# Approximate Conditional Coverage via Neural Model Approximations

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5 minute overview

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- Interpretability
  - Map: Relevant feature subsets to those with known labels
- Local updatability
- Uncertainty quantification

We seek a general framework with all of these properties

# Desiderata for uncertainty quantification

- Minimize distributional assumptions
- Robustness to data shifts (covariate & label shift)
- Out-of-distribution data does not lead to unexpected catastrophes
- Minimize free parameters (i.e., practical reliability)
- Informative coverage
  - Prefer conservative coverage over under-coverage

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Quantile threshold

• Via  $\hat{\mathscr{C}}(x_{N+1}) = \left\{ c \in \mathscr{Y} : \hat{\pi}^c(x_{N+1}) \ge \hat{\tau}^{\alpha} \right\}$ , where  $\hat{\tau}^{\alpha} = 1 - \hat{l}^{\alpha}$ 

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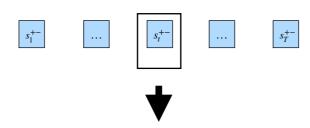


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$$\mathbb{P}\left\{Y_{N+1} \in \hat{\mathcal{C}}(X_{N+1}) \mid X_{N+1} \in \mathcal{B}(x), Y_{N+1} = y\right\} \geq 1 - \alpha, \text{ with } P_X(\mathcal{B}(x)) \geq \xi$$

#### Recast a prediction as a weighting over the training set

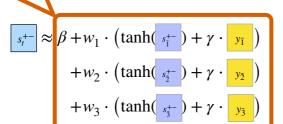
#### **KNN Approximation**



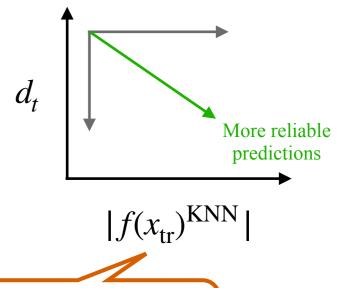
Model uncertainty: This bounded value reaches its min/max when  $\tanh(s_k^{+-}) \& y$  (or  $y_k$ , with token-level labels) agree, for all k (assuming  $\gamma > 0$ ).

 $\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{r}_{i} \\ \mathbf{r}_{i} \end{array}, x_{\tilde{i}}, s_{i}^{+}, y_{\tilde{i}} \end{array} \right) | 1 \leq \tilde{i} \leq \left| \mathcal{D}_{\text{tr}} \right| \right\}$ 

Data uncertainty: Distance to 1st match  $(d_t)$ , an exogenous factor, captures uncertainty w.r.t. data (training data compared to test data).

