# FedCAFE: Federated Cross-Modal Hashing with Adaptive Feature Enhancement

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# BACKGROUND

Deep Cross-modal hashing has attracted much attention in the large-scale multimedia search area. Existing methods need to first collect data and then be trained with these accumulated data. In many real applications, data may be generated and possessed by different owners like devices or institutions. Collecting and centralizing a large amount of distributed data is not only expensive but also impractical. Besides, considering the legal restrictions and growing concerns about data privacy protection, such training schemes may be forbidden as transmitting data may face potential security risks and threats.

Federated learning, as a distributed machine learning framework, can ensure that a global model is trained collaboratively by uniting a series of clients without sharing local raw data, which solves the problem that local data cannot be shared under privacy and security requirements. Therefore, using federated learning to accomplish distributed training for deep cross-modal hashing methods is a feasible solution.

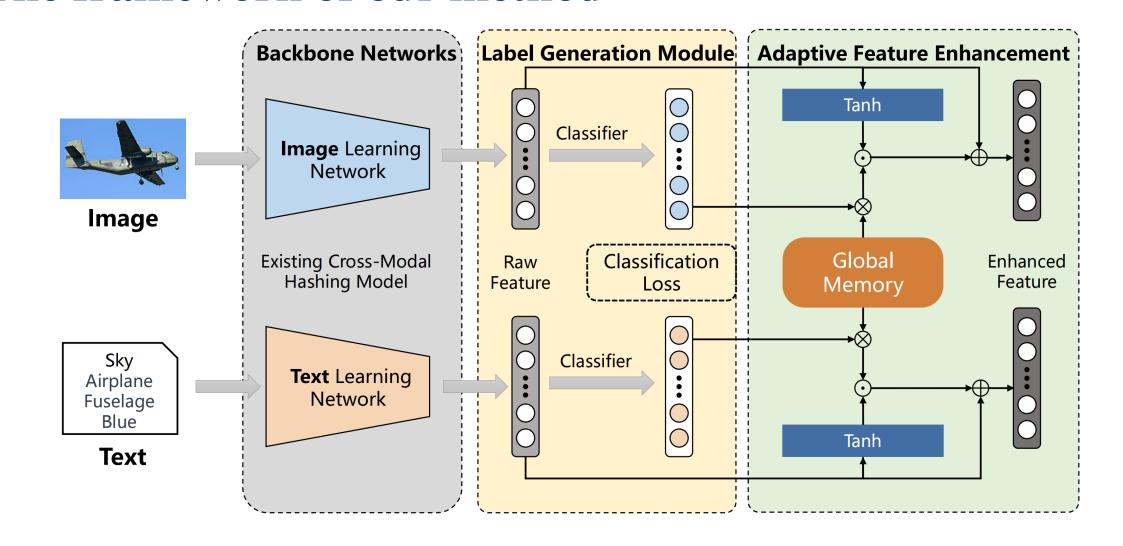
### CONTRIBUTIONS

A novel framework Federated Cross-modal Hashing with Adaptive Feature Enhancement (FedCAFE) is proposed. FedCAFE is endowed with a novel adaptive feature enhancement module and a new weighted aggregation strategy. Besides, it could fully utilize the rich global information carried in the global model to constrain the model during the local training process.

Extensive experiments are conducted on four widely-used datasets with both IID and non-IID settings. The proposed FedCAFE achieves better retrieval accuracy than all chosen baselines.

## **METHOD**

**➤** The framework of our method



#### >Memory in global and local

Local memory: the centers of each class (acquiring by K-means)  $P_k^t \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathsf{Cx}r}$ 

 $\succ$ Global memory: the centers of each class from local clients (acquiring by K-means)  $P_q^t \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times r}$ 

#### >Adaptive feature enhancement module

Constraints imposed on the raw features

$$V_{\scriptscriptstyle M}^* \! = \! \hat{L}^* \! \otimes P_g, \; V_{\scriptscriptstyle E}^* \! = \! O^* \! + \! A \odot V_{\scriptscriptstyle M}^*, \; \mathcal{L}_{\scriptscriptstyle E} \! = \! 1 \! - \! \cos(V_{\scriptscriptstyle E}^*, oldsymbol{O}^*),$$

