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Flight Control of Hypersonic Scramjet Vehicles Using a Differential Algebraic Approach

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[Abstract] Trajectory Linearization Control (TLC) is applied to a longitudinal hypersonic scramjet vehicle (HSV) model. The TLC algorithm is based on Differential Algebraic Spectral Theory (DAST) which features a time-varying eigenvalue concept and avoids the use of so-called frozen-time eigenvalues that can lead to unreliable results when applied to time-varying dynamical systems. A TLC controller was first designed for a nonlinear, affine, rigid-body model using an allocation strategy based on trim-condition lookup tables. The tables were populated by trimming the model at multiple operating points while varying velocity and altitude. The trim data was then fitted to a cubic polynomial function, and the lookup tables were replaced by analytical expressions for the effector settings. The TLC design was then verified on a first-principles based, longitudinal, rigid-body hypersonic vehicle model, and initial simulation testing results are presented.

Nomenclature

x	= State vector
μ	= Control vector
η	= Output vector
h	= Altitude
γ	= Flight path angle
V_t	= Velocity
θ	= Pitch angle
Q	= Body pitch rate
α	= Angle of attack
L	= Total lift
T	= Total thrust
M_y	= Pitch Moment
L_{aero}	= Aerodynamic lift
D_{aero}	= Aerodynamic drag
F_{prop}	= Propulsion force
L_{prop}	= Lift due to propulsion
D_{prop}	= Drag due to propulsion
L_{ctrl}	= Lift due to elevator deflection
D_{ctrl}	= Drag due to elevator deflection
M_o	= Mach number
δ_{th}	= fuel equivalence ratio
δ_e	= elevator deflection

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I. Introduction

Hypersonic Scramjet Vehicle (HSV) technology has become attractive in recent years as a possible launch vehicle solution. Current launch costs (approximately \$10,000/lb) are prohibitive, and Scramjet vehicles offer significant relief by utilizing oxygen in the atmosphere for combustion, thus greatly reducing launch weight. A combined-cycle approach is eventually envisioned using a vehicle that can alter its propulsion method based on flight conditions. High-speed travel and delivery of cargo (i.e. global overnight delivery) is another potential application for HSV's.

Research and development in this area is currently focusing on several key challenges arising from the unique integration of airframe, propulsion system, and flight control system of HSV's. The supersonic velocities attained by the air flowing through the combustor dictate a long, slender vehicle fuselage, thus inevitably leading to structural flexibility. The dependence of the propulsive efficiency on the geometry of the airframe for the ram compression and external combustion and expansion leads to a coupling between the aerodynamics, structural dynamics and the propulsion system which must be addressed by the flight control system.

An analytical model based on Newtonian Impact Theory¹⁻³ and aero/thermo analysis of the flow in a Scramjet-type propulsion system has been among the most commonly used for simulation and control design. The dynamics are strongly influenced by both propulsive and aerodynamic effects, and structural dynamics of the (assumed) elastic vehicle are accounted for using a lump-mass model. Using Lagrangian methods⁴, a model has been obtained which captures the dynamics due to the rigid-body, elastic deformation, fluid flow, rotating machinery, wind, and a spherical rotating Earth. Force, moment, and elastic-deformation equations are derived, as well as appropriate kinematic equations. A model based on Compressible Flow Theory is under development⁵ that captures the flexible structure, aerodynamic, and propulsion system coupling. This model will be described below, and will be used in this research for control design algorithm development and testing.

Study of the flight dynamics of HSV's has shown that the vehicles are nonlinear, time-varying, coupled, unstable, and non-minimum phase. Furthermore, initial simulations indicated very slow response to a reference command. The structural dynamics introduce further complications to the control problem, including modal uncertainty due to coupling effects, potentially time-varying modal frequencies, and the presence of structural modes with frequencies within the control bandwidth. Propulsive effects can be essentially viewed as disturbances to the flight control system. Note that elevator effects constitute an unstable zero dynamics that renders the overall system non-minimum phase.* If these effects can be canceled using throttle (possible if it produces significant direct lift at or forward of the CG and responds quickly) or by using additional control effectors such as a canard, then the overall non-minimum phase behavior will be reduced or eliminated.

Flight controller design methods for hypersonic and other elastic vehicles have been an important topic, and interest continues to grow. A robust control system design has been presented^{6,7} that uses a genetic algorithm to search a design coefficient space. Each search point is evaluated using a Monte Carlo routine that estimates stability and performance robustness. Using a 0-1 scale for probability of the vehicle going unstable, the resulting controller reduced the likelihood of instability from 0.816 to 0.014 compared to open loop operation. Controllers based on the mixed-sensitivity H_∞ technique⁸ have been presented that achieve good performance over a large flight envelope. The authors address concerns of instability inherent in the technique by ensuring that the frozen operation design points are chosen carefully. An output feedback technique⁹ using a novel error observer has shown good performance in the presence of flexible modes. An examination of the flight dynamics of hypersonic air breathing vehicles¹⁰ reveals the extensive coupling between flight-path and attitude dynamics in the hypersonic region. Additionally, this study demonstrates that propulsive performance varies with altitude, Mach number, and angle of attack. The presence of non-minimum phase characteristics of the lifting body design are addressed¹¹ by proposing an additional control surface. The presence of a canard that is ganged with the elevator can force the right-half plane transmission zero further to the right, allowing for increased freedom in control design in the form of increased controller bandwidth. A pseudo dynamic inversion (DI) controller is proposed¹² that uses an additional feedback loop to stabilize the zero dynamics. This avoids the right-half plane pole that DI would introduce in an attempt to cancel the non minimum phase zero. Another DI-based method uses a spline-interpolated lookup table¹³ during simulation to calculate the force coefficients, and has shown promising results.

In the current research, the authors study the application of Trajectory Linearization Control¹⁴⁻¹⁶ (TLC) to the HSV control problem. Nonlinear tracking and decoupling control using TLC is based on Differential Algebraic Spectral Theory (DAST), and can be viewed as the ideal gain-scheduling controller designed at every point on the flight trajectory. It is an analytical design that provides robustness by design (as opposed to worst-case optimal). It combines open-loop and closed-loop control, and is model based, thereby making maximal utilization of known

vehicle properties. In addition, it is adaptive, using time-varying bandwidth (gain) to allow adaptation to modeling errors and uncertainties, disturbances, control saturations, and failures.

The inherent flexibility of the airframe is an especially vital consideration, and research in this area is very active as well. An online adaptive filtering technique¹⁷ that can simultaneously identify multiple modes for flexible parameters has been introduced, although results are limited to widely-spaced frequencies. A procedure based on deeper understanding of actuator dynamics is suggested¹⁸, and results in a less conservative design.

This paper describes the HSV models under study in Section II, and provides the theoretical background and practical application of TLC, including the controller design process for the rigid body HSV longitudinal dynamics model in Section III. A control allocation scheme is discussed in Section IV. Section V describes the current Matlab/SIMULINK implementation of TLC on the AFRL model, and the trim-testing and step response results are presented. Section VI concludes the paper with a summary of the main results.

II. Modeling

A. First-Principles Based Hypersonic Vehicle Model

Researchers at Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in Dayton, OH are developing a generic, hypersonic vehicle longitudinal dynamics model that takes into account structural, aerodynamic, and propulsion system coupling.⁵ Compressible flow theory is used to determine the pressures acting on the vehicle, and oblique shock theory is used to determine the angle of the bow shock. The forces acting on the airframe are derived in the body axis as F_x and F_z , where the propulsion and aerodynamic forces and moment M_y are heavily coupled and are nonlinear functions of the state variables altitude h , velocity V_t , angle of attack α , and control variables elevator deflection δ_e , engine throttle (equivalence fuel ratio) δ_{th} , and the cowl door distance x_d . The model has been implemented in MATLAB, and will be treated as a black box.

