

Bridging Languages Through Images
with
Deep Partial Canonical Correlation Analysis

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Motivation

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- *A visual scene can be described in any language*
- *Imagine that you are sitting in a restaurant in a foreign country and you need a spoon ...*



Goal

- *Find a shared space for textual inputs from several languages*
- *Utilize mutual images to bridge between the textual inputs*



English

*A man is sitting
at a table
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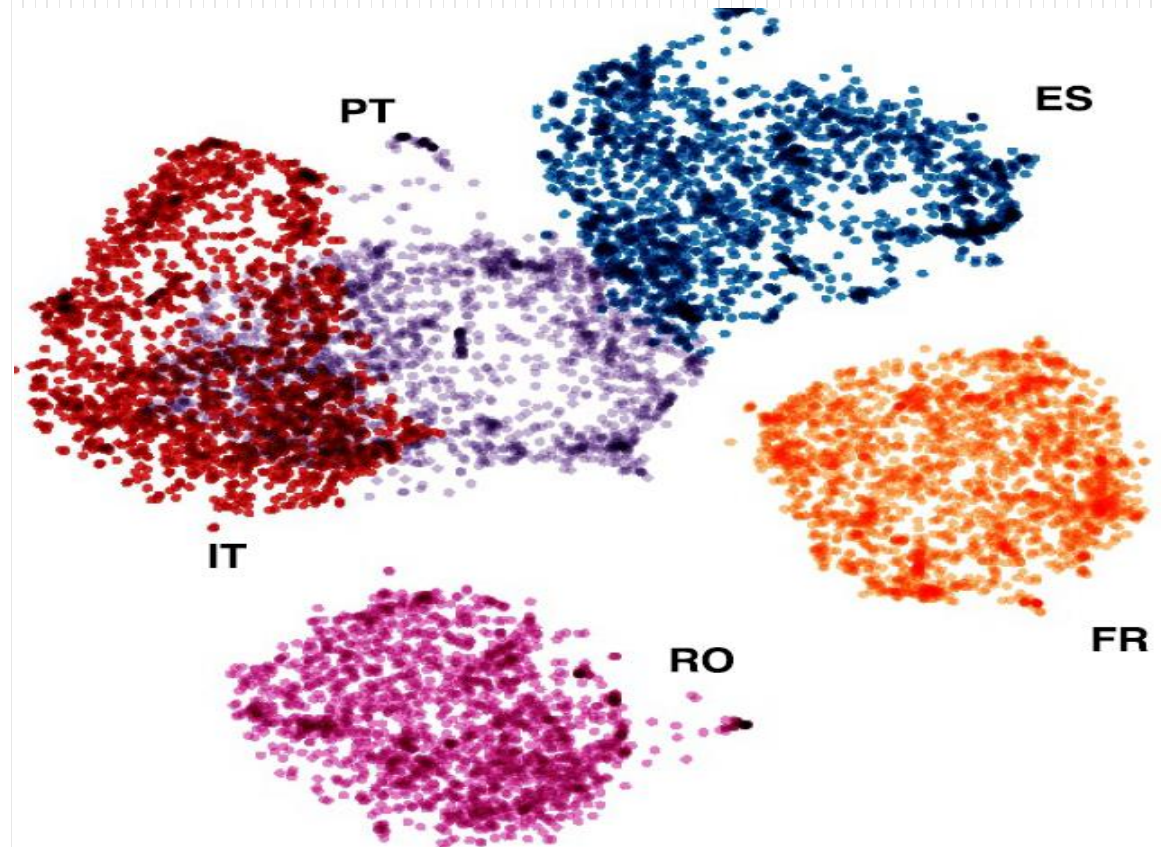
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Technical Details

