



Clara Federated Learning with Homomorphic Encryption

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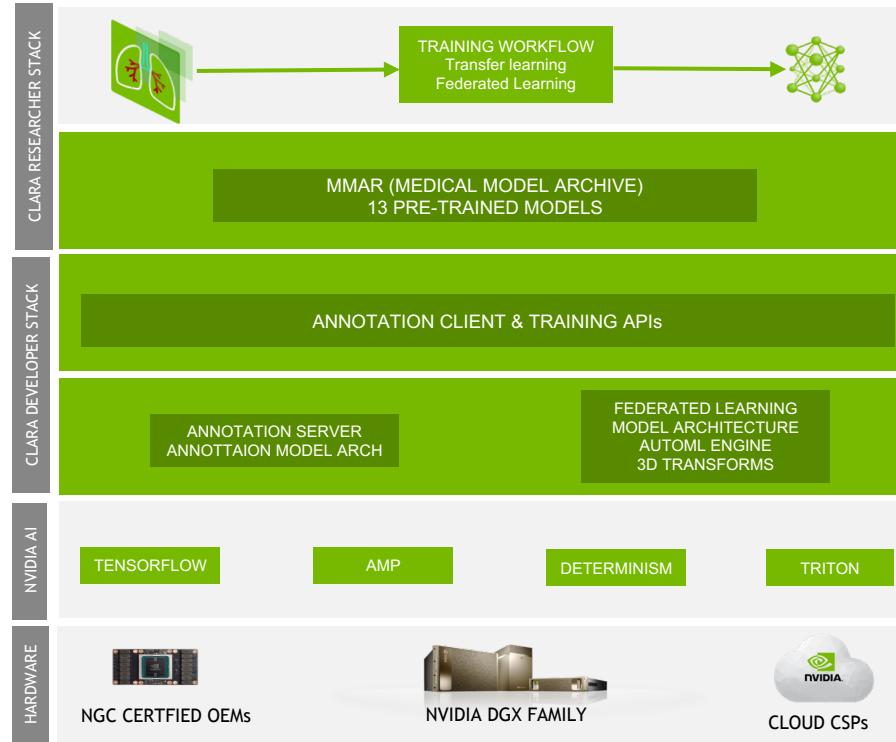


Agenda

1. Clara Train SDK
2. Research projects using Clara Federated Learning
3. Secure Aggregation with Homomorphic Encryption

CLARA TRAIN

Domain Optimized Training Framework

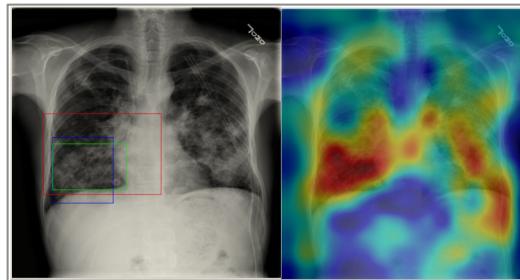


CLARA PRE-TRAINED MODELS

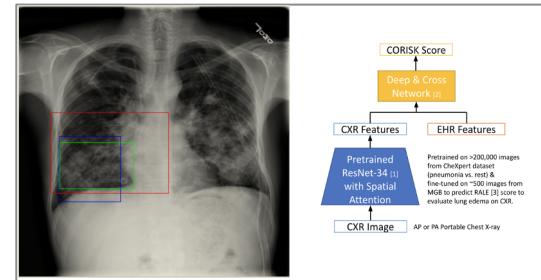
Available on ngc.nvidia.com



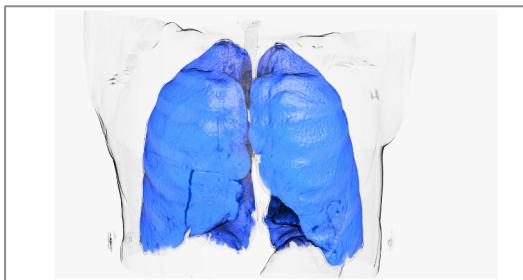
3D Segmentation - AH-Net & Res-UNET
Spleen | Liver Tumor | Brain | Prostate



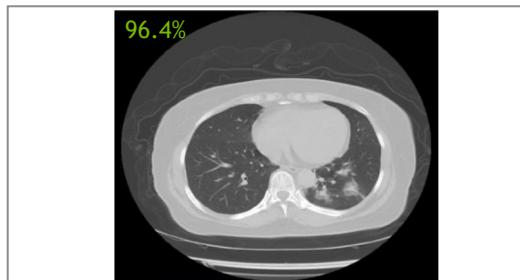
2D Classification - DenseNet121
Chest X-Ray Classification



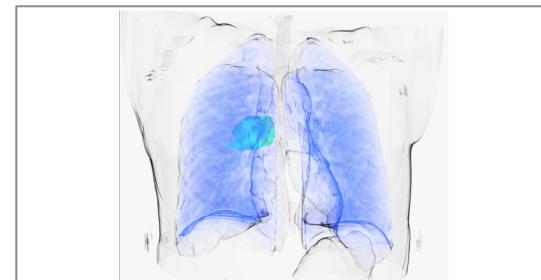
FL4COVID-19 EXAM Model



COVID-19 Lung Segmentation



COVID-19 3D Classification
Nature Comm. 2020

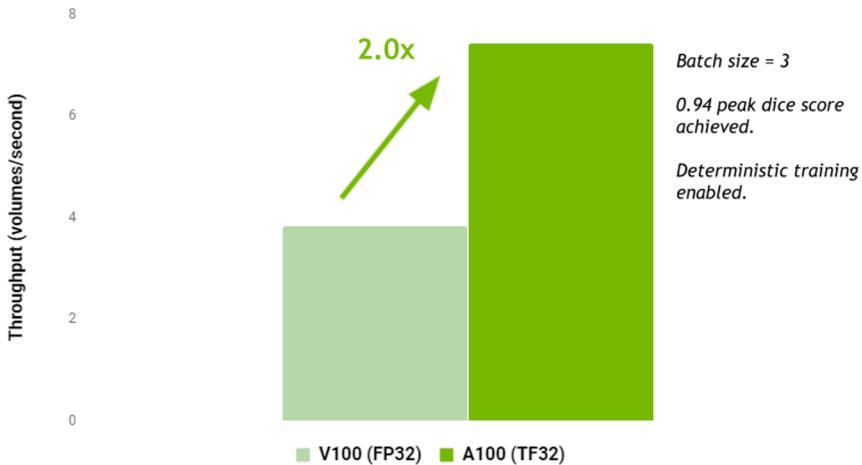


COVID-19 Lesion Segmentation
<https://covid-segmentation.grand-challenge.org/>

FASTEST MEDICAL AI TRAIN FRAMEWORK

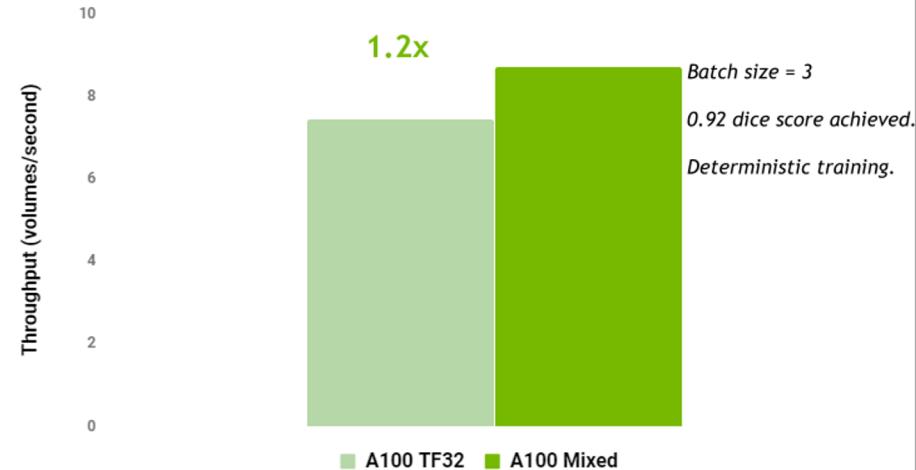
Optimized for NVIDIA A100 Systems

Clara Train Spleen Segmentation Model Training (AH-Net)



Benchmarks performed on DGX-1 V100 and DGX A100. Training run for 900 epochs

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MONAI (Medical Open Network for AI) <https://monai.io/>

