

PhoneMD: Learning to Diagnose Parkinson's Disease from Smartphone Data

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A full-body shot of Muhammad Ali standing in a field, wearing a red hoodie. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression. The background shows a flat landscape under a clear sky.

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Parkinson's Disease (PD)

- Slow **degeneration of motor skills**
- **Hard to diagnose**
 - Assessment of **symptoms**
 - **Similar** symptoms in other diseases
 - Symptom **fluctuations**
 - Only ~80% of diagnoses are accurate¹
 - **~7m (0.3%)** affected, **120,000** deaths²



¹ Rizzo, G. et al. (2016) *Accuracy of clinical diagnosis of Parkinson disease: A systematic review and meta-analysis*. Neurology 86 (6).

² de Lau, LM and Breteler MM. (2006) *Epidemiology of Parkinson's disease*. Lancet Neurology 5 (6).

Wide Variety of Symptoms

Cognition

Speech

Dexterity

Movement



Motor Impairments

Tilted Posture

Rigidity

Reduced Arm Movement

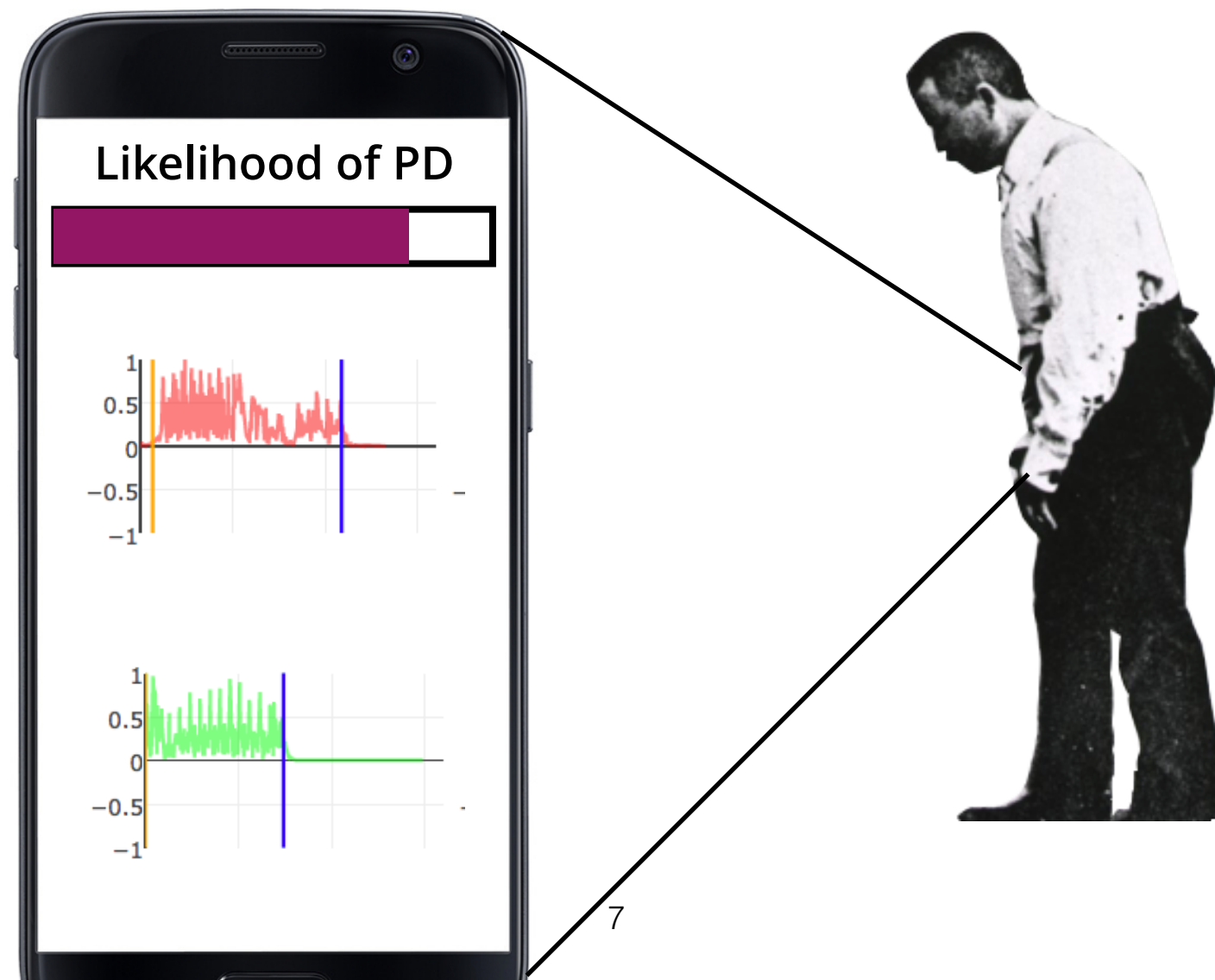
Tremor of Extremities



Shuffling Gait & Short Steps

The Idea

Can we use machine learning on long-term smartphone data to diagnose Parkinson's?



The Dataset

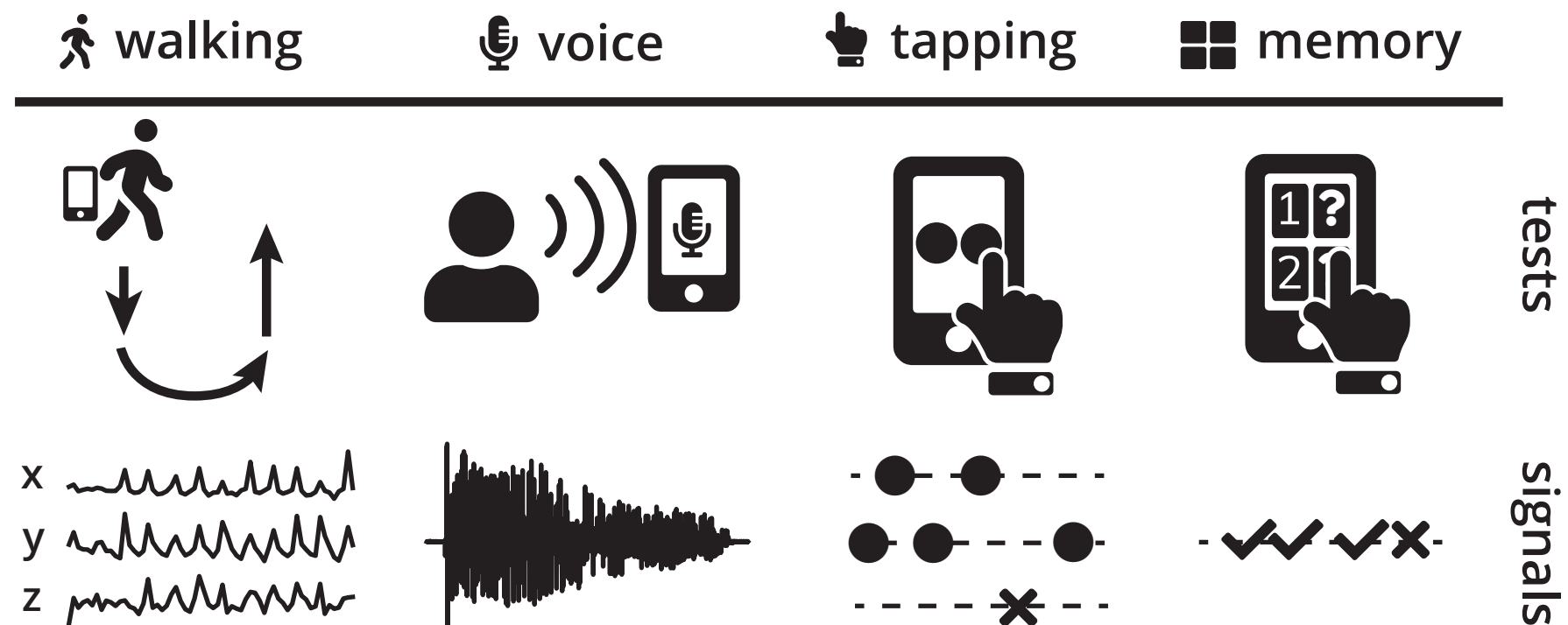
The mPower Study

- We use data collected in the **mPower study**¹
 - Openly available on **Synapse**²
- App users (with and without Parkinson's, n=1853) were asked to perform several tests regularly
 - Outcome: **Prior clinical PD diagnosis**

