

# BETA-OPTIM: UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION METHOD FOR MULTI- OUTPUT REGRESSION PROBLEMS

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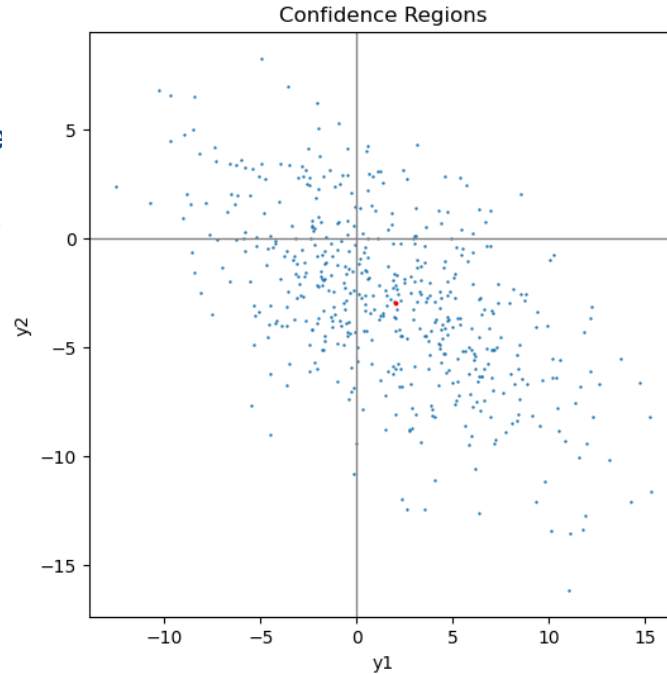
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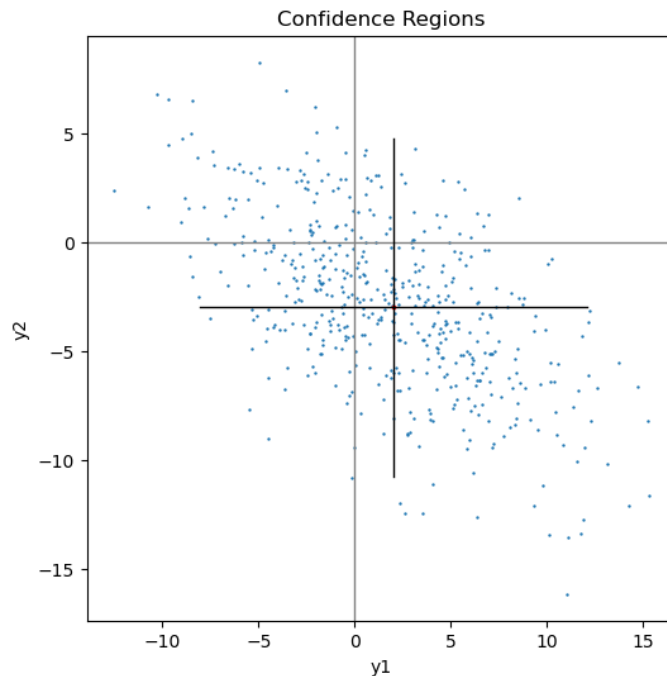
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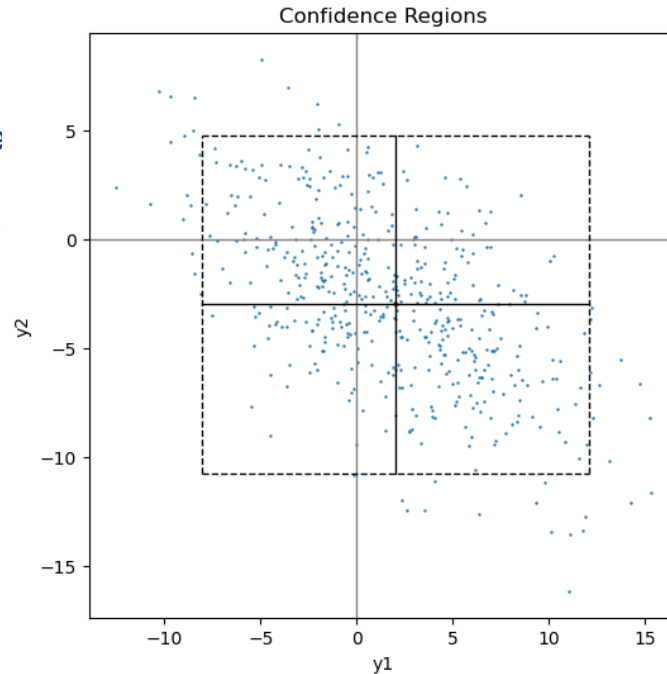


