

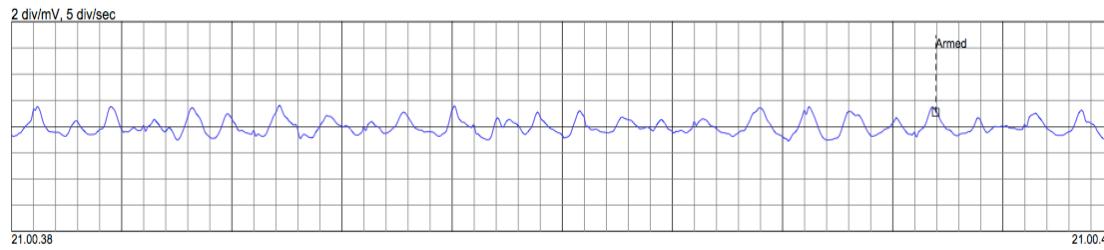
A classifier with guaranteed specificity and sensitivity

Algo Carè,

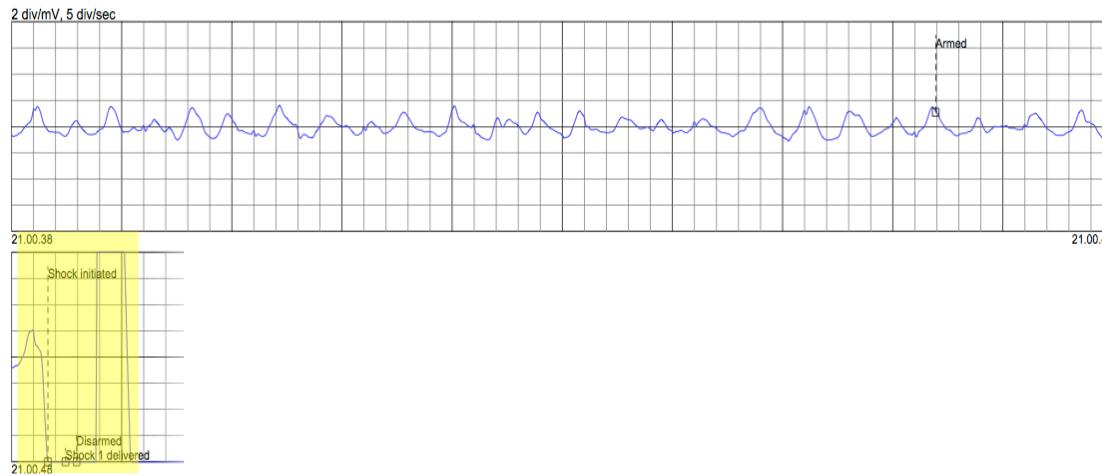
in collaboration with
Marco C. Campi & Federico A. Ramponi
University of Brescia (Italy)

and many others

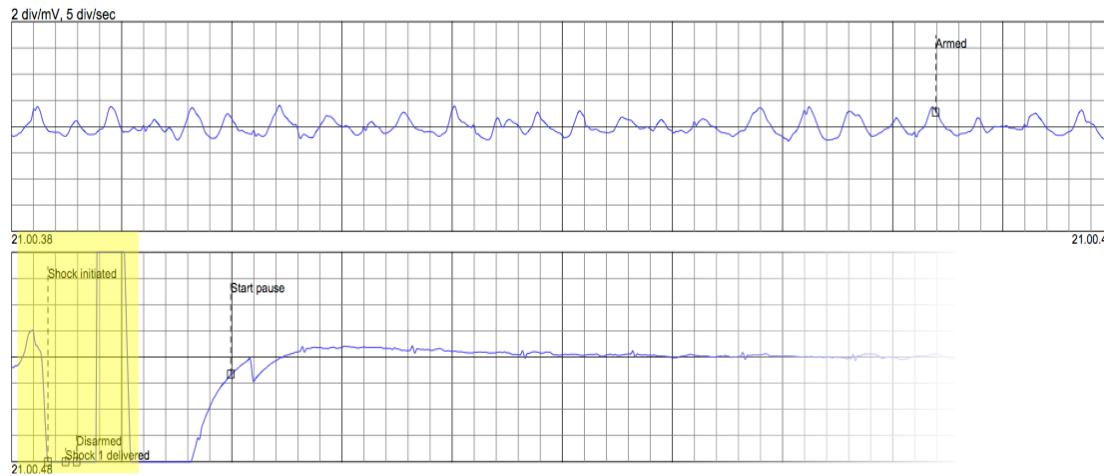
A difficult decision



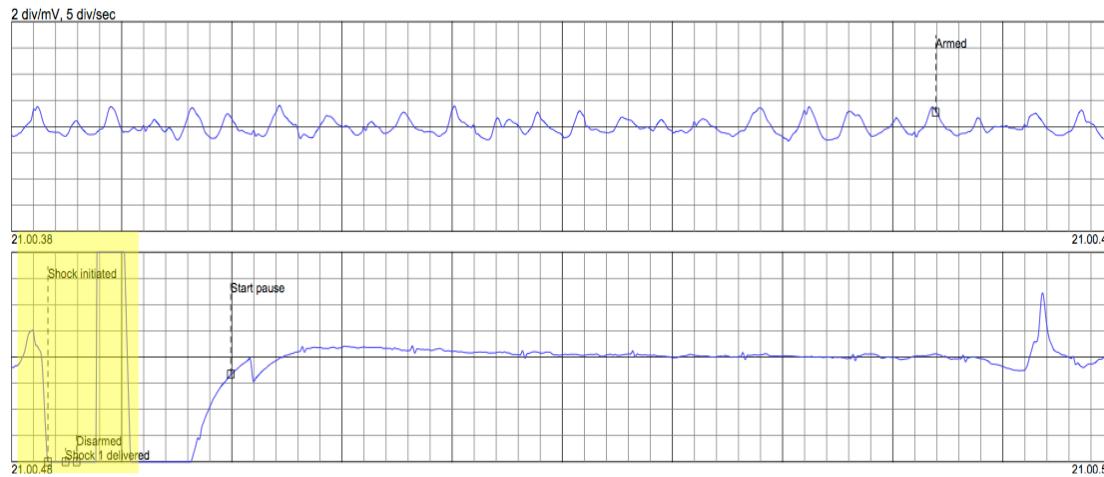
A difficult decision



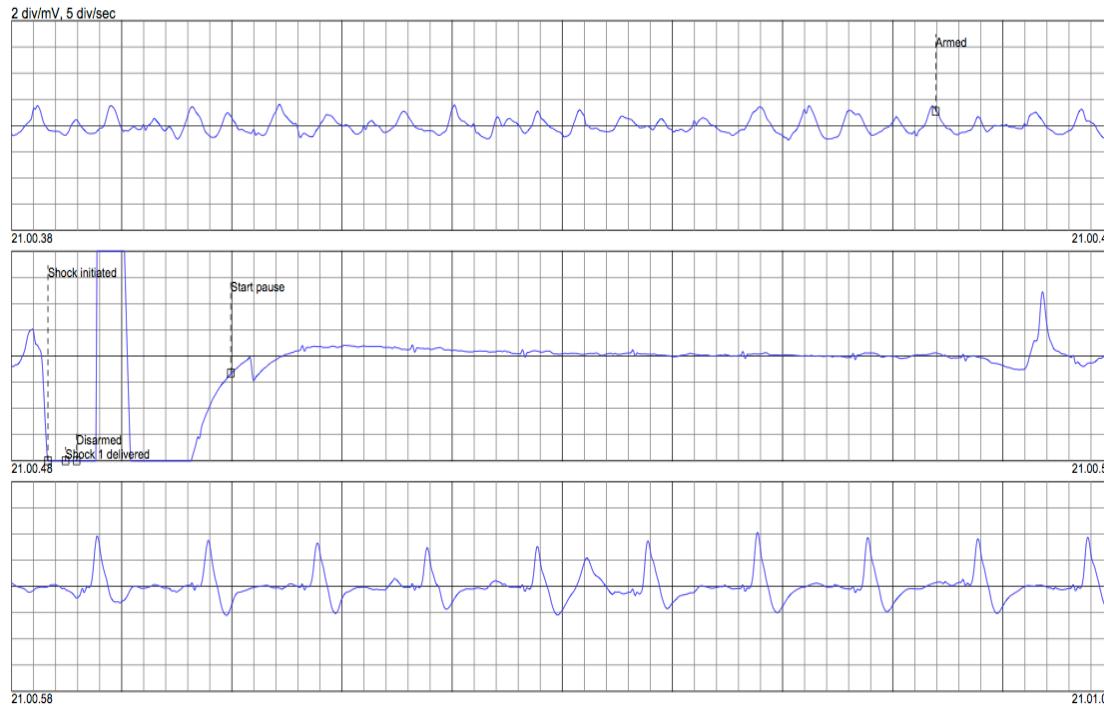
A difficult decision



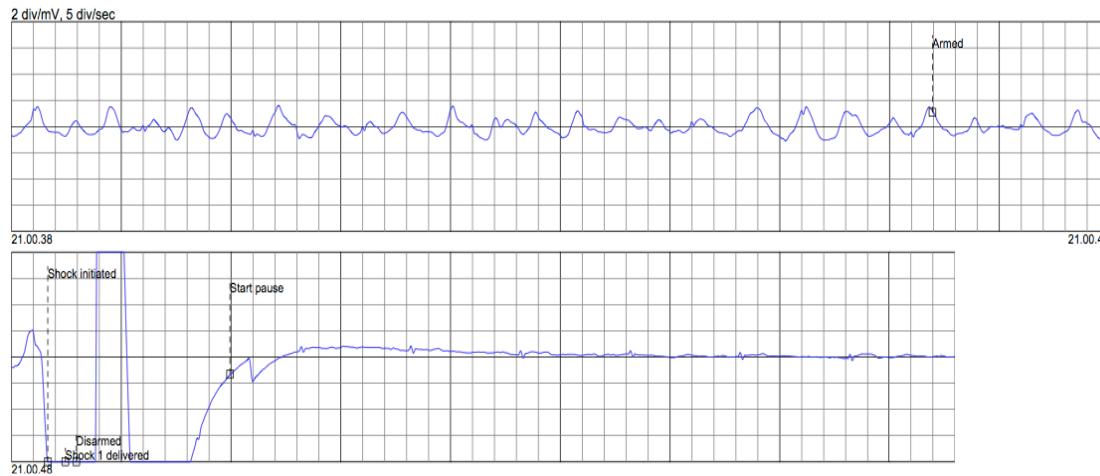
A difficult decision



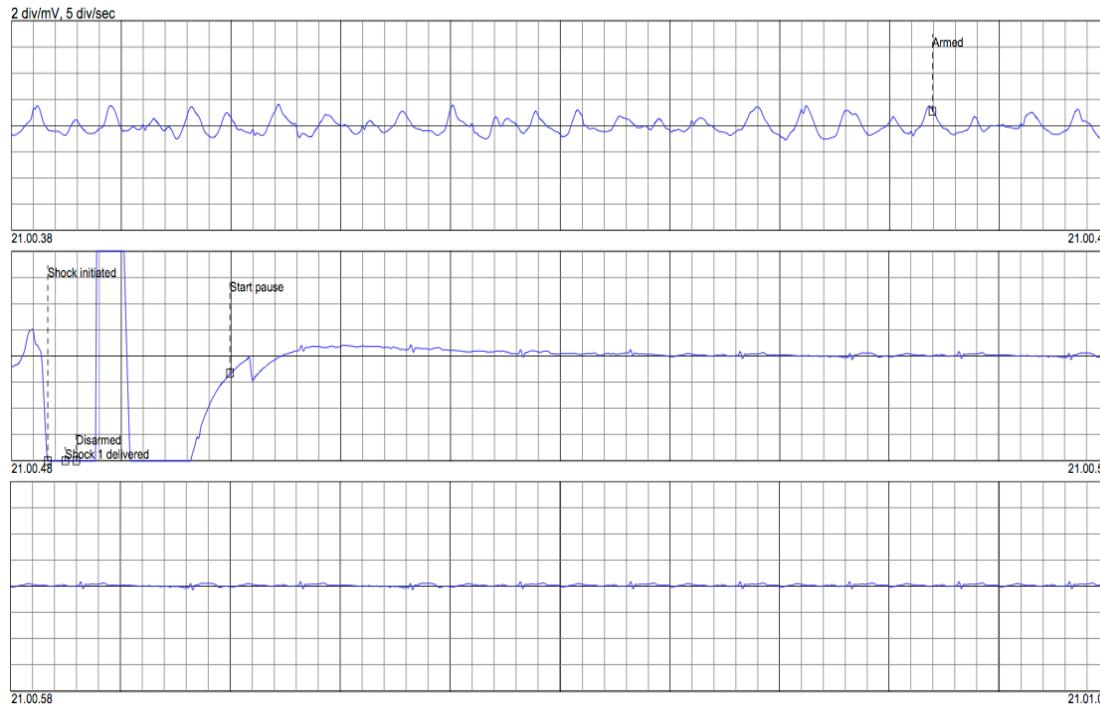
A difficult decision



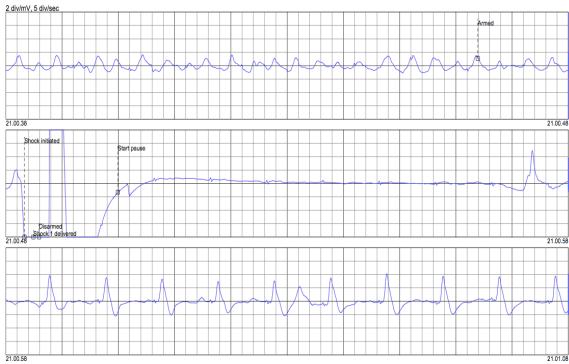
A difficult decision



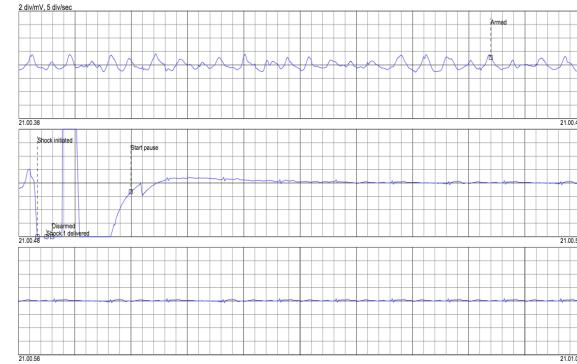
A difficult decision



A difficult decision



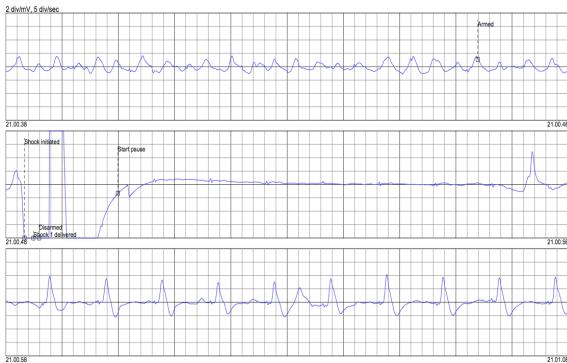
?



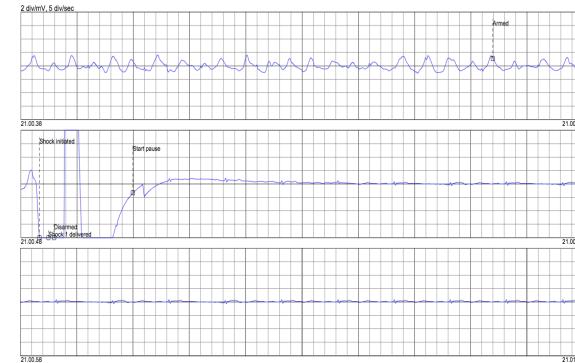
A difficult decision

“each minute of delay before defibrillation reduces the probability of survival to discharge by 10-12%”

European resuscitation council guidelines for resuscitation (Resuscitation, 95:100–147, 2015).



?



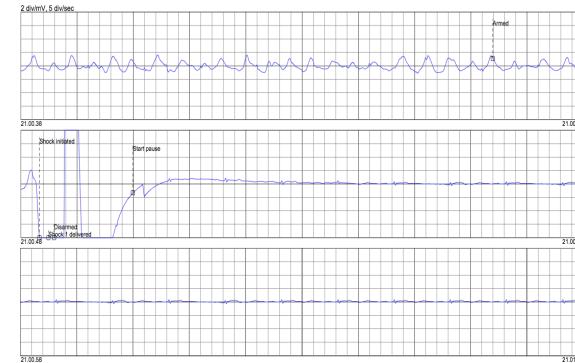
A difficult decision

“each minute of delay before defibrillation reduces the probability of survival to discharge by 10-12%”

European resuscitation council guidelines for resuscitation (Resuscitation, 95:100–147, 2015).

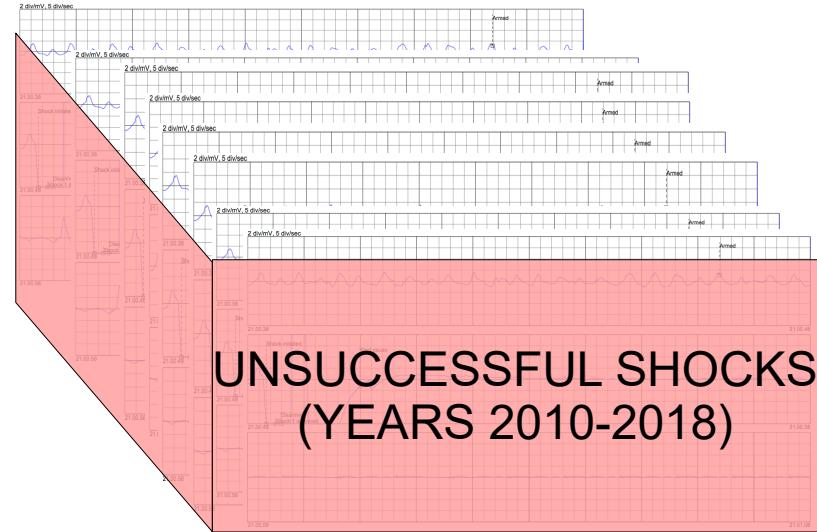
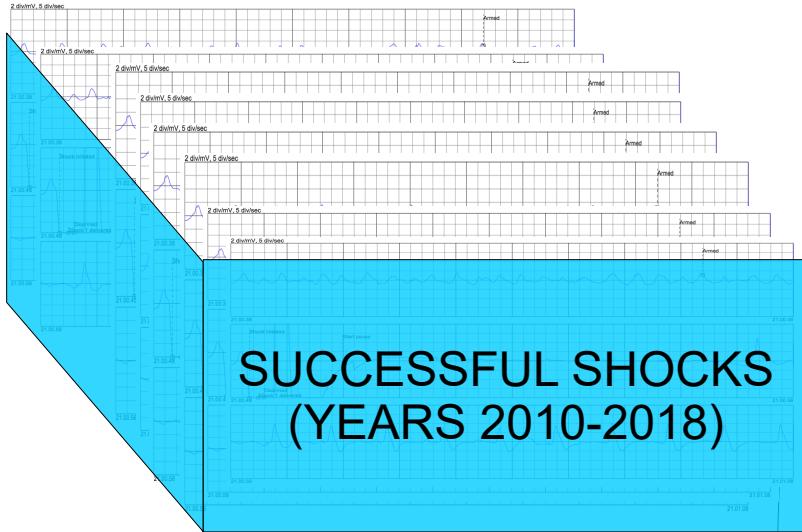


?

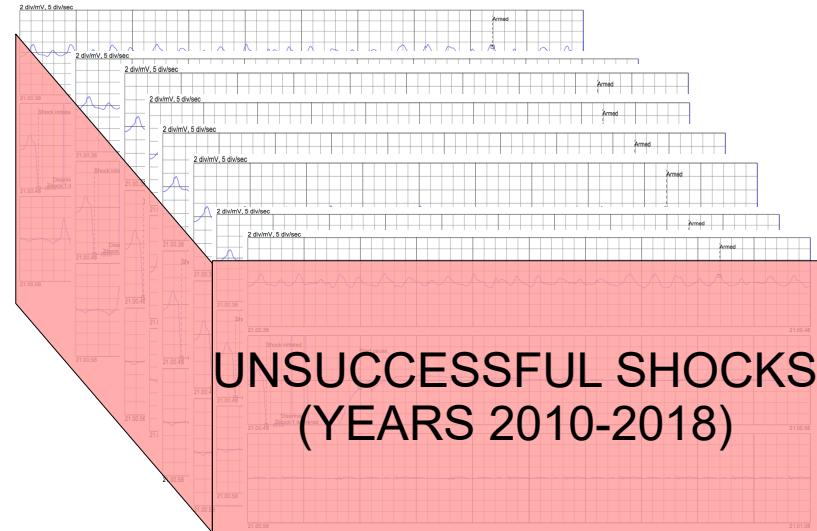
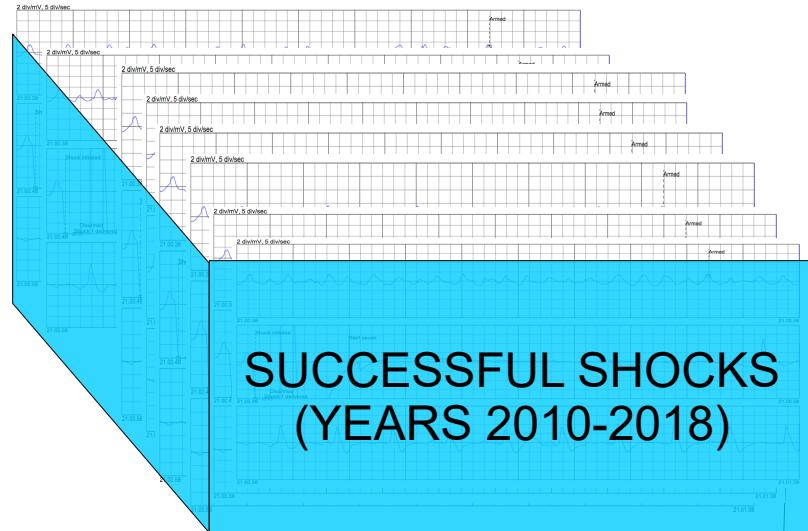


high energy shocks can cause damage
(myocardial injury)

Learning from experience

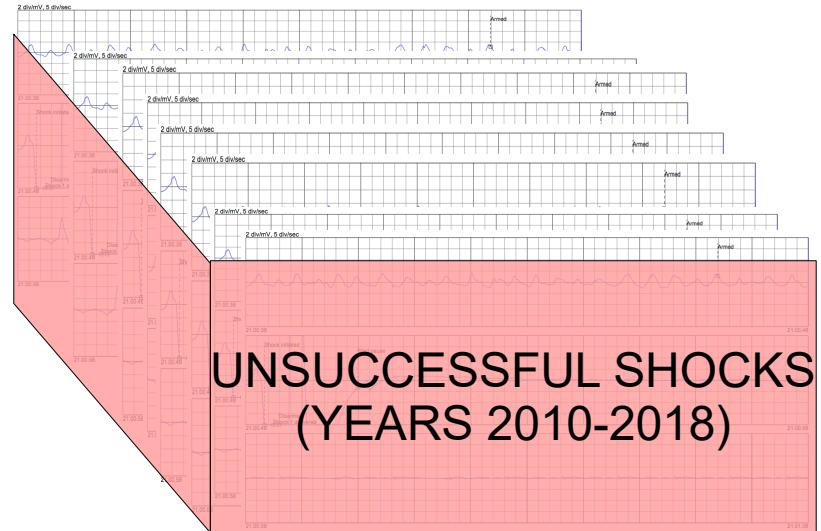
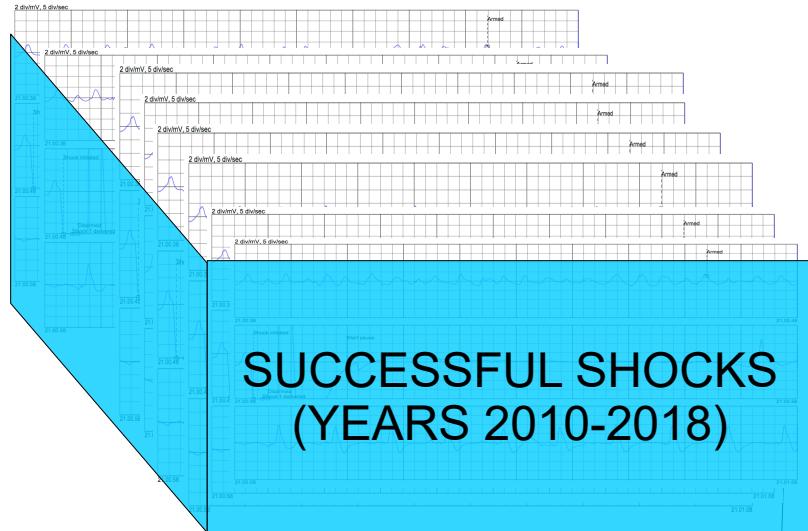


