



# Food Image Recognition by Deep Learning

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# The Fight Against Diabetes: A Worrying Trend

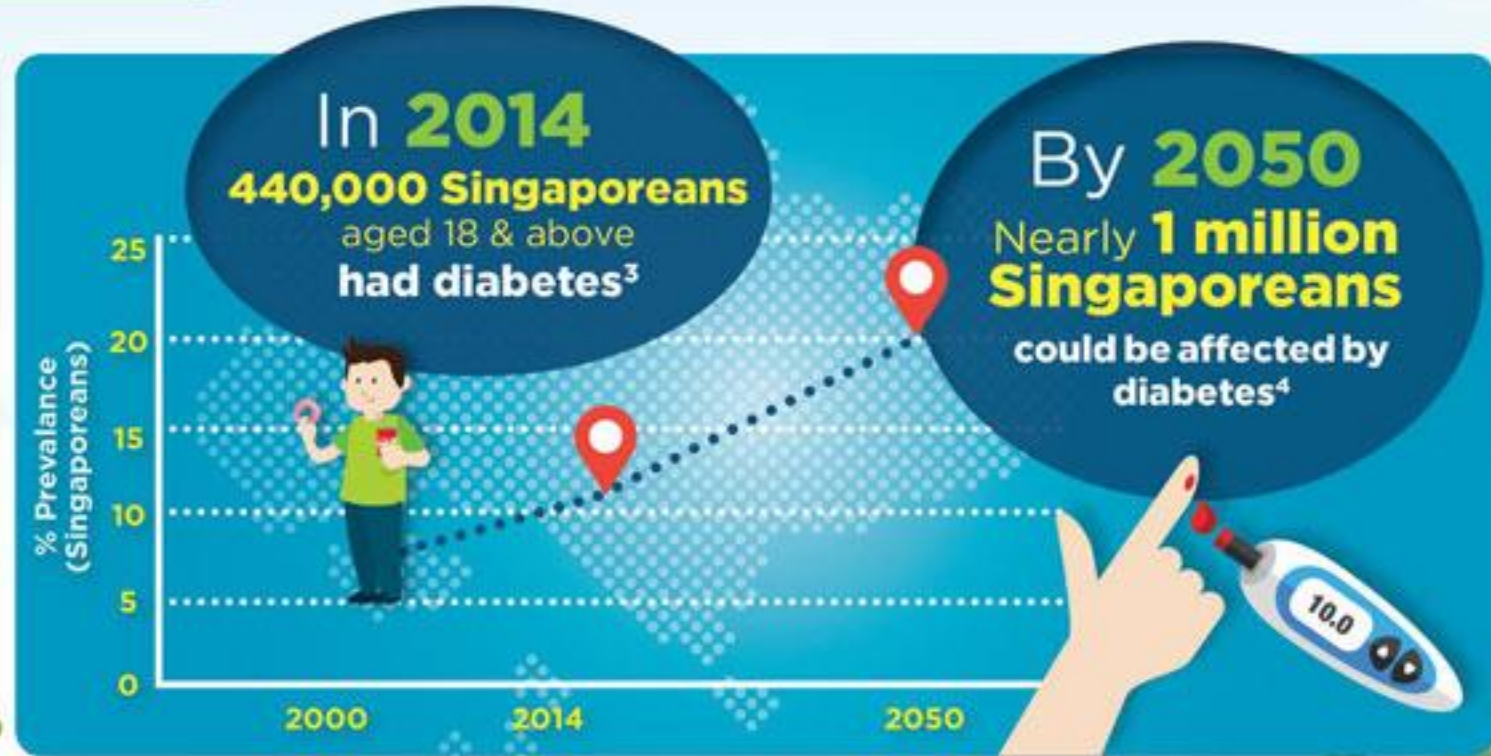
## National Day Rally 2017: Singapore's War on Diabetes



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SINGAPORE

Today,  
**1 in 3**  
aged 65 and above  
**has diabetes**<sup>1</sup>

There is a  
**1 in 3** chance  
**you will get diabetes**  
in your lifetime<sup>2</sup>



[www.moh.gov.sg/budget2016](http://www.moh.gov.sg/budget2016)

“Four simple ways to fight diabetes: Go for regular medical check-ups; Exercise more; **Watch your diet; and Cut down on soft drinks.**”



- PM Lee Hsien Loong

# Traditional Food Journal



✘ Tedious

✘ Non-efficient

✘ Non-effective

[https://www.womenshealthmag.com/sites/womenshealthmag.com/files/images/food-journal-1\\_0.jpg](https://www.womenshealthmag.com/sites/womenshealthmag.com/files/images/food-journal-1_0.jpg)



