

# *Learning Maximum Excluding Ellipsoids In Unbalanced Scenarios With Theoretical Guarantees*

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# The Minimum Including Ball Problem

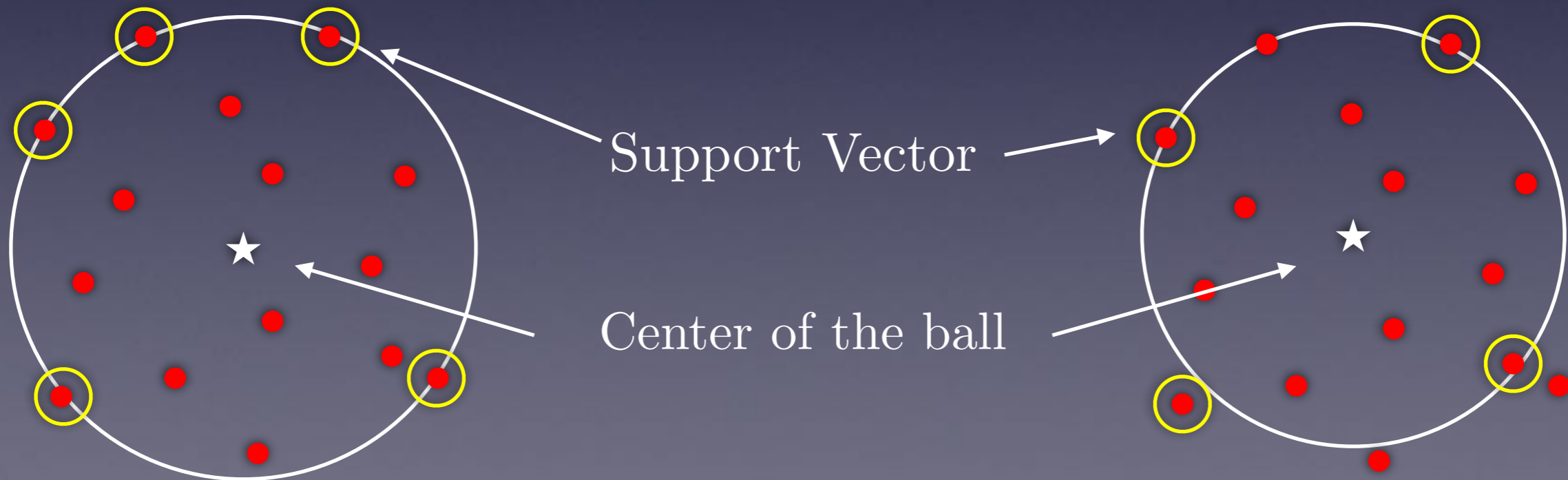
Given a set of  $n$  unlabelled points, find the center  $c$  and the smallest radius  $R$  of the ball that includes the data. [Tax & Duin (2004)]

$$\min_{\mathbf{c}, R} R^2 + \frac{\mu}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

$$s.t. \quad \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}\| \leq R + \xi_i, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

Hard Inclusion ( $\xi_i = 0$ )

Soft Inclusion ( $\xi_i \geq 0$ )

