

Uncertainty modeling within an End-to-end framework for Food Image Analysis

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Why food recognition?



"Camera eats first"

180M #food
90/minute



54% take picture
39% post it

What is the gender?



● "AI: More than Human" Forum, Groningen ●

Why is the food recognition a challenge?



Motivation

Food Analysis Problems

Ingredients

- Intra-class variability
- Inter-class similarity



Intra-class variability example: Apple. Image source: [Recipes5k](#)



Inter-class similarity example: Tomato sauce and Curry sauce. Image source: [Recipes5k](#)



Decreasement in Precision

Are we able to recognize thousands of dishes?

- 79% on UECFOOD
- 44% on ChinaFood1000
- How to achieve scalability?

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Google Scholar reveals its most influential papers



Deep learning

Yann LeCun, Yoshua Bengio & Geoffrey Hinton

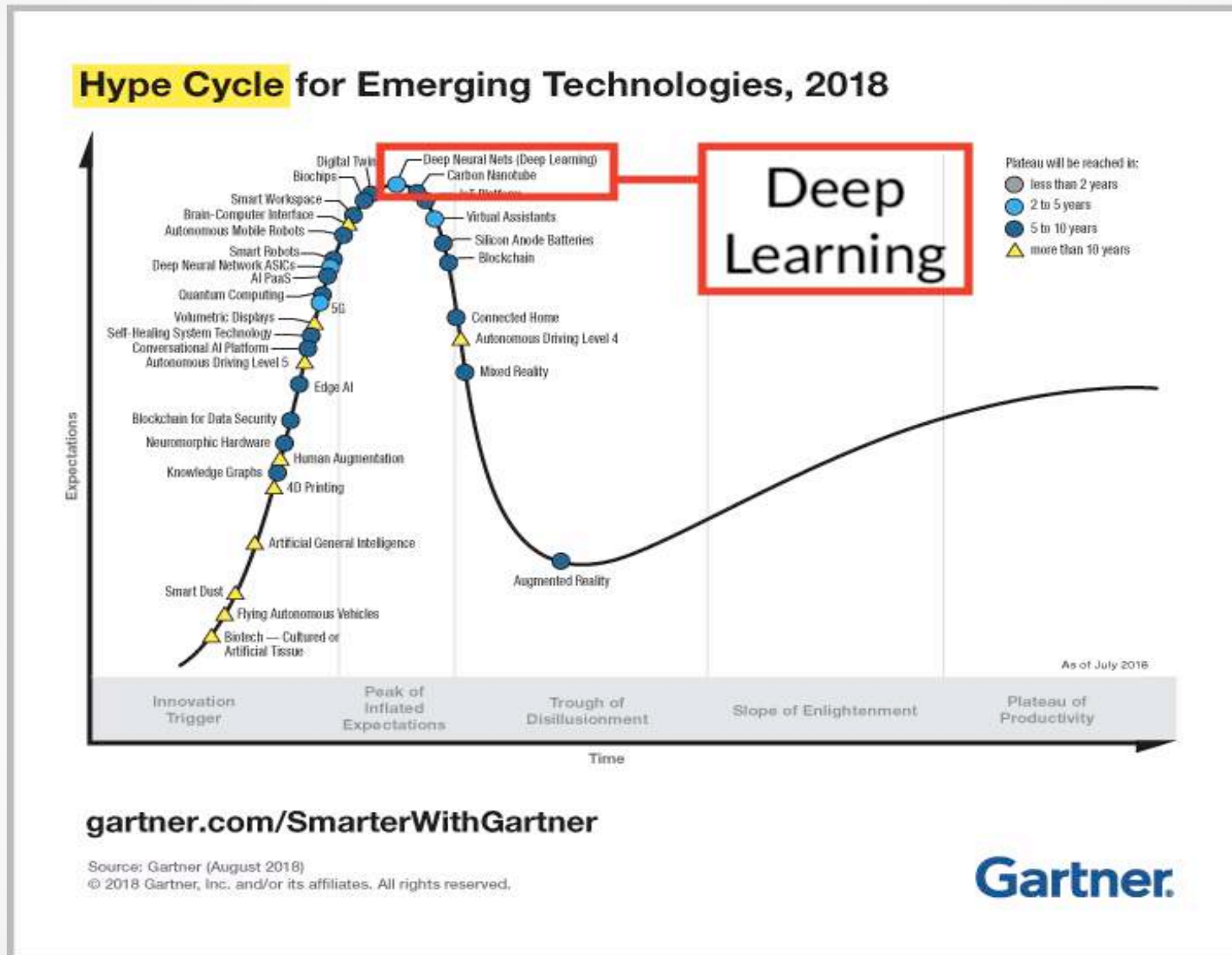
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Deep Learning and society expectation



Multi-Task Learning (MTL)



Cuisine: French.

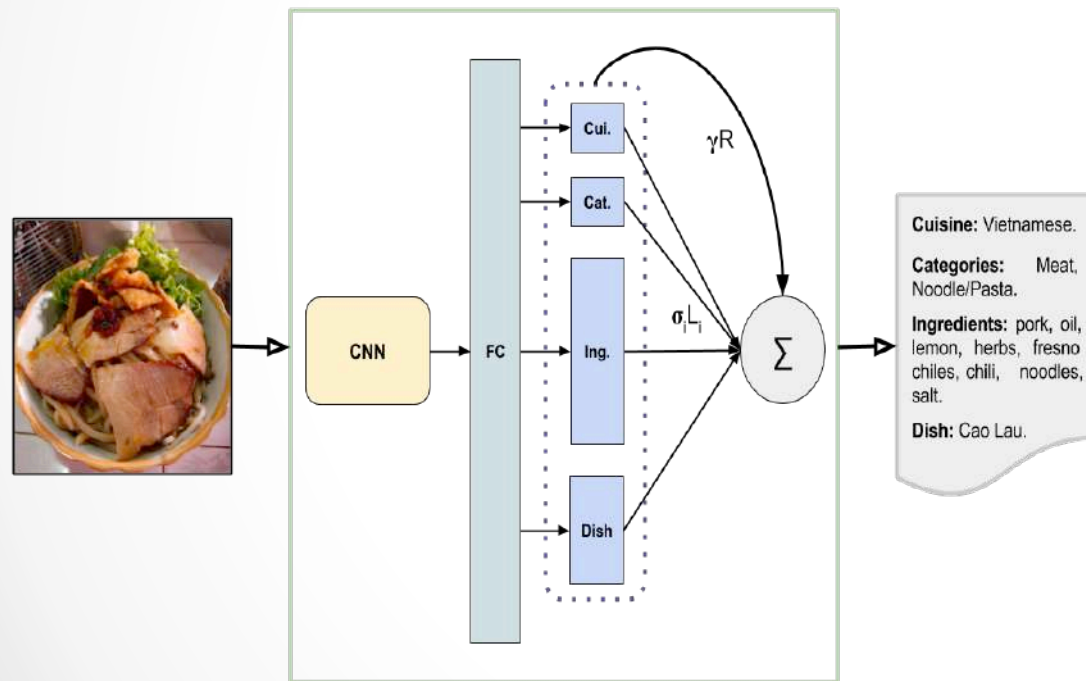
Categories: Meat.

Ingredients: salt, oil, onion, garlic, black pepper, tomato, cloves, parsley, thyme, bay, white wine, clove, duck, fat, mutton.

Dish: Confit de canard.

- Learning **multiple objectives** from a shared representation
 - Efficiency and prediction accuracy.
- Crucial importance in systems where **long computation** run-time is prohibitive
 - Combining all tasks reduces computation.
- Inductive **knowledge transfer**
 - Generalization by sharing the domain information between complimentary tasks.

Food Recognition as a MTL



$$L_{\text{total}} = \sum_i \omega_i L_i$$

How to define the importance of each task?

- Weighted uniformly the losses.
- Manually tuned the losses.
- Dynamic weighted of the losses.
 - The main task is fixed and weights are learned for each side-task ([1]).
 - Weight the tasks according to the homoscedastic uncertainty ([2]).

[1] X. Yin and X. Liu. Multi-task convolutional neural network for face recognition.

[2] A. Kendall, Y. Gal, and R. Cipolla. Multi-task learning using uncertainty to weigh losses for scene geometry and semantics.

A photograph of a two-lane asphalt road stretching into the distance. A large, white question mark is painted on the road surface, centered between the yellow double lines. The road is flanked by green grass and shrubs. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains, some with patches of snow or light-colored rock. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and uncertain.

Let's talk about uncertainty

Model uncertainty

1. Given a model trained with several pictures of fruits, a user asks the model to decide what is the object using a photo of a chocolate cake.



