

Bachelor's Thesis

# **Benchmarking conformal prediction methods**

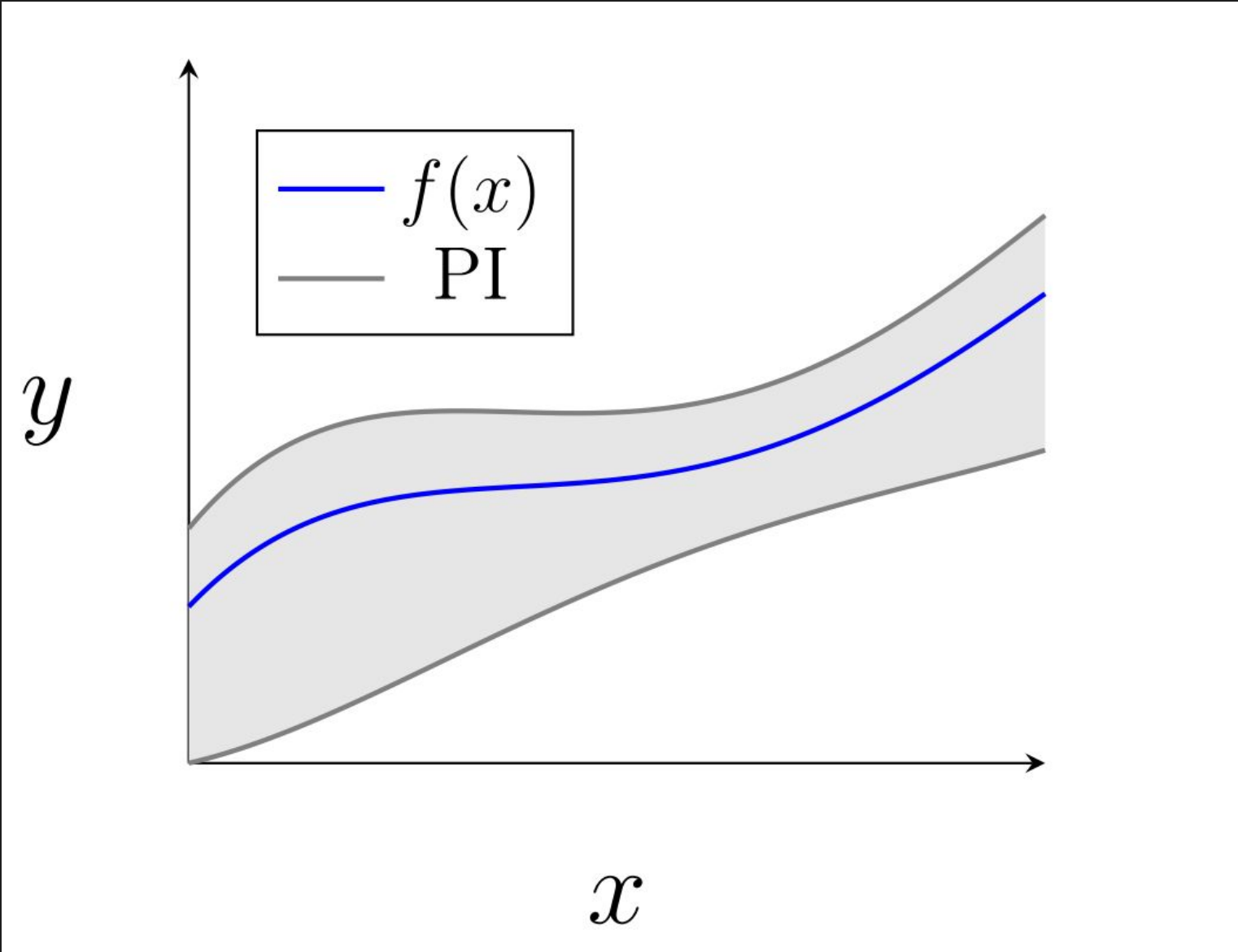
## **For time series