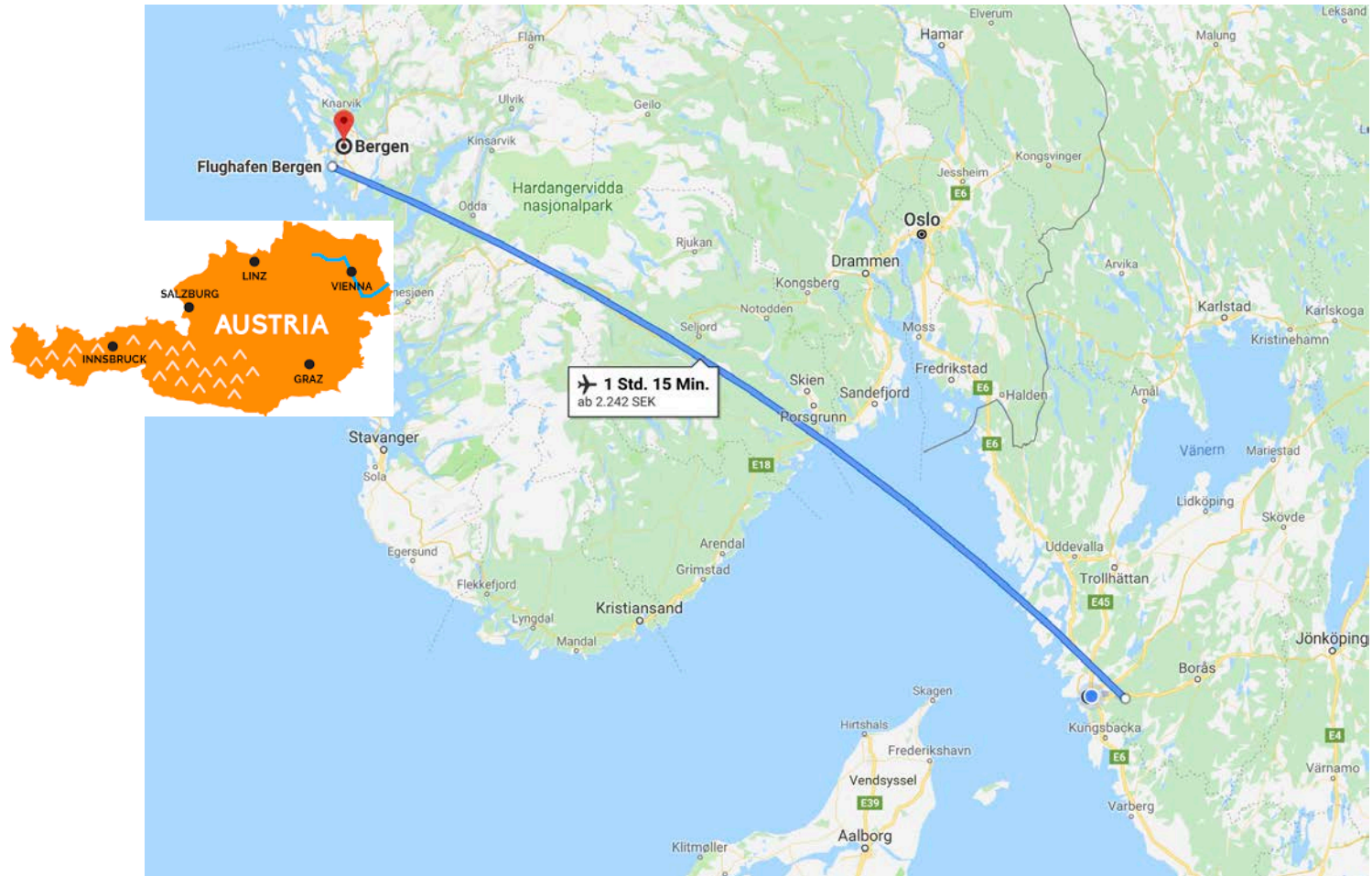


Food Recommenders

A Data Science Perspective

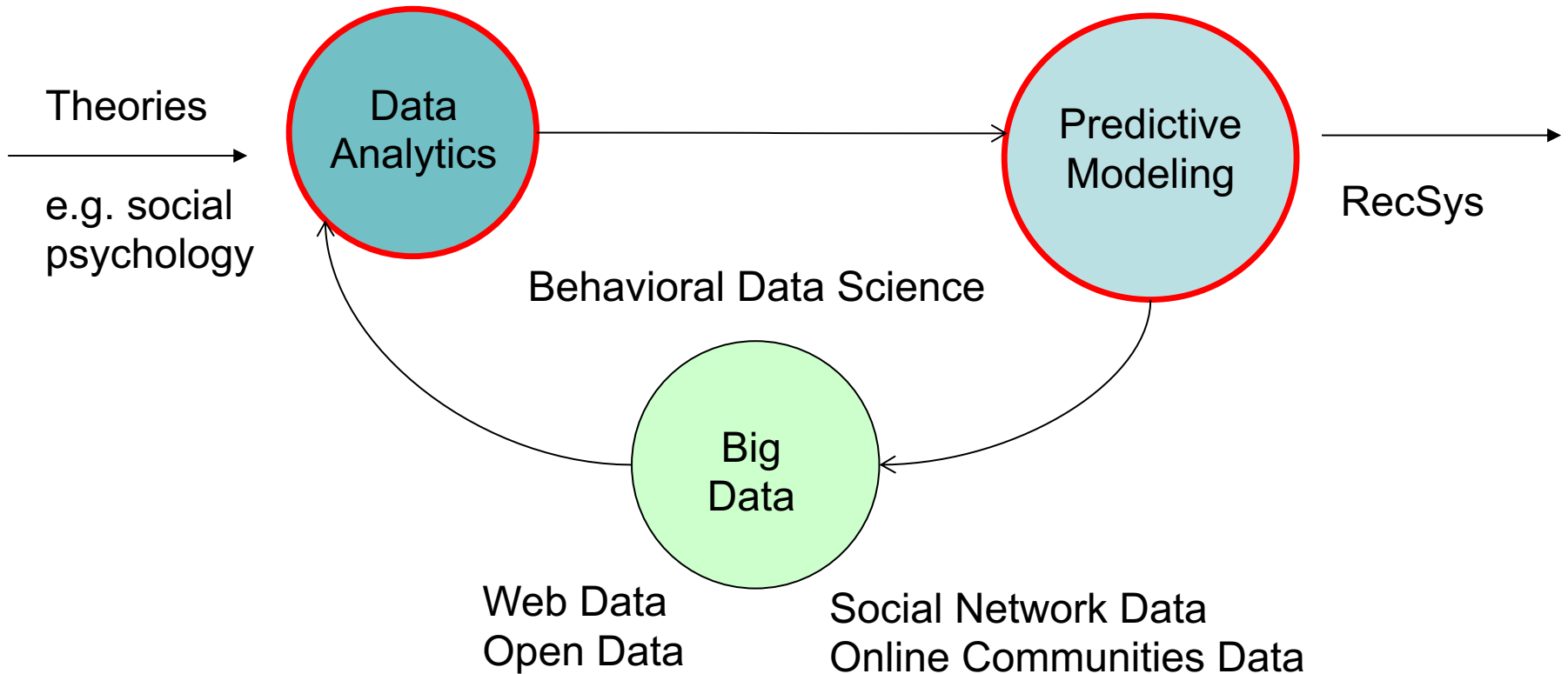
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University of Bergen

Where do I come from?



Research Focus

Understand how people behave



Agenda

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Part 1: Motivation

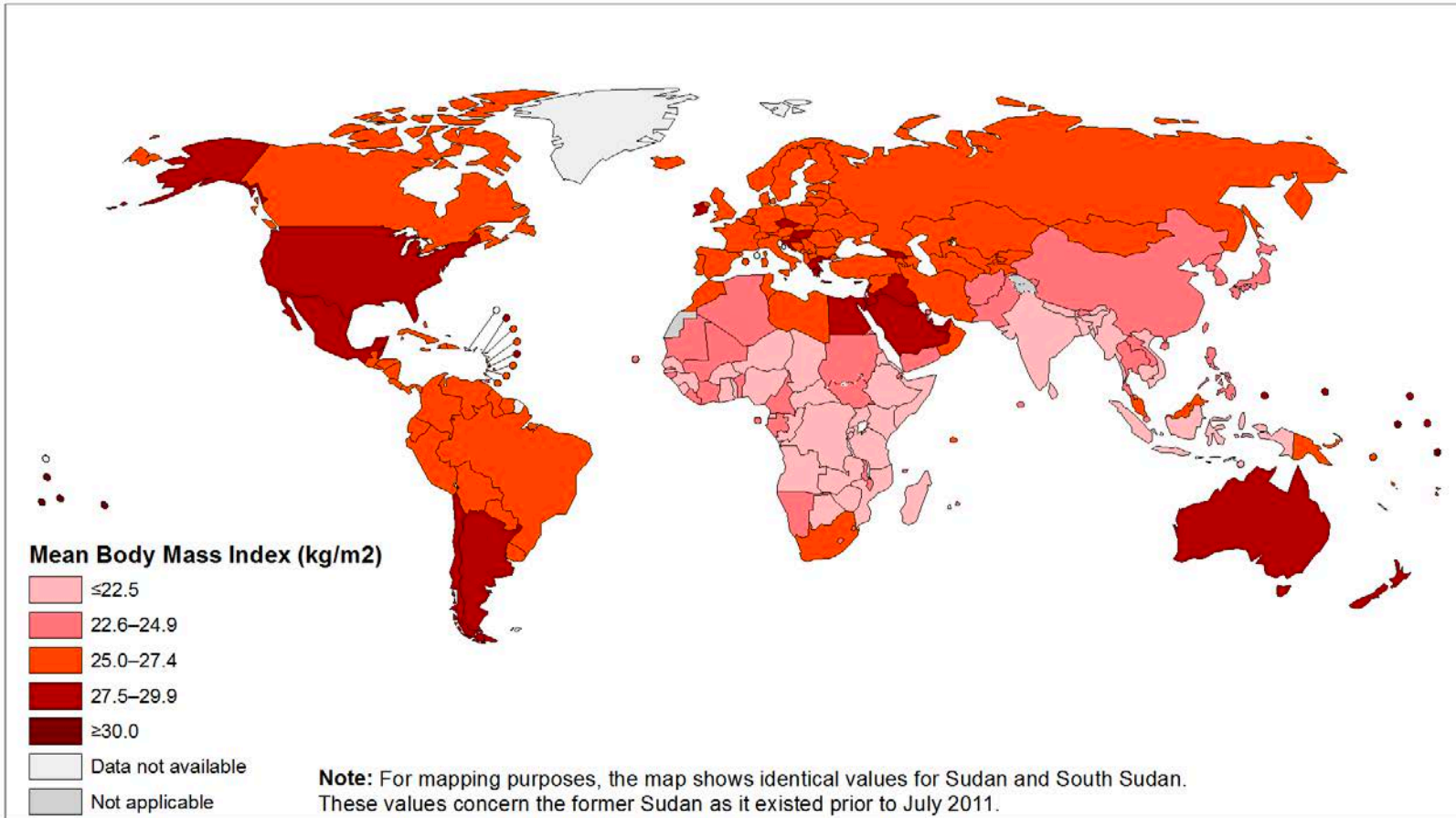
Why is research into Food Recsys Important?

Why is that important?

- Food is one the main concepts that **shapes how good we feel and how healthy we are**
- According to the WHO, if common lifestyle risk factors, among others diet-related ones, were eliminated, **around 80% of cases of heart disease, strokes and type 2 diabetes, and 40% of cancers, could be avoided** (European Commission Recommendation C(2010) 2587 final, 2010).

Health is decreasing World Wide

Mean Body Mass Index (kg/m²), ages 18+, 2016 (age standardized estimate)
Male



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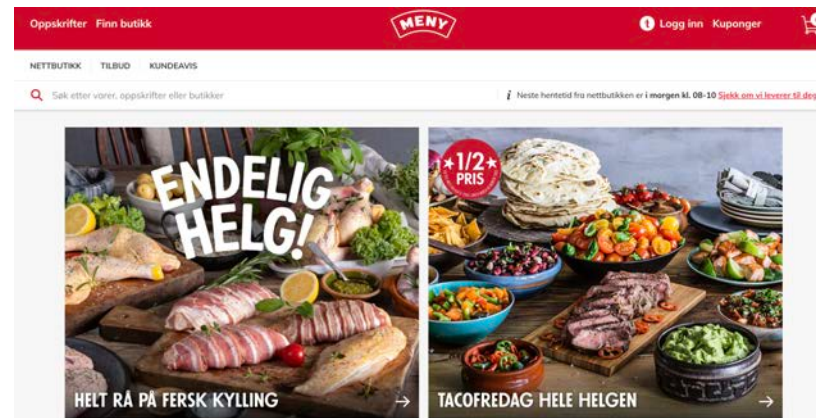
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The approaches I am discussing today
are all online food recommender
approaches!

Why Online?

Most food interactions nowadays online

According to recent market research over 50%



Amazon

amazon All ▾

Deliver to **Austria** **Departments** ▾ Your Amazon.com Today's Deals **EN** Hello. Sign in **Account & Lists** ▾ **Orders** **Cart**

Grocery Deals Snacks ▾ Breakfast ▾ Warm Beverages Cold Beverages Cooking Staples ▾ Baby Food ▾ Candy & Chocolate ▾ Prime Pantry ▾

Featured Shops

- New Year, New You
- Grocery Sales & Deals
- Subscribe & Save
- Prime Pantry
- Amazon Family
- Grocery Dash Buttons
- International Food Market

Show results for

Grocery & Gourmet Food

- Baby Foods
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Beverages
- Breads & Bakery
- Breakfast Foods
- Candy & Chocolate
- Canned, Jarred & Packaged Foods
- Condiments & Salad Dressings

Groceries & Gourmet Food

Shop groceries online for delivery of [coffee](#), [snacks](#), [chocolate](#), and everyday food.

NEW YEAR NEW YOU
Start 2019
with healthy
food &
beverages
Shop now ▶

Part 2: Healthiness of Online Food (Recipes)

RQ: How healthy are online food items (recipes) actually?

<http://allrecipes.com>

Basic statistics:

- 60,983 recipes
- 1,032,226 ratings
- 17,190,534 bookmarks

Ingredients

- + 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust (see footnote for recipe link)
- + 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- + 3 cups rhubarb, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- + 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- + 1 cup fresh strawberries, quartered
- + 1 tablespoon butter, diced
- + 3 large eggs
- + 2 tablespoons strawberry jam
- + 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- + 1/4 teaspoon water

2 h 20 m 8 servings 342 cals

Nutrition		
Amount per serving (8 total)		
Calories:	342 kcal	17%
Fat:	11.1 g	17%
Carbs:	57.4g	19%
Protein:	4.8 g	10%
Cholesterol:	74 mg	25%
Sodium:	159 mg	6%

Nutrition Facts

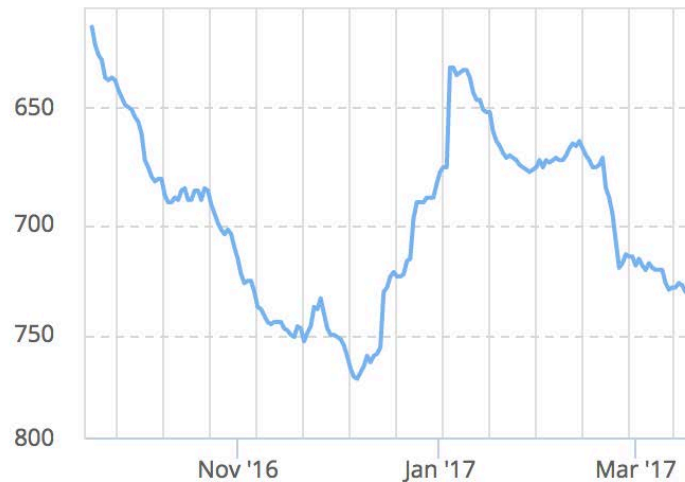


Allrecipes.com popularity

How popular is allrecipes.com?

Alexa Traffic Ranks

How is this site ranked relative to other sites?



According to Alexa.com

Global Rank [?]

730 ▼ 2

Rank in [United States](#) [?]

217

Country	Percent of Visitors	Rank in Country
United States	69.6%	217
Canada	8.0%	219
United Kingdom	2.5%	1,375
Germany	2.0%	2,017
India	1.3%	4,349

How can we determine the healthiness of online recipes?

Trattner, C. Elweiler, D. and Simon, H. **Estimating the Healthiness of Internet Recipes: A Cross-Sectional Study.** *Frontiers in Public Health*, 2017.

Trattner, C. and Elweiler, D. **Investigating the Healthiness of Internet-Sourced Recipes: Implications for Meal Planning and Recommender Systems.** In *Proceedings of the World Wide Web Conference (WWW)*, 2017.

Determining the healthiness of recipes

What the colours mean:



means **HIGH**
indicating that the food is **high** in fat, sugars or salt

It's fine to eat this food occasionally or as a treat, but think about how often you choose it and how much of it you eat.



means **MEDIUM**
making it an **OK** choice

Although going for green is even better!



means it's **LOW**

*Which makes it a **healthier** choice.*

FSA food health criteria

Check how much fat, sugar and salt is in your food



Remember that the amount you eat of a particular food affects how much sugars, fat, saturates and salt you will get from it.

Food Shopping Card

	Sugars	Fat	Saturates	Salt
What is HIGH per100g	Over 15g	Over 20g	Over 5g	Over 1.5g
What is MEDIUM per100g	Between 5g and 15g	Between 3g and 20g	Between 1.5g and 5g	Between 0.3g and 1.5g
What is LOW per100g	5g and below	3g and below	1.5g and below	0.3g and below



Determining the healthiness of recipes

WHO food health criteria

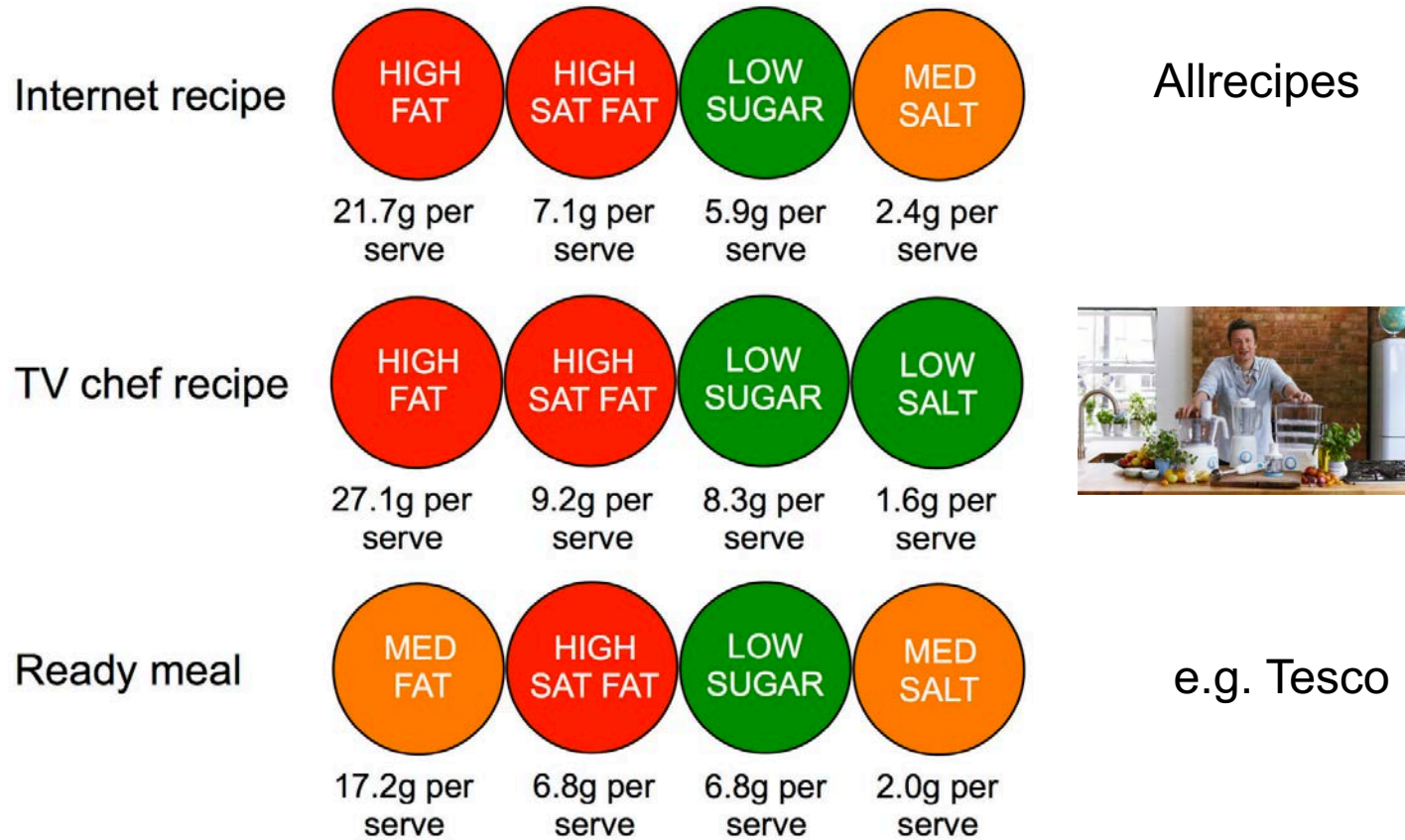
Ranges of population nutrient intake goals

Dietary factor	Goal (% of total energy, unless otherwise stated)
→ Total fat	15-30%
→ Saturated fatty acids	<10%
Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs)	6-10%
n-6 Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs)	5-8%
n-3 Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs)	1-2%
Trans fatty acids	<1%
Monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs)	By difference ^a
→ Total carbohydrate	55-75% ^b
→ Free sugars ^c	<10%
→ Protein	10-15% ^d
Cholesterol	<300 mg per day
→ Sodium chloride (sodium) ^e	<5 g per day (<2 g per day)
Fruits and vegetables	≥ 400 g per day
→ Total dietary fibre	From foods ^f
Non-starch polysaccharides (NSP)	From foods ^f

Who. Diet, nutrition and the prevention of chronic diseases. World Health Organ TechRep Ser, 916(i-viii), 2003.

