

# Protecting sensory data against sensitive inferences

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# Context

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1973

- ▶ Location (~50m)
- ▶ Microphone



2018

- Location (~3m)
- Microphone
- **Gyroscope**
- **Accelerometer**
- Barometer
- Magnetometer
- Thermometer
- Proximity
- Ambient Light
- Humidity

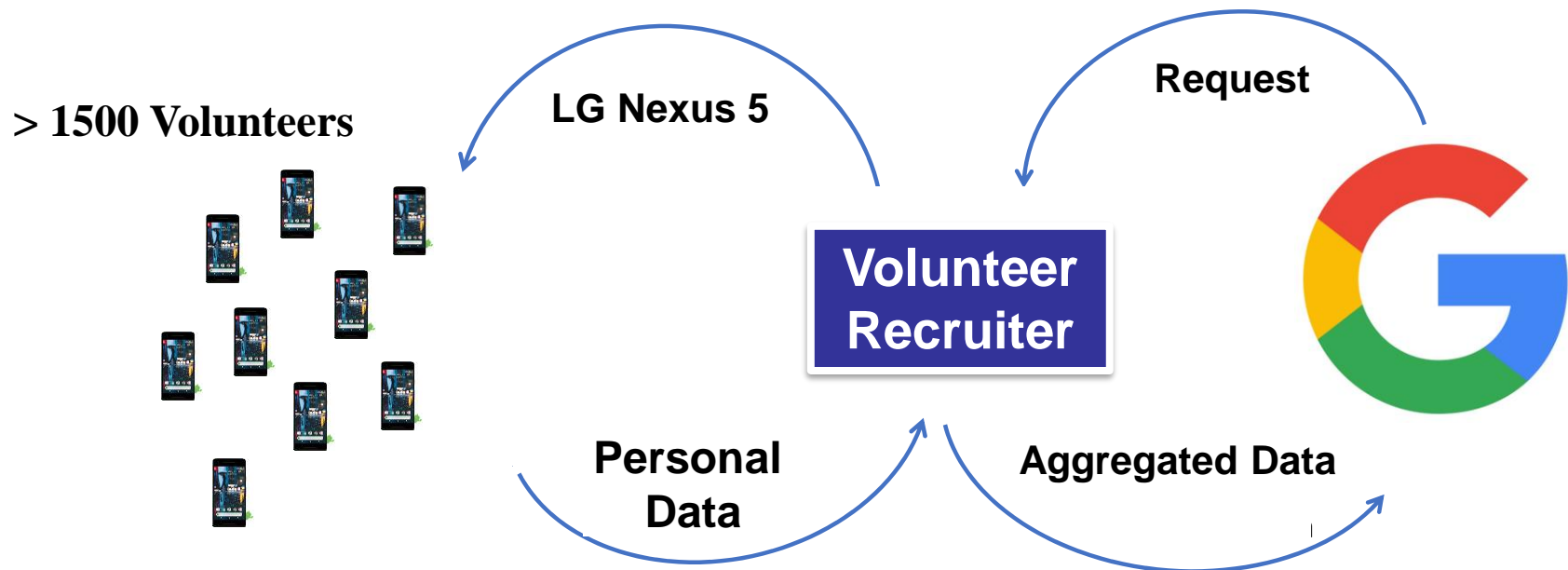


Smart devices measure more and more data every generation

# An example

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## Google ATAP project Abacus

