

Glare Contributors in Automotive World

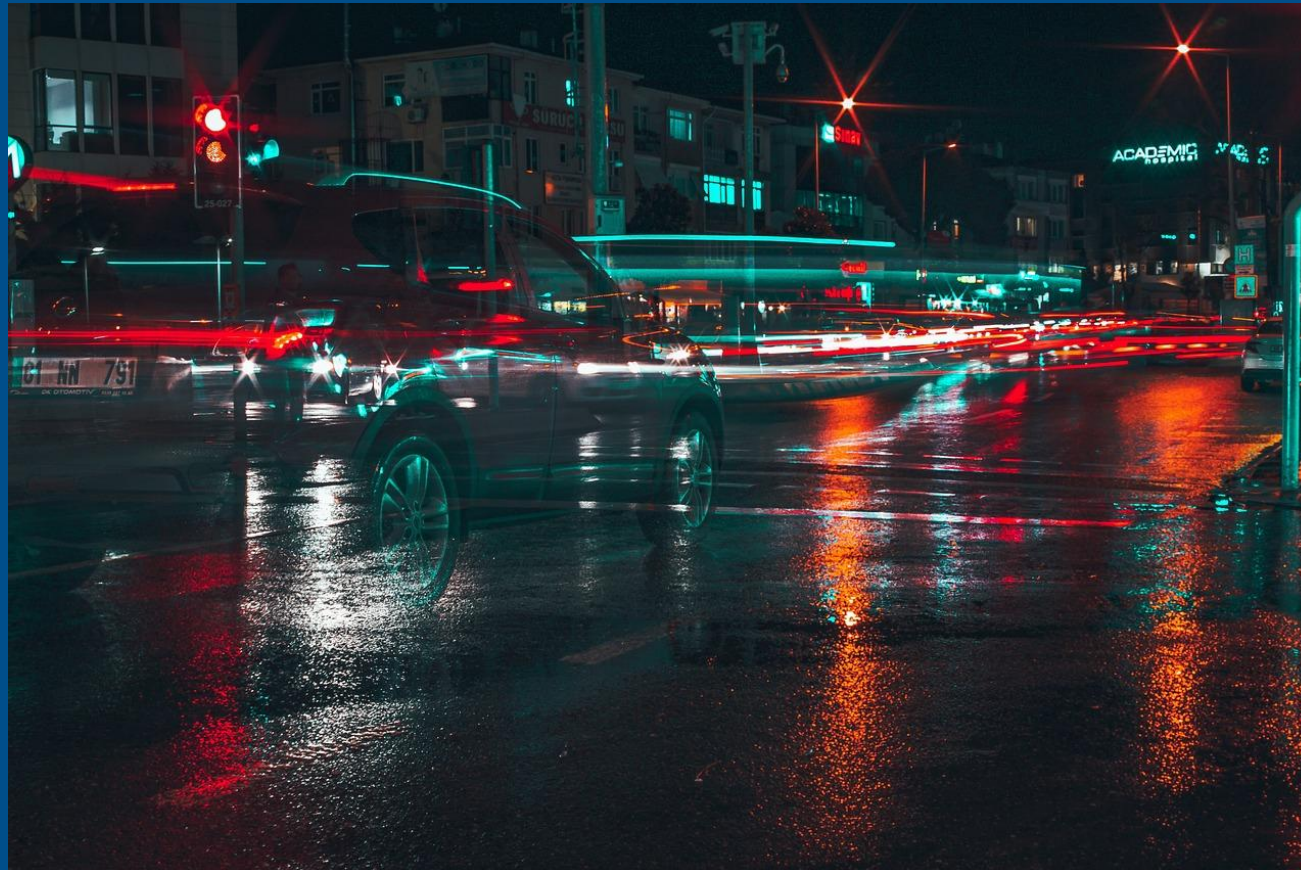
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Adaptive Lichttechnische Systeme
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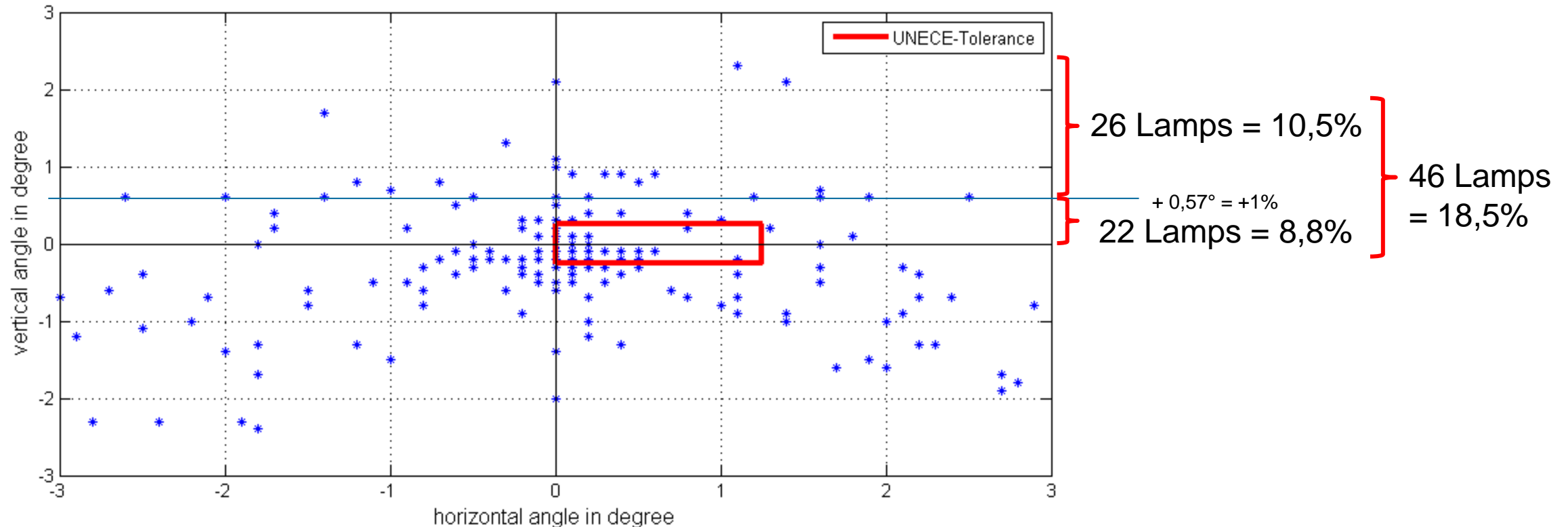
Content



Part 1: Misaim and Contributors



2016 TU Darmstadt: Test of 124 cars = 248 Headlights

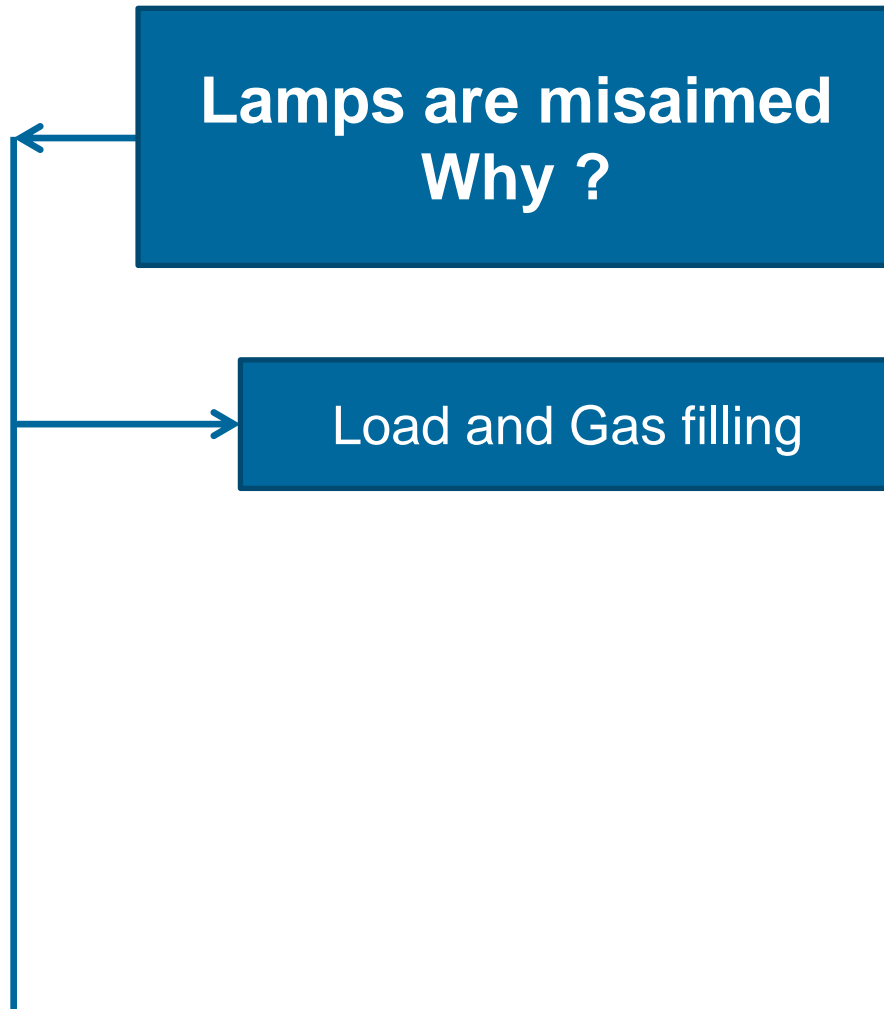


- Rental Cars
- Avg. age 3 months
- Avg. kilometers 10.500km
- ONLY 24 of 248 tested Headlights were in UNECE-Box
- 18,5% were higher than initial aim
- 10,5% were above the horizon

Source: TU Darmstadt, ALSVV,
2016 Field Test Headlamp Aiming

Part 1: MISAIM and Contributors

1.1. Load and Gas filling

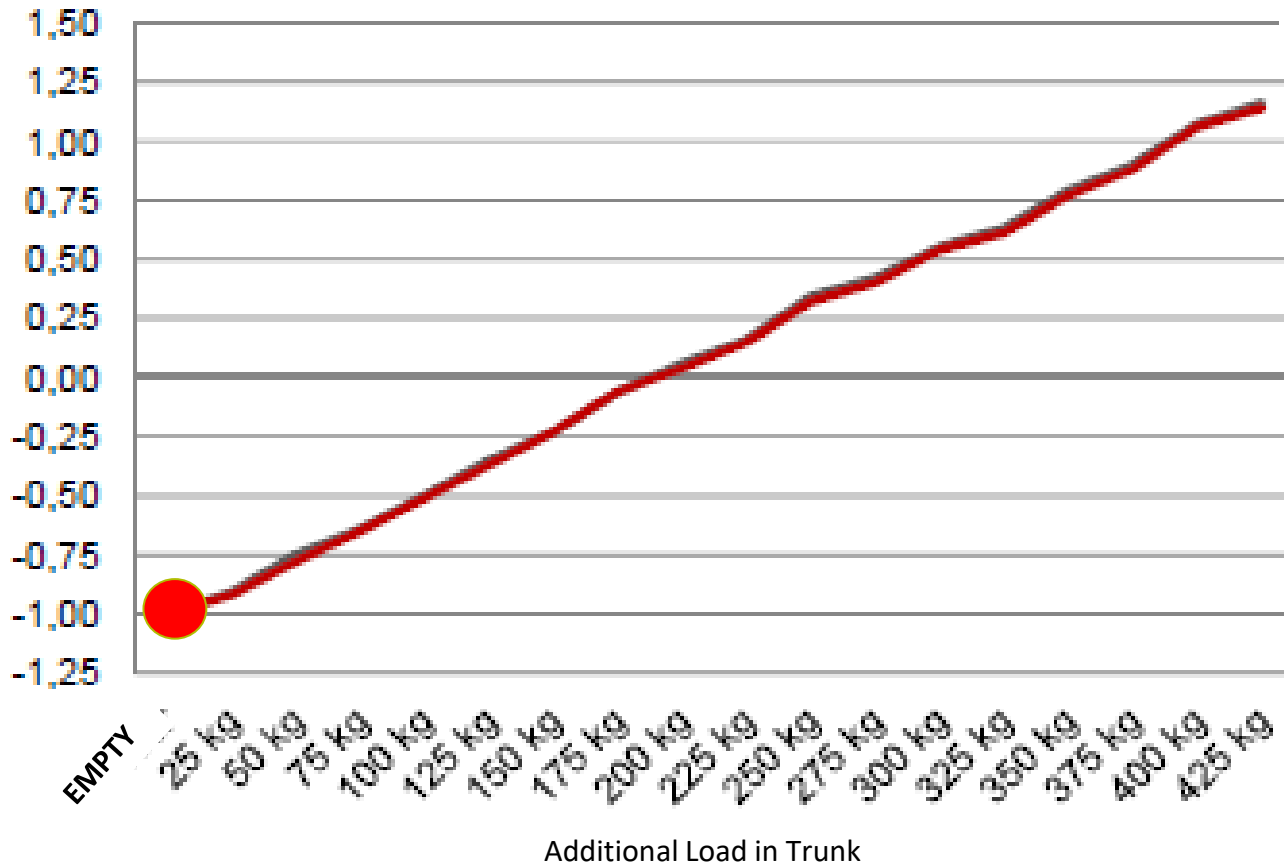


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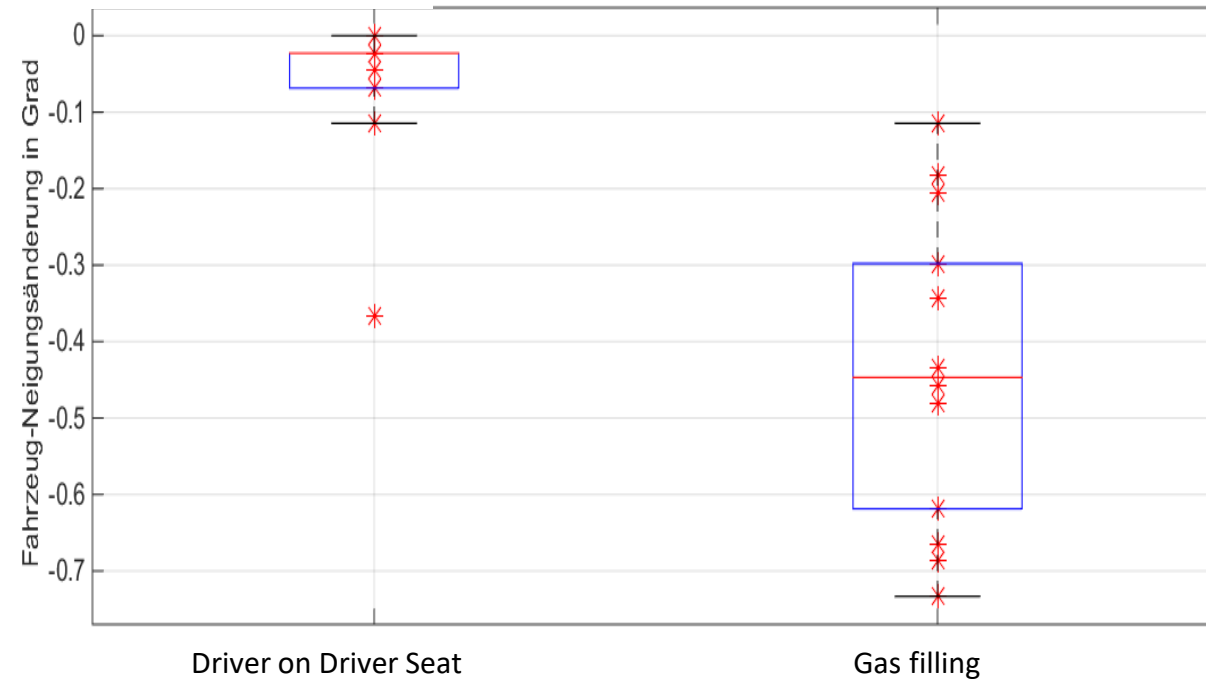
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Cutoff Position [%]



