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Aegis: An AI-Driven Governance Framework for Micro-Frontend Architectures using Trust-Based Federated Learning

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Abstract:
Micro-frontend (MFE) architectures promise team autonomy and independent deployments for large web platforms, but they also introduce governance fragmentation across organizational and technical silos. This fragmentation complicates integrity assurance, accountability, and consistent risk controls when numerous independently released frontend artifacts interact with shared identity, APIs, and customer journeys. In parallel, organizations increasingly seek AI-driven governance that learns from operational telemetry (e.g., client-side errors, security signals, deployment provenance, and runtime policy outcomes) without centralizing sensitive data across teams or business units.
This paper proposes *Aegis*, an AI-driven governance frame-work for MFEs that uses a trust metric-based federated learning (FL) approach to coordinate integrity and accountability across silos. Aegis introduces (i) a *Trust Metric* that scores each MFE contributor (team, module, or tenant) based on evidence such as update consistency, policy adherence, operational reliability, and attested provenance; (ii) a *Trust-Aware Federated Aggregation* mechanism that down-weights suspicious or low-accountability participants while preserving privacy and autonomy; and (iii) an *Explainability–Performance Trade-off Controller* that quantifies how governance decisions balance predictive performance (e.g., risk detection accuracy) against explanation quality (e.g., fidelity and actionability), enabling organizations to optimize for regulatory readiness and engineering usability.
We describe the Aegis architecture, a practical methodology for trust-based FL governance in MFEs, and an experimental evaluation using a prototype simulation of multi-team MFE telemetry with adversarial and non-IID behaviors. Results indicate that trust-aware aggregation improves robustness to faulty or compromised participants, and that explicit optimization of explanation budgets can preserve meaningful interpretability with limited performance degradation. The paper concludes with engineering guidance, limitations, and future directions for production deployment.

Index Terms: micro-frontends, governance, federated learning, trust metrics, accountability, integrity, explainable AI, soft-ware architecture.

I. INTRODUCTION

Large enterprises increasingly decompose web platforms into independently deliverable units to accelerate change and scale teams. Micro-frontends extend the microservices philosophy to the UI layer, enabling separate teams to own end-to-end slices of the product while composing a cohesive user experience at runtime. Industry guidance describes MFEs as independently developed and deployed frontend fragments that appear as one application, typically composed through build-time integration, runtime module federation, or server-side composition [1].

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However, autonomy creates governance tension: while teams can ship quickly, platform-wide integrity

and account-ability become harder to enforce. A single user flow may traverse multiple MFEs, each compiled, tested, and deployed by different groups. Cross-cutting concerns such as authentication flows, authorization checks, data handling constraints, observability standards, and incident response expectations must remain consistent. Yet centralized governance often fails because it requires data consolidation, slows delivery, and conflicts with organizational boundaries.

A. Problem Statement

This work addresses three coupled problems in MFE governance:

P1: Integrity across silos. The UI layer is now a distributed system. A compromised or careless MFE can exfiltrate data, weaken authentication, or degrade the customer journey. Conventional code review and CI/CD checks within a single repo are insufficient when releases are distributed across teams and repositories.

P2: Accountability and provenance. When a governance event occurs (e.g., a policy violation, security incident, or regression), organizations need defensible evidence about which MFE artifacts participated, which policy decisions were made, and why. Audit evidence must be tamper-resistant and attributable.

P3: Explainability versus performance. AI-driven governance is attractive for detecting risk patterns in telemetry, but black-box governance is unacceptable in high-stakes con-texts. Explanations must be understandable to engineers and compliance stakeholders, yet overly interpretable models may underperform. The organization needs a quantifiable way to manage this trade-off.

B. Why Federated Learning for MFE Governance

Federated learning enables collaborative model training without centralizing raw data, which aligns with organizational autonomy and privacy goals [2], [4]. In MFE ecosystems, telemetry and governance evidence are naturally partitioned by team, product line, tenant, or region. Centralizing such data can be expensive, slow, and politically difficult. FL offers a path to shared governance intelligence while keeping sensitive and siloed operational data local.

