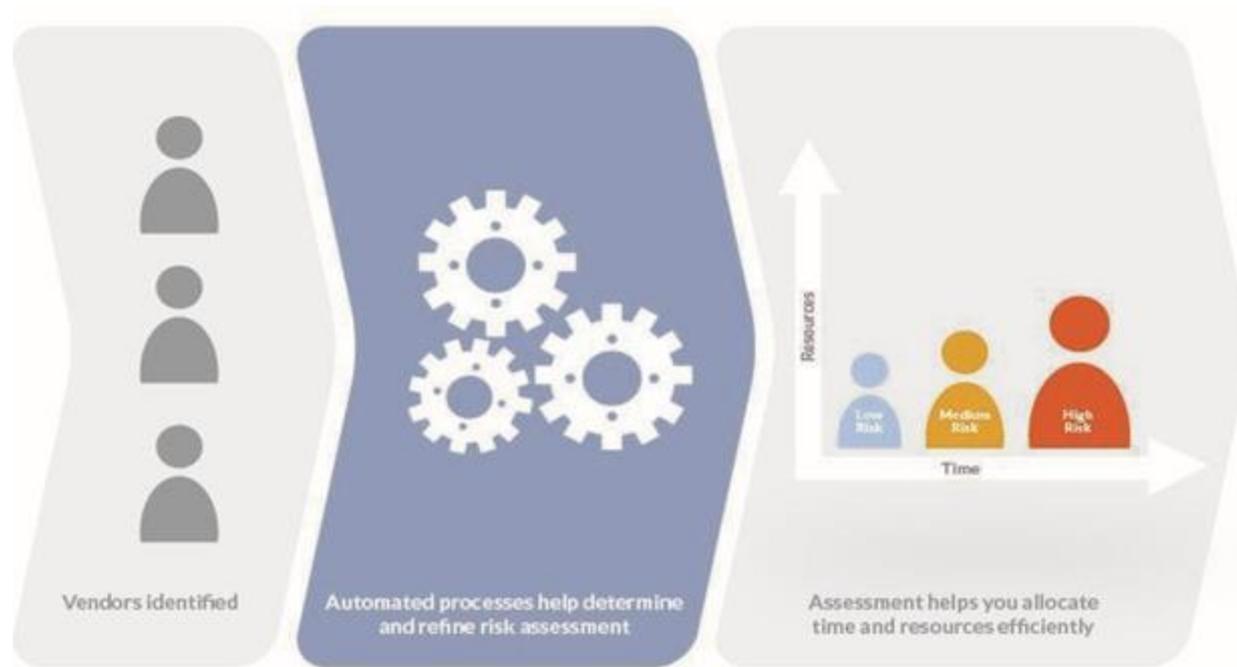
- The principles of protection must apply to any information concerning an identified or identifiable person;
- To determine whether a person is identifiable, account should be taken of **all the means likely reasonably to be used** either by the controller or by any other person to identify the said person
- **The principles of protection shall not apply to data rendered anonymous in such a way that the data subject is no longer identifiable**

Privacy by Design Principle

- **Privacy by design** is an approach to protect privacy by inscribing it into the **design specifications** of information technologies, accountable business practices, and networked infrastructures, from the very start
- Developed by Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner, Dr. Ann Cavoukian, in the 1990s
 - as a response to the growing threats to online privacy that were beginning to emerge at that time.

Privacy Risk Assessment

- GDPR requires that data controllers maintain an updated report on the **privacy risk assessment** on personal data collected



