

## Exploring Runners' Preferences of Drone Based Feedback to Support their Well-Being

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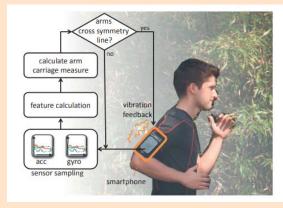
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- Those that do provide real-time feedback require sensors attached to the runners



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Source: XSens



### However, runners would like real time feedback that would help **improve their performance** and **prevent injuries** without being **unencumbered** <sup>1,2</sup>

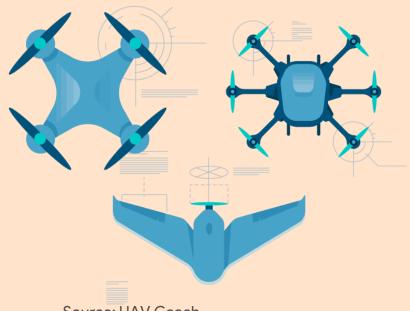
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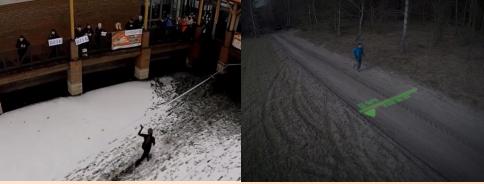
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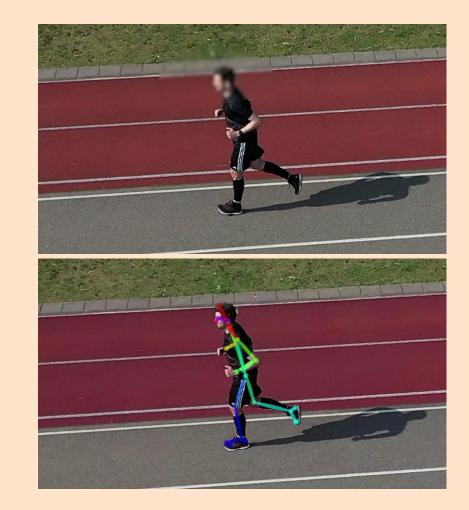
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- Developments in AI make it possible to analyse real time video sources to extract various running parameters<sup>1</sup>





# There exists a gap that does not explore the runners' preferences for feedback through a drone

# Specifically for drones that **functions as a coach**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, which supports **runners' well-being during runs**

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### **Research Question**

### How would runners like a drone to present **them real time feedback** on relevant running parameters to support their **well-being**?

## Study Design



### Study Design: Runner Recruitment

### **Pre-Study Participant Evaluation**

### The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

This form is meant to be filled by the participants who have selected a time slot to participant in the Explorative Study to Investigate Feedback and Design Requirements of a New Running Technology. The details collected in this survey will help set the parameters of the study and help us evaluate you as a runner. To get an overview of the study please read the following information brochure: <u>https://rb.gy/2itob7</u> Please ensure that you fill this out and read the information brochure before attending the study.

### Note:

- By completing this form you will not be providing the consent for participating in the study. The information
  we collect using this form will help set the parameters of the study and reduce the time you will spend
  participating on the day of the study.
- 2. The information we collect will be anonymized and stored following GDPR regulations.
- 3. If, under unknown circumstances, you do not appear for the study on the scheduled time slot, the data we collected using this form will be deleted after 48 hours. This will be done to ensure you have enough time to reach out to us in case you have to reschedule but could not earlier.

This form has two sections. The responses to some questions are mandatory. The responses that are mandatory can be identified by a \*

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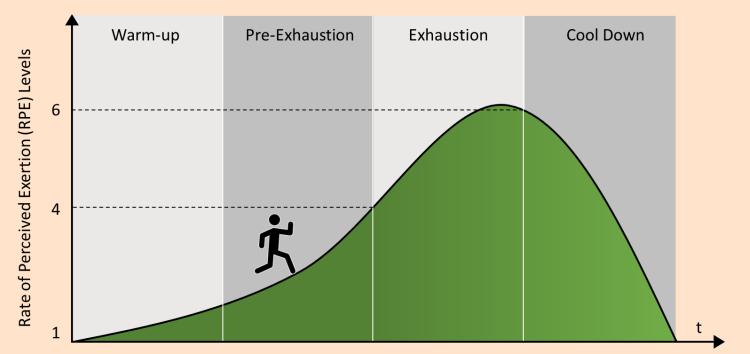
To assess their self-reported running activity levels and running motivation scales



Runner Recruitment & Study Introduction



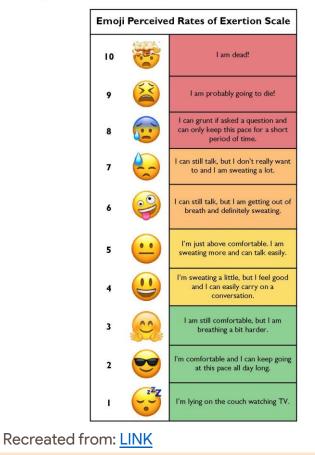
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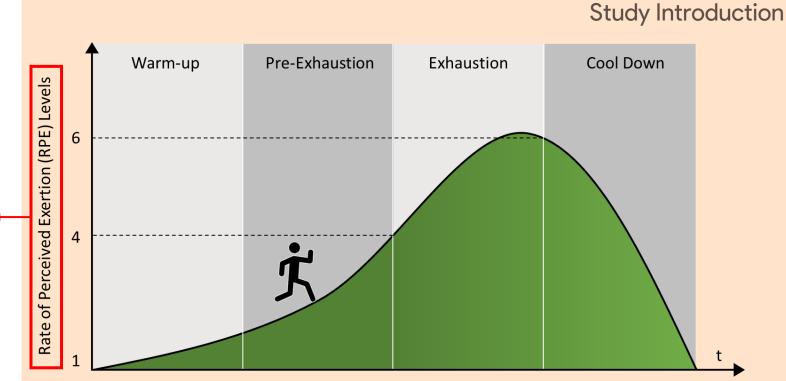


