

Where_are_we_Still_Split_on_Tokenization_?

Task definition

Input:
If_momma_ain't_happy,_nobody_ain't_happy.

Tokenization:
If_momma_ain't_happy_,_nobody_ain't_happy_.

Multi-word expansions:
If_momma_is_not_happy,_nobody_is_not_happy.

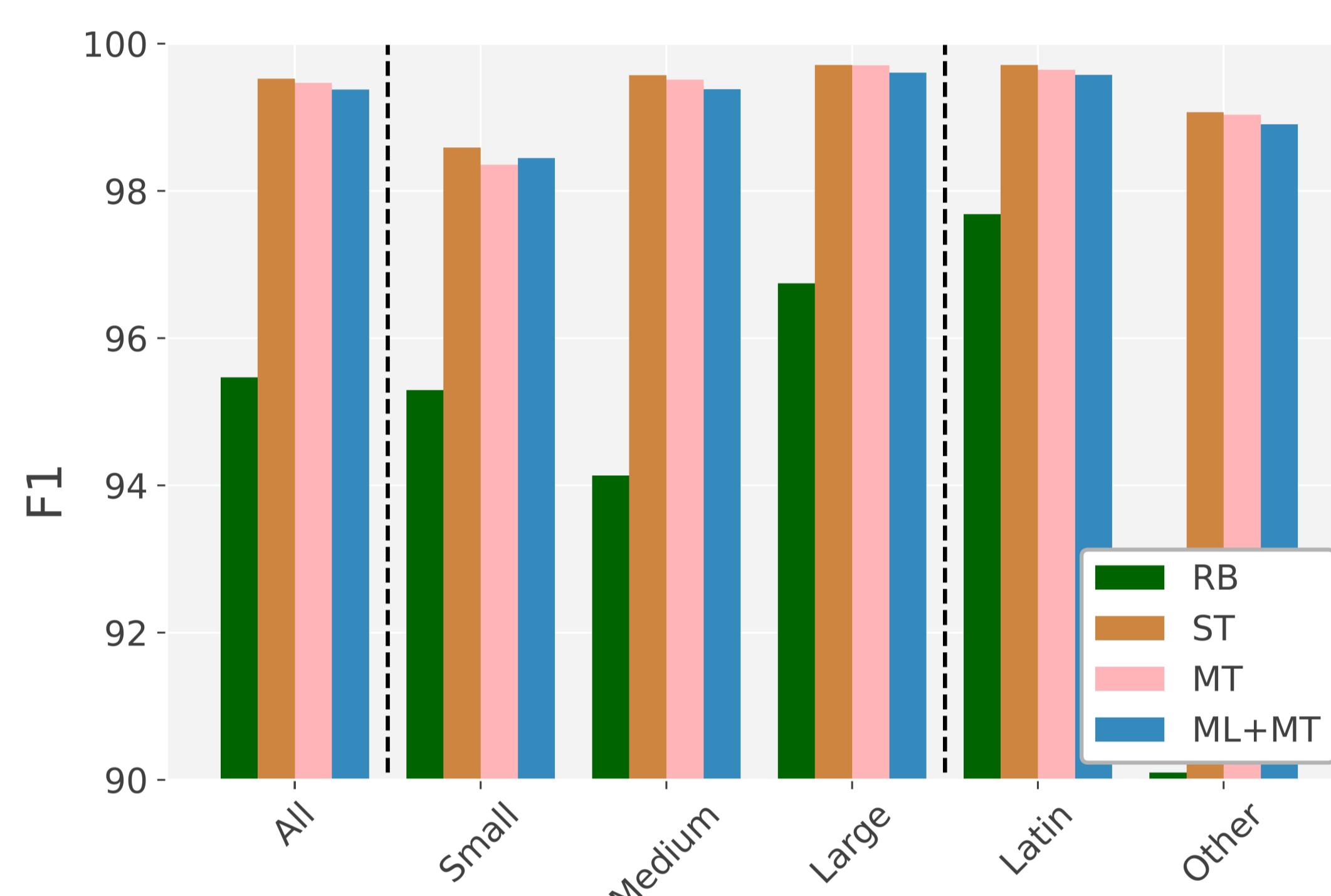
Subword segmentation:
If_mo_##mma_ai_##n'_t_happy_,_no##body.ai##n'_t_happy_.

"specialization" should be tokenized!

You \$%@!!, you mean subword segmented!



Results



Ah, rulebased definitely doesn't cut it anymore, and train-datasize and script are important!

And look, multi-task and multi-lingual learning are not detrimental!