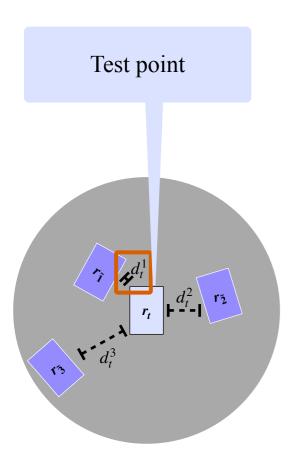


$$w_k = \frac{\exp(-d_k/\eta)}{\sum_{k'=1}^{3} \exp(-d_{k'}/\eta)}$$

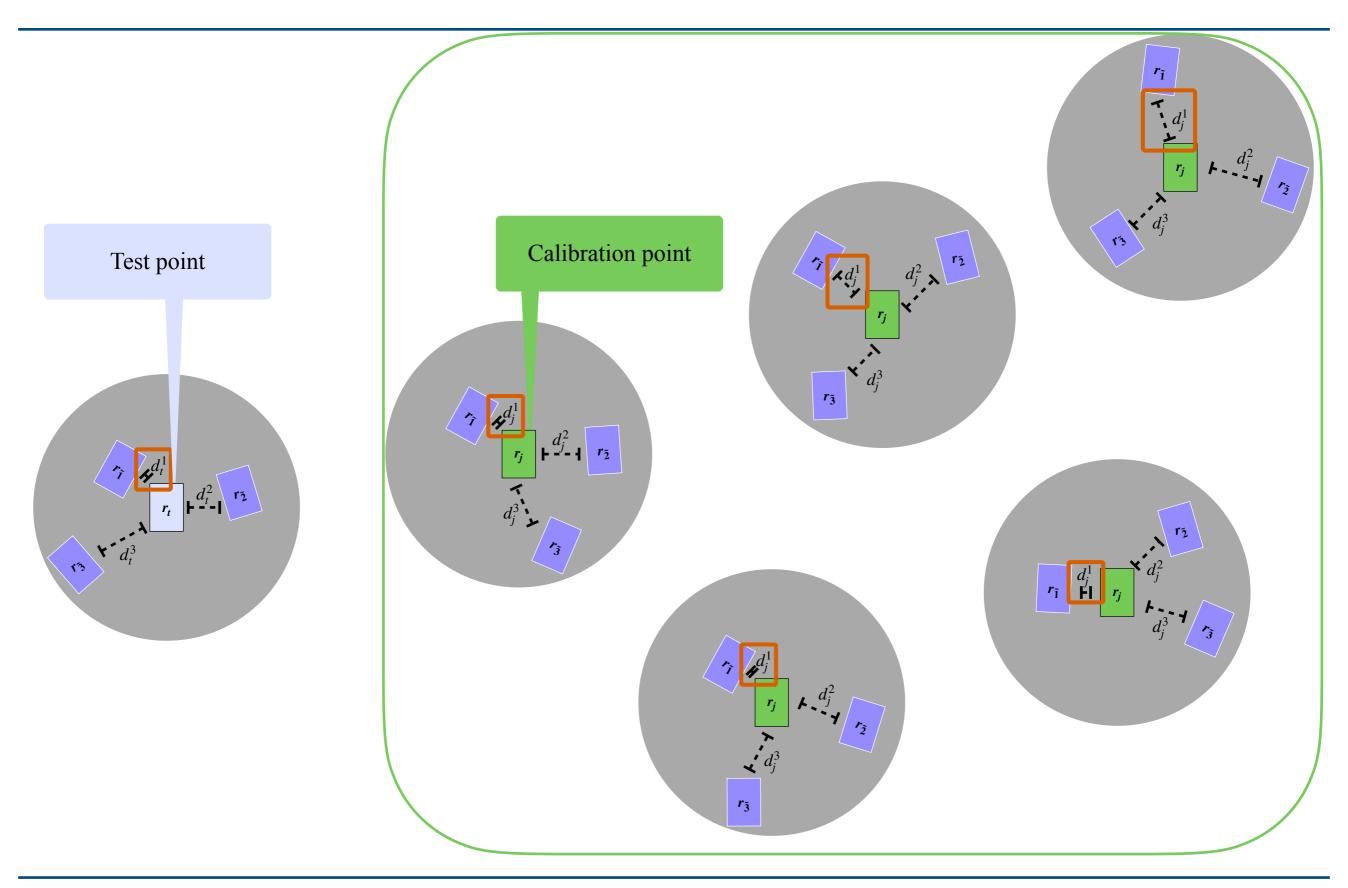


Magnitude of the K-NN Output

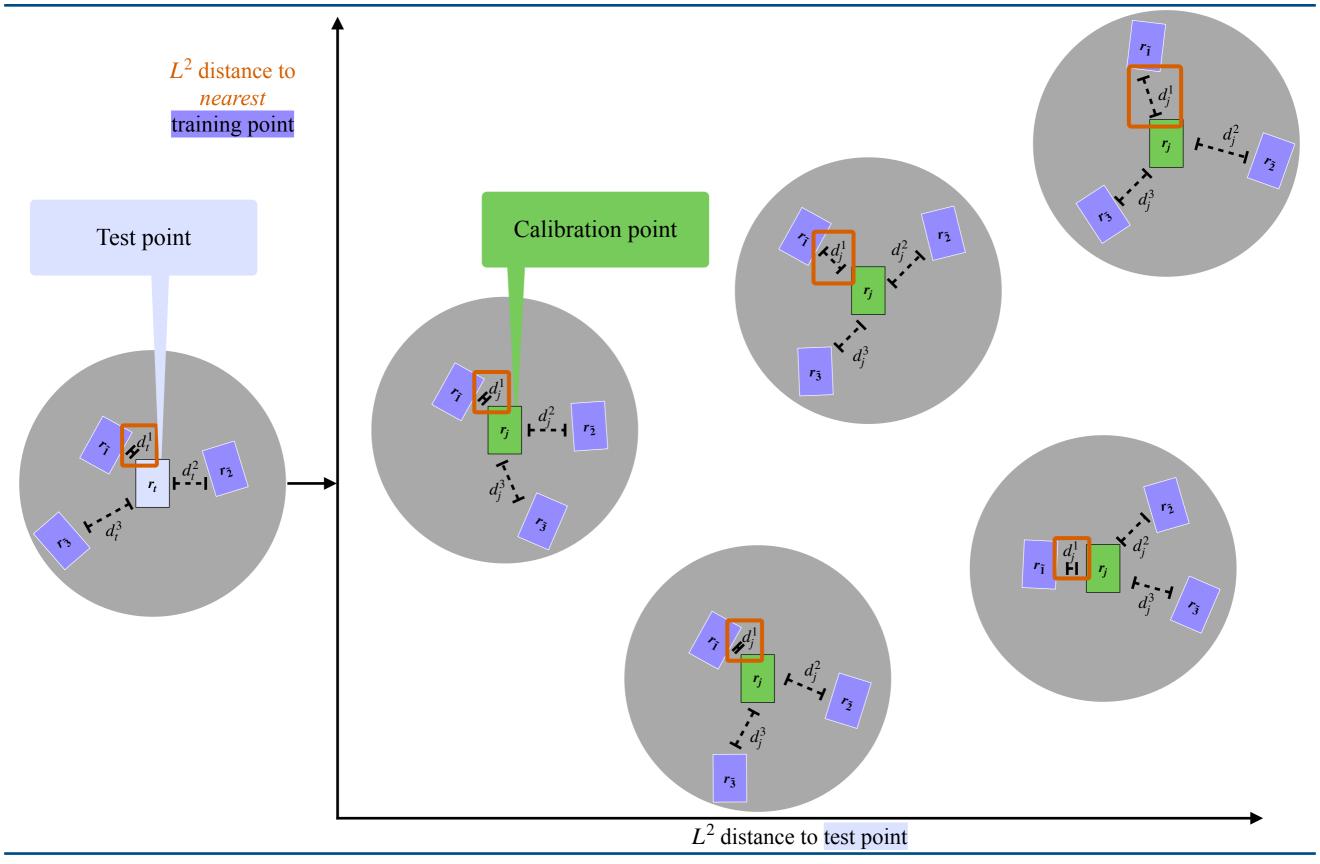
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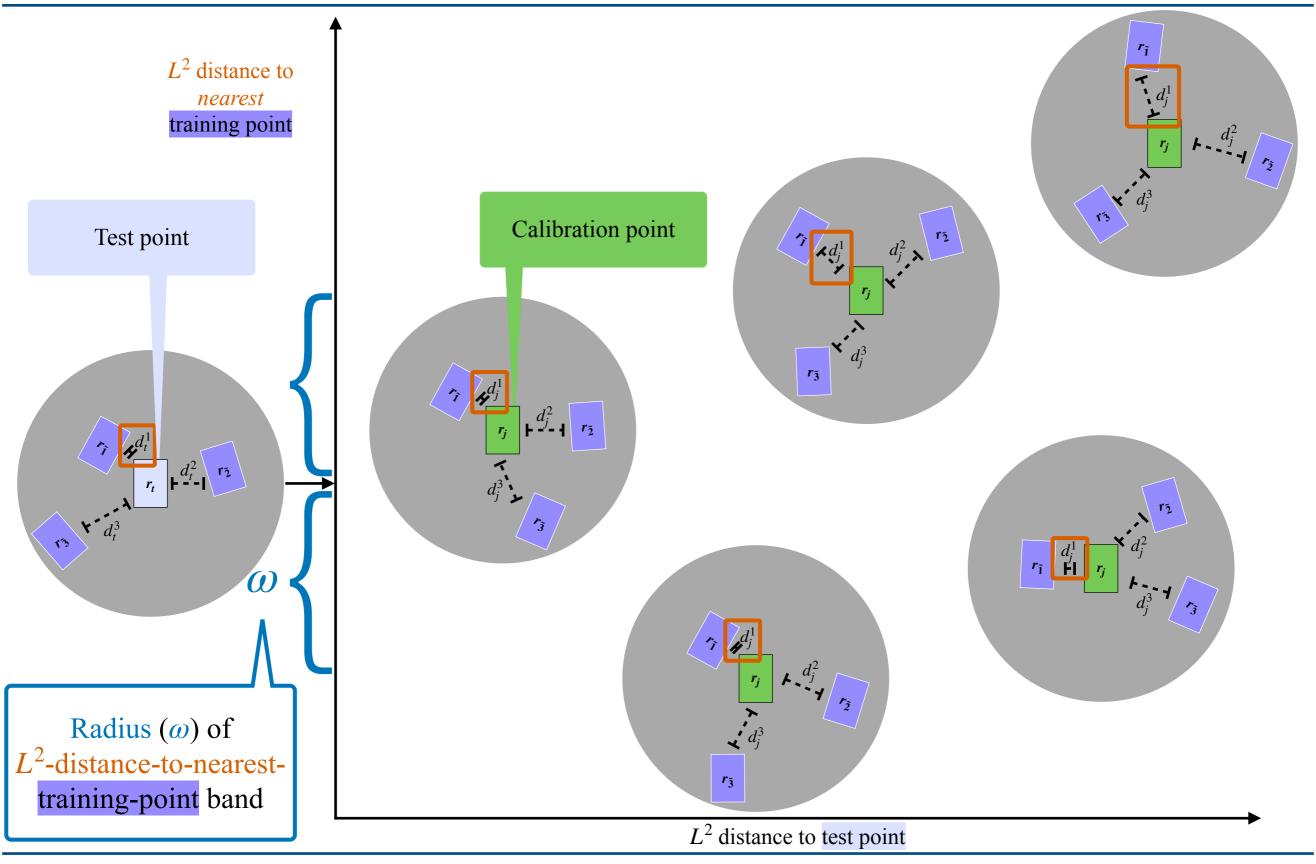
#### Construct approximation for test point and all calibration points



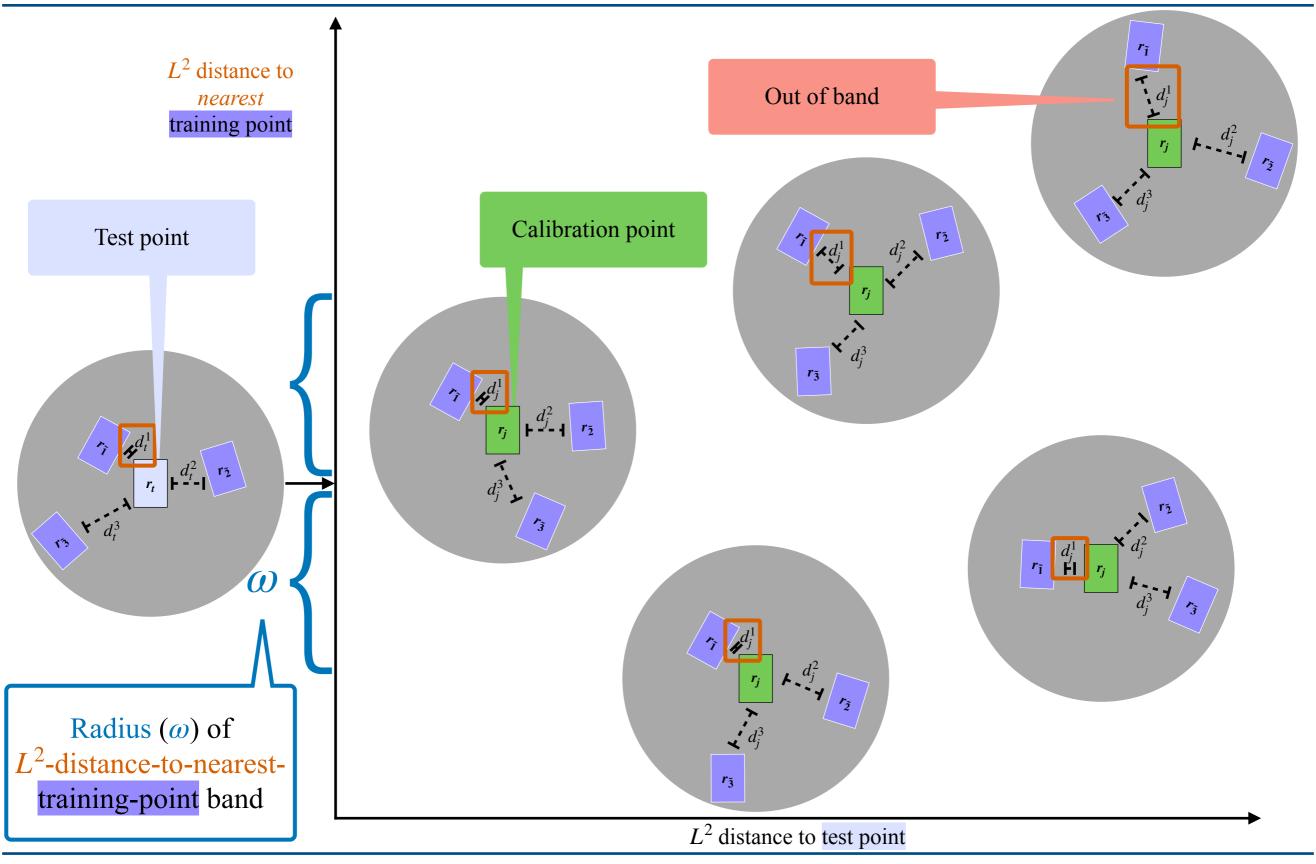
#### Relate test point to distribution of calibration points