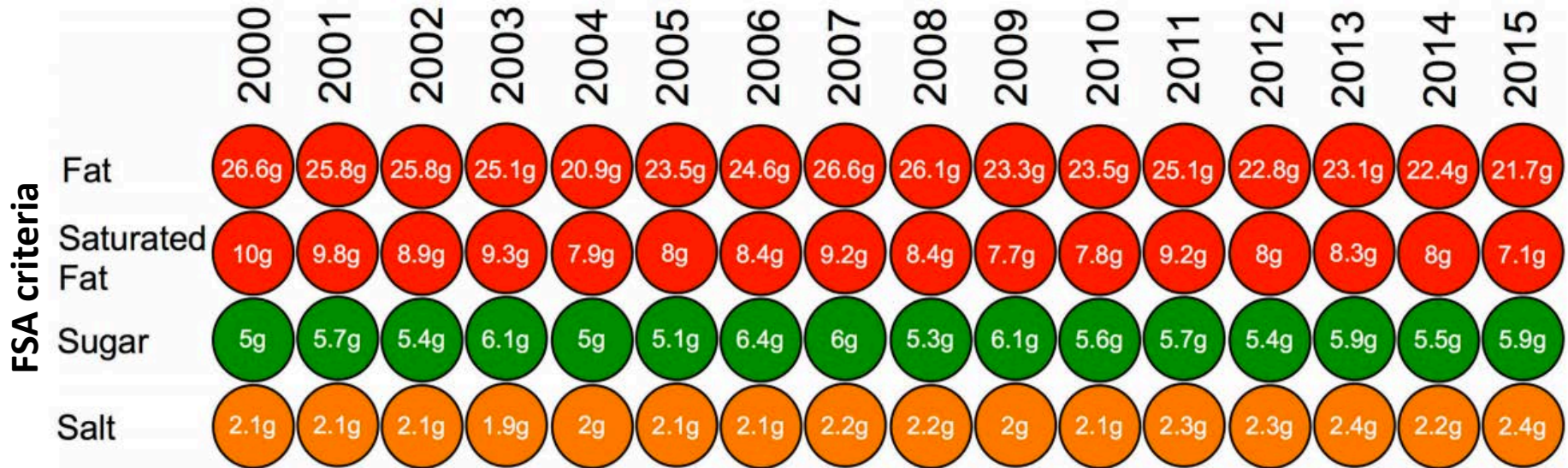
Results

Online food is unhealthy ☹️



Trattner, C. Elswiler, D. and Simon, H. Estimating the Healthiness of Internet Recipes: A Cross-Sectional Study. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 2017.

Online food (recipes) is unhealthy ☹️

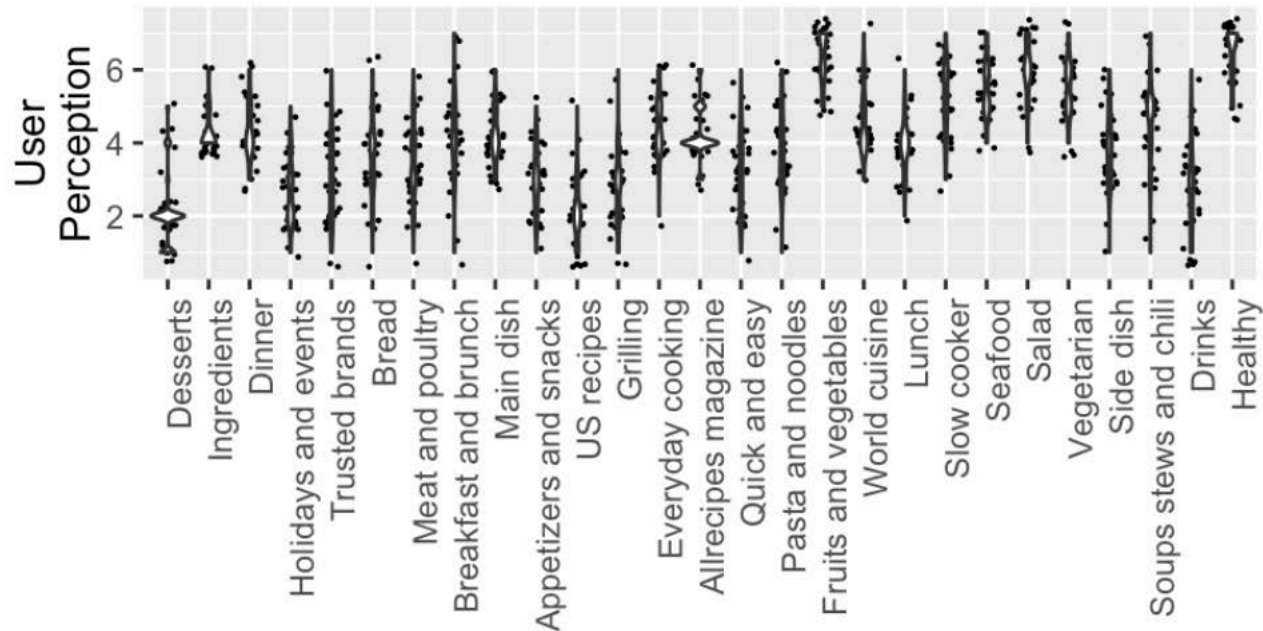


Online food is unhealthy ☹️

Category	n	Energy (kCal)	FSA front of package label				Health scores	
			Fat (grams)	Sat. Fat (grams)	Sugar (grams)	Sodium (grams)	WHO score	FSA score [†]
Desserts	11,317↑	331.48↑	16.27 ↑	7.27 ↑	27.92 ↑	0.21 ↓	1.61	9.64 ⁽¹⁾
Ingredients	2039	265.06↑	14.13 ↑	5.84 ↑	16.44 ↑	0.36 ↑	1.59	9.06 ⁽²⁾
Dinner	1033↓	166.61	9.07	3.44	2.59 ↓	0.35	1.41	8.43 ⁽³⁾
Holidays and events	11,185	218.42↑	11.33 ↑	4.52 ↑	12.62 ↑	0.28	1.87	8.38 ⁽⁴⁾
Trusted brands	1744	200.45	10.06	4.08 ↑	8.73	0.32	1.83	8.2 ⁽⁵⁾
Bread	2972	261.86↑	9.95	3.53	12.72 ↑	0.35 ↑	2.42	8.18 ⁽⁶⁾
Meat and poultry	12,672↑	151.97	8.46	3.09	2.62	0.33	1.62	8.17 ⁽⁷⁾
Breakfast and brunch	2167	188.8	9.26	3.56	7.82	0.28	2.11	8.09 ⁽⁸⁾
Main dish	13,188↑	159.51	8.36	3.08	2.48 ↓	0.31	1.77	8.09 ⁽⁹⁾
Appetizers and snacks	4162	226.67↑	15.73 ↑	5.79 ↑	4.8	0.44 ↑	1.82	8.08 ⁽¹⁰⁾
US recipes	3556	185.89	9.76	3.52	8.3	0.36 ↑	1.92	8.08 ⁽¹¹⁾
Grilling	1682↓	156.72	8.74	2.77	4.83	0.54 ↑	1.64	8 ⁽¹²⁾
Allrecipes magazine	842↓	190.79	10.08 ↑	3.84	9.27	0.33	2	7.94 ⁽¹³⁾
Everyday cooking	22,657↑	187	9.69	3.71	8.66	0.28	2	7.97 ⁽¹⁴⁾
Quick and easy	1955	167.82	8.65	3.23	2.39 ↓	0.32	1.83	7.86 ⁽¹⁵⁾
Pasta and noodles	2692	186.21	8.62	3.28	2.79	0.27	2.31	7.82 ⁽¹⁶⁾
Fruits and vegetables	19,574↑	171.44	8.7	3.25	9.06	0.24 ↓	2.15	7.76 ⁽¹⁷⁾
World cuisine	7444	178.05	9.05	3.26	7.46	0.29	2.16	7.68 ⁽¹⁸⁾
Lunch	693↓	158.36	9.1	2.78	3.11	0.32	2.07	7.63 ⁽¹⁹⁾
Slow cooker	1283↓	121.26↓	5.66 ↓	2.17 ↓	3.67	0.3	1.89	7.6 ⁽²⁰⁾
Seafood	3237	157.6	8.94	3.05	1.79 ↓	0.32	1.9	7.46 ⁽²¹⁾
Salad	3031	146.84	9	1.93 ↓	4.48	0.24	2.33	7.22 ⁽²²⁾
Vegetarian	4889	159.09	8.47	3.01	5.95	0.26	2.58	7.15 ⁽²³⁾
Side dish	4006	128.99↓	6.64 ↓	2.69	3.71	0.24	2.58	6.97 ⁽²⁴⁾
Soups stews and chili	3605	82.93↓	3.89 ↓	1.59 ↓	1.65 ↓	0.22 ↓	2.29	6.87 ⁽²⁵⁾
Drinks	1801	86.37↓	1.5 ↓	0.82 ↓	10.22 ↑	0.03 ↓	2.51	6.01 ⁽²⁶⁾
Healthy	3175	107.83↓	2.34 ↓	0.56 ↓	6.77	0.2 ↓	3.43	5.6 ⁽²⁷⁾
All recipes	58,263	204.87	10.58	4.10	10.55	.31	1.94	8.13

User perception

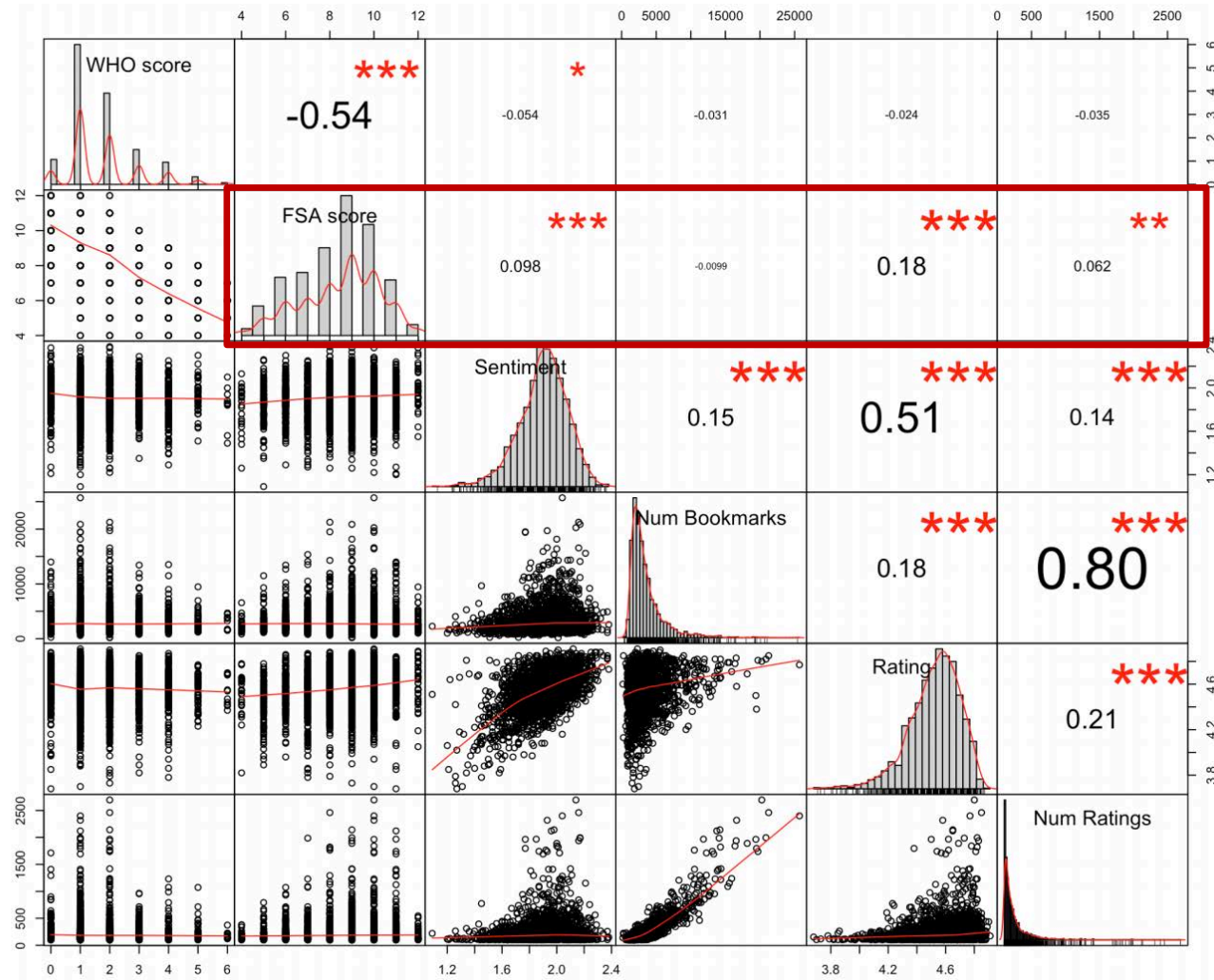
Results when asking users how healthy categories are on Allrecipes.com



(Kappa $\kappa = .165$, $z = 42$, $p < .001$)

With which types of recipes do user interact the most?

People seem to like unhealthy recipes



Part 3: State-of-the-art & Health-aware Food RecSys

How healthy are recommendations produced by std. recommender systems algorithms in terms of health?

What is actually the current state-of-the-art in Food Recommenders?

Food Recommender Systems: Important Contributions, Challenges and Future Research Directions. Trattner, C. and Elweiler, D. Collaborative Recommendations: Algorithms, Practical Challenges and Applications, World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018

Author(s)	Algorithm(s)	Personalized	RecSys Type(s)	Feedback	Context/Content Feature(s)	Dietary Constrains	Target	Dataset
(Elsweiler, Trattner & Harvey, 2017)	Logistic Random Forrest Naive Bayes	no	Recipes	Ratings Binary	Title Image Ingredients Nutrition Pop. & Appr	no	Single User	Allrecipes
(Trattner & Elsweiler, 2017)	LDA WRMF AR SLIM BPR MostPop User- ItemKNN	yes/no	Recipes Meal Plans	Bookmarks Ratings Comments	WHO-FSA health score	no	Single User	Allrecipes
(Cheng, Rokicki & Herder, 2017)	BPR MostPop	yes/no	Recipes	Ratings	City Size	no	Single User	Kochbar
(Yang et al., 2017)	Learning to Rank	yes	Recipes	Binary	Image Embeddings	yes	Single User	Yummly
(Rokicki, Herder, Kuśmierczyk & Trattner, 2016)	UserKNN MostPop	yes/no	Recipes	Ratings	Gender	no	Single User	Kochbar
(Ge, Elahi, Fernández-Tobías, Ricci & Massimo, 2015)	MF CB	yes	Recipes	Ratings Tags	Tags	no	Single User	Wellbeing Diet Book
(Elsweiler & Harvey, 2015)	SVD-Hybrid	yes	Meal Plans (Set of recipes)	Ratings	Ingredients	yes	Single User	Quizine
(Sano, Machino, Yada & Suzuki, 2015)	UserKNN SVD Hybrid NL-PCA	yes	Groceries	Purchases	Food Categories	no	Single User	Grocery store data
(Trevisiol, Chiarandini & Baeza-Yates, 2014)	UserKNN CB	yes	Menus (Set of dishes)	Binary	Text Sentiment	no	Single User	Yelp
(Elahi, Ge, Ricci, Massimo & Berkovsky, 2014)	MF	yes	Recipes	Ratings Tags	tags	no	Group of Users	Wellbeing Diet Book
(Harvey et al., 2013)	CB, CF Logistic Reg. SVD-Hybrid	yes	Recipes	Ratings	Ingredients etc.	no	Single User	Quizine
(Teng, Lin & Adamic, 2012)	SVM	no	Recipes	Ratings	Ingredients Nutrition Cook effort Cook methods	no	Single User	Allrecipes
(Kuo, Li, Shan & Lee, 2012)	Graph-based CB	yes	Menus (Set of recipes)	Tags	Ingredients	no	Single User	Food
(El-Dosuky, Rashad, Hamza & El-Bassiouny, 2012)	CB KB	yes	Food items	Query	tags	no	Single User	USDA
(Freyne, Berkovsky, Baghaei, Kimani & Smith, 2011)	CF	yes	Meal plans (Set of recipes)	Ratings	-	no	Single User	Wellbeing Diet Book
(Ueta, Iwakami & Ito, 2011)	KB	yes	Recipes	Query	tags	no	Single User	Cookpad
(van Pinxteren, Geleijnse & Kamsteeg, 2011)	CB	yes	Recipes	Cooked recipes	Recipe content features	no	Single User	Smulweb
(Freyne & Berkovsky, 2010)	UserKNN CB Hybrid UserKNN	yes	Recipes	Ratings	Ingredients	no	Single User	Wellbeing Diet Book

Results: Recommender Experiment

Mean ($n = 4791$)

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							Fat (g)	Sat. Fat (g)	Sugar (g)	Sodium (g)
LDA	.0175	.0395	1.554	9.110	-.137***	.498***	8.70	3.73	8.73	0.32
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AR	.0149	.0343	1.550	9.206	-.141***	.595***	9.27	4.12	10.50	0.25
SLIM	.0143	.0326	1.643	8.907	-.048***	.295***	9.27	3.82	7.91	0.33
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Random	.0011	.0029	1.750	8.486	.059***	-.126***	8.74	3.49	5.71	0.30



*** $p < .001$

$$\Delta = \text{train} - \text{pred}$$

Library: LibRec

Eval: 10 fold-cross validation

Can we improve std. recommender systems in terms of health?

Re-ranking for health

Post-Filter scoring functions

$$score_{u,i,who} = score_{u,i} \cdot (who_i + 1) \quad (1)$$

$$score_{u,i,fsa} = score_{u,i} \cdot (16 - fsa_i - 4 + 1) \quad (2)$$

Linear combinations as discussed in Elweiler et al. (2015) did not work ☹️

D. Elweiler, M. Harvey, B. Ludwig, and A. Said. Bringing the "healthy" into food recommenders. In Proc. of DRMS'15., pages 33–36.

