

Improving Methods to Measure Attentiveness Through Driver Monitoring

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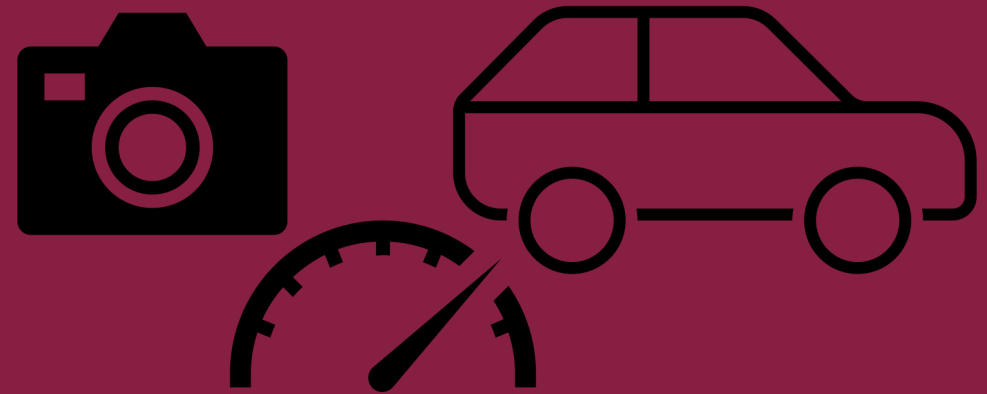
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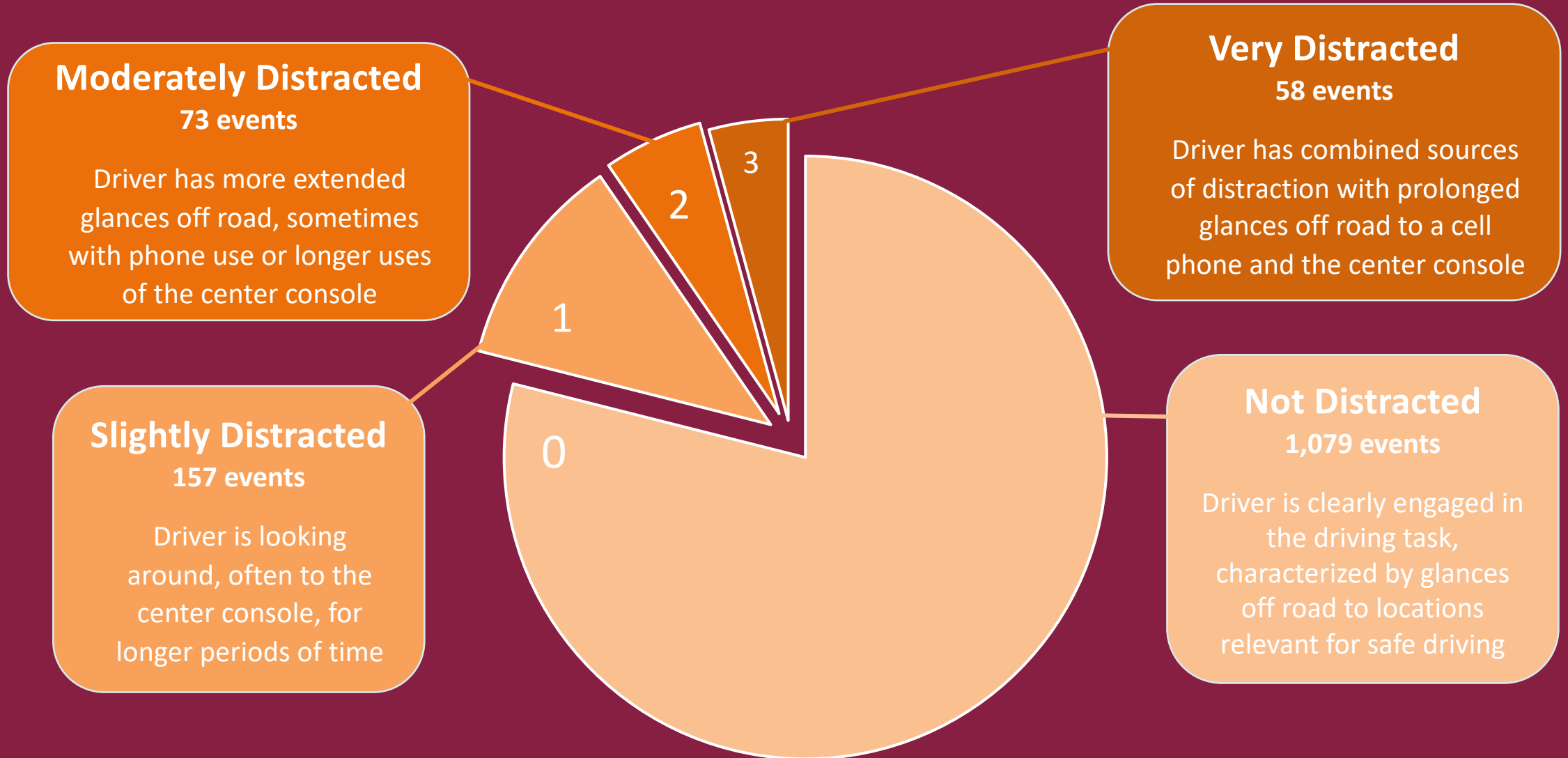
- How often is a driver inattentive during one trip?
- Will inattention increase with more advanced vehicles (L2/L3)?
- How do we measure inattentiveness?
- When should we notify the driver when they are being inattentive?

A privately funded naturalistic driving database was made available to support this study's research objectives.

