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# Defenses Against Inference Attacks

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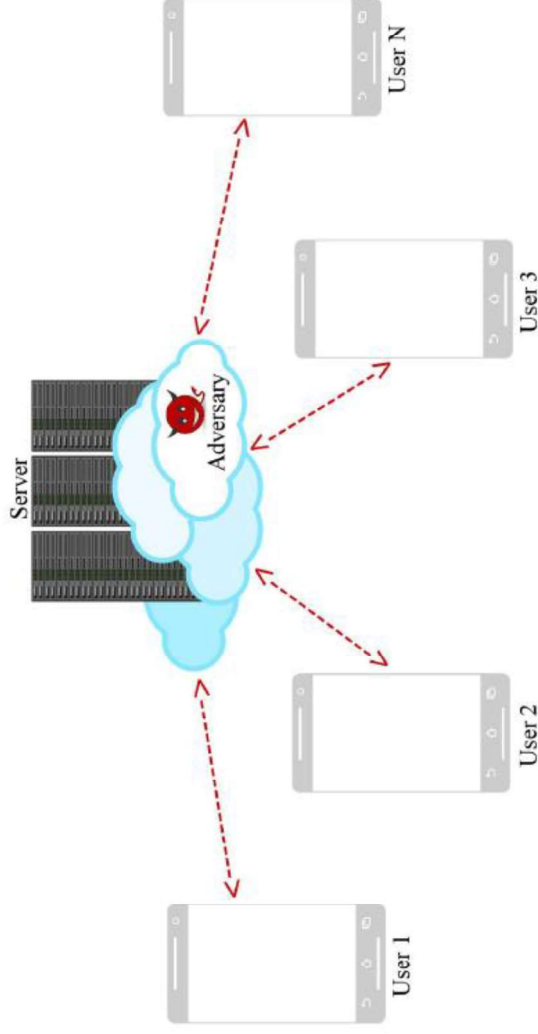
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# Centralised Learning