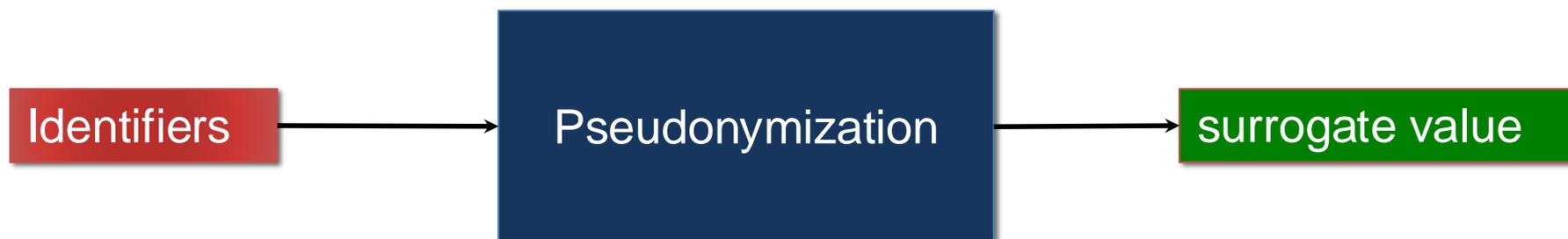
PSEUDONYMIZATION & ANONYMIZATION

Anonymization vs Pseudonymization

- Pseudonymization and Anonymization are two distinct terms often confused
- Anonymized data and pseudonymized data fall under very different categories in the regulation
- **Anonymization guarantees data protection** against the (direct and indirect) data subject re-identification
- **Pseudonymization substitutes the identity** of the data subject in such a way that additional information is required to re-identify the data subject

Pseudonymization

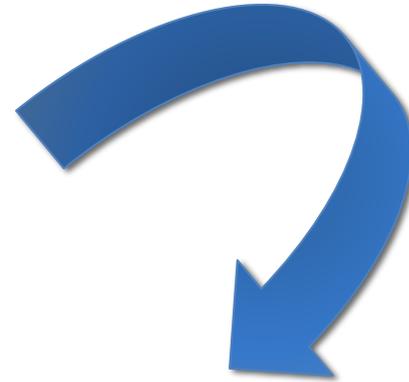
Substitute an **identifier** with a surrogate value called **token**



Substitute **unique names**, **fiscal code** or any attribute that identifies uniquely individuals in the data

Example of Pseudonymization

Name	Gender	DoB	ZIP Code	Diagnosis
Anna Verdi	F	1962	300122	Cancer
Luisa Rossi	F	1960	300133	Gastritis
Giorgio Giallo	M	1950	300111	Heart Attack
Luca Nero	M	1955	300112	Headache
Elisa Bianchi	F	1965	300200	Dislocation
Enrico Rosa	M	1953	300115	Fracture



ID	Gender	DoB	ZIP CODE	DIAGNOSIS
11779	F	1962	300122	Cancer
12121	F	1960	300133	Gastritis
21177	M	1950	300111	Heart Attack
41898	M	1955	300112	Headache
56789	F	1965	300200	Dislocation
65656	M	1953	300115	Fracture

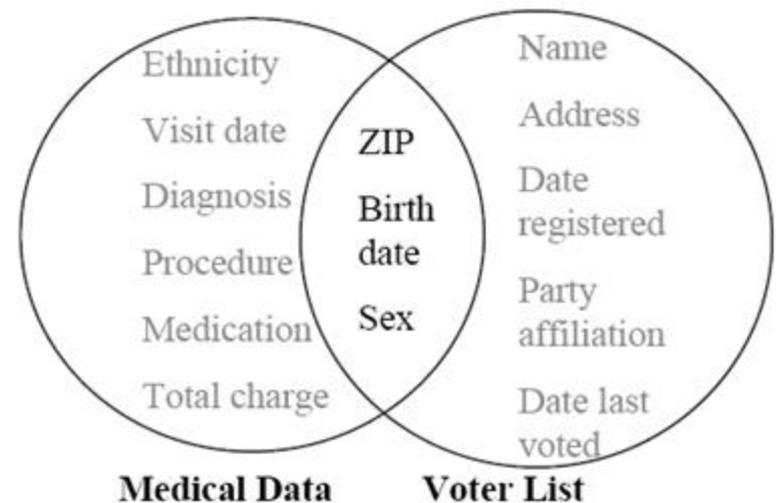
**Is Pseudonymization enough for
data protection?**

**Pseudonymized data are still
Personal Data!!**

Massachusetts' Governor

- Sweeney managed to re-identify the medical record of the governor of Massachusetts
 - MA collects and publishes sanitized medical data for state employees (microdata) **left circle**
 - voter registration list of MA (publicly available data) **right circle**

- looking for governor's record
- join the tables:
 - **6 people had his birth date**
 - **3 were men**
 - **1 in his zipcode**



Linking Attack

Governor: Birth Date = **1950**, ZIP = **300111**

ID	Gender	YoB	ZIP	DIAGNOSIS
1	F	1962	300122	Cancer
2	F	1960	300133	Gastritis
3	M	1950	300111	Heart Attack
4	M	1955	300112	Headache
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6	M	1953	300115	Fracture

Which is the disease of the Governor?

