

Weekly Study Report

Wang Ma

2025-02-04

Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering Department
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

1. Epistemic Uncertainty Quantification in Diffusion Model	2
2. Preliminary Results of Causal Saliency Map	10
3. About experiments on Credal Nets	17

[UAI 2024] Shedding Light on Large Generative Networks:
Estimating Epistemic Uncertainty in Diffusion Models

1. Epistemic Uncertainty Quantification in Diffusion Model

1.1 Epistemic Uncertainty Quantification

Ensemble Approach:

$$p(y|D, x) = \sum_{j=1}^M \pi_j p(y|x, \theta_j) \text{ , where } \sum_{j=1}^M \pi_j = 1$$

Standard Way.

$$I(y, \theta \mid D, x) = H(y|D, x) - E_{p(\theta)}[H(y|x, \theta)]$$

However, in the context of high-dimensional continuous outputs, the above equation is hard and expensive to compute. Here, the author relied on *Pairwise-Distance Estimators* (PaiDEs) [Kolchinsky and Tracey, 2017], which has been shown to accurately capture epistemic uncertainty for high-dimensional continuous outputs.

1.2 Pairwise-Distance Estimators (PaiDEs)

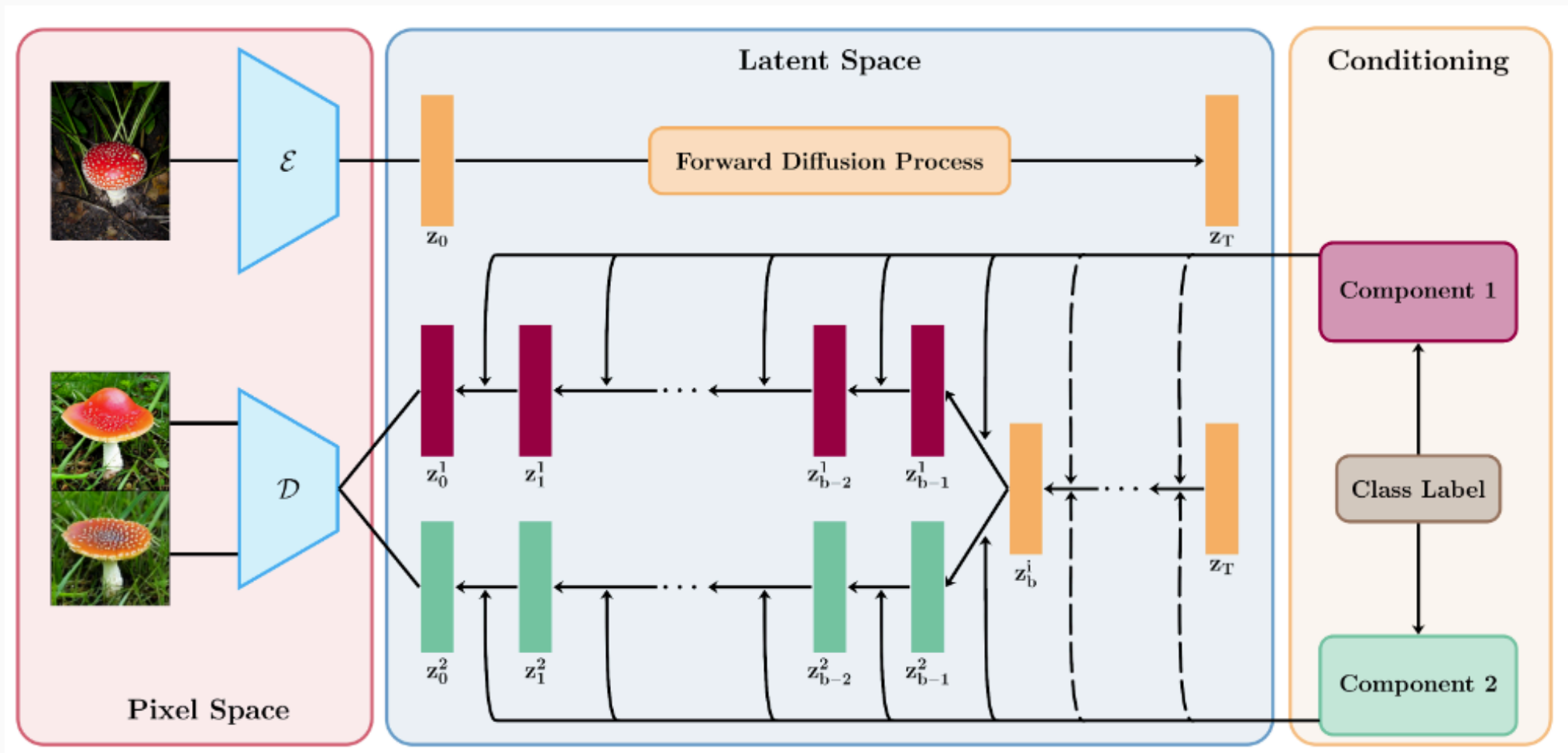
Let $D(p_i \| p_j)$ denote a generalized distance function between two probability distributions, satisfying $D(p_i \| p_j) \geq 0$ and $D(p_i \| p_j) = 0$ if $p_i = p_j$.

