

# Neuroergonomic Differentiation: Mobile Navigation Displays

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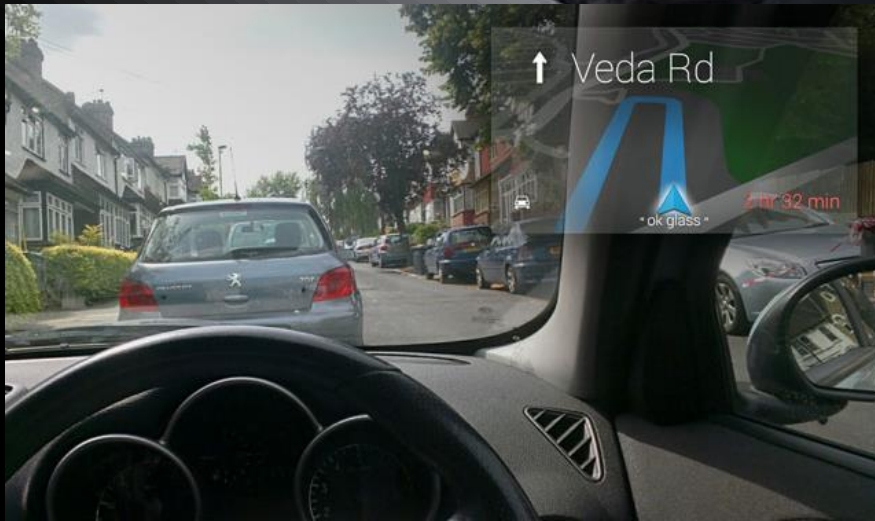
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# Augmented Reality Wearable Displays (ARWD)