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### Physical Activity Exertion Worksheet



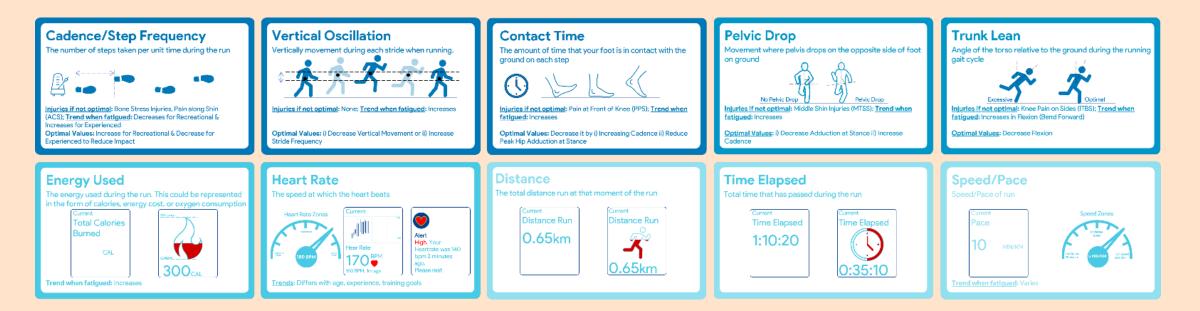


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### Explorative Study to Design Interactions Using New Running Technology Study Data

### **Pre-Study Values to Be Recorded**

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Weight w/o shoes (in kg)	
Height w/o shoes (in cm)	
Activity before attending the study?	

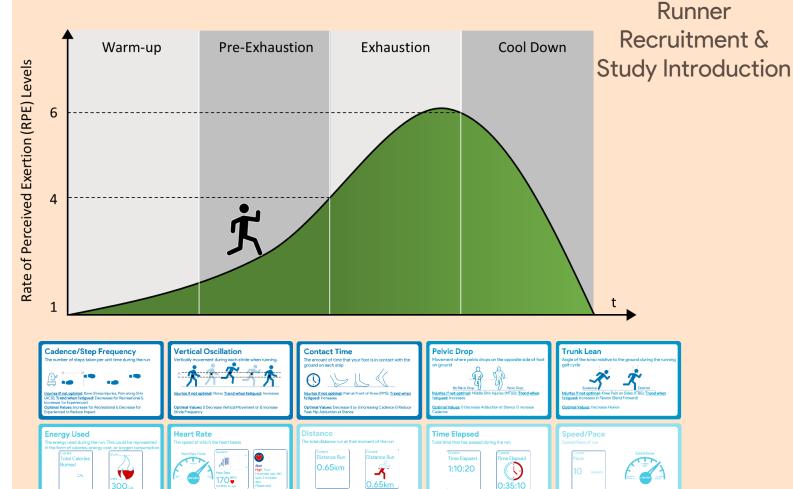
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### RPE/HR Value Start: RPE/HR Value End:

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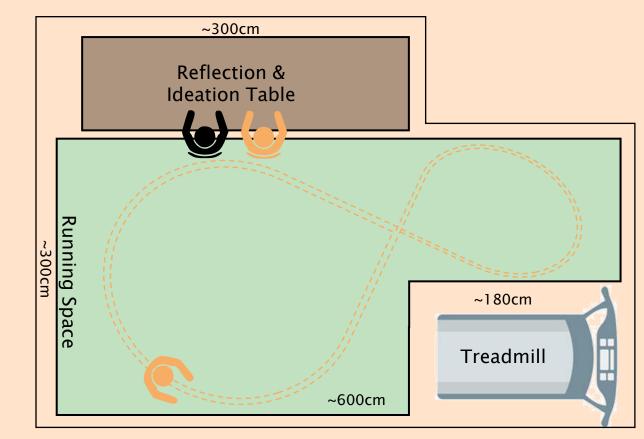
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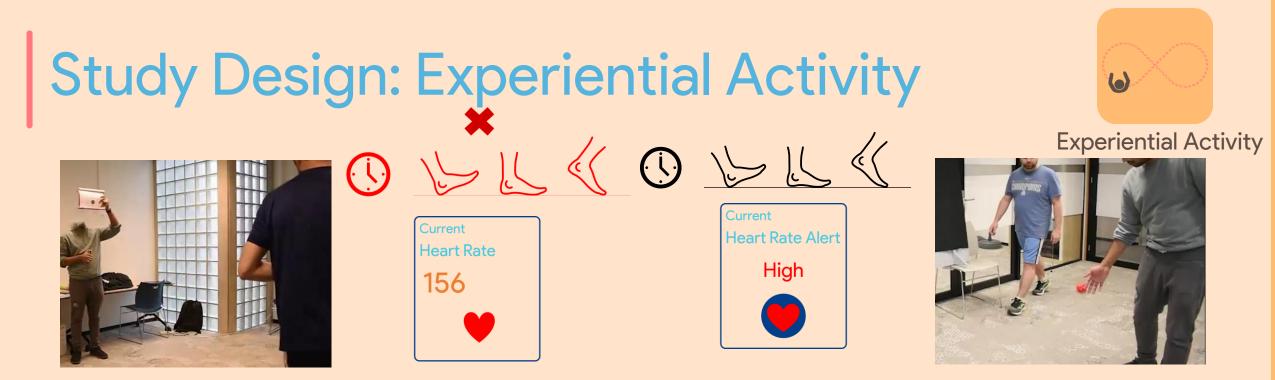
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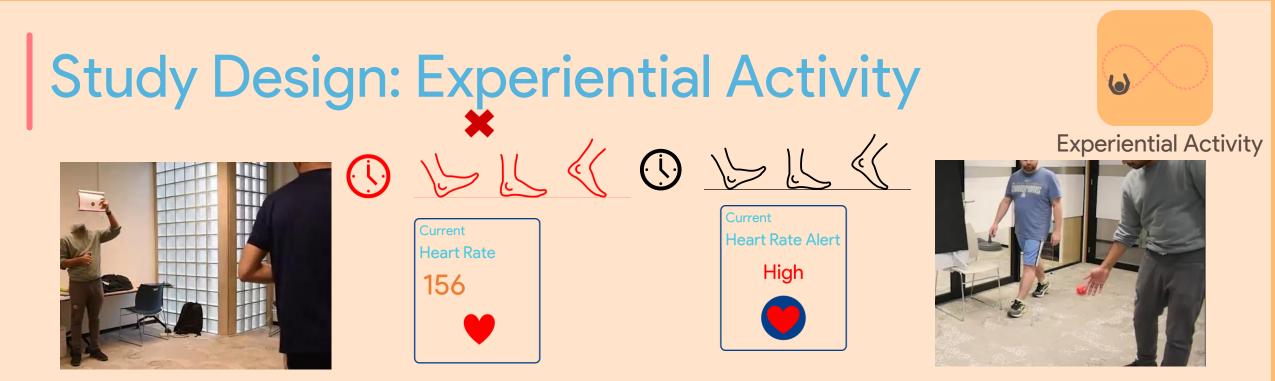
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**Running Activity Setup** 