Cutoff Position [°]



Klettwitz Test 2014 (GTB, Co-funding LSS)

Source: B. Zydek: *Blendungsbewertung von Kraftfahrzeugscheinwerfern unter dynamischen Bedingungen. PhD Thesis 2014*



- 25 different vehicles (HAL; XEN, LED)
- 3 different Load Conditions (0%, 50%, 100%)
- Resulting pitch angle varied from

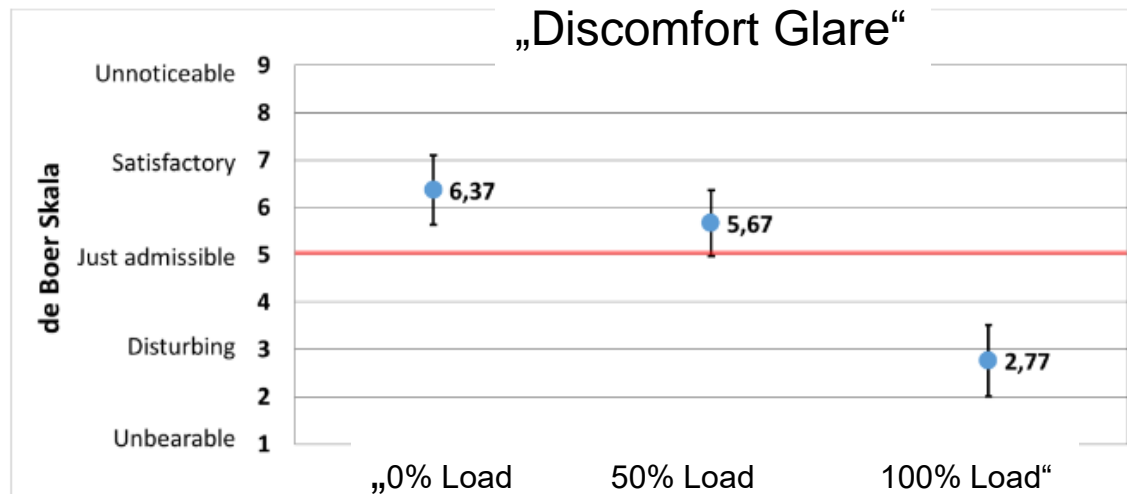


Abbildung 5.5: Mittlere psychologische Blendung in Abhängigkeit von der Beladung

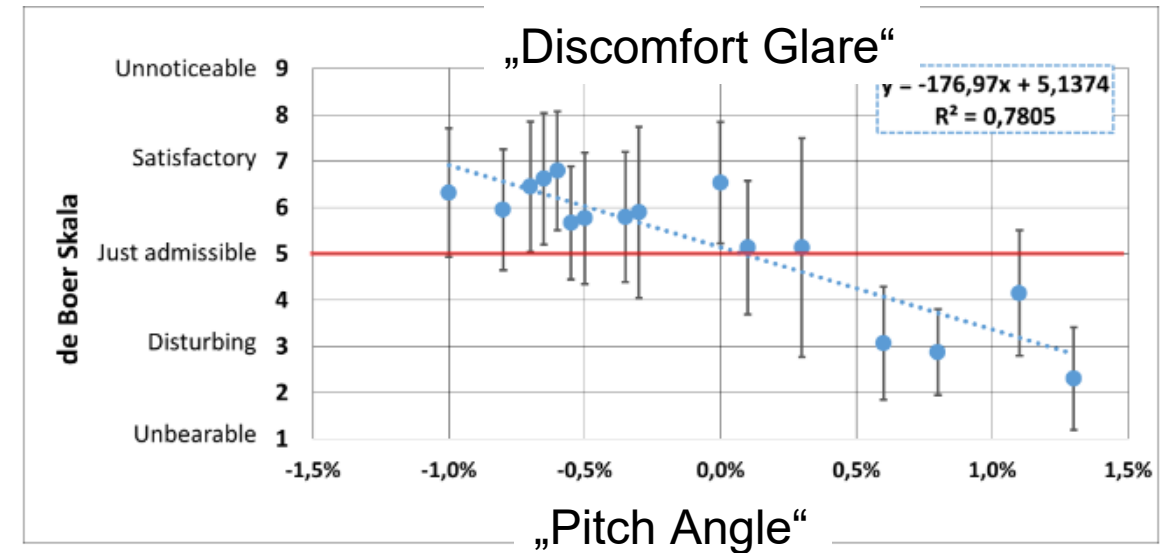
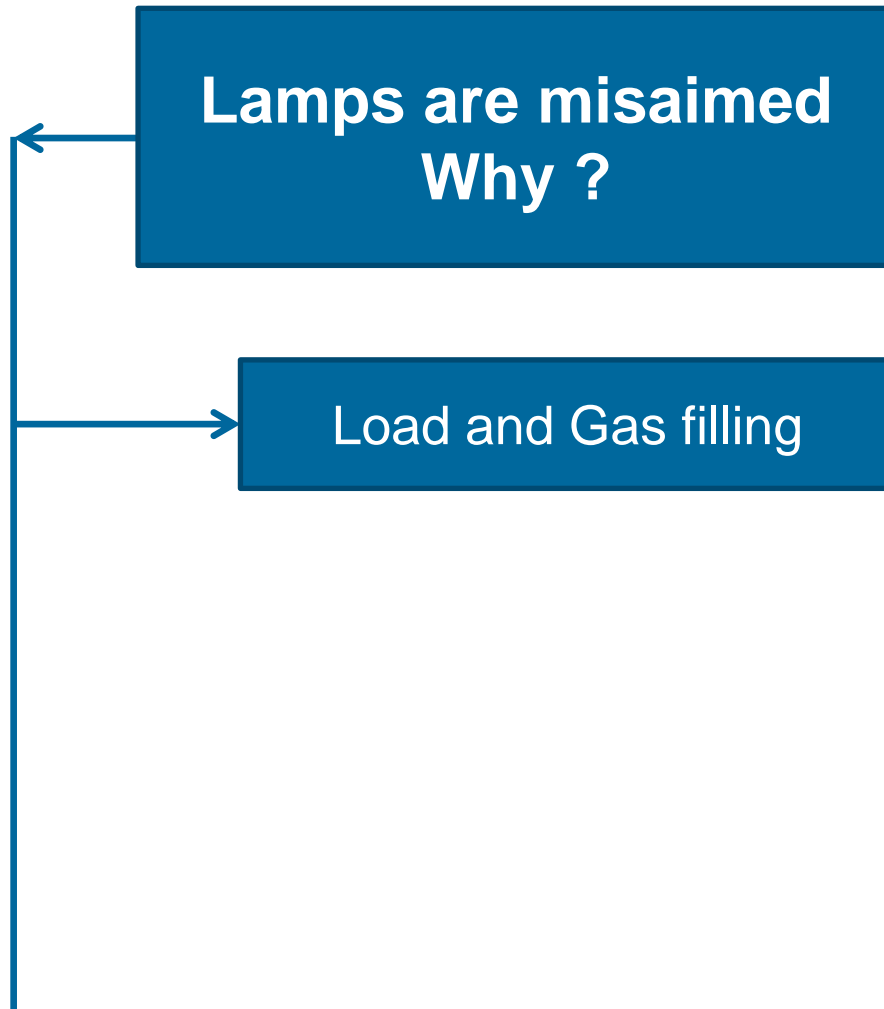


Abbildung 5.7: Mittlere psychologische Blendung in Abhängigkeit von dem Nickwinkel

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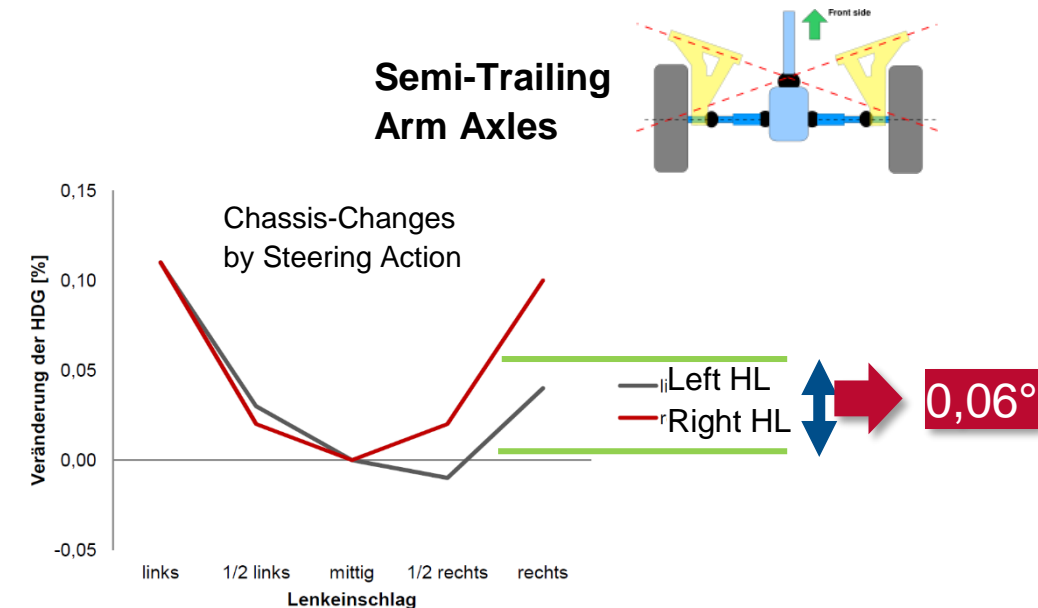
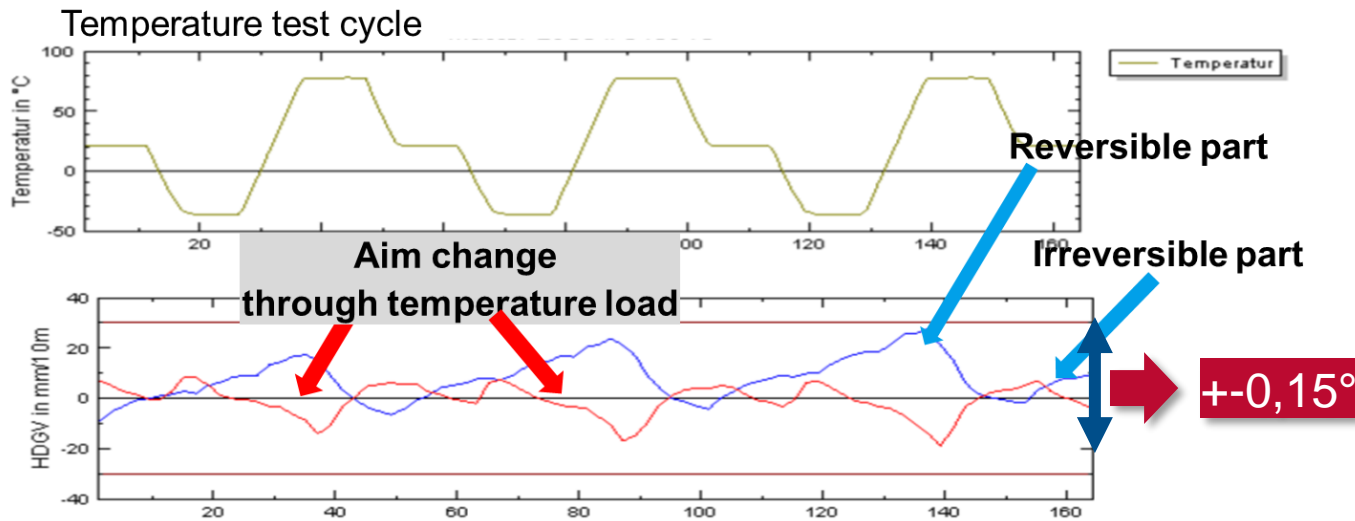


Potential Glare Contribution	Idea to control	Inforce
High	Static Levelling	✓

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1.3. Other effects: Temperature, Slip-Stick, Tire Pressure, Semi-trailing Arm Axis

