

Privacy-Preserving Analytics in Medicine (PrivateAIM)

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Project Overview

- Module 3 – Method Platform within the coming phase of the MII
- Goal of the project:

„The goal of PrivateAIM is to develop a federated machine learning (ML) and data analytics platform for the Medical Informatics Initiative (MII), where analyses come to the data instead of data coming to the analyses.”
- “Code to data” paradigm – data remains where it is to reduce potential privacy impact and resolve legal issues



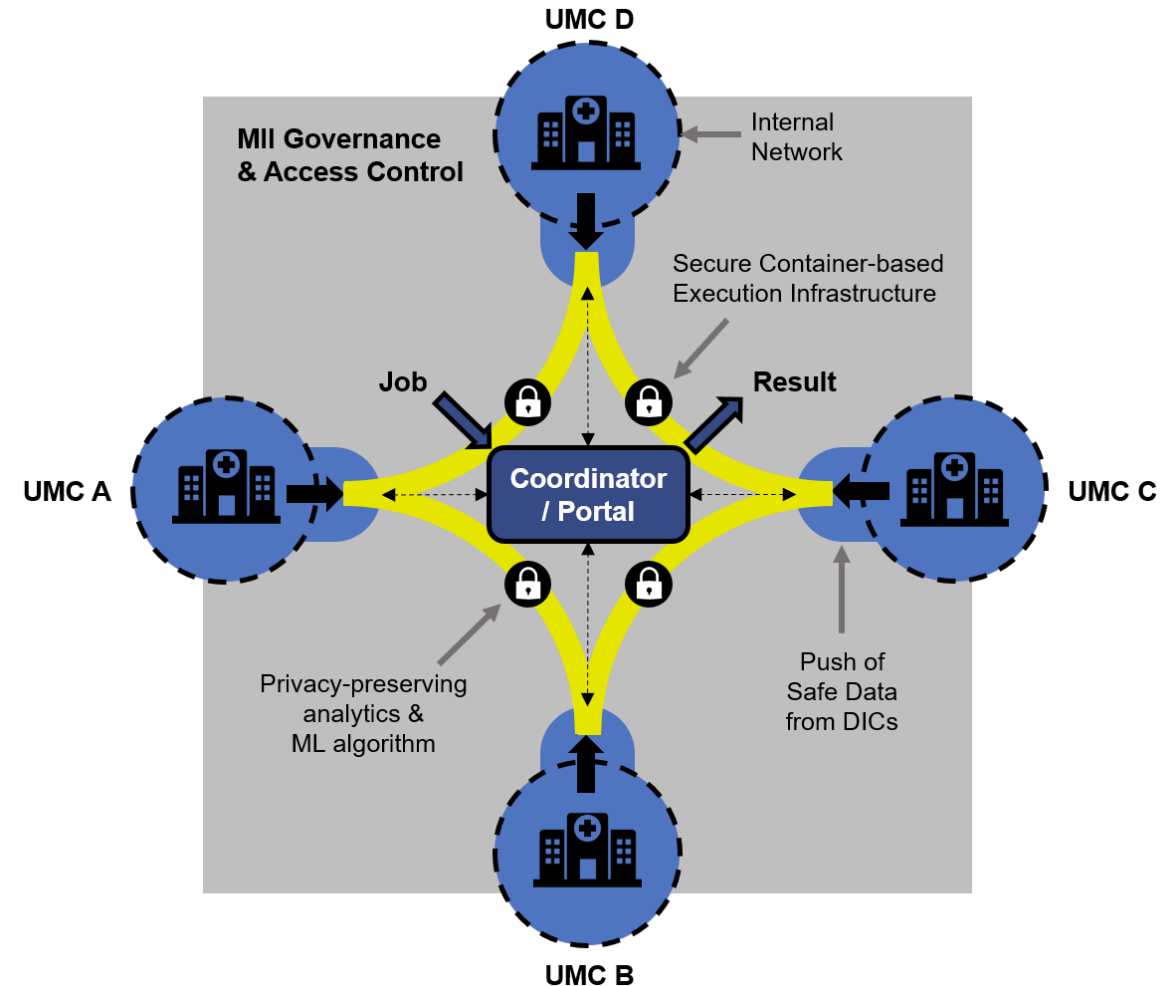
PrivateAIM - Consortium

- 15 Participants from all four MII consortia (and beyond)
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 - > Fabian Prasser (Charité)
 - > Daniel Rückert (TU Munich)
- Three associated junior research groups
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 - Michael Kamp – Trustworthy Machine Learning (Essen)
 - Björn Schreiweis – Medical Informatics (Kiel)

