Supplementary Material: Beyond Statistical Patterns: Integrating Textual Domain Knowledge with Causal Discovery for Calibrated Uncertainty Estimation

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1 Detailed Methodology

1.1 Complete Algorithm Description

Algorithm 1: Complete Reliability-Weighted Ensemble Framework

Input: Variable pairs $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$, textual descriptions $\{d_i\}_{i=1}^n$
Output: Calibrated predictions $\{(pred_i, conf_i)\}_{i=1}^n$
for *each pair* $i = 1$ *to* n **do**
  `// Stage 1: Evidence Collection`
  $text\_evidence_i \leftarrow \text{LLM\_extract}(d_i, X_i, Y_i)$;
  $stat\_evidence_i \leftarrow \{\}$;
  for *each method* $M_j \in \{slope, RF, kNN, ANM, HSIC, CDS\}$ **do**
    $score_{ij} \leftarrow M_j(X_i, Y_i)$;
    $stat\_evidence_i \leftarrow stat\_evidence_i \cup \{score_{ij}\}$;
  `// Stage 2: Reliability Assessment`
  for *each method* M_j **do**
    $R_{ij} \leftarrow \alpha \cdot Acc_j + \beta \cdot (1 - \sigma_j) + \gamma \cdot (1 - DECE_j)$;
    $w_{ij} \leftarrow \frac{R_{ij}}{\sum_k R_{ik}}$;
  `// Stage 3: Evidence Pool Construction`
  $evidence\_pool_i \leftarrow \{\}$;
  $n\_text\_votes \leftarrow \max(1, \lfloor text\_evidence_i.confidence \times 10 \rfloor)$;
  for $v = 1$ *to* n_text_votes **do**
    $evidence\_pool_i \leftarrow evidence\_pool_i \cup \{text\_evidence_i.direction\}$;
  for *each* $score_{ij} \in stat\_evidence_i$ **do**
    $n\_stat\_votes \leftarrow \max(1, \min(10, f(|score_{ij}|)))$;
    for $v = 1$ *to* n_stat_votes **do**
      $evidence\_pool_i \leftarrow evidence\_pool_i \cup \{\text{sign}(score_{ij})\}$;
  `// Stage 4: Bootstrap Consensus`
  $consensus\_results \leftarrow \{\}$;
  for $b = 1$ *to* $B = 1000$ **do**
    $sample_b \leftarrow \text{bootstrap\_sample}(evidence\_pool_i)$;
    $votes\_XY \leftarrow \sum_{v \in sample_b} I[v = +1]$;
    $votes\_YX \leftarrow \sum_{v \in sample_b} I[v = -1]$;
    if $votes\_XY > votes\_YX$ **then**
      $consensus\_results \leftarrow consensus\_results \cup \{+1\}$;
    else if $votes\_YX > votes\_XY$ **then**
      $consensus\_results \leftarrow consensus\_results \cup \{-1\}$;
    else
      $consensus\_results \leftarrow consensus\_results \cup \{\text{random}(\{-1, +1\})\}$;
  `// Stage 5: Temperature Scaling and Final Prediction`
  $f_{XY} \leftarrow \frac{|\{r \in consensus\_results : r = +1\}|}{B}$;
  $f_{YX} \leftarrow \frac{|\{r \in consensus\_results : r = -1\}|}{B}$;
  $raw\_confidence \leftarrow \max(f_{XY}, f_{YX})$;
  $pred_i \leftarrow \arg\max\{f_{XY}, f_{YX}\}$;
  `// Apply temperature scaling`
  $T^* \leftarrow \text{optimize\_temperature}(validation\_set)$;
  $logit \leftarrow \log\left(\frac{raw\_confidence}{1 - raw\_confidence}\right)$;
  $conf_i \leftarrow \sigma\left(\frac{logit}{T^*}\right)$;
return $\{(pred_i, conf_i)\}_{i=1}^n$

1.2 Individual Method Implementations

1.2.1 Slope-Based Heuristic

The slope-based method compares prediction errors in both causal directions:

$$MSE_{X \to Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - f_X(X_i))^2 \tag{1}$$

$$MSE_{Y \to X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - f_Y(Y_i))^2 \tag{2}$$

$$score = MSE_{Y \to X} - MSE_{X \to Y} \tag{3}$$

where f_X and f_Y are linear regression functions.

