

Lateral control strategy for a hypersonic cruise missile

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Abstract

Hypersonic cruise missile always adopts the configuration of waverider body with the restraint of scramjet. As a result, the lateral motion exhibits serious coupling, and the controller design of the lateral lateral system cannot be conducted separately for yaw channel and roll channel. A multiple input and multiple output optimal control method with integrators is presented to design the lateral combined control system for hypersonic cruise missile. A hypersonic cruise missile lateral model is linearized as a multiple input and multiple output plant, which is coupled by kinematics and fin deflection between yaw and roll. In lateral combined controller, the integrators are augmented, respectively, into the loop of roll angle and lateral overload to ensure that the commands are tracked with zero steady-state error. Through simulation, the proposed controller demonstrates good performance in tracking the command of roll angle and lateral overload.

Keywords

Hypersonic cruise missile, lateral combined control, integrate optimal control

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Introduction

With the breakthrough of the scramjet and heat safeguard, the hypersonic vehicle has tended to develop into cruise missile to realize global strike. Hand projects of hypersonic cruise missile (HCM) such as High-Speed Strike Weapon programs and Hypersonic Air-breathing Weapon Concept, which are being managed by the US Air Force Research Lab and Defense Advanced Research Programs Agency, have been carried out. 8

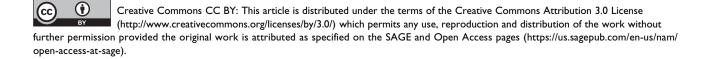
Over several past decades, a large number of researches have been focused on hypersonic aircraft aerodynamic modeling, 9-11 because hypersonic vehicle has a character of highly areo-propulsion integrated configuration. Consequently, it is difficult to measure and estimate the aerodynamic parameters and set an accurate model. Also, the scramjet is highly sensitive to the vehicle flying conditions such as angle of attack and sliding angle. Many works have been concentrated on designing high-precision control

system to guarantee that the scramjet works efficiently. The uncertainties in the dynamic model, such as aerodynamic, thermodynamic, and elastic coupling, are considered as the primary disturbances. Matthew¹² reported an adaptive linear quadratic altitude and velocity tracking control algorithm for the longitudinal model of a generic air-breathing hypersonic flight vehicle. In case of input saturation, deadzone input nonlinearity, states constraint, and actuator fault, the reader can refer to the studies of Xu et al. ^{13–16} A nonlinear controller for an air-breathing hypersonic

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vehicle was designed by Fiorentini et al.¹⁷ Xu et al.¹⁸ presented an adaptive sliding mode control for hypersonic aircraft with nonlinear and model uncertainty. Considering the effect of a digital computer on board with a certain sampling interval, the control system for an HCM using discrete sliding model is proposed by Fan et al.¹⁹ Xu et al.^{20–23} have studied the dynamic surface control with neural network to deal with the system uncertainty using minimal-learning-parameter technique and global tracking design.

The researchers are mainly focused on the longitudinal controller design for hypersonic vehicle, and only a very few are focused on the lateral controller. The lateral controller design is more difficult than the longitudinal. As in many published papers, the height and velocity are usually controlled in longitudinal autopilot; nonetheless, they are also in the same channel. However, there is serious coupling between yaw and roll due to the surface symmetrical configuration. The lateral autopilot should control the yaw channel and roll channel simultaneously. Also, the desirable control performance cannot be got if the lateral system is designed separately as yaw and roll. In addition, the lateral model of hypersonic aircraft can be seldom studied in literatures, since the lateral model is more complicated.

In this article, a lateral control strategy for an HCM is proposed. Firstly, an HCM's lateral model is established and the aerodynamic force and moment coefficients are given. Then, the HCM's lateral model is linearized as a multiple input and multiple output (MIMO) plant by small perturbation linear method. Based on the MIMOs optimal control theory, the lateral combined control system is designed. To ensure that the commands are tracked with zero steady-state error, the integrators are augmented, respectively, into the loop of roll angle and lateral acceleration. It is proved by simulation results that the proposed controller demonstrates good performance in tracking the command of roll angle and lateral acceleration, even when the serious couple exists in the lateral model.