Ease of Integration & Enterprise-grade Software Development



CUSTOMIZABLE

Abstracted for customizable design for varying user expertise



COMPOSABLE

Portable with ease of integration into existing workflows



DOMAIN SPECIALISED

3D transformations, architecture & workflows for medical imaging



GPU OPTIMIZED

Multi-GPU, CUDA acceleration data & model-parallel processing



REPRODUCIBLE

Built for reproducibility and comparison with state of the art

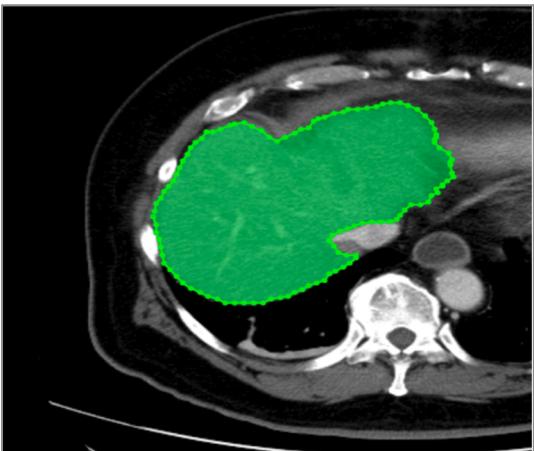


HIGH QUALITY

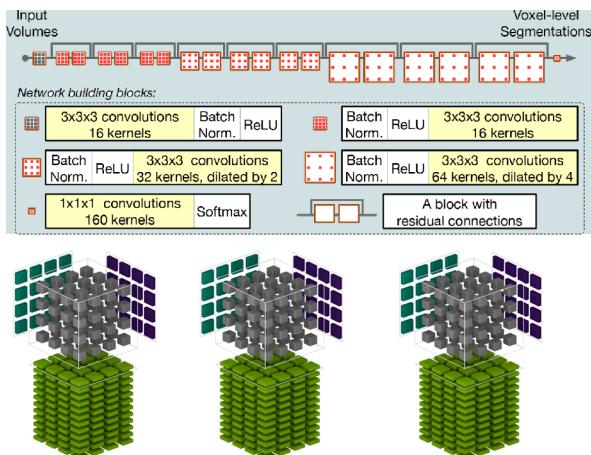
Tutorials for getting started and robust validation & documentation

UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF TRAINING AI MODELS

Data Labeling & Privacy | 3D Networks & Computational Demands



Data Labeling
Expert Knowledge | Time Consuming



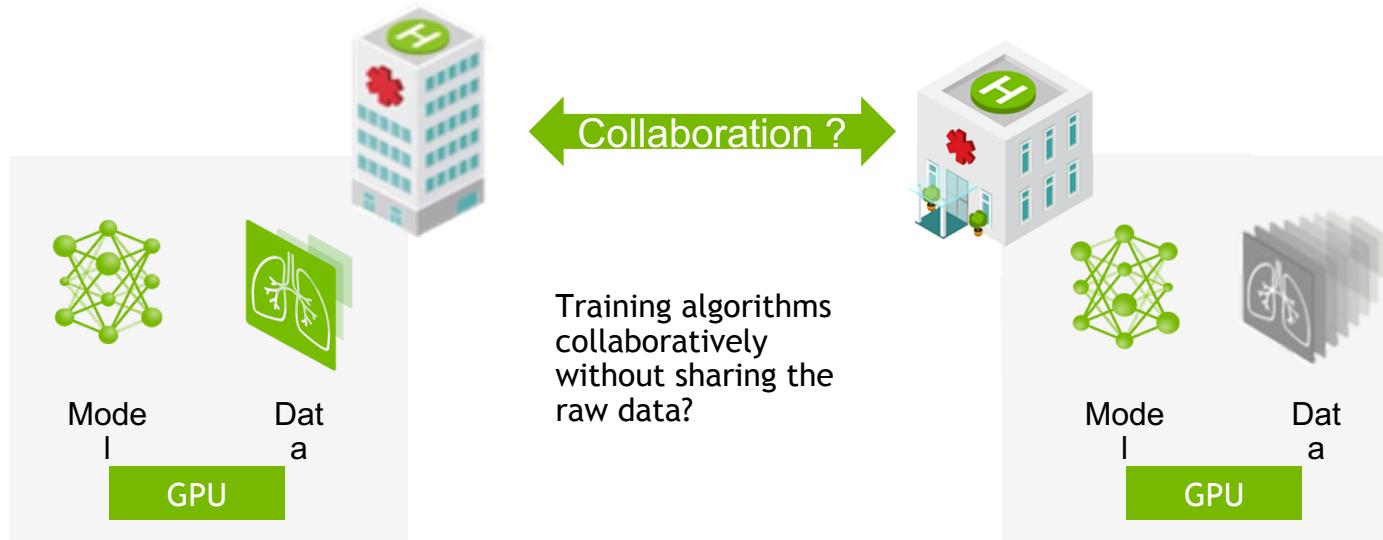
3D Networks
3D Data | High Compute, Memory & I/O Needs



Data Privacy
Patient Privacy | Data Sovereignty

DATA-DRIVEN MEDICINE REQUIRES FEDERATED EFFORTS

Data Governance and Privacy



Possible Solution:

Federated Learning - allow algorithms to learn from non co-located data

IMPACT OF FEDERATED LEARNING

Increasing the value of AI for all healthcare stakeholders



Clinicians

Accurate assistance tools,
Standardization



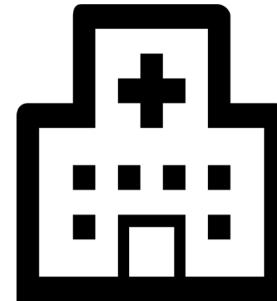
Patients

Accurate and unbiased AI,
Data donor



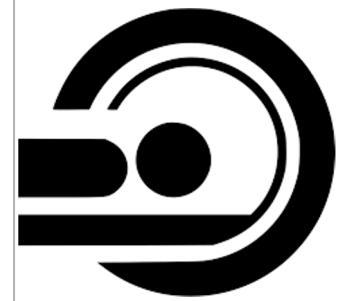
Researchers

Access to large datasets,
Clinical relevant problems



Hospital and
Practices

Full control of patient data,
Infrastructure



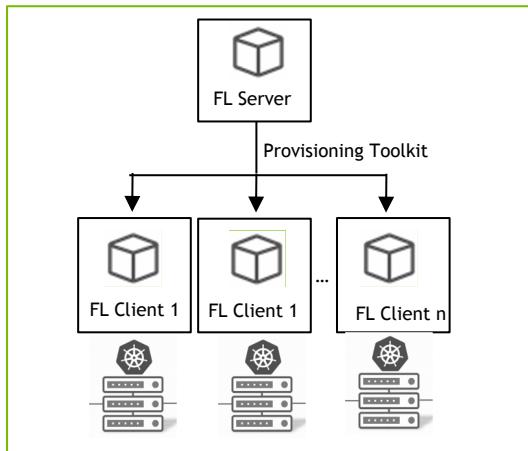
Manufacturers

Continuous improvement of
ML-based systems

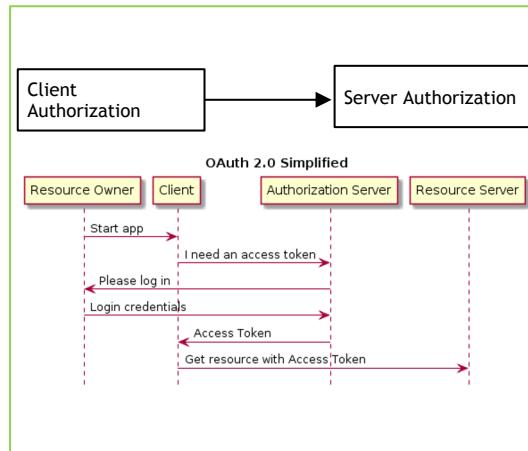
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ENTERPRISE FEDERATED LEARNING

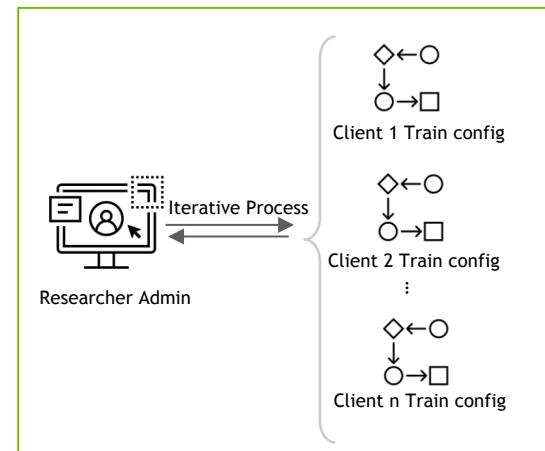
Collaborative Learning - Easy, Secure, Productive



