EXAMPLE OCCUPANT SAFETY FOR CRASHES IN CARS

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OSCCAR project overview

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OSCCAR - Future Occupant Safety for Crashes in Cars





Highly automated vehicles (HAVs) offer

- Better utilization of travel time; a place of relaxation, comfort and new communication opportunities
- new interior concepts with e.g. reclining seat functions and rotating seats
- overall safety benefits by taking human error out of the loop

To be successful HAVs need to:

- Act safety minded regarding "overall traffic", "VRUs"
- Safeguard all types of occupants in new sitting positions in future relevant traffic accidents

Action points:

- > Understand future mixed traffic accident scenarios
- > Continuously address the whole accident phase
- > Consider human heterogeneity requirements
- > Derive suitable restraint principles
- > Prepare for virtual testing & homologation in order to cope with the increased amount and variety of testing

OSCCAR Project

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The EU Horizon 2020 research project "OSCCAR - Future Occupant Safety for Crashes in Cars" - develops a novel, simulation-based approach to safeguard occupants involved in future vehicle accidents

- Understanding future accident scenarios involving passenger cars
- Demonstration of new advanced occupant protection principles and concepts addressing future desired sitting positions made possible by HAVs
- Contribution to the development of diverse, omnidirectional, biofidelic and robust HBMs

 FUTURE OCCUPANT SAFETY FOR CRASHES IN CARS

 Future Accident Scenarios
 Integrated Assessment

 Automated Driving

 Omnidirectional Human Body Models

 Advanced Occupant Protection Systems

 Relaxed Sitting Positions

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- Establishment of an integrated, virtual assessment framework for complex scenarios as needed for the development of advanced protection systems for all occupants
- Contribution to the standardization of virtual testing procedures and promotion of HBMs acceptance in order to pave the way for virtual testing-based homologation



Car crashes and occupant injuries will happen in the future ...





- Methodology to predict future crash configurations based on accident data and pre-crash simulation.
- Description of the persisting accidents that are expected to remain with the onset and market penetration of automated driving.
- Methodology to estimate generic crash pulses for novel crash configurations, based on state-of-theart FE vehicle crash models





- Test case matrix for motivating Test Cases to be used within OSCCAR for investigating protection principles, and for demonstrating the whole tool chain evaluation.
 - □ Three dimensions of test cases
 - Crash configuration including pre-crash kinematics and crash pulse
 - Occupant Use Case (Vehicle interior, seat configuration and position, sitting posture of the occupant, and interior specific features)
 - Individual human variations (gender, size, age, anthropometry)
- User studies on future sitting position preferences
- Six passenger protection principles working groups established
 - □ Partner workshops on protection principle ideation and selection
 - □ build up of respective generic interior models
 - physical test series performed for interior/ restraint model validation and general occupant behavior

NEW RESTRAINT PRINCIPLES





Occupant protection principles:

- □ Conception and investigation of advanced occupant protection principles for sitting positions and postures related to automated driving:
 - $\circ~$ Restraints to be adapted towards new boundary conditions
 - Repositioning of the occupant into a <u>conventional</u> seating configuration prior to a crash
- □ Considering aspects like occupant variety and omnidirectional occupant loading by use of HBMs
- □ Virtual investigation of protection principles and hardware demonstration of selected cases

Protection Principles					
#1 Swivel Seat	#2 Inertia Seat	#3 Anti Submarining	#4 Mushroom Airbag	#5 Reclined Seat	#6 Far Side
	AEB				



Occupant protection principles - Repositioning of the occupant:



□ Use Cases & Principle:

- Occupant sitting slightly rotated, pointing away from the driving direction
- The seat will be rotated around z-axis towards direction of crash during pre-crash phase
- Active (defined rotation-time curve) and passive (inertia driven) rotations are considered Related publication: [Becker et al. IRCOBI 2020]



□ Use Cases & Principle:

- Occupant sitting in a relaxed seating position with a reclined backrest angle
- Prior to the crash the backrest rotates to an upright angle to raise the occupant into a "normal" sitting posture

Related publication: [Östh et al. IRCOBI 2020]

HBMs

Enhancement of HBMs

- □ Material models have been developed and implemented
- $\hfill\square$ Organ dimensions have been provided
- □ HBMs have been further refined and morphing activity started
- Volunteer data for pre-crash kinematics
 - □ Models of the important validation data environment build and available
 - □ Pre-selection for validation catalogue
 - □ Further development of active HBMs concepts

