

#### SafeTrack Innovation in Race Track Security

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## SafeTrack - Highlights



SafeTrack:

**Automatic:** 

#### Safer race tracks, less crashes and injuries

Crash detection  $\rightarrow$  yellow flag

Race Control:

Red, white and black flag <u>directly</u> to drivers cockpit



#### SafeTrack - Highlights

#### **SafeTrack A:** for amateur drivers

SafeTrack B: for semi-professional drivers

#### SafeTrack P: professional system

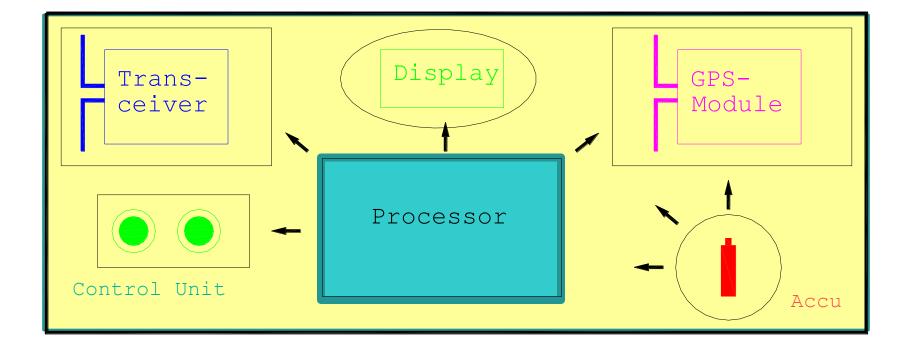


#### Extremely robust, compact and very costefficient by use of integrated antennas

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## SafeTrack Building Blocks

#### 6 building blocks for the SafeTrack<sup>1</sup>-system:



<sup>1</sup> SafeTrack is a patented system



#### SafeTrack Operation Principles

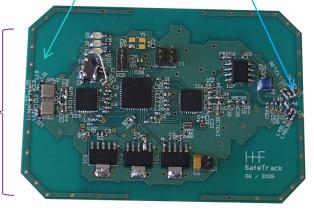
- Velocity monitoring via GPS and acceleration sensors
- 868 MHz transceiver provides reliable air link
  - at high speed (> 300 km/h)
  - with high range (> 300 m)
  - at high temperatures (80°C)
  - with robust on-board antennas

Fully developed and tested transceiver



Transmitter

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## Features of SafeTrack A

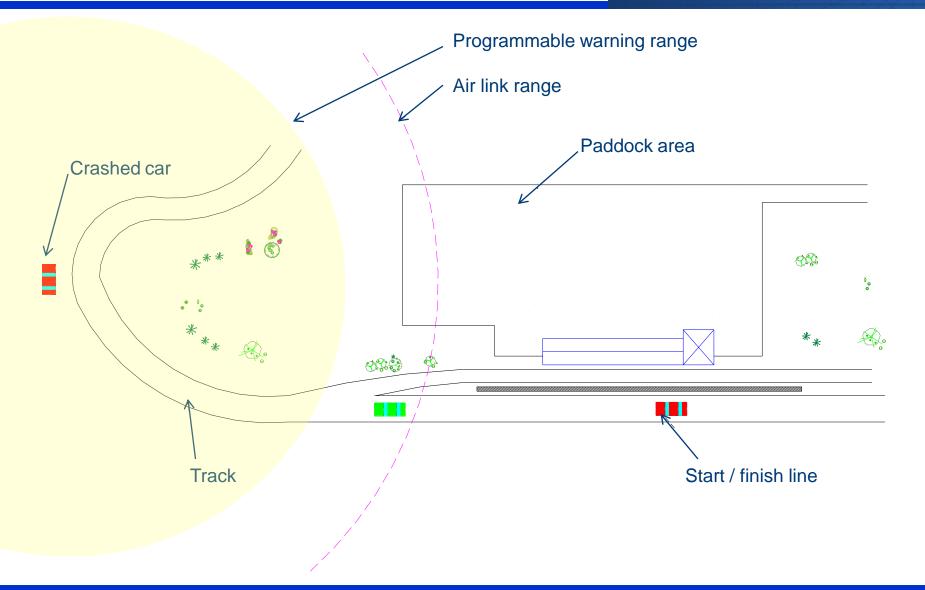


- Data of security area (paddock and box) is stored
  - Car sends a signal when leaving the security area and the velocity is low
  - The area around the car is the "yellow area"
  - All drivers in this section see the yellow flag on their SafeTrack-display