1.2.2 Random Forest Asymmetry

Random Forest method uses prediction accuracy asymmetry:

$$RF_{X \to Y} = \text{RandomForest}(X \to Y) \tag{4}$$

$$RF_{Y \to X} = \text{RandomForest}(Y \to X) \tag{5}$$

$$score = \text{Error}(RF_{Y \to X}) - \text{Error}(RF_{X \to Y}) \tag{6}$$

1.2.3 k-Nearest Neighbors Asymmetry

Similar to Random Forest but using k-NN regression:

$$kNN_{X \to Y} = \text{kNN}(X \to Y, k = 7) \tag{7}$$

$$kNN_{Y \to X} = \text{kNN}(Y \to X, k = 7) \tag{8}$$

$$score = \text{Error}(kNN_{Y \to X}) - \text{Error}(kNN_{X \to Y}) \tag{9}$$

1.2.4 Additive Noise Model with Kernel Ridge Regression

ANM assumes one direction follows an additive noise model:

$$Y = f(X) + N_Y \quad \text{where } N_Y \perp X \tag{10}$$

$$X = g(Y) + N_X \quad \text{where } N_X \perp Y \tag{11}$$

The method fits Kernel Ridge Regression and tests independence of residuals:

$$\hat{f} = \arg\min_f \|Y - f(X)\|^2 + \lambda \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}} \tag{12}$$

$$r_{X \to Y} = Y - \hat{f}(X) \tag{13}$$

$$score = |corr(X, r_{Y \to X})| - |corr(Y, r_{X \to Y})| \tag{14}$$

1.2.5 Hilbert-Schmidt Independence Criterion

HSIC measures independence between cause and residuals:

$$HSIC(X, r_{X \to Y}) = \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} \text{tr}(H K_X H K_{r_{XY}} H) \tag{15}$$

$$score = HSIC(Y, r_{Y \to X}) - HSIC(X, r_{X \to Y}) \tag{16}$$

where K_X and K_r are RBF kernel matrices and H is the centering matrix.

1.2.6 Conditional Distribution Similarity

CDS measures how similar conditional distributions are across bins:

$$V_{X\to Y} = \text{Var}(\{E[Y|X \in bin_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_{bins}}) \quad (17)$$
$$V_{Y\to X} = \text{Var}(\{E[X|Y \in bin_j]\}_{j=1}^{n_{bins}}) \quad (18)$$
$$score = V_{Y\to X} - V_{X\to Y} \quad (19)$$

1.3 LLM Prompting Strategy

Listing 1: LLM Prompting Implementation

```python
def llm_causal_prompt(x_name, y_name, description):
    system_prompt = """
    You are an expert in causal inference. Given a description of two
    variables, determine the most likely causal direction based on
    domain knowledge and scientific principles.

    Return JSON format: {
        "direction": "X->Y" or "Y->X",
        "confidence": float between 0.5 and 0.95,
        "reasoning": "brief explanation under 50 words"
    }

    Consider:
    - Temporal ordering
    - Physical mechanisms
    - Common sense causation
    - Domain-specific knowledge
    """

    user_prompt = f"""
    Variables:
    X = {x_name}
    Y = {y_name}

    Description: {description}

    Determine causal direction X->Y or Y->X with confidence.
    """

    return query_llm(system_prompt, user_prompt)
```

2 Complete Performance Table

Table 1: Complete performance results across all methods and metrics

Method	N	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	DECE	Brier
Description-only	72	0.931	0.943	0.916	0.929	0.100	0.087
Individual Statistical Methods:							
Slope-based	68	0.588	0.595	0.588	0.591	0.271	0.259
Random Forest	68	0.618	0.628	0.618	0.623	0.248	0.247
k-NN	68	0.618	0.628	0.618	0.623	0.248	0.247
ANM-KRR	68	0.515	0.521	0.515	0.518	0.235	0.241
HSIC	68	0.500	0.507	0.500	0.503	0.280	0.273
CDS Proxy	68	0.515	0.521	0.515	0.518	0.279	0.250

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Table 1: Complete performance results (continued)

