



INTERNSHIP PROJECT
ALTERA DIGITAL HEALTH

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ABOUT THE COMPANY

- Canadian-American company in digital healthcare
- Develops solutions for hospitals and healthcare systems
- Customers - Mainly in the U.S., UK and Singapore
- Israeli R&D center - working with major healthcare providers, including Clalit

Solutions

Sunrise™



Clinical electronic
health record system

dbMotion™



Healthcare data
interoperability
platform

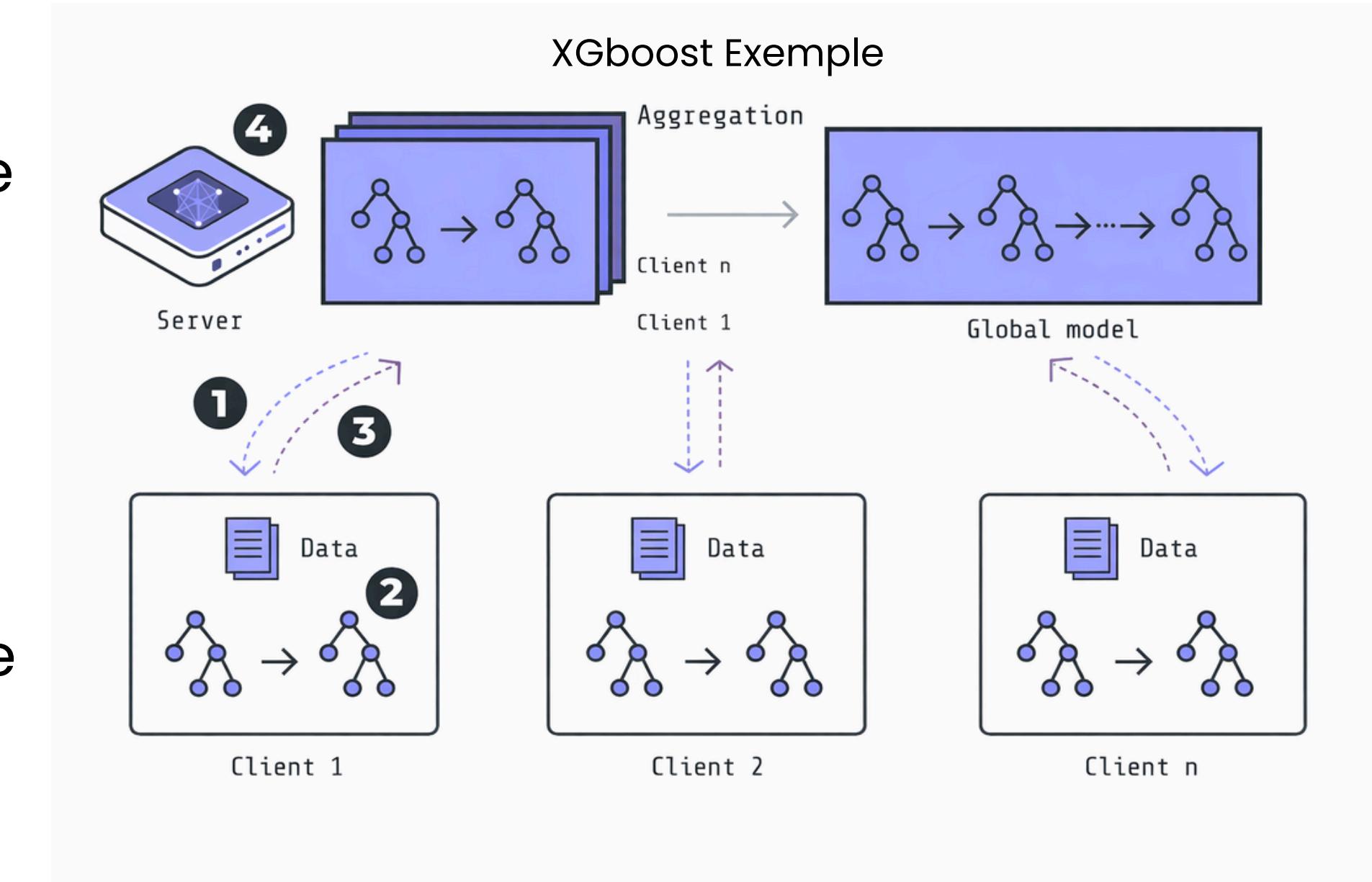
MY PROJECT

Federated Learning with ML Models

- Exploring Federated Learning for machine learning applications
- Designing privacy aware ML solutions for healthcare data
- Comparing federated and local models
- Evaluating the project's suitability for real-world healthcare use

