

# A Practical Introduction to Federated Learning

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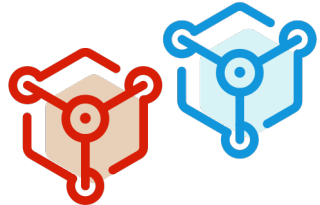



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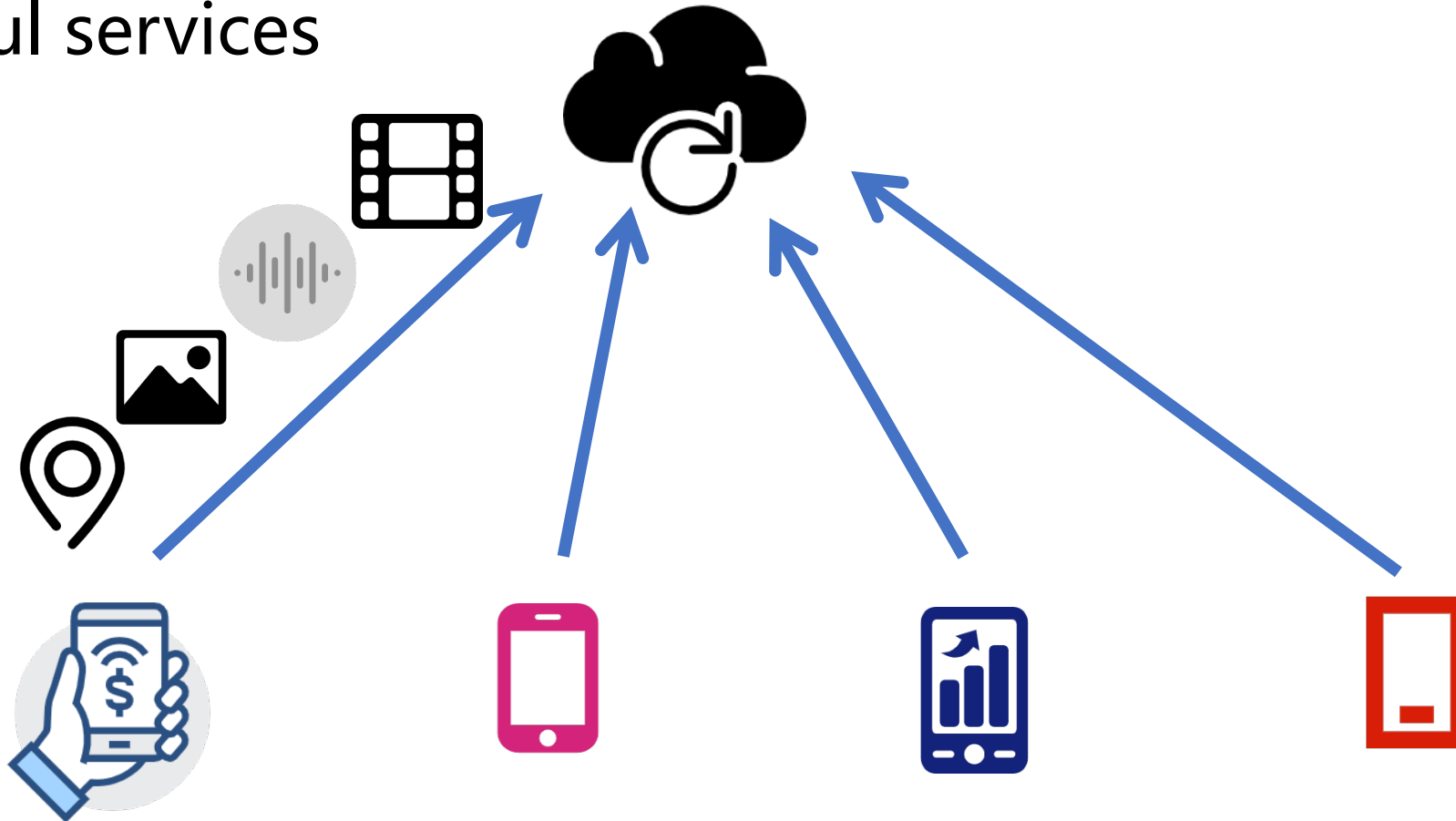


# Agenda of Tutorial

- Overview
- Personalized Federated Learning 
- Federated Graph Learning 
- Federated Hyperparameter Optimization 
- Privacy Attacks 

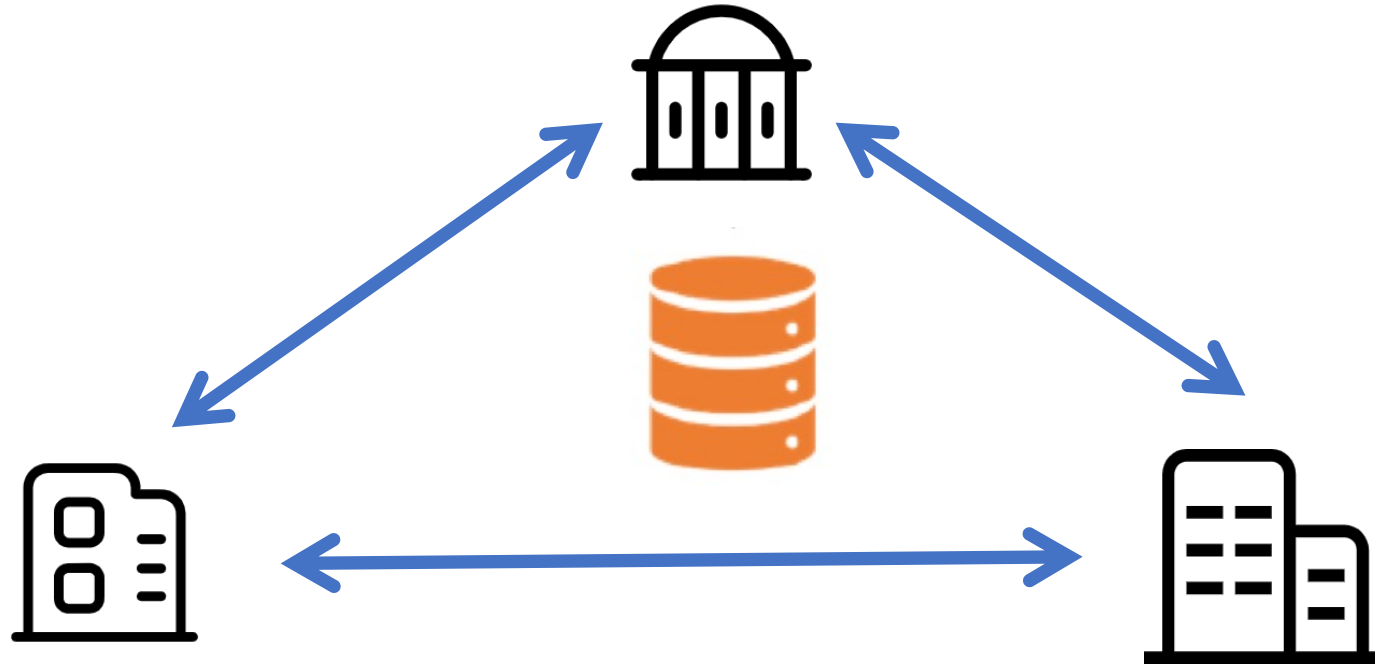
# Privacy Leakage in Practice

- App users are required to upload private local data for plentiful services



# Privacy Leakage in Practice

- Organizations/companies (such as hospitals and banks) exchange data for research or business purposes





# Concerns and Regulations

- The public's awareness of privacy protection
- Protection regulations, such as GDPR[1]



Are my private data safe  
when being shared out?

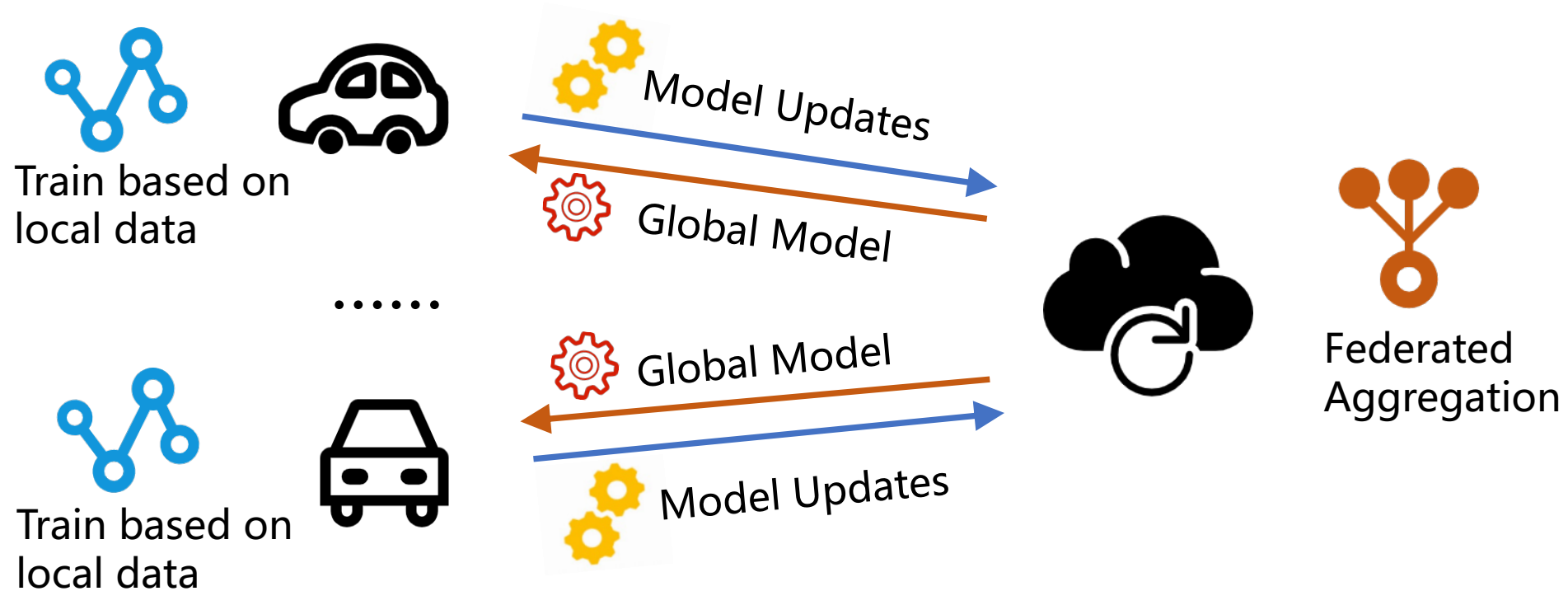
# Federated Learning

- Federated Learning is a learning paradigm proposed for collaboratively training models from dispersed data
- Instead of sharing the private data, participants only share the learned knowledge



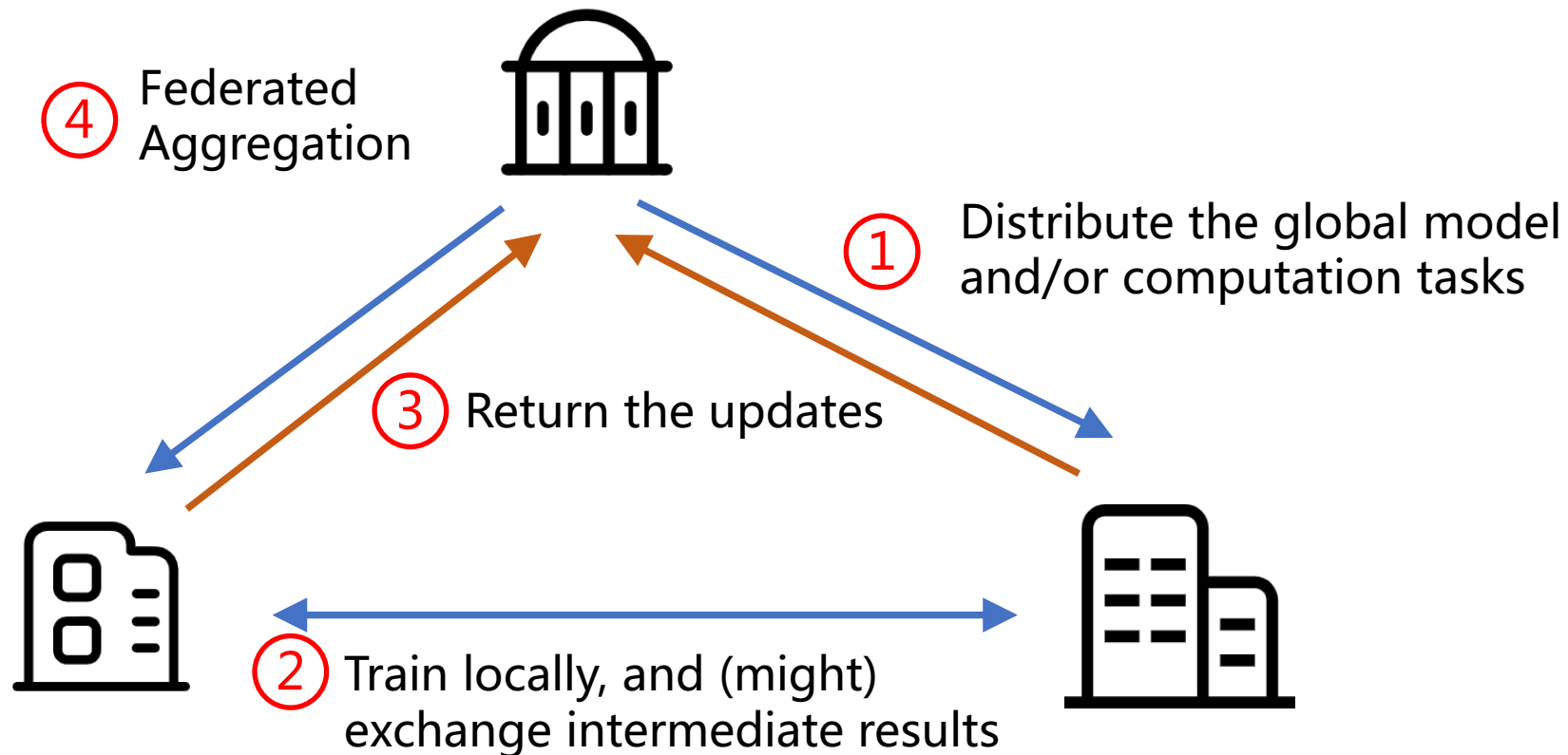
# Federated Learning: Cross-device

- A large number of mobile or IoT devices with local stored data collaboratively learn a global model



# Federated Learning: Cross-silo

- Multiple parties collaboratively learn global knowledge based on their private data with similar or complementary features



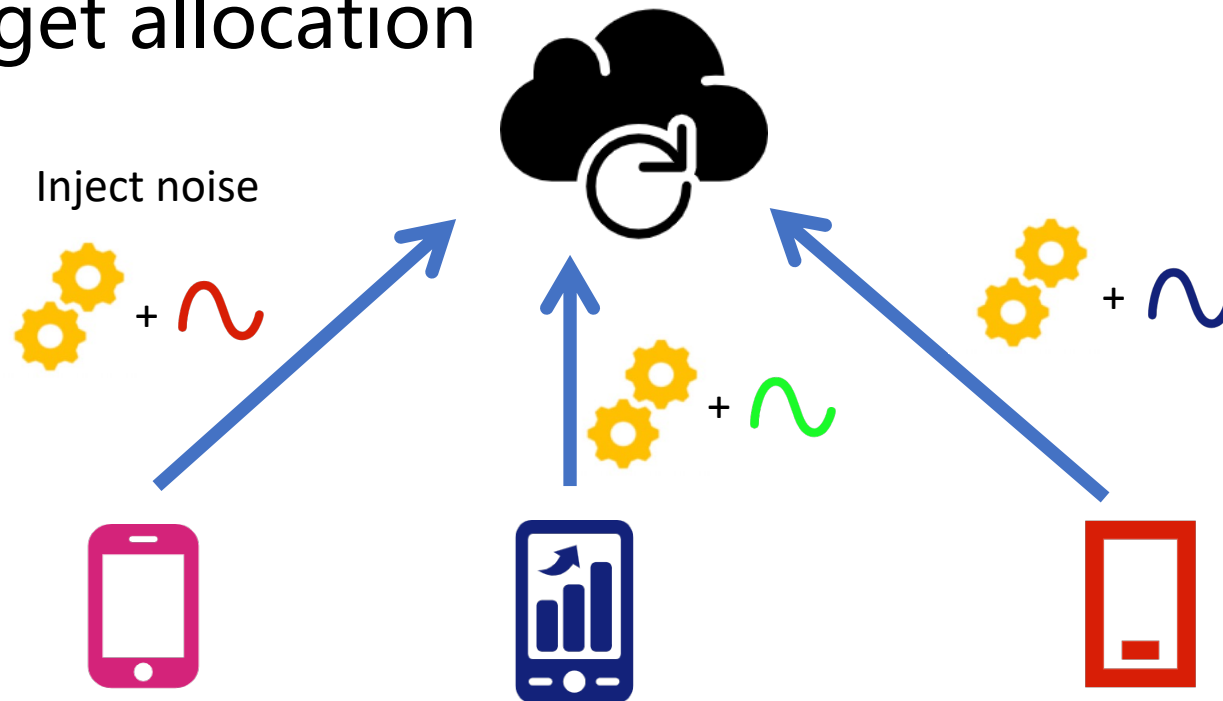
# Privacy Protection Techniques

To further satisfy privacy protection requirements, various privacy protection techniques can be integrated into FL:

- Differential Privacy (DP)
- Homomorphic Encryption (HE)
- Secure Multi-Party Computation (MPC)

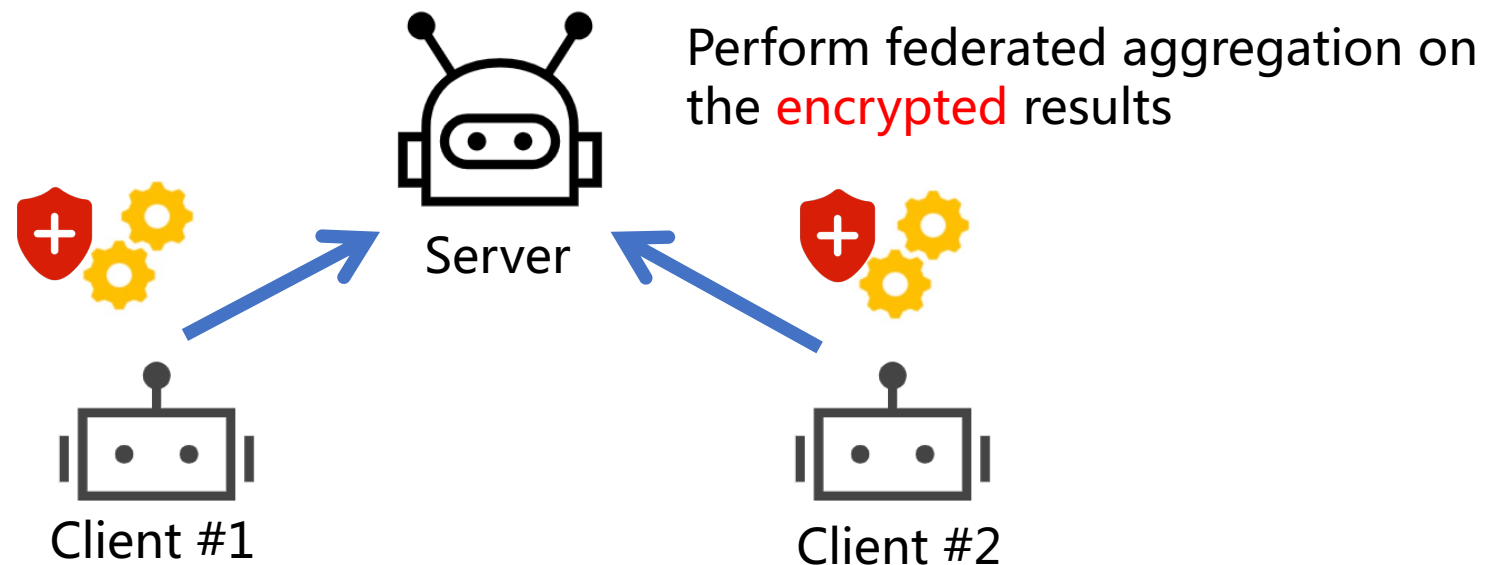
# Differential Privacy (DP)

- The information are perturbed before sharing
- Trade-off between privacy protection and model utility
- Privacy budget allocation



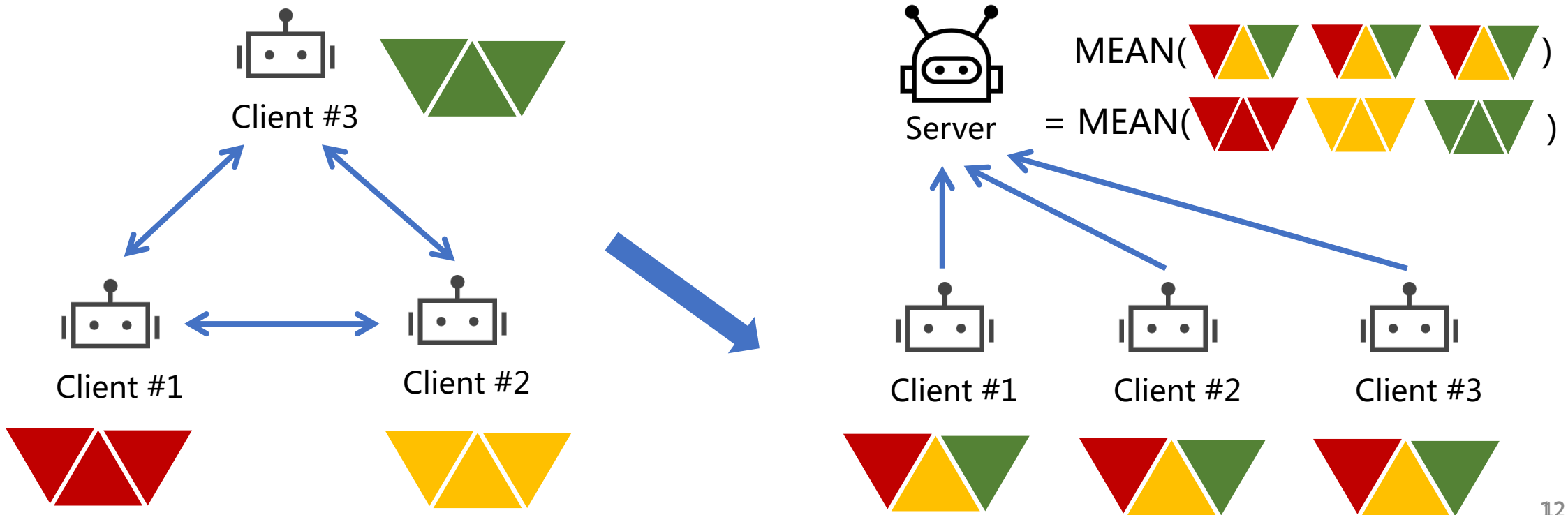
# Homomorphic Encryption (HE)

- Participants are allowed to perform computations on encrypted data
- E.g., additively HE:  $[a] + [b] = [a + b]$








# Secure Multi-Party Computation (MPC)

- MPC aims to jointly compute a function by multiple participants while keeping the original inputs private.





# Federated Learning Platforms

	TensorFlow Federated	Google
	PySyft	OpenMined
	PaddleFL	Baidu
	FATE	WeBank
	FederatedScope	Alibaba Group
and more ... ..		

# FederatedScope

- [FederatedScope](#)[2] is an **easy-to-use** FL platform which employs an **event-driven architecture**
- FederatedScope provides users with **great flexibility** to independently describe the behaviors of different participants, **friendly for research**

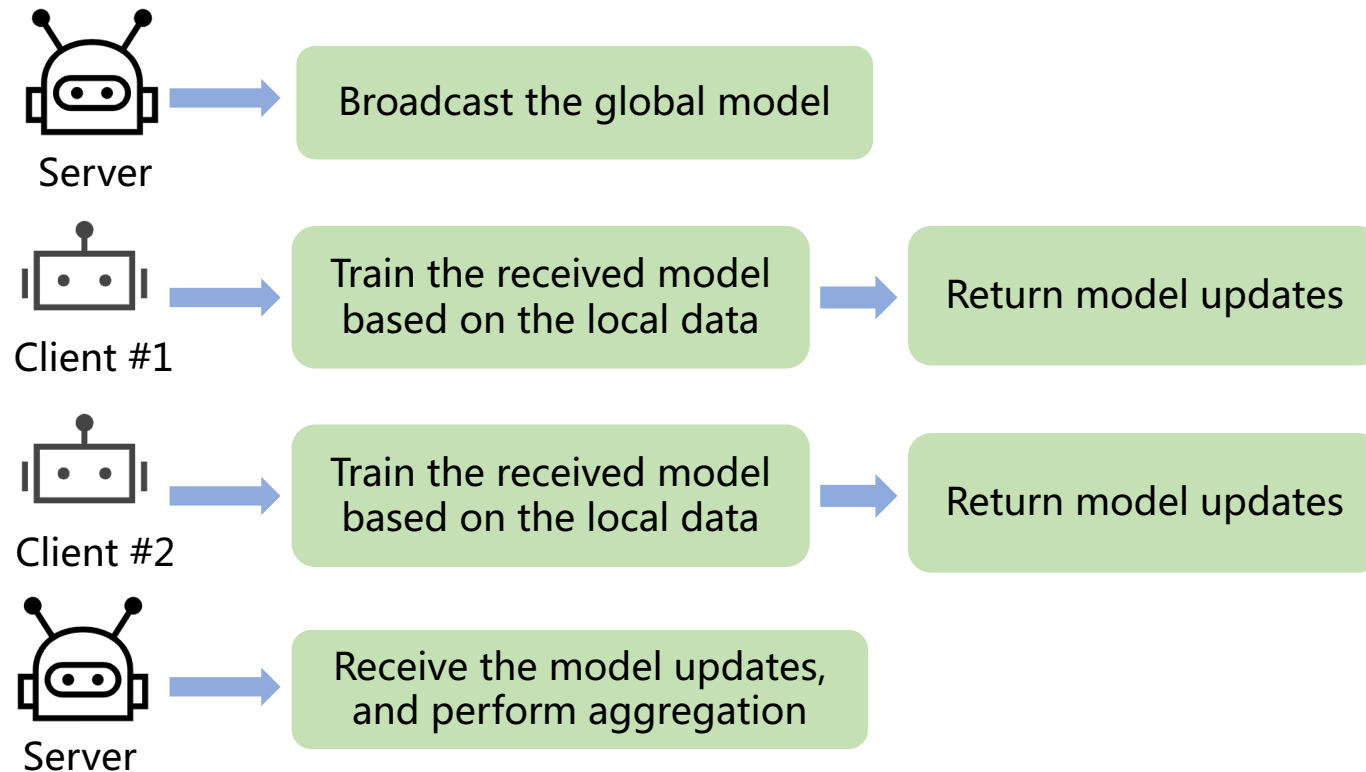


**FederatedScope**

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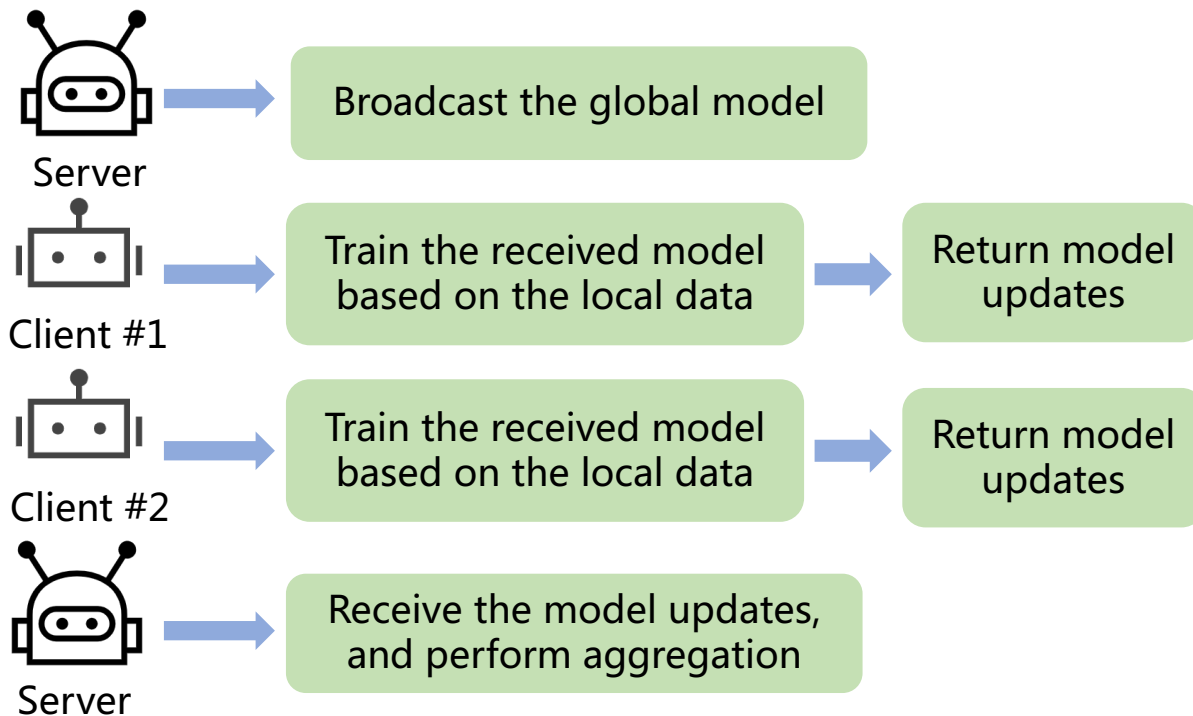
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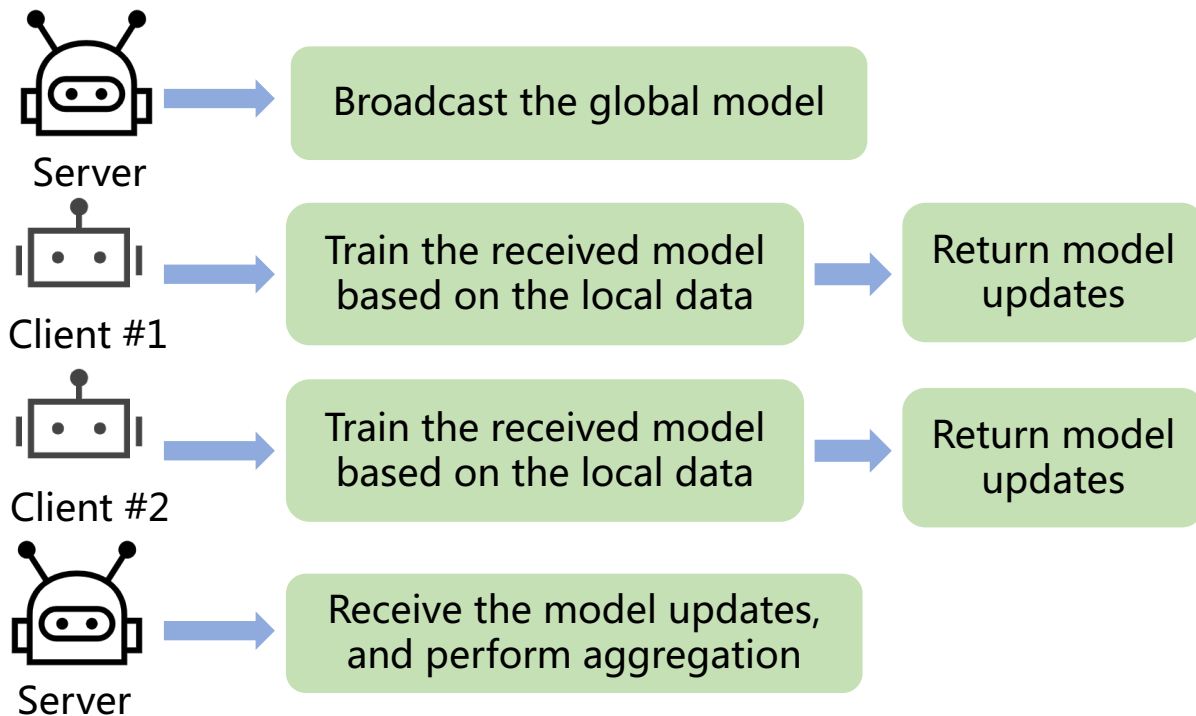


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Client #1 receives the model, trains locally, returns model updates;  
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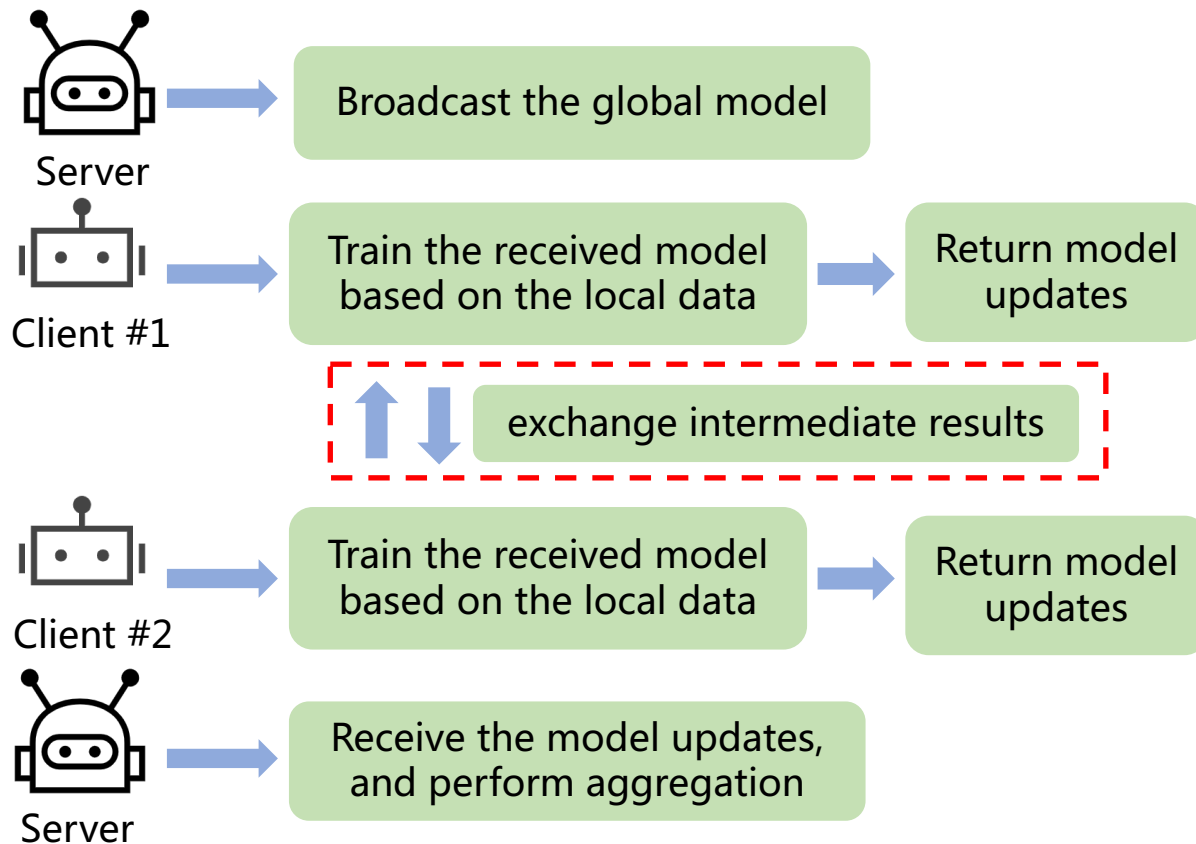
## Event-driven

**Client:**  
DEFINE handlers:  
◆ When receiving *model* → Train it on local data and return model updates;  
**Server:**  
DEFINE handlers :  
◆ When receiving *model updates* → Preform aggregation and send global model;

Instantiate **Server**, **Client #1**, **Client #2**; **Server** broadcasts the global model.

# Event-driven v.s. Procedural

- A simple customization started from FedAvg



## Procedural

Server broadcasts model to Clients;  
Client #1 receives the model, trains locally, ~~returns model updates~~;  
Client #2 receives the model, trains locally, ~~returns model updates~~;  
Client #1 and Client #2 exchange intermediate results;  
Client #1 continues training locally, returns updated model;  
Client #2 continues training locally, returns updated model;  
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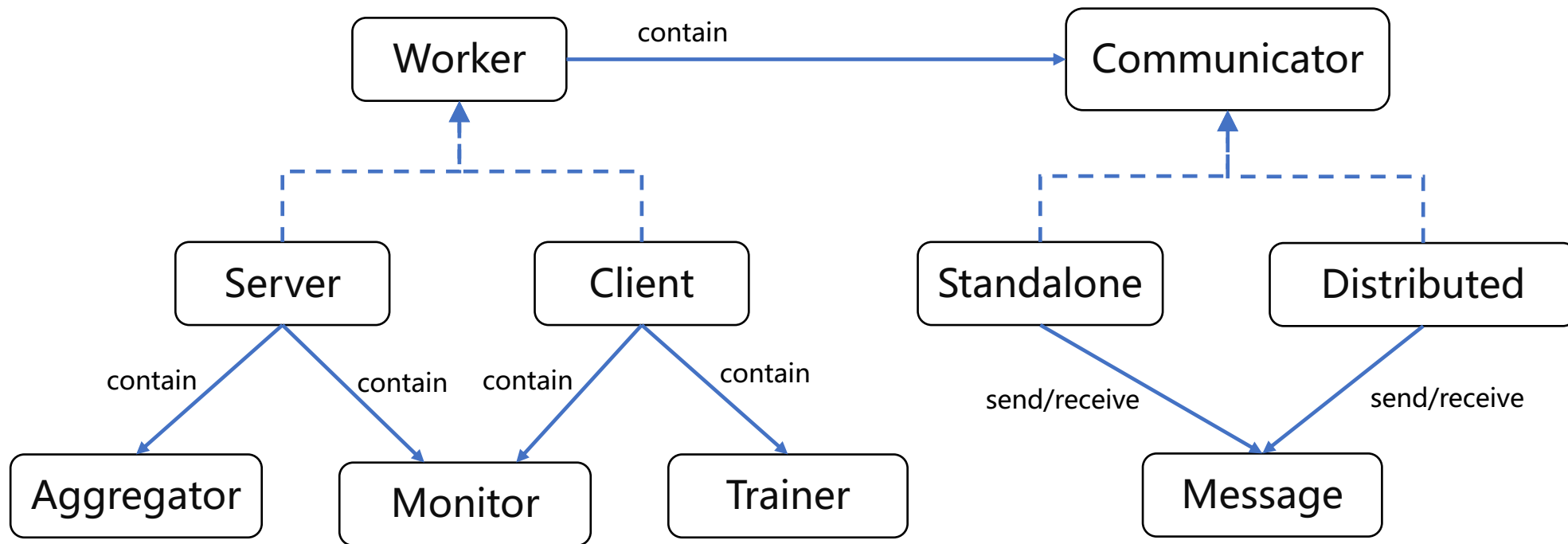
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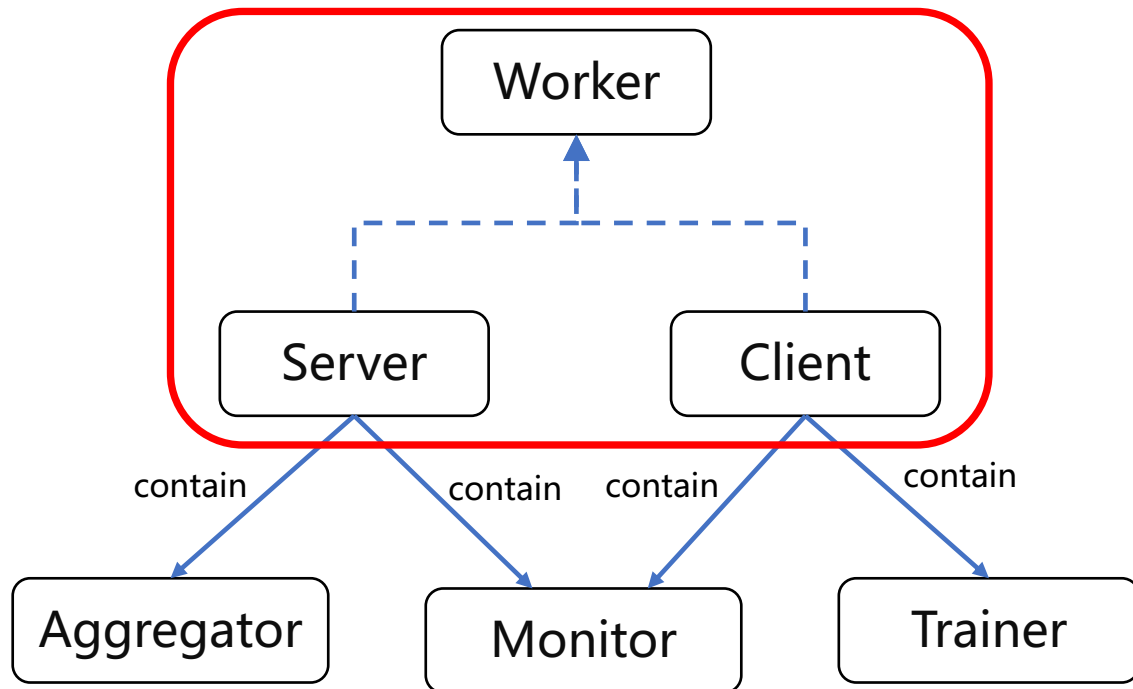
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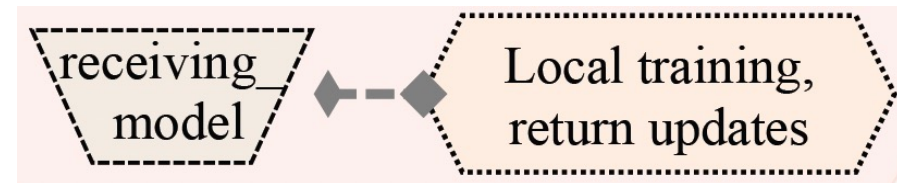
# System Design of FederatedScope



# Worker Module: Server/Client



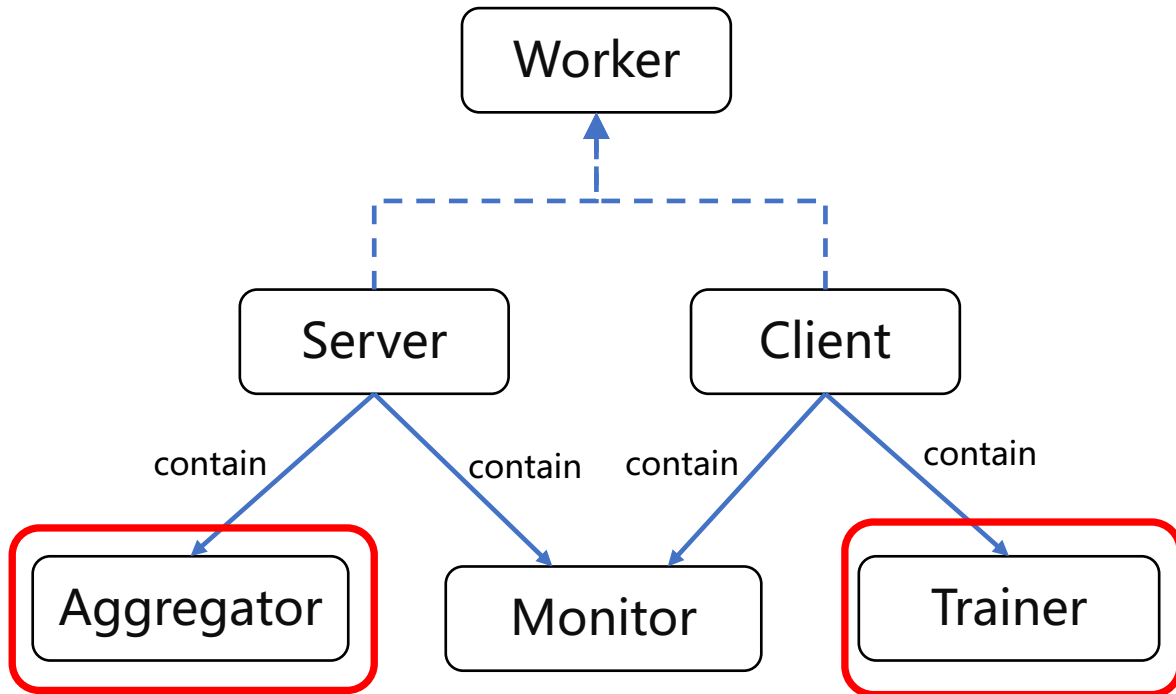
- The behaviors of Server/Client are described via event-handler pairs



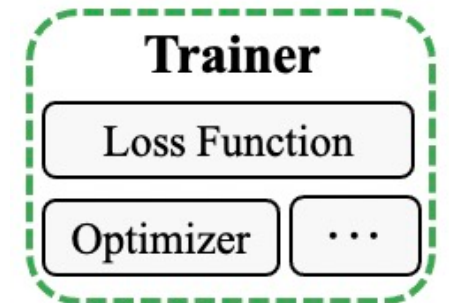
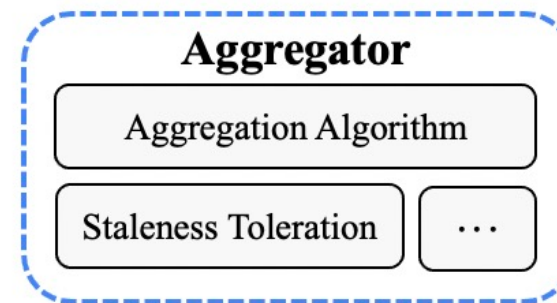
- Server/Client own local data and model
- Server/Client need to exchange messages during the training process



