From Tuning to Guarantees: Statistically Valid Hyperparameter Selection

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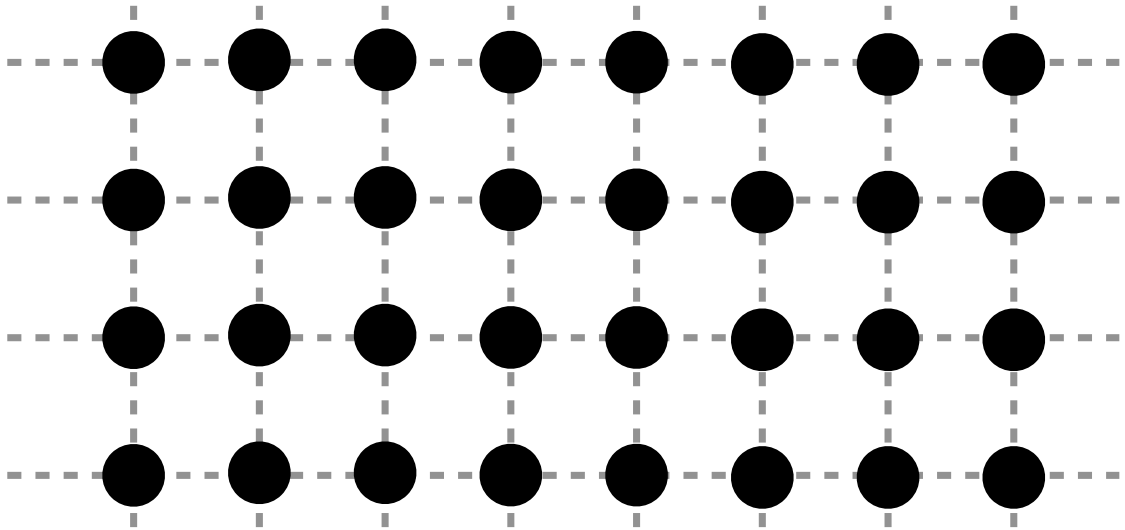
Hyperparameter Selection



- Hyperparameter selection is a key step in the deployment of pre-trained AI models.
- **Examples:**
  - **inference** parameters, such as test-time resources, prompt templates, temperature, or decision thresholds
  - **implementation** parameters, such as arithmetic precision

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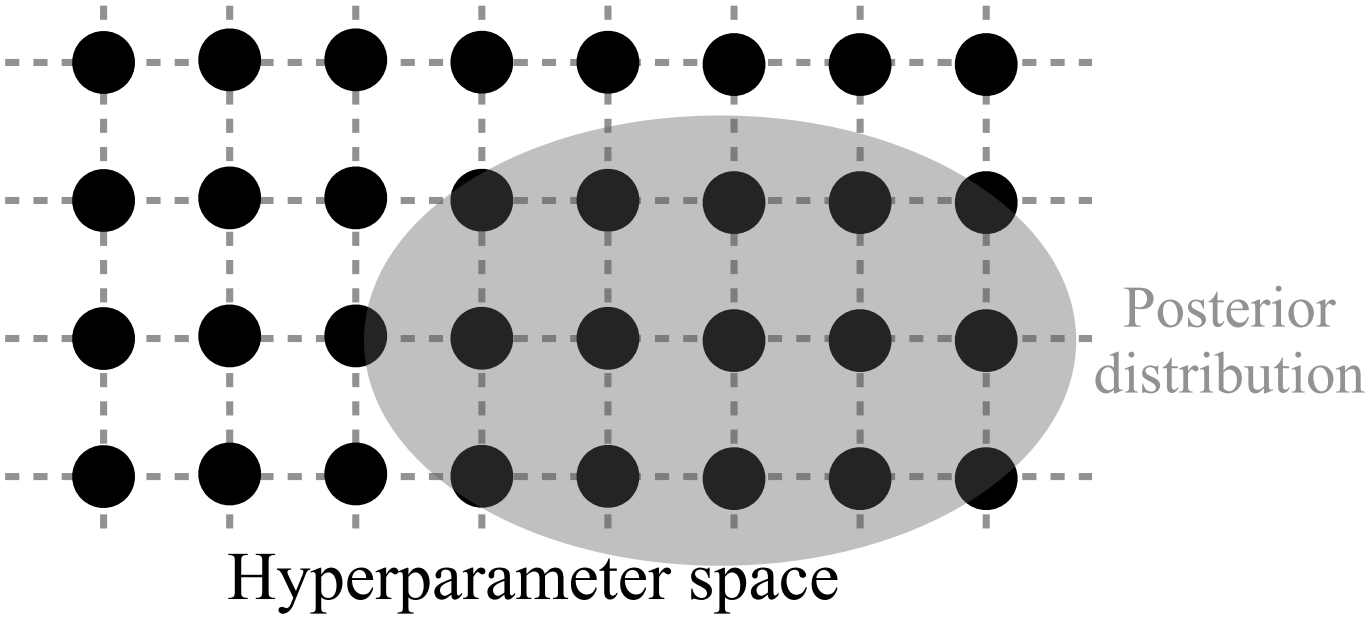
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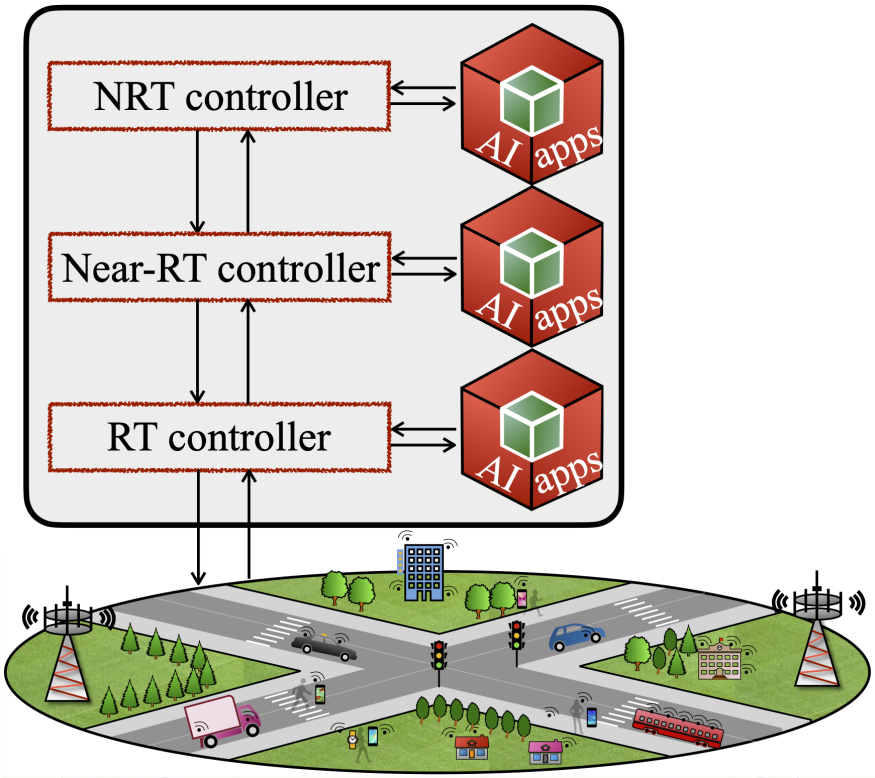
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- The deployment of AI in sensitive domains such as healthcare [Dzau et al., 2023] and engineering [Simeone, Park, and Zecchin, 2025] requires **rigorous statistical guarantees**.
- **Example:** AI-native wireless systems in 6G (e.g., O-RAN)



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- **Statistical validity** in hyperparameter selection:

$$\Pr[\lambda \text{ is not reliable}] \leq \delta,$$

for a user-specified $0 < \delta < 1$ ($\Pr[\cdot]$ is over data used for selection).



Discussion & Reflection

How should we think about reliability in practice?

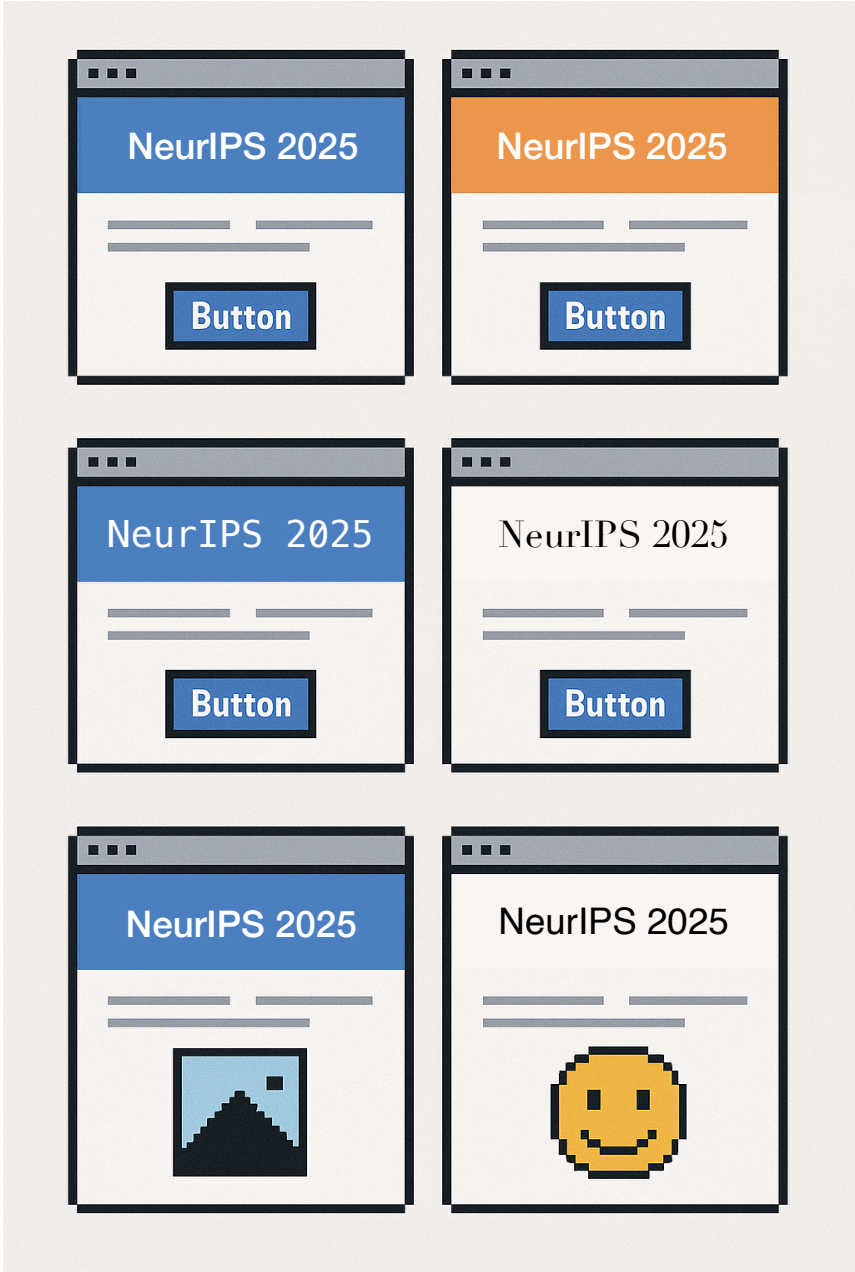
Consider an application you care about (e.g., LLM prompting, RL policies, model selection, or wireless systems), and reflect on:

- **What does it mean for a hyperparameter to be reliable?** (e.g., stable accuracy, low risk under distribution shift, robustness across seeds)
- **Which failures actually matter?** (e.g., performance drops, fairness violations, safety constraints)
- **What evidence would convince you that a hyperparameter is safe to deploy?**
- **How would you formalize these notions statistically?**

We will revisit these questions as we connect reliability to FDR, risk control, and hypothesis testing.

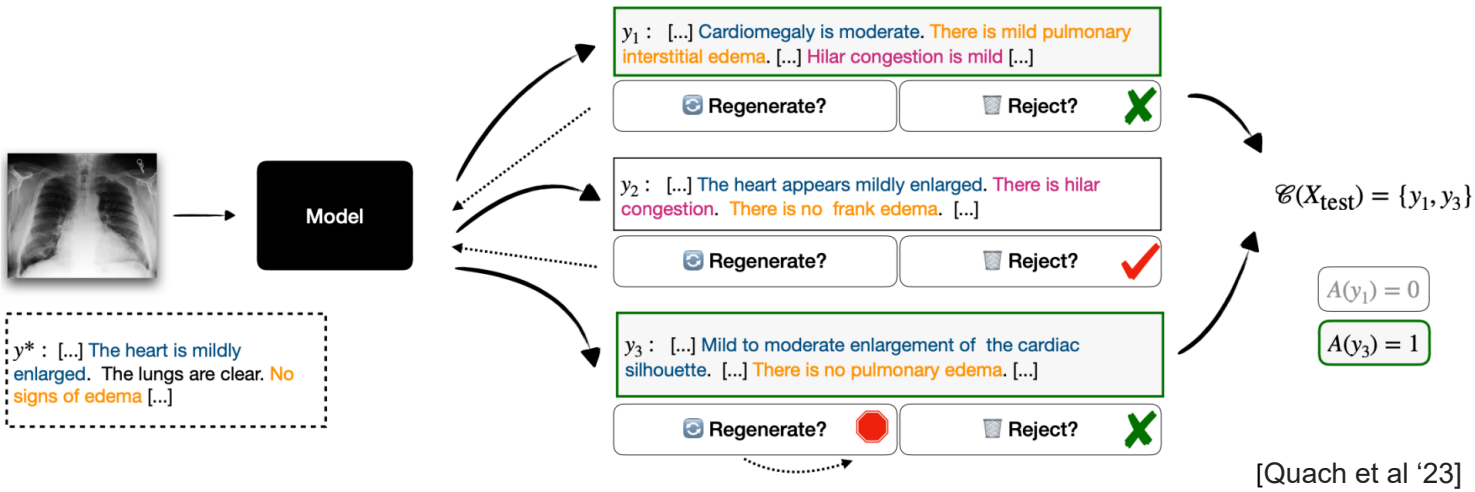
Learn-Then-Test

- **Learn-Then-Test (LTT)** [Angelopoulos, Bates, Candès, et al., 2021] formalizes statistically valid hyperparameter selection via **multiple hypothesis testing (MHT)**.