- Adapted from Gal (2016)

Who is the guilty for this?

$$S(y_i) = \frac{e^{y_i}}{\sum_j e^{y_j}}$$

Model uncertainty

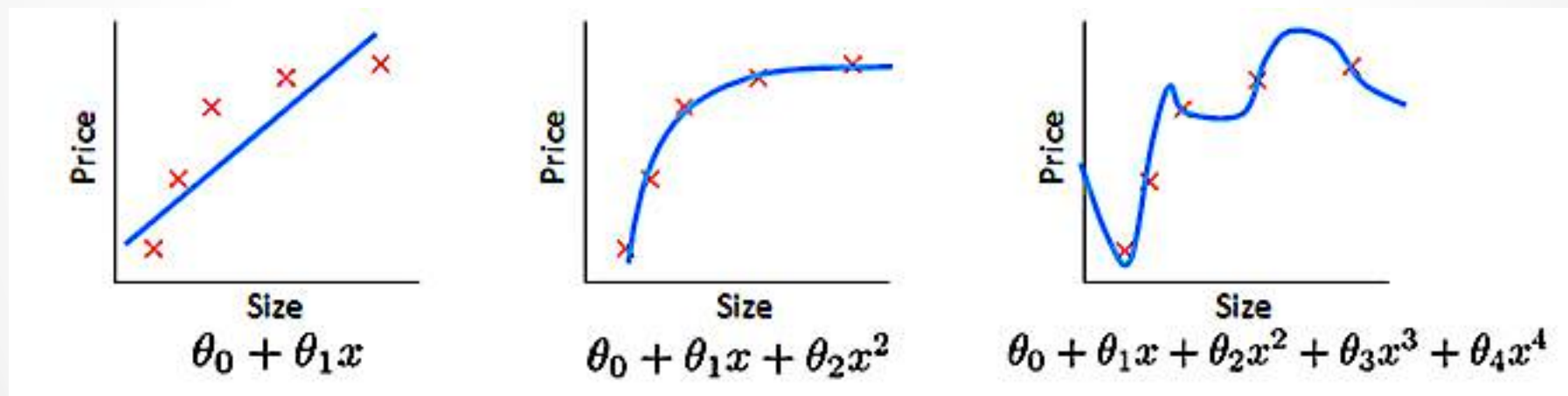
2. We have different types of images to classify fruits, where one of the category comes with a lot of clutter/noise/occlusions.



- Adapted from Gal (2016)

Model uncertainty

3. What is the best model parameters that best explain a given dataset? What model structure should we use?



Gal (2016)

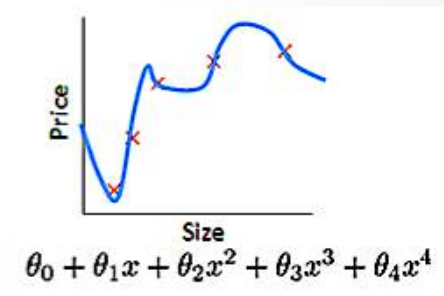
Types of uncertainty in Bayesian modeling

Aleatoric – captures the noise inherent in the observations

- heteroscedastic – data-dependent
- homoscedastic – constant for different data points,
 - but can be task-dependent.



- **Epistemic** – model uncertainty
 - Can be explained away given enough data
 - Uncertainty about the model parameters
 - Uncertainty about the model structure

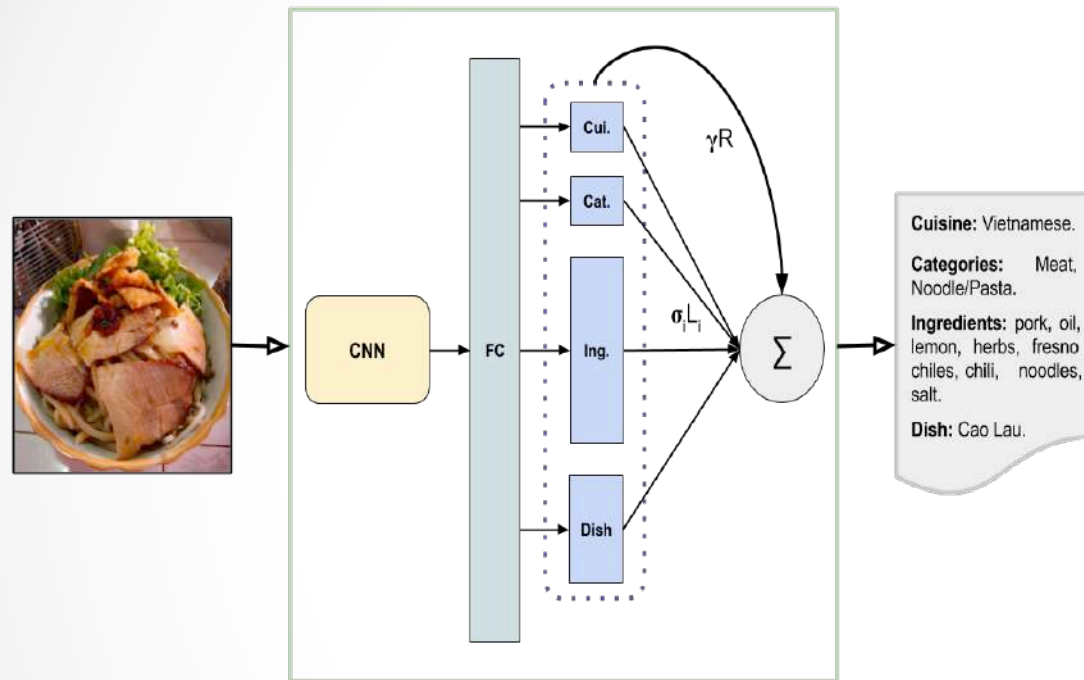


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Food Recognition as a MTL

Aleatoric uncertainty – How to model it?



$$L_{\text{total}} = \sum_i \omega_i L_i$$

How to determine the total loss of the MTF?

- Expensive to learn & Affects the performance and the efficiency.

Use aleatoric uncertainty modeling to make the model smarter!

Multi-task uncertainty-based likelihood

In maximum likelihood inference, we maximize the log likelihood of the model:

$$L(W, \sigma, \dots, \sigma) = -\log p(y_1, \dots, y_T | f^W(x))$$

Kendal et.al. (Kendal'2016) showed that:

$$L(W, \sigma, \dots, \sigma) = -\log p(y_1, \dots, y_T | f^W(x)) \approx \sum_{i=1}^T \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2} L_i(W) + \log \sigma_i^2 \right)$$

- **Proved that the formula can be extended for the binary cross entropy too (multi-label problems).**

Validation



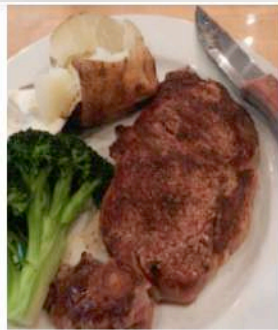
FoodImageNet

- Food – 550 dishes, 11 categories, 11 cuisines
- Ingredients – 65
- Drinks – 40

In total:
more than
550.000 images



Food ingredients recognition



Dish: prime_rib

Prediction: 'olive oil', 'kosher salt', 'minced garlic', 'thyme', 'peppercorns', 'rosemary', 'rib-eye roast',

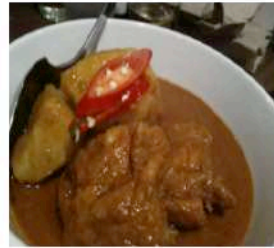
GT: 'olive oil', 'kosher salt', 'minced garlic', 'thyme', 'peppercorns', 'rosemary', 'rib-eye roast',



Dish: caesar_salad

Prediction: 'salt', 'extra-virgin olive oil', 'dijon mustard', 'freshly ground black pepper', 'red wine vinegar', 'dried mixed herbs', 'toasted pine nuts', 'beets', 'gorgonzola', 'baby spinach',

GT: 'salt', 'garlic', 'pepper', 'dijon mustard', 'worcestershire sauce', 'lemon juice', 'romaine lettuce', 'croutons', 'plain greek yogurt', 'parmesan cheese', 'anchovy paste',





Dish: chicken_curry


Prediction: 'salt', 'sugar', 'vegetable oil', 'ground black pepper', 'yellow onion', 'corn starch', 'garlic cloves', 'fresh ginger', 'frozen peas', 'chopped fresh cilantro', 'boneless skinless chicken breasts', 'low sodium chicken broth', 'greek yogurt', 'curry powder',

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Food category and class recognition

Chosen Image



Food Group

Vegetable Fruit 99.97%

Dessert

Meat

Dish

Beet Salad 100%






Cheesecake


Panna Cotta

Salad With Seeds

Folie Gras

Try with example

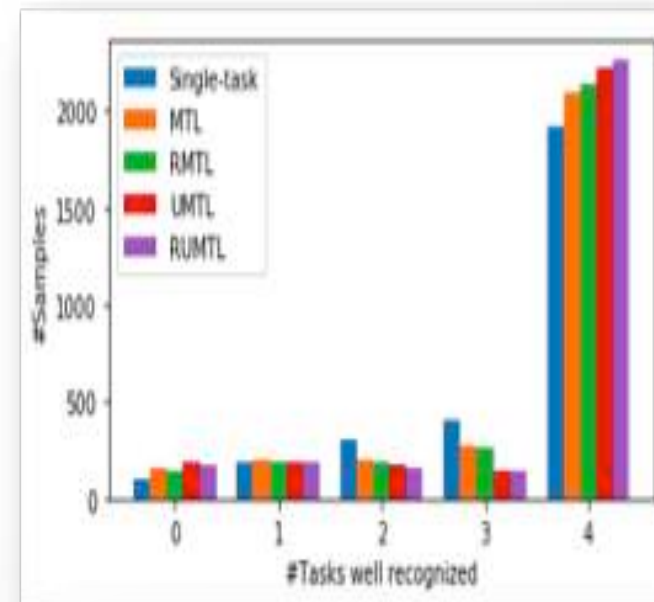
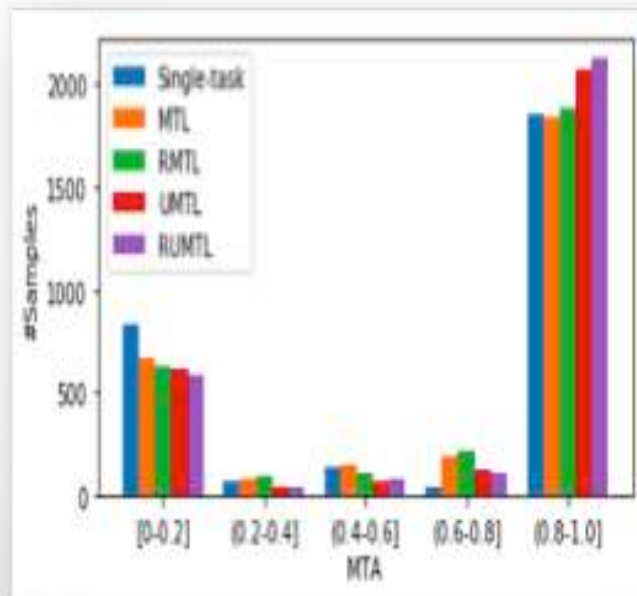








Food ingredients recognition

	Dish	Cuisine	Categories			Ingredients			MTA
	Acc	Acc	F_1	Pre	Rec	F_1	Pre	Rec	
Single-task	0.8334	0.8649	0.8709	0.8944	0.8485	0.8992	0.9143	0.8846	0.6713
MTL	0.8303	0.8958	0.8811	0.9042	0.8592	0.8780	0.8972	0.8596	0.6927
RMTL	0.8351	0.8917	0.8834	0.8789	0.8880	0.8809	0.8613	0.9014	0.7061
UMTL	0.8221	0.8944	0.8925	0.9067	0.8788	0.8943	0.9095	0.8795	0.7478
RUMTL	0.8358	0.8934	0.8944	0.9041	0.8848	0.8988	0.9084	0.8893	0.7600

Multi-task Accuracy: encourage errors to concentrate on the same data.