Learning from experience



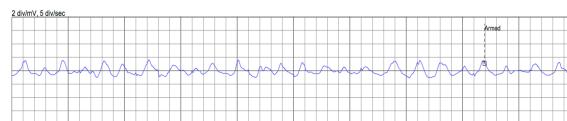
PAST

Learning from experience

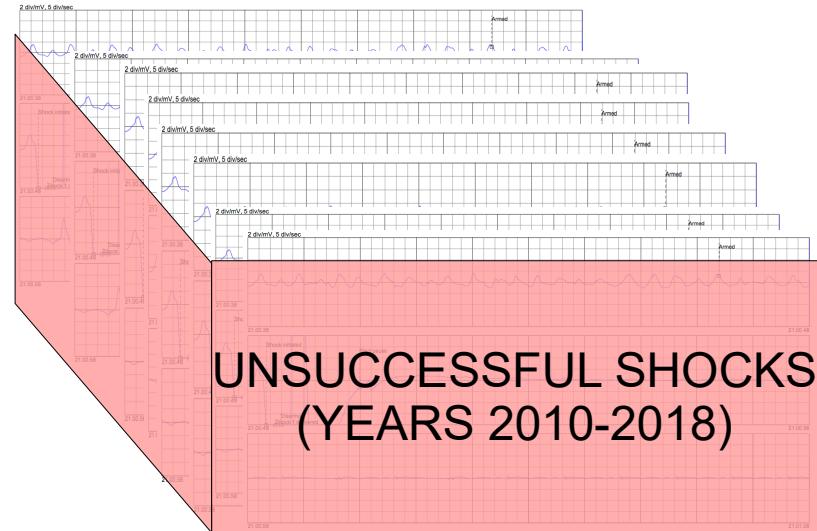
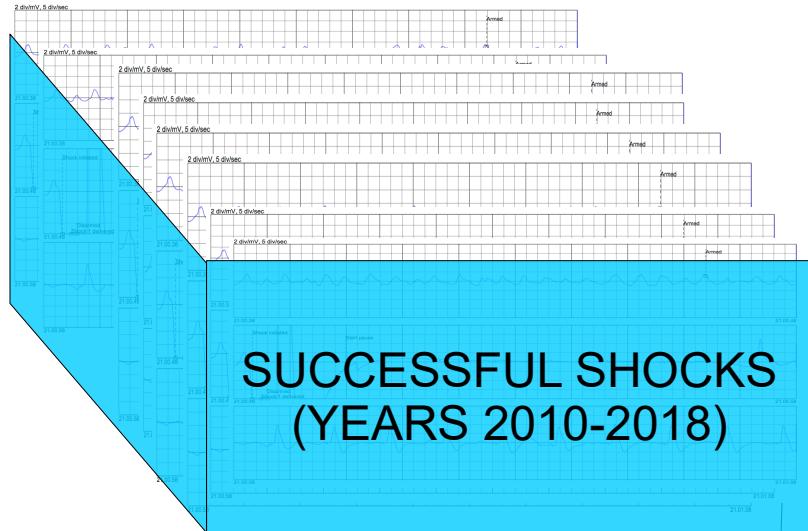


PAST

PRESENT

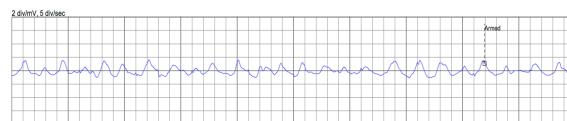


Learning from experience



PAST

PRESENT

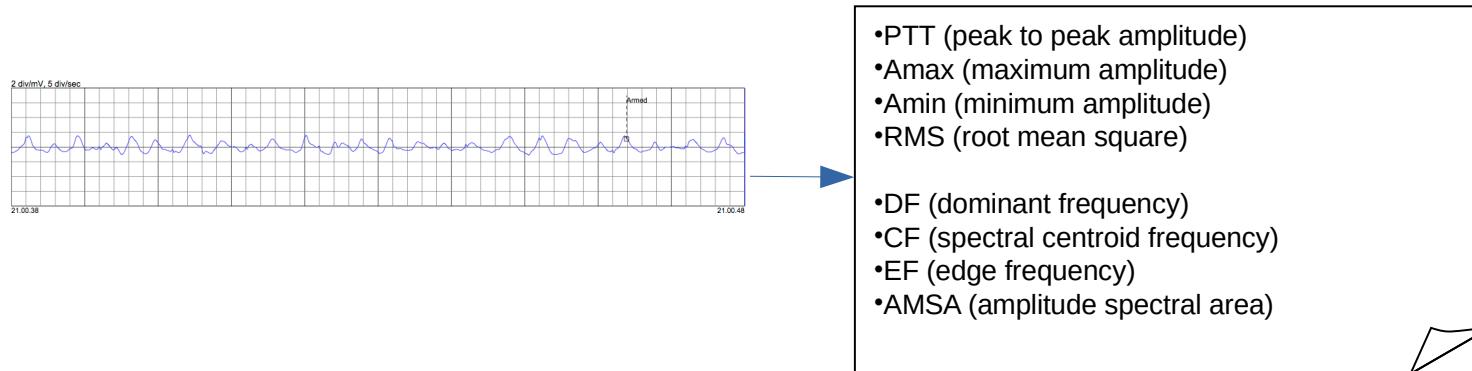


?

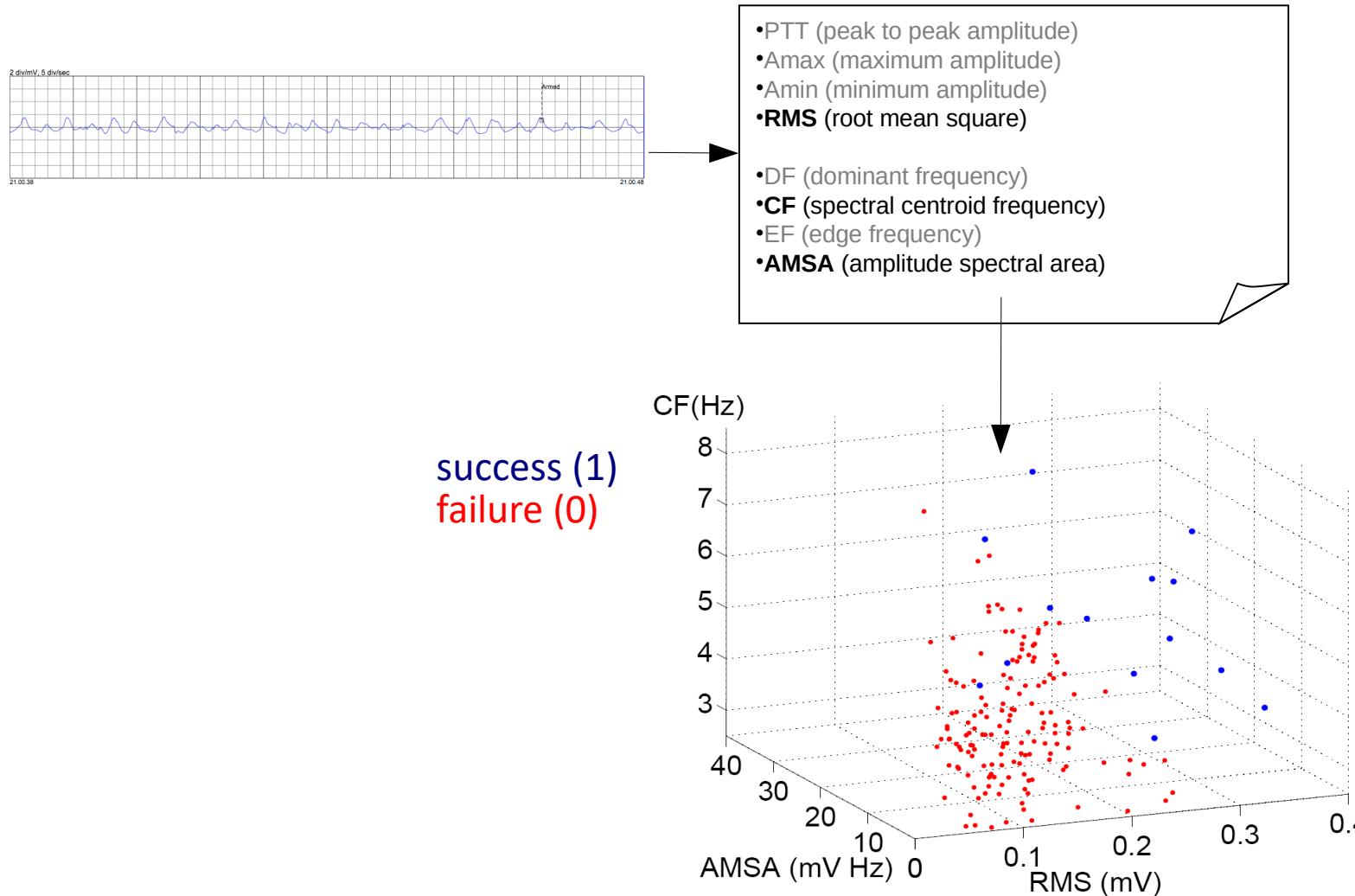
SUCCESS

FAILURE

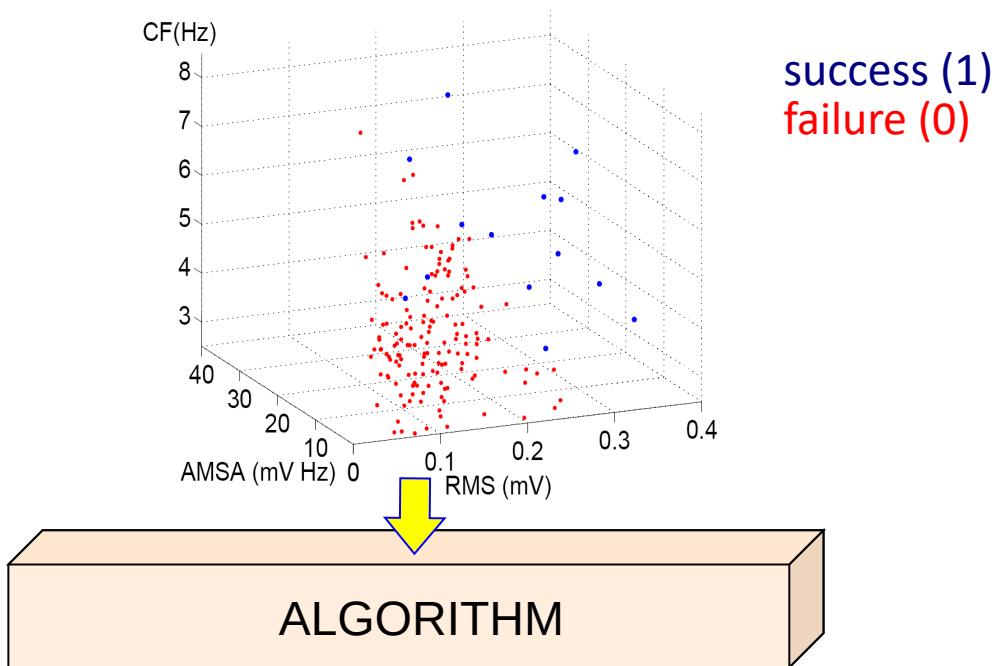
Feature extraction



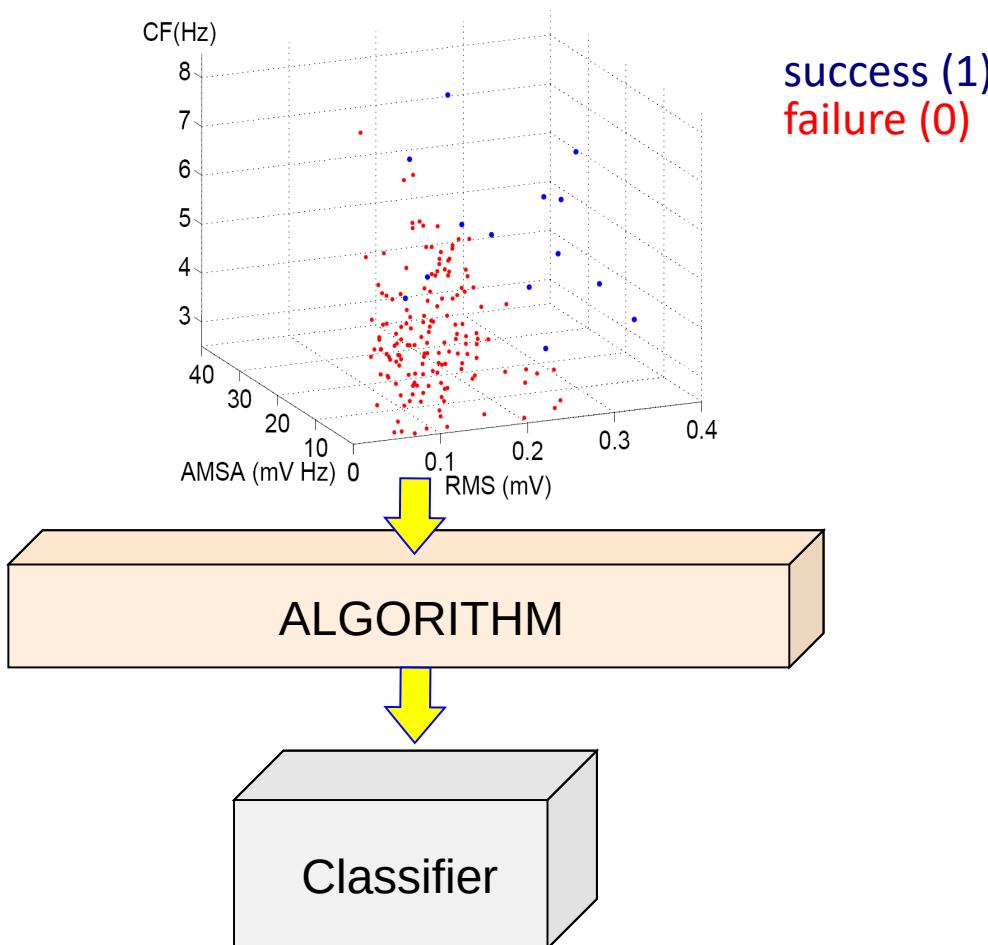
Feature extraction



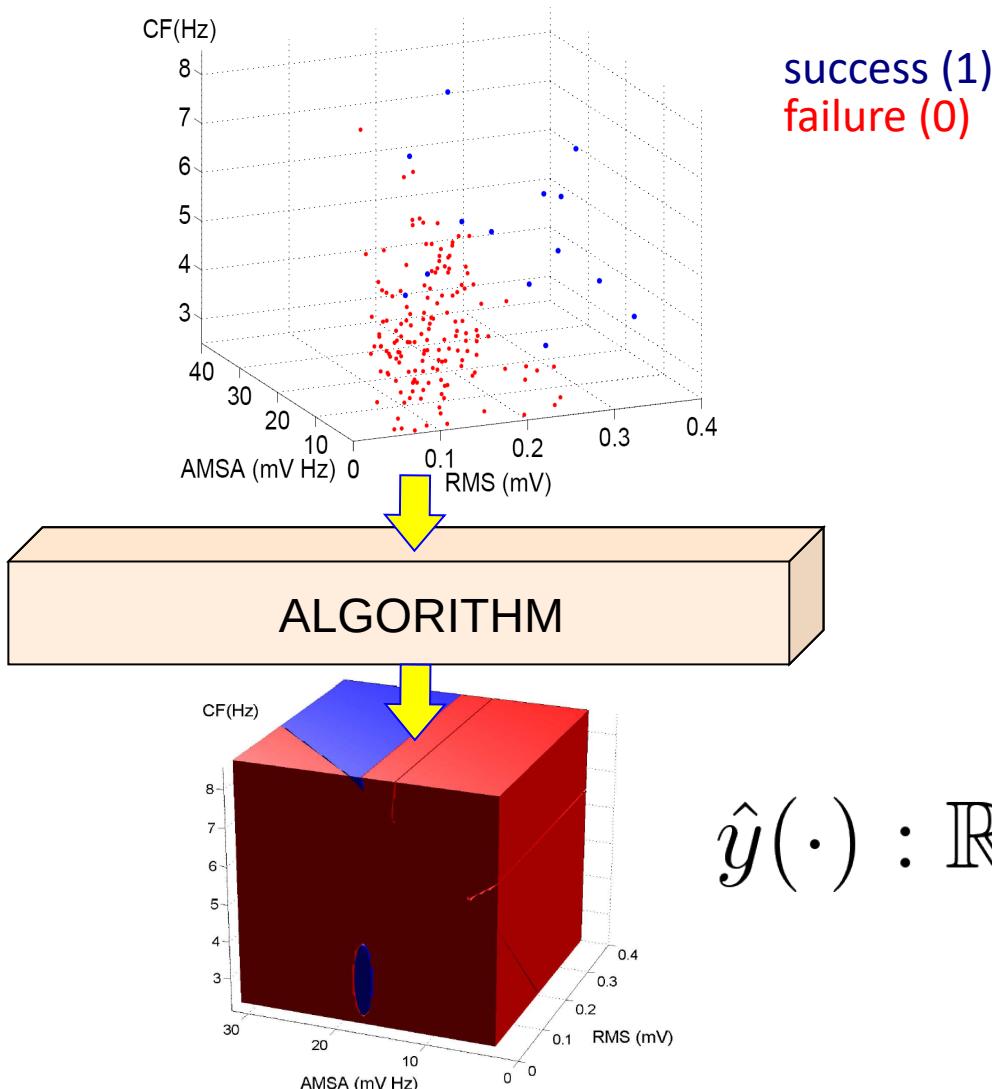
Automatic learning



Automatic learning



Automatic learning



Mathematical set-up

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: patient (n features)

$y \in \{1, 0\}$: true outcome

Mathematical set-up

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: patient (n features)

$y \in \{1, 0\}$: true outcome

$\hat{y}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$ classifier

Mathematical set-up

$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$: patient (n features)

$y \in \{1, 0\}$: true outcome

$\hat{y}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$ classifier

$$\hat{y}(x) \neq y$$

Mathematical set-up

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: patient (n features)

$y \in \{1, 0\}$: true outcome

$\hat{y}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$ classifier

$(x, y) \sim \mathbb{P}$

$$\hat{y}(x) \neq y$$

Mathematical set-up

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: patient (n features)

$y \in \{1, 0\}$: true outcome

$\hat{y}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$ classifier

$(x, y) \sim \mathbb{P}$

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{y}(x) \neq y\}$$

Mathematical set-up

$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$: patient (n features)

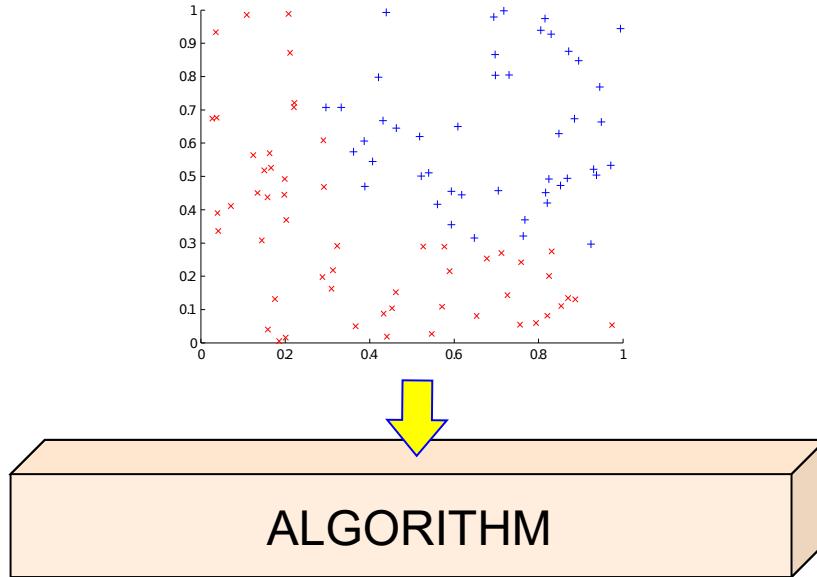
$y \in \{1, 0\}$: true outcome

$\hat{y}(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$ classifier

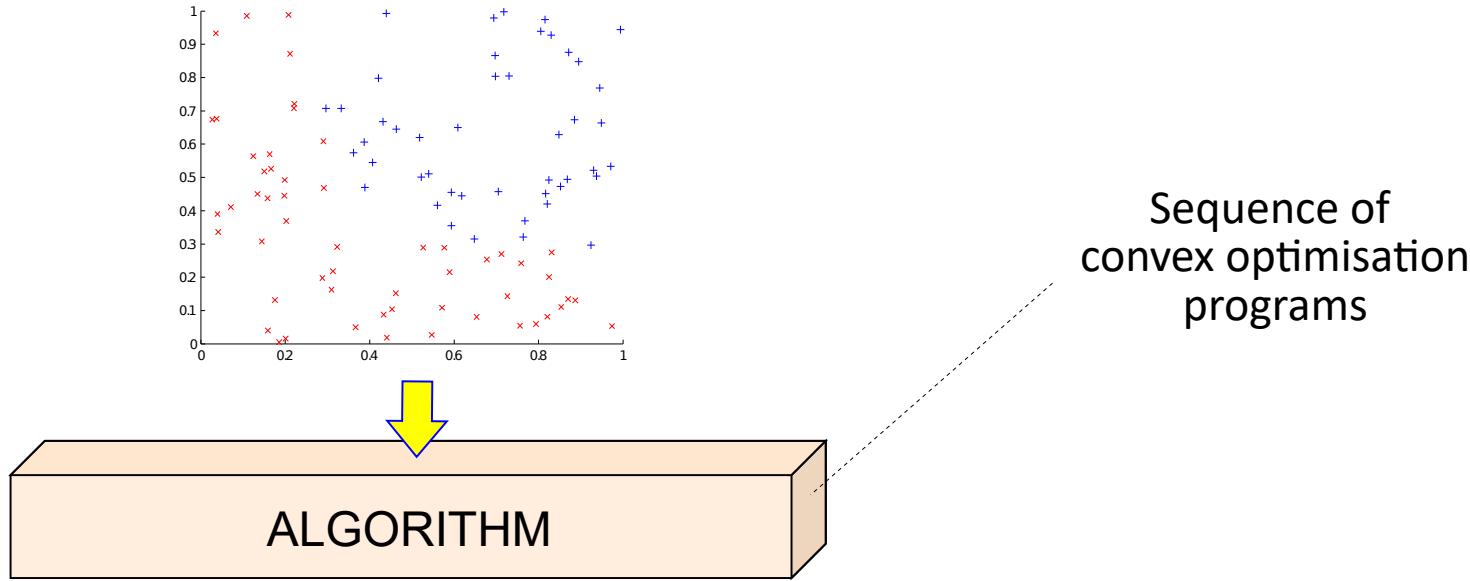
$(x, y) \sim \mathbb{P}$

$PE(\hat{y}) := \mathbb{P}\{\hat{y}(x) \neq y\}$

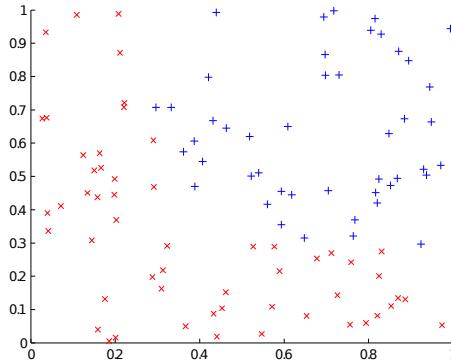
Classification through cvx optimisation



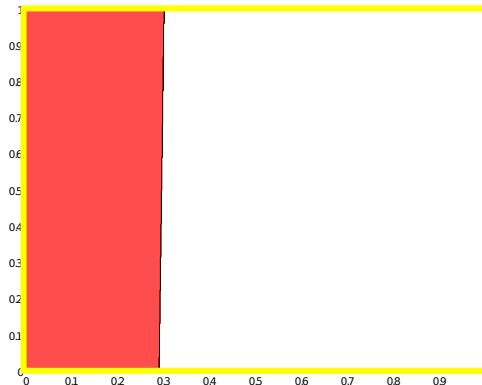
Classification through cvx optimisation



Classification through cvx optimisation

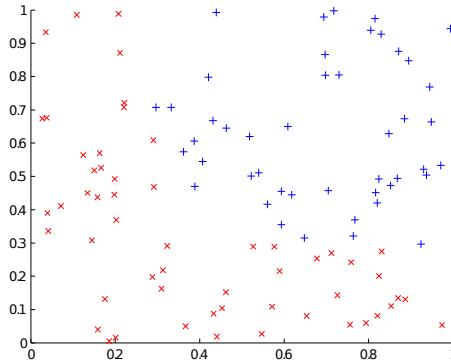


Sequence of
convex optimisation
programs

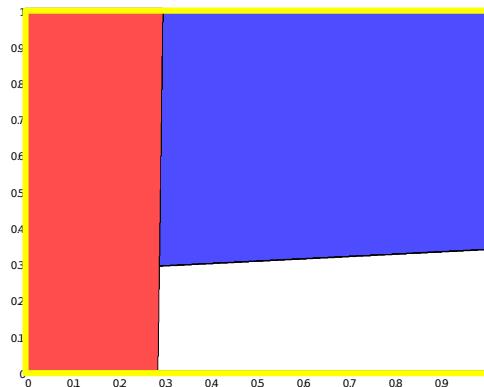


$$\begin{aligned} \min_{A=A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^d} & \text{Trace}(A) \\ \text{subject to: } & (x_i - x_B)^T A (x_i - x_B) + b^T (x_i - x_B) \geq 1, \\ & \text{for all } i \in P \text{ such that } y_i \neq y(x_B) \\ & \text{and } A \succeq 0 \quad (\text{A positive semi-definite}). \end{aligned}$$

Classification through cvx optimisation



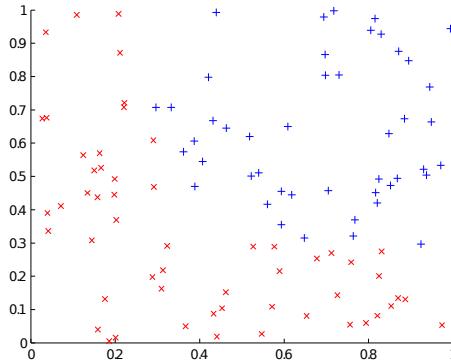
Sequence of
convex optimisation
programs



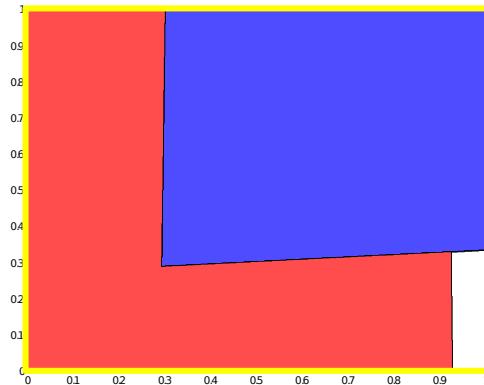
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{A=A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^d} \text{Trace}(A) \\ & \text{subject to:} \\ & \quad (x_i - x_B)^T A (x_i - x_B) + b^T (x_i - x_B) \geq 1, \\ & \quad \text{for all } i \in P \text{ such that } y_i \neq y(x_B) \\ & \quad \text{and } A \succeq 0 \quad (\text{A positive semi-definite}). \end{aligned}$$