Making data anonymous

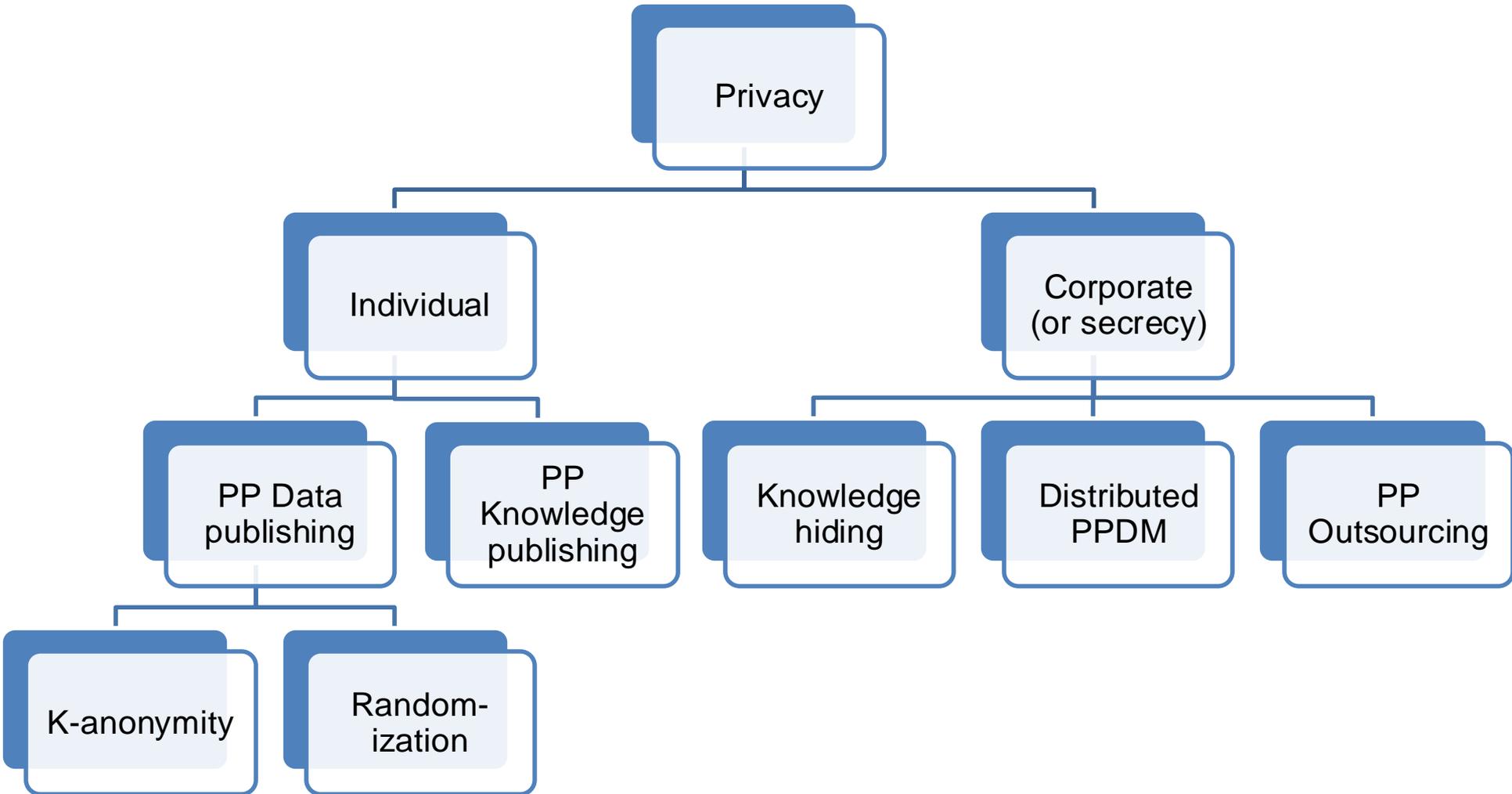
K-anonymity

Governor: Birth Date = 1950, ZIP = 300111

ID	Gender	YoB	ZIP	DIAGNOSIS
1	F	[1960-1956]	300***	Cancer
2	F	[1960-1956]	300***	Gastritis
3	M	[1950-1955]	30011*	Heart Attack
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Ontology of Privacy in Data Mining



Attribute classification

Identifiers

Quasi-identifiers

Sensitive

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K-Anonymity

- **k-anonymity** hides each individual among $k-1$ others
 - each QI set should appear at least k times in the released data
 - linking cannot be performed with confidence $> 1/k$
- How to achieve this?