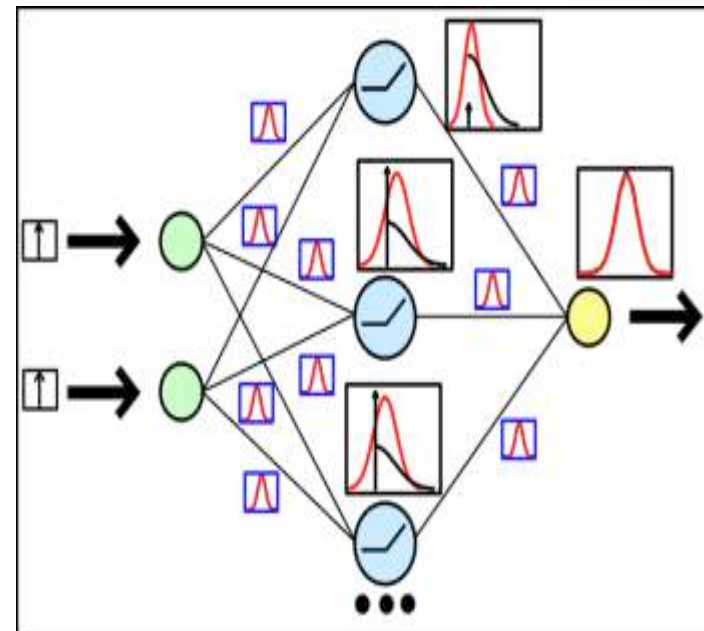
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Bayesian neural networks

Instead of learning the model's weights,
learn a distribution over the weights

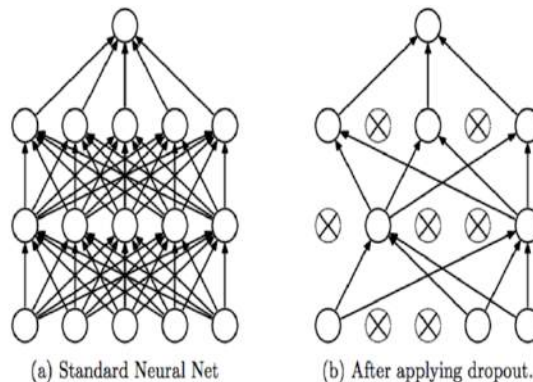
- => estimate uncertainty over the weights.
- So how do we do that?



How to estimate the Epistemic Uncertainty?

Gal and Ghahramani showed that dropout at inference time gives an uncertainty estimator:

1. Infer $y|x$ multiple times, each time sample a different set of nodes to drop out.
2. Average the predictions to get the final prediction $E(y|x)$.
3. Calculate the sample variance of the predictions.



How to estimate the Epistemic Uncertainty?

The Epistemic Uncertainty (EU) can be expressed as follows:

where

$$EU(x_t) = - \sum_{c=1}^C \overline{p(y_c = \hat{y}_c | x_t)} \ln(\overline{p(y_c = \hat{y}_c | x_t)}),$$

K Monte Carlo dropout simulations

$$\overline{p(y_c = \hat{y}_c | x)} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K p(y_c^k = \hat{y}_c^k | x).$$



How many dishes there are all over the world?



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

**More than
100.000 basic
foods**

Imagine

- When you visit Mexico, what is the probability to eat a food from Norway?



Let's organize classes in meta-classes



United States



Germany



Portugal



Turkey

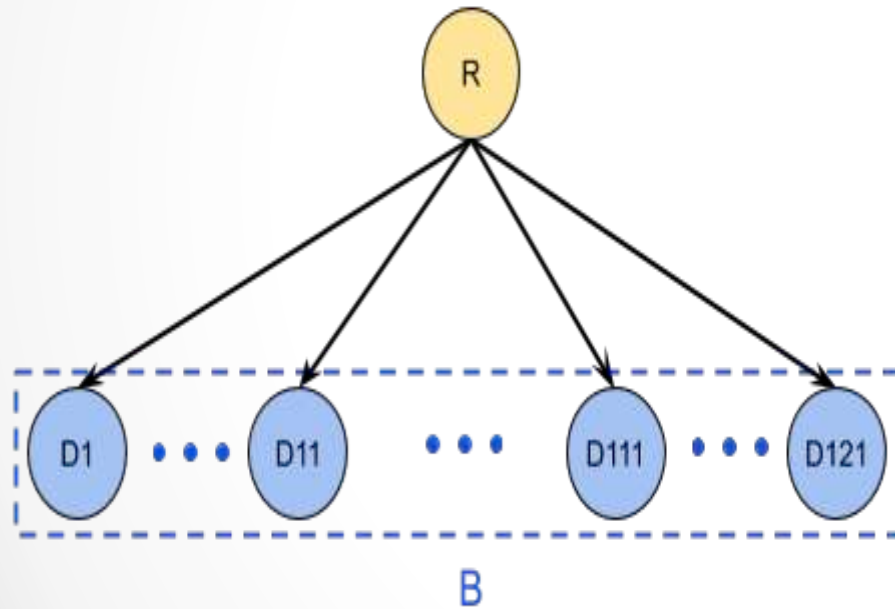


Ghana



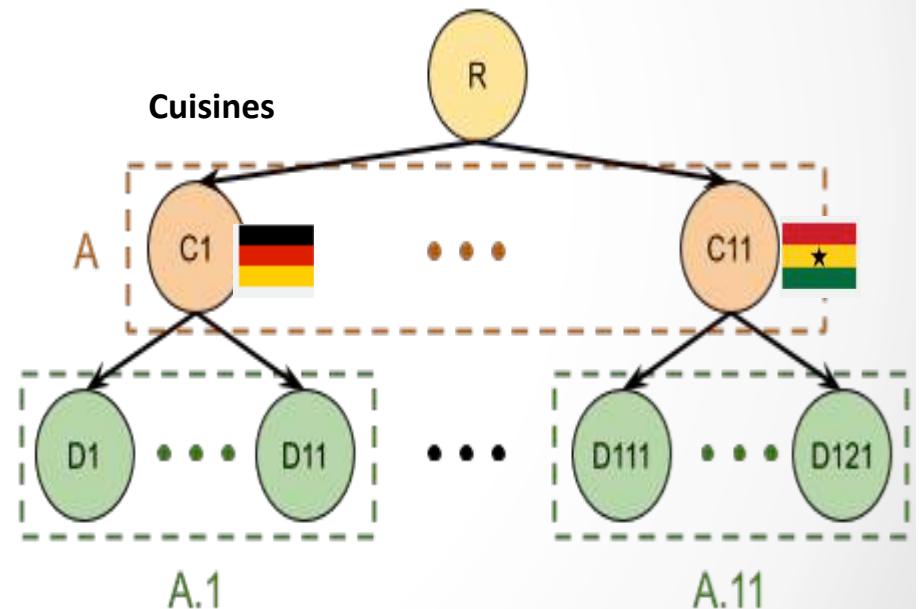
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Flat Classifier Approach