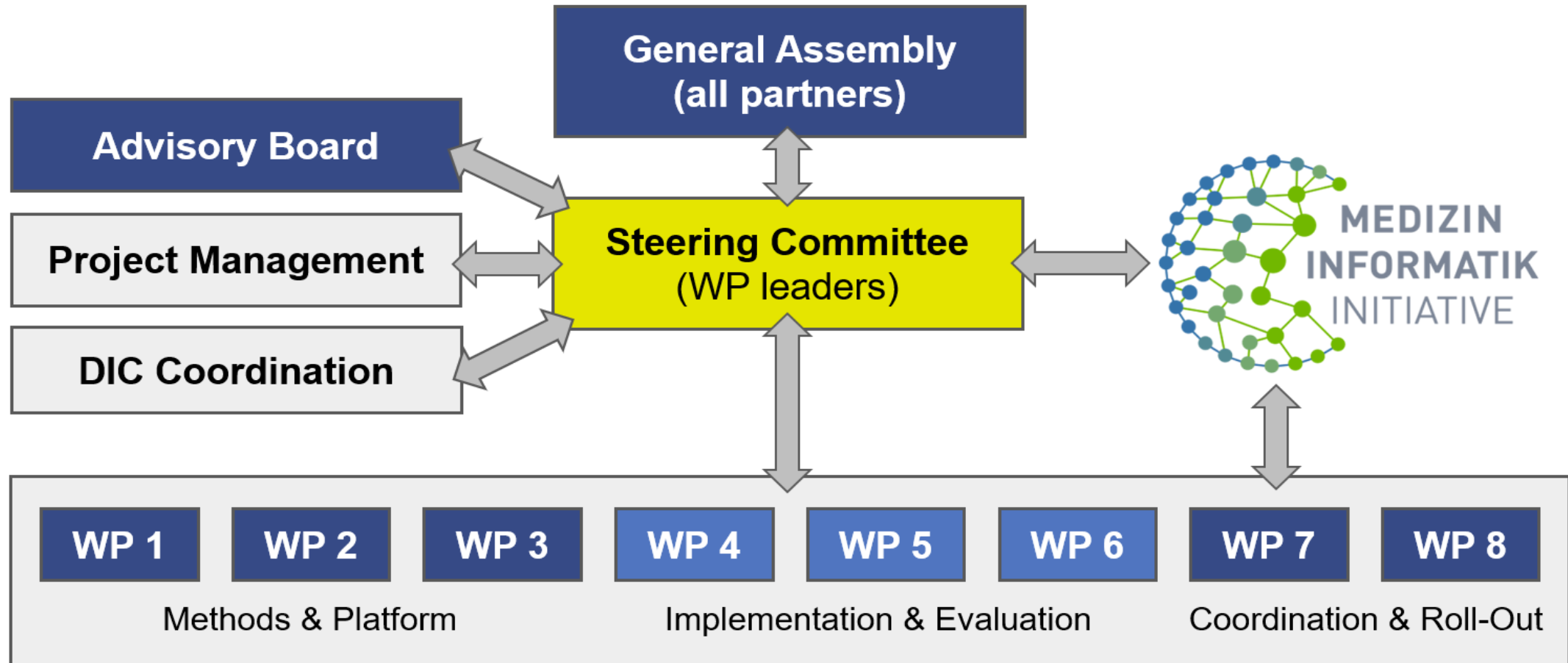
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PrivateAIM – Key Ideas