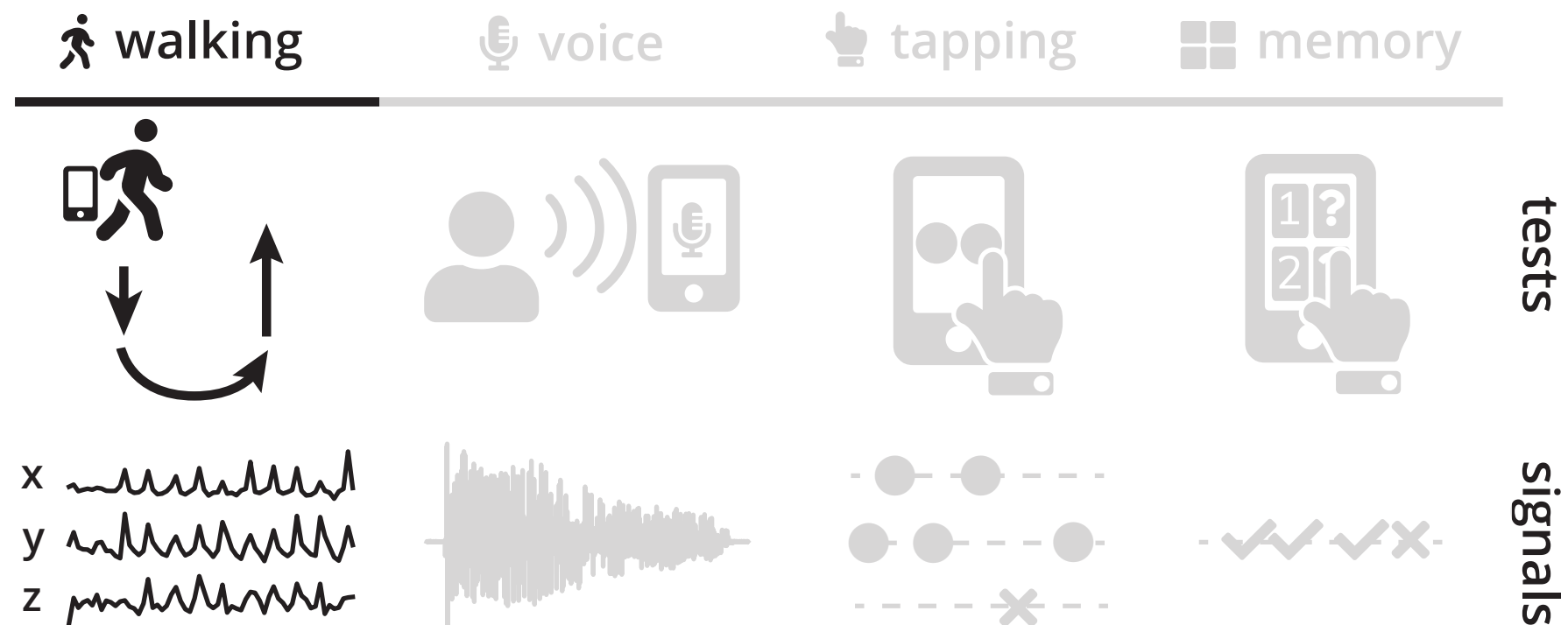
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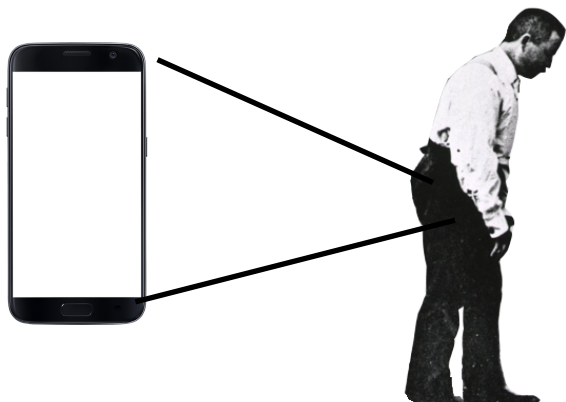
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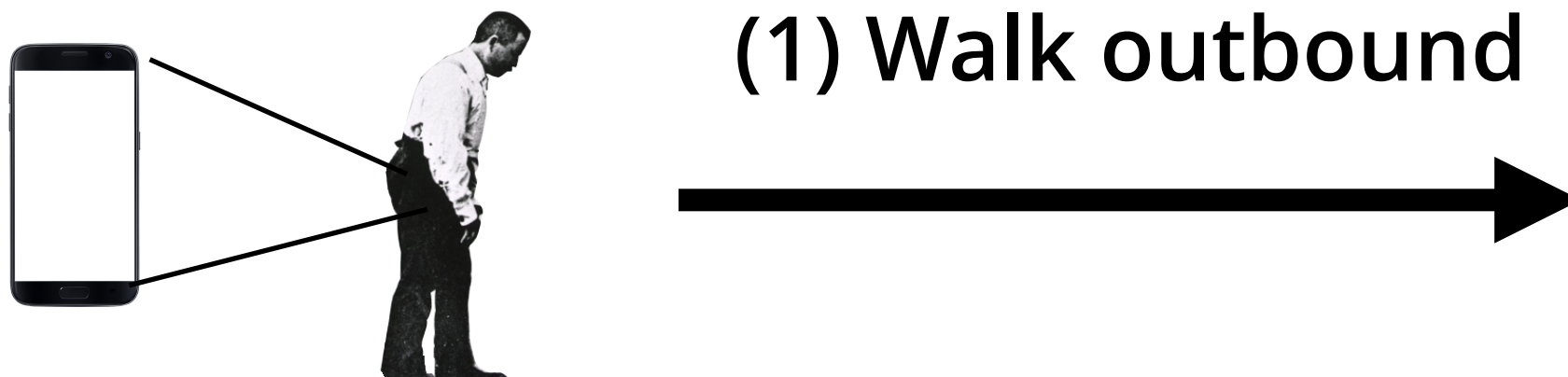
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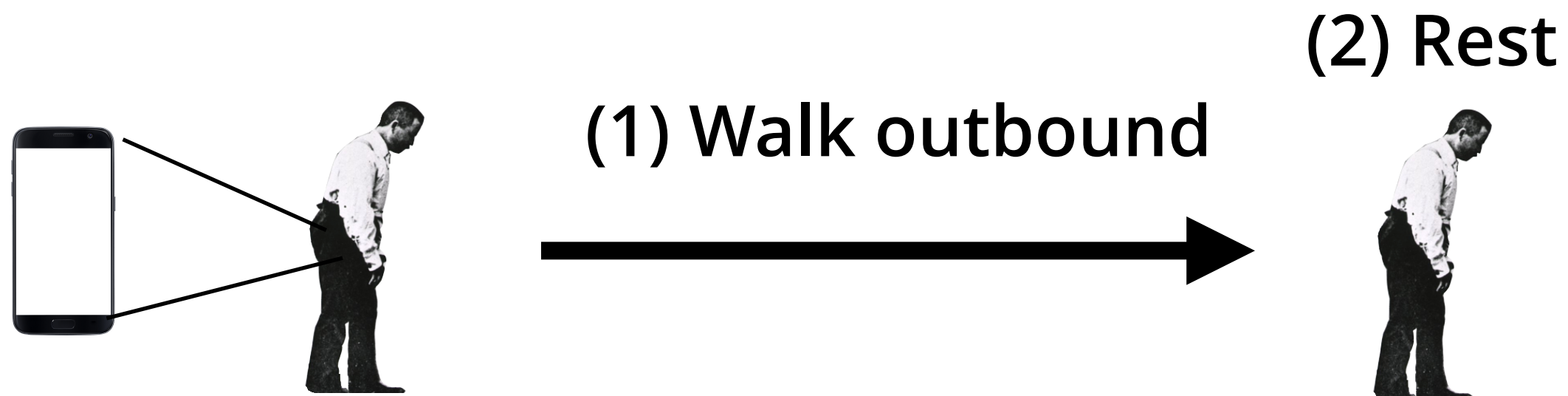
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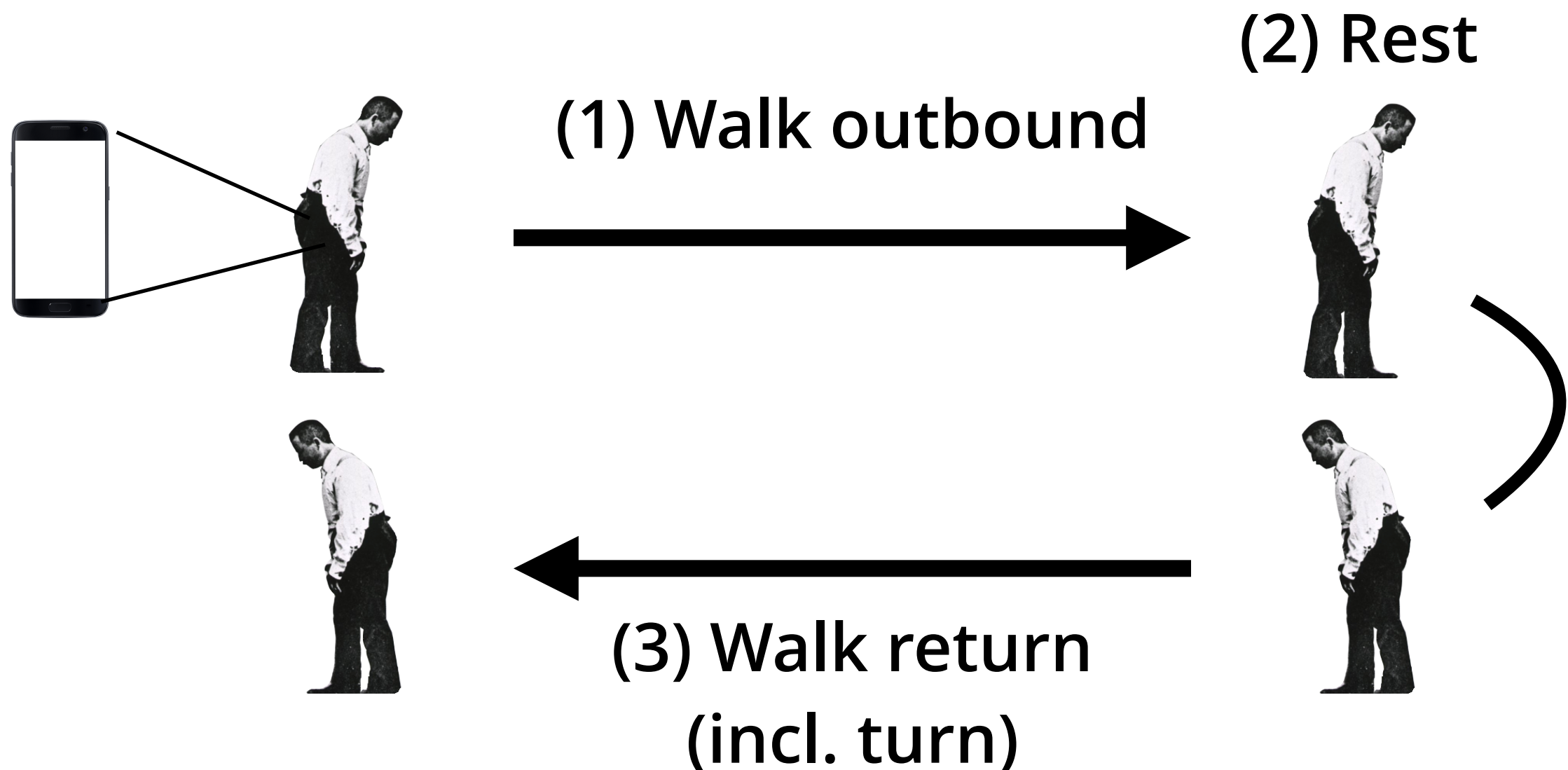
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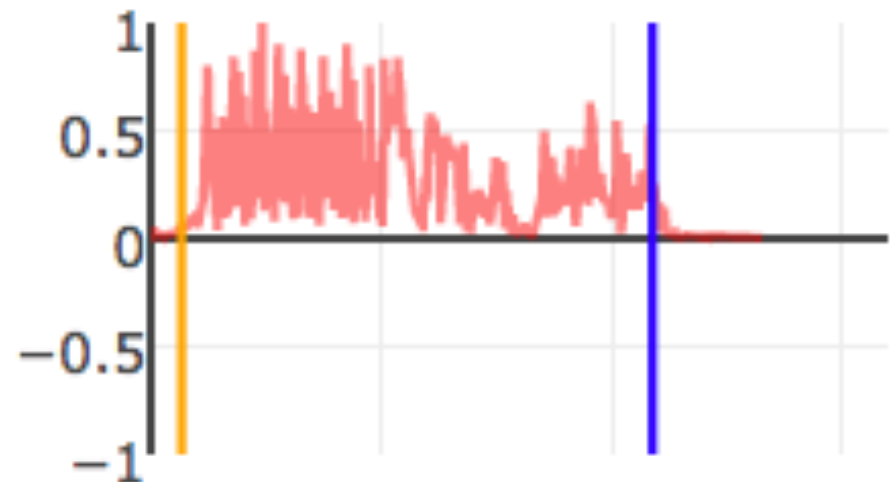
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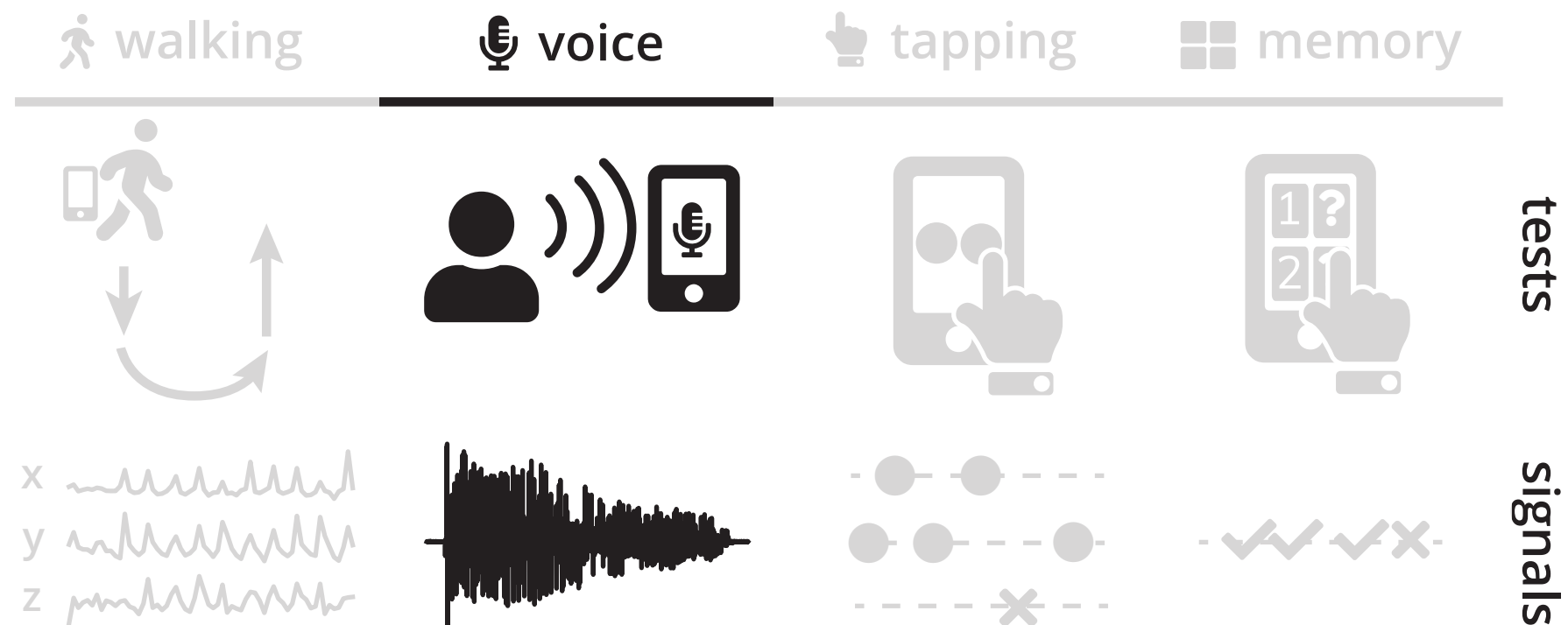


