CLARA

Confidence of Labels and Raters

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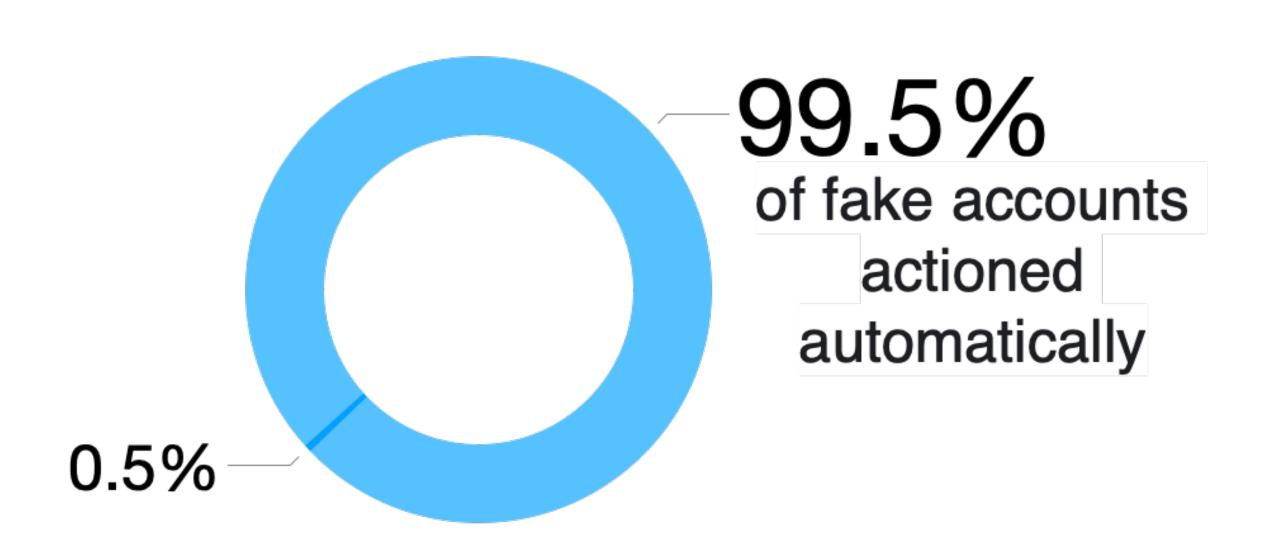
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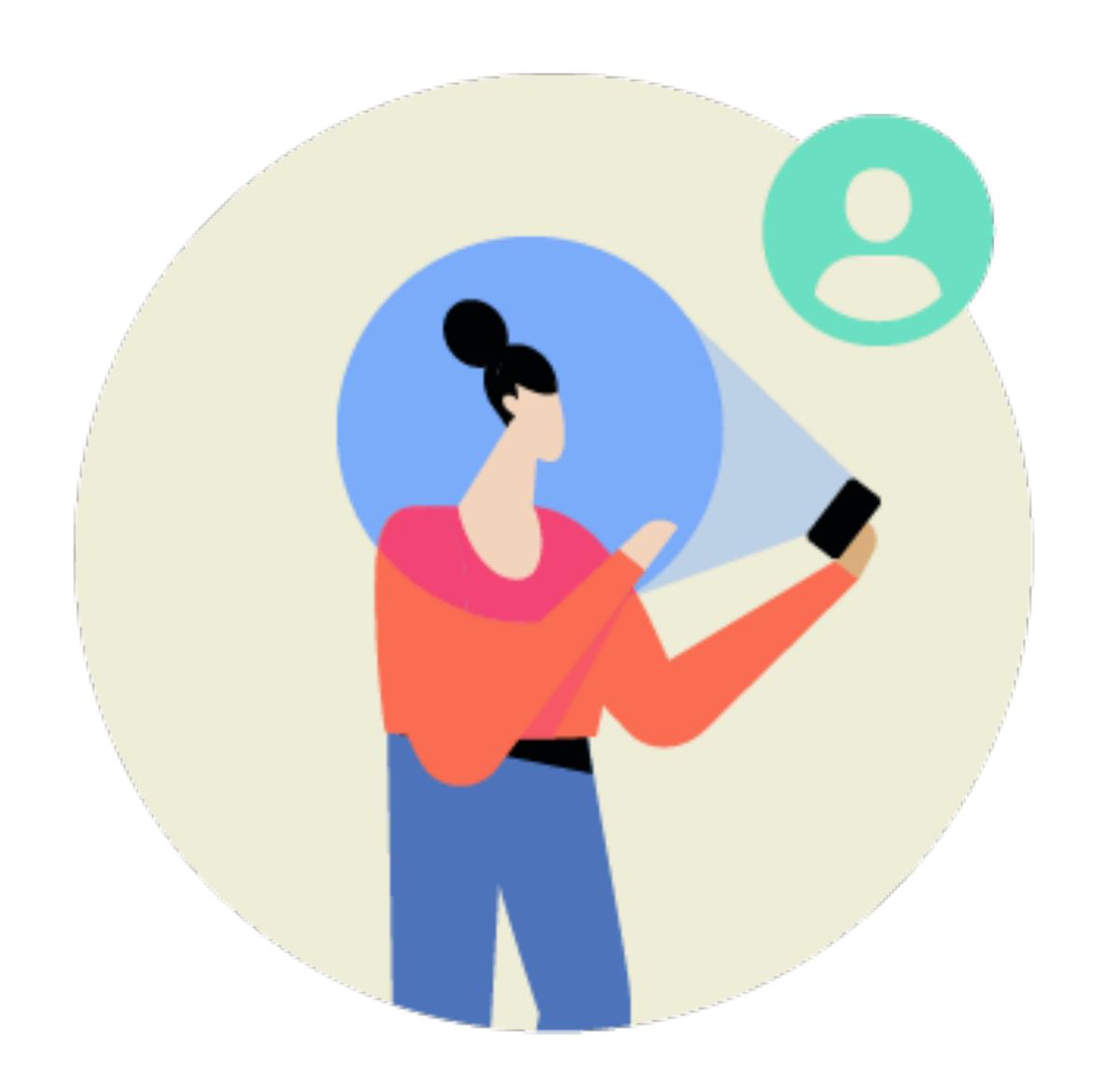
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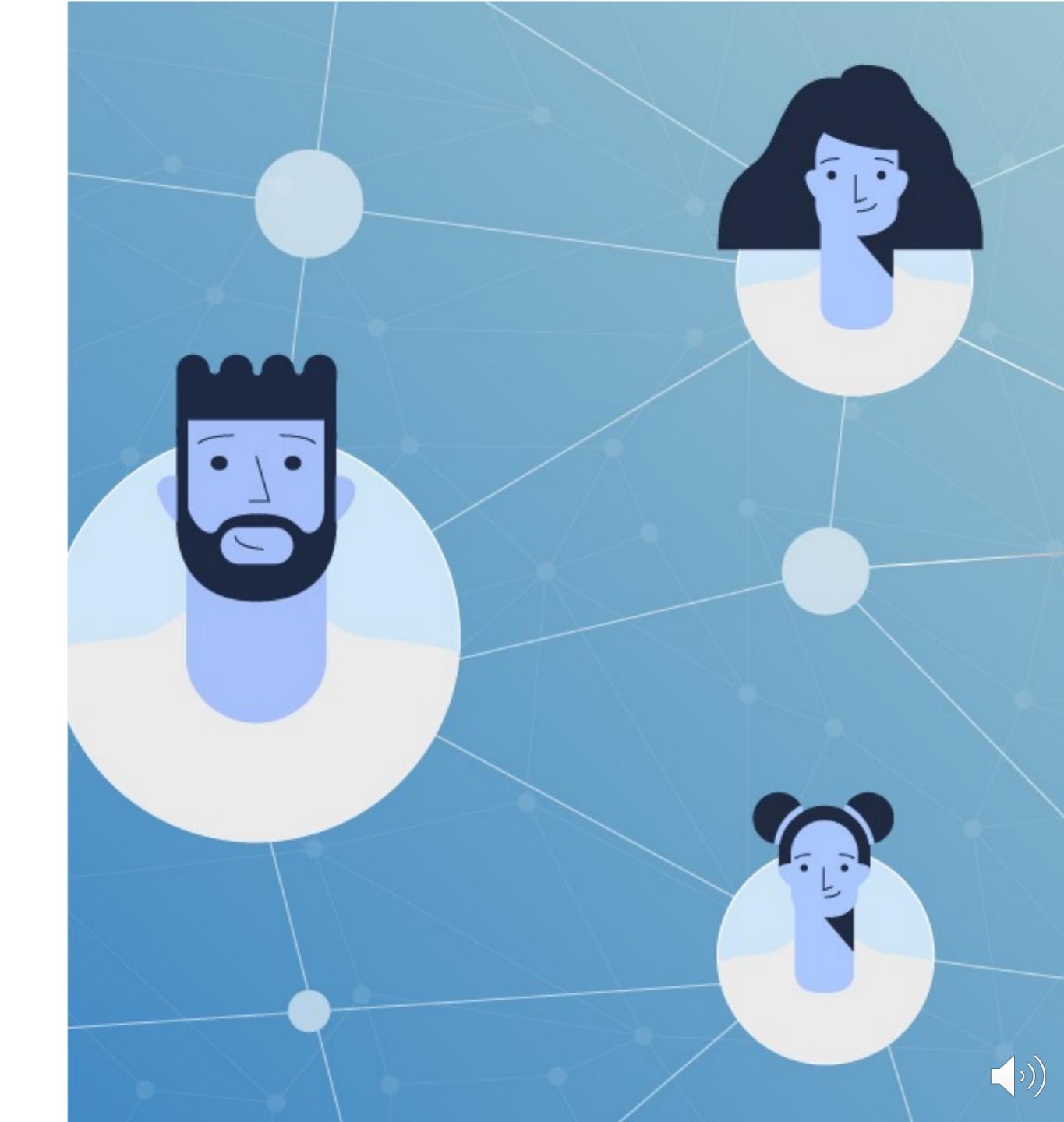
Automation is essential for large-scale systems







However, there are many areas where human decisions are needed.





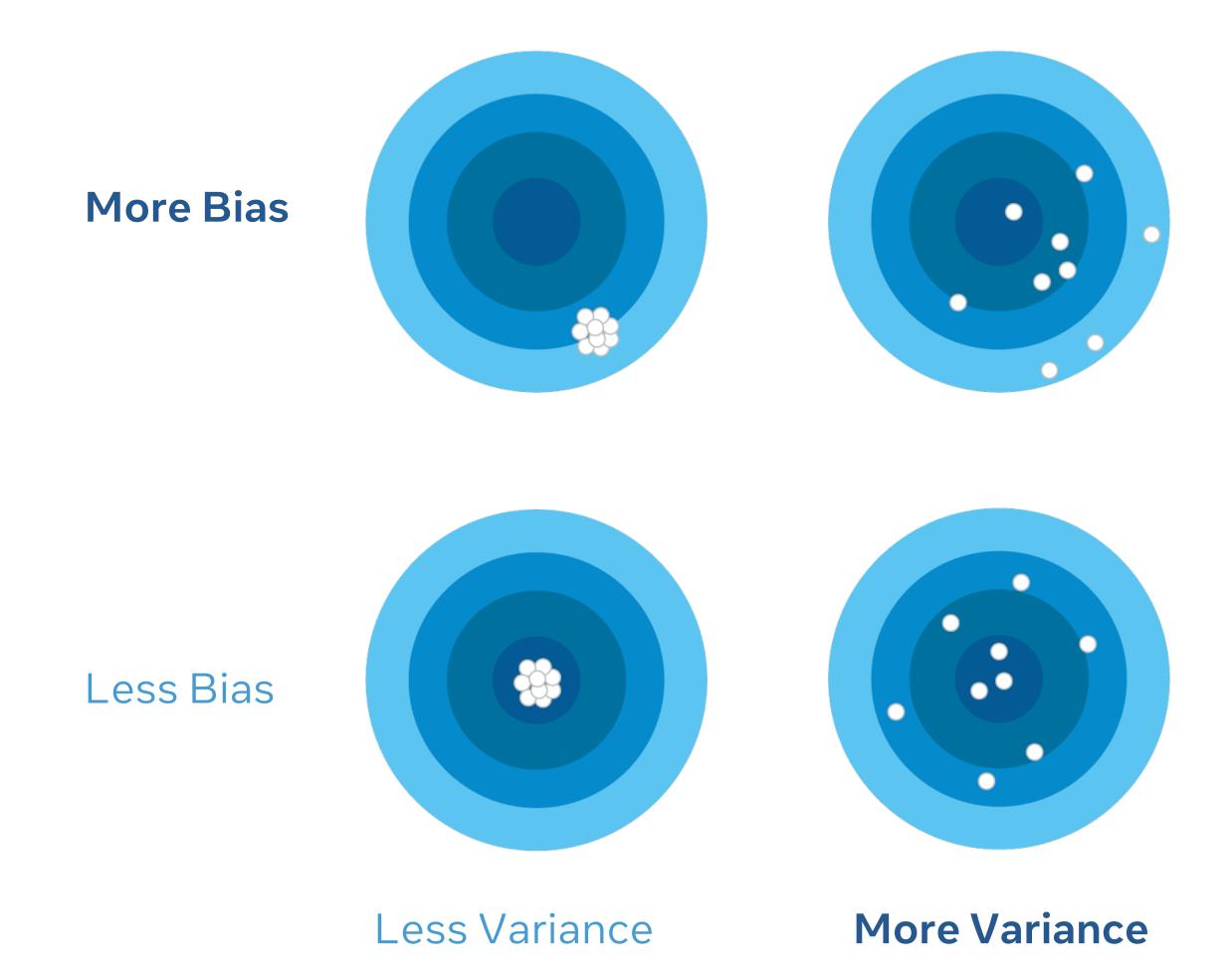
It is sometimes hard for humans to make decisions



What makes people noisy decision makers?