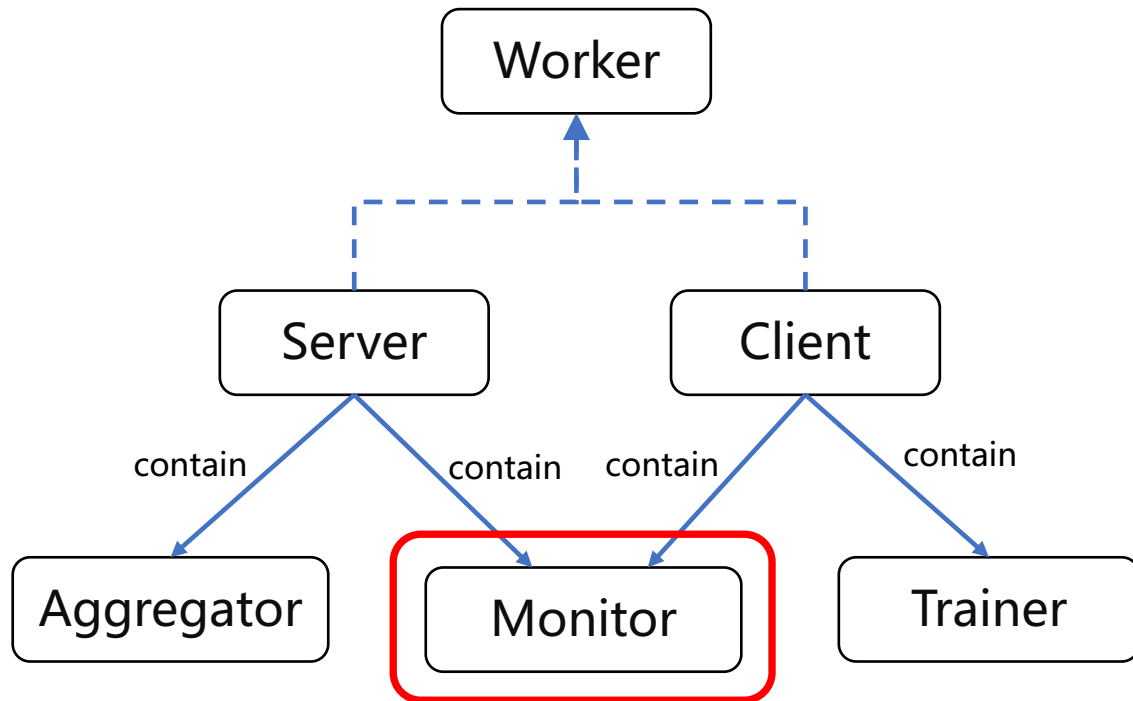
# Worker Module: Trainer/Aggregator



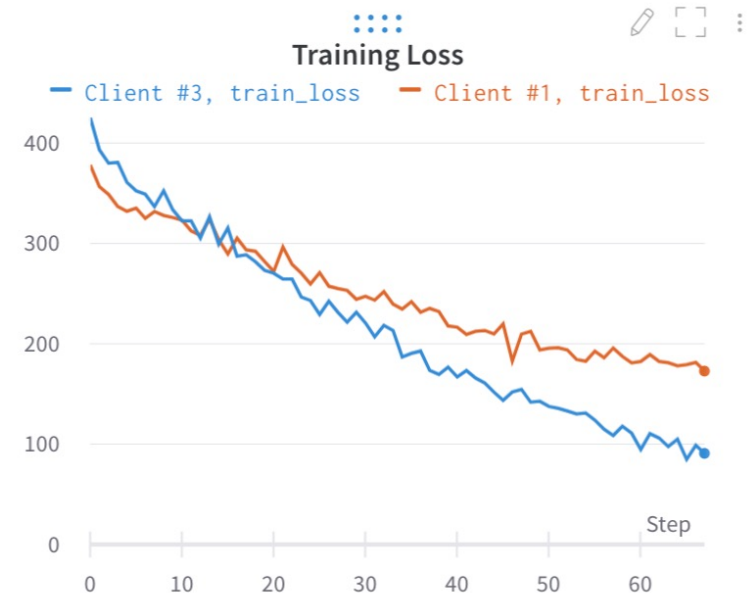
- Client performs local training via Trainer; Server performs aggregation via Aggregator
- Trainer/Aggregator encapsulate the algorithm details, which are entirely decoupled from the federated behaviors of Server/Client



# Worker Module: Monitor

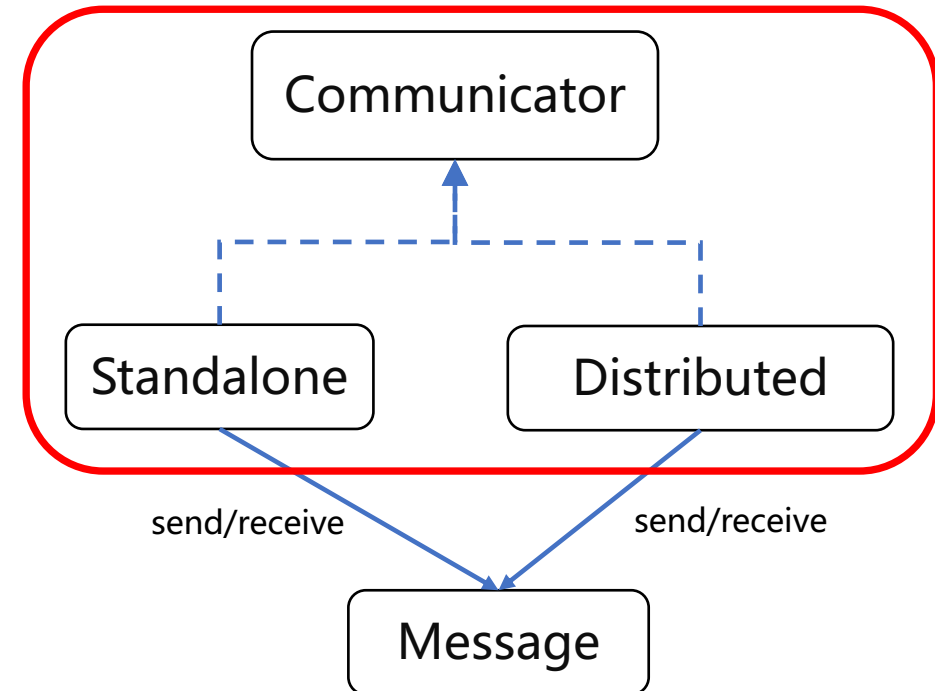


- Monitor are used to record and report the training logs and evaluation metrics
- Both client-wise and global results can be visualized



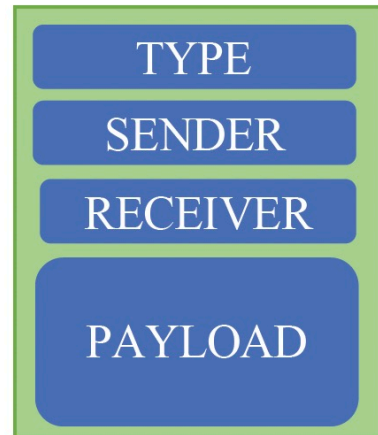
# Communication Module: Communicator

- Communicator supports the message exchanging among workers, which encapsulates the communication details
- Communicator provides a unified interface for standalone simulation and distributed deployment

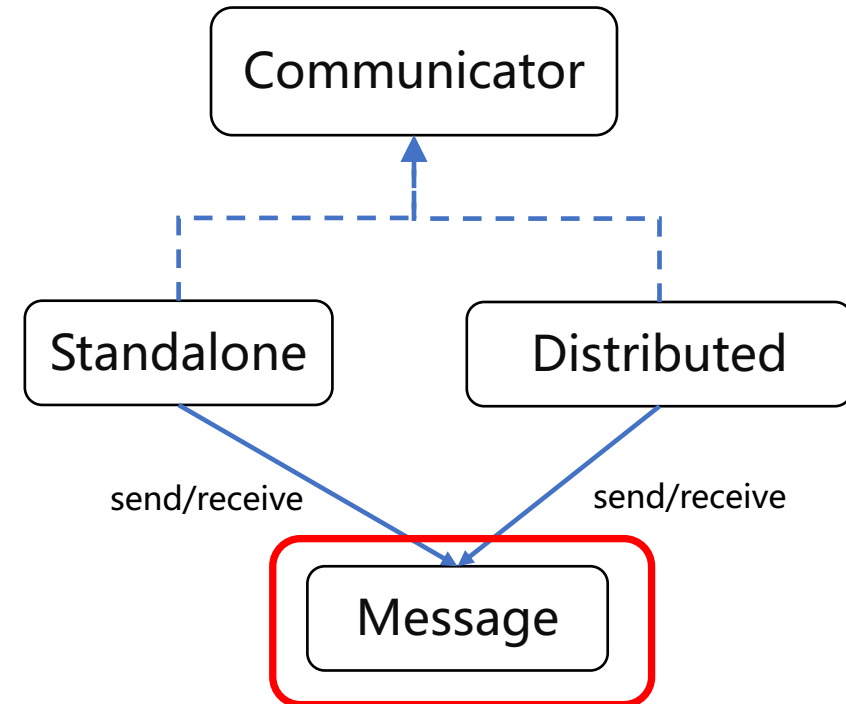


# Communication Module: Message

- The exchanged information among workers are abstracted as messages
- Receiving different type of messages (i.e., events) might trigger different handing actions (i.e., handler)



Message



# Hands-On Practice with FederatedScope

Developers can implement vanilla FedAvg with FederatedScope as following steps:

- Describe behaviors of **clients**/server via event-handler pairs
  - When receiving global model -> Perform local training and return updates

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```
class Client(object):
    def handler_for_receiving_models(args):
        # Perform local training when receiving the global models
        model_update = trainer.train(model=args.model, data=args.data)
        # Return the model updates to the server
        communicator.send(message=model_update, receiver=server)
```

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Developers can implement vanilla FedAvg with FederatedScope as following steps:

- Describe behaviors of clients/**server** via event-handler pairs
  - When receiving updates -> Save the updates, check aggregation condition
  - When achieving aggregation goal -> Perform aggregation, and start a training round or terminate the training

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```
class Server(object):
    def handler_for_receiving_updates(args):
        # Save the received updates
        msg_buffer.append(args.message)
        # Perform federated aggregation if the aggregation condition
        # has been satisfied
        if check_aggregation_goal() == True:
            updated_model = aggregator.aggregate(updates=msg_buffer)
            # Start a new training round if not termination
            if check_termination() == False:
                communicator.send(message=updated_model, receiver=clients)
```

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# Hands-On Practice with FederatedScope

Developers can implement vanilla FedAvg with FederatedScope as following steps:

- Describe behaviors of clients/server via event-handler pairs
- Specify the details of local training and federated aggregation
  - The implementation of trainer is similar to that of centralized training
  - Decoupled with the federated behaviors of clients/server

```
class Trainer(object):  
    ...  
    # Describe training behaviors (same as centralized training)  
    def train(received_models, data):  
        # Personalized algorithms might be applied here  
        local_model = update_from_global_models(received_models)  
        preds = local_model.forward(data.x)  
        args = [optimizer, loss_function, regularizer, ...]  
        model_updates = local_model.backward(data.y, preds, args)  
        return model_updates
```

# Hands-On Practice with FederatedScope

Developers can implement vanilla FedAvg with FederatedScope as following steps:

- Describe behaviors of clients/server via event-handler pairs
- Specify the details of local training and federated aggregation
- Construct FL course

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```
class Fed_Runner(object):  
    ...  
    def standalone_set_up(config):  
        server = set_up_server(config)  
        for client in clients:  
            client = set_up_client(config)  
  
    def run():  
        for client in clients:  
            clients.join_in()
```

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FederatedScope has provided rich implementation of existing FL algorithms, which allows users to conveniently apply them via easy configuring.

```
cfg.use_gpu = True
cfg.seed = 2
cfg.federate.mode = 'standalone'
cfg.federate.method = 'FedAvg'
cfg.federate.client_num = 5
cfg.federate.total_round_num = 100

cfg.data.type = 'femnist'
cfg.model.type = 'convnet2'

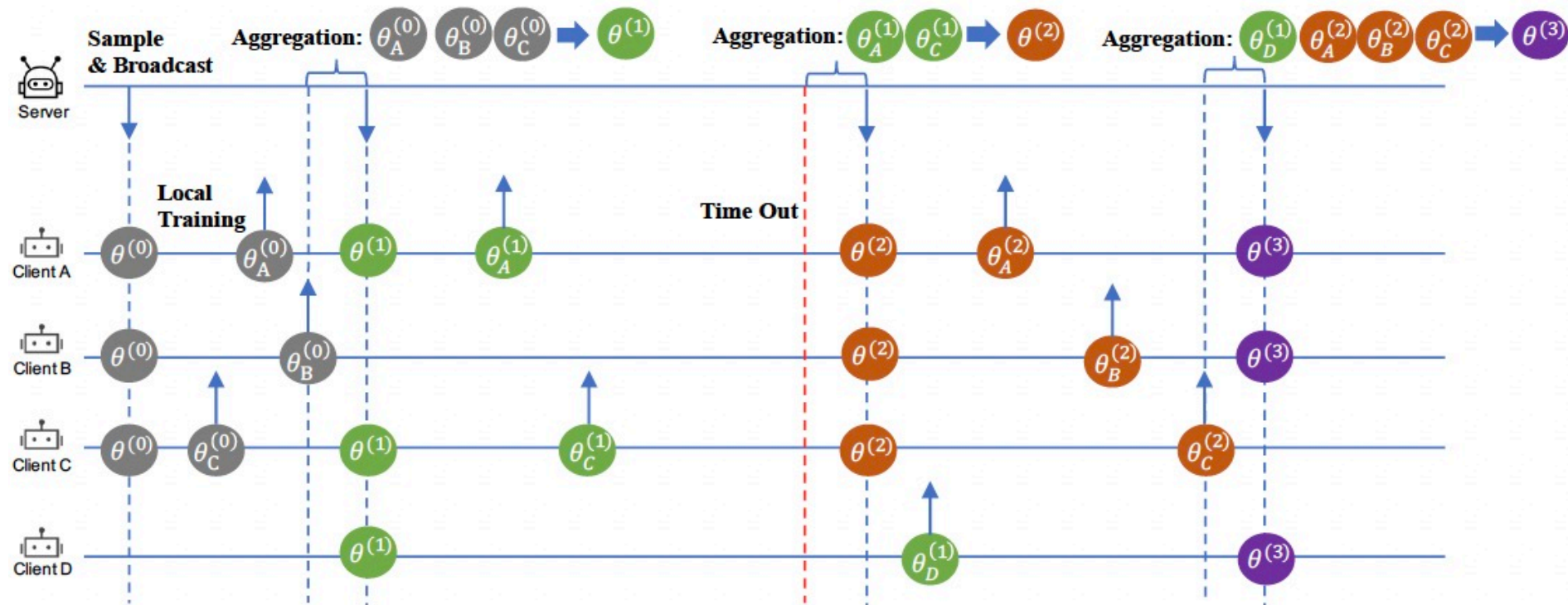
cfg.trainer.type = 'cvtrainer'
cfg.train.optimizer.lr = 0.001
cfg.train.optimizer.weight_decay = 0.0
cfg.grad.grad_clip = 5.0
cfg.criterion.type = 'CrossEntropyLoss'29
```

# More Advantages of FederatedScope

- Asynchronous FL
- Personalization & Multiple Goals
- Cross-backend FL
- Privacy Protection Techniques

# Asynchronous FL

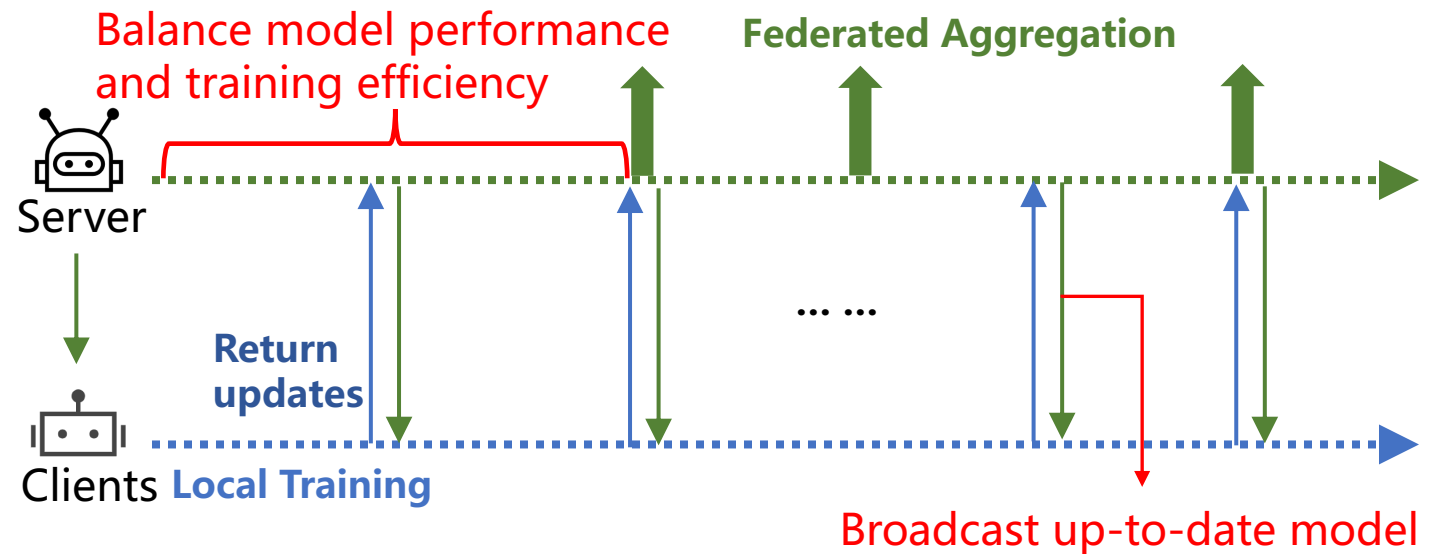
Asynchronous training strategies are important to balance the **model performance** and **training efficiency**



# Asynchronous FL

The unique behaviors of participants in asynchronous FL are modularized and provided in FederatedScope

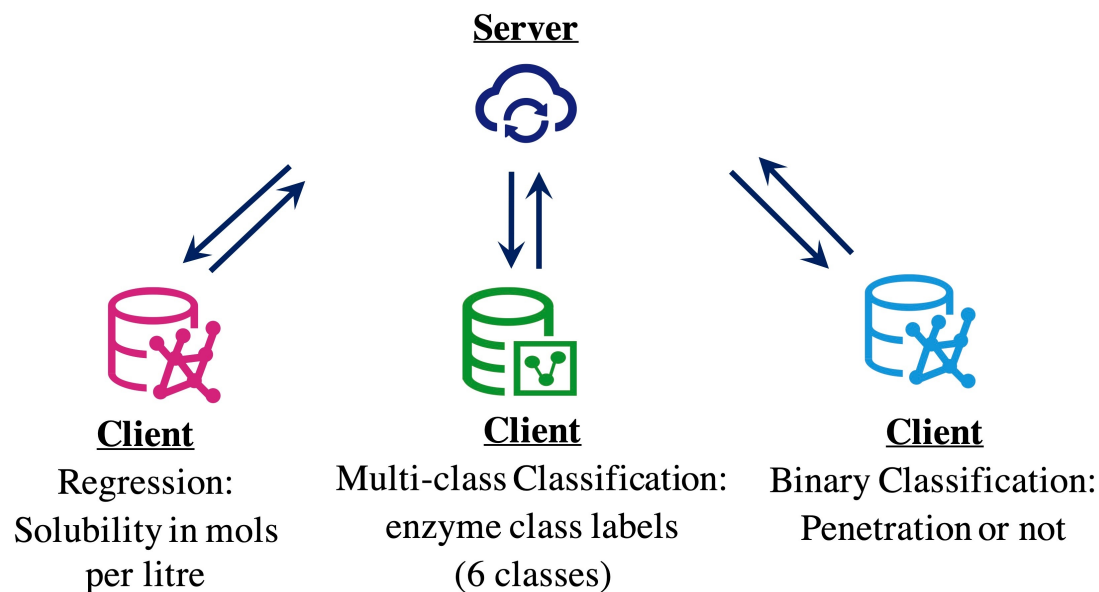
- Staleness toleration
- Broadcasting manner
- Client sampling



# Personalization & Multiple Goals

FederatedScope gives participants the right to describe their behaviors from their respective perspectives:

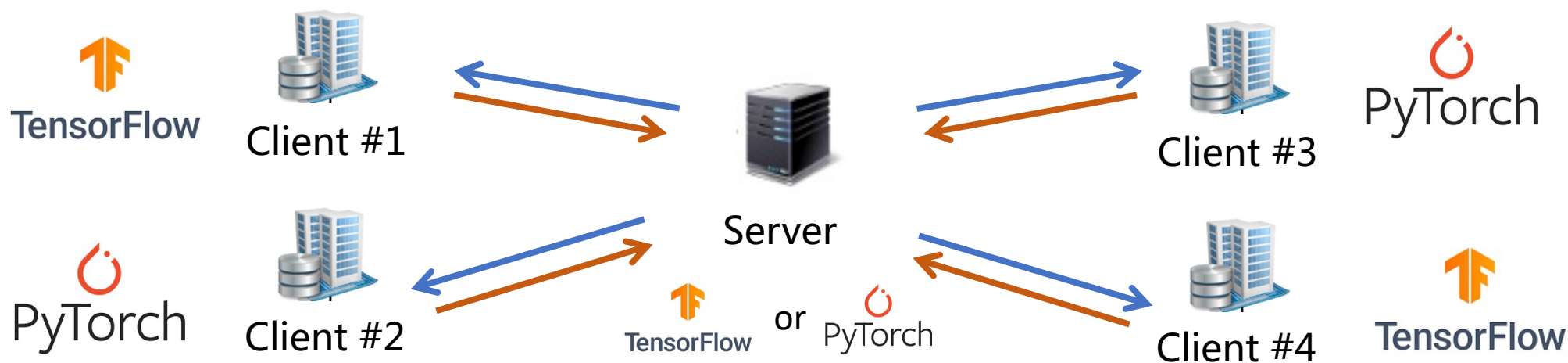
- Client-specific training configurations
- Diverse local training process
- Different learning goals



# Cross-backend FL

FederatedScope supports cross-backend FL via **message translation**:

- Before sharing the messages, participants transform the messages into the pre-defined backend-independent format
- Once the messages are received, the participants parse the messages according their running backends



# Privacy Protection Techniques

- For applying DP in FL, FederatedScope provides:
  - plugin operations, such as gradient clipping and noise injecting
  - implementation of state-of-the-art algorithms, such as NbAFL[4]

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```
class Client(object):
    def handler_for_receiving_models(args):
        ... ..
        if config.inject_noise_before_sharing == True:
            # Inject certain noise before sharing the message
            args = [noise_distribution, budget, ...]
            protected_messages = add_noise(messages, args)
            send(message=protected_messages, receiver=server)
        else:
            send(message=messages, receiver=server)
```

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# Privacy Protection Techniques

- For applying DP in FL, FederatedScope provides:
  - plugin operations, such as gradient clipping and noise injecting
  - Implementation of state-of-the-art algorithms, such as NbAFL[4]
- Users can combine different behaviors together to implement more fancy DP algorithms

[4] Federated Learning With Differential Privacy: Algorithms and Performance Analysis. In IEEE TIFS, 2020.



# Privacy Protection Techniques

- Apply Secret Sharing in FedAvg

```
class Client(object):
```

```
    ...  
    def handler_for_receiving_models(args):  
        # When receiving the global model from the server  
        model_updates = trainer.train(model=model, data=data)  
        if config.use_ss == True:  
            # Broadcast the secret fragments  
            secret_frames = secret_split(model_updates)  
            broadcast(messages=secret_frames[1:], receiver=clients)  
    ...
```

→ Split the shared message into fragments and broadcast to other clients;

```
    def handler_for_receiving_secret_fragments(args):  
        # When receiving the secret fragments from other clients  
        msg_buffer.append(args.message)  
        if check_all_frag_received():  
            # Mix up the received secret fragments  
            mixed_secret = mixup_secret(msg_buffer)  
            send(message=mixed_secret, receiver=server)
```

→ Mix the received frames before sending them to the server;

# Implementation examples

Refer to [FederatedScope Playground](#) for more examples

1. Prepare datasets: Developers can conveniently conduct experiments on the provided dataset

```
cfg.data.type = 'femnist'  
cfg.data.splits = [0.6, 0.2, 0.2]  
cfg.data.batch_size = 10  
cfg.data.subsample = 0.05  
cfg.data.transform = [['ToTensor'], ['Normalize', {'mean': [0.1307], 'std': [0.3081]}]]
```

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2. Prepare models: Developers can set up `cfg.model.type = MODEL_NAME` to apply a specific model architecture in FL tasks

```
cfg.model.type = 'convnet2'  
cfg.model.out_channels = 62
```

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## 3. Task-specific configuration

```
cfg.use_gpu = False
cfg.eval.freq = 10
cfg.eval.metrics = ['acc', 'loss_regular']

cfg.federate.mode = 'standalone'
cfg.federate.local_update_steps = 5
cfg.federate.total_round_num = 20
cfg.federate.sample_client_num = 5
cfg.federate.client_num = 10

cfg.train.optimizer.lr = 0.001
cfg.train.optimizer.weight_decay = 0.0
cfg.grad.grad_clip = 5.0

cfg.criterion.type = 'CrossEntropyLoss'
cfg.trainer.type = 'cvtrainer'
cfg.seed = 123
```