Then PaiDEs can be defined as follows:

$$\hat{I}_\rho(y_{t-1}, \theta \mid y_t, x) = - \sum_{i=1}^M \pi_i \ln \left(\sum_{j=1}^M \pi_j \exp(-D(p_i \| p_j)) \right),$$

PaiDEs offer a variety of options for $D(p_i \| p_j)$, such as KL divergence, Wasserstein distance, etc..

1.3 Methodology



1.3 Methodology

Ensemble on Conditional Encoder.

The choice of D : 2-Wasserstein Distance:

$$W_2(p_i \| p_j) = \|\mu_i - \mu_j\|_2^2 + \text{tr} \left[\left(\Sigma_i + \Sigma_j - 2 \left(\Sigma_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \Sigma_j \Sigma_i^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right].$$

When applying DDIM, $\Sigma_i = \Sigma_j = \mathbf{0}$, KL divergence and Bhattacharyya distance are undefined, so 2-Wasserstein Distance is a more general choice.

In DDIM setting:

$$\hat{I}(z_{t-1}, \theta \mid z_t, x, b) = - \sum_{i=1}^M \pi_i \ln \left(\sum_{j=1}^M \pi_j \exp(-W_2(p_i \| p_j)) \right),$$

where $W_2(p_i \| p_j) = \|\mu_i - \mu_j\|_2^2$.

1.4 Experiment Design

Main Idea: Epistemic Uncertainty == Model's Knowledge based on Training Data

Split ImageNet into four bins and train model on them:

- 100 Classes: 1 random image per class from bin 1.
- 100 Classes: 10 random images per class from bin 10.
- 100 Classes: 100 random images per class from bin 100.
- 700 Classes: All 1300 images per class from bin 1300 were utilized.

1.4 Experiment Design

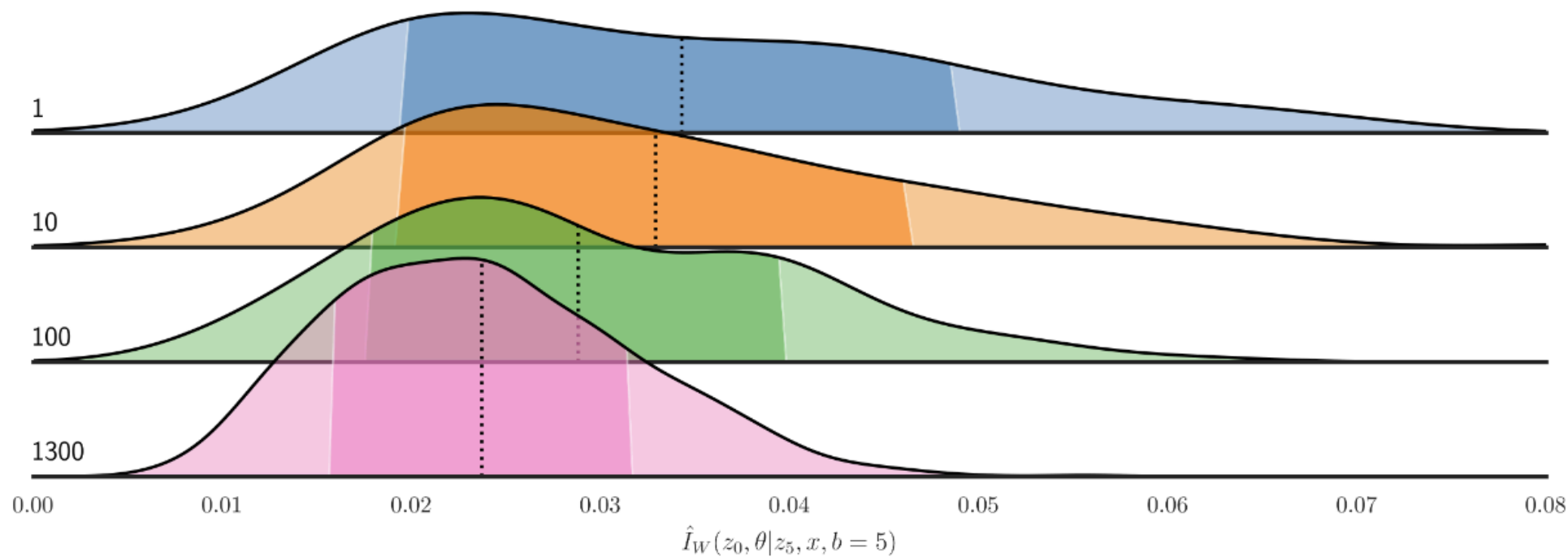
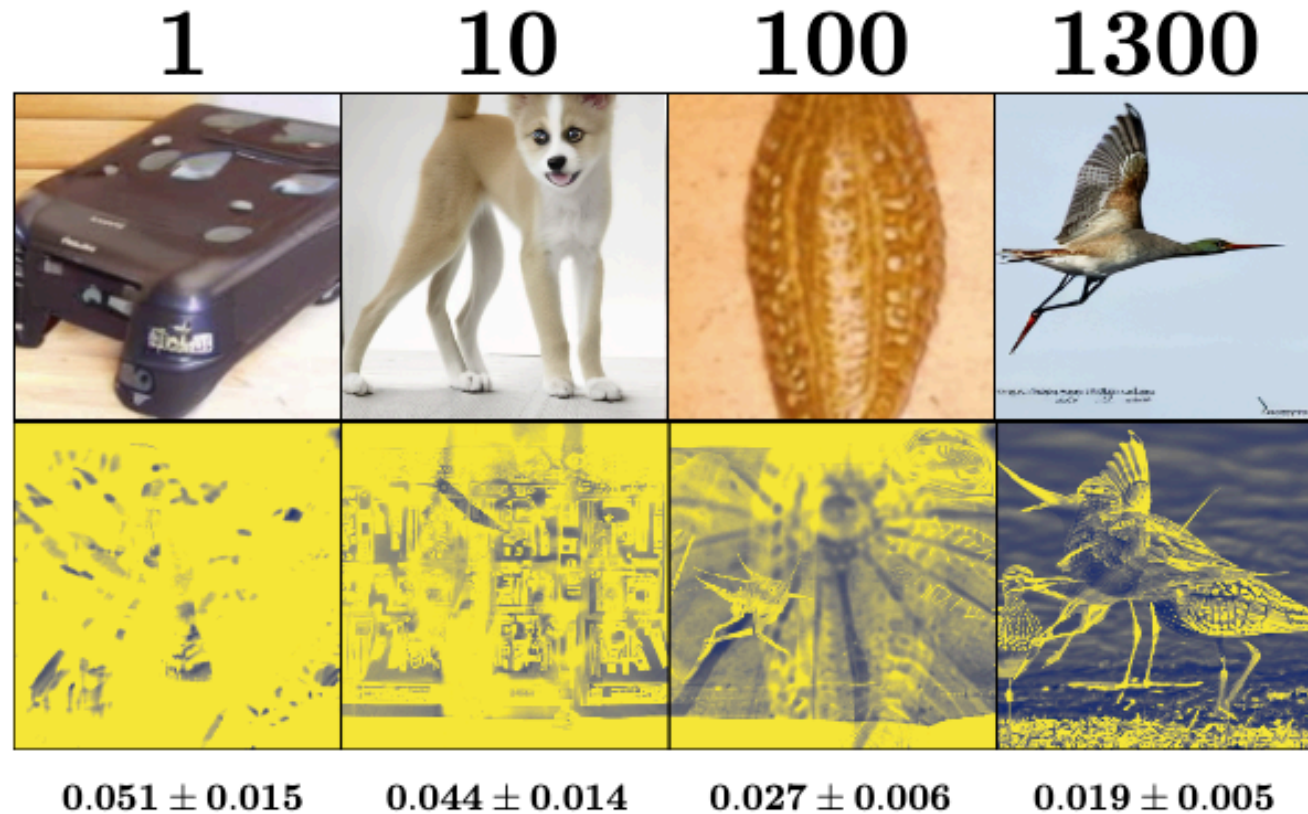