Dishes

Local Classifier Per Parent Node Approach



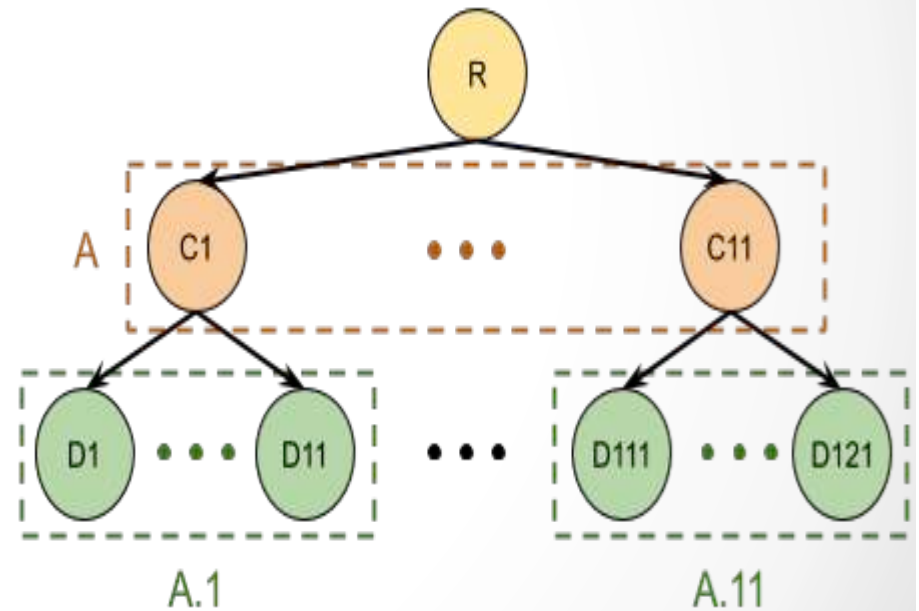
Dishes

But ... Hierarchical classifiers have a big problem



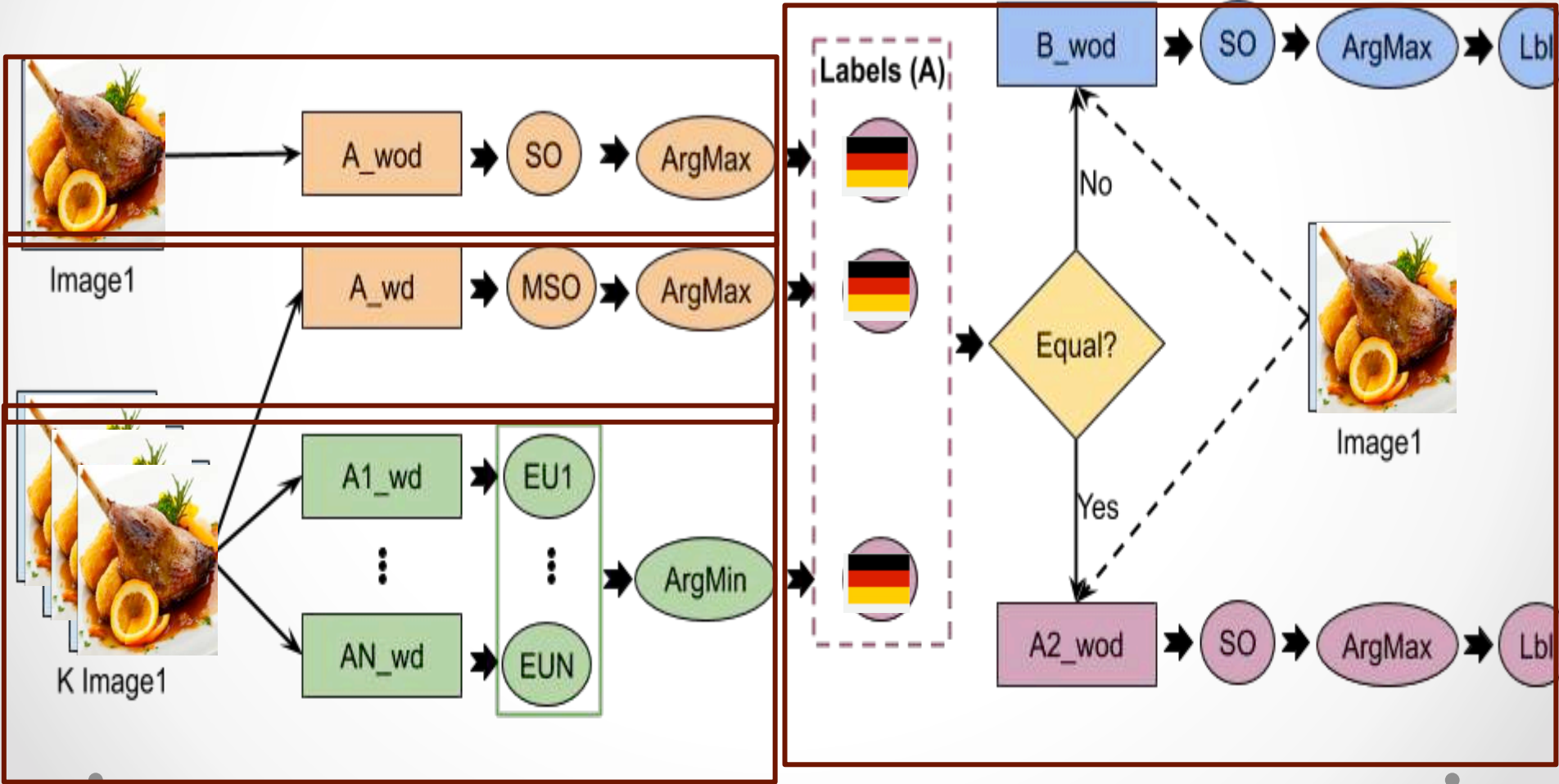
Error propagation

Local Classifier Per Parent Node Approach



Hypothesis: use uncertainty to decide if a LPN should be used

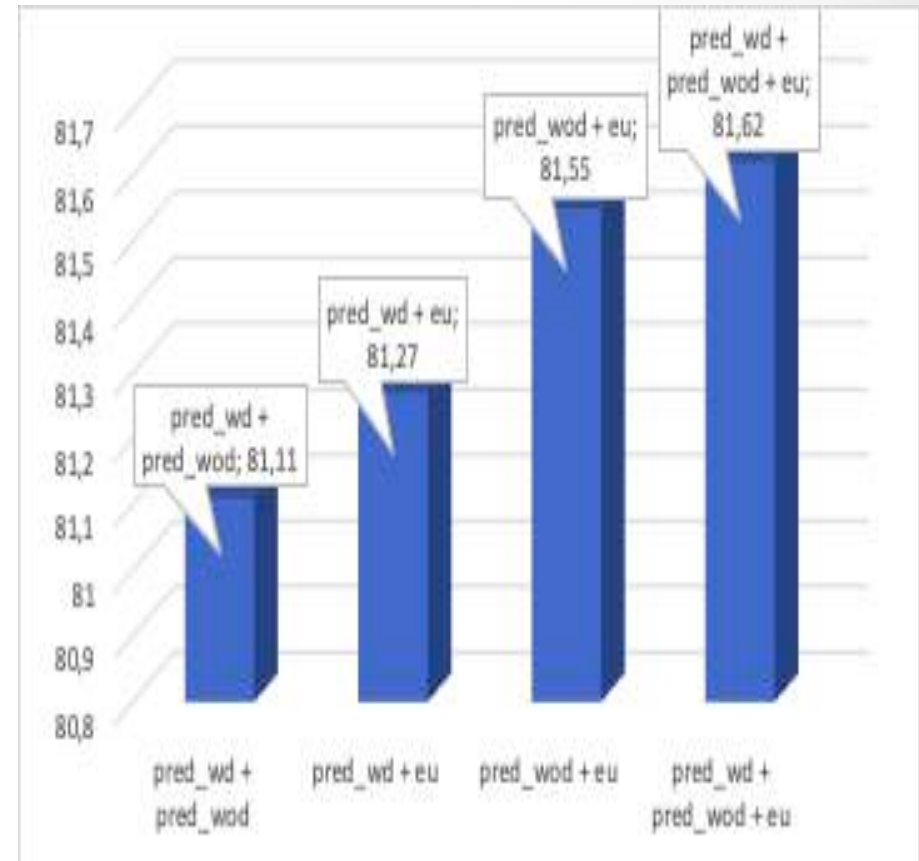
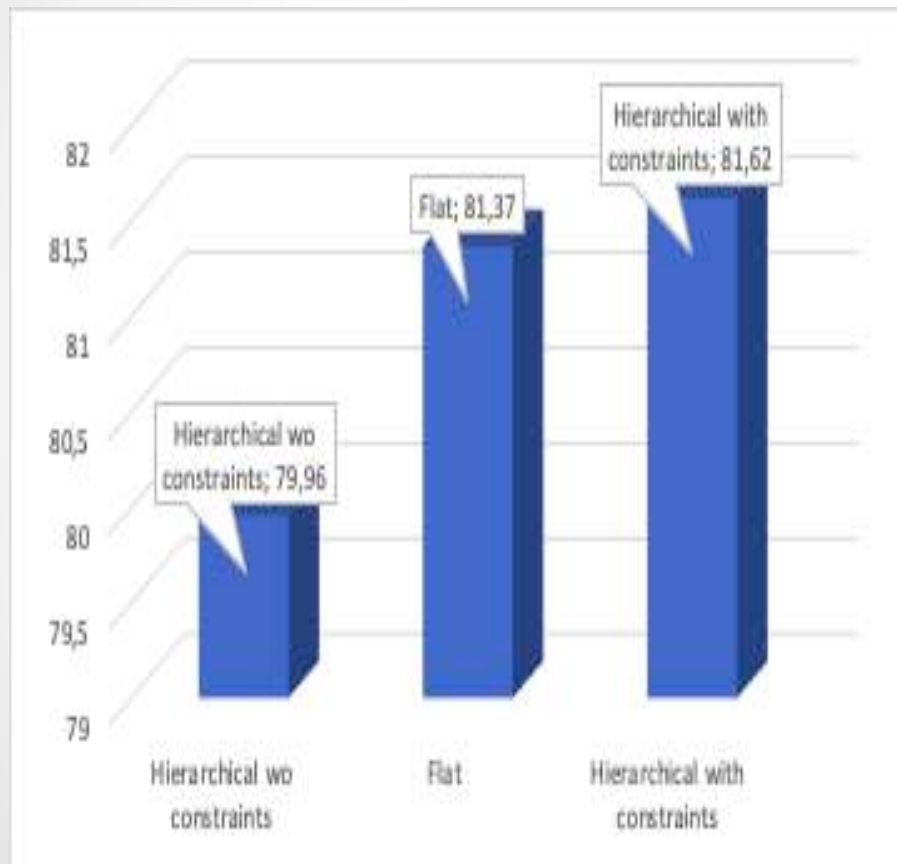
Proposed Method