Results: Recommender (2)

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							FSA score post-filtered ($score_{u,i,fsa}$)			
LDA	.0137	.0321	2.170	7.323	.479***	-1.288***	6.51	2.42	4.03	0.29
WRMF	.0131	.0303	2.140	7.361	.449***	-1.250***	6.48	2.30	4.75	0.31
SLIM	.0109	.0248	2.384	7.008	.692***	-1.604***	6.20	2.56	2.59	0.24
AR	.0100	.0238	2.600	6.984	.909***	-1.627***	5.64	1.94	3.95	0.28
MostPop	.0096	.0228	2.542	7.334	.851***	-1.278***	5.37	2.02	2.46	0.24
BPR	.0086	.0205	2.783	6.722	1.092***	-1.889***	6.42	2.30	4.95	0.26
UserKNN	.0069	.0168	2.486	6.722	.795***	-1.891***	6.88	2.73	3.33	0.33
ItemKNN	.0044	.0109	2.703	6.124	1.012***	-2.488***	5.15	1.79	3.51	0.25
Random	.0009	.0022	3.228	4.305	1.537***	-4.306***	1.59	0.43	1.45	0.09

Note: *** $p < .001$



Note: similar results with bookmarks

Conclusions

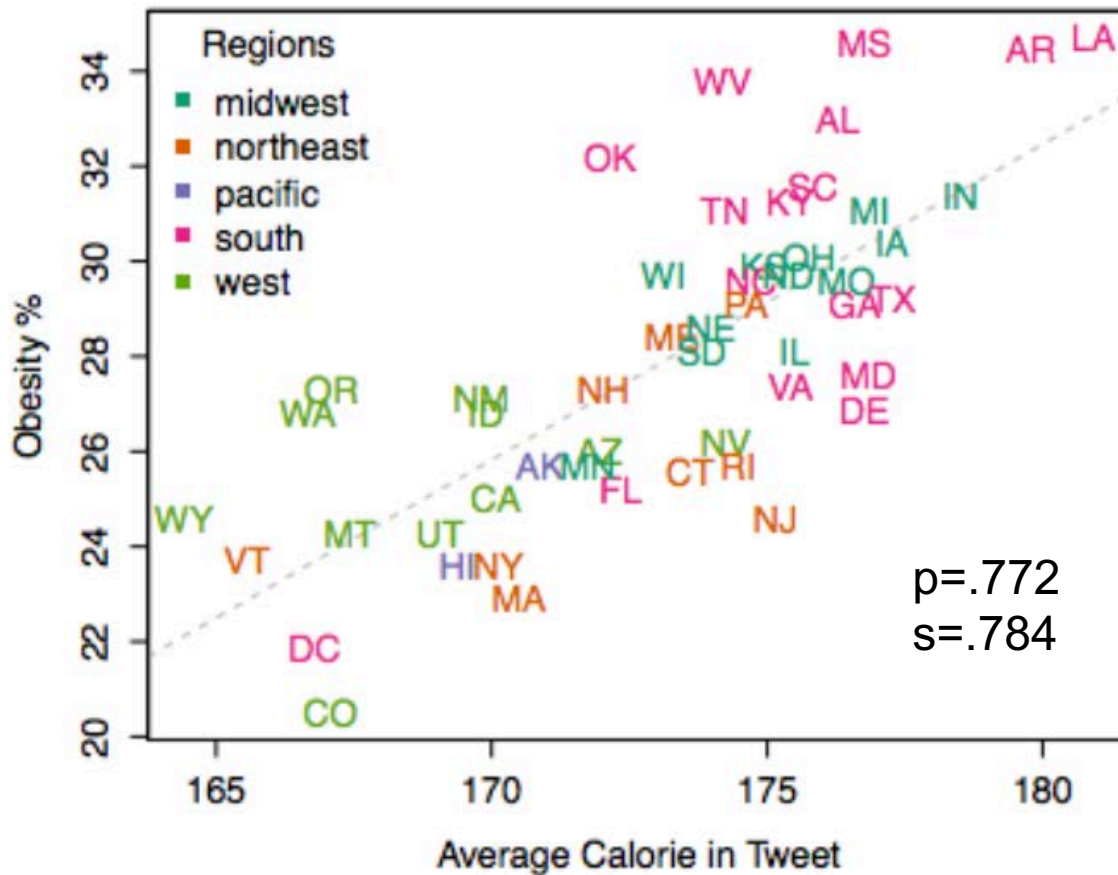
- Only a **small percentage** of Allrecipes.com recipes can be considered **healthy** according to WHO and FSA guidelines.
- **Users** are to some extent able to judge how healthy categories will be, but **often disagree**.
- Interaction data reveals that people are **most positive about the unhealthy recipes**.
- **Current state-of-the-art recommender algorithms in general produce unhealthy recommendations**.

Part 4: Linking Online & Offline

Can we find a link between the online and offline world?

Abbar, S., Mejova, Y., & Weber, I. (2015). You tweet what you eat: Studying food consumption through twitter. ACM CHI 2015.

Correlation between food mentions on Twitter & Obese



- 50 million tweets
- Food related keywords

<http://www.caloriecount.com/>

Abbar, S., Mejova, Y., & Weber, I. (2015). You tweet what you eat: Studying food consumption through twitter. ACM CHI 2015.

...in RecSys, we typically use other types of signals...

Trattner, C., Parra, D. and Elweiler, D. *Monitoring obesity prevalence in the United States through bookmarking activities in online food portals*. PLOS ONE 12(6), 2017.

Trattner, C. and Elweiler, D. **What online data say about eating habits**. NATURE Sustainability, 2019.

Research Questions

- **RQ1.** To what extent do the nutritional properties of bookmarked recipes on Allrecipes.com correlate with obesity levels in the US?
- **RQ2.** To what extent can temporal or geographical factors help in explaining obesity patterns?
- **RQ3.** To what extent do nutrition factors explain the variance in obesity rates across the US?

Dataset

Dataset in detail

Table 1. Basic statistics of the Allrecipes.com dataset with at least 30 users per county.

Year	Num. Users	Num. Bookmarks	Num. Recipes	Num. Counties	Num. States
2004	1348	29,827	1491	25	13
2005	3185	63,512	2210	54	25
2006	7149	185,251	4964	99	36
2007	10,803	270,835	6850	135	40
2008	17,873	500,063	10,227	193	43
2009	21,644	625,661	12,077	225	47
2010	27,331	910,918	15,442	256	46
2011	29,004	933,521	15,351	266	47
2012	26,093	656,364	12,738	244	47

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0179144.t001>

Variables

Dependent Variable

- **Obesity prevalence** (state / county level)

Independent Variables

- Fat (of recipe)
- Saturated Fat (of recipe)
- Sugar (of recipe)
- Sodium (of recipe)
- *Healthiness (of recipe)*

Results

Trends over time

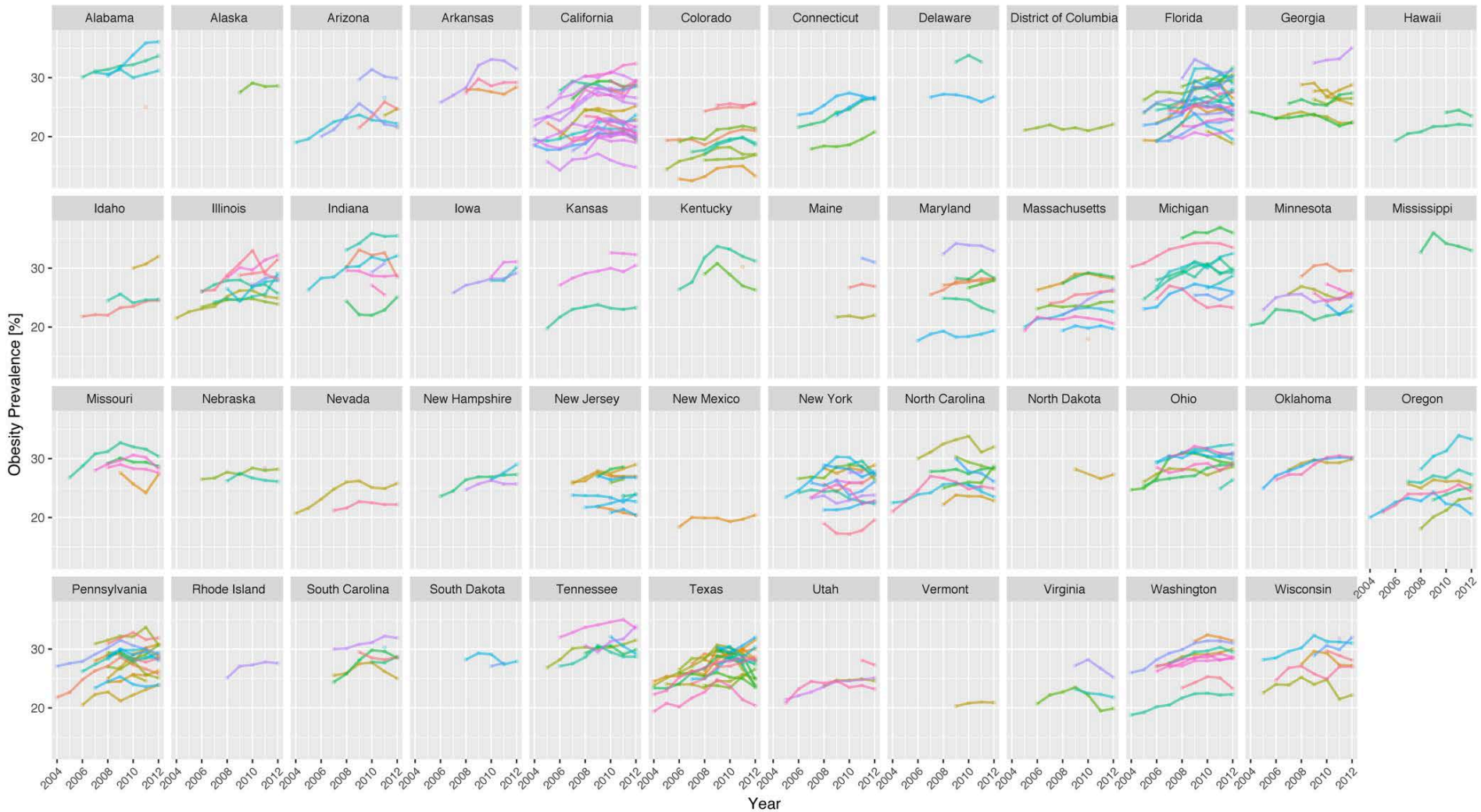


Fig 2. Trends of obesity prevalence levels as a function of time (2004–2012) for states and corresponding counties (presented as lines) in the US. We only report states and counties with at least 30 users bookmarking recipes in each of the counties for each year.

Trends over time (zoom in)

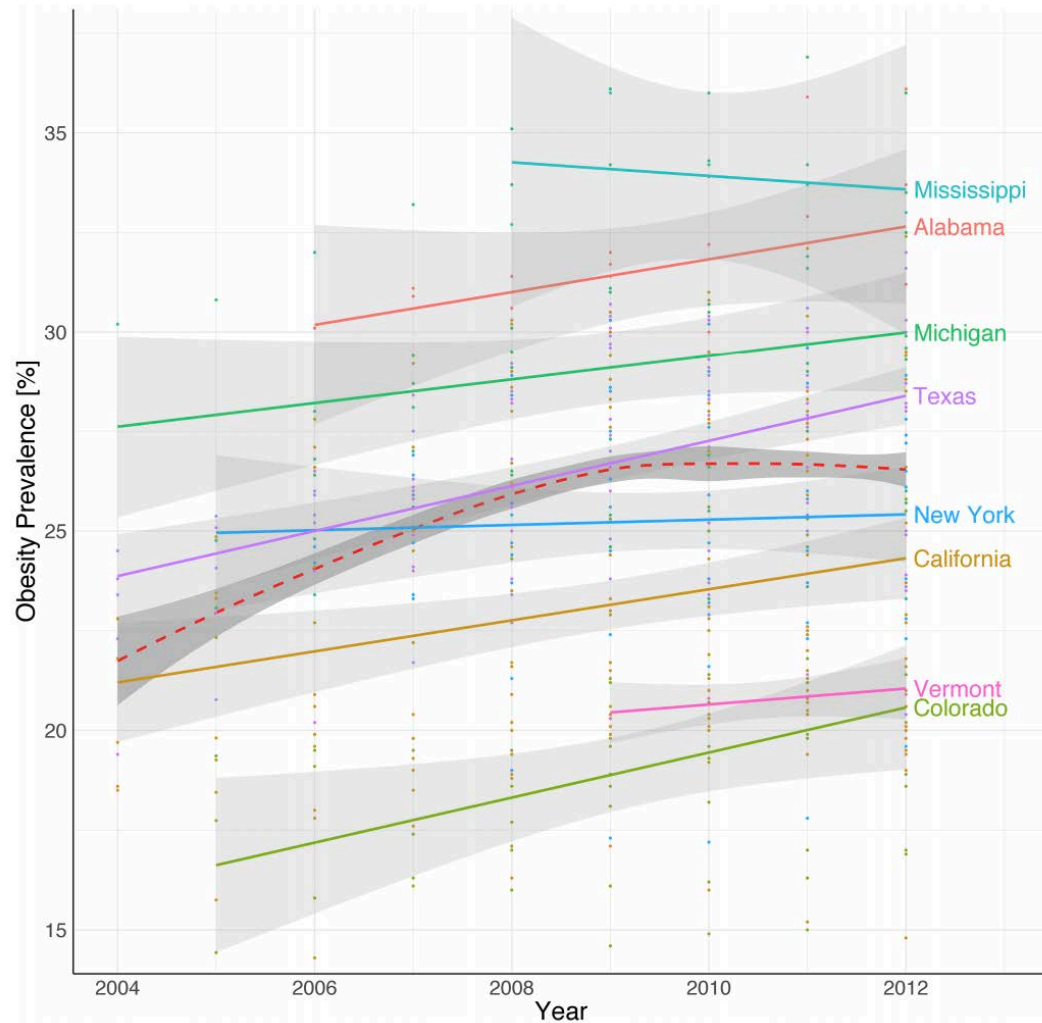


Fig 1. Linear trends of fat as a function of time (2004–2012) for selected states in the US. The plots show a variety of intercepts and trends (slopes) over time. The general aggregated trend is shown with a dashed line.

RQ1. To what extent do the nutritional properties of bookmarked recipes on *Allrecipes.com* correlate with obesity levels in the US?

County Level Correlations

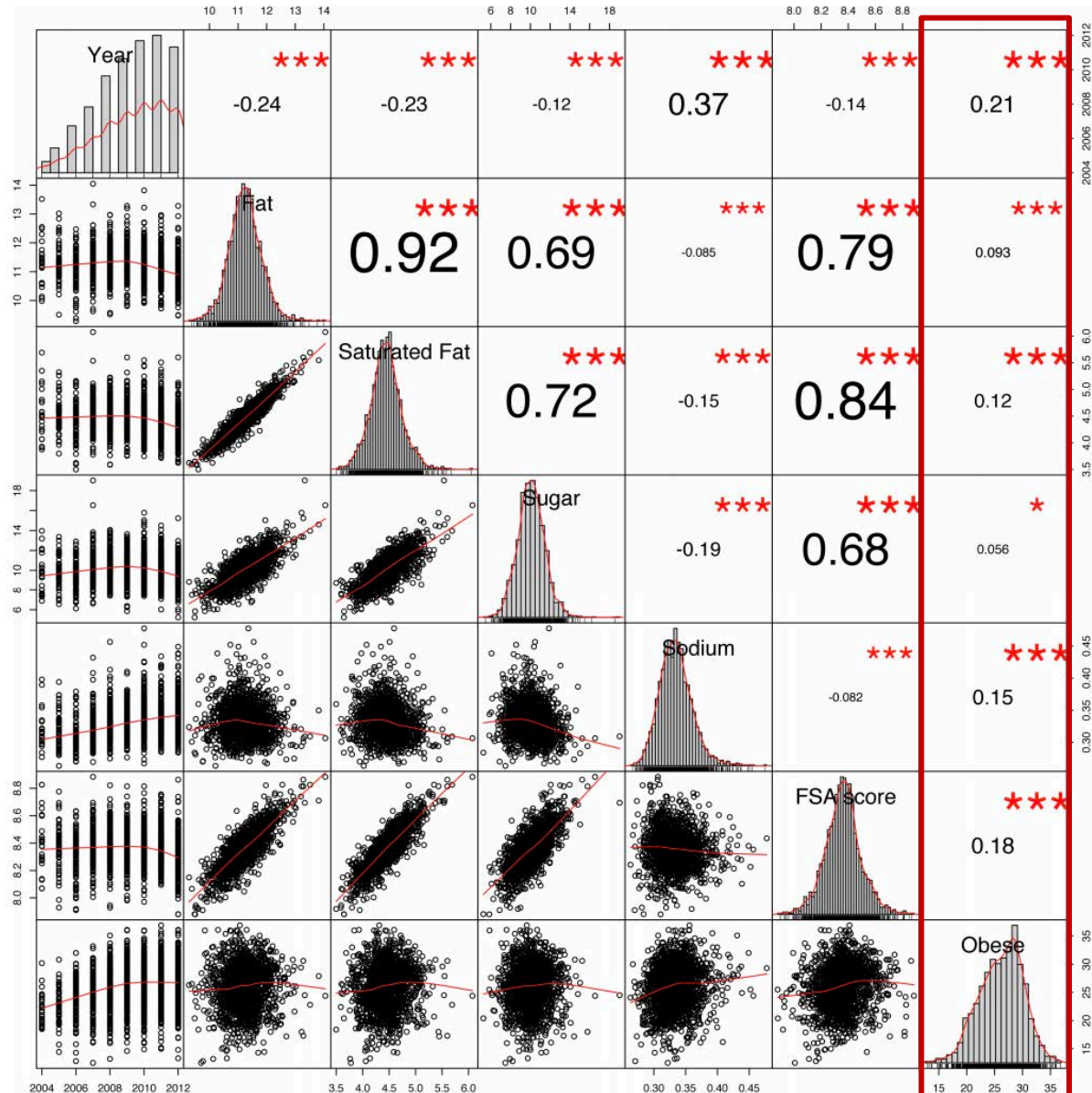


Fig 4. County-level correlations (spearman). Note: *** $p < 0.001$, * $p < 0.05$.

State Level Correlations

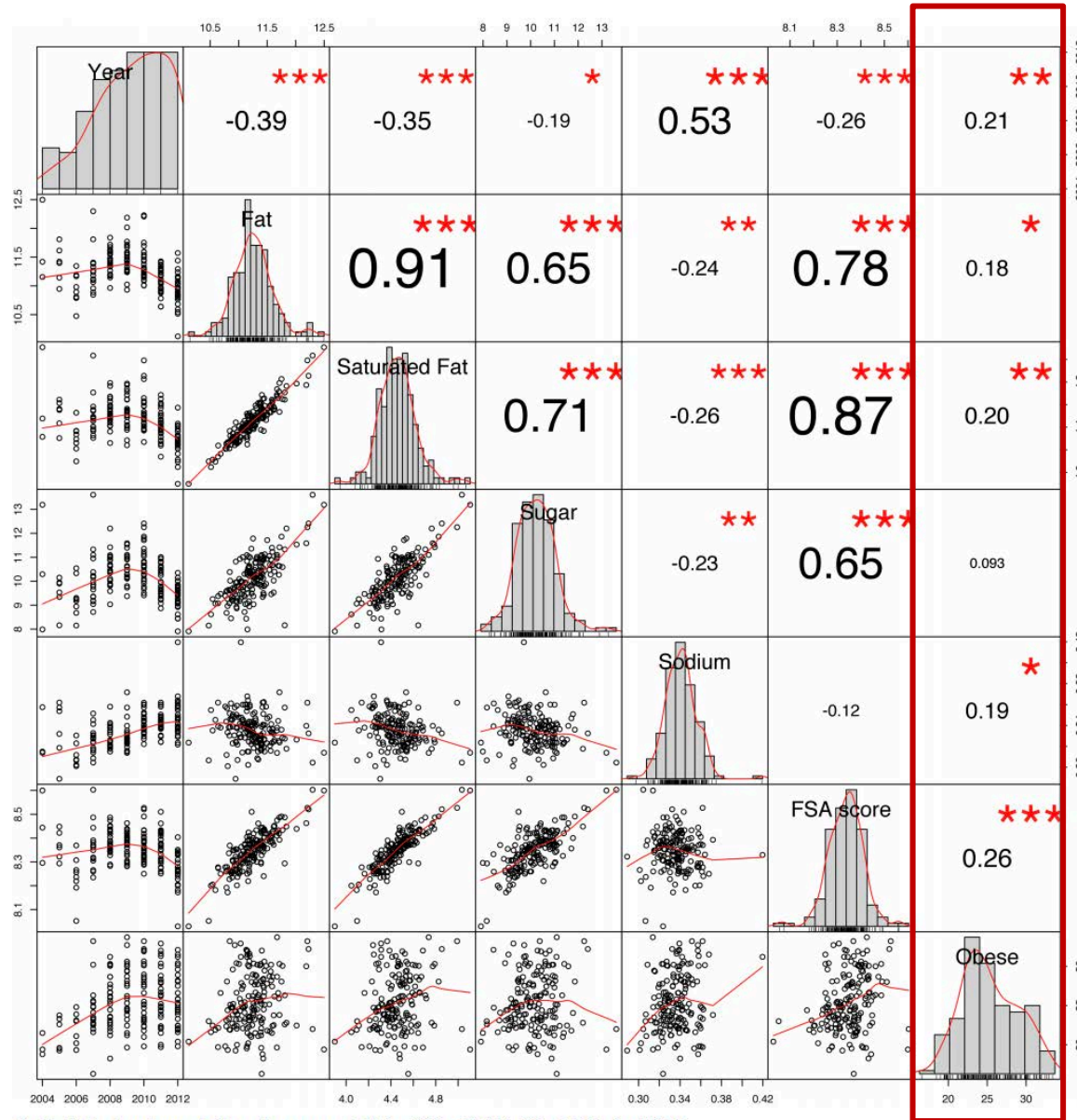


Fig 5. State-level correlations (spearman). Note: *** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$.

RQ2. To what extent can temporal or geographical factors help in explaining obesity patterns?

RQ3. To what extent do nutrition factors explain the variance in obesity rates across the US?

Table 2. Multilevel models for obesity. Models 3 and 4 incorporate a random intercept per county/state, a random slope for year, and fixed effects for the FSA score and Fat and Sugar. A likelihood ratio test shows significant differences between the models: Model 1 vs Model 2: $\chi^2(5) = 585.64, p < 0.001$; Model 2 vs Model 3: $\chi^2(1) = 23.91, p < 0.001$; Model 3 vs Model 4: $\chi^2(1) = 14.67, p < 0.001$. For the fixed effects, the number in parenthesis shows the standard error.

