

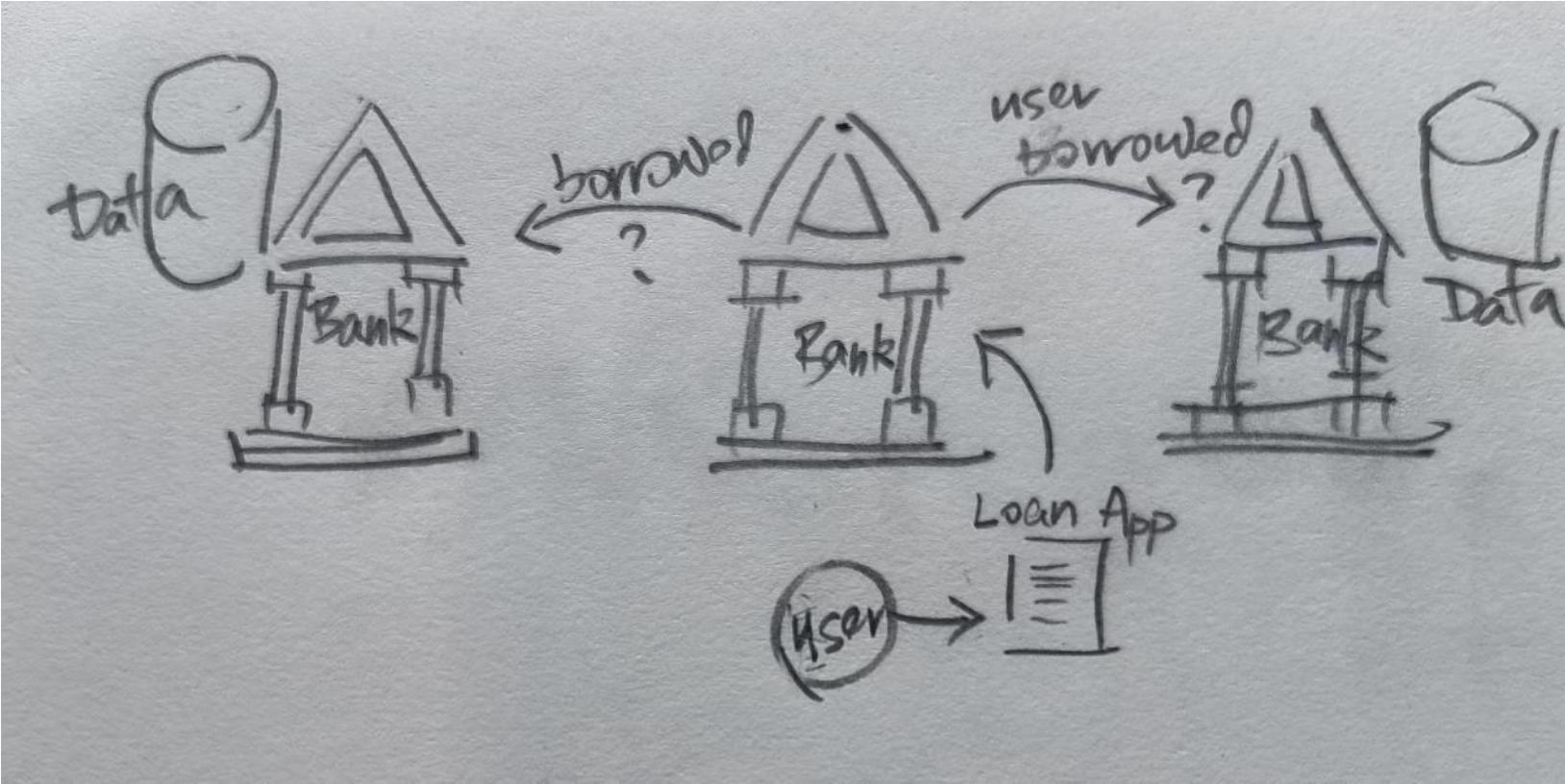
Trustworthy Federated Learning

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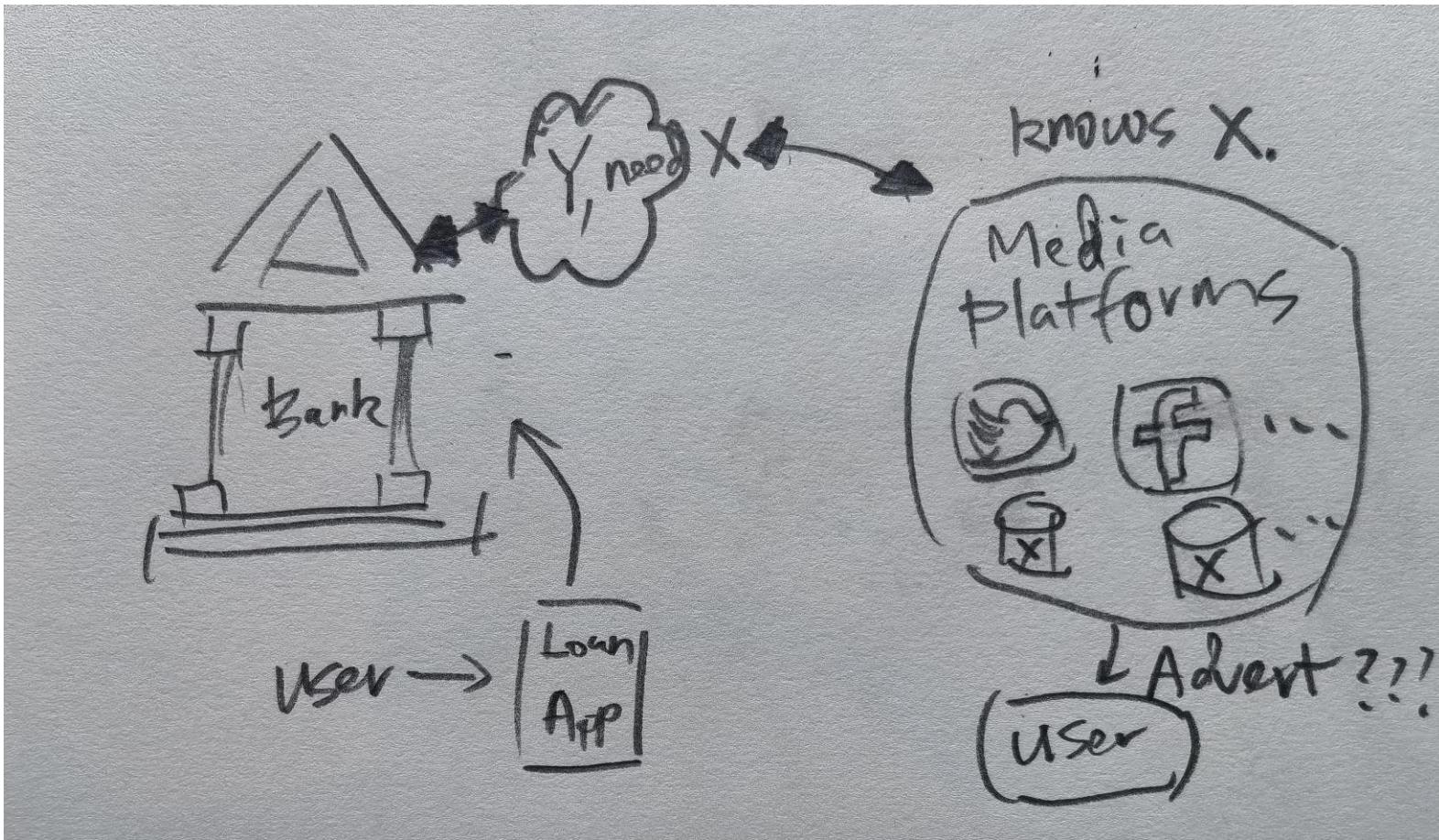


Case 1: Bank Loan, Anti-fraud Applications



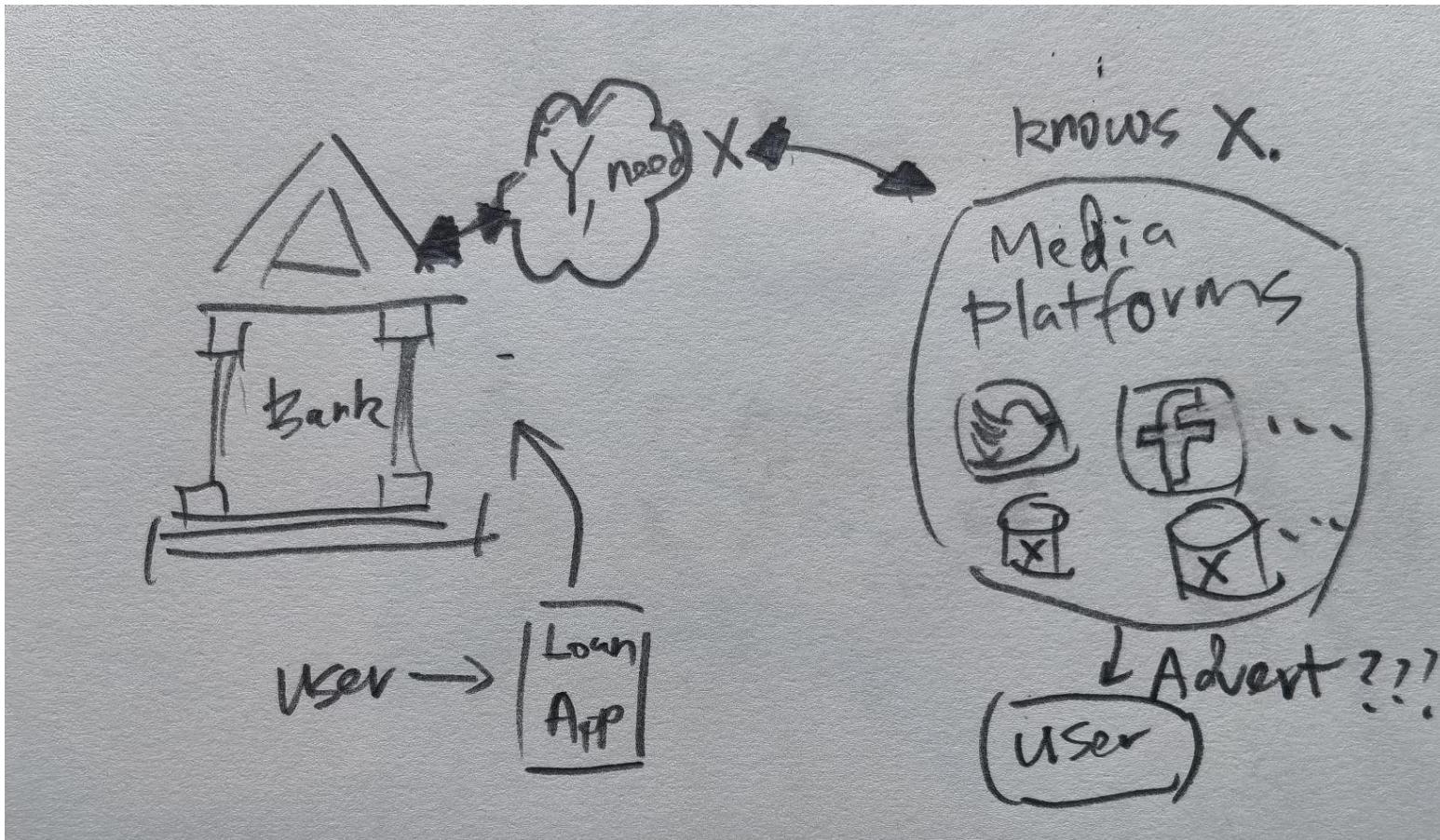
- User Applying Bank Loan
 - Has the user got loans from other banks?
 - Is this a case of fraud?

Case 2: Financial Credit Rating



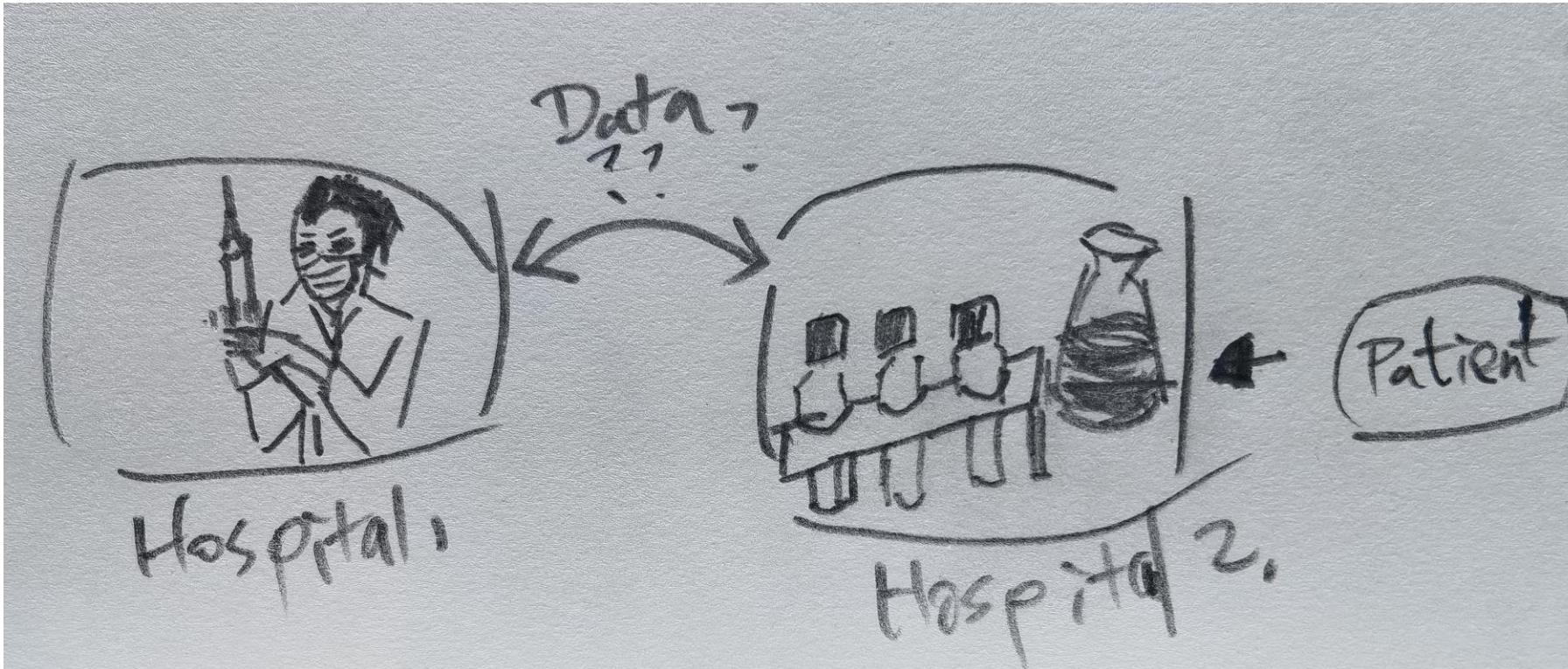
- User Applying Bank Loan
 - Is the user credible?
 - How is the user's other behavior?
- Bank knows Y (credit history)
- Media knows X (Behavior)
- Can they build a collective model at the bank side?