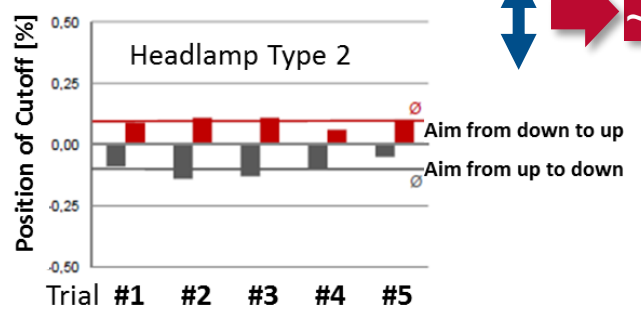
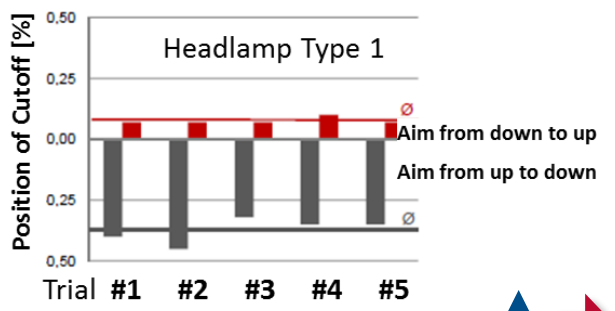
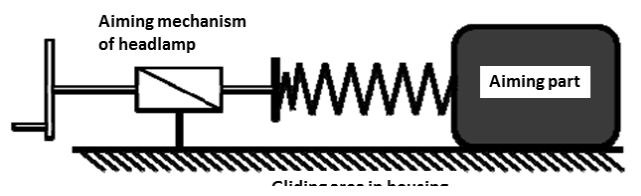
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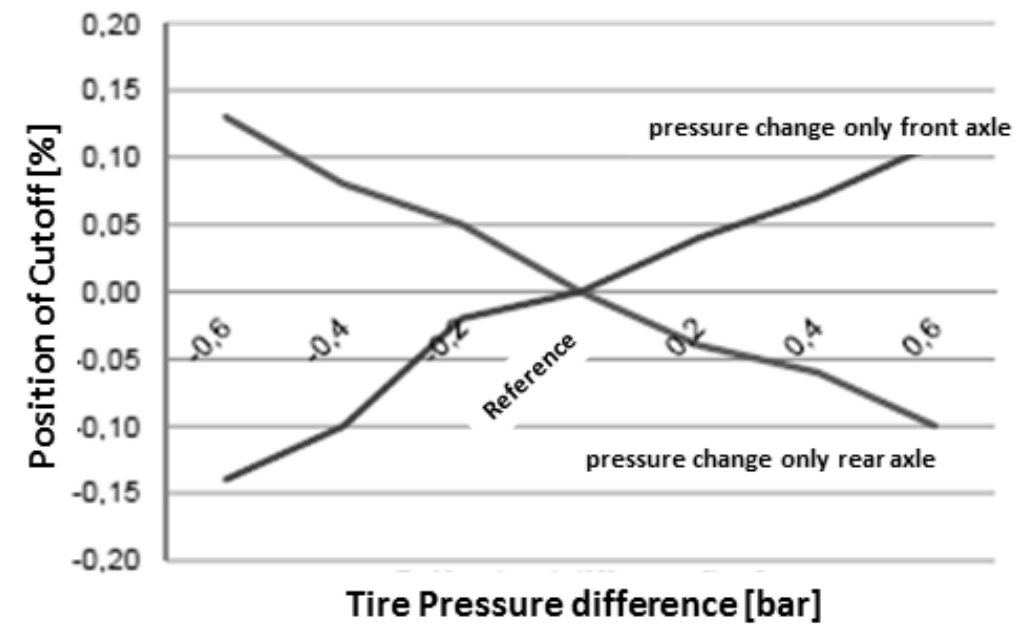
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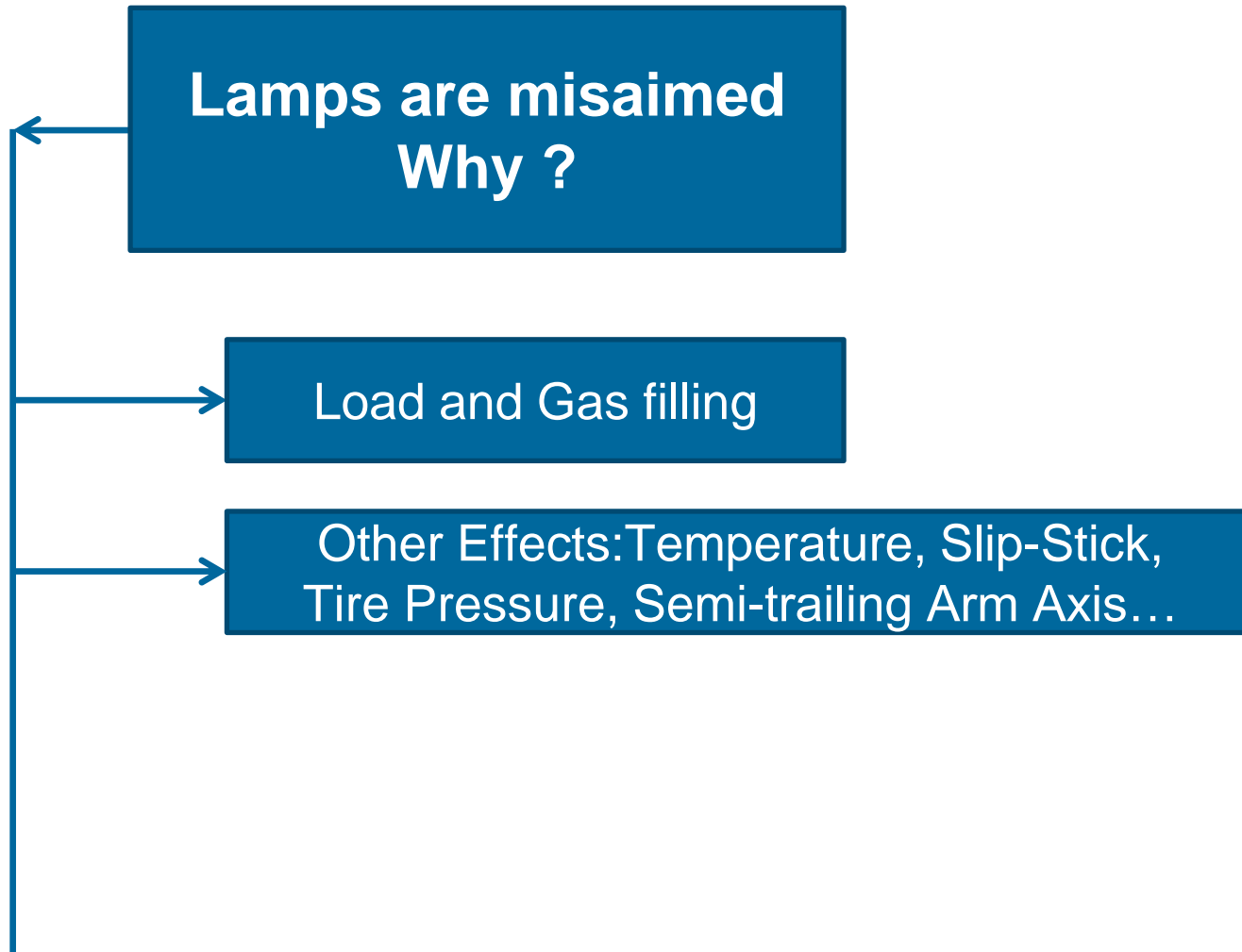
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➔ **+/- 0,1°**

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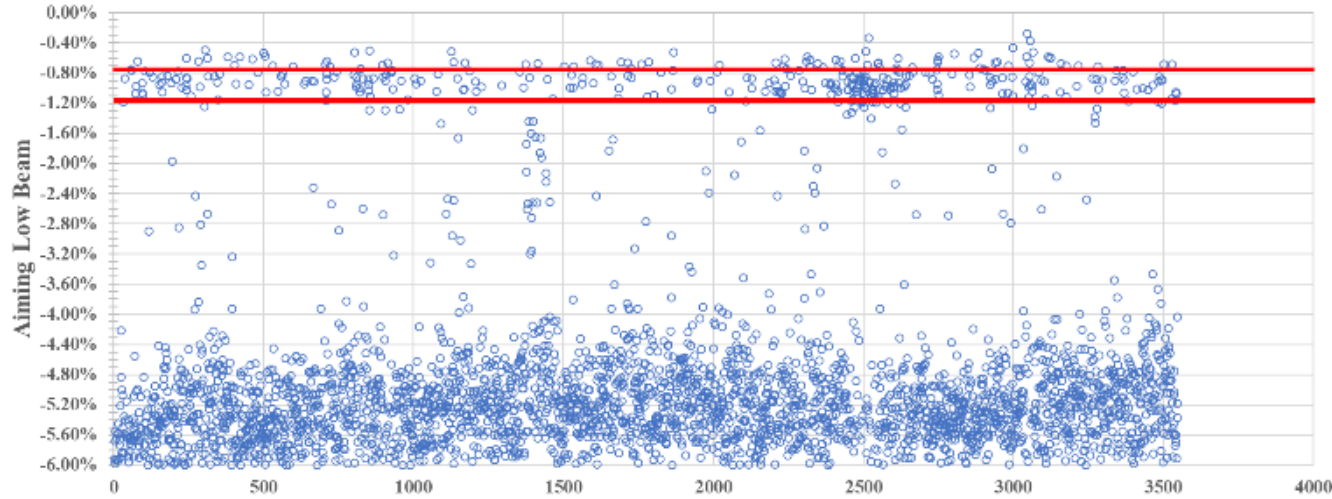


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1.3. Initial Aiming

Vertical Low Beam Aiming before Aiming



Source: *The Aiming of Headlamps and Resulting Influences on Benchmarks and Road Users*
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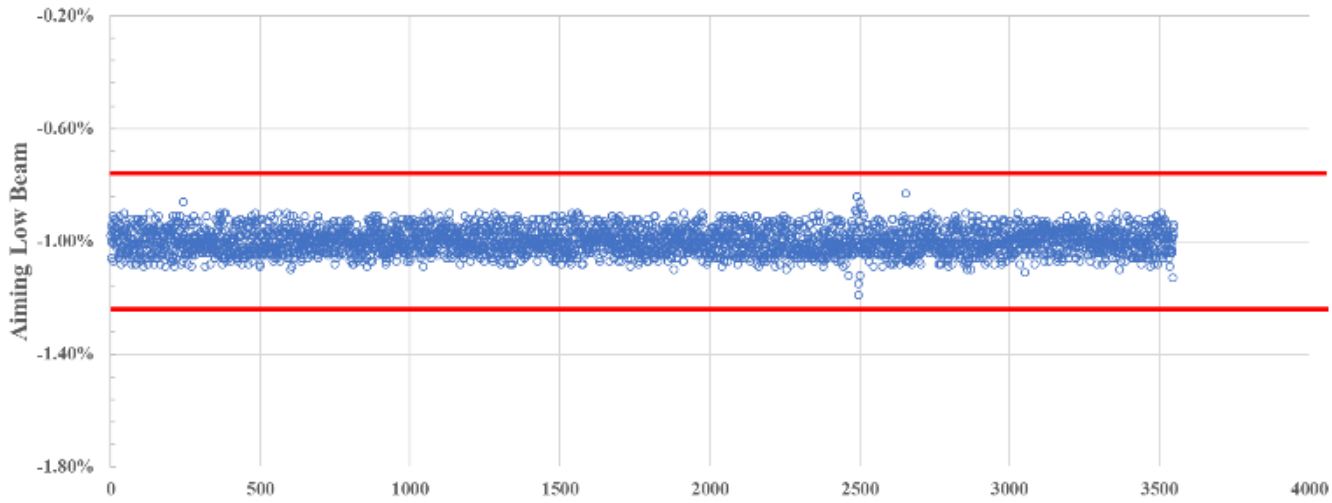
Example of Aiming Station
Source: Dürr

- 3500 vehicles
- Aiming inside factory aiming station
- Initial aiming low in order to make only one direction move

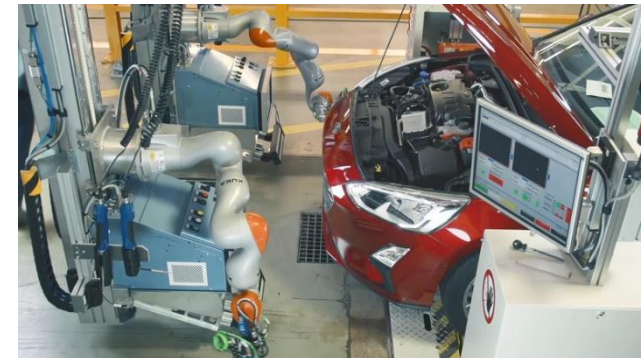
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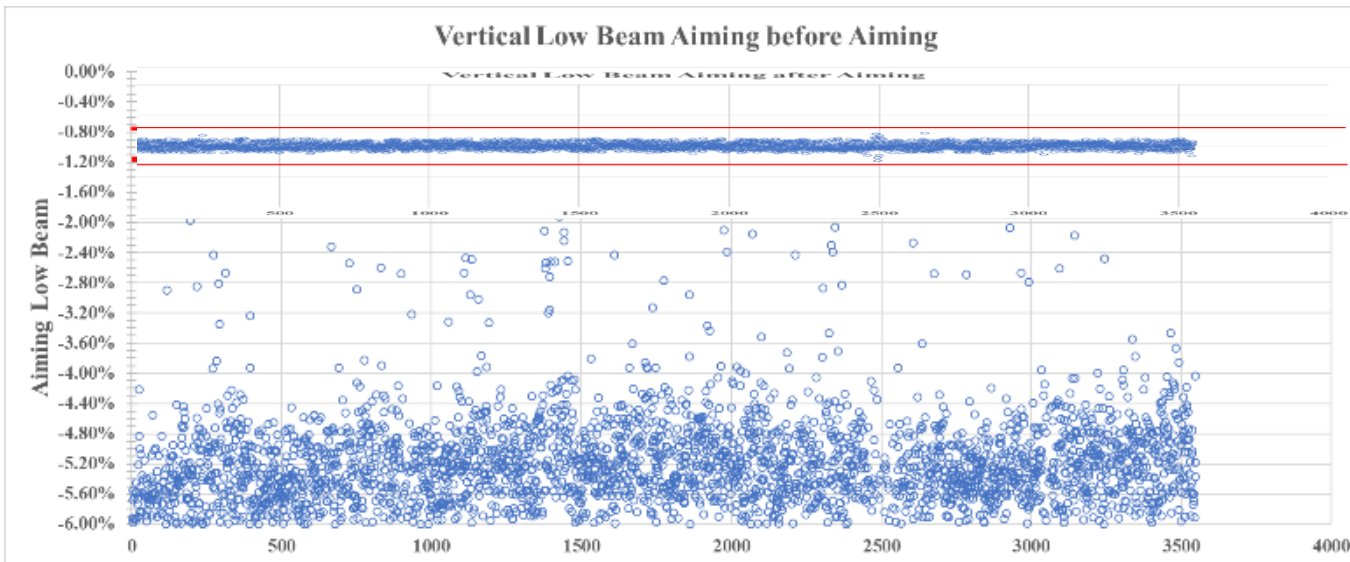


