

# Empirical Optimal Risk to Quantify Failure Detection for Model Trustworthiness

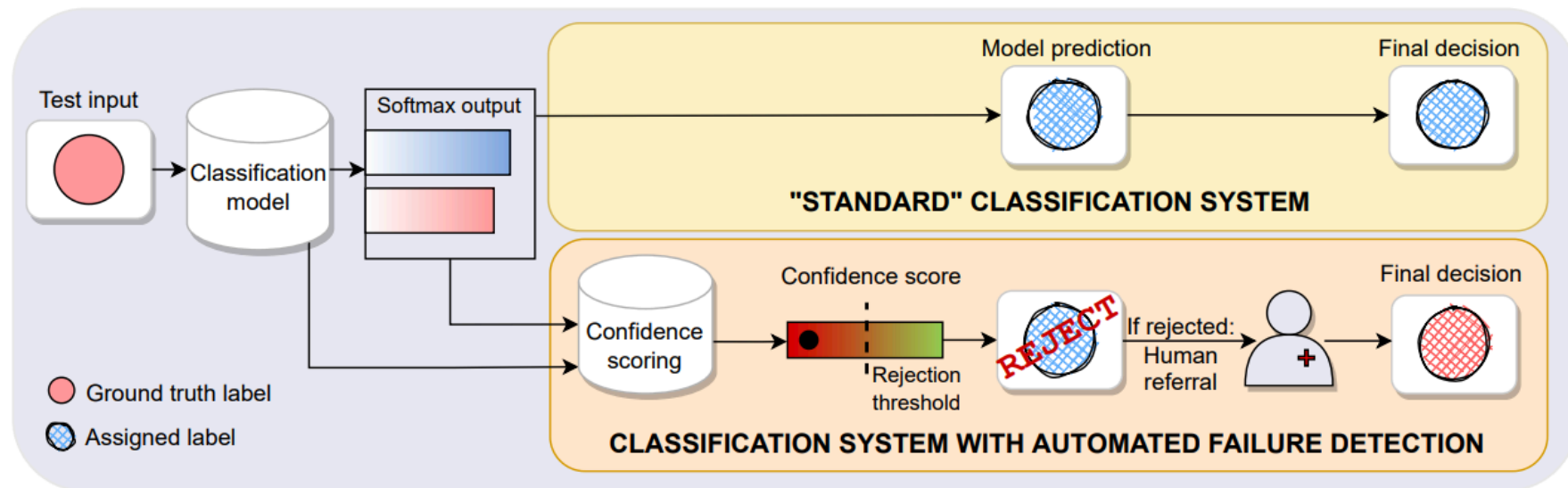
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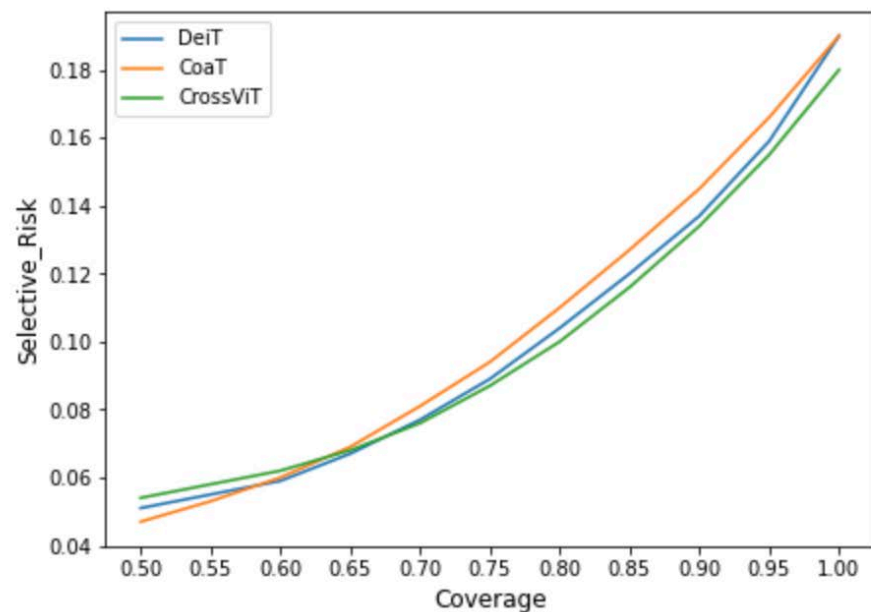
# Motivation