Case 3: Advertising



- Bank needs to advertise to users with good credit history
- But the data cannot be given to media companies
- Should a media company advertise to a user?

Case 4: Multiple hospitals build collective model



- Early detection of illness such as stroke
- Design new drugs
- ...

Facebook finally rolls out privacy tool for your browsing history



By Kaya Yurieff, CNN Business

Updated 1839 GMT (0239 HKT) August 25, 2019



Google strengthens Chrome's privacy controls

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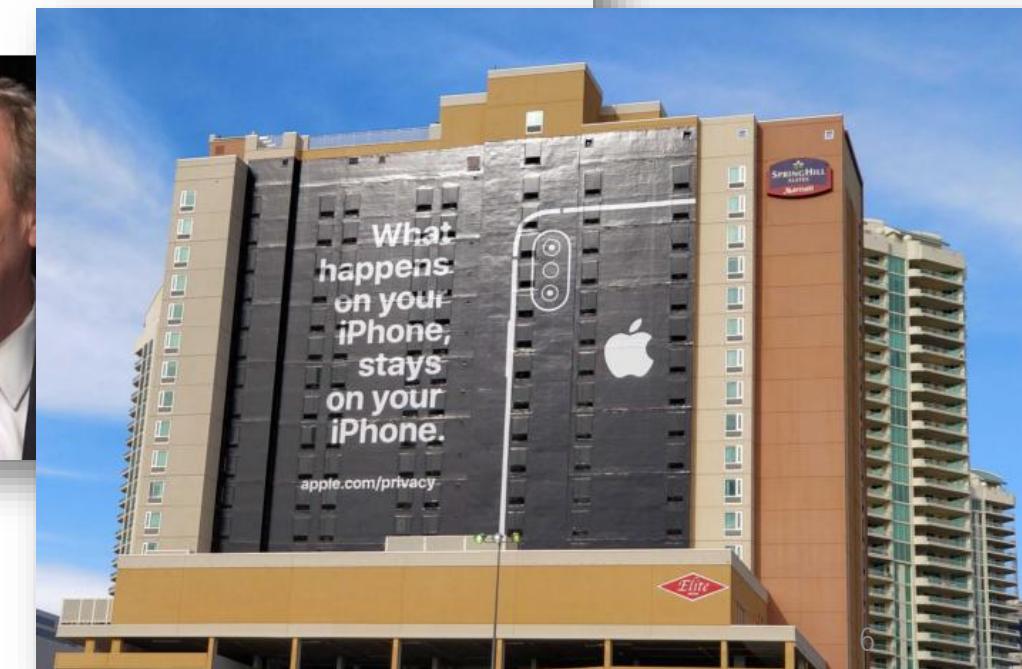
Google [①](#) today announced a move that will, in the long run, introduce new privacy controls to its browser. The company will reduce the use of cookies and enhance its users' privacy.

With this move, Google is responding to a growing concern about anti-fingerprinting technology. This is what's happening in the Chrome browser: users can change and adapt their cookie settings.

Top Microsoft exec says online privacy has reached 'a crisis point'

By Clare Duffy, CNN Business

Updated 1749 GMT (0149 HKT) October 14, 2019



Data Sharing Among Parties: Difficult, Impossible, Illegal

- Medical clinical trial data cannot be shared (by R. Stegeman 2018 on Genemetics)
- Our society demands more control on data privacy and security
 - GDPR, Government Regulations
 - Corporate Security and Confidentiality Concerns
 - Data privacy concerns



China's Data Privacy Laws

- Three major data security laws in 2021:
 - Personal Data Privacy Protection Regulation
 - Data Security Law
 - Cybersecurity Law
- Require businesses to get user consent, not leak out or tamper with data
- When conducting data transactions with third parties, proposed contract should follow legal data protection regulations.

Highlights and interpretation of the Cybersecurity Law



Highlights of the Cybersecurity Law

Comprising 79 articles in seven chapters, the Cybersecurity Law contains a number of cybersecurity requirements, including safeguards for national cyberspace sovereignty, protection of critical information infrastructure and data and protection of individual privacy. The Law also specifies the cybersecurity obligations for all parties. Enterprises and related organisations should prioritise the following highlights of the Cybersecurity Law:



Personal information protection

The Cybersecurity Law clearly states requirements for the collection, use and protection of personal information.



Critical information infrastructure

The Cybersecurity Law frequently mentions the protection of "critical information infrastructure".



Network operators

"Network operators" are the owners and administrators of networks and network service providers. The Cybersecurity Law clarifies operators' security responsibilities.



Preservation of sensitive information

The Cybersecurity Law requires personal information/important data collected or generated in China to be stored domestically.



Certification of security products

Critical cyber equipment and special cybersecurity products can only be sold or provided after receiving security certifications.

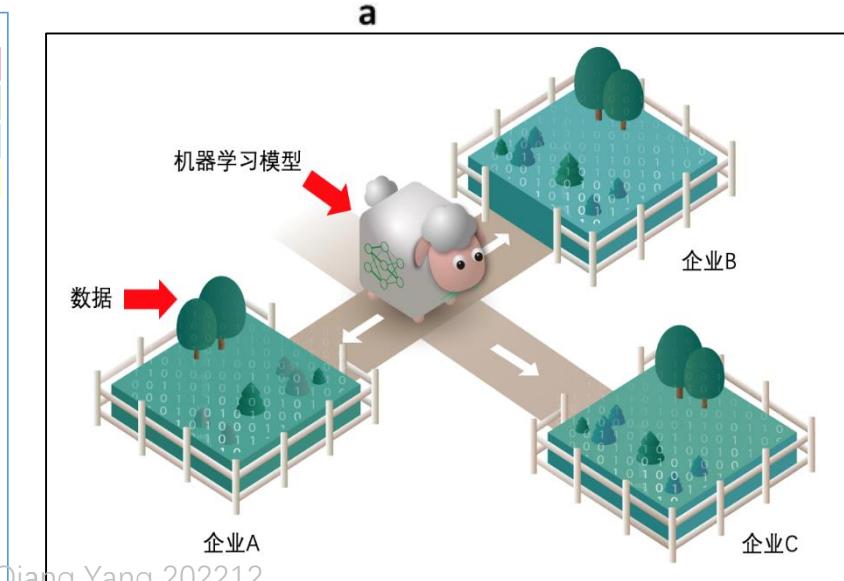
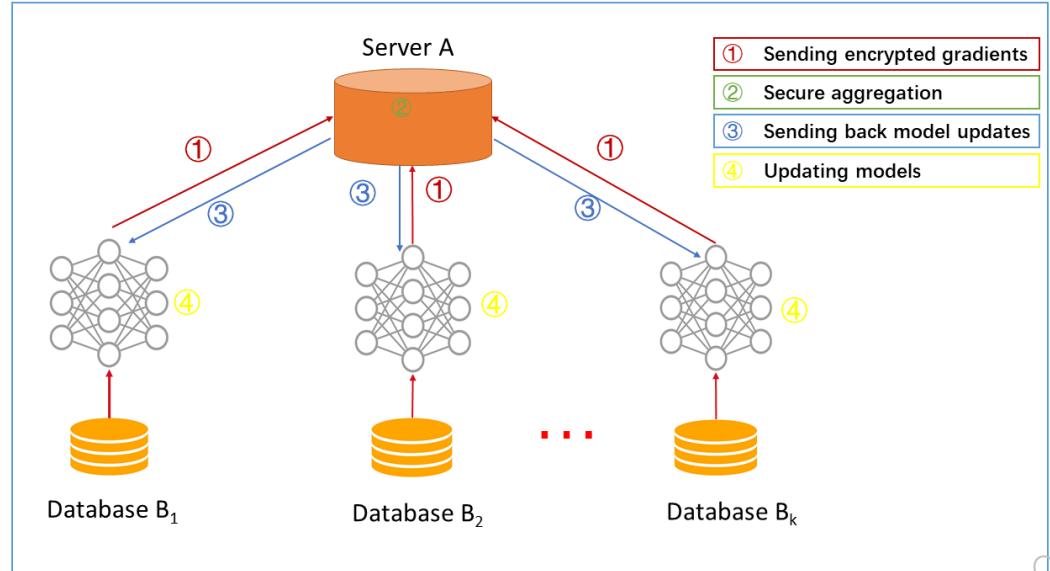
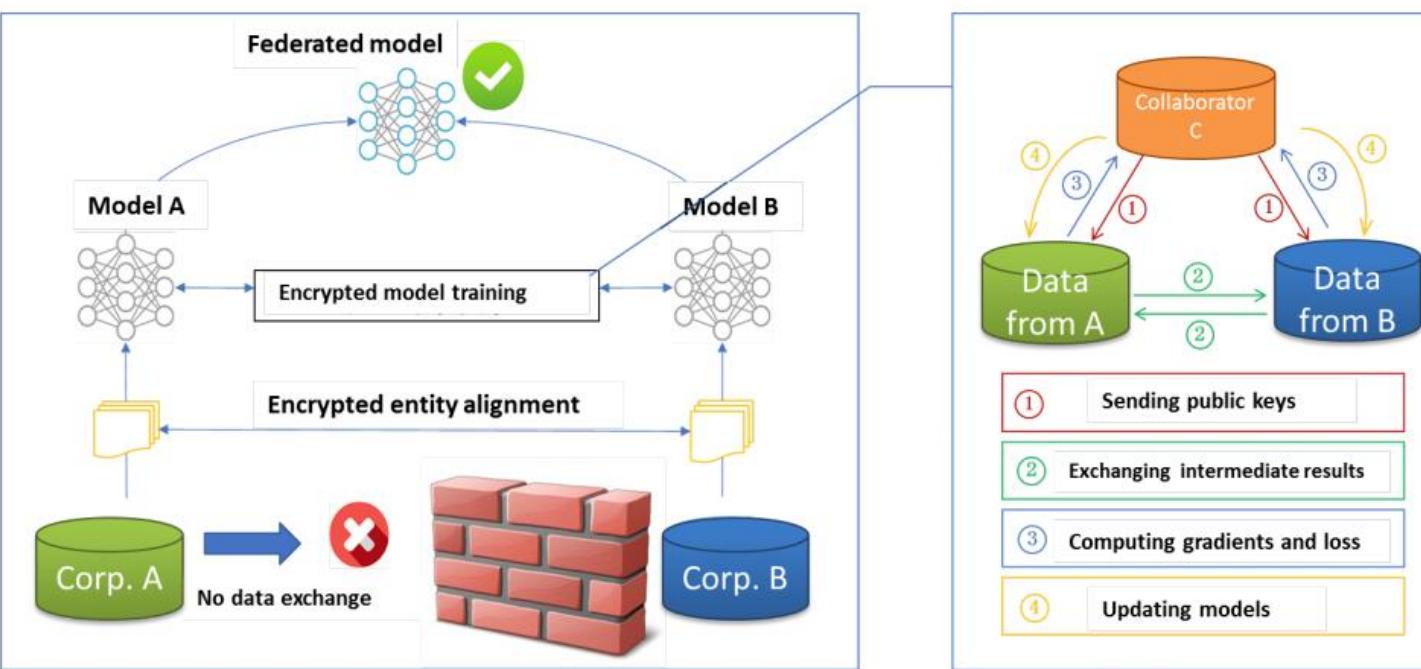


Legal liabilities

Enterprises and organisations that violate the Cybersecurity Law may be fined up to RMB1,000,000.

Federated Learning

- Federated Machine Learning
 - Multiple parties compute a model
 - Each party contributes some local data, without sharing the data
- Horizontal and Vertical Federated Learning



