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Agenda March 9, 13:00-15:45

13:00-13:05 Welcome and introduction to SAFER's Research & Project day – *Magnus Granström, SAFER's director*

13:05-13:20 MEDIATOR - MEdiating between Driver and Intelligent Automated Transport systems on Our Roads – *Christer Ahlström, VTI*

13:20-13:35 GLAD - Goods delivery under the Last-mile with Autonomous Driving vehicles – *Mikael Söderman, RISE*

13:35-13:50 Vulnerable Road Users - E-scooter "target" – *Fredrik Åkeson, AstaZero*

13:50-14:05 FOT-E (Field Operational Test- Feature Extraction from Video) – *John-Fredrik Grönvall, SAFER*

14:05-14:20 Break

14:20-14:35 Autofreight – *Fredrik Von Corswant, Revere*

14:35-14:50 Safetynet for trucks – *Stefan Koychev, Volvo Group*

14:50-15:05 Human Body Model developments at SAFER – *Johan Iraeus, Chalmers*

15:05-15:20 Are Crash Test Dummies Representative of the Population? – *Anna Carlsson, CIT*

15:20-15:35 TEApan – *Bengt Arne Sjöqvist, Chalmers*

15:35-15:45 Summing up, *Magnus Granström*



Very welcome with questions/reflections and comments in the chat – we would like to interact with you during the presentation!



Christer Ahlström, Raimondas Zemblys, Herman Jansson, Christian Forsberg, Johan Karlsson, Anna Anund

MEDIATOR

Effects of partially automated driving on the development of driver sleepiness

Event: SAFER Research & Project Day

Date: 2021-03-09



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About MEDIATOR

4-year project led by SWOV

Started on May 1, 2019

Funding from the EU Horizon 2020
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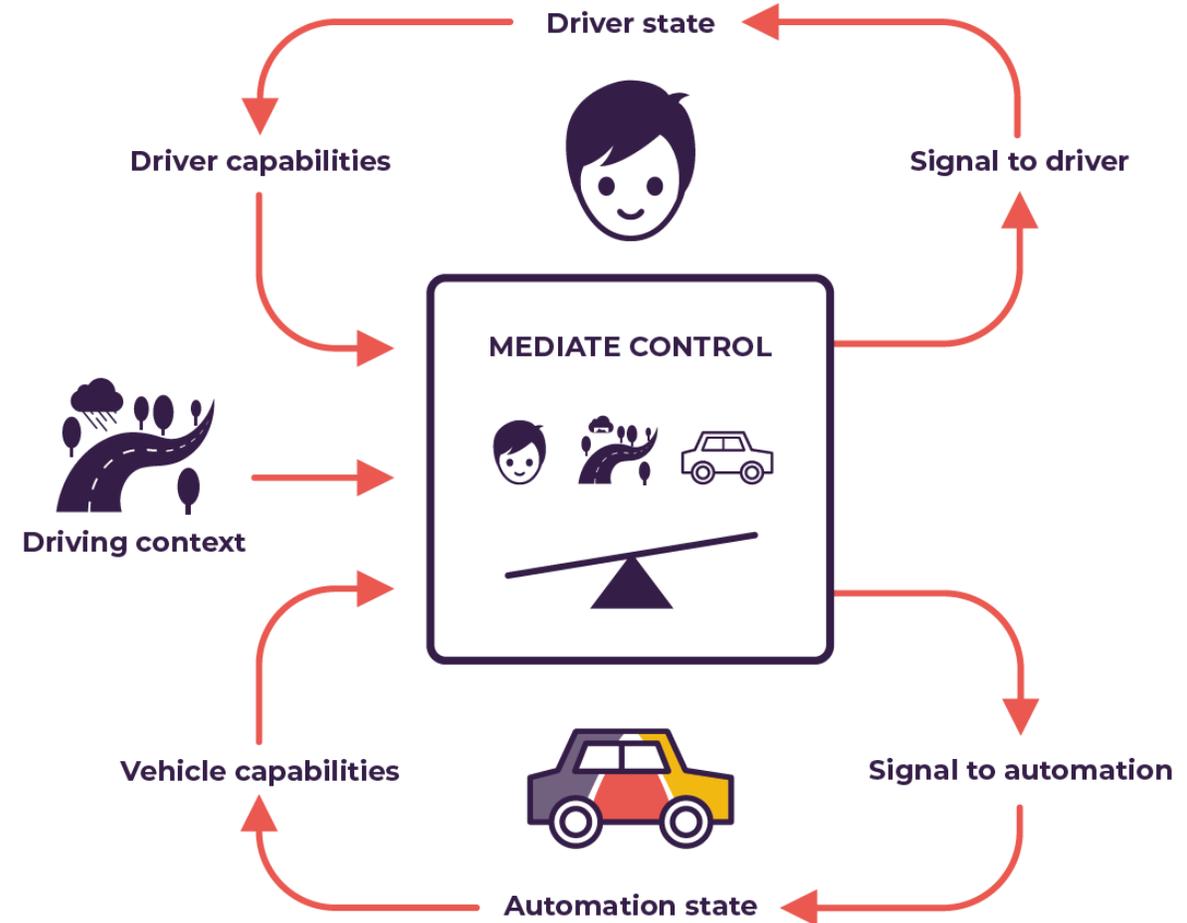


About MEDIATOR

MEDIATOR will develop a mediating system for drivers in semi-automated and highly automated vehicles, resulting in safe, real-time switching between the human driver and automated system based on who is fittest to drive.

MEDIATOR pursues a paradigm shift away from a view that prioritises either the driver or the automation, instead integrating the best of both.

<https://mediatorproject.eu/>



Background

Knowledge about the prevalence and development of drive state as a function of automated driving functionality is needed.

Transition from alert to sleepy while driving on real roads in real traffic, during manual driving but especially during partially automated driving (level 2).

A secondary goal was to provide data for sleepiness detection algorithm development.

Collaboration between Smart Eye AB and the Mediator partners (VTI and Autoliv).



Design

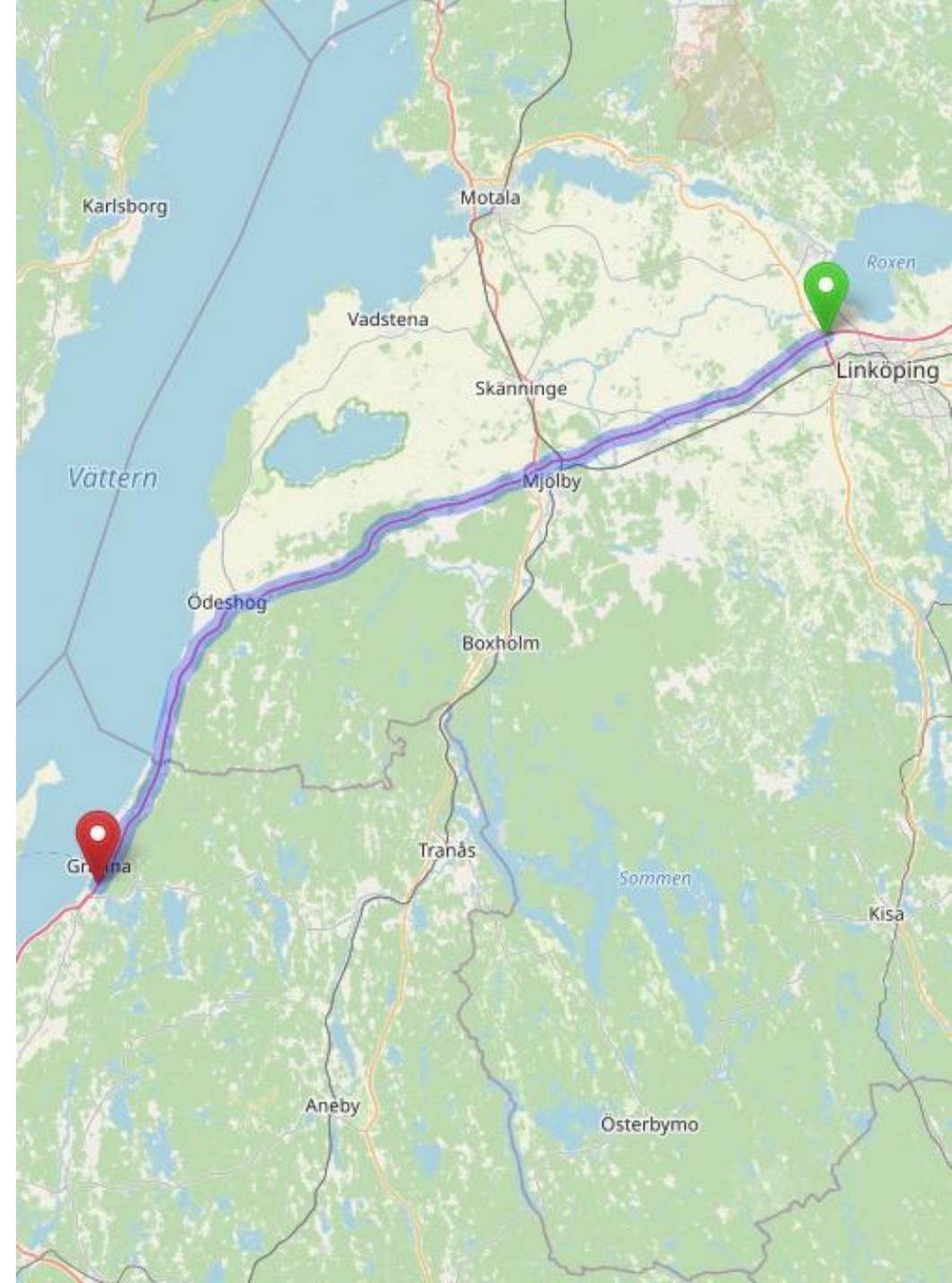
80 participants

2 visits (manual/automated)

2 drives back and forth to Gränna (~2h),
day (alert) and night (sleep deprived)

2 instrumented vehicles

→ $80 \times 2 \times 2 = 320$ driving sessions



Data

Kinematics: GPS, speed, ... (100GB)

Video: forward, interior, face, eye tracking (120 TB)

Physiology: heart (ECG), eyes (EOG), brain (EEG), respiration (500GB)

Subjective sleepiness rating (KSS)

Psychomotor Vigilance Task (reaction time)

Actigraphy (3 days prior to test)



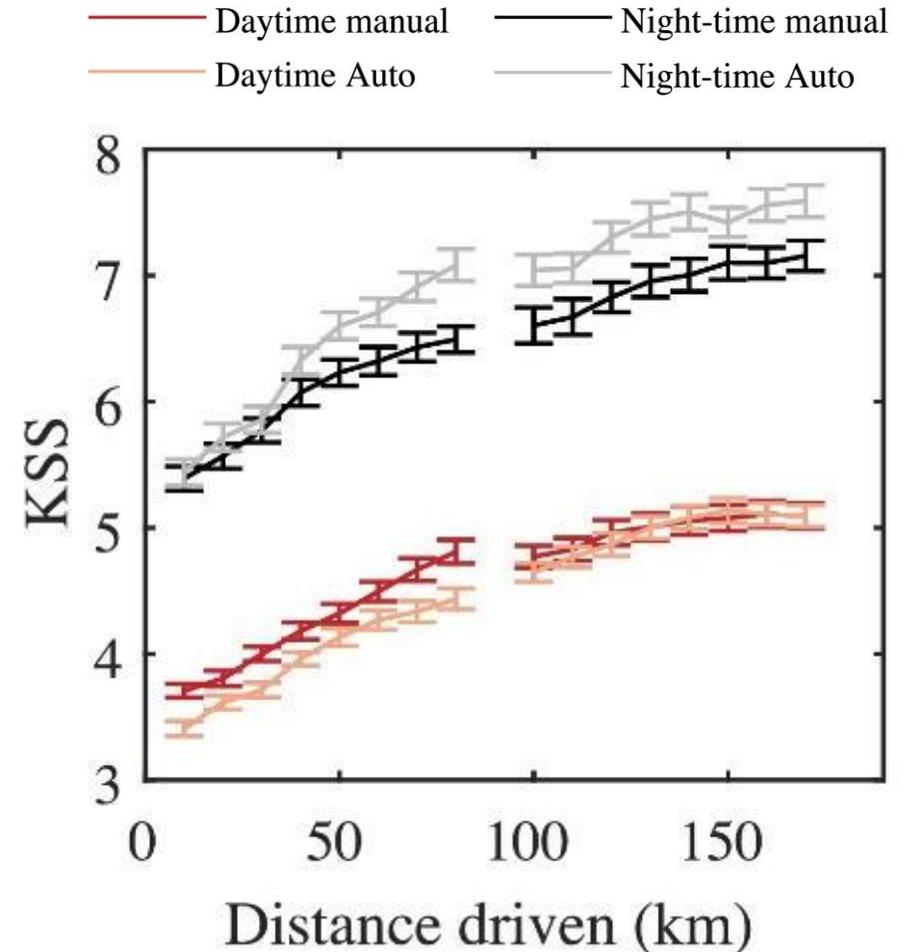
Subjective sleepiness

Manual vs L2 automated driving (**)

Daytime vs night-time (**)

Time on task (**)

Large increase in Karolinska Sleepiness Scale ratings after sleep deprivation and with time on task. Slight increase with L2 automation.



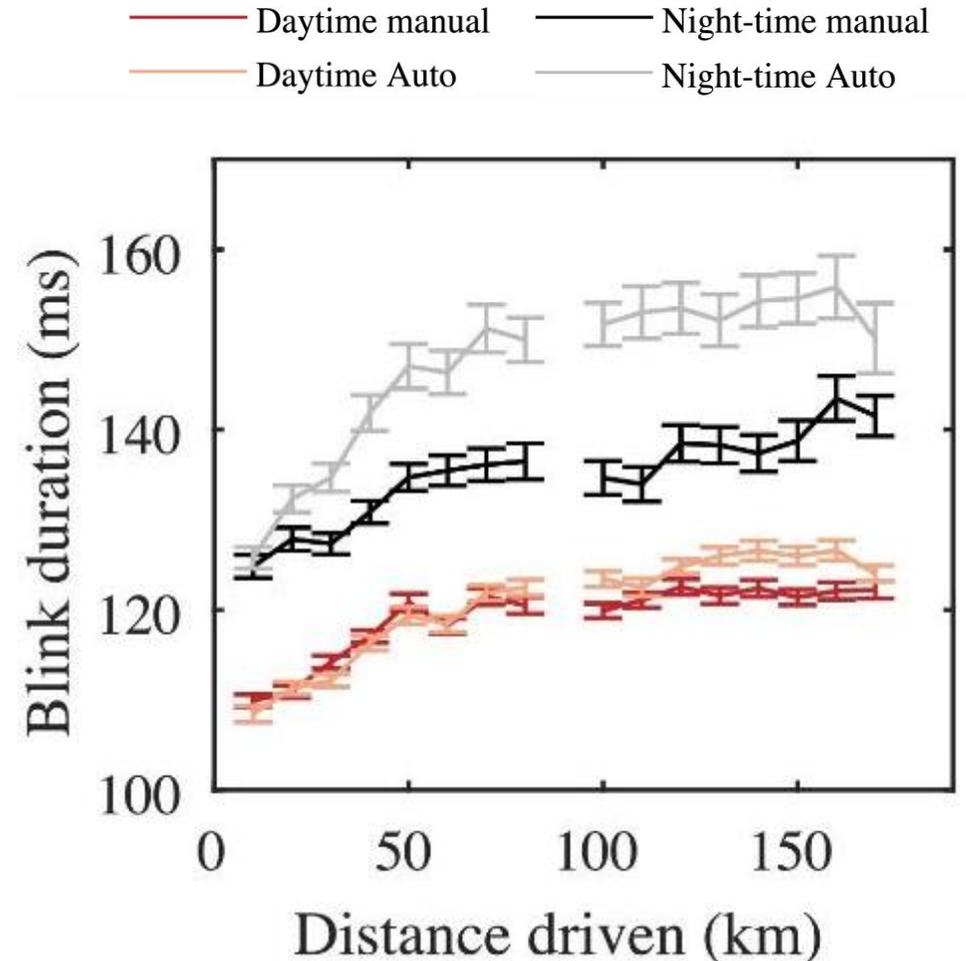
Blink duration

Manual vs L2 automated driving (**)

Daytime vs night-time (**)

Time on task ()

Large increase in blink duration after sleep deprivation. Large increase with time on task and L2 automation during night-time.



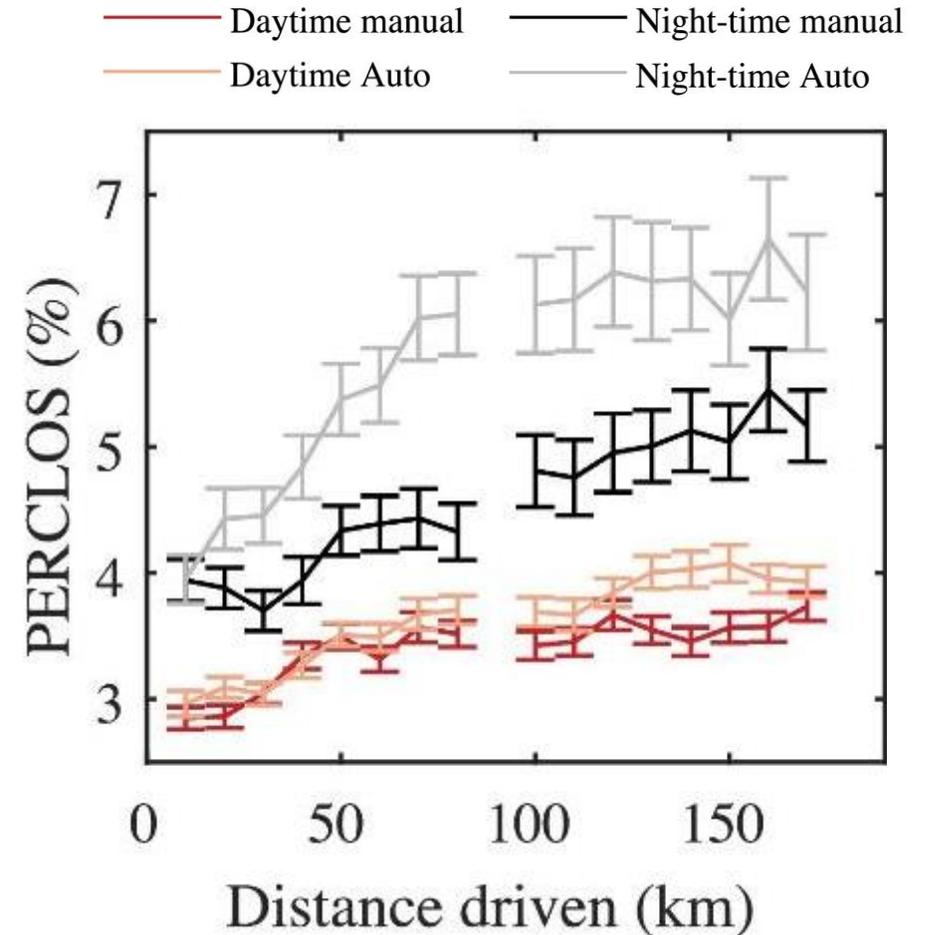
PERCLOS

Manual vs L2 automated driving (*)

Daytime vs night-time ()

Time on task ()

Increase in PERCLOS after sleep deprivation. Large increase with time on task and L2 automation during night-time.



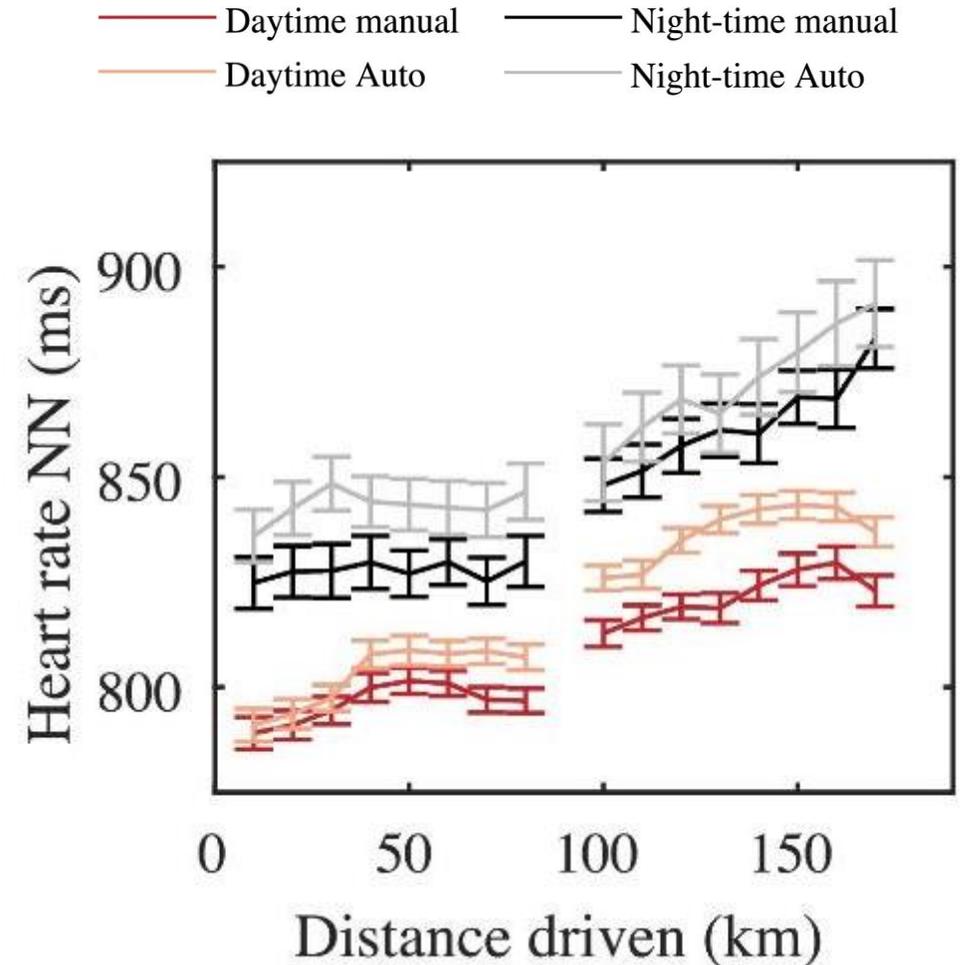
Heart rate

Manual vs L2 automated driving (**)

Daytime vs night-time (**)

Time on task (**)

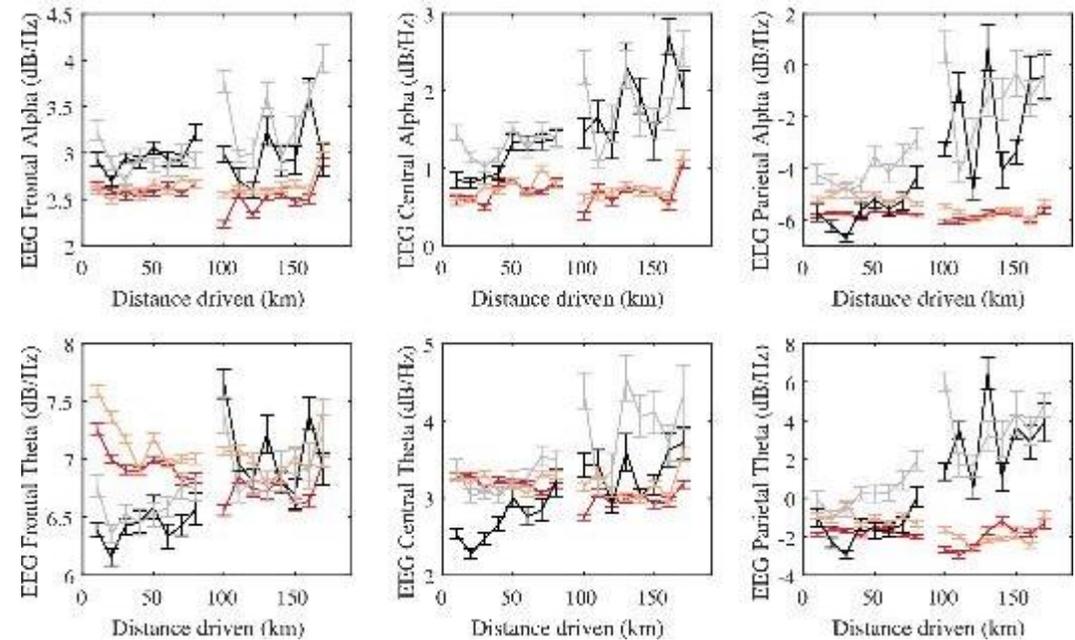
Reduced heart rate after sleep deprivation, with time on task and with L2 automation.



Brain activity

The results are less clear for EEG. The general picture is that alpha and theta content increase after sleep deprivation and to some extent with L2 automation, but mostly via interaction effects.

— Daytime manual — Night-time manual
— Daytime Auto — Night-time Auto





Effects of partially automated driving on the development of driver sleepiness

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to compare the development of sleepiness during manual driving versus level 2 partially automated driving, when driving on a motorway in Sweden. The hypothesis was that partially automated driving will lead to higher levels of fatigue due to underload. Eighty-nine drivers were included in the study using a 2 × 2 design with the conditions manual versus partially automated driving and daytime (full sleep) versus night-time (sleep deprived). The results showed that night-time driving led to markedly increased levels of sleepiness in terms of subjective sleepiness ratings, blink durations, PERCLOS, pupil diameter and heart rate. Partially automated driving led to slightly higher subjective sleepiness ratings, longer blink durations, decreased pupil diameter, slower heart rate, and higher EEG alpha and theta activity. However, elevated levels of sleepiness mainly arose from the night-time drivers when the sleep pressure was high. During daytime, when the drivers were alert, partially automated driving had little or no detrimental effects on driver fatigue. Whether the negative effects of increased sleepiness during partially automated driving can be compensated by the positive effects of lateral and longitudinal driving support needs to be investigated in further studies.

1. Introduction

Fatigued drivers show slower visual processing, loss of selective attention, poor distractor inhibition, reduced peripheral processing capacity as well as lapses and wake state instability (Chee, 2015; Krause et al., 2017; Van Dongen et al., 2011). This leads to worsened decision making, slower reaction times, reduced attention to the forward roadway and driving performance incapability (Anderson and Horne, 2013; MacLean, 2019). As such, sleepiness and fatigue are contributing factors in 5–50 % of all crashes (cf. Dawson et al., 2018), with median values usually falling between 15–25 % (Åkerstedt, 2000), and elevating the crash risk with 1.29–1.34 times compared to driving without fatigue (Moradi et al., 2019). These fatigue related crashes typically occur during night-time or in the early morning hours, after too many uninterrupted hours behind the wheel, or after extended periods of high or low workload (Williamson et al., 2011). In this paper, fatigue is defined

as the biological drive for recuperative rest, with sleepiness as a special case referring to accumulated sleep debt, prolonged wakefulness, or troughs in the circadian rhythm.