B. Nonlinear Affine Rigid Body Model for TLC Design

Typical modern nonlinear flight control techniques employ the affine nonlinear state equation model

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)\mu$$

$$\eta = h(x) + d(x)\mu$$

where x is the state vector, μ is the control vector, and η is the output vector. The vector field f usually captures inertial and structural couplings, as well as aerodynamic and propulsion couplings of the state variables, while the vector field g represents effectiveness of the control effectors on the rate of change of the state variables.

In order to maximize the crosscutting capability of our design for scaling or alteration of the airframe, or migration to different airframes, we choose to separate the inertial/structural dynamics from the aero/propulsive dynamics as

$$\dot{x} = f_1(x) + f_2(x) + g(x)\mu$$

where $f_1(x)$ captures the inertial/structural dynamics due to vehicle mass properties and structural configuration that can be determined by analysis and testing, while $f_2(x)$ represents aerodynamic and propulsive forces and moments that are usually determined by CFD analysis, wind tunnel testing, and flight data. The control design will first use $f_2(x)$ as virtual controls to achieve desired motion, then realize the virtual control commands as a (static) control allocation design. To this end, and at the present stage, the longitudinal rigid body equations of motion in the stability frame is given by

$$\dot{h} = V_t \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \left(\frac{L}{m} - g \cos \gamma \right) \frac{1}{V_t}$$

$$\dot{V}_t = \frac{T}{m} - g \sin \gamma$$

$$\dot{\theta} = Q$$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{1}{I_{yy}} M_y$$

where L is the total lift force, T is the net thrust force, and M_y is the total pitching moment. These variables will be used as virtual controls $L = \mu_1$, $T = \mu_2$, $M_y = \mu_3$, and are decomposed into components

$$L = L_{\text{aero}} + L_{\text{prop}} + L_{\text{ctrl}}$$

$$T = -D_{\text{aero}} + T_{\text{prop}} - D_{\text{ctrl}}$$

$$M_y = M_{y,\text{aero}} + M_{y,\text{prop}}$$

The physical constant parameters are given by:

$$m = 300 \text{ slug}, g = 32.17 \text{ ft/s}^2, Re = 2.093 \times 10^7, I_{yy} = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ slug-ft}^2.$$

With the state, virtual control input, and output variables defined as given in the nomenclature, the state and output equations can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{h} \\ \dot{\gamma} \\ \dot{V}_t \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{Q} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} V_t \sin \gamma \\ -g \frac{1}{V_t} \cos \gamma \\ -g \sin \gamma \\ Q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{V_t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} L \\ T \\ M_y \end{bmatrix} \\ &= f(x) + g(x)\mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} L \\ T \\ M_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{\text{prop}} + L_{\text{aero}} + L_{\text{ctrl}} \\ T_{\text{prop}} - D_{\text{aero}} - D_{\text{ctrl}} \\ M_{y,\text{prop}} + M_{y,\text{aero}} \end{bmatrix} = b(\delta, \alpha, V_t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ V_t \end{bmatrix} = h(x).$$

Note that in this simplified case h is neither regulated nor measured. However, the altitude will have an effect on the lift, drag, propulsion, and control forces and moments due to the variations in density and temperature, and will be included in the design. For autonomous flight, the regulated variables can be the altitude and down range trajectories. In that case, flight path angle and velocity become intermediate variables.

C. Nonlinear Affine Virtual Control and Control Effector Model

This study assumes an affine, nonlinear actuator model for virtual control and control effectors in the form of

$$p(x) = p_{\text{trim}} + \tilde{p}$$

where $p_{\text{trim}} = p(x_{\text{trim}})$ is the nominal value of p at the trimmed (equilibrium) flight condition x_{trim} , and $\tilde{p}$ is the perturbation from the nominal which will be approximated by

$$\tilde{p} = \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right|_{x_{\text{trim}}} \tilde{x}$$

where $\tilde{x}$ is the perturbation of the flight condition from x_{trim} . The forces and pitch moment are given by

$$L_{\text{aero}} = C_{L_\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} + L_{\text{aero,trim}}$$

$$D_{\text{aero}} = C_{D_\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} + D_{\text{aero,trim}}$$

$$L_{\text{ctrl}} = C_{L_{\delta_e}} \tilde{\delta}_e + L_{\text{ctrl,trim}}$$

$$D_{\text{ctrl}} = C_{D_{\delta_e}} \tilde{\delta}_e + D_{\text{ctrl,trim}}$$

$$F_{\text{prop}} = C_{\delta_{\text{th}}} \tilde{\delta}_{\text{th}} + F_{\text{prop,trim}}$$

$$L_{\text{prop}} = (\tilde{F}_{\text{prop}} + F_{\text{prop,trim}}) \sin \alpha \simeq \tilde{F}_{\text{prop}} \sin \alpha_{\text{trim}} + F_{\text{prop,trim}} \sin \alpha_{\text{trim}}$$

$$T_{\text{prop}} = (\tilde{F}_{\text{prop}} + F_{\text{prop,trim}}) \cos \alpha \simeq \tilde{F}_{\text{prop}} \cos \alpha_{\text{trim}} + F_{\text{prop,trim}} \cos \alpha_{\text{trim}}$$

$$M_y = C_{\delta_e} \tilde{\delta}_e + M_{y,\text{trim}}$$

Thus

$$\tilde{L} = C_{\delta_{th}} \tilde{\delta}_{\text{th}} \sin \alpha_{\text{trim}} + C_{L_\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} + C_{L_{\delta_e}} \tilde{\delta}_e$$

$$\tilde{T} = C_{\delta_{th}} \tilde{\delta}_{\text{th}} \cos \alpha_{\text{trim}} - C_{D_\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} - C_{D_{\delta_e}} \tilde{\delta}_e$$

$$\tilde{M}_y = C_{M_{\delta_{th}}} \tilde{\delta}_{\text{th}} + C_{M_\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} + C_{M_{\delta_e}} \tilde{\delta}_e$$

where

$$\tilde{L} = L - L_{\text{trim}} = L - F_{\text{prop,trim}} \sin \alpha_{\text{trim}} - L_{\text{aero,trim}} - L_{\text{ctrl,trim}}$$

$$\tilde{T} = T - T_{\text{trim}} = T - F_{\text{prop,trim}} \cos \alpha_{\text{trim}} + D_{\text{aero,trim}} + D_{\text{ctrl,trim}}$$

$$\tilde{M}_y = M_y - M_{y,\text{trim}}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \alpha - \alpha_{\text{trim}}$$

$$\tilde{\delta}_e = \delta_e - \delta_{e,\text{trim}}$$

$$\tilde{\delta}_{\text{th}} = \delta_{\text{th}} - \delta_{\text{th,trim}}$$

In this case, the parameters of the model are given by

$$C_{\delta_{th}}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial F_{\text{prop}}}{\partial \delta_{\text{th}}} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{M_{\delta_{th}}}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial \delta_{\text{th}}} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{L_\alpha}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial L_{\text{aero}}}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{D_\alpha}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial D_{\text{aero}}}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{M_\alpha}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{L_{\delta_e}}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial L_{\text{aero}}}{\partial \delta_e} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{D_{\delta_e}}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial D_{\text{aero}}}{\partial \delta_e} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

$$C_{M_{\delta_e}}(V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}) = \left. \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial \delta_e} \right|_{V_{t,\text{trim}}, h_{\text{trim}}}$$

where the trim values and derivatives are obtained from the AFRL Model by performing a two-dimensional optimization at multiple operating points based on velocity and altitude.