Key Components in Federated Learning

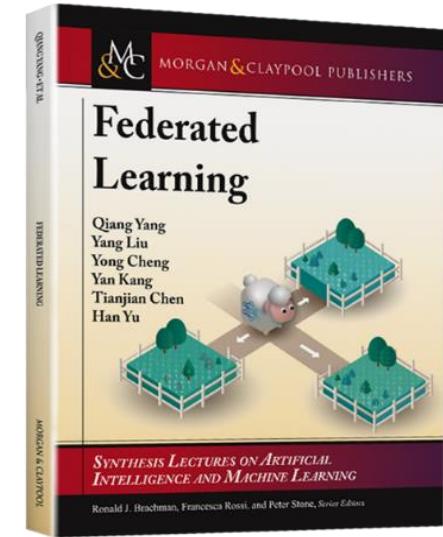
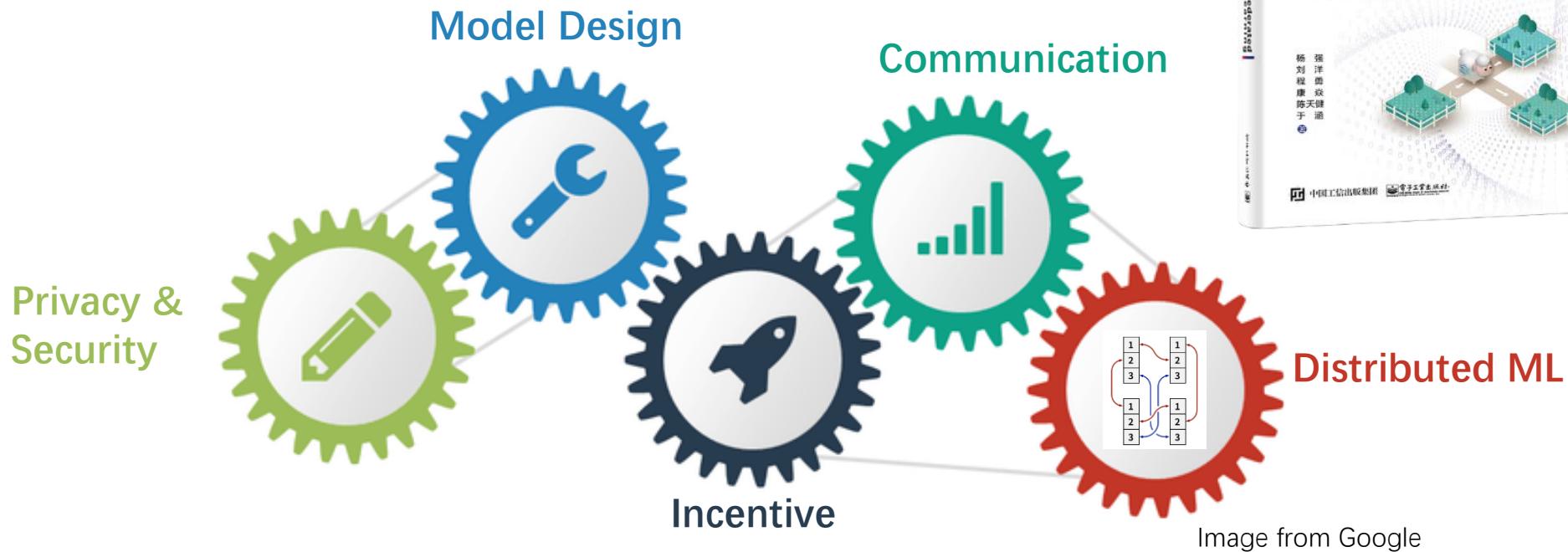
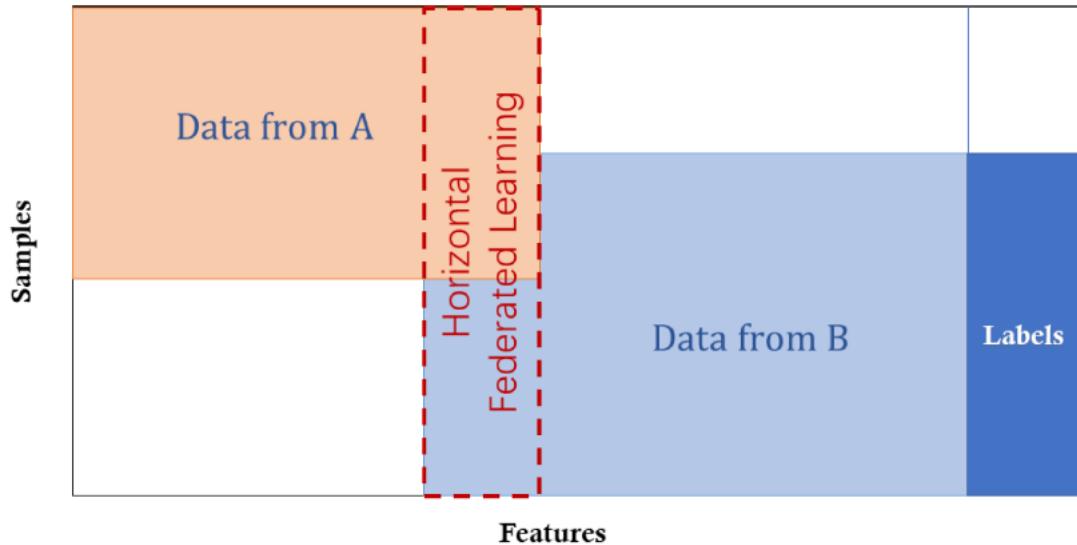


Image from Google

Horizontal Federated Learning: Divide by Users/Samples



(a) Horizontal Federated Learning

FEDERATED LEARNING FOR MOBILE KEYBOARD PREDICTION, Andrew Hard, et al., Google, 2018

Step 1: Participants compute training gradients locally

- mask gradients with encryption, differential privacy, or secret sharing techniques
- all participants send their masked results to server

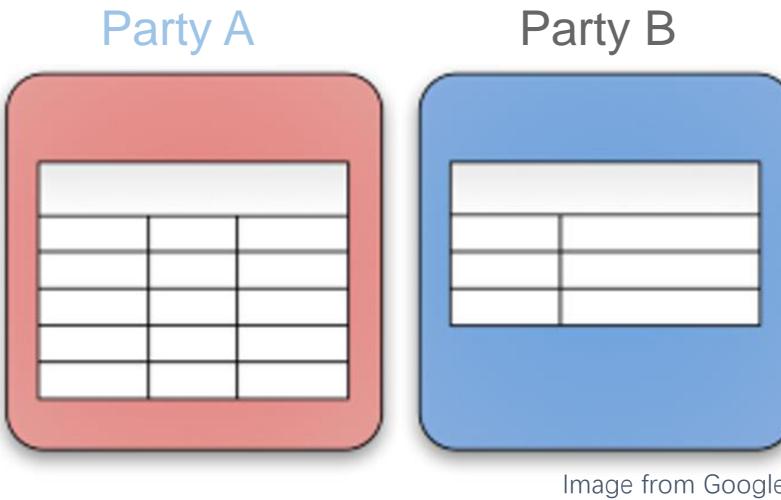
Step 2: The server performs secure aggregation without learning information about any participant

Step 3: The server sends back the aggregated results to participants

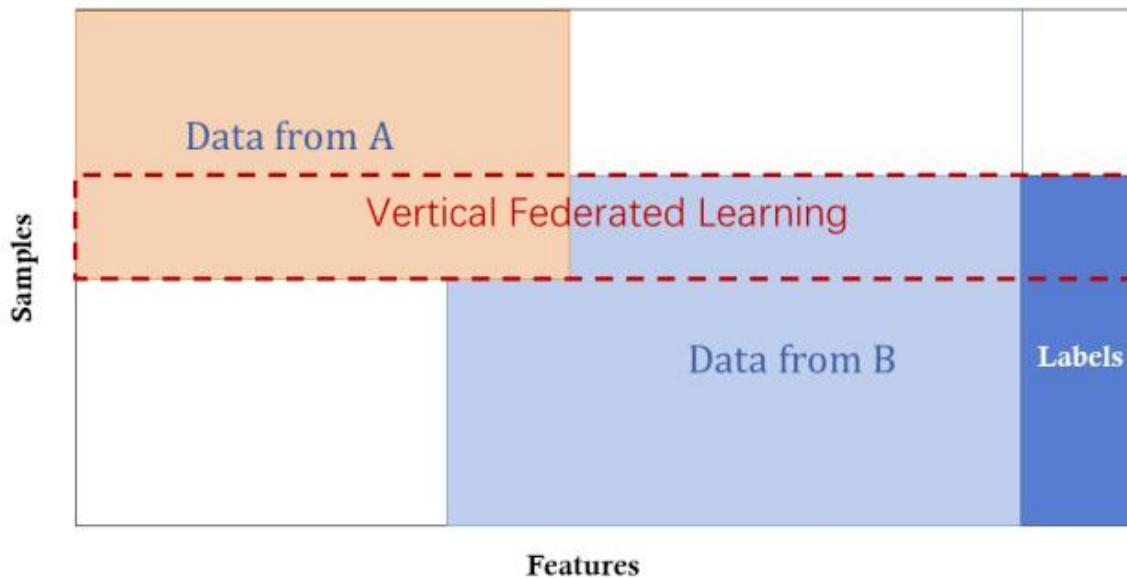
Step 4: Participants update their respective model with the decrypted gradients

Vertical Federated Learning, VFL

- Parties hold data with identical data ID (i.e. training samples), but with different features.
 - A.k.a “Cross-feature federated learning”, “sample-aligned federated learning”. Suitable for federated learning across industries.
 - Before training, we take the intersection of data IDs held by different parties.
 - VFL increases data dimensionality at the cost of sample size (due to intersection of IDs).



Vertically partitioned data: partition data frames into columns, with each column holding the same feature.



[Yang'19] Qiang Yang, et al., Federated machine learning: Concept and Applications, WeBank, 2019.

XGBoost in Federated Learning

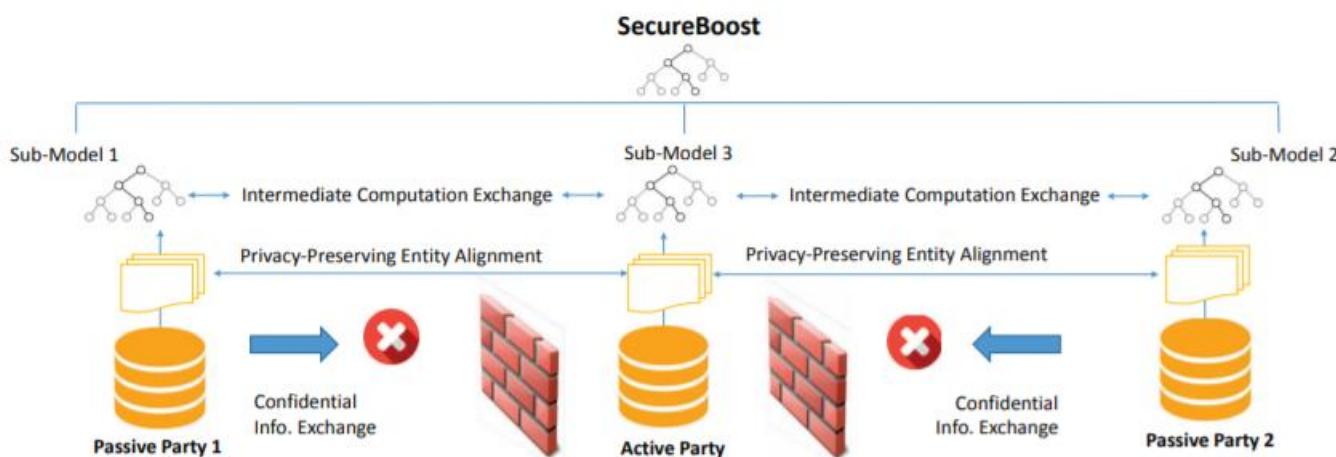
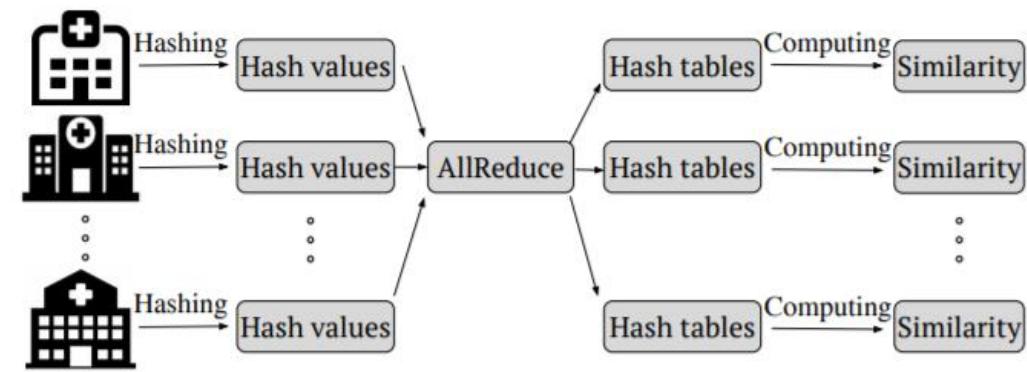


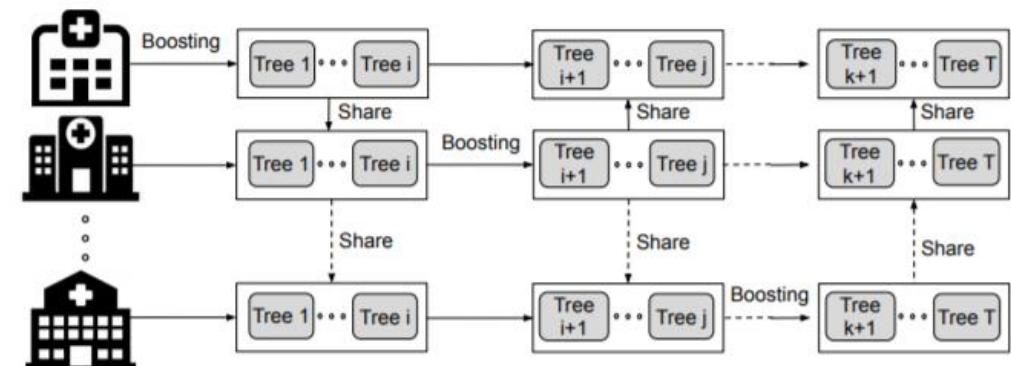
Figure 1: Illustration of the proposed SecureBoost framework

[Kewei Cheng](#), [Tao Fan](#), [Yilun Jin](#), [Yang Liu](#), [Tianjian Chen](#), [Qiang Yang](#), SecureBoost: A Lossless Federated Learning Framework, IEEE Intelligent Systems 2020

GBDT in HFL



(a) The preprocessing stage

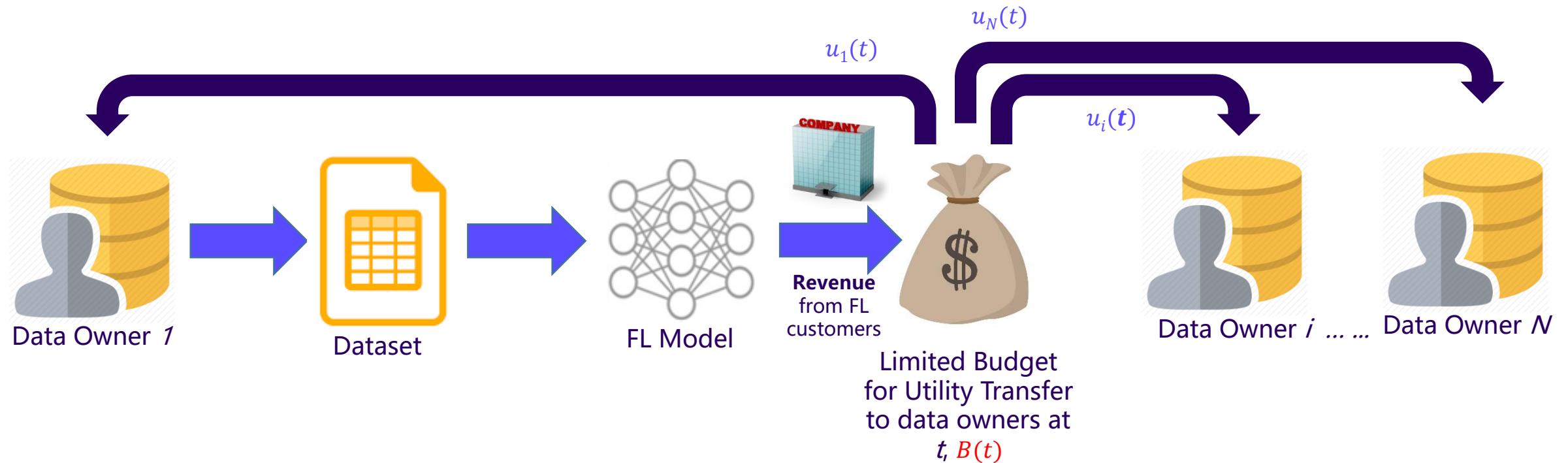


(b) The training stage

[Qinbin Li](#), [Zeyi Wen](#), [Bingsheng He](#), Practical Federated Gradient Boosting Decision Trees, AAAI, 2019

Incentivize Parties to Join: Federated Learning Exchange

- **Observation:** The success of a federation depends on data owners to share data with the federation
- **Challenge:** How to motivate continued participation by data owners in a federation?



