CL-AFF
THE HAPPINESS SHARED TASK @ AFFCON 2019

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CORPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Effort to characterize written accounts of happy moments according to their causes and constituents.

Instructions

What made you happy? Reflect on the past <duration>, and recall three actual events that happened to you that made you happy. Describe your happy moments with a complete sentence. Write three such moments. You will also be asked to note for how long each event made you happy. This task also has post-task questions. Please be sure to answer the questions. Examples of happy moments we are NOT looking for (e.g., events in distant past, incomplete sentence): *The day I married my spouse*; *My dog.*

< Enter moment here >

For how long did that event make you happy? Select the answer that is most appropriate.

CORPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Annotating the psycholinguistic characteristics of happy moments

Instructions Read the following happy moment. Choose any of the following that applies:

Agency: Is the author in control? YES/NO
Examples of sentences where the author is in control (Answer is YES):

- *"I ran on the treadmill for 20 minutes straight when I could barely do 5 minutes 3 months ago."*
- *"Going out to a special birthday lunch for my great-grandmother in law's birthday."*

Examples of sentences where the author is not in control (Answer is NO):

- *"My youngest daughter got accepted to many prestigious universities and accepted an offer to attend college in San Diego."*
- *"A small business deal change over for small profit."*

Social: Does this moment involve other people other than the author? YES/NO
Please note that objects (e.g., bus, work) should not be counted as social.
Examples of sentences which involve other people (Answer is YES):

- *"Going out to a special birthday lunch for my great-grandmother in law's birthday."*

https://github.com/kj2013/claff-happydb

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◈ Annotated corpus of 70,406 HappyDB happy moments and 17,215 new happy moments

◈ Annotations by Amazon Mechanical Turk workers
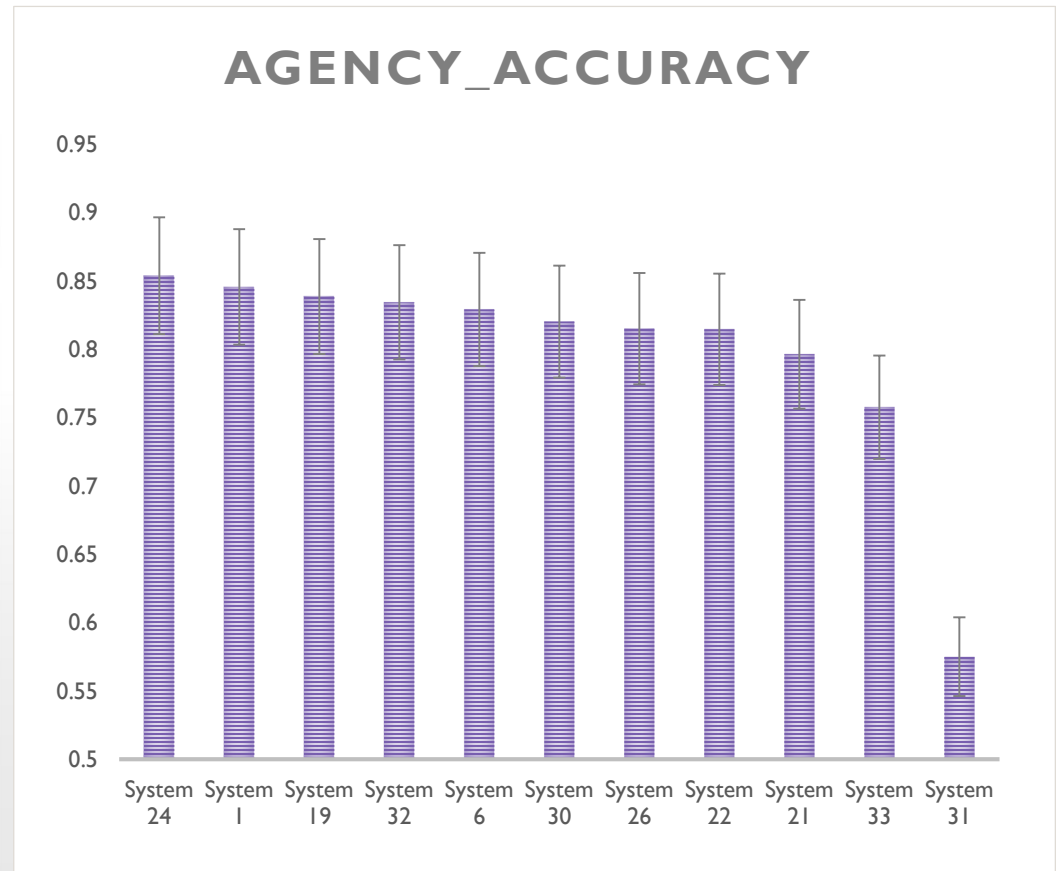
◈ Sponsorship from Adobe Research and Megagon Labs