III. Trajectory Linearization Controller Design and Simulation Implementation

A. Trajectory Linearization Control (TLC)

TLC provides robust stability and performance without interpolation of controller gains, and eliminates costly controller redesigns due to minor airframe alteration. Controller gains for the commanded torque are computed symbolically based on the theoretical derivations and are applicable to any feasible trajectories and airframes with known mass properties. Therefore the design is scalable and mission adaptable. Additional features include the use of correct time-varying eigenvalue stability theory, and automated design using symbolic toolbox script. There is no interpolating for gain-scheduling needed, since the method provides 'ideal' gain-scheduling at every point along guidance trajectory.

Figure 1 shows a conceptual block diagram of the TLC method. A so-called pseudo-inverse is obtained for the nonlinear plant model to calculate the open-loop nominal control. The tracking error is then driven toward zero exponentially using a linear time-varying (LTV) tracking error regulator.

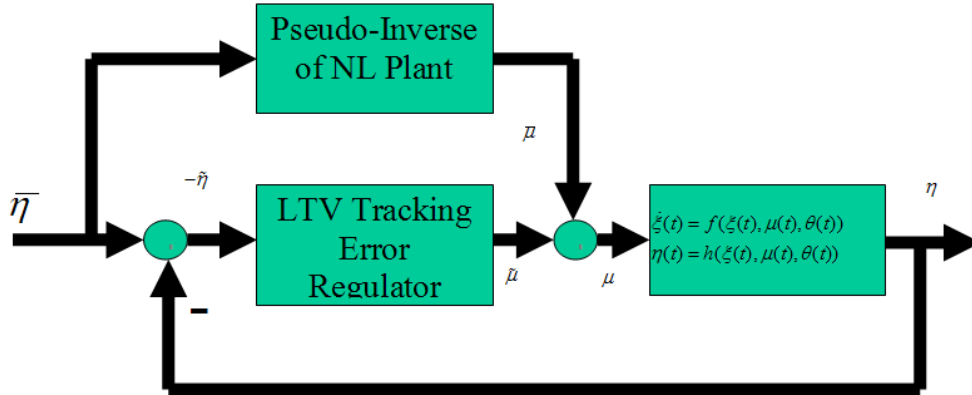


Figure 1. Conceptual Configuration Trajectory Linearization Control.

B. TLC Guidance and Attitude Controller Design

The control design method has been applied to the affine, nonlinear, rigid-body vehicle longitudinal model with a simplified linear control allocation. The design will be carried out for a slow translational (guidance) loop and a fast rotational (attitude) loop based on time-scale separation (singular perturbation principle).

1. The Guidance (Translational Motion) Loop

The reference command inputs are the commanded flight path angle γ_{com} and the commanded velocity $V_{t\text{com}}$. The (virtual) control effector inputs to the guidance loop are chosen to be the throttle δ_{th} and the commanded angle of attack α_{com} . The outputs are the same as the overall system. The effects of the elevator deflection δ_e are treated as a disturbance that is ignored in the controller design. The guidance loop equations of motion are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\gamma} \\ \dot{V}_t \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -g \frac{1}{V_t} \cos \gamma \\ -g \sin \gamma \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{V_t} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} L \\ T \end{bmatrix} \\ &= f_{\text{gl}}(x_{\text{gl}}) + g_{\text{gl}}(x_{\text{gl}})\mu_{\text{gl}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma \\ V_t \end{bmatrix} = h(x)$$

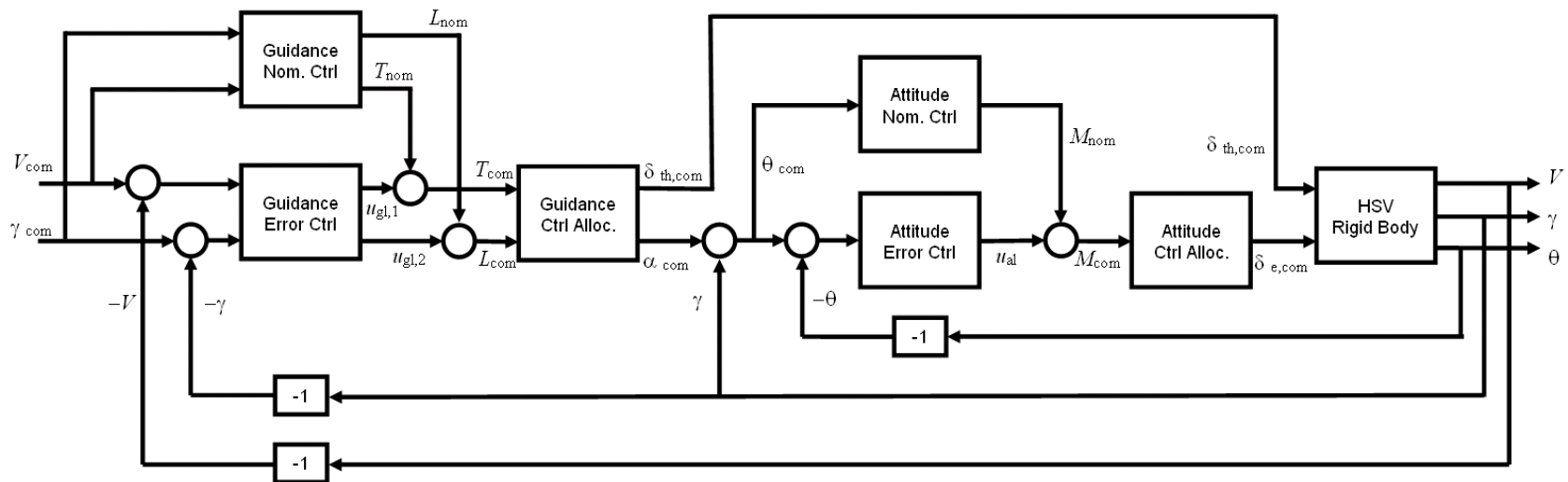


Figure 2. HSV TLC Controller Configuration

i. Nominal Guidance Controller Design:

Since $h(x)$ is independent of the input μ_{gl} , the relative degree is greater than zero. Taking the time derivative of η_1 once yields

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\eta}_1 &= \dot{\gamma} = -g \frac{1}{V_t} \cos \gamma + \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{V_t} L \\ \dot{\eta}_2 &= \dot{V}_t = -g \sin \gamma + \frac{1}{m} T\end{aligned}$$

Thus the system has a vector relative degree $[1 \ 1]$. The inverse mapping from $\dot{\eta}$ to $\bar{\mu}_{\text{gl}}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{L} &= m(\bar{Q} \dot{\eta}_1 + g \cos \bar{\gamma}) \\ \bar{T} &= m(\dot{\eta}_2 + g \sin \bar{\gamma})\end{aligned}$$

The first-order pseudo-differentiators are designed by

$$\dot{\hat{\eta}}_i = \omega_{\text{diff},i}(\bar{\eta}_i - \hat{\eta}_i), \quad i = 1, 2$$

Note that $\hat{\eta}_1 = \hat{\gamma}$, $\hat{\eta}_2 = \hat{V}_t$. The state equation of the pseudo dynamic inverse of the plant is then given by

