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List of Abbreviations

Cognitive Reflection Task (CRT)
Detection Response Task (DRT)
Driving Activity Load Index (DALI)
Electrocardiography (ECG)
Electroencephalography (EEG)
Heart Rate (HR)
Heart Rate Variability (HRV)
Human Driver Model (HDM)
Human Research Protection Program (HRPP)
Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Intelligent Driver Model (IDM)
Level of Activation (LA)
Mid-America Transportation Center (MATC)
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Nebraska Transportation Center (NTC)
Peripheral Detection Task (PDT)
Situation Awareness (SA)
Situation Awareness Global Assessment Technique (SAGAT)
Situation Awareness Rating Technique (SART)
Situation Present Assessment Method (SPAM)
Standard Deviation (SD)
Standard Deviation of Lateral Position (SDLP)
Standard Deviation of Steering Wheel Movement (SDSTW)
The University of Kansas (KU)
Task Load Index (TLX)
Task-Evoked Pupillary Response (TEPR)
Useful Field of View (UFOV)
Mental Workload (WL)

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Problem Statement

Driver behavior is a significant contributor to traffic operational quality and safety, and it is also an important element in traffic simulation tools. These tools introduce driver behavioral variability through various distributions and factors such as speed, spacing, acceleration, deceleration, reaction time, and standstill distance. In addition, the mathematical models of car-following, lane changing, and gap acceptance are mostly descriptive in nature. As a result, these tools do not accurately describe traffic phenomena such as breakdowns or capacity drop and consequently, calibration efforts to field data are needed. Also, the majority of tools are “collision-free” by default, therefore, estimating surrogate safety measures based on these models would be inaccurate. As such, additional information of driver behavior from the cognitive sciences could significantly enhance the ability of existing models to replicate field conditions.

Biobehavioral aspects encompass the variability of cognitive workload and situation awareness with the driving pattern of individuals. In this study, driving variables such as preferred gap, speed, jerk, acceleration, and deceleration, are used together with biobehavioral variables such as level of activation/engagement (LA), mental workload (WL), changes in situation awareness (SA), and static driver properties (age, experience, and driving history), to classify drivers from the study pool into clusters of similar driving traits. This collection of variables and traits are used to identify the best-suited coefficients to improve car-following behavioral predictions, depending on the situation complexity, for a particular driver.

1.2 Objectives

The major goals of this research are to investigate how psychophysiological constructs can be modeled to replicate car-following behavior, and to correlate subjective measures of behavior and aggressiveness with actual car-following behavior. This research is divided in two parts. Part I, which was the focus of the previous research report, summarized the literature review comprising of techniques and past studies aimed at incorporating behavioral aspects into traffic models. It also included the proposed methodological setup of the experiments to be conducted with the use of a driving simulator, as well as finalized survey questionnaires related to driving, cognition, personality, and decision-making processes. Part II of this research project revisited the literature review, established suitable participants, executed the data collection and sorting, and performed preliminary between-tasks analyses. However, due to very large time-series datasets and numerous physiological measures, the model development and validation will be performed in Year 3 of this project.

The specific tasks to be carried out in both parts of this research project are as follows:

- Conduct a thorough literature review comprising of techniques and past studies aimed at incorporating behavioral aspects into traffic models. Including parameters previously used to categorize drivers;
- Develop the methodological framework to incorporate behavioral aspects into an existing car-following model (i.e., the IDM);
- Classify drivers by self-reported/subjective measures (PANAS, decision making, NASA-TLX (Task load index), attention and executive, and screening questionnaires), biobehavioral measures (level of activation, heart rate, pupil dilation,

- and gaze fixation), and performance measures (speed, acceleration, headway, standard deviation (SD) steering wheel angle, and SD of lateral position);
- Collect static and dynamic behavioral parameters using a driving simulator study with 90 drivers;
 - Analyze data to establish activation level, compensation, and performance thresholds for the different types of driver categories; and
 - Incorporate attained thresholds into the intelligent driver model (IDM) and compare the predictive capability to the unaltered IDM. Validate the feasibility of the modified IDM using data not used for model development.

1.3 Outline of the Report

The report starts by presenting the problem statement and objectives in the first chapter. Chapter 2 presents the literature review findings on car-following models, behavioral components such as situation awareness, mental workload, and level of activation, experimental techniques, and existing biobehavioral methodologies. The methodology is described in Chapter 3, while the data collection procedure is presented in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 discusses the observed trends from the preliminary analysis, which included changes to WL, and SA as task complexity was varied, as initially theorized. Finally, a short summary is presented along with the future schedule of deliverables.

Chapter 2 Literature Review

This section provides a detailed review of some of the existing car-following models, especially those that have been used to incorporate some sort of biobehavioral architecture. This chapter also includes literature related to the definitions of several biobehavioral parameters, their measurement methods, and their relationship. Literature was obtained from several journal articles, theses, and publications. Online resources such as Google Scholar, ScienceDirect, University of Kansas (KU) Library resources, WorldCat, and Transportation Research International Documentation (TRID) were used.

2.1 Driver Behavior Models

Driver behavior models have significantly evolved from the first established Greenshields single regime model. The Greenshields model is a starting point for several other more complex traffic flow models such as the Pipes, Lighthill–Whitham–Richards (LWR), Gas kinetic (GK), Edie, Newell, and Drake, listed in a chronological order (Wageningen-Kessels et al. 2015).

Car-following models are an important sub-category of traffic flow. The concept of car-following was first introduced by Pipes in 1953. In 1958, a stimulus-response based approach was developed by Gazis-Herman-Rothery (GHR) in the General Motors laboratories (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014). The GHR model relied on a few inaccurate assumptions such as the following driver being able to accurately perceive small changes in speed and react to changes in speed even at very large headways. The need for a more adaptive model that better depicts the car-following behavior led to the establishment of psycho-physical models, that incorporate a certain level of human perspective. This establishes a more realistic approach to model traffic, considering that vehicles are controlled by humans with varying physical and mental restraints.

A discussion consisting of existing psycho-physical models and a few other car-following models such as the intelligent driver model and human driver model, are presented in the sections that follow.

2.1.1 Psycho-Physical Car Following Models

Psycho-physical models, as the name suggests, incorporate both psychological and physical driver dynamics into the car following algorithms. They are entirely based on how drivers react to the actions of the lead vehicle and assume similar perception thresholds for all drivers (Schulze & Fliess 1997). This major assumption fails to consider the behavior and driving preferences of the individual operating the vehicle. For example, some individuals prefer maintaining shorter headways and accelerate more rapidly, affecting the overall flow and throughput of the roadway. This section presents a detailed review of the existing psycho-physical car following models and their mechanics.

2.1.1.1 Wiedemann (VISSIM)

This is one of the most well-known psycho-physical models and it acts as the foundation behind the car following algorithm in VISSIM. After first being established in 1974, the model has been constantly modified and calibrated to suit various scenarios.

The Wiedemann model considers six main thresholds as shown in figure 2.1. AX: The desired bumper to bumper spacing between two successive standstill vehicles, BX: The minimum desired headway expressed as a function of AX, speed, and distance, Closing delta velocity (CLDV): Deceleration resulting from the application of brakes because speed of vehicle is greater than the leader, SDV: The point at which the driver perceives a lead vehicle travelling at a slower velocity, OPDV: The point during a drive when the driver realizes that he/she is

traveling slower than the lead vehicle and starts to accelerate, and SDX: Perception threshold to model maximum preferred following distance (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014).

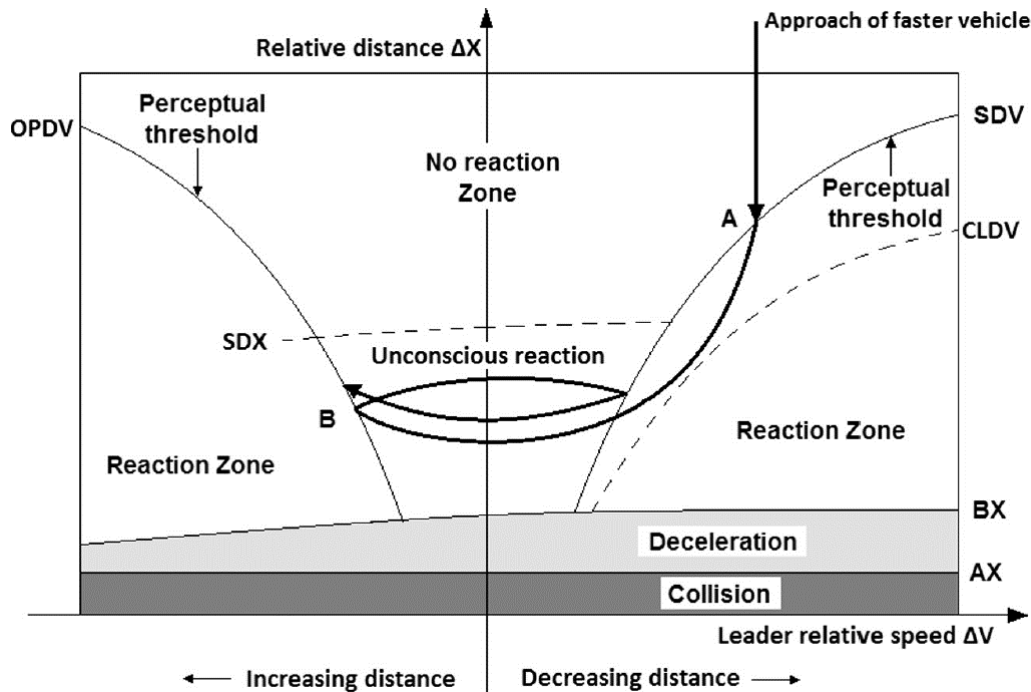


Figure 2.1 Wiedemann car-following model (Wiedemann 1974)

The dark line in figure 2.1 shows the path followed when a fast-moving vehicle approaches a slow leader. The fast-moving vehicle will approach the slower leader until the perpetual threshold of deceleration is reached (SDV), as shown by point A. At this point, the driver of the fast-moving vehicle applies the brakes and decelerates in order to match the velocity of the leader (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014). The zone of unconscious reaction is reached because it is very difficult to accurately predict the speed of the lead vehicle, causing an increase in the headway between the two vehicles. However, when the OPDV threshold is reached (point B), the driver realizes he/she is traveling slower than the leader and starts to accelerate. This process is assumed to continue until the destination is reached unless coupled with a lane-

changing model. Another iteration of the Wiedemann model was also developed specifically to address driving behavior in a freeway facility (Wiedemann 99). Wiedemann 99 also has nine calibration parameters that allow for a more user adjustable model.

In 1998, Fancher and Bareket, proposed a new space known as the “comfort zone” to the Wiedemann model. This zone acts as a threshold for the desired spacing acceptable by the driver as a result of being unable to accurately perceive speed differences (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014).

2.1.1.2 Fritzsche (Paramics)

The Fritzsche model is a psycho-physical model first established in 1994. The model has been incorporated in traffic simulation software such as Paramics and is capable of introducing human perception to the car-following (Olstam 2004). There are six main thresholds for this model and they include: perception of negative speed difference (PTN), perception of positive speed difference (PTP), desired speed (AD), risky distance (AR), safe distance (AS), and braking distance (AB). The thresholds together form five regions: free driving, danger, following I, following II, and closing in, as shown in figure 2.2. Each region captures a specific aspect of car-following as experienced by the driver. The Fritzsche model assumes that a driver will only decelerate when in “danger” or “closing in” to the lead vehicle (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014).

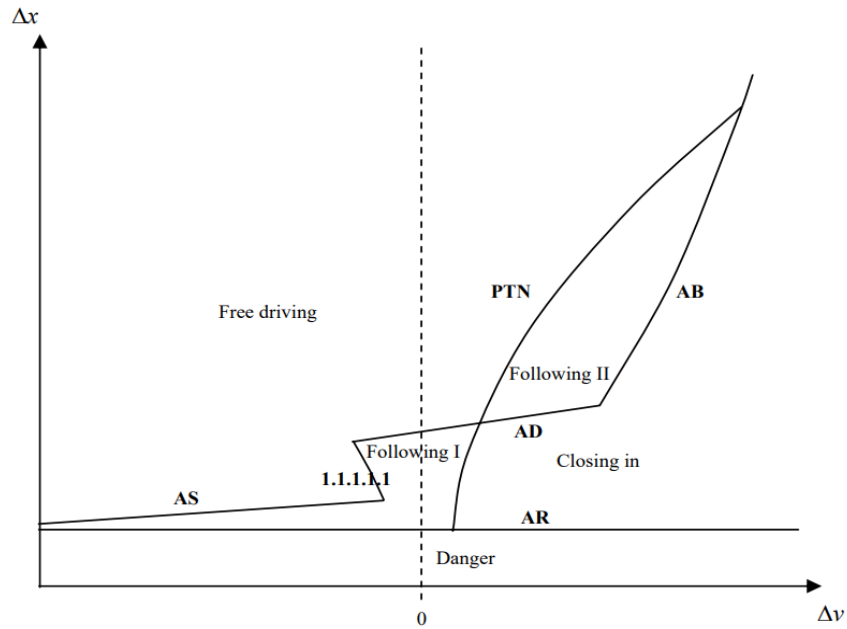


Figure 2.2 Fritzsche car-following model (Olstam 2004)

2.1.1.3 Urban Traffic Psycho-Physical Model

The urban traffic model was established by Schulze and Fliess, in 1997. The phase diagram of the model is shown in figure 2.3 and can be interpreted as a combination of the Wiedemann and the Fritzsche car-following models. The phase diagram shows seven defined regimes namely; Free driving I, Free driving II, Approaching I, Approaching II, Following I, Following II, and Danger. The green line shows the trajectory of the following vehicle with respect to the changes in the driving regimes.

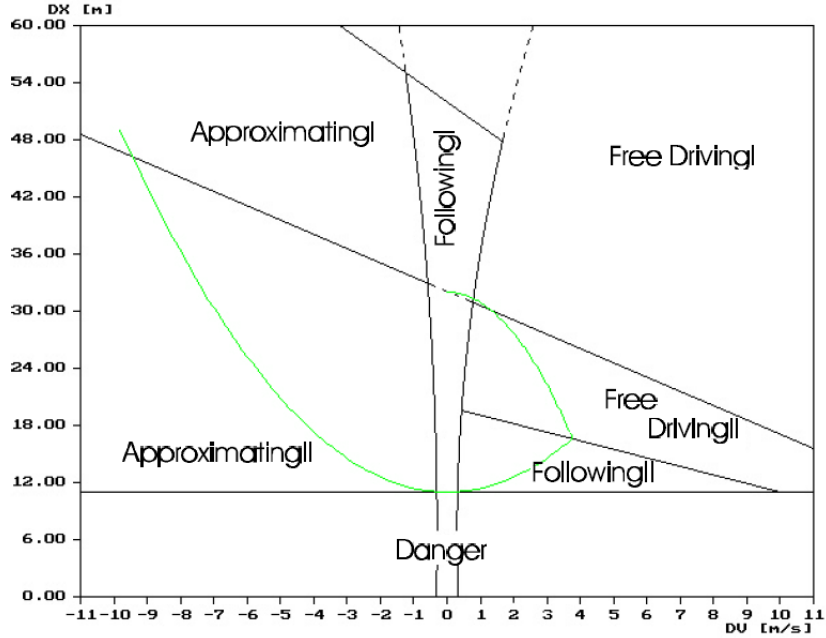


Figure 2.3 Urban traffic psycho-physical model (Schulze & Fließ 1997)

2.1.2 Intelligent Driver Model (IDM)

The IDM model is one of the most commonly used microscopic car-following model. The simplicity of this model with respect to the fewer number of parameters available, makes it easy to apply and calibrate (Hoogendoorn et al. 2012). The IDM captures both the desired speed and desired headway of the driver as shown in equation 2.1 (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014).

$$a_n(t) = a_{max} \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_n(t)}{v_0(t)} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s_n^*(t)}{s_n(t)} \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.1)$$

$$s_n^*(t) = s^*(v_n(t), \Delta v_n(t)) = s_0 + s_1 \sqrt{\frac{v_n(t)}{v_0(t)}} + T_n v_n(t) + \frac{v_n(t) \Delta v_n(t)}{2\sqrt{a_{max} b_{des}}}$$

Where,

$a_n(t)$ is the acceleration of the vehicle at time t

a_{max} is the maximum acceleration of the vehicle

$v_0(t)$ is the desired speed

$v_n(t)$ is the actual speed at time t

$\Delta v_n(t)$ is the approaching rate at time t

$s^*_n(t)$ is the desired minimum gap between two vehicles

s_0 is the minimum spacing at standstill

$s_n(t)$ is the spacing between two vehicles

b_{comf} is the comfortable deceleration

T_n is the desired time headway

δ characterizes how acceleration decreases with speed

Researchers studying the IDM have established typical values for city and highway settings (Kesting & Treiber 2013). However, these values can usually be tweaked within the constraints to provide a better calibrated model. A summary of typical values along with model constraints are shown in table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Typical IDM Constraints (Kesting & Treiber 2013)

Parameter	Typical City Values	Typical highway values	Constraints
Desired speed, v_0	15.0 m/s	33.3 m/s	1 to 70 m/s
Time headway, T_n	1.0 s	1.0 s	0.1 to 5 s
Minimum spacing, s_0	2 m	2 m	0.1 to 8 m
Acceleration component, δ	4	4	1 to ∞
Maximum acceleration, a_n	1.0 m/s ²	1.0 m/s ²	0.1 to 6 m/s ²
Comfortable deceleration, b_{comf}	1.5 m/s ²	1.5 m/s ²	0.1 to 6 m/s ²

The developers of the IDM, Kesting and Treiber, suggested modification to the model that would improve its predictive capabilities by using external visual indicators such as brake lights, turn signals, tailgating, and head light flashes. An example of a binary input to replicate car-following behavior when the brake lights of the lead vehicle are activated and the acceleration (\dot{v}_l) is less than the acceleration of the follower (a_c) is shown in equation 2.2

$$Z_b = \begin{cases} 1 & \dot{v}_l < a_c, \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

A typical value of a_c is -0.2 m/s² and it corresponds to the rate of change of velocity when neither the brakes or throttle is applied (vehicle decelerates uniformly) (Kesting & Treiber 2013). Other visual indicators can also be individually represented in similar equations.

A limited number of papers also discuss incorporating behavioral parameters into the IDM. In 2005, Fuller introduced the task capability interface (TCI) model to study the effects of task demand on risk-taking. Hoogendoorn et al. in 2012 combined the task-capability interface model with the IDM to predict changes to driving parameters. Figure 2.4 shows the TCI model that weighs the balance between the capability of the driver (C) and the demand of the task (D).

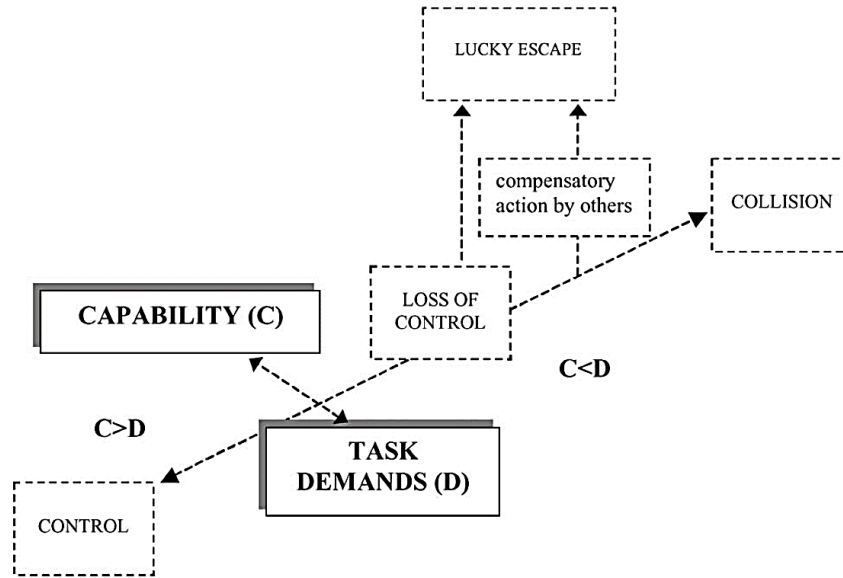


Figure 2.4 Task demand and capability interface (Fuller 2005)

The IDM was modified by incorporating the difference between task demand and the capability of the driver. The task demand and driver capability are applied as a factor scaled between 0 and 1. This implies that the difference between the task demand and capability will range from -1 to 1 as follows:

$$m_d(t) = m_t(t) - m_c(t); \quad 0 < m_t(t) < 1, 0 < m_c(t) < 1, \text{ and } -1 < m_d(t) < 1 \quad (2.3)$$

Where,

$m_t(t)$ is the task demand

$m_c(t)$ is the capability of the driver

$m_d(t)$ is the difference between task demand and driver capability

When the driver's capability is much greater than the demand of the task, the driver will perform better (task is easy), resulting in a negative value for the difference. A theoretical

framework of the methodology is shown in figure 2.5. The driver tries to minimize the difference between varying task demand and capability by attempting compensatory actions like reducing speed. However, when compensatory actions alone are not sufficient to neutralize the difference, performance effects can be noticed (changes in mental workload and situation awareness) (Dee Waard & Brookhuis, 1991).