WHAT IS FEDERATED LEARNING

- **Distributed training** - across multiple clients
- **Data stays local** - only updates are shared
- **Privacy focused** - ideal for healthcare

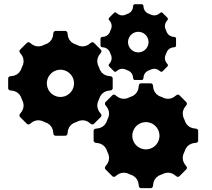


WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED



Healthcare data limits

Sensitive medical data cannot be centralized.



Classical ML gap

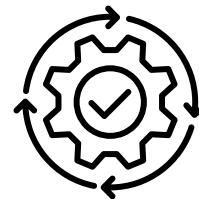
Many LLM solutions exist, but classical ML is underused.



FL potential

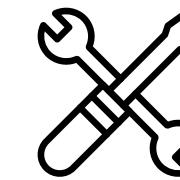
Federated Learning can improve ML models, and this needs to be evaluated.

WHAT I AM DOING IN PRACTICE



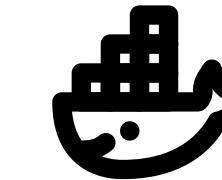
FL pipeline

End-to-end design & evaluation



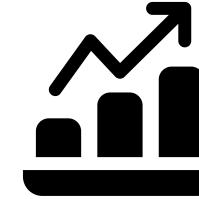
Flower (FLWR)

FL implement, replacing NV FLARE



Dockerized setup

Simulated federated clients



Training & eval

Federated vs. local XGBoost



Privacy-preserving ML

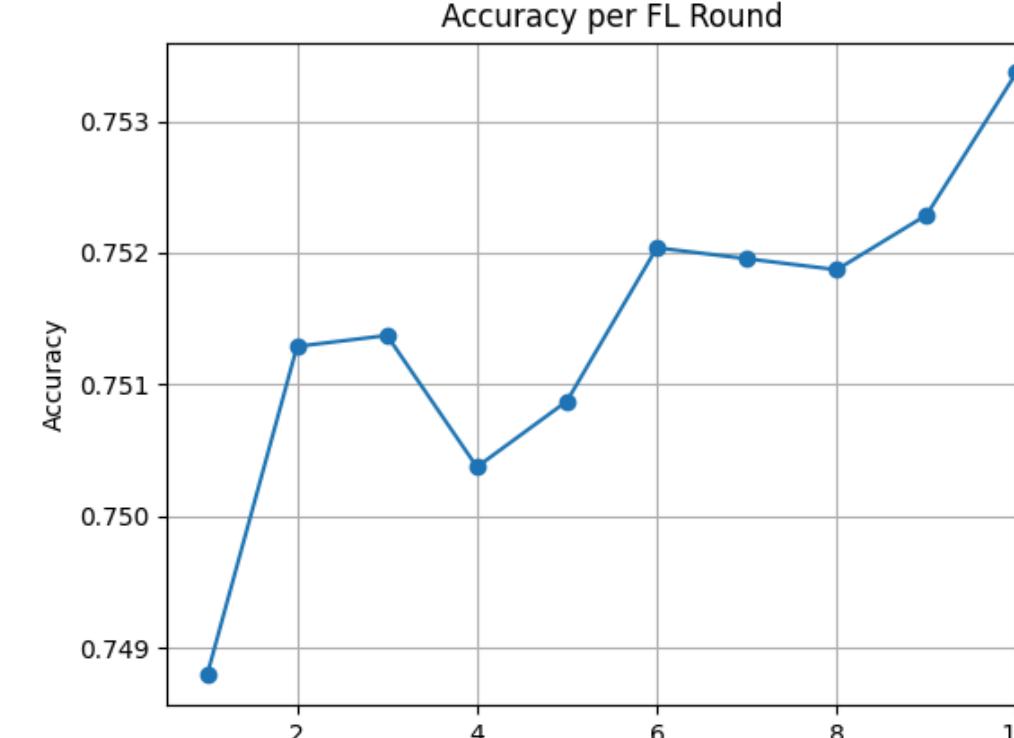
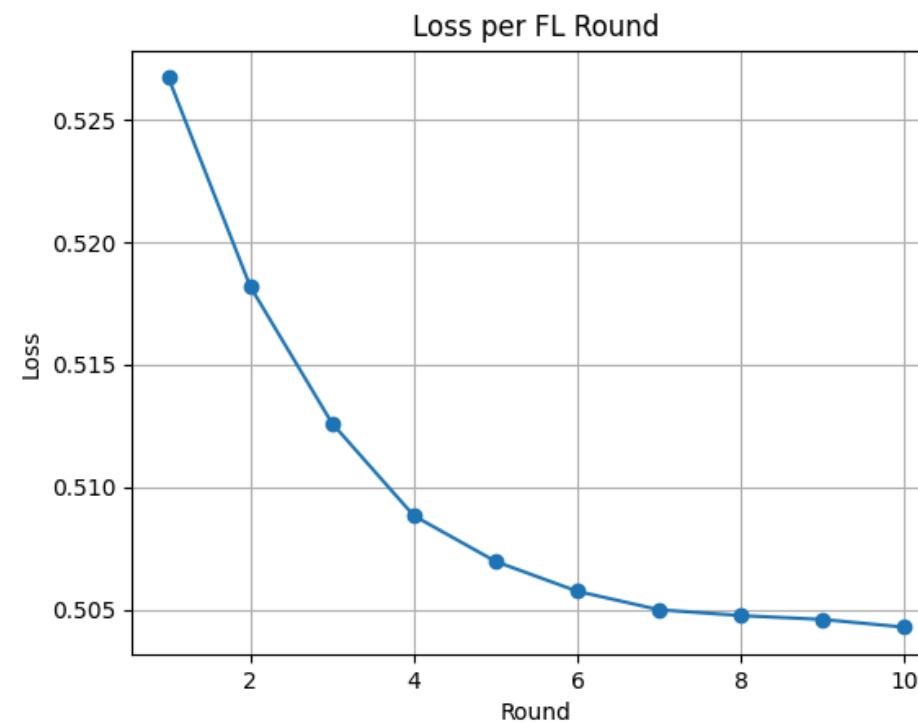
Data stays local



Experimental insights

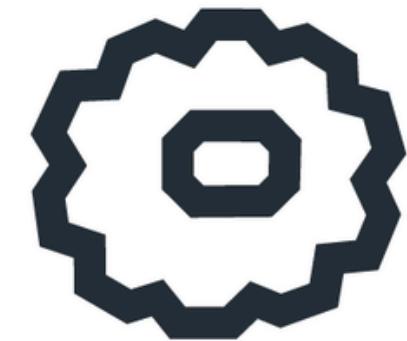
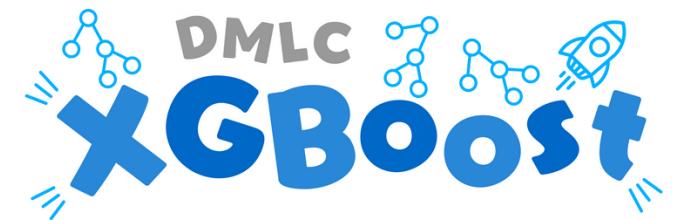
Convergence & trade-offs

TRAINING RUN FEDERATED LEARNING

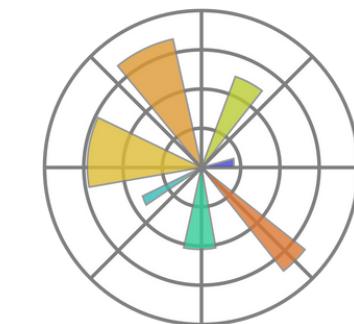
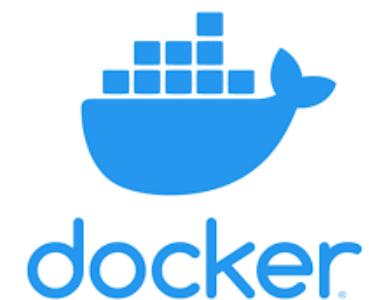