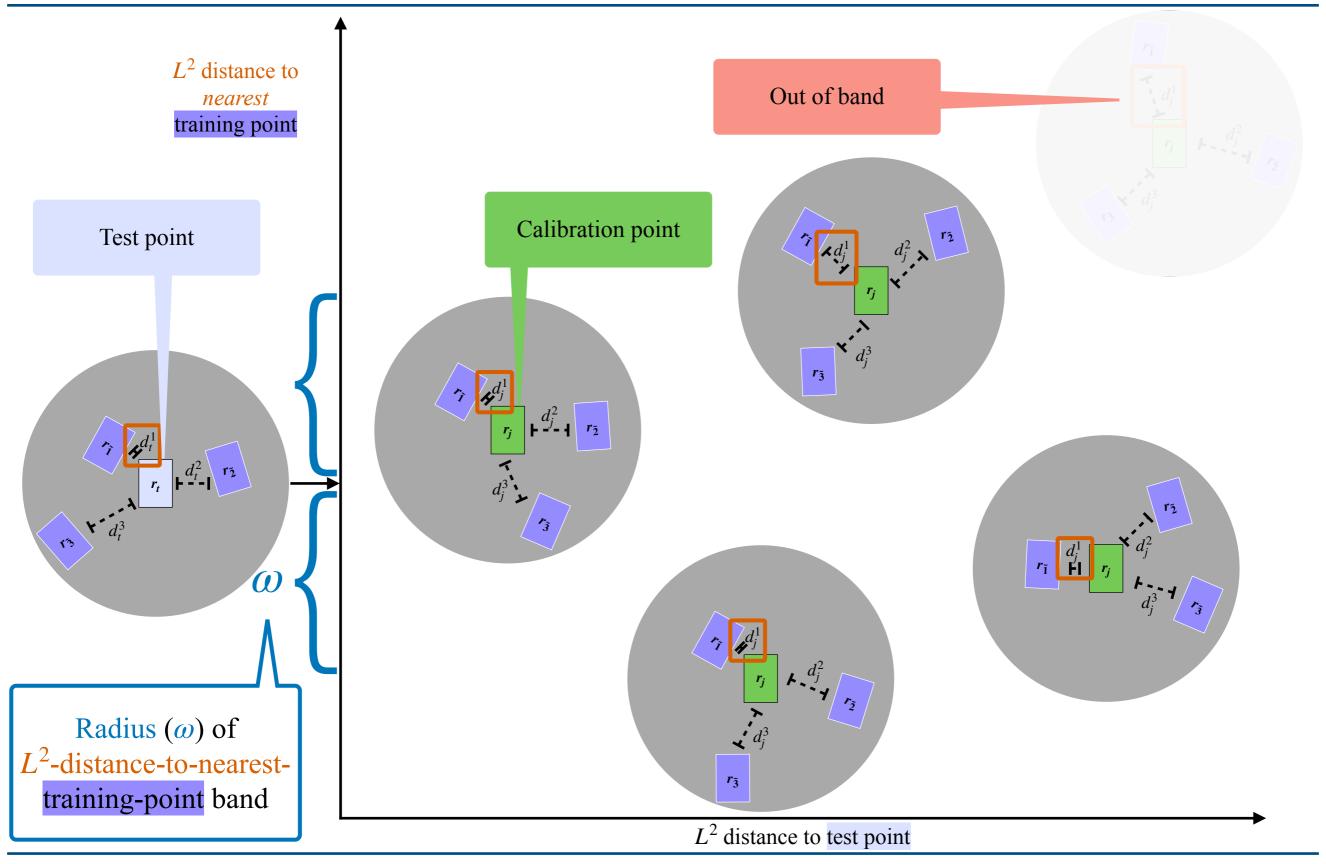
#### Construct a distance band around the test point