Data Streams

- Accelerometer time series:
 - Acceleration
 - Rotation Rate
 - Attitude

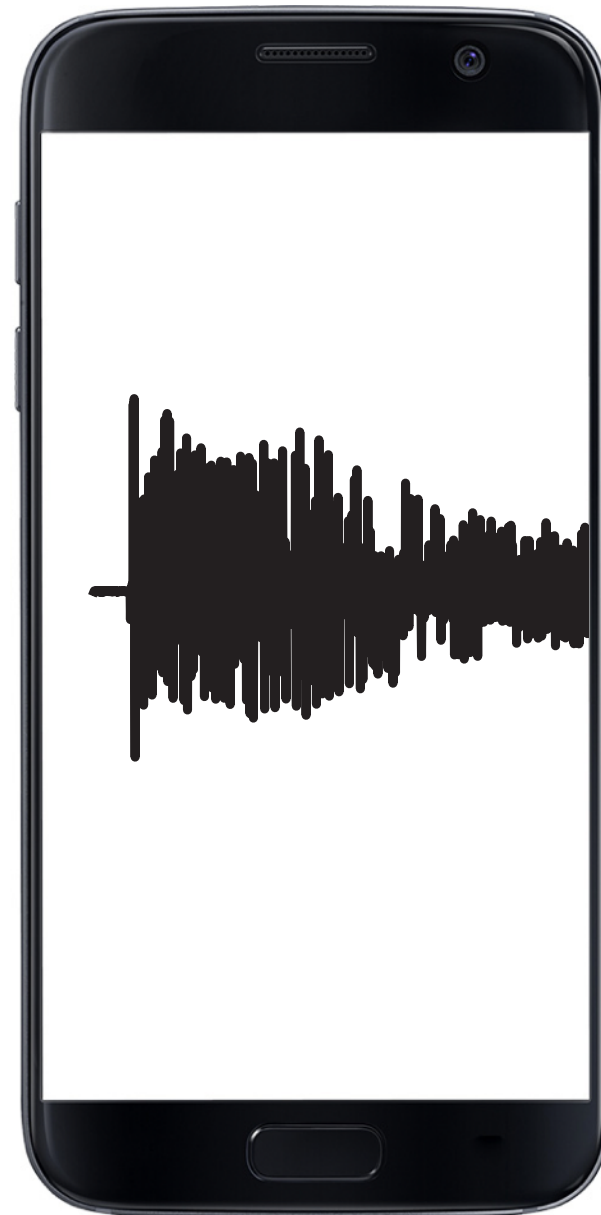


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mPower Voice Test

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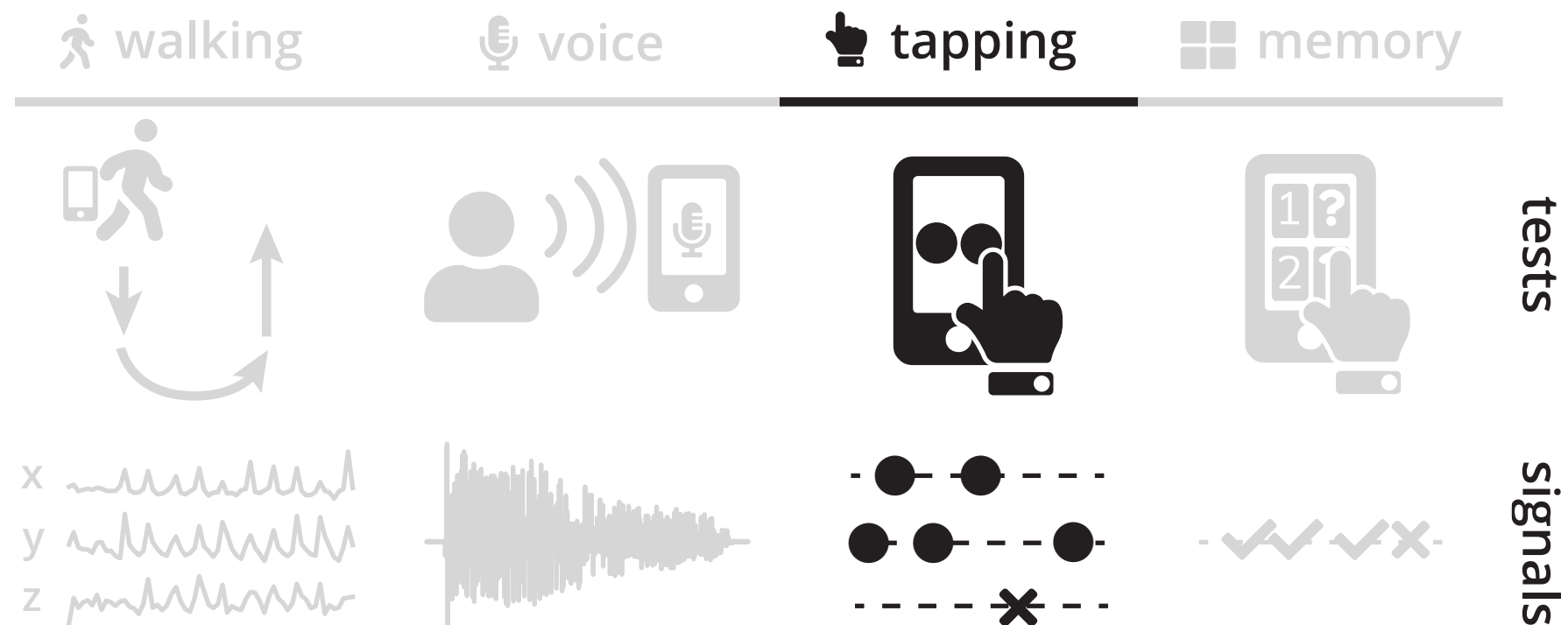


