# Advances in Vehicle Dynamics, Simulators, Safety and Controls

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# **Short Bio**

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# Summary

- Introduction/Motivation
- Road characteristics
- Vehicle dynamics
  - ✓ States estimation
  - ✓ Impact forces identification
- Vehicle safety study
   ✓ Rollover risk
- Experimental results
- Actual and future works



## Context

The road accident can be caused by several factors

### Some data

- 92 % caused by driver (speed, presence of alcohol, fatigue ,..)
- 46% related to Infrastructure
- 29% related to Vehicle
- 8% related to divers causes (Weather, Warning,..)

#### Different types of accidents:

- Lane departure (Transverse instability)
- Rollover (Roll instability)
- Jackknifing, implied especially in Heavy vehicle accidents (Yaw instability)



Accidents

User Infrastcuture Vehicle Weather



## **Road characteristics**

Geometric and surface characteristics of the road have a direct effect on the forces generated in the tire contact footprint, under the action of applied commands.





- Road adhesion Skid resistance is a friction to prevent a tire from sliding along the pavement surface
- Longitudinal and lateral slope
- Radius of curvature



# **Road characteristics**

The radius of curvature, the longitudinal and lateral slopes are measured using Véhicule d'Analyse d'Itinéraire (VANI\*).

VANI was realized by the Regional Laboratory of Lyon, France.

It is equipped with different sensors : Gyrometers, GPS, laser sensors,...





### **Road profile and Road adhesion in vehicle dynamics**



− Road adhesion → sliding and control loss, lane departure of the vehicle





## Road profile



#### Several profiles $\Rightarrow$ road surface





Develop an easily implemented method

- Based on non lineare observers
- Take into account a vehicle dynamic



### **Reconstruction Methods**



Measured by Longitudinal Profile Analyser (APL\*)



Laser

Accelerometer

Reconstruction by Inertial Method (GMR)



### **APL measure**







### **Inertial Method**













#### Plate on the track



#### Position of the plates on the track







#### **Reconstruction of the two plates**



### **Road adhesion**

The road adhesion depends on the characteristics of the tire (type, quality, wear, inflation pressure, temperature) and the condition of the road (wet, dry, ice ..)

$$\mu \Rightarrow 0$$
 The road is icy

$$\mu \Rightarrow 0.3$$
 The road is sliding

 $\mu \Rightarrow 0.6$  The road is wet

 $\mu \Rightarrow 1$  The adhesion is maximum and the tire / ground contact is considered excellent

Inadequate skid resistance will lead to higher risks of accidents



The transversal friction coefficient (CFT) of the road surface is measured by the Sideway Force Coefficient Routine Investigation Machine (SCRIM\*)





Continuous measurement of a CFT with:

- a step of 10 m
- a speed of 60 km/h



\*Certu - Instruction sur les conditions techniques d'aménagement des voies rapides urbaines (ICTAVRU), 1991.

## **Vehicle modeling**





## **Vehicle model**







Steering wheel

#### The angle at the steering wheel is usually measured





### Engine torque

In order to obtain the engine torque, the engine field map is used.



Régime (tr/min)						Charge (%)						corr.	Servit.
	0.0	1.5	22.0	36.0	41.0	50.0	60.0	70.0	80.0	90.0	100.0		
200	0.0	2.00	5.50	6.40	8.60	9.40	9.60	9.80	10.00	9.50	10.70	1.05	0.0
1000	0.0	1.30	5.00	6.20	8.50	9.00	9.50	9.90	10.00	10.00	10.30	1.07	0.0
1500	-1.50	1.30	4.60	6.00	7.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.10	9.50	10.10	1.13	0.0
2000	-3.50	2.00	4.00	6.50	7.50	9.50	10.00	10.30	10.30	10.90	11.40	1.03	0.0
3000	-4.00	1.00	4.00	7.00	7.30	9.50	11.50	12.20	11.50	13.40	13.50	0.92	0.0
4000	-4.50	0.0	3.00	4.00	5.80	7.50	9.00	9.80	10.00	12.40	13.00	0.98	0.0
5000	-5.00	-1.00	1.20	3.00	4.50	5.70	7.20	9.20	9.70	11.00	12.00	1.04	0.0
5500	-5.50	-2.00	0.0	1.80	3.20	4.00	5.40	6.10	6.70	9.00	11.00	1.02	0.0
5750	-6.00	-3.00	-2.00	0.0	1.50	2.50	3.00	3.50	5.00	7.00	9.00	1.03	0.0
correc.	1.20	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.02	1.01	1.00	1.25	1.00

