

# Welcome to the NGCP National Webinar

## Connecting Out-of-School-Time Activities and Student Interest in STEM

NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT



# Vision

The National Girls Collaborative Project **brings together organizations** committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



# NGCP Goals

1. **Maximize access** to shared resources within organizations interested in engaging girls in STEM.
2. **Strengthen the capacity** of programs by sharing exemplary practice research and program models.
3. **Use the leverage of a network** to achieve gender equity in STEM.



# NGCP Model Activities

## Virtually:

- Distribution and Content Projects
- ***The Connector – Collaboration Tool***
- ***FabFems – Role Model Tool***
- E-Newsletter and Social Media
- Webinars – *Exemplary Practices*

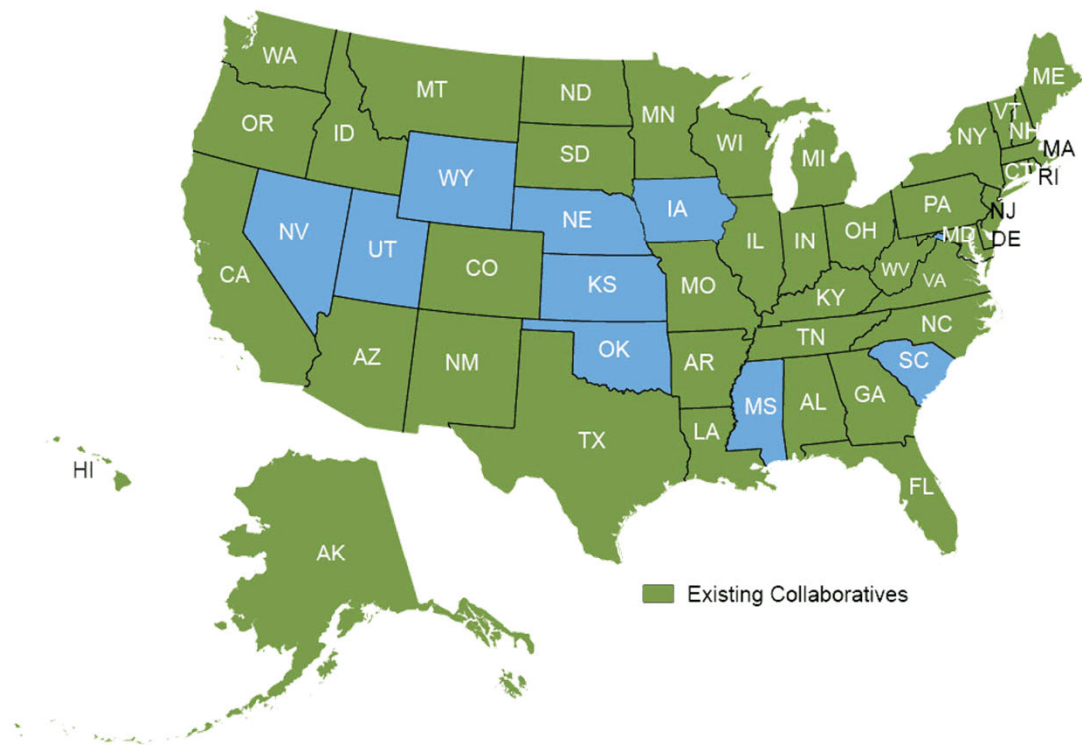


## Local Collaboratives:

- Professional Development: *Conferences and Forums*
- Incentives to Collaborate: *Mini-Grants*
- Newsletters and Local Resources



# National Network of Collaborative Teams



Existing Collaboratives



# Speakers



**Susan Sunbury**



**Jacqueline Doyle**



# Connecting Out-of-School-Time (OST) Activities and Student Interest in STEM

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# Female Representation in Out-of- School Time Science (FROSTS)

- Advance understanding of female representation in out-of-school time (OST) activities
- Identify and test the OST-related factors that are hypothesized to strengthen interest, identity and career interest in STEM, particularly for female students
- For this webinar, we will focus on STEM interest

# Evaluating large-scale and long-term impacts of OST activities

- Evaluation efforts often:
  - occur on a program-by-program basis
  - have small numbers of subjects limiting statistical power
  - use measures of short-term student satisfaction
- Longitudinal studies can:
  - be expensive
  - take a long time

# FROSTS

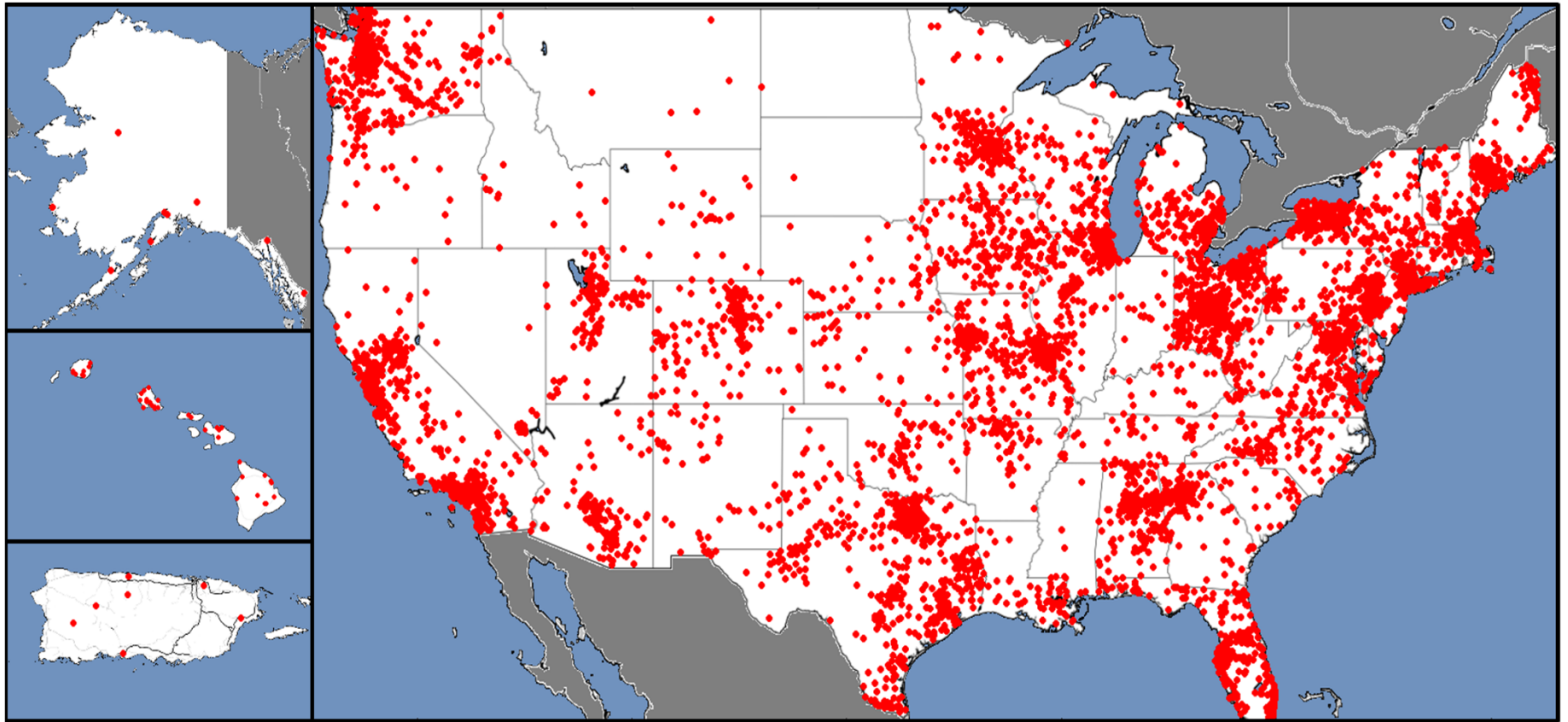
## a retrospective cohort study

- Large scale - can obtain representative samples
- More generalizable than small-scale evaluations of specific programs
- Can test the strength of multiple hypotheses
- Can be completed in a short time frame

# The FROSTS survey

- Asked students to recall earlier experiences
- Questions based on review of relevant literature, survey of stakeholders and survey students
- Survey pilot tested then sent to over 30,000 students in compulsory first-year courses (English/writing)
- Schools chosen from a stratified random sample of two-year and four-year community colleges and universities

# Final nationally representative sample 15,725



# Survey questions

- Comprehensive survey - 33 questions (20 minutes)
  - **STEM interest**
  - STEM identity
  - Career interest and motivation
  - Participation in OST activities – structured and unstructured
  - Subjects taken in school/grades/scores
  - Family interest and involvement in STEM
  - **Access and barriers to participation**
  - Demographics

# Measuring STEM interest

at the end of middle school  
and again at the end of high school

	Not interested At all					Extremely Interested
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Science	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	0	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computing	0	0	0	0	0	0

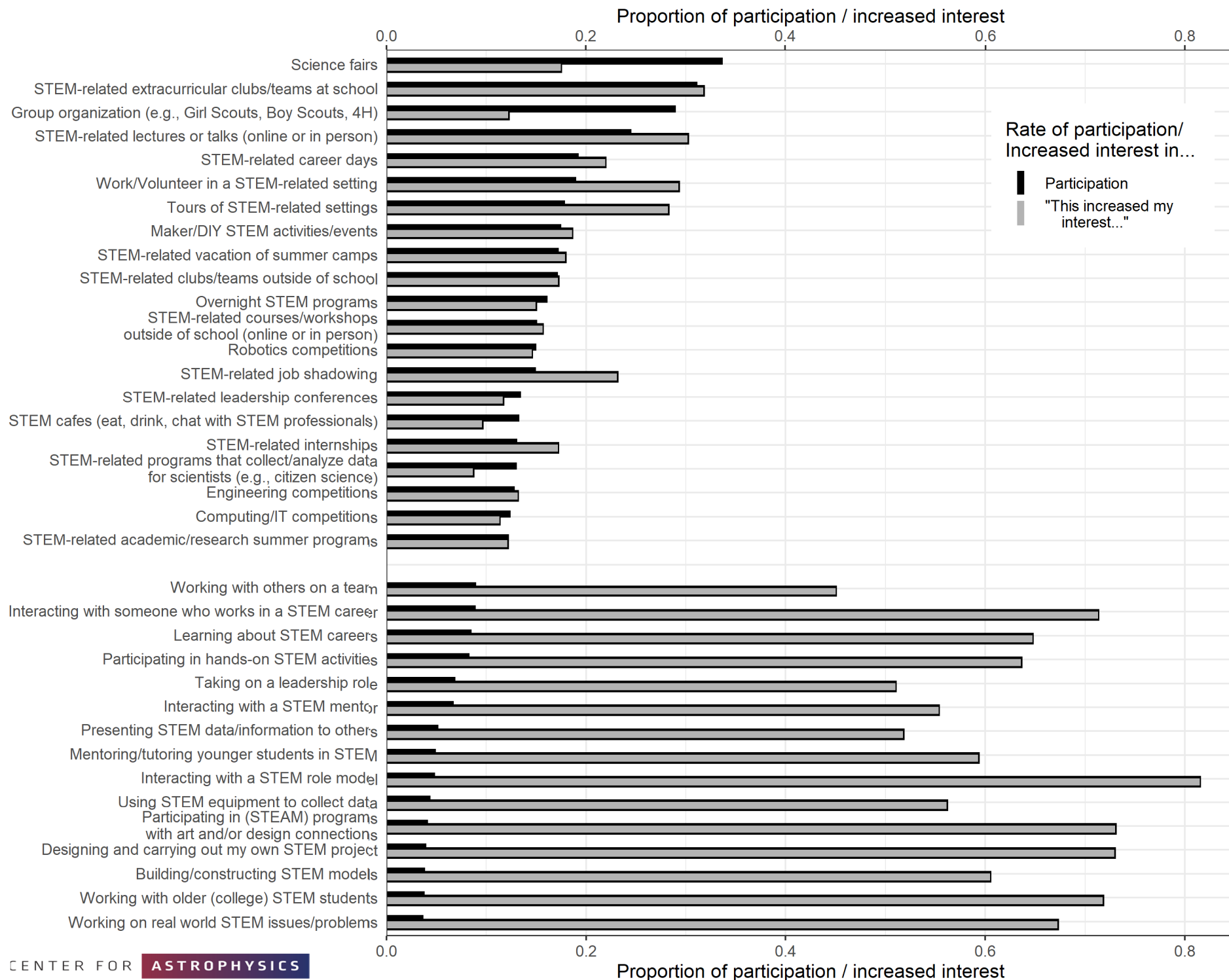
# Types of STEM activities (examples)

	If you participated in any of these activities, please mark how often and in which grades you participated				This activity increased my interest in STEM
	5-8		9-12		
	Sometimes	Often	Sometimes	Often	Mark if yes
STEM-related extracurricular clubs/teams at school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STEM-related clubs/teams outside of school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group organization (e.g., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maker/DIY STEM activities/events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overnight STEM programs (museums, science centers etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# Opportunities within STEM activities (examples)

	I experienced this STEM opportunity	This opportunity increased my interest in STEM	This opportunity showed the real-life relevance of STEM
	Mark if yes	Mark if yes	Mark if yes
Interacting with a STEM mentor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interacting with a STEM role model	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking on a leadership role	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in hands-on STEM activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using STEM equipment to collect data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning about STEM careers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