Figure 5: This figure displays uncertainty distributions for each bin, derived from corresponding class uncertainty estimates.



1.4 Experiment Design



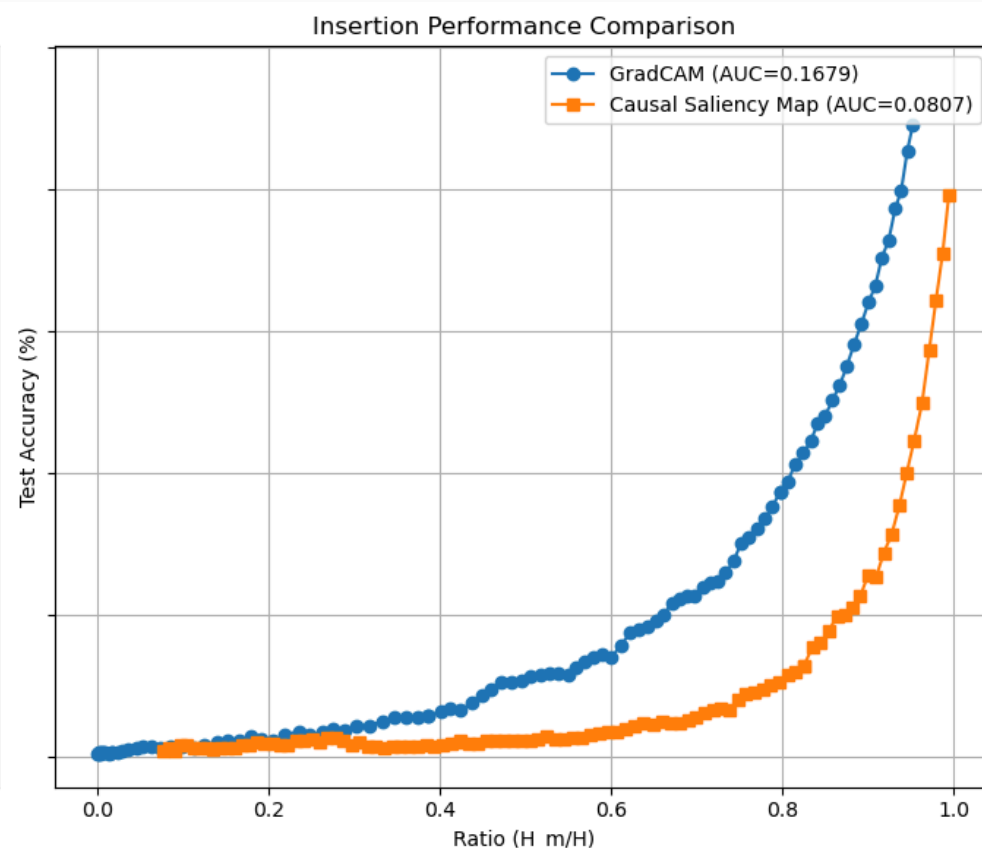
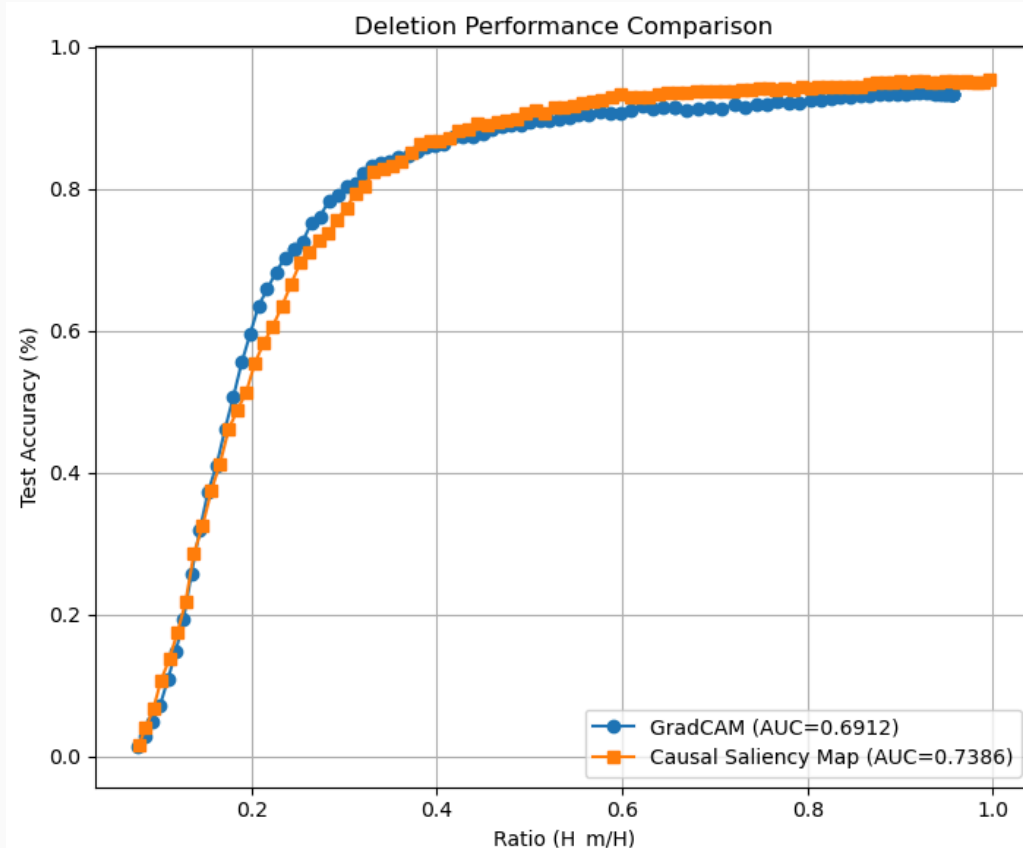
Yellow: high EU ; Blue: low EU