This article is organized as follows: The dynamics and discrete model of HCM is given in "The lateral aerodynamic model of HCM" section. The design of lateral combined controller is illustrated in "The optimal controller with integrator" section. Then, we conduct simulations and give the results to demonstrate the reasonability of our design. Finally, we make a conclusion in the last section.

The lateral aerodynamic model of HCM

HCM has waverider configuration with an under-fuselage scramjet inlet. The asymmetrical aerodynamic configuration is shown as Figure 1.

HCM has four control surfaces: two outward canted vertical tails are used for yaw control and a pair of

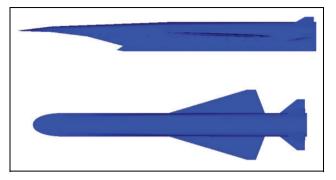


Figure 1. The aerodynamic configuration of HCM. HCM: hypersonic cruise missile.

horizontal elevators is applied for pitch and roll control. The equations of lateral motion are

$$\dot{\psi}_{v} = -\frac{Z}{mV\cos\gamma}$$

$$J_{x}\dot{\omega}_{x} - J_{xy}\dot{\omega}_{y} = M_{x}$$

$$J_{y}\dot{\omega}_{y} - J_{xy}\dot{\omega}_{x} = M_{y}$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \omega_{y}$$

$$\psi = \psi_{v} + \beta$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^{2}SC_{z}$$

$$M_{x} = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^{2}S\bar{c}Cm_{x}$$

$$M_{y} = \frac{1}{2}\rho V^{2}S\bar{c}Cm_{y}$$
(1)

where C_z is the lateral force coefficient; Cm_x and Cm_y are the rolling moment coefficient and the yawing moment coefficient, respectively; ψ_v is the trajectory heading angle; γ is the flight-path angle; β is the sideslip angle; and ψ is the yaw angle.

The force and moment coefficients of lateral motion are as follows

$$C Z = -0.06575\beta + 0.0009247\alpha \cdot \beta - 0.004419Ma \cdot \beta$$

$$- 0.004567 \cdot \delta_y + 0.00009495\alpha \cdot \delta_y + 0.0003589Ma \cdot \delta_y$$

$$C m_x = -0.001793\beta - 0.0003893\alpha \cdot \beta + 0.0002058Ma \cdot \beta$$

$$- 0.001654\delta_x - 0.00008671\alpha \cdot \delta_x + 0.00008738Ma \cdot \delta_x$$

$$- 0.0008569\delta_y - 0.00001917\alpha \cdot \delta_y + 0.00006509Ma \cdot \delta_y$$

$$- 0.0818 \cdot \bar{\omega}_x - 0.0121 \cdot \bar{\omega}_y$$

$$C m_y = -0.001645\beta - 0.0002077\alpha \cdot \beta + 0.0002251Ma \cdot \beta$$

$$- 0.00137\delta_y + 0.00002618\alpha \cdot \delta_y + 0.0001069Ma \cdot \delta_y$$

$$- 0.1363 \cdot \bar{\omega}_y - 0.0090 \cdot \bar{\omega}_x$$

$$(2)$$

where α is the angle of attack, β is the sideslip angle, δ_x is the aileron, and δ_y is the rudder. $\bar{\omega}_x$ and $\bar{\omega}_y$ represent the nondimensional factors of rotational angular rate. The formulas of $\bar{\omega}_x$ and $\bar{\omega}_y$ are

$$\bar{\omega}_x = \frac{L_{\text{ref}}}{2V}\omega_x, \ \bar{\omega}_y = \frac{L_{\text{ref}}}{2V}\omega_y \tag{3}$$

where $L_{\rm ref}$ denotes the reference length, and V is the flight speed. By using the method of coefficient frozen, the lateral motion equations of HCM can be linearized

