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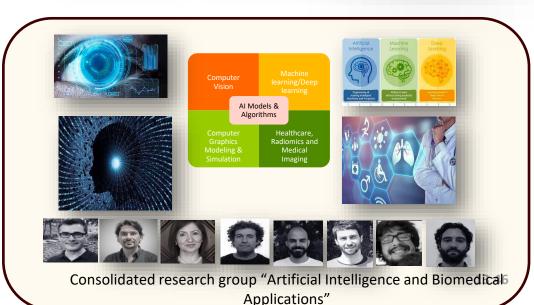


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- Ranked 1st Spanish university in 2023-2024 rankings
  - THE World University Rankings, (#152)
  - SCIMAGO Institutions ranking 2024 (#91)
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#### WHO AM I?



Petia Radeva



Google scholar hindex is 59 with >12000 cites



Full professor at the University of Barcelona, Dept. Mathematics and Informatics.



280 journals and chapters; 20 scientific books



80+ invited talks in conferences (MetaFood CVPRW'24) and summer schools





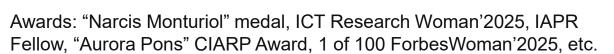






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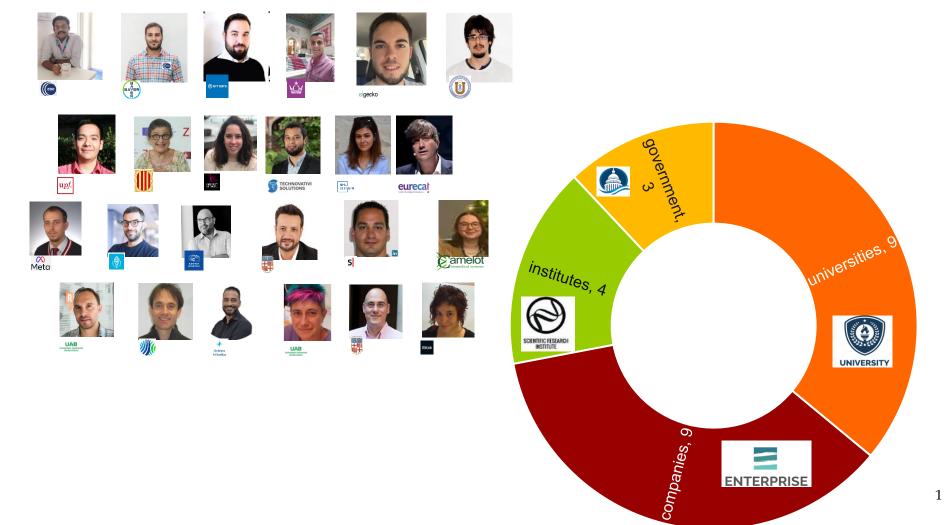








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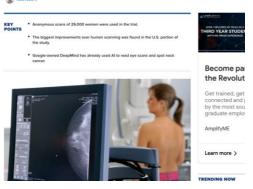


# What are we doing?

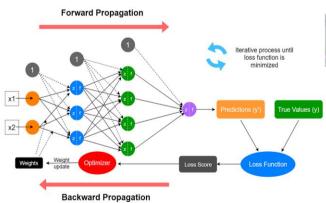
















# The Big Challenge of DL





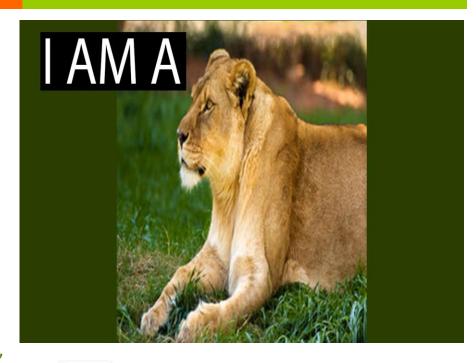


#### HOW MANY OF YOU

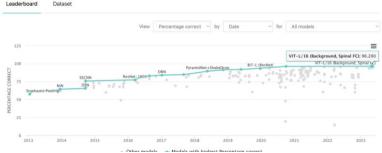
Are using annotated datasets?

Are (not) using annotated datasets?

- Did you know that:
  - 3.4% average error rate across all datasets,6% for ImageNet
  - MNIST digits dataset contains 15 (humanvalidated) label errors in the test set.







# So there are 2 main questions:

How to find the noisy labels?

 Can we use them to make algorithms more robust?





### **Sample Selection Techniques**

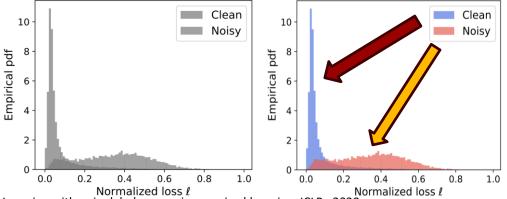
**Question**: What is a good selection criterion to split clean and noisy data?



#### **Common strategy:**

Using Loss Distribution to split the

Small loss -> Clean Samples

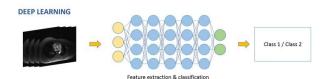


Junnan Li, Richard Socher, and Steven C.H. Hoi. DivideMix: Learning with noisy labels as semi-supervised learning. ICLR, 2020.