2. Preliminary Results of Causal Saliency Map

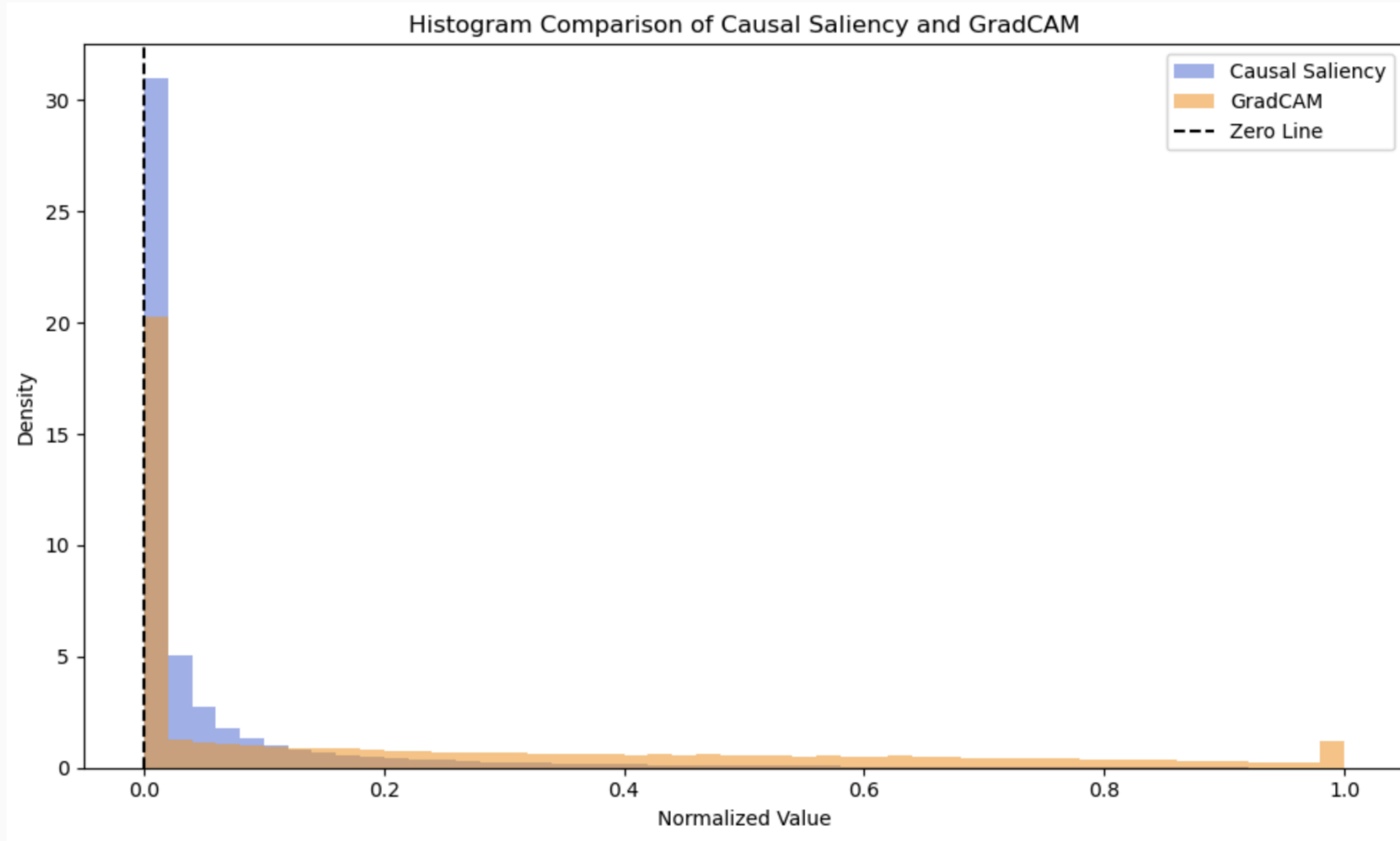
2. Preliminary Results of Causal Saliency Map

	GradCAM	Gradients	Lime	Occlusion	Causal Saliency Map
