



Model Data Breach Risk under Catastrophe Model Framework

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Data Breach Risk Overview

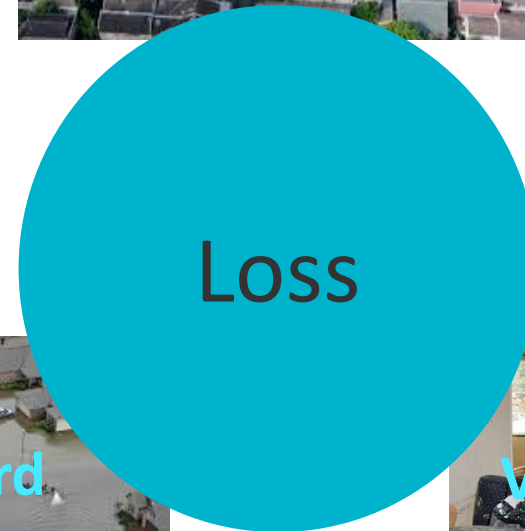
- Data breach (DB) incident
 - unintentional disclosure of sensitive data from organizations, lead to identity and IP theft, financial fraud, and cyber extortion
- “One massive hack after another”
- Severe consequences for consumers and organizations:
 - direct loss: investigation, notification of victims, credit monitoring, regulatory fines, etc.
 - indirect loss: revenue losses from business disruption, customer turnover, reputational damage
- 2018 Cyber Claims Study (by NetDiligence):
 - total cost ranged from \$110 to \$80M for 1201 cyber claims in 2013-2017 (companies <\$2B in revenue)
- 2019 Cost of a Data Breach Report (by Ponemon Institute):
 - the average total cost of a data breach in the U.S. has grown from \$3.5 M in 2006 to \$8.2 M in 2019



Use NAT-CAT Model Framework

- CAT DB event, a man-made CAT event
 - “technological equivalent of extreme weather”
- Heavy tailed distribution of data breach is similar to those of the extreme NAT CAT events.

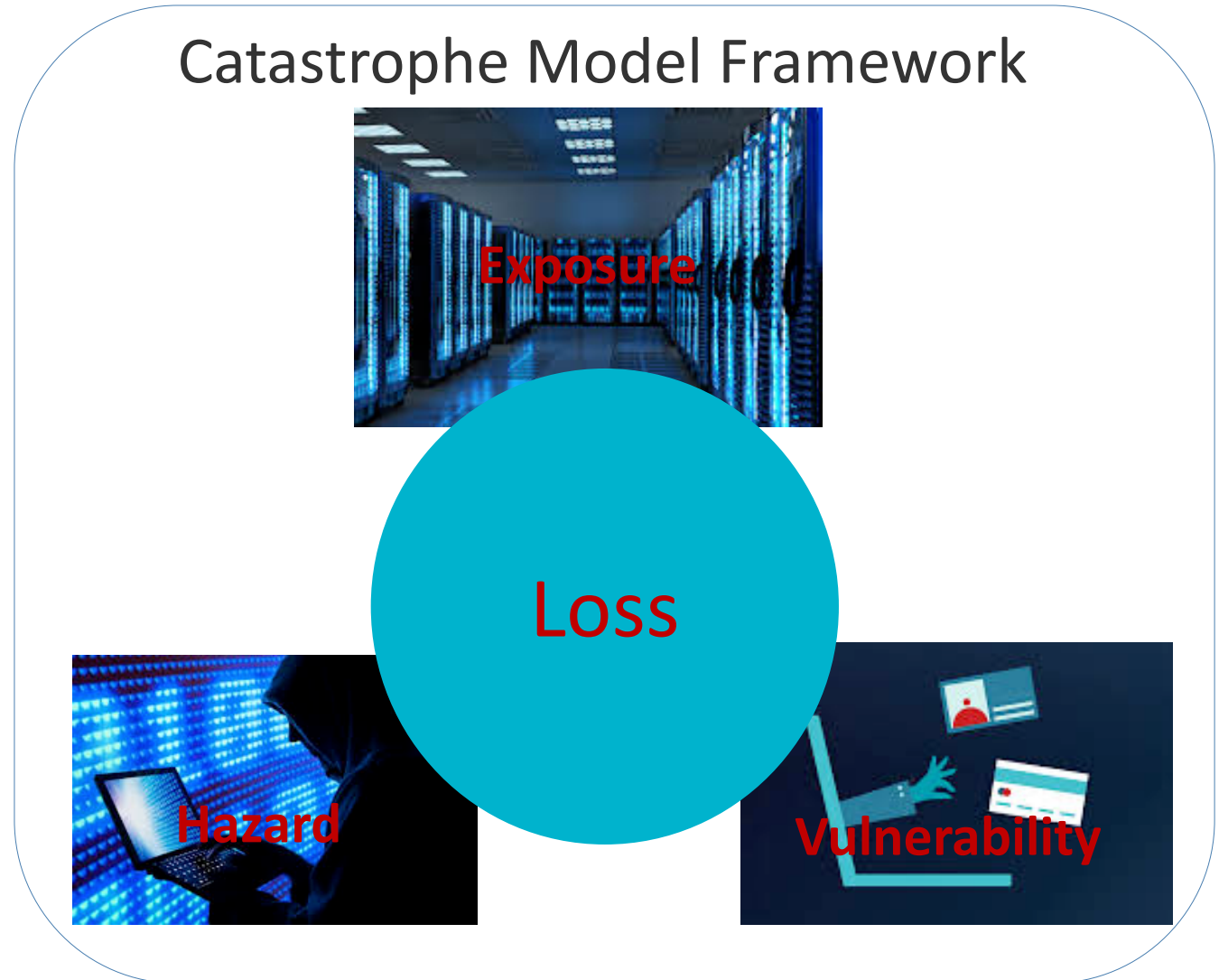
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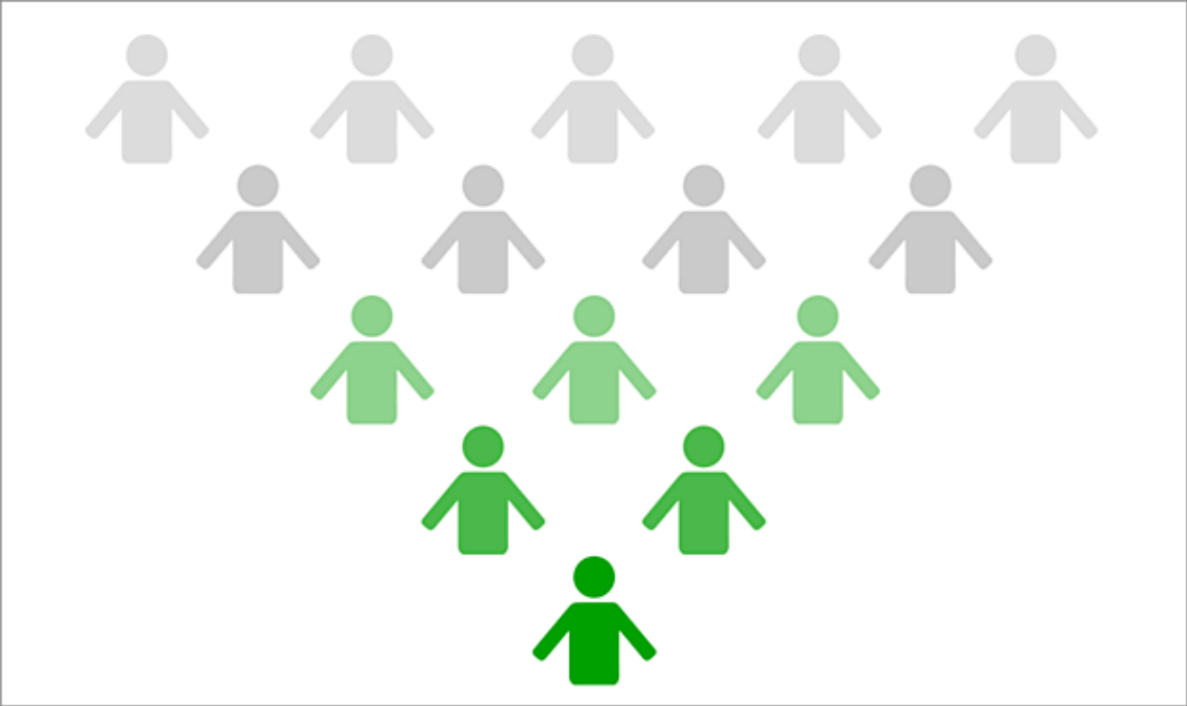
Data Breach Risk Modeling in CAT Framework

