

Numerical Validation of Sliding Mode Approaches with Uncertainty

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Motivation

Requirements for Robust Control Approaches

- Trajectory tracking despite non-measurable system states
- Noisy processes and measurements
- System models and applications are affected by uncertainty

Motivation

Bounded Uncertainty

- Lack of knowledge about system parameters
- Manufacturing tolerances

Solution

- Consideration of intervals for
 - ▶ Parameters and states
 - ▶ Measurement, control, and estimation errors

Motivation

Stochastic Uncertainty

- Inaccurate sensor measurements
→ Filtering is necessary to obtain smooth signals
- Uncertain or random effects, e.g. friction

Solution

- Consideration of non-modeled influences on the system as process noise (Brownian motion)
- Consideration of additive disturbances on measured data as measurement noise (Brownian motion)
- Itô differential operator and Lyapunov functions for calculation of switching amplitudes in variable-structure control and observer strategies

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Common Sliding Mode Techniques

Advantages

- Definition of a sliding surface based on a Lyapunov function candidate
- Robustness against uncertain parameters and states
- Finite-time convergence

Disadvantage

- Restrictive matching conditions wrt. the system model
- Chattering due to unnecessarily large predefined switching amplitudes

Motivation

Advanced Sliding Mode Control Procedure

- Robust control strategy considering noise processes
- Intervals for states and uncertain parameters
- Less severe restrictions on the system model
- Suitable candidates of Lyapunov functions for asymptotic stability and calculation of switching amplitudes
- Number of calculated switching amplitudes is equal to system order instead of predefining just one switching amplitude
- Adaptation of switching amplitudes of the controller's variable structure part in every time step
- Implementation using C++ S-functions in MATLAB with software library C-XSC (real-time applicable)

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Interval Definitions for Control Design

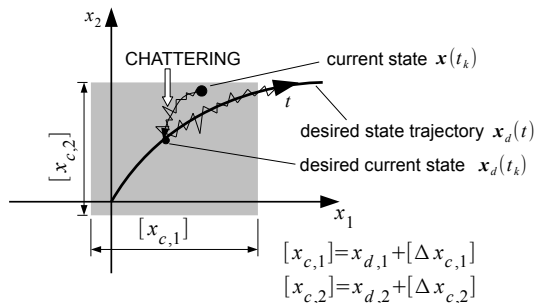


Figure: Location of intervals for sliding mode control design.

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- Part 1: Stabilization of the **linear system part by pole placement**
- Part 2: Stabilization of the **nonlinear system** part with bounded and stochastic uncertainties by **sliding mode control**

Sliding Mode Control: Scheme

System model, stochastic ODE
with interval parameters

$$dx = f(x(t), u(t), [p])dt + G_p dw_p$$

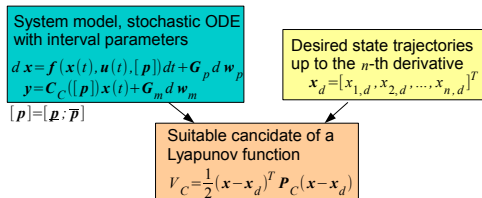
$$y = C_C([p])x(t) + G_m dw_m$$

$$[p] = [\underline{p}; \overline{p}]$$

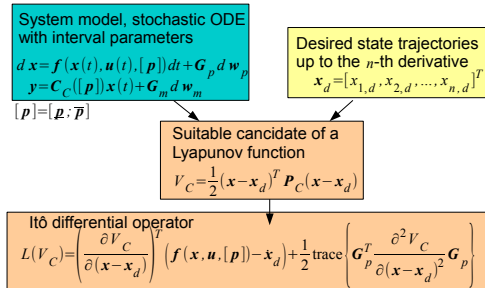
Desired state trajectories
up to the n -th derivative