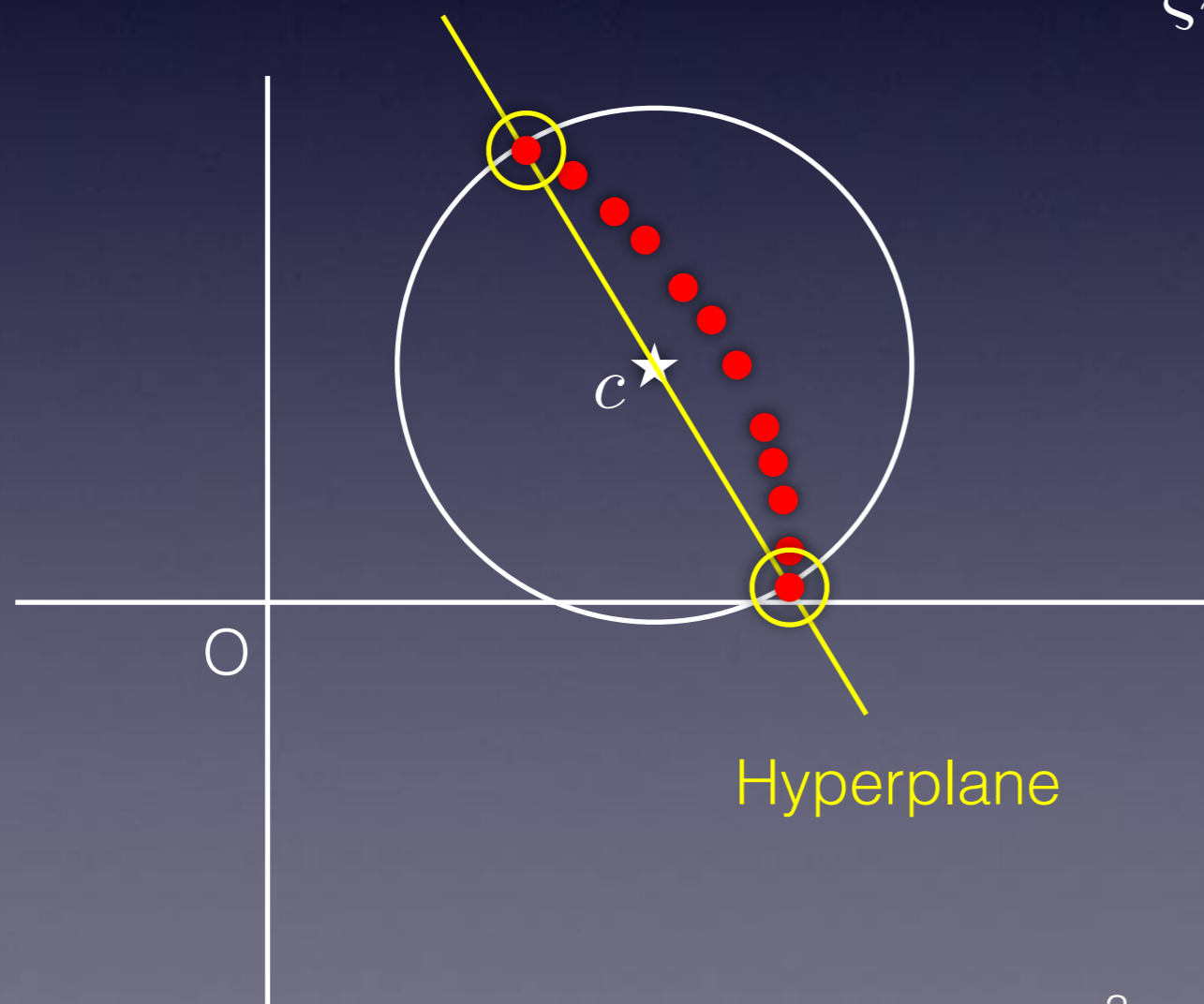


# MEB and One class SVM

$$\mathbf{c}, \xi_i, \rho \underset{\min}{\quad} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{c}\|^2 + \frac{1}{\nu n} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i - \rho - \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2$$

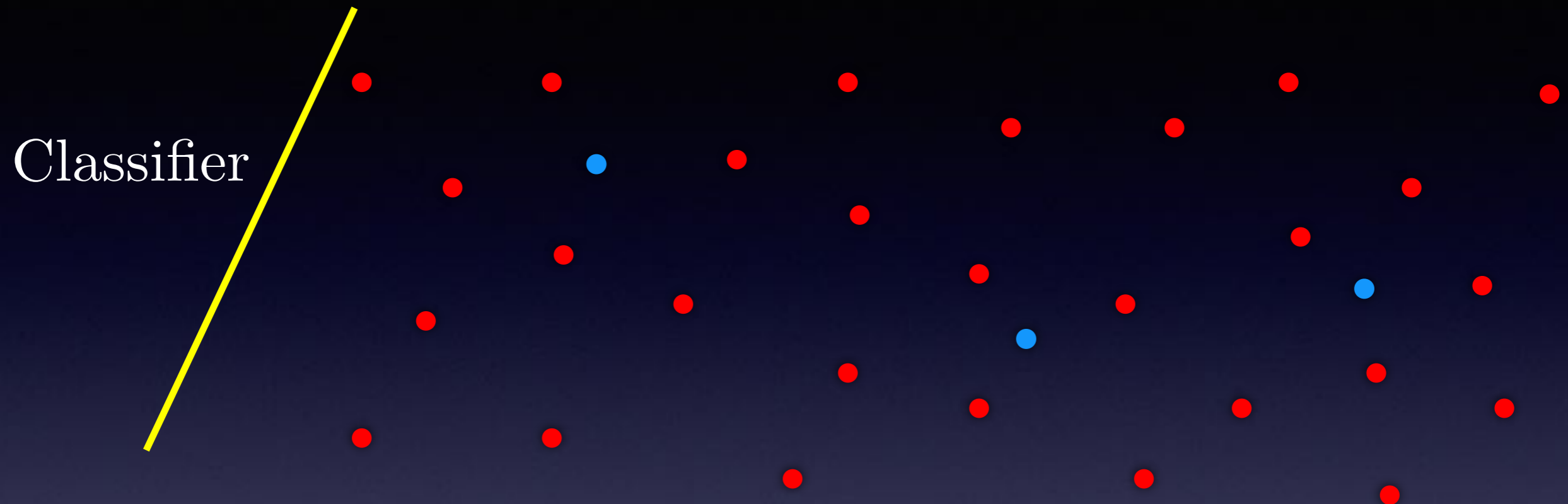
$$s.t. \quad \mathbf{c}^T \mathbf{x}_i \geq \rho + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}_i\|^2 - \xi_i$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0$$



