



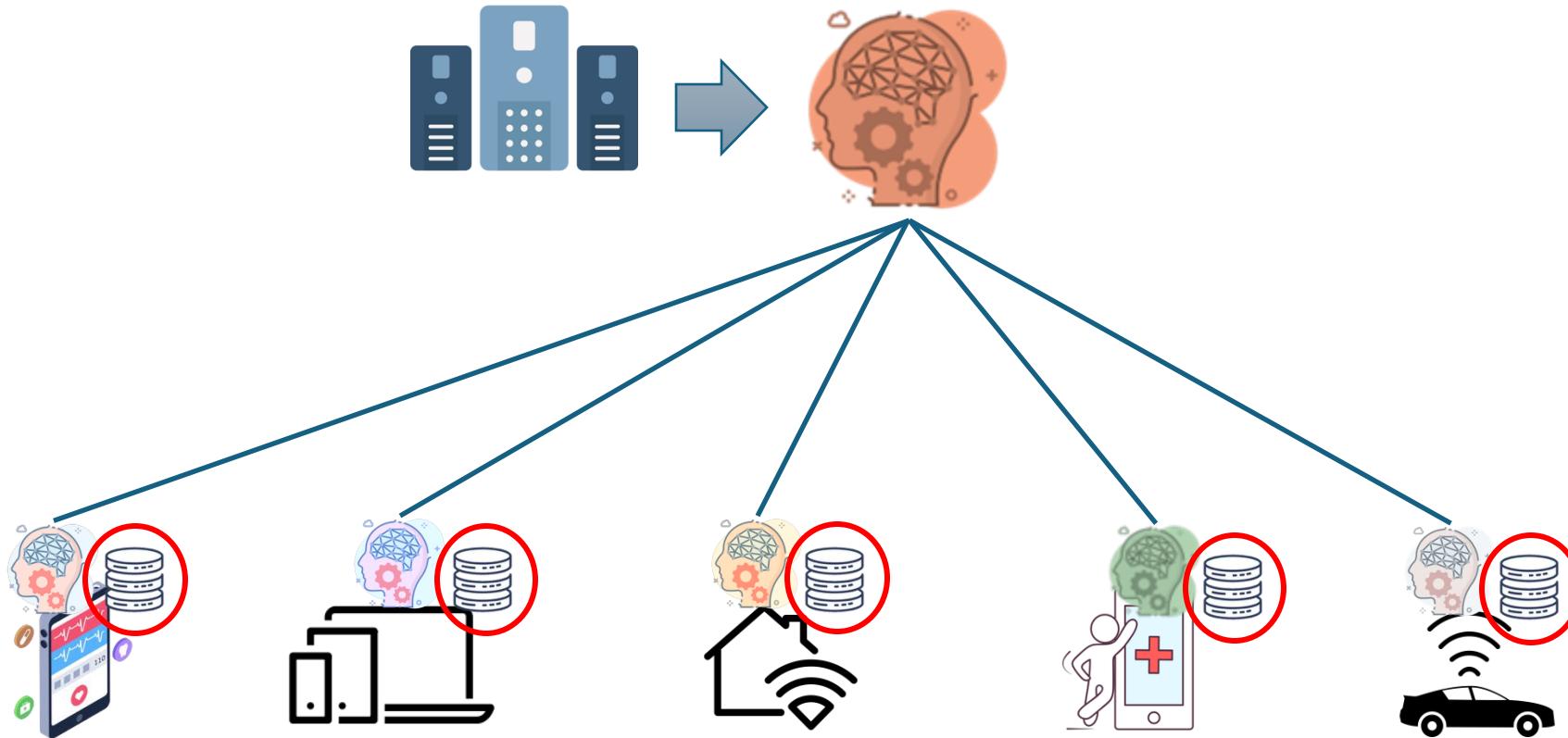
# Federated Prompt-Tuning with Heterogeneous and Incomplete Multimodal Client Data

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# Federated Learning (FL)

