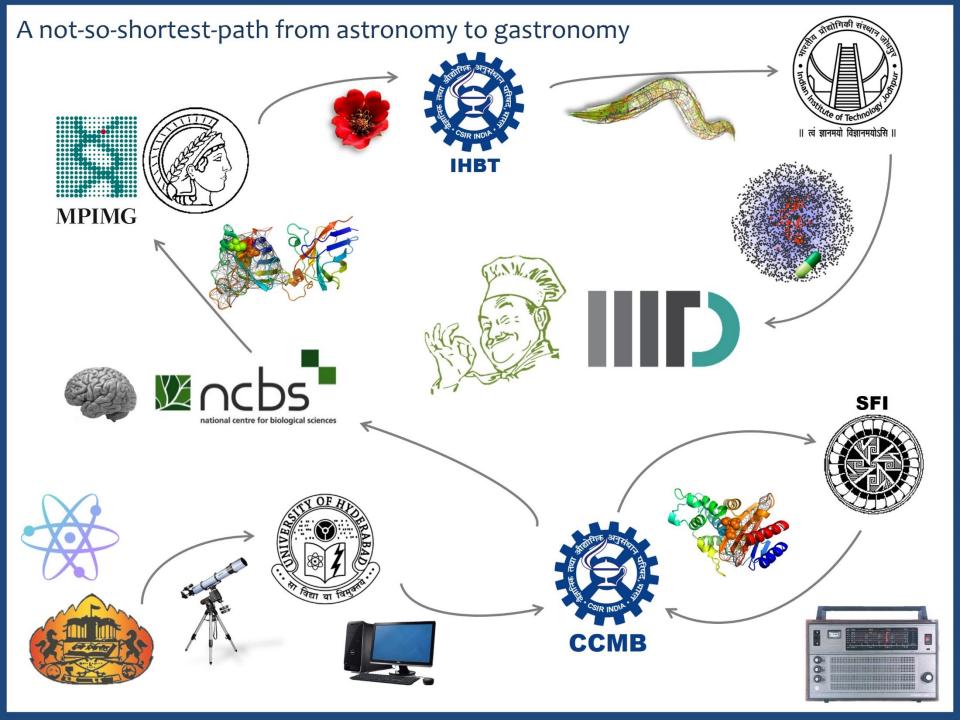
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Complex Systems Lab

Our research focus is on study of complex systems, primarily of biological origin. We are exploring systems architecture of complex diseases, drug-target networks and brain networks. Broad areas that we study include computational & systems biology, bioinformatics, mathematical modeling, network biology, *in silico* drug discovery and biomedical data analysis. Apart from modeling and analysis of complex systems, we aim to probe for their control mechanisms and design principles.

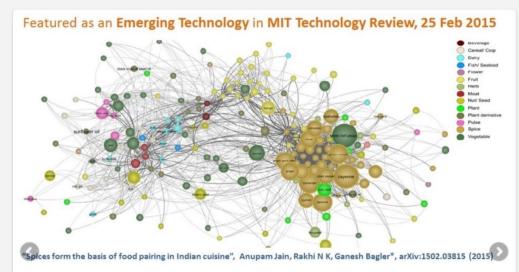
I am associated with the <u>Center for Computational Biology</u> at IIIT-Delhi. * <u>Internship/Thesis Opportunities</u> *

Discovery of a new food pairing phenomenon

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Spices form the basis of food pairing in Indian cuisine. India is known to have culinary history of health-centric dietary practices aimed at disease prevention and promotion of health. We investigated the molecular basis of food composition in the Indian cuisine with rigorous mathematical and computational analysis. We find that the cuisine is characterized with an exceptional food pairing pattern and spices occupy an unique position in rendering this unique food pairing pattern. We are focussing on various ways we could use the knowledge of such culinary patterns.

Featured as an Emerging Technology & Best of 2015 in MIT Technology Review.







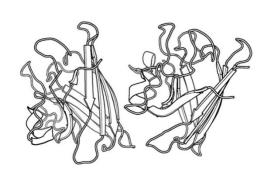




Complex Systems

A system comprising of large number of sophisticated functional elements, intricately connected with each other to perform specific tasks, which otherwise can not be executed by subsets of the system.