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4. Enjoy your journey of Federated Learning!

```
from federatedscope.core.fed_runner import FedRunner
from federatedscope.core.auxiliaries.worker_builder import get_server_cls, get_client_cls

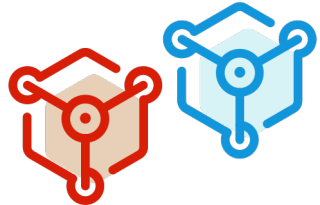



Fed_runner = FedRunner(data=data,
                        server_class=get_server_cls(cfg),
                        client_class=get_client_cls(cfg),
                        config=cfg.clone())

Fed_runner.run()
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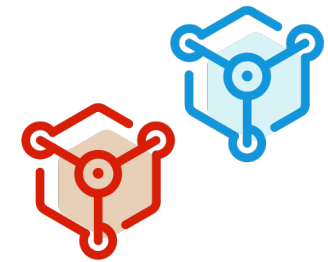
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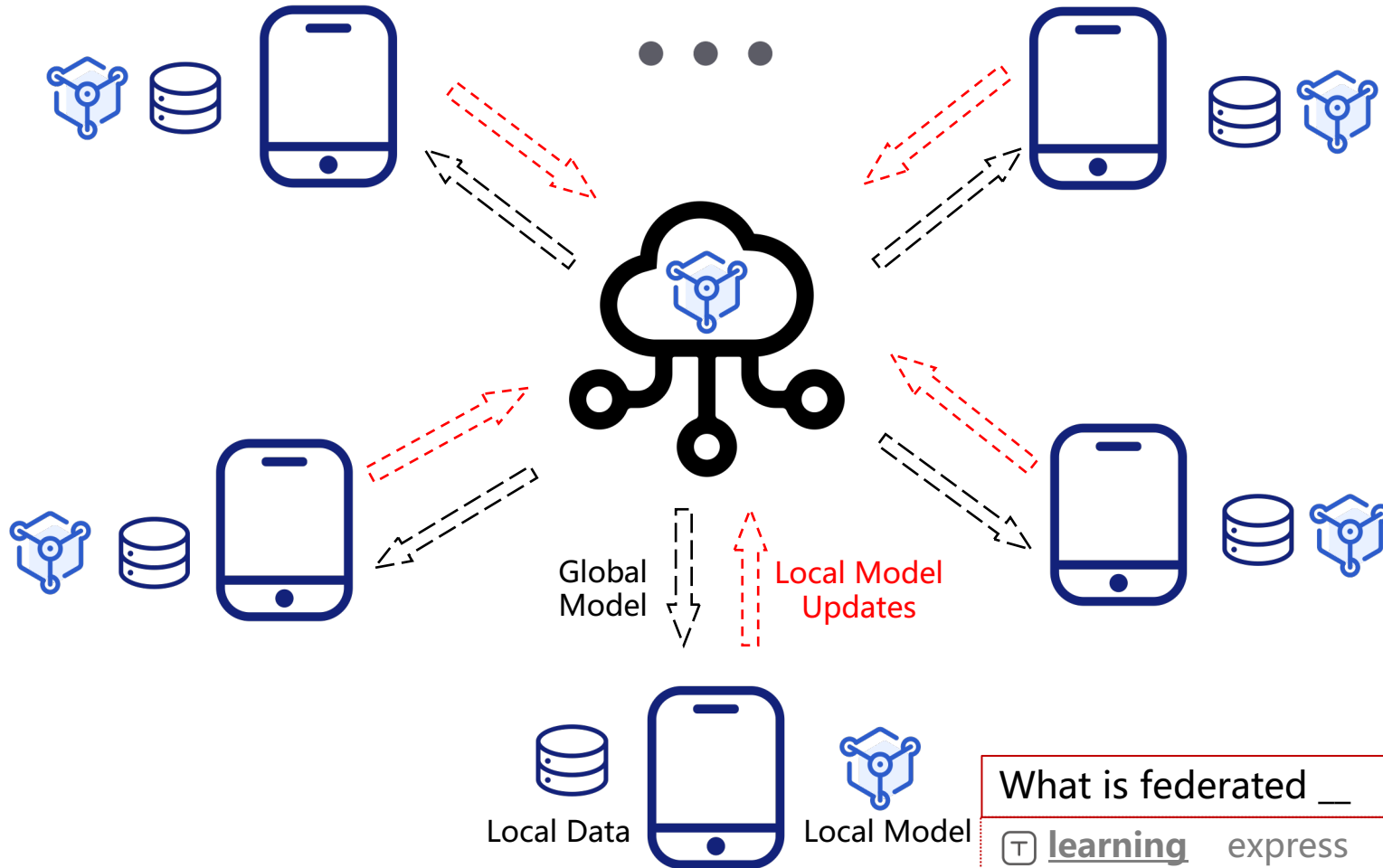




# Outline of PFL

- Why Personalized Federated Learning (PFL)
- Existing PFL Methods
- PFL Hands-On Practice
- PFL Benchmark

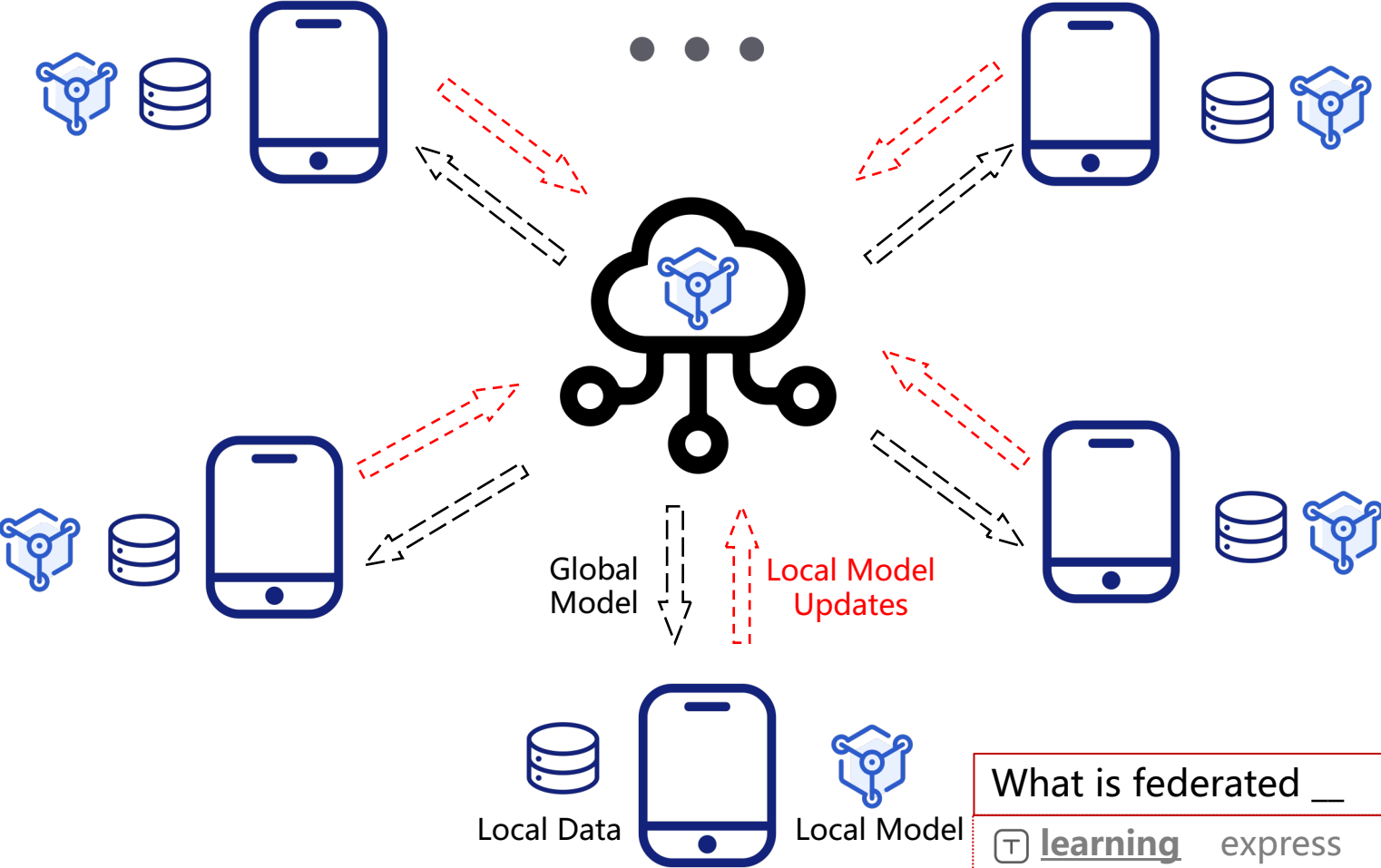
# Why PFL? Next-Word Prediction Case



## Typical Flow

1. Server selects clients, sends msg
2. Clients learn on private data
3. Clients upload msg (model)
4. Server aggregates msgs

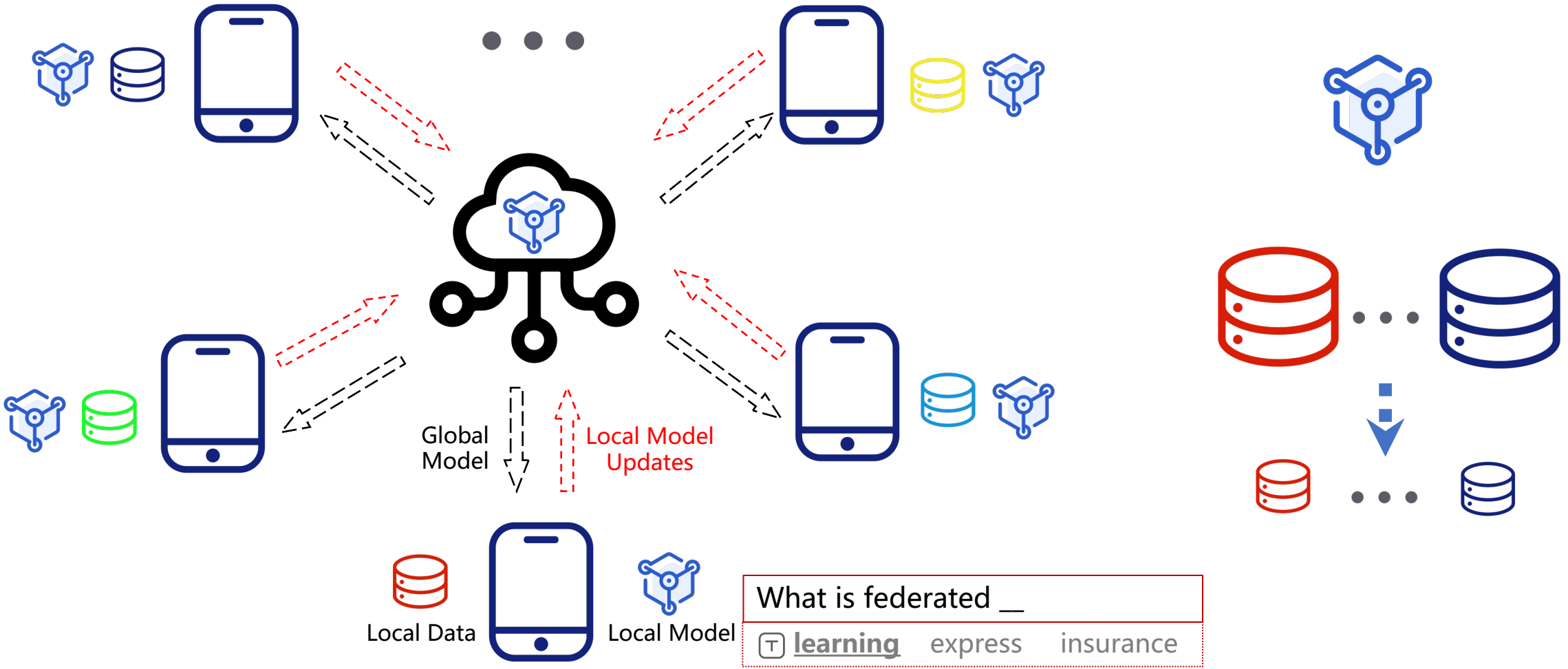
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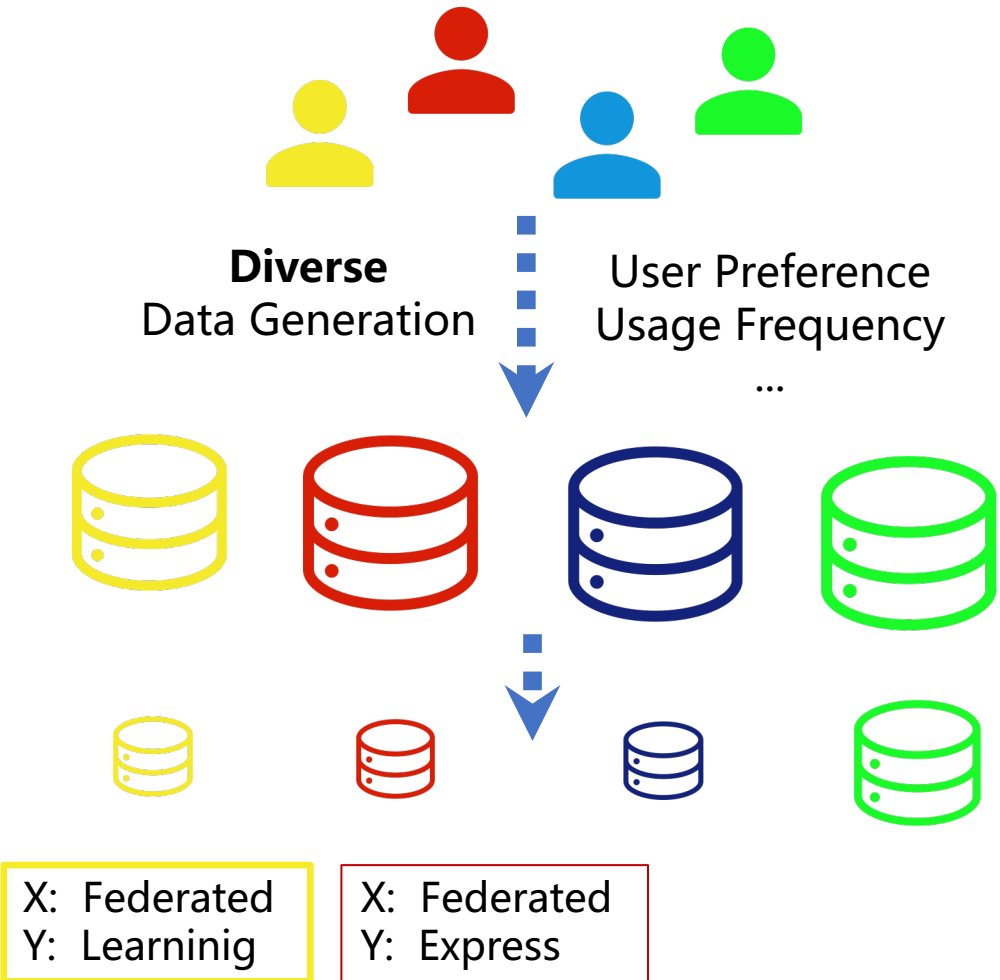
Global model: one-for-all



# Actually: Non-IID Data



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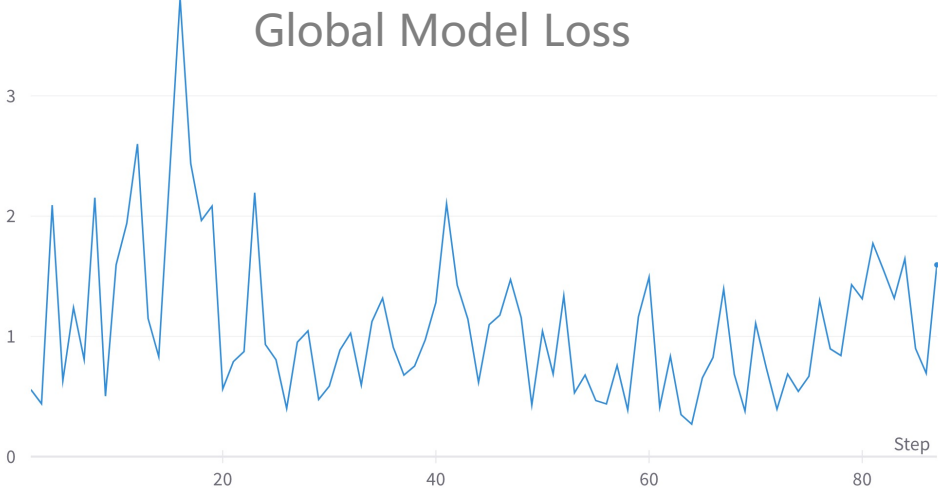
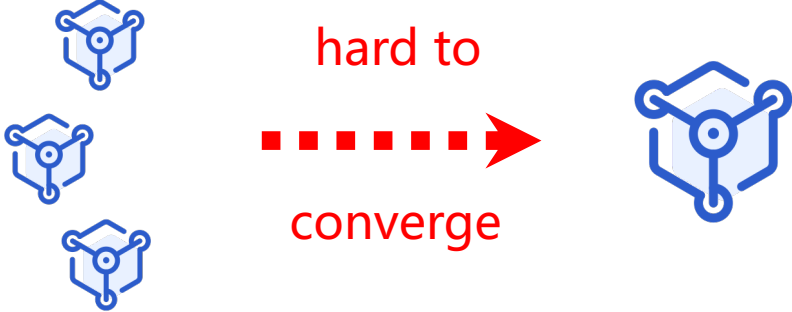
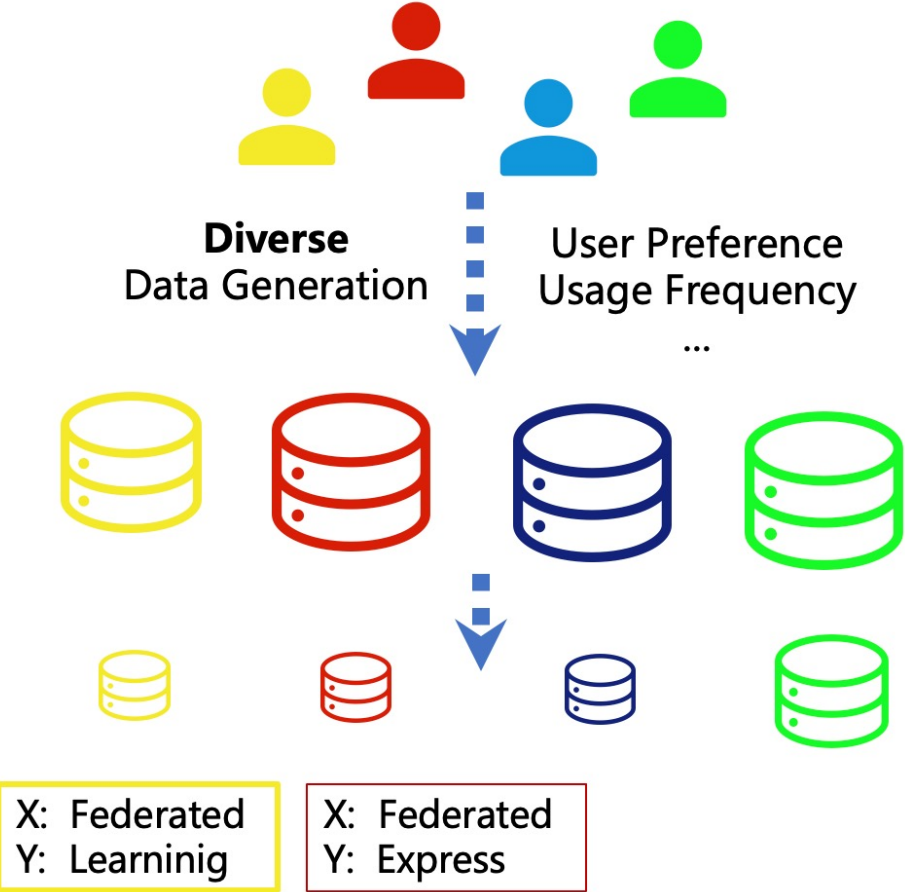
## Non-IID

- Marginal Distribution Skew
  - common  $P(Y|X)$ ; different  $P(X)$
  - $P(X|Y)$ ;  $P(Y)$

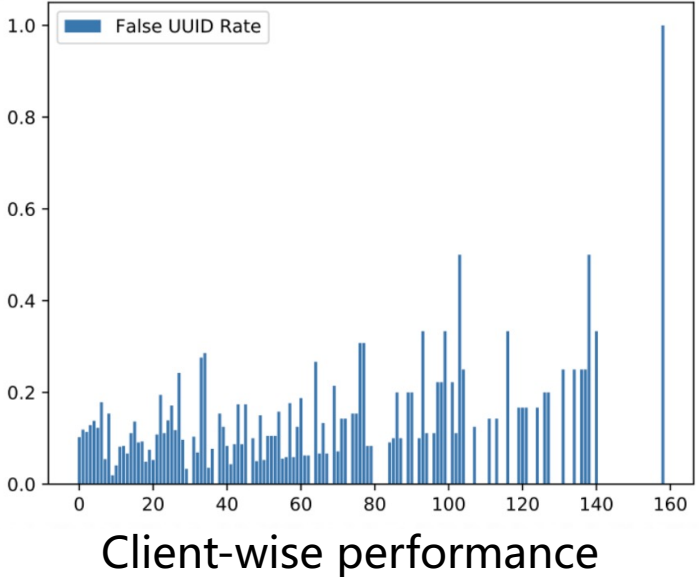
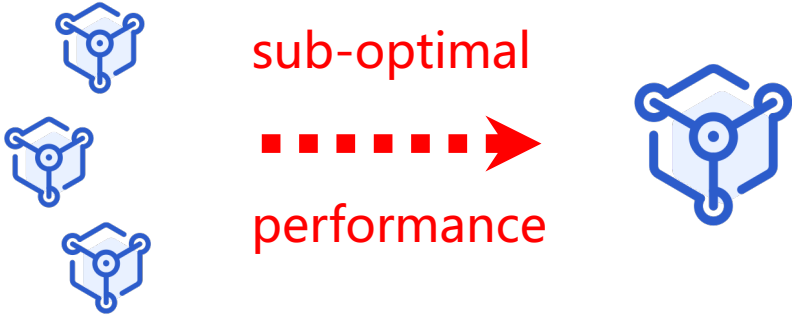
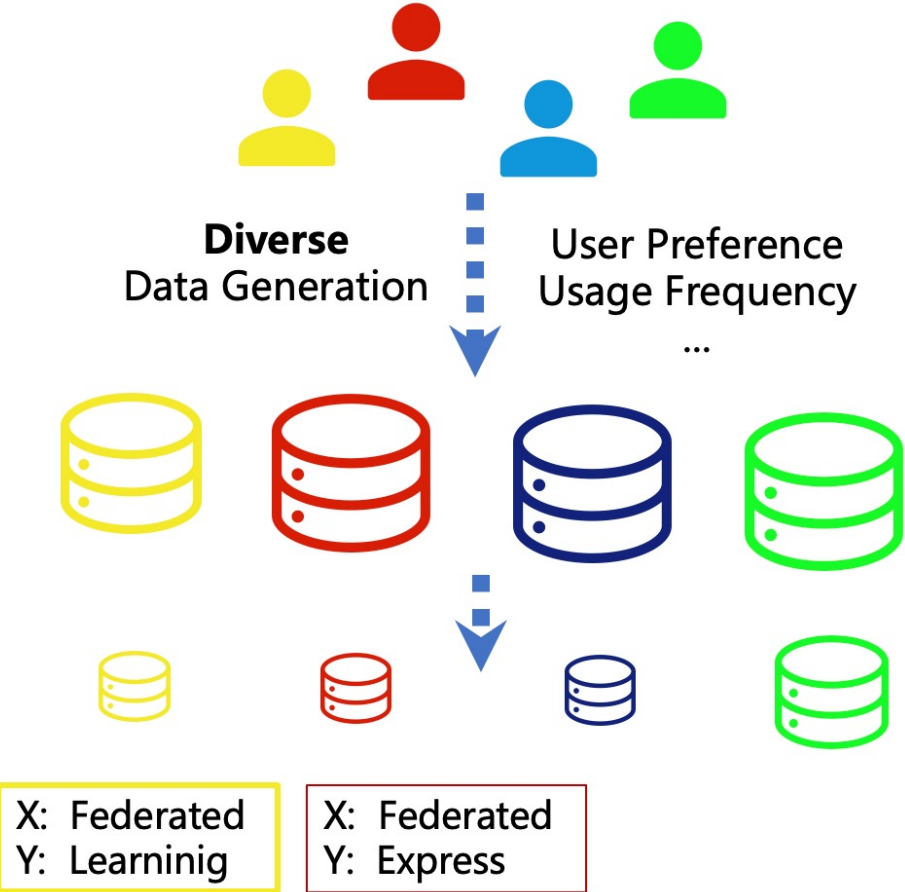
e.g., Users in different regions differ in their vocabularies
  
- Conditional Distribution Skew
  - common  $P(Y)$ ; different  $P(X|Y)$
  - $P(X)$ ;  $P(Y|X)$

e.g., Users expect different next words given the same input
  
- Quantity (i.e., size of local data) Skew

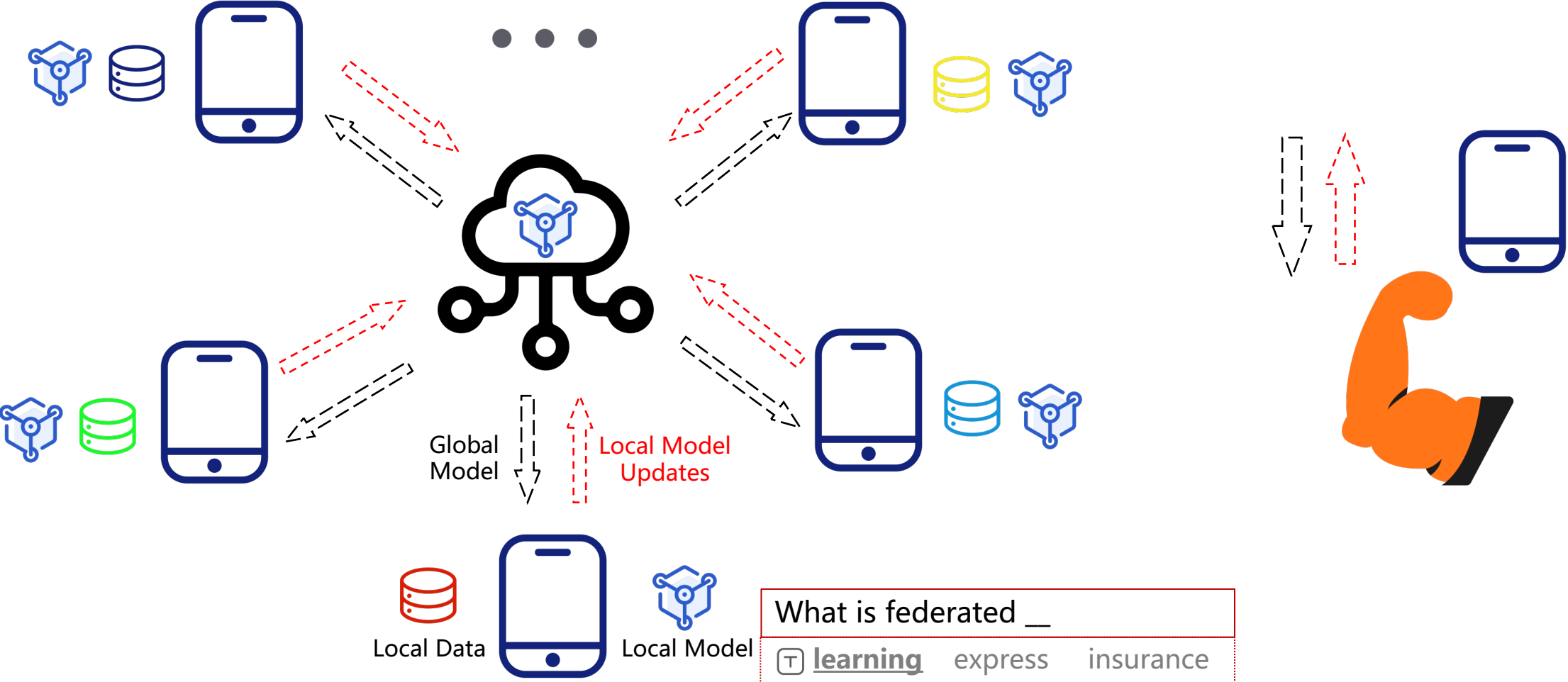
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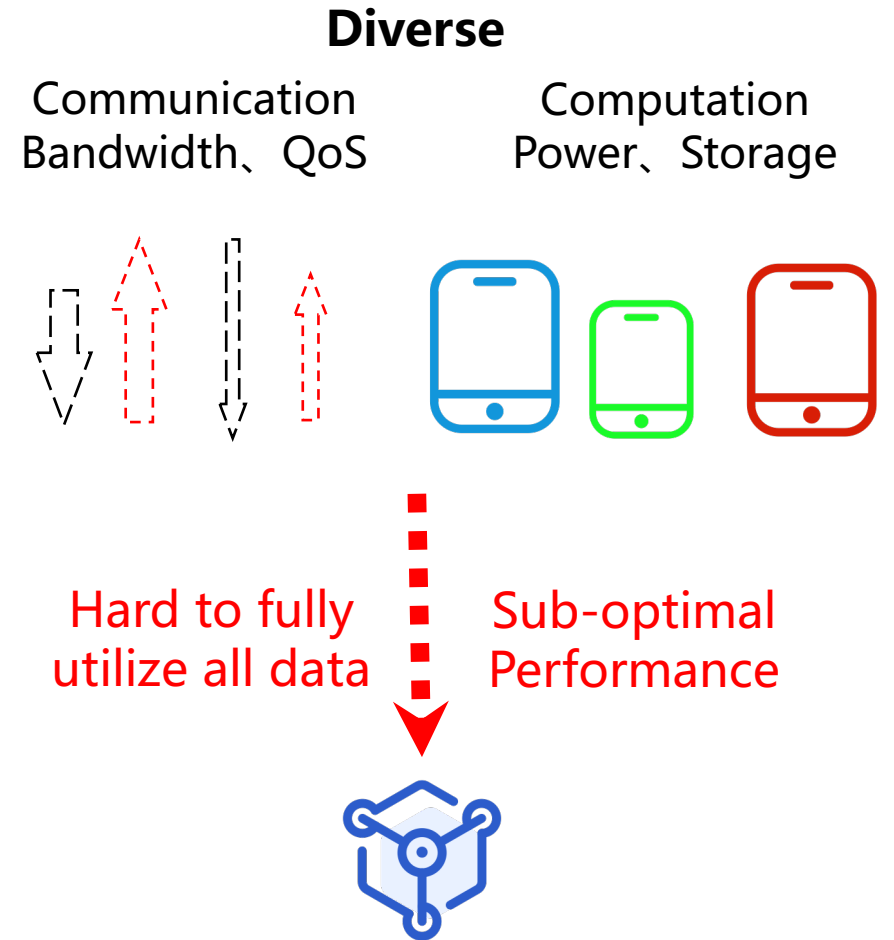
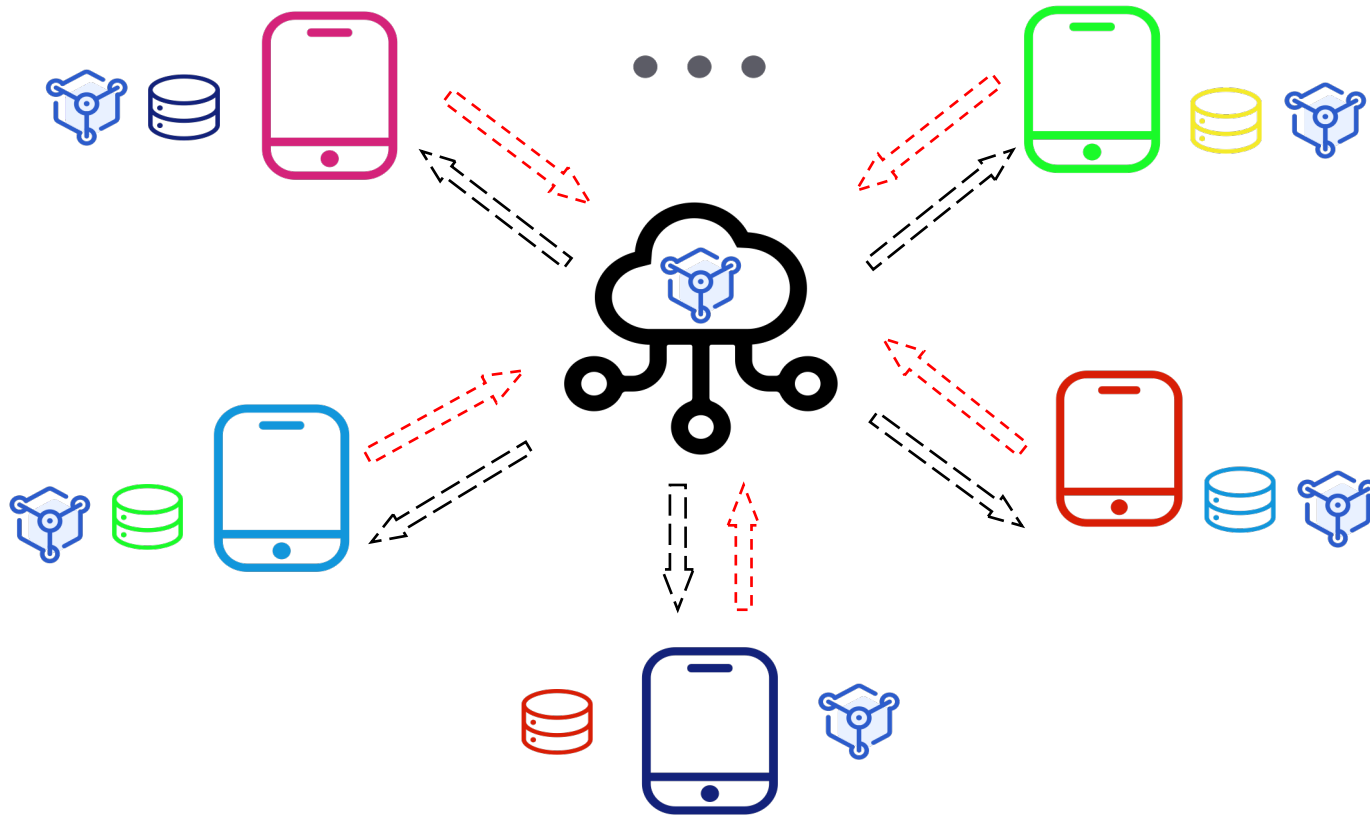
# Ideally: Powerful System Capacity







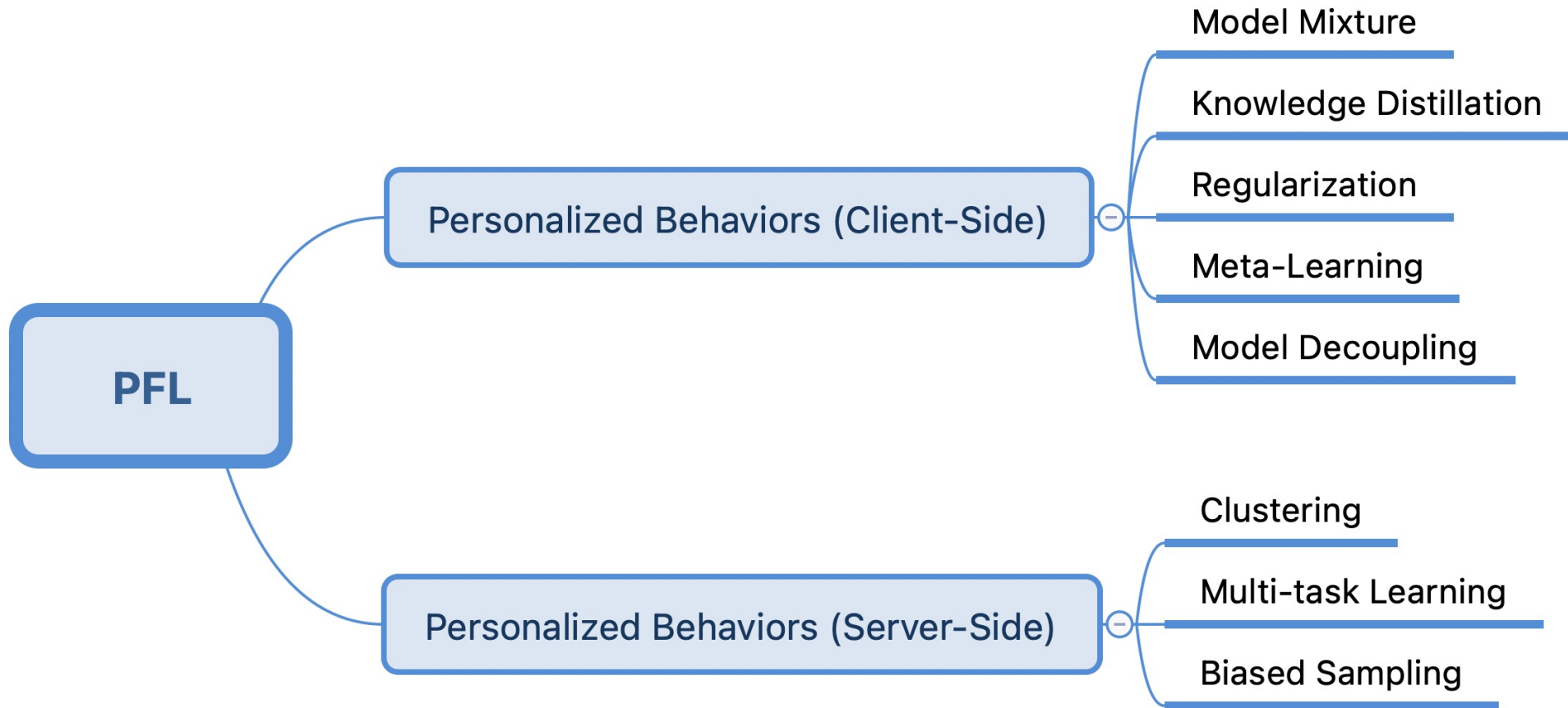
# Actually: Heterogeneous Capacities



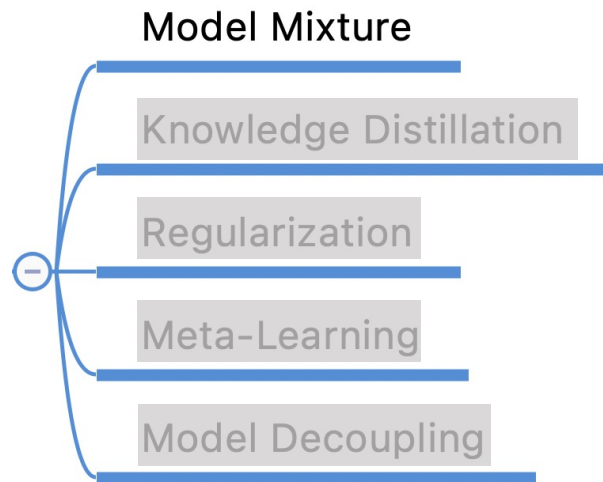
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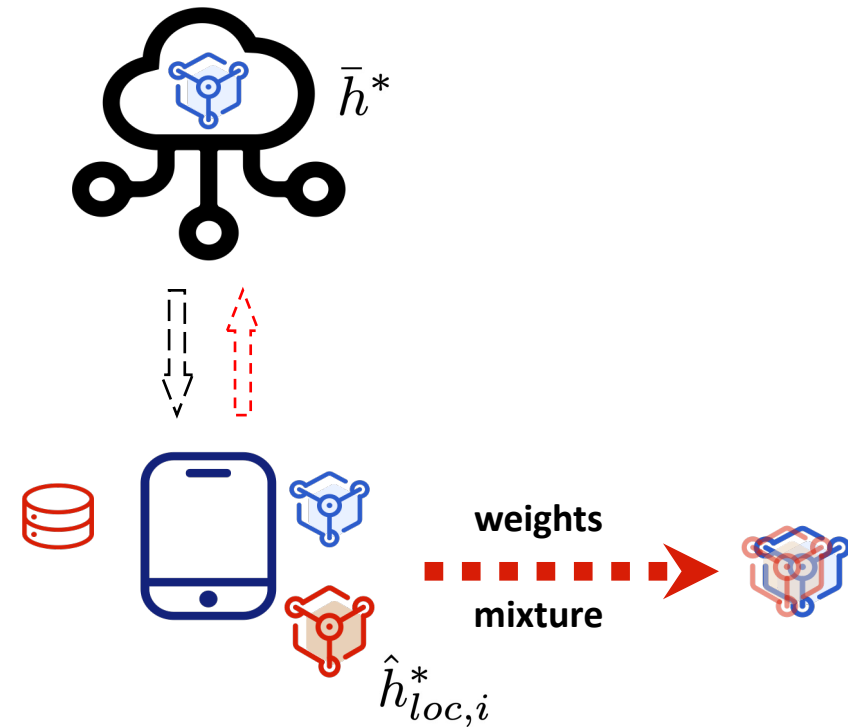
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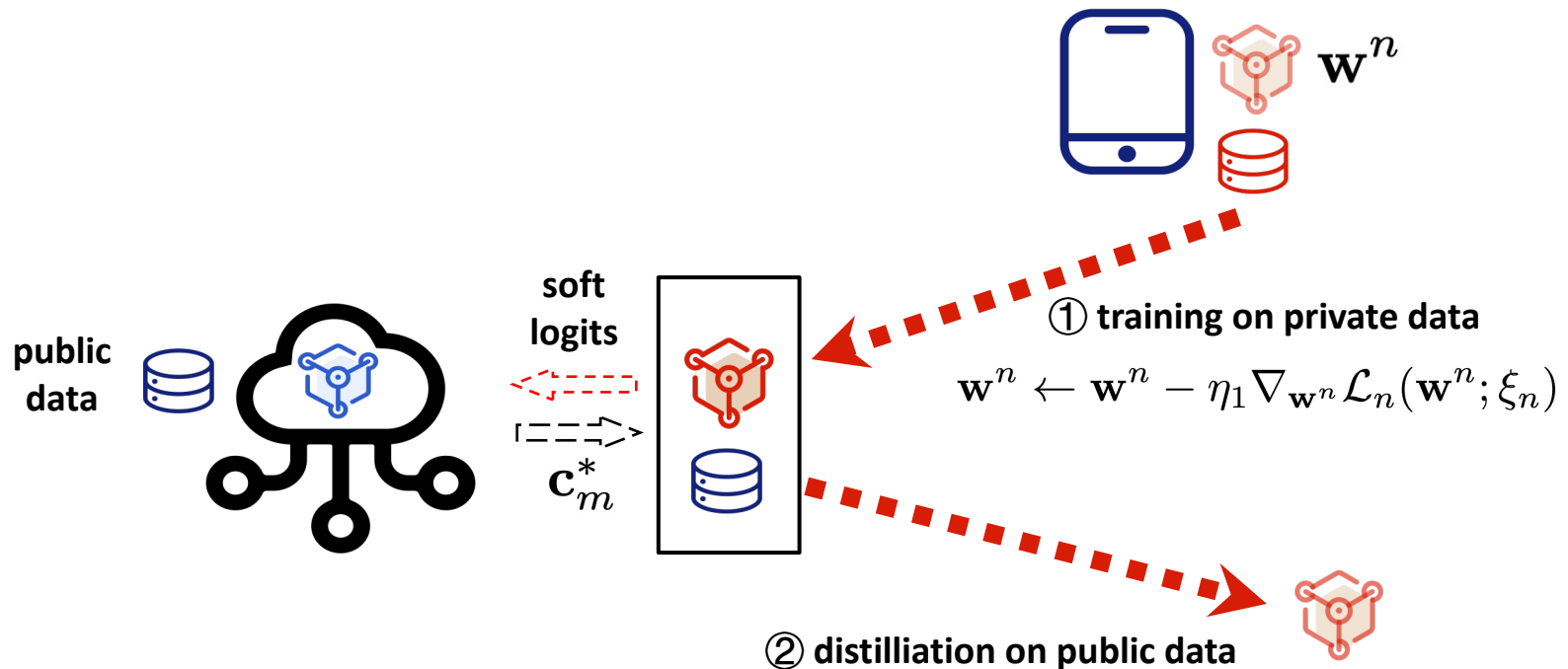
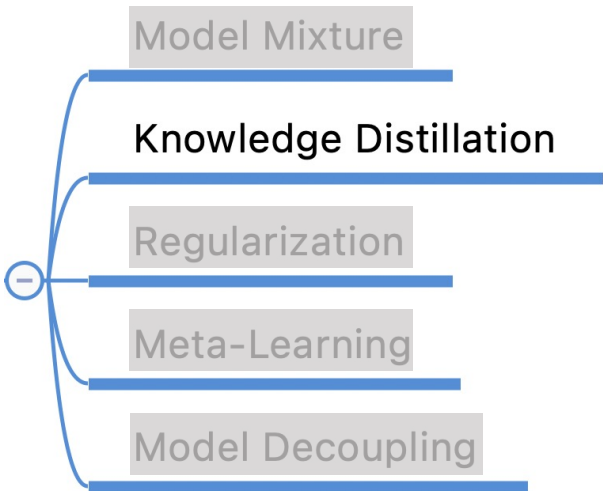


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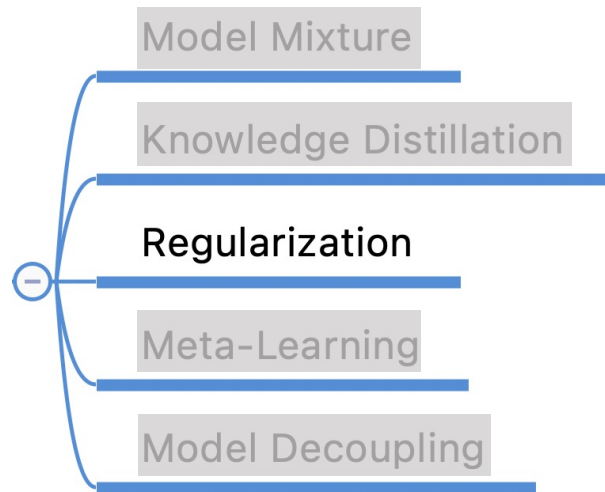
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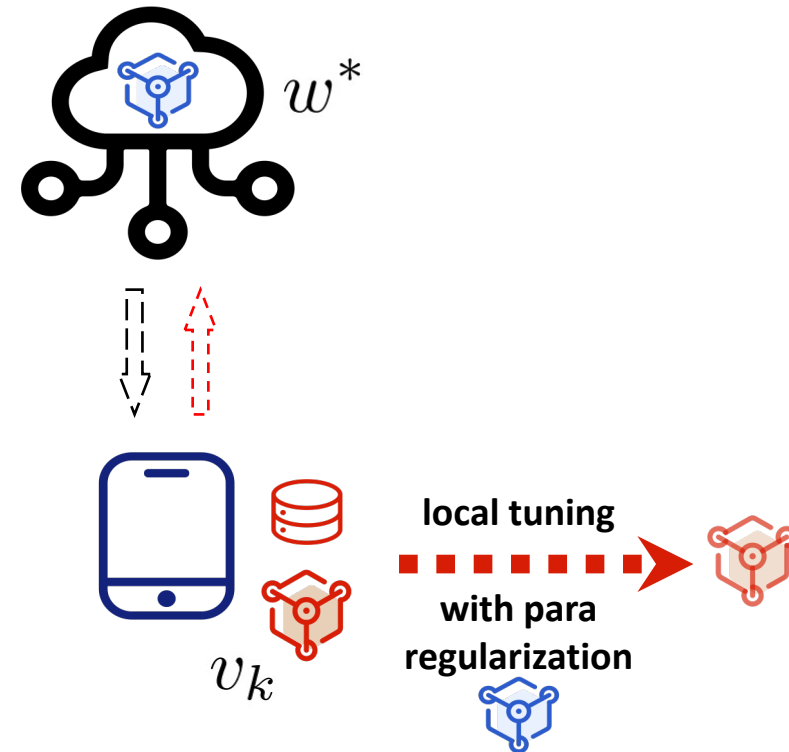
- pros: low costs;  
flexible model architectures
- cons: may require public proxy data;  
hard to find optimal ensemble teacher model

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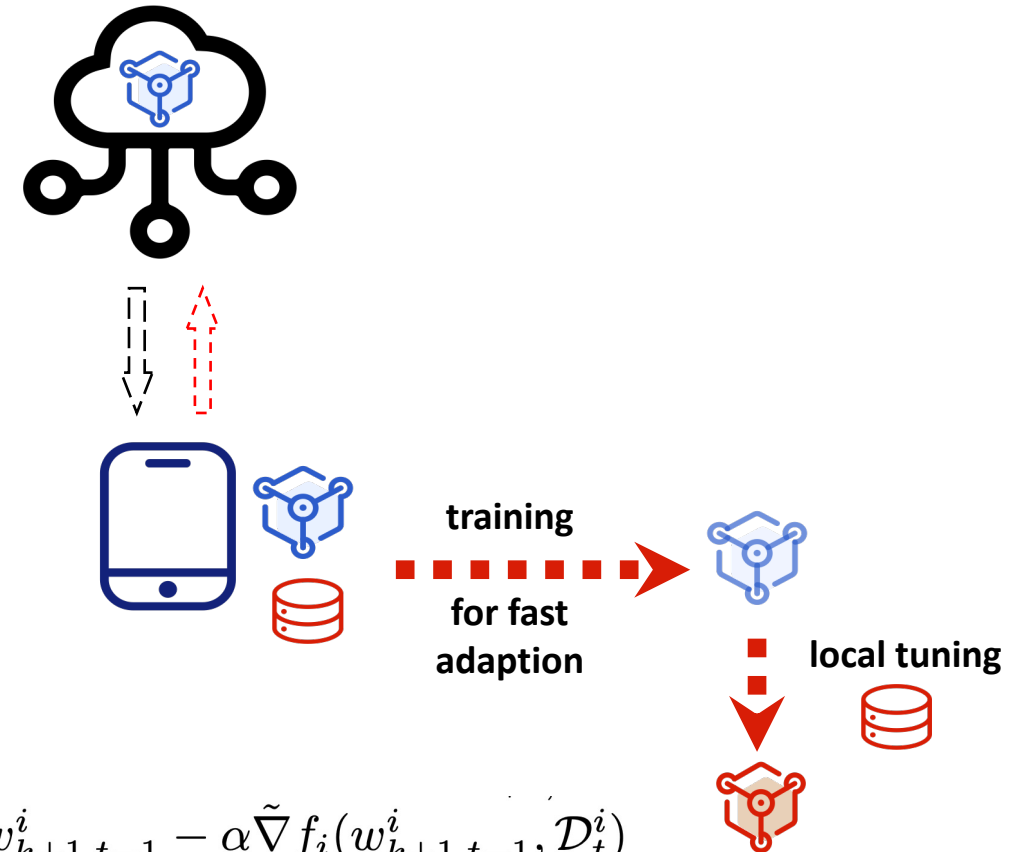
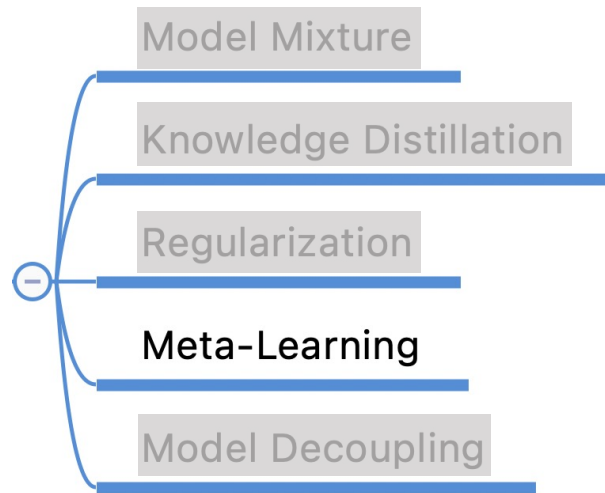


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- pros: benefit long-tailed clients
- cons: high storage & computing costs

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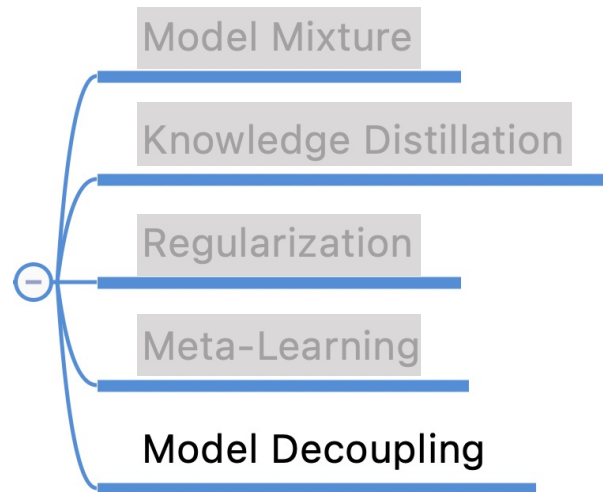
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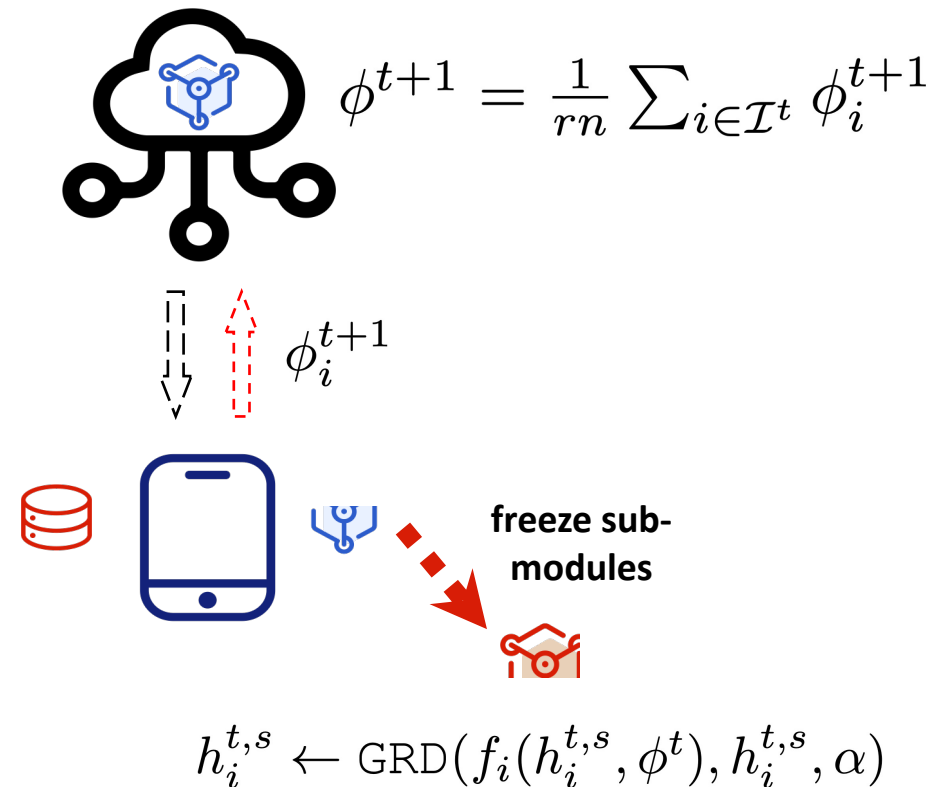
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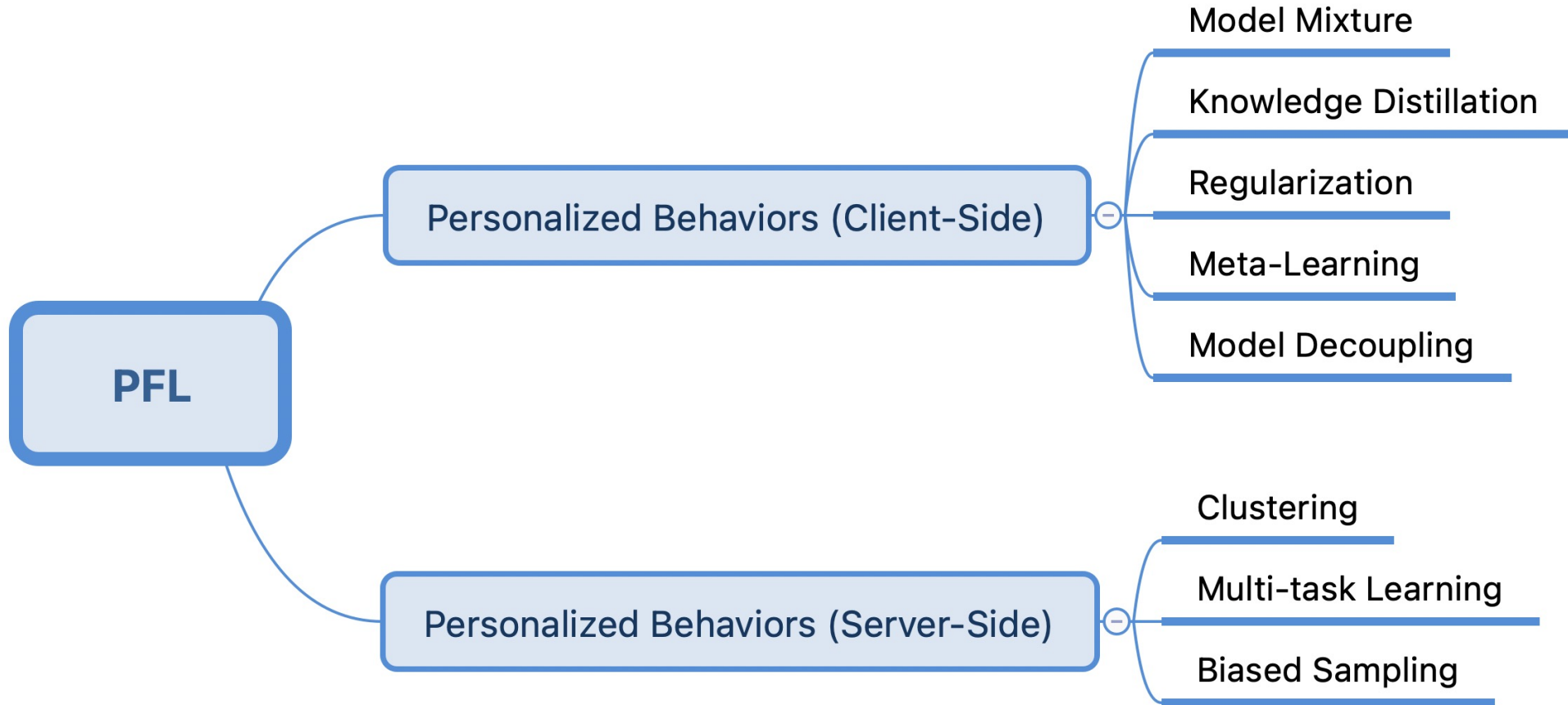
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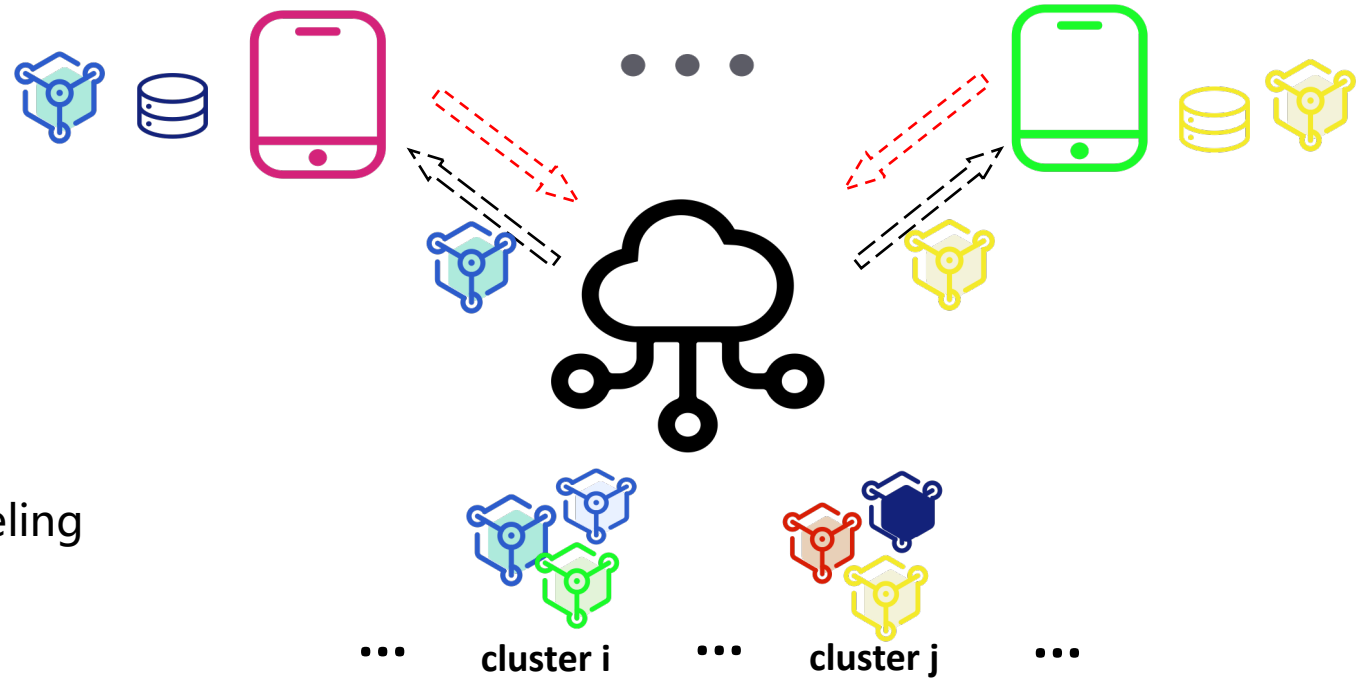
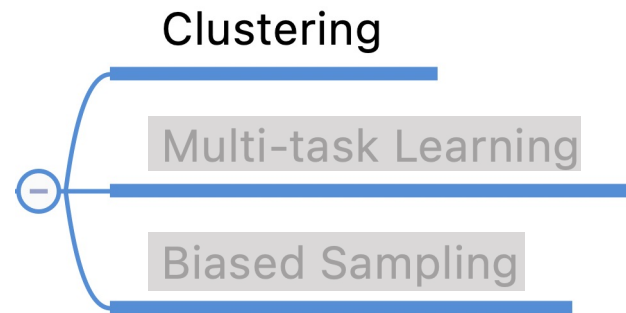
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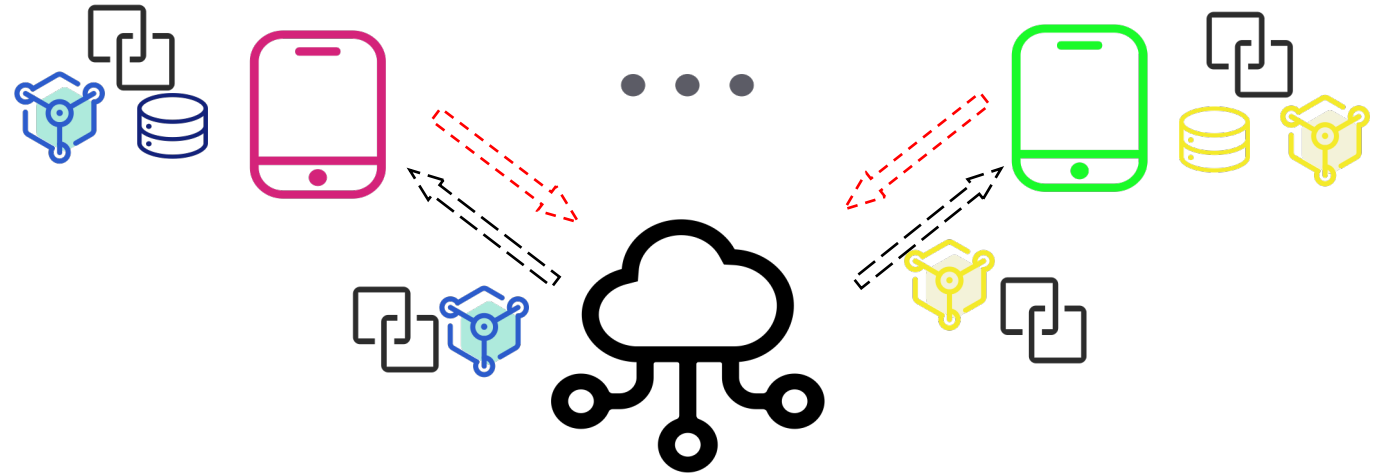
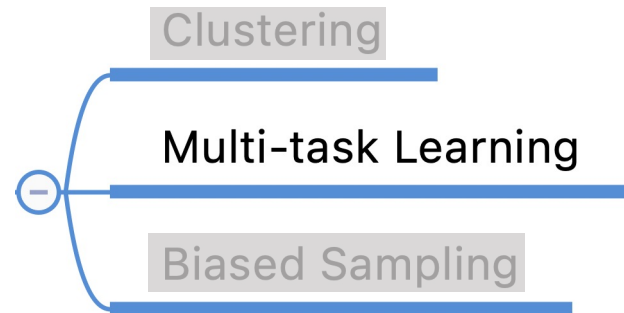
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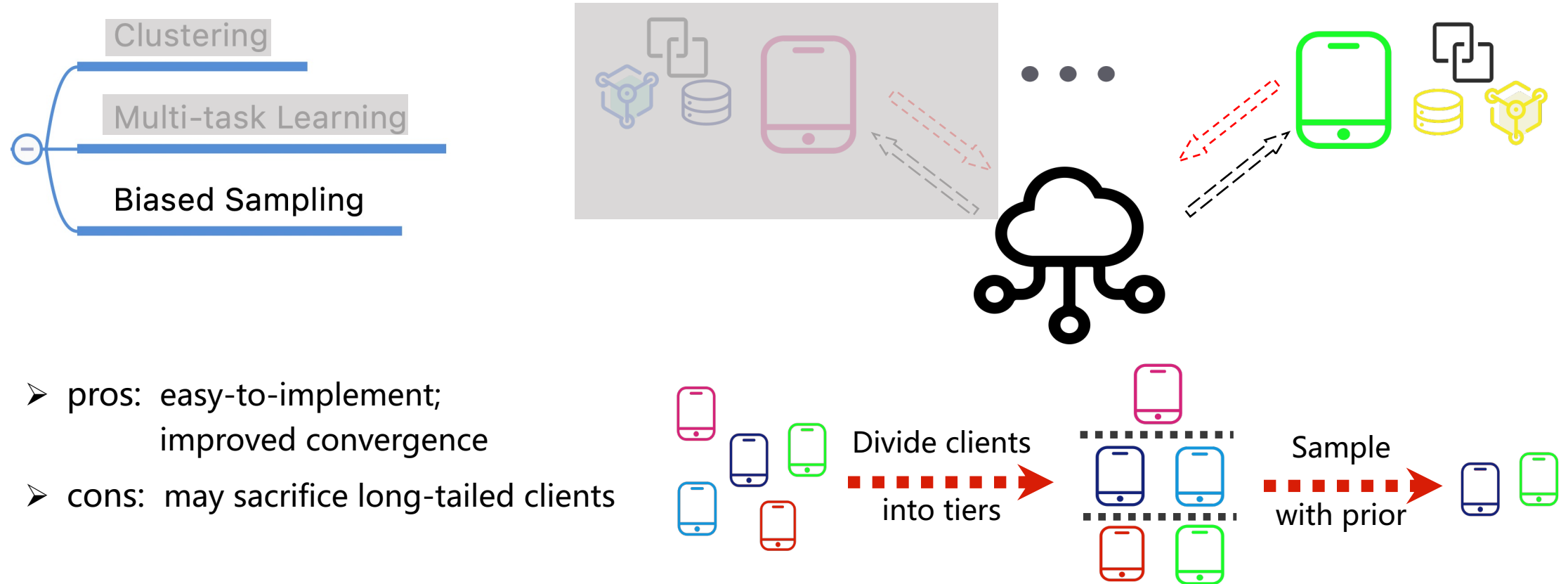


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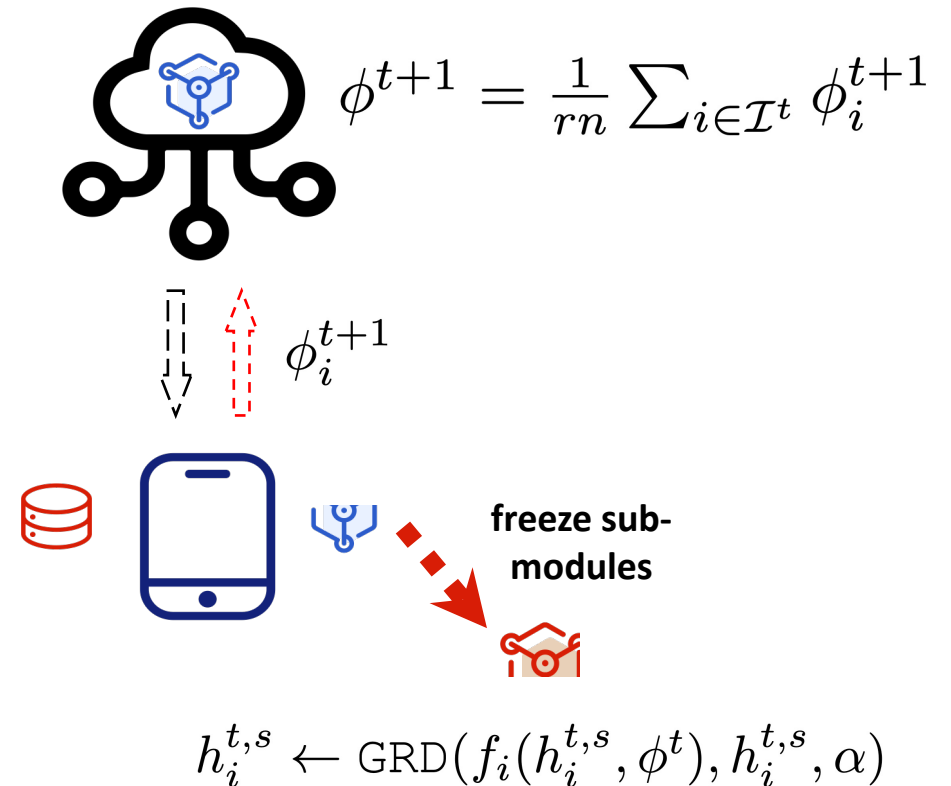
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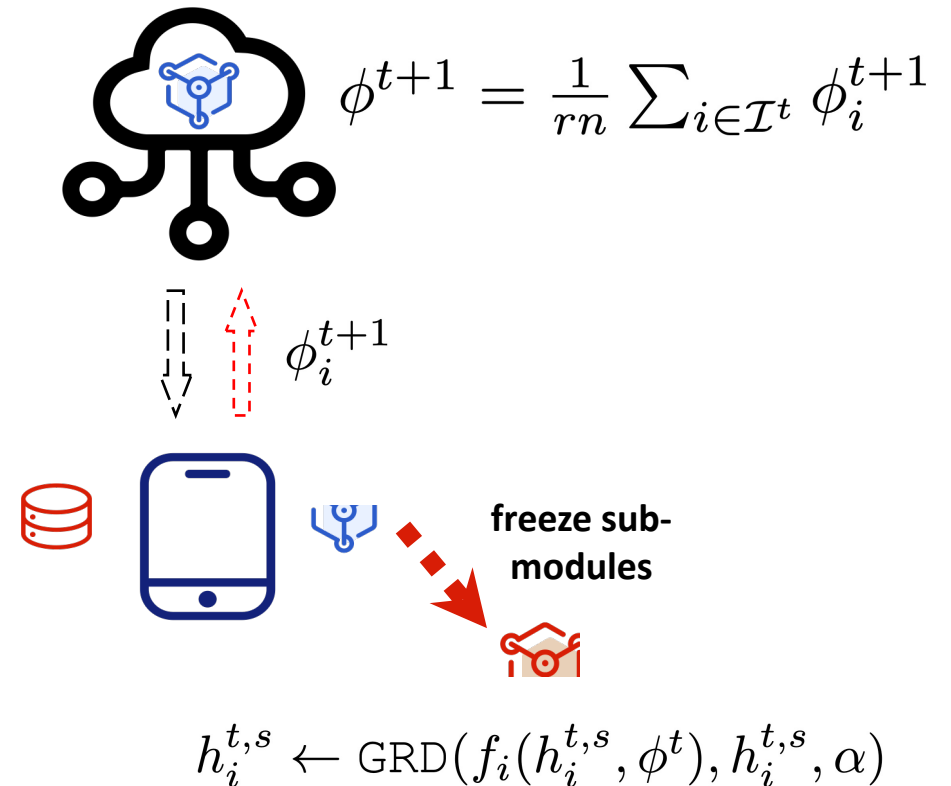
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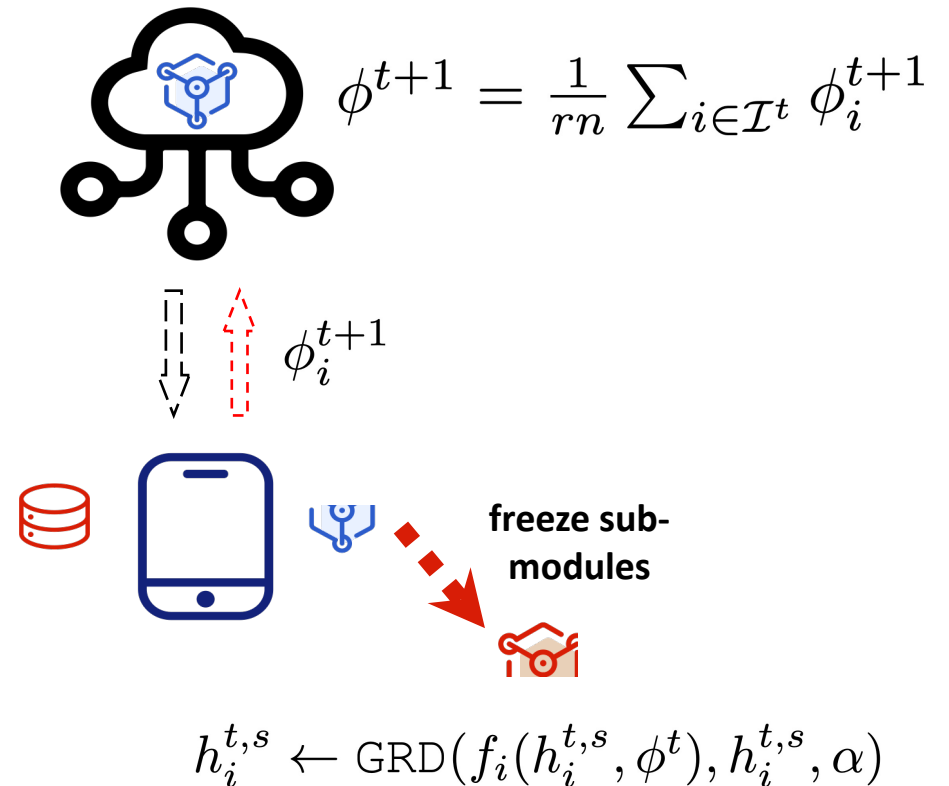


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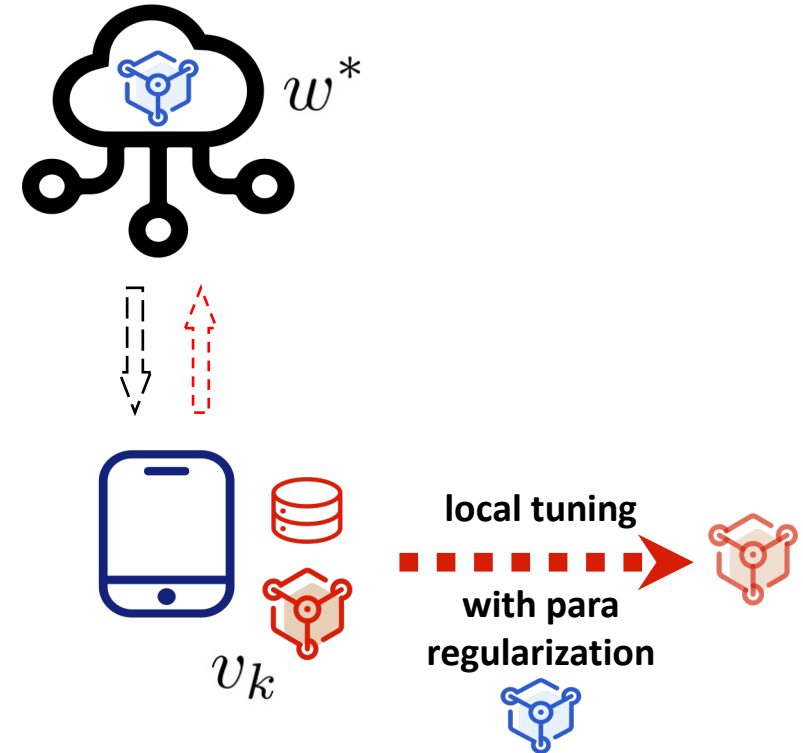
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```
1  # trainer.print_trainer_meta_info()
2
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6  Num of preserved para names in local update: 8.
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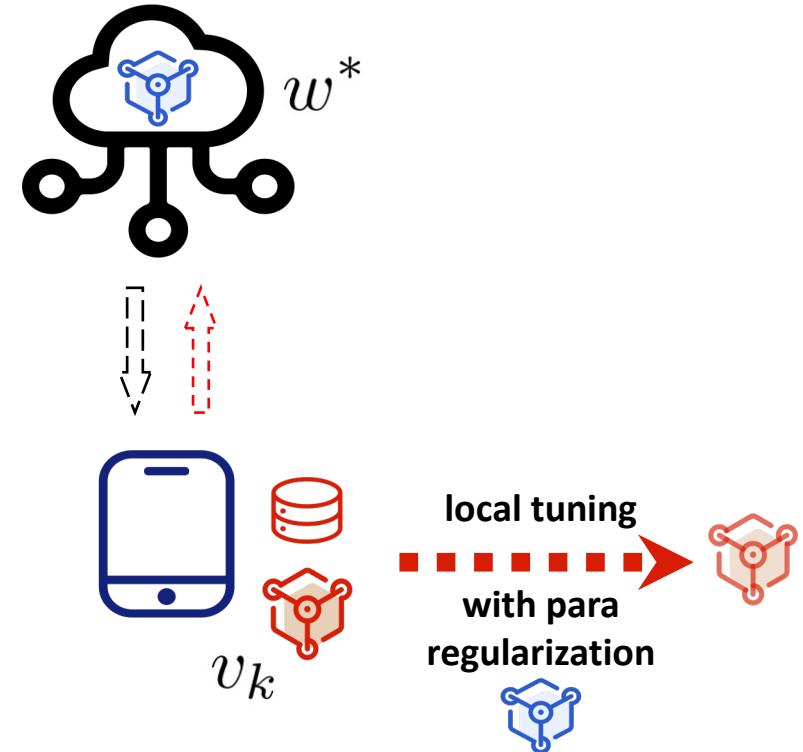
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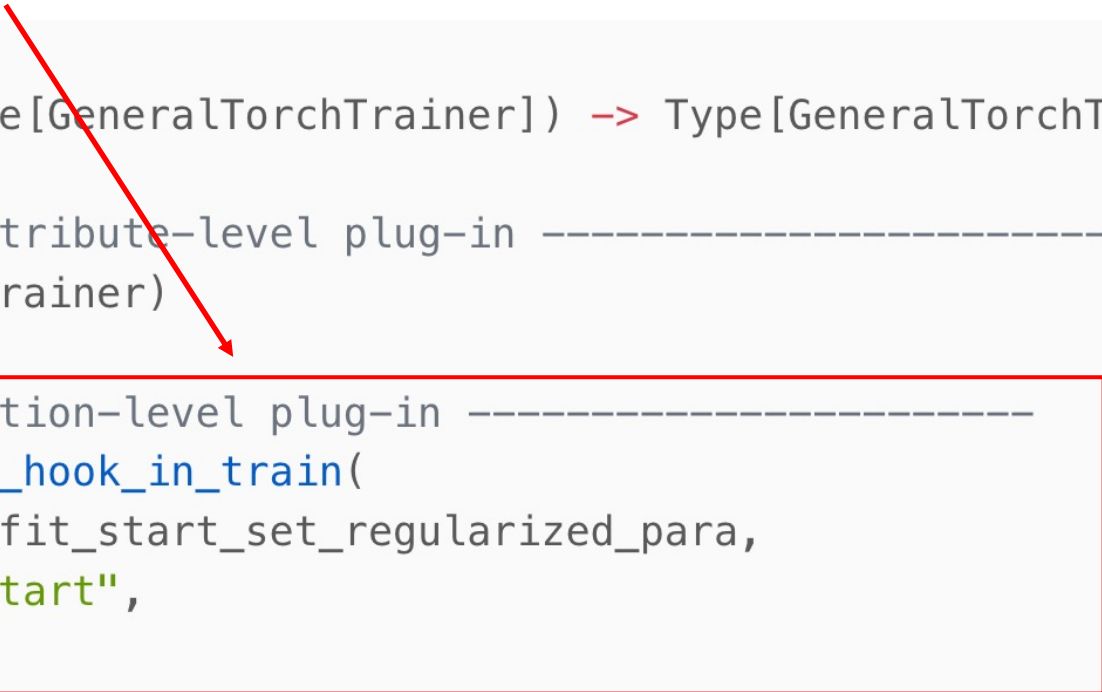
- Ditto attribute customization
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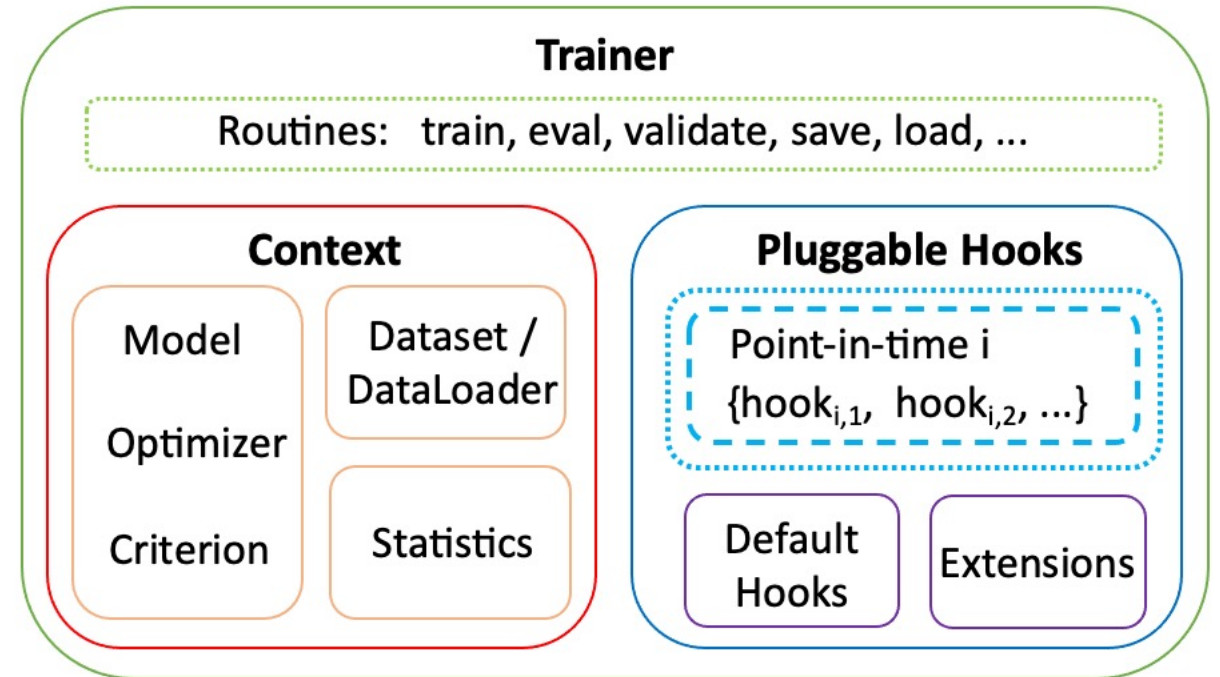
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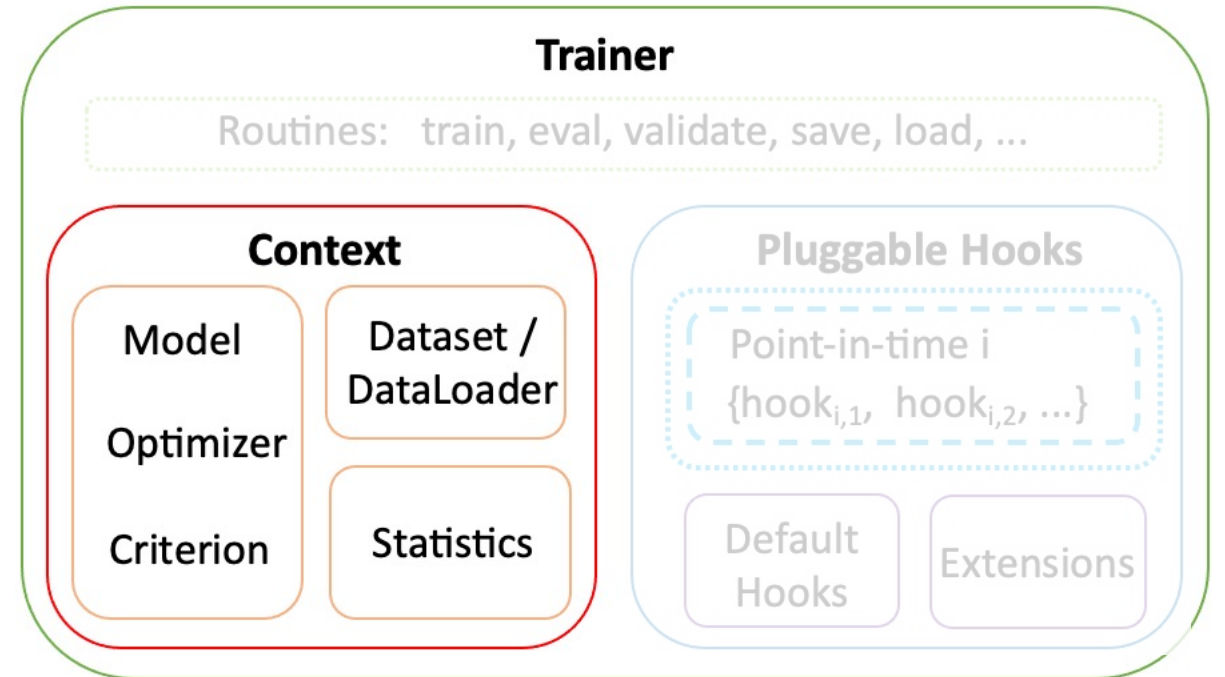
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# FS-Trainer-Context

## ➤ Context Variables

- self-management life-cycle