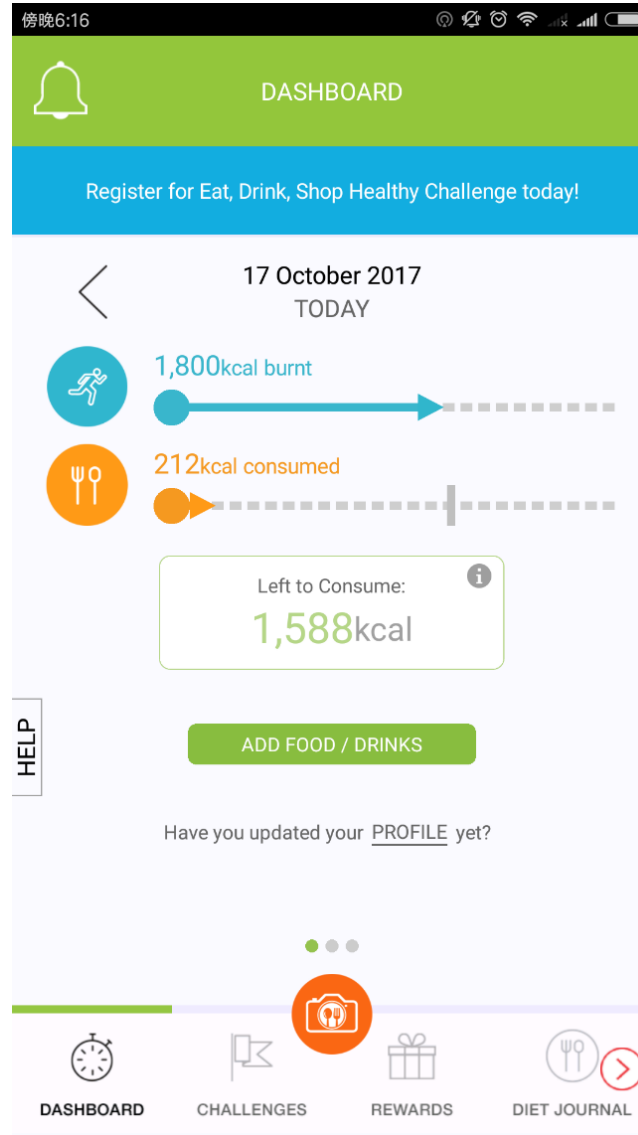
# Smart Food Logging



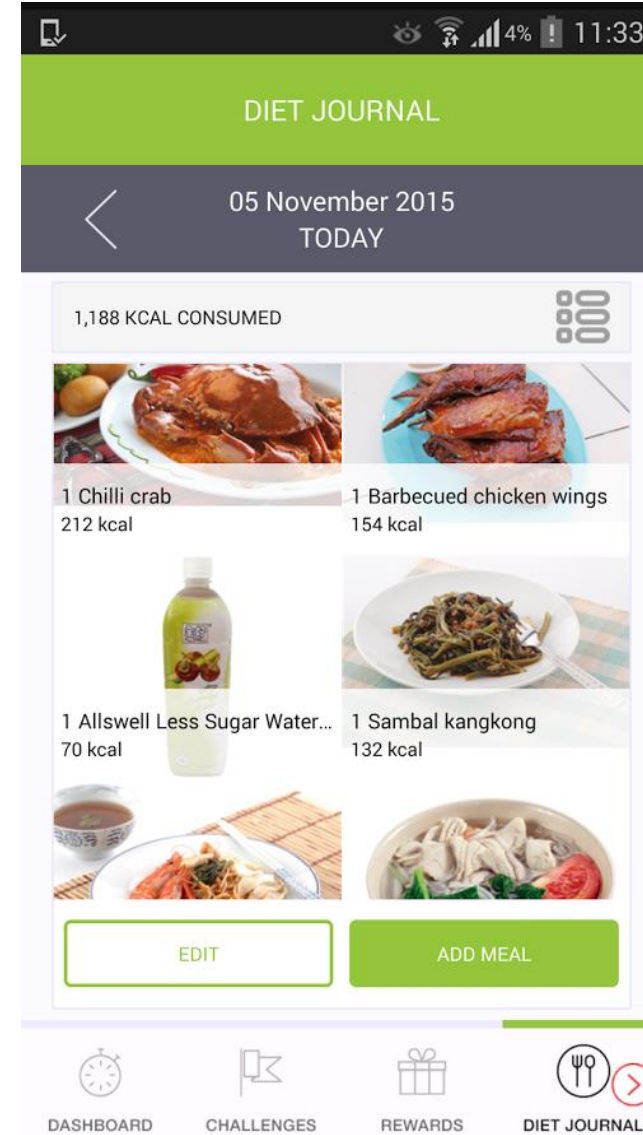
## Healthy 365



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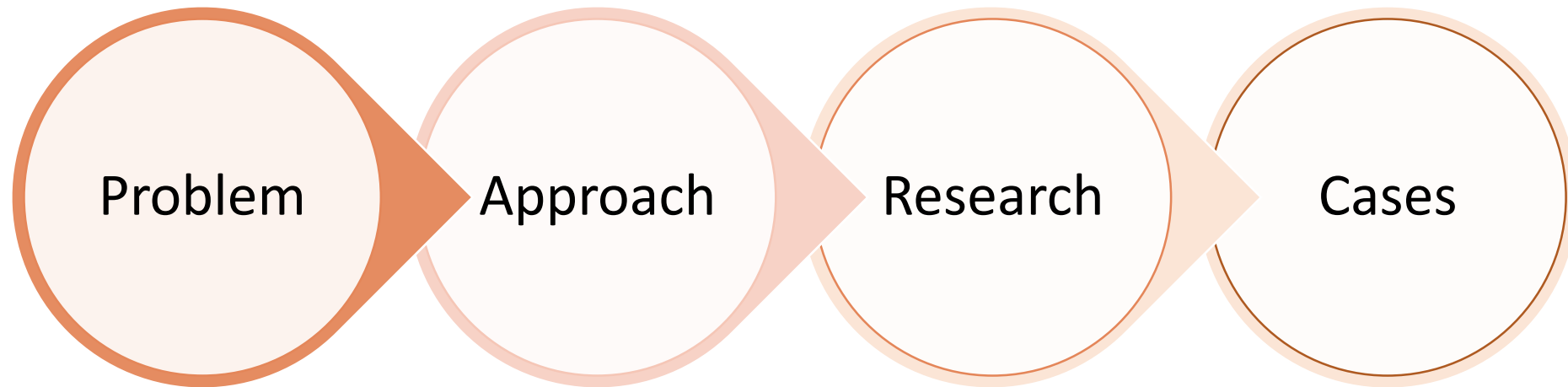


Dashboard for 17 October 2017 (TODAY). The interface shows a progress bar for 1,800kcal burnt and 212kcal consumed. A box indicates 1,588kcal left to consume. A green button labeled 'ADD FOOD / DRINKS' is visible. The bottom navigation bar includes Dashboard, Challenges, Rewards, and Diet Journal.



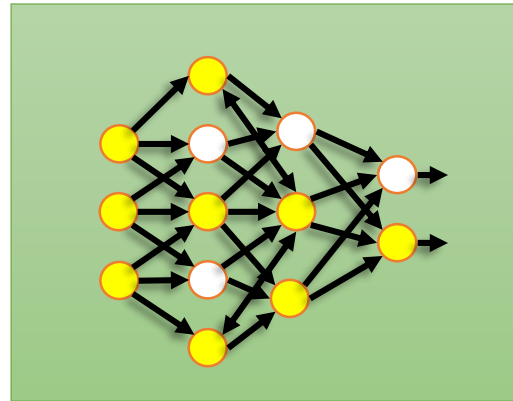
Diet Journal for 05 November 2015 (TODAY). The interface shows 1,188 kcal consumed. A grid of food items is displayed with their respective calorie counts: 1 Chilli crab (212 kcal), 1 Barbecued chicken wings (154 kcal), 1 Allswell Less Sugar Water... (70 kcal), and 1 Sambal kangkong (132 kcal). Buttons for 'EDIT' and 'ADD MEAL' are at the bottom. The bottom navigation bar includes Dashboard, Challenges, Rewards, and Diet Journal.

# Roadmap



# Food Image Recognition

- Visual Recognition



Machine Learning



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# Food Image Recognition

- Could be very challenging...

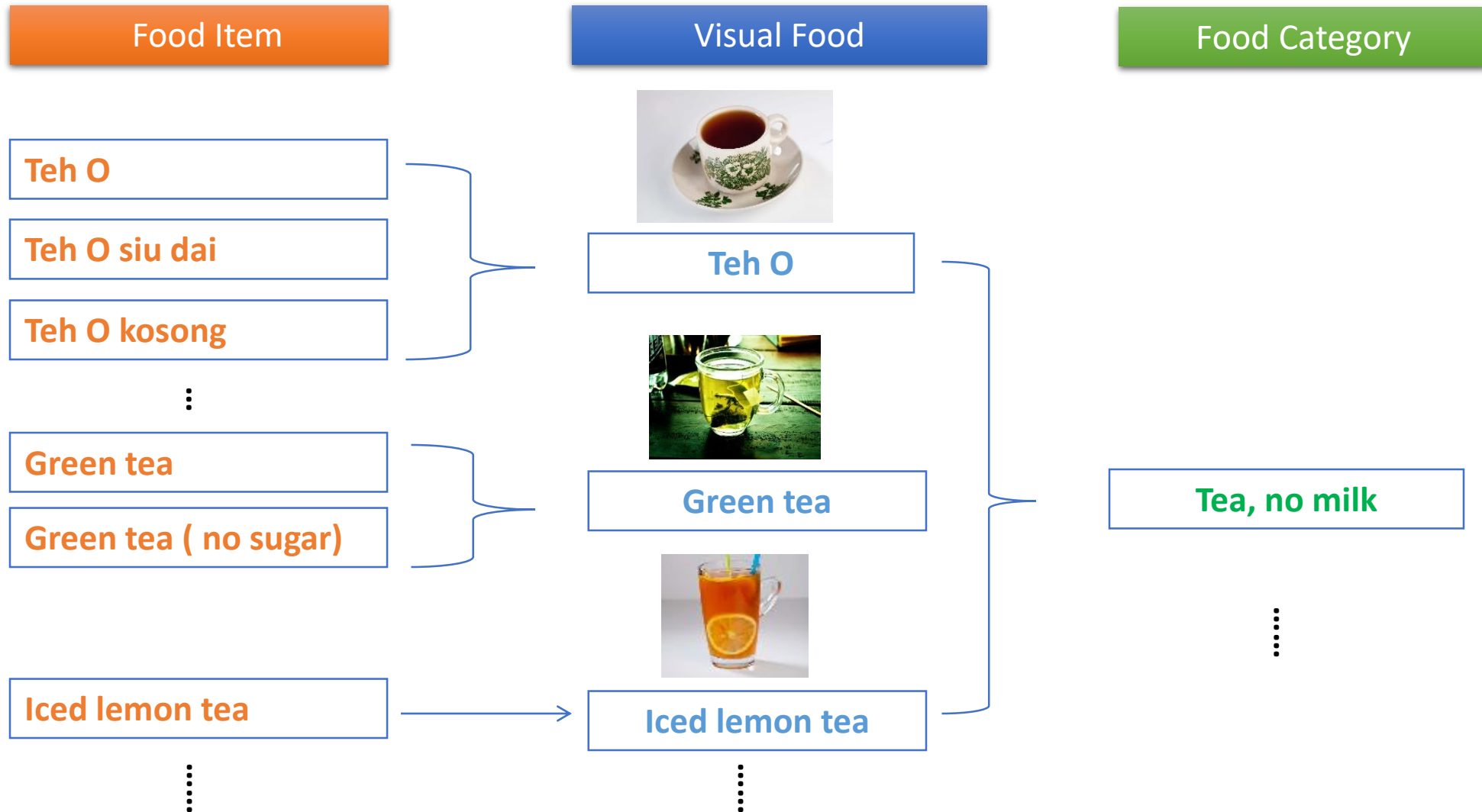


<http://supermerlion.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/madnesskopiteh.jpg>

