



Response Evaluation In Neurofibromatosis Schwannomatosis
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Digital biomarkers to support decentralized trials

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Daily behaviors

There exists hidden behavioral patterns that can teach us about neurological disease

Facial expression

Communication

Typing



Navigation

Driving



Walking

Posture

Gaze patterns

Reading



Reaching

Speech

Crawling



Digital tools can capture behavioral patterns

Facial expression



Communication



Typing



Navigation



Driving



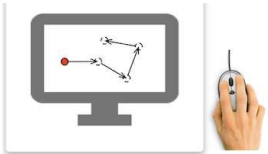
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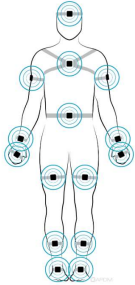


Reaching

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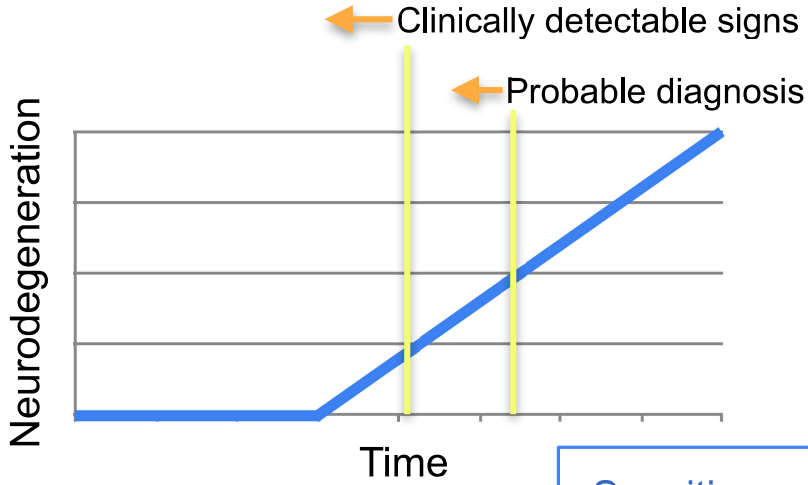


Walking

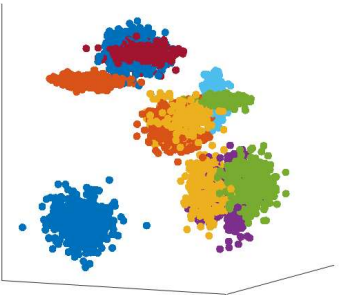
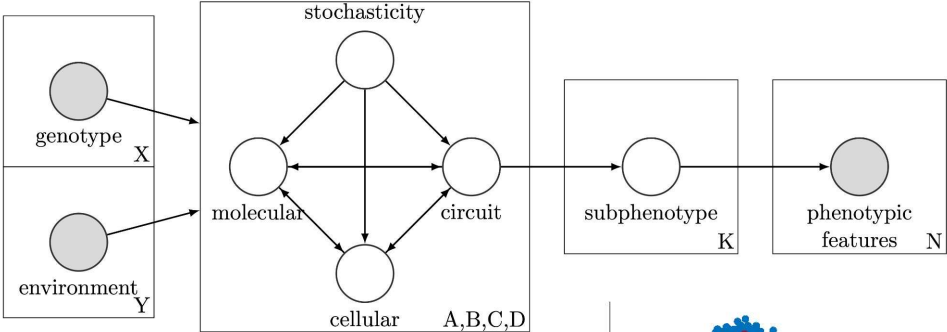


Clinical Utility of Identifying and Quantifying Patterns

Detection and Diagnosis



Pathophysiology



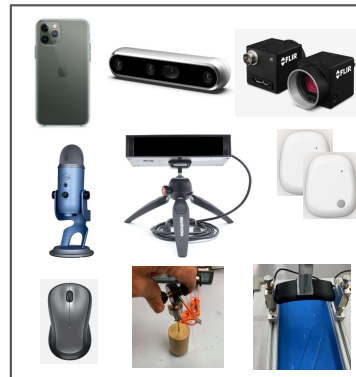
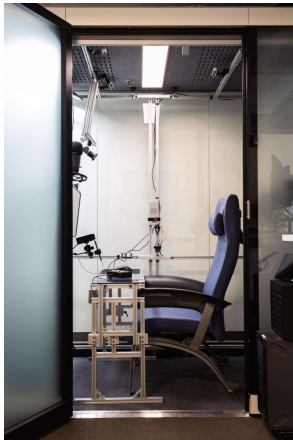
Sensitive and reliable measures of disease change

Two icons representing medical equipment: a red blood pressure cuff and a grey stethoscope.

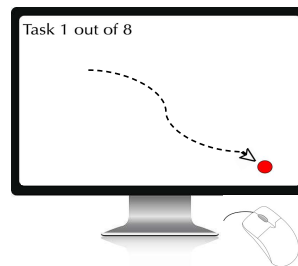
Digital Behavior Measurement Approaches

Active/Task-based Measurement

neurobooth



Can be remote:



Passive/Continuous Measurement



- Highly scalable
- Doesn't require consistently performed motor tasks
- Ecologically valid
- Potential for highly reliable measures

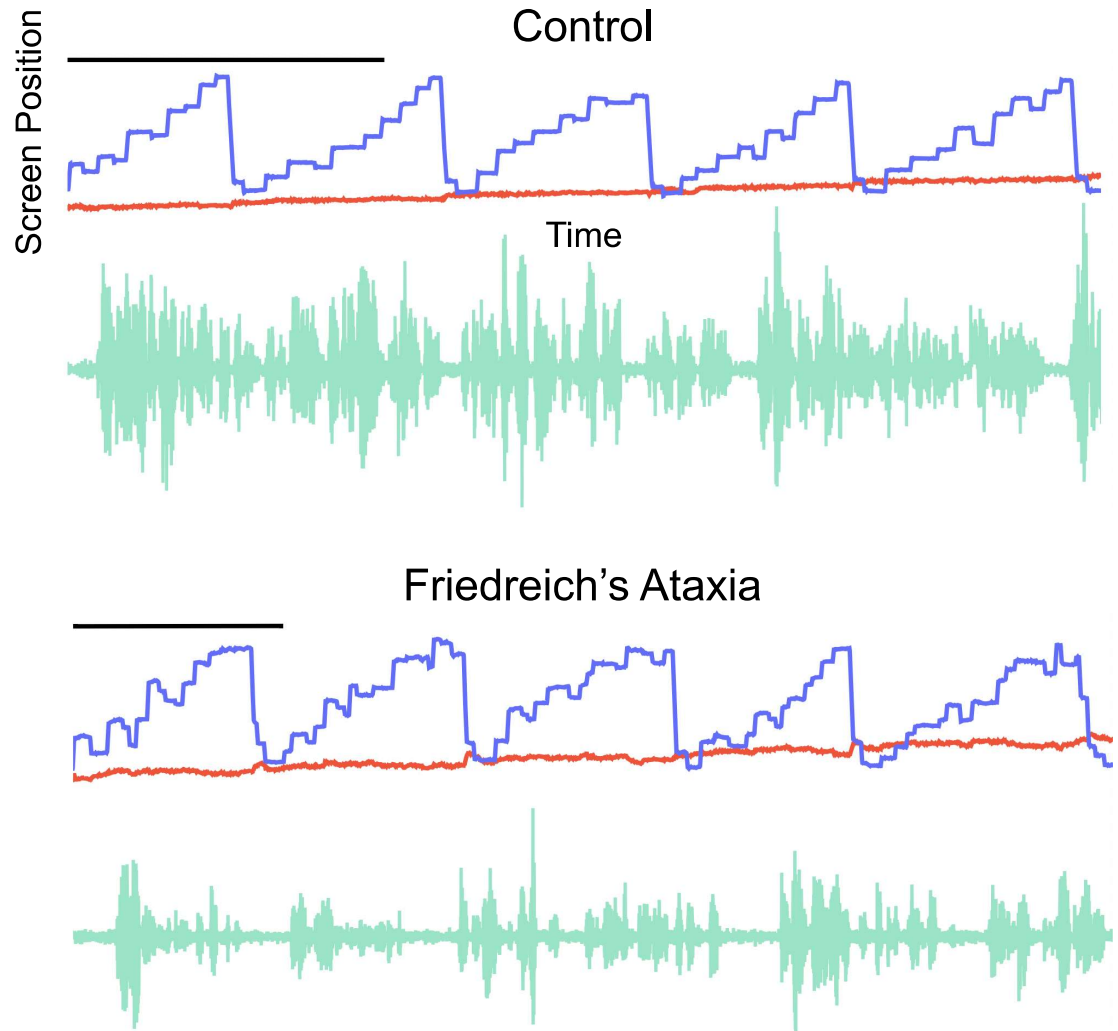
Passage Reading

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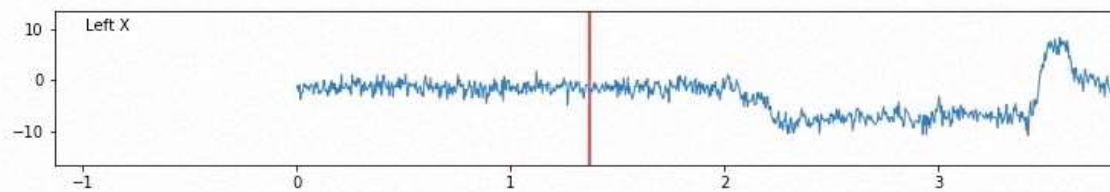


Bamboo walls are getting to be very popular. They are strong, easy to use, and good-looking. They provide a good background and can create a look of a Japanese garden. Bamboo is one of the largest and most rapidly growing grasses all over the world. Many varieties of bamboo are grown in Asia, although it is also grown in America. Last year we bought a new home and have been working on the flower garden. In a few more days, we will be done with the bamboo wall in our garden. We have really enjoyed the project.