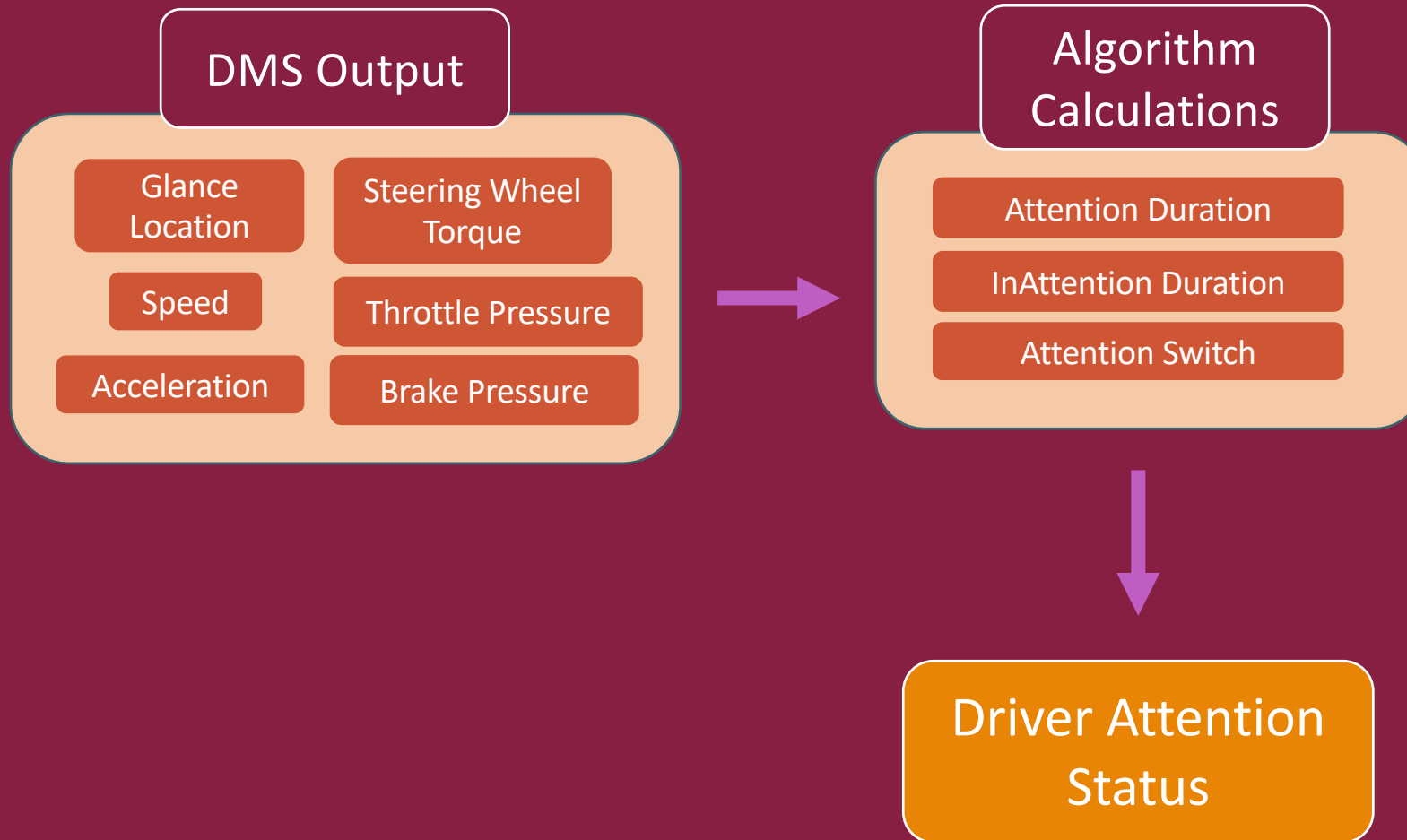
- Individuals recruited to use the equipped research vehicles in place of their personal vehicle
- Collection of DMS output and vehicle parameters, including:
 - Glance Location
 - Speed
 - Acceleration
 - Steering Wheel Torque
 - Throttle Pressure
 - Brake Pressure



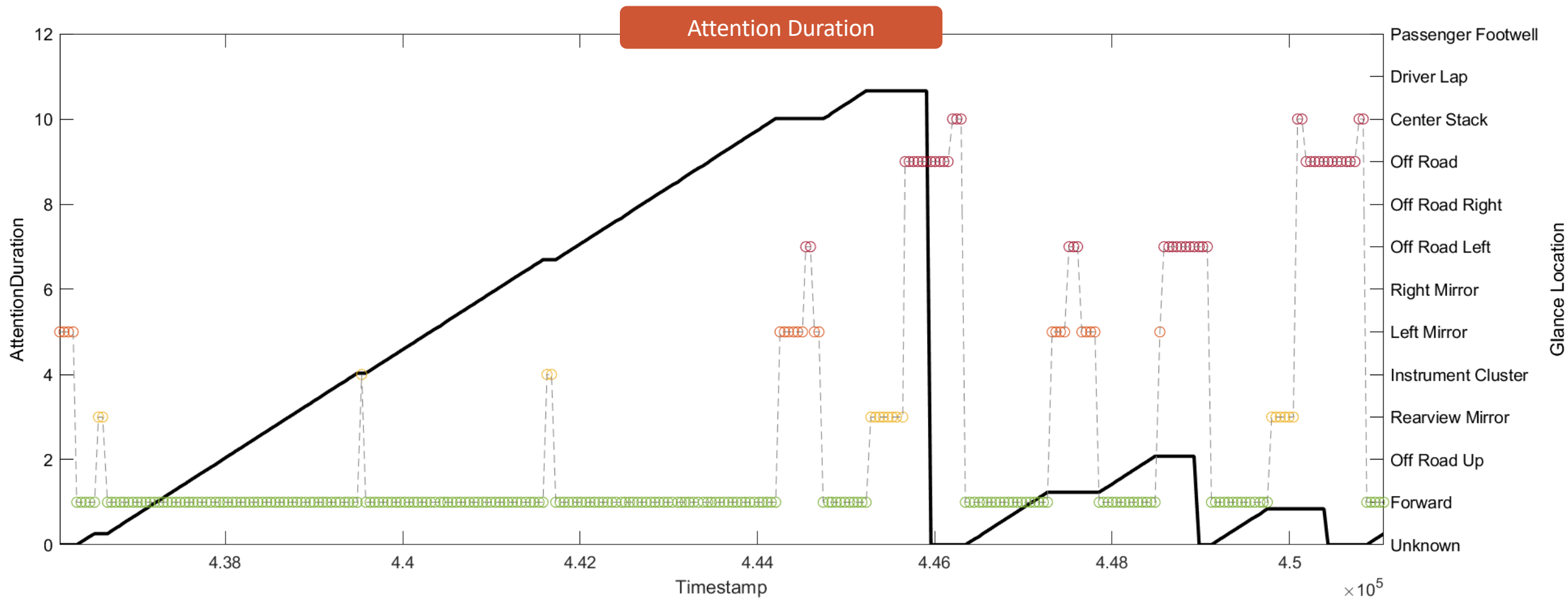
Given context (10 seconds) before the attention rating, we determined the driver's attention level at the end of the event.