## Singapore Tea or Teh

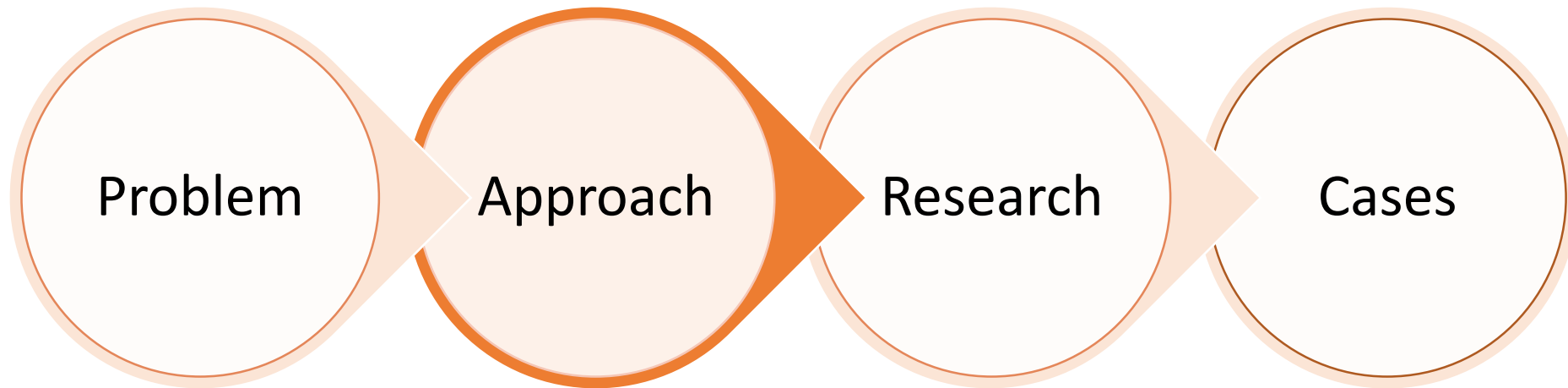
- *Teh*, tea with milk and sugar
- *Teh-C*, tea with evaporated milk
- *Teh-C-kosong*, tea with evaporated milk and no sugar
- *Teh-O*, tea with sugar only
- *Teh-O-kosong*, plain tea without milk or sugar
- *Teh tarik*, the Malay tea
- *Teh-halia*, tea with ginger water
- *Teh-bing*, tea with ice, aka *Teh-ice*
- *Teh-siu-dai*, tea with less sugar
- *Teh-gah-dai*, tea with extra sweetened milk
- .....

# Food Name Hierarchy



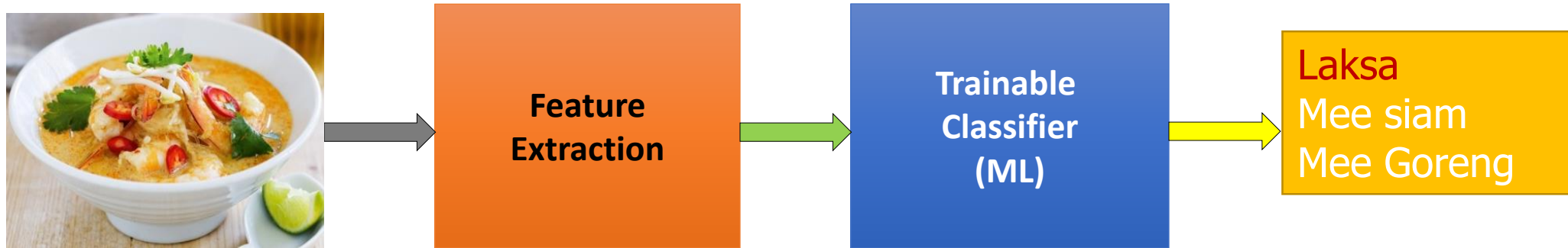


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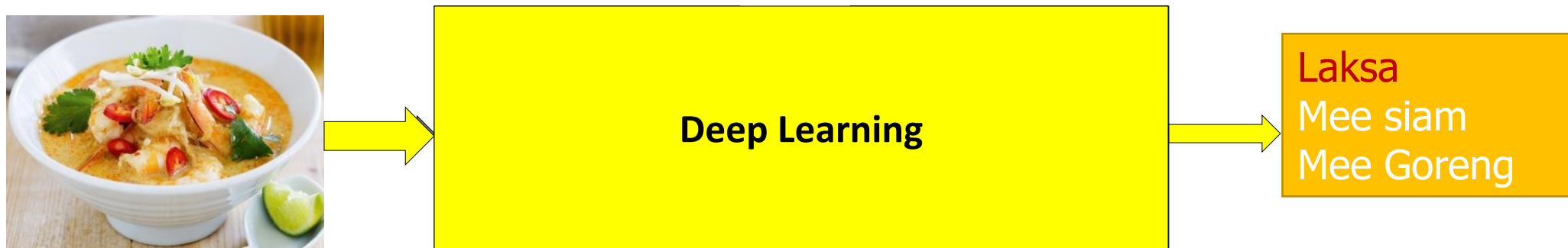


# Visual Recognition

- Classical Computer Vision Pipeline

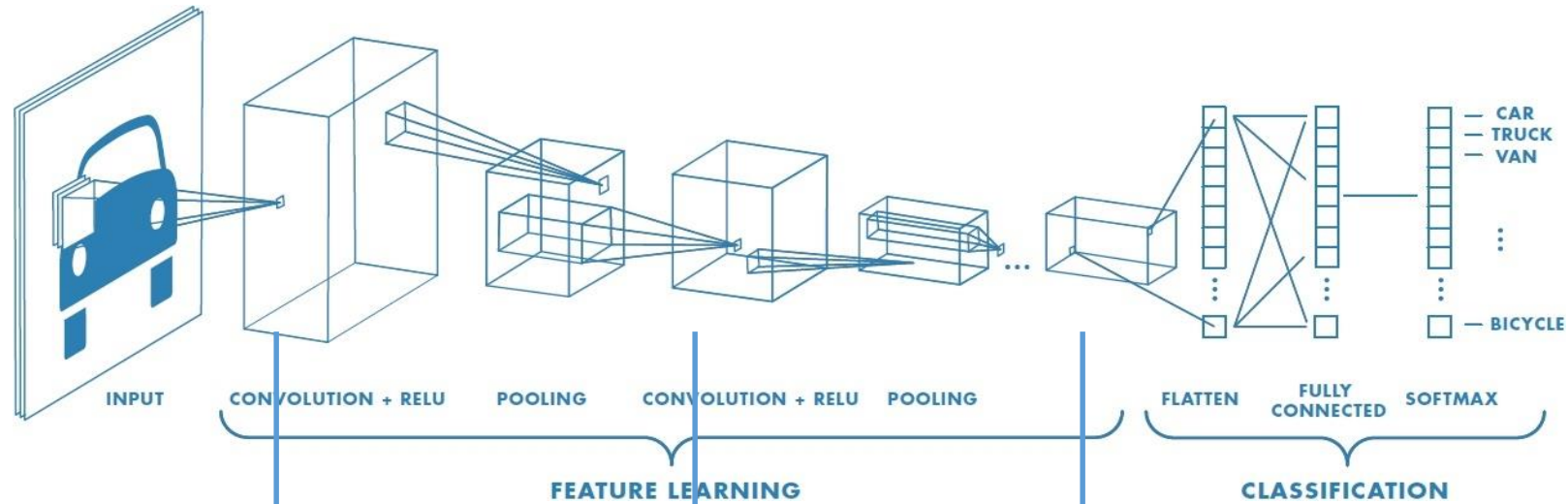


- Deep Learning Approach

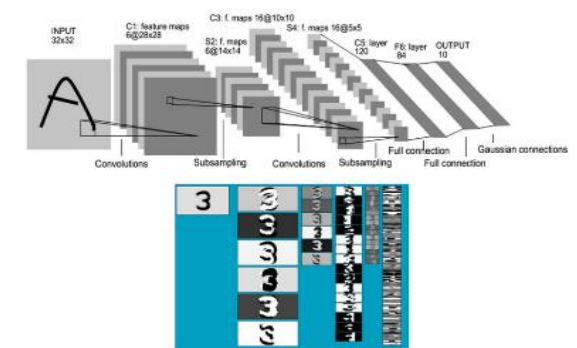


# Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)