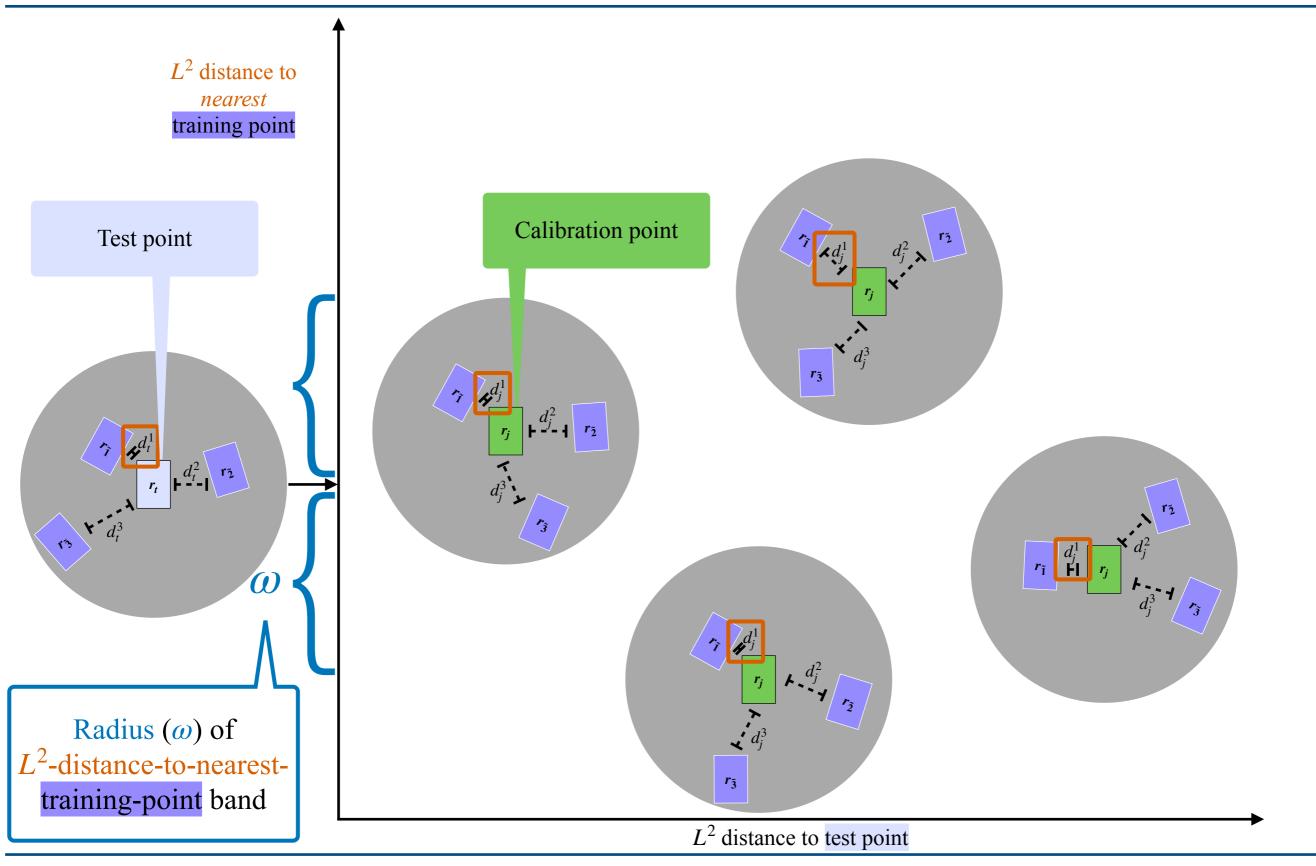
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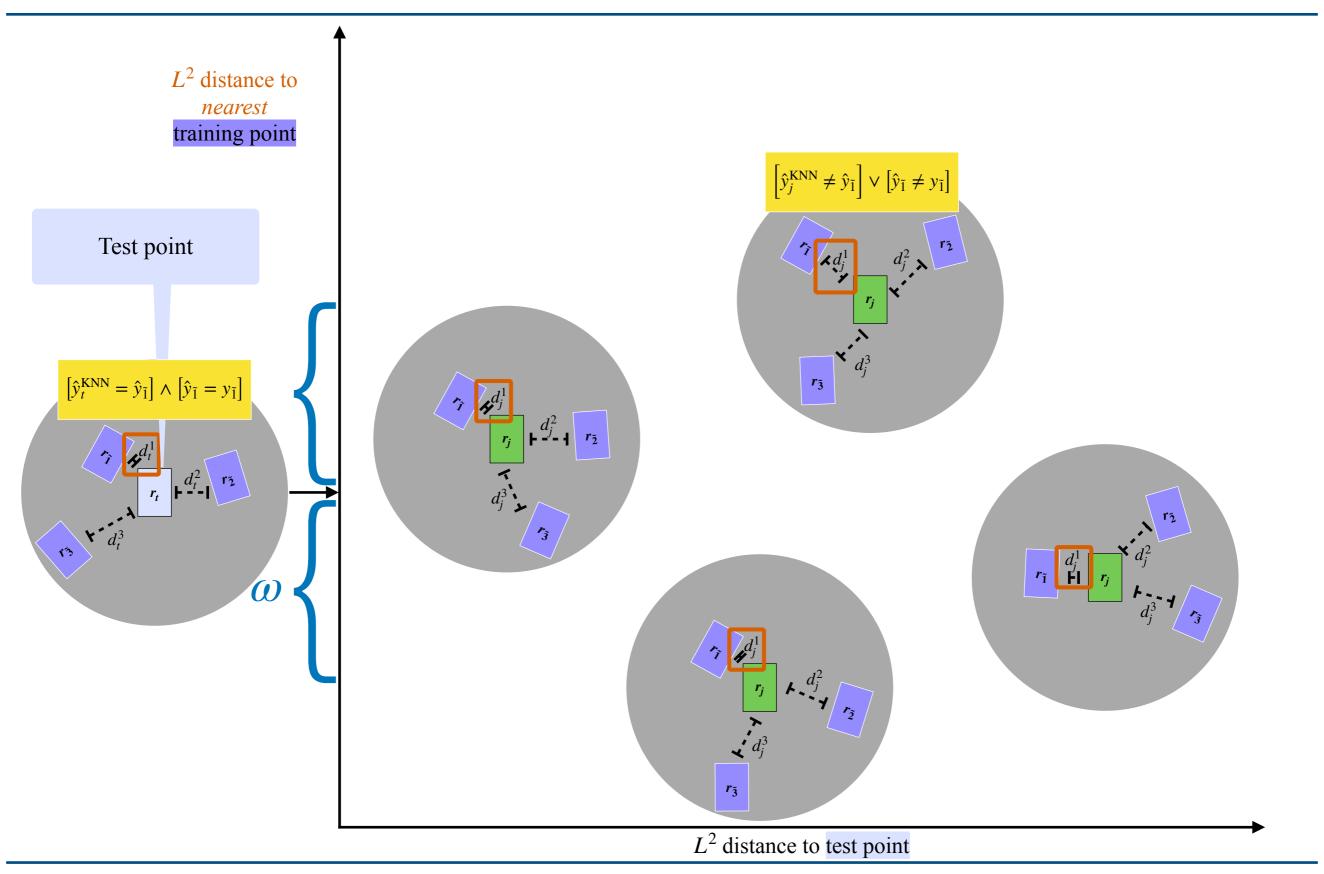
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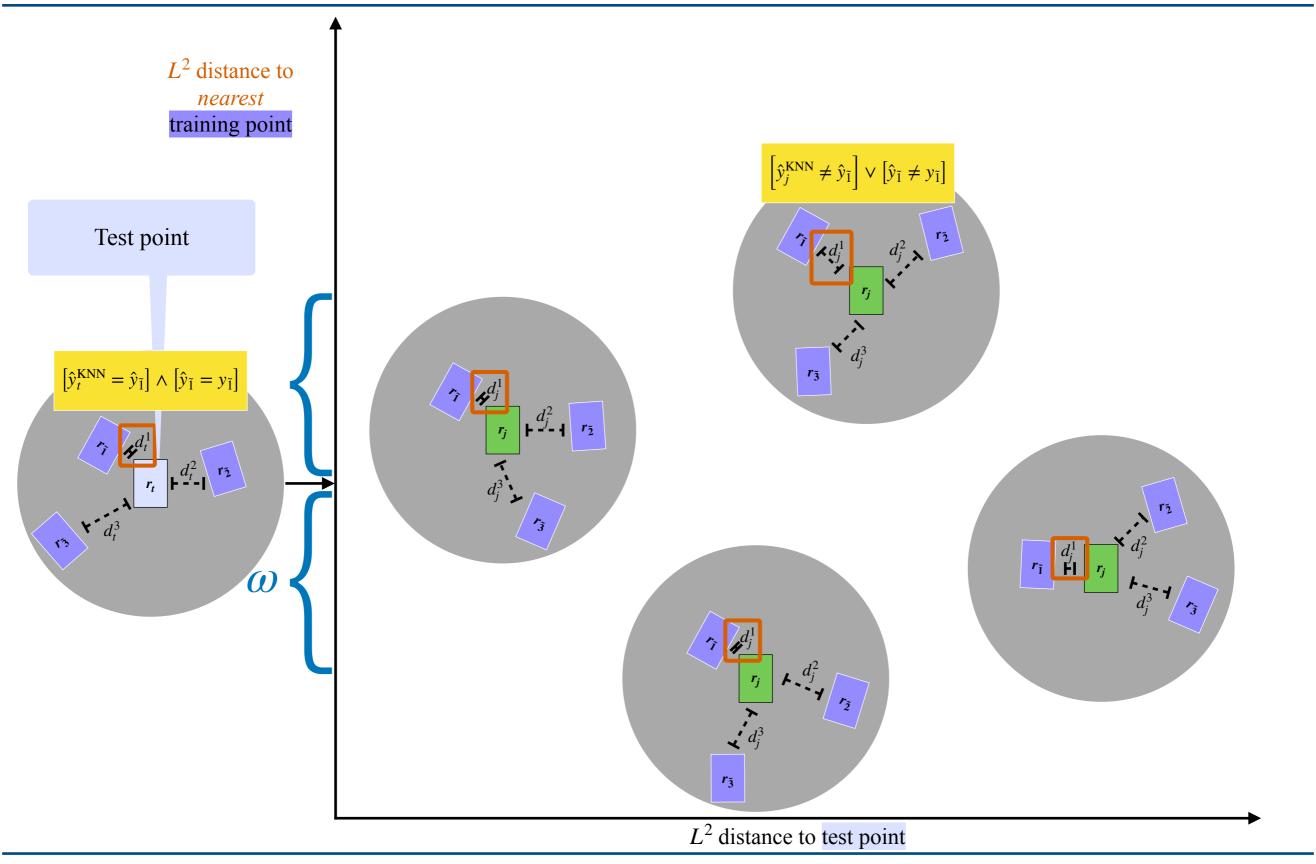