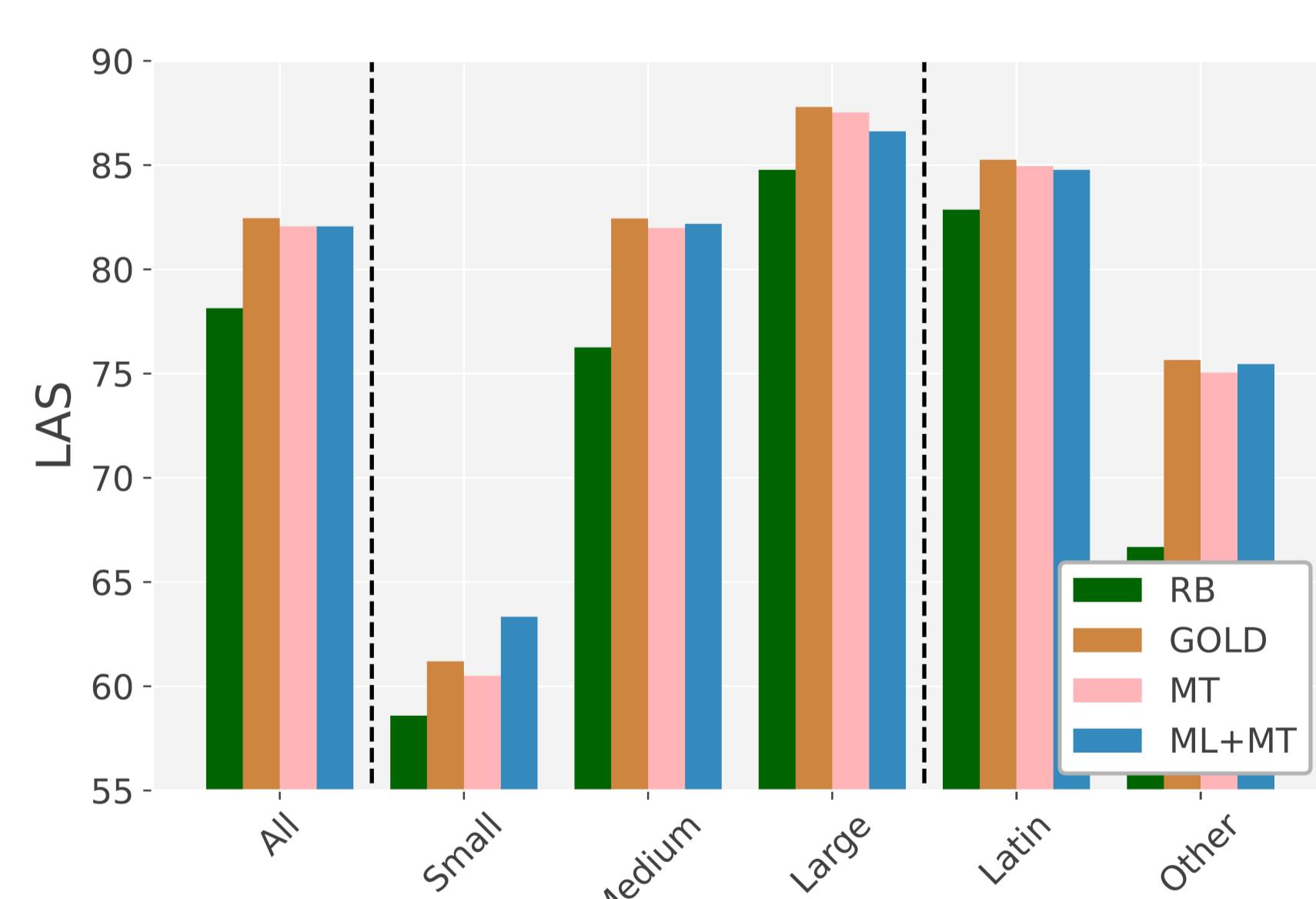
Test-only treebanks:

| setting | F1 tok. | F1 LAS | # treebanks |
|-------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| all | 93.23 | 38.72 | 90 |
| in-language | 95.11 | 68.20 | 34 |
| in-script | 94.16 | 40.45 | 84 |
| new-script | 80.11 | 14.41 | 6 |

Performance is in general much lower for cross-dataset setups. For new scripts the drop is even ~15 points!



Downstream results (dep. parsing)



When using SOTA tokenization for a downstream task, we can get quite close to the gold tokenization

Qualitative analysis

- * Unknown subwords:
 - Script
 - Emojis
- * Adpositions
- * Challenging cases:
is there anyway

- * Compound words
- * Names that consists of lexical tokens



MC_Donalds
f/2.77
2-0



MC_Donald_s
f/_/2.7
2_-_0