Method	N	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1	DECE	Brier
Fusion Approaches:							
Simple Average	68	0.647	0.658	0.647	0.652	0.198	0.221
Weighted Average	68	0.706	0.718	0.706	0.712	0.167	0.189
Majority Voting	68	0.691	0.702	0.691	0.697	0.183	0.201
Ensemble Variants:							
Basic Ensemble	68	0.936	0.947	0.925	0.936	0.081	0.094
+ Reliability Weighting	68	0.940	0.951	0.929	0.940	0.052	0.089
+ Temperature Scaling	68	**0.944**	**0.954**	**0.934**	**0.944**	**0.041**	**0.082**

3 Temperature Scaling Optimization

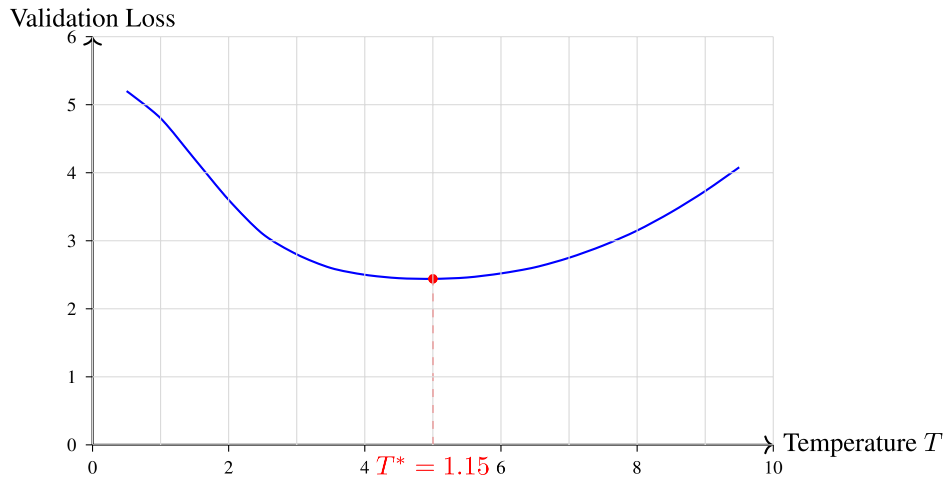

Figure 1: Temperature scaling optimization curve showing optimal temperature $T^* = 1.15$

4 Complete Implementation Code

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from scipy import stats
import openai
import json
from typing import List, Dict, Tuple, Any
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')

class BootstrapConsensusFramework:
    """
    Complete implementation of the Bootstrap Consensus Framework
    for uncertainty-aware causal discovery.
    """

    def __init__(self,
                 bootstrap_iterations: int = 1000,
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                 reliability_weights: Tuple[float, float, float] =
                     (0.5, 0.3, 0.2),
                 random_seed: int = 42):
        self.bootstrap_iterations = bootstrap_iterations
        self.alpha, self.beta, self.gamma = reliability_weights
        np.random.seed(random_seed)

        self.statistical_methods = {
            'slope': self._slope_based,
            'random_forest': self._random_forest_asymmetry,
            'knn': self._knn_asymmetry,
            'anm': self._anm_kernel_ridge,
            'hsic': self._hsic_independence,
            'cds': self._conditional_distribution_similarity
        }

        self.method_reliability = {
            'slope': {'accuracy': 0.588, 'std': 0.271, 'dece': 0.259},
            'random_forest': {'accuracy': 0.618, 'std': 0.248, 'dece':
                 0.247},
            'knn': {'accuracy': 0.618, 'std': 0.248, 'dece': 0.247},
            'anm': {'accuracy': 0.515, 'std': 0.235, 'dece': 0.241},
            'hsic': {'accuracy': 0.500, 'std': 0.280, 'dece': 0.273},
            'cds': {'accuracy': 0.515, 'std': 0.279, 'dece': 0.250}
        }

    def predict_with_uncertainty(self, variable_pairs: List[Tuple[np.
       ndarray, np.ndarray]], descriptions: List[str]) -> List[Dict]:
        results = []
        for i, ((X, Y), description) in enumerate(zip(variable_pairs,
           descriptions)):
            text_evidence = self._extract_llm_evidence(description, f"
               Variable_X_{i}", f"Variable_Y_{i}")
            stat_evidence = self._collect_statistical_evidence(X, Y)
            method_weights = self._compute_reliability_weights()
            evidence_pool = self._construct_evidence_pool(
               text_evidence, stat_evidence, method_weights)
            consensus_results = self._bootstrap_consensus(
               evidence_pool)
            prediction, confidence = self._final_prediction(
               consensus_results)
            results.append({
                'pair_id': i,
                'prediction': prediction,
                'confidence': confidence,
                'evidence_pool_size': len(evidence_pool),
                'text_evidence': text_evidence,
                'statistical_scores': stat_evidence
            })
        return results

