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9 **Abstract.** This study investigates how cognitive distraction affects driver  
10 behaviour on a two-lane motorway reduced to one lane (the left) in a short-term  
11 work zone along a left-hand curve. Forty-two participants were divided into two  
12 groups: undistracted and cognitively distracted drivers – with the latter required  
13 to perform mental calculations. Drivers had to react to the sudden and unexpected  
14 appearance of stationary vehicles in a queue. Distracted drivers started braking at  
15 higher speeds and released the accelerator later than undistracted ones. Their  
16 reaction times were significantly longer, and five of them could not avoid a  
17 collision with the last vehicle in the queue. Heat maps of eye fixations show that  
18 distracted drivers focused their gaze on a few elements of the road section,  
19 predominantly on the inside of the carriageway, while undistracted drivers looked  
20 at a wider area of the road scenario. Distracted drivers exhibited delayed  
21 responses to unexpected events, highlighting the importance of addressing  
22 cognitive distraction in road work zones. Given the high frequency of roadworks  
23 on motorways, specific safety countermeasures are needed to compensate for the  
24 objective risk posed by unexpected events in scenarios where distracted drivers  
25 operate with limited available sight distance.  
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28 **Keywords:** cognitive distraction; short-term work zone; safety; available sight  
29 distance; driving simulation; gaze analysis.  
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## Introduction

Even though they accommodate a considerable volume of traffic including a wide variety of vehicles like cars, lorries, buses, etc. (Romanowska *et al.*, 2019), motorways guarantee higher safety standards than other types of roads (Albalate & Bel, 2012; Elvik, 2010). They are high-capacity roads designed for fast-moving traffic, with smooth curves, low grades, unidirectional carriageways, multiple lanes, controlled accesses, and built and maintained with high-quality materials, with the aim of reducing crash risks compared to rural or urban roads. In 2022, the number of fatalities on motorways (9.1%) was lower than on urban (38.2%) and rural roads (52.7%) in Europe (Eurostat, 2024).

Given the high safety, the comfort requirements and the age of the motorway network in many countries, roadworks on motorways are frequent (European Commission, 2019; Walker & Calvert, 2015; World Road Association, 2014). The resulting work zones cause traffic instability due to temporary lane width reduction, the imposition of shoulder restrictions, the closure of one or more lanes (Bakaba & Ortlepp, 2016; Rashid *et al.*, 2019; Yousif *et al.*, 2017), and a reduction in the available sight distance (Vignali *et al.*, 2019). Several studies have shown that the incidence and severity of road crashes increase in construction work zones (Khattak *et al.*, 2002; Li & Bai, 2008; Theofilatos *et al.*, 2017; Wang *et al.* 2024), with a notable increase in rear-end collisions (Meng & Weng, 2011; Zheng *et al.*, 2010). When motorways are not congested, the driving task is relatively simple, and the driver's mental workload is usually low (Patten *et al.*, 2004; Tejero & Choliz, 2002). In contrast, when approaching work zones, drivers must make complex decisions to adjust speed and lane position, often resulting in potential conflicts between vehicle paths (La Torre *et al.*, 2017; Shahin *et al.*, 2023, Shakouri *et al.*, 2014). In these circumstances, the driver's mental

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4 workload increases and any distraction from the driving task could lead to a collision  
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Distracted driving is one of the most influential factors in road safety, and the number of crashes resulting from distraction is increasing worldwide (Sajid Hasan *et al.*, 2022). When drivers divert their attention from the driving task to competing activities, driving performance deteriorates and the risk of a crash increases (Choudhary *et al.*, 2020; Horberry *et al.*, 2006; Regan *et al.*, 2011). Klauer *et al.* (2006) found that almost 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crash events were preceded by driver inattention. Mobile phone use and texting while driving are currently the most common sources of driving distraction, and involve the simultaneous performance of visual, physical, and cognitive secondary tasks (Lipovac *et al.*, 2017; Valdes *et al.*, 2019; World Health Organization, 2011).

Physiological measures play a crucial role in understanding driving behaviour (de Waard, 1996), even under distracted conditions. Eye-tracking is used to detect eye movements and determine where drivers focus their attention on the road. Cognitive distraction is known to affect gaze behaviour and the ability to focus on critical elements of the driving environment (Itoh *et al.*, 2006; Marquart *et al.*, 2015). Measures like gaze duration, fixation locations, blink rates and saccadic movements can be employed to interpret drivers' visual patterns and cognitive processes while driving (Niezgoda *et al.*, 2015; Savage *et al.*, 2020; Yahoodik *et al.*, 2020; Yang *et al.*, 2018). The performance of relevant cognitive tasks leads to an increase in blink rates (Recrate *et al.*, 2008). Kummetha *et al.* (2020) demonstrated that changes in mental workload and situational awareness led to variations in longitudinal control and gaze behaviour. The average speed decreased as the mental workload increased, and the standard