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\omega_{x}}{dt} + b_{11}\omega_{x} + b_{14}\beta + b_{12}\omega_{y} = -b_{18}\delta_{x} - b_{17}\delta_{y} \\ \frac{d\omega_{y}}{dt} + b_{22}\omega_{y} + b_{24}\beta + b_{21}\omega_{x} = -b_{27}\delta_{y} \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} + b_{34}\beta + \omega_{y} + b_{35}\gamma = -b_{37}\delta_{y} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \omega_{x} \\ \frac{d\psi}{dt} = \omega_{y} \\ \psi - \psi_{y} - \beta = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(4)$$

The dynamic coefficients in equation (4) are

$$b_{11} = -\frac{M_x^{\omega_x}}{J_x}, b_{12} = -\frac{M_x^{\omega_y}}{J_x}, b_{14} = -\frac{M_x^{\beta}}{J_x}, b_{21} = -\frac{M_y^{\omega_x}}{J_y}$$

$$b_{22} = -\frac{M_y^{\omega_y}}{J_y}, b_{24} = -\frac{M_y^{\beta}}{J_y}, b_{34} = \frac{P - Z^{\beta}}{mV}, b_{35} = -\frac{g}{V}\cos\theta$$

The control coefficients in equation (4) are

$$b_{18} = -rac{M_x^{\delta_x}}{J_x},\, b_{19} = -rac{M_x^{\delta_y}}{J_x},\, b_{27} = -rac{M_y^{\delta_y}}{J_y},\, b_{37} = -rac{Z^{\delta_y}}{mV}$$

In equation (2), the roll moment coefficients Cm_x contain the yaw motion coupling parameters such as the sideslip angle β , rudder δ_y , and the rotational angular rate of yaw ω_y , which denotes the yaw motion, will affect the roll response. In equation (4), the coefficients b_{14} , b_{12} and b_{17} indicate the coupling in roll which is caused by yaw channel. Conversely, b_{21} and b_{35} are the coupling caused by roll.

Rewriting the above equations into the form of state space, we have

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + Bu \\ y = Cx + Du \\ z = Hx + Lu \end{cases}$$
 (5)

where $x = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x & \omega_y & \beta & \gamma \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the state vector,. So please check throughout the article and edit accordingly.] $u = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_x & \delta_y \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the control vector, $y = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & n_z & \omega_x & \omega_y \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the output vector, and $z = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & n_z \end{bmatrix}^T$ is the first two lines of y. The coefficient matrixes of the system are

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -b_{11} & -b_{12} & -b_{14} & 0 \\ -b_{21} & -b_{22} & -b_{24} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -b_{34} & -b_{35} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -b_{18} & -b_{17} \\ 0 & -b_{27} \\ 0 & -b_{37} \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{Vb_{34}}{g} & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{Vb_{37}}{g} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = C \begin{pmatrix} 1, : \\ 2, : \end{pmatrix}, L = D \begin{pmatrix} 1, : \\ 2, : \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tag{6}$$

The optimal controller with integrator

The design of control system can be transformed as the "standard" linear quadratic regulator (LQR) problem

$$\min J = \int_0^\infty (z^T Q z + u^T R u) dt \tag{7}$$

Subject to the dynamics

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \tag{8}$$

$$y = Cx + Du \tag{9}$$

$$z = Hx \tag{10}$$

We can get the optimal state feedback is

$$u = -R^{-1}B^T P x = -Kx \tag{11}$$

where P is the solution to the algebraic Riccati equation

$$A^{T}P + PA - PBR^{-1}B^{T}P + H^{T}QH = 0 (12)$$

The optimal state feedback can be transformed as output feedback with equation (9)

$$u = -Kx = -[I - KC^{-1}D]^{-1}KC^{-1}v$$
 (13)

