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Supporting the driver in conserving energy and reducing emissions  
- Daimler Trucks ecoDriver assistance experience -

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## Daimler Trucks

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# ecoDriver

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in conserving energy  
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Project co-funded by the European Commission  
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- October 2011 – September 2015 (48 months)
- Extended until March 2016
- Project Budget: 14, 5 Mio. €
- Project coordinator: University of Leeds

Consortium Partners:



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# Daimler Trucks *ecoDriver* Objectives

## ⇒ Complete existing Truck Technologies and Eco Solutions

- EURO VI Engine Platform
- Automated Gear Shifting Powershift
- Eco Roll (automated shift to neutral gear)
- Predictive Powertrain Control (Cruise Control Driving)
- Fleetboard Eco Support (Eco Driver Feedback)
- Eco-Training for Drivers and Fleet Managers

## ⇒ Develop ecoDriver System for safe and fuel-efficient driving!

Driver support for driving with accelerator pedal (non cruise-control) and automated shifting

## ⇒ Expected Benefits

- Retain investment in initial Eco-Training by continuous onboard training
- Fuel consumption reduction target 1 – 3 % / Reduced emissions
- Improved driving safety and driver comfort

# Eco-Driving for commercial goods transportation

- 👣 Ecological target given by emission regulations EURO VI
- 👣 Economical target enforced by competition on EU market

👣 **ecoDriver supports driver and thus depends on driver acceptance and motivation !**

👣 **Truck driver is typically not truck owner !**

👣 Driver feedback on motivation and priorities .....

👣 Safety	Yes !!	👣 Fuel consumption	No / lower priority ?
👣 Time	Yes !	👣 Emissions	No / lower priority ?
👣 Comfort	Yes !		

👣 **Driver motivation for fuel saving / emission reduction / ecoDriving needs incentivation !**

# Daimler Trucks *ecoDriver* Project Work

- ecoDriver Team from Daimler Trucks Advanced Engineering and Daimler Research & Development

## ⇒ **Development of ecoDriver application prototype**

- Solution approach: Fuel-efficient driving with a map-based route preview
- Identification of use cases with fuel saving potential
- Driving strategy calculation that supports defined use-cases
- Multi-modal HMI for continuous Driver Guidance with feed forward and feedback

## ⇒ **Public Road Evaluation of ecoDriver application prototype**

- Early prototype testing with series truck during development with data collection
- Acceptance Study with external truck drivers including data collection
- Management Demonstration Drives / Winter Test Finland 2015
- Public Final Event Demonstration Drives March 2016

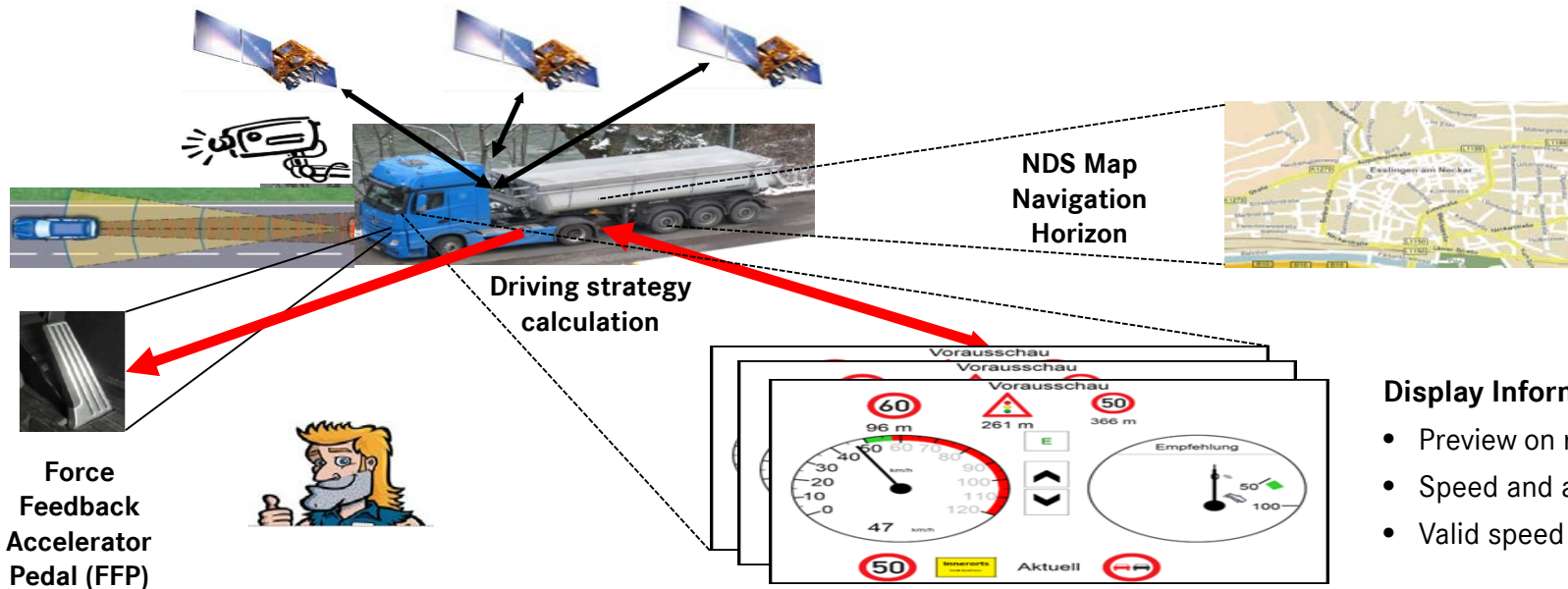
## ⇒ **Evaluation of ecoDriver Efficiency and expected Impact together with ecoDriver Partners**