Automatic Failure Detection (FD)

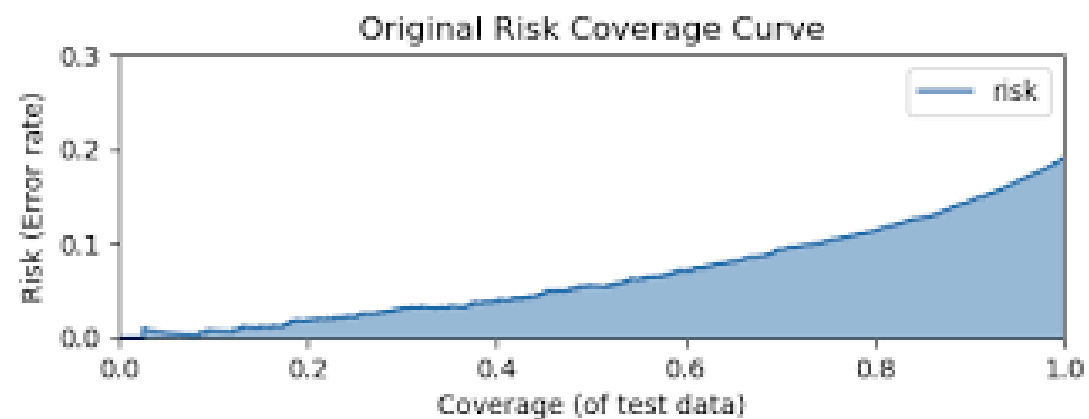
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Qualitative