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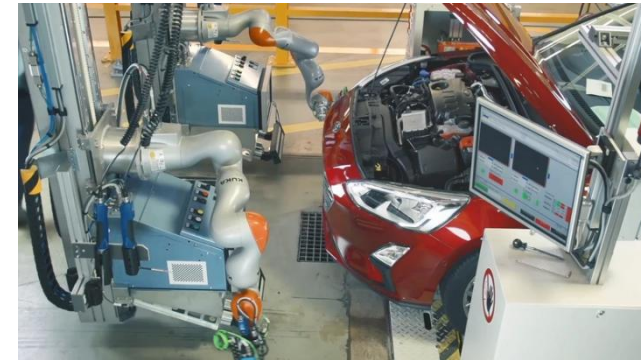
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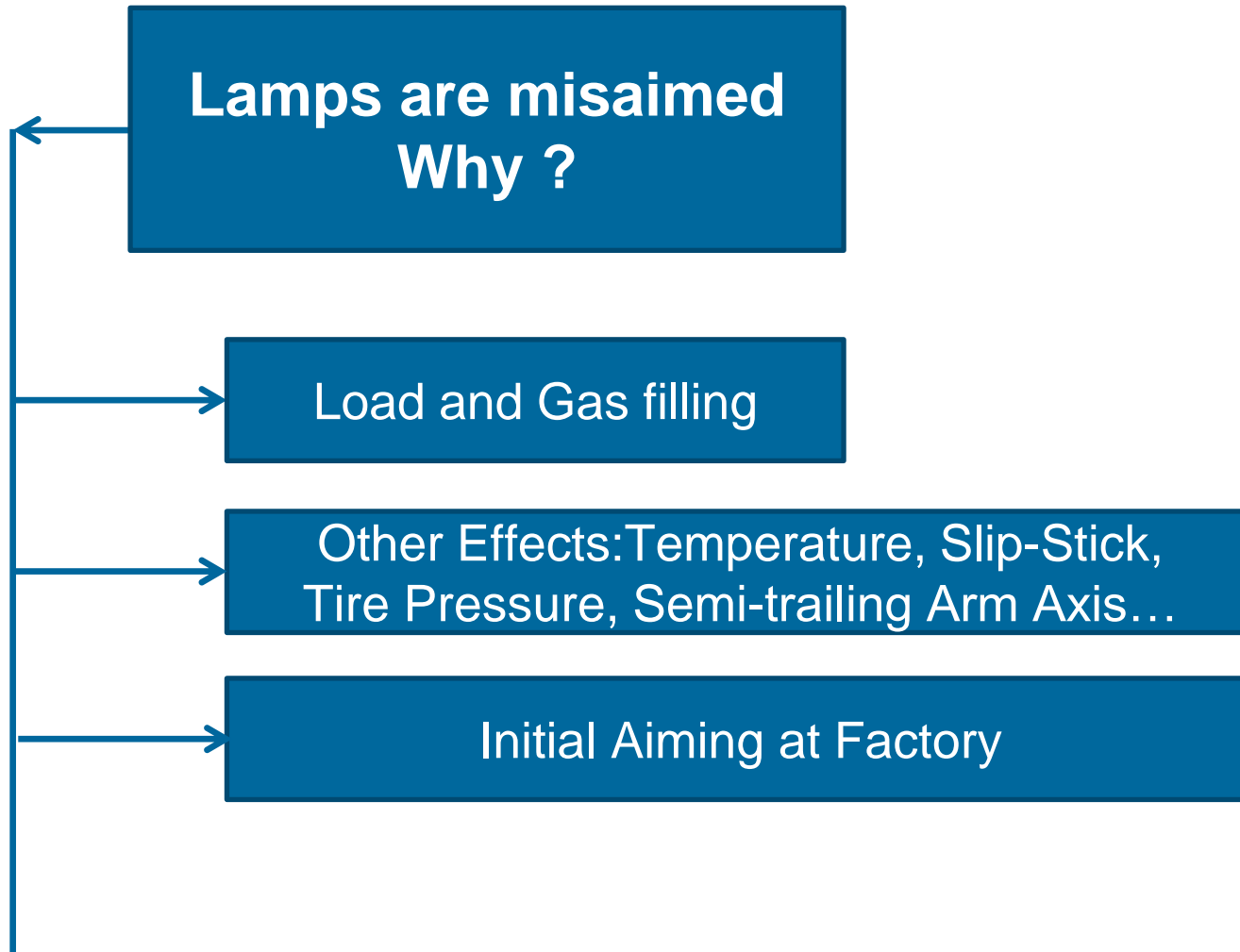
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There is one single place where tolerances are low and kept

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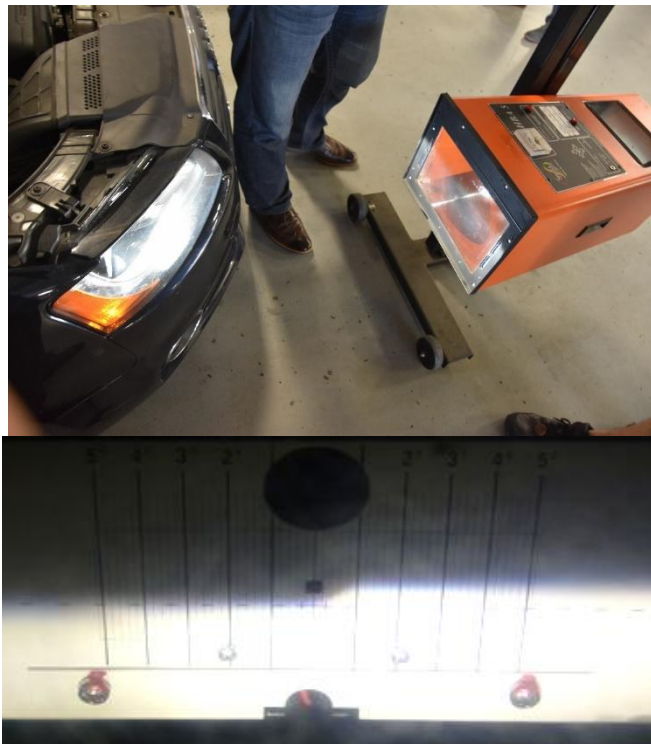


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Medium	Closed Aiming Loop	✗
High	Digital Aiming Station in Factory	✓

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1.4. Aiming Devices, Methods and Garages

Analog Fresnel Station



Digital Station



At a wall with or without line or laser



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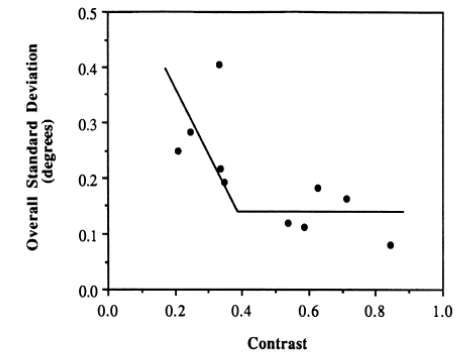
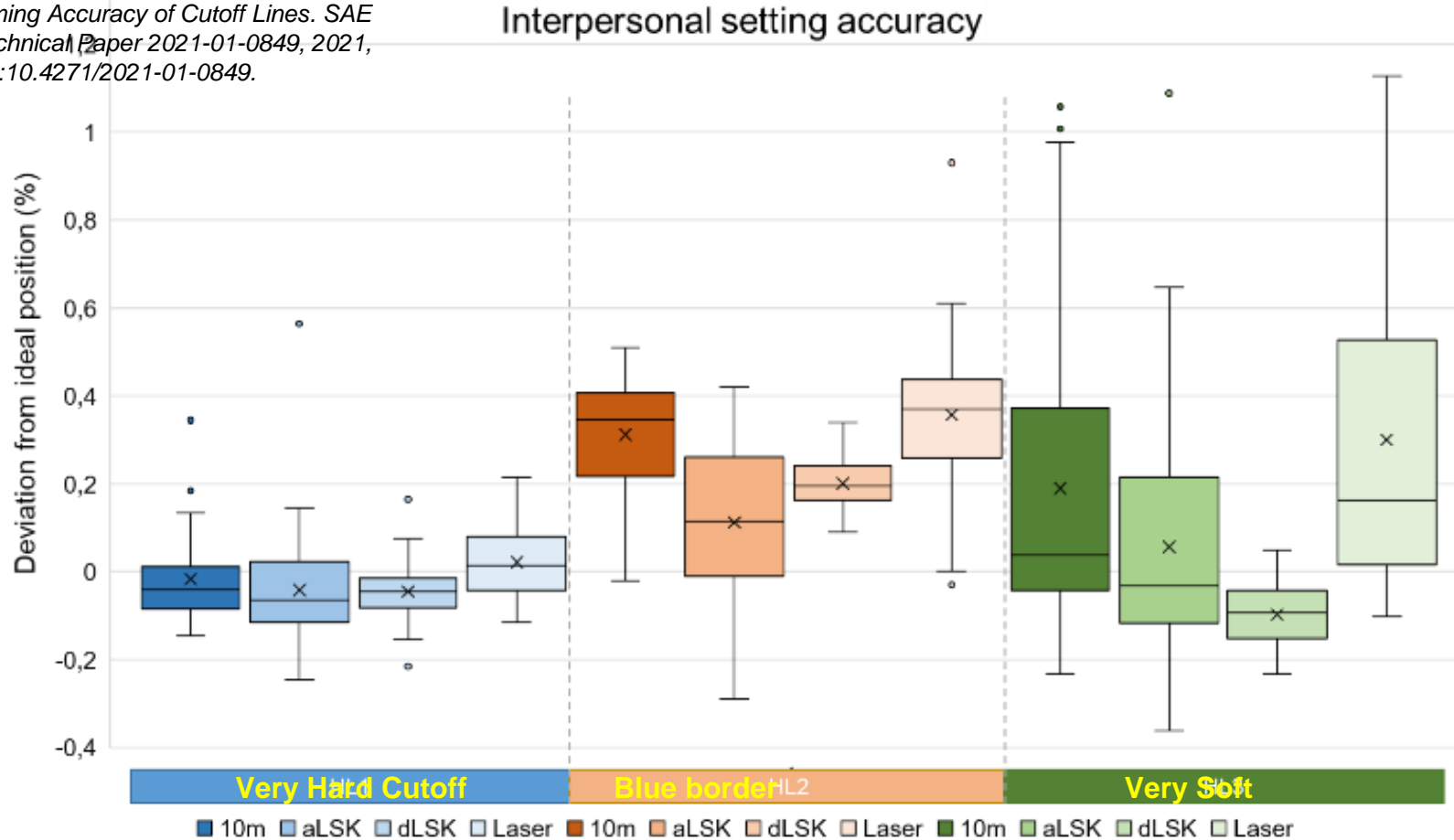
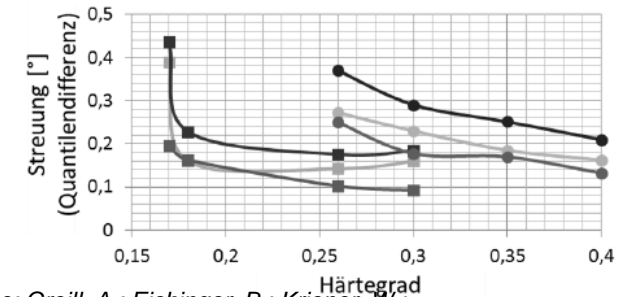


Figure 19. Relation between contrast and overall standard deviation of the aiming performance. The straight lines assume a critical value of contrast, above which contrast has no effect on performance.