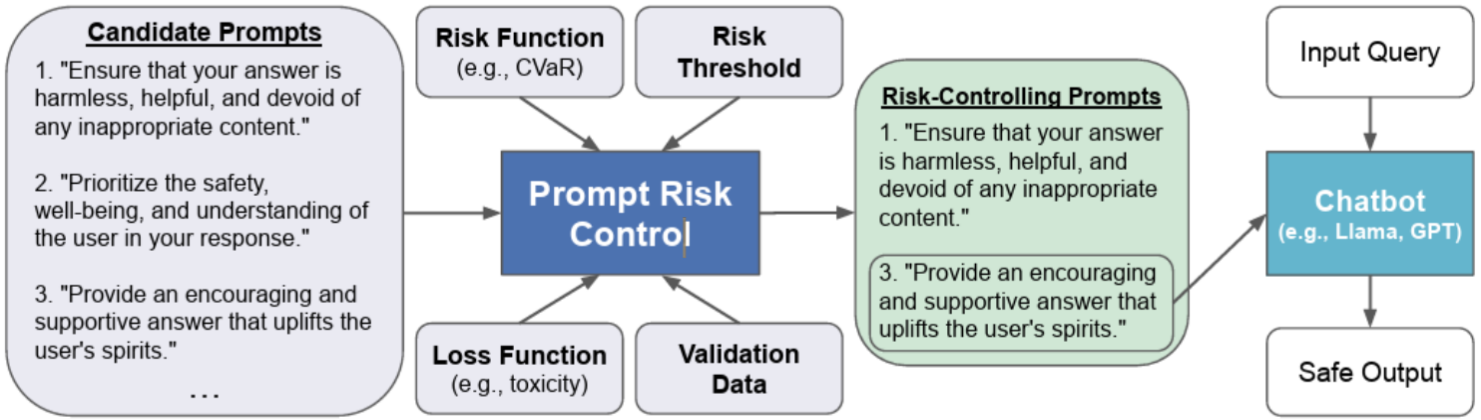
Learn-Then-Test: Some Applications

- Calibrating thresholds for **test-time scaling** (generation of multiple answers) in **LLMs** [Quach et al., 2023]



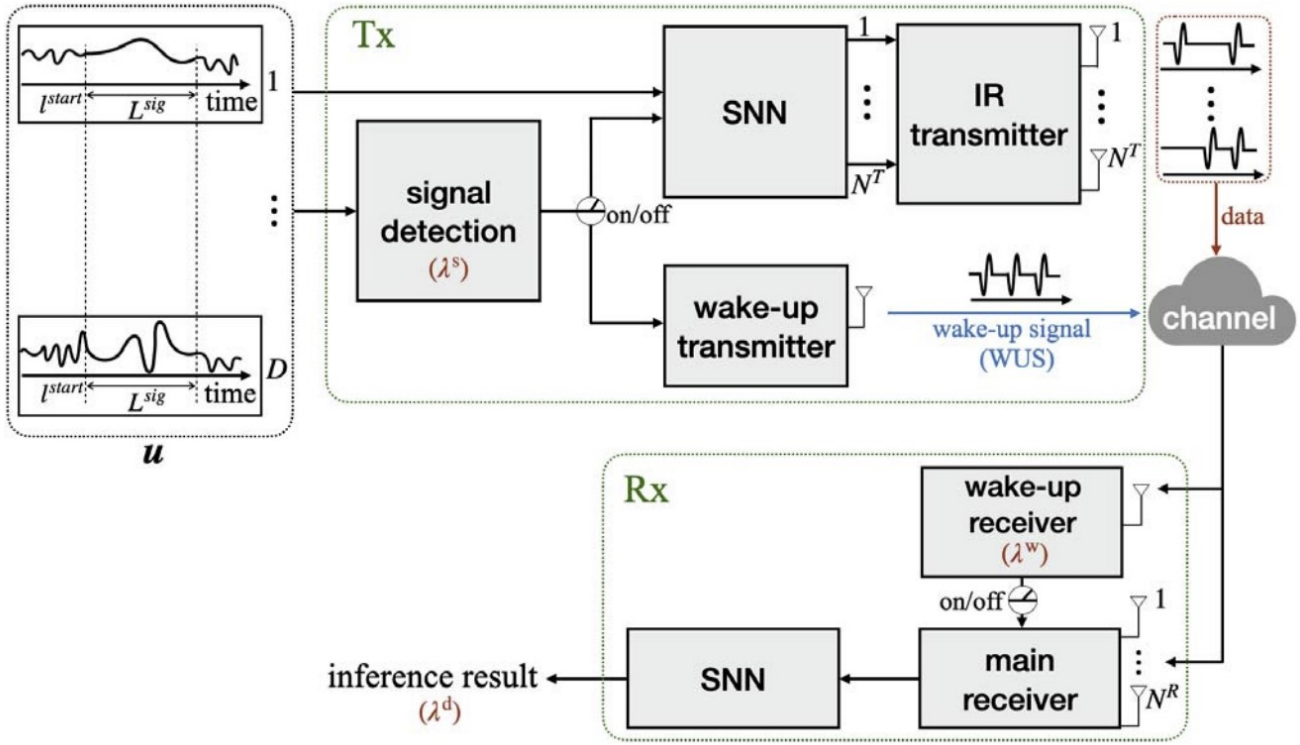
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- **Recommendation systems** (learning to rank) [Angelopoulos, Krauth, et al., 2023]
- **Information retrieval** [Xu et al., 2024]
- **Prompt template** selection for LLMs [Zollo et al., 2023]



Learn-Then-Test: Some Applications

- **Telecommunication systems** [Simeone, Park, and Zecchin, 2025]
- **Neuromorphic computing** [Jiechen Chen et al., 2024]



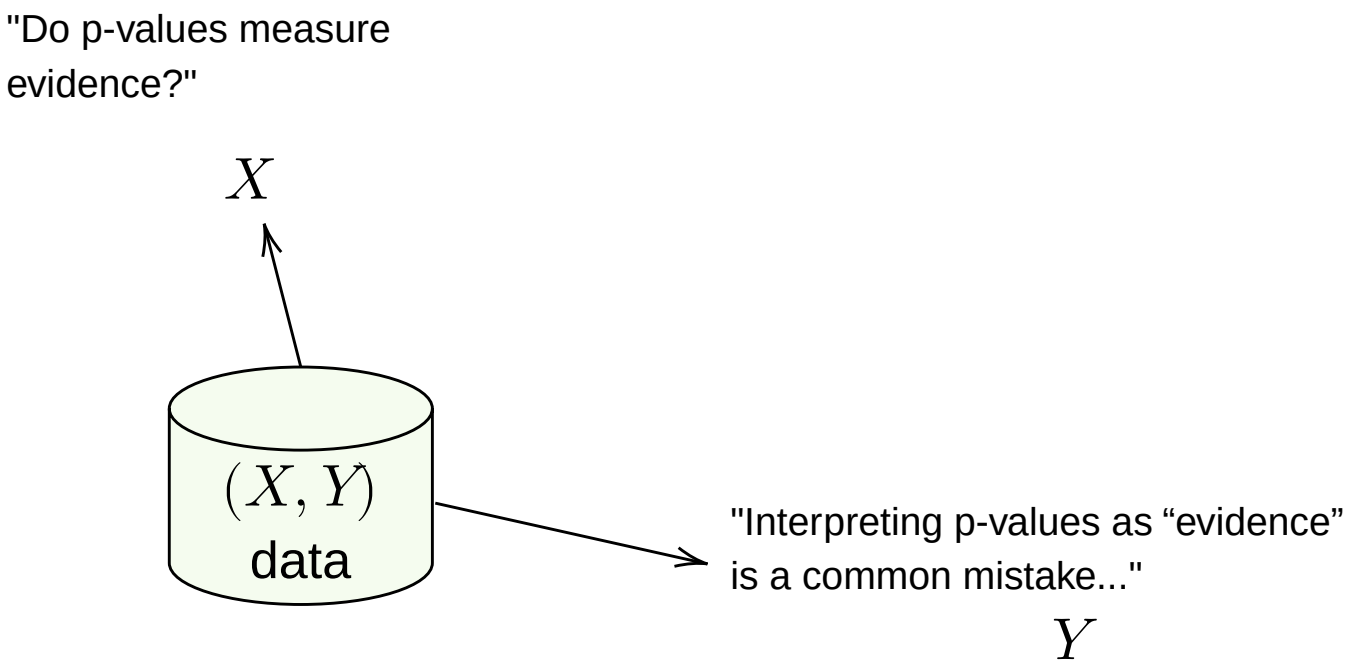
Overview

- Learn-Then-Test
- Generalizing Learn-Then-Test:
  - Beyond the Average Risk
  - Adaptive Hyperparameter Selection
  - Incorporating Prior Information
  - Selection with Autoevaluation
- Conclusions

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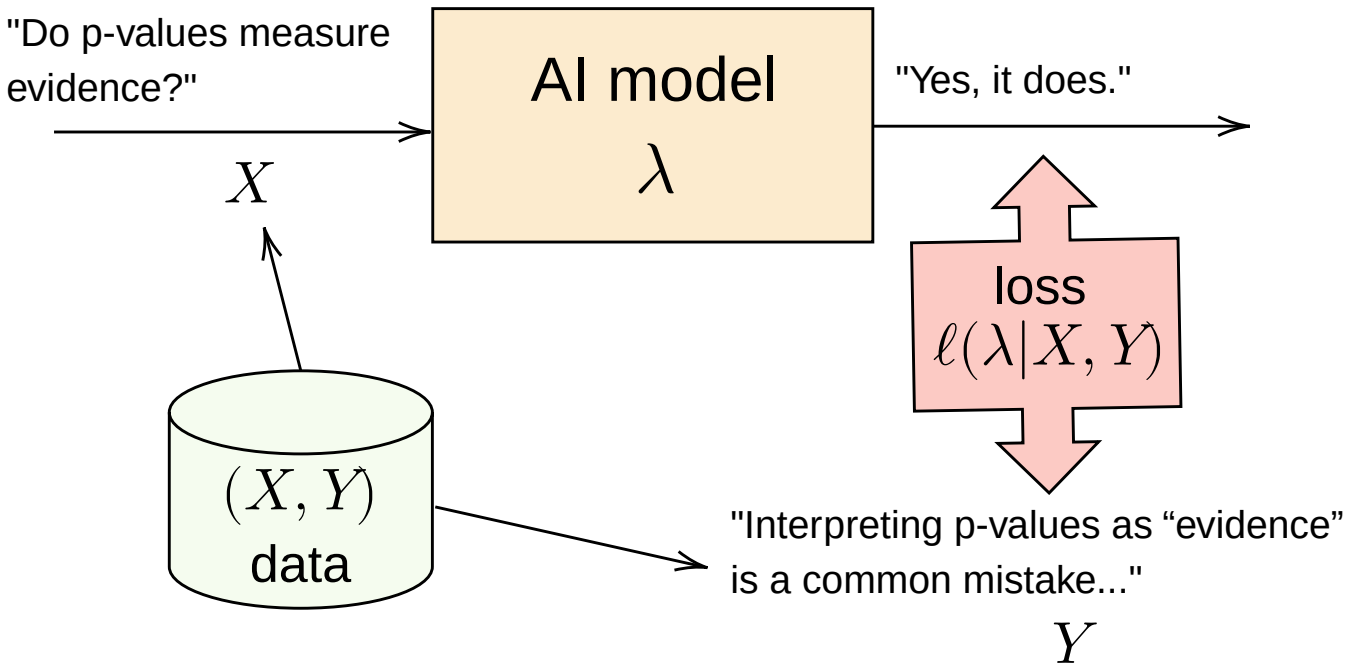
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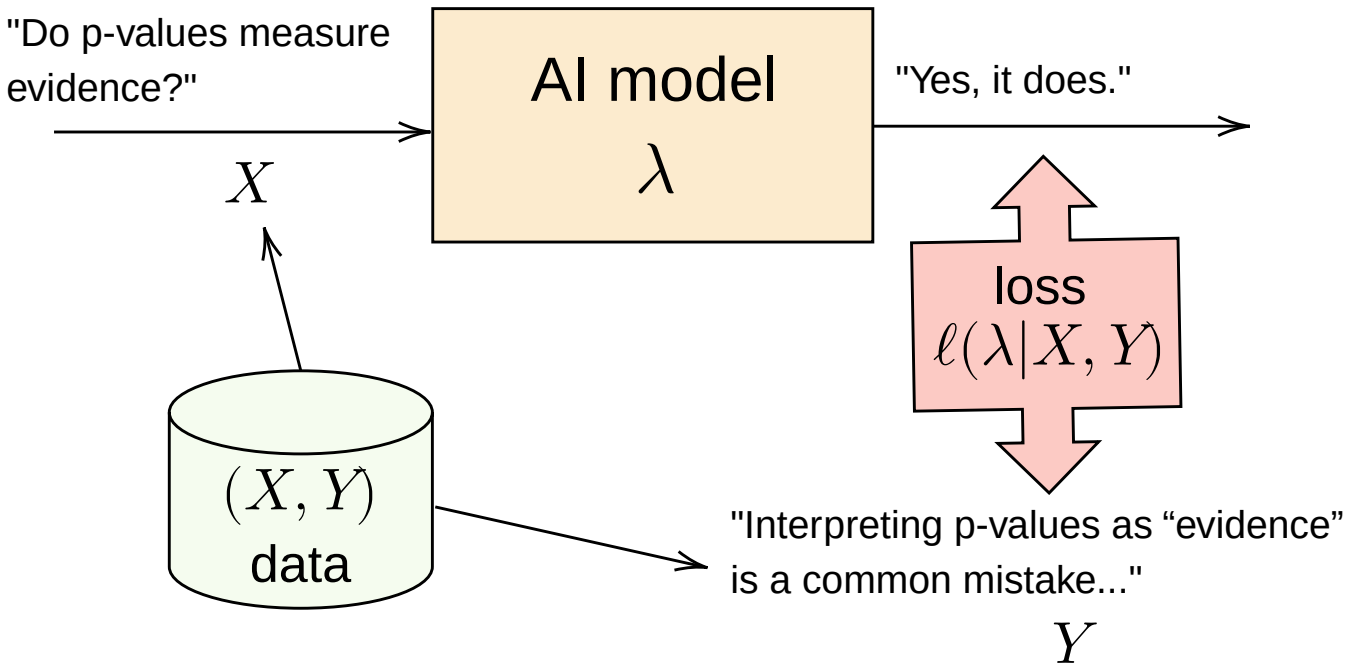
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- $R(\lambda) = \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y)}[\ell(\lambda|X, Y)]$ = **average risk** (e.g., probability of error)

Examples of Losses in Different Applications

Reliability depends on how we measure failure. Different applications call for different choices of loss $\ell(\lambda \mid X, Y)$:

- **Classification / LLM prompting** 0–1 loss, misclassification rate, token-level error, or a scoring loss (e.g., NLL/perplexity).
- **Regression / Forecasting** Squared error $(Y - \hat{Y})^2$, absolute error $|Y - \hat{Y}|$, pinball loss for quantiles.
- **Structured Prediction / Detection** mAP drop, IoU-based penalties, object-miss penalties, calibration errors (ECE/MCE).
- **Reinforcement Learning / Control** Negative return, constraint violation counts, regret, safety-critical failure events.
- **LLM-based agents / LLM judging** Preference loss, pairwise defeat probability (Bradley–Terry), task-success or factuality loss.
- **Wireless / Telecom Scheduling** Throughput deficit, latency violation, outage probability, or risk of violating QoS thresholds.