Easy
Simplified Deployment
From days to minutes



Secure
Flexible Authorization Framework
Improved Security

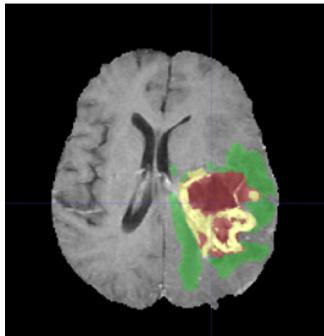


Productive
Maximize Researcher Productivity
10x increase in experimentation

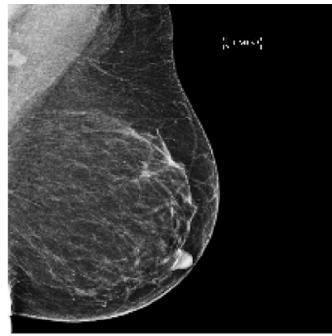


RESEARCH PROJECTS USING CLARA FL

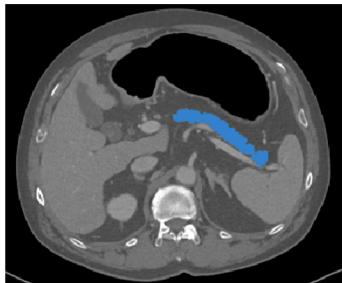
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Brain Tumor
Segmentation



Mammography



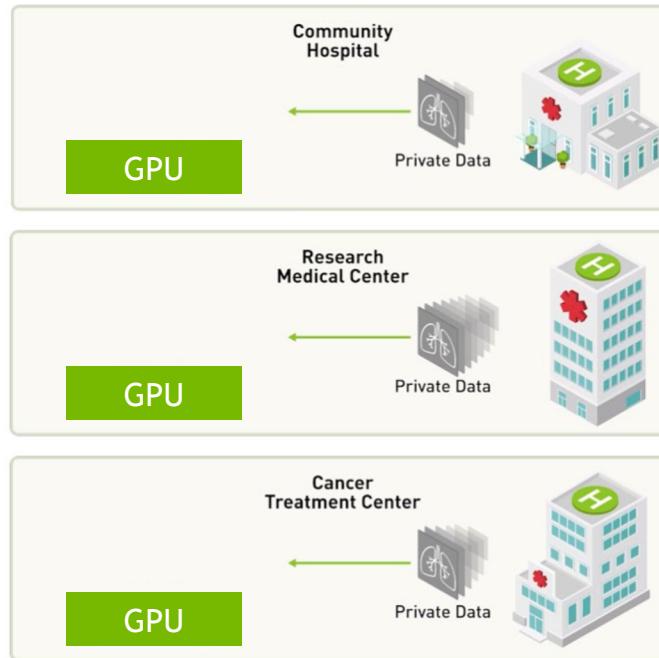
Pancreas Segmentation



COVID-19 Chest X-Ray

SERVER-CLIENT FEDERATED LEARNING

Changing the way AI algorithms are trained

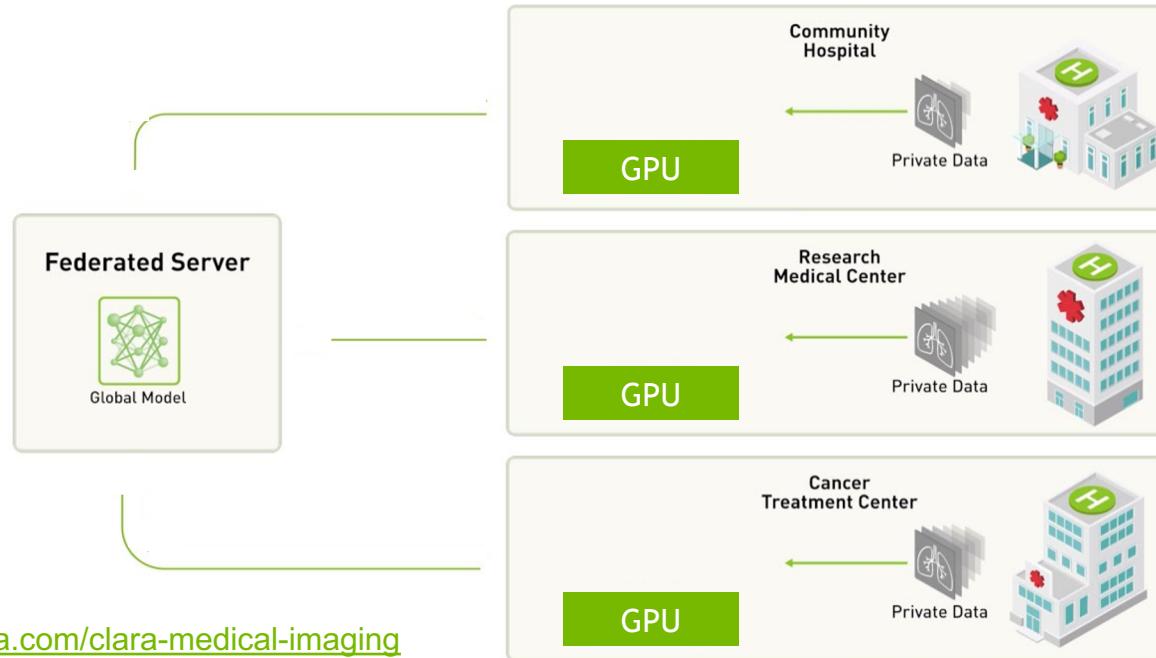


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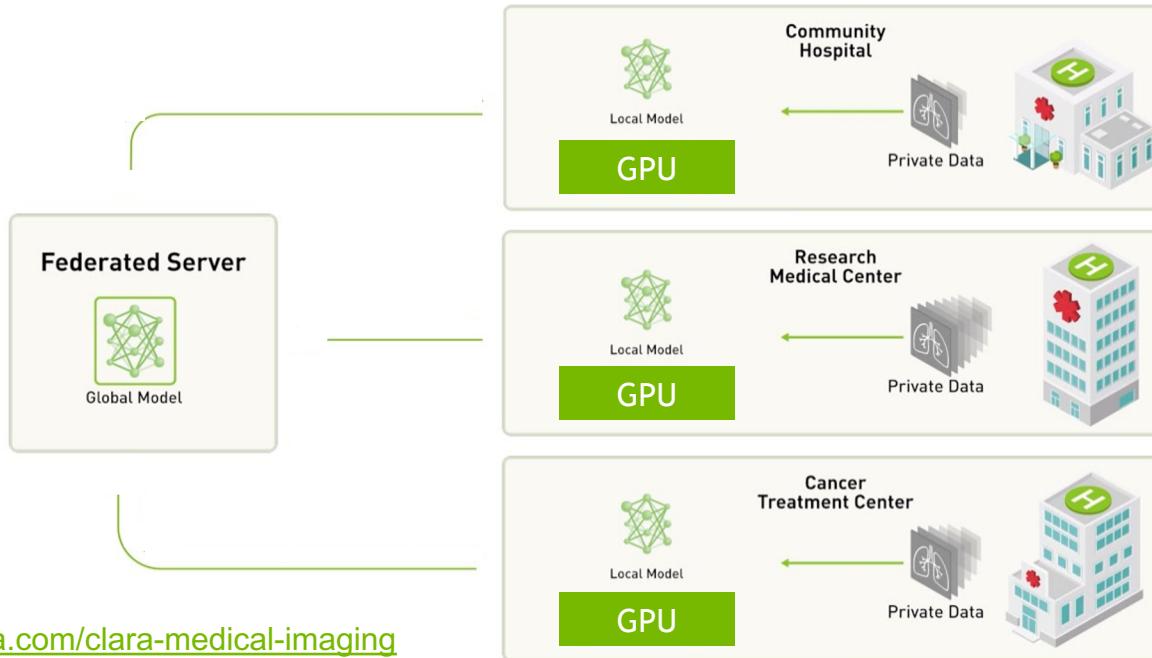