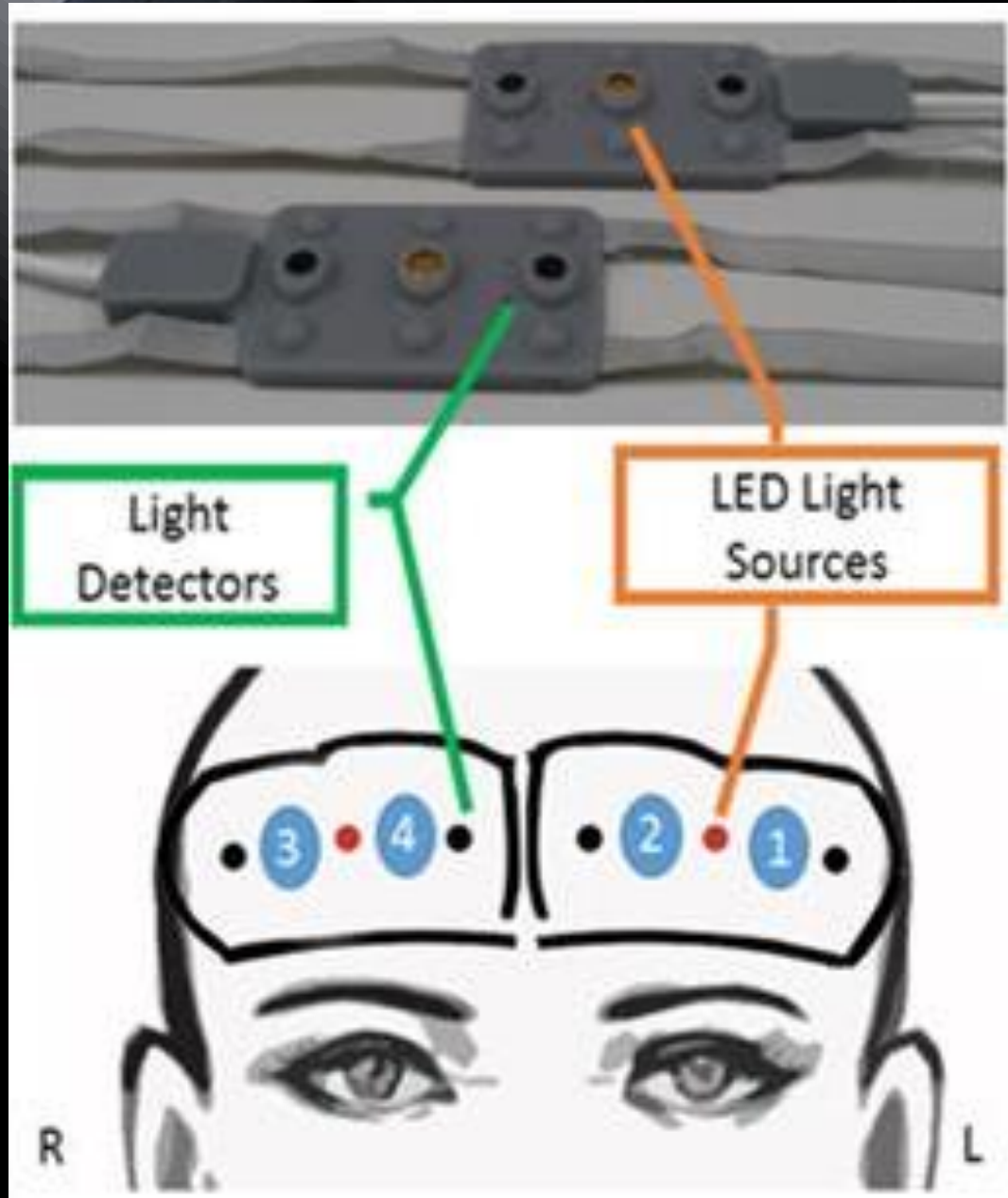
# Observed Benefits



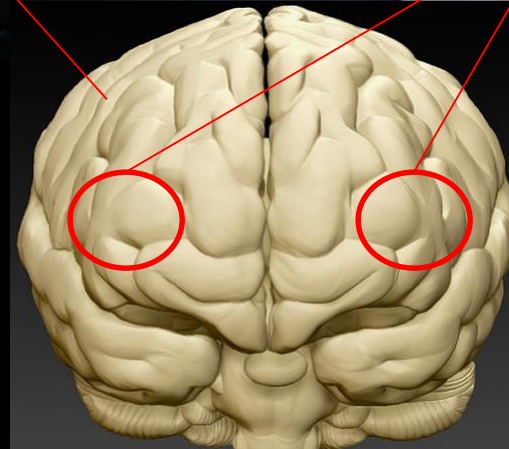
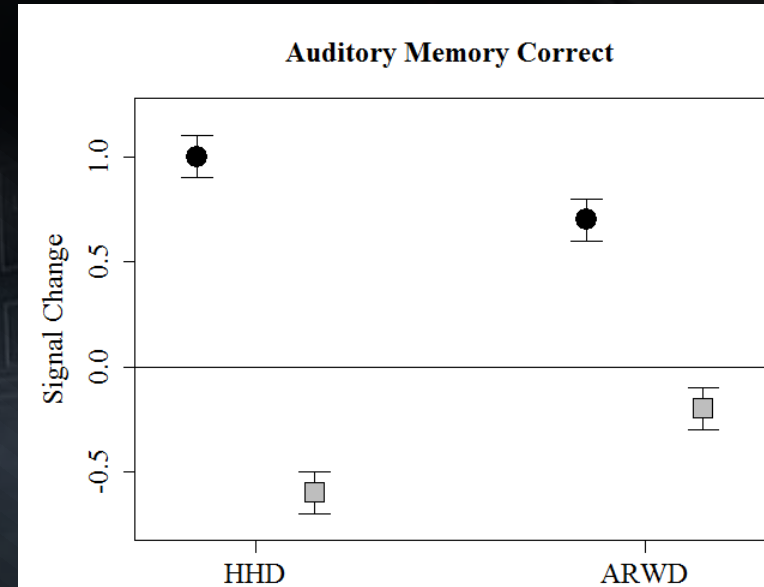
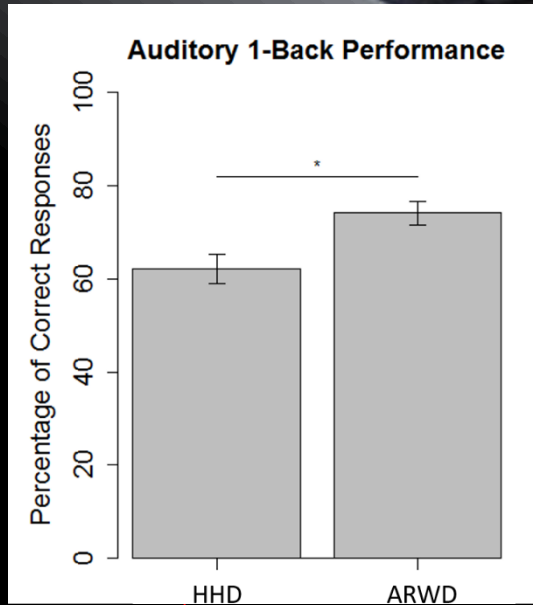