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
<i>Variance Components</i>				
Var: county:State (Intercept)	8.90	9.01	8.84	9.02
Var: State (Intercept)	4.87	5.35	5.28	5.31
Var: Residual	1.79	0.97	0.96	0.94
Var: County:State Year		0.09	0.09	0.09
Cov: County:State (Intercept) Year		-0.28	-0.27	-0.28
Var: State Year		0.00	0.00	0.00
Cov: State (Intercept) Year		-0.04	-0.04	-0.04
<i>Fixed Effects</i>				
(Intercept)	26.56*** (0.39)	24.89*** (0.42)	14.27*** (2.20)	21.74*** (0.83)
Year		0.30*** (0.03)	0.31*** (0.03)	0.32*** (0.03)
FSA score			1.26*** (0.26)	
Fat/100g				0.19* (0.08)
Sugar/100g				0.08* (0.03)
AIC	6796.61	6226.47	6205.44	6200.72
BIC	6818.30	6275.28	6259.68	6260.38
Log Likelihood	-3394.31	-3104.23	-3092.72	-3089.36
Num. obs.	1675	1675	1675	1675
Num. groups: county:state	311	311	311	311
Num. groups: state	47	47	47	47

Note:
 *** $p < 0.001$,
 * $p < 0.05$

Baseline

Baseline+
Time

Baseline+
Time + FSA

Baseline+
Time + Fat + Sugar

Conclusion

- **We demonstrate significant and meaningful** (i.e. sensibly interpretable) **relationships** between the nutritional properties of bookmarked recipes (sugar content, fat content and a combined FSA-score for recipes) and obesity incidence.
- The good fit achieved by our models suggests that combining interaction data, geographical data and temporal **data can be a useful in monitoring obesity incidence.**

Part 5: Predicting Item Popularity

Why do people like the unhealthy recipes more?

Trattner, C., Moesslang, D. and Elsweiler, D. **On the Predictability of the Popularity of Online Recipes**. EPJ Data Science, 2018.

What makes a recipe actually to be chosen/popular?

...from the social psychology literature we know that there are several biases involved in when people cook or select food, e.g.

social & cultural factors, season, healthiness, visual appeal

Scheibehenne, B., Miesler, L., and Todd, P.M. (2007). Fast and frugal food choices: Uncovering individual decision heuristics. *Appetite*, 49, 578-589.

Predicting Recipe Popularity

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Item Cold-Start Prediction

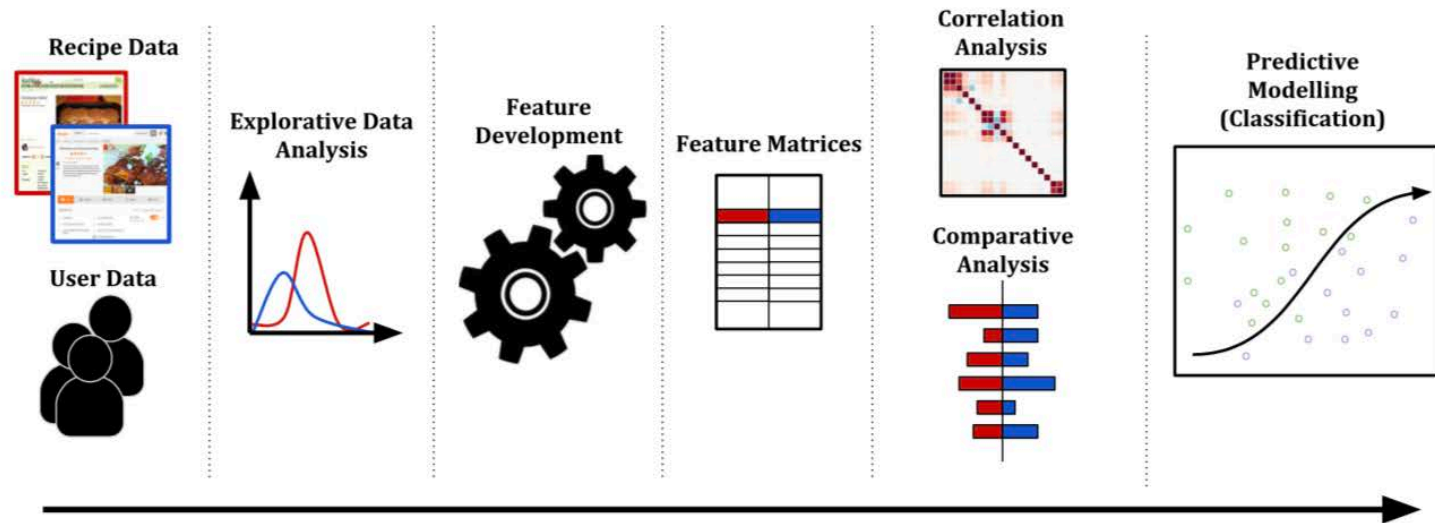


Figure 1.1: A schematic illustration of the approach to popularity prediction of online recipes

Datasets

- Allrecipes.com
- Kochbar.de

recipes	405,868	users	199,749
ratings	7,794,868	publishing users	18,212
recipes with at least 10 ratings	240,518	users with at least 10 recipes	4976
ingredients	1485	ratings users	19,444
categories	246		

Table 1: Overview of the dataset.

kochbar powered by **vox**

Rezept suchen

Rezepte Magazin Videos Herbst-Rezepte Community Login

REZEPT / TIPP HOCHLADEN

Home Rezept Pfannkuchen Grundrezept

Pfannkuchen Grundrezept

88 von 5 Sternen

kere Pfannkuchen

4562242 878

Zutaten für **4** Personen

Rezept favorisieren Rezept drucken

Rezept melden

ZUTATEN

0,5 l	Milch
4 Stk	Eier
300 g	Mehl
2 EL	Öl
1 TL (gestrichen)	Salz
2 EL	Zucker

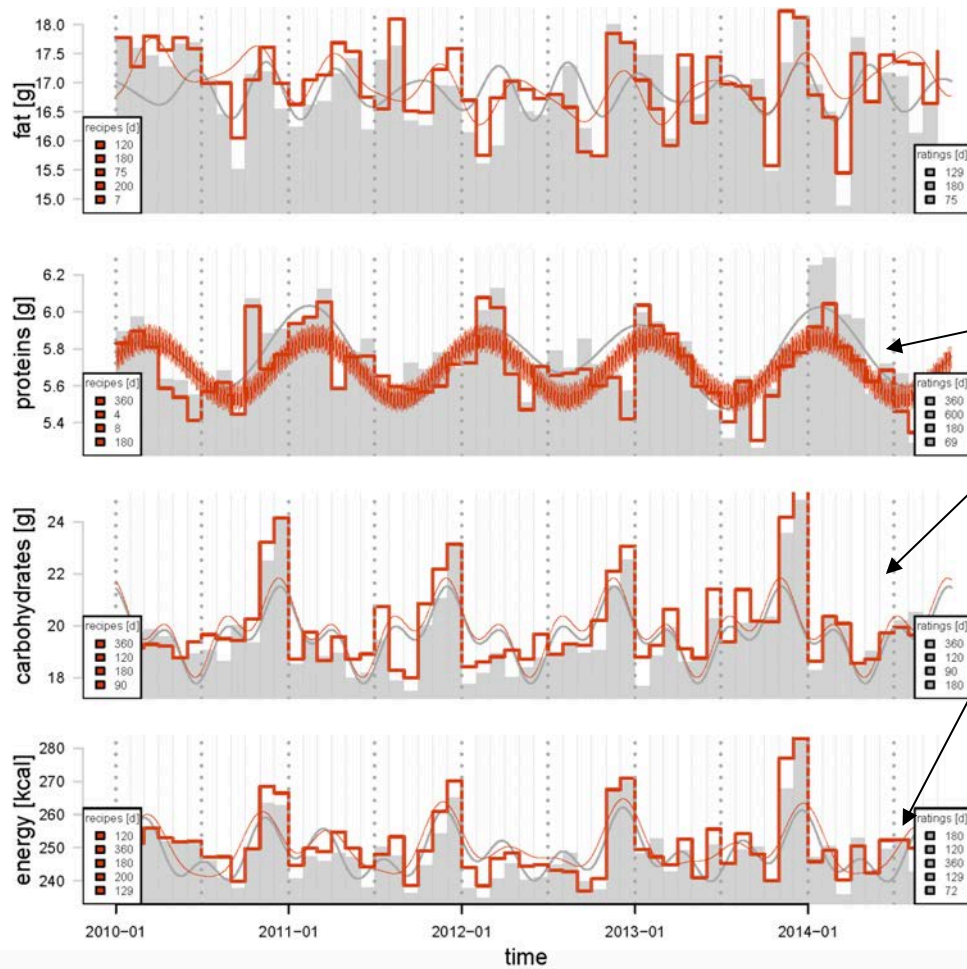
Zutaten bestellen bei **REWE**

ZUBEREITUNG Pfannkuchen Grundrezept

- 1 Milch mit dem Mehl gut verrühren und die Eier dazu geben. Salz, Zucker und einen EL ÖL dazugeben und nochmal kräftig verrühren bis man einen glatten Teig ohne Klümpchen hat. Ich nehme dazu einen Pürierstab.
- 2 Eine bechichtete Pfanne erhitzen (mittlere Hitze). Etwas Küchenpapier mit Öl tränken und die heiße Pfanne damit ausreiben.
- 3 Teig in der Pfanne gleichmäßig verteilen sodass ein schöner runder Pfannkuchen entsteht. Wenn die Unterseite goldgelb ist den Pfannkuchen wenden.
- 4 Jetzt kommt "der Trick mit dem Topf" Ich stelle jetzt einen Topf der ungefähr so

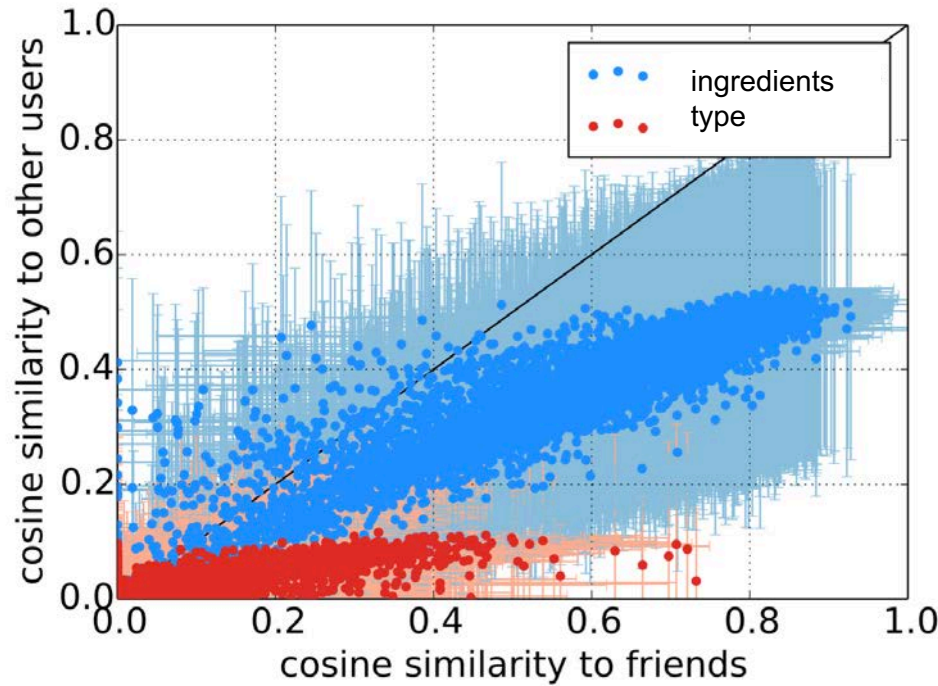
Factors

Temporality?

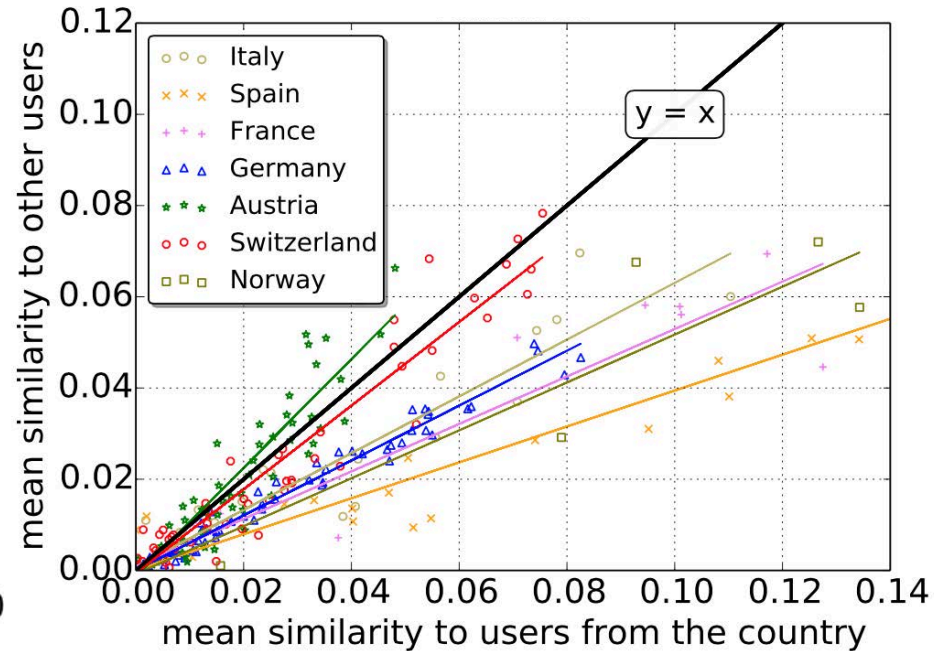


Clear temporal patterns emerge

Homophilie?



Location?



Visual Attractiveness?

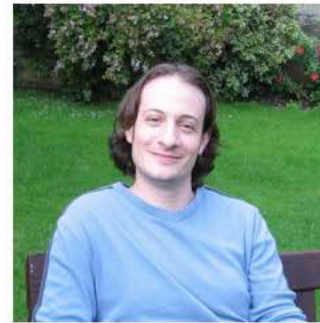


Figure 1: “Attractive” (upper row) vs. “Unattractive” (lower row) images: Each column represents the same semantic concept (animal, landscape, portrait, flower) but differences in appeal-related visual attributes.

San Pedro J, Siersdorfer S (2009) Ranking and classifying attractiveness of photos in folksonomies. In: Proceedings of the 18th international conference on world wide web. WWW '09. ACM, New York, pp 771–780

Other factors

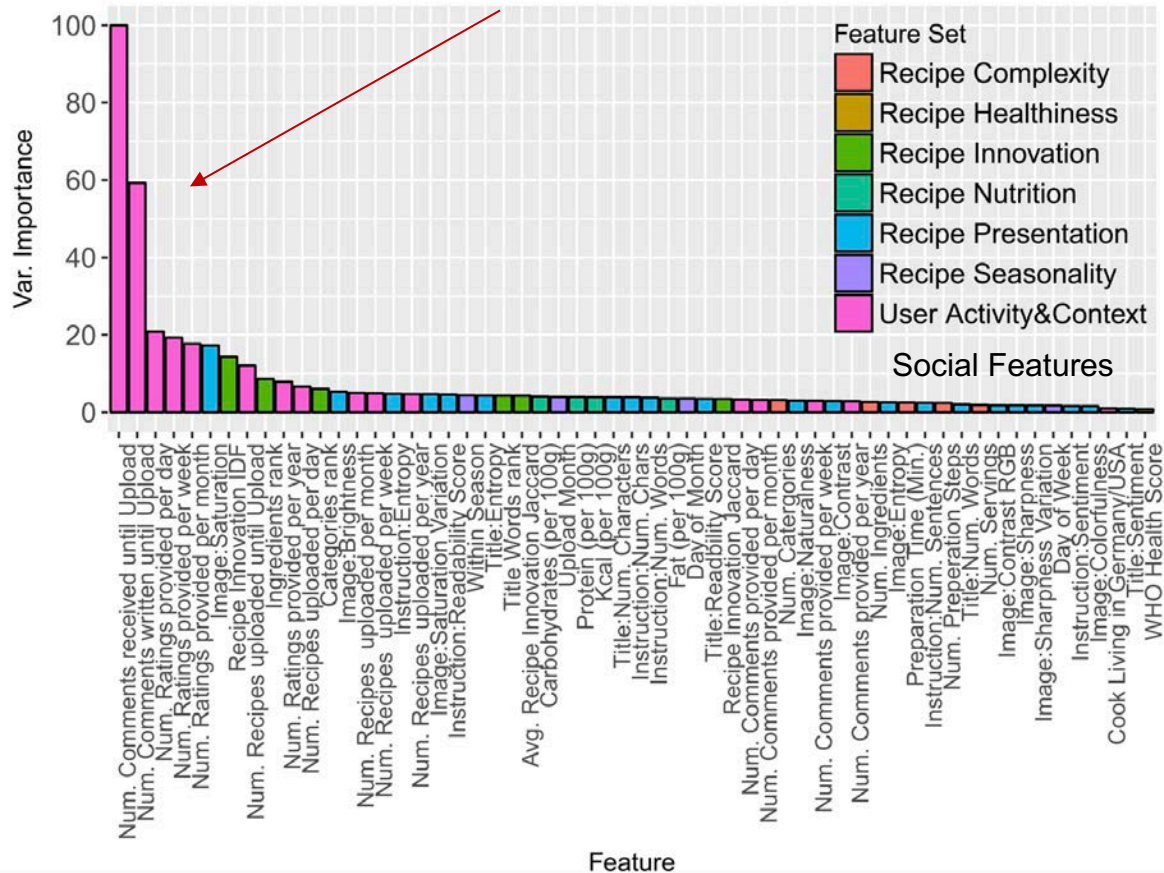
- Recipe complexity
 - Instruction: Num. Words
 - Instruction: Num. Sentences
 - Entropy
 - LIX
- Recipe innovation

$$\text{recipe_innovation_IDF} = \frac{1}{|I_r|} \sum_{i \in I_r} \text{ing_rareness}_i$$

$$\text{recipe_innovation_jaccard} = 1 - \max_{r' < r} \frac{|\{i: i \in r \wedge i \in r'\}|}{|\{i: i \in r \vee i \in r'\}|}$$

Predicting popularity: Kochbar.de

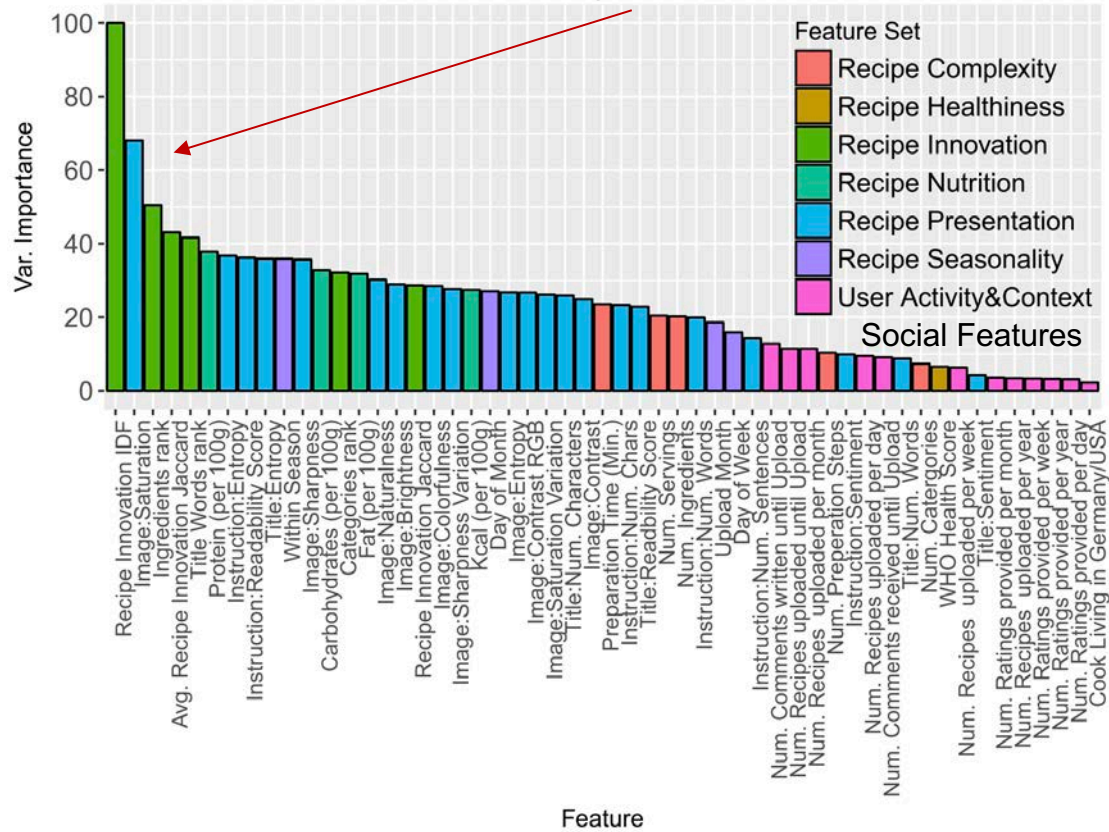
Social factors most important



Random Forrest:
90% accuracy

Predicting popularity: Allrecipes.com

Innovation & Image factors important



Random Forrest
70% accuracy

How about other food cultures?

Zhang, Q., Trattner, C., Elsweiler, D. and Ludwig, B. **Identifying Cross-Cultural Visual Food Tastes with Online Recipe Platforms**. In Proceedings of the 11th International AAAI conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), 2019.

China?