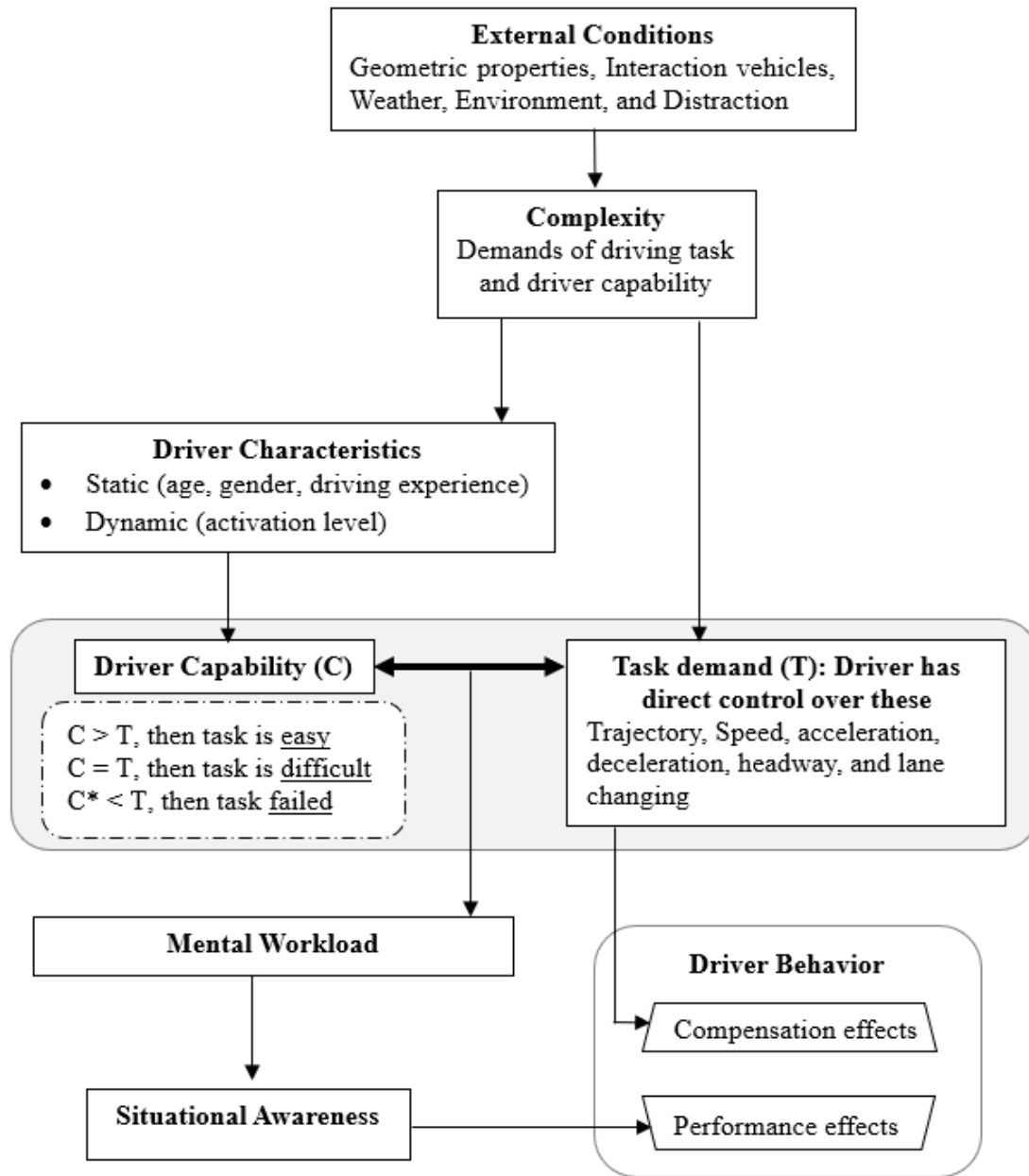


Figure 2.5 Framework developed by Hoogendoorn et al. (2012) to modify the IDM

The a_{max} , b_{conf} , T_n , and v_0 parameters were modified to incorporate the difference between task demand and driver capability. When the difference between task demand and driver capability results in a negative value, the a_{max} , b_{conf} , and v_0 parameters increase because of the driver having a greater capability than the required task demand. However, T_n decreases because

the driver is assumed to be capable of accepting a smaller time gap as his/her capability is greater than the demand of the task. The difference between task demand and capability was incorporated as a cubic function as shown below in equations 2.4-2.7.

$$a_{max}(t) = (-m_d(t)^3 a_{max}) + a_{max} \quad (2.4)$$

$$b_{des}(t) = (-m_d(t)^3 b_{max}) + b_{max} \quad (2.5)$$

$$v_0(t) = (-m_d(t)^3 v_0) + v_0 \quad (2.6)$$

$$T_n(t) = (m_d(t)^3 T_n) + T_n \quad (2.7)$$

Substituting equations 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7 into equation 2.2 results in:

$$a_n(t) = ((-m_d(t)^3 a_{max}) + a_{max}) \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_n(t)}{(-m_d(t)^3 v_0(t)) + v_0(t)} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s_n^*(t)}{s_n(t)} \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.8)$$

$$s_n^*(t) = s_0 + ((m_d(t)^3 T_n) + T_n) v_n(t) + \frac{v_n(t) \Delta v_n(t)}{2\sqrt{((-m_d(t)^3 a_{max}) + a_{max})((-m_d(t)^3 b_{max}) + b_{max})}}$$

After incorporating possible compensatory actions, the next step involves incorporating performance effects into the model. De Waard and Brookhuis established that performance effects and demand are related with an inverted parabola function. This relationship was used to establish the following equation, with α , β , and γ being parameters:

$$m_p(t) = -(\alpha m_d(t)^2 + \beta m_d(t) + \gamma) \quad (2.9)$$

Equation 2.9 shows that performance effects will have a greater magnitude if the capability of the driver is less than the demand of the task (if $m_d(t)$ is positive). The following equation (2.10) shows the result of incorporating both performance effects and task-capability interface into the IDM:

$$a_n(t) = (1 - m_p(t))((-m_d(t)^3 a_{max}) + a_{max}) \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_n(t)}{(-m_d(t)^3 v_0(t)) + v_0(t)} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s_n^*(t)}{s_n(t)} \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.10)$$

Saifuzzaman et al. in 2015 performed extensive literature reviews to incorporate task difficulty using the TCI, developed by Fuller (2005), into car following models such as Gipps' and the IDM, where task difficulty is the product of the interaction between driver capability and task demand (Saifuzzaman et al. 2015). In the research performed by Saifuzzaman et al. (2015), an assumption that desired time headway selection is inversely proportional to the driver capability is made. When a driver selects to follow smaller time headway than usually desired, the ability to perform an evasive maneuver in case of an emergency is reduced, thus making the task difficult and uncomfortable. So, in general, if a driver elects smaller desired time headway (assuming drivers are a good judge of their risk and discomfort), he/she can be categorized as more capable than someone with larger time headway (Saifuzzaman et al. 2015).

$$TD_n(t) = \left(\frac{V_n(t - \tau'_n) \tilde{T}_n}{(1 - \delta_n) s_n(t - \tau'_n)} \right)^\gamma \quad (2.11)$$

$$\tau'_n = \tau_n + \varphi_n$$

Where,

$TD_n(t)$ represents the task difficulty perceived by the driver n at time t ;

s_n is the spacing between two vehicles (front of follower to rear of leader);

\tilde{T}_n is the desired time headway;

V_n is the speed of the subject vehicle;

δ_n is a risk parameter;

γ is the driver sensitivity parameter towards task difficulty level;

τ_n is the reaction time of the driver;

φ_n is the increase in reaction time as a result of increased difficulty; and

τ'_n is the modified reaction time.

The parameter δ_n captures the risk perceived by drivers (usually less than 1). A positive number indicates that the driver perceives the risk associated with reduced capability. However, a negative parameter indicates that the driver underestimated the risk. Also, the modified reaction time (τ'_n) captures the change in reaction time associated with varying task difficulty.

The result of incorporating equation 2.11 into the IDM is shown in equation 2.12

$$a_n(t + \tau'_n) = a_{max} \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_n(t)}{v_0(t)} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s_n^*(t) * TD_n(t + \tau'_n)}{s_n(t)} \right)^2 \right] \quad (2.12)$$

The implementation of models that depend on desired measures such as speed, spacing, and headway, has a limitation that these measures cannot be readily observed in nature (Saifuzzaman & Zheng 2014). A correlation has to be made in order to depict how the desired measures are affected by changes in human factors such as mental workload, situation awareness, and level of activation. In this study, the focus was to modify Hoogendoorn's framework and establish a methodology to capture/incorporate the compensatory and performance effects resulting from an imbalance in task demand and driver capability.

2.1.3 Human Driver Model (HDM)

The HDM was first proposed by Treiber et al. in 2006. It incorporated four extensions in terms of finite reaction times, imperfect estimation capabilities, spatial anticipation, and temporal anticipation to the IDM (Treiber et al. 2006). The model is based on the reaction time and the number of vehicles ahead for which the drivers can anticipate spatial information. Figure 2.6 shows the relationship between the reaction time and anticipated vehicles on traffic regimes. Where, oscillating congested traffic (OCT), homogeneous congested traffic (HCT), moving and pinned localized clusters (MLC/PLC), and triggered stop-and-go (TSG). It can be seen that the greater the number of vehicles anticipated, the more the reaction time available to mitigate a crash. Anticipation is especially useful in the TSG regime, where predicting behavior of more lead vehicles can be useful to avoid crashes.

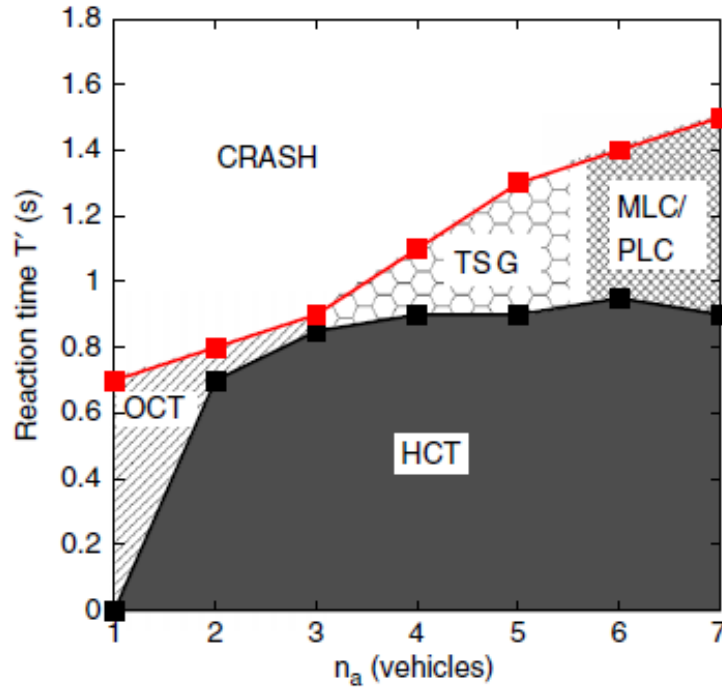


Figure 2.6 Regimes of the HDM

2.2 Driver Classification

Classification of drivers is a strategy used to easily group individuals based on common traits, style, and characteristics (Murphey et al. 2009, Feng et al. 2017). This makes establishing constraints to strategically categorize a sample/population easier and more efficient, especially when developing a model, than individual traits that have numerous unique variables. The number of classes can be pre-determined by the researcher or post-determined based on sample/population characteristics.

Several studies have been able to categorize participants/drivers based on their behavior and driving style. Kondyli, in 2009, classified drivers using three behavioral types: aggressive, average, and conservative. Where, the aggressive driver tends to drive at high speeds (15 mph over speed limit), perform six discretionary lane changes, short merging, and no remorse when cutting individuals off. The average driver was categorized as one that drives at speeds not

exceeding 10 mph over the speed limit and performs five discretionary lane changes. A conservative driver, on the other hand, would demonstrate more cautious maneuvers when lane changing, maintain longer headways, and not drive in excess of 5 mph over the speed limit (Kondyli & Eleftheriadou 2011). Participants were categorized using field observations and background surveys.

Lin et al. (2006) also carried out a study, using a virtual reality driving simulator, to classify ten drivers by analyzing physiological measures in response to an unexpected obstacle. Drivers were classified into two categories: aggressive and gentle, based in driving trajectory and steering deviation. Event-related potentials (ERP) were then extracted and compared to the driving measures (Lin et al. 2006). A noticeable power difference at 10Hz and 20Hz was observed between aggressive and gentle drivers.

A study by Murphey et al. (2009) used jerk (defined as the rate of change of acceleration and deceleration) analysis to predict driver's style classification using the Powertrain System Analysis Toolkit simulation program. Four categories of driving style were established: calm-anticipates other road user's movements and avoids hard acceleration/deceleration, normal-drives with moderate acceleration/deceleration, aggressive-drives with abrupt changes in acceleration and braking, and no speed-vehicle not moving (Murphey et al. 2009). Also, the calm driver is classified to be the most fuel-efficient. An algorithm capable of predicting driver class based on fuel efficiency and jerk parameter was developed. A similar study was conducted by Feng et al. (2017) using longitudinal jerk to identify aggressive drivers. Driving data from a previously conducted study was randomly sampled to obtain profiles of 88 drivers. Drivers were classified using acceleration, jerk, and gas pedal travel parameters. Two classifications were used: aggressive and normal (Feng et al. 2017). The two groups were then further examined

using driving behaviors such as speeding, tailgating, and risk of crash. The study concluded that the aggressive group consisted mostly of young male drivers and had a higher jerk (20-30 years old).

Manjunatha and Elefteriadou (2019) performed a study that involved classifying participants through a cluster analysis based on individual mental workload and situation awareness. The result was two distinct clusters A and B. The properties of the participants from the two clusters were then compared to the responses from the pre-screening questionnaire. Individual properties such as age, gender, driving frequency, take joy in driving, aggressiveness, accident history, and traffic violation tickets issued. The comparison showed that individuals in group B, with lower mean age, enjoyed driving but received more traffic violations (Manjunatha & Elefteriadou 2019).

In this study, the number of categories will be dependent on what is observed from the drive (speed, headway, jerk) and survey questionnaires (age, experience, accident history, traffic violations), along with the mutual behavioral traits (mental workload, situation awareness, level of activation) of the selected participants.

2.3 Situation Awareness, Mental Workload, and Level of Activation

This section summarizes key definitions of the level of activation, situation awareness, and mental workload. It also discusses the experimental techniques that can be used to collect the respective data.

2.3.1 Situation Awareness (SA)

Situation awareness (SA) has been defined as the ability to perceive (Level 1 SA), comprehend (Level 2 SA), and project future status (Level 3 SA) of elements in an environment (Endsley 1995). A common misconception is that SA is only affected by perception (ability to

locate an element). However, comprehension of the situation and the driver's ability to project future scenarios are more significant factors as being able to identify an element without placing where it fits and how it affects an environment is not valuable. The SA of a driver is known to affect his/her capability during a task in that, high SA generally implies a more alert driver unless affected by cognitive overload (Endsley, 1995). Figure 2.7 shows the Endsley, 1995 model developed to process how SA is related to decision making and performance.

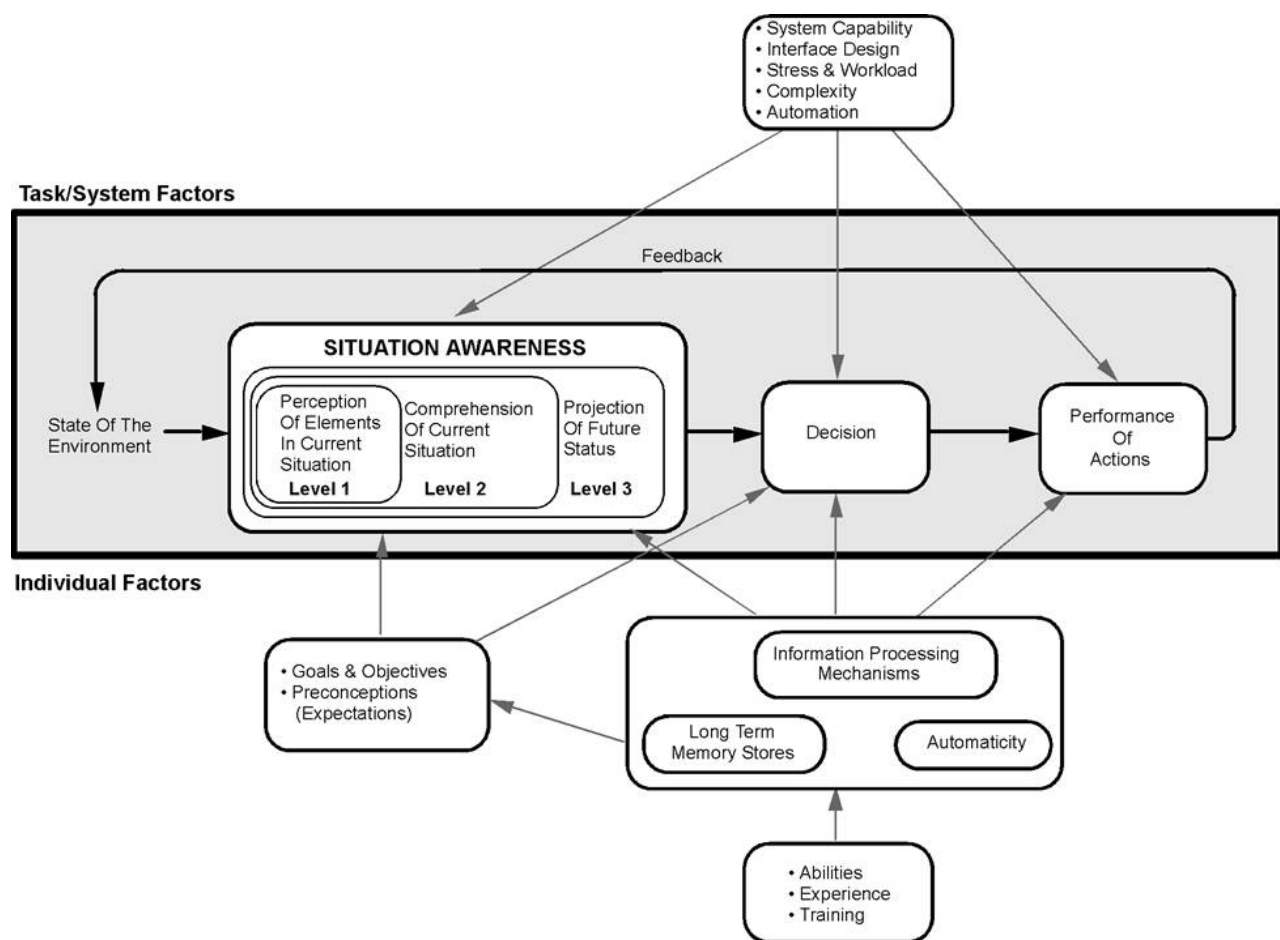


Figure 2.7 Levels of SA in relation to decision-making and performance (Endsley 1995)

SA can be measured using several techniques. They can be divided into freeze probe, real-time probe, self-rating, observer-rating, and physiological techniques. A short description about each technique is provided in the sections that follow.

2.3.1.1 Freeze-Probe Technique

These are typically used in a simulation environment, where a scenario is paused and queries about the situation are asked. Usually, all operator displays are blanked and questions related to participant alertness are administered (Salmon et al. 2006). A commonly used freeze probe technique is the situation awareness global assessment (SAGAT) developed by Endsley in 2000. The SAGAT consists of queries designed to assess all three levels of SA. Freeze probe techniques are generally considered as highly intrusive as they interfere with the primary task. However, there has been no conclusive evidence regarding their level of intrusiveness (Salmon et al. 2006).

2.3.1.2 Real-Time Probe Technique

This involves administering the questions targeted at establishing SA without pausing/freezing the simulation. During the task, participants are presented with queries pertinent to the environment and their answers along with response times are noted. A commonly used real-time probe technique is the situation present assessment method (SPAM). Although, generally regarded as less intrusive than the free-probe technique, no conclusive evidence exists to support this claim (Salmon et al. 2006).

2.3.1.3 Self-Rating Technique

This technique involves administering questionnaires about SA after the completion of a task. They are relatively easy and cheap to administer. A commonly used self-rating technique is the situation awareness rating technique (SART). SART is a multidimensional scaling technique

that consists of ten subscales each rated from one (low) to seven (high). The subscales include: Instability of situation, variability of situation, complexity of situation, arousal, spare mental capacity, concentration, division of attention, information quantity, information quality, and familiarity. These ten subscales are categorized in three domains: attentional demand (D), attentional supply (S), and understanding (U). Situation awareness is then calculated by $U-(D-S)$ (Selcon & Taylor 1989).

Although SART is a widely used measure of SA, comparisons of the efficiency of SAGAT (best known measure of SA) and SART exist. A study by Endsley, in 2000, reported significant correlation between overall SART scores and level 1 SAGAT. However, a study carried out by Salmon et al. (2009) showed no correlation between SART and SAGAT or performance measures. This raises concerns about self-rating techniques being susceptible/biased to the last performed task.

2.3.1.4 Observer-Rating Technique

This technique requires the presence of an expert to judge the level of SA of the participant. The observer provides a score based on the tasks performed in the field. The main advantage of this technique is that it is not intrusive. However, multiple observers (experts in SA) are required to ensure accurate results without being subject to individual observer bias. Also, the technique is relatively expensive due to the time required from several observers (Salmon et al. 2006).

2.3.1.5 Physiological Technique

The typical physiological technique used to measure SA is eye-tracking. SA can be measured using gaze overlays, fixation patterns, and saccades. Studies have shown that analyzing fixation patterns and saccades can provide information on the relation between the

duration of fixation and the perception of objects/words (Just & Carpenter 1980). Eye-trackers are ideal for a simulation environment and provide real-time continuous data. Also, they are non-intrusive and do not affect the performance of the primary task (Salmon et al. 2006). However, devices and relevant software can be very expensive.

A study by Coyne and Sibley, in 2015, used eye-tracking to establish SA in an unmanned aerial vehicle study. Twenty participants were recruited to carry out military training missions at the Naval Research Laboratory involving identifying vehicles and carrying out target assignments through a map. The SmartEye Pro 6.1 was used to track eye movements and gaze at 60Hz along with the SA probe technique (Coyne & Sibley 2015). The study concluded that as task demand increased, participants spent less time looking at their map targets, thus negatively impacting their target assignment. The study showed, in both instances (eye tracker and probe), that SA decreased with an increase in task demand (Coyne & Sibley 2015).

2.3.2 Mental Workload (WL)

Mental workload, also known as cognitive workload, can be defined as the allocation of attention based on the mental resources available for information processing (Patten et al. 2006). The primary role of any driver is to safely navigate from point A to B. However, depending on environmental conditions, emergency situations that require sudden maneuverability, and driver characteristics like age, experience, and behavior, consume mental resources required by the driver to safely carry out the primary task of driving vary. These changes in WL can be used to represent how the driving performance is affected. WL has been measured using subjective, performance, and physiological methods. A brief description of each of these measures is discussed below along with their respective sensitivities to task demand.

2.3.2.1 Subjective Measures

Subjective measures are a data collection technique that uses questionnaires and surveys to pose questions to participants. Participants reply based on their individual experience on the topic in question. Questionnaires and surveys can be administered before, during, or after the study. Three most commonly used techniques to measure subjective WL are the NASA- task load index (TLX), driver activity load index (DALI), and the rating scale mental effort (RSME). Each technique is briefly discussed in the sections that follow.