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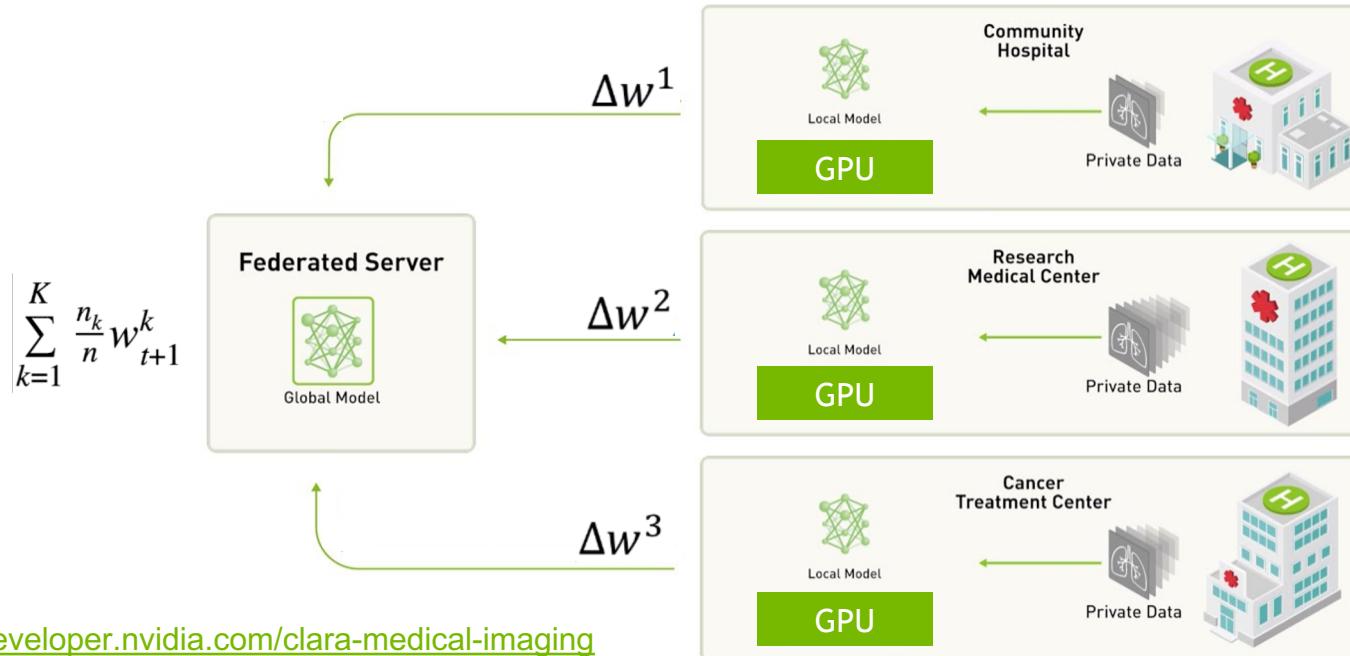


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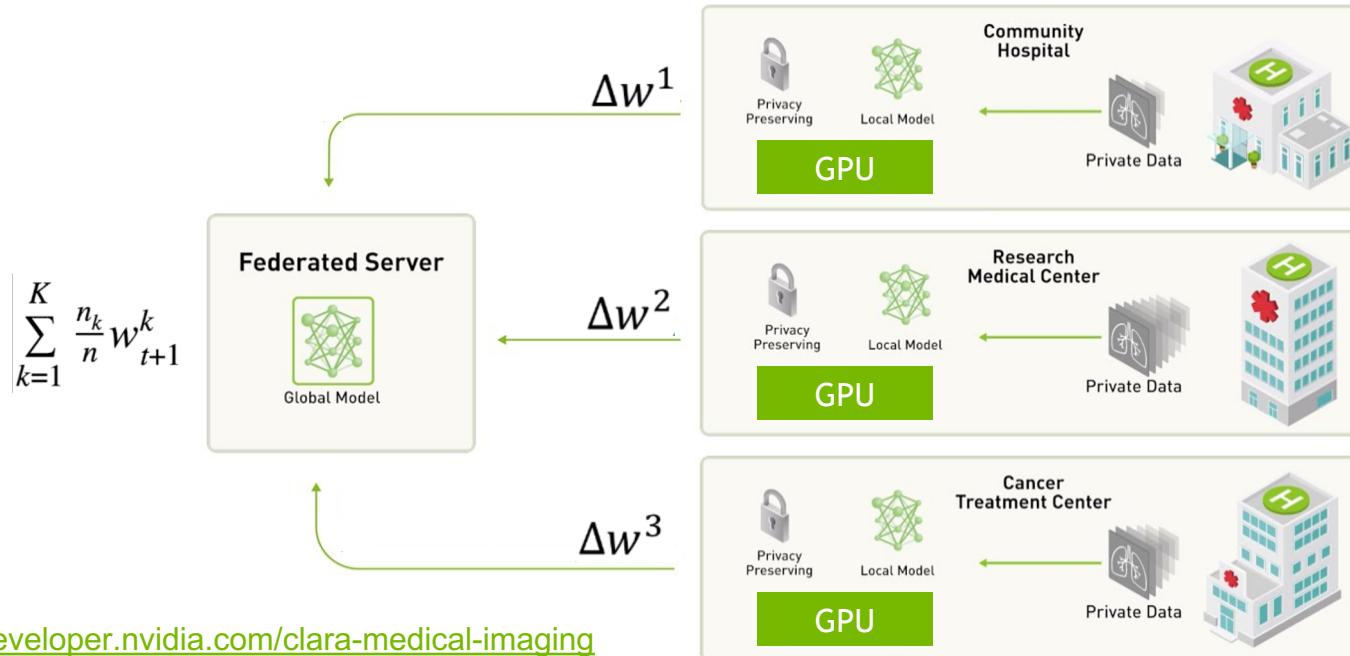


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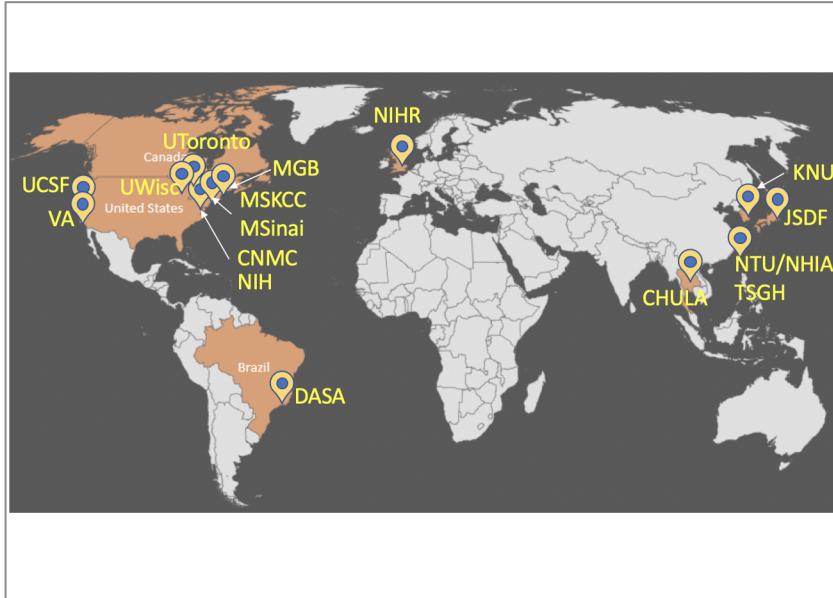
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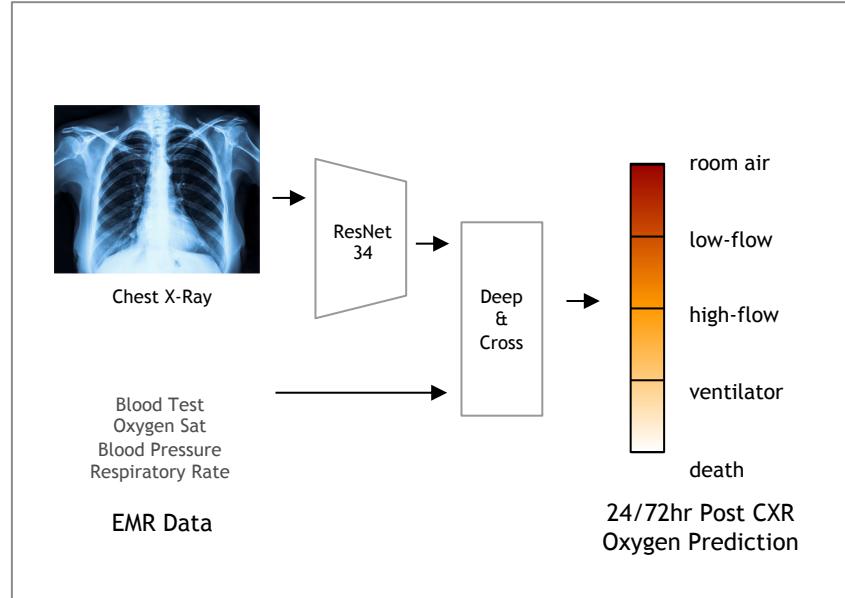
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CLARA FEDERATED LEARNING FOR COVID-19 PATIENT CARE “EXAM” AI MODEL