- Exposure: quantity, type, and value of record at risk
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Exposure: total record count = employee + user count



Utilities



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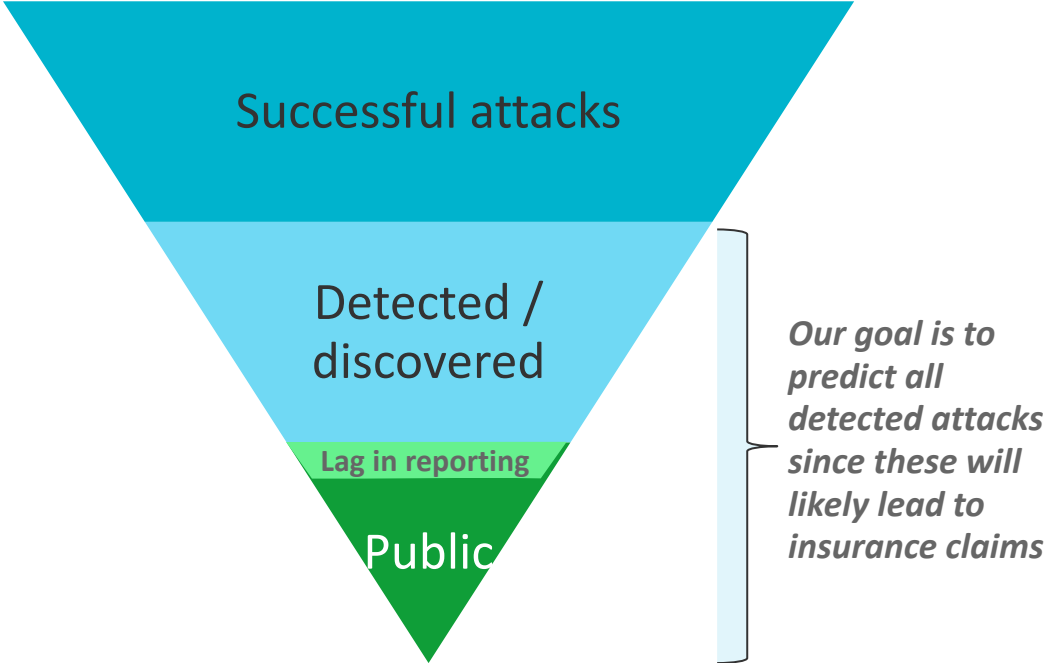
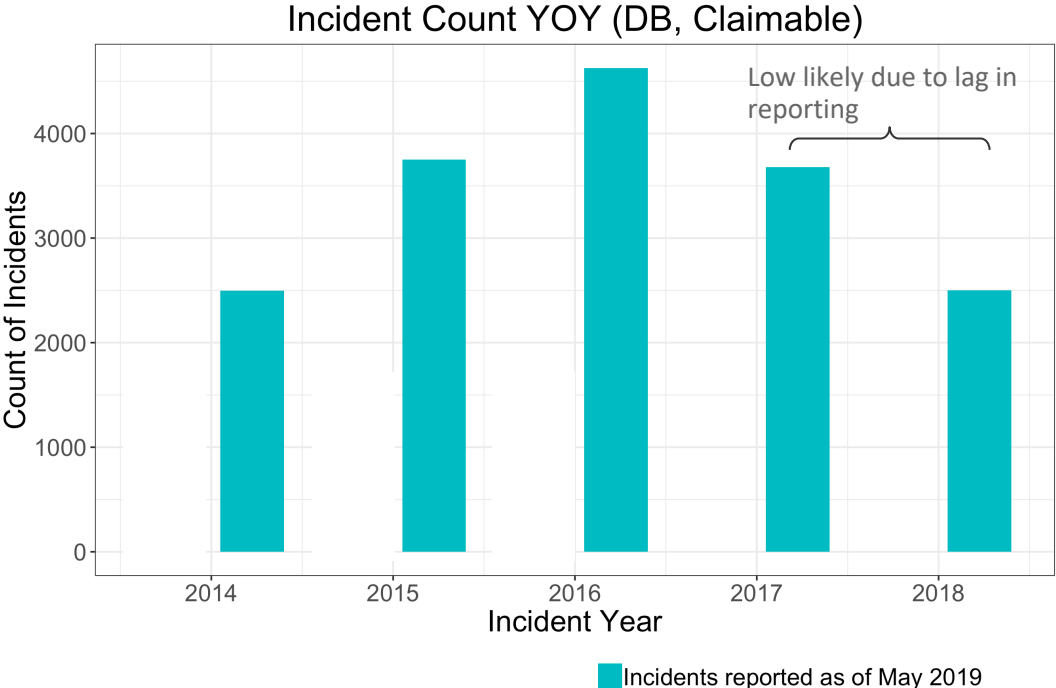