- Horizontal Gaze
- Vertical Gaze
- Audio
- Time Indicator (5 s)



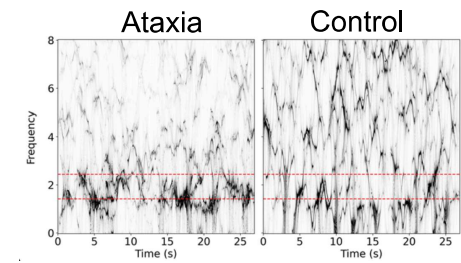
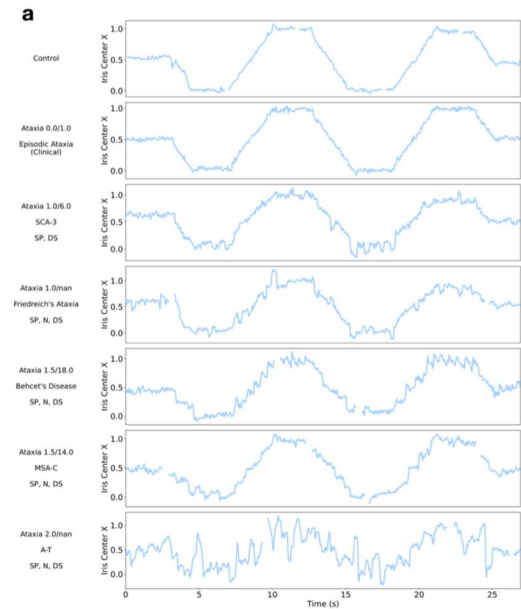
Oculomotor analysis from mobile phone video



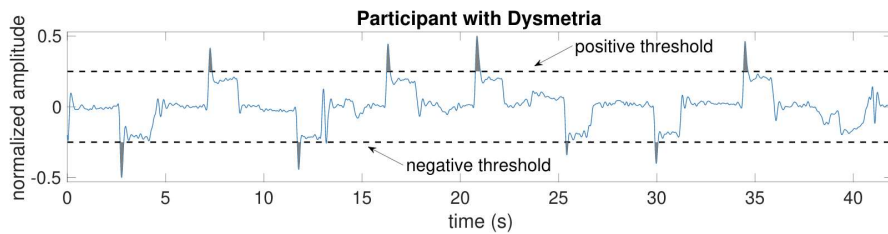
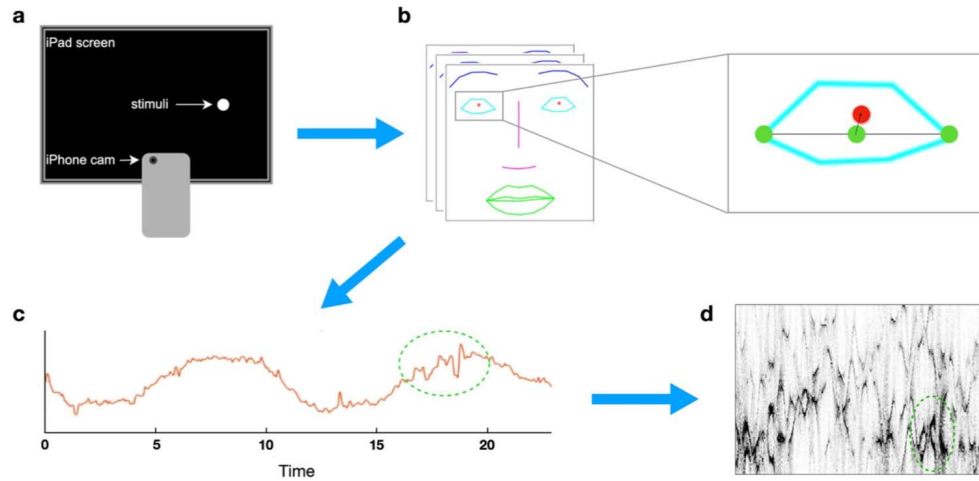
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Increasing Ataxia Severity



Chang et al. 2020, *Scientific Reports*



Azami et al. 2022, *IEEE Access*



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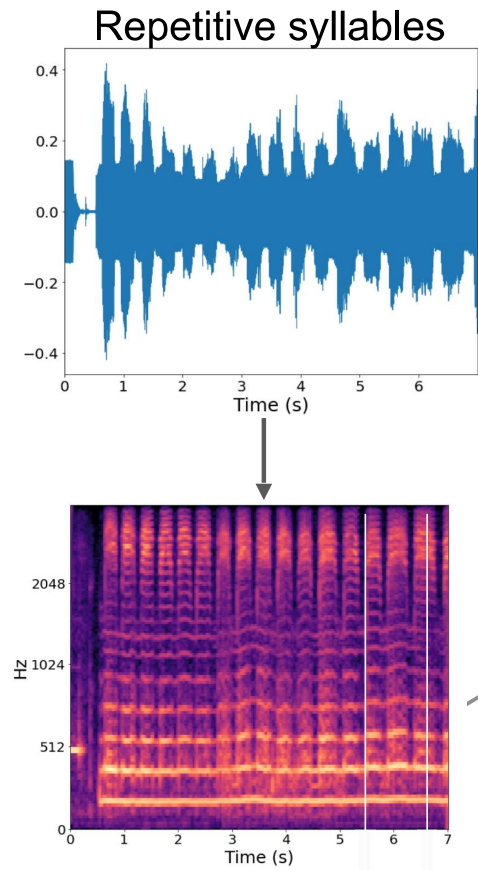


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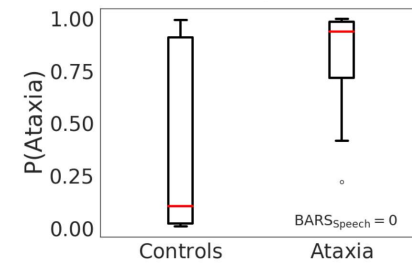
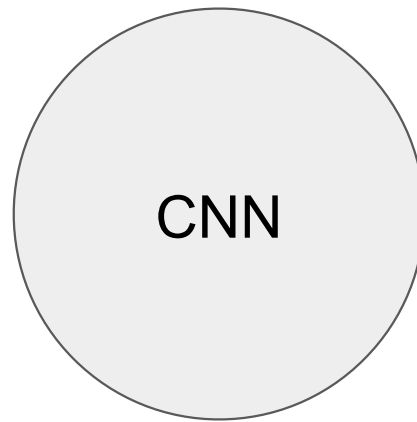


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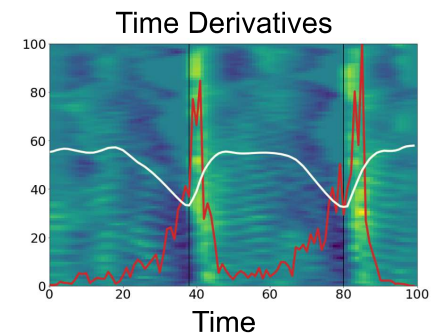
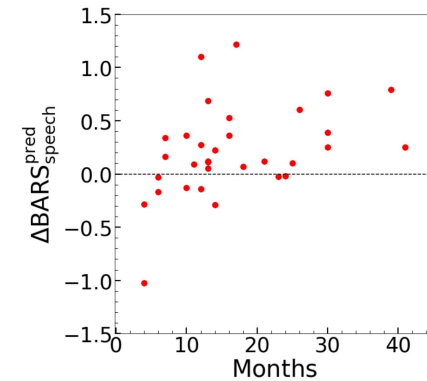
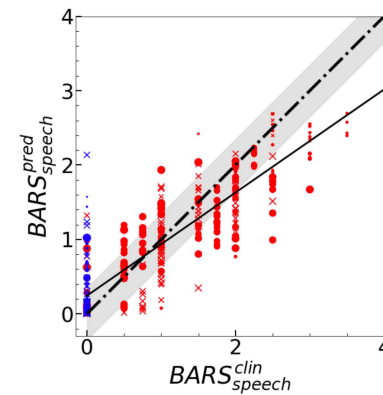
Detecting early speech changes in ataxias



