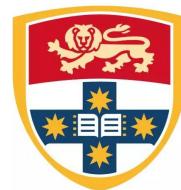


# Deep Streaming Label Learning

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# Outline

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# Background and Motivation

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# Traditional supervised learning (Multi-class/Single-label learning)

labels: [ 'dog', 'person', 'cat' ]



label vectors: [1,0,0]

[0,1,0]

[0,0,1]

# Multi-label learning



labels:  
'dog',  
'person',  
'cat'

[1,1,0]



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# Streaming label learning

past labels:  
‘dog’,  
‘person’,  
‘cat’

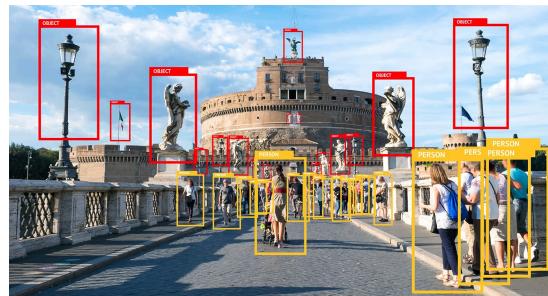


emerging new labels:  
‘grass’,  
‘shirt’,  
‘smile’

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Social network:  
tag photos or texts continuously



Detect system:  
emerge novel events



Interest groups:  
form new interests and groups

**Streaming Label Learning:** model newly arrived labels expediently and effectively

# Streaming label learning

Goal and challenge:



**Effectiveness:** building an effective new-label classifier (leveraging historical knowledge)  
**Efficiency:** without retraining the past-label classifier (only training on new labels)

Our previous work [1] presented a simple solution by using a **linear classifier**, which trains a learnable matrix for new labels with the **relationship** between past labels and new labels.

$$J(\mathbf{w}_{m+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_{m+1,i}^*, \mathbf{x}_i^T \underline{\mathbf{w}}_{m+1}) + \frac{\beta}{2} \|\underline{\mathbf{w}}_{m+1} - W_m \underline{\mathbf{s}}_{m+1}\|_2^2$$

Weaknesses of [1]:

- linear representation limits performance;
- training knowledge from classifiers of past labels is neglected.

[1] You, S., Xu, C., Wang, Y., Xu, C., and Tao D., “Streaming label learning for modeling labels on the fly,” arXiv, 2016.

# Proposed Approach

Deep Streaming Label Learning (DSLL)