 - **Generalization**: publish more general values, i.e., given a domain hierarchy, roll-up
 - **Suppression**: remove tuples, i.e., do not publish outliers. Often the number of suppressed tuples is bounded
- Privacy vs utility tradeoff
 - do not anonymize more than necessary
 - Minimize the distortion

Vulnerability of K-anonymity

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/-Diversity

- Principle
 - Each equivalence class has at least / well-represented sensitive values
- Distinct /-diversity
 - Each equivalence class has at least / distinct sensitive values

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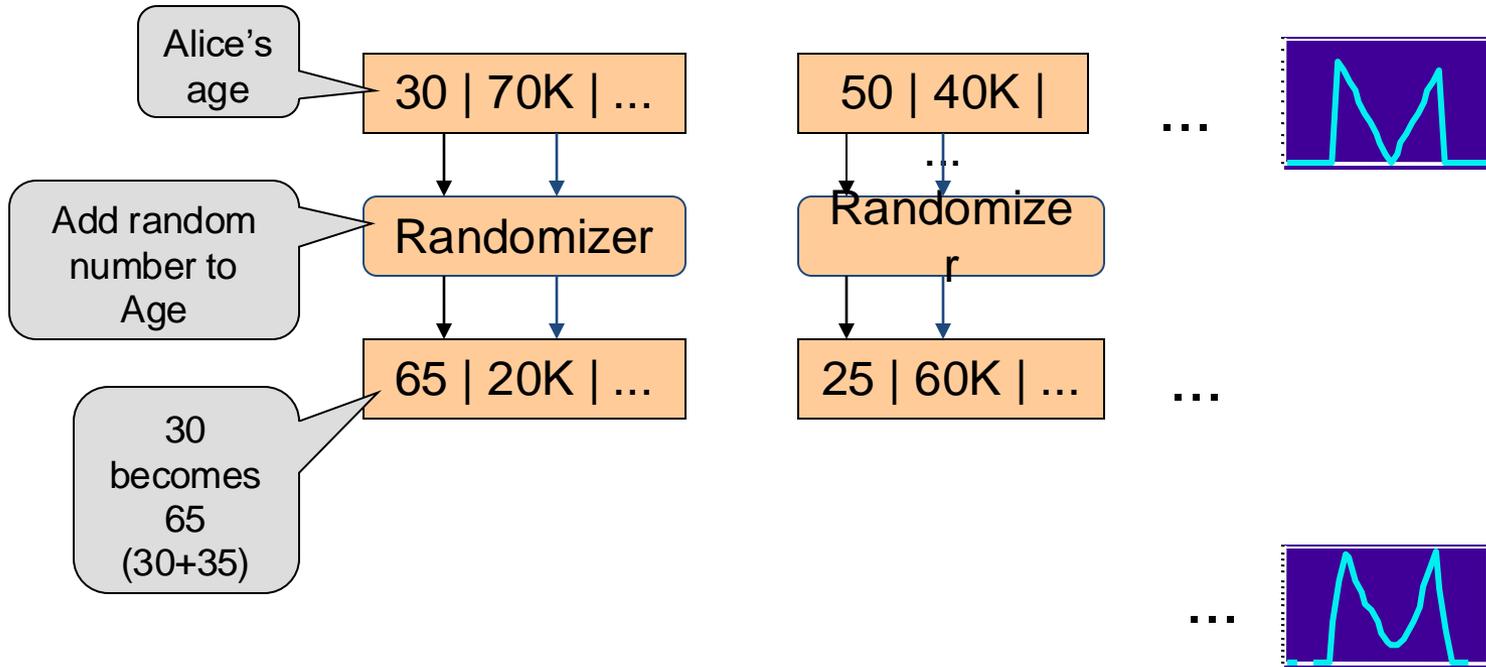
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Randomization

