### LPV control approaches for vehicle dynamics

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#### Future cars: many technical challenges

- deal with many sensors/actuators : middle range cars with around 1000 sensors and 100 small actuators
- increased software/hardware complexity: how to synchronize & monitor all the intelligent organs for performance and reliability?





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#### Automotive ECUs Controllers by 2020

- · Between 25 and 100 individual ECUs
- With distributed sensors and motor controllers.



### What is an LPV system?

Definition of an Linear Parameter Varying system

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#### Example (Scherer, ACC Tutorial 2012)

Dampened mass-spring system:

$$\ddot{p}+c\,\dot{p}+k(t)\,p=u,\ y=x$$

First-order state-space representation:

$$egin{array}{ll} rac{d}{dt} \left( egin{array}{c} p \ p \end{array} 
ight) &= \left( egin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \ -k(t) & -c \end{array} 
ight) \left( egin{array}{c} p \ p \end{array} 
ight) + \left( egin{array}{c} 0 \ 1 \end{array} 
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ight) \end{array}$$

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The		frozen	Bo	de	plots	for
c	=	1	and	k	€	[1, 3]



### About the parameters

The parameters  $\rho$  are always assumed to be **known** (or measurable) and **bounded**:

$$\rho_i(t) \in [\underline{\rho_i}, \ \overline{\rho_i}], \ \forall i \tag{1}$$



**Exogenous** parameters = external variables. The system is therefore *non stationary*.

See the previous damped mass-spring system.

**Endogenous** parameters :  $\rho = \rho(x(t), t)$ Case of **quasi-LPV systems**: approximation of nonlinear systems.

$$\dot{x}(t)=x^2(t)=\rho(t)x(t)$$
 with  $\rho(t)=x(t)$ 

### Towards LPV control Apkarian, Scherer, Wu ....

#### The "self-scheduling" approach



#### Usual LPV control problems: $H_{\infty}$ and/or $H_2$

Find a LPV controller  $C(\rho)$  s.t the closed-loop system  $\mathcal{CL}(\rho)$ 

- is stable, (quadratic or parameter-dependent stability)
- satisfies an  $H_{\infty}$  and/or  $H_2$  performance: frequency-domain specifications through filters

Some LMI solutions: polytopic, LFT, SOS, gridding

LPV approach=linear or nonlinear? (Shamma, Apkarian & Gahinet, Balas & Seiler, Grigoriadis ...)



Figure: DLR German Aerospace Center (ESA LPV Workshop 2014)

## LPV approach and applications

### Aerospace



Marcos, Balas, Seiler, Biannic



**Automotive** 

Gaspar Doumiati, Poussot,



Benani, Falcoz



Werner, Mohamamadpour, Zhu

#### Some recent books

J. Mohammadpour, C. Scherer, (Eds), Control of Linear Parameter Varying Systems with Applications, Springer-Verlag New York, 2012. O. Sename, P. Gaspar, J. Bokor (Eds), Robust Control and Linear Parameter Varying Approaches: Application to Vehicle Dynamics, Springer, 2013

### Mechatronics, Robotics



#### Theilliol, Puig



#### Roche & Simon

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## Control of autonomous vehicles

Mainly includes path planning, longitudinal control, lateral control

#### Steering control is a 'classical control' problem

- many contribution for ADAS (MPC,  $H_{\infty}$ , Sliding mode.....) Ackermann, Rajamani, Tseng, Mammar
- ۲ recent studies for autonomous vehicles (Lane keeping, lane changing..) Gerdes, Borelli, Puig, Sentouh, Milanes
- Key issues: handle low/high speeds, ensures small lateral errors, accounts for varying look-ahead distance.

### Collaboration: Renault & ENAULT : 2 co-supervised PhD thesis, Real car & trajectory





### LPV modelling

#### 2 wheels bicycle model



$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} v_y \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{lateral acceleration} \\ \text{yaw rate} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G(\boldsymbol{v_x}) \begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = A(\boldsymbol{v_x})x(t) + Bu(t) \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases}$$

$$A(v_x) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{C_r + C_f}{mv_x} & -\frac{l_f C_f - l_r C_r}{mv_x} - v_x \\ -\frac{l_f C_f - l_r C_r}{Iv_x} & -\frac{l_f^2 C_f + l_r^2 C_r}{Iv_x} \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### LPV simplified bicycle model : 3 approaches





#### Linear Fractional Tranfsformation



#### LPV Control problem

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 $W_e$ : tracking performances,  $W_u$  actuator limitations

Analysis of the sensitivity Functions  $S = \frac{w_{ref} - w}{w_{ref} - w}$  $w_{ref}$ 