NASA- Task Load Index (TLX). The NASA-TLX is one of simplest and the most widely used subjective measure. The NASA-TLX questionnaire calculates WL experienced by participants as a weighted average of six subscales: mental demand, physical demand, temporal demand, performance, effort, and frustration experienced during the task, each on a 20-point scale ranging from “very low” to “very high” (Stojmenova & Sodnik 2015). Participants are then required to assign a weight, from 0 to 5, to a pair of subscales shown on flash cards (6 subscales resulting in 15 possible pairwise combinations). It is usually administered after the completion of a task or event and has been used in several WL studies. However, it has been shown that the answers to the questionnaire are strongly influenced by the last task performed (Stojmenova & Sodnik 2015). Also, the NASA-TLX does not provide time-varying data but instead relies on participant’s memory and ability to recall events that have already occurred.

Driver Activity Load Index (DALI). The NASA-TLX was specifically designed to capture WL of pilots. However, a modified version known as DALI was developed by Pauzie around 1994 to assess WL related to driving with and without secondary tasks. The DALI replaces some subscales from the NASA-TLX not applicable to driving. The six subscales for the DALI are: effort of attention, visual demand, auditory demand, temporal demand, interference, and

situational stress (Pauzie et al. 2008). Although the DALI was developed for driving, NASA-TLX is still more commonly cited and used to measure WL in simulation studies (Stojmenova & Sodnik 2015).

Rating Scale Mental Effort (RSME). The RSME is conceptually similar to the NASA-TLX and DALI, however, it consists of a nine-point scale ranging from “absolutely no effort” to “extreme effort” (Sartang 2017). Participants mark their level of effort after completion of each task. It is relatively easier and cheap to use. However, not a lot of studies utilize RSME to compute WL with respect to driving and is thus not favored over the NASA-TLX.

2.3.2.2 Performance Measures

Performance measures are based on changes to variables collected from the drive. Examples of performance measures during the drive include; lane keeping ability, speed control, and car-following ability (De Waard 1996). De Waard in 1996 concluded that varying WL results in changes to speed, car-following parameters such as mean headway and standard deviation of the headway, and lane keeping parameters such as standard deviation of lateral position (SDLP) and steering wheel movement (SDSWM). A couple of studies also found that an increase in WL significantly increased the time to traverse the same route (De Waard 1996). The main issue with performance measures is that they vary by task and the same measure sometimes cannot be used as a basis for comparison of WL (Sirevaag et al. 1993). For example, a driver might choose to slow down when observing a crash near the roadway, however, when driving through a work zone he/she might choose to focus more on keeping in their lane (SDLP). Studies summarized by De Waard (1996), have shown varying results with respect to SDLP and SDSWM. In some studies, as WL increased, the SDLP increased (more lateral variability) while in others it decreased. However, this could be because of the layout of the driving scenarios used. (Some regions were on a horizontal curve and required lane changing, thus introducing

ambiguities in the data). Hence, extra caution must be observed during the planning and design of the experiment (scenarios). Ideally, performance measures should be coupled with other WL measures to provide a more holistic picture.

2.3.2.3 Physiological Measures

Physiological measures are used to assess mental workload from reactions within the human body. This type of measure provides exact results without interaction from other variables other than those being examined (De Waard 1996). Participants also do not need to reflect and fill questionnaires, as data is continuous and readily available for the entire task. Most physiological measures focus on these four areas: heart, brain, eyes, and muscles. A brief description of measures in these areas is presented.

Heart. Electrocardiography (ECG) is primarily used in health care centers to monitor electrical activity in the heart and diagnose critical heart conditions such as attacks and arrhythmias. The ECG can be used to provide a continuous stream of data showing the impact of various driving tasks on the electrical activity of the heart expressed over a defined time period. ECG captures several variables that can be analyzed to assess mental workload and they include: heart rate (HR), heart rate variability (HRV), and Inter-Beat-Interval (IBI). Other devices such as heart rate monitors and chest straps can also be used to track changes to HR. However, they may be less accurate due to the lower sampling frequency. Both the ECG equipment and heart rate monitors/chest straps are considered as intrusive techniques because electrodes or contact points must be placed on the participant.

Numerous researchers have utilized the ECG and HR monitors to study changes in WL. Kahneman et al. (1969) used ten volunteers to perform arithmetic tasks with three levels of difficulty. The study not only measured HR but also pupil diameter and skin resistance. The HR

was recorded using a cardiometer with electrodes placed on the upper arms of participants (Kahneman et al. 1969). From the study, it was evident that there was an increase in the HR with an increase in question difficulty (with the most difficult question causing a change by up to 5 beats/min). However, the HR (beats/min) values were seen to peak much earlier than the pupil diameter (mm) and skin resistance (ohms).

Dahl and Spence in 1971 performed a similar study using thirteen categories of tasks (Initial resting, digit symbol, word list, recall, discrimination, color reading, color naming, stop color-word, white noise on, color word IR-RI, color work RI-IR with noise, Noise off, and final resting). The study consisted of 61 participants (three sample groups) and participants' task demand was measured using the Bergum's taxonomic analysis (9-point rating scale system to determine task demand) for each category. Not all groups performed all categories of tasks and HR was measured using a photocell transducer in two of the groups while the third used an ECG. The study showed that there was significant correlation between the subjective score and mean HR of the participants. It was also seen that the HR increased almost linearly, with an increase in task demand (Dahl & Spence 1971). A summary of other studies listed by De Waard (1996) showed similar trends in mean HR. An increase in task demand is seen to cause an increase in HR.

Brain. Electroencephalography (EEG) is a clinical technique used to measure changes in electrical activity in the brain. The brain is a complex organ that controls most of the functions in the human body. The EEG device uses electrodes attached to the scalp of an individual to detect changes in electrical charges arising from the activity in the brain cells. The following paragraphs discuss the various regions of the brain and their functions. The EEG electrode positions corresponding to the regions of the brain are discussed.

The brain can be divided into six regions: frontal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe, cerebellum, temporal lobe and the brain stem, each responsible for different functions. The frontal lobe is the most anterior region of the brain, located in the forehead. It is responsible for problem solving, emotions, response, reasoning, and consciousness. The parietal lobe is located at the same level behind the frontal lobe. The parietal lobe is responsible for controlling sensory functions such as voluntary movements, touch, and visual attention. The occipital lobe is the most posterior region of the brain and is responsible for anything related to vision. The cerebellum is located at the base, in line with the ears and is responsible for coordination and balance. The brain stem is located deep in the center of the brain and links directly to the spinal cord. Figure 2.8a and 2.8b show the different regions of the brain.

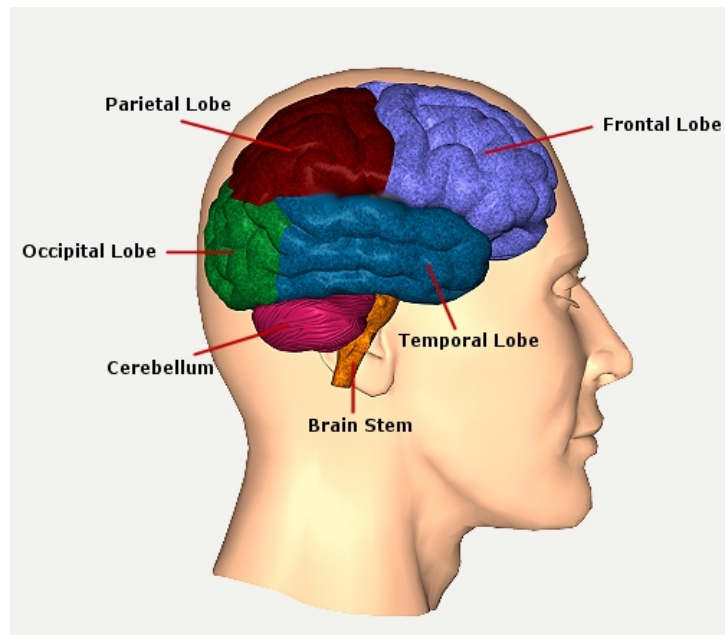


Figure 2.8a Regions of the brain (Lehr 2015)

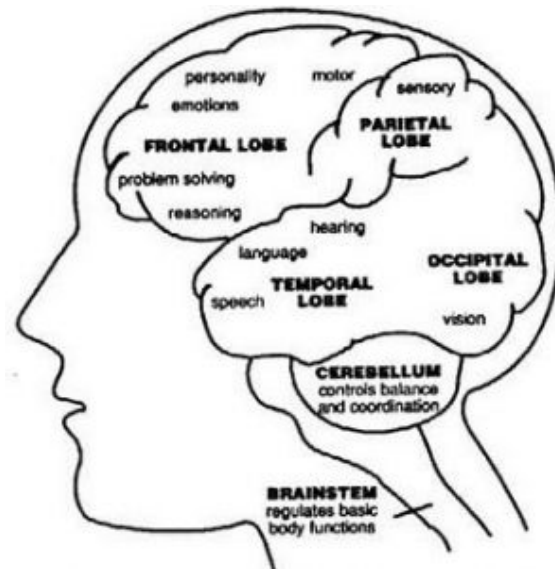


Figure 2.8b Regions of the brain (Lehr 2015)

The EEG electrodes are placed in positions shown in figure 2.9. The first alphabet in each position refers to a region of the brain. For example: the frontal lobe is represented by the letter “F”, parietal lobe by the letter “P”, temporal lobe by the letter “T”, occipital lobe by the letter “O”. However, the letter “C” does not represent the cerebellum. Other letters such as “FP” represent the frontopolar and “A” represents the auricular (ear electrode). The number represents the hemisphere location of the brain, with even numbers located in the right and odd numbers in the left. The 10% and 20% refer to the distance between adjacent electrodes with respect to the front-back or right-left dimension of the skull.

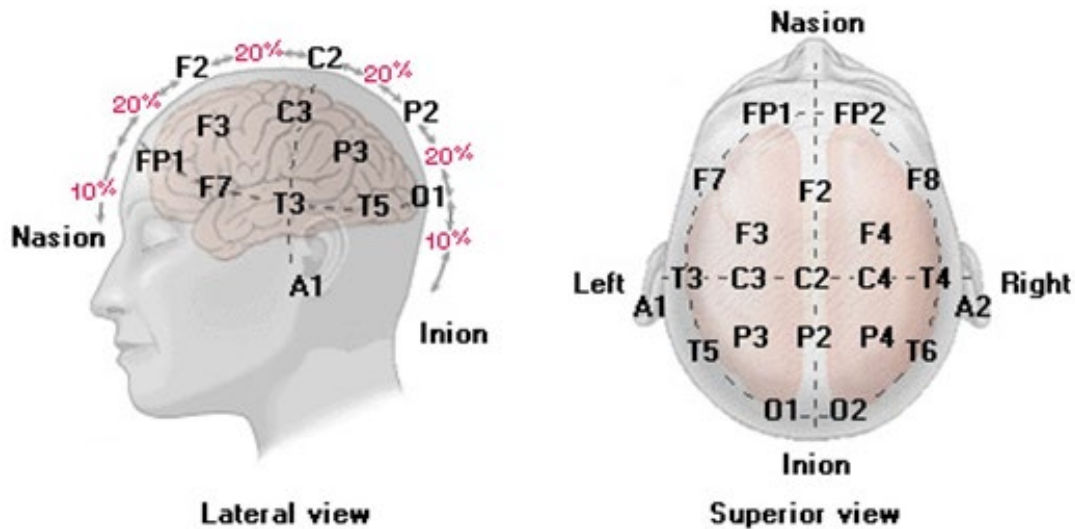


Figure 2.9 EEG electrode positions

The EEG provides two main ways of determining mental workload: extracting raw EEG data by synchronizing the timeline of the drive and using ERPs (Kincses et al. 2008). Analyzing the raw EEG signal can be complex and requires filtering noise from AC power lines (60Hz filter in the United States), blinking, and other muscle movements. The raw EEG signal can be typically separated into the following frequency bands using fast Fourier transformation: delta (0.5-4Hz), theta (4-8Hz), alpha (8-13Hz), beta (13-40Hz), gamma (>40Hz). Power spectrum analysis is the most common method to detect changes in mental workload through raw EEG signal (Walter 2015). Data is usually divided into epochs consisting of critical task moments. The power spectrum analysis provides insight into the signal power of the different frequencies with respect to the various regions of the brain (electrode positions). Studies have shown that the power of alpha band increases in the drowsy or more relaxed driver state while an increase in the power of beta band is associated with tension and cognition (Kim et al. 2014). A decrease in

alpha band activity and an increase in theta band activity is usually associated with increased mental workload (De Waard 1996, Kramer 1991).

ERPs related to cognitive load are mainly associated with the P300 amplitude (usually peaks around 300ms or more), as several studies have used this as a reference to identifying changes in WL (Prinzel III et al. 2001). The P300 amplitude is sensitive to the participants expectancy disrupted by mental workload (Prinzel III et al. 2001). A summary of studies carried out by De Waard (1996) shows a decrease in P300 amplitude and an increase in latency, with increased task load.

The P300 amplitude can be further split into P3a (latency 250-280ms) and P3b (latency 280-500ms). Where, the P3a (novelty P300) is associated with re-orienting and attention shifting and the P3b is associated with cognitive processing (Light et al. 2010). A study by Causse et al. (2015) showed a decrease in P3b amplitude with an increase in WL as the high WL task requires more processing power/working memory than the low WL task. The drop in P3b amplitude at the Pz electrode of a participant is shown in figure 2.10.

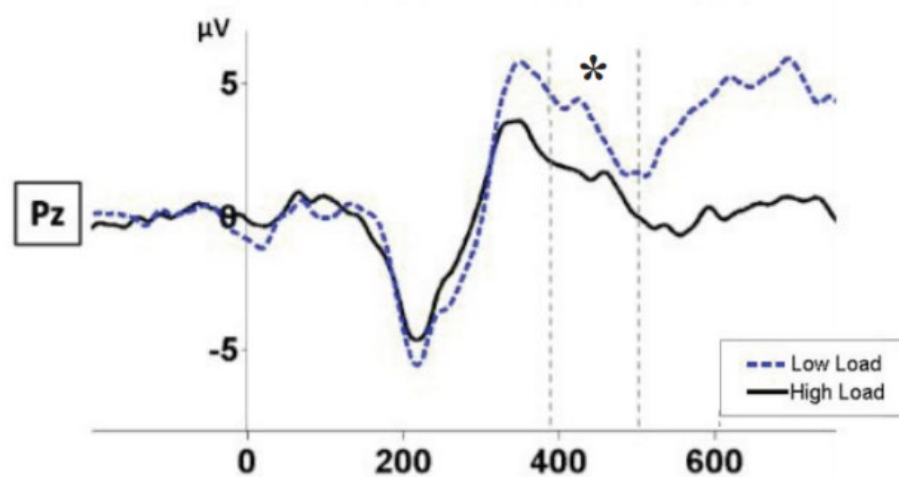


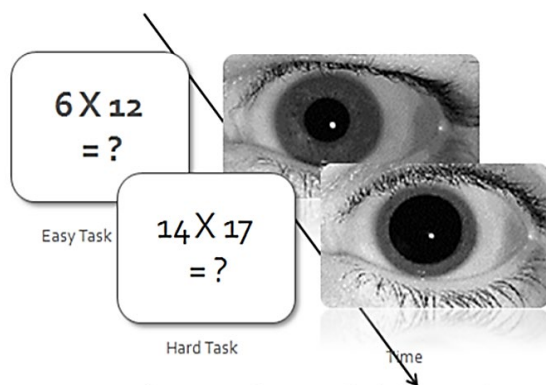
Figure 2.10 Effect of WL on ERP (Causse et al. 2015)

Eyes. Eye-tracking devices that track eye movement of the driver without disrupting the primary task of driving are very useful in determining the areas of focus of the driver. Some advanced devices are also capable of tracking pupil dilation-the phenomenon causing changes to the pupil diameter due to varying levels of cognitive workload, also known as task-evoked pupillary response (TEPR) (Strayer et al. 2013, Gangeddula et al. 2017). Several studies have shown that as cognitive workload increases, the diameter of the pupil increases (Hess & Polt 1964, Kahneman et al. 1969, Klingner 2010, Szulewski et al. 2014). Hess and Polt, using five test subjects ranging in age and educational qualification, carried one of the first studies out in 1964. Since advanced eye tracking devices did not exist at the time of the study, the researchers used an animation motion camera (essentially an older version of a video camera) to take multiple pictures of the test subject's face at equal time intervals, concentrating on the eyes (Hess & Polt 1964). Four mathematical questions ranging in difficulty were asked (vocally) and the pupil diameter recorded. The pupils were observed to reach a larger peak diameter, with increase in difficulty of the mathematical problem. It was also seen that the pupil diameter increase ranged from 4% up to 29.5% when compared to the non-stimulated pupil diameter, depending on the participant and question difficulty (Hess & Polt 1964).

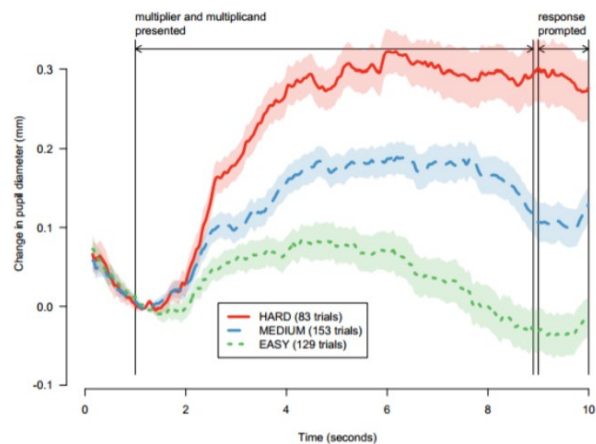
Klingner, in 2010, carried out extensive studies on changes to pupil diameter using the Tobii 1750 eye tracker and the Neuroptics VIP-200 ophthalmology pupillometer as a reference instrument. The study first concluded that the Tobii eye tracker was not as precise as the Neuroptics ophthalmology pupillometer. However, the results from the Tobii eye tracker were still adequate to show variations in pupil diameter. The study also presented a visual take on the auditory stimuli presented by Hess and Polt. Mathematical problems varying in difficulty (easy, medium, and hard) were presented on a screen for a duration of eight seconds, before prompting

a response (Klingner 2010). The participants were asked to attempt the questions to the best of their ability, without requiring the final answer to be correct. The results obtained are shown in figure 2.11 (b), pupils are seen to get to a larger peak diameter with increased question difficulty. Also, the pupil diameter increases more steeply with an increase in question difficulty (a reflection of cognitive workload). In this experiment, Klingner ensured to control the brightness and contrast of the visual cues as changes to these could cause pupil dilation and contraction. This aspect was carefully enforced in the scenario design of this research.

Figure 2.11 (a) shows the visual response of the human eye to an increase in cognitive workload.



(a)



Change in Pupil Diameter (mm), Time (Seconds)

(b)

Figure 2.11 WL on pupil diameter ((a)-Hossain & Yeasin 2014, (b)-Klingner 2010)

A study performed by Szulewski et al. in 2014, validated the results obtained by Klingner. Similar experimental setup and arithmetic problems were used. However, only two levels of difficulty (easy and hard) were tested. The results showed an added dimension to those obtained by Klingner, with easy questions causing a peak pupil dilation three seconds quicker

than hard questions. However, maximum pupil diameter attained was still larger for hard questions than for easy questions (Szulewski et al. 2014). A study by Marquart and De Winter in 2015, consisting of thirty participants, validated the measurement of workload using pupillometry by comparing the data to that obtained using the well-established NASA-TLX questionnaire. However, the authors suggested using caution when tackling tasks that cause pupil reflexes due to light sensitivity. They also recommend using multiple measures (HR, EEG) to eliminate instances of extreme variability (Marquart & De Winter 2015).

This property of the pupils can be used to assess cognitive workload continuously throughout a drive. Advanced software tools have been developed by device manufacturers to analyze the observed changes and patterns in pupil dilation/contraction and compare it to baseline conditions, identifying any changes resulting from the task. This can be used in simulation environment, to track changes in cognitive load experienced by the driver.

Coordination between Vision and Muscles. These measures typically require participants to react to a visual or sensory stimulus. Common measures include:

The peripheral detection task (PDT) presents visual stimuli throughout various locations in a driving scenario. Stimuli are presented as small colored squares or circles. Participant's reaction time to detect and respond to the task by pressing a button (coordination between vision and muscle), usually on the steering wheel, is measured (Patten et al. 2004).

The detection response task (DRT) is a more refined version of the PDT and was primarily devised to determine the effect of a secondary task on WL. The DRT equipment presents frequent artificial stimuli during a task and records participant performance in the form of response time, hit rate, and miss rate (ISO 17488 2016). There are three types of DRT stimuli commonly used in studies. The head-mounted light-emitting diode (LED), fixed LED location

mounted inside a vehicle, and a tactile electrical vibrator attached to the driver's shoulder (ISO 17488 2016). As the stimuli are presented, participants are required to acknowledge them using a micro-switch, typically attached to the thumb. Changes to the response time, hit rate, and miss rate of stimuli are analyzed to determine the intensity of WL being experienced. However, because both the PDT and DRT present simultaneous alternative tasks for the driver to complete, they compete with the primary task of driving and are thus not very effective in establishing actual WL.

The ISO 17488 (2016) presents several coordinated studies on mental workload and resource allocation. The studies show that an increase in hit rate and reduction in stimuli response time can be associated with lower mental demand, as performance with respect to the task is improved. Strayer et al. (2013 & 2014) compared the results of the DRT to other subjective (NASA-TLX) and physiological measures such as the EEG and HR, using both driving simulators and instrumented vehicles. The results showed that the DRT data is equally capable in tracking WL when compared to the other measures.

2.3.2.4 Sensitivity of the Various Measures

De Waard observed that some WL measures were sensitive at a particular intensity of the task demand than others. This can be clearly observed in figure 2.12. However, it can also be noted that most measures are only sensitive at high WL and not during low WL. De Waard concludes that one measure of WL might not be a sufficient representation for the entire task and multiple measures would provide a better basis for comparison.