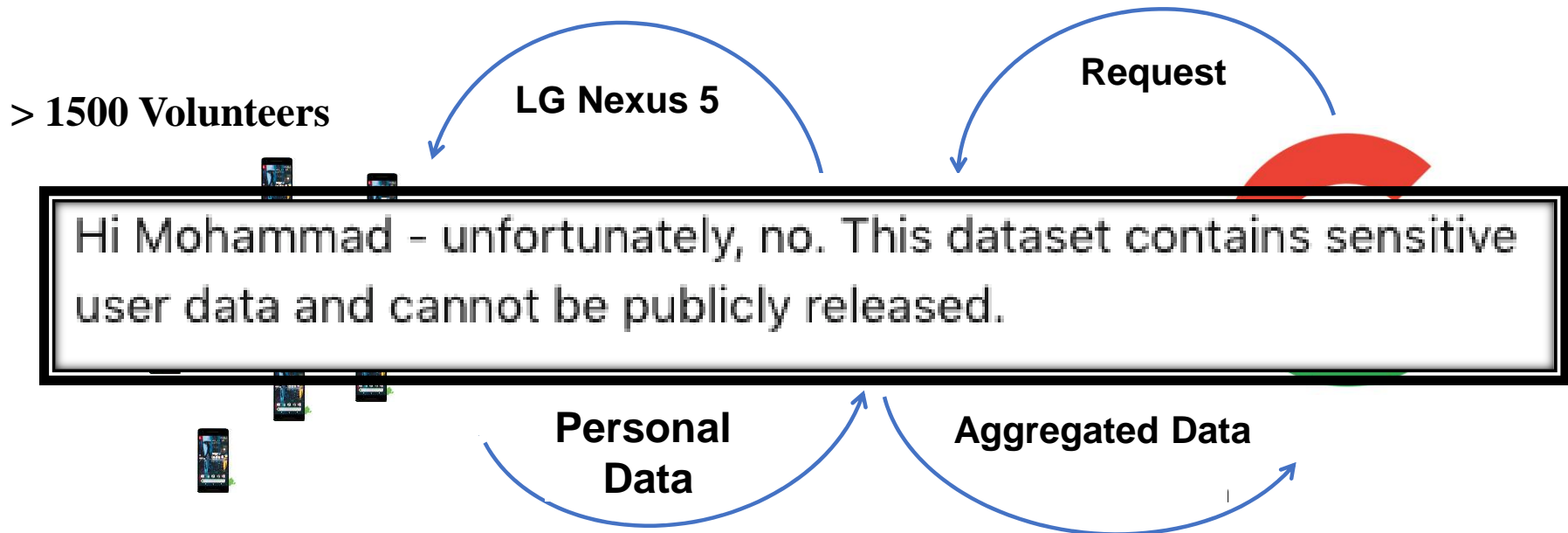


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# MotionSense Dataset

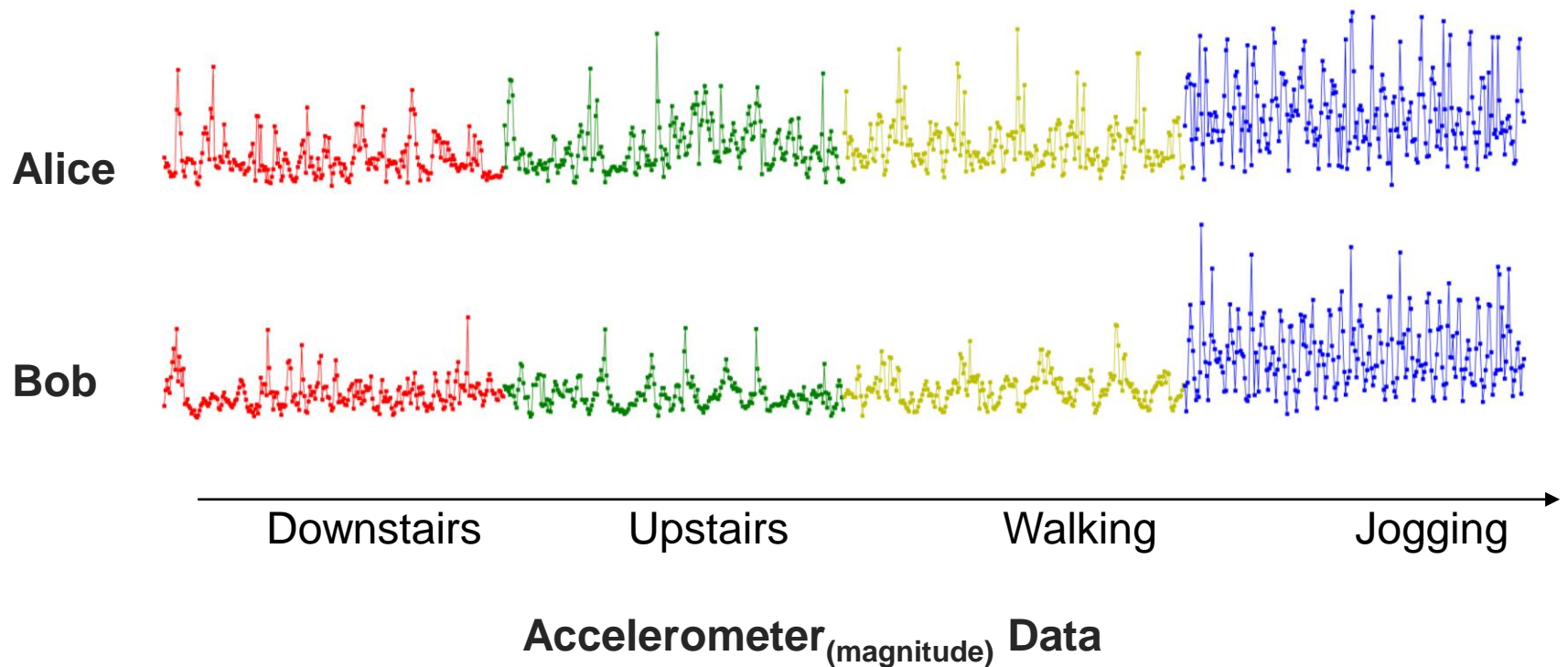
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- Same