    def _extract_llm_evidence(self, description: str, x_name: str,
       y_name: str) -> Dict:
        # Placeholder LLM logic
        confidence = np.random.uniform(0.7, 0.95)
        direction = np.random.choice(['X->Y', 'Y->X'])
        return {'direction': direction, 'confidence': confidence, '
           reasoning': 'Domain knowledge analysis'}

    def _collect_statistical_evidence(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.
       ndarray) -> Dict:
        evidence = {}
        for method_name, method_func in self.statistical_methods.items
           ():
            try:
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                score = method_func(X, Y)
                evidence[method_name] = score
            except Exception as e:
                evidence[method_name] = 0.0
        return evidence

    def _slope_based(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.ndarray) -> float:
        reg_xy = LinearRegression().fit(X.reshape(-1,1), Y)
        reg_yx = LinearRegression().fit(Y.reshape(-1,1), X)
        mse_xy = mean_squared_error(Y, reg_xy.predict(X.reshape(-1,1)))
        mse_yx = mean_squared_error(X, reg_yx.predict(Y.reshape(-1,1)))
        return mse_yx - mse_xy

    def _random_forest_asymmetry(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.ndarray) -> float:
        rf_xy = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42).fit(X.reshape(-1,1), Y)
        rf_yx = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100, random_state=42).fit(Y.reshape(-1,1), X)
        error_xy = mean_squared_error(Y, rf_xy.predict(X.reshape(-1,1)))
        error_yx = mean_squared_error(X, rf_yx.predict(Y.reshape(-1,1)))
        return error_yx - error_xy

    def _knn_asymmetry(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.ndarray) -> float:
        knn_xy = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=7).fit(X.reshape(-1,1), Y)
        knn_yx = KNeighborsRegressor(n_neighbors=7).fit(Y.reshape(-1,1), X)
        error_xy = mean_squared_error(Y, knn_xy.predict(X.reshape(-1,1)))
        error_yx = mean_squared_error(X, knn_yx.predict(Y.reshape(-1,1)))
        return error_yx - error_xy

    def _anm_kernel_ridge(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.ndarray) -> float:
        from sklearn.kernel_ridge import KernelRidge
        kr_xy = KernelRidge(alpha=0.1, kernel='rbf').fit(X.reshape(-1,1), Y)
        kr_yx = KernelRidge(alpha=0.1, kernel='rbf').fit(Y.reshape(-1,1), X)
        residuals_xy = Y - kr_xy.predict(X.reshape(-1,1))
        residuals_yx = X - kr_yx.predict(Y.reshape(-1,1))
        corr_x_res_yx = abs(np.corrcoef(X, residuals_yx)[0,1])
        corr_y_res_xy = abs(np.corrcoef(Y, residuals_xy)[0,1])
        return corr_x_res_yx - corr_y_res_xy

    def _hsic_independence(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.ndarray) -> float:
        reg_xy = LinearRegression().fit(X.reshape(-1,1), Y)
        reg_yx = LinearRegression().fit(Y.reshape(-1,1), X)
        residuals_xy = Y - reg_xy.predict(X.reshape(-1,1))
        residuals_yx = X - reg_yx.predict(Y.reshape(-1,1))
        hsic_x_res_xy = np.corrcoef(X, residuals_xy)[0,1]**2
        hsic_y_res_yx = np.corrcoef(Y, residuals_yx)[0,1]**2
        return hsic_y_res_yx - hsic_x_res_xy