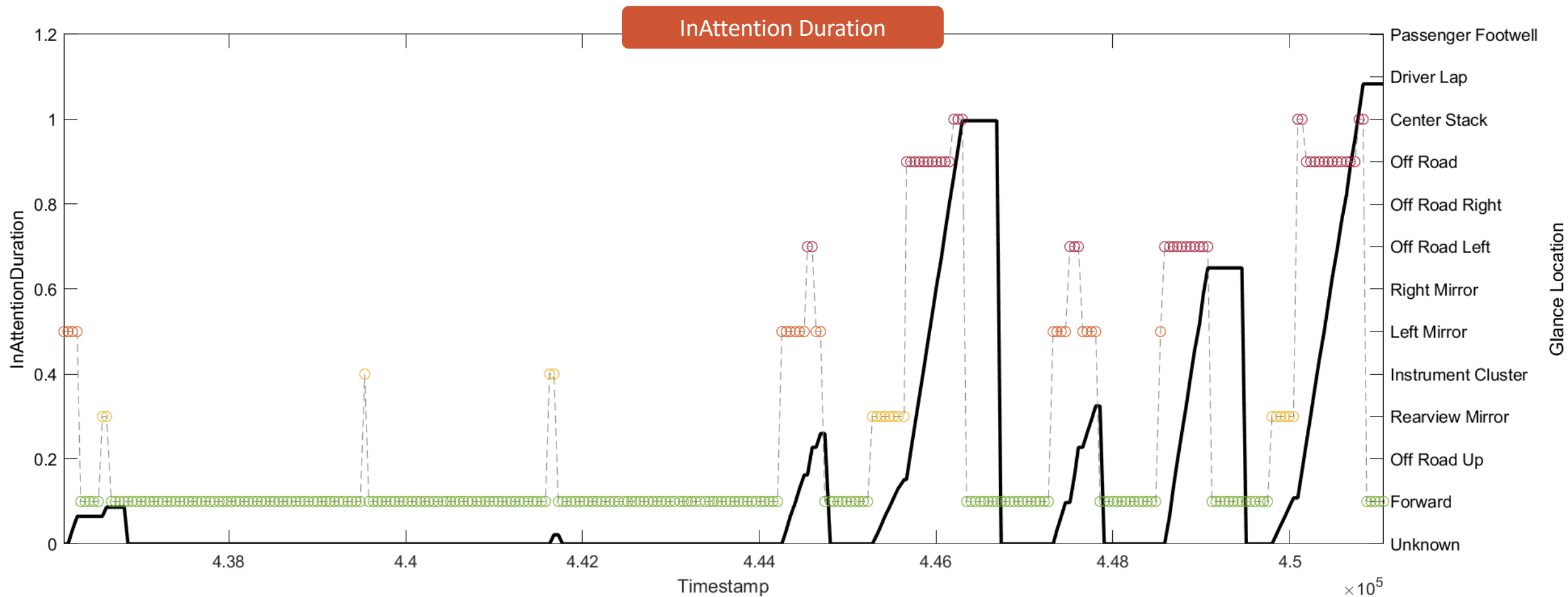
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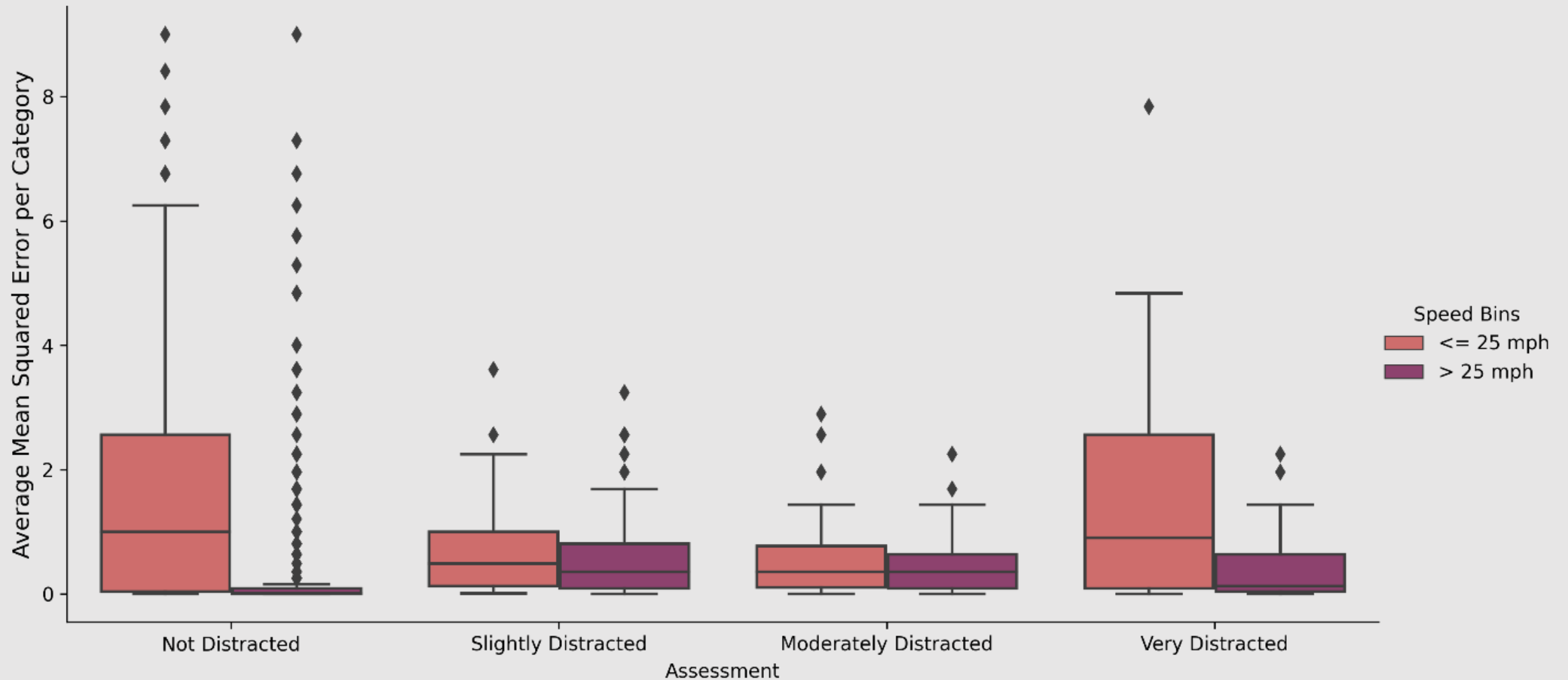
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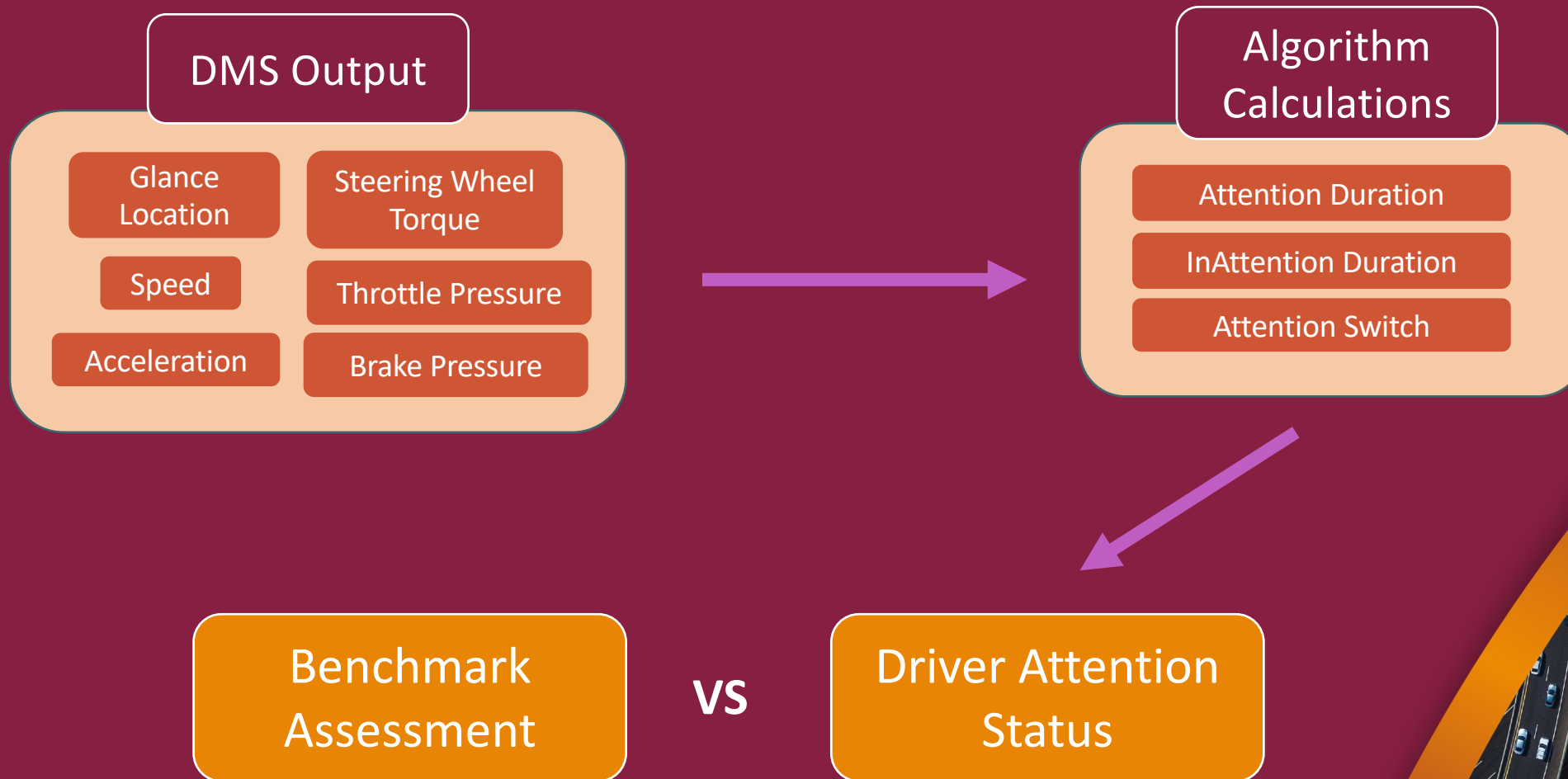
