Parental Permission Form for Minors 12-17
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Your child has been invited to take part in a research study named Psychophysics of spatial orientation, heading and navigation through the use of multisensory signals. The study is designed to learn more about how humans combine information from different sensory modalities in order to navigate in the world. The research is being conducted by Dr. Jean-Paul Noel (post-doctoral research associate, CNS), Nastaran Arfaei (doctoral student, Dept. of Psychology) and Lillian Tan (doctoral student, NYU Langone Medical Center). The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Dora Angelaki, who has a joint appointment at the Center for Neural Science and the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

If you give permission for your child’s participation in this study, your child will be asked to experience simple scenes composed of different sensory modalities (visual, auditory, vestibular) and either to make judgments about objects in the scenes, to reach out to touch some of the objects with their finger, to localize events in time or space, to make eye movements to one of the displayed objects, or to virtually navigate toward one or multiple of the objects. Your child’s participation will take about 90 minutes including breaks between blocks, and your child will receive 1.5 hours credit. If your child withdraws before the end of the study, he/she/they will receive credit for the time completed. If your child chooses not to participate, he/she/they can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this study.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although you and your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make you more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how humans encode sensory stimuli in order to navigate in the environment.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she/they prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided. Your child may be audio or video recorded. He/she/they may review these recordings and request that all or any portion of the recordings be destroyed.

Confidentiality of your research records will be maintained by de-identifying the stored data and electronically deleting identifying information. Information not containing identifiers may be used in future research or shared with other researchers without your additional consent.

The researcher cannot keep information confidential if they have concerns that someone is hurting children, that someone is hurting your child, or that your child might hurt himself/herself/themselves or someone else. In such cases, they will inform people in authority about their concerns.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the primary research associate, Nastaran Arfaei at (617) 952-1433 or na2481@nyu.edu or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Dora Angelaki at da93@nyu.edu or (212) 998-3906, or visit 4 Washington Place, Room 901, New York, NY 10003-6634.

For questions about your and your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

Name of Child: 
Parental Signature: 
Date: 