Risk-Coverage Curve

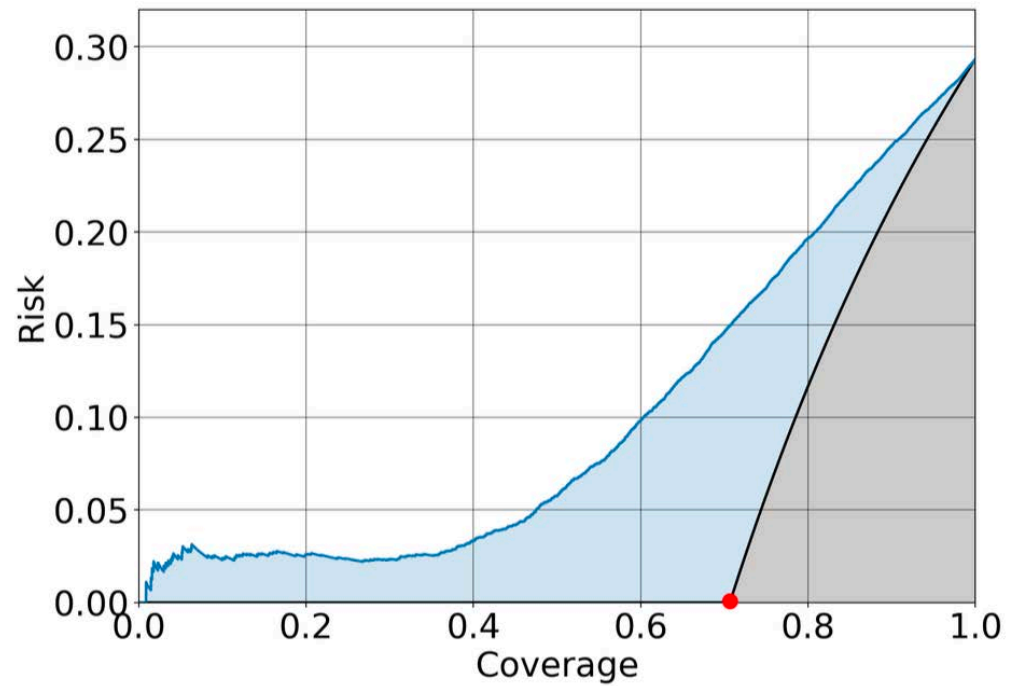
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