# ¿What makes NNs so popular?



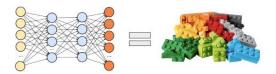
#### Advantages:



#### 1. End-to-end learning

#### 2. Modularity





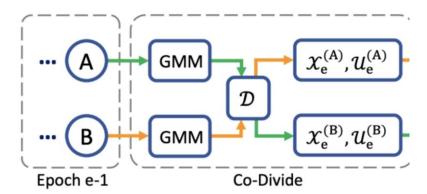


### **Confirmation Bias**

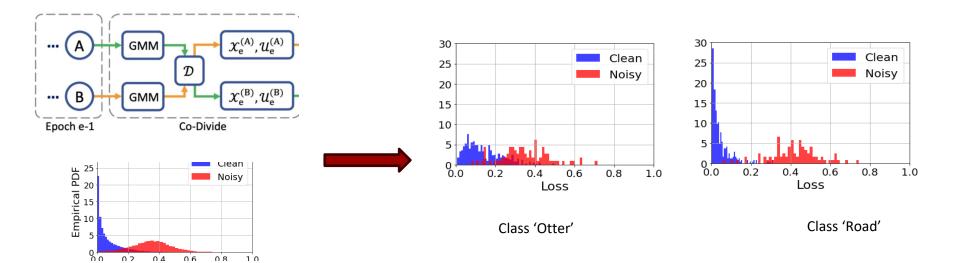
Training a model using its own data division causes confirmation bias

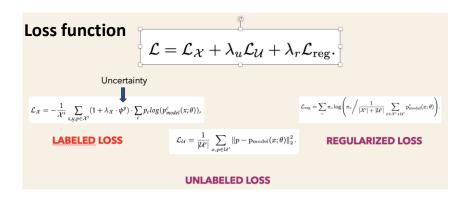


Because noisy samples that are wrongly grouped into the labelled set would keep lower loss due to the model overfitting to the labels.



### Class-conditional Learning with Noisy Labeling





All classes

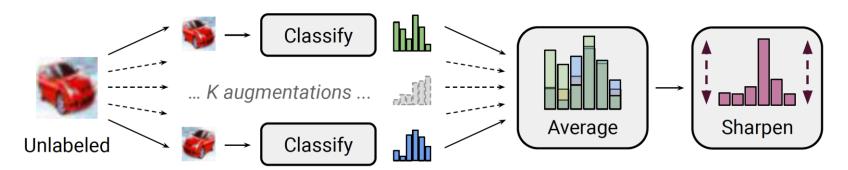
- Global noise modelling assumes all samples as i.i.d
- Noise leads to some classes being harder to learn
- Different classes exhibit different loss characteristics

Tatjer, Albert, et al. "CCLM: Class-Conditional Label Noise Modelling." Iberian Conference on Pattern Recognition and Image Analysis. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, 2023. Best paper award.



#### Are the data enough?

#### The Mixup algorithm



### Label guessing

$$\bar{q}_b = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} p_{\text{model}}(y \mid \hat{u}_{b,k}; \theta)$$

### over K augmentations of u<sub>b</sub>

### Mixup

$$\lambda \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \alpha)$$

$$\lambda' = \max(\lambda, 1 - \lambda)$$

$$x' = \lambda' x_1 + (1 - \lambda') x_2$$

$$p' = \lambda' p_1 + (1 - \lambda') p_2$$

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### Uncertainty

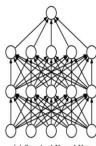


How certain is the model in making the predictions?

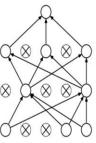


How to measure the uncertainty?

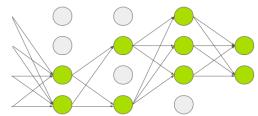
- Training a neural network with dropout is equivalent to doing approximate variational inference in a probabilistic deep Gaussian process.
- ❖When dealing with the predictive distribution, we can simply have a Bernoulli distribution over the weights.





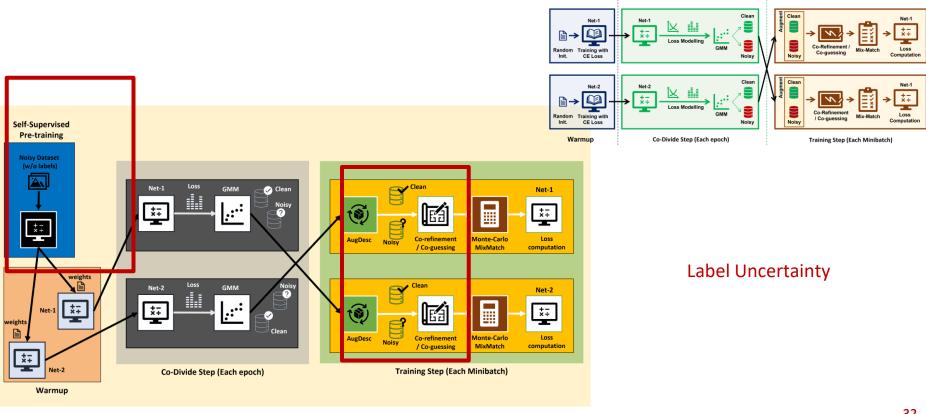


(b) After applying dropout.



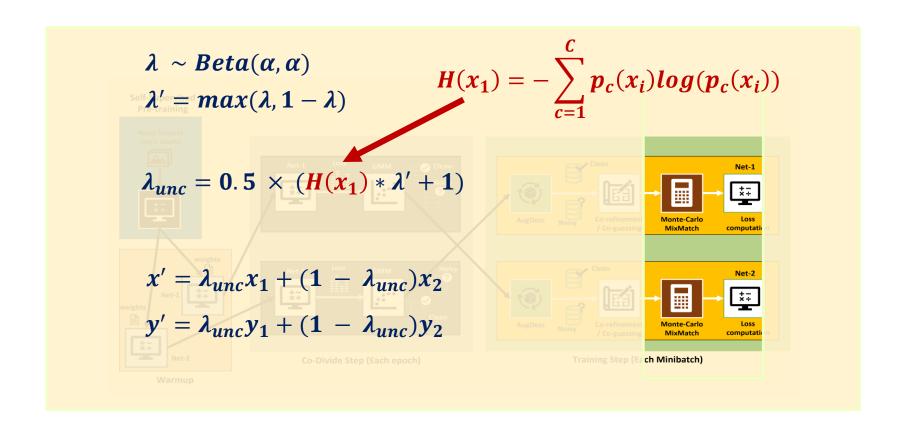


# Bayesian DivideMix++





### Monte-Carlo MixMatch





#### Class-conditional Importance Weighted Loss

Cross Entropy Loss over augmented and mixed clean data

Mean squared error over augmented and mixed noisy data





Total loss:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_x + \lambda_u \mathcal{L}_u + \lambda_r \mathcal{L}_{reg}$ 