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\hat{\gamma}} \\ \dot{\hat{V}}_t \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -\omega_{\text{diff},1} \hat{\gamma}_2 \\ -\omega_{\text{diff},2} \hat{V}_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{\text{diff},1} & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_{\text{diff},2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\eta}_1 \\ \bar{\eta}_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \Phi_{\text{gl}}(\hat{x}_{\text{gl}}) + \Gamma_{\text{gl}}(\hat{x}_{\text{gl}}) \bar{\eta} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \bar{L} \\ \bar{T} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} -m(\hat{V}_t \omega_{\text{diff},1} \hat{\gamma} - g \cos \hat{\gamma}) \\ -m(\omega_{\text{diff},2} \hat{V}_t - g \sin \hat{\gamma}) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} m \hat{V}_t \omega_{\text{diff},1} & 0 \\ 0 & m \omega_{\text{diff},2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\eta}_1 \\ \bar{\eta}_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \Psi_{\text{gl}}(\hat{x}_{\text{gl}}) + \Omega_{\text{gl}}(\hat{x}_{\text{gl}}) \bar{\eta}\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the pseudo-inverse is globally exponentially stable. It is noted that in unaccelerated cruise flight, the nominal thrust $\bar{T} = 0$. This is because the aerodynamic drag force is not included in the plant model. Rather, it is included in the guidance control allocation. Thus, $\bar{T} = 0$ does not mean the throttle $\delta_{\text{th}} = 0$. In fact $\delta_{\text{th}} = \delta_{\text{th,trim}}$, which generates the thrust that cancels out the aerodynamic drag force.

ii. Guidance Tracking Error Stabilization Controller Design:

Define the (augmented) tracking error variables by

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\gamma}_{\text{int}}(t) \\ \tilde{\gamma}_2(t) \\ \tilde{V}_{\text{int}}(t) \\ \tilde{V}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^t (\gamma(\tau) - \bar{\gamma}(\tau)) d\tau \\ \gamma(t) - \bar{\gamma}(t) \\ \int_0^t (V_t(\tau) - \bar{Q}(\tau)) d\tau \\ V_t(t) - \bar{Q}(t) \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{L}(t) \\ \tilde{T}(t) \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} L(t) - \bar{L}(t) \\ T(t) - \bar{T}(t) \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\eta}_1(t) \\ \tilde{\eta}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1(t) - \bar{\eta}_1(t) \\ \eta_2(t) - \bar{\eta}_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the tracking error dynamics is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{\gamma}}_{\text{int}} \\ \dot{\tilde{\gamma}} \\ \dot{\tilde{V}}_{t_{\text{int}}} \\ \dot{\tilde{V}}_t \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\gamma}_2 \\ -g \left[\frac{1}{\tilde{\epsilon}_s + Q(t)} \cos(\tilde{\gamma} + \bar{\gamma}(t)) \right] \\ \tilde{V}_t \\ -g [\sin(\tilde{\gamma} + \bar{\gamma}(t)) + \sin \bar{\gamma}(t)] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \left[\frac{1}{\tilde{V}_t + Q} (\tilde{L} + \bar{L}(t)) - \frac{1}{Q} \bar{L}(t) \right] \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \tilde{T}_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \tilde{f}_{\text{gl}}(\tilde{x}_{\text{gl}}, \bar{x}_{\text{gl}}(t)) + \tilde{g}_{\text{gl}}(\tilde{x}_{\text{gl}}, \tilde{\mu}_{\text{gl}}, \bar{x}_{\text{gl}}(t), \bar{\mu}_{\text{gl}}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\eta}_1 \\ \tilde{\eta}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\gamma} \\ \tilde{V}_t \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{h}(\tilde{x}_{\text{gl}}, \bar{x}_{\text{gl}}(t))$$

Linearization along the nominal trajectory yields the linearized tracking error dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_{\text{gl}} &= A_{\text{gl}}(t)x_{\text{gl}} + B_{\text{gl}}(t)u_{\text{gl}} \\ y_{\text{gl}} &= C_{\text{gl}}(t)x_{\text{gl}} + D_{\text{gl}}(t)u_{\text{gl}} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{gl}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial f_{\text{gl}}}{\partial x_{\text{gl}}} \right|_{\bar{x}_{\text{gl}}, \bar{\mu}_{\text{gl}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g \frac{1}{Q(t)} \sin \bar{\gamma}(t) & 0 & g \frac{1}{Q(t)} \cos \bar{\gamma}(t) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -g \cos \bar{\gamma}(t) & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ B_{\text{gl}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial f_{\text{gl}}}{\partial \mu_{\text{gl}}} \right|_{\bar{x}_{\text{gl}}, \bar{\mu}_{\text{gl}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{Q(t)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{m} \end{bmatrix} \\ C_{\text{gl}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial h_{\text{gl}}}{\partial x_{\text{gl}}} \right|_{\bar{x}_{\text{gl}}, \bar{\mu}_{\text{gl}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Let the desired closed-guidance-loop (CGL) tracking error dynamics be given by

$$A_{\text{cgl}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -a_{111}(t) & -a_{112}(t) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -a_{121}(t) & -a_{122}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_{1i1}(t) &= \omega_{1i}^2(t) & i &= 1, 2 \\ a_{1i2}(t) &= 2\zeta_{1i}\omega_{1i}(t) - \frac{\dot{\omega}_{1i}(t)}{\omega_{1i}(t)} \end{aligned}$$

Design a proportional-integral (PI) state feedback control law

$$\begin{aligned} u_{\text{gl}} &= K_{\text{cgl}}(t)x_{\text{gl}} \\ &= K_{\text{P,cgl}}(t) \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} + K_{\text{I,cgl}}(t) \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where the controller gain matrix is found from

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{\text{cgl}}(t) &= [R_{\text{gl}} B_{\text{gl}}(t)]^{-1} R_{\text{gl}} [A_{\text{cgl}}(t) - A_{\text{gl}}(t)] \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} m\bar{Q}(t) & 0 \\ 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -a_{111}(t) & -a_{112}(t) + g \frac{1}{\bar{Q}(t)} \sin\bar{\gamma}(t) & 0 & g \frac{1}{\bar{Q}^2(t)} \cos\bar{\gamma}(t) \\ 0 & g \cos\bar{\gamma}(t) & -a_{121}(t) & -a_{122}(t) \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_{\text{gl}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii. Guidance Loop Control Allocation

The overall guidance loop virtual control is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} L \\ T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mu}_1 \\ \bar{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The guidance loop control effectors are chosen to be the fuel equivalence ratio (throttle) δ_{th} and the angle of attack α (in degrees).

B. The Attitude (Rotational Motion) Loop

The reference command is the commanded angle of attack α_{com} generated by the guidance loop. However, the attitude loop state variables are chosen to be the Euler pitch angle θ and the body pitch rate $\dot{Q}$, which are also measured for state feedback. Thus, the commanded angle of attack is achieved via the commanded pitch angle $\theta_{\text{com}} = \alpha_{\text{com}} + \gamma$. The virtual control input is chosen to be the pitch moment $M_y = M_y$. The regulated output for the attitude loop is the pitch angle θ . The equations of motion for the attitude loop are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{Q} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} Q \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \end{bmatrix} [M_y] \\
&= f_{\text{al}}(x_{\text{al}}) + g_{\text{al}}(x) \mu_{\text{al}} \\
[\eta_3] &= \theta = h_{\text{al}}(x_{\text{al}})
\end{aligned}$$

i. Nominal Attitude Control Design

The attitude EOM is a linear system with relative degree 2. Thus the inverse mapping from $\ddot{\eta}_3$ to $\bar{\mu}_3$ is given by

$$\bar{\mu}_3 = I_{yy} \ddot{\eta}_3$$

The second-order pseudo-differentiators are designed by:

$$\ddot{\hat{\eta}}_3 = \omega_{\text{diff},3}^2 \bar{\eta}_3 - \left(2 \zeta_{\text{diff},3} \omega_{\text{diff},3} \dot{\hat{\eta}}_3 + \omega_{\text{diff},3}^2 \hat{\hat{\eta}}_3 \right)$$