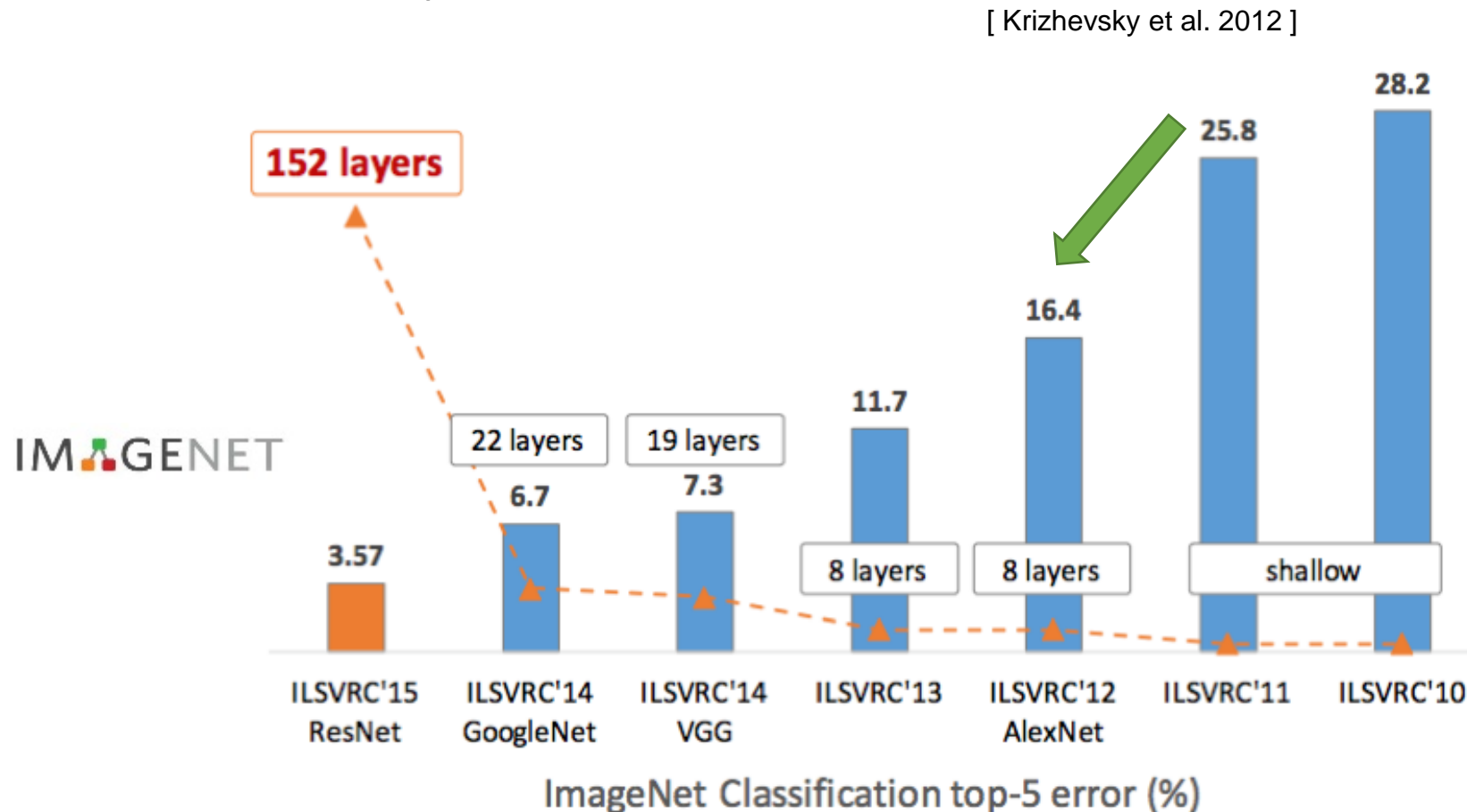
Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]



LeNet [LeCun et al. 1998]

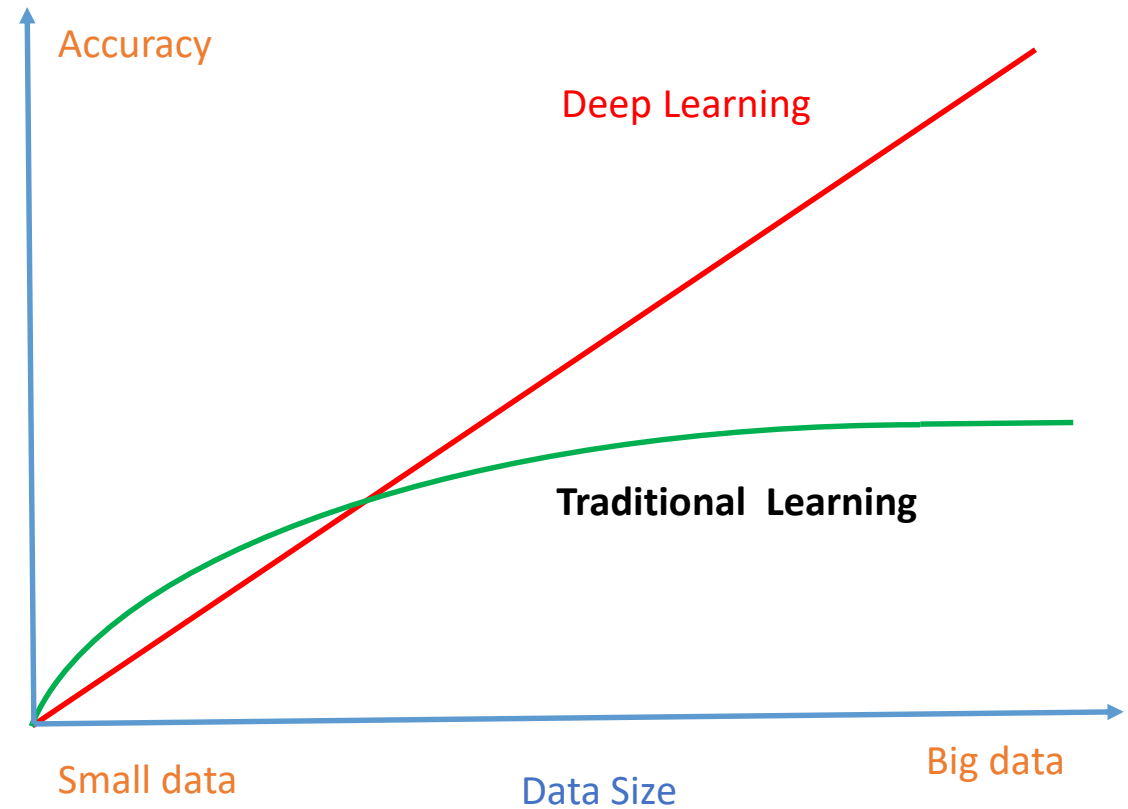
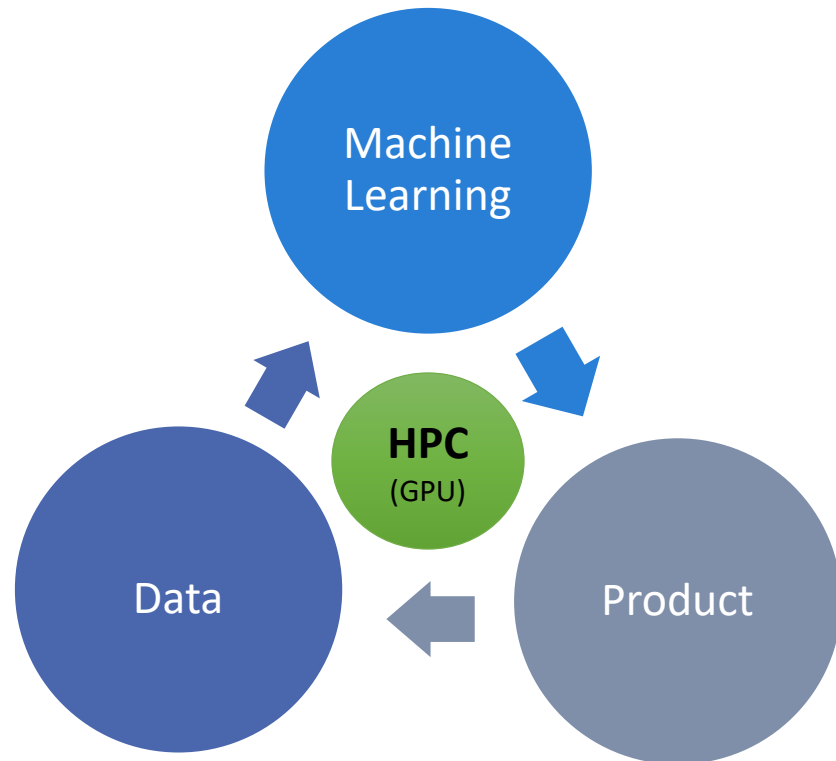
# Deep CNN for Visual Recognition