Financial services



Hazard: events that lead to data breach

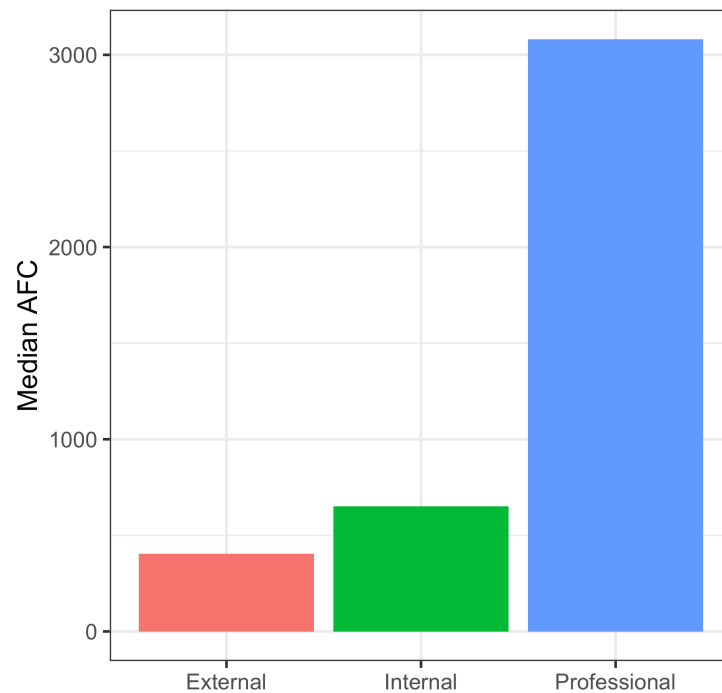
- **Event Frequency:**
 - Evolving landscape
 - Lag in reporting
 - Zero-inflated model is applied



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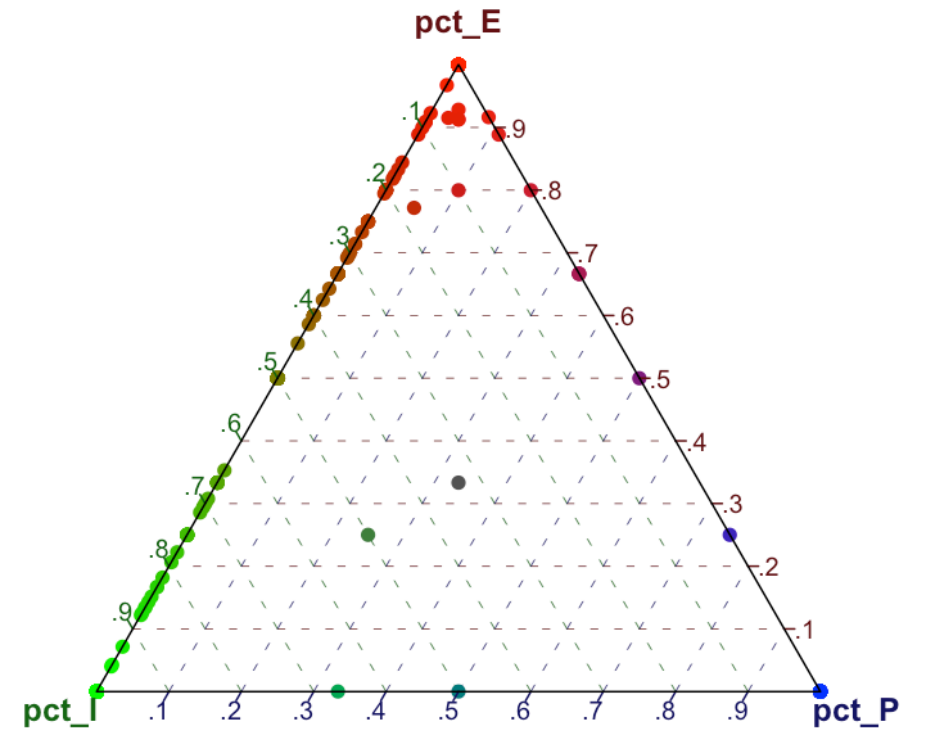
- **Attackers**

- **Professional**: hacker, terrorist, and criminal organization
- **External**: former employee, former consultant, vendor, etc.
- **Internal**: employee, consultant, trusted third party, organization, etc.