A range of countermeasures can be implemented to address fatigue-related issues in transport, including public awareness campaigns, legal approaches, roadside initiatives, and in-vehicle technologies (Anund and Kecklund, 2011; Fletcher et al., 2005; Phillips et al., 2017). Some of these countermeasures aim to reduce the likelihood of fatigue-related driving whereas others aim to reduce the consequences of driving while fatigued. Driver support and intervention systems is a relatively new countermeasure that belongs to the latter category. These systems aim to prevent or reduce the impact of crashes in general, and as such they may also alleviate fatigue-related crashes. For example, lane departure warnings and lane keeping assistance reduce single-vehicle, sideswipe, and head-on injury crash rates (Cicchino, 2018; Sternlund et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2020). These crash types are often associated

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Conclusions

Partial automation led to increased sleepiness during nighttime (after sleep deprivation), but had little effect on fatigue during daytime (after full sleep).

Difficult to say how this will affect crash risk. Lane keeping may prevent crashes and L2 disengagement may be used as a countermeasure.

Next steps in the project is to continue working on the mediation between the human and the automated system, and to design preventive and corrective countermeasures to keep the driver fit enough for the current automation level.

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GLAD

Goods delivery under the Last-mile with Autonomous Delivery Vehicles

Godsleverans under den sista milen med självkörande fordon

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General GLAD info

- **Type of project:** Research project with user testing and demonstration
- **Partners:** RISE (coordinator), Aptiv, Combitech, Clean Motion, Halmstad University
- **Length:** 2020-2022
- **Budget:** 11 690 000 SEK (6 903 000 SEK from Trafikverket, ca 60%)
- **Project team:** Multidisciplinary team with knowledge in perception and control systems, collaborative systems, vehicle design for new mobility solutions and human-machine interaction.
- **Reference group:** Chalmers, CLOSER, Foodora, HUGO/Berge, Johanneberg Science Park, Länsstyrelsen i Västmanland, MoveByBike, PostNord, SMOOTH, Trafikkontoret i Göteborg, Trafikverket, Unifaun

The logo for RISE, consisting of the letters 'RI' stacked above 'SE' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.The logo for Högskolan i Halmstad, featuring a stylized blue and white geometric design above the text 'HÖGSKOLAN I HALMSTAD'.The logo for Aptiv, featuring the word 'APTIV' in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a red dot on either side.The logo for Combitech, featuring the word 'COMBITECH' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.The logo for Clean Motion zbee, featuring the words 'CLEAN MOTION' in a bold, black, sans-serif font with 'zbee' in a smaller, orange font below it.

TRAFIKVERKET

The logo for SAFER, featuring the word 'SAFER' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.The logo for RISE, consisting of the letters 'RI' stacked above 'SE' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Overall Aim

To develop an **initial knowledge base** on **efficiency, safety and human experience** of small autonomous delivery vehicles (ADV) for the first and last mile delivery of goods in **Sweden**, and on how to create a balance between these three aspects from a socio-technical perspective.

Autonomous Delivery Vehicles, ADV

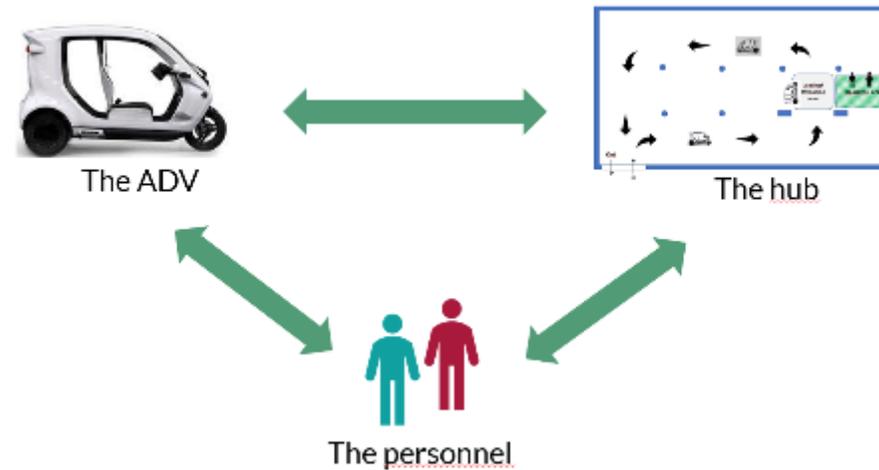


Research areas

Business cases and policy constraints

Interactions and HMI

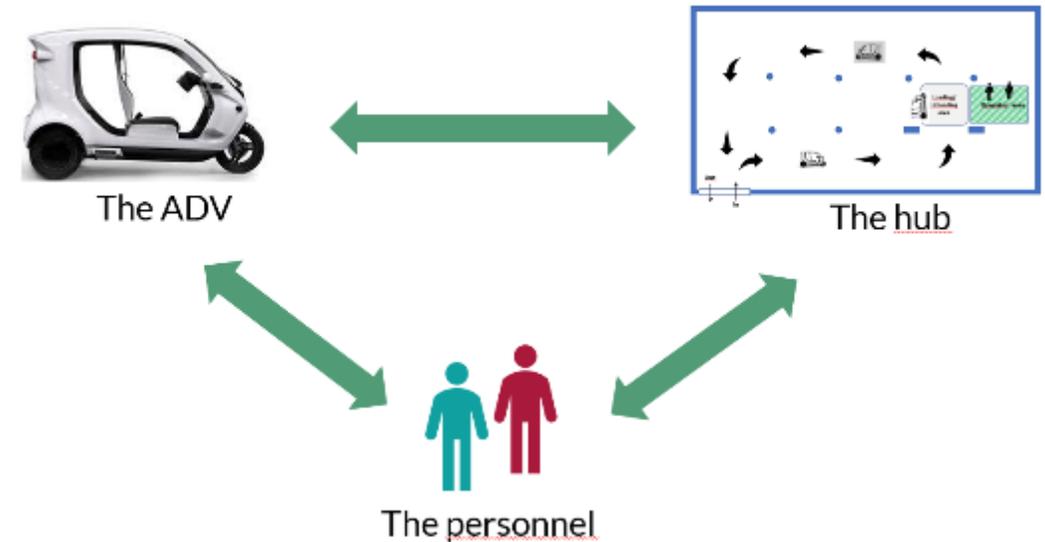
Evaluation methodologies



Study

ADV's operating in a hub/terminal for loading/unloading:

- Explore and identify problem areas, needs and requirements in different interactions points; *ADV – Personnel – Hub*
- Formulate preliminary functional requirements
- How to handle COVID19 restrictions



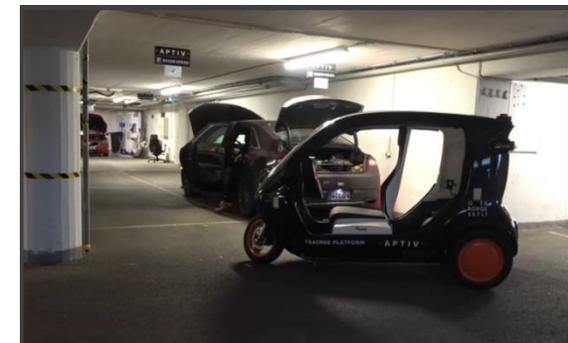
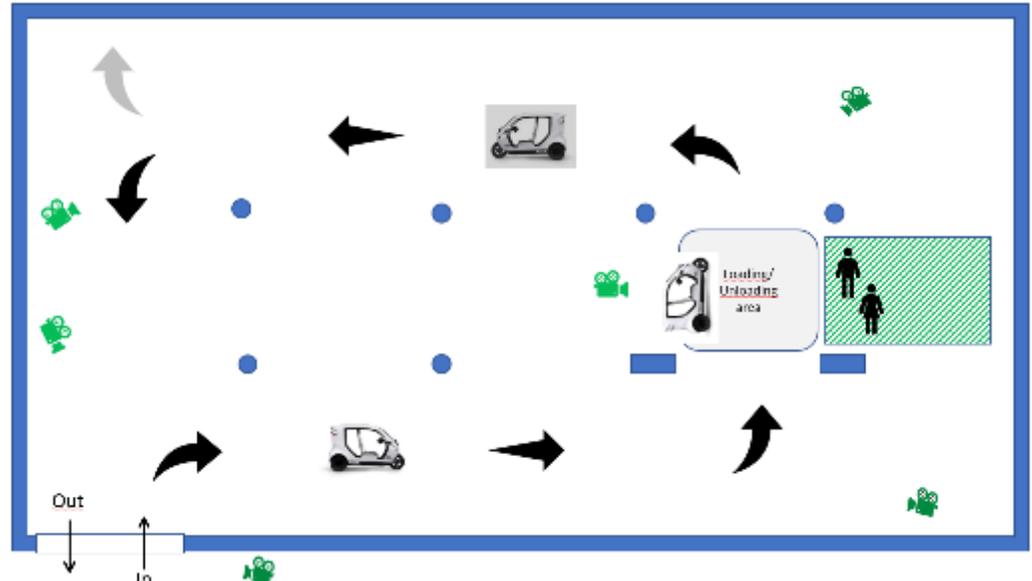
Study procedure

1. Visit and interviews at Postnord



Study procedure

2. Video illustrating an ADV operating in a "hub"



Study procedure

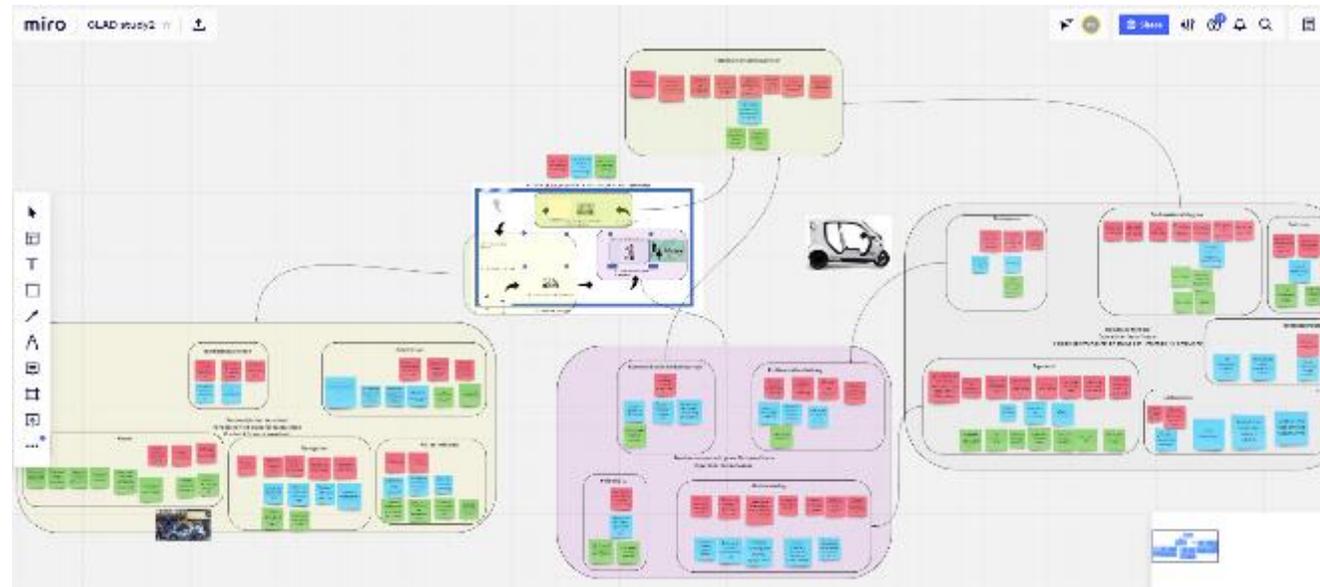
3. Workshop 1
with project
partners

4. Workshop 2
with Postnord
personnel

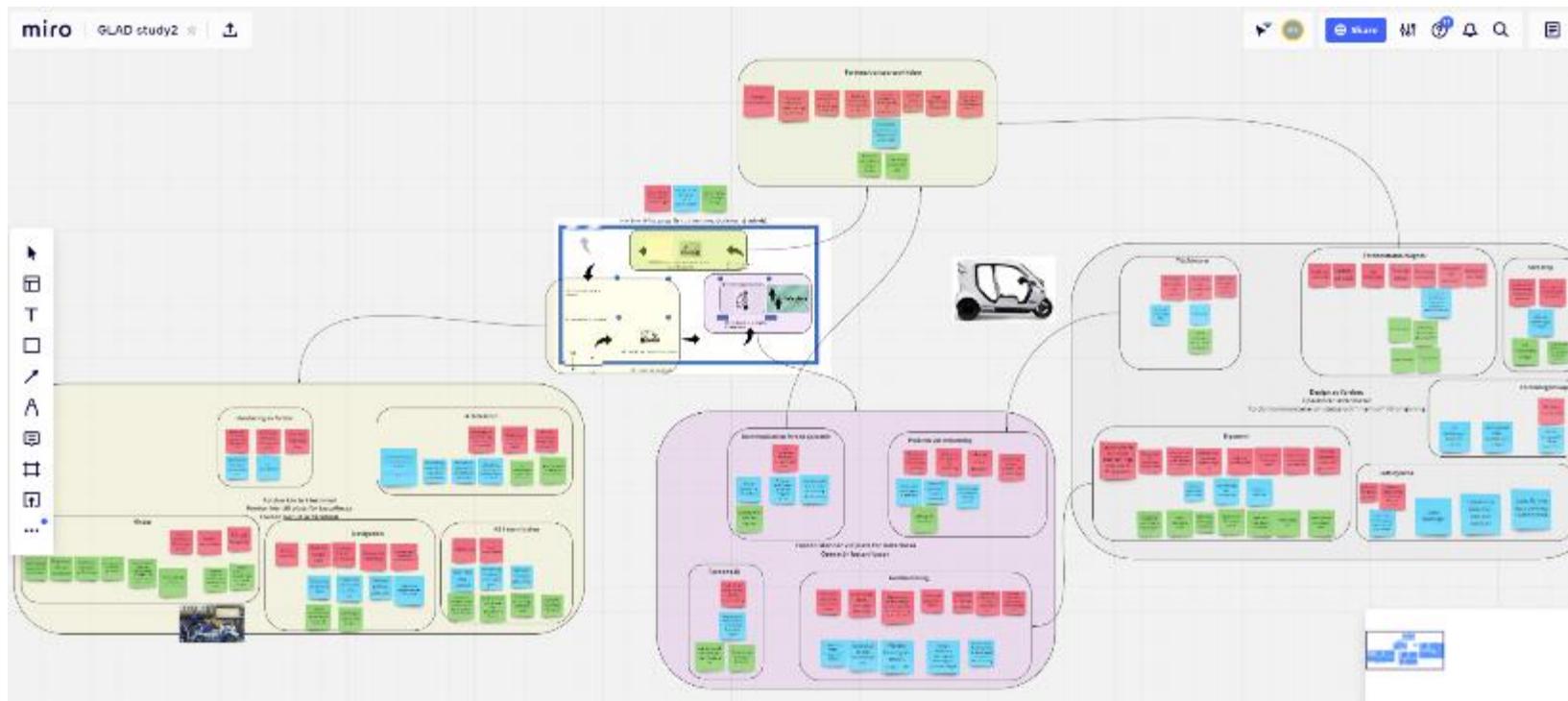
Video of
the ADV
in the hub



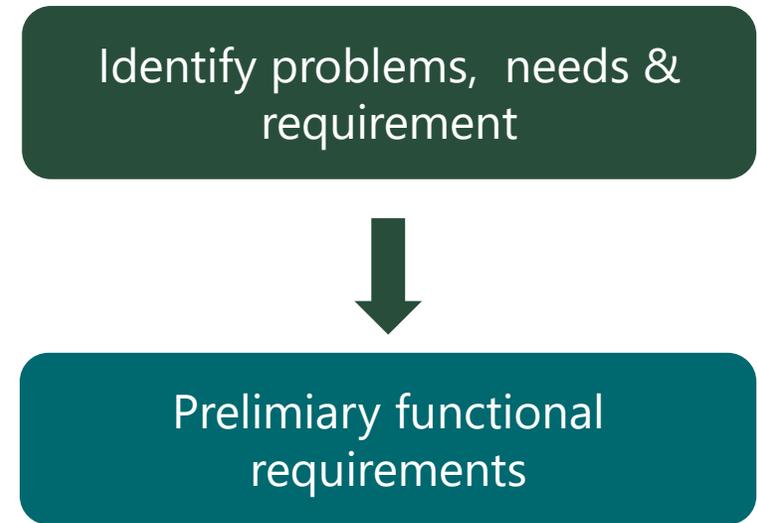
Online workshops with a digital
whiteboard



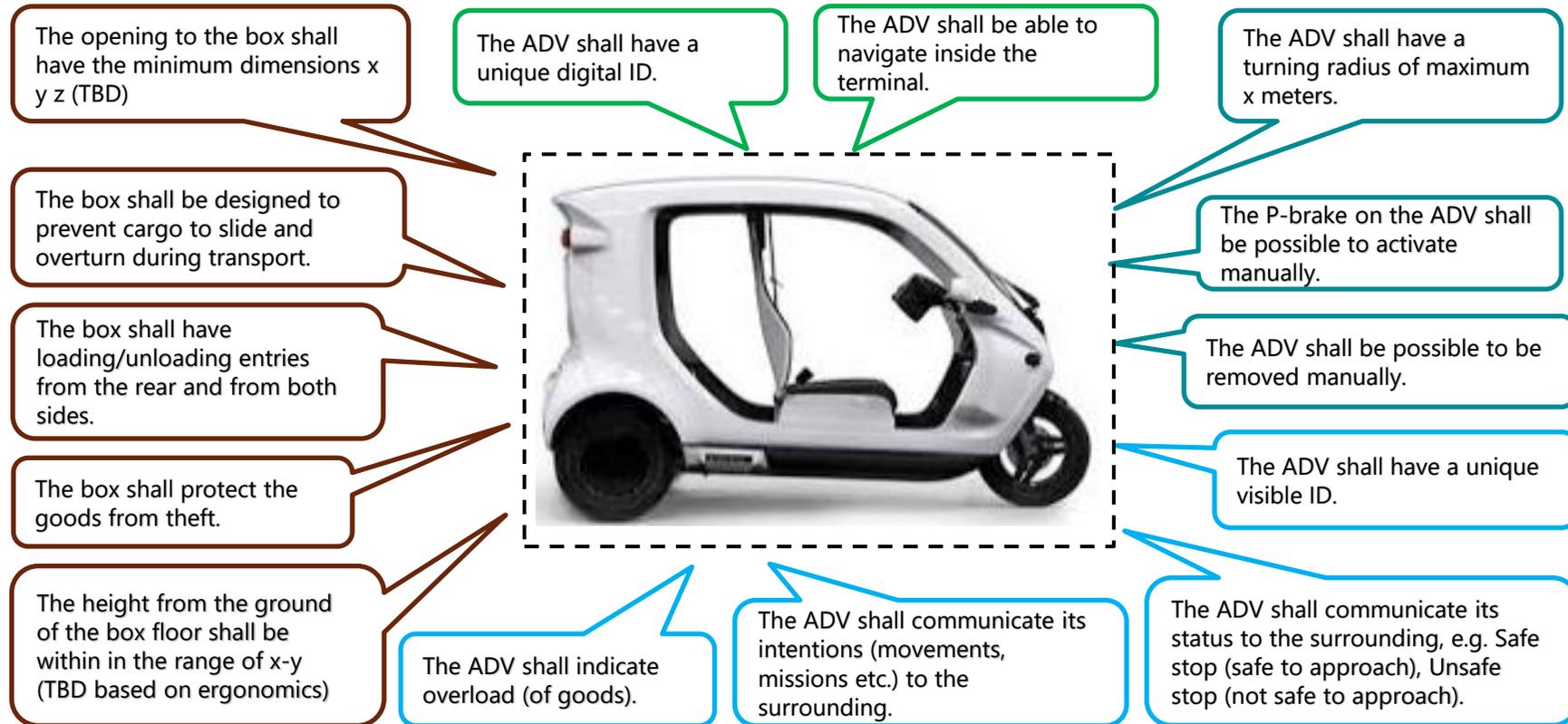
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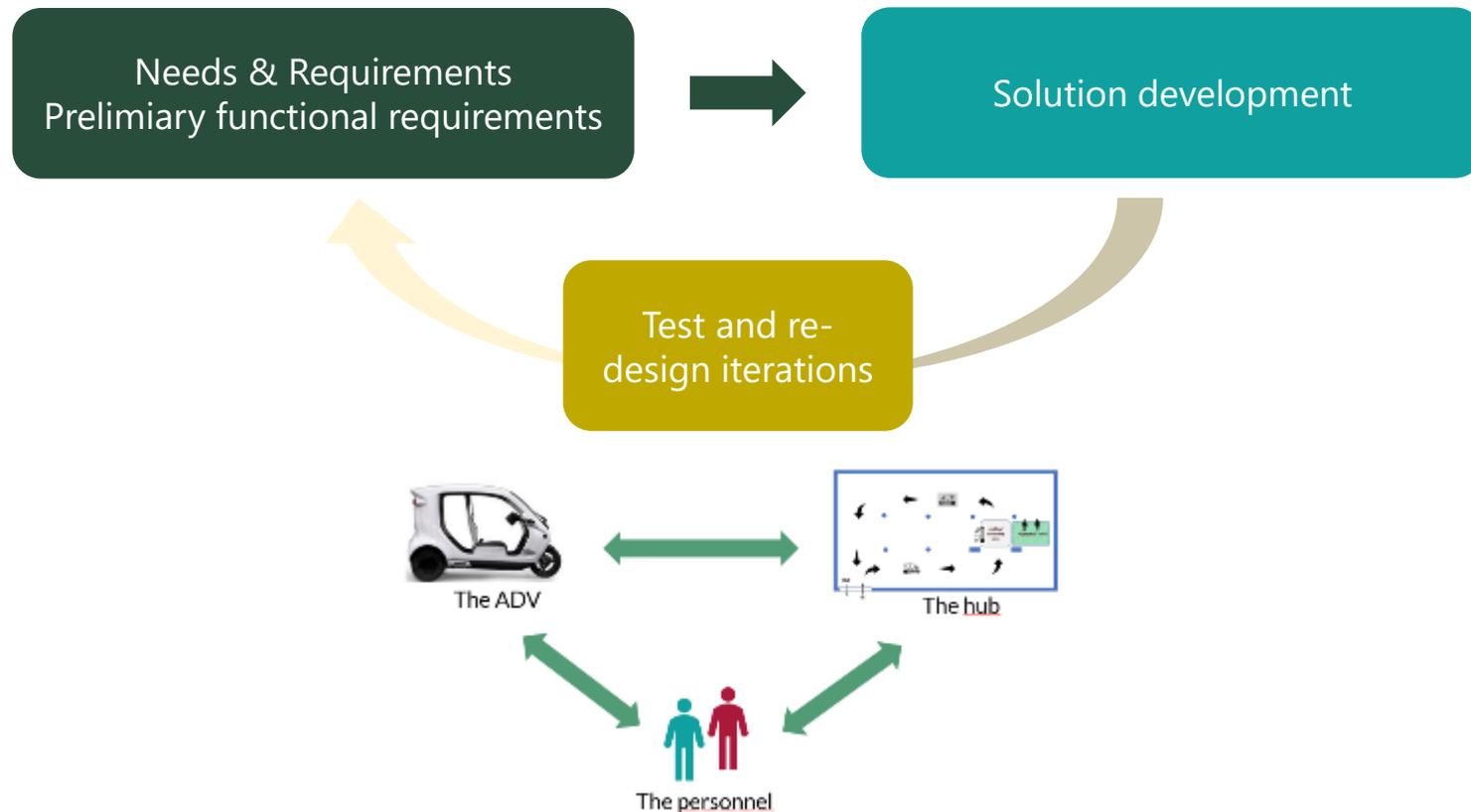
Affinity diagram analysis



Functional requirements: The ADV



Next steps



And in addition

- A number of the problems and challenges that were identified in the study will taken on by students at Chalmers (Mechanical engineering and Design and product development) in March-May as part of a course.
- A paper submitted to the DIS2021 conference



Thank you!

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Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)

E-scooter target

Project leader Kasper Johansson

Presenter Fredrik Åkeson

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Project info

- FFI - Pre studie
- Project time
 - October 2020 - End of september 2021
- Budget
 - 500.000SEK

Background

- Initiative from Claes Tingvall "Vision Zero"
- E-scooters has quickly become established in the "modern road infrastructure"
- Pedestrian and Bicyclist are common objects to which modern cars can prevent or mitigate a collision.
- E-scooters are today not classified objects to cars AD/ADAS systems
- **How does modern cars react to e-scooters?**

- **Most of the accidents with e-scooter are singel accident**
 - Balance problem (Friday an Saturday nights)
 - Pot-holes, slippery surfaces or edge of sidewalk

Folksam report: Kartläggning av olyckor med elsparkcyklar och hur olyckorna kan förhindras, Helena Stigson & Maria Klingegård

- **Serious accidents or fatal accidents with e-scooter**
 - Other vehicle, (car), involved in 80% of the cases
 - The accidents are very similar to accidents with bicycles

OECD/ITS 2020

Objective

- Develop a soft test target which can be used in development testing for cars AD and ADAS systems.
- Look into relevant scenarios for e-scooters
 - Existing Euro NCAP VRU Scenarios
 - Behaviours/scenarios that may be unique to the e-scooter?



Challenge!