Deletion 	0.7772	0.3730	0.6682	0.4814	<u>0.7862</u>
Insertion 	0.1911	0.0442	0.0514	0.1374	<u>0.0807</u>

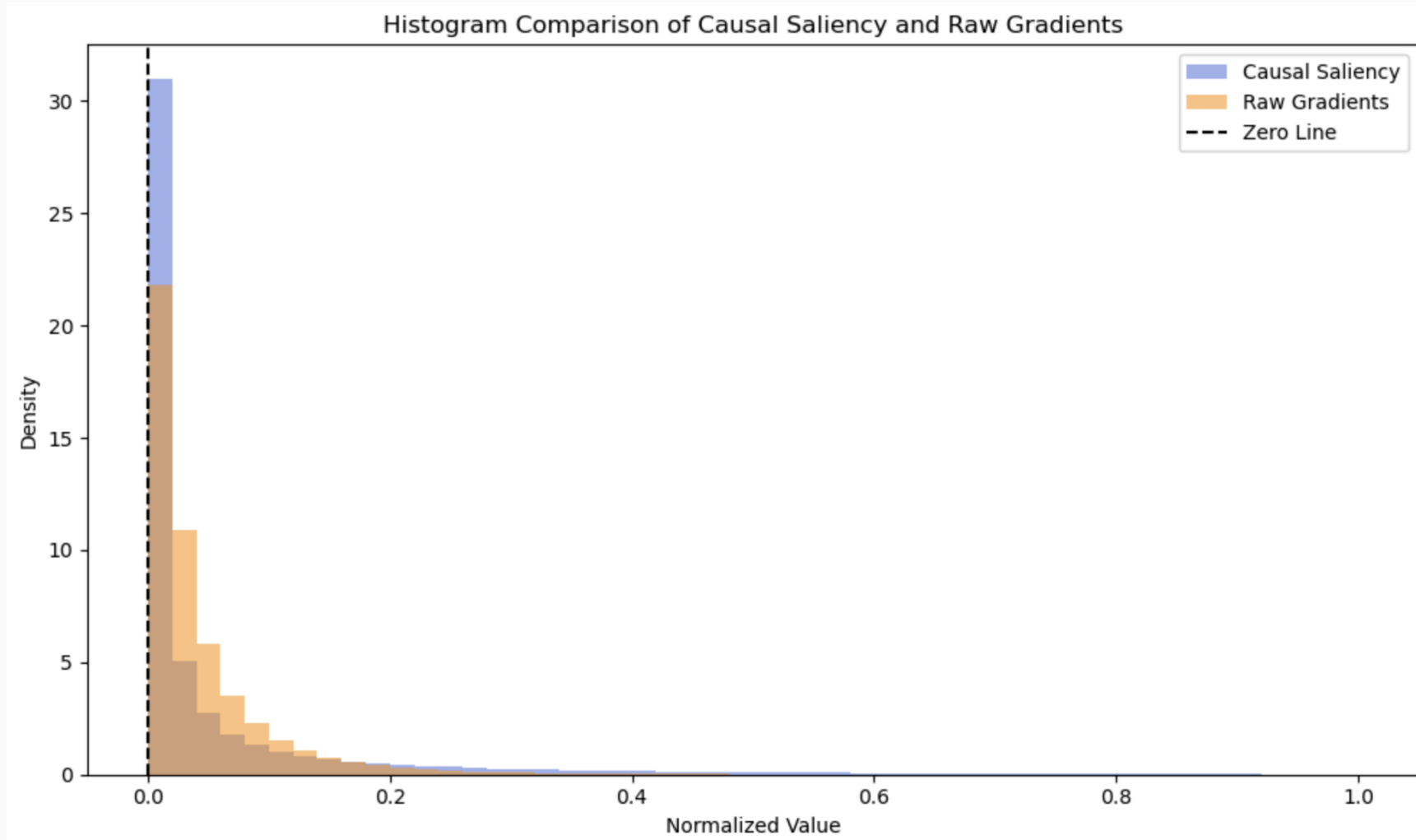
2. Preliminary Results of Causal Saliency Map