Control implementaiton scheme: experimental validation



Speed profile measured from a real test (m/s)



### Experimental comparison

Experimental lateral error of the LTI and LPV controllers (m)



Table: RMS of the lateral error for experimental comparison

	Polytopic	LTI	Gridding	LFT
RMS	0.1473	0.1105	0.1025	0.1096

## All controllers have good peformances in term of minimization of the lateral error

## Experimental steering wheel angle of the LTI and LPV controllers (rad)



Table: RMS of the steering wheel rate for experimental comparison

	Polytopic	LTI	Gridding	LFT
RMS	0.0263	0.0149	0.0107	0.0129

The grid-based and LFT controllers provide smooth steering control. The polytopic and the LTI controllers are sensitive to noises, especially at high speeds (when  $t \le 60 \ s$ )

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#### Frequency-domain objectives (Bode)



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### Frequency-domain objectives (Bode)



# What happens in case of a damper loss of efficiency?

- Performance deterioration
- State-Of-Health decrease
- Force saturation (poor control)
- General system
   General system
   FTC interest



Figure: Simple quarter vehicle model for semi-active suspension control

#### Quarter vehicle dynamics

$$\begin{cases} m_s \ddot{z}_s &= -k_s z_{def} - F_{damper} \\ m_{us} \ddot{z}_{us} &= k_s z_{def} + F_{damper} - k_t \left( z_{us} - z_r \right) \end{cases}$$
(2)

 $z_{def} = z_s - z_{us}$ : damper deflection,  $\dot{z}_{def} = \dot{z}_s - \dot{z}_{us}$ : deflection velocity.

• The damper's characteristics : Force-Deflection-Deflection Velocity relation

$$F_{damper} = g\left(z_{def}, \dot{z}_{def}\right) \tag{3}$$

where g can be linear or nonlinear.

### Electro-Rheological (ER) semi-active dampers -GIPSA





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### A semi-active damper phenomenological model



### What about faulty damper ?

In case of oil leakage, deformation, power supply loss, or State-Of-Health decrease:

$$\overline{F}_{damper} = \frac{\alpha}{F}_{damper}$$

 $\alpha \in [0,1]$  is the loss of efficiency coefficient.

Issue: how to estimate  $\alpha$  ?

LPV formulation with  $\rho = F^{model}_{damper} = u(t)$ 

Force-Velocity map of a semi-active damper (low and high damping) subject to different leakages.



An LPV observer for damper fault estimation (Cont. Eng. Pract. 2019)



### $H_2/H_{\infty}$ LPV observer for fault estimation (Cont. Eng. Pract. 2019)

#### Extended LPV model

Assumption: Knowledge of a road profile model ( $w_m(t)$ ) (IEEE TCST2015 & CEP 2017)

$$\dot{x}_a(t) = \mathbf{A}_a(\boldsymbol{\rho}) x_a(t) + \mathbf{B}_w \delta w(t) + \mathbf{B}_\nu \nu(t), \quad \text{with } x_a(t) = [x(t), \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t), w_m(t)]$$

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#### The mixed $H_2/H_\infty$ LPV observer design problem

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Noise attenuation  $J_{H_2} = ||\frac{e_{\alpha}}{\nu}||_2 \le \gamma_{H_2}$  under  $e(t)|_{t=0} = 0$  &  $\delta w(t) \equiv 0$ Uncertainty minimization  $J_{H_{\infty}} = ||\frac{e_{\alpha}}{\delta w}||_{\infty} \le \gamma_{H_{\infty}}$  under  $e(t)|_{t=0} = 0$  &  $\nu(t) \equiv 0$ 

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### Experiments with GIPSA-lab/INOVE platform

#### Test bench

- The process: 1/5 scaled real vehicle equipped with 4 Electro-Rheological semi-active dampers and 4 DC motors to generate the desired road profiles.
- Matlab/Simulink Real-Time Workshop environment for real time data acquisition and control.

#### Embedded algorithms

Real-time implementation of the LPV polytopic observer (on-line computation of a convex combination of LTI vertices observer).



### Validation Experimental scenario

#### Scenario

Road profile= a sequence of sinusoidal speed bumps ( $20 \,\mathrm{mm}$  peak to peak), simulating a vehicle running at  $120 \,\mathrm{km/h}$  in a straight line on a dry road



Experimental Validation Scenario: Expected and real faulty damper forces

### **Estimation results**





Measured Outputs:  $z_{def}(t)$  and  $\ddot{z}_s(t)$ 

Accurate estimation of the 50% damper loss of efficiency. Useful for local damper control, State-Of-Health monitoring



Implementation & test validation on the INOVE test bench





### Vehicle Dynamics Control for Safe driving

Leader: Olivier Sename





Michel Basset







#### **Benjamin Talon**

Brigitte d'Andréa-Novel

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### What about global chassis control approaches (GCC)?