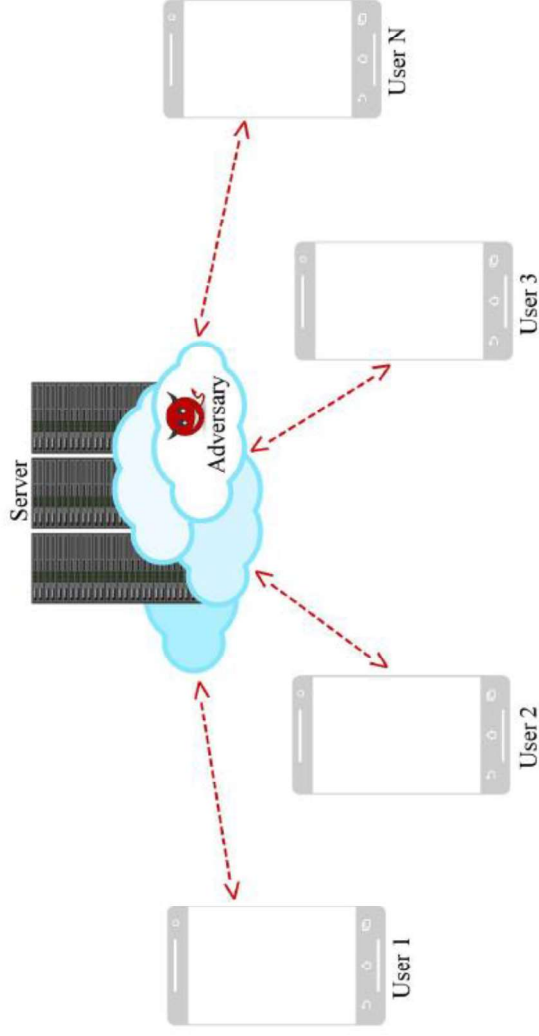


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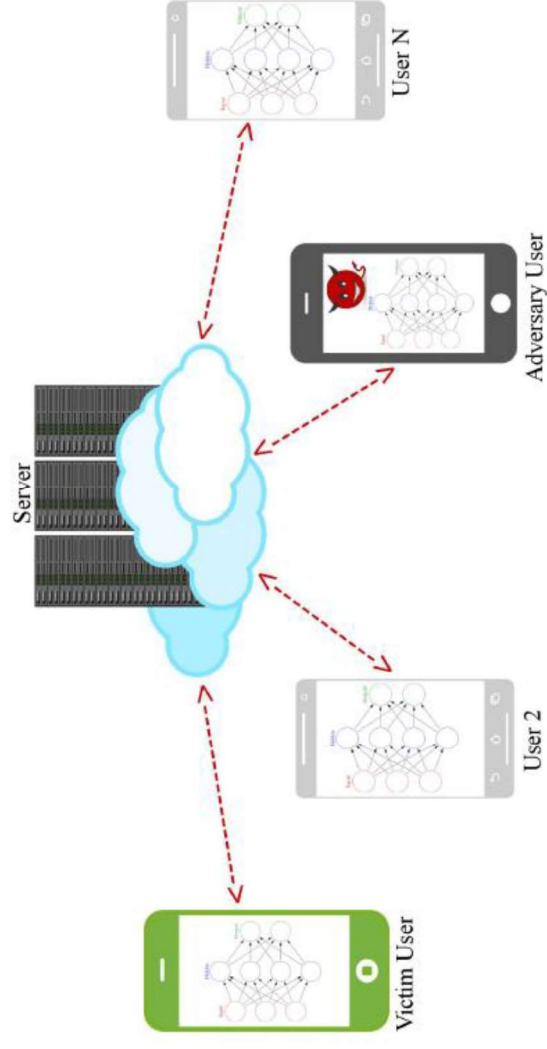


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# Adversarial Attacks – Federated Learning