Once the loss is fixed, reliability means keeping its expected value $R(\lambda)$ acceptably low.

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Parameter	**Significance**
α	Reliability requirement: $R(\lambda) \leq \alpha$
δ	Maximum allowed failure rate for the hyperparameter selection strategy

Conventional Hyperparameter Selection

- Given some **held-out data** $\mathcal{D} = \{(X, Y)\}$, conventional methods directly optimize standard **empirical risk estimates**

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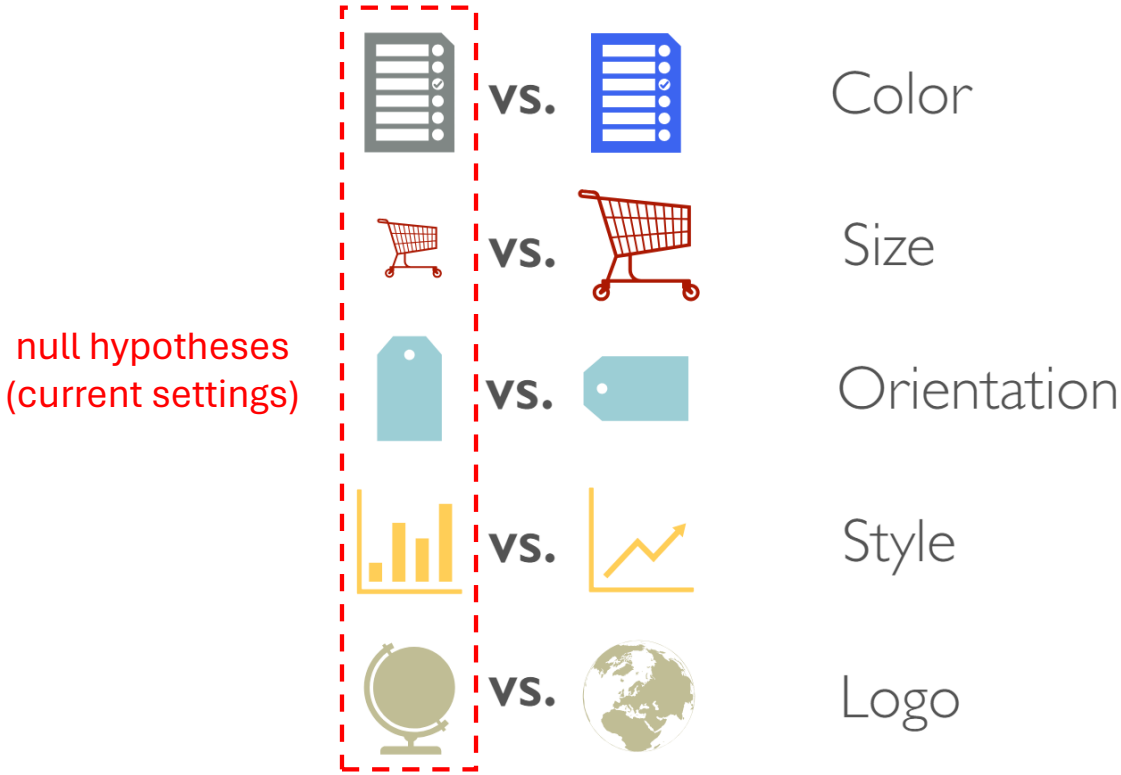
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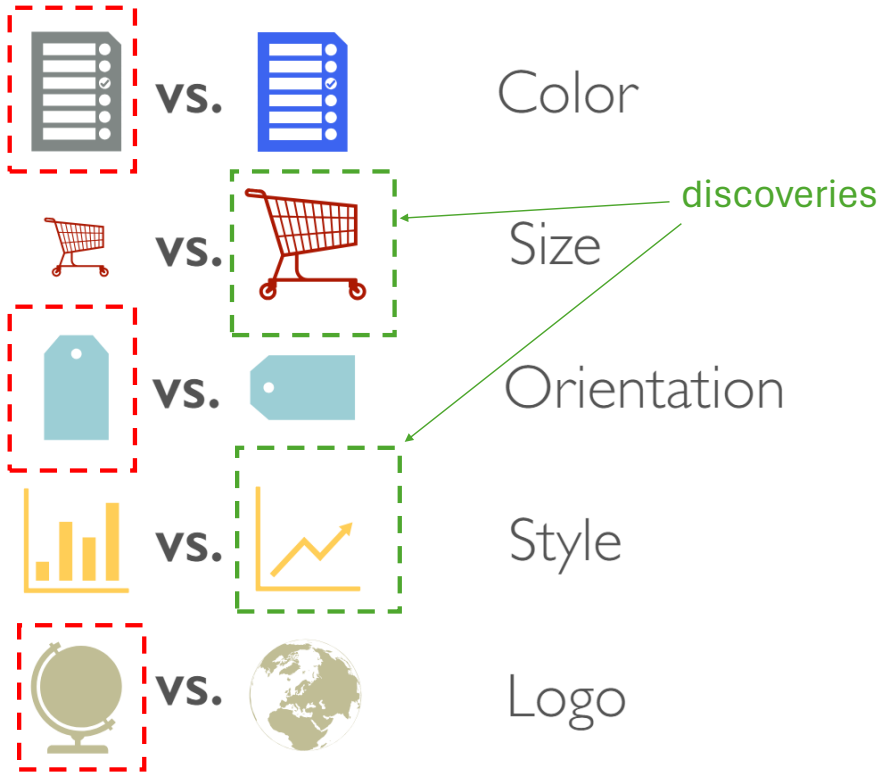
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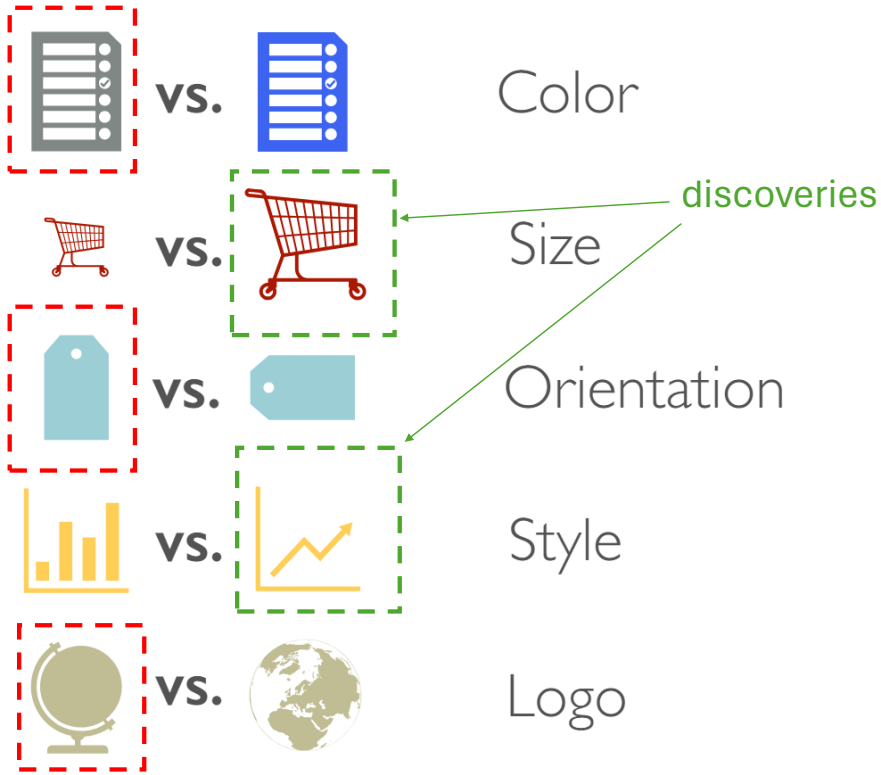
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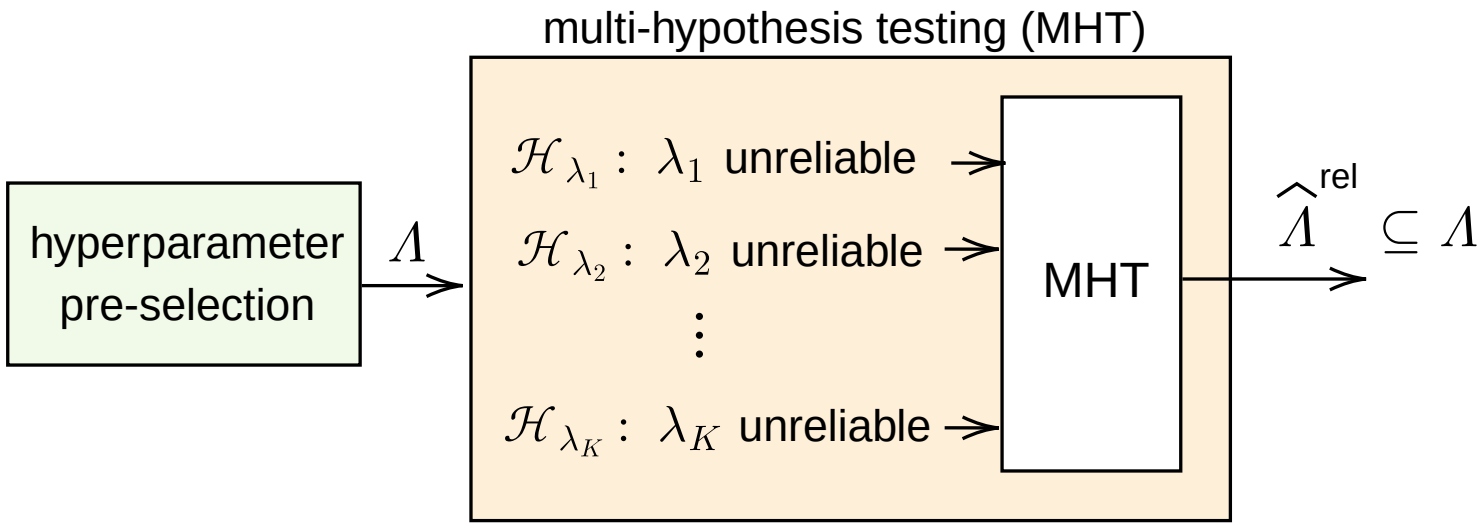
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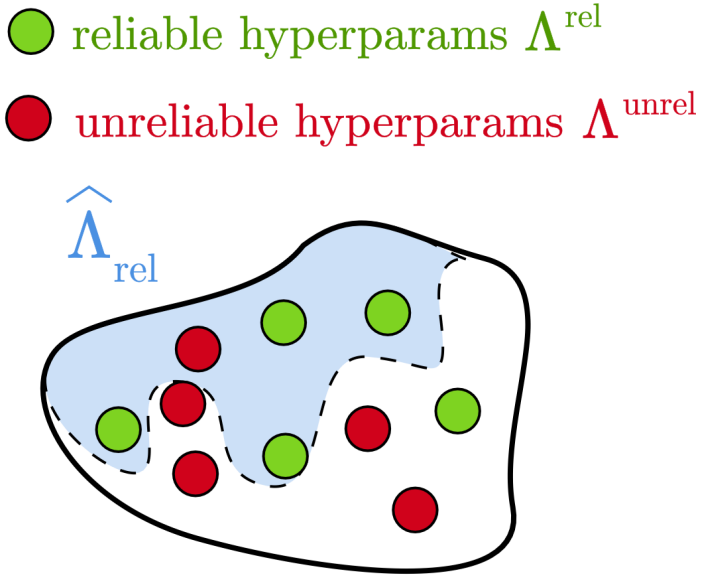
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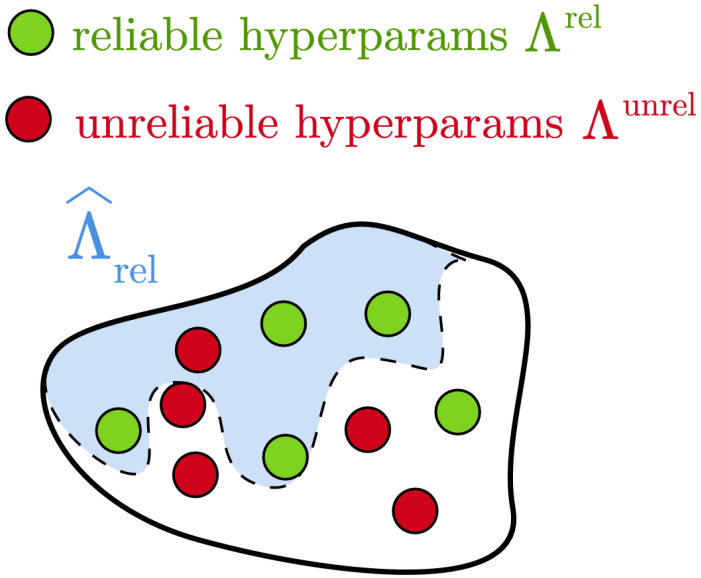
$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda : \ \lambda \text{ is unreliable, i.e., } R(\lambda) > \alpha$$