Data Streams

- Voice recording
 - 44100 Hz
 - ~30 seconds

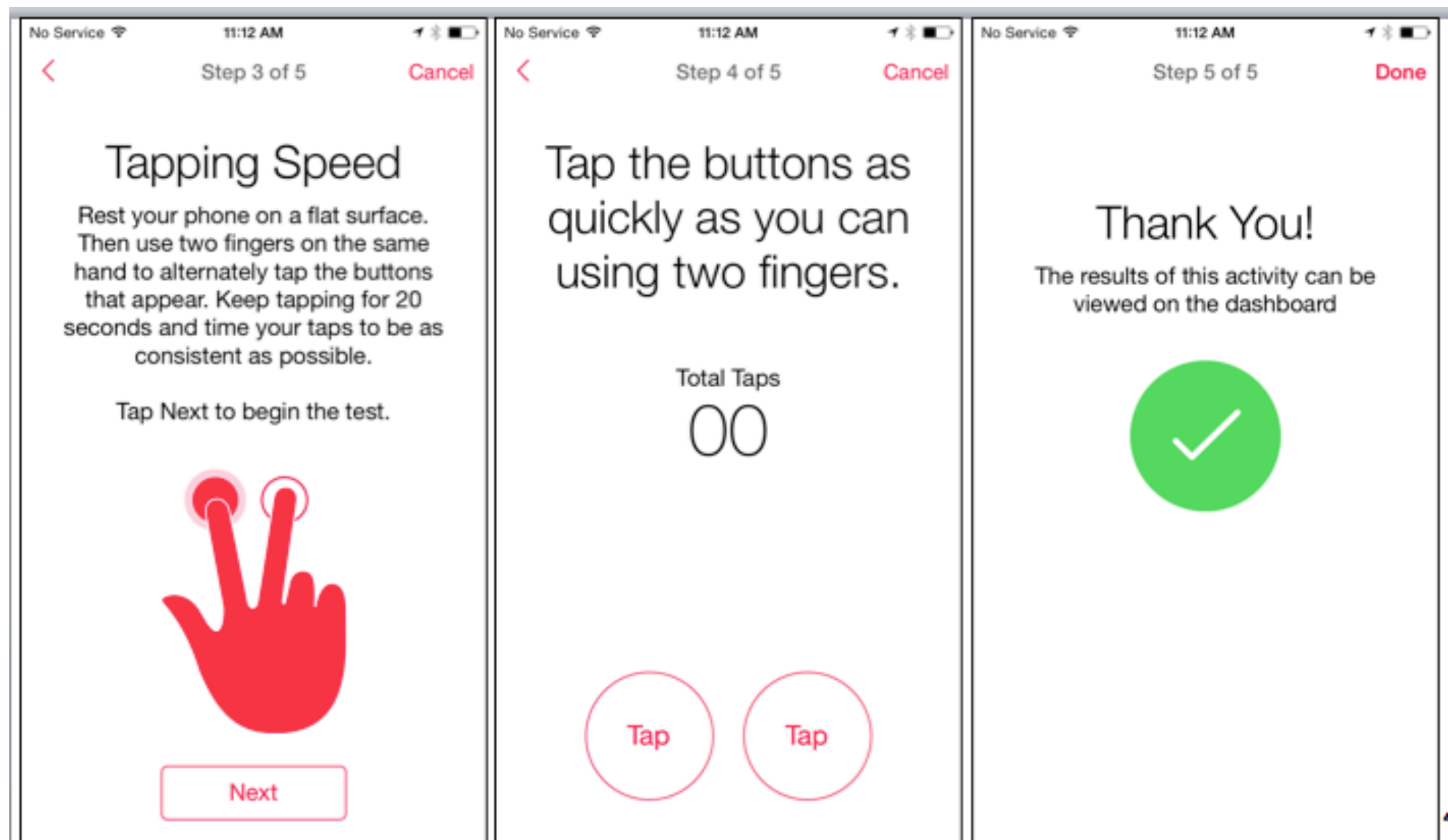


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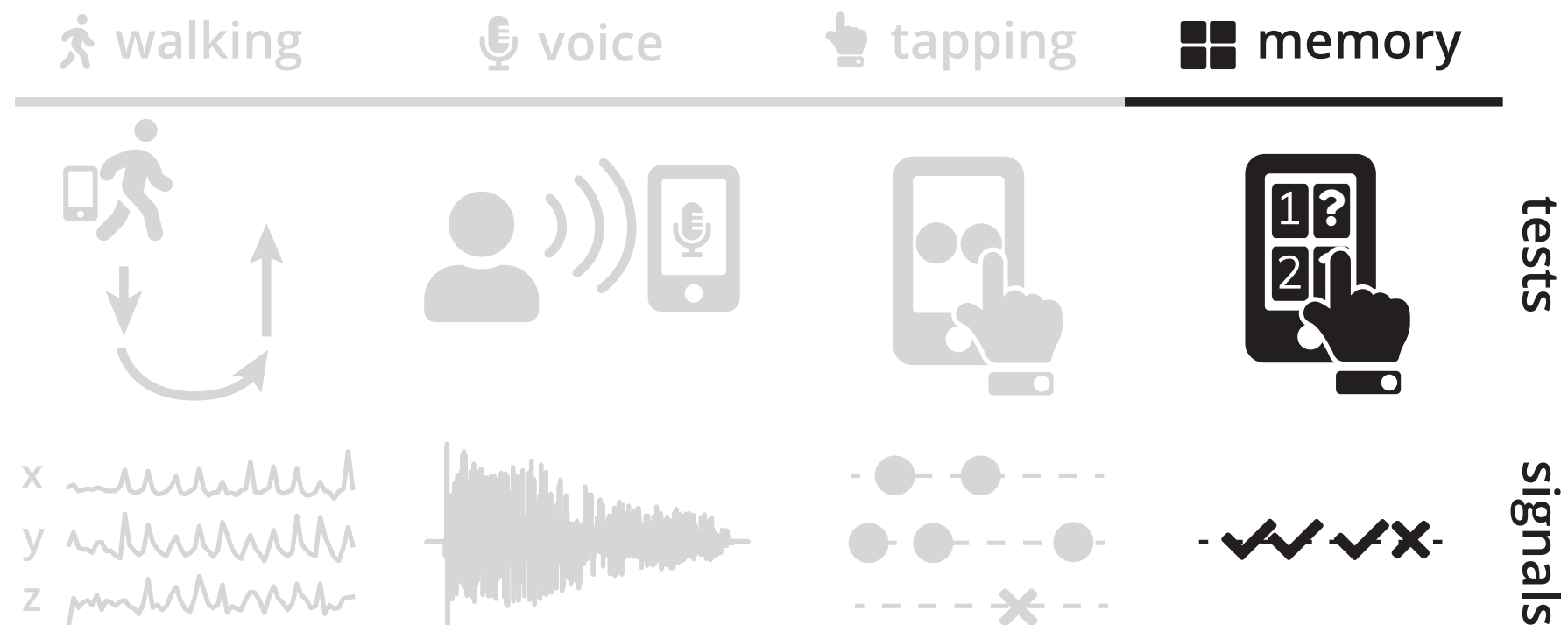


mPower Tapping Test

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Step 1 of 4 Cancel

Spatial Memory

This activity measures your short-term spatial memory by asking you to repeat the order in which flowers light up.

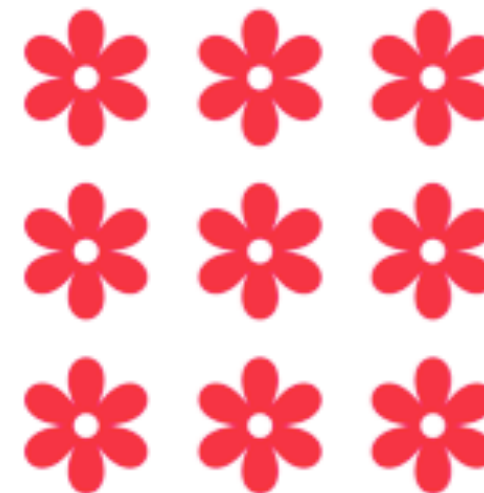


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Spatial Memory

Some of the flowers will light up one at a time. Tap those flowers in the same order they lit up.

To begin, tap Next, then watch closely.

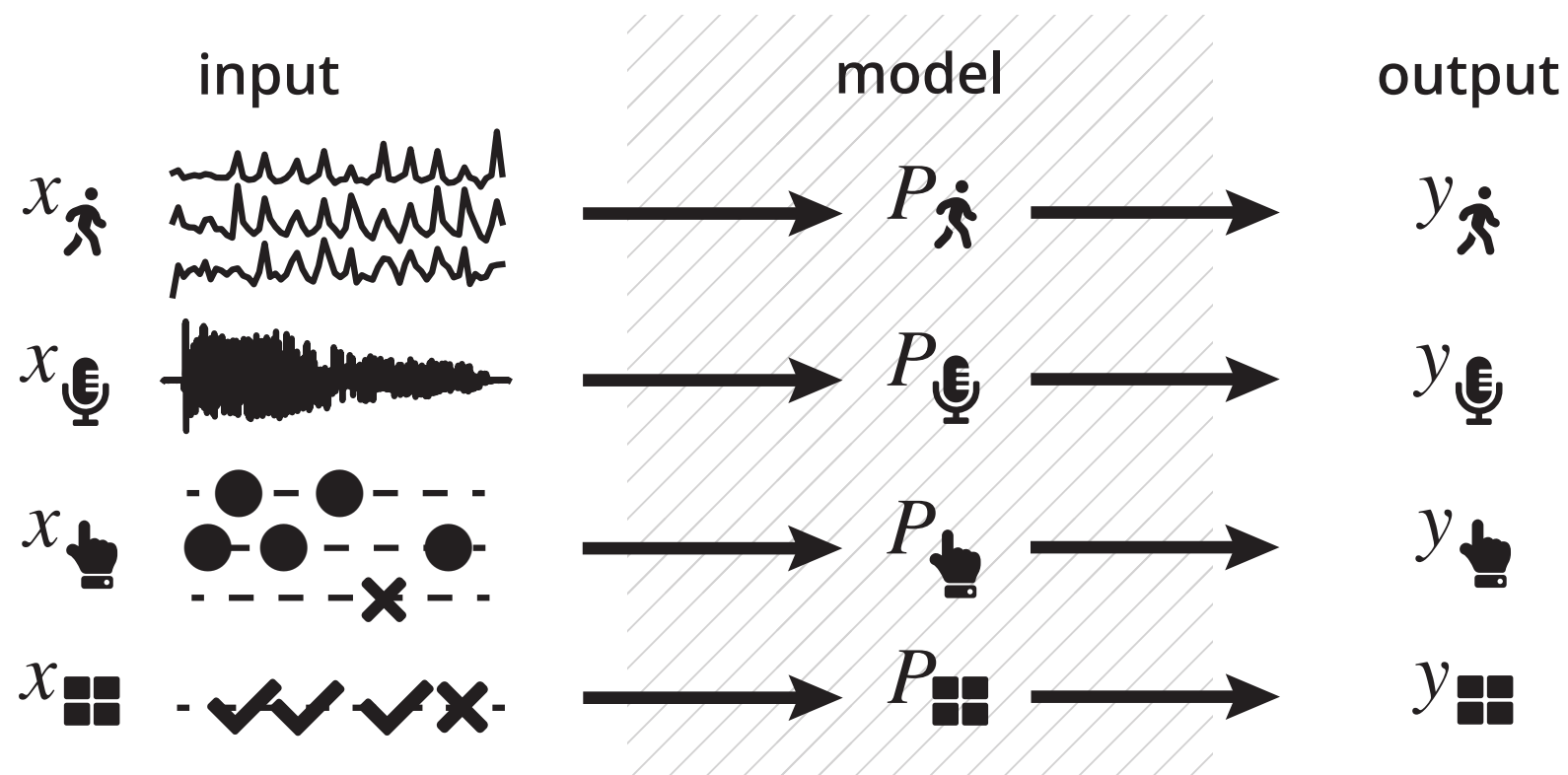


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Approach

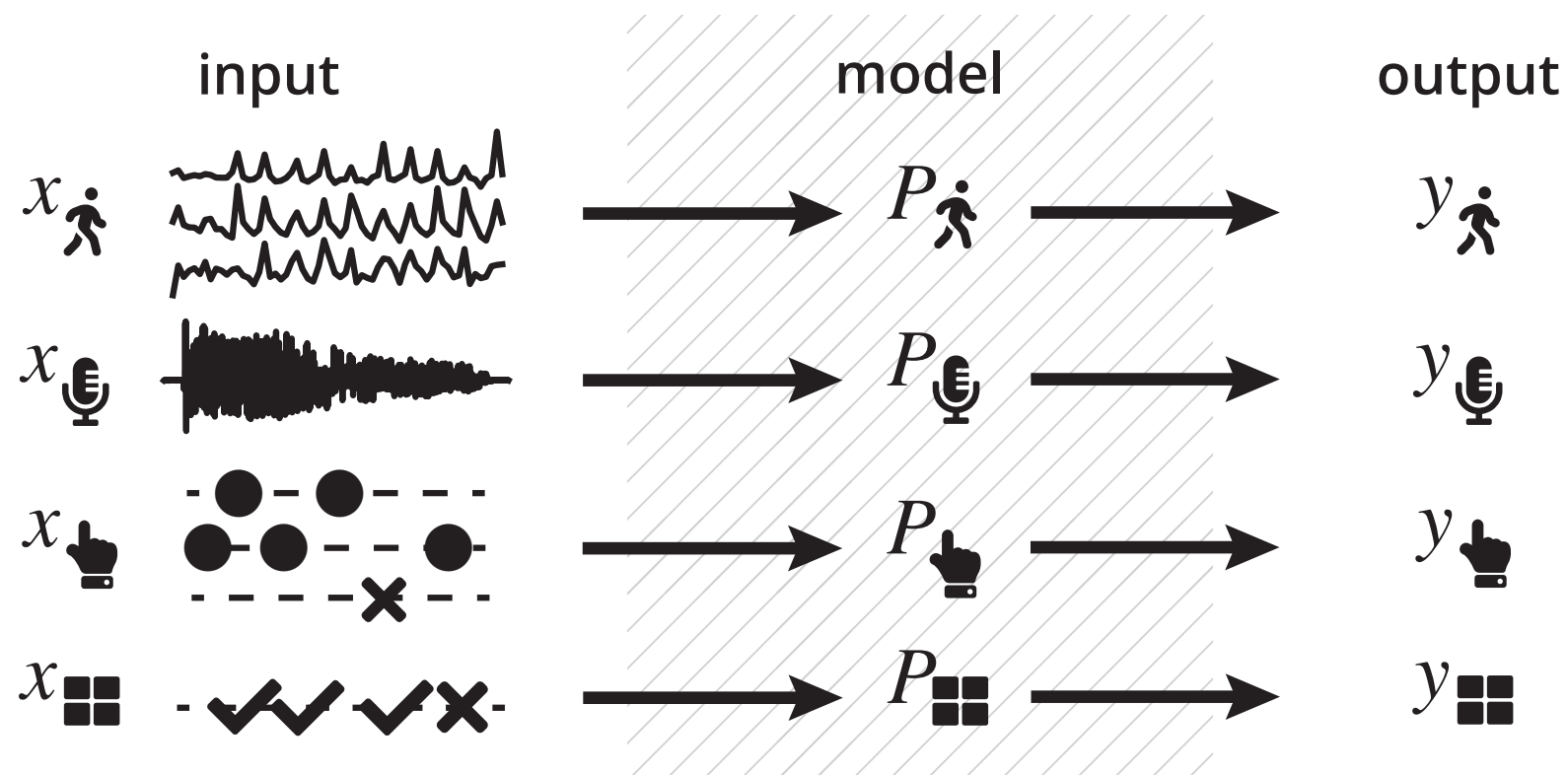
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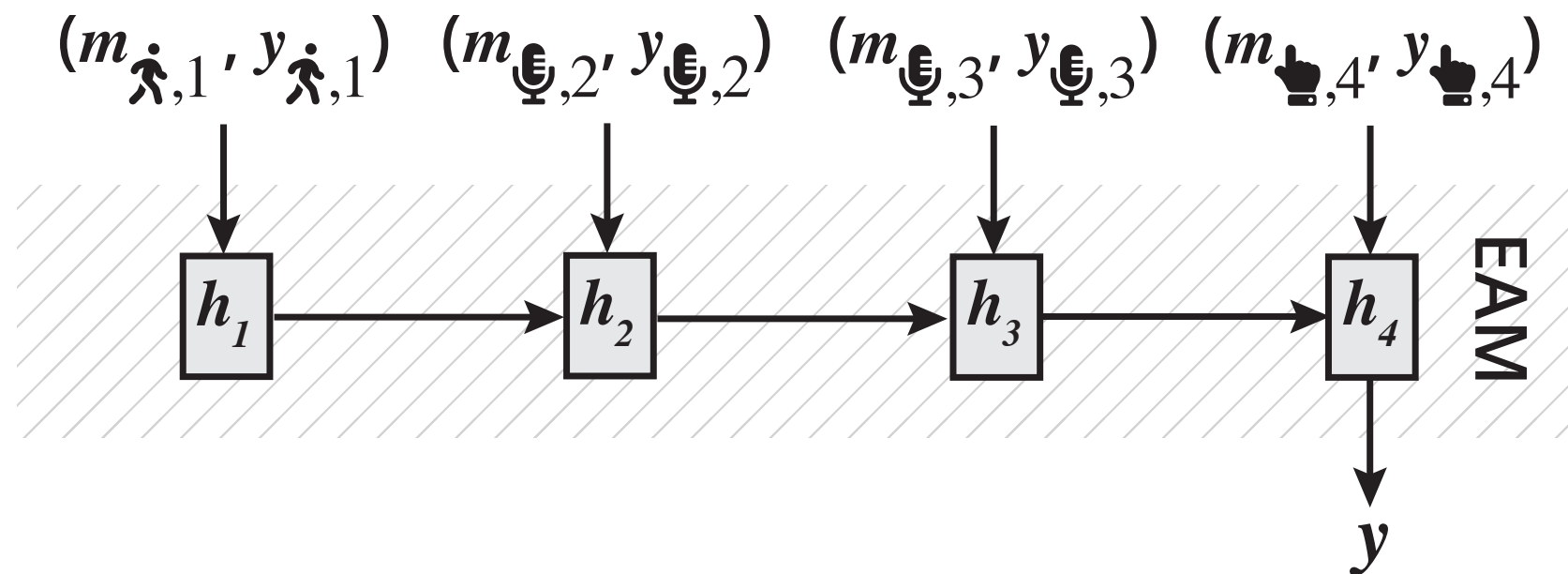
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Independent models