$$x_d = [x_{1,d}, x_{2,d}, \dots, x_{n,d}]^T$$

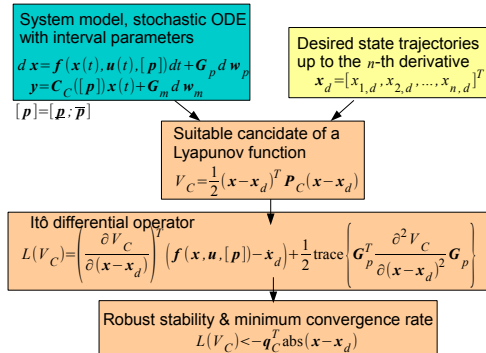
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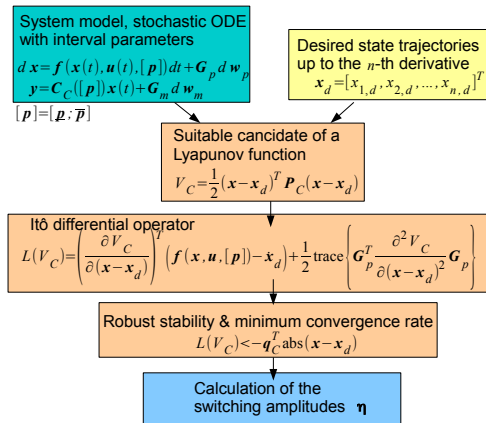
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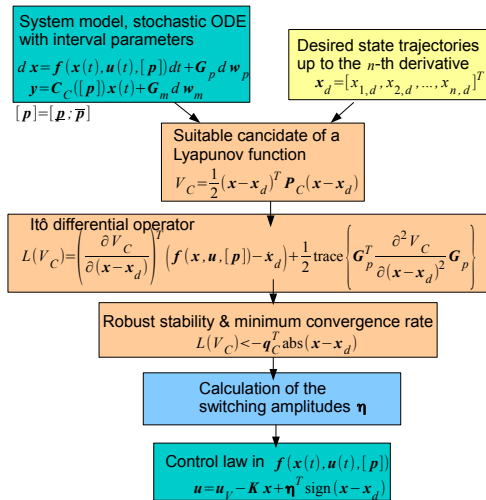
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$$|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}| = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_1) & \tilde{x}_1 \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_2) & \dots & \tilde{x}_1 \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_n) \\ \tilde{x}_2 \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_1) & \tilde{x}_2 \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_2) & \dots & \tilde{x}_2 \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{x}_n \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_1) & \tilde{x}_n \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_2) & \dots & \tilde{x}_n \cdot \text{sign}(\tilde{x}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Sign function $\text{sign}(\tilde{x}_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{x}_i > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \tilde{x}_i < 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

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- Linear part of the Lyapunov function with feedforward control u_V results in $\dot{V}_{a,C} = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{P}_C (\mathbf{A}_C - \mathbf{B}_C \mathbf{K}) \mathbf{x} + \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{P}_C \mathbf{B}_C u_V - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^T \mathbf{P}_C \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d$
- Vector of absolute values (component-wise)
 $\text{abs}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = [\text{abs}(x_1 - x_{d,1}) \quad \dots \quad \text{abs}(x_n - x_{d,n})]^T$
- Trace $T = \frac{1}{2} \text{trace} \left\{ \mathbf{G}_p^T \frac{\partial^2 V_C}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^2} \mathbf{G}_p \right\}$

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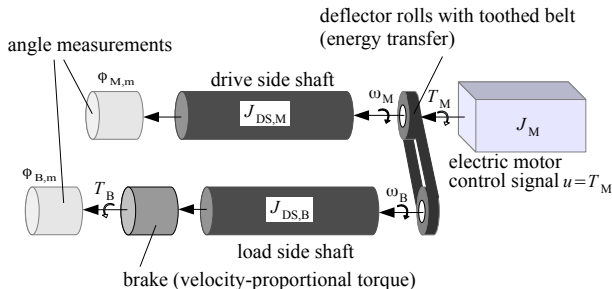
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- Underlying stabilization of the error dynamics by the controller gain matrix $\mathbf{K}$ (pole assignment, minimizing a quadratic cost function)
- Matrix $\mathbf{P}_C$ results from solving the Lyapunov equation $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^T \cdot \mathbf{P}_C + \mathbf{P}_C^T \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{A}} + \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{0}$ with $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{K}$ and $\mathbf{Q} > \mathbf{0}$
- Online evaluation of the switching amplitudes η in each time step instead of predefining the switching amplitude

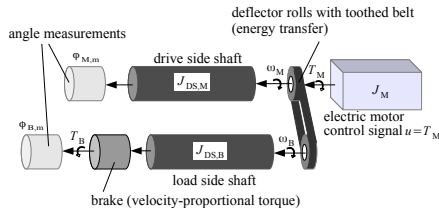
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Application Scenario: Drive train test-rig



- Motor torque T_M , braking torque T_B
- Angular velocity of the motor ω_M
- Measured angles $\varphi_{M,m}$ as well as $\varphi_{B,m}$
- J_{rot} contains all mass moments of inertia $J_{DS,M}$, $J_{DS,B}$, J_M with respect to the driving shaft
- Braking represents a disturbance

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System model

- ODE $J_{rot} \cdot \dot{\omega}_M = T_M - T_B + T_S \cdot \text{sign}(\omega_M)$
- Compensation of static friction $T_S \cdot \text{sign}(\omega_{M,d})$
- Motor torque is controlled by interval-based sliding mode controller
- Transmission ratio $k = \frac{\omega_M}{\omega_B}$
- Braking torque $T_B = k_{D2} \cdot \omega_B = \frac{k_{D2}}{k} \cdot \omega_M = d \cdot \omega_M$