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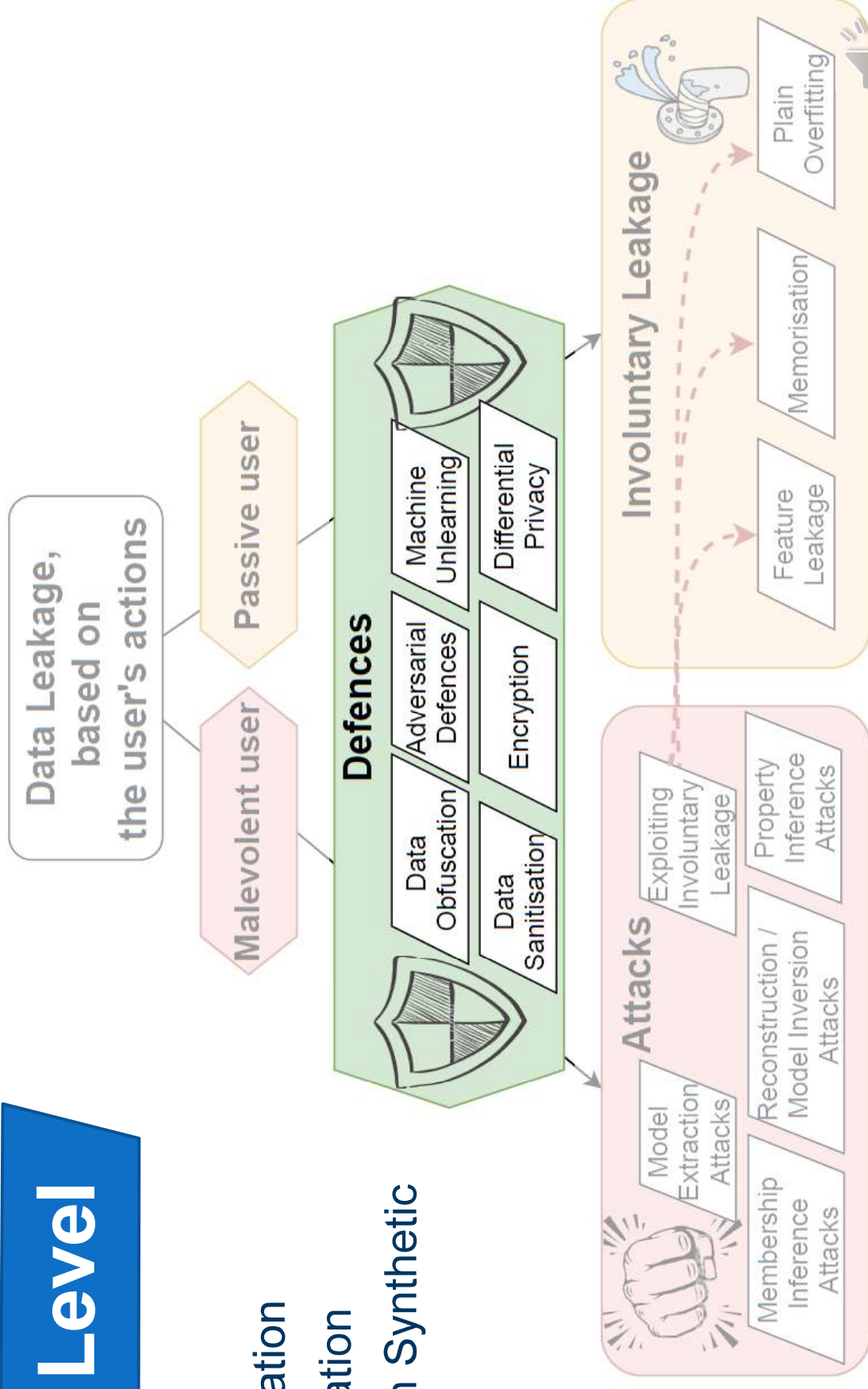
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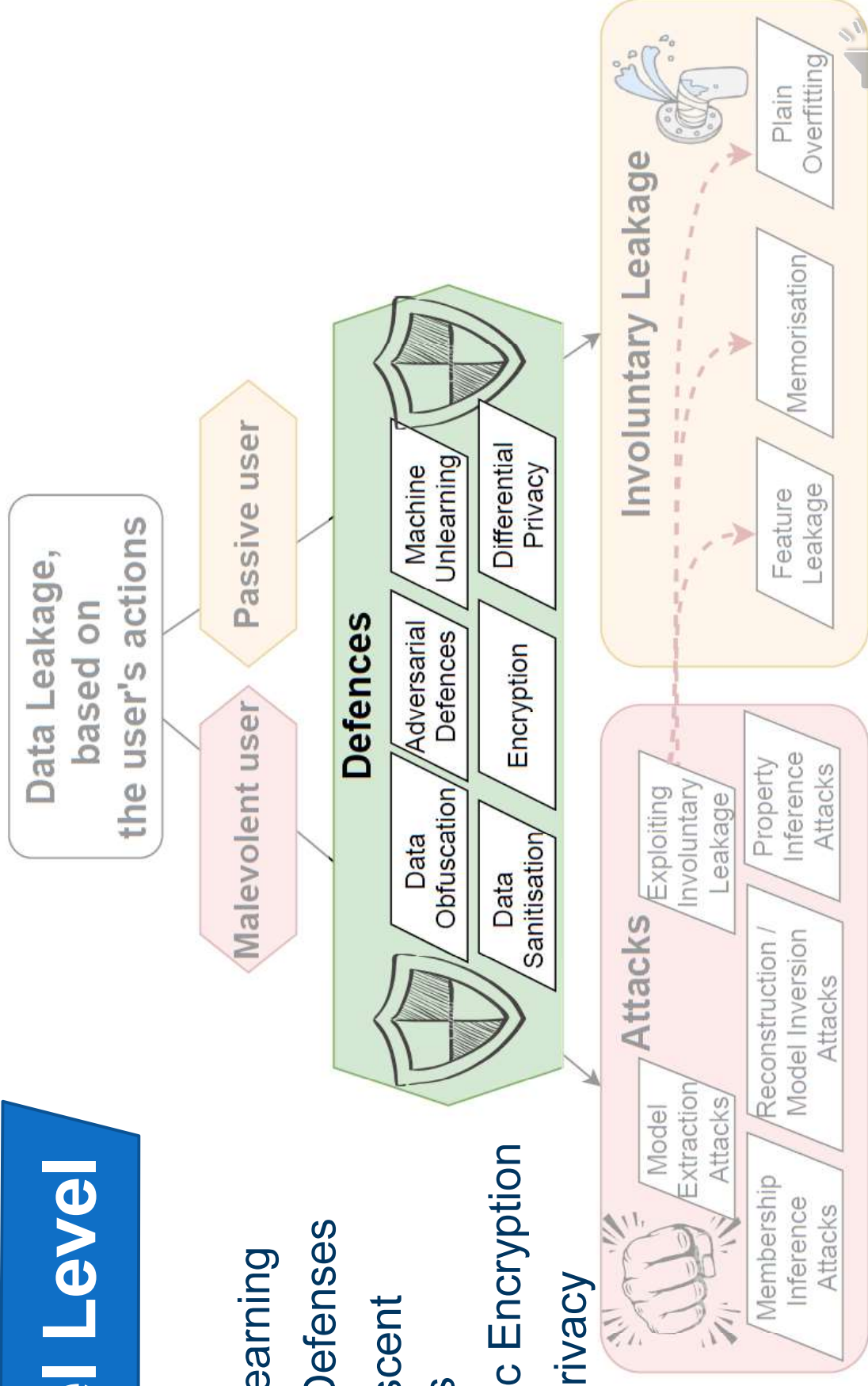
# At Data Level

