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# Development of Distracted Driving Database

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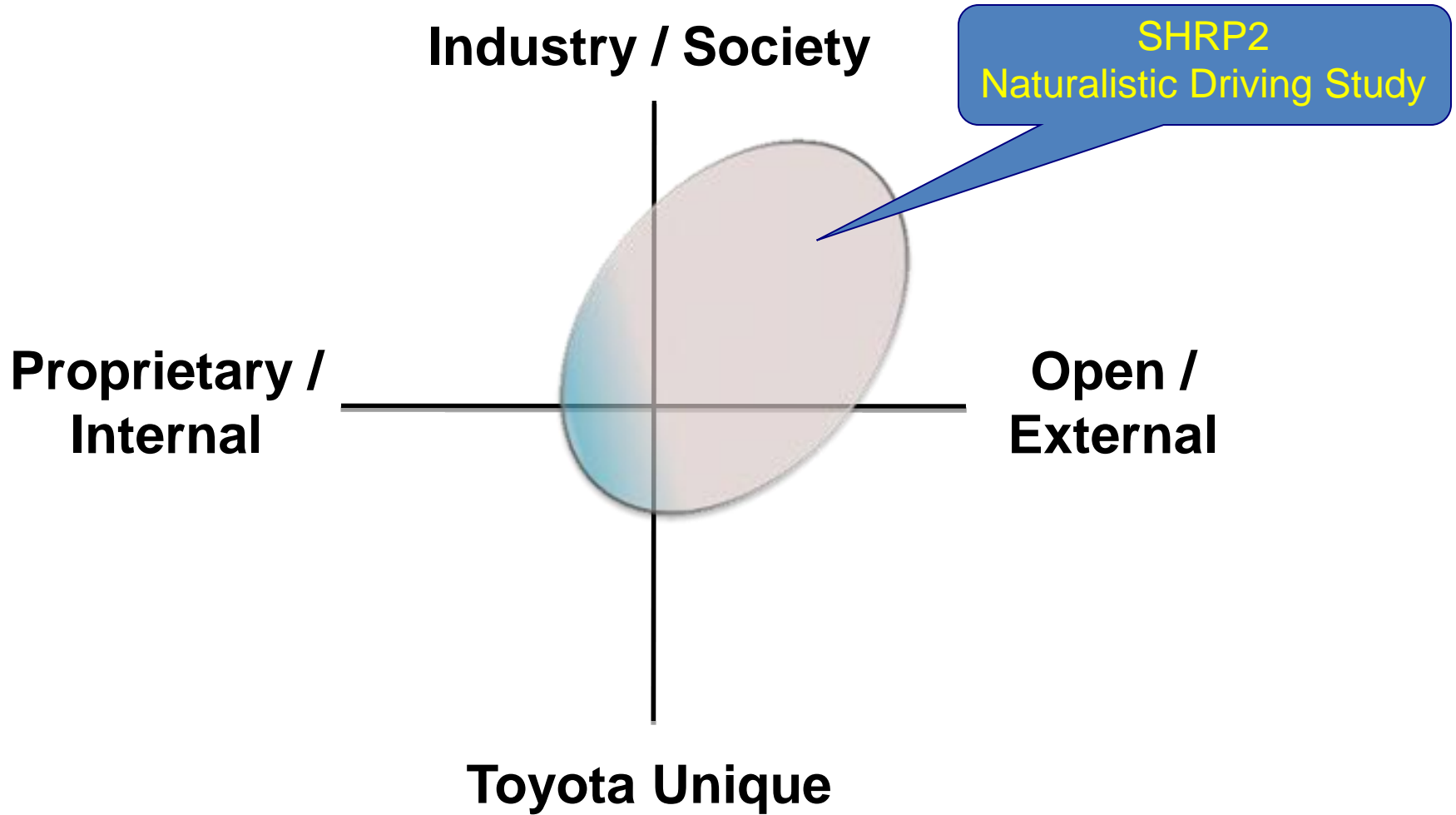


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## Announced January 2011



- *“Work with leading NA universities, hospitals, federal agencies ...”*
- *“... benefit the entire industry.”*
- *“... Estimated funding:\$50 million over 5 years”*



1. Collaborative Research
2. Crash Data Analysis
3. Outreach

- Active Safety
- Driver Distraction
- Vulnerable Populations
  - Children
  - Newly licensed teens
  - Seniors
  - Pedestrians