#### Features of SafeTrack A





## Features of SafeTrack B

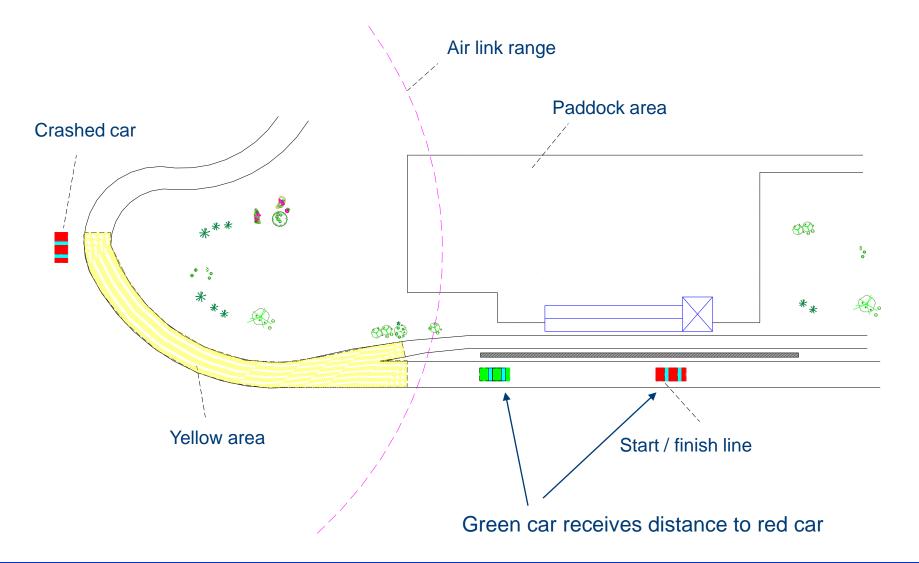


- Data of security area (paddock and box) <u>and</u> race track is stored
  - Car sends a signal when it's out of the security area and the velocity is low
  - The section behind the car is the yellow area
  - All drivers in this section see the yellow flag on their SafeTrack-display
  - Laptime and distance to the following car can be displayed



#### Features of SafeTrack B





## **Current Development**

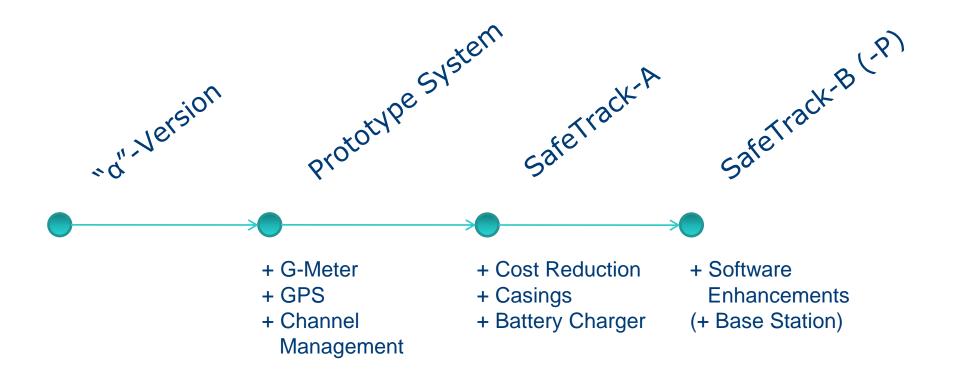


#### **Current Development Status**

- Patent protected SafeTrack "α"
- Transmitter and receiver module finished
- All vital radio link components included
- Started to implement G-meter and GPS
- Permanent "crash-mode" for link range and reliability tests

## Development Roadmap





## **Preliminary Tests**



#### Test Setup

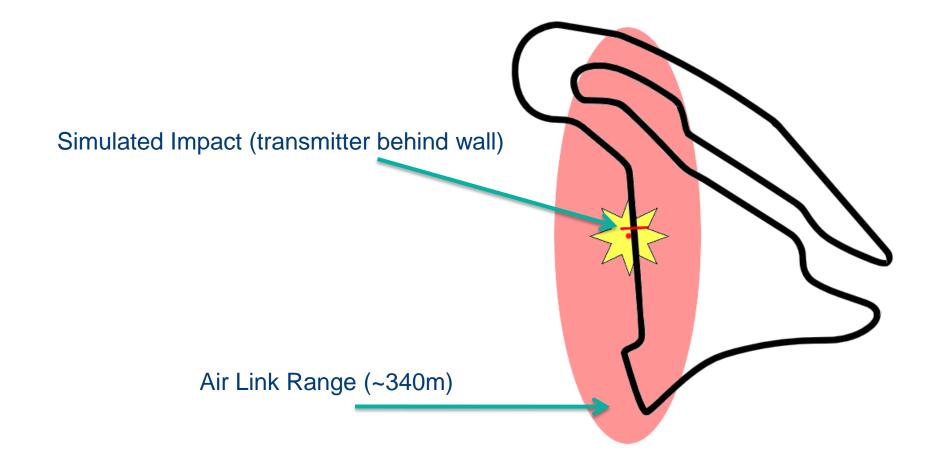
- One transmitter in "crash-mode", constantly repeating its distress signal
- One receiver mounted on motorcycle
- Tests conducted during training sessions in Magny Cours