Regularization term

Class-conditional Supervised Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{x} = -\frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}'|} \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{X}'} \sum_{\mathbf{c}} p_{\mathbf{c}} \log \left( p_{\mathbf{c}}^{\text{model}}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)$$

**Uncertainty-aware Loss** 

$$\mathcal{L}_{u} = \frac{1}{|u'|} \sum_{\substack{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}) \in u'}} \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{pmodel}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{\theta})\|_{2}^{2}$$

**Unsupervised Loss** 

$$\mathcal{L}_{reg} = \sum_{c} \pi_{c} log \binom{\pi_{c}}{\left|\frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}'| + |\mathcal{U}'|} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}' + \mathcal{U}'} p_{model}^{c}(x; \theta)\right)}, \qquad \pi_{c} = \frac{w_{c}}{C}$$

**Class-conditional Loss** 

$$\mathbf{W} = \frac{\max(\lambda_w, f')}{|\max(\lambda_w, f')|}$$



# Validation



PCEMS'24, Nagpur



						P	erfo	rman	ce Com	parison
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Datasets	Method		20%	50%	80%	90%	Asym. 40%			
CIFAR-10	DivideMix	Best	96.1	94.6	93.2	76	93.4			
		Average	95.7	94.4	92.9	75.4	92.1			
	CCLM (Ours)	Best	Metho	d / Noise	ratio	20%		50%	80%	90%
		Average	DivideMix (I	CLR,	Best	96.1		94.6	93.2	76.0
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		Average	(CVPR, 2021 et al.	.) Nishi	Last	96.2		95.1	93.6	91.8
	CCLM	Best	DM + C2D (\	WACV,	Best	96.43±0.07	9	95.32±0.12	94.40±0.04	93.57±0.09
	(Ours)		2022)  Zheltonozhs	skii et al.	Last	96.23±0.09	9	95.15±0.16	94.30±0.12	93.42±0.09
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			UNICON (CV	/PR,	Best	96.0		95.6	93.9	90.8
			2022) Karim et al.		Last	-		-	-	-
			ULC (AAAI, 2		Best	96.1		95.2	94.0	86.4
			Huang, Bai,		Last	95.9		94.7	93.2	85.8
			LongReMix	(PR <i>,</i>	Best	96.3±0.1		95.1±0.1	93.8±0.2	79.9±2.7
			2023) Cordeiro et	al.	Last	96.0±0.1		94.8±0.1	93.8±0.2	79.1±3.1
			Lipschitz Re	g. (PR,	Best	96.2		95.2	93.4	85.0
			2023) Miao, et al.		Last	95.7		94.8	93.1	84.3
			Bayesian		Best	96.39±0.06	9	95.68±0.09	95.25±0.08	94.46±0.15
			DivideMix++	(Ours)	Last	96.13±0.07	9	95.40±0.11	94.97±0.02	94.20±0.12

# ¿What makes NNs so popular?



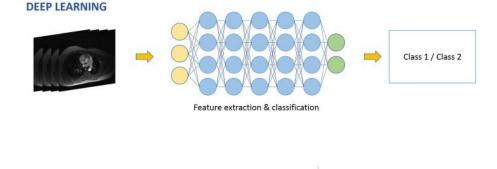
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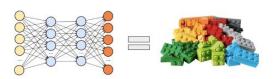
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2. Modularity

3. Transfer learning







### Imagine...

Henry Roth is a man afraid of commitment

until he meets the beautiful Lucy.

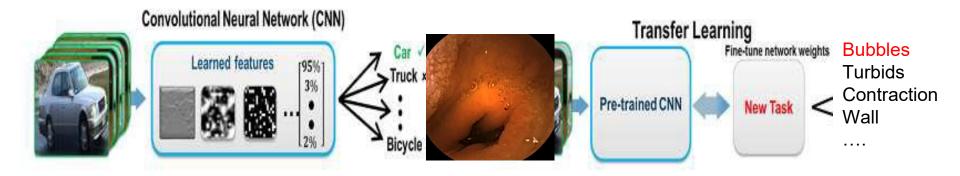
They hit it off, and Henry thinks he's finally found the girl of his dreams.

Until he discovers:

she has short-term memory loss and forgets him the next day.



# Transfer Learning and Fine-tuning



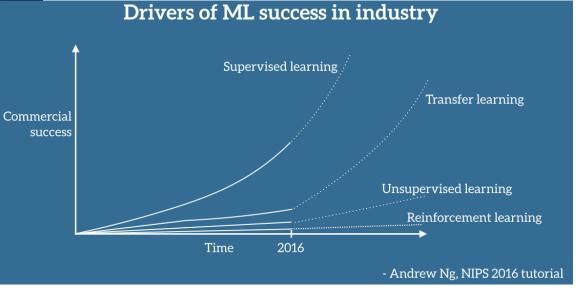
Training data	1000s to millions of labeled images	
Computation	Compute intensive	
Training Time	Days to Weeks for real problems	
Model accuracy	High (can over fit to small datasets)	

	to 1000s of labeled images (small)
Computation Mode	rate computation
Training Time Secon	nds to minutes
Model accuracy Good	, depends on the pre-trained CNN model

### **Example of Fine-tuning**



Andrew Ng, chief scientist at Baidu and professor at Stanford



https://ruder.io/transfer-learning/index.html#fn44

# The problem: A tale about machine learning

Once upon a time, a lot of data was collected.