# STEM programs/activities

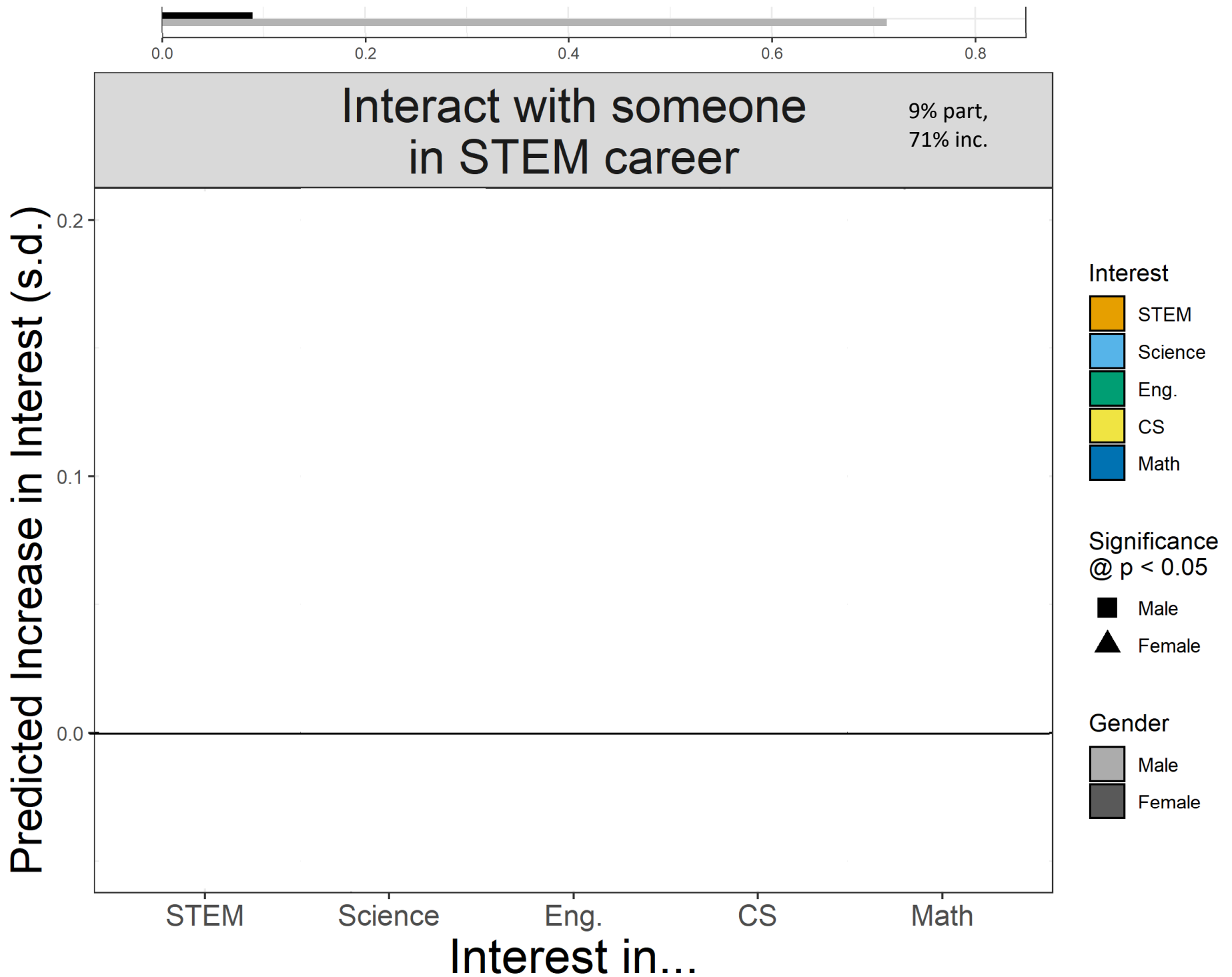


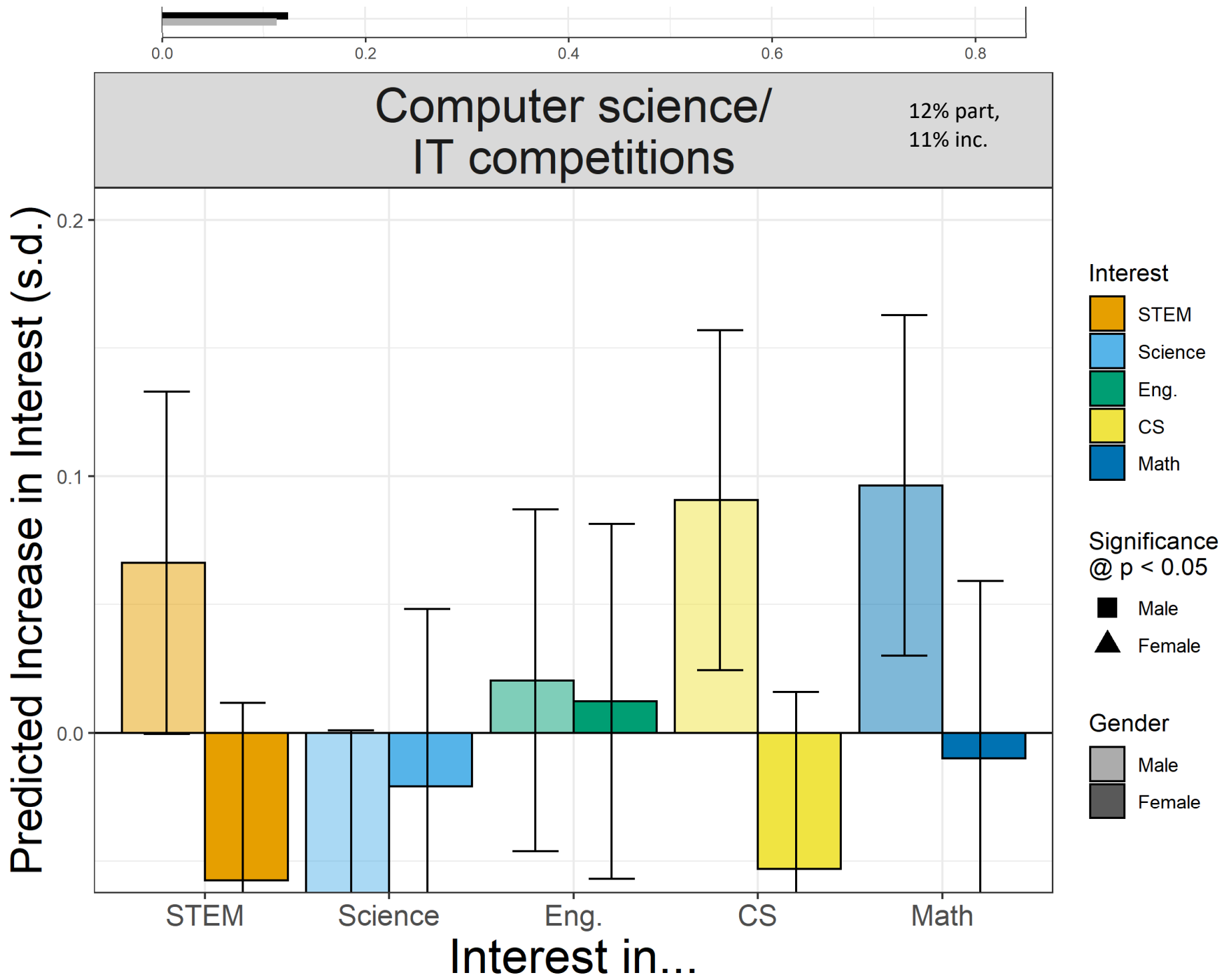
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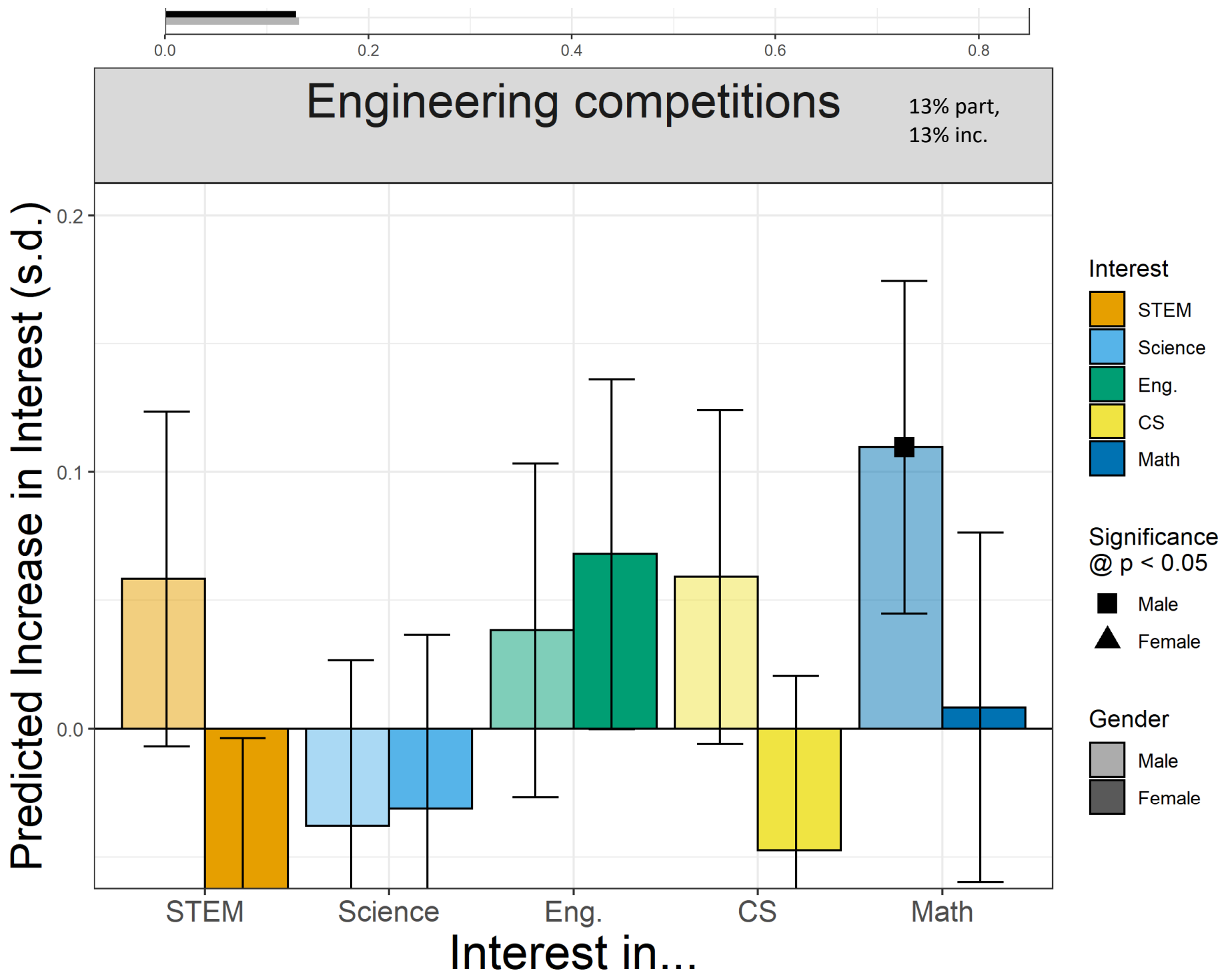
- We built models predicting increases in five types of interest (each of the four in the question, plus an “overall STEM interest” which is indicated by the highest score in any interest), based on:
  - Whether they did the activity in question
  - Their gender
- Deliberately simplistic model that seeks to measure the size of an effect more than explain why it happens with covariates

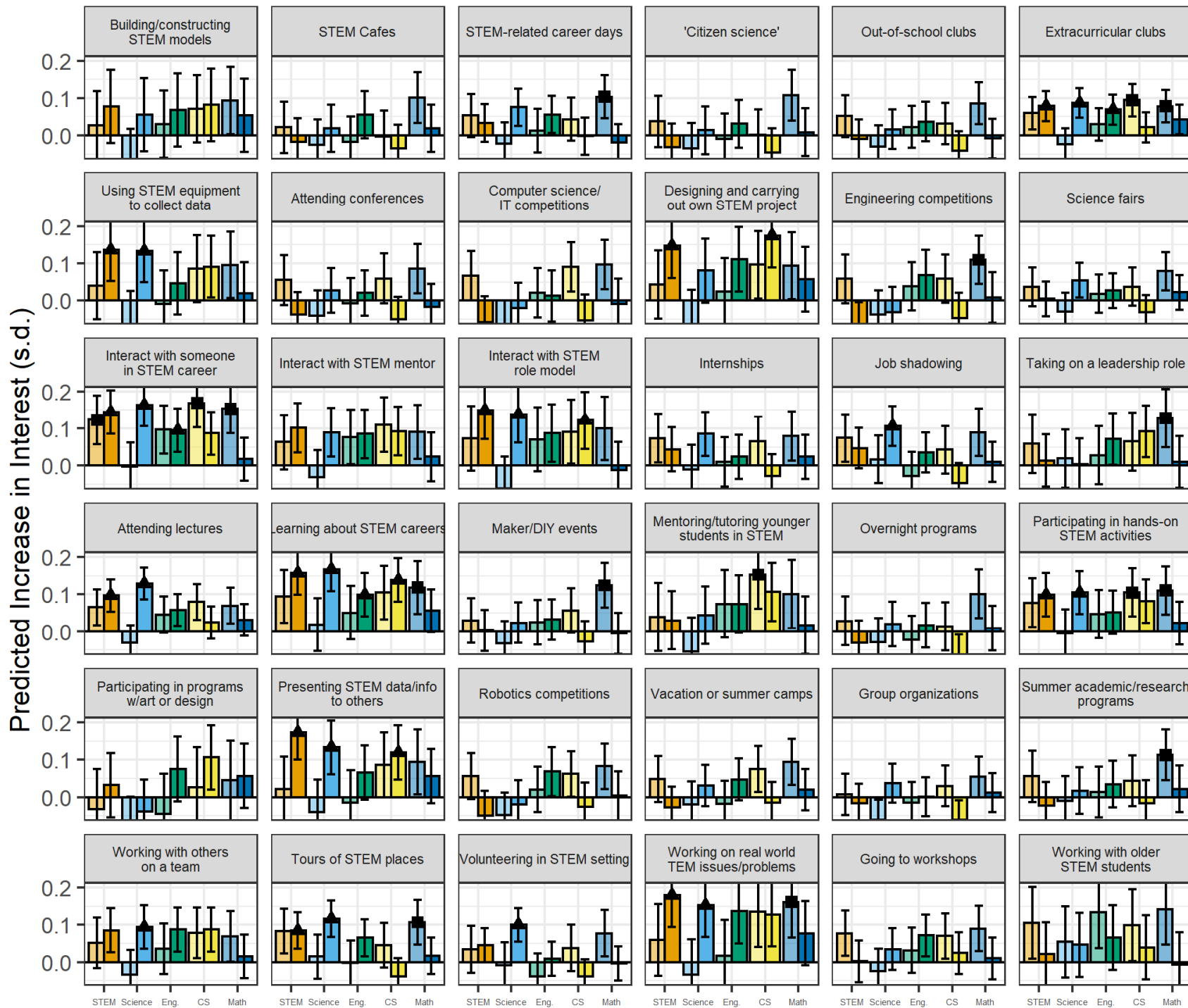
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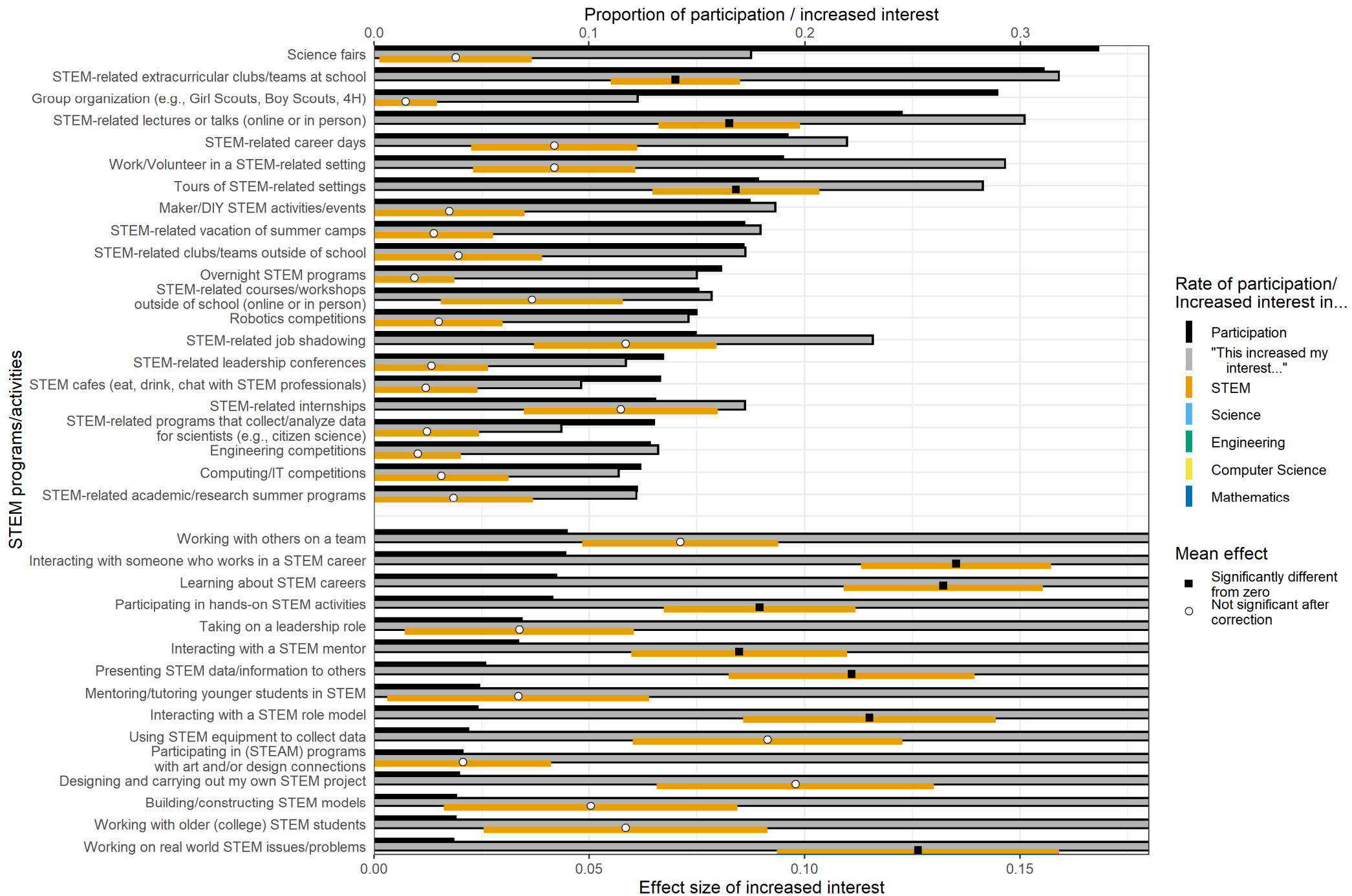
- Significance (p-values) needed to get adjusted for the large number of models and variables we were processing independently
- The direct effect of “doing the activity” was never significantly different from zero
- For those who said the activity increased their interest in STEM, doing the activity had varying effects, depending on WHICH type of interest we were predicting