Note that $\dot{\hat{\eta}}_3 = \hat{\hat{Q}}$, $\hat{\eta}_3 = \hat{\theta}$. The state equation of the pseudo dynamic inverse of the plant is then given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\hat{\theta}} \\ \dot{\hat{Q}} \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\omega_{\text{diff},3}^2 & -2 \zeta_{\text{diff},3} \omega_{\text{diff},3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\theta} \\ \hat{Q} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \omega_{\text{diff},3}^2 \end{bmatrix} [\bar{\eta}_3] \\
&= \Phi_{\text{al}}(\hat{\xi}_{\text{al}}) + \Gamma_{\text{al}}(\hat{\xi}_{\text{al}}) \bar{\eta}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{\mu}_3] &= \left[-I_{yy} \left(2 \zeta_{\text{diff},3} \omega_{\text{diff},3} \hat{\bar{Q}} + \omega_{\text{diff},3}^2 \hat{\bar{\theta}} \right) \right] + \left[I_{yy} \omega_{\text{diff},3}^2 \bar{\eta}_3 \right] \\ &= \Psi_{\text{al}}(\hat{\bar{x}}_{\text{al}}) + \Omega_{\text{al}}(\hat{\bar{x}}_{\text{al}}) \bar{\eta}_3 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the pseudo-inverse is globally exponentially stable.

ii. Attitude Tracking Error Stabilization Controller Design:

Define the (augmented) tracking error variables by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\theta}_{\text{int}}(t) \\ \tilde{\theta}(t) \\ \tilde{V}_t(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^t (\theta(\tau) - \bar{\theta}(\tau)) d\tau \\ \theta(t) - \bar{\theta}(t) \\ V_t(t) - \bar{V}_t(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\tilde{M}_y(t)] = [M_y(t) - \bar{M}_y(t)]$$

$$[\tilde{\eta}_3(t)] = [\eta_3(t) - \bar{\eta}_3(t)]$$

Then the tracking error dynamics is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\tilde{\theta}}_{\text{int}} \\ \dot{\tilde{\theta}} \\ \dot{\tilde{V}}_t \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{Q} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \end{bmatrix} [\tilde{M}_y] \\ &= \tilde{f}_{\text{al}}(\tilde{x}_{\text{al}}, \bar{x}_{\text{al}}(t)) + \tilde{g}_{\text{al}}(\tilde{x}_{\text{al}}, \tilde{\mu}_{\text{al}}, \bar{x}_{\text{al}}(t), \bar{\mu}_{\text{al}}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$[\tilde{\eta}_3] = [\tilde{\theta}] = \tilde{h}_{\text{al}}(\tilde{x}_{\text{al}}, \bar{x}_{\text{al}}(t))$$

Linearization along the nominal trajectory yields the linearized tracking error dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_{\text{al}} &= A_{\text{al}}(t)x_{\text{al}} + B_{\text{al}}(t)u_{\text{al}} \\ y_{\text{al}} &= C_{\text{al}}(t)x_{\text{al}} + D_{\text{al}}(t)u_{\text{al}} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{al}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial f_{\text{al}}}{\partial x_{\text{al}}} \right|_{\bar{x}_{\text{al}}, \bar{\mu}_{\text{al}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ B_{\text{al}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial f_{\text{al}}}{\partial \mu_{\text{al}}} \right|_{\bar{x}_{\text{al}}, \bar{\mu}_{\text{al}}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{I_{yy}} \end{bmatrix} \\ C_{\text{al}}(t) &= \left. \frac{\partial h_{\text{al}}}{\partial x_{\text{al}}} \right|_{\bar{x}_{\text{al}}, \bar{\mu}_{\text{al}}} = [0 \quad 1 \quad 0] \end{aligned}$$

Let the desired closed-attitude-loop tracking error dynamics be given by

$$A_{\text{cal}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -a_{21}(t) & -a_{22}(t) & -a_{23}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where for constant closed-loop eigenvalues ρ_1, ρ_2, ρ_3 ,

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{21}(t) &= -\rho_1 \rho_2 \rho_3 \\
a_{22}(t) &= \rho_1 \rho_2 + \rho_2 \rho_3 + \rho_3 \rho_1 \\
a_{23}(t) &= -(\rho_1 + \rho_2 + \rho_3).
\end{aligned}$$

The proportional-integral (PI) state feedback control law is designed by:

$$u_{al} = K_{cal}(t)x_{al}$$

where the controller gain matrix is found from

$$\begin{aligned}
K_{cal}(t) &= [R_{al}B_{al}(t)]^{-1}R_{al}[A_{cal}(t) - A_{al}(t)] \\
&= [I_{yy}][-a_{21}(t) \quad -a_{22}(t) \quad -a_{23}(t)]
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$R_{al} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

iii. Attitude Loop Control Allocation

The overall attitude loop control is given by

$$[M_y] = [\bar{M}_y] + [u_{al}]$$

The allocation will be designed together with the guidance loop in the next section.

IV. Control Allocation Design

Inverse Jacobian Approach

The control allocation is redesigned by inverting the equations for $\tilde{L}$, T , and $\tilde{M}$. Define the Jacobian matrix as

$$J(V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_{prop}}{\partial \delta_{th}} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \sin \alpha_{trim} & \frac{\partial L_{aero}}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} & \frac{\partial L_{aero}}{\partial \delta_e} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \\ \frac{\partial F_{prop}}{\partial \delta_{th}} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \cos \alpha_{trim} & -\frac{\partial D_{aero}}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} & -\frac{\partial D_{aero}}{\partial \delta_e} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \\ \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial \delta_{th}} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} & \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial \alpha} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} & \frac{\partial M_y}{\partial \delta_e} \Big|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \end{bmatrix}$$

We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} L \\ T \\ M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{trim} \\ T_{trim} \\ M_{trim} \end{bmatrix} + J_{trim} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\delta}_{th} \\ \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\delta}_e \end{bmatrix}.$$

where

$$L_{trim} = T_{prop,trim} \sin \alpha_{trim} + L_{aero,trim} + L_{ctrl,trim}$$

$$T_{trim} = T_{prop,trim} \cos \alpha_{trim} - D_{aero,trim} - D_{ctrl,trim}$$

Assuming the Jacobian is nonsingular, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\delta}_{th} \\ \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\delta}_e \end{bmatrix} = J_{trim}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{L} \\ \tilde{T} \\ \tilde{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta_{th} \\ \alpha \\ \delta_e \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{th,trim} \\ \alpha_{trim} \\ \delta_{e,trim} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\delta}_{th} \\ \tilde{\alpha} \\ \tilde{\delta}_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{th,trim} \\ \alpha_{trim} \\ \delta_{e,trim} \end{bmatrix} + J_{trim}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{L} \\ \tilde{T} \\ \tilde{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

To facilitate the initial control allocation design, we use the inverse Jacobian of the following simplified Jacobian matrix that allows the control allocation to be decoupled into the guidance tracking loop and attitude control tracking loop, and to circumvent the non-minimum phase effects of the lift due to the elevator that would likely lead to instability.

$$\hat{J}(V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}) = \begin{bmatrix} \left. \frac{\partial T_{prop}}{\partial \delta_{th}} \right|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \sin \alpha & \left. \frac{\partial L_{aero}}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} & 0 \\ \left. \frac{\partial T_{prop}}{\partial \delta_{th}} \right|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \cos \alpha & -\left. \frac{\partial D_{aero}}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \left. \frac{\partial M_q}{\partial \delta_e} \right|_{V_{t,trim}, h_{trim}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Control Allocation Implementation

Lookup Tables

As a first step to accommodate varying flight conditions, a lookup table is formed that contains trim values for lift, thrust, moment, and effector configurations based on velocity and altitude. This approach gives good results and will be used as a baseline performance. However, use of tables requires significant onboard data storage. For a large flight envelope, this may be cumbersome.