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4 deviation of horizontal gaze position was observed to decrease as the mental workload  
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8 As roads age, the frequency of work zones for maintenance and upgrades  
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10 inevitably increases. Silverstein *et al.* (2016) analysed a dataset with detailed  
11 information on fatal collisions in the United States and found that distracted driving  
12 significantly contributes to the risk of crashes in work zones, specifically rear-end and  
13 sideswipe collisions. Since cognitive factors play a critical role in safety-related driving  
14 behaviours in work-zone areas (Rangaswamy *et al.*, 2024), it crucial to study driving  
15 distraction in this context. However, the behaviour of distracted drivers near work zones  
16 remains insufficiently explored, leaving a gap in our understanding of the implications  
17 for the safety of workers and drivers (Silveira *et al.*, 2023).  
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27 In this driving simulation study, we investigated the influence of cognitive  
28 distraction on driver behaviour along motorways in the proximity of short-term work  
29 zones. Forty-two participants were involved, divided into two groups: undistracted  
30 drivers who drove normally, and distracted drivers who had to solve simple  
31 mathematical operations in their head while driving, thus requiring them to perform a  
32 secondary cognitive (and auditory) task. The simulated scenario consisted of a two-lane  
33 motorway with a work zone located on a curved section with an available sight distance  
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## 48 **Method**

### 49 ***Experimental design and equipment***

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4 distraction investigated included (i) undistracted (baseline) and (ii) intentionally  
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10 driving simulator (AV Simulation, CDS 650) equipped with SCANeRStudio® software  
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12 (Figure 1). Three 32-inch full HD screens (1920 × 1080 pixels each) guaranteed a field  
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14 of view of 130° horizontally and 30° vertically. The simulator hardware included a  
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16 cockpit with a force feedback steering wheel and pedals, gearbox, and dashboard. To  
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18 ensure a realistic driving scenario, environmental and vehicular sound effects were  
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20 generated and emitted by five speakers located behind the screens and a subwoofer  
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22 under the driver's seat. The driving simulator has been validated for both longitudinal  
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24 and lateral driving behaviour (Bassani *et al.*, 2018; Catani & Bassani, 2019). An eye-  
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26 tracking system was used to study the drivers' gaze behaviour during the experiment  
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28 (Figure 1). This device had two internal cameras positioned close to the user's eyes and  
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30 an external front camera. This setup allowed the system to capture eye movements with  
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32 accuracy and detail and ensured minimal interference with the driver's field of view.  
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### 37 38 39 ***Road scenario, participants, and experimental protocol***

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42 Distraction is more likely to occur when the simplicity of the driving task and the  
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44 monotony of the road cause the driver to reduce attention to the primary task  
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46 (Farahmand & Boroujerdian, 2018; Zhao & Rong, 2012). Hence, a motorway scenario  
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48 was developed with two 4 km tangents connected by a curve (1200 m in radius, 2000 m  
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50 in length). The cross-section was 25 m wide, with two lanes (3.75 m in width) in each  
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52 travelled way and a 3 m wide emergency lane, according to category A of the Italian  
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54 technical standards (Ministero delle Infrastrutture e dei Trasporti, 2001). The posted  
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56 speed limit was set at 130 km/h along straights and 110 km/h along curves and indicated  
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10 enhance the realism of the scenario. The scenario was set to daylight weather and  
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12 optimal visibility conditions. After the second tangent, a second left-hand curve with a  
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14 radius of 1200 m was included. At the start of the curve, a short-term work zone was  
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16 defined along the right lane. Temporary signage, including a 60 km/h speed limit and  
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20 2002) was used to restrict the travelled way to a single lane, i.e., the left lane close to  
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22 the median barrier (see Figure 2). By definition, a short-term work zone is a temporary  
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24 area set up to accommodate construction or maintenance activities from a few hours to a  
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26 few days. Because of its limited duration, it represents an unexpected event for many  
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28 drivers. A few seconds after entering the restricted lane, drivers encountered stationary  
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30 vehicles in a queue ahead.  
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34 Along the left lane, the presence of the median guardrail (Figure 2) restricted the  
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36 available sight distance to 175 m. This distance was sufficient for drivers travelling at  
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38 60 km/h to bring their vehicle to a safe stop before the line of stationary traffic ahead.  
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40 Before entering the work zone, distracted drivers started to perform a secondary task  
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42 consisting of solving and answering some arithmetic operations (addition, subtraction,  
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44 multiplication, and division without regrouping) and providing the solution verbally.  
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46 The literature indicates that the performance of mathematical operations impairs driving  
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48 performance significantly more than the distraction due to conversation (Shinar *et al.*,  
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50 2005). All test drivers were given mathematical operations of the same level of  
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4 Forty-two participants (Table 1) aged between 23 and 63 years (fifteen females,  
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8 distraction along the work zone, we established an unbalanced number of drivers in the  
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10 two groups, with fourteen undistracted drivers (five females) and twenty-eight  
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12 distracted drivers (ten females). None of the participants was aware of the specific  
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14 hypothesis being tested during the experiment. The experiment followed the ethical  
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16 guidelines of the World Medical Association (2018). The test drivers were randomly  
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18 selected from a list of volunteers who had previously participated in simulation  
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20 experiments to ensure that they did not suffer from simulation sickness. They all  
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22 volunteered for the experiment without receiving any compensation. Participants with at  
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24 least three years of driving experience were considered for this study. People with  
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26 serious medical conditions or disabilities were not included.  
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31 The experimental protocol included a pre-drive questionnaire to collect  
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33 information on each participant's driving experience, health status, and familiarity with  
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35 the driving simulation. Following the pre-drive, but prior to the start of the simulation,  
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37 the eye-tracker was worn and calibrated. Then, the participants were asked to drive the  
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39 experimental scenario. The driving task started with a merging manoeuvre to gain  
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41 access to the motorway via a direct ramp. A written message displayed on the screen  
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43 announced the start of the secondary task 500 m before encountering the queue.  
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#### 46 47 **Data Analysis**

