

# IN-CABIN SENSING -FUTURE VIEW FOR PASSENGER VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

# In-Cabin Sensing @ Continental Overview & Scope





 Sensing: One of the 5 natural powers of sight, hearing, feeling, taste, and smell, that provides us information about the things around us

> Monitoring: To carefully watch and check a situation in order to see how it changes over a period of time



# EuroNCAP Regulations Requirements





#### **Regulations:**

- > Driver drowsiness
- > Driver availability
- > Driver attentiveness
- > Driver visual distraction
- > Child presence detection
- > And further



# **In-Cabin Sensing** Market Influencing Factors



<ul> <li>Accident</li> <li>Crash in</li> <li>Post-crash</li> </ul>	t avoidance npact mitigation ish support	<ul> <li>Increased convenience</li> <li>Individualization</li> <li>Personalization</li> </ul>	> > >	Unique HMI / services Social media / videoc Well-being / HealthSt	s all yle	→ Cabin M enabling AD L2+	onitoring as key technology for / L3 / L4 / L5				
Safety		Comfort		User Experience		Automated Driving					
In-Cabin Sensing											
Legislation and assessment programs											
Driver drowsiness		Visual distraction	Driver availability		Dri	Driver attentiveness					
2020 EURO	2021 owsiness	2022 Drowsiness attention Driver availability		Drowsiness 2024 Visual distraction Sudden sickness Indirect CPD (all seats)	Advanced dr distraction	2025 iver EURO	2026 Child presence detection (direct sensing, incl. footwell)				
MF	RM guideline based on driver	ASEAN Child presence	C-NCA	P Distraction		GB*	Drowsiness Distraction				

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detection

\*GB-T (China) under discussion

Driver presence

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monitoring (sudden sickness)

Driving under influence

Driver presence

Driver availability

Driver attentiveness

# **In-Cabin Sensing**

# Example: Use-Cases versus required Sensorics



Use-Case	Passengers involved	Sensorics needed	
<ul> <li>Hands on Wheel Detection</li> <li>Attentiveness, distraction and drowsiness detection</li> </ul>	Only Driver	Driver Camera (NIR)	
<ul> <li>Child presence detection (child left behind)</li> <li>Child presence detection for restraint deployment</li> <li>Seat Occupant for seat belt reminder</li> </ul>	All In-Cabin passenger are involved	In-Cabin Radar (60GHz)	



\*NIR= Near Infrared, GHz= Gigahertz

# In-Cabin Sensing Sensing Devices & Mounting Positions





#### Cabin Monitoring Camera & Radar

- > Hands-on wheel detection / Free-air gestures
- Body / pose tracking / Child presence detection
- Occupant (presence) detection & classification
- > Activity classification / context information
- Live in-vehicle view / Intrusion detection

#### Driver Monitoring Camera

- Presence detection
- Head- / eye-tracking incl. gaze direction
- Sleepiness / drowsiness detection
- > Distraction detection
- Identification (personalization / authentication)
- > Facial expression (e.g. emotions)
- Video calling / social media

#### Infrared LED Proximity Detection

Proximity & gesture detection

#### Bio Signal Sensors

- > Heart rate / breathe rate
- > Temperature / air quality
- Intoxication

### In-Cabin Sensing Applications Based on Camera & Radar



#### **Occupant Detection**

- > Child presence detection (CPD)
- > Seat occupant detection
- > Number of passengers

#### **Vital Sign Detection**

- > Respiration rate (RR)
- > Heart rate (HR)
- > Heart rate variability (HRV)



# In-Cabin Sensing Use Case - Child Presence Detection (CPD)





#### Sensing technology

- Radar sensor with a carrier frequency of 60 GHz (mm-wave radar)
- Reflected by the human body and its internal organs
- Body functions such as the heartbeat and the breathing modify the radar signal when it is reflected back to the receiver (Doppler effect)
- This modulated signal provides the information from which heart rate (HR) and breath rate (BR) of an occupant/child or pet animal can be calculated.

# In-Cabin Sensing: Radar Technology Baby & Child Surrogate for CPD Study



Configuration parameters:

BRA [0-10]	BRF [5-120]	HRA [0-10]	HRF [40-200]	RBMA [0-10]
0-3	5-120	0-10	40-200	0-10
4-5	5-79	0-10	40-200	0-10
6-10	5-50	0-10	40-200	0-10

Emulator bio signal settings for **breath rate (BR/bpm)**, **heart rate (HR/bpm)** quantified by **amplitude (A/mm)** and **frequency (F/bpm)** plus **random noise** (**RBMA**)



# **Child Presence Detection** Validation for Different Positions







# In-Cabin Sensing: Vital Signs Human Detection - Heart Rate (70bpm)









# Radiation Measurements Overview





- Limit for human health is 1mW/cm<sup>2</sup> above 20 cm
- Measured values @ 20 cm distance
  - 76 GHz: margin "x 35" (15 dB), ACC appl.
  - 60 GHz: margin "x 71.000" (48 dB)

# In-Cabin Sensing Child Presence Detection: How to Inform the Driver?<sup>2021</sup>



#### Warning output elements options:

- Activation of the horn after driver has left the vehicle
- Activation of vehicle lighting system (front & rear)
- Submit a message to driver's cellphone
- Show message within "window displays"

# In-Cabin Sensing Visualization of Health Status





#### Health support:

- Visualization of health status within cockpit display
- Audio information or warning
- Vehicle activates support call with health professional
- If driver is incapacitated:
  - > Automated emergency call
  - Automated vehicle minimal risk maneuver

# In-Cabin Sensing Summary & Conclusion





- In-Cabin Sensing solutions opens new applications in the future, e.g. child presence detection (CPD), seat occupant detection, number of passengers
- Global NCAP regulations are driving the market to take new products
- Radar technology (60GHz) for child presence detection (CPD) was successfully evaluated and tested
- Analyzing radio homologation for 60 GHz solutions shows positive results for global market deployment
- First biometrics health solutions have been investigated in order to identify driver's capabilities & driver availability
- There is wide range of HMI solutions to communicate In-Cabin Sensing data to vehicle driver



# THANK YOU!

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