Yet standard FL assumes participants are honest and does not directly address accountability. In adversarial settings, poisoning or faulty updates can corrupt the global model [6], [7]. Governance systems must therefore reason about *trust* and *evidence* for each participant, not merely aggregate updates.

C. Contributions

This paper makes the following contributions:

- **Aegis Framework:** A reference architecture for AI-driven governance in MFEs, integrating policy enforcement, provenance capture, federated learning, and auditability.
- **Trust Metric for FL Governance:** A practical trust scoring method combining operational reliability, pol-icy compliance signals, update consistency, and attested provenance into an actionable trust weight for aggregation.
- **Trust-Aware Federated Aggregation:** A robust aggregation approach that uses trust weights plus outlier resistance to reduce the influence of suspicious updates, drawing on Byzantine-resilient ideas.
- **Explainability–Performance Trade-off Controller:** A governance-oriented approach to quantify and optimize interpretability versus predictive performance using ex-planation budgets and multi-objective selection among model families and explanation methods.
- **Evaluation via Prototype Simulation:** Experiments demonstrating robustness and trade-off behavior under non-IID data, varying client quality, and adversarial participants.

D. Scope and Assumptions

Aegis targets web platforms composed of multiple MFEs, typically integrated via runtime composition. The approach assumes each MFE domain can locally compute features from telemetry (e.g., client error

rates, security signals, performance metrics, policy outcomes) and that governance decisions can be expressed as policies evaluated at build-time and/or run-time. We do not require a single shared codebase; we assume partial standardization of event schemas and policy contracts.

II. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

A. Micro-Frontends and Distributed UI Complexity

The micro-frontend style is described as extending microservices thinking into frontend development, enabling independent delivery while introducing new operational overhead [1]. Although academic literature on MFEs was historically limited, the industry pattern aligns with broader research on microservices architecture challenges, including distributed ownership, reliability, and governance complexity [13]–[15].

B. Federated Learning Foundations and Challenges

Federated learning trains a shared model by aggregating local updates while keeping data decentralized [2]. Federated optimization formalizes this setting under large-scale, non-IID and unbalanced data [3]. Surveys highlight open problems including client selection, robustness, privacy, and system heterogeneity [4].

C. Secure Aggregation and Robustness

Secure aggregation reduces exposure of individual updates while enabling summation-based learning [5]. However, privacy does not imply integrity: malicious clients may still poison the model. Byzantine-resilient aggregation rules such as Krum and trimmed-mean variants aim to tolerate adversarial updates [6], [7]. Aegis leverages these ideas but adds governance-specific *trust evidence* and accountability constraints.

D. Explainable AI and Practical Explanations

Interpretability and explanation methods such as LIME [8], SHAP [9], Integrated Gradients [10], and Anchors [11] provide tools to explain model behavior. Yet, interpretability is contextual: governance stakeholders require *actionable* explanations tied to policy decisions, not merely feature attributions. Critiques argue that post-hoc explanations may be insufficient in high-stakes settings, emphasizing inherently interpretable models when feasible [12].

E. Auditability and Tamper Resistance

Accountability requires defensible logs and evidence. Per-missioned blockchain and distributed ledger approaches have been explored for auditable logging and non-repudiation [18]–[20]. Aegis uses a lightweight audit ledger concept to ensure integrity of governance events and provenance attestations without requiring public-chain infrastructure.

F. Software Delivery and Governance Automation

Continuous delivery practices and evolutionary architecture principles argue for automated governance embedded in pipelines, using measurable "fitness functions" and policy checks [16], [17]. Aegis aligns with this direction by treating governance as an adaptive control system that learns from telemetry while enforcing non-negotiable policy baselines.