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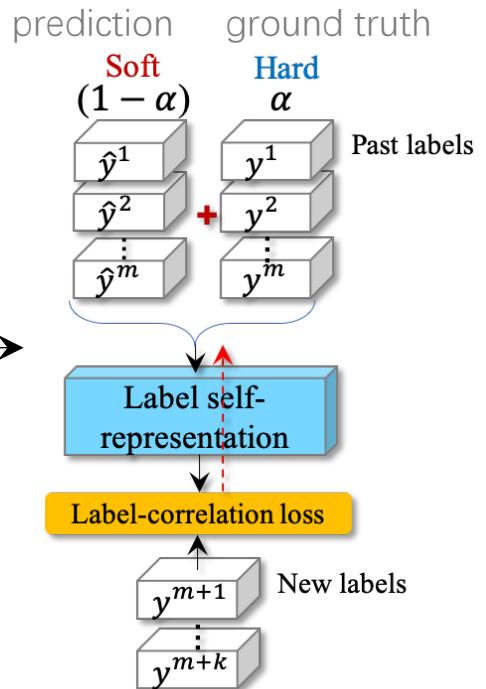
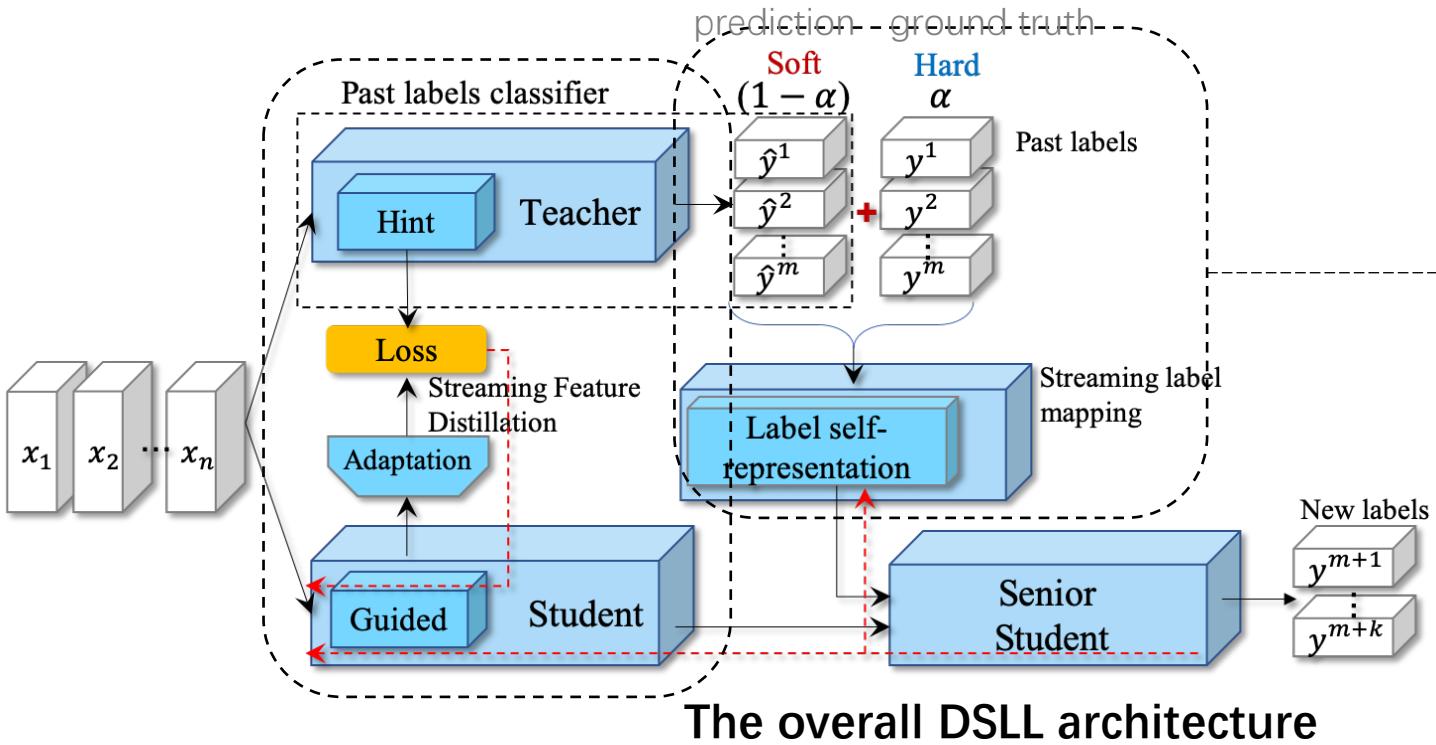
# Deep streaming label learning

In this paper, we propose a DNN-based framework, **Deep Streaming Label Learning (DSLL)**, to classify instances with newly emerged labels.

DSLL can

- explore and utilize deep correlations between past labels and new labels;
- leverage the knowledge from previous learning to model new labels without retraining the whole multi-label classifier.

# Deep streaming label learning (DSLL)



- (1) Streaming Label Mapping
- ✓ captures the relationship between new labels and past labels with a proposed label correlation-aware loss.

$$\mathcal{L}_S(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}^{new}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|Y_i^+||Y_i^-|} \sum_{(p,q) \in Y_i^+ \times Y_i^-} \|(\mathbf{S}_m(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)^p - \mathbf{S}_m(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i)^q) - b\|_2^2$$

- (2) Streaming Feature Distillation
- ✓ transforms the knowledge from the teacher to the new-label classifier (student).
- (3) Senior Student Network
- ✓ leverages the relationship and knowledge to finally model new labels. The red dotted lines denote the backpropagation path during learning.