(a) *Xiachufang*: High (↑) prediction scores



(b) *Xiachufang*: Low (↓) prediction scores

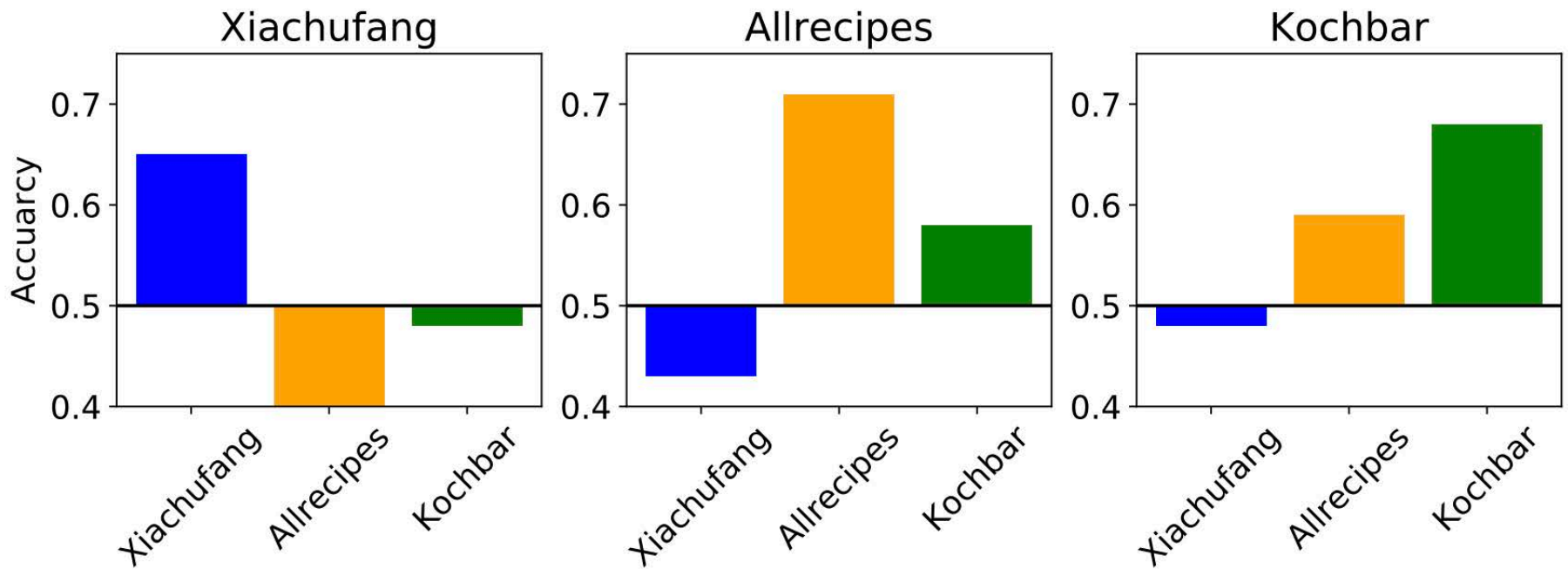


(c) *Allrecipes*: High (↑) prediction scores



(d) *Allrecipes*: Low (↓) prediction scores

Cross-Country Prediction



Part 6: Factors & Food RecSys

How would these features work in a recommendation scenario?

Trattner, C., Kusmierczyk, T. and Norvag, K. **Investigating and Predicting Online Food Recipe Upload Behavior.** Information Processing and Management. 2019.

Upload Recipe

Recipe:

Food Type Recommender

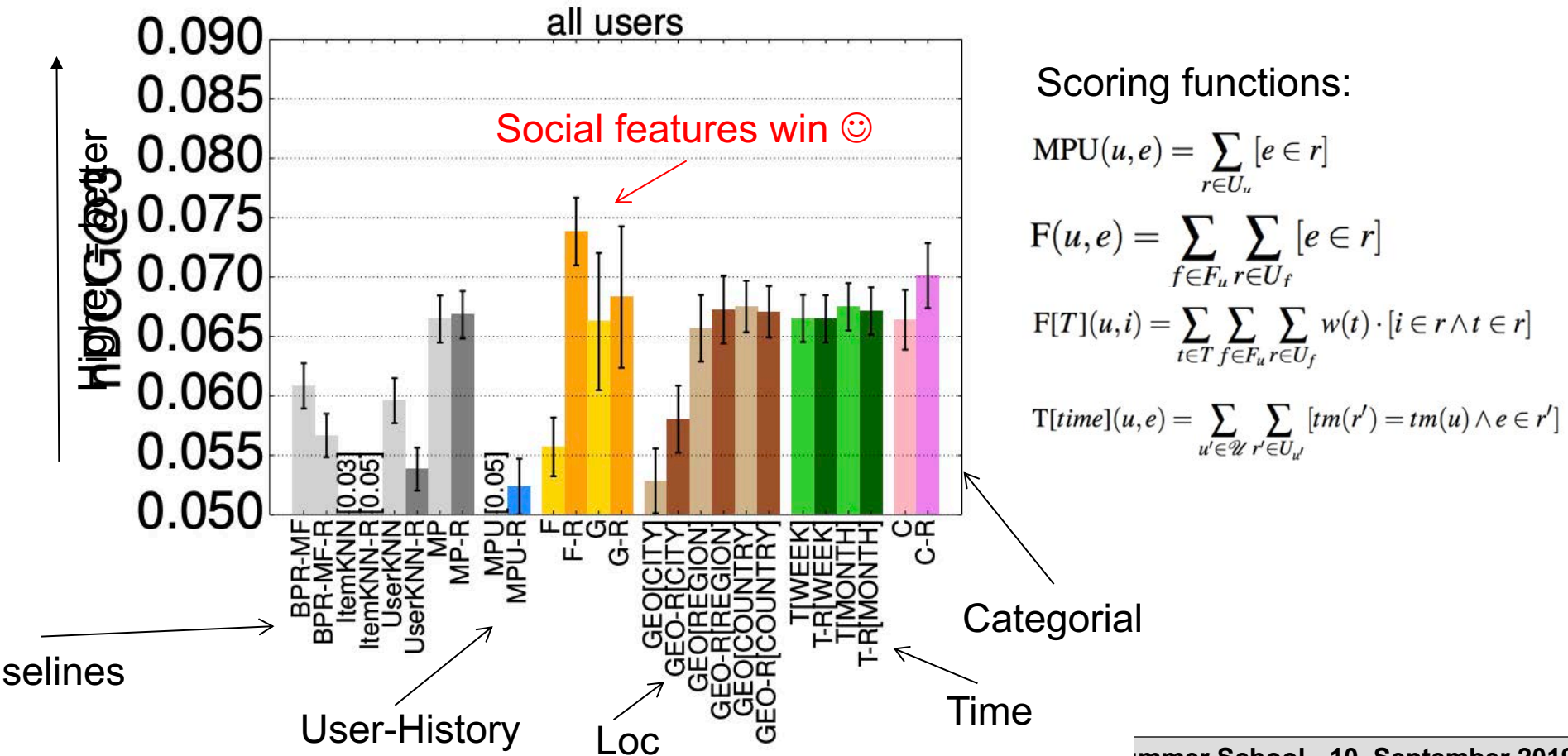
Ingredient Recommender

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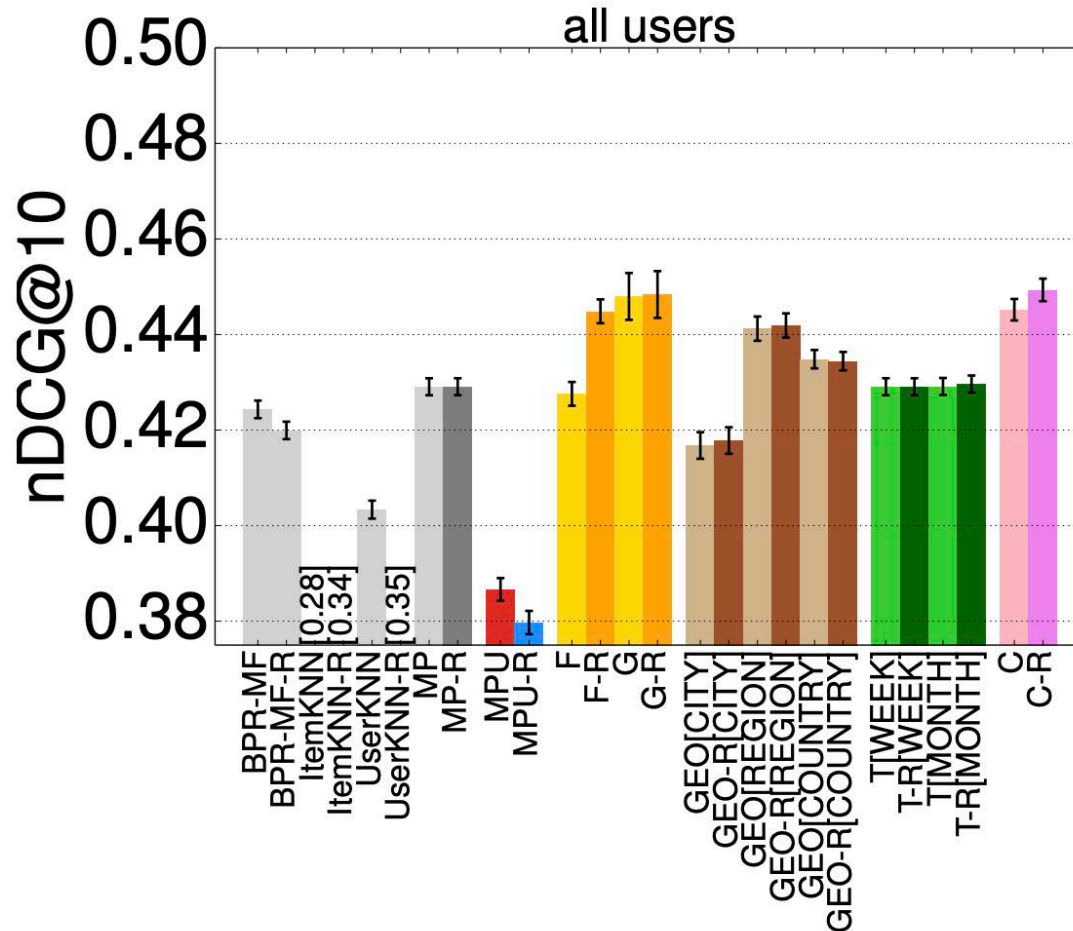
Ingredients:

Figure 1: Example of an intelligent user interface that tries to support the user in the recipe upload process by recommending food type and corresponding ingredients to cook this meal.

Predicting the top-3 food of recipe a user would upload

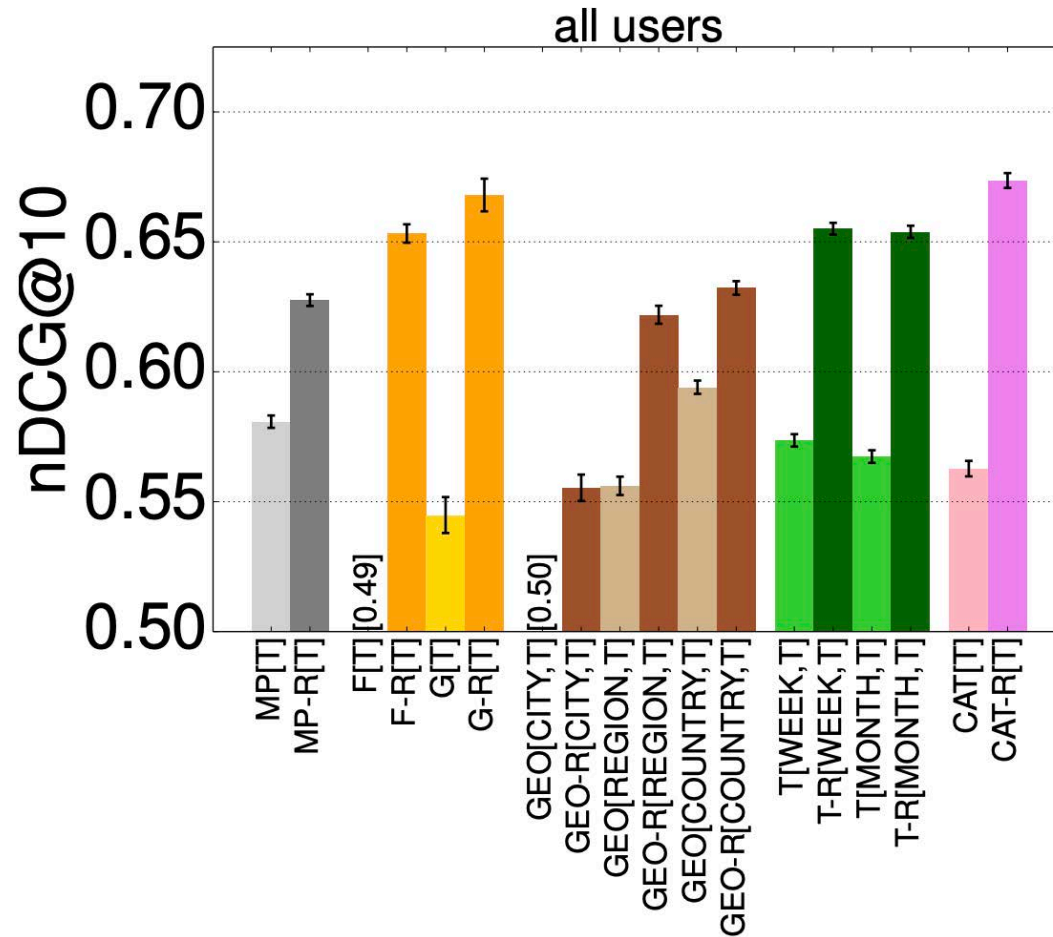


Predicting Top-10 Ingredients



a) Prediction of ingredients when food type is unknown.

Predicting Top-10 Ingredients



b) Prediction of ingredients when food type is known.

Other Factors!

Gender & Food?

Impact of gender



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Rocicki, M., Herder, E., Kusmierczyk, T. and Trattner, C. Plate and Prejudice: Gender Differences in Online Cooking. In Proceedings of the International Conference on User Modeling and Personalisation (UMAP), 2016.

Hypotheses

H1. Men Are Better Cooks

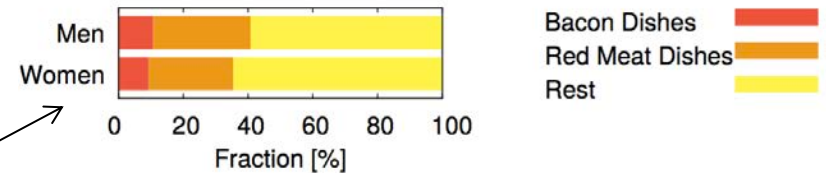
H2. Men Cook for Impressing

H3. Women Prefer to Cook Sweet Dishes,
Men Prefer to Cook Meat Dishes

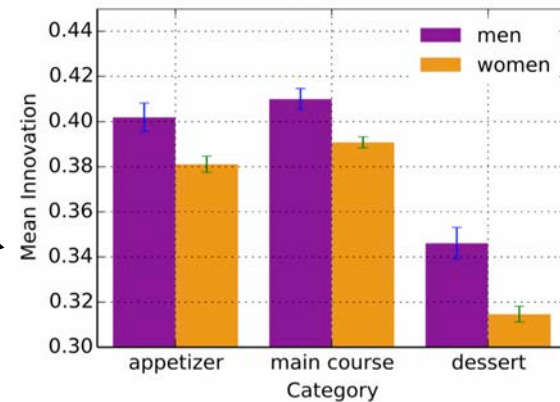
H4. Women Use Spices More Subtly

H5. Men Use More Gadgets for Cooking

H6. Men Are More Innovative

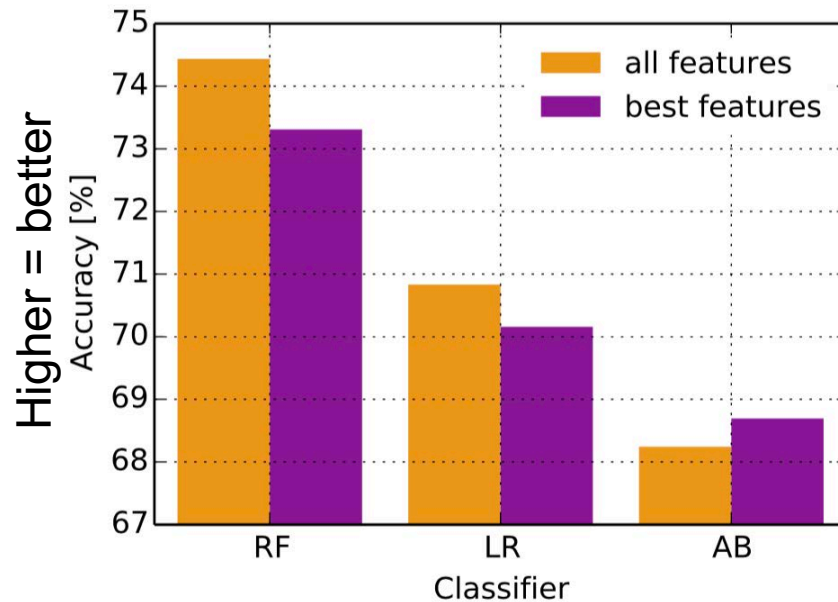


Among recipes published by female cooks, 16.5% were identified as sweet dishes, significantly more than the fraction of 7.8% for male cooks

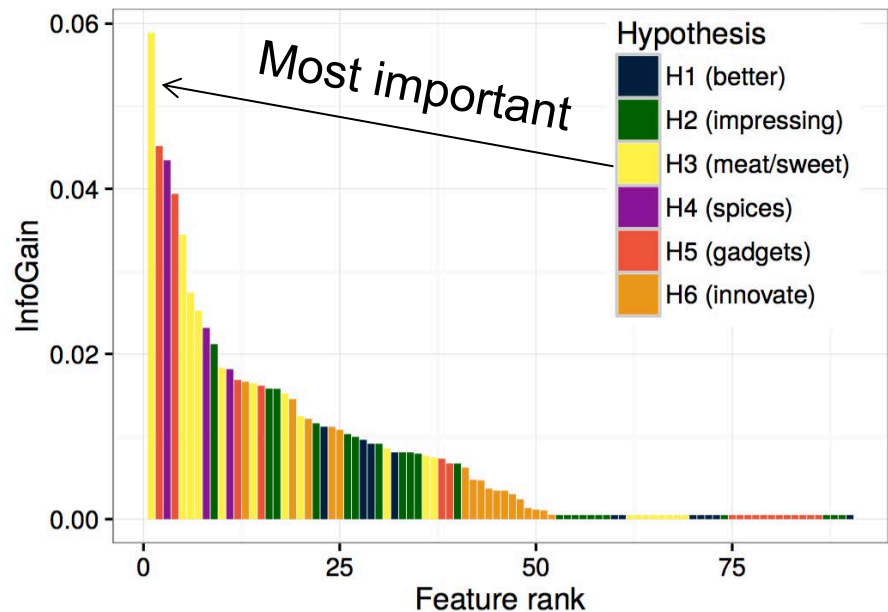


To what extent can we identify the gender of the recipe authors?

Classification Results

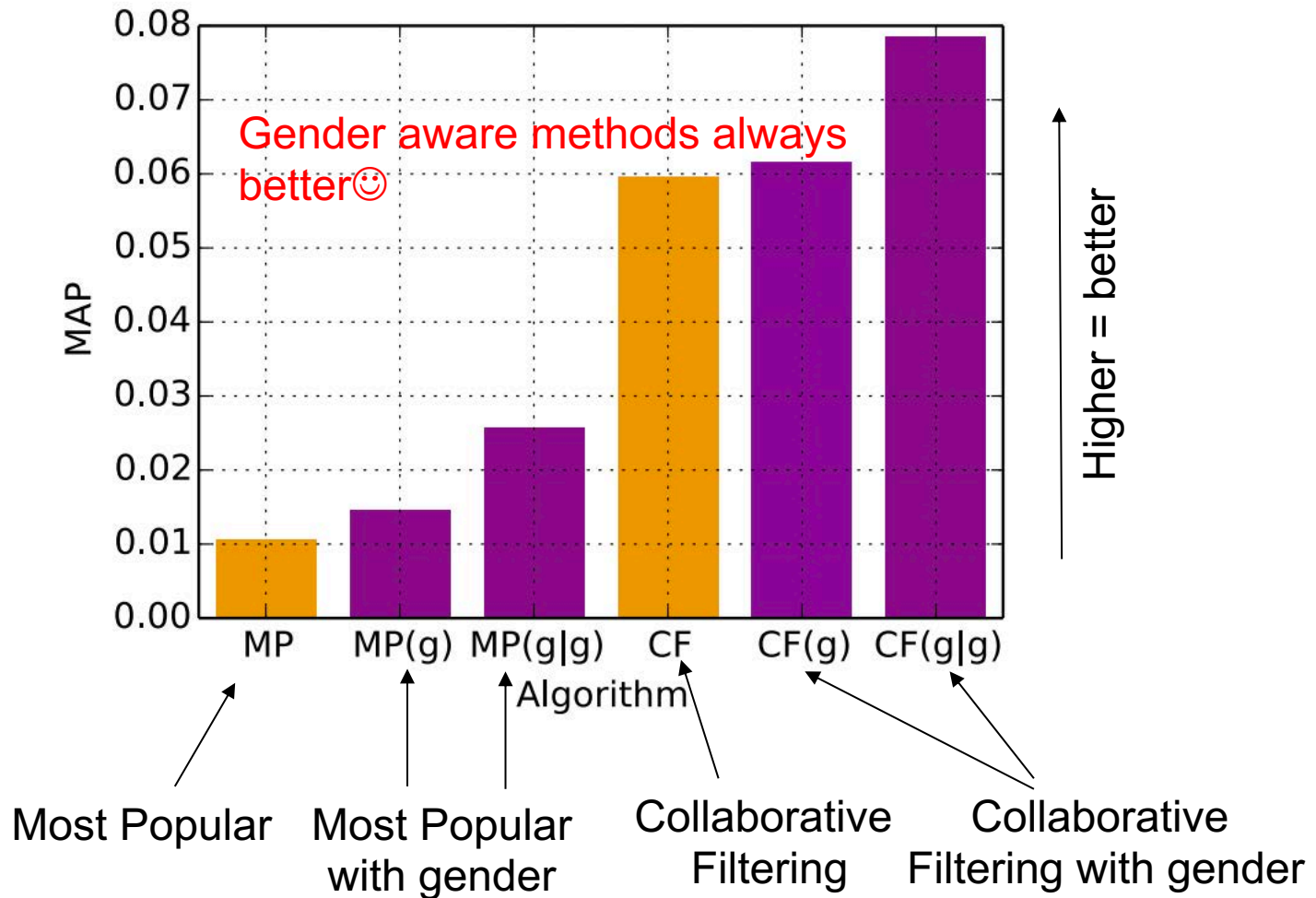


Feature Importance



RF=Random Forrest, LR=Logistic Regression, AB=Ada Boost

Gender-aware recommendations (predicting the recipes a user will like)



Part 7: Altering Food Choice

Can we alter food choices with
recommenders?