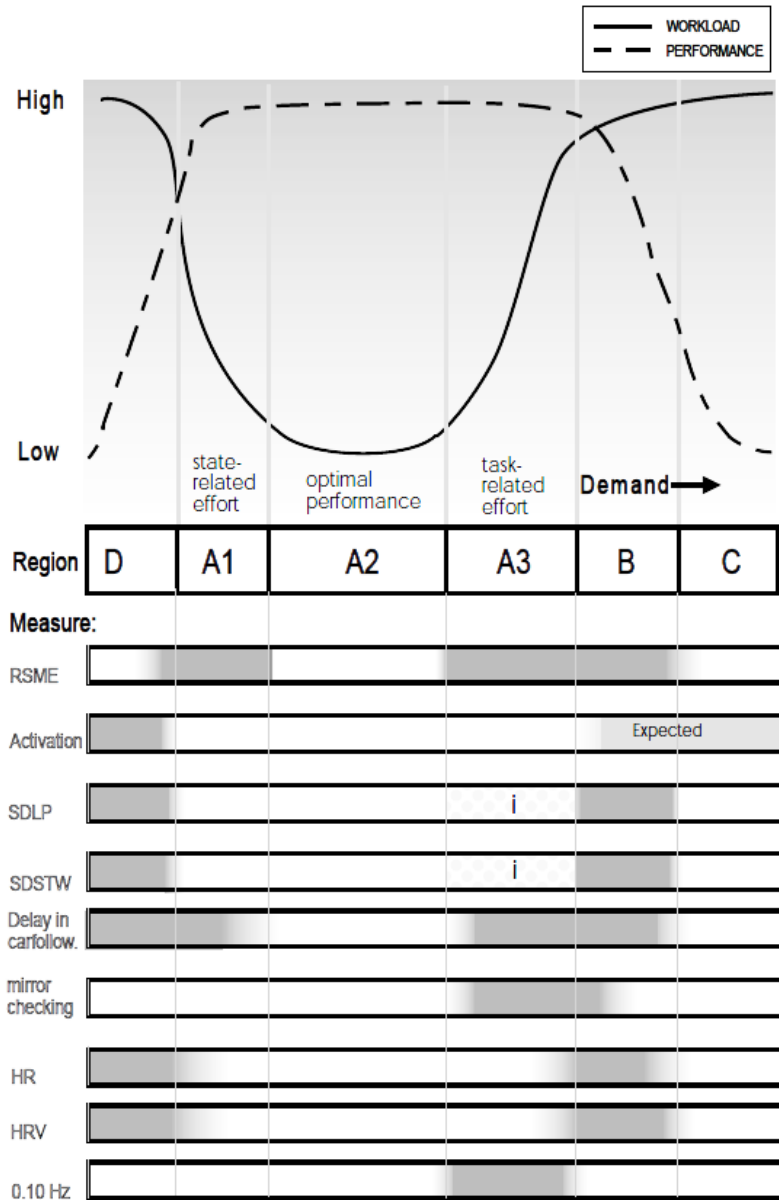


Figure 2.12 Sensitivity of workload measures (De Waard 1996)

Where, SDLP is the standard deviation of lateral position and SDSTW is the standard deviation of steering wheel movements.

2.3.3 Level of Activation (LA)

The level of activation or arousal has been identified by several researchers as a key measure of engagement, motivation, and enthusiasm involved in responding to a task. The LA is

directly related to the ability of an individual to perform the task of driving (Tampere et al. 2009). However, the LA is not only affected by the primary task of driving, but also by secondary tasks such as cell phone use and operating the media controller or navigation system (Tampere et al. 2009).

De Waard and Brookhuis (1991), suggested measuring LA using the three classic EEG bands: theta, alpha, and beta, representing the frequency ranges 4-7 HZ, 8-13 HZ, and 14-30 HZ, respectively. To prevent susceptibility to isolated changes, De Waard and Brookhuis proposed combining the spectral power of all three bands (filtered and divided into epochs) using the formula $(\alpha+\theta)/\beta$ (De Waard & Brookhuis 1991). Pope et al. in 1995, identified the electrode positions P3, PZ (P2), P4, and CZ(C2), to capture the “engagement index” of a driver, also known as the LA. The results of this study were validated by Prinzel III et al. (2001). However, both Pope et al. (1995) and Prinzel III et al. (2001) used the inverse of the formula suggested by De Waard & Brookhuis (1991).

A study by Tejero and Choliz in 2002 used the EEG Fourier spectral power analysis suggested by De Waard and Brookhuis in a real-world driving study. Participants were required to drive 90 km on a highway while being monitored by researchers. The study showed that LA increased more with varying speed than when keeping at a constant speed. They concluded that the act of modifying speed creates a source of engagement, thus increasing the LA of the driver.

2.4 Relationship Between WL, SA, LA and Performance

Endsley in 1995, theorized four constructs that link SA and WL. They include:

- **Low SA with low WL:** Operator had little idea of what is happening due to inattentiveness or lack of motivation;

- **Low SA with high WL:** Tasks that require more processing capabilities from the operator might lead to missing/overlooking of some elements in a given task (only a subset of information is processed along with incomplete perception);
- **High SA with low WL:** This state is what is ideally preferred by an operator, with information that can be easily comprehended without requiring high mental processing; and
- **High SA with high WL:** In this state, the operator is using more mental resources but is also successful at comprehending/adjusting to the situation.

Following these constructs, it is clear that SA and WL depend on the task, experiment design, and individual traits/behavior. A detriment in SA is only expected when the operator is making an effort to attain SA and the demand of the task exceeds capability (Endsley 1995).

The relationship between WL and task demand is well established by several studies. De Waard suggests a U-function as shown in figure 2.12, where WL initially starts off high and decreases as the task gets familiar. As the task difficulty gradually increases, there might not be any significant changes to WL until a threshold is reached (region A3). After, WL increases steeply with increase in task demand (regions with high sensitivity and easy measurability of WL) and performance slump is recorded (De Waard 1996).

From figure 2.13, it can be seen that as WL increases, the LA also increases. However, the relationship is not entirely linear.

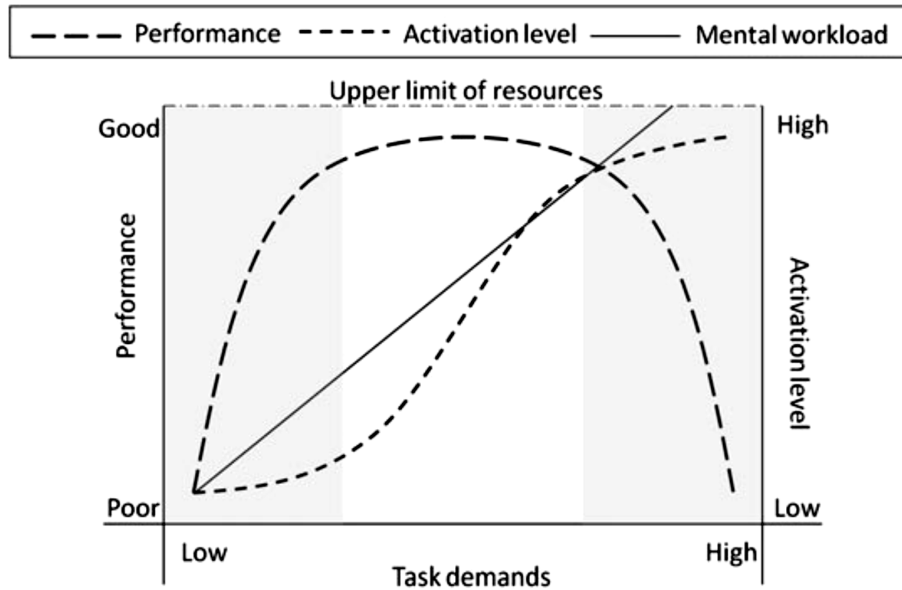


Figure 2.13 Relationship of WL, LA, and performance (Young et al. 2015)

Zhang and Kumada, in 2017, studied the relationship between WL and mind wandering. The experiment was performed in a low-fidelity driving simulator. 40 participants drove a 25-minute scenario with car-following tasks. A real-time probe was applied randomly and participants rating of mind wandering was recorded. After the completion of the scenario, NASA-TLX was completed to establish the WL. The study also correlated the measured WL to performance measures such as the standard deviation of lateral position (SDLP) and standard deviation of steering wheel movement (SDSTW). No significant relationship was seen between the performance measures and WL.

From figure 2.14, it can be clearly established that as WL increases, mind wandering decreases. Mind wandering can be directly attributed to SA. However, from this experiment, the levels of WL are not clear. It would seem that it only captures the region between low and high WL.

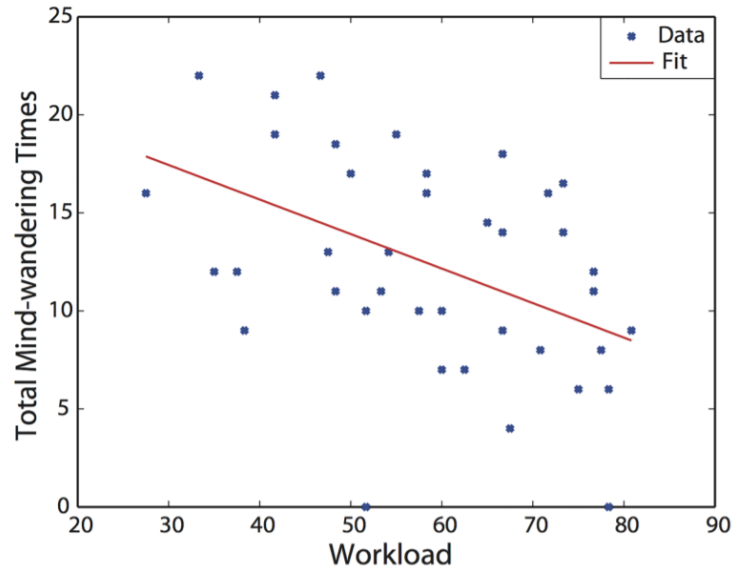


Figure 2.14 Mind wandering and WL (Zhang & Kumada 2017)

In general, it can be theorized that high levels of WL indicate low SA, but low levels of WL do not necessarily indicate a high level of SA. In situations with low to medium WL, SA increases gradually before reaching an optimum and decreasing sharply. Also, both WL and SA are dependent on LA.

Chapter 3 Methodology

The methodology was divided into two main phases. The first phase involves a simulator study to establish different levels of driver classification through performance parameters and biobehavioral trends and the second phase incorporates the classifications with their subsequent biobehavioral parameters into the IDM along with validation of the developed model. A framework for the proposed methodology is provided in figure 3.1.

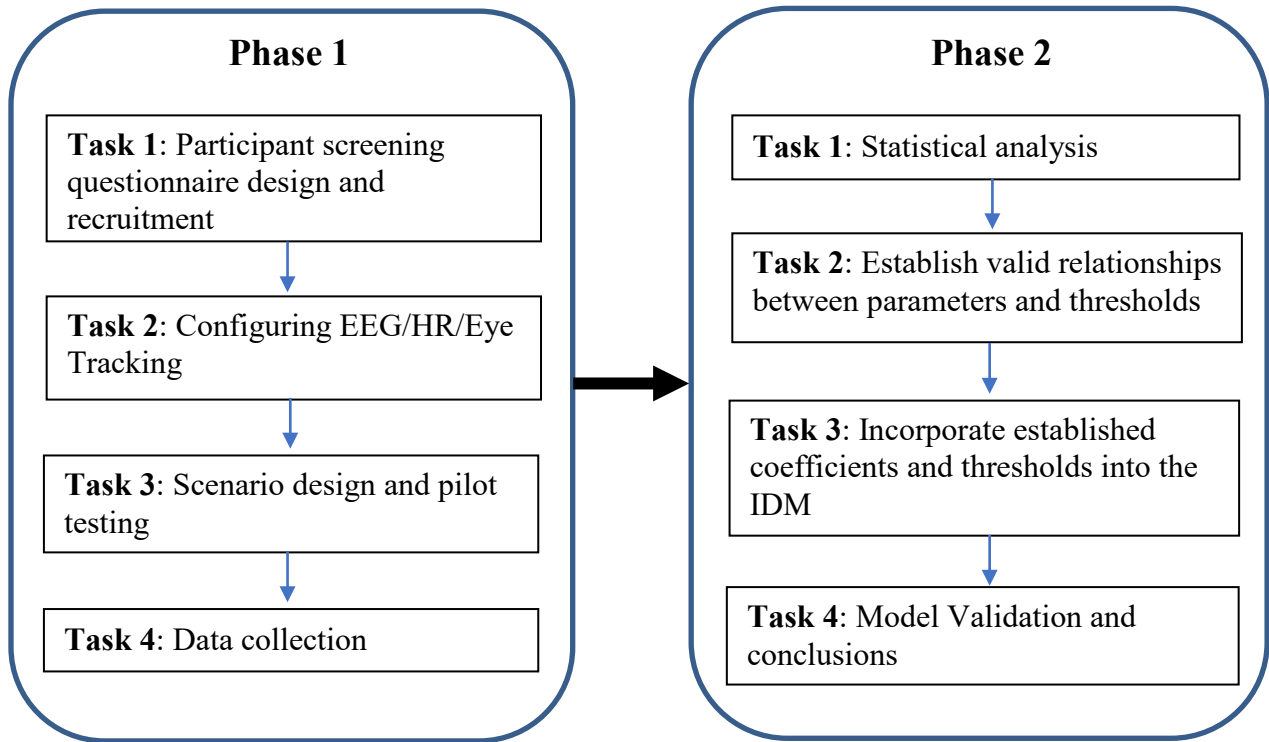


Figure 3.1 Methodological framework

The theory behind developing a framework that can be used to incorporate biobehavioral parameters such as LA, WL, and SA, with respect to changes in driving performance is explained in the paragraphs that follow.

When describing the theory behind the proposed framework, terms such as task demand, driver capability, task difficulty, mental workload, and situation awareness, are used. The definitions of these terms with respect to this project are shown in table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Important definitions

Term	Definition
Task demand	The amount of effort required to successfully meet the set requirements of a task, independent of the individual (Kahneman 1973).
Driver capability	The individual traits/biological characteristics of a driver that affect his/her ability to complete a task. Some traits include: speed, reaction time, information processing ability, experience, knowledge of driving, and motor coordination (Fuller 2005).
Task difficulty	The strategies or behavior followed to cope with changes to task demand during a task (Mosaly et al. 2017). Fuller (2005) quotes task difficulty to be inversely proportional to the difference between task demand and driver capability.
WL	The proportion of mental capacity required by an individual to perform a task (Brookhuis and De Waard 1991).
SA	The ability to perceive, comprehend, and project future status of elements in an environment (Endsley 1995).

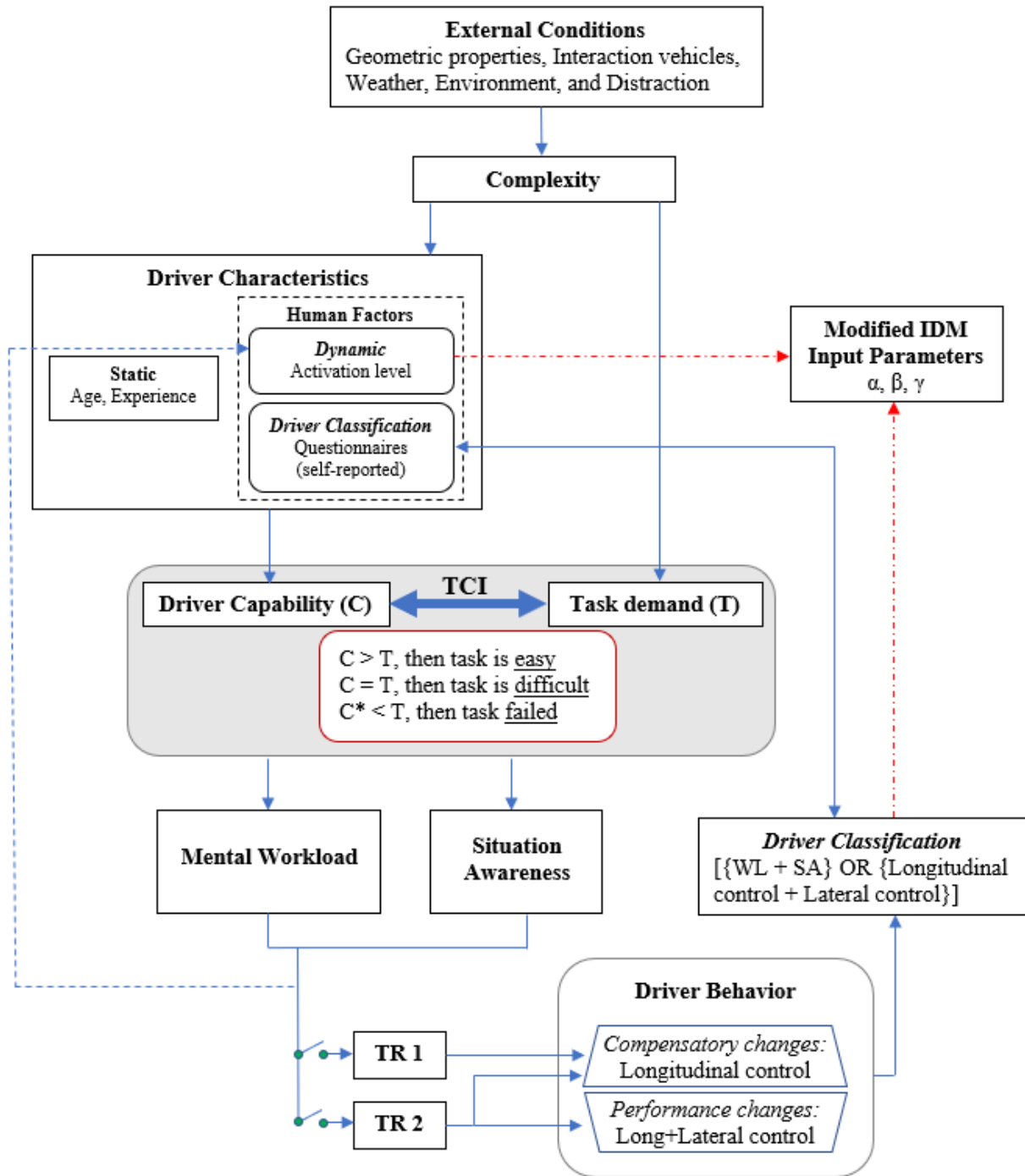
The external conditions in a specific scene contribute towards the complexity of the driving task at hand. Differences in conditions, such as the geometric properties, weather, number of interaction vehicles, and sources of distraction, add a certain level of complexity to the driving environment. The capability of the driver to handle tasks of varying complexity, mostly depend on his/her physical and mental characteristics. For example: it can be expected that older drivers have slower reaction times than younger drivers due to their diminishing physical capabilities. Also, some individuals may prefer to drive faster and follow smaller headways (aggressive), while others tend to be more conservative. Static and dynamic

characteristics are identified as distinguishable variables between drivers where the age and experience of the driver coupled with the activation level can affect driving performance.

Activation level describes the driver arousal state before and during the drive e.g. a drowsy or less motivated driver will have a lower activation level than a mentally aroused driver.

Also, the capabilities of the driver and the demands of the task are closely related. If the capabilities of the driver are greater than those required by the task, then the task will be easily completed (Hoogendoorn et al. 2012). It also means drivers can complete this task at a lower activation level and by utilizing fewer mental resources (WL). If the capability of the driver is equal to the task demand, the task becomes difficult as the driver is using all the available capabilities to successfully complete the task (Hoogendoorn et al. 2012). The driver will require a higher LA and alertness to complete this task. However, if the capability of the driver is less than that required by the task, then the driver will fail to complete the task. The capability of the driver is also constrained by the physical capability/condition of the vehicle.

The interaction between driver capability and demand can be quantified with respect to the changes in WL and SA. Slight imbalance between the WL and SA can result in the driver compensating by adjusting longitudinal control variables such as speed, acceleration, and headway. For example: if a task is challenging (increased WL), the driver might choose to reduce his/her overall speed or increase his/her headway in order to be safe and maintain a comfortable level of SA. In essence, he/she is compensating for the lack of capabilities at that instance, by making these changes to the driving.



$C^* = \min \{VC_{\max} \text{ or } C\}$. Where VC is the capability of the vehicle.

Figure 3.2 Theoretical framework for incorporating biobehavioral parameters

This leads to a trigger that is activated through small imbalances between WL and SA (TR 1) as seen in figure 3.2. However, if the imbalance between driver capability and task demand is high e.g. task is hard to be successfully completed by the driver's current capability, the driver tries to restore this imbalance resulting in both compensatory and performance effects (setting off TR 2). Where, compensation effects are theorized to only affect longitudinal driving variables while performance effects are theorized to affect longitudinal and lateral (SDLP) driving variables. Essentially, this implies that task difficulty is split into TR1 and TR2, depending on the extent of the imbalance between task demand and driver capability.

Speed and headway (longitudinal parameters) have been previously established to represent compensation behavior of drivers (Alm & Nilsson 1995 and Hoogendoorn et al. 2012). Measures such as SDLP, SDSTW, and route time, have been established to represent driver performance (Brookhuis et al. 1985, Brookhuis et al. 1991, Brookhuis & De Waard 1994, and De Waard 1996). Route time indicates the time taken by the driver to complete a set route, depending on the speed and the preferred headway (longitudinal control).

Drivers were also categorized by behavioral (LA, WL, SA) and static characteristics (age, experience, number of speeding tickets, number of accidents), into two/three groups (depending on the sample population). The resulting effect of the driver from a particular group trying to match his/her capability to the task demand was used to establish how drivers in different classes react to the same task. Would the driver experience lower mental workload, implying lower compensation and performance effects, while completing a difficult task? Or would the driver increase the speed and follow shorter headways during an easy task, to increase the level of difficulty to match his/her optimal capability? The established classifications were also

compared to the driving variables such as average speed, average headway, and maximum acceleration, to measure the accuracy of self-perception in driver classification.

3.1 Proposed Modification to the IDM

In order to incorporate the theoretical framework shown in figure 3.2, modifications to the IDM are required. The IDM parameters that can be affected by an imbalance in the task-capability interface are assumed to be the desired speed and desired time gap. This assumption was made because the desired variables capture what the driver wants to do at that moment but is unable due to a higher than usual task demand. Equations 3.1 and 3.2 show how the overall acceleration of the IDM was modified when triggers (TR) 1 or 2 are activated.