1. CSRC Overview
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**Partner**: Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI)

**Co-PI**: Dr Linda Angell and Dr Justin Owens

**Project Start** – Nov 2011    Duration – 3 years

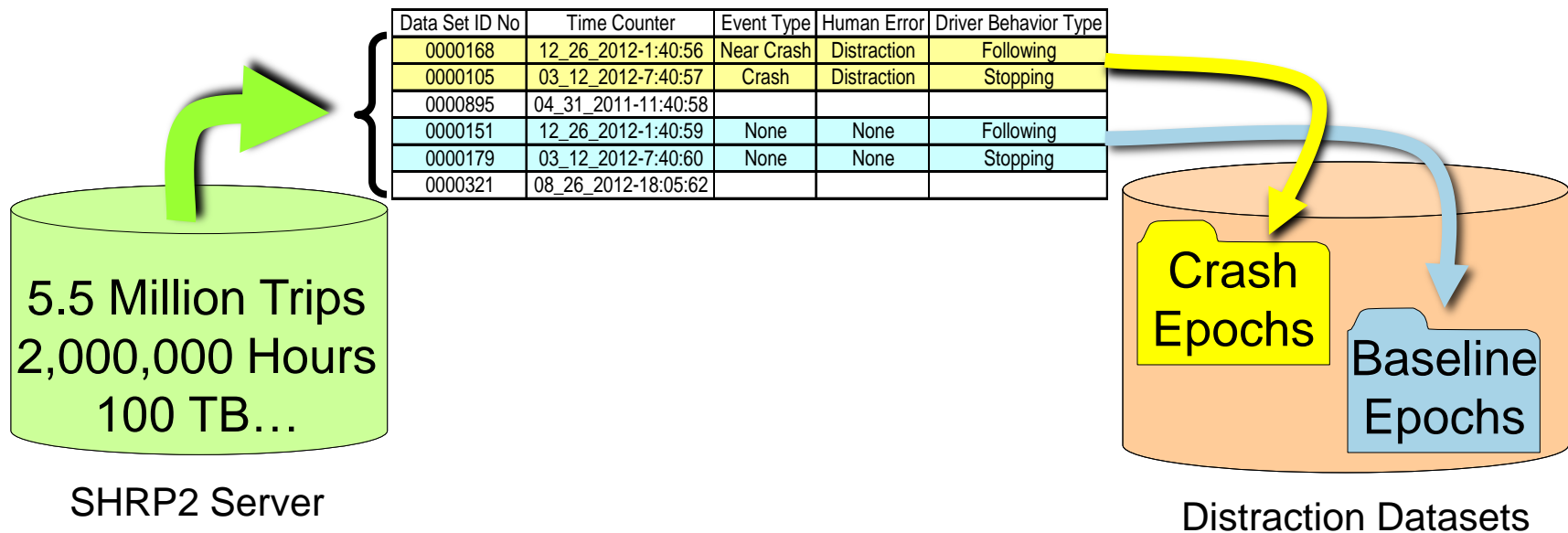
## Creation of Driver Distraction Dataset

### Goals

1. Define Driver Distraction Categories
2. Using SHRP2 data develop/refine algorithm for identifying epochs of distraction
3. Construct distraction and baseline datasets
  - The reduced datasets available to all researchers wanting to use SHRP2 data for in-depth study of distraction



- The first step in planning for analysis of this large database is to reduce the raw data to identify the role of driver distraction in crash causation.



