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Special Issue on Technologies for risk mitigation and support of impaired drivers

MOTIVATION AND SCOPE

Cooperative Intelligent Transportation Systems and automated safety functions, together with unobtrusive driver monitoring, can compensate for human errors and enhance safety and driving comfort. Especially in the context of autonomous driving it is important to know if the driver is currently capable of driving manually. For this purpose, algorithms that are able to estimate the current driver state have to be developed. The input for these algorithms can be environmental, behavioristic, personal, and physiological data. Such data should be gathered in an unobtrusive way which does not interfere with the driving activity. Furthermore, tools and concepts for supporting impaired drivers are needed. Warning, actuation as well as handover strategies should be multimodal, user oriented and adaptive.

This Special Issue addresses technologies that can mitigate risks related to impaired drivers by detection of critical driver states and/or can provide support to impaired drivers.

While this special issue is, of course, open to all research groups, it will also provide a platform for the ADAS&ME project (European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme). ADAS&ME is the acronym for “Adaptive ADAS to support incapacitated drivers Mitigate Effectively risks through tailor made HMI under automation”.

LIST OF TOPICS: Topics of interest to this special issue include, but are not limited to:

1. Robust detection and prediction algorithms for driver state monitoring (e.g. sleepiness, physical fatigue, stress, distraction, impairing emotions).
2. Sensor systems for unobtrusive driver monitoring.
3. Multimodal, user oriented and adaptive information, warning, actuation and handover strategies.
4. HMI concepts, prototypes and guidelines for automated functions that take into account the driver state.

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