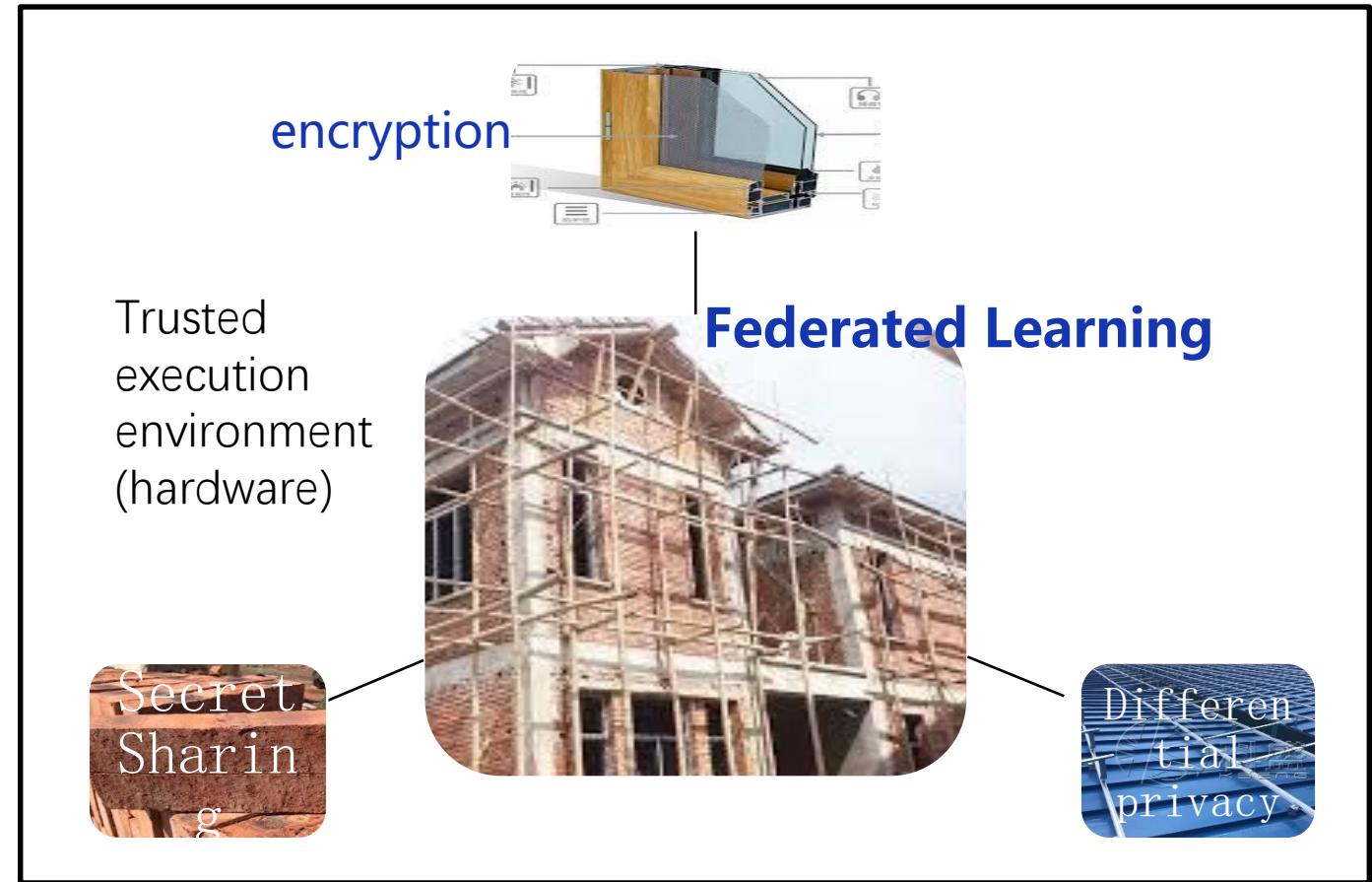
• *Qiang Yang, Yang Liu, Tianjian Chen, Yongxin Tong:*
Federated Machine Learning: Concept and Applications. [ACM TIST 10\(2\)](#): 12:1-12:19 (2019)

Federated Learning: Best for AI Models

One-off MPC Projects



Standard Federated Learning



Advances and Open Problems in Federated Learning

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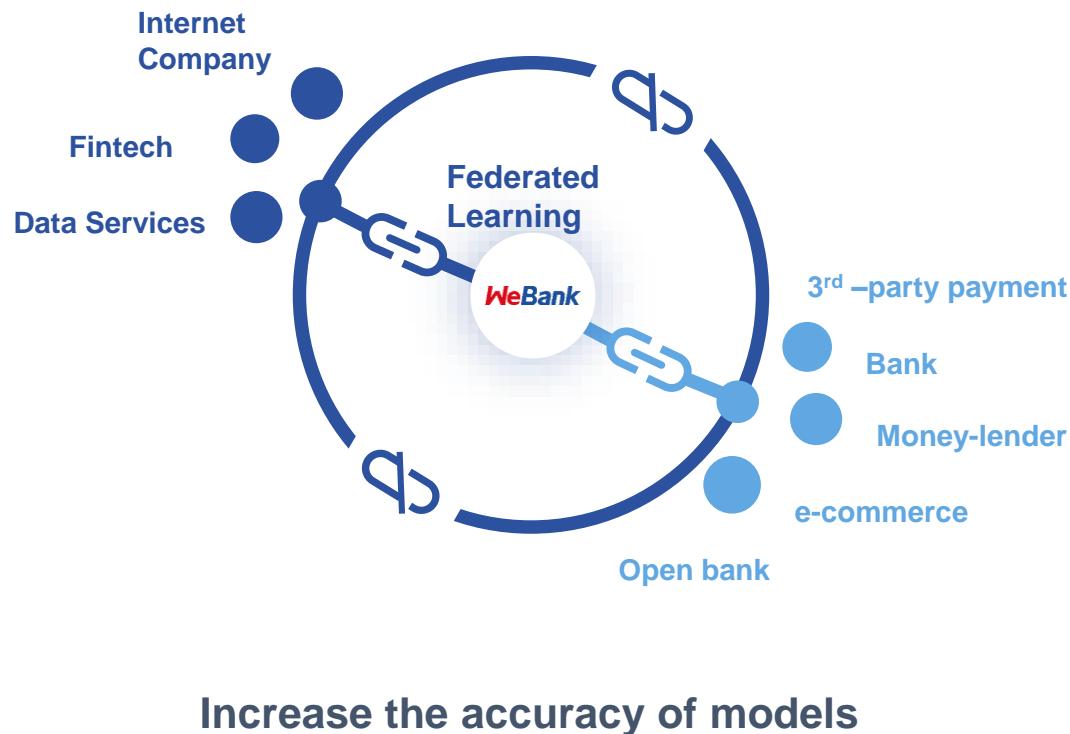
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Multiple Data Sources in Credit Rating

Build local models

Federated Modeling

Rating



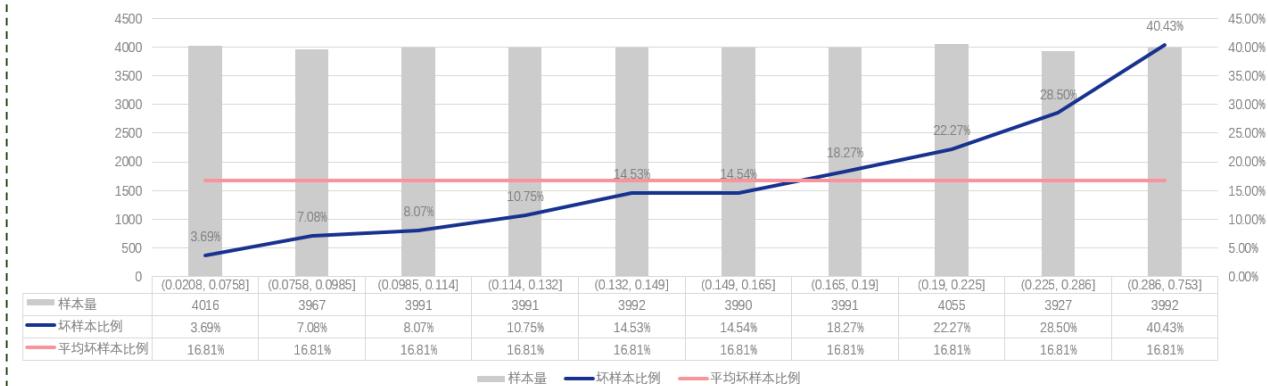
Score to Indicate High/Medium/Low Risk Level

Model performance :