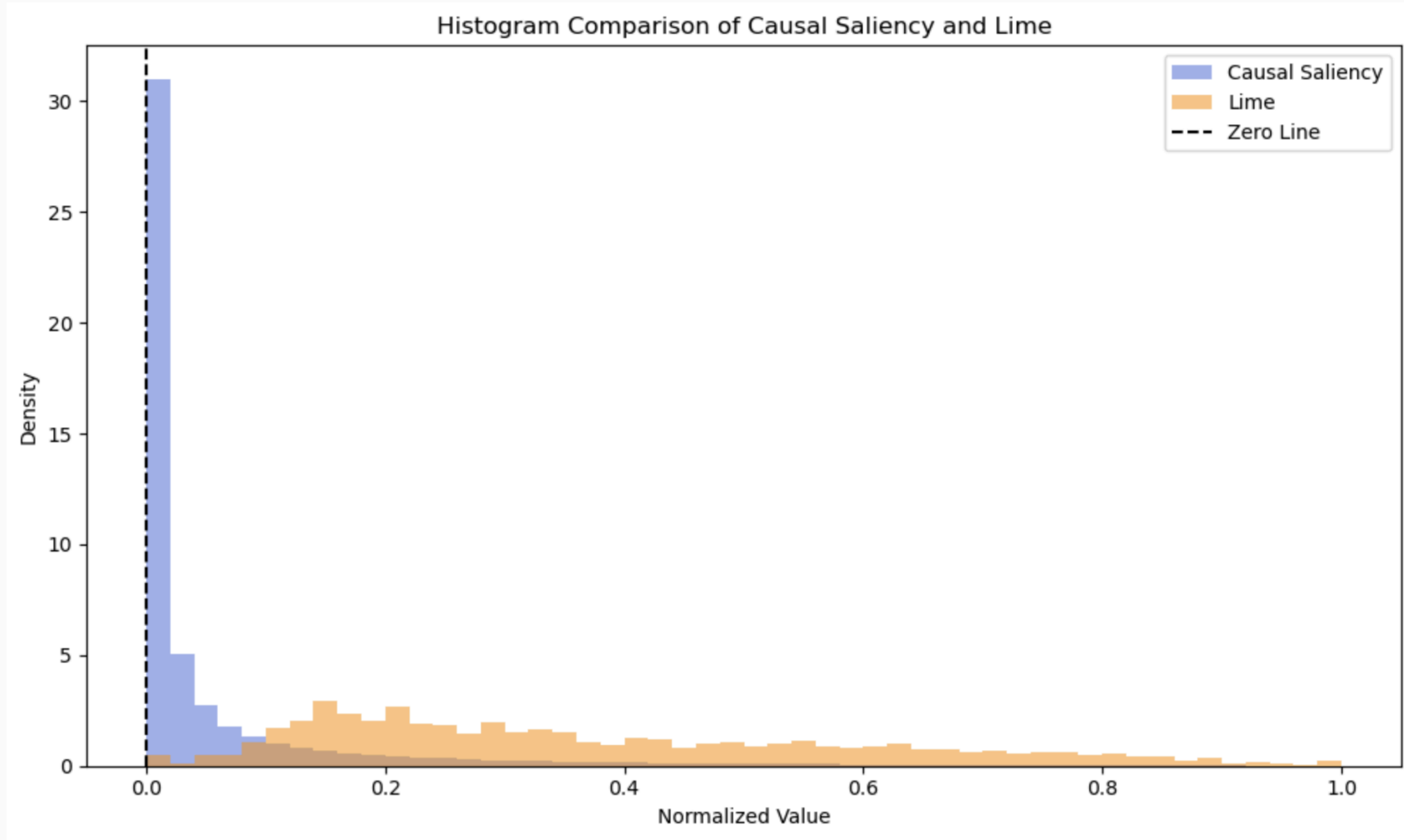
2.1 Check the Saliency Map



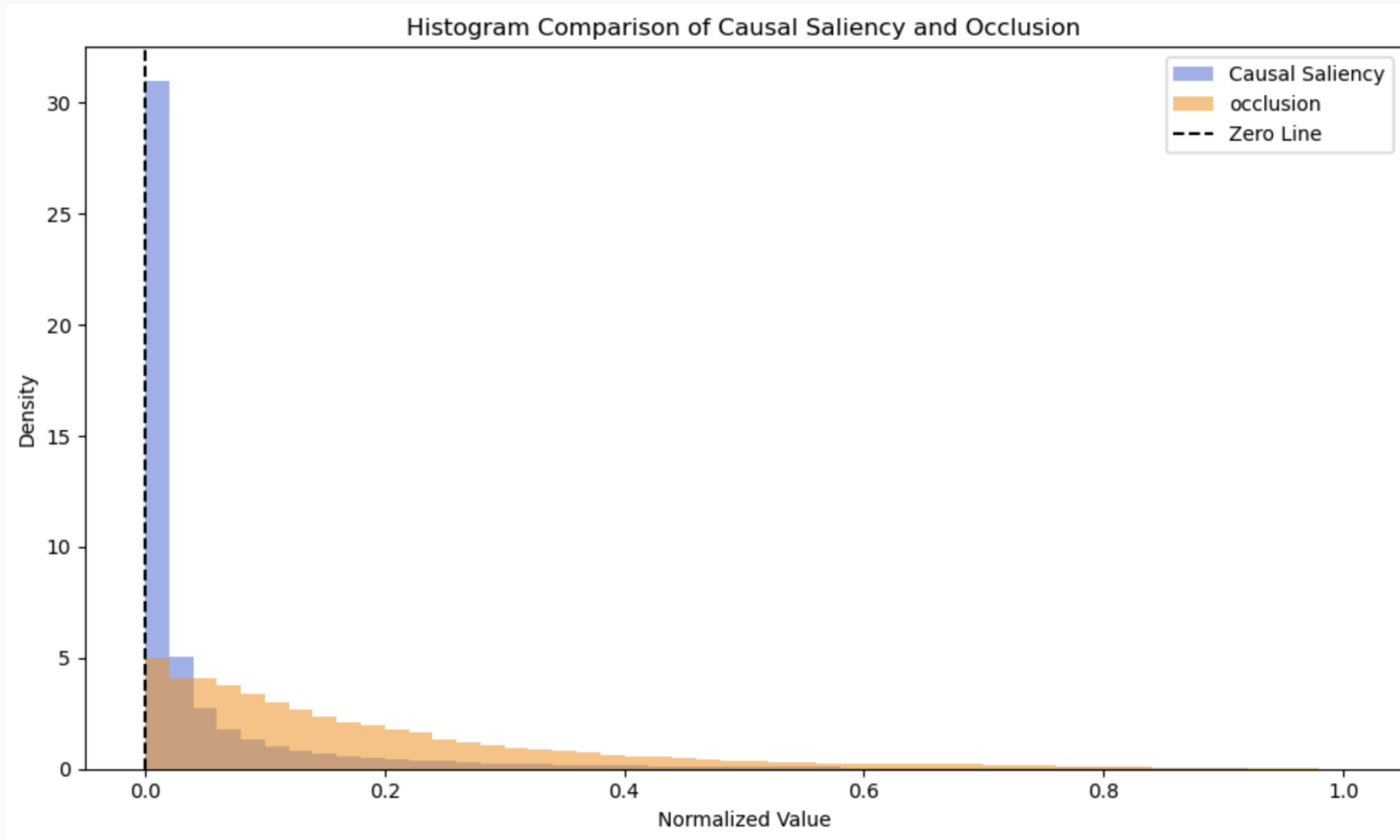
2.1 Check the Saliency Map



2.1 Check the Saliency Map





2.1 Check the Saliency Map



3. About experiments on Credal Nets

3. About experiments on Credal Nets

1. The training of credal nets is really unstable

base model: Res50	Accuracy 	SVH vs Cifar 10 OOD 
Deep Ensemble	0.9027	0.7835
Credal Nets	0.9273	0.9123