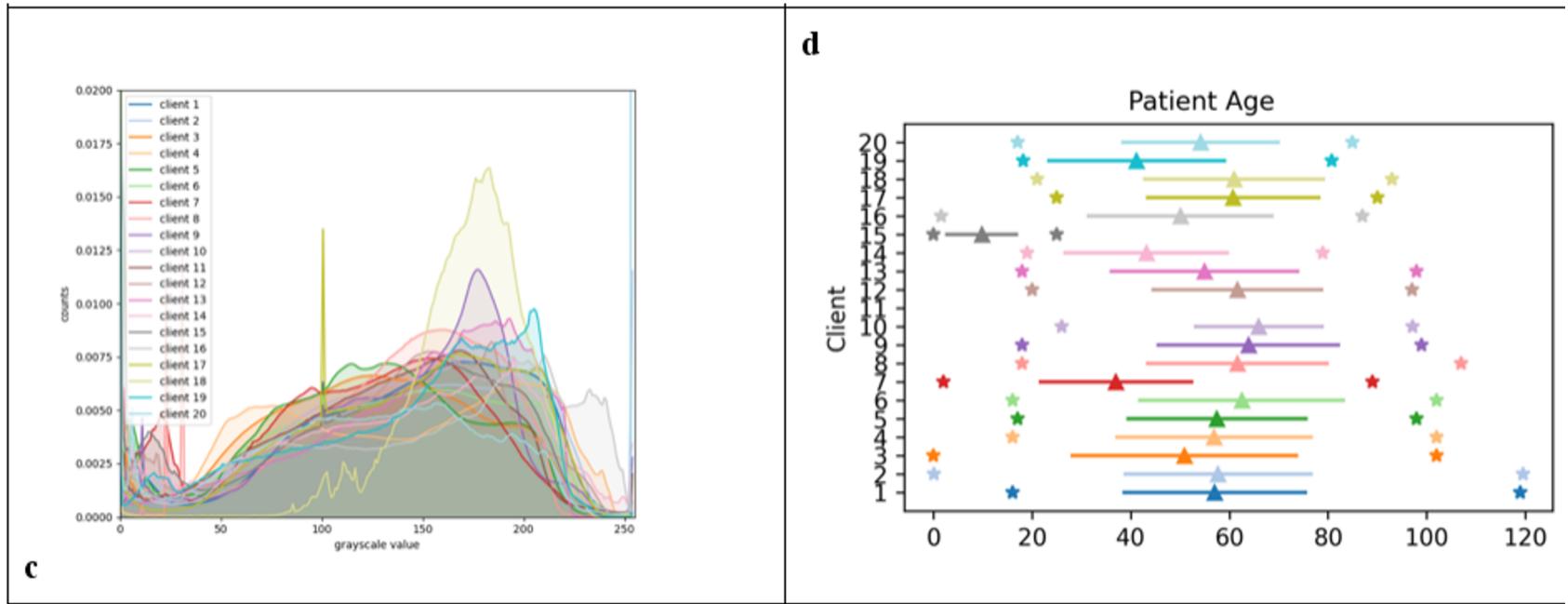


Clara Federated Learning
20 Sites | 8 Countries
COVID-19 Oxygen Prediction



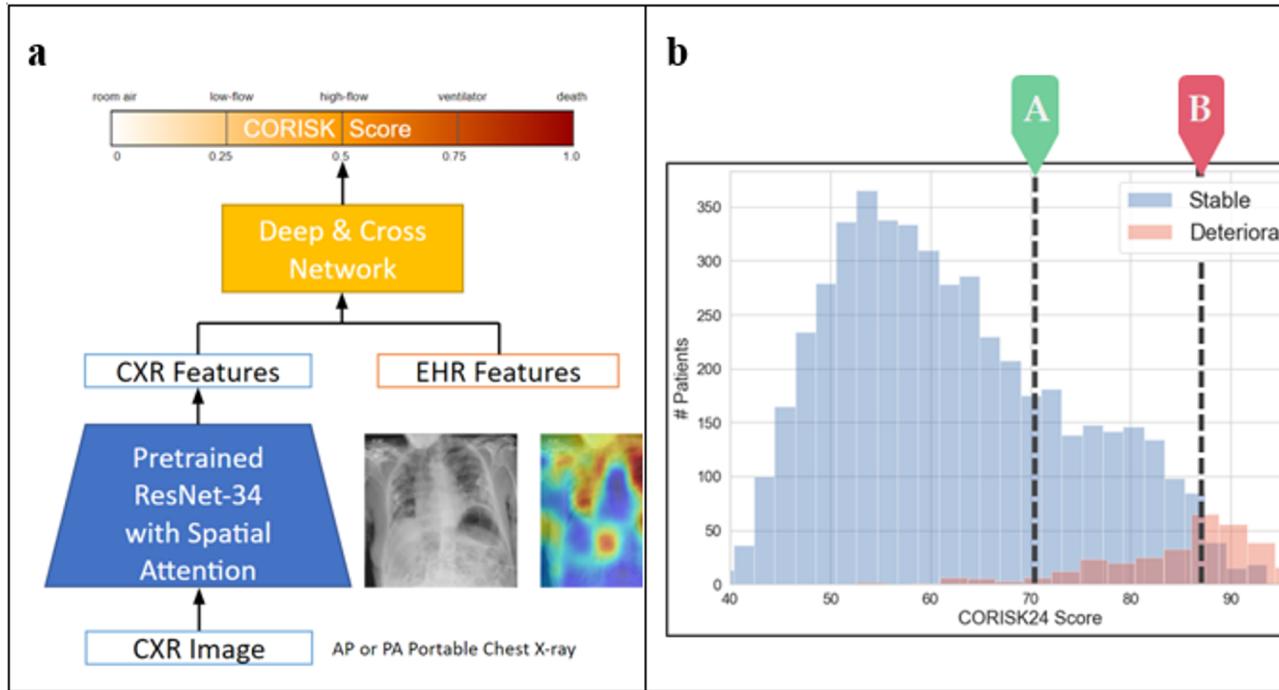
Collaborative Training of Model
Every Site Benefited Regardless of Dataset Size

DATA DISTRIBUTIONS



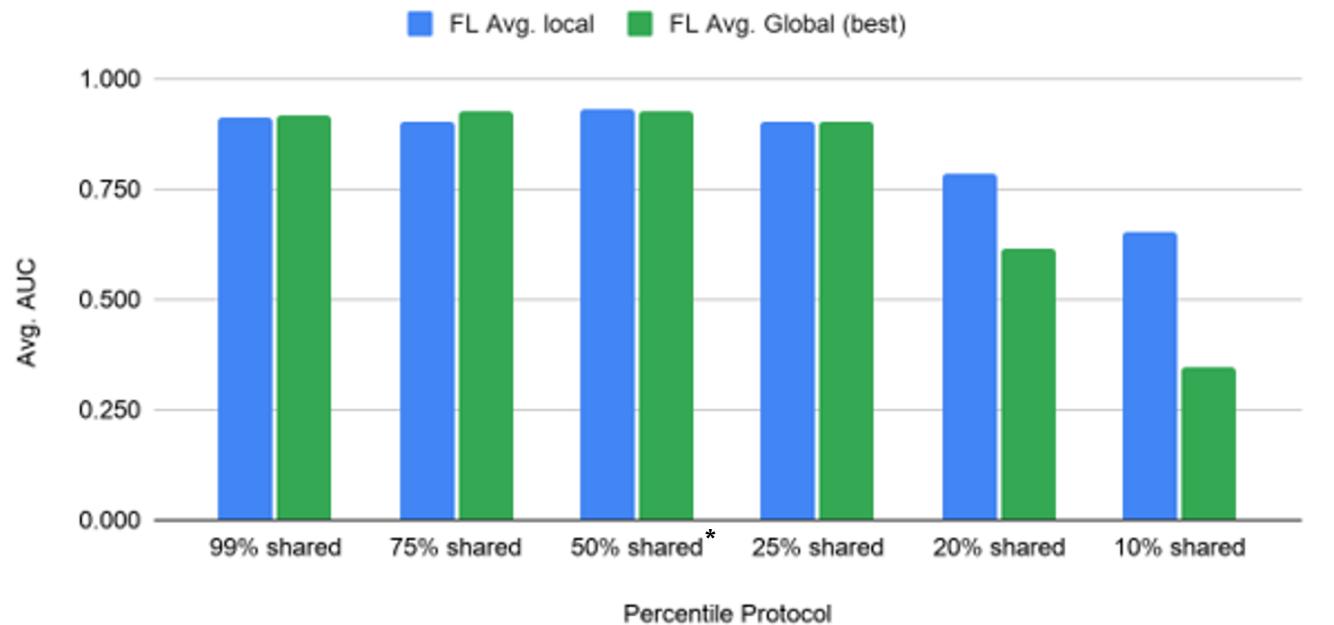
c, CXR intensity distributions at each client site **d**, Age of patients included at each client-site showing the min. and max. ages (asterisks) and mean and standard deviation (length of bars).