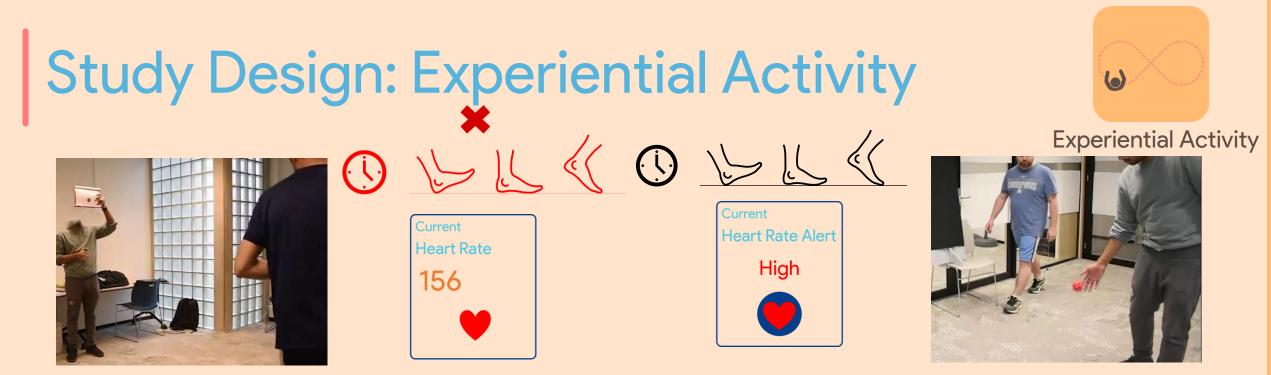
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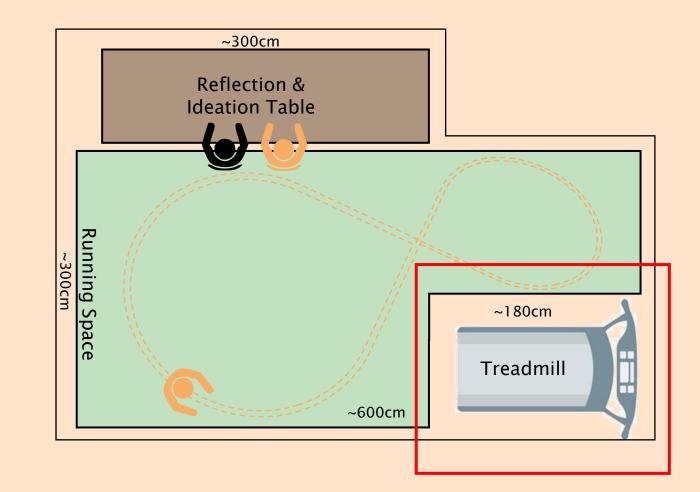




Haptic Feedback Example

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## **Study Design: Reflection**

Participant Number:	Preparation/Warm-Up	<b>Pre-Exhaustion</b>	Exhaustion	Cool Down
	Feelings			
	Sensations			
View of the body "from	Likes/Dislikes			
the inside", or how the body's internal state changes over time as a result of the running	Expectations vs Reality			
(e.g.: heart rate & breathing change, sweating, etc.). This is usually not consciously initiated but user is usually	Relation to Goals/Motivations			
aware of this. Responding Body	Impact of Environment			
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the course of running. It is related to kinesthetic sense and proprioception(e.g.:	Relation to Goals/Motivations			
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## **Study Design: Reflection**













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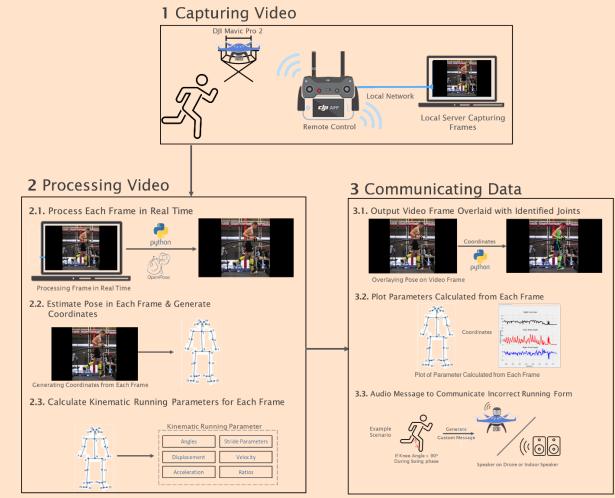