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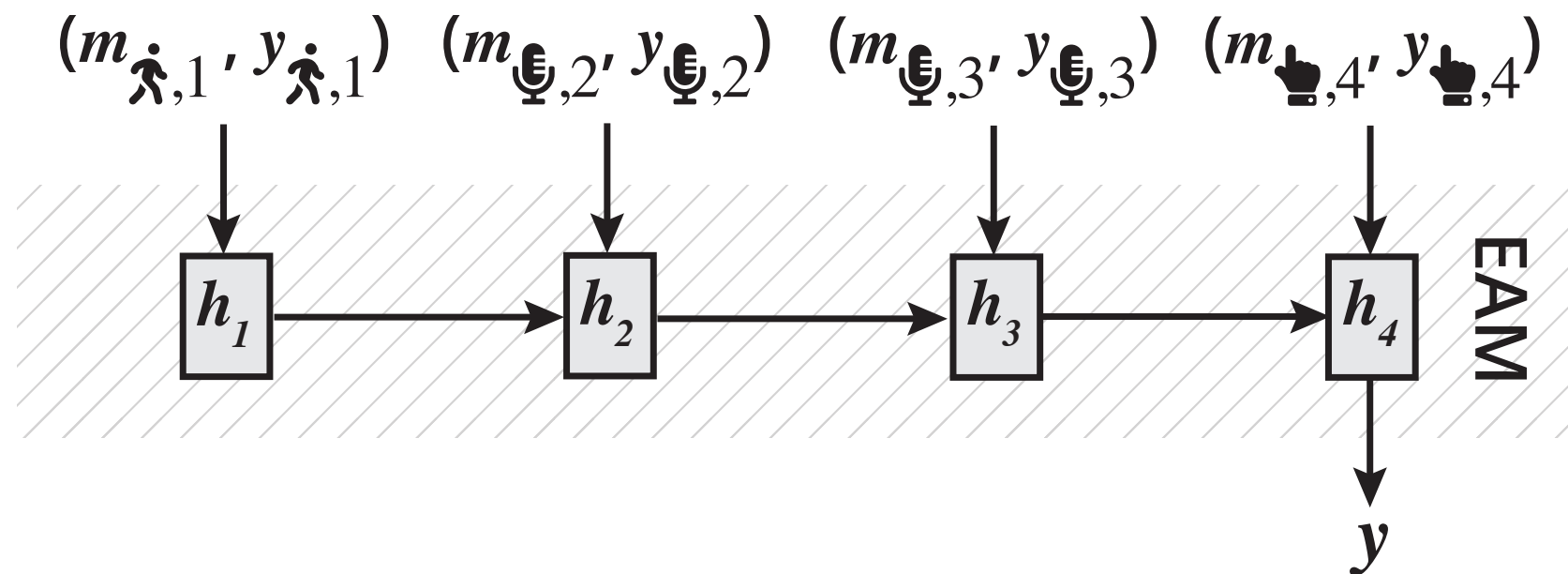
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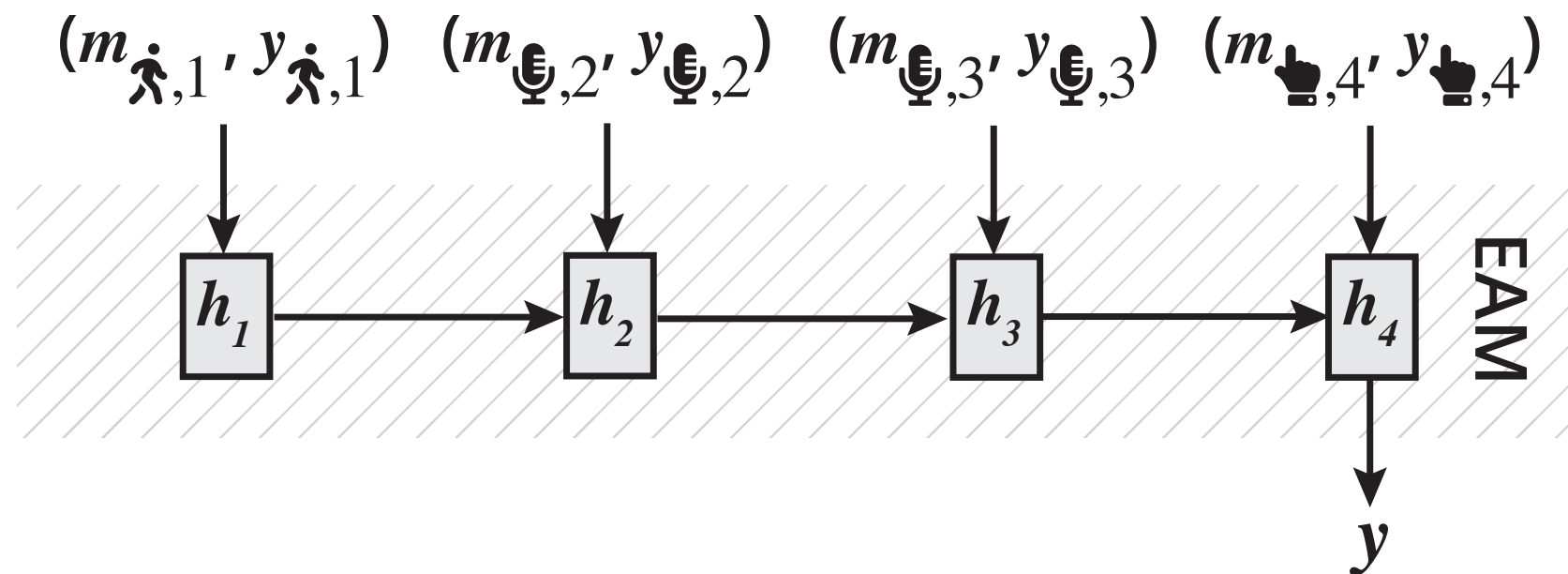
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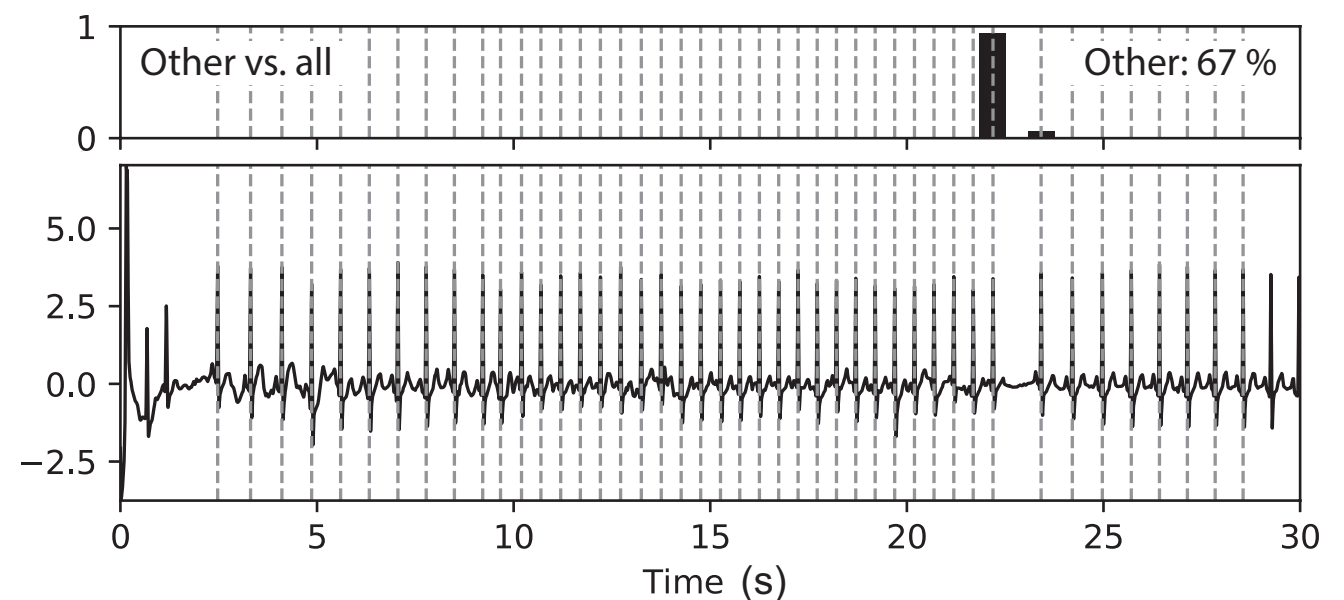
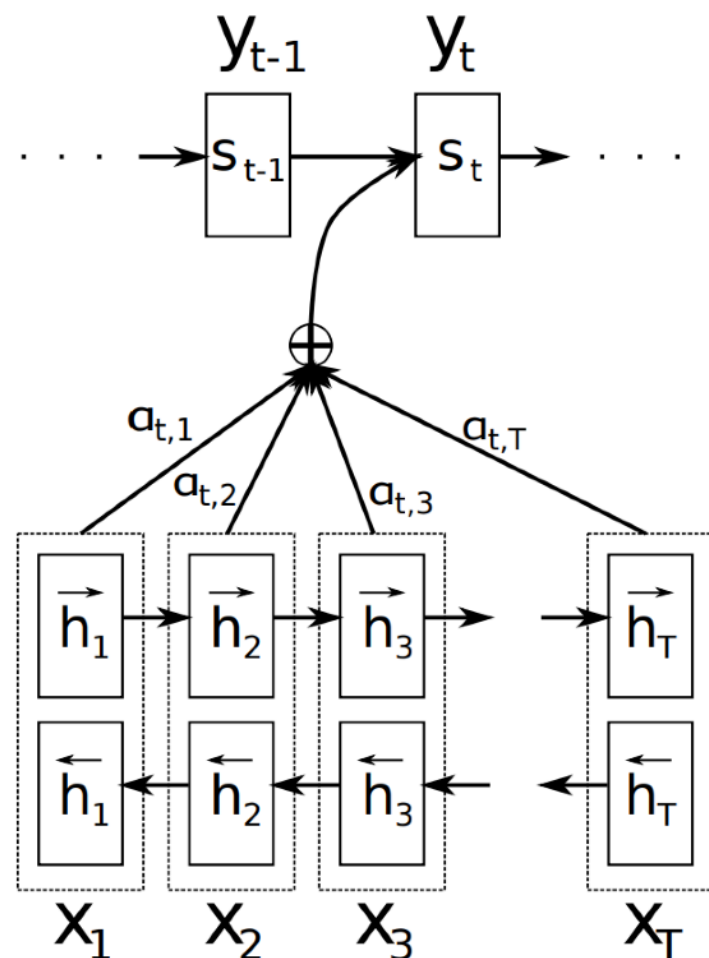
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Final diagnostic score