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OUTLINE

◈ Task 1 – Predict Agency

◈ Task 1 – Predict Sociality

◈ Task 2 – Insights about happiness

◈ Conclusion

SYSTEM RESULTS (TASK 1) AGENCY

AGENCY_ACCURACY

SYSTEM RESULTS (TASK 1) SOCIALITY
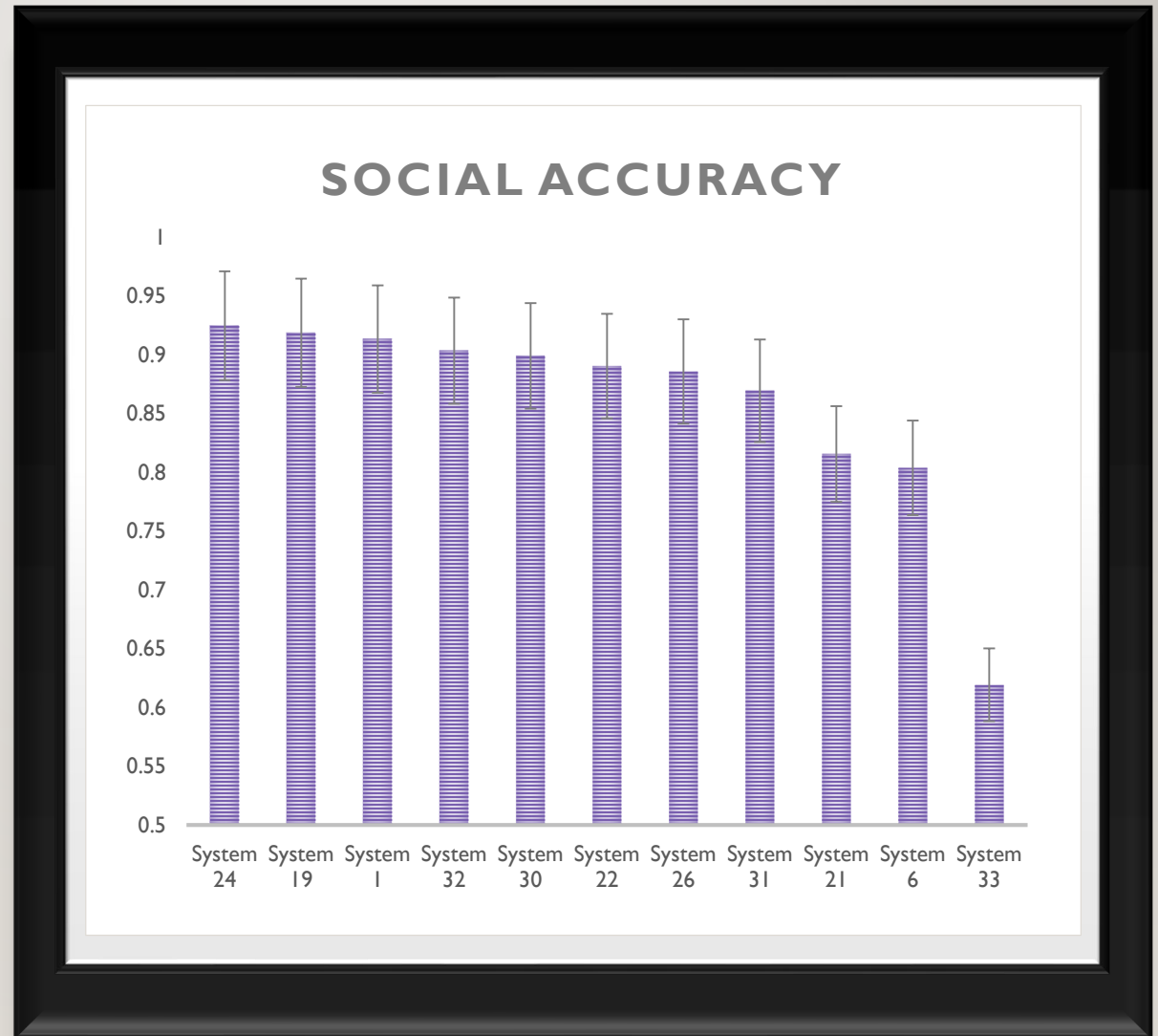
ORAL SESSIONS

1200-1215	• Happy Together: Learning and Understanding Appraisal From Natural Language. Arun Rajendran, Chiyu Zhang & Muhammad Abdul-Mageed.
1655-1705	• Word Pair Convolutional Model for Happy Moment Classification. Michael Saxon, Samarth Bhandari, Lewis Ruskin, & Gabrielle Honda.
1705-1715	• Ingredients for Happiness: Modeling constructs via semi-supervised content driven inductive transfer. Bakhtiyar Syed, Vijayasaradhi Indurthi, Kulin Shah, Manish Gupta, & Vasudeva Varma.