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Source: Greill, A.; Eichinger, B.; Kriener, W.:
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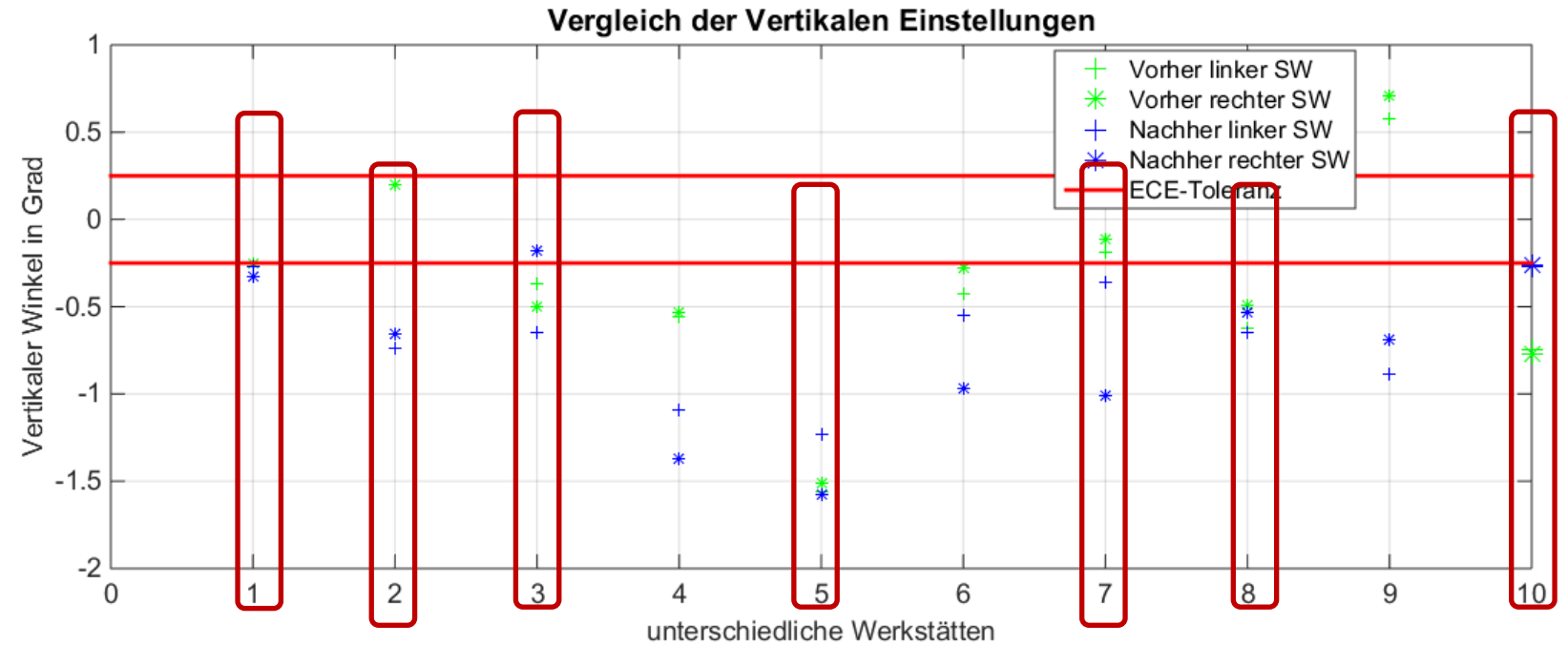
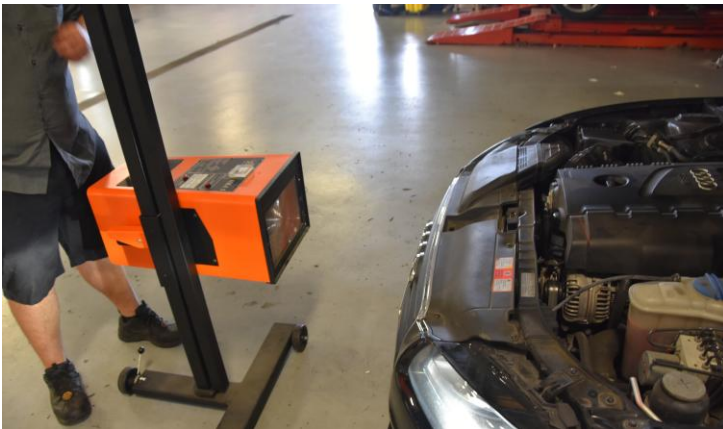
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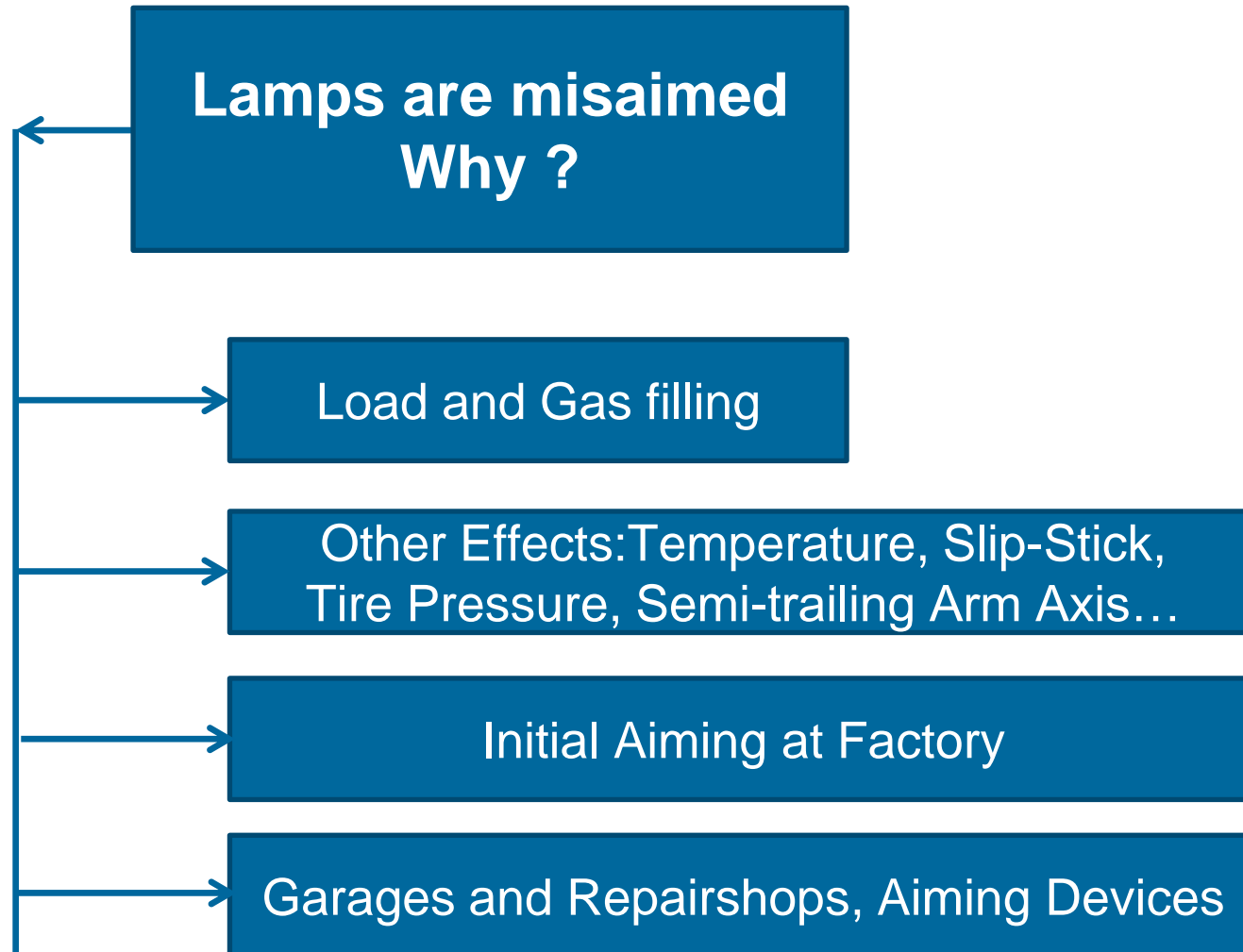
Reality (or even worse)



- 3 Garages did aim into ECE box
- 2 Garages did just nothing
- 6 Garages did not aim left and right equal
- Even „good“ aim was replaced by bad one
- Not a single garage respected driver load and gas filling

Source: Research Report FE 82.0611/2014:
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High	Eliminate Human Contribution Closed Loop Aiming	✗

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	Max Aim deviation $b_{\max} / ^\circ$
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Car #2	-1,29 / +1,37
Car #3	-1,34 / +1,42
Car #4	-1,56 / +1,24
Car #5	-1,81 / +1,49
Car #6	-1,70 / +1,40
Car #7	-1,18 / +1,06
	-1,38 / +1,34
Avg.	$\sim \pm 24\text{cm}$
2 -Sigma	$\sim \pm 0,3^\circ$

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(city, country, motorway roads around Munich)
8 different cars from normal to stiff suspension
Analysis Method:
Laser Triangulation of car position relative to street*

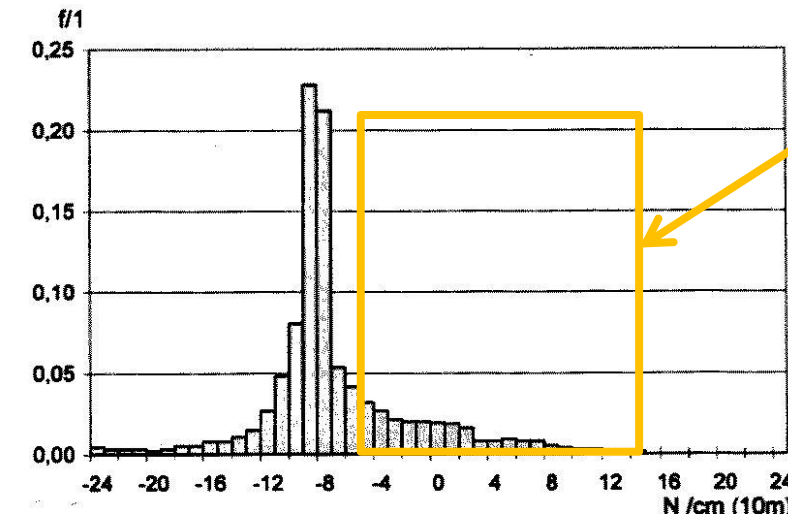


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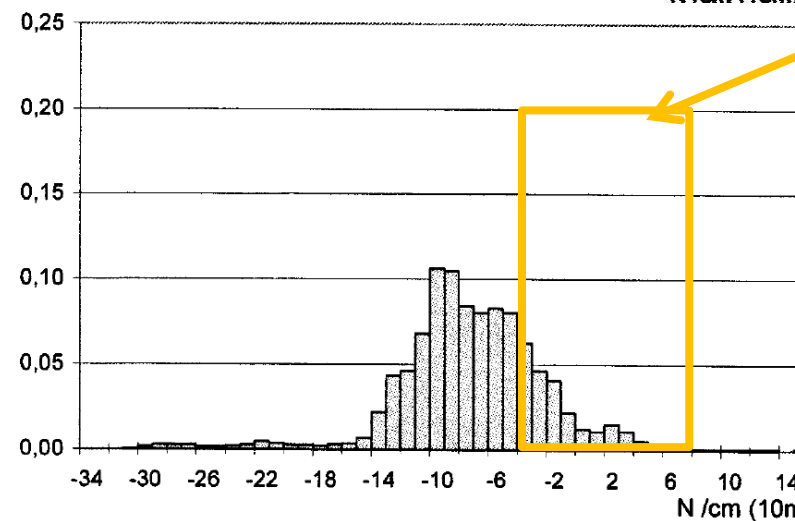
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Pitch higher than $-0,37^\circ$	28,2%
Pitch higher than $-0,31^\circ$	24,7%
Pitch higher than $-0,26^\circ$	20,9%
Pitch higher than $-0,20^\circ$	17,9%
Pitch higher than $-0,14^\circ$	15,9%
Pitch higher than $-0,07^\circ$	13,9%
Pitch higher than $0,0^\circ$	11,9%



Higher than $-0,6^\circ$	28,8%
Higher than $-0,5^\circ$	21,3%
Higher than $-0,4^\circ$	14,8%
Higher than $-0,3^\circ$	10,3%
Higher than $-0,2^\circ$	6,3%
Higher than $-0,1^\circ$	4,3%
Higher than $0,0^\circ$	3,3%

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Type	Axle Dist. / mm	Cutoff above Horizon / %		
		Inner-City	Country Road	Motorway
BMW 328i	2700	4,1	2,5	2,5
BMW 325tds	2700	3,7	1,5	1,4
BMW 523i	2830	5,8	5,6	4,2
BMW 740i	2930	3,3	2,2	2,1
BMW 750il	3070	3,6	2,3	3,6
Merc. C280	2690	10,9	7,7	4,5
VW Golf	2475	4,1	1,3	0,9
Fiat Punto	2420	2,7	1,5	0,5
Avg		4,78	2,86	2,46

Table 24: Wheelbase and temporal glare components (Cutoff above Horizon) in % of different vehicles.

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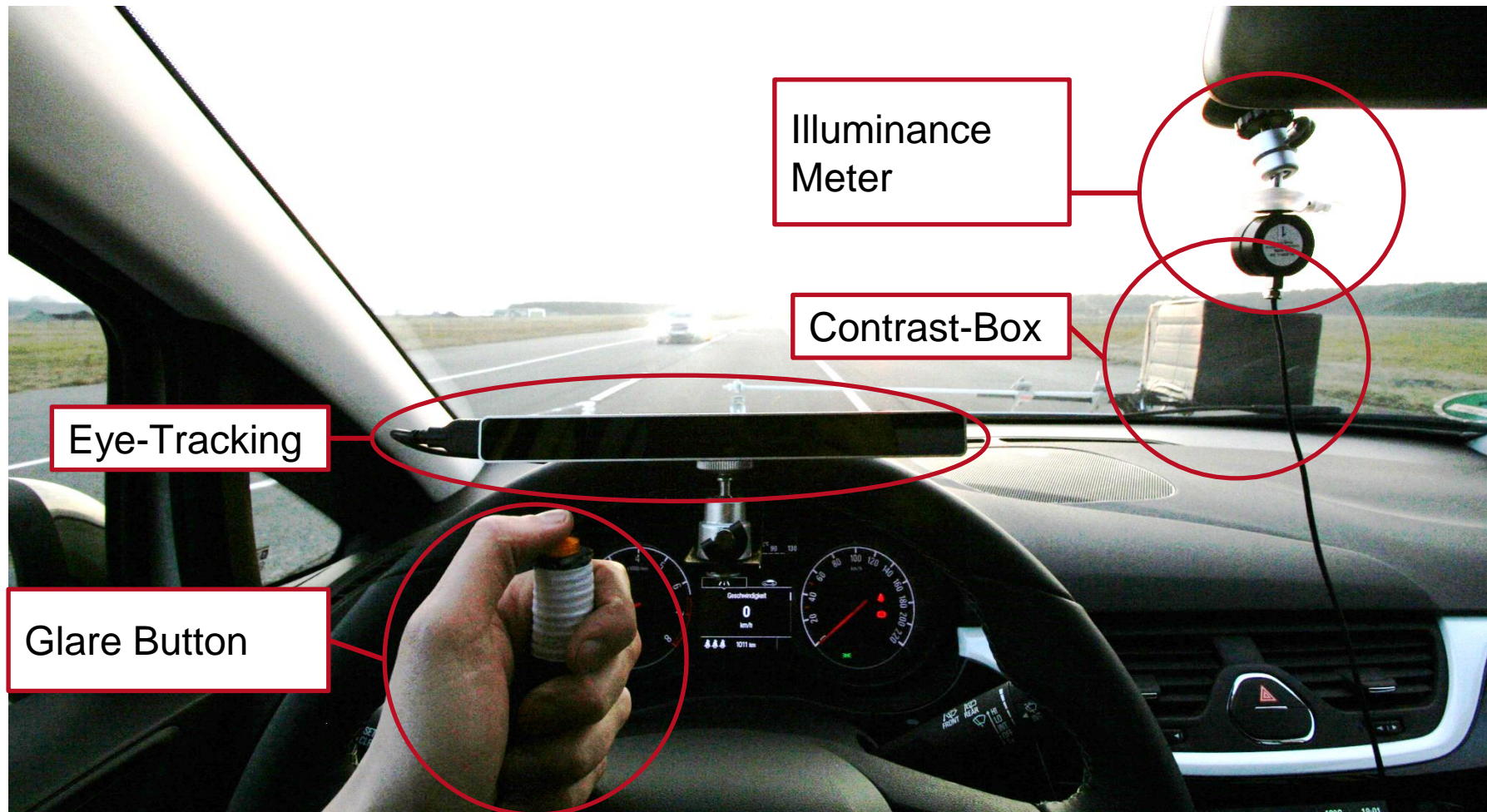
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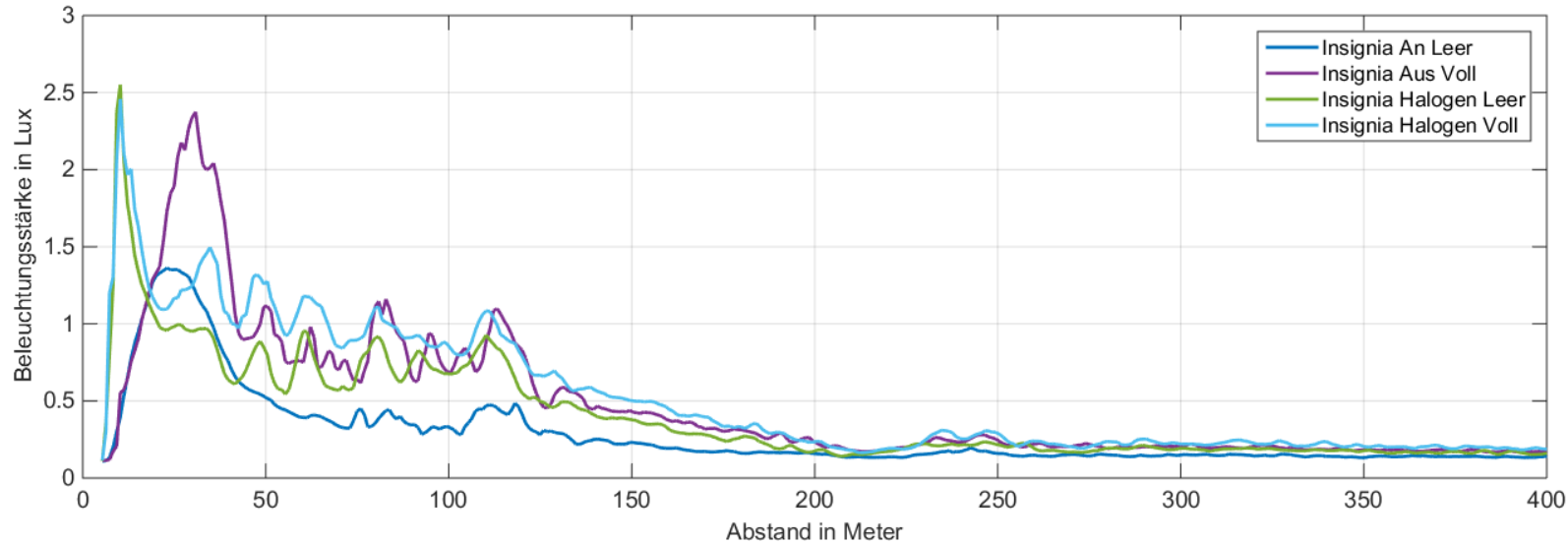
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De Boer Glare Rating

