

PRIVACY-PRESERVING FEDERATED BIOMEDICAL ANALYTICS

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Introduction

- Biomedical analytics require a large amount of diverse data that is usually scattered across multiple healthcare institutions or hospitals.
- Data sharing among institutions is a must but often not feasible due to privacy concerns and strict regulations.
- We design a system, *PriCell*, for collaborative and privacy-preserving single-cell analysis for disease-associated cell classification with multiparty homomorphic encryption (MHE) [1].

Contributions

- We enable collaborative and privacy-preserving model training between institutions.
- Our solution does not degrade utility and preserve the data confidentiality for federated biomedical analytics.
- Our method is generalizable to various other tasks in the biomedical domain and beyond.

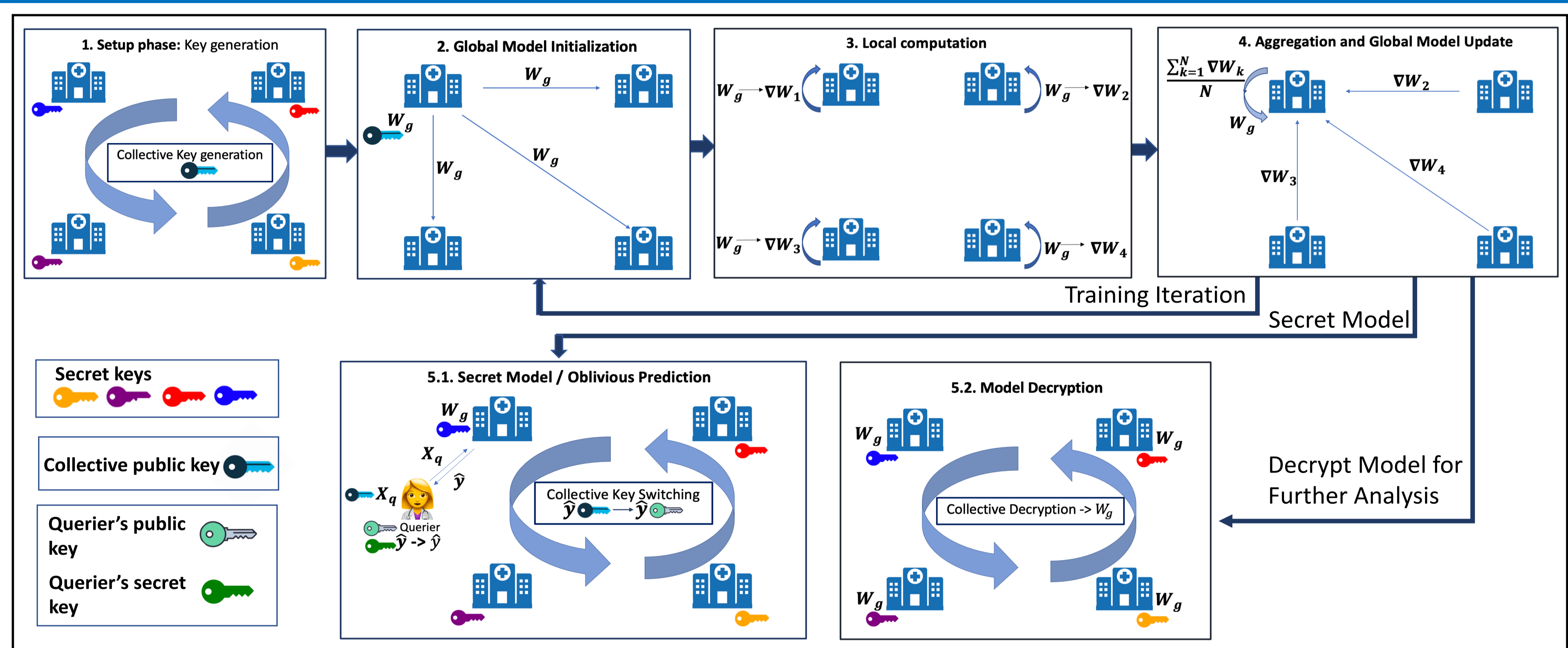
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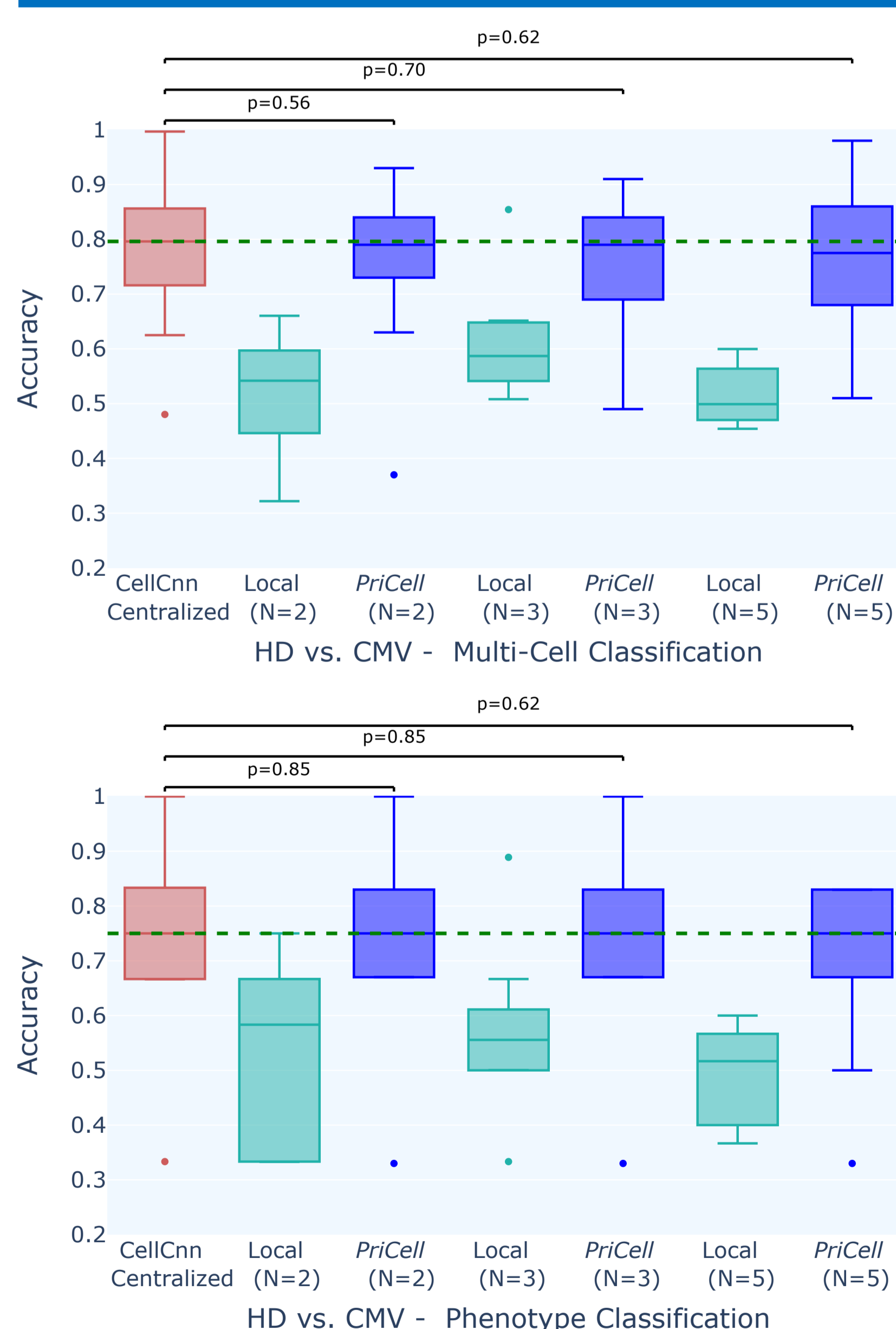
Method *

- The full analytics pipeline is performed under encryption.
- Scalable computations by relying on MHE.
- Various optimizations and approximations are introduced to enable efficient encrypted computation.