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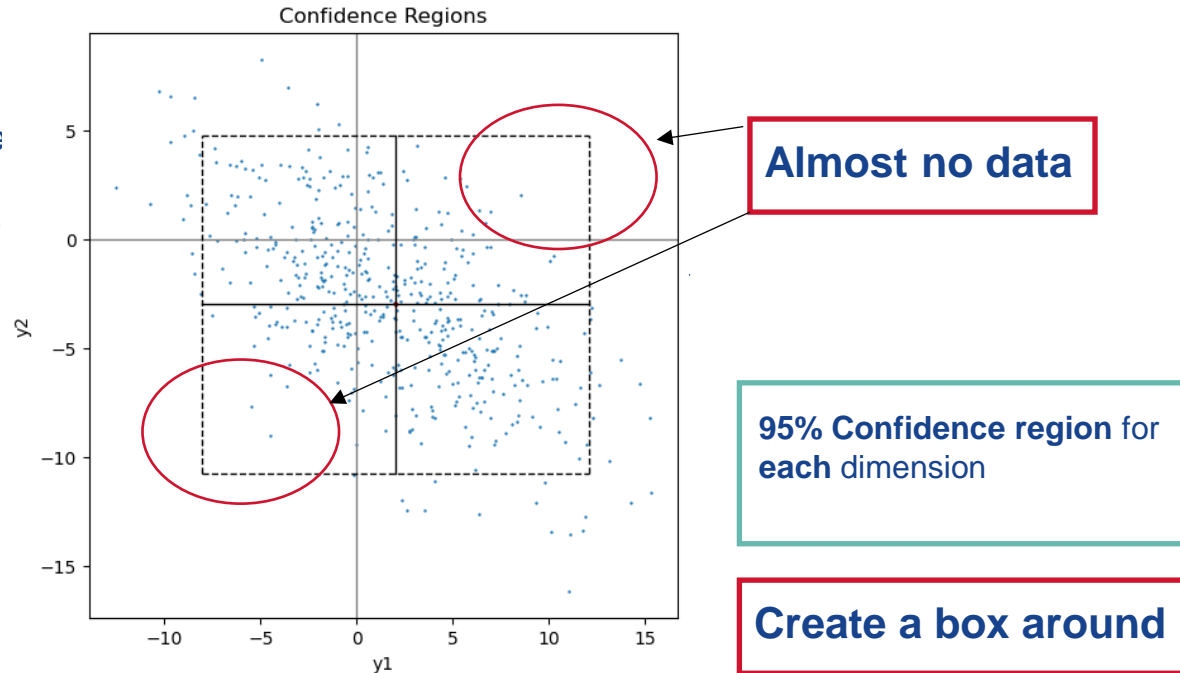
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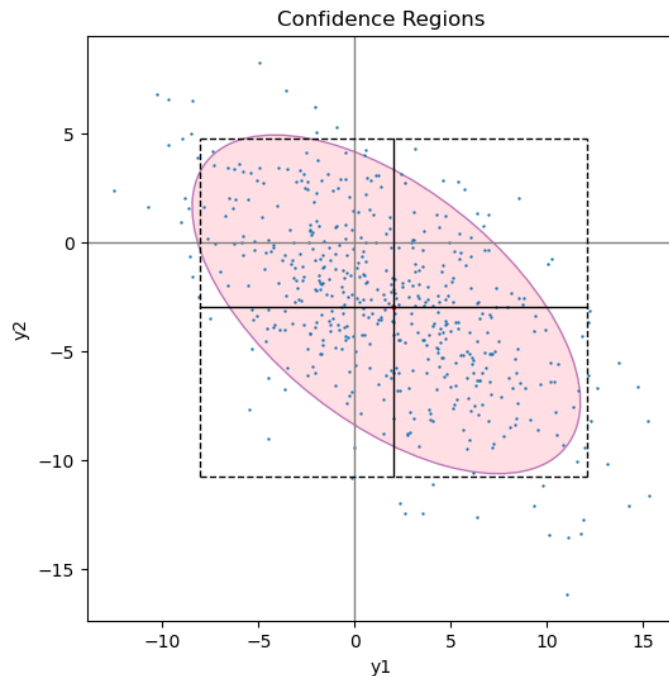
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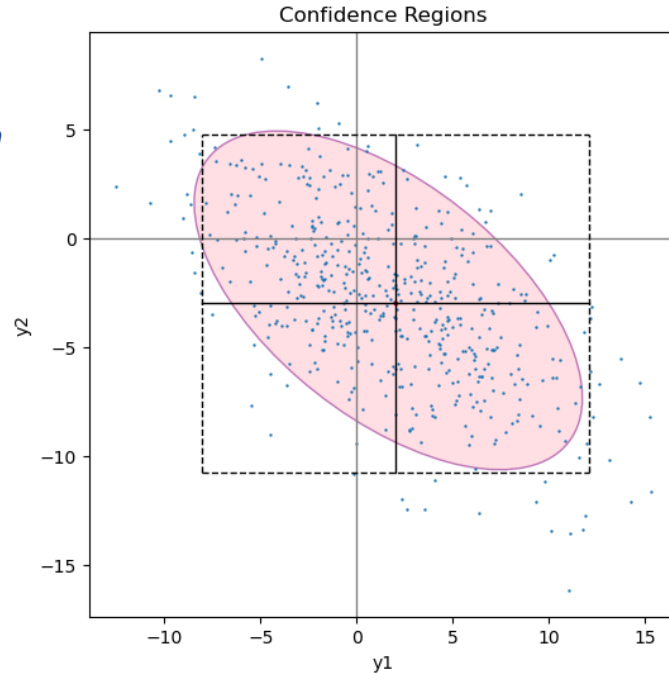
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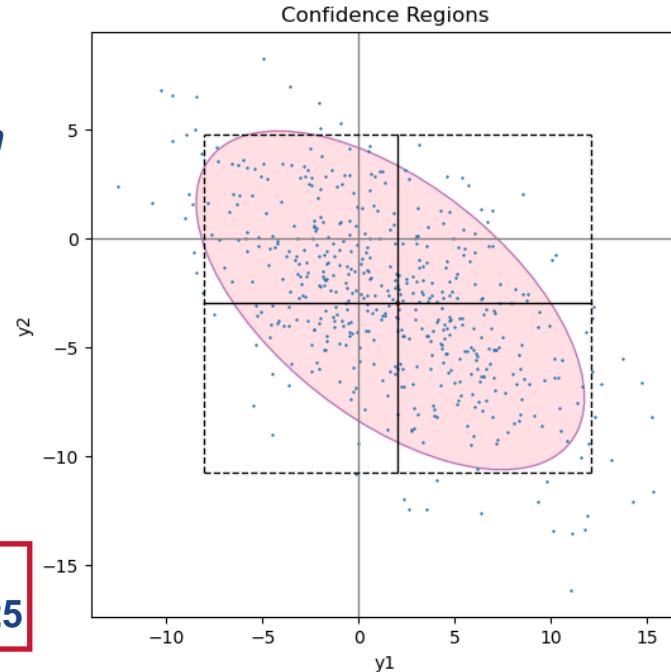
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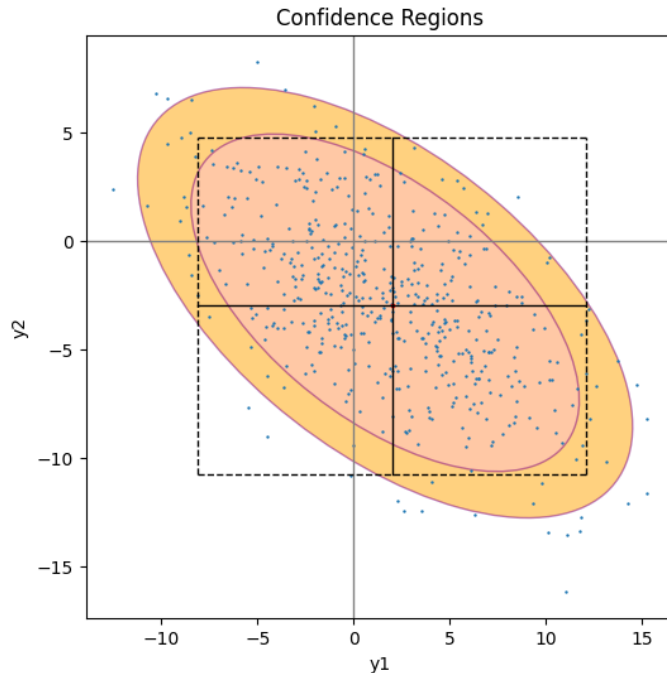
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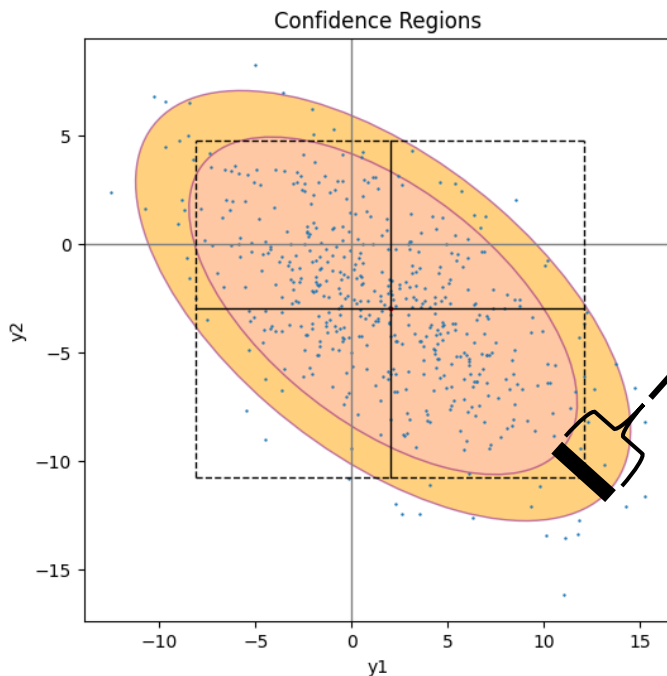
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*How much should I increase the size of the ellipse region ?*

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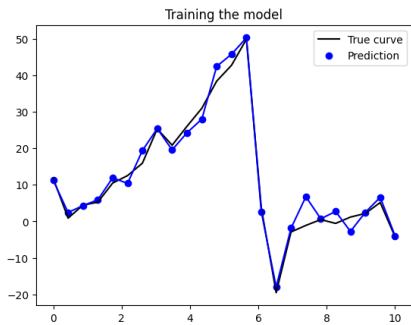
# SPLIT METHOD

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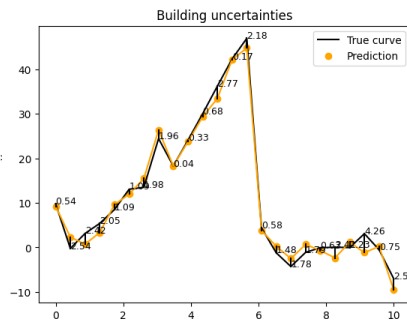
Train 70%