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Drone Capability Examples

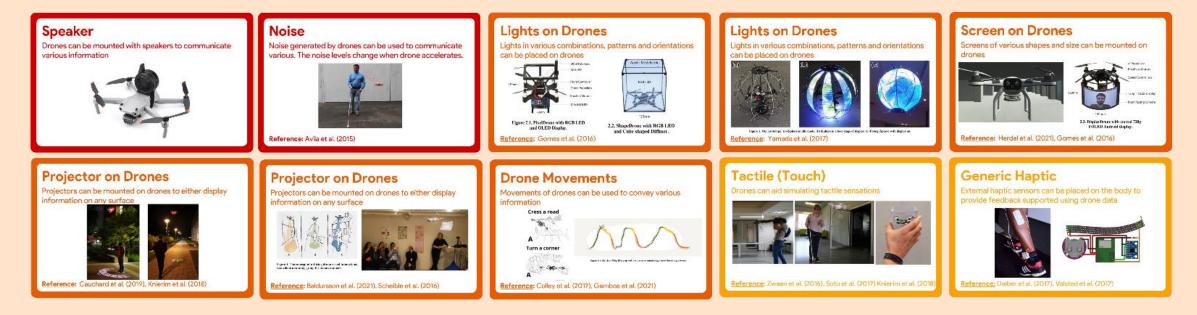
**Real Time Feedback Capabilities** 





Ideation

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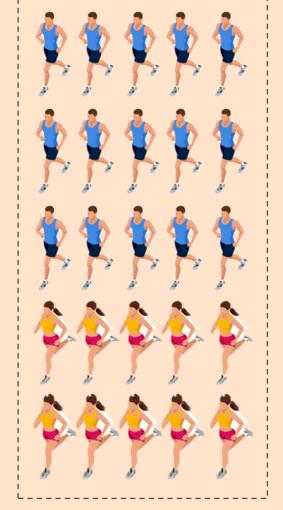
**Examples from Existing Research** 

### DRONE INTERACTION IDEATION WORKSHEET



### Participants

25 Participants (15 Male & 10 Female)



- Age: 19 to 52 years (mean: 30.32)
- Running Experience: Few weeks to 25 years
- Running Distances: 3.5 km to 42 km @ 5.5km/h to 13km/h
- Use of Technology: 19/25 (smartwatch: 11, smartphone: 7, both: 1)
- Sports Motivation Levels: 23/25 positive value
- Physically Activity Levels: Mean: ~702kcal/day
- BMI: Mean: 24 (Healthy Range)
- None had run with a drone before

### Data Analysed



### **Experiential Activity**

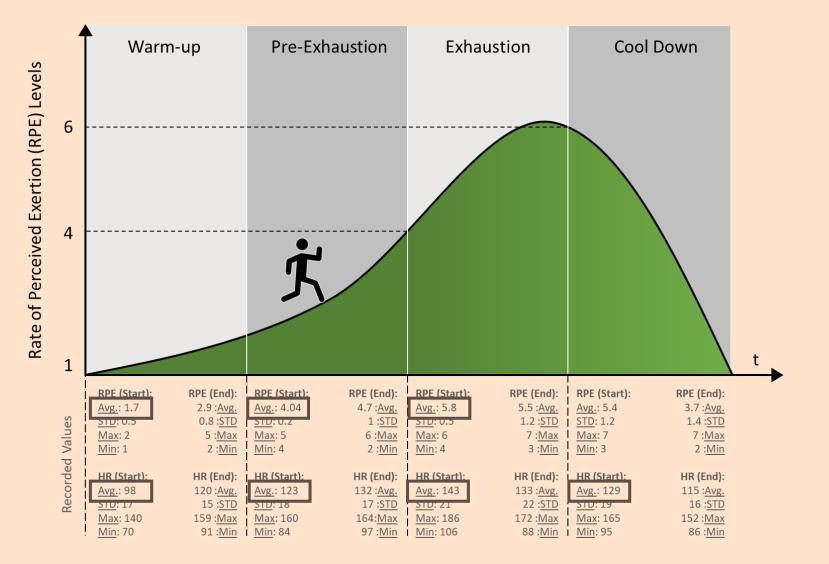
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### Ideation

- Godspeed Questionnaire Responses
- Running Parameters Selected
- Ideas Generated for Selected Running Parameters