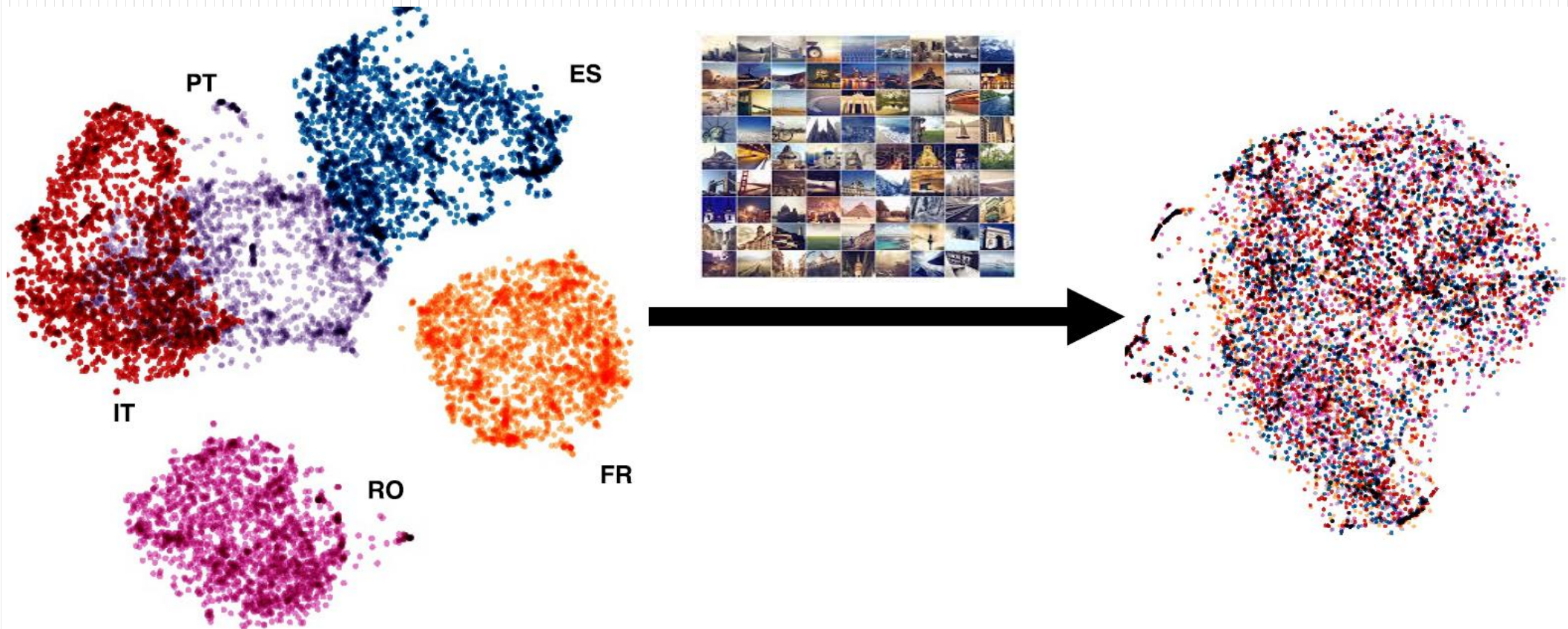
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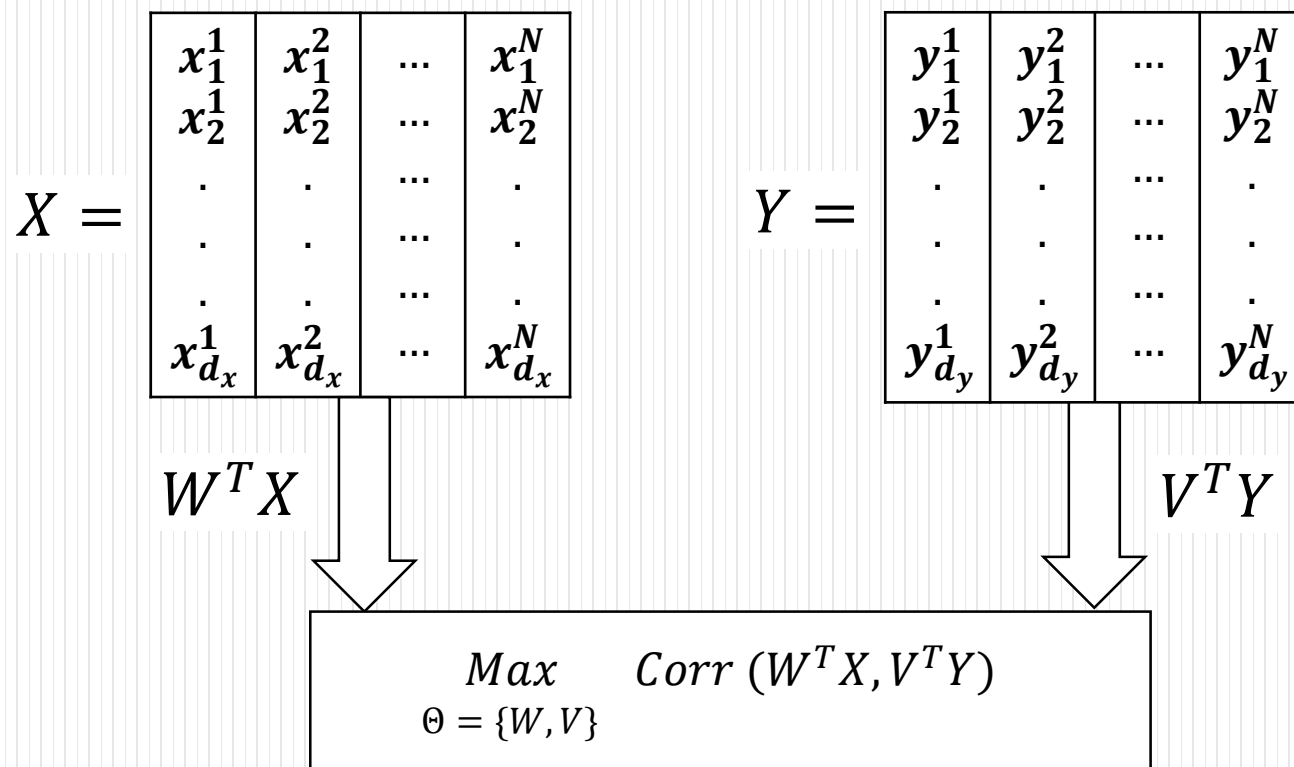
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- *Objective in matrix form:*