regression**

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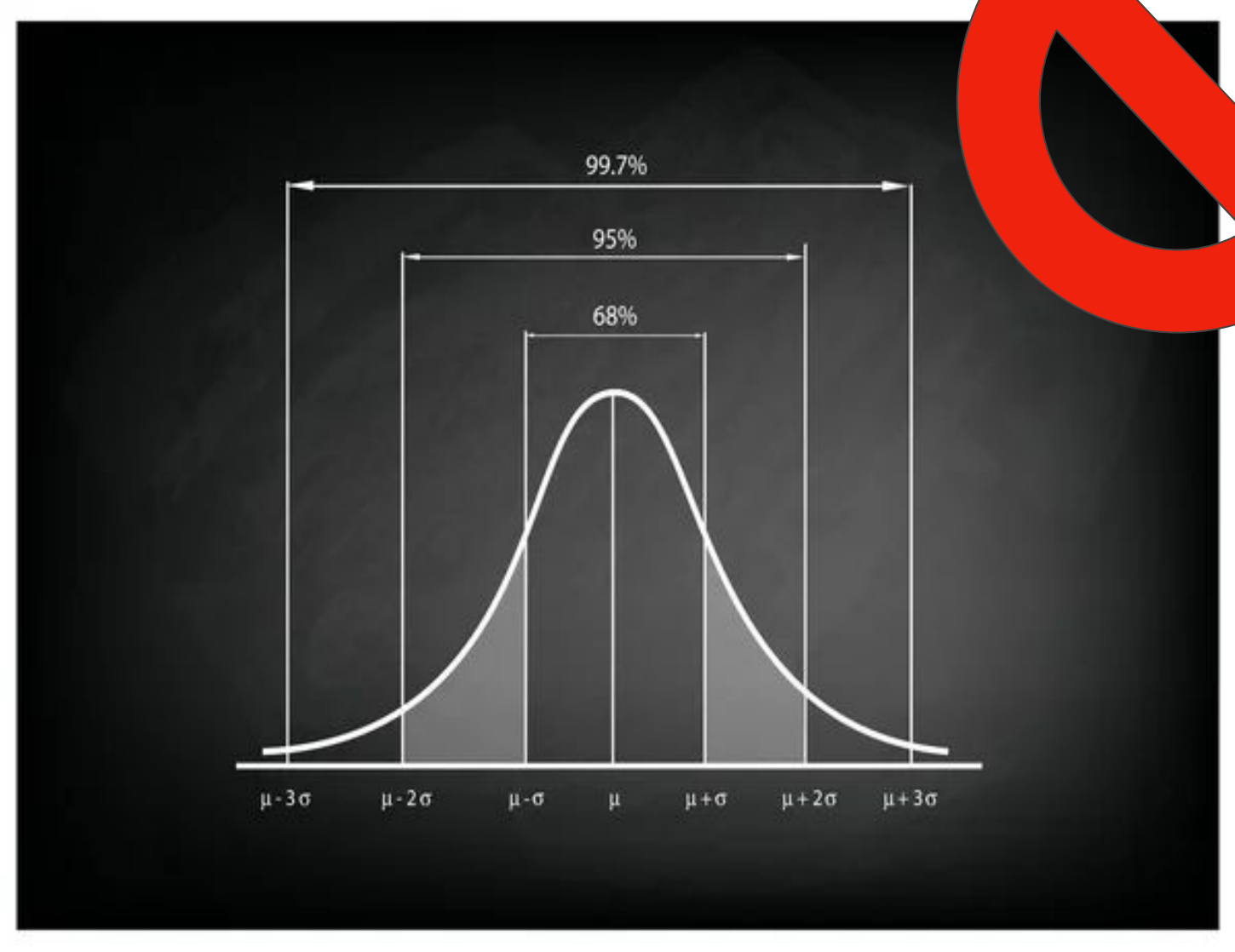
# Conformal Prediction