Neural Soft Attention

- A **soft attention mechanism**¹ allows us to relate the **decisions** to the most relevant **(1) input segments**² and **(2) tasks**.

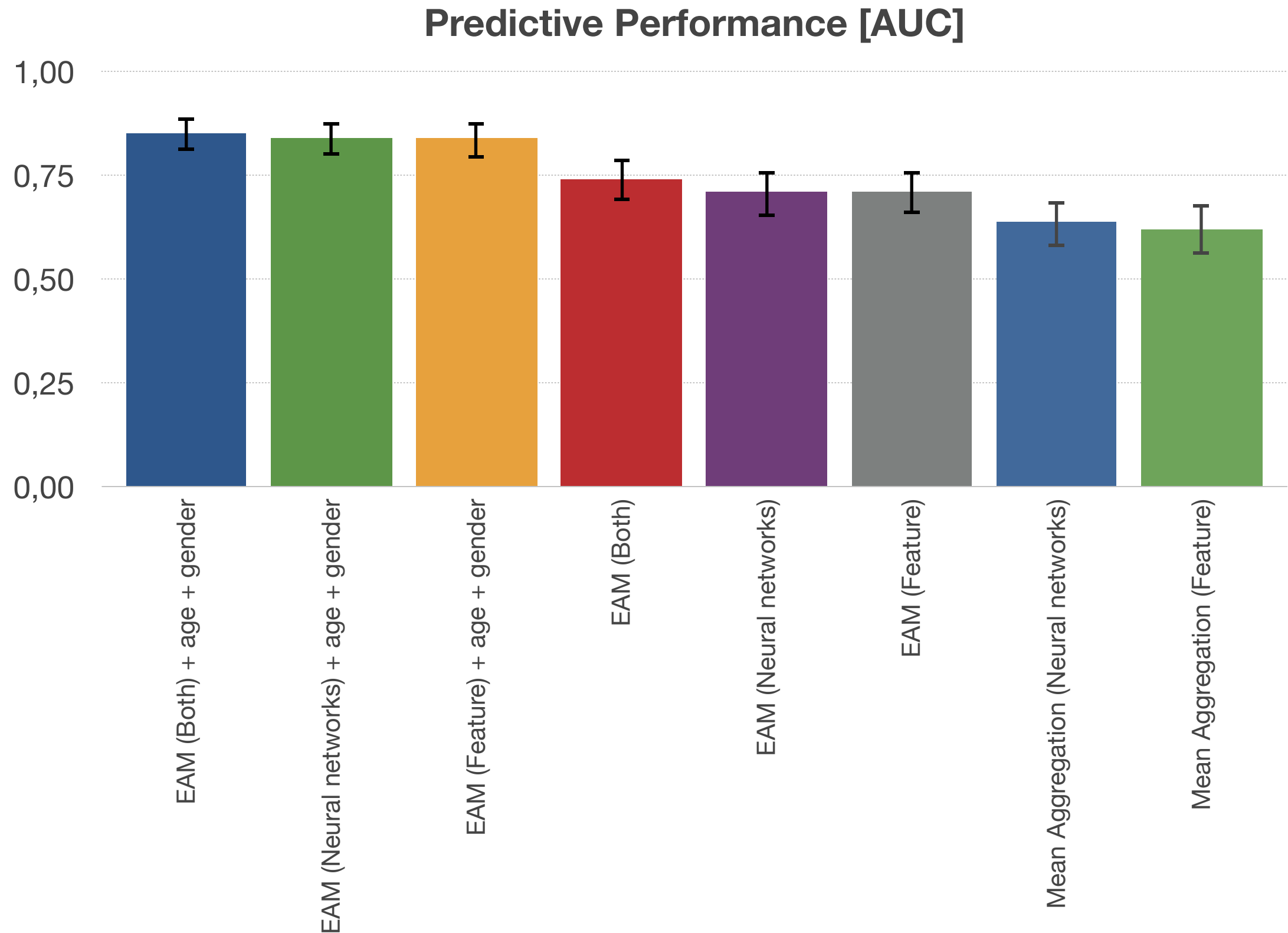


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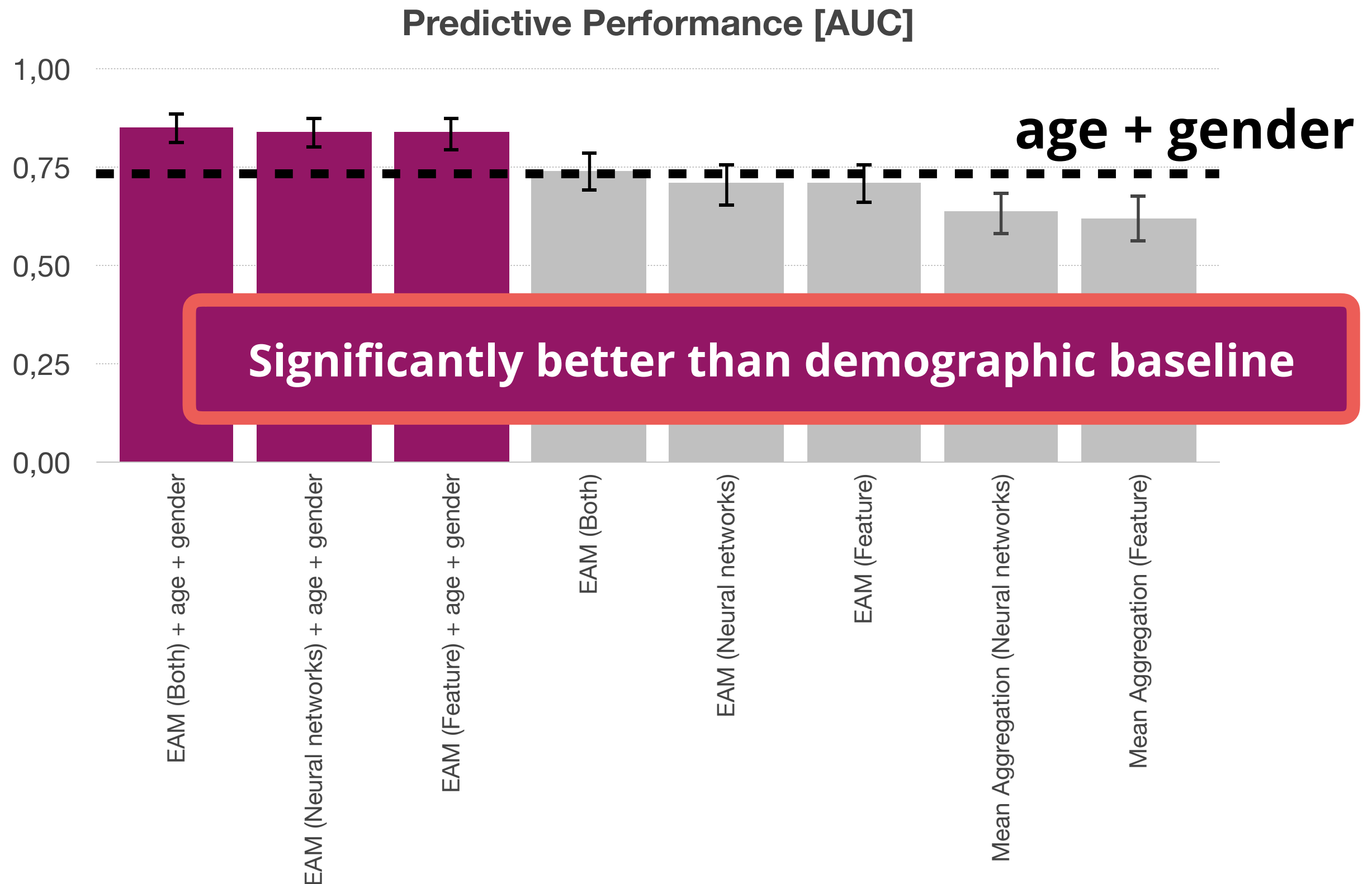
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Results & Discussion