- **Original values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n**
 - from probability distribution X (unknown)
- **To hide these values, we use y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n**
 - from probability distribution Y
 - Uniform distribution between $[-\alpha, \alpha]$
 - Gaussian, normal distribution with $\mu = 0, \sigma$
- **Given**
 - $x_1+y_1, x_2+y_2, \dots, x_n+y_n$
 - the probability distribution of Y

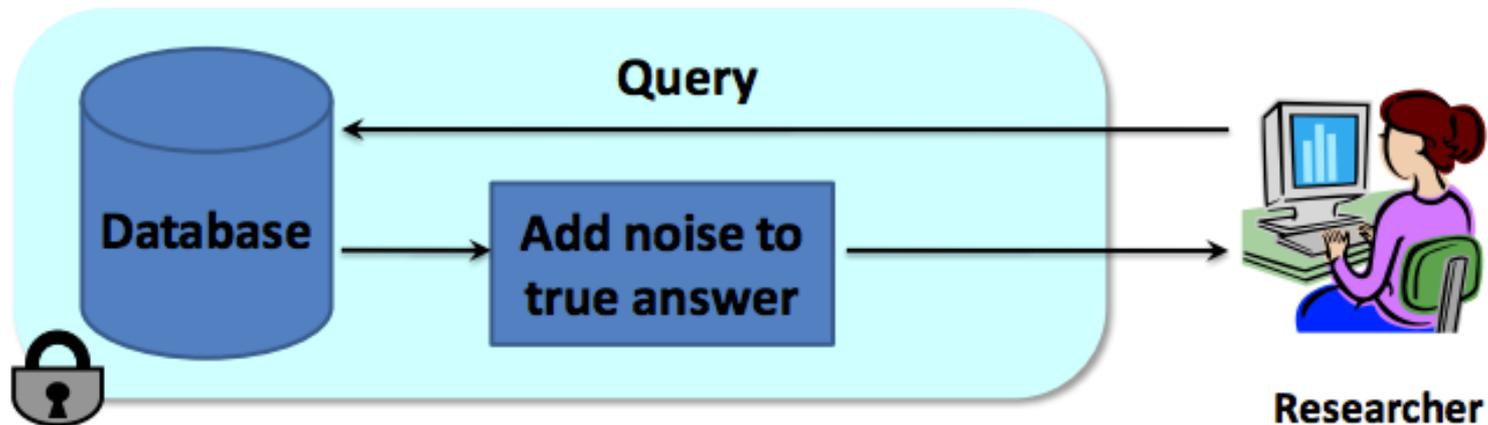
Estimate the probability distribution of X .

Randomization Approach Overview



Differential Privacy

- The risk to my privacy should not increase as a result of participating in a statistical database