Belonging in the sphere  
is equivalent  
being over the hyperplane  
when  $\|\mathbf{x}_i\|$  is constant

# Anomaly / Fraud detection: towards a Maximum Excluding Ball problem



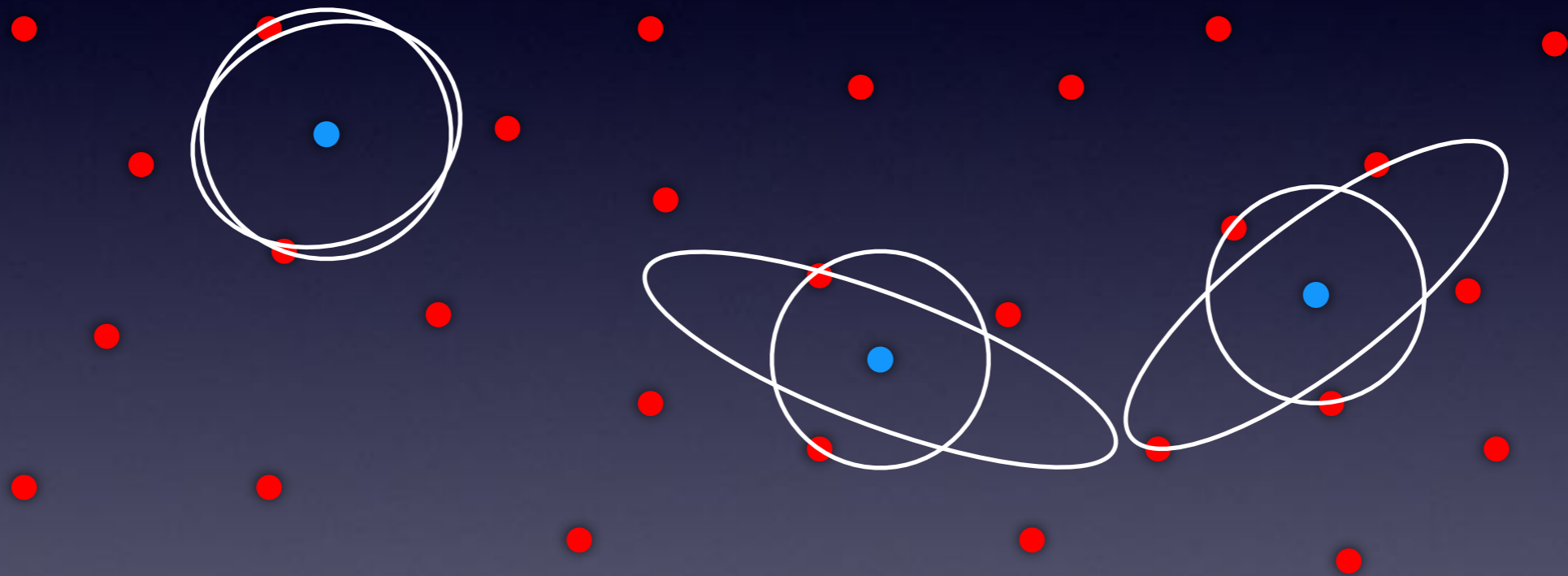
Maximizing the accuracy is inappropriate.  
More relevant criteria:

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F_{\beta} = \frac{(1 + \beta^2) Precision \cdot Recall}{\beta^2 \cdot Precision + Recall}$$

# A Metric Learning-based approach



From excluding balls to learned excluding ellipsoids

⇒ The Maximum Excluding Ellipsoid ( $ME^2$ ) algorithm

# Key Properties of $ME^2$

- center of ellipsoids no more learned (positive data)
- negative examples used to learn ellipsoids
- one ellipsoid per positive instance
- use of a Mahalanobis like metric learning approach:

$$\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})^T \mathbf{M} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c})$$

s.t.  $\mathbf{M}$  is PSD.