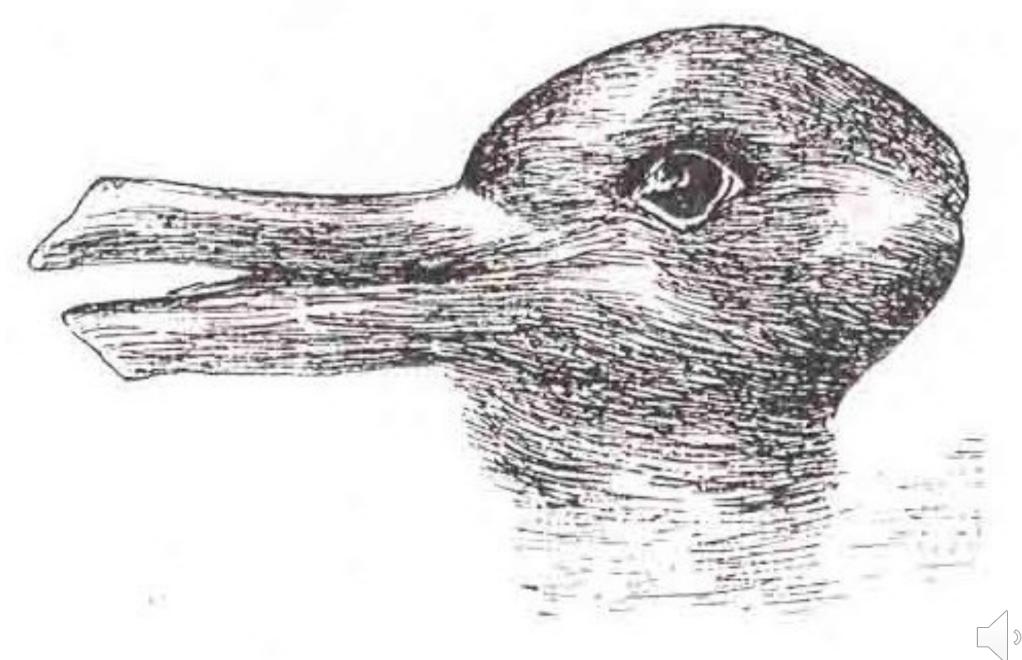


Individual bias

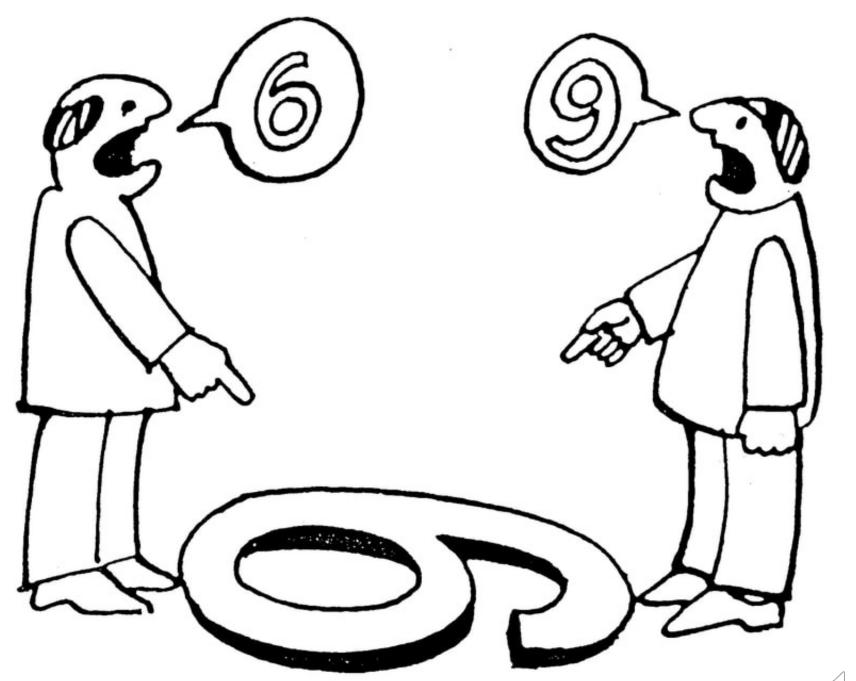




Ambiguity of the guidelines



Subjectivity in the decision



Simple mistakes



Let's consider a few examples where noisy decisions have negative outcomes



PREVALANCE

The percentage of policy-violating content out of all content seen by Facebook users.



ENFORCEMENT

Taking down content or entities that violate the community standards.



TRAINING MODELS

Using humangenerated labels as "ground truth" for training ML models.



So how should we deal with noisy decision making?



Hire experts

Ask several people

Leverage Machine Learning

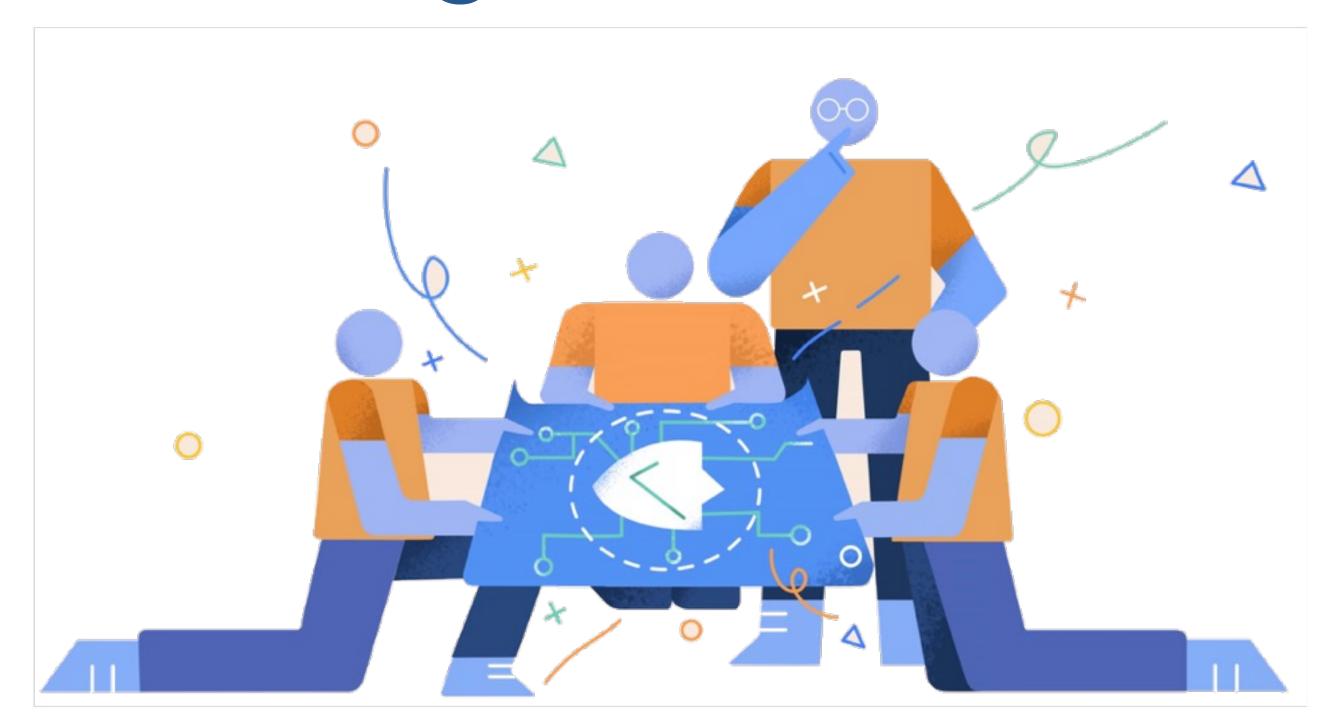






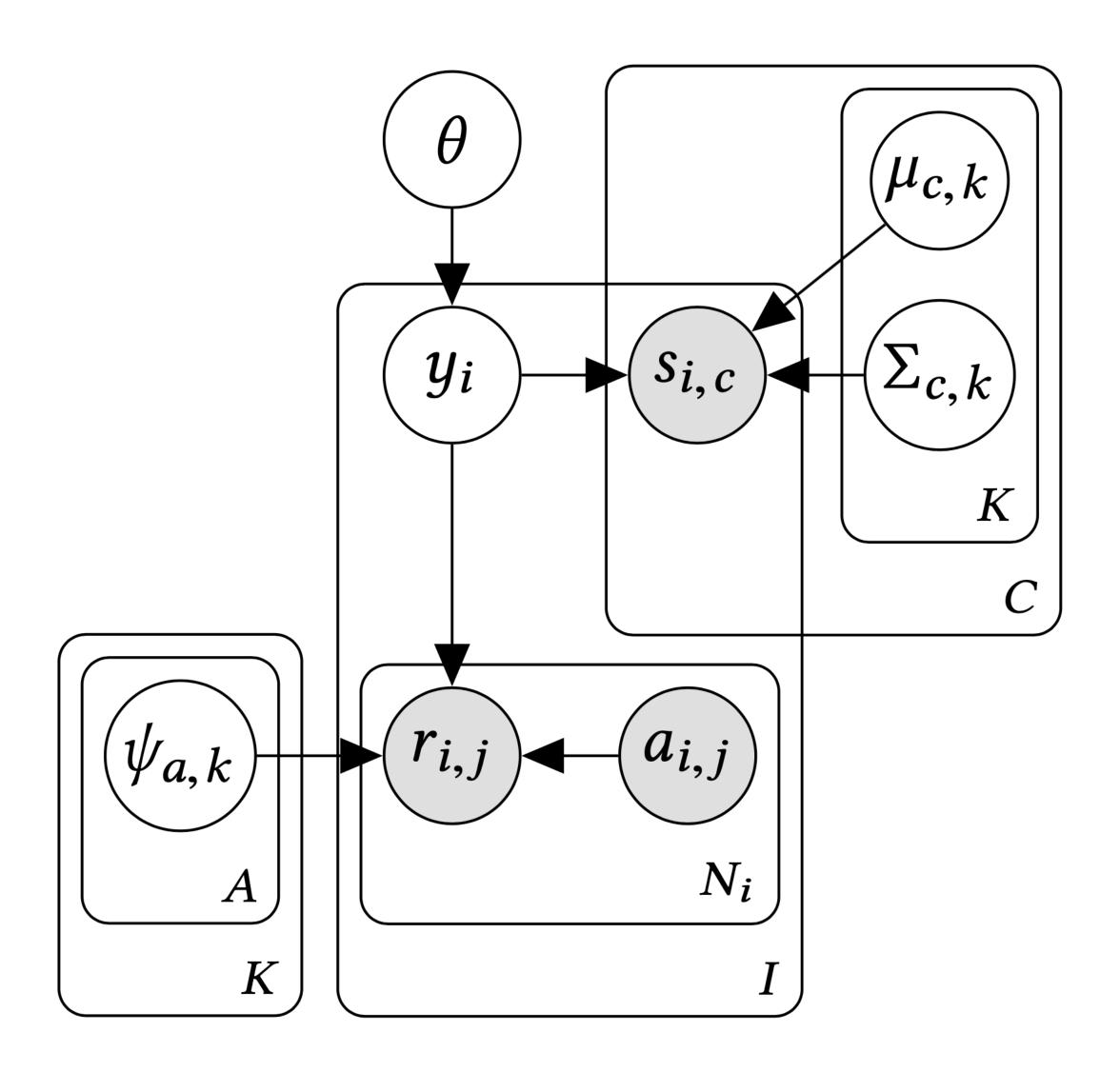


But how do we aggregate multiple labels into a single decision?