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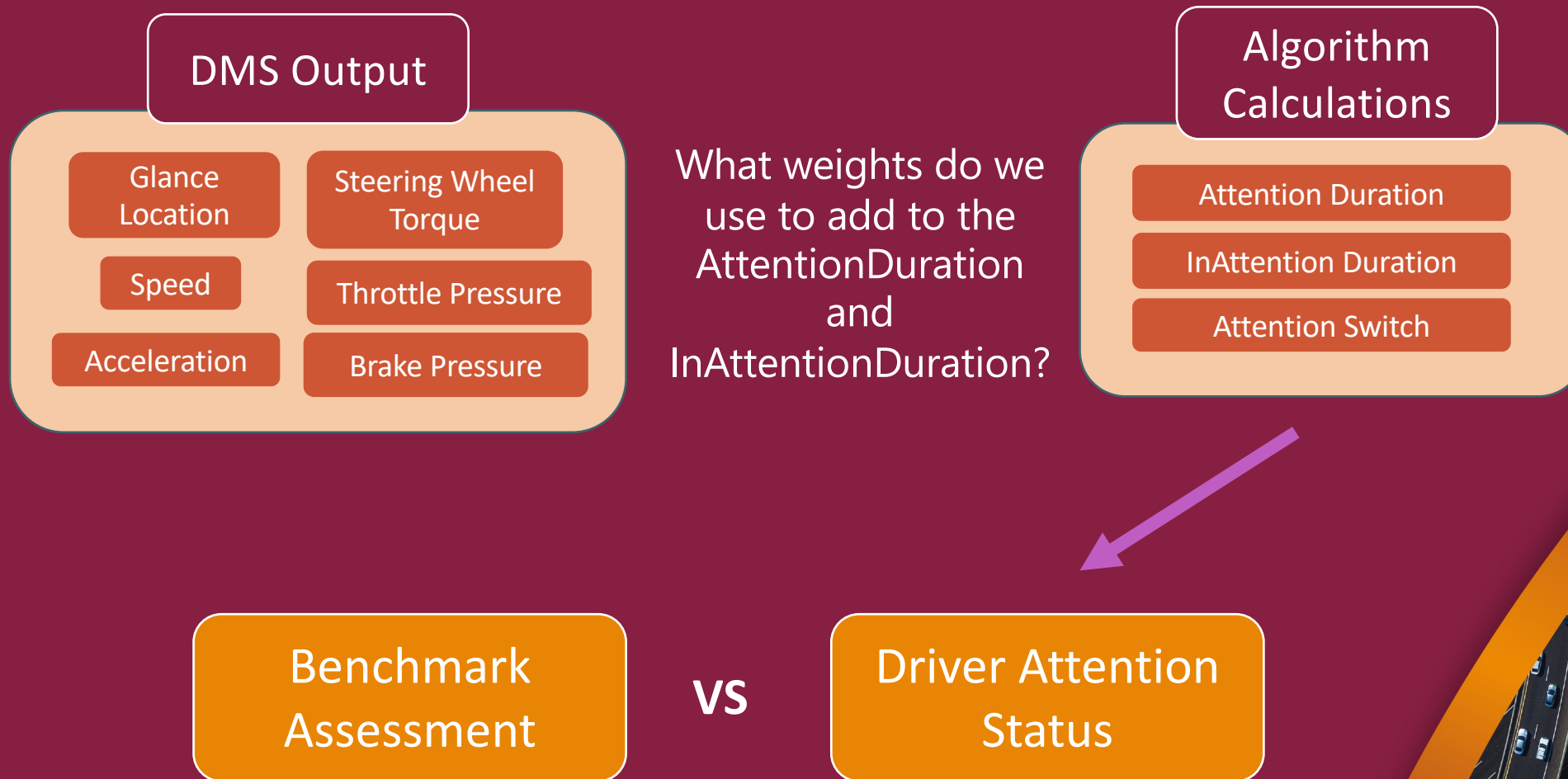
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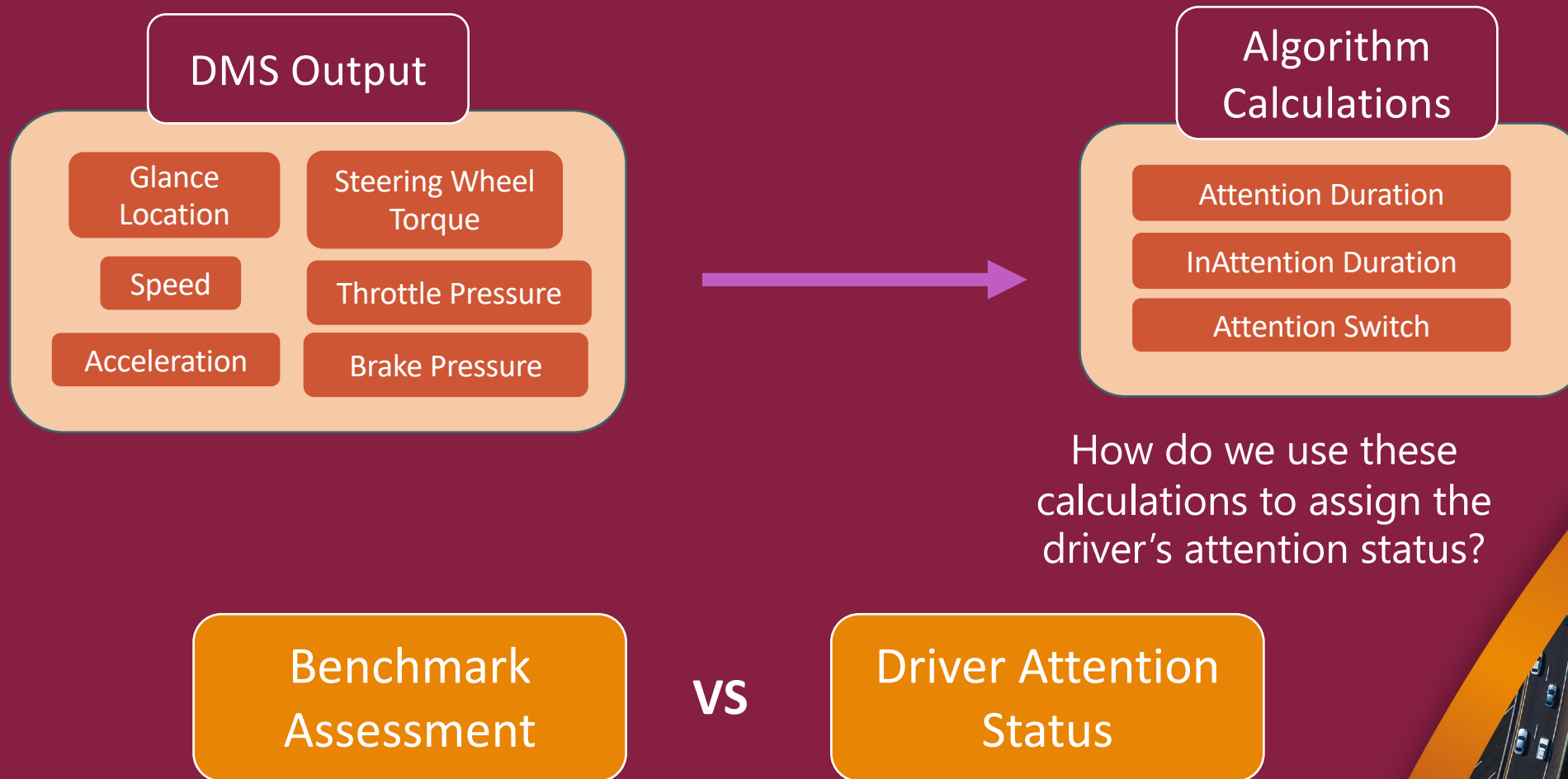
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