Activity Set : 6 ADL activities
- Same Place
- Same Phone in the Front Pocket
- **Accelerometer and Gyroscope**
- **24 Different Subjects :**
  - **Gender:** 14 male - 10 female
  - **Age:** [18 – 40] years old
  - **Weight:** [45 ,105] kg
  - **Height:** [160 , 195] cm

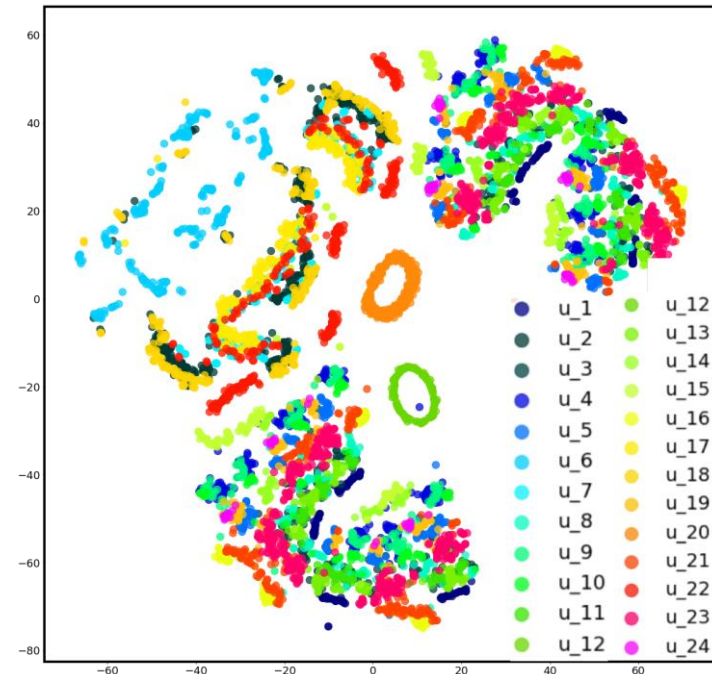
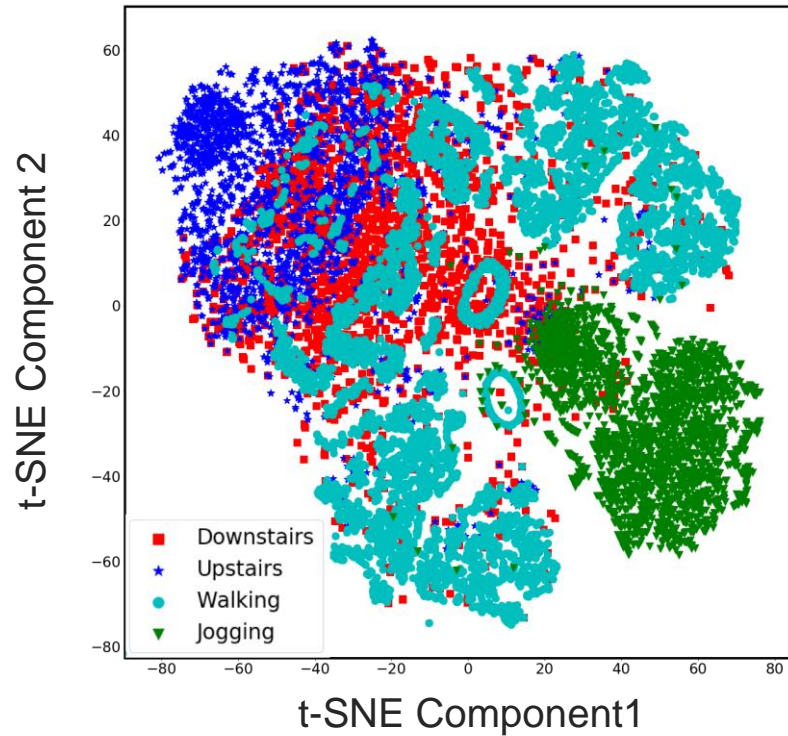