No leg movement & high speed



Euro NCAP target for bicyclist and pedestrian



Car to Bicyclist Nearside

(CBNA & CBFA)



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Car to Bicyclist
Nearside
Longitudinal

(CBLA)

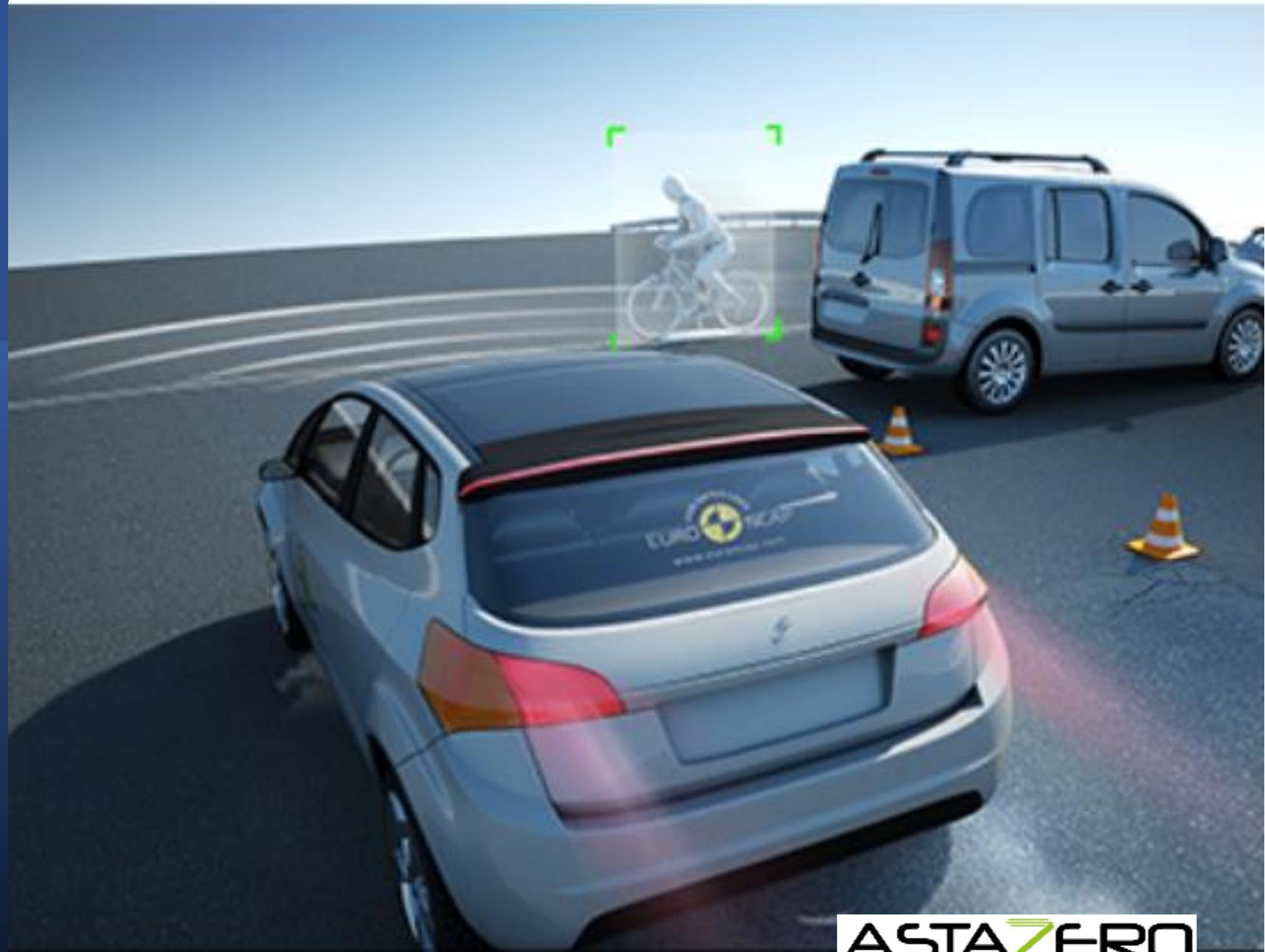
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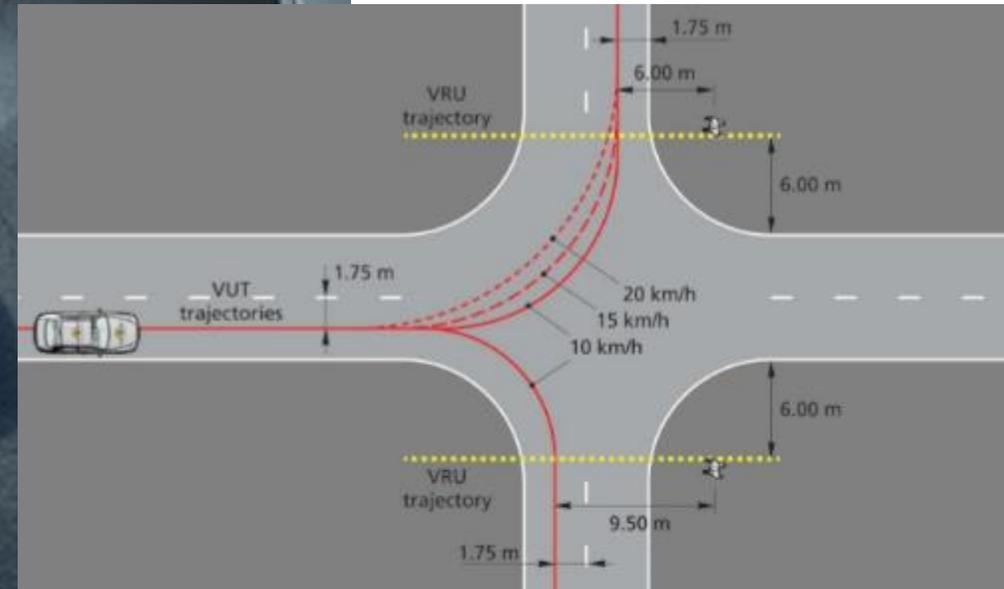


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Car to Bicyclist
Nearside Adult
Obstructed

(CBNAO)





Car to Pedestrian Turning Adult (CPTA)

Timing

Build up a soft prototype of an e-scooter

March

Radar measurements together with RISE

- Characteristics (Prototype / Real e-scooter)
- Small and big scooters
- Spinning / static wheels

Mar.–Apr.

Test to Euro NCAP Scenarios

- CBNA
- CBLA
- CBNAo
- CPTA
- Other scenarios that need to be addressed

Apr.–July

Questions?

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FOT-e

Field Operational Test- Feature Extraction from Video

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Partners



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SMART EYE[®]

• FOT data

- The SAFER ND platform datasets include 7 500 000 km of driving data
- FOT dataset is 10 years old and contains of:
 - Camera view pointing on the driver upper body but no automatic annotation
 - Low resolution driver monitoring camera (DMS) . The DMS technology at the time provided very noisy output

	Driver Monitoring	Cabin Monitoring
Videos	160x160, 10Hz, H264	352x288, 12.5Hz, H264
Software	Implemented AI based algorithms with higher availability on low resolution images	new Smart Eye CMS (Object detection, Person detection, Body pose, Activities (phone, hands-on-wheel, ...))
Analysis	No ground truth available Use gaze direction for EOR analysis Use head position for head OOP analysis	Compare SE results with GT annotations

smart eye

Objectives

- **Data enrichment**
 - Seat belt detection
 - Extract eye, head and body posture from existing video data, both for active and passive purposes
 - Seat position measurement
 - Extract action data (eating, texting etc..) from recorded data
 - Driver identification
- **Anonymization**

• Cabin Monitoring System

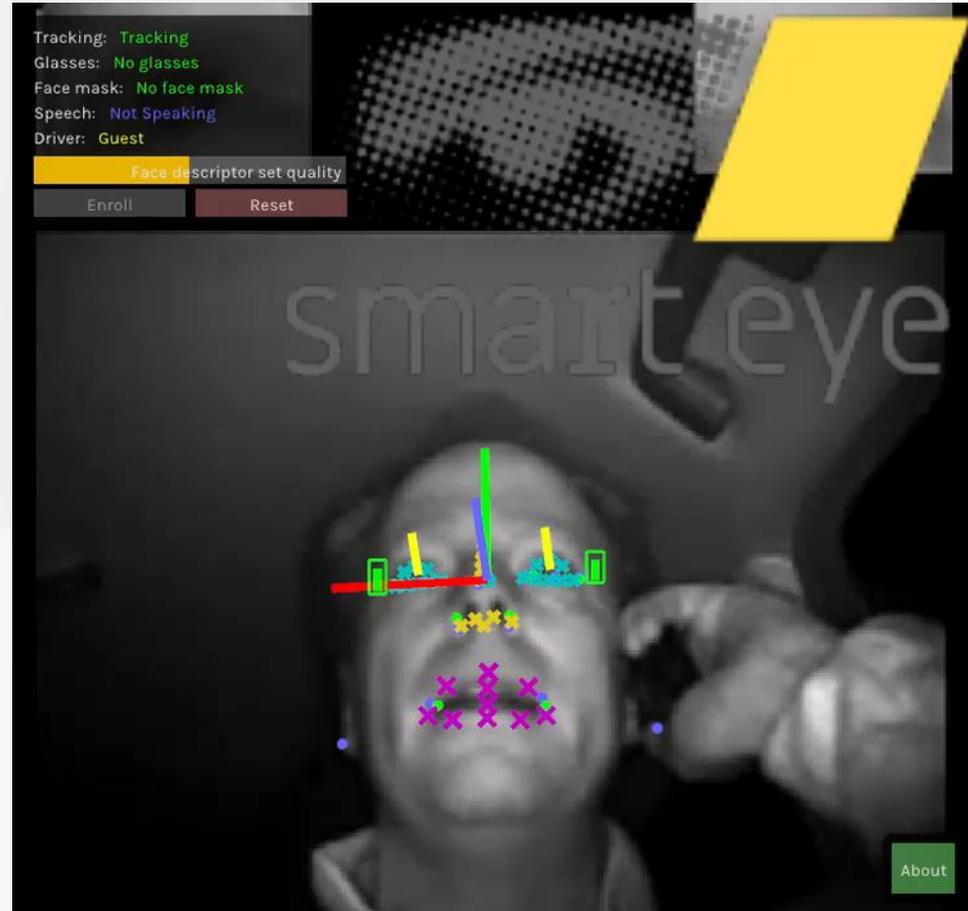
Hands On Wheel	Phone usage	Out-Of-Position
1: no hands	0: unknown	0: unknown
2: left hand on/right hand off	1: no phone usage	1: central position
3: left hand off/right hand on	2: talking left hand	2: out-of-position
4: both hands on	3: talking right hand	Seat-belt
5: unknown	4: texting left hand	Belted/Non belted
	5: texting right hand	

Driver monitoring system

Head pose	Eye	Functions (annotated in dataset)
Head position X,Y,Z	Gaze ray	Eyes on road/other gaze zones tbd
Head angle X,Y,Z	Eye lid closure	Talking
		Long eye closure (tbd)
		Distraction (tbd)

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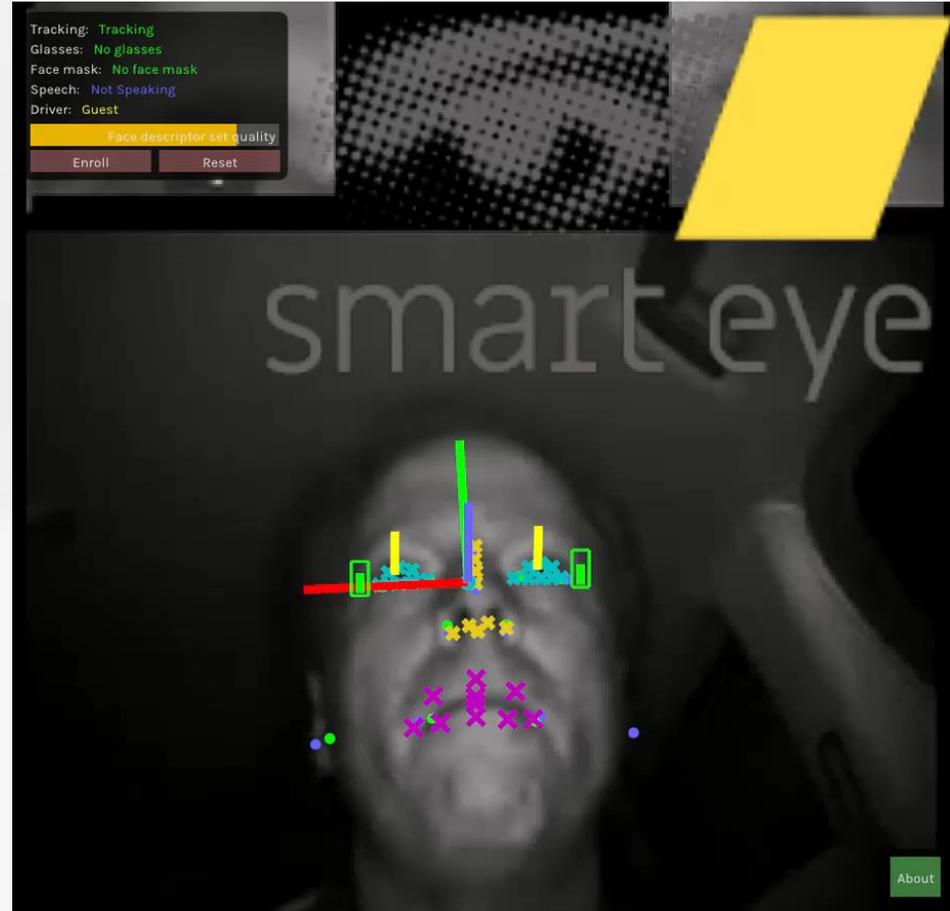
• CMS/DMS example 1



Videos are agreed to be showed in public by Henrik Lind (driver)

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• CMS/DMS example 2



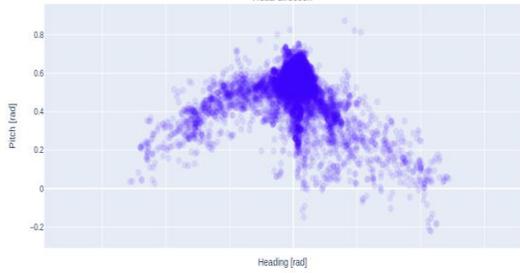
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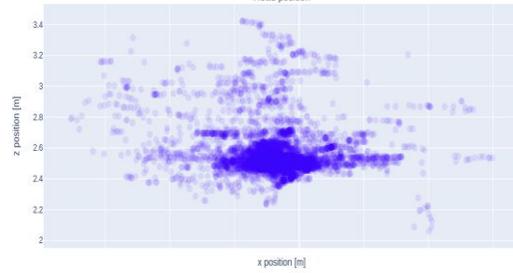
• DMS analysis

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Head direction

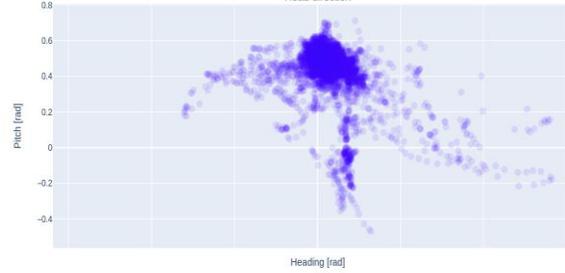


Head position

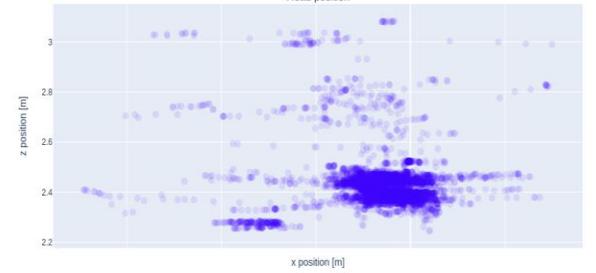


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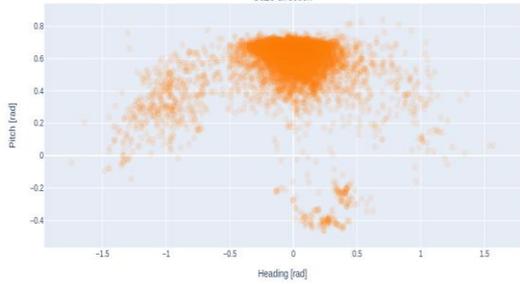
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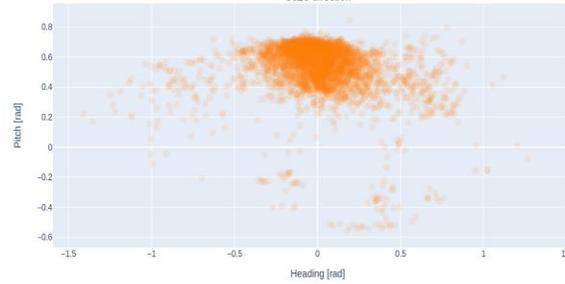
Head position



Gaze direction



Gaze direction



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• Problems and Future Work

- Smart Eye DMS trained on higher resolution eye images- now very low resolution
- Smart Eye CMS was trained on IR images / FOT data very low resolution greyscale images
 - Object detection produces false positives and false negatives
 - Unstable Body pose
- Retrain CMS on subset of annotated FOT data and RGB/Grey images of SE data
- Automated gaze zone adjustment since camera mounting position is different in individual FOT cars
- Run and verify automated annotation on larger data set
- Extract functional details (WP5) like distance from head rest for passive safety use.
- Run on all EuroFOT data

Auto *Freight*

Highly Automated Freight Transports



Fredrik von Corswant
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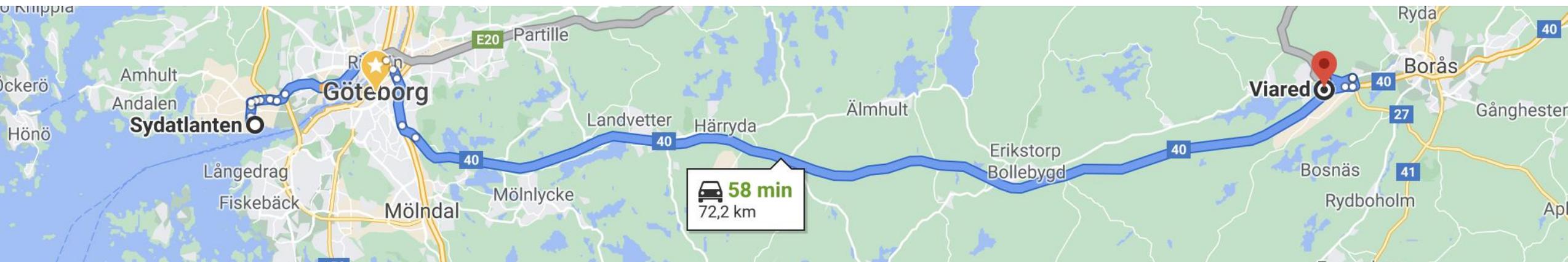


Project scope



A-double vehicle

- Efficient container transports Gothenburg Harbor – Viared Borås
- A-double – Two container trailers instead of one
- Multi-client logistics system for import and export flows
- Vehicle automation and driver support systems



Test vehicles

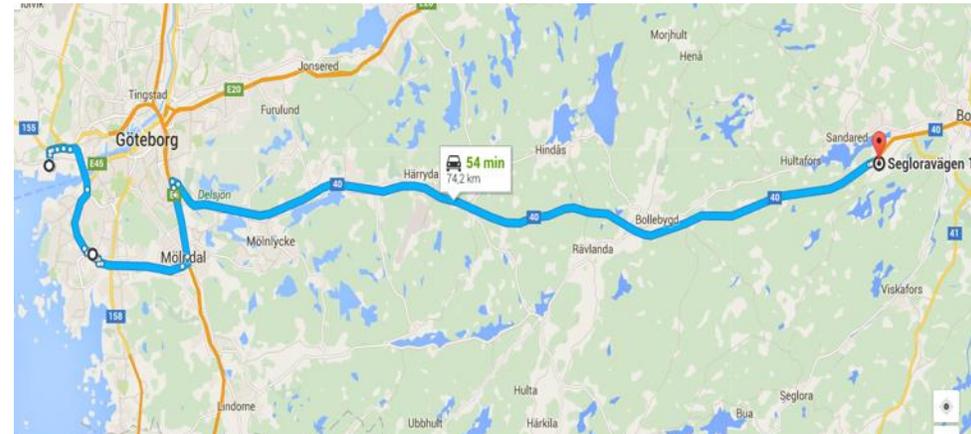
Research vehicle

Research platform
Test track
Fully equipped with sensors
Full actuation

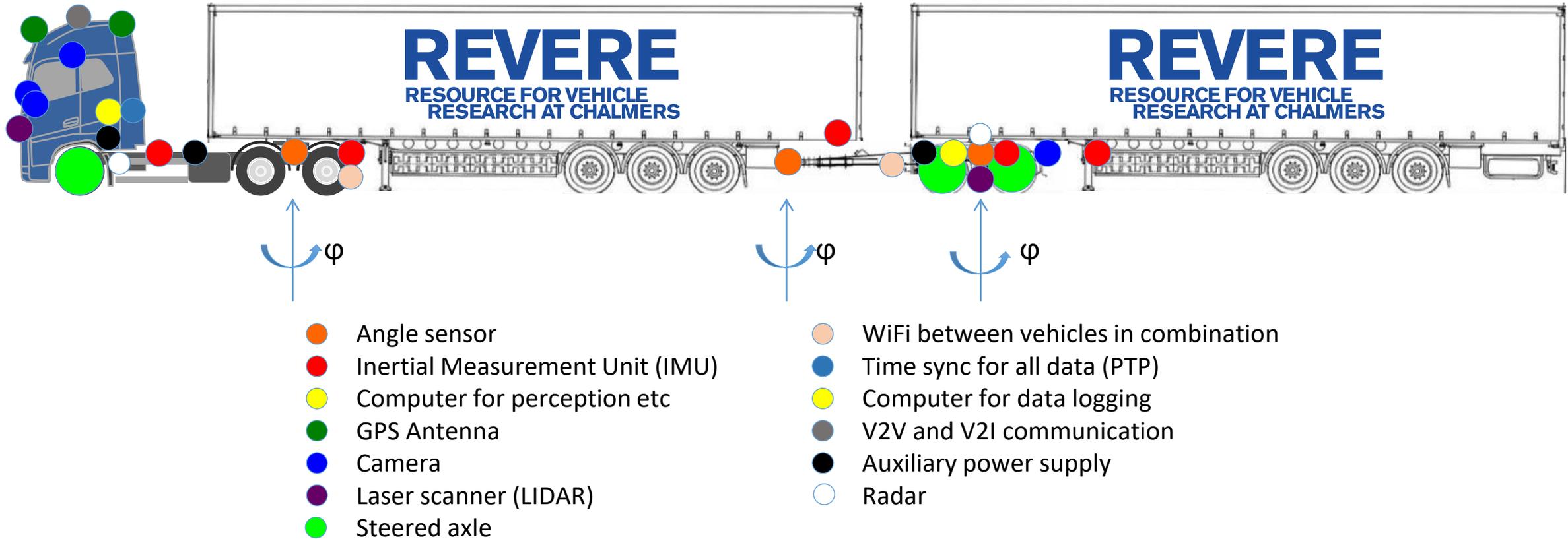


Logistics vehicle

Daily operation
Public roads
Subset of sensors
Data collection



Autofreight research vehicle



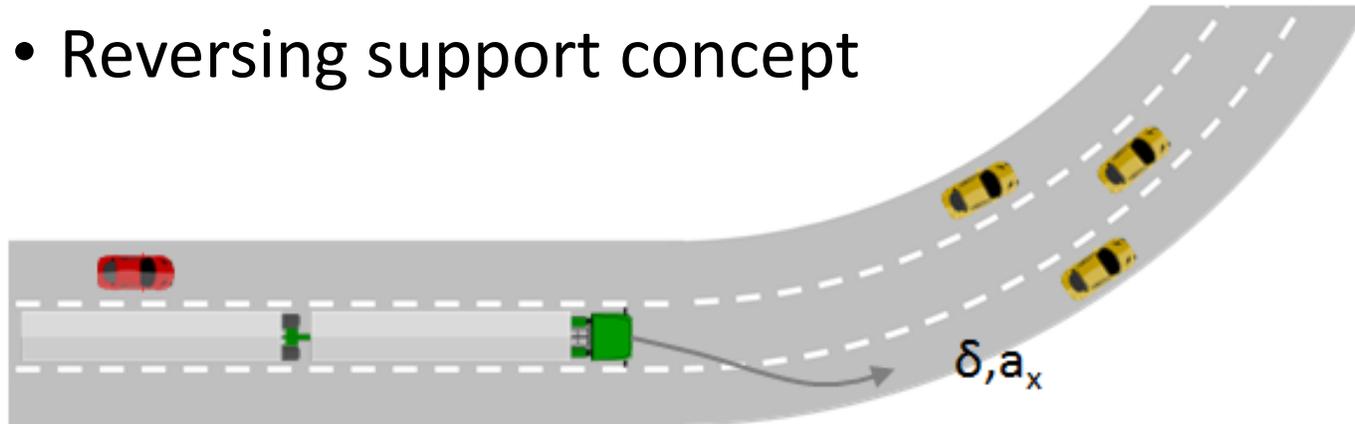
Efficient logistics

- Optimization of transport capacity
- Two round trips per day
- Multi-client system
- Transparent booking portal
- Balanced import and matching export
- Further improvements with increasing volumes and more export goods



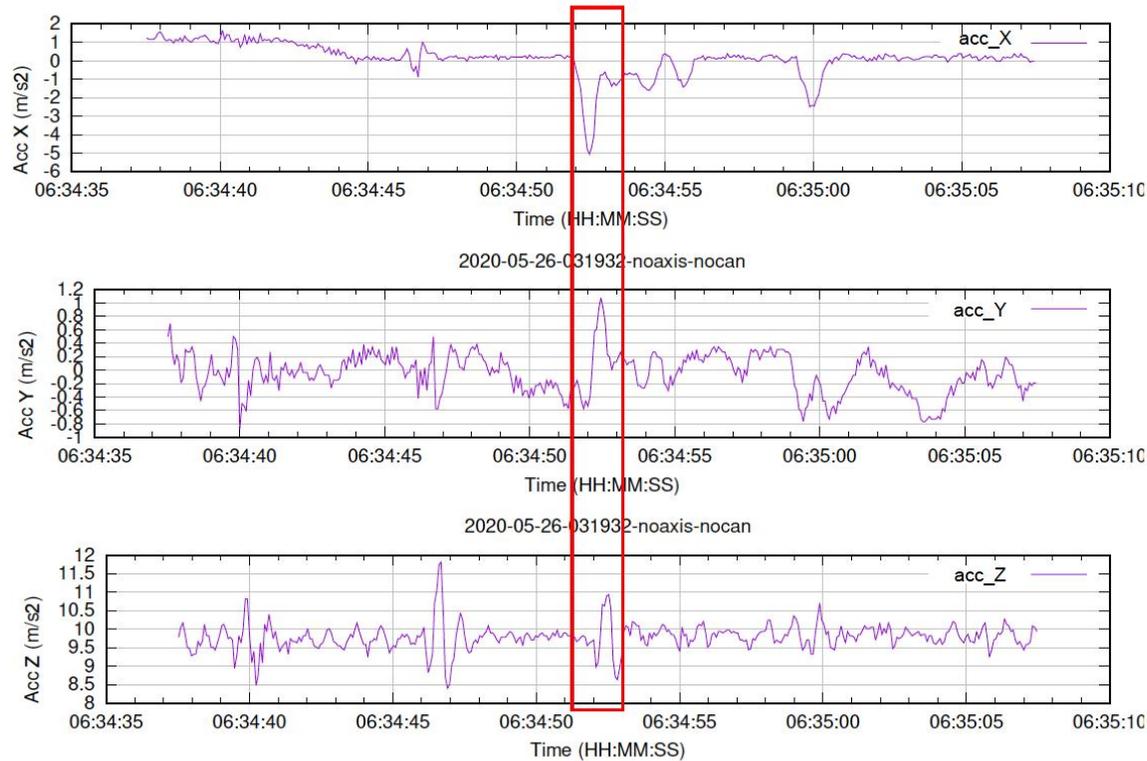
Vehicle Automation & driver support

- Driving scenarios and vehicle dynamics
- Vehicle Motion Management
- Semantic segmentation
- Data sets
- Reversing support concept

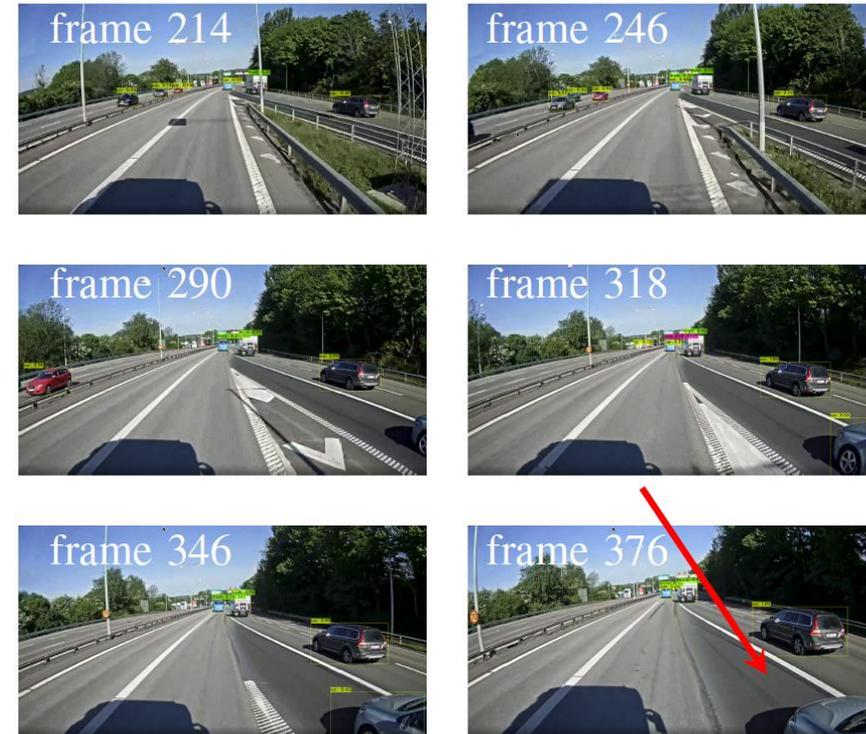


Real traffic data logging

harsh braking event for approx. 1.6s



(a) Event in the acceleration data.

