Importance of Textlines in Historical Document Classification

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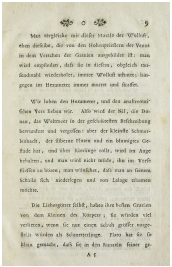
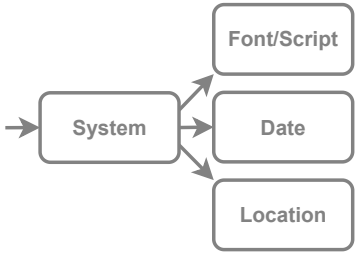
Page-level label(s) without any further details

Font & script classification
Up to *N* possible labels per page

Localization
One label per page

Dating
(not-before; not-after) intervals

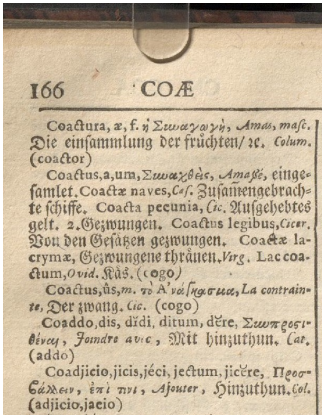




Data examples

Font/script

Fraktur, greek, italic, antiqua



Localization

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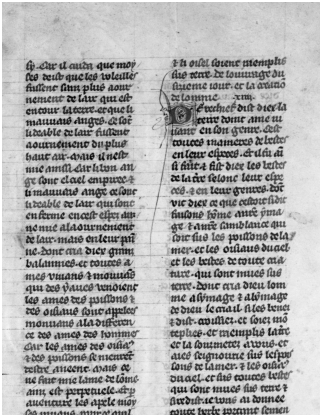

Dating

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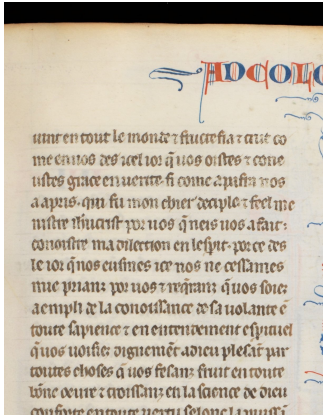
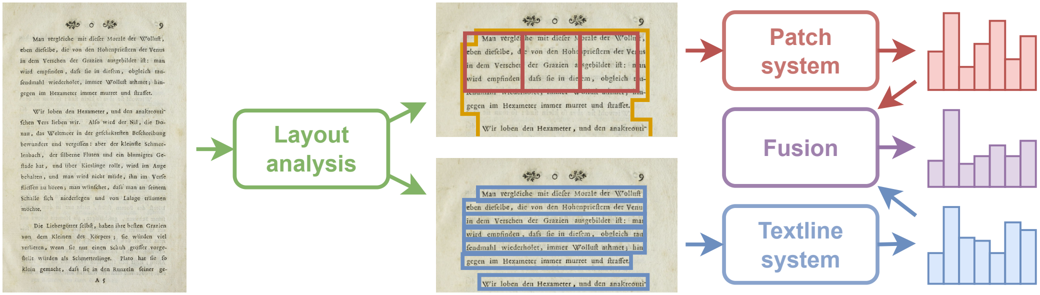


- custom training-validation dataset splits
- the aim to create class-balanced validation set
- publicly available at `pero.fit.vutbr.cz/hdc_dataset` ↵

Task	Training	Validation	Testing
Font	35 382	239	5 506
Script	7 594	419	1 256
Location	5 397	65	325
Date	10 294	1 000	2 516

Our approach



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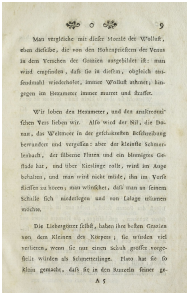

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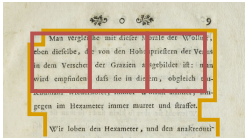

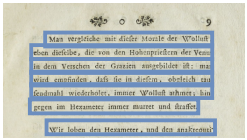

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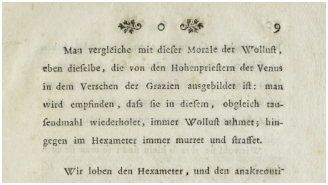
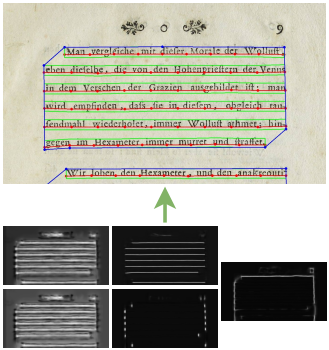
- ParseNet (U-net-based) neural network[1]
- Text lines and regions detection
- Trained on PERO Layout dataset





[1] Kodym, Oldřich, and Michal Hradiš. "Page layout analysis system for unconstrained historic documents."