$ME^2$  comes with a cheap way to get the positive definiteness of  $\mathbf{M}$ .

# The $ME^2$ Algorithm

Given a set of  $n$  negative and  $p$  positive examples i.i.d. according to a joint distribution  $\mathcal{D}$  over  $\mathbb{R}^d \times \{-1, +1\}$ .

For all positive example  $c$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{R, \mathbf{M}, \xi} \quad & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i + \mu(B - R)^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I}\|_F^2, \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2 \geq R - \xi_i, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \\ & \xi_i \geq 0, \\ & B \geq R \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$R$  radius of the ellipsoid

$\mathbf{M}$   $d \times d$  matrix

$\xi$  slack variables

$B$  bound on ellipsoid's size

$\mu$  controls ellipsoid's size

$\lambda$  controls distortion w.r.t. to a ball

# Dual Formulation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{\alpha, \beta, \delta} \quad & \alpha^T \left( \frac{1}{4\lambda} \mathbf{G}' + \frac{1}{4\mu} \mathbf{U}_{d \times d} \right) \alpha + \frac{\beta^2}{4\mu} + \frac{\delta^2}{4\mu} + \\
 & \alpha^T \left( \text{diag}(\mathbf{G}) - \left( B + \frac{\beta}{2\mu} - \frac{\delta}{2\mu} \right) \mathbf{U}_d \right) + \beta \left( B - \frac{\delta}{2\mu} \right), \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \\
 & \beta, \delta \geq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{G}$  is the Gram matrix and  $\mathbf{G}'$  is the Hadamard product of  $\mathbf{G}$  with itself.  $\mathbf{U}_d$  (respectively  $\mathbf{U}_{d \times d}$ ) represents a vector of length  $d$  (respectively a matrix of size  $d \times d$ ) where entries are equal to 1.



# About the Dual Formulation

- Easier to solve, only depends on the number of positive instances.
- Gives an explicit expression of both Radius  $R$  and Similarity  $\mathbf{M}$

$$R = \frac{\beta - \delta + 2\mu B - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i}{2\mu}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{2\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c})^T$$

- Last equality shows that  $\mathbf{M}$  is **PSD**.

# Theoretical Guarantees derived from $ME^2$

# Theoretical Results

Uniform Stability [O.Bousquet & A.Elisseeff (2002)]

## Definition

A learning algorithm has a uniform stability in  $\frac{\beta}{n}$  respect to a loss function  $\ell$  and a parameter set  $\theta$ , with  $\beta$  a positive constant if:

$$\forall S, \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n, \sup_{\mathbf{x}} |\ell(\theta_S, \mathbf{x}) - \ell(\theta_{S^i}, \mathbf{x})| \leq \frac{\beta}{n}.$$

where  $S^i$  corresponds to  $S$  after the replacement of one example drawn according to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\delta > 0$  and  $n > 1$ . For any algorithm with uniform stability  $\beta/n$ , using a loss function bounded by  $K$ , with probability  $1 - \delta$  over the random draw of  $S$ :

$$L(\theta_S) \leq \hat{L}_S(\theta_S) + \frac{2\beta}{n} + (4\beta + K) \sqrt{\frac{\ln 1/\delta}{2n}},$$

where  $L(\cdot)$  is the true risk and  $\hat{L}_S(\cdot)$  its empirical estimate over  $S$ .

## Hinge Loss Version of ME<sup>2</sup>

Using a hinge loss  $\ell(\mathbf{M}, R, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n} [R - \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}\|_{\mathbf{M}}^2]_+$  the problem can be rewritten as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{R, \mathbf{M}} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(R, \mathbf{M}, \mathbf{x}_i) + \mu(B - R)^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{I}\|_F^2, \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & B \geq R \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

True risk  $L$  and its empirical estimate  $\hat{L}_S$  over the sample are defined by:

$$L(\mathbf{M}, R) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{D}} \ell(\mathbf{M}, R, \mathbf{x}) \quad \hat{L}_S(\mathbf{M}, R) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(\mathbf{M}, R, \mathbf{x}_i)$$

