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Analyze and recreate the “Flavor  
network and the principles of  
food pairing” study



# Introduction



PURPOSE



METHODOLOGY



RESULTS

# Methodology



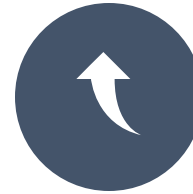
FLAVOR  
COMPOUNDS IN  
INGREDIENTS



EXTRACTING THE  
BACKBONE



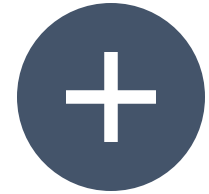
FOOD PAIRING



DIFFERENCE IN  
CUISINES



THE FLAVOR  
PRINCIPLE



SHARED  
INGREDIENTS

# Results

## The dataset

**Ingredient1, Ingredient2, shared\_compounds**

black\_sesame\_seed,rose\_wine,3

fennel,wild\_berry,5

comte\_cheese,grape,57

nira,raw\_beef,1

corn\_mint\_oil,parsnip\_fruit,2

**Region, ingredient1, ingredient2, ...**

African,chicken,cinnamon,soy\_sauce,onion,ginger

African,butter,pepper,onion,cardamom,cayenne,ginger,cottage\_cheese,garlic,brassica


African,olive\_oil,pepper,wheat,beef,onion,cardamom,cumin,garlic,rice,leek

African,honey,wheat,yeast

# Results

## What we used

- **Python, NetworkX** – parsing the data, creating new datasets
- **Gephi** – visualization (graphs)
- **Excel** – visualization (charts)