Results on Test Set

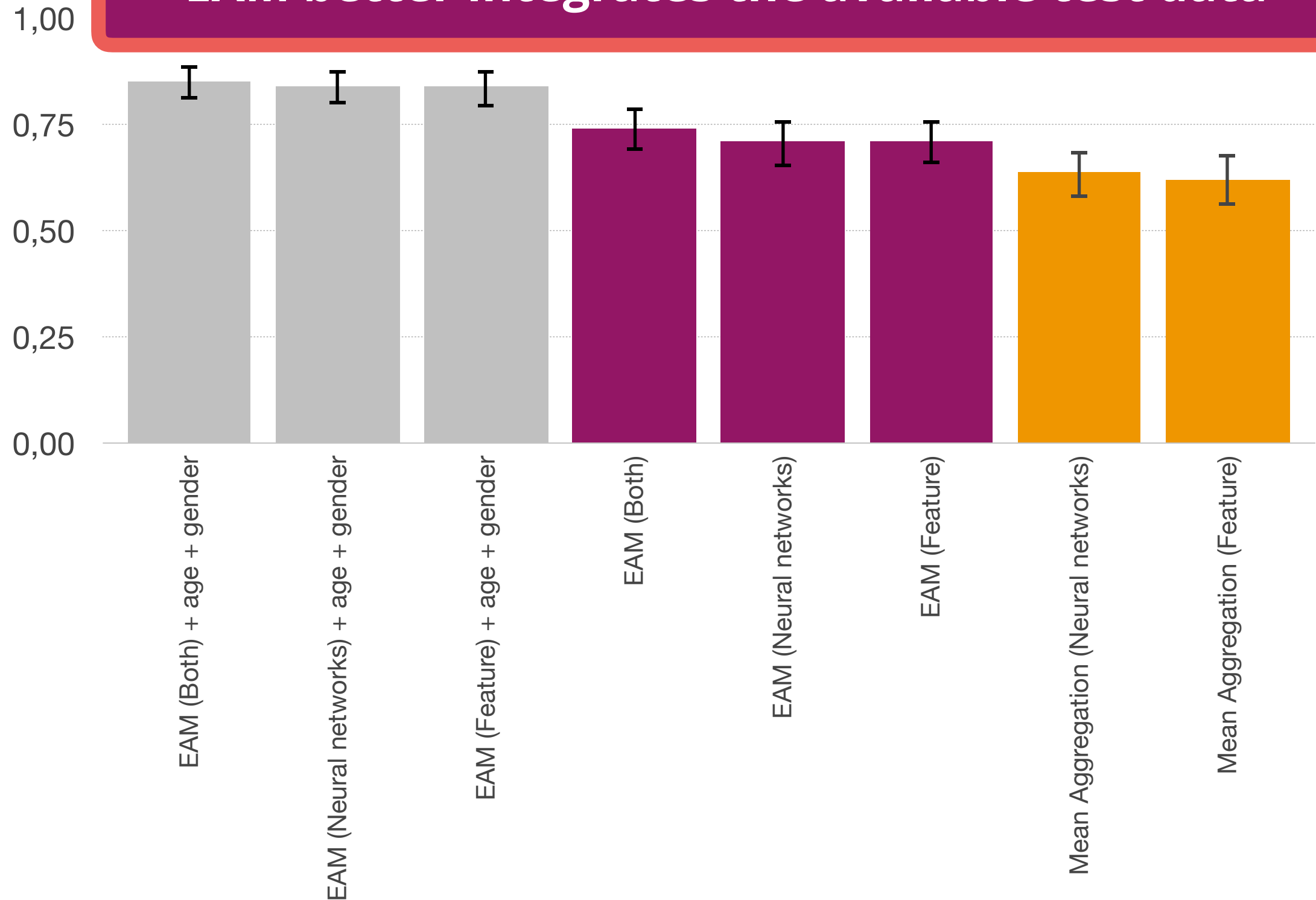


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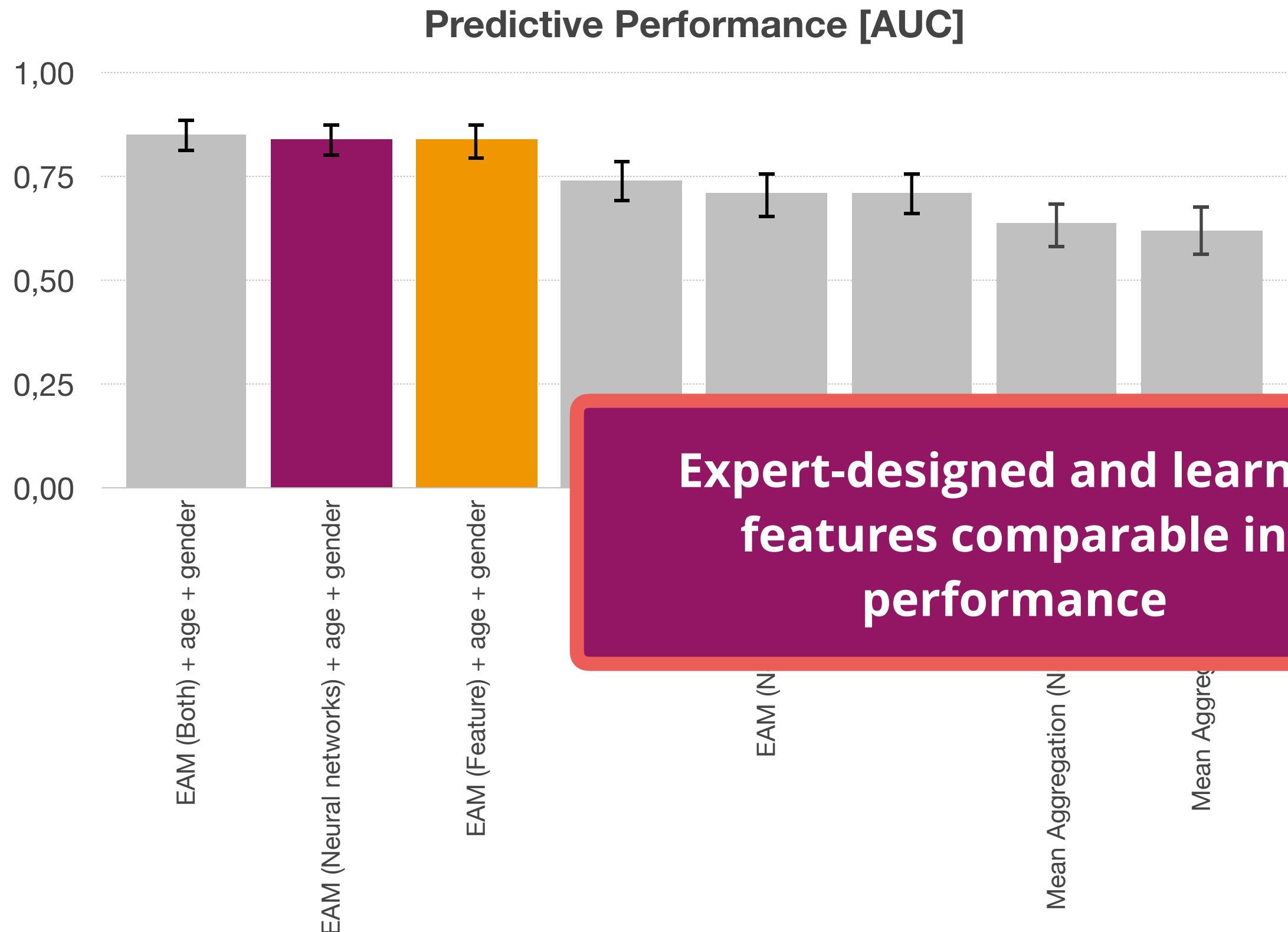


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EAM better integrates the available test data

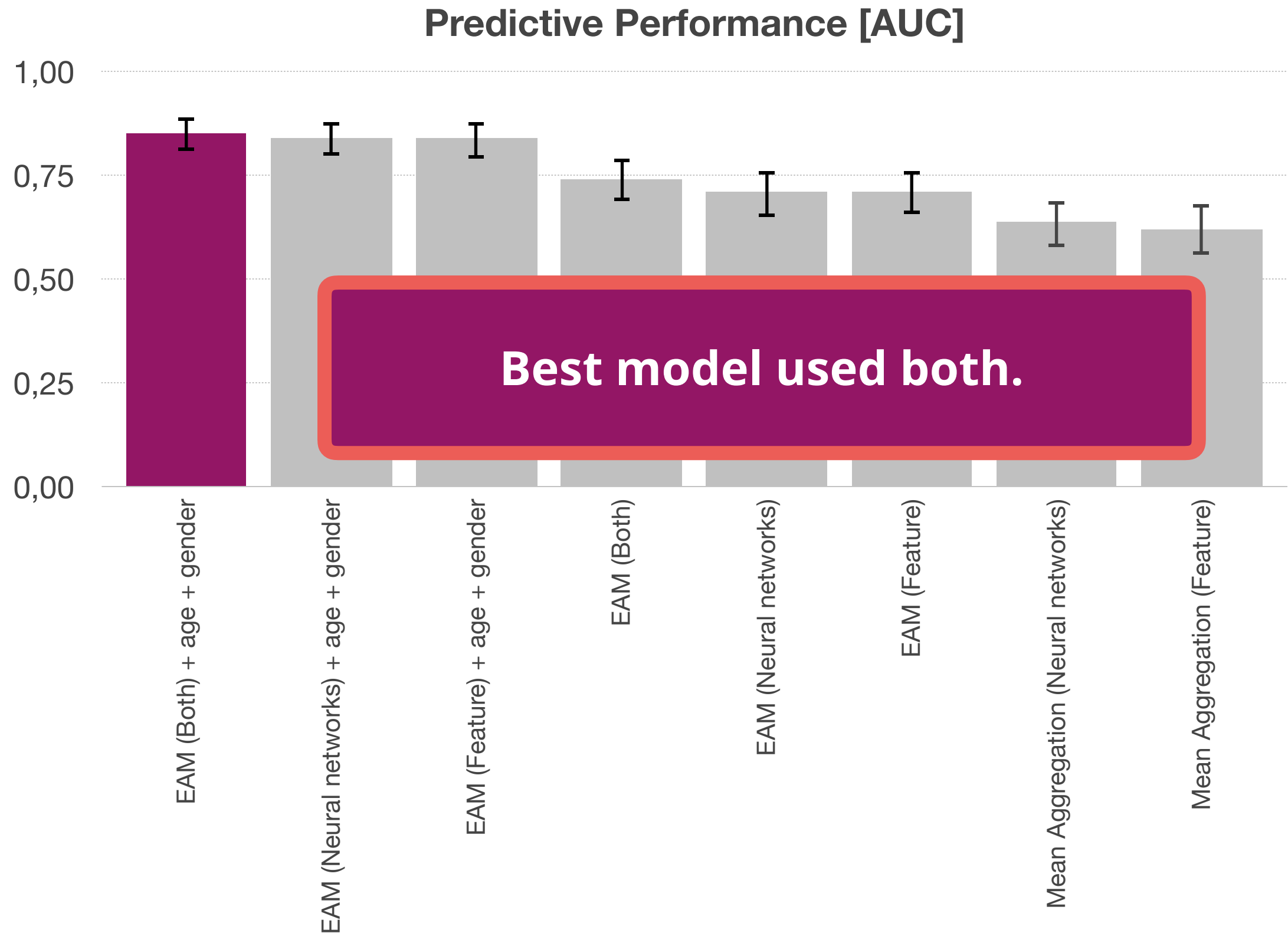


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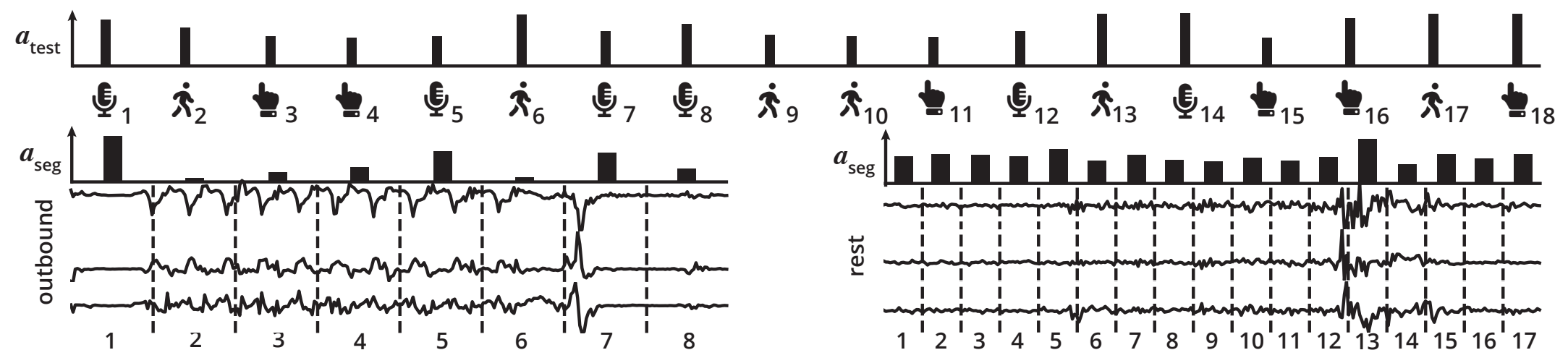