- Revolution of Depth
  - From AlexNet (8-layers) in 2012



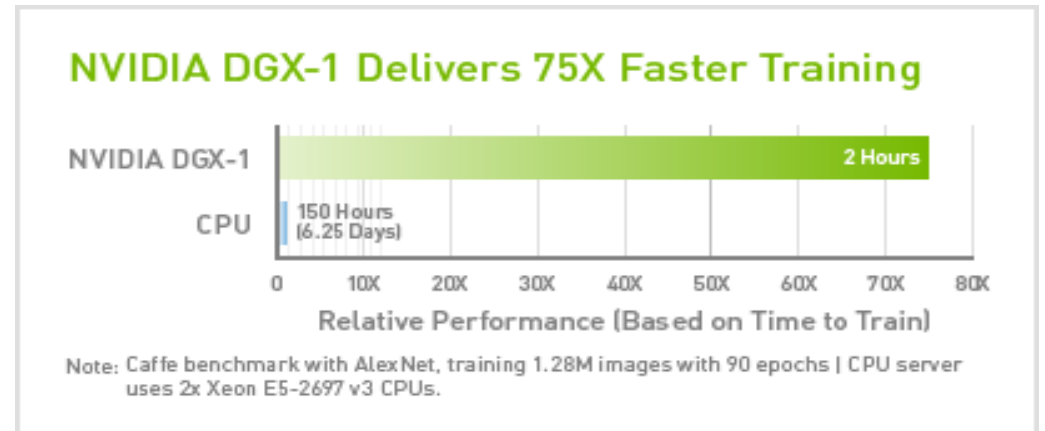
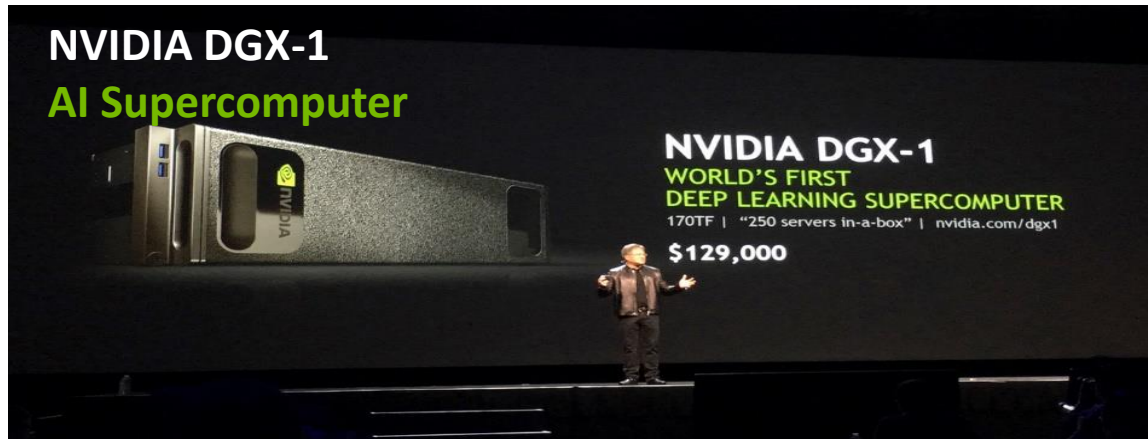


# Why Deep Learning?



# GPU for High Performance Computing

- Deep Learning on GPU Clusters
- DGX-1: NVIDIA Pascal™-powered Tesla® P100
- Performance equal to 250 conventional servers.







# SG-FOOD



# SGFOOD Data Statistics

SGFood724 Dataset	Training	Validation	Test
# total images	361,676	7,240	36,200
# Image per class	~500	10	50

#Food Items: 1038    **#Visual Food: 724**    #Food Category: 158



Histogram of #visual foods (724 visual food classes)



# FoodAI: Open API Services

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# FOODAI

Smart Food Recognition with the state-of-the-art Visual Recognition technology

Try our Demo

## FOODAI™ Demo

Try out our demo below or visit our developer portal for our API services.



Chilli Crab

Black Pepper Crab

Unknown

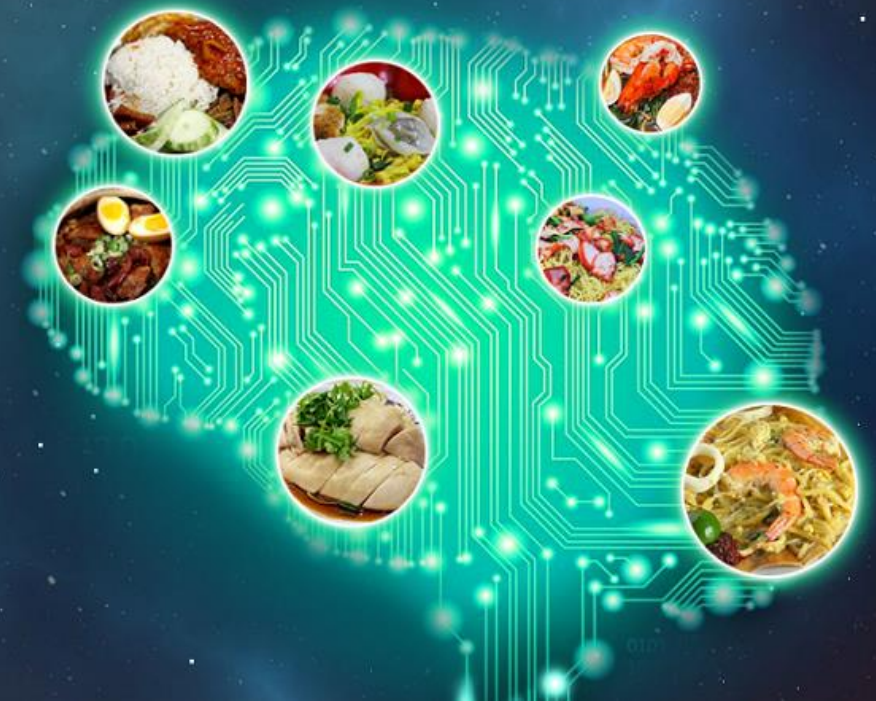
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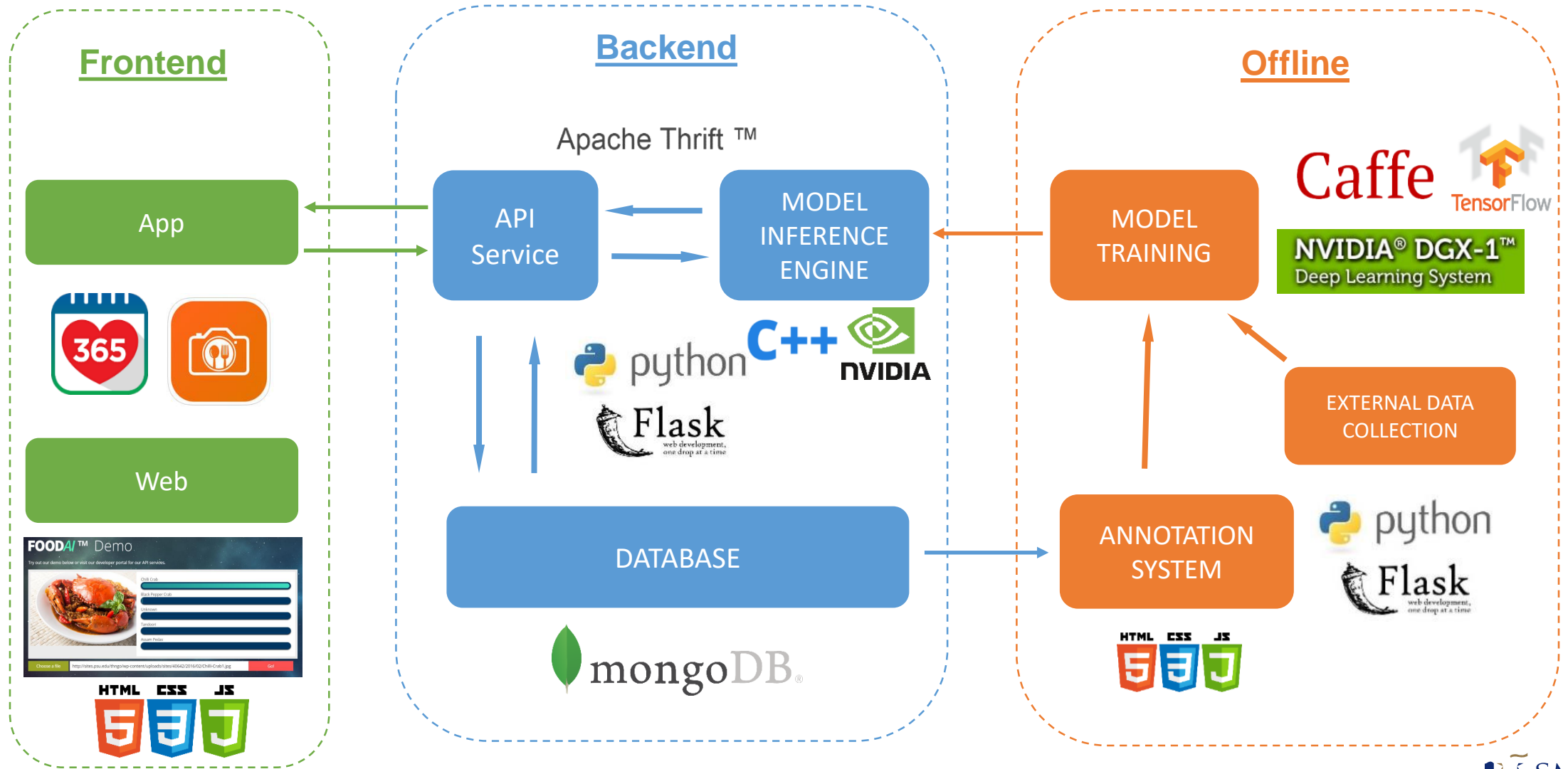
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<http://sites.psu.edu/thngo/wp-content/uploads/sites/40642/2016/02/Chilli-Crab1.jpg>

