

# Right Time, Right Tone:

Driving Appointment
Conversions with Emotional Al

Case Study

#### **Introduction: Timing**

In appointment-based customer service models, timing is everything. Research shows that most customers decide within the first few minutes of a call whether they feel confident enough to commit to an appointment or consider additional services. But agents aren't always equipped to read the emotional landscape of a conversation.

That's where Emotional AI steps in.

## Speech/Text Analytics and Emotional Al Use-Cases in Today's Contact Centers

As contact centers continue evolving, the ability to sense and act on emotional signals in real-time is becoming a differentiator. Emotional AI helps agents go beyond a script—by reading tone, identifying sentiment, and guiding action, it turns passive listening into intelligent engagement.

#### **Present:** Past: Future: • Real-time sentiment Manual QA review & Predictive emotion detetion during live calls post-call coaching mapping for proactive service Escalation alerts when frustration or confusion is detected **Emotional Al guiding** full agent • Healthcare clients use AI to flag workflows (coaching, emotional distress de-escalation & upselling) • Emotionally intelligent Retail clients detect frustration bots for front-line to trigger supervisor interactions involvement

### Challenge

A leading retail provider partnered with DATAMARK to improve its contact center's appointment setting success rate. Agents were struggling to find the ideal moment to lock in the appointment or offer an add-on service. Some pushed too early, others hesitated too long, and customers often ended the call uncommitted. The retail provider needed a way to help agents recognize emotional readiness in real time.

#### **Solution Overview:**

DATAMARK deployed Valence AI's - Emotional AI, a cutting-edge tool that detects vocal tone and emotional cues throughout a live conversation. Paired with real-time agent assist prompts, Valence was trained to alert agents when the caller's emotional alignment indicated they were open, calm, or satisfied. These were prime moments for engagement.

This allowed agents to:



Know exactly when to ask for the appointment



Understand if a soft upsell would be well received



Reduce conversational misfires or missed opportunities

#### **How It Works:**

Valence listens in real-time to both the agent and the customer, analyzing vocal biomarkers to detect emotions such as trust, confusion, hesitation, or interest.

Key triggers prompt notifications like:



"Customer tone indicates openness – suggest confirming appointment"



"Positive sentiment detected – consider offering add-on service"

These live cues help agents confidently navigate timing and tone without scripting or guesswork.

### Ready to See How Emotional Al Can Elevate Your Appointment-Setting Strategy?

DATAMARK's innovation lab can demo Valence Vibrations on real calls and show how it can:







Contact Us Today to Explore a Pilot or Proof of Concept