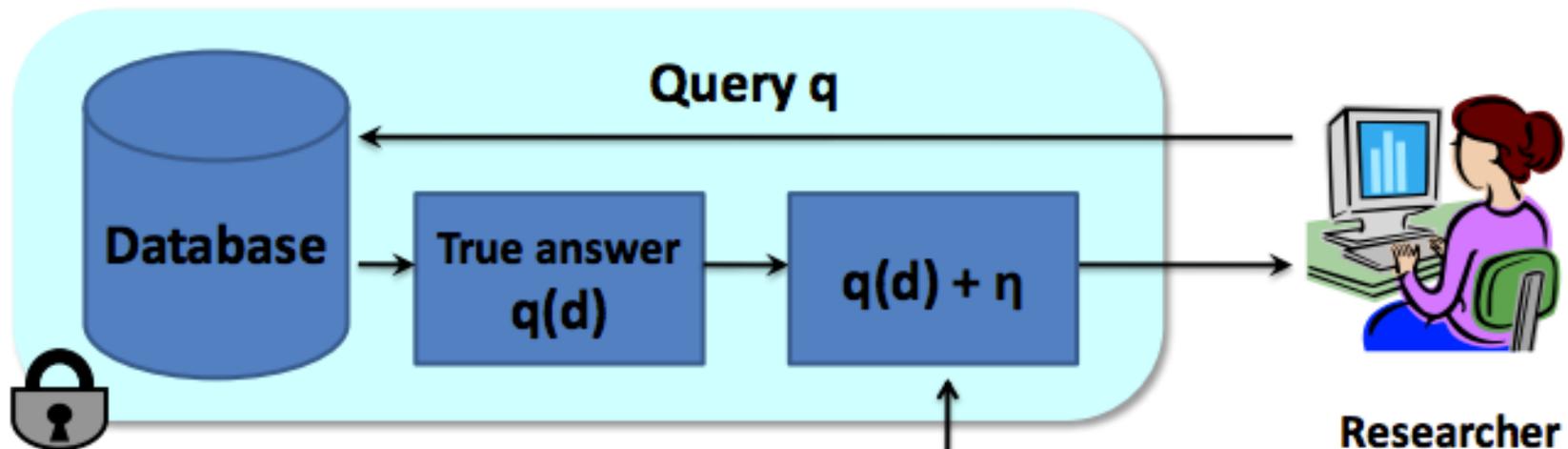
- Add noise to answers such that:
 - Each answer does not leak too much information about the database
 - Noisy answers are close to the original answers

Attack

Name	Has Diabetes
Alice	yes
Bob	no
Mark	yes
John	yes
Sally	no
Jack	yes

- 1) how many persons have Diabetes? 4
 - 2) how many persons, excluding Alice, have Diabetes? 3
- **So the attacker can infer that Alice has Diabetes.**
 - **Solution:** make the two answers similar
 - 1) the answer of the first query could be $4+1 = 5$
 - 2) the answer of the second query could be $3+2.5=5.5$

Differential Privacy

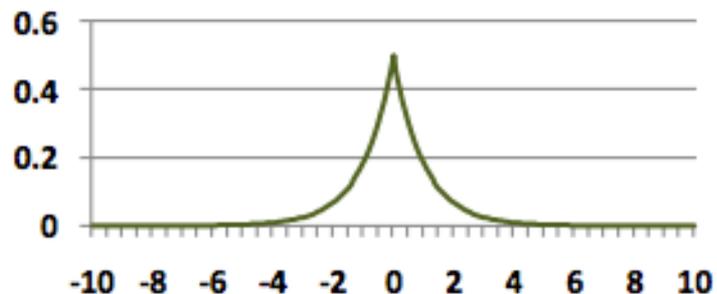


Privacy depends on the λ parameter

$$h(\eta) = \exp(-\eta / \lambda)$$

Mean: 0,
Variance: $2 \lambda^2$

Laplace Distribution – Lap(λ)



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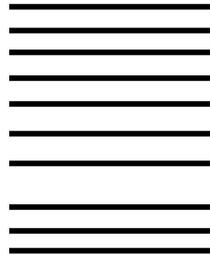
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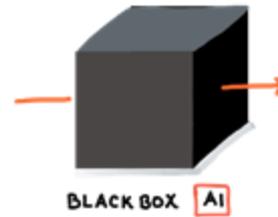
**Can we jeopardize individual
privacy without accessing data?**

Privacy risk of ML models

LEARNING A
ML MODEL



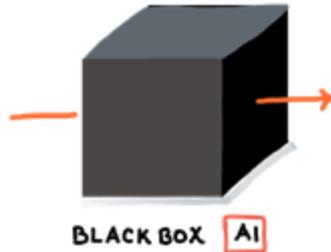
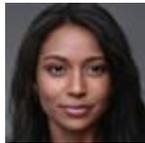
Training data



Infer she belongs to
confidential training
data



Query the BB
model



Get an answer



APPLY A ML
MODEL

The privacy attack: MIA