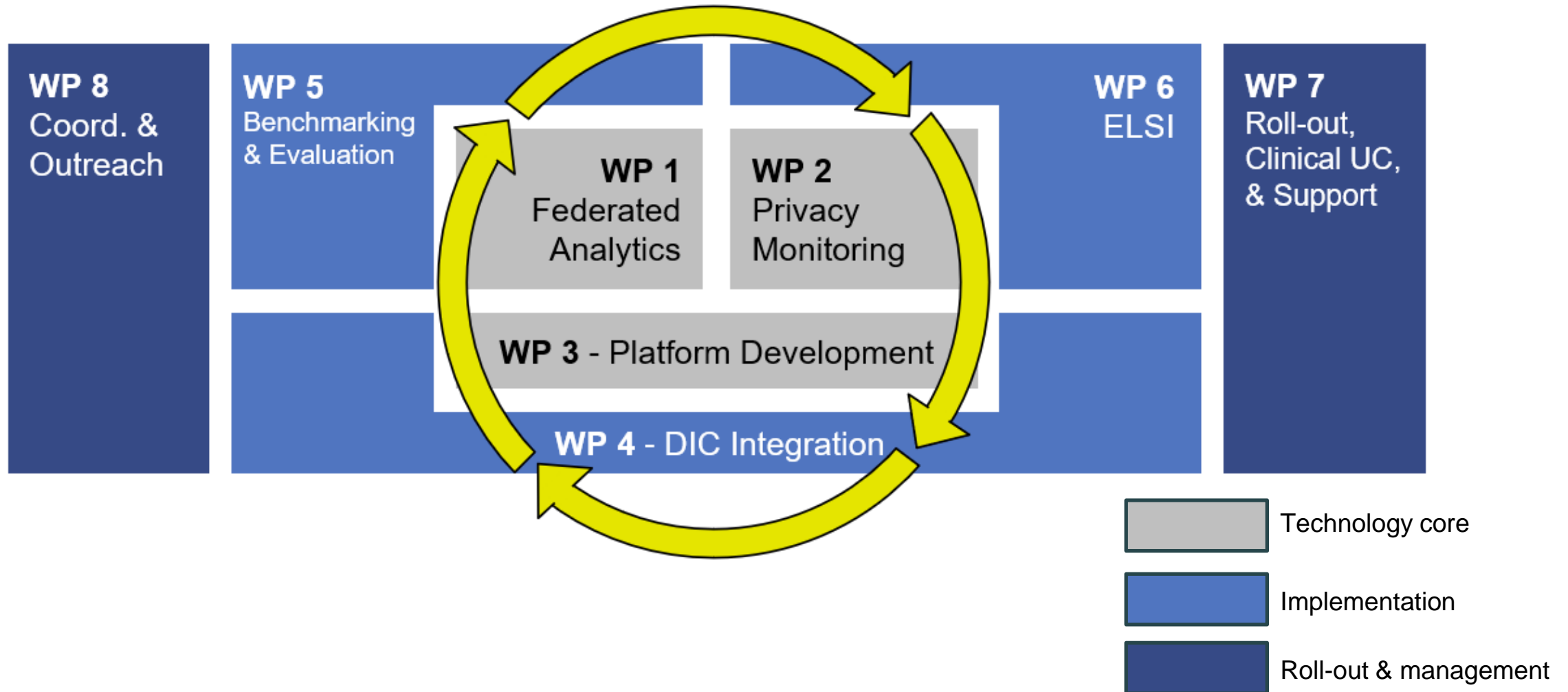
- Make major contributions in
 - Methods for federated machine learning
 - Privacy guarantees for federated analytics
 - Real-world platform for privacy-preserving analytics
- Deploy these ideas in a consistent platform across the MII sites
- Support other (clinical) use cases within the MII with the platform