- In-clinic & Remote
- 450+ recordings from 200+ individuals
- Children and adults with ataxia



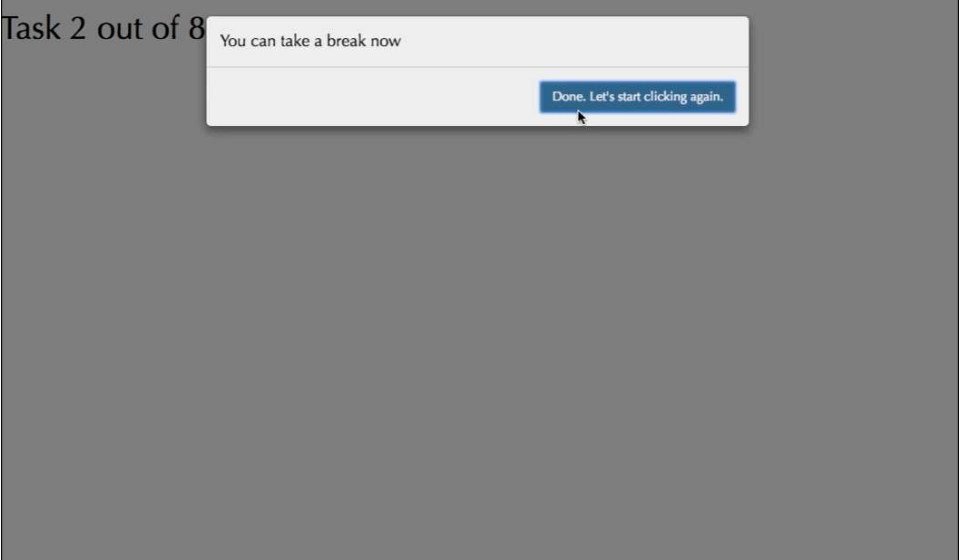
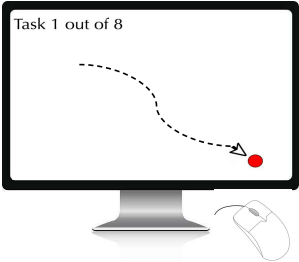
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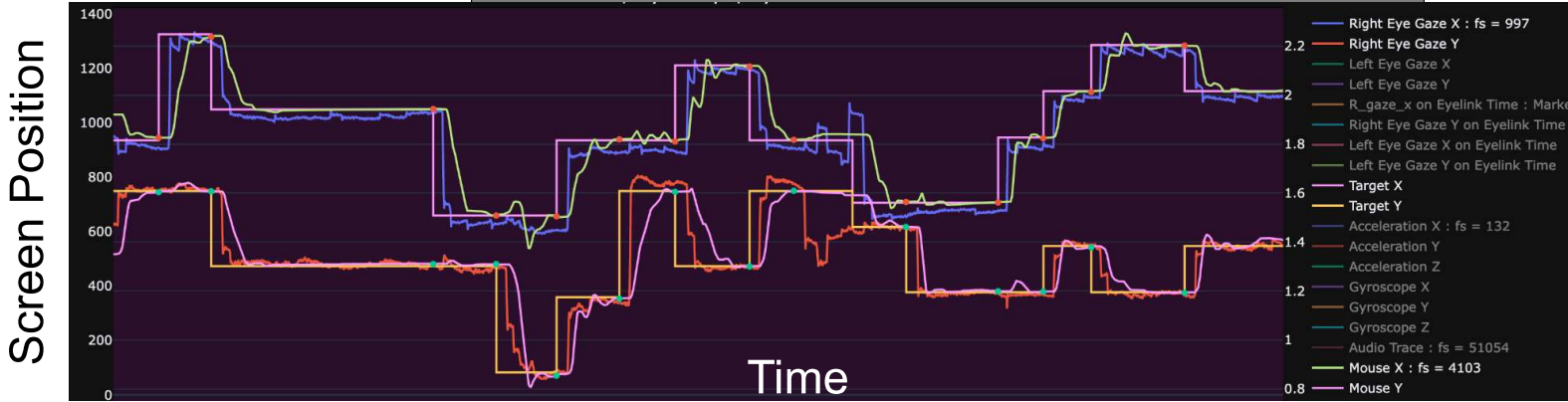
Vattis et al. 2023, medRxiv

Computer Mouse Task

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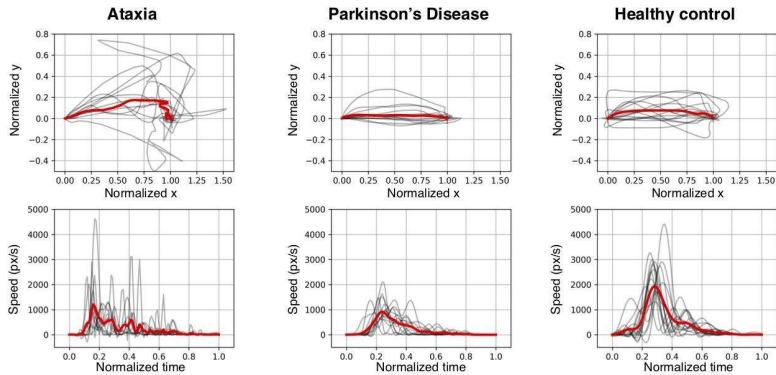
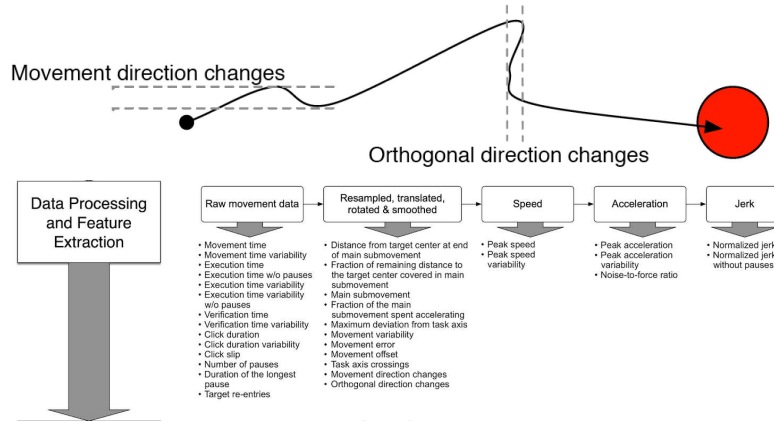
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Web-based Computer mouse task



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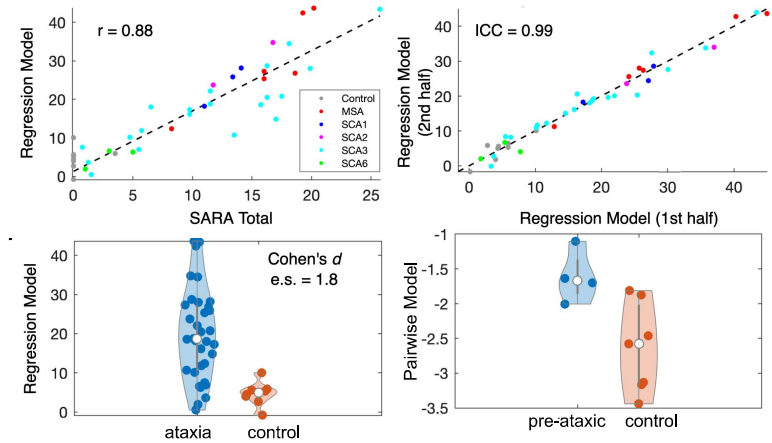


Gajos et al. 2020, *Movement Disorders*

Comparison (number in parentheses next to each class)	Number of features used	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value
Parkinsonism (46) versus healthy (29)	5	0.913	1.000	1.000	0.879
Ataxia (95) versus healthy (29)	4	0.926	0.897	0.967	0.788
Mild ataxia (16) versus healthy (29)	6	0.750	0.966	0.923	0.875