## Uncertainty Quantification



High-risk settings

Distribution-free



Theoretical guarantee: marginal coverage

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_{\text{test}} \in \mathcal{C}(X_{\text{test}})) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

Ground truth value

Prediction interval

Miscoverage rate

# Challenge: Time Series

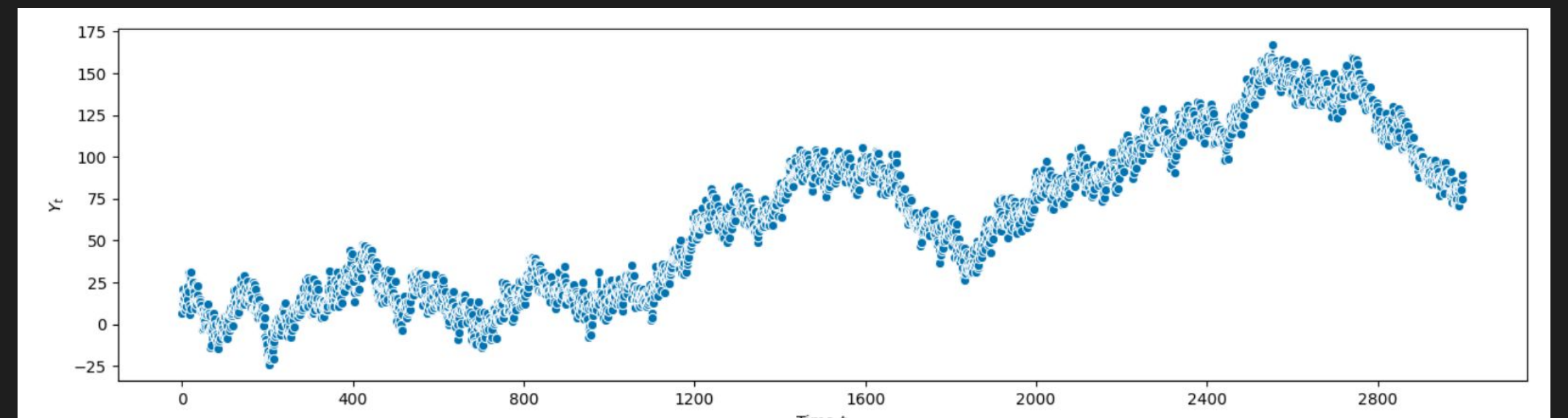
Conformal prediction is built on an assumption: *exchangeability*

$$P(x_1, x_2, x_3) = P(x_3, x_1, x_2)$$

# Adaptive methods!

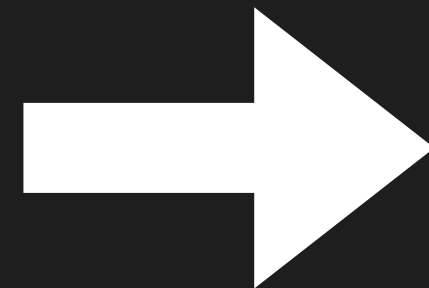
Solution?

Distribution shift  $\rightarrow$  assumption does not hold!