Range and reliability are critical for system functionality: The robustness test of the air-link is most important





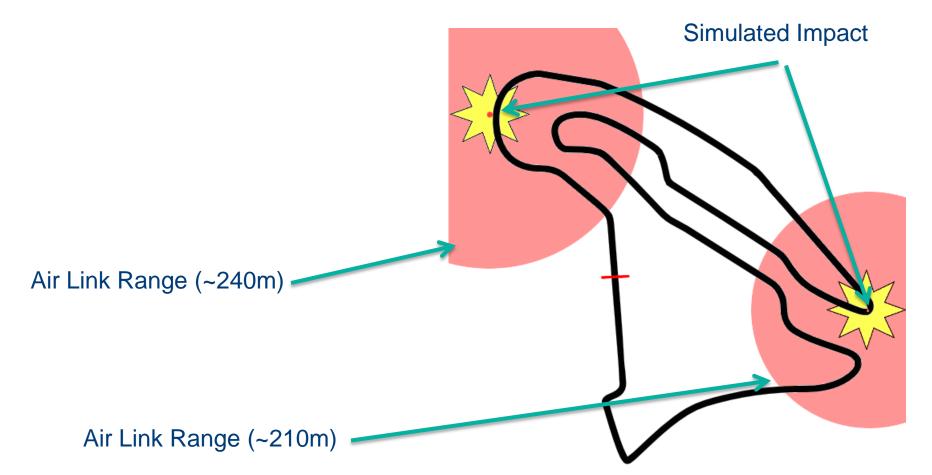
Scenario 1: Transmitter on the ground, behind pit lane wall



## **Preliminary Tests**



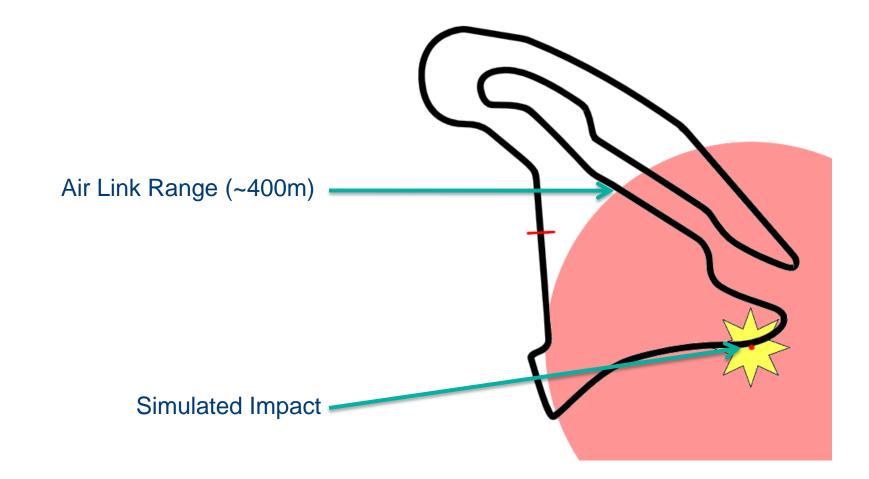
 Scenario 2: Air link range varies with area geometry and nearby buildings



## Preliminary Tests



 Scenario 3: Test conditions include transmitters hidden behind concrete walls, steel pillars and tire walls

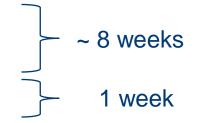


## **Further Development**

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#### Prototype System

- Improvement of current system\*
- Production of 10 transponders
- Test on track



## \* Includes introduction of acceleration meter, GPS module and radio channel management

## **Further Development**

#### **Pre-Production Optimization**

- Minimizing production costs (currently ~ 40€ w/o battery, target: <30€)</li>
- Development of programming station
- Design of casing
- Development of accessoires (battery charger, transport casing)



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## **Further Development Costs**



•	Prototype System:	Working	Packages
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•	1 engineer (2 months):	10 t€
•	Costs for 10 demonstrators:	3 t€

- Test costs: 1 t€
- Pre-Production: Working Packages
  - 1 engineer (3 month): 15 t€
  - Costs for demonstrators:
  - Costs for programming station:
  - Test costs:
- Production costs for high volume:

3 t€

1 t€

5 t€



SafeTrack-P (P professional) is a high end solution:

- Enhances SafeTrack-B functions
  - 2W transceivers and 2 km air-link
- Manual flag setting is possible
  - Organizer can set all flags (e.g. red, black, white) for the entire field, in sections or for individual cars
- Current positions of all cars are available
  - Supplies data for TV crews and other applications



We offer SafeTrack for 88.000€ including:

- Patent and all rights
- Hardware of SafeTrack transceiver
- Software for microprocessor including GPS and G-meter control
- Training and documentation



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