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German research initiative AKTIV:

Adaptive and Cooperative Technologies for Intelligent Traffic



Active Safety Project Objectives



Development of assistance systems

- to increase traffic safety by
- reducing road traffic accidents,
- easing the driver's load and
- improving safety for vulnerable road users
- based on robust perception of the driving environment
- and considering the driver and his awareness



Budget, Funding, Time Schedule



• Duration 01.09.2006 – 31.08.2010

• Total Budget nearly 60 Mio. € (37 Mio. € for Active Safety)

• Funding about 27 Mio. € (15 Mio. € for Active Safety)

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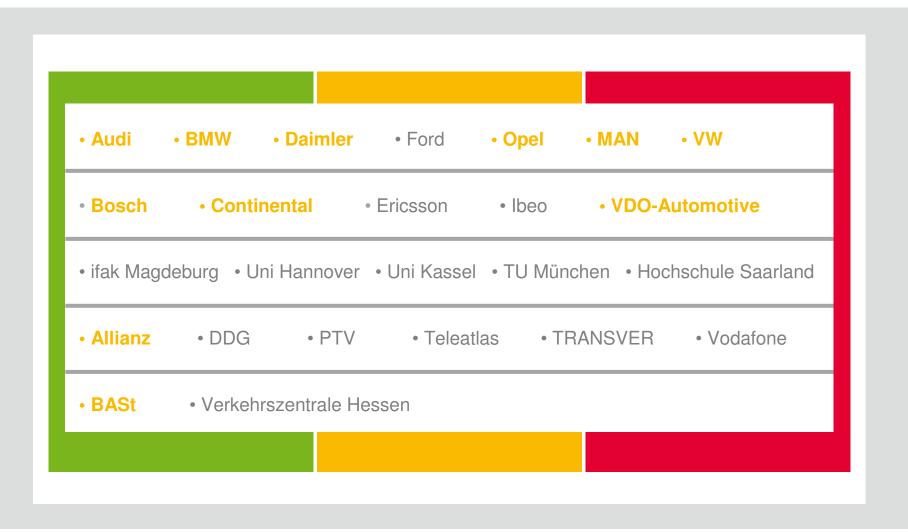


Milestones presentation
 25.06.2008 at BASt in Bergisch Gladbach



Active Safety Partners

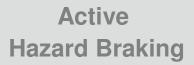






Active Safety Project Structure















Intersection **Assistance**











Integrated Lateral Assistance

Driver Awareness and Safety

Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety



Driver Awareness and Safety



Key Findings of "100 Car Naturalistic Driving Study" Concerning Driver Inattention (Virginia Tech / NHTSA, 2006)

Facts:

- 241 drivers
- approx. 2.000.000 miles of driving
- 82 crashes / 761 near-crashes
- 8.295 incidents

Findings:

- involvement of driver inattention within 3 seconds to onset of conflict: nearly 80% of all crashes and 65% of all near-crashes
- driver drowsiness as a contributing factor:
 in 20% of all crashes and 16% of all near crashes

90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Crash Near Crash Severity



Consequences:

- detection of inattention allows for better warning and intervention systems
- reduction of inattention allows for reduction of crash risk



Driver Awareness and Safety



Horizontal project with the objectives of

Monitoring driver awareness

- by detection of driver behavior
- by detection of line of sight and position of head
- prototypic presentation und comparison



Consideration of awareness for driver assistance systems

- integration of driver awareness in warning and interfering concepts of the applications
- methods to enhance driver awareness

Test methods in the process of development

- test methods for usability & controllability for driving simulator and field
- development tools for testing sensor systems

General conditions and consequences of use

- long-term effects of assistance systems on traffic safety
- analysis of effects and benefits based on accident studies
- legal aspects regarding liability and introduction of assistance systems



Active Hazard Braking



Objective:

Collision avoidance and mitigation by *automatic hazard braking*

- adapted to the situation
- consideration of the driver awareness

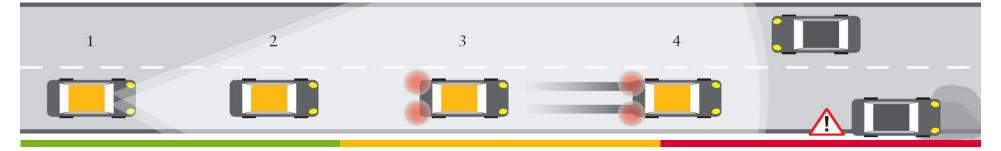


Base:

- significant improvement of the detection accuracy
- adaption of the system interaction to the driving situation
- verification of the system decision by perception driver reaction

Improvement:

- system performance superior to existing emergency brakes
- risk of a wrong system decision will be significantly reduced





Integrated Lateral Assistance



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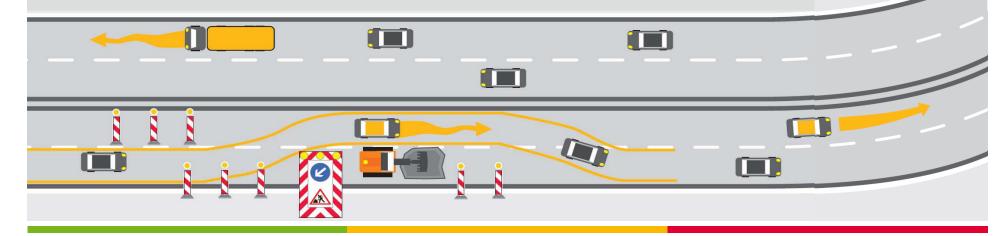
Continuous lateral guidance

in the full speed range from 0 to 150 km/h

- during lane keeping in straights and curves
- by taking into account objects in the driving environment
- with high availability also in congested traffic and within construction zones

Base:

Detection of driving environment with high performance front oriented sensors as well as integration of high-precision digital maps and positioning





Intersection Assistance

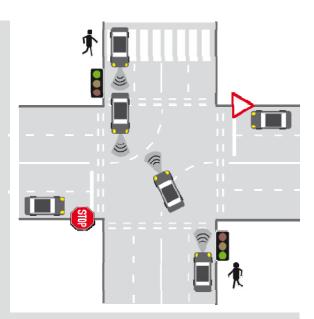


Objective:

Enhancement of safety at *intersections* by avoiding driver failures and critical manoeuvres

Support of the driver

- during turning and entering
- while crossing the intersection
- to keep the adequate distance to the preceding vehicle



Base:

- onboard sensing systems (radar, lidar, camera)
- cooperative sensors such as V2V communication
- integration of positioning and digital maps
- comprehensive situation analysis



Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety



Objective:

Enhancement of safety for *vulnerable road users*

Development of active means for protection:

- driver warning (acoustic, optic and tactile)
- warning the environment (horn)
- active intervention in braking and steering
- active protection mechanisms (tilting hoods)

Big **challenge** for sensor systems (video, lidar, radar)

- high diversity of appearance in complex traffic environment
- high processing speed and robust environment detection
- adaptive situation analysis

Development of strategies to avoid accidents and to soften impacts.







Active Safety Project



Active Hazard Braking

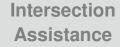




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