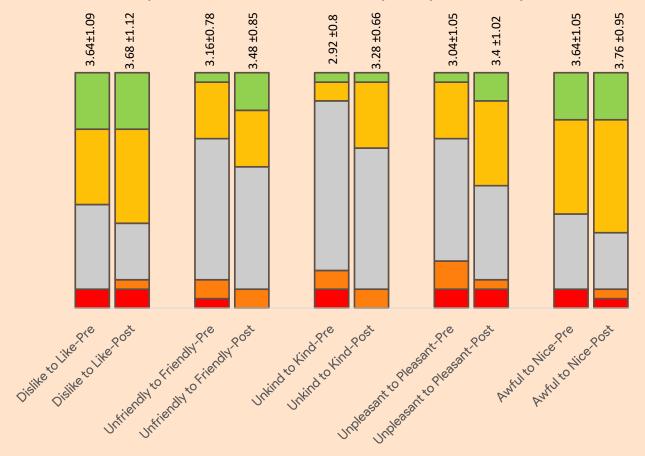
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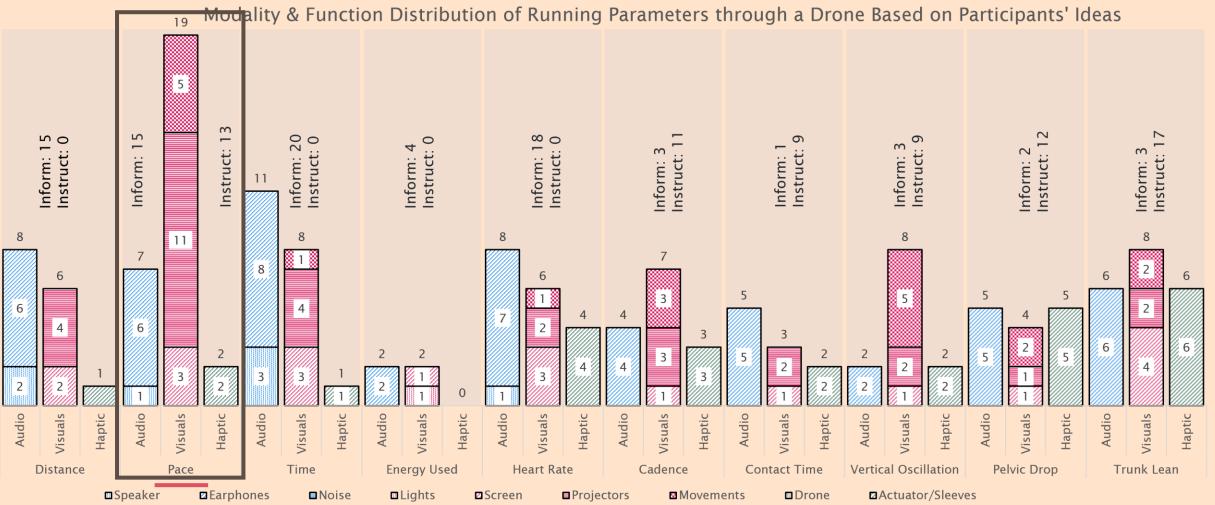


Godspeed Questionnaire (Likability) Response Analysis

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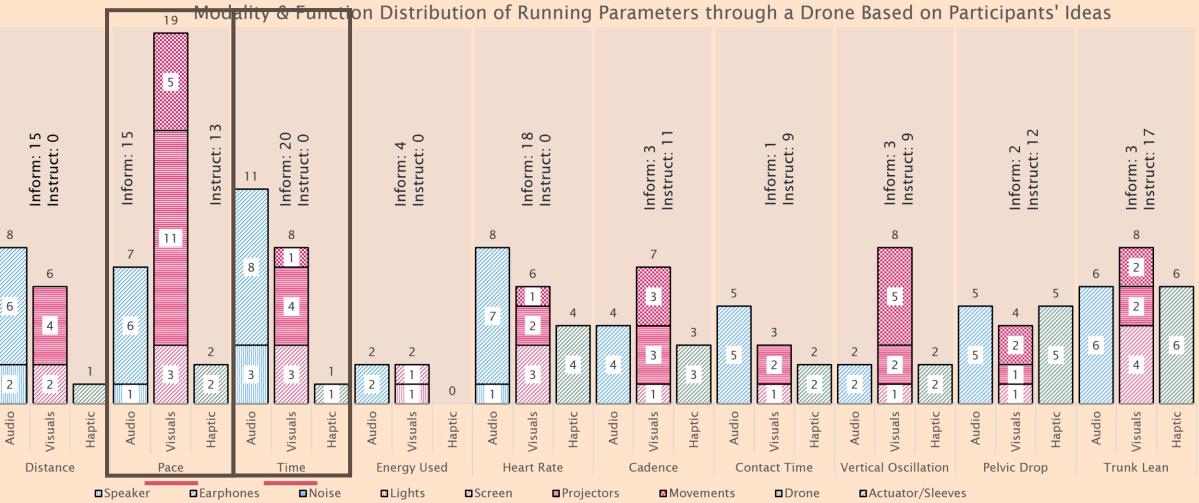
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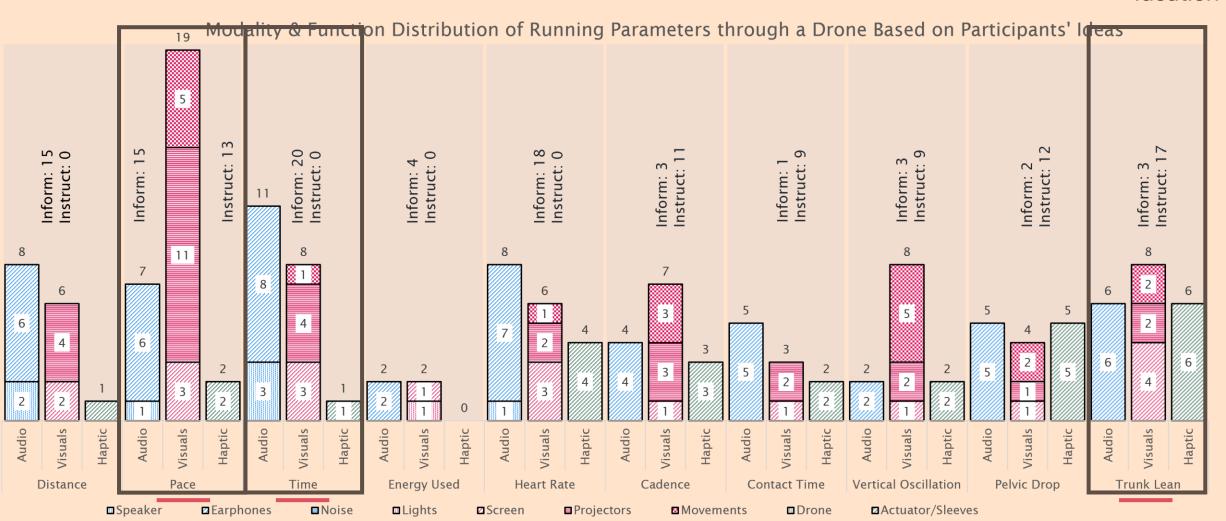