SUM OF PARTS - IS NOT THE SAME AS THE WHOLE

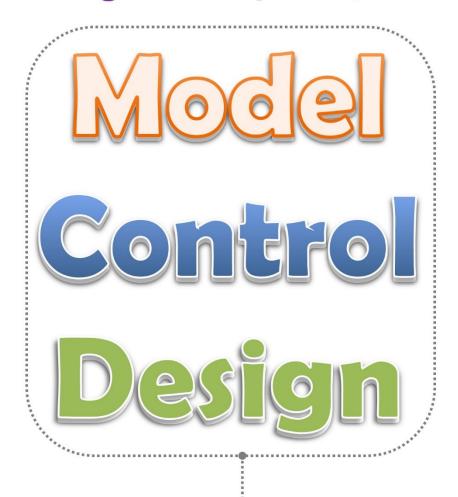




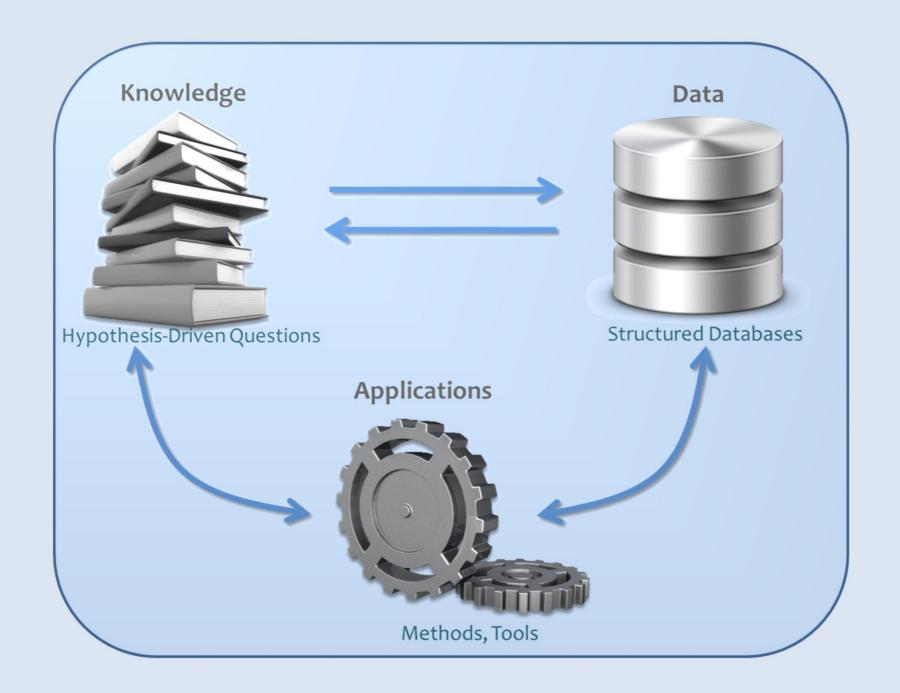




Biological Complex Systems



Interdisciplinary Research
 Application of Network Modeling for Biology and Medicine



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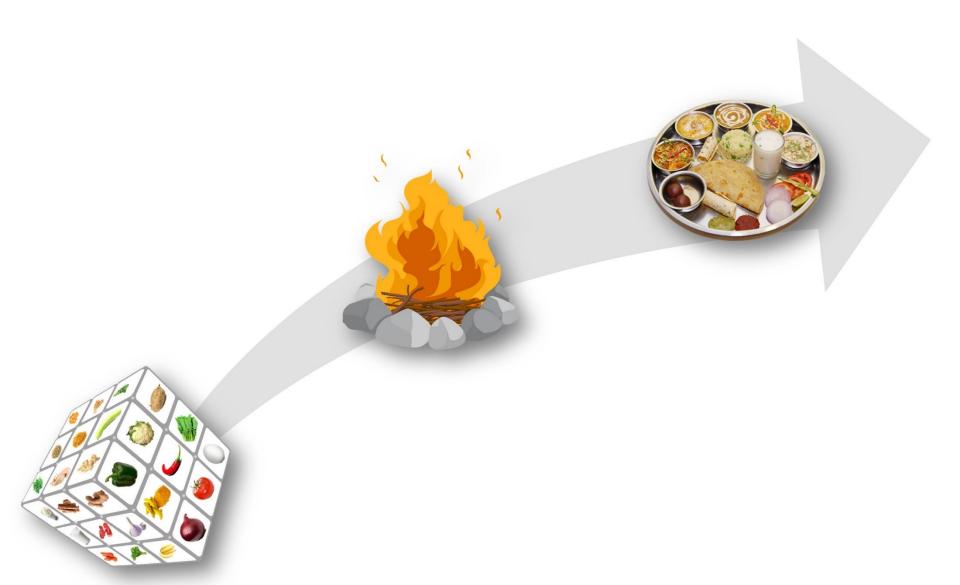
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Computational Gastronomy is a data science that blends food, data, and computation for data-driven food innovations



Cooking is alchemy



Cooking: Central to evolution of human brain

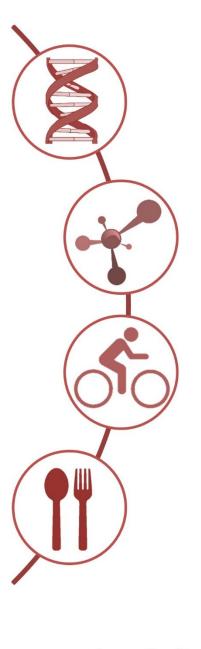
Cooking is the essence of being human



'Catching Fire—How cooking made us human' by Richard Wrangham

















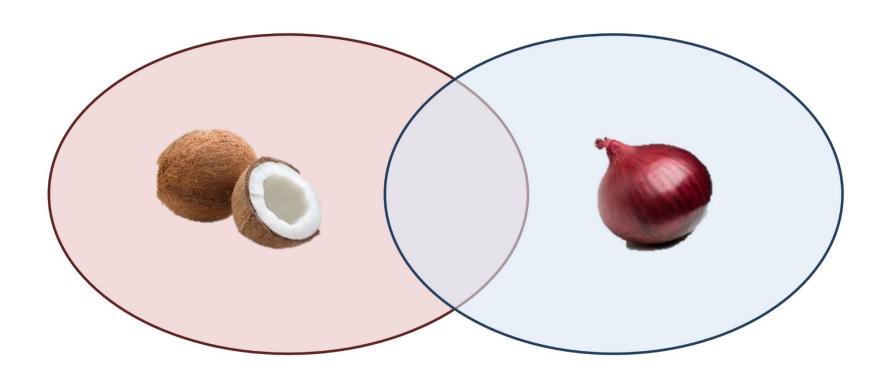
Why do we eat what we eat?

Why do we combine ingredients in our recipes the way we do?