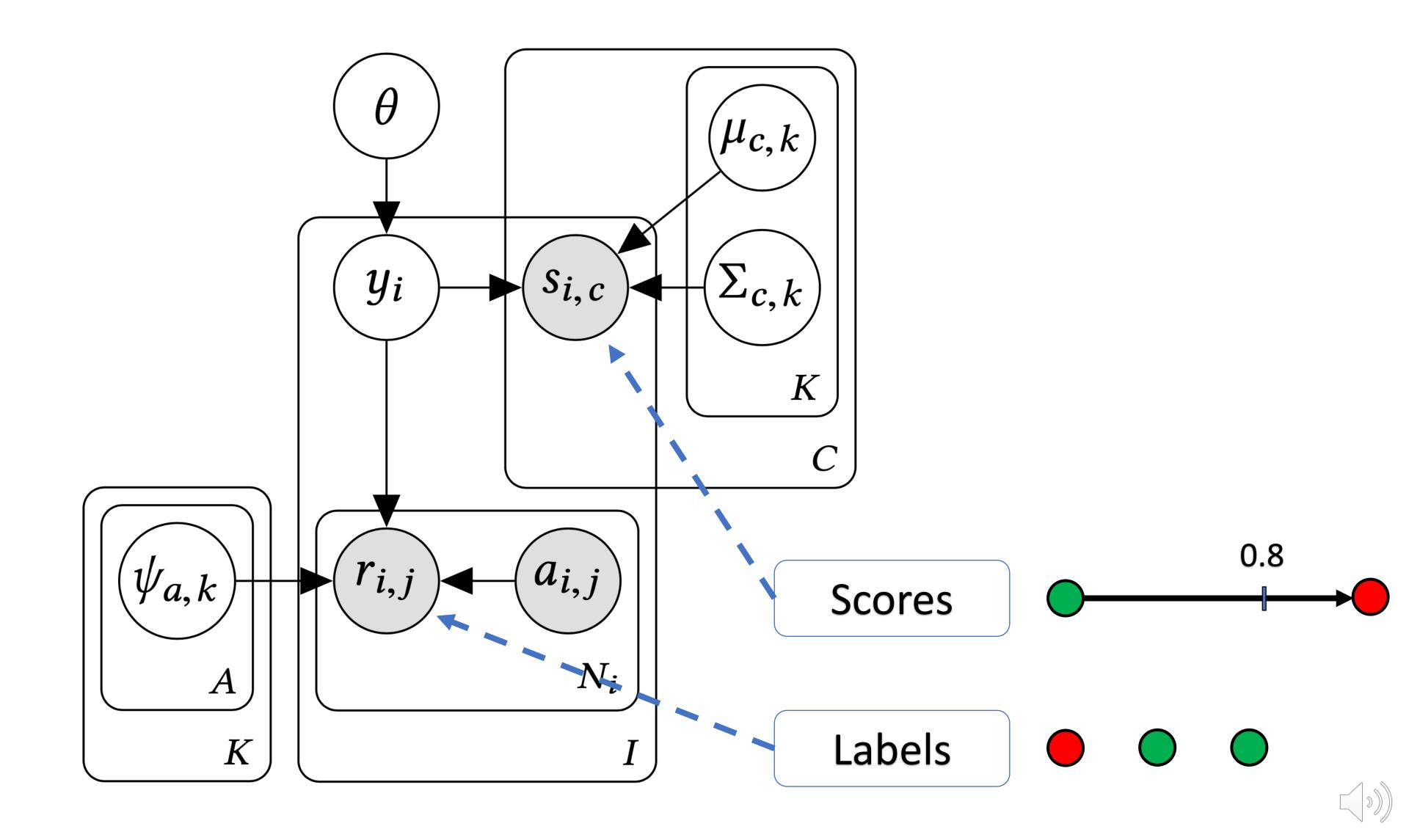


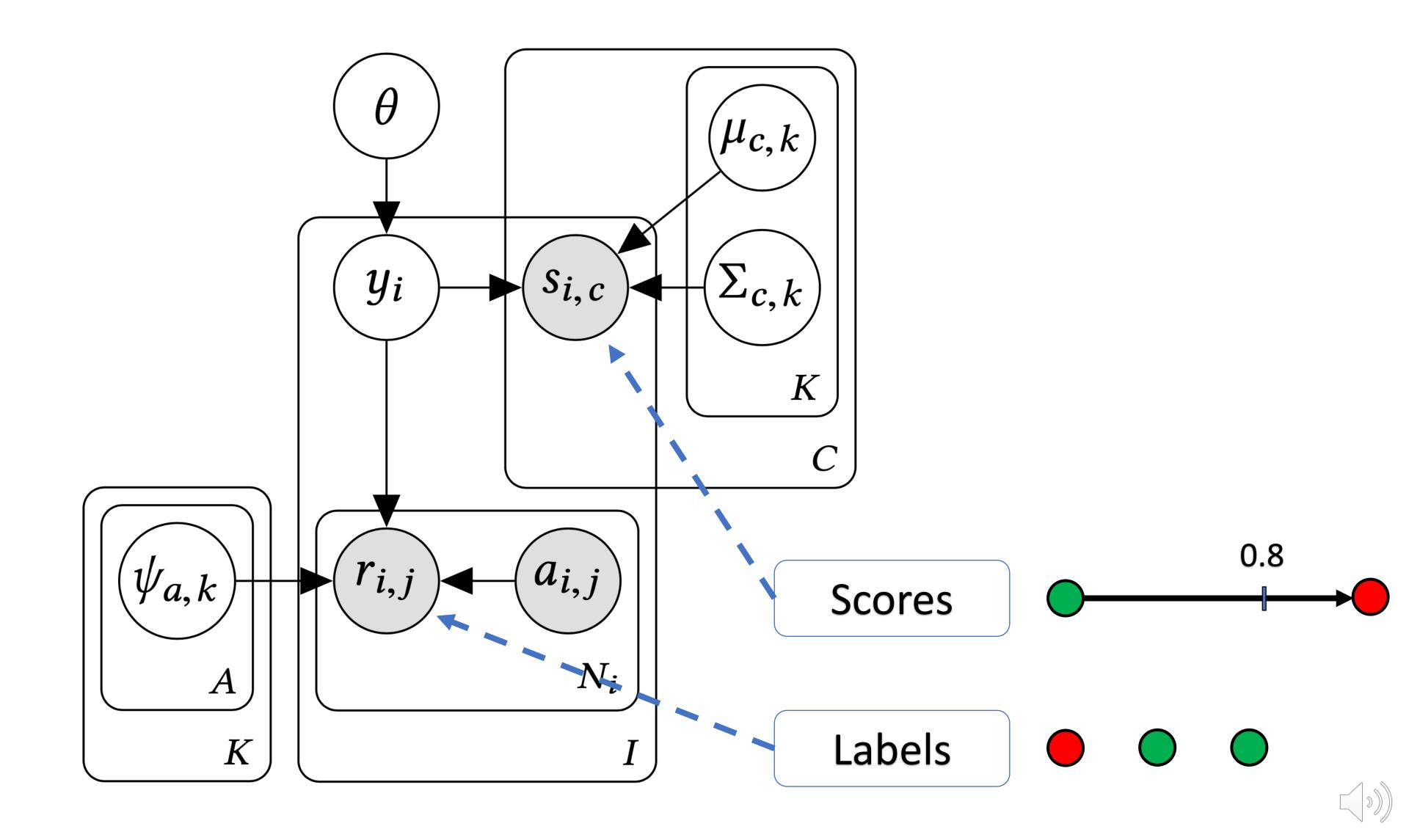
...and can we quantify the certainty of the decision?