- Data Obfuscation
- Data Sanitisation
- Learning with Synthetic Data

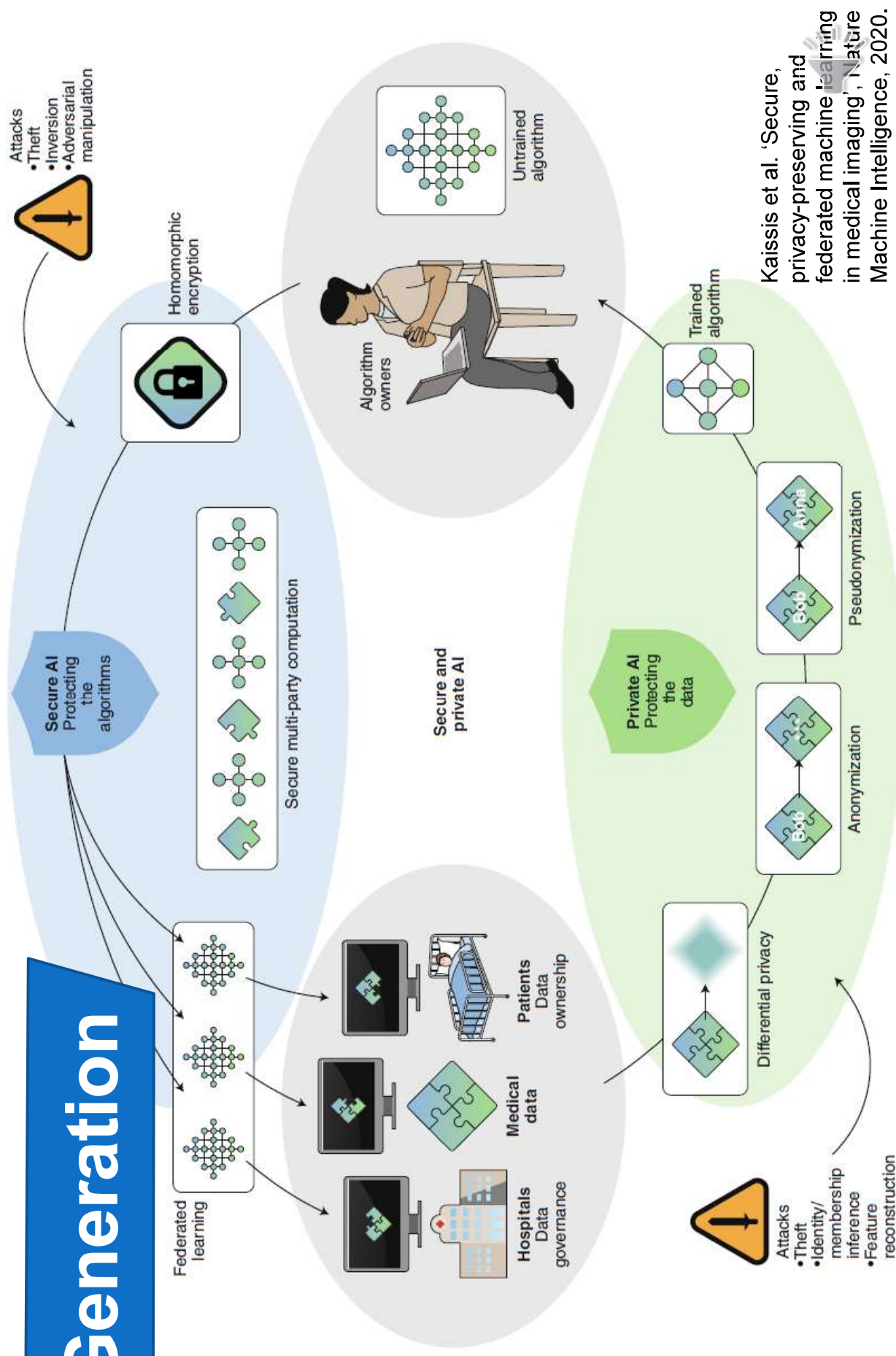


# At Model Level

- Machine Unlearning
- Adversarial Defenses
- Gradient Descent Perturbations
- Homomorphic Encryption
- Differential Privacy



# Next Generation



# Secure Hardware

- They have been used in secure processors
- They have been used in edge hardware and mobiles
- They can play a significant role in federated learning workflows



# Open questions

- Does decentralized data storage and federated learning would enable privacy-preserving, cross-institutional research?
- Are encrypted deep learning approaches efficient enough?
- What is the optimum trade-off between accuracy, interpretability, fairness, bias and privacy?
- How to troubleshoot algorithms that are encrypted?





# Summary

- Several mechanisms have been proposed to safeguard healthcare data with relation to inference attacks
- Some of these methods work on the data at the preprocessing level and some of them operate on the machine learning models.
- Federated learning have been also proposed as a way to minimize privacy risks while ownership of the data is also retained



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