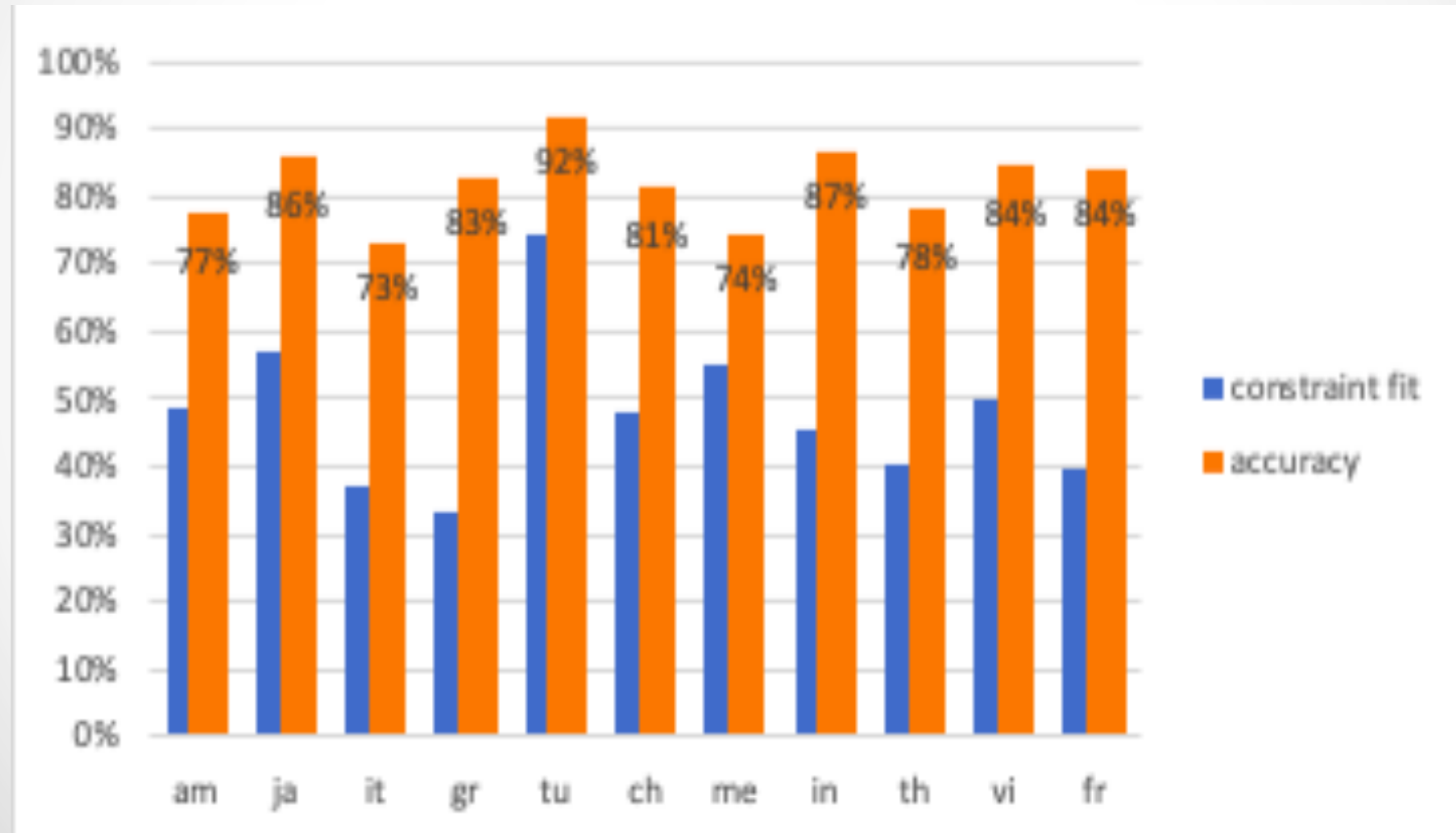
Validation



Ablation study



Rate of images fulfilling the criterion per cuisines and their accuracy



Results - Samples of the Smallest and Largest EU within the same class of Dish



Caesar Salad



Ravioli



Steak



Tacos



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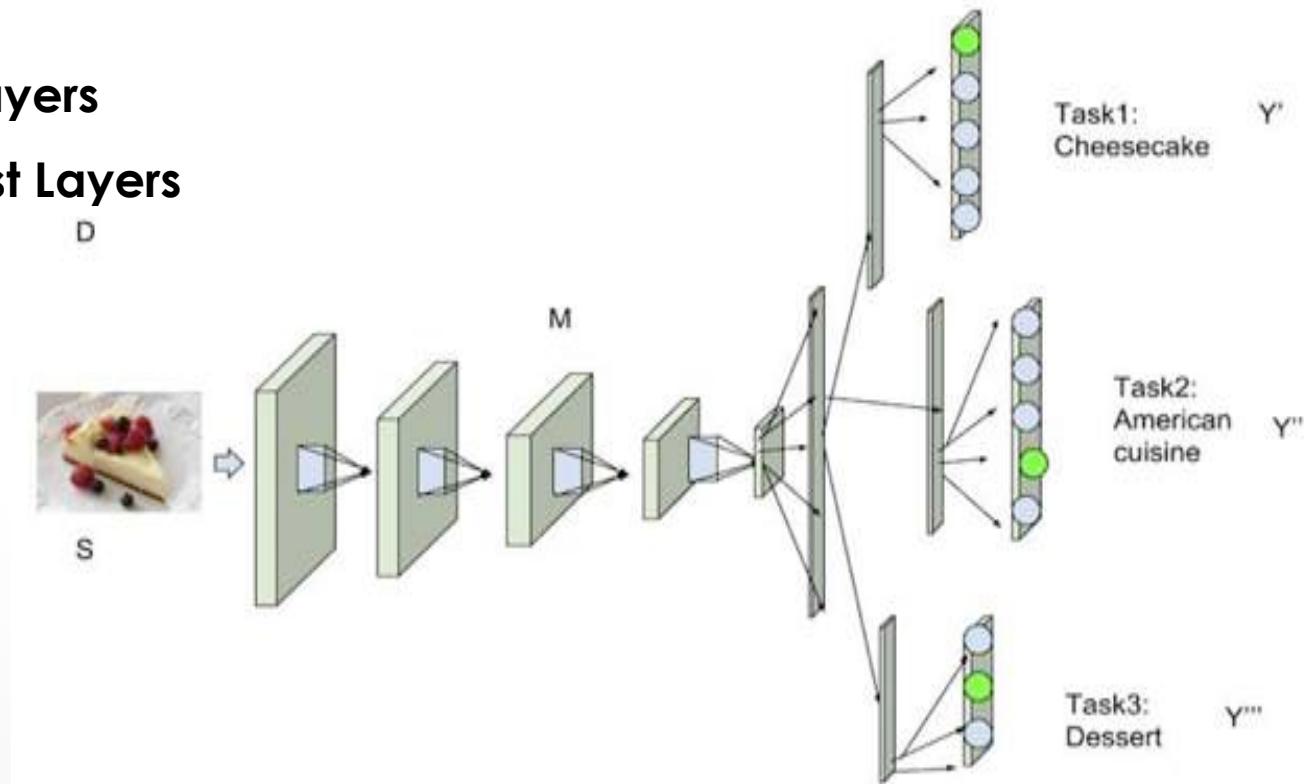
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Multi-Task Learning Model with Ontology

Multi-Task Learning Model

Shared Base Layers

Specialized Last Layers



Motivation

Hypothesis Dataset with Multiple Task Labels

Dish

Egg's Benedict



Ingredients

Eggs

Toast bread

Bacon

Hollandaise sauce

Butter

Parsley

Image source: [Recipes5k](#)