Expert-designed and learned features comparable in performance

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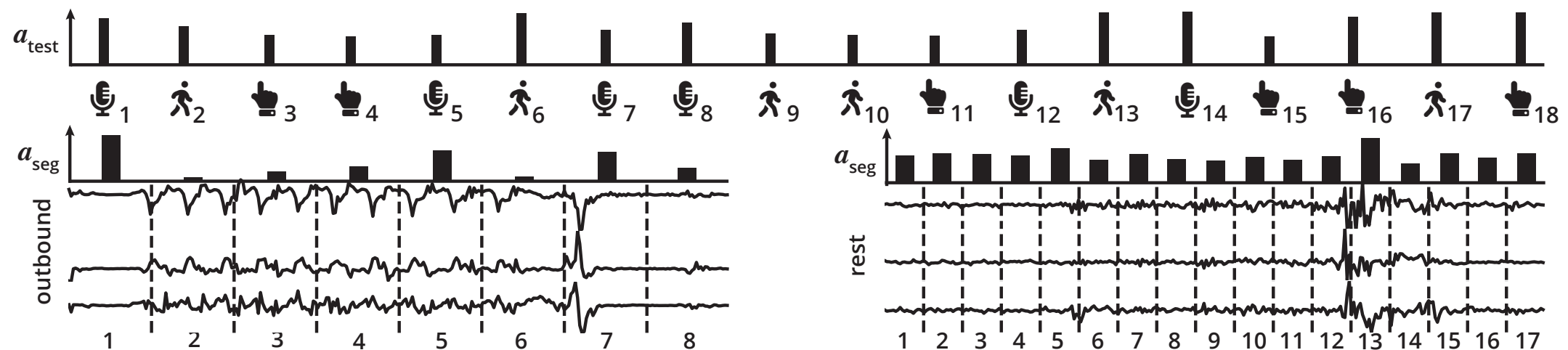


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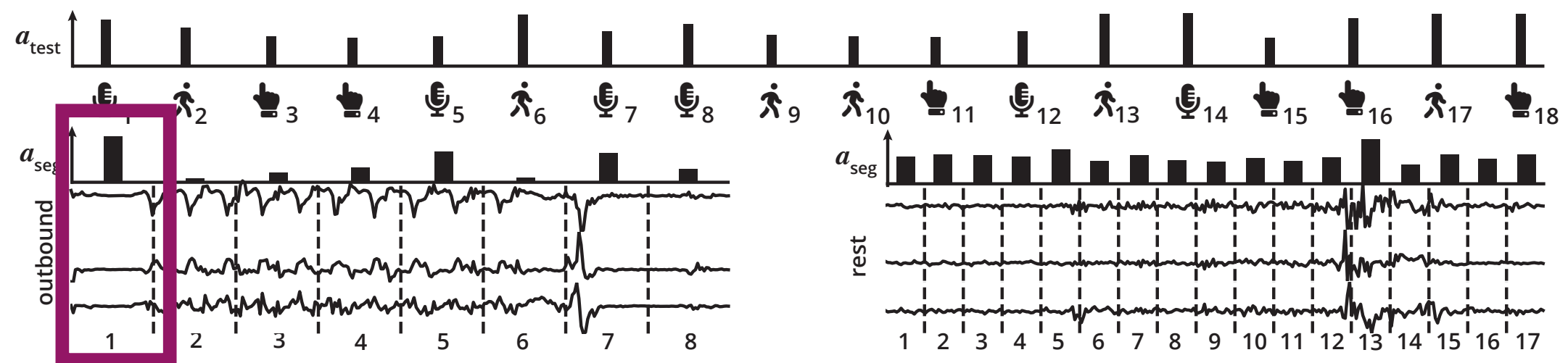
Importance over tests



Importance within test

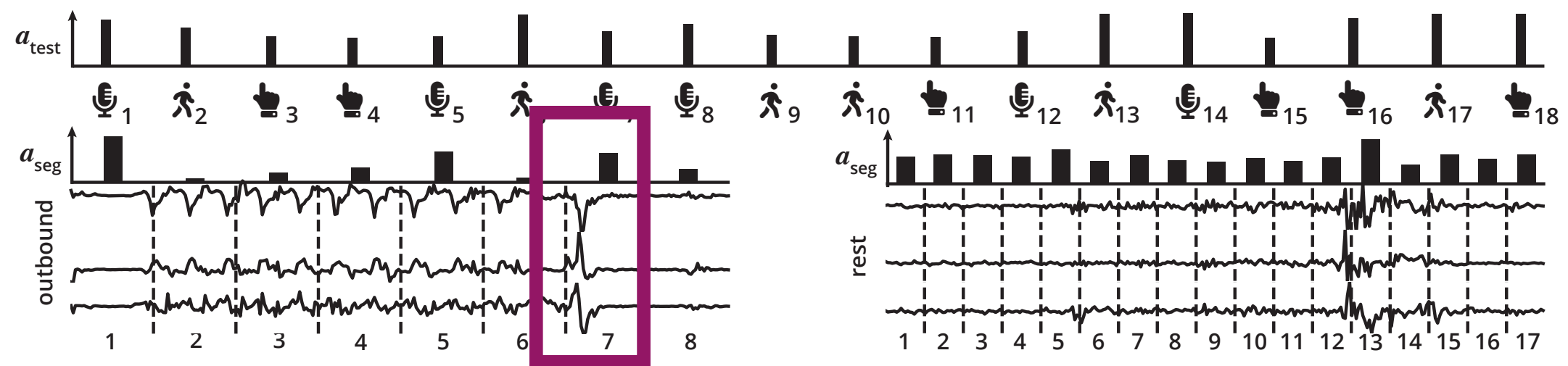
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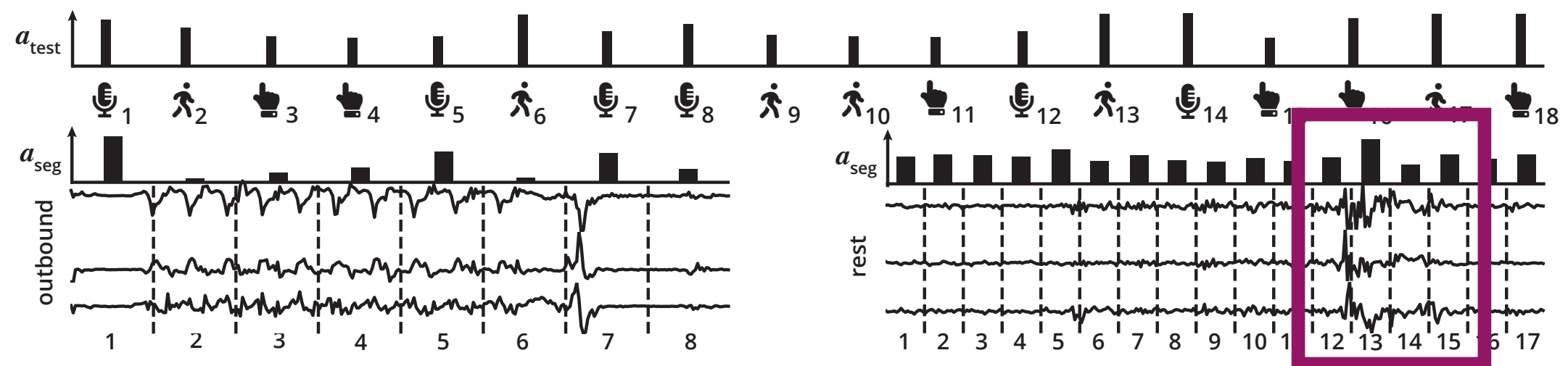
Difficulty starting to move

Neural Attention (Subject with PD)



Abrupt stop

Neural Attention (Subject with PD)



Potential resting tremor

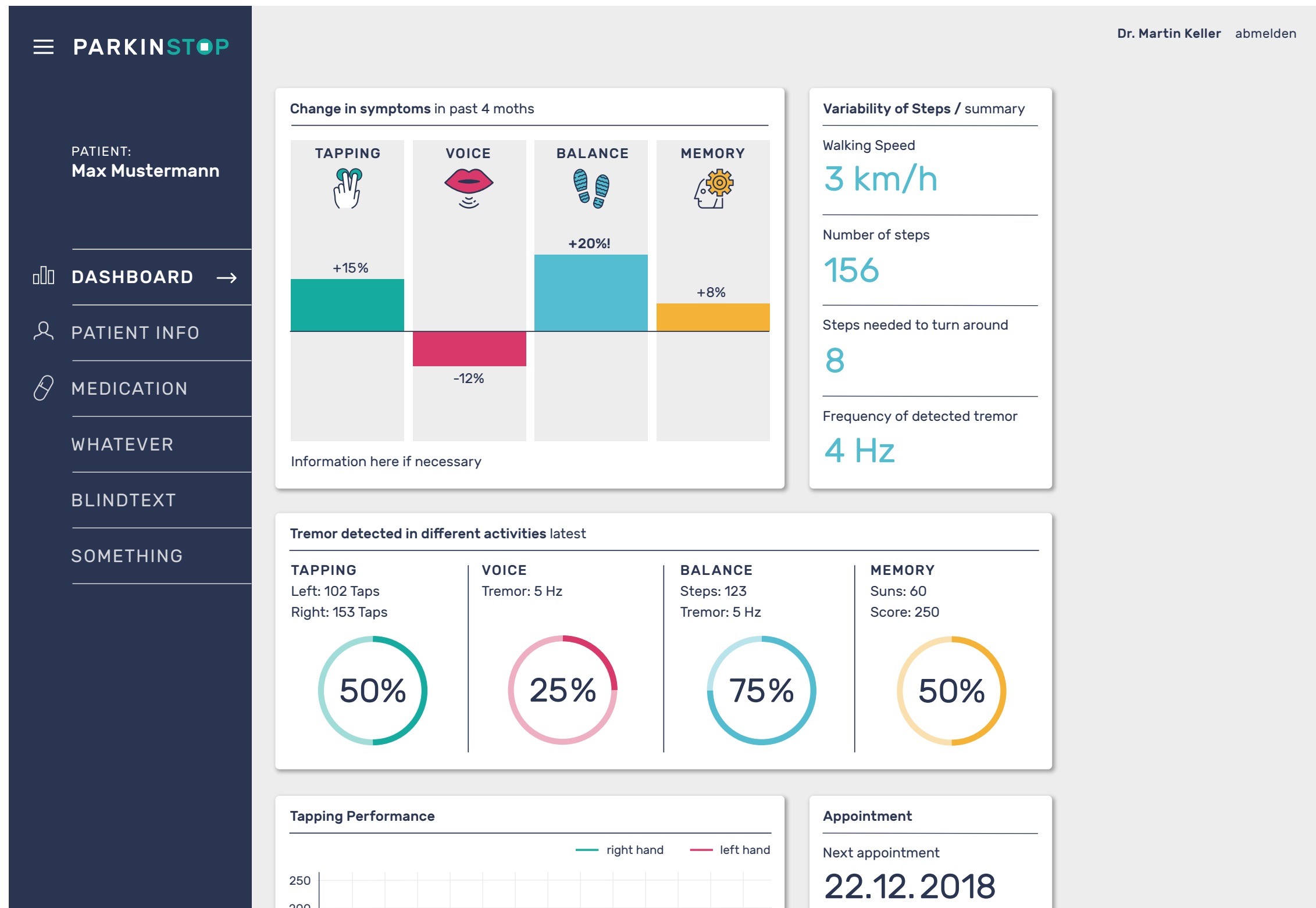
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- We present an approach to diagnosing PD that ...
 - ✓ **works** based on multiple smartphone-based tests that cover a **wide range of symptoms** across **long time frame**
 - ✓ informs the clinician about the **importance of tests and segments within those tests** using neural attention
 - ✓ achieves **strong performance** in a **representative cohort (n=1853)** with an **AUC of 0.85 (95% CI: 0.81, 0.89)**
- We highlight **potential of smartphones** as accessible tools for gathering **clinically relevant data in the wild**

Future Work

¹ Matas Pocevicius (2018), Intelligent Decision-Support for Diagnosis and Monitoring of Parkinson's Disease. MSc Thesis, ETH Zurich



Questions?

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