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A Cryptographic Framework for Secure Biobank Data Collaboration

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Introduction

As biobanks transition toward full datafication, the secure management of sensitive biomedical data across the BBMRI-ERIC network presents a critical challenge. While seamless data access is essential for medical innovation, robust cybersecurity measures are required to prevent privacy violations, data manipulation, and the loss of irreplaceable resources.

Material and Methods

The research conducted within EvolveBBMRI introduces a comprehensive cryptographic framework for the information-theoretic protection of sensitive biomedical data and secure inter-institutional exchange among BBMRI.at (Medical University of Graz), BBMRI.it, BBMRI.cy, and BBMRI-ERIC. The proposed solution utilizes Shamir's Secret Sharing, a cryptographic secret sharing scheme, within a distributed multi-cloud architecture to fragment data into cryptographic shares with a predefined reconstruction threshold. This approach effectively eliminates single points of failure. Even if a specific geographic node or cloud provider is compromised, the underlying data remains inaccessible to unauthorized actors.

To validate the cryptographic framework across international infrastructures, a custom Command-Line Interface (CLI) module was developed to measure key metrics including latency, throughput, and error rates in real time using a predefined test dataset. Comprehensive statistical analysis, including percentile distributions, confirms the system's reliability and reproducibility across diverse network conditions.

Results

Overall, the cryptographic framework provides a resilient foundation for secure, scalable data exchange within BBMRI-ERIC and beyond. The performance results demonstrate efficient data transfer and validate the system's practical viability for real-world deployment. Conclusion

This cryptographic framework ensures that sensitive biomedical data remains protected while still being accessible for vital scientific research.