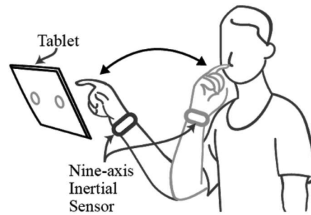
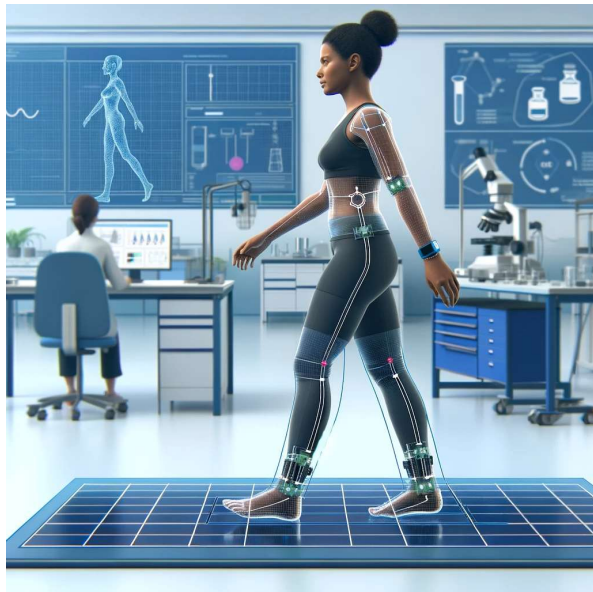
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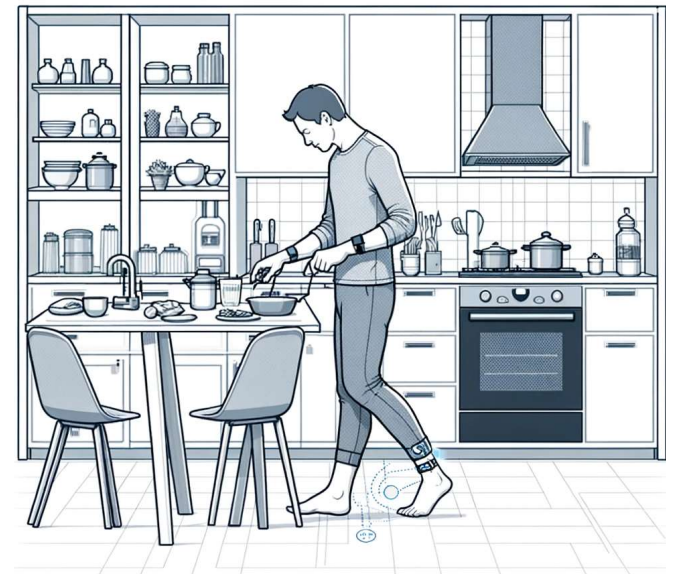
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Passive Motor Phenotyping with Wearable Sensors

In-Clinic — Task-based



At-Home — Free-living



Types of measurements from sensors worn at home

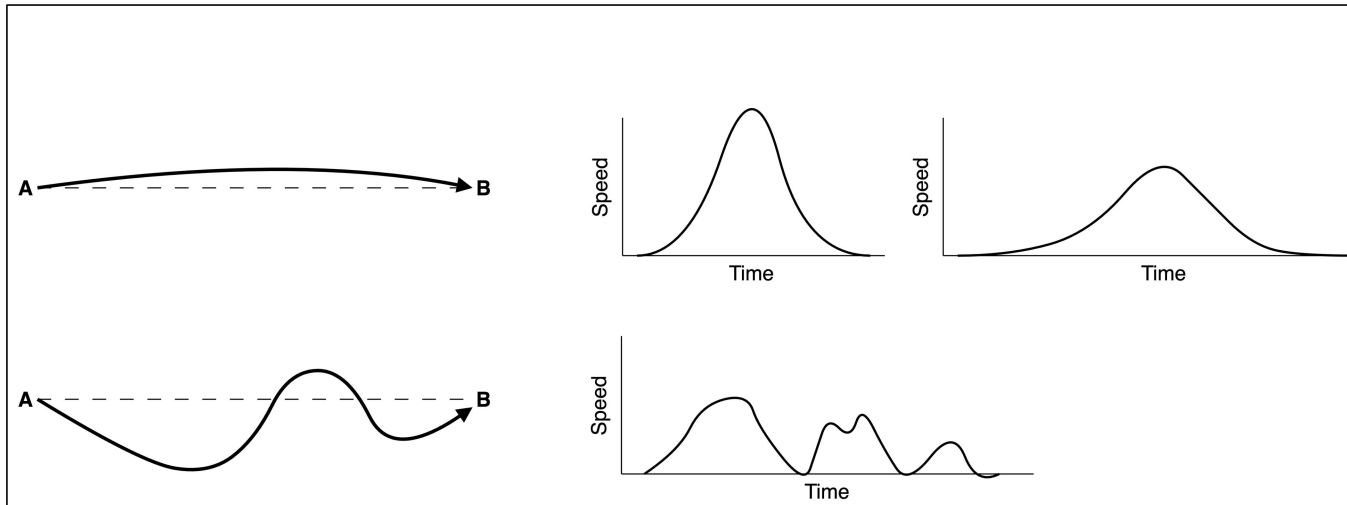
- Step counts, ambulatory time
- Activity counts, time in light/moderate/vigorous activity, sedentary time, energy expenditure
- Stride velocity
- Acceleration time series statistics, power spectrum



Influenced by mood, fatigue, sleep quality, systemic illness, travel, device wear period

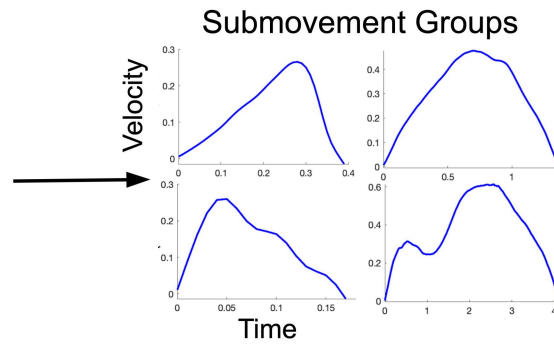
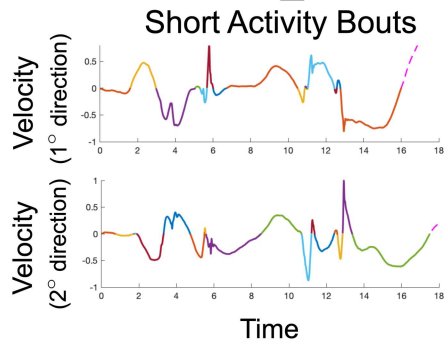
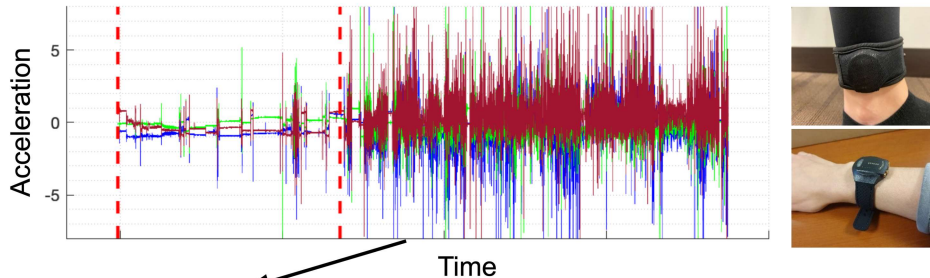
Can we create measures that are more specific for neurological disorders?

Submovements



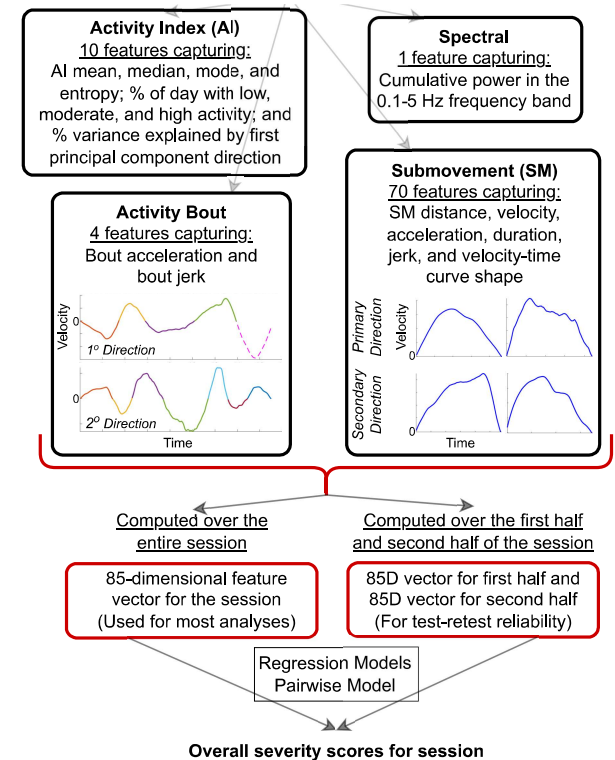
Submovements from Natural Behavior

Continuous Triaxial Accelerometer Data over a 24 hour period



85 Movement Features

- Individual feature analysis
- Composite model analysis



Gupta et al. 2022, *Cerebellum* - ataxia telangiectasia
 Eklund et al. 2023, *Brain Communications* - SCAs and MSA-C
 Gupta et al. 2023, *Nature Communications* - ALS
 *Ongoing work in DRPLA, Friedreich's ataxia, UBTF