-
-
-

Classification through cvx optimisation



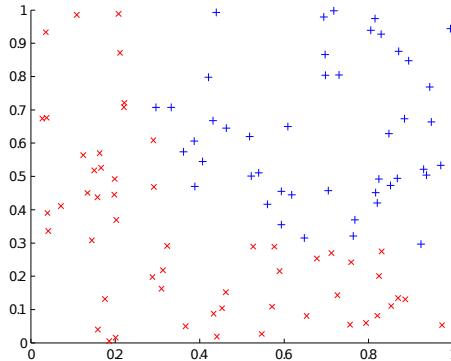
Sequence of
convex optimisation
programs



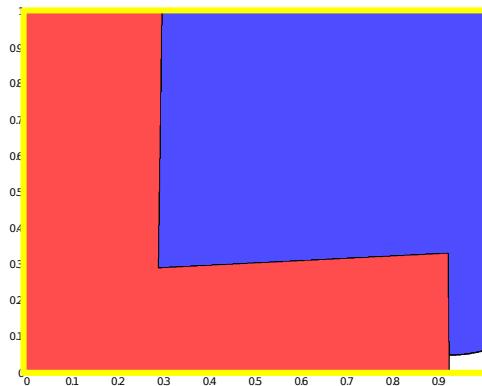
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{A=A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^d} \text{Trace}(A) \\ & \text{subject to:} \\ & \quad (x_i - x_B)^T A (x_i - x_B) + b^T (x_i - x_B) \geq 1, \\ & \quad \text{for all } i \in P \text{ such that } y_i \neq y(x_B) \\ & \quad \text{and } A \succeq 0 \quad (\text{A positive semi-definite}). \end{aligned}$$

-
-
-

Classification through cvx optimisation



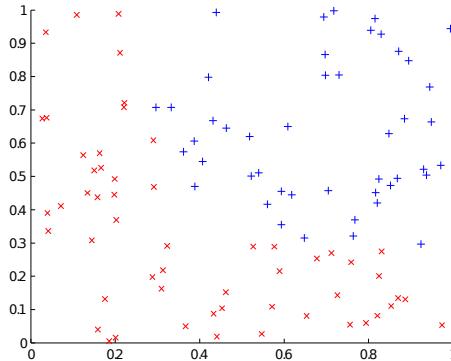
Sequence of
convex optimisation
programs



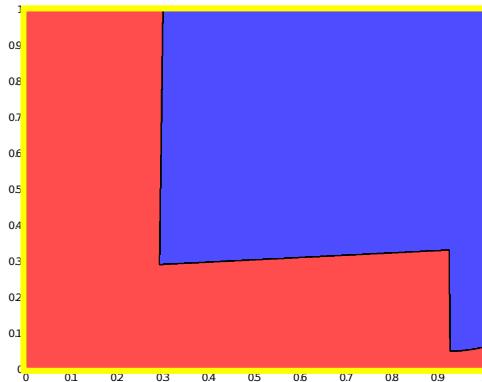
$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{A=A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^d} \text{Trace}(A) \\ & \text{subject to:} \\ & \quad (x_i - x_B)^T A (x_i - x_B) + b^T (x_i - x_B) \geq 1, \\ & \quad \text{for all } i \in P \text{ such that } y_i \neq y(x_B) \\ & \quad \text{and } A \succeq 0 \quad (\text{A positive semi-definite}). \end{aligned}$$

-
-
-

Classification through cvx optimisation



Sequence of
convex optimisation
programs

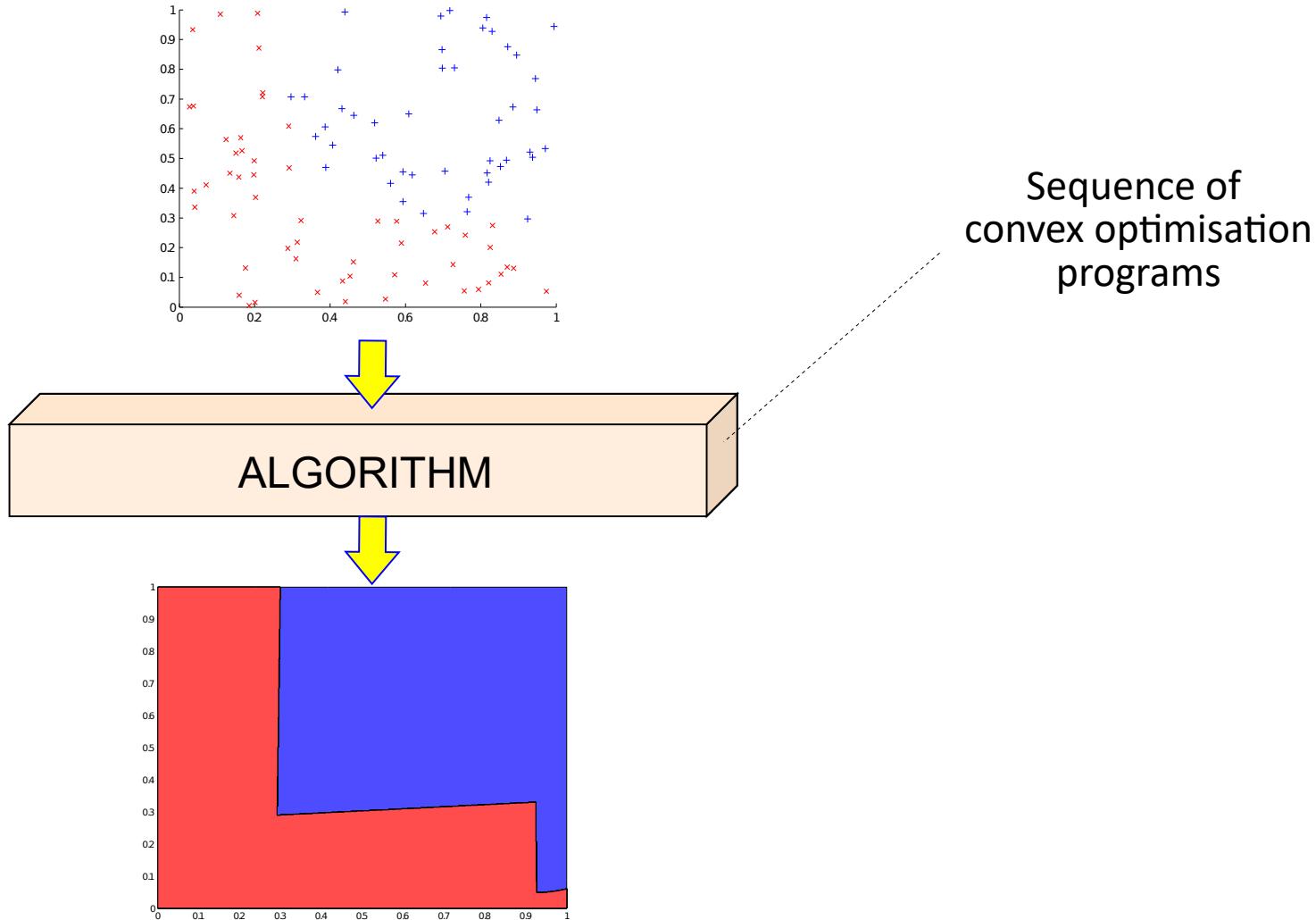


$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{A=A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, b \in \mathbb{R}^d} \text{Trace}(A) \\ & \text{subject to: } (x_i - x_B)^T A(x_i - x_B) + b^T(x_i - x_B) \geq 1, \\ & \quad \text{for all } i \in P \text{ such that } y_i \neq y(x_B) \\ & \quad \text{and } A \succeq 0 \quad (\text{A positive semi-definite}). \end{aligned}$$

•
•
•

$$\begin{aligned} & \min_{a \geq 0, b \in \mathbb{R}^d} a \\ & \text{subject to: } a \cdot \|x_i - x_B\|^2 + b^T(x_i - x_B) \geq 1, \\ & \quad \text{for all } i \in P \text{ such that } y_i \neq y(x_B). \end{aligned}$$

Classification through cvx optimisation



The theory behind

Theorems for
data-driven optimisation problems

The theory behind

Theorems for
data-driven optimisation problems



Classification with
guaranteed probability of error

The theory behind

Theorems for
data-driven optimisation problems



Classification with
user-chosen
guaranteed probability of error

The theory behind

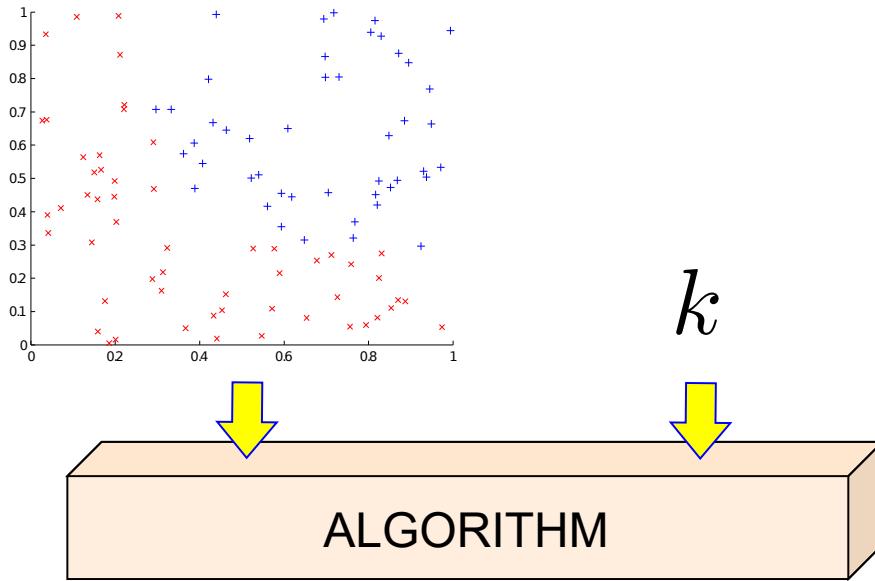
Theorems for
data-driven optimisation problems



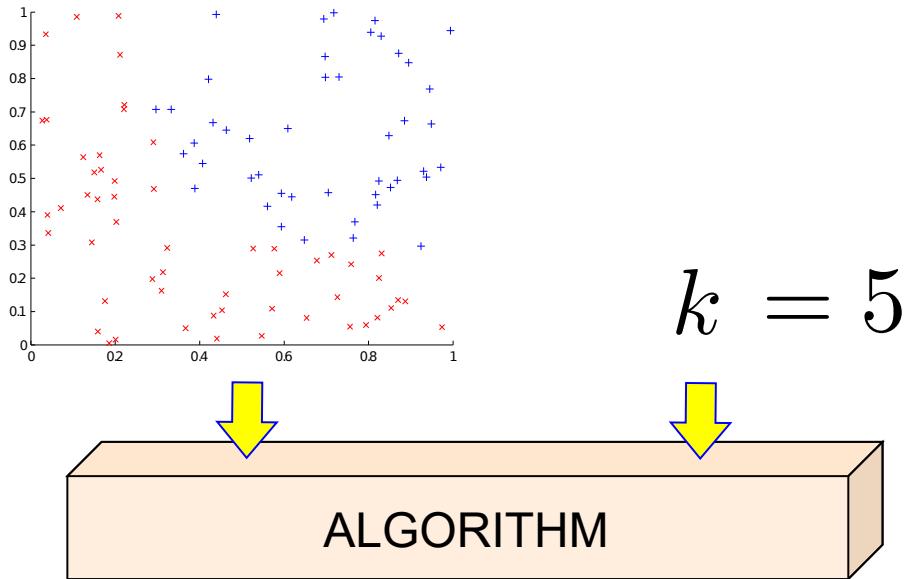
Classification with
user-chosen
guaranteed probability of error

$$\Pr\{\hat{y}(x) \neq y\} \leq 10\%$$

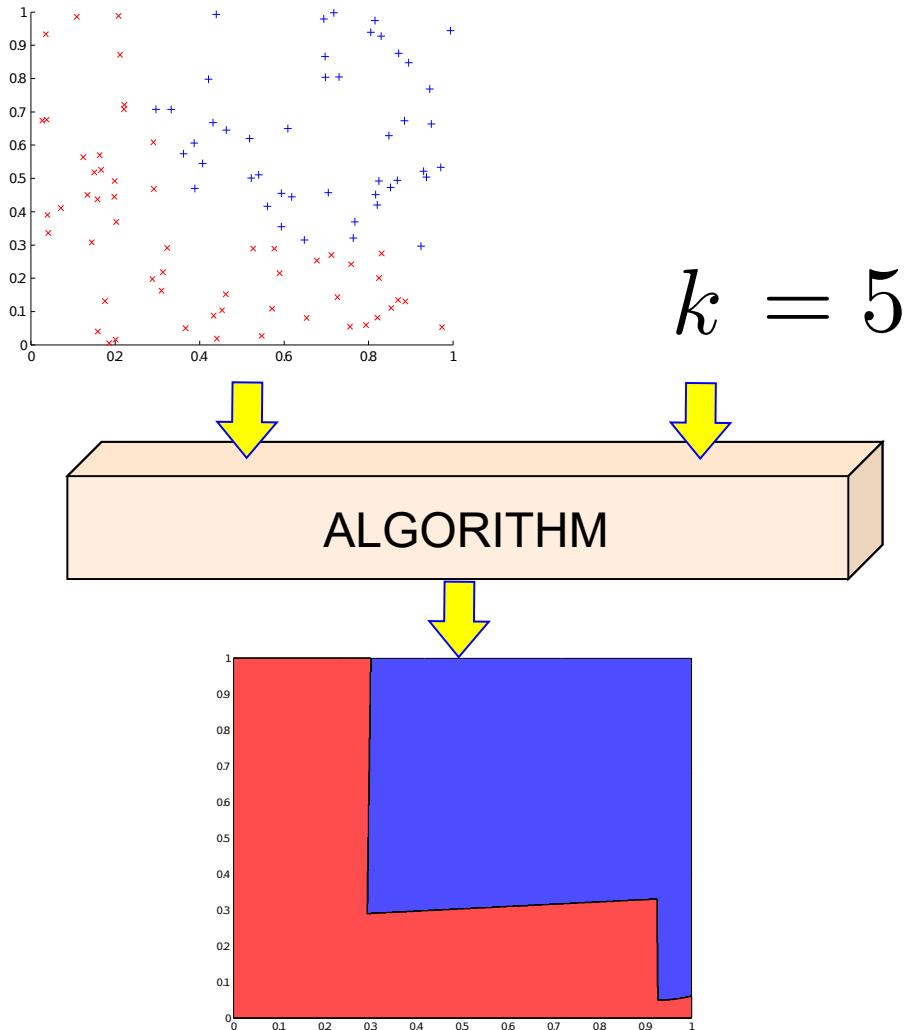
A complexity parameter



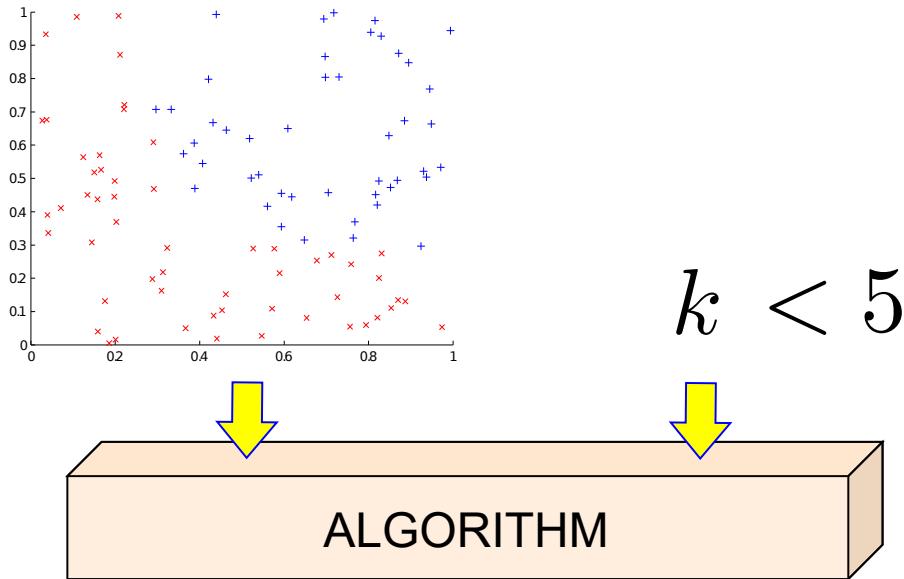
A complexity parameter



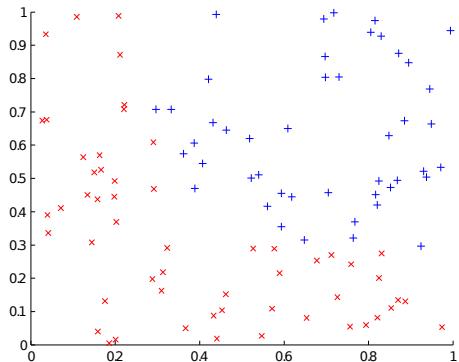
A complexity parameter



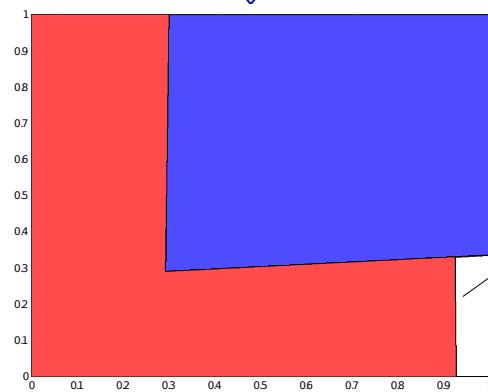
A complexity parameter



A complexity parameter

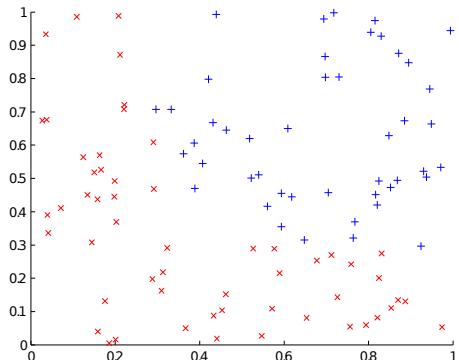


$$k < 5$$



unknown region!

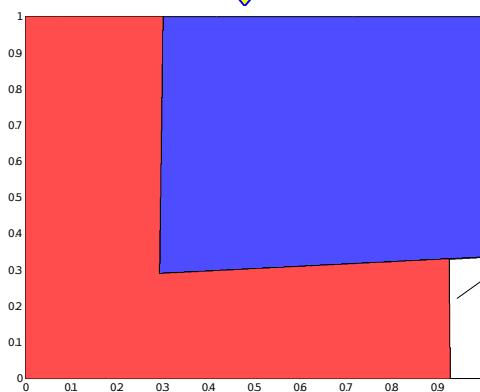
A complexity parameter



$$k < 5$$



ALGORITHM



unknown region!

see also Theorem 7.1 in
G. Lugosi, L. Devroye, L. Gyorfi:
"A Probabilistic
Theory of Pattern
Recognition", 1996.