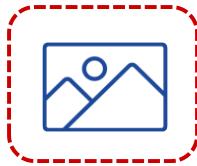


Same type of data in clients

# Types of Multimodal Dataset

## **Text-only Dataset**

All samples are texts



**Image-only Dataset**  
All samples are images

## **Complete Dataset**

All samples are complete



**Miss-both Dataset**  
Some samples are complete  
The rest are image-only and text-only

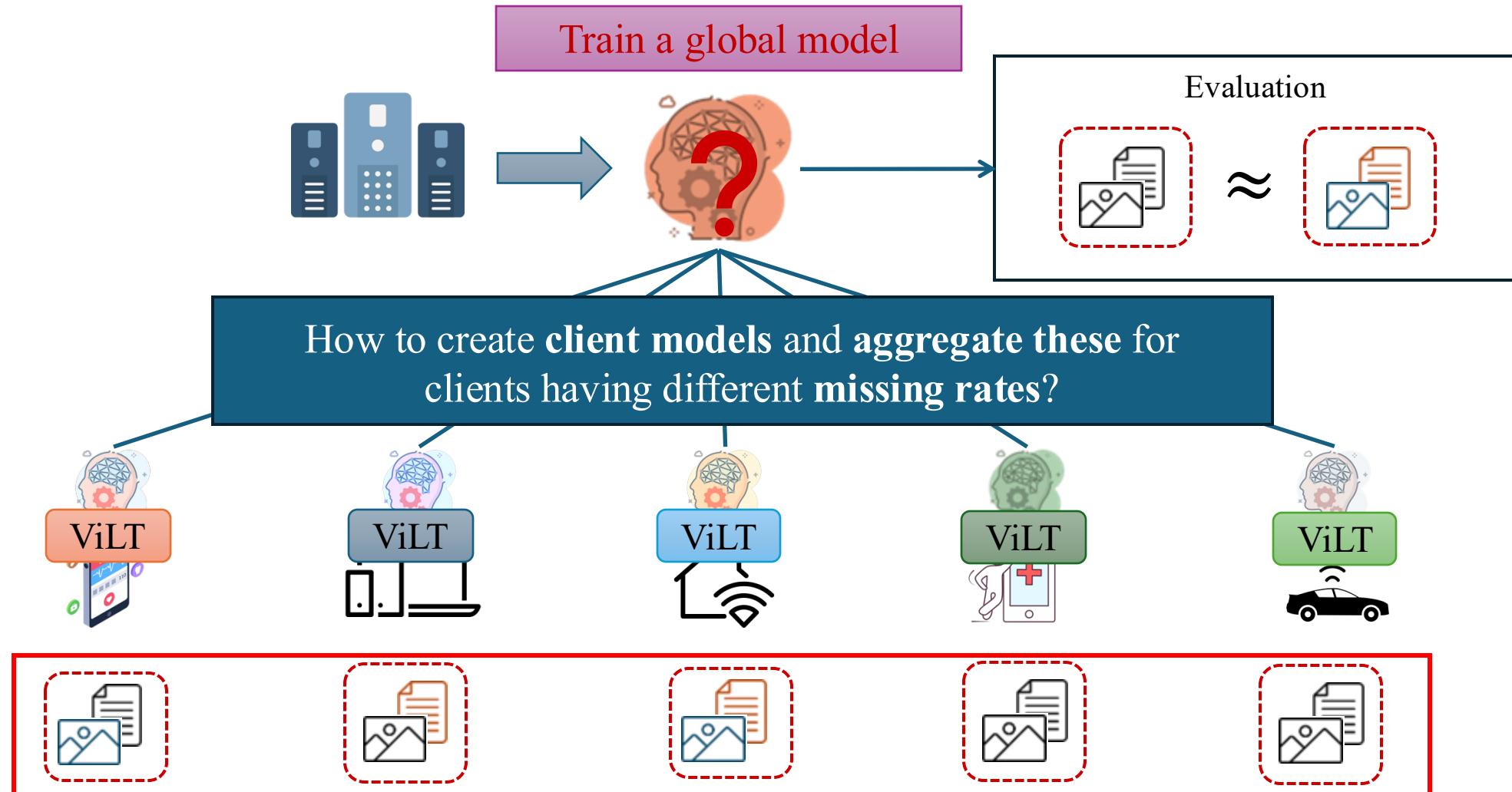
## **Miss-image Dataset**

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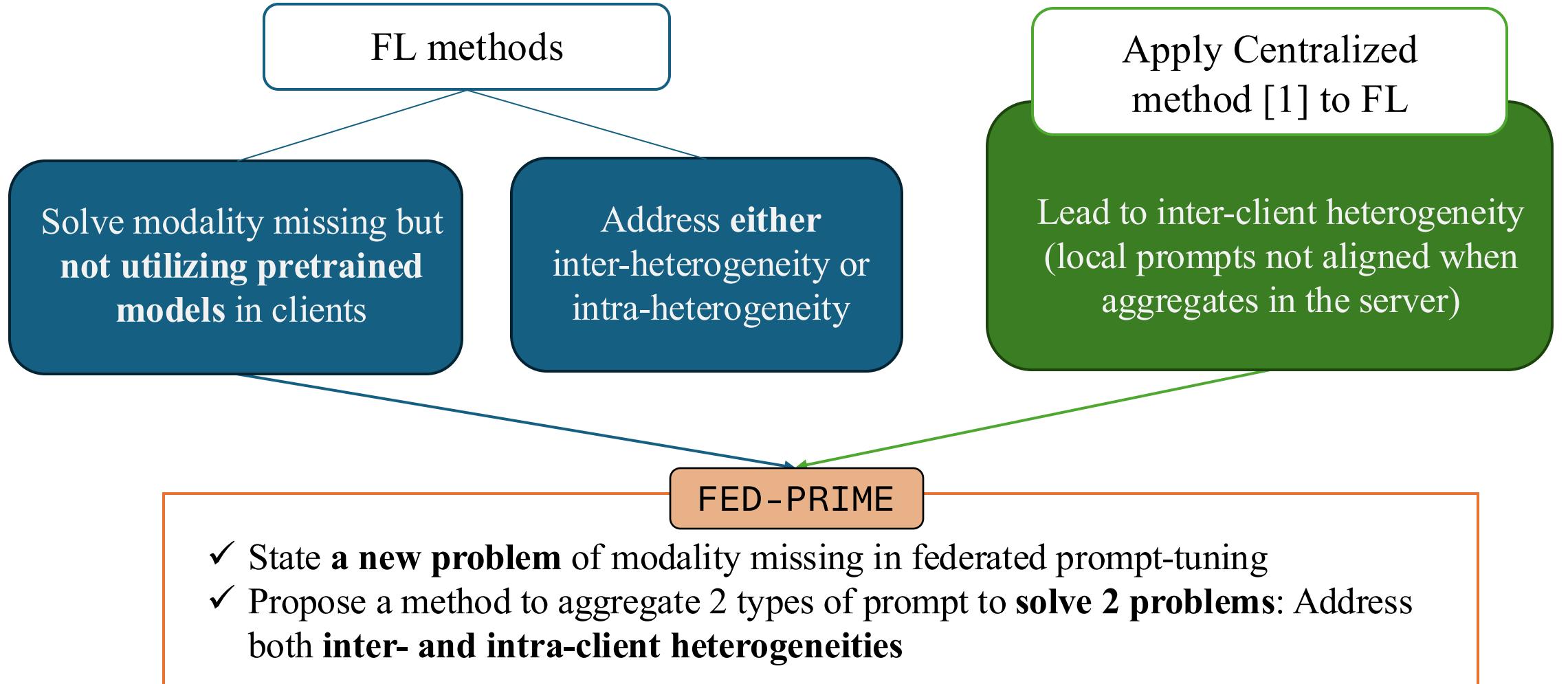