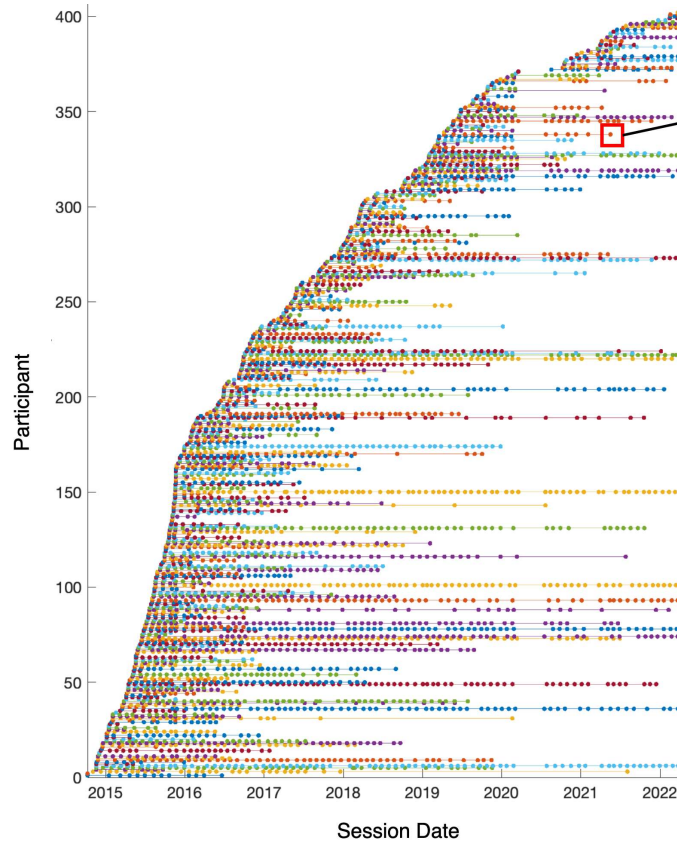
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Longitudinal ALS dataset

376 ALS, 26 controls (188 ALS, 6 controls with longitudinal data)

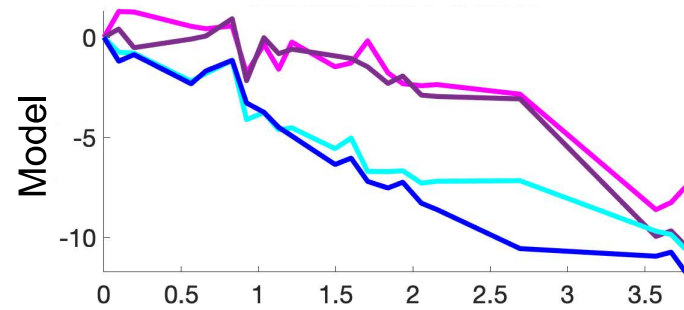
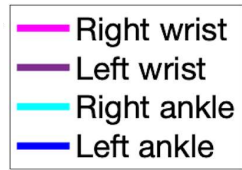


All Four Limbs @30 Hz

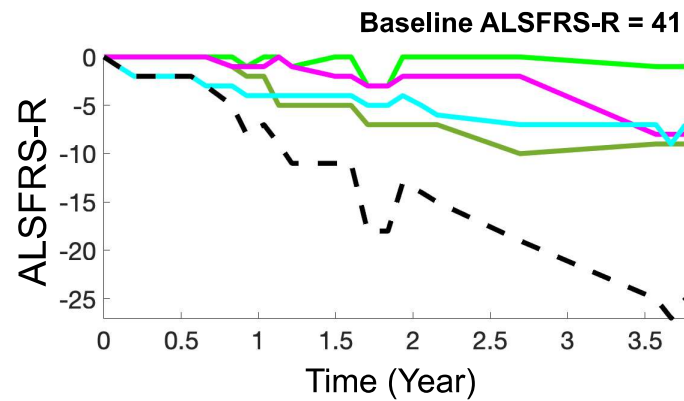
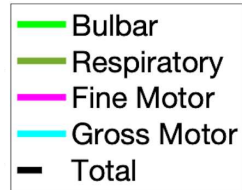


One Session
Multiple days and hours of wrist
and ankle accelerometer data
during natural behavior at home

Longitudinal analysis of ALS data: one individual



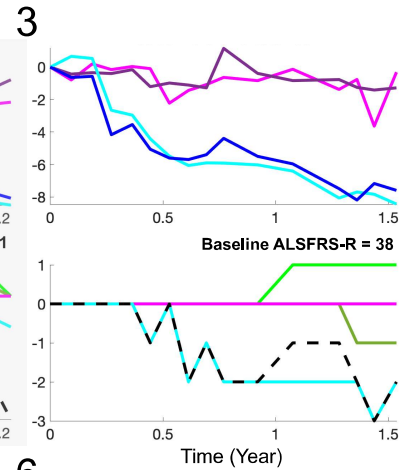
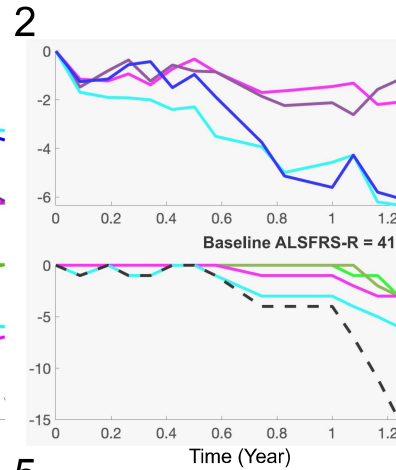
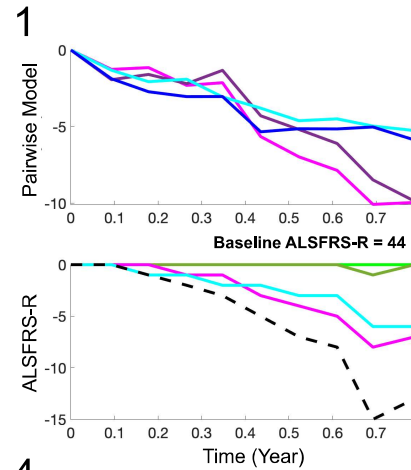
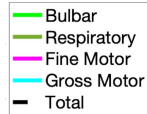
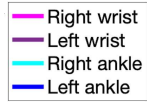
Functional Rating Scale



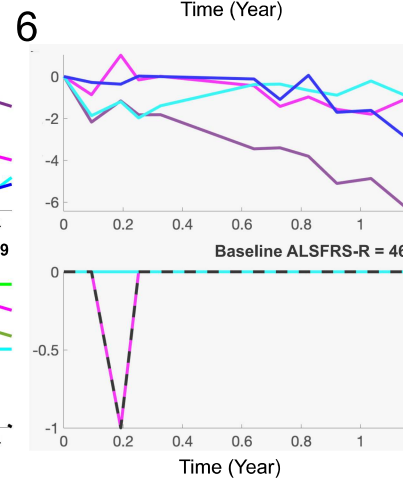
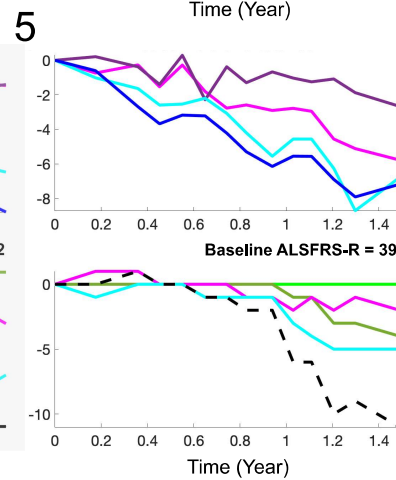
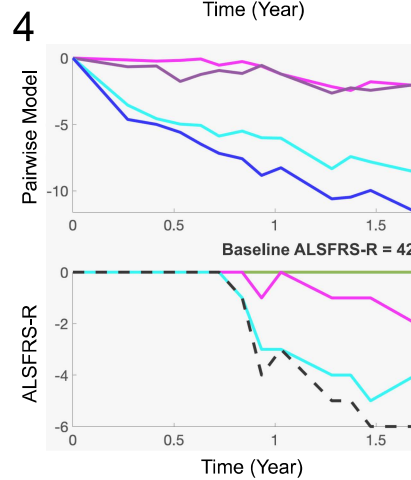
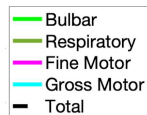
Longitudinal analysis of ALS data: 6 individuals



