

# Making public transportation safer for Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs)

using Thermal Imaging Technology

#### Contents

VRU Fatalities : Night-time is a major problem



Thermal technology to detect VRU in all visibility conditions

Solutions to detect VRU and prevent fatalities

Possible next steps

# VRU Fatalities Night-time is a major problem

#### Pedestrians fatalities happens in low visibility conditions...

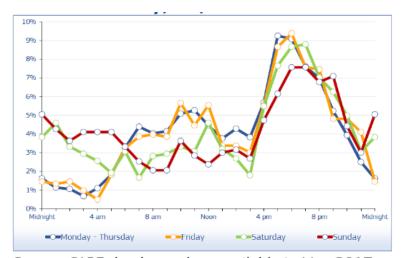
Pedestrians fatalities on **Advanced light &/or Advanced weather** conditions:

80% in the US70% in Europe





### ... when driver responsiveness may be compromised and current AEB systems are ineffective



Source: CARE database, data available in May 2017



More than **50%** of all pedestrian fatalities occured between **4pm and midnight** in the EU

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Home World U.S. Politics Economy Business Tech Markets Opinion Life & Arts Real Estate W.S.J. Magazine Q

#### New Cars' Pedestrian-Safety Features Fail in Deadliest Situations, Study Finds

AAA finds pedestrian detection ineffective at night, when most deaths occur



#### **US** rulemaking proposition and EU objectives

NHTSA published rulemaking proposal to integrate Automatic Emergency Braking and Pedestrian AEB working at night and higher speed

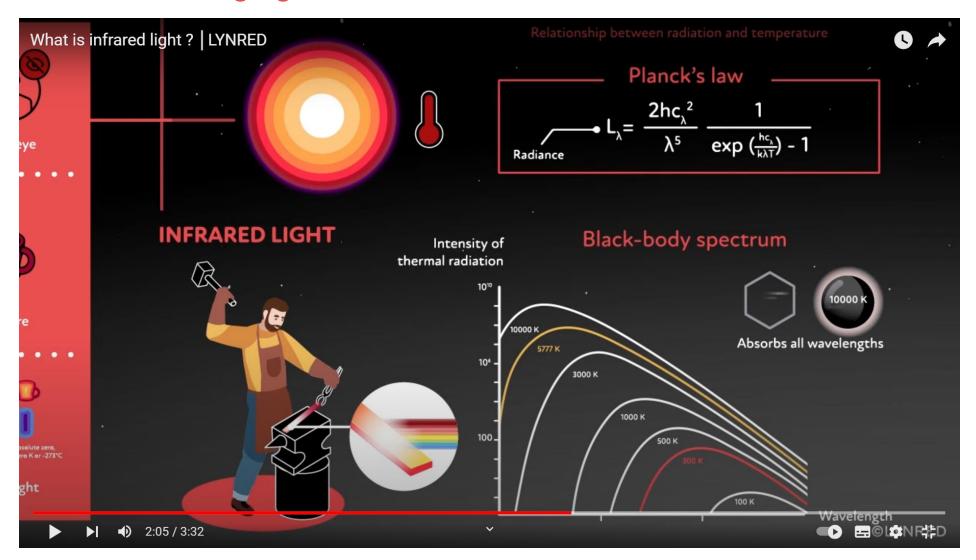
EU Vision Zero ambitions to reduce by half the number of fatalities by 2030 and approach Zero by 2050



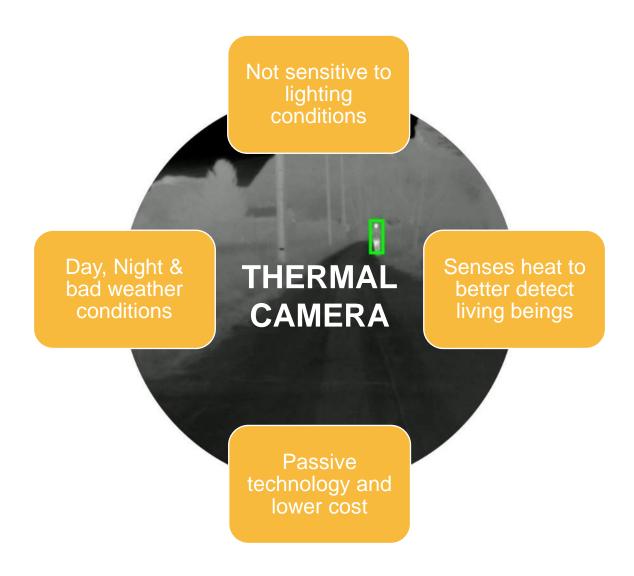


# Thermal technology to detect Vulnerable Road Users in all visibility conditions

#### How does thermal imaging work?



#### Benefits of thermal imaging compared to other technologies





Detect a danger at night and warn the driver

Thermal **Imaging** applications

Detect an obstacle at 50 to 100m and automatically brake and/or steer

**Driver Monitoring System** 

TRL: 4 / MRL: 2



Evaluate psychophysiological state of the driver



Detect an obstacle at up to 400m and automatically brake and/or steer

#### Comparison between visible and thermal cameras in urban road scenario #1

(Video removed due to file size)