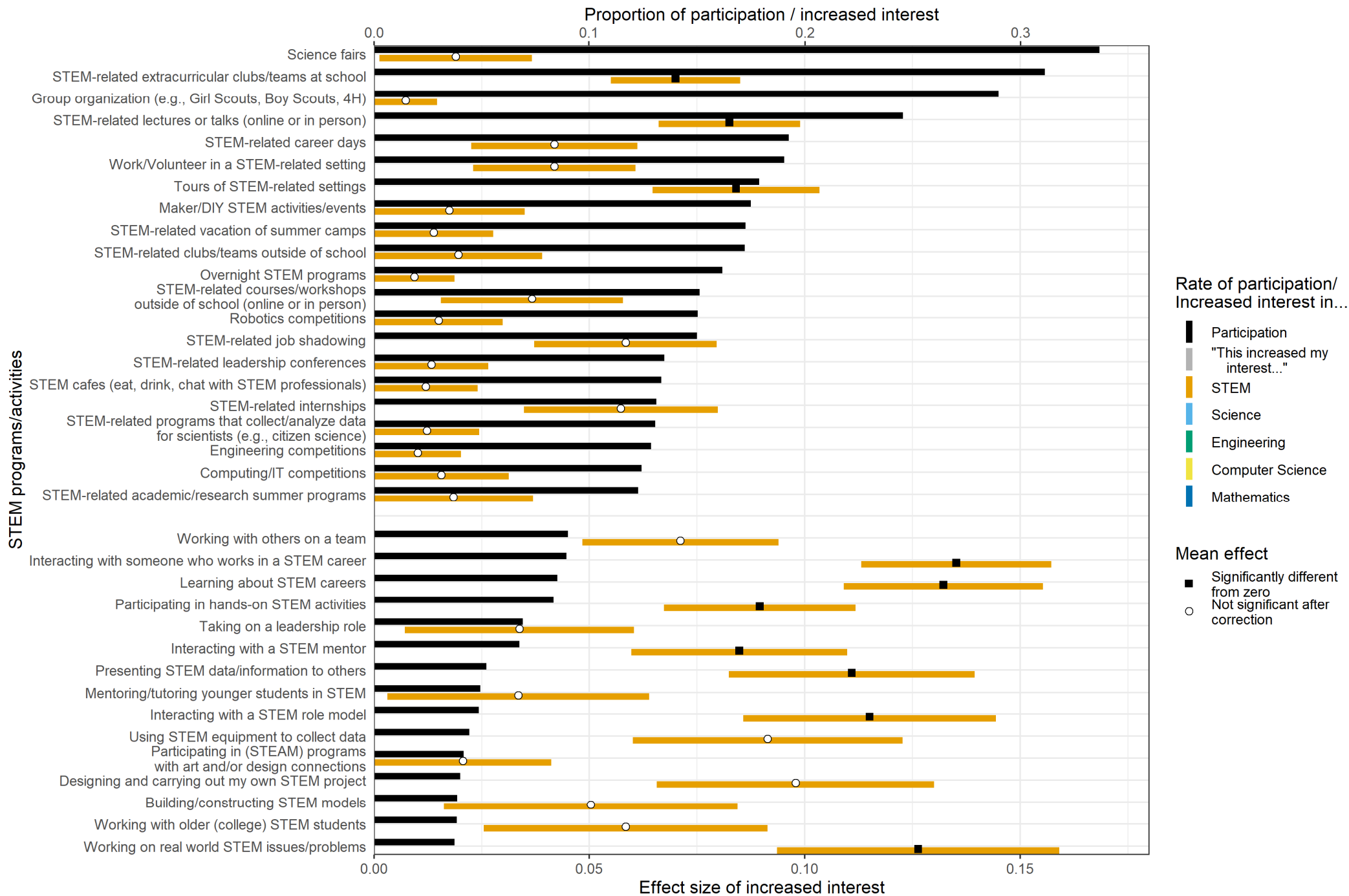


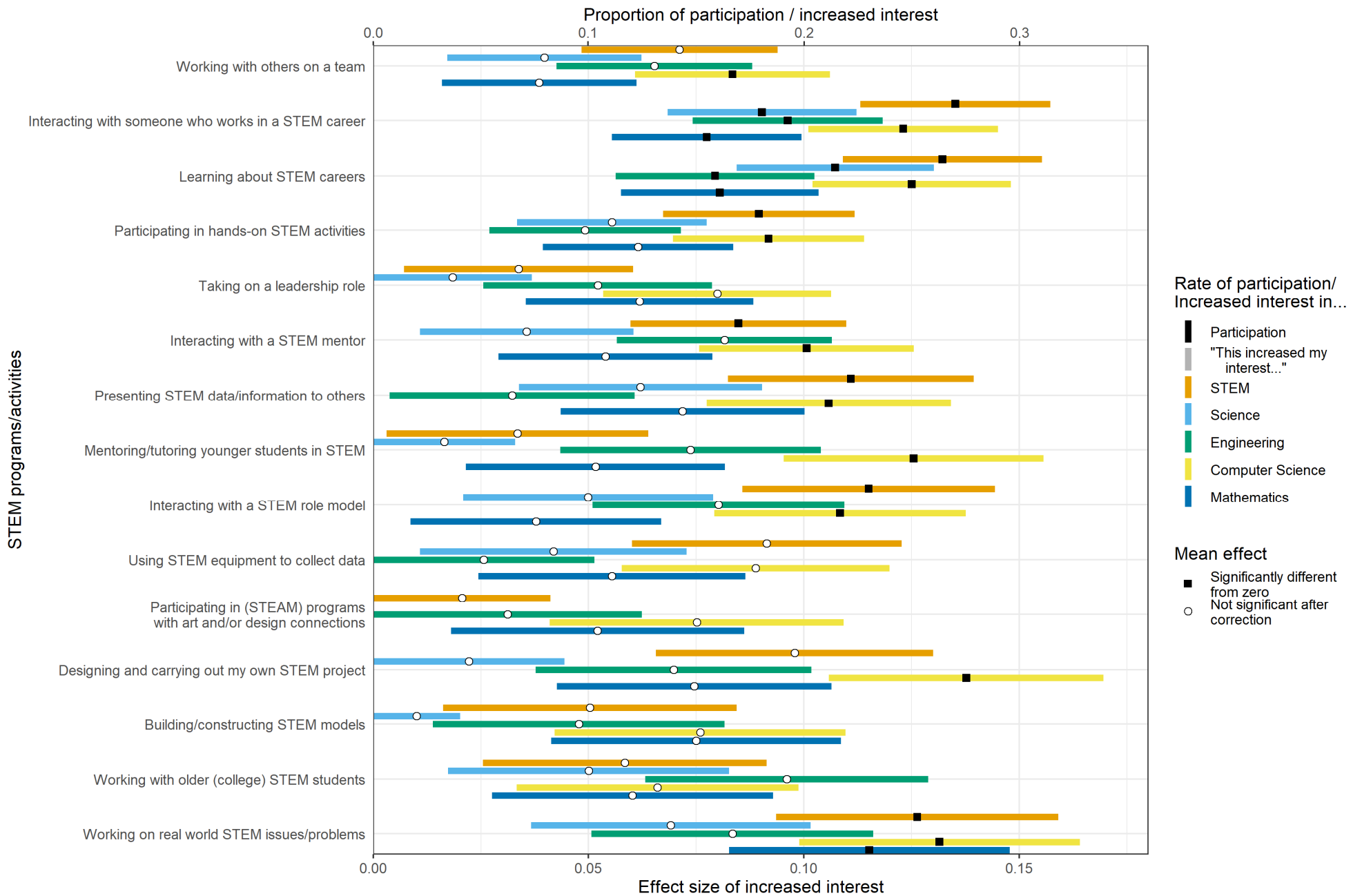








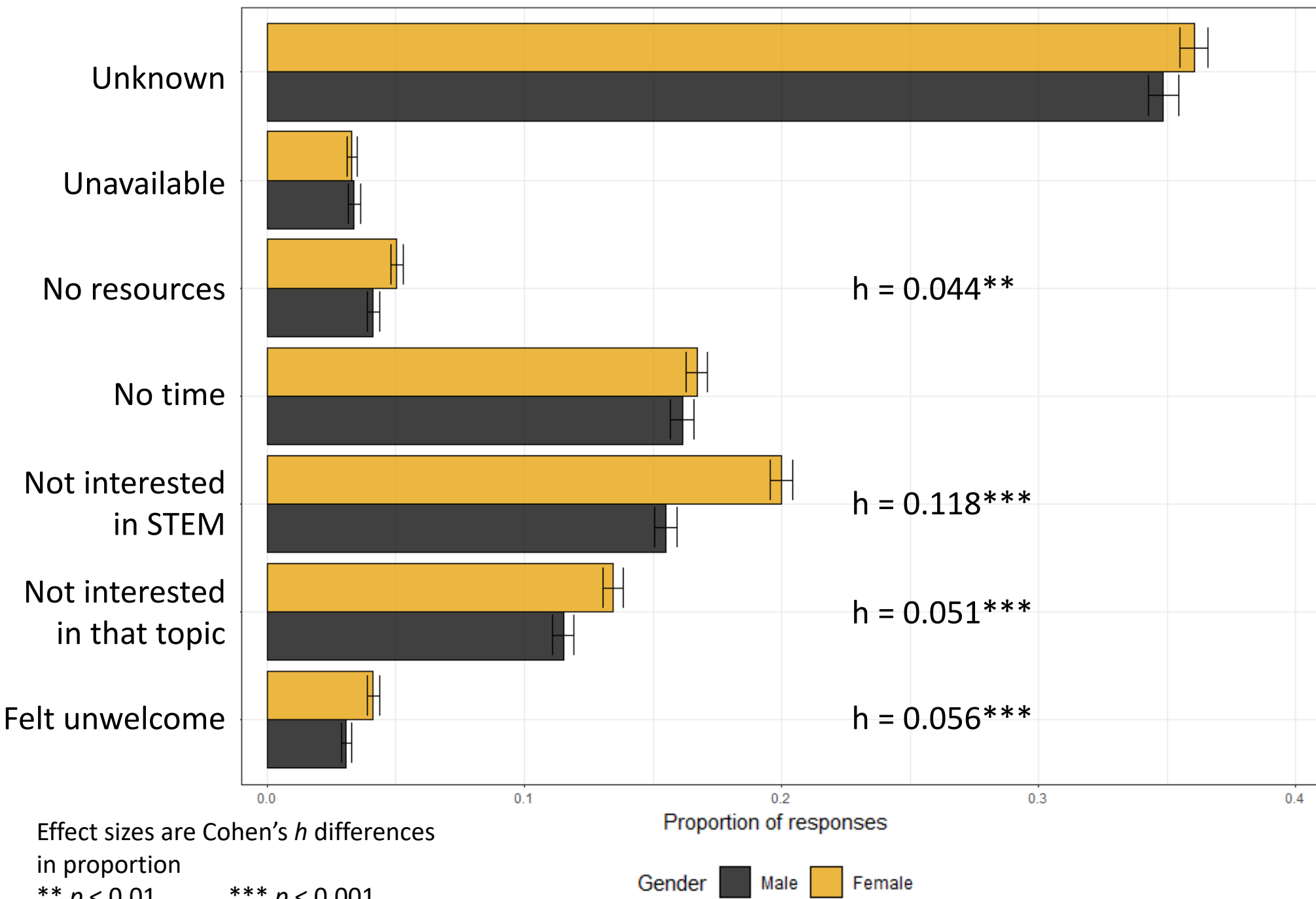




# Barriers to involvement

**Q20. If you did NOT attend any STEM programs/activities outside of school, please indicate why. *Mark all that apply.***

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I didn't know STEM opportunities were available in my area   | Unknown                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I looked, but there were no STEM opportunities available in my area  | Unavailable                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEM opportunities were available but I didn't have the time (other commitments: work/home/other activities) to attend | No time                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEM opportunities were available but I didn't have the resources (transportation/finances) to attend                  | No resources                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEM opportunities were available but I was not interested in the specific topics offered                              | Not interested in that topic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEM opportunities were available but I was not interested in STEM   | Not interested in STEM       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEM opportunities were available but I didn't feel welcome/comfortable attending                                      | Felt unwelcome               |



# Discussion question

What actions can you take as a result of what you learned/heard at the webinar?

What questions still need to be answered, but require additional research?

# Thank you

## Any questions?

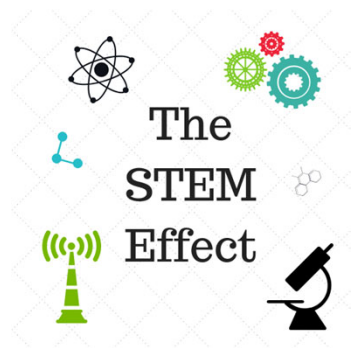


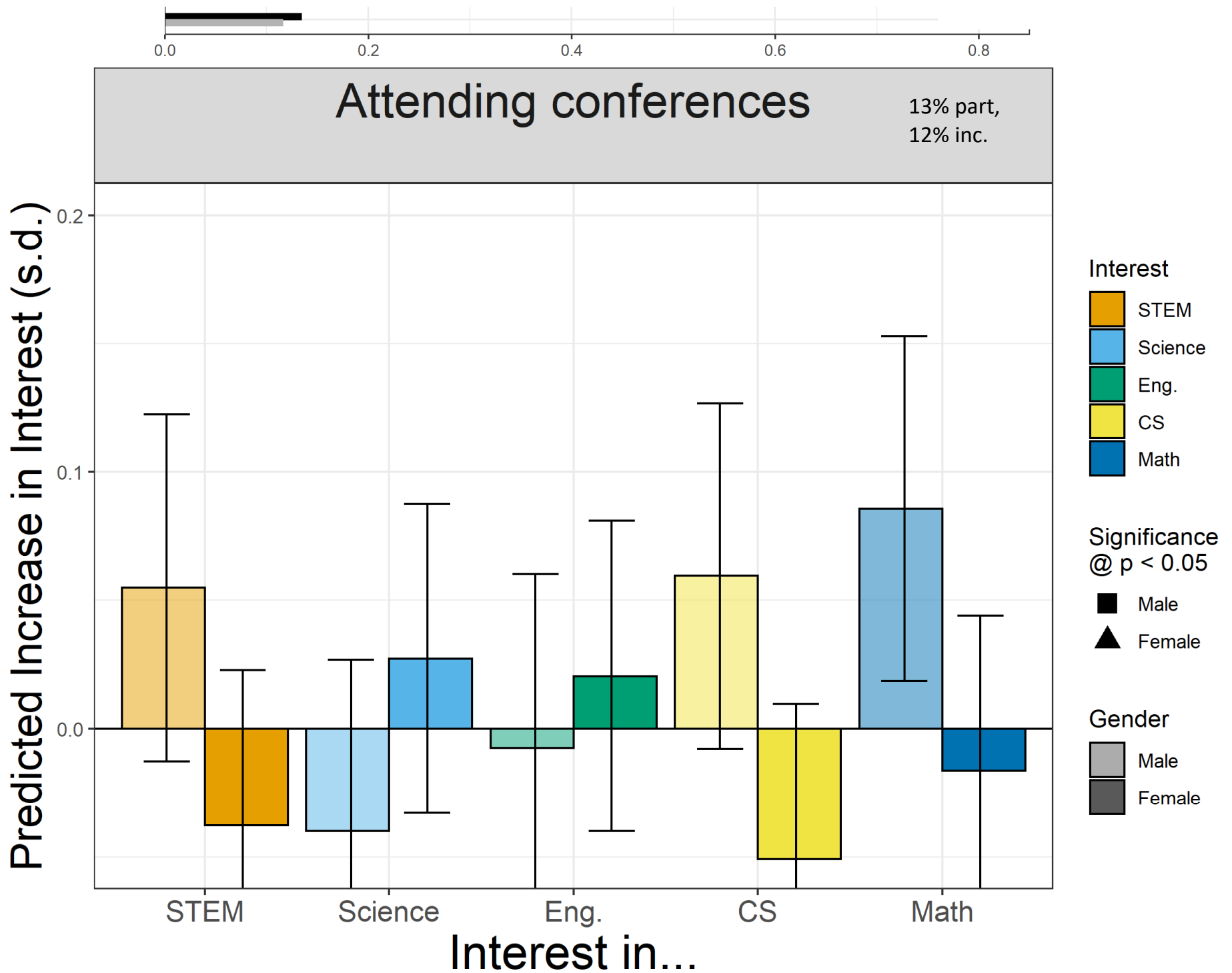
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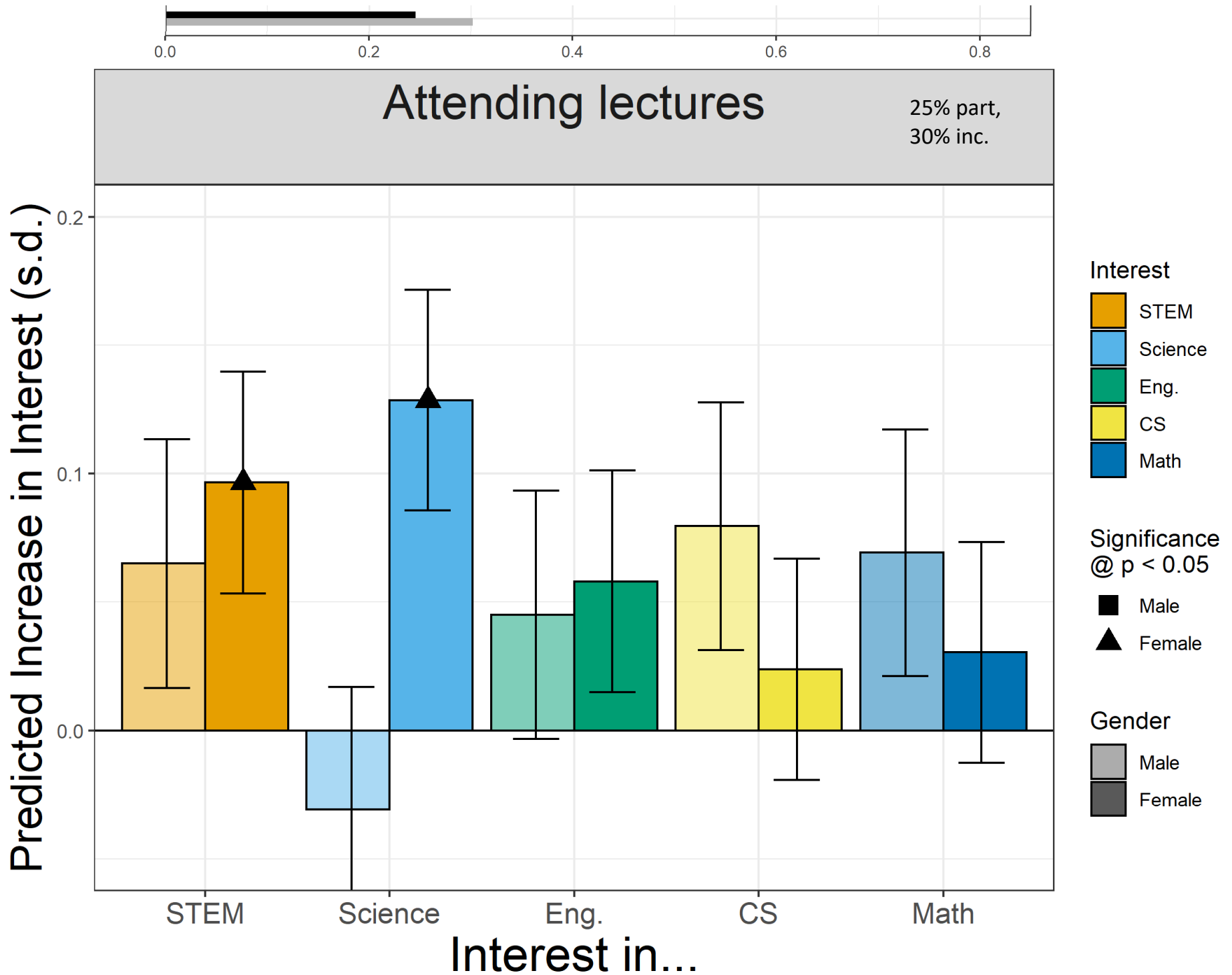
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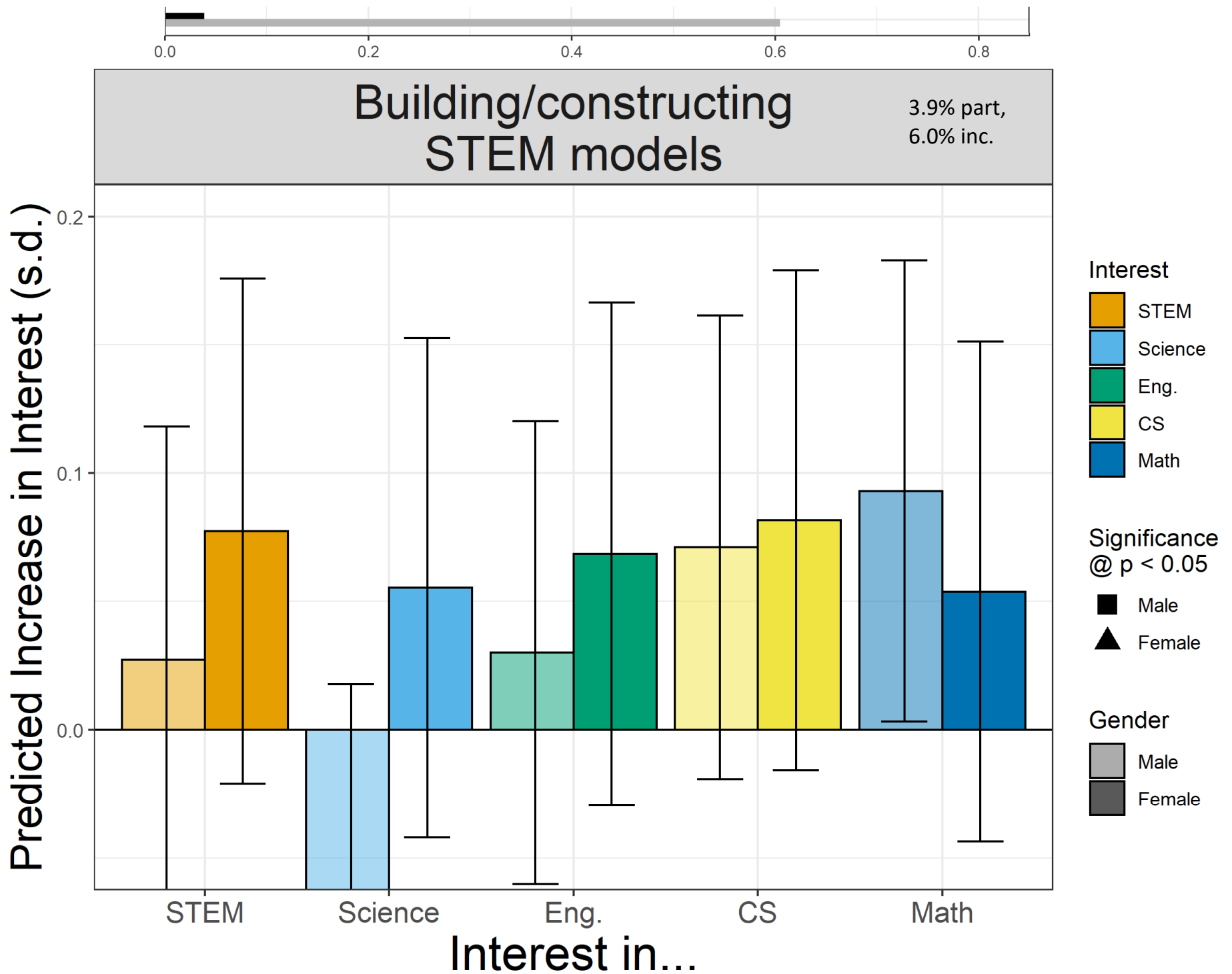
**The STEM Effect: A collaborative action agenda for understanding the long-term impacts of STEM programs on girls**