# Theoretical Analysis

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# Theoretical analysis

We theoretically analyze the excess risk bounds for our learning model and provide a generalization error bound for the new-label classifier DSLL.

DSLL learns a classifier  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}$  by minimizing the empirical risk,

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \underset{\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{W}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=m+1}^{m+k} \ell(y_i^j, f_i^j(\mathbf{x}_i^*, \mathbf{W})),$$

Our goal is to show that the learned classifier  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}$  is generalizable,

$$\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{W}}) \leq \inf_{\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{W}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}) + \epsilon,$$

where population risk of a classifier, defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}) := \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{y}^{new})} \left[ \sum_{j=m+1}^{m+k} \ell(\mathbf{y}^j, f^j(\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{W})) \right].$$

# Theoretical analysis

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**Theorem 1.** Suppose we learn a new classifier  $\mathbf{W}$  in terms of  $k$  new labels using formulation  $\hat{\mathbf{W}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{W}} \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{W})$  over a set of  $n$  training instances. Then, with a probability of at least  $1 - \delta$ , we have

$$\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{W}}) \leq \inf_{\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{W}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{W}) + \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{n}} (\gamma_x + \gamma_y \sqrt{k})\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(k \sqrt{\frac{\log \frac{1}{\delta}}{n}}\right),$$

where  $\gamma_x$  and  $\gamma_y$  are real constant numbers related to the number of neurons in the output layer. We assume, without loss of generality, that  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2] \leq 1$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{y}^{new}\|^2] \leq k$ .

# Experimental Analysis

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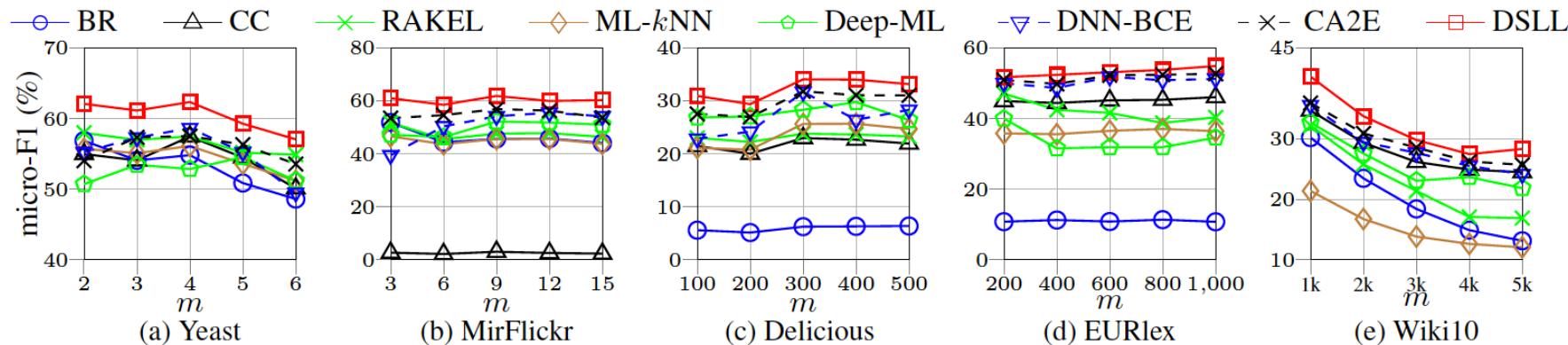
# Experimental analysis

5 multi-label datasets

10 compared methods

10 evaluation metrics

Dataset	Domain	#Training	#Testing	#Feature	#Labels	#Card-Features	#Card-Labels
yeast	biology	1,500	917	103	14	103.00	4.24
MirFlickr	image	10,417	2,083	1,000	38	539.33	4.74
Delicious	web	12,920	3,185	500	983	18.17	19.03
EURlex	text	15,479	3,869	5,000	3,993	5.31	236.69
Wiki10	text	14,146	6,616	101,938	30,938	673.45	18.64



Performance comparison of learning new labels with different batch sizes by considering 50% of labels as past labels.  $m$  indicates the number of new labels.