Food Pairing Hypothesis

Ingredients that **taste similar** tend to be **used together** in traditional recipes



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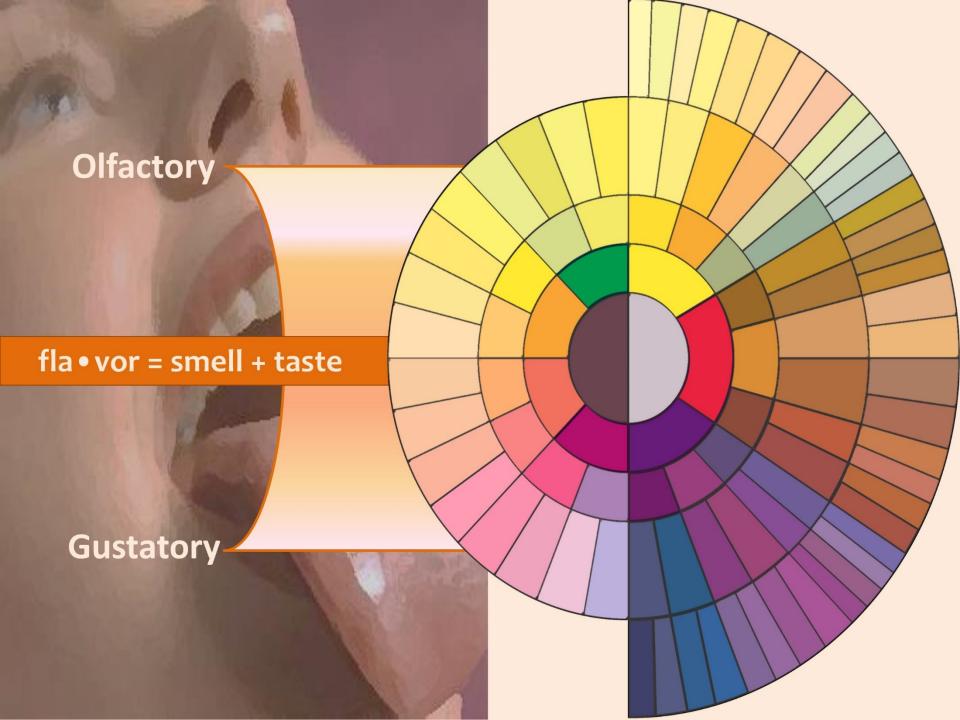
Additive Animal product Beverage Cereal/ Crop Dairy Fish/ Seafood Flower Fruit Herb Meat Nut/ Seed **Plant** Plant derivative Pulse Spice Vegetable

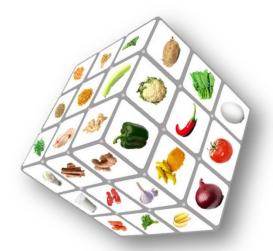
Recipes & Ingredients

2543 Traditional Indian Recipes (TarlaDalal)

Regional cuisines: Bengali, Gujarati, Jain, Maharashtrian, Mughlai, Punjabi, Rajasthani, South Indian.

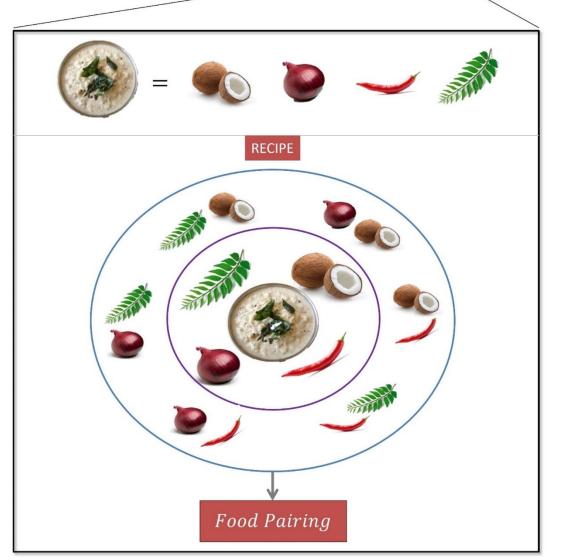






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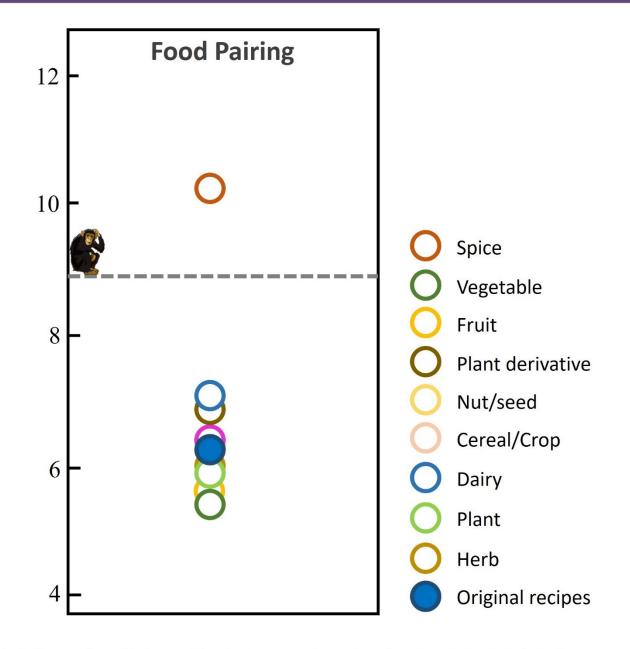


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Western cuisines have a uniform blend of ingredients.