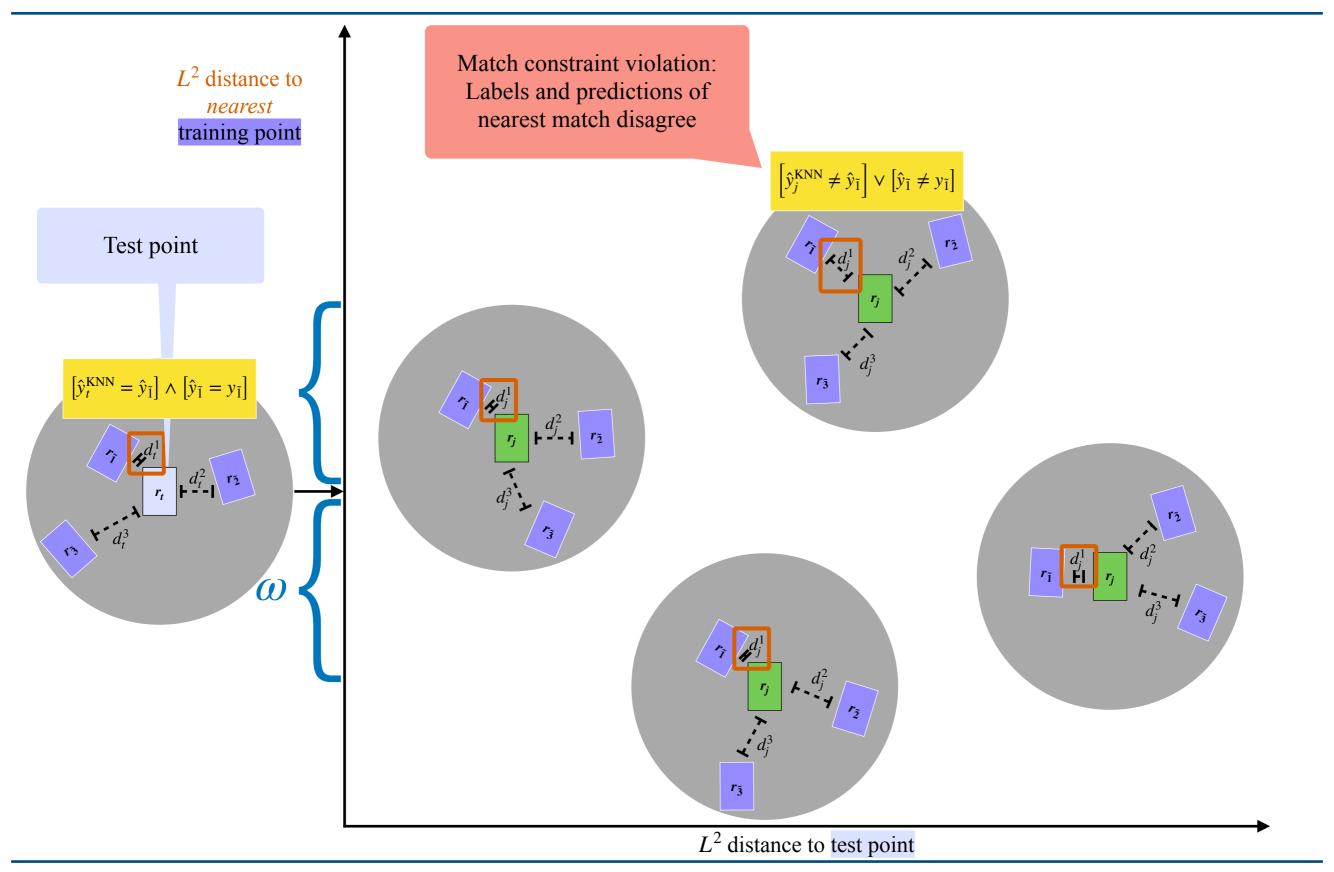
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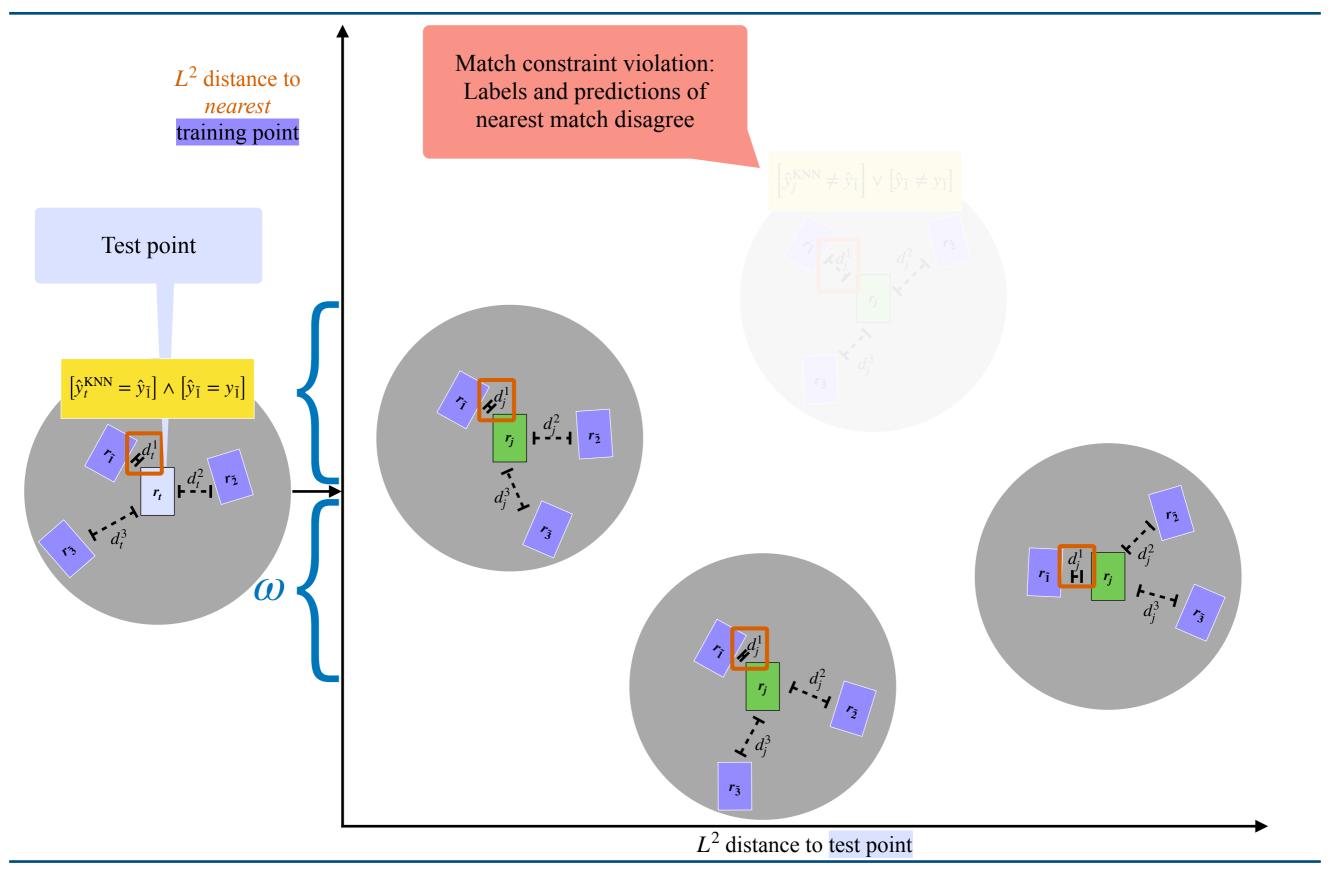