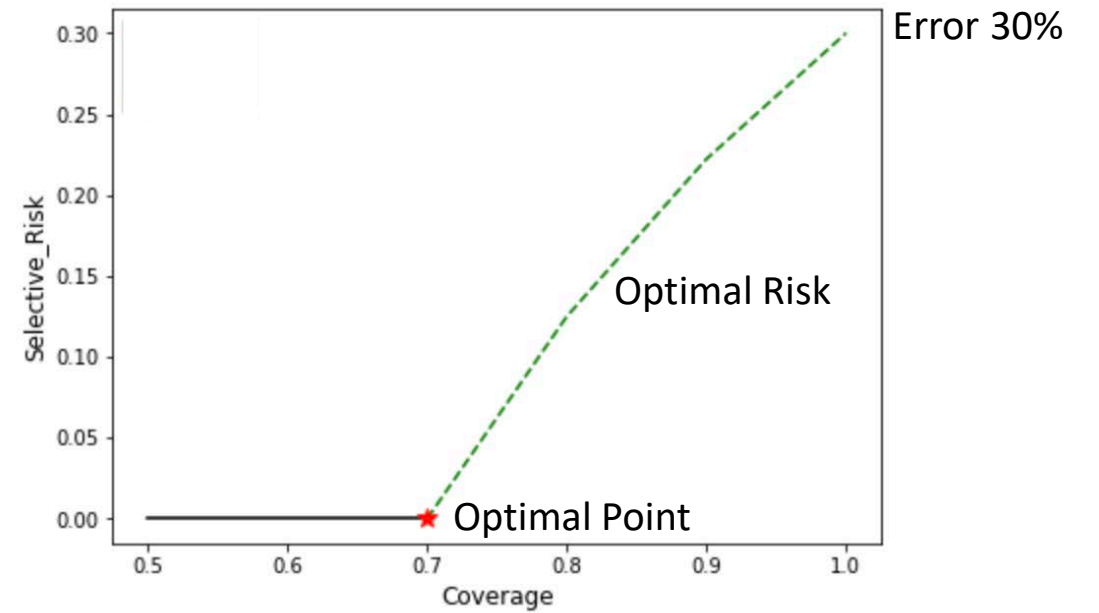
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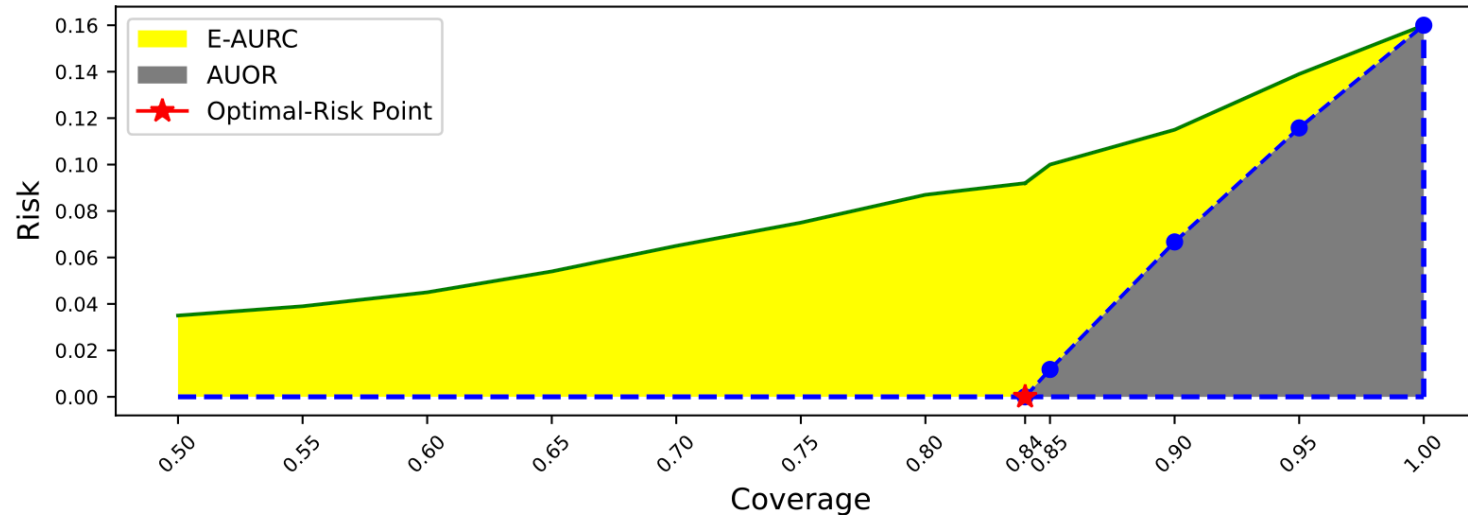
E-AURC