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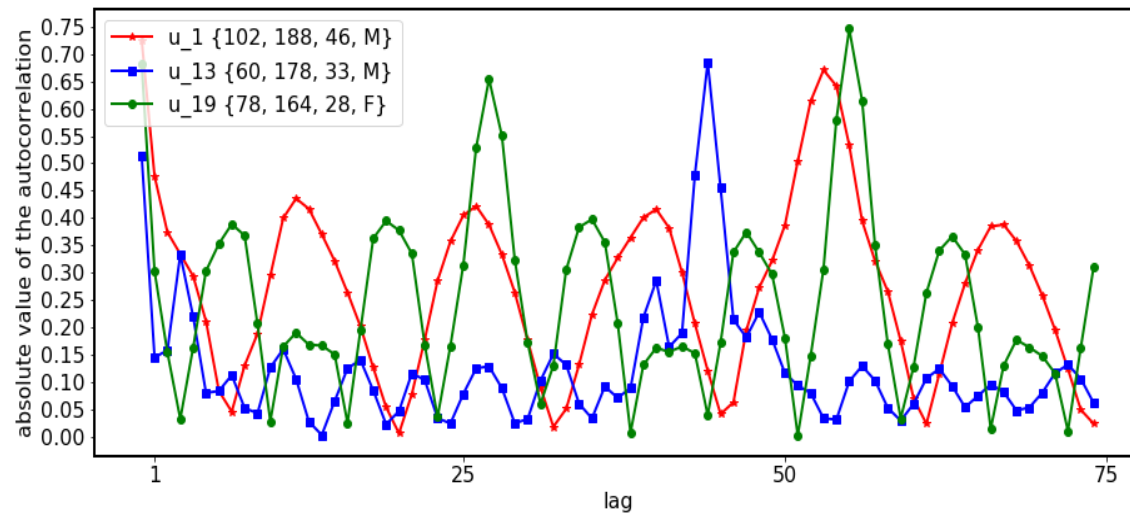
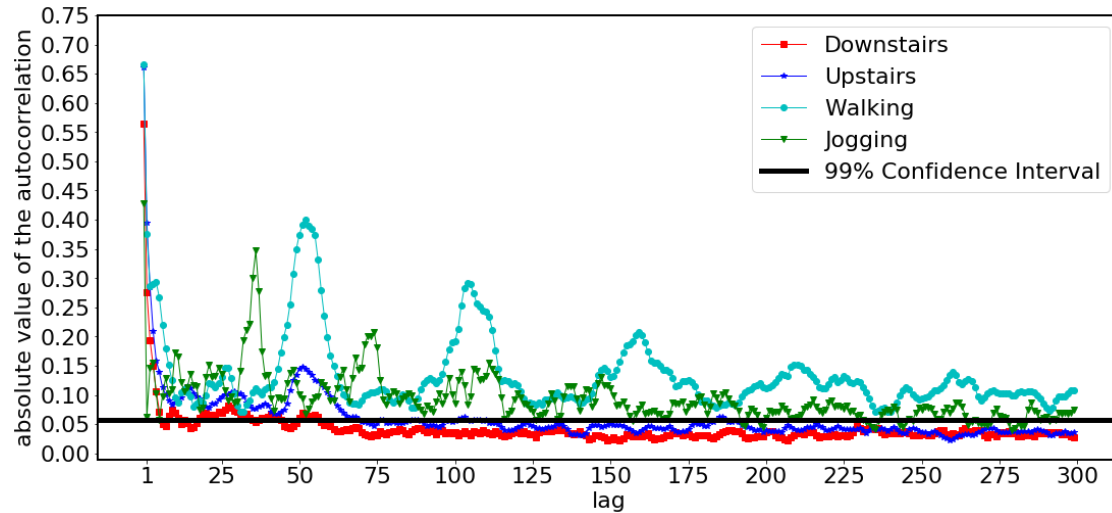
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# Visualisation