- **A predictive model for the probability of attacker type**

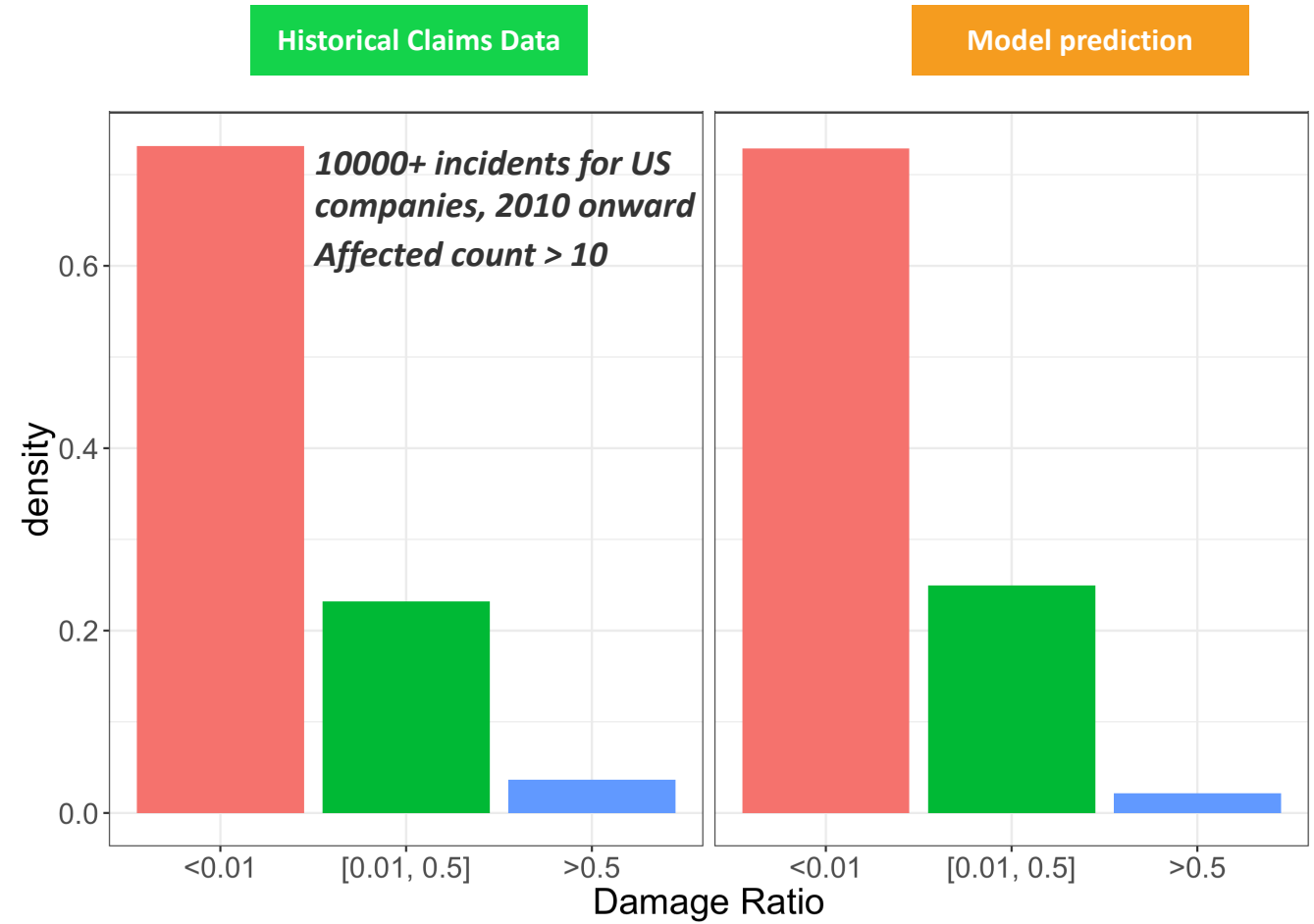
- Attributes include ...



probability of a company being attacked among the three attacker types (historical incidents for companies)

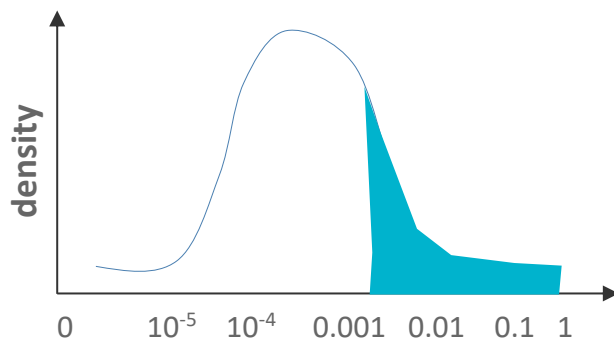
Vulnerability: damage ratio to exposure

- Damage ratio (DR) definition
- Analysis of historical incidents reveals ...
- How to model DR