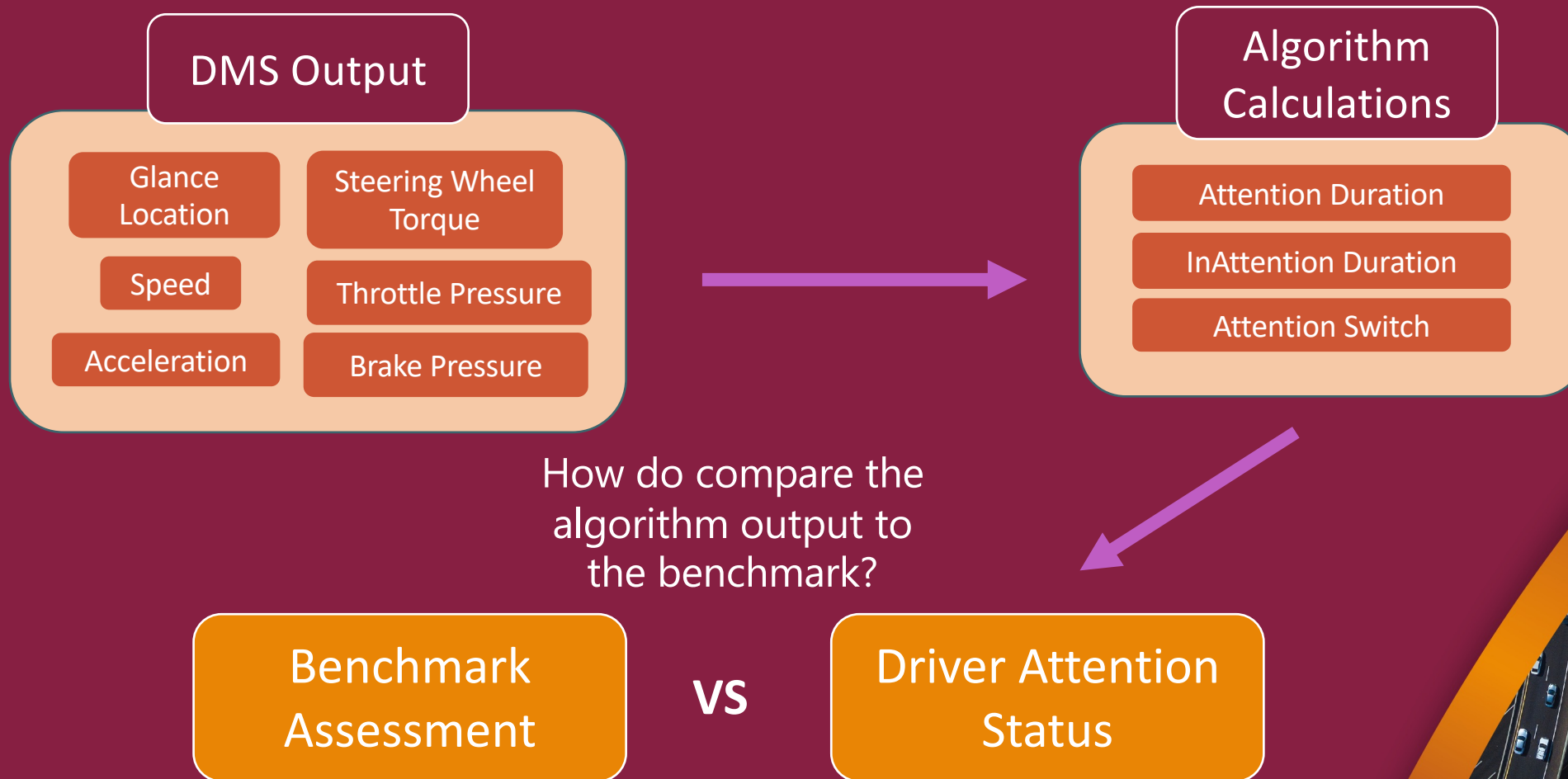
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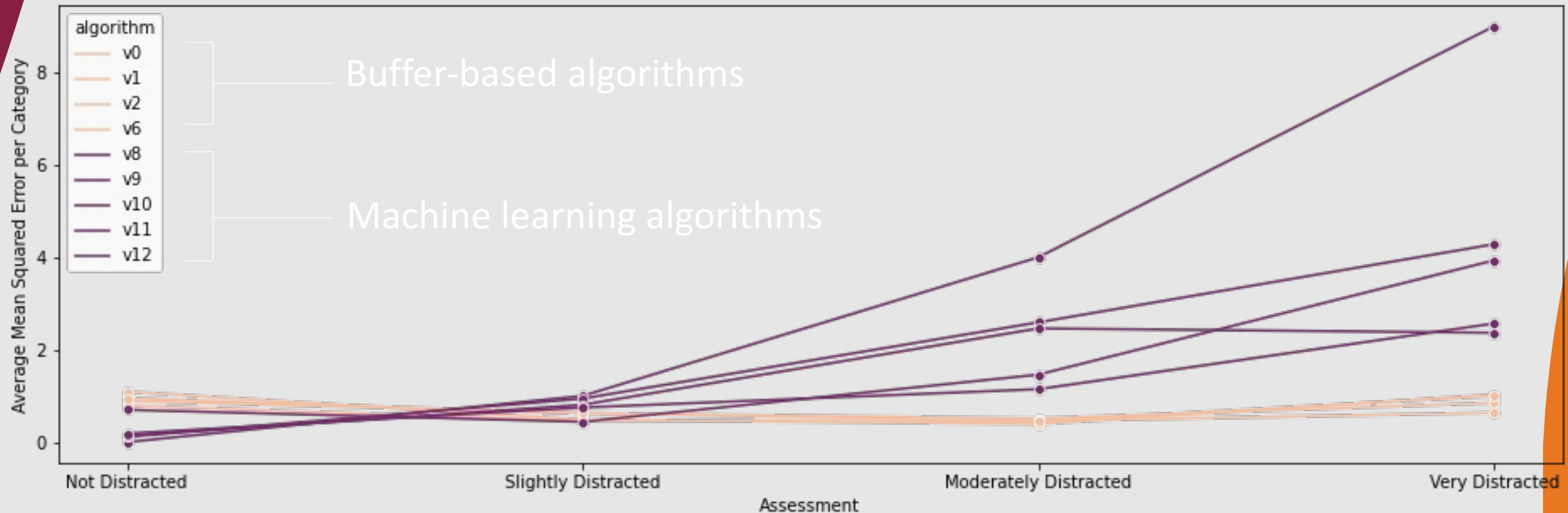
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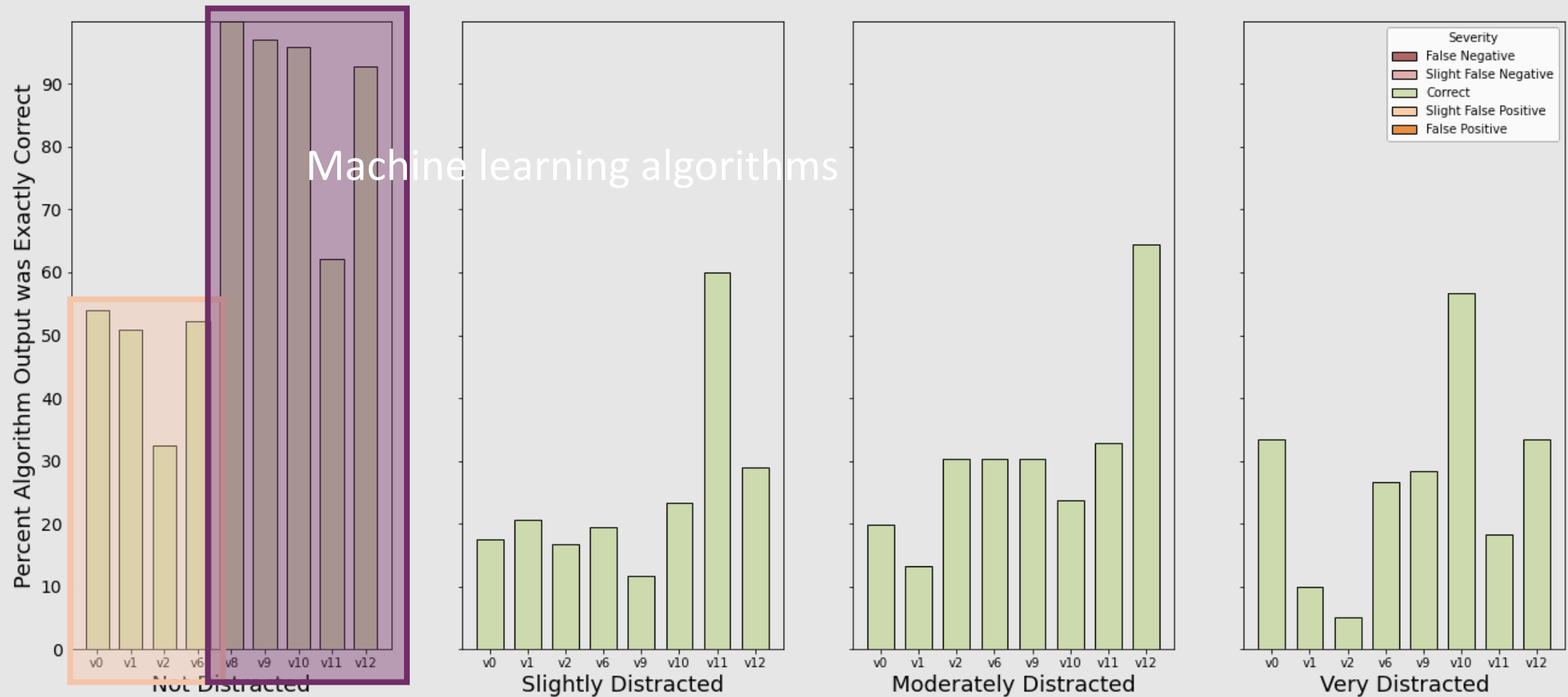