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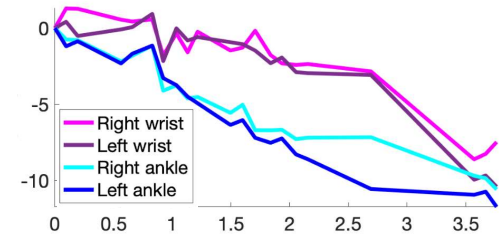


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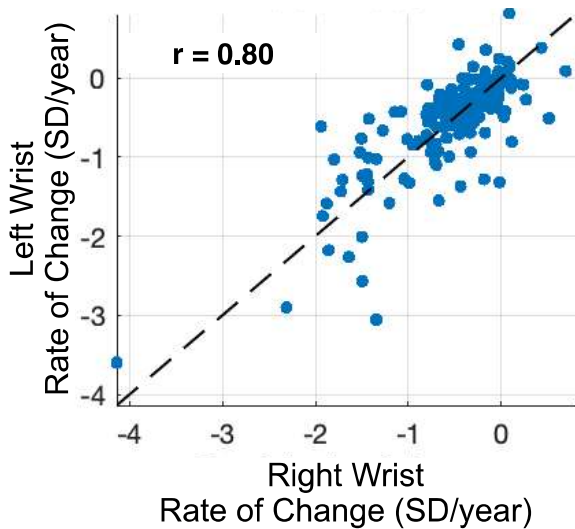


Four Sensor Rate of Change Comparison

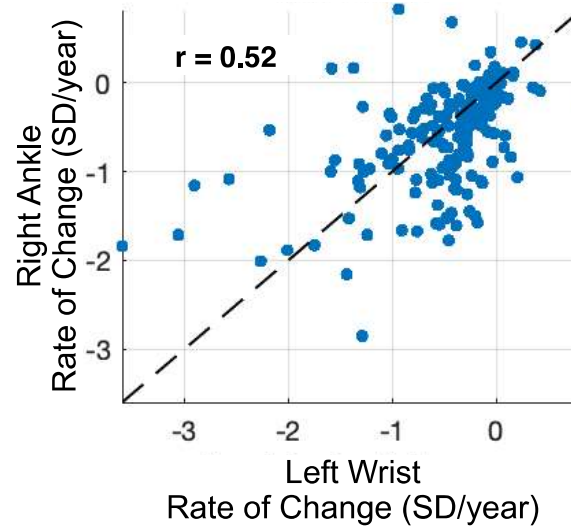
* Each point represents an individual with ALS



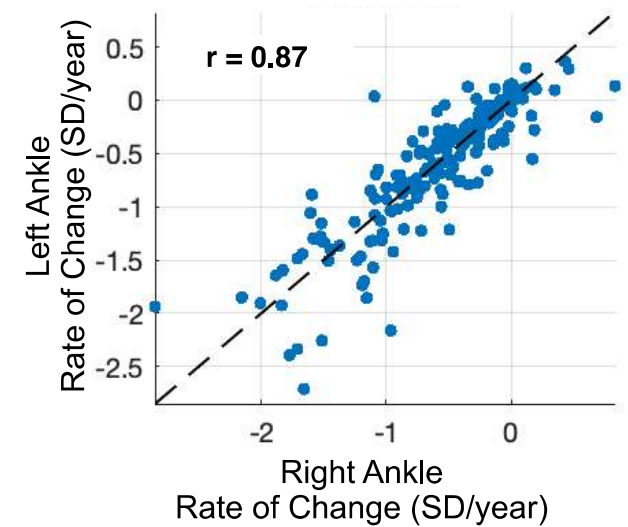
Left Wrist vs Right Wrist



Left Wrist vs Right Ankle



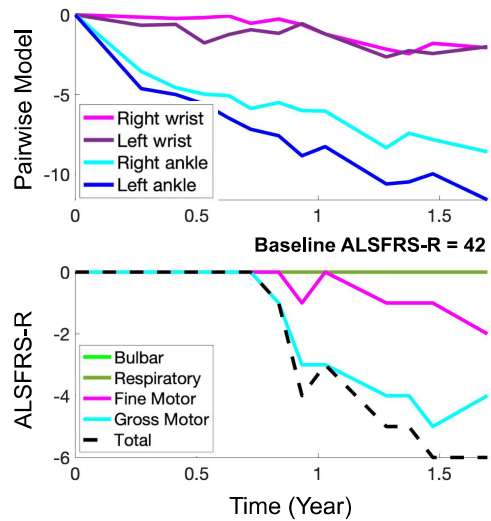
Left Ankle vs Right Ankle



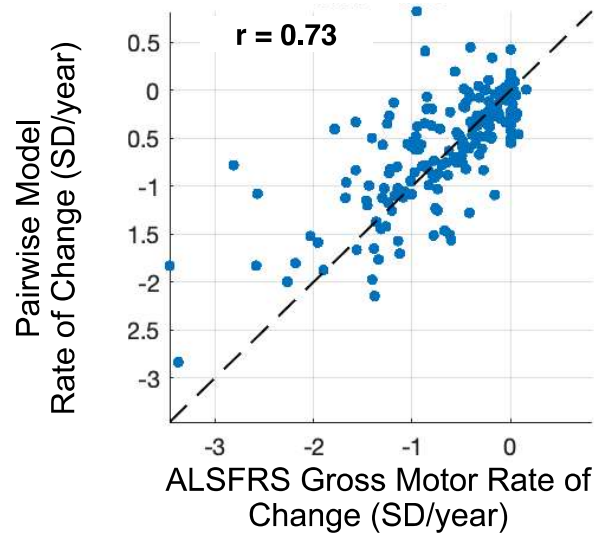
What information does the ankle and wrist sensor capture?

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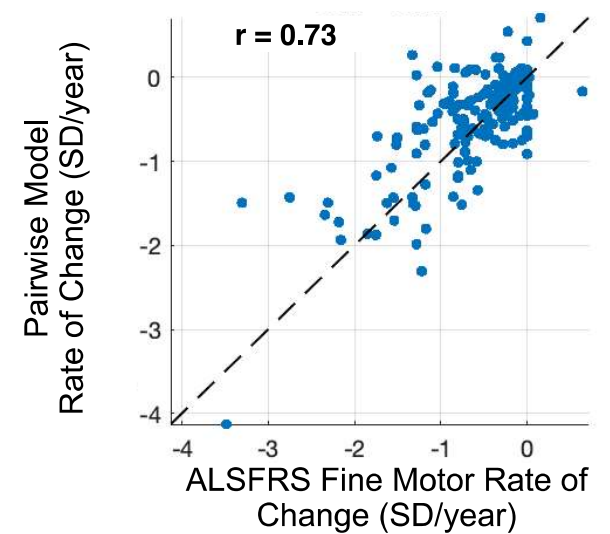
Individual Example