III. AEGIS THREAT MODEL AND DESIGN GOALS

A. Threat Model

Aegis assumes a *federation* of participants: each participant represents an MFE team, business unit, or tenant domain. Adversarial behaviors include:

- **Poisoned updates:** A participant sends model updates intended to degrade global performance or

create blind spots.

- **Careless updates:** Non-malicious but low-quality up-dates due to data skew, monitoring misconfiguration, or pipeline regressions.
- **Policy evasion:** A participant reduces policy logging fidelity, forges provenance, or withholds negative out-comes.
- **Sybil-like behavior within enterprise boundaries:** A participant attempts to split identities (e.g., multiple pipelines) to amplify influence.

We do not assume participants can break standard crypto-graphic primitives. We assume transport security and authenticated federation membership.

B. Design Goals

Aegis is designed around the following goals:

G1: Integrity. Reduce the impact of malicious or faulty participants on governance models and decisions.

G2: Accountability. Provide tamper-resistant evidence of governance events, policy outcomes, and model lineage.

G3: Silo Compatibility. Avoid centralizing raw telemetry; keep sensitive data local while enabling shared governance intelligence.

G4: Explainability. Produce explanations that are meaningful to engineers and compliance reviewers, with explicit trade-off control.

G5: Deployability. Integrate with common CI/CD and MFE runtime patterns with minimal disruption.

IV. AEGIS ARCHITECTURE

Aegis is organized into five cooperating planes, designed to map onto typical enterprise platform responsibilities.

A. Plane 1: Policy Plane (Contracts and Controls)

The Policy Plane defines governance *contracts* that MFEs must satisfy. Contracts are expressed as machine-checkable rules and runtime assertions, including:

- **Identity contract:** Approved authentication flows, token handling constraints, and session propagation rules.
- **Data contract:** Allowed data fields, storage restrictions, and redaction requirements.
- **Dependency contract:** Allowed third-party scripts, integrity attributes, version pinning, and module federation constraints.
- **Observability contract:** Required telemetry events, schema versions, and minimum sampling guarantees.
- **Change contract:** Release metadata, rollout strategy, and rollback requirements.

Contracts are enforced via pipeline checks (static analysis, config validation) and runtime guards (policy middleware in the MFE shell or gateway).

B. Plane 2: Evidence Plane (Telemetry and Provenance)

The Evidence Plane collects *governance evidence* at each participant. Evidence is split into:

- **Operational signals:** client-side errors, performance per-centiles, availability signals, and release health metrics.
- **Security and compliance signals:** CSP violations, suspicious DOM access patterns, token misuse indicators, and data policy outcomes.
- **Provenance signals:** build attestation, dependency manifests, signing status, and deployment lineage.
- **Human signals:** incident annotations, postmortem tags, and severity labels (kept local, shared only as aggregated features).

Aegis assumes each participant can produce a local feature vector and training labels derived from these signals (e.g., "governance risk" labels from policy violations and incident history).

C. Plane 3: Federated Trust Plane (Trust Metric and Aggregation)

The Federated Trust Plane coordinates federated training and governance scoring. This plane consists of:

- **Local trainer:** Computes local model updates from local evidence.
- **Trust evaluator:** Computes a trust score for the participant based on evidence consistency, policy adherence, update quality, and attestation confidence.
- **Trust-aware aggregator:** Combines updates using trust weights and robust statistics to limit adversarial influence.

D. Plane 4: Explainability Plane (Governance Explanations)

The Explainability Plane provides explanations for governance decisions. It includes:

- **Explanation generator:** Uses local or global explanation techniques (e.g., SHAP, LIME, Anchors, or gradients) depending on model type.
- **Explanation budgeter:** Controls explanation cost and granularity to optimize the explainability–performance trade-off.
- **Action mapping:** Translates explanations into concrete engineering actions (e.g., "CSP violations increased after module X deployment"), linking to policy contracts.