That data was fed into a huge machine learning model.

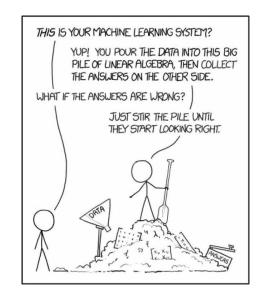
The model was then able to properly process the data, and

when new similar data arrived at the model, it can correctly handle it.

What's wrong with this?

Nothing! It's just how machine learning works!

And it works wonderfully!



# The problem: The antagonists of the tale

- ...a lot of data was collected is it always possible?
  - How to store it?
  - What about training time?
  - What if I don't want to wait until I collected a lot of data?
  - When some data is a lot? When some data is sufficient?

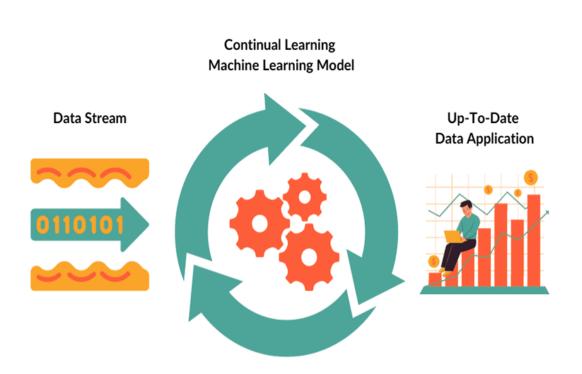
- ...when new similar data arrived at the model, it can correctly handle it...
  - What if dissimilar data arrives at the model?
  - What if I want to adapt the model to new data?
  - What if data changes over time?
  - What if I want to continually train the model?

# Continual learning

Continual Learning aims to enable the model to learn continuously from new data streams, making the **process more efficient and scalable**.

Training from scratch, every time new data arrives, is costly

Privacy concerns may make old data inaccessible



### The main villain of ML: catastrophic forgetting

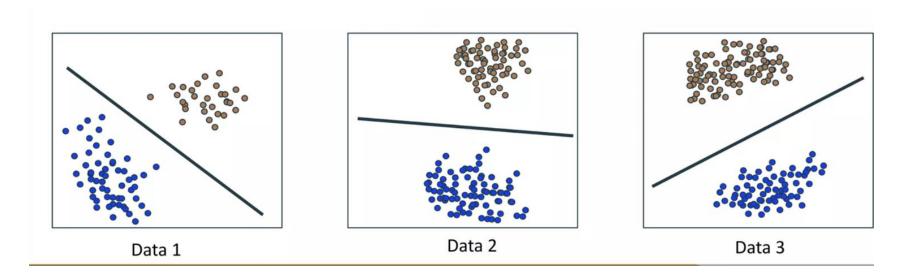


- Catastrophic interference, also known as catastrophic forgetting,
  - is the tendency of an NN to completely and abruptly forget previously learned information upon learning new information.
  - This holds for all the ML models that are trained using "greedy" algorithms (e.g. SGD, CART...)

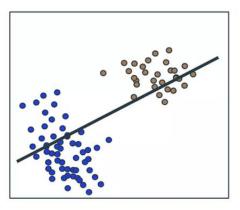
- The training algorithm optimizes the parameters of the model using the currently available data,
  - past data and past knowledge are not taken into consideration.

# Catastrophic Forgetting: an example

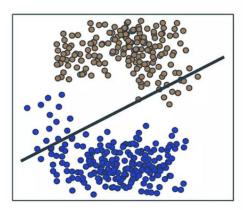
 You collect some data from the real world, and after each collection phase you train the model (only on the lastly collected data) to classify it in two classes:



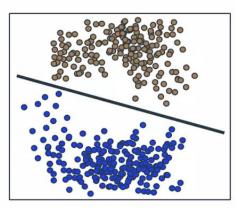
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Final solution on data 1

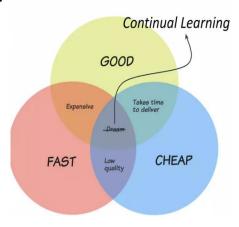


Final solution on all data



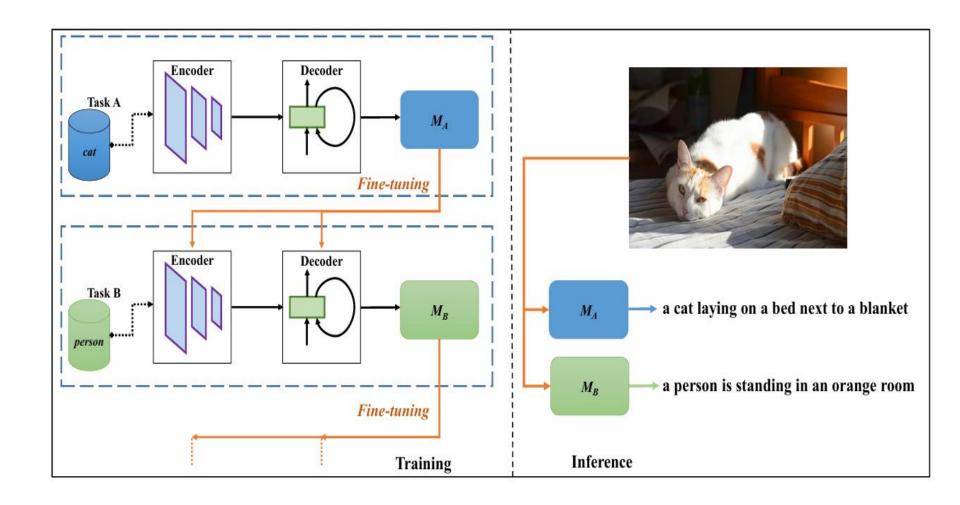
Optimal final solution

- Continual learning a scenario when we do not have all the data at once, but we discover new data as time progresses.
  - The data we discover may not be a good approximation for the total data distribution.
- Other constraints:
  - Every time new data arrives the model needs to be updated
  - The model update should be fast enough to be used before new data arrives
  - Past knowledge must not be forgotten (at least not catastrophically)