**Miss-text Dataset**  
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The rest are image-only

# Modality Missing in FL – ViLT<sup>1</sup>

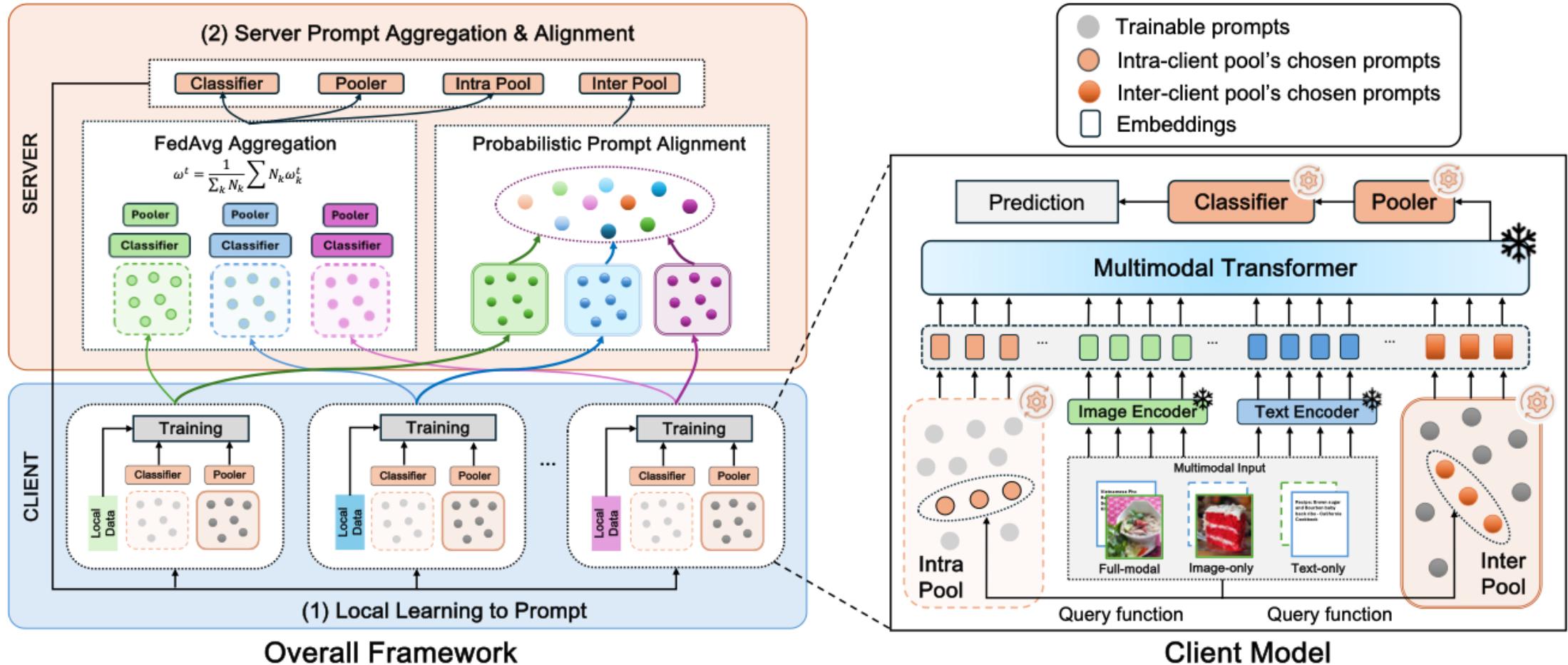


# Related Works



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# Fed-Prime Overview



# Local Training Objectives

Given input embedding after concatenated with selected inter-client prompts and intra-client prompts

$$Input_{augmented} = F_e(x) \circ w_p^{inter} \circ w_p^{intra}$$

**Task loss** for client  $t$  given  $m$  data points,  $F_c$  and  $F_p$  are classifier (updatable) and ViLT frozen encoder;  $w_c$  is the classifier weight, and  $z_{t,s}$  is sample's label

$$L_t(w) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{t=1}^m l(F_c(F_p(Input_{augmented})); w_c), z_{t,s})$$

**Prompt relevant loss (contrastive)**

$$R_t = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{s=1}^m [S_{pos} - S_{neg}]$$

$$S_{pos} = \sum_{i \in selected} \log(\sigma(q \cdot k(p_i))) ; S_{neg} = \sum_{i \in unselected} \log(\sigma(-q \cdot k(p_i)))$$