AUC=0.70

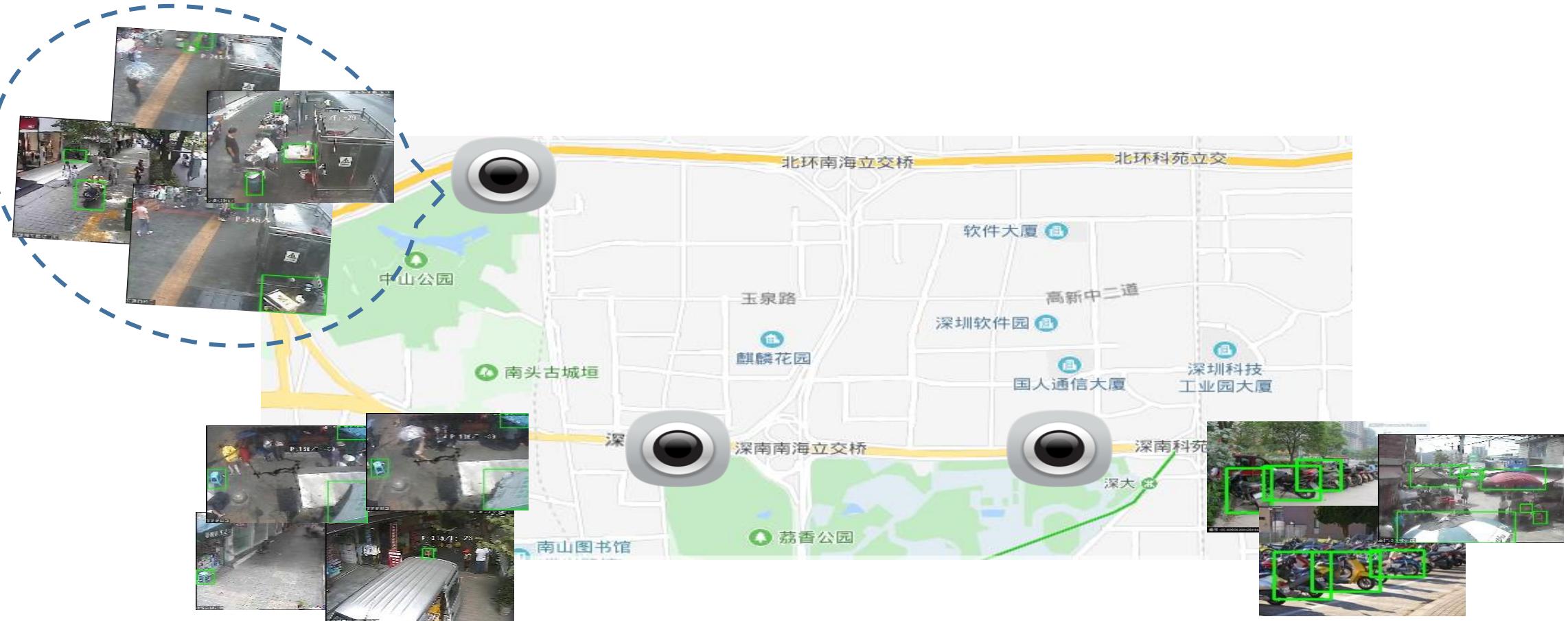
KS=30

x2.4 bad rate in the bottom decile

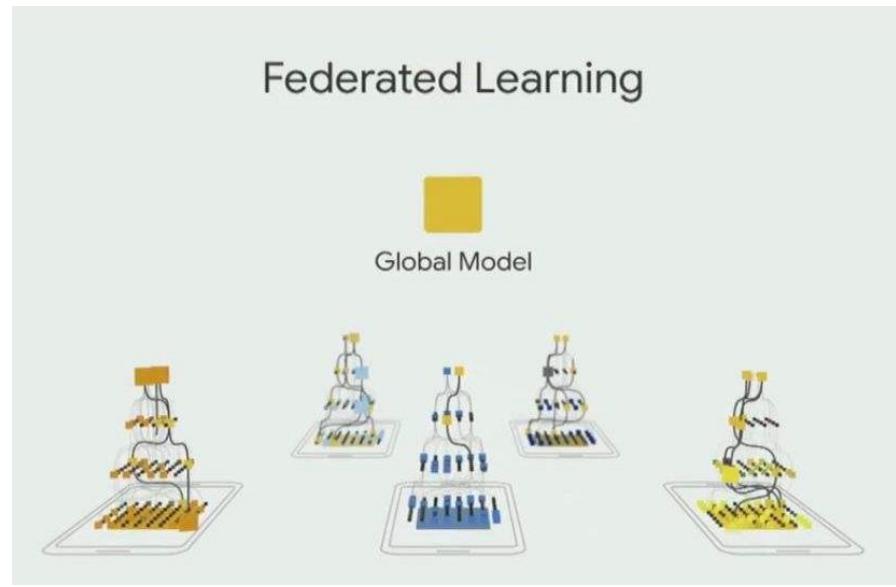


Construction-Site Safety w/ Federated Computer Vision

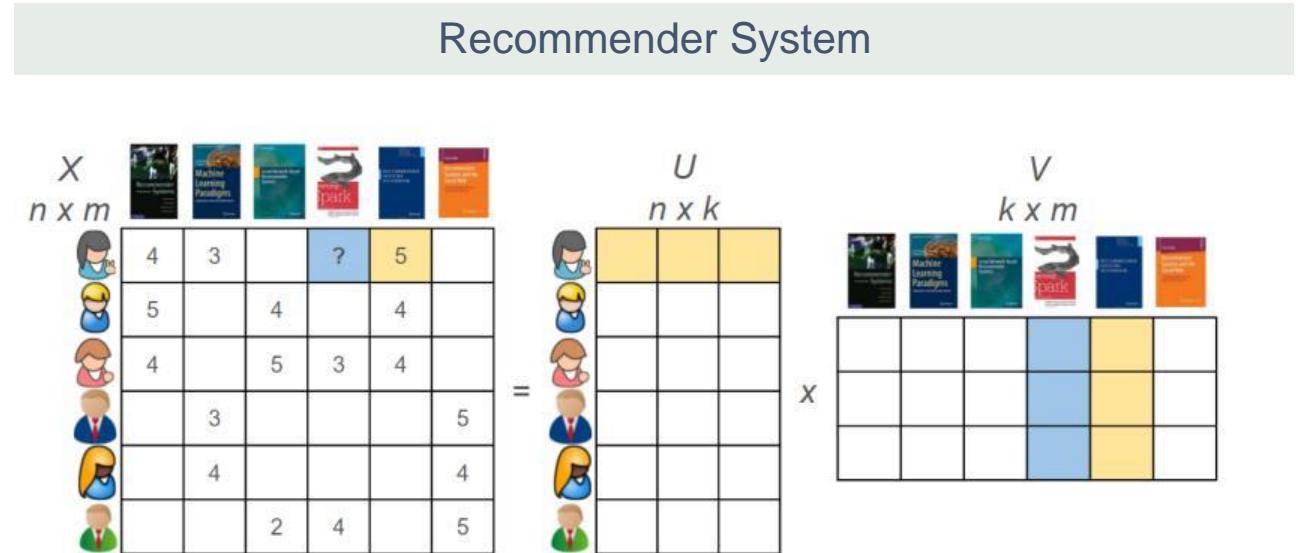
WeBank AI X Extreme Vision



Federated Recommendation Systems



Assumption: a trustworthy 3rd-party as coordinator, which can be removed



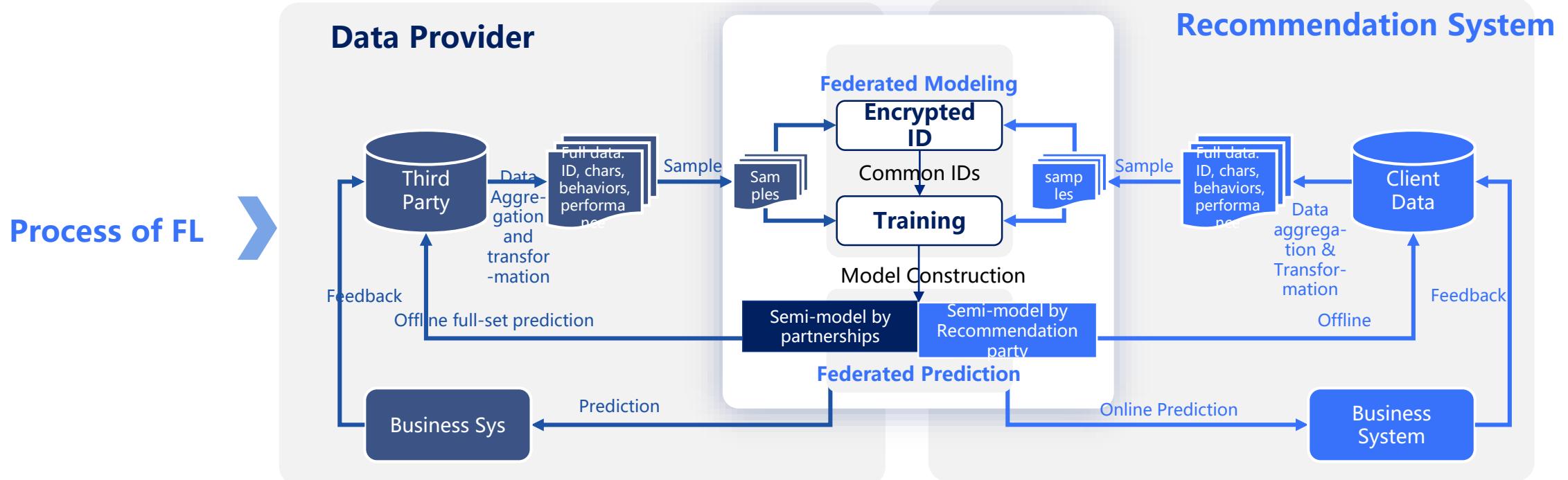
Drug Discovery from Multiple Data Sources

Multiple hospitals, medical centers and drug companies

- "Stroke Prediction" Accuracy 80%+,
Smaller hospitals +10-20%



News Recommendation on Mobile Phones



Note: Customer ID includes but not limited to government ID, mobile phone numbers, device ID, etc.;
Federated model training is initiated by the party who has y-feature

Speech Recognition on Multiple Data Sources

1

Vendor仅可以根据Client提供的文本信息微调语言模型

Speech Models

2

Client需要给Vendor暴露明文数据来微调ASR

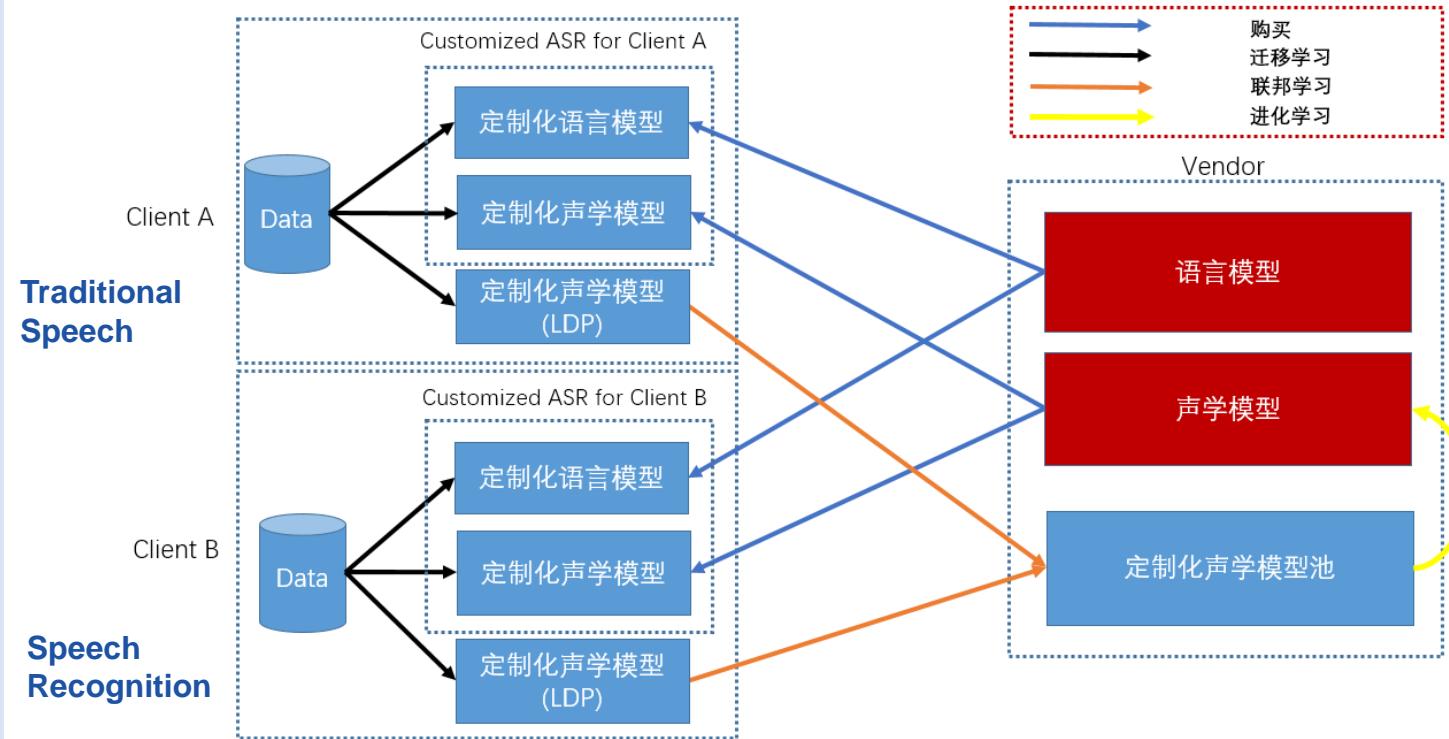
Client Privacy Protection

3

Vendor和Client之间只存在购买这一单向行为

Recurrent training

TFE= Transfer + Federated + Evolutionary



Reduced error by 10%~20%

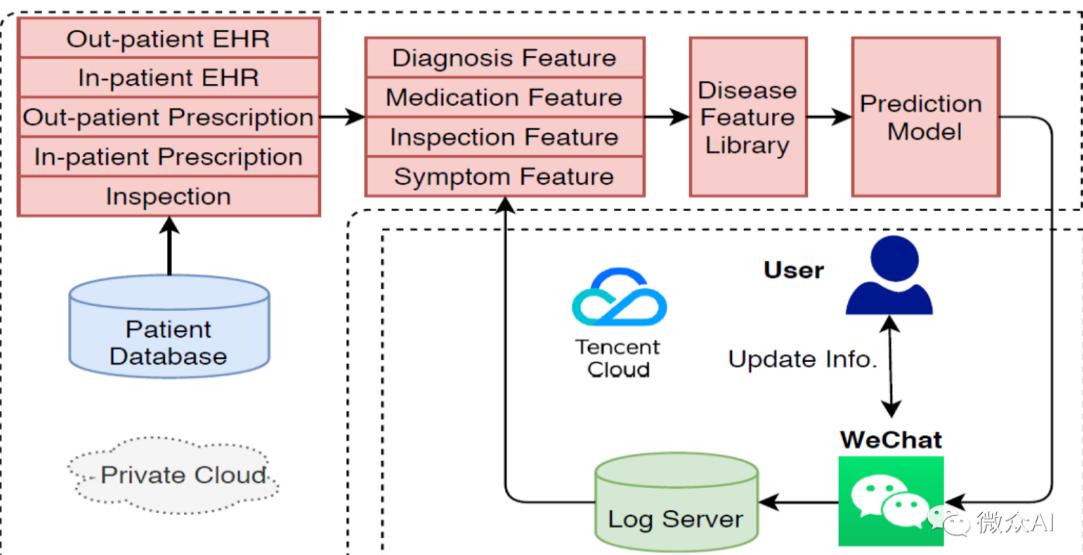
WeBank-AI and Tencent Joint Project

- Accuracy: Improvement over 80%
- Small hospitals: 10-20%

FL-IJCAI' 20 Paper

Privacy-Preserving Technology to Help Millions of People: Federated Prediction Model for Stroke Prevention

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Application: online service robots KYC, AI services @ WeBank)

AI soft robots training of service persons

智能培训

通过“语音识别+语义理解+语音合成+智能质检”方案，录入真实案例，**以场景互动方式传授说话技巧并与学员进行对话练习。**



功能优势

- 录入海量教学案例以语音对话方式进行教学
- 模拟真实销售、客服服务场景与学员情景对练
- 对学员的回复进行实时质检
- 建立学员画像，对学员成绩进行个性化分析
- 支持APP、小程序、PC端多渠道教学

应用场景&效果

面对各业务销售及客服服务领域，提供高效、便捷的情景对练式培训，有效降低人力成本，提升培训效果，降低销售、客服人员流动性大带来的培训风险。



AI soft robots answering questions online

电话坐席助手

通过语音识别、语义理解、用户画像等技术，**坐席助手可以提供用户画像辅助坐席决策，提供实时话术推荐辅助坐席对话，并对所有客服通话内容进行实时质检和管控。**



功能优势

- 语音内容实时转译
- 实时知识点推荐搜索
- 业务流程提示，标准话术引导
- 对通话内容实时质检
- 用户画像信息展示

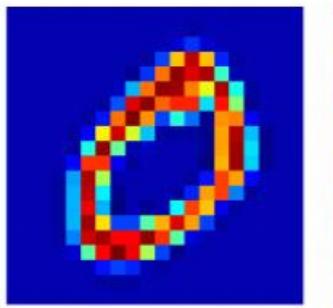
应用场景&效果

将纯人工电话坐席场景应用模式升级，深度人机协同，实时过程管控，端到端话术沉淀。

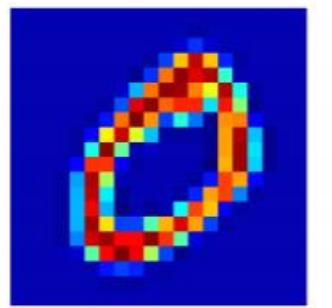


Is the Gradient Info Safe to Share?

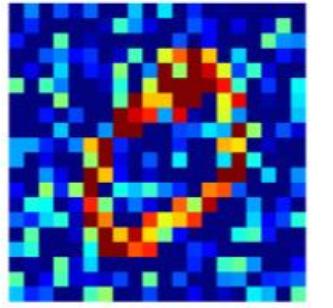
Protect gradients with Homomorphic Encryption



(a) Original 20x20 image of handwritten number 0, seen as a vector over \mathbb{R}^{400} fed to a neural network.