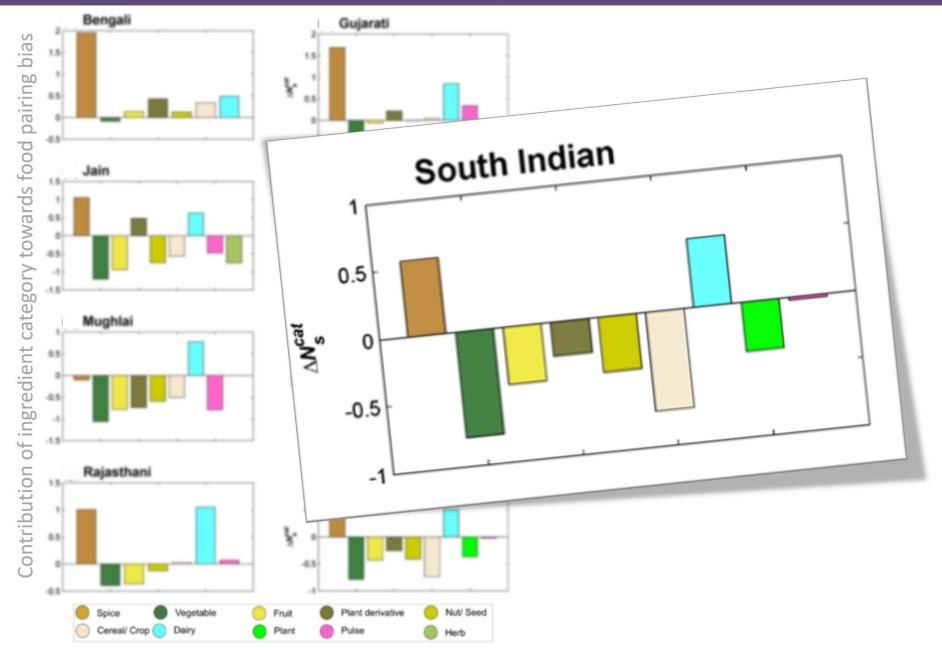
Indian cuisine has a contrasting blend of ingredients.

Spices are key to the food pairing in Indian cuisine





Culinary Fingerprints of Regional Cuisines of India



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A View from Emerging Technology from the arXiv

Best of 2015: Data Mining Indian Recipes Reveals New Food Pairing Phenomenon

By studying the network of links between Indian recipes, computer scientists have discovered that recipes, computer scientists have discovered that the presence of certain spices makes a meal much less likely to contain ingredients with flavors in common. From February ...

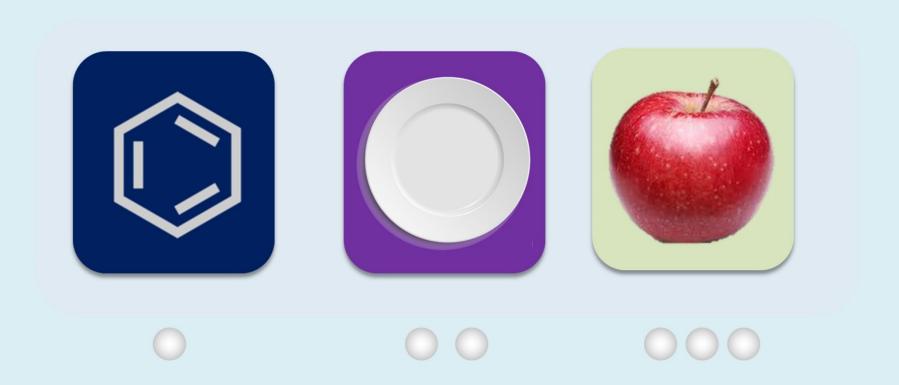
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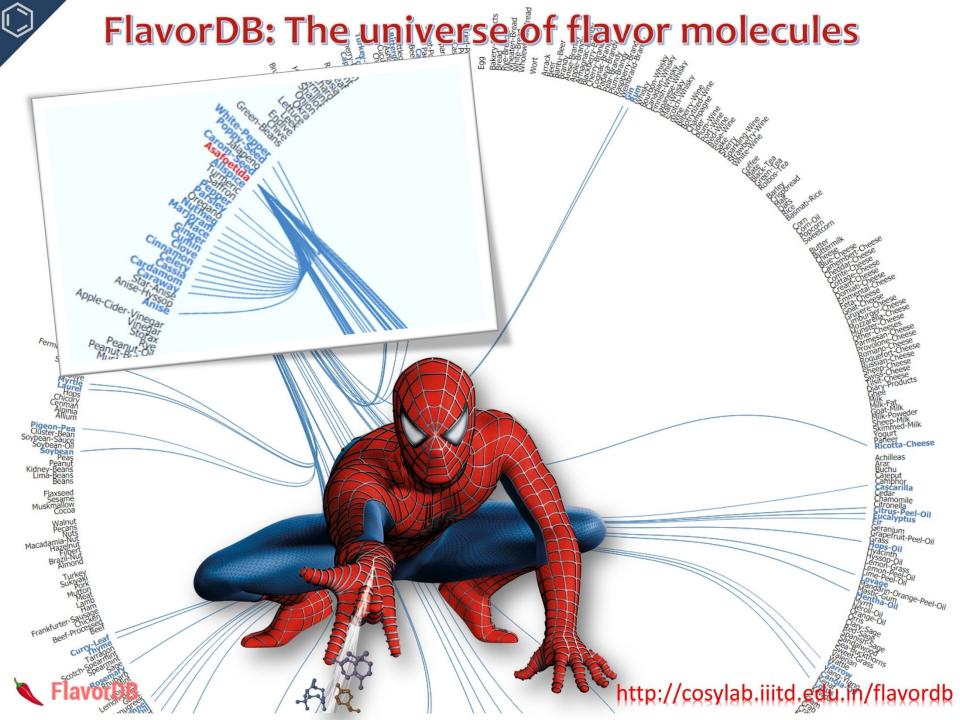
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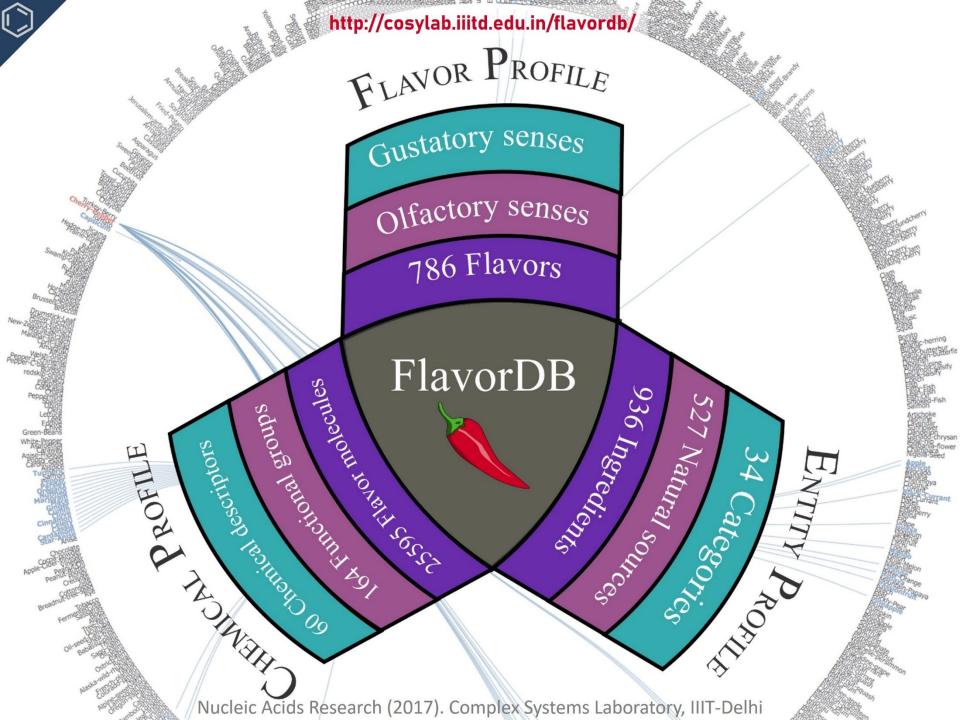
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The intersection of food science, data and computation is one of the most exciting frontiers, and your work is right in this sweet spot.