**Final loss**

$$L_{total} = L_t + \lambda R_t$$

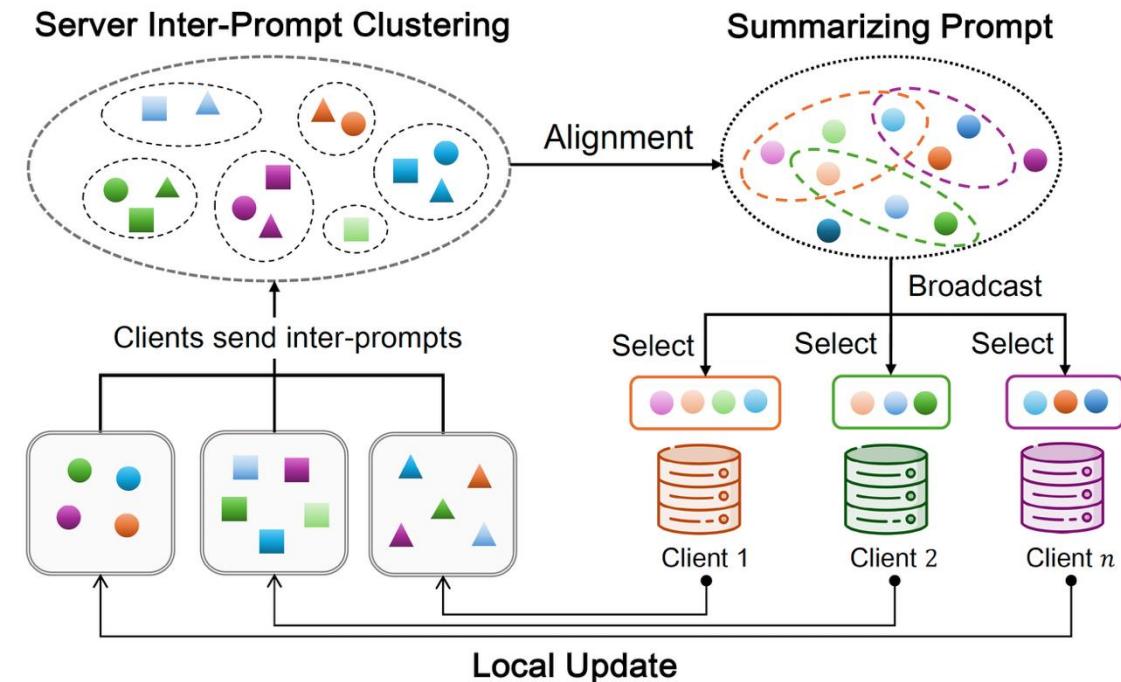
# Inter-client Prompt Alignment - Server

## Motivation

- Prompt positions can encode different meanings due to **client heterogeneity** (e.g., missing data, different tasks).
- Simply averaging prompts **breaks semantic alignment** and hurts performance.
- We need to **group similar prompts** across clients before aggregation.

## How It Works:

1. Receive inter-prompts from all clients.
2. Group prompts by semantic similarity (clustering).
3. Alignment: Create a global (**summarizing prompt pool**) using the **clusters' centroids**
4. Drop empty or unused clusters.
5. Broadcast to client to be the **next inter-client prompt pool**