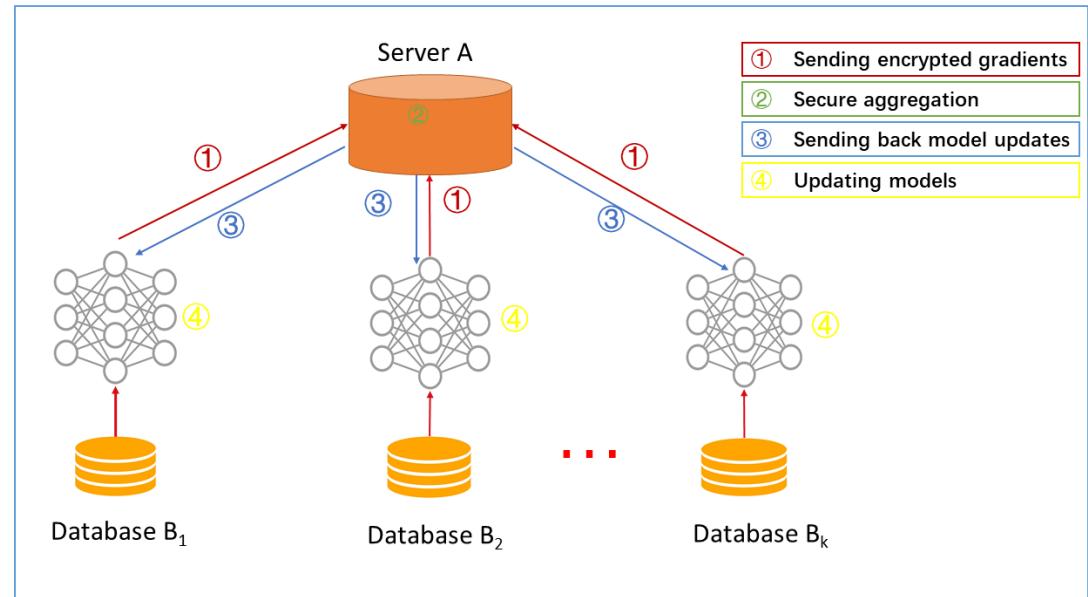
(b) Recovered image using 400/10285 (3.89%) gradients (see Sect.3, Example 2). The difference with the original (a) is only at the value bar.



(c) Recovered image using 400/10285 (3.89%) gradients (see Sect.3, Example 3). There are noises but the truth label 0 can still be seen.

Fig. 3. Original data (a) vs. leakage information (b), (c) from a small part of gradients in a neural network.

Le Trieu Phong, et al. 2018. Privacy-Preserving Deep Learning via Additively Homomorphic Encryption. IEEE Trans. Information Forensics and Security, 13, 5 (2018), 1333–1345



Algorithm ensures that no information is leaked to the semi-honest server, provided that the underlying additively homomorphic encryption scheme is secure*

* Q. Yang, Y. Liu, T. Chen, Y. Tong, Federated machine learning: concepts and applications, ACM TIST , 2018

Challenges for Federated Learning

Models [BVH+18]

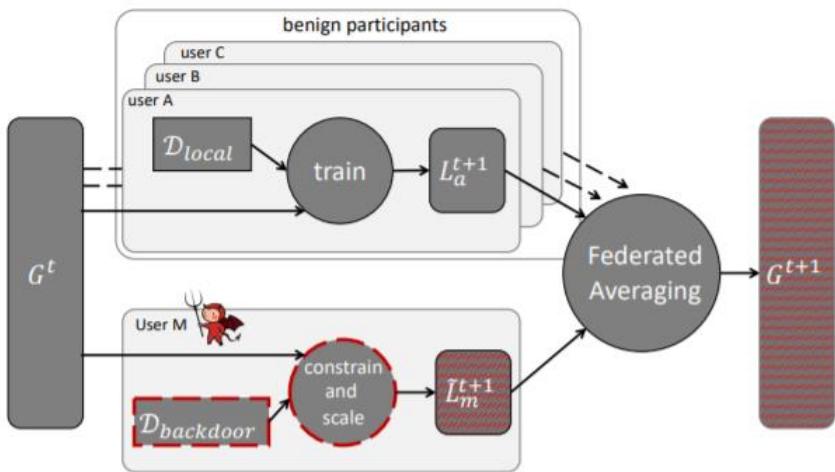
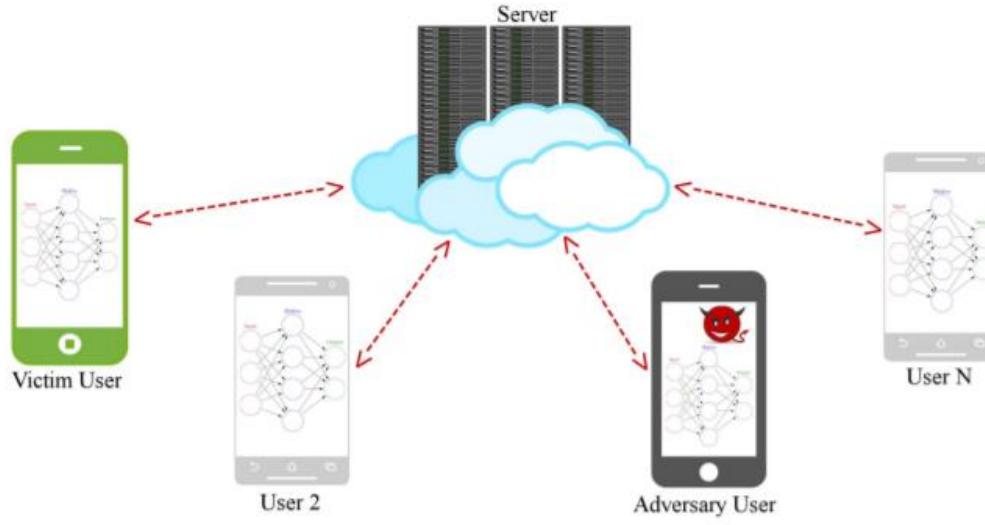


Fig. 1: **Overview of the attack.** The attacker compromises one or more of the participants, trains a model on the backdoor data using our new constrain-and-scale technique, and submits the resulting model. After federated averaging, the global model is replaced by the attacker's backdoored model.

Eugene B et al. 2018. *How To Backdoor Federated Learning.* arXiv:cs.CR/1807.00459

Data [HAP17]

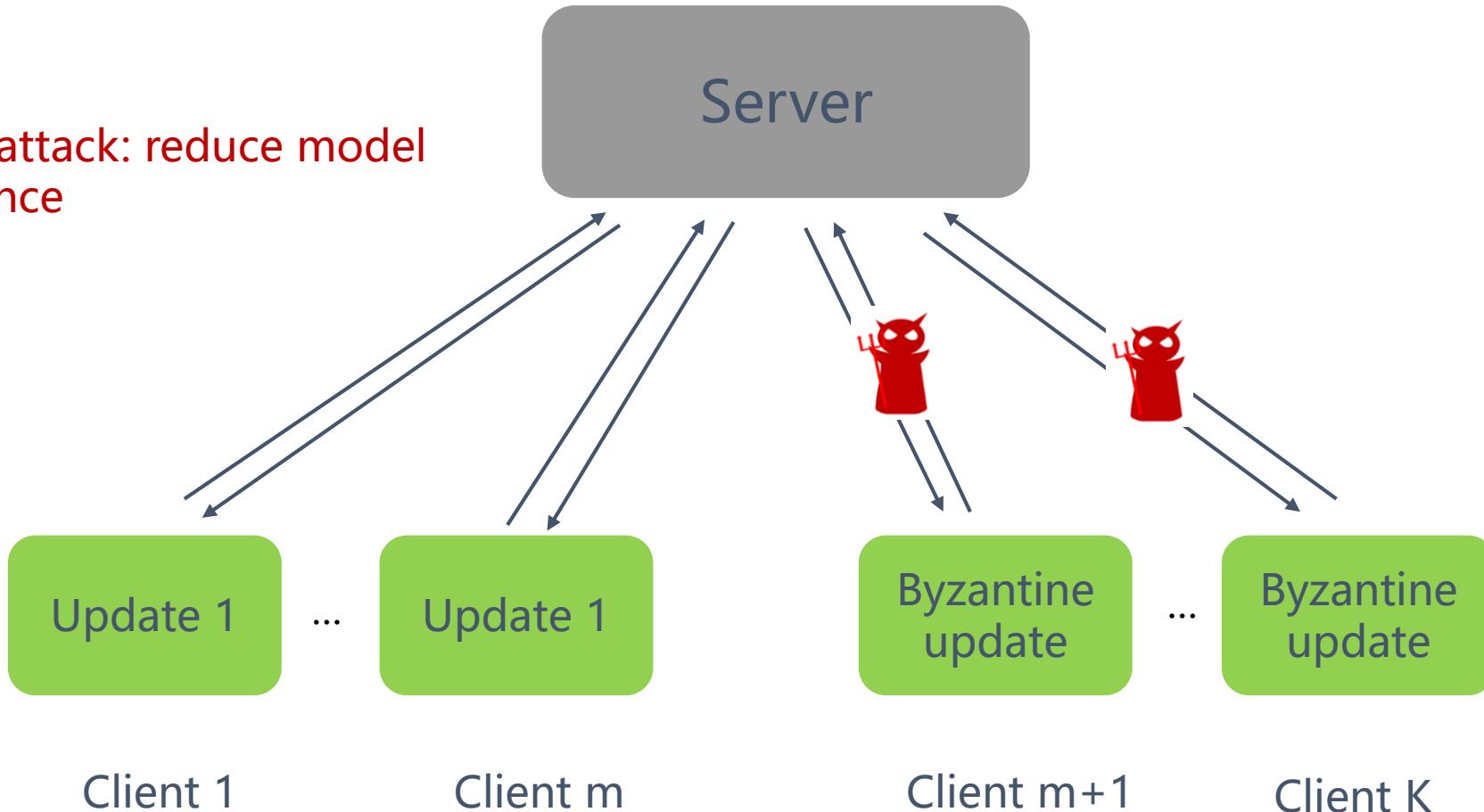


(b) Collaborative Learning

Briland H et al. 2017. *Deep Models Under the GAN: Information Leakage from Collaborative Deep Learning*

New in Federated Learning: Reliable Detection of Byzantine Colluders

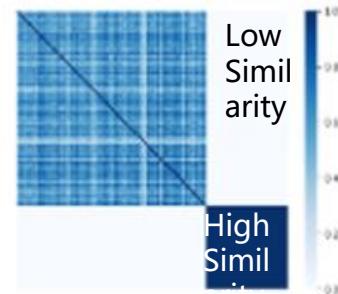
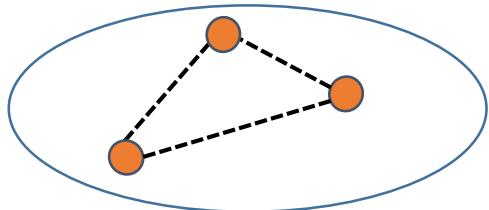
Target of attack: reduce model performance



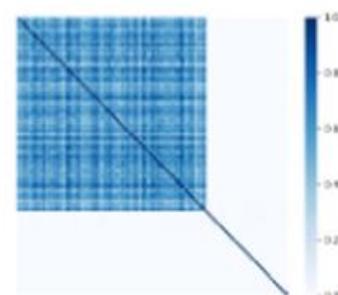
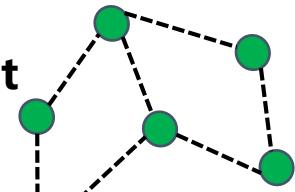
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Reliable Detection of Byzantine Colluders

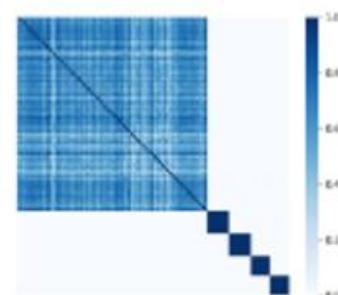
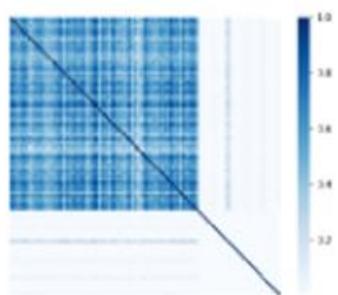
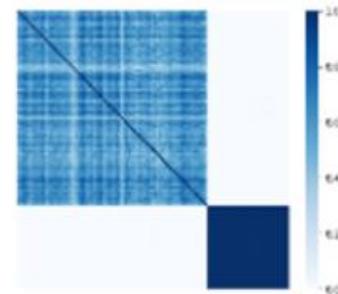
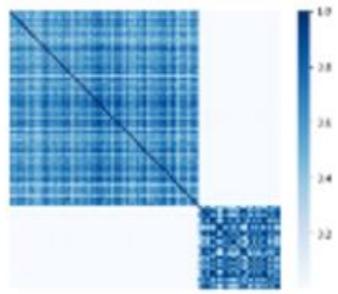
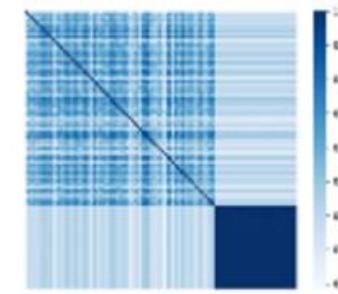
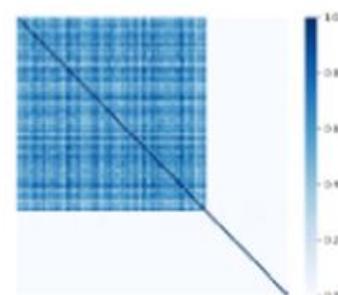
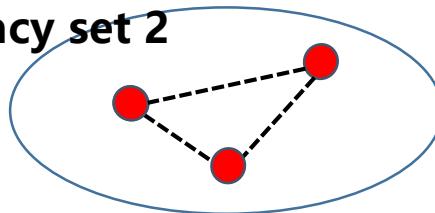
Conspiracy set 1