Ankle Captures Gross Motor Function

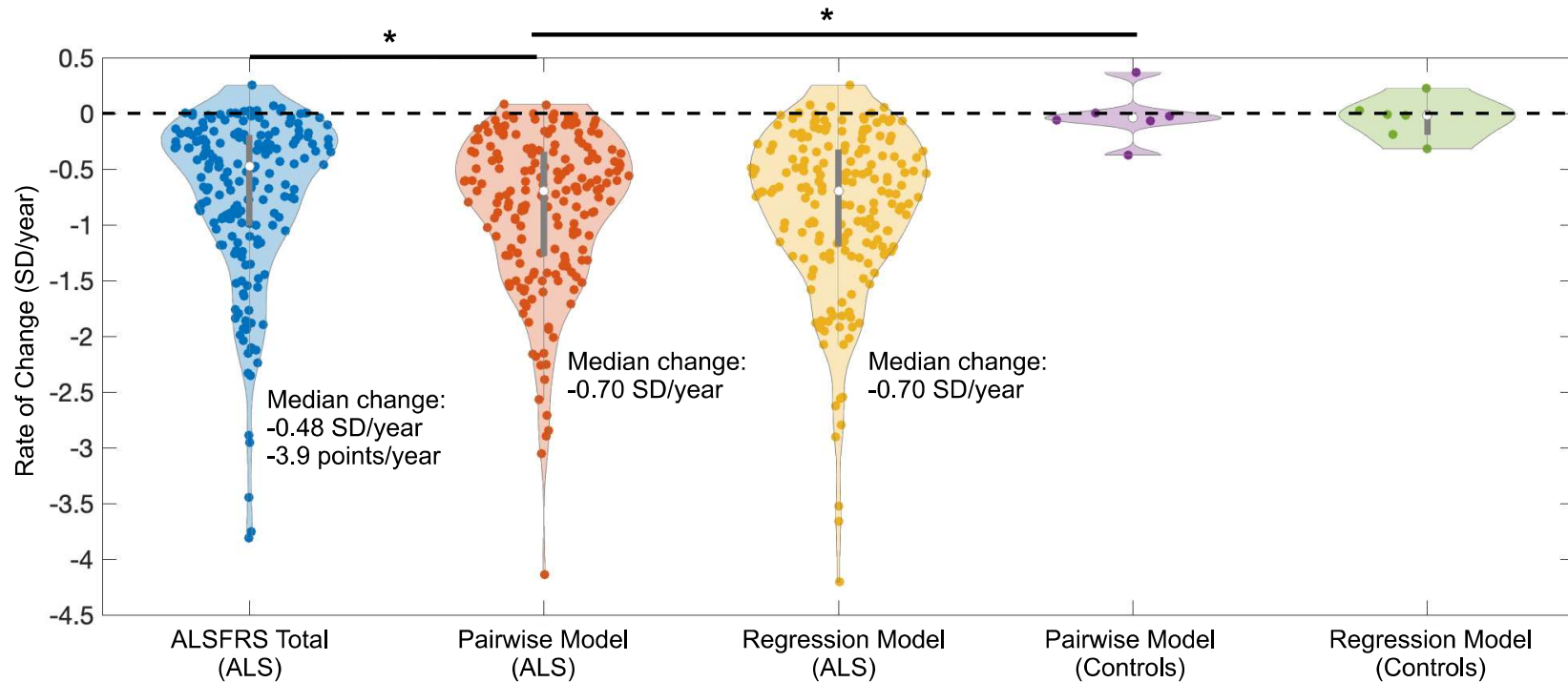


Wrist Captures Fine Motor Function



Personalize By Taking Limb with Fastest Progression

*Sample size estimates decrease from N=121 to N=76 with sensors-based outcome



Functional
Rating Scale



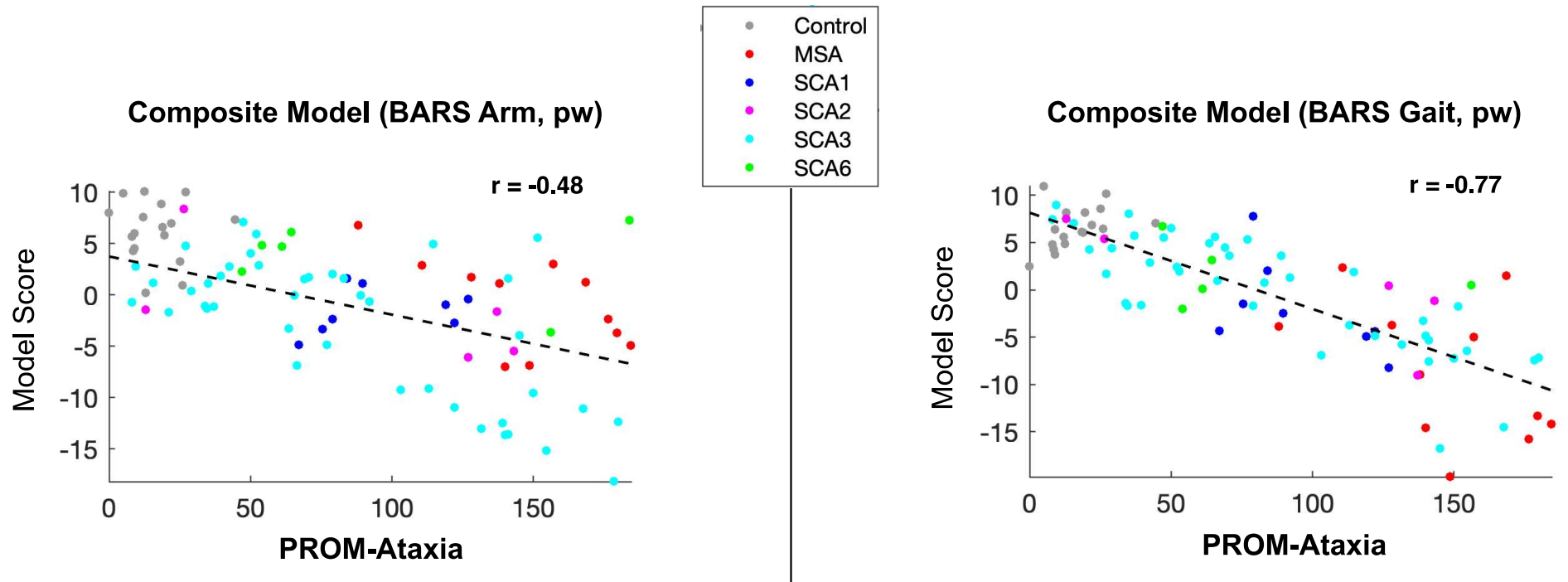
Gupta et al. 2023, *Nature Communications*

Spinocerebellar ataxias (SCAs) and Multiple System Atrophy (MSA)

Agreement with Patient-Reported Function



* Each point represents a person



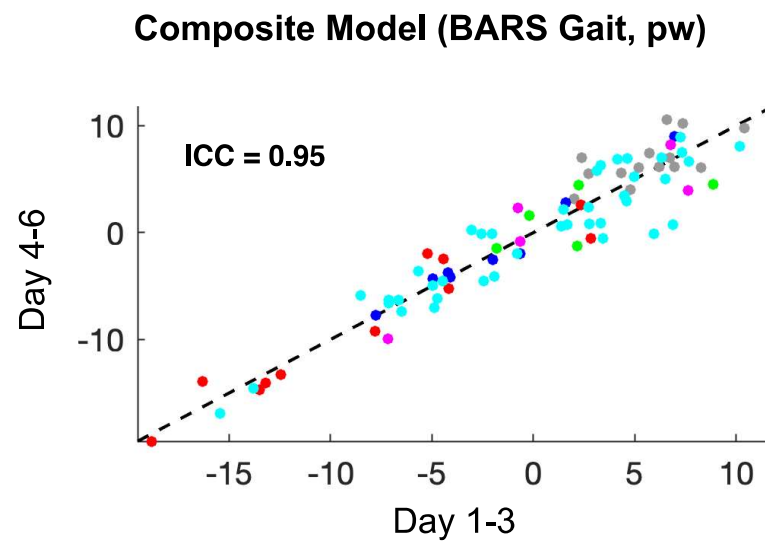
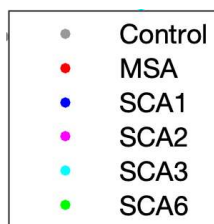
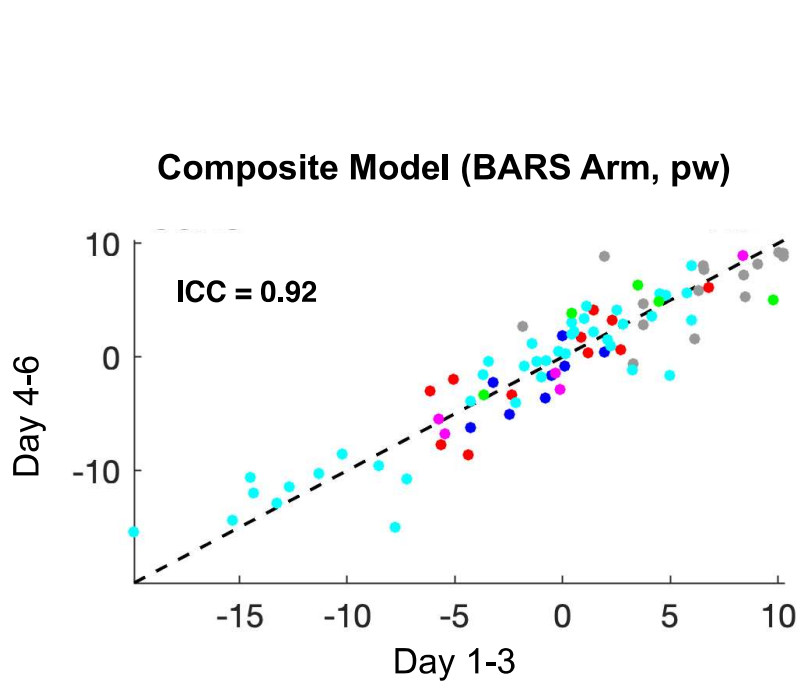
Eklund et al. *Brain Communications* (2023)



Reliability within 1 week



* Each point represents a person



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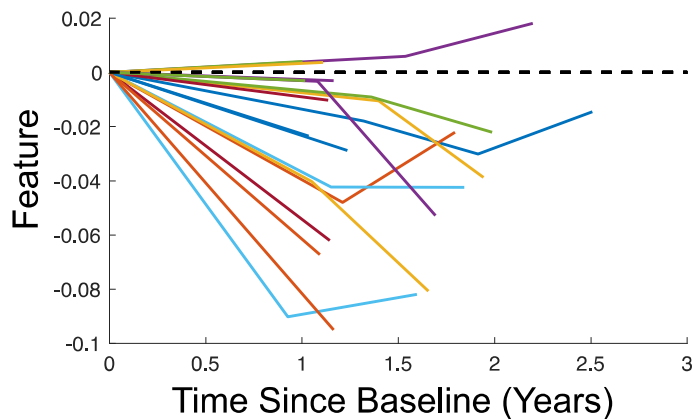
Sensitivity to disease progression