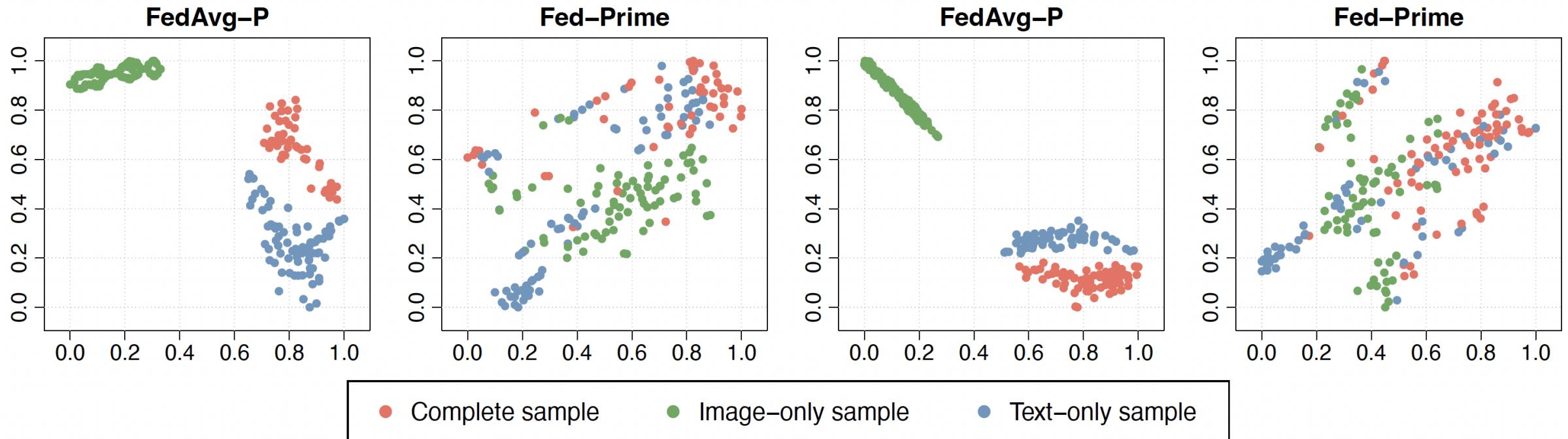


# Experiment Results

Datasets		UPMC Food-101					MM-IMDB				
Train	Method	Test (~ Train)	Test (Miss Both)	Test (Full Modal)	Test (Text only)	Test (Image only)	Test (~ Train)	Test (Miss Both)	Test (Full Modal)	Test (Text only)	Test (Image only)
Miss Text	FEDAVG-P	15.71 $\pm$ 2.27	14.90 $\pm$ 1.57	21.56 $\pm$ 7.81	16.91 $\pm$ 0.69	15.36 $\pm$ 0.43	22.42 $\pm$ 2.27	21.89 $\pm$ 1.34	30.78 $\pm$ 1.65	18.40 $\pm$ 0.06	14.53 $\pm$ 4.56
	FEDMSPLIT-P	15.62 $\pm$ 1.51	17.50 $\pm$ 1.97	25.27 $\pm$ 8.22	18.78 $\pm$ 0.64	17.50 $\pm$ 1.97	21.02 $\pm$ 1.89	19.97 $\pm$ 0.74	24.39 $\pm$ 6.08	14.38 $\pm$ 2.76	18.09 $\pm$ 6.13
	FED-INTER	54.82 $\pm$ 19.01	48.87 $\pm$ 24.64	59.17 $\pm$ 27.06	35.13 $\pm$ 26.78	56.59 $\pm$ 15.12	18.25 $\pm$ 3.50	16.95 $\pm$ 3.57	18.67 $\pm$ 7.63	15.03 $\pm$ 4.66	18.01 $\pm$ 1.95
	FED-INTRA	61.71 $\pm$ 17.22	48.09 $\pm$ 19.12	62.06 $\pm$ 26.98	22.51 $\pm$ 5.92	62.64 $\pm$ 11.83	13.38 $\pm$ 1.73	12.77 $\pm$ 0.85	12.55 $\pm$ 1.67	11.31 $\pm$ 0.38	14.33 $\pm$ 1.80
	<b>FED-PRIME</b>	<b>78.88 <math>\pm</math> 0.90</b>	<b>80.38 <math>\pm</math> 0.65</b>	<b>92.12 <math>\pm</math> 0.40</b>	<b>73.01 <math>\pm</math> 4.25</b>	<b>76.83 <math>\pm</math> 1.22</b>	<b>31.92 <math>\pm</math> 0.20</b>	<b>31.48 <math>\pm</math> 0.30</b>	<b>37.67 <math>\pm</math> 0.04</b>	<b>30.60 <math>\pm</math> 1.41</b>	<b>30.69 <math>\pm</math> 1.41</b>
<b>Improv. (%)</b>		<b>27.82 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>64.48 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>48.44 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>107.83 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>22.65 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>42.37 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>43.81 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>22.35 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>66.30 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>69.65 <math>\uparrow</math></b>
Miss Image	FEDAVG-P	17.35 $\pm$ 4.77	15.12 $\pm$ 1.48	16.84 $\pm$ 2.37	18.12 $\pm$ 6.49	14.81 $\pm$ 0.24	27.69 $\pm$ 5.97	22.55 $\pm$ 3.06	31.94 $\pm$ 0.98	23.76 $\pm$ 11.72	12.29 $\pm$ 0.47