Ideal Risk - Coverage Curve

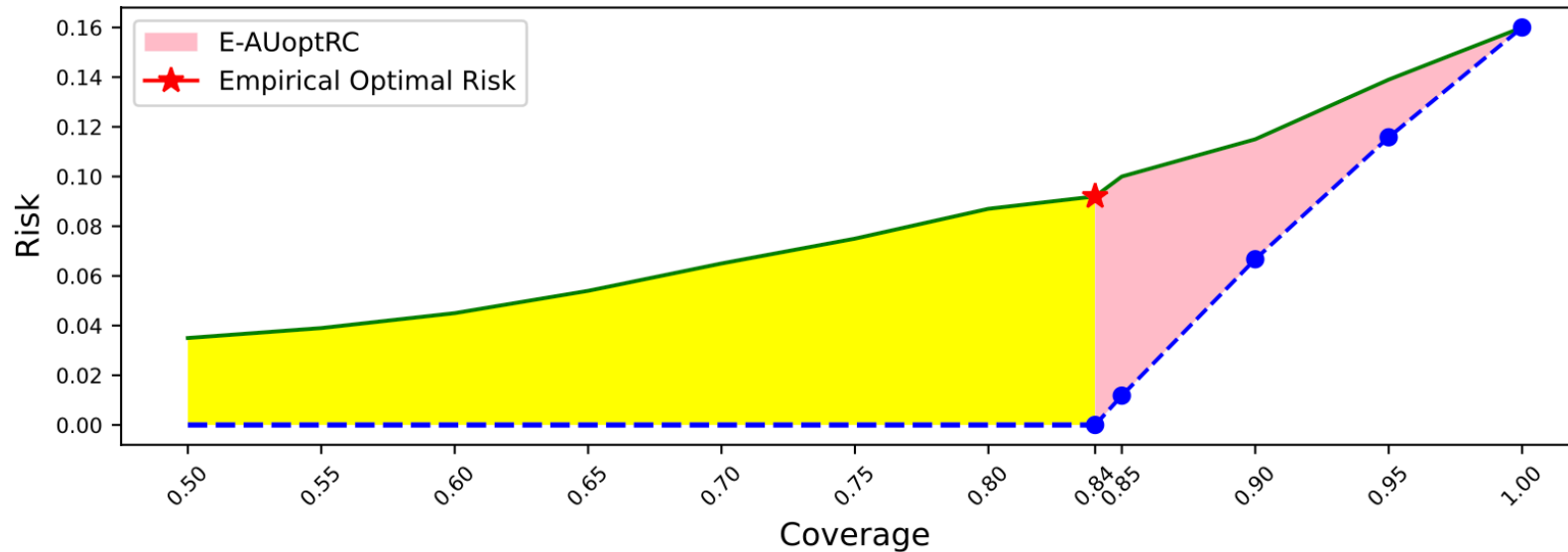


# Limitations of E-AURC



1. With a perfectly calibrated model, samples falling into the coverage from 0 to optimal point are already highly trusted ones.
2. Samples as high uncertainty ones, and the corresponding risk here should be primarily utilised to determine the trustworthiness of the model.

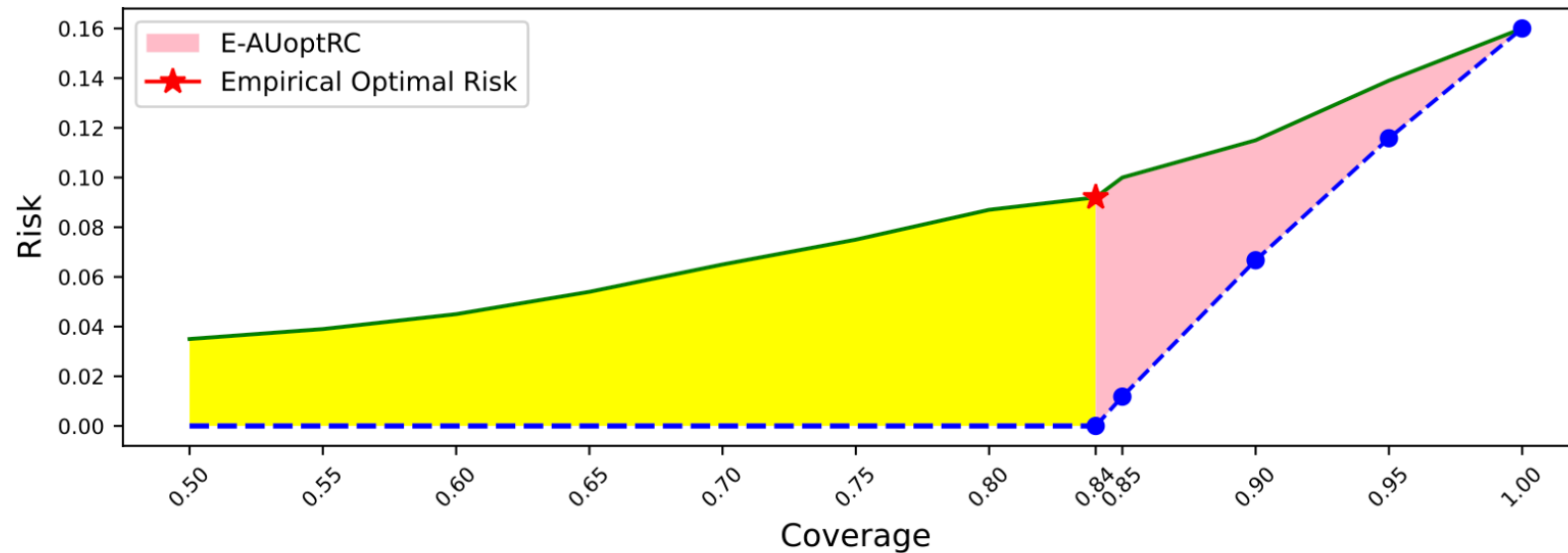
# Proposed Method: E-AUoptRC



$$\text{E-AUoptRC} = \text{E-AURC} - \text{AURC}^{\text{op}}$$

1. It is more important to compare models in the region that errors are made.
2. It is more practical for deployment, as it is unlikely to discard more than half of data in applications;
3. The smaller E-AUoptRC indicates more samples with high uncertainty are successfully removed so that the model prediction on the remaining data will be more reliable.