Compensation only (TR 1):

$$a_n(t) = a_{max} \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_n(t)}{(\alpha + \beta)v_0(t)} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s^*_n(t)}{s_n(t)} \right)^2 \right]; \quad 0 < (\alpha + \beta) \leq 1 \quad (3.1)$$

$$s^*_n(t) = s_0 + \left(\frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \right) T_n v_n(t) + \frac{v_n(t) \Delta v_n(t)}{2\sqrt{a_{max} b_{comf}}}$$

Where,

α = Compensation coefficient

β = Activation level coefficient

Compensation and Performance (TR 2):

$$a_n(t) = a_{max} \left[1 - \left(\frac{v_n(t)}{(\{\alpha + \gamma\} + \beta)v_0(t)} \right)^\delta - \left(\frac{s_n^*(t)}{s_n(t)} \right)^2 \right]; \quad 0 < \{\alpha + \gamma\} + \beta \leq 1 \quad (3.2)$$

$$s_n^*(t) = s_0 + \left(\frac{1}{\{\alpha + \gamma\} + \beta} \right) T_n v_n(t) + \frac{v_n(t) \Delta v_n(t)}{2\sqrt{a_{max} b_{comf}}}$$

Where,

γ = Performance coefficient

Together with incorporating compensation, LA, and performance coefficients, a visual cue parameter that incorporates the effect of active brake lights (bl) on the lead vehicle was implemented to the model, essentially depicting a reaction time threshold. Upon activation of brake lights on the leader and the time-gap ($T(t)$) between the leader and follower at time (t) was determined to be lower than the desired time-gap (T_n), the modified IDM model was triggered to recalculate the car-following trajectory using the acceleration/deceleration ($a(t)$) at that instance. However, if $T(t)$ was greater than T_n , it was assumed that the driver does not apply brakes or accelerate, resulting in a uniform deceleration of $-0.2m/s^2$ (Kesting & Treiber 2013). $T(t)$ and T_n were used to establish constraints because it was theorized that drivers more readily perceive time-gap than the acceleration of the leader. Equation 3.3 shows the implementation of brake light parameter along with the resulting acceleration/deceleration.

$$bl = \begin{cases} 1 & On, \\ 0 & Off. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } bl = 1 \text{ then, } a_n(t)^* = \begin{cases} a(t) & 0 \leq T(t) \leq T_n \\ -0.2 m/s^2 & T_n \leq T(t) \leq 5 \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

Where, $a_n(t)^*$ describes the starting acceleration/deceleration during car-following computations. Any brake light observed from a time-gap of greater than five seconds will not be considered as this will be the threshold to represent active car-following. Four brake lights events were added to every driving task to collect data on respective car-following behavior.

3.2 Data Collection Techniques

A list of the techniques that were used during data collection to establish the coefficients α , β , and γ are listed in table 3.2.

Table 3.2 Measuring techniques aggregated with respect to the coefficient

Coefficient	Methodological Definition	Measuring Event/Technique
α	Compensation coefficient	<p><i>Measuring WL:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR • Pupil dilation and TEPR • NASA-TLX <p><i>Measuring SA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaze overlay • SART <p><i>Measuring longitudinal control:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed • Headway • Acceleration
β	LA coefficient	EEG
$\alpha + \gamma$	Compensation + Performance coefficient	<p><i>Measuring WL:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR • Pupil dilation and TEPR • NASA-TLX <p><i>Measuring SA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaze overlay • SART <p><i>Measuring longitudinal control:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed • Headway • Acceleration <p><i>Measuring lateral control:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD of steering wheel position • SD of lateral position

Chapter 4 Data Collection

This section discusses the design of the scenarios and the strategies that will be followed during data collection. The simulation study was carried out from May 08, 2019 to June 17, 2019. Data were obtained in three formats: subjective, driving variables, and physiological. The subjective data were collected using electronically administered questionnaires such as the screening questionnaire, NASA-TLX, and SART. Driving variables are derived from the simulation tasks and they include: average speed, maximum speed, average headway, minimum headway, maximum acceleration, maximum deceleration, jerk, standard deviation of lateral position, number of collisions, maximum brake force, and average brake force. Physiological variables were collected using the EEG, HR monitor, and eye tracker.

4.1 Participant Recruitment

The study was first submitted to the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) at the University of Kansas (KU), for approval. The study was advertised in several public places (libraries, universities/colleges, grocery stores, and community centers) around towns in Kansas and Missouri including: Lawrence, Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, using flyers, emails, and targeted advertising within Facebook. 90 participants were recruited to participate in this research, equally split between males and females. The descriptive statistics of the participants are shown in table 4.1. The participants' recruitment was carried out in three age groups 18-24, 25-49, and 50-65 years, depending on availability and willingness to participate. Participants were screened using a questionnaire and selected if they were between the age of 18 and 65 years, with at least one year of driving experience, possession of a valid U.S. driver's license, annual mileage no less than 1000 miles, satisfactory completion of pre-screening and

behavioral questionnaires, and good health (free from seizures, eye conditions, ear problems, heart conditions, arthritis, excessive motion sickness, and possibility of pregnancy).

Table 4.1 Descriptive statistics of participants

Age Group	Group ID	Males	Females	Mean and SD by age group
18-24 years	1	25	20	20.3 ± 1.4 years
25-49 years	2	14	15	35.0 ± 8.0 years
50-65 years	3	6	10	56.3 ± 3.7 years
	Sum	45	45	31.4 ± 14.2 years

A \$50 gift card was issued to the participants after the completion of the study as compensation for their time. Participants were required to complete a 45-minute screening questionnaire prior to their driving appointment, attached in Appendix D, covering the demographic information, medical conditions, driving preferences and history, mood and personality measure, empathy and moral decision-making measures, and attention and executive function measures. A summary of the participants’ demographic data is shown in Appendix F.

The next subsections comprise of behavioral/personality information gathered during the screening process. This research included a series of behavioral self-report measures aimed to capture cognitive effort, personality, and social decision making variables that could account for aspects of driving performance that have not been considered before in car-following behavior. The objective with the inclusion of these measures was to investigate whether current mood and generally stable descriptors of individual differences among drivers can improve the intelligent driver model by incorporating predictors of driver behavior based on cognitive and socioaffective variables. Our selection of behavioral measures was guided by this objective. Our measures incorporated well-established tests of (a) mood and personality; (b) cognitive

engagement; and (c) empathy and social decision-making. The specific self-report measures employed are briefly summarized below:

4.1.1 Mood and Personality Measure

There are several measures available through the literature that provide mood and personality assessments such as:

- **Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS):** The PANAS is a self-report measure designed to assess both positive and negative affect (Watson et al. 1988). The PANAS consists of 20 adjectives pertaining to negative affect (i.e., distressed or nervous) and positive affect (i.e., excited or proud), with ten items for each subscale. Items are rated on a five-point Likert scale: 1 = “Very slightly or not at all” to 5 = “Extremely.” The subscales are obtained by taking the average of each item within that subscale.
- **Need for Cognition:** This test is designed to assess the tendency to engage in and enjoy effortful cognitive endeavors (Cacioppo et al. 1984).

4.1.2 Cognitive Engagement Measures

- **Cognitive Reflection Task (CRT):** This questionnaire assesses individuals' ability to suppress an intuitive and spontaneous wrong answer in favor of a reflective and deliberative right answer (Frederick 2005). Three common CRT questions include:

Qn 1: “A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost? _____ cents.” (Correct answer: 5 cents)

Qn 2: “If it takes five machines 5 minutes to make five widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets? _____ minutes.” (Correct answer: 5 minutes)

Qn 3: “In a lake, there is a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake? _____ days.” (Correct answer: 47 days)

- Neuroticism-Extroversion-Openness Five Factor Inventory: this is a 60-item survey to measure the five primary personality characteristics of openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism (Costa & McRae 1989).

4.1.3 Empathy and Moral Decision-Making Measures

- Interpersonal Reactivity Index (Davis 1983). This questionnaire measures individual differences in empathy.
- The Empathy Quotient (Baron-Cohen & Wheelwright 2004): This questionnaire also measures individual differences in empathy.
- Psychological Entitlement Scale (Campbell et al. 2004): This scale measures psychological entitlement, which refers to the stable and pervasive sense that one deserves more and is entitled to more than others. This sense of entitlement will also be reflected in desired or actual behaviors. The concept of psychological entitlement is intrapsychically pervasive or global; it does not necessarily refer to entitlement that results from a specific situation (e.g., “I am entitled to social security because I paid into the system,” or “I deserve an ‘A’ because I performed well in class”). Rather, psychological entitlement is a sense of entitlement that is experienced across situations.
- Ethical dilemmas such as the Trolley/Footbridge Dilemmas: These are short vignettes describing different scenarios and the participant has to decide or evaluate the 'right' course of action. The tasks are meant to measure moral decision making in context.

4.2 Equipment

The data were collected using the KU driving simulator, a fixed-based simulator in an Acura MDX chassis (half cab). The simulator provides a 170° horizontal field of view as shown in figures 4.1 and 4.2, with three forward screens and one rear screen. The rear screen renders the view of both side-view mirrors and the rear-view mirror, providing an immersed driving experience.

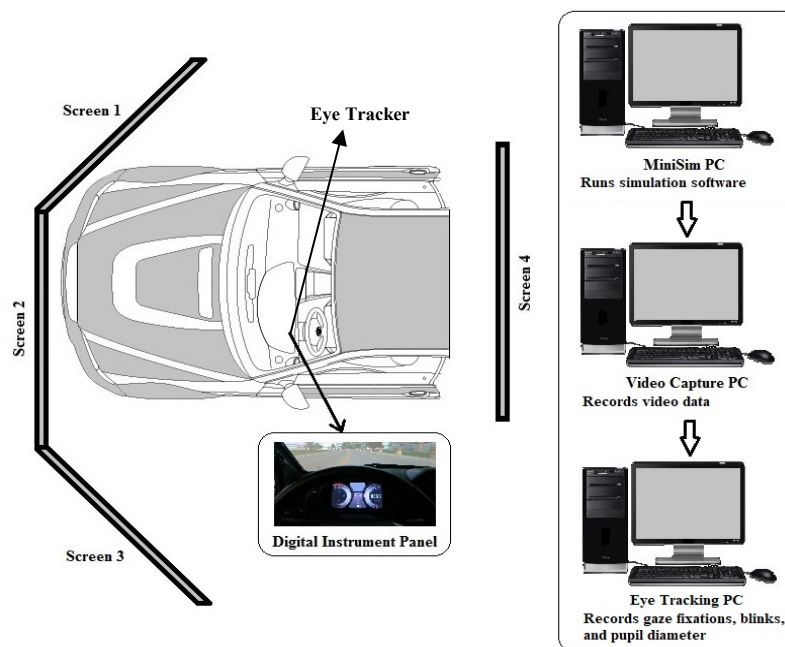


Figure 4.1 Layout of the KU driving simulator

The simulation run and respective data are recorded on the MiniSim (MiniSim User's Guide 2015) computer while the video of the participant's drive is captured on the video capture computer. Separate systems were used for the eye-tracking and EEG recordings. All the data were later synchronized using the available system times.



Figure 4.2 KU driving simulator in action

4.3 Configuring the EEG, HR Monitor, and Eye Tracker

The LA (arousal) was a key variable in this research. Changes to the level of activation have been directly associated with the changes in neural activity occurring in the driver's brain (Brookhuis et al. 1991). The EEG was used to monitor any changes in activation level associated with the various tasks presented during the drive. It was also used to capture an initial state of mind of the driver at the beginning of the drive.

During the drive, participants' overall attentional trajectory was captured using the EEG at a sampling frequency of 500Hz (Neuroelectronics User Manual: Enobio 8 2019). A portable, lightweight, wireless, and rechargeable system for EEG recording is available for this project. The system (Enobio 8) allowed for the reliable reproduction of EEG and EMG signal with a rapid setup that took less than 20 minutes and was optimal for multi-component, multi-method studies. The accompanying software allowed for visualization of time-frequency 2D/3D features (3D EEG scalp map) in real time, including the power spectrum and spectrograms, as well as easy channel labeling. The software further provided continuous online EEG signal quality with an option to filter out noise due to AC power lines (60Hz frequency in the United States). Eight EEG electrode positions were used, and they include: P3, PZ, P4, CZ, T7, T8, O1, and FZ (Pope

et al. 1995 and Prinzel III et al. 2001). These electrode positions allowed for the capturing of the functions shown in table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Selected electrode positions

Electrode Position	Brain Region	Captured Function
P3, PZ, P4	Parietal	Sensory and Object recognition
CZ	Central	Motor
T7, T8	Temporal	Memory
O1	Occipital	Vision
FZ	Frontal	Concentration, Planning, Judgement

The Polar H10 chest strap was used to monitor the heart rate at 1Hz. The obtained data needed to be manually synchronized with the frames of miniSim. Participants were shown how to correctly place the device against their chest to ensure accurate data collection.

A Fovio-FX3 eye tracker was installed directly over the instrument cluster of the simulator chassis (EyeWorks 3 User Manual 2019). The eye tracker collects mental workload through TEPR at 1Hz and gaze points at approximately 60Hz. Other eye-related measures such as pupil diameter, blink rate, gaze point vector coordinates, and gaze fixations, are also available.

Due to the restriction of not being able to pause a scenario (in miniSim) to perform the SAGAT by Endsley (1995), another measure is devised. SAGAT was mostly verified by studies on airplane pilots and military professional (combat SA). However, driving might not require the same level of skills to project the status of future events, especially if the task is routine/instinctive (following, braking, lane changing). Also, studies suggest that SAGAT might interfere and make the primary driving task feel discontinuous, therefore not accurately representing the car-following behavior.

The devised method made use of probe questions (similar to Endsley 1995), visual cues, and time spent gazing, to estimate the SA of the driver, without pausing the scenario. Five SA probe locations were present in every task and require participants to answer questions related to the last five seconds of activity. The questions are tailored to cover all three components of SA (perception, comprehension, and projection). Table 4.3 summarizes the number of points and criteria to obtain them.

Table 4.3 SA scores and criteria

Type	SA Points	Criteria
Full	1	Correct response and gaze match
Partial	0.5	Wrong response and gaze match
None	0	(Wrong response and no gaze match) OR (*Correct response and no gaze match)

*Correct response without a gaze match was considered a guess

Studies summarized by Karwowska & Siminski in 2015 showed that the lower limit for perception time (time to locate an object) is around 0.32 seconds and the higher limit is 0.82 seconds. Using this as a constraint, a gaze match was considered successful if the participant spent at least 0.3 seconds gazing at the visual cue. Any gaze fixations less than 0.3 seconds were considered as a no match (miss), due to insufficient perception time.

An example of how an SA probe was administered is as follows: a deer crossing sign was shown five seconds before the probe question is asked. The probe question asked was “Do you expect a crossing deer?”. Participants were required to say their answer out loud, either yes/no or I do not know. In post-processing, participants gaze was monitored to see if they spent more than 0.3 seconds looking at the sign and if this is positive, a gaze match is granted. If the participants

said yes, then a perfect SA score was recorded for that question. However, if a no is selected but they still spent time looking, partial credit was given. These questions were designed to consider all three components of SA i.e. ability to perceive the sign, comprehend to what the sign is saying, and project any upcoming events (status of the crossing deer). A list of the probe questions is shown in table 4.4.

Table 4.4 Probe questions for SA

Qn	Probe Question	Possible Answers
1	Do you expect crossing deer?	Yes: Deer crossing sign shown No: Deer crossing sign not present
2	Is an off ramp approaching soon?	Yes: Exit sign shown No: No sign shown
3	Did the sign say 'speeding kills'?	Yes: Sign said speeding kills No: Sign says something else or no sign present
4	Did you avoid a road kill?	Yes: Road kill present No: Road kill not present
5	A green color car on the shoulder	Yes: Car present was green No: Car present was black
6	A red car merged two spots ahead	Yes: Car that merged was red No: Car that merged was green
7	Does the left shoulder close ahead	Yes: Left shoulder closed sign shown No: No sign shown
8	Did you see or avoid a worn out tire?	Yes: Tire present No: Tire not present
9	The current speed limit is 70 mph	Yes: Speed limit is 70 mph No: Speed limit is not 70 mph

Three questions with outcome 'yes' and two with outcome 'no' are randomly placed in each task to counterbalance the full and partial credit system. SART questionnaires were also

administered at the end of the tasks to observe how the devised method compared to existing subjective measures.

4.4 Scenario Design

After recording baseline thresholds for the EEG and heart rate, participants received an extensive tutorial of the driving simulator. Before the tutorial, the eye-tracker was calibrated to the driver's view point. The tutorial comprised of driving at low and high speeds, lane changing activity, familiarizing participants with distances and headways in a simulator setting, gas and brake pedal responsiveness, and steering wheel sensitivity. During the tutorial, participants were also screened for simulator sickness. Any participants who showed severe signs of simulator sickness were advised to forfeit the study and received a compensation of \$10.

A preliminary driving scenario, shown in figure 4.3, was designed with two phases: free driving and car-following. The free driving phase was used to capture the participant's desired speed and maximum acceleration components on an empty four-lane divided rural highway, while the car-following phase captured the participant's desired time-gap and preferred standstill distance. Participants were instructed to only focus on maintaining comfortable gap to the lead vehicle during the car-following phase. Each phase was configured to be driven at both 55 mph and 70 mph speed limits, to capture the variability in performance. Eight probe questions were also presented to obtain an estimate of baseline SA. A breakdown of the full appointment schedule for each participant is shown in table 4.5.



Figure 4.3 Preliminary scenario

Table 4.5 Time breakdown by activity

Description	Approximate Time			
Consent form explanation.	5 minutes			
Equipping participants with EEG & HR monitor.	10 minutes			
Baseline EEG and HR data: Watching short video.	5 minutes			
Introduction to simulator driving, calibrating the eye tracker, and tutorial.	10-15 minutes			
<u>Preliminary scenario:</u>				
Free driving (no other roadway traffic) with 55 mph and 70 mph speed limits.	3 minutes			
Following (one lead vehicle): lead speed changes first from 70 mph to 55 mph, then speeds up to 65 mph.	4 minutes			
Total time	7 minutes			
<u>Actual scenario:</u>				
Traffic density	Task			
	1	2	3	4
Medium	8 minutes	5 minutes	–	
High	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Total time	35 minutes			
NASA-TLX + SART Questionnaires	20 minutes			
Average duration per participant = 95 minutes				

Before finalizing the configuration of the tasks, pilot testing was carried out on three participants to establish any design flaws in the scenario and assess the quality of data output.

The identified flaws were corrected to ensure that the all required data variables were being properly captured.

The actual scenario incorporates six tasks with varying levels of difficulty arising from varying traffic density, lane changing/deviation activity, heavy vehicle density, number of open lanes, and secondary tasks replicating visual distraction. Task 6 was designed to be the most complex while task 1 was the least. Each task was five miles long on a straight roadway with no horizontal curves and had a posted speed limit of 70 mph. Simulation traffic was configured to be free flowing, without any form of congestion or speed drop. Participants were asked to drive as they would normally, with similar car-following and lane changing behavior. The tasks were assigned and performed in a random sequence to eliminate any order-related bias. At the end of each task (including preliminary), drivers were required to fill out the NASA-TLX and SART questionnaires. A comprehensive description of all tasks is presented in the following sections.

4.4.1 Task 1

The first task, also considered as the baseline, was designed to capture car-following behavior during regular non-intensive highway driving. Participants were required to exhibit naturalistic behavior. The vehicles on the right lane were programmed to travel at 70 ± 2 mph, while vehicles on the left lane were programmed to travel a bit faster at 74 ± 2 mph. This provides an opportunity for the driver to exhibit a more naturalistic speed profile. The left and right lane speed configuration was consistent in all the driving tasks. The task contained no heavy vehicles and had a medium traffic density (25-28 pc/mi/ln), shown in figure 4.4.



Figure 4.4 Task 1 design layout and driver view

4.4.2 Task 2

The second task was very similar to the first task. However, the roadway had a higher density of vehicles (35-38 pc/mi/ln). Also, lane changing and lane deviations were introduced to the behavior of leading traffic (one passenger car per mile) to further increase complexity. Figure 4.5 shows a snapshot from the task.



Figure 4.5 Task 2 design layout and driver view

4.4.3 Task 3

This task incorporated an inactive work zone that consisted of a closed left shoulder as shown in figure 4.6. The speed limit was maintained at 70 mph to facilitate speed correlations with other tasks. The presence of barriers and channelizers were theorized to increase the situation complexity. Also, the traffic composition for this task consisted of 10% heavy vehicles along with two to three lane deviations/changes per mile.

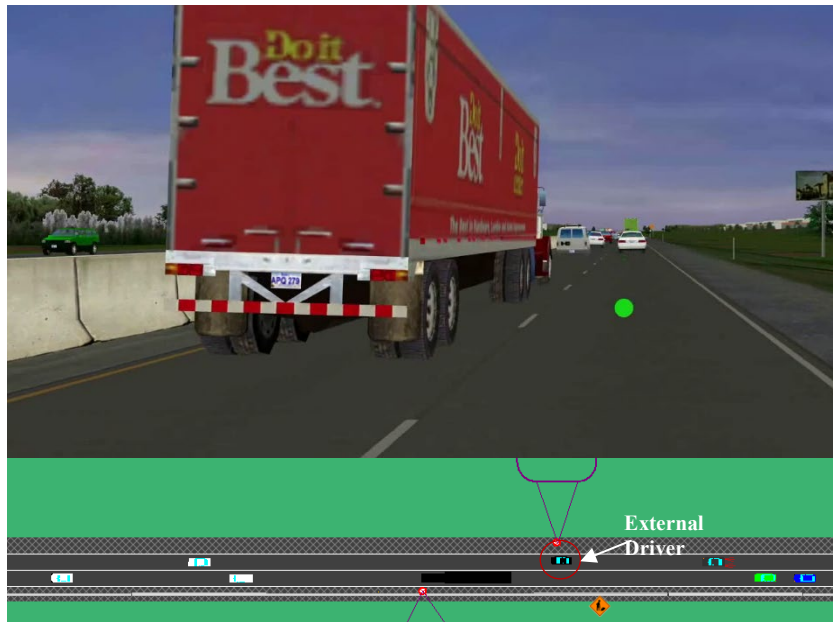


Figure 4.6 Task 3 design layout and driver view

4.4.4 Task 4

Task 4 consisted of a five-lane highway with three lanes closed in one direction. The two open lane edges were delineated using concrete barriers and traffic channelizers. The speed limit was still set at 70 mph for easy comparisons and in order to prevent loss of speed perception in a fixed-base driving simulator (Hurwitz et al. 2005). An active work zone with moving construction workers and equipment was present along both sides of the roadway. The task also consisted of 20% heavy vehicles, medium traffic density, and 3-5 lane changes/deviations per mile. This setup was designed to further increase the complexity of the drive. Changes to the driver's mental workload and situation awareness were expected as a result of the increased complexity. Figure 4.7 shows the configuration of task 4.