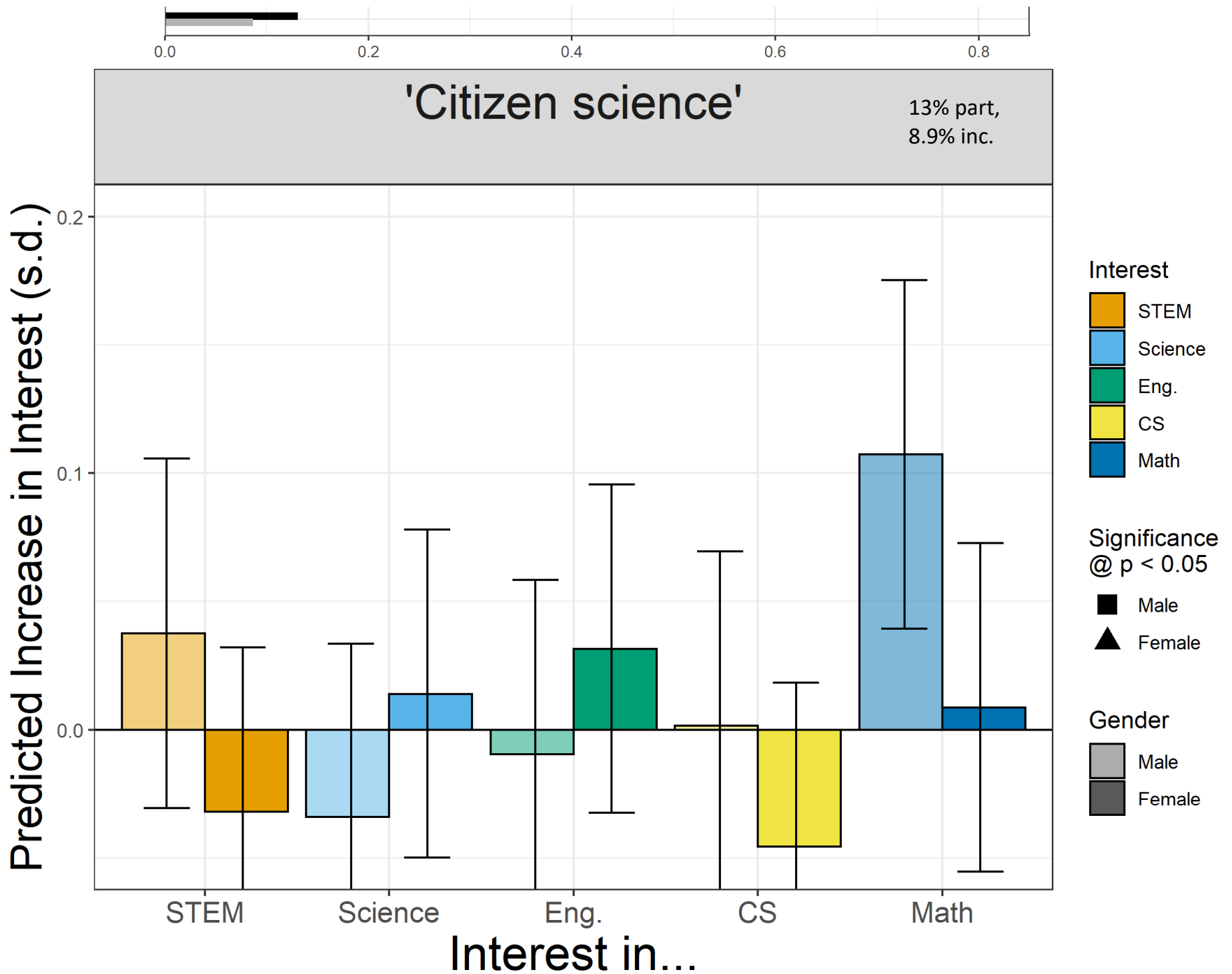
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**11:00am Pacific | 2:00 PM Eastern**