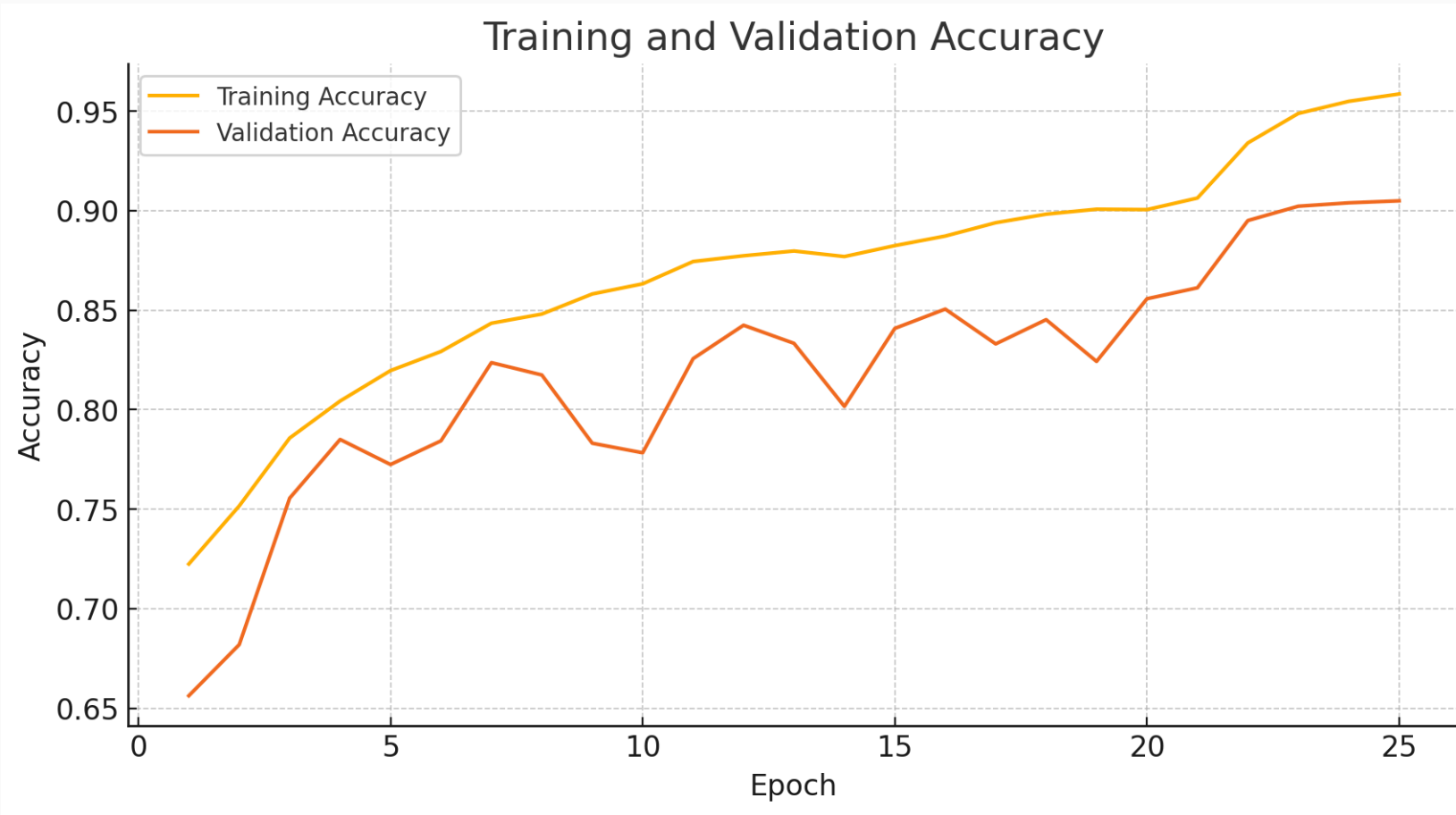
2. In the original paper, they even did not mention the result on Res50

Table 3: Test accuracy (% , \uparrow) and ECE (\downarrow) of DEs-5 and CreDEs-5 on CIFAR10 as ID dataset (left). AUROC and AUPRC scores (% , \uparrow) for OOD detection on CIFAR10 vs SVHN/Tiny-ImageNet (right). Results averaged over 15 runs. The Best results are in bold.

		CIFAR10 (ID)			CIFAR10 vs SVHN		CIFAR10 vs Tiny-ImageNet	
		Test Accuracy	ECE		AUROC	AUPRC	AUROC	AUPRC
VGG16	DEs-5	85.53±0.10	0.0815±0.0011	$H(\hat{q})-\tilde{H}(q)$	82.19±0.82	87.52±0.81	78.58±0.15	73.28±0.23
	CreDEs-5 \hat{i}_{\min}	87.94±0.11	0.0203±0.0014	$\overline{H}(Q)-\underline{H}(Q)$	87.68±0.73	93.47±0.57	82.56±0.28	80.81±0.52
	(Ours) \hat{i}_{\max}	87.92±0.11	0.0611±0.0012					
ViT Base	DEs-5	90.43±0.97	0.0181±0.0019	$H(\hat{q})-\tilde{H}(q)$	77.71±1.67	88.73±0.32	82.27±0.79	78.85±0.81
	CreDEs-5 \hat{i}_{\min}	93.60±0.40	0.0107±0.0014	$\overline{H}(Q)-\underline{H}(Q)$	88.57±2.08	93.24±1.25	88.73±0.32	87.84±0.52
	(Ours) \hat{i}_{\max}	93.59±0.39	0.0104±0.0012					

But actually simple NN can achieve 92%+ accuracy and 0.90+ AUROC score.

3. About experiments on Credal Nets



3. About experiments on Credal Nets