Motivation

Food Analysis Problems

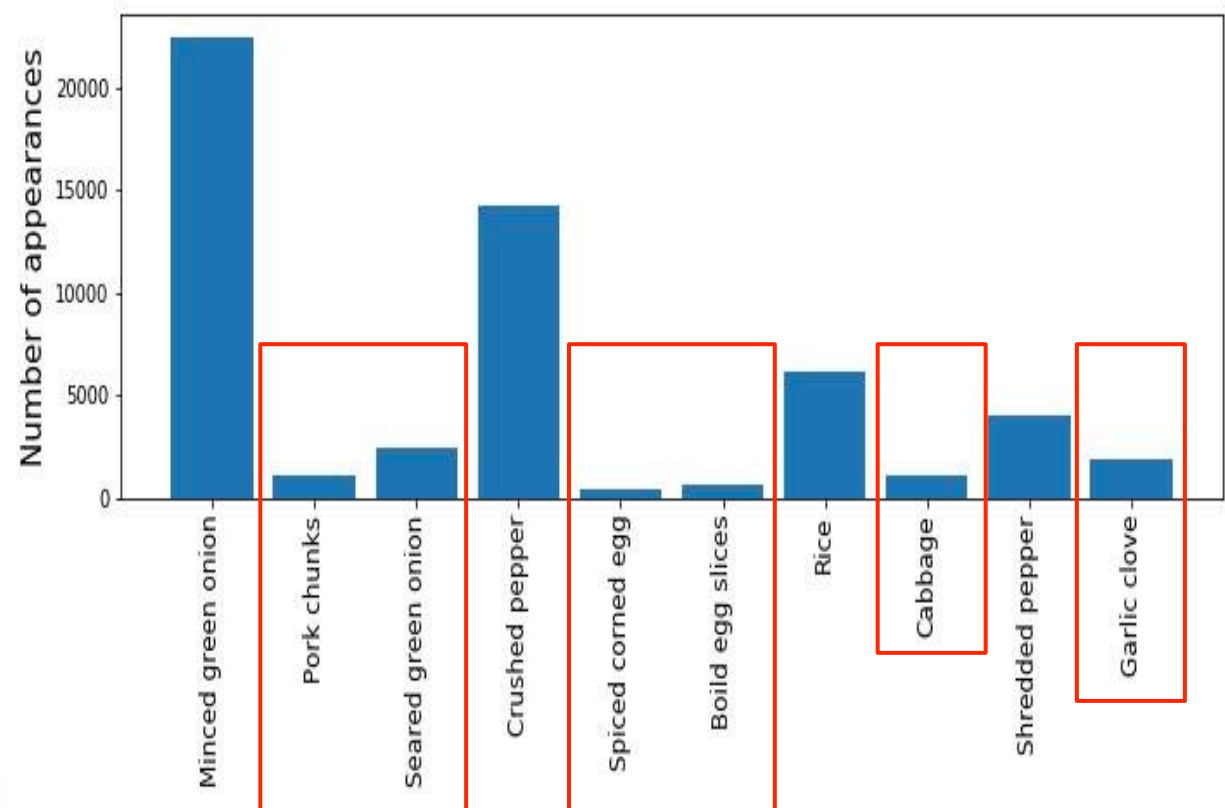
Less Frequent
Ingredients in
dataset



Difficult to detect



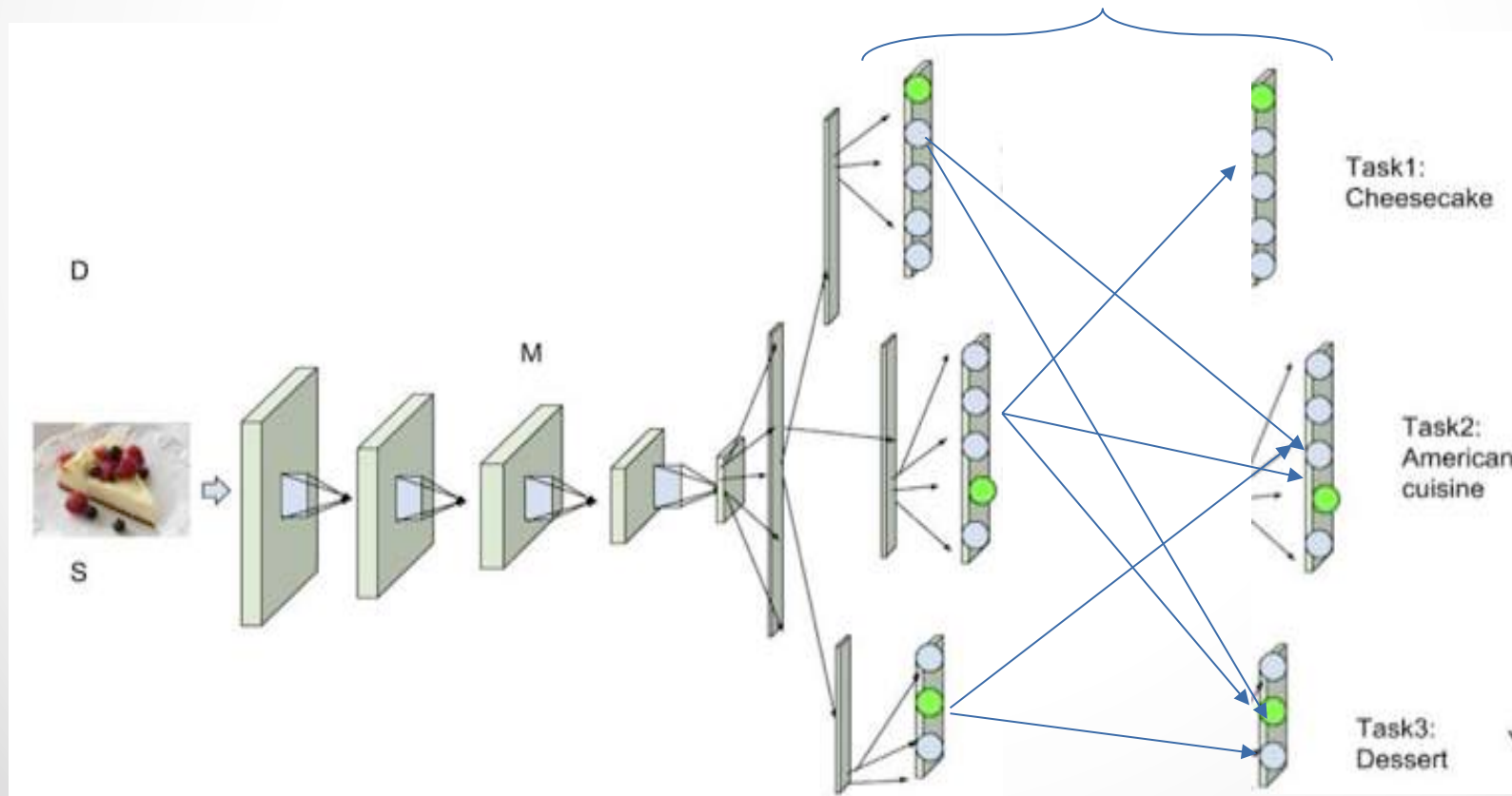
Low Precision



Multi-Task Learning Model with Ontology

Multi-Task Learning Model

Relations between tasks



Multi-Task Learning Model with Ontology

How to convert it into a Layer?

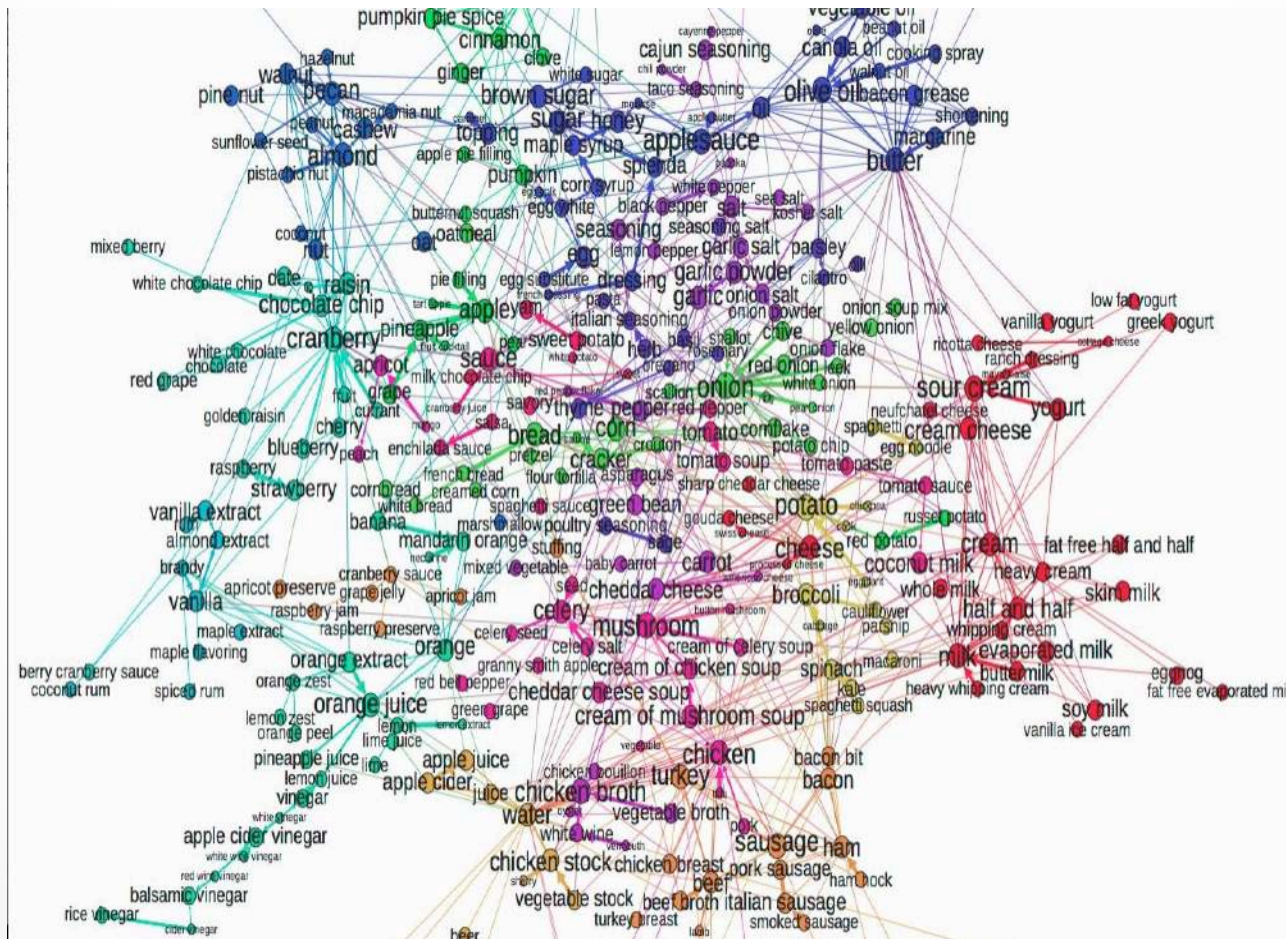
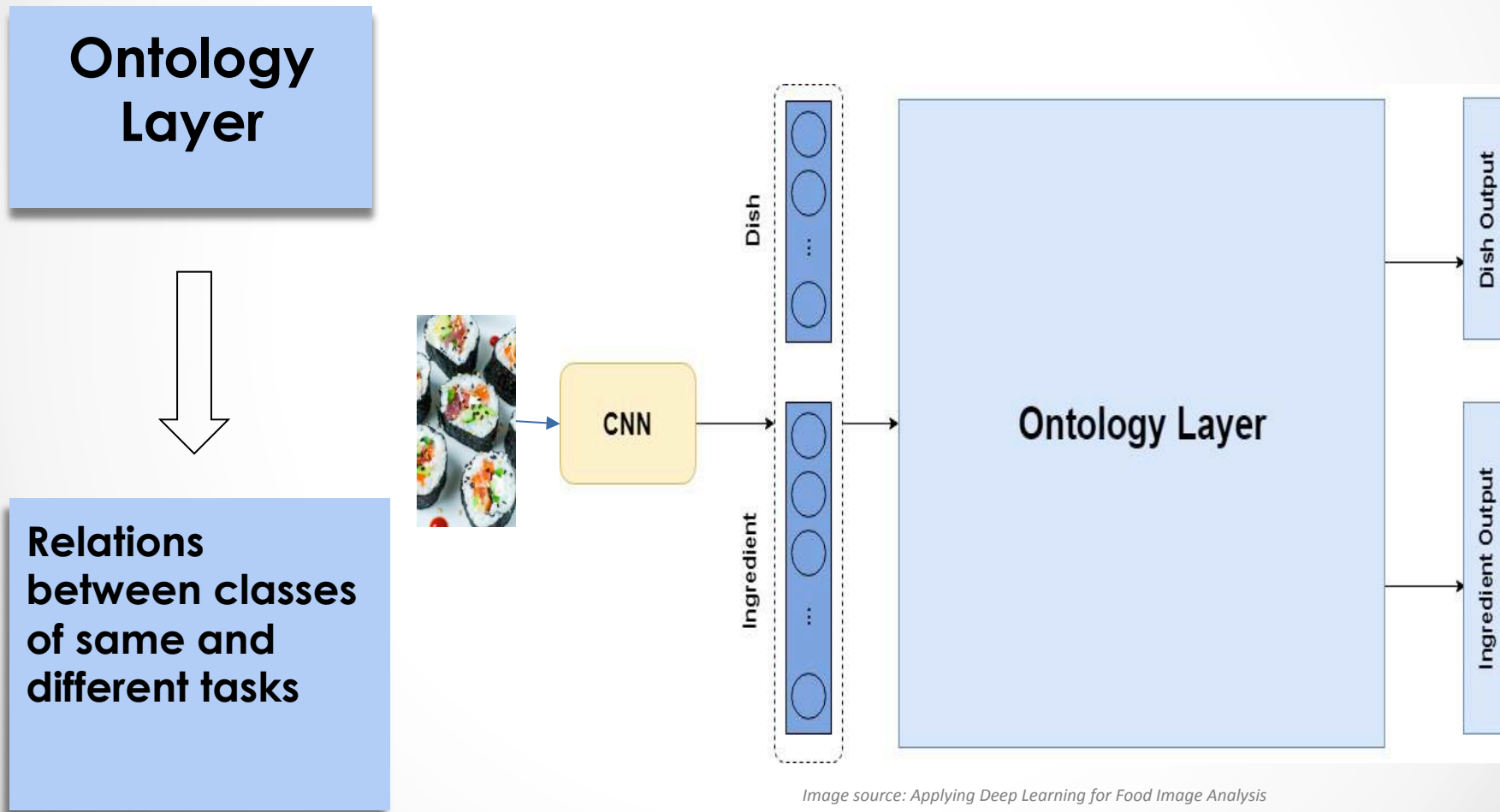