- Joint analysis of Driver Feedback from Acceptance Study
- Joint analysis of collected data with focus on driver behaviour and effects on fuel consumption and emissions

# Daimler *ecoDriver* application prototype

=> **Driver Information System for safe and fuel-efficient driving!**

Driving with accelerator pedal (non cruise-control) and automated shifting

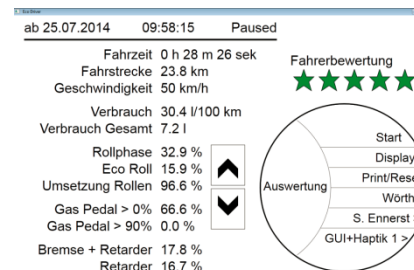


## Display Information / Graphical User Interface (GUI)

- Preview on route course and restrictions
- Speed and acceleration recommendation
- Valid speed and overtaking restrictions

## Haptic Information

- Variable pressure point for acceleration recommendation
- Knocking signal for speed and safety distance violations



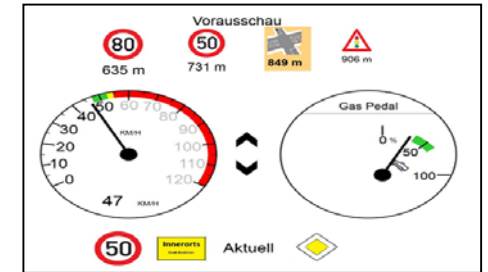
## Display Information / Graphical User Interface (GUI)

- Driver rating
- Trip data

# ecoDriver assistance prototype use cases



- Series truck Actros 1851 with trailer - 30 to -
- + ecoDriver assistance prototype equipment



## Driving strategy supports use cases

- Roll over hilltop
- Steep hill acceleration
- Curve driving
- Speed limit roll out / acceleration
- Stop sign / intersection approach
- Overtaking restriction
- Sink coasting / acceleration
- Downhill acceleration / ecoRoll
- Preceding vehicle distance
- Round-about approach



**Driver observes traffic and controls truck: No autonomous driving**

# Daimler *ecoDriver* Acceptance Study on public roads

## => Full-day test-trips with 24 external professional truck drivers

- Actros 1851 with dumper (30 to) equipped with ecoDriver prototype
- Test route 263 km: Stuttgart – Esslingen – Münsingen – Stuttgart
- City – motorway / larger part rural roads – hilly terrain – dangerous curves
- Driving without ecoDriver (series), with ecoDriver GUI and with ecoDriver GUI + Haptic Pedal(FFP)












		Stuttgart - Esslingen - Stuttgart	Münsingen – Ennabeuren - Münsingen				Münsingen - Stuttgart	
8 Drivers	Briefing & Attitude	Serie	ecoDriver GUI	ecoDriver GUI & FFP	Break & Questionnaire	Serie	ecoDriver GUI	Feedback & Assessment
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### Documentation