1:	Unbearable
2:	—
3:	Disturbing
4:	—
5:	Just acceptable
6:	—
7:	Satisfactory
8:	—
9:	Just noticeable

	Max E	H	deBoer
Xenon "empty" DynLevelling ON	1,4	6,8	5,5
Xenon "full loaded" DynLevelling OFF	2,4	10,0	3,5
Halogen "empty" No Levelling	2,6	9,6	3,9
Halogen "full loaded" No Levelling	2,5	12,4	2,8

„H“ = Exposure
- Relevant for GLARE

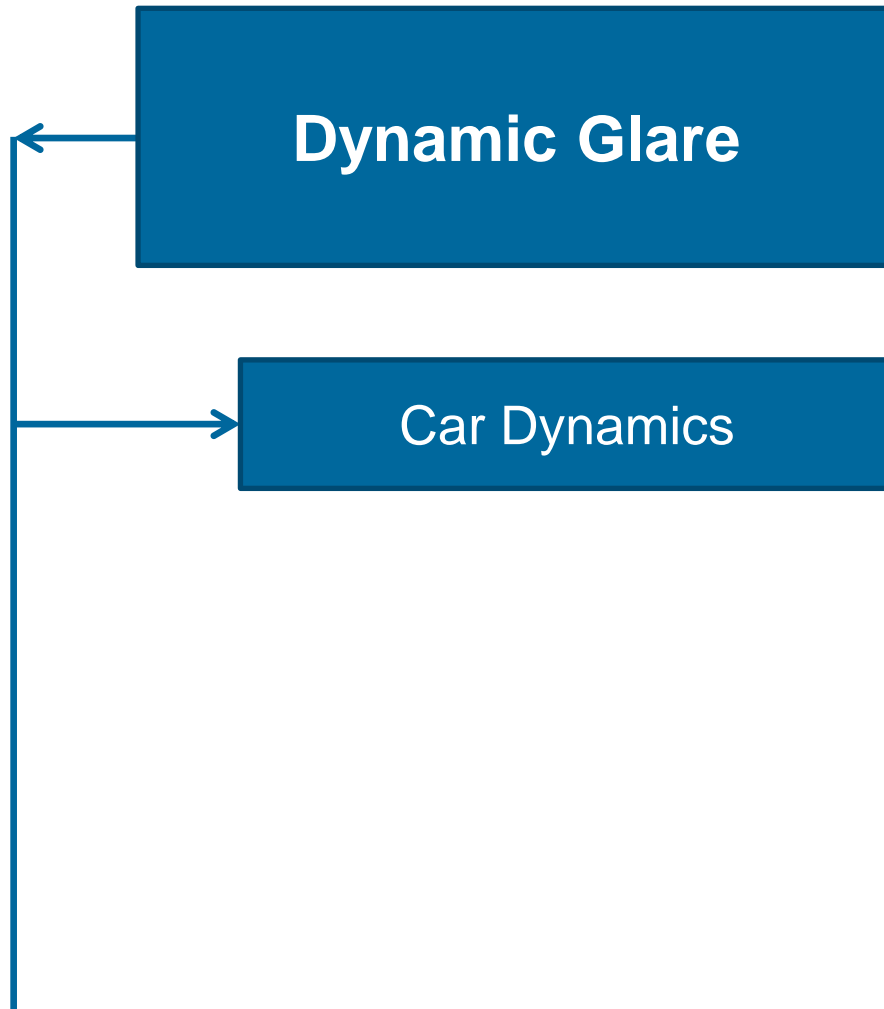
$$H_v = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} E_v(t) dt \rightarrow H_{0 \text{ to } 400 \text{ m}} \left(80 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{h}} \right)$$


$$= \int_{0 \text{ s}}^{18 \text{ s}} E_v(t) dt$$

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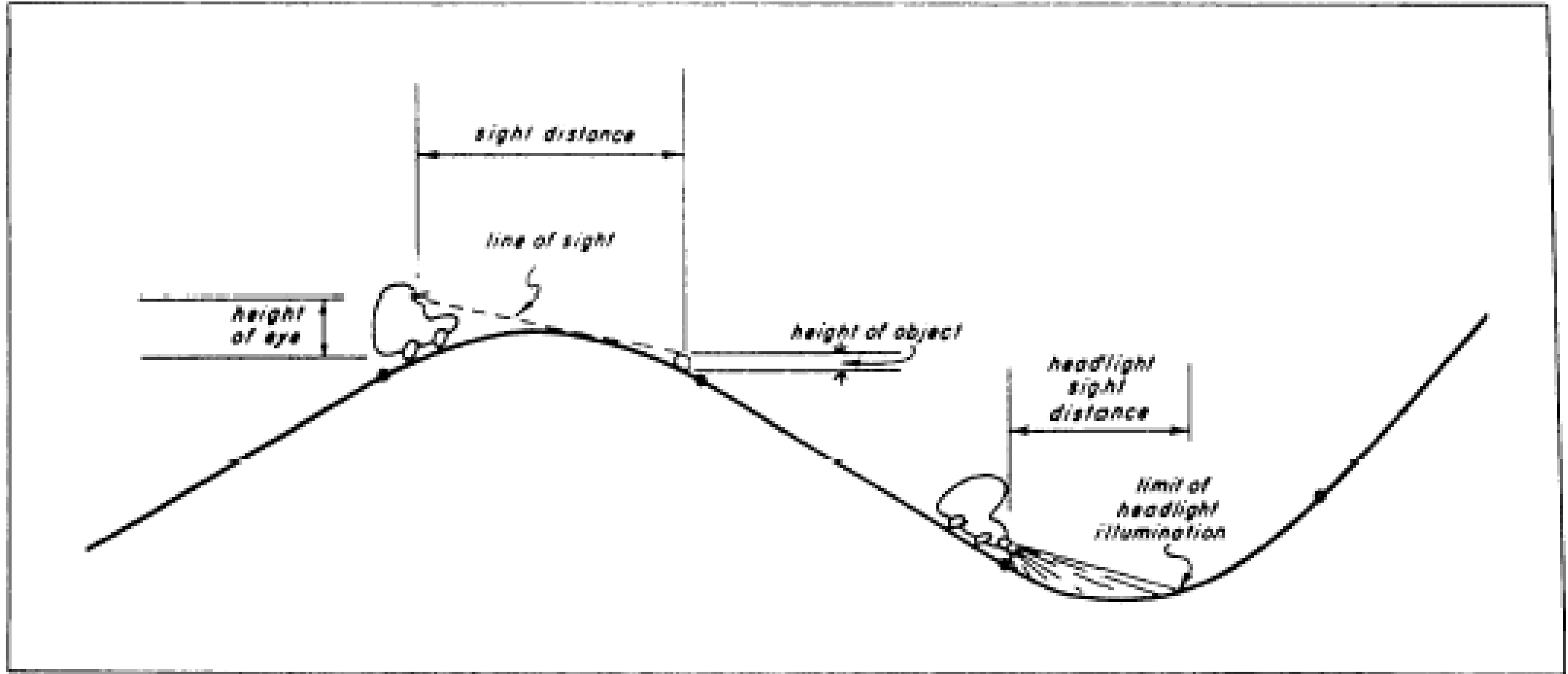
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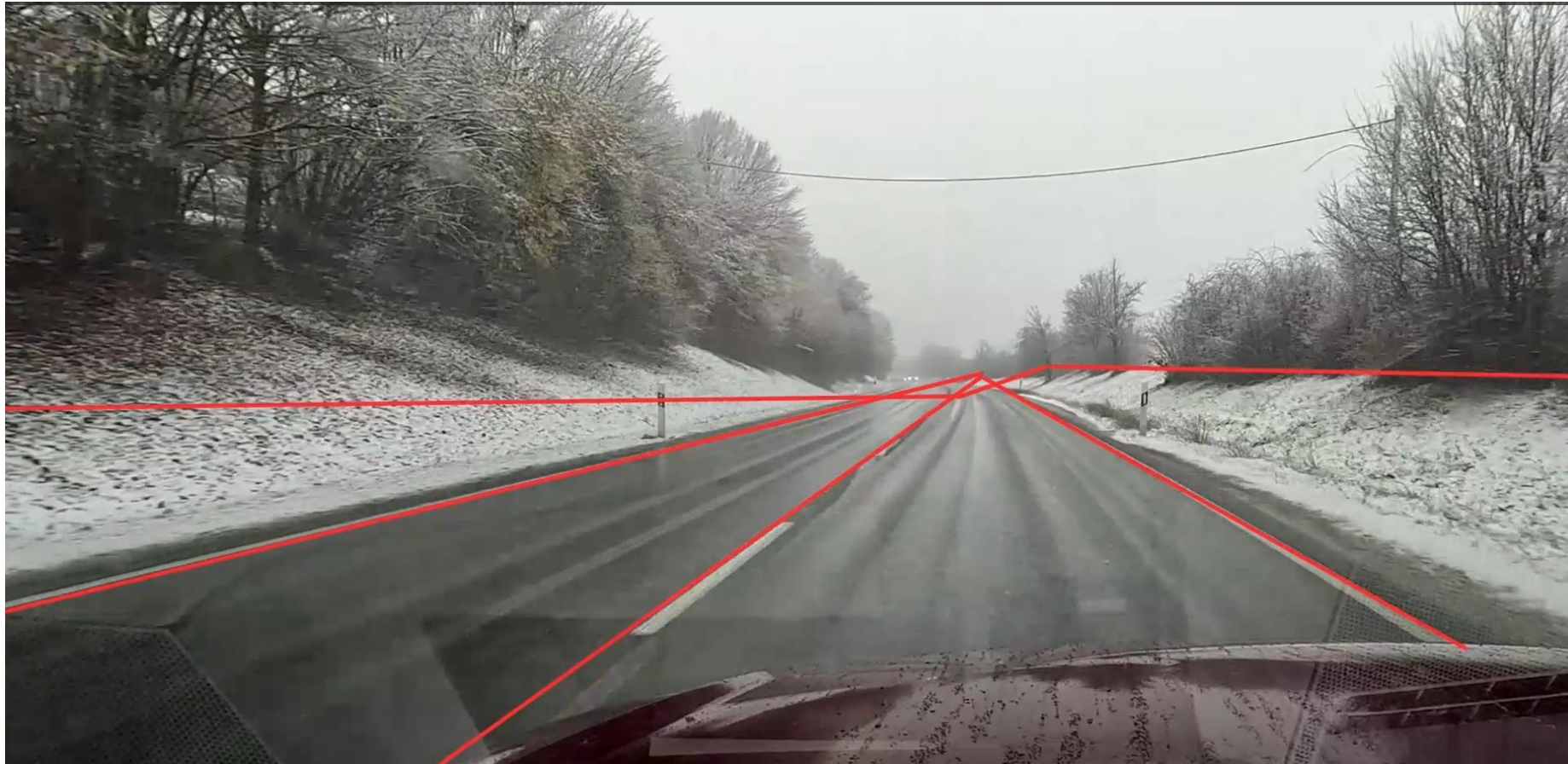
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2.2 Road Geometry