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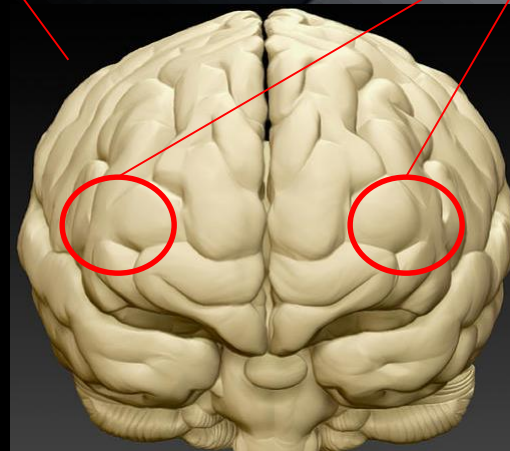
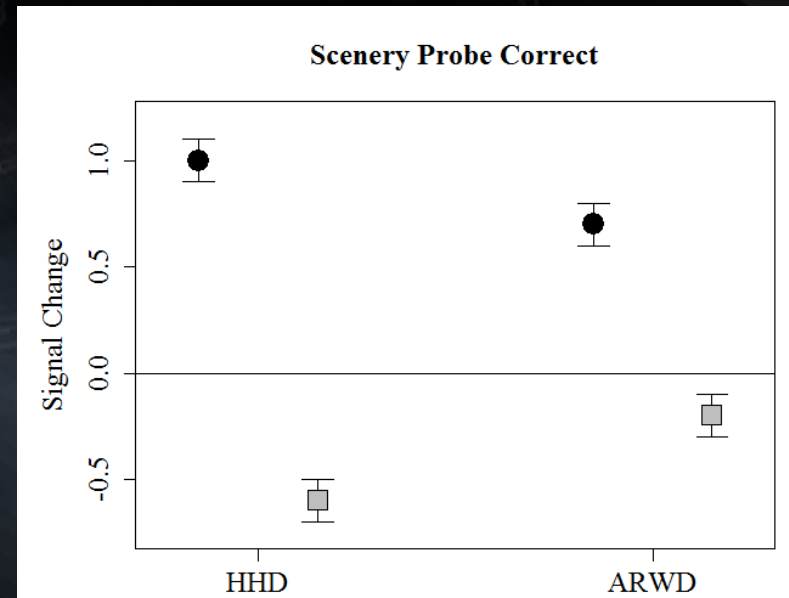
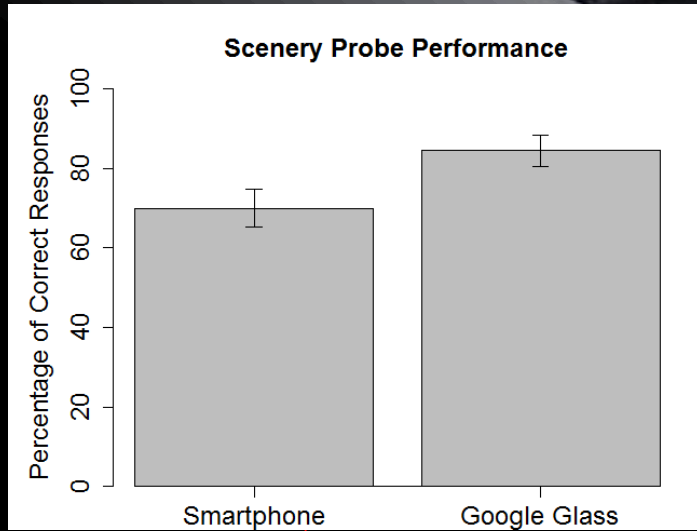
# Objective Assessment