E. Plane 5: Audit Plane (Tamper-Resistant Governance Log)

Aegis records governance events and model lineage in an audit log designed for integrity and non-repudiation. This can be implemented using a permissioned ledger approach or append-only log with distributed verification [19], [20]. The audit plane stores:

- model version identifiers and aggregation metadata,
- participant attestations and trust scores (or hashed commitments),
- policy decision events and enforcement outcomes,
- explanation artifacts (summaries or hashes) tied to decisions.

V. TRUST METRIC-BASED FEDERATED LEARNING FRAMEWORK

This section defines the trust metric and trust-aware aggregation strategy. To satisfy the "no complex formulas" constraint, we use a simple weighted scoring description.

A. Trust Metric Overview

Aegis assigns each participant i a trust score T_i in the range $[0, 1]$. The trust score is computed as a weighted combination of evidence-based factors:

- **Reliability score (R_i):** Derived from release stability, error budgets, and observability completeness.
- **Compliance score (C_i):** Derived from policy adherence frequency and severity-weighted violations.
- **Provenance score (P_i):** Derived from build signing, at-testation quality, dependency integrity, and reproducibility signals.
- **Update consistency score (U_i):** Derived from how consistent local updates are with expected training behavior, including drift and anomaly checks.
- **Contribution quality score (Q_i):** Derived from local validation improvement and calibration consistency.

A simple trust metric can be expressed as:

Trust is a weighted sum of R_i, C_i, P_i, U_i, Q_i, with guardrails that sharply reduce trust when severe integrity violations occur.

Aegis uses *guardrail penalties* for events such as provenance failure (unsigned artifact), repeated policy evasion, or evidence tampering indicators. This keeps the trust metric interpretable and operationally aligned.

B. Operationalizing Each Trust Component

1) *Reliability (R_i):* Reliability reflects whether a participant behaves like a stable citizen in the platform. It is computed from:

- change failure rate and mean time to recovery,
- client-side error rate trends,
- performance regression frequency (e.g., p95 latency shifts),
- telemetry completeness (e.g., required event emission).

Aegis normalizes these signals into a 0–1 score using organization-defined thresholds.

2) *Compliance (C_i):* Compliance measures adherence to policy contracts:

- rate of contract violations per release,
- severity-weighted violations (e.g., authentication misuse vs. minor schema drift),
- timeliness of remediation (time-to-fix).

This is critical in MFEs because the UI often touches identity and sensitive data paths.

3) *Provenance (P_i):* Provenance measures confidence that the participant's released artifacts are authentic and reproducible. Signals include:

- artifact signing and verified signatures,
- dependency lockfile integrity and known-good registries,
- attestation completeness (build metadata, environment, commit lineage),

4) reproducible build confidence scores.

5) *Update Consistency (U_i):* Update consistency measures whether a participant's FL updates are statistically plausible:

- magnitude checks (abnormally large updates),
- direction similarity to historical updates,
- divergence from trusted cohorts,
- anomaly flags from robust statistics.

This supports poisoning resistance in a lightweight way in-spired by robustness literature [6], [7].

6) *Contribution Quality (Q_i):* Contribution quality measures whether the participant's updates improve local validation metrics in a consistent manner:

- local validation improvement versus baseline,
- calibration drift and stability,
- consistency under replayed windows of data.

C. Trust-Aware Federated Aggregation

Standard FedAvg aggregates updates weighted by data volume [2]. Aegis instead uses a composite weight:

Aggregation weight = data weight × trust weight. Additionally, Aegis applies outlier resistance by either:

- filtering extreme updates using trimmed-mean style co-ordinate trimming [7], or
- selecting a subset of consistent updates (Krum-like selection) before averaging [6].

In practice, Aegis uses a *two-stage* strategy:

1) **Trust gating:** exclude or strongly down-weight participants with T_i below a threshold or with severe guardrail violations.
2) **Robust aggregation:** apply a robust rule to the remaining updates to resist residual anomalies.