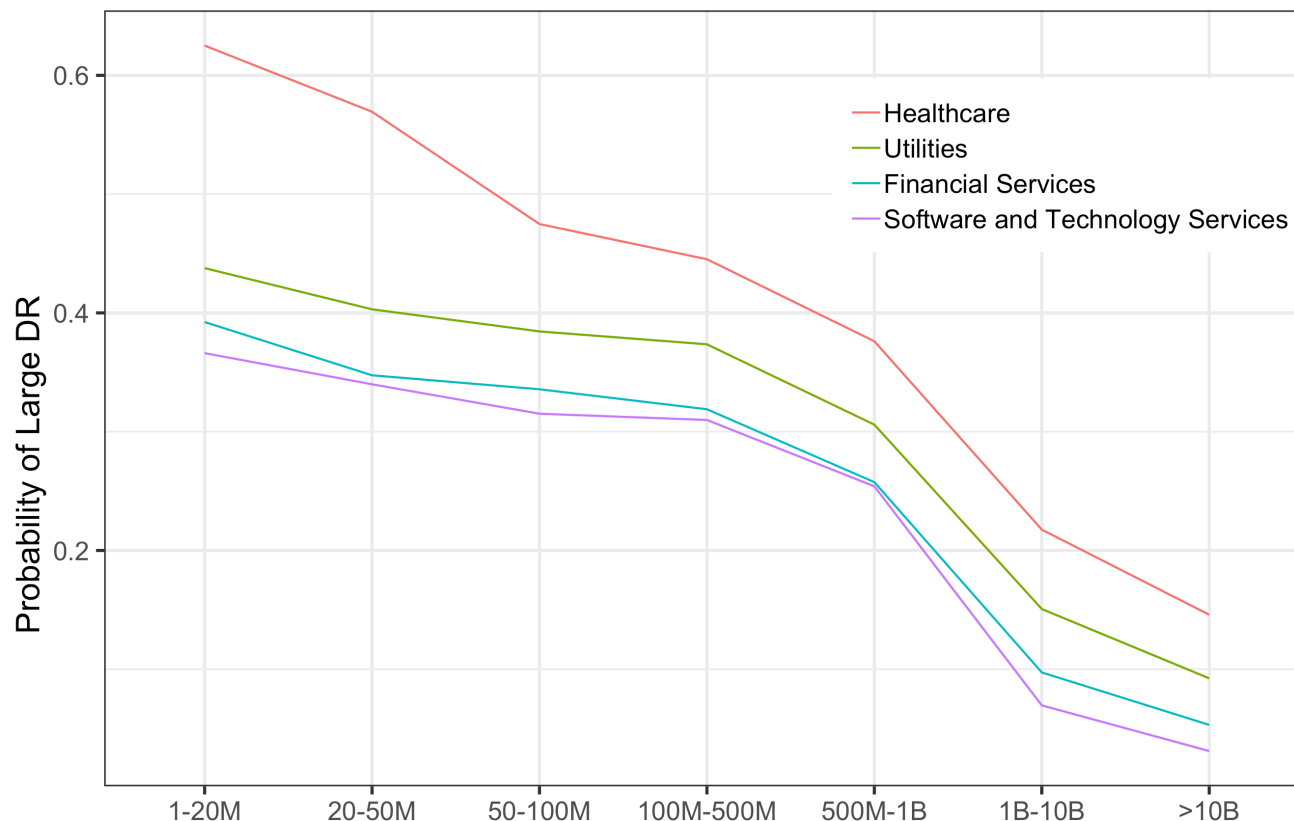


Vulnerability: damage ratio to exposure

- Probability of large DR

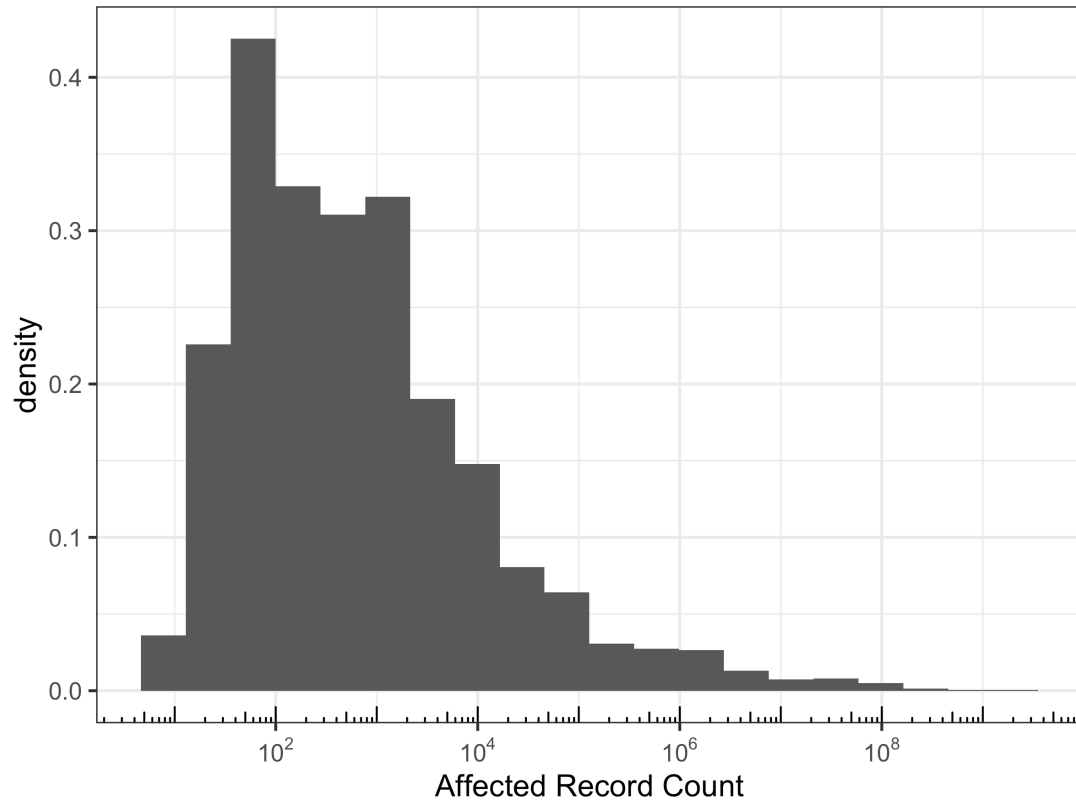


- Variation among industry sectors
- Variation among revenue bins
 - Smaller companies are more likely to have less preventative measures and therefore data is less distributed
 - Larger companies segment network and data and therefore have a lower likelihood of losing a large number of records