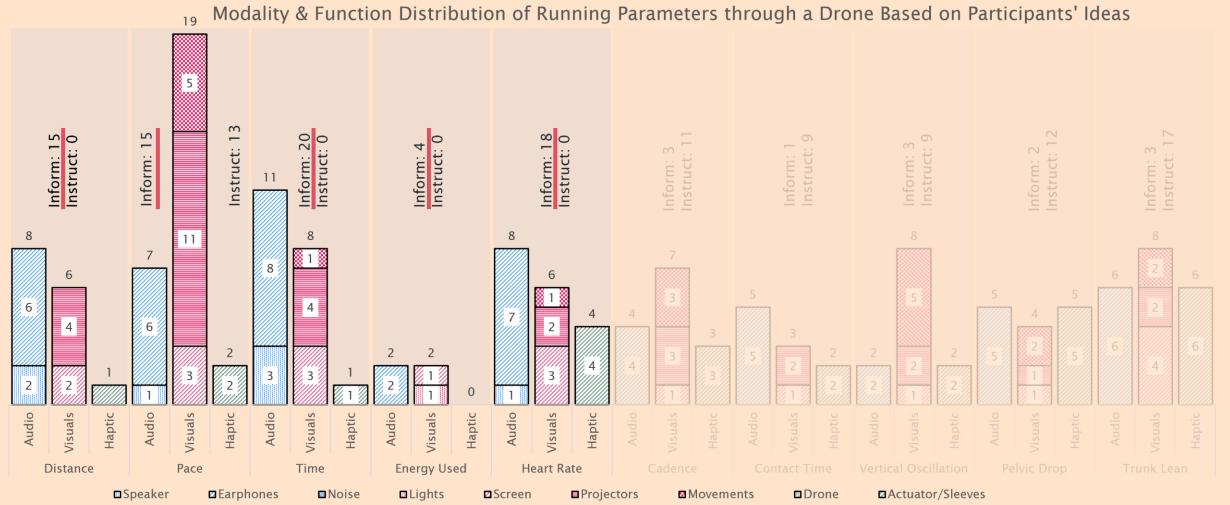




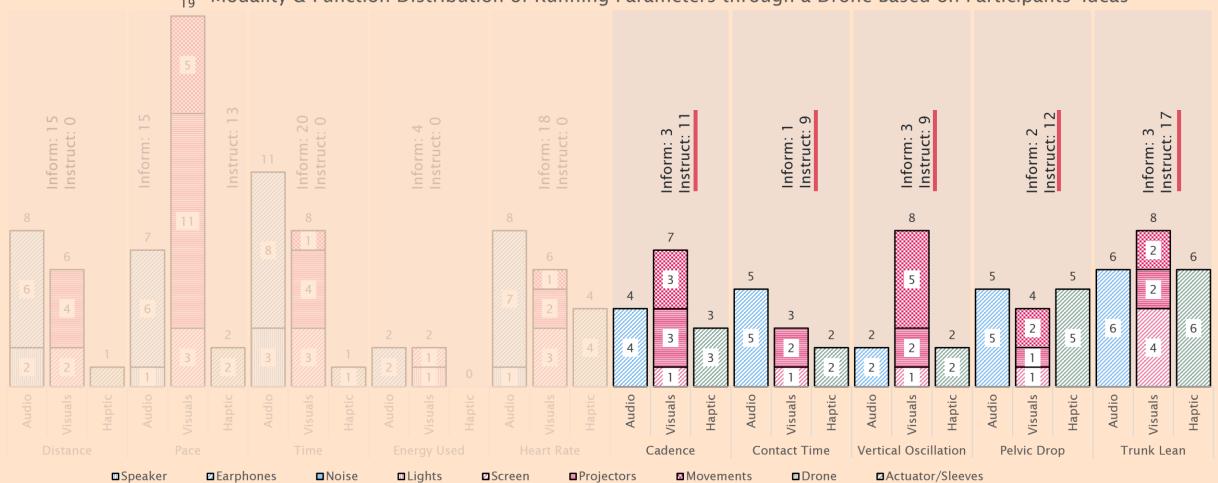


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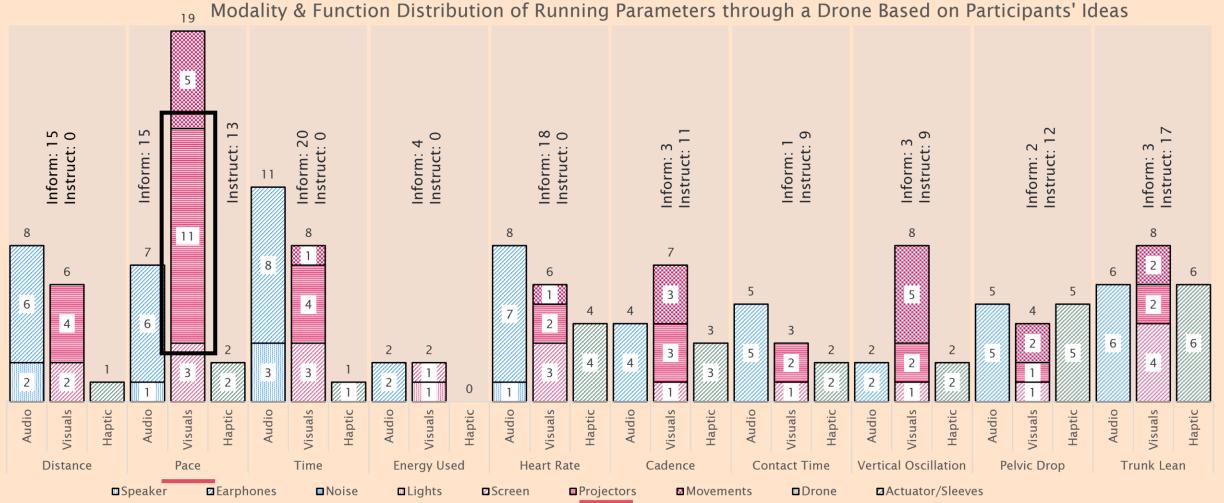