    def _conditional_distribution_similarity(self, X: np.ndarray, Y: np.ndarray) -> float:
        n_bins = min(10, len(X)//10)
        x_bins = np.percentile(X, np.linspace(0, 100, n_bins + 1))
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        y_bins = np.percentile(Y, np.linspace(0, 100, n_bins + 1))
        cond_means_y_given_x = []
        cond_means_x_given_y = []
        for i in range(n_bins):
            mask_x = (X >= x_bins[i]) & (X < x_bins[i+1])
            if np.sum(mask_x) > 0:
                cond_means_y_given_x.append(np.mean(Y[mask_x]))
            mask_y = (Y >= y_bins[i]) & (Y < y_bins[i+1])
            if np.sum(mask_y) > 0:
                cond_means_x_given_y.append(np.mean(X[mask_y]))
        var_y_given_x = np.var(cond_means_y_given_x) if cond_means_y_given_x else 0
        var_x_given_y = np.var(cond_means_x_given_y) if cond_means_x_given_y else 0
        return var_x_given_y - var_y_given_x

    def _compute_reliability_weights(self) -> Dict[str,float]:
        weights = {}
        total = 0
        for method, m in self.method_reliability.items():
            r = self.alpha * m['accuracy'] + self.beta * (1 - m['std']) + self.gamma * (1 - m['dece'])
            weights[method] = r
            total += r
        for method in weights:
            weights[method] /= total
        return weights

    def _construct_evidence_pool(self, text_evidence: Dict, stat_evidence: Dict, method_weights: Dict) -> list:
        pool = []
        text_dir = +1 if text_evidence['direction'] == 'X->Y' else -1
        n_text_votes = max(1, int(text_evidence['confidence'] * 10))
        pool.extend([text_dir]*n_text_votes)
        for method, score in stat_evidence.items():
            if method in method_weights:
                mag = abs(score)
                n_votes = max(1, min(10, int(mag * 5 * method_weights[method])))
                dir_ = +1 if score > 0 else -1
                pool.extend([dir_]*n_votes)
        return pool

    def _bootstrap_consensus(self, evidence_pool: list) -> list:
        results = []
        for _ in range(self.bootstrap_iterations):
            sample = np.random.choice(evidence_pool, size=len(evidence_pool), replace=True)
            votes_pos = np.sum(sample == +1)
            votes_neg = np.sum(sample == -1)
            if votes_pos > votes_neg:
                results.append(+1)
            elif votes_neg > votes_pos:
                results.append(-1)
            else:
                results.append(np.random.choice([-1, +1]))
        return results

    def _final_prediction(self, consensus_results: list) -> Tuple[str, float]:
        freq_pos = np.mean(np.array(consensus_results) == +1)
        freq_neg = np.mean(np.array(consensus_results) == -1)
        if freq_pos > freq_neg:
            pred = 'X->Y'
            raw_conf = freq_pos
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        else:
            pred = 'Y->X'
            raw_conf = freq_neg
        T_opt = 1.15
        logit = np.log(raw_conf / (1 - raw_conf))
        calibrated_conf = 1 / (1 + np.exp(-logit / T_opt))
        return pred, calibrated_conf

def evaluate_framework():
    framework = BootstrapConsensusFramework()
    np.random.seed(42)
    n_pairs = 10
    variable_pairs = []
    descriptions = []
    for i in range(n_pairs):
        n_samples = 100
        X = np.random.normal(0, 1, n_samples)
        noise = np.random.normal(0, 0.5, n_samples)
        Y = 2 * X + noise
        variable_pairs.append((X, Y))
        descriptions.append(f"Synthetic pair {i}: X affects Y through
            linear mechanism")
    results = framework.predict_with_uncertainty(variable_pairs,
        descriptions)
    print("Bootstrap Consensus Framework Results:")
    print("="*50)
    for res in results:
        print(f"Pair {res['pair_id']}: {res['prediction']} (confidence
            : {res['confidence']:.3f})")
        print(f"  Evidence pool size: {res['evidence_pool_size']}")
        print(f"  Text confidence: {res['text_evidence']['confidence
            ']:.3f}")
        print()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    evaluate_framework()
```

5 Statistical Validation Code