Sam Arbesman Scientist in Residence, Lux Capital











Trending Flavors

✓ fruity / vanilla / mousy / balsamic / sweet / apple

Ingredient Categories





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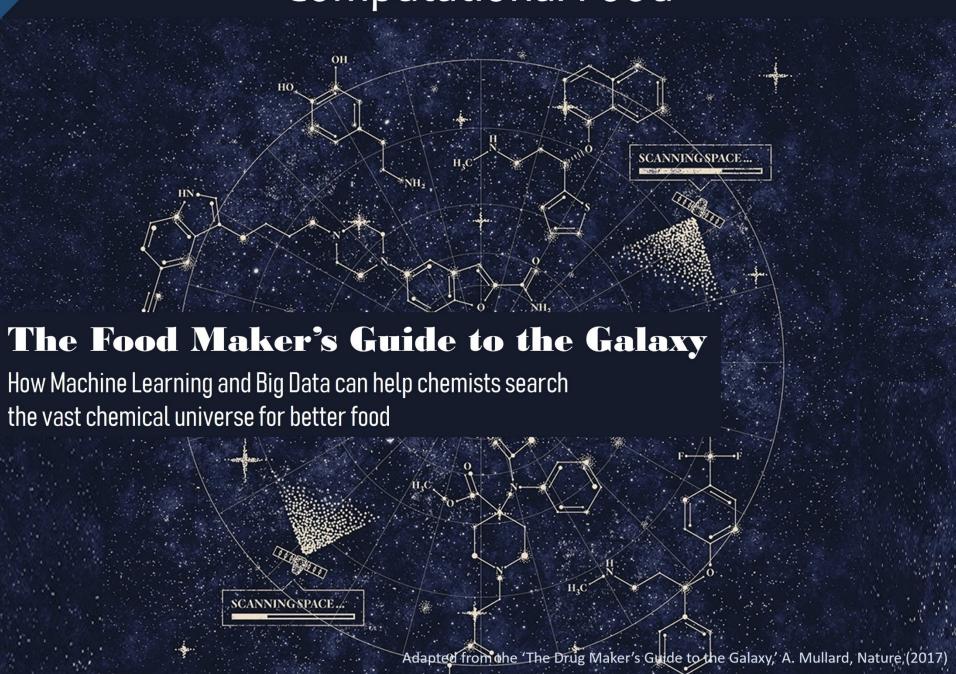