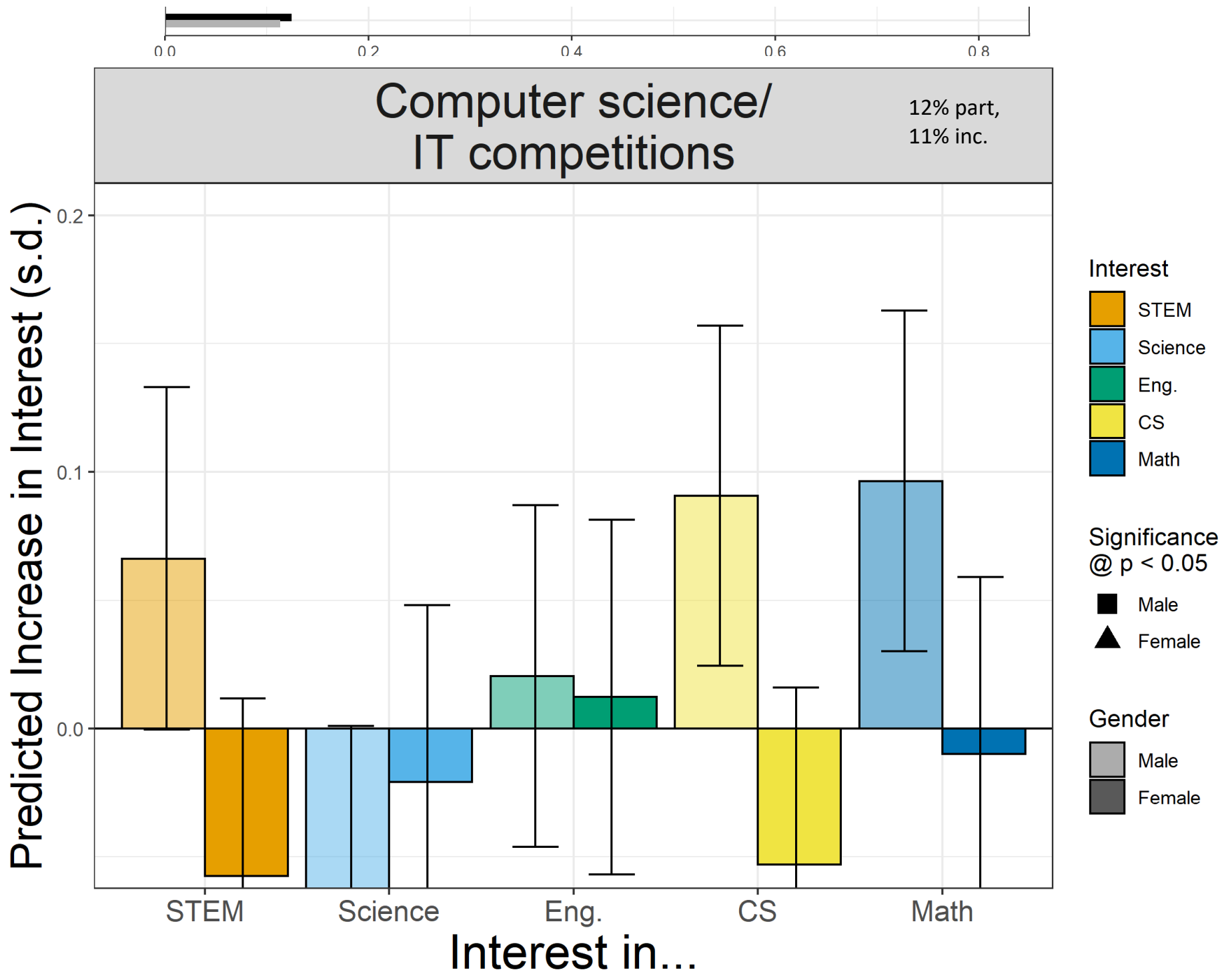


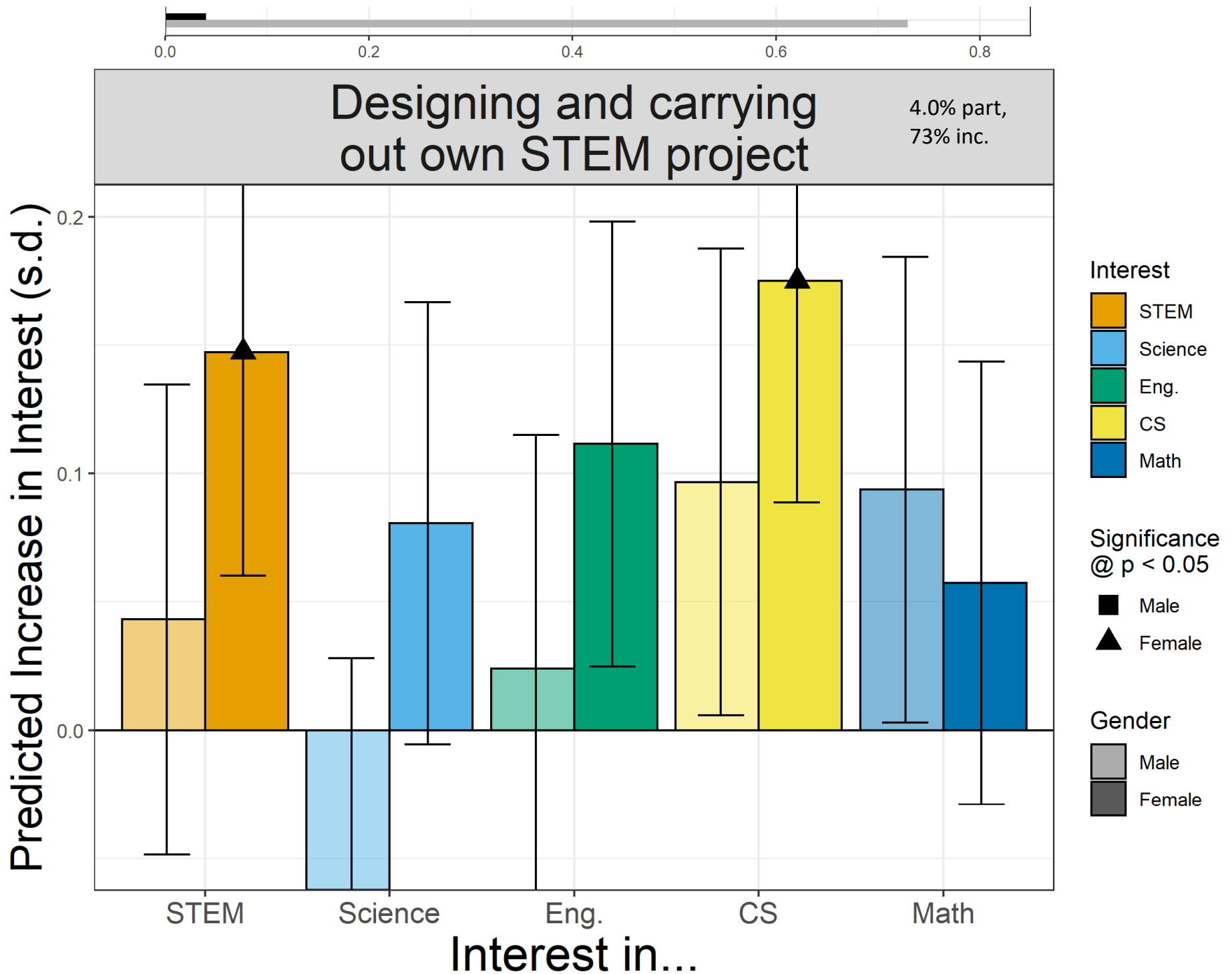


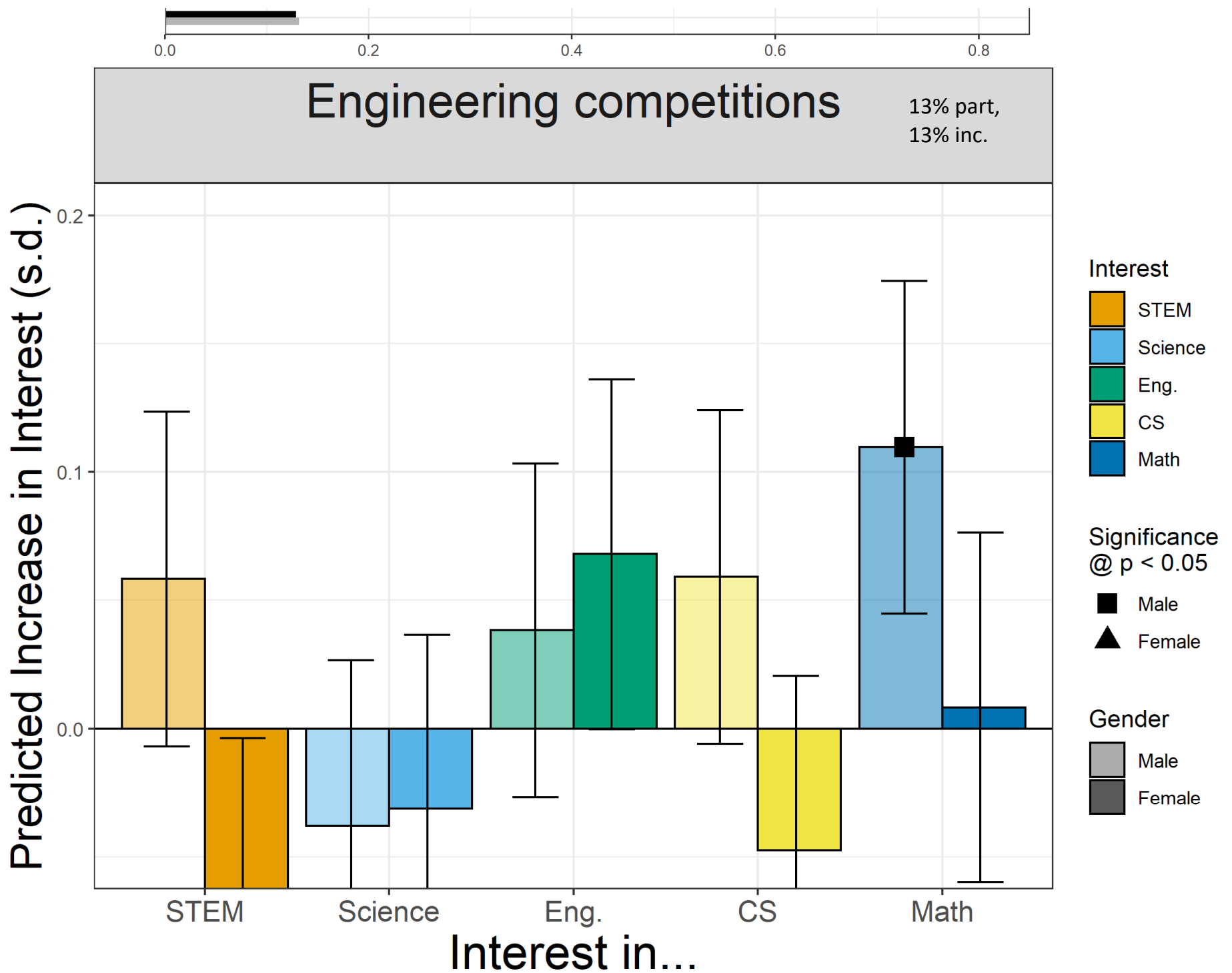


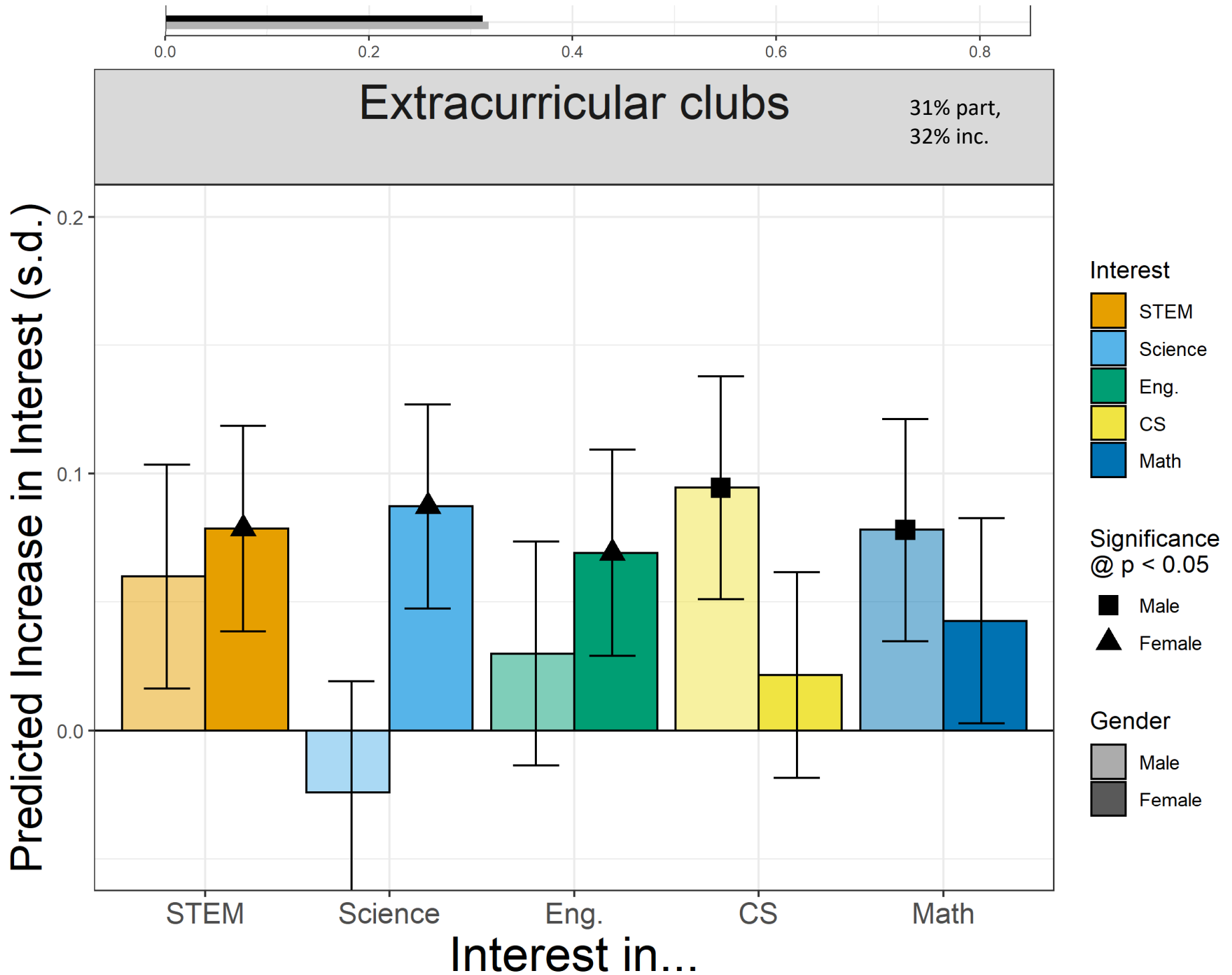


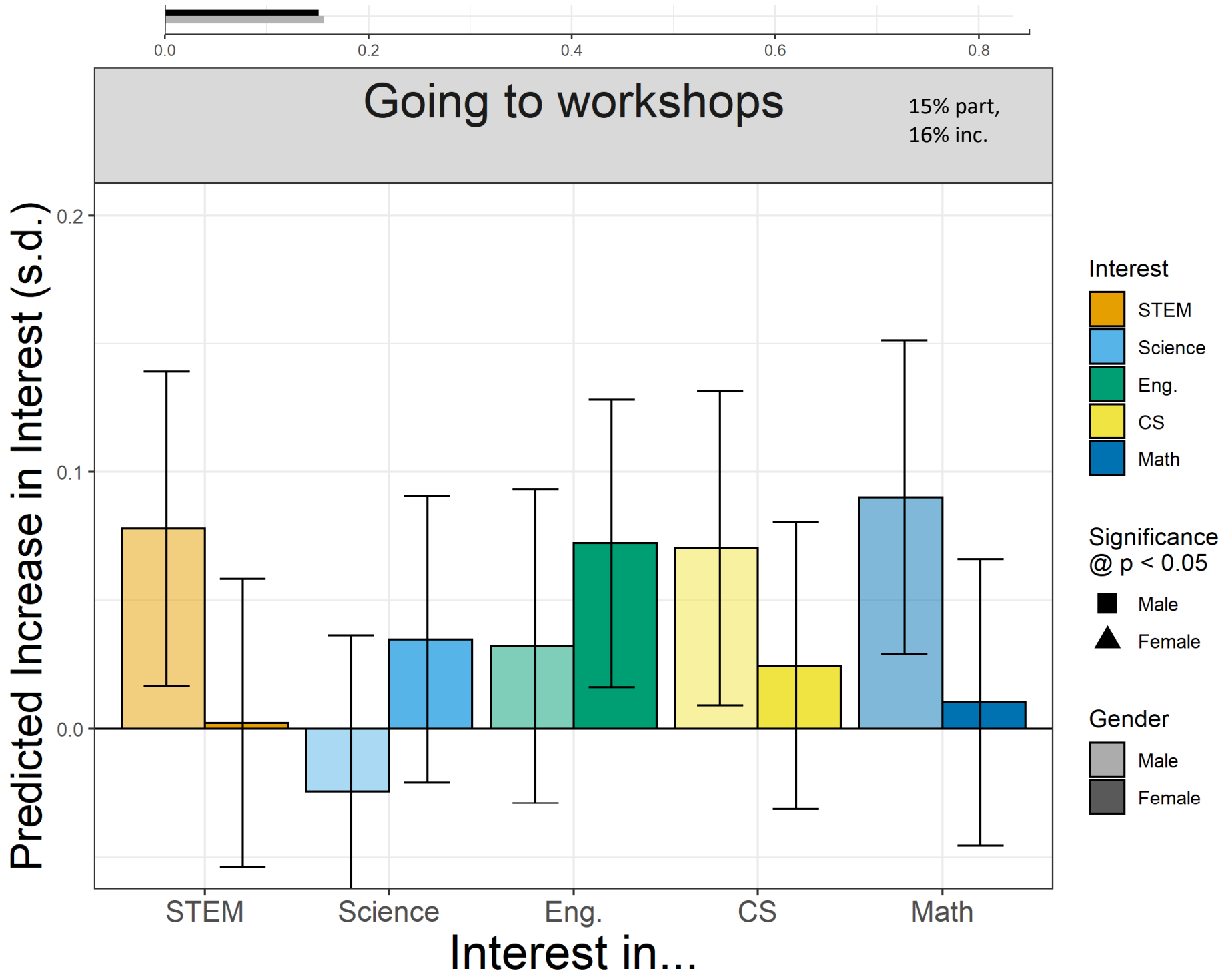


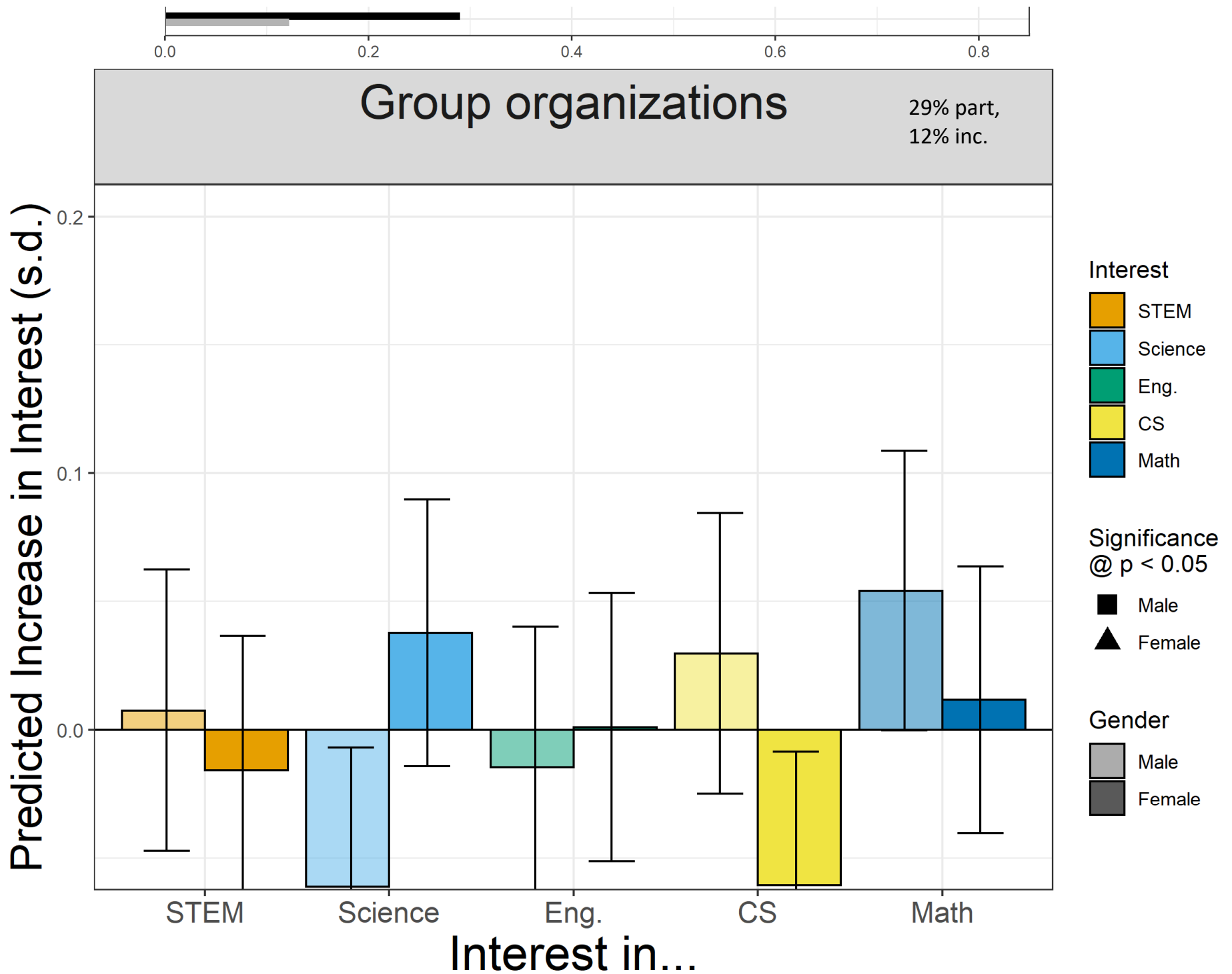