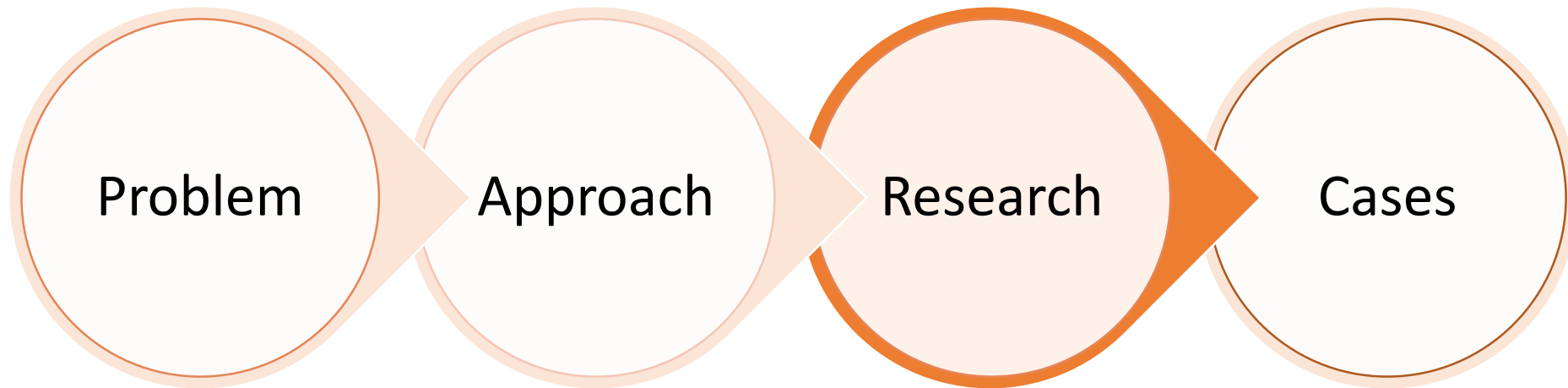
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# FoodAI System Architecture



# Roadmap



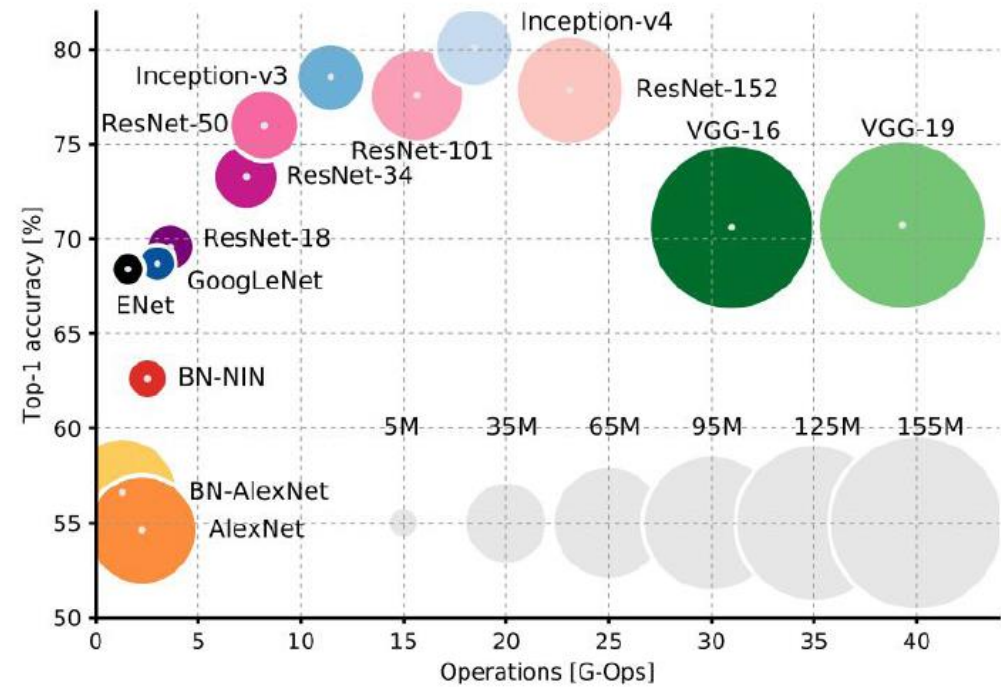
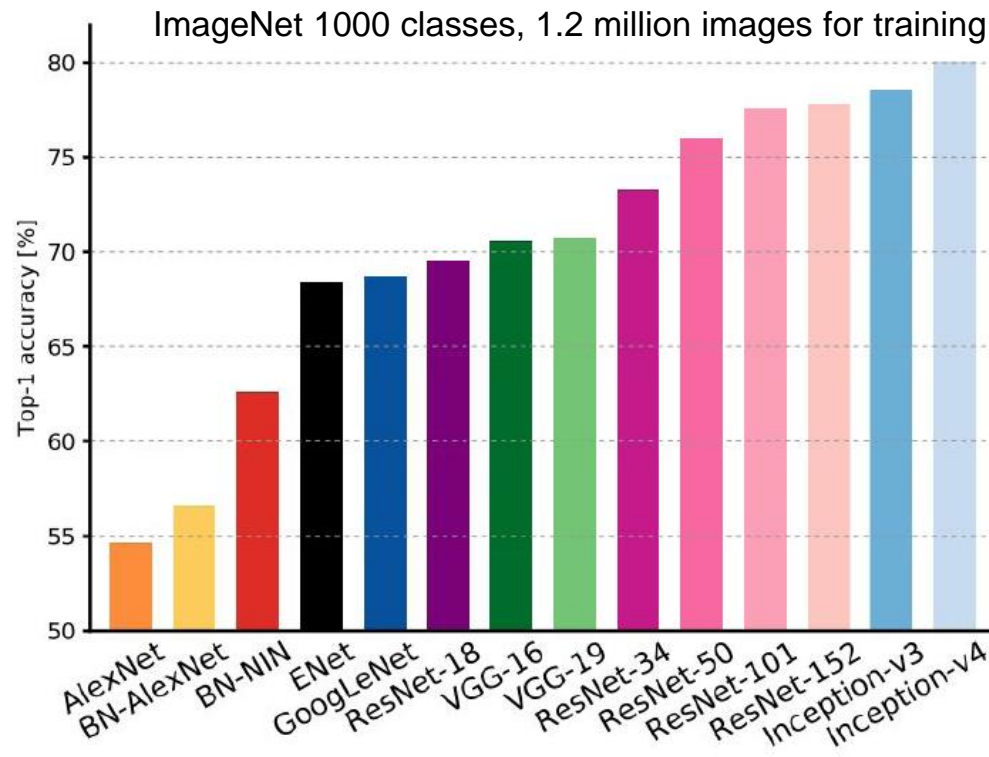
# Research Challenges

- How to train a good CNN model?
- How to deal with new food?
- How the labeled data size affects the accuracy?



