

# Cyclist target and test setup for the evaluation of Cyclist-AEB systems

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#### **Overview**



- Introduction
- Method for development of test matrix
- Test matrix development
- Testing system specification and realisation
- Verification
- Conclusion





#### Introduction



### Cycling is increasingly popular

- In the Netherlands, 26% of all journeys occur by bicycle (CROW, ECF)
- Electric power-assisted bicycle: annual sales (in units) increased with factor of 10 in last 8 years in EU
- Social benefits of cycling
  - Scope for development (working, learning, recreating) in case no car / driving license
  - Elderly keep mobile avoiding social isolation
  - Environmental benefit (true zero emission)
  - Flow problem for car traffic
  - Parking problem in town centres and at workplace
  - Health of cycling
  - Traffic safety: more cyclists, less risks

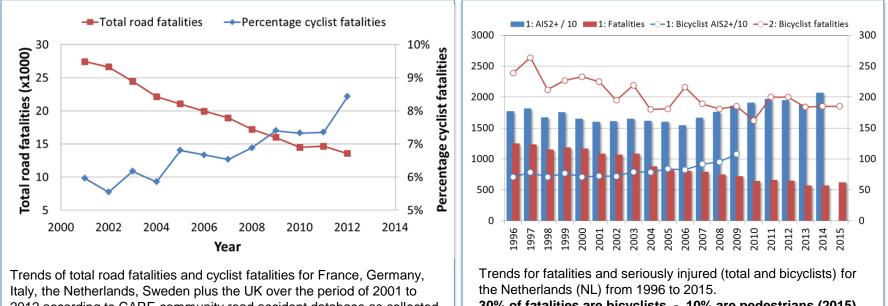




#### Introduction



#### Accident trends for cyclists (Europe, Netherlands)



2012 according to CARE community road accident database as collected by the EU Member States.

30% of fatalities are bicyclists - 10% are pedestrians (2015)



#### Solutions to protect cyclists\*



### • Injury mitigation:

- Pop-up bonnet



 Time-to-collision (TTC)
 PoNR
 Crash

 Normal driving
 Driver warning
 Collision avoidance
 Collision mitigation
 Injury mitigation
 Post crash

 Image: Collision driving
 Image: Collision avoidance
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- Windshield airbag



- Personal protection equipment



\* In car-to-cyclist accidents

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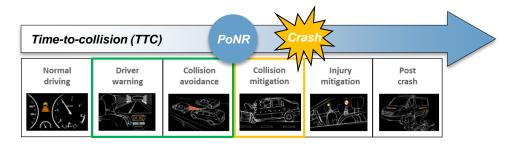
#### Solutions to protect cyclists\*



#### Collision avoidance / mitigation:

Forward collision warning

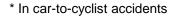




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- Autonomous Emergency Braking

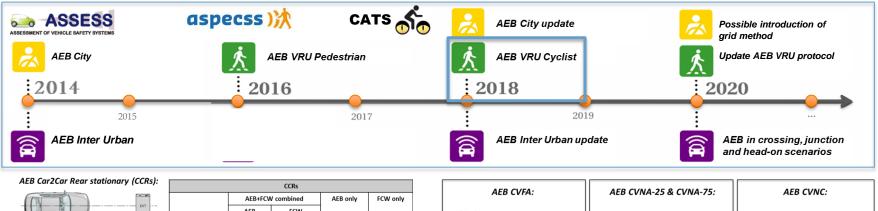




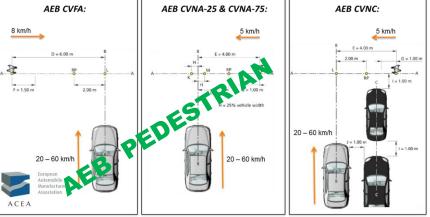
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### Objective

- Prepare the introduction of a protocol for consumer tests of Cyclist-AEB systems on board passenger cars
- Propose a test setup (incl. hardware) and test protocol for Cyclist-AEB systems based on technical/scientific considerations
- Base the tests on analysis of most relevant cyclist accident scenarios in EU countries