Study

Elsweiler, D.*, Trattner, C.* and Harvey, M. (* equal contribution). **Exploiting Food Choice Biases for Healthier Recipe Recommendation.** In Proceedings of the ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR), 2017.

Which one of the two would you choose?



allrecipes! BROWSE Find a recipe Ingredient Search

Home > Recipes > Fruits and Vegetables > Vegetables > Rhubarb

Strawberry Rhubarb Custard Pie

★★★★★
80 made it | 62 reviews

Recipe by: Chef John
31K
"One of the most delicious and easiest pie recipes I know. I got this wonderful recipe from my mother Pauline, who I believe got it from my Aunt Angela. I love all their pies, but this might be my favorite."

Save I Made It Rate it Share Print

Ingredients

2 h 20 m 8 servings 342 cals

- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust (see footnote for recipe link)
- 3 cups rhubarb, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, quartered
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon butter, diced
- 2 tablespoons strawberry jam
- 1/4 teaspoon water

Nutrition

Amount per serving (8 total)

Calories:	342 kcal	17%
Fat:	11.1 g	17%
Carbs:	57.4g	19%
Protein:	4.8 g	10%
Cholesterol:	74 mg	25%
Sodium:	159 mg	6%

Based on a 2,000 calorie diet

Title

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Image



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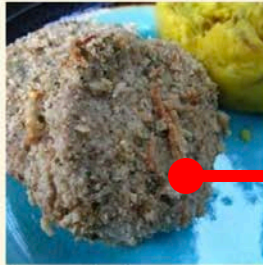
Based on a 2,000 calorie diet

User Study

Q: Which one of the two would you choose?

Recipe 1

Italian Style Pork Chops



Ingredients

3 cups crushed saltine crackers
 2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
 1 tablespoon Italian-style seasoning
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 1 cup butter, melted
 6 pork chops

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).
 In a medium bowl, combine the crushed saltines, Parmesan cheese, Italian-style seasoning and garlic powder and mix together well.
 Dip the chops in the melted butter and then dredge each chop in the cracker mixture, coat all sides thoroughly. Place the chops

Recipe 2

Baked Orange Roughy Italian-Style



Ingredients

1/4 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
 2 tablespoons grated Romano cheese
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
 1 pound orange roughy fillets
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Directions

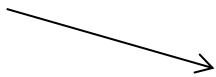
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Coat a medium baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
 In a shallow bowl, mix bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, Romano cheese, garlic powder, and salt.

Accuracy				
Feature Set	Rand.For.	Logistic	Naive Bay.	Num. Feat.
Study 1 (Instances = 1102)				
Title	49.18%	48.63%	49.36%	54
Image	64.25%	58.43%	60.16%	10
Ingredients	62.25%	57.89%	55.71%	12
Nutr.	64.25%	58.25%	54.99%	12
Pop. & Appr	64.15%	55.53%	57.89%	8
Best (Top-10)	64.24%	60.61%	60.79%	10
All	64.33%	63.06%	63.52%	96
Study 2 (Instances = 1181)				
Title	48.43%	48.09%	49.87%	54
Image	66.21%	61.64%	59.61%	10
Ingredients	64.35%	60.96%	53.51%	12
Nutr.	65.96%	58.59%	54.19%	12
Pop. & Appr	65.96%	59.52%	58.59%	8
Best (Top-10)	66.04%	64.86%	61.05%	10
All	66.04%	64.86%	61.05%	96

User Study 1



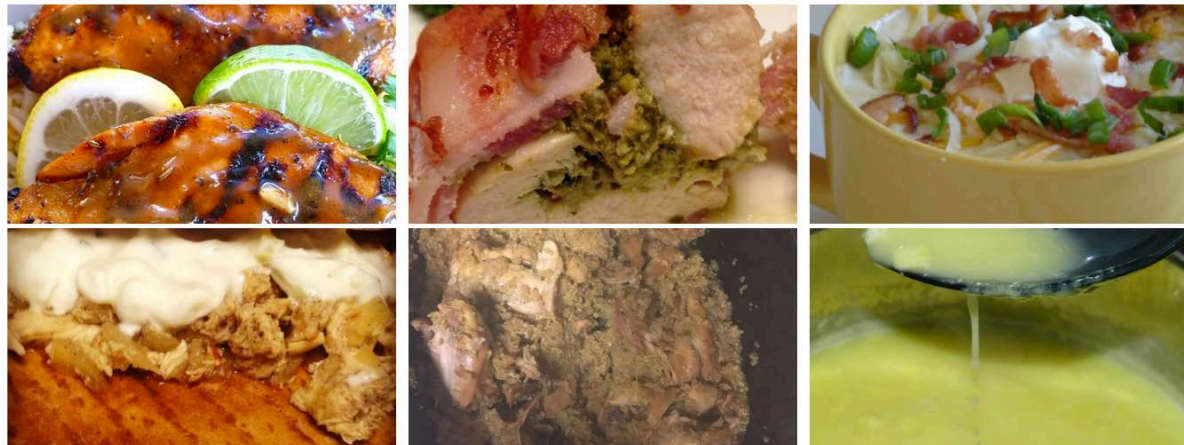
User Study 2



Nudging People Towards Healthy Food Choices

Developed an algorithm that can nudge people towards healthy food choices through images 😊

Less fat



More fat

Exploiting Food Choice Biases for Healthier Recipe Recommendation. Elsweller, D.*, Trattner, C.* and Harvey, M. (* equal contribution). In Proceedings of the ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR), 2017.

Part 8: Recommending Similar Food

How can I build a simple
similar Item recommender for food?

Problem

allrecipes! BROWSE Find a recipe Ingredient Search

Home > Recipes > Soups, Stews and Chili > Chili > Vegetarian

Carole's Chili Mac
 Title ★★★★★
 17 made it | 4 reviews | 3 photos

Recipe by: Carole Moritz
 "This is a vegetarian version with added pasta for those pasta lovers. I love the taste of the cumin in this recipe."

Image →

Similar Item Recommendations →

Ingredients ←

- 2 cups whole wheat elbow macaroni
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 green bell peppers, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon hot pepper sauce, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (15 ounce) can white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (12 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion, or to taste (optional)

Directions ←

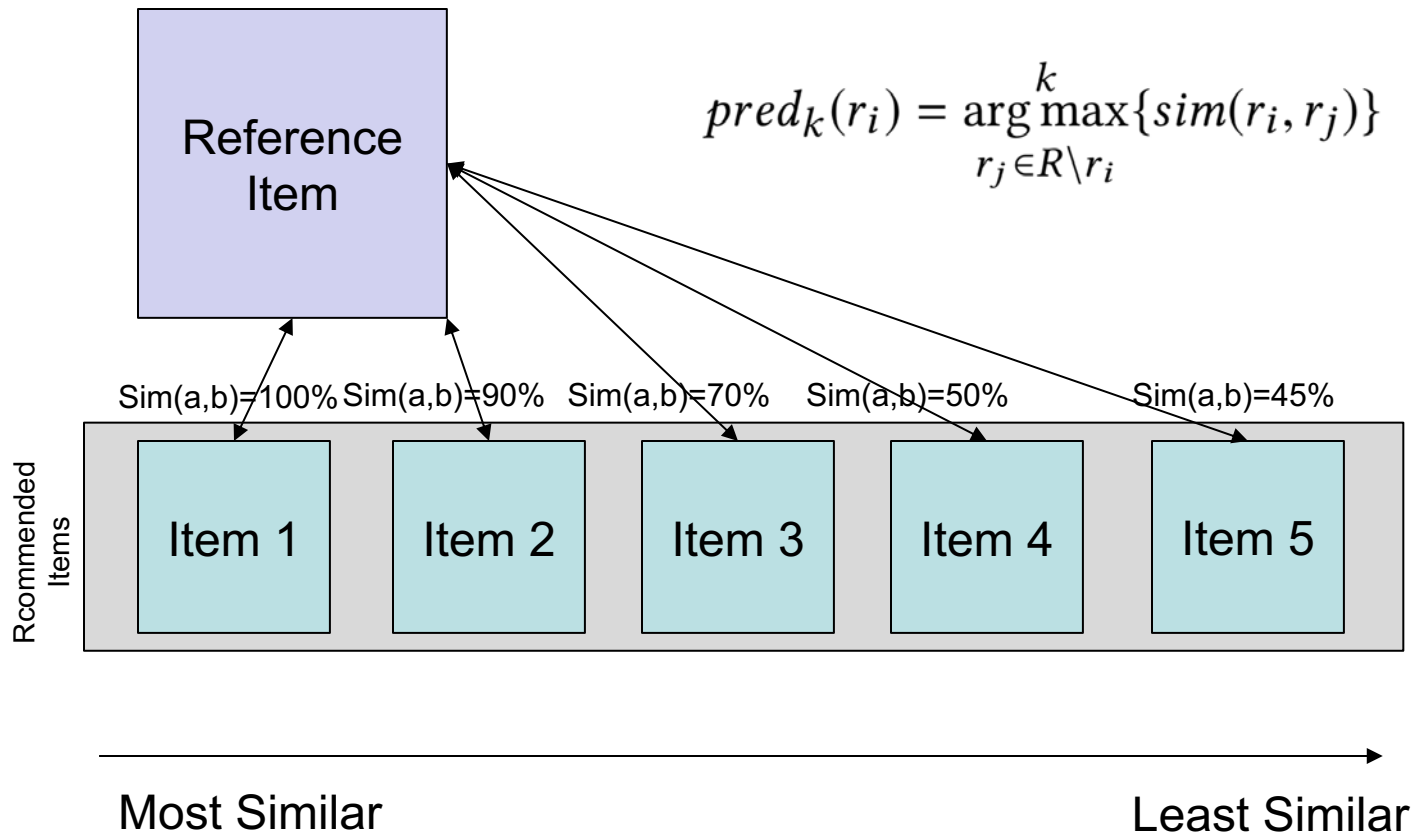
Prep 15 m | Cook 50 m | Ready In 1 h 5 m

- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook elbow macaroni in the boiling water until cooked through but firm to the bite, 10 to 12 minutes. Drain.
- Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat; cook and stir onion, green bell peppers, and garlic in the hot oil until onion is softened, 5 to 10 minutes.
- Mix tomatoes and their juices, tomato sauce, hot pepper sauce, chili powder, cumin, cayenne pepper, and black pepper into onion mixture; bring to a boil. Add kidney beans, black beans, and corn; reduce heat to low, cover skillet, and simmer chili for 30 minutes.
- Stir macaroni into chili, cover skillet, and simmer until macaroni is heated, 5 minutes; top with Cheddar cheese and green onions to serve.

Explore more →

Pub-Style Vegetarian Chili | Gramma's Old Fashioned Chili Mac | Chili Macaroni Casserole | Chili Mac, Mexican Style | Vegetarian Chili (67 recipes)

Problem



Paper

Trattner, C. and Jannach, D. **Learning to Recommend Similar Items from Human Judgements.** User Modeling and User-Adapted Interaction Journal. 2019.

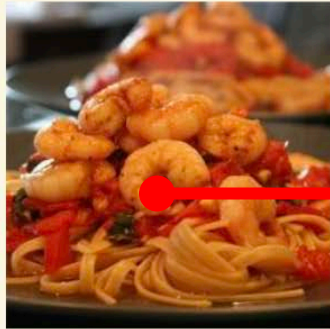
Research Questions

- **RQ1.** Which types of features and which specific features determine the similarity between items as perceived by users?
- **RQ2.** Which specific combination of features is suited to predicting user-perceived similarity levels?
- **RQ3.** Do models with higher prediction accuracy lead to a higher perceived item similarity?
- **RQ4.** How do users assess the usefulness of recommendations that are based on different similarity functions?

What makes recipes similar?

$\text{sim}(a,b)$

Linguine Pasta with Shrimp and Tomatoes



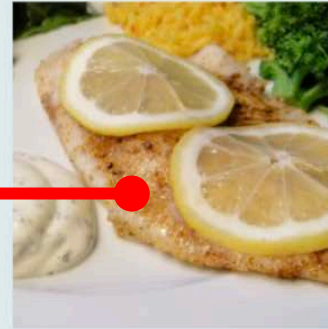
Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 cups diced tomatoes
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons butter
- salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 (16 ounce) package linguine pasta
- 1 pound peeled and deveined medium shrimp
- 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

Directions

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the garlic, cook 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes, and wine. Bring to a simmer and cook 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Once the tomatoes have simmered into a sauce, stir in the butter and season with salt and pepper. Fill a large pot with lightly-salted water, bring to a rolling boil, stir in the linguine and return to a boil. Cook the pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through but is still firm to the bite,

Hudson's Baked Tilapia with Dill Sauce



Ingredients

- 4 (4 ounce) fillets tilapia
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning, or to taste
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Season the tilapia fillets with salt, pepper and Cajun seasoning on both sides. Arrange the seasoned fillets in a single layer in the baking dish. Place a layer of lemon slices over the fish fillets. I usually use about 2 slices on each piece so that it covers most of the surface of the fish. Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

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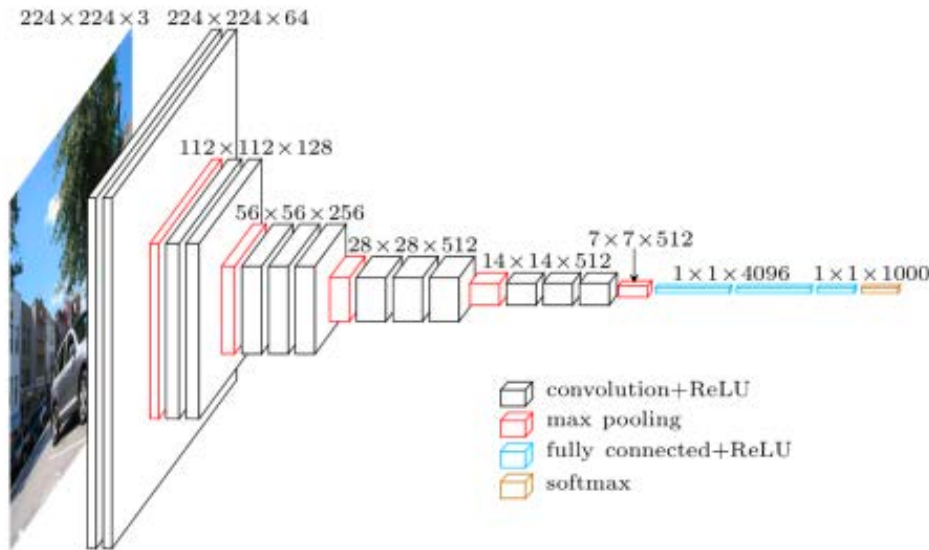
Features for Similar Recipe Recommendations

Table 1: Similarity metrics computed based on recipe titles, images, ingredients and cooking directions.

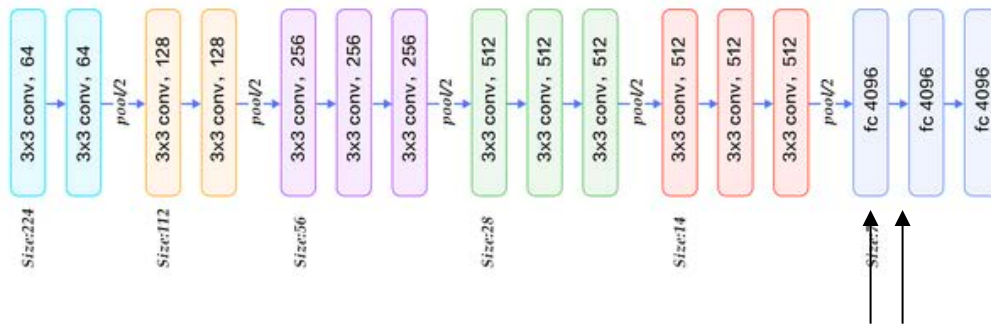
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Title:LV	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - dist_{LEV}(r_i, r_j) $	Title Levenshtein distance-based similarity
Title:JW	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - dist_{JW}(r_i, r_j) $	Title Jaro-Winkler distance-based similarity
Title:LCS	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - dist_{LCS}(r_i, r_j) $	Title Least Common Subsequence distance-based similarity
Title:BI	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - dist_{BI}(r_i, r_j) $	Title Bi-gram distance-based similarity
Title:LDA	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{LDA(Title(r_i)) \cdot LDA(Title(r_j))}{\ LDA(Title(r_i))\ \ LDA(Title(r_j))\ }$	Title LDA cosine-based similarity (LDA = LDA vector)
Image:BR	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - BR(r_i) - BR(r_j) $	Image Brightness distance-based similarity
Image:SH	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - SH(r_i) - SH(r_j) $	Image Sharpness distance-based similarity
Image:CO	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - CO(r_i) - CO(r_j) $	Image Contrast distance-based similarity
Image:COL	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - COL(r_i) - COL(r_j) $	Image Colorfulness distance-based similarity
Image:EN	$sim(r_i, r_j) = 1 - EN(r_i) - EN(r_j) $	Image Entropy distance-based similarity
Image:EMB	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{EMB(r_i) \cdot EMB(r_j)}{\ EMB(r_i)\ \ EMB(r_j)\ }$	Image Embedding cosine-based similarity (EMB= image embedding vector)
Ing:COS	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{amount(Ing(r_i)) \cdot amount(Ing(r_j))}{\ amount(Ing(r_i))\ \ amount(Ing(r_j))\ }$	Ingredients Cosine similarity (amount-based weighting in grams per 100g of a meal)
Ing:JACC	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{ \{Ing(r_i)\} \cap \{Ing(r_j)\} }{ \{Ing(r_i)\} \cup \{Ing(r_j)\} }$	Ingredients Jaccard similarity
Ing:TFIDF	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{TFIDF(Ing(r_i)) \cdot TFIDF(Ing(r_j))}{\ TFIDF(Ing(r_i))\ \ TFIDF(Ing(r_j))\ }$	Ingredients Text-based cosine similarity (TFIDF = TF-IDF weighted vector)
Ing:LDA	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{LDA(Ing(r_i)) \cdot LDA(Ing(r_j))}{\ LDA(Ing(r_i))\ \ LDA(Ing(r_j))\ }$	Ingredients LDA-based cosine similarity (LDA = LDA vector)
Dir:TFIDF	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{TFIDF(Dir(r_i)) \cdot TFIDF(Dir(r_j))}{\ TFIDF(Dir(r_i))\ \ TFIDF(Dir(r_j))\ }$	Cooking Directions Text-based cosine similarity (TFIDF = TF-IDF weighted vector)
Dir:LDA	$sim(r_i, r_j) = \frac{LDA(Dir(r_i)) \cdot LDA(Dir(r_j))}{\ LDA(Dir(r_i))\ \ LDA(Dir(r_j))\ }$	Cooking Directions LDA cosine-based similarity (LDA = LDA vector)

Example Image Features

DNN Images Features: VGG 16



$$\text{similarity} = \cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{\|\mathbf{A}\| \|\mathbf{B}\|} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i B_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n B_i^2}}$$



Take these layers for classification (fc1 or fc2)

VGG16 Implementation

```
1 # ctrattner Oct 16 2018
2 # VGG16 feature extraction
3 #import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 import numpy as np
5 np.random.seed(2018)
6 from keras.applications.vgg16 import VGG16
7 from keras.applications.vgg16 import preprocess_input
8 from keras.preprocessing import image
9 from keras.models import Model
10 import glob
11 import os
12
13 # load pre-trained model
14 base_model = VGG16(weights='imagenet')
15 # pre-process the image
16 images = glob.glob("/Users/ctrattner/Desktop/Research/Movie-Data/images/*.jpg")
17
18 i = 0
19 for img_ in images:
20     print(img_)
21     i = i + 1
22     head, tail = os.path.split(img_)
23     print(tail)
24     print(i)
25     img = image.load_img(img_, target_size=(224, 224))
26     img = image.img_to_array(img)
27     img = np.expand_dims(img, axis=0)
28     img = preprocess_input(img)
29     # define model from base model for feature extraction from fc1 layer
30     model = Model(input=base_model.input, output=base_model.get_layer('fc1').output)
31     # obtain the output of fc1 layer
32     fc1_features = model.predict(img)
33     print("Feature vector dimensions: ", fc1_features)
34     f = open('/Users/ctrattner/Desktop/test.out', "a")
35     f.write(tail+",")
36     np.savetxt(f, fc1_features, delimiter=',', fmt='%0.16f')
37     f.close()
```

How did we collect the ground truth?