PrivateAIM – Structure



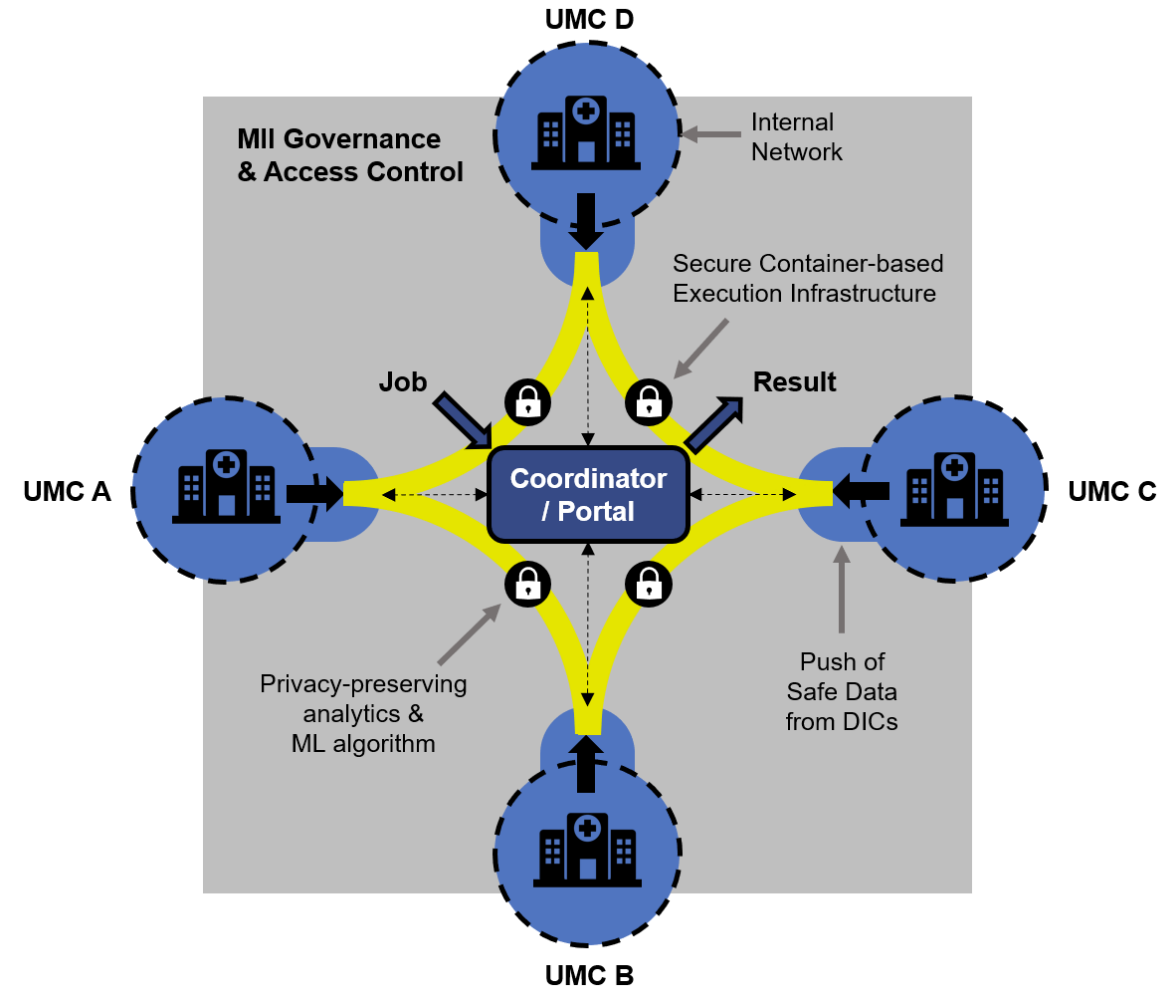
PrivateAIM – Work Packages



PrivateAIM – WP1 – Federated Analytics and ML

Federated Analytics and Machine Learning (WP1)