# Flavor compounds network and extracting the backbone

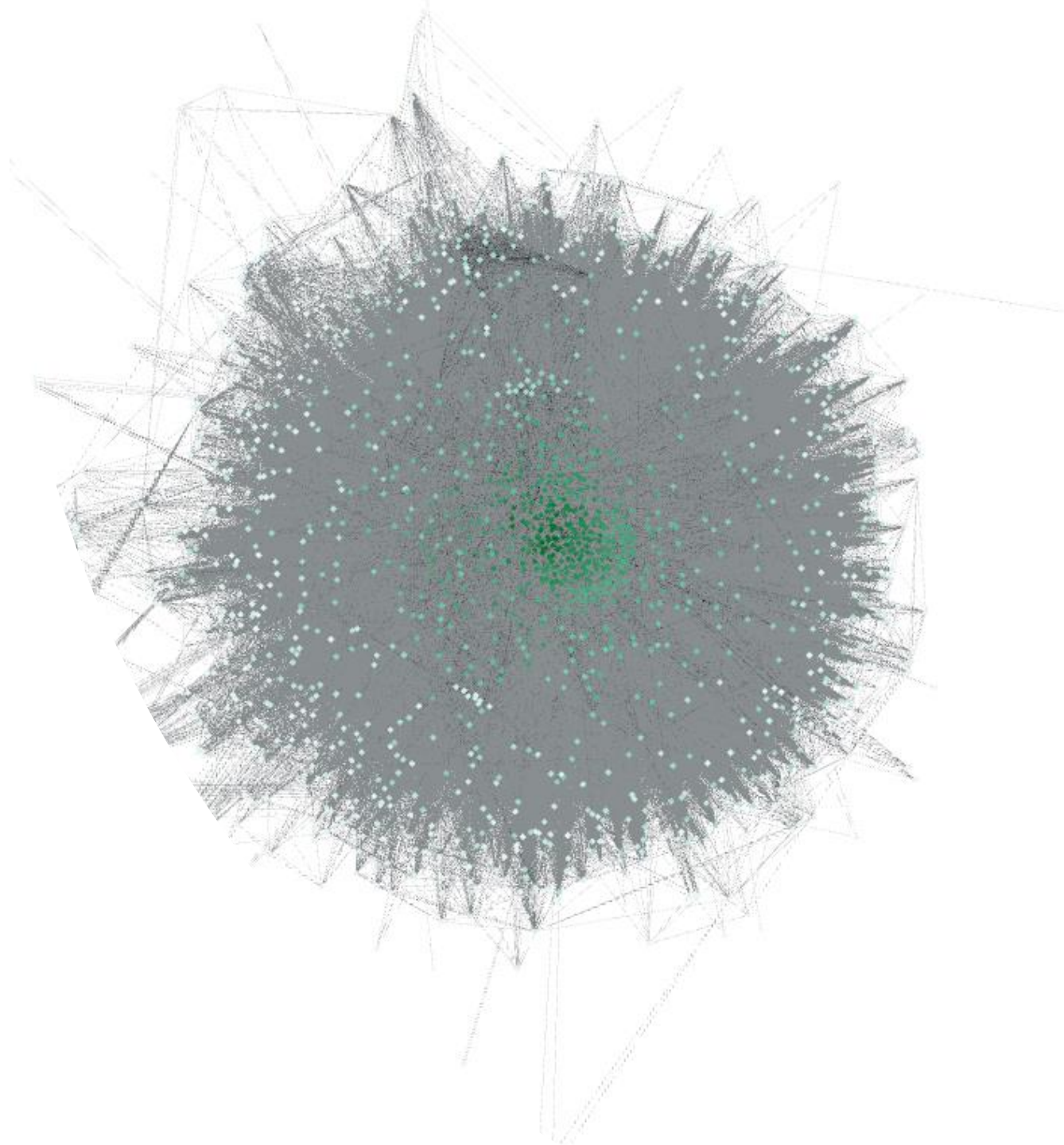
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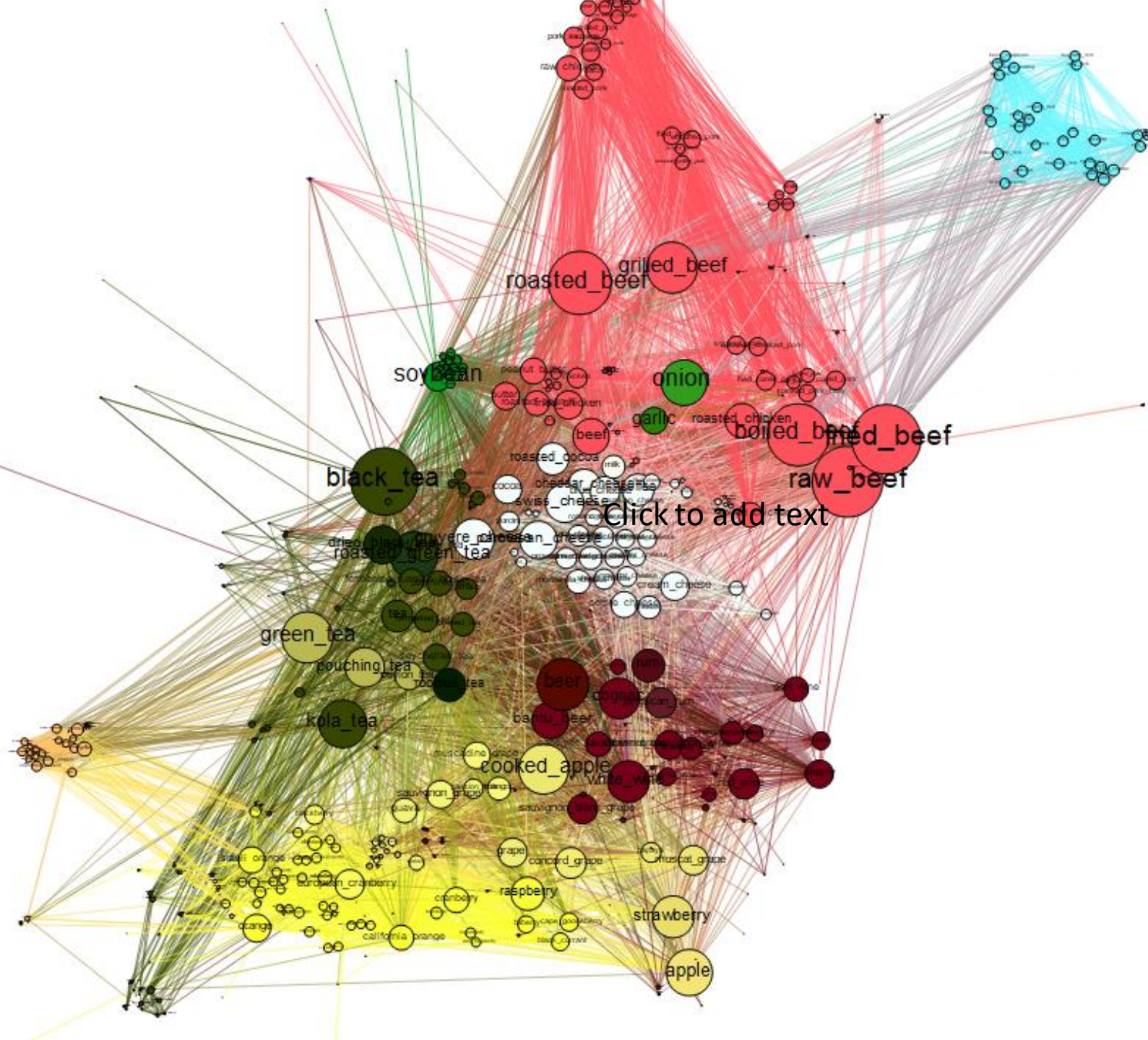