#### Peugeot 406, type de moteur : Essence

#### Engine Torque related to speed





Engine map



### Braking torque

#### Use pressure measurements to calculate braking torques according to the table:



										Correc.
Pression (bar)	0.0	15.00	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00	105.00	120.00	1.00
Couple train 1 gauche (m.daN)	0.0	50.00	100.00	150.00	200.00	250.00	300.00	350.00	400.00	0.57
Couple train 1 droite (m.daN)	0.0	50.00	100.00	150.00	200.00	250.00	300.00	350.00	400.00	0.65
Couple train 2 gauche (m.daN)	0.0	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	0.70
Couple train 2 droite (m.daN)	0.0	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	0.70

#### Braking torque related to pressure



Dynamic chassis behavior

### 3 translation movements

- Longitudinal
- Transversal
- Vertical



## 3 rotational movements

- Roll
- Pitch
- Yaw









$$m \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_x \\ \dot{v}_y \\ \dot{v}_z \end{bmatrix} = T_r \begin{bmatrix} F_{xf1} + F_{xf2} + F_{xr1} + F_{xr2} \\ F_{yf1} + F_{yf2} + F_{yr1} + F_{yr2} \\ F_{zf1} + F_{zf2} + F_{zr1} + F_{zr2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta\cos\psi & \sin\theta\sin\phi\cos\psi & \cos\theta\sin\phi\cos\psi + \sin\theta\sin\phi\\ \cos\phi\cos\psi & \sin\theta\sin\phi\sin\psi + \cos\theta\cos\psi & \cos\theta\sin\theta\sin\phi - \sin\theta\cos\psi\\ -\sin\psi & \sin\theta\cos\phi & \cos\theta\cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{J} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\phi} \\ \ddot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (F_{zf1} - F_{zf2})p_f + (F_{zr1} - F_{zr2})p_r \\ -(F_{zf1} + F_{zf2})r_1 + (F_{zr1} + F_{zr2})r_2 \\ [(F_{yf1} + F_{yf2})r_1 - (F_{yr1} + F_{yr2})r_2 + \\ (F_{xf2} - F_{xf1})p_f + (F_{xr2} - F_{xr1})p_r] \end{bmatrix}_{\Re c}$$



Suspension modeling



$$\ddot{z}_i = \frac{1}{m_i} (-F_{kri} - F_{cri} + k_{ri}(u_i - z_i) + B_{ri}(\dot{u}_i - \dot{z}_i))$$



### Dynamic behavior of the tire

The resulting force and torque under each wheel depends on:

- the mechanical properties of the tires,
- surface texture (microtexture and pavement macrotexture),
- · local deformations of the megatexture domain,
- the operating conditions.



Fx : longitudinal force Fy : transverse force Fz : normal force (vertical)



Wheel road vertical modeling



$$\begin{cases} F_{zri} = k_{ri}(z_{ri} - u_i) + B_{ri}(\dot{z}_{ri} - \dot{u}_i) ; & i = 1, 2\\ F_{zfi} = k_{fi}(z_{fi} - u_j) + B_{fi}(\dot{z}_{fi} - \dot{u}_j) ; & j = 3, 4 \end{cases}$$



Longitudinal modeling

$$f_{xi} = \mu f_{ni}$$
, i = 1..4

- $f_{xi}$  Longitudinal force
- $f_{ni}$  Normal force
- $\mu$  Road adhesion coefficient





In the acceleration or braking phases, a driving or braking torque is applied to the tire  $\rightarrow$  a longitudinal force is generated at the contact surface.