Classification with Guarantees

N : size of the training set

k : complexity parameter



determine the

probability of error

Classification with Guarantees

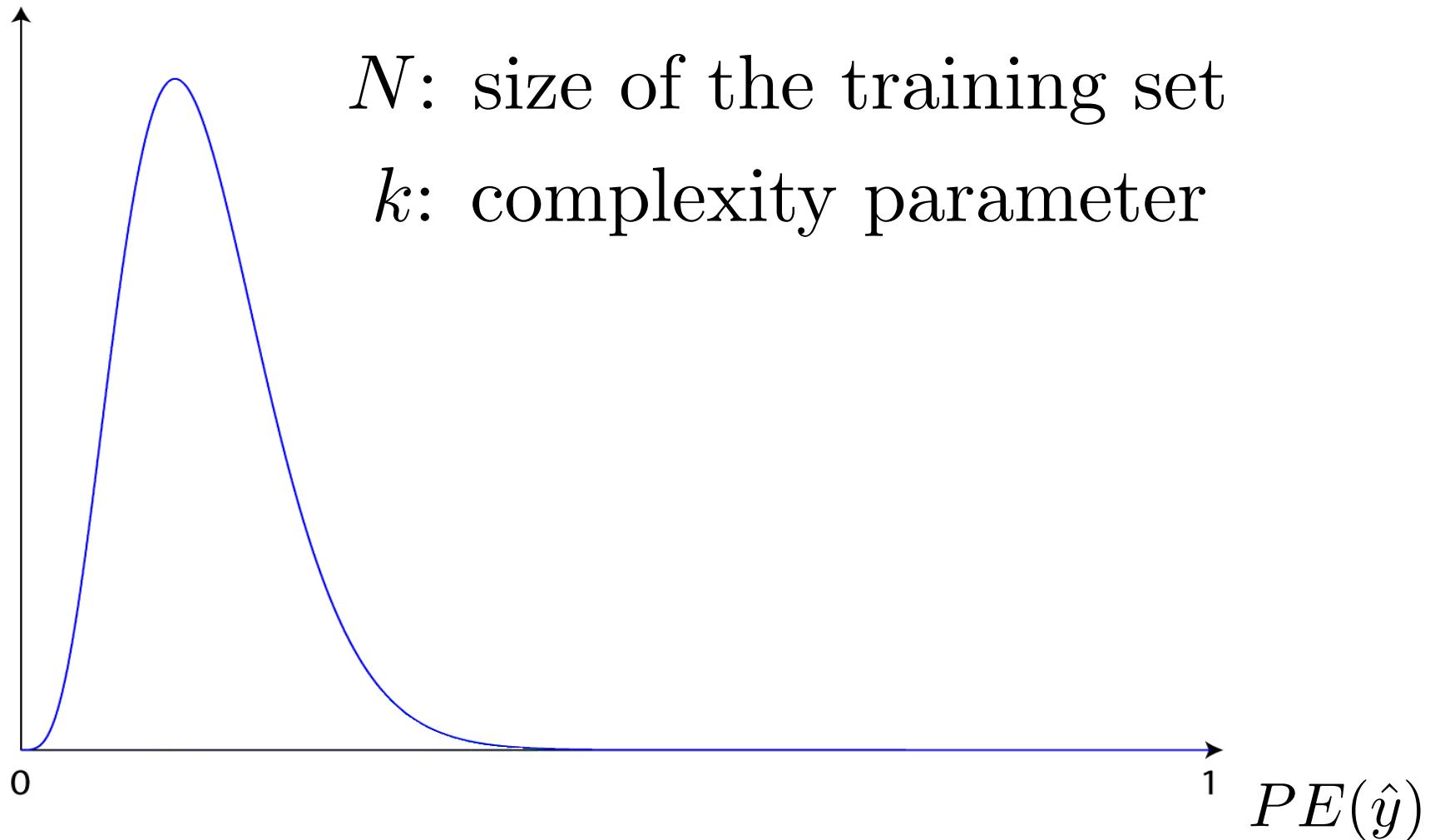
N : size of the training set

k : complexity parameter

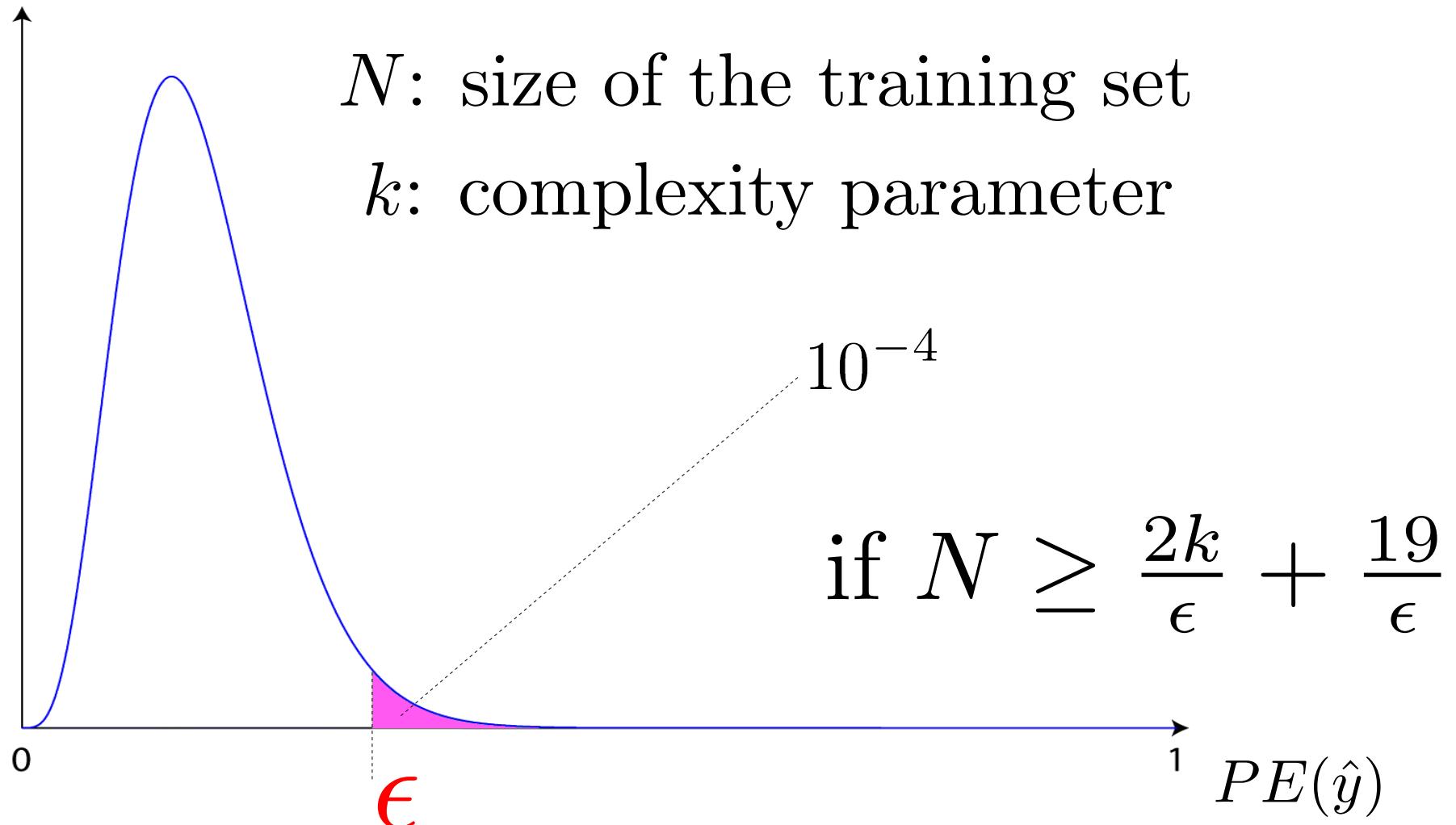


determine the
(distribution of the)
probability of error

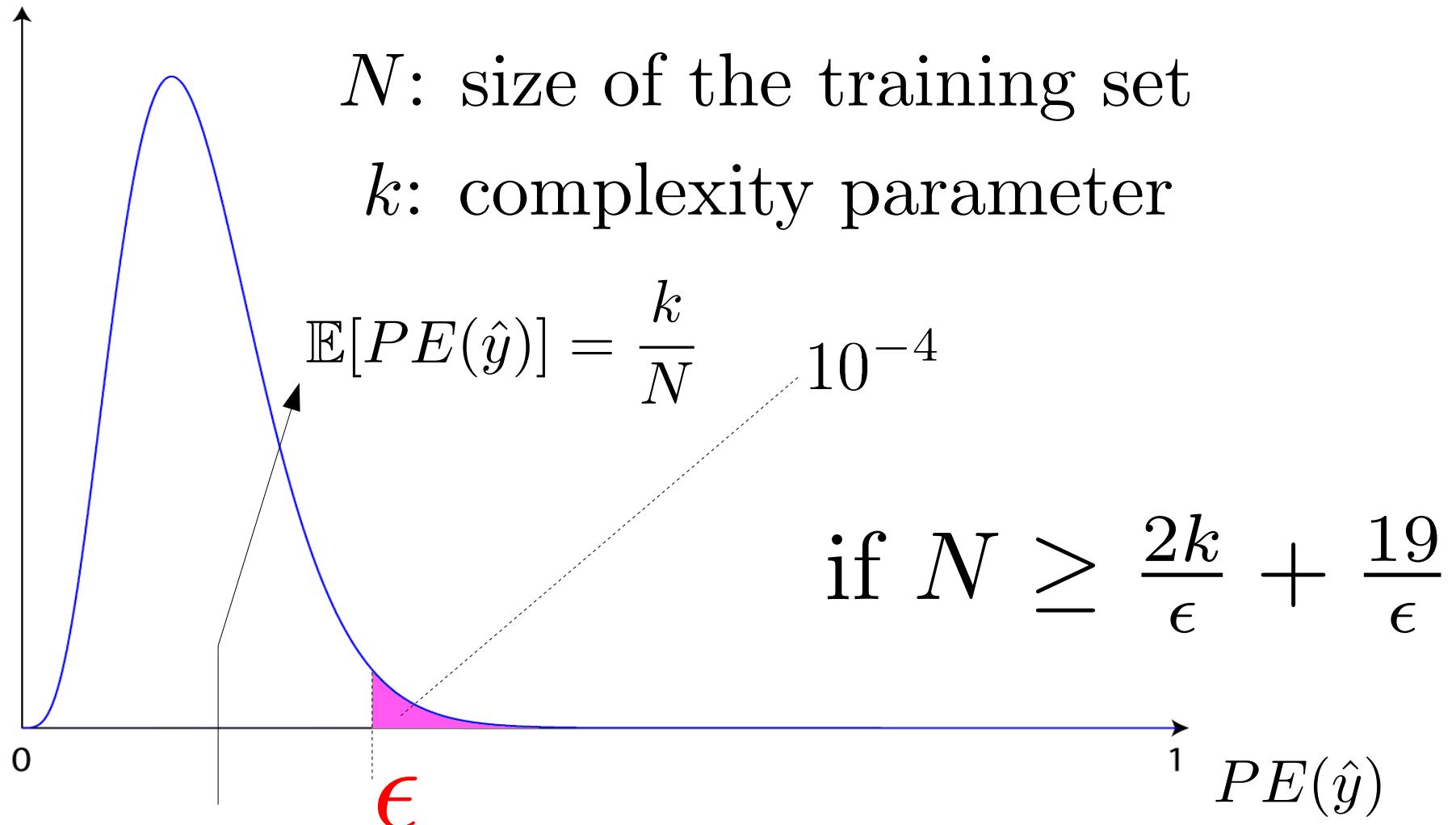
Classification with Guarantees



Classification with Guarantees



Classification with Guarantees



Alternative Approach: Complete Classification

IDEA:

Choose “k” large enough so that there are no “unknowns”.

Alternative Approach: Complete Classification

IDEA:

Choose “ k ” large enough so that there are no “unknowns”.

Such “ k ”

- carries strong information on the probability of error

Alternative Approach: Complete Classification

IDEA:

Choose “k” large enough so that there are no “unknowns”.

Such “k”

- carries strong information on the probability of error
- can be small even when features are many

Alternative Approach: Complete Classification

IDEA:

Choose “ k ” large enough so that there are no “unknowns”.

Such “ k ”

- carries strong information on the probability of error
- can be small even when features are many

Very technical caveat:

There is a subtle difference between trying with $k=1,2,3,\dots$ and stopping when there are no “unknown”s and starting with $k=\infty$ and evaluating the complexity *a posteriori*. The latter case is more difficult, see “**Wait-and-Judge scenario optimization**”

“Wait-and-Judge scenario optimization”
M.C. Campi, S.Garatti
Mathematical Programming, 2019

A fundamental distinction

Probability of **error**



A fundamental distinction

Probability of **error**



$\Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{failure})$

$\Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{success})$

A fundamental distinction

Probability of **correct classification**



$1 - \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{failure})$

$1 - \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{success})$

A fundamental distinction

Probability of **correct classification**



$$1 - \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{failure}) \\ = \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{failure})$$

$$1 - \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{success}) \\ = \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{success})$$

A fundamental distinction

Probability of correct classification



$$1 - \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{failure}) \\ = \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{failure})$$

specificity

$$1 - \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{success}) \\ = \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{success})$$

sensitivity

A fundamental distinction

Probability of correct classification



$$1 - \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{failure}) \\ = \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{failure})$$

specificity

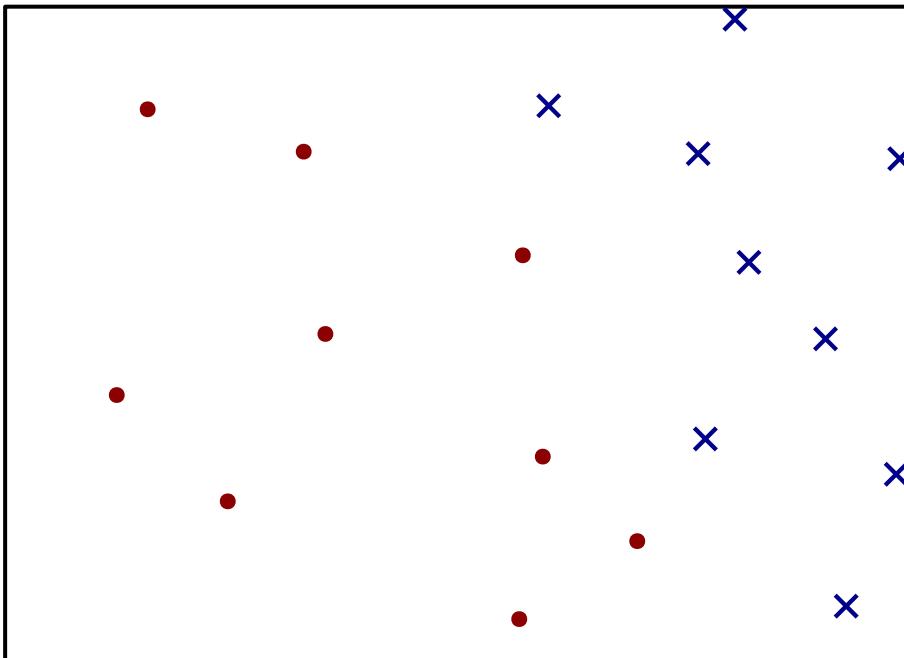
Target
50%

$$1 - \Pr(\text{"failure"} \mid \text{success}) \\ = \Pr(\text{"success"} \mid \text{success})$$

sensitivity

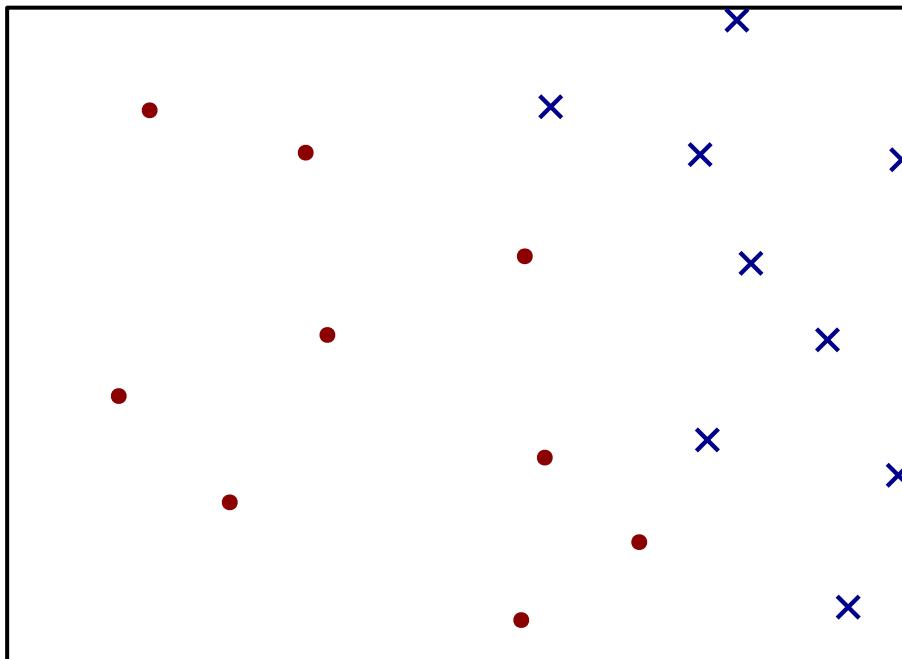
Target
95%

GEM-BALLS



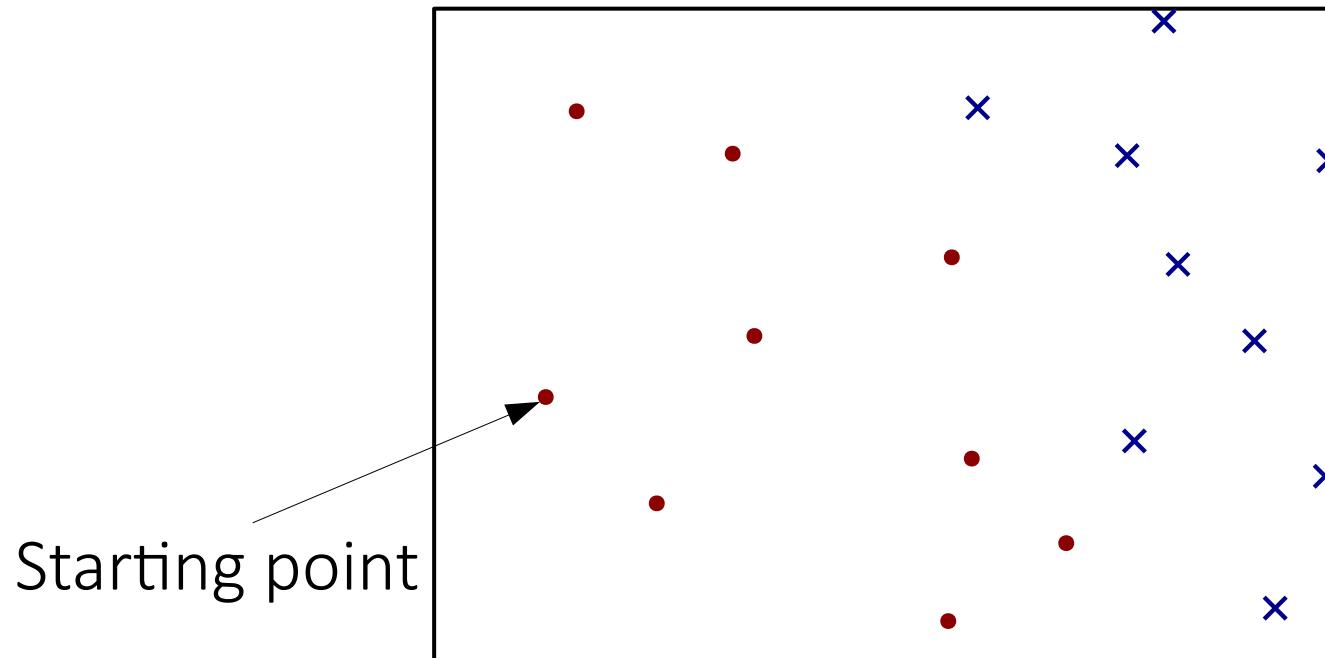
GEM-BALLS

- “0”, “negative”, “failure”
- ✗ “1”, “positive”, “success”



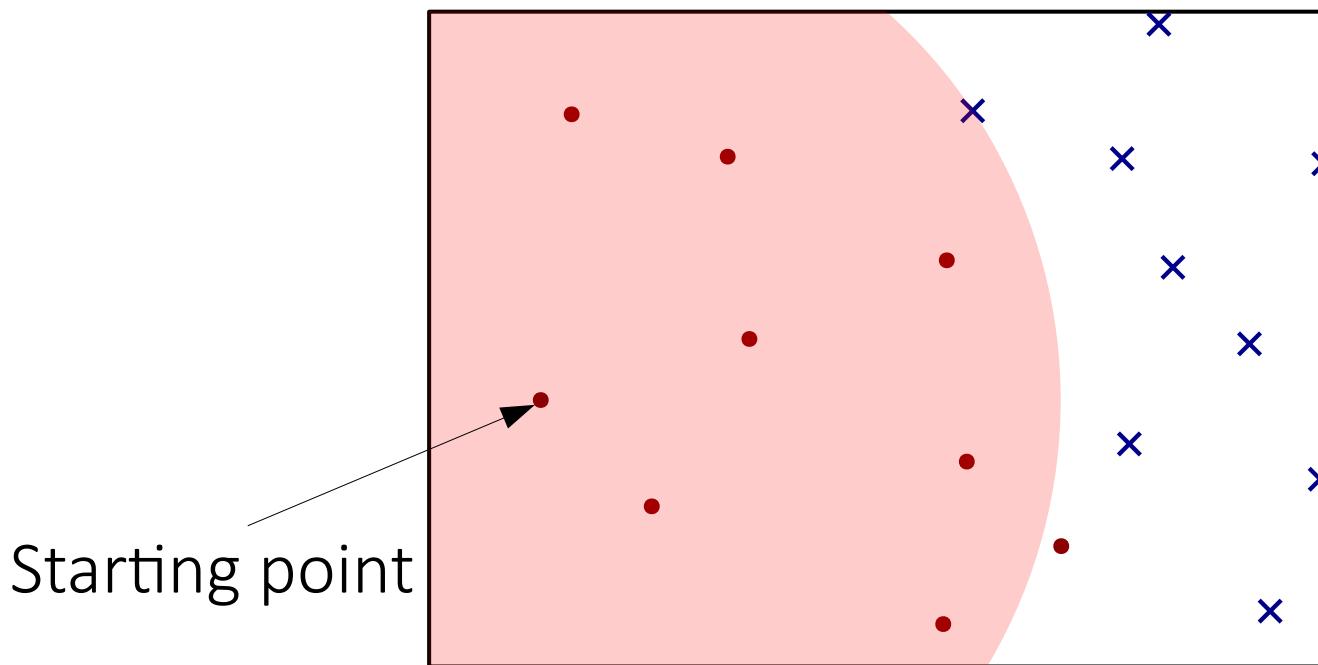
GEM-BALLS

- “0”, “negative”, “failure”
- ✖ “1”, “positive”, “success”

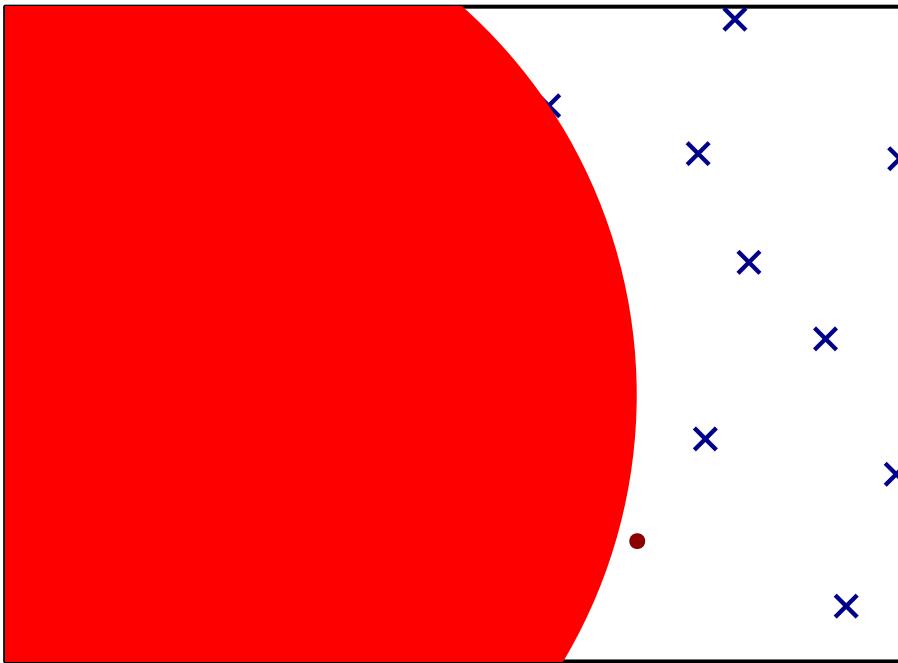


GEM-BALLS

Largest ball that does not include blue points

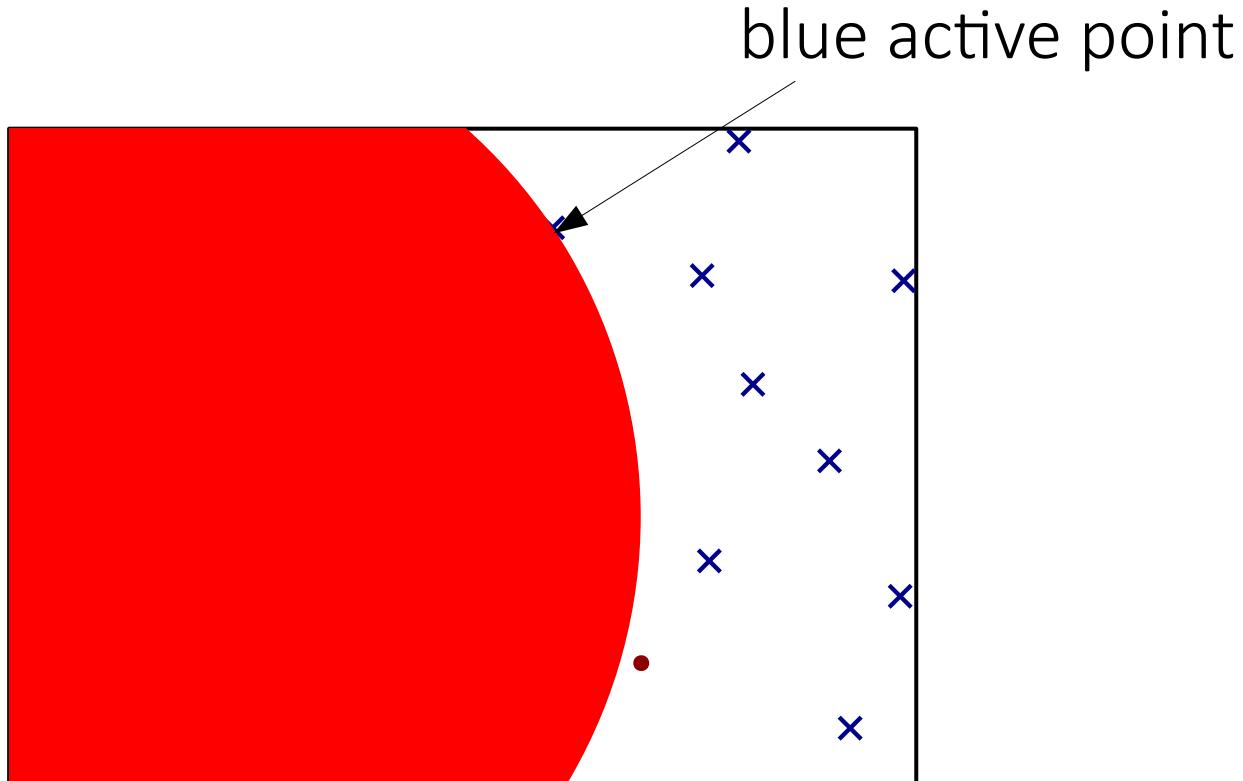


GEM-BALLS



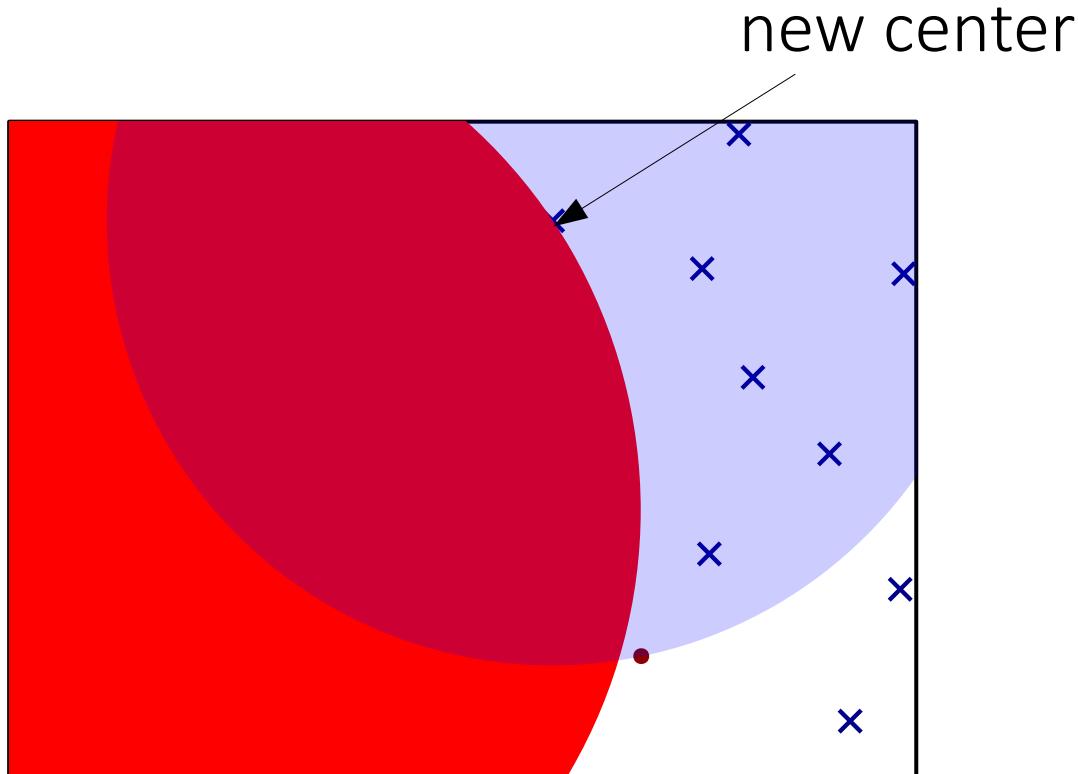
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =1



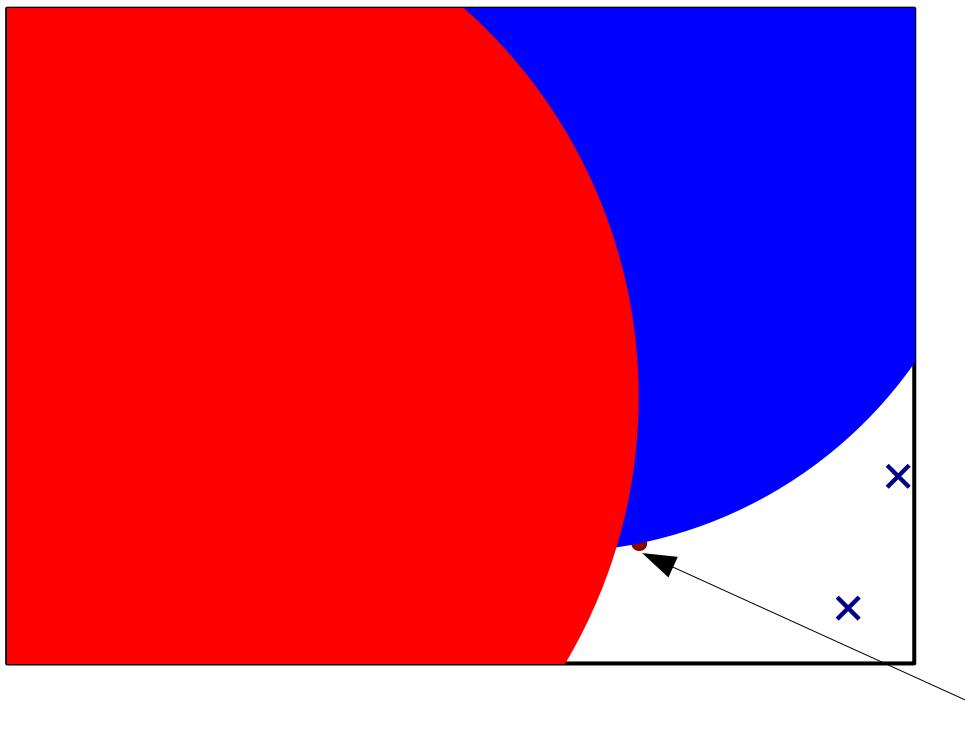
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =1