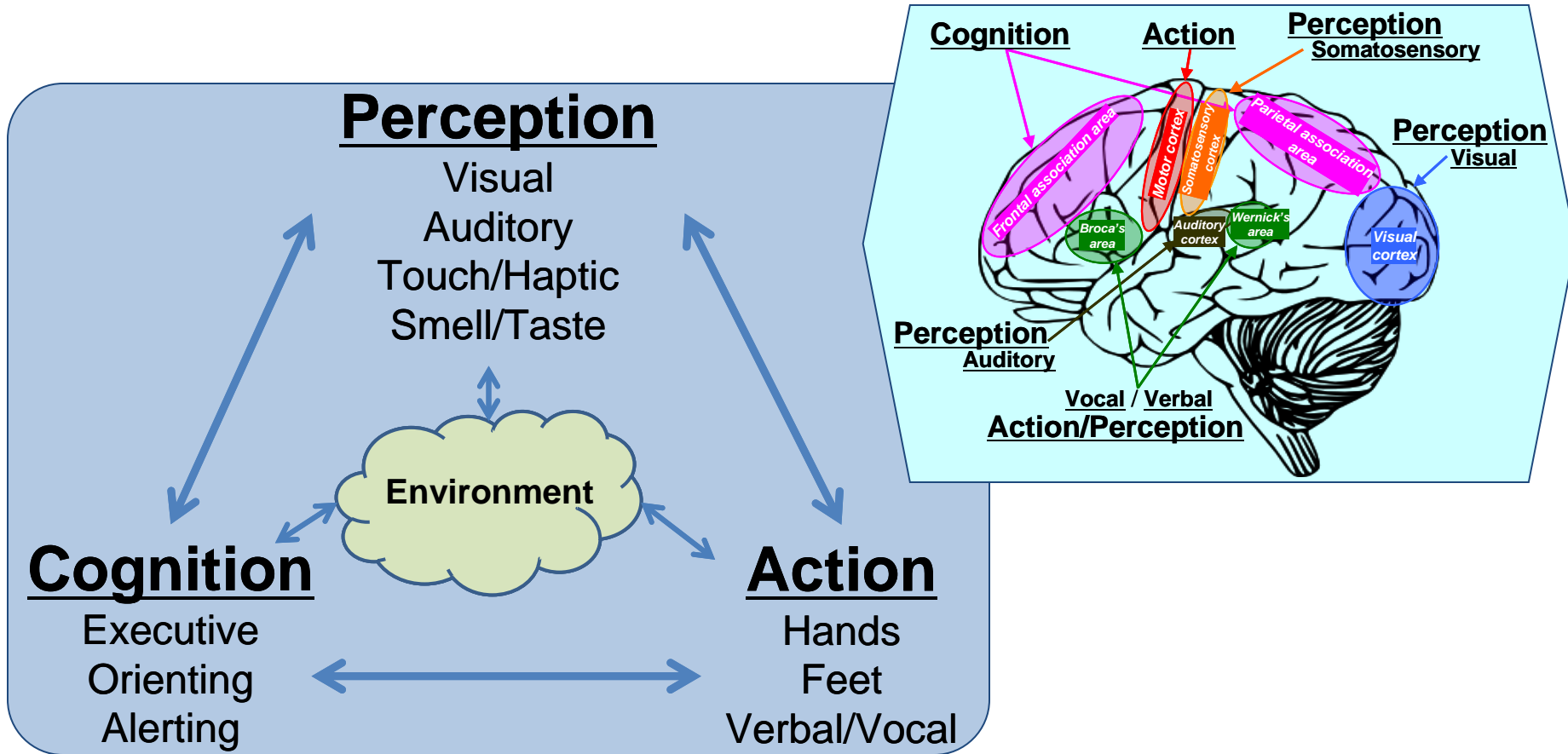
- Status
  - Initial definitions have been identified
  - Output of CSRC Driver Distraction Definitions Workshop (D3) provided starting point
    - CSRC Collaborators participated in workshop
    - Definitions for driver distraction, visual-manual & cognitive distractions

