Simulated Driving Lessons: Overtaking a Car

ALE1 – SSS2

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Designed System and its Learners

- Task: overtaking another car
- System:
 - simulated driving lessons with steering wheel and pedals to control direction and speed
 - driving instructor agent links practical training to theory, guides through sequence of actions in order to overtake, gives hints and prompts
 - eye-tracking used to evaluate students' visual attention of crucial areas of the road
- Interface between theory and application to support driving lessons







Interacting and Adapting to the Learner

- Interaction:
 - asks students to evaluate situation (theory linked as well as action based)
 - natural language dialogue about crucial aspects of the situation
 - hints and prompts provided if student is unsure about evaluation
- Reaction:
 - students actions
 - their looking patterns (eye-tracking)
- Adaptation:
 - Next situation more or less complex than previous one based on students' previous answers

Teaching Approach

- Simulated driving lessons based on empirical findings about effects of simulation training on driving habits (Underwood, 2011; Pradhan, 2009)
- "Coached problem solving" mastering situation together, students modeling (based on Andes, Gertner & VanLehn, 2000)
- Simulated agent helps student construct knowledge about applying theory to traffic situations (based on Autotutor, D'Mello & Graesser, 2012)

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