48 The station where the queue ahead first came into view was considered to measure the  
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50 speed ( $S$ ), as well as the distance travelled to assess the extent to which cognitive  
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52 distraction influences the driver's reaction to the queue (Strayer, 2015). According to  
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54 Figure 3, the stopping distance ( $d_{Stop}$ ), which includes the perception and reaction  
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4 distance as well as the braking distance, was estimated together with the distance from  
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8 released ( $d_{TR}$ ), and the distance from the station where the throttle was fully released to  
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10 the station where the driver started to press on the brake pedal ( $d_{AB}$ ). In addition to the  
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12 above distances, the average deceleration rate ( $D_R$ ) was measured every 0.1 s from the  
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14 point where the queue was visible to the stopping point, i.e., along the stopping distance  
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16 shown in Figure 3. In the simulation, some  $D_R$  values could be significantly higher than  
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18 those measured in the field under the same driving conditions. In the context of the  
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20 simulation,  $D_R$  better reflects the intensity of the driver's braking effort rather than a  
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22 vehicle dynamic parameter. In this study,  $D_R$  indicates how hard the driver tried to stop  
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24 the vehicle before reaching the queue.  
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28 The Welch's t-test was used to compare the results between the two levels of  
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30 distraction. It is a variant of the t-test used to compare the means of two independent  
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32 samples when their variances and sample sizes are different. Welch's t-tests were  
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34 performed using R software (R Core Team, 2024) with a significance level of .05. In  
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36 addition, a gaze behaviour analysis was conducted by extracting and manipulating the  
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38 raw data recorded by the eye-tracker. The number of blinks and fixations (mean and  
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40 standard deviation) was assessed and compared between undistracted and distracted  
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42 drivers from 500 m before the section where the queue was visible until the driver  
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44 stopped the vehicle, with distracted drivers performing the secondary task. A qualitative  
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46 analysis using heat maps was conducted to assess the visual patterns of the drivers and  
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48 to identify trends and differences in gaze behaviour between the two groups.  
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## Results

### *Driving behaviour*

A speed profile analysis allowed to classify the longitudinal behaviour of the drivers during braking. As shown in Figure 4, three profiles were identified:

- (1) Profile 1 was followed by those who released the accelerator quickly when they reached the section where the queue was visible, and then braked just as quickly; this rapid reaction was followed by a period of slow deceleration before the vehicle came to a complete stop behind the queue;
- (2) Profile 2 was followed by those who did not react quickly and, once they realised the danger, braked abruptly to avoid a collision with the vehicle in front;
- (3) Profile 3 was followed by those who did not stop in time to avoid the collision.

As shown in Table 2, 12 of the 14 undistracted drivers stopped their vehicle according to Profile 1, while only 2 of them reacted late according to Profile 2. All undistracted drivers avoided a collision. In contrast, only 13 out of 28 distracted drivers followed Profile 1, 10 out of 28 followed Profile 2, and five failed to avoid a collision (Profile 3).

[Figure 4 near here]

Table 2 also shows the descriptive statistics of the dependent variables analysed for both undistracted and distracted drivers. Box plots of the data are presented in Figure 5, together with the results of Welch's t-tests. The average speed of distracted drivers at the station where they were first able to see the queue was significantly higher than the speed of undistracted drivers,  $t(19) = -3.71, p = .001$  (Figure 5a). Among the undistracted drivers, 8 out of 14 passed that station without pressing the throttle and, together with those who did use the throttle (6 out of 14), they all released it within a

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4 shorter distance than distracted drivers (Figure 5f). The Welch's t-test showed that the  
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6 difference in  $d_{TR}$  between the two groups was statistically significant,  $t(38) = -3.13$ ,  
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8  $p = .003$ . However, no significant differences were found between  $d_{AB}$  averages,  
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10  $t(22) = 0.26$ ,  $p = .800$ . Distracted drivers had shorter stopping distances than  
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12 undistracted drivers,  $t(17) = -1.61$ ,  $p = .125$ , suggesting that they had to compensate for  
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14 their delayed braking response. The deceleration rate ( $D_R$ ) was strongly influenced by  
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16 the speed profiles shown in Figure 4, with the lowest rates for Profile 1 and the highest  
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18 for Profile 3. According to Figure 5b,  $D_R$  was significantly lower for undistracted  
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20 drivers than distracted ones,  $t(30) = -3.65$ ,  $p = .001$ .

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### 25 26 27 28 **Eye-tracking analysis**