Curve Fitting

An alternate method of implementing the control allocation design above is to perform curve fits to obtain analytic expressions for the effector settings. Using Gaussian elimination, the data obtained for the lookup tables are fitted to the expressions of the form

$$\delta_i = c_1 M_o + c_2 M_o^2 + c_3 M_o^3 + c_4 h + c_5 h^2 + c_6,$$

and the tables are replaced with functions defined by these expressions. In the next section, simulation results are presented that utilize these fits for computation of effector settings. It is noted that, while curve fitting methods reduce the amount of onboard data storage, they do increase the computation time.

V. Simulation Implementation and Results

AFRL Rigid-Body Longitudinal Vehicle Model

In the current work, the affine model has been replaced by the rigid-body AFRL model. The TLC design used above is applied directly and preliminary results using the curve fitted allocation parameters are presented. The controller designed for affine model is used to perform trim and step response tests.

Trim testing result

In the initial simulation, the commanded trajectory is trimmed flight at Mach 8.0 and 85,000 ft. Figures 4-11 show that the vehicle trims successfully within 100s.

Step response testing result

As shown in figures 12-23, a increase in velocity of 500 ft/s is commanded at $t = 100$ s. It is seen that the controller designed for the affine model performs well on the nonlinear, rigid-body vehicle model.

VI. Conclusion

Initial study of the longitudinal hypersonic scramjet vehicle model under development at AFRL has revealed a rich but complex control design problem. The tight integration of propulsion and airframe presents unique challenges, and makes addressing the structural dynamics of the vehicle a critical issue. In the paper, a TLC design is presented and verified with successful trim and step response simulation on the rigid-body, longitudinal AFRL HSV model. Current work addresses the rigid body AFRL model directly, and a comparison is drawn between allocation schemes based on lookup tables and fitted expressions. Initial simulation results are presented and show a stable controller that can fly trim flights as well as perform basic maneuvers.

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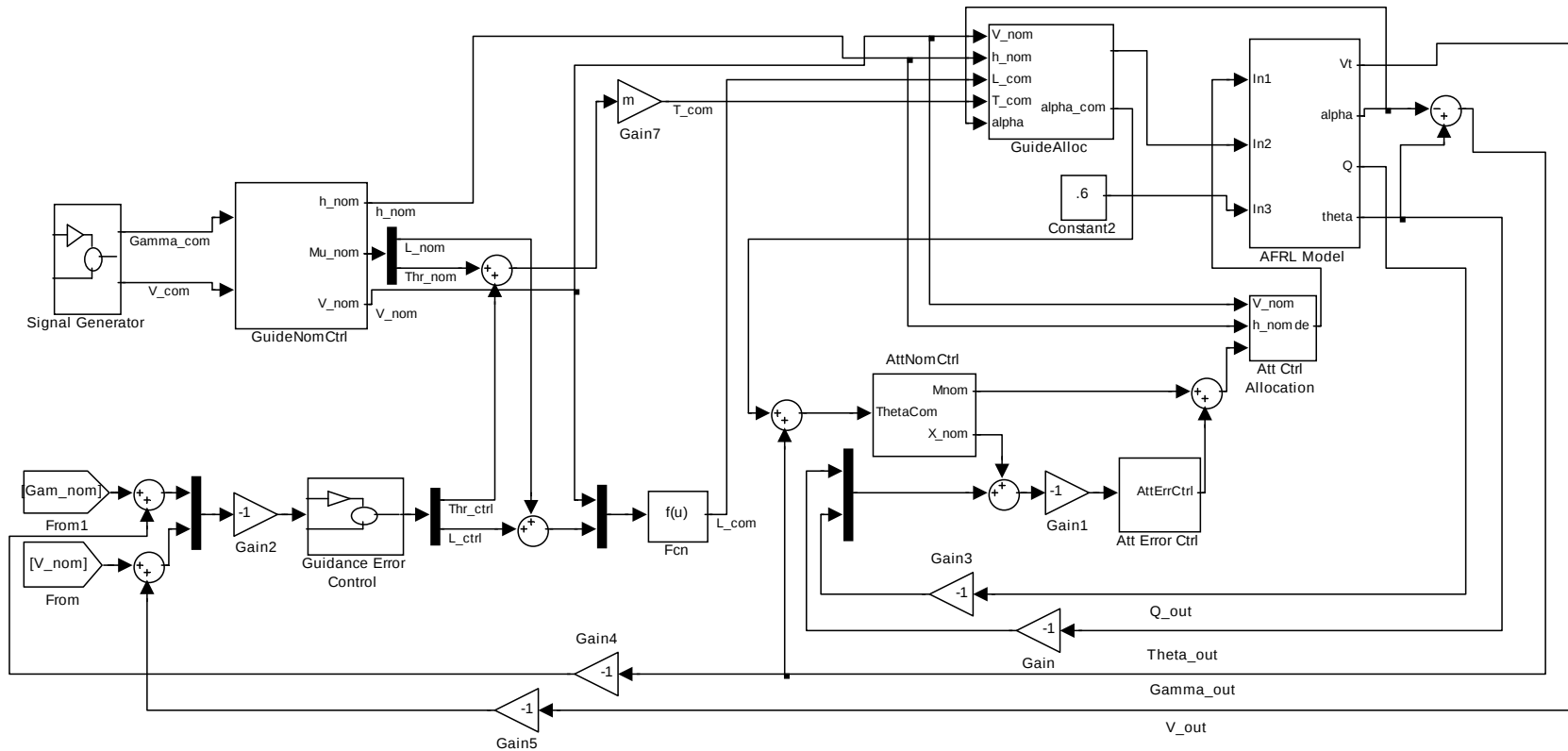


Figure 3. MATLAB/Simulink Implementation of the Rigid-Body Vehicle Model with TLC Controller

Trim Tests

In the following figures, the vehicle is trimmed at Mach 8.0 and 85,000 ft.