The relative speed of the tire with respect to the ground defines a longitudinal slip.

$$\lambda = 100 \times \left| \frac{v_x - rw}{\max(v_x, rw)} \right|$$

$$\begin{cases} \lambda = \frac{rw}{v_x} - 1 \text{ si } v_x > rw \implies braking \\ \lambda = 1 - \frac{rw}{v_x} \text{ si } v_x < rw \implies acceleration \end{cases}$$

$$v_x: \text{Vehicle speed}$$

$$rw: \text{Wheel speed}$$







### Lateral modelling

Pseudo sliding 
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} F_{yf} = C_y \alpha_f \\ F_{yr} = C_y \alpha_r \end{cases}$$

 $F_{y} : \text{Lateral force}$   $\alpha_{f,r} : Slip \text{ angle}$   $C_{y} : Stiffeness \ coefficient$   $\delta_{f} : Side \ slip \ angle$   $\psi : \text{Yaw speed}$ 









In the case of small slip angles (pseudo slip area) :

 $\mu = C_1(1 - e^{-C_2 \lambda}) - C_3 \lambda \quad \text{(Burckhardt Model*)}$ 





In case of higher slip angles, the behavior of the tire is often described by empirical formula proposed by Bakker and Pacejka\*:

$$Y(X) = y(x) + S_v$$

$$y(x) = D\sin(C\arctan(Bx - E(Bx - \arctan(Bx))))$$
$$x = X + S_h$$

Y and X → longitudinal force and longitudinal slip Or lateral force and slip angle

Other models of:

- Kiencke and Daiss
- Lugre
- Dugoff
- Guo
- Brosse and Gim

\* H. Pacejka & E. Bakker. The magic Formula Tyre Model. In Proceedings, Ist International Colloq on Tyre models for vehicle dynamics analysis, pp. 1-18, 1991.



### Wheel's rotational movement

- w: Speed of wheel
- $\tau$ : Engine torque

$$J\dot{w} = \tau - rF_x$$

- $F_x$ : Longitudinal force
- r: Radius of wheel
- J: Inertia of wheel






#### Model simulation





### *Experimentation*

#### The vehicle is equipped with 39 sensors at a spatial frequency of 5 cm, in order to validate the developed models





# Control sensors

- Steering wheel control
- Brake control (brake pressure)
- Throttle control (throttle opening)
- Gearbox control
- Handbrake control
- Clutch control











# • Vertical, transverse and longitudinal accelerometers

- Vertical wheels accelerometers
- Vertical, transverse and longitudinal gyrometers (roll, pitch and yaw)
- Suspension displacements sensors

























#### <u>Validation</u>





Validation results

#### Vertical displacements of wheels

#### Wheels speeds











#### **Vertical acceleration of chassis**





#### Impact forces identification

 $\rightarrow$  Estimate on-board the tyre forces for monitoring the behavior of the vehicle and to control the load.





→ Developing a precise and low-cost system for on-board evaluation of vertical forces

### **Main objectives**

• Improving the road safety (rollover avoidance).

• Protecting infrastructure by stabilizing the variations of vertical forces.