```
@lifecycle("batch")
def _run_batch(self):
    batch_num = self.ctx.get(
        "num_{}_batch".format(self.ctx.cur_data_split))
    for batch_i in range(batch_num):
        self.ctx.cur_batch_i = CtxStatsVar(batch_i)

        for hook in self._get_hooks("on_batch_start"):
            hook(self.ctx)
        for hook in self._get_hooks("on_batch_forward"):
            hook(self.ctx)
        for hook in self._get_hooks("on_batch_backward"):
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    # Break in the final epoch
    if self.ctx.cur_mode == 'train' and self.ctx.cur_epoch_i ==
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            break
```

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@lifecycle("routine")
def _run_routine(self, mode, dataset_name=None):
    for hook in self._get_hooks("on_fit_start"):
        hook(self.ctx)

    self._run_epoch()

    for hook in self._get_hooks("on_fit_end"):
        hook(self.ctx)
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```
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def _run_epoch(self):
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        self.ctx.cur_epoch_i = CtxStatsVar(epoch_i, "epoch")

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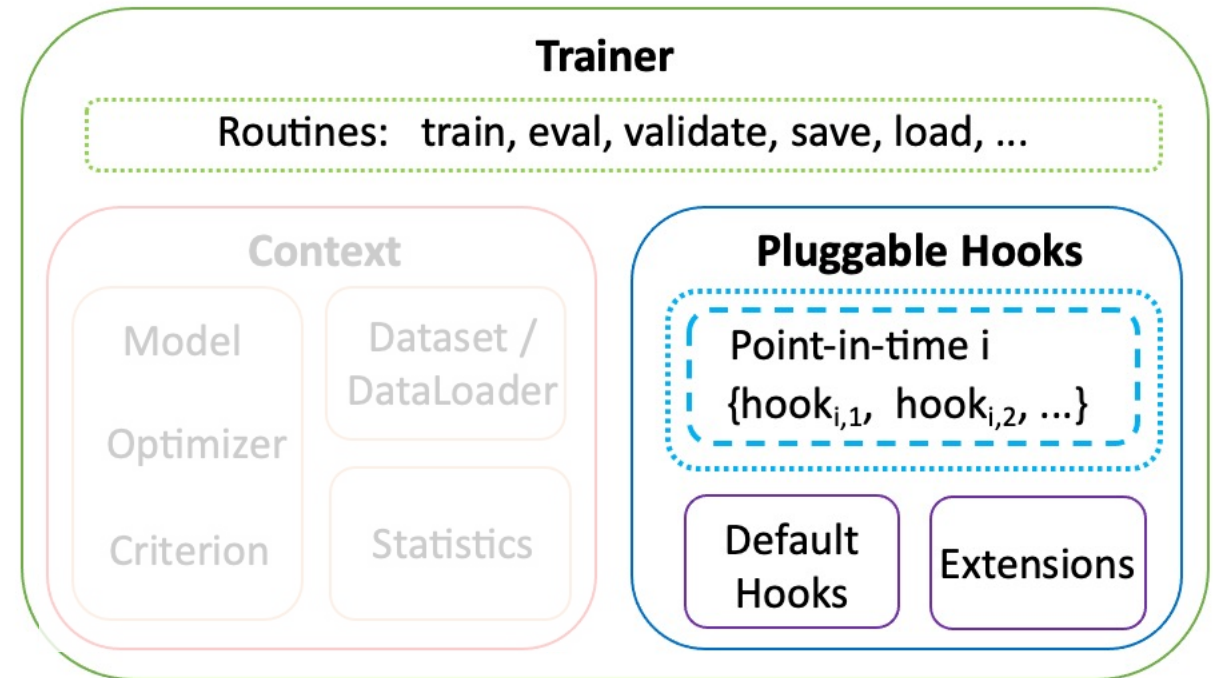
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```
def init_Ditto_ctx(base_trainer):  
    ctx.global_model = copy.deepcopy(ctx.model)  
    ctx.local_model = copy.deepcopy(ctx.model) # the personalized model  
    ...
```



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- Decoupled attributes & behaviors
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  - built-in models, optimizers, etc.,
- Behavior Customization
  - unified high-level routine APIs
  - pluggable hook functions



# FS-Trainer-Hooks

- Point-in-time based pluggable hooks
  - {fit|epoch|batch}
  - {start|end|forward|backward}
- Hooks can be flexibly {insert, modify, replace}

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```
def hook_on_fit_start_set_regularized_para(ctx):  
    # After received the global model,  
    # set the compared model data for local personalized model  
    ctx.local_model.to(ctx.device)  
    ctx.local_model.train()  
  
    compared_global_model_para = [{  
        "params": list(ctx.global_model.parameters())  
    }]  
    ctx.optimizer_for_local_model.set_compared_para_group(  
        compared_global_model_para)
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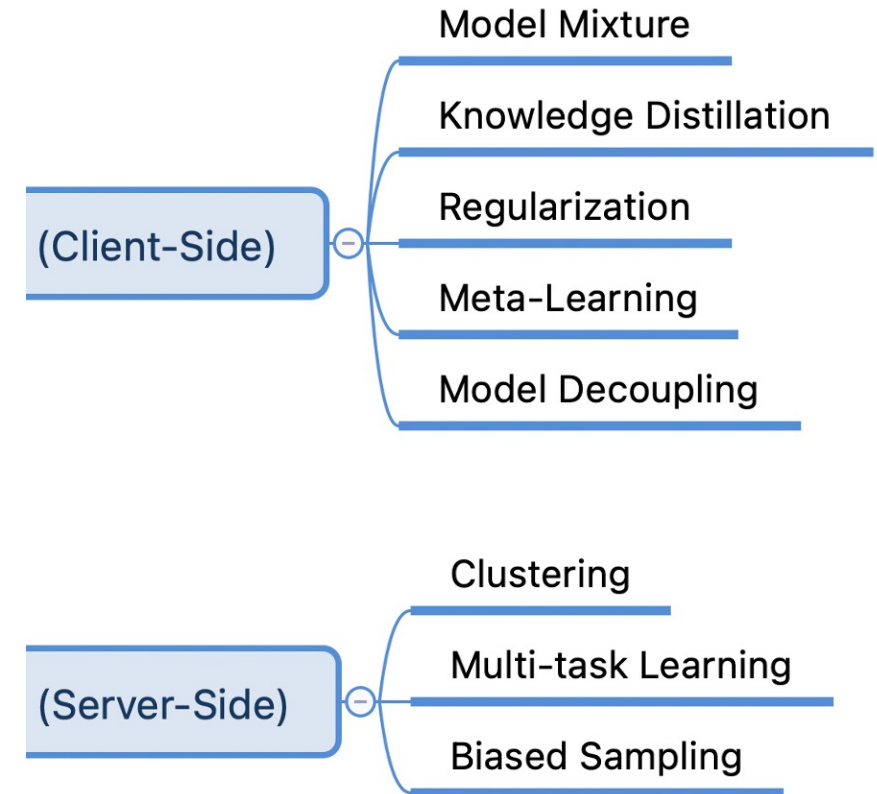
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# PFL Implementation via FS

FS provides flexible behavior customization

- Inter-Clients/Server Customization
  - **event**-driven
  - message/handler from **own view**
- Intra-Clients/Server Customization
  - modular *Trainer* object
  - clients/server distinct



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# PFL Benchmark – Implementations

ArXiv: [pFL-Bench: A Comprehensive Benchmark for Personalized Federated Learning](#)

- Fruitful pluggable hooks and sub-routines
- 20+ competitive PFL baseline implementations

Global-Train
Isolated
FedAvg
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pFedMe
pFedMe-FT

FedEM
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Codes: <https://github.com/alibaba/FederatedScope/tree/master/benchmark/pFL-Bench>

# PFL Benchmark – Datasets

Dataset	Task	Model	Partition By	# Clients	# Sample Per Client
FEMNIST-5%	Image Classification	CNN	Writers	200	$\mu=217$ $\sigma=73$
CIFAR10- $\alpha 5$				100	$\mu=600$ $\sigma=46$
CIFAR10- $\alpha 0.5$			Labels	100	$\mu=600$ $\sigma=137$
CIFAR10- $\alpha 0.1$				100	$\mu=600$ $\sigma=383$
COLA	Linguistic Acceptability	BERT	Labels	50	$\mu=192$ $\sigma=159$
SST-2	Sentiment Analysis		Labels	50	$\mu=1,364$ $\sigma=1,291$
Cora	Node Classification	GIN	Community	5	$\mu=542$ $\sigma=30$
Pubmed				5	$\mu=3,943$ $\sigma=34$
Citeseer				5	$\mu=665$ $\sigma=29$
MovieLens1M	Recommendation	MF	User	1000	$\mu=1,000$ $\sigma=482$
MovieLens10M			Item	1000	$\mu=10,000$ $\sigma=8,155$

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# PFL Benchmark – End2End Evaluation