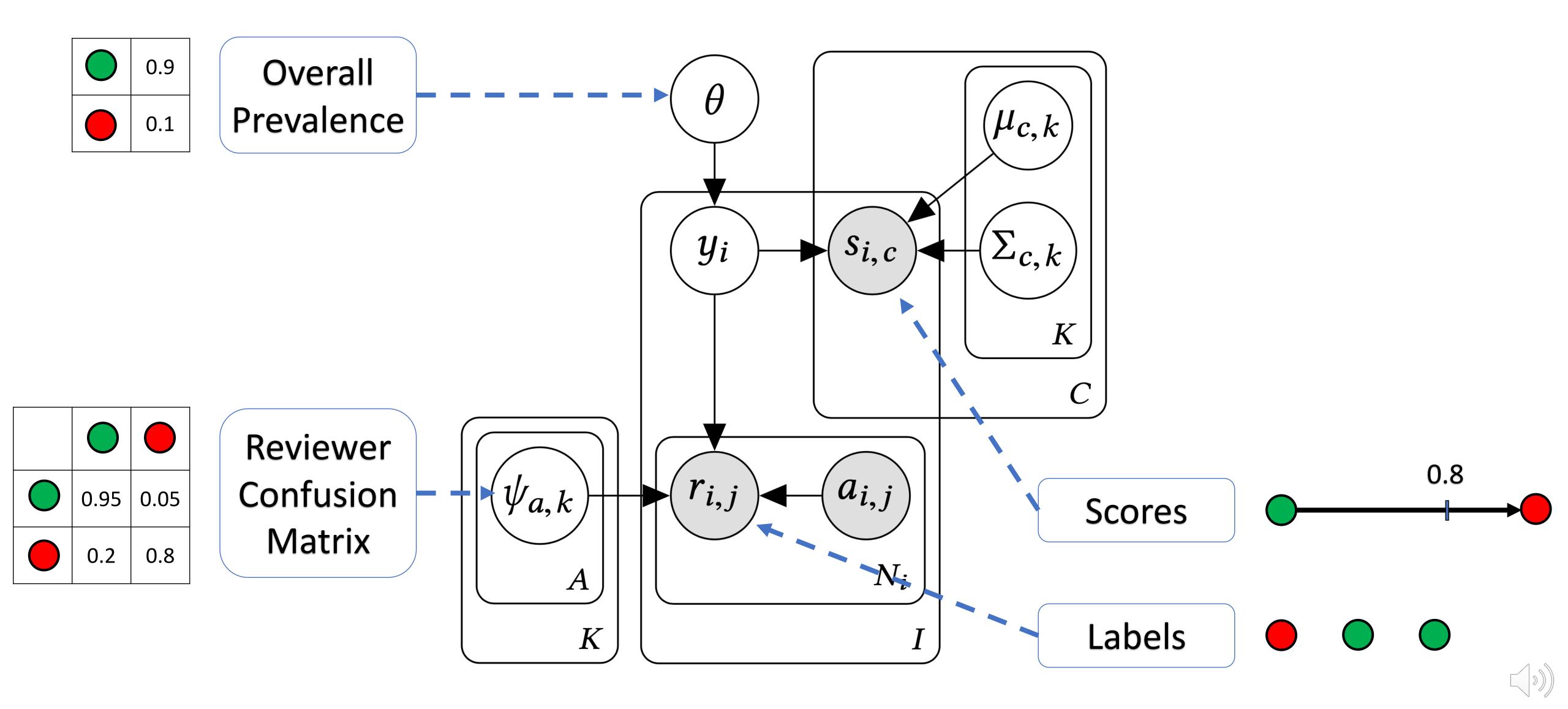


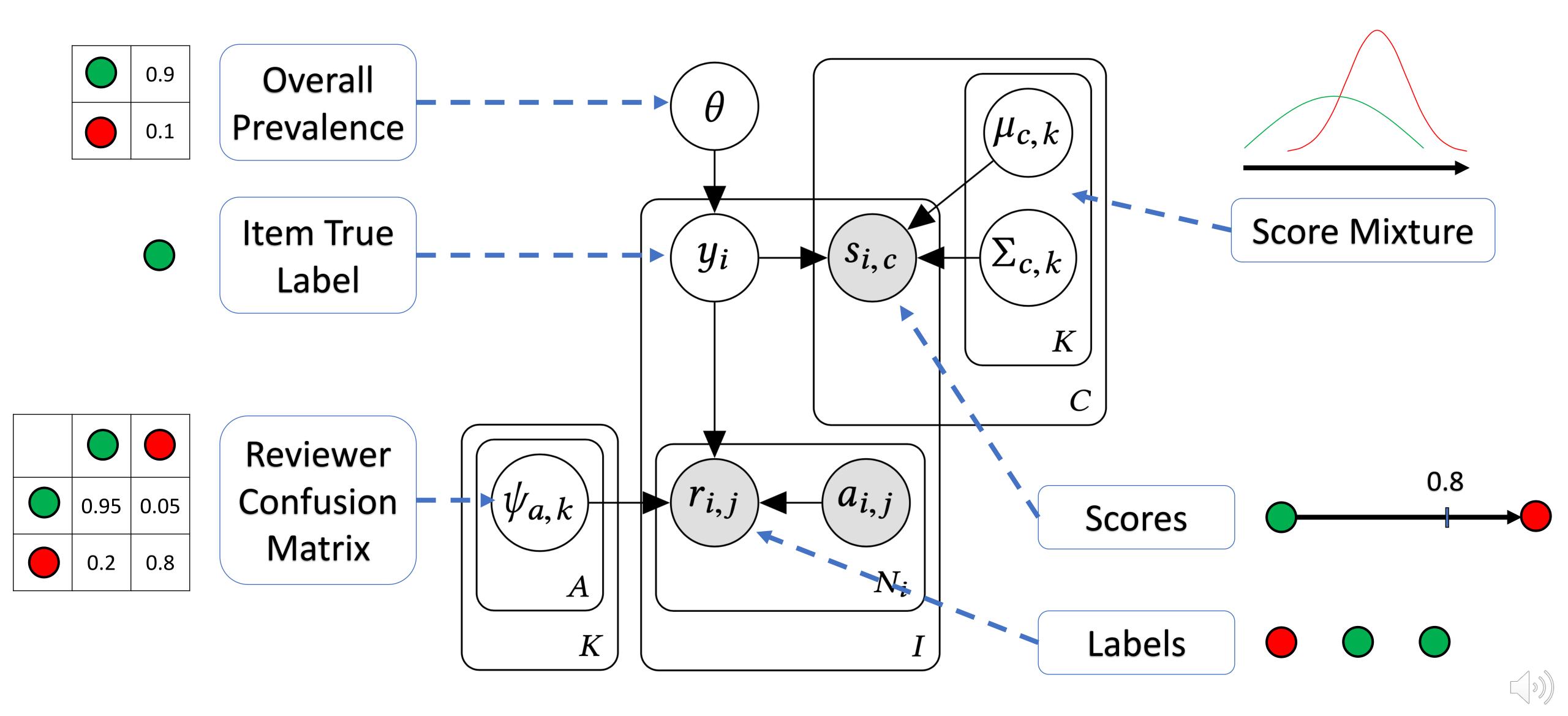


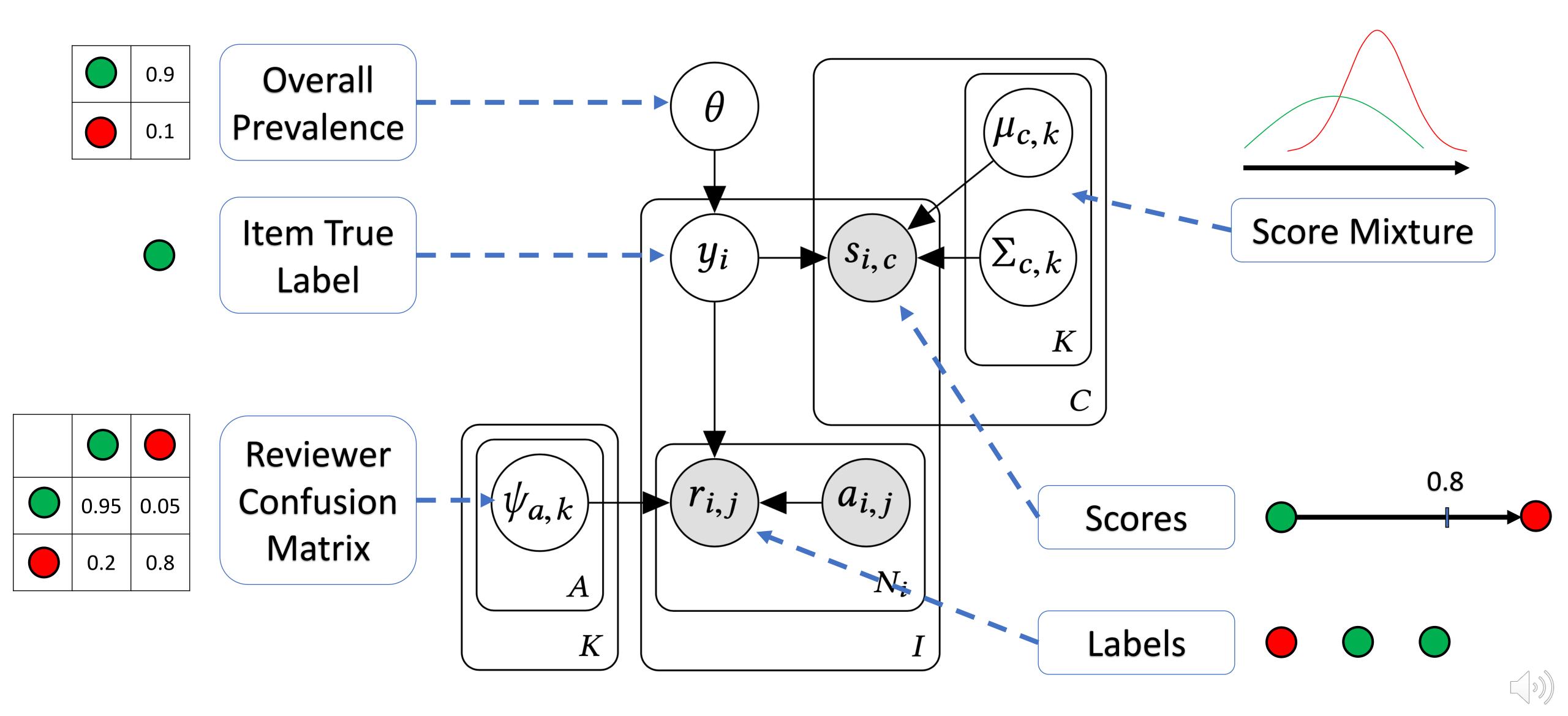


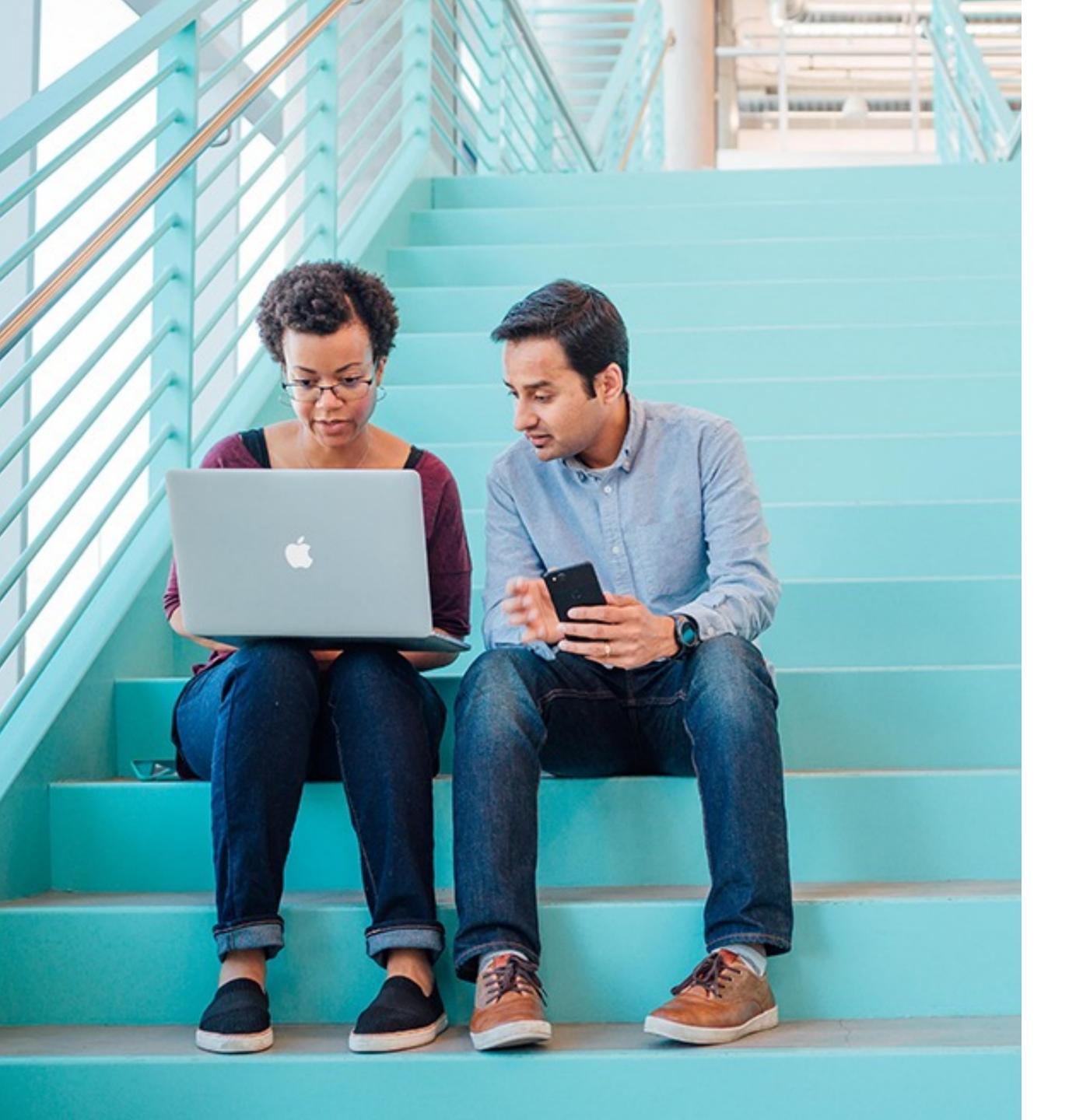










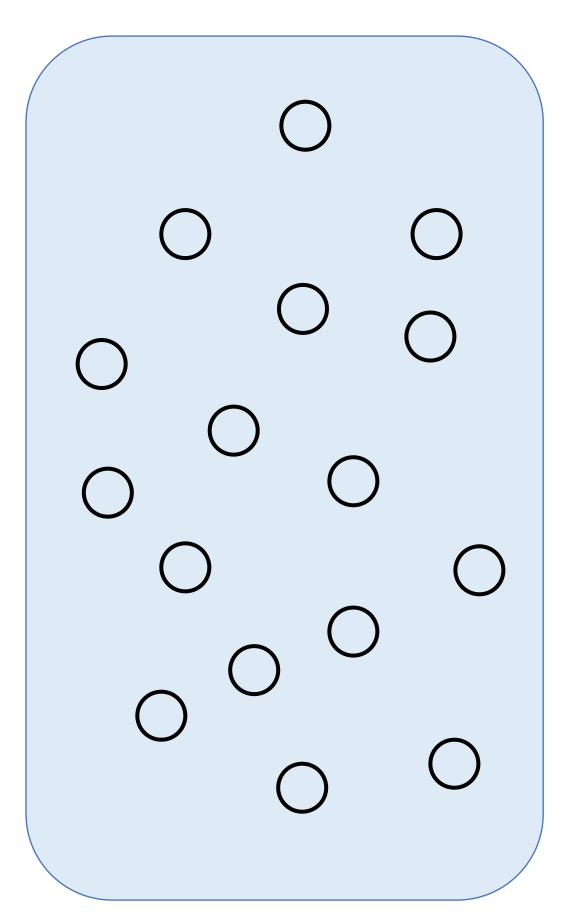


Applications

- 1. Prevalence Measurement
- 2. Reviewer Performance Measurement
- 3. Labeling Efficiency

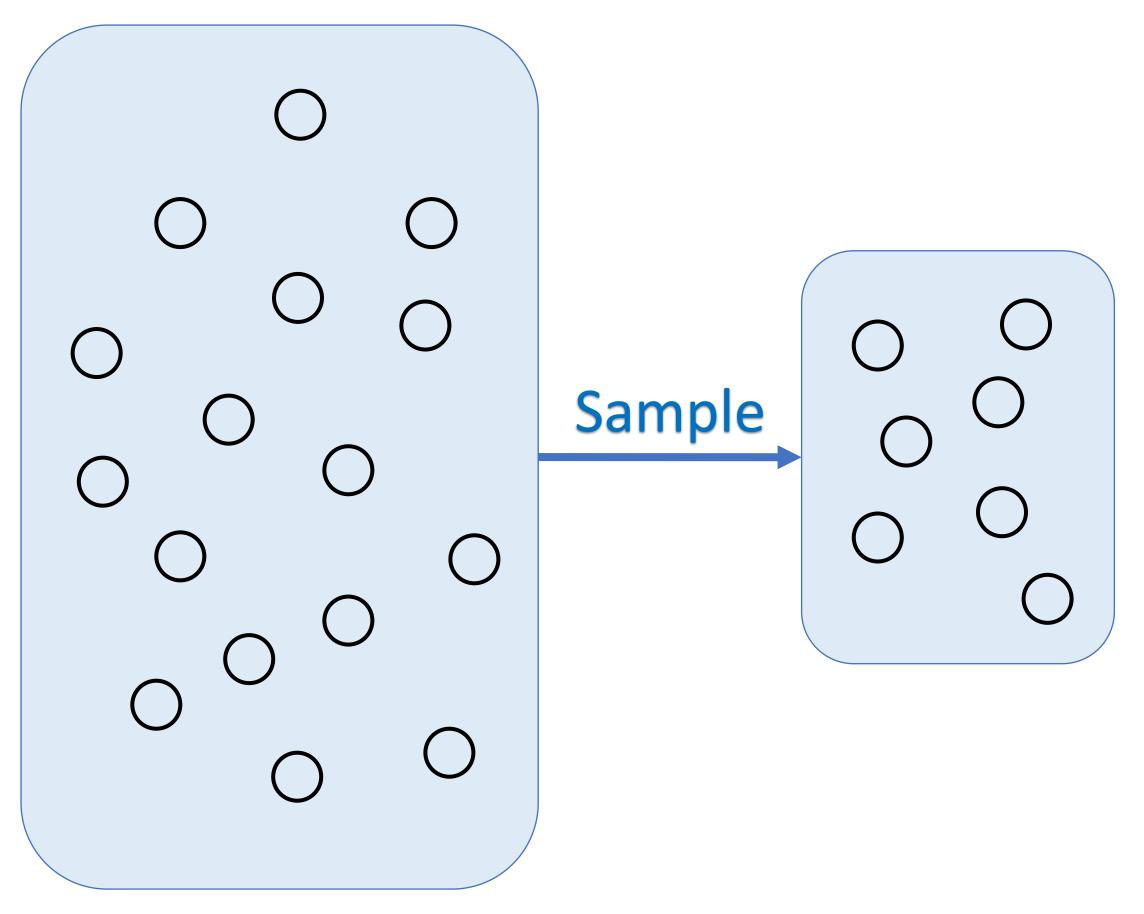
Measure the percentage of policy-violating content out of all content seen by Facebook users





