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Après Toi: Scoring Systems based on Dataset Votes

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System 1 wins on the average metric, but is it really the best?

The Problem

- When running a multi-dataset competition between systems, we use the averaging aggregate metric for deciding the winner
- On one hand, this ensures that small datasets, typically representing low-resource languages, are viewed as equivalent to large datasets
- On the other hand, language differences may lead to lower points of saturation for some, leading to focus work on "easy" languages (or on one's "comfort zone")

The Alternative(s)

## **Voting-based scoring**

- Each dataset has a budget of "votes" which it distributes among the systems
- In Eurovision-style voting (ESC):
  - Top system gets 12 points
  - **#2 gets 10**
  - #3 gets 8, and #4-#10 get one point less each
- Final scores are the accumulations from the datasets

	Dataset A	Dataset B	Dataset C
System 1	90	53	79
System 2	80	56	82
System 3	70	57	83
System 4	60	58	84

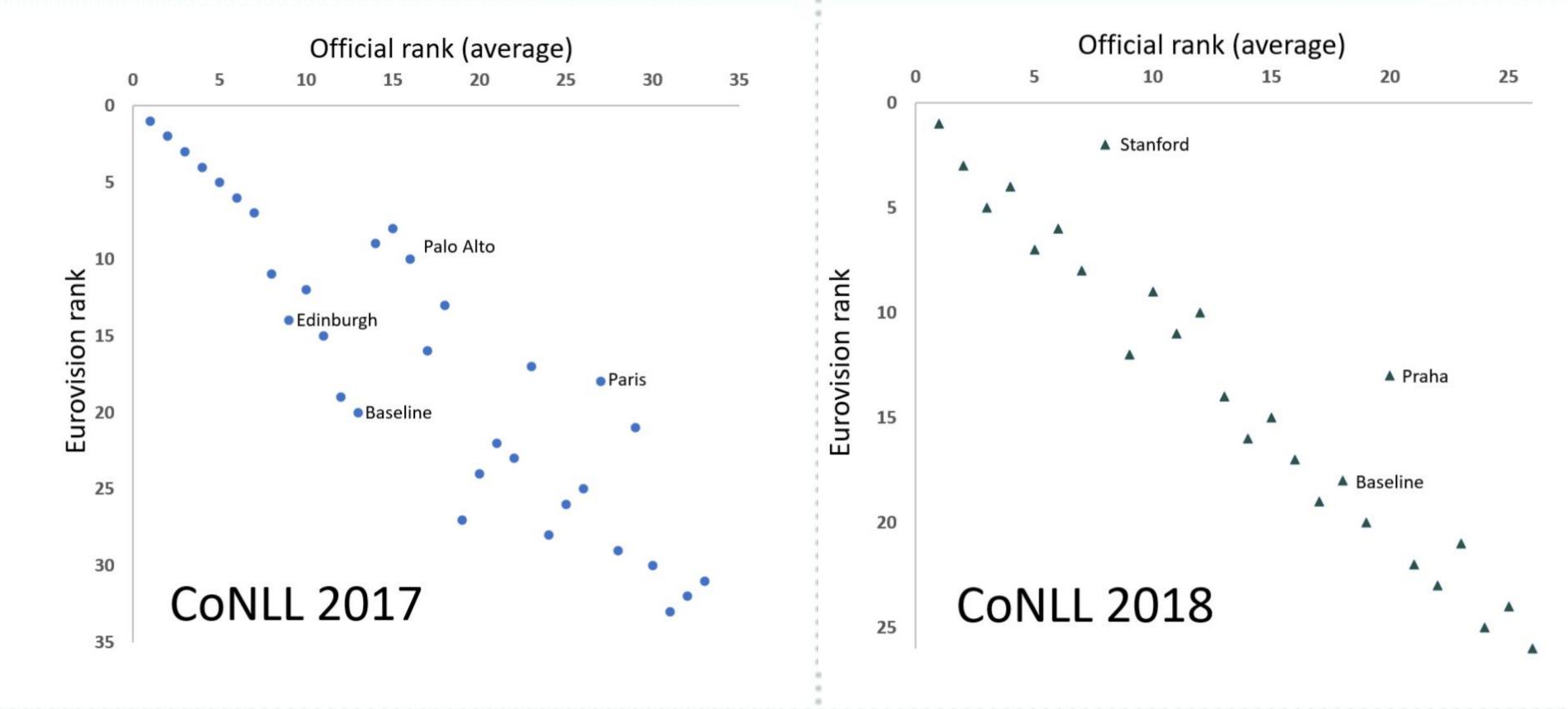
SWEDEN	4 281	+ SWITZERLAND	51
ITALY	8 156	ARMENIA 10	48
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FINLAND	1 142	UKRAINE	40
ESTONIA	5 115	<b>ORTUGAL</b>	33
AUSTRALIA	2 97	SLOVENIA	26
BELGIUM	12 91	MOLDOVA	20
CZECHIA	88	UNITED KINCDOM	15
AUSTRIA	86	ALBANIA	
🐞 SPAIN	84	SERBIA	
LITHUANIA	6 65	POLAND	12
🥑 CYPRUS	3 59	CROATIA	11
NORWAY	52	GERMANY	2
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## Pilot Study

- CoNLL 2017-2018 multilingual parsing challenges
  81--82 treebanks
  - 26--33 participants
- Metric: LAS
- Comparison: average vs. ESC ranks
  Pearson's correlations: 0.90, 0.95
- Not seen here: point ranges, which are much more human-friendly in the ESC setup

## Future Directions

- Adding more voting systems
  Paired evaluation (e.g. Elo)
- Adding more benchmarks and competitions



Incorporating significance testing

- SIGMORPHON
- SemEval
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- Correlating with **Human** notions of winning

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