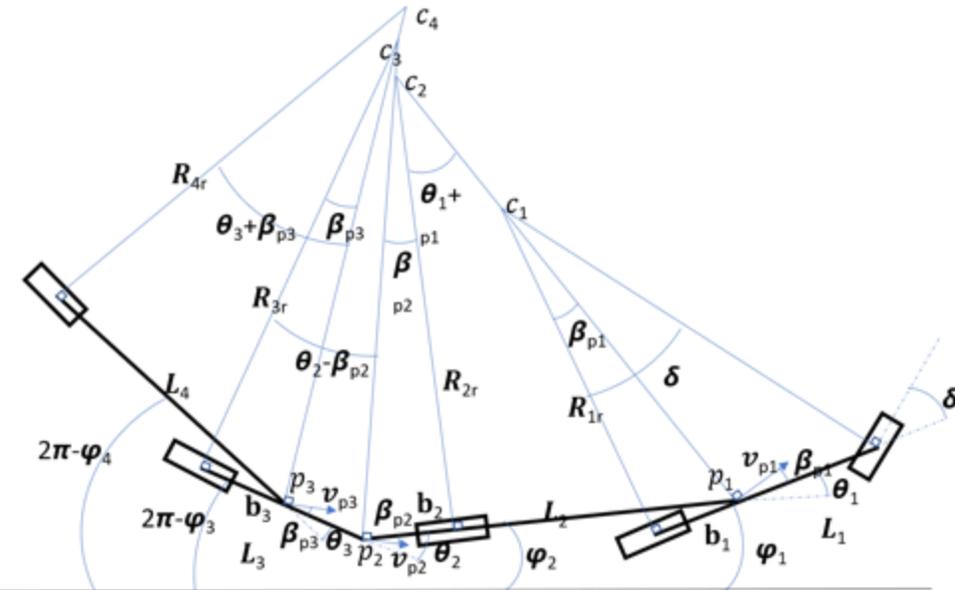


(b) Traffic situation of the event with object detection.

Fig. 2. Event where the truck was forced to conduct an unintended deceleration maneuver; no collision happened.

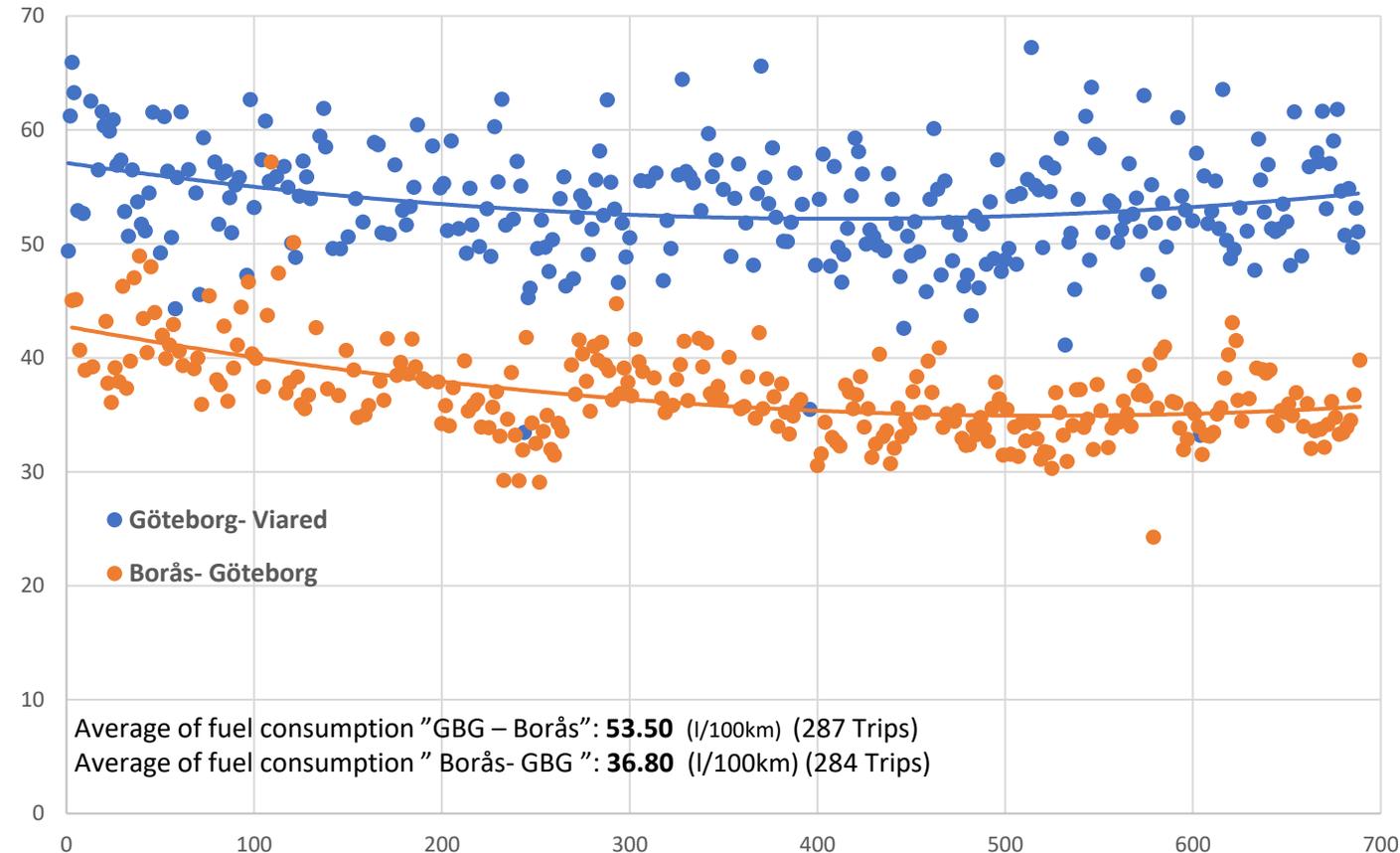
The need for a reversing support system

- Difficult task, requires very skilled drivers
- Vehicle has three articulation points
- Knob for setting reversing radius
- Driver in charge of reversing
- System takes over steering wheel



Fuel economy - results

- >50 000km during 2020
- 715 trips
- A-double vs single trailer
 - On road: -30%
 - At hub: +25%
 - Total reduction: 21%
- Improve first and last mile operations



Next steps

- Open multi-client system
- Engage more companies in the Viared area
- A-double with (hybrid) electrical propulsion
- Traffic safety research, e.g. VRU's
- Driver support systems for reversing long vehicles
- Improve hub operation and first/last mile efficiency



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HIGH INTEGRITY SYSTEM FOR ENSURING SAFETY OF AUTOMATED DRIVING FEATURES



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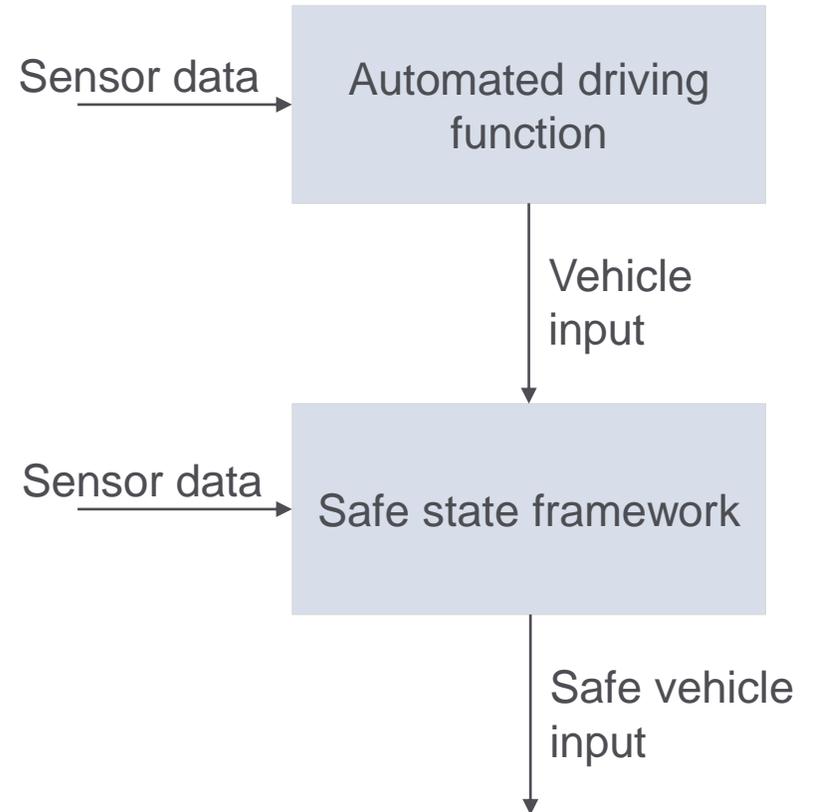
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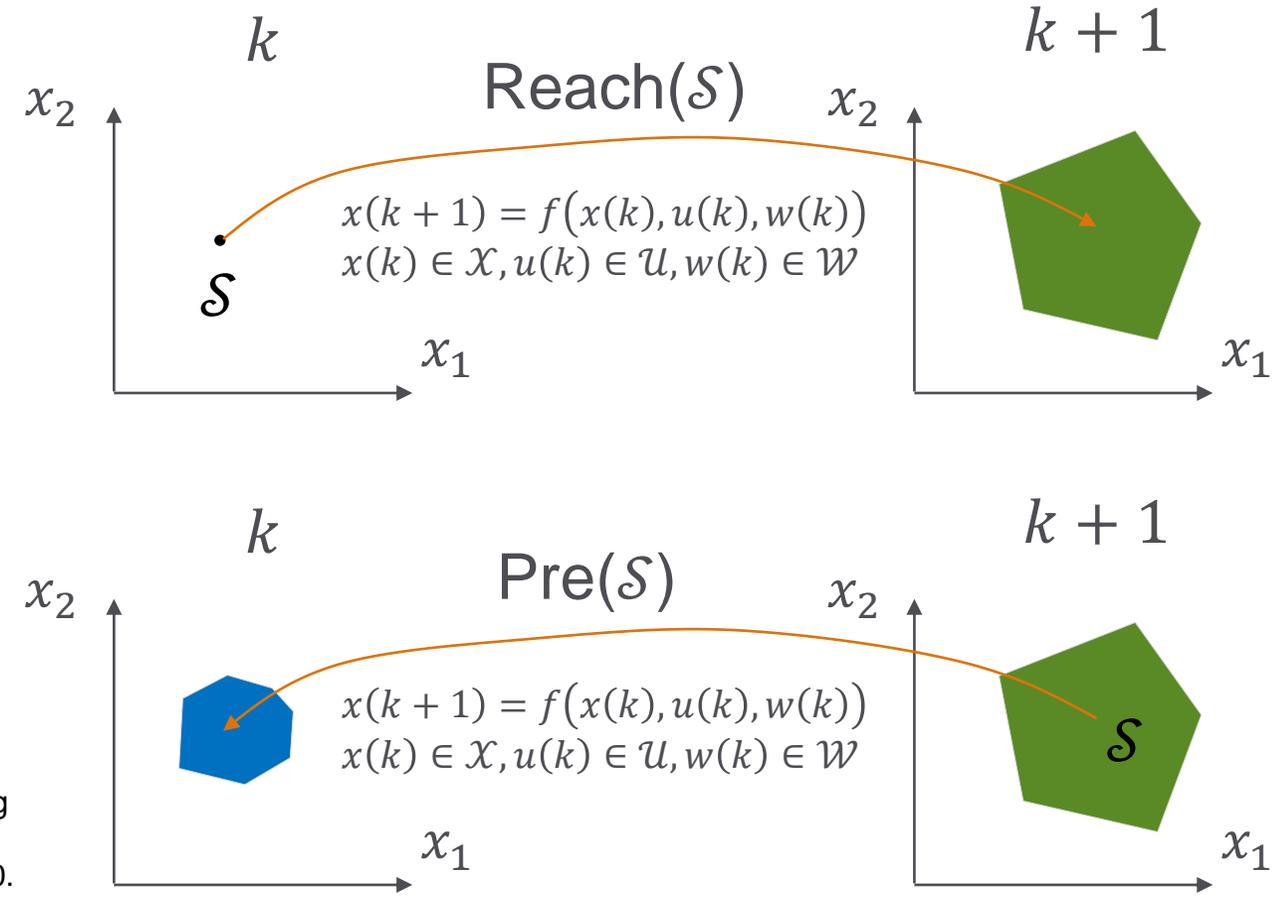
Introduction

- Why?
 - High functional safety rating
 - Automated driving functions are difficult to be verified
 - Susceptible to change
- Concept
 - Monitor and evaluate if the vehicle input from the AD function leads the vehicle to a safe state
 - Intervene by initiating a safety procedure



The safety monitoring concept*

- Reachability
- Offline:
 - Permissible set based on backward reachability
- Online:
 - Adaptation of the permissible set
 - Safety check by set membership

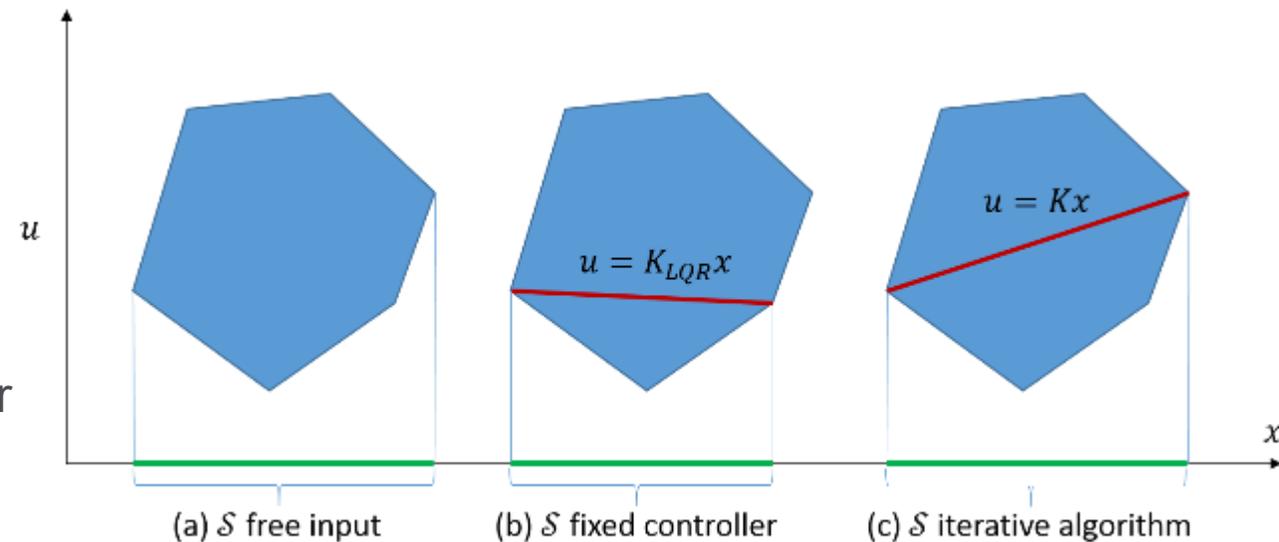


* Kojchev, Stefan, Emil Klintberg, and Jonas Fredriksson. "A safety monitoring concept for fully automated driving." In *2020 IEEE 23rd International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC)*, pp. 1-7. IEEE, 2020.



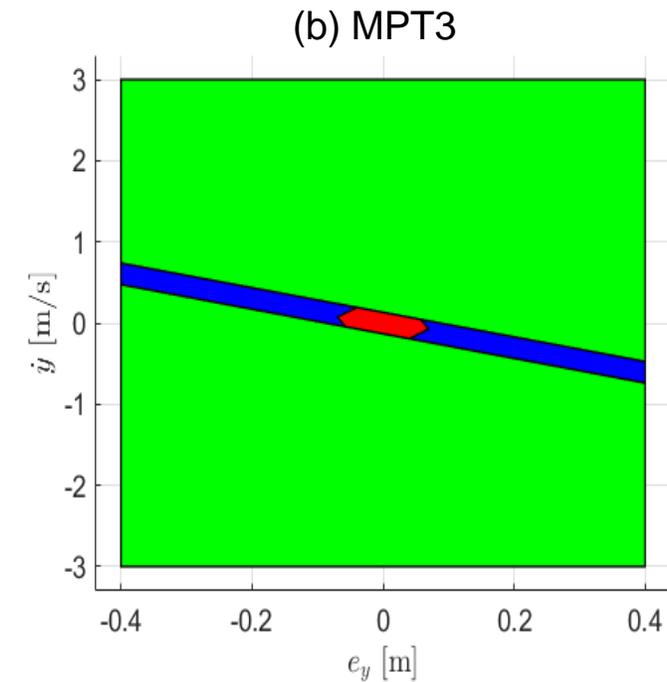
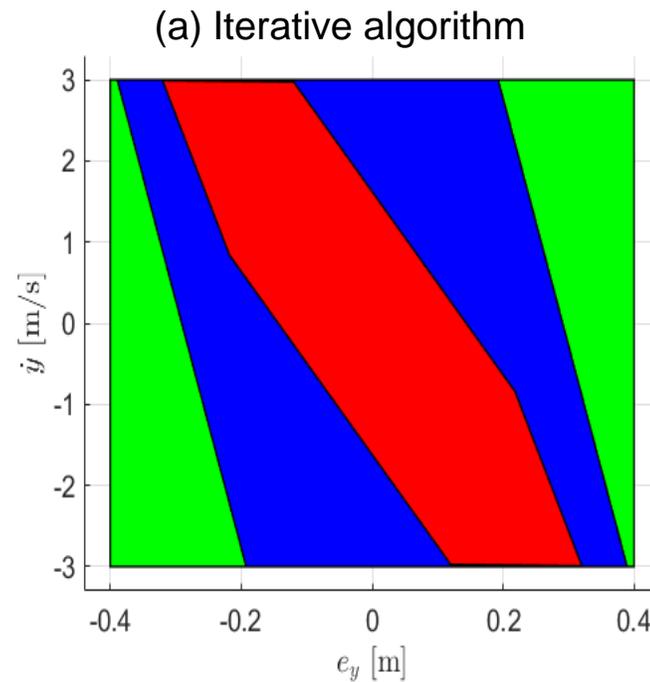
Current focus

- For an LTV system what is the maximum backward reachable set (\mathcal{S})?
 - Free input (a)
 - Fixed controller (b)- approach in previous paper
 - Iterative algorithm (c)
- Main contributions:
 - Derived LMI conditions
 - Iterative algorithm for volume increase
- Numerical example:
 - Bicycle model
 - Compared with “naively” designed controller



Current focus

- Results:
 - Backward reachable sets with increased volume
 - Time-varying control-law
 - More computationally demanding
- Extensions:
 - Non zero symmetric sets
 - More complex control-law
 - Uncertain parameter varying systems



**Thank you
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Human Body Model Development at SAFER

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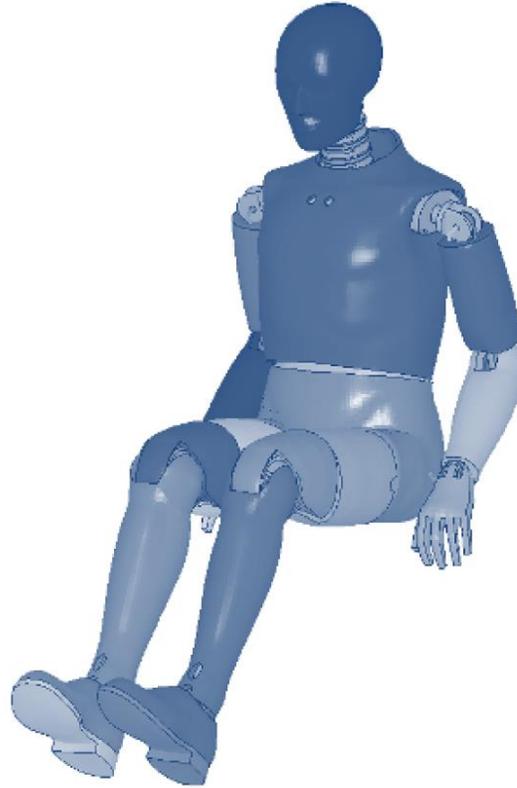


What is a Human Body Model (HBM)?