SYSTEM RESULTS (TASK 2) INSIGHTS
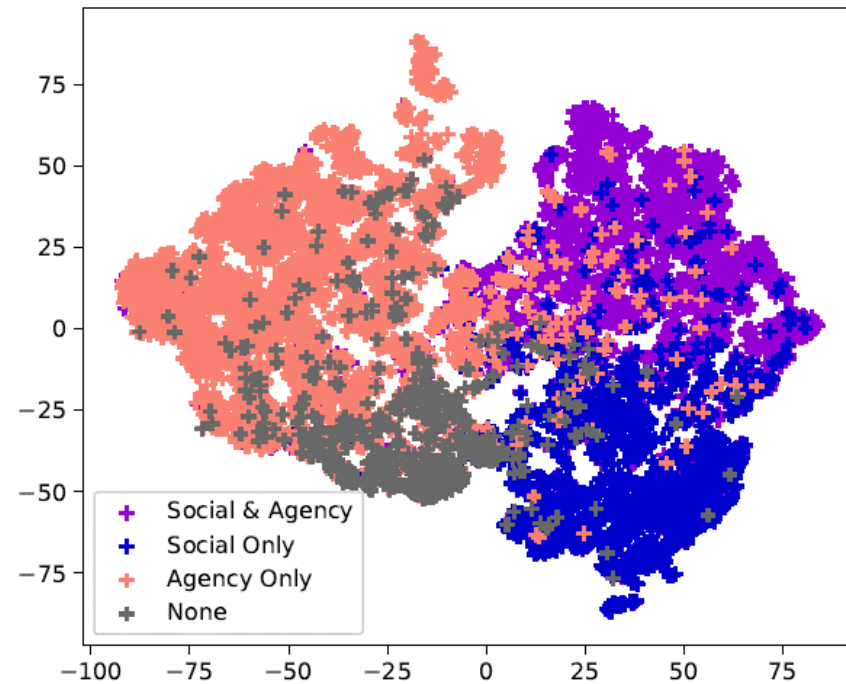
System 1: t-SNE projection of the 5NC post-pooling filter set outputs for each sentence.
Michael Saxon, Samarth Bhandari, Lewis Ruskin, and Gabrielle Honda (Arizona State University, USA)

SYSTEM RESULTS (TASK 2) INSIGHTS

System 24: Attention heatmap for LSTM-A
Arun Rajendran, Chiyu Zhang, and Muhammad Abdul-Mageed
(The University of British Columbia, Canada)

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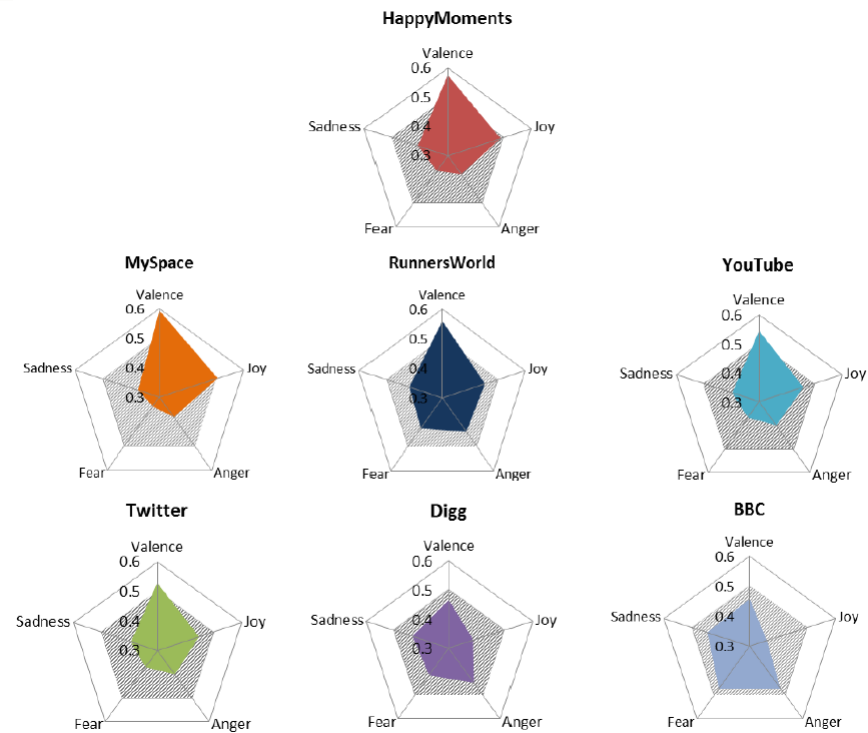
System 22: Mean emotion intensity scores across six corpora
Raj Kumar Gupta, Prasanta Bhattacharya, and Yinping Yang
(A*STAR Singapore)

12   KEY TAKEAWAYS

◈   Syntactic knowledge

◈   External embeddings

◈   Replicable

ERROR ANALYSIS

- Some moments were repeated in the dataset, or linguistically too similar (analyses by Daniel Claeser).

- We investigated possible dataset quality issues at the topic- and moment-level.
  - Career, Party, Animals, and Religion had higher error rates on average
  - Some happy moments were misannotated (10% noise in Agency, 5% noise in Sociality)
    - … perhaps the labels are "Not Applicable" in these cases

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