Clearly, the LQR problem has no integrator which will cause the steady error. Also, the control fin is proportion to the track error; as a result, the fin will move with a large rate. So we can penalize the control rate instead of the fin deflection. The cost function is

$$\min J = \int_0^\infty \left(z^T Q z + \dot{u}^T R \dot{u} \right) dt \tag{14}$$

Let

$$\dot{u} = v \tag{15}$$

The cost function can be written as

$$\min J = \int_0^\infty \left(z^T Q z + v^T R v \right) dt \tag{16}$$

The state equation can be augment

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{u} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ u \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} v \tag{17}$$

Let $\bar{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x & u \end{bmatrix}^T$. Using equation (13), we can get the optimal feedback

$$\dot{u} = v = -K\bar{X} = -\bar{K}y \tag{18}$$

where $\bar{K} = [I - KC^{-1}D]^{-1}KC^{-1}$.

By integrating both side of equation (18), we can get

$$u = -\bar{K} \int y \tag{19}$$

The aim of the lateral control system of HCM is to keep yaw channel stable by using overload feedback control and to achieve lateral maneuver through roll angle tracking control. That is to say, the purpose of the control system is to ensure roll angle $\gamma \to \gamma_c$ and lateral overload $n_z \to n_{zc}$.

So we choose the cost function

$$\min J = \int_{0}^{\infty} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \gamma - K_{s11} \gamma_{c} \\ n_{z} - K_{s22} n_{zc} \end{bmatrix}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & Q_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma - K_{s11} \gamma_{c} \\ n_{z} - K_{s22} n_{zc} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ where}$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\delta}_{x} \\ \dot{\delta}_{y} \end{bmatrix}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\delta}_{x} \\ \dot{\delta}_{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{2} = C_{1} A_{1} C_{1}^{-1}, B_{2} = C_{1} B_{1}, C_{2} = I, H_{2} = C_{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1, : \\ 2, : \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(20)$$

where the positive definite matrix Q_1 is error weighting matrix, and $Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & Q_{22} \end{bmatrix}$. The positive definite matrix

 R_1 is control weight matrix, and $R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} R_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & R_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

 K_{s11} and K_{s22} represent the forward gains of the control command. $\dot{\delta}_x$ and $\dot{\delta}_v$ denote the rates of control vector.

To introduce the integrator, the δ_x and δ_y be augmented as new states, using the δ_x and δ_y as control vector and augmenting the $\dot{\omega}_x$ and $\dot{\omega}_v$ as new outputs. We can get the augmented state-space equation

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = A_1 x_1 + B_1 u_1 \\ y_1 = C_1 x_1 + D_1 u_1 \\ z_1 = H_1 x_1 + L_1 u_1 \end{cases}$$
 (21)

where

$$\mathbf{x}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} & \omega_{y} & \beta & \gamma & \delta_{x} & \delta_{y} \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \ u_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\delta}_{x} & \dot{\delta}_{y} \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$

$$y_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & n_{z} & \omega_{x} & \omega_{y} & \dot{\omega}_{x} & \dot{\omega}_{y} \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \ z_{1} = y_{1} \begin{pmatrix} 1, : \\ 2, : \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{y}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma - K_{s11}\gamma_{c} & n_{z} - K_{s22}n_{zc} & \omega_{x} & \omega_{y} & \dot{\omega}_{x} & \dot{\omega}_{y} \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$

$$\tilde{z}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma - K_{s11}\gamma_{c} & n_{z} - K_{s22}n_{zc} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

$$Equations (20) \text{ and (23) are a standard LQR problem So we have transformed the optimal tracking problem}$$

 D_1 is zero, and therefore, $y_1 = C_1x_1$. Then, let $y_2 = x_2 = y_1 = C_1 x_1$. Equation (6) can be rewritten

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_2 = A_2 x_2 + B_2 u_1 \\ y_2 = C_2 x_2 \\ z_2 = H_2 x_2 \end{cases}$$
 (22)

$$x_2 = y_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & n_z & \omega_x & \omega_y & \dot{\omega}_x & \dot{\omega}_y \end{bmatrix}^T, z_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & n_z \end{bmatrix}^T,$$