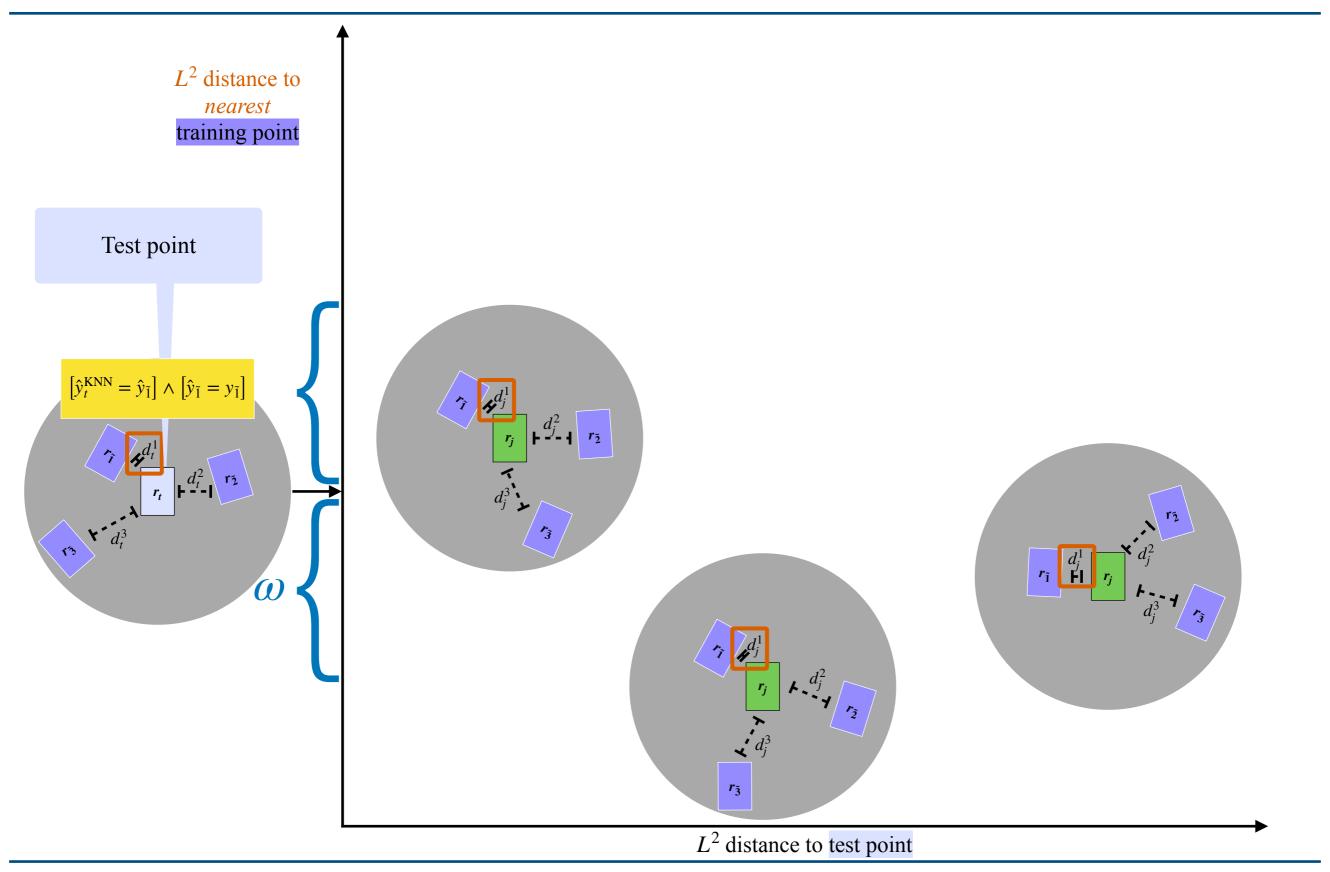
#### match constraint feature

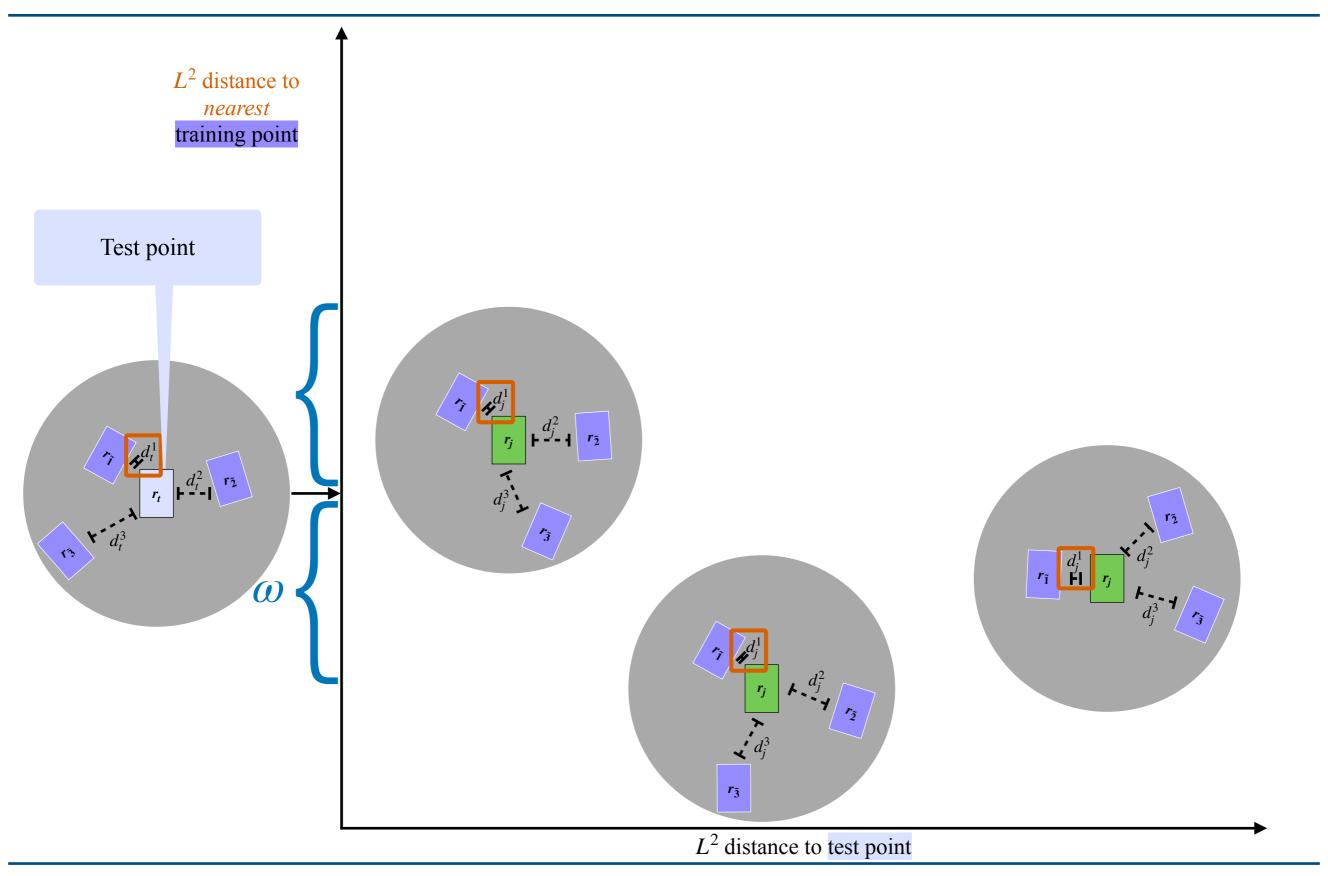


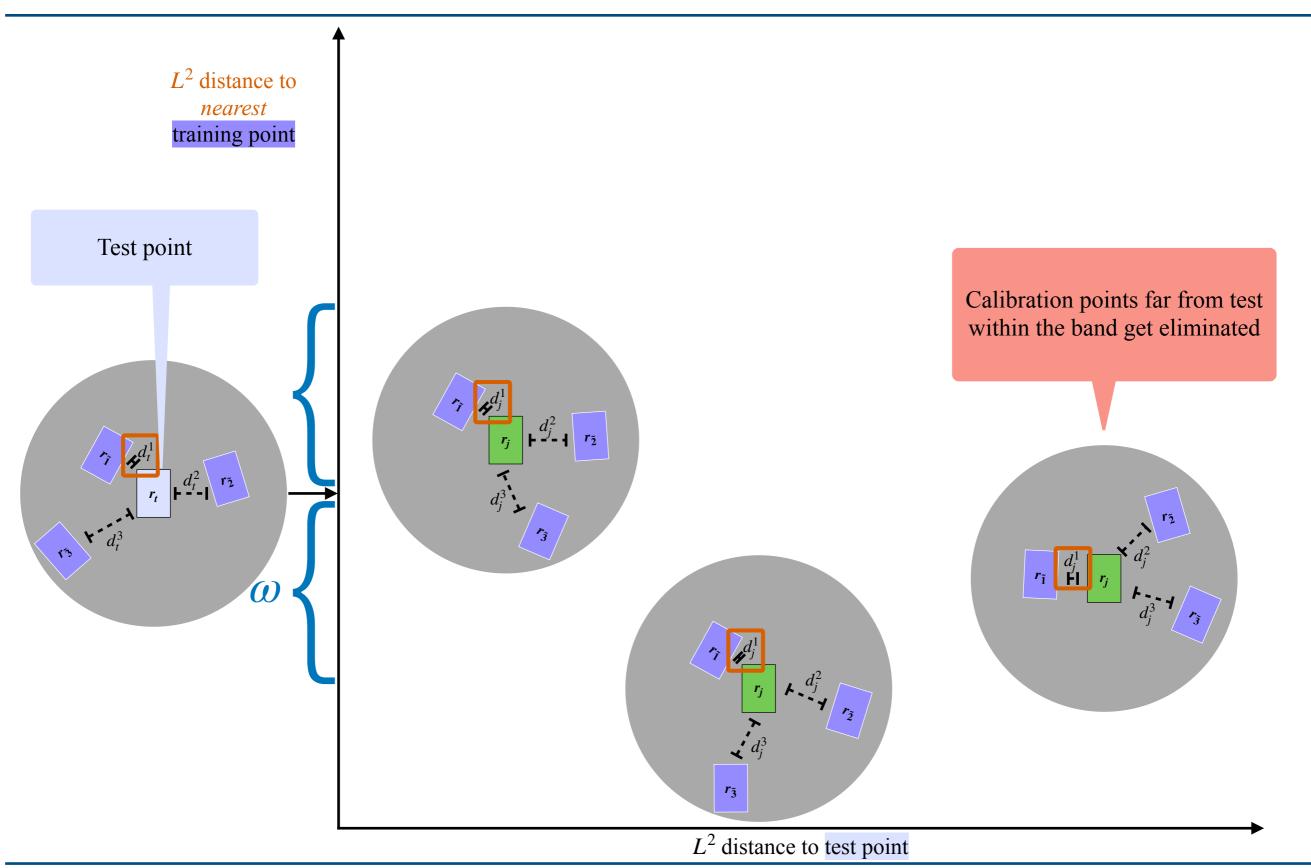


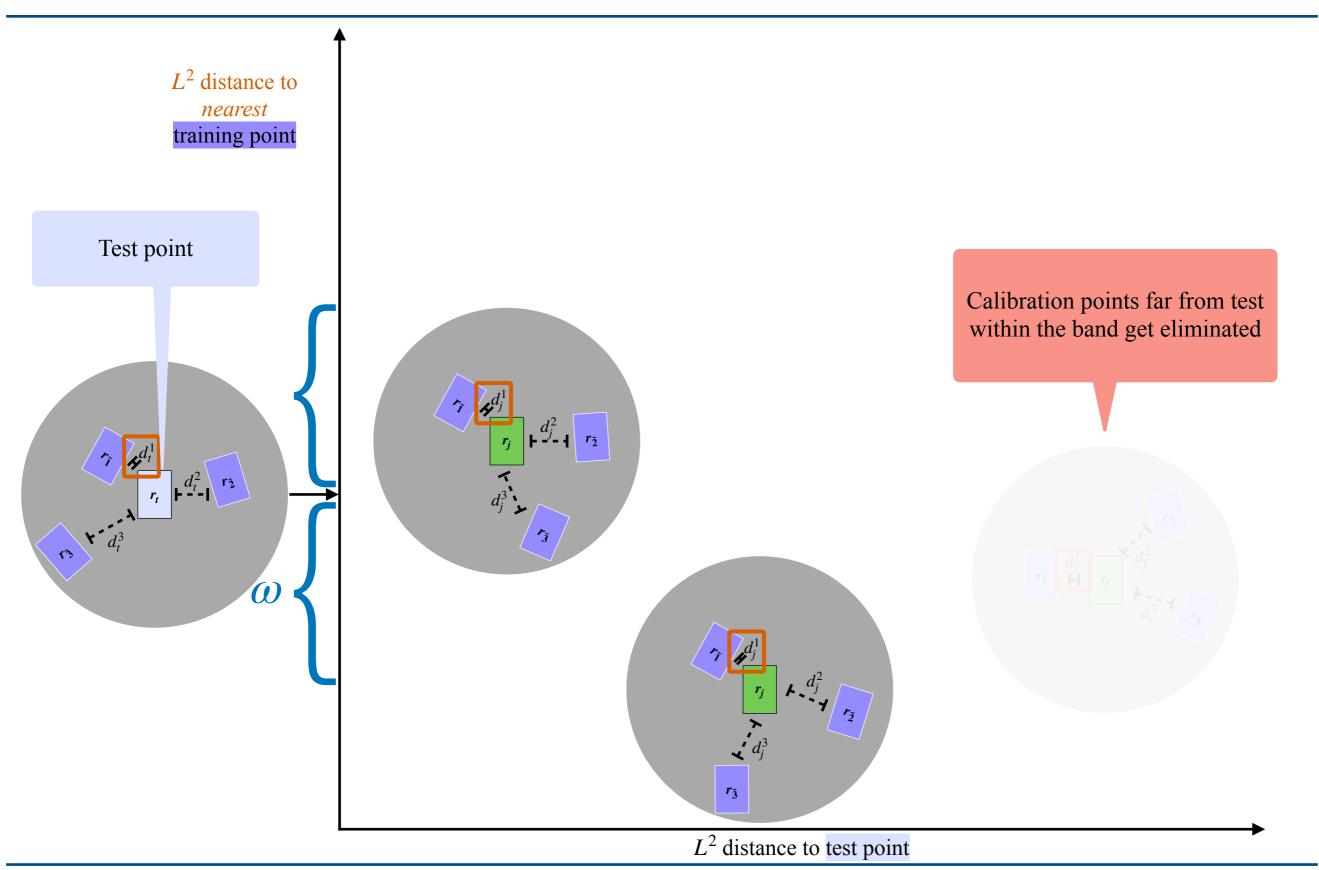


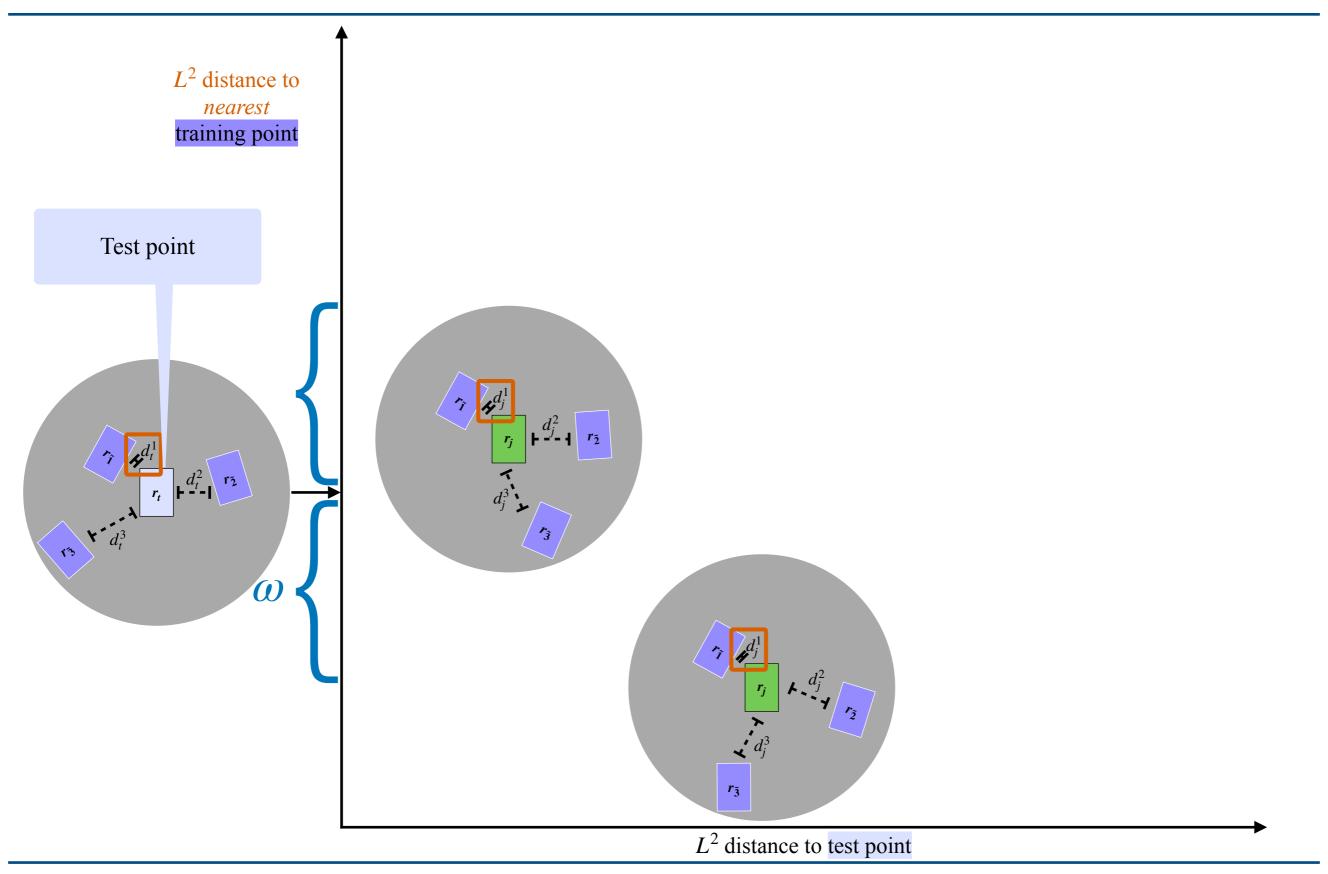




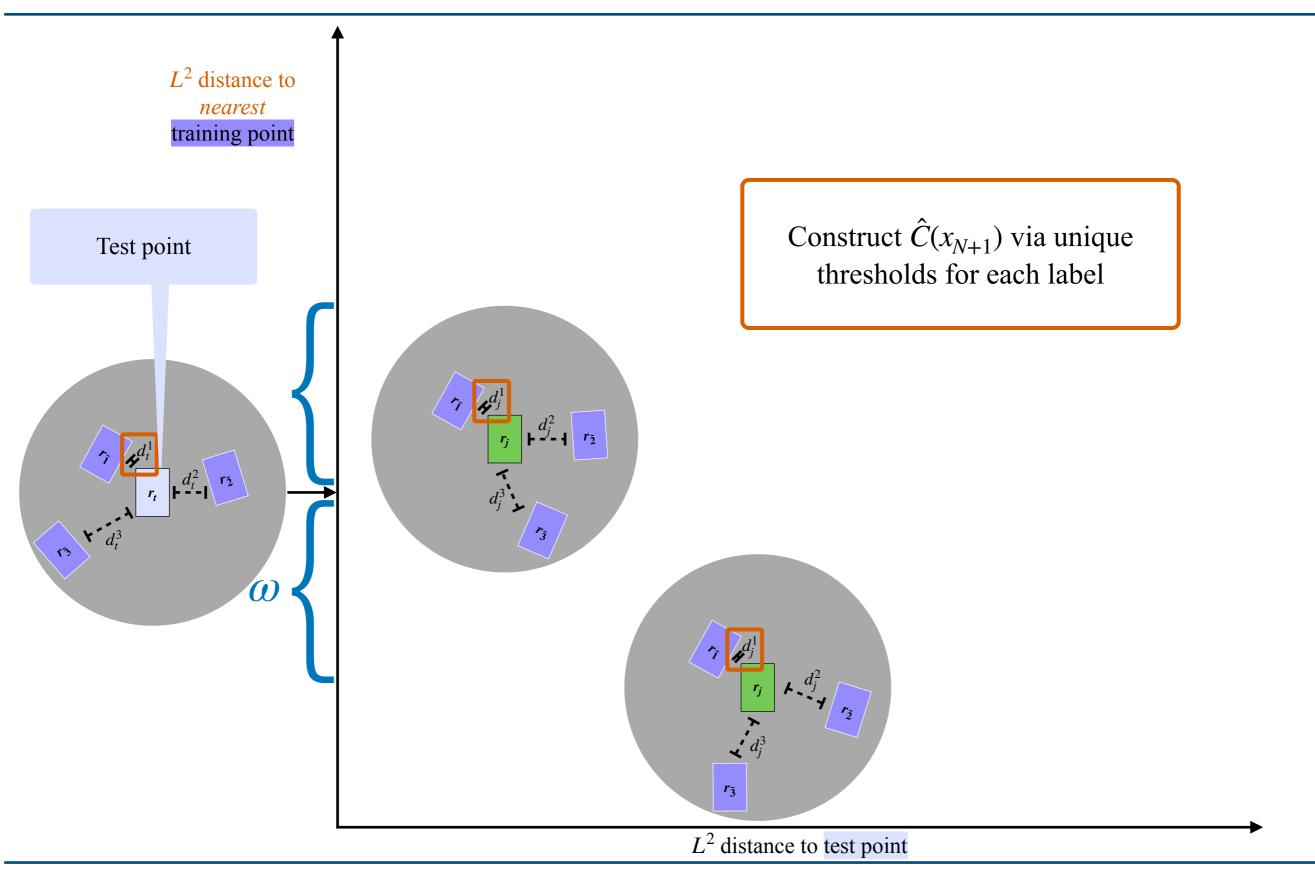




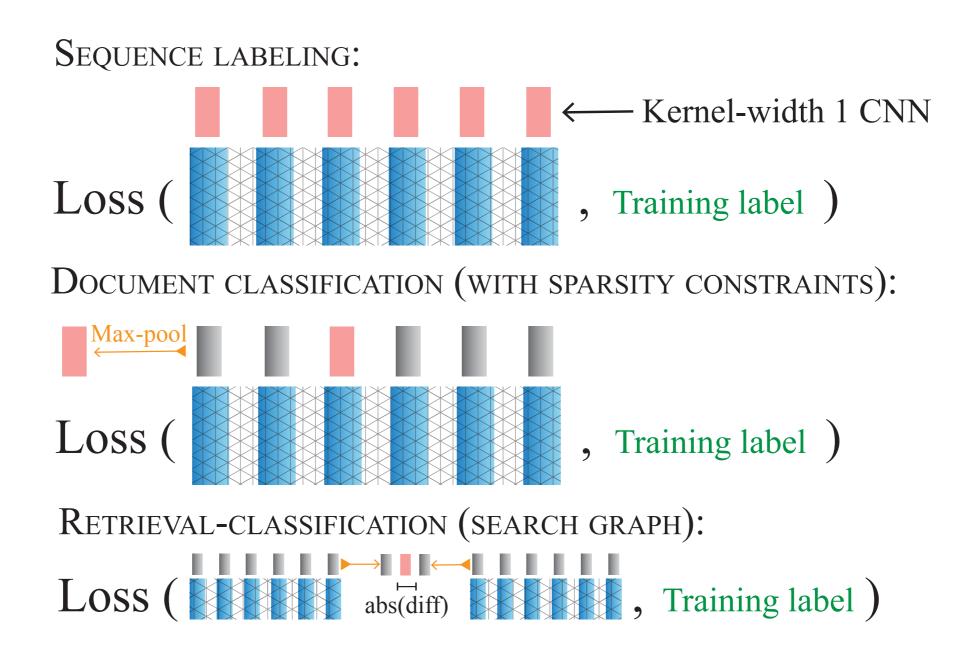