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- By using MHT, the subset $\hat{\Lambda}^{\text{rel}}$ of selected hyperparameters satisfies **error rate** control guarantees.
- Notably, the **family-wise error rate** (FWER) guarantee coincides with the **statistical validity** condition

$$\Pr\left[R(\lambda) > \alpha \text{ for a selected } \lambda\right] \leq \delta.$$

Multiple Hypothesis Testing

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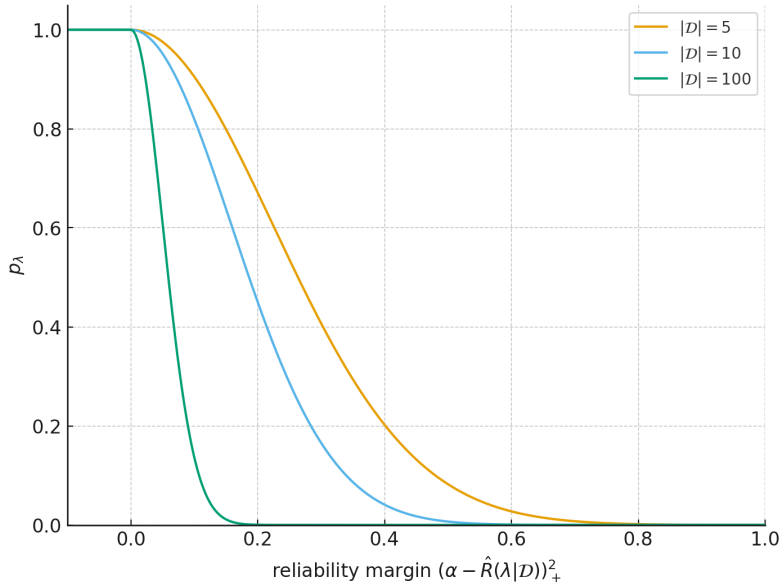
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- Thus, a statistic of the form

$$p_\lambda = e^{-2|\mathcal{D}|(\alpha-\hat{R}(\lambda|\mathcal{D}))_+^2}.$$

  will tend to be small when λ is reliable.

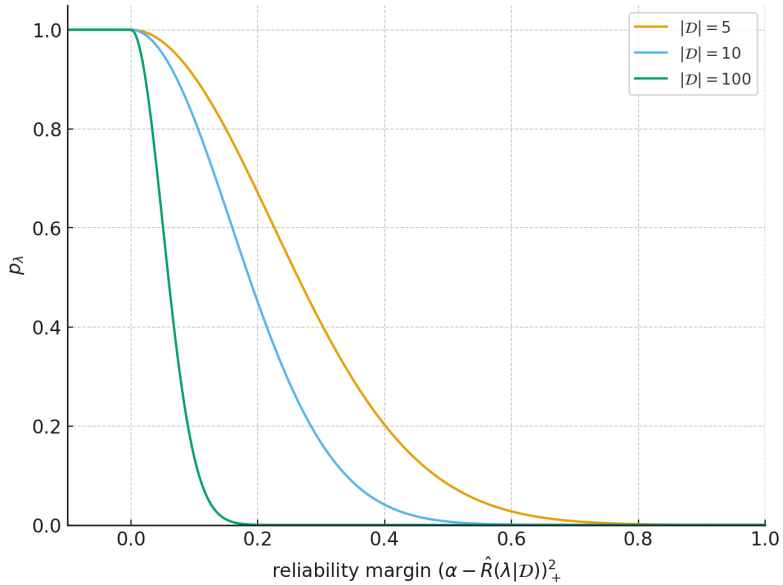


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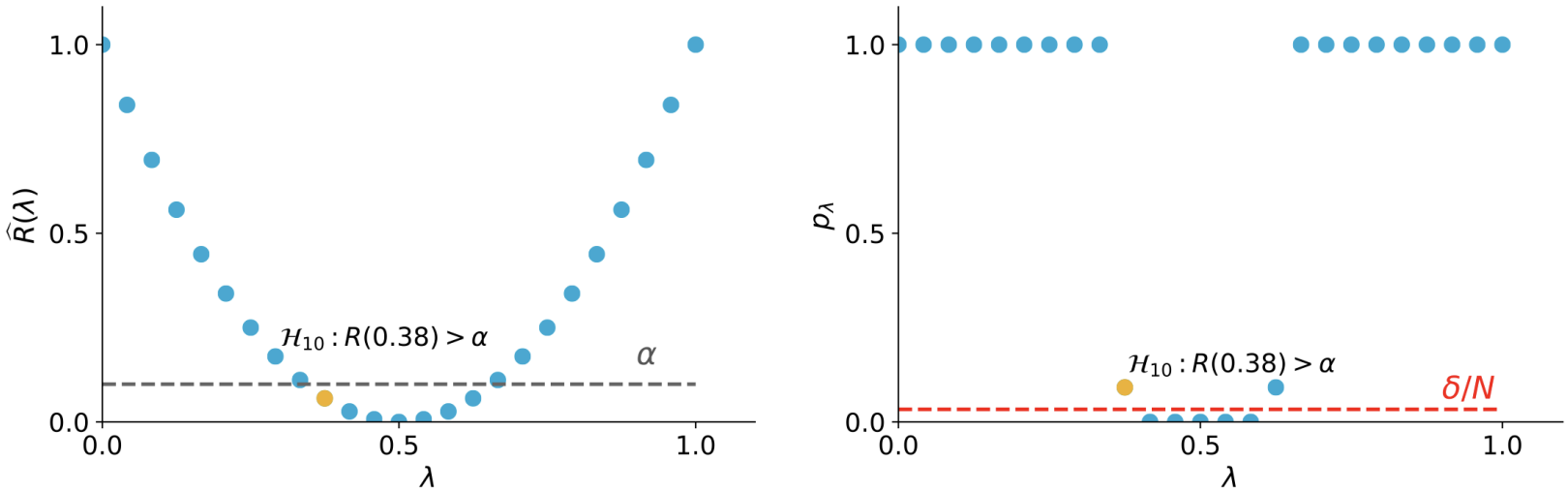
- If the loss is bounded within $[0, 1]$, the statistic p_λ is a **p-value** for the null hypothesis $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$.
- A small p-value p_λ indicates evidence that the hyperparameter λ is reliable:

$$\Pr[p_\lambda \leq \delta \mid \lambda \text{ is unreliable}] \leq \delta,$$

for $0 < \delta < 1$.



Why Empirical Risk Alone Is Not Reliable

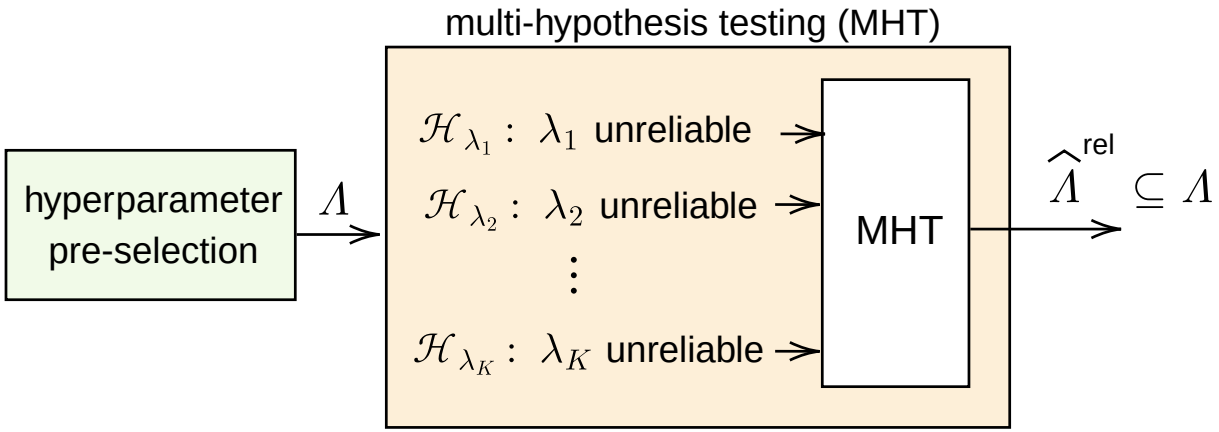


- Empirical risk $\hat{R}(\lambda)$ can underestimate the true risk due to finite-sample noise.
- This may cause an **unreliable** hyperparameter to falsely appear safe.
- LTT converts these empirical risk gaps into **valid** p**-values**, ensuring unreliable hyperparameters cannot "slip through" by chance.

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Multiple Hypothesis Testing

- We have a set of p-values p_λ, one for each hyperparameter $\lambda \in \Lambda$.



- **Examples of FWER-controlling MHT procedures:**
  - Bonferroni correction

$$\lambda \in \hat{\Lambda}^{\text{rel}} \text{ if } p_\lambda \leq \frac{\delta}{|\Lambda|}$$

  - Fixed sequence testing

Error Rates in Multiple Hypothesis Testing

- When testing many hypotheses simultaneously (e.g., many hyperparameters), different types of errors can occur.
- Two common error metrics:
  - **FWER (Family-Wise Error Rate)**: Probability of making *at least one* false discovery.
  - **FDR (False Discovery Rate)**: Expected *proportion* of false discoveries among all discoveries.
- These metrics control different risks, and are used for different applications.

Family-Wise Error Rate (FWER)

- In hyperparameter selection, a "false discovery" means:

  Selecting a hyperparameter λ that is actually unreliable.

- **FWER** measures the probability of making *any* such mistake:

$$\text{FWER} = \Pr\left(\exists \lambda \in \hat{\Lambda}^{\text{rel}} : R(\lambda) > \alpha\right).$$

- **Goal of LTT:** Ensure

$$\text{FWER} \leq \delta,$$

  which *exactly matches* the notion of statistical validity in hyperparameter selection.

- Very conservative: tries to avoid even a single unreliable choice.

False Discovery Rate (FDR)

- In set-valued prediction problems (e.g., multi-label classification), we may output several items at once.
- **FDR** measures the *expected proportion* of incorrect predictions:

$$\mathrm{FDR}(T) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\#\{\text{false predictions}\}}{\max\{1, \#\{\text{predictions}\}\}}\right].$$

- Unlike FWER, FDR does *not* penalize a single mistake heavily.
- FDR is appropriate when:
  - We produce many items at once (e.g., a set of labels),
  - and we care about the average purity of the set.

- **Examples of notable FDR-controlling procedures:**
  - **Benjamini–Hochberg (BH) procedure** [Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995]
  - **Benjamini–Yekutieli (BY)** [Benjamini and Yekutieli, 2001]

Example 1: Multi-Label Classification with FDR Control

- Task: **multi-label classification** on MS COCO.
  - Each image X has a set of labels $Y \subseteq \{1, \ldots, K\}$.
  - Base model $\hat{f}(x) \in [0,1]^K$ outputs class-wise probabilities.
- We predict a **set of labels**

$$T_\lambda(x) = \{z \in \{1, \ldots, K\} : \hat{f}_z(x) \geq \lambda\}$$

  and we want to control the **false discovery rate** (FDR) of wrong labels in $T_\lambda(X)$.
- LTT chooses λ so that FDR is controlled at level (α, δ).

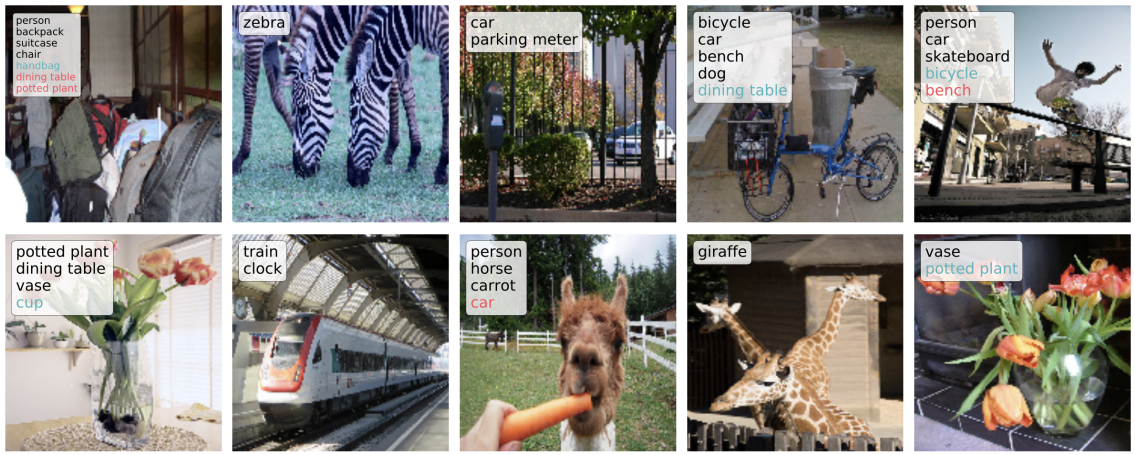
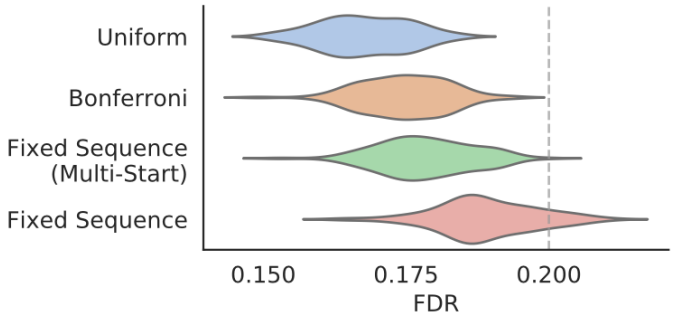


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- Dataset: MS COCO, $n = 4000$ calibration points, 1000 validation points.
- Candidate thresholds: $\Lambda = \{0, 0.001, \ldots, 1\}$.
- LTT compares different MHT procedures:
  - Uniform (no multiple testing correction)
  - Bonferroni
  - Fixed-sequence testing
  - Fixed-sequence testing with multiple starting points
- Goal: control FDR at level $\alpha = 0.2$ with failure probability $\delta = 0.1$.