#### State of the art

The mainly existing works consist of

- 1) Estimating the forces through the observation of dynamic variables of the vehicle (centre height of gravity).
- → This method involves knowing accurately the parameters of the vehicle and the pneumatic and also the road profile.
- 2) Estimating the forces by use of strain gauges in a hub
- ➔ A precise but expensive solution and it is limited to straight constant speed maneuvers and doesn't suite to cornering maneuvers with large lateral forces.
- 3) Measuring by use of dynamo wheel sensor
- ➔ A precise method but very expansive and not practical



### **Methodology**





System (S) 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = M^{-1}(F_g - C(x_1, x_2)x_2 - K(x_1)) \\ y = x_1 \end{cases}$$
$$y = q = [q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, \theta]$$

y is the measured outputs (suspensions deflections, roll angle)









$$\begin{cases} \ddot{z}_{r1} = (B_1\dot{q}_1 + K_1\frac{T_w}{2}\sin(\phi) + B_1\frac{T_w}{2}\cos(\phi)\dot{\phi} \\ + K_1q_1 - k_1z_{r1} + k_1u_1)/m_1 \end{cases}$$
$$\ddot{z}_{r2} = (B_2\dot{q}_2 - K_2\frac{T_w}{2}\sin(\phi) - B_2\frac{T_w}{2}\cos(\phi)\dot{\phi} \\ + K_2q_2 - k_2z_{r2} + k_2u_2)/m_2 \end{cases}$$



### Second order sliding mode observer

**Observer**  

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}}_{1} = \hat{x}_{2} + Z_{1} \\ \dot{\hat{x}}_{2} = f(\hat{x}_{1}, \hat{x}_{2}, u) + Z_{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} Z_{1} = \lambda |\tilde{x}_{1}|^{1/2} sign(x_{1} - \hat{x}_{1}) \\ Z_{2} = \alpha sign(\tilde{x}_{1}) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x}_{1} = x_{1} - \hat{x}_{1} \\ \tilde{x}_{2} = x_{2} - \hat{x}_{2} \end{cases}$$

**Dynamic states errors:** 

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{x}}_1 = \tilde{x}_2 - Z_1 \\ \dot{\tilde{x}}_2 = F(x_1, x_2, \hat{x}_2) - Z_2 \end{cases}$$

$$F(x_1, x_2, \hat{x}_2) = f(x_1, x_2, u) - f(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, u)$$



## **Convergence analysis**

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$$|F(x_1, x_2, \hat{x}_2)| = |f(x_1, x_2, u) - f(\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, u)| < f^+$$
$$f^+ = 2Max|x_2|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha > f^{+} \\ \lambda > \sqrt{\frac{2}{\alpha - f^{+}}} \frac{(\alpha + f^{+})(1 + p)}{1 - p}; \ 0$$



## **Suspension deflections and speeds convergence**

# Convergence of vertical displacements of wheels





#### **Experimental results**

#### 1. Vehicle excited in vertical way

#### The instrumented vehicle



- Hydraulic jack
   Vehicle
- 3. LVDT sensor



1.	Control desk software	<ol><li>Accelerometers</li></ol>
2.	Micro-Autobox	<ol><li>Gyrometers</li></ol>
3.	Battery	<ol><li>Laser sensor</li></ol>
4.	LVDT sensors	8. BNC connectors

Accelerometer

Gyrometers









The installed sensors















Roll angle estimation



Suspension deflection estimation







#### **2. Experiments with ALF**

- Test the estimation algorithm using the ALF (Accelerated Load Facility)
- Sensors are fitted to the ALF: LVDT, APT and Accelerometers



Real road profile (french national road) – 40 T static load



# **HEAVY VEHICLE RISKS STUDY**

## **Rollover simulation**

## Speed limit respected (30km/h)





# **Rollover simulation**

## Speed limit not respected (45km/h)





# **Rollover simulation**

## Load Transfert





## **Rollover risk prediction system**



#### The rollover is predicted at (t+3)s using

- Infrastructure data base (radius, slops, road adhesion, road profile)
- Measures from sensors
- Estimated vertical forces
- Estimated states