Physical
Crash test dummy



Virtual
Crash test dummy



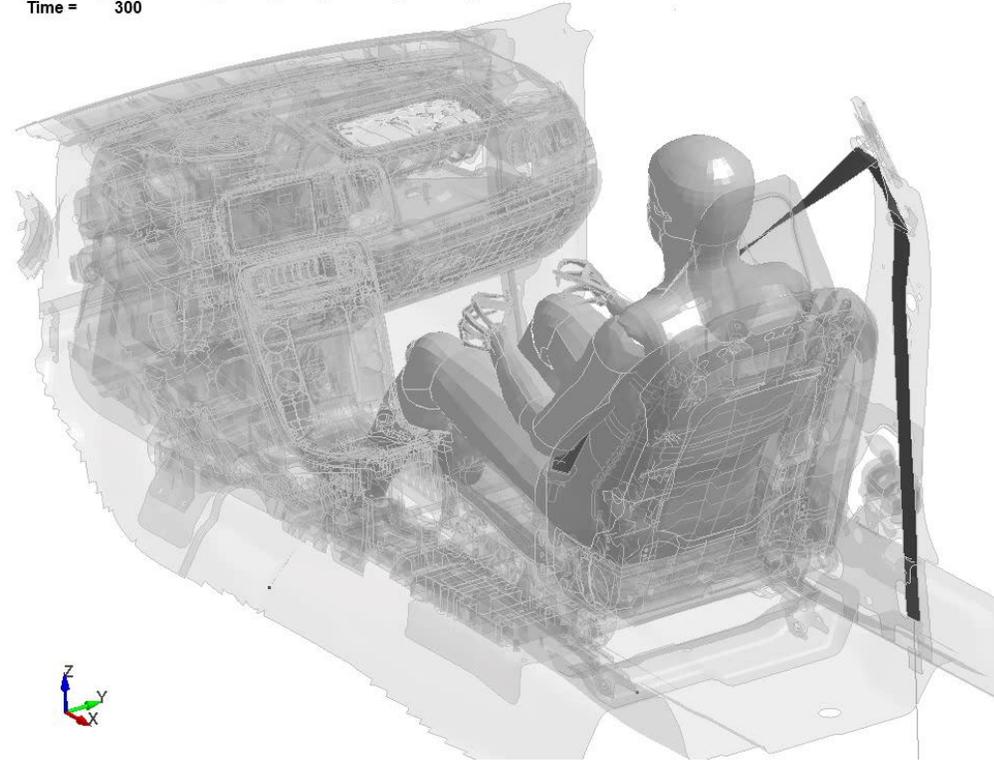
Virtual
Human Body Model



HBM objectives since over 10 years

“A robust, scalable, tunable HBM with injury prediction capabilities, that can simulate the whole pre-crash to in-crash sequence”

12_0.5s_avoidance_300N_PPT_frontal_56kmh_crash
Time = 300



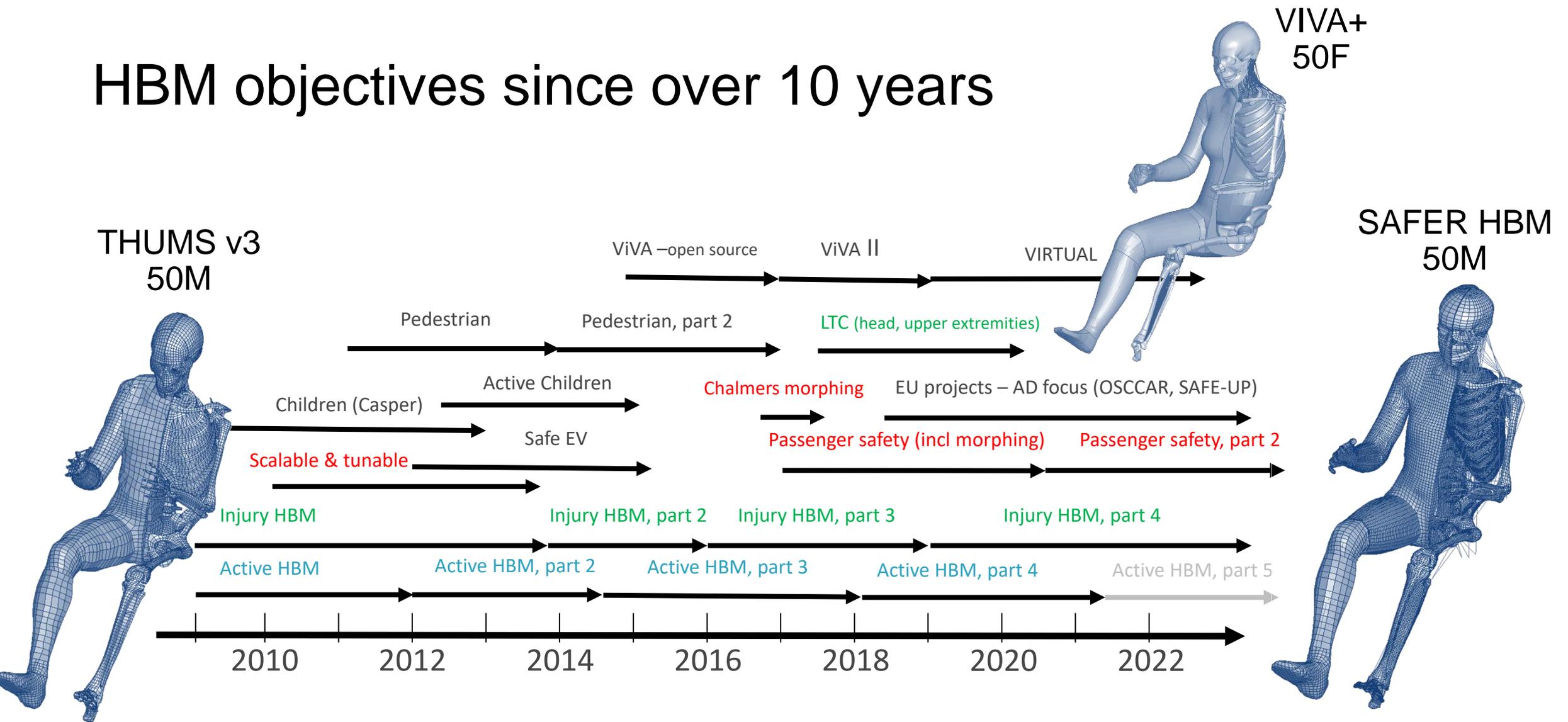
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HBM objectives since over 10 years



HBM objective: **Scaling and tuning**

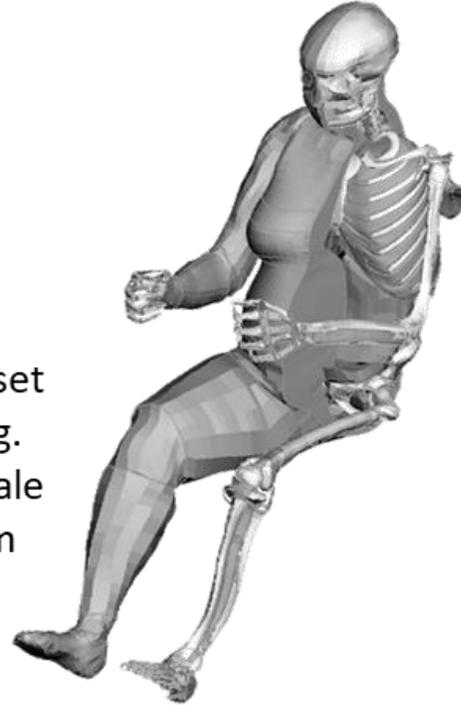
SAFER HBM v9.0



Morphing

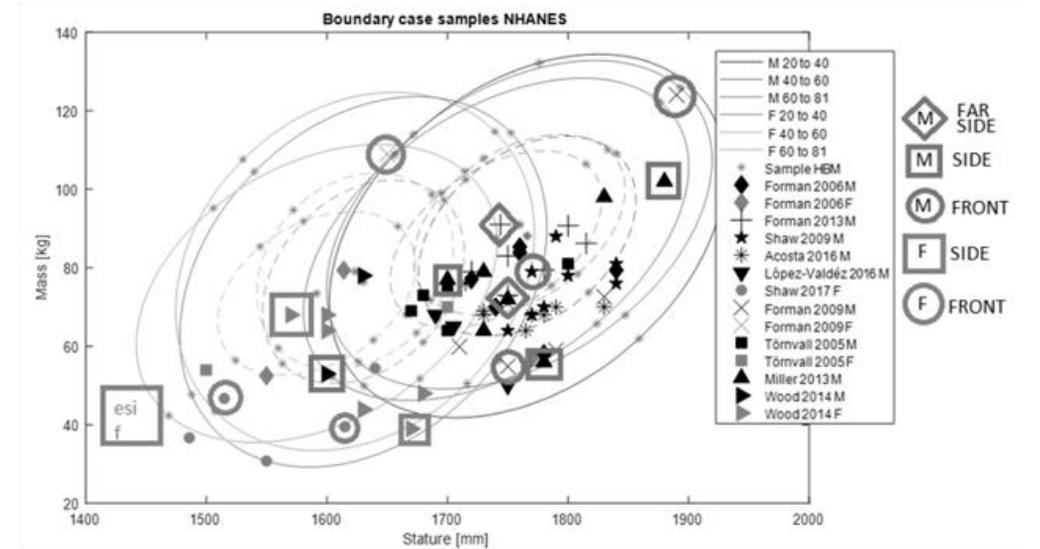


Morphed SAFER HBM v9.0



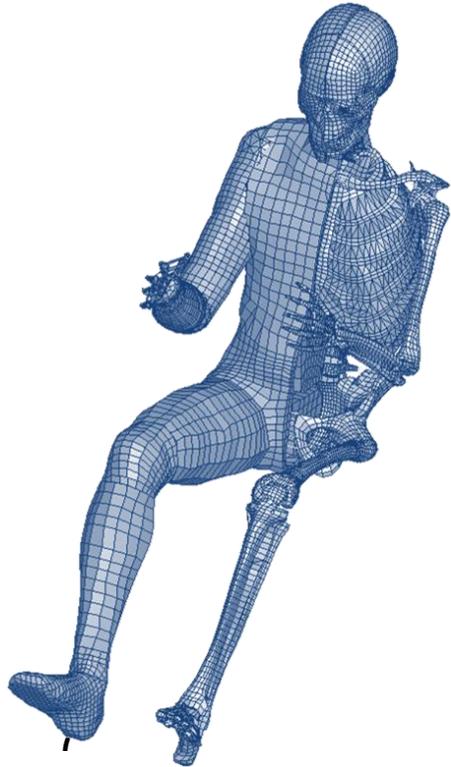
Using predefined set of parameters, e.g.

- Gender=Female
- Height=175cm
- BMI=40
- Age=25yr



HBM objective: Injury Prediction

THUMS v3
50M



KTH Head and Brain
(Kleiven)



Lumbar Spine



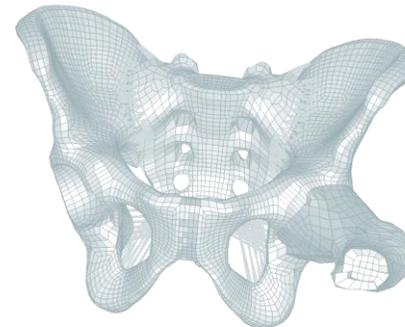
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Chalmers ribcage (Iraeus)

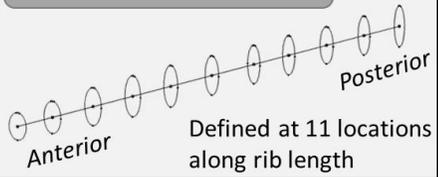


Chalmers pelvis (Brynskog)



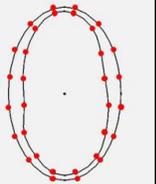
HBM objective: Injury Prediction

1. Elliptic cross sections



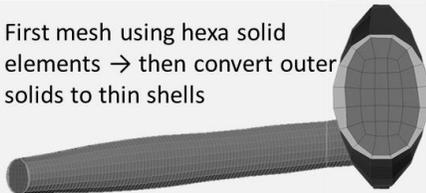
2. Cortical thickness

Defined at 16 locations around the perimeter



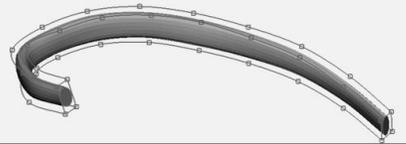
3. Create surface and mesh

First mesh using hexa solid elements → then convert outer solids to thin shells



4. Morph to fit 3-D shape

Morph rib to fit curvature and twist to statistical rib model



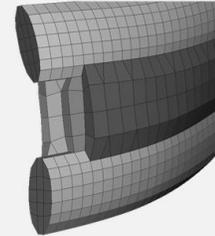
5. Create averaged sternum

Create sternum based on statistical model



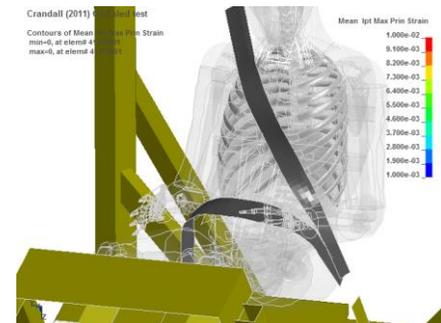
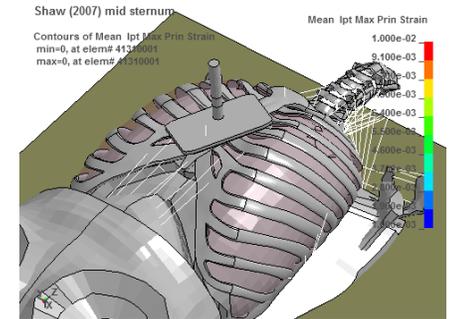
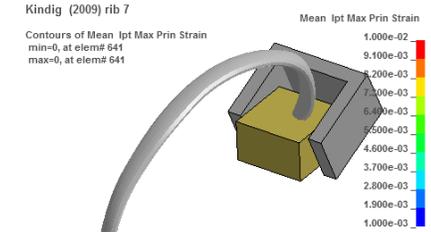
6. Add intercostal muscles

Create solid element based intercostal muscles based on averaged data

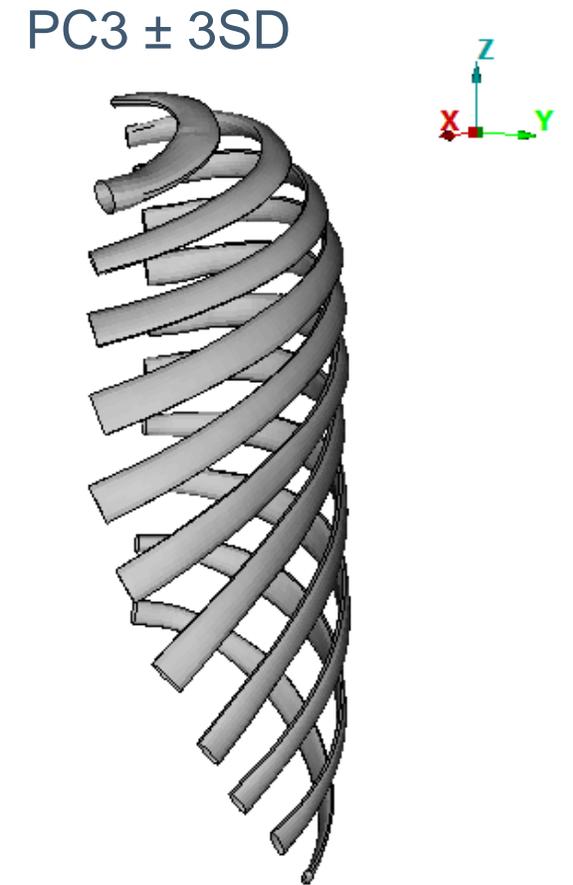
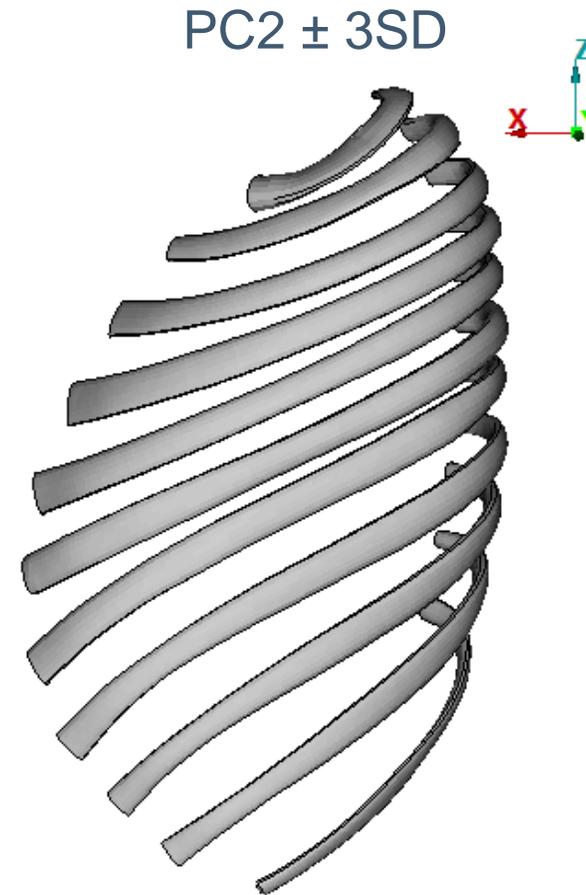
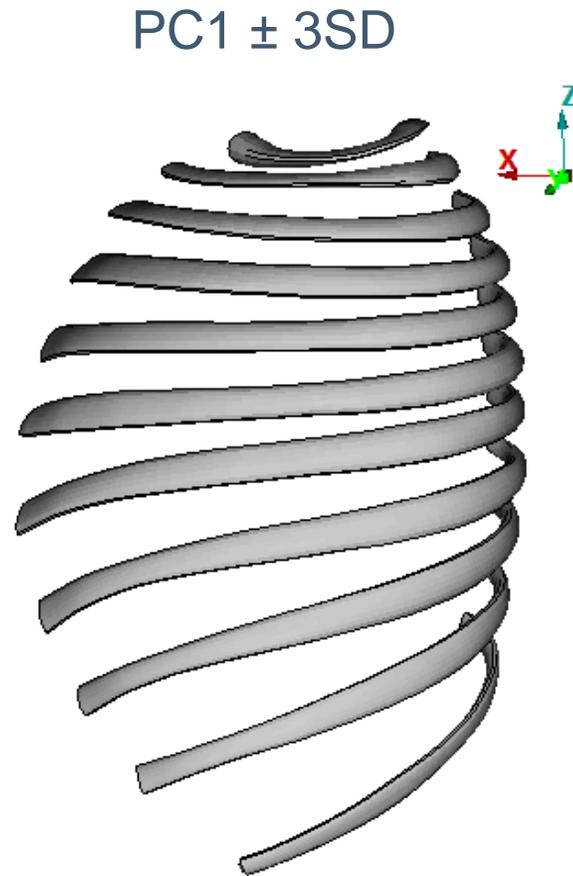
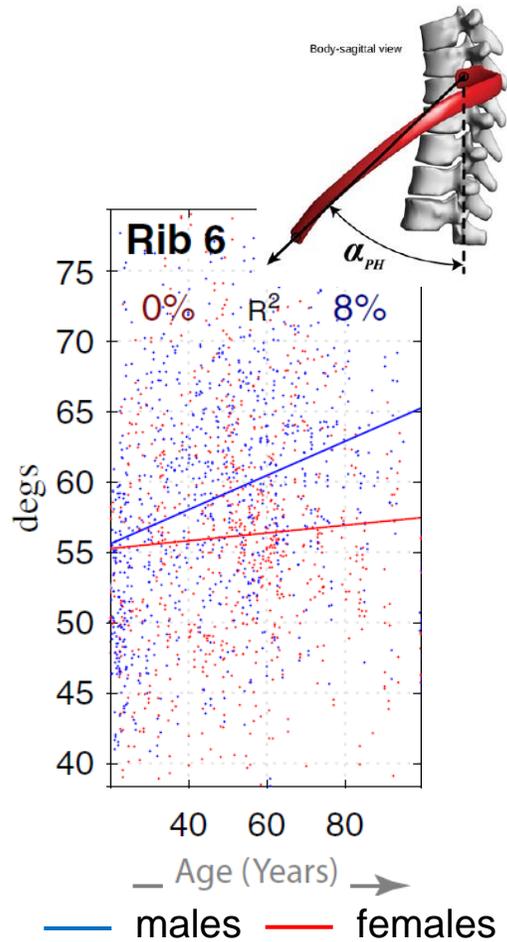


7. Assemble ribcage

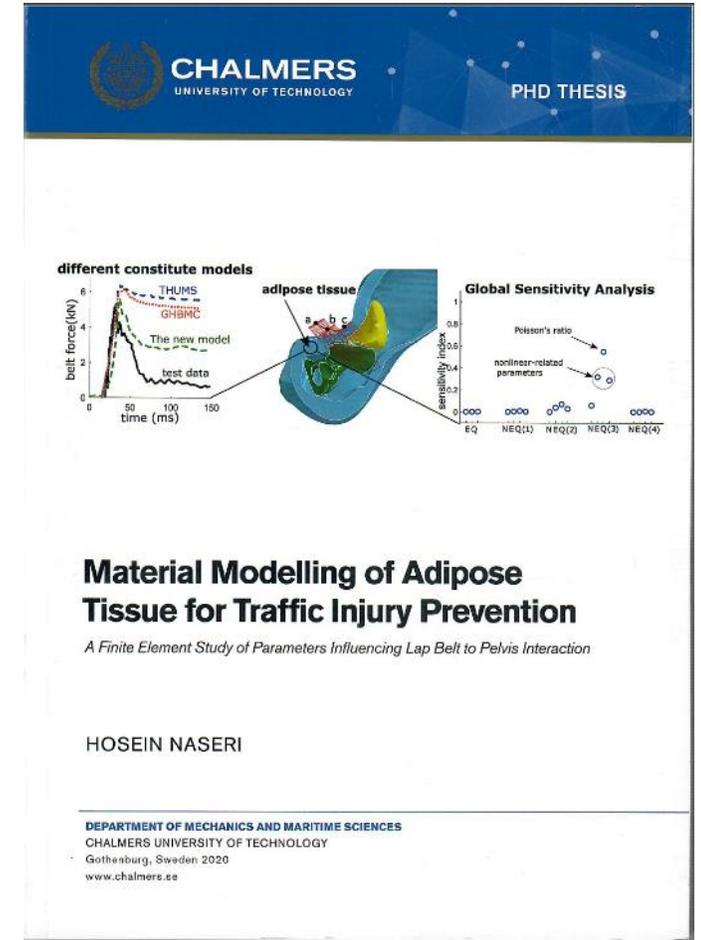
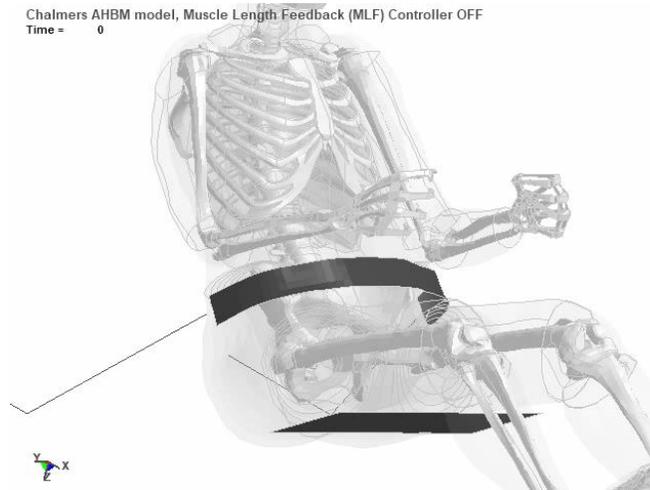
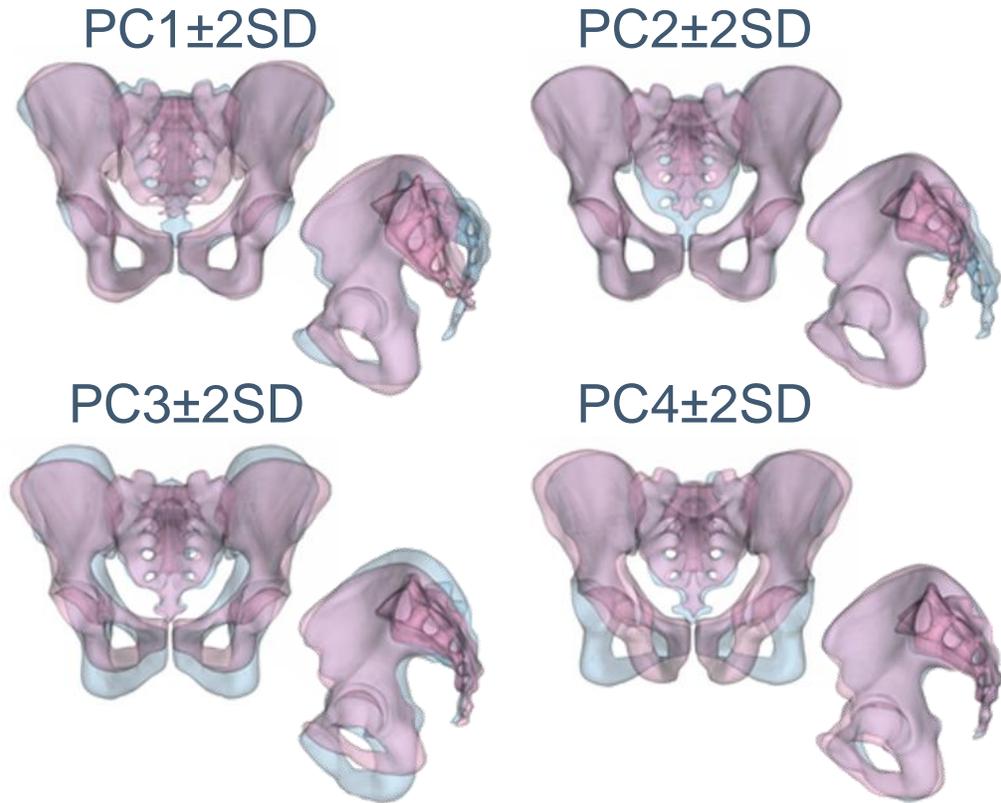
Adapt costa cartilage to ribs and sternum using morphing. Adapt posterior rib ends to spine.



HBM objective: Injury Prediction + Scaling and tuning



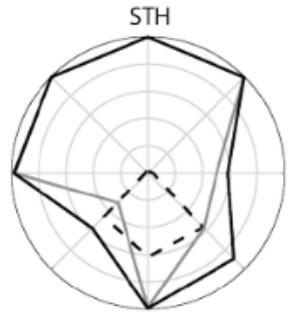
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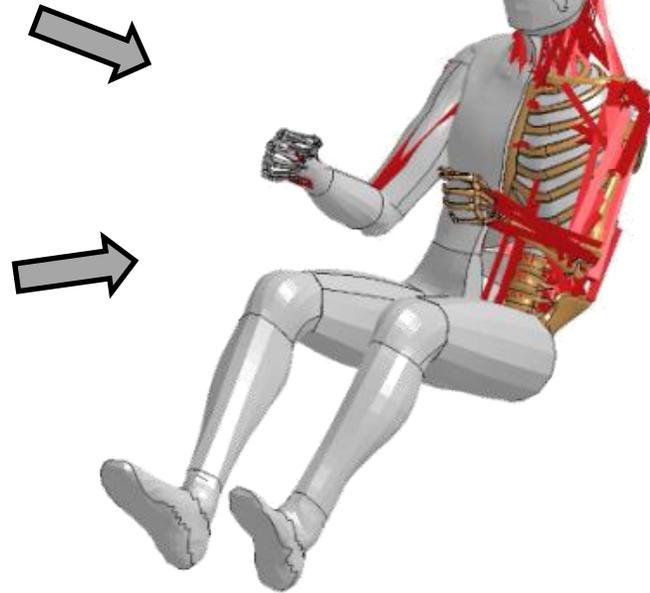
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HBM objective: Pre-crash to in-crash



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SAFER HBM v10 beta



- Passive model
- Active model

(Combination of östh et al. 2014, Ólafsdottir et al. 2017, Larsson et al. 2019)

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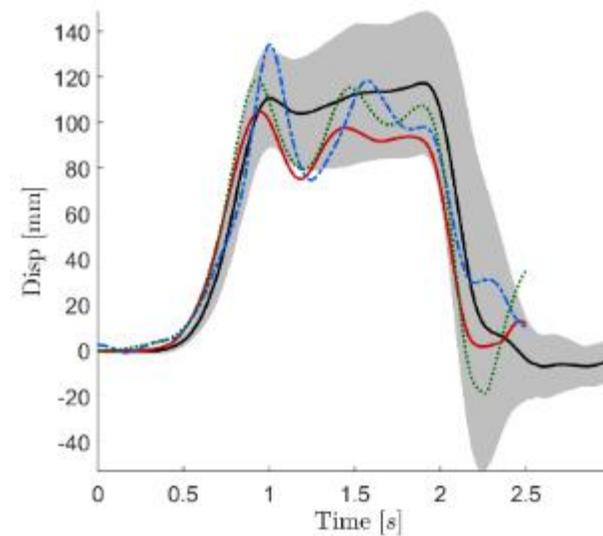
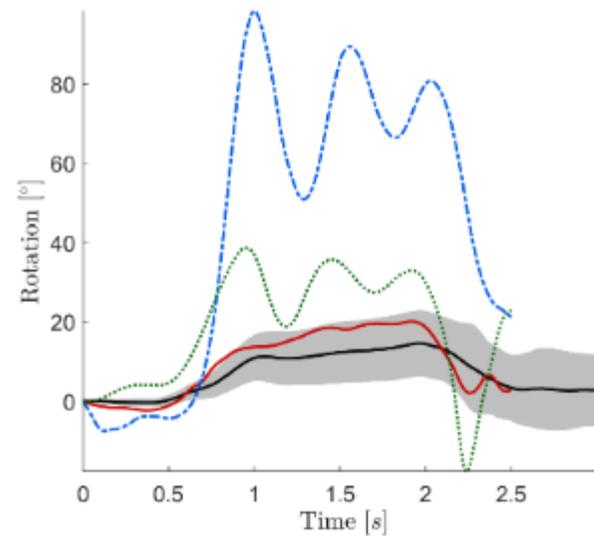
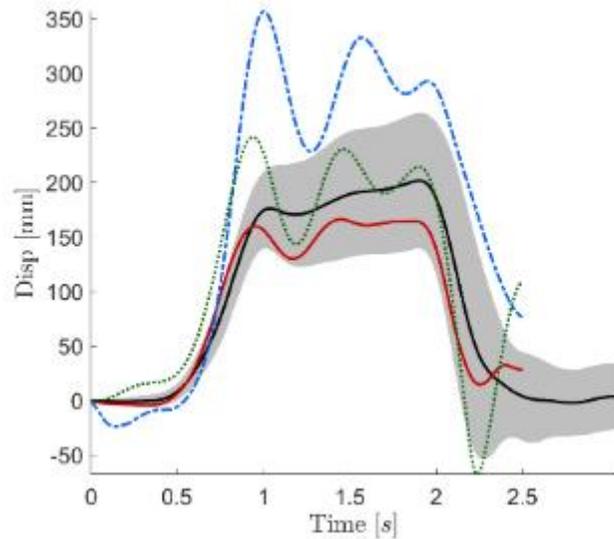
HBM objective: Pre-crash to in-crash

- Passengers in 1 g braking

Head forward translation

Head pitch (flexion)

T1 forward translation



— Vol. avg Vol. \pm 1 std — v10-Act. - - - v10-Pass. v9-Pass.