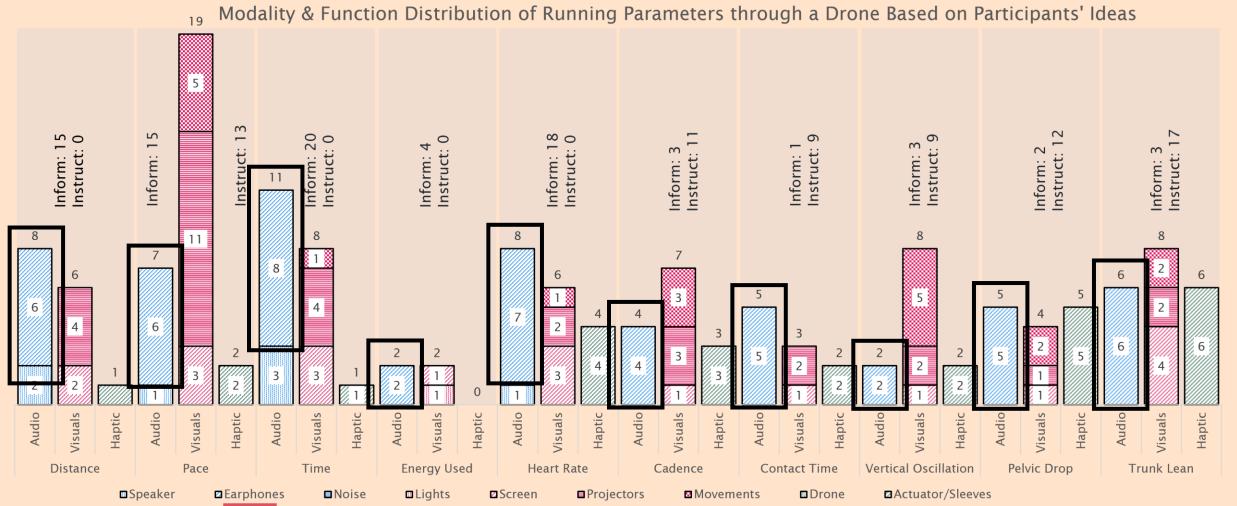
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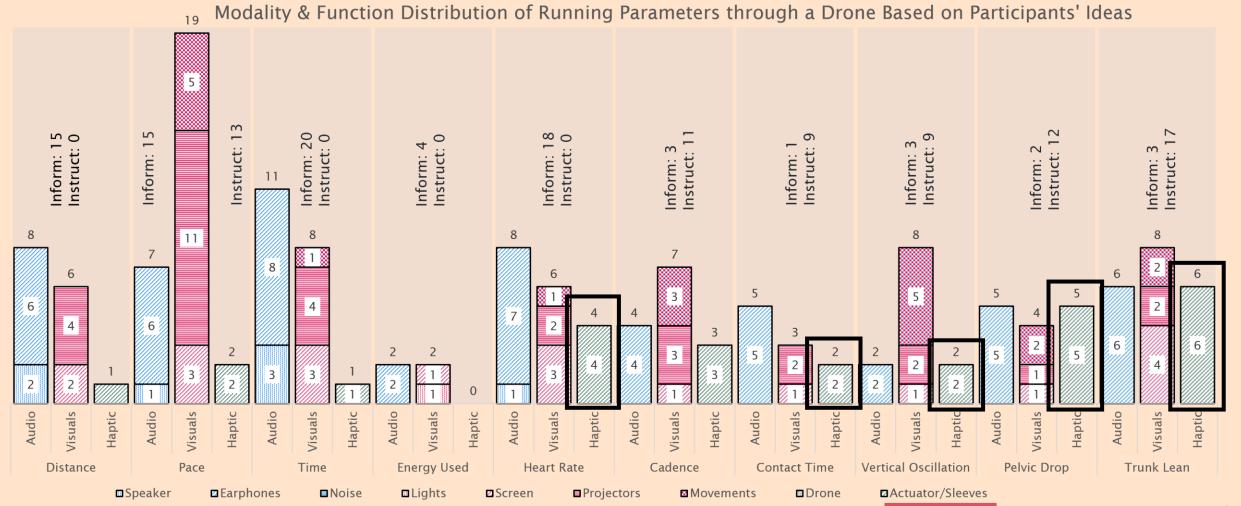




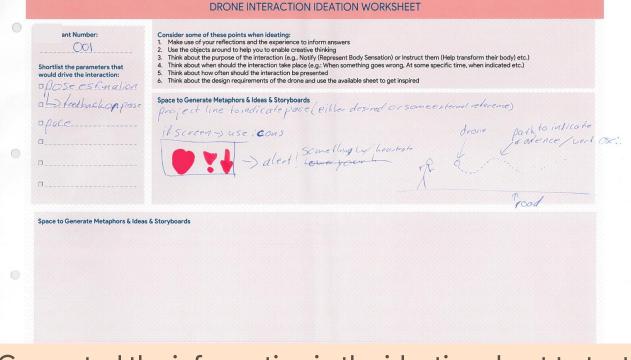








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Converted the information in the ideation sheet to text

Transcribed the conversations during the session

### Data Analysis of the Ideas



Ideation

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### **Reflexive Thematic Analysis**

- Two coders
- Positioning during coding process:
  - Inductive over deductive (orientation to data)
  - Semantic over latent (focus on meaning)
  - Experiential over critical (qualitative framework)
  - Realist-essentialist over relativist-constructionist (theoretical framework)
- Objectives:
  - What are the feedback design considerations we can uncover from the data?