#### Load Transfert









# **Rollover simulation**






$$LTR = \frac{\left|F_{zL} - F_{zR}\right|}{F_{zL} + F_{zR}} = \frac{2m_2}{m \cdot T} \left|(h_0 + h\cos\phi)\frac{a_y}{g} + h\sin\phi\right| < R_{\lim} = 1$$
$$a_y = \dot{v}_y + v\dot{\psi} - h\ddot{\phi}$$

 $\sum F_{z,r} = 0 \implies \text{Right wheel lift off the road} \implies \text{rollover risk} \implies \text{LTR} = -1.$  $\sum F_{z,l} = 0 \implies \text{Left wheel lift off the road} \implies \text{rollover risk} \implies \text{LTR} = 1.$  $\sum F_{z,r} = \sum F_{z,l} \implies \text{No rollover risk} \implies \text{LTR} = 0.$ 



### High Order Sliding Mode Observer

Vehicle states and Load Transfer Ratio computed using High Order Sliding Mode Observer :

- Robustness against perturbation and parameters variations
- Quick and finite time convergence of positions, speeds and accelerations
- Easier implementation



## System modelling

$$F_{ni} = F_{ci} + k_i (u_i - z_{ri}), i = 1..4$$

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{z}_{r1} = (K_1 q_1 - K_1 \frac{T}{2} \sin(\phi) + B_1 \dot{q}_1 - B_1 \frac{T}{2} \cos(\phi) \dot{\phi} - k_1 z_{r1} + k_1 u_1) \frac{1}{m_1} \\ \ddot{z}_{r2} = (K_2 q_2 + K_2 \frac{T}{2} \sin(\phi) + B_2 \dot{q}_2 + B_2 \frac{T}{2} \cos(\phi) \dot{\phi} - k_2 z_{r2} + k_2 u_2) \frac{1}{m_2} \end{cases}$$

$$\ddot{z} = (K_1 q_1 + K_2 q_2 + (K_1 - K_2) \frac{T}{2} \sin(\phi) + B_1 \dot{q}_1 + B_2 \dot{q}_2 - (B_1 - B_2) \frac{T}{2} \cos(\phi) \dot{\phi}) \frac{1}{M}$$

*z*: Centre heigh of gravity *r*: weel radius  $F_{ci}$ : static load  $F_{ni}$ : vertical force  $k_i$ : stifness  $U_i$ : Road profile  $\ddot{z}_{ri}$ : vertical acceleration of wheel *i* 





**Suspension model** 



HOSM Observer 
$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{x}}_1 = \hat{x}_2 - \lambda_0 |\hat{x}_1 - x_1|^{2/3} sign(\hat{x}_1 - x_1) \\ \dot{\hat{x}}_2 = \hat{x}_3 - \lambda_1 |\hat{x}_2 - \dot{\hat{x}}_1|^{1/2} sign(\hat{x}_2 - \dot{\hat{x}}_1) \\ \dot{\hat{x}}_3 = -\lambda_2 sign(\hat{x}_3 - \dot{\hat{x}}_2) \end{cases}$$

 $\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2$  and  $\hat{x}_3$  are the estimated of  $x_1, x_2$  et  $\dot{x}_2$ 

 $\lambda_0, \lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are the observer gains

**Dynamics error:** 

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{x}}_{1} = x_{2} - \hat{x}_{2} + \lambda_{0} |\hat{x}_{1} - x_{1}|^{2/3} sign(\hat{x}_{1} - x_{1}) \\ \dot{\tilde{x}}_{2} = \dot{x}_{2} - \hat{x}_{3} + \lambda_{1} |\hat{x}_{2} - \dot{\hat{x}}_{1}|^{1/2} sign(\hat{x}_{2} - \dot{\hat{x}}_{1}) \\ \ddot{\tilde{x}}_{3} = \ddot{x}_{2} + \lambda_{2} sign(\hat{x}_{3} - \dot{\hat{x}}_{2}) \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} \hat{z}_{r1} = (-m_1 \ddot{z}_{r1} + B_1 \dot{\hat{q}}_1 + K_1 \frac{T_w}{2} \sin(\hat{\phi}) \\ +B_1 \frac{T_w}{2} \cos(\hat{\phi}) \dot{\phi} + K_1 \dot{q}_1 + k_1 u_1)/k_1 \\ \hat{z}_{r2} = (-m_2 \ddot{z}_{r2} + B_2 \dot{\hat{q}}_2 - K_2 \frac{T_w}{2} \sin(\hat{\phi}) \\ -B_2 \frac{T_w}{2} \cos(\hat{\phi}) \dot{\phi} + K_2 \dot{q}_2 + k_2 u_2)/k_4 \end{cases}$$