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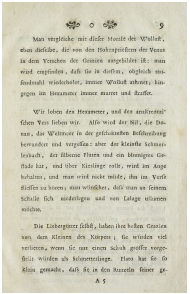

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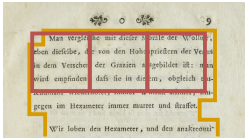

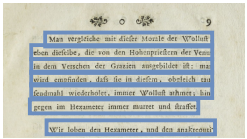

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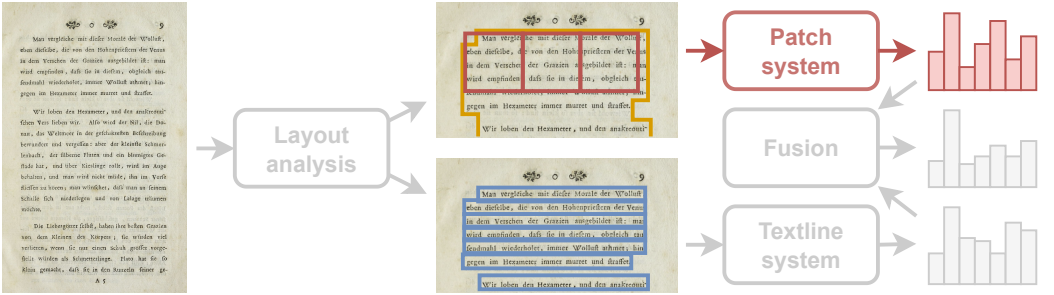

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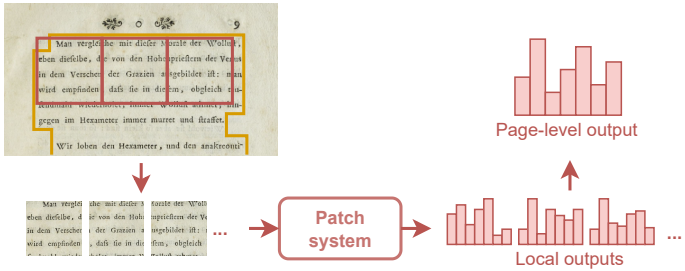
- ResNeXt-50-based neural network
- Training on four scales of non-overlapping square patches with three training strategies
- The page-level output is calculated as the mean of the local outputs



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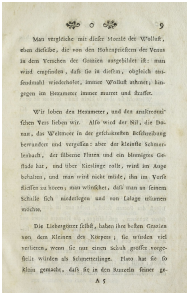

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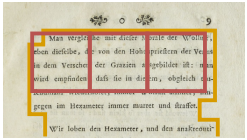

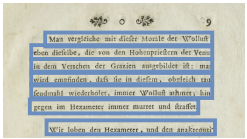

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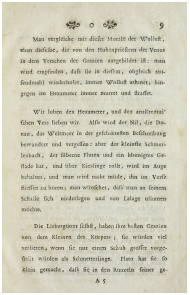
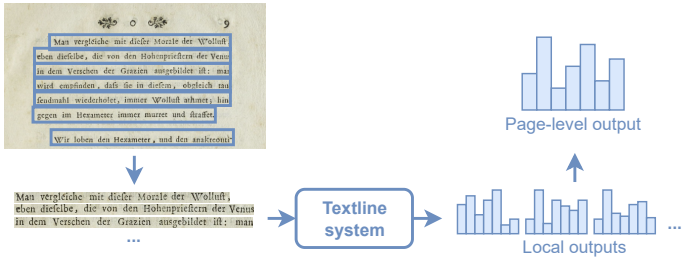


Our approach - Textline system

- VGG-based neural network + global average pooling
- Arbitrarily long height-normalized textline image as an input
- The page-level output is calculated as the mean (classification tasks) or median (dating task) of the local outputs



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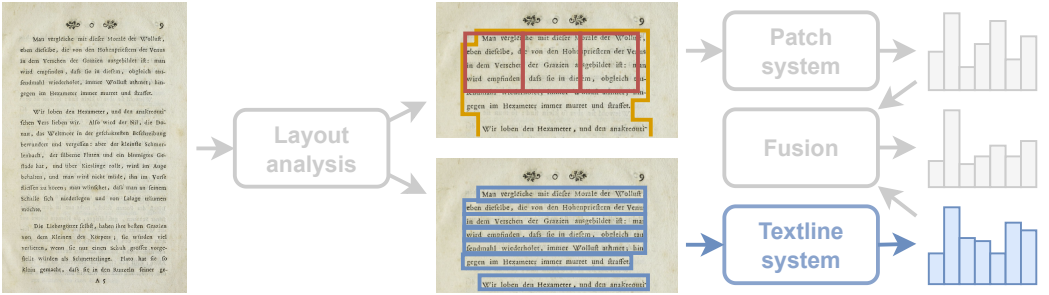