Calibration 20%

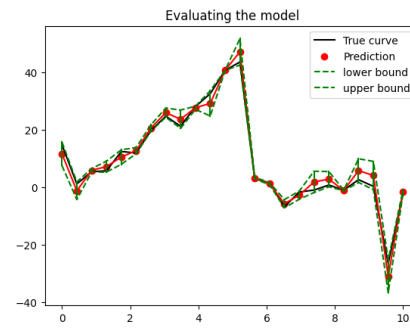
Test 10%



To train the model

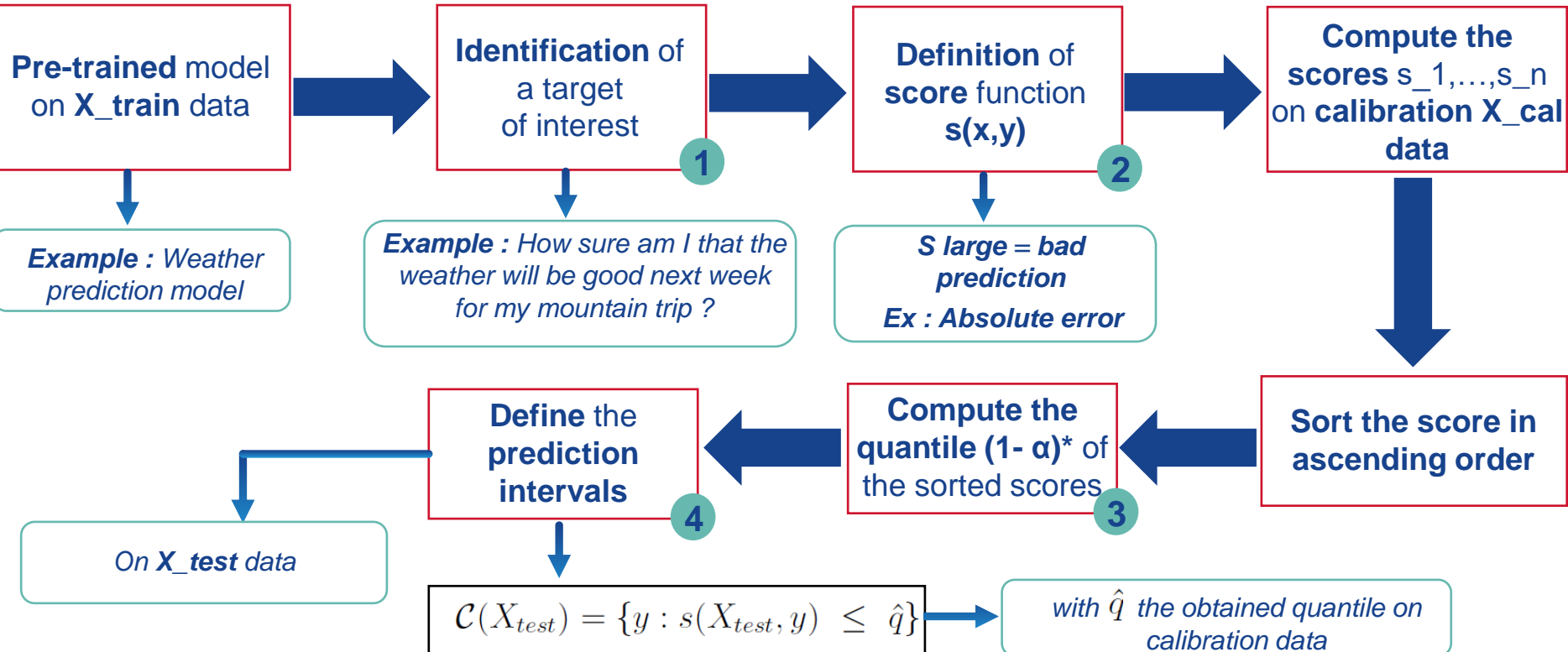


To compute the scores and get the uncertainties



To evaluate model performances and quality of prediction intervals

# HOW DOES IT WORK?



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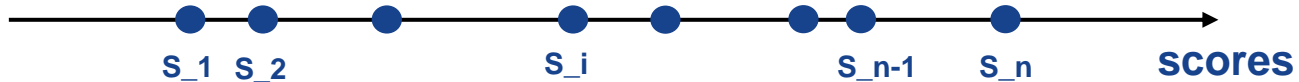
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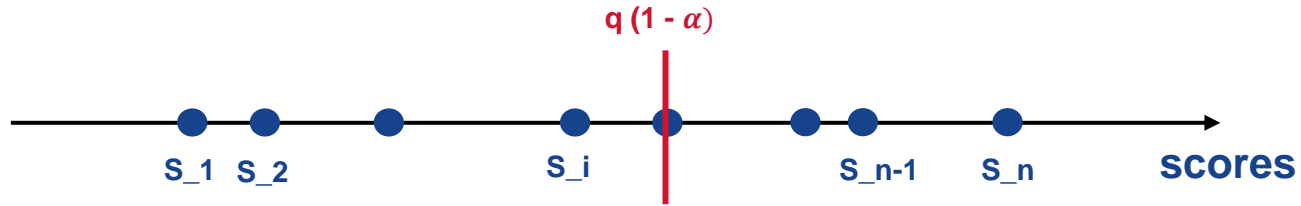


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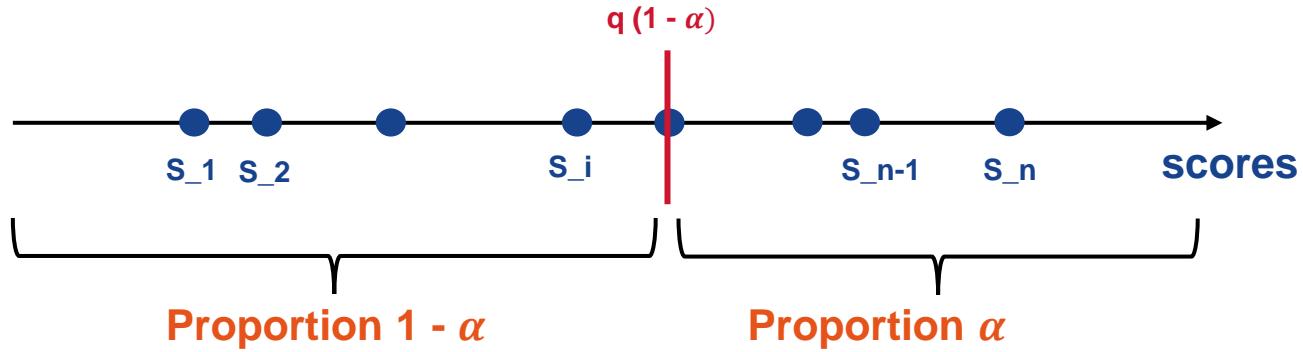


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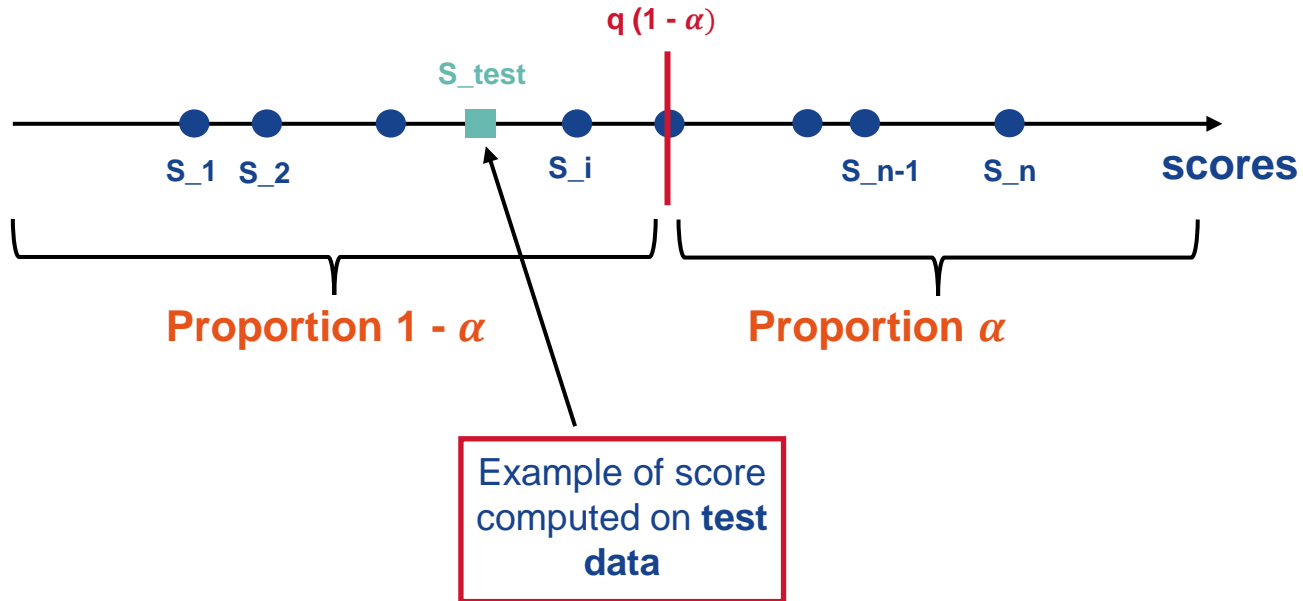
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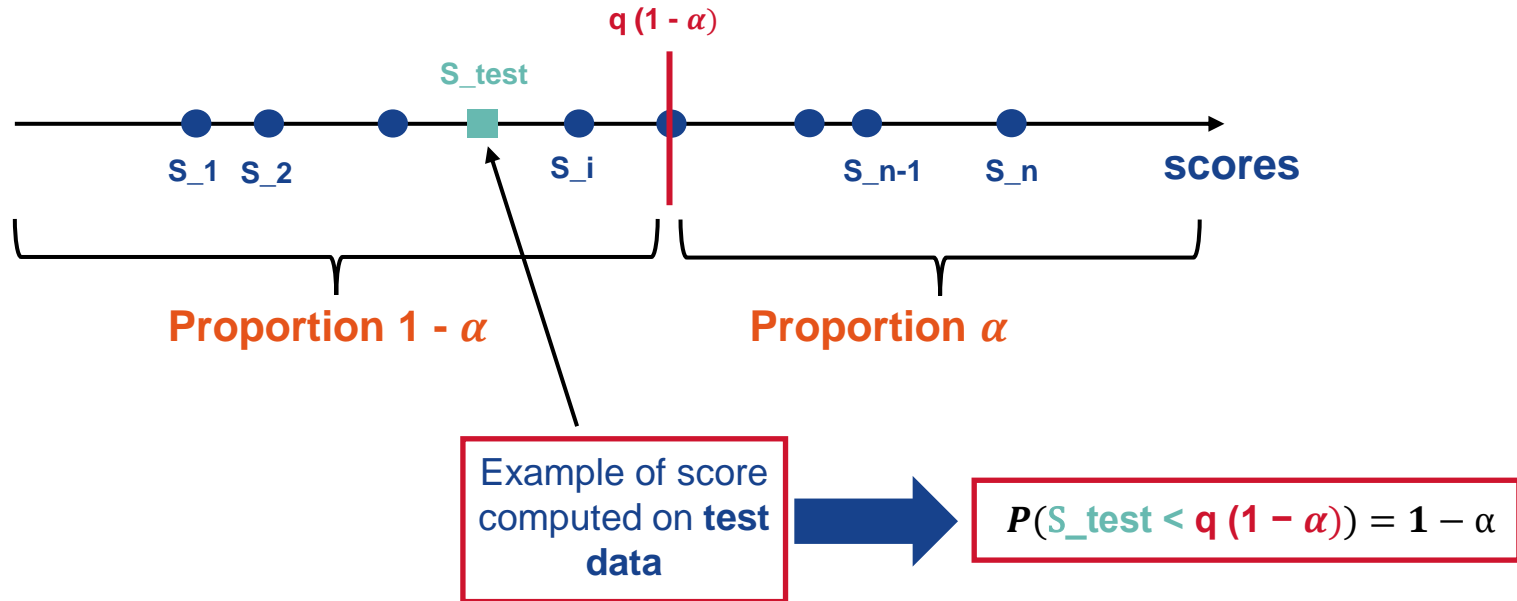
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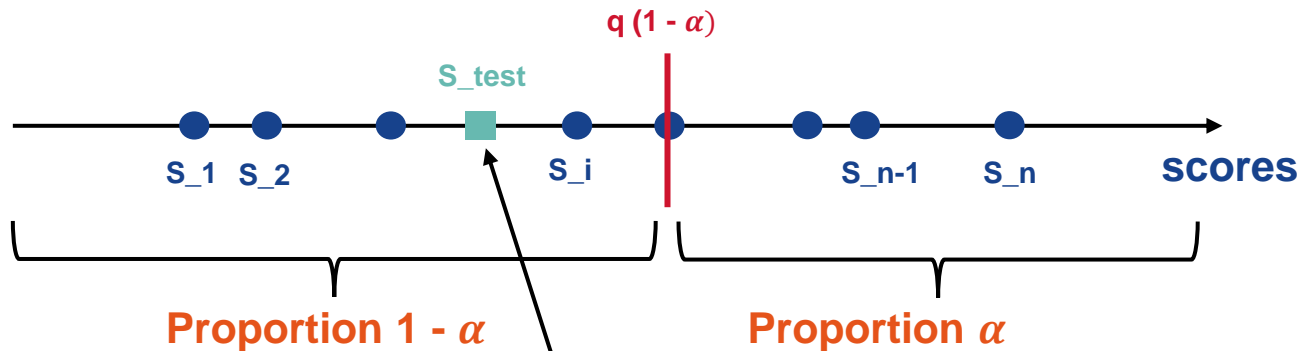