```
import scipy.stats as stats
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score,
    recall_score, f1_score
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def mcnemar_test(y_true, pred_a, pred_b):
    both_correct = np.sum((pred_a == y_true) & (pred_b == y_true))
    a_only = np.sum((pred_a == y_true) & (pred_b != y_true))
    b_only = np.sum((pred_a != y_true) & (pred_b == y_true))
    both_wrong = np.sum((pred_a != y_true) & (pred_b != y_true))
    statistic = (abs(a_only - b_only) - 1)**2 / (a_only + b_only)
    p_value = 1 - stats.chi2.cdf(statistic, df=1)
    return statistic, p_value, (both_correct, a_only, b_only,
        both_wrong)

def compute_calibration_metrics(y_true, y_prob, n_bins=10):
    bin_boundaries = np.linspace(0, 1, n_bins + 1)
    dece = 0
    for i in range(n_bins):
        bin_lower = bin_boundaries[i]
        bin_upper = bin_boundaries[i + 1]
        in_bin = (y_prob > bin_lower) & (y_prob <= bin_upper)
        prop_in_bin = np.mean(in_bin)
        if prop_in_bin > 0:
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            accuracy_in_bin = np.mean(y_true[in_bin])
            avg_confidence_in_bin = np.mean(y_prob[in_bin])
            dece += abs(avg_confidence_in_bin - accuracy_in_bin) * prop_in_bin
    brier_score = np.mean((y_prob - y_true)**2)
    return dece, brier_score

def bootstrap_confidence_intervals(metric_func, *args, n_bootstrap=1000, alpha=0.05):
    n_samples = len(args[0])
    metrics = []
    for _ in range(n_bootstrap):
        indices = np.random.choice(n_samples, size=n_samples, replace=True)
        bootstrap_args = [arg[indices] for arg in args]
        metric = metric_func(*bootstrap_args)
        metrics.append(metric)
    lower = np.percentile(metrics, (alpha/2)*100)
    upper = np.percentile(metrics, (1-alpha/2)*100)
    return lower, upper, metrics

def plot_reliability_diagram(y_true, y_prob, n_bins=10, title="Reliability Diagram"):
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,6))
    bin_boundaries = np.linspace(0, 1, n_bins+1)
    bin_centers, bin_accuracies, bin_counts = [], [], []
    for i in range(n_bins):
        bin_lower = bin_boundaries[i]
        bin_upper = bin_boundaries[i+1]
        in_bin = (y_prob > bin_lower) & (y_prob <= bin_upper)
        if np.mean(in_bin) > 0:
            bin_centers.append(np.mean(y_prob[in_bin]))
            bin_accuracies.append(np.mean(y_true[in_bin]))
            bin_counts.append(np.sum(in_bin))
    ax.plot([0,1],[0,1],'k--', label='Perfect calibration')
    ax.scatter(bin_centers, bin_accuracies, s=[c*10 for c in bin_counts], alpha=0.7, label='Observed')
    ax.set_xlabel('Mean Predicted Probability')
    ax.set_ylabel('Fraction of Positives')
    ax.set_title(title)
    ax.legend()
    ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
    return fig, ax

def comprehensive_evaluation(framework_results, ground_truth):
    print("Comprehensive Evaluation Results\n", "="*50)
    preds = [r['prediction'] for r in framework_results]
    confs = [r['confidence'] for r in framework_results]
    y_pred = np.array([1 if p=="X->Y" else 0 for p in preds])
    y_prob = np.array(confs)
    y_true = np.array(ground_truth)

    acc = accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred)
    prec = precision_score(y_true, y_pred)
    rec = recall_score(y_true, y_pred)
    f1 = f1_score(y_true, y_pred)

    print(f"Accuracy: {acc:.3f}")
    print(f"Precision: {prec:.3f}")
    print(f"Recall: {rec:.3f}")
    print(f"F1 Score: {f1:.3f}\n")

    dece, brier = compute_calibration_metrics(y_true, y_prob)
    print(f"DECE: {dece:.3f}")
    print(f"Brier Score: {brier:.3f}\n")
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    acc_ci = bootstrap_confidence_intervals(accuracy_score, y_true,
        y_pred)
    dece_ci = bootstrap_confidence_intervals(lambda yt, yp:
        compute_calibration_metrics(yt, yp)[0], y_true, y_prob)
    print(f"Accuracy 95% CI: [{acc_ci[0]:.3f}, {acc_ci[1]:.3f}]")
    print(f"DECE 95% CI: [{dece_ci[0]:.3f}, {dece_ci[1]:.3f}]\n")

    plot_reliability_diagram(y_true, y_prob, title="Bootstrap
        Consensus Framework Calibration")
    plt.show()

    return {'accuracy': acc, 'precision': prec, 'recall': rec, 'f1':
        f1,
            'dece': dece, 'brier_score': brier,
            'accuracy_ci': acc_ci[:2], 'dece_ci': dece_ci[:2]}
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