#### What is GCC ?

- combines several (at least 2) subsystems in order to improve the vehicle global behavior Shibahata (2004)
- tends to make collaborate the different subsystems in view of the same objectives, according to the situation (constraints, environment, ...)
- is develop to improve comfort and safety, according to the driving situation, accounting for actuator constraints and to the eventual knowledge of the vehicle environment

#### LPV interest: on-line Adaption of the vehicle performances

- to various road conditions/types (measured, estimated)
- to the driver actions
- to the dangers (vehicle on-board sensors)
- to actuators/sensors malfunctions or failures

#### Phd Students / Post Docs / Coll.

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### A proposed Global Chassis Control approach (IEEE TVT'16, IJRNC'17)



#### Control Issues through $H_{\infty}$ formulation

- Lateral coordinated steering/braking control: parameter dependent weighting functions
- Full car vertical suspension control: fixed control structure for suspension force distribution, parameter dependent weighting functions (comfort vs safety)

#### Actuators /On-board sensors :

- active braking et active steering: wheel rotational velocities, yaw rate, steering wheel angle, lateral acceleration
- (Semi-)active suspension : body and wheel vertical accelerations



### Actuators monitoring and scheduling strategy

Monitoring Parameters : to handle actuator malfunctions and activation.

- Braking efficiency  $R_b$ : torque transmission
- Steering activation R<sub>s</sub> during emergency situation (low slip)
- LTR: roll induced load transfer by damper malfunctions



### ${\it H}_\infty$ coordinated steering/braking control



Vehicle model : Single track model (dry road). Inputs/Ouputs:

Weighting functions for performance requirements

 $W_{e_{\dot{\psi}}}$  and  $W_{\dot{v}_y}$  are 1st order systems.

#### Weighting functions for actuator coordination

- $W_{\delta^+}(R_s) = R_s \times 1$ st order
- $W_{T_{b_{mi}}}(R_b) = R_b \times 1$ st order

The variable gains allow to limit and activate or not the braking and steering actions

When a high slip ratio is detected (critical situation), the tire may lock, so  $R_b \rightarrow 1$  and the gain of the weighting function is set to be high.

This allows to release the braking action leading to a natural stabilisation of the slip dynamic.

### Frequency-domain analysis



### $H_\infty$ suspension control configuration



### Validation: LPV control vs professional driver

Vehicle Automotive 'GIPSA-lab' toolbox

- Full nonlinear vehicle model
- Validated in a real car "Renault Mégane" Special thanks to MIPS laboratory, Mulhouse, France (Prof. M. Basset): ]
   see C. Poussot-Vassal PhD. thesis



• The stabilizing torques  $T_b^{\ast}$  provided by the controller is then handled by a local ABS strategy Tanelli et al. (2008)

### Scenarion and scheduling parameters



### Vehicle dynamical variables



### Steering control input



- Improved vehicle dynamical behavior subject to critical driving situations
- Coordinated and hierarchical use of three types of actuators, depending on the driving situations
- LPV vs LTI: limitation of the braking actuation in critical situations to avoid wheel locking and skidding, and its coordination with active steering and semi-active suspension controllers, leading to vehicle stability and road handling improvements.
- Convincing simulation results, obtained from experimental input data and performed with a validated complex nonlinear vehicle model

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# Electric Power Steering Systems - K. Yamamoto



Assist mechanism within steering column (inside the cabin)

Recommended for compact vehicles with small rack force ( < 10 kN)  $\,$ 

### C-EPS system model

### System inputs

- Driver torque  $\tau_d =: d$
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Newton's second law of motion and neglecting dry frictions [El-Shaer2008,Marouf2013]

$$\begin{split} J_c \ddot{\theta}_c &= \tau_d - D_c \left( \dot{\theta}_c - \frac{\dot{\theta}_m}{R_m} \right) - K_c \left( \theta_c - \frac{\theta_m}{R_m} \right) - B_c \dot{\theta}_c \\ J_{eq} \ddot{\theta}_m &= \tau_m + \frac{D_c}{R_m} \left( \dot{\theta}_c - \frac{\dot{\theta}_m}{R_m} \right) + \frac{K_c}{R_m} \left( \theta_c - \frac{\theta_m}{R_m} \right) - B_m \dot{\theta}_m - K_r \frac{R_p^2}{R_m^2} \theta_m - D_r \frac{R_p^2}{R_m^2} \dot{\theta}_m - \frac{\tau_r}{R_m} \dot{\theta}_m - \frac{T_r}{R_m^2} \dot{\theta}_m -$$