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# CONFORMAL PREDICTION METHOD : BIG PICTURE

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$$C(x) = [f(x) - q(1 - \alpha); f(x) + q(1 - \alpha)]$$

Prediction interval

Example of score  
computed on test  
data

$$P(S_{\text{test}} < q(1 - \alpha)) = 1 - \alpha$$

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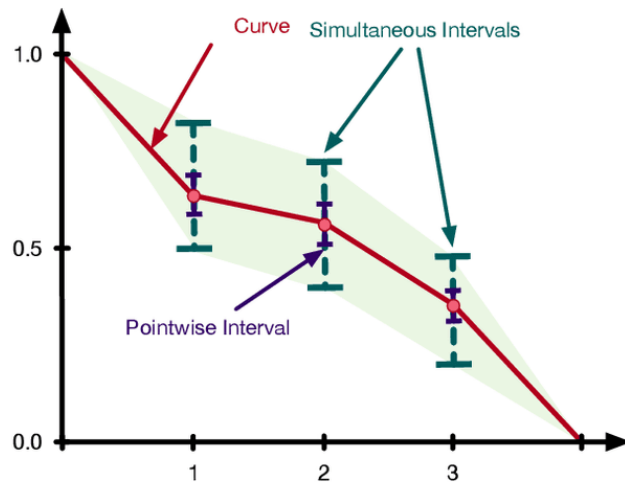
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# OUR BETA- OPTIM METHOD

# PROBLEM : SIMULTANEOUS PREDICTION INTERVAL

## Local vs Global



**One-at-a-time (local)**

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_{test,i} \in \mathcal{C}(X_{test,i})) \geq 1 - \alpha, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$$

**Simultaneous (global)**

$$\mathbb{P}(\forall i \in \{1, \dots, d\}, Y_{test,i} \in \mathcal{C}(X_{test,i})) \geq 1 - \alpha$$

## Presentation

- **Split Method** :

- *Train, Test & Calibration*

- **Score Function**:

- Residual normalized score :

$$\frac{|Y - \hat{\mu}(X)|}{\hat{\sigma}(X)}$$

- **Prediction intervals** :

$$[\hat{\mu}(X) - q(s) * \hat{\sigma}(X), \hat{\mu}(X) + q(s) * \hat{\sigma}(X)]$$

with **q(s)** the **(1 - α)** quantile of the **sorted scores**.