### **Timing:** 2014 Q1 - 2016 Q2

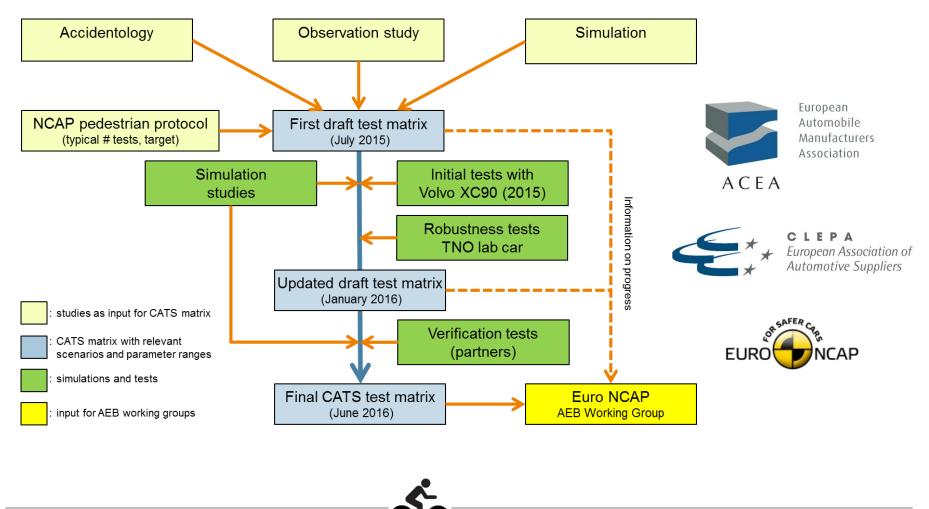








#### **Process to final test matrix**

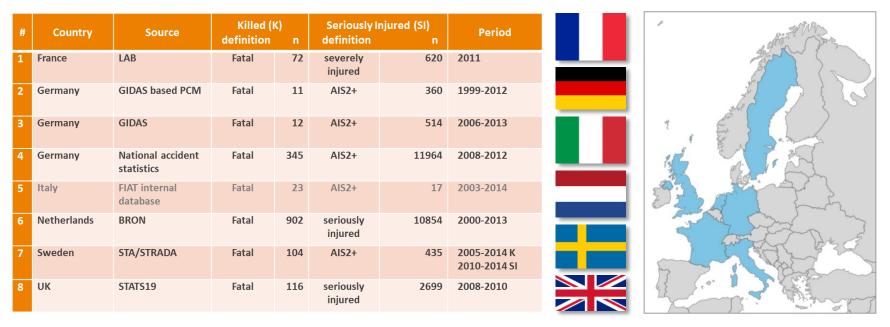






### Approach

- Study databases for 6 European countries;
- Select severe car-to-cyclists accidents --> fatalities, seriously injured;
- Provide overview of distinguished accident scenarios;
- Determine the distribution of scenarios in the different countries;
- Prioritize scenarios & indicate coverage of fatalities and seriously injured.





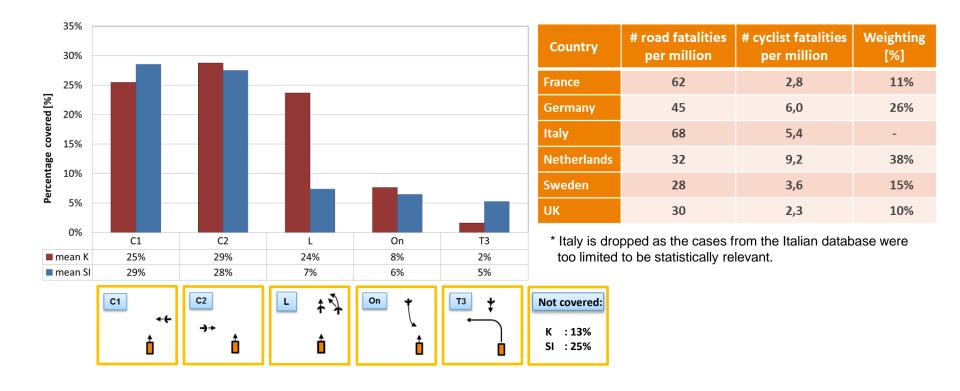


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#### Most common car-to-cyclist accident scenarios

• Weighted for 5\* European countries upon # cyclist fatalities / million inhabitants