Method	50%	75%	90%	99%	99.9%
Uniform	3	4	6	11	13
Bonferroni	3	4	7	11	14
Fixed Sequence (Multi-Start)	3	4	7	11	14
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Interactive LTT Notebook & Code

The following GitHub repo contains a simple, self-contained implementation of Learn-Then-Test (LTT) that you can run immediately on Colab or locally.



`https://github.com/amirfar76/neurips25-valid-hparam-tutorial`

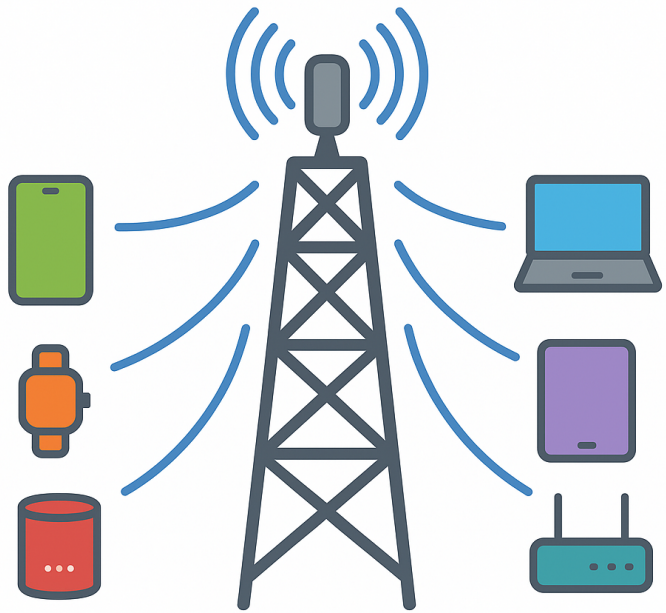
Generalizing Learn-Then-Test: Beyond the Average Risk

Beyond the Average Risk

- LTT controls the **average risk** $R(\lambda) = \mathbb{E}_{(X,Y)}[\ell(\lambda|X, Y)]$.
- In some applications, it may be preferable to control:
  - a quantile of the loss $\ell(\lambda|X, Y)$: **quantile risk**
  - functionals of the data distribution: **information-theoretic measures**

Controlling the Quantile Risk: Example

- Wireless scheduling problem:

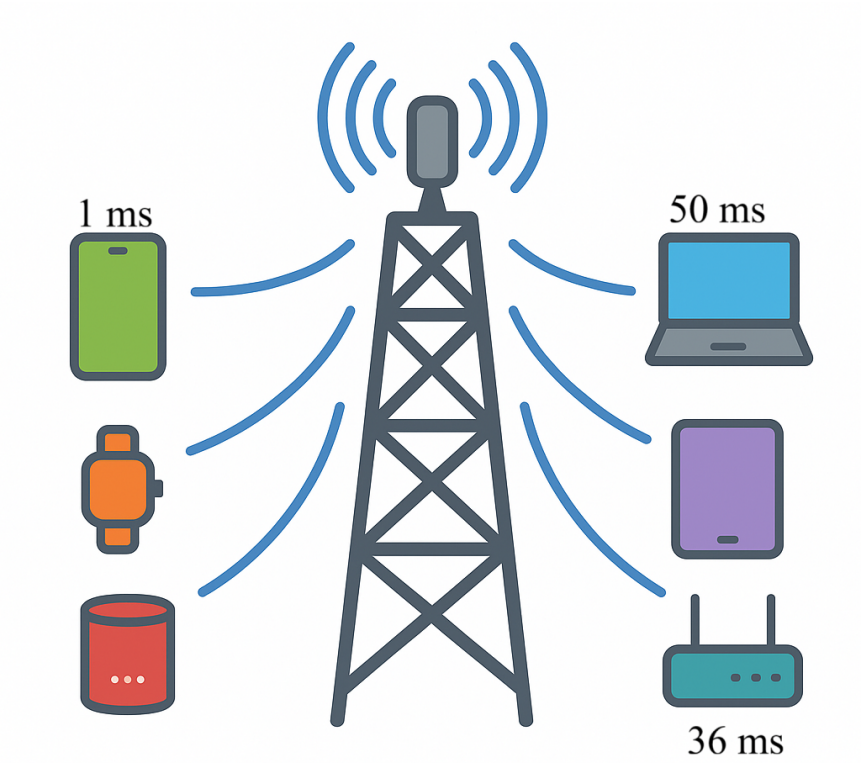


- **Reliability requirement using the average risk:** Ensure that the average user delay is less than 10 ms

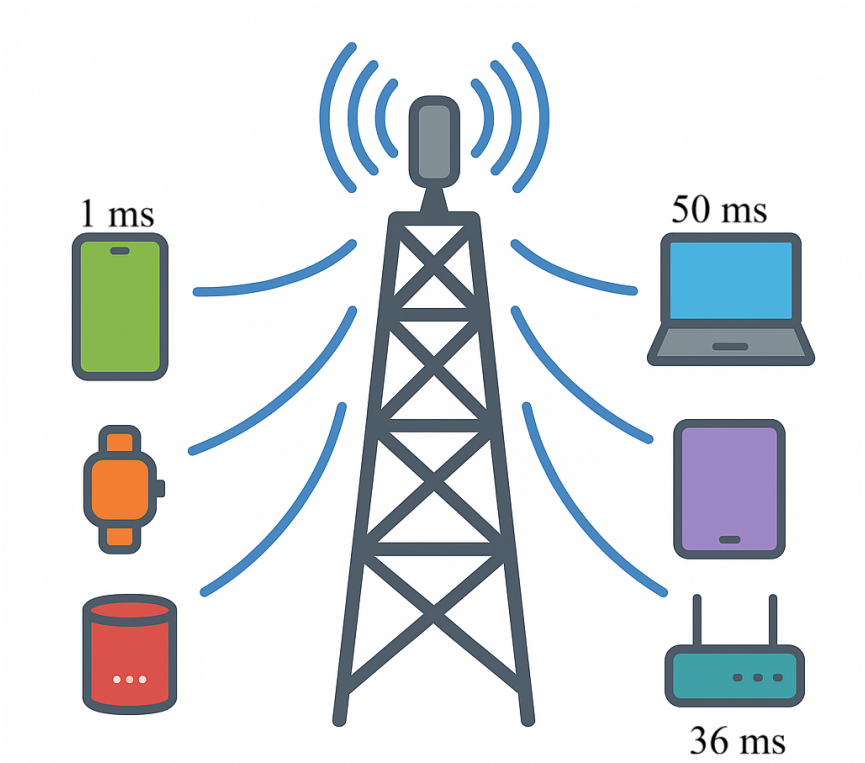
$$R(\lambda) \leq \alpha = 10 \text{ ms}$$

with a probability no smaller than 90% ($\delta = 0.1$)

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- **Reliability requirement using the quantile risk:**
  - At least 90% of the users must have a delay smaller than 10 ms

$$R_q(\lambda) \leq \alpha = 10 \text{ ms}$$

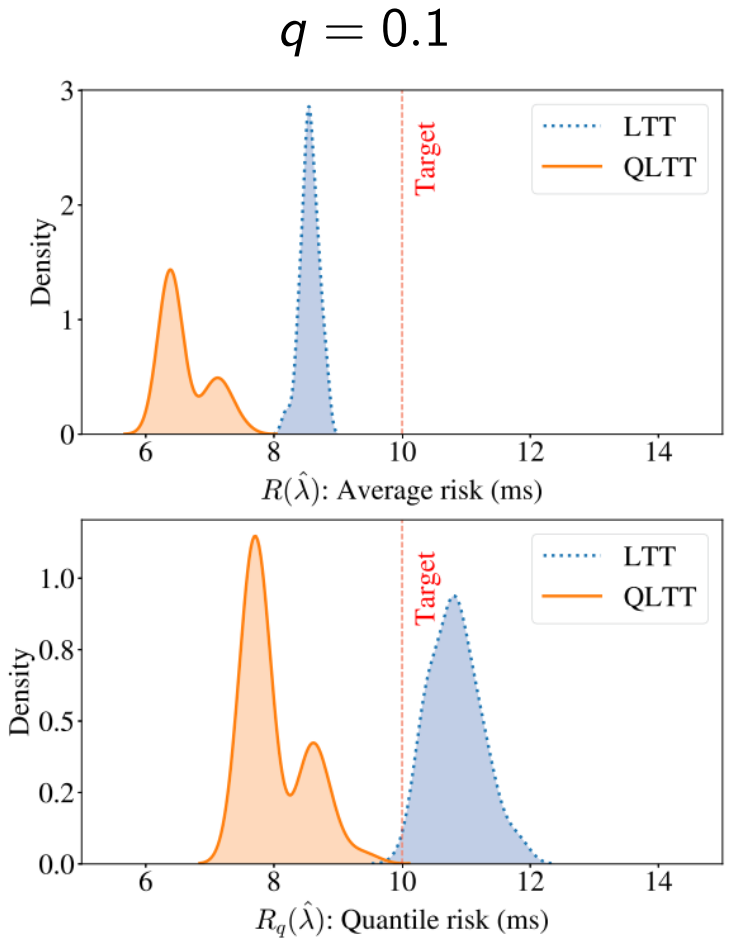
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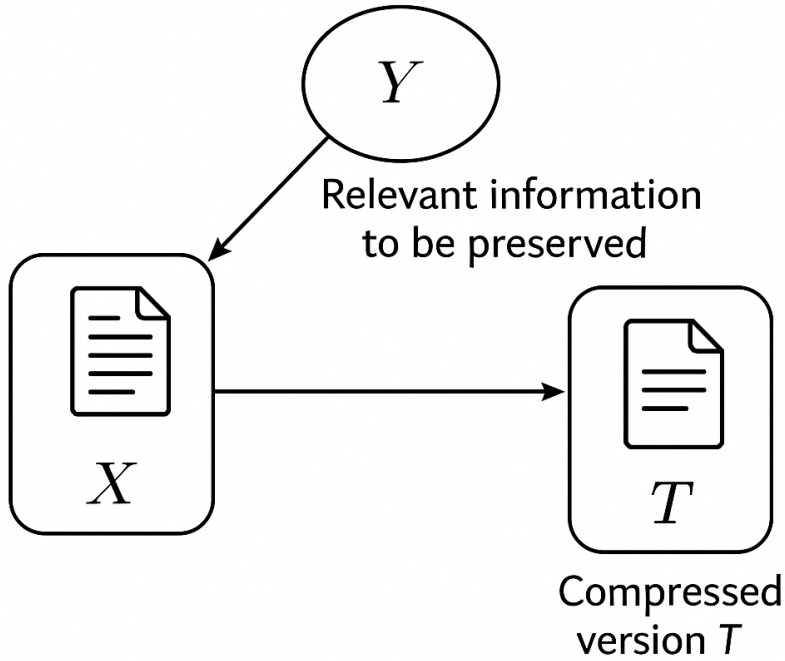
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Controlling Information-Theoretic Measures: Information Bottleneck Problem

- X = input
- Y = target variable
- $(X, Y) \sim P_{XY}$, with P_{XY} **unknown**
- **Goal:** Extract a **compressed representation** $T \sim P_{T|X}$ of X that is sufficiently **relevant** for predicting Y.



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- Mutual information:

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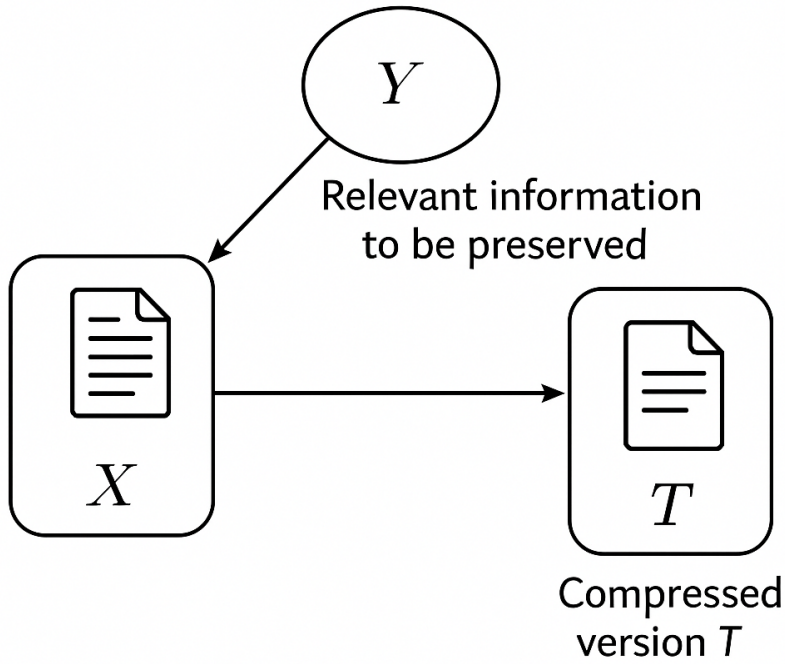
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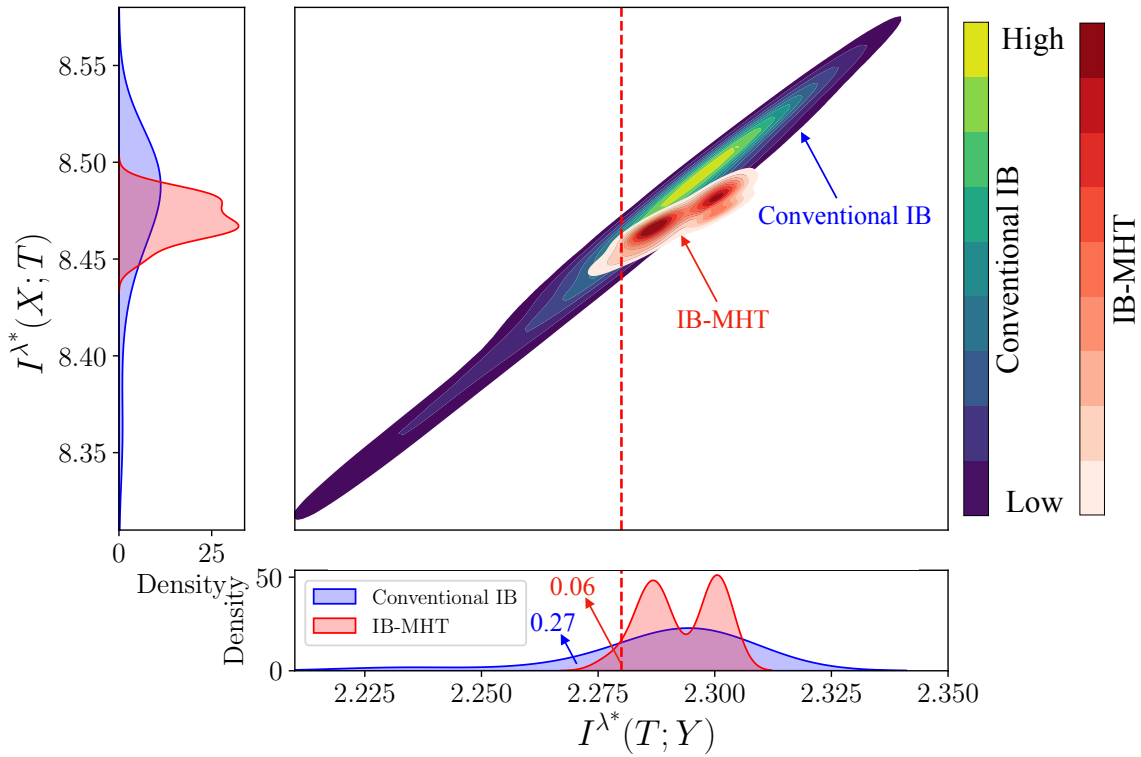
where δ is a user defined probability