# Hypotheses: Cognitive Load



# Hypotheses: Situation Awareness

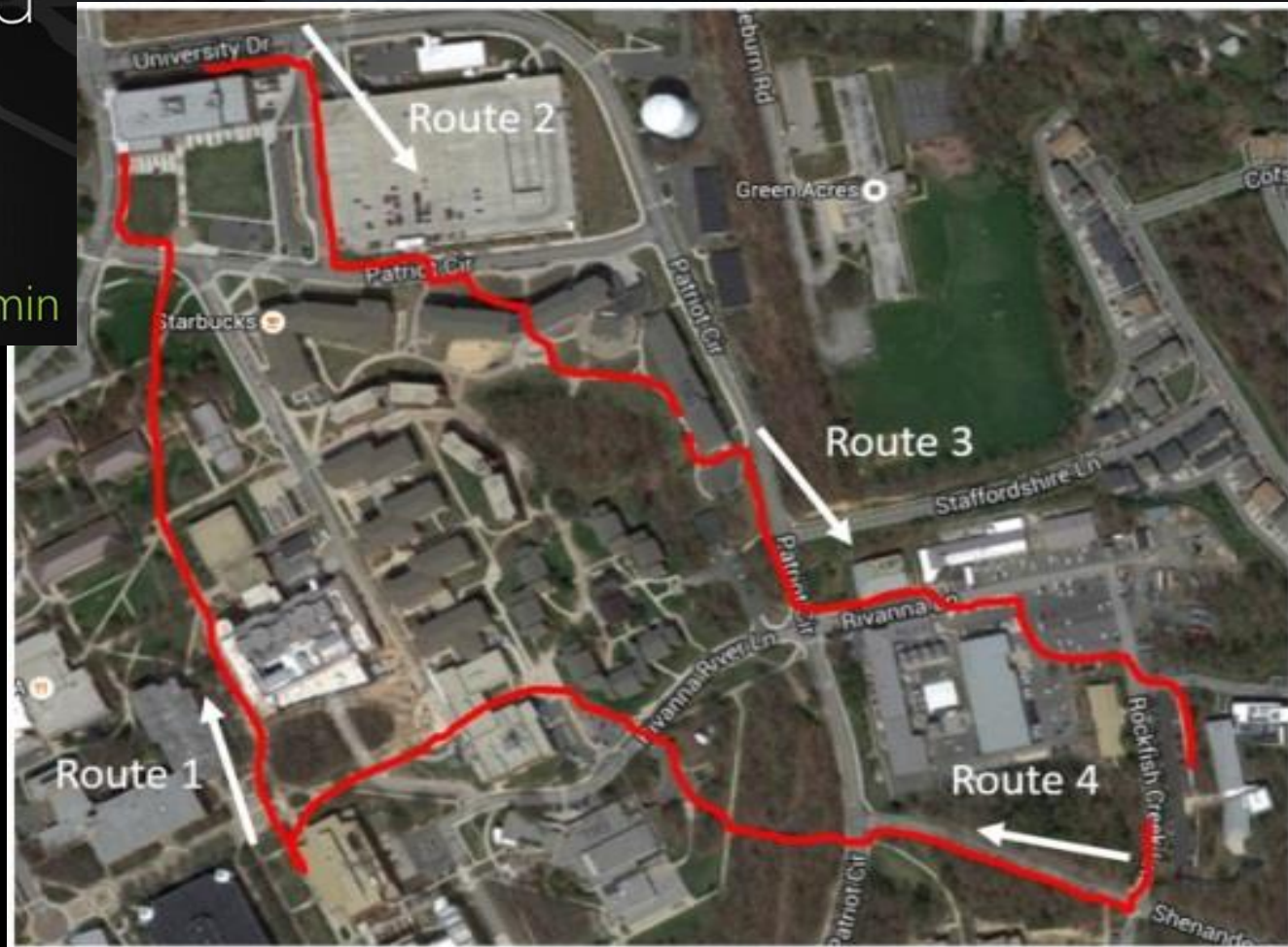


# Primary Task: Visual Route Following

W Millbrook Rd



13 min





# Secondary Task: Cognitive Load

One-back Auditory  
Memory (AM) Task

Count the  
matched triplets



Beep-Bop-Boop.....Bop-Bop-Beep.....

Beep-Beep-Boop.....Beep-Beep-Boop.....

Bop-Bop-Bop.....Beep-Bop-Bop

Match!

# Secondary Task: Situation Awareness

## Scenery Probe (SP) Task

Did You see an American flag?



Yes!

Did You see a water fountain?