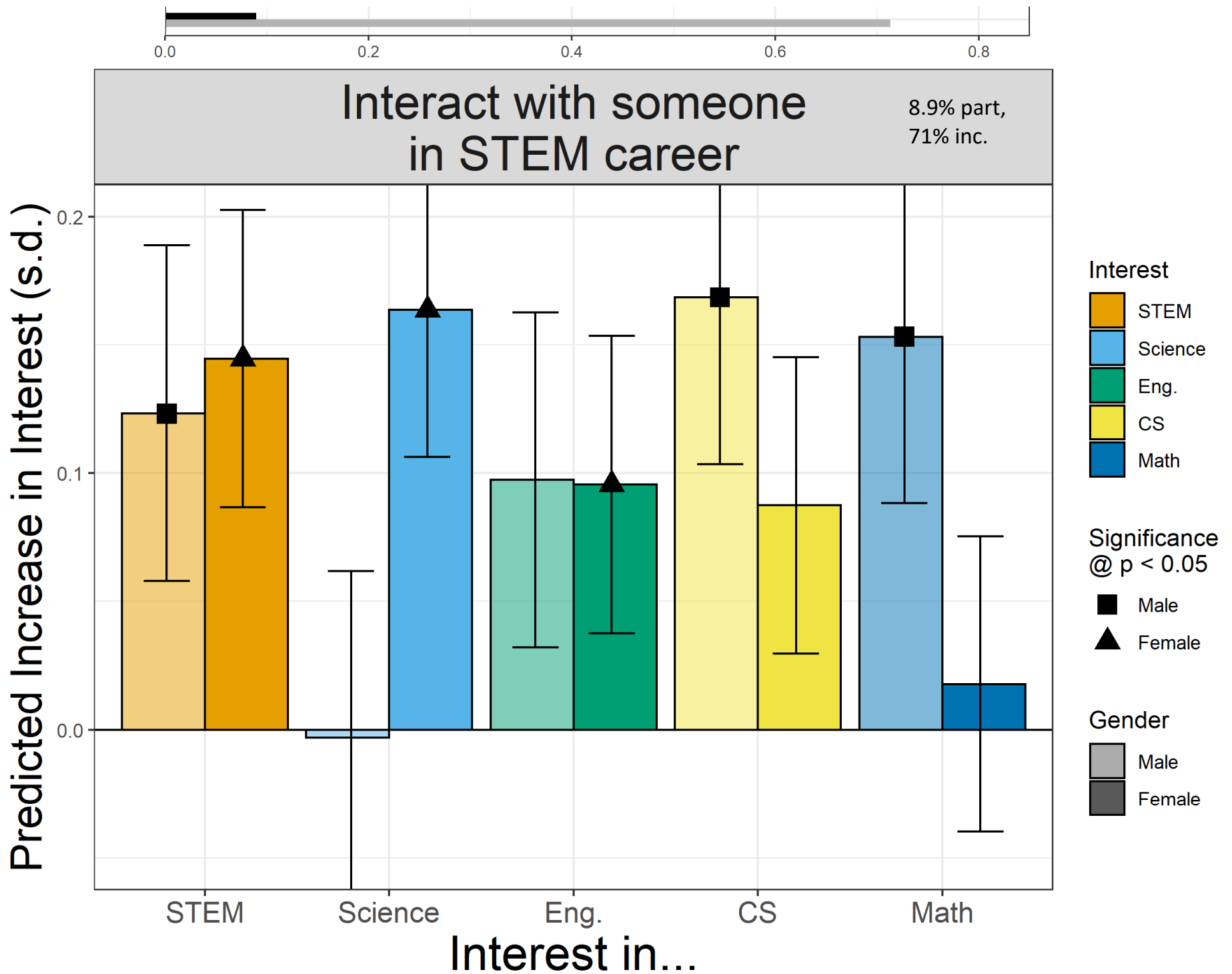


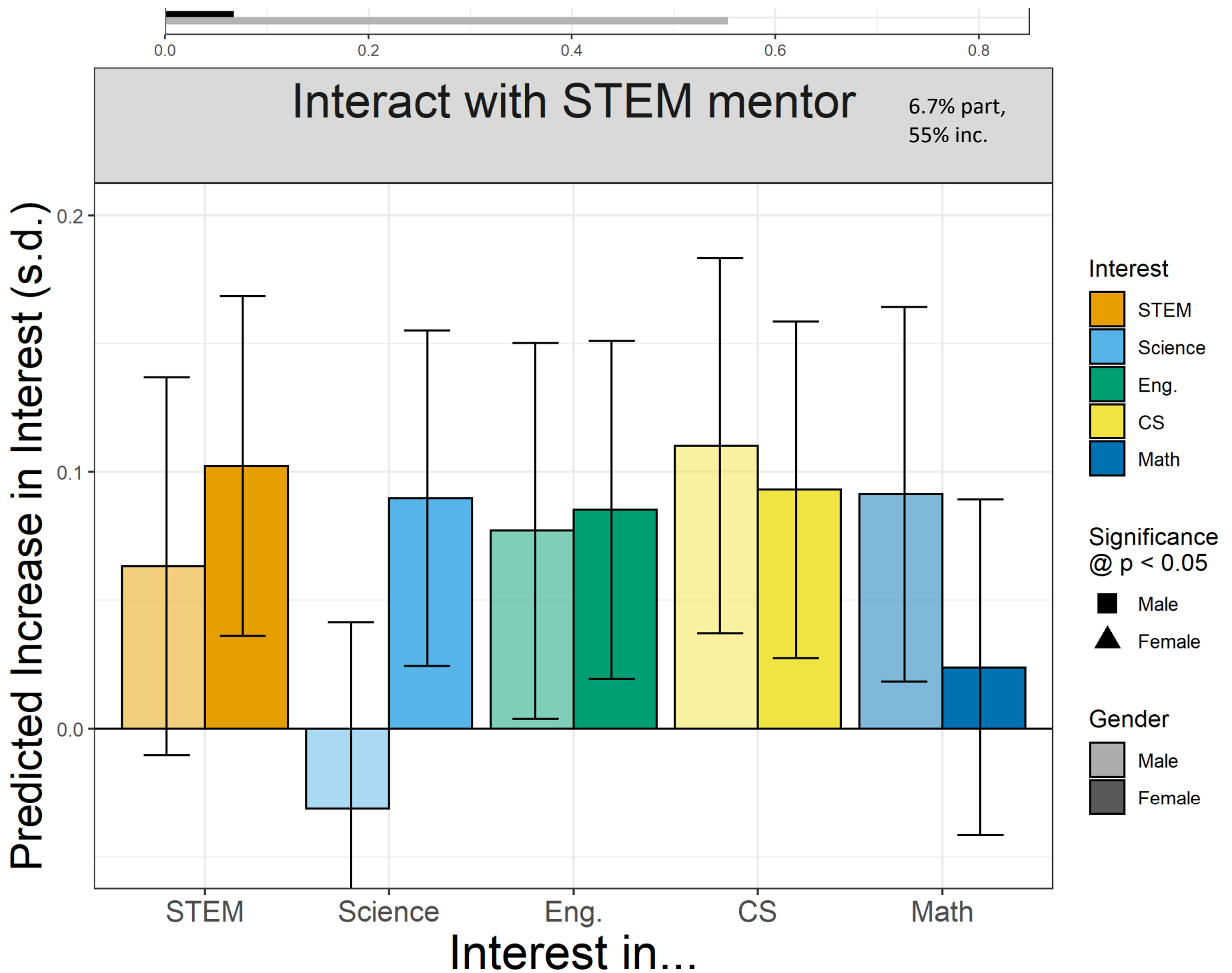


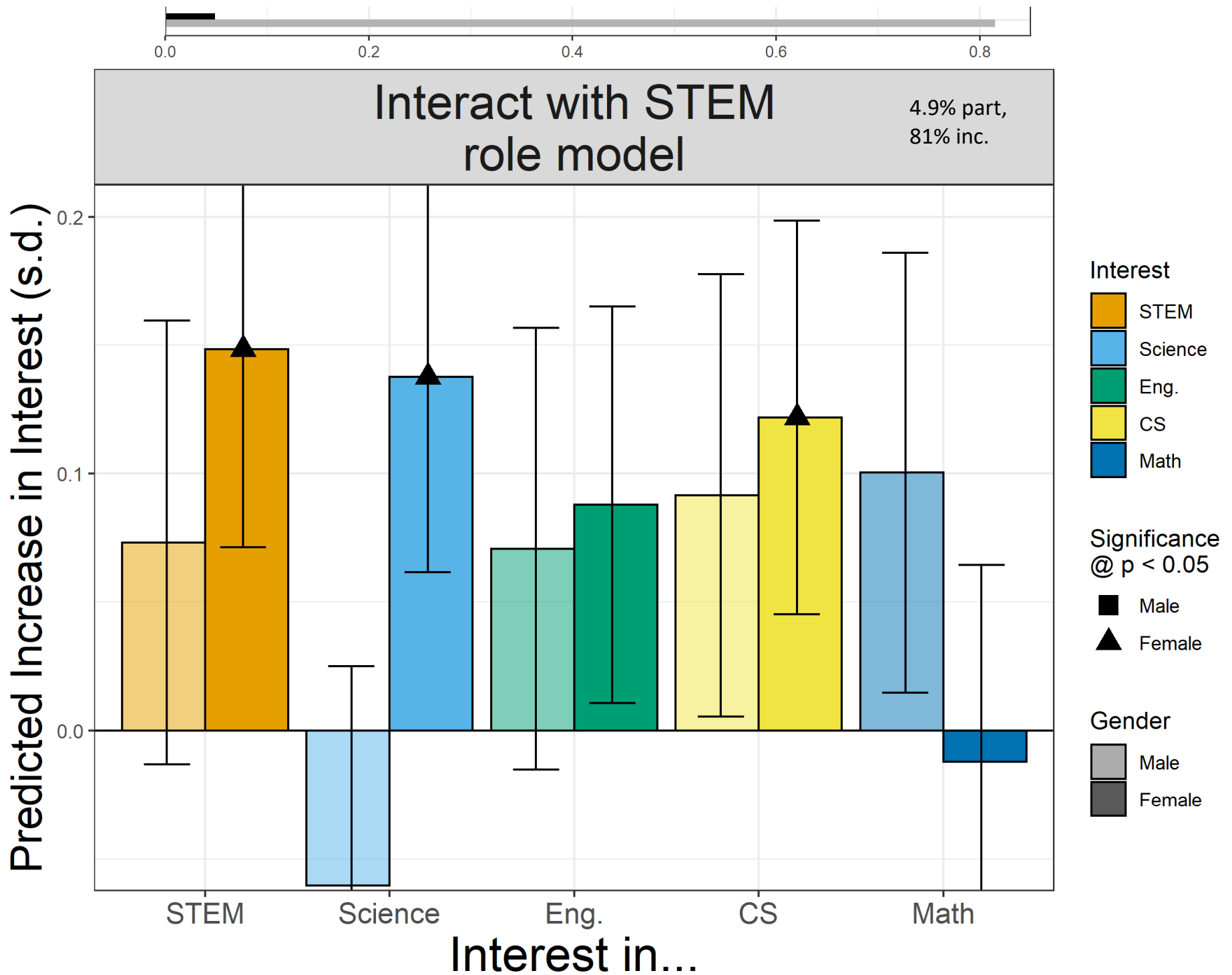


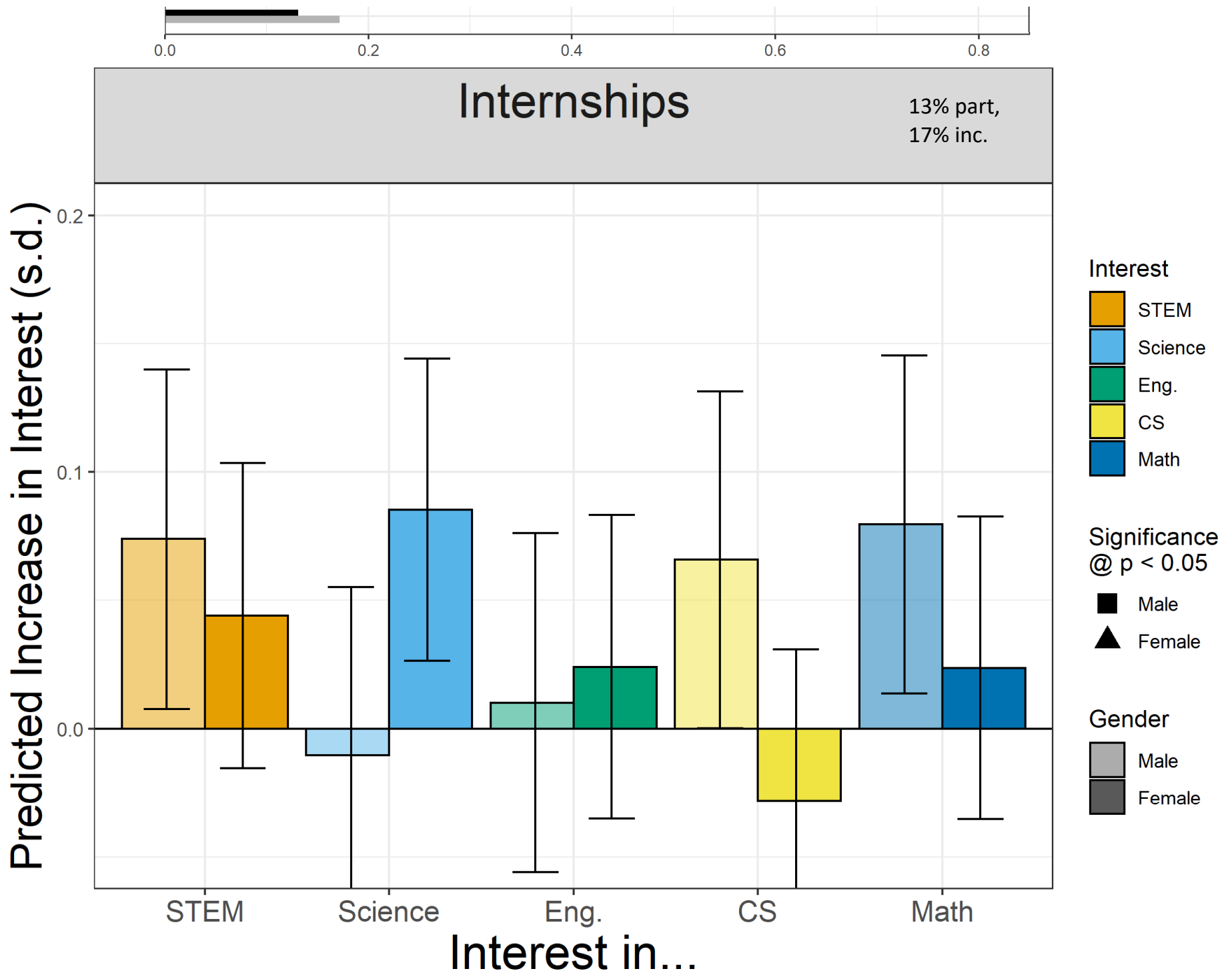


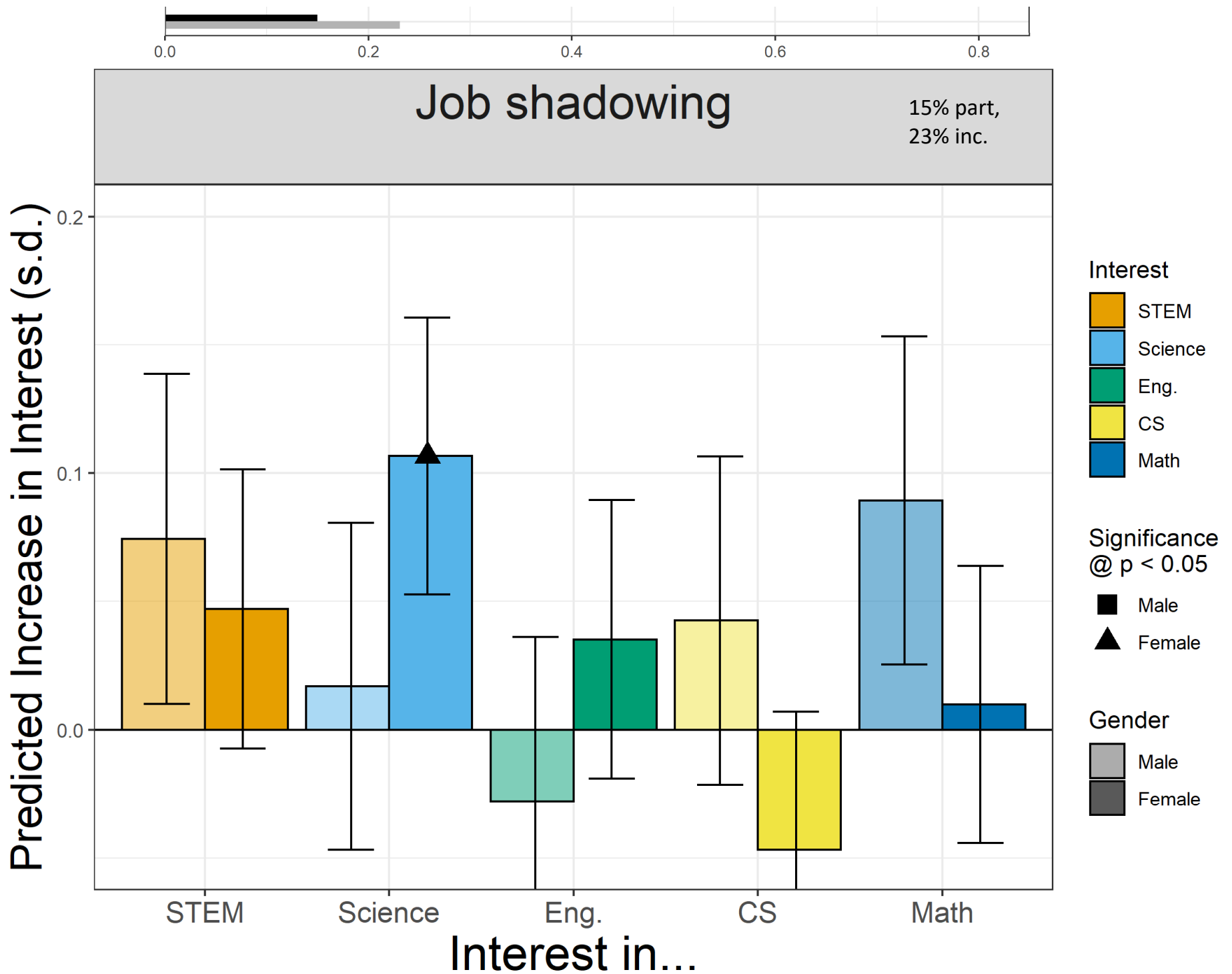


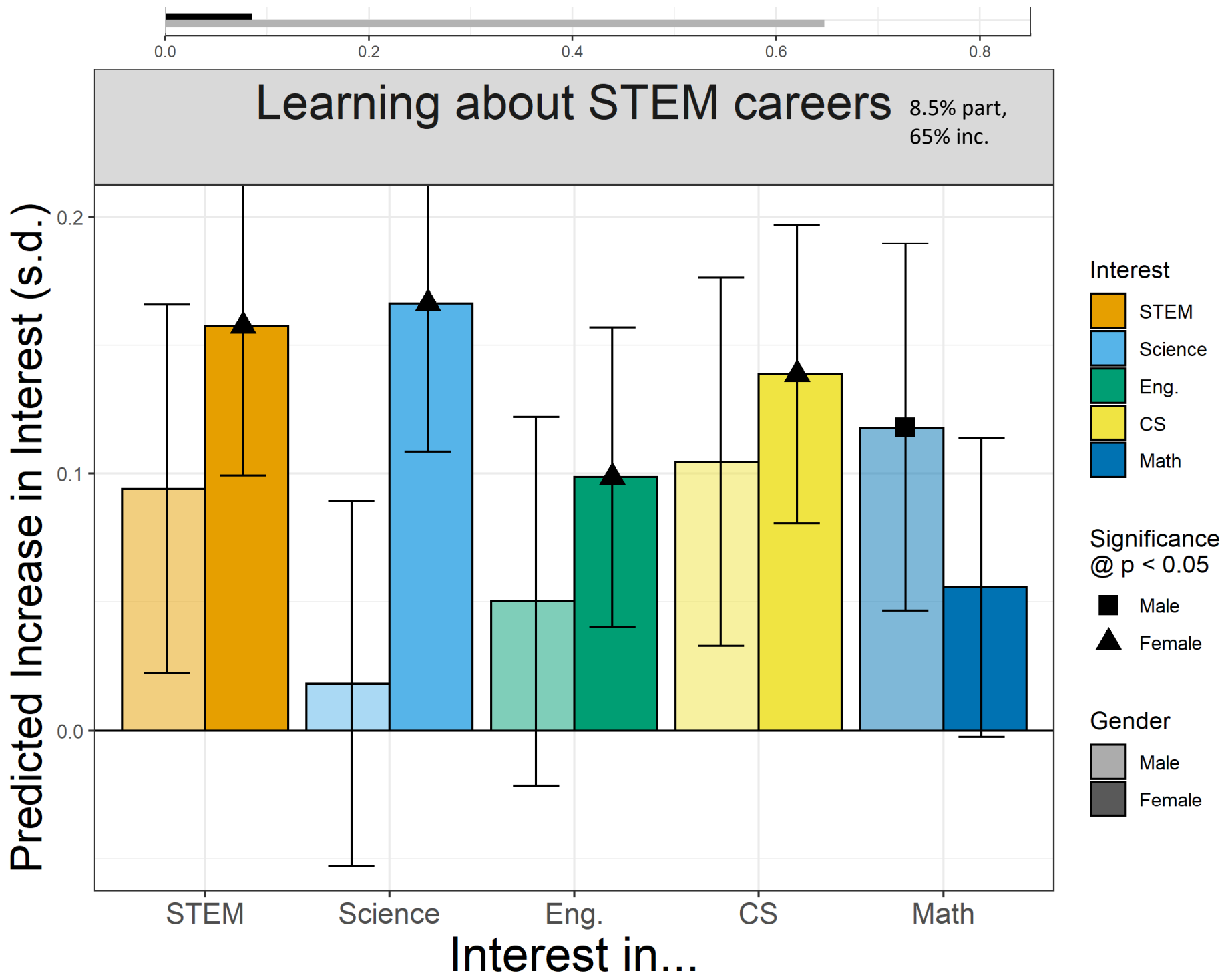


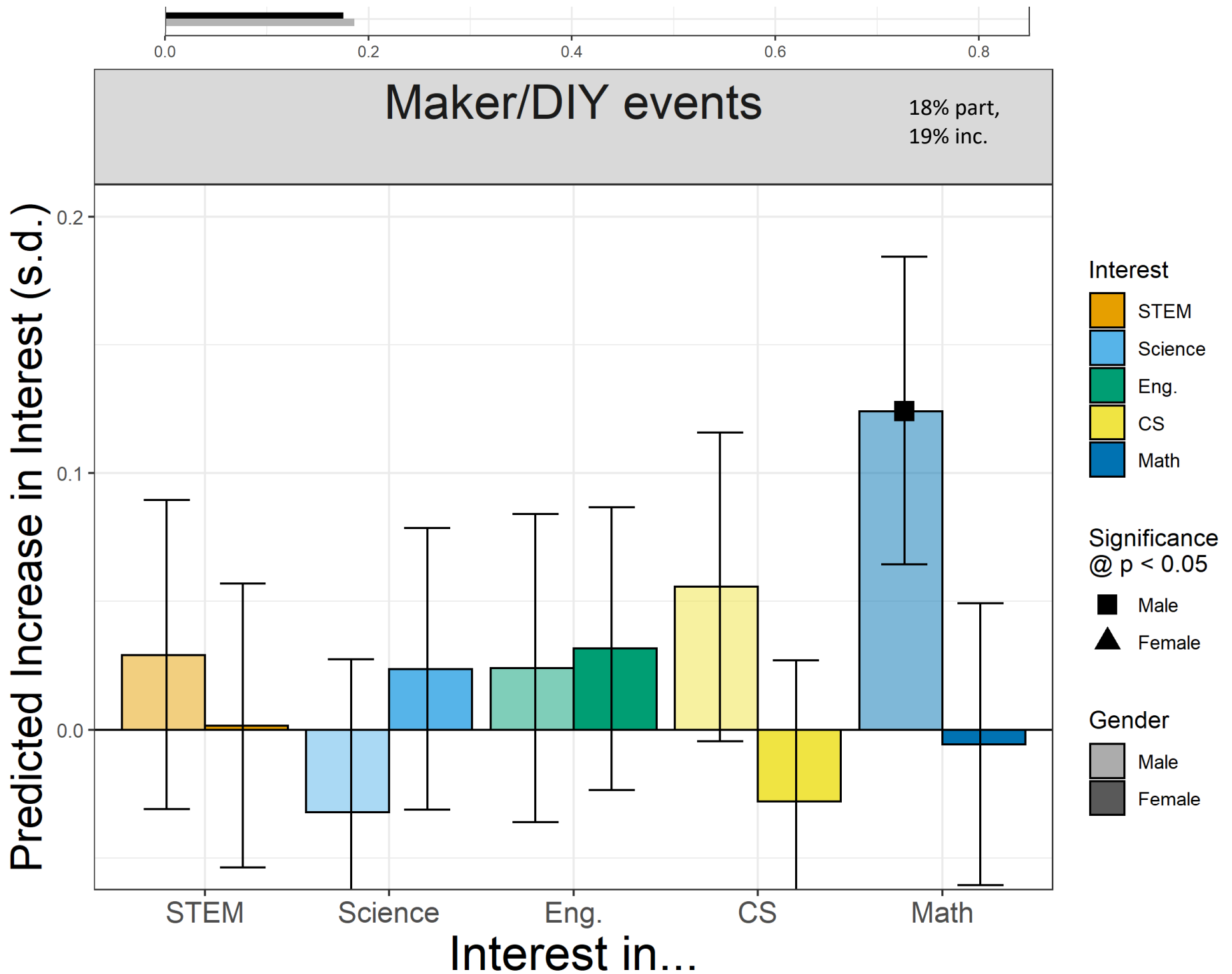