Normal client



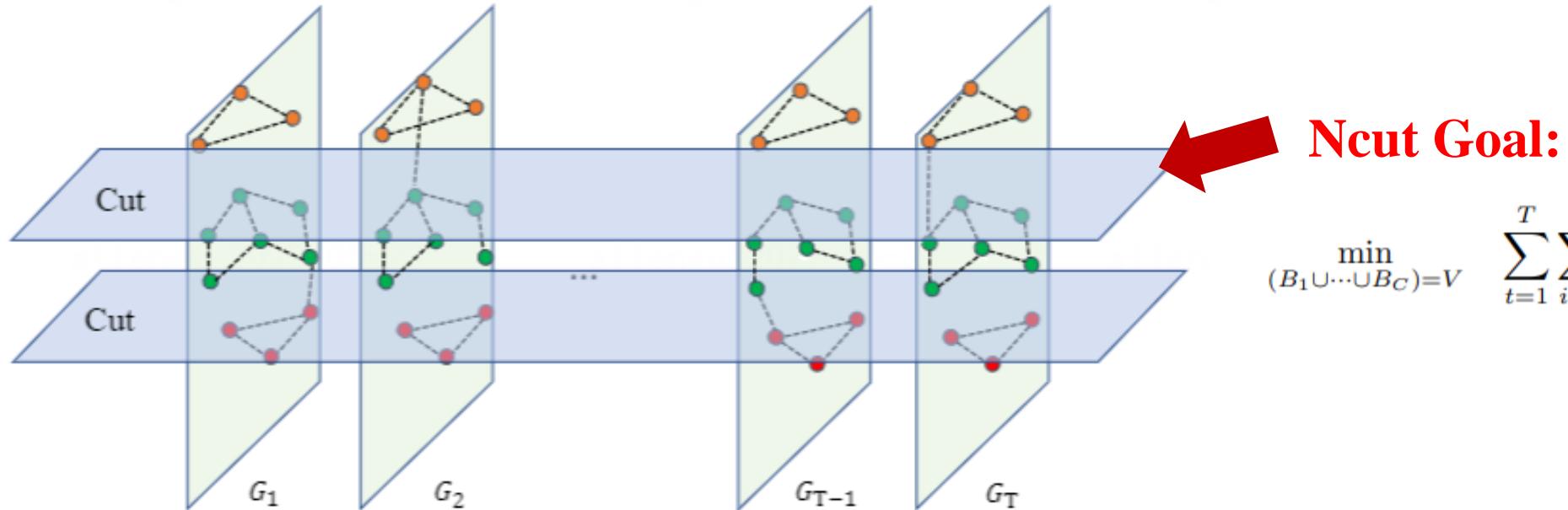
Conspiracy set 2



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Reliable Detection of Byzantine Colluders

- 对T轮的多个client模型更新向量，构建一个G1至GT层的**spatial-temporal图**
- 把检测看成是一个经典的图**Ncut分割**问题，使得分割后的两个子图，相互间的连接最弱（最不相似），子图内部节点间的连接最强（最相似）
- 利用谱分析的eigengap heuristic来估计**共谋组的个数**，从而提升共谋检测的精确度，及**联邦模型的性能**

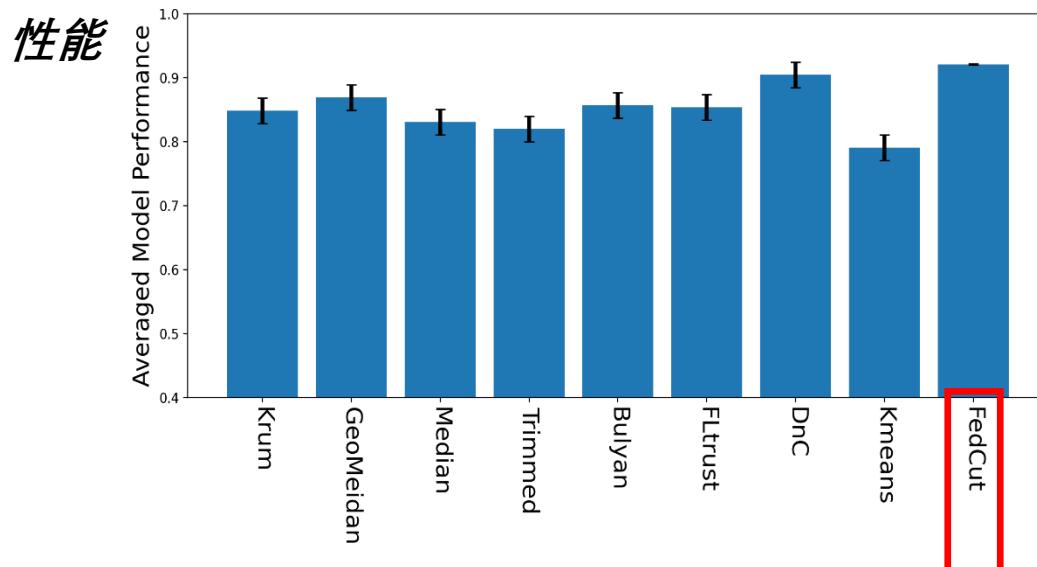


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Reliable Detection of Byzantine Colluders

Federated Learning's Mean Performance:

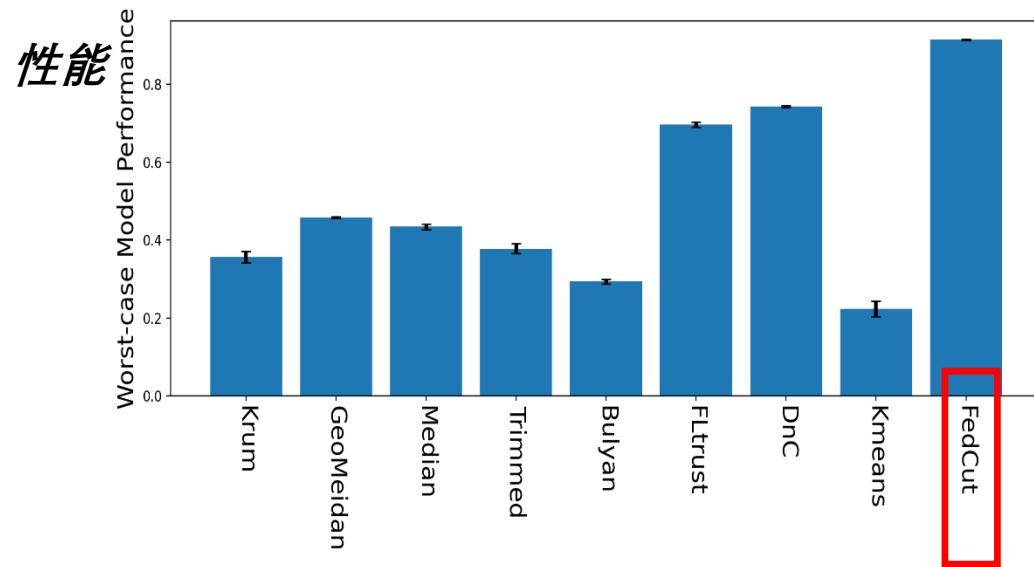
Best overall (>92%)



注：图中error bar代表不同场景多次实验平均性能的方差
(FedCut比其它8种防御方法的方差更小，更鲁棒)

Worst Performance:

Federated Learning still best (>87%)
Variance small ($\approx 5\%$)



注：图中error bar代表不同场景多次实验最差性能的方差
(FedCut比其它8种防御方法的方差更小，更鲁棒)

FedSpectral: A Spectral Analysis Framework for Reliable Detection of Byzantine Colluders (submitted)

'Federated Learning' Standards

Published

IEEE P3652.1 《 Guide for Architectural Framework and Application of Federated Machine Learning》

- **March, 2021, first federated learning standards in the world, 20 participants, 6 meetings, 10 scenarios**

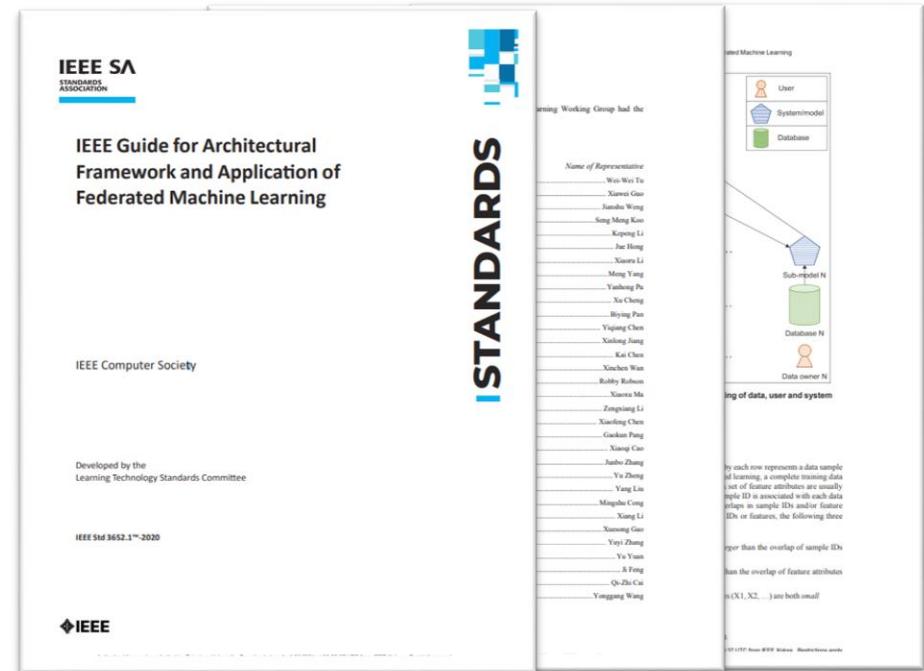
China Communications Standards 《 Technical Requirements and Test Methods for Federated-Learning-based Data Products 》

- **July 2020, 17 participants**
- Scheduling management, testing etc.

Ongoing

- Financial Industry 《 The Financial Applications of Federated Learning and its Connectivity Specifications 》
- Telecom Industry (CCSA-TC1/TF1): 《The Technical Requirements and Test Methods of Safety Assessment for Federated Learning》 《The Interoperability Technical Requirements of the Cross-Framework in Federated Learning》
- Intra-enterprise (CCSA-T601) : 《The Interoperability Standards of the Cross-Platform in Federated Learning》

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Federated Learning Open Source Platform: FATE

FATE

- I. Industrial Scale
- II. Government certified
- III. Efficient, Safe, Easy to use

Design

- I. Many algorithms in machine learning
- II. Many privacy-preserving computation operators including MPC

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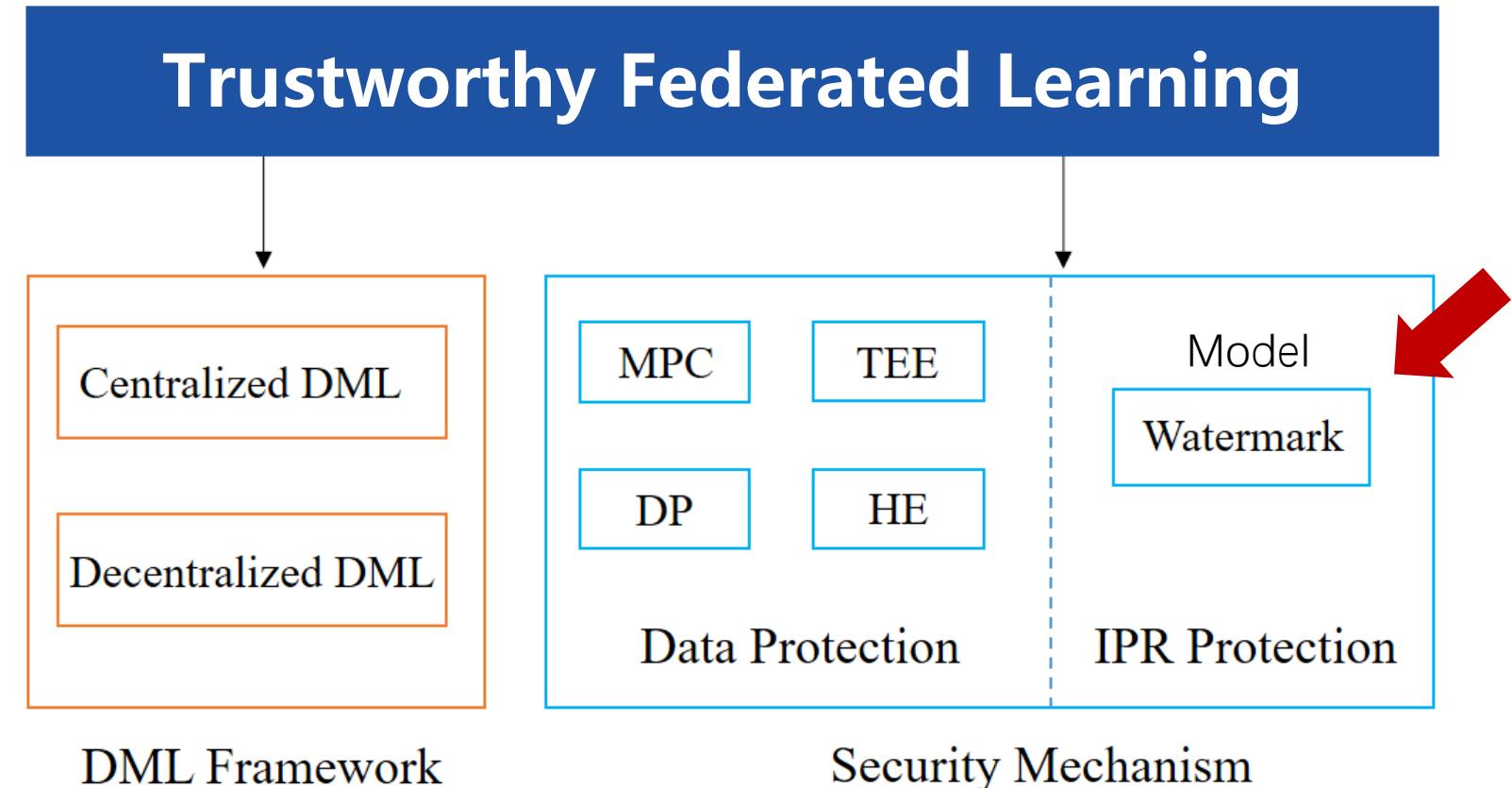
4600 GitHub Stars

19 organizations joined the FATE federated learning eco-system, including Tencent cloud, Union Pay, etc.