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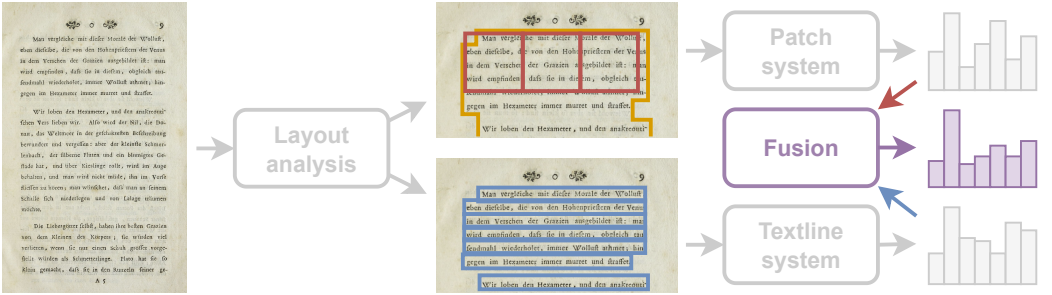

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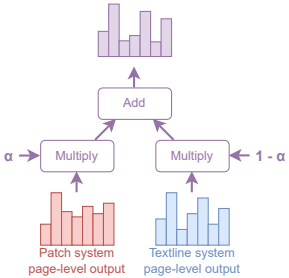
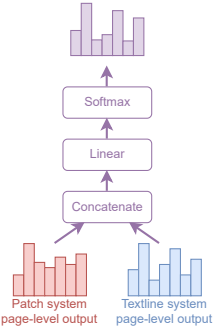
- Linear (left image) and log-linear (right image) fusions
- Page-level outputs from the patch and the textline systems as the input
- Optimized on the validation sets using 10-fold cross validation





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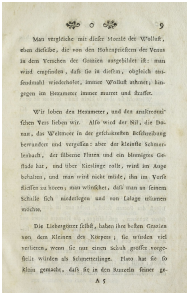

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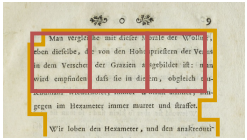

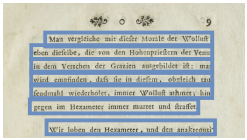

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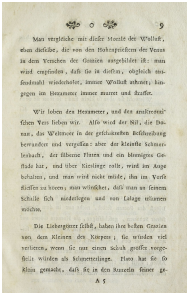

Man vergleiche mit dieſer Mouſde der Wallaſt, eben dieſelbe, die von den Hohenprieſtern der Venus in dem Verſchen der Grazien ausgebildet iſt: man wird empfinden, daß ſie in dieſem, obgleich mannigfaltig wiederholet, immer Wallaſt athmet; hingegen im Hexameter immer mauret und drauſet.

Wir loben den Hexameter, und den analkreontiſchen Vers loben wir. Alſo wird der Stil, die Bauart, die Weltweiſe in der gefühlvollen Beſchreibung hervorſtehen und vergeſſen: aber die Kraftfülle ſchmackhaft, der ſilberne Fluten und ein blumigtes Gefilde hat, und über Kieslinge rollt, wird im Augenblicke, und man wird nicht müde, ihn im Verſe dieſſen zu hören, man wünſchet, daß man an ſeinem Schalle ſich niederlegen und vom Lalage ſäuſeln möchte.

Die Liebesgötter ſtiftet, haben ihre beſten Grazien von den Kleinen den Küſſen; ſie würden viel verlieren, wenn ſie nur einen ſchon groſſen vorgeſtellt würden als Schmetterlinge. Plato hat ſo ſchön gedacht, daß ſie in den Kunſte ſüßer ge-

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Loss functions - Font & script classification

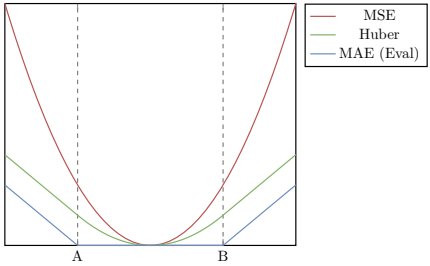
- Up to N possible fonts/scripts per page
  - e.g. $\mathcal{T} \in \{\textit{fraktur}, \textit{greek}, \textit{italic}, \textit{antiqua}\}$
- Page-level annotations without location information
- L_{hard} selects the most probable page-level label based on network output
- L_{soft} considers all page-level labels weighted by the network output probability

$$L_{hard} = \min_{i \in \mathcal{T}} [-\log(f(x)_i)] \tag{1}$$

$$L_{soft} = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{T}} -\log(f(x)_i) \cdot f(x)_i. \tag{2}$$

Loss functions - Dating

- *(not-before; not-after)* interval instead of single point annotations
  - *e.g. (1260; 1269)*
- Modified Huber loss for intervals
- Pulls the output of the network more towards the middle of the interval



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Textline system	98.42 %	88.54 %	69.85 %	**21.91** years
Patch system	95.68 %	80.26 %	75.08 %	32.45 years
Linear fusion	98.27 %	**88.84** %	70.77 %	21.99 years
Log-linear fusion	**98.48** %	88.60 %	**79.69** %	—
Baseline	—	55.22 %	62.46 %	—
The North LTU	82.80 %	74.12 %	43.69 %	79.43 years
CLUZH	95.66 %	35.25 %	—	—
NAVER Papago	97.17 %	—	—	—