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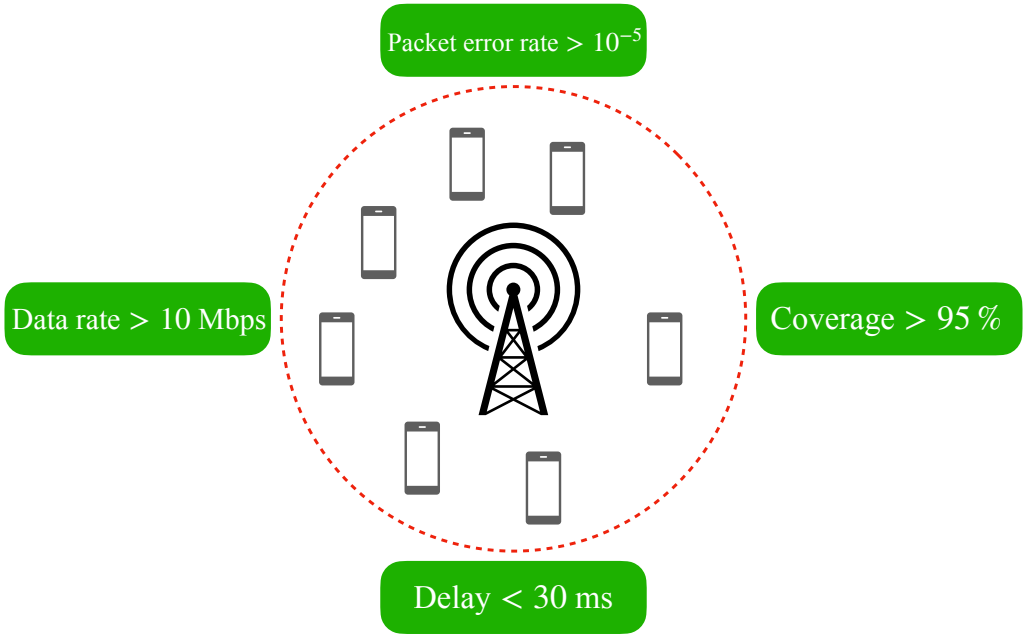
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Generalizing Learn-Then-Test: Multi-Objective Optimization

Multi-Objective Optimization

- LTT only controls a single risk function $R(\lambda)$.
- In some applications, there are multiple risk functions to be controlled.

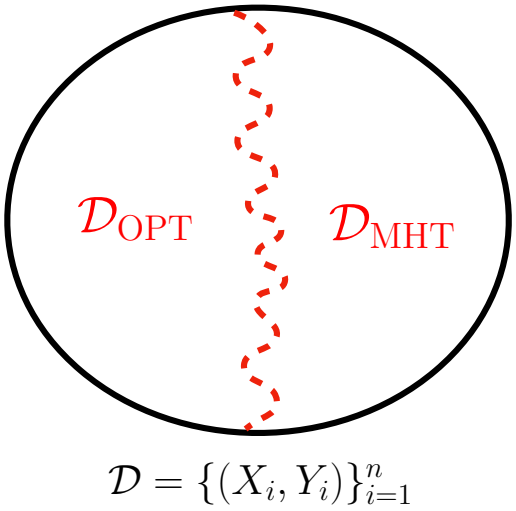


$$\min_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \{R_{L_c+1}(\lambda), R_{L_c+2}(\lambda), \ldots, R_L(\lambda)\}$$

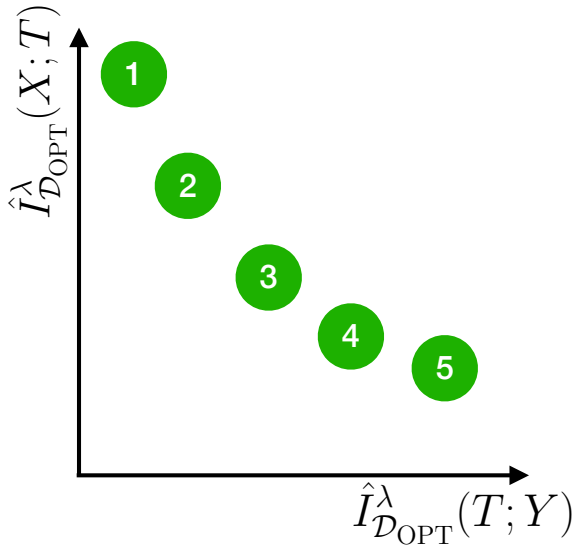
$$\text{subject to } R_l(\lambda) < \alpha_l \text{ for all } 1 \leq l \leq L_c,$$

Pareto Testing

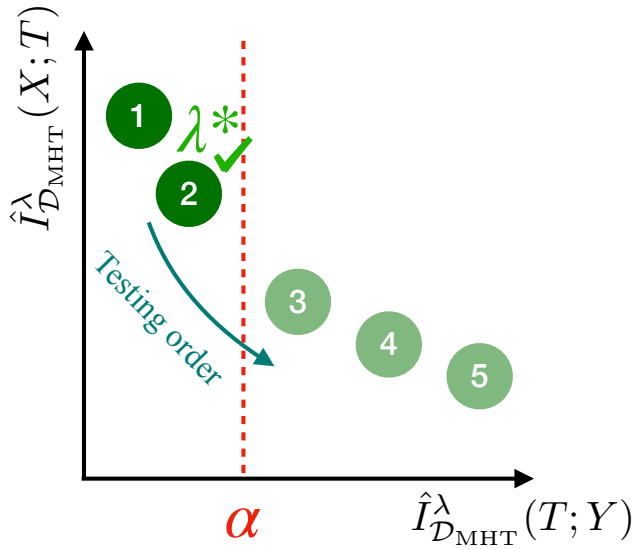
- To address this, Pareto testing (PT) [Laufer-Goldshtein et al., 2023] takes the following steps.



① Split data set $\mathcal{D}$



② Estimate Pareto frontier using $\mathcal{D}_{\text{OPT}}$



③ Sequential FWER-controlling MHT using $\mathcal{D}_{\text{MHT}}$

Try PT Yourself!

Interactive PT Notebook & Code

The following GitHub repo contains a simple, self-contained implementation of Pareto Testing (PT) that you can run immediately on Colab or locally.



`https://github.com/amirfar76/neurips25-valid-hparam-tutorial`

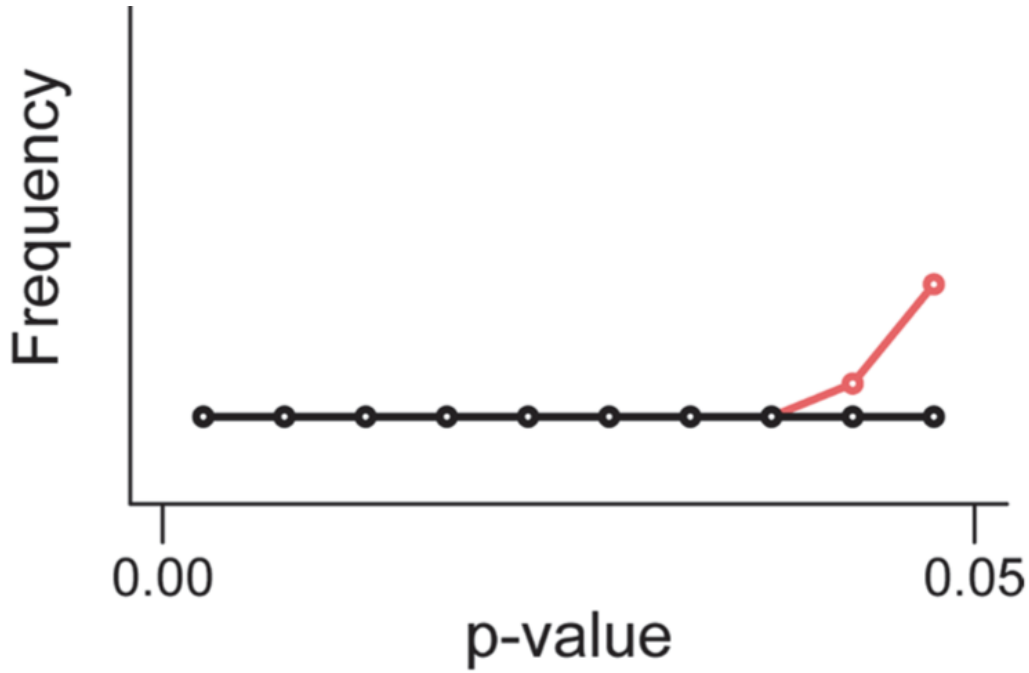
Generalizing Learn-Then-Test: Adaptive Hyperparameter Selection

Adaptive Hyperparameter Selection

- LTT is a **batch** method operating on a **fixed data set**.
- In practice, collecting data and evaluating the loss of a model can be **expensive**: it may require interactions with the real world, simulations, optimizations, ...
- It is thus useful to carry out testing **sequentially**, **discarding** less performing hyperparameters and **terminating** as soon as possible.

Adaptive Hyperparameter Selection

- LTT does not support adaptive hyperparameter selection:
- p-values do not allow for **optional continuation**: **p-hacking** [Head et al., 2015].



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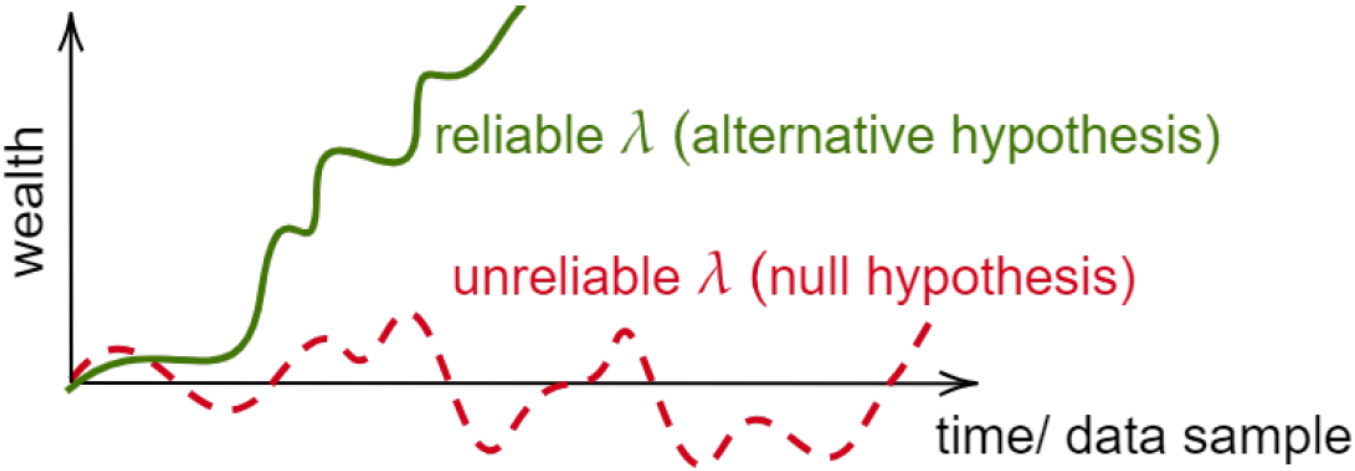
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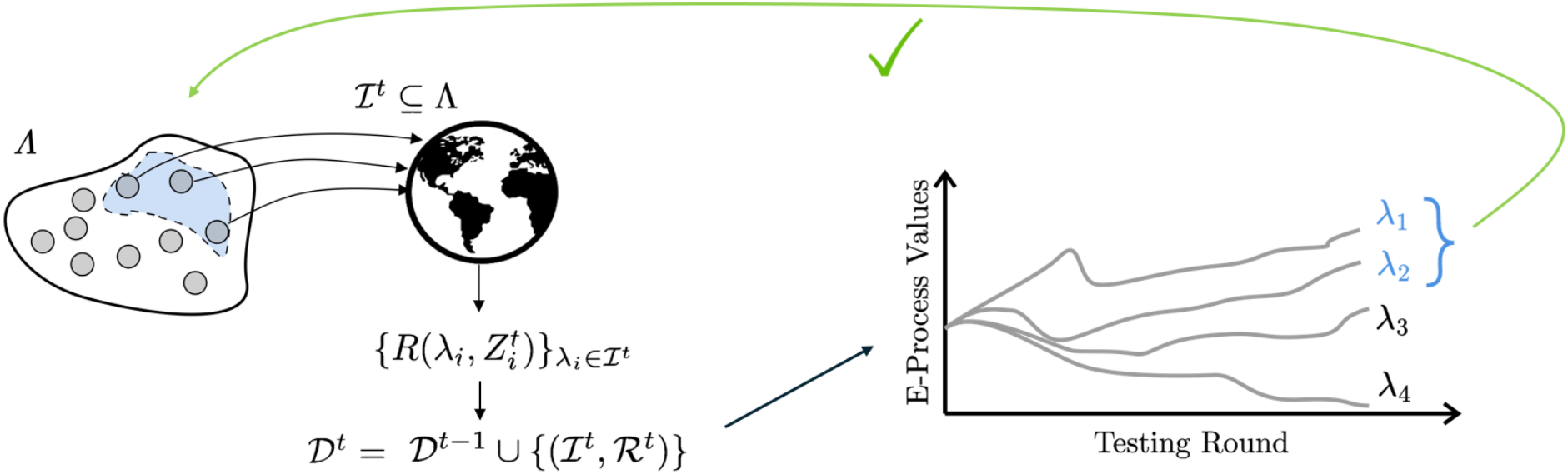
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- An e-process has the **game-theoretic** interpretation of accumulated wealth for a strategy **betting** on the reliability of a hyperparameter.