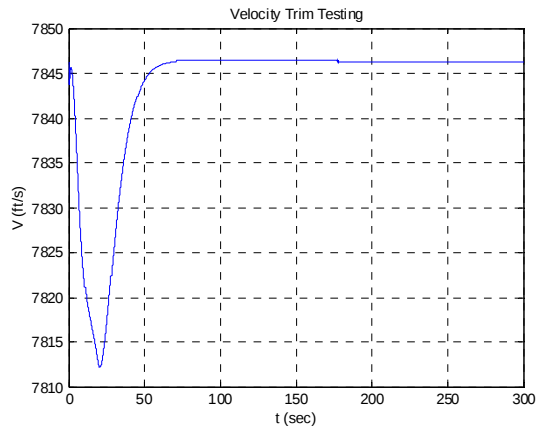


Figure 4. Velocity Trim Test

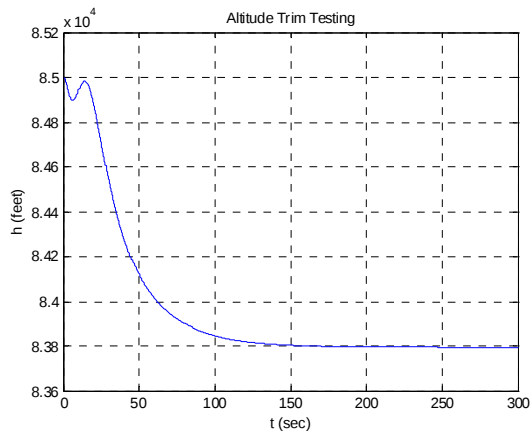


Figure 5. Altitude Trim Test

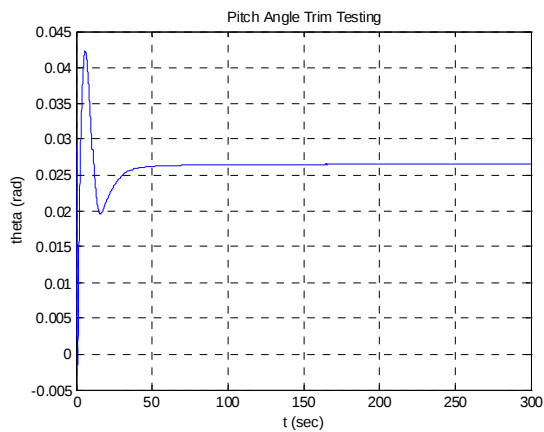


Figure 6. Pitch Angle Trim Test

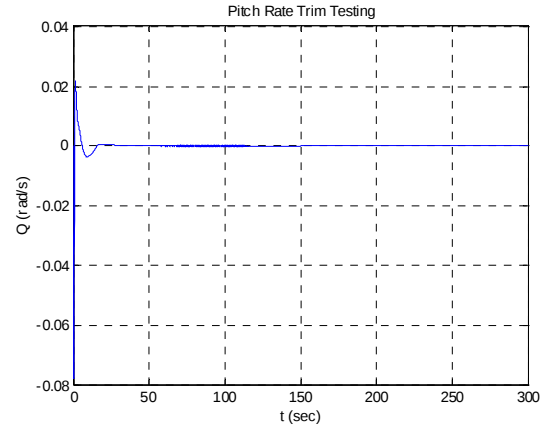


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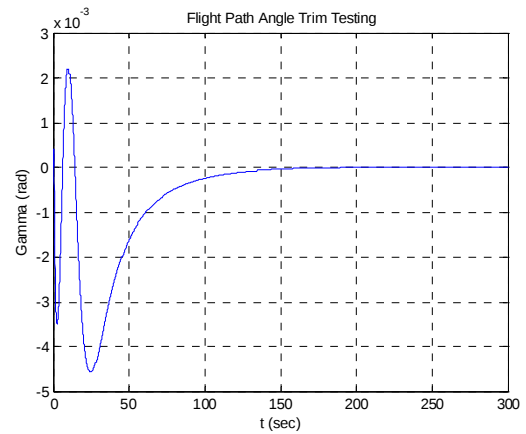


Figure 8. Flight Path Angle Trim Test

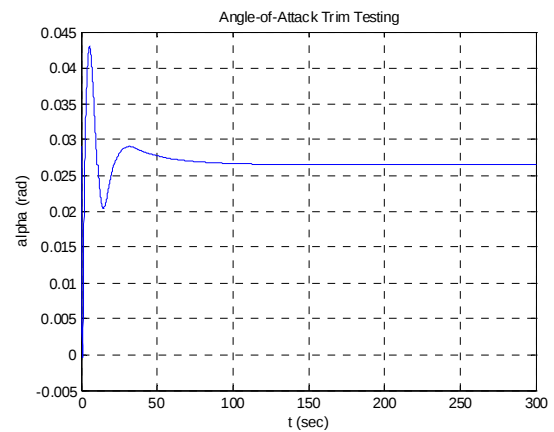


Figure 9. Angle-of-Attack Trim Test

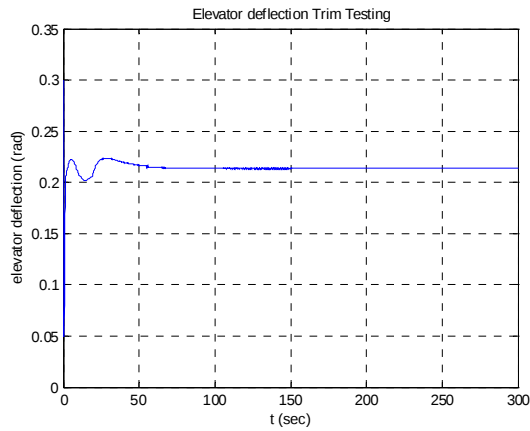


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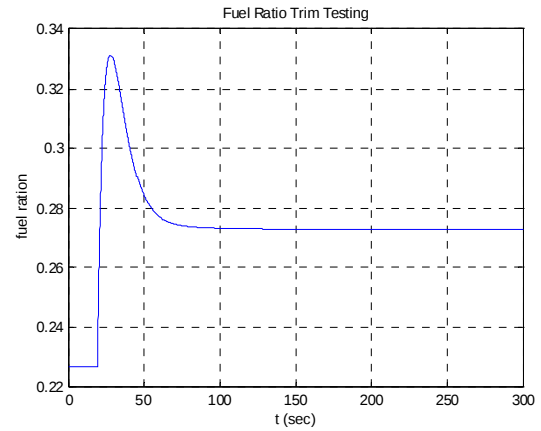


Figure 11. Fuel Ratio Trim Test

Step Response Tests

In the following figures, the vehicle is trimmed at Mach 8.0 and 85,000 ft for the first 100s, and then a step command is issued to increase the velocity by 500 ft/s.

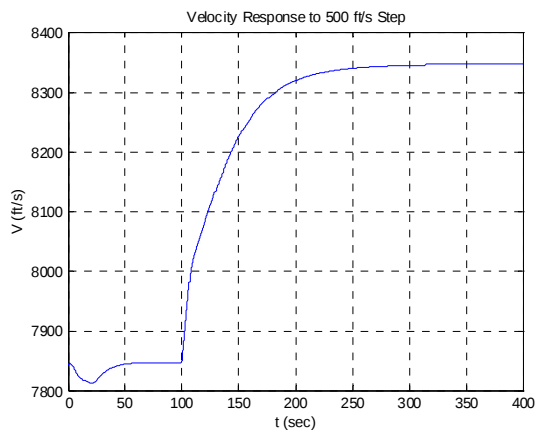


Figure 12. Velocity Response to Velocity Step Command

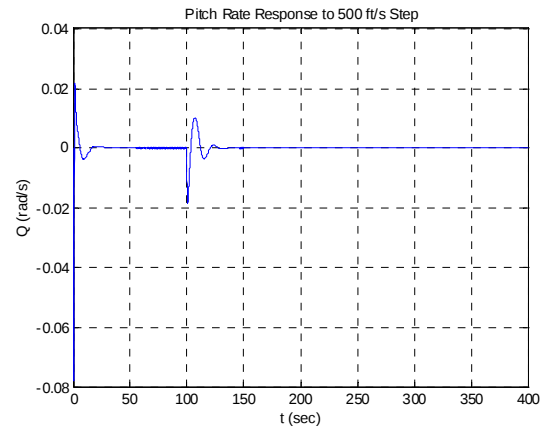


Figure 14. Pitch Rate Response to Velocity Step Command

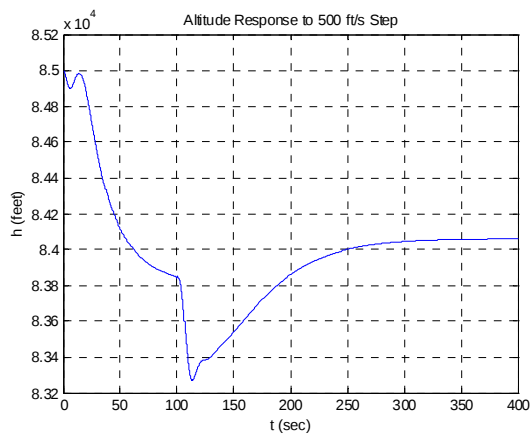


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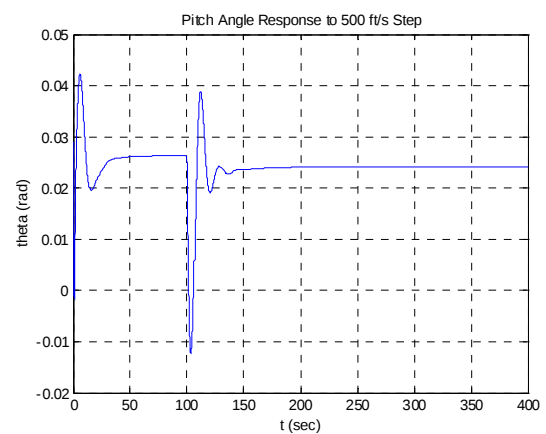