# Experimental analysis

Ranking performance of each comparison algorithm for learning new labels with different batch sizes by regarding 50% of labels as past labels.

- ✓ The results show that DSLL outperforms the other approaches with respect to handling newly arrived labels.

Datasets	#label	micro-AUC ↑										
		BR	CC	RAKEL	ML-kNN	SLEEC	SML	SLL	Deep-ML	DNN-BCE	C2AE	DSLL
yeast	2	0.6703	0.6750	0.6914	0.6731	0.7003	0.7114	0.7209	0.7228	0.7616	0.7624	<b>0.7793</b>
	3	0.7140	0.6972	0.7162	0.7074	0.8003	0.8287	0.7302	0.8437	0.8521	0.8590	<b>0.8641</b>
	4	0.6978	0.7096	0.7113	0.7027	0.7751	0.7955	0.7401	0.8216	0.8383	0.8384	<b>0.8530</b>
	5	0.6883	0.6979	0.7061	0.6964	0.7775	0.7889	0.7203	0.8139	0.8325	0.8318	<b>0.8507</b>
	6	0.6768	0.6743	0.7059	0.6834	0.7645	0.7751	0.7133	0.8115	0.8079	0.8199	<b>0.8229</b>
	3	0.6589	0.5049	0.6572	0.6296	0.5476	0.6123	0.7291	0.7448	0.7592	0.8051	<b>0.8122</b>
MirFlickr	6	0.7100	0.5045	0.7187	0.6624	0.6400	0.6959	0.8388	0.8476	0.8606	0.8628	<b>0.8713</b>
	9	0.7311	0.5071	0.7170	0.6754	0.7001	0.7331	0.8671	0.8692	0.8778	0.8890	<b>0.8972</b>
	12	0.7151	0.5057	0.7223	0.6692	0.6862	0.7116	0.8630	0.8600	0.8763	0.8807	<b>0.8886</b>
	15	0.7157	0.5051	0.7253	0.6611	0.6805	0.7015	0.8624	0.8584	0.8787	0.8749	<b>0.8873</b>
	100	0.7133	0.5658	0.6382	0.5707	0.7813	0.8274	0.7981	0.8776	0.8615	0.8545	<b>0.8820</b>
Delicious	200	0.7080	0.5606	0.6400	0.5692	0.7815	0.8258	0.7956	0.8626	0.8677	0.8321	<b>0.8888</b>
	300	0.7177	0.5719	0.6493	0.5925	0.7941	0.8387	0.8068	0.8792	0.8655	0.8777	<b>0.9037</b>
	400	0.7159	0.5705	0.6515	0.5916	0.7964	0.8141	0.8059	0.8736	0.8909	0.8656	<b>0.9048</b>
	500	0.7144	0.5679	0.6445	0.5868	0.7926	0.8124	0.8030	0.8762	0.8697	0.8657	<b>0.9011</b>
	200	0.6936	0.7308	0.7015	0.6255	0.8591	0.8216	0.8813	0.8130	0.8201	0.8561	<b>0.8884</b>
EURlex	400	0.6738	0.7294	0.6821	0.6228	0.8481	0.8611	0.8905	0.8257	0.8423	0.8633	<b>0.8928</b>
	600	0.6769	0.7321	0.6743	0.6256	0.8547	0.8735	0.8995	0.8218	0.8472	0.8414	<b>0.9001</b>
	800	0.6825	0.7349	0.6575	0.6283	0.8548	0.8775	0.9016	0.8289	0.8491	0.8637	<b>0.9034</b>
	1000	0.6733	0.7361	0.6708	0.6258	0.8406	0.8691	<b>0.9115</b>	0.8246	0.8431	0.8456	0.9106
	1k	0.6293	0.6535	0.6403	0.5694	0.8092	0.8113	0.8345	0.6978	0.7830	0.8274	<b>0.8406</b>
Wiki10	2k	0.5928	0.6244	0.6029	0.5510	0.7505	0.7557	0.7876	0.6545	0.6968	0.7937	<b>0.8013</b>
	3k	0.5703	0.6078	0.5815	0.5405	0.7567	0.7192	0.7417	0.6505	0.7197	0.7939	<b>0.8023</b>