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TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES

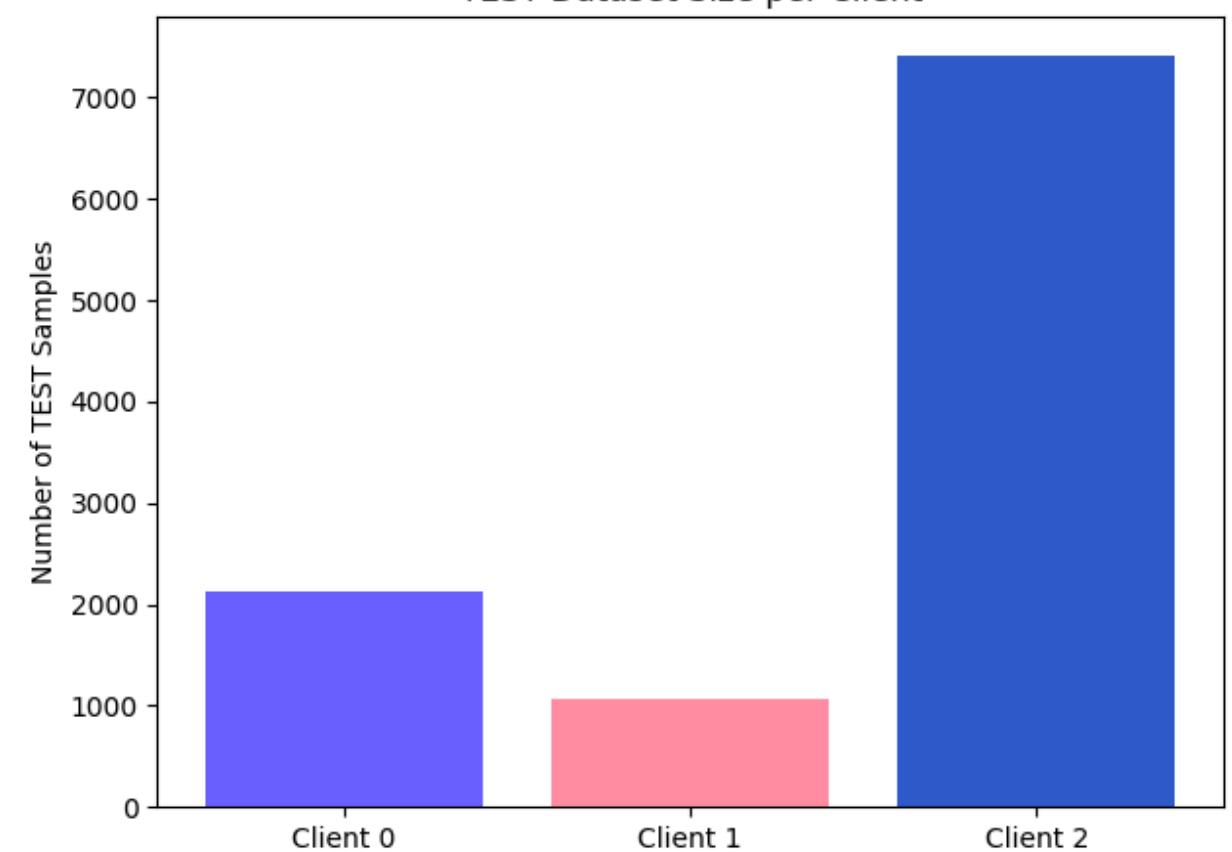
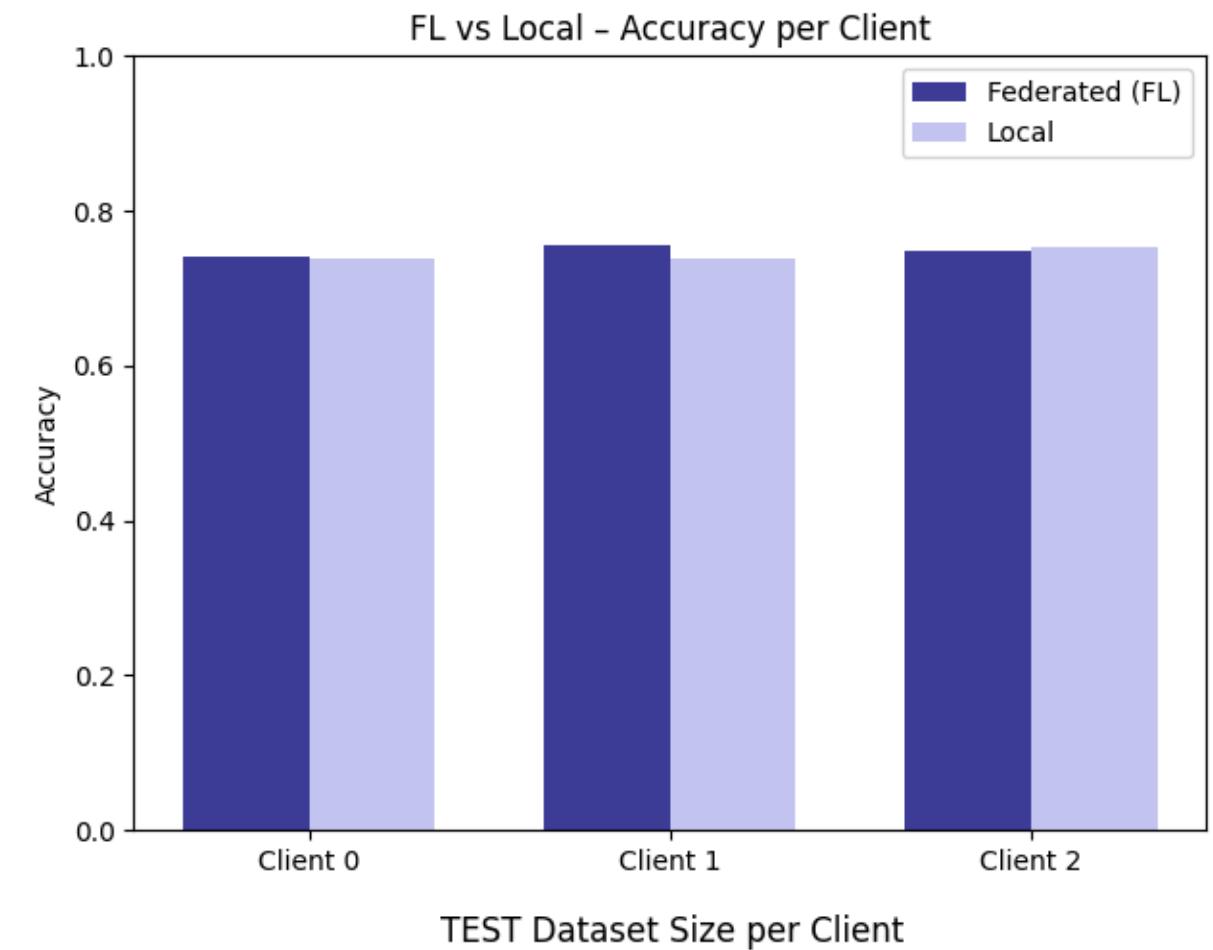


Flower
Framework



SUMMARY

- Federated Learning enables a healthcare-friendly architecture with local data.
- Smaller clients benefited, while larger clients remained stable.
- Valuable for **Altera's** work with smaller healthcare organizations.
- Federated Learning fits real-world settings with diverse client data and behavior.



CHALLENGES & LEARNINGS

- Learning a new domain and working with private data constraints
- Designing and building an ML system independently
- Managing time in a large-scale project
- Hands-on experience with Federated Learning
- Understanding real-world ML trade-offs

**THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?**