GEM-BALLS

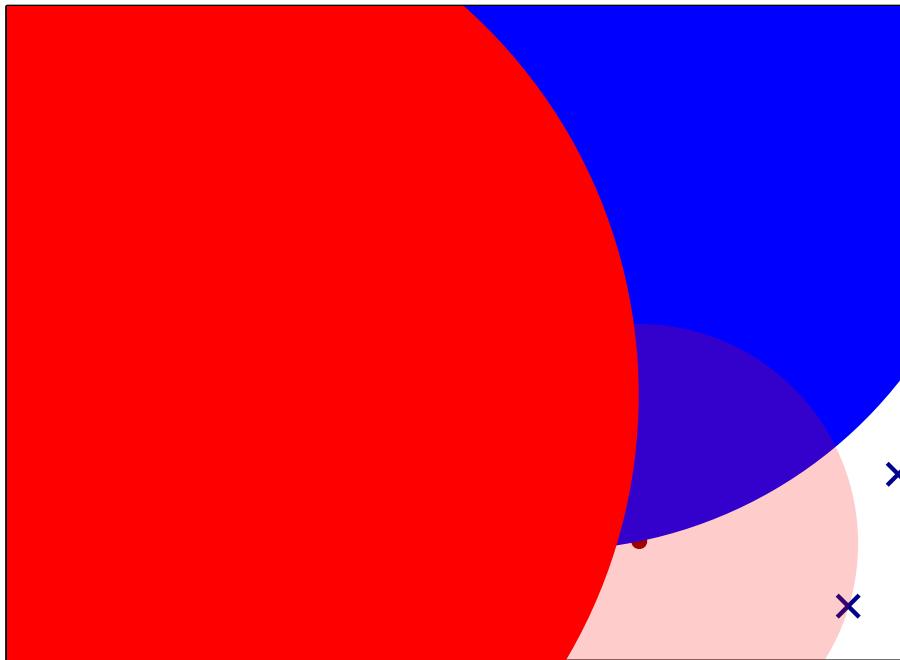
#blue active points so far =1
#red active points so far =1



red active point

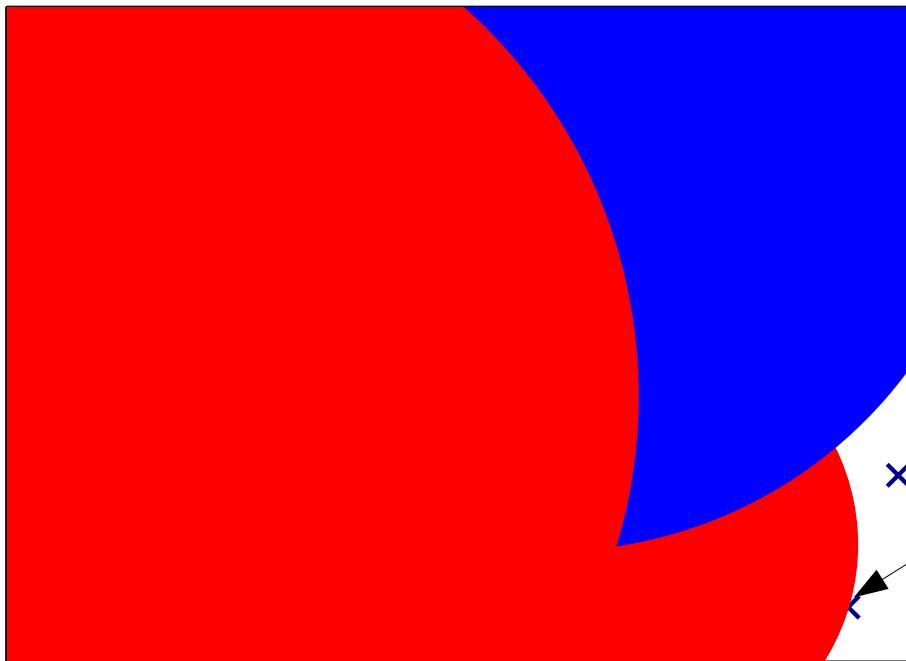
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =1
#red active points so far =1



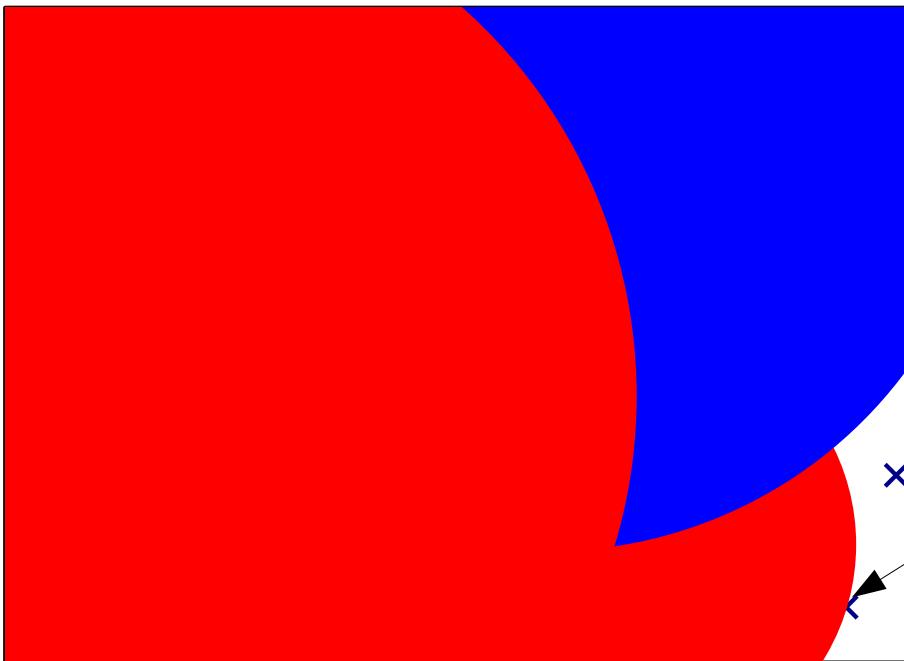
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =1+1
#red active points so far =1



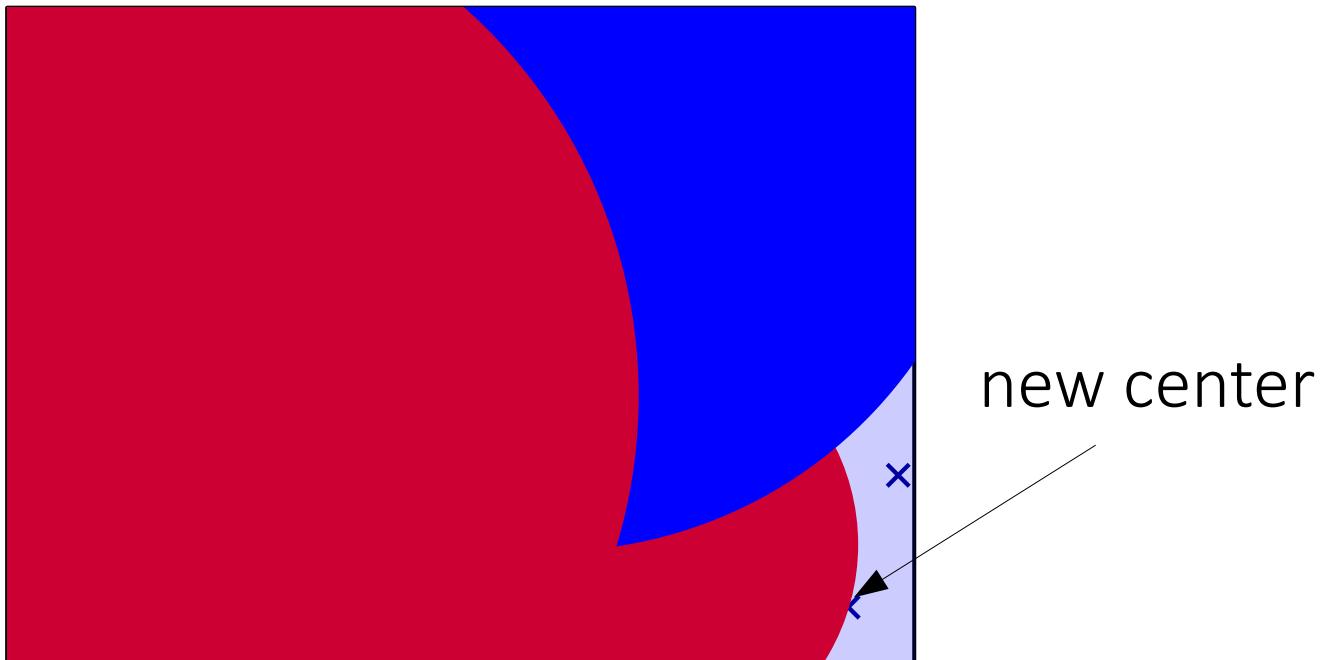
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =2
#red active points so far =1



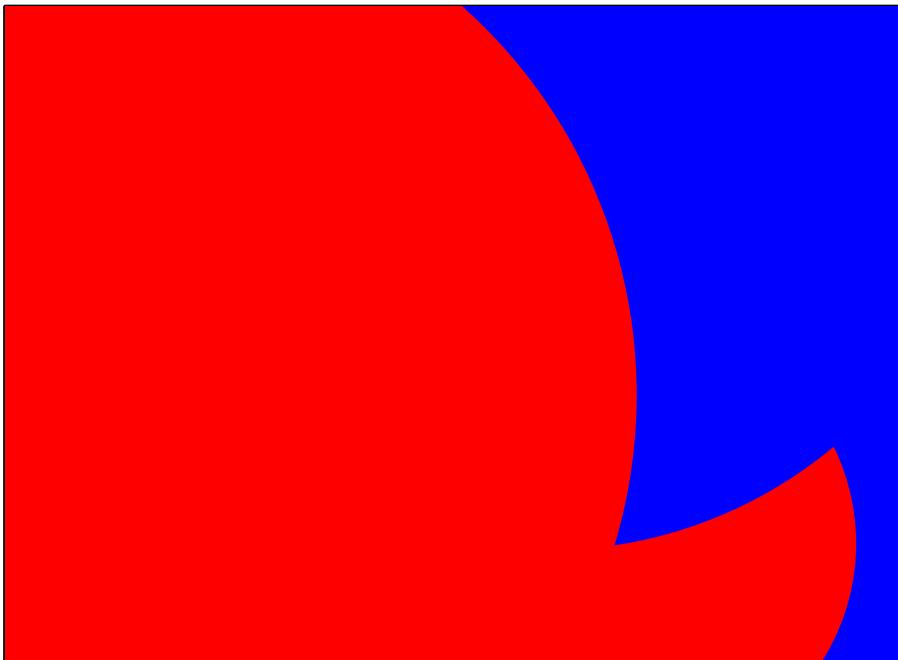
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =2
#red active points so far =1



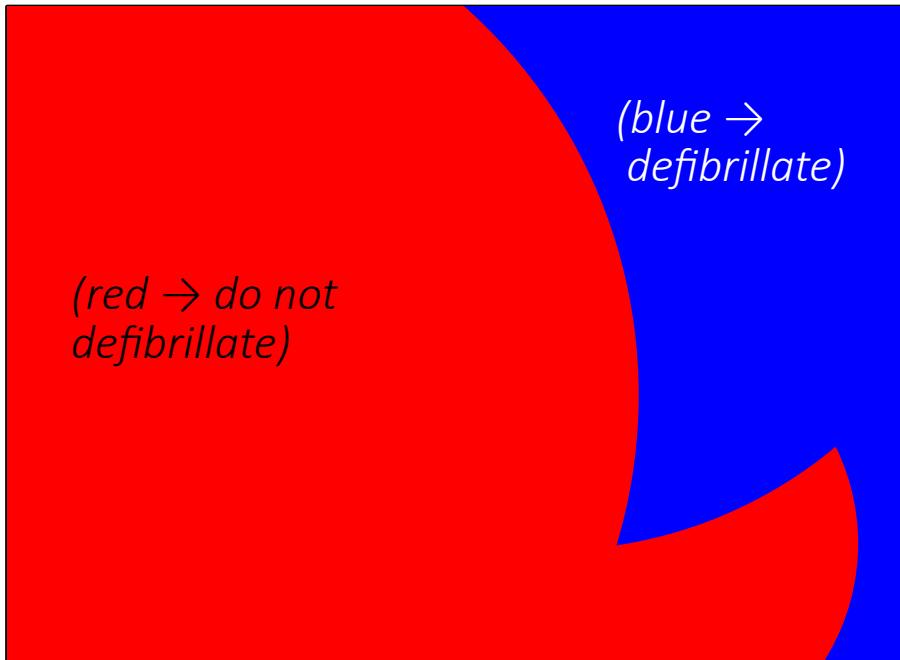
GEM-BALLS

#blue active points so far =2
#red active points so far =1



GEM-BALLS

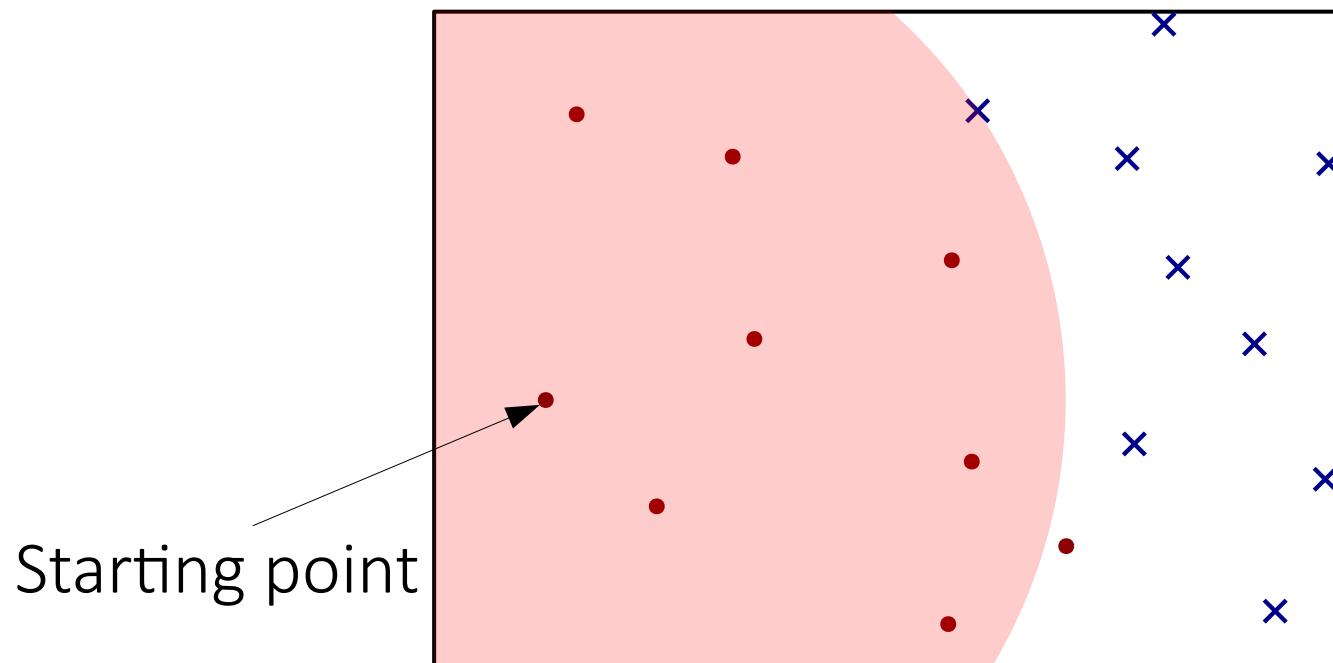
#blue active points so far =2 → k_1
#red active points so far =1 → k_0



The tuning knob

When $C_1=1$

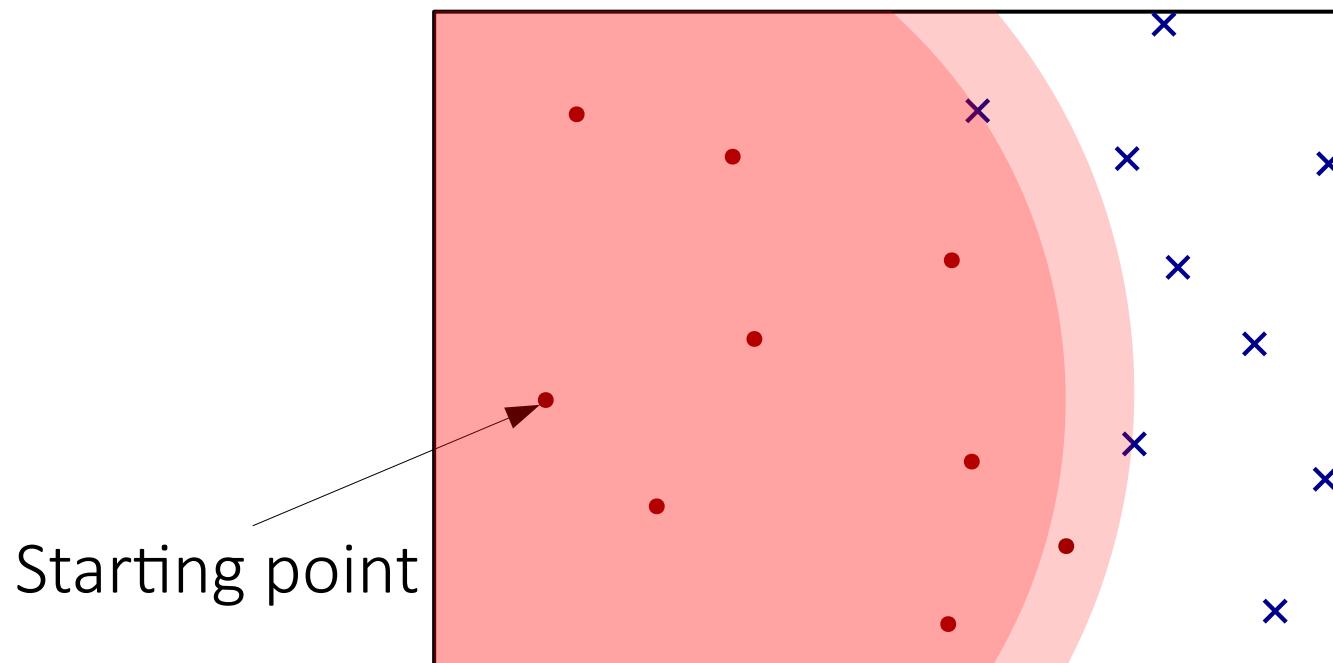
Largest ball that does not include blue points



The tuning knob

When $C_1=2$

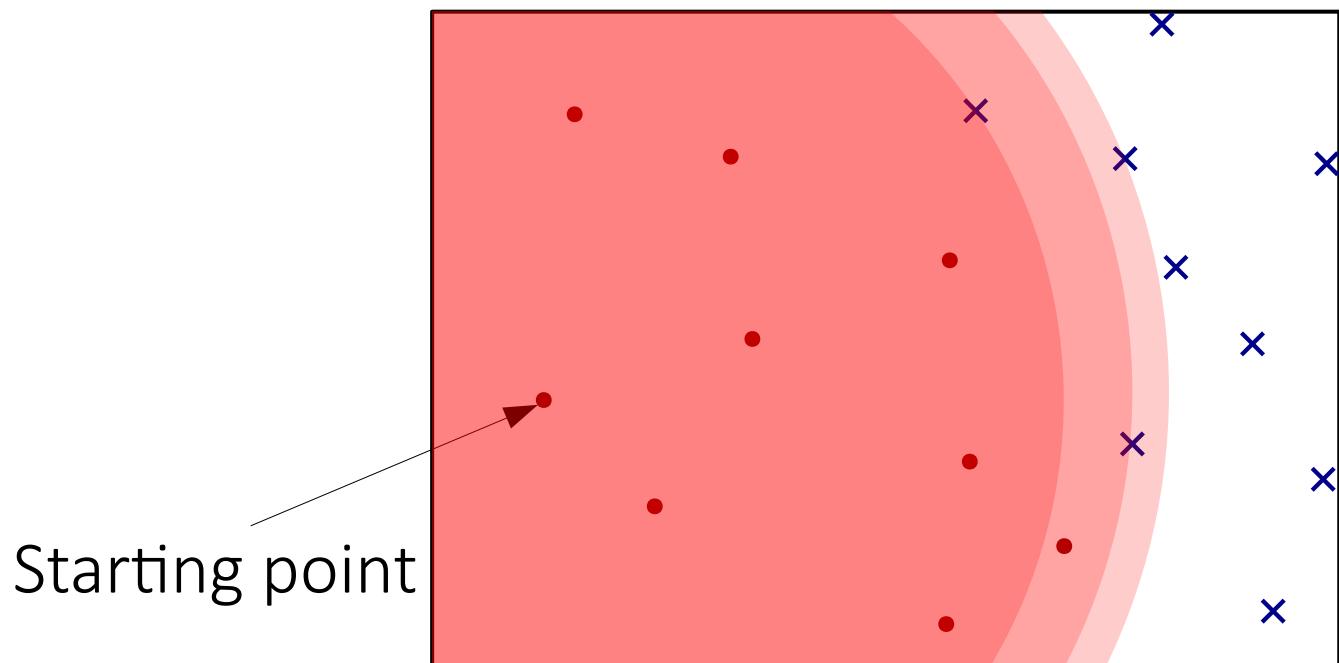
Largest ball that includes less than 2 blue points



The tuning knob

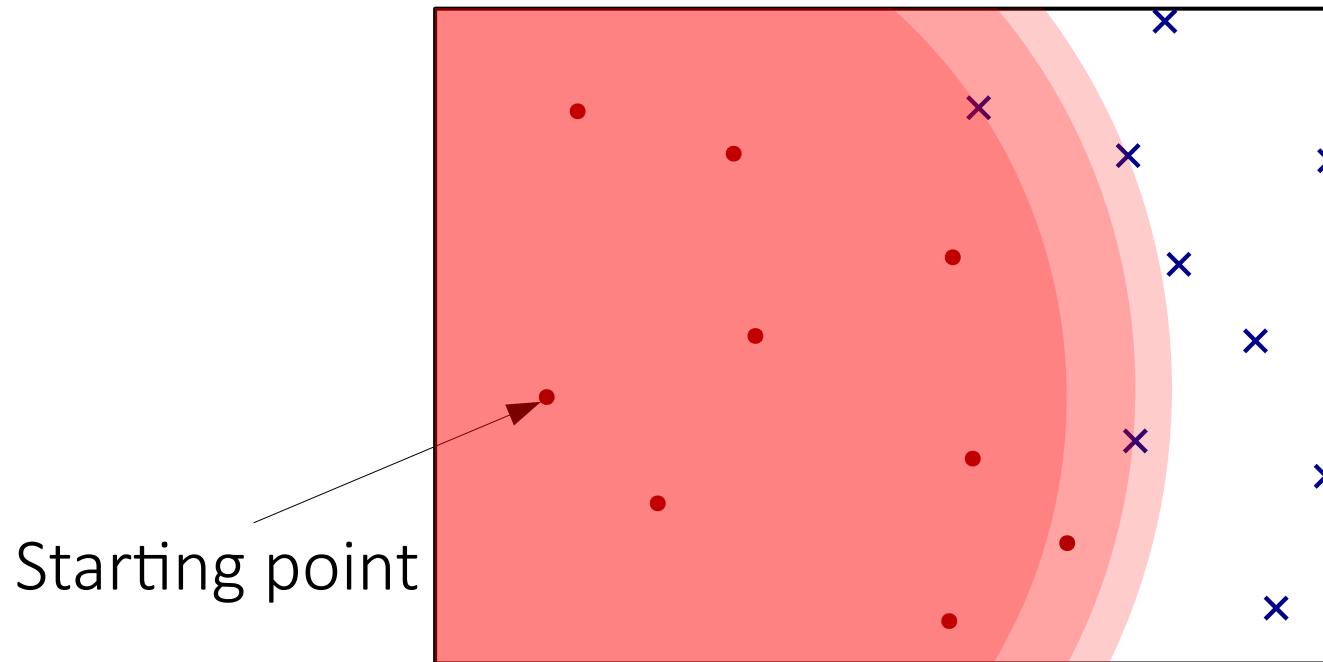
When $C_1=3$

Largest ball that includes less than 3 blue points



The tuning knob

C_1, C_0
(affects red balls) (affects blue balls)



Theorem - preliminaries

β : small (e.g. 10^{-6}) confidence parameter

Theorem - preliminaries

β : small (e.g. 10^{-6}) confidence parameter

N_1 : # of positives

Theorem - preliminaries

β : small (e.g. 10^{-6}) confidence parameter

N_1 : # of positives

k_1 : # active positives

Theorem - preliminaries

β : small (e.g. 10^{-6}) confidence parameter

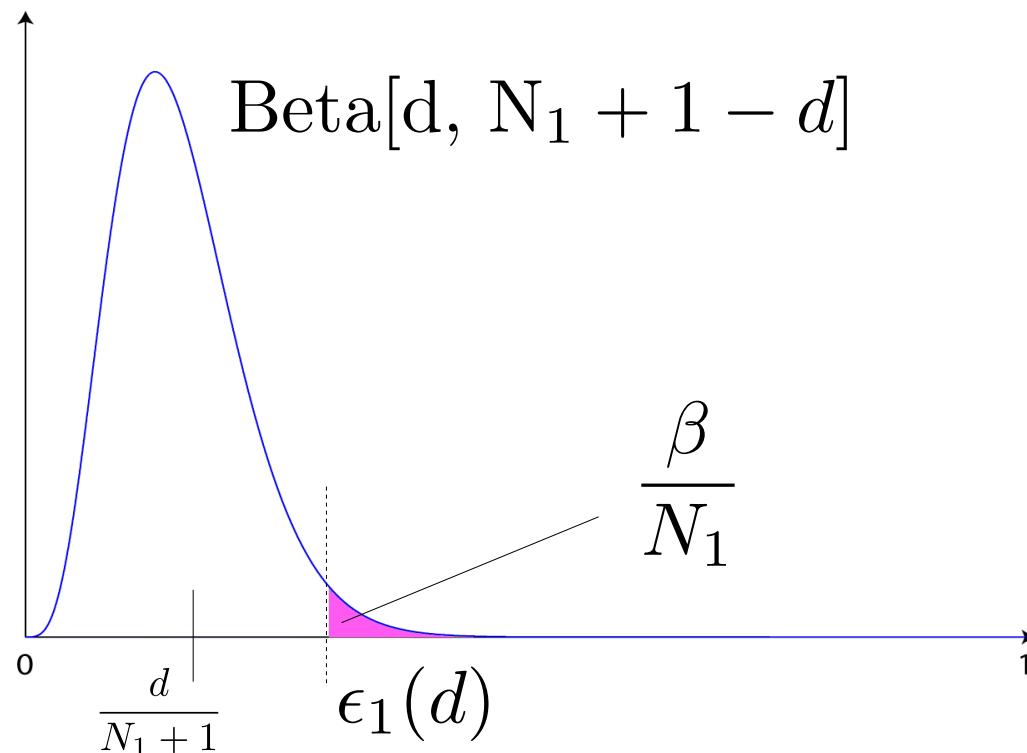
N_1 : # of positives

k_1 : # active positives

$\{\epsilon_1(d) : d = 1, \dots, N_1\}$: are pre-computed thresholds.