# Proposed Method: Trust Index (TI)



$$\text{Trust Index (TI)} = 1 - \text{Risk}^{\text{OP}}$$

1. Model accuracy is not enough to show the model performance; higher accuracy does not mean a well-calibrated/trusted model.
2. One way to show both the performance and generalization of the model.
3. TI: complimentary of the model accuracy; showing how much of the model prediction is trusted

# Results

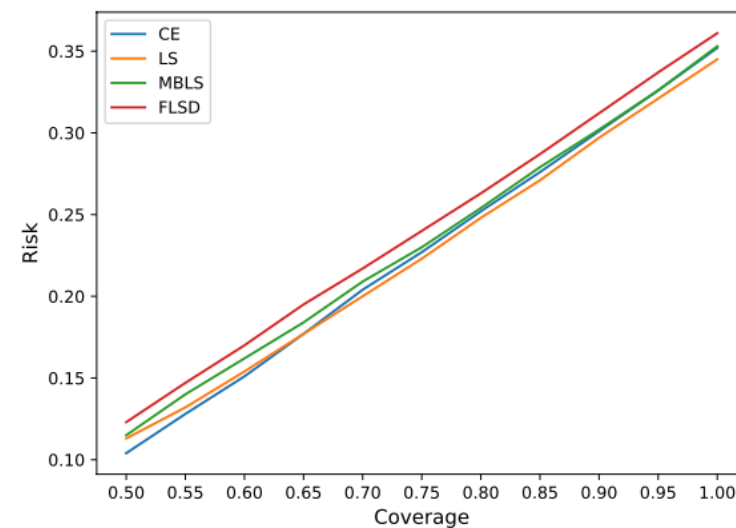
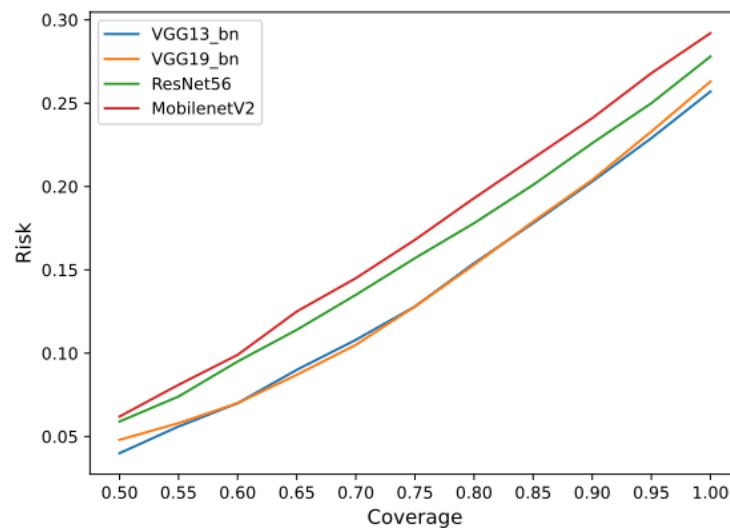
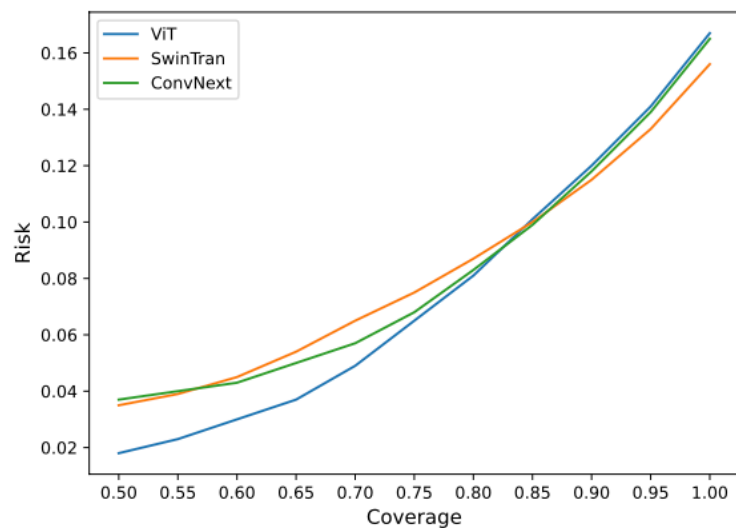
Dataset	Model	AURC	E-AURC	E-AUoptRC	ACC(%)	TI
IN	DenseNet121	93.12	49.13	15.13	71.84	0.856
	EfficientNet	108.34	75.71	14.81	75.57	0.847
	ViT	40.2	25.34	6.45	83.26	0.906
	SwinTran	53.9	41.03	6.53	84.39	0.901
	CaiT	58.29	42.92	6.64	82.99	0.903
	CrossViT	73.87	56.47	7.79	81.93	0.894
	ConvNext	56.62	42.13	6.38	83.46	0.906
CF100	VGG13_bn	75.22	38.96	12.49	74.31	0.873
	VGG19_bn	83.38	45.25	11.77	73.69	0.886
	ResNet56	90.52	47.8	15.02	72.23	0.857
	MobileNetV2	96.06	48.37	16.41	70.75	0.851