Population of content

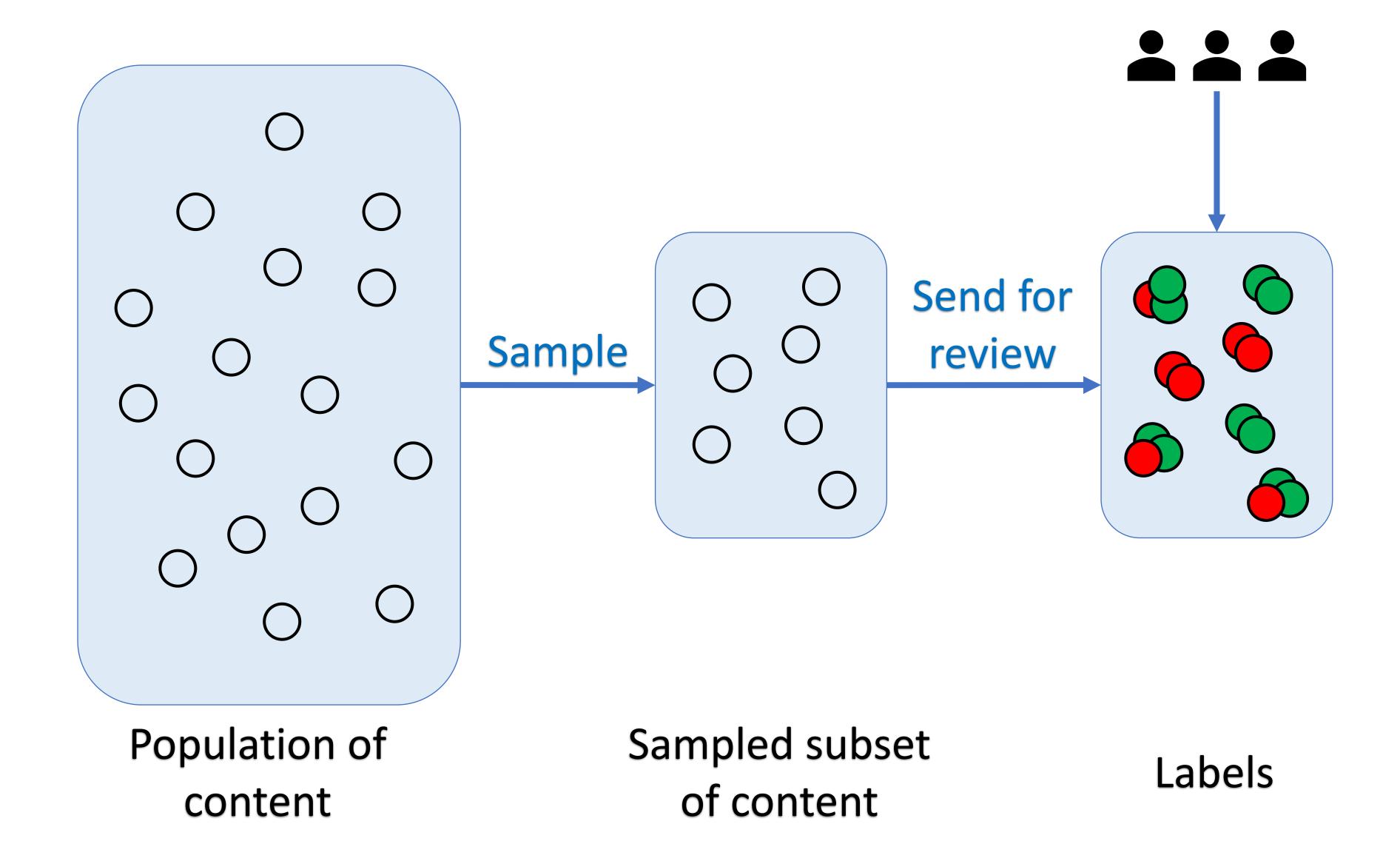




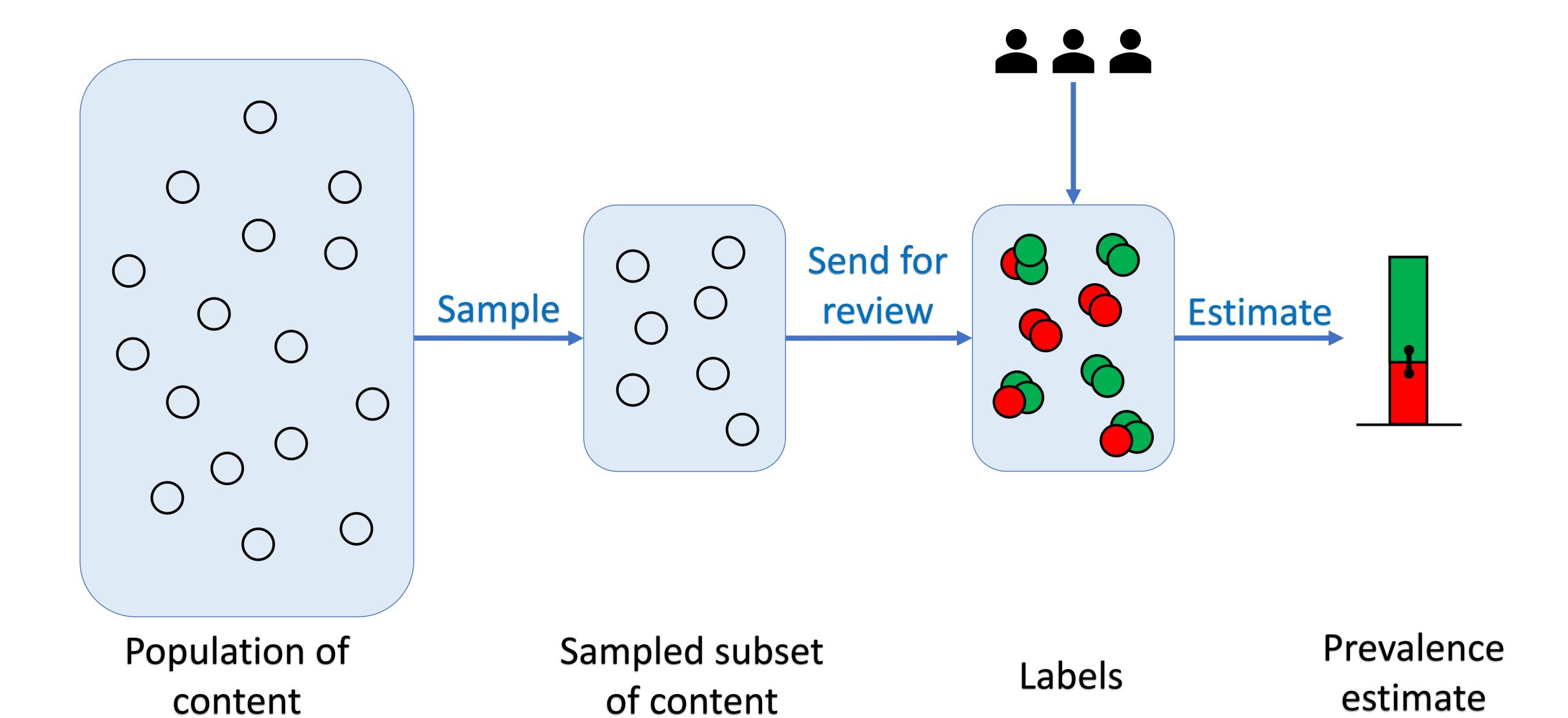
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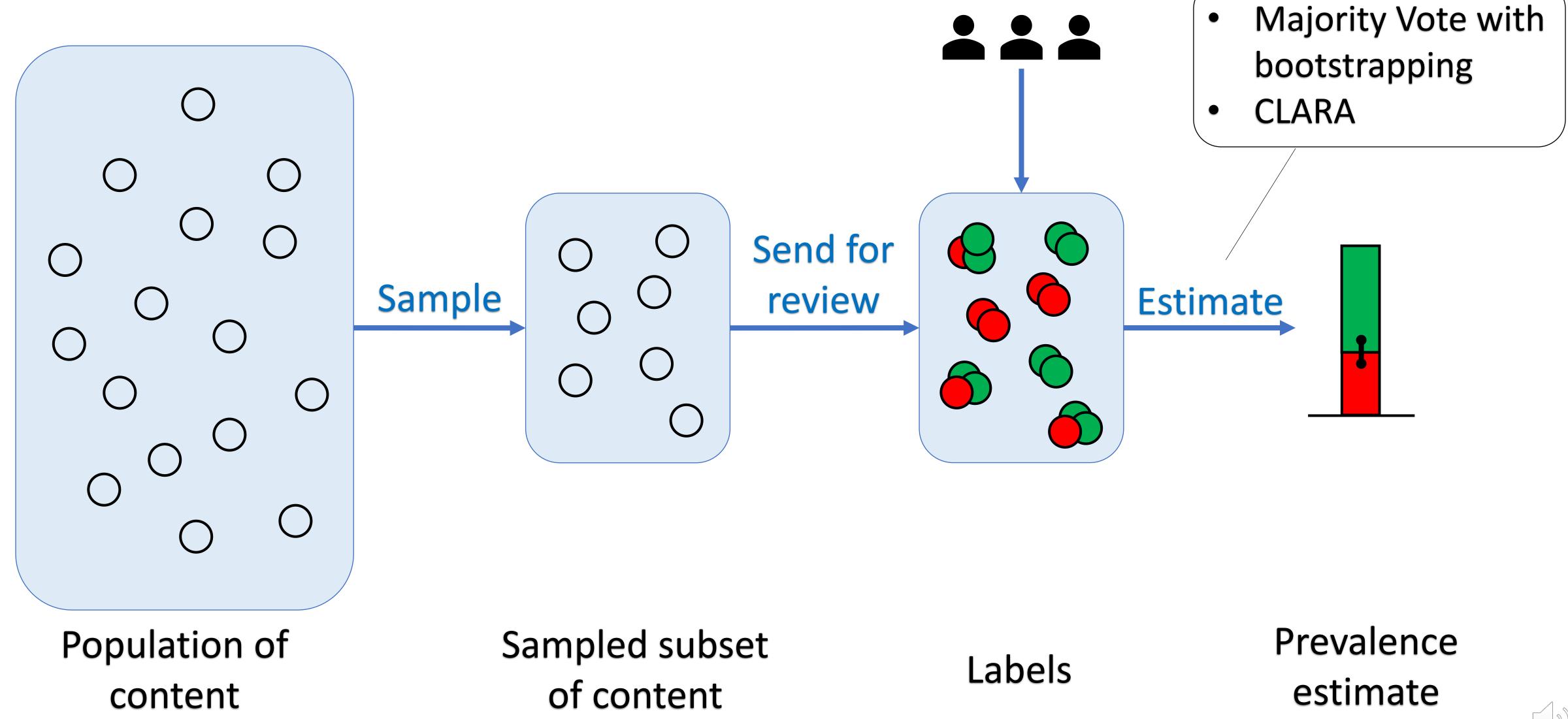
Sampled subset of content



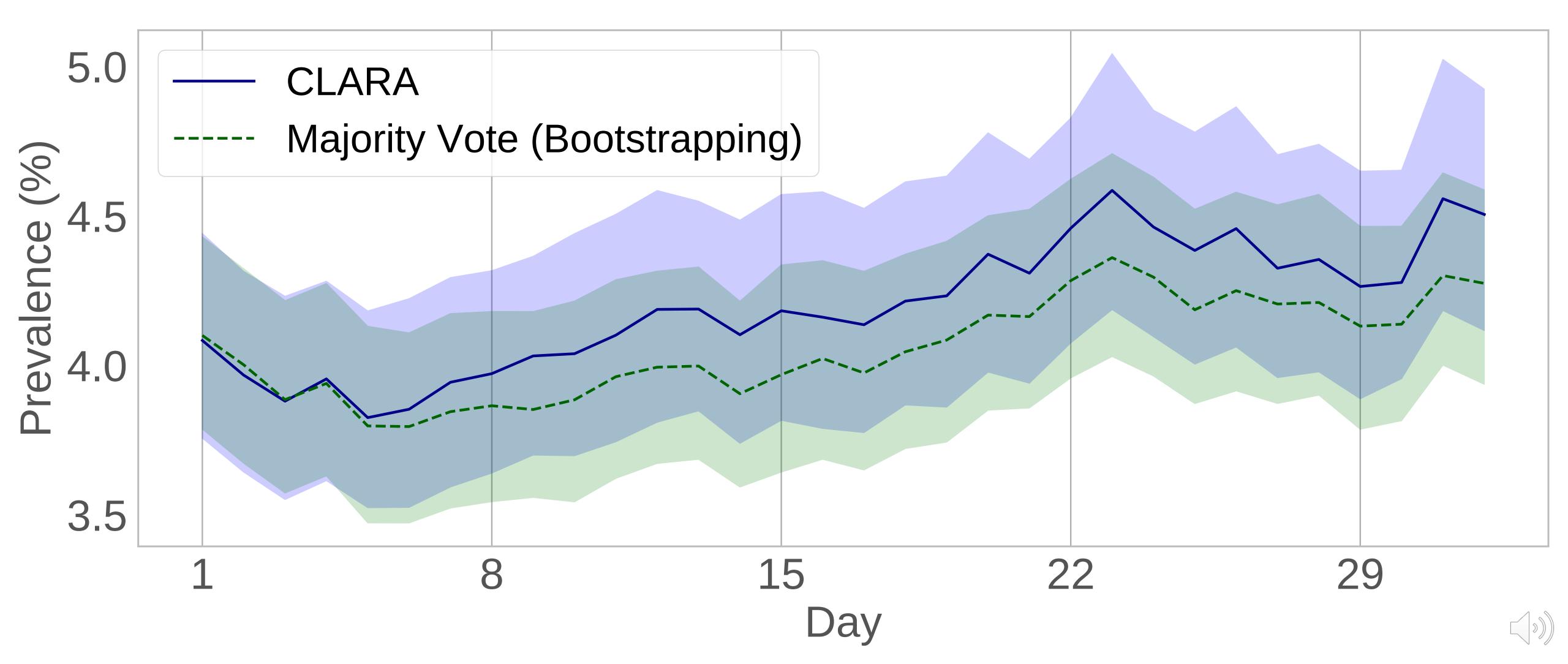




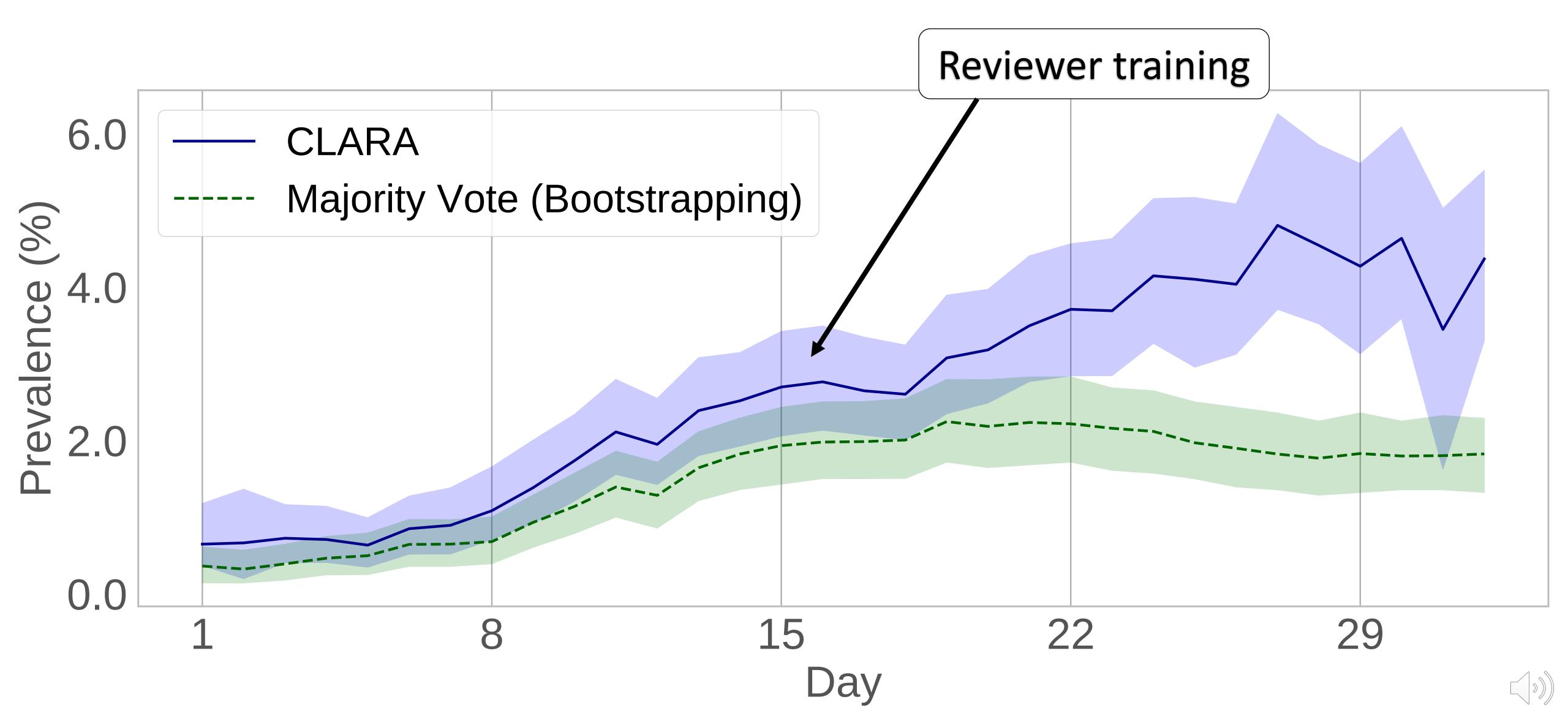




Prevalence Estimates (Violation Type A)