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- Fruitful metrics
  - **generalization:** loss, acc, ...
  - **fairness:** std, quantiles, ...
  - **system efficiency:** flops, ...

```
{  
  'Role': 'Server #',  
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# PFL Benchmark – Generalization

Metric

$\overline{Acc}$  : average weighted by local data size

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : accuracy of un-participated clients

$\Delta$  : participation generalization gap

- **Bold & underlined**: best & second-best results among all methods
- **Red & blue**: best & second-best results for original methods w/o plug-ins “-”

	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$		
	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$
Global-Train	52.48	-	-
Isolated	68.74	-	-
FedAvg	83.97	81.97	<b>-2.00</b>
FedAvg-FT	86.44	84.94	<b>-1.50</b>
pFedMe	<b>87.50</b>	<b>82.76</b>	-4.73
pFedMe-FT	88.19	82.46	-5.73
FedBN	86.72	7.86	-78.86
FedBN-FT	88.51	82.87	-5.64
FedBN-FedOPT	88.25	8.77	-79.49
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	88.14	80.25	-7.88
Ditto	<b>88.39</b>	2.20	-86.19
Ditto-FT	85.72	56.96	-28.76
Ditto-FedBN	<b>88.94</b>	2.20	-86.74
Ditto-FedBN-FT	86.53	58.96	-27.57
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	<u>88.73</u>	2.20	-86.54
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	87.02	55.22	-31.80
FedEM	84.35	<b>82.81</b>	<b>-1.54</b>
FedEM-FT	86.17	<u>85.01</u>	<b>-1.16</b>
FedEM-FedBN	84.37	12.88	-71.49
FedEM-FedBN-FT	88.29	83.96	-4.33
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	82.12	6.64	-75.48
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.54	<b>85.76</b>	-1.79

# PFL Benchmark – Generalization

## Metric

$\overline{Acc}$  : average weighted by local data size

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : accuracy of un-participated clients

$\Delta$  : participation generalization gap

Original methods w/o plug-in “-”

- No dominant one

- Good intra-client generalization  $\overline{Acc}$  with PFL

Metric	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$			SST-2			PUBMED		
	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$
Global-Train	52.48	-	-	<b>80.57</b>	-	-	87.01	-	-
Isolated	68.74	-	-	60.82	-	-	85.56	-	-
FedAvg	83.97	81.97	-2.00	74.88	<b>80.24</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>87.27</b>	<b>72.63</b>	-14.64
FedAvg-FT	86.44	84.94	-1.50	74.14	<b>83.28</b>	9.13	87.21	<u>79.78</u>	-7.43
pFedMe	<b>87.50</b>	<b>82.76</b>	-4.73	71.27	69.34	-1.92	86.91	<b>71.64</b>	-15.27
pFedMe-FT	<u>88.19</u>	82.46	-5.73	75.61	66.48	-9.13	85.71	77.07	-8.64
FedBN	86.72	7.86	-78.86	74.88	<b>75.40</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>88.49</b>	52.53	-35.95
FedBN-FT	88.51	82.87	-5.64	68.81	<u>82.43</u>	<u>13.63</u>	87.45	<b>80.36</b>	<b>-7.09</b>
FedBN-FedOPT	88.25	8.77	-79.49	64.70	65.50	0.81	87.87	42.72	-45.15
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	88.14	80.25	-7.88	68.65	70.56	1.91	87.54	77.07	-10.47
Ditto	<b>88.39</b>	2.20	-86.19	52.03	46.79	-5.24	<b>87.27</b>	2.84	-84.43
Ditto-FT	85.72	56.96	-28.76	56.49	65.50	9.01	87.47	35.03	-52.44
Ditto-FedBN	<b>88.94</b>	2.20	-86.74	56.03	46.79	-9.24	<u>88.18</u>	2.84	-85.34
Ditto-FedBN-FT	86.53	58.96	-27.57	53.15	66.49	13.34	<u>87.83</u>	28.52	-59.30
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	<u>88.73</u>	2.20	-86.54	57.67	46.79	-10.88	87.81	2.84	-84.97
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	87.02	55.22	-31.80	52.89	66.49	13.60	87.60	18.18	-69.42
FedEM	84.35	<b>82.81</b>	<b>-1.54</b>	<b>75.78</b>	67.67	-8.11	85.64	71.12	<b>-14.52</b>
FedEM-FT	86.17	<u>85.01</u>	<b>-1.16</b>	64.86	81.63	<b>16.77</b>	85.88	78.08	-7.80
FedEM-FedBN	84.37	12.88	-71.49	75.43	62.81	-12.62	88.12	48.64	-39.48
FedEM-FedBN-FT	88.29	83.96	-4.33	64.96	81.04	<b>16.08</b>	86.38	72.02	-14.35
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	82.12	6.64	-75.48	72.25	64.69	-7.56	87.56	42.37	-45.19
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.54	<b>85.76</b>	-1.79	62.26	73.87	11.61	87.49	72.39	-15.09

# PFL Benchmark – Generalization

## Metric

$\overline{Acc}$  : average weighted  
by local data size

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : accuracy of un-  
participated clients

$\Delta$  : participation  
generalization gap

## Huge potential in

- PFL combination

Metric	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$			SST-2			PUBMED		
	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$
Global-Train	52.48	-	-	<b>80.57</b>	-	-	87.01	-	-
Isolated	68.74	-	-	60.82	-	-	85.56	-	-
FedAvg	83.97	81.97	-2.00	74.88	<b>80.24</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>87.27</b>	<b>72.63</b>	<b>-14.64</b>
<b>FedAvg-FT</b>	86.44	84.94	<u>-1.50</u>	74.14	<b>83.28</b>	9.13	87.21	<u>79.78</u>	<u>-7.43</u>
<b>pFedMe</b>	<b>87.50</b>	<b>82.76</b>	-4.73	71.27	69.34	-1.92	86.91	<b>71.64</b>	-15.27
pFedMe-FT	88.19	82.46	-5.73	75.61	66.48	-9.13	85.71	77.07	-8.64
FedBN	86.72	7.86	-78.86	74.88	<b>75.40</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>88.49</b>	52.53	-35.95
<b>FedBN-FT</b>	88.51	82.87	-5.64	68.81	<u>82.43</u>	<u>13.63</u>	87.45	<b>80.36</b>	<b>-7.09</b>
FedBN-FedOPT	88.25	8.77	-79.49	64.70	65.50	0.81	87.87	42.72	-45.15
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	88.14	80.25	-7.88	68.65	70.56	1.91	87.54	77.07	-10.47
Ditto	<b>88.39</b>	2.20	-86.19	52.03	46.79	-5.24	<b>87.27</b>	2.84	-84.43
Ditto-FT	85.72	56.96	-28.76	56.49	65.50	9.01	87.47	35.03	-52.44
<b>Ditto-FedBN</b>	<b>88.94</b>	2.20	-86.74	56.03	46.79	-9.24	<u>88.18</u>	2.84	-85.34
Ditto-FedBN-FT	86.53	58.96	-27.57	53.15	66.49	13.34	87.83	28.52	-59.30
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	88.73	2.20	-86.54	57.67	46.79	-10.88	87.81	2.84	-84.97
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	87.02	55.22	-31.80	52.89	66.49	13.60	87.60	18.18	-69.42
FedEM	84.35	<b>82.81</b>	<b>-1.54</b>	<u>75.78</u>	67.67	-8.11	85.64	71.12	<b>-14.52</b>
FedEM-FT	86.17	<u>85.01</u>	<b>-1.16</b>	64.86	81.63	<b>16.77</b>	85.88	78.08	-7.80
FedEM-FedBN	84.37	12.88	-71.49	75.43	62.81	-12.62	88.12	48.64	-39.48
FedEM-FedBN-FT	88.29	83.96	-4.33	64.96	81.04	<b>16.08</b>	86.38	72.02	-14.35
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	82.12	6.64	-75.48	72.25	64.69	-7.56	87.56	42.37	-45.19
<b>FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT</b>	87.54	<b>85.76</b>	-1.79	62.26	73.87	11.61	87.49	72.39	-15.09



# PFL Benchmark – Generalization

## Metric

$\overline{Acc}$  : average weighted by local data size

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : accuracy of un-participated clients

$\Delta$  : participation generalization gap

## Huge potential in

- PFL combination
- **inter-client generalization**

Metric	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$			SST-2			PUBMED		
	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$
Global-Train	52.48	-	-	<b>80.57</b>	-	-	87.01	-	-
Isolated	68.74	-	-	60.82	-	-	85.56	-	-
FedAvg	83.97	81.97	-2.00	74.88	<b>80.24</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>87.27</b>	<b>72.63</b>	<b>-14.64</b>
FedAvg-FT	86.44	84.94	-1.50	74.14	<b>83.28</b>	9.13	87.21	<u>79.78</u>	<u>-7.43</u>
pFedMe	<b>87.50</b>	<b>82.76</b>	-4.73	71.27	69.34	-1.92	86.91	<b>71.64</b>	-15.27
pFedMe-FT	88.19	82.46	-5.73	75.61	<b>66.48</b>	<b>-9.13</b>	85.71	77.07	-8.64
FedBN	86.72	<b>7.86</b>	<b>-78.86</b>	74.88	<b>75.40</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>88.49</b>	<b>52.53</b>	<b>-35.95</b>
FedBN-FT	88.51	<u>82.87</u>	-5.64	68.81	<u>82.43</u>	<u>13.63</u>	87.45	<b>80.36</b>	<b>-7.09</b>
FedBN-FedOPT	88.25	8.77	-79.49	64.70	65.50	0.81	87.87	42.72	-45.15
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	88.14	80.25	-7.88	68.65	70.56	1.91	87.54	77.07	-10.47
Ditto	<b>88.39</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>-86.19</b>	52.03	<b>46.79</b>	<b>-5.24</b>	<b>87.27</b>	<b>2.84</b>	<b>-84.43</b>
Ditto-FT	85.72	56.96	-28.76	56.49	65.50	9.01	87.47	35.03	-52.44
Ditto-FedBN	<b>88.94</b>	2.20	-86.74	56.03	46.79	-9.24	<u>88.18</u>	2.84	-85.34
Ditto-FedBN-FT	86.53	58.96	-27.57	53.15	66.49	13.34	<u>87.83</u>	28.52	-59.30
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	<u>88.73</u>	2.20	-86.54	57.67	46.79	-10.88	87.81	2.84	-84.97
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	87.02	55.22	-31.80	52.89	66.49	13.60	87.60	18.18	-69.42
FedEM	84.35	<b>82.81</b>	<b>-1.54</b>	<b>75.78</b>	<b>67.67</b>	<b>-8.11</b>	85.64	71.12	<b>-14.52</b>
FedEM-FT	86.17	<u>85.01</u>	<b>-1.16</b>	64.86	81.63	<b>16.77</b>	85.88	78.08	-7.80
FedEM-FedBN	84.37	<b>12.88</b>	<b>-71.49</b>	75.43	62.81	-12.62	88.12	48.64	-39.48
FedEM-FedBN-FT	88.29	83.96	-4.33	64.96	81.04	<b>16.08</b>	86.38	72.02	-14.35
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	82.12	6.64	-75.48	72.25	64.69	-7.56	87.56	42.37	-45.19
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.54	<b>85.76</b>	-1.79	62.26	73.87	11.61	87.49	72.39	-15.09

# PFL Benchmark – Generalization

## Metric

$\overline{Acc}$  : average weighted  
by local data size

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : accuracy of un-  
participated clients

$\Delta$  : participation  
generalization gap

## Huge potential in

- PFL combination
- inter-client generalization
- **text/graph datasets**

Metric	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$			SST-2			PUBMED		
	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\widetilde{Acc}$	$\Delta$
Global-Train	52.48	-	-	<b>80.57</b>	-	-	87.01	-	-
Isolated	68.74	-	-	60.82	-	-	85.56	-	-
FedAvg	83.97	81.97	-2.00	74.88	<b>80.24</b>	<b>5.36</b>	<b>87.27</b>	<b>72.63</b>	<b>-14.64</b>
FedAvg-FT	86.44	84.94	-1.50	74.14	<b>83.28</b>	9.13	<b>87.21</b>	<b>79.78</b>	<b>-7.43</b>
pFedMe	<b>87.50</b>	<b>82.76</b>	-4.73	71.27	69.34	-1.92	86.91	<b>71.64</b>	-15.27
pFedMe-FT	88.19	82.46	-5.73	75.61	66.48	-9.13	85.71	77.07	-8.64
FedBN	86.72	7.86	-78.86	74.88	<b>75.40</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>88.49</b>	52.53	-35.95
FedBN-FT	88.51	82.87	-5.64	68.81	<b>82.43</b>	<b>13.63</b>	87.45	<b>80.36</b>	<b>-7.09</b>
FedBN-FedOPT	88.25	8.77	-79.49	64.70	65.50	0.81	87.87	42.72	-45.15
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	88.14	80.25	-7.88	68.65	70.56	1.91	87.54	77.07	-10.47
Ditto	<b>88.39</b>	2.20	-86.19	52.03	46.79	-5.24	<b>87.27</b>	2.84	-84.43
Ditto-FT	85.72	56.96	-28.76	56.49	65.50	9.01	87.47	35.03	-52.44
Ditto-FedBN	<b>88.94</b>	2.20	-86.74	56.03	46.79	-9.24	<b>88.18</b>	2.84	-85.34
Ditto-FedBN-FT	86.53	58.96	-27.57	53.15	66.49	13.34	<b>87.83</b>	28.52	-59.30
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	<b>88.73</b>	2.20	-86.54	57.67	46.79	-10.88	87.81	2.84	-84.97
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	87.02	55.22	-31.80	52.89	66.49	13.60	87.60	18.18	-69.42
FedEM	84.35	<b>82.81</b>	<b>-1.54</b>	<b>75.78</b>	67.67	-8.11	85.64	71.12	<b>-14.52</b>
FedEM-FT	86.17	<b>85.01</b>	<b>-1.16</b>	64.86	81.63	<b>16.77</b>	85.88	78.08	-7.80
FedEM-FedBN	84.37	12.88	-71.49	75.43	62.81	-12.62	88.12	48.64	-39.48
FedEM-FedBN-FT	88.29	83.96	-4.33	64.96	81.04	<b>16.08</b>	86.38	72.02	-14.35
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	82.12	6.64	-75.48	72.25	64.69	-7.56	87.56	42.37	-45.19
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.54	<b>85.76</b>	-1.79	62.26	73.87	11.61	87.49	72.39	-15.09

# PFL Benchmark – Fairness

Metric

$\overline{Acc}'$  : equally-weighted average

$\sigma$  : std of client-wise accuracy

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : bottom (90-th) accuracy over all clients

- **Bold & underlined**: best & second-best results among all methods
- **Red & blue**: best & second-best results for original methods w/o plug-ins “-”

	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$		
	$\overline{Acc}'$	$\sigma$	$\widetilde{Acc}$
Isolated	67.08	10.76	53.16
FedAvg	82.40	9.91	69.11
FedAvg-FT	85.17	8.69	72.34
pFedMe	<b>86.50</b>	8.52	<b>75.00</b>
pFedMe-FT	87.06	8.02	75.00
FedBN	85.38	<b>8.19</b>	74.26
FedBN-FT	<u>87.65</u>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>80.02</b>
FedBN-FedOPT	87.27	7.34	76.87
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.13	7.36	<u>78.27</u>
Ditto	<b>87.18</b>	<b>7.52</b>	<b>78.23</b>
Ditto-FT	84.30	8.16	73.95
Ditto-FedBN	<b>87.82</b>	<u>7.19</u>	77.78
Ditto-FedBN-FT	85.16	7.98	75.25
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	87.64	7.08	78.23
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	85.71	7.91	75.81
FedEM	82.61	9.57	69.29
FedEM-FT	84.91	8.39	73.64
FedEM-FedBN	82.94	9.35	70.43
FedEM-FedBN-FT	87.09	9.24	76.36
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	80.48	11.02	64.84
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT	86.23	8.33	75.44

# PFL Benchmark – Fairness

## Metric

$\overline{Acc}'$  : equally-weighted average

$\sigma$  : std of client-wise accuracy

$\overline{Acc}$  : bottom (90-th) accuracy over all clients

- Bias in existing evaluation
- Good bottom acc with PFL

Metric	FEMNIST, $s = 0.2$			SST-2			PUBMED		
	$\overline{Acc}'$	$\sigma$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\overline{Acc}'$	$\sigma$	$\overline{Acc}$	$\overline{Acc}'$	$\sigma$	$\overline{Acc}$
Isolated	67.08	10.76	53.16	59.40	41.29	0.00	84.67	6.26	74.63
FedAvg	82.40	9.91	69.11	<u>76.30</u>	<u>22.02</u>	<u>44.85</u>	86.72	<u>3.93</u>	79.76
FedAvg-FT	85.17	8.69	72.34	75.36	27.67	31.08	86.71	3.86	80.57
pFedMe	<u>86.50</u>	8.52	<u>75.00</u>	65.08	26.59	27.75	86.35	4.43	78.76
pFedMe-FT	87.06	8.02	75.00	74.36	27.02	32.49	85.47	<b>3.06</b>	80.95
FedBN	85.38	<u>8.19</u>	74.26	<u>76.30</u>	<u>22.02</u>	<u>44.85</u>	<u>87.97</u>	<u>3.42</u>	<u>81.77</u>
FedBN-FT	<u>87.65</u>	<b>6.33</b>	<b>80.02</b>	68.50	26.83	29.17	87.02	3.47	80.13
FedBN-FedOPT	87.27	7.34	76.87	65.59	31.07	22.22	87.43	4.64	80.81
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.13	7.36	<u>78.27</u>	68.42	28.18	30.71	87.02	3.94	81.78
Ditto	<u>87.18</u>	<u>7.52</u>	<u>78.23</u>	49.94	40.81	0.00	<u>86.85</u>	3.98	<u>80.44</u>
Ditto-FT	84.30	8.16	73.95	54.34	39.26	0.00	87.10	3.52	80.46
Ditto-FedBN	<b>87.82</b>	<u>7.19</u>	77.78	49.44	41.80	0.00	<u>87.75</u>	3.70	81.82
Ditto-FedBN-FT	85.16	7.98	75.25	52.18	39.85	0.00	87.43	3.77	81.15
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	87.64	7.08	78.23	55.61	40.43	1.39	87.27	3.90	79.14
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	85.71	7.91	75.81	53.16	34.75	9.72	87.10	3.79	80.93
FedEM	82.61	9.57	69.29	<u>76.53</u>	<u>23.34</u>	<u>44.44</u>	85.05	4.44	78.51
FedEM-FT	84.91	8.39	73.64	64.29	32.84	12.96	85.54	4.48	79.39
FedEM-FedBN	82.94	9.35	70.43	75.06	<b>18.48</b>	<b>53.33</b>	87.63	4.14	<b>82.54</b>
FedEM-FedBN-FT	87.09	9.24	76.36	64.33	35.72	8.59	85.68	4.33	79.44
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT	80.48	11.02	64.84	72.66	27.18	34.17	87.11	4.24	80.32
FedEM-FedBN-FedOPT-FT	86.23	8.33	75.44	58.42	31.21	17.93	87.16	3.66	<u>82.20</u>



# PFL Benchmark – Fairness

## Metric

$\overline{Acc}'$  : equally-weighted average

$\sigma$  : std of client-wise accuracy

$\widetilde{Acc}$  : bottom (90-th) accuracy over all clients

- Huge potential in domain-specific fairness study

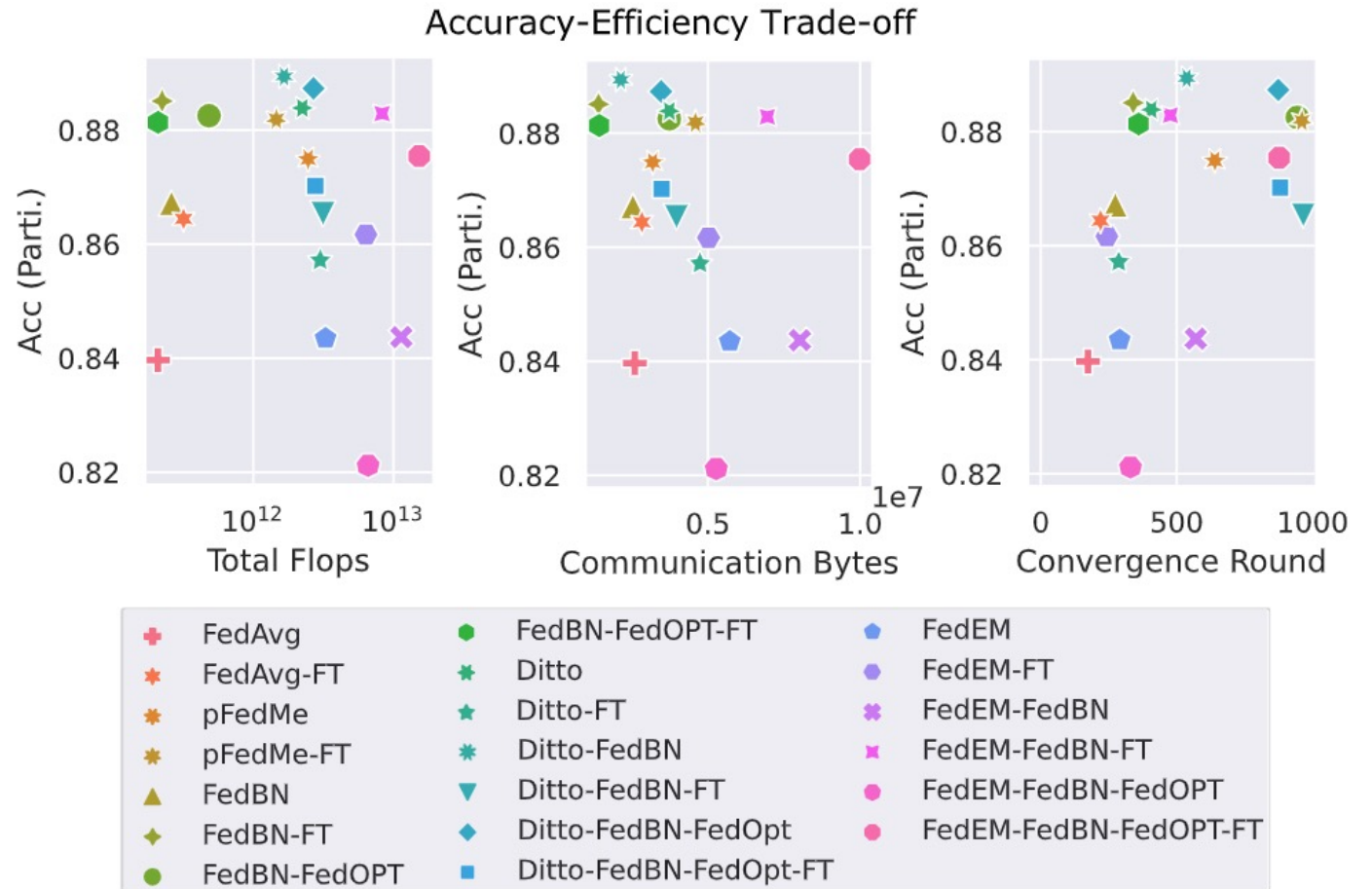
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Isolated	67.08	10.76	53.16	59.40	41.29	0.00	84.67	6.26	74.63
FedAvg	82.40	9.91	69.11	76.30	22.02	44.85	86.72	3.93	79.76
FedAvg-FT	85.17	8.69	72.34	75.36	27.67	31.08	86.71	3.86	80.57
pFedMe	86.50	8.52	75.00	65.08	26.59	27.75	86.35	4.43	78.76
pFedMe-FT	87.06	8.02	75.00	74.36	27.02	32.49	85.47	3.06	80.95
FedBN	85.38	8.19	74.26	76.30	22.02	44.85	87.97	3.42	81.77
FedBN-FT	87.65	6.33	80.02	68.50	26.83	29.17	87.02	3.47	80.13
FedBN-FedOPT	87.27	7.34	76.87	65.59	31.07	22.22	87.43	4.64	80.81
FedBN-FedOPT-FT	87.13	7.36	78.27	68.42	28.18	30.71	87.02	3.94	81.78
Ditto	87.18	7.52	78.23	49.94	40.81	0.00	86.85	3.98	80.44
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Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt	87.64	7.08	78.23	55.61	40.43	1.39	87.27	3.90	79.14
Ditto-FedBN-FedOpt-FT	85.71	7.91	75.81	53.16	34.75	9.72	87.10	3.79	80.93
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# PFL Benchmark – System Efficiency

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Total Flops  
Communication Bytes  
Convergence Round

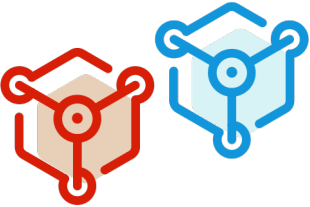



- PFL pays large additional costs
- FT & FedOpt improve the convergence speeds



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# Agenda of Tutorial

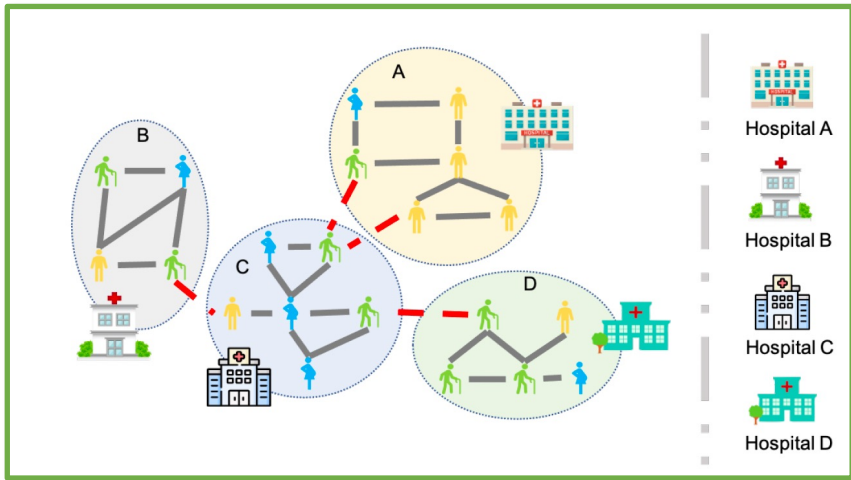
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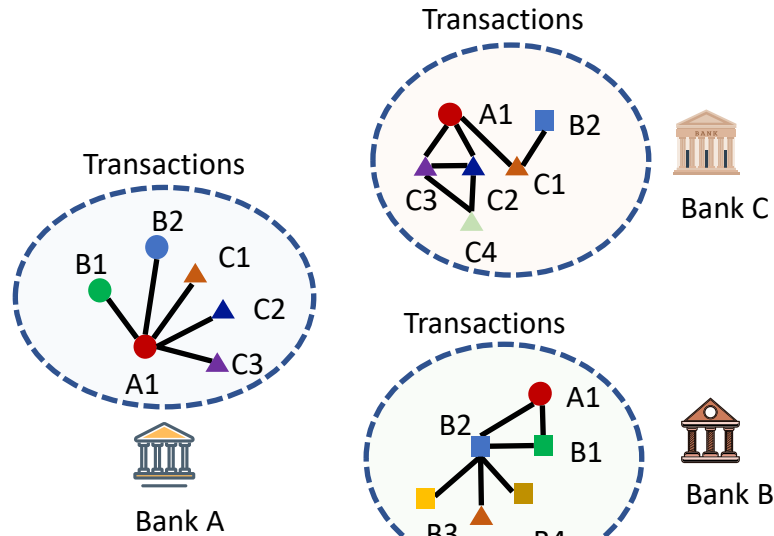
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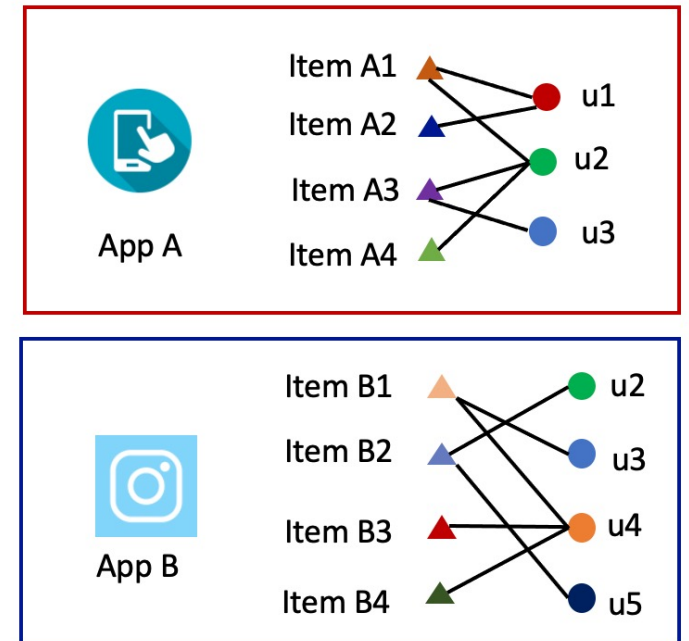
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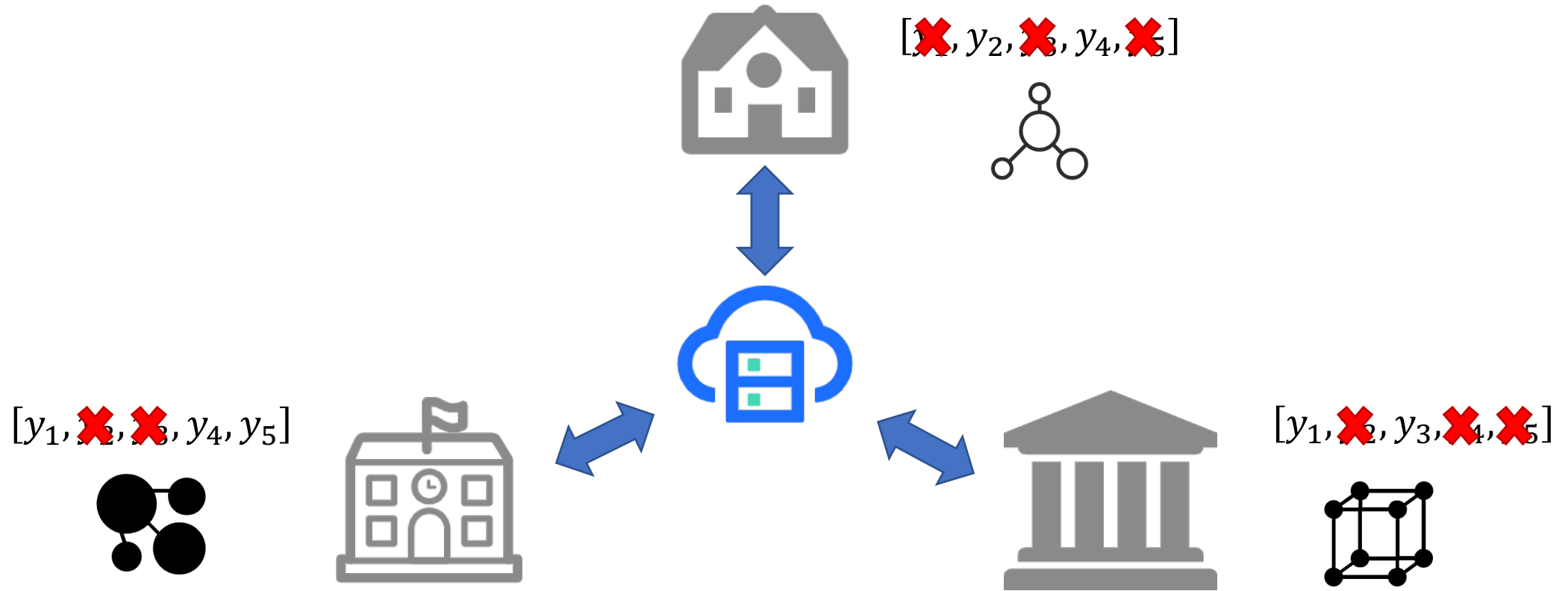
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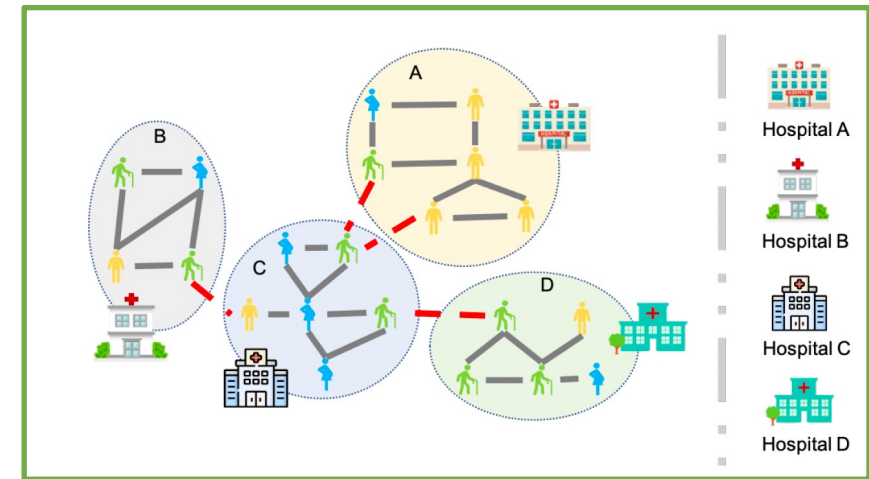
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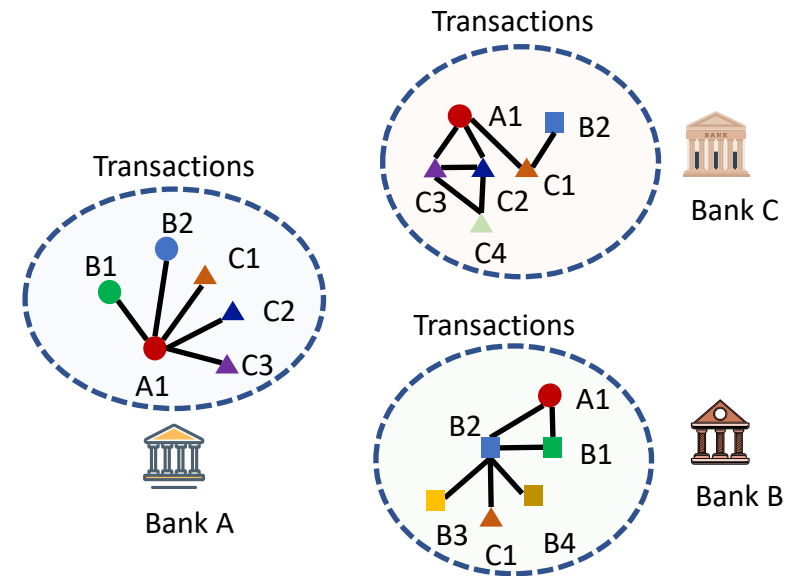
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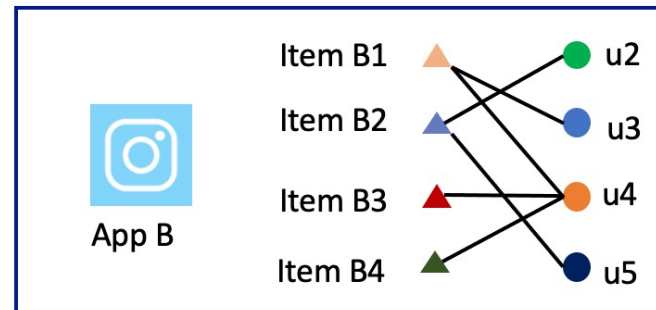
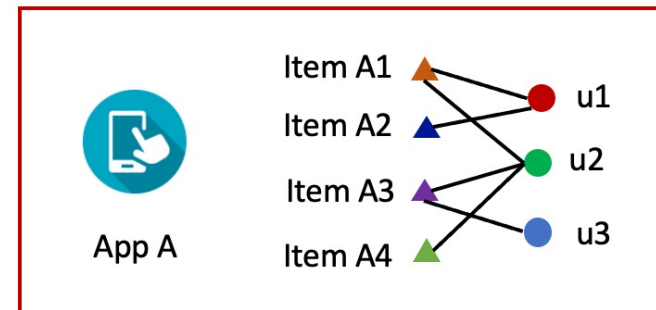


# FGL Scenario (3)

## □ Link prediction

- Each client holds a bipartite graph
- Clients have common node
- **Inter-subgraph edges are missing**

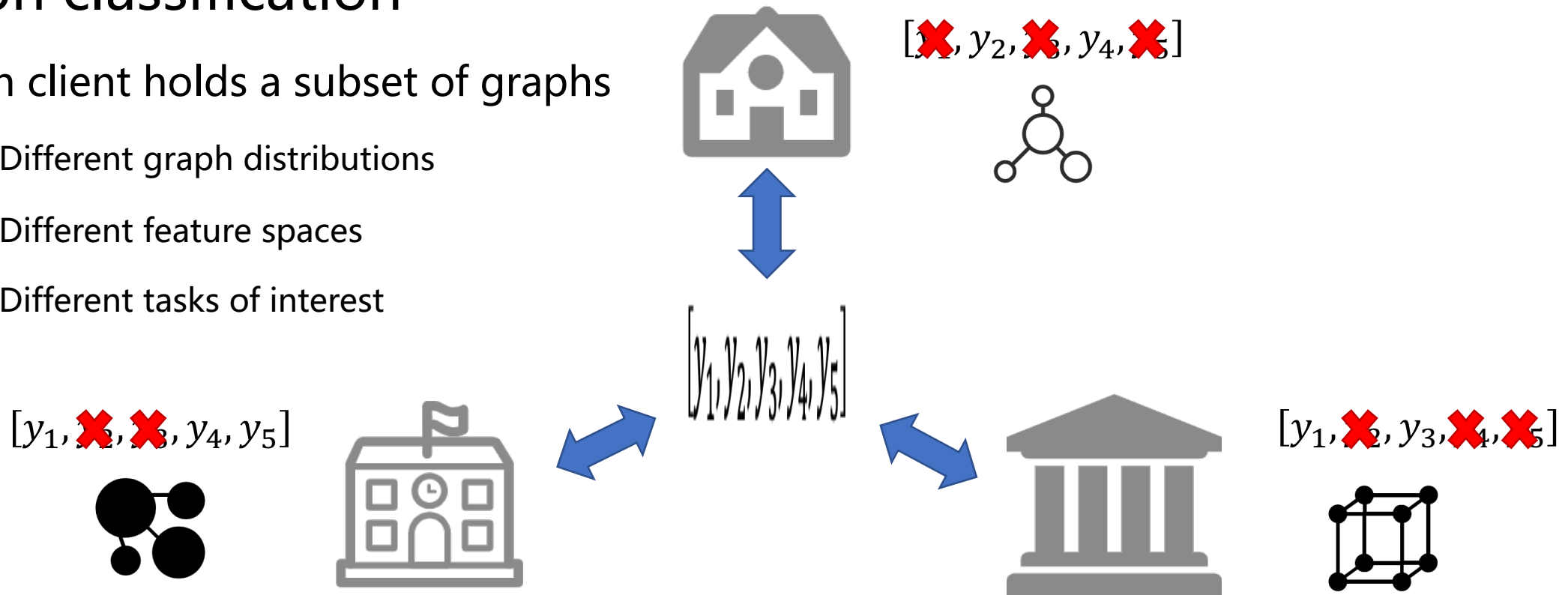
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# FGL Scenario (4)

## □ Graph classification

- Each client holds a subset of graphs
  - Different graph distributions
  - Different feature spaces
  - Different tasks of interest

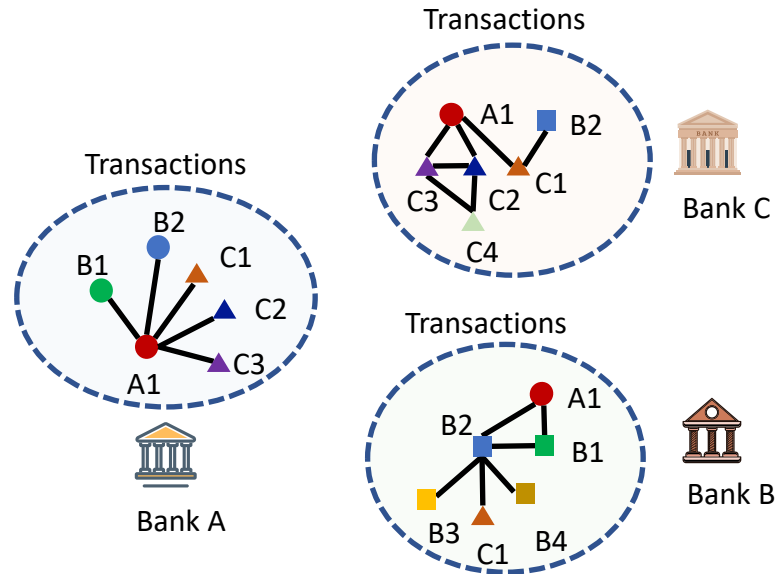


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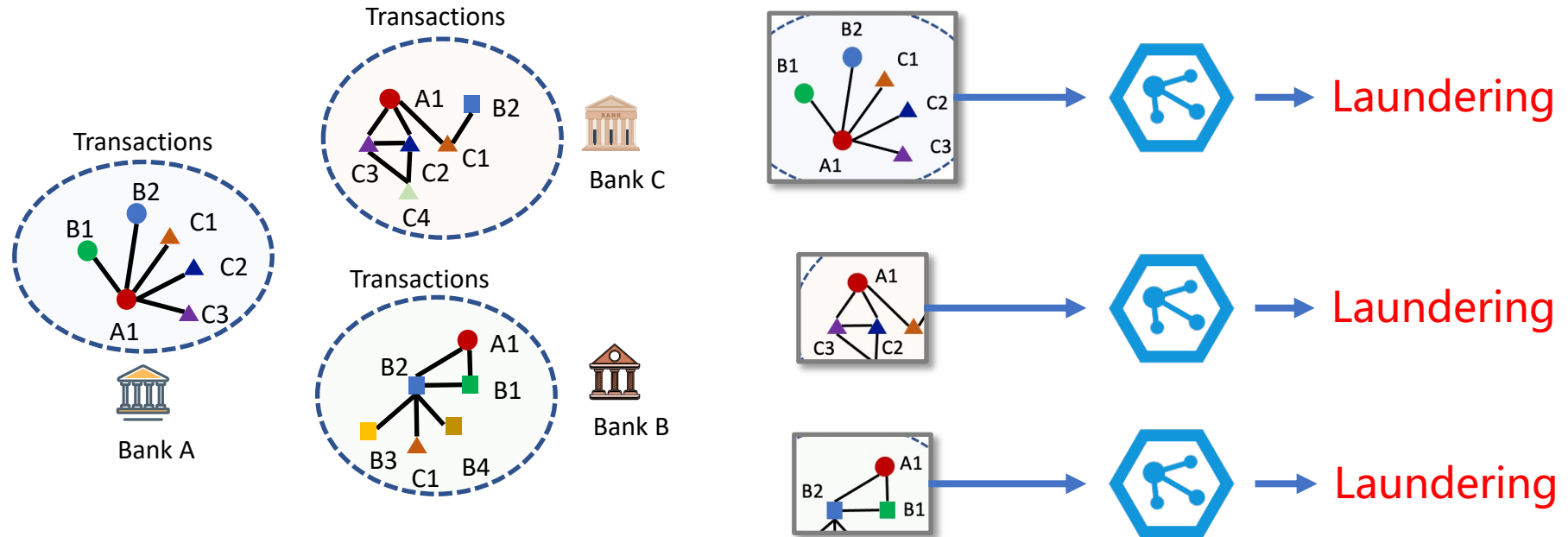
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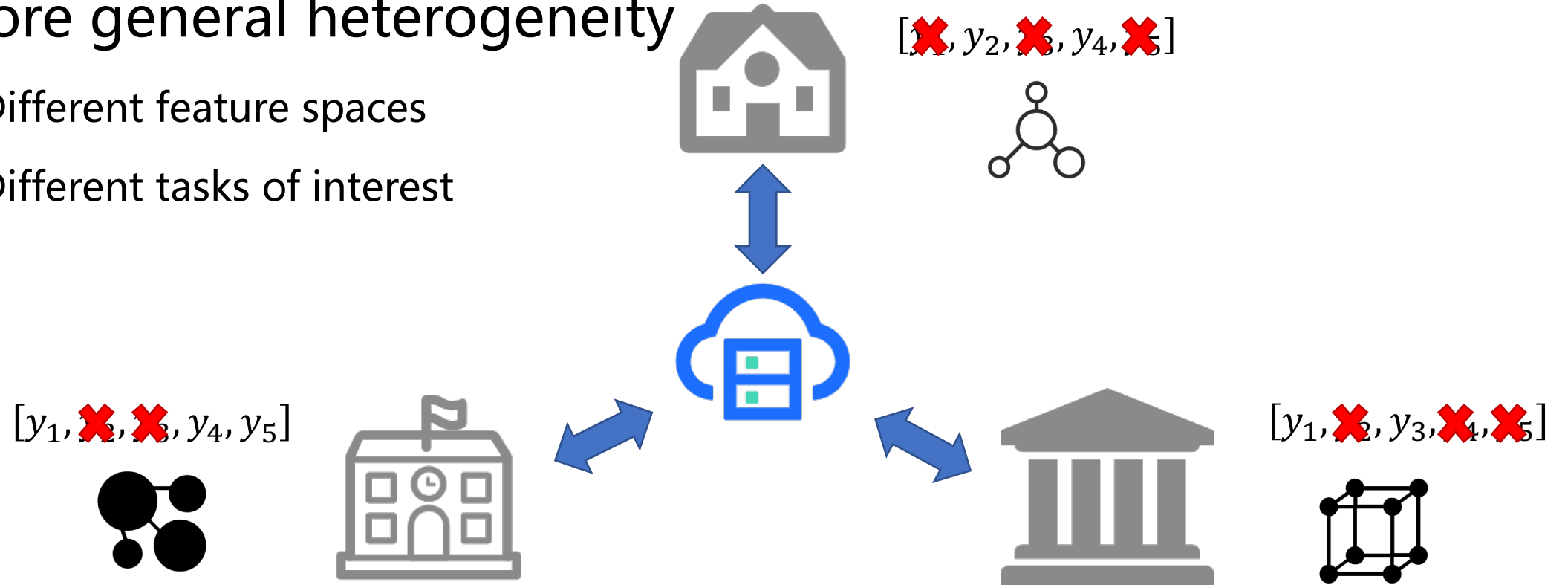


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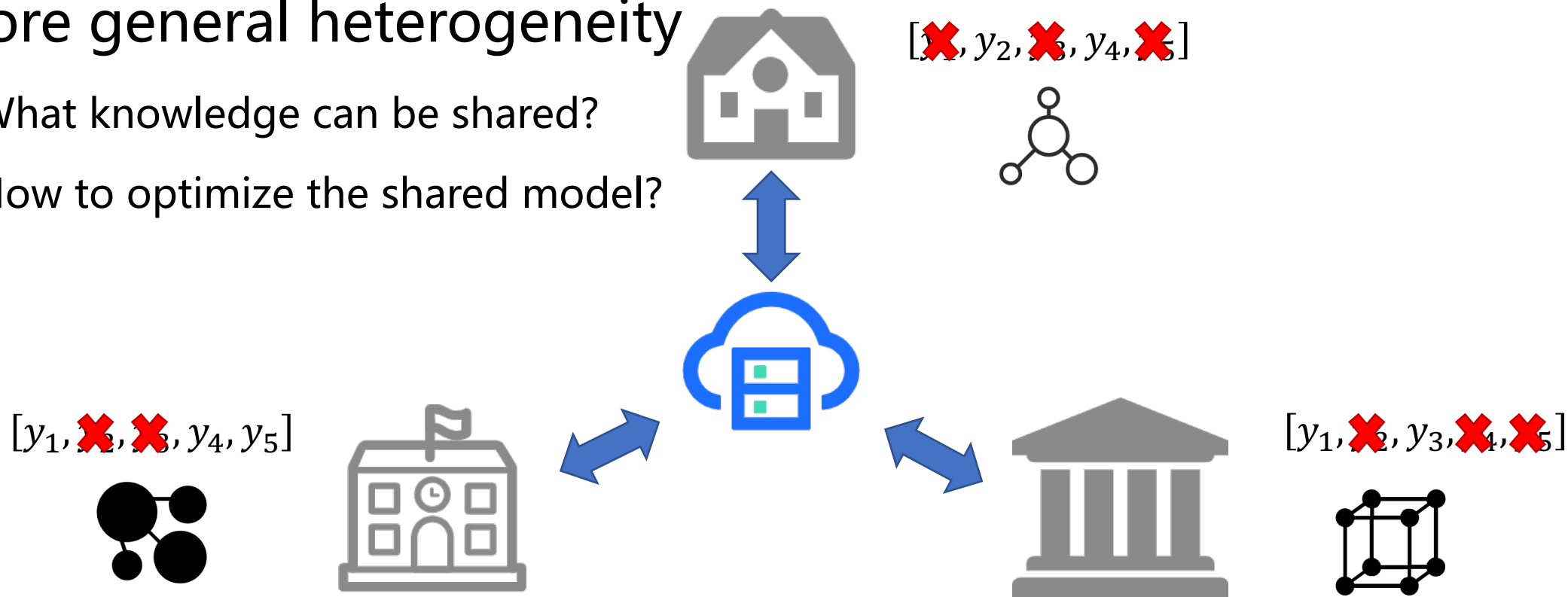


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# Challenges in FGL

## □ More general heterogeneity

- What knowledge can be shared?
- How to optimize the shared model?



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# Study FGL with FederatedScope-GNN (FS-G) [1]

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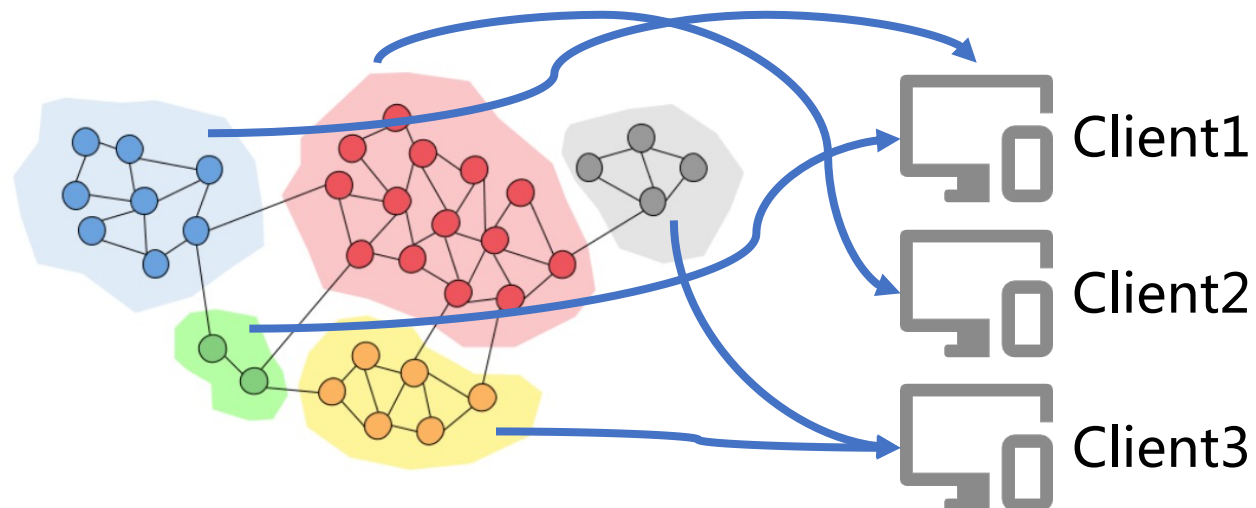
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# Creating FGL Datasets

## □ Community-based splitters

- Apply community detection algorithms to partition a graph into several clusters
  - E.g., Louvain [2] and METIS [3]
- Assign clusters to clients, optionally balancing their #node
  - Nodes in the same client are densely connected



[Image source](#): Community Detection Algorithms. In TDS.

# Creating FGL Datasets

## □ Randomness-based splitters

- The node set of original graph is randomly split into  $N$  subsets
- Subgraph of each client is deduced from its nodes

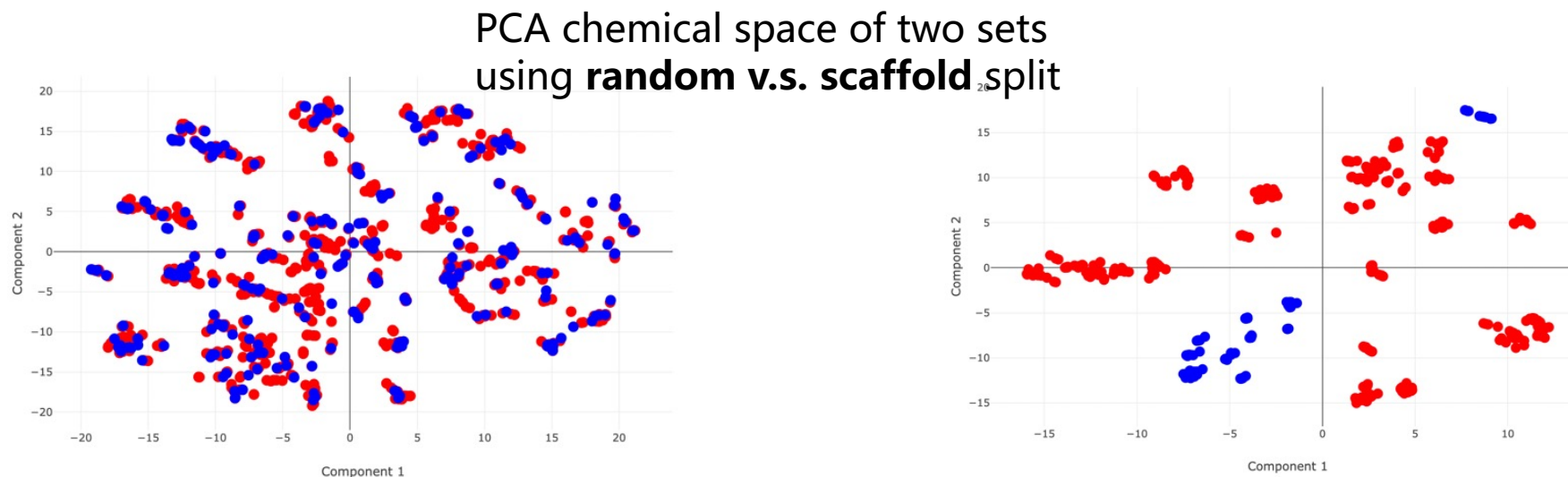
## □ Metadata-based splitters

- E.g., split a citation network by venue
- E.g., split a user-item interaction network by user

# Creating FGL Datasets

## □ Instance space-based splitters

- E.g., sort all molecular graphs by their scaffold, and then each client is assigned with a segment of the sorted list
- Useful for creating covariate shift



# Creating FGL Datasets

## □ Label space-based splitters

- E.g., in relation prediction task defined on a knowledge graph, triplets are split into clients by latent dirichlet allocation (LDA) [4]
- This creates label distribution skew

## □ Task-based splitters

- E.g., one client has molecules labeled with their toxicity, another client has molecules labeled with their excitation energy.
- This creates federated hetero-task learning [5, 6]



# Creating FGL Datasets

Task	Domain	Dataset	Splitter	# Graph	Avg. # Nodes	Avg. # Edges	# Class	Evaluation
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FS-G [1] provides off-the-shelf FGL datasets.

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```
federate:  
  client_num: 5  
data:  
  root: data/  
  type: cora # which standalone graph dataset to use  
  splitter: louvain # community detection-based  
  splitter_args: [{'delta': 20}]  
  batch_size: 1 # Full batch training
```

Example: construct a FGL node classification task with 5 clients from citation network Cora.