 $A_2 = C_1 A_1 C_1^{-1}, B_2 = C_1 B_1, C_2 = I, H_2 = C_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1, : \\ 2, : \end{pmatrix}$

By introducing roll angle command γ_c and lateral overload command n_{zc} into the state-space equation, we can get the state space model of command tracking that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_2 = A_2 x_2 + B_2 u_1 \\ \tilde{y}_2 = C_2 x_2 - K_s [\gamma_c \quad n_{zc}]^T \\ \tilde{z}_2 = H_2 x_2 - K_s [\gamma_c \quad n_{zc}]^T \end{cases}$$
(23)

where K_{s11} and K_{s22} represent the forward gains of the control command

$$K_s = egin{bmatrix} K_{s11} & 0 \ 0 & K_{s22} \end{bmatrix}, K_s = egin{bmatrix} K_{s11} & 0 \ 0 & K_{s22} \ 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{y}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma - K_{s11} \gamma_c & n_z - K_{s22} n_{zc} & \omega_x & \omega_y & \dot{\omega}_x & \dot{\omega}_y \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\tilde{z}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma - K_{s11} \gamma_c & n_z - K_{s22} n_{zc} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Equations (20) and (23) are a standard LQR problem. So we have transformed the optimal tracking problem to

a regular problem. By solving the Riccati equation (24), we have

$$A_2^T P + P A_2 - P B_2 R^{-1} B_2^T P + Q_2 = 0 (24)$$

where $Q_2 = (C_1^{-1})^T H_1^T Q_1 H_1 C_1^{-1}$.

We can obtain the optimal control law

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\delta}_x \\ \dot{\delta}_y \end{bmatrix} = -Kx_2 \tag{25}$$

In equation (25), $K = R^{-1}B_2^T P$, and P is the solution of equation (24).

By transforming the state feedback to output feedback, the optimal control law is easily denoted as

$$u_1 = -(I - KC_2^{-1}D_2)^{-1}KC_2^{-1}\tilde{v}_2 \tag{26}$$

where $C_2 = I$, $D_2 = 0$, and the optimal control law is

$$u_1 = -K\tilde{y}_2 \tag{27}$$

By integrating both side of the equation (27), one can yield the optimal control commands

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_x \\ \delta_y \end{bmatrix} = -K \begin{bmatrix} \int (\gamma - K_{s11} \gamma_c) dt \\ \int (n_z - K_{s22} n_{zc}) dt \\ \int \omega_x dt \\ \int \omega_y dt \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{bmatrix} = -K \begin{bmatrix} \int (\gamma - K_{s11} \gamma_c) dt \\ \int (n_z - K_{s22} n_{zc}) dt \\ \gamma \\ \psi \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{bmatrix}$$
Simulation

Assuming the missile cruise at height $H = 23$ km and Mach number $Ma = 5$, the parameter matrixes of state space equations are as follows

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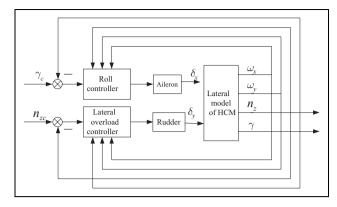


Figure 2. The structure of lateral control system of HCM. HCM: hypersonic cruise missile.

where $K_s = (-C_c A_c^{-1} B'_c)^{-1}$, and the formulas of A_c , B_c , and C_c are as documented in the study of Mracek and Ridgely.²⁶

Consequently, the structure of lateral control system of HCM is shown in Figure 2.

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -26.8638 & 0 & 0 & -2.5965 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -50.424 & -7.4588 & 416.4347 & 0 & -926.3487 & -450.407 \\ -0.1845 & -2.794 & -18.8738 & 0 & 0 & -29.2377 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

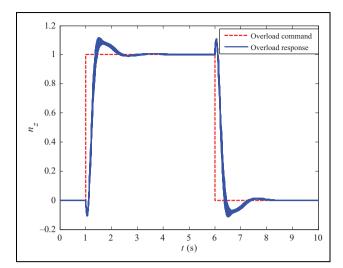


Figure 3. Results of lateral overload.