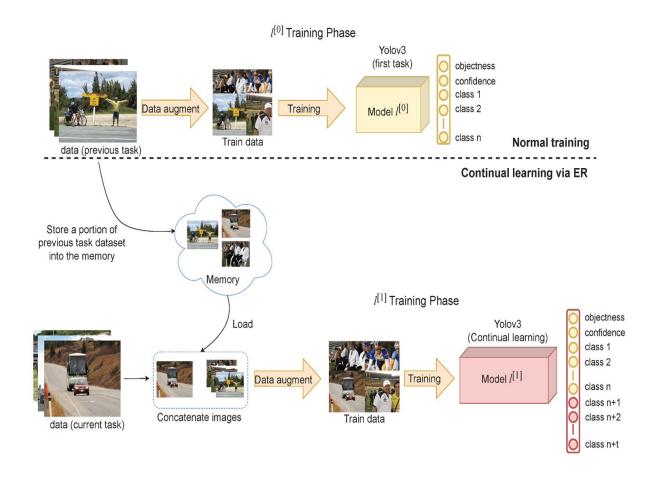
### Catastrophic Forgetting in Continual Learning 7





#### Replay-based as an effective strategy to retain prior knowledge

Replay-based CL approaches retain previous knowledge by maintaining and revisiting a small buffer.

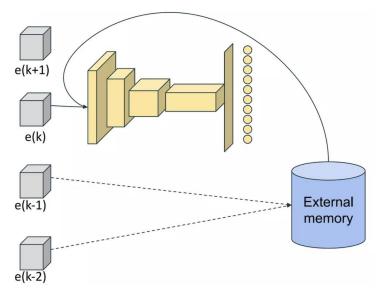


#### Pro:

- Catastrophic forgetting highly reduced.
- Simple and easy to implement strategy.
- Memory is cheap and abundant.

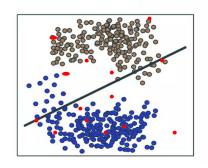
#### Cons:

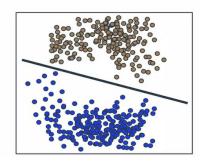
- External memory
- Memory is not infinite (the stream of experience can be infinite).
- What about privacy and private data?
- Not biologically plausible.
- Computation



#### Random Selection vs Uncertainty

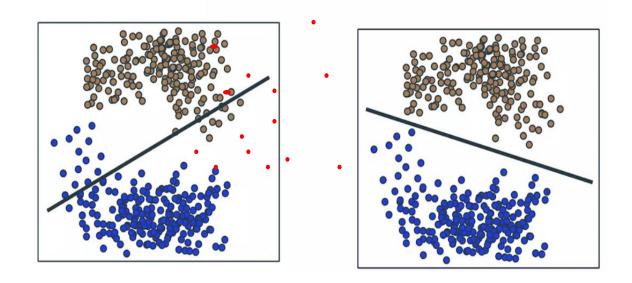
#### But.... which data to retain?



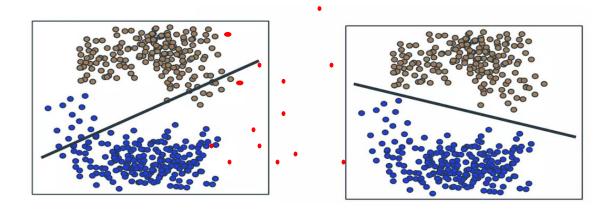


The simplest method Random Selection, continuous to be the one commonly chosen in CL

- Still? Completely random?
- Uncertainty-based approaches have proven very effective in improving the understanding of the DL models
- Data with high epistemic uncertainty means being underrepresented



Our hypothesis: the uncertainty score related to each sample may be a good indicator when selecting a suitable example to retain prior knowledge.



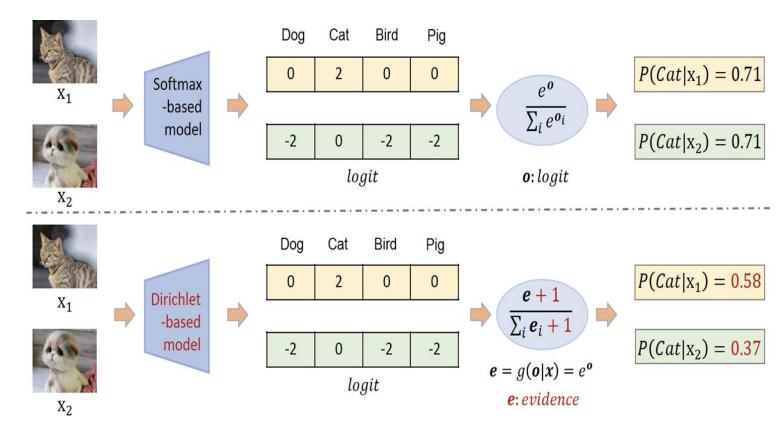
But how to compute the Uncertainty of a predictive model?

### - Evidential Deep Learning method

## Evidential Deep Learning Framework

Let's a predictive model  $f_{\theta}(x_i)$  give the evidence or prediction  $e_i$  for a sample  $x_i$ ,  $\sigma$  is exp().

$$e_i = \sigma(f_{\theta}(x_i))$$

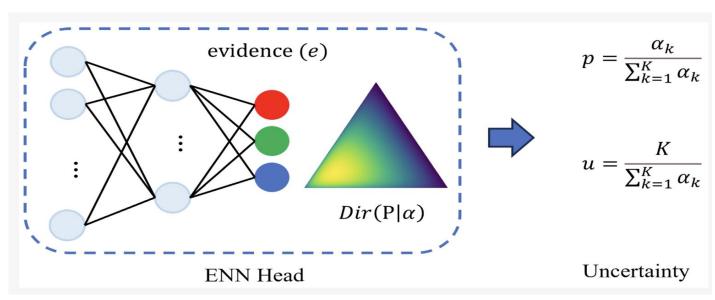


Parameters of a Dirichlet distribution:

$$\alpha_i = e_i + 1$$
.