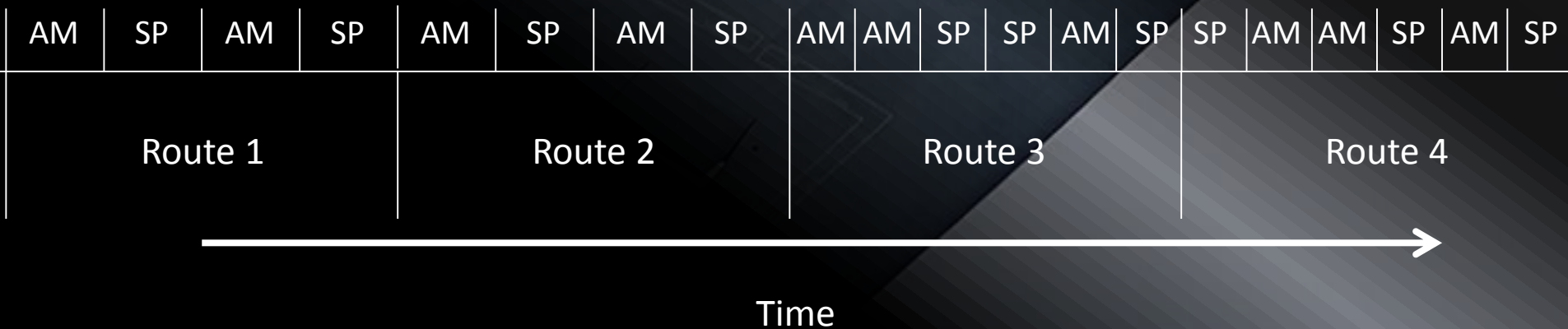


No!

# Primary and Secondary Task Scheduling

Scenery Probe (SP)

Auditory Memory (AM)



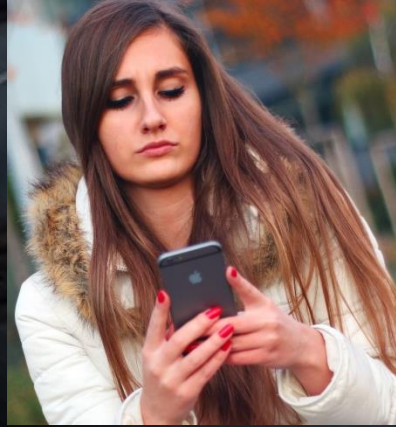
# Functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS): Setup and Processing



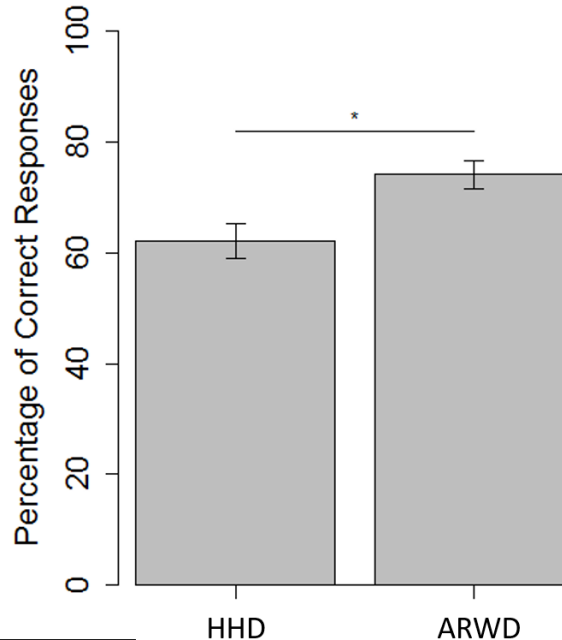
# Behavioral Results: Auditory Memory



VS.



**Auditory 1-Back Performance**

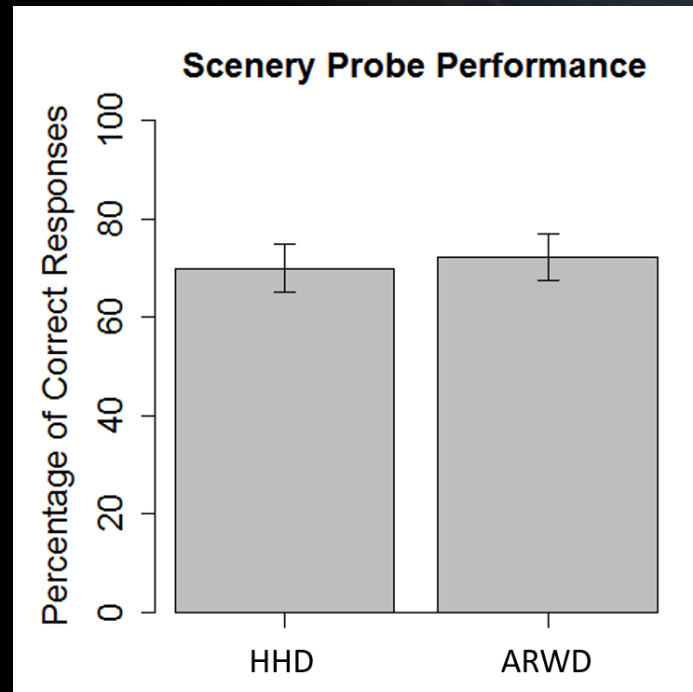
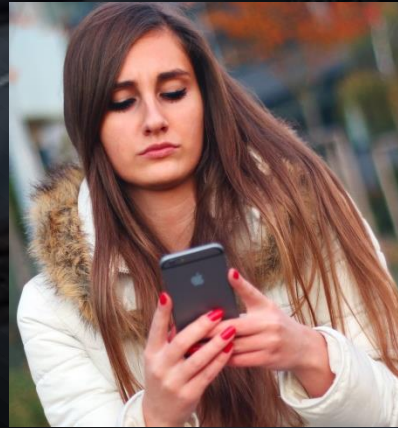