	4k	0.5567	0.6008	0.5687	0.5364	0.7198	0.7105	0.7366	0.6556	0.7307	0.7944	<b>0.7996</b>
	5k	0.5502	0.5984	0.5651	0.5345	0.7087	0.7194	0.7350	0.6463	0.7228	0.7824	<b>0.7865</b>
Datasets	#label	Ranking loss ↓										
		BR	CC	RAKEL	ML-kNN	SLEEC	SML	SLL	Deep-ML	DNN-BCE	C2AE	DSLL
yeast	2	0.3064	0.2912	0.2519	0.2966	0.1527	0.1493	0.1668	0.1538	0.1494	0.1483	<b>0.1439</b>
	3	0.3059	0.3217	0.2863	0.3064	0.0927	0.0901	0.1674	0.0840	0.0818	0.0812	<b>0.0807</b>
	4	0.3409	0.3722	0.3535	0.3433	0.1137	0.1093	0.1891	0.1111	0.1077	0.1114	<b>0.1065</b>
	5	0.3694	0.4113	0.3787	0.3731	0.1245	0.1179	0.2189	0.1230	0.1163	0.1242	<b>0.1147</b>
	6	0.4080	0.4606	0.4049	0.4136	0.1558	0.1508	0.2382	0.1492	0.1536	0.1514	<b>0.1475</b>
	3	0.3032	0.5336	0.2842	0.3157	0.2393	0.2253	0.1179	0.1051	0.1025	0.0881	<b>0.0809</b>
MirFlickr	6	0.2868	0.5786	0.2735	0.3337	0.2488	0.2189	0.0586	0.0571	0.0565	0.0569	<b>0.0562</b>
	9	0.3366	0.6854	0.3194	0.3981	0.2186	0.2386	0.0672	0.0663	0.0609	0.0580	<b>0.0570</b>
	12	0.4011	0.7816	0.3784	0.4690	0.2692	0.2528	0.0877	0.0865	0.0857	0.0772	<b>0.0750</b>
	15	0.4209	0.7966	0.3873	0.4929	0.2857	0.2710	0.0899	0.0909	0.0837	0.0858	<b>0.0812</b>
	100	0.4135	0.6551	0.4550	0.6521	0.2333	0.2235	0.1438	0.0916	0.0890	0.0929	<b>0.0830</b>
Delicious	200	0.5115	0.8147	0.5603	0.7988	0.2712	0.2523	0.1771	0.1168	0.1217	0.1224	<b>0.1140</b>
	300	0.5248	0.8303	0.5710	0.7918	0.2759	0.2594	0.1758	0.1093	0.1071	0.1073	<b>0.1031</b>
	400	0.5311	0.8360	0.5711	0.7978	0.2661	0.2608	0.1778	0.1102	0.1079	<b>0.1050</b>	0.1082
	500	0.5383	0.8435	0.5841	0.8096	0.2784	0.2679	0.1822	0.1109	0.1154	0.1094	<b>0.1067</b>
	200	0.1473	0.1281	0.1403	0.1787	0.0654	0.0743	0.0198	0.0879	0.0337	0.0205	<b>0.0138</b>
EURlex	400	0.2493	0.2048	0.2386	0.2880	0.1101	0.0901	0.0299	0.1062	0.0380	0.0274	<b>0.0226</b>
	600	0.3468	0.2898	0.3494	0.4041	0.1552	0.1325	0.0404	0.1848	0.0562	0.0531	<b>0.0313</b>
	800	0.4072	0.3400	0.4384	0.4780	0.1871	0.1618	0.0483	0.1530	0.0609	0.0495	<b>0.0330</b>
	1000	0.4861	0.3960	0.4939	0.5619	0.2375	0.2085	0.0585	0.2326	0.0754	0.0721	<b>0.0370</b>
	1k	0.4746	0.4375	0.4213	0.5520	0.0918	0.1082	0.0867	0.2259	0.1011	0.0483	<b>0.0421</b>
Wiki10	2k	0.6205	0.5642	0.5705	0.6818	0.2385	0.2052	0.1259	0.3373	0.2225	0.0648	<b>0.0606</b>
	3k	0.7324	0.6577	0.6823	0.7766	0.3306	0.2573	0.1897	0.3727	0.1911	0.0715	<b>0.0642</b>
	4k	0.8167	0.7246	0.7569	0.8424	0.4037	0.3029	0.2123	0.3899	0.1831	0.0751	<b>0.0687</b>
	5k	0.8538	0.7495	0.7941	0.8698	0.4313	0.4368	0.2234	0.4525	0.1972	0.0833	<b>0.0816</b>

