

Current and Planned Research Projects Sponsored by the GTB Scientific Working Group (SVP)

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AGENDA

Introduction

Road Projections

AV communication with other road users

Super Small Headlamps (risk of discomfort glare)

Photobiological risk with “bluish” LEDs

Potential of reducing electrical power and CO₂ in Automotive Lighting with intelligent solutions in specific traffic conditions

Introduction

GTB WG SVP (Safety and Visual Performance) is taking the tasks from WG Strategy to execute research studies with neutral, objective institutes and universities on important topics. The target is to use the findings to convince the legislation authorities in GRE to accept the release of new lighting systems and functions with an approval.

Discussion in GRE has shown that some key elements have to be identified by means of research studies:

The new system or function has to demonstrate :

- safety improvement
- advantage / comfort for the driver
- no distraction of other road users

Road Projections: Example snow flake



Investigation of potential distraction with eye tracking system

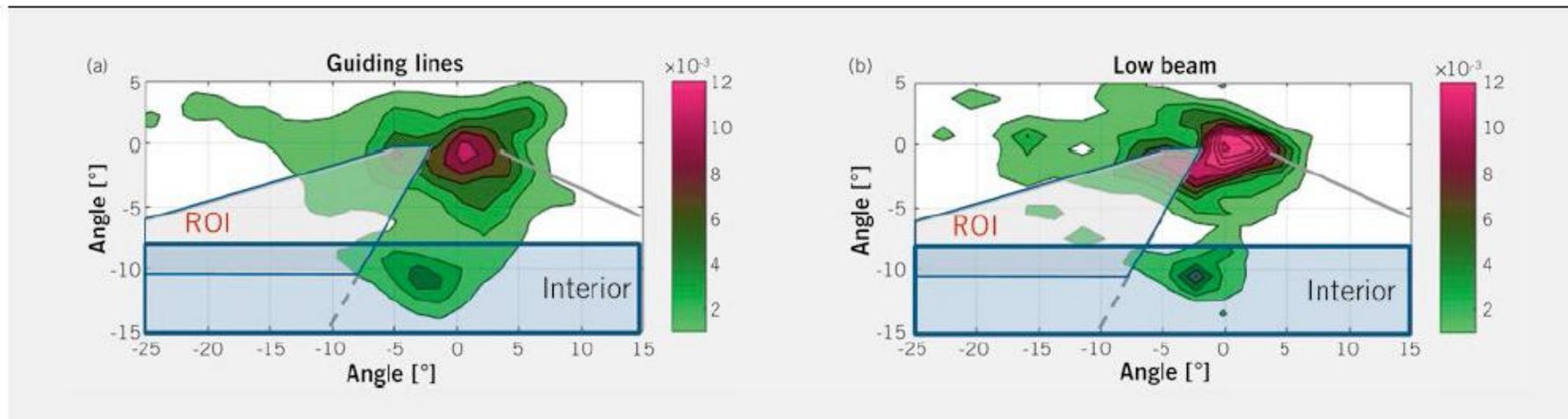
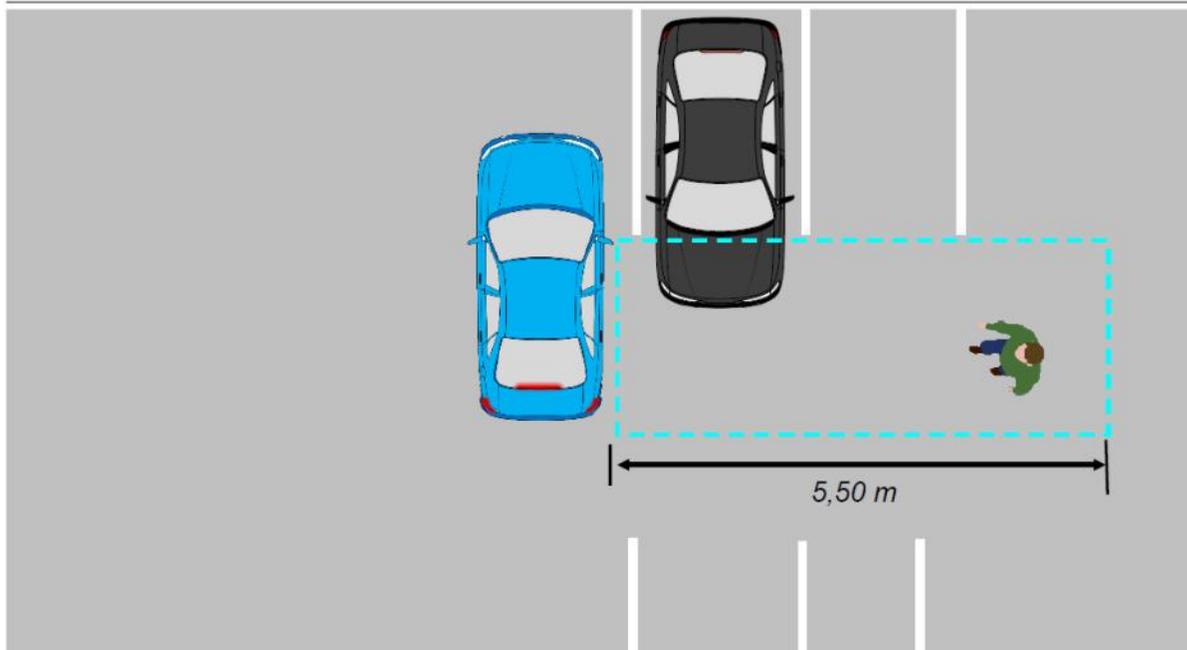


FIGURE 1 Gaze attention densities of the drivers: subjects of neutral vehicles (without front projection = low beam) during overtaking of the test vehicle (a) with respectively (b) without guiding lines (© Technische Universität Darmstadt)

Plan: more symbols and pattern to come !