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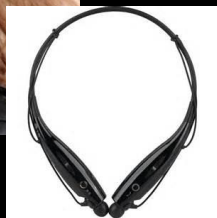
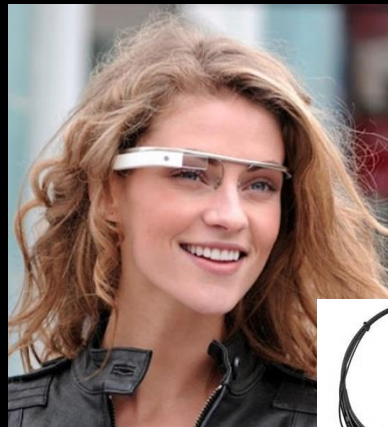
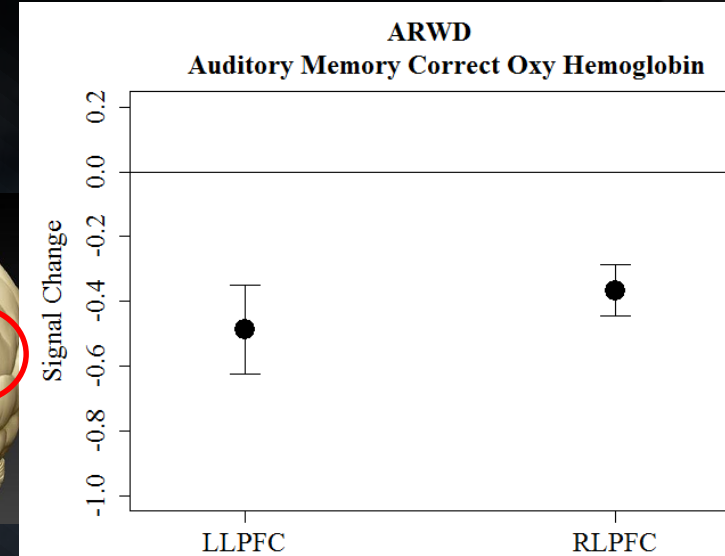
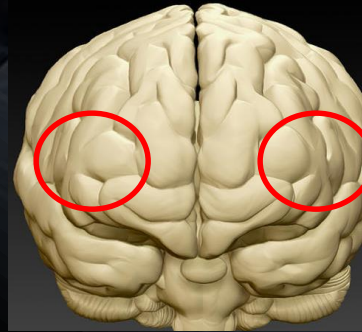
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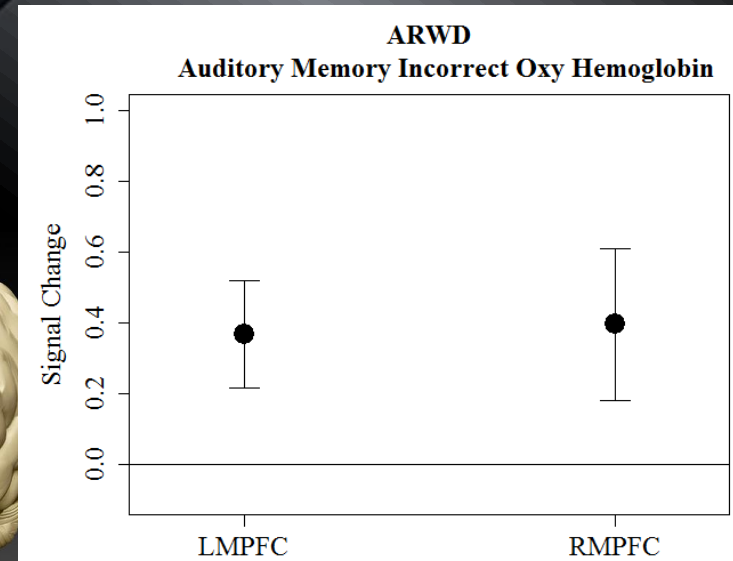
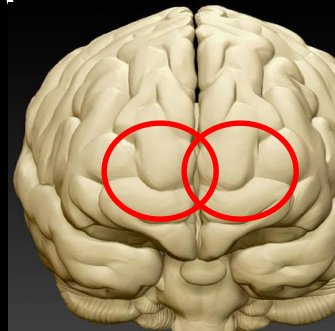
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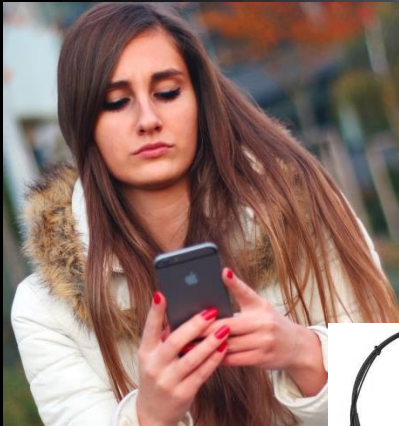
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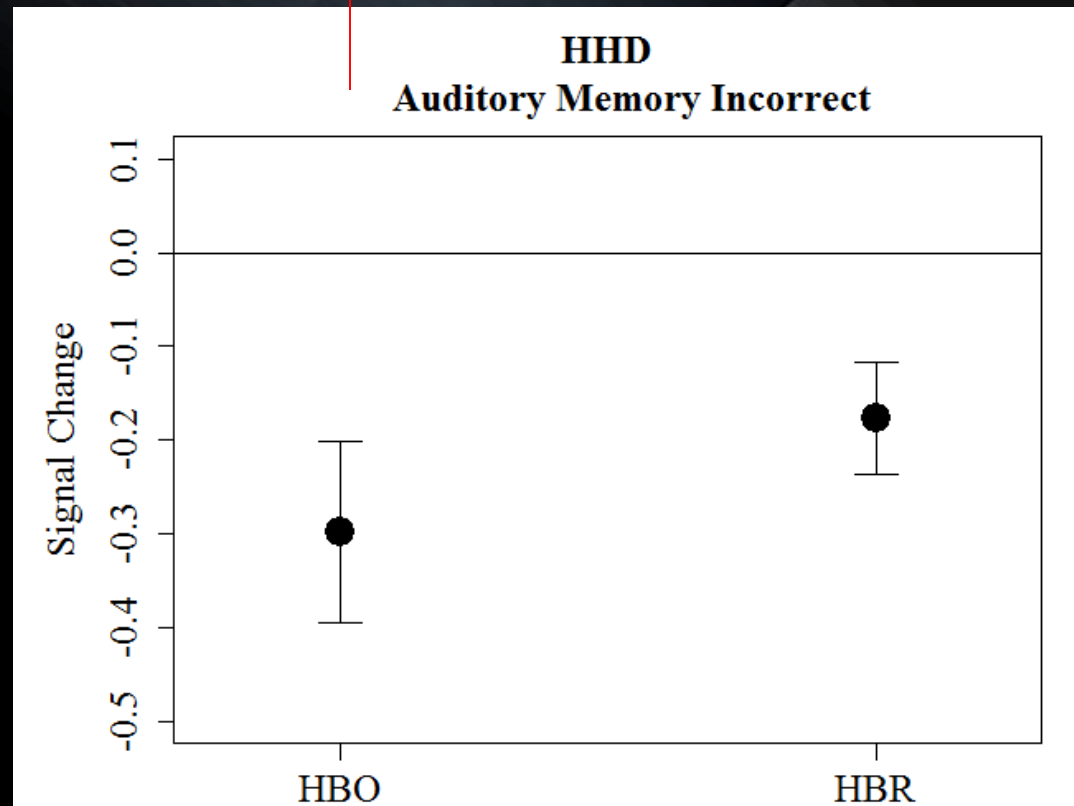
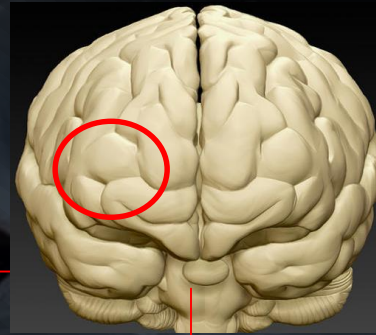
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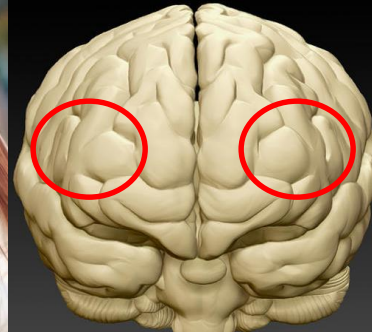
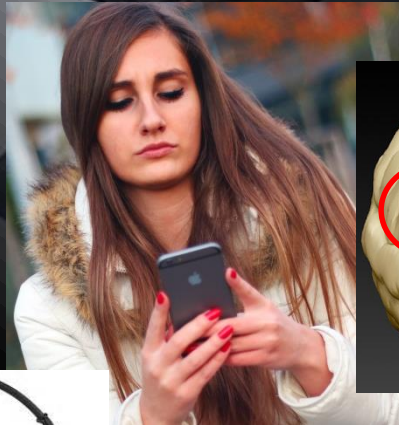