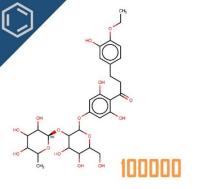




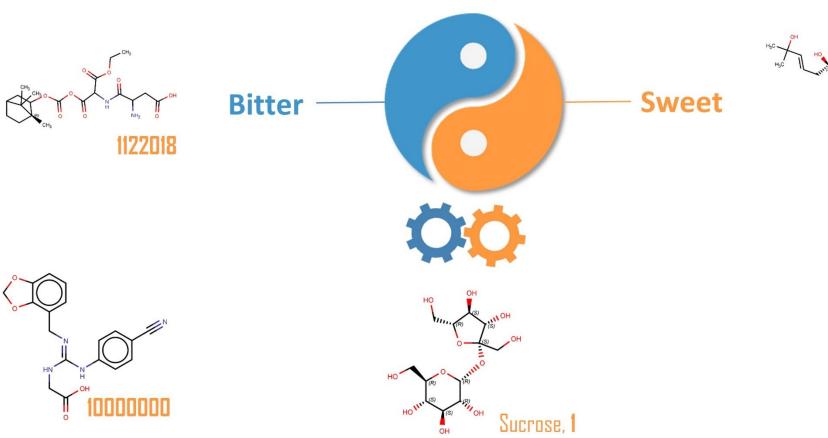


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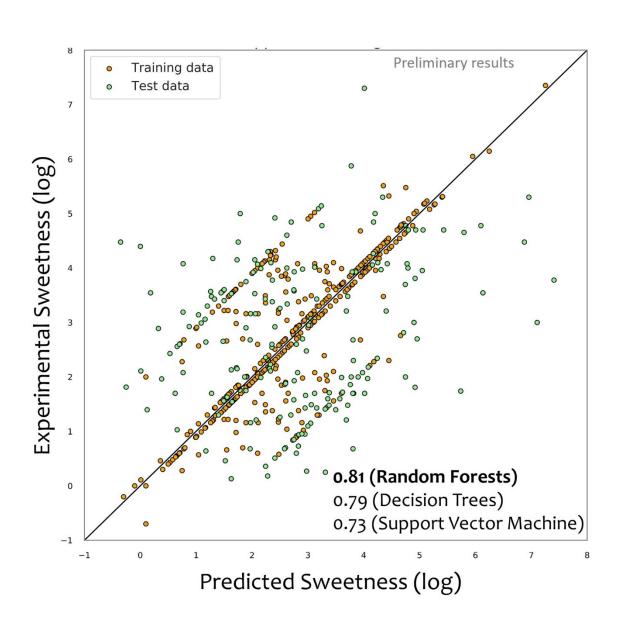


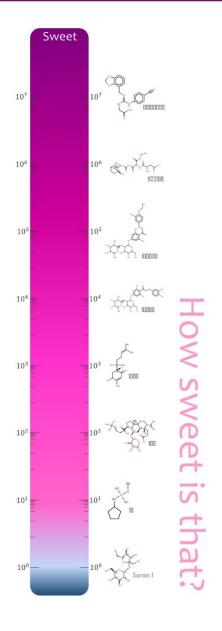
Taste Classification & Prediction





How sweet is that?





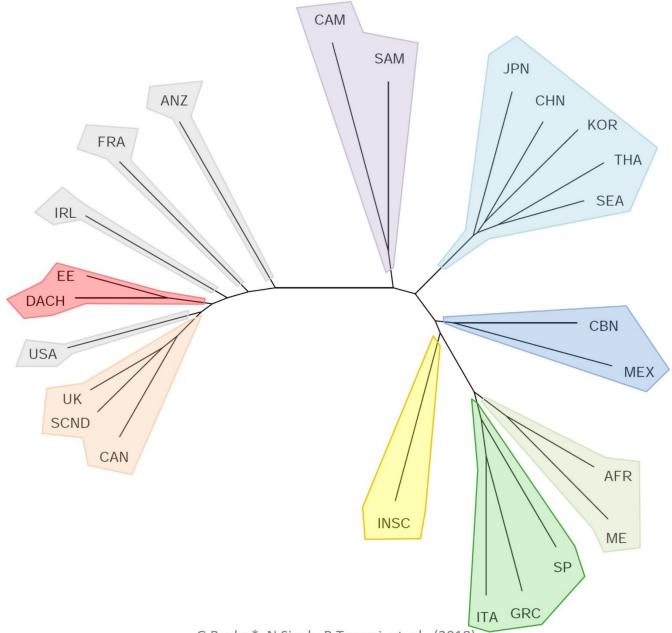


Data-driven investigations of culinary patterns in traditional world cuisines





Culinary Evolution: A Darwinian look at the World Culinary Landscape



G Bagler*, N Singh, R Tuwani, et. al. (2018).

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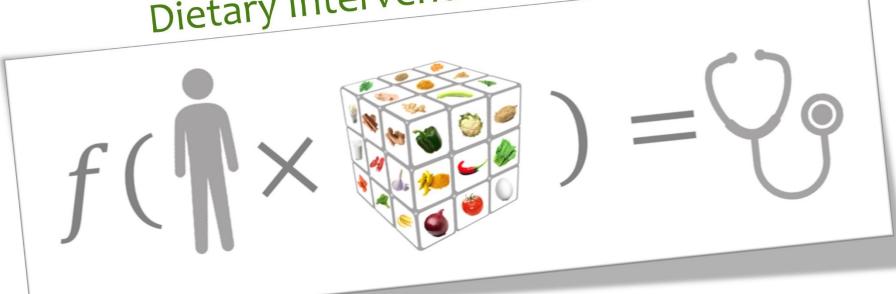
The Ratatouille World





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Dietary Interventions Strategies





Why spices? Broad-spectrum benevolence of culinary herbs and spices

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ANTIMICROBIAL FUNCTIONS OF SPICES: WHY SOME LIKE IT HOT

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Darwinian Gastronomy: Why We Use Spices

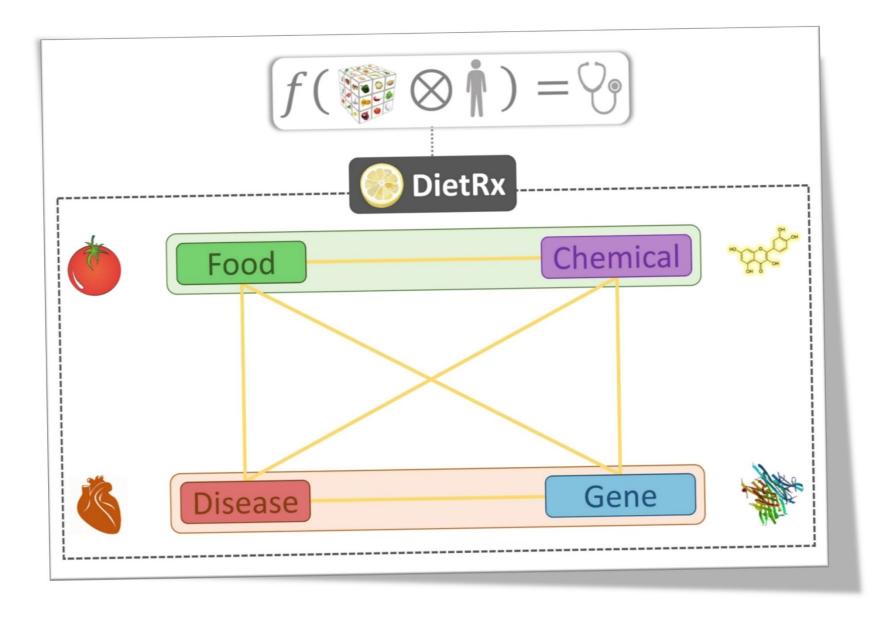
Spices taste good because they are good for us