A: Amazon's Mechanical Turk

Amazon Mechanical Turk

URL: <https://www.mturk.com/>

- Crowdsourcing platform for micro task
- Founded March 2007- 100,000 workers in over 100 countries.
- 2011 - over 500,000 workers from over 190 countries in January 2011.
- Tasks = Hits
- Workers = Turkers

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Find containing that pay at least \$ for which you are qualified require Master Qualification

All HITs

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Provide Information about a Product		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: Instant.ly	HIT Expiration Date: Jan 13, 2015 (4 weeks 1 day)	Reward: \$0.05	
Time Allotted: 25 minutes		HITs Available: 26593	
Extract purchased items from a shopping receipt		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: Jon Brellig	HIT Expiration Date: Dec 21, 2014 (6 days 23 hours)	Reward: \$0.09	
Time Allotted: 2 hours		HITs Available: 14392	
Extract purchased items from a shopping receipt		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: Jon Brellig	HIT Expiration Date: Dec 21, 2014 (6 days 23 hours)	Reward: \$0.09	
Time Allotted: 2 hours		HITs Available: 12047	
Geo Result Relevance-Sat Nov 29 21:39:03 PST 2014		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: Amazon Requester Inc.	HIT Expiration Date: Dec 30, 2014 (2 weeks 2 days)	Reward: \$0.00	
Time Allotted: 60 minutes		HITs Available: 11713	
Describe 5 Images		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: Tagasauris	HIT Expiration Date: Jan 11, 2015 (4 weeks)	Reward: \$0.04	
Time Allotted: 60 minutes		HITs Available: 11644	
Type the text from the images, carefully. Productivity and bonuses guaranteed.		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: CopyText Inc.	HIT Expiration Date: Dec 21, 2014 (6 days 23 hours)	Reward: \$0.01	
Time Allotted: 10 minutes		HITs Available: 11580	
"Determine if a box is good (10 Questions)"		View a HIT in this group	
Requester: Images and Sentences	HIT Expiration Date: Dec 28, 2014 (2 weeks)	Reward: \$0.07	
Time Allotted: 10 minutes		HITs Available: 11200	

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Timer: 00:00:00 of 25 minutes

Want to work on this HIT?

Want to see other HITS?

Total Earned: Unavailable
Total HITS Submitted: 0

Provide Information about a Product

Requester: Instant.ly

Reward: \$0.05 per HIT

HITS Available: 26592

Duration: 25 minutes

Qualifications Required: Total approved HITS is not less than 5000; Product Image Data Collection is not less than 90; HIT approval rate (%) is not less than 99; Location is US

FAQ new

Provide Information about a Product

[Click to show/hide instructions](#)

External Link: http://s3.amazonaws.com/sb001/survey/media/images/d7a755be-7f66-4ccd-84d1-11e7c5c291ea_original.jpg

How is the product picture provided? (required)

- Picture is good or partially good to use (even rotated)
- Picture does not load, broken link
- Picture loads but overall resolution is too low to view (only check this IF none of the requested attribute can be identified)
- Picture is flipped or corrupted, all black, etc
- Others (if checked, pls use bottom Comment box to tell us why)

Note: If some of the attributes are clear and some aren't, please check the **first choice** and provide as many attributes you can identify based upon the picture given.

Brand Name (required)

N/A

Product Name (required)

N/A



Dashboard - Nicole (If you're not Nicole, [click here.](#))

Total Earnings [\(What's this?\)](#)

Rewards You Have Earned	Value
Approved HITs	\$15.33
Bonuses	\$0.00
Total Earnings	<u>\$15.33</u>

Your HIT Status [\(What's this?\)](#)

Date	Submitted	Approved	Rejected	Pending	Earnings
Today	4	0	0	4	\$0.00
Mar 8, 2010	35	5	2	28	<u>\$0.27</u>
Mar 7, 2010	79	79	0	0	<u>\$11.85</u>
Mar 6, 2010	22	22	0	0	<u>\$3.21</u>

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Project Name	Title	Creation Date ▼				
Writing	Write a short summary	May 29, 2014	Publish Batch	Edit	Copy	Delete
Survey	Answer an survey about your opinions	May 29, 2014	Publish Batch	Edit	Copy	Delete
Tagging of an Image 4	Describe an image	May 29, 2014	Publish Batch	Edit	Copy	Delete
Tagging of an Image	Describe an image	March 24, 2014	Publish Batch	Edit	Copy	Delete

Preview HITs

1 Select HIT Template 2 Upload Input Data 3 **Preview** 4 Confirm and Publish

This is how your HIT will look to Workers. Make sure that any variables in the HIT are correctly replaced by your input data, then click "Next".

Tagging of an Image

Describe an image

Requester:

Reward: \$0.05 per HIT

HITs available: 3

Duration: 1 Hours

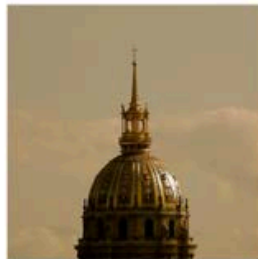
Qualifications Required: Masters has been granted

HIT Preview

Instructions

You must provide 3 tags for the main subject in this image.

- Each tag must be a single word.
- No tag can be longer than 25 characters.
- The tags must describe the image, the contents of the image, or some relevant context.



Tag 1:

Tag 2:

Tag 3:

Submit

Showing HIT 1 of 3

Next HIT

Cancel

Next

Confirm and Publish Batch

1 Select HIT Template
 2 Upload Input Data
 3 Preview
 4 **Confirm and Publish**

Please review the information about the HIT batch, then click "Publish HITs".

Tagging of an Image

Batch Summary

Batch Name: Tagging of an Image

Description: Please view and write a tag for an image

Batch Properties

Title:	Describe an image
Description:	Please view and write a tag for an image
Batch expires in:	7 Days
Results are auto-approved and workers are paid after:	8 Hours
Master Qualification:	Masters

HITs

Number of HITs in this batch:	3
Number of assignments per HIT:	x 1
Total number of assignments in this batch:	<u>3</u>

Cost

Reward per Assignment:	\$0.050	
	x 3	<i>(total number of assignments in this batch)</i>
Estimated Total Reward:	<u>\$0.150</u>	
Estimated Fees to Mechanical Turk:	+ \$0.045	<i>(fees paid to Mechanical Turk) (fee details)</i>
Estimated Total Cost:	\$0.195	<i>(this is the amount that will be deducted from your Available Balance when you click "Publish HITs")</i>
Your Available Balance:	\$10,000.000	<i>(before clicking "Publish HITs")</i>
Your Projected Balance:	\$9,999.805	<i>(after clicking "Publish HITs")</i>

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Publish HITs

Click on the name of the batch to see more details

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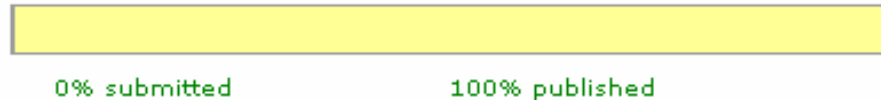
'Image Tagging' @ 03 Oct 12:49

[Results](#)

[Cancel this batch](#)

Created:	October 03, 2010	Assignments Completed:	0 / 1,000
Time Elapsed:	about 5 hours	Estimated Completion Time:	Not yet available
Average Time per Assignment:	Not yet available	Effective Hourly Rate:	Not Yet Available

Batch Progress:



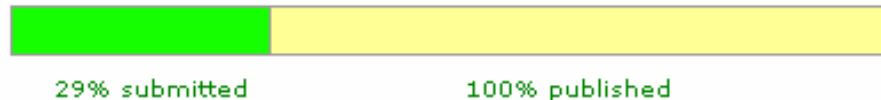
'Find a store' @ 27 Sep 07:54

[Results](#)

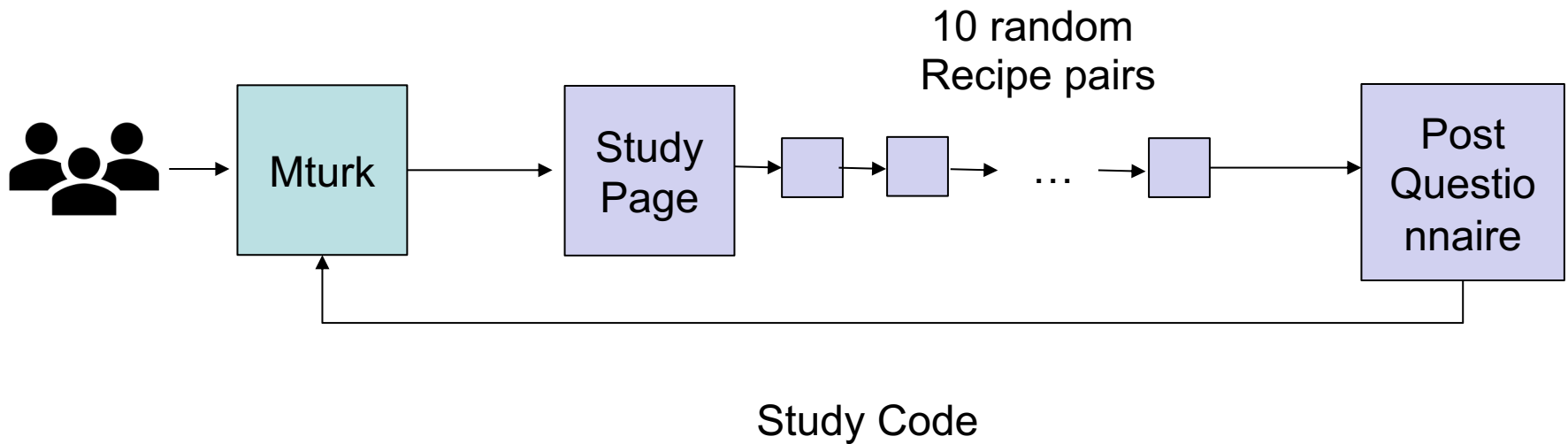
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Created:	September 27, 2010	Assignments Completed:	2 / 7
Time Elapsed:	6 days	Estimated Completion Time:	Not yet available
Average Time per Assignment:	4 Seconds	Effective Hourly Rate:	\$18.00

Batch Progress:



User Study Design: Ground truth study



To what extent are the two recipes shown below similar?



(Scroll to the end of page to get to the next question)

Linguine Pasta with Shrimp and Tomatoes



Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 4 cups diced tomatoes
 1 cup dry white wine
 2 tablespoons butter
 salt and black pepper to taste
 1 (16 ounce) package linguine pasta
 1 pound peeled and deveined medium shrimp
 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
 2 tablespoons olive oil

Directions

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the garlic, cook 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes, and wine. Bring to a simmer and cook 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Once the tomatoes have simmered into a sauce, stir in the butter and season with salt and pepper. Fill a large pot with lightly-salted water, bring to a rolling boil, stir in the linguine and return to a boil. Cook the pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through but is still firm to the bite,

Hudson's Baked Tilapia with Dill Sauce



Ingredients

4 (4 ounce) fillets tilapia
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning, or to taste
 1 lemon, thinly sliced
 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 1/2 cup sour cream
 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Season the tilapia fillets with salt, pepper and Cajun seasoning on both sides. Arrange the seasoned fillets in a single layer in the baking dish. Place a layer of lemon slices over the fish fillets. I usually use about 2 slices on each piece so that it covers most of the surface of the fish. Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

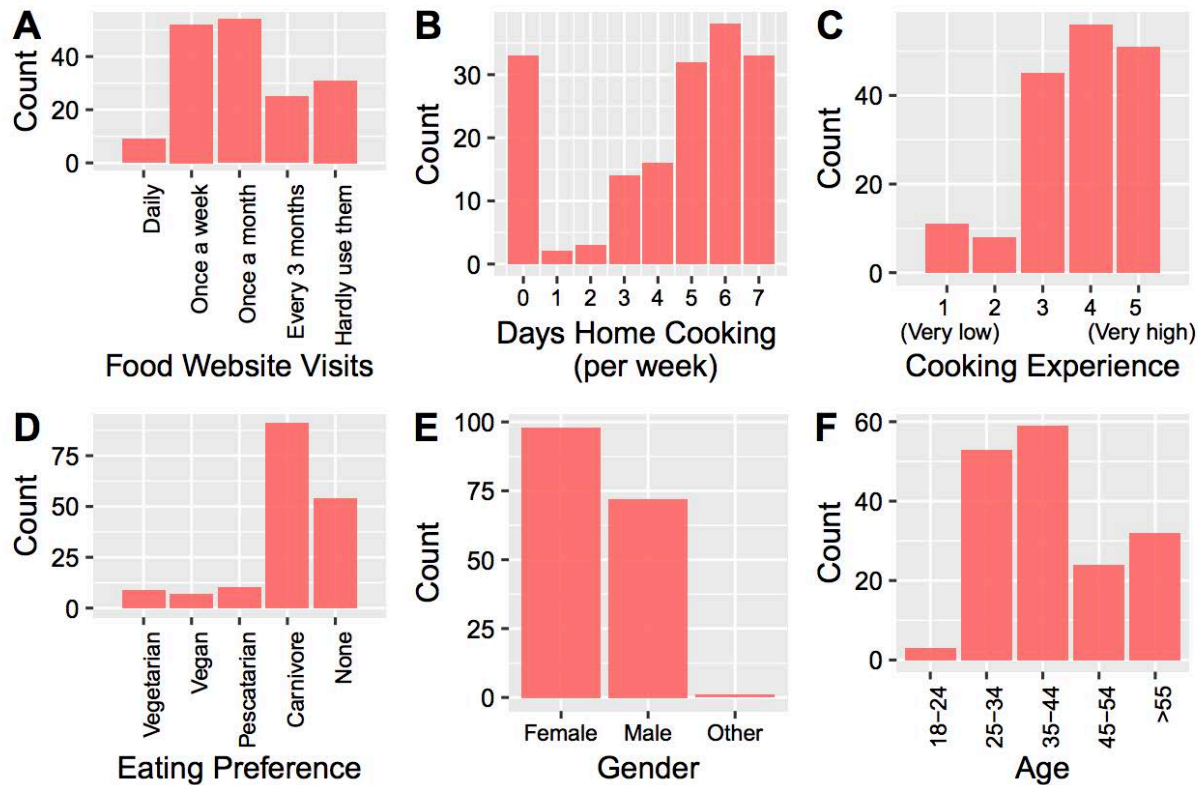
Results

Recipe Study: 400 turker

with 98% hit accept rate and min. 500 hits
in the past

In total: 4,000 user estimates

Recipe Results: User Characteristics



~45% of all users passed the attention check

Figure 2: Crowdworker characteristics of the similarity assessment study.

RQ1. Which types of features and which specific features determine the similarity between items as perceived by users?

Recipe Results: Feature Correlations

Table 2: Similarity metric correlation (Spearman) with user similarity estimates. ρ_{pass} indicate correlations with users who passed the attention check, while ρ_{all} denotes all users. Note: * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.001$.**

Metric	ρ_{pass}	ρ_{all}
Title:LV	0.48***	0.38***
Title:JW	0.46***	0.35***
Title:LCS	0.50***	0.40***
Title:BI	0.48***	0.38***
Title:LDA	0.22***	0.19***
Image:BR	0.18**	0.14*
Image:SH	0.16*	0.11*
Image:CO	0.29***	0.20***
Image:COL	0.09*	0.07*
Image:EN	0.34***	0.28***
Image:EMB	0.44***	0.34***
Ing:CO	0.54***	0.44***
Ing:JACC	0.51***	0.41***
Ing:TFIDF	0.56***	0.44***
Ing:LDA	0.45***	0.36***
Dir:TFIDF	0.50***	0.40***
Dir:LDA	0.54***	0.43***

Higher is better
1 = 100%

Recipe Results: Cue Usage

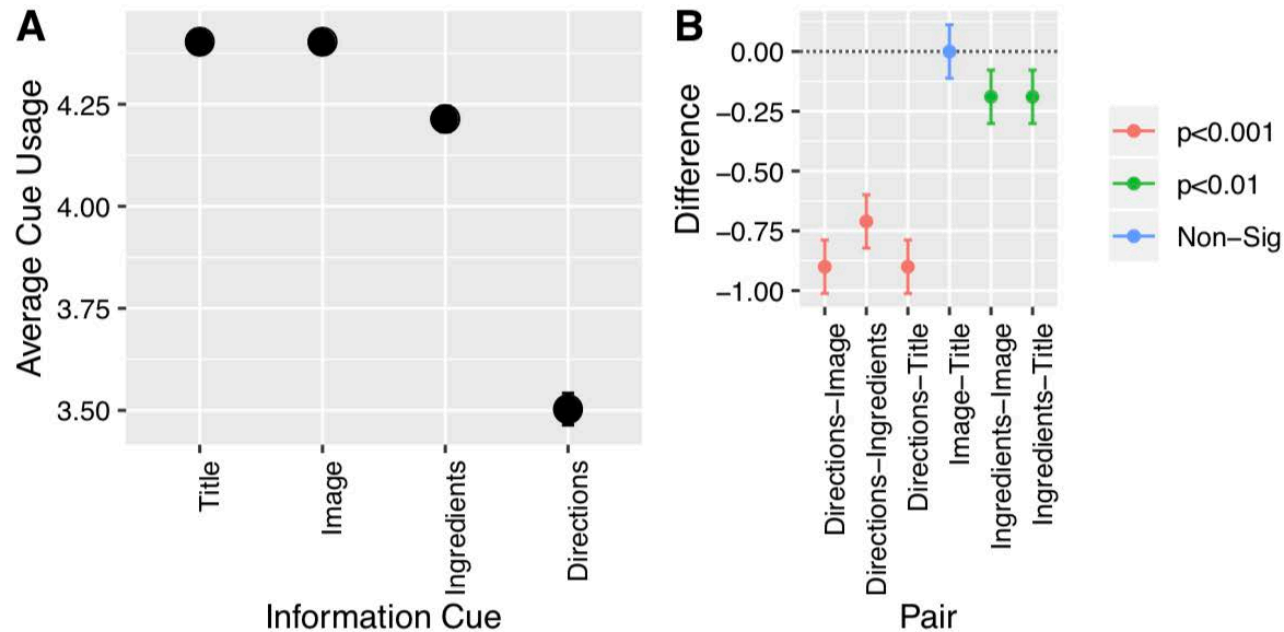


Figure 3: (A) Information cue usage (means and std. errors) and (B) Pairwise comparison. Scale: 1 (not at all) – 5 (totally agree).

RQ2. Which specific combination of features is suited to predicting user-perceived similarity levels?