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System Model (φ_M angle of rotation of the motor shaft)

$$\mathbf{f}_N = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{N1} \\ \dot{x}_{N2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\varphi}_M \\ \dot{\omega}_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_M \\ \alpha \cdot \omega_M + \beta \cdot u \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } u = T_M - T_S \cdot \text{sign}(\omega_M)$$

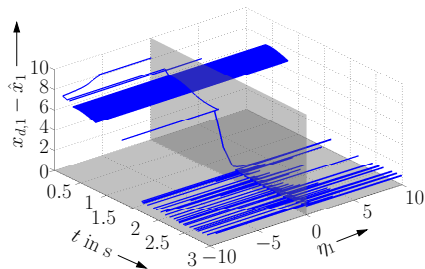
Task for Interval-based Sliding Mode Control

- Trajectory tracking $\varphi_M - \varphi_{M,d} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ and $\omega_M - \omega_{M,d} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$ despite uncertain parameters $\alpha \in [\alpha]$ and $\beta \in [\beta]$
- Simulative implementation: Interface between MATLAB/SIMULINK and C-XSC
- Experimental implementation: in progress (later more)

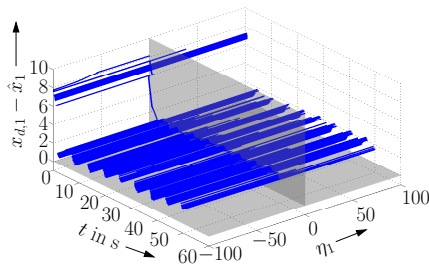
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(a) Transient phase.



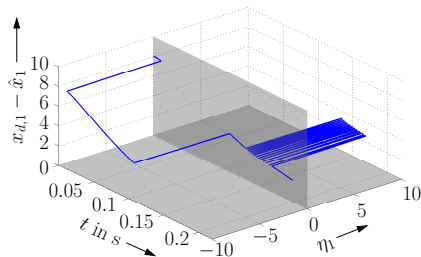
(b) Complete time horizon.

Relation between tracking error of position and corresponding switching amplitude

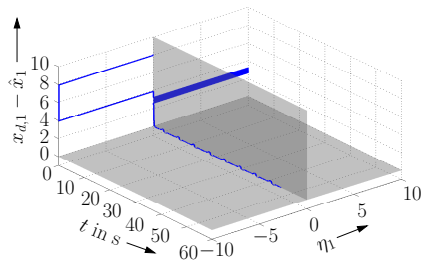
Tracking error after transient phase approx. $x_{d,1} - \hat{x}_1 = [0.9; 1.9]$

Simulation Results - Complete Control Law

$$u = u_V - \mathbf{k}^T \cdot \mathbf{x} + \eta^T \text{sign}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_d)$$



(c) Transient phase.



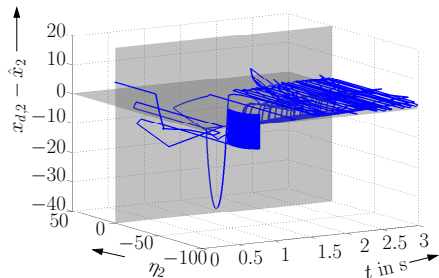
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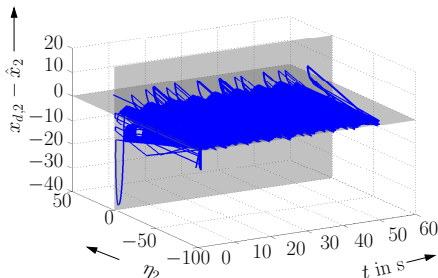
Tracking error after transient phase approx. $x_{d,1} - \hat{x}_1 = [-0.1; 0.2]$

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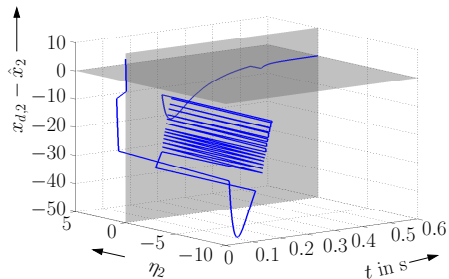
(f) Complete time horizon.

Relation between tracking error of velocity and corresponding switching amplitude

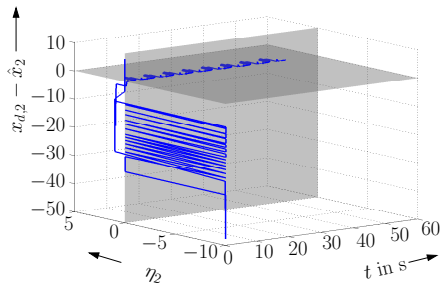
Tracking error after transient phase approx. $x_{d,2} - \hat{x}_2 = [-10; 10]$

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(g) Transient phase.