# Generalization Guarantee on $ME^2$

## Theorem

Let  $\delta > 0$  and  $n > 1$ . There exists a constant  $\kappa > 0$ , such that with probability at least  $1 - \delta$  over the random draw over  $S$ , we have for any  $(\mathbf{M}, R)$  solution of our optimization problem:

$$L(\mathbf{M}, R) \leq \hat{L}_S(\mathbf{M}, R) + \frac{4 \max(1, 4B^2)}{n\kappa \min(\mu, \lambda)} + \left( \frac{8 \max(1, 4B^2)}{\kappa \min(\mu, \lambda)} + B + 4B^2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu B^2}{\lambda} + d} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\ln 1/\delta}{2n}}$$

$$\text{with } \beta = \frac{2}{\kappa \min(\mu, \lambda)} (\max(1, 4B^2))^2$$

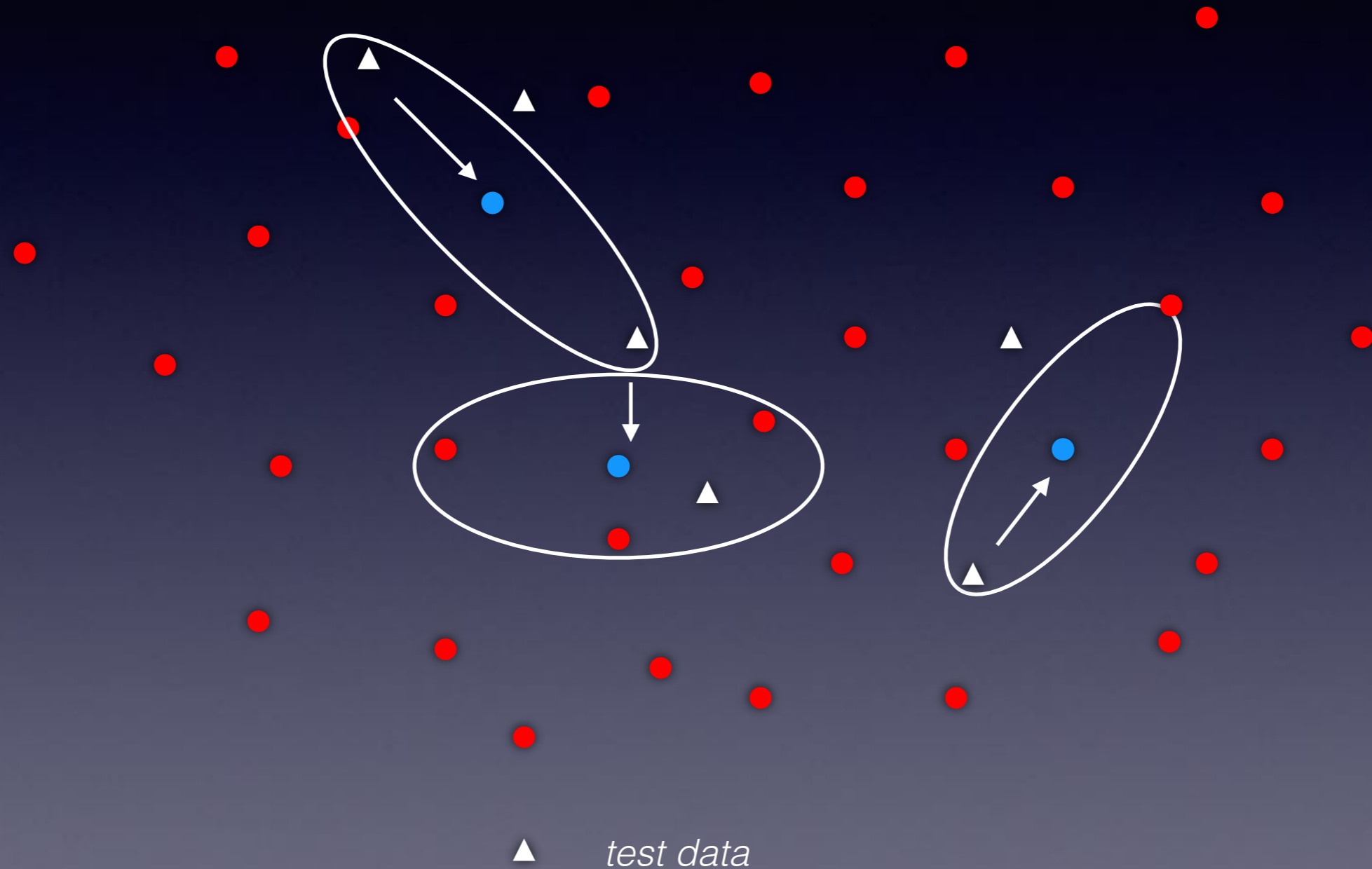
$$\text{and } K = B + 4B^2 \sqrt{\frac{\mu B^2}{\lambda} + d}.$$