(Video removed due to file size)

#### **Thermal Camera**

Passive imagery, not sensitive to lighting conditions

#### **Visible Camera**

Active imagery with light from sun and headlamps

#### Comparison between visible and thermal cameras in urban road scenario #2

(Video removed due to file size)

(Video removed due to file size)

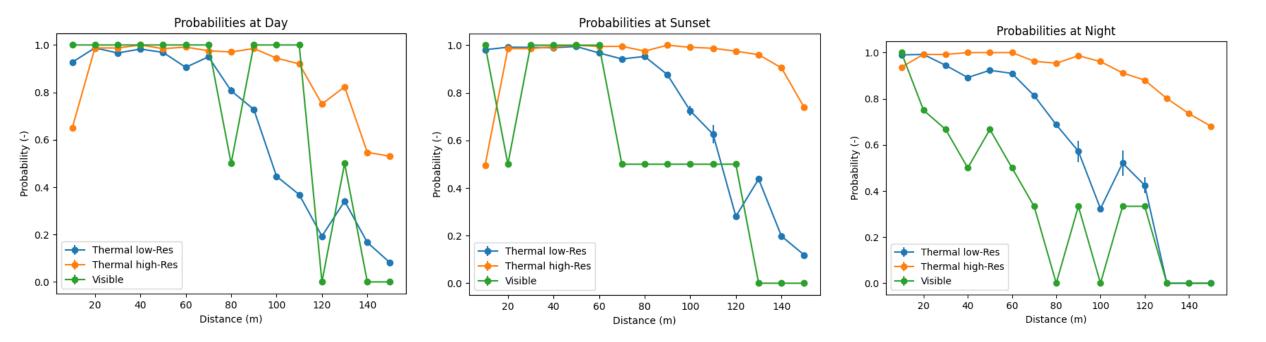
#### **Thermal Camera**

Passive imagery, not sensitive to lighting conditions

#### **Visible Camera**

Active imagery with light from sun and headlamps

#### Thermal imaging performance vs visible cameras





Detection confidence is identical whatever the lighting condition for thermal cameras Detection confidence drops dramatically when lighting conditions are degraded for visible camera

- ✓ Test performed by JRC lab (European Comission Laboratory) presented at TRB conference in Washington in January 2024
- Comparison between a Tesla visible camera kit and Lynred thermal camera

## Solution to detect Vulnerable Road Users And prevent fatalities

#### About LYNRED **KEY FIGURES AND SHAREHOLDERS**

**SAFRAN** 50%









**THALES** 50%



RESEARCH PARTNER **CEA LETI- ONERA- III-V LAB** 



> 133 PATENT FAMILIES > 680 PATENTS FILED



> 2 MILLION DETECTORS SHIPPED SINCE 1986



85% **EXPORT** 



15% REVENUE **INVESTED in R&D** 



**FULL** INFRARED **SPECTRUM** 









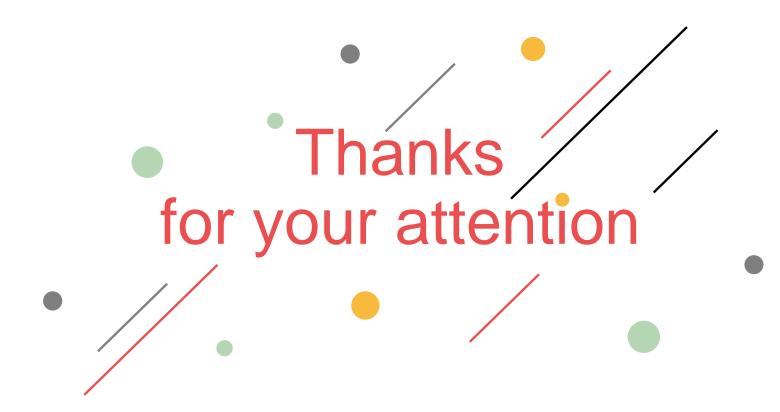
#### Lynred Tier 1 collaborators in automotive

- ☐ <u>Veoneer/Magna</u> (Goleta, CA / Detroit MI)
  - World leader in automotive thermal cameras with over 1MU deployed on dozens of car models around the world
  - PoC: Richard Saeone
  - Evaluation kit available
- ☐ Adasky (Israël / Detroit, MI)
  - Start-up support by Gentex, Zeeland, MI
  - Local contact in Michigan : Bill Grabowsky
  - Car equipped with thermal camera, available in the US for demo
  - Evaluation kit available
- ☐ Hanwha (Korea)

## Possible next steps

#### Possible next steps

- □ Schedule a live demo of thermal imaging on an MDOT vehicle to show how a driver could interact with it
- ☐ Collaborate with Lynred and one of our tier 1s to evaluate a thermal imaging kit on your vehicle
- MDOT consider including new technology like thermal imaging in the upcoming RFP
- RFP responders consider using thermal imaging solutions to differentiate your offering



WWW.LYNRED.COM





