Optimizing Take-Over Requests in Autonomous Vehicles through Haptic Feedback



Summary: Our system utilizes haptic feedback to enhance the driver's situational awareness and response during Take-Over Requests (TORs) in autonomous driving. Tactile cues are delivered via a context-sensitive haptic seat, providing haptic alerts of varied intensity based on the threat and driver's state. The direction of the threat is indicated by localized vibrations on the seat. TORs arising from multiple threats (parallel threat processing mechanism) and haptic feedback are handled by a microprocessor rendering our system autonomous (hardware-in-the-loop). User studies show that our system minimizes driver reaction times compared to traditional audio-visual alert systems, hence maximizing safety during complex take-over scenarios.