- High level definition

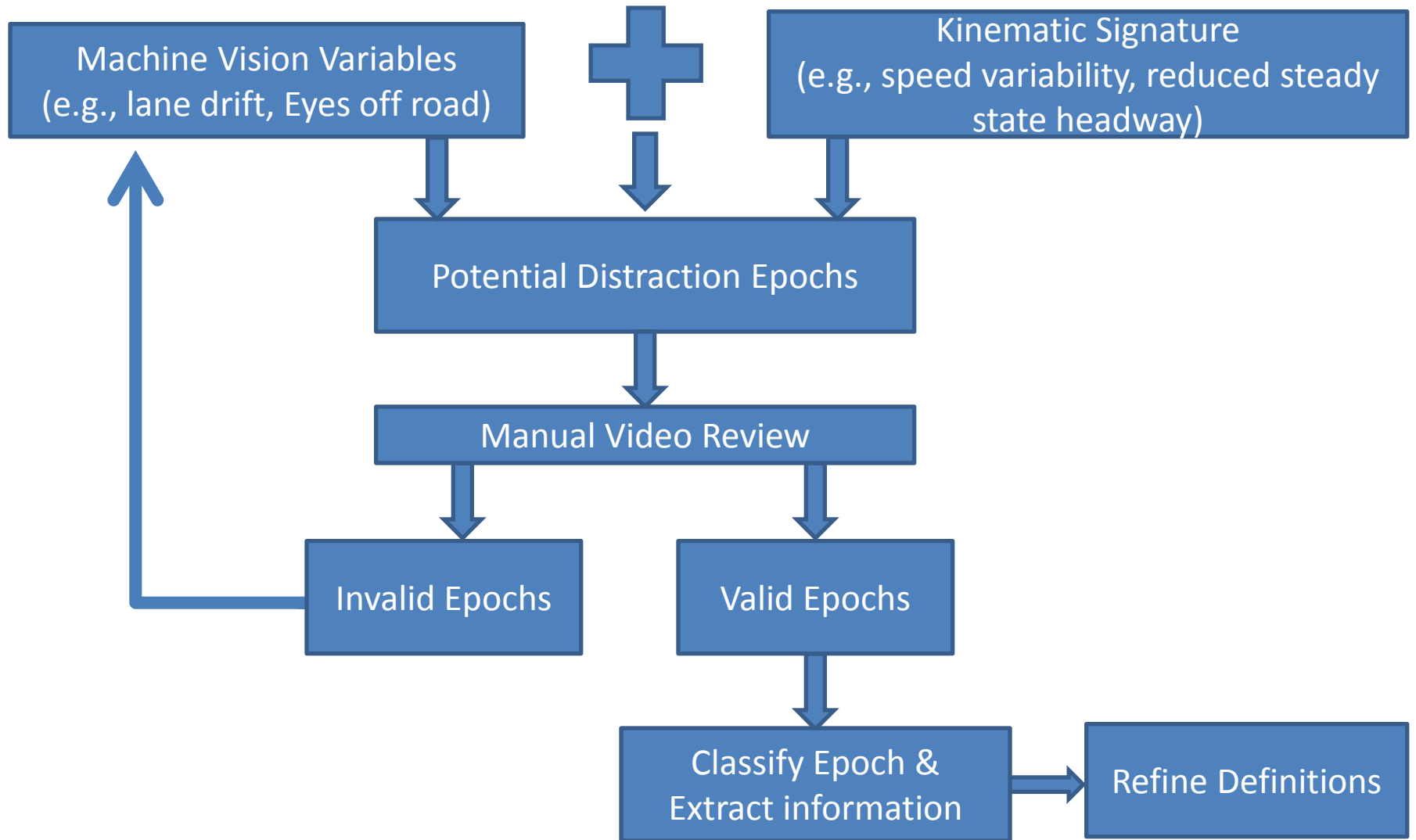
*“Driver distraction is the diversion of attention away from activities critical for safe driving toward a competing activity, which may result in insufficient or no attention to activities critical for safe driving.”*

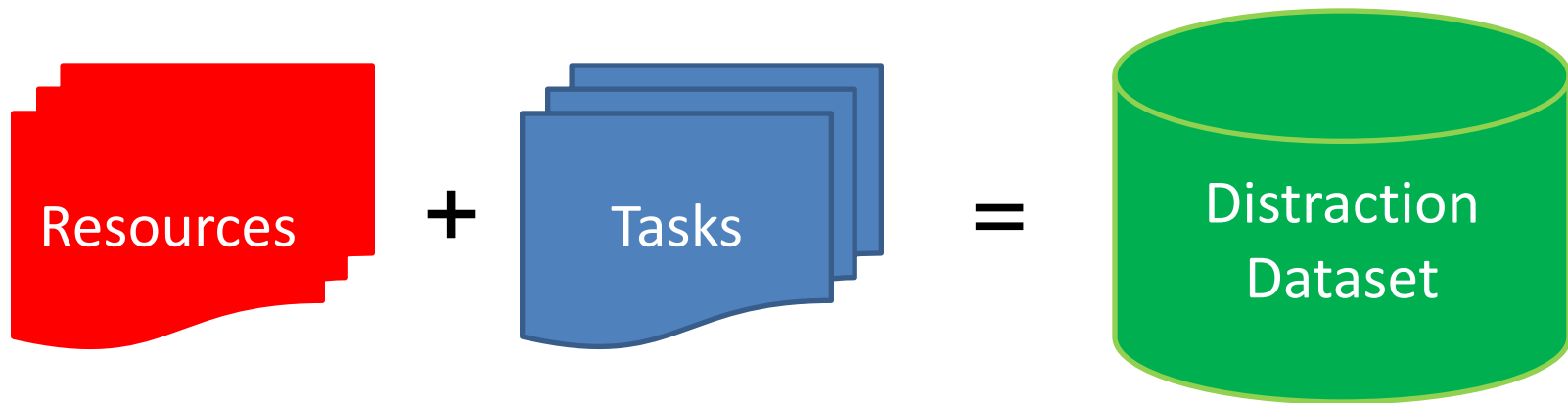
- D3 identified that distraction is a function of driver resources being diverted from the driving task