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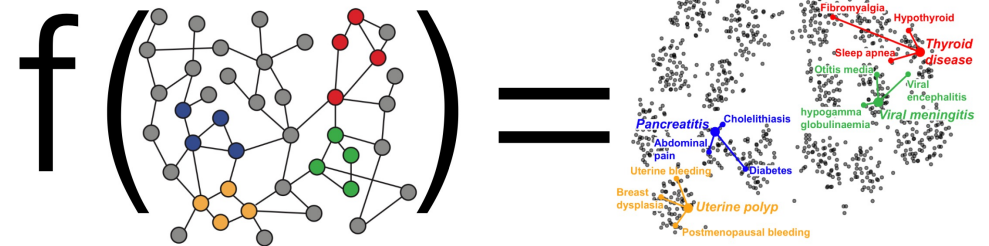
# Graph Neural Networks (GNN)

## □ Given a graph $G(V, E)$

- $V$  is the node set, and  $E = \{(i, j) | i, j \in V\}$  is the edge set
- Each node is associated with a  $k$ -dimensional feature vector; all node features are denoted by  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{|V| \times k}$
- Adjacency  $A$  has  $A_{ij} = 1$  if  $(i, j) \in E$ , otherwise  $A_{ij} = 0$

## □ What GNN does

- Generate node embeddings
- Encode both node features and graph structure

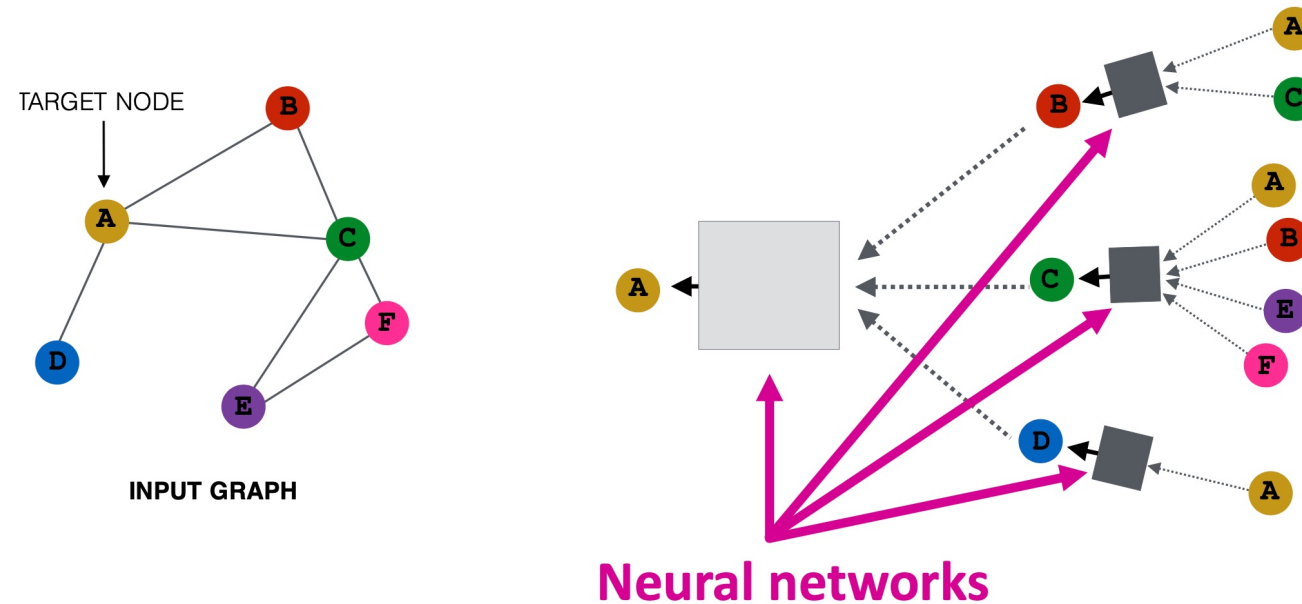


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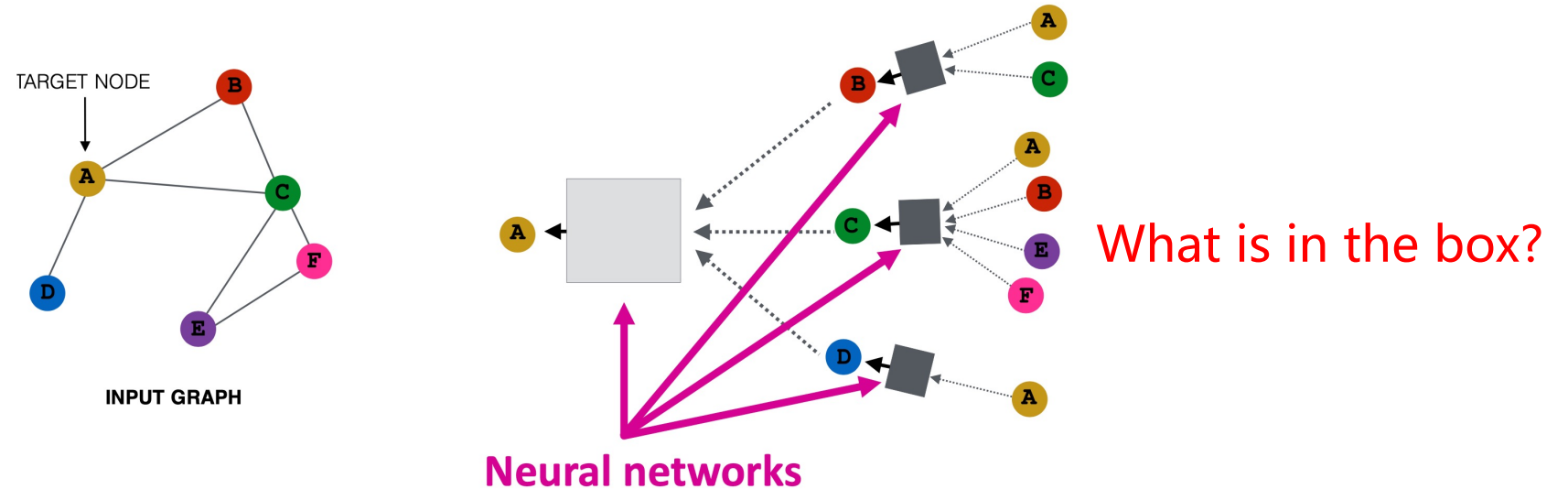
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## □ Key idea behind GNN

- Generate node embeddings by aggregating information from neighborhood
- Use neural networks to parameterize the aggregation procedure



# Graph Neural Networks (GNN)



□ General form 
$$h_i^{(l+1)} = \gamma^{(l)} \left( h_i^{(l)}, \text{agg}_{j \in N(i)} \phi^{(l)} \left( h_i^{(l)}, h_j^{(l)} \right) \right)$$

- Let  $h_i^{(l)}$  denote the embedding of node  $i$  at the  $l$ -th layer, where  $h_i^{(0)} = X_i$  is defined as the raw node feature
- $\gamma^{(l)}(\ )$  and  $\phi^{(l)}$  are neural networks (e.g., MLP) for feature mapping
- "agg" is an aggregation operator, e.g., elementwise mean/min/max

# ModelZoo of FederatedScope-GNN

## □ Out-of-the-box GNNs

- Implemented based on PyG
- GCN [7], GIN [8], GAT [9], GraphSage [10], GPRGNN [11], etc.
- Various readout choices, e.g., elementwise min/mean/max

```
model:  
  type: sage # to use GraphSage  
  hidden: 64 # dimension of node embeddings  
  dropout: 0.5  
  out_channels: 7  
  task: NodeClassification
```

Example: Apply GraphSage  
to node-level task.

```
model:  
  type: gcn # to use GCN  
  hidden: 64  
  out_channels: 2  
  task: GraphClassification  
  graph_pooling: mean # readout operator
```

Example: Apply GCN  
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# ModelZoo is Extendable

- Contribute and use novel GNN model

```
from federatedscope.register import register_model

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        super(MyNet, self).__init__()
        self.convs = ModuleList()
        for i in range(2):
            if i == 0:
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            elif (i + 1) == 2:
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            else:
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    def forward(self, data):
        x, edge_index = data.x, data.edge_index
        for i, conv in enumerate(self.convs):
            x = conv(x, edge_index)
            if (i + 1) == len(self.convs):
                break
            x = F.relu(x)
        return x

def load_my_net(model_config, data):
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                  model_config.out_channels)
    return model

def call_my_net(model_config, data):
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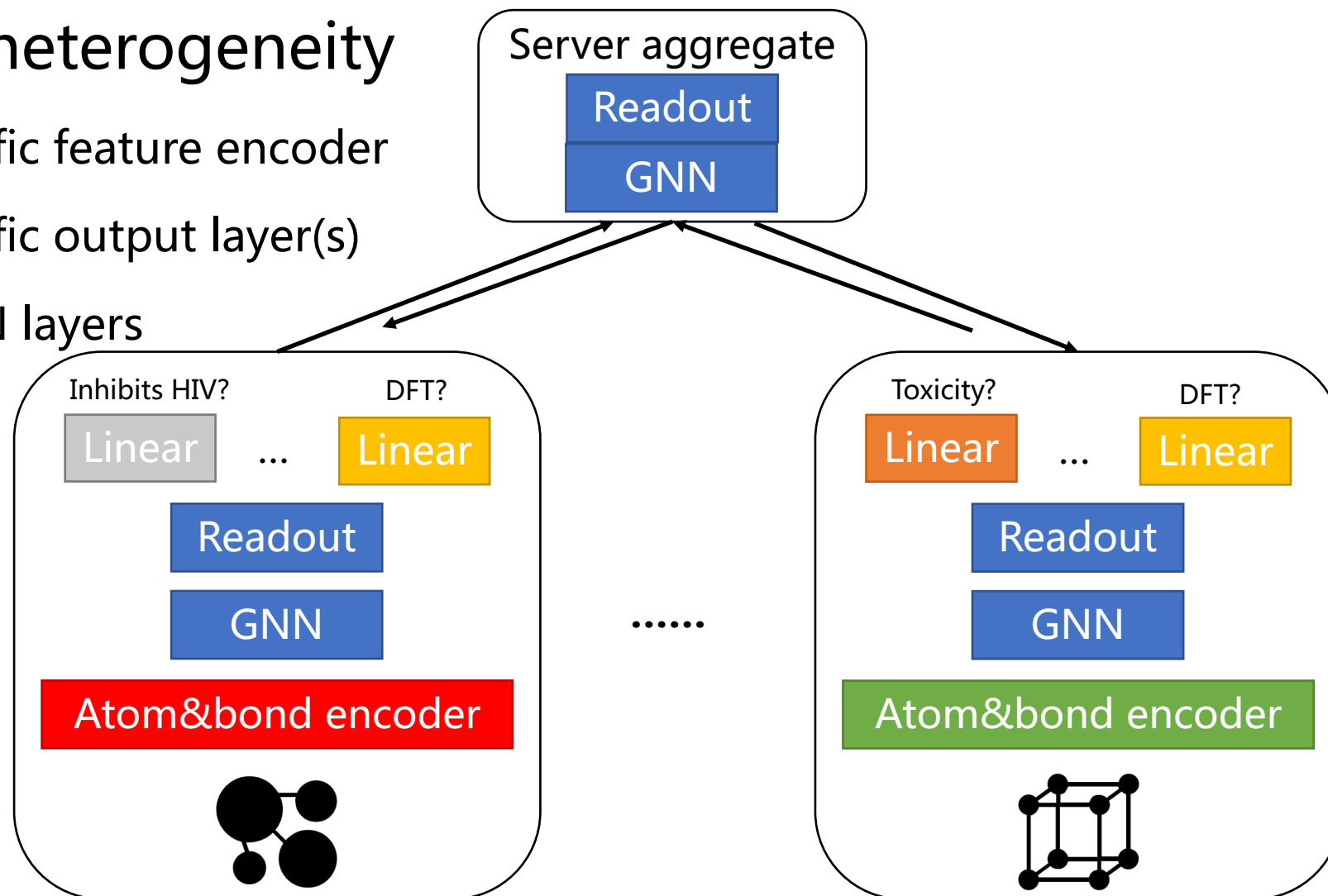
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```
# declare which model parameters should not be aggregated
personalization:
  local_param: ['encoder_atom', 'encoder', 'clf']
```

Then only the parameters of GNN layers would be exchanged and aggregated

```
# per_client.yaml
client_1:
  model:
    out_channels: 2
    task: graphClassification
  criterion:
    type: CrossEntropyLoss
  train:
    optimizer:
      lr: 0.1
  eval:
    metrics: ['acc']
client_2:
  model:
    out_channels: 1
    task: graphRegression
  criterion:
    type: MSELoss
  train:
    optimizer:
      lr: 0.01
  eval:
    metrics: ['mse']
...
```

Users can further specify client-wise configurations

# Capability of Handling Hetero-task

## □ Empirical study on Graph-DT [6]

- 16 clients, each has a graph dataset picked from TUDataset/MoleculeNet
- All are molecular graphs, but each dataset has specific atom attributes and tasks
- Clients share the MPNN layers but have client-specific atom encoders and output layers

	Overall (%)
FedAvg	1.69%
FedAvg+FT	2.13%
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Average improvement ratio  
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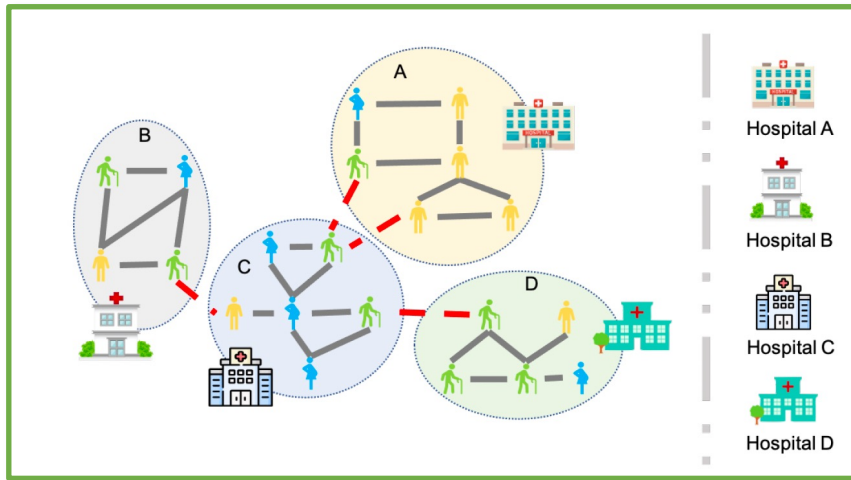
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## □ A representative FGL algorithm: FedSage+ [12]

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- Mainly focuses on this scenario:

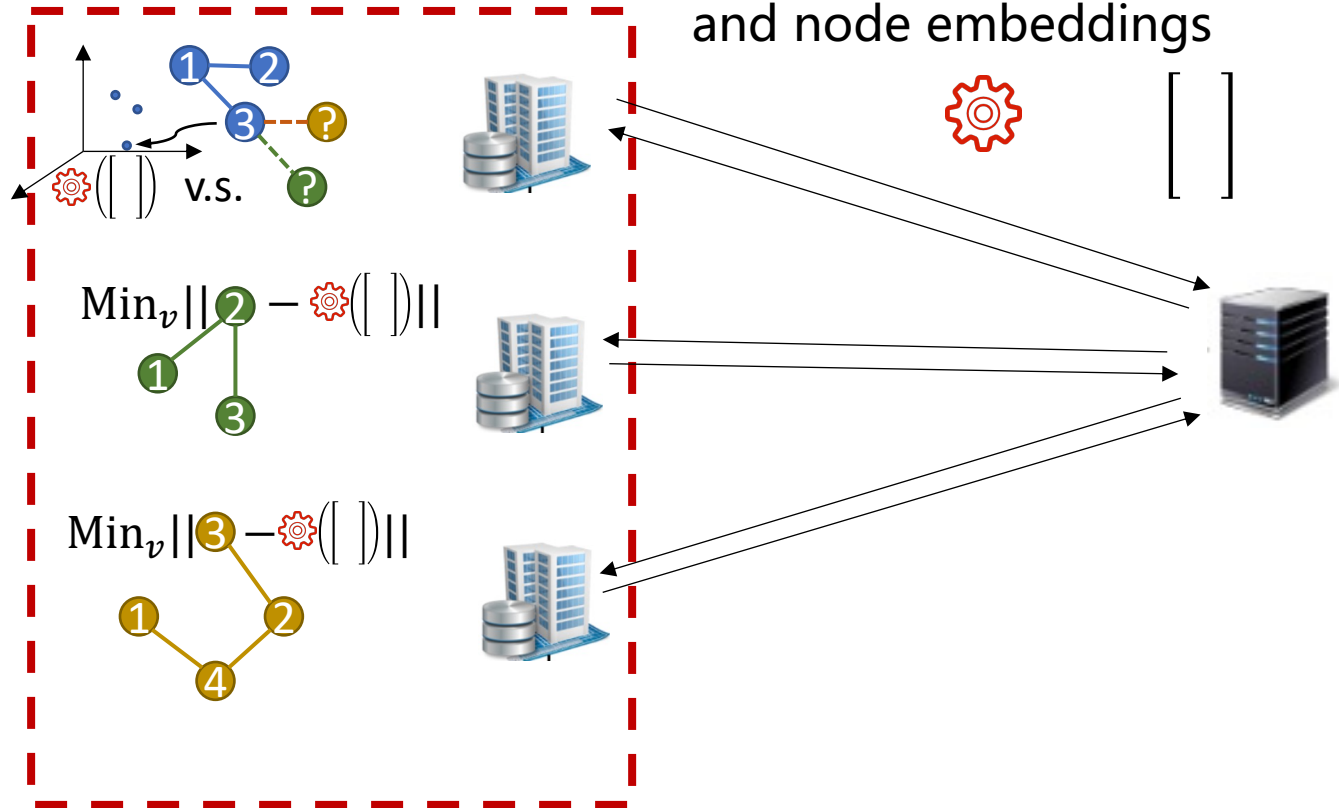


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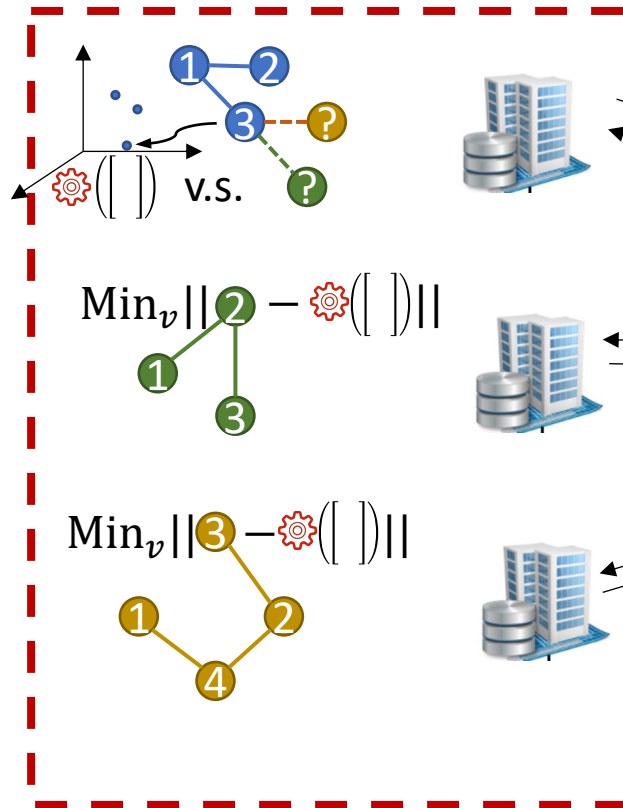
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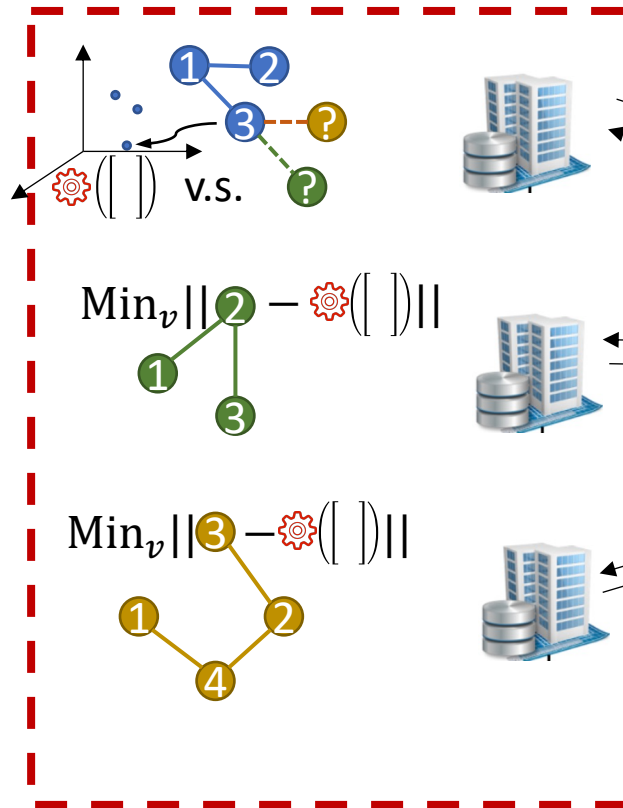
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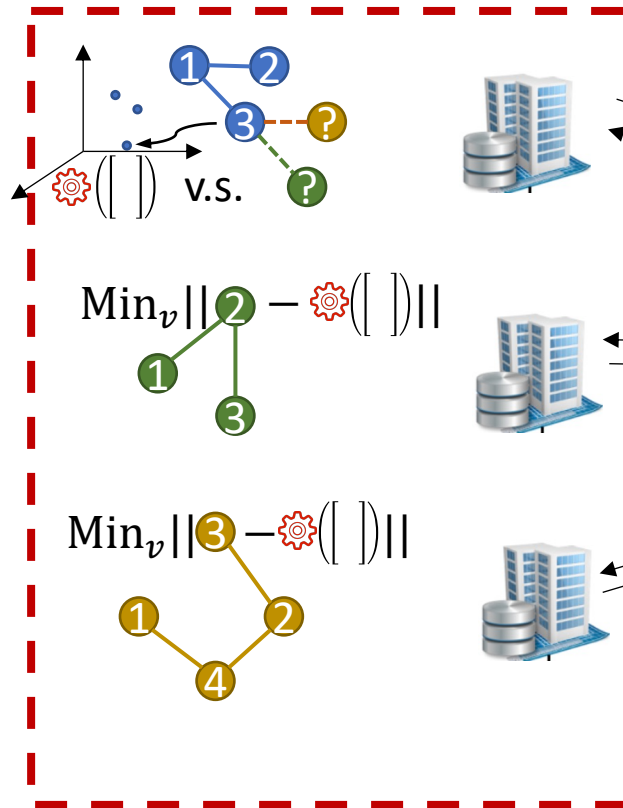


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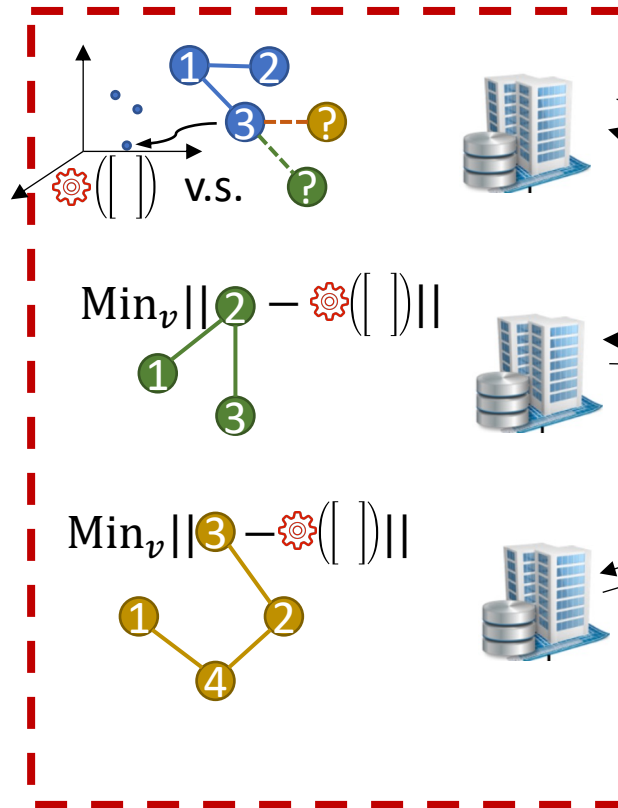
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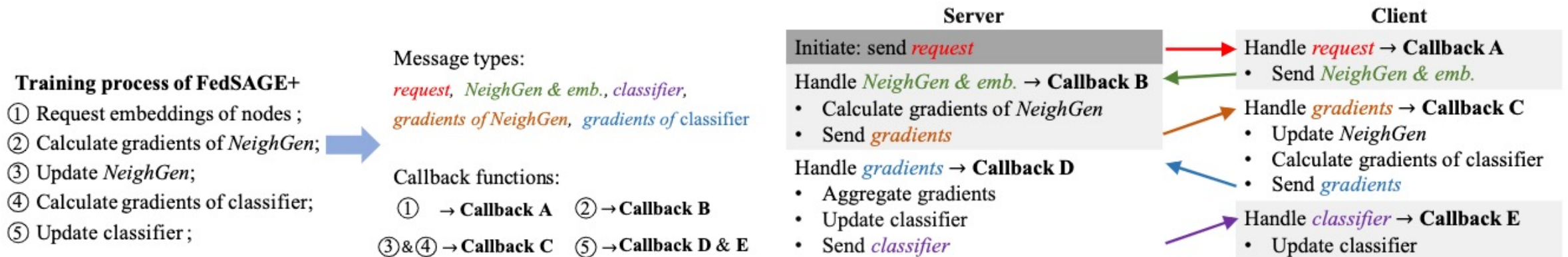
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FL participants exchange heterogeneous information and have rich behaviors!

# Implementing FGL Algorithms in FS-G

## □ Event-driven framework

- Define various messages regarding the exchanged information
- Frame the algorithmic procedure into multiple event handlers



How we implement FedSage+ in the AlgoZoo of FS-G.

# Empirical Study Using AlgoZoo of FS-G

## □ Compare FedSage+ with GraphSage

- Identical neural architecture, but
- GraphSage is federally learned by FedAvg without graph mending

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	random	community	random	community	random	community
GraphSAGE	85.42±1.80	87.19±1.28	76.86±1.38	77.80±1.03	86.45±0.43	86.87±0.53
FedSage+	85.07±1.20	87.68±1.55	78.04±0.91	77.98±1.23	88.19±0.32	87.94±0.27

Mean test accuracy  $\pm$  standard deviation

# Future Directions

## ❑ Subgraph completion

- How to borrow information from other subgraphs in a privacy-preserving manner?

## ❑ Self-supervised learning in the FL setting

- Non-IIDness issue is exacerbated in existing observations

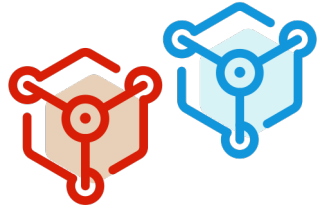



## ❑ Federated molecular property prediction

- Both molecules and their labels can be private

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# Agenda of Tutorial

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  - i.e., search space
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} Non-analytic, non-convex, non-smooth,  
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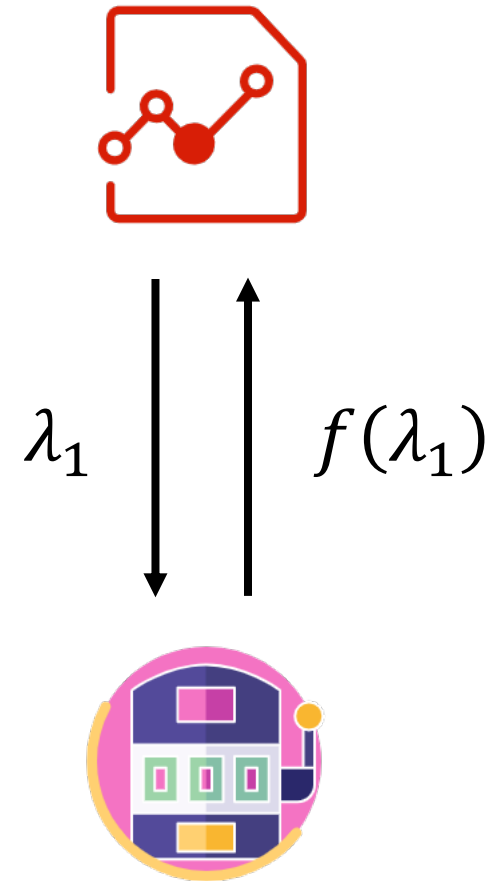
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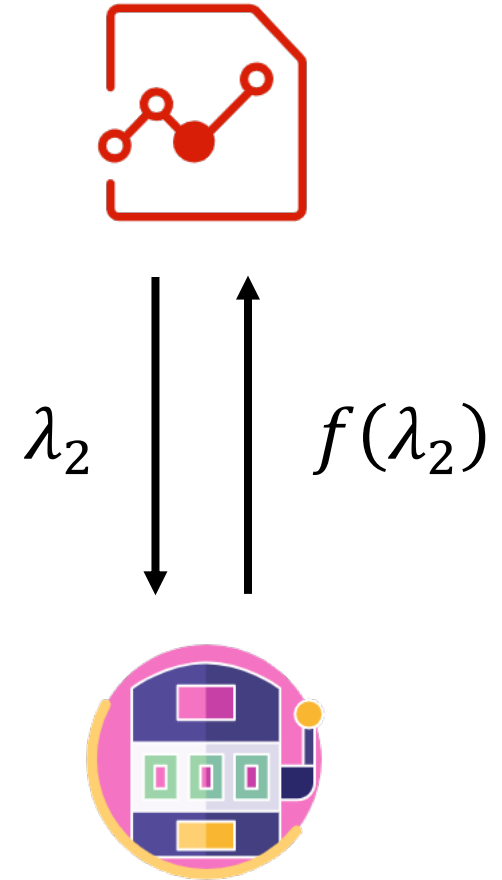
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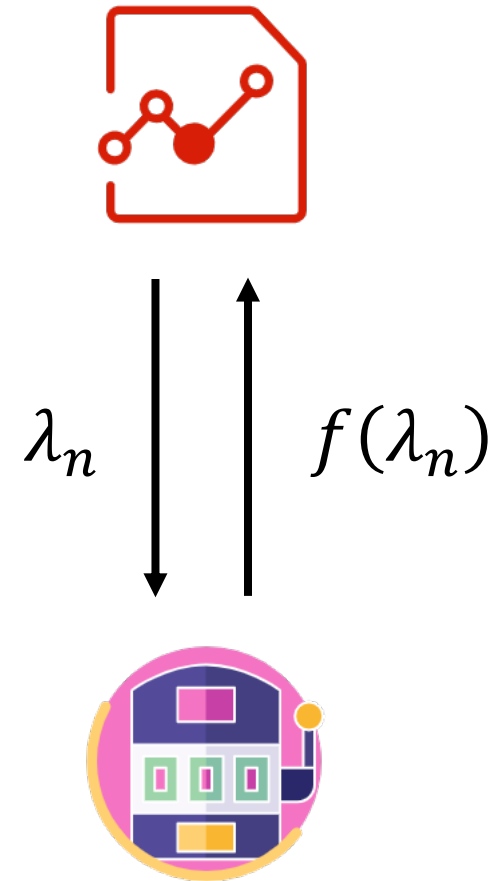
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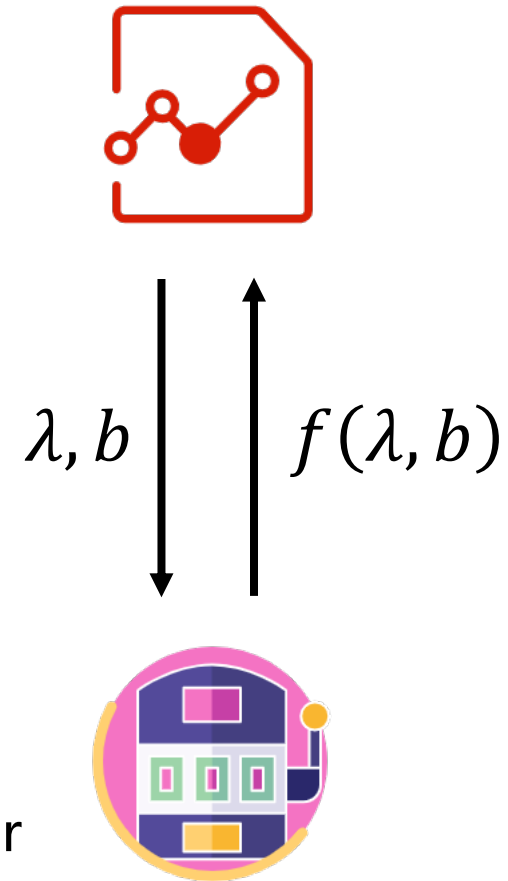
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# HPO: Multi-fidelity Strategy

- ❑ Exact function evaluation is unaffordable
- ❑ Low-fidelity function evaluation
  - E.g., training fewer epochs, on a subset, etc.
  - Balance precision and efficiency
- ❑ Function evaluation  $f(\lambda, b)$ 
  - Fidelity domain  $b \in B_1 \times \dots \times B_L$ 
    - e.g., #epoch  $\in B_1 = [50, 500]$
    - e.g., fraction of used training set  $\in B_2 = \{25\%, 50\%, 100\%\}$
  - Executing the algorithm with the given hyperparameter configuration  $\lambda$  and fidelity configuration  $b$

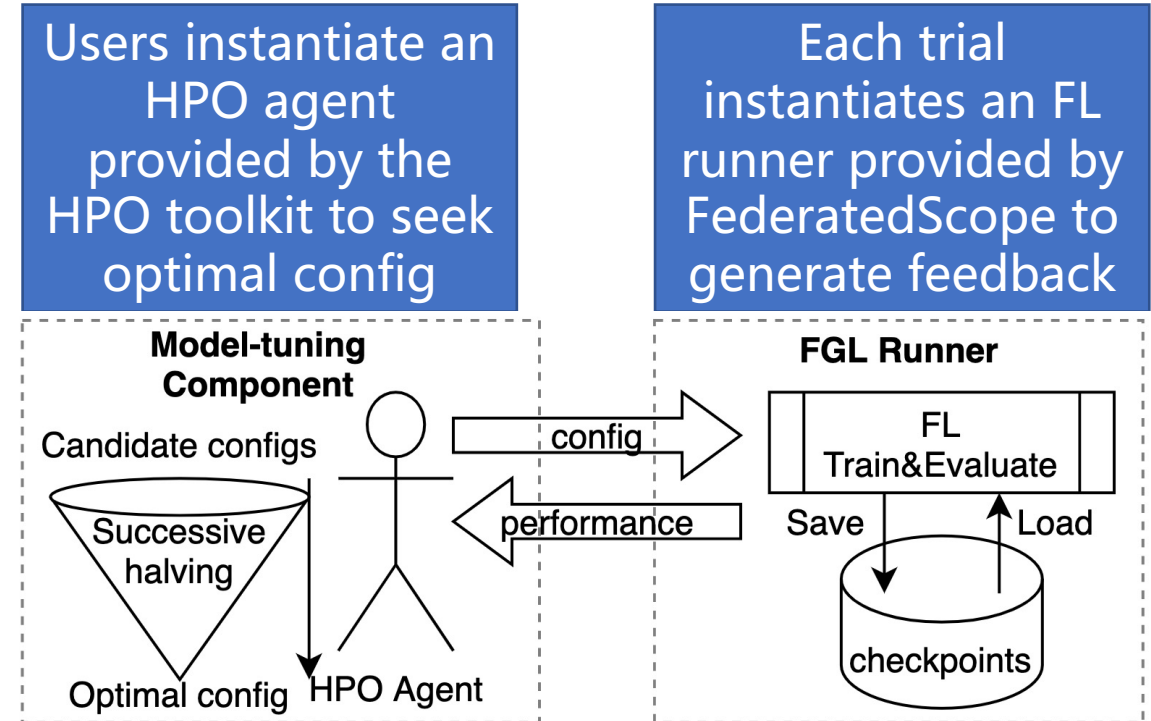
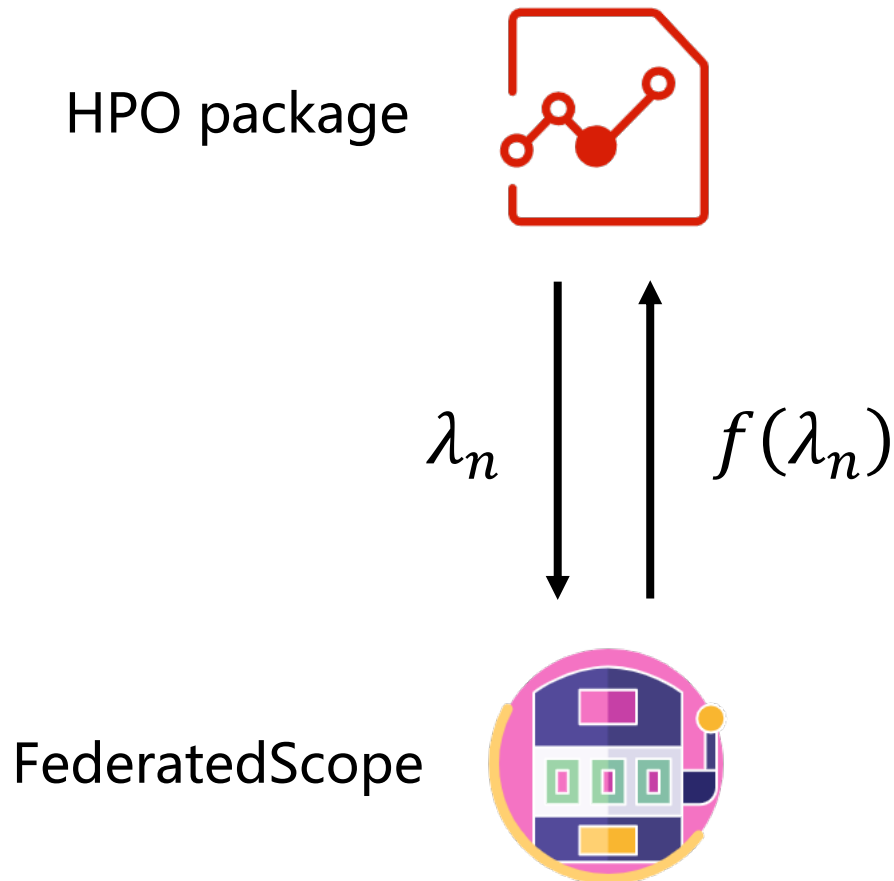


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# Encapsulation of FederatedScope



# Utilizing Emukit

```
def exec_fl_algo(x):
    init_cfg = global_cfg.clone()
    init_cfg["train.optimizer.lr"] = x

    data = get_data(config=init_cfg)
    runner = FedRunner(data=data,
                       server_class=get_server_cls(init_cfg),
                       client_class=get_client_cls(init_cfg),
                       config=init_cfg)
    results = runner.run()

    return [results['weighted_avg']['val_loss']]

def target_function(x):
    return np.asarray([exec_fl_algo(elem) for elem in x])

space = ParameterSpace([ContinuousParameter('lr', 1e-4, .75)])
X_init = np.array([[0.005], [0.05], [0.5]])
Y_init = target_function(X_init)
bo = GPBayesianOptimization(variables_list=space.parameters,
                            X=X_init,
                            Y=Y_init)
bo.run_optimization(target_function, 50)
```

Declare the target function, i.e.,  
executing the FL algorithm  
with a given learning rate

Declare search space

Apply Gaussian Process (GP) model [4]

# Utilizing SMAC

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    init_cfg["optimizer.weight_decay"] = x['wd']
    init_cfg["model.dropout"] = x['dropout']

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Declare the target function, i.e., executing the FL algorithm with a given learning rate, weight decay coefficient, dropout rate.

# Utilizing SMAC

```
searchspace = ConfigurationSpace()
searchspace.add_hyperparameter(
    UniformFloatHyperparameter("lr", lower=1e-4, upper=1.0,
log=True))
searchspace.add_hyperparameter(
    UniformFloatHyperparameter("dropout", lower=.0, upper=.5))
searchspace.add_hyperparameter(
    CategoricalHyperparameter("wd", choices=[0.0, 0.5]))

scenario = Scenario({
    "runcount-limit": 50,
    "cs": searchspace,
    'output_dir': "smac_rf",
})
smac = SMAC4HPO(scenario=scenario, tae_runner=exec_fl_algo)
best_found_config = smac.optimize()
```

Declare search space

Bayesian optimization  
with random forest  
model [5]

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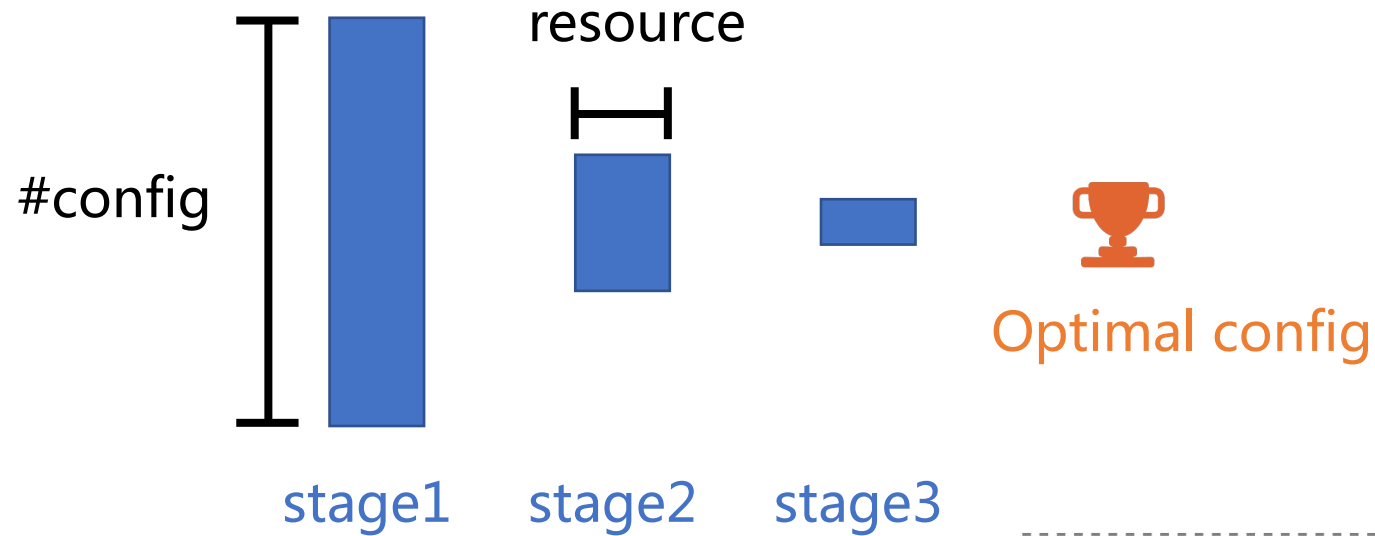
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# Successive Halving Algorithm for HPO

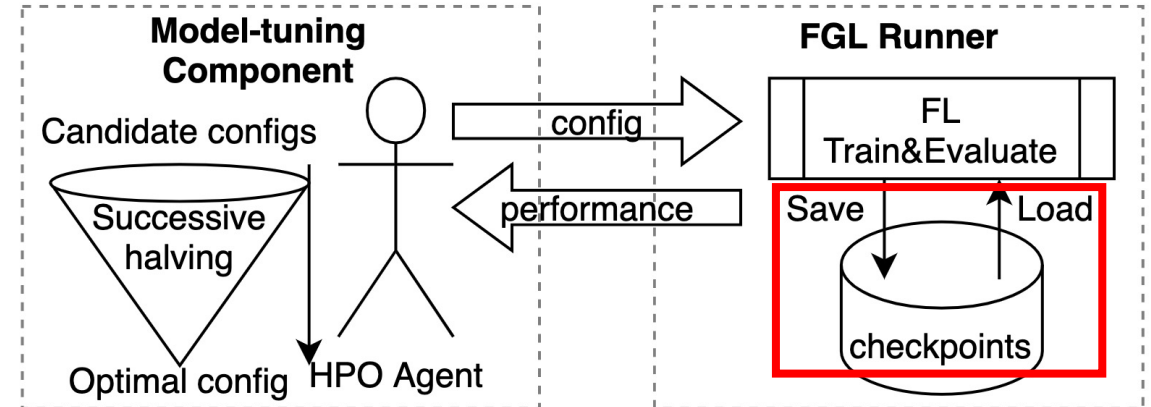
## □ Iterative procedure

- Initiate with  $n$  candidate configs
- In  $i$ -th stage, evaluate each config with  $r_i$  resource
- The best  $\frac{1}{\eta}$  candidate configs are promoted into the next stage
- Repeat these steps until only one config remaining

# Motivation of SHA



More promising configs are evaluated with more resources!



# Implementation in FederatedScope

```
class IterativeScheduler(ModelFreeBase):
    def _iteration(self, configs):
        perfs = self._evaluate(configs)
        return perfs

    def optimize(self):
        current_configs = deepcopy(self._init_configs)
        last_results = None
        while not self._stop_criterion(current_configs, last_results):
            current_perfs = self._iteration(current_configs)
            last_results = summarize_hpo_results(
                current_configs,
                current_perfs)
            self._stage += 1
            logger.info("Stage{}".format(self._stage))
            logger.info(last_results)
            current_configs = self._generate_next_population(
                current_configs, current_perfs)

        return current_configs
```

Evaluate all candidates  
of current stage

Update the candidates  
w.r.t. current evaluation  
results



# Implementation in FederatedScope

```
class SuccessiveHalvingAlgo(IterativeScheduler):  
    def _stop_criterion(self, configs, last_results):  
        return len(configs) <= 1  
  
    def _generate_next_population(self, configs, perfs):  
        next_population = topK(configs, perfs, len(configs)*self._eta)  
  
        for trial_cfg in next_population:  
            trial_cfg['federate.restore_from'] = trial_cfg['  
                federate.save_to']  
  
        return next_population
```

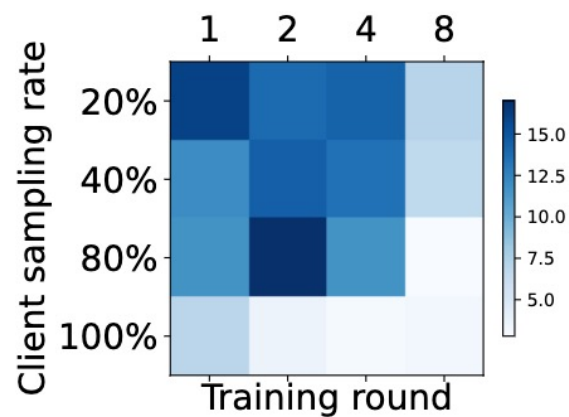
In PBT [6], replace this by checking improvements of performances

Let the survived candidates start FL course from their corresponding latest checkpoints

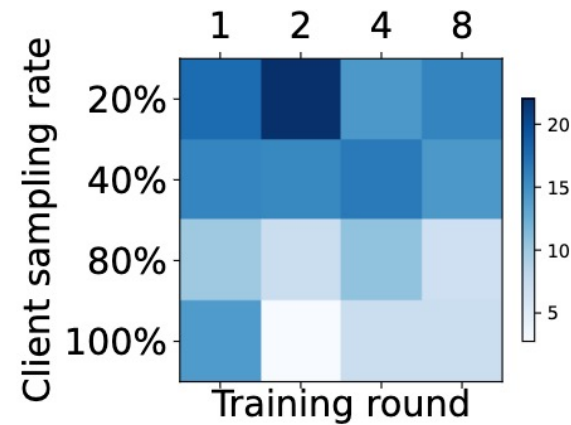
# Choice of Fidelity Dimension in SHA

## □ Training rounds v.s. Client sampling rate

- Train GNN by FedAvg on PubMed
- Apply SHA to optimize the hyperparameters
- The rank of searched config's test accuracy (the smaller, the better)



(a) GCN.