# Autocorrelation





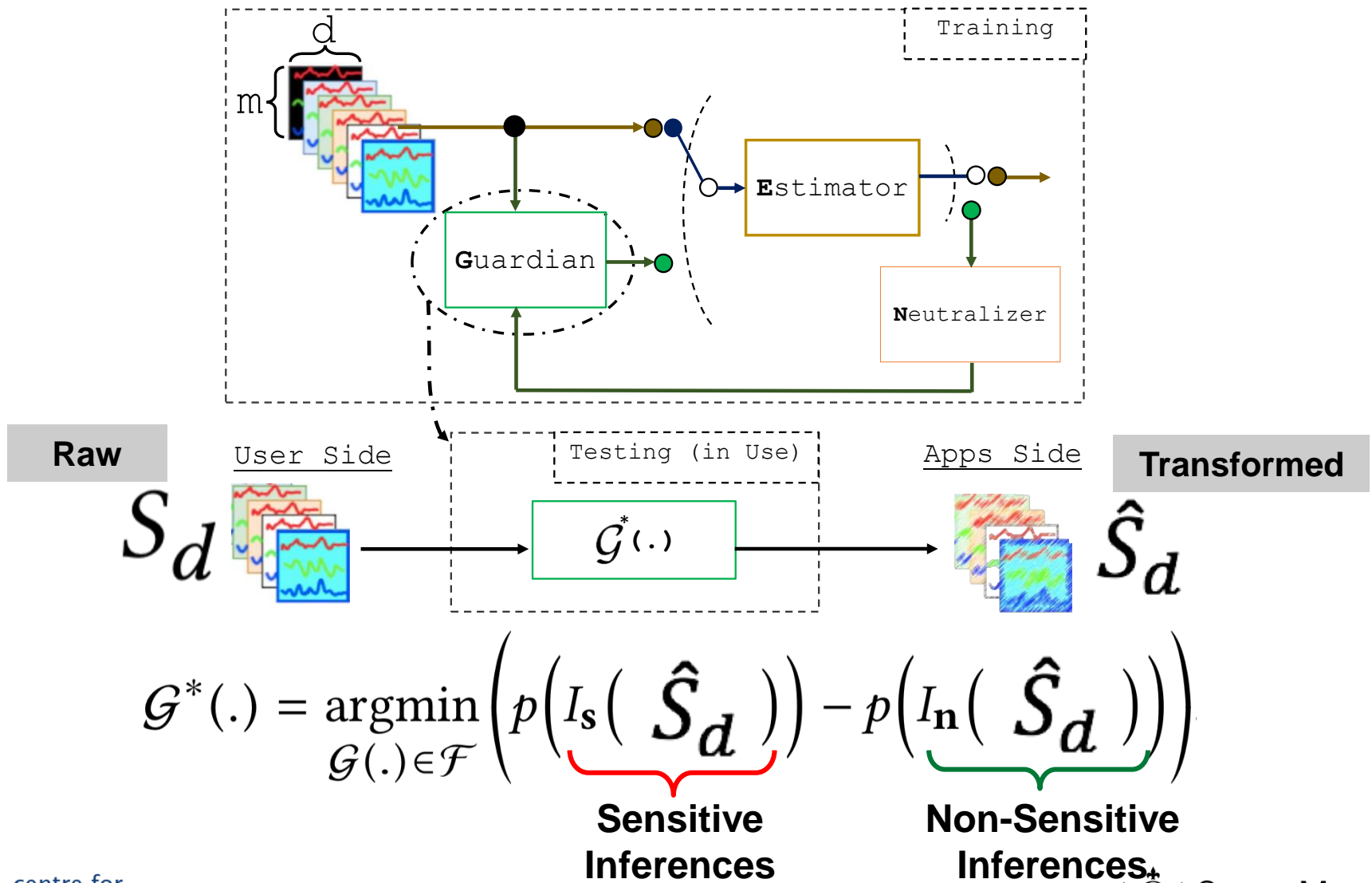
# Classification

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- 1-D Accelerometer<sub>(magnitude)</sub>: (50Hz)
- Time-Window 5 second
- Deep Convolutional Network

	Classification Accuracy
activity	~ 98%
gender	~ 96%
Identity	~ 89%

# Proposed Framework

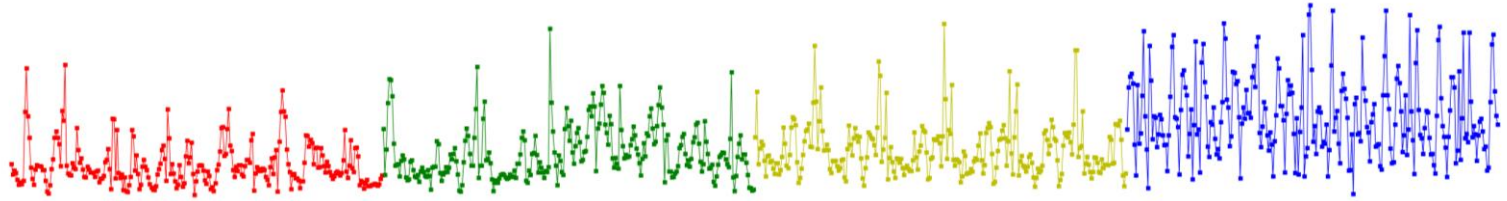


$$\mathcal{G}^*(\cdot) = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathcal{G}(\cdot) \in \mathcal{F}} \left( \underbrace{p\left(I_s\left(\hat{S}_d\right)\right)}_{\text{Sensitive Inferences}} - \underbrace{p\left(I_n\left(\hat{S}_d\right)\right)}_{\text{Non-Sensitive Inferences}} \right)$$