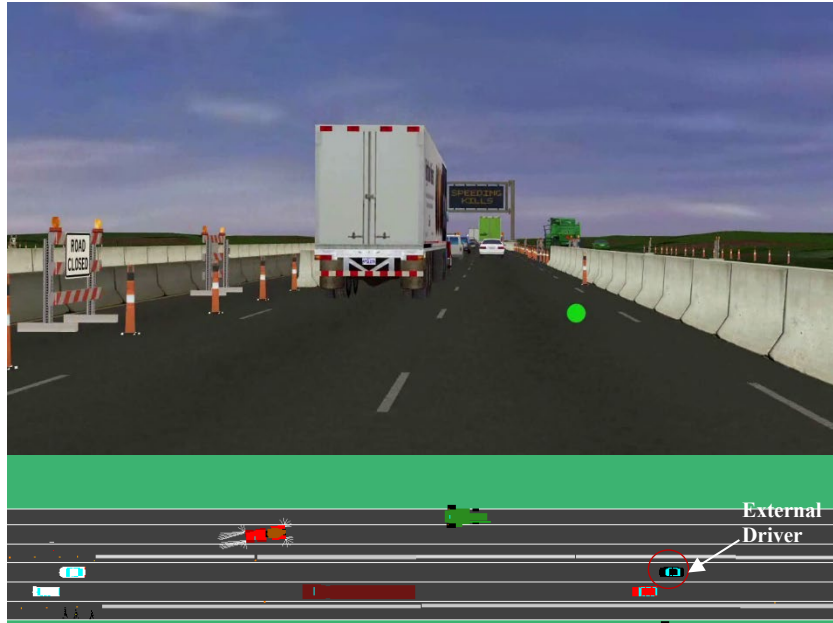


Figure 4.7 Task 4 design layout and driver view

4.4.5 Task 5

Task 5 was created very similar to task 4. However, a higher percentage of heavy vehicles was used (20%).

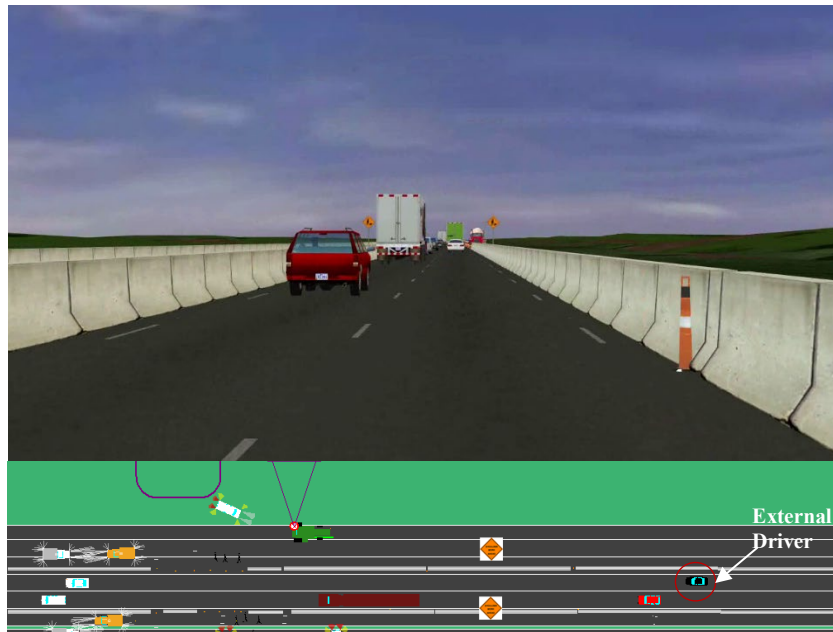


Figure 4.8 Task 5 design layout and driver view

4.4.6 Task 6

Task 6 and task 5 were essentially the same apart from the presence of a secondary task. The secondary task used an application developed using Visual Basic Studio (VBA.NET), shown in figure 4.9. The application required participants to match the shown number correctly from the presented tiles during the drive. A computer-generated voice was used to alert the participants on when to start and stop attempting the secondary task. Four short distraction events lasting a distance of 2000 feet (approximately 15 seconds depending on speed) each were configured into the task. Participants were advised to attempt tasks only when they felt comfortable during the events as their primary task was still driving.

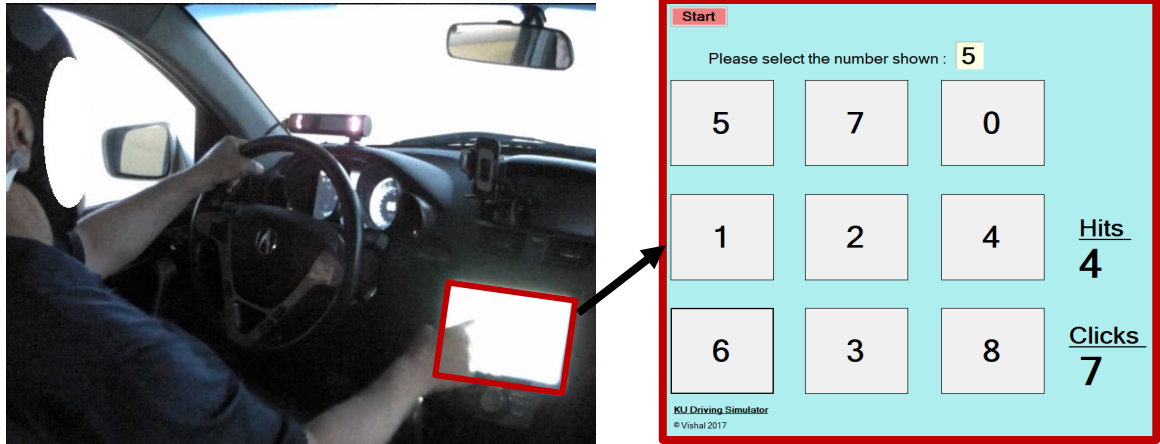


Figure 4.9 Secondary task used to simulate visual distraction

Participants' reaction to having additional tasks competing with the primary task of driving was critically assessed. The distraction provides data with respect to mental workload, situation awareness, level of activation, and driving performance on car-following behavior when engaged in an activity other than driving. A summary of all tasks and their composition is provided in table 4.6.

Table 4.6 Task configuration and composition summary

Name	Composition	Work zone	Traffic density	Lane deviations	Distraction
Pre	4-lane divided highway at varying speeds. 0% heavy vehicles.	None	0-3 pc/mi/ln (LOS A)	None	None
Task 1	4-lane divided highway at 70 mph. 0% heavy vehicles.	None	25-28 pc/mi/ln (LOS B/C)	Low (1 pc/mi)	None
Task 2	4-lane divided highway at 70 mph. 0% heavy vehicles.	None	35-38 pc/mi/ln (LOS D/E)	Low (1 pc/mi)	None
Task 3	4-lane divided highway at 70 mph. 10% heavy vehicles.	Inactive: left shoulder closed	35-38 pc/mi/ln (LOS D/E)	Medium (2-3 pc/mi)	None
Task 4	10-lane divided freeway at 70 mph. 20% heavy vehicles.	Active: far right two and far left lanes closed	25-28 pc/mi/ln (LOS B/C)	High (3-5 pc/mi)	None
Task 5	10-lane divided freeway at 70 mph. 20% heavy vehicles.	Active on both sides: 3 lanes closed	35-38 pc/mi/ln (LOS D/E)	High (3-5 pc/mi)	None
Task 6	10-lane divided freeway at 70 mph. 20% heavy vehicles.	Active on both sides: 3 lanes closed	35-38 pc/mi/ln (LOS D/E)	High (3-5 pc/mi)	Yes (secondary task)

* passenger cars per mile per lane (pc/mi/ln); level of service (LOS)

4.5 Analysis and Model Development Plan

All participants were required to complete all six driving tasks that represent increasing complexity. A repeated measures study was carried out for the six tasks and driving performance in relation to physiological, subjective, and behavioral measures.

The null hypothesis for this research was that changes in environment complexity do not result in changes to WL and SA and cannot be directly correlated to driving measures

(compensation and performance) thus providing no basis for incorporating these into the IDM. A significance level of 95% will be used to substantiate any evidence. Repeated measures ANOVA will be used to compare variables obtained from tasks 2 through 6 with those obtained from the baseline (task 1) consisting of no significant visual or mental workload. Correlation tests between measurement techniques of WL and LA will be performed to ensure that the selected variables do not exhibit multicollinearity.

The analysis plan also involves performing a cluster analysis to establish the different behavioral thresholds/classifications for the drivers that participated in the study. First, the clusters will be created using variables from the drive (speed, jerk, and headway). This will then be compared to the clusters obtained from self-reported questionnaires (experience, traffic violations, following gap, accident history, take pleasure in driving, braking behavior, and cell phone usage) and behavioral traits (WL, SA, LA). Comparing these clusters will provide insight into the prediction ability of the screening questionnaire with respect to driving and behavioral measures.

The level of activation, compensation, and performance coefficients will be obtained by normalizing the data obtained from each technique listed in table 3.2. Various variable interactions will be tested to determine those which result in the best goodness of fit to the simulation data in terms of normalized root mean square error (NRMSE). Data from 66 drivers will be used for model development (determining which combination of measurement techniques yields the best results for the modified IDM used to better approximate simulation collected results) while the remaining 17 drivers will be used for validation. Data from seven drivers was not complete due to simulator sickness, corrupt simulation files, and loss of physiological data.

Chapter 5 Preliminary Results and Discussion

This section provides preliminary results and discusses their relevance with respect to the six driving tasks. The results are presented in four categories: driving variables, physiological measures, subjective measures, and behavioral questionnaires. Multiple repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) were carried out to identify any significant differences between the various tasks and variables.

5.1 Subjective Measures

The average NASA-TLX scores showed no significant differences between the mean scores of the task 2 and task 1 (baseline) with α set to 0.05. However, significant differences in scores were observed for task 3 ($F(1, 83) = 4.087, p = 0.046, \eta_p^2 = 0.047, 1-\beta = 0.515$), task 4 ($F(1, 83) = 16.298, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.164, 1-\beta = 0.979$), task 5 ($F(1, 83) = 35.230, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.298, 1-\beta = 1.000$), and task 6 ($F(1, 83) = 201.257, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.708, 1-\beta = 1.000$) with the baseline (shown in fig. 5.1). The increase in NASA-TLX scores suggest that the developed tasks captured a variability in mental workload due to increased complexity. Table 5.1 provides a summary of the descriptive statistics for all variables.

Similar trends were observed with the SART scores. No significant differences were observed between the mean scores of the task 2 and task 3 configurations with respect to the baseline, but task 4 ($F(1, 83) = 7.448, p = 0.008, \eta_p^2 = 0.082, 1-\beta = 0.770$), task 5 ($F(1, 83) = 7.840, p = 0.006, \eta_p^2 = 0.086, 1-\beta = 0.790$), and task 6 ($F(1, 83) = 26.794, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.244, 1-\beta = 0.999$) showed significant differences. With the complexity of the tasks increasing, an increase in subjective workload scores was observed along with a decrease in SART scores. This trend seems consistent with the framework theorized and the task capability interface.

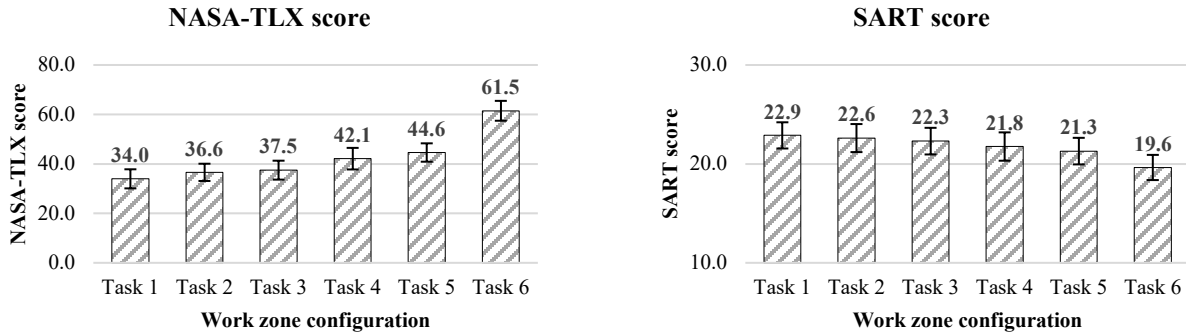


Figure 5.1 Average NASA-TLX and SART scores

Table 5.1 Descriptive statistics of various measures (mean \pm SD)

Variable	N	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	Task 6
Avg NASA-TLX Score	84	34.2 \pm 18.0	36.5 \pm 16.2	37.1 \pm 17.8	41.5 \pm 20.0	44.5 \pm 17.2	61.1 \pm 18.6
Avg SART Score	84	22.8 \pm 6.1	22.6 \pm 6.6	22.1 \pm 6.1	21.4 \pm 6.4	21.2 \pm 6.1	19.5 \pm 5.9
Avg Speed (mph)	84	73.1 \pm 1.9	71.5 \pm 2.1	71.2 \pm 4.0	70.6 \pm 2.2	70.1 \pm 3.1	68.0 \pm 5.4
Avg Headway (feet)	83	354.7 \pm 266.1	322.9 \pm 204.0	283.6 \pm 180.4	313.8 \pm 246.9	277.3 \pm 167.1	366.8 \pm 199.6
Avg SDLP (feet)	84	1.062 \pm 0.276	1.003 \pm 0.281	1.013 \pm 0.250	0.898 \pm 0.215	0.856 \pm 0.202	0.938 \pm 0.280
Avg Lap Time (s)	85	197.5 \pm 5.0	203.8 \pm 14.9	203.9 \pm 15.0	204.9 \pm 9.3	207.9 \pm 17.4	213.6 \pm 26.4
Avg Heart Rate (beats per minute)	83	75.7 \pm 11.7	75.6 \pm 11.4	75.0 \pm 11.5	75.2 \pm 11.9	75.5 \pm 11.8	75.4 \pm 12.0
Avg Blink Rate (blinks per minute)	85	17.0 \pm 5.6	16.5 \pm 5.9	16.2 \pm 6.0	15.9 \pm 6.5	15.5 \pm 6.3	14.4 \pm 4.7
Avg SD of Horizontal Gaze Position (pixels)	85	128.4 \pm 42.9	126.6 \pm 44.5	130.6 \pm 41.4	99.7 \pm 31.2	99.6 \pm 33.7	93.0 \pm 34.3

5.2 Driving Variables

Driving variables can also be used to detect imbalance between mental workload and situation awareness. The correlation of these variable to subjective measures discussed in Section 5.1 is key to this research. Average headway was one of the key variables in detecting changes to longitudinal control. Significant differences were obtained for tasks 3 ($F(1, 82) = 7.168, p = 0.009, \eta_p^2 = 0.080, 1-\beta = 0.754$) and 6 ($F(1, 82) = 8.186, p = 0.005, \eta_p^2 = 0.091, 1-\beta = 0.807$), where participants were observed to maintain closer headways than the baseline. It can also be noted that the pairwise tests revealed significant differences between task 5 and task 6 (*Mean difference* = -89.510, $p = 0.001$) with participants observed maintaining larger headways when engaged in the visual distraction.

Average speed was a more sensitive measure in this study as a decreasing trend was observed across all tasks (from 2 to 6). All tasks were significantly different to the baseline condition: task 2 ($F(1, 83) = 46.897, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.361, 1-\beta = 1.000$); task 3 ($F(1, 83) = 21.748, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.208, 1-\beta = 0.996$); task 4 ($F(1, 83) = 133.949, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.617, 1-\beta = 1.000$); task 5 ($F(1, 83) = 97.801, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.541, 1-\beta = 1.000$); and task 6 ($F(1, 83) = 98.844, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.544, 1-\beta = 1.000$). However, tasks 2 and 3 alongside tasks 3, 4 and 5, showed no pairwise differences amongst each other. This could indicate no significant imbalance in the TCI for these tasks. A high inverse correlation can also be observed to the average NASA-TLX scores.

Average standard deviation of lateral position (SDLP) was also found to change along with task complexity. Significant differences were observed between the baseline and tasks 4 ($F(1, 83) = 29.791, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.264, 1-\beta = 1.000$), 5 ($F(1, 83) = 42.691, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.340, 1-\beta = 1.000$), and 6 ($F(1, 83) = 10.622, p = 0.002, \eta_p^2 = 0.113, 1-\beta = 0.896$). Average

SDLP was observed to decrease (improved lane keeping ability) with substantial increase in task complexity. This was similar to what was observed by past research where a decrease in SDLP was theorized to occur due to lateral position being inherently performed at a level below optimal unless being subjected to higher cognitive load (Cooper et al. 2013, He et al. 2014, Li et al. 2018, Kountouriotis et al. 2015, Wang et al. 2014).

Average lap time was also used as a driving variable, indicating the time taken to complete a stretch of four miles of roadway across the six tasks. Significant differences were observed across all tasks and the baseline: task 2 ($F(1, 84) = 13.742, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.141, 1-\beta = 0.956$); task 3 ($F(1, 84) = 17.031, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.169, 1-\beta = 0.983$); task 4 ($F(1, 84) = 61.899, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.424, 1-\beta = 1.000$); task 5 ($F(1, 84) = 33.030, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.282, 1-\beta = 1.000$); and task 6 ($F(1, 84) = 38.614, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.315, 1-\beta = 1.000$). This was expected as average speed was observed to decrease with increase in complexity.

Overall, on a holistic level, some substantial differences were observed across the various tasks, suggesting positive progress towards the theorized framework. Further analysis using time-series data will provide more findings on the interaction of these variables and car-following behavior.

5.3 Physiological Measures

As stated in the literature, physiological measures are also observed to change with respect to imbalance in WL and SA. The average heart rate was found to not be significant between most of the tasks except for task 3 ($F(1, 82) = 5.712, p = 0.019, \eta_p^2 = 0.065, 1-\beta = 0.656$), which was significantly less than the baseline. However, physiological measures might not be good predictors as an average value, rather using time-series analysis would provide more sensitive results. Deeper analysis will be performed with this measure.

SD of horizontal gaze position was also used as a key variable (shown in fig. 5.2).

Research has shown a decrease in horizontal gaze variability with increasing cognitive workload. Significant gaze position differences were observed in tasks 4 ($F(1, 84) = 66.023, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.440, 1-\beta = 1.000$), 5 ($F(1, 84) = 49.379, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.370, 1-\beta = 1.000$), and 6 ($F(1, 84) = 81.746, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.493, 1-\beta = 1.000$). A decreasing trend as observed in past research was observed, indicating changes to mental workload across the tasks (Cooper et al. 2013).

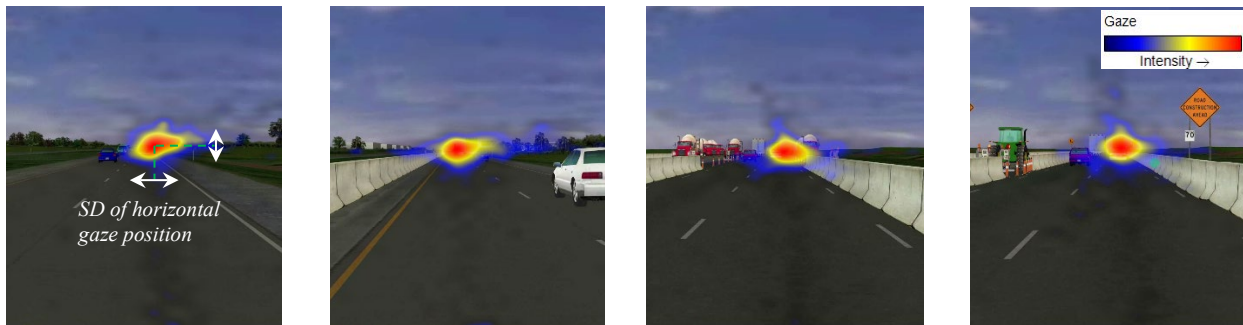


Figure 5.2 Gaze position variability (Driver ID M079)

The average blink rate can also be used to determine changes in WL. Significant differences were observed for tasks 3 ($F(1, 84) = 4.262, p = 0.042, \eta_p^2 = 0.048, 1-\beta = 0.532$), 4 ($F(1, 84) = 6.680, p = 0.011, \eta_p^2 = 0.074, 1-\beta = 0.724$), 5 ($F(1, 84) = 17.765, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.175, 1-\beta = 0.986$), and 6 ($F(1, 84) = 35.679, p < 0.001, \eta_p^2 = 0.298, 1-\beta = 1.000$). A decreasing blink rate with increasing WL was noted from the results.

5.4 Behavioral Questionnaires

The relationships between driving performance and the behavioral assessments was measured using a series of Pearson correlations with a statistical significance value set at $p = .05$ (two-tailed). Our dependent measures included the following: self-reported estimated miles driven annually; love of driving; self-reported number of traffic violations or tickets/year; self-

reported following distance at 70, 50, and 30 mph zones; average driving speed during simulated drive; SD of lateral position in feet; average headway in feet during the simulated drive; average heart-rate in beats per minute; average pupil diameter in mm; average gaze fixation in seconds; and the index of cognitive activity from the right pupil, for the six driving tasks. We also examined possible relationships between the self-reported behavioral measures and the NASA-TLX as well as the SART. The main results across these analyses are summarized in the following paragraphs.

Participants who scored higher on the PANAS (indicating positive mood) reported significantly higher preference and love of driving ($r = .32, p = .003$) but also deviated significantly from their driving lanes during task 1 ($r = .33, p = .002$) and task 3 ($r = .325, p = .002$). Participants who scored higher on this scale further showed lower scores on the NASA-TLX index ($r = -.29, p = .007$) indicating lower perceived workload during the simulated drive. Given that the PANAS measured current mood of an individual and was performed during the pre-screening phase (which could have occurred up to two months before the drive), the correlation to the simulated drive and the cognitive load measures for most participants were affected by a time lag. Future studies should implement the administration of the PANAS immediately preceding the simulated drive for the valid examination of the impact of current mood. Nevertheless, these findings point to a relationship between mood and affective disposition and driving performance and could be incorporated into car-following models.