### **Two Themes**



**Feedback Presentation** 



#### Feedback Timing and Frequency

### **Two Themes**



**Feedback Presentation** 

- → Non-Distracting Feedback
  - Interpretable Feedback
  - o Intuitive Feedback
  - Privacy-Conscious Feedback
  - Environment-Aware Feedback



### Feedback Timing and Frequency

- → Incorrect Motion
  - To Achieve Desired/Target Motion
  - Signaling (Gestures) During Run
  - o Time
  - Distance
  - Physiological Changes
  - Frequency: Self Selected
  - Frequency: Triggered Always



Feedback Presentation

#### **Non-Distracting Feedback**

- Non-distracting while pulling their attention to allow them to maintain their flow during runs.
- A consensus on less distracting feedback designs in the form of alerts presented through earphones or haptic sleeves.

"I like to be in my running experience without getting too distracted" – [P25]

#### Interpretable Feedback

- Allows runners to easily interpret the presented details.
- Depending on the runner and run type the level of detail and simplicity may vary.

"I want something simple and if something is wrong, I want verbal instructions to correct it" - [P13]

"I am usually more of a visual learner and would like an animation on what you're supposed to be doing" - [P7]

#### **Intuitive Feedback**

- Feedback should be understood without burdening the minimal attention span of runners.
- Some ideas used certain qualities of modalities and mapped them to certain parameters.
- Haptic to accentuate body sensations and motions. Drone motions to represent body motions.

"I found haptic the clearest...it requires less attention, ... I can react faster and felt it was ... most natural way of communicating information about movement." - [P6]

"[...] prefer drone movements for speed where it speeds up or slows down." - [P3]

#### **Privacy-Conscious Feedback**

- Runners value their privacy as such do not prefer their data presented publicly.
- Some were open to open public display if they are coded and contextually understood only by the runner or if the feedback is geared towards encouragement. Striking a good balance between privacy and public feedback

"I do not want screen, because it will make my heart rate public" - [P16]

"As long as the visual is color coded, then I don't have to look at a number. " - [P17]

"A drone with a speaker that talks to me, in the last quarter to help me get motivated. " - [P14]



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#### **Environment-Aware Feedback**

- Bright conditions or uneven surfaces may hinder projections.
- Haptic feedback might be difficult to discern on uneven terrains due to the vibrations already experienced during running
- Use of speakers could disturb quiet areas
- Drone movements may be misunderstood without prior context, especially when navigating obstacle



Feedback Timing and Frequency

#### Triggered by Moving Body & Expectations: Incorrect Motion

 Some preferred feedback on specific parameters when their body movement deviated from optimal levels or pre-set value

#### Triggered by Moving Body & Expectations: Signaling (Gestures) During Run

• Some expressed a preference for having the autonomy to receive feedback only when they made specific gestures.

#### Triggered by Moving Body & Expectations: To Achieve Desired/Target Motion

• There was a preference for continuous feedback on pace and cadence to help maintain desired or optimal levels of motion throughout their run.

#### **Triggered by Time**

• Some expressed a preference for receiving feedback at set intervals, allowing them to track their progress and performance over time.



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#### **Triggered by Distance**

• Some expressed a preference for receiving feedback at set distance markers, allowing them to monitor their performance and progress.

#### **Triggered by Physiological Changes**

• Some expressed a preference for receiving feedback based on changes in their exhaustion level.

#### Frequency of Feedback: Self Selected

- Some found constant feedback annoying and preferred self-selected intervals.
- Few also indicated a necessity of a buffer time between feedback.

#### **Frequency of Feedback: Triggered Always**

• There were a few ideas suggesting continuous feedback for parameters to maintain target motion.

## **Discussion Points**

- Runners preferred feedback presentations aligned with their established running habits (information about their current activity levels) which is consistent with earlier research<sup>1</sup>
  - Runners rely on trackers for notifications about activity parameter deviations and familiar feedback presentation help maintain their cognitive flow.
- Their inclination toward instructional feedback for biomechanical parameters likely stems from their goals of performance improvement and injury prevention
  - Running-related injuries can demotivate runners and lead to discontinuation<sup>2</sup>
- Runners' ability to articulate their reason behind their preferences indicates that our study successfully fostered an experiential awareness and allowed meaningful reflections.

<sup>1.</sup> Armağan Karahanoğlu, Rúben Gouveia, Jasper Reenalda, and Geke Ludden. 2021. How Are Sports-Trackers Used by Runners? Running-Related Data, Personal Goals, and Self-Tracking in Running. Sensors 21, 11 (May 2021), 3687. https://doi.org/10.3390/s21113687

<sup>2.</sup> Tsai-Hsuan Tsai, Yung-Sheng Chang, Hsien-Tsung Chang, and Yu-Wen Lin. 2021. Running on a social exercise platform: Applying self-determination theory to increase motivation to participate in a sporting event. Computers in Human Behavior 114 (Jan. 2021), 106523. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2020.106523

### Limitations

- Some runners felt the space to run was small and faced few challenges
- Some runners felt overwhelmed with the presentation of feedback during step two of the study
- The way haptic feedback for cadence was provided could have introduced a limitation
- Participants' prior knowledge and experience with feedback presentation

### **Future Work**

- Explore preferences among runners with different characteristics and motivations through cluster analysis<sup>1</sup>
- Explore the hardware and software design consideration for drones

## Summary & Conclusion

- Devised a methodology that allowed runners to reflect on an activity that replicated the transition of their running exertion levels while providing context on the various feedback presentation method
- Uncovered runners' preferences for running parameter feedback presented through a drone
- Identified some drone feedback design considerations

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