Prevalence Estimates (Violation Type B)



Reviewer Performance Measurement

Measure the performance of reviewers in labeling violating content

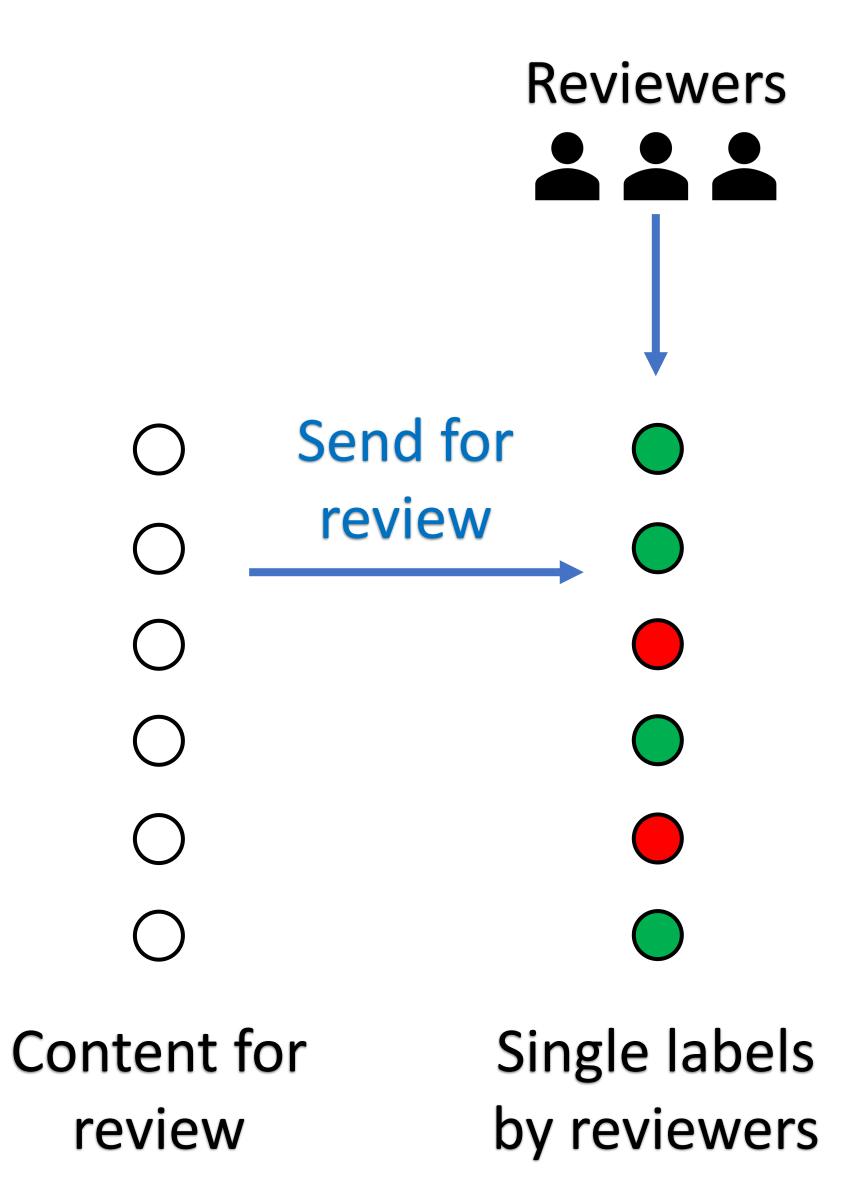


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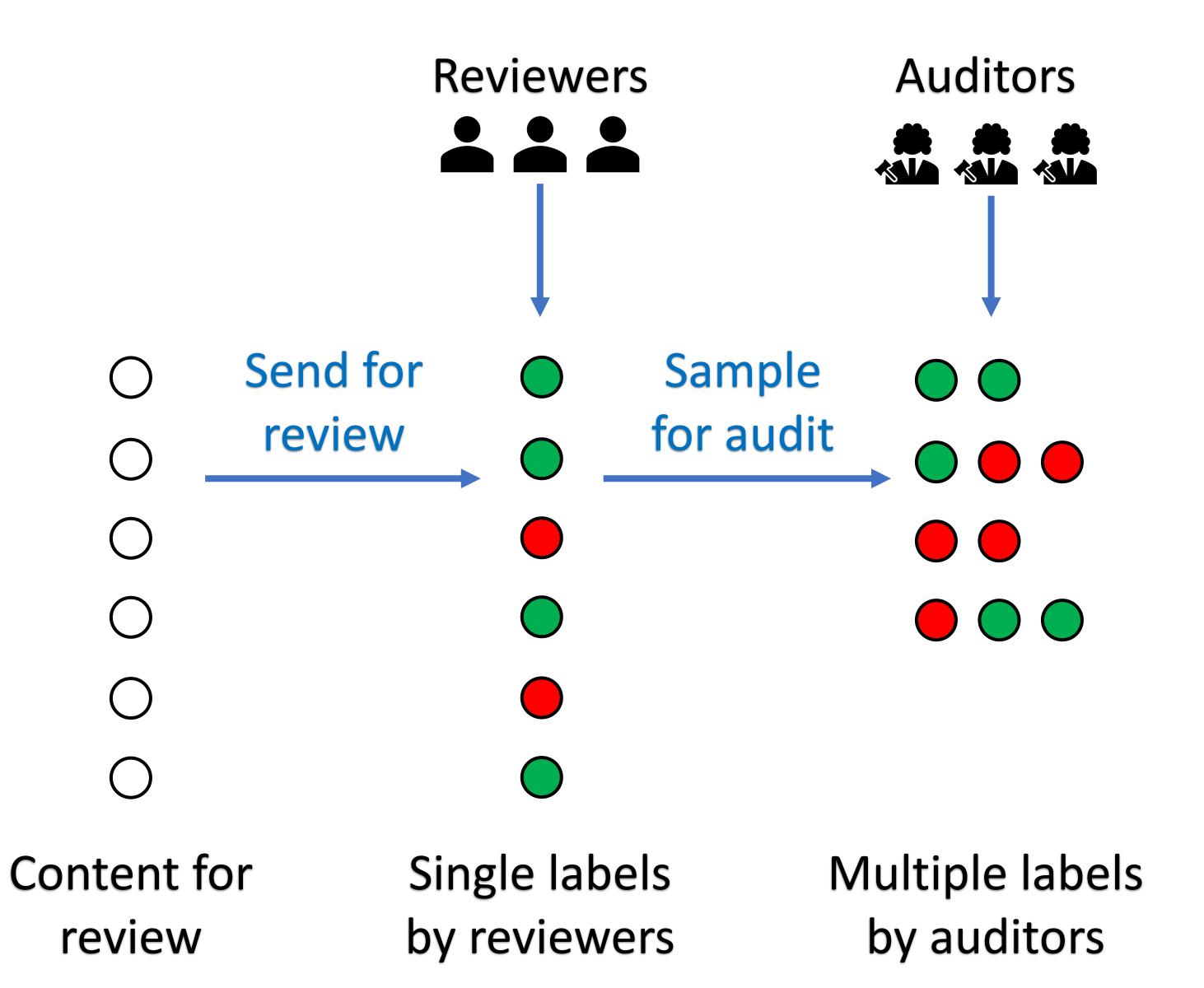
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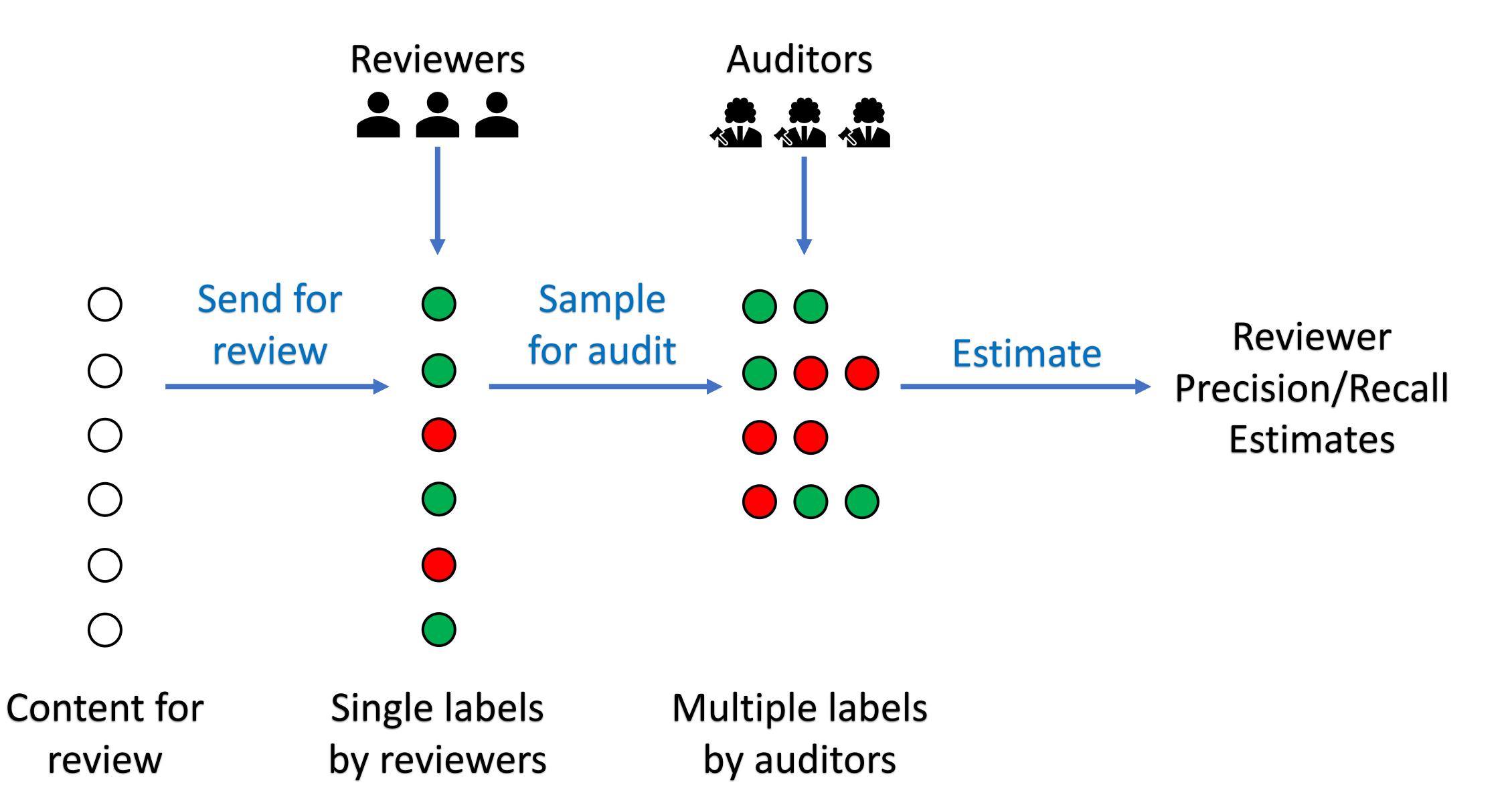