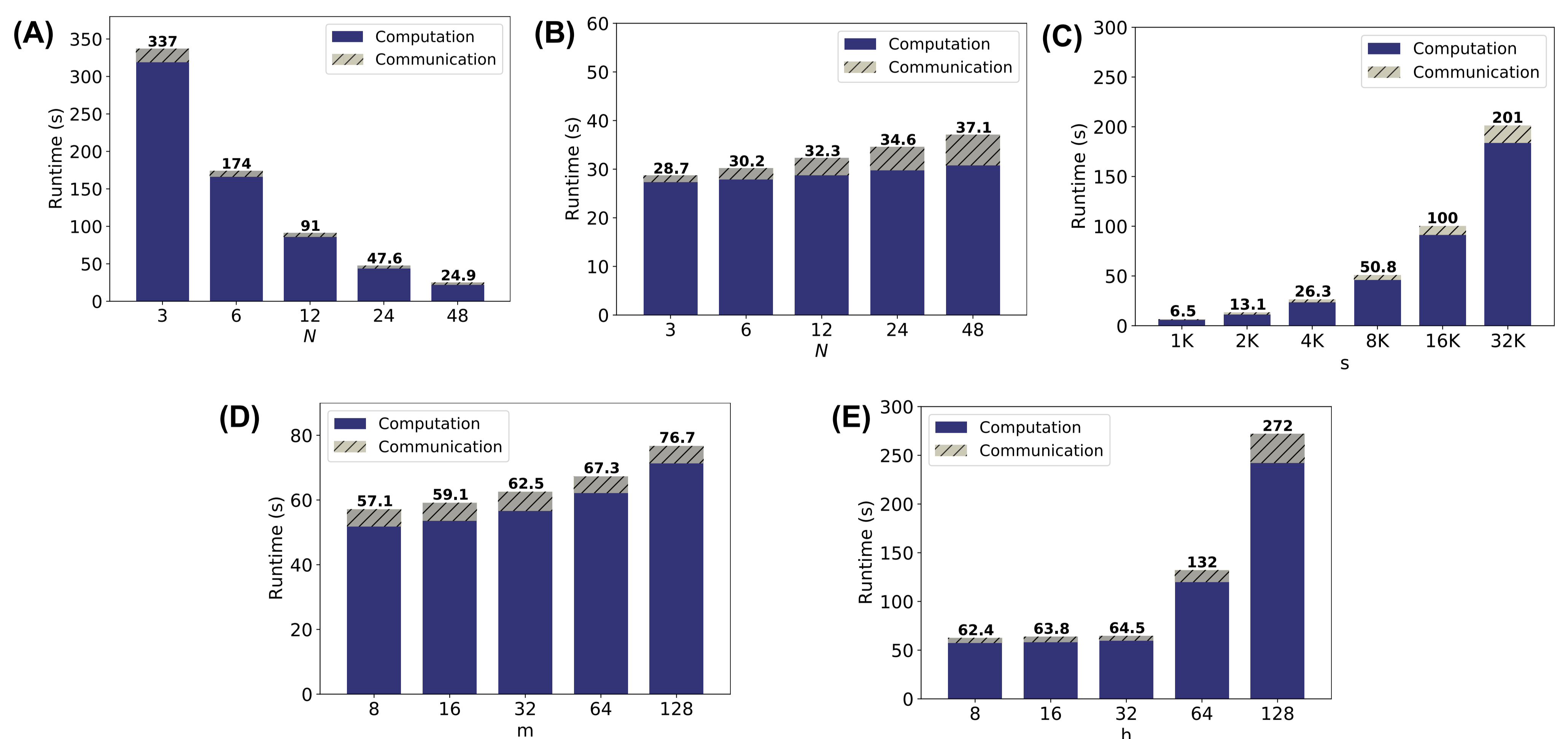
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Results



Accuracy boxplots when classifying healthy donor (HD) vs. cytomegalovirus infection (CMV) for centralized non-secure, local, and our solution (*PriCell*).



PriCell's training execution time and communication overhead for one training epoch with increasing number of parties, data samples, features, and filters. The computation is single-threaded in a virtual network with an average network delay of 0.17 ms and 1 Gbps bandwidth on 10 Linux servers with an Intel Xeon E5-2680 v.3 CPUs running at 2.5 GHz with 24 threads on 12 cores and 256 GB RAM. (A) Increasing number of parties N when the number of global data samples s is fixed to 18,000. (B) Increasing number of parties N, each having 500 samples. (C) Increasing number of data samples s when $N = 10$. (D) Increasing number of features m when $N = 10$. (E) Increasing number of filters h when $N = 10$.

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