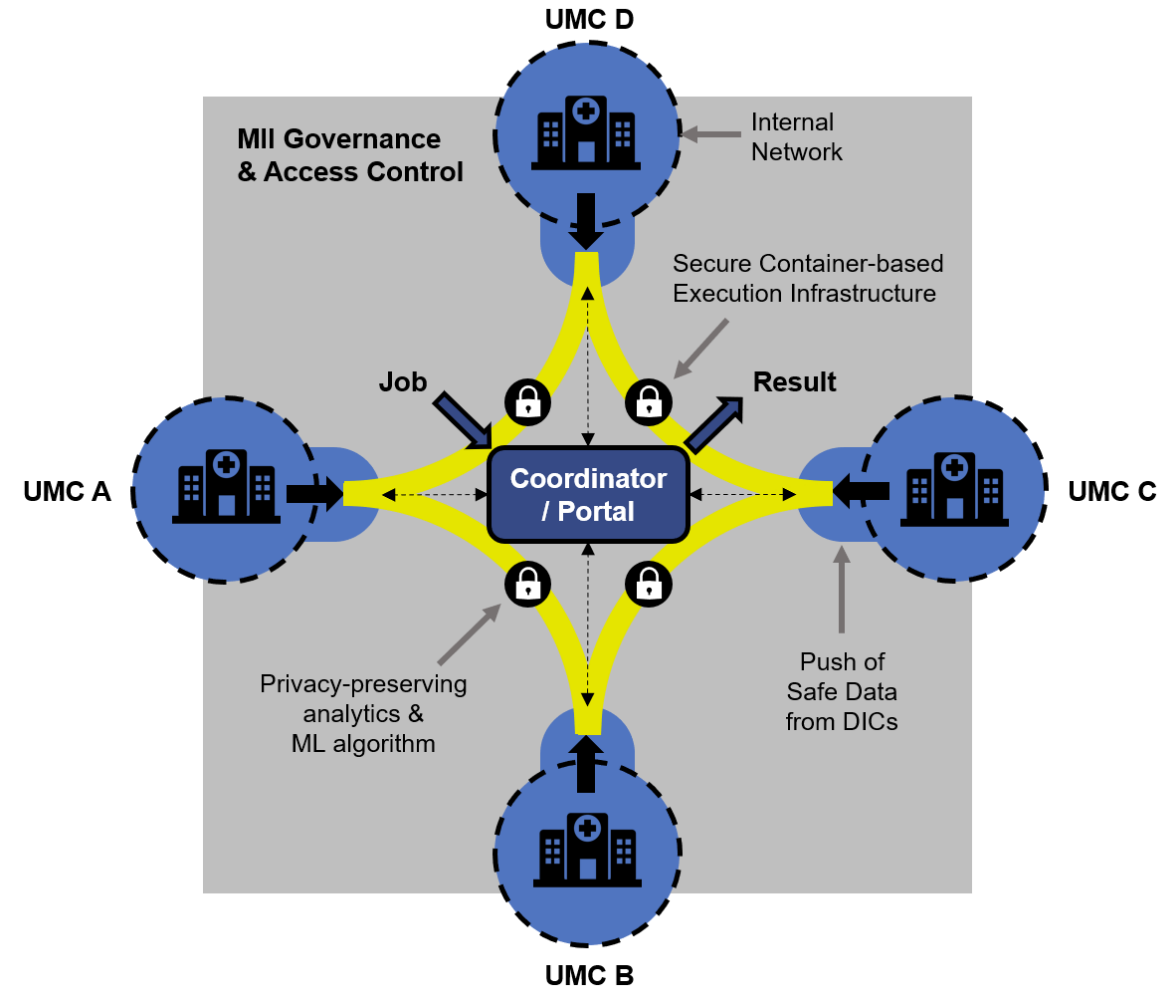
- Federated machine learning approaches that can deal with vertically and horizontally partitioned data (including non-independent and identically distributed data)
- Methods for zero/few shot learning approaches for domain adaptation/transfer learning on multi-modal medical data
- Approaches for balancing and resolving trade-offs between privacy and utility as well as privacy, fairness and robustness of ML models.



PrivateAIM – WP2 – Privacy Monitoring and Guarantees

Privacy Monitoring and Guarantees (WP2)

- Privacy frameworks combining guarantees for combinations of different types of data and multi-modal datasets.
- Translation of privacy accounting, enforcement and monitoring techniques into practical biomedical settings while maintaining utility.
- Certification of components and their privacy properties to improve trust and make transparent privacy protection under the honest-but-curious model.