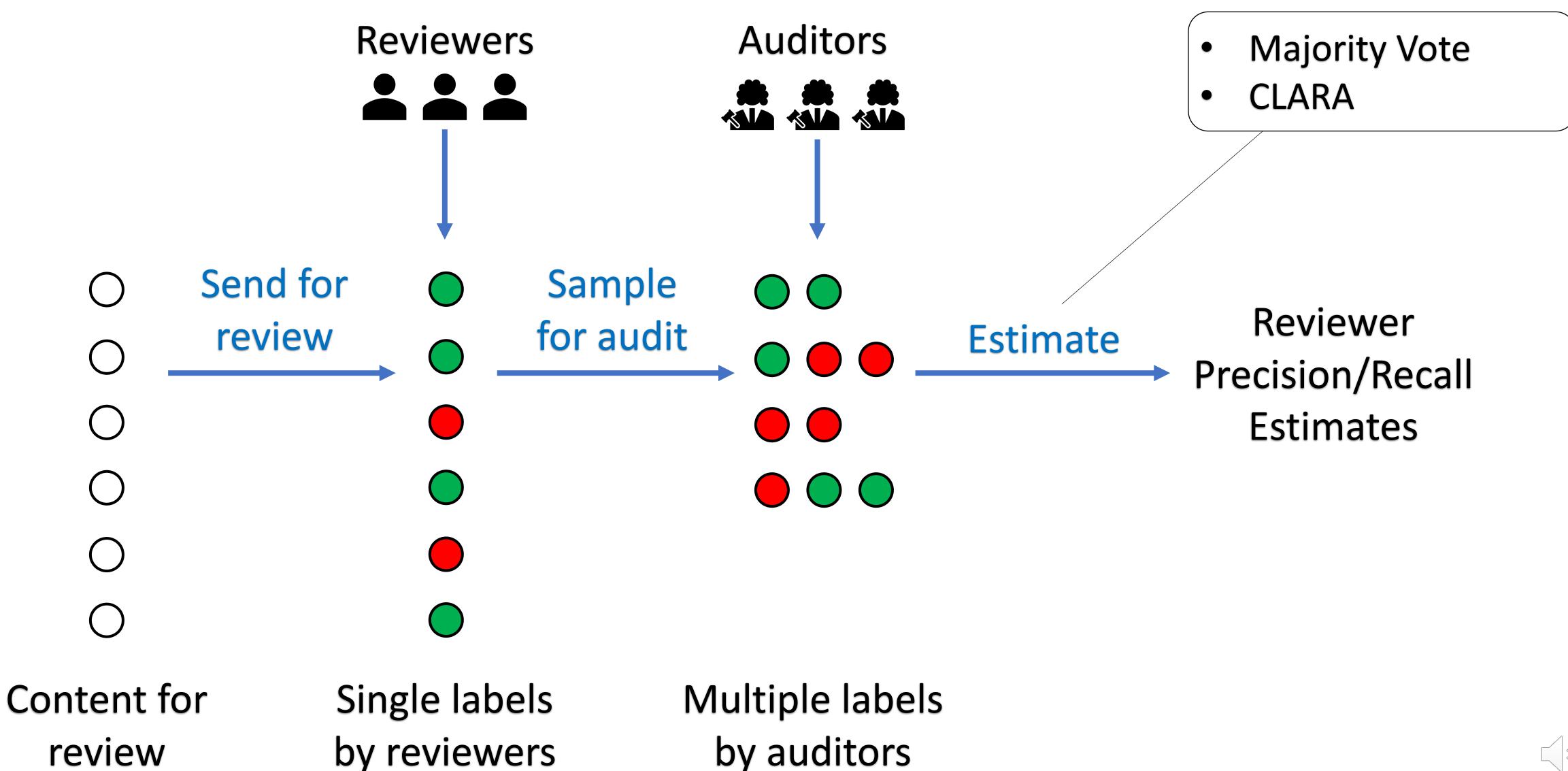






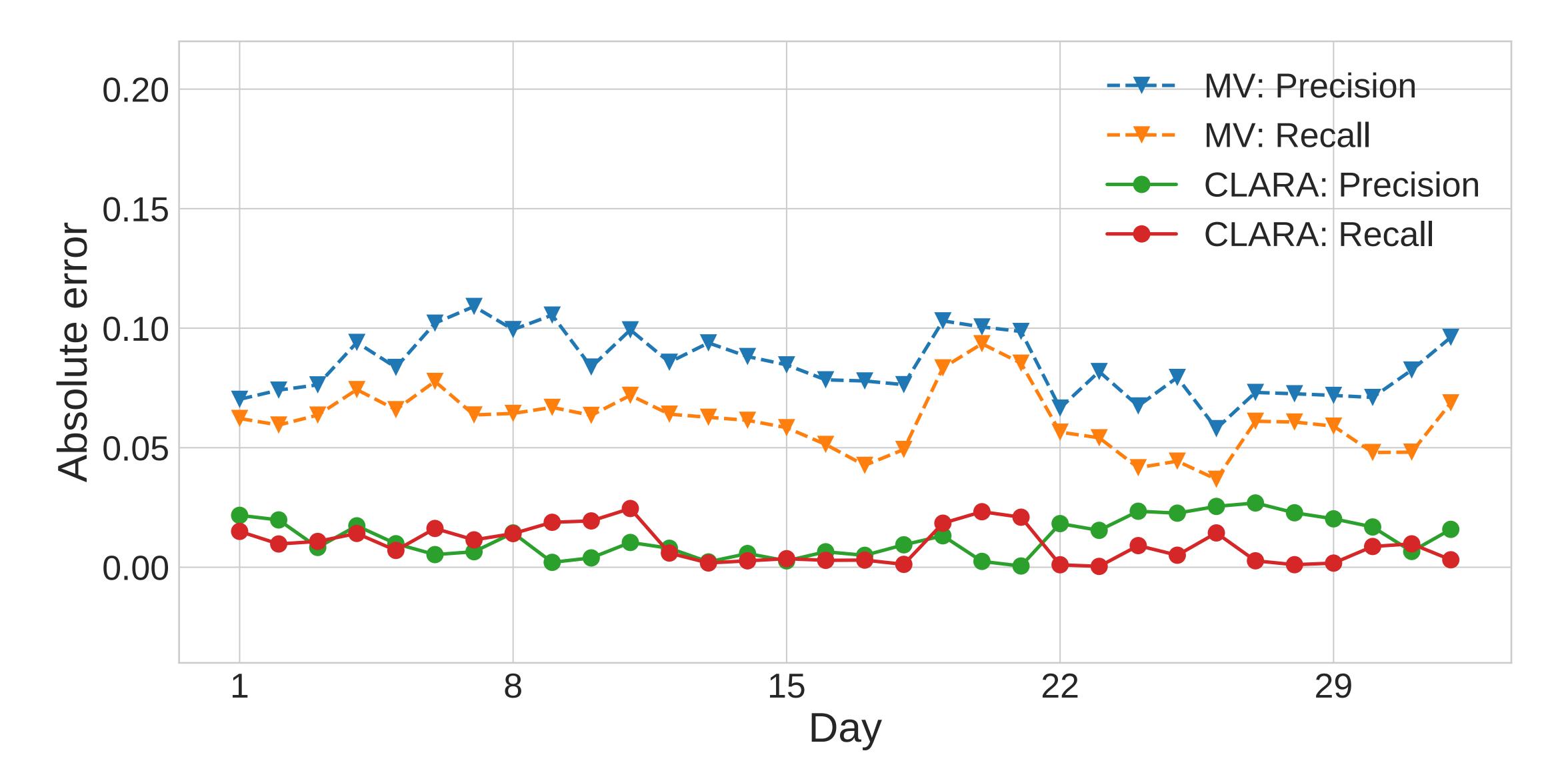


Measuring Reviewer Performance





Reviewer Precision/Recall Estimates





Labeling Efficiency

Improve labeling efficiency by only sending content for additional review if the confidence is low





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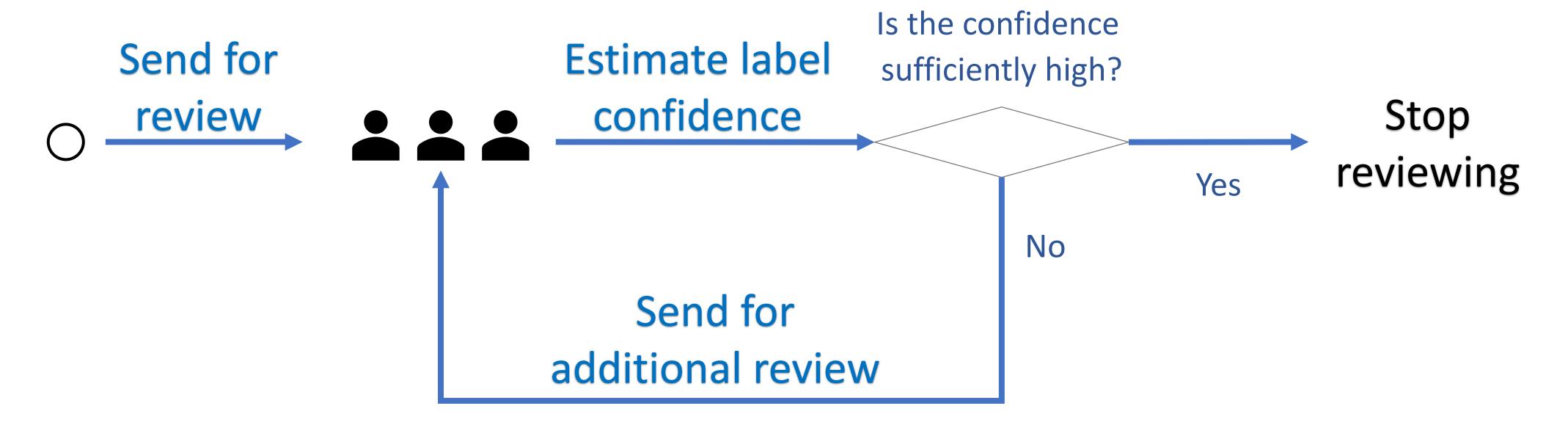
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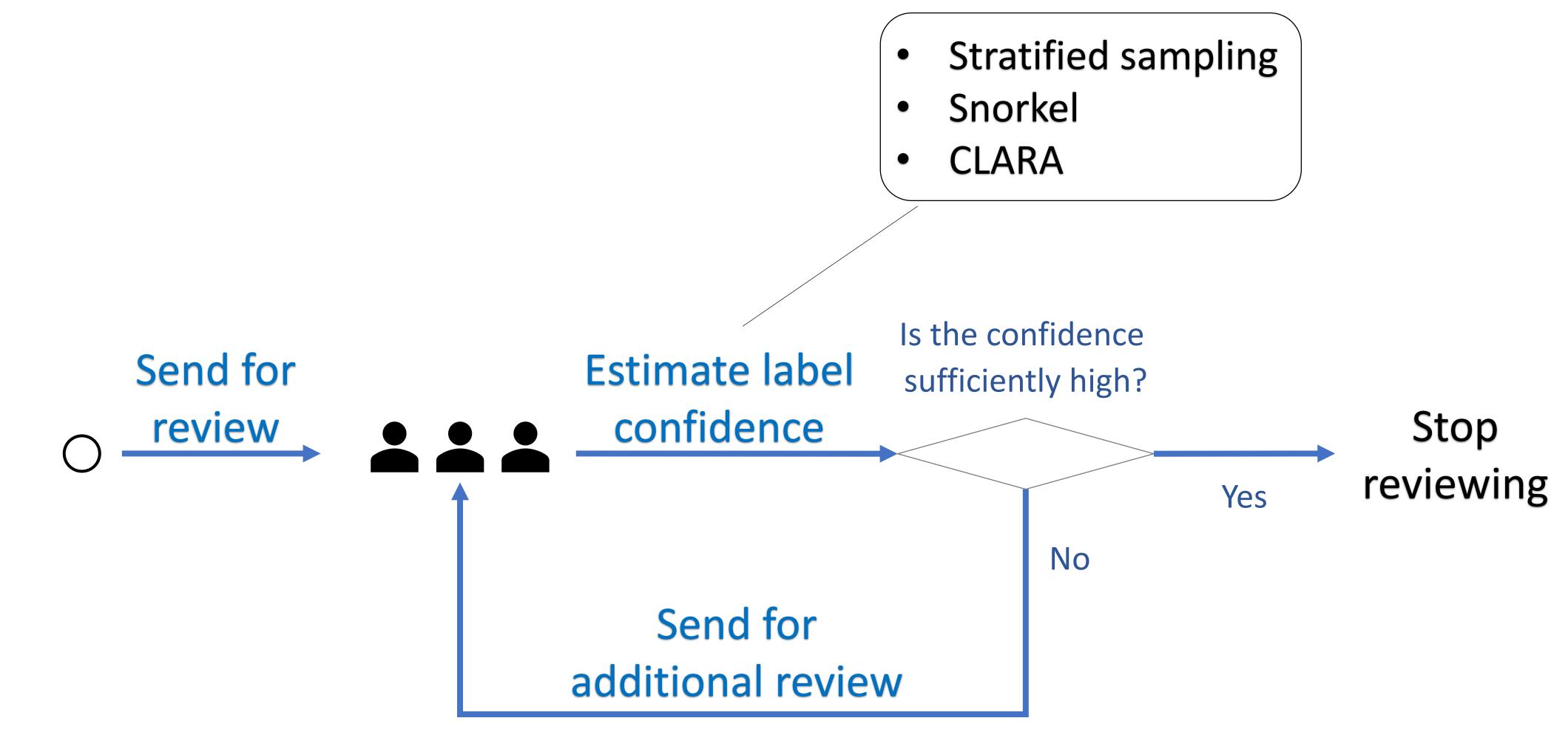






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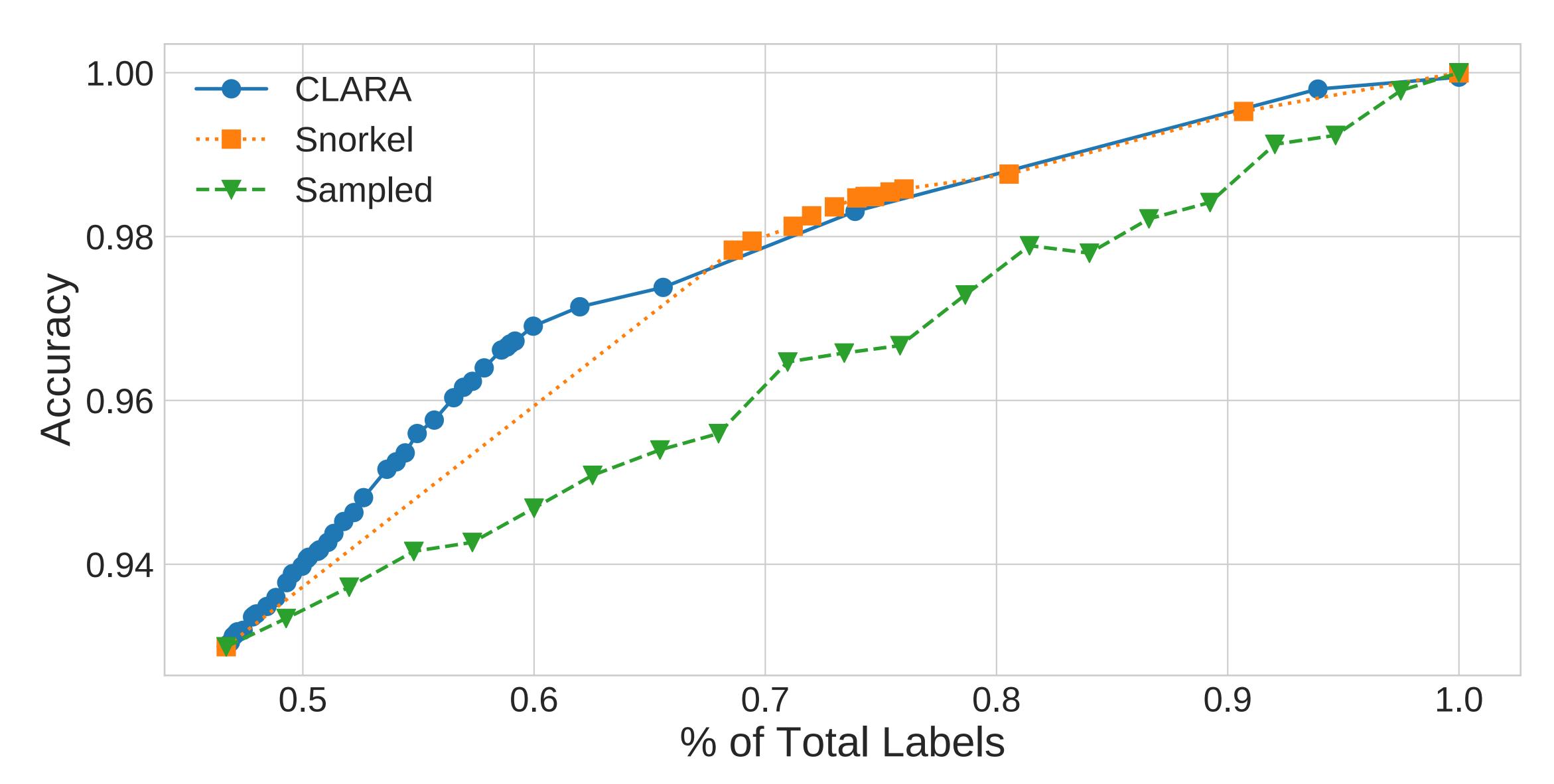