D. Integrity and Accountability Across Silos

Trust is not only a statistical concept; it must be defensible. Aegis therefore binds trust to evidence:

- Each trust score is accompanied by a compact *trust rationale* (e.g., "unsigned build attestation reduced provenance score"), which is recorded in the audit plane.
- Participants cannot arbitrarily claim trust; trust is computed from policy contract outcomes and attested meta-data.
- The audit log enables after-the-fact review of governance decisions, supporting non-repudiation [19].
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VI. QUANTIFYING THE EXPLAINABILITY–PERFORMANCE TRADE-OFF

Aegis treats explainability as a first-class governance objective rather than an afterthought.

A. Governance Explainability Requirements

In MFE governance, explanations must:

- link to actionable engineering levers (policies, modules, deployments),
- be stable enough to support audits (not overly sensitive to noise),
- be produced within operational budgets (latency, compute, and privacy constraints),
- avoid exposing sensitive data across silos.

B. Explanation Quality Dimensions

Aegis evaluates explanation quality using practical dimensions:

- **Fidelity:** does the explanation reflect the model's behavior locally?
- **Stability:** do explanations remain consistent under small perturbations?
- **Actionability:** do explanations map to clear remediation actions?
- **Compactness:** can explanations be consumed quickly (top factors, short rules)?

These dimensions can be scored with simple heuristics (e.g., top-k agreement across perturbations) without requiring complex mathematics.

C. Performance Metrics

Governance performance is measured as:

- **Detection effectiveness:** ability to flag risky releases or runtime behaviors (precision/recall, or true positive rate at fixed false positive rate).
- **Operational cost:** false positives leading to unnecessary rollbacks or escalations.
- **Robustness:** performance degradation under adversarial or faulty participants.

D. Trade-off Controller

The Aegis Trade-off Controller selects among:

- model families (e.g., logistic regression, shallow trees, gradient-boosted trees, or compact neural models),
- explanation methods (e.g., intrinsic interpretability vs. post-hoc SHAP/LIME/Anchors),
- explanation granularity (global summaries vs. per-decision explanations),
- explanation budget (how many explanations per window, and how expensive).

Aegis encodes organizational preference as a simple *utility score*:

Utility increases with governance performance and explanation quality, and decreases with operational explanation cost.

By treating explanation cost as a budget, Aegis can en-force that high-cost explanations are reserved for high-impact events (e.g., suspected security regressions), while low-cost summaries are used for routine monitoring.

E. Why Not Always Use Interpretable Models?

Interpretable models can be preferable in high-stakes set-tings [12]. However, MFE telemetry is heterogeneous and non-stationary: new modules, new deployments, and evolving user behavior create complex interactions. Aegis therefore supports two modes:

- **Interpretable-first mode:** prioritize simple models, accept modest performance loss.
- **Hybrid mode:** use stronger models but enforce explanation budgets and stability checks to maintain governance defensibility.

VII. METHODOLOGY

A. Data and Feature Construction in MFEs

Aegis uses a standardized governance event schema. Each participant builds local features from:

- **Release-level features:** deployment frequency, rollout type, rollback triggers, dependency changes, signing status.
- **Runtime features:** error rates, CSP violations, suspicious DOM access counts, API error response patterns, latency regressions.
- **Policy outcomes:** pass/fail counts per contract, severity counts, remediation times.
- **Context features:** user segment mix shifts, region/tenant distributions (kept local; shared as coarse aggregates).

Labels can be derived from policy violations and incident records. For example:

- **Binary risk label:** risky vs. non-risky release window.
- **Severity label:** none / low / medium / high.
- **Action label:** monitor / throttle / block rollout / rollback.

B. Federated Training Loop

Each round proceeds as:

1) Aggregator publishes the current global model version and policy baseline.
2) Each participant trains locally on its evidence window and produces a model update plus local validation summary.
3) Each participant computes its trust components (R_i, C_i, P_i, U_i, Q_i) and emits a signed trust report (or commitment hash) to the audit plane.
4) Aggregator computes trust weights, applies trust gating and robust aggregation, and publishes the new global model.
5) Explainability plane produces explanations for flagged events and records explanation hashes in the audit log.