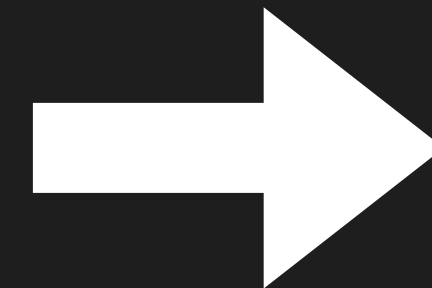


# My thesis

Regressors



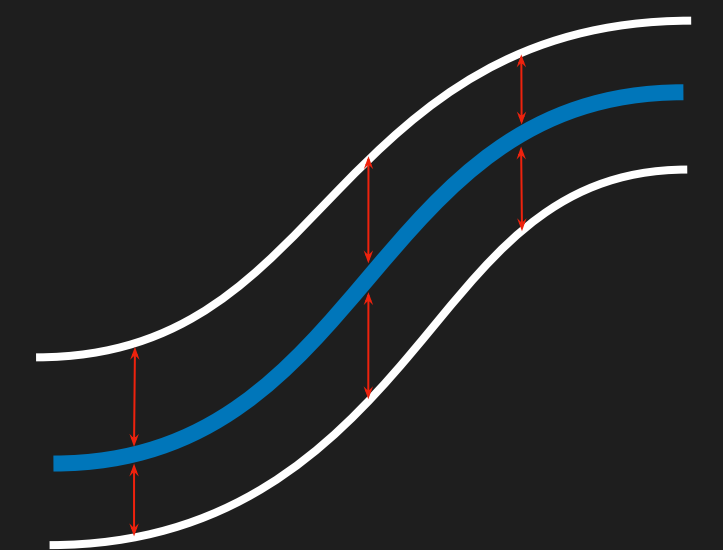
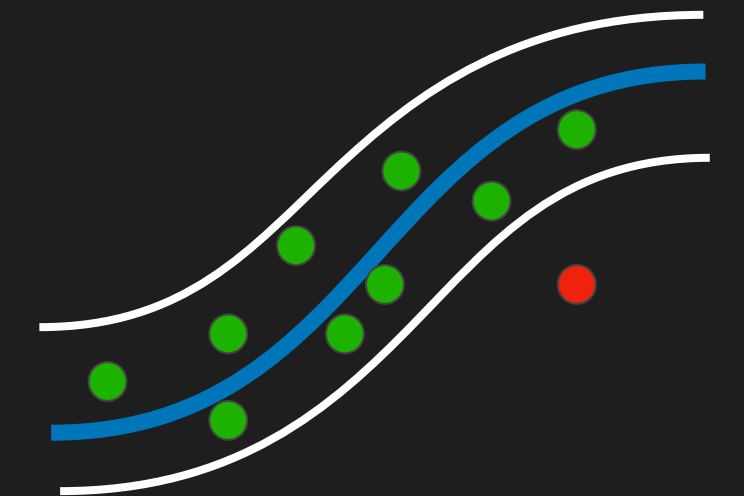
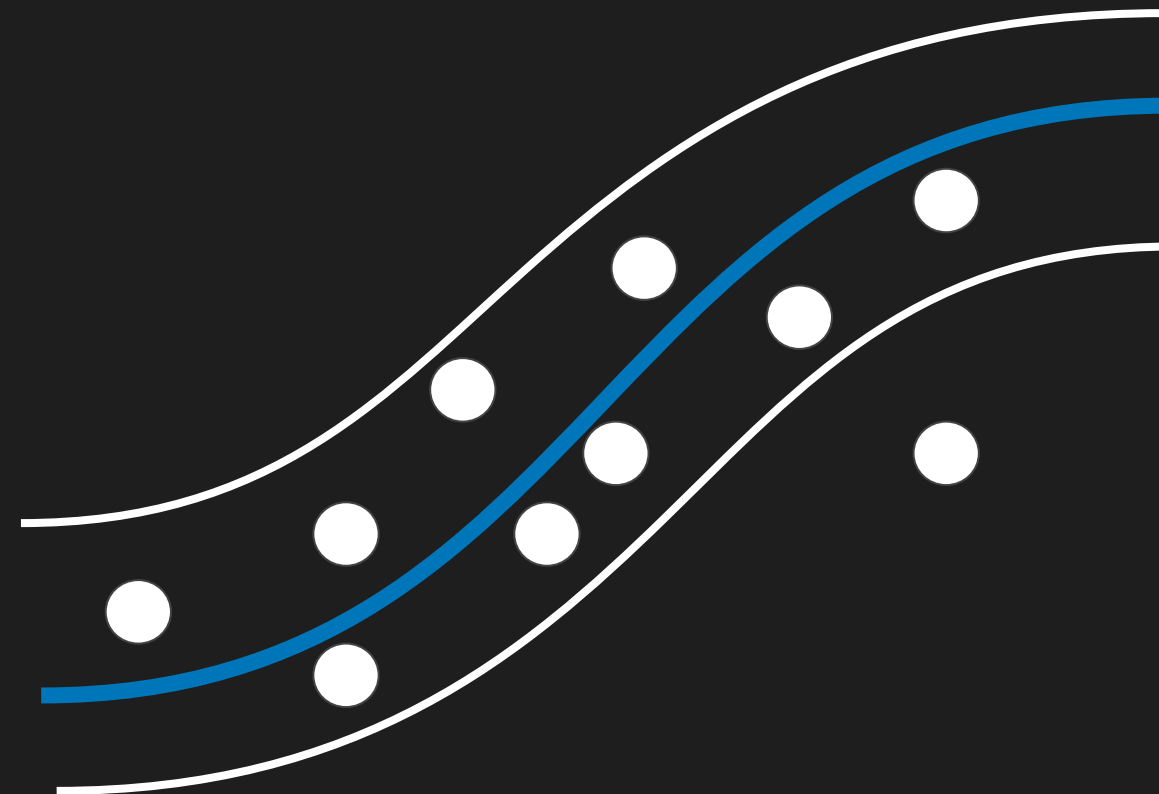
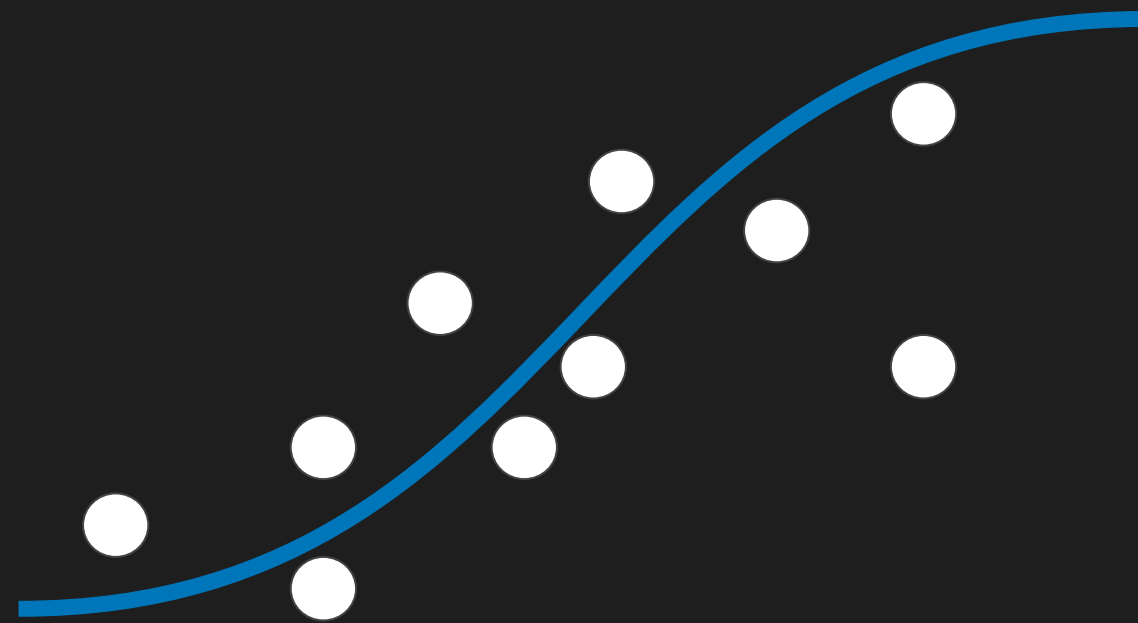
Conformal methods



Evaluation

Empirical coverage

Prediction interval width



# AI Safety

We need safer AI.

Uncertainty quantification is only a small piece of the puzzle.

For AI Safety there is more to do:

- *Model robustness* for adversarial attacks
- Transparency and *mechanistic interpretability*
- *Scalable oversight* to guide AI behaviour
- International standards, monitoring and regulation