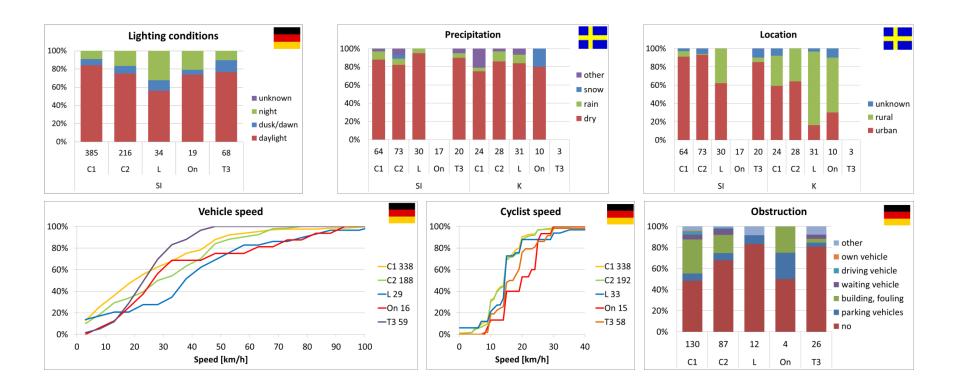






### Typical parameter ranges for the scenarios

Based on in-depth accident studies

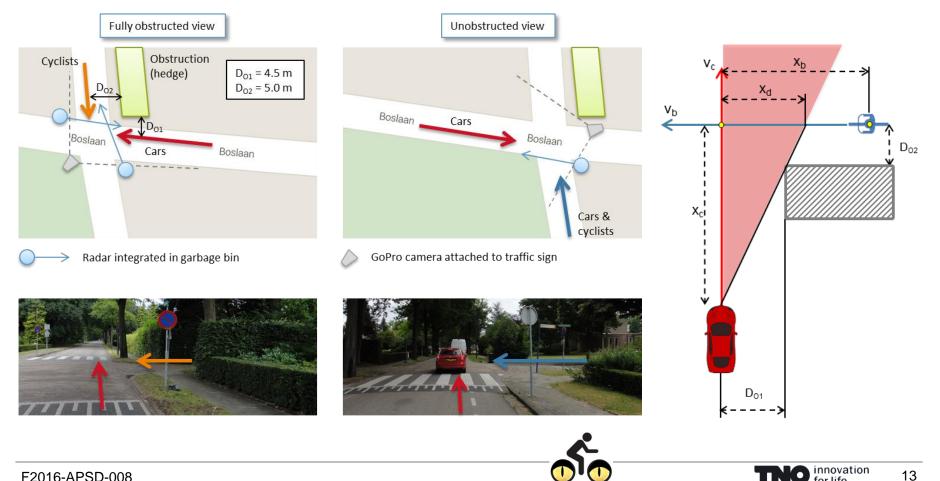




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### **Observation study into view-blocking obstructions**

- Influence on speed profile of bicycle and car upon approach
- Posture and behaviour of bicyclist (e.g. pedaling or not) ٠





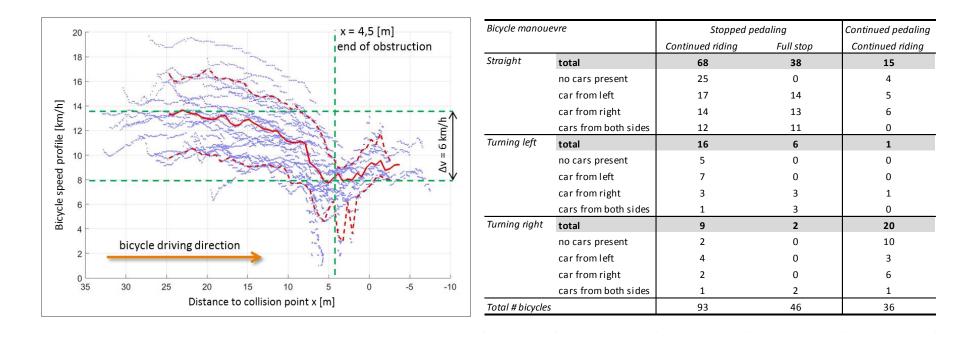
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### **Observation study into view-blocking obstructions**

- Bicycles reduce speed with 6 km/h in case of a view-blocking obstruction
- More than 80% of all cyclists stopped pedaling