Dirichlet strength (belief):

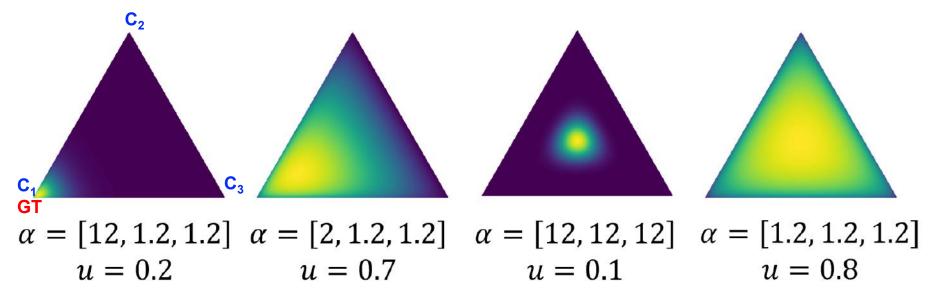
$$S_i = \sum_{i=1}^K \alpha_{ij}$$
 K is the number of classes.



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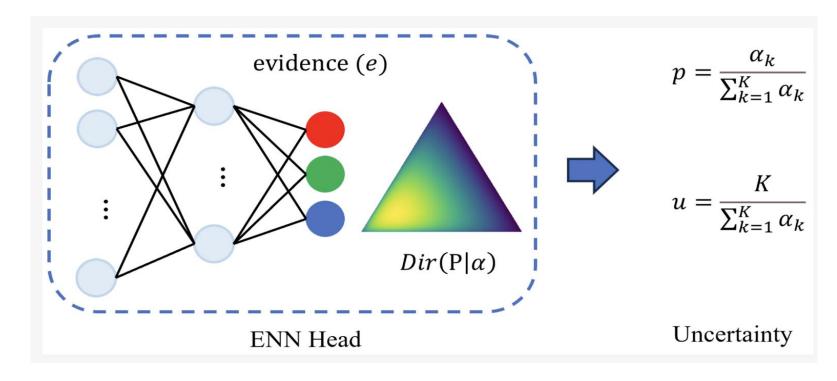
### **Uncertainty:**

$$u = \frac{K}{\sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_k}$$



Accurate & certain, Accurate & uncertain,

Inaccurate & certain, Inaccurate & uncertain



$$S_i = \sum_{j=1}^K \alpha_{ij}$$

$$L_i = \sum_{i=1}^K y_{ij} \times (log(S_i) - log(\alpha_{ij}))$$

# Regularization term controls the evidence of misclassified samples:

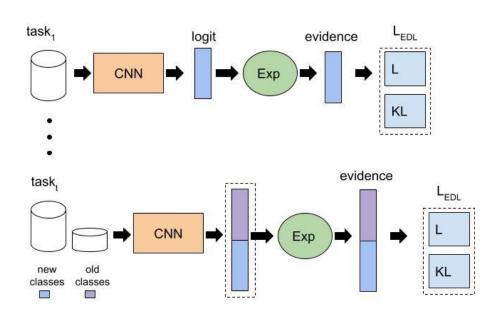
$$\alpha_{KL_{ij}} = e_{ij} \times (1 - y_{ij}) + 1; \quad S_{KL_i} = \sum_{j=1}^{K} \alpha_{KL_{ij}}$$
$$KL_{1_i} = \ln \frac{\Gamma(S_{KL_i})}{\Gamma(K)} - \sum_{j=1}^{K} \ln \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_{KL_{ij}})}{\Gamma(1)}$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$$
 
$$KL_{2_i} = \sum_{j=1}^K (\alpha_{KL_{ij}} - 1) \times (\frac{\Gamma'(\alpha_{KL_{ij}})}{\Gamma(\alpha_{KL_{ij}})} - \frac{\Gamma'(S_{KL_i})}{\Gamma(S_{KL_i})})$$
 