$$\min_{\theta = \{W, V\}} \frac{1}{N-1} \|W^T X - V^T Y\|_F^2$$

$$\text{Subject to} \quad W^T \hat{\Sigma}_{XX} W = V^T \hat{\Sigma}_{YY} V = I$$

- $\hat{\Sigma}_{XY} = \frac{1}{N-1} XY^T$, $\hat{\Sigma}_{XX} = \frac{1}{N-1} XX^T$, $\hat{\Sigma}_{YY} = \frac{1}{N-1} YY^T$
- X, Y have zero – mean

Limitations of CCA

- *Projection is linear*
- *Inapplicable for large datasets due to whitening constraints:*
 - *Hard to compute stochastic estimations of the covariance matrices*
 - *Objective does not decompose over samples*
- *Cannot benefit from an additional view (such as images)*

Partial CCA (PCCA)

- *PCCA (Rao, 1969) is a statistical technique for finding linear maximal correlated projections of two random matrices **conditioned on a third variable***

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Max} \quad \text{Corr} (W^T (X|Z), V^T (Y|Z)) \\ \Theta = \{W, V\} \end{aligned}$$

- *Z (a visual input) is a mutual variable of X and Y (textual inputs)*
- *PCCA was not used before in the multilingual multimodal setup*

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- *Can we develop a deep variant for Partial CCA?*
 - *Partial CCA suffers from similar limitations to those of CCA*
 - *A new stochastic optimization algorithm is required*

