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experiments to investigate transition  
processes**

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## Introduction

Although automation technology is advancing at a rapid pace, the majority of automated driving levels (as defined by SAE J3016, 2016<sup>[1]</sup>) still require a human to fulfil specific remaining (driving related) tasks. The safety-critical human's task is the takeover task in transition from a higher level to a lower level of automated driving. Researchers and developers continue to seek system design and human machine interface improvements for better takeover performance. Researchers face a challenge in understanding the limitations of a human's ability to perform the takeover task, which involves different human factors. Developers work to evaluate systems to see whether the takeover process is effective at minimum risk in specific scenarios. There are a wide variety of experiments to evaluate takeover performance in transition for many different purposes. This document contains information to consider in the takeover scenario, some of which is still under investigation, in order to help readers design experiments to evaluate takeover performance and design appropriate experiments.

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## Part 2:

## Considerations in designing experiments to investigate transition processes

### 1 Scope

This document focuses on system-initiated and human-initiated transitions ([Clause 6](#)) from a higher level to a lower level of automated driving. Human factors and system factors that can influence takeover performance are included ([Clauses 7](#) and [8](#)). Although some are still under investigation, there is a need to appropriately set these factors as variables to better understand their effects or to better control/eliminate their influence. This approach will aid research design by ensuring that important factors are considered and support consistency across studies enabling meaningful comparisons of findings. This document also includes information on considerations in test scenario design ([Clause 9](#)), common measures for human takeover performance ([Clause 10](#)) and considerations in choosing a testing environment ([Clause 11](#)) to help readers design experiments comparable to other studies.

### 2 Normative references

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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### 4 List of Acronyms

DDT	Dynamic Driving Task
DMS	Driver Monitor System
ECG	Electrocardiogram
EEG	Electroencephalogram
HMI	Human-Machine Interface
KSS	Karolinska Sleepiness Scale
MRM	Minimal Risk Manoeuvre
NDRT	Non-driving Related Task