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FED-SORAG : Sovereign AI

Federated Sovereign RAG for Secure Knowledge Systems

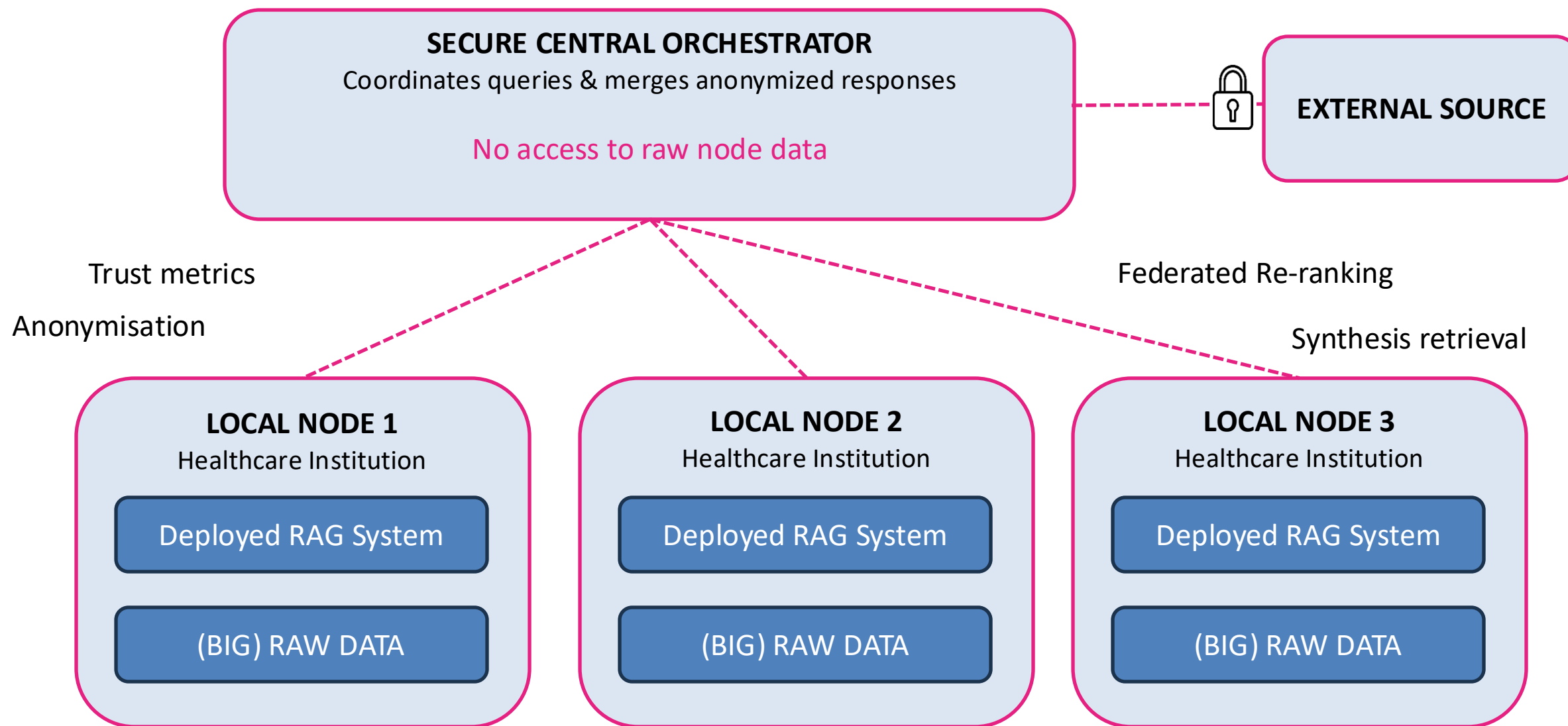
Project n°10

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Context: Sovereign AI

Privacy-Preserving Architecture & Federated Orchestration (FED-SORAG)



KEY PARADIGMS

- **Strict Data Locality**

Zero raw data movement—distributed clinical silos retain 100% data sovereignty.

- **Decentralized Synthesis**

Multi-node response fusion and rank optimization via a global orchestration layer.

Framework Flower.ai (FedRAG Core)

Baseline MIMIC Dataset (FHIR)

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Founding Team

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 - *Expertise: Secure Federated Learning, LLM, MLOps, ...*
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Work Plan

- **WP1 Architecture & Core System**
 - **Task 1: *Environment Setup & Data Silo Deployment*** → Establish repositories and deploy simulated clinical data silos using partitioned, FHIR-formatted MIMIC data
 - **Task 2: *Local RAG Node Implementation*** → Build the ingestion, embedding, and generation pipelines at the node level, including text-to-FHIR bidirectional conversion.
 - **Task 3: *Federated Orchestration & Gateway Routing*** → Develop the central orchestration layer using Flower for query routing, with a basic gateway for external-knowledge (<https://flower.ai/docs/examples/fedrag.html>)
- **WP2 title: *Security, Optimization & Evaluation***
 - **Task 1: *Adversarial Defense Integration*** – Implement security layers focusing on prompt injection sanitization, robustness testing against noisy inputs, and content filtering.
 - **Task 2: *Optimization & Structured Retrieval*** – Fine-tune latency and develop targeted retrieval strategies for specific FHIR resources with unstructured data.
 - **Task 3 : *External Information Retrieval*** – Augment the quality of the response using external sources as needed in a secure way

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Expertise Sought

- **Research Axis 1 : Federated RAG & Modality Alignment**
 - Skill 1: **Distributed Retrieval & context fusion** (Multi-node query routing, Flower framework orchestration, scalable distributed indexing, response ranking & fusion optimization)
 - Skill 2: **Cross-Modality Representation & Mapping** (Heterogeneous data space alignment, structured FHIR/MIMIC resource parsing, text-to-structured conversion, prompt space optimization)
- **Research Axis 2 : Adversarial Robustness & Trustworthy AI**
 - Skill 1: **Adversarial ML** (Prompt injection defense, node-level query sanitization, ...)
 - Skill 2: **Trustworthy AI Metrics & Governance** (Confidence indicators, Provenance tracking, ...)

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