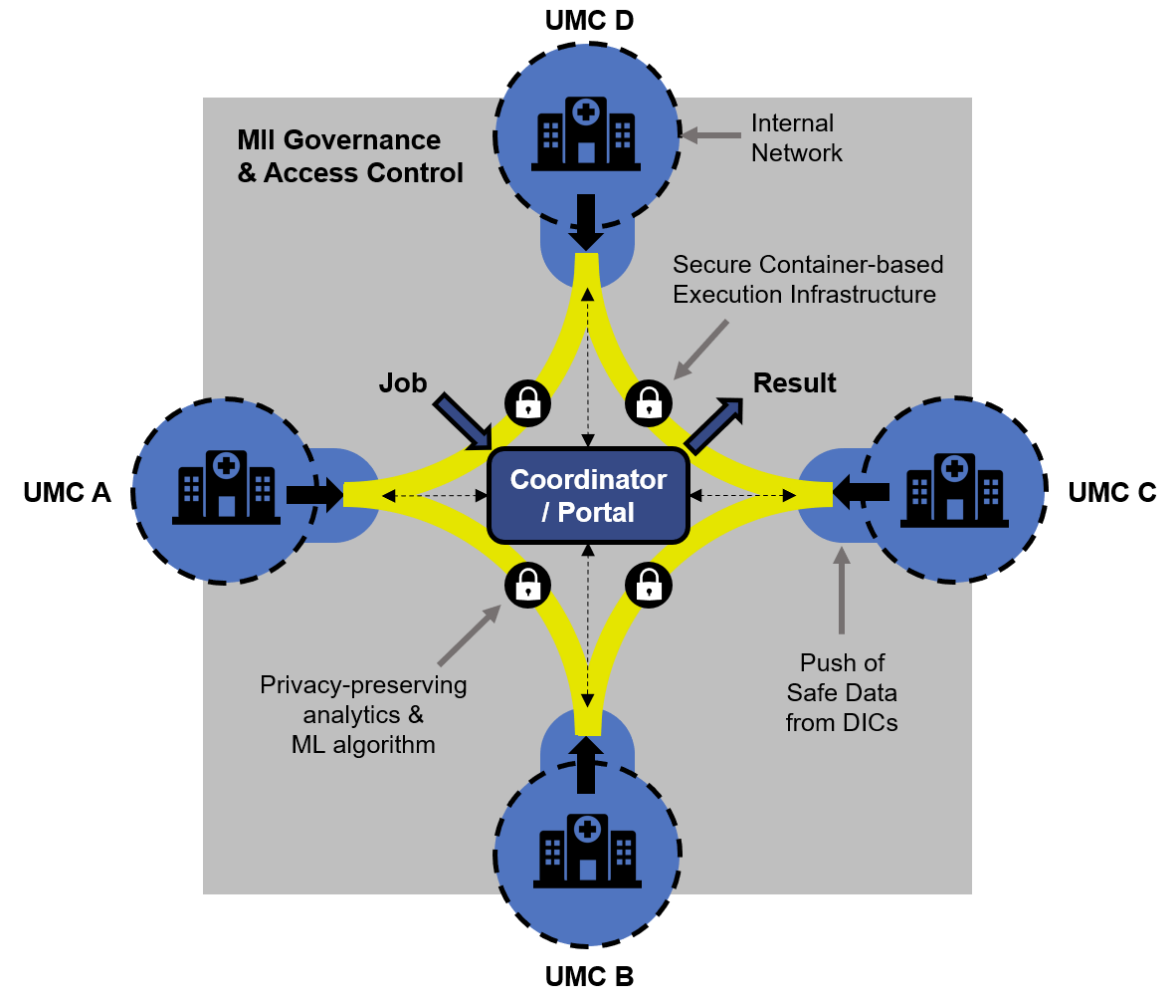


PrivateAIM – WP3 – Platform Development

Federated Analytics Platform (WP3)

- Scalable infrastructures for federated and reproducible processing of clinical, omics, and imaging data with light-weight containerized components.
- Design and integrate interoperability mechanisms with other distributed analysis platforms

The **Federated Learning and Analytics in MEdicine (FLAME)** platform, developed within this project and compiled in WP3, forms the core of the project and brings together the fundamental research questions addressed in WP1 and WP2 with the practical application within the MII in WP4.