Paul W. Sherman and Jennifer Billing

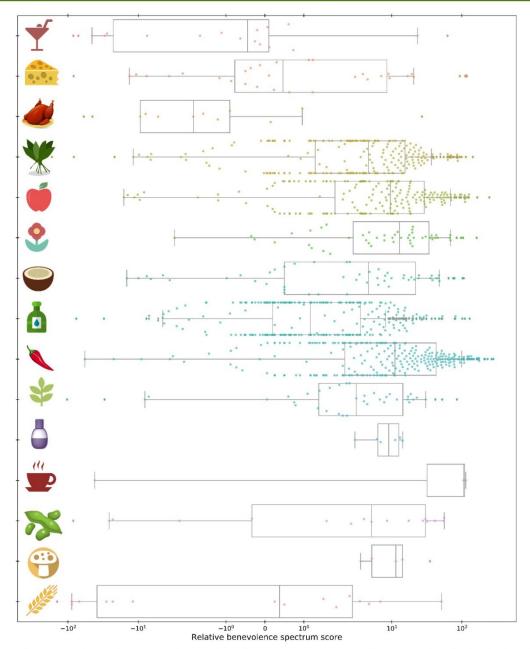
Humans have borrowed plants' chemical "recipes" for evolutionary survival for use in cuisine to combat foodborne microorganisms and to reduce food poisoning



DietRx: An integrated resource for health impact of food



Relative Benevolence of Food



RecipeDB

A resource for exploring recipes, their culinary, nutritional, flavor and health correlates

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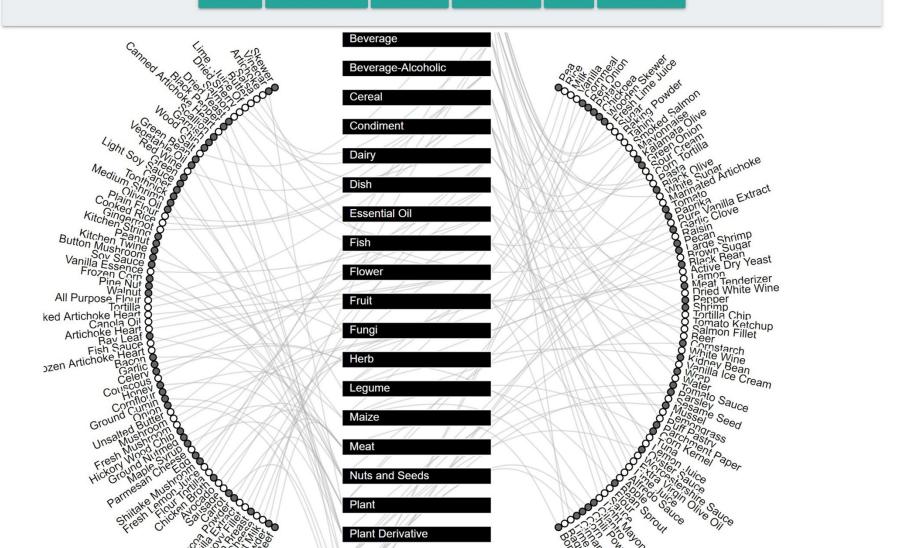
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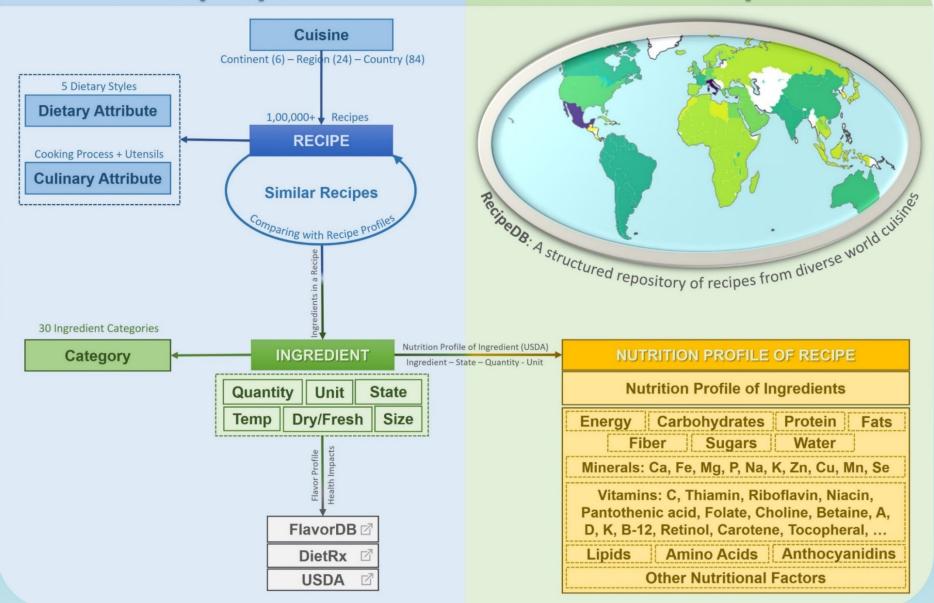
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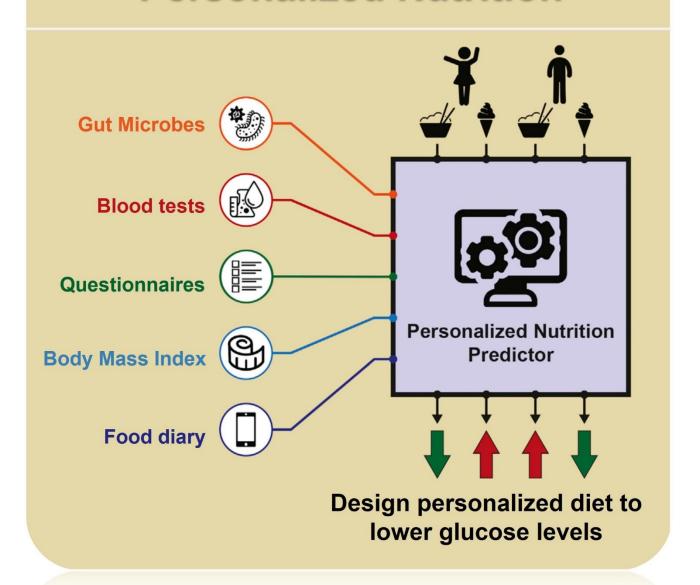
Recipe Space