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HBM objective: Pre-crash to in-crash

- Initial position and posture



Leledakis (2020) unpublished



HBM development at SAFER

- We¹ have a scalable and tunable human body model, SAFER HBM, capable of detailed injury prediction of some important body parts
- The model has been developed in a multitude of projects, and belongs to the project partners
- The model can simulate the whole pre-crash to in-crash phase
- Current works involves ensuring its biofidelity in AD environments

- We¹ are working on making the model available to all SAFER partners, and the rest of the world
- For that we need to secure a long-term support function, that requires some funding.

¹ The SAFER HBM partners' strategy group (Autoliv, VCC and Chalmers)



Does female occupants have the same protection level as male occupants?

Are Crash test Dummies Representative of the Population?

A pre-study

Anna Carlsson, Stiftelsen Chalmers Industriteknik

Pernilla Bremer, Sweden

Purpose of this study?

- Have female occupants the same protection level as male occupants?
- How representative are crash test dummies of the female population?

General statistics

- Injury risks are higher for females than males^{*)}

**) when controlling for factors such as crash severity, restraint usage, blood alcohol content*

General statistics

**Females
in comparison
to males:**

- Narragon et al. (1965): **11%** higher injury risk
- Evans (2000): **35%** higher fatal injury risk (25 yo)
- Bedard et al. (2002): **54%** higher fatal injury risk
- Bose et al. (2011):
47% higher MAIS 3+ injury risk
71% higher MAIS 2+ injury risk
- Forman et al. (2019)
73% higher MAIS 3+ injury risk
142% higher MAIS 2+ injury risk

General statistics

Females greater risk of:

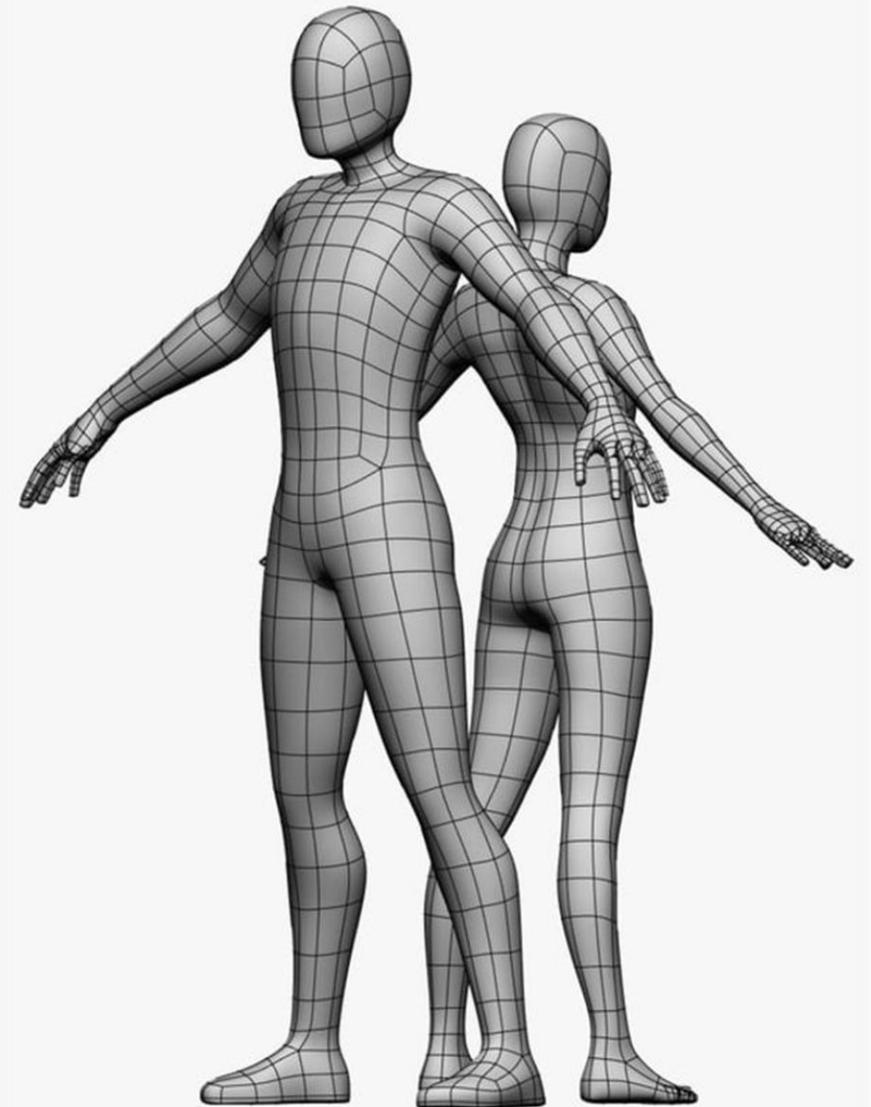
- Spine, thorax, extremity injuries

(Welsh & Lenard 2001; Bose et al. 2011;
Parenteau et al. 2013; Kahane 2013)

Males greater risk of:

- Head injuries

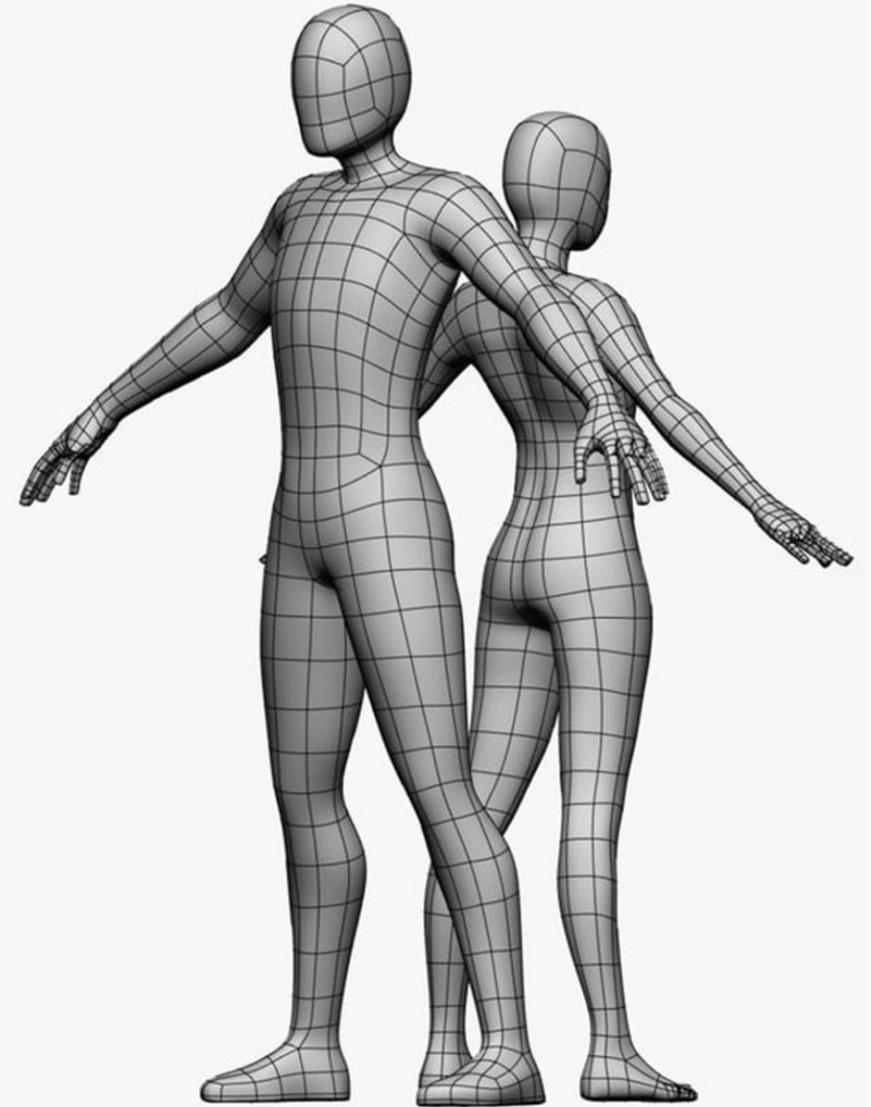
(Parenteau et al. 2013; Welsh & Lenard 2001)



General statistics

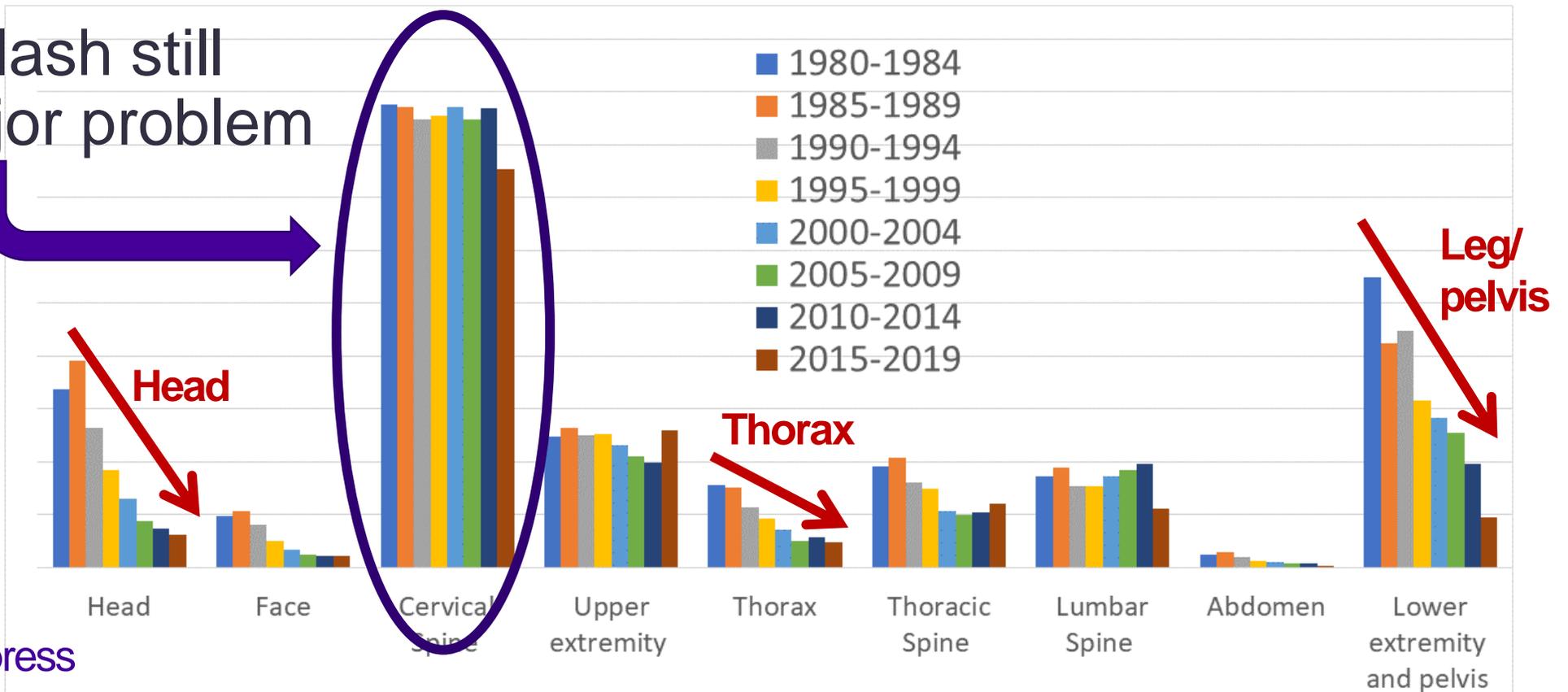
Females:

- Sustain injuries at lower velocity changes (Δv)
(Mackay & Hassan 2000; Welsh & Lenard 2001s)
- Show greater increase in thoracic injuries with increasing age
(Ridella et al. 2012; Forman et al. 2019)



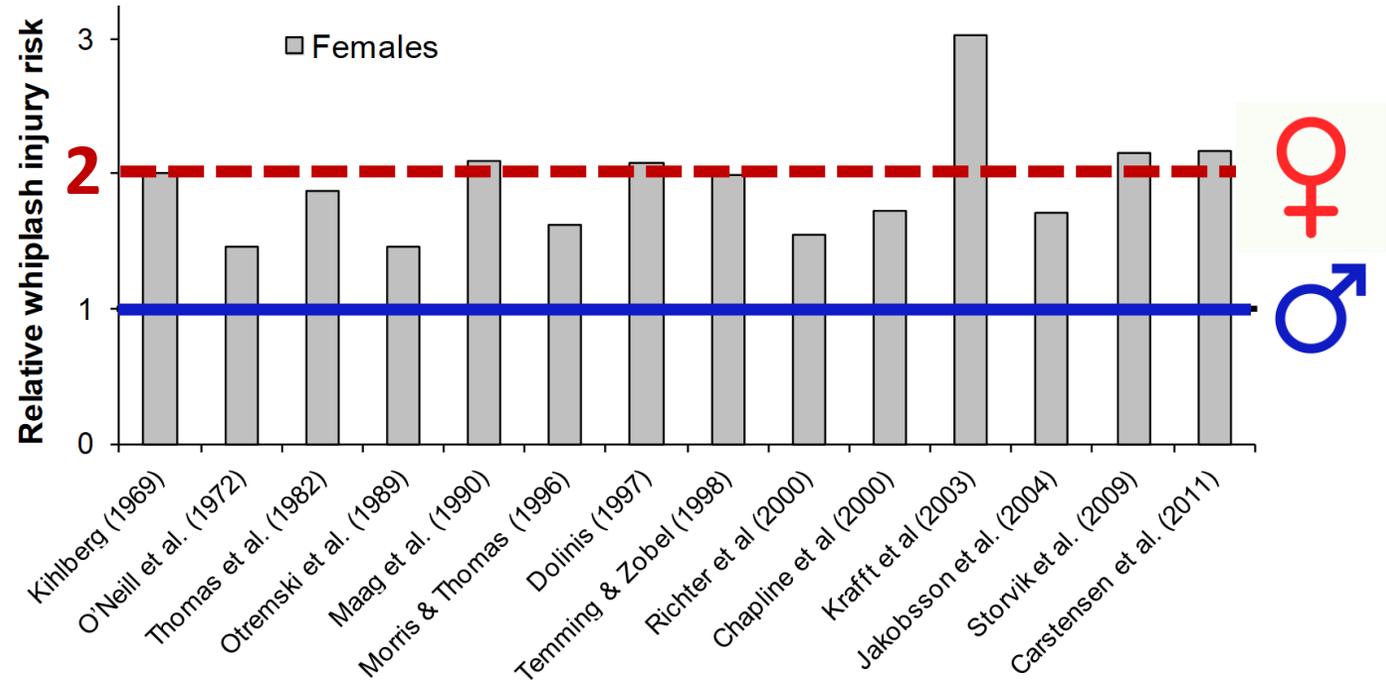
Permanent medical impairment

- Whiplash still a major problem



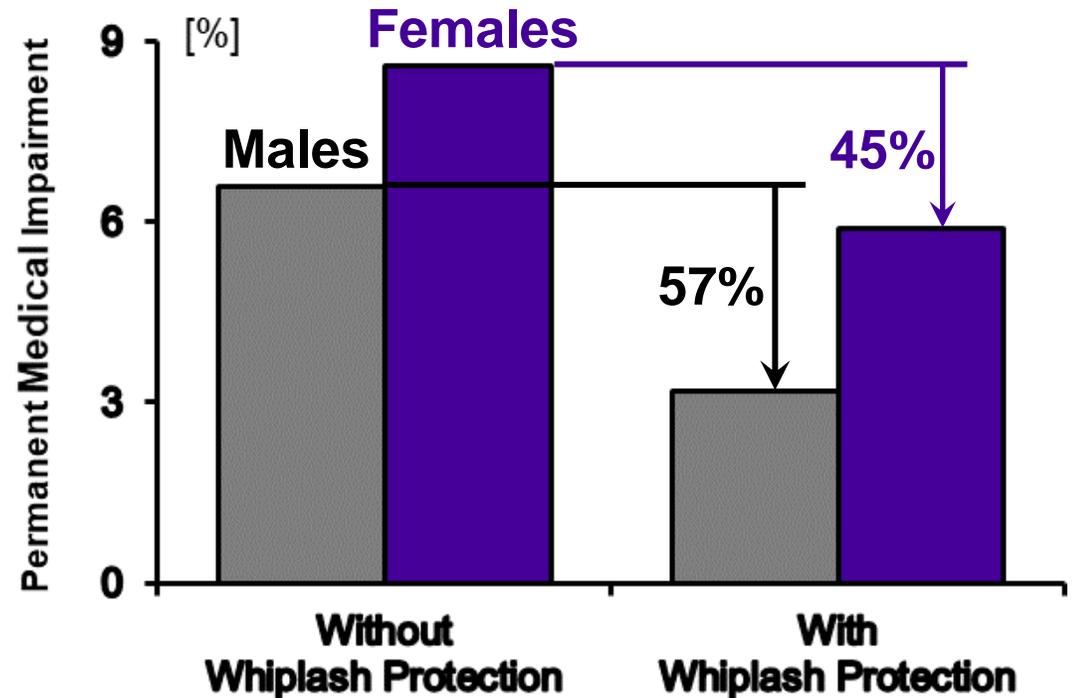
Whiplash

- Females have a higher risk of whiplash injury



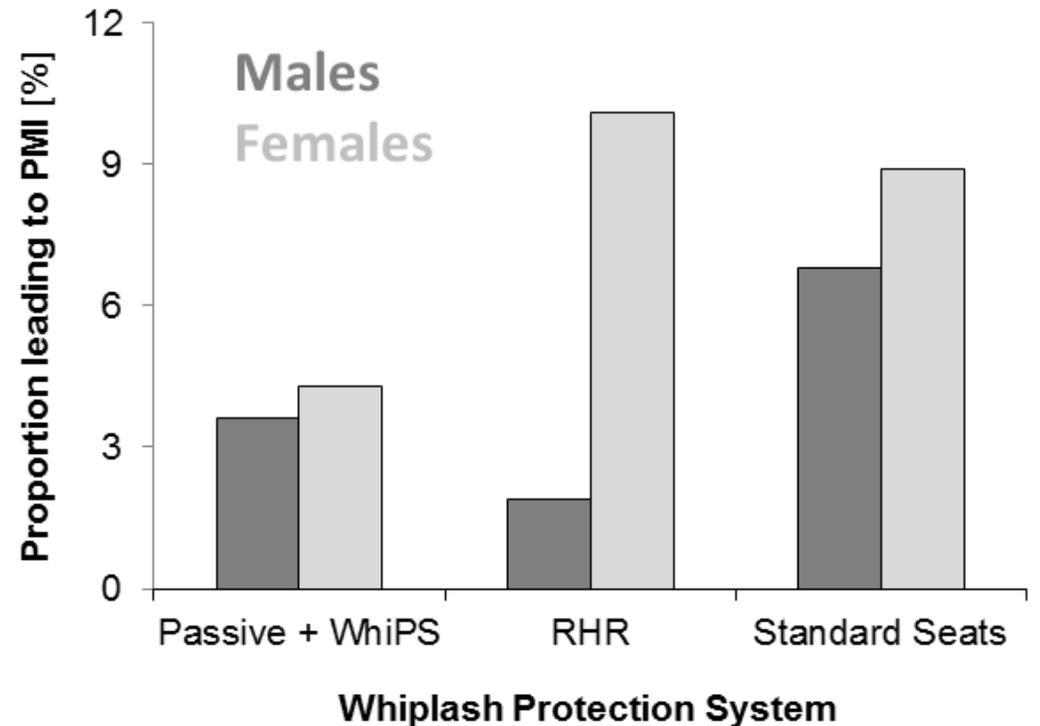
Whiplash

- Whiplash protection systems are (in general) less effective for females compared to males (Kullgren & Krafft 2010)



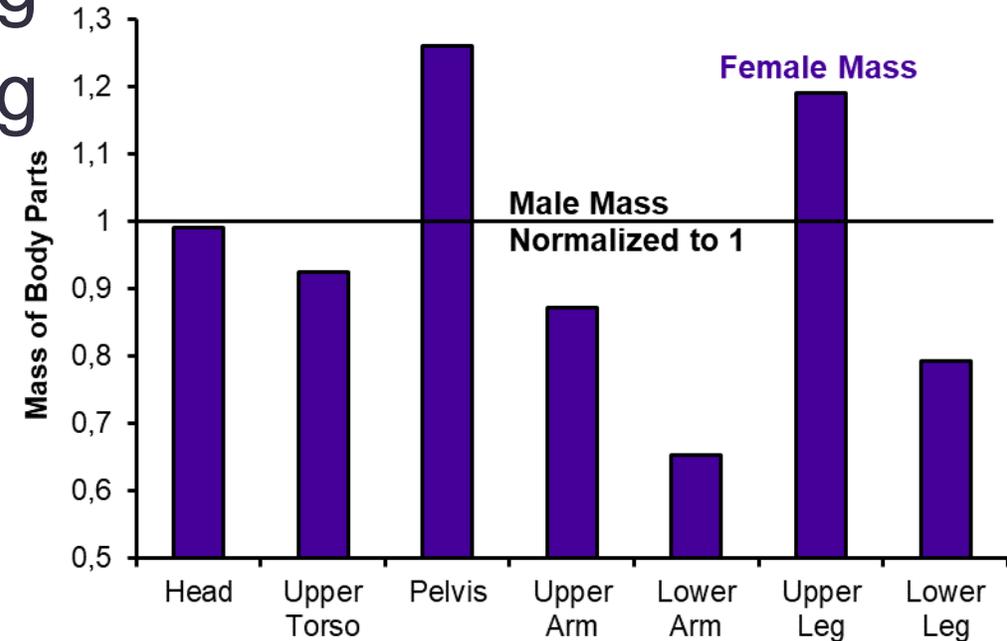
Whiplash

- Different effectiveness in protecting females with different types of whiplash protection systems
(Kullgren et al. 2013)



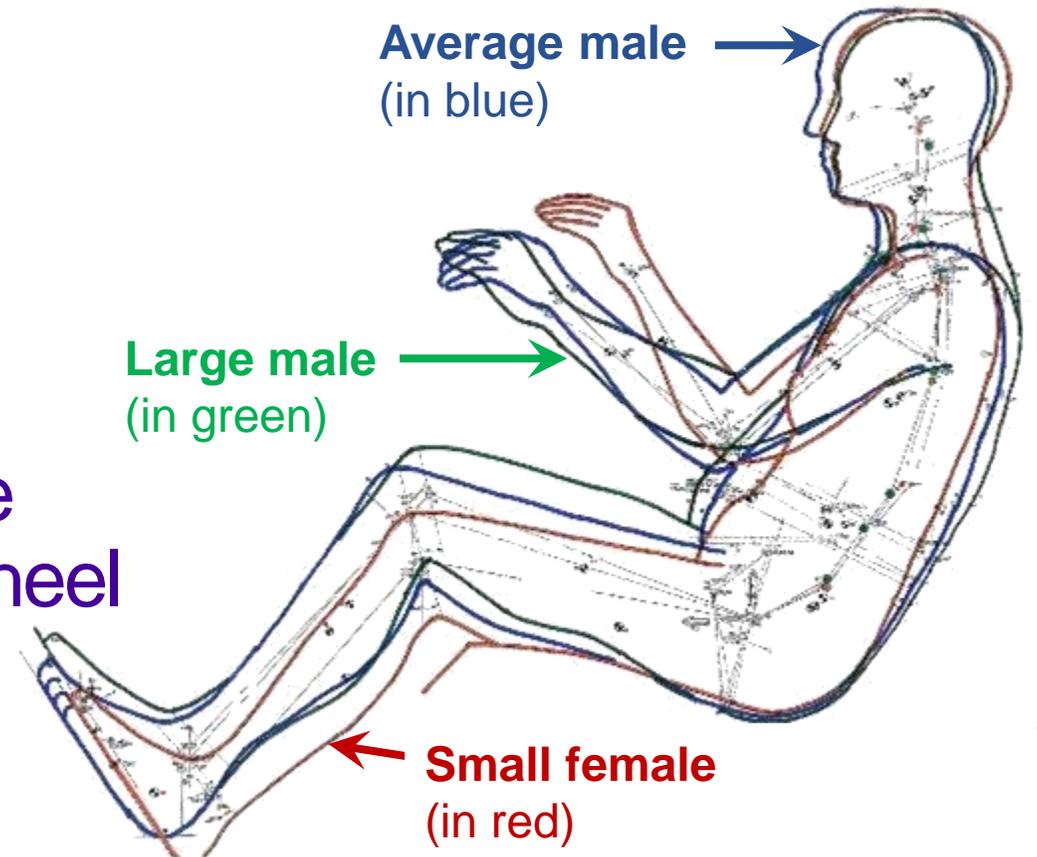
Are we different?