Significant relationships were observed between the Cognitive Reflection Task (CRT) and driving behavior and performance measures. Performance on the CRT was negatively correlated with SART scores for tasks 4 ($r = -.28, p = .009$) and 6 ($r = -.27, p = .01$) of the simulated drive suggesting that participants with higher cognitive reflection evaluated the driving

simulation as less cognitively demanding relative to participants who scored lower on the cognitive reflection task. Given that the CRT is a relatively stable measure of cognitive engagement, this is an aspect of participants' disposition that can add value to understanding driver behavior.

The five-factor model of personality generates scores for each participant on five main aspects of personality that are considered situationally stable: neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness, and conscientiousness. Participants scoring high in neuroticism tended to drive significantly faster during the simulated drive for the higher difficulty tasks 5 ($r = .25, p = .02$) and 6 ($r = .22, p = .04$). They also not only showed lower SDLP ($r = -.28, p = .01$) but lower average headway ($r = -.21, p = .047$) for the first task. Participants higher in neuroticism also showed consistently lower gaze fixations across all six tasks (*all ps* < .05). Neuroticism scores were negatively correlated with extraversion ($r = -.31, p = .003$), agreeableness ($r = -.28, p = .008$), and conscientiousness ($r = -.34, p = .001$) scores. Participants higher in extraversion reported significantly higher preference for driving ($r = .36, p = .001$), but also higher self-reported annual traffic violations ($r = .21, p = .04$). In line with these findings, participants higher in extraversion deviated significantly from their lanes during task 1 ($r = .30, p = .005$) and task 5 ($r = .28, p = .01$). They also showed significantly higher pupil dilation for tasks 1 through 4 (*all ps* < .05) indicating higher arousal. Participants scoring higher in openness to experience, also self-reported more annual traffic violations ($r = .28, p = .009$). Participants higher in agreeableness tended to report that they follow vehicles very closely at 30 mph zones ($r = .24, p = .03$). Lastly, participants higher in conscientiousness tended to report that they follow vehicles very closely at 30 mph zones ($r = .22, p = .04$), but

also drove slower during task 2 of the simulated drive ($r = .22, p = .04$). Overall, the findings from the personality measures strongly suggest their importance in driving performance.

To capture different but complimentary aspects of empathy, two measures of empathy were used—the Interpersonal Reactivity Index (IRI) and the Empathy Assessment Index (EAI). The IRI (Davis 1983) is the earliest and most widely used multidimensional measure of empathy, which includes four factors: perspective taking (i.e., the tendency to spontaneously adopt others' psychological point of view), fantasy (i.e., respondents' tendencies to transpose themselves imaginatively into the feelings and actions of fictitious characters in books, movies, and plays), empathic concern (i.e., the tendency to have sympathy for others' concerns and problems), and personal distress (i.e., feelings of personal anxiety and unease in tense interpersonal settings). We used this measure due to its prevalence in the literature; however, we note that it has been recently re-evaluated to potentially have lower validity and less accuracy of empathy assessments (Chrysiou & Thompson 2016). Our results showed that participants who scored high on the perspective taking subscale of the IRI, reported higher number of traffic violations ($r = .21, p = .047$), as well as tendency to follow others closely at 70 mph ($r = -.24, p = .02$) and 50 mph ($r = -.25, p = .02$) zones. Participants who scored higher on the fantasy scale also tended to report significantly more traffic violations ($r = .24, p = .025$) and lower scores on the SART in tasks 4 ($r = -.28, p = .008$) and 5 ($r = -.25, p = .02$). Higher scores on the personal concern subscale were significantly associated with higher NASA-TLX scores for tasks 1 through 5 (*all* $ps < .05$). Higher scores on the personal distress subscale were significantly associated with self-reported tendency to allow for a farther following distance at 30 mph zones ($r = .22, p = .035$). On the other hand, during the simulated drive, higher scores on this scale were associated significantly with increased average speeds during tasks 5 ($r = .26, p = .016$) and 6 ($r = .31, p$

= .004), as well as reduced average headway on tasks 1 ($r = -.21, p = .049$), 2 ($r = -.26, p = .016$), and 5 ($r = -.36, p = .001$). These results on the personal distress scale mirror those of the personality trait of neuroticism, suggesting that general self-oriented anxiety may be associated with higher speeds and smaller headway distances—both evidence of a more aggressive driver profile.

The EAI is a more recent measure of empathy that is designed to capture a multidimensional model of empathy that is based on social cognitive neuroscience principles (Gerdes et al. 2011). The scale includes 5 sub-scales intended to tap on: participants' affective responses, their ability for emotion regulation, their ability for perspective taking, their awareness of self and others, and their empathic attitudes. Higher scores on the emotion regulation subscale were consistently associated with higher average pupil diameter for all tasks (r s range from .22 to .30 and all p s < .05) and marginally for task 2 ($r = .21, p = .07$). Participants scoring higher on perspective taking reported closely following vehicles at 70 mph ($r = -.27, p = .01$), 50 mph ($r = -.23, p = .03$), and 30 mph ($r = -.26, p = .01$) zones. Increased scores on self-other awareness were also consistently associated with higher average pupil diameter across all tasks ($\text{all } p$ s < .05), whereas increased empathic attitudes were associated with decreased liking of driving overall ($r = -.31, p = .004$) and increased headway in feet but for task 1 only ($r = .23, p = .03$). Overall, this measure of empathy did not provide as many insights on driving behavior as the IRI.

Consistent with the nature of the scale, increased scores on this scale were associated with decreased likelihood to self-report traffic violations ($r = -.25, p = .016$). Also, there were no significant relationships between performance on these measures and any self-reported measures or driving performance variables.

In summary, despite the relatively high temporal time between the administration of the behavioral assessments and the driving simulation session, the above results indicate that self-reported assessments of mood, personality, and empathy can be very useful indicators of driving behavior. Specifically, a general tendency for positive mood and extraversion may be linked to more traffic violations, higher speeds, and increased lateral position deviations, possibly due to increased distractibility. On the other hand, neuroticism and empathic distress that can serve as indicators of self-oriented anxiety were consistently associated with increased speeds and lane deviations during the simulated drive. The examination of these variables in the context of the IDM, might add another dimension to car-following behavior.

The preliminary analysis revealed several trends with respect to the subjective measures, driving variables, physiological measures, and behavioral questionnaires. Data from other measures such as EEG and pupillometry is still under sorting and will provide more insights. Overall, a positive correlation to the theorized framework was established.

Chapter 6 Summary and Future Plan

In summary, the previous chapters provide a comprehensive literature review of existing car-following models with specific attention to the IDM and how it has been previously modified to incorporate biobehavioral parameters along with the strategies to collect and measure these parameters. The proposed methodology and developed framework of the theoretical model was then discussed in Chapter 3. A detailed section describing the data collection with respect to the questionnaires, equipment, physiological measures, and configured tasks, was presented in Chapter 4. Chapter 5 discussed the observed trends from the preliminary analysis, which included changes to WL, and SA as task complexity was varied, as initially theorized. Appendix A, B, C, D, E, F consist of IRB approval letter, flyer to recruit participants, the informed consent form, the screening/behavioral questionnaire, SART questionnaire, and participant demographics, respectively.

Table 6.1 shows the proposed timeline for all remaining tasks to be completed in Year 3 of this project. A final report detailing all the tasks performed during Year 3 along with the developed car-following model and its constraints will be submitted at the end of 2020.

Table 6.1 Timeline for the next year

	2019	2020											
Tasks	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Preliminary analysis													
Continue data sorting													
Establish relationships													
Model development													
Model validation													
Conclusions													
Drafting findings													
Deliverables	YR2	QR			QR			QR			QR	DFR	YR3

Where, DFR: Draft report, QR: Quarterly updates, YR2: Yearly report 2, YR3: Yearly report 3.

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Appendix A IRB Approval Letter



Date: February 11, 2019


TO: Vishal Chandra Kummetha, (kummetha@ku.edu)

FROM: Jocelyn Isley, MS, CIP, IRB Administrator (785-864-7385, irb@ku.edu)

RE: **Approval of Modification**


The IRB reviewed the submission referenced below on 2/11/2019. Approval expires on 7/16/2019.

IRB Action: APPROVED		Effective date: 2/11/2019	Expiration Date : 7/16/2019
STUDY DETAILS			
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Participants Needed for Driving Simulator Research

Title:
Modeling Driver Behavior and Aggressiveness Using Bio-Behavioral Methods

Experimental Procedure:
90 participants are required to drive specific simulated scenarios designed to study driving preferences and behavior.

Participants will be required to drive for no more than **70 minutes** including breaks. Information on braking, reaction time, lateral position, speed, time gap, acceleration, and electrical activity in the brain will be collected using electroencephalogram (EEG), eye tracking, heart rate chest strap, software, questionnaires, and video cameras.

Flyer valid from **10/01/2018**
to **05/31/2019**



Possible Risks:
Motion/simulator sickness



Location:
G435 LEEP 2

Requirements & Compensation:

- Participants must have a valid **U.S. driver's license** with at least three years of driving experience with an annual mileage no less than 5000 miles.
- Age of participants must be **18 - 65 years**
- Participants will receive a \$50 gift card as compensation for their time and effort.
- Participants must complete a pre-screening questionnaire. This can be obtained via **this link**


What is an EEG?

This is a non-invasive device used to record electrical activity in the brain. It consists of several dry electrodes placed along the scalp for different regions of the brain.



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Modeling Driver Behavior and Driver Aggressiveness Using Biobehavioral Methods

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering at the University of Kansas supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in the present study. You may refuse to sign this form and not participate in this study. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time. If you do withdraw from this study, it will not affect your relationship with this unit, the services it may provide to you, or the University of Kansas.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The research is part of a Mid-America transportation Center (MATC) project and will be used to analyze driver behavior and aggressiveness. The findings of this research will help us better understand how driver behaviour and aggressiveness are linked to changes in driving performance and workload. The research will help to improve existing traffic flow models by incorporating biobehavioral architecture.

PROCEDURES

This study is part of a MATC research project. The study will recruit 90 drivers to participate in the experiments, from 18 to 65 years old. During the experiment you will be asked to drive the driving simulator for approximately 70 minutes. The first 5 minutes will be for you to familiarize with the vehicle/simulator and also to see if you have any signs of motion sickness. After that, and provided you do not have motion sickness, we will start collecting data related to your driving along the simulated scenarios. A heart rate monitoring strap will be placed in the center of your chest to collect data on heart beats per second. An elastic cap, surface electrodes, and ear clip will also be used to record the electrical activity of your brain throughout the experiment, a procedure known as electroencephalogram or EEG. We will use a wireless system to record EEG. We will be recording EEG from the electrodes applied to your scalp during the entire duration of the experiment. All electrodes will be dry without the need for gel. You will have intermediate breaks every 5-15 minutes depending on the driving scenario. The principle investigator (PI) will be analyzing your drive and video recordings after the experiment is finished. Only people that are related to this research (Vishal Kummetha and Dr. Alexandra Kondyli and Dr. Christopher Ramey) will have access to these recordings, which will be securely stored in hard drives and kept in the Driving Simulator Lab.

Your responses will never be associated with your name and they will be stored electronically on a password-protected computer. Your behavioral test results may be made available to other researchers in our laboratory via an electronic database, which will be stored on a password-protected computer. Your behavioral test results and background demographics information will be maintained in this database. Researchers in our lab will be able to consult the database for later analysis. Your name and contact information will not be included within the database but will be maintained in a locked cabinet as well as electronically in a separate password-protected list.

The research team is committed to confidentiality. Your identity will not be revealed in the final report for this project, nor in any of the manuscripts produced. Instead, you will be assigned a participant ID number.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Participants are required to be between the ages of 18 and 65 years. Participants are selected based on possession of a valid US driver's license with at least 3 years of driving experience and no less than 5000 miles of annual driving. Participants with any significant heart conditions or at any stage of pregnancy will not be approved for the study. Also, participants with medical conditions such as severe motion sickness or a history of seizures will not be approved for participation in the study.

RISKS

Driving Simulator

The risks for this experiment are primarily related to motion sickness that you might experience as you are driving in the simulator. Motion sickness does not happen to everyone, but typical motion sickness symptoms include: general discomfort, fatigue, headache, eye strain, difficulty focusing, increased salivation, sweating, nausea, difficulty concentrating, fullness of head, blurred vision, dizzy eyes, vertigo, stomach awareness, and burping.

We will be monitoring you during the entire duration of the experiment for signs of motion sickness. During the frequent breaks, we will also ask you several questions on how you feel, so we determine whether you start to experience motion sickness or not.

Additionally, you might experience mild stress during decision-making during the driving portion of the study, but this stressor is no more than most people experience on a daily basis. You might also experience mild anxiety about being video recorded while you are driving.

Behavioral Testing

The testing, as with any testing, may be an inconvenience and cause fatigue, but the tests are not known to cause undue distress or emotional stress. You may be asked to perform a task that you find very difficult or irritating. If you find the task too annoying or frustrating the experiment will be discontinued. Although there is a possible risk of loss of confidentiality with the maintenance of databases, every effort will be made to minimize this risk through the use of password-protection and the separation of name and contact information from behavioral testing results as discussed above.

Electroencephalogram

There are no risks associated with EEG recordings. There might be slight itchiness or tightness around the head due to the application of the head cap and electrodes.

Heart Rate Chest Strap

There are no risks associated with the Polar HR10 monitor.

BENEFITS

There are no direct personal benefits from participating in this research.

PAYMENT TO PARTICIPANTS

You will be given \$50 compensation (in the form of a gift card) for participating in this driving simulator data collection experiment. You will be receiving cash at the end of the experiment. Investigators may ask for your social security number in order to comply with federal and state tax and accounting regulations.

PARTICIPANT CONFIDENTIALITY

Your name will not be associated in any publication or presentation with the information collected about you or with the research findings from this study. Instead, the researchers will use a study number or a pseudonym rather than your name. Your identifiable information will not be shared unless (a) it is required by law or university policy, or (b) you give written permission.

Permission granted on this date to use and disclose your information remains in effect indefinitely. By signing this form you give permission for the use and disclosure of your information for purposes of this study at any time in the future.

INSTITUTIONAL DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

In the event of injury, the Kansas Tort Claims Act provides for compensation if it can be demonstrated that the injury was caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of a state employee acting within the scope of his/her employment.

REFUSAL TO SIGN CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION

You are not required to sign this Consent and Authorization form and you may refuse to do so without affecting your right to any services you are receiving or may receive from the University of Kansas or to participate in any programs or events of the University of Kansas. However, if you refuse to sign, you cannot participate in this study.

CANCELLING THIS CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATION

You may withdraw your consent to participate in this study at any time, without consequence, and receive part of the compensation of \$10 in gift card. If participants do not show up at appointment time or withdraw before the start of the study, no compensation will be provided.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPATION

If you have any questions or concerns about the research study, please contact Vishal Kummetha or Dr. Alexandra Kondyli. They will be glad to answer any of your concerns (Contact information is provided below).

PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

I have read this Consent and Authorization form. I have had the opportunity to ask, and I have received answers to, any questions I had regarding the study. I understand that if I have any additional questions about my rights as a research participant, I may call (785) 864-7429 or (785) 864-7385, write the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP), University of Kansas, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7568, or email irb@ku.edu.

I agree to take part in this study as a research participant. By my signature I affirm that I am at least 18 years old and that I have received a copy of this Consent and Authorization form.

_____ Type/Print Participant's Name	_____ Date
_____ Participant's Signature	

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Appendix D Prescreening and Behavioral Questionnaire

Internet Information Statement

Internet Information Statement The Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering at the University of Kansas supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in the present study. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate, you are free to withdraw at anytime without penalty.

The research is part of a Mid-America transportation Center (MATC) project and will be used to analyze driver behavior and aggressiveness. The findings of this research will help us better understand how driver behavior and aggressiveness are linked to changes in driving performance and workload. The study will entail your completion of a questionnaire. The questionnaire packet is expected to take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

The content of the questionnaire should cause no more discomfort than you experience in your everyday life. Additionally, we believe that the information obtained from this study will help us gain a better understanding of how people behave when they drive. Your participation is solicited, although strictly voluntary. Your name will not be associated in any way with the research findings. It is possible, however, with internet communications, that through intent or accident someone other than the intended recipient may see your response. You will be asked about physical/mental health conditions, personality traits, and driving history including accidents and traffic violations. The questionnaire will be used as a screening tool to determine eligible participants for the driving simulator intervention. Participants will be given a unique identifier, following participant invitation and participation, links between study code numbers and direct identifiers will be immediately destroyed.

If you would like additional information concerning this study before or after it is completed, please feel free to contact us by phone or mail.

Completion of the survey indicates your willingness to participate in this project and that you are at least age eighteen. If you have any additional questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call (785) 864-7429, write the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP), University of Kansas, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7563, or email irb@ku.edu.

Eligibility Criteria:

Participants are required to be between the ages of 18 and 65 years. Participants are selected based on possession of a valid US driver's license with at least 1 year of driving

experience and no less than 1000 miles of annual driving. Participants with any significant heart conditions or at any stage of pregnancy will not be approved for the study. Also, participants with medical conditions such as severe motion sickness or a history of seizures will not be approved for participation in the study.

On completion of the questionnaires, participants will be contacted with their respective appointment date/time for the driving simulator study. On completion of the 80 minute driving simulator study, participants will receive a \$50 gift card (cash value) as compensation for their time.

Sincerely,

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Participant information

Age:

Highest level of education:

E-mail address:

Participant information cont.

Which hand do you write with?

- Right
 Left
 Both

What was the first language that you spoke?

Do you speak other languages?

- Yes
- No

If so, which?

And, at what age did you learn it?

Participant information cont.

Have you been diagnosed with any of the following?

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Dyslexia
- Other learning disabilities. Please specify:
- Depression. When and duration:

Have you ever sustained head injury?

- Yes
- No

If yes please list and describe:

Are you taking any prescription medication?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list and describe:

Demographics

Gender:

- Male
- Female
- Other:
- Prefer not to disclose

Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino
- Prefer not to disclose

Race:

- American Indian/ Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander
- Black/ African American
- White
- More than one race:
- Other:
- Prefer not to disclose

Screening questionnaire

What is your occupation?

What is the highest educational qualification you have or are working towards (high school, undergraduate degree, graduate school)? Also state the specialization if any.

Do you possess a valid U.S. Driver's license?

- Yes
- No

Date driver's license was first obtained?

State your average annual mileage (approximate)?

If you have a vehicle, what is the make-year of your current vehicle?

Is your vehicle equipped with Anlocking brakes (ABS)?

- Yes
- No

Do you currently have an acvve vehicle insurance? Select all valid:

- Liability
- Comprehensive
- Collision

How much do you enjoy driving? (0 = not at all; 10 = love it)



How often do you drive?

- Never
- Sometimes
- About half the time
- Often
- Always

How often do you use your cell phone while driving?

- Never
- Sometimes
- About half the time
- Most of the time
- Always

Number of accidents/ crashes in the last 5 years?

- 0 - 1
- 2 - 3
- > 3

Number of traffic violations/tickets received in the last 2 years?

- 0 - 1
- 2 - 3
- > 3

How close do you like to follow/tail the lead vehicle while driving at 70 mph?

- Very close
- Close
- Regular
- Slightly far
- Not close at all

Provide a value in seconds and distance for the previous question

How close do you like to follow/tail the lead vehicle while driving at 50 mph?

- Very close Close Regular Slightly far Not close at all
-

Provide a value in seconds and distance for the previous question

How close do you like to follow/tail the lead vehicle while driving at 30 mph?

- Very close Close Regular Slightly far Not close at all
-

Provide a value in seconds and distance for the previous question

What speed do you usually drive at in a 70 mph roadway?

What speed do you usually drive at in a 50 mph roadway?

What speed do you usually drive at in a 30 mph roadway?

How often do you check your rear and side mirrors in a 20 minute drive?

- Less than 5 times
 5 to 10 times
 10 to 20 times
 > 20 times

While driving to work, do you allow cars to merge ahead of you?

- Never
 Rarely
 Often

When merging from an on-ramp, do you try to merge ahead or behind the approaching vehicle?

- Ahead
 Behind

Have your co-passengers ever mentioned about your braking intensity? (last 2 years)

- Yes
 No

If so, how often?

- Less than 3 times
 3 to 5 times
 6 to 10 times

What is the bumper to bumper distance you prefer when completely stopped in traffic (0 mph)?

- Feet
 Car lengths

How long do you typically wait after deciding to change a lane?

- < 3 seconds
- 3 - 6 seconds
- > 6 seconds

Medical history (eye condions, heart condions, known arrhythmia, epilepsy, seizures, hearing aid, pregnancy, arthritis, motion sickness)?

- No knowledge of the above mentioned conditions
- If yes, please specify

Experience with automation

Have you ever used any form of automation apart from cruise control in any land vehicle?

- Yes
- No

If yes, does your current vehicle have any of the following automation systems: adaptive cruise control, emergency braking assist, lane keep assist, automatic lane changing?
select all that apply

- None
- Adaptive cruise control
- Emergency braking assist
- Lane keep assist
- Automatic lane changing
- Other

If yes, how comfortable are you with using the above mentioned systems? (scale 1 to 5)

- 1 (Not comfortable at all)
- 2
- 3

- 4
- 5 (Extremely comfortable)

If your vehicle is NOT equipped with any of the above systems, how willing are you to try these systems? (scale 1 to 5)

- 1 (Not willing)
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 (Very willing)

PANAS

This scale consists of a number of words that describe different feelings and emotions. Read each item and slide the bar accordingly to indicate the appropriate answer under the word. Indicate to what extent you have felt this way during the past week.

Use the following scale to record your answers.

(1) = Very slightly or not at all (2) = A little (3) = Moderately (4) = Quite a bit (5) = Extremely

	1	2	3	4	5
Interested					
Distressed					
Excited					
Upset					
Strong					
Guilty					
Scared					
Hostile					
Enthusiastic					
Proud					
Irritable					
Alert					
Ashamed					

	1	2	3	4	5
Inspired					
Nervous					
Determined					
Attentive					
Jittery					
Active					
Afraid					

NFC_Scale

For each of the statements below, please indicate to what extent the statement is characteristic of you. If the statement is extremely uncharacteristic of you (not at all like you) please indicate by choosing the appropriate option.