- Main categories of Driver resources:
  - *Perception / Cognition / Action*
    - Defined by incorporating a cognitive neuroscience perspective



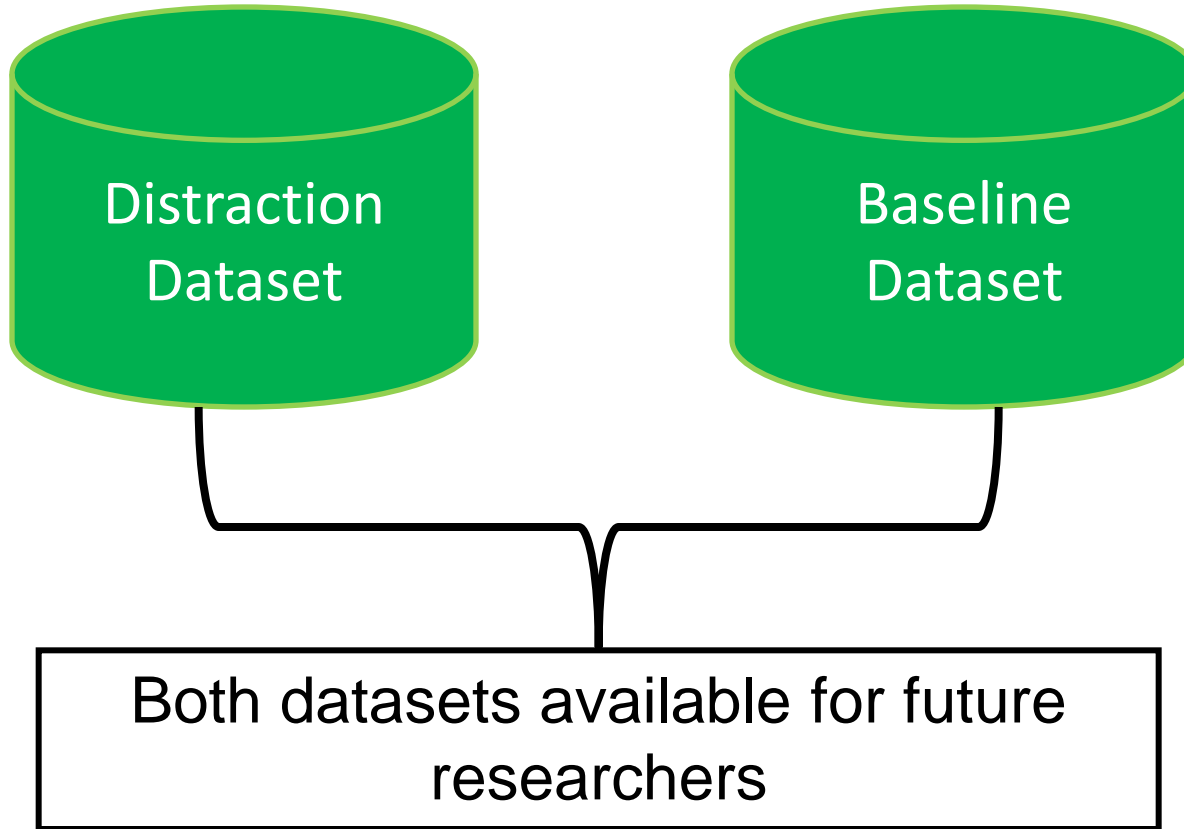
- To integrate into a framework useful for operational definitions:
  - Determine how each resource supports various driving tasks
  - Determine which resources are **observable** using variables available in data
  - Use decrements in variables associated with driver resources to identify epochs with possible distraction





- The combination of an operational definition with driver resource engagement will allow a more *complete description of secondary task engagement* than has been previously available.
- The dataset comprised of these types of information will allow for more detailed future analyses of SHRP2 distracted driving data.

Note: Project is still in initial phases and there will be sustainable refinement



# Thank you !!

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