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31 An analysis of the eye-tracking data is shown in Figure 6. Data recording started at the  
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33 point where the distracted drivers were asked to perform the secondary task. The box  
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35 plots show the number of blinks (Figure 6a) and fixations (Figure 6b) from 500 m  
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37 before the section where the queue was visible, when the secondary task for distracted  
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39 drivers had started. Blinks and eye fixations are both important indicators for  
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41 understanding driver behaviour, but they serve different purposes. Blinks, which  
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43 involve the rapid opening and closing of the eyelids, are often used to monitor alertness  
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45 and fatigue (Shekari Soleimanloo *et al.*, 2019; Stern *et al.*, 1994), while fixations,  
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47 defined as the act of maintaining the gaze on a specific object or area, help to evaluate  
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49 visual attention and cognitive processes during driving (Crundall & Underwood, 2011),  
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51 determining whether the driver is focusing on critical information. The number of blinks  
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53 for distracted drivers ( $M = 2.8$ ;  $SD = 3.5$ ) was higher than that for undistracted ones  
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55 ( $M = 1.0$ ;  $SD = 1.4$ ), albeit this difference was marginally significant,  $t(25) = 1.96$ ,  
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4  $p = .060$ ). The box plots also show a wider dispersal of data for distracted drivers,  
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8 participants. The number of fixations attributable to distracted drivers ( $M = 6.3$ ,  
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10  $SD = 2.4$ ) was significantly lower,  $t(25) = 2.16$ ,  $p = .040$ , than that for undistracted  
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12 drivers ( $M = 7.8$ ,  $SD = 1.4$ ).  
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17 The heat maps shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8 are the result of a fixation point  
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19 analysis and show two different types of gaze behaviour. Some drivers focused their  
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21 gaze on multiple points in the scene, giving them a wider view of the road environment.  
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23 Others tended to focus their gaze on a limited part of the road scene in front of them. A  
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25 qualitative analysis of the distribution of fixations shows that about 80% of the  
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27 undistracted drivers adopted the first type of behaviour (Figure 7). In contrast, about  
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29 77% of the distracted drivers narrowed their field of vision. About half of them focused  
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## 39 40 41 **Discussion**

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44 This driving simulation study investigated the influence of cognitive distraction on  
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46 driver behaviour on a motorway section in the presence of a short-term work zone. In  
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48 particular, the case of a curved motorway section was analysed, where visibility was  
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50 restricted by the presence of the median guardrail. The experiment involved forty-two  
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52 participants divided into two groups. In the distracted group, cognitive distraction was  
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54 induced by asking the drivers to perform simple mathematical operations. The  
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56 undistracted group of drivers represented the baseline of the experiment.  
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6 of participants. The undistracted drivers approached the section of road adjacent to the  
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8 work zone at a significantly lower speed than the distracted participants. Despite being  
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10 alerted by advance warning signs and being aware of the narrowing of the road,  
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12 distracted drivers approached the work zone with less caution, leading five of them to  
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14 make the mistake of braking too late to avoid a collision with the queue of vehicles  
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16 ahead. These findings contrast with the naturalistic study of Tymvios and Oosthuysen  
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18 (2016), who found no difference in speed between undistracted and distracted drivers, a  
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20 fact that be partly attributed to the difference in risk perception between driving in a  
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25 Undistracted drivers released their foot from the throttle earlier than distracted  
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27 participants, giving them more time to reduce their speed before stopping in front of the  
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29 queue. In contrast, distracted drivers exhibited delayed braking responses but shorter  
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31 overall stopping distances. Cognitively distracted drivers had to compensate for their  
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35 so as to avoid a collision. However, the abrupt braking action did not always prevent the  
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37 distracted participants from colliding with the last vehicle in the queue. In fact, five of  
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39 them misjudged the risky situation and collided with the last vehicle in the queue. Our  
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41 observations corroborate and extend the conclusions of Domenichini *et al.* (2017), as it  
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43 is evident that speed remains one of the main causes of crashes in the vicinity of  
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45 roadworks. However, the delayed action on the part of cognitively distracted drivers  
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47 with regard to their controls could also increase the likelihood of collisions.  
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50 Undistracted drivers brake earlier, giving them more space and time to gradually adjust  
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9 Eye-tracking analysis revealed that most of distracted drivers focused their gaze  
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15 of undistracted drivers. The results obtained are in line with the findings of Itoh *et al.*  
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19 behaviour. The distribution of fixations among undistracted drivers was broad and can  
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21 be defined as Type 1 of Itoh's classification (Itoh *et al.*, 2006). The secondary task led  
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23 to a reduction in the visual field and a high concentration of fixations for the cognitively  
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25 distracted drivers, which can be classified as Type 2 according to Itoh *et al.* (2006).  
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28 Distracted driving alters the visual attention. The changes in blink frequency and  
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30 fixation patterns can significantly affect the driver's ability to process the information  
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36 delayed detection of potentially dangerous events. Similarly, reduced fixations limit  
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38 peripheral awareness and narrow the driver's field of vision. Visual information  
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51 ability of distracted drivers to see, understand, and react to hazardous situations, such as  
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53 those that occur when there is severe traffic congestion along motorway sections. This  
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55 study also highlights the need to adopt specific countermeasures for short-term work  
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4 zones which tend to feature the use of temporary signs (road signs and traffic cones).  
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6 On sections with limited sight distance, more effective measures are needed to force  
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10 signs and to warn users of the risks associated with distracted driving (Nahed *et al.*,  
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15 Considering the frequent presence of roadworks on motorways, the adoption of  
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21 design for work zones along motorways, especially in situations where visual distance is  
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23 limited. However, this study and the conclusions achieved must be seen in the light of  
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25 some limitations. The study considered ideal driving conditions for visibility (daytime  
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31 account for adverse visibility conditions and higher traffic levels should address our  
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33 research hypothesis in a more ecological way. In addition, gender and age differences  
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Table 1: Mean (and standard deviation) of participant traits. Notes: F = females.

<b>Group</b>	<b>No. of drivers</b>	<b>Age (years)</b>	<b>Years licence held</b>	<b>Km driven by year (km/year)</b>	<b>No. of crashes</b>
Undistracted	14 (F = 5)	43.8 (11.9)	25.1 (11.9)	14857 (10516)	1.1 (1.6)
Distracted	28 (F = 10)	43.2 (13.1)	23.4 (12.6)	13018 (11278)	1.3 (1.7)
<b>Total</b>	42 (F = 15)	43.4 (12.5)	24.0 (12.2)	13631 (10936)	1.2 (1.6)

Table 2: Descriptive statistics of the dependent variables (mean and standard deviation between brackets).