Recipe Results: Machine Learning performance when features are combined

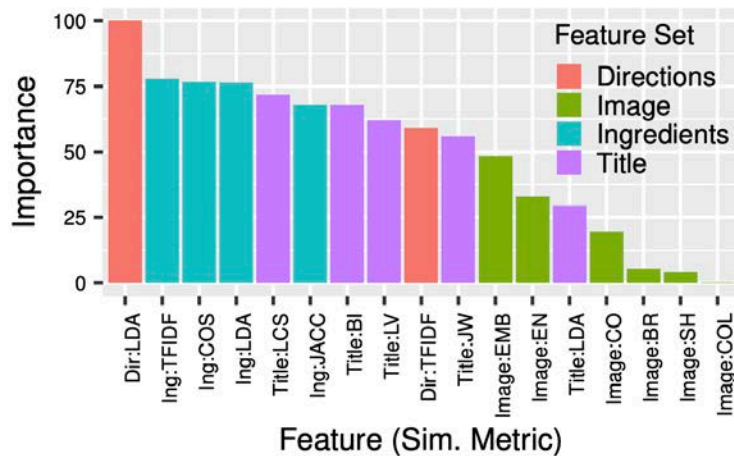
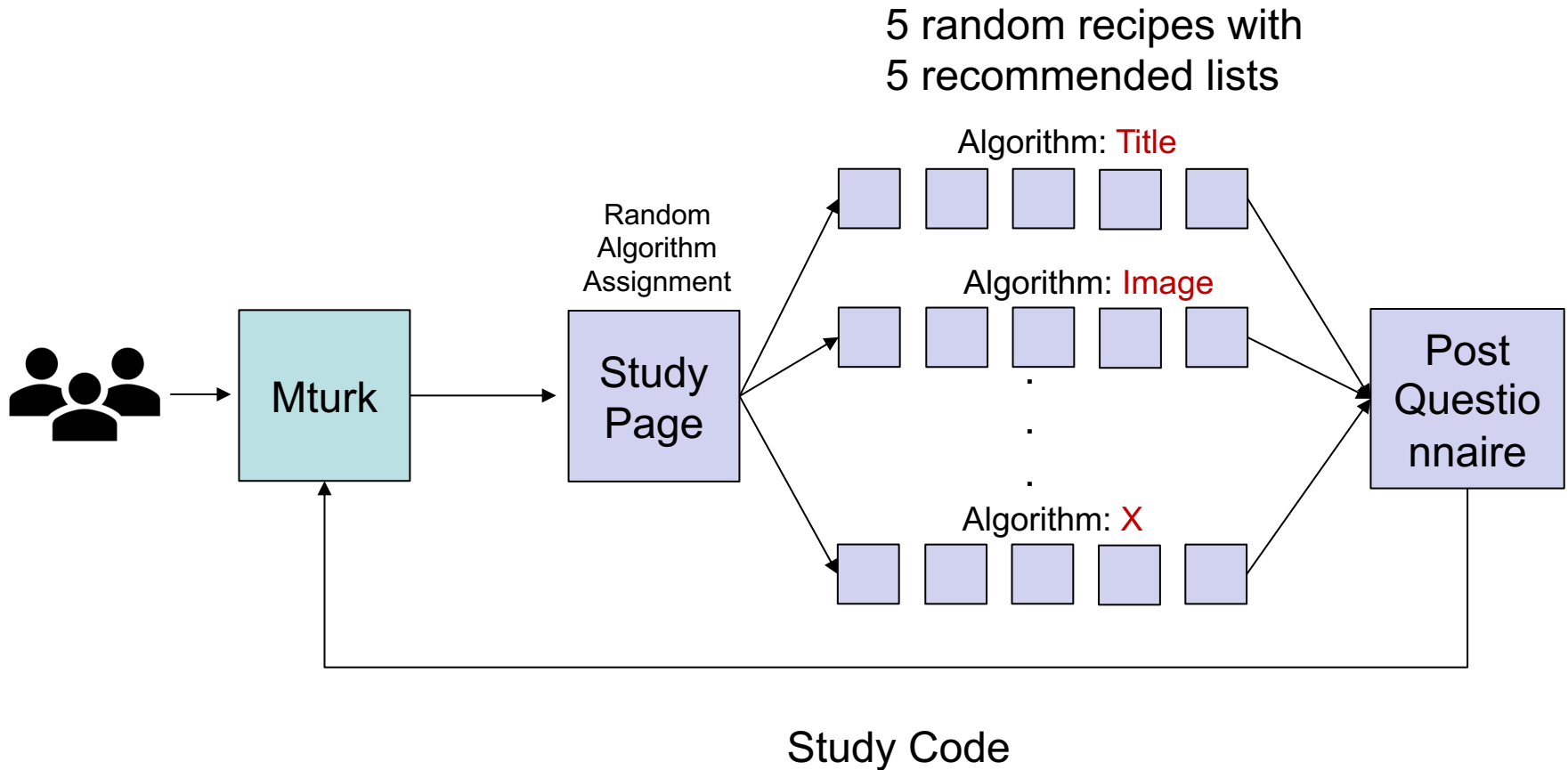


Figure 4: Feature importance for the best performing ridge regression model.

Table 6: Results when considering only one information cue at the time.

Method	RMSE	R^2	MAE	ρ
(Instances = 1,539)				
Ridge Regression per Information Cue				
Title	1.0245	0.3079	0.8348	0.5278
Image	1.0680	0.2478	0.8706	0.4969
Ingredients	0.9449	0.4096	0.7493	0.6080
Directions	0.9390	0.4190	0.7480	0.5998
All (Ridge)	0.8654	0.5063	0.6651	0.6625

User Study Design: Validation Study



(Scroll down to answer the survey questions)

Reference Recipe

Juiciest Hamburgers Ever



Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

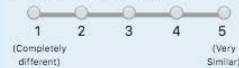
Directions

- Preheat grill for high heat.
- In a large bowl, mix the ground beef, egg, bread crumbs, evaporated milk, Worcestershire sauce, cayenne pepper, and garlic using your hands.
- Form the mixture into 8 hamburger patties.
- Lightly oil the grill grate. Grill patties 5 minutes per side, or until well done.

Recommended Similar Recipes

Hamburgers by Eddie

To what extent is this recipe similar to the reference recipe?



How likely is it that you will try this recipe?



Ingredients

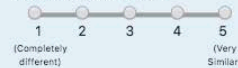
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce (e.g. A-1), or to taste

Directions

- Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat.
- In a medium bowl, mix together the ground beef, egg, and garlic. Mix in steak sauce until mixture is sticky

Best Hamburger Ever

To what extent is this recipe similar to the reference recipe?



How likely is it that you will try this recipe?

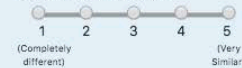


Ingredients

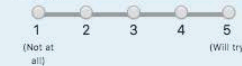
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded Colby Jack or Cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 egg
- 1 (1 ounce) envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley

Garlic and Onion Burgers

To what extent is this recipe similar to the reference recipe?



How likely is it that you will try this recipe?



Ingredients

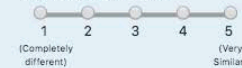
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon Italian-style seasoning

Directions

- In a large bowl, mix together the beef, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, onion, salt, pepper and Italian

Juicy Lucy Burgers

To what extent is this recipe similar to the reference recipe?



How likely is it that you will try this recipe?



Ingredients

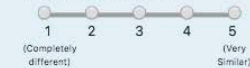
- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 slices American cheese (such as Kraft®)
- 4 hamburger buns, split

Directions

- Combine ground beef, Worcestershire sauce, garlic salt, and pepper in a large bowl, mix well.

Biggest Bestest Burger

To what extent is this recipe similar to the reference recipe?



How likely is it that you will try this recipe?



Ingredients

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup teriyaki sauce
- 6 slices American cheese
- 6 onion rolls

Results

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RQ3. Do models with higher prediction accuracy lead to a higher perceived item similarity?

Recipe Results: Perceived Sim & Interest in Trying Recommendations

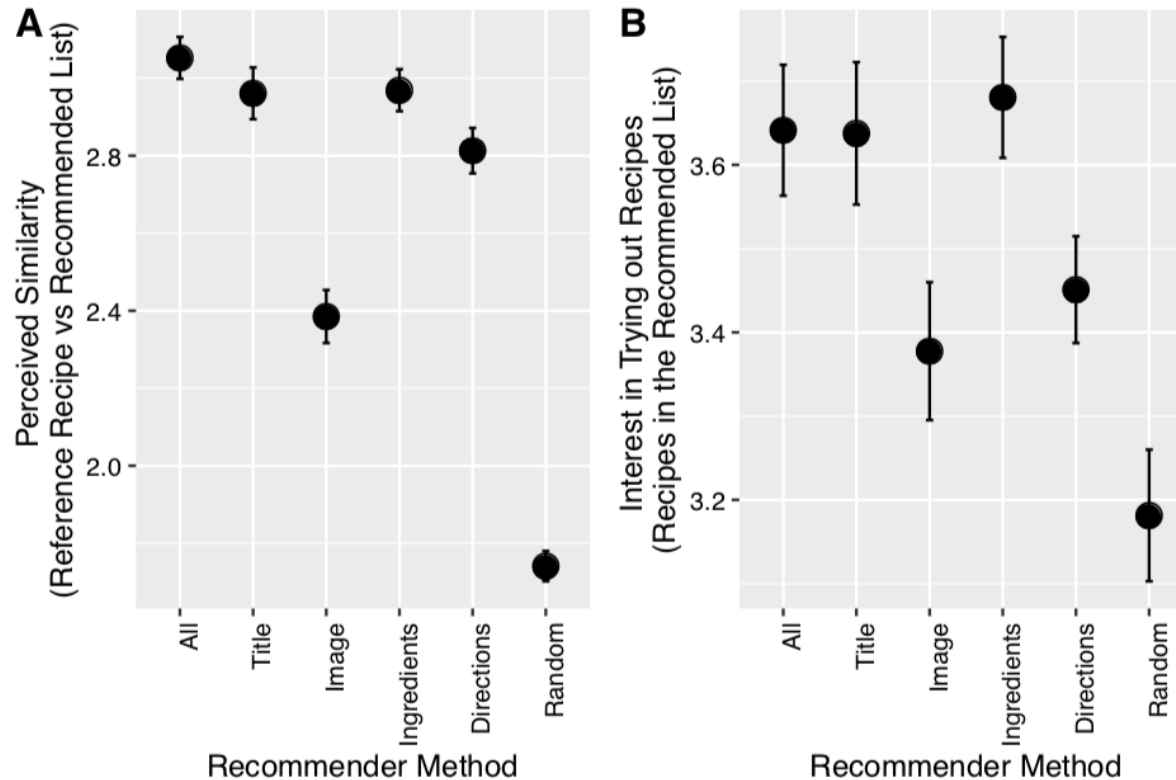


Figure 7: (A) Perceived similarity (reference recipe vs recommended list) and (B) Interest in trying out a recommendation (means and std. errors). Scale: 1 (not at all) – 5 (very similar/will try).

RQ4. How do users assess the usefulness of recommendations that are based on different similarity functions?

Recipe Results: Helpfulness, Diversity, Surprise, Excitingness

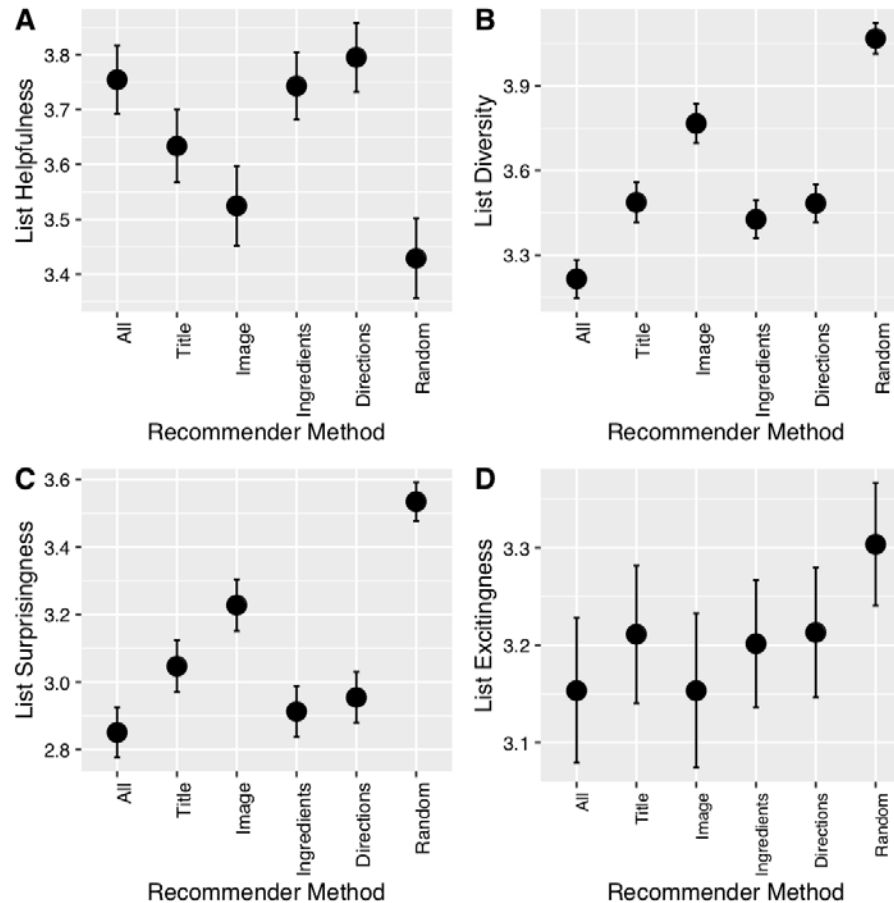


Figure 8: (A) Helpfulness, (B) Diversity, (C) Surprisingness and (D) Excitingness of the recommended lists (means and std. errors). Scale: 1 (not at all) – 5 (totally agree).

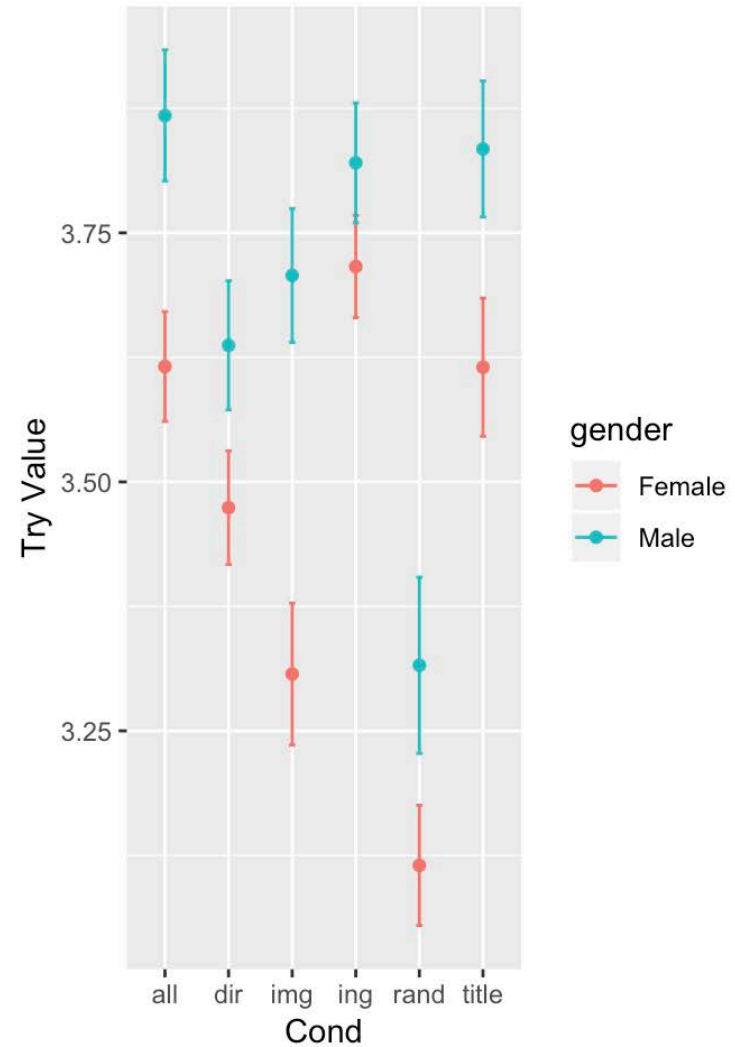
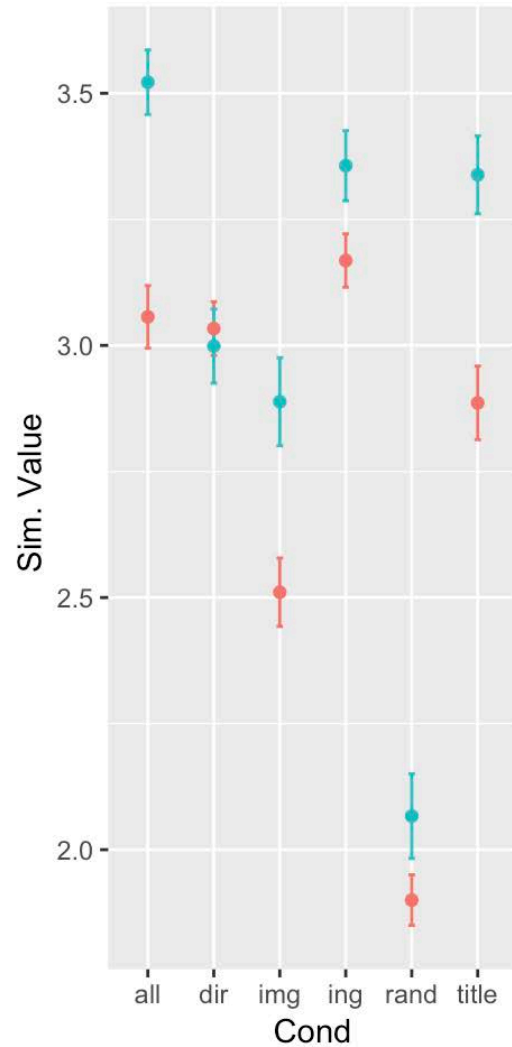
Conclusions

- Our work demonstrates the *feasibility of learning similarity functions from human judgements*.
- It also turned out that *considering these human judgements is a necessity*, because *experts can err* and because self assessments by users regarding the relative importance of certain factors might be misleading.
- Our experiments and studies also showed that it is important to consider several aspects in parallel.

What are we currently working on?

(User Characteristics)

User Characteristics



Part 9: Collaborative Filtering vs Content-based

And what about CB vs CF in the Food Domain?

Trattner, C. and Elswailer, D. **An Evaluation of Recommendation Algorithms for Online Recipe Portals.** In Proceedings of the HealthRecSys workshop co-located with ACM RecSys, 2019.

Table 2: Results of the recommender experiment – collaborative (CF) vs content-based (CB) – in the dense data sample with all users. Best features in each set (CF and CB) are bolded. Top-5 (\uparrow) and Bottom-5 (\downarrow) single content features are also marked.

Method	Algorithm	AUC	
CF	BPR	.7094	
	WRMF	.6881	
	UserKNN	.6962	
	ItemKNN	.6909	
	MostPopular	.6864	
	LDA	.6863	
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CB	Title:Levenstein-Distance	.5468 (\uparrow)	
	Title:Bigram-Distance	.5500 (\uparrow)	
	Title:LCS-Distance	.5424	
	Title:LDA-Text-Cosine	.5353	
	Title:Jaro-Winkler-Distance	.5324	
	Title:All	.5523	
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	Image:Cosine-Embeddings	.5322	
	Image:Colorfulness-Distance	.5072 (\downarrow)	
	Image:Contrast-Distance	.5175	
	Image:Sharpness-Distance	.5109	
	Image:Entropy-Distance	.5080 (\downarrow)	
	Image:Brightness-Distance	.4991 (\downarrow)	
	Image:All	.5425	
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	Ingredients:Cosine-Text	.5547	
	Ingredients:Cosine-LDA-Text	.5653 (\uparrow)	
	Ingredients:Jaccard	.5502	
	Ingredients:Cosine	.5575	
	Ingredients:All	.5718	
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	Directions:Cosine-LDA-Text	.5606 (\uparrow)	
	Directions:Cosine-Text	.5210	
	Directions:All	.5731	
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	Ratings:Number-Distance	.4789 (\downarrow)	
	Ratings:Average-Distance	.4832 (\downarrow)	
Ratings:All	.5249		
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Health:FSA	.5775 (\uparrow)		
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CB:All	.5883		
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Random	.4989		

CF vs CB in Recipe RecSys

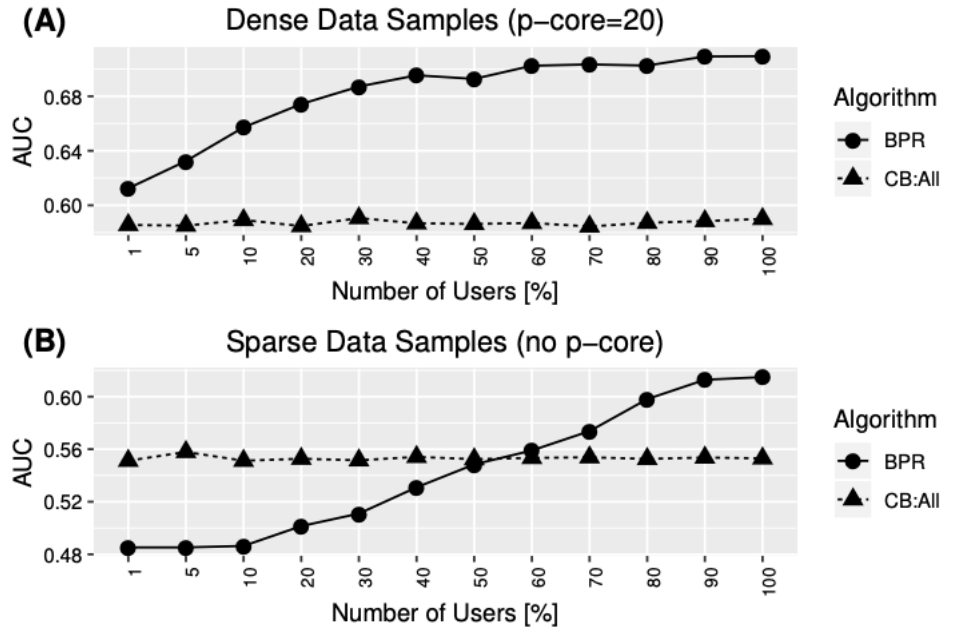


Figure 1: (A) shows the results in the dense data samples (= p-core filtered) where each user has at least 20 item interactions and each item is at least 20-times interacted with, (B) shows the results in the sparse data samples (=no p-core).

Part 10: The Future & Conclusions

What is the Future?

Sustainable Food Recommender Systems

What online data say about eating habits. Trattner, C. and Elsweiler, D. NATURE Sustainability, 2019

Conclusions

- In order to get started with Food RecSys:

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- If you need data or code - email me 😊
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