- Size:
 - Average female: 162 cm / 62 kg
 - Average male: 175 cm / 77 kg
 - (Schneider et al. 1983)
- Mass distribution
 - (Young et al. 1983; McConville et al. 1980)



Different size

- Different seated posture
- Females tend to have:
 - Different arm position
 - Shorter head restraint distance
 - Shorter distance to steering wheel
 - Different leg position
 - More upright seated posture
 - Shorter distance to floor pan



Picture based on UMTRI data

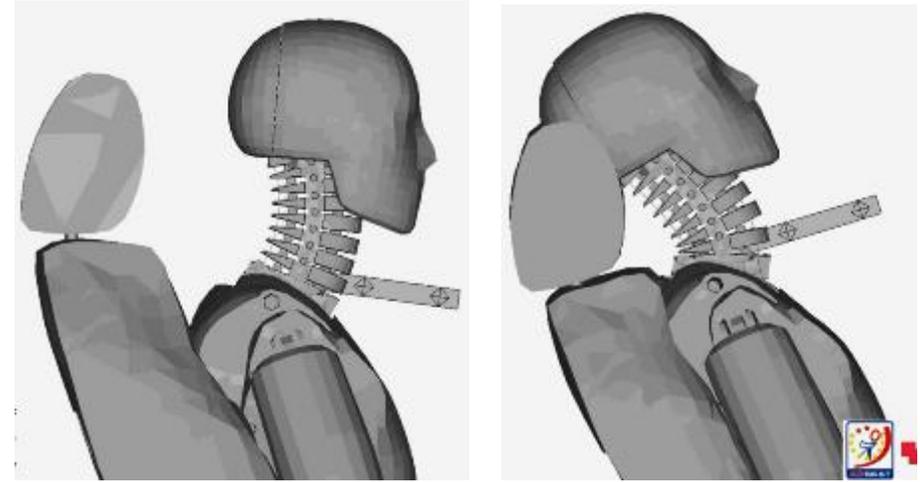
Different geometry

Example:

- Focus on the HR being positioned too low (“males”),
- No focus on the HR being positioned too high (“females”)

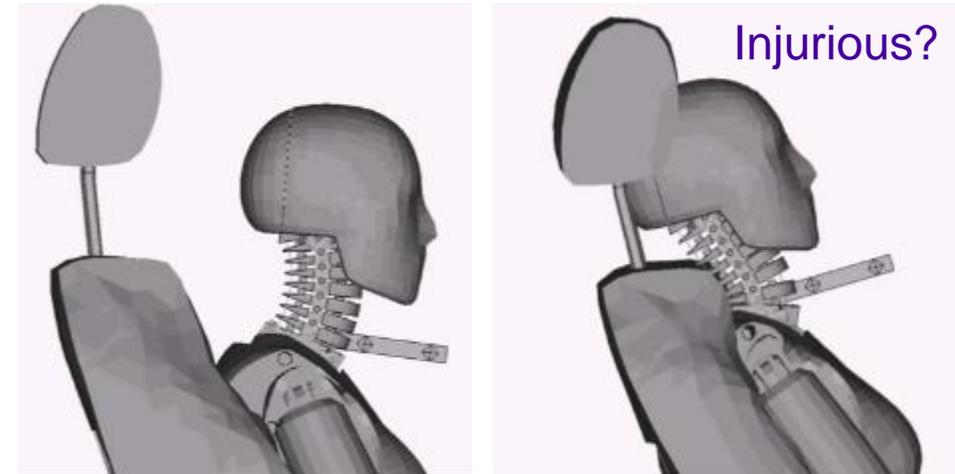
Head restraint in low position

Average male



Head restraint in high position

Average female



Are we different?

- Size
- Mass distributions
- Age dependence
- Hormones
- Pregnancy
- Anatomy
- Osteoporosis



Existing Crash Test Dummy Sizes

Small female
(5th percentile)



Stature: 1.51 m
Mass: 47 kg

Average female
(50th percentile)



Stature: 1.62 m
Mass: 62 kg

Average male
(50th percentile)



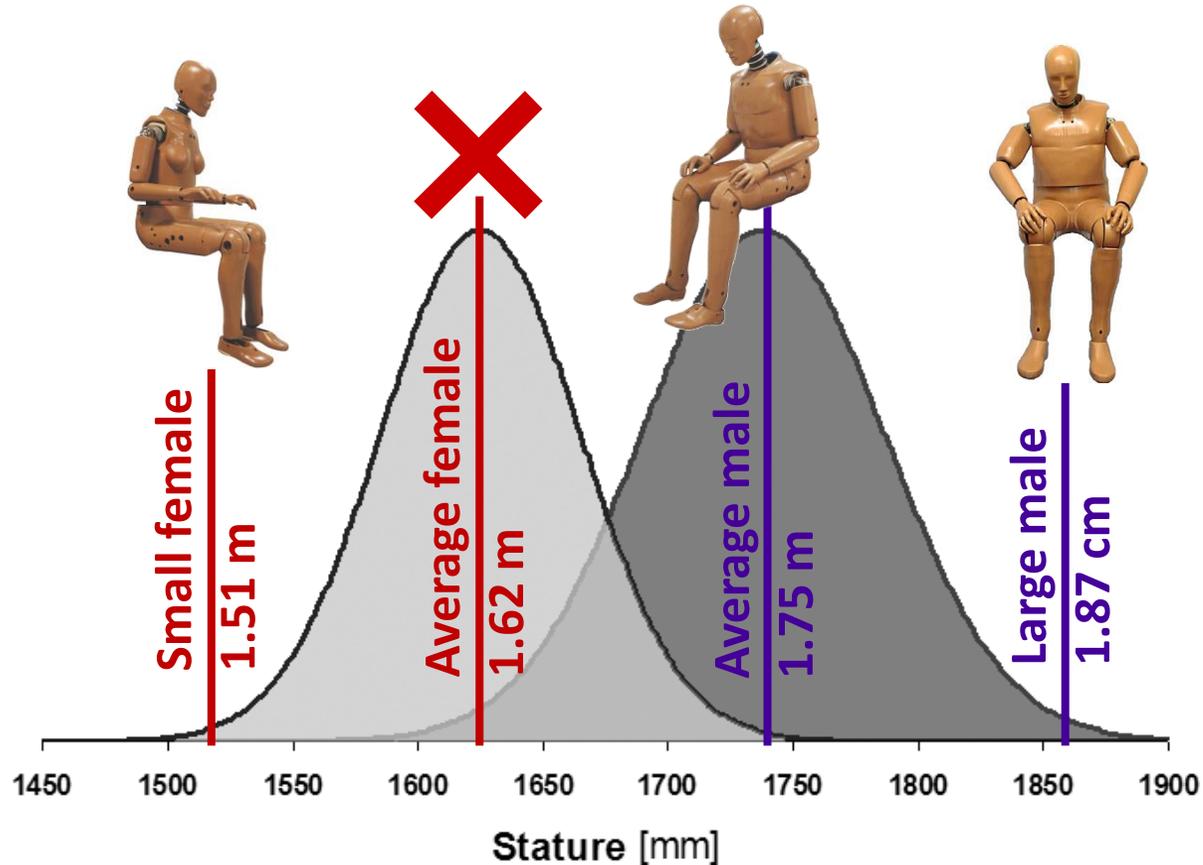
Stature: 1.75 m
Mass: 77 kg

Large male
(95th percentile)



Stature: 1.87 m
Mass: 102 kg

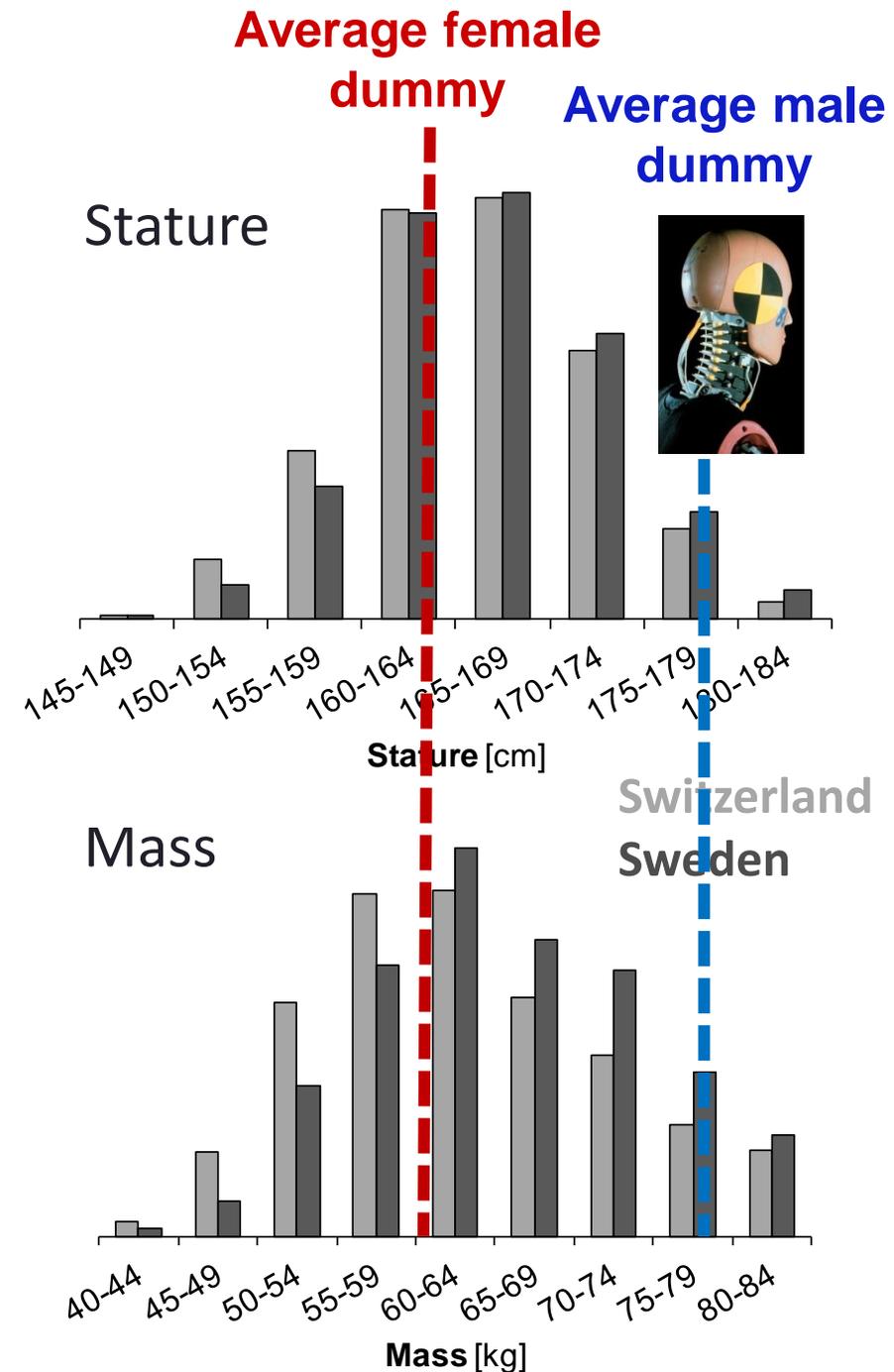
Distribution of statures



Based on Pheasant & Haslegrave (2006)

Rear impacts

- Statures & masses of females with whiplash injuries in Switzerland & Sweden
- An average female dummy would correlate in size to the females most frequently injured



Available Crash Test Dummies

Impact Direction	Dummy Type	Dummy Size			
		Female		Male	
		Small	Average	Average	Large
Frontal	THOR	x		x	
	HIII	x		x	x
	HII			x	
Side	SID-IIs	x			
	ES-2			x	
	ES-2re			x	
	WorldSID	x		x	
Rear	BioRID-II			x	

To conclude

- Crash related injury risks are higher in females
- Females poorly represented by existing dummies



Future needs

- Dummies of both men and women, of different sizes and ages, for robust vehicle safety assessment
- Information about body size (stature and mass) in traffic injury databases
- Injury data reported for females and males separately



Future possibilities

- Human body models of females and males may provide a powerful extension to the crash test dummies in future virtual test procedures



Thank you for your attention!



TEAPaN – Traffic Event Assessment, Prioritizing and Notification

Connects smart accident detection with optimal
use of society's blue light resources

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or

”Rome wasn’t built on one day”

or

“Long Day's Journey into Night”

Many deaths from motor vehicle accidents can potentially be prevented if the 'right' actions are taken early in the care chain

[Traffic Inj Prev](#). 2016 Oct 2;17(7):676-80. doi: 10.1080/15389588.2016.1149580. Epub 2016 Feb 18.

Potentially preventable prehospital deaths from motor vehicle collisions.

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: In 2011, about 30,000 people died in motor vehicle collisions (MVCs) in the United States. We sought to evaluate the causes of prehospital deaths related to MVCs and to assess whether these deaths were potentially preventable.

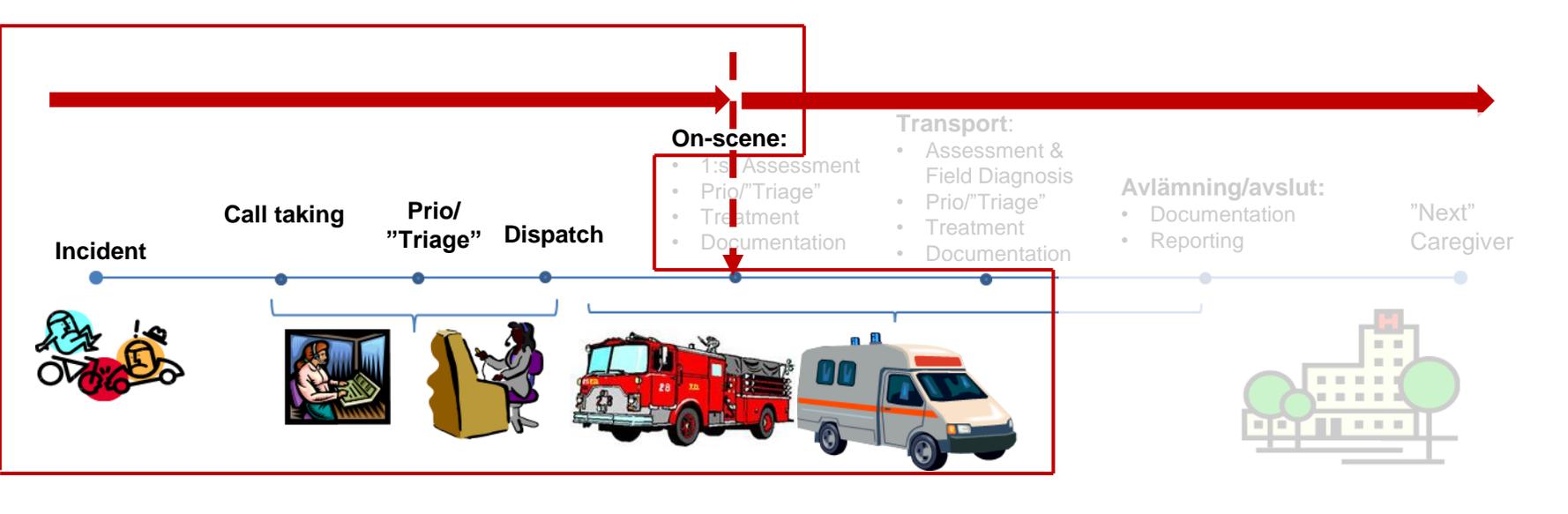
METHODS: Miami-Dade Medical Examiner records for 2011 were reviewed for all prehospital deaths of occupants of 4-wheeled motor vehicle collisions. Injuries were categorized by affected organ and anatomic location of the body. Cases were reviewed by a panel of 2 trauma surgeons to determine cause of death and whether the death was potentially preventable. Time to death and hospital arrival times were determined using the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) data from 2002 to 2012, which allowed comparison of our local data to national prevalence estimates.

RESULTS: Local data revealed that 39% of the 98 deaths reviewed were potentially preventable (PPD). Significantly more patients with PPD had neurotrauma as a cause of death compared to those with a nonpreventable death (NPD) (44.7% vs. 25.0%, $P = .049$). NPDs were significantly more likely to have combined neurotrauma and hemorrhage as cause of death compared to PPD (45.0% vs. 10.5%, $P < .001$). NPDs were significantly more likely to have injuries to the chest, pelvis, or spine. NPDs also had significantly more injuries to the following organ systems: lung, cardiac, and vascular chest (all $P < .05$). In the nationally representative FARS data from 2002 to 2012, 30% of deaths occurred on scene and another 32% occurred within 1 h of injury. When comparing the 2011 FARS data for Miami-Dade to the remainder of the United States in that year, percentage of deaths when reported on scene (25 vs. 23%, respectively) and within 1 h of injury (35 vs. 32%, respectively) were similar.

CONCLUSIONS: Nationally, FARS data demonstrated that two thirds of all MVC deaths occurred within 1 h of injury. Over a third of prehospital MVC deaths were potentially preventable in our local sample. By examining injury patterns in PPDs, targeted intervention may be initiated.

2/3 dies within 1h and 1/3 Preventable
⇒ Reduce delays and improve diagnosis accuracy

The prehospital care chain at a traffic accident (and in many other situations)



What can we do to improve this phase?

2014

Bengt Arne Sjöqvist
&
Stefan Candefjord
gets an idea!

*"eCall – that sounds good,
but no one has asked us if we want or can send an ambulance"*

(leading ambulance representative)



Is it going to work like this?

Maybe?

05:22

Our concept addresses these questions!

4 september 2013



Could this have been avoided?

Maybe?

What does this mean?

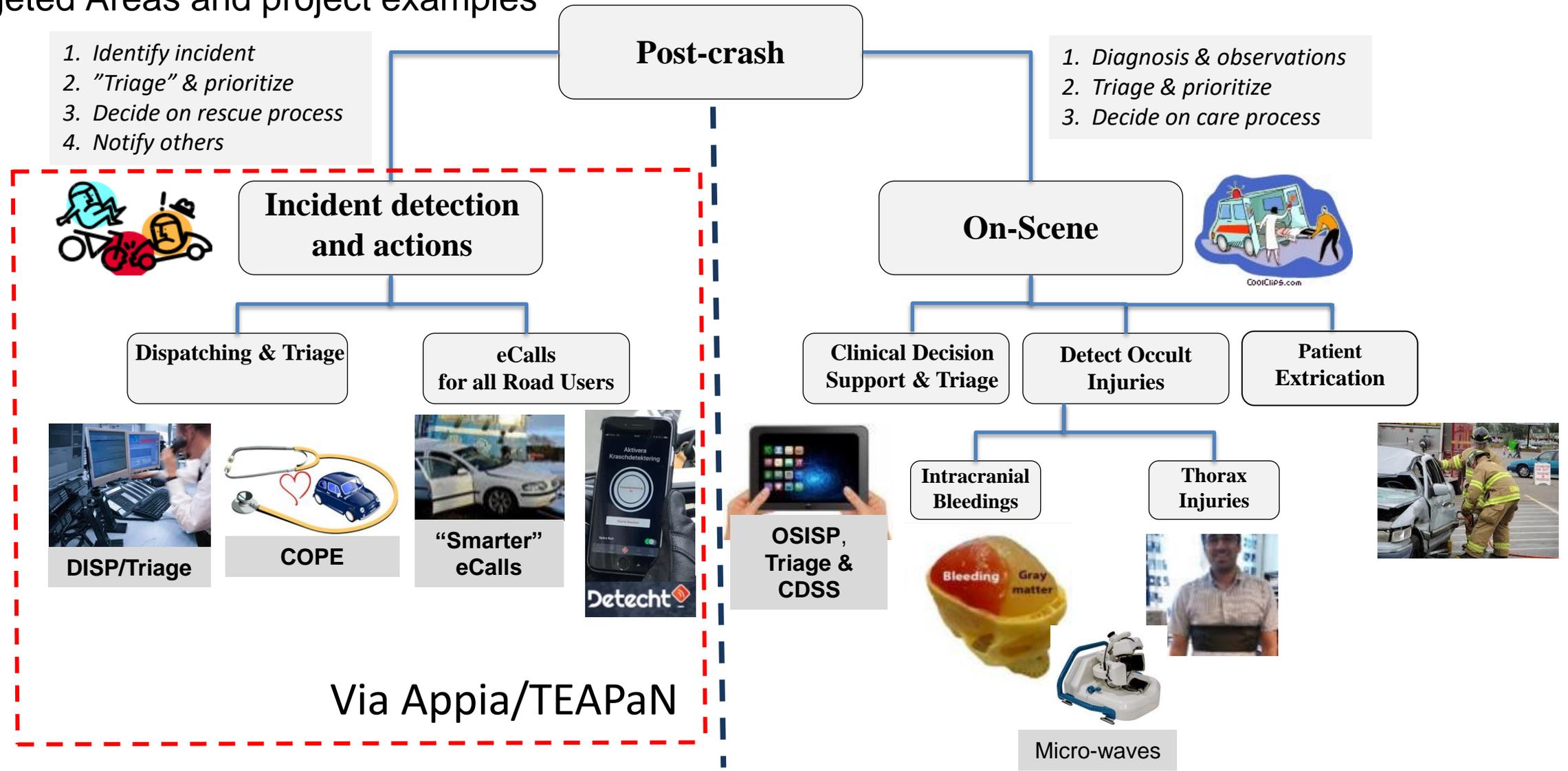
Completely new opportunities to improve road safety
and reduce death rates and injuries



Via Appia is a societal system/process innovation (. . . among other things!)

SAFER Post-crash/Crash & Rescue

Targeted Areas and project examples



2014 – 2015

Prestudy

Financing: Vinnova & partners

Result 1: Comprehensive Report

Via Appia VINNOVA UDI 1 slutrapportEndast för projektinternt bruk

Via Appia

ICT, appar och smart larmhantering för ökad trafiksäkerhet, reducerade personskador och dödsfall: Förstudie inom VINNOVA Utmaningsdriven Innovation

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Care and Rescue

Via Appia – Vinnova UDI 1 projekt; sammanfattning

Via Appia är ett koncept för hur:

- en ökande andel incidentlarm kan hanteras (eCall m.m.)
- smartphones kan bidra till att öka trafiksäkerhet
- nya ICT tjänster innehållande incident-detektion och notifiering lättare kan paketeras och ges en bredare spridning
- en ökad mängd incident relaterad information och data kan genereras och nyttiggöras

Projektdeltagare:

- SAFER
- iRezQ
- SOS international
- SOS Alarm AB
- Folksam
- IF
- Volvo AB/Wireless Car
- Landräddningen
- Cycleurope



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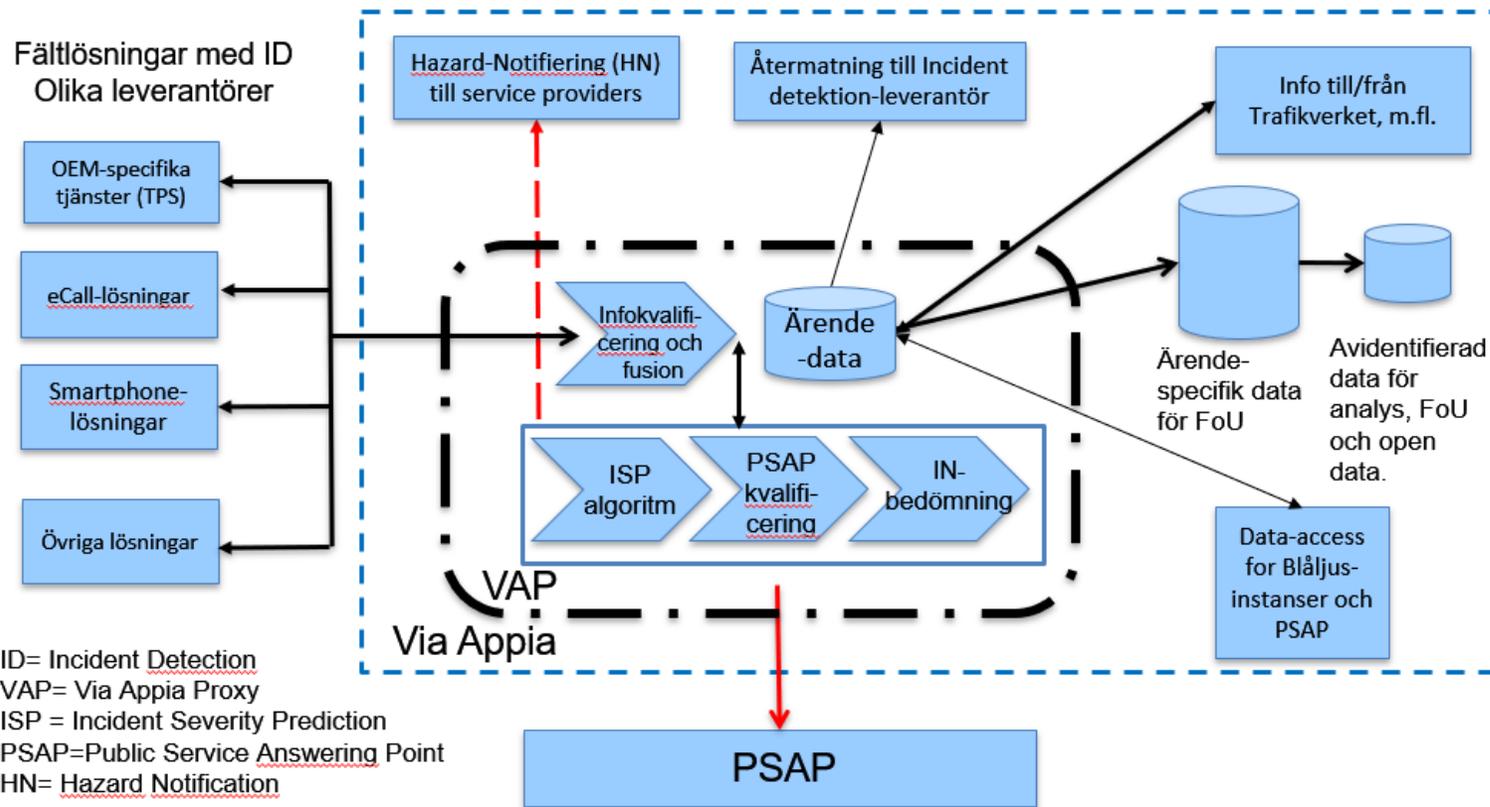
Result 2: Proposed system design

Care & Rescue

Bakgrund



Informationsflöden kring Via Appia



ID= Incident Detection
VAP= Via Appia Proxy
ISP = Incident Severity Prediction
PSAP=Public Service Answering Point
HN= Hazard Notification

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2015 – 2016

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- 20/18 parties signed up
- No success - rejected!