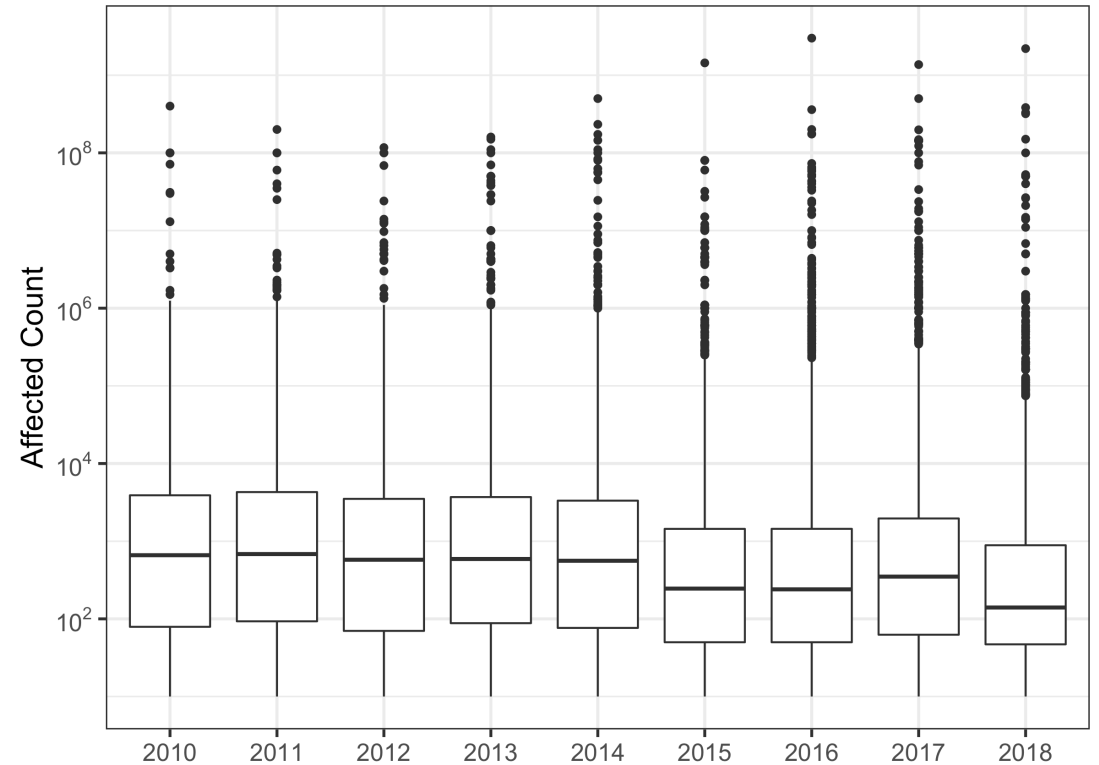
Damage: affected record count = total record count x damage ratio

- Historical data of data breach size



Histogram of AFC for data breach incidents occurring to US companies in 2009-2018 with AFC > 10

- Size of data breach is not really increasing over the past decade



Yearly change of AFC for data breach incidents occurring to US companies in 2009-2018 with AFC > 10