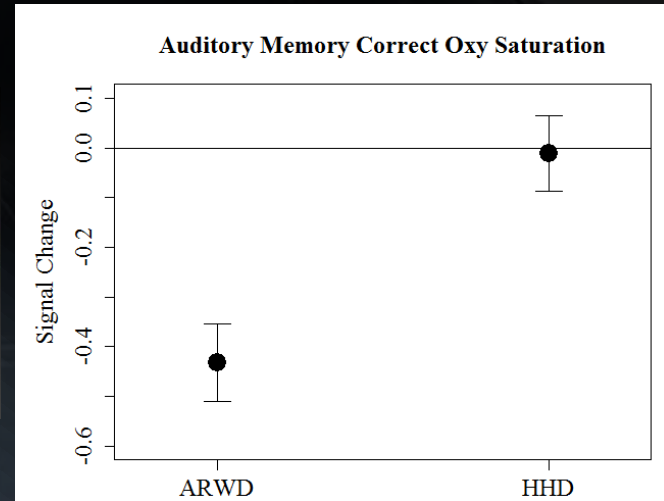
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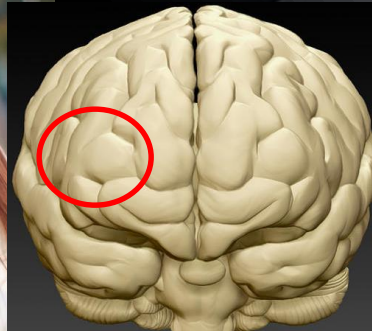
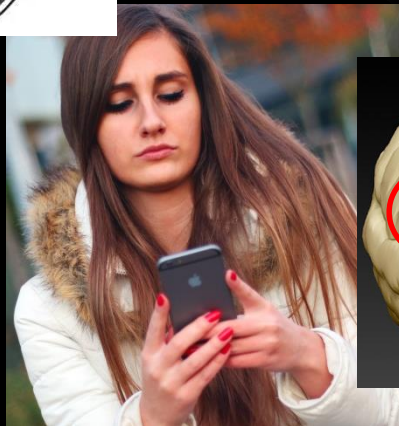
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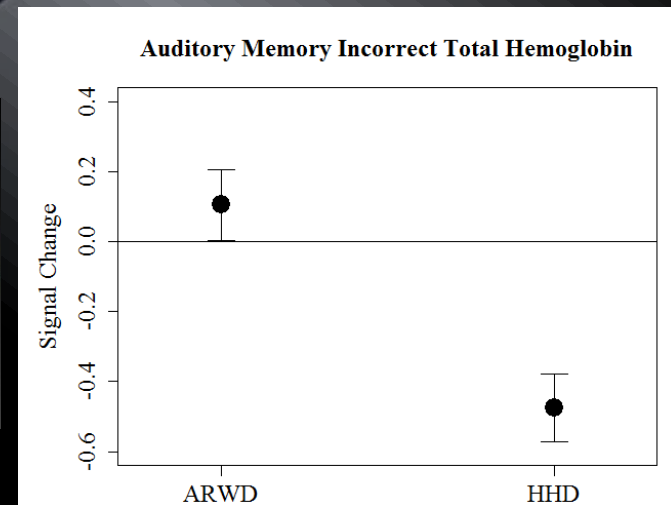
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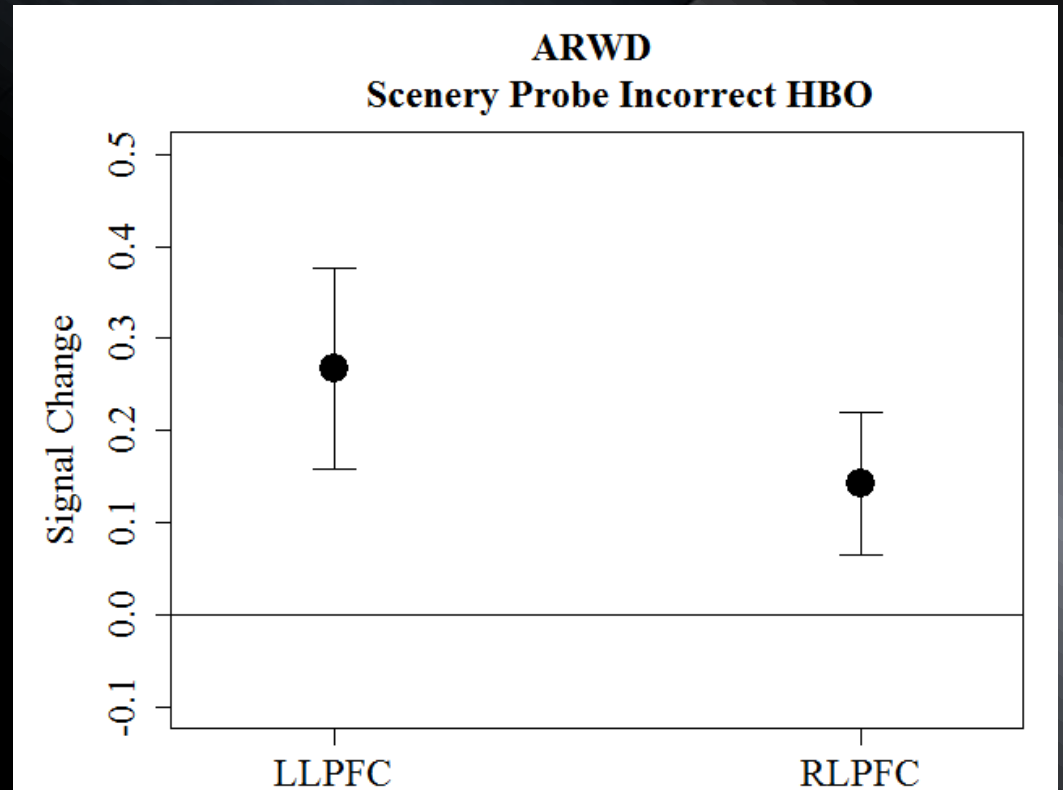
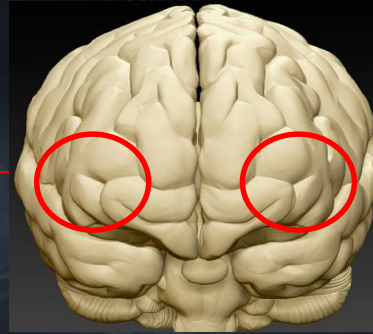
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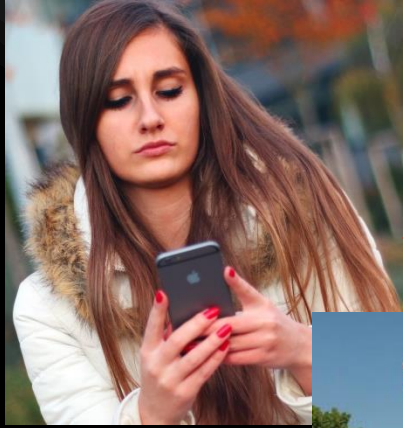
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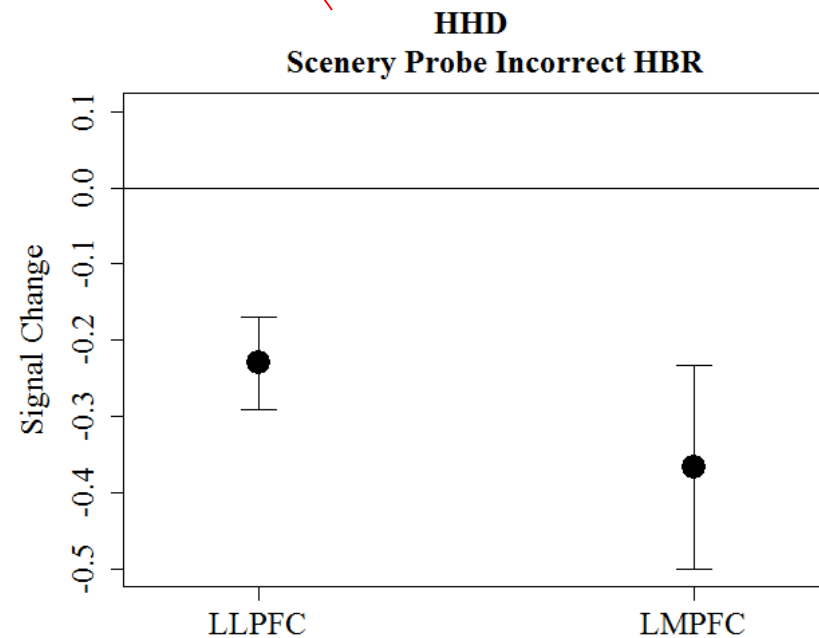
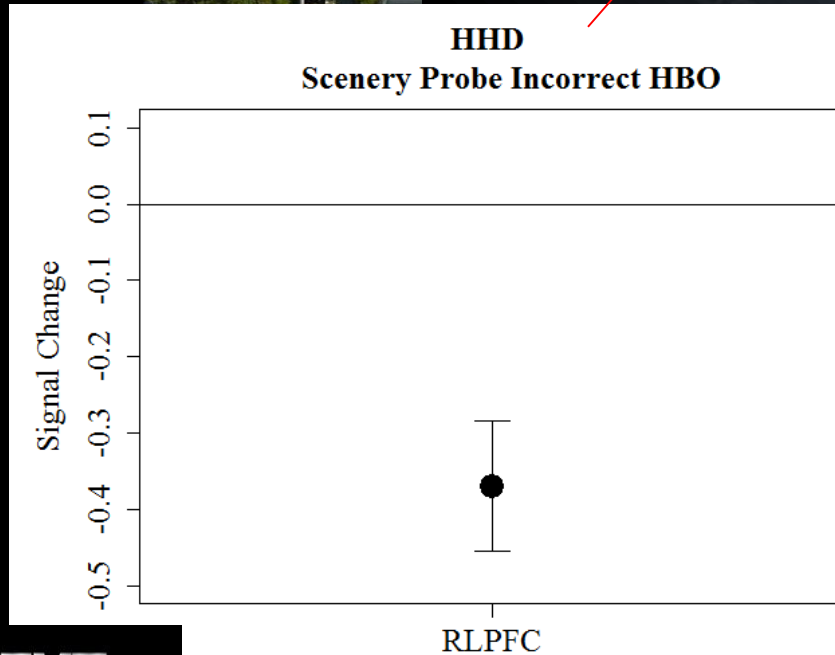
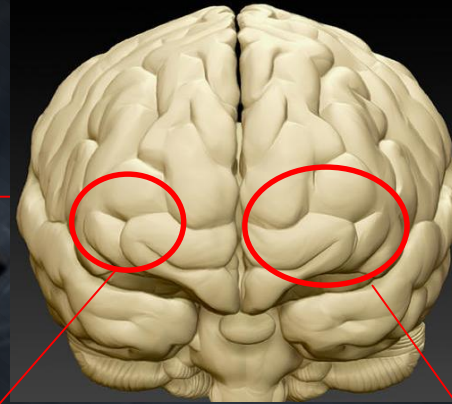
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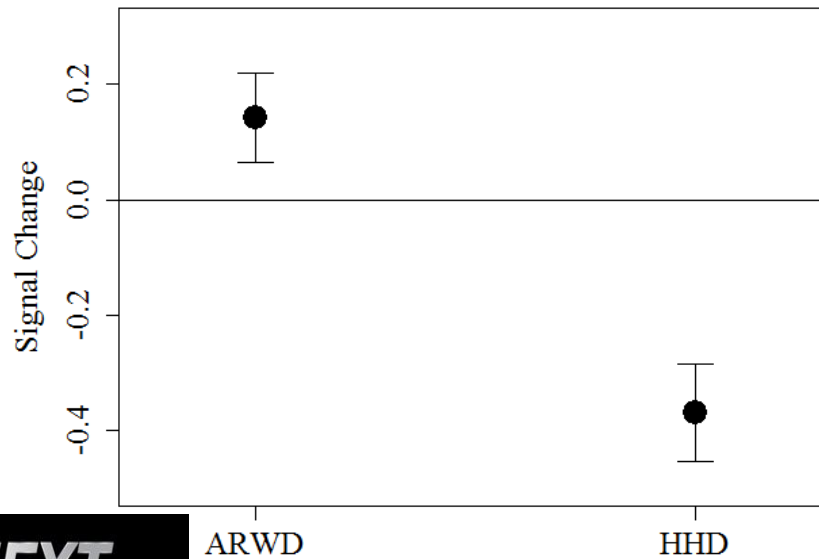