➤ Global guidance in cross modal correlations

$$\mathcal{L}_{C} = rac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \cos(V_{E}^{*-k}, V_{E}^{x}) 
ight) + rac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \cos(V_{E}^{*-k}, V_{E}^{y}) 
ight),$$

>KL divergence for classification ability

$$\mathcal{L}_{P} = KL(\hat{L}^{*}|L),$$

**≻Overall Loss Function** 

 $O^*$ ,  $V_E^*$  denotes the raw features and enhanced  $\mathcal{L}_{all} = \mathcal{L}_{hash} + \alpha \mathcal{L}_E + \eta \mathcal{L}_C + \gamma \mathcal{L}_P$ 

#### > Weighted aggregation strategy

 $\triangleright$  the similarity between the local memory of k-th client and the global memory

$$sim_k = -\sum_{i,j=1}^{C} \left(S_{ij} heta_{ij} - log\left(1 + e^{ heta_{ij}}
ight)
ight), \quad heta_{ij} = rac{1}{2}\left(P_{k_{i\cdot}}^t
ight)\left(P_{g_{j\cdot}}^t
ight)^T$$

> the degree of difference between global memory and local memory as weight

$$\alpha_k = \frac{\log(sim_k)}{\sum_{k}^{K} \log(sim_k)}$$

 $\triangleright$  the global model parameters for different modalities in round (t+1)

$$W_{x}^{(t+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_{k} W_{x-k}^{(t)}, W_{y}^{(t+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \alpha_{k} W_{y-k}^{(t)}$$

### **EXPERIMENTS**

➤ MAP results on MIRFlickr-25K and NUS-WIDE.

Table 2: The MAP results of different federated learning methods on MIRFlickr-25K and NUS-WIDE.

Methods	MIRFlickr-25K							NUS-WIDE						
	Image-to-Text			Text-to-Image			Image-to-Text			Text-to-Image				
	16bits	32bits	64bits	16bits	32bits	64bits	16bits	32bits	64bits	16bits	32bits	64bits		
Centralized [10]	0.7383	0.7427	0.7527	0.7654	0.7669	0.7749	0.5903	0.6031	0.6093	0.6389	0.6511	0.6571		
Local [10]	0.6405	0.6473	0.6544	0.6723	0.6821	0.6922	0.5042	0.5269	0.5418	0.4875	0.5025	0.5223		
FedAvg [34]	0.6610	0.6734	0.6836	0.6907	0.7040	0.7143	0.5381	0.5581	0.5567	0.5186	0.5526	0.5609		
FedProx [18]	0.6597	0.6724	0.6829	0.6899	0.7033	0.7133	0.5352	0.5565	0.5564	0.5176	0.5501	0.5599		
FedCMR [55]	0.6729	0.6856	0.6956	0.7129	0.7229	0.7318	0.5572	0.5668	0.5735	0.5569	0.5792	0.5851		
MOON [17]	0.6740	0.6862	0.6948	0.7081	0.7219	0.7317	0.5650	0.5840	0.5758	0.5664	0.5753	0.5867		
FedProto [42]	0.6748	0.6904	0.7018	0.7173	0.7278	0.7364	0.5687	0.5880	0.5928	0.5731	0.5829	0.6066		
PLFedCMH [24]	0.6531	0.6840	0.6992	0.6998	0.7221	0.7359	0.5738	0.5817	0.5852	0.5948	0.6028	0.6070		
FedCAFE	0.7113	0.7206	0.7294	0.7451	0.7554	0.7648	0.5987	0.6425	0.6567	0.6065	0.6582	0.6617		

MAP results on FashionVC and Ssense in Non-IID settings.

Table 3: The MAP results of different federated learning methods with varying degrees of data heterogeneity on FashionVC.