Chose weighted matrixes Q and R of linear quadratic cost function as

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(29)

According to equation (26), we can get the gain matrices K and K_s

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -1.085 & 0.1660 & -0.3516 & 0.5581 & -0.007 & 0.1214 \\ -0.5397 & -1.3119 & -0.1294 & -7.1731 & -0.0001 & -0.7172 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.0451 \end{bmatrix}$$

To validate the robustness of controller, the uncertainties of the model are considered as $|\Delta m| \le 0.03$, $|\Delta S| \le 0.03$, $|\Delta J_x| \le 0.05$, $|\Delta J_y| \le 0.05$, $|\Delta C_z| \le 0.10$, $|\Delta C m_x| \le 0.10$, $|\Delta C m_y| \le 0.10$, and $|\Delta q| \le 0.05$. Slide to turn (STT) and bank to turn (BTT) are taken into account as two typical simulation conditions. The Monte Carlo simulation results of 100 times are shown as follows.

1) STT simulation. Let $\gamma_c = 0$, and n_{zc} is unit square wave signal from 1 s to 5 s; the simulation results of the lateral control system of HCM are shown in Figures 3 to 9.

Simulation results show that the lateral combined control system can track the roll angle command and lateral overload command with zero steady-state error. However, under this condition, it means that the lateral overload is obtained by the sideslip angle which is called STT. While tracking 1 g lateral overload command, the missile will introduce the sideslip about -2.4° . Although sideslip angle

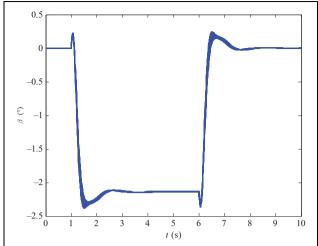


Figure 4. Results of sideslip angle.

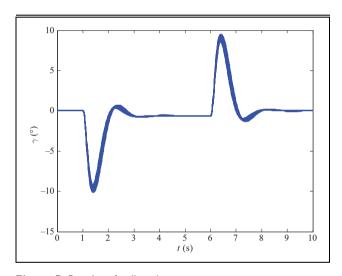


Figure 5. Results of roll angle.

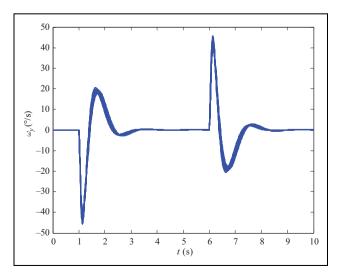


Figure 6. Results of roll rate.

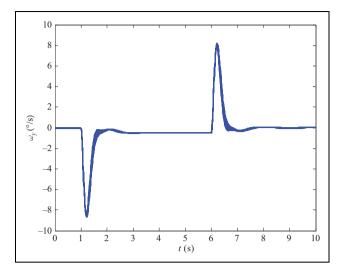


Figure 7. Results of yaw rate.

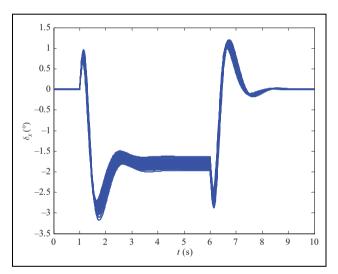


Figure 8. Results of aileron.

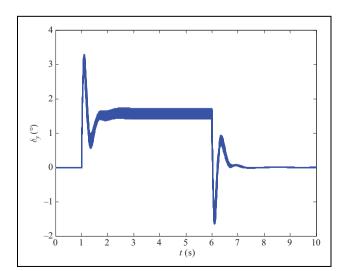


Figure 9. Results of rudder.