Theorem - preliminaries

$\epsilon_1(d)$: for $d = 1, \dots, N_1$ is the quantile at level $1 - \frac{\beta}{N_1}$ of Beta[d, $N_1 + 1 - d$]



Theorem - preliminaries

$$\hat{y} \quad (k_1)$$

Theorem - preliminaries

$$\overbrace{\mathbb{P}\{\hat{y}(x) = 0 \mid y = 1\}}^{\text{"failure"} \quad \text{success}} \quad (k_1)$$

Theorem - preliminaries

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{y}(x) = 0 \mid y = 1\} \quad \underbrace{\epsilon_1(k_1)}_{\text{precomputed threshold}}$$

“failure” success

Theorem - preliminaries

$$\mathbb{P}\{\overbrace{\hat{y}(x) = 0}^{\text{"failure"} \quad \text{success}} \mid \overbrace{y = 1}^{\text{precomputed threshold}}\} \leq \underbrace{\epsilon_1(k_1)}_{\text{precomputed threshold}}$$

Theorem - Statement

$$\mathbb{P}\{\overbrace{\hat{y}(x) = 0}^{\text{"failure"} \quad \text{success}} \mid \overbrace{y = 1}^{\text{success}}\} \leq \underbrace{\epsilon_1(k_1)}_{\text{precomputed threshold}}$$

with confidence $1 - \beta$

Theorem - Discussion

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{y}(x) = 0 \mid y = 1\} \leq \underbrace{\epsilon_1(k_1)}_{\text{precomputed threshold}}$$

“failure” success



$$\text{sensitivity} \geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$$

with confidence $1 - \beta$

Theorem - Discussion

$$\mathbb{P}\{\hat{y}(x) = 0 \mid y = 1\} \leq \underbrace{\epsilon_1(k_1)}_{\text{precomputed threshold}}$$

“failure” success



$$\text{sensitivity} \geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$$

with confidence $1 - \beta$

Theorem - Statement

sensitivity $\geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$

with confidence $1 - \beta$

Theorem - Discussion

sensitivity $\geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$

with confidence $1 - \beta$

Theorem - Discussion

$$(x_i, y_i) \sim \mathbb{P}$$

$$\text{sensitivity} \geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$$

Theorem - Statement

$$(x_i, y_i) \sim \mathbb{P}$$

$$\mathbb{P}^N \{\text{sensitivity} \geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)\} \geq 1 - \beta$$

Theorem - Statement

$$(x_i, y_i) \sim \mathbb{P}$$

$$\mathbb{P}^N \{\text{sensitivity} \geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)\} \geq 1 - \beta$$

$$\mathbb{P}^N \{\text{specificity} \geq 1 - \epsilon_0(k_0)\} \geq 1 - \beta$$

Theorem - Statement

sensitivity $\geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$ & specificity $\geq 1 - \epsilon_0(k_0)$

with overall confidence $1 - 2\beta$

Theorem - Statement

sensitivity $\geq 1 - \epsilon_1(k_1)$ & specificity $\geq 1 - \epsilon_0(k_0)$

with overall confidence $1 - 2\beta$

Take-home message:

“GEM-BALLS is a self-testing algorithm!”

Benchmark datasets

BreastW (239 positive instances, 444 negative instances), $\beta = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$

$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 2	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 10	10 : 100	1 : 50
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	17 : 17	11 : 21	10 : 28	6 : 28	4 : 33	10 : 17	2 : 66
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	83% : 91%	87% : 89%	88% : 87%	90% : 87%	92% : 86%	88% : 91%	94% : 76%

Pima (268 positive instances, 500 negative instances), $\beta = 10^{-3}$

$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 2	2 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 8	1 : 10	1 : 50
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	125 : 125	88 : 175	96 : 189	61 : 245	38 : 300	33 : 324	9 : 424
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	40% : 65%	54% : 55%	51% : 52%	65% : 41%	75% : 30%	70% : 20%	90% : 9%

Haberman (75 positive instances, 219 negative instances), $\beta = 10^{-3}$

$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 10	1 : 20
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	46 : 46	28 : 82	23 : 114	14 : 139	9 : 176
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	20% : 67%	41% : 49%	48% : 35%	62% : 24%	71% : 10%

Benchmark datasets

BreastW (239 positive instances, 444 negative instances), $\beta = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$							
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 2	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 10	10 : 100	1 : 50
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	17 : 17	11 : 21	10 : 28	6 : 28	4 : 33	10 : 17	2 : 66
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	83% : 91%	87% : 89%	88% : 87%	90% : 87%	92% : 86%	88% : 91%	94% : 76%

Pima (268 positive instances, 500 negative instances), $\beta = 10^{-3}$							
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 2	2 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 8	1 : 10	1 : 50
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	125 : 125	88 : 175	96 : 189	61 : 245	38 : 300	33 : 324	9 : 424
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	40% : 65%	54% : 55%	51% : 52%	65% : 41%	75% : 30%	70% : 20%	90% : 9%

Haberman (75 positive instances, 219 negative instances), $\beta = 10^{-3}$					
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 10	1 : 20
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	46 : 46	28 : 82	23 : 114	14 : 139	9 : 176
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	20% : 67%	41% : 49%	48% : 35%	62% : 24%	71% : 10%

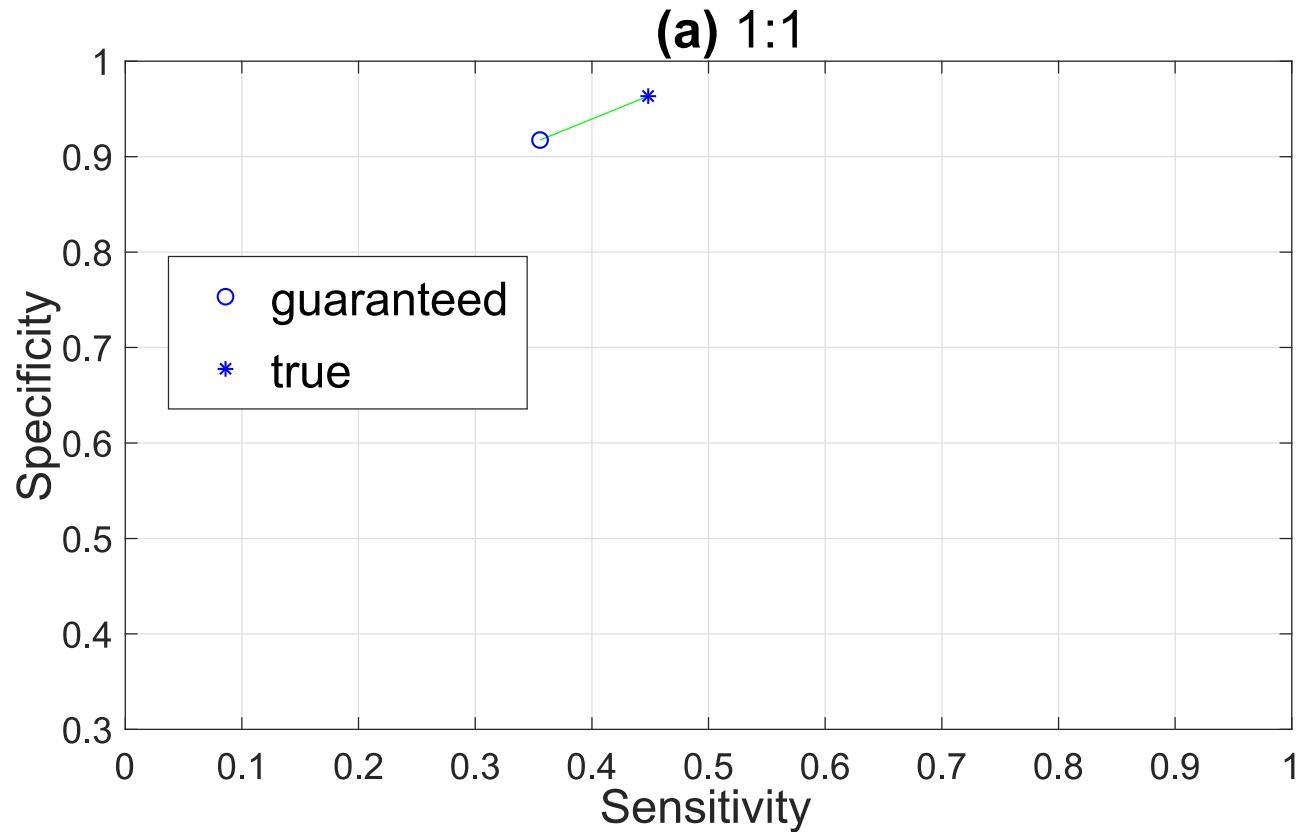
Benchmark datasets

BreastW (239 positive instances, 444 negative instances), $\beta = 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$							
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 2	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 10	10 : 100	1 : 50
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	17 : 17	11 : 21	10 : 28	6 : 28	4 : 33	10 : 17	2 : 66
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	83% : 91%	87% : 89%	88% : 87%	90% : 87%	92% : 86%	88% : 91%	94% : 76%

Pima (268 positive instances, 500 negative instances), $\beta = 10^{-3}$							
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 2	2 : 4	1 : 4	1 : 8	1 : 10	1 : 50
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	125 : 125	88 : 175	96 : 189	61 : 245	38 : 300	33 : 324	9 : 424
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	40% : 65%	54% : 55%	51% : 52%	65% : 41%	75% : 30%	70% : 20%	90% : 9%

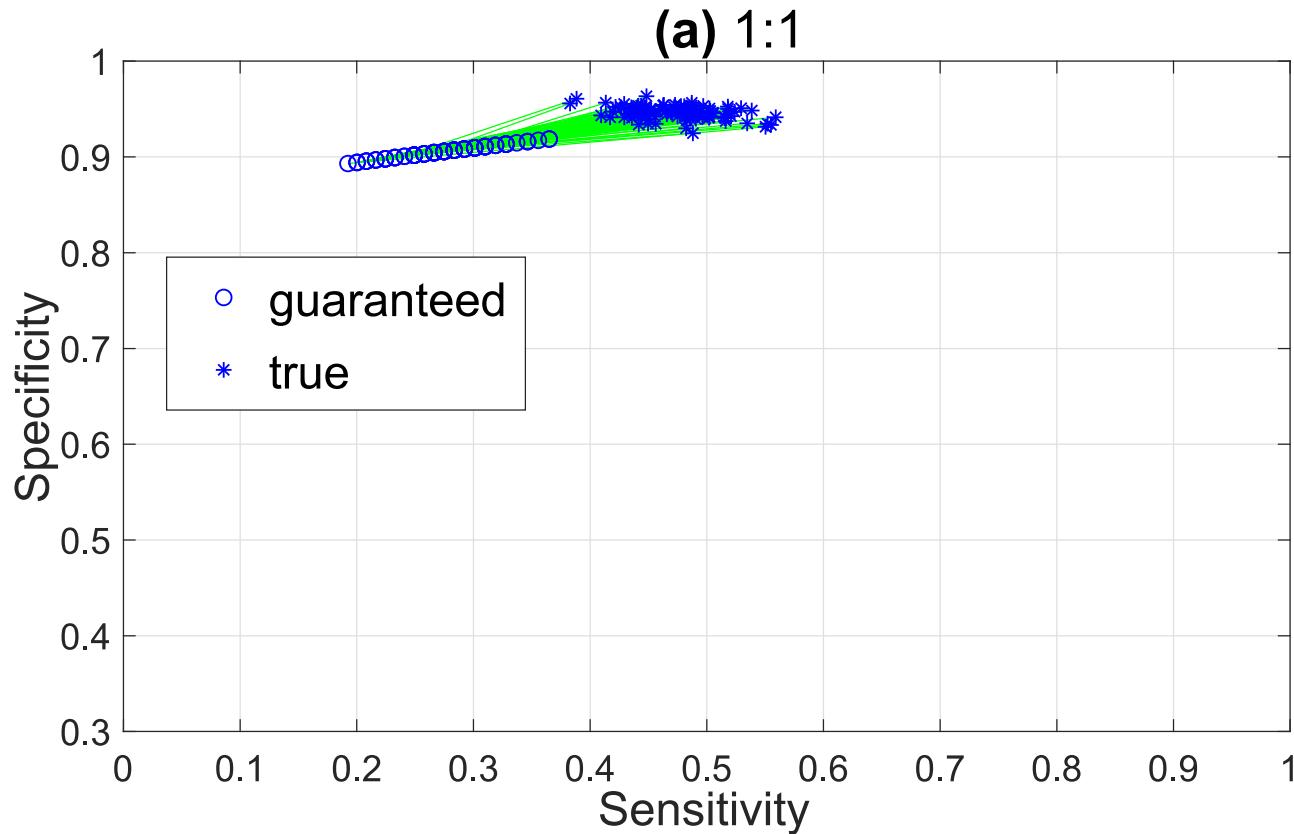
Haberman (75 positive instances, 219 negative instances), $\beta = 10^{-3}$					
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 3	1 : 5	1 : 10	1 : 20
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	46 : 46	28 : 82	23 : 114	14 : 139	9 : 176
<i>Sens:Spec</i>	20% : 67%	41% : 49%	48% : 35%	62% : 24%	71% : 10%

Tests on reproducible simulated data



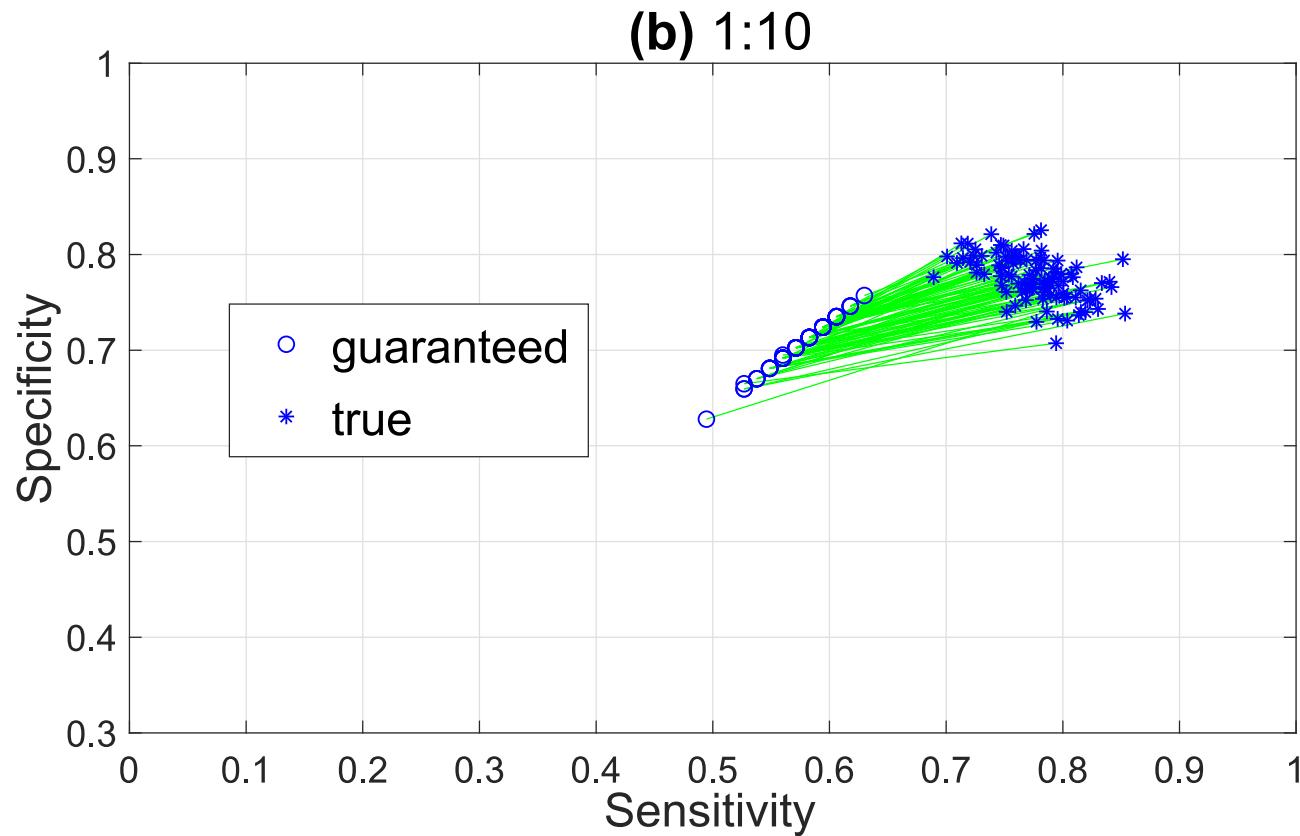
Labels are generated by using the MATLAB `kstest` function.
 $N_0 = 1000$, $N_1 = 100$. $\beta = 10^{-3}$

Tests on reproducible simulated data



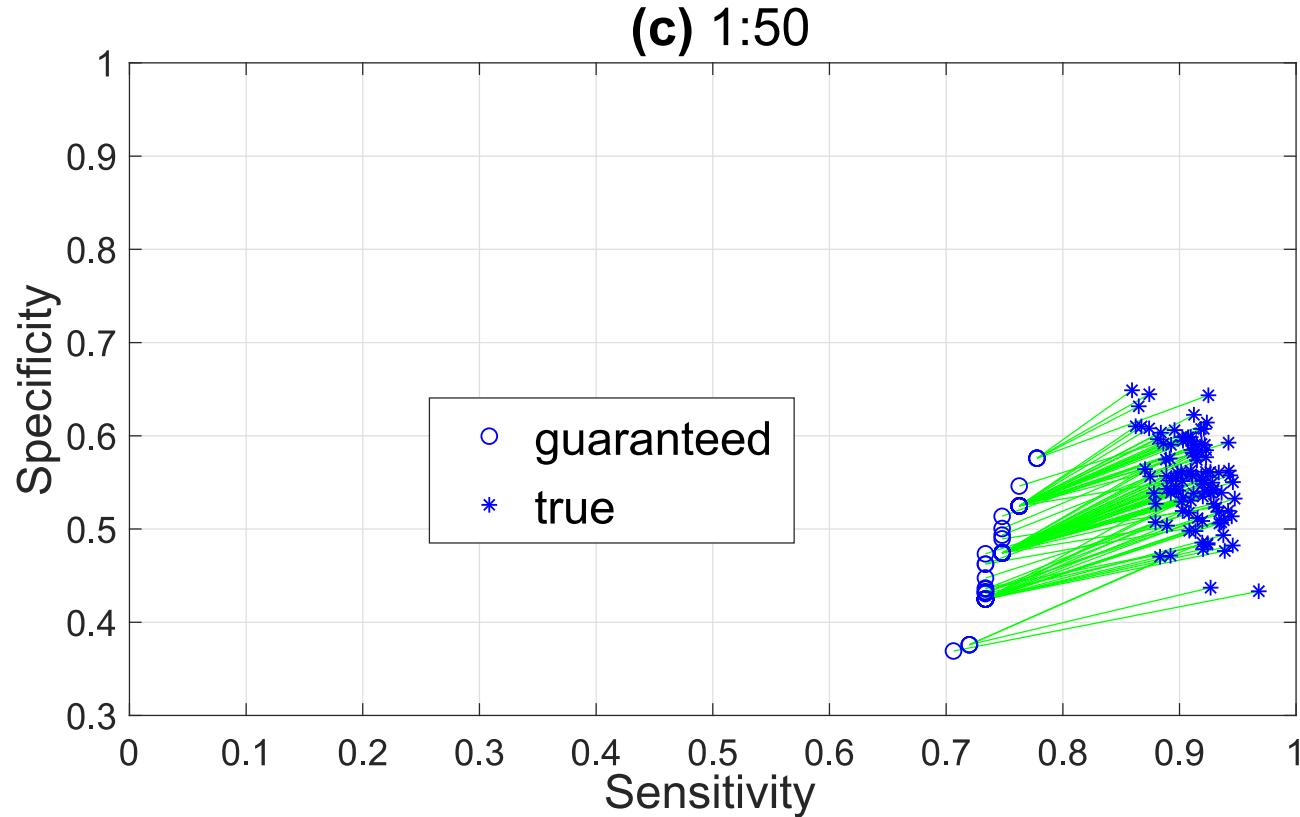
Labels are generated by using the MATLAB `kstest` function.
 $N_0 = 1000$, $N_1 = 100$. $\beta = 10^{-3}$

Tests on reproducible simulated data



Labels are generated by using the MATLAB `kstest` function.
 $N_0 = 1000$, $N_1 = 100$. $\beta = 10^{-3}$

Tests on reproducible simulated data



Labels are generated by using the MATLAB kstest function.
 $N_0 = 1000$, $N_1 = 100$. $\beta = 10^{-3}$

Ventricular Fibrillation (VF) dataset

VF dataset (15 pos, 155 neg), $\beta = 10^{-2}$			
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 10	1 : 80
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	9 : 9	5 : 41	2 : 90
$Sens:Spec$	11% : 85%	30% : 59%	51% : 28%

Ventricular Fibrillation (VF) dataset

VF dataset (15 pos, 155 neg), $\beta = 10^{-2}$			
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 10	1 : 80
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	9 : 9	5 : 41	2 : 90
$Sens:Spec$	11% : 85%	30% : 59%	51% : 28%

Expanded VF dataset (240 pos, 2477 neg), $\beta = 10^{-3}$				
$c_1 : c_0$	1 : 1	1 : 10	1 : 80	1 : 240
$\mathbf{k}_1 : \mathbf{k}_0$	16 : 16	1 : 121	8 : 568	4 : 1055
$Sens:Spec$	84% : 98%	86% : 93%	89% : 73%	92% : 53%

SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique)

New lines of research

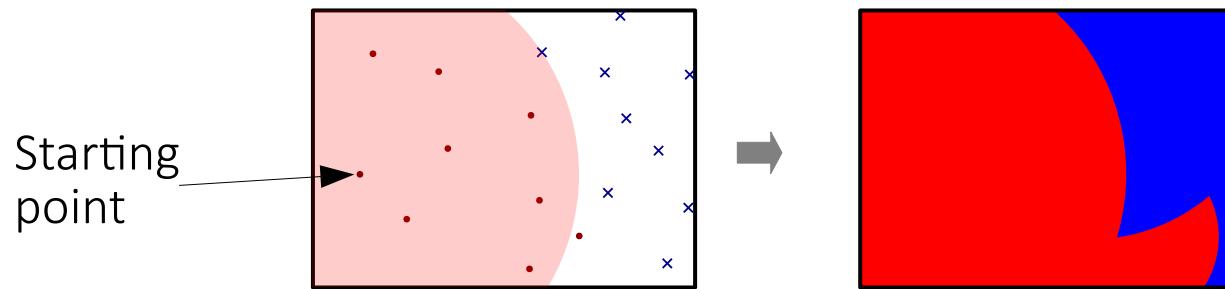
Pool of guaranteed classifiers:

Train many guaranteed classifiers simultaneously.

New lines of research

Pool of guaranteed classifiers:

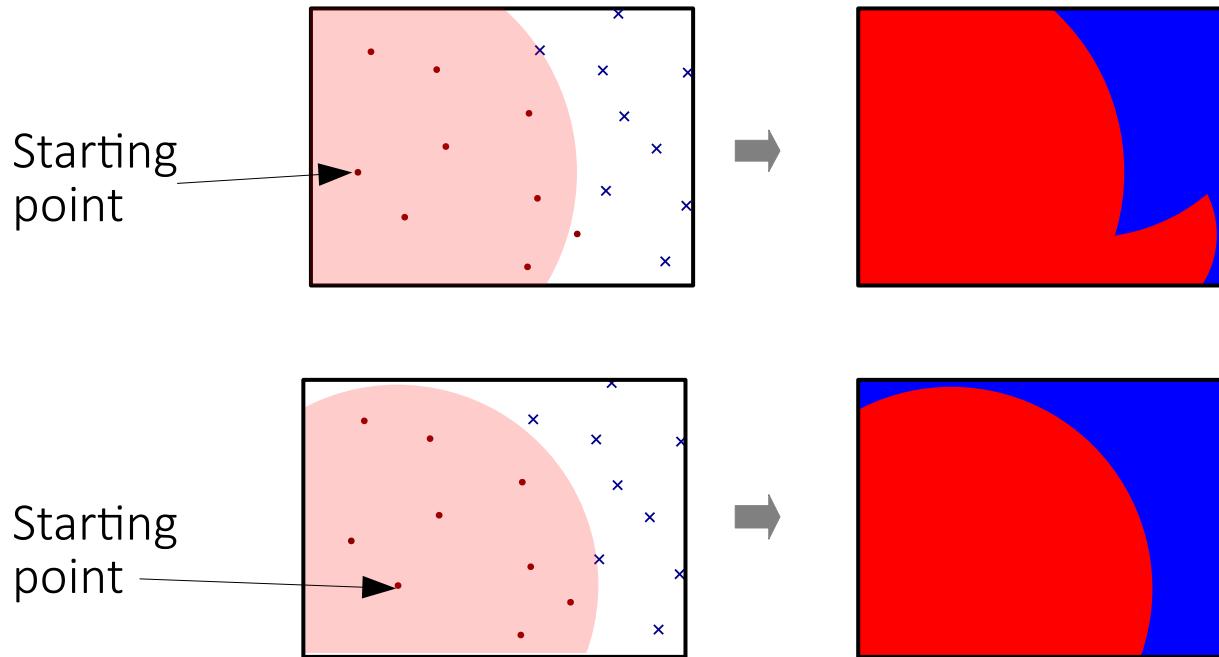
Train many guaranteed classifiers simultaneously.