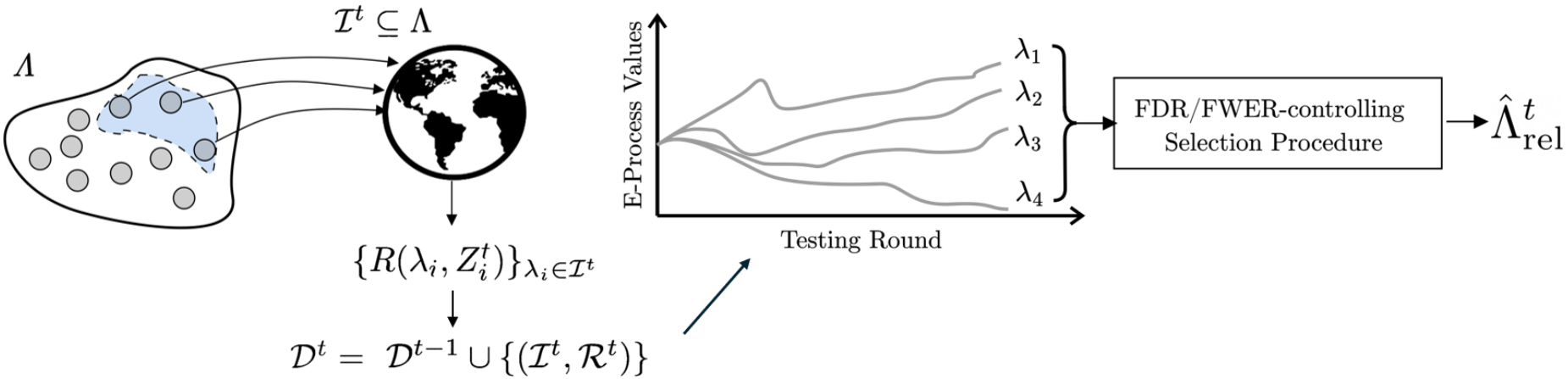
Adaptive Hyperparameter Selection

- **Adaptive LTT (aLTT)** [Zecchin, Park, and Simeone, 2024]
  - Test a subset $\mathcal{I}^t \subseteq \Lambda$ of hyperparameters at each testing round t
  - Update **e-process** for each hyperparameter $\lambda \in \mathcal{I}^t$
  - Stop, producing a set Λ^{rel}, or continue



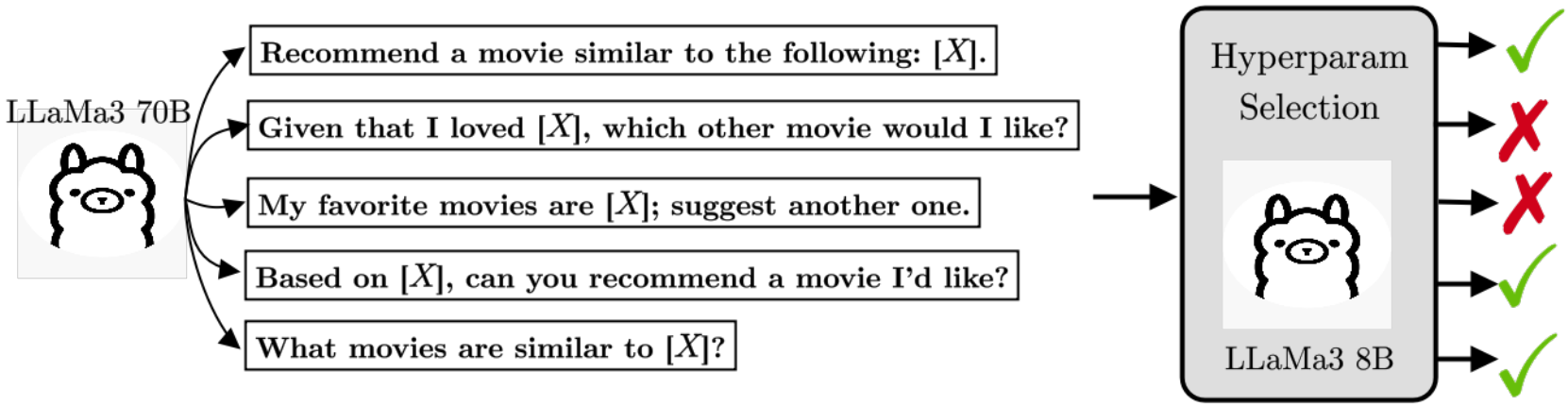
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- Thanks to the **anytime validity** properties of e-processes, aLTT supports **optional continuation** and **adaptive termination**, while guaranteeing FWER control.

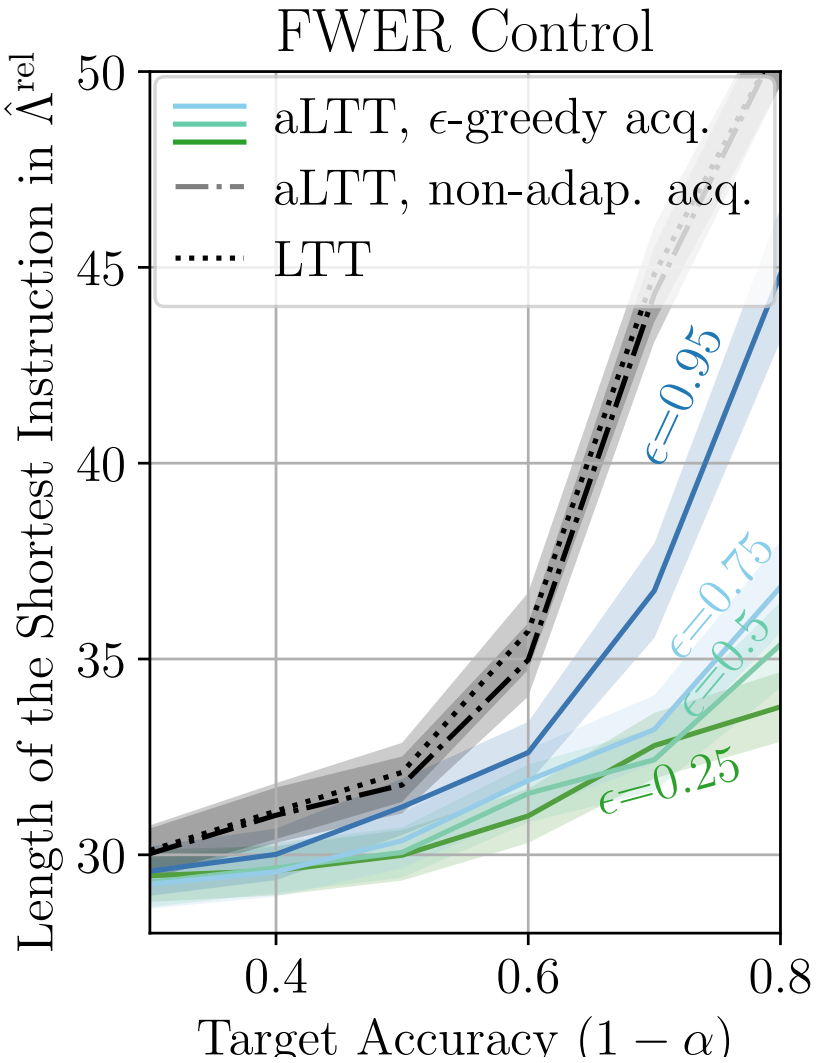


Example

- Prompt template selection from a set Λ of LLM-generated candidate prompts.
- **Reliability requirement:** Average error rate of the answer
- **Post-selection optimization:** Minimize average prompt length



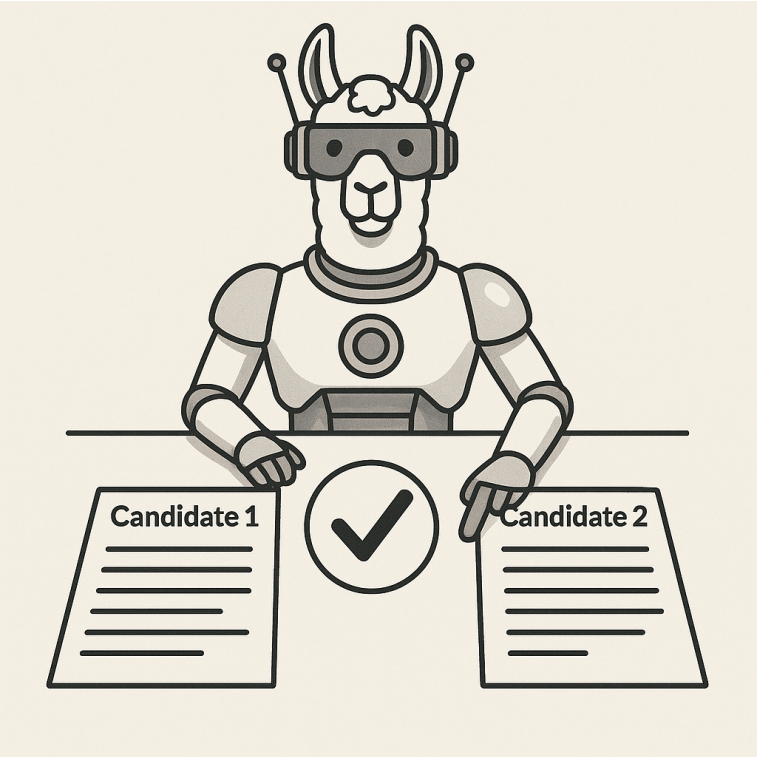
Example


FWER Control
aLTT, ϵ-greedy acq.
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LTT
ϵ=0.95
ϵ=0.75
ϵ=0.5
ϵ=0.25
Length of the Shortest Instruction in $\hat{\Lambda}^{\text{rel}}$
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Target Accuracy $(1-\alpha)$

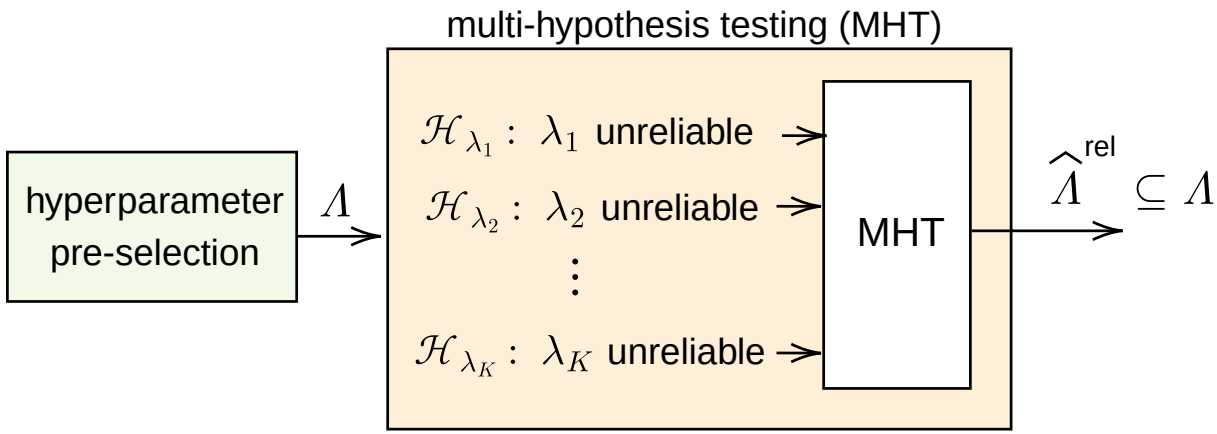
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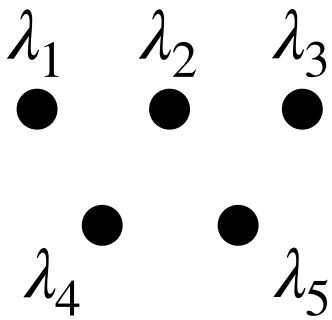
- In some applications, one may have prior information about the **relative reliability level** of different hyperparameters.
- **Examples**:
  - a higher resource utilization may imply higher accuracy
  - use **LLM-as-a-judge**



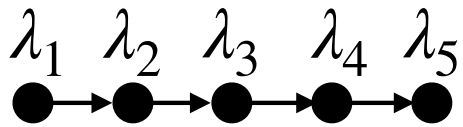
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- Prior information can inform the MHT step, e.g., via **fixed-sequence testing** (FST):