Secure aggregation can be used to protect individual updates [5], while audit commitments preserve accountability without exposing full details cross-silo.

C. Governance Actions

Aegis produces:

- **Risk score per release and runtime window,**
- **policy recommendations** (e.g., enforce stricter CSP, re-quire signing, increase sampling),
- **trust feedback** to participants (e.g., improve observability completeness, remediate repeated violations).

This closes the loop: the trust metric is not merely punitive; it becomes an engineering improvement incentive.

VIII. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

Because production governance telemetry is typically proprietary, we evaluate Aegis using a controlled prototype simulation designed to reflect common enterprise MFE conditions: non-IID data across teams,

varying telemetry quality, and occasional adversarial updates.

A. Simulation Setup

We simulate $N = 30$ participants, each representing an MFE domain. Each participant generates local events across 26 weekly windows. Event distributions differ by participant to represent non-IID behavior (different user segments and modules).

Outcome labels. We label a window as "risky" when simulated policy violations and incident signals exceed participant-specific thresholds.

Adversaries. We introduce:

- **Poisoning participants:** 3 participants submit manipulated updates to reduce detection of a specific violation type.
- **Faulty participants:** 5 participants have noisy telemetry and inconsistent label construction.

Models. We evaluate two governance model families:

- **Interpretable model:** regularized logistic regression (intrinsically explainable via coefficients).
- **Higher-capacity model:** gradient-boosted decision trees (explained with SHAP-like attributions [9]).

Baselines.

- **B1 (FedAvg):** standard weighted averaging [2].
- **B2 (Robust-only):** robust aggregation without trust metric (trimmed mean).
- **Aegis (Trust + Robust):** trust gating plus robust aggregation.

B. Trust Metric Parameterization

Trust weights are computed from:

- reliability from error budgets and rollback rates,
- compliance from severity-weighted policy violations,
- provenance from signing/attestation indicators,
- update consistency from anomaly detection on update magnitudes,
- contribution quality from local validation improvements. Severe provenance failures trigger guardrail penalties.

C. Explainability Budget Scenarios

We evaluate three explanation budget regimes:

- **E1 (Low budget):** explanations only for top 5% highest-risk events; concise summary.
- **E2 (Medium budget):** explanations for top 20% events; includes stability checks.
- **E3 (High budget):** explanations for all flagged events; most expensive.

D. Evaluation Metrics

Performance:

- detection F1 score on risky window classification,
- false positive rate at a fixed true positive target,
- robustness drop under adversarial participants.

Explainability:

- stability score (top-k agreement under perturbations),
- actionability score (percentage of explanations mapping to a policy contract category),
- explanation cost proxy (relative compute/latency units).

IX. RESULTS

A. Robustness and Detection Performance

Table I summarizes detection outcomes averaged across runs of the simulation.

TABLE I- GOVERNANCE DETECTION PERFORMANCE UNDER ADVERSARIAL AND FAULTY PARTICIPANTS

Method	F1	FPR@TPR=0.85	Robustness Drop
B1 FedAvg	0.74	0.18	0.15
B2 Robust-only	0.79	0.14	0.08
Aegis Trust+Robust	**0.84**	**0.10**	**0.04**

Aegis reduces vulnerability to poisoned updates compared with FedAvg, and improves upon robust-only aggregation by using evidence-based trust to gate low-accountability contributors. The reduced robustness drop indicates that, when adversaries are present, Aegis maintains performance closer to its non-adversarial baseline.

B. Impact of Trust Gating

We observed that when provenance signals were degraded (e.g., missing signing or incomplete attestations), trust scores decreased and those participants contributed less to the global model. This prevented low-evidence participants from dominating aggregation purely due to data volume. This aligns with the governance objective that accountability should modulate influence, not merely dataset size.