$$KL_i = KL_{1_i} + KL_{2_i}.$$

https://statproofbook.github.io/P/dir-kl.html

### Continual Evidential Deep Learning Framework





#### **Evidential DL loss**



$$L_i = \sum_{j=1}^{K} y_{ij} \times (log(S_i) - log(\alpha_{ij}))$$

#### Missclassified KL loss

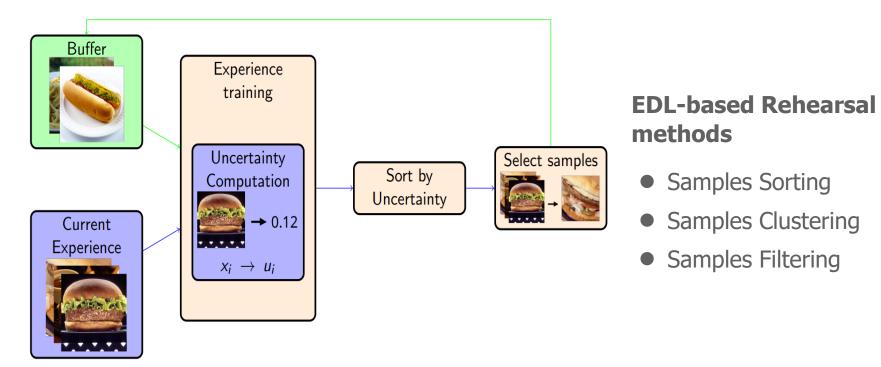
$$KL_i = KL_{1_i} + KL_{2_i}.$$

#### **Total EDL loss:**

$$L_{EDL_i} = (1 - \lambda) \times L_i + \lambda \times (C_{ann} \times KL_i).$$

### Uncertainty-based Selection Methodology



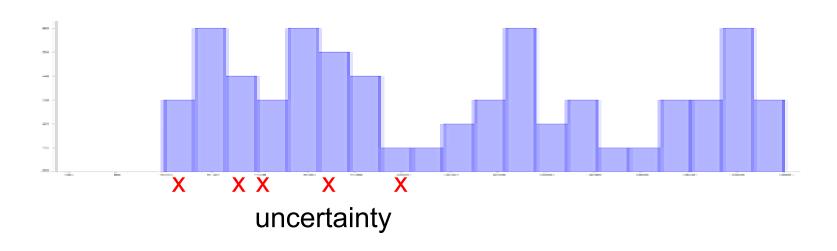


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### Methodology - EDL-based Rehearsal methods



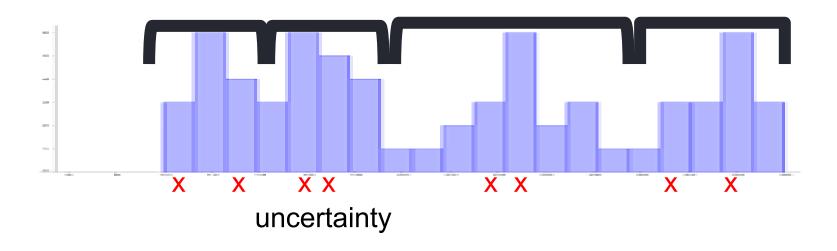
• Samples Sorting: Sort the samples according to their uncertainty and select those with the lowest uncertainty.



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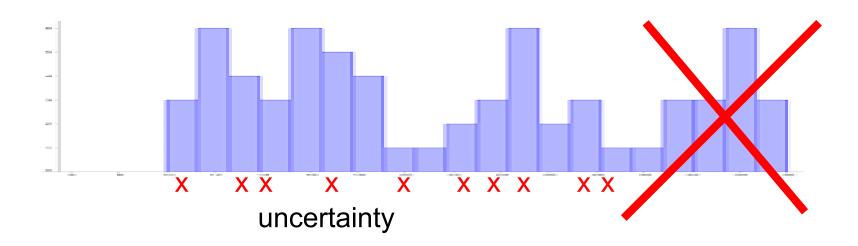
**Samples Clustering:** apply K-Means, select randomly (*Kmeans random*) within each cluster or according to their proximity to the median (*Kmeans median*).



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### Methodology - EDL-based Rehearsal methods

 Samples Filtering: eliminate the samples with the highest uncertainty and choose the samples randomly (Filtered random) or by means Kmeans random (Filtered Kmeans).



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## Experimental design

#### Datasets:

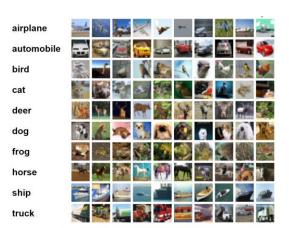
- CIFAR10
- CIFAR100
- FOOD101

### Model:

• ResNet-18

## Training parameters:

Dataset	<b>Epochs</b>	Increments	Base
CIFAR10	10	2	2
CIFAR100	50	20	20
FOOD101	120	20	21





## **Experiments - Evaluation Metrics**



Final Accuracy

$$Acc_{i}^{j} = \frac{TP_{i}^{j} + TN_{i}^{j}}{TP_{i}^{j} + TN_{i}^{j} + FP_{i}^{j} + FN_{i}^{j}}$$

First Experience Classes Final accuracy

$$AccFinal = Acc_{1,...,nE}^{nE}; \quad Acc1st = Acc_{1}^{nE}$$

Forgetting

#### **Example**:

T1 T2 T3 T4

1 step: 80

2 step: 75 85

3 step: 72 80 90

4 step: 70 80 80 85

Accfinal =(70+80+80+85)/4=78,75 Acc1st=(80+85+90+85)/4=85 Forgetting=Acc1st-Accfinal=85-78,75=6,25

Forgetting = 
$$\frac{1}{nE} \sum_{i=1}^{nE} Acc_{exp_i} - Acc_{final_i}$$

# Results - Baseline comparison

<b>Dataset</b>	Strategy	$AccFinal \uparrow$	$Acc1st \uparrow$	Forgetting $\downarrow$
CIFAR10	Random EDL	$0.8927 \pm 0.0275$	$0.8575 \pm 0.0910$	0.0571
	Filtered Random	$0.8975 \pm 0.0113$	$0.8653 \pm 0.0842$	0.0531
CIFAR100	Random EDL	$0.5544 \pm 0.0112$	$0.4824 \pm 0.0491$	0.2856
	Filtered Random	$0.5670 \pm 0.0127$	$0.5241 \pm 0.0374$	0.2739
FOOD101	Random EDL	$0.4855 \pm 0.0353$	$0.4491 \pm 0.0261$	0.3311
	Filtered Random	$0.5076 \pm 0.0164$	$0.4795 \pm 0.0407$	0.2898

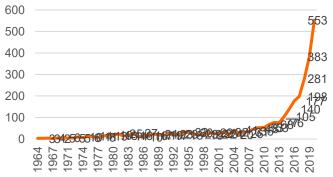
## What application do we consider?



## Food recognition popularity



## Number of Food recognition papers





iFood 2011 fine-grained (prepared) food categories with 135733



AlCrowd: 26000 annotated segmented images



<u>LargeFineFoodAI</u>: 1,000 fine-grained food categories and over 50,000 images.