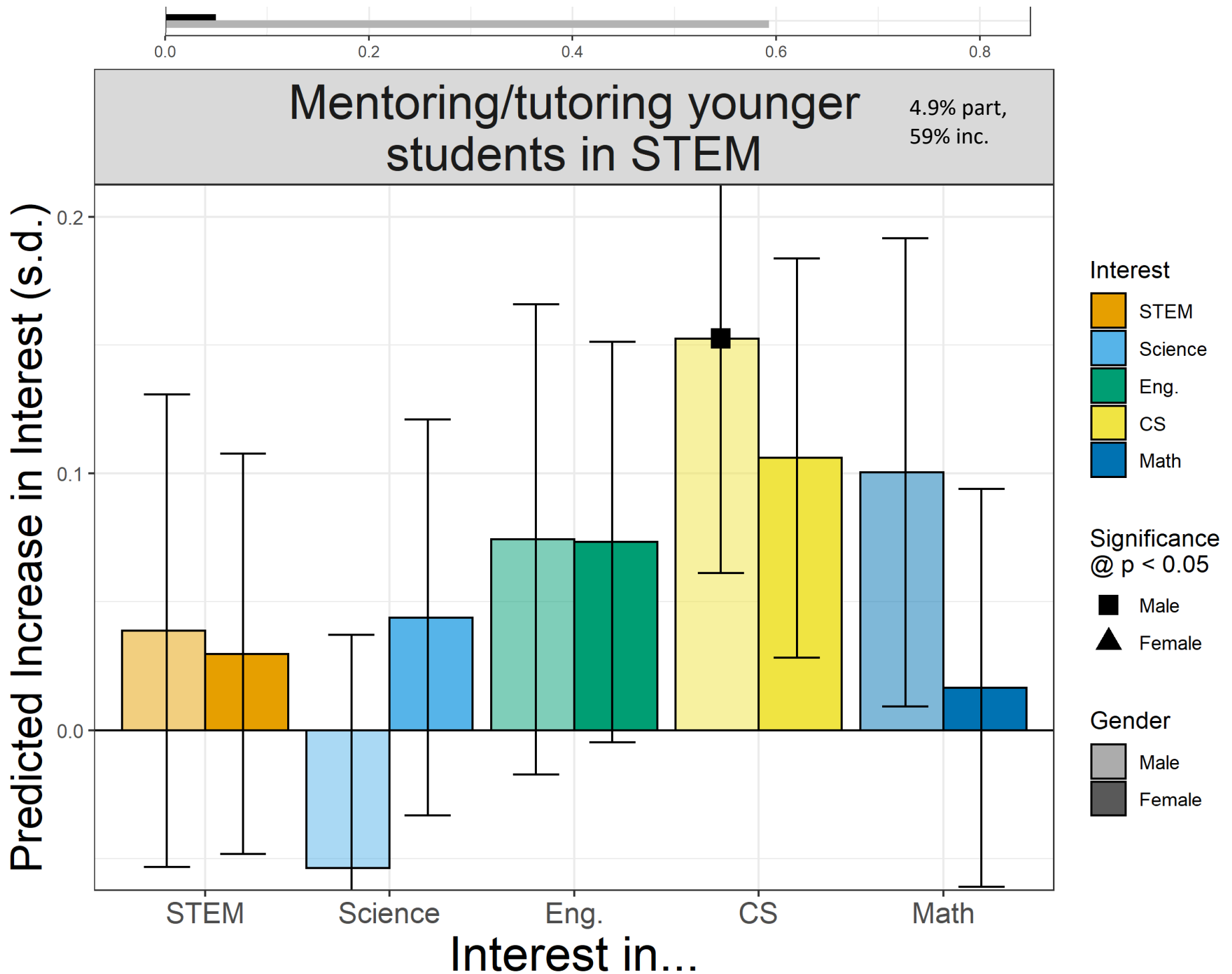


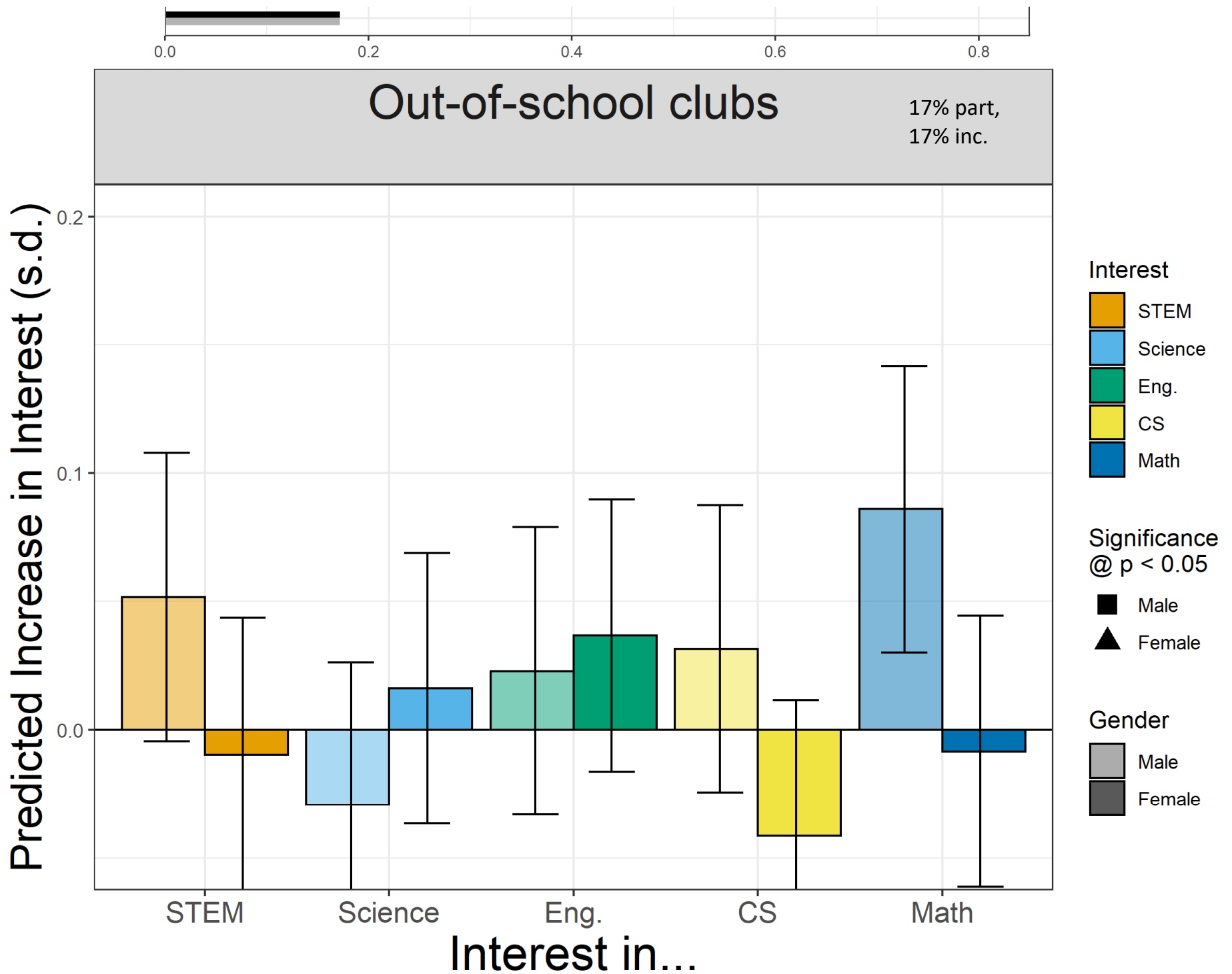


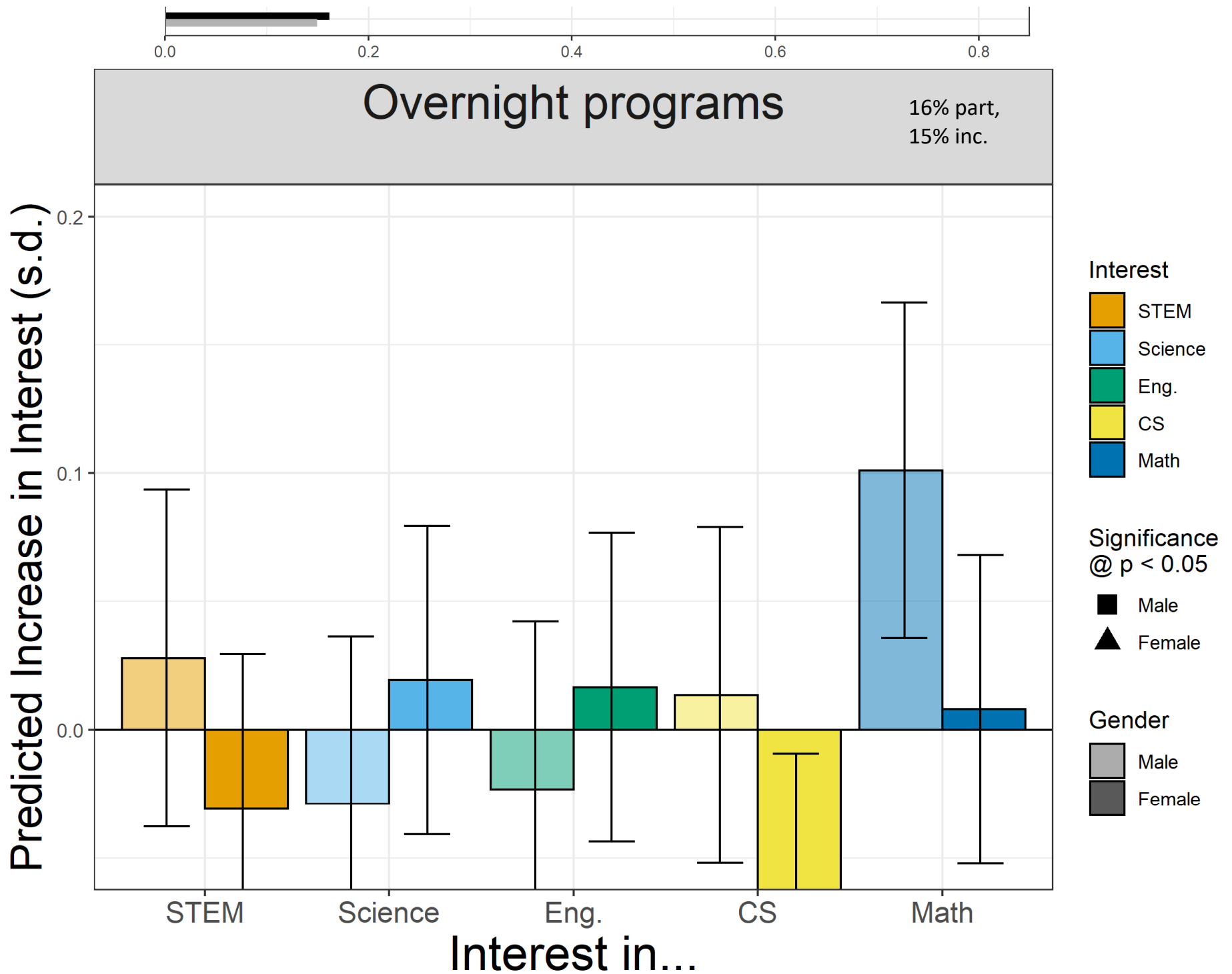


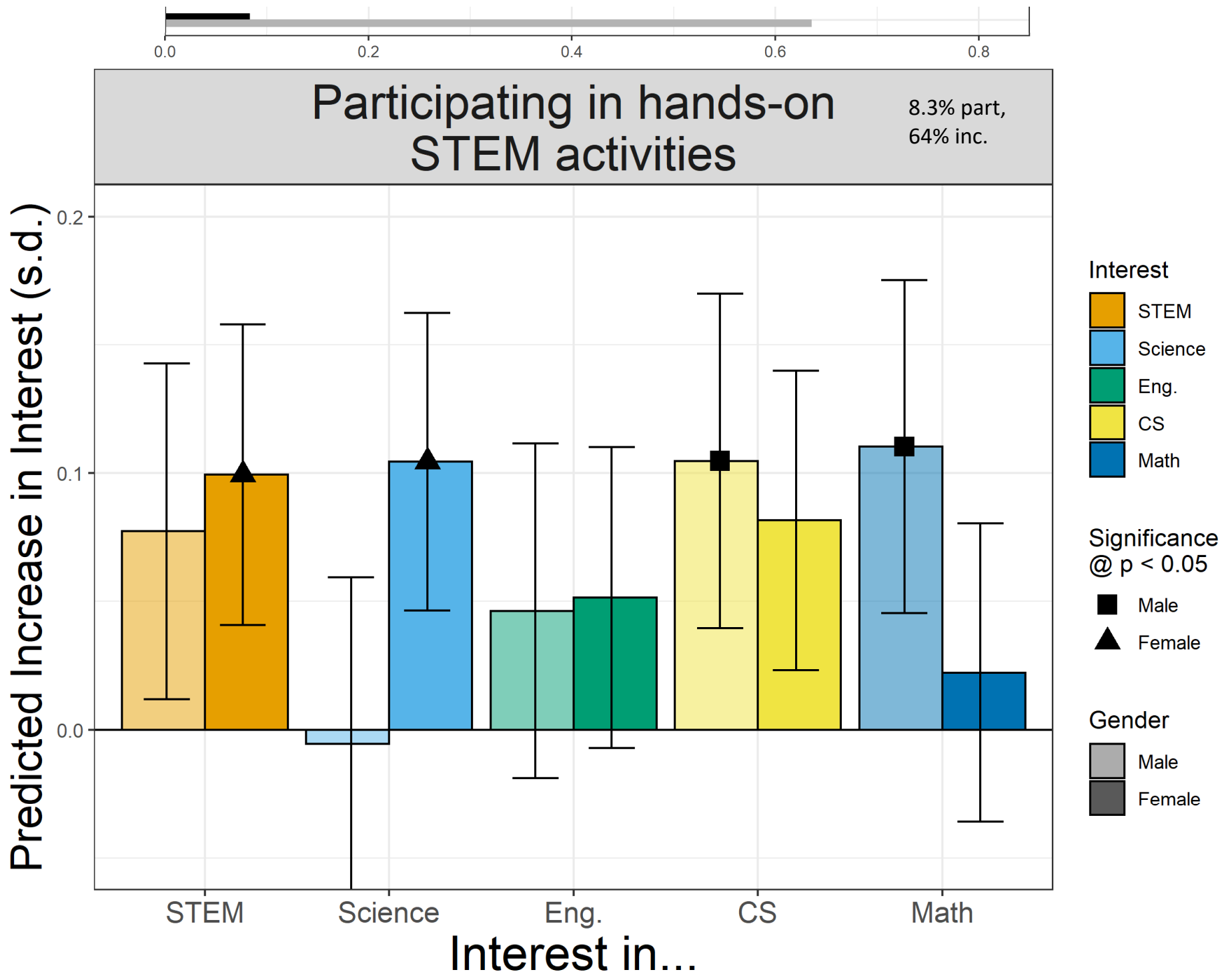


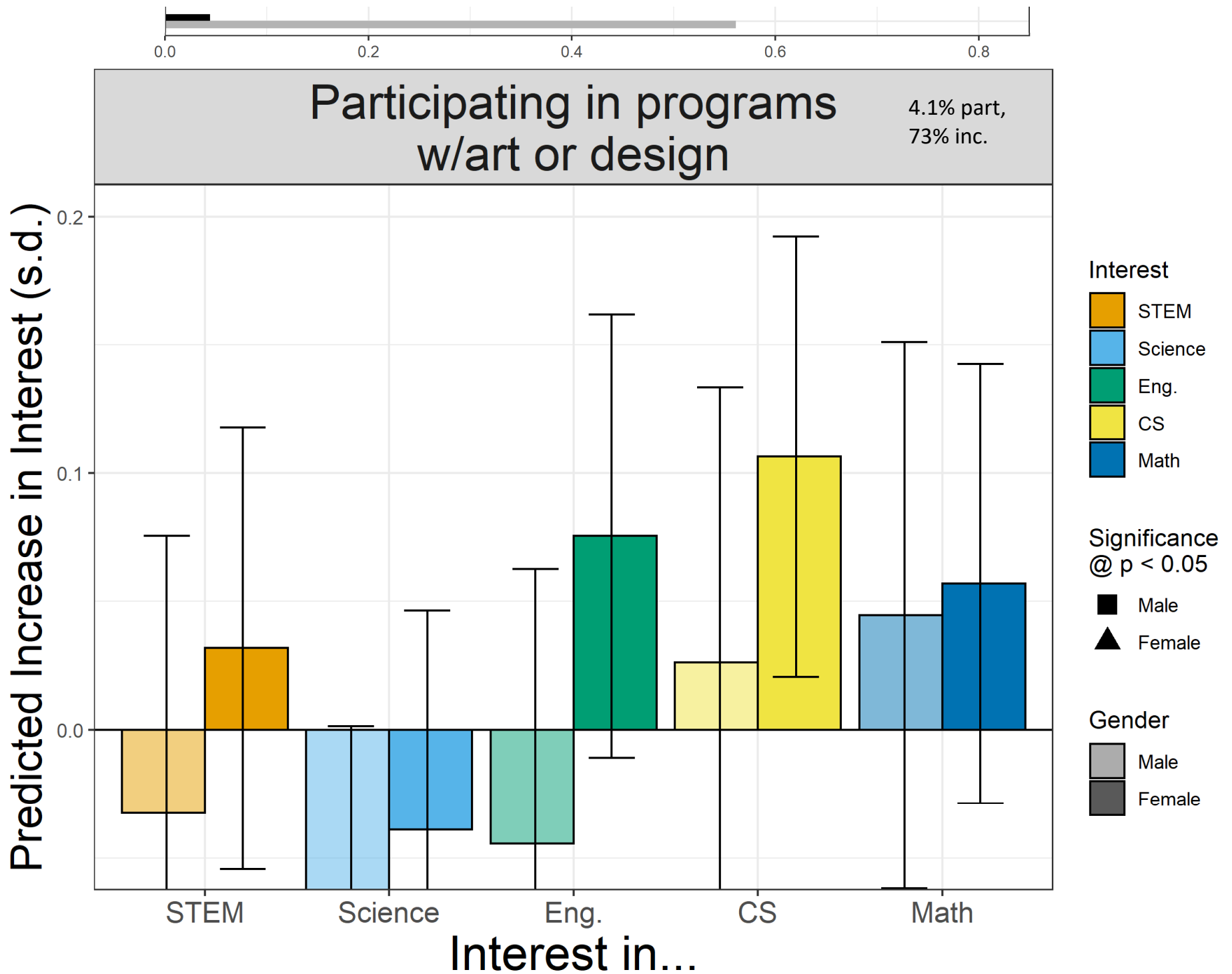


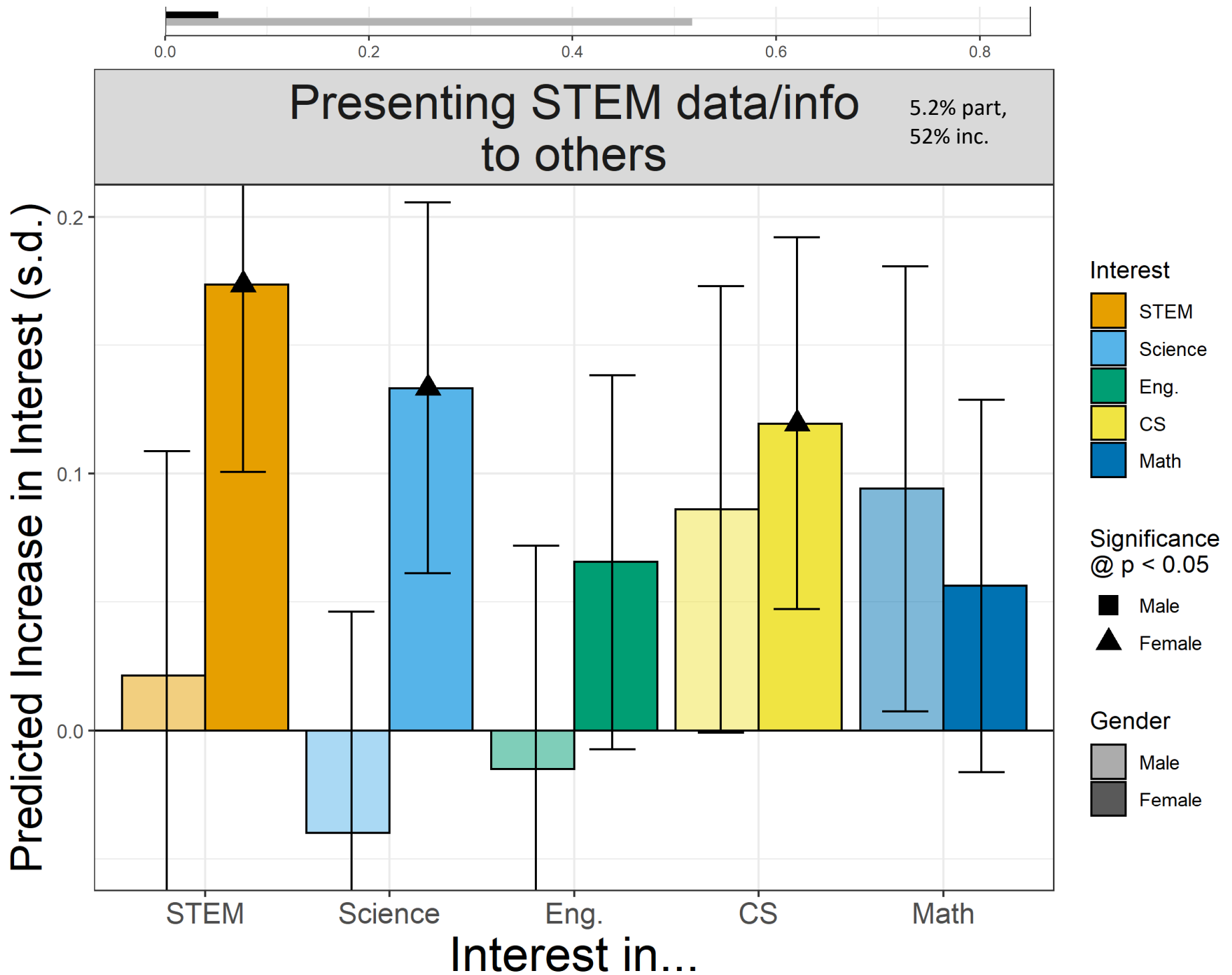


