
Preface

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Abstract

test acronym for error control: Automatic Identification System (AIS)

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Acronyms

AIS Automatic Identification System

COLREGs Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

dCPA distance at Closest Point of Approach

DOF Degrees Of Freedom

NED North East Down

NLP NonLinear Programming

OS Own Ship

tCPA time to Closest Point of Approach

TS Target Ship

1 Introduction

Placeholder text. this is a placeholder citation to remove an error: Eriksen and Breivik 2017.

- hvorfor er det så vanskelig å skrive introduksjon.

1.1 Motivation

- Mye samme som på fordypningsoppgaven.

1.2 Previous Work

- skulle jo helst skrevet masse her.

1.3 Problem Description

- COLREGs-awareness.
- Trajectory planning.
- Target Ship prediction.
- NLP runtime optimization

1.4 Contributions

- Analyse av fordeler med å ha bedre / avansert prediksjon av TS.
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1.5 Outline

- Samma stil som på fordypningsoppgaven.

2 Background

- Husk rød tråd.
- Vær generisk.
- Bare inkluder konsept som blir relevante