<https://github.com/FederatedAI/>

Copyright Protection for Models (FedIPR)

- Privacy Protection
- Model Protection
- **Model IP Right**
- Explainable
- Open Source



Trustworthy Federated Learning: Protection of Model IP Rights

model stealing attack [17]:

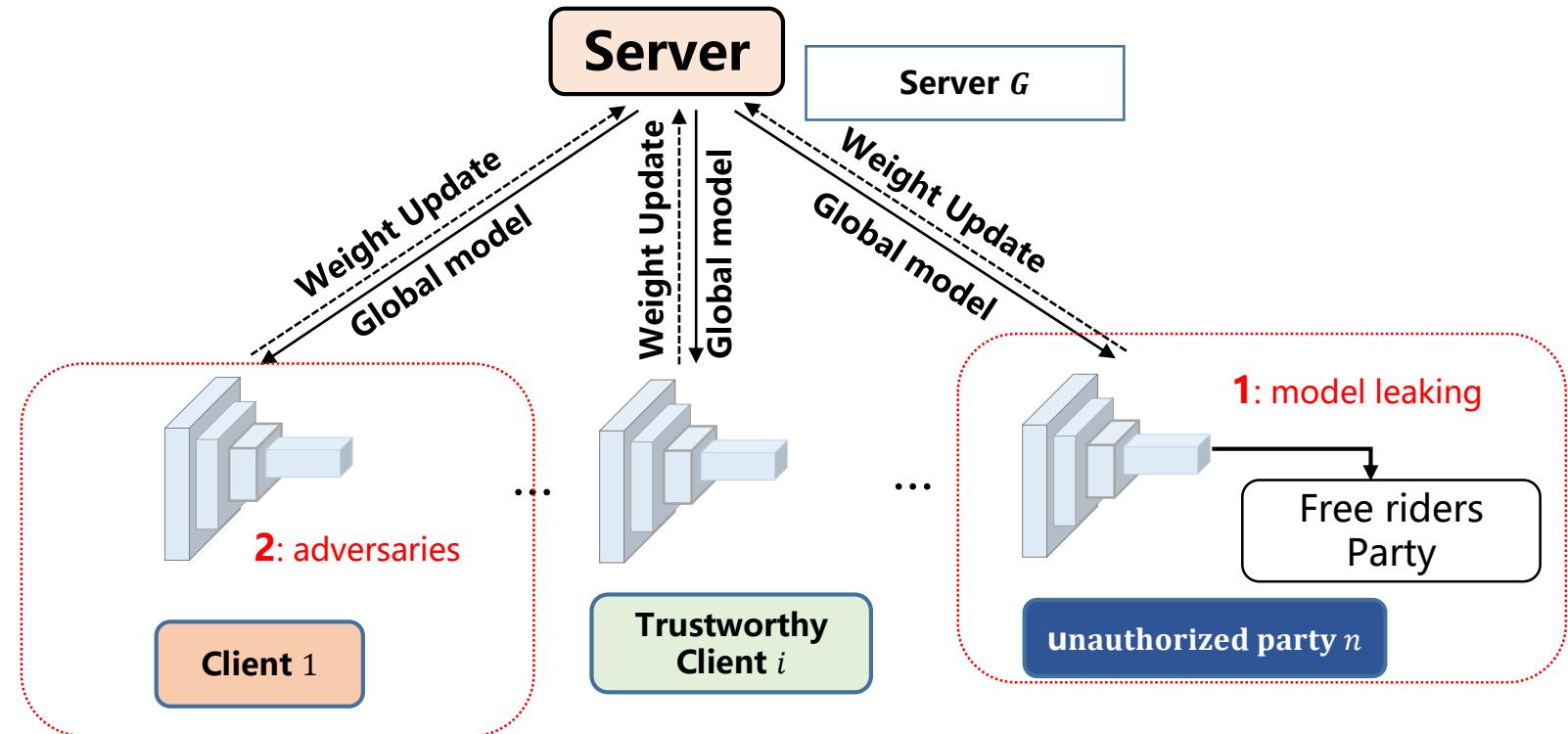
Tramer et al. proposed that adversaries can steal the (deployed) victim model with technical methods.

freerider attack [18]:

- Fraboni et al. demonstrated the possibility that freeriders join in federated learning only for plagiarizing the valuable trained models.

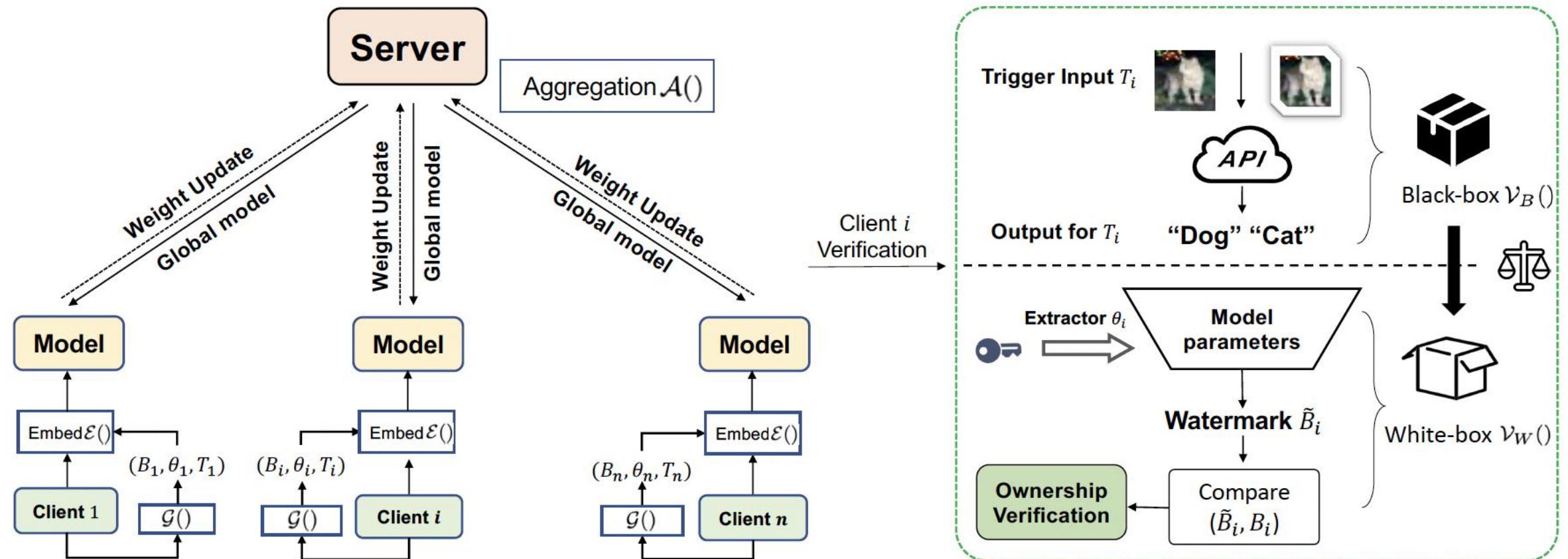
non-technical infringement:

- unauthorized parties may plagiarize the federated model with non-technical methods.



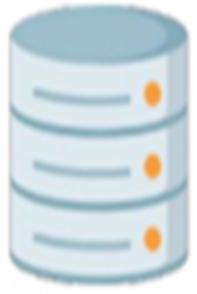
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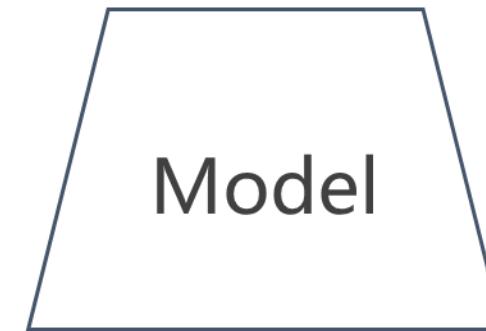


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Model tracing?



Train



Watermarks on data

Assessment functions



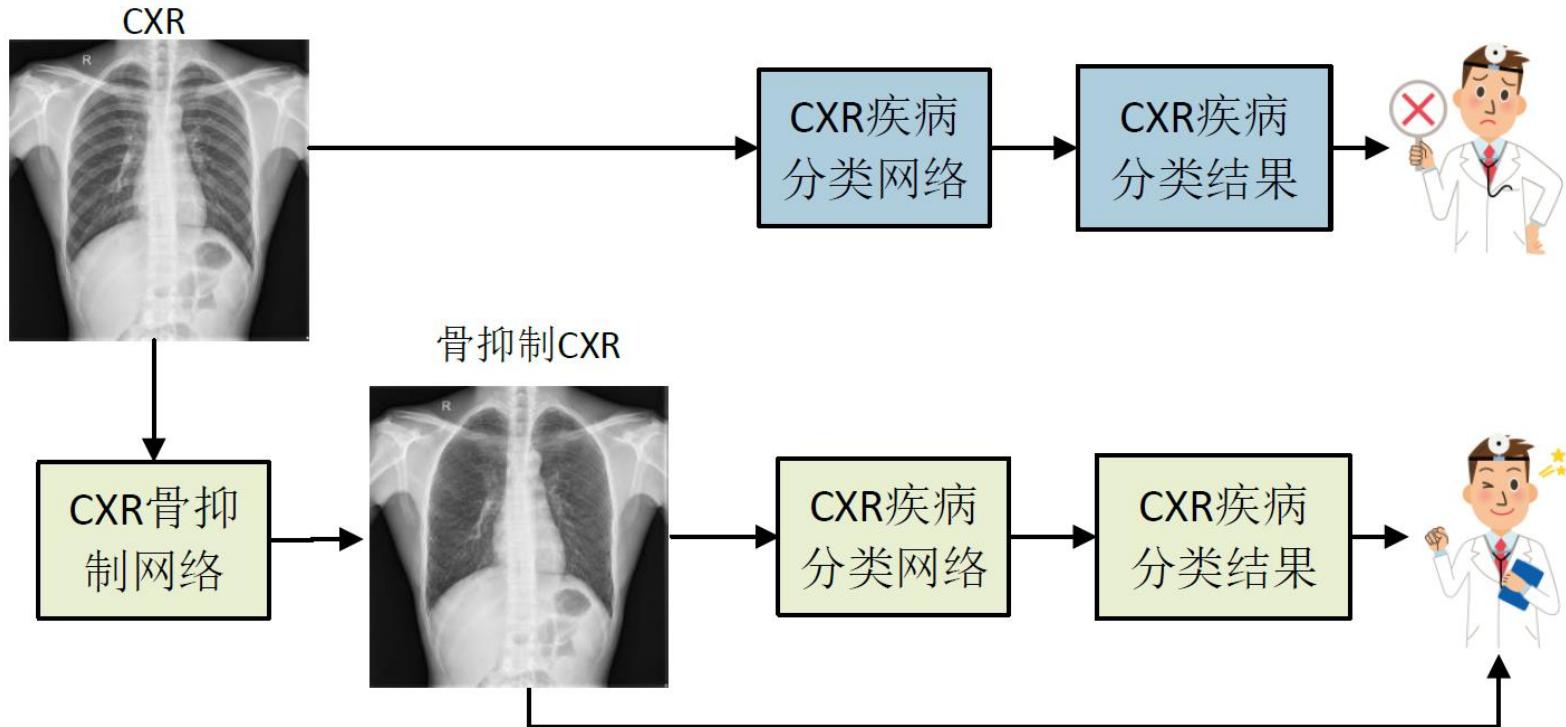
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Explainability of AI Models

- A New Book



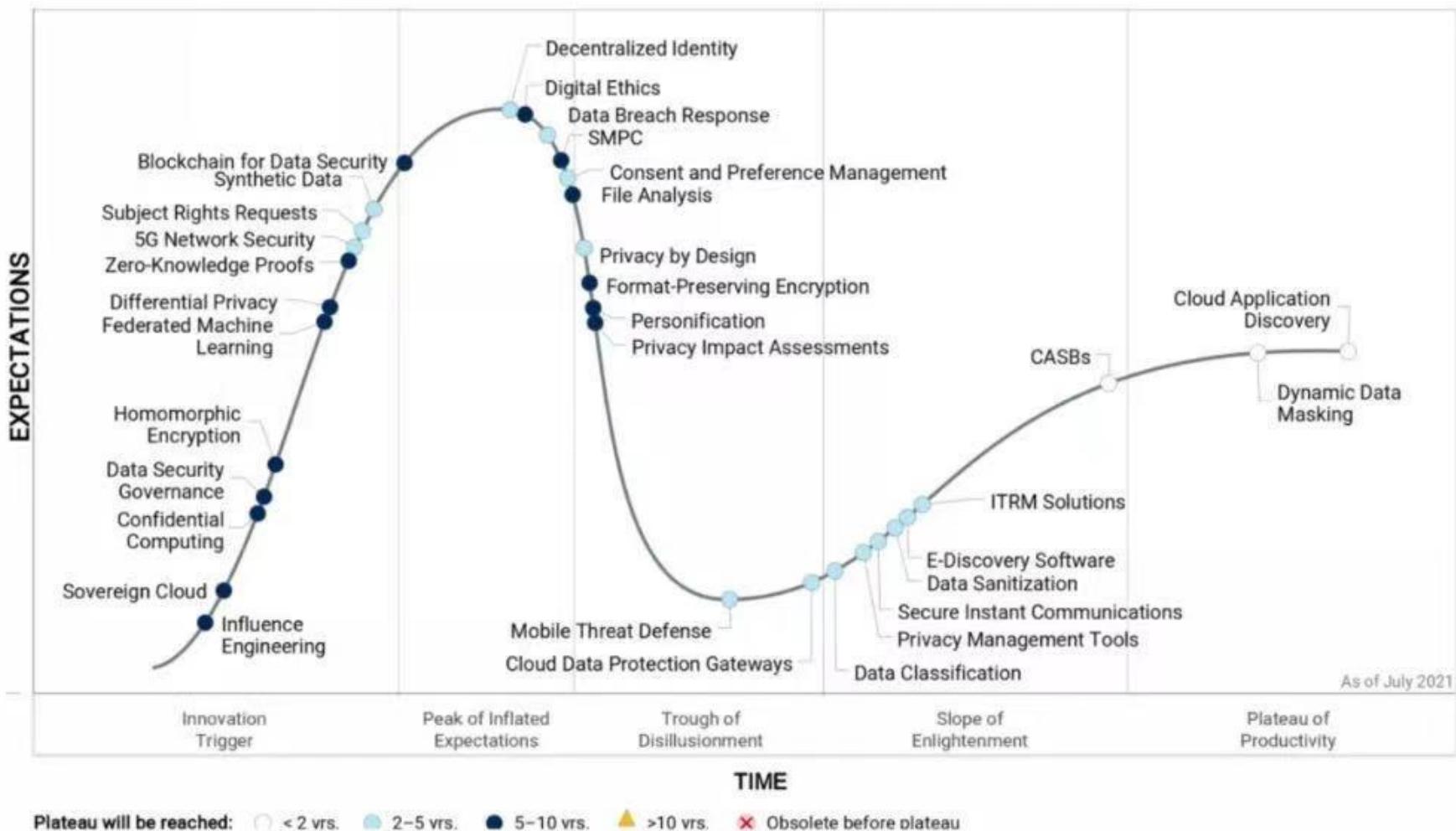
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Figure 1: Hype Cycle for Privacy, 2021



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