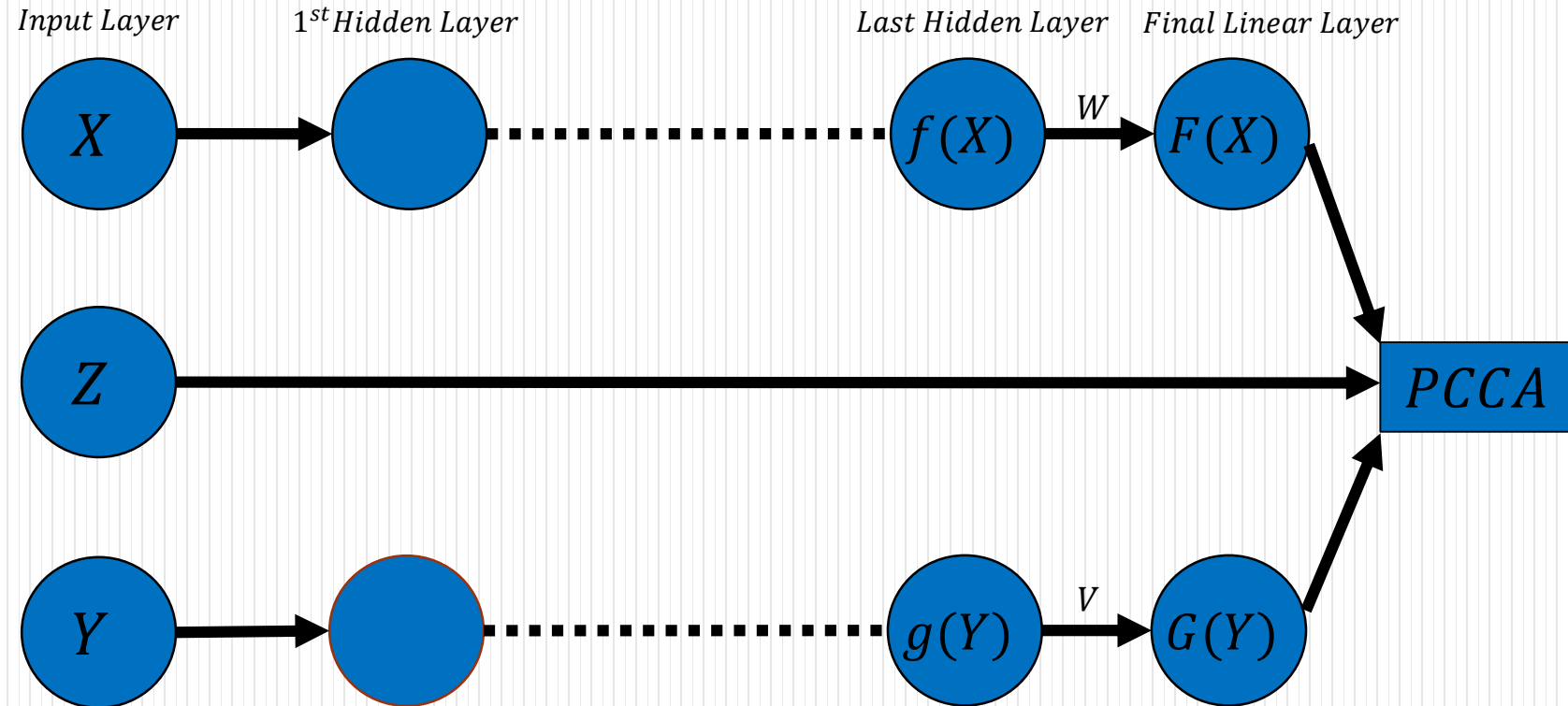
The DPCCA Model

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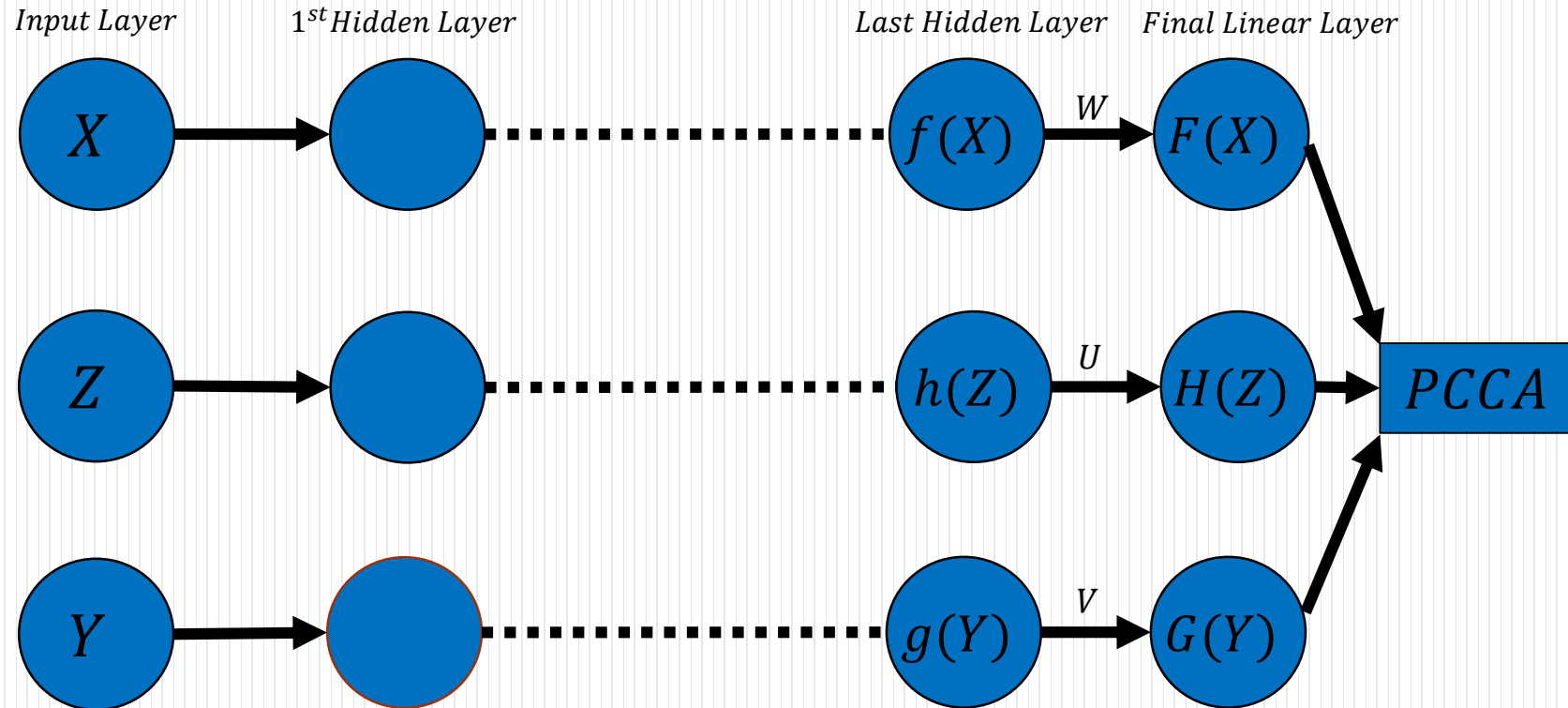


Architecture of Deep Partial CCA (DPCCA) - Variant B

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Deep Partial CCA (DPCCA)

- (1) *learn non-linear representations of X and Y :*

$$F(X) = W^T f(X), \quad G(Y) = V^T g(Y)$$

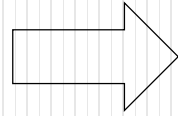
- *f and g are two deep neural networks*
- *W and V are the final projection matrices*

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- (2) perform multivariate linear multiple regressions for $F(X)$ and $G(Y)$ on a shared variable Z :

$$F(X) = \underbrace{AZ}_{\text{explained}} + \underbrace{F(X|Z)}_{\text{residual}}$$

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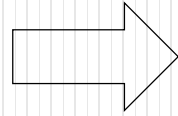
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- (3) *compute the residual matrices and their covariances w.r.t. the optimal solutions:*

$$F(X|Z) = F(X) - \hat{A}Z$$

$$G(Y|Z) = G(Y) - \hat{B}Z$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{FF|Z} = \frac{1}{N-1} F(X|Z)F(X|Z)^T$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{GG|Z} = \frac{1}{N-1} G(Y|Z)G(Y|Z)^T$$