#### Label-conditional conformal thresholds

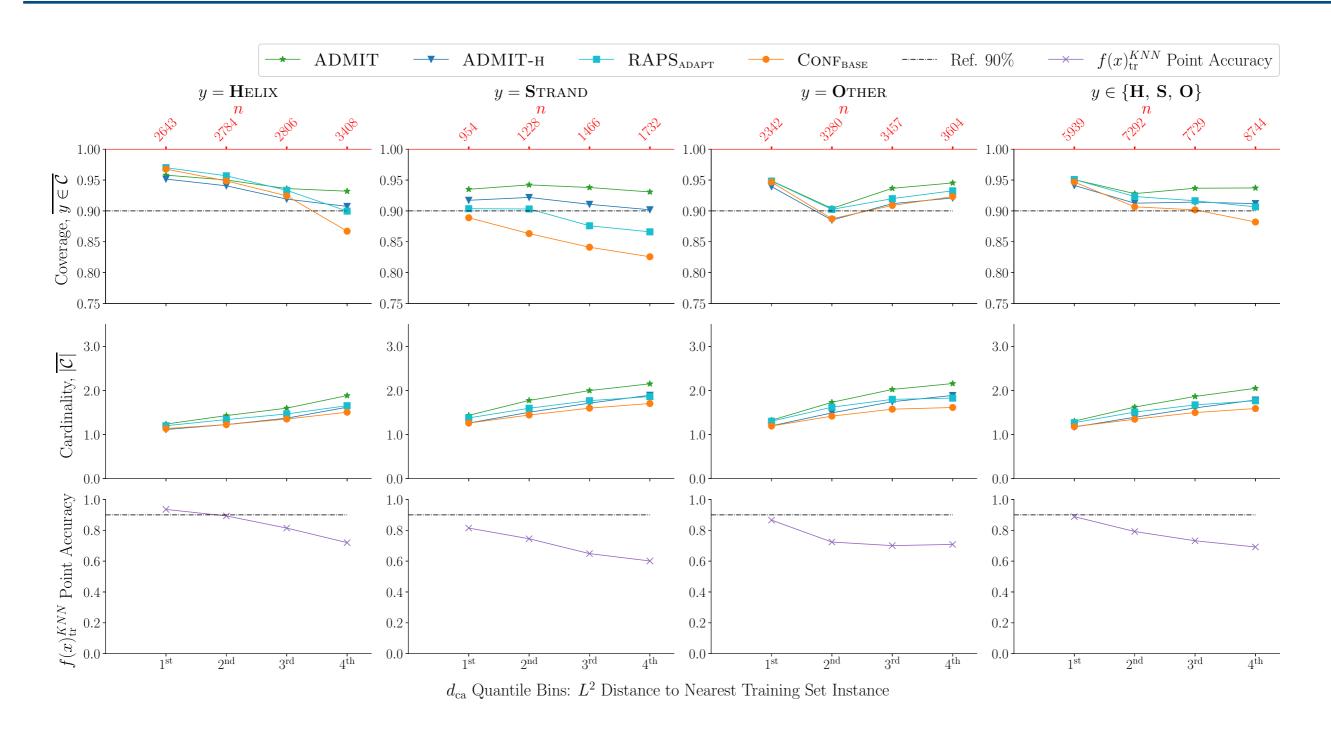


# Experiments



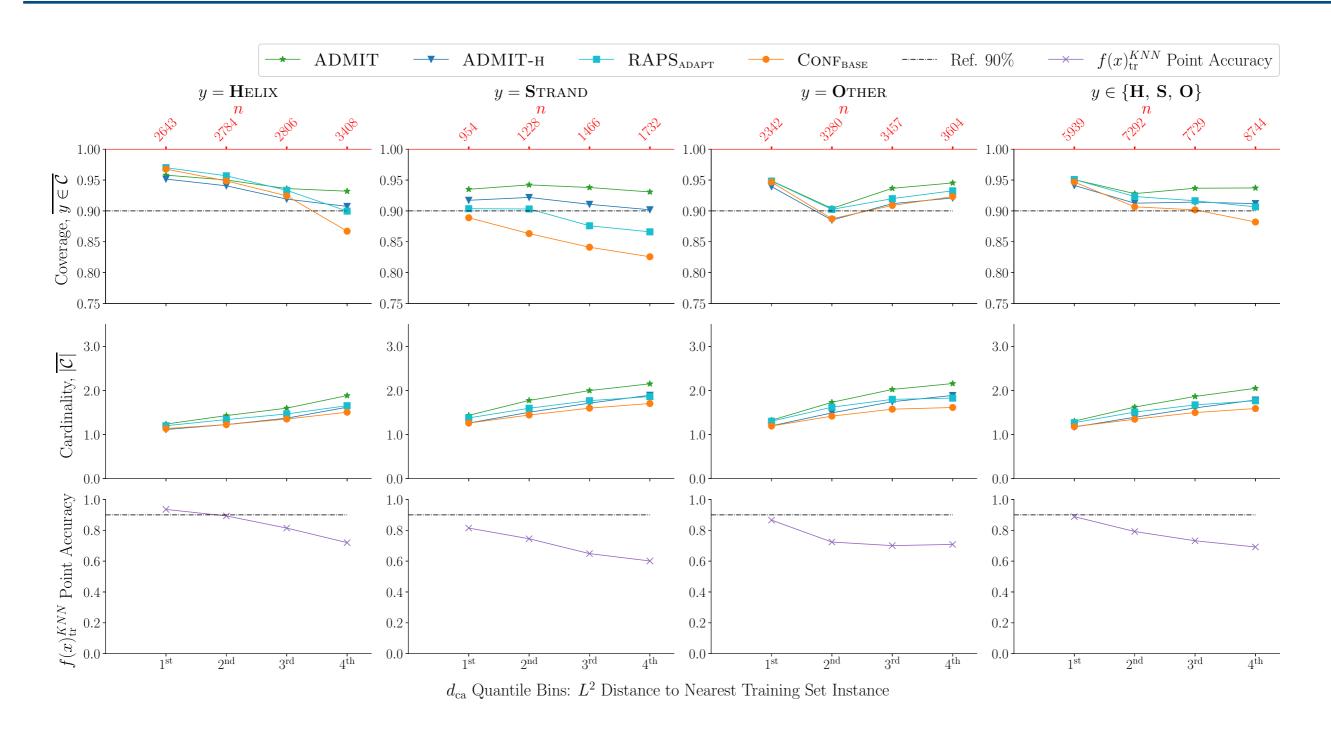
Task diversity: From in-distribution, high-accuracy to distribution-shifted, low-accuracy

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#### Additional results

- Covariate/label shifts
- Heuristics for coverage conditioned on set composition
- And more ...
- See: https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.14310

**ADMIT**: A general framework for constructing, constraining, and analyzing point predictions and distribution-free prediction sets for deep neural networks.