CLINICAL APPLICATION



(a) Our proposed model to predict a COVID risk score, **(b)** Histogram of CORISK results at MGB, with an illustration of how the score can be used for patient triage, in which 'A' is an example threshold for safe discharge that has 99.5% negative predictive value, and 'B' is an example threshold for ICU admission that has 50.3% positive predictive value

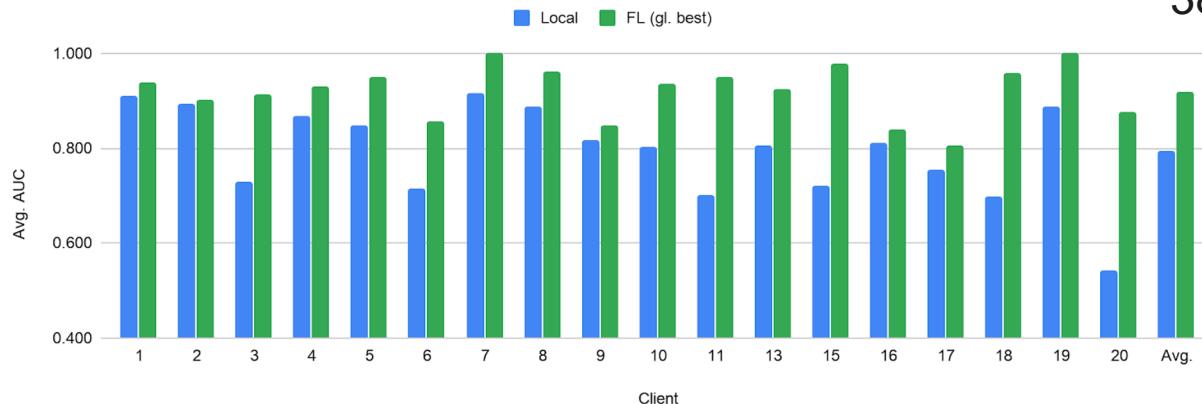
Privacy-preserving FL



*used for published ngc
model

CLARA FL FOR COVID-19

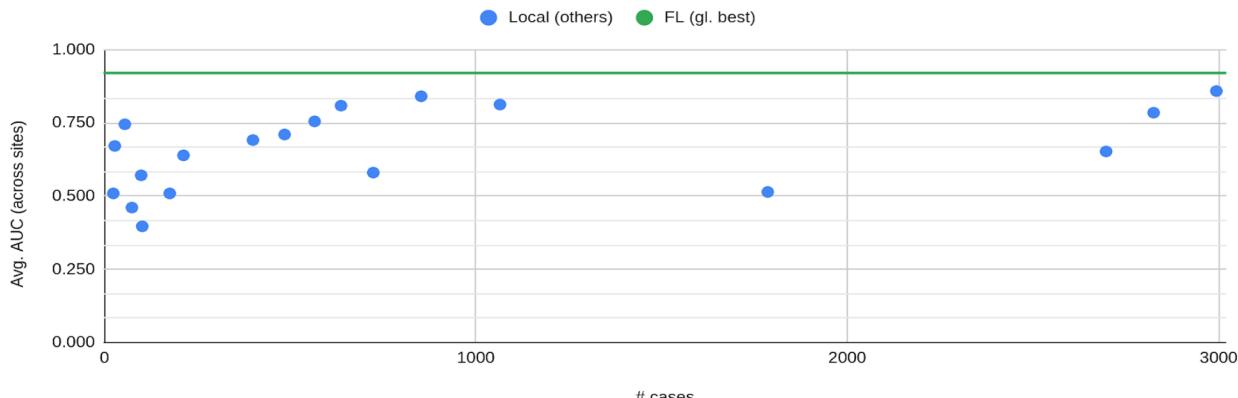
size-based ordering



FL resulted on average in
16% performance improvement
38% generalizability improvement

(3 repeated runs)

Size vs. generalizability



EXAM Model:

24h avg. AUC: **0.94**
72h avg. AUC: **0.91**

Available on NGC:

https://ngc.nvidia.com/catalog/models/nvidia:med:clara_train_covid19_exam_ehr_xray



Secure Aggregation with Homomorphic Encryption

HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION (HE)

What if I don't trust the server?

Homomorphic encryption (HE)

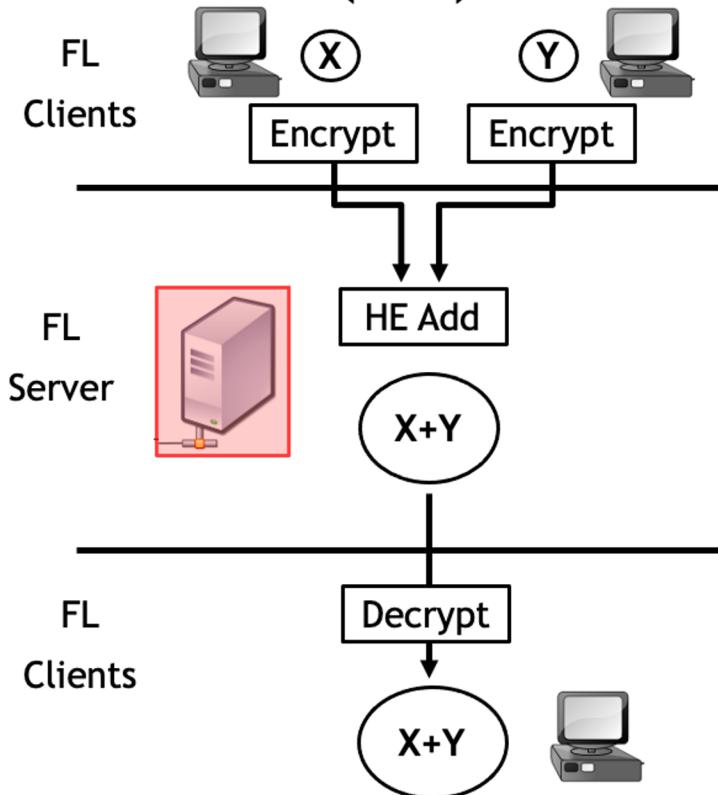
- Form of encryption that permits users to perform computations on encrypted data