Suspension deflections and speeds estimated

→ Wheel's vertical displacements estimated

$$\ddot{z}_{ri}$$
 measured  $\Rightarrow \hat{z}_{ri} \rightarrow z_{ri}$   
 $F_{ni} = F_{ci} + k_i (u_i - z_i), i = 1..4$  Vertical forces estimated





## **Experimental results**

#### **Instrumented vehicle**



Infrastructure data base (Road profile, Longitudinal and lateral slopes, Adhesion)

#### Sensors inside the vehicle





1. Control desk software	5. Accelerometers
2. Autobox	<ol><li>Gyrometers</li></ol>
3. Battery	7. Laser sensor
<ol><li>LVDT sensors</li></ol>	8. BNC connectors



### Many Tests:

- Straight line with constant speed of 50, 70 et 90km/h
- On all the site with constant speed of 50, 70 et 90km/h
- Braking in straight line
- Chicane Test





## **Chicane test**







Steering angle





Suspension deflection

Roll angle



#### Steering angle



Centre height of gravity estimation





Impact forces estimation





Impact forces compared to LVDT measures



### Load Transfer Ratio (LTR)







Steering angle





Suspension deflection

Roll angle









Recommended speed





# **Nonlinear control**

Advantages of the research :

- estimate the non measurable states of the HV.
- identify some unknown parameters of HV.
- robust control using super twisting algorithm



## Rollover avoidance

The aim of the developed steering control is to ensure the convergence of the lateral acceleration  $a_y$ of HGV to its acceleration limit  $a_{vlim}$ .

➔ Bounded Load transfer between the right and the left side of HGV to its limited value 0.9.

The control algorithm is defined as:

$$\begin{cases} \delta_a = u_{eq} - G_1 |S|^{1/2} sign(S) + u_{eq} \\ \dot{u}_1 = -G_2 sign(S) \end{cases}$$

$$S = \dot{\widetilde{y}} + \lambda \widetilde{y}$$





## Simulation results

#### Simulation results for a driver steering input zigzag





## Lane departure avoidance



The control algorithm is defined by:

$$\begin{cases} u = u_{eq} - k_1 |S|^{1/2} \operatorname{sign}(S) + u_1 \\ \dot{u}_1 = -k_2 \operatorname{sign}(S) \end{cases}$$

$$S = \dot{y}_{e} + \lambda y_{e}$$



## Simulation results







# Actual and future works

Study the effects of road characteristics on simulators (Car and Bicycle)

In order to improve the safety and stability of this kind of vehicles, following tasks have been achieved:

✓ Develop new models of vehicles, taking into account the road characteristics.

- $\checkmark$  Simulate the driver's perception in vehicle control tasks.
- $\checkmark$  Tests on simulator and model validation
- $\checkmark$  Analyse the road characteristics and their influence on the safety.
- ✓ Define drivers and trajectories classes.
- ✓ Real tests with instrumented vehicles.



## **Car Simulator**







# **Bicycle simulator**



\* Caro, S., Chaurand, N., Dang, N.T., & Vienne, F. (2013). Conception d'un simulateur de vélo pour l'étude du comportement des cyclistes. Journées Transports & Déplacements du Réseau Scientifique et Technique du MEDDE. Bron, France, Juin 19-21. 99