#### C-EPS state-space representation

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu + Ed + Ww \\ y = Cx + Nn \end{cases}$$

#### EPS Control Strategy

### **EPS** Control Objectives

#### **EPS** requirements

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- Guarantee closed-loop stability
- Be robust to model uncertainties
- Have low complexity regarding implementation issue

### Proposed LPV Control Structure



#### Existing strategy

- Base assist only: not sufficient for optimal performances
- Require a torque sensor
- empirical approach: needs an ad-hoc fine tuning using on-board experimental tests

### Proposed LPV Control Structure



### LPV EPS extended state-feedback controller







Weighting function on performance



### LPV EPS extended state-feedback controller

LPV system: C-EPS system + Base assist  $K(\rho)$ , steering torque dependent  $\rho = \hat{d}$ 



### LPV parameter-dependent state-feedback [Wu1995]

Gridding approach w.r.t the steering torque



Parameter dependent Lyapunov function and control gain

To solve the LMIs, a basis is chosen to express the matrix  $P(\rho)$  and  $Y(\rho)$ .

$$P(\rho) = P_0 + \rho P_1 + \rho^2 P_2 Y(\rho) = Y_0 + \rho Y_1 + \rho^2 Y_2$$

Parameter dependent state feedback  $F(\rho) = -Y(\rho)P(\rho)^{-1}$ : obtained computing the LMIs over the gridded points using YALMIP interface and SeDuMi solver.

### Vehicle configuration: Clio IV



#### On board set-up, specific devices

- Mechanics: C-EPS prototype (low pinion/rack ratio)
- Data acquisition: motor current, driver torque (dynamometric steering wheel), rack force (instrumented tie-rods) with CANsas modules to convert signals
- Implementation: Quick Prototyping, Simulink model implemented on MicroAutoBox

### Strategy Implementation



### Operating configuration

- $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}/\mathcal{H}_2$  PI Observer + LPV state-feedback controller
- Used measurements signals: steering wheel angle  $\theta_c$ , motor angle  $\theta_m$
- Tests: Lemniscate, Sinusoidal manoeuvre

### Test 1 - Lemniscate at 15 km/h



Quantitative performance analysis

- No assistance  $\rightarrow \tau_d^{max} = 12.90 Nm$
- PIO+LPV  $\rightarrow \tau_d^{max} = 6.95 Nm$

On-center level almost 4Nm

 $\tau_m^{dax} < 7Nm$   $\tau_m^{max} < 6Nm$   $\tau_{road}^{max} < 13Nm$ Good assist level reducing the steering effort by half

### Test 2 - Sinus at 30 km/h





Quantitative error analysis

- RMSE = 1.2736 Nm
- NRMSE = 5.75%

Good estimation results in real-time

 $\begin{array}{l} \tau_d^{max} < 10 Nm \\ \tau_m^{max} < 7 Nm \\ \tau_{road}^{max} < 17 Nm \\ \text{Good assist level to be improved} \\ \text{Consistent feeling} \nearrow \tau_d \text{ with } \nearrow V_{spd} \end{array}$ 

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#### Many interests of the LPV approach

- + Modelling of complex systems ( but still less than nonlinear formulation)
- + Control design with varying performances, ensuring internal stability and robust-like performances
- + Observer/Filter design... for Fault Detection and Isolation
- + A tool to design adaptive FTCS
- + Can be extended to mixed-objectives problems (e.g  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty},\,\mathcal{H}_{2}...)$  through LMI (and/or nonsmooth) tools
- + Can be applied to any type of applications:
  - Mechanics, Mechatronics, Robotics
  - Energy, Power & Hydraulic plants
  - Consumer electronics
  - ..

#### Conclusions

### Grenoble's studies on LPV systems and approaches

#### Former PhD students on LPV approaches

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#### Complex systems

- Non linear models
- Account for various operating conditions using a variable "equilibrium point":
- LPV Time-Delay Systems

#### Integration with Fault Diagnosis

LPV Adaptive Fault-scheduling Tolerant Control

#### LPV control = adaptation

- Real-time performance adaptation using parameter dependent weighting functions
- Control under computation constraints: variable sampling rate controller
- Control allocation of MIMO systems through a parameter for the control activation (of each actuator)

#### **Applications**

Engine, Vehicle Dynamics, Electric Power Steering, Autonomous Underwater Vehicle,

#### Conclusions

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