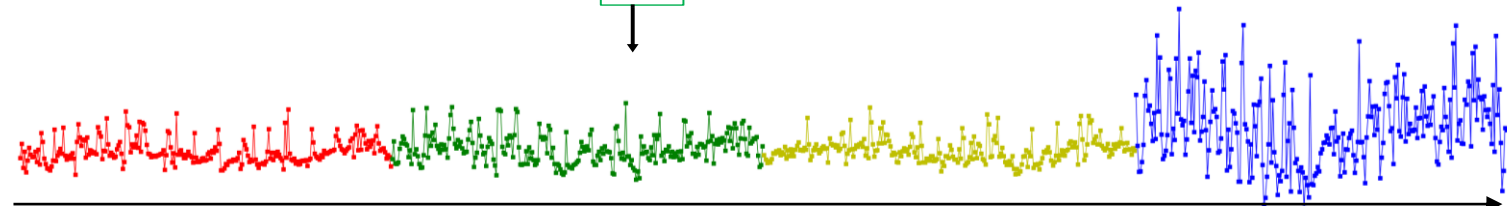
# After Transformation

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**Alice  
(Original)**



**Alice  
(Anonymised)**



Downstairs

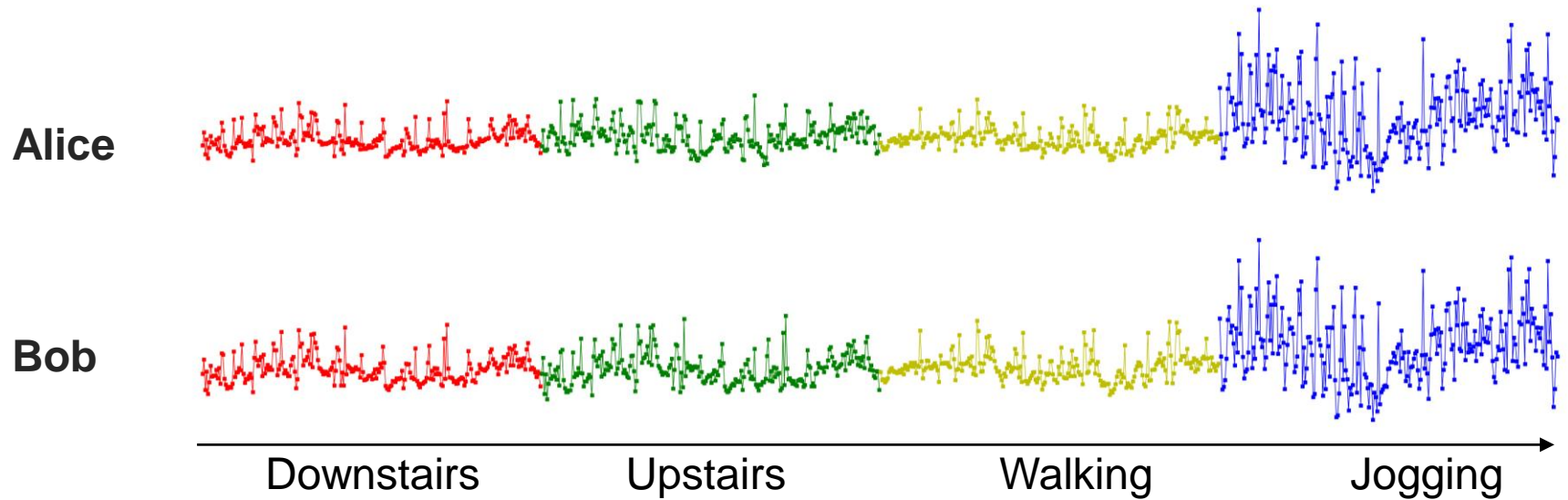
Upstairs

Walking

Jogging

# Transformed Data

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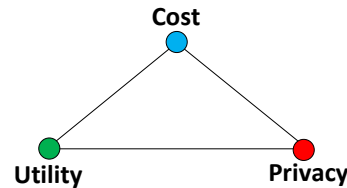
# Results

			Classification Accuracy	
Setting	Dataset	Inf.	$S_d$	$\hat{S}_d$
Train: 2 out of 3	MotionSense	activity	95.08	93.71
		gender	95.15	49.32
	MobiAct	activity	94.31	90.46
		gender	93.74	49.83
Train: $\frac{3}{4}$ subjects	MotionSense	activity	86.33	85.19
		gender	75.35	52.16
	MobiAct	activity	70.49	65.01
		gender	66.18	45.54

# Next Steps

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- **Practical:**



- The **Cost** of the solution on **Edge** devices?
- Removing identifiable motion patterns.

- **Theoretical:**

- Provide a **statistical guarantee** (probabilistic bound)
  - Differential Privacy : **Composition Theorem?**
  - Mutual Information : **Joint Distributions?**

# Thanks!

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Repository of the MotionSense Dataset:  
[bit.ly/eli-dw18](https://bit.ly/eli-dw18)