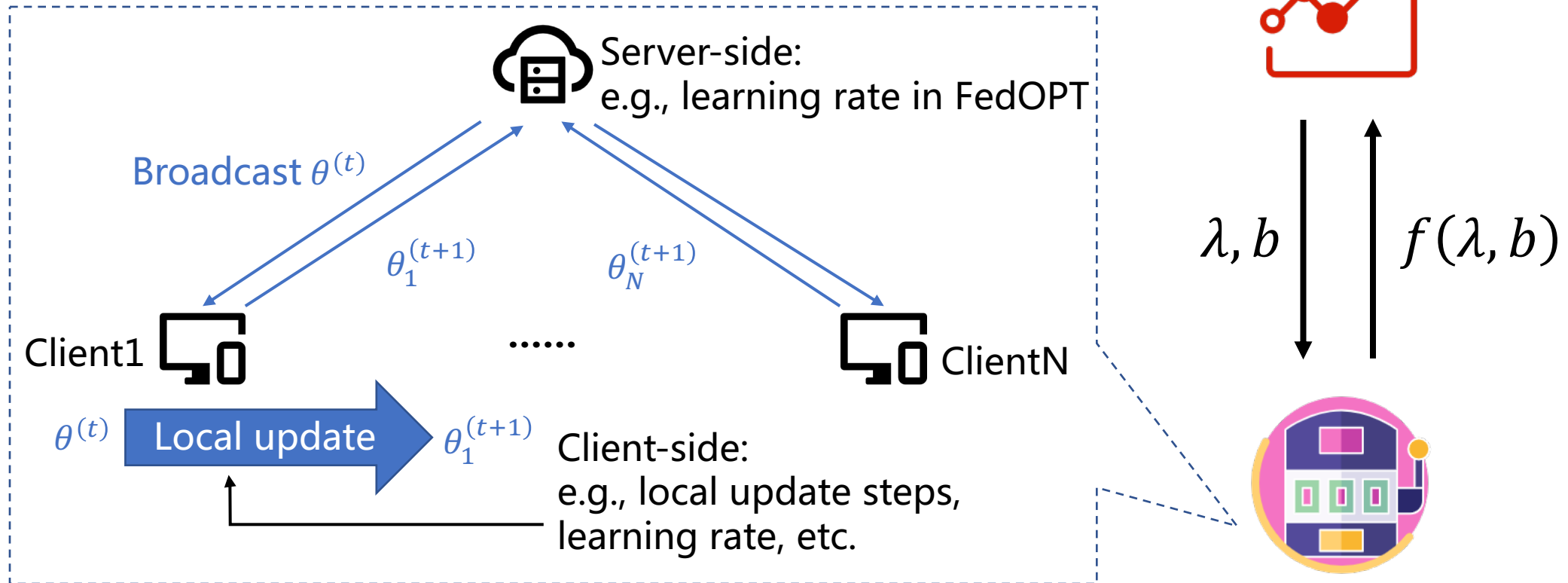
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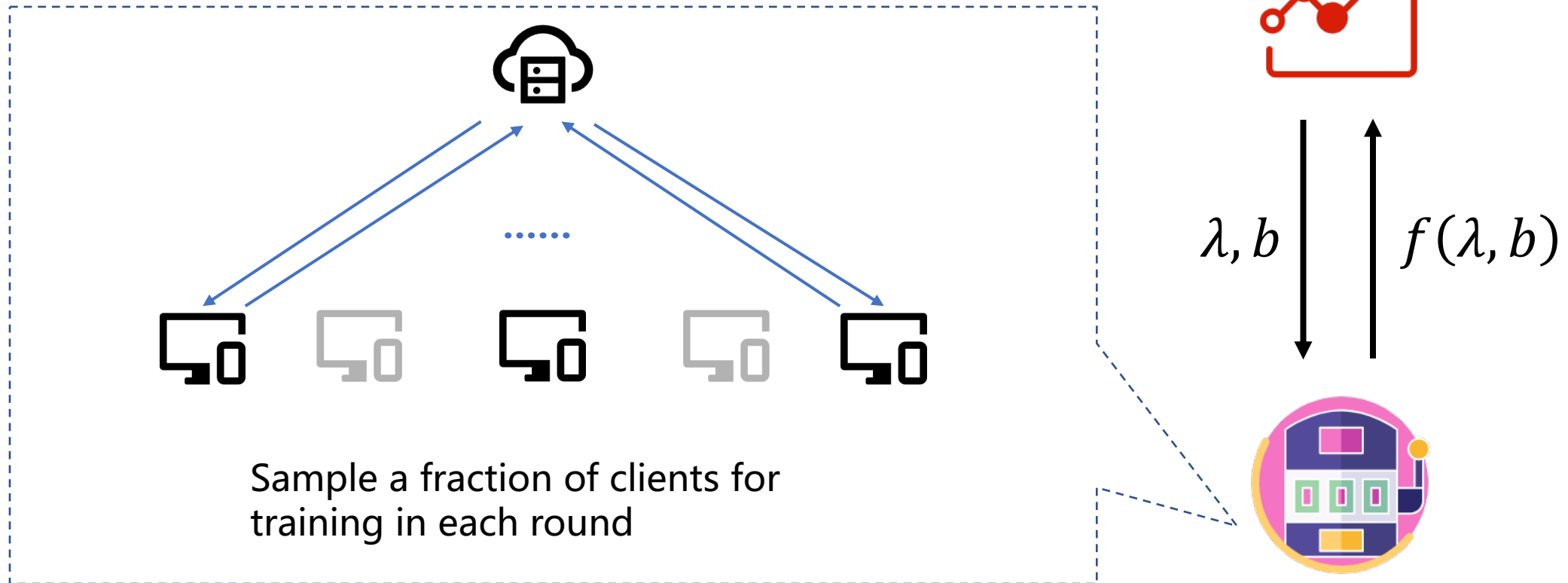
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- New hyperparameter dimensions



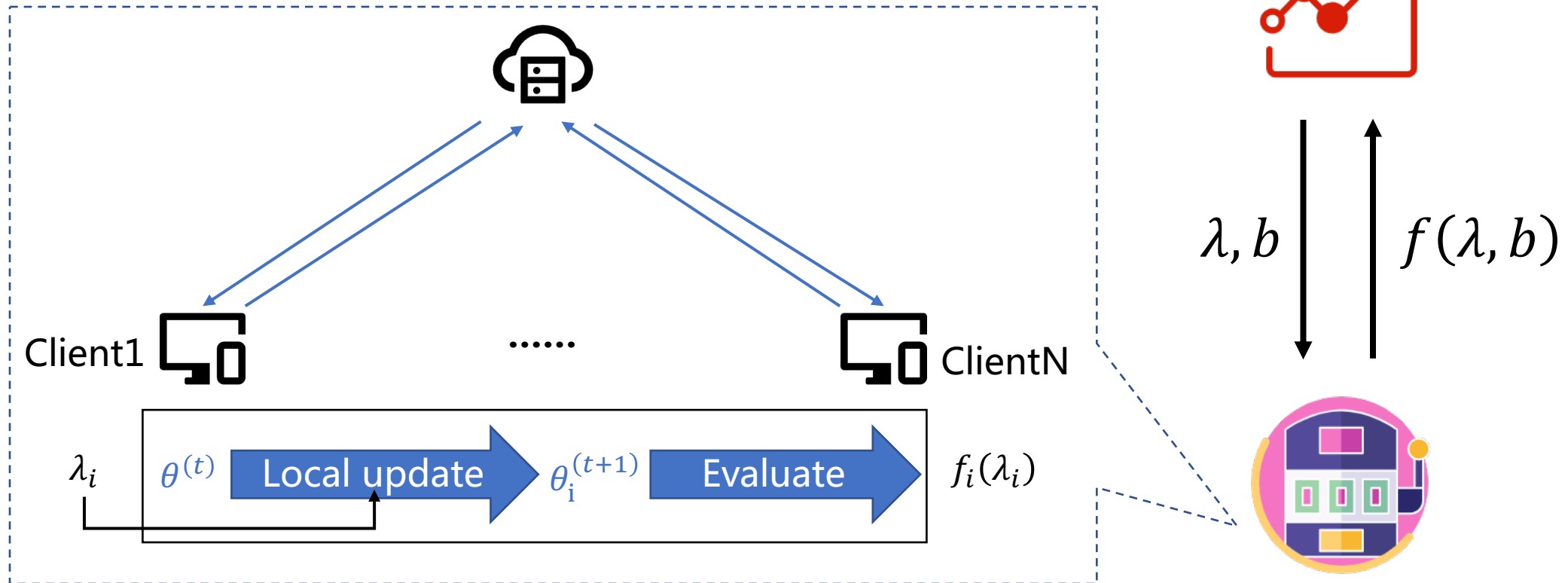
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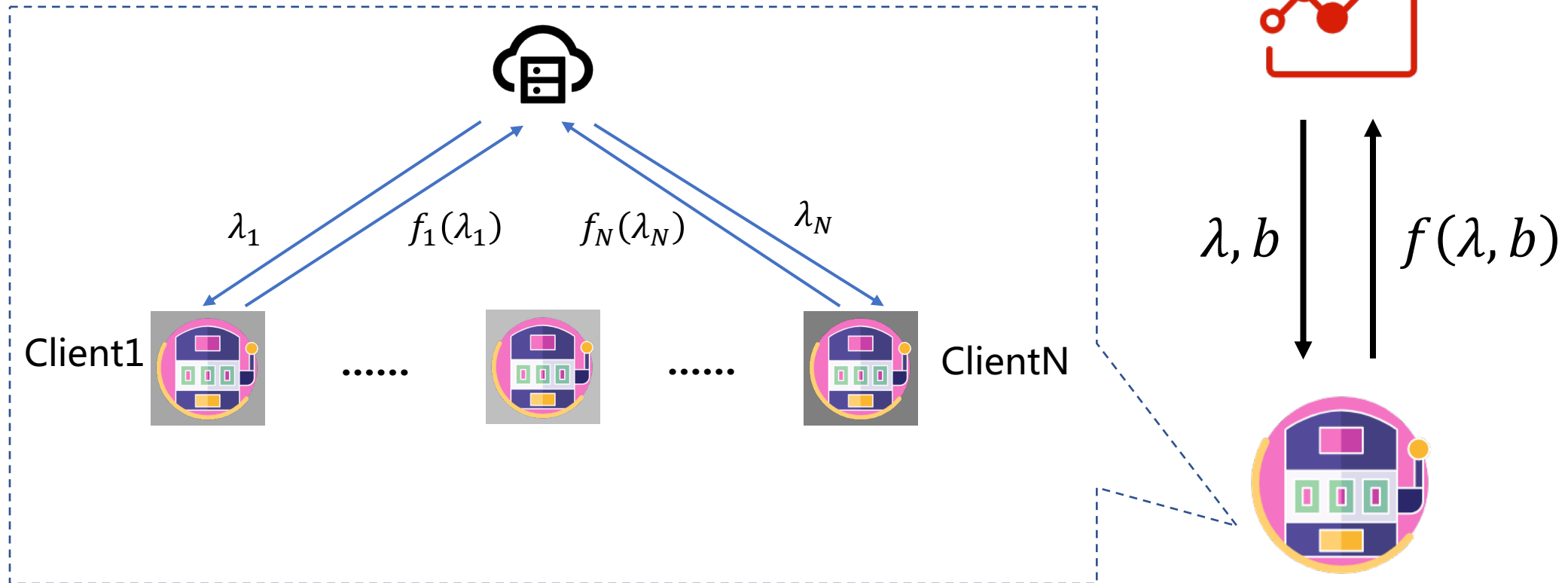
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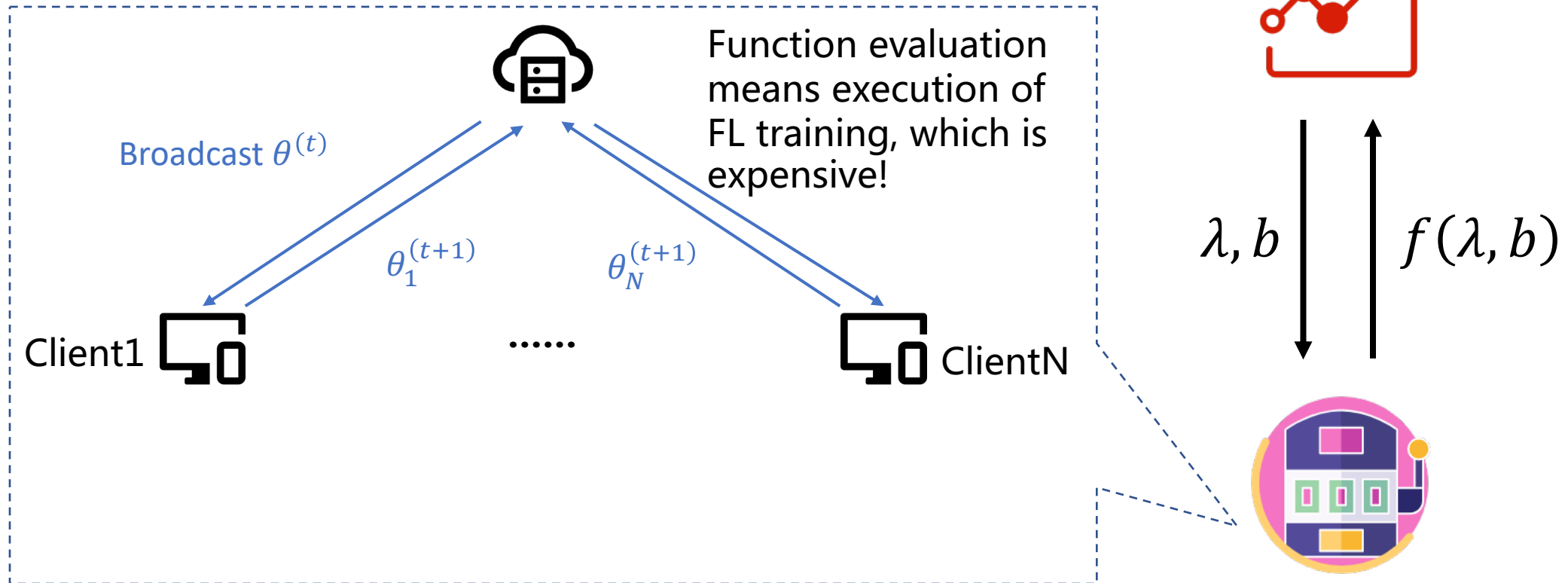
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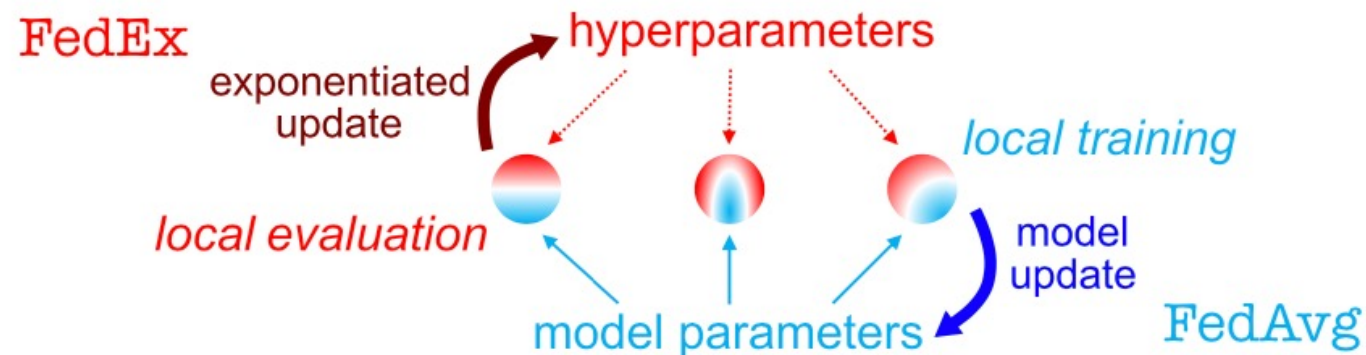




# FedHPO methods

## □ FedEx: a very recent and representative work

- Make concurrent exploration for client-side hyperparameters
- Can be wrapped by traditional HPO methods, e.g., SHA
  - For optimizing the server-side hyperparameters
  - For optimizing the hyperparameters of FedEx



# Implementation in FederatedScope

- FedEx: a very recent and representative work
  - Introducing additional behaviors for server and client classes
  - Allowing trainer class to make validation during local updates

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```
class Server(object):
    def handler_for_receiving_updates(args):
        ... ..
        if config.apply_fedex == True:
            # Choose hyperparameters for the client
            cfg = sample_cfg(cfg_candidates, args.hpo_feedback)
        # Continue to handling the message accordingly
        ... ..
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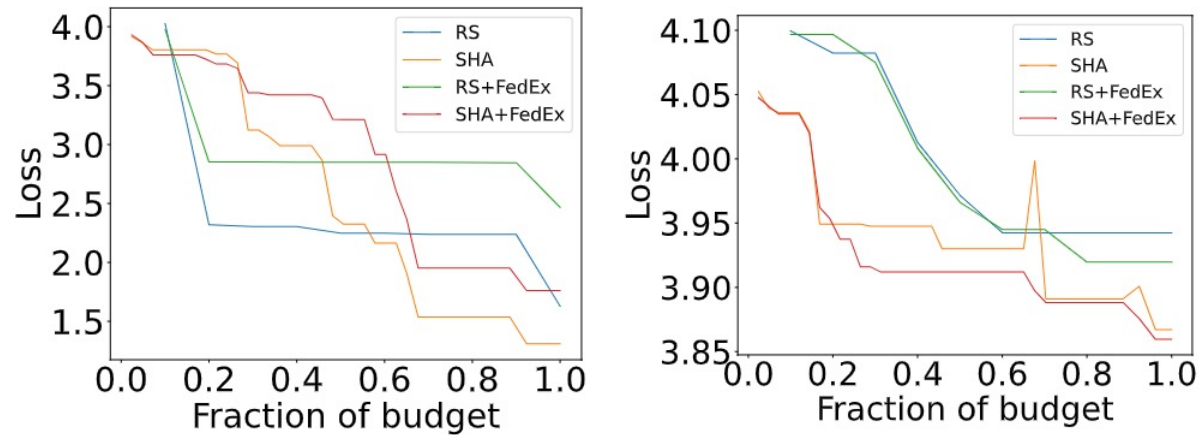
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class Client(object):
    def handler_for_receiving_models(args):
        ... ..
        if config.apply_fedex == True:
            # Apply the received hyperparameters
            trainer.apply_cfg(args.received_config)
        # Continue to handling the message accordingly
        ... ..
```

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# Does Concurrent Exploration work?

□ Comparing Wrapped FedEx to the corresponding wrapper



**Figure 5:** Mean validation loss over time.  
**Left:** FedAvg. **Right:** FedOPT.

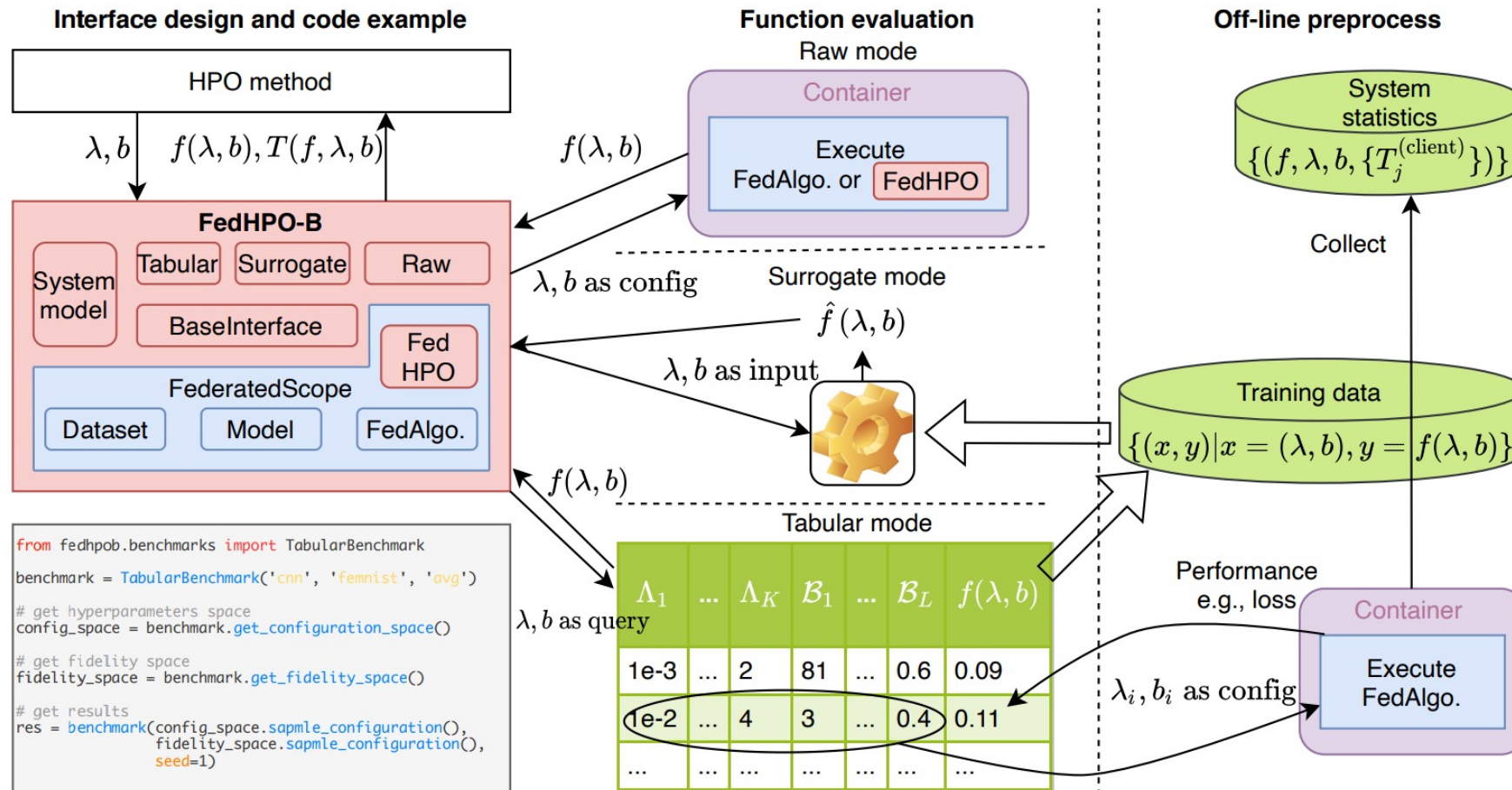
Methods	Test Accuracy
<i>RS</i>	$67.14 \pm 8.46$
<i>SHA</i>	$75.15 \pm 3.44$
<i>RS+FedEx</i>	$71.25 \pm 8.79$
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**Table 5:** Evaluation about the searched configurations: Mean test accuracy (%)  $\pm$  standard deviation.

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# FedHPO-B: FedHPO Benchmark Suite [3]



# FedHPO-B: Efficiency

## □ Tabular mode


- Evaluating functions by looking up tables
- Viable only for discrete search space

## □ Surrogate mode

- Evaluating functions via model inference
- Accuracy of  $\hat{f}(\lambda, b)$  matters

## □ Raw mode

- Standalone simulation avoids communication
- Execution time is meaningless



Common issue: how to acquire the execution time of function evaluation

# FedHPO-B: Efficiency

## □ System model

- Configurable
- Model parameters collected from realistic scenarios are provided

$$T(f, \lambda, b) = T_{\text{comm}}(f, \lambda, b) + T_{\text{comp}}(f, \lambda, b),$$

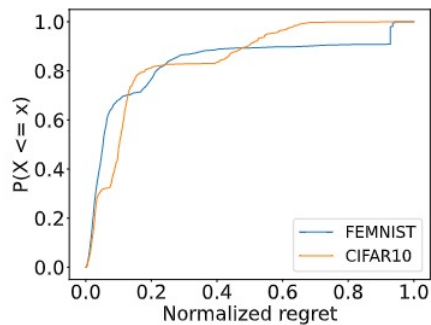
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$$T_{\text{comp}}(f, \lambda, b) = \mathbb{E}_{T_i^{(\text{client})} \sim \text{Exp}(\cdot | \frac{1}{c(f, \lambda, b)}), i=1, \dots, N} [\max(\{T_i^{(\text{client})}\})] + T^{(\text{server})}(f, \lambda, b),$$

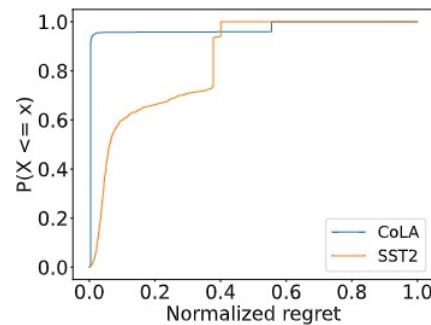
# FedHPO-B: Comprehensiveness

□ FedHPO-B provides various FedHPO tasks

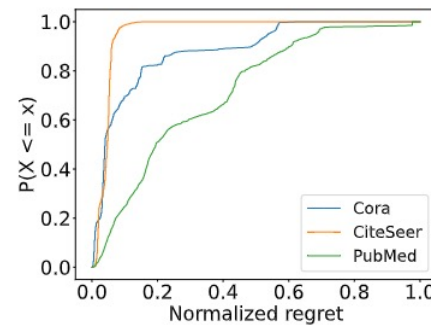
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BERT [7]	2	NLP	5	2	4	2	20 days
GNN	3	Graph	5	2	4	1	1 days
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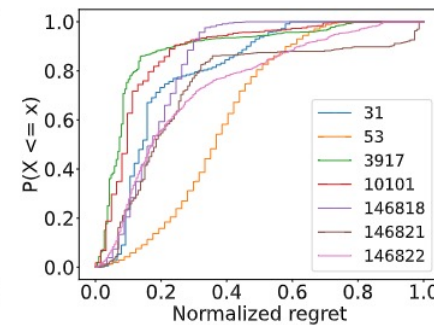
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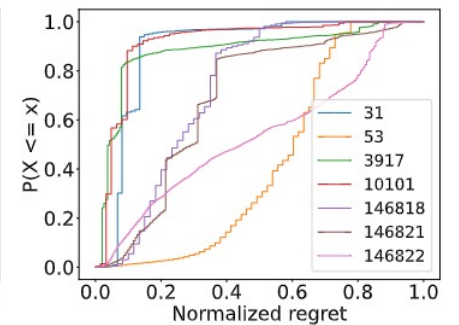
(b) BERT



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(d) LR



(e) MLP

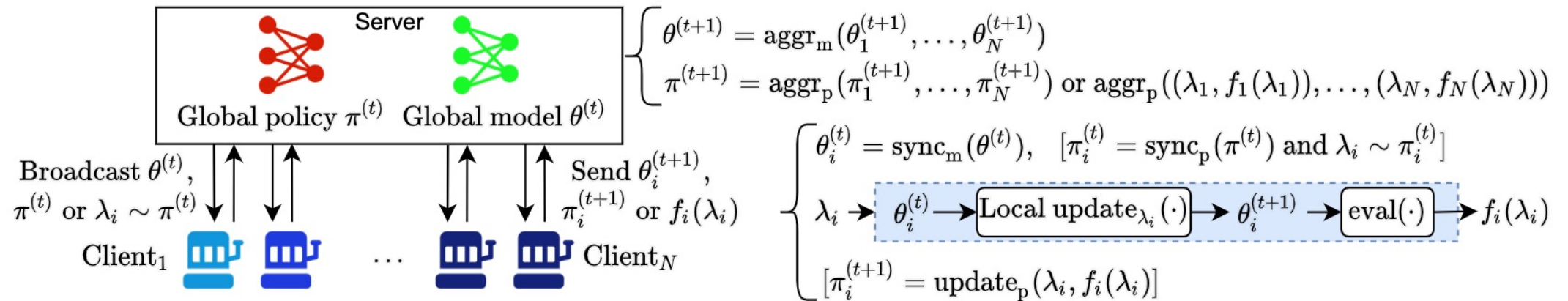


# FedHPO-B: Extensibility

□ FedHPO-B is developed based on FederatedScope

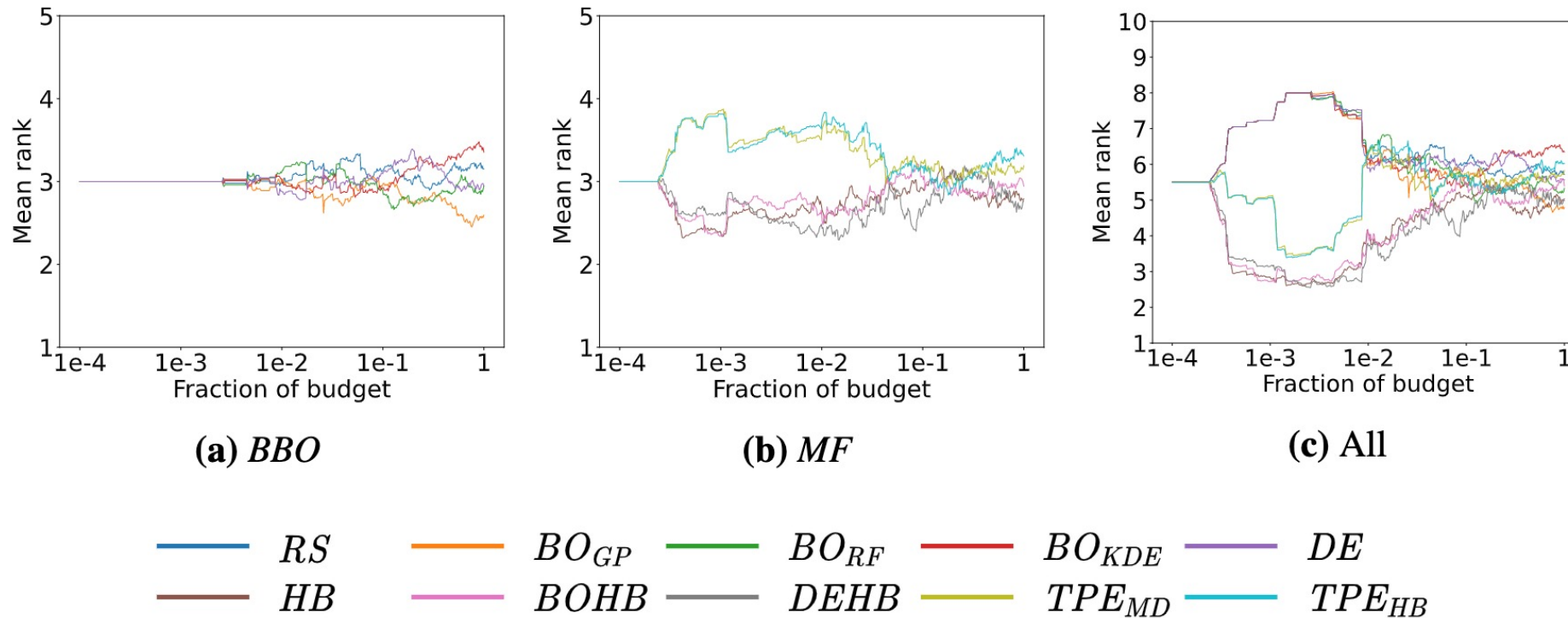
- Splitter: standalone dataset  $\rightarrow$  federated dataset
- Event-driven framework with customizable messages

□ A general view to unify many FedHPO methods



# Empirical Study based on FedHPO-B

□ How traditional HPO methods perform in the FL setting



**Figure 4:** Mean rank over time on all FedHPO problems (with FedAvg).

# Future Directions

## ❑ Personalized FedHPO

- Non-IIDness might lead to different optimal hyperparameter configs

## ❑ Byzantine-resilient FedHPO methods

- Malicious contribute noisy or even bad results of function evaluations

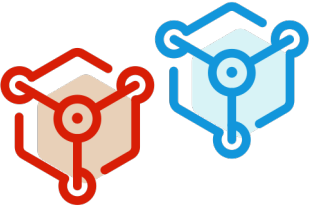



## ❑ A more realistic cross-silo setting

- Cooperation and competition

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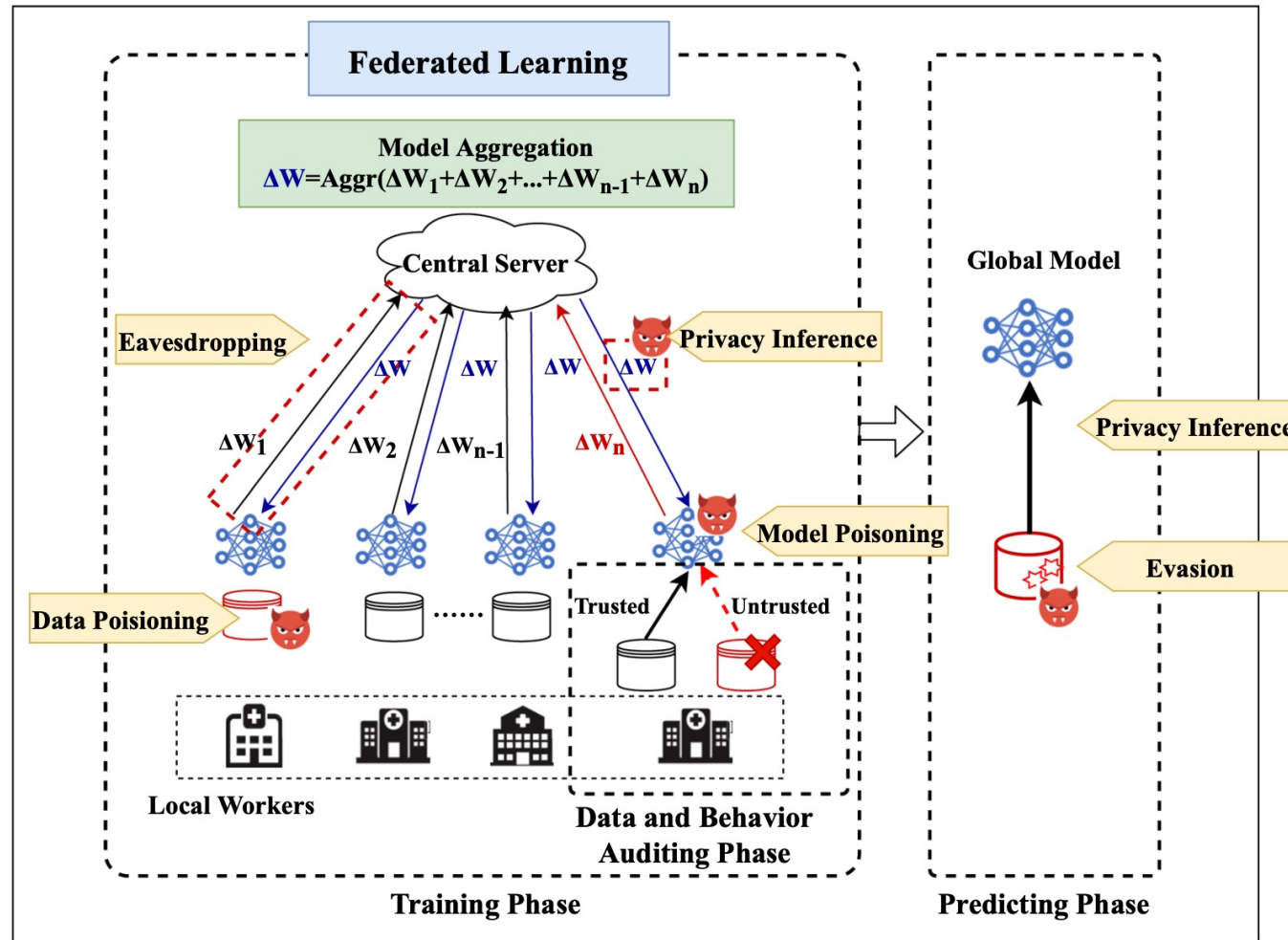
# Agenda of Tutorial

- Overview
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# Privacy Attacks



# Threats in Federated Learning



# Privacy Attack



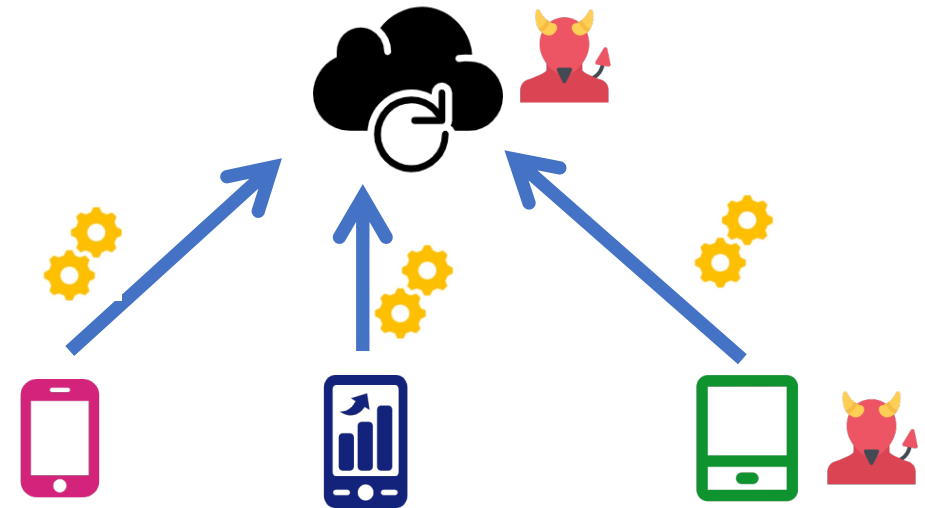
Preventing the privacy leakage is one of the important requirements of FL!

## Privacy Attack:

- From the learning course of FL, infer the sensitive information related to clients' private data

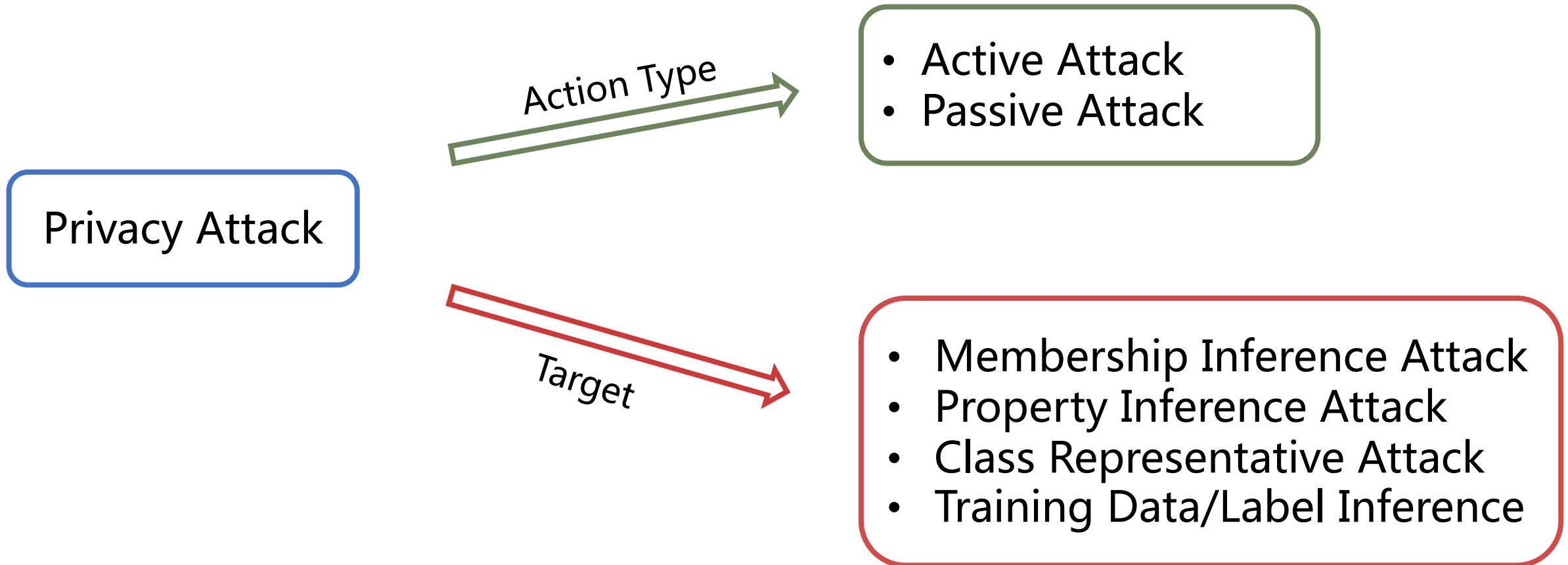


- Understanding and applying privacy attacks on FL is an effective and intuitive way to **detect/prevent the privacy leakage during FL course!**
- Other attacks are also important but not FL-specific. More works needed...

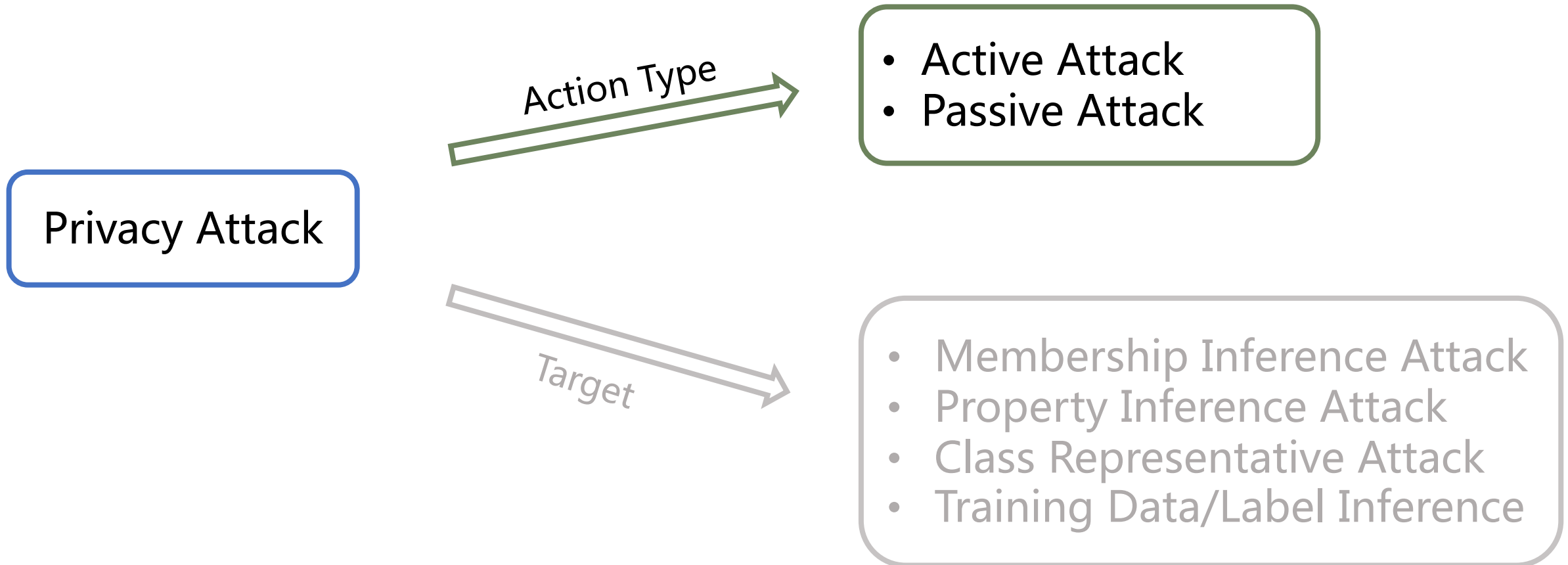




# Overview of Privacy Attack



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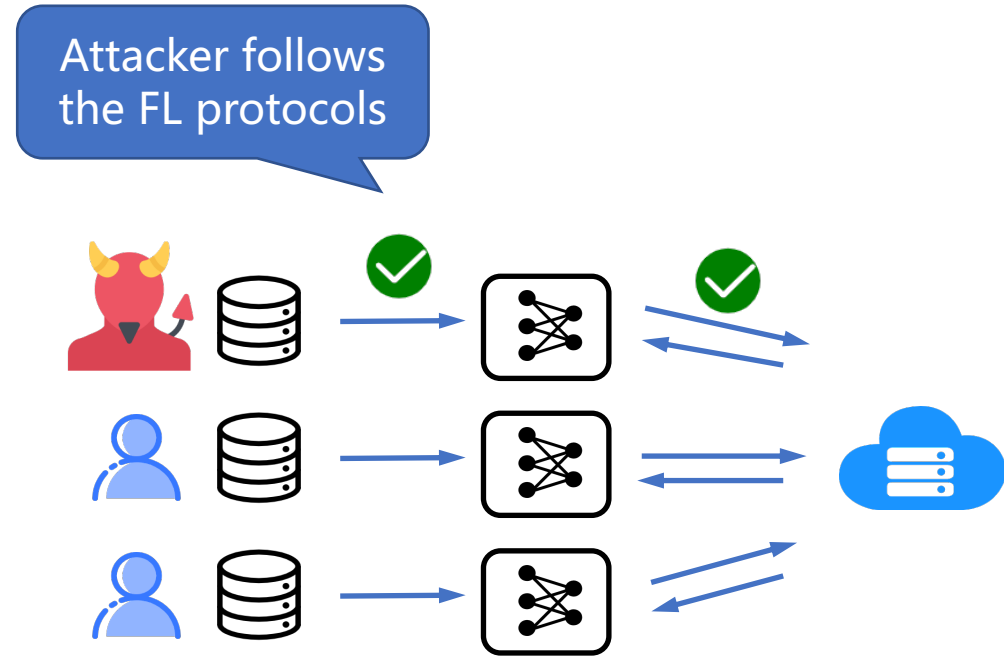
# Attack Action Type

## Passive Attack:

### Attacker:

- Honest-but-curious
- Steal the private information meanwhile not violating the FL protocols

Invisible!  
Hard to Detect!

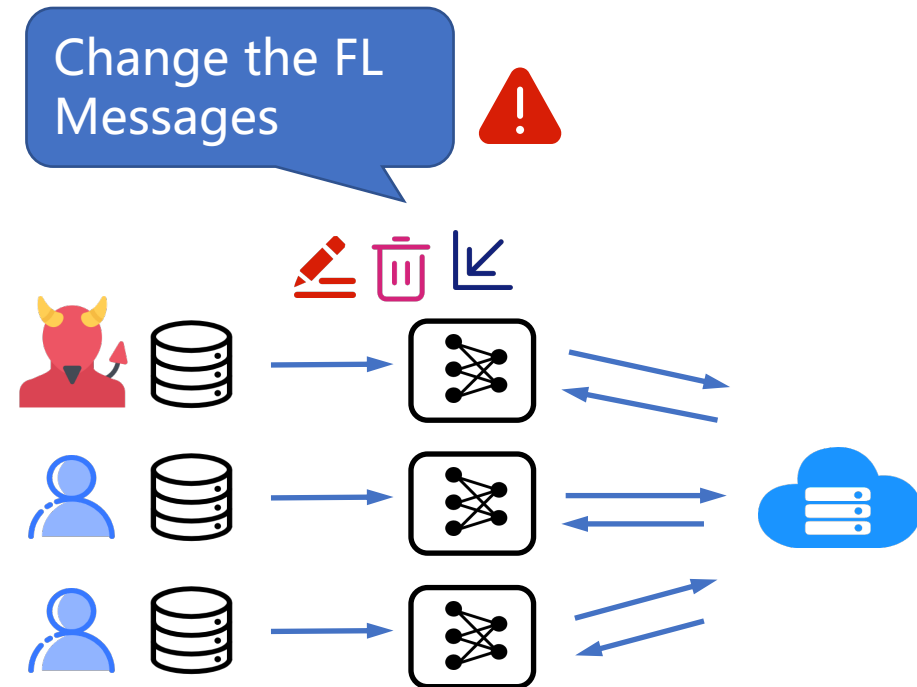


# Attack Action Type

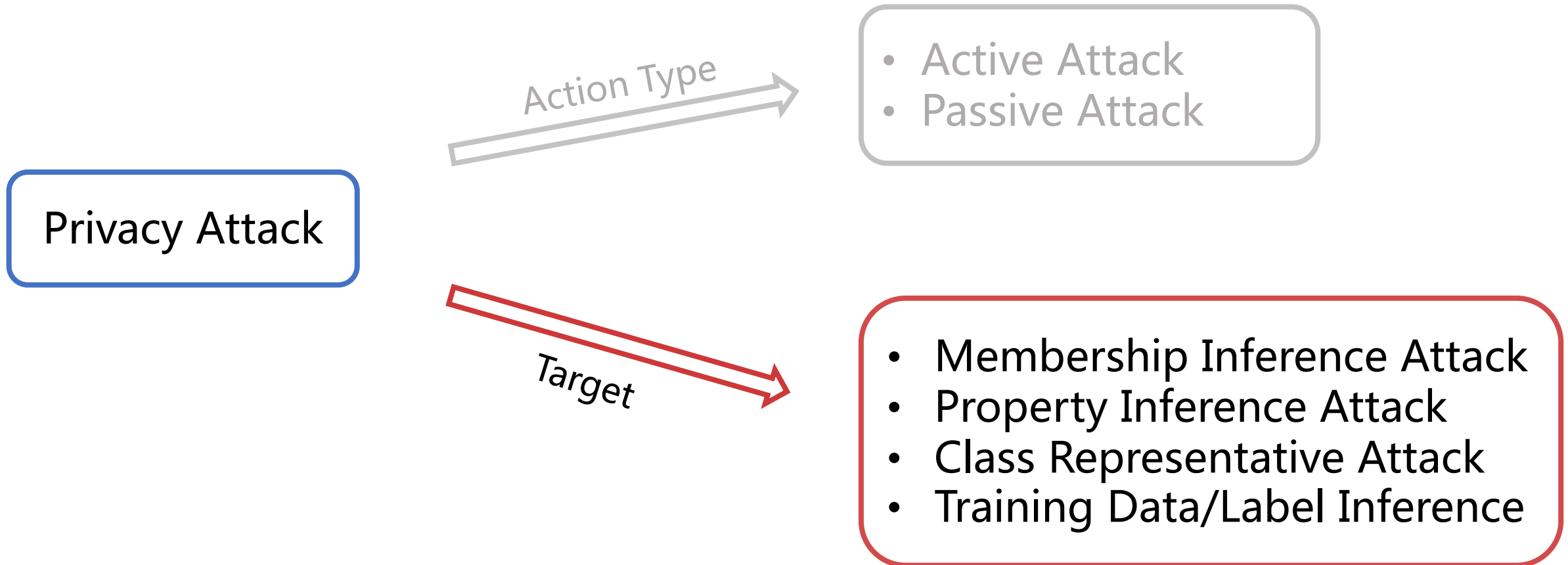
## Active Attack:

### Attacker:

- Malicious
- Steal the private information by violating the FL protocols
  - Change loss function, gradients, model updates, training data

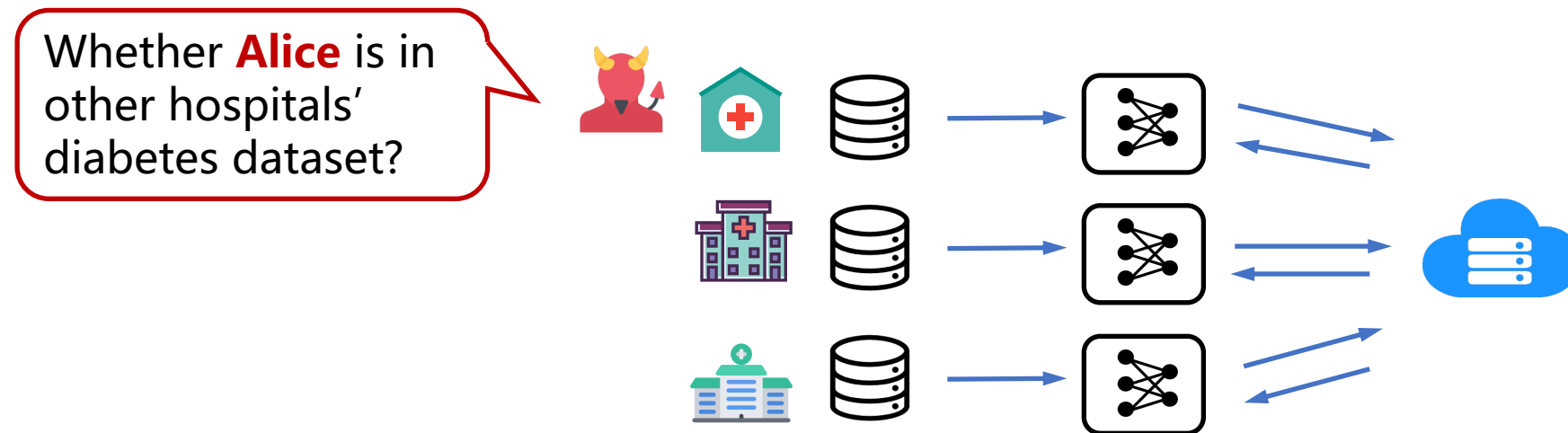


# Overview of Privacy Attack



# Membership Inference Attack

- **Goal:** Infer whether a specific data instance exists in other clients' private datasets
- **Attacker Role:** Client or Server
- Example:



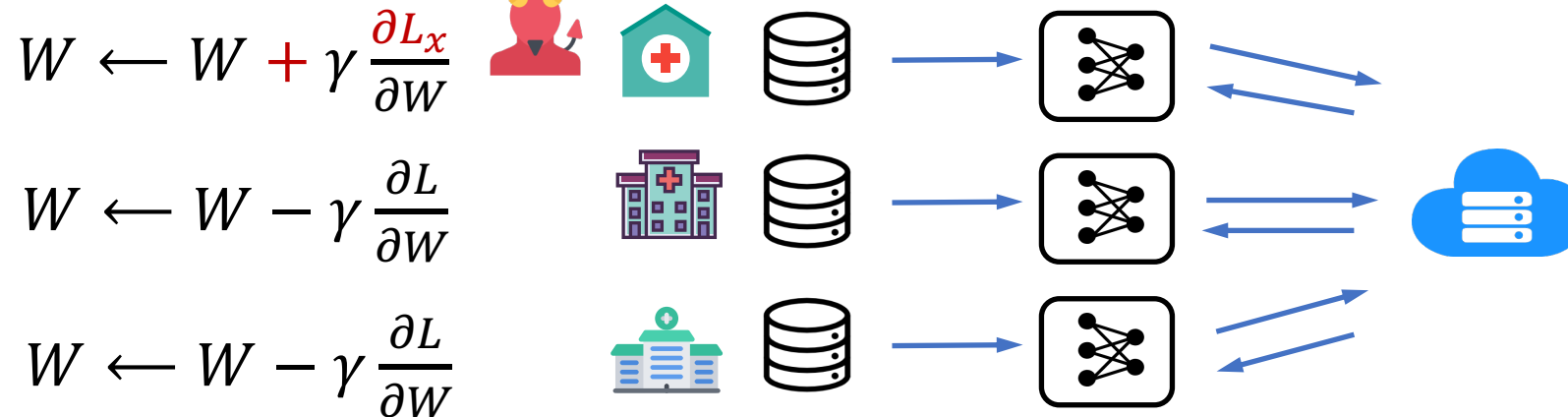
# Membership Inference Attack

GradAscent [2]:

Active Attack

Goal: Infer whether target data  $x$  in other clients' private dataset.

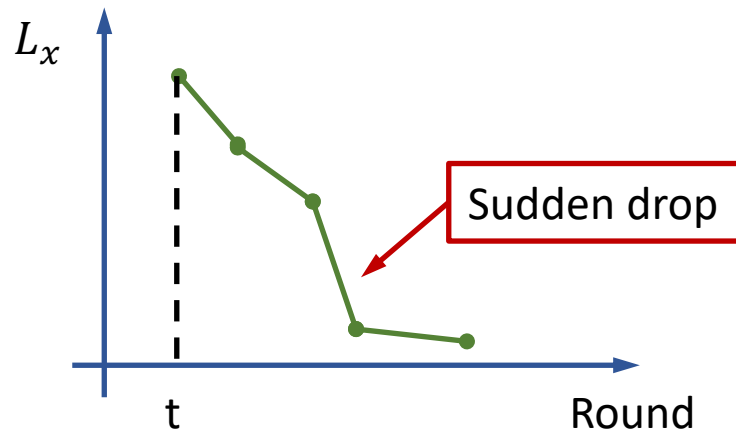
At  $t$ -th round:



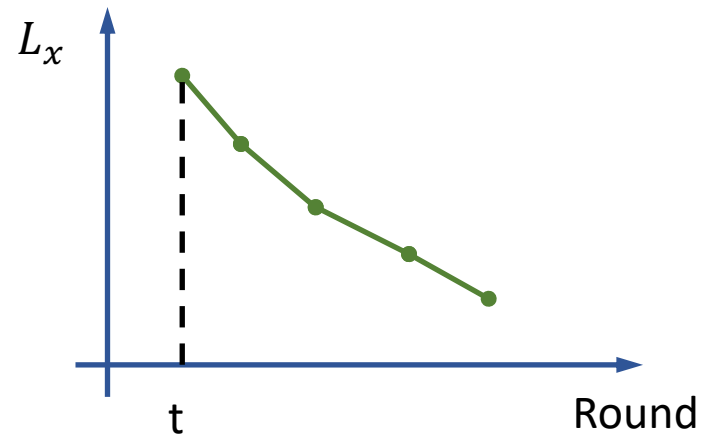
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# Membership Inference Attack

GradAscent [2]:



$x$  in other clients'  
private datasets



$x$  not in other clients'  
private datasets



# Membership Inference Attack

## Running GradAscent in FederatedScope:

- Configuration (insert these lines into the current file):