Figure 15. Pitch Angle Response to Velocity Step Command

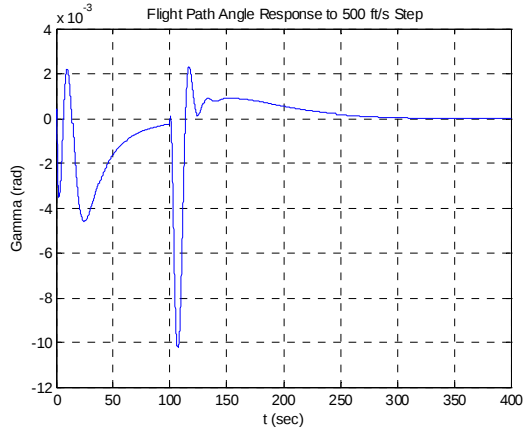


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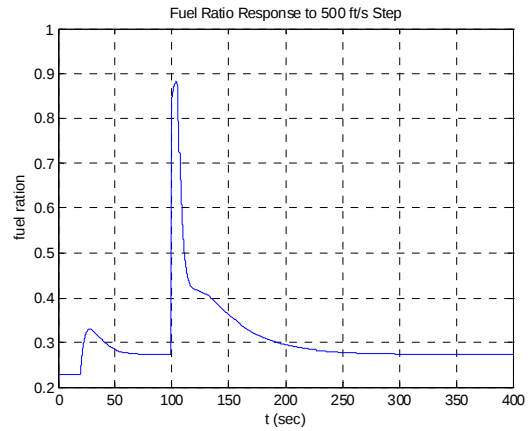


Figure 19. Fuel Ratio Response to Velocity Step Command

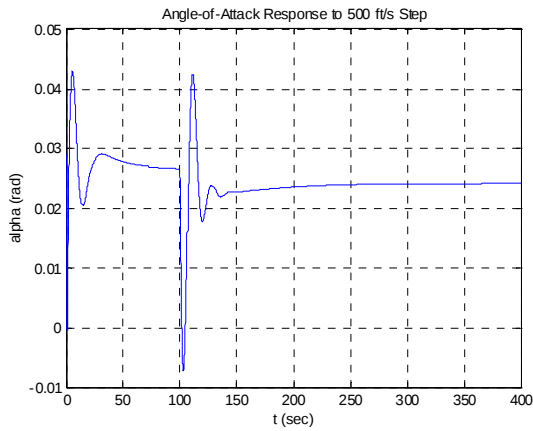


Figure 17. Angle-of-Attack Response to Velocity Step Command

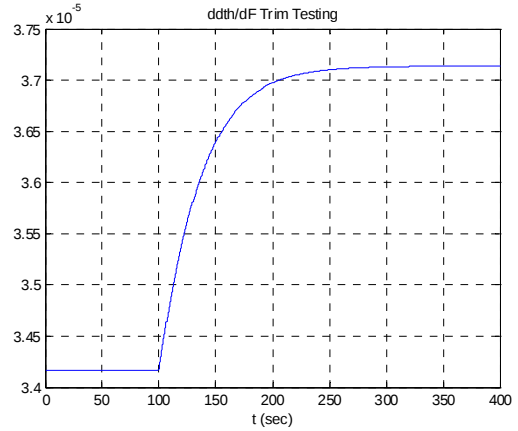


Figure 20. $\frac{d\delta_{th}}{dF}$ Response to Velocity Step Command

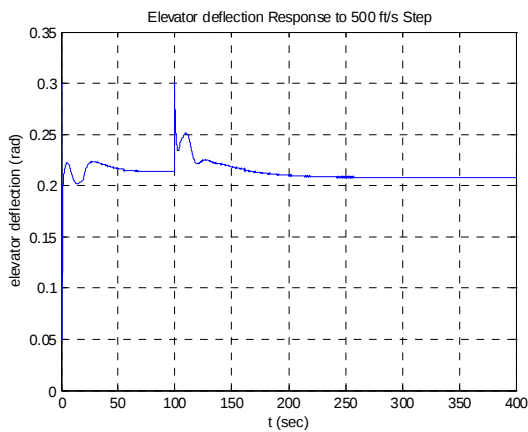


Figure 18. Elevator Deflection Response to Velocity Step Command

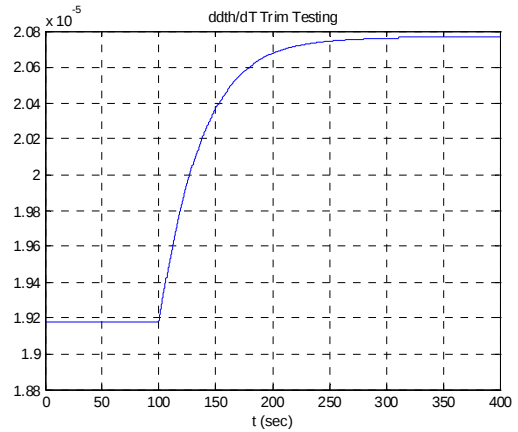


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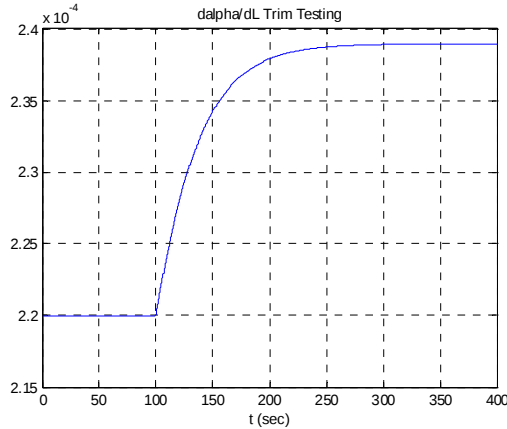


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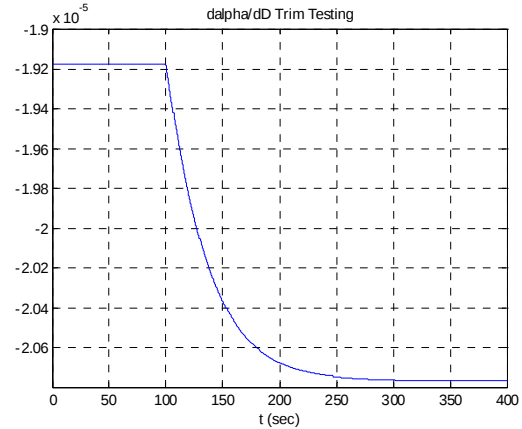


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