	Extremely uncharacteristic	Somewhat uncharacteristic	Uncertain	Somewhat characteristic	Extremely characteristic
I would prefer complex to simple problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to have the responsibility of handling a situation that requires a lot of thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thinking is not my idea of fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would rather do something that requires little thought than something that is sure to challenge my thinking abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to anticipate and avoid situations where there is a likely chance I will have to think in depth about something	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find satisfaction in deliberating hard and long for hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I only think as hard as I have to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer to think about small, daily projects to long-term ones	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Extremely uncharacteristic	Somewhat uncharacteristic	Uncertain	Somewhat characteristic	Extremely characteristic
I like tasks that require little thought once I've learned them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The idea of relying on thought to make my way to the top appeals to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I really enjoy a task that involves coming up with new solutions to problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning new ways to think doesn't excite me very much	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer my life to be filled with puzzles that I must solve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The notion of thinking abstractly is appealing to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would prefer a task that is intellectual, difficult, and important than one that is somewhat important but does not require much thought	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel relief rather than satisfaction after completing a task that required a lot of mental effort	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It's enough for me that something gets the job done; I don't care how it works	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I usually end up deliberating about issues even when they do not affect me personally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

NEO-FFI

Read each statement carefully. For each statement indicate the response that best represents your opinion.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I am not a worrier	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to have a lot of people around me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I don't like to waste my time daydreaming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to be courteous to everyone I meet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I keep my belongings clean and neat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often feel inferior to others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I laugh easily	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Once I find the right way to do something I stick to it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often get into arguments with my family and coworkers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'm pretty good about pacing myself so as to get things done on time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I'm under a great deal of stress, sometimes I feel like I'm going to pieces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't consider myself especially "lighthearted"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am intrigued by the patterns I find in art and nature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some people think I'm selfish and egotistical	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not a very methodical person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I rarely feel lonely and blue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I really enjoy talking to people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe letting students hear controversial speakers can only confuse and mislead them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would rather cooperate with others than compete with them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to perform all the tasks assigned to me conscientiously	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

NEO-FFI pt. 2

Continued

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I often feel tense and jittery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to be where the action is	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Poetry has little or no effect on me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I tend to be cynical and skeptical of others' intentions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a clear set of goals and work toward them in an orderly fashion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes I feel completely worthless	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I usually prefer to do things alone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I often try new foreign foods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that most people will take advantage of you if you let them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I waste a lot of time before settling down to work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I rarely feel fearful or anxious	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often feel as if I'm bursting with energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I seldom notice the moods or feelings that different environments produce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most people I know like me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I work hard to accomplish my goals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often get angry at the way people treat me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a cheerful, high-spirited person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe we should look to our religious authorities for decisions on moral issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some people think of me as cold and calculating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I make a commitment, I can always be counted on to follow through	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

NEO-FFI pt. 3

Continued

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Too often, when things go wrong, I get discouraged and feel like giving up	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not a cheerful optimist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes when I am reading poetry or looking at a work of art, I feel a chill or wave of excitement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'm hard-headed and tough-minded in attitudes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes I am not as dependable or reliable as I should be	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am seldom sad or depressed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My life is fast-paced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have little interest in speculating on the nature of the universe or human condition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I generally try to be thoughtful and considerate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am a productive person who always gets the job done	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often feel helpless and want someone else to solve my problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I am a very active person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a lot of intellectual curiosity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I don't like people, I let them know it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I never seem to be able to get organized	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At times I have been so ashamed I just want to hide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would rather go my own way than be a leader of others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often enjoy playing with theories or abstract ideas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If necessary, I am willing to manipulate people to get what I want	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I strive for excellence in everything I do	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Cognitive Reflection Test (CRT)

A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

If it takes 5 machines 5 minutes to make 5 widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets?

In a lake, there is a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake?

Interpersonal Reactivity Index

The following statements inquire about your thoughts and feelings in a variety of situations. For each item, indicate how well it describes you by choosing the appropriate option on the scale at the top of the page. READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY BEFORE RESPONDING. Answer as honestly as you can. Thank you.

	Does not describe me well at all	Describes me poorly	Neutral	Describes me slightly well	Describes me very well
I daydream and fantasize, with some regularity, about things that might happen to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often have tender, concerned feelings for people less fortunate than me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I sometimes find it difficult to see things from the "other guy's" point of view.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes I don't feel very sorry for other people when they are having problems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I really get involved with the feelings of the characters in a novel.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In emergency situations, I feel apprehensive and ill-at-ease.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am usually objective when I watch a movie or play, and I don't often get completely caught up in it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to look at everybody's side of a disagreement before I make a decision.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I see someone being taken advantage of, I feel kind of protective towards them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I sometimes feel helpless when I am in the middle of a very emotional situation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I sometimes try to understand my friends better by imagining how things look from their perspective.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Does not describe me well at all	Describes me poorly	Neutral	Describes me slightly well	Describes me very well
Becoming extremely involved in a good book or movie is somewhat rare for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I see someone get hurt, I tend to remain calm.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other people's misfortunes do not usually disturb me a great deal.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I'm sure I'm right about something, I don't waste much time listening to other people's arguments.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After seeing a play or movie, I have felt as though I were one of the characters.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being in a tense emotional situation scares me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I see someone being treated unfairly, I sometimes don't feel very much pity for them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am usually pretty effective in dealing with emergencies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am often quite touched by things that I see happen.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that there are two sides to every question and try to look at them both.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would describe myself as a pretty soft-hearted person.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I watch a good movie, I can very easily put myself in the place of a leading character.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I tend to lose control during emergencies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

When I'm upset at someone, I usually try to "put myself in his shoes" for a while.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I am reading an interesting story or novel, I imagine how I would feel if the events in the story were happening to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I see someone who badly needs help in an emergency, I go to pieces.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Before criticizing somebody, I try to imagine how I would feel if I were in their place.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Empathy Assessment Index

Please answer every prompt

	Yes	No
I am open to listening to the points of view of others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can imagine what it's like to be in someone else's shoes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If a person is poor, I believe it is the result of bad personal choices.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I see a stranger crying, I feel like crying.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe unemployment is brought on by individuals' failures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can tell how I am feeling emotionally by noticing how my body feels.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When something exciting happens, I get so excited I feel out of control.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Yes	No
I consider other people's point of view in discussions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seeing someone dance makes me want to move my feet.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When someone insults me or verbally attacks me, I don't let it bother me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not aware of how I feel about a situation until after the situation is over.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe poverty is brought on by individuals' failures.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When a friend is sad and it affects me deeply, it does not interfere with my own quality of life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I see a friend crying, I feel like crying.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel what another person is feeling, even when I do not know the person.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe adults who are poor deserve social assistance.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am aware of my thoughts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I am with a sad person, I feel sad myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe government should support our well-being.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Watching a happy movie makes me feel happy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can tell the difference between someone else's feelings and my own.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have angry outbursts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a physical reaction (such as shaking, crying or going numb) when I am upset.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I am with a happy person, I feel happy myself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Yes	No
When I care deeply for people, it feels like their emotions are my own.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think society should help out children in need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I am upset or unhappy, I get over it quickly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can imagine what it is like to be poor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can explain to others how I am feeling.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can agree to disagree with other people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I get overwhelmed by other people's anxiety.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When a friend is happy, I become happy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe government should be expected to help individuals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to view both sides of an issue.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Emotional evenness describes me well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friends view me as a moody person.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is easy for me to see other people's point of view.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am aware of how other people think of me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I get upset, I need a lot of time to get over it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When a friend is sad, I become sad.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can distinguish my friend's feelings from my own.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have large emotional swings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can imagine what the character is feeling in a well written book.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hearing laughter makes me smile.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I rush into things without thinking.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Yes	No
I think society should help out adults in need.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I watch other people's feelings without being overwhelmed by them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am comfortable helping a person of a different race or ethnicity than my own.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe the United States economic system allows for anyone to get ahead.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can simultaneously consider my point of view and another person's point of view.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Baron-Cohen and Wheelwright

Below is a list of statements. Please read each statement carefully and rate how strongly you agree

or disagree with it by circling your answer. There are no right or wrong answers, or trick questions.

Please do not skip any statement.

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
I can easily tell if someone else wants to enter a conversation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer animals to humans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to keep up with the current trends and fashions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find it difficult to explain to others things that I understand easily, when they don't understand it first time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I dream most nights.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I really enjoy caring for other people.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to solve my own problems rather than discussing them with others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find it hard to know what to do in a social situation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am at my best first thing in the morning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
People often tell me that I went too far in driving my point home in a discussion.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It doesn't bother me too much if I am late meeting a friend.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friendships and relationships are just too difficult, so I tend not to bother with them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would never break a law, no matter how minor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often find it difficult to judge if something is rude or polite.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In a conversation, I tend to focus on my own thoughts rather than on what my listener might be thinking.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer practical jokes to verbal humor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I live life for today rather than the future.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I was a child, I enjoyed cutting up worms to see what would happen.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can pick up quickly if someone says one thing but means another.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I tend to have very strong opinions about morality.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is hard for me to see why some things upset people so much.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find it easy to put myself in somebody else's shoes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think that good manners are the most important thing a parent can teach their child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I like to do things on the spur of the moment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am good at predicting how someone will feel.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
I am quick to spot when someone in a group is feeling awkward or uncomfortable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I say something that someone else is offended by, I think that that's their problem, not mine.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If anyone asked me if I liked their haircut, I would reply truthfully, even if I didn't like it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can't always see why someone should have felt offended by a remark.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People often tell me that I am very unpredictable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Baron-Cohen and Wheelwright continued

Continued

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Psychological Entitlement Scale

Please respond to the following items using the number that best reflects your own beliefs.

	Strongly disagree	Moderately disagree	Slightly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Slightly agree	Moderately agree	Strongly agree
I honestly feel I'm just more deserving than others.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Great things should come to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I were on the Titanic, I would deserve to be on the first lifeboat!	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I demand the best because I'm worth it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not necessarily deserve special treatment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I deserve more things in my life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People like me deserve and extra break now and then.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Things should go my way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel entitled to more of everything.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Moral Dilemmas

Footbridge: An empty runaway trolley is speeding down a set of tracks toward five railway workmen. There is a footbridge above the tracks in between the runaway trolley and the five workmen. On this footbridge is a railway workman wearing a large, heavy backpack. If nothing is done, the trolley will proceed down the main tracks and cause the deaths of the five workmen. It is possible to avoid these five deaths. Joe is a bystander who understands what is going on and who happens to be standing right behind the workman on the footbridge. Joe sees that he can avoid the deaths of the five workmen by pushing the workman with the heavy backpack off of the footbridge and onto the tracks below. The trolley will collide with the workman, and the combined weight of the workman and the backpack will be enough to stop the trolley, avoiding the deaths of the five workmen. But the collision will cause the death of the workman with the backpack.

Question: Is it morally acceptable for Joe to push the workman off of the footbridge in order to avoid the deaths of the five workmen, causing the death of the single workman instead?

Everyday Moral Dilemmas (Negative)

You will now read a series of brief stories in which somebody (the actor) describes a particular situation. The people are males and females and are of a variety of different ages. You will be asked to provide a rating about each story. Each scale will be from 1 to 7. Only whole number responses are permissible.

I go online a lot to meet people. I talk to a number of different people and lie to all of them. I lie about facts such as my job, looks, and where I'm from.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

After I got in the Marine Corps, a friend of mine and I were trying to get false IDs so that we could get into the bars and clubs. We asked the clerk to change our dates of birth. We told her that the dates were wrong.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was in a French class with a guy named Jason. He found a copy of a test we were going to have. I bought it from him for a dollar.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I remember when public transportation buses started charging a dollar. My friends and I would tear the dollar into 4 pieces and fold it up so it looked like a dollar. I would use a dollar for four rides.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Years ago, my partner and I were friends with another couple. Then I started going out with one of the people in the other relationship secretly. It was really awkward when all four of us would have dinner together.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

When I was 17 years old I had two boyfriends. I would see one and then go visit the other. Sometimes one would drive up to my house as the other was driving away. Neither of them ever found out.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I slept with one of my math teachers and I really hope nobody ever finds out about it. At the time he said he was separated from his wife, so I knew that he was married.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

When my partner was very sick a few years ago he had to walk very slowly. He needed a cane and couldn't move fast. I was very impatient with him and told him to move faster.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

When I was in high school, this old man died. Some guys and I went into his house and I took a pair of old work boots. I put them in the trunk of my car.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was seeing a married man named Frank in my early twenties. He wasn't 100% sure that he wanted to be with me because he was married and had kids. So, we had been together for a year and a half when I decided to cheat on Frank with a man at work.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was thirteen years old and I went into the grocery store where I lived. There was a comb that I wanted in the store, so I just took it. I didn't really need it but I just wanted the thrill of stealing it and nobody catching me.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

A little while ago I had to go to the DMV to get my drivers license renewed. They told me that I had to take a written test in which I had three attempts to pass. I failed the first two times so I cheated on the final attempt.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I took my sister's ring that was given to her by our father's aunt. I had never met our father's aunt but my sister spent some time with her. I took the ring because I didn't think that my sister deserved it.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
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I worked in a cosmetics department store in the 80's. I started stealing clothes by pretending to ring them up, as if I was buying them, and then just putting them in my bag. I kept taking clothes and eventually the store found out.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was married for three years when I became attracted to a woman at work. One night when my wife was away with friends I was unfaithful to her. I then continued to have an affair.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

A couple of years ago, I was out on the streets using drugs. I had a very young attractive girlfriend. I used to let her do whatever she wanted to do, like prostitution and stuff like that.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was responsible for the financial wellbeing of the women members in my family. They really needed all the money that they had and could get. So, through a bit of "creative reporting" on their taxes, I ended up cheating the government out of about \$100,000.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was getting a massage at the gym and the massage therapist came on to me. I was dating a guy named Brad at the time though. I was unfaithful to Brad and had sex with the man who was massaging me.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I used to work as a legal assistant. I lied to clients all of the time, the attorney I worked for lied all the time too. We just lie to our clients so things will work out the best for us.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I have cheated pretty much all of my life. The most recent time was because I was in a long distance relationship. There were so many opportunities to cheat that I just gave into the temptation.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I cheated on my present boyfriend. I didn't understand why he did not want to get married. I felt like he didn't want to get married because of me and because he didn't want to be with me, so I thought it was okay to have an affair.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Ten years ago I was staying with a friend who lived in a house of a very famous man. There were many autographed books in the house. I stole one of the books, which was autographed by a very famous celebrity.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

There was a time for about a month that I was kind of into crystal methane. At the time I snuck around and did it in my house. My mother didn't know that I was doing it in the bathroom.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I was in a relationship with a girl named Pam that I didn't really want to be with anymore. I was attracted to another girl named Annie who I hung out with often. So, she and I engaged in very loud sexual play on my couch so that Pam would hear us in the other room.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

I put a poster that I had on EBay. There was a man who bid on it and paid with a system that sent the money directly to me. He was kind of a jerk during the whole transaction, so I decided not to send the poster and just keep the money.

YOUR MORAL JUDGMENT:

Extremely inappropriate	Moderately inappropriate	Slightly inappropriate	Neither appropriate nor inappropriate	Slightly appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Extremely appropriate
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Thank you for your participation.

Appendix E SART Questionnaire

Instability of Situation

How changeable is the situation? Is the situation highly unstable and likely to change suddenly (high), or is it very stable and straightforward (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Complexity of Situation

How complicated is the situation? Is it complex with many interrelated components (high) or is it simple and straightforward (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Variability of Situation

How many variables are changing in the situation? Are there large number of factors varying (high) or are there very few variables changing (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Arousal

How aroused are you in the situation? Are you alert and ready for activity (high) or do you have a low degree of alertness (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Concentration of Attention

How much are you concentrating on the situation? Are you concentrating on many aspects of the situation (high) or focused on only one (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Division of Attention

How much is your attention divided in this situation? Are you concentrating on many aspects of the situation (high) or focused on only one (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Spare Mental Capacity

How much mental capacity do you have to spare in the situation? Do you have sufficient to attend to many variables (high) or nothing to spare at all (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Information Quantity

How much information have you gained about the situation? Have you received and understood a great deal of knowledge (high) or very little (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Information Quality

How good is the information you have gained about the situation? Is the knowledge communicated very useful (high) or is it insufficient (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Familiarity with Situation

How familiar are you with the situation? Do you have a great deal of relevant experience (high) or is it a new situation (low)?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Appendix F Participant Demographics

ID	Age	Gender	Age of license	Annual mileage	Education level	Enjoy driving	Cellphone usage	Crash history	Ticket history	Current Insurance
M001	23	1	9	6500	2	7	8	1	1	1
M002	28	2	15	15000	5	6	4	1	1	3
M003	22	1	2	4000	2	8	3	1	1	1
M004	21	1	3	7500	2	9	8	1	1	2
M005	21	1	0	10000	2	8	3	1	1	2
M006	20	1	4	10000	2	10	8	1	1	2
M007	18	1	3	6000	2	10	3	1	1	3
M008	19	1	4	7000	2	10	3	1	1	3
M009	22	1	0	10000	2	7	4	2	1	3
M010	19	1	1	2000	2	7	2	1	1	1
M011	19	1	5	7000	2	10	10	1	1	1
M012	20	1	4	8000	2	5	1	1	1	2
M013	21	1	6	6000	2	8	4	1	1	3
M014	19	1	3	7000	2	9	3	1	1	NA
M015	21	1	6	10000	2	10	3	1	1	3
M016	20	1	3	20000	2	6	4	1	1	3
M017	37	2	23	10000	3	4	1	1	1	1
M018	23	1	8	5000	2	7	7	1	1	1
M019	19	1	3	15000	2	10	2	1	2	1
M020	18	1	3	20000	2	10	10	1	3	1
M021	19	1	4	7500	2	9	1	2	1	1
M022	22	1	7	12000	3	10	8	1	2	3
M023	21	1	0	1000	2	NA	4	1	1	1
M024	21	1	5	10000	2	7	4	1	1	2
M025	18	1	4	6000	2	10	3	1	1	3
M026	21	2	6	12000	2	7	3	1	1	NA
M027	20	2	5	6000	2	6	3	1	1	3
M028	21	2	0	10000	2	8	4	1	1	1
M029	59	2	26	6000	2	9	1	2	1	1
M030	51	2	33	25000	3	8	3	1	1	3
M031	23	2	8	20000	2	8	4	1	1	3
M032	21	2	7	8000	2	9	1	1	1	1
M033	50	2	35	10000	2	7	6	1	1	1
M034	22	2	0	10000	4	8	2	1	1	3
M035	19	2	4	12500	2	10	2	1	3	1
M036	18	2	0	6500	2	7	4	1	1	3
M037	19	2	0	10000	2	8	1	1	1	2
M038	19	2	4	1000	2	9	4	1	1	3
M039	21	2	6	1000	2	6	5	1	1	2
M040	19	2	4	15000	2	8	7	1	1	1
M041	20	2	4	12000	2	10	10	1	1	3

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M042	21	2	4	25000	2	6	2	1	1	1
M043	20	2	5	10000	2	8	1	1	2	3
M044	22	2	0	5000	2	9	4	2	1	2
M045	20	2	5	10000	2	7	5	1	3	1
M046	54	2	38	25000	4	10	7	1	1	3
M047	21	2	4	9000	2	8	8	1	1	2
M048	19	2	3	10000	2	8	4	1	1	1
M049	20	1	5	5000	2	8	1	1	1	1
M050	23	1	7	10000	4	8	2	1	1	3
M051	27	1	8	30000	3	10	2	1	1	1
M052	46	1	28	20000	3	9	4	1	1	1
M053	48	1	31	12000	3	8	1	1	1	1
M054	27	1	0	8000	5	10	NA	2	1	3
M055	31	1	17	10000	5	7	3	1	1	3
M056	46	1	29	1700	5	4	2	1	1	1
M057	29	1	14	15000	5	6	3	1	2	3
M058	26	1	0	13000	3	5	2	2	1	3
M059	36	1	20	15000	2	10	2	1	1	1
M060	49	1	33	45000	3	8	4	1	1	1
M061	25	1	0	11000	1	10	3	1	1	3
M062	46	1	30	20000	3	10	3	1	1	3
M063	38	1	22	45000	3	7	6	2	1	1
M064	35	2	20	2000	2	6	1	1	1	1
M065	26	2	2	12000	4	10	7	1	1	1
M066	42	2	26	16000	3	9	3	1	1	3
M067	40	2	22	27000	3	9	NA	1	1	1
M068	26	2	3	10000	5	NA	5	1	1	3
M069	42	2	27	2000	3	7	4	1	1	2
M070	36	2	22	19000	5	8	6	1	1	3
M071	34	2	19	40000	3	10	2	2	1	3
M072	48	2	32	8000	5	8	1	1	1	3
M073	31	2	17	10000	1	10	9	1	1	3
M074	30	2	15	13000	5	9	4	1	1	3
M075	32	2	16	24000	5	NA	7	1	1	2
M076	28	2	12	12000	3	6	4	1	1	3
M077	56	1	37	1200	5	5	1	1	1	1
M078	58	1	45	7500	1	9	2	1	1	1
M079	61	1	46	15000	2	10	5	1	1	3
M080	53	1	37	18000	2	10	1	1	1	1
M081	56	1	41	20000	2	10	2	1	1	1
M082	56	1	41	5000	1	8	1	1	1	1
M083	25	1	9	11000	2	8	4	1	1	3
M084	53	2	36	10000	2	10	1	1	1	3

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M085	60	2	46	1000	1	6	NA	1	1	3
M086	64	2	49	8000	3	8	NA	1	1	3
M087	57	2	41	10000	5	9	2	1	1	3
M088	57	2	41	13000	3	8	5	1	1	3
M089	20	2	5	12000	2	6	3	1	1	1
M090	55	2	40	15000	3	10	3	1	1	3
Mean	31.4	1.5	14.6	12043.3	2.6	8.2	3.8	1.1	1.1	NA
SD	14.2	0.5	14.6	8561.1	1.1	1.6	2.4	0.3	0.4	NA

*NA indicates missing or not completed information.

Education level {1: High school; 2: Current college student; 3: Finished college; 4: Current graduate student; 5: Finished graduate school with at least a master's degree}

Current insurance {1: Liability; 2: Comprehensive; 3: Collision}