Project budget:

Approx. 20MSEK

Vinnova:

10MSEK



Utmaningsdriven innovation - finansiering

Steg 2: Samverkansprojekt

[Verksamhetssida](#) [Uppdaterad: 28 april 2015](#)

Utveckling och integration

Detta steg är öppet endast för de som fått finansiering i det Steg 1: Initiering. Därför finns inte utlysningarna inom det andra steget med bland våra öppna utlysningar. De som kan söka får istället information direkt från oss.

I det andra steget är huvudfokus på utveckling och integration, det vill säga utveckling av de lösningar som identifierats som saknade eller inte tillräckligt välutvecklade under initieringsprojektet. Detta innefattar även att integrera lösningarna till en helhetslösning som bidrar till att möta samhällsutmaningar.

Det är kritiskt att relevanta aktörer involverats i arbetet, inklusive slutanvändare och kravställare. Projektet behöver även arbeta med kommunikationsplaner i syfte att förbereda lösningens tillämpning och nyttiggörande, och säkerställa att resultaten kan spridas inom såväl som utanför konstellationen.

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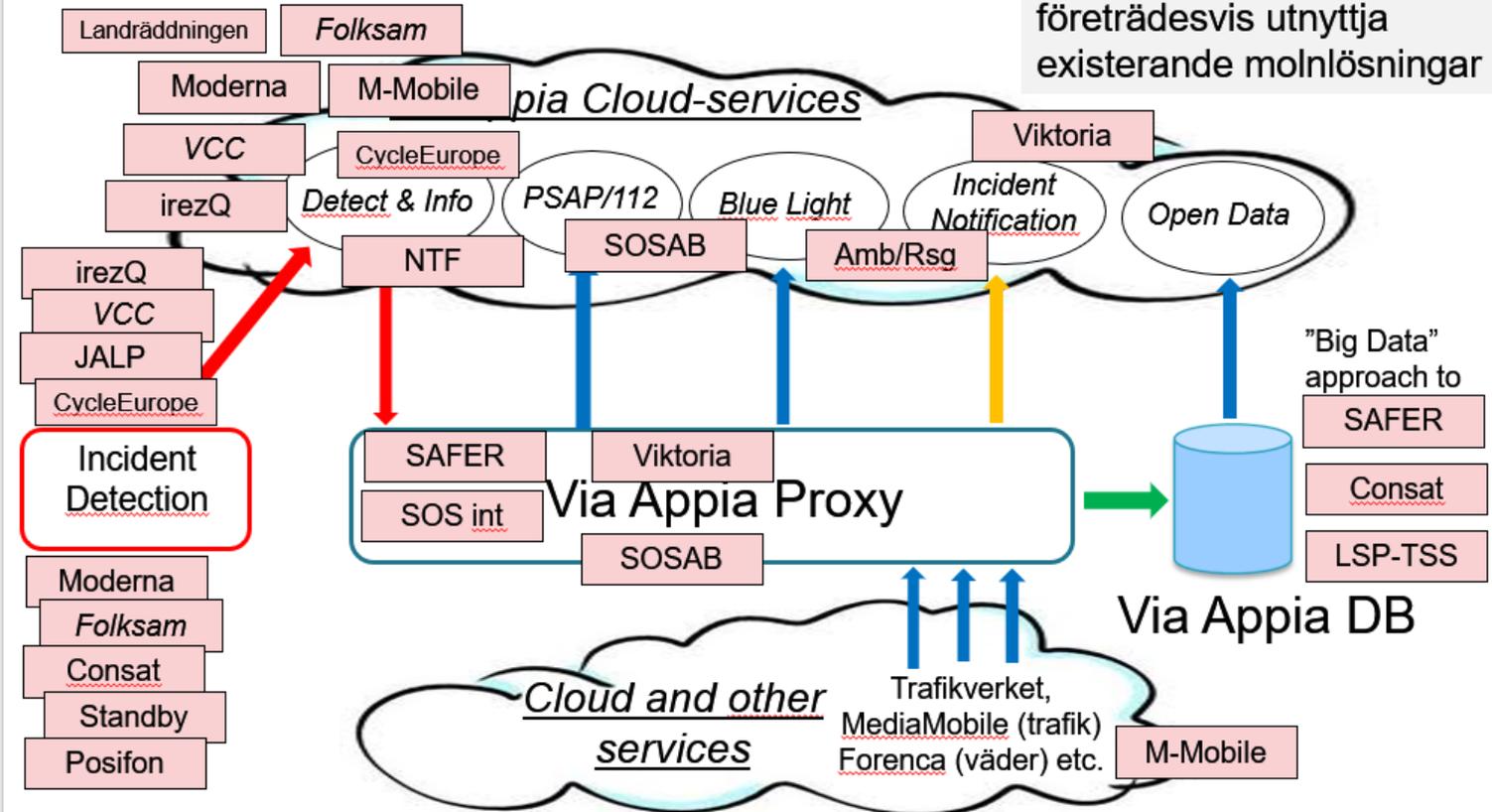
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Projekt Via Appia UDI 2 – Systemlösning

OBS! Via Appia skall företrädesvis utnyttja existerande molnlösningar



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2017

A scaled down project

Focus:

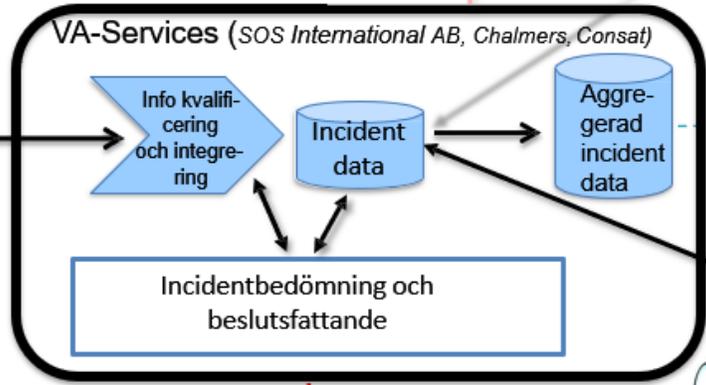
Busses and coaches

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Via Appia bussdemonstrator

Färtlösningar som skickar fordons, passagerare och individdata automatiskt och/eller manuellt vid olycka

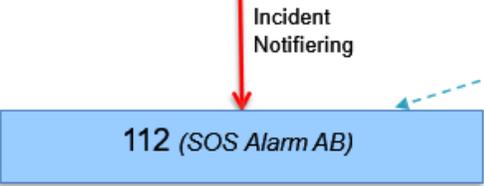


Incidentvarning till "service providers"

(?DriveMe?)

Trafik-info (MediaMobile)

- Exempel på information:
- GPS position
 - Fordonsposition, rotation etc.
 - fordonstyp
 - acceleration/retardation
 - Passagerare; antal, bältade, sittande, stående, barnvagnar etc.



Data till Blåljus och 112



2017-02-20

2017

A scaled down project

Focus:

Busses and coaches

... and Lindholmen centered!

No success!!!

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En tänkbar konstellation

Grunden är intressenter runt Lindholmen Science Park:

- SAFER/Chalmers
- LSPAB; (PICTA, TUCAP, Drive Sweden, VICTA, TSS)
- RISE/Victoria
- Consat

Kompletterat med några andra "gamla" Via Appia intressenter som signalerat "positivism":

- SOS International
- SOS AlarmAB
- Mediamobile
- Jalp Systems
- Ambulans
- Räddningstjänst

Tänkbara andra intressenter:

- Keolis
- Västtrafik
- Bergkvarabuss
- Viscando
- ?

Tekniken finns men skall anpassas, knyts ihop och sätts i sitt totala sammanhang!

2017-02-20

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2018/2019

A new initiative together with Volvo Cars
Via Appia

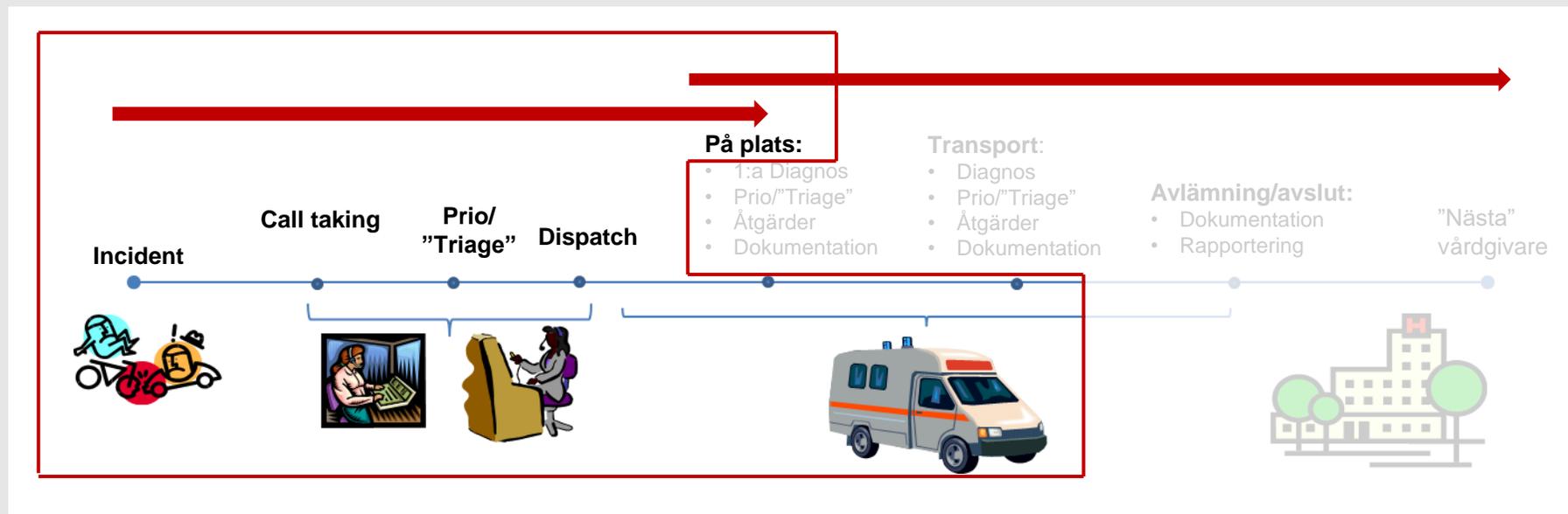
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TEAPaN

– Traffic Event Assessment, Prioritizing and Notification

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Rescue operation and the prehospital care chain



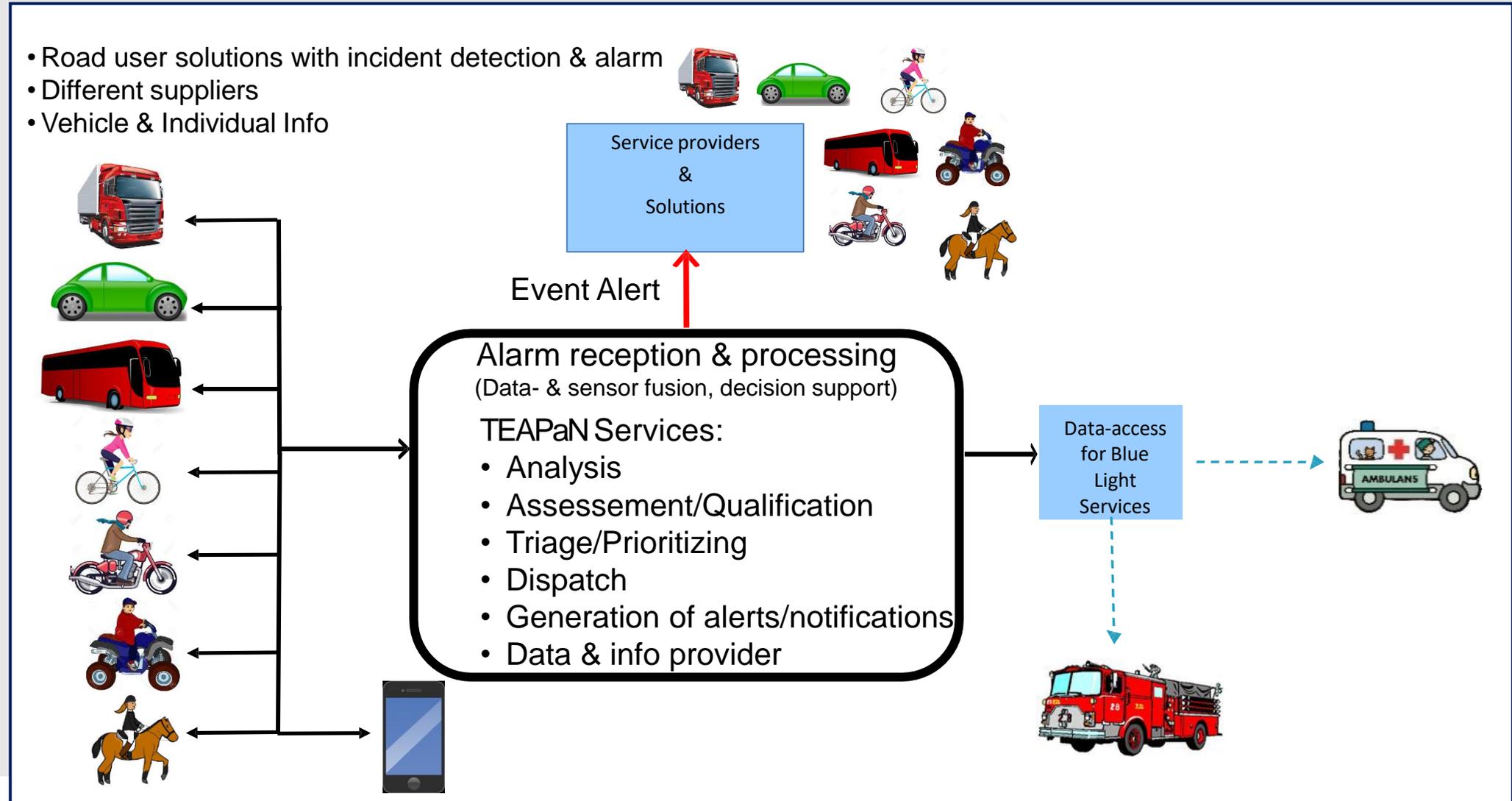
TEAPaN Focus!

How can we improve the situation of those 'affected' in a road accident already at this stage?

*Our goal: An optimized rescue operation with correct priorities and resources!
We can't send "what is available" at every incident immediately – other things may have a higher priority*

TEAPaN – Traffic Event Assessment, Prioritizing and Notification

Information flow and services in TEAPaN



TEAPaN – Traffic Event Assessment, Prioritizing and Notification

2019 - Application to Vinnova/FFI for the project TEAPaN – 1

1. *TEAPaN-1* focuses on the healthcare chain and how it can be improved in terms of e.g. response times, choice of resources and precision in crucial decisions.
2. Vehicle solutions, services, incident assessment of alarm handlers, and interaction with ambulance are designed and demonstrated in simulated and practical applications.
3. Furthermore, proposals are made for business arrangements and routes to broad use.

Application approved!

Project time: 2019-12-01 to 2021-12-31

Budget: ≈ 10.7 MSEK

Vinnova/FFI: ≈ 5.3 MSEK

TEAPaN – Traffic Event Assessment, Prioritizing and Notification

TEAPaN – 1

- Road user solutions with incident detection & alarm
- Different suppliers
- Vehicle & individual info combined
- Standardized and open interfaces

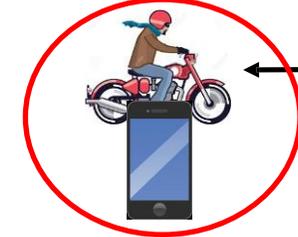
Volvo Cars



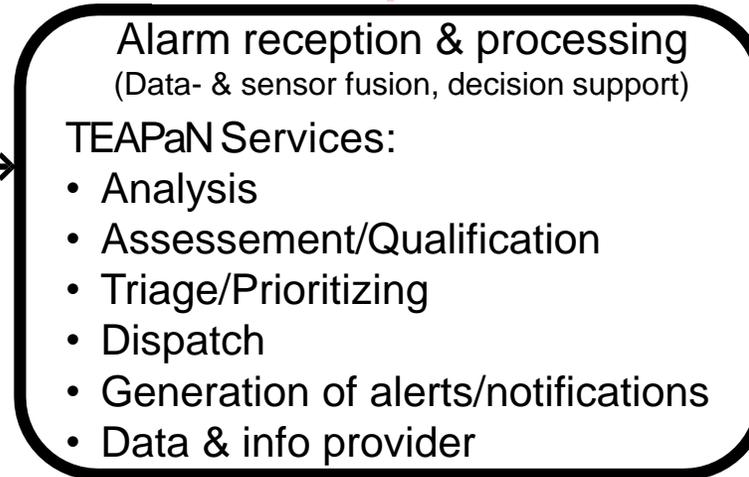
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standard



Ambulance SU



PICTA, Prehospen/HB,SOS Int., SvLc, Chalmers, VTI

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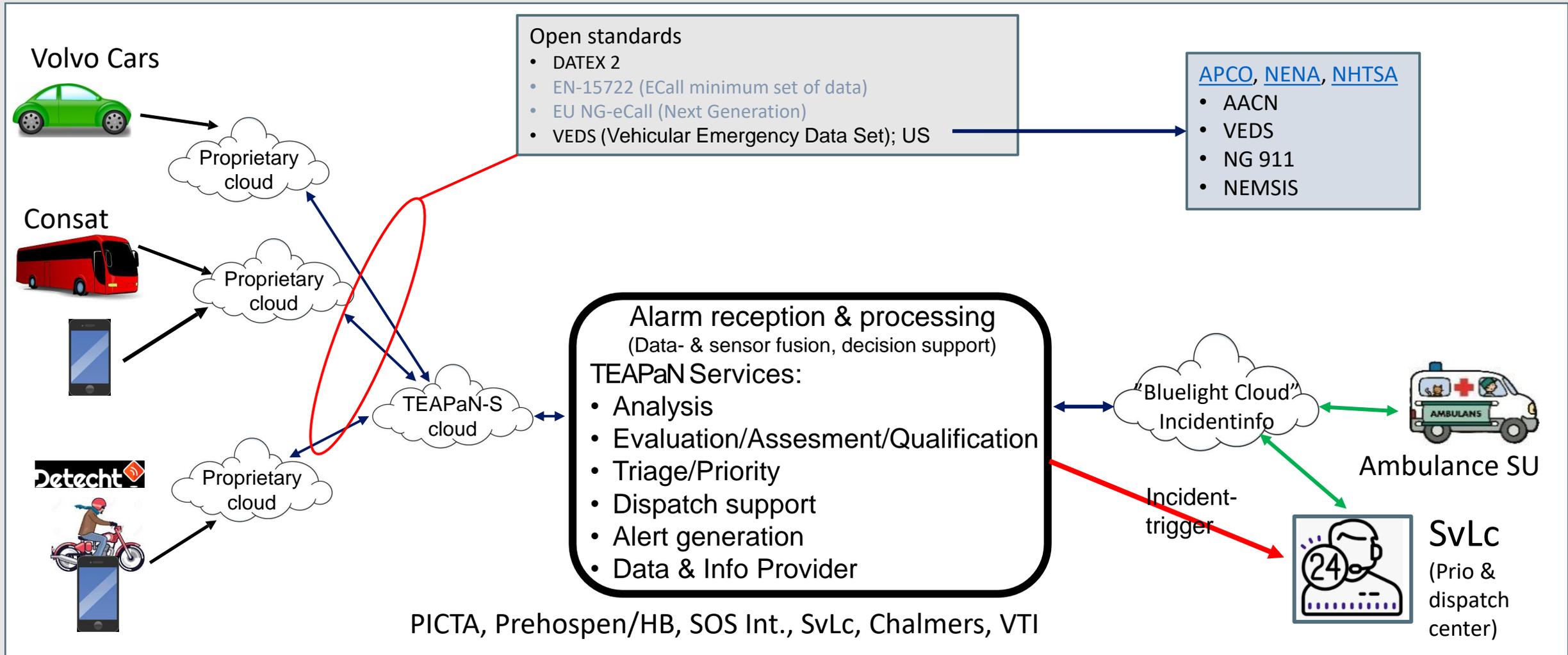
TEAPaN – 1; Project design and status today

TEAPaN-1 2019

Aktivitetet	2019				2020				2021				2022			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
AP1 Orkestrering				2019-12-01												
AP2 Design Fordon																
AP3 Design TEAPaN-S																
AP4 System & Demo teknikutv																
AP5 Simuleringar & Demonstrator																
AP6 Affärsmodell & Samverkan																
AP7 Legalt & integritet																
AP8 Dissemination																

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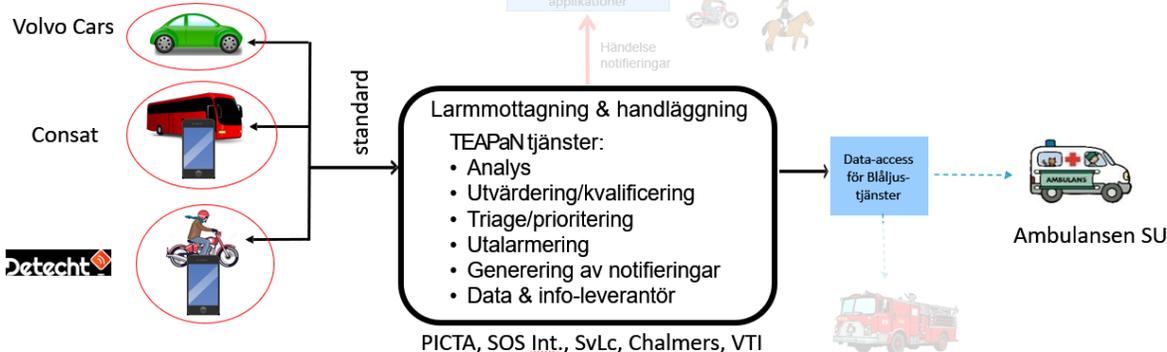
TEAPaN – 1; System overview



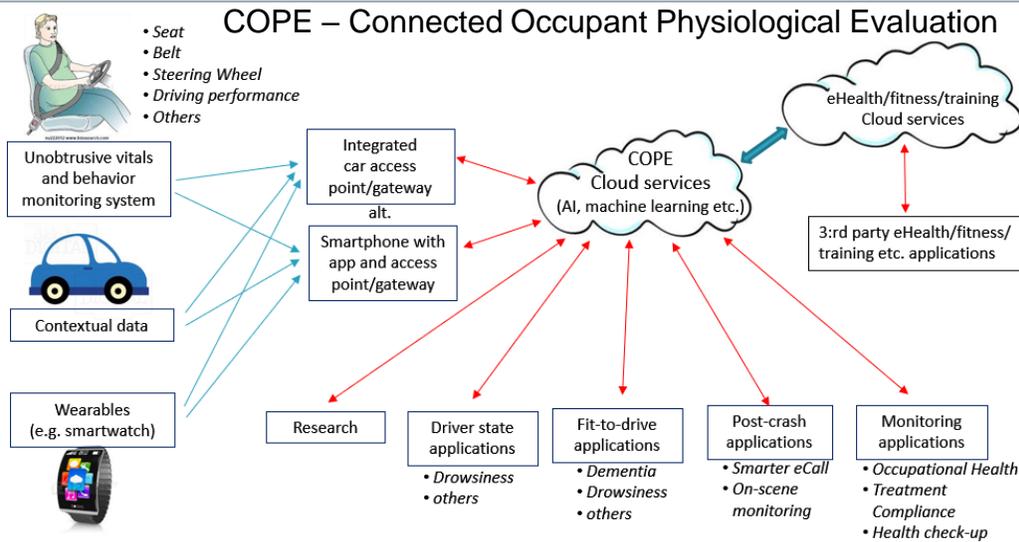
In our cluster - Prehospital R&D in a wider perspective

TEAPaN – 1

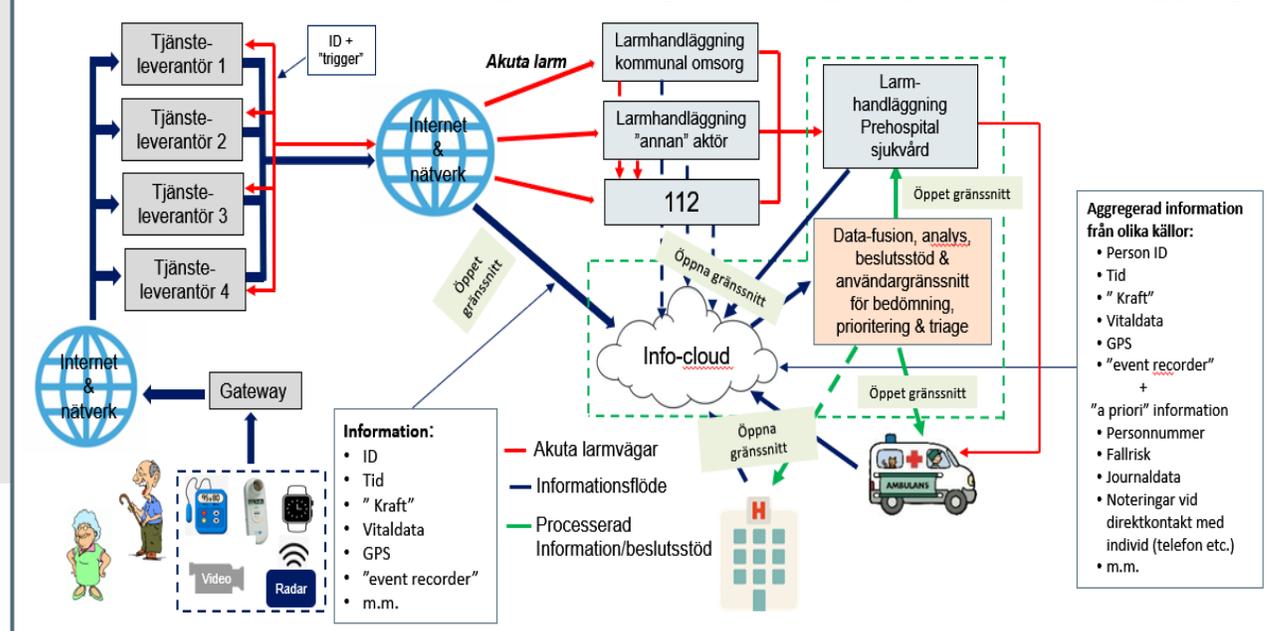
- Trafikant lösningar med incidentdetektion & larm
- Olika leverantörer
- Fordons & individ info kombineras
- Standardiserade och öppna gränssnitt



COPE – Connected Occupant Physiological Evaluation



Autumn Leaves – falldetektering, bedömning, prioritering och prehospital handläggning





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