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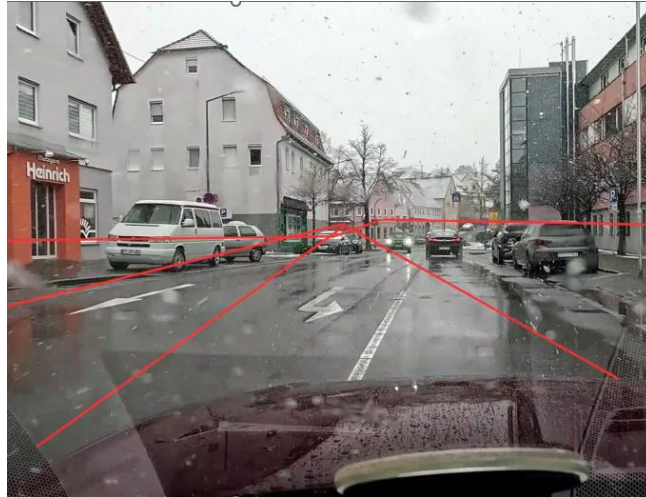
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Calibration: „Quasi-flat“ ROAD

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Country Roads

Inner City

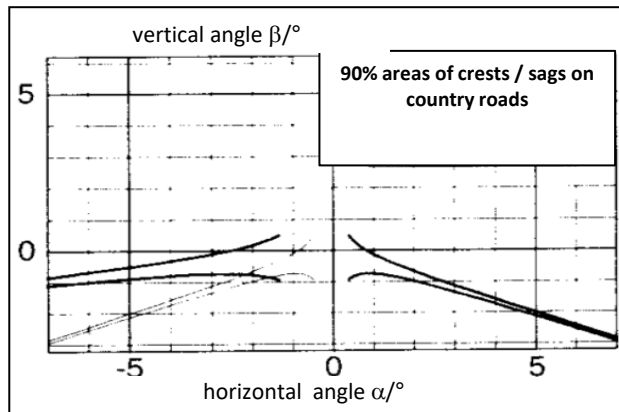
Bridges

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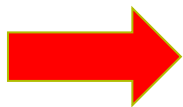
2.2 Scientific Analysis Road Geometry

Statistics on 5.500 km road in Germany
(city , country, motorway roads)

Video analysis of car position relative to street
Object analysis 50 / 100m ahead



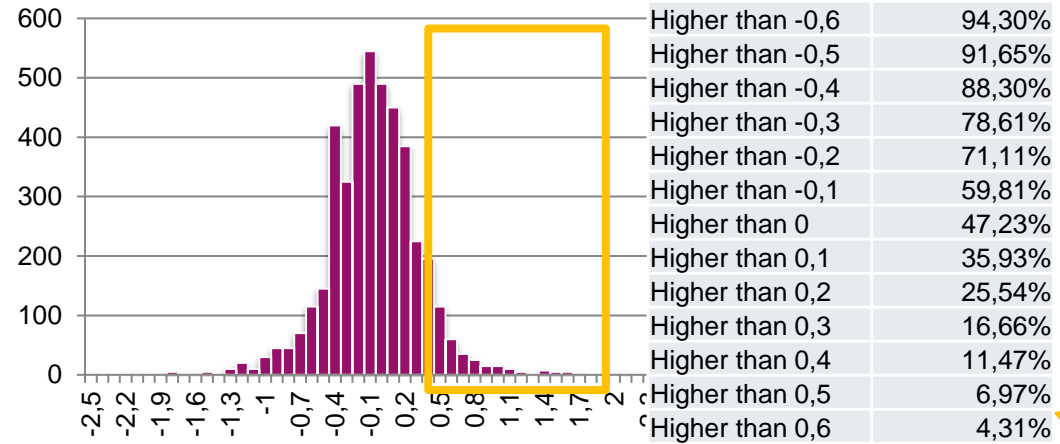
Glare Potential = **LEFT** Cut Off above horizon ($\beta > 0^\circ$)



Summary:
Glare potential depending on
road type and headlamp type

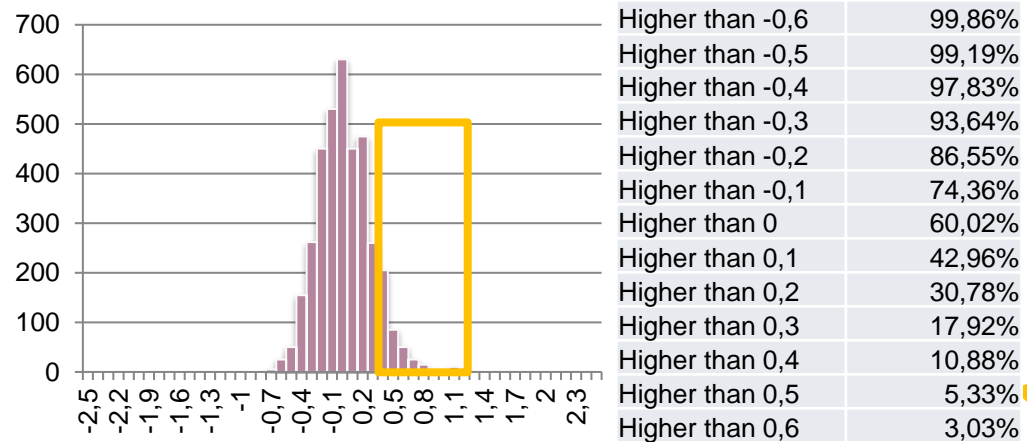
~ 3,8% ...5,2%

street geometry country road: vertical angle $\beta/^\circ$



Glare potential

street geometry motorway: vertical angle $\beta/^\circ$



Glare potential

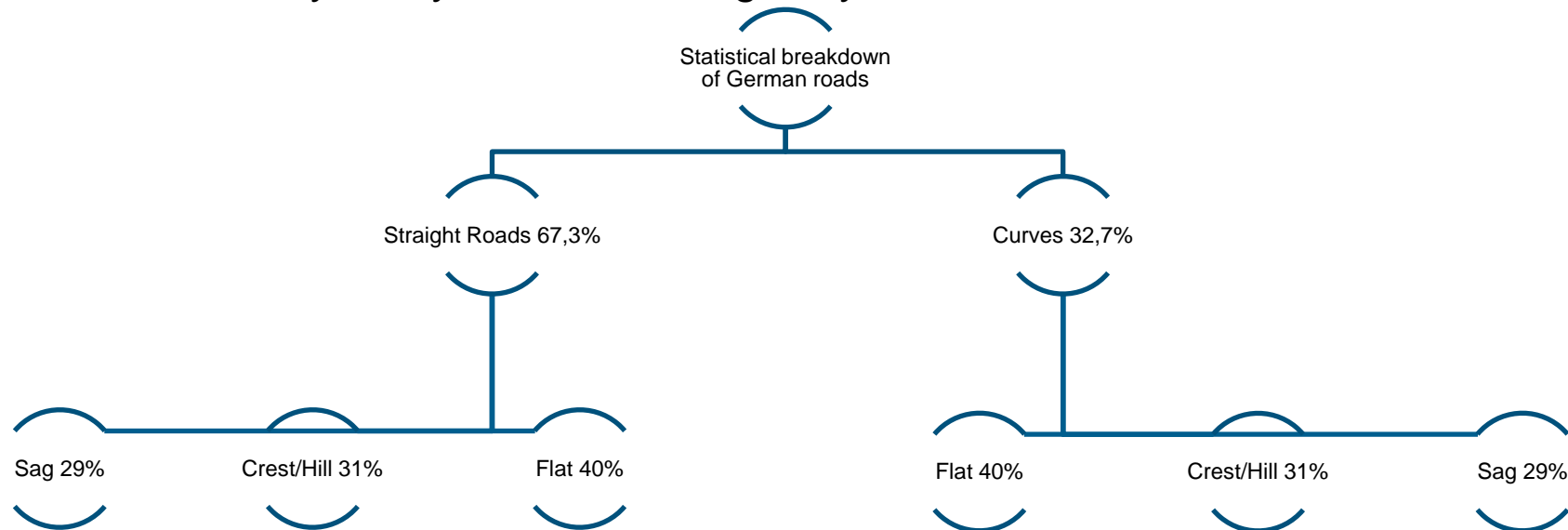
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2.2 Scientific Analysis TU Darmstadt

Statistical frequency of all route conditions on German country & city streets and highways

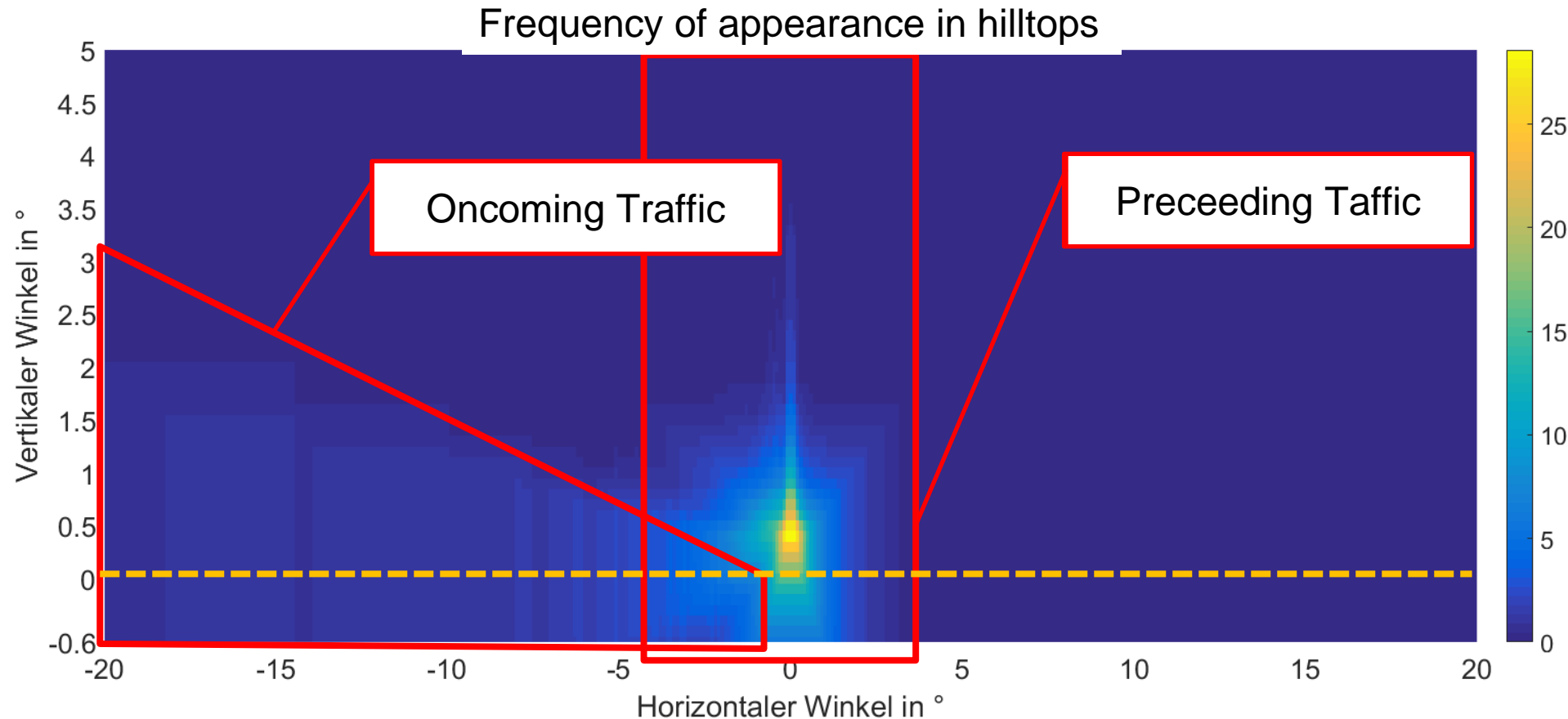


→ 60% of all streets are either sags or crest/hilltops

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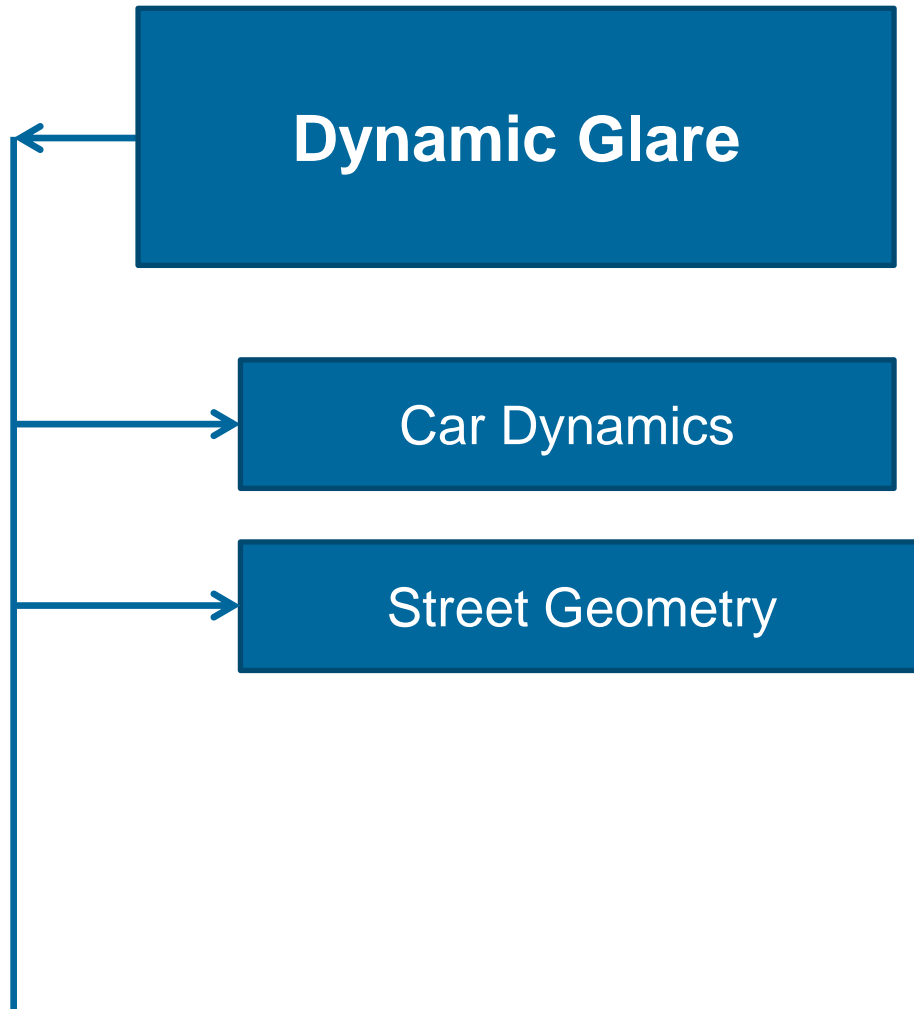
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3,8..5,2% of all times	Closed Loop Aiming	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3: Recent Changes in Vehicle Design



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Statistics on Vehicles

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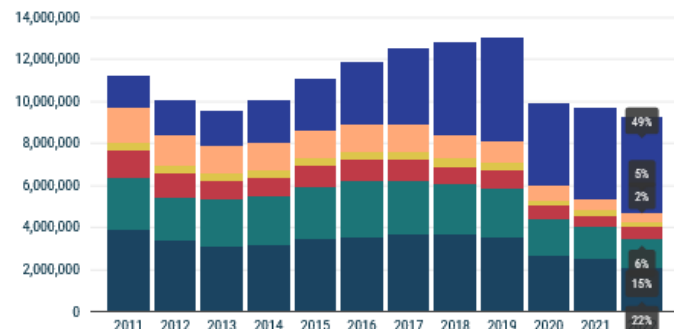
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SUVs account for almost half (49%) of total EU passenger car sales. This interactive chart shows the share of the various segments – Small (A+B), Lower medium (C), Upper medium (D), Luxury (E+F), MPV and SUV – of the EU car market per year for the 2011-2022 period, as well as the number of units sold.