New lines of research

Pool of guaranteed classifiers:

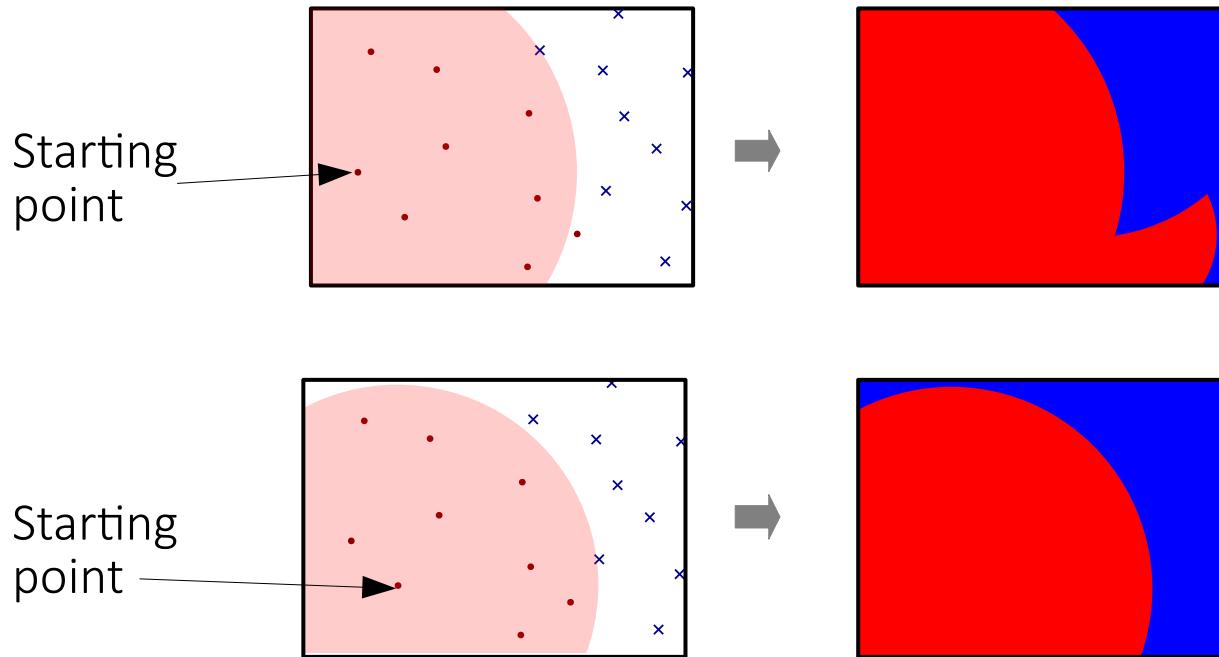
Train many guaranteed classifiers simultaneously.



New lines of research

Pool of guaranteed classifiers:

Train many guaranteed classifiers simultaneously.