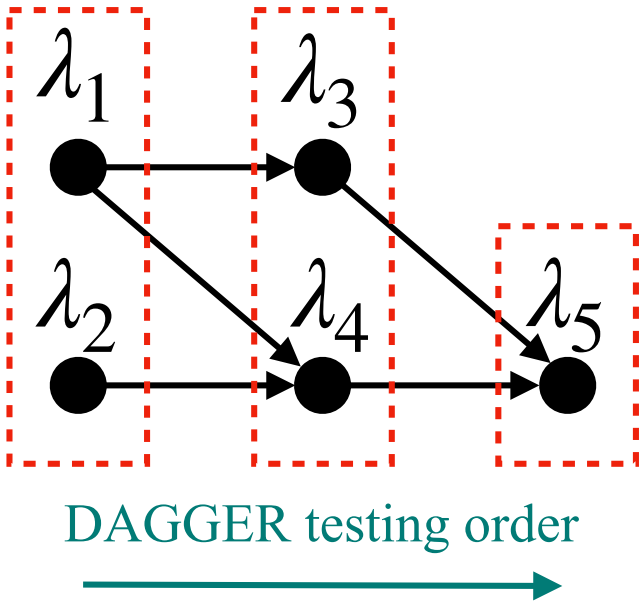
Bonferroni individual testing



FST testing order

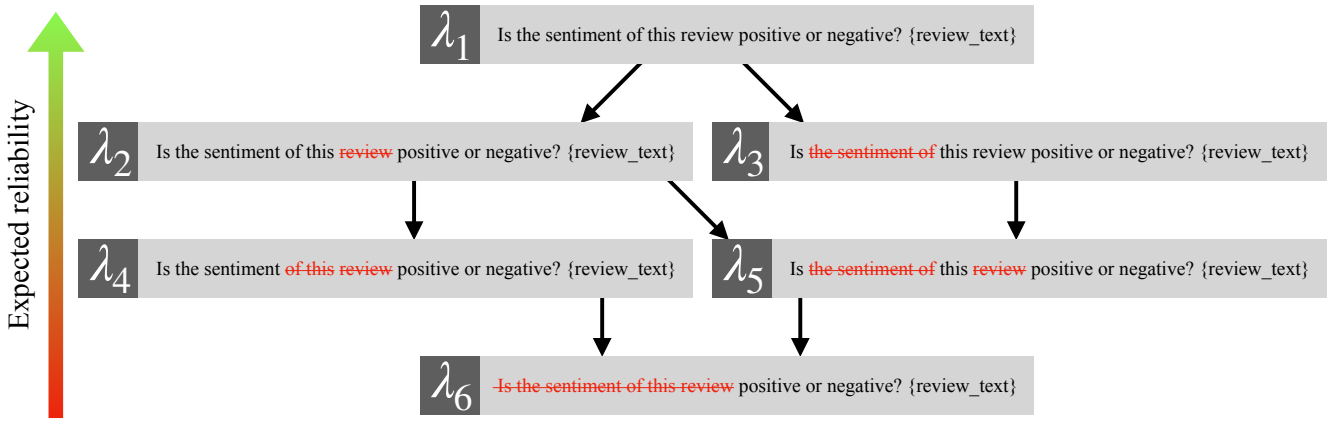
Reliability Graph-based Pareto Testing

- However, prior information – **possibly extracted from separate data** – may be much richer than a simple linear ordering.
- **Reliability graph-based Pareto testing** (RG-PT) [Farzaneh and Simeone, 2025] operates MHT over a directed acyclic graph (via DAGGER [Ramdas, Jianbo Chen, et al., 2019]).



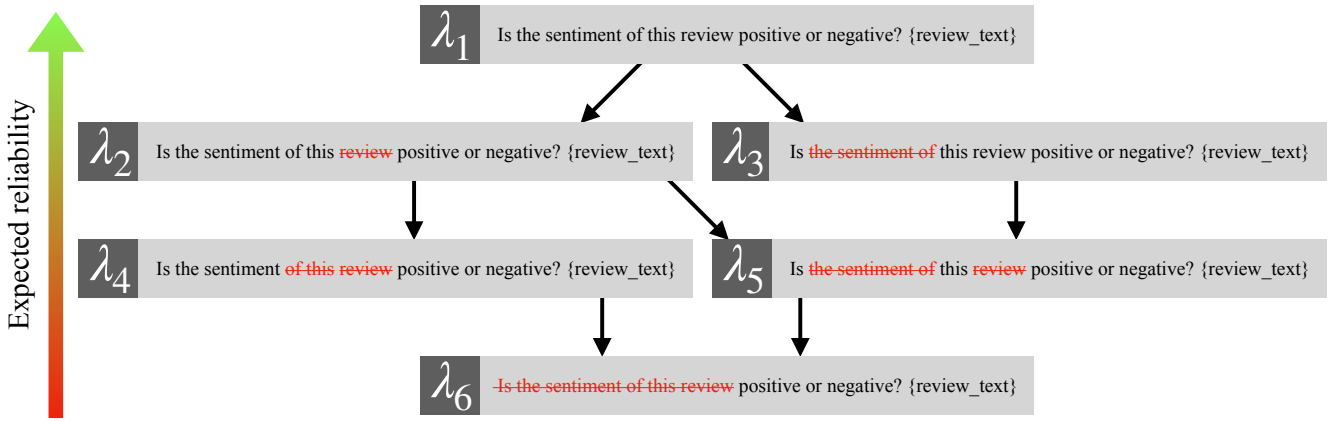
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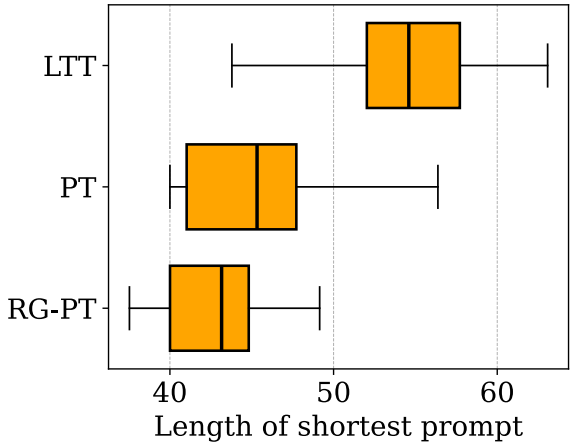
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(Pareto testing [Laufer-Goldshtein et al., 2023])

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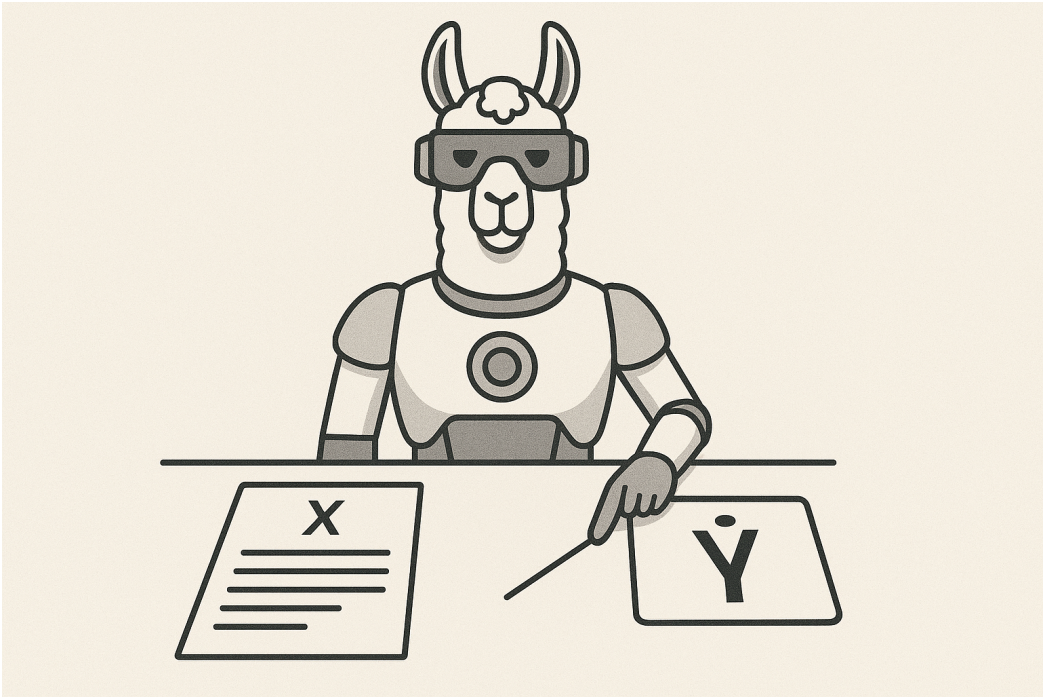
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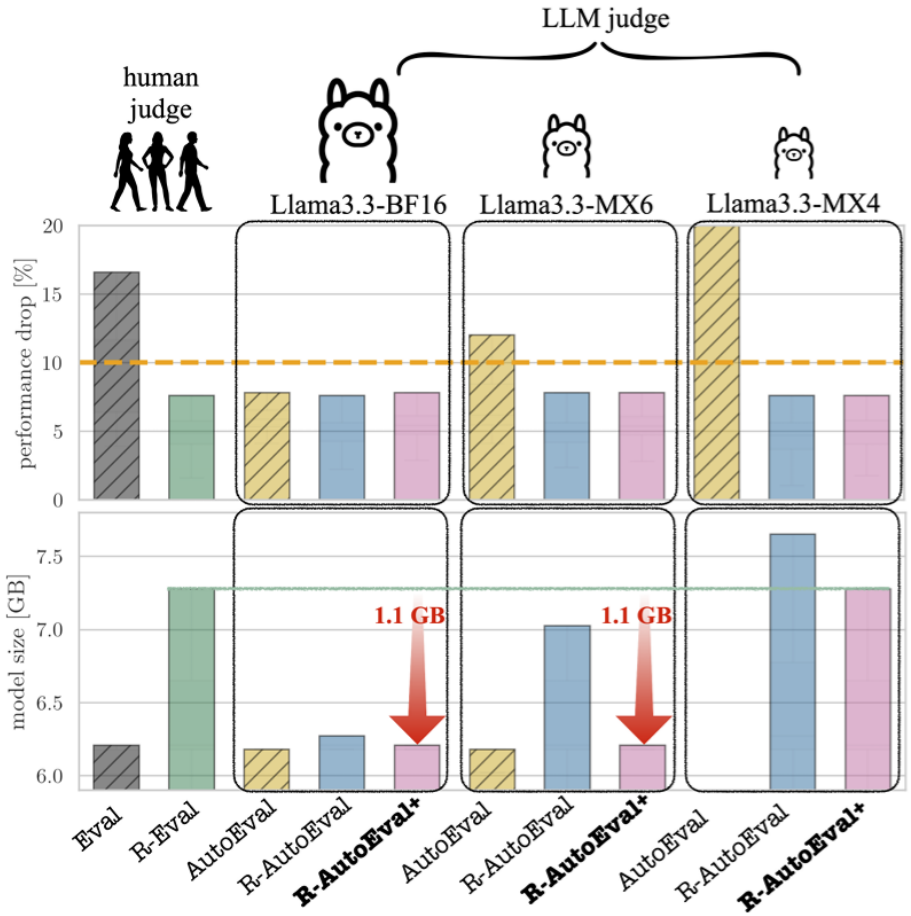
PPI risk estimate = estimate with unlabeled data
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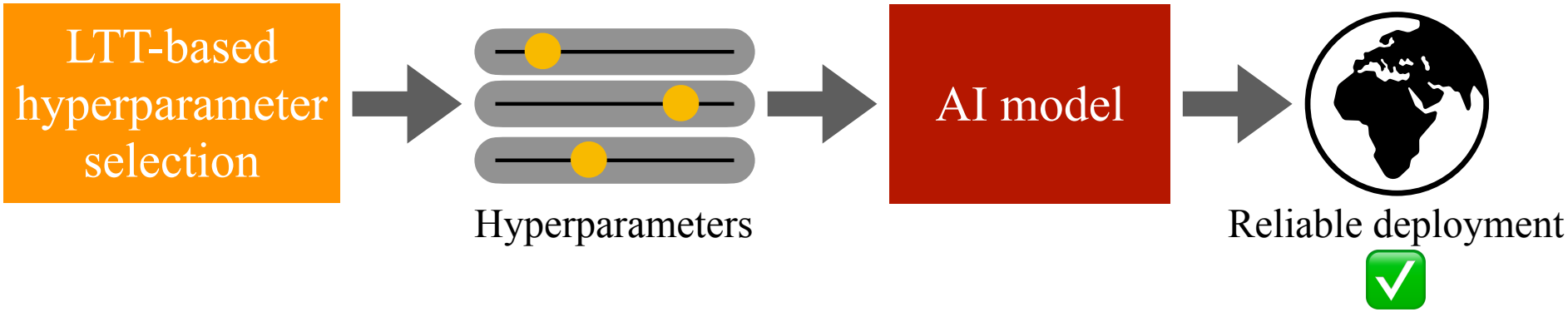
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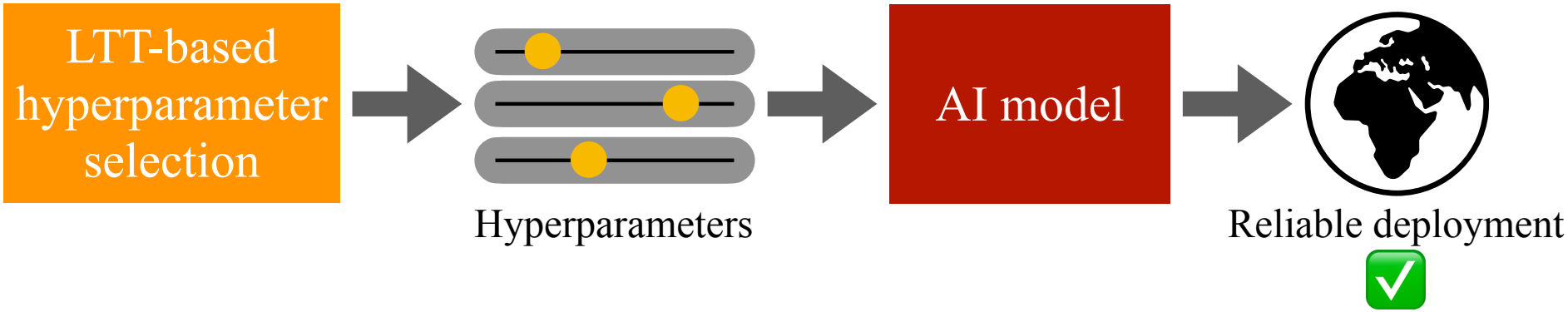
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  - large-scale deployment in engineering settings (e.g., O-RAN)

Live Q&A Session

Live Q&A with
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We will now switch to the live Zoom session.

Please feel free to ask questions about LTT, conformal prediction,
multiple hypothesis testing, or broader reliability topics.

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