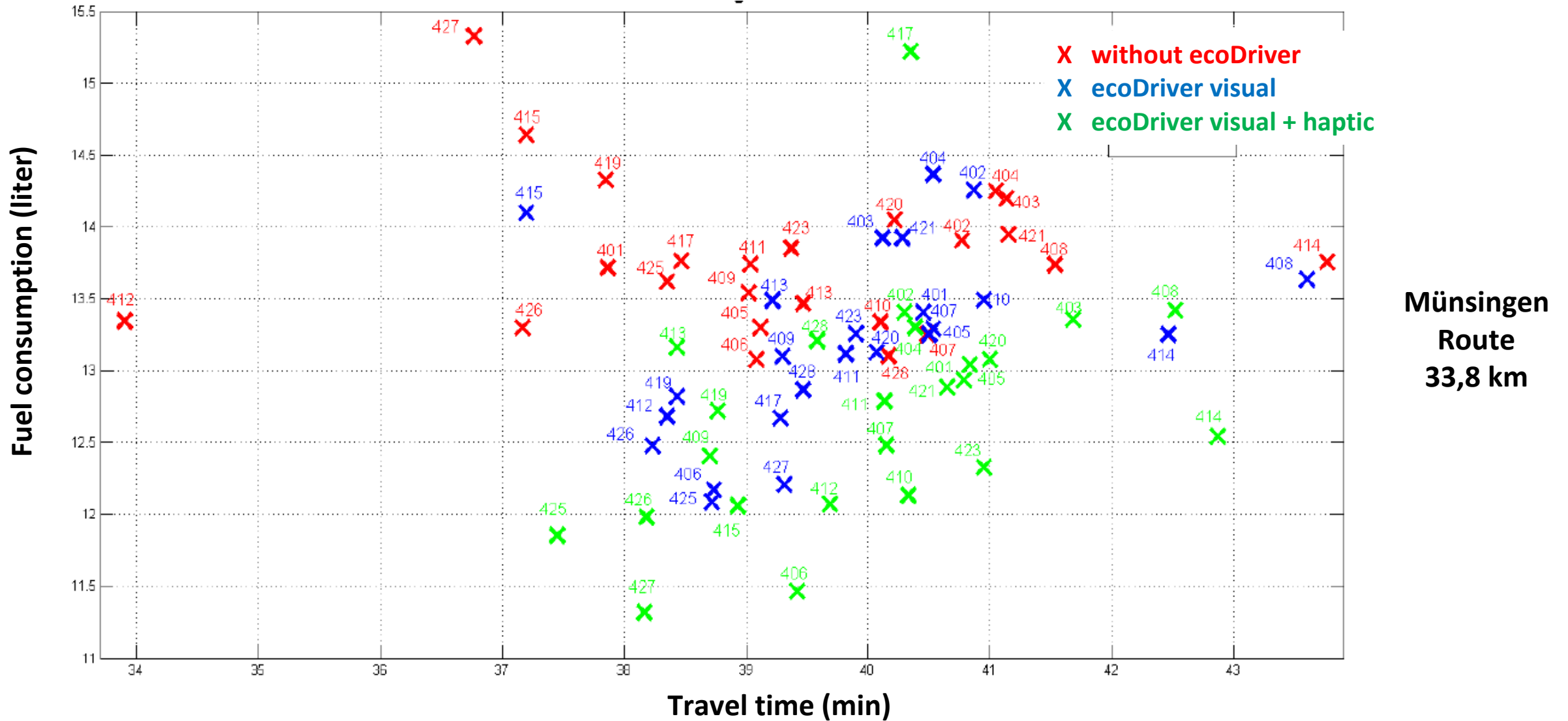
- Questionnaire for Driver
- Notes from observers
- Logging of vehicle and ecoDriver data



# Daimler *ecoDriver* Acceptance Study: Driver Feedback Summary

- Motivation for eco driving improved from neutral to positive after test trip 
- Usefulness of haptic information/ Force Feedback Accelerator Pedal confirmed 100% 
- Usefulness of combined visual (display) and haptic (pedal) information confirmed 79% 
- Usefulness of only visual information (display) depending on position confirmed 67% 
- Driving comfort and safety feeling optimal with combined visual and haptic information 
- Driving with only visual information requires higher concentration/ is felt distracting 
- Concerns to block traffic flow with extensive roll out / speed reduction 
- Performance, usability, efficiency of complete ecoDriver system is rated as very good  