Secure Aggregation with Homomorphic Encryption

- Protecting gradient/model inversion or attacks on untrusted server

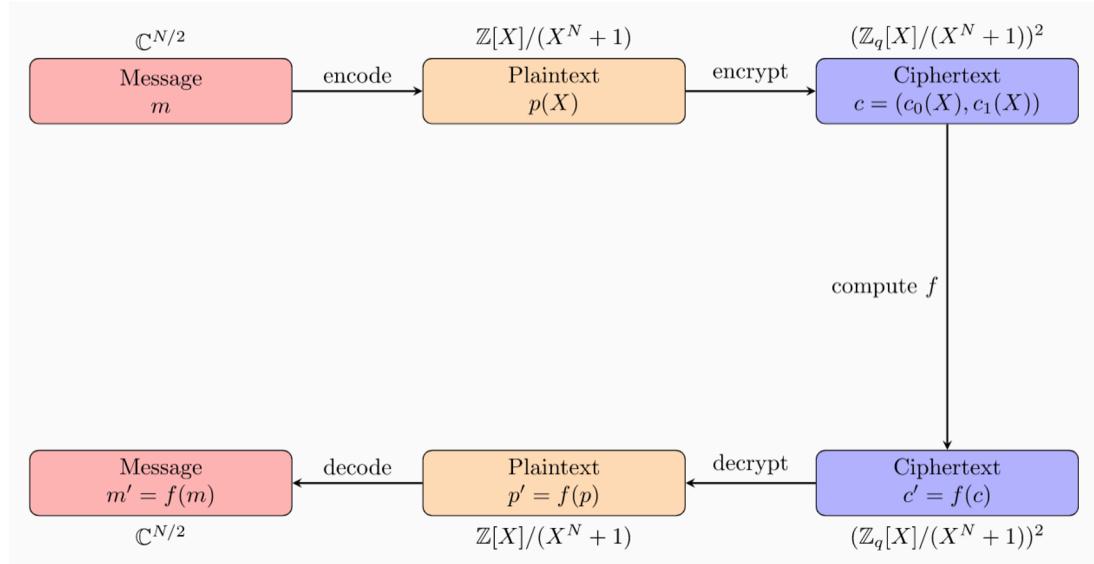
Clients have symmetric key for encryption/decryption

- Server can only save the encrypted model
- Secret keys for decryption are owned by clients



[TenSEAL](#) library (based on [Microsoft SEAL](#))

High level view of CKKS

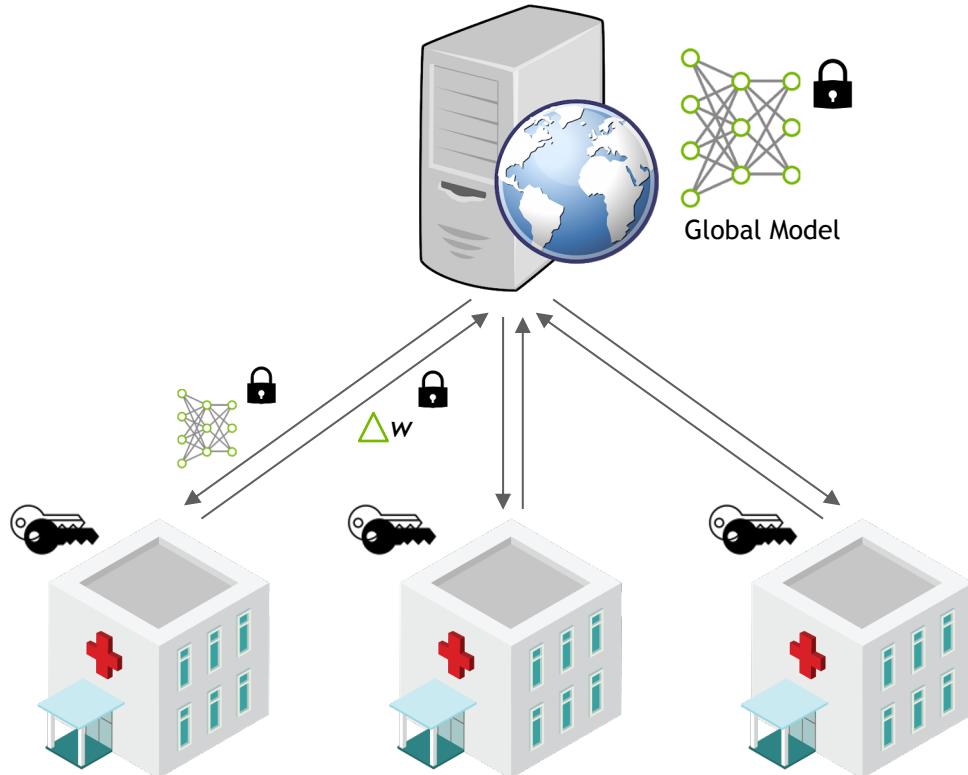


- CKKS encodes the data into polynomials
- Utilizes the properties of integer polynomial rings
- Proposed as a solution for **encrypted machine learning** (works with approximate floating point numbers)

HE in Clara Train 4.0

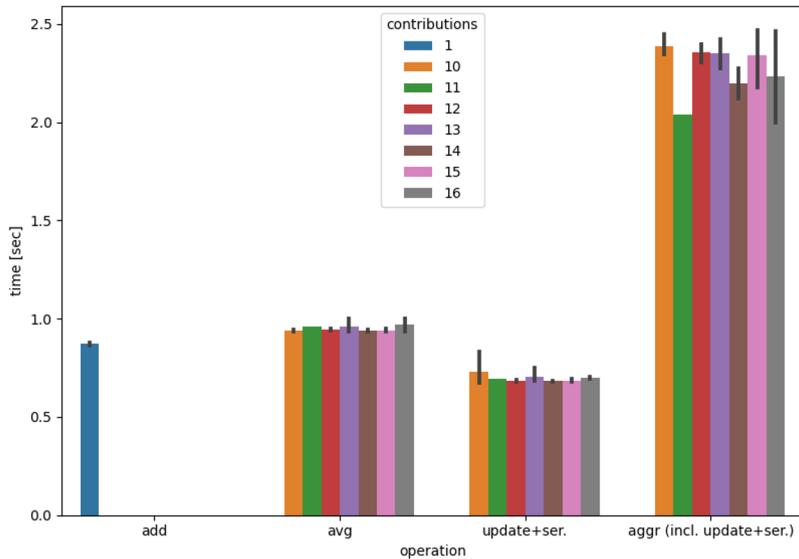
The clients all have a copy of the **same** symmetric key (assumes trust between clients)

Provisioning tool is used to generate those keys and securely distribute them to the hospitals (one-time process before using FL).

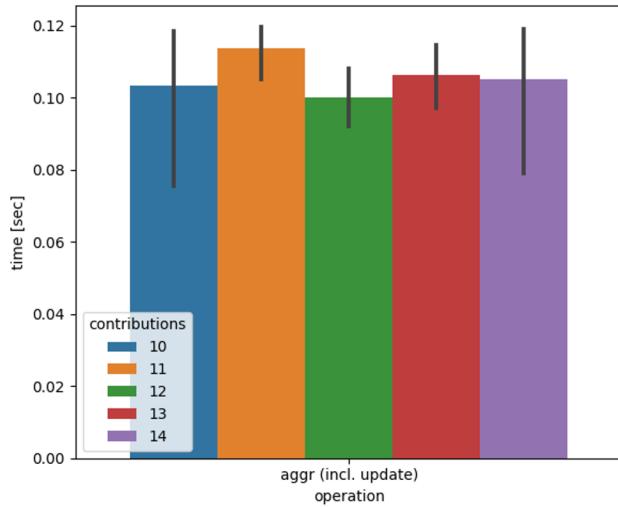


Symmetric key

HE vs. Raw (server-side, just in time aggregation)