PrivateAIM – WP4, WP5, WP6, WP7: Roll-Out and Evaluation

Deployment within the MII (WP4)

- Deployment-ready software stack and documentation for the platform to facilitate broad roll-out based on the prototypical deployment at DICs from each MII consortium
- Application of the platform to relevant data use projects within the MII.

Benchmarking and Evaluation (WP5)

- Preparation of benchmark datasets and scenarios
Privacy and utility evaluations

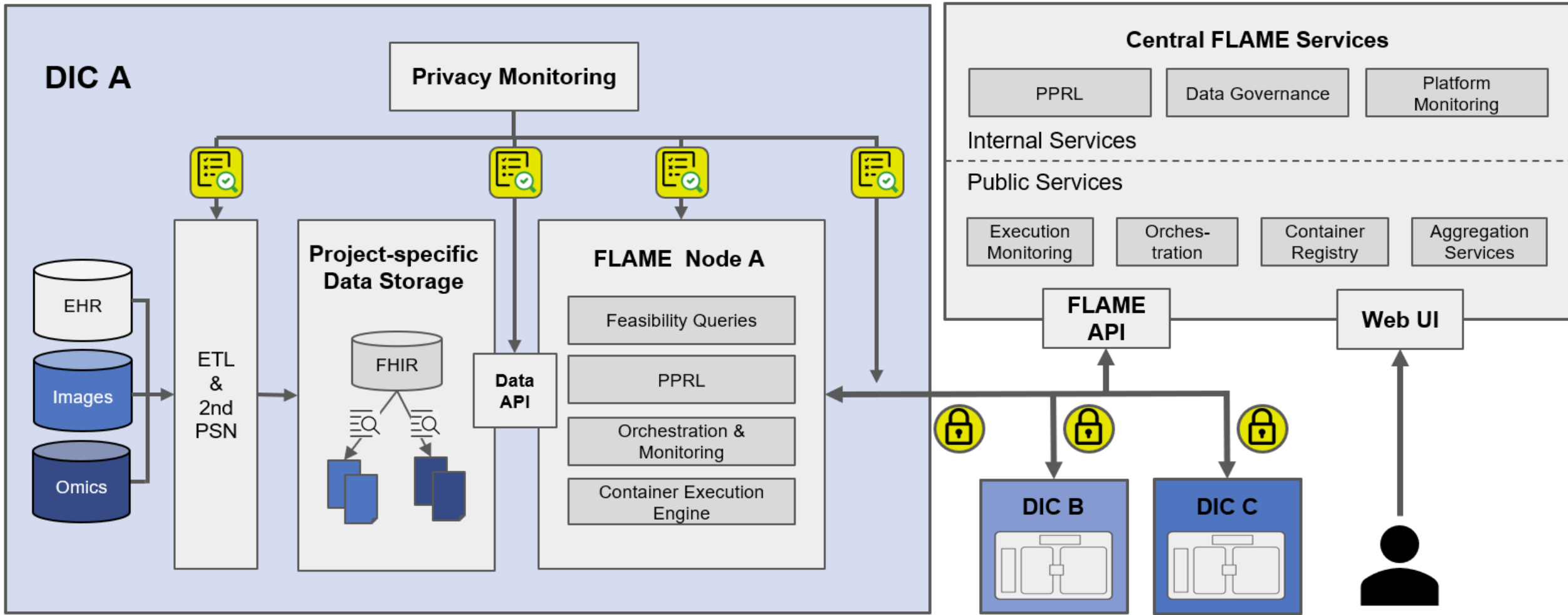
Ethical, legal and societal issues (WP6)

- Information materials for public, ethics committees, data protection officers
- Legal and regulatory framework

Roll-out (WP7)

- Other Module 3 projects and clinical use cases

The envisioned FLAME Platform



We don't start from scratch! Some examples (1)

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Privacy-preserving data sharing infrastructures for medical research: systematization and comparison 

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Data Sharing Architectures

Enabling Open Science in Medicine Through Data Sharing: An Overview and Assessment of Common Approaches from the European Perspective