# Flavor compounds weighted network

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- Too many links
- Hard to visualize
- Can't see important connections
- Can't see food groups





## Extracted backbone

- Food groups
- Main ingredients

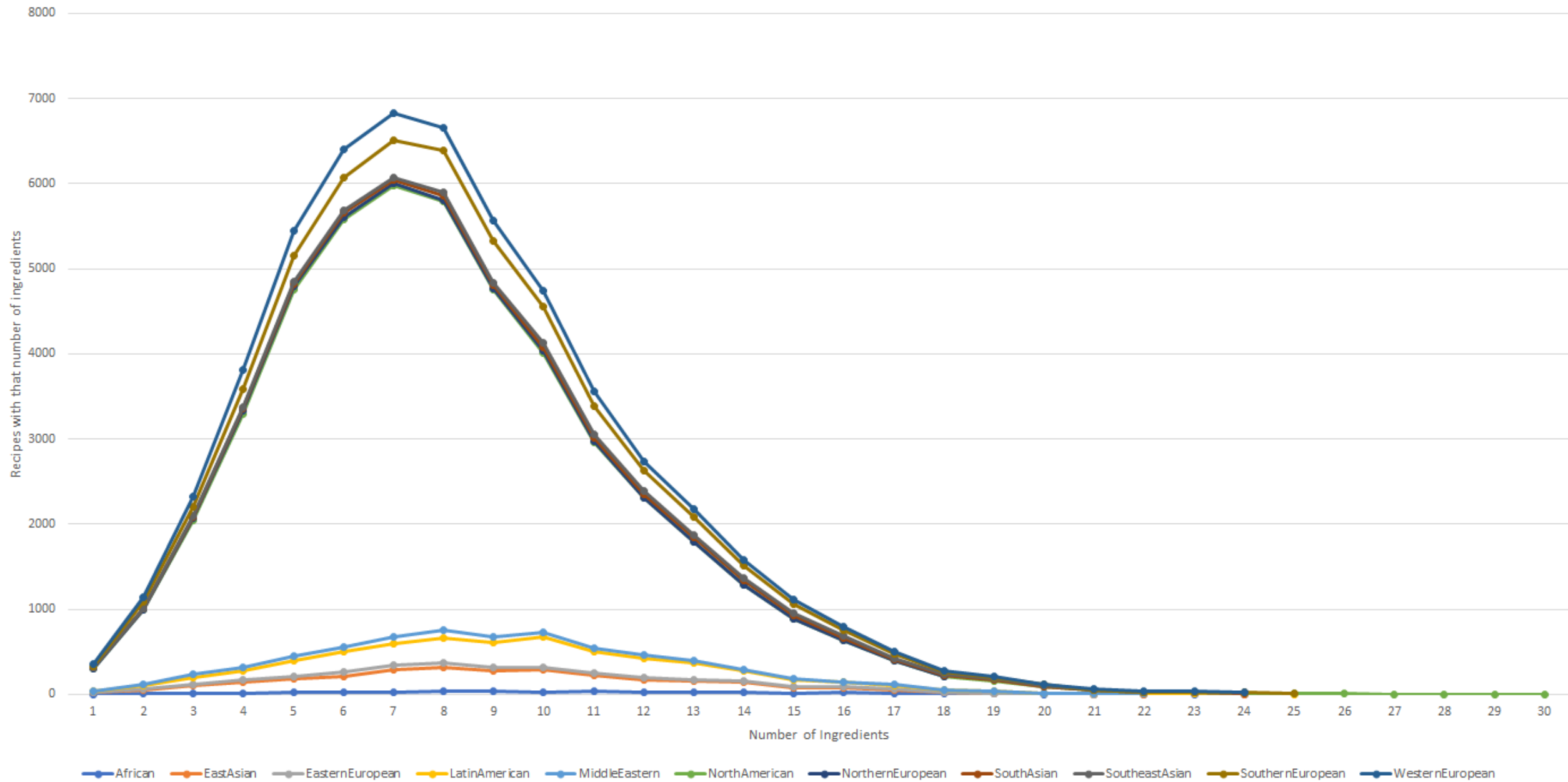


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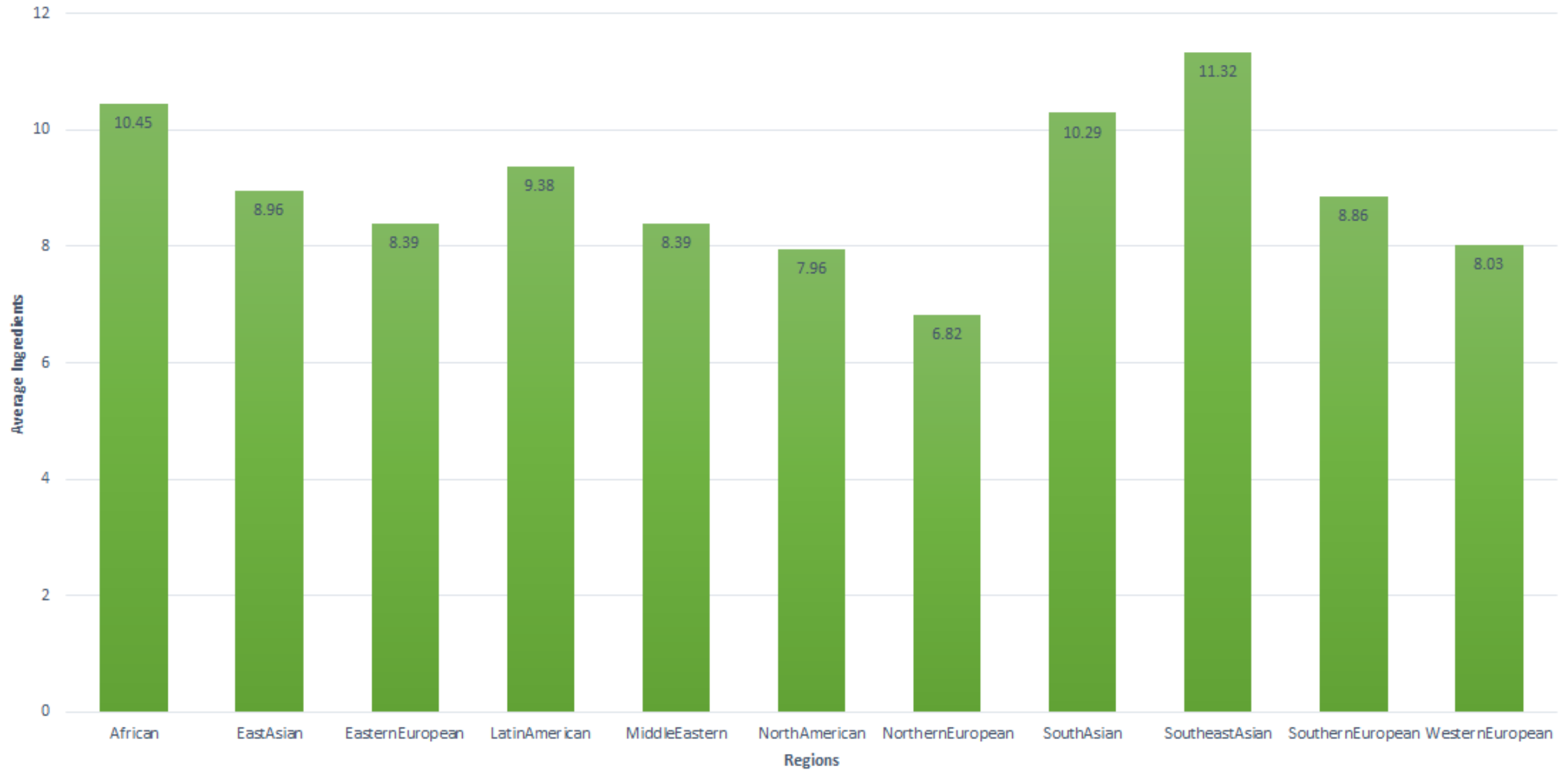
## **Food pairing**