	FEDMSPLIT-P	74.16 $\pm$ 10.56	48.88 $\pm$ 10.26	45.64 $\pm$ 32.43	88.65 $\pm$ 2.17	14.81 $\pm$ 0.90	19.11 $\pm$ 11.33	16.61 $\pm$ 7.22	18.19 $\pm$ 12.55	18.12 $\pm$ 12.30	12.81 $\pm$ 1.25
	FED-INTER	77.96 $\pm$ 11.62	64.62 $\pm$ 10.22	82.08 $\pm$ 7.75	77.69 $\pm$ 12.35	37.56 $\pm$ 6.49	18.79 $\pm$ 5.23	17.93 $\pm$ 3.60	20.56 $\pm$ 3.56	17.67 $\pm$ 6.79	15.47 $\pm$ 2.51
	FED-INTRA	22.84 $\pm$ 3.52	20.13 $\pm$ 1.72	23.48 $\pm$ 1.86	24.46 $\pm$ 2.99	16.66 $\pm$ 1.32	15.75 $\pm$ 4.34	14.06 $\pm$ 3.16	15.68 $\pm$ 4.77	14.53 $\pm$ 3.65	11.71 $\pm$ 0.42
	<b>FED-PRIME</b>	<b>90.55 <math>\pm</math> 0.22</b>	<b>79.12 <math>\pm</math> 0.49</b>	<b>92.89 <math>\pm</math> 0.21</b>	<b>90.18 <math>\pm</math> 0.29</b>	<b>54.14 <math>\pm</math> 2.50</b>	<b>36.08 <math>\pm</math> 0.35</b>	<b>31.35 <math>\pm</math> 0.61</b>	<b>38.49 <math>\pm</math> 0.56</b>	<b>36.91 <math>\pm</math> 0.59</b>	<b>18.15 <math>\pm</math> 0.66</b>
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Miss Both	FEDAVG-P	14.57 $\pm$ 1.50	-	17.17 $\pm$ 4.37	16.40 $\pm$ 4.05	13.24 $\pm$ 0.32	26.45 $\pm$ 2.63	-	33.03 $\pm$ 2.56	24.12 $\pm$ 11.30	20.21 $\pm$ 1.98
	FEDMSPLIT-P	49.15 $\pm$ 24.76	-	64.78 $\pm$ 36.62	64.62 $\pm$ 36.51	21.49 $\pm$ 7.19	24.25 $\pm$ 5.02	-	26.05 $\pm$ 11.17	26.02 $\pm$ 9.64	19.79 $\pm$ 6.20
	FED-INTER	56.32 $\pm$ 21.77	-	69.57 $\pm$ 19.41	45.15 $\pm$ 34.09	59.30 $\pm$ 10.84	26.53 $\pm$ 0.90	-	31.97 $\pm$ 2.22	29.69 $\pm$ 2.21	21.63 $\pm$ 0.77
	FED-INTRA	49.28 $\pm$ 32.87	-	56.70 $\pm$ 37.90	43.24 $\pm$ 34.19	49.85 $\pm$ 25.44	11.90 $\pm$ 0.37	-	12.47 $\pm$ 0.45	11.46 $\pm$ 0.33	12.83 $\pm$ 0.92
	<b>FED-PRIME</b>	<b>84.44 <math>\pm</math> 2.65</b>	-	<b>93.64 <math>\pm</math> 0.58</b>	<b>87.95 <math>\pm</math> 0.91</b>	<b>72.41 <math>\pm</math> 3.88</b>	<b>32.01 <math>\pm</math> 2.51</b>	-	<b>38.68 <math>\pm</math> 0.65</b>	<b>31.00 <math>\pm</math> 2.97</b>	<b>26.01 <math>\pm</math> 0.12</b>
<b>Improv. (%)</b>		<b>49.93 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	-	<b>34.60 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>36.10 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>22.11 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>20.66 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	-	<b>17.11 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>4.41 <math>\uparrow</math></b>	<b>20.25 <math>\uparrow</math></b>