12 SCA3, 2 SCA1, 1 SCA2, 1 SCA6, 3 MSA-C, 4 Controls (N = 23)
SARA: 0.5-23 (10), Age: 30-70 (53), Sex(F/M): 10/9
6 preataxic individuals



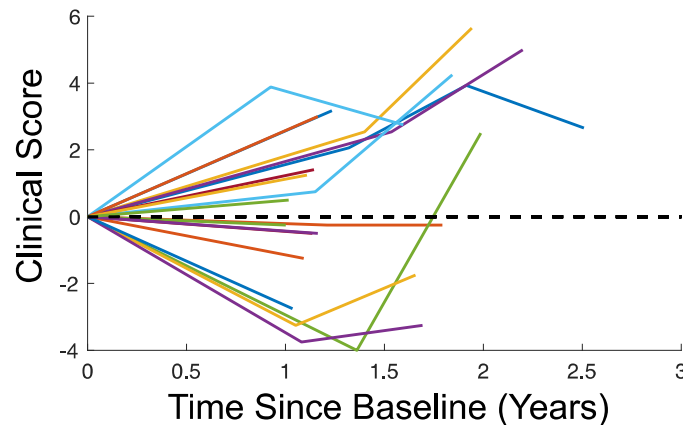
Sensor Measure

SM Distance; Δ from Baseline
 \downarrow over time = progression

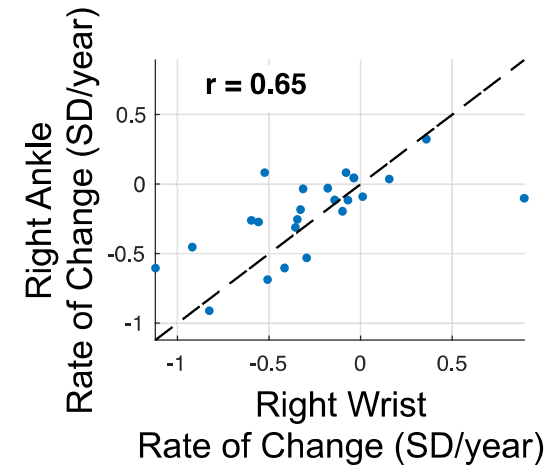


Clinical Rating Scale

SARA Total; Δ from Baseline
 \uparrow over time = progression



Right Wrist vs Right Ankle



Pediatric Populations

Ataxia-Telangiectasia (A-T)

Friedreich's ataxia (FA)

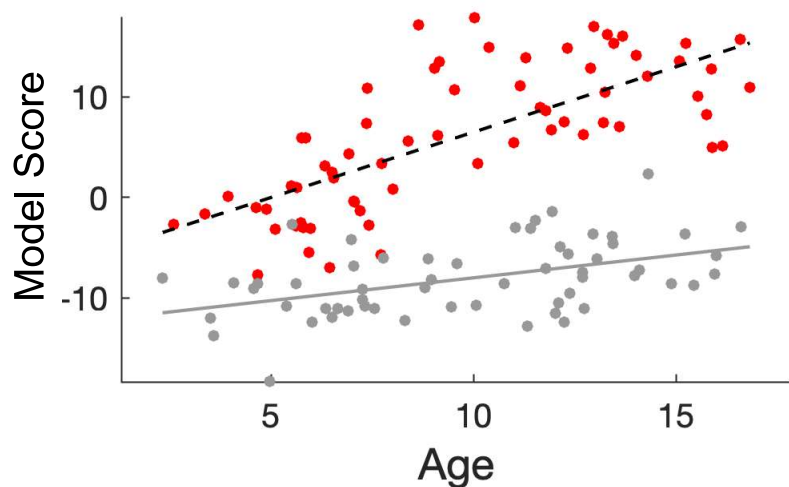
Dentatorubral-pallidoluysian atrophy (DRPLA)

Upstream Binding Transcription Factor-related neurodegenerative disease (UBTF)

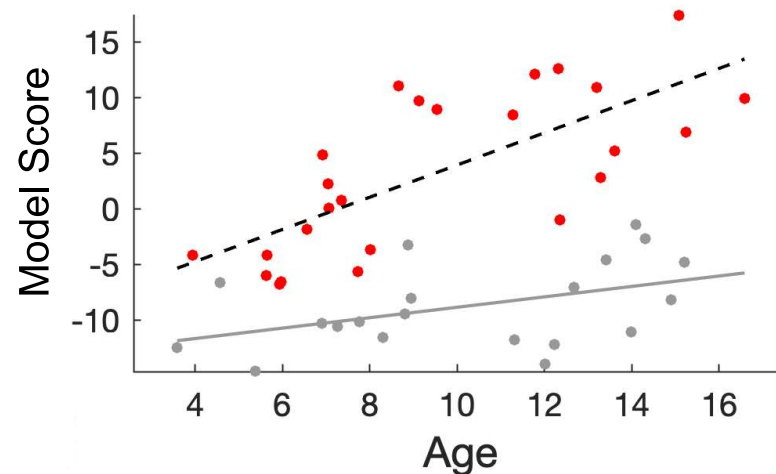
Comparison with control participants (Children with A-T)



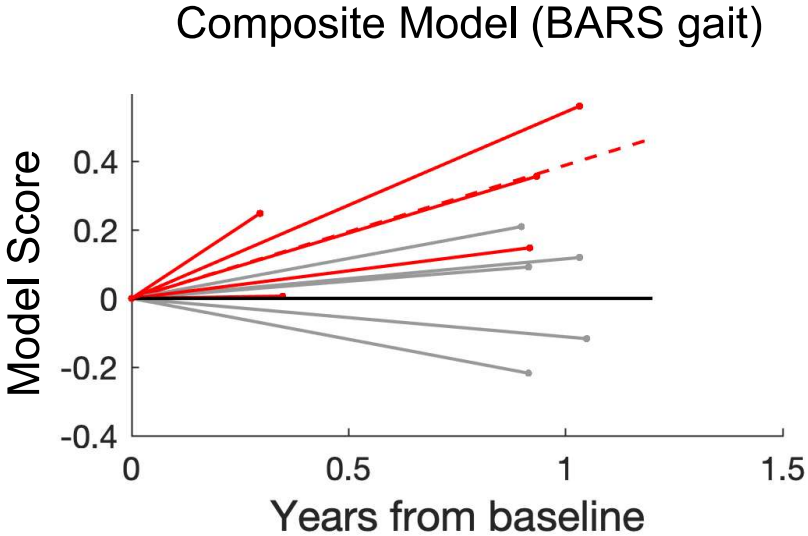
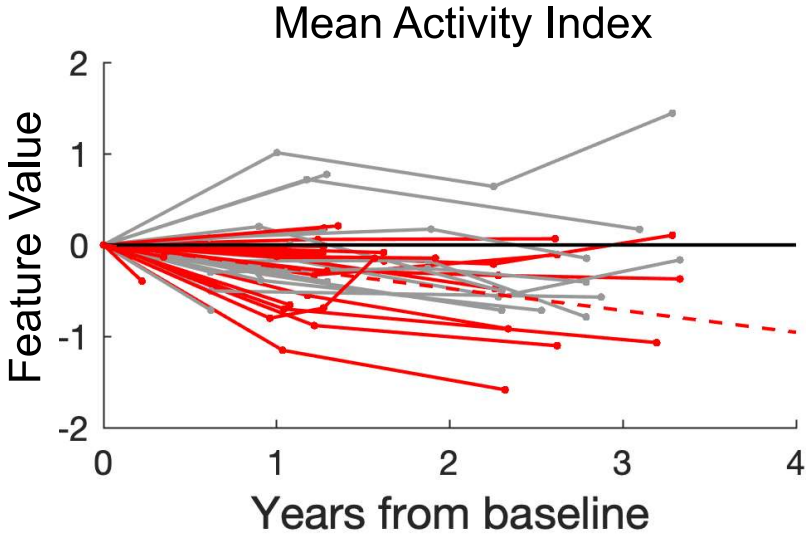
Composite Model (BARS)



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Sensitivity to disease progression (Children with A-T)



Summary

- There are a variety of digital technologies and behavioral assessment approaches
 - E.g., Eye movement, speech, fine motor function, gross motor function
- Active/task-based versus passive/task-free assessments of behavior
- Methods for analyzing natural behavior are maturing
- There is potential to translate digital technologies across populations
 - However the most rapidly changing measures are usually disease-specific
- Increasing utility to collect at-home digital measures in natural history studies

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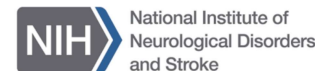
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