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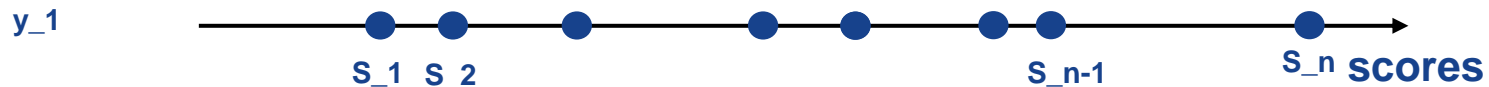
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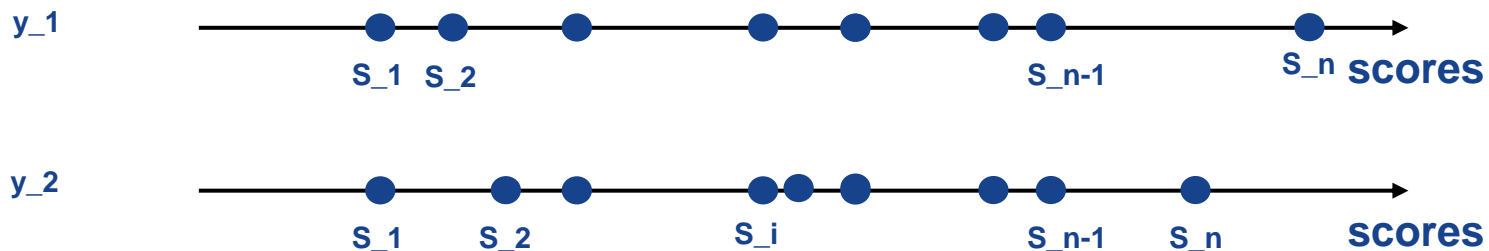
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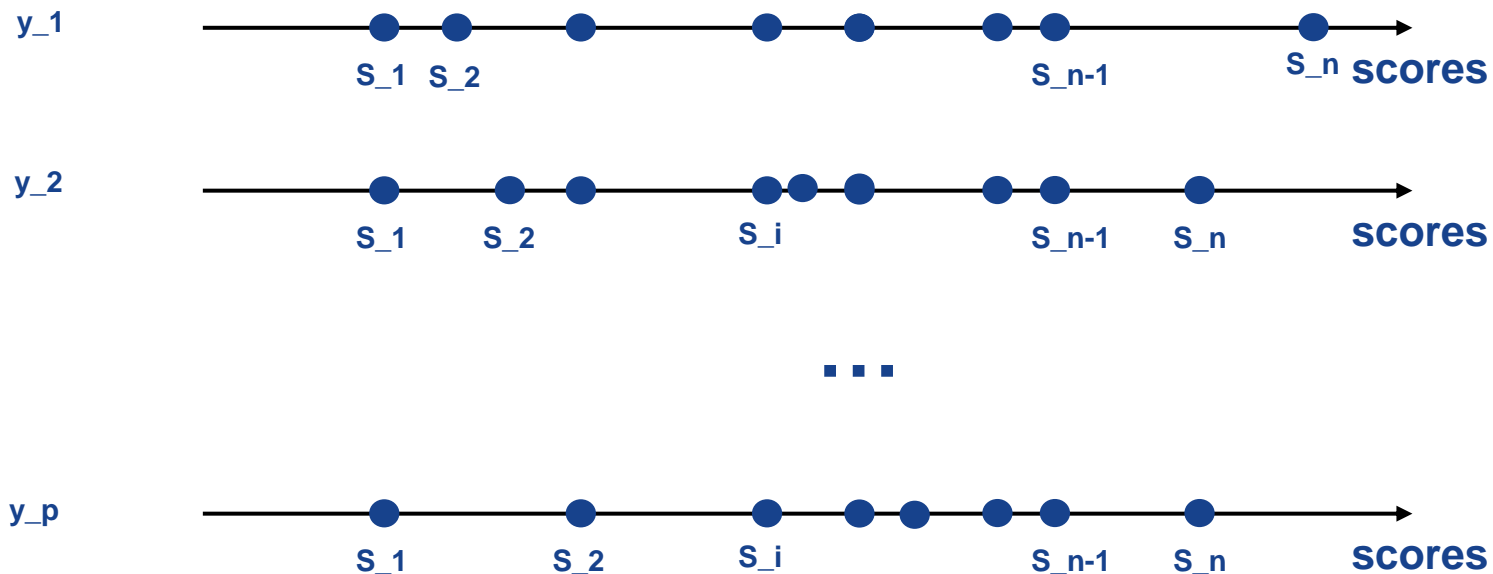
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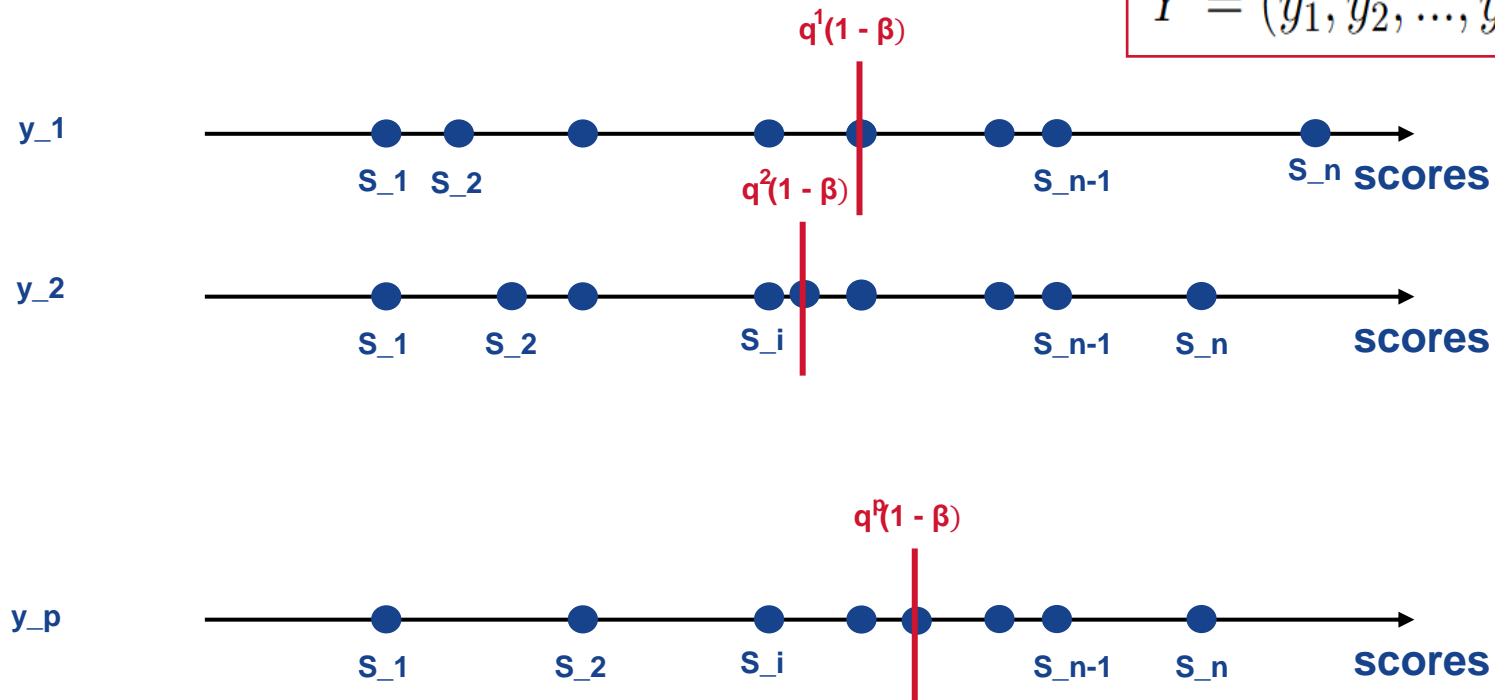
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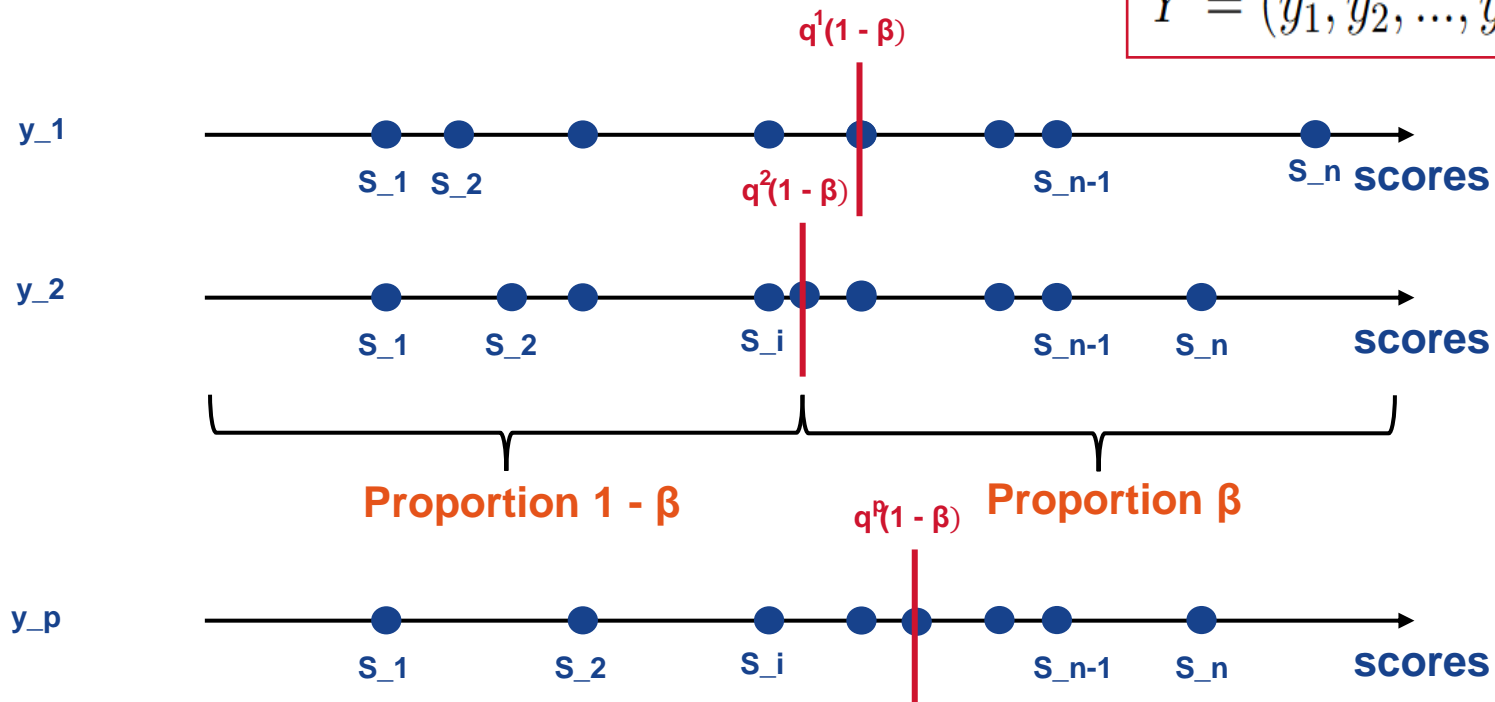
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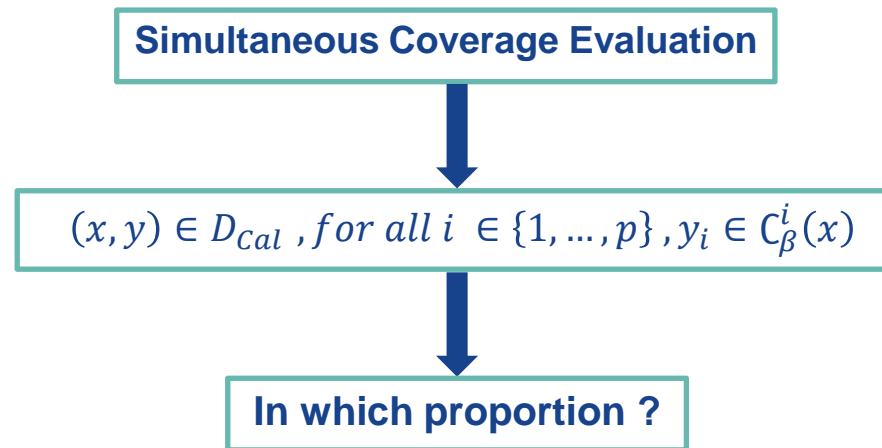
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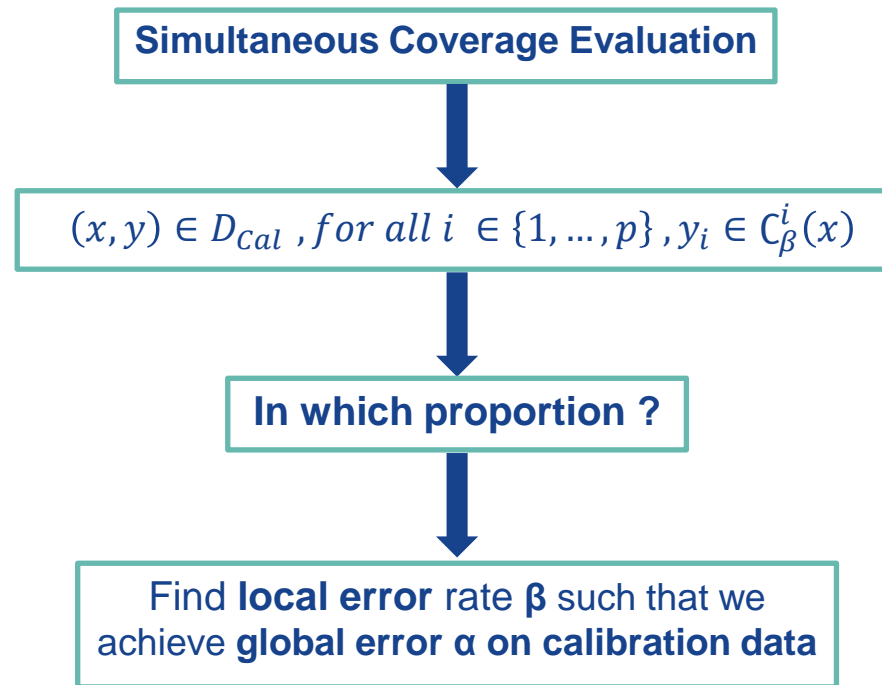
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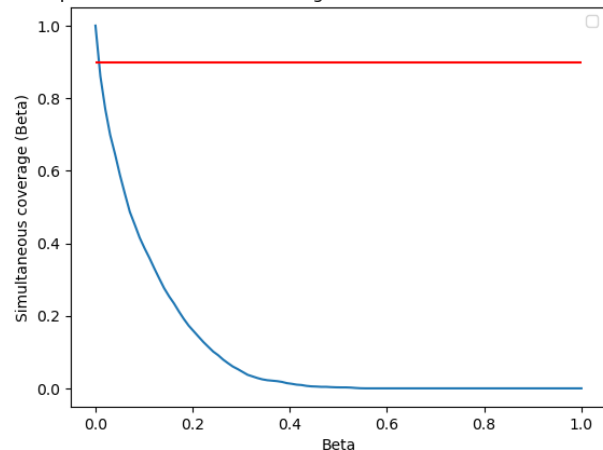
## Objective function

$$\mathcal{J}(\beta) = |\text{simcov}(\beta) - (1 - \alpha)|$$

with

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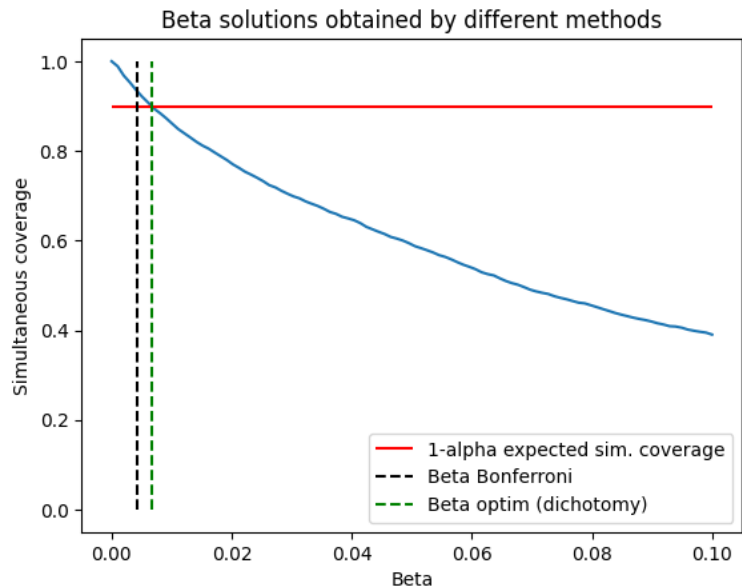
Empirical Simultaneous Coverage Curve Given Local Error Rate Beta



Find **local error rate  $\beta$**  such that we achieve **global error  $\alpha$**  on **calibration data**

# RESULTS

## Results ( $\alpha = 0.1$ )



| Method              | Emp. Sim. Coverage |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Bonferroni          | 0,928              |
| <b>Beta optim</b> ★ | <b>0,909</b>       |

Exact sim. coverage  
achieved !

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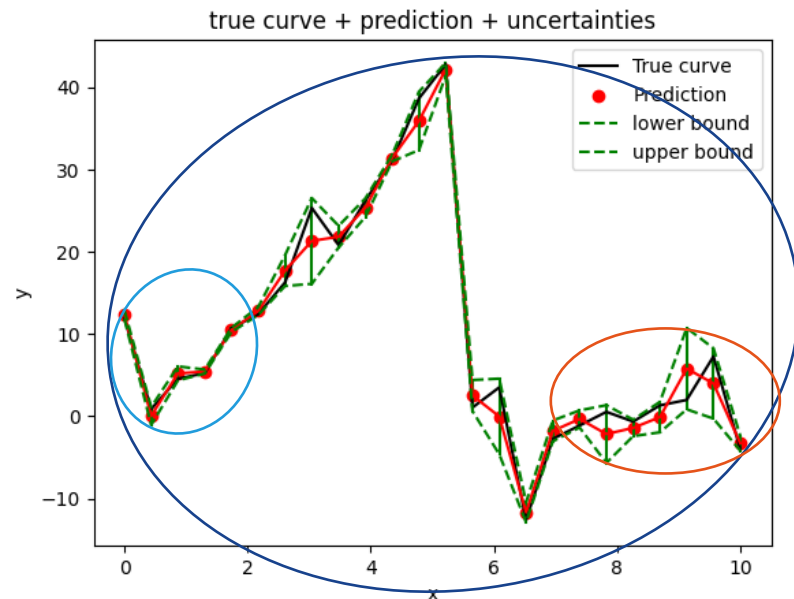
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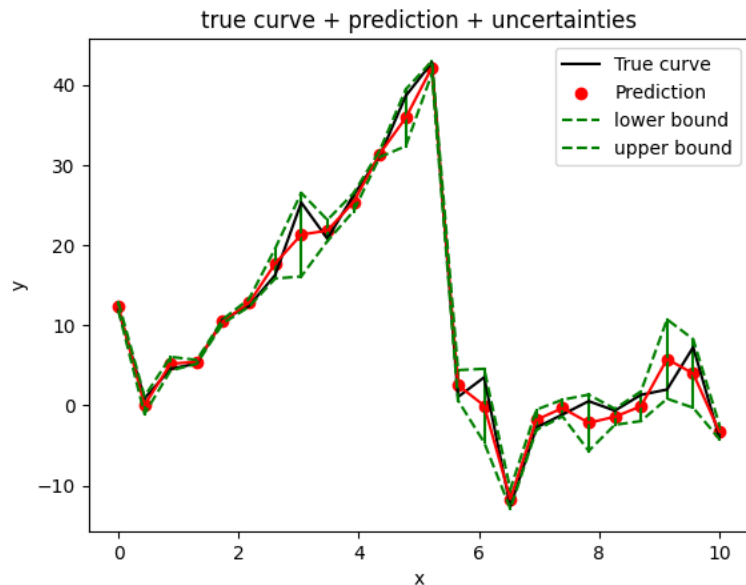
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How to transition from a **pointwise** to a **continuous uncertainty** with our curves ?



Deepen the concept and theoretical results about **adaptativity**

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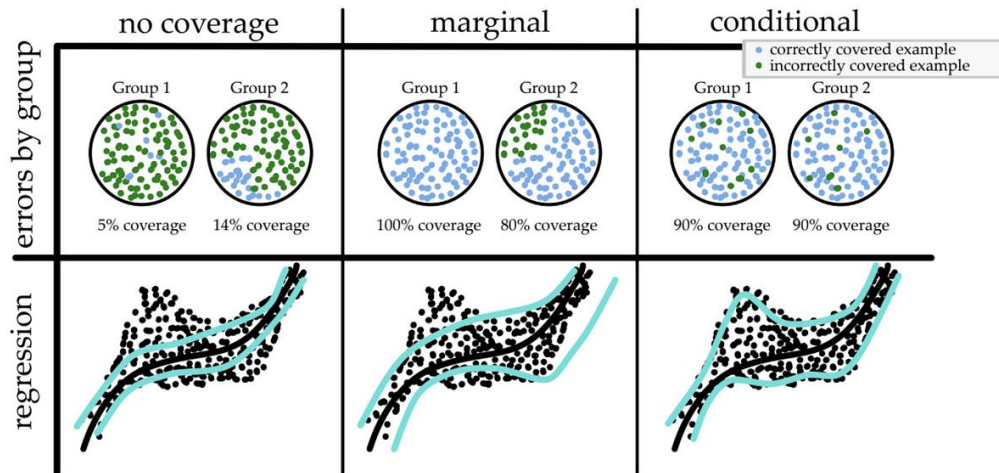
## Conditional coverage

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

I want my prediction interval to be adapted to the input given

## Marginal coverage

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

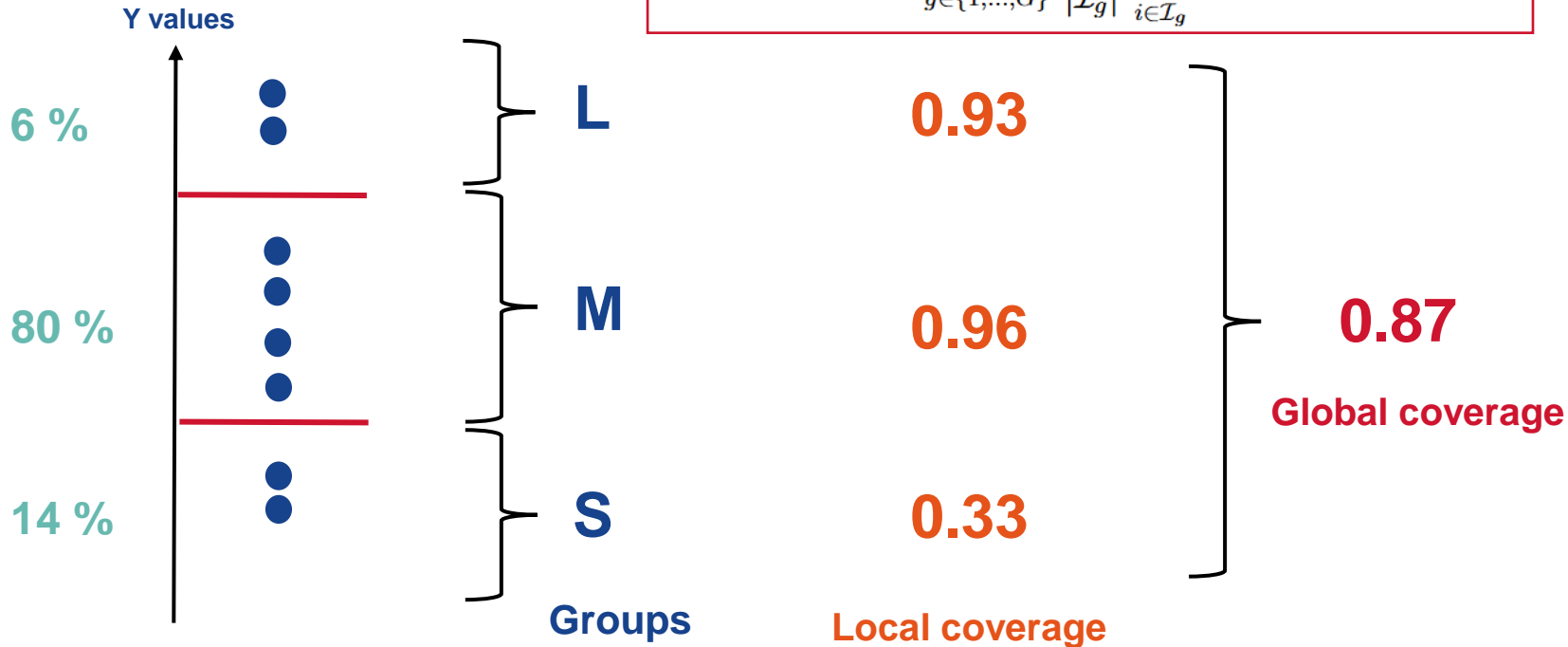


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# CONFORMAL PREDICTION METHOD : BIG PICTURE

- TSC metric:

$$TSC \text{ metric} : \min_{g \in \{1, \dots, G\}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_g|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_g} \mathbb{1}\{Y_i^{(val)} \in \mathcal{C}(X_i^{(val)})\}$$



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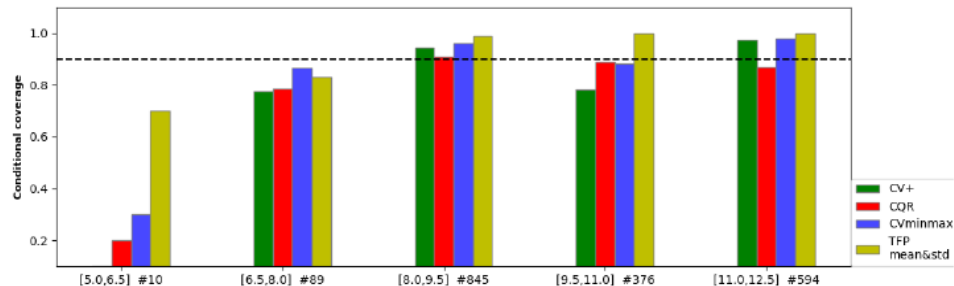
## Target-Stratified Coverage (TSC)

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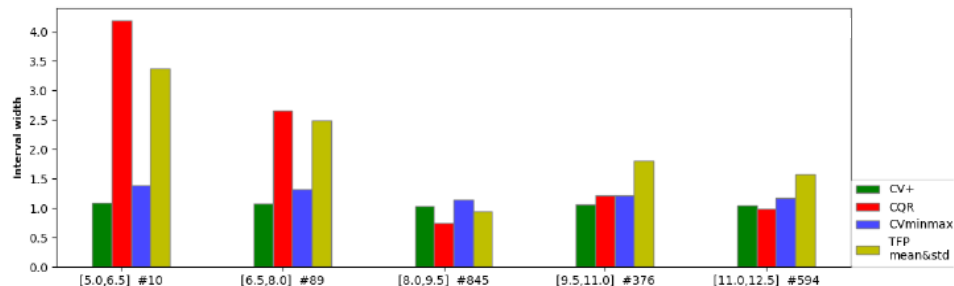
- We build 5 groups {XS, S, M, L, XL} regarding the **magnitude** of the prediction

## Observations:

- **TFP and CQR** are the only method providing **adaptive prediction intervals**
- TFP method is the only one close to the **desired coverage**



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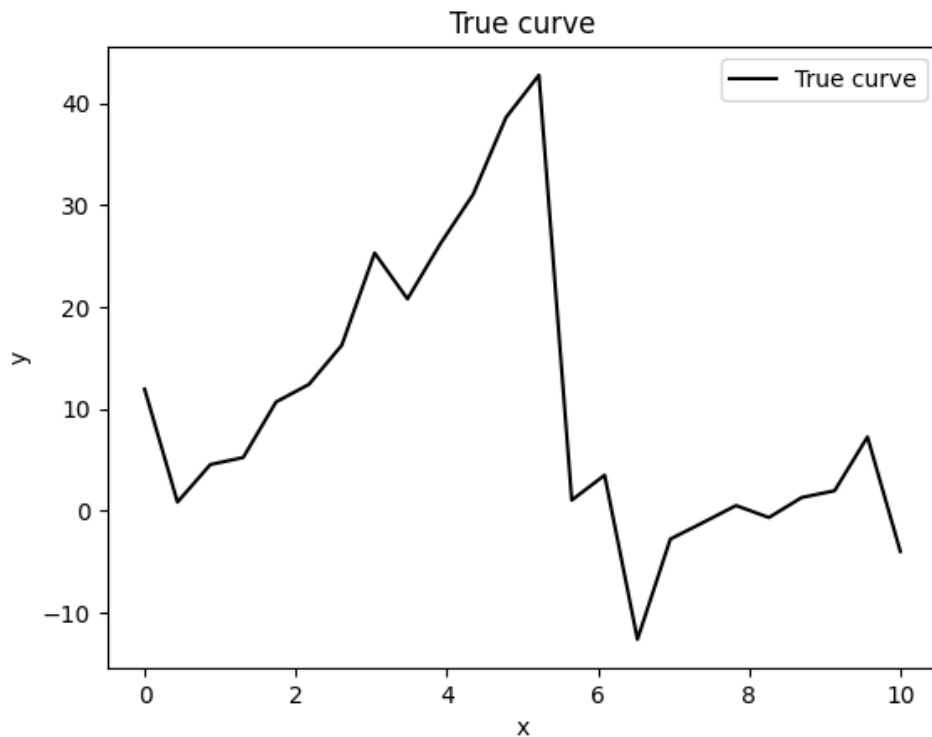


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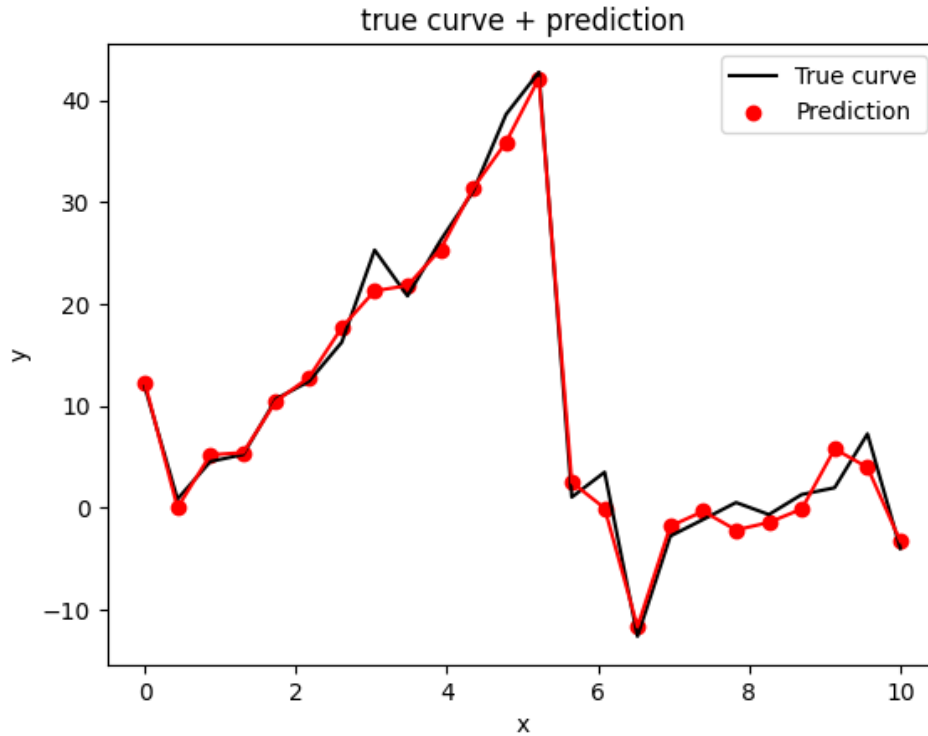
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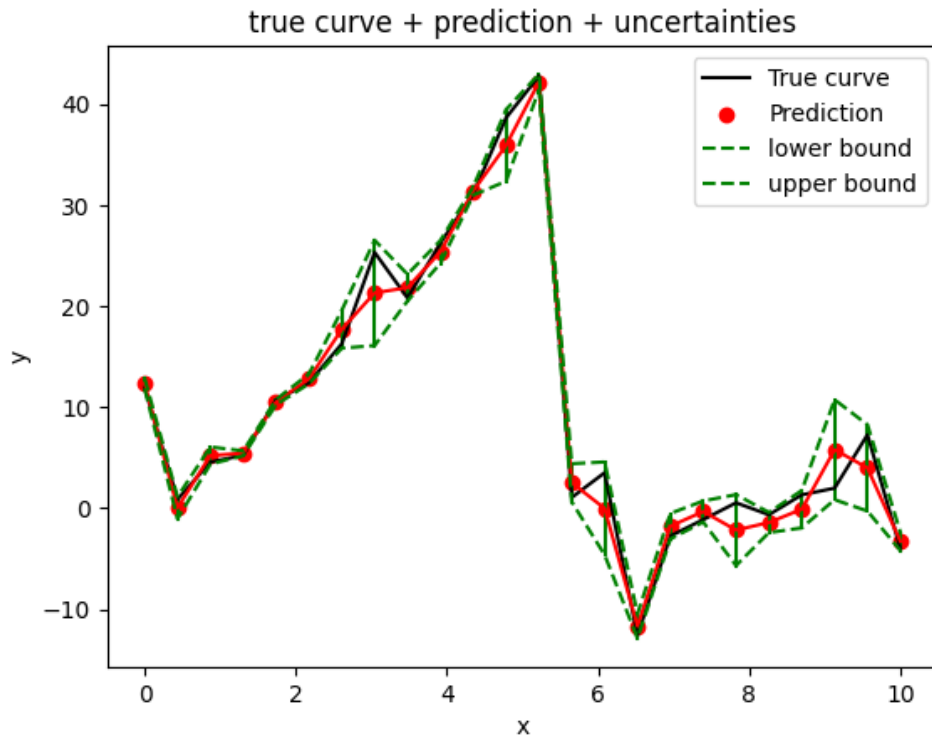


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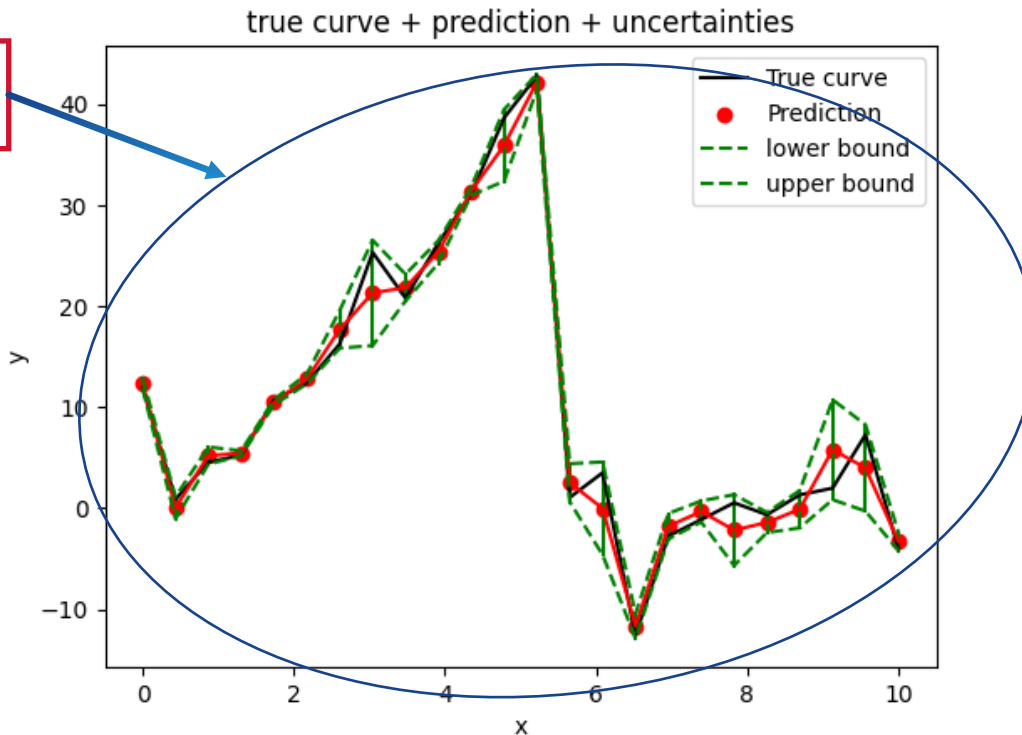
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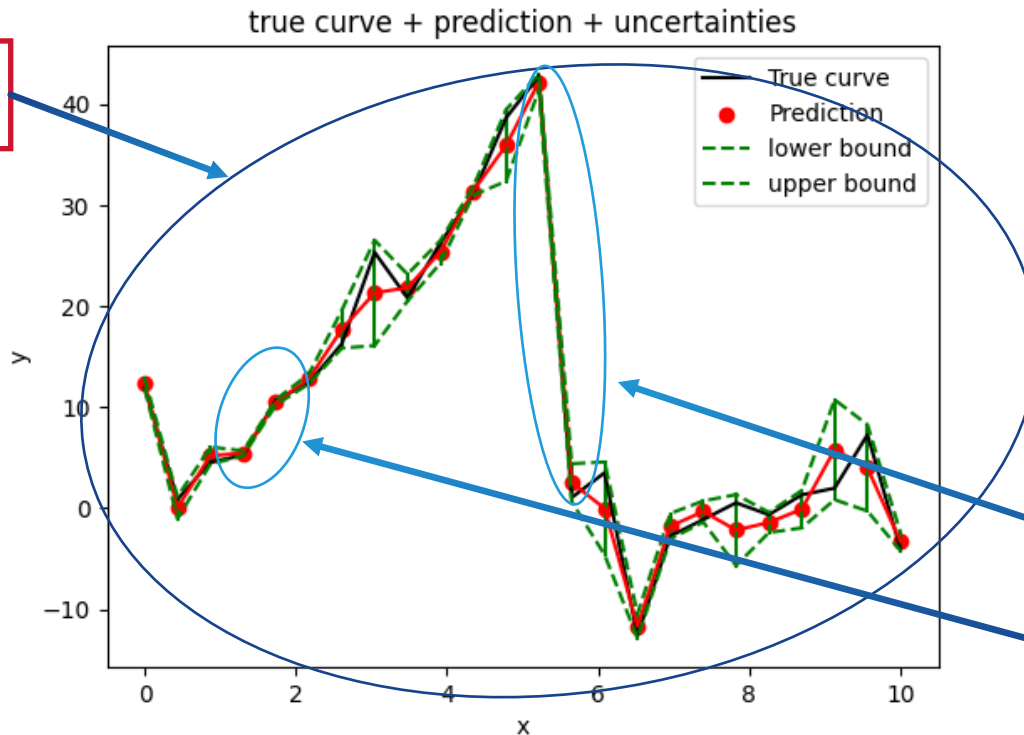


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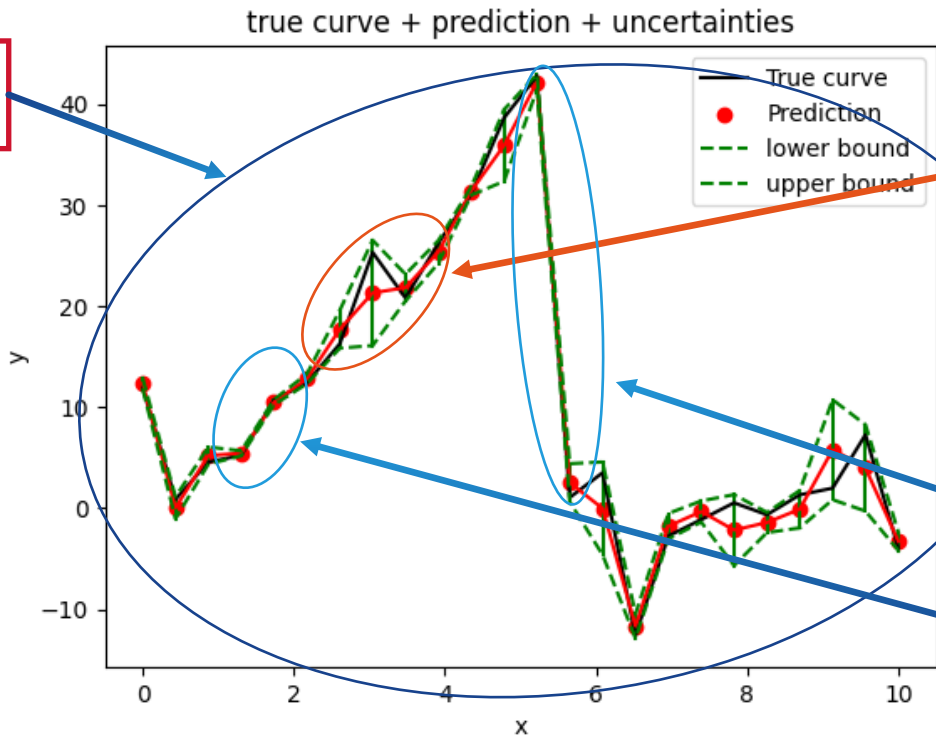


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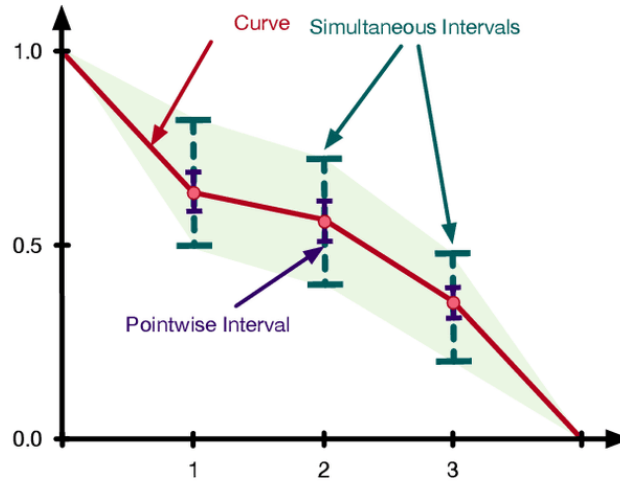
« **Wider** when I am more uncertain »

« **thin** when I am sure »

# APPENDIX BONFERRONI CORRECTION

# PROBLEM : SIMULTANEOUS PREDICTION INTERVAL

## Local vs Global



**One-at-a-time (local)**

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