# Model Training

- A Family of CNN models for visual recognition



“An Analysis of Deep Neural Network Models for Practical Applications”  
Alfredo Canziani, Adam Paszke, Eugenio Culurciello Published 2016 in ArXiv

# Experimental Setups

- CNN Models
  - GoogleNet
  - ResNet: 18, 50, 101, 152
- Settings
  - Toolbox: Caffe & TensorFelow
  - Finetuned from ImageNet pretrained models
  - Batch Size: From 16 to 128
  - Optimizer: SGD with momentum/RMS Prop/Adam
  - Learning rate: Fixed/multi-step/exponential decay
  - Dropout/Batch Normalizations

# Benchmark of FoodAI

724 visual food classes, 361,676 images for training, ~500 images per class

Models (SGFOOD)	Top-1 Accuracy (%)	Top-5 Accuracy (%)
GoogLeNet	71.5	91.0
ResNet-18	71.2	91.5
ResNet-50	76.1	93.3
ResNet-101	73.2	91.9
ResNet-152	74.7	92.7

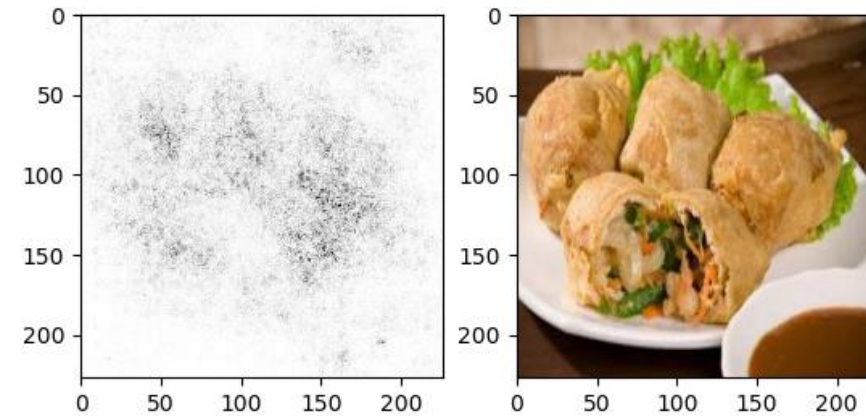
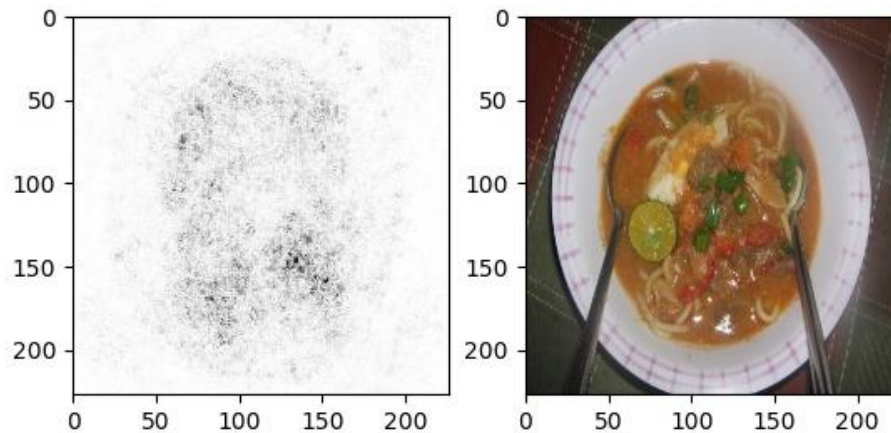
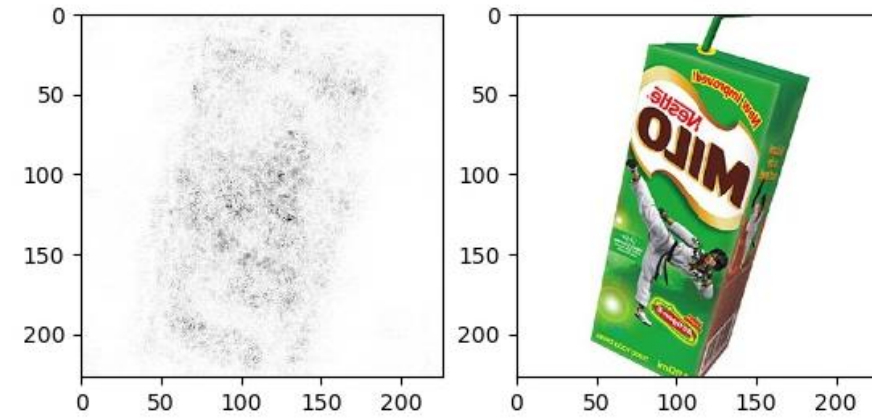
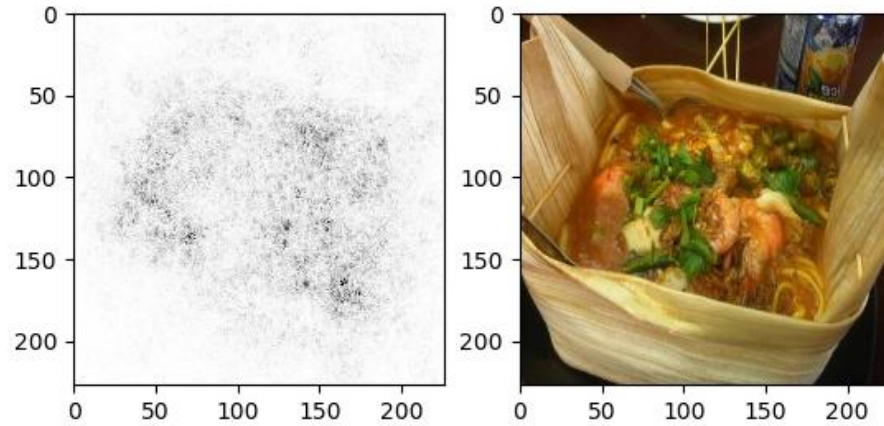


1000 object classes, 1.2 million images for training, 1200 images per class

Models (IMAGENET)	Top-1 Accuracy (%)	Top-5 Accuracy (%)
ResNet-50	77.1	93.3
ResNet-101	78.2	93.9
ResNet-152	78.6	94.3