*Can we be **more** confident in the case of agreement?*

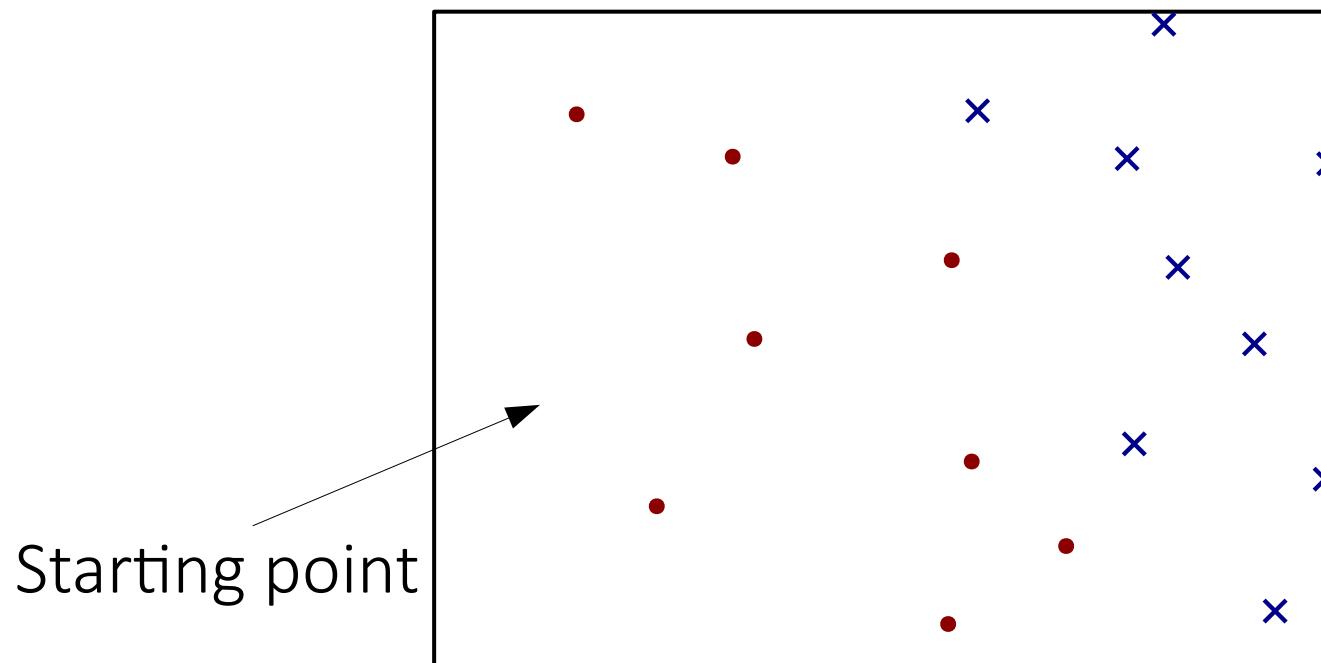
A taste of the theory

Just one ball

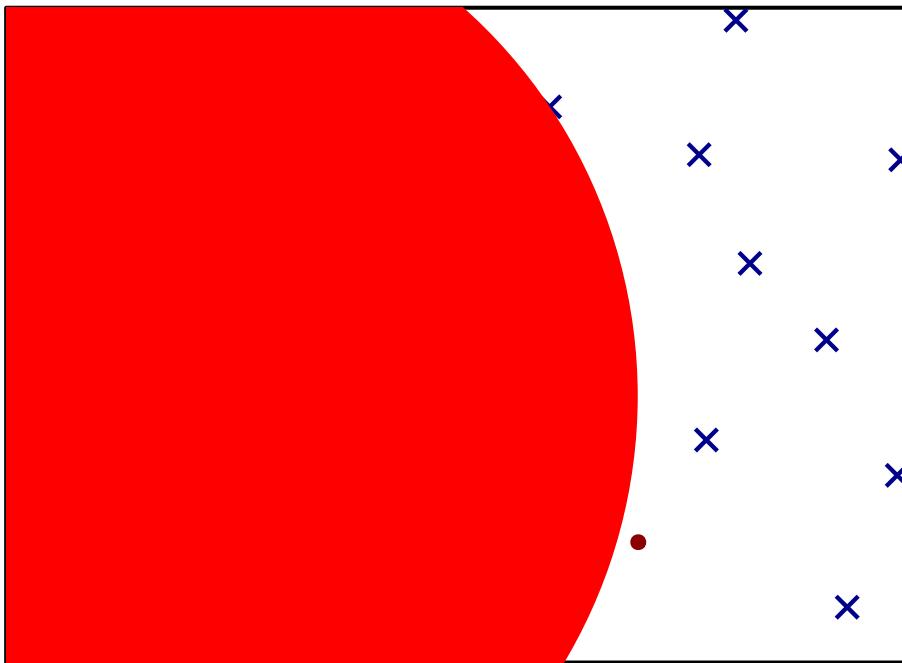
A taste of the theory

Just one ball

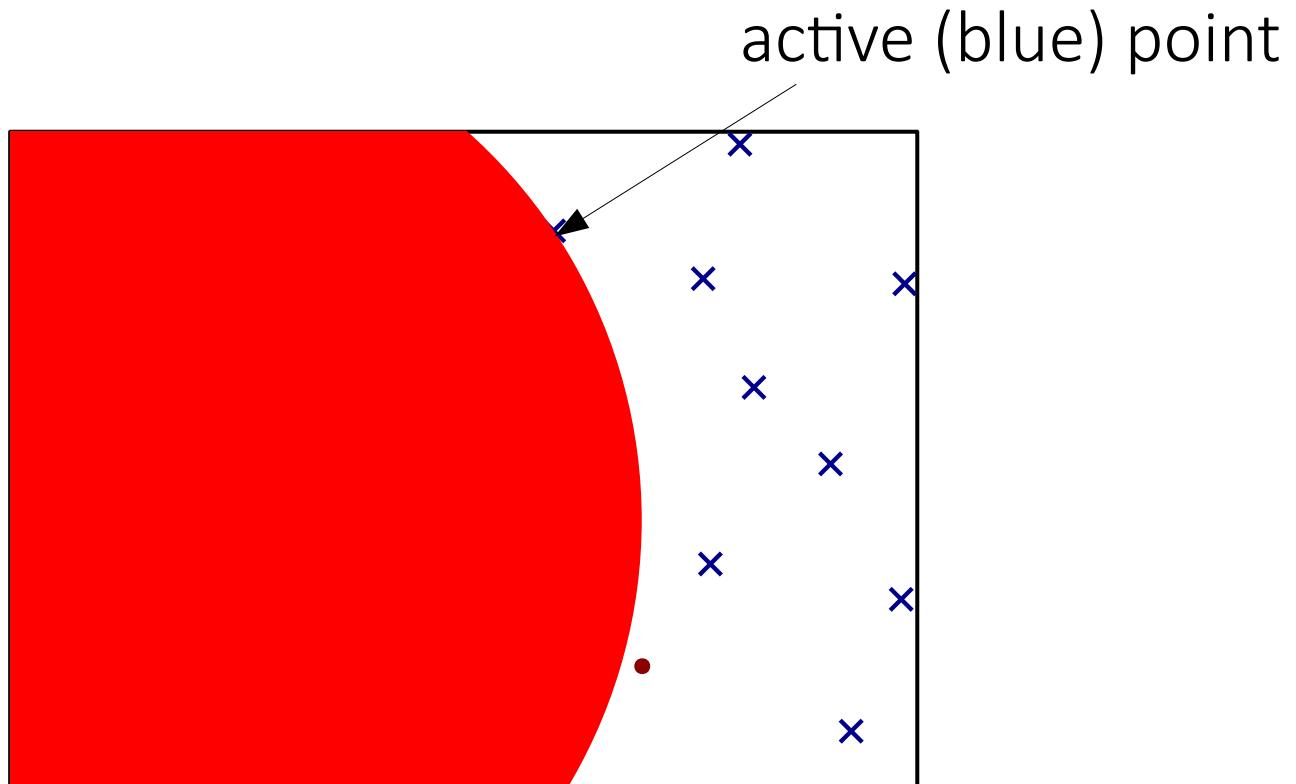
N training points



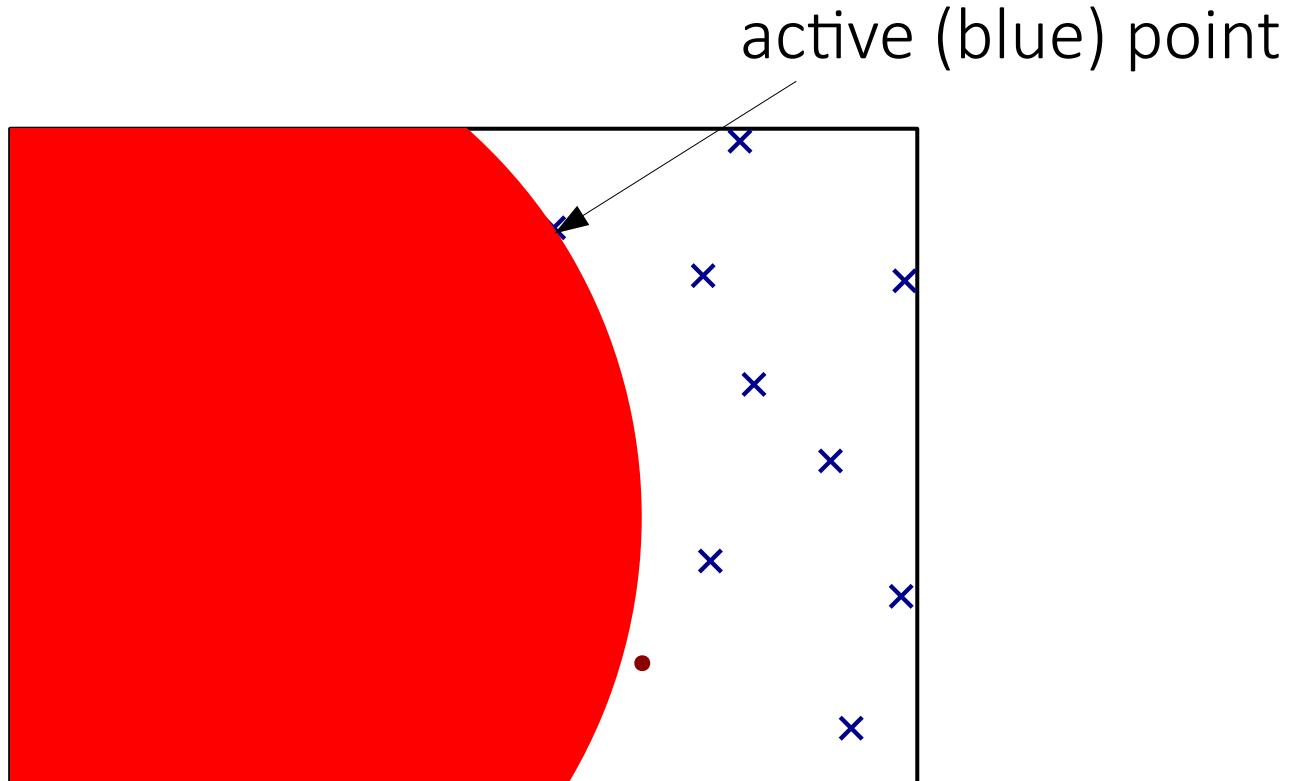
A taste of the theory



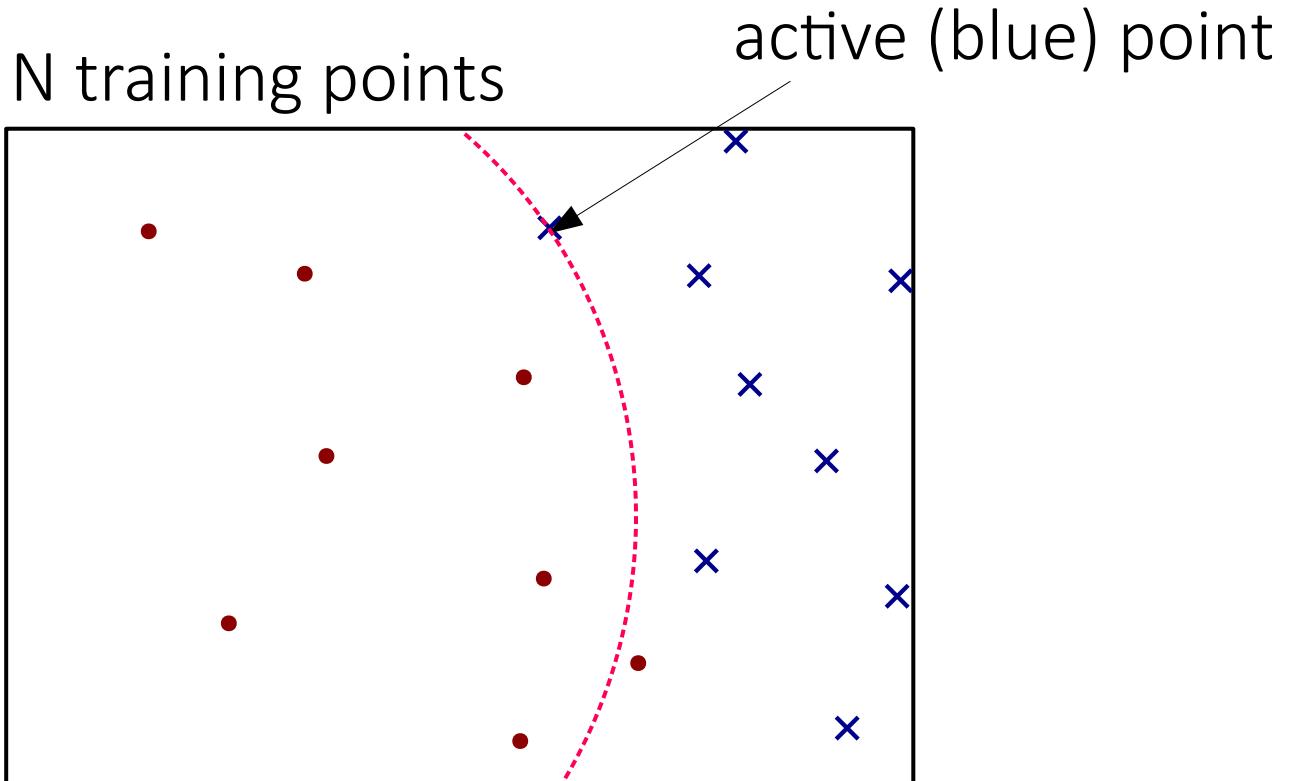
A taste of the theory



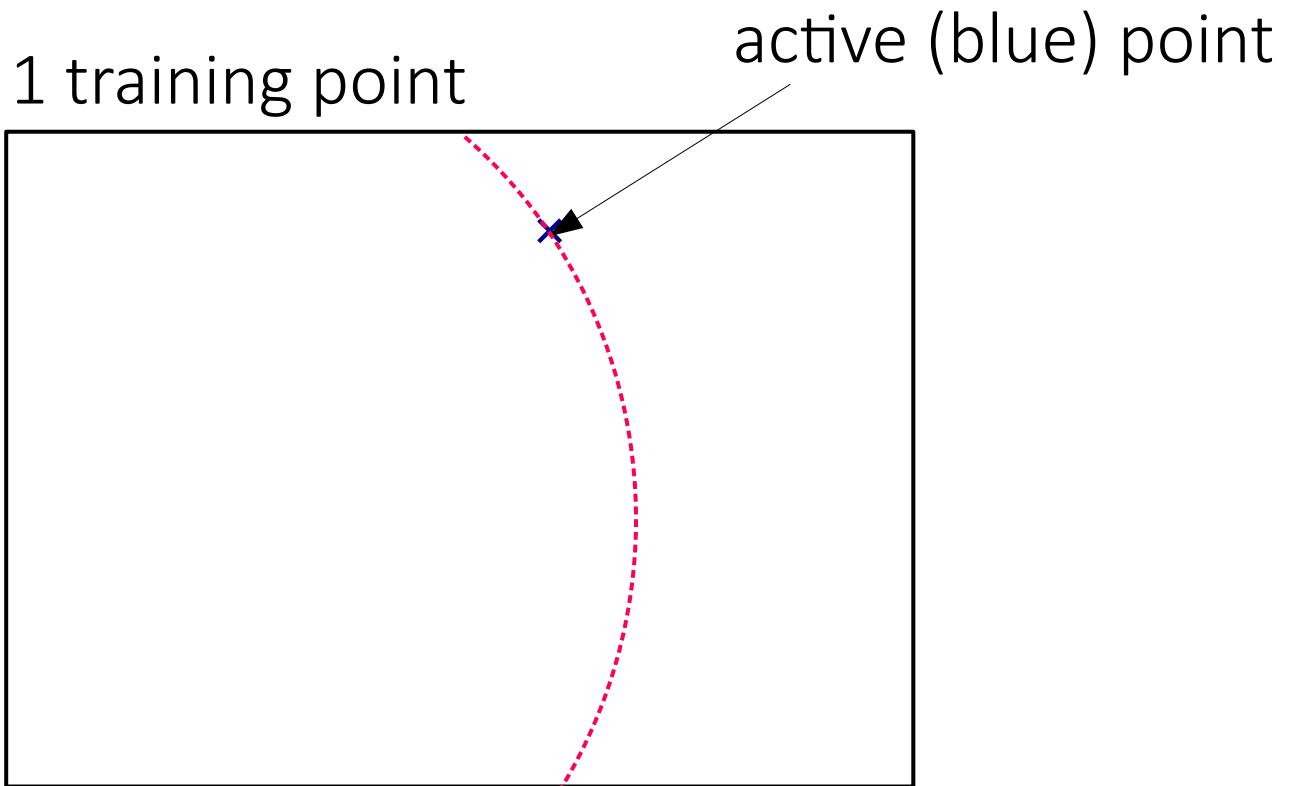
(1) There is one important point



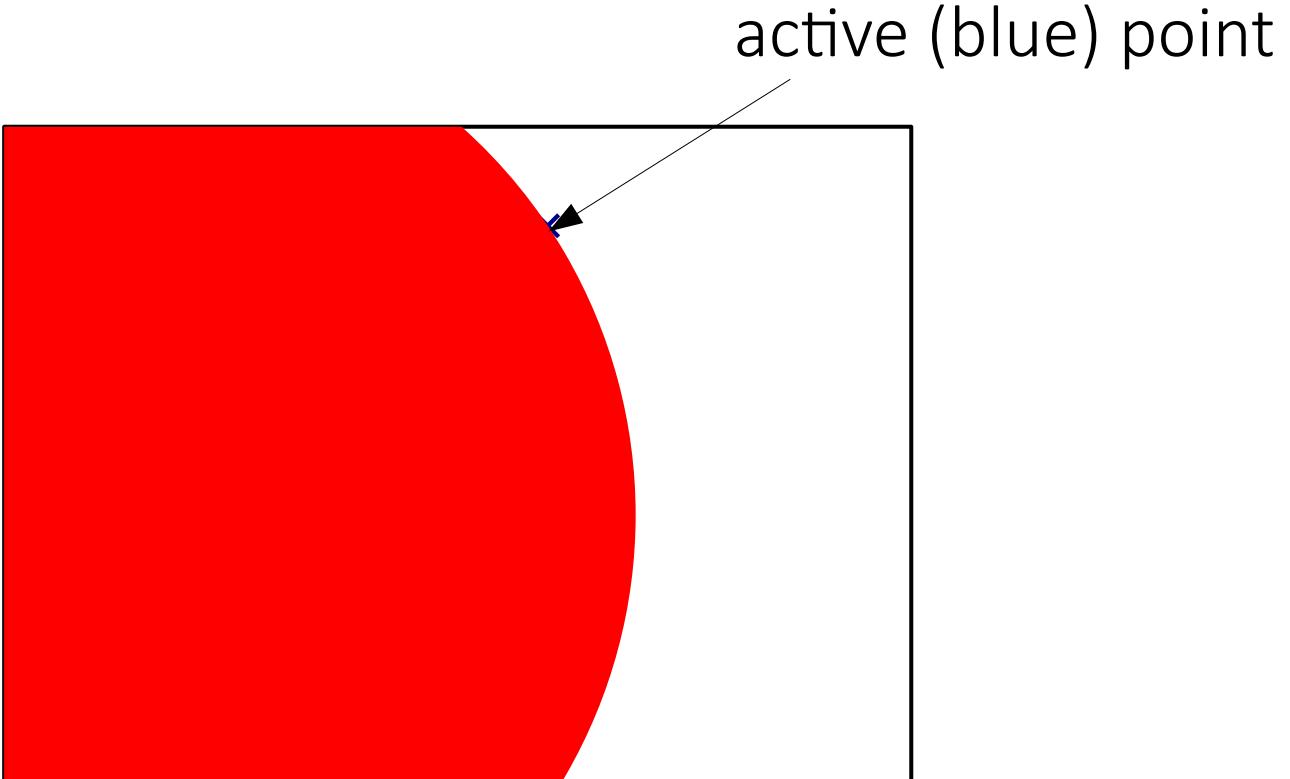
(1) There is one important point



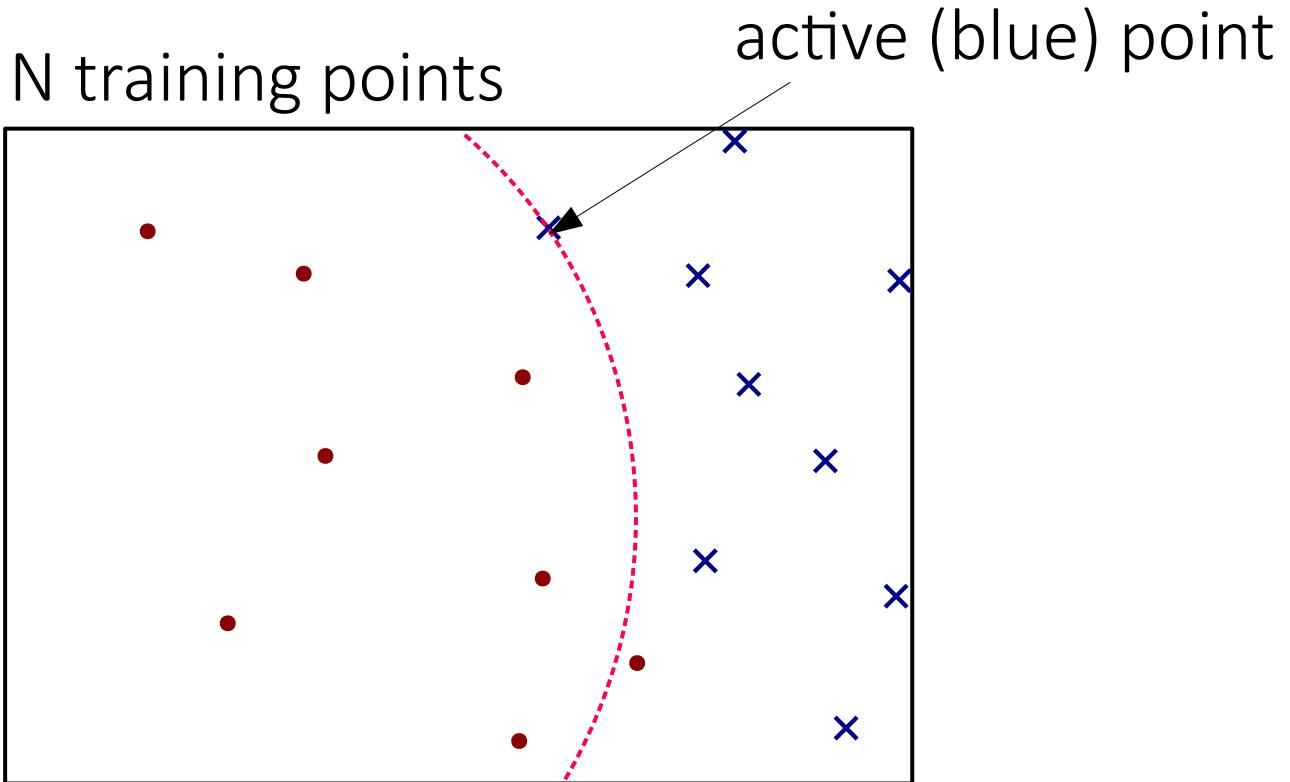
(1) There is one important point



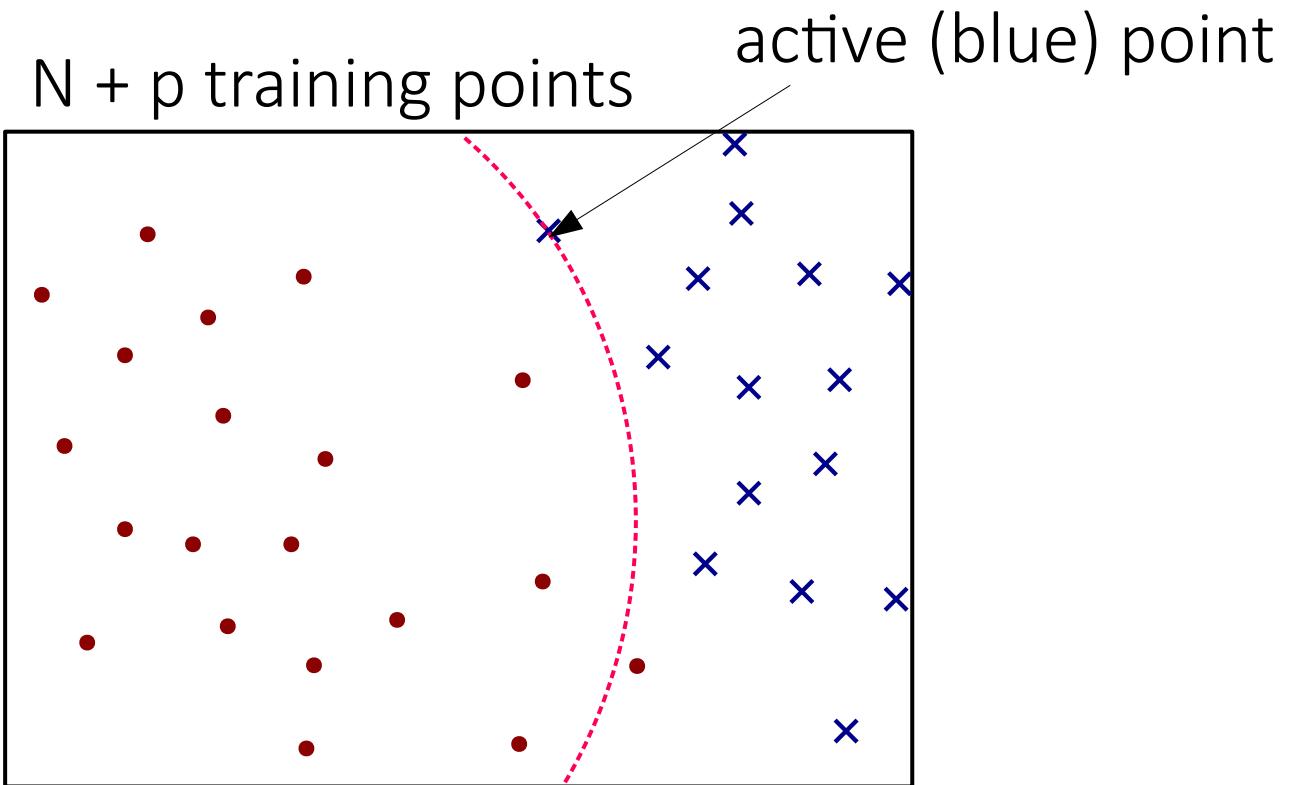
(1) There is one important point



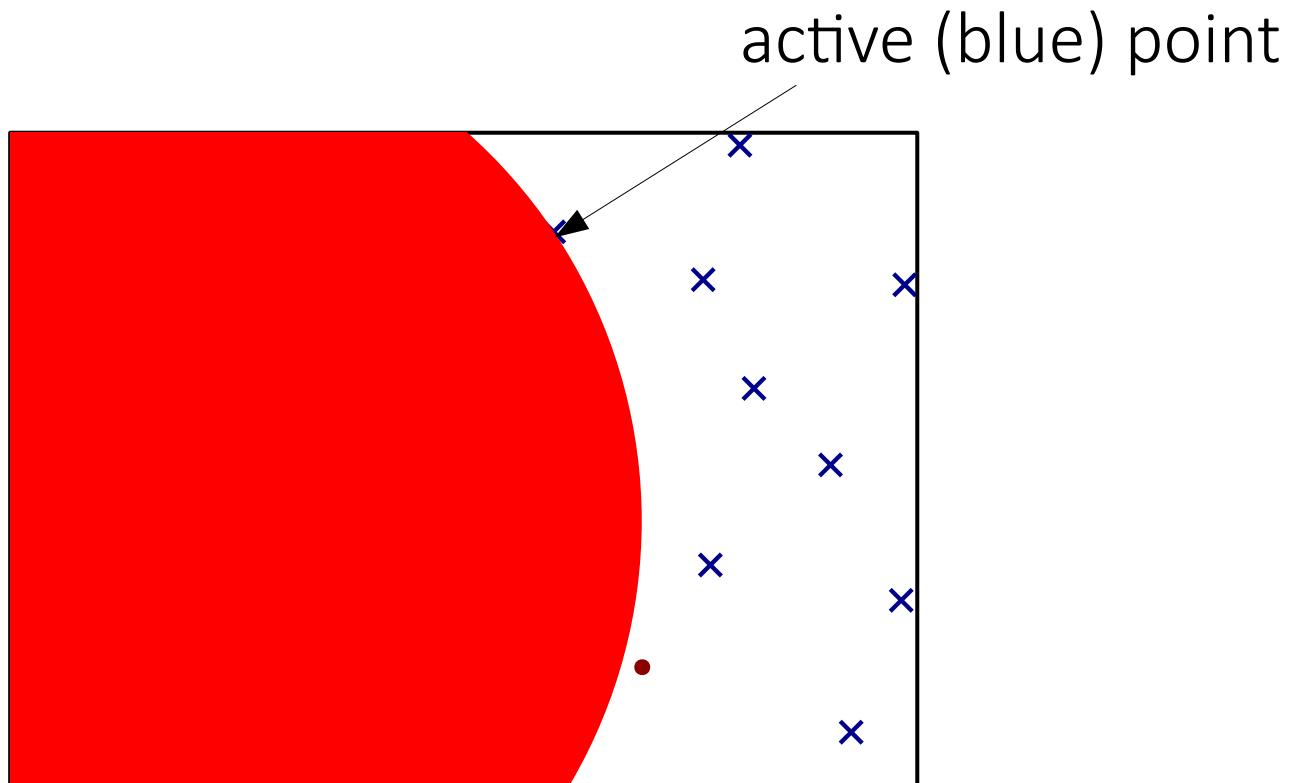
A taste of the theory



A taste of the theory



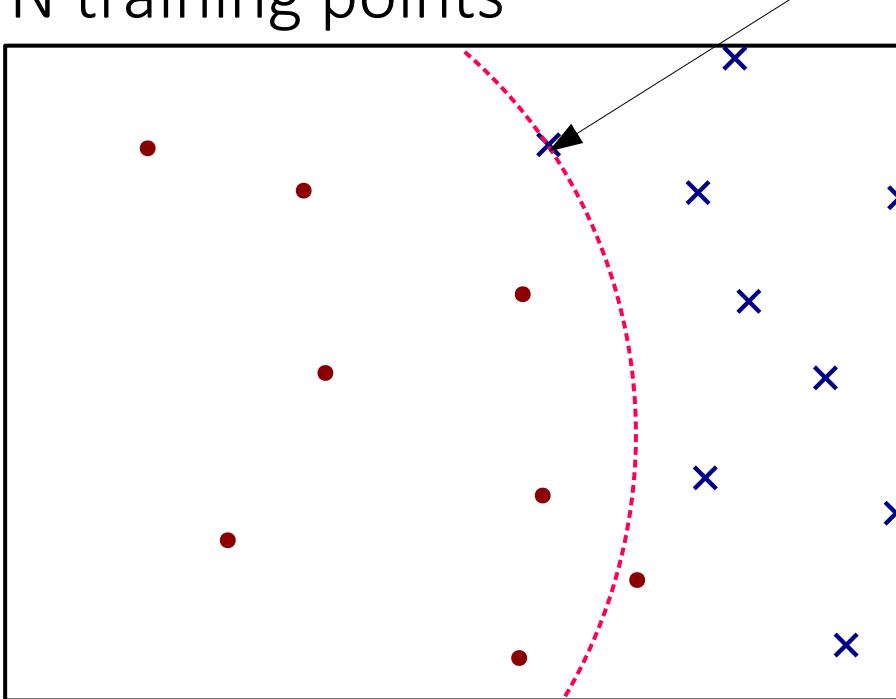
(2) Stability in the case of confirmation



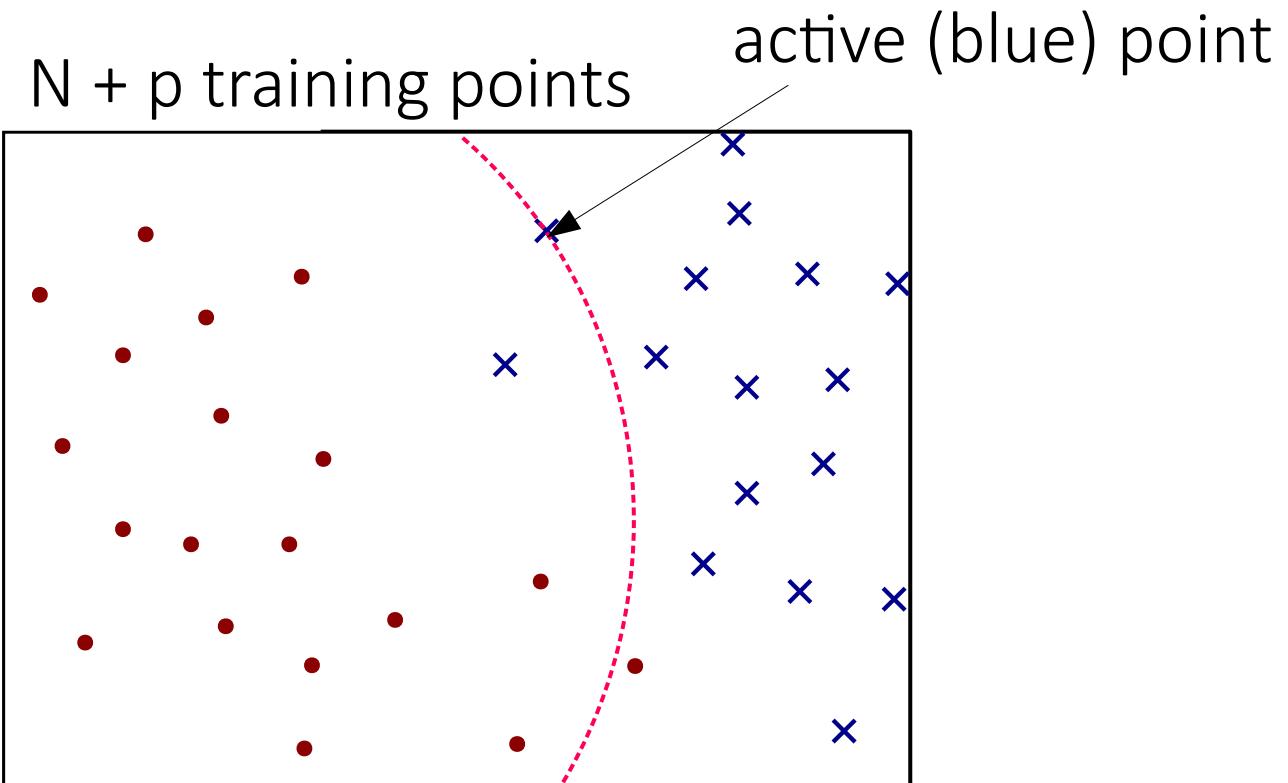
• • •

N training points

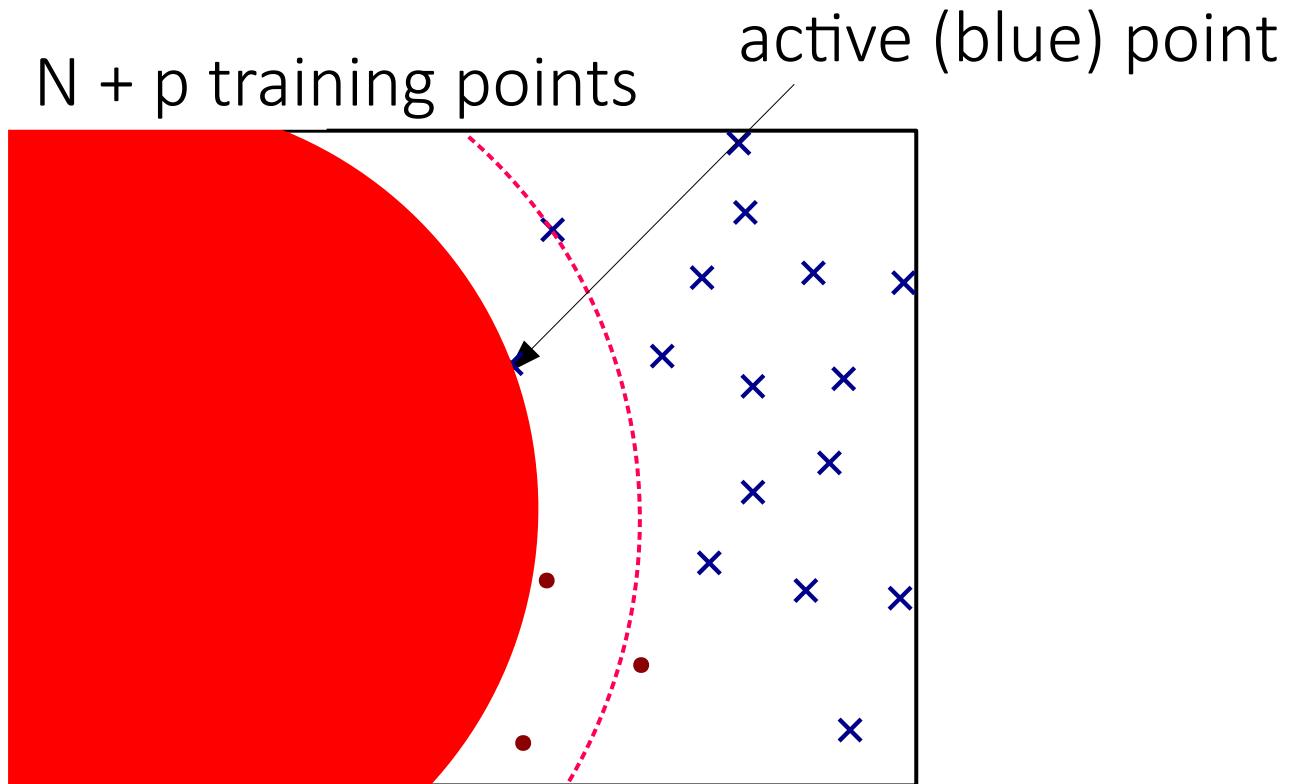
active (blue) point



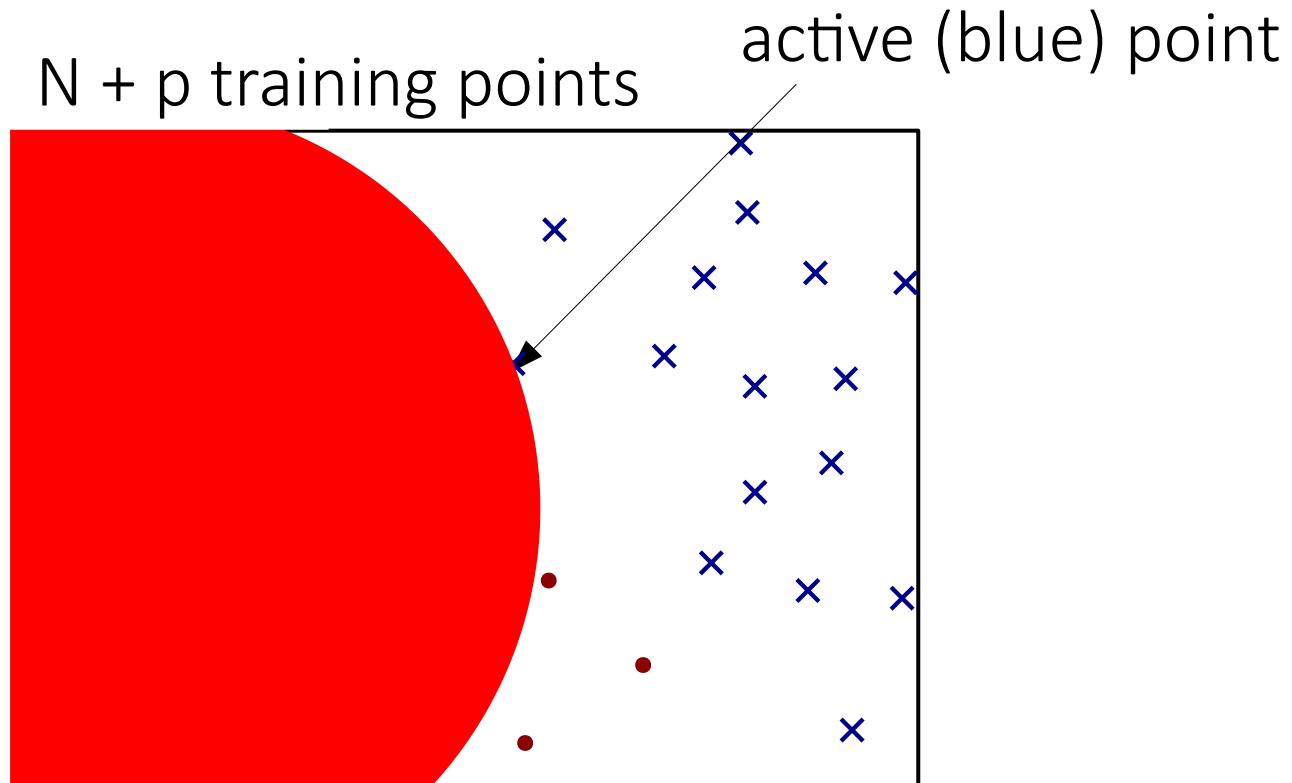
A taste of the theory



(3) Responsiveness to contradiction



(3) Responsiveness to contradiction



Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take $N+p$ points

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take N+p points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first **N** points;

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take N+p points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first **N** points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the **N+p** points.

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take N+p points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first **N** points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the **N+p** points.

C1 : “ $\hat{y}_N(x)$ correctly classifies the last p points”

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take N+p points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first **N** points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the **N+p** points.

C1 : “ $\hat{y}_N(x)$ correctly classifies the last p points”

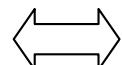


Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take N+p points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first **N** points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the **N+p** points.

C1 : “ $\hat{y}_N(x)$ correctly classifies the last p points”



C2 : “the active point of $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ is one of the first N points”

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take $N+p$ points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first N points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the $N+p$ points.

C1 : “ $\hat{y}_N(x)$ correctly classifies the last p points”



C2 : “the active point of $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ is one of the first N points”

$$\mathbb{P}^{N+p}\{C1\} = \mathbb{P}^{N+p}\{C2\} = \frac{N}{N+p}$$

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take $N+p$ points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first N points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the $N+p$ points.

C1 : “ $\hat{y}_N(x)$ correctly classifies the last p points”



C2 : “the active point of $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ is one of the first N points”

$$\mathbb{P}^{N+p}\{C1\} = \mathbb{P}^{N+p}\{C2\} = \frac{N}{N+p} = \mathbb{E}[(1 - PE(\hat{y}_N(x)))^p]$$

Thanks to (1),(2) and (3):

Take $N+p$ points

Let $\hat{y}_N(x)$ be the ball trained with the first N points;
Let $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ be the ball trained with all the $N+p$ points.

C1 : “ $\hat{y}_N(x)$ correctly classifies the last p points”



C2 : “the active point of $\hat{y}_{N+p}(x)$ is one of the first N points”

$$\mathbb{P}^{N+p}\{C1\} = \mathbb{P}^{N+p}\{C2\} = \frac{N}{N+p} = \mathbb{E}[(1 - PE(\hat{y}_N(x))^p)]$$

$$\implies PE(\hat{y}_N(x)) \sim \text{Beta}[1, N]$$

Thank you!

Are you interested in knowing more?
Write to us!

algo.care@unibs.it

Try GEM-BALLS now!
www.algocare.it/GEM-BALLS/

Bibliography about GEM

GEM-BALLS

- “A new classification algorithm with guaranteed sensitivity and specificity for medical applications”
A. Carè, F.A. Ramponi, M.C. Campi
IEEE Control Systems Letters. 2(3):393-398 [doi: 10.1109/LCSYS.2018.2840427], 2018

The original GEM

- “Classification with Guaranteed Probability of Error”
M.C. Campi
Machine Learning, 80:63-84, 2010.

More about the VF application

- “Ventricular defibrillation: Classification with GEM and a roadmap for future investigations”
F. Baronio, M. Baronio, M.C. Campi, A. Carè, S. Garatti, G. Perone
2017 IEEE 56th Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2718-2723

Bibliography about GEM

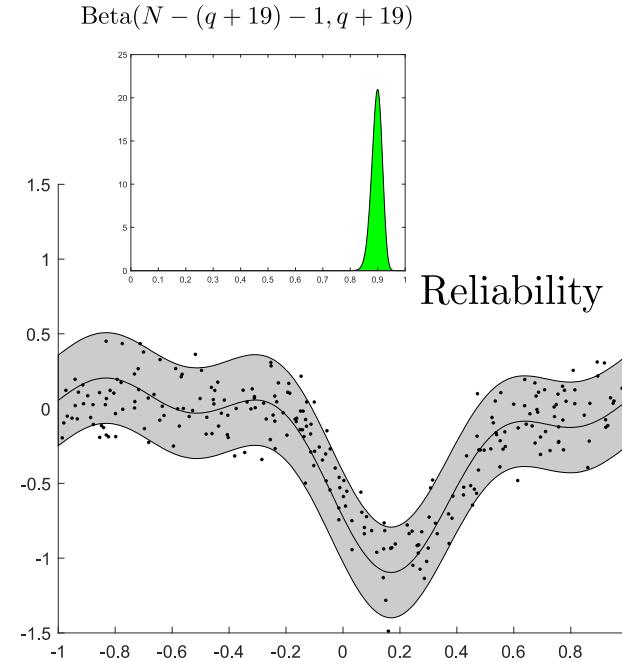
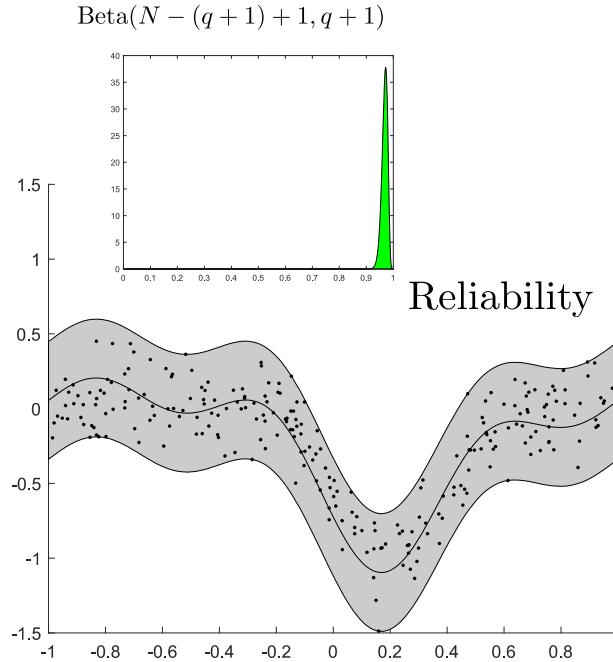
New lines of research

- “Novel bounds on the probability of misclassification in majority voting: leveraging the majority size”
A.T.J.R. Cobbenhagen, A. Carè, M.C. Campi, F.A. Ramponi, D.J. Antunes, W.P.M.H. Heemels
IEEE Control Systems Letters, vol. 5, no. 5, pp. 1513-1518, 2020.
- “A study on majority-voting classifiers with guarantees on the probability of error”
by A. Carè, M.C. Campi, F.A. Ramponi, S. Garatti, A.T.J.R. Cobbenhagen
IFAC World Congress 2020.
- “Consensus and Reliability: The Case of Two Binary Classifiers”
A.T.J.R. Cobbenhagen. A. Carè, M.C. Campi, F.A. Ramponi, W.P.M.H. Heemels
8th IFAC Workshop on Distributed Estimation and Control in Networked Systems
Sept. 16-17, 2019, Chicago, IL, USA.

Bibliography beyond GEM

Regression (L-infinity)

- “On a class of Interval Predictor Models with universal reliability,”
S. Garatti, M.C. Campi, A. Carè
Automatica. 110, 108542 [doi: [10.1016/j.automatica.2019.108542](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.automatica.2019.108542)], 2019.



Bibliography beyond GEM

Other decision schemes with strong generalization properties

- “Scenario optimization with relaxation: a new tool for design and application to machine learning problems”
M.C. Campi, S. Garatti
2020 59th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2463-2468
- Book:
“Introduction to the scenario approach”
M.C. Campi, S. Garatti.
SIAM, 2018
- Forthcoming review paper:
“Data-driven decision-making and the scenario approach”

algo.care@unibs.it