Image source: [ladamic](#)

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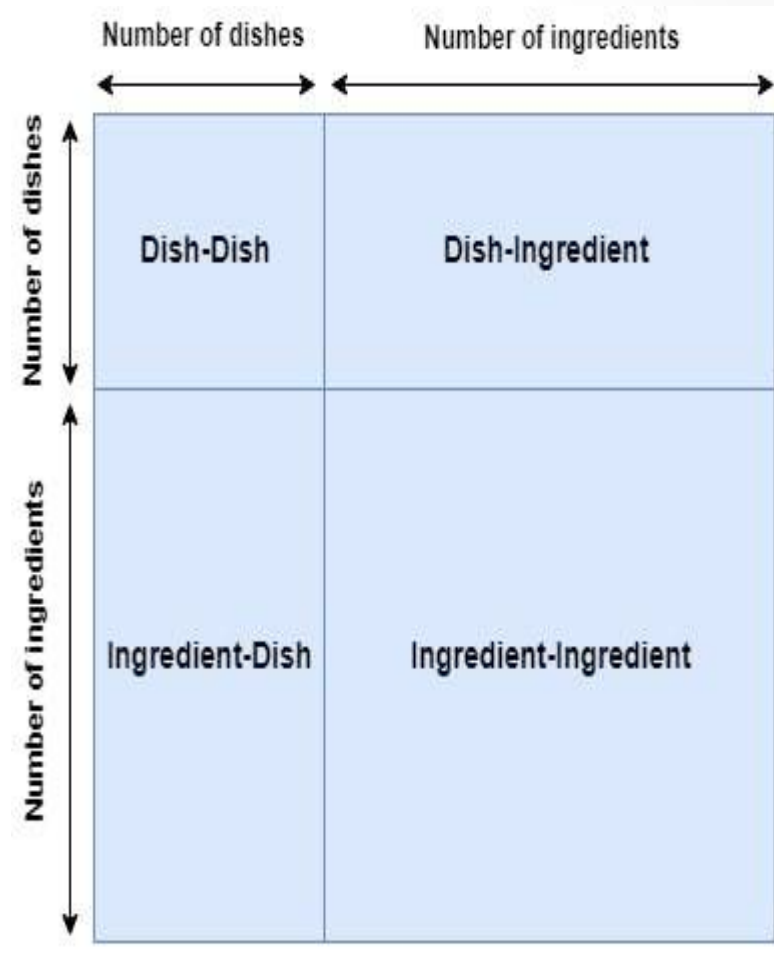
Multi-Task Learning Model with Ontology

Matrix

#elements x #elements

Relations

- Dish-Dish
- Dish-Ingredient
- Ingredient-Dish
- Ingredient-Ingredient

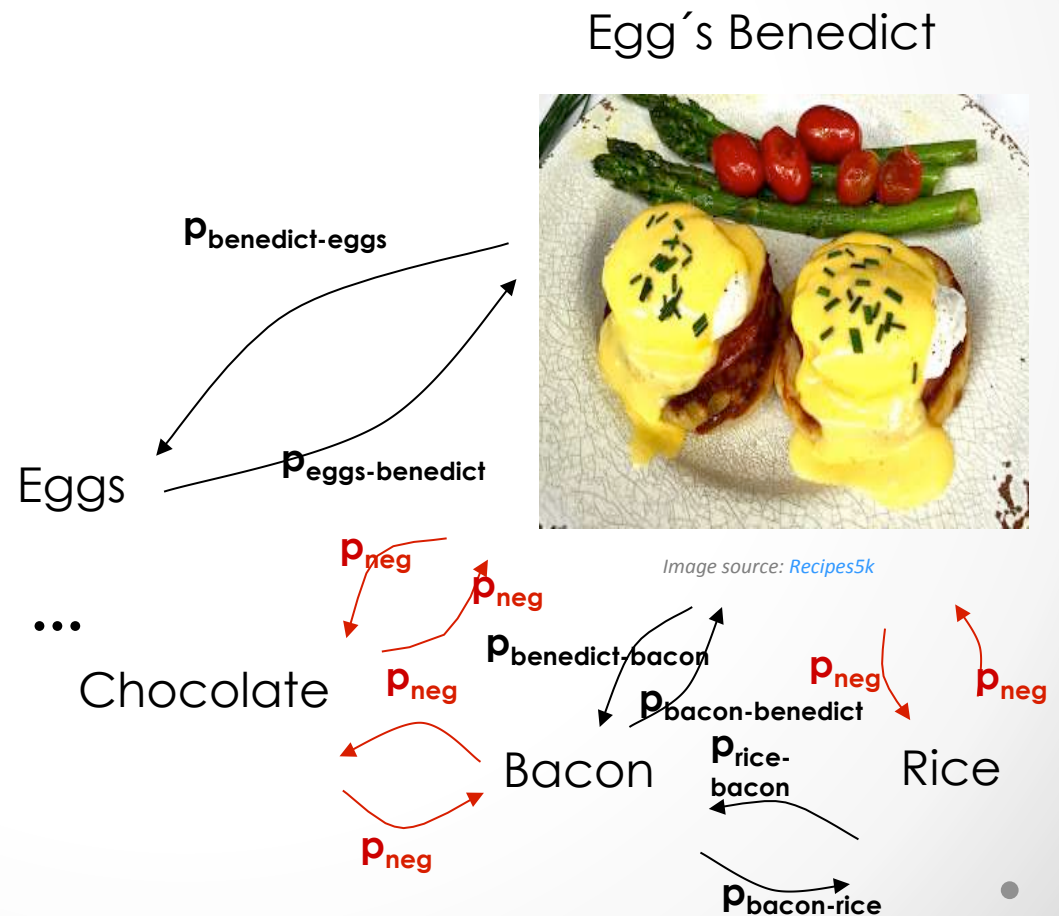


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Ontology

- Element values

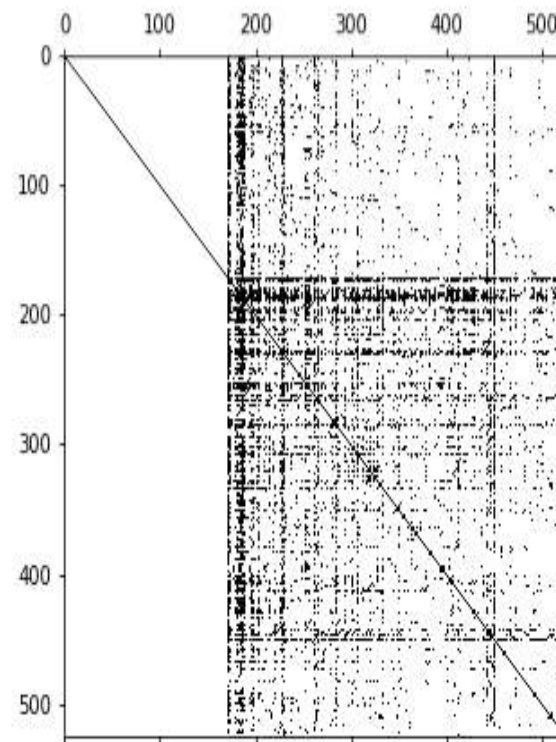
Ontology
made of
probabilities
and “negative
probabilities”



