

The Effect of Driving Automation on Drivers' Anticipatory Glances

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Objectives

Q1: How does **automation** affect drivers' anticipatory glances (i.e., glances to relevant cues)?

Q2: Are there moderating effects of **driving** experience and distraction?

Comparison of two studies that found the following:

- Distractions impede attention to cues and in turn anticipation, both when driving without^[1] and with^[2] Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) & Lane Keeping Assistance (LKA)
- **Driving experience** facilitates attention to cues and in turn anticipation when driving without ACC and LKA^[1]



Methods

Secondary task Second

Driving task: Four experimental drives, each with a distinct anticipatory driving scenario

Between subject-design (N=64)

- Automation: None (n=32)^[1] vs. ACC & LKA (n=32)^[2]
- Secondary task (i.e. distraction): None (n=32) vs. secondary task (self-paced, visual-manual, n=32)
- Driving experience:
- <u>Novice</u>: G2 license in ON or equivalent < 3 years;
 <10,000 km driven in the past year (n=32)
- <u>Experienced</u>: full license in Ontario or equivalent > 8 years; >20,000 km driven in the past year (n=32)

Findings & Conclusions



- Without secondary task, automation led to more attention to anticipatory cues (effect d); benefit disappears when drivers are distracted.
- Secondary task reduced attention to roadway (effects a & b); effect more pronounced with automation (b) than without (a).
 - Automation reduced attention to roadway, only when drivers were distracted (c).

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