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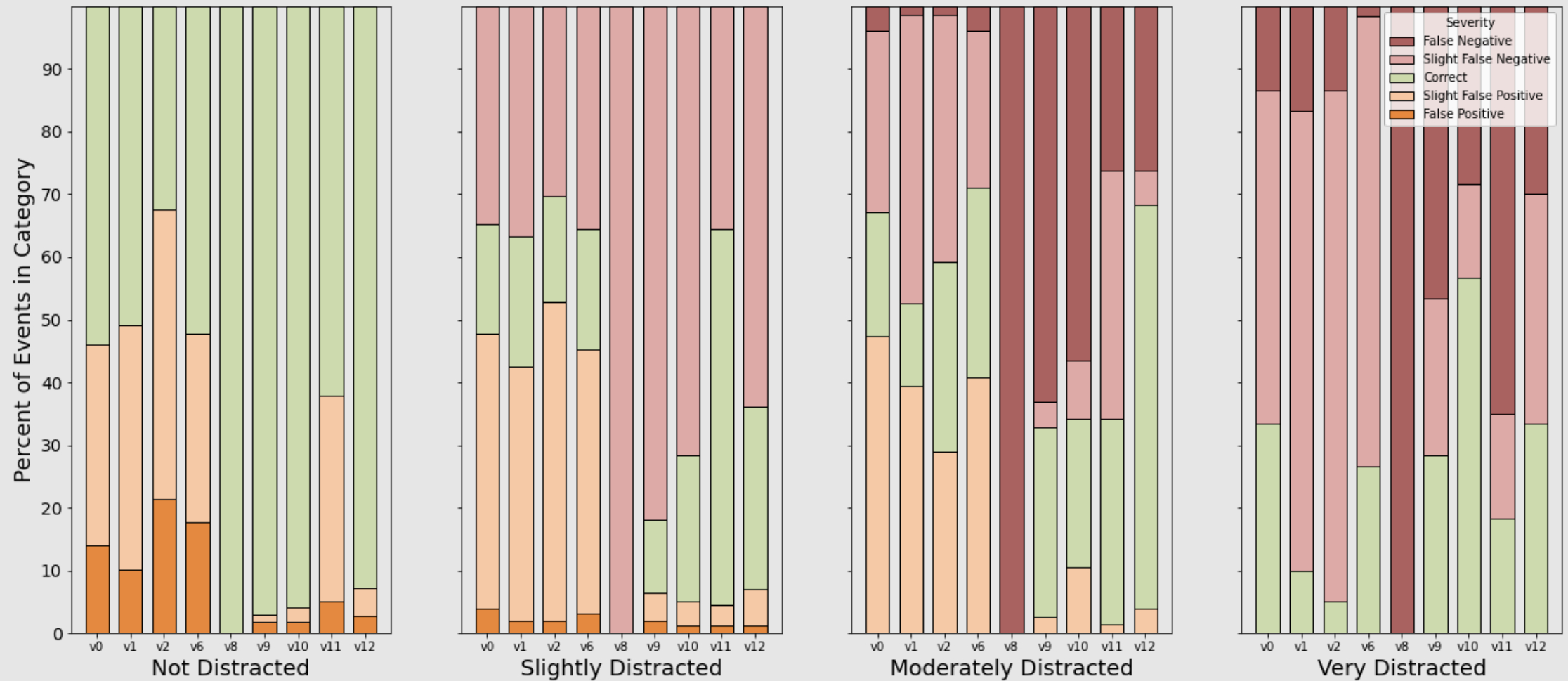


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Buffer-based algorithms

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In Summary:

- Tools available now make it possible to determine when a driver is inattentive
- Algorithms used to determine driver attention should be designed with an understanding of their limitations and could be used as a guideline for further development
- At a minimum, both glance location and speed should be used to assess driver attention
- Driver monitoring is an important component in detecting and reducing distractions



Thank you!



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