- Overall ingredients per cuisine
- Average ingredients per cuisine

### Ingredients per Recipe



Average Ingredients

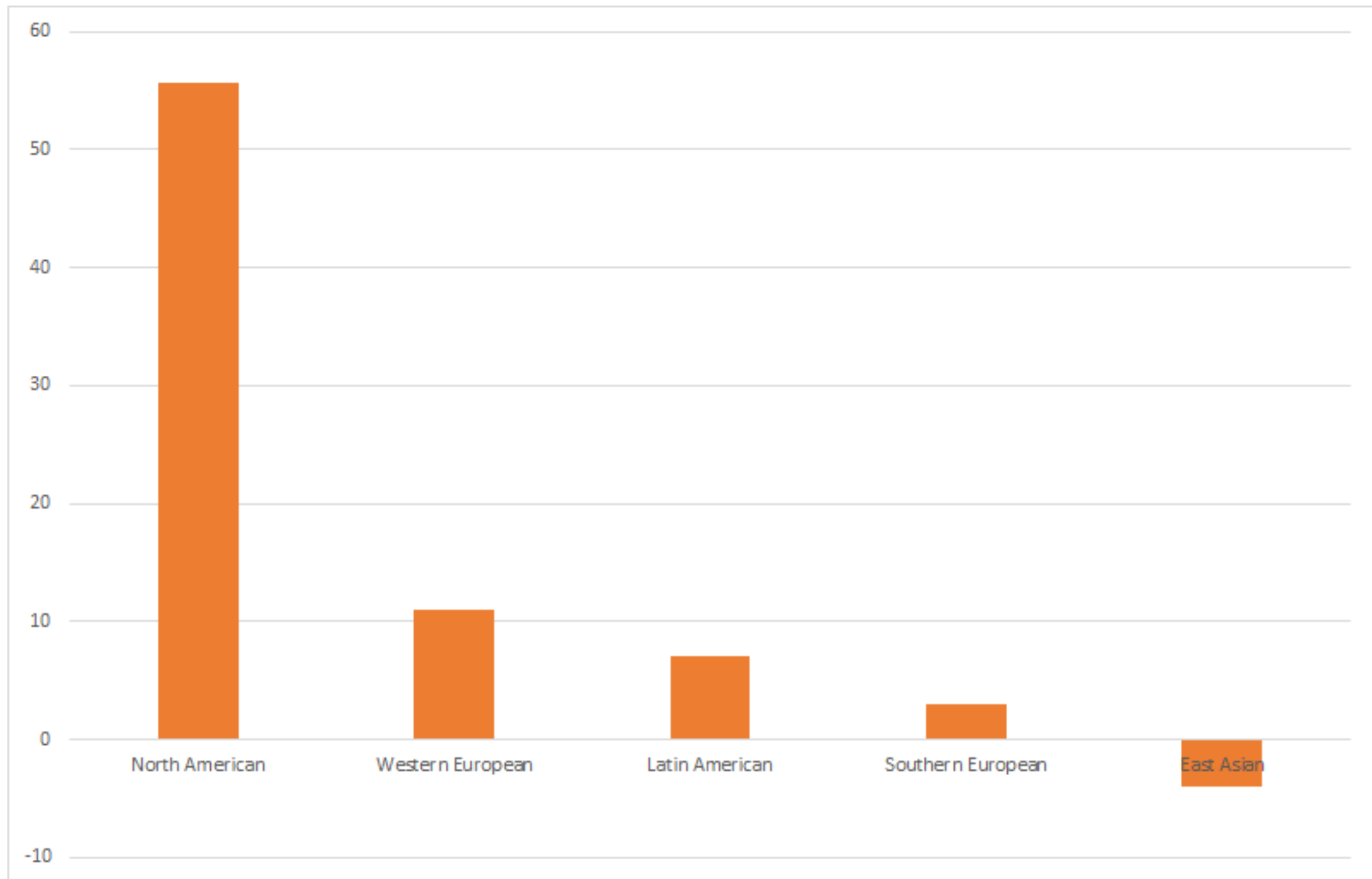


# Results

## Shared compounds

- Dividing by region
- Does every region like ingredient combinations what share a lot of compounds?