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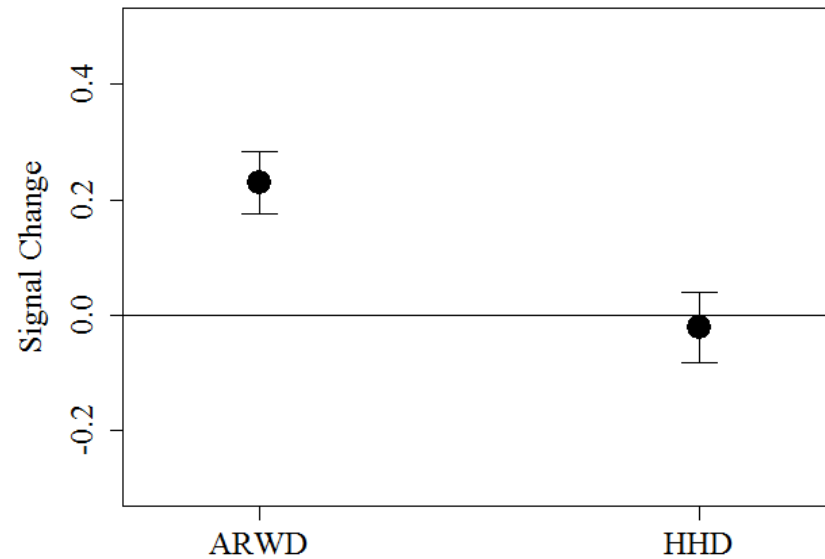
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Scenery Probe Incorrect HBO



Scenery Probe Incorrect Oxy Saturation



# Conclusions

- ARWDs more efficiently use cognitive resources during ambulatory navigation
- Scenery errors differed, the direction of neural effects suggests cognitive capture for ARWD and task shedding for HHD

## Limitations

- Imaging area was Limited
- Improved paradigm validity for warfighter

## Next

- Eye-tracking to validate cognitive capture in ARWDs during mobile work
- Parametric load, relevant to displayed information

# Dedications and Questions

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