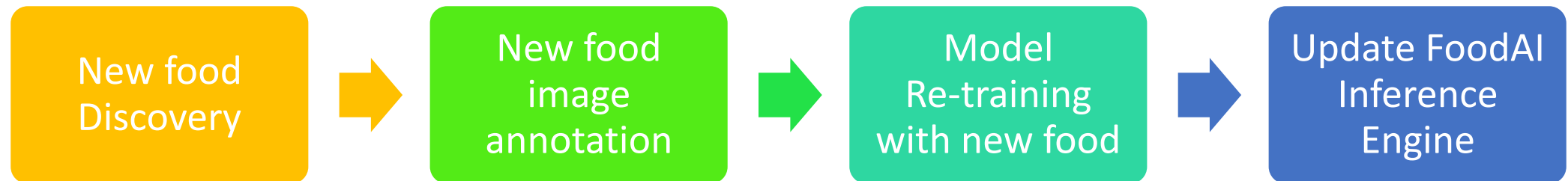
# Food Saliency Map





# How to handle NEW food?

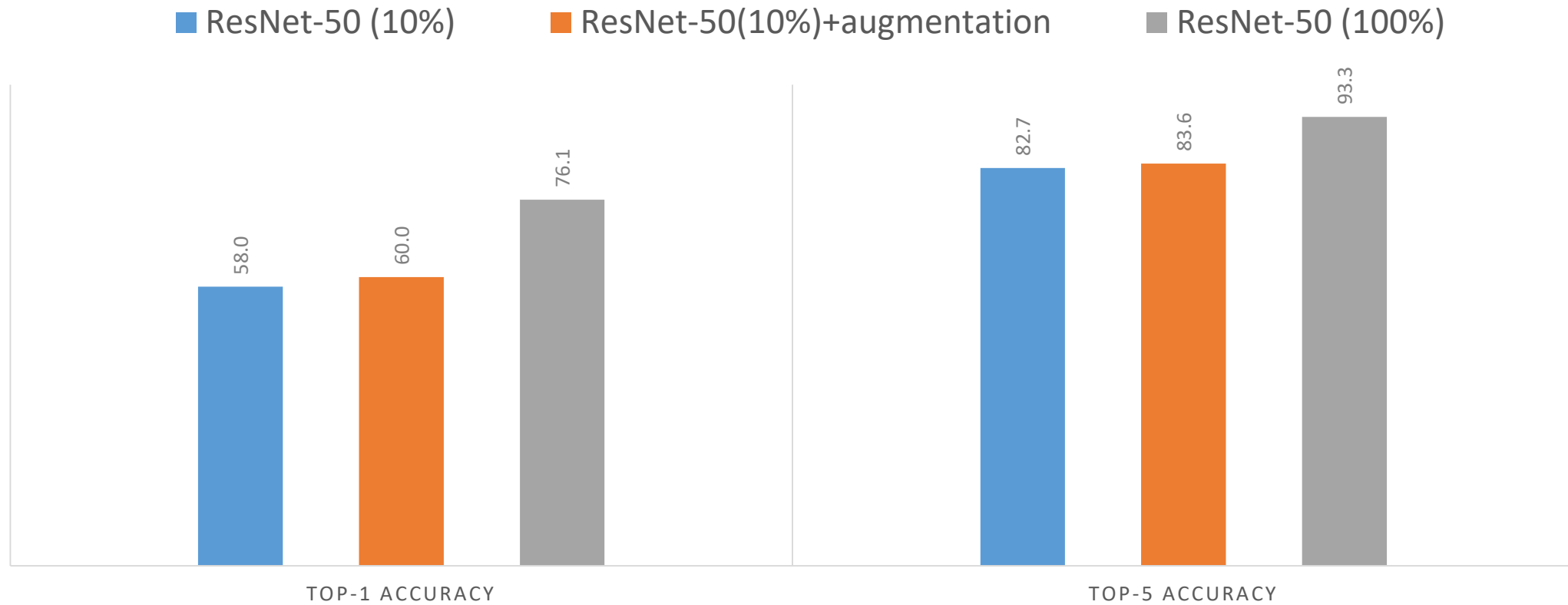
- Too many possible food items in the market
- Only consider popular food for majority of users



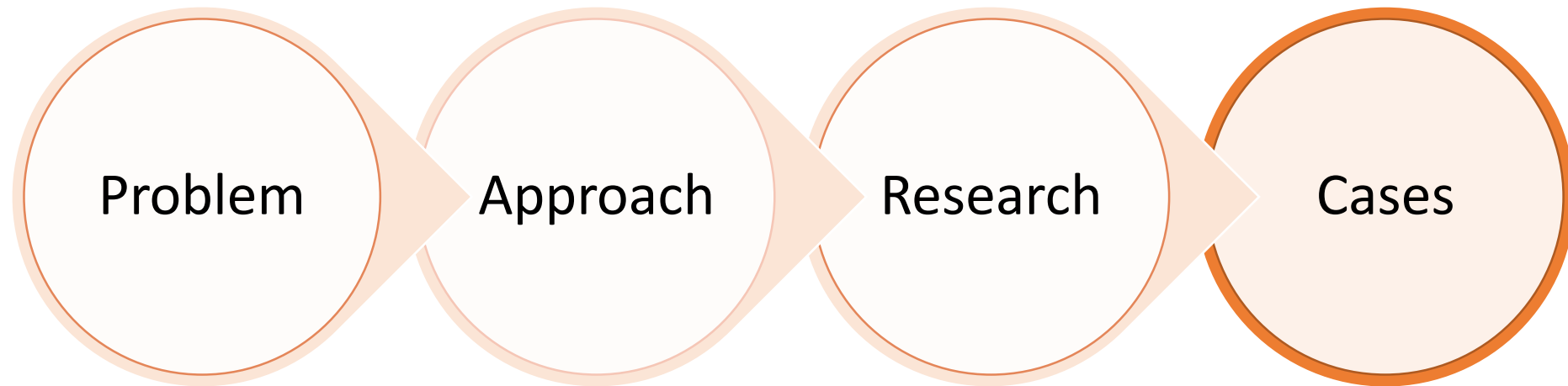
- New food has few images available at the beginning

What if only **10x less amount of labeled data** is available to train an CNN model?

# Training on 10x less labeled data



# Roadmap



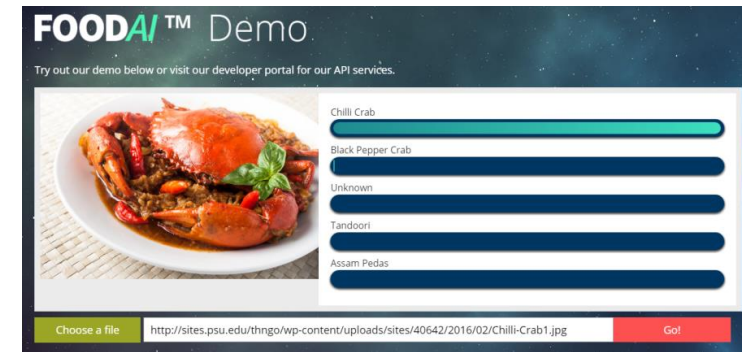


# Case Studies: Food logging photos from users

Mobile App



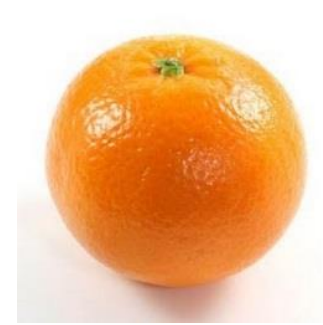
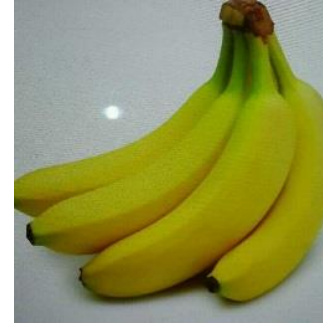
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# Case Studies: Easy Cases





# Case Studies: Hard Cases Large inter-class similarity (e.g., drinks)

## Kopi O



## Americano



# Case Studies: Hard Cases Large inter-class similarity (e.g., drinks)

## Instant Coffee



## Teh C / Teh



## Plain Porridge



## Soya milk





# Case Studies: Hard Cases Large inter-class similarity (e.g., drinks)

## Instant Coffee



## Teh O



## Teh / Teh C





# Case Studies: Hard Cases

Large intra-class diversity  
(e.g., Economy rice)



# Case Studies: Hard Cases

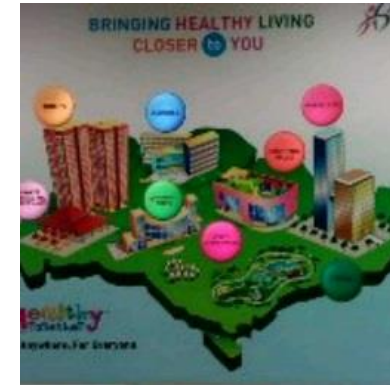
## Incomplete Food





# Case Studies: Hard Cases

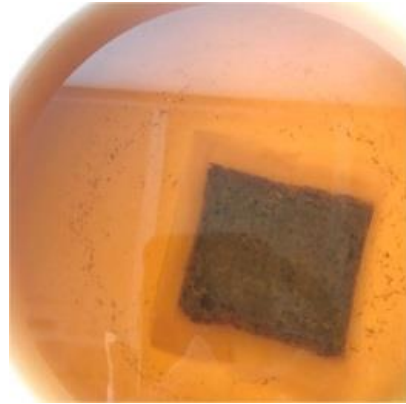
## Non Food





# Case Studies: Hard Cases

Poorly taken photos (illumination, rotation, occlusion, etc)



# Case Studies: Hard Cases

Multiple food items





# Case Studies: Hard Cases

Unknown food / food not in our list



# How to build a more sustainable solution?



## Better Learning

Go beyond supervised CNN



## Crowdsourcing

Combined with human wisdom



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