Groups	Speed profile type	No.	$S$ (km/h)	$d_{TR}$ (m)	$d_{AB}$ (m)	$d_{Stop}$ (m)	$D_R$ (m/s <sup>2</sup> )
Undistracted	1	12	73.1 (22.2)	5.9 (10.5)	18.8 (23.5)	147.0 (22.8)	4.4 (2.3)
	2	2	106.0 (7.6)	6.3 (7.1)	4.6 (6.5)	164.0 (3.6)	11.7 (0.8)
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Distracted	1	13	96.2 (12.8)	9.2 (13.9)	11.8 (14.5)	157.0 (6.6)	6.9 (2.3)
	2	10	109.0 (15.3)	31.3 (24.1)	18.0 (26.8)	154.0 (11.1)	11.6 (3.8)
	3	5	113.0 (17.2)	44.3 (35.4)	17.4 (9.5)	177.0 (7.0)	13.2 (2.8)

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6 Figure 1: The driving simulator at RSDS Laboratory and the eye-tracking system (Pupil  
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10 Figure 2: Road scenario with (a) the work zone and (b) station from which the queue  
11 ahead was visible.  
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14 Figure 3: Throttle release ( $d_{TR}$ ), action on the brake ( $d_{AB}$ ), and braking ( $d_{Stop}$ ) distances  
15 in the stretch of curve where the queue of vehicles was visible to the driver.  
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18 Figure 4: Speed profiles of test drivers when approaching the queue of vehicles.  
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21 Figure 5: Box plots of the data and Welch's t-test results for (a) speed at the reference  
22 station, (b) mean deceleration, (c) the throttle release distance, (d) the brake action  
23 distance, and (e) the stopping distance.  