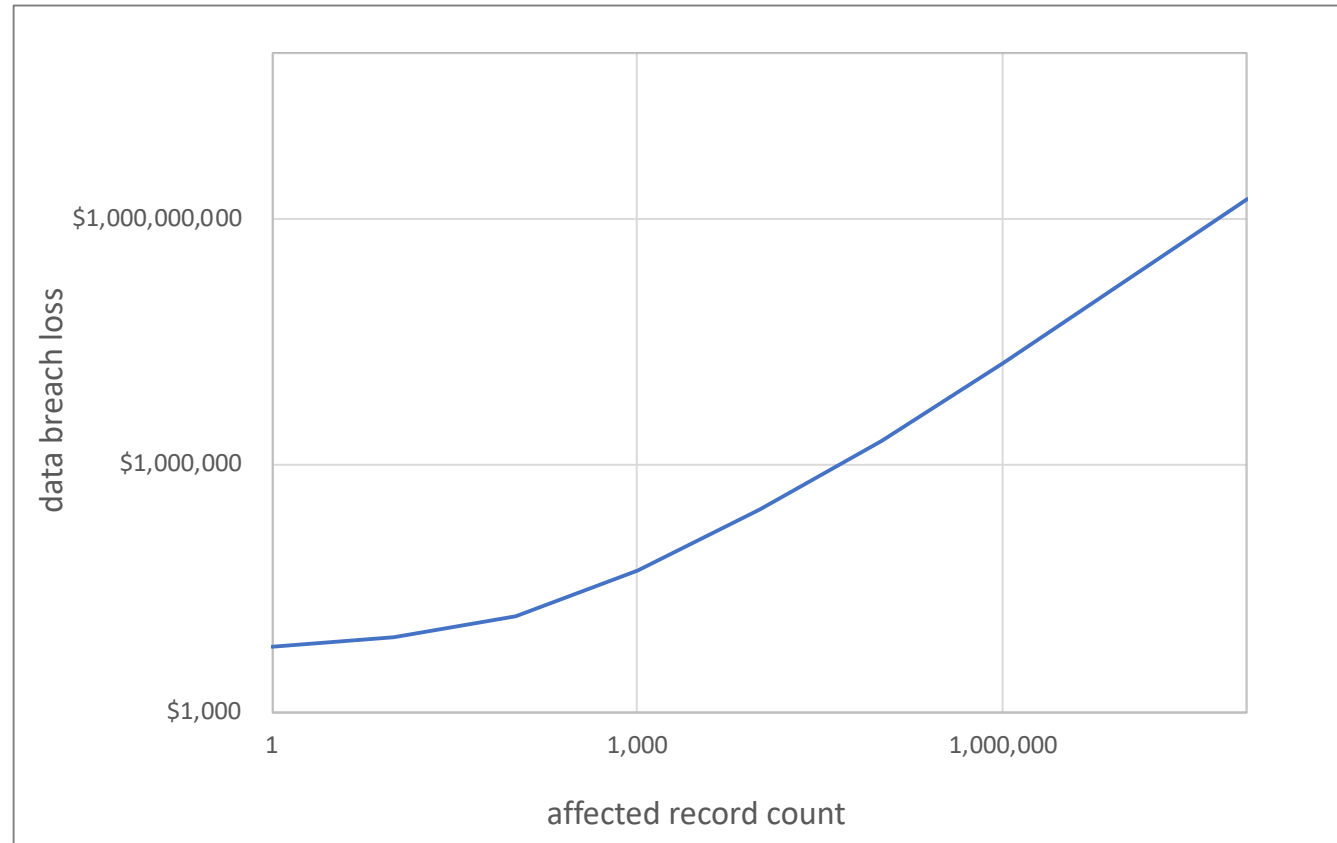
Loss estimation

- **Loss**

- investigation costs,
- notification and post event response costs,
- regulatory fines and penalties

- **Loss varies with**

- affected record count
- type of record (PCI, PHI, PII)
- country or region
- data breach history (first time breach ?)

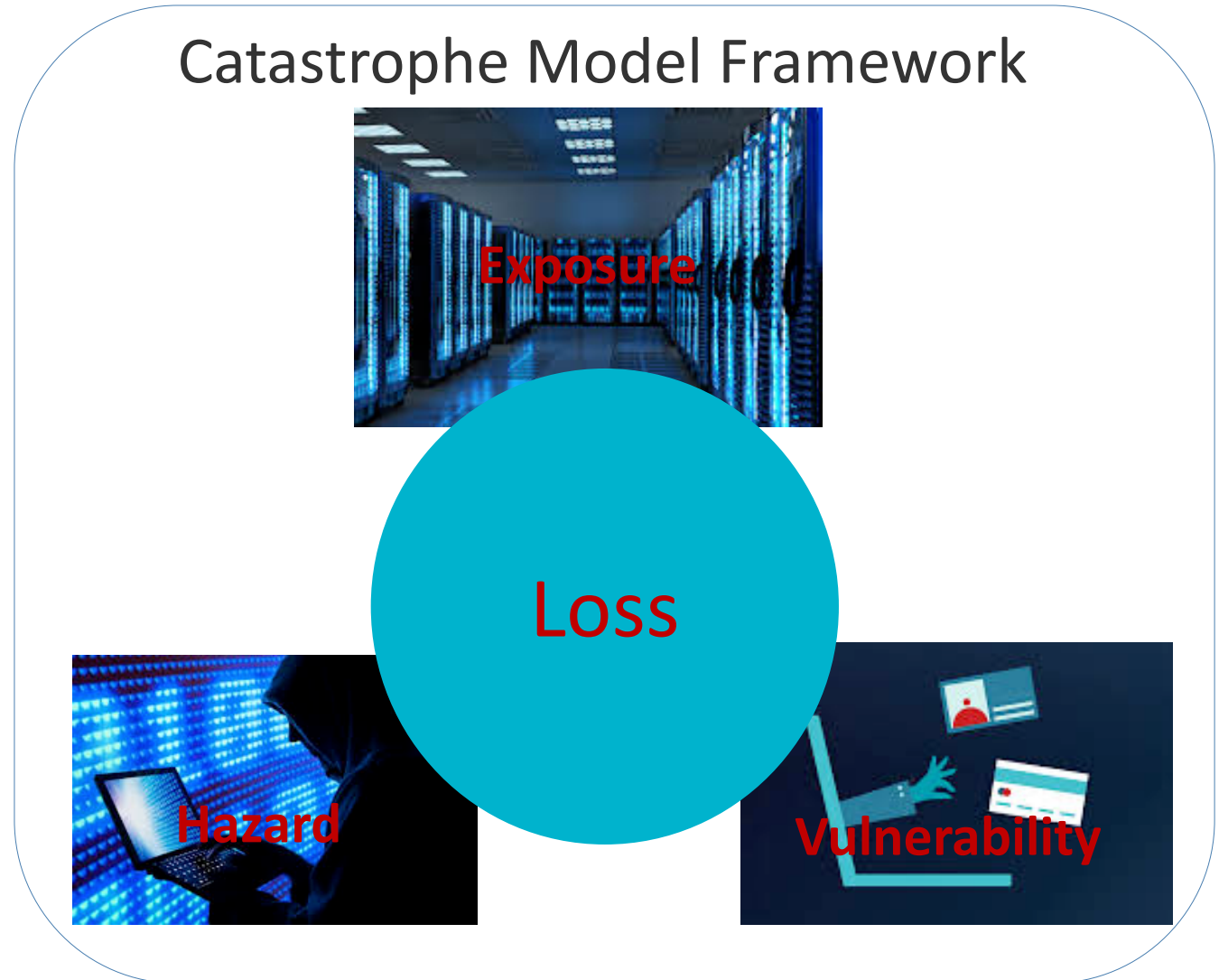


Example: the relationship between data breach cost and affected record count for PCI data type