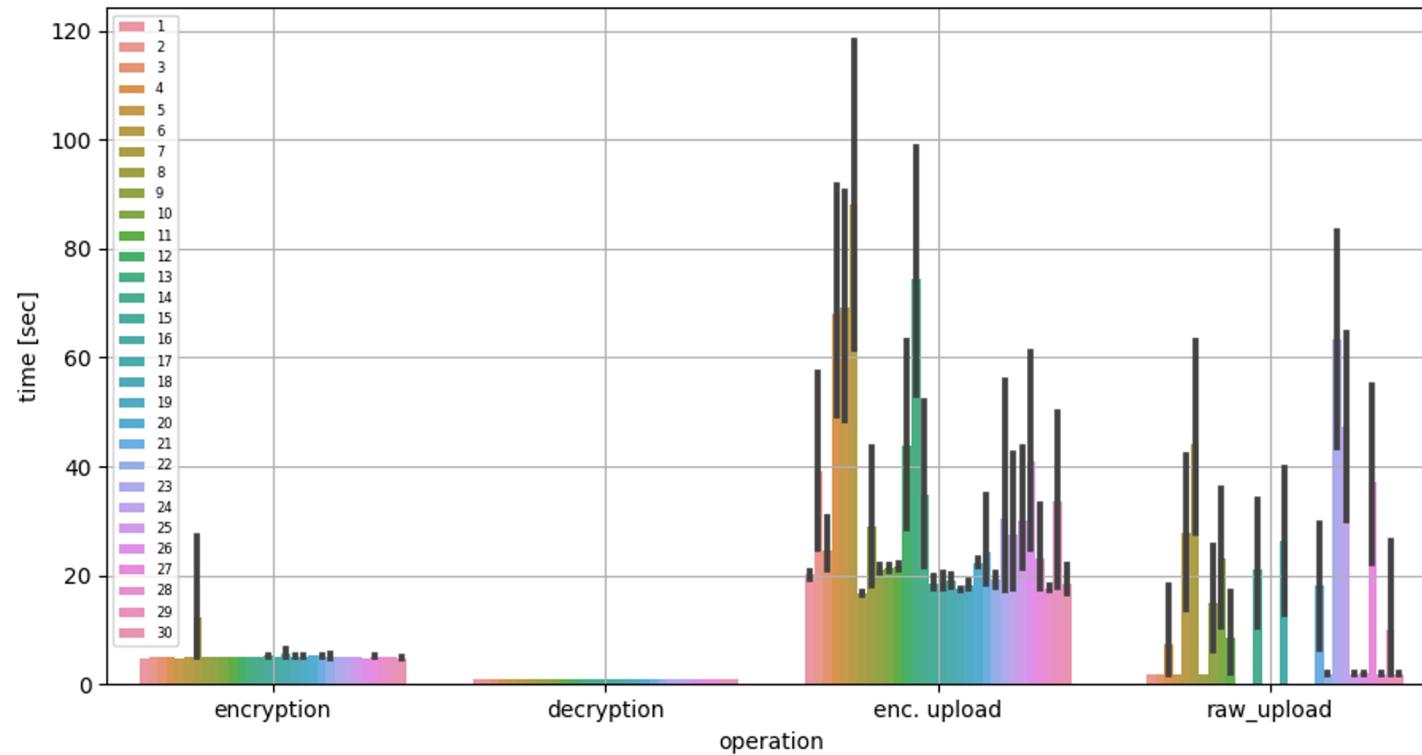
HE



Raw

Note: min. nr. clients is 10 (JIT), up to 30 clients connected, server on AWS. Aggr includes saving on server SegResNet (U-Net), ~5 Million parameters, CT spleen segmentation, 100 rounds, 10 local epochs (V100, cuDNN benchmark, determ. diff. seeds);

HE vs. raw (client-side)



times

avg. encryption time: 5.01 +- 1.18 sec.

avg. decryption time: 0.95 +- 0.04 sec.

avg. enc. upload time: 38.00 +- 71.70 sec.

avg. raw upload time: 21.57 +- 74.23 sec.

Enc 283 MB
Raw 19 MB

HE benchmarking in 4.0

Setting	Message size [MB]	Nr. clients	Training time	Best global Dice	Best epoch	Rel. increase in training time
Raw	19	2	4:57:26	0.951	931	-
Raw	19	4	5:11:20	0.956	931	-
Raw	19	8	5:18:00	0.943	901	-
HE full	283	2	5:57:05	0.949	931	20.1%
HE full	283	4	6:00:05	0.946	811	15.7%
HE full	283	8	6:21:56	0.963	971	20.1%
HE conv layers	272	2	5:54:39	0.952	891	19.2%
HE conv layers	272	4	6:06:13	0.954	951	17.6%
HE conv layers	272	8	6:28:16	0.948	891	22.1%
HE three layers	43	2	5:12:10	0.957	811	5.0%
HE three layers	43	4	5:15:01	0.939	841	1.2%
HE three layers	43	8	5:19:02	0.949	971	0.3%

SegResNet (U-Net), ~5 Million parameters, CT spleen segmentation, 100 rounds, 10 local epochs (V100, cuDNN benchmark, determ. diff. seeds); Half of clients each with half of the training data and half of the validation data (reporting total training time and best average validation score of the global model)

Considerations

- What is the optimal parameter setting for HE?
 - CKKS benchmarking by TenSEAL
 - Every setting that runs is considered secure (guaranteed 128 bits of security; following <http://homomorphicencryption.org>)
 - Our default setting increases message size by ~15x
 - full model encryption for large models might be impractical
- Partial model encryption might be enough to protect against gradient inversion
 - Differential privacy still needed to avoid subsequent model inversion

Resources

Standards: <http://homomorphicencryption.org/>

Talk: [Practical Applications of Homomorphic Encryption](#)

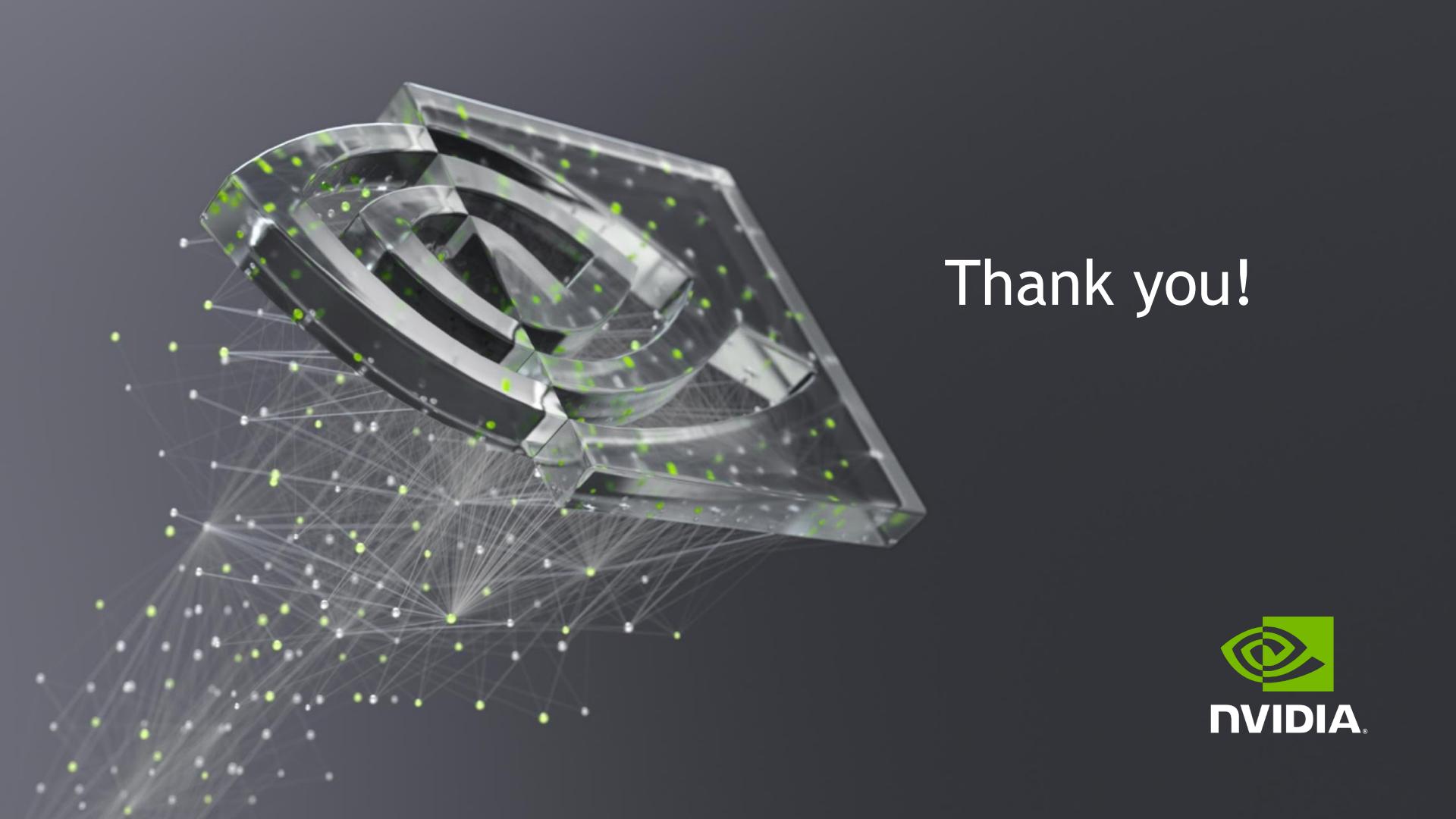
Slides: [Building Applications with Homomorphic Encryption](#)

Thesis: [On the Explanation and Implementation of Three Open-Source Fully Homomorphic Encryption Libraries](#)

Tutorials: <https://blog.openmined.org/ckks-explained-part-1-simple-encoding-and-decoding/>

[TenSEAL tutorial on the CKKS scheme](#)

Clara Train HE notebook: https://github.com/NVIDIA/clara-train-examples/blob/master/PyTorch/NoteBooks/FL/Homomorphic_Encryption.ipynb



Thank you!