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- (4) *perform CCA on the residuals:*

$$\min_{\theta = \{W_f, W, V_g, V\}} \frac{1}{N-1} \|F(X|Z) - G(Y|Z)\|_F^2$$

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Experiments and Results

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- *Second Task: Multilingual Word Similarity*

English		German		Italian		Russian	
<i>inspect-examine</i>	9.2	<i>prüfen-überprüfen</i>	9.8	<i>ispezionare-esaminare</i>	8.5	осматривать-изучать	5.3
<i>easy-flexible</i>	3.7	<i>leicht-flexibel</i>	3.4	<i>facile-flessibile</i>	2.5	покладистый-гибкий	4.0
<i>plane-airport</i>	1.6	<i>flugzeug-flughafen</i>	5.9	<i>aereo-aeroporto</i>	6.2	самолет-аэропорт	1.3

- *Dataset: Multilingual Simlex-999 (Leviant and Reichart., 2015)*

New Dataset – Word Image Word (WIW)

- *Word pairs in different languages with mutual images*



POS	EN-DE	EN-IT	EN-RU
N	4606	4735	4106
A	405	416	348
V	392	400	227
AVB	167	161	142
PP	12	12	9
TOTAL	5598	5740	4838

- *The new dataset is available at: github.com/rotmanguy/DPCCA*

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- *Linear and deep CCA-based models:*
 - *Probabilistic Partial CCA (PPCCA) (Mukuta, 2014) – T*
 - *Nonparametric CCA (NCCA) (Michaeli et al., 2016) - T*
 - *Generalized CCA (GCCA) (Horst, 1961) – TI*
 - *Deep CCA (DCCA) with various optimization algorithms – T*
 - *Deep CCA Autoencoder (DCCAЕ) (Wang et al., 2015) – T*

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- *Other related works:*
 - *Bridge Correlational Networks (BCN) (Rajendran et al., 2016) – TI*
 - *Image Pivoting (Gella et al., 2017) – TI*

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Main Results

- *PCCA gets very good results, outperforming NN based methods and linear methods (including CCA, Image Pivoting, BCN ...)*
- *DPCCA is the best model, outperforming all baseline*
- *Training with images improves performance on words that are more abstract, such as adjectives and verbs*

Cross-lingual Image Description Retrieval

Model	English to German	German to English
DPCCA Variant A	83.6%	82.7%
DPCCA Variant B	84.8%	83.9%
DPCCA Variant B + DCCA NOI (Concatenation)	86.3%	83.7%
DCCA NOI	84.9%	83.0%
IMG PIVOTING	78.9%	78.1%
BCN	62.8%	62.9%
PCCA	82.4%	78.7%
CCA	80.3%	75.4%
GCCA	74.2%	74.3%

- *Results are reported on BLEU + 1*

Multilingual Word Similarity

Model	EN - ADJ	EN - Verbs	EN - Nouns	DE - ADJ	DE - Verbs	DE - Nouns
DPCCA Variant A	64.0%	31.1%	36.9%	43.0%	32.1%	40.4%
DPCCA Variant B	62.6%	31.6%	38.2%	46.2%	31.9%	39.9%
DCCA NOI	61.1%	30.8%	36.1%	44.1%	29.7%	39.8%
PCCA	61.4%	29.6%	34.0%	30.5%	14.3%	34.0%
CCA	55.7%	29.7%	32.1%	28.4%	15.7%	34.6%
GCCA	63.6%	28.0%	37.8%	44.6%	27.7%	39.8%

- *Results are reported on Spearman's correlation coefficient*

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- *Our Contributions:*
 - *Method: Adding mutual visual information to the learning process*
 - *Model: Applying PCCA to our settings, and introducing its deep variants*
 - *Optimization: New optimization algorithm for DPCCA*
 - *Results: Improvements over previous work*
 - *New Dataset: Word Image Word (WIW)*

Future Work

- *Expanding DPCCA to support more than two languages*
- *Exploiting the internal structure of images and sentences*

Thank you!

- *Code and data are available at:*

github.com/rotmanguy/DPCCA