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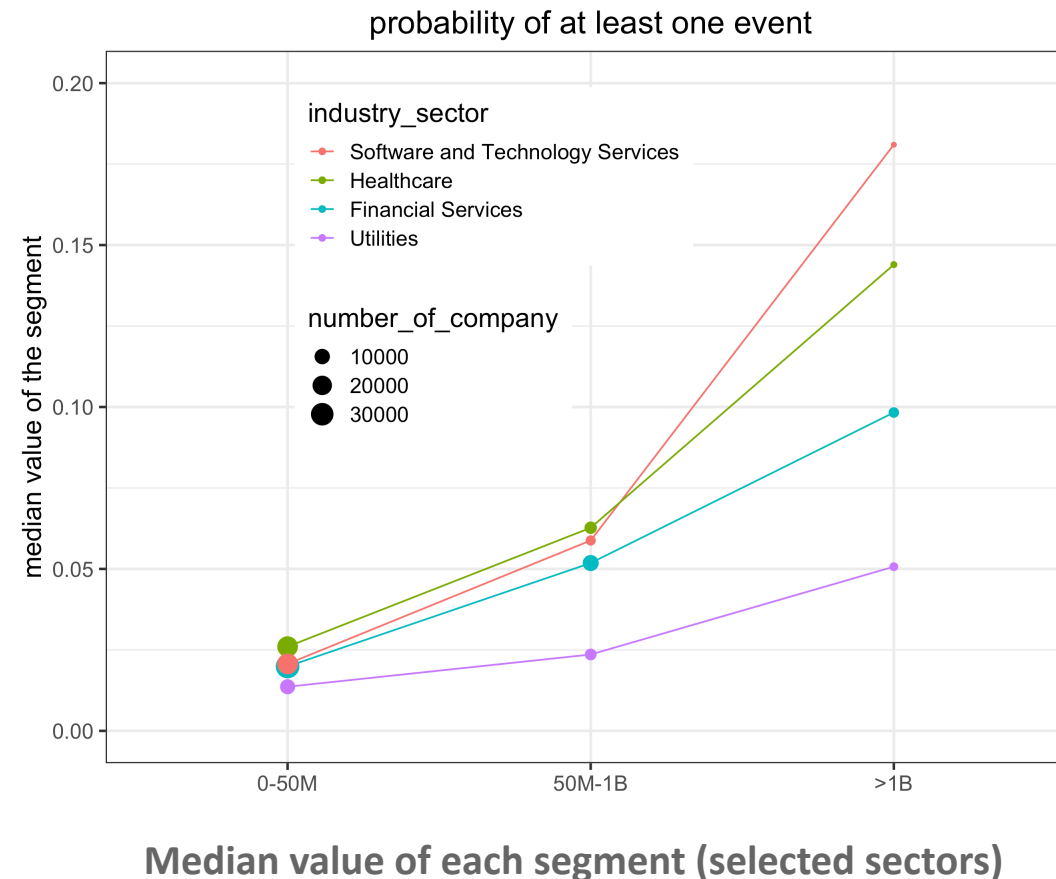
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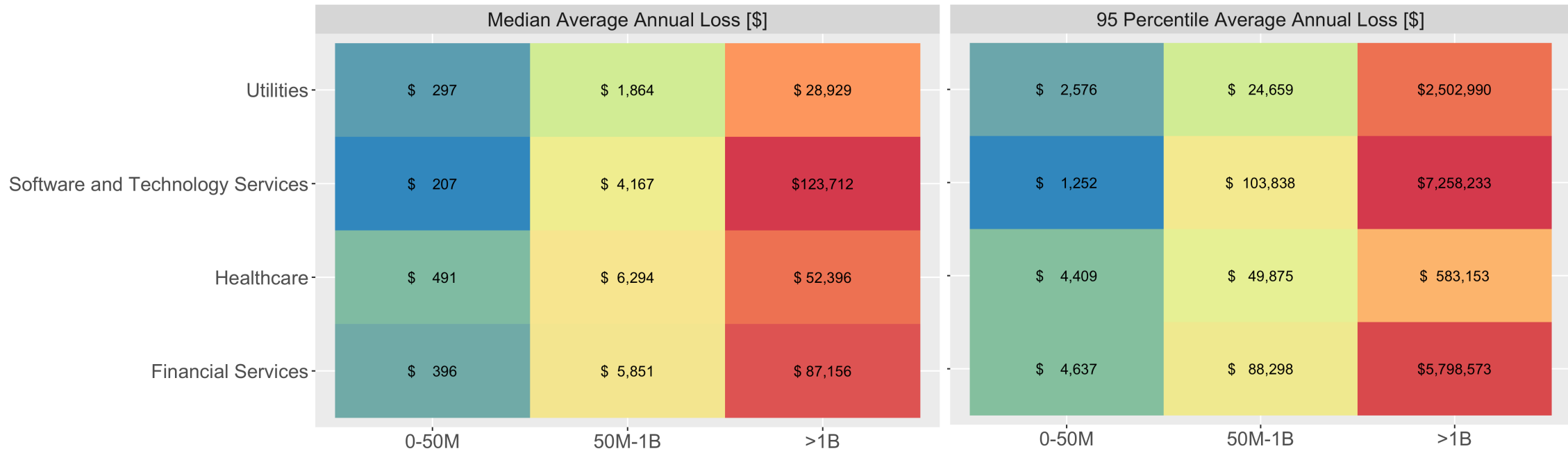
Model Implication

- Predict the likelihood of breaches of a particular size in the coming year, e.g. when a company loses a certain proportion of its total record



Model Implication

- Provide views of financial loss due to data breach events on both an event-by-event and annual basis



Average annual loss from data breach by segment (selected sectors)

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Questions and Answers



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