# Daimler *ecoDriver* Acceptance Study: Examples Fuel Consumption and Drive Time



# Daimler *ecoDriver* Acceptance Study:

## Examples Fuel Consumption

Driver No.	System	Route length(km)	No. Of stops	Fuel consumption (l/ 100 km)	Fuel consumption (l)	Fuel consumption difference (%)
419	Serie	33,7	0	42,4	14,3	-
419	ED GUI	33,7	0	38	12,8	-10,49%
419	ED GUI+FFP	33,7	0	37,7	12,7	-11,19%
420	Serie	33,8	2	41,4	14	-
420	ED GUI	33,8	1	38,8	13,1	-6,43%
420	ED GUI+FFP	33,8	1	38,6	13,1	-6,43%
421	Serie	33,9	2	41,1	13,9	-
421	ED GUI	33,8	3	41,1	13,9	0,00%
421	ED GUI+FFP	33,8	0	38	12,9	-7,19%
423	Serie	33,8	2	40,9	13,8	-
423	ED GUI	33,8	0	39,1	13,2	-4,35%
423	ED GUI+FFP	33,8	5	36,4	12,3	-10,87%
425	Serie	33,8	3	40,3	13,6	-
425	ED GUI	33,8	1	35,8	12,1	-11,03%
425	ED GUI+FFP	33,8	2	35,1	11,8	-13,24%
426	Serie	33,8	1	39,3	13,3	-
426	ED GUI	33,8	0	36,9	12,5	-6,02%
426	ED GUI+FFP	33,8	1	35,5	12	-9,77%
427	Serie	33,8	2	45,2	15,3	-
427	ED GUI	33,8	1	36,1	12,2	-20,26%
427	ED GUI+FFP	33,8	1	33,4	11,3	-26,14%

# Daimler *ecoDriver* Acceptance Study:

## Average Values Fuel Consumption and Drive Time

Stuttgart - Esslingen - Münsingen (90 km)			
	Serie	GUI	GUI+FFP
Average driving time [min]	114,53	116,25	117,68
Difference driving time [%]	0,00	1,50	2,74
Min driving time [min]	110,05	111,22	114,47
Max driving time [min]	119,85	124,45	122,23
Average fuel consumption [l]	40,99	40,88	39,60
Difference fuel consumption [%]	0,00	-0,27	-3,39
Min fuel consumption [l]	40,00	39,80	38,40
Max fuel consumption [l]	42,60	42,60	40,40

Münsingen - Münsingen (34 km x 3)			
	Serie	GUI	GUI+FFP
Average driving time [min]	39,54	39,85	39,97
Difference driving time [%]	0,00	0,79	1,09
Min driving time [min]	36,77	37,20	37,45
Max driving time [min]	43,77	43,60	42,87
Average fuel consumption [l]	13,74	13,17	12,68
Difference fuel consumption [%]	0,00	-4,13	-7,67
Min fuel consumption [l]	13,10	12,10	11,30
Max fuel consumption [l]	15,30	14,20	15,20

Münsingen - Stuttgart (72 km)			
	Serie	GUI	GUI+FFP
Average driving time [min]	87,79	91,72	91,60
Difference driving time [%]	0,00	4,48	4,34
Min driving time [min]	83,83	85,40	88,00
Max driving time [min]	91,82	96,55	95,42
Average fuel consumption [l]	21,09	19,40	18,65
Difference fuel consumption [%]	0,00	-8,00	-11,56
Min fuel consumption [l]	19,40	18,40	18,00
Max fuel consumption [l]	23,60	20,70	19,60

Stuttgart - Esslingen - Münsingen, Münsingen - Münsingen, Münsingen - Stuttgart (263 km)			
	Serie	GUI	GUI+FFP
Average driving time [min]	320,93	327,51	329,18
Difference driving time [%]	0,00	2,05	2,57
Average fuel consumption [l]	103,29	99,79	96,30
Difference fuel consumption [%]	0,00	-3,39	-6,77

# Daimler *ecoDriver* Acceptance Study:

## Example Driver Rating (Screenshots from Display)

Fahrzeit 0 h 36 m 46 sek  
Fahrstrecke 33.8 km  
Geschwindigkeit 55 km/h  
Verbrauch 45.2 l/100 km  
Verbrauch Gesamt 15.3 l  
Rollphase 38.3 %  
Eco Roll 3.9 %  
Umsetzung Rollen 63.8 %  
Gas Pedal > 0% 61.5 %  
Gas Pedal > 90% 20.4 %

**Trip data without ecoDriver assistance**

Fahrzeit 0 h 38 m 10 sek  
Fahrstrecke 33.8 km  
Geschwindigkeit 53 km/h  
Verbrauch 33.4 l/100 km  
Verbrauch Gesamt 11.3 l  
Rollphase 50.3 %  
Eco Roll 21.8 %  
Umsetzung Rollen 98.1 %  
Gas Pedal > 0% 49.7 %  
Gas Pedal > 90% 2.5 %

**Trip data with ecoDriver GUI + Haptic pedal**  
**Excellent driver performance**

# Results and conclusions

## ecoDriver assistance approved benefits:

- 50 000 km on-road measuring and acceptance testing
- Improved driving comfort and safety
- Fuel savings      Range: 0 – 25 %      Average ecoDriver GUI: 3,4 %      ecoDriver GUI + FFP: 6,8 %

## Timing of input data and computation time is critical

## Limitations:

- Bad weather (ice, snow): Priority on safety
- High traffic density, jam, rush hour : Driver follows traffic flow



**ecoDriver assistance works on-road**

**Thank you for your attention !**

**Questions !**