

TTS Learning in Semi-Autonomous Driving Situations

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INTRODUCTION

- Semi-autonomous driving is increasingly prevalent
- Drivers are likely to engage in secondary tasks, such as audio learning
- Questions:
 - How might TTS (text-to-speech) audio learning affect semi-autonomous driver?
 - How strenuous is audio learning in a semi-autonomous driving environment?

METHOD

Design & Materials (n=80)

Within-subjects design with three conditions: 1)Driving Only, 2)Listening Only, and 3)Driving + Listening.

Procedure

- 1. Training & acquainting with keyboard controls
- 2. Stimuli (Driving video, TTS audio, or Both)
 - Reaction time tracking for the driving conditions
- 3. NASA-TLX (Task Load Index Questionnaire)



RESULTS

- 1. Audio learning caused slower response to warning messages (124 ms), but the slower response might not lead to practical danger in a semiautonomous driving situation.
- 2. Audio learning in a semi-autonomous driving situation is significantly more tasking than either driving or audio learning alone.

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