### Cyclist target: soft bicyclist dummy on soft bike dummy

Version 4activeBS v5





### **Final CATS matrix – version June 2016**



	CVNBU	СУЛВО	CVFB	CVLB		
Vehicle speed	20 – 60 km/h	10 – 40 km/h	20 – 60 km/h	30 – 60 km/h	65 - 80 km/h	
Cyclist speed	15 km/h	10 km/h	20 km/h	15 km/h	20 km/h	
Obstruction	Without	With D1=3.55m, D2=4.80m	Without	Without	Without	
Collision point	50 %	50 %	25 %	50%	25 %	
AEB / FCW	AEB	AEB	AEB	AEB	FCW	
# tests [36]	9	7	9	7	4	
Layout sketch						
Expected feasibility 2018	YES	YES	NO	YES		
Important notes:	<ul> <li>Main challenge in CVNBU is system robustness (AEB response after collision is unavoidable: cyclist cannot break or steer away to avoid collision).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Main challenge in CVNBO is the limited time for system response.</li> </ul>	for production vehicles in 2018, especially due to challenges in one VUT speed in the		erify that the vehicle shows ith a 25% collision point with a 30-60 km/h speed range rmance at a collision point	
	<ul> <li>Field-of-View is a general issue fo</li> <li>System robustness is a general is</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evaluation of FCW considers collision avoidance by steering and <u>not</u> braking.</li> </ul>				





#### **Test track**



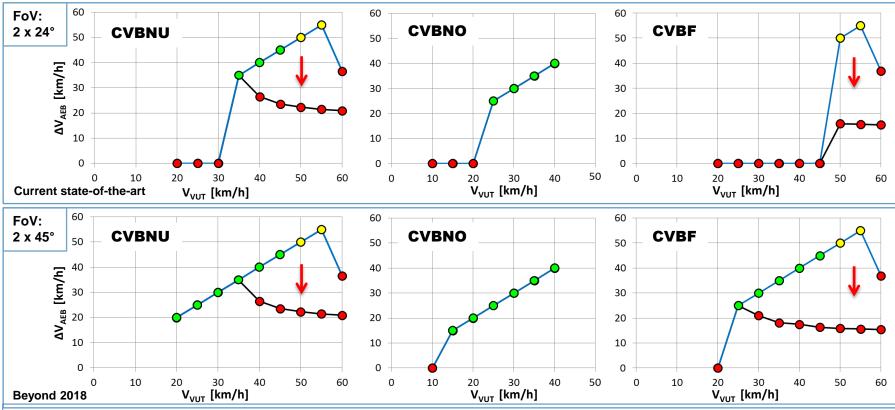




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### Simulation

• Decrease in performance to avoid false positive responses



The figures show the speed reduction of the AEB system at the end of a test for the different initial VUT speeds, where the markers indicate the results for one test. The upper row shows the results for a sensor field of view of  $2 \times 24^{\circ}$  for the 3 different scenarios, the lower row shows the results for an FoV of  $2 \times 45^{\circ}$ . The line for collision avoidance is the  $45^{\circ}$  grey dashed line in each figure:

• : full collision avoidance, VUT comes to full stop • : full collision avoidance by reduction of speed • : collision, no speed reduction or speed reduction insufficient



	CVNB	CVNBO	CVFB	CVLB	
VUT speed	20-60 km/h	20-60 km/h	20-60 km/h	20-60 km/h	50-80 km/h
Cyclist speed	15 km/h	10 km/h	20 km/h	15 km/h	20 km/h
Obstruction	No	Yes	No	No	No
Impact point	50%	50%	25%	50%	25%
AEB/FCW	AEB	AEB	AEB	AEB	FCW
Nr of points	3.0	Euro NCAP proposes to postpone the intro- duction of CVNBO and CVFB until 2020.		1.5	1.5



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**Conclusion and outlook** 

# Conclusion

- Successful process to develop the Cyclist-AEB testing system
- CATS protocol including test matrix proposed to Euro NCAP AEB VRU working group
- Euro NCAP proposal for 2018 and 2020 in line with CATS findings

## Outlook

- Active communication and dissemination of CATS results
- Technical briefing October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Helmond (NL)
- Euro NCAP Round Robin test of Cyclist-AEB protocol (spring 2017)
- Considerations towards 2020:
  - Specification of view-blocking barrier
  - Dealing with parameter ranges in protocol
- Development of cyclist intent prediction models to support Cyclist-AEB control law
- Market introduction of Cyclist-AEB systems on more production vehicles

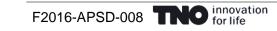






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