# Experimental Results



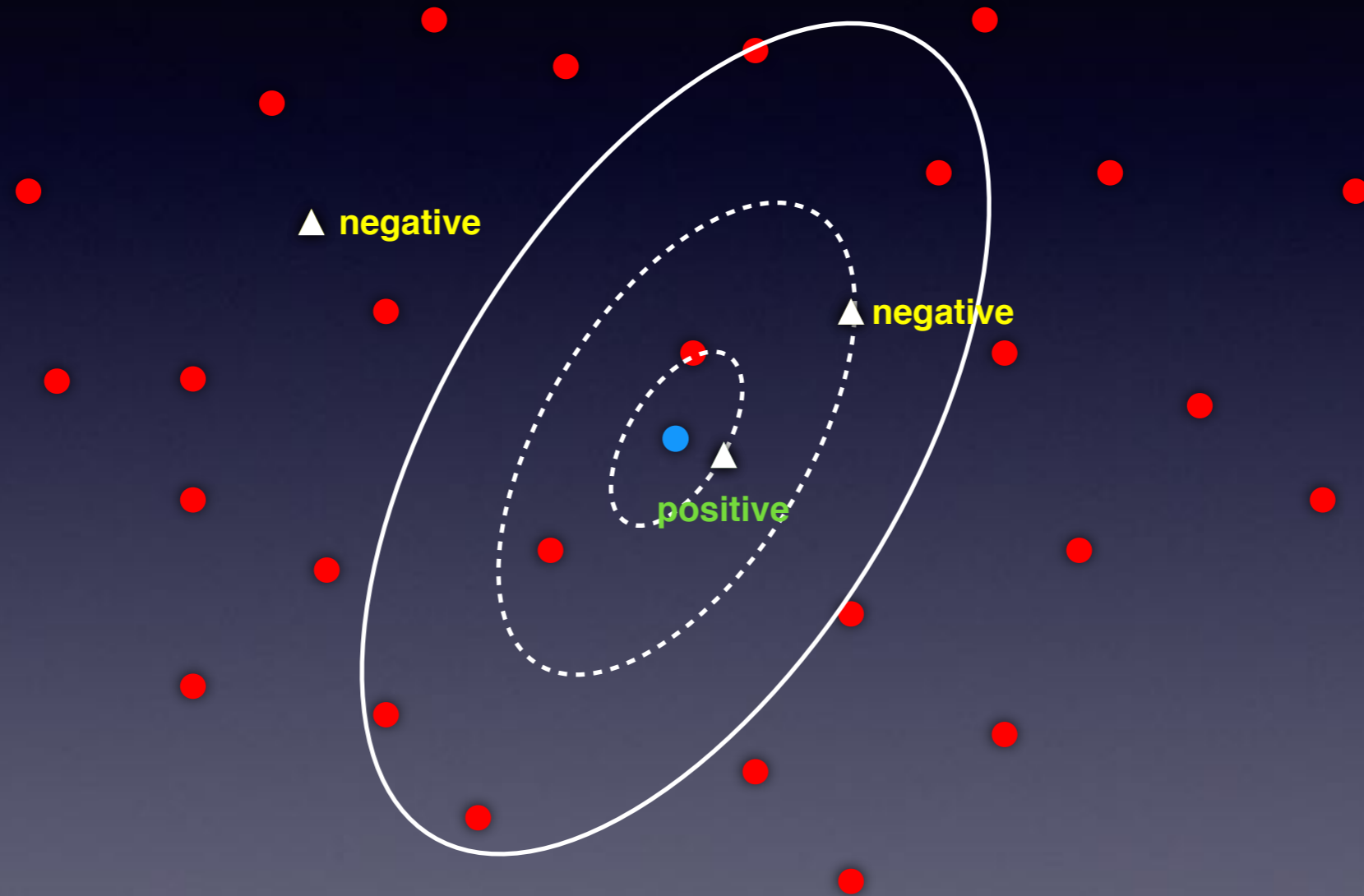
# A neighborhood based decision rule

At test time, a data is assigned to its nearest center



# A neighborhood based decision rule

Label prediction



$ME^2$  tends to maximize the F-Measure



# Experimental Comparison

- Decision Tree without pruning
- Decision Tree with sampling methods:
  - Oversampling: number of positives  $\times 5$
  - Undersampling: number of negatives divided by 2
  - Both: combine the two previous
- Random Forest with 10 trees
- SVM with Linear Kernel
- SVM with Gaussian Kernel