# Experimental analysis

## Ablation Study

	Baseline	KD	CE	LC	$\text{LC-S}_t$	$\mathbf{L}_{\text{hard}}$	$\mathbf{L}_{\text{soft}}$	$\mathbf{L}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{hard}}$	$\text{KD+LC-S}_t+\mathbf{L}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{hard}}$
Average precision $\uparrow$	0.3824	0.4018	0.4113	0.4182	0.4287	0.4159	0.4427	0.4592	0.4925
Coverage $\downarrow$	0.2415	0.2349	0.2245	0.2221	0.2188	0.2352	0.2289	0.2237	0.2153

- ✓ The results show that DSLL outperforms the other approaches with respect to handling newly arrived labels.
- ✓ We evaluate different strategies for learning knowledge from the past and confirm the effectiveness of various parts of our proposed framework.

# Conclusion and future work

We propose Deep Streaming Label Learning (DSLL) to address the multi-label learning problem with emerging new labels.

## Properties

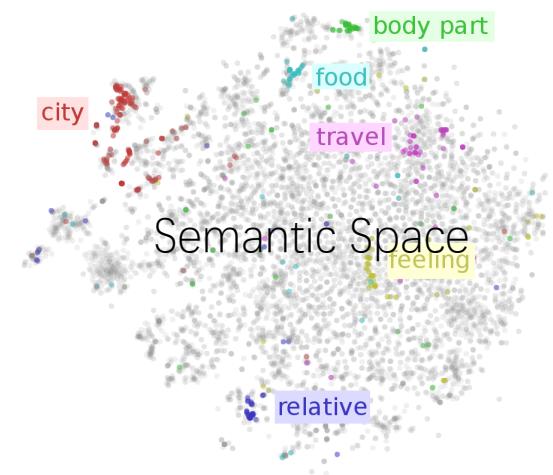
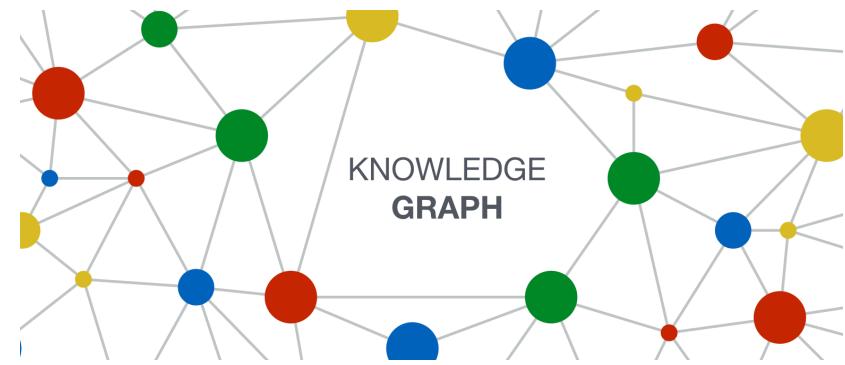
- ✓ Exploiting historical knowledge to model new labels effectively,
- ✓ Without computationally intensive

## Components

- ✓ Streaming label mapping,
- ✓ Streaming feature distillation,
- ✓ Senior student.

## Analyses

- ✓ Theoretical analysis prove a tight excess risk bound.
- ✓ Experimental analysis shows that DSLL achieves state-of-the-art performance and demonstrates its effectiveness.



Few-shot Learning Task

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