AV Communication to other Road Users

Methodology Deparking scenario



VR : Successfully practiced



Plan: Finalize TU Darmstadt Study by taking into account more complex traffic scenarios

General Styling Trend: Super Small Lamps



Ref. : DVN Study 2020

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Status:

Various publications are afraid of small sizes of headlamps and rear lamps regards to discomfort glare for the traffic participants

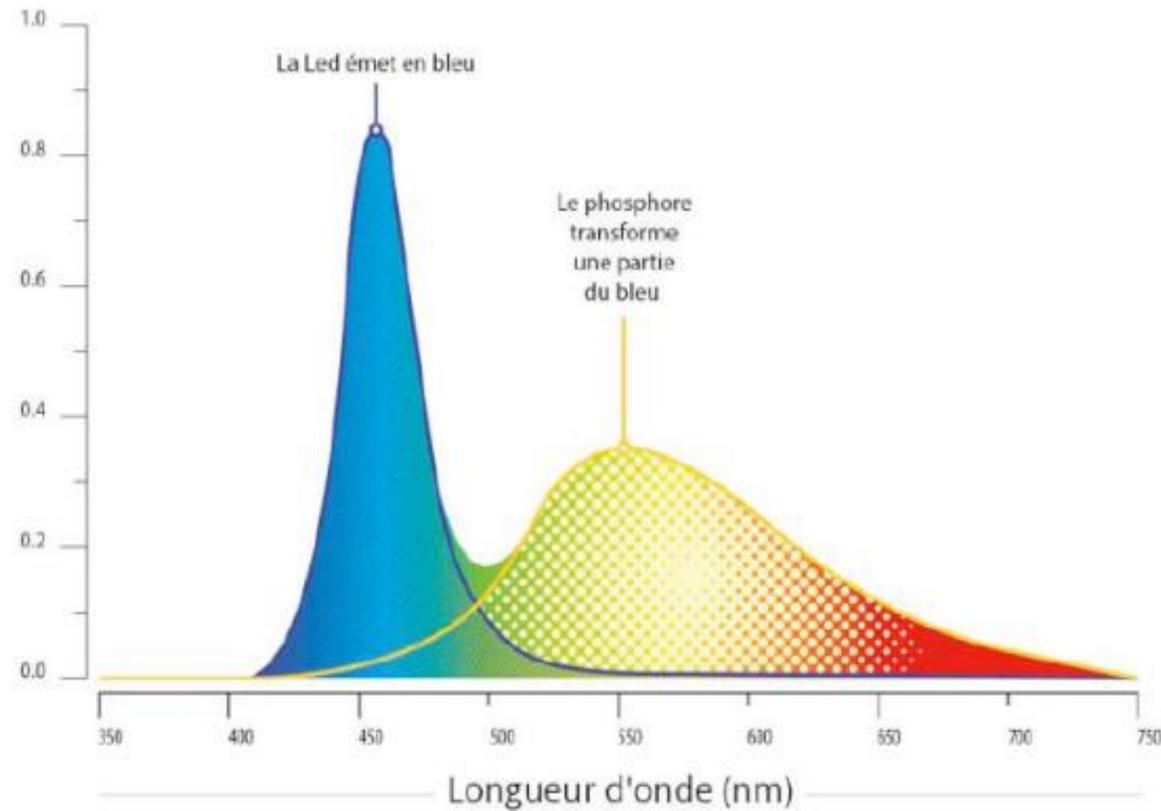
Plan:

Execute a research study with real, dynamic tests with super small headlamps and evaluate the discomfort glare (de Boer rating) compared to standard sized lamps

GTB asked for a Literature Study globally:

Result: principally no direct connection between size of lamps versus degree of discomfort glare

Potential Photobiological risk with blue lights



Result: Risk group 2
(moderate risk)

Recommendation :
Reduce luminance !

Significant Bluish content of Automotive LED's

Ref.: Press Kit 2019
ANSES

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Discussion:

- Reply with a proposal of a new standard (CIE) covering the Automotive lamps
- Reply with a research study at a professional institute taking into account the real conditions (e.g.: exposure time and distance) when applying LEDs in Automotive headlamps

Potential of reducing electrical power and CO2 in Automotive Lighting with intelligent solutions in specific traffic conditions

Consider environmental aspect: External street lighting, weather condition
Consider traffic situations : city light, motorway light, country light
Consider traffic jam (Stop & Go traffic)

React by means of: dimming of given light pattern
change light pattern function (see AFS)
(position light, DRL instead of Low Beam)
automatic avoidance of misuse of rear fog function, high beam

Keep safety level !!

LIGHT IS ALWAYS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE!



Thank You very much !