Nutrition Space

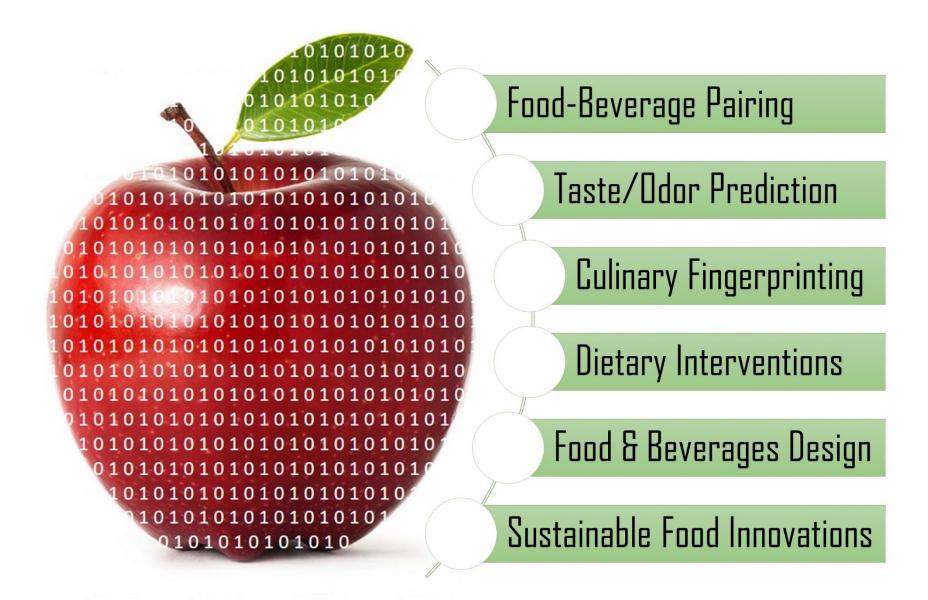




Personalized Nutrition



Computational Gastronomy — Data-driven food innovations



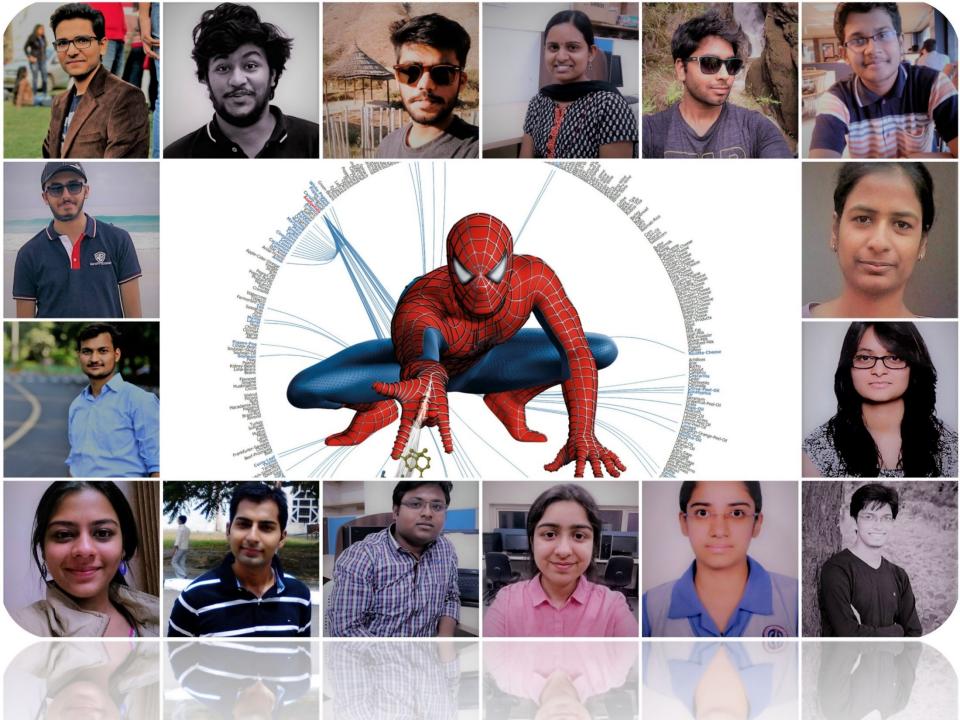


The discovery of a new **dish** confers more happiness on humanity, than the discovery of a new **star**.



Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin









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