```
attack:  
  attack_method: GradAscent  
  attacker_id: 5  
  inject_round: 0
```

Malicious attacker id

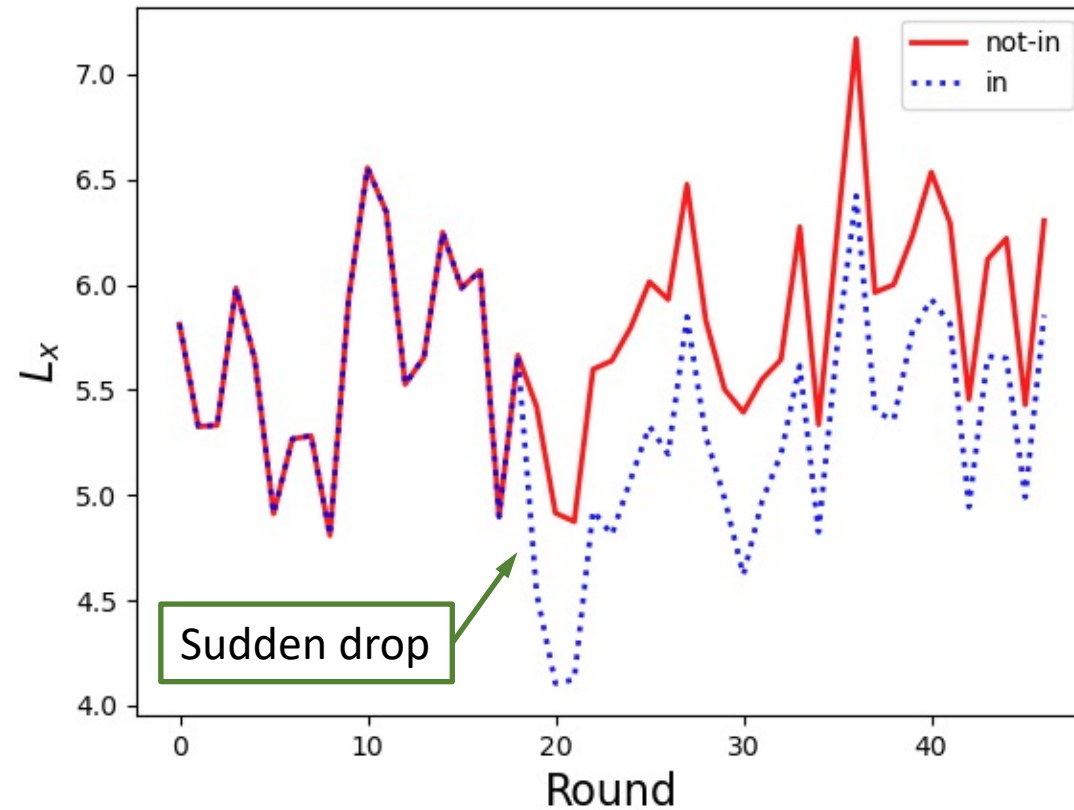
The round to run the gradient ascent on the target dataset.

- The command to run the example attack on Femnist Dataset with FedAvg:

```
python federatedscope/main.py --cfg  
federatedscope/attack/example_attack_config/gradient_ascent_MIA  
_on_femnist.yaml
```

# Membership Inference Attack

- Running Result:



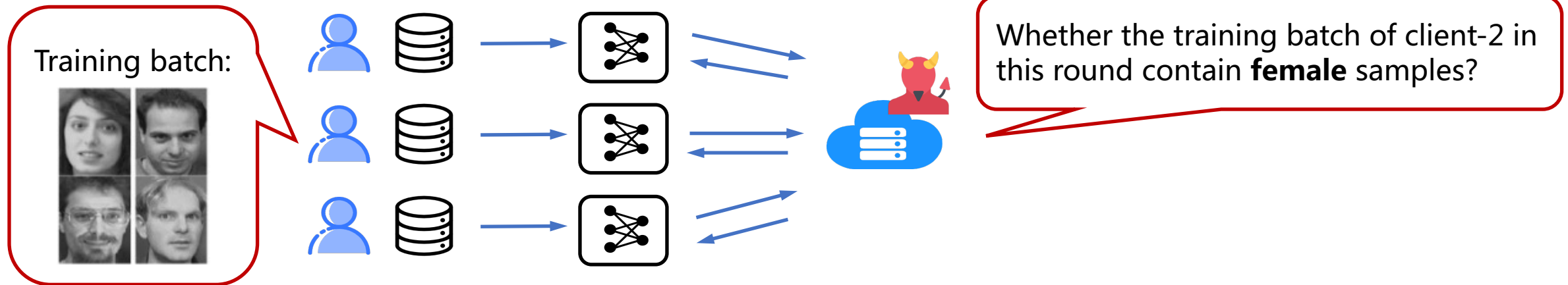
# Property Inference Attack

- **Goal:** Infer dataset properties
  - Properties:
    - Possibly sensitive
    - May not belong to the feature set
  - When batch size  $> 1$ :
    - Whether the training batch at this round contain a certain property value
- **Attacker Role:** Server

# Property Inference Attack

Example:

- FL task: whether wearing glasses?
- Additional sensitive properties: Gender



# Property Inference Attack

PassivePIA [2]:

Passive Attack

Attacker:

- Role: Server
- Prior Knowledge:
  - Auxiliary dataset (to be used after each batch)

Feature	Label	Property

Auxiliary Dataset

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# Property Inference Attack

## PassivePIA [2]:

- Create the training dataset for property classifier
  - Feature: Model updates/gradients
  - Label: Property
- Train the property classifier
- Infer the property on the collected model updates/gradients during FL

# Property Inference Attack

PassivePIA: Create the training dataset for property classifier:

At each round:

Feature	Label	Property
		0
		1
		0

Feature	Label	Property
		0
		0
		0

Data batches from auxiliary data

Calculate the model updates/gradients based on global model at last round

Model updates/Gradients	Property
	1
	0

# Property Inference Attack

Running PassivePIA in FederatedScope on synthetic dataset:

- Synthetic dataset:

- The feature  $x$  with 5 dimension is generation by  $N(0, 0.5)$  ;
- Label related:  $w_x \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $b_x \sim N(0, 1)$  ;
- Property related:  $w_p \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $b_p \sim N(0, 1)$  ;
- Label:  $y = w_x x + b_x$
- Property:  $\text{prop} = \text{sigmoid}(w_p x + b_p)$



# Property Inference Attack

Running PassivePIA in FederatedScope on synthetic dataset:

- Configuration (insert these lines into the current file):

```
attack:  
  attack_method: PassivePIA  
  classifier_PIA: svm
```

The type of property classifier

- The command to run the example attack on Synthetic Dataset with FedAvg:

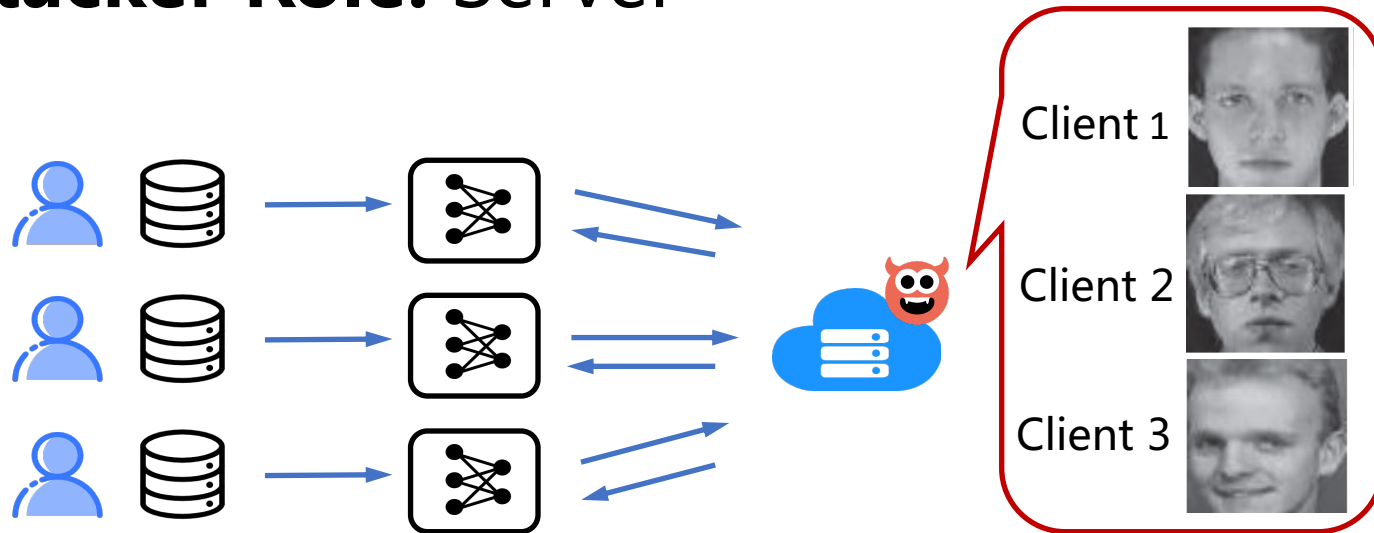
```
python federatedscope/main.py --cfg  
federatedscope/attack/example_attack_config/PIA_toy.yaml
```

- Running Result:

```
(passive_PIA:167)INFO: ===== PIA accuracy on auxiliary test dataset: 1.0
```

# Training Data/Label Inference Attack

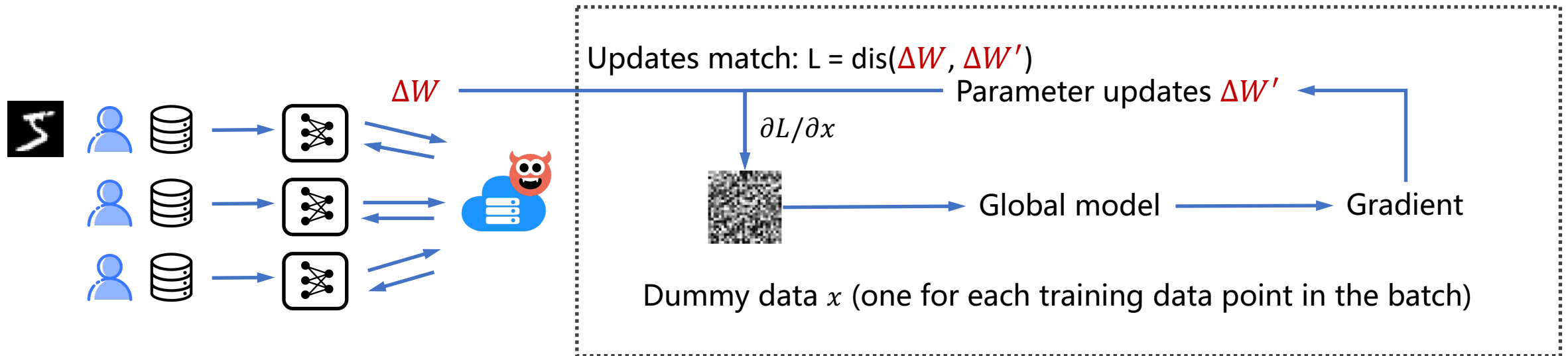
- **Goal:** Reconstruct private training samples from intermediate information transmitted during FL
- **Attacker Role:** Server



# Training Data/Label Inference Attack

- DLG [4], iDLG [5], InvertGradient [6]

Passive Attack



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# Training Data/Label Inference Attack

Running DLG in FederatedScope:

- Configuration:

```
attack:  
  attack_method: DLG  
  max_ite: 500  
  reconstruct_lr: 0.1
```

Maximum iteration

Learning rate of the optimization

- The command to run the example attack on FEMNIST with FedAvg:

```
python federatedscope/main.py --cfg  
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```

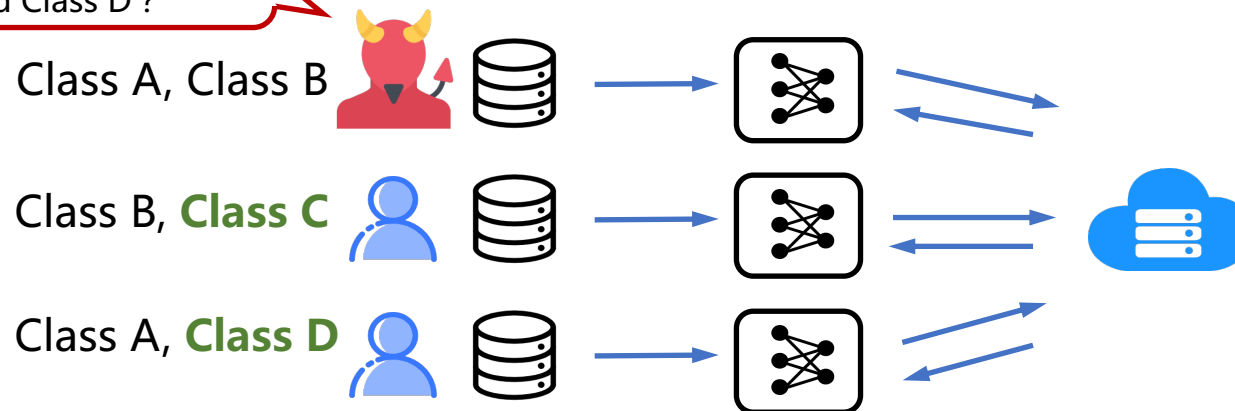
# Training Data/Label Inference Attack

	Client 1	Client 2	Client 3	Client 4	Client 5	Client 6	Client 7	Client 8	Client 9	Client 10
Round 31	2	3	0	2	0	3	8	n	5	1
Round 32	8	9	4	0	4	*	0	3	4	1
Round 33	2	2	4	2	7	1	2	2	I	4
Round 34	9	6	0	0	7	9	4	5	3	8

# Class Representative Attack

- **Goal:** Infer representative samples of a specific class
- **Attacker Role:** Client

• The representative samples of Class C and Class D?



# Class Representative Attack

Active Attack

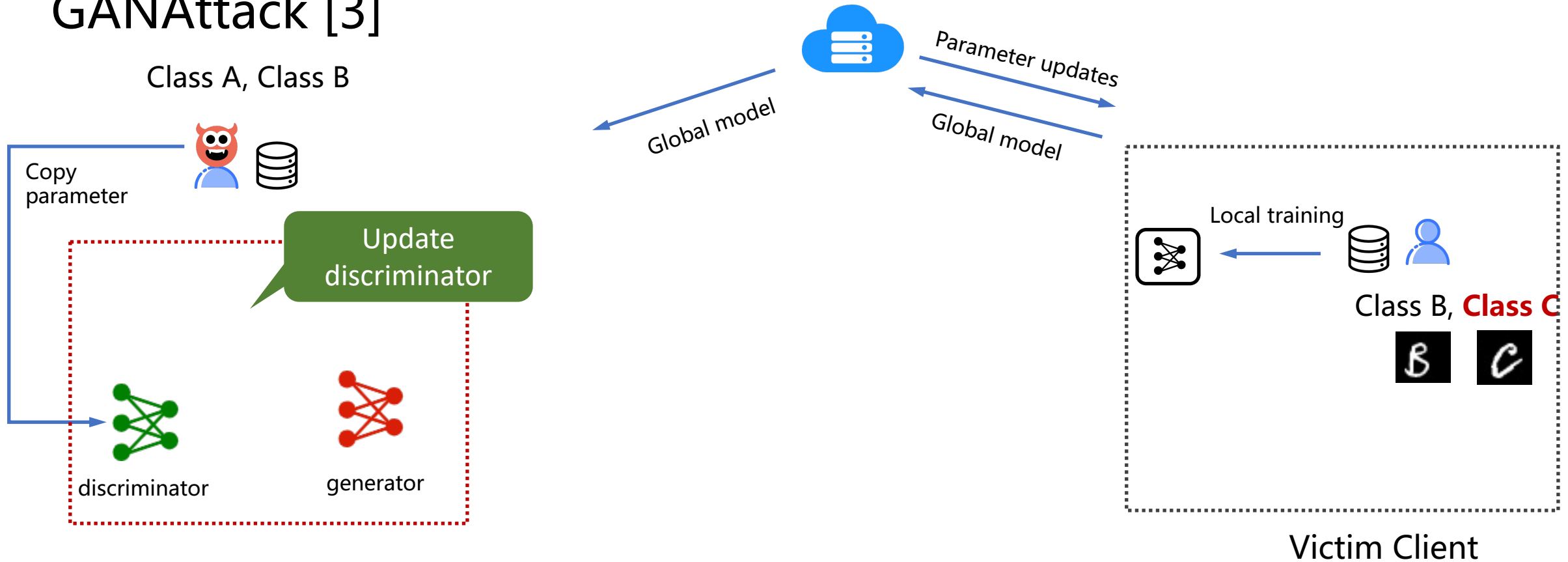
GANAttack [3]

- Attacker
  - Hold and update a local GAN:
    - Generate data that classified as target label by the global model
  - Inject the mislabeled data (with the target label):
    - Reveal more label related information by amplifying the impact of training data from other clients with the target label

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# Class Representative Attack

## GANAttack [3]

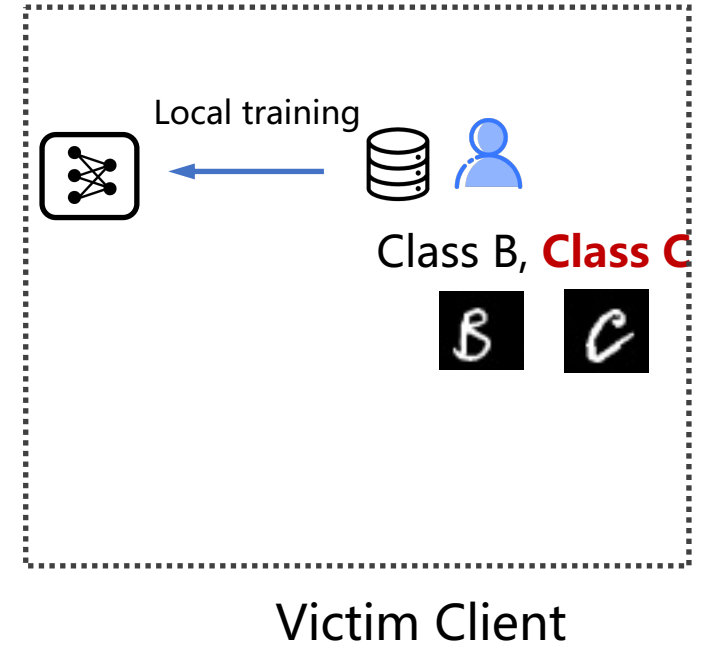
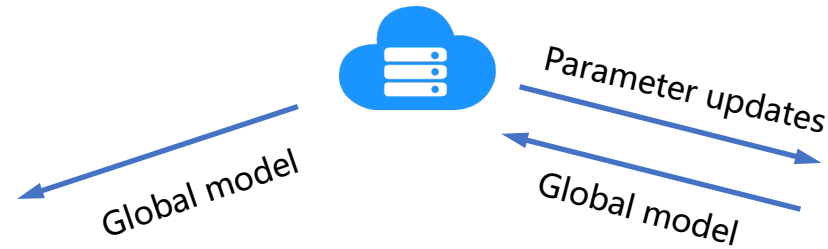
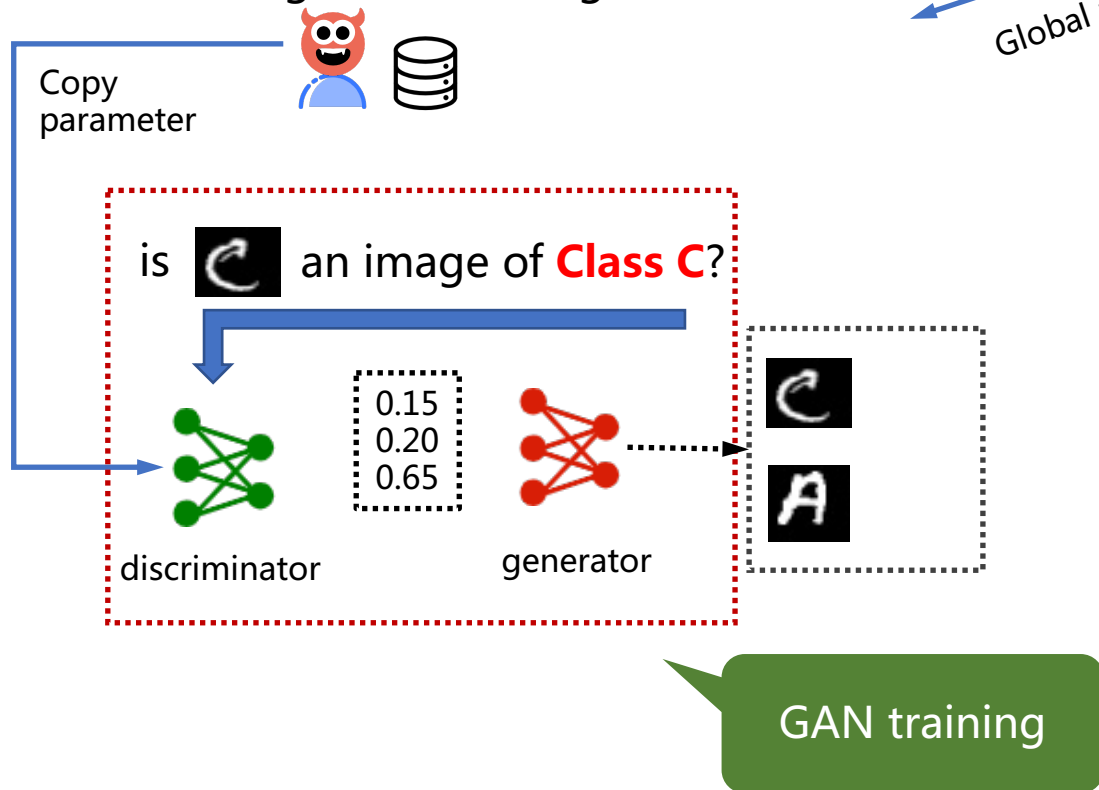




# Class Representative Attack

## GANAttack [3]

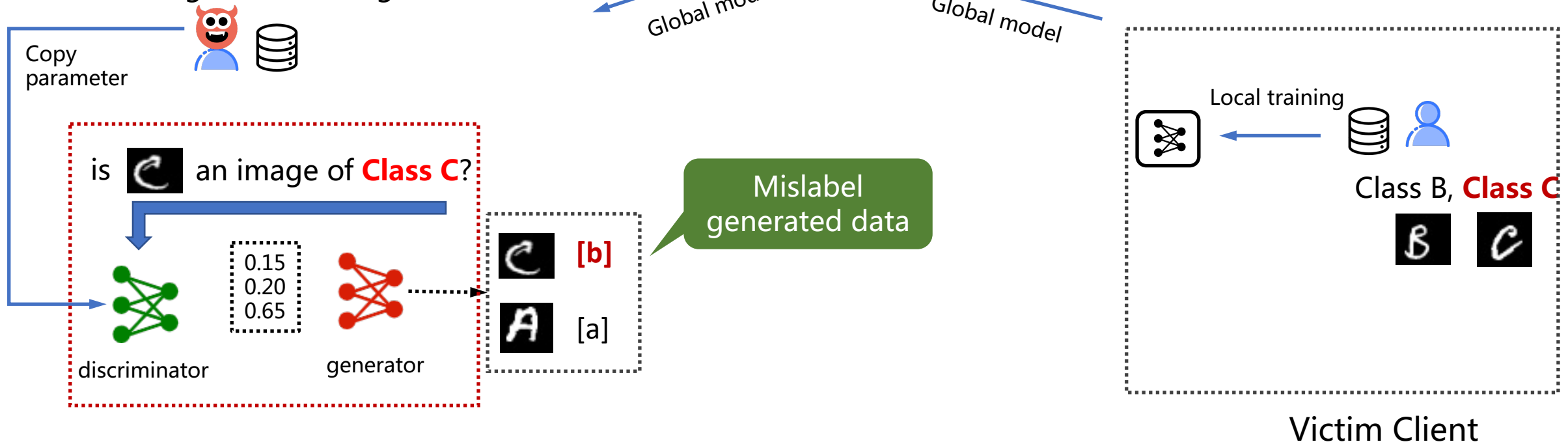
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Target at attacking **Class C**



# Class Representative Attack

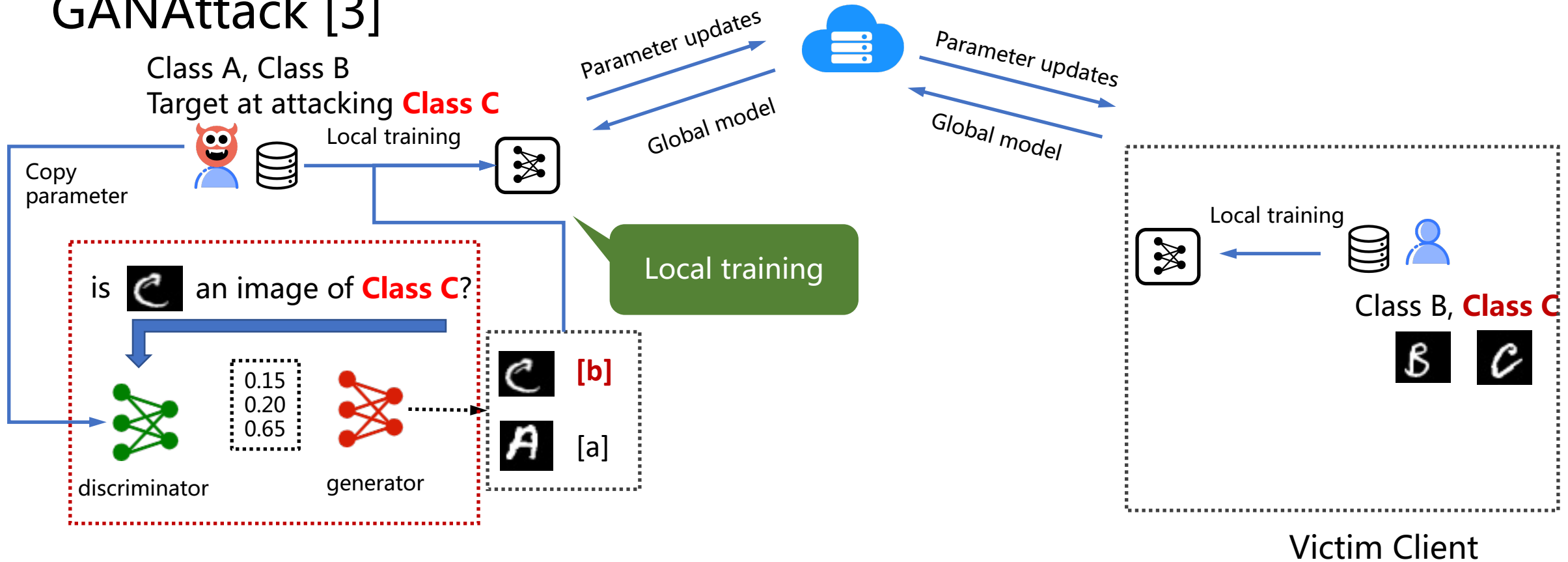
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# Class Representative Attack

## GANAttack [3]



# Class Representative Attack

Running GANAttack on FEMNIST in FederatedScope:

- Configuration (insert these lines into the current file):

```
attack:  
  attack_method: gan_attack  
  attacker_id: 5  
  target_label_ind: 3
```

Malicious attacker id

The target class label index

- The command to run the example attack on FEMNIST with FedAvg:

```
python federatedscope/main.py --cfg  
federatedscope/attack/example_attack_config/CRA_fedavg_convnet2  
_on_femnist.yaml
```

# Class Representative Attack

- Running Result:  
Images Generated by the generator:



# Develop Attack Methods in FederatedScope



First make sure that the target FL algorithm has been implemented.

## Server as attacker:

Attacks act **during training**:

Participant Plug-In

- Inherit the server class
- Add the attack actions by modifying `callback_funcs_model_para` function

Attacks act **after training**:

Participant Plug-In

- Inherit the server class
- Add the attack actions after the last round by modifying `callback_funcs_model_para` function

# Example

## Property Inference Attack

- Inherit `Server` class and modify `callback_funcs_model_para`

```
class PassivePIAServer(Server):  
    ...  
  
    def callback_funcs_model_para(self, message: Message):  
        round, sender, content = message.state, message.sender, message.content  
        # For a new round
```

# Example

## Property Inference Attack

- Inherit `Server` class and modify `callback_funcs_model_para`
  - At each FL round:
    - Collect the model updates
    - Generate training data for PIA classifier

Attacks act during training

```
class PassivePIAServer(Server):  
    ...  
  
    def callback_funcs_model_para(self, message: Message):  
        round, sender, content = message.state, message.sender, message.content  
        # For a new round  
        if round not in self.msg_buffer['train'].keys():  
            self.msg_buffer['train'][round] = dict()  
  
        self.msg_buffer['train'][round][sender] = content  
  
        # collect the updates  
        self.pia_attacker.collect_updates(previous_para= self.model.state_dict(),  
                                         updated_parameter=content[1],  
                                         round=round,  
                                         client_id=sender)  
  
        self.pia_attacker.get_data_for_dataset_prop_classifier(model=self.model)
```



# Example

## Property Inference Attack

- Inherit `Server` class and modify `callback_funcs_model_para`
  - At each FL round:
    - Collect the model updates
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  - After training:
    - Train PIA classifier
    - Inference the property

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                                         client_id=sender)  
  
        self.pia_attacker.get_data_for_dataset_prop_classifier(model=self.model)  
  
        if self._cfg.federate.online_aggr:  
            self.aggregator.inc(content)  
            self.check_and_move_on()  
  
        if self.state == self.total_round_num:  
            self.pia_attacker.train_property_classifier()  
            self.pia_results = self.pia_attacker.infer_collected()  
            print(self.pia_results)
```

Attacks act after training

Check if it is the last round

# Example

## Property Inference Attack

- Inherit `Server` class and modify `callback_funcs_model_para`
  - At each FL round:
    - Collect the model updates
    - Generate training data for PIA classifier
  - After training:
    - Train PIA classifier
    - Inference the property

Add the overloaded `Server` class to `get_server_cls` function

```
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    ...  
    ...  
    def callback_funcs_model_para(self, message: Message):  
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            self.pia_results = self.pia_attacker.infer_collected()  
            print(self.pia_results)
```

```
def get_server_cls(cfg):  
    if cfg.attack.attack_method.lower() in ['dlg', 'ig']:  
        from federatedscope.attack.worker_as_attacker.server_attacker import PassiveServer  
        return PassiveServer  
    elif cfg.attack.attack_method.lower() in ['passivepia']:  
        from federatedscope.attack.worker_as_attacker.server_attacker import PassivePIAServer  
        return PassivePIAServer
```

# Develop Attack Methods in FederatedScope



First make sure that the target FL algorithm has been implemented.

## Client as attacker:

Attacks act **during training**:

- Wrap the `trainer` to add attack actions

Behavior Plug-In

Attacks act **after training**:

- Inherit the `Client` class
- Add the attack actions by modifying `callback_funcs_for_finish` function

Participant Plug-In

# Example

## Class Representative Attack

- Wrap the `trainer`

```
def wrap_GANTrainer(  
    base_trainer: Type[GeneralTrainer]) -> Type[GeneralTrainer]:
```

Attacks act  
during training

# Example

## Class Representative Attack

- Wrap the `trainer`
  - Hold a local GAN

```
def wrap_GANTrainer(  
    base_trainer: Type[GeneralTrainer]) -> Type[GeneralTrainer]:  
    # ----- attribute-level plug-in -----  
  
    base_trainer.ctx.target_label_ind = base_trainer.cfg.attack.target_label_ind  
    base_trainer.ctx.gan_cra = GANCRA(base_trainer.cfg.attack.target_label_ind,  
                                     base_trainer.ctx.model,  
                                     dataset_name = base_trainer.cfg.data.type,  
                                     device=base_trainer.ctx.device,  
                                     sav_pth=base_trainer.cfg.outdir  
    )
```

# Example

## Class Representative Attack

- Wrap the `trainer`
  - Hold a local GAN
  - At each FL round:
    - Before local training:
      - Update GAN' s discriminator by the received parameters, and train GAN' s generator
      - Generate fake data and mislabel them

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                                     device=base_trainer.ctx.device,  
                                     sav_pth=base_trainer.cfg.outdir  
    )  
  
    # ---- action-level plug-in ----  
    base_trainer.register_hook_in_train(new_hook=hook_on_gan_cra_train,  
                                       trigger='on_batch_start',  
                                       insert_mode=-1)  
    base_trainer.register_hook_in_train(  
        new_hook=hook_on_batch_injected_data_generation,  
        trigger='on_batch_start',  
        insert_mode=-1)
```

# Example

## Class Representative Attack

- Wrap the `trainer`
  - Hold a local GAN
  - At each FL round:
    - Before local training:
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      - Generate fake data and mislabel them
    - During local bath forward:
      - Inject the fake data in training batch

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    )  
  
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                                       trigger='on_batch_start',  
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    base_trainer.register_hook_in_train(  
        new_hook=hook_on_batch_injected_data_generation,  
        trigger='on_batch_start',  
        insert_mode=-1)  
    base_trainer.register_hook_in_train(  
        new_hook=hook_on_batch_forward_injected_data,  
        trigger='on_batch_forward',  
        insert_mode=-1)  
  
    return base_trainer
```



# Defense Strategies

- Encrypt gradients
  - Secure aggregation, such as Multi-party computation (MPC);
  - Homomorphic encryption (HE)
- Perturbing gradients
  - Gradient pruning
  - Differential privacy: adding noise to gradient



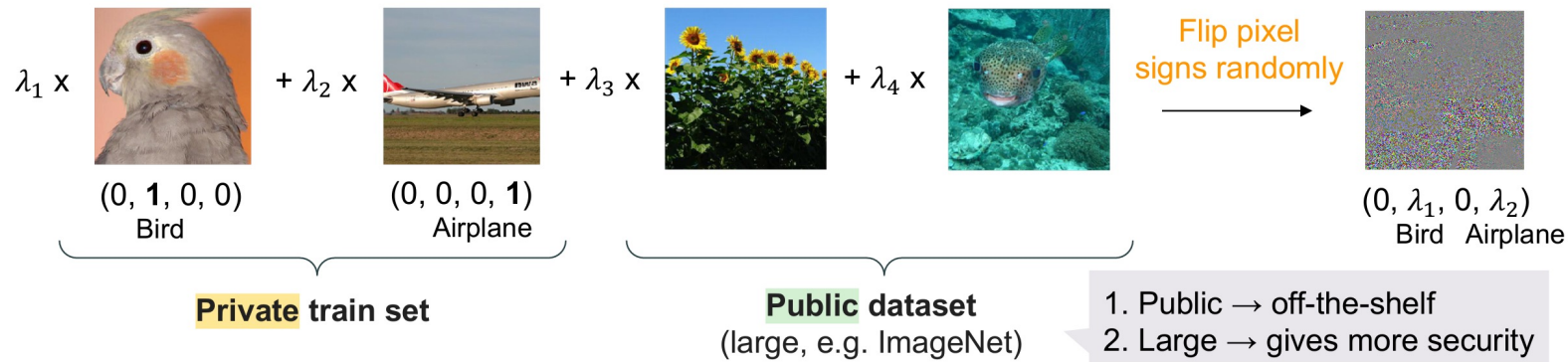
FederatedScope supports the above defense strategies!



# Defense Strategies

Will be supported in FederatedScope soon!

- Weak encryption of inputs (i.e. encoding inputs)
  - MixUp [7]: create the images via linear combination of image pair
  - InstaHide[8]: extend MixUp



[7] Mixup: Beyond Empirical Risk Minimization. ICLR, 2018.

[8] InstaHide: Instance-hiding schemes for private distributed learning. ICML 2020.

# Defense Strategies

- Add private components to the model (regularization, network):
  - Do not share BatchNorm layer during FL [9]
  - Secret Polarization Network [10]:
    - Some fully connected layers are kept private with its parameters not shared



## Practical defense suggestions [9]:

- Use large batch size ( $\geq 32$ )
- Combine multiple defenses may achieve a better utility-privacy trade-off

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# More Attack Methods in FederatedScope

- **Privacy attacks**
  - More SOTA privacy attacks
  - Defense strategies
- **Poisoning attacks**
  - Data poisoning
  - Model poisoning
  - Back-door
  - Defense strategies

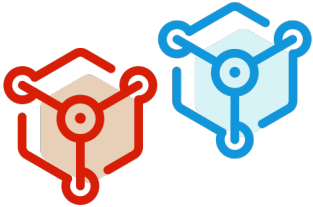





STAY TUNED!

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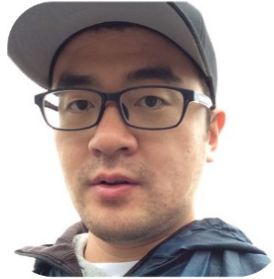
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