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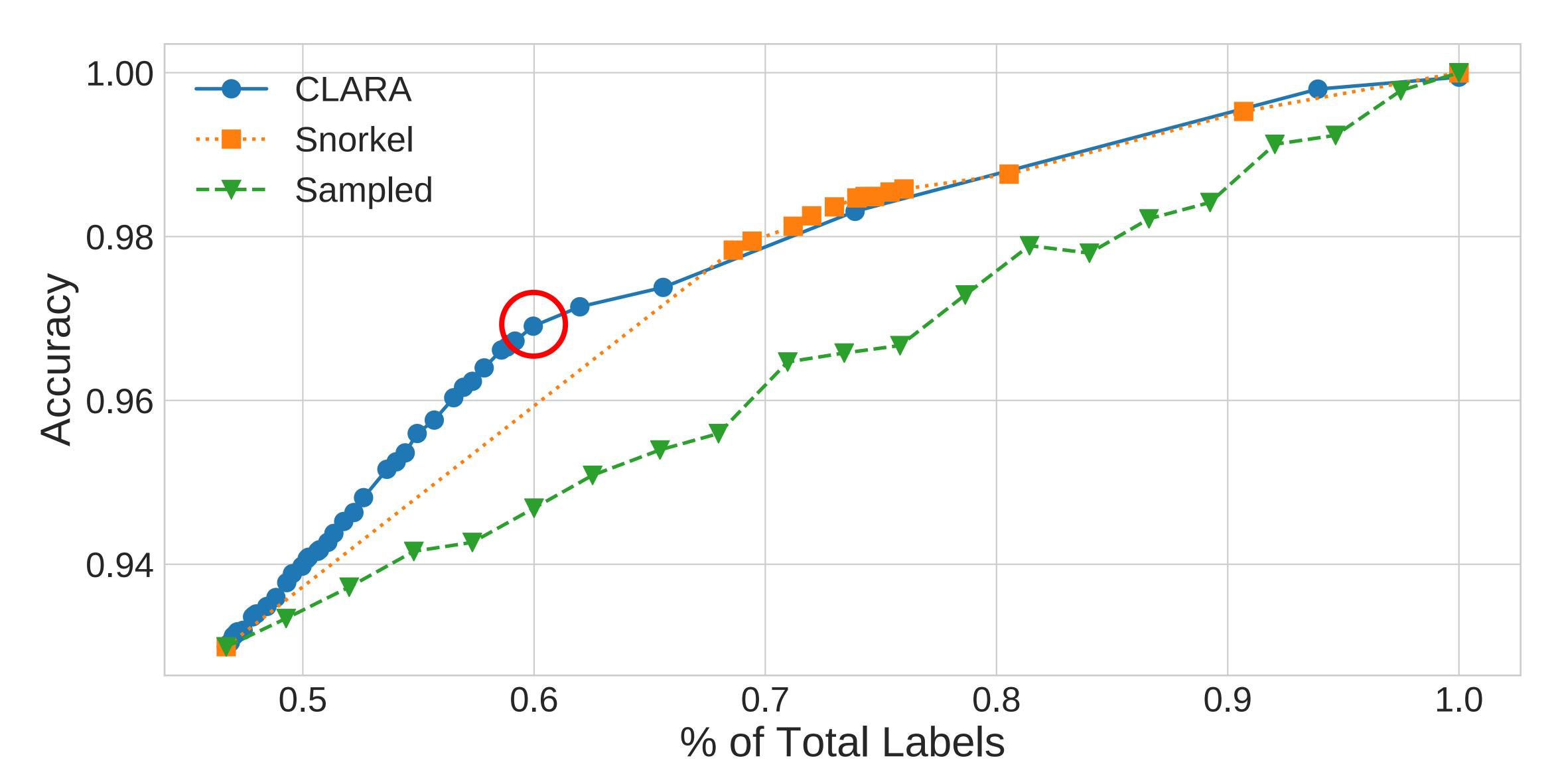


Cost/Accuracy Tradeoff Curve



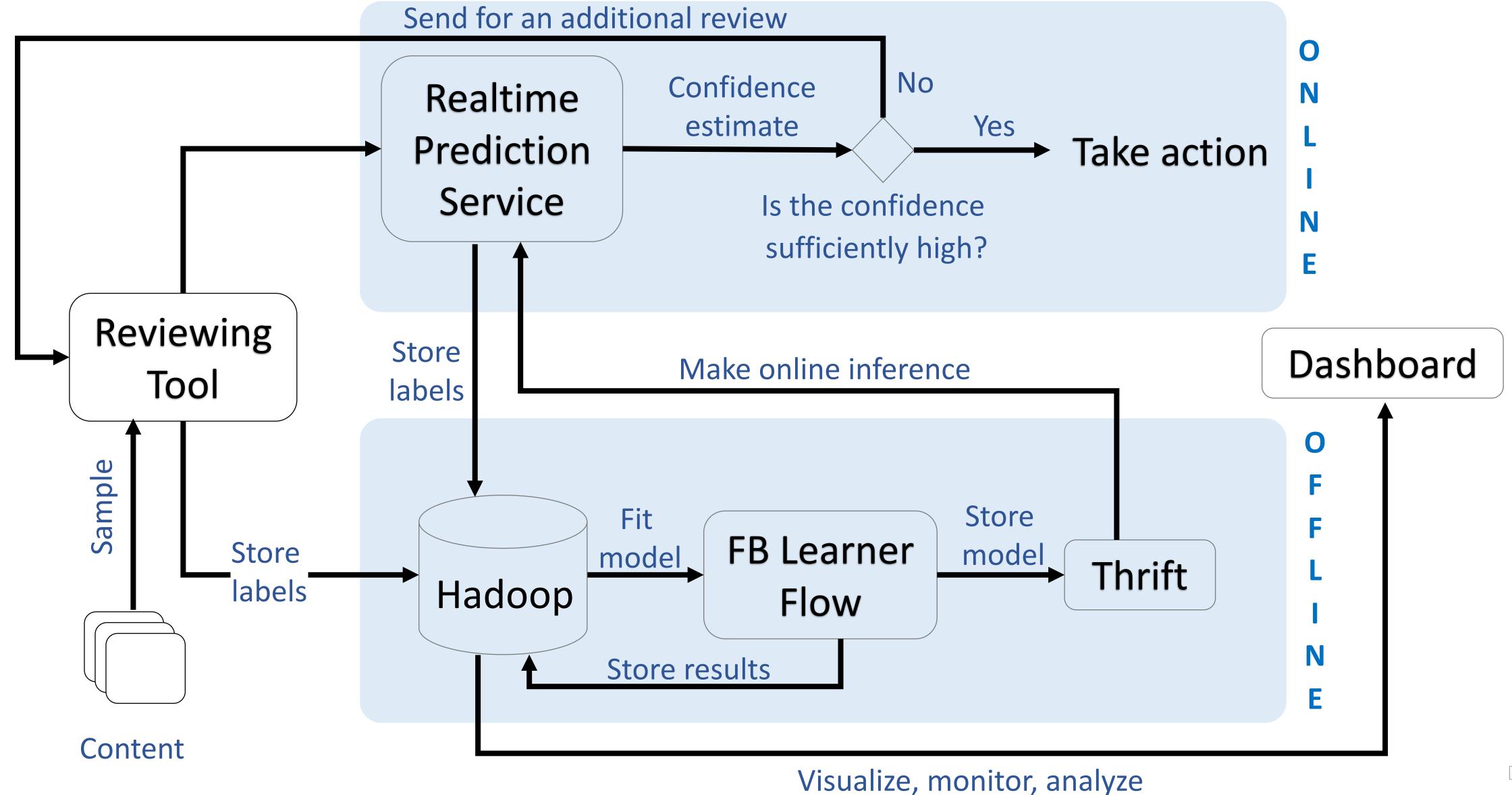


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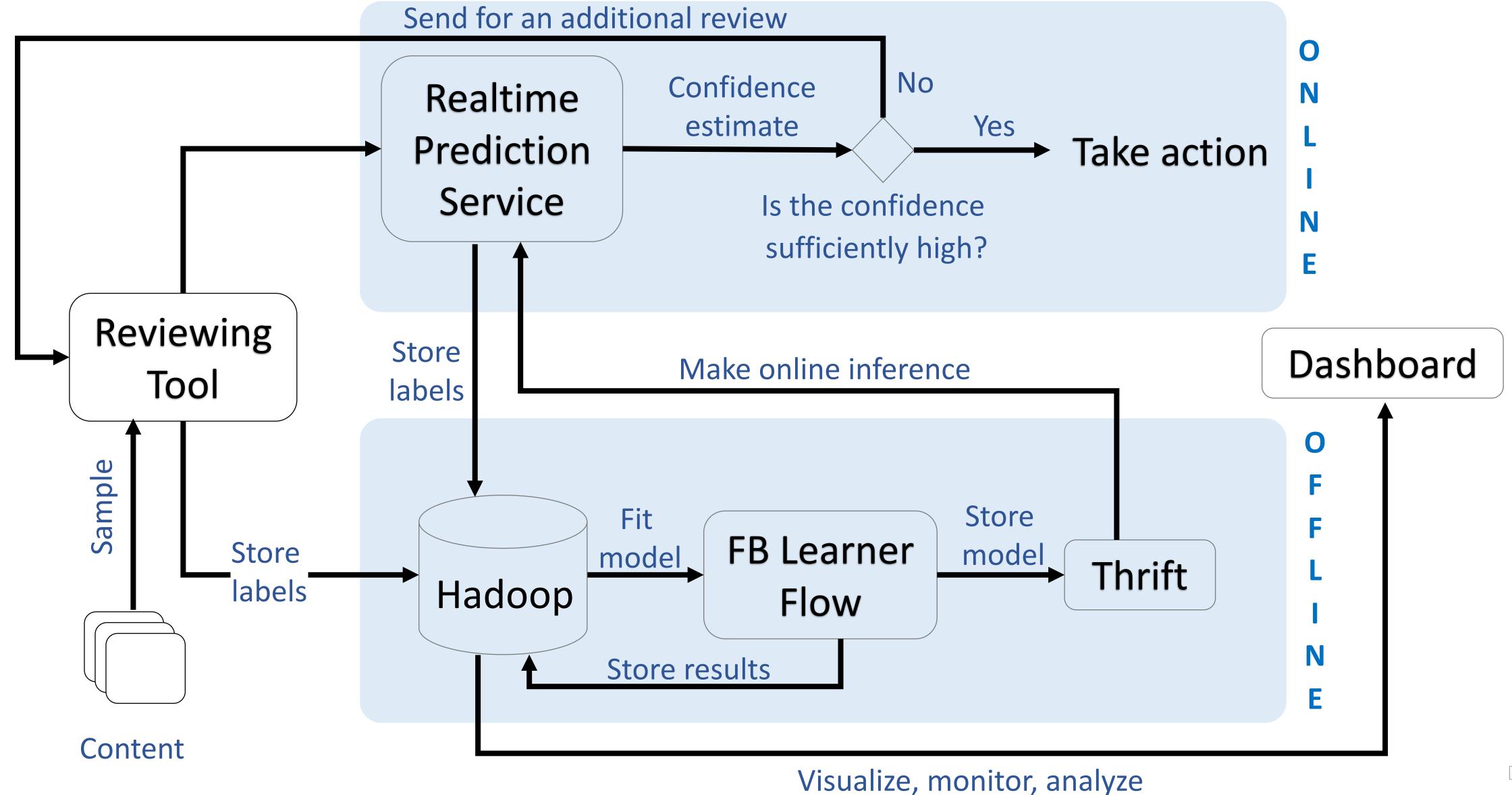




System Overview



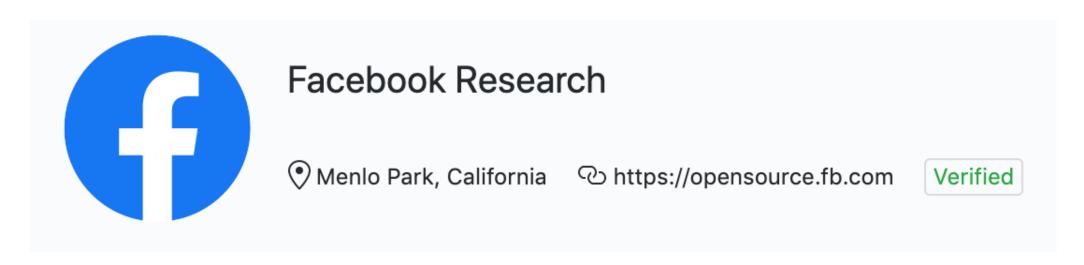
System Overview



Conclusion

- CLARA, a system developed and deployed at Facebook to estimate the uncertainty of human labels
- Extensive simulations and comparison with state-of-the-art
- Results on real Facebook deployment

And the source code



https://github.com/facebook/clara