C. Explainability–Performance Trade-off

Table II reports results for the higher-capacity model under different explanation budgets.

TABLE II-EXPLAINABILITY–PERFORMANCE TRADE-OFF (AEGIS, HIGHER-CAPACITY MODEL)

Budget	F1	Stability	Cost Units
E1 Low	**0.85**	0.62	1.0
E2 Medium	0.84	**0.78**	2.3
E3 High	0.83	0.80	**4.8**

The results show a typical trade-off: allocating more explanation budget increases explanation stability but can slightly reduce operational performance due to stricter explanation stability constraints and additional filtering (e.g., requiring consistent attributions). Importantly, E2 provides a strong balance: stability improves materially while performance remains close to the maximum.

D. Actionability and Policy Alignment

Aegis emphasizes policy-aligned explanations. Under E2, the majority of explanations mapped to a small set of contract categories (identity, data handling, dependency integrity, and observability). This supports engineering remediation: teams can fix contract-specific issues rather than interpret vague feature attributions.

E. Accountability Outcomes

In the simulation, we recorded governance events and model lineage commits in an append-only audit log with participant commitments. This enabled the following accountability properties:

- reconstruction of model version lineage and aggregation metadata,
- inspection of trust score rationales per round,
- traceability from a policy enforcement action to an ex-planation artifact hash.

These properties are consistent with approaches for secure and auditable logging using permissioned ledger concepts [19], [20].

X. DISCUSSION

A. *Why Trust is Necessary in Federated Governance*

In MFE governance, it is insufficient to treat participants as equal. Teams vary in maturity, pipeline controls, and telemetry quality. Moreover, a single compromised MFE can create disproportionate harm because it executes in the user environment. Trust-based aggregation allows the governance system to encode institutional expectations: participants with strong provenance and policy adherence earn greater influence.

B. *Interpretable-First vs. Hybrid Mode*

Aegis supports interpretability-first governance, consistent with the caution that explanations of black boxes may not be enough [12]. In practice:

- interpretability-first can be used for baseline policy risk detection and compliance reporting,
- hybrid mode can be used for early warning and anomaly detection where performance matters, but explanations must remain auditable via budgets and stability checks.

C. *Operational Integration in CI/CD and Runtime*

Aegis aligns with continuous delivery by embedding governance checks into pipelines [16]. It also aligns with evolutionary architecture ideas by treating governance metrics and policies as continuously evaluated constraints [17]. In MFEs, this means:

- pipeline checks enforce baseline contracts and prove-nance,
- runtime policy gates enforce security-critical constraints,
- FL-based intelligence adapts to emerging patterns without requiring centralized telemetry ingestion.

D. *Limitations*

Simulation realism. Our evaluation uses a prototype simulation. While designed to mirror MFE conditions, real telemetry can be noisier and more complex.

Schema standardization. Aegis benefits from some standardization of event schemas and policy contracts. Organizations without shared telemetry standards may need an initial platform investment.

Trust gaming risk. Participants may attempt to optimize trust scores rather than governance outcomes. Guardrails and independent provenance checks mitigate but do not eliminate this risk.

Human oversight. Aegis is not intended to remove human governance boards. It provides scalable signals and defensible evidence, but high-stakes decisions require review.

XI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper introduced Aegis, an AI-driven governance framework for micro-frontend architectures using trust-based federated learning. Aegis addresses integrity and accountability across silos by binding FL influence to evidence-driven trust metrics, strengthening robustness against adversarial or low-quality participants. It further introduces an explicit mechanism to quantify and optimize the explainability–performance trade-off via explanation budgets and stability constraints, enabling governance systems that are both effective and defensible.

Future work includes: (i) deployment studies in real enterprise MFE ecosystems, (ii) stronger formalization of trust rationales and audit semantics, (iii) privacy-preserving explanation sharing across silos, and (iv) adaptive client selection strategies informed by trust and operational criticality [4].

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