Methods			0.5	$\beta = 0.2$								
	Image-to-Text			Text-to-Image			Image-to-Text			Text-to-Image		
	16bits	32bits	64bits									
Centralized [49]	0.7620	0.7635	0.7616	0.9414	0.9527	0.9515	0.7620	0.7635	0.7616	0.9414	0.9527	0.9515
Local [49]	0.4006	0.4552	0.4585	0.3465	0.3928	0.3925	0.3128	0.3556	0.3639	0.2586	0.2837	0.2897
FedAvg [34]	0.5852	0.6753	0.7220	0.7368	0.8582	0.8976	0.4681	0.5502	0.6573	0.6321	0.7425	0.8204
FedProx [18]	0.5680	0.6615	0.7089	0.6837	0.8245	0.8623	0.4731	0.5777	0.6592	0.5171	0.6579	0.7580
FedCMR [55]	0.6119	0.6982	0.7303	0.7579	0.8660	0.8943	0.5200	0.5933	0.6611	0.6396	0.7521	0.8230
MOON [17]	0.5820	0.6808	0.7285	0.7024	0.7933	0.8638	0.4739	0.5722	0.6606	0.6404	0.6419	0.7311
FedProto [42]	0.6978	0.7099	0.7248	0.8808	0.9158	0.9032	0.5630	0.5785	0.5823	0.7663	0.8381	0.8109
PLFedCMH [24]	0.6027	0.6840	0.7198	0.7196	0.7726	0.8374	0.4974	0.5823	0.5808	0.5370	0.7583	0.7617
FedCAFE	0.7257	0.7603	0.7527	0.8935	0.9169	0.9093	0.6576	0.6840	0.7007	0.7903	0.8234	0.8310

Table 4: The MAP results of different federated learning methods with varying degrees of data heterogeneity on Ssense.

	$\beta = 0.5$							$\beta = 0.2$						
Methods	Image-to-Text			Text-to-Image			Image-to-Text			Text-to-Image				
	16bits	32bits	64bits	16bits	32bits	64bits	16bits	32bits	64bits	16bits	32bits	64bits		
Centralized [49]	0.9692	0.9697	0.9720	0.9820	0.9881	0.9880	0.9692	0.9697	0.9720	0.9820	0.9881	0.9880		
Local [49]	0.7161	0.7776	0.7895	0.6763	0.7436	0.7546	0.4888	0.5322	0.5518	0.4388	0.4752	0.4917		
FedAvg [34]	0.8936	0.9517	0.9620	0.9386	0.9734	0.9840	0.7653	0.9059	0.9528	0.8028	0.9447	0.9792		
FedProx [18]	0.8567	0.9424	0.9590	0.8789	0.9626	0.9773	0.7952	0.8964	0.9390	0.8152	0.9226	0.9715		
FedCMR [55]	0.9033	0.9592	0.9669	0.9214	0.9781	0.9848	0.8414	0.9364	0.9552	0.8690	0.9632	0.9827		
MOON [17]	0.9446	0.9628	0.9683	0.9549	0.9782	0.9845	0.7871	0.9205	0.9510	0.8028	0.9238	0.9806		
FedProto [42]	0.9387	0.9620	0.9676	0.9531	0.9826	0.9845	0.9579	0.9585	0.9613	0.9789	0.9836	0.9825		
PLFedCMH [24]	0.9545	0.9595	0.9557	0.9752	0.9827	0.9824	0.8832	0.8983	0.9014	0.8851	0.9366	0.9437		
FedCAFE	0.9665	0.9671	0.9658	0.9856	0.9856	0.9860	0.9582	0.9595	0.9570	0.9801	0.9847	0.9832		

Convergence curves

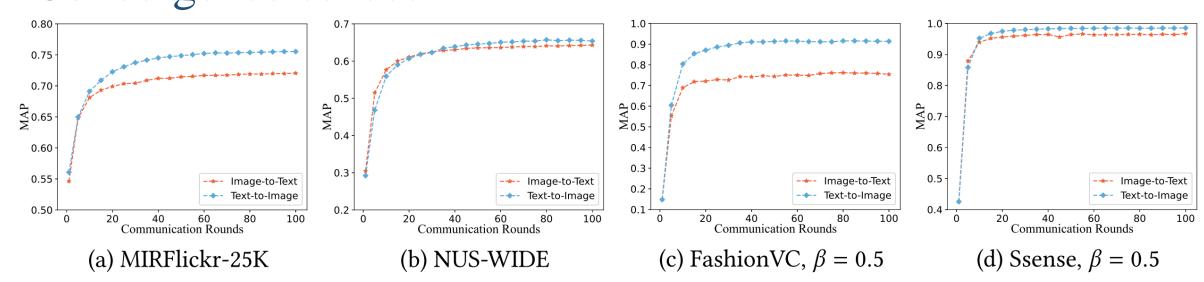


Figure 2: Convergence curves of FedCAFE in 100 communication rounds on four datasets.

For more experimental results, please refer to our paper.

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