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27 Figure 6: Box plots of the data and results of the Welch's t-test for (a) number of blinks,  
28 and (b) number of fixations measured 500 m before the section where the queue was  
29 visible until the driver stopped the vehicle (see Figure 3).  
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32 Figure 7: Heat maps of drivers who oriented their gaze on a wider area of the road  
33 environment (Note: the red colour indicates a high number of gaze fixations).  
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36 Figure 8: Heat maps of drivers who concentrated their gaze on a limited area, mostly on  
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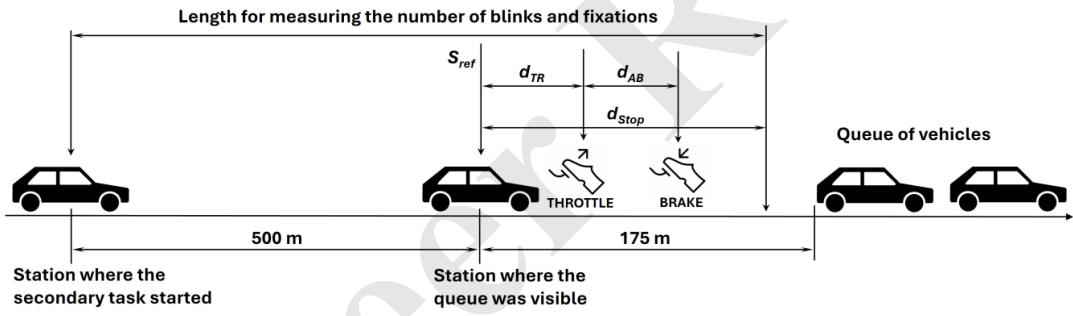