Joint work on harmonized injury criteria started







Integrated, continuous and comparable assessment

- Common simulation "input" criteria that allow for comparing results
- Software tool for <u>reproducible</u> HBM <u>seating</u> procedure in development
- Comparable and common assessment using the OSCCAR enhanced open source software tool "Dynasaur"
- Enabling standardized solver output processing for different solvers used within OSCCAR

Fully Integrated Assessment Tool Chain





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Virtual Testing requirements

- Development of virtual testing and assessment procedures
- First proposal of a procedure for virtual environment validation published

Eggers et al., Validation procedure for simulation models in a virtual testing and evaluation process of highly automated vehicles, VDI-Tagung Fahrzeugsicherheit 2019

Harmonization efforts

Homologation Test Case Demonstration

Harmonization of Virtual Testing



OSCCAR – Virtual Testing II



- Providing the bigger picture on complete story for virtual testing needs
 - Generic load-cases of future relevant accident scenarios
 - Methodology to estimate generic crash pulses for novel crash configurations, based on state-of-the-art FE vehicle crash models



OSCCAR – Virtual Testing III



Harmonization of Virtual Testing

Harmonization of virtual testing Virtual testing basic needs



Glossary and definition of relevant terms: "What is and what is needed for a valid model"				
Verification:	Assessment of accuracy of computational model solving the mathematical problem.			
Validation:	Assessment of the degree to which a computational model is an accurate representation of physics being modelled.			
Calibration:	The process of modifying (parameters of) a model or tool to reach a performance target defined beforehand.			
<u>Certification:</u>	The process of official approval that a model and its associated data are acceptable for a specific purpose. Purpose describes the use in an existing procedure, e.g. consumer rating or legislation with Virtual Testing.			

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WP1 Determination of future accident scenarios

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Objective: To apply **accident research** and to combine it with **future trend analysis** and insights from other real world data in order to derive **an outlook to future remaining** accident scenarios

- T1.1 Methodology framework for integrated assessment
- T1.2 Traffic simulation / accident scenarios along with use cases for AD
- T1.3 Parameter for EU & China traffic model based on real world data analysis

Major milestones for WP1:

- D1.1 [report] Accident data analysis remaining accidents and crash configurations of automated vehicles in mixed traffic
- D1.2 [software demonstrator] openPASS framework for integrated safety assessment
- D1.3 [report] Future collision type matrix



OSCCAR approach: Estimating Europes future accident situation







Assumption: AD model = "safety minded driver"; no violation of traffic rules & behaviour adaptation

Human vs. human = original accident data



- Mixed traffic: AD vs. human / Human vs. AD
 - a. AD is "main causer" of collision
 - Inherent avoidance → case is filtered out ("HURSU")
 - b. AD is only involved in collision
 - o Human driver still causes accident
 - \rightarrow re-simulation of reconstructed collision with AD reaction

	Situation by initiator	Filter criteria
#1	Accident initiator ("A")	 Human driver vs. human driver Participant "A" is causing the accident and has a human driver Participant "B" has a human driver
#2	Non-Accident initiator ("B")	 Human driver vs. automated car Participant "A" is causing the accident and is human driven Participant "B" is referred to a passenger car and is automated
#3	Accident initiator ("A")	 Automated car vs. human driver Participant "A" is causing the accident and is automated Participant "B" is human driven <i>"Inherently avoided"</i> because automated cars obey way of right
#4	Accident initiator ("A")	 Automated car vs. automated car Participant "A" is causing the accident and is automated Participant "B" is automated → <u>"Inherently avoided" because automated cars obey way of right</u>

OSCCAR approach: Example: GIDAS urban intersections





- 1. Determine if accident would be inherently avoided by AD vehicle [assuming obeying traffic rules, etc]
- 2. Simulation 1 (n = 797): AD is opponent and tries to avoid collision caused by human driver
- 3. Simulation 2 (n = 232): AD is replacing original main causer
- 4. Remaining cases = mitigated/no intervention cases from simulation results



OSCCAR public deliverables and downloads:

http://osccarproject.eu/media/

OSCCAR @ Ircobi 2020:

Östh et al.: Evaluation of Kinematics and Restraint Interaction when Repositioning a Driver from a Reclined to an Upright Position Prior to Frontal Impact using Active Human Body Model Simulations

Becker et al.: Occupant Safety in Highly Automated Vehicles Challenges of Rotating Seats in Future Crash Scenarios

Mroz et al.: Effect of Seat and Seat Belt characteristics on the Lumbar Spine and Pelvis Loading of the SAFER Human Body Model in reclined Postures

Nölle et al.: Defining Injury Criteria for the Muscle-Tendon-Unit

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