

# Hush hush: Keeping neural network claims modelling private, secret, and distributed using federated learning

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#### **Smartphone Federated Learning Pipeline**



<u>Google Al Blog: Federated Learning: Collaborative Machine Learning without Centralized Training Data</u> (googleblog.com) A) your phone personalises the model locally depending on your usage;

B) many users' updates are aggregated;

C) the aggregated updates form a consensus change to the shared model; and

D) the shared models are updated.



#### **Insurance Federated Learning Pipeline**





#### Need to encrypt parameters but maintain the average



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# **Neural Network Model Setup**

Table 2. Neural Network Architecture used in all 3 Scenarios

Hyperparameter	Selection
Input neurons	39 based on the preprocessing done in Section 5.2.2
Hidden Layers	2
Output Layer	1 output neuron with exponential link function (to ensure only positive fre- quencies are predicted)
Optimiser	NAdam
Activation Function	tanh
Loss Function	Negative Poisson Log Likelihood
Initialisation	Xavier
Epochs	300

Table 3. Hyperparameter Search Space Considered in all 3 Scenarios

Hyperparameter	Search Space
Learning Rate	[0.001, 0.002, 0.01]
Number neurons in Hidden Layer 1	[5, 10, 15, 20]
Number neurons in Hidden Layer 2	[5, 10, 15, 20]
Batch Size	[500, 1,000, 5,000, 10,000]





#### **Global Model Scenario – 10 insurers, 1 models**





#### Partial Model Scenario – 10 insurers, 10 models



- No one trusts anyone
- Low volume of data used to build models which could be more relevant to company although may not be credible
- A.k.a. 10 "Partial" models as each company's model only has partial access to the whole market data



## If you could share data





#### Federated Model Scenario – 10 insurers, 1 model



#### "United Federation"

- Everyone keeps their 10<sup>th</sup> of their data to themselves
- However they securely share their parameters with central body
- Central body securely averages all the insurer's parameters and shares back
- Bringing the model to the data rather than bringing the data to the model
- A.k.a. 1 "Federated" model



## **Comparison of results**





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## What's the catch?



(a) Relative increase in observed wall time to train the models compared to training the Global Model.



(b) Exposure Weighted Validation % PDE of the Global and Federated Models over different number of parameter update steps.





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