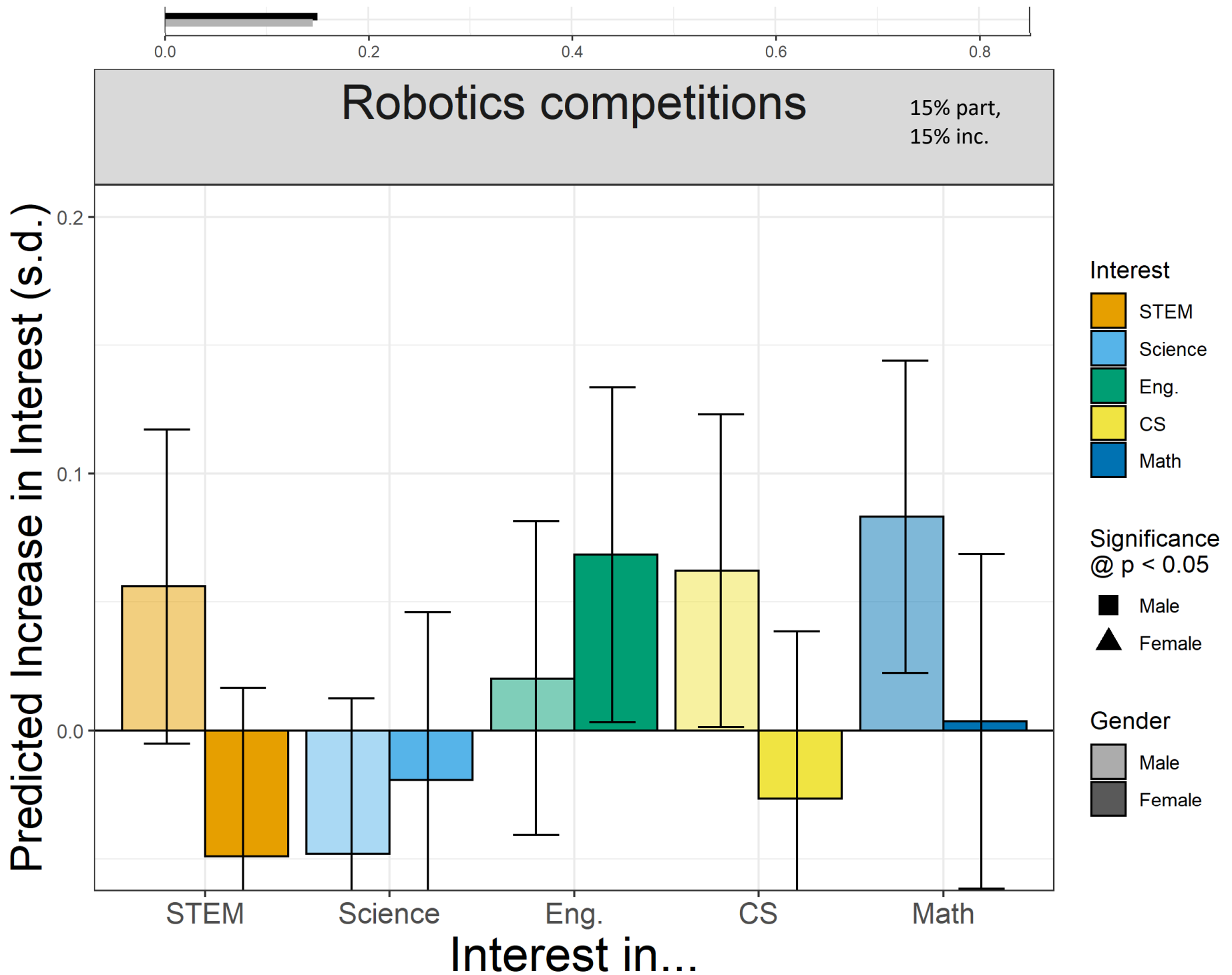


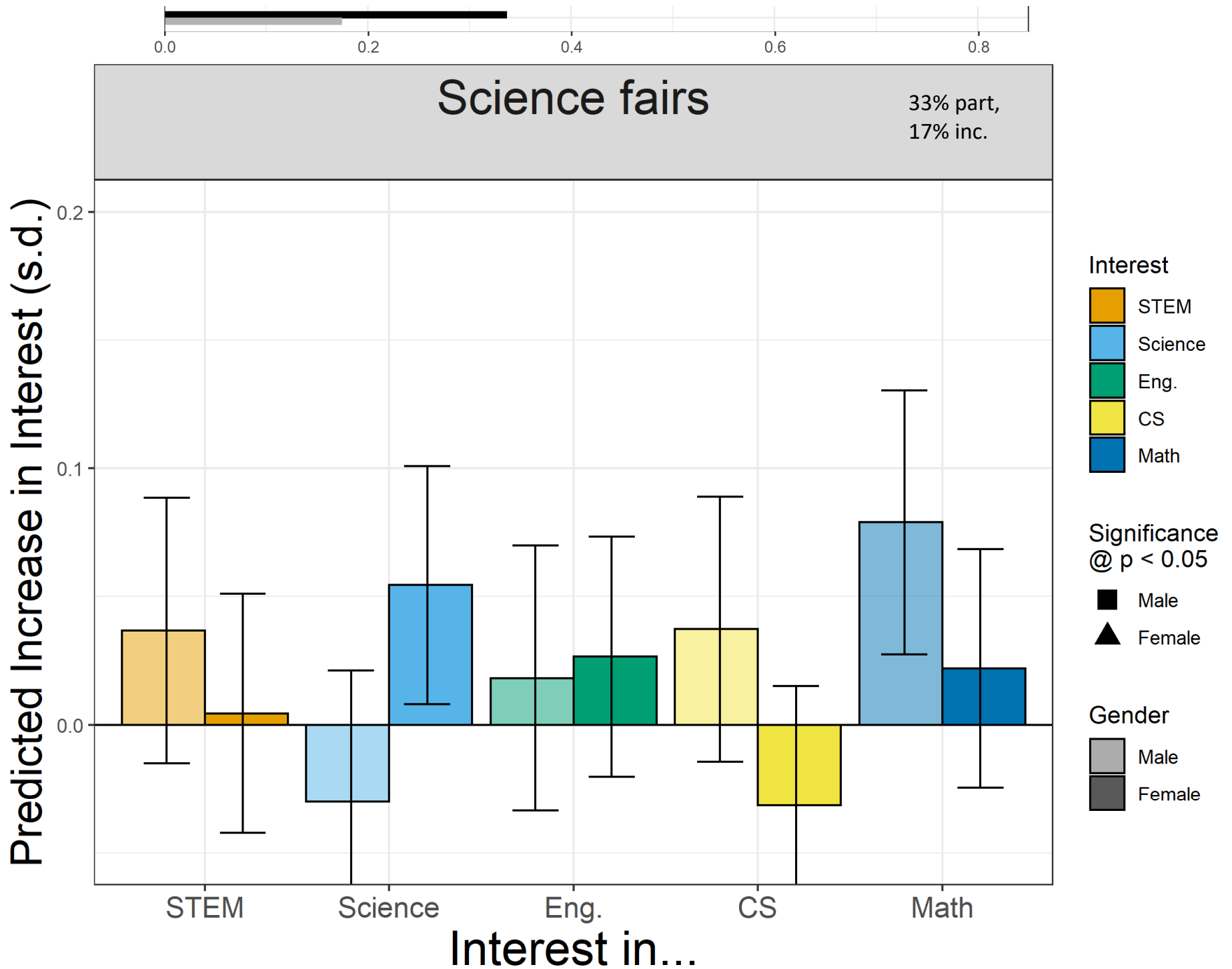


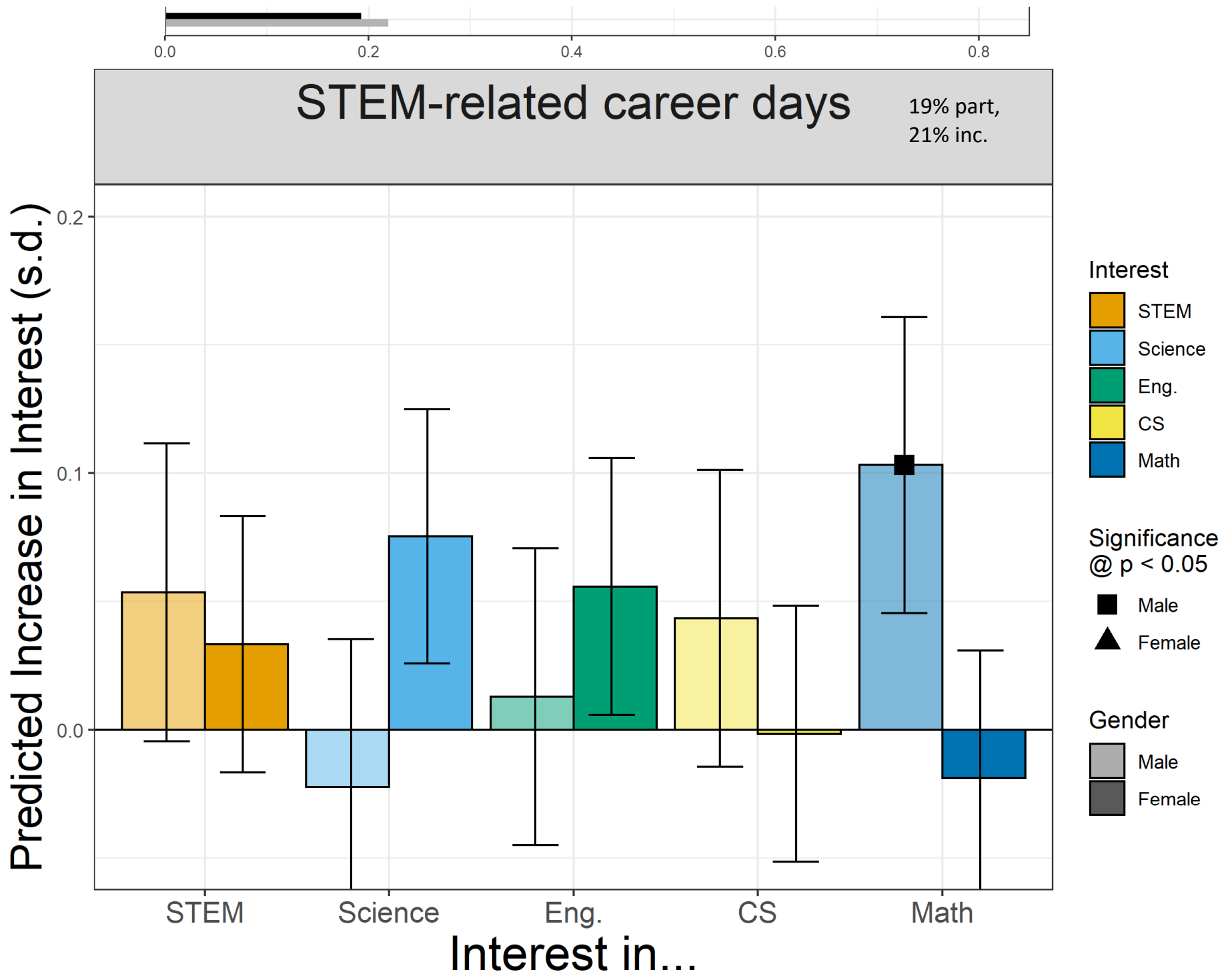


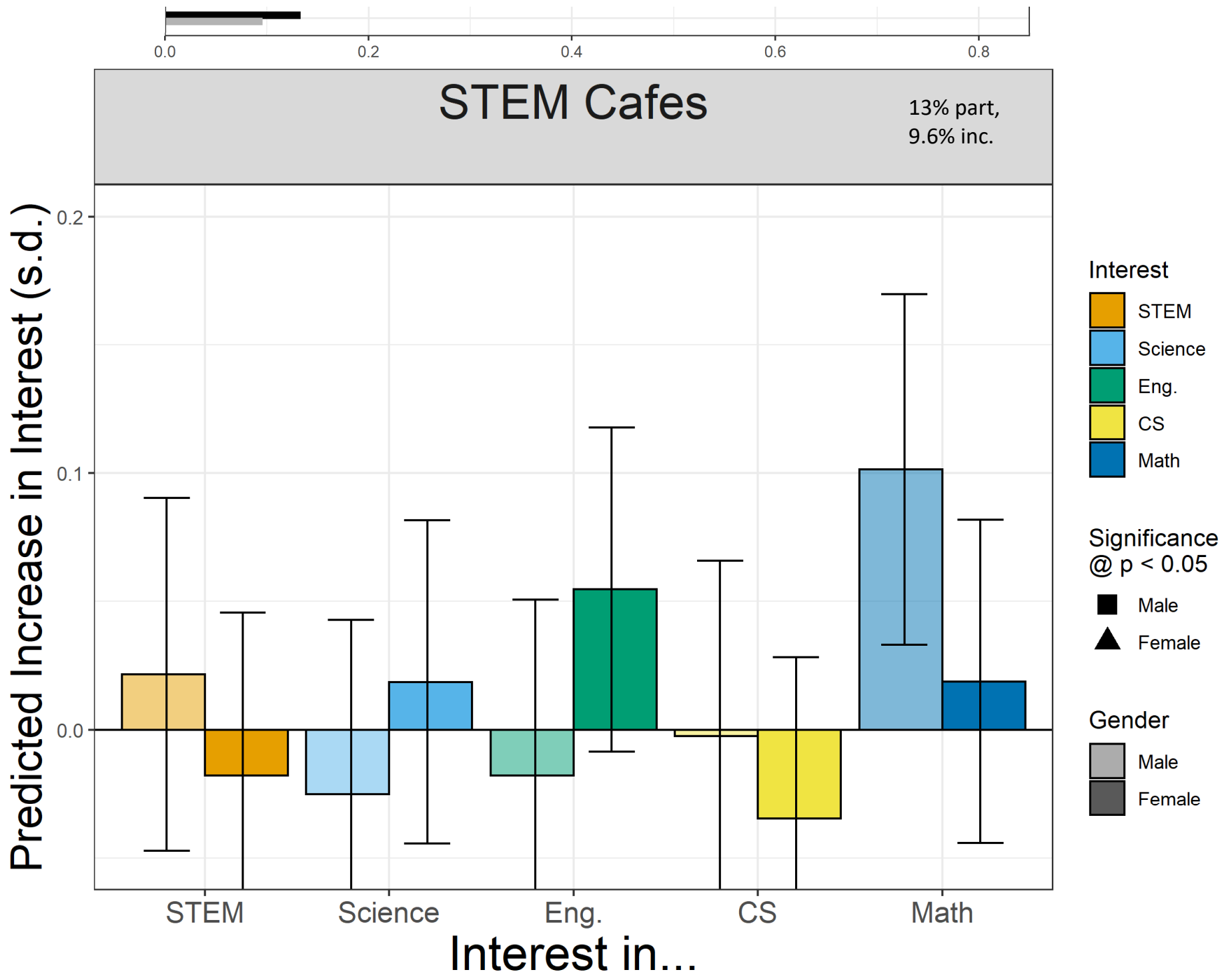


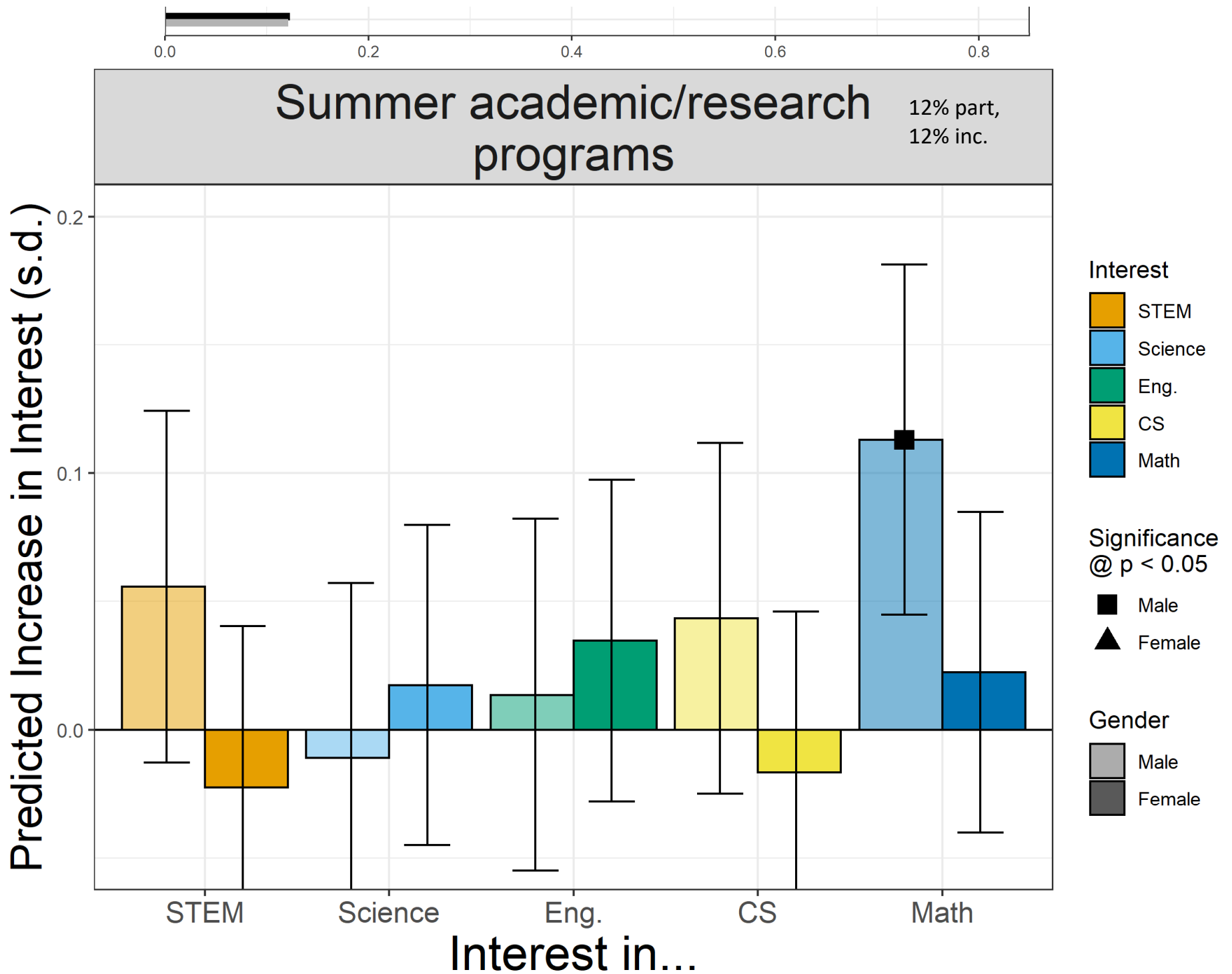














## Taking on a leadership role

6.9% part,  
51% inc.