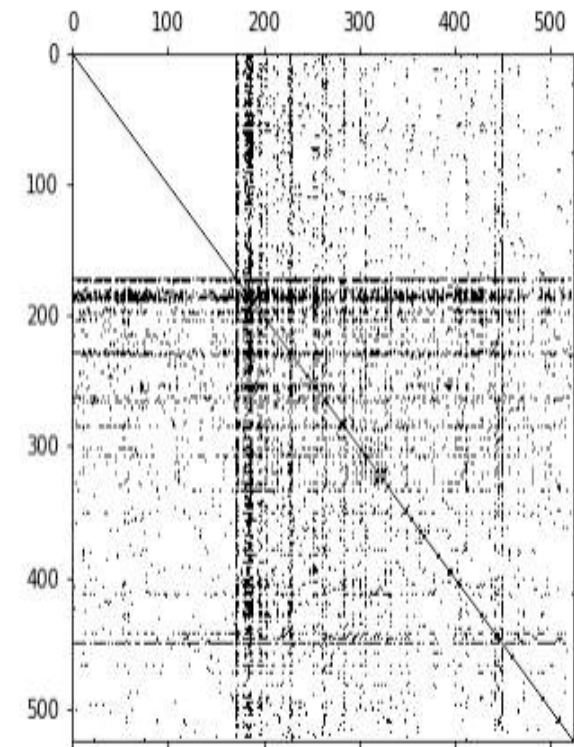
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Ontology

- Structure



**Dish-Ingredient
Ingredient-Ingredient**



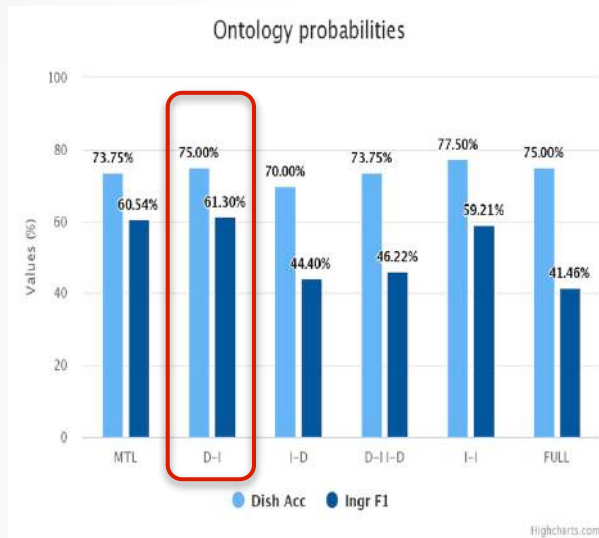
Full

Validation

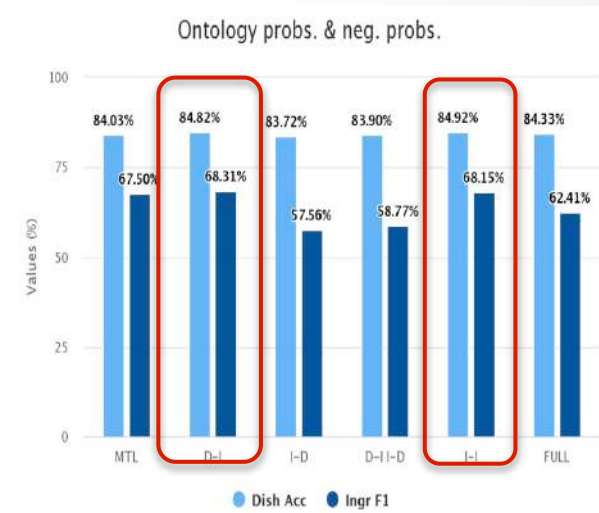


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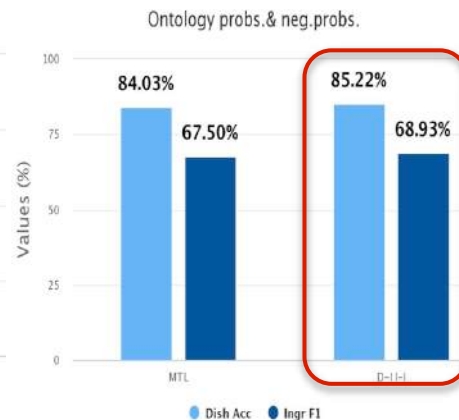
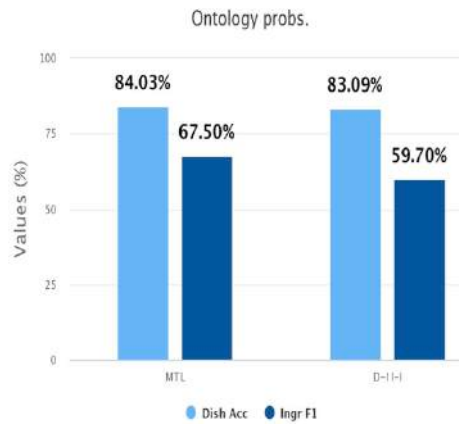
Recipes5k Results



VireoFood-172 Results



Dish-Ingr
Ingr-Ingr



DI-II
Best Performance

Experimental Results

MTL vs D-I I-I Ontology Model

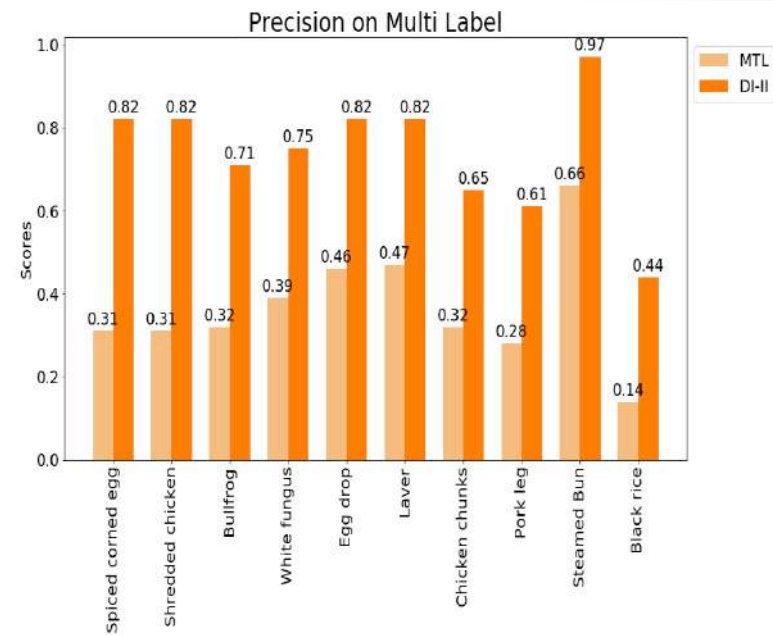
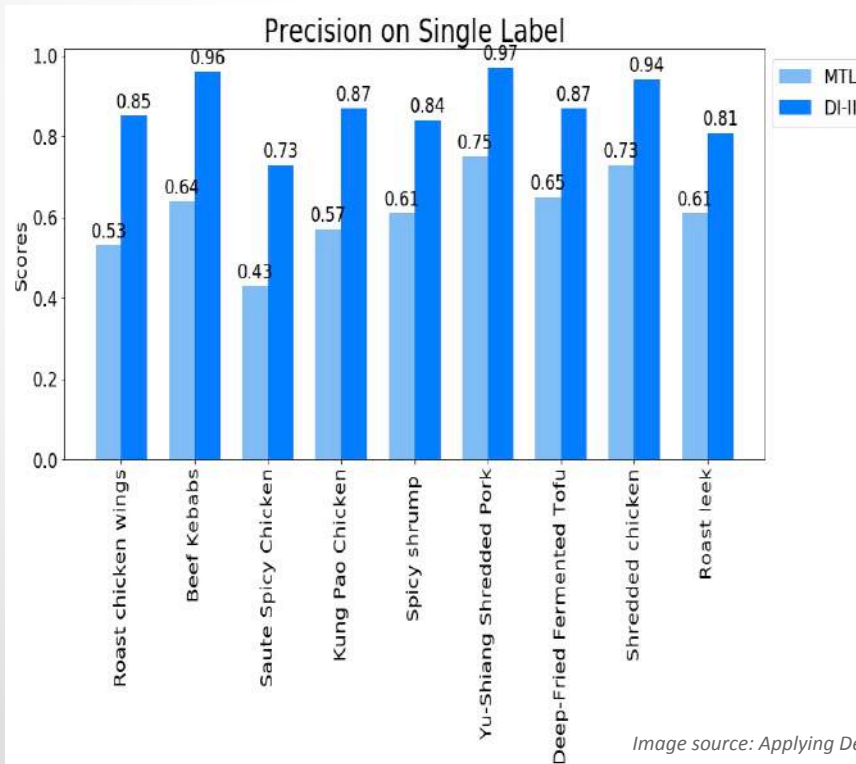


Image source: Applying Deep Learning for Food Image Analysis

Conclusions

- Food image world brings us huge amount of data and Computer Vision questions
- Transfer learning and its subproblems (multi-task learning) open new opportunities
- Uncertainty modeling is a hot topic with many open questions and challenges!
 - Exclusivity relation between elements helps to the classification
 - Epistemic uncertainty
 - New method for robust hierarchical classifiers..
 - A good cue to improve recognition scalability.
 - Epistemic uncertainty useful beyond the confidence of the model.
 - Aleatoric uncertainty
 - Allows to weight different tasks according to uncertainty
- For first time a food ontology is integrated into an end-to-end model

A huge impact of food analysis is expected from point of view of:

- Science, but also
- Real world applications, specially important for the society.

What is the next?



Using GANs to augment data



Thank you!