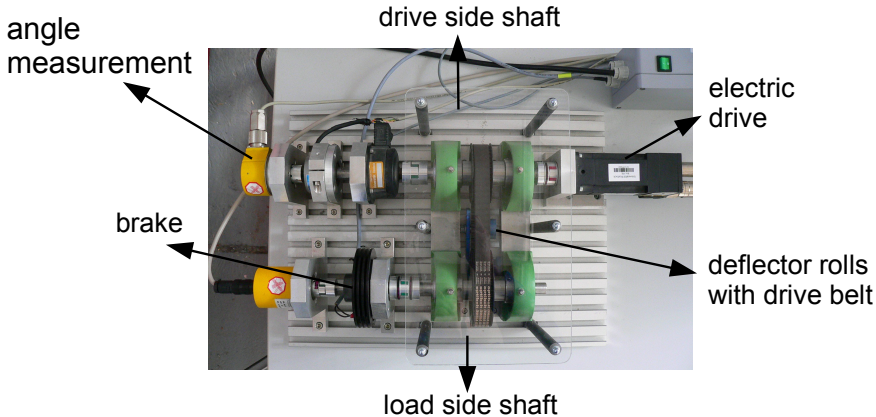
(h) Complete time horizon

Relation between tracking error of velocity and corresponding switching amplitude

Tracking error after transient phase approx. $x_{d,2} - \hat{x}_2 = [-2; 1]$

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Experimental Implementation (in Progress)



Experimental Test-Rig

Hardware and Programming

- Real-time environment: Bachmann system
- Communication via serial interface and Ethernet
- Compilation of Matlab/Simulink model directly on process unit
- Interface with C-XSC does not work in experiment, because switching of rounding mode is not fully supported (loss of accuracy can be neglected)
 - ⇒ Own structure for calculating with intervals
 - ⇒ New implementation of all algebraic operators
- Implementation of algorithm is in progress

Experimental Test-Rig

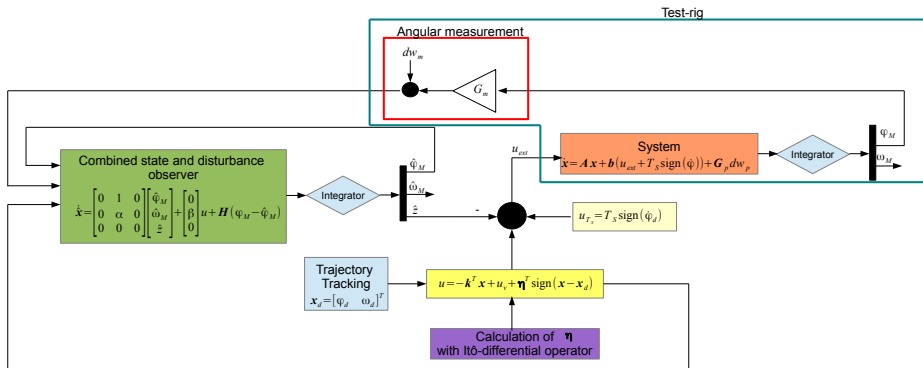


Figure: Schematic overview of the implementation in experiment.

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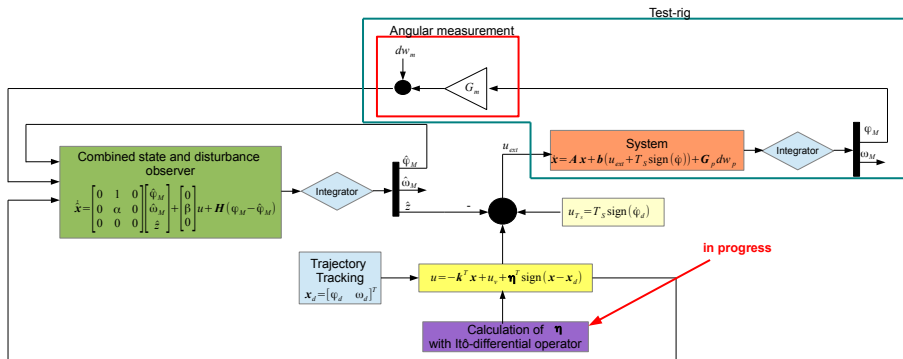


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Outlook

- Finish experimental implementation for real-time target
- Application to other nonlinear systems: thermodynamic process of a fuel cell system
- Maximization of the guaranteed stabilizable domain of the Lyapunov function
- Combination with interval-based sliding mode observer (estimation of non-measurable states and identification of uncertain parameters) $\Rightarrow$ closed-loop control

Thank you for your attention!