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Bringing the Algorithms to the Data - Secure Distributed Medical Analytics using the Personal Health Train (PHT-meDIC)

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Technico-Legal Analyses

PHT Implementation

We don't start from scratch! Some examples (2)

Secure, privacy-preserving and federated machine learning in medical imaging

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The broad application of artificial intelligence techniques in medicine is currently hindered by limited dataset availability for algorithm training and validation, due to the absence of standardized electronic medical records, and strict legal and ethical requirements to protect patient privacy. In medical imaging, harmonized data exchange formats such as Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine and electronic data storage are the standard, partially addressing the first issue, but the requirements for privacy preservation are equally strict. To prevent patient privacy compromise while promoting scientific research on large datasets that aims to improve patient care, the implementation of technical solutions to simultaneously address the demands for data protection and utilization is mandatory. Here we present an overview of current and next-generation methods for federated, secure and privacy-preserving artificial intelligence with a focus on medical imaging applications, alongside potential attack vectors and future prospects in medical imaging and beyond.

Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning

TECHNICAL NOTE

A scalable software solution for anonymizing high-dimensional biomedical data

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Data Anonymization

Genetics and population analysis

Identifying disease-causing mutations with privacy protection

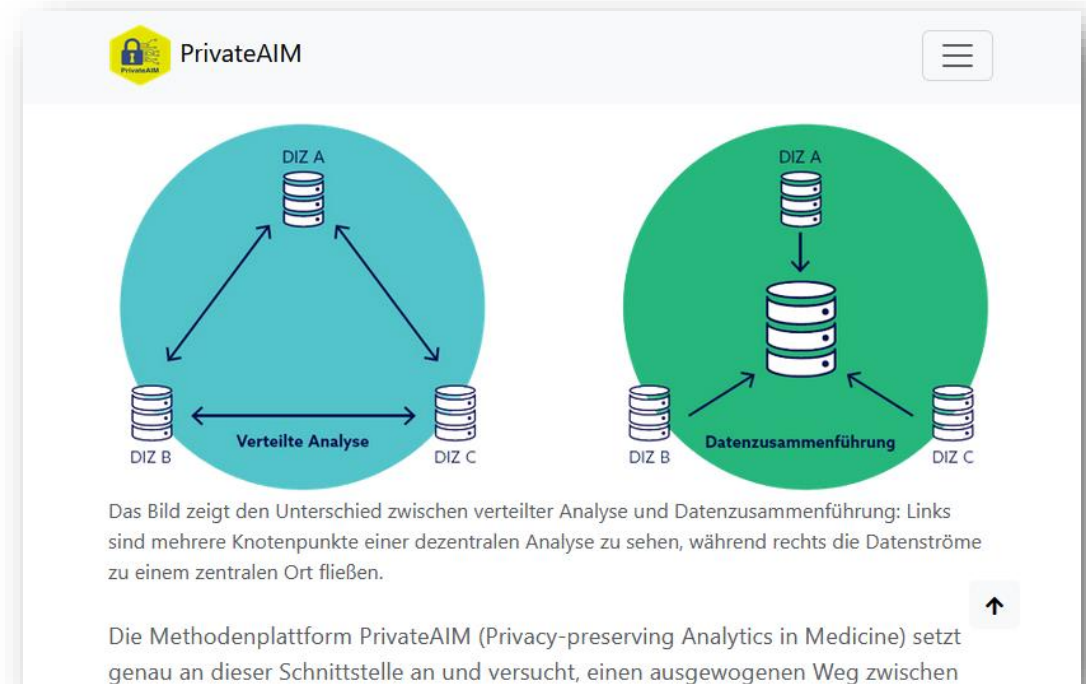
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Secure Multi-Party Computation

Outlook

- PrivateAIM project started in April 2023 as one of the first method platforms
- We have established a strong interdisciplinary team working on all aspects of federated privacy-preserving analytics
- The FLAME platform developed within the project will be the successor of the PHT infrastructure currently deployed within some MII consortia
- We expect PrivateAIM to build the foundation for federated AI within the MII and support other clinical use cases



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