NEW CARS IN THE EU BY SEGMENT

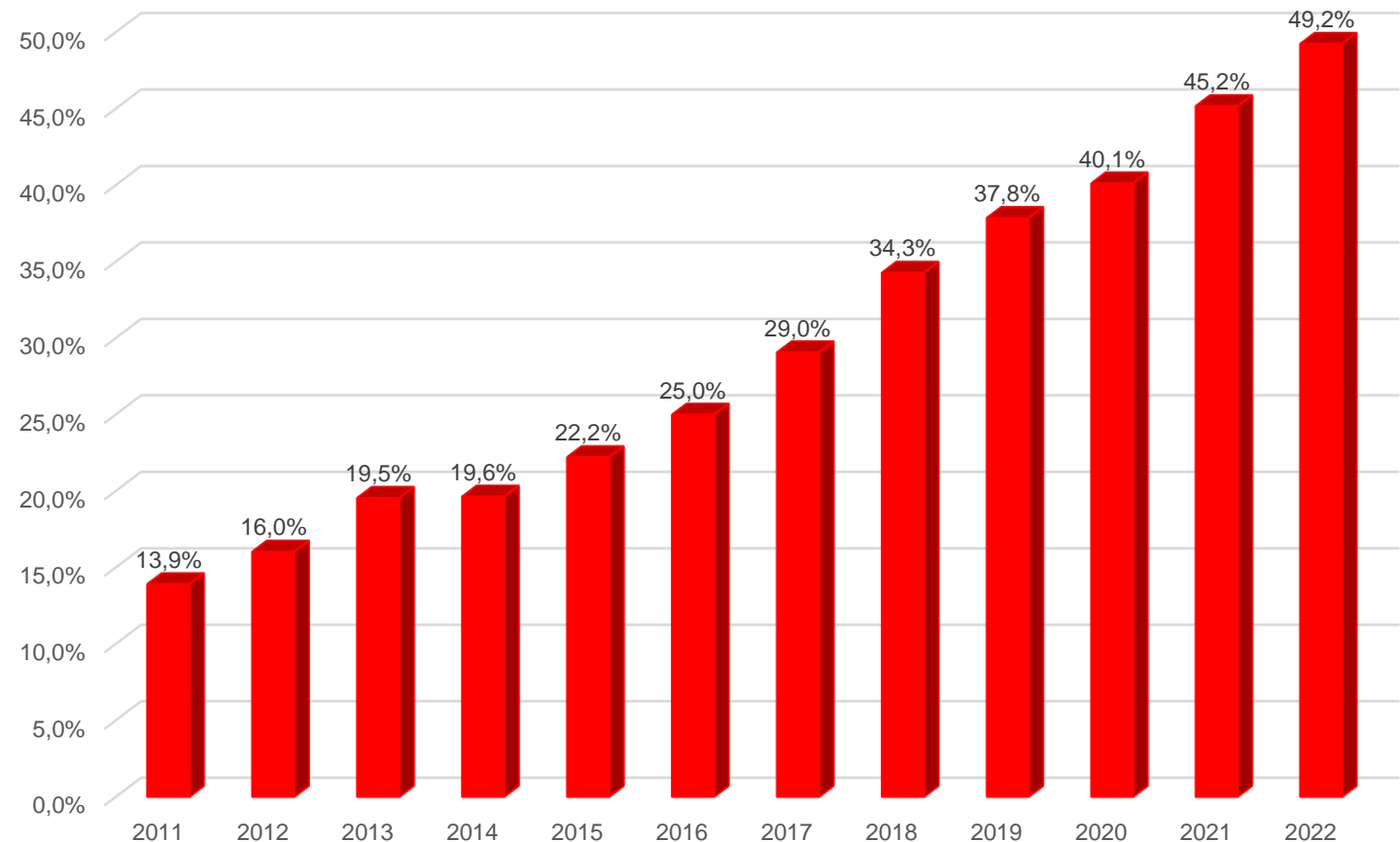
In units, % share / 2011 – 2022

■ Small (A+B) ■ Lower Medium (C) ■ Upper Medium (D) ■ Luxury (E+F) ■ MPV ■ SUV



Source: ACEA Website

ACEA DATA: SUV Share in EU

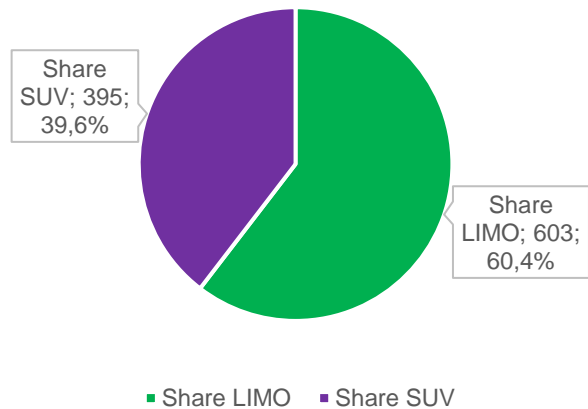


Part 3: Recent Changes in Vehicle Design

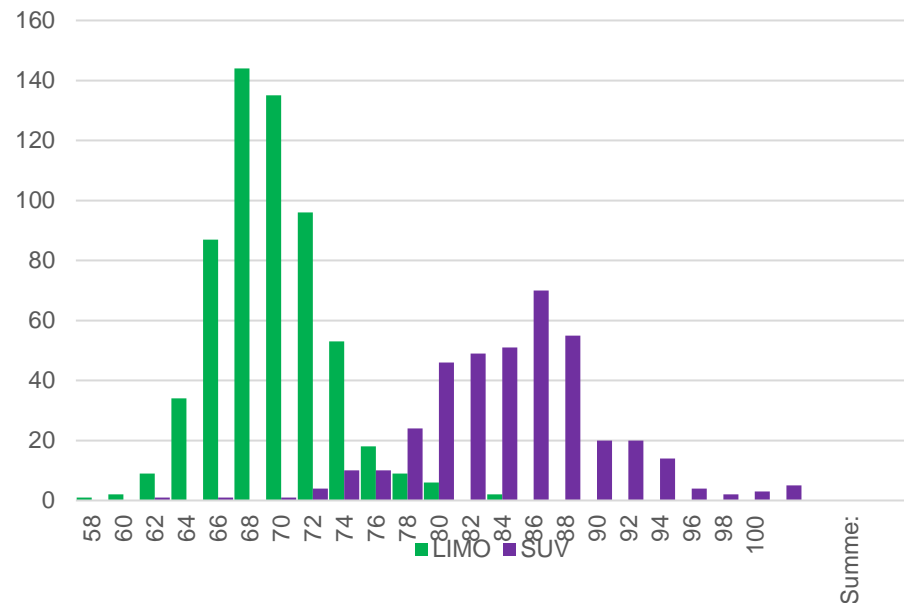
Statistics on Mounting Height Limousines / SUV

998 Vehicles were investigated

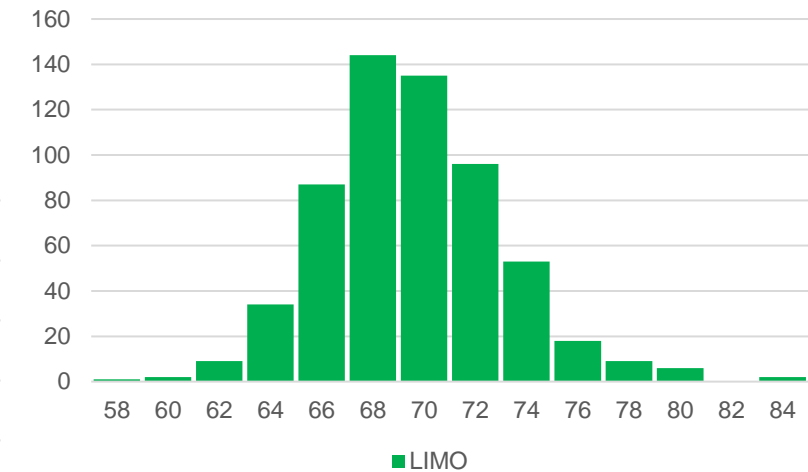
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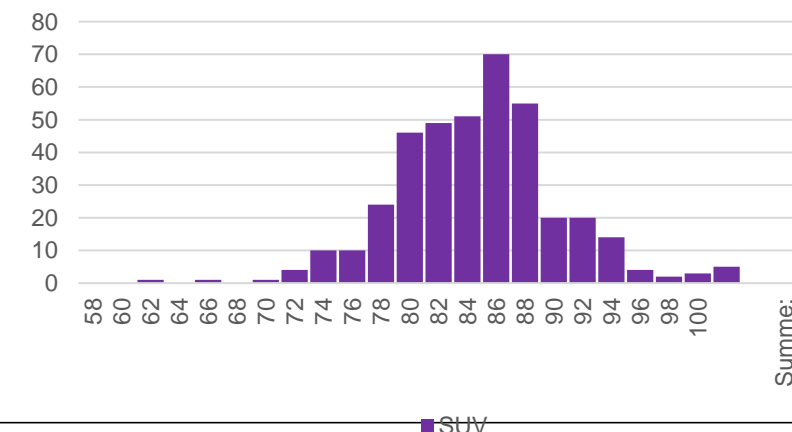
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Mounting Height Limo



Mounting Height SUV



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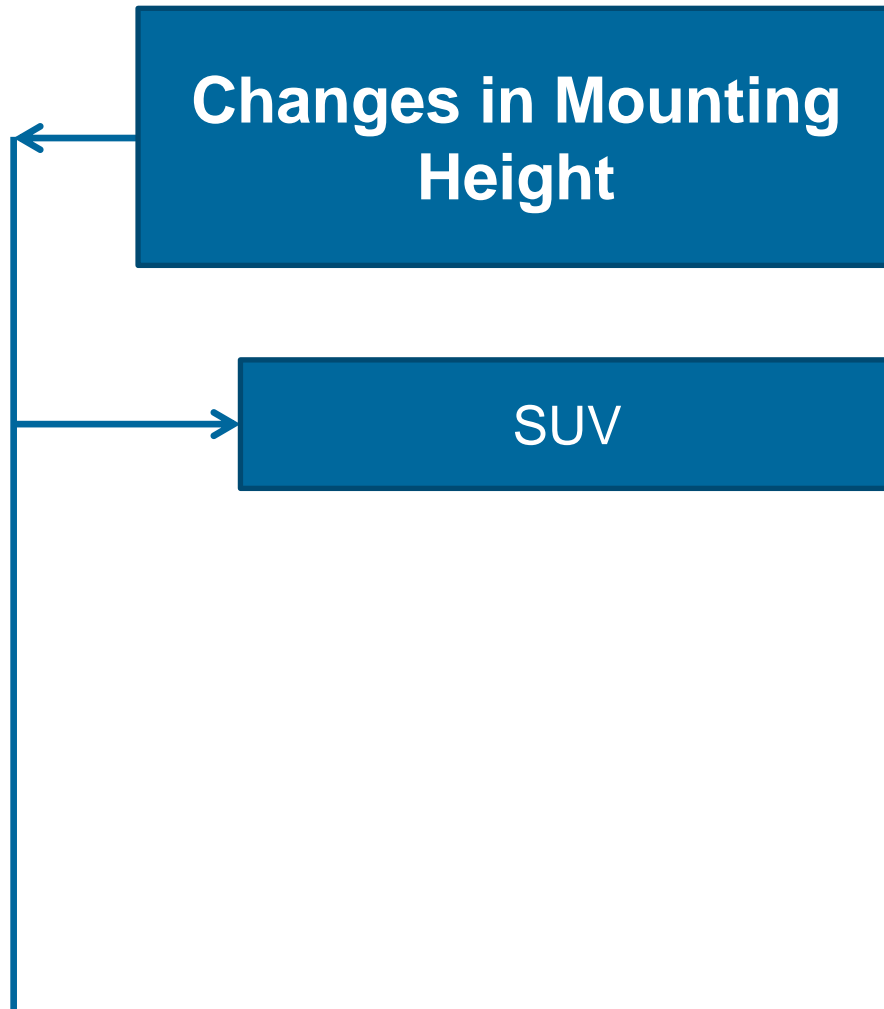
Statistics on Mounting Height Limousines / SUV


Total AVG LIMO	Total AVG SUV
69,04	84,29
STDDev LIMO	STD SUV
3,47	5,76



Part 3: Road and Vehicle Statistics

2. Glare: Dynamic Glare Experiments



Potential Glare Contribution	Idea to control	Inforce
Avg. +15 cm Height	Automatic - Dynamic Levelling - Even better Closed Loop Aiming	

Summary



Potential Glare Contribution	Idea to control	Inforce
High	Automatic Static Levelling	✓
Medium	Closed Loop Aiming	✗
High	Digital Aiming Station in Factory	✓
High	Eliminate Human Contribution Closed Loop Aiming	✗

Potential Glare Contribution	Idea to control	Inforce
2.46%..4,78% of all times	Automatic Dynamic Levelling	✗
3,8..5,2% of all times	Closed Loop Aiming	✗

Potential Glare Contribution	Idea to control	Inforce
Avg. +15 cm Height	Automatic - Dynamic Levelling - Even better Closed Loop Aiming	✗

Thank You !