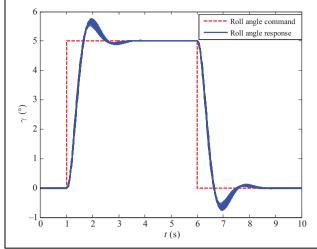


Figure 10. Results of roll angle.

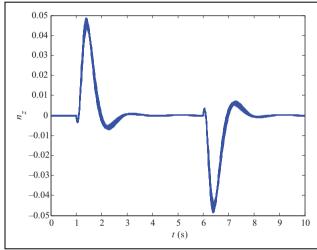


Figure 11. Results of lateral overload.

is not larger, it can also cause intense coupling in roll, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. The amplitude of roll is disturbed up to 9.7° , and the roll rate is up to 47° /s. Therefore, the lateral maneuver using STT cannot be applied for HCM; it should use the method of BTT, which achieves the lateral maneuver by controlling the roll to change the direction of lift which can be seen as follows.

2) BTT simulation. Let $n_{zc} = 0$, and γ_c is a square wave signal from 1 s to 5s. The simulation results of the lateral control system of HCM are shown in Figures 10 to 16.

Under this condition, the lateral maneuver is called BTT; in this mode, the purpose of yaw with feedback of lateral overload n_z is only to augment the stability, and therefore, $n_{zc} = 0$. The lateral maneuver is achieved by rolling the body to change the direction of lift as in airplane.

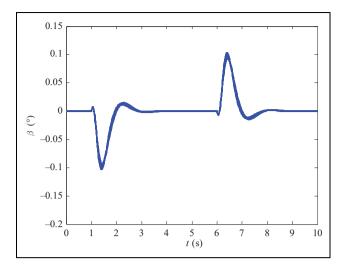


Figure 12. Results of sideslip angle.

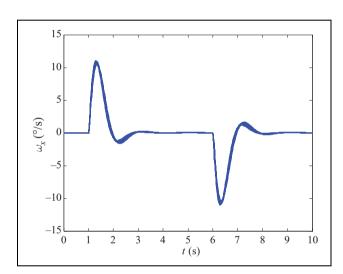


Figure 13. Results of roll rate.

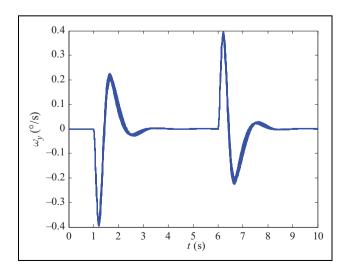


Figure 14. Results of yaw rate.

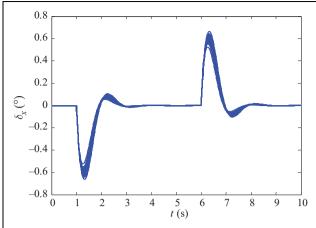


Figure 15. Results of aileron.

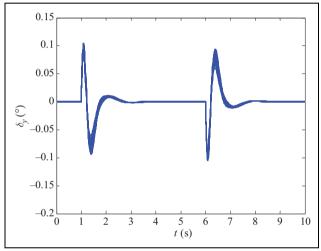


Figure 16. Results of rudder.

With the simulations, it is also proved that the lateral control system has desirable performance of tracking roll and lateral overload command, respectively, as shown in Figures 10 and 11. The controller has quickly tracked the roll command; the rise time of roll is about 0.5 s. Nevertheless, in this condition, the effects of coupling in lateral are more insignificant. As shown in Figures 12 and 14, the lateral overload caused by the roll motion is only 0.05 g, and the yaw rate is about 0.4° /s. The simulations can also show that it is very efficient by using the lateral maneuver mode of BTT, which can decrease the coupling between the yaw and roll greatly.

Conclusion

In this article, a lateral combined control system is designed by using MIMO optimal method for HCM with strong coupling in lateral model. In the controller, integrators are augmented to achieve no steady error. Simulation results demonstrate that the control system has good performance

in tracking roll angle command and yaw overload command, even when the strong coupling exists in the model.

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