# Results

## **Authentic ingredients**

- What are authentic ingredients?
- Will they support the the previous results?

# Results

## Authentic ingredients

### North American authentic ingredients

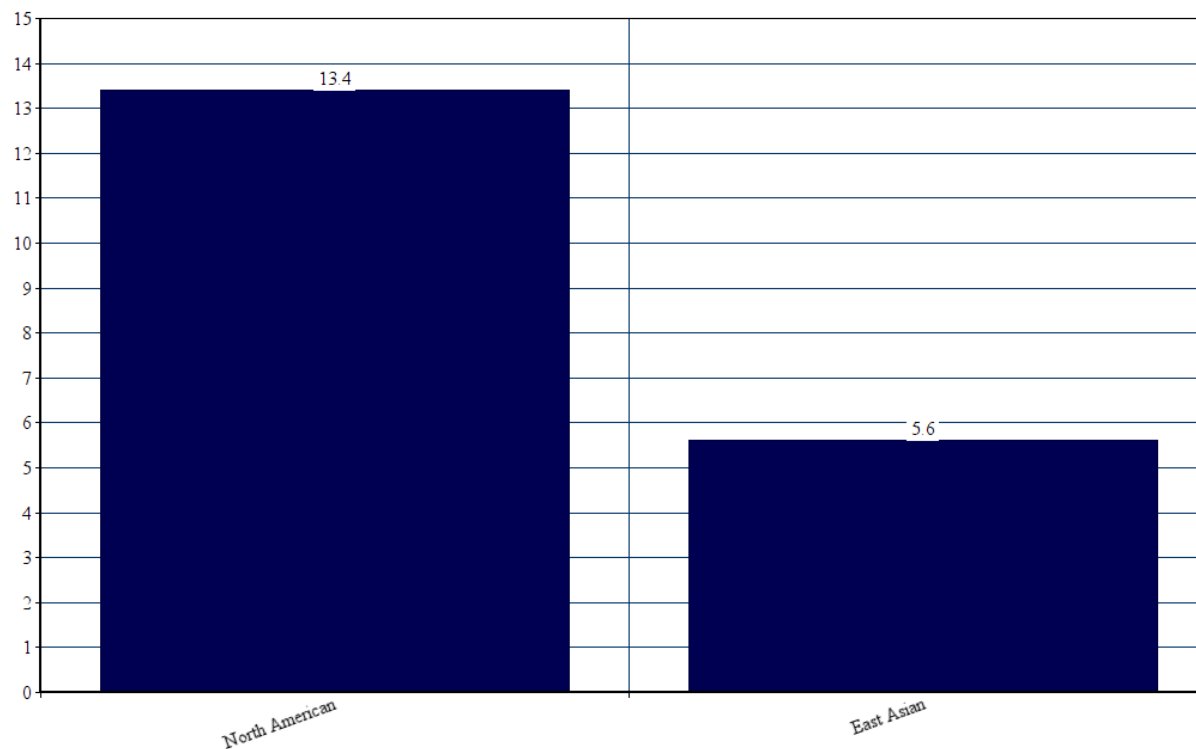
Ingredient	Prevalence
milk	0.529
butter	0.511
cocoa	0.377
vanilla	0.239
cream	0.154
cream_cheese	0.154

### East Asian authentic ingredients

Ingredient	Prevalence
rice	0.294
red_bean	0.152
milk	0.055
green_tea	0.041
butter	0.041
peanut	0.038

North American  
cuisine is more likely to  
use ingredients that  
share a lot of  
compounds

East Asian cuisine is  
more likely to use  
ingredients that don't  
share a lot of  
compounds







# Conclusion

Recreation

Confirmation of study

Improvement

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