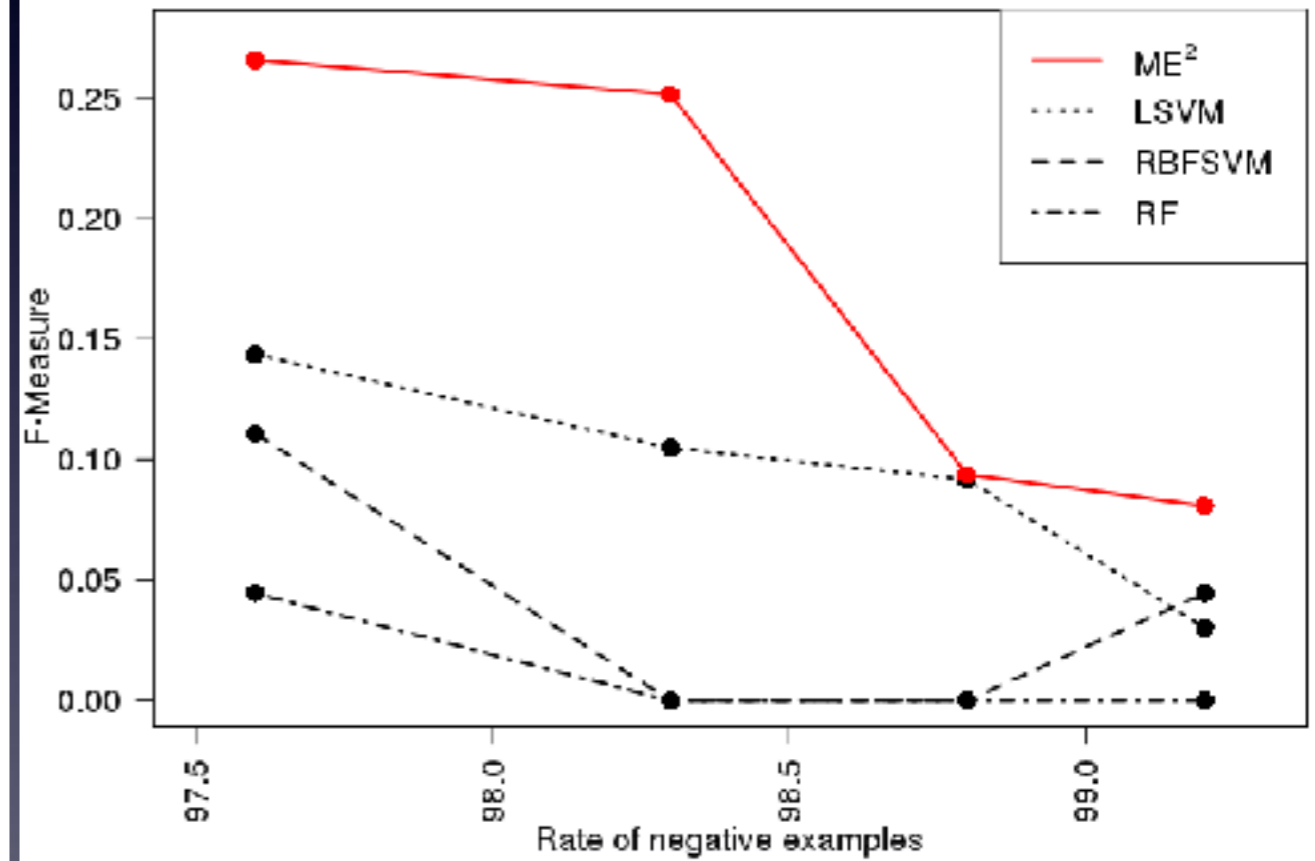
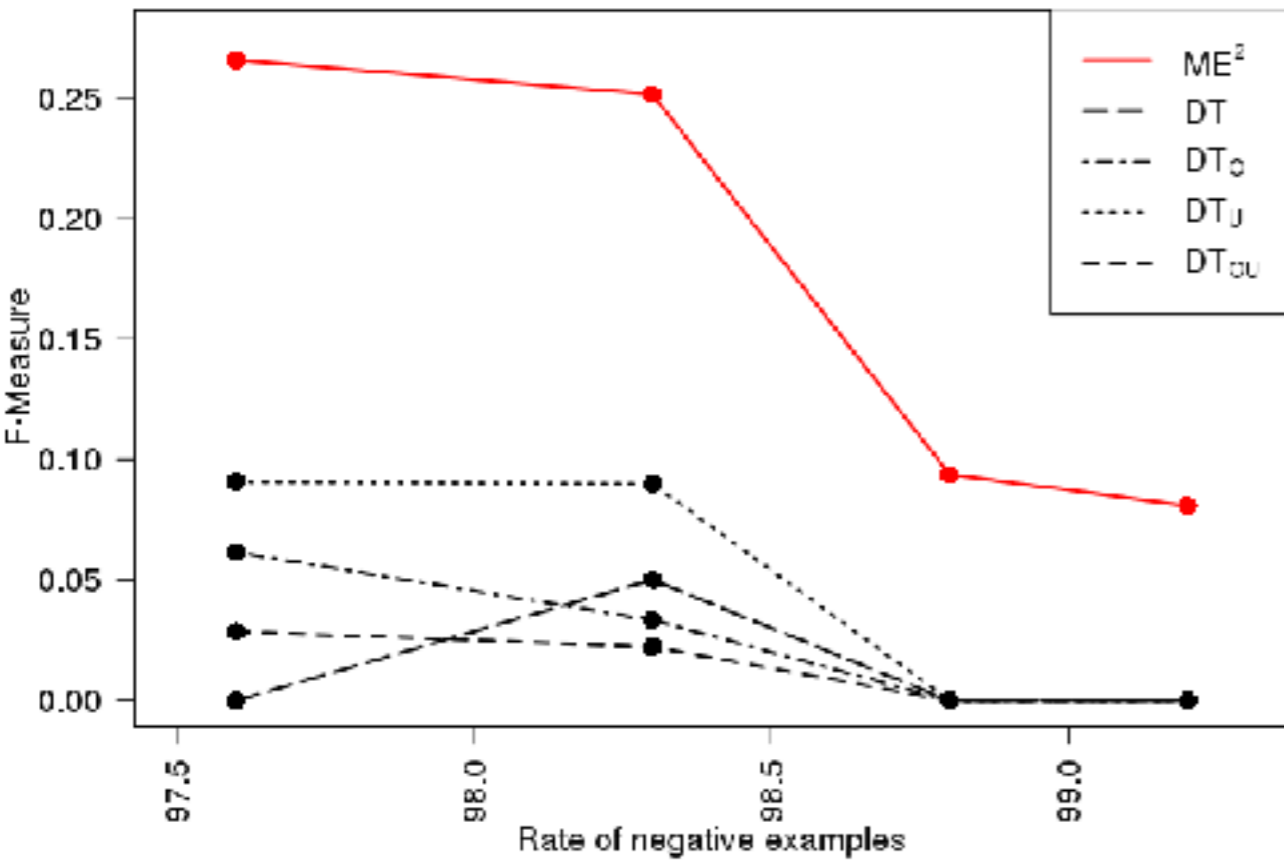
# Experimental Comparison

Algorithm	Abalone	Wine	Abalone17	Abalone20	Abalone19
RF	0.67	0.02	0.20	0.00	0.00
DT	<b>0.71</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
$DT_O$	0.67	0.06	0.35	0.018	0.02
$DT_U$	0.69	0.08	0.33	0.18	0.00
$DT_{OU}$	0.62	0.08	0.31	0.15	0.04
LSVM	0.62	0.09	0.29	<b>0.21</b>	0.04
RBF SVM	0.63	<b>0.16</b>	0.17	0.00	0.00
$ME^2$	0.62	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.04</b>

Performance is evaluated with respect to the F-Measure

Datasets	Abalone	Wine	Abalone17	Abalone20	Abalone19
Rate of pos. examples	10.7%	3.3%	2.5%	1.4%	0.76%

# Comparison w.r.t. a decreasing nb. of positives



# Conclusion

- Capture non linearity via local models
- $ME^2$  is theoretically founded (uniform stability)
- Models can be learned in parallel
- Promising results in unbalanced scenarios

Theoretical Perspective: study the link between the stability of the ellipsoids and the generalization error of Nearest Neighbor algorithm.

**Thank you for your attention!**