MetaFood CVPR Workshop, 20 scenes, 5K images 13:46



#### Data-centric Food image analysis

**Uncertainty modelling** 

Large-scale Food recognition

Fine-grained Food recognition

Food image analysis

Self-supervised Learning

Learning with Noisy Labeling Food recognition

Generative AI for Food Volume Estim

Food ontology-based Deep learning

## Food Volume Estimation



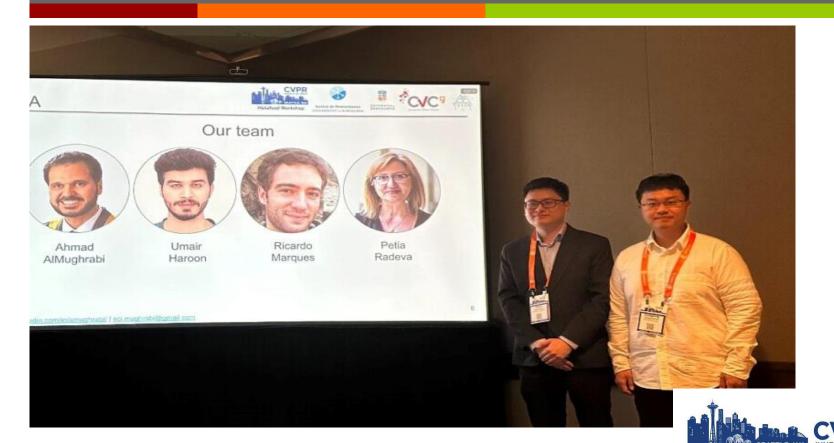








## CVPR MetaFood Workshop Challenge



The challenge aimed to advance the food vision community by focusing on 3D food analysis, specifically nutrition intake monitoring through volume estimation. The winners were revealed on June 17th, 2024







### Success cases: European projects



**Validity**: FOOD intake monitoring of kidney transplant patients











**Nestore**: FOOD intake monitoring for malnutrition prevention in elderly

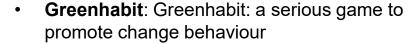


















**Diacare**: mHealth app to assist diabetic patients

















## Success story: Aigecko Technologies

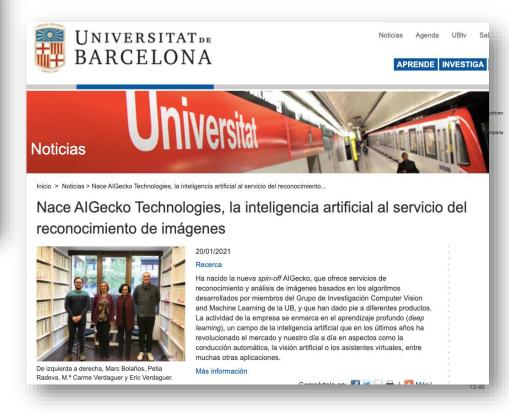
API and APP that allows food recognition (ready meals and food) using Artificial Intelligence algorithms from just a photo











### Conclusions

- Learning with Noisy Labelling based on Prompt Learning and class-conditional estimation improves the SoA
  - Division of clean-noisy samples central to any LNL sample selection algorithm
  - **CCLM uses local class division** of clean and noisy samples
  - Bayesian DivideMix proposes an elegant uncertainty-aware framework into the decision-making process
- Food recognition is a perfect test domain for powerful Machine/Deep Learning models
- Food Image Analysis is highly underexplored problem that could convert in an important **benchmark** for CV algorithms.
- **Continual learning** an important field to assure robust transfer learning without forgetting
- Multiple other CV problems are highly relevant for food image analysis
- Multiple real applications and professional opportunities

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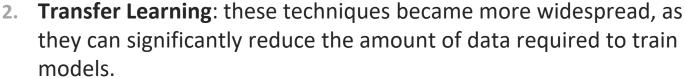
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## Is everything in DL done?

- 1. Multimodal Learning: Combining different sources (text, images) to create comprehensive models for understanding and generating content.
  - LLM and VLM for Dataset generation
  - Ontology-driven Deep Learning



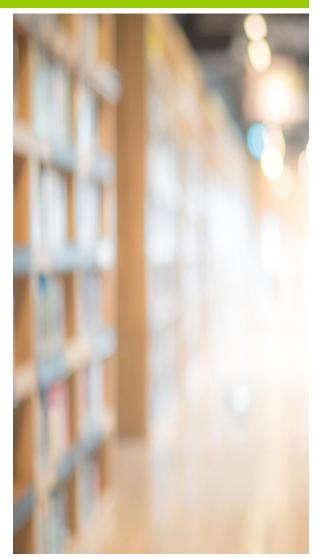
- Multi-task learning, Continual learning
- 3. Uncertainty modeling: refers to the process of quantifying and managing uncertainty or ambiguity in the predictions or decisions made by ML models
  - Uncertainty-aware MTL, Learning with noisy labeling
- **4. Self-Supervised Learning**: methods train models on unlabeled data, which can be particularly useful in cases where labeled data is scarce.





### Trends in DL

- **5. Efficiency and Model Compression**: growing interest in making DL models smaller, faster, and more energy-efficient.
  - Efficient learning based on low-rank models
  - Scaling by hierarchical DL models
  - Fine-grained recognition
  - **6. Generative AI**: GANs are used extensively, from image generation to data augmentation and domain adaptation.
    - Uncertainty-aware data augmentation, NeRFs, Adversarial attacks
- **7. Explainable AI (XAI)**: The need for understanding and interpreting deep learning models became more critical, especially in fields like healthcare.
  - Robust Explainable models
- **8.** Al Applications (Healthcare, Transport, Smart city, Stock market, etc): e.g. computer-based medical image analysis, drug discovery, and patient diagnosis, with a focus on improving healthcare outcomes.



## Are synthetic data always good?





# Thank you!









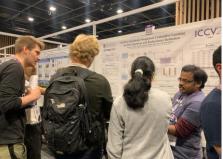














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