(\*) **Improv.** shows the relative performance improvement between our proposal and the second-best. (in percentage).

# Prompting Analysis



**Figure 4.6:** t-SNE plots of embeddings prior to classification on MM-IMDB under the **Miss Both** training scenario for Client #4 (left) and Client #14 (right), with two subfigures per client.

# Label-skewed NonIID

Dirichlet  $\alpha = 0.1$  vs FEDPROX-P<sup>[1]</sup>

Train	Method	Test (~ Train)	Test (Miss Both)	Test (Full Modal)	Test (Text only)	Test (Image only)
Miss	FEDPROX-P	67.42	64.34	77.29	56.83	68.24
	<b>FED-PRIME</b>	<b>71.20</b>	<b>71.15</b>	<b>85.08</b>	<b>63.91</b>	<b>69.56</b>
Text	FEDPROX-P	82.56	71.26	85.24	83.05	45.31
	<b>FED-PRIME</b>	<b>87.38</b>	<b>75.59</b>	<b>89.25</b>	<b>87.05</b>	<b>48.47</b>
Image	FEDPROX-P	75.75	-	89.36	83.98	69.61
	<b>FED-PRIME</b>	<b>79.98</b>	-	<b>91.00</b>	<b>86.70</b>	<b>70.38</b>

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# Thank you