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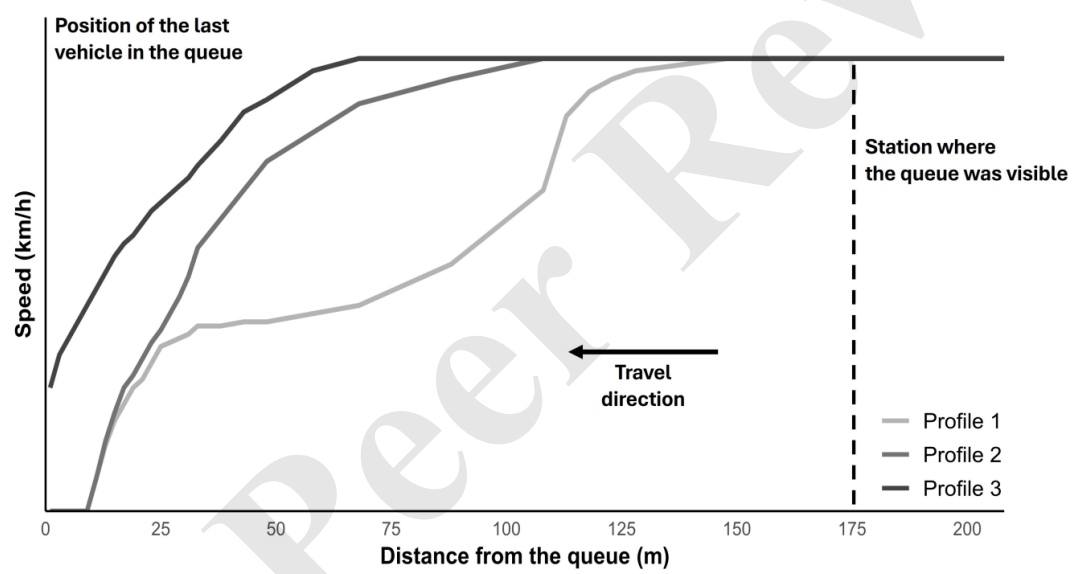
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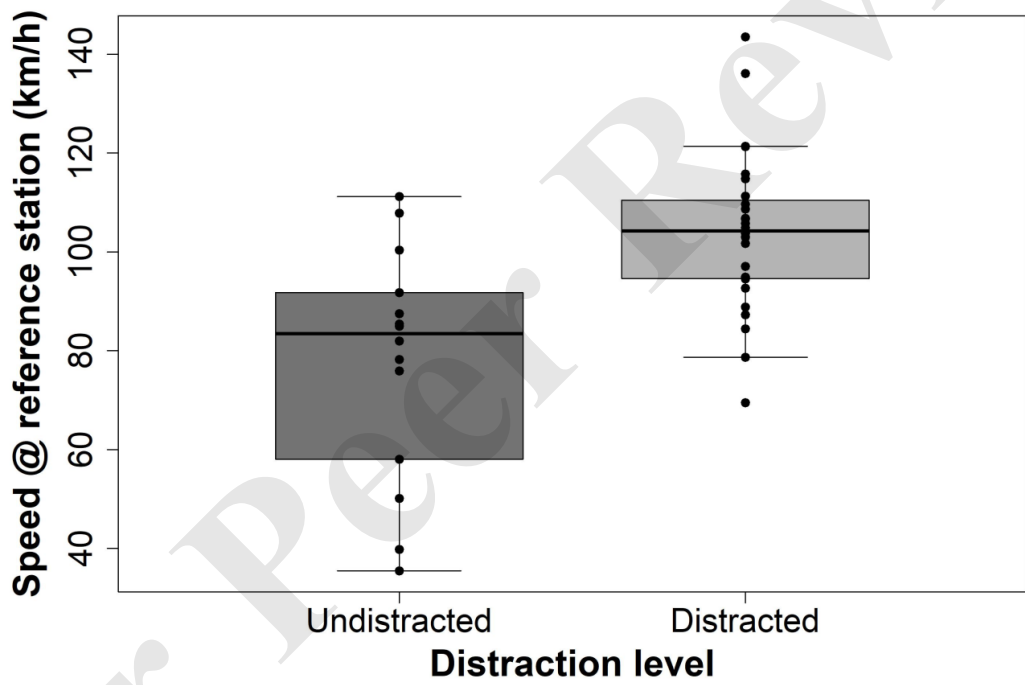
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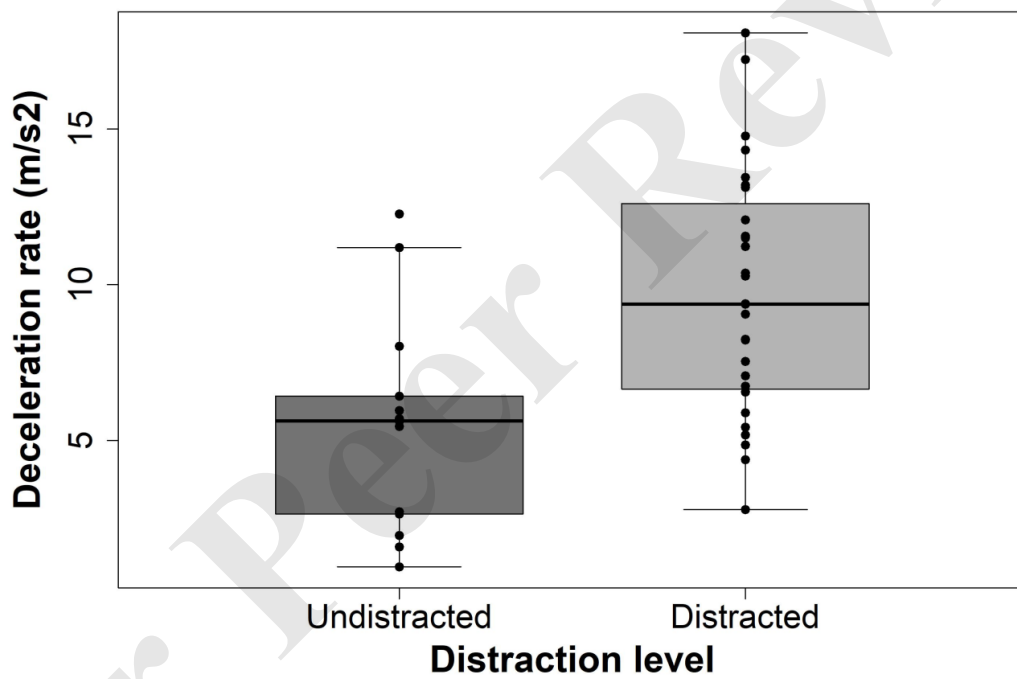
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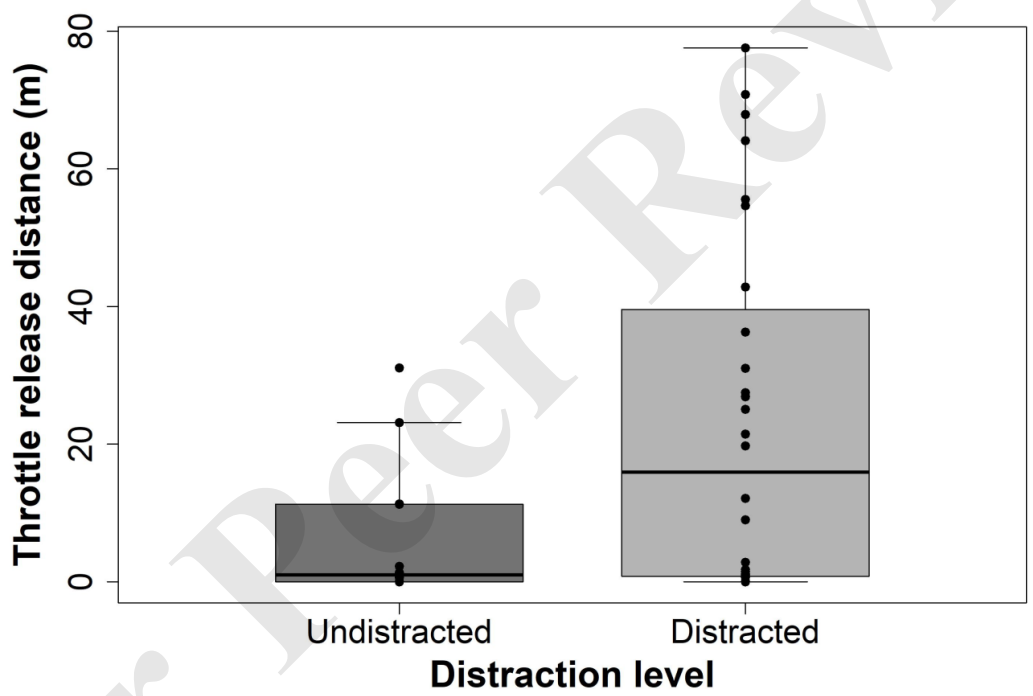
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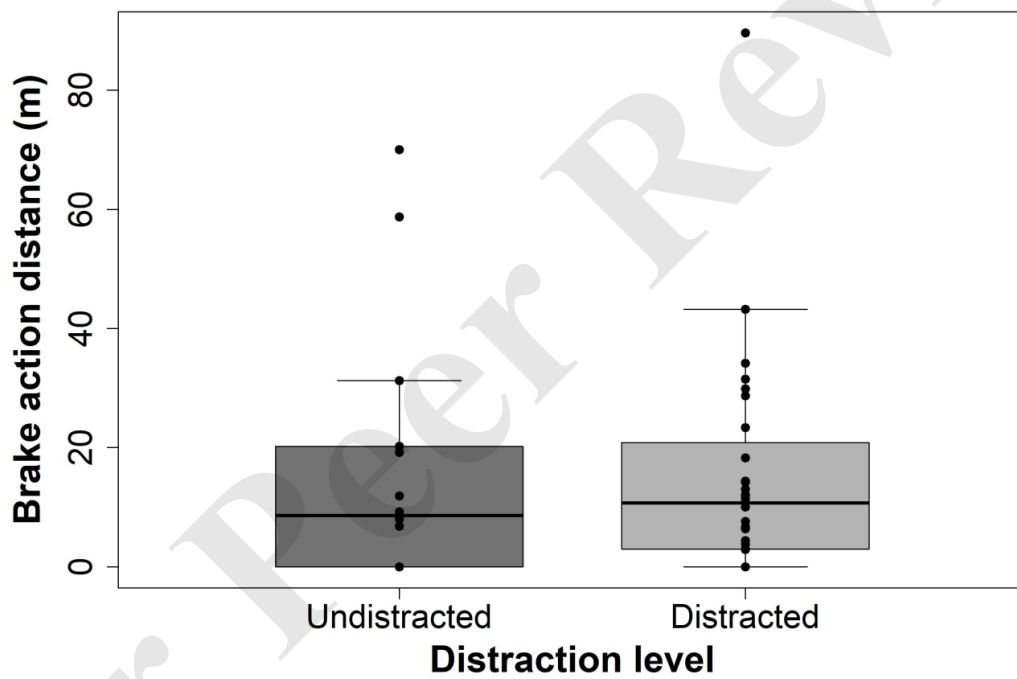
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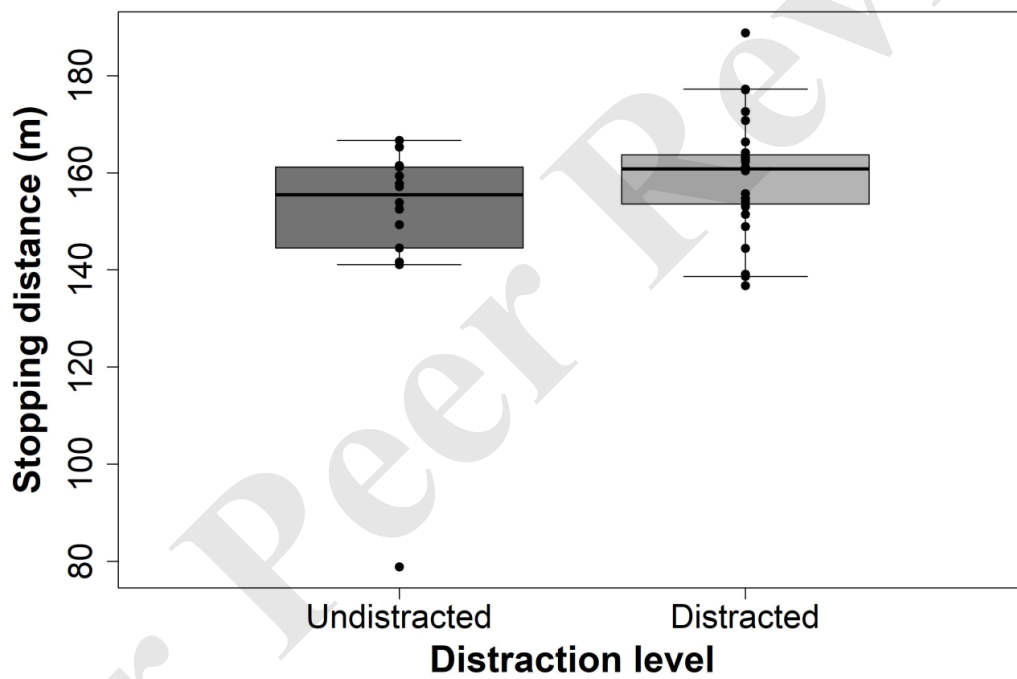
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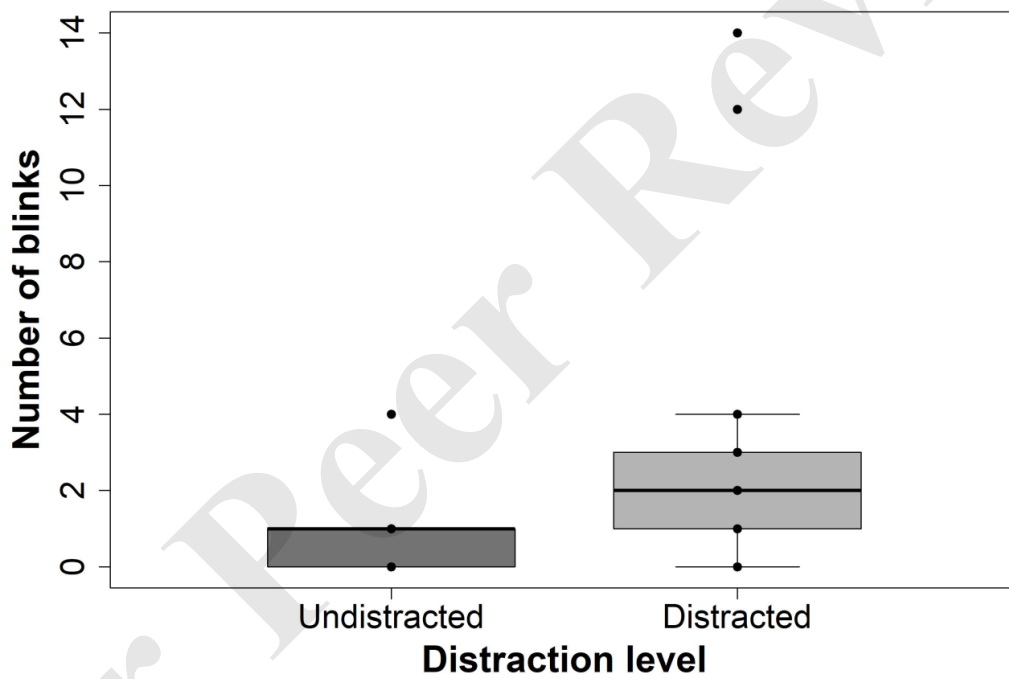
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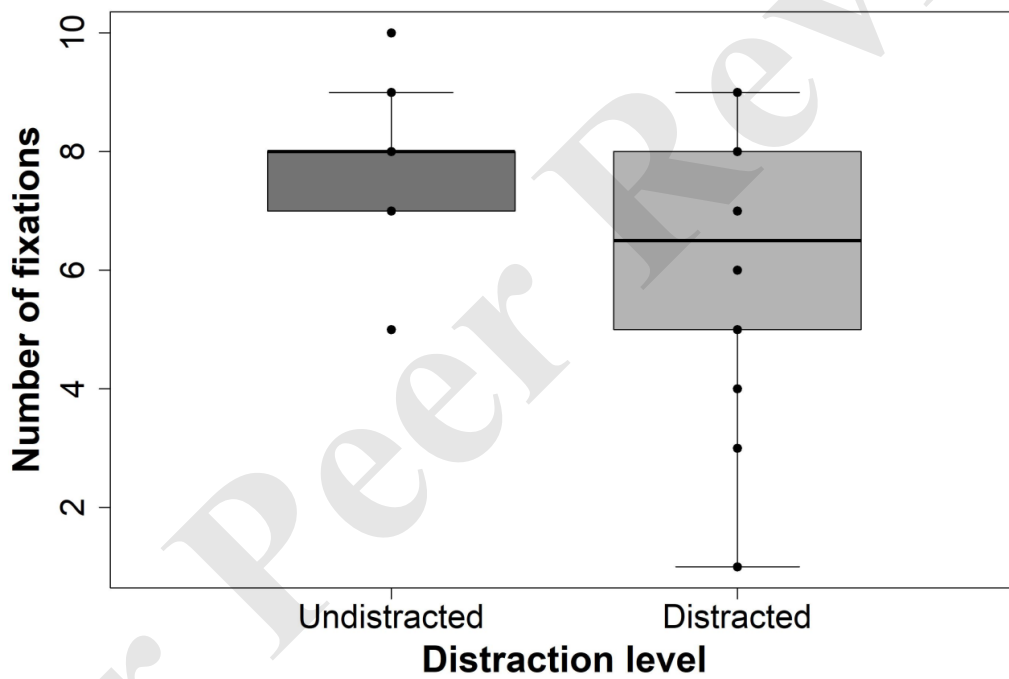
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