1. E-AUoptRC reveals the real failure detection performance;
2. AURC and E-AURC are unable to show the true FD by calculating full coverage.



# Results

Method	AURC	E-AURC	E-AUoptRC	ACC(%)	TI	ECE(%)	ECE_OP(%)
CE	128.71	57.94	22.13	64.82	0.821	3.76	4.25
LS	131.54	63.51	21.98	65.46	0.824	2.8	2.04
MBLS	135.39	64.27	22.78	64.74	0.817	1.87	0.92
FL	146.42	68.61	25.05	63.24	0.807	3.1	3.53
FLSD	139.72	64.85	23.91	63.89	0.812	2.8	2.49



# Take Home Message

- E-AUoptRC is able to **reveal** the real capability of failure detection in a model.
- Trust Index indicates both model accuracy and **calibration**, which is a complementary of conventional accuracy metric.
- These metrics will further help to investigate the **threshold selection** for failure detection.

Thank You!

# Preliminary – Optimal Risk

Sample size: 100

70 correct predicted

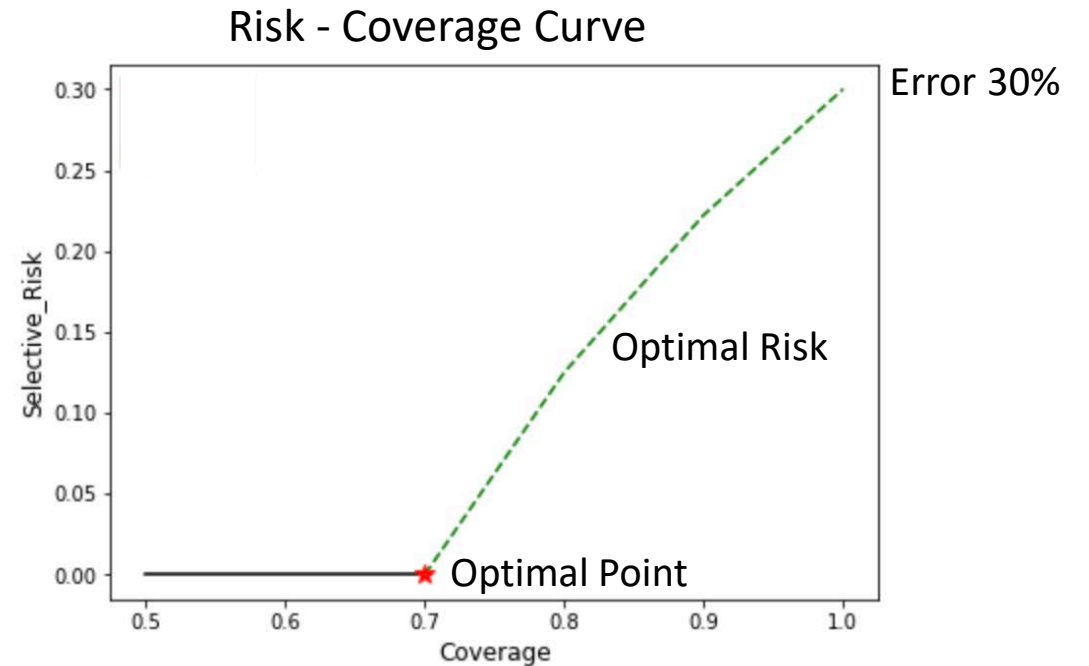
30 wrong predicted

Accuracy: 70%

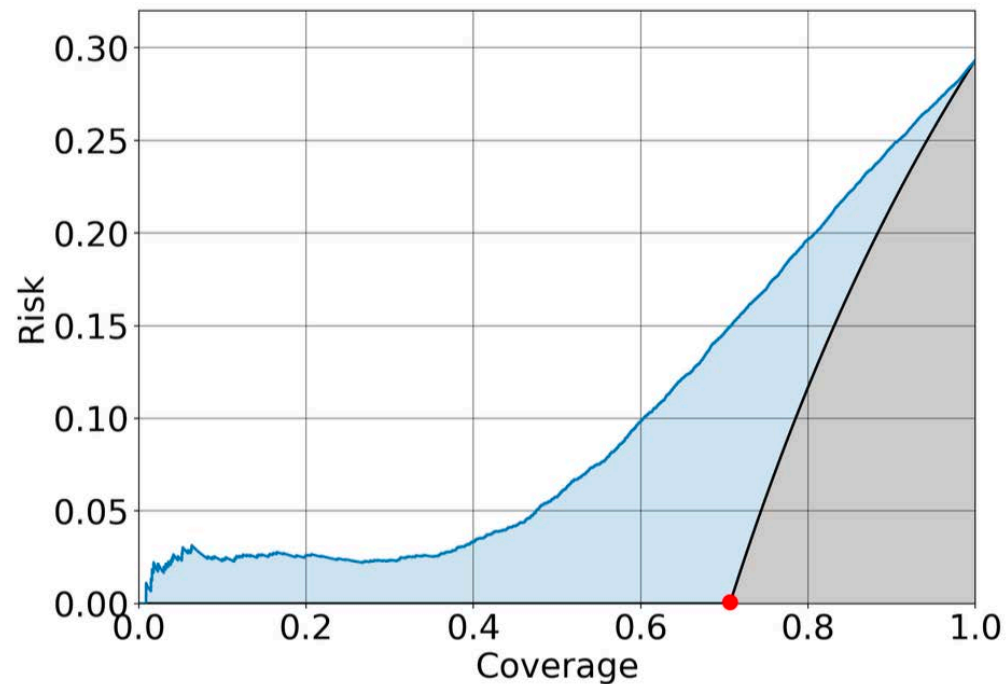
Error: 30%

In ideal situation:

Coverage	Error
<b>0.7</b>	0/70
0.8	10/80
0.9	20/90
1	30/100



# Excess AURC (E-AURC)



AURC: area under risk-coverage curve  
(blue+grey area)

Normalized AURC: Unitless performance  
measure (grey area)

Excess-AURC (E-AURC): AURC - Normalized  
AURC

Optimal point (op) : red dot

# Trust Index (TI)

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## Example:

Sample size: 1000

Model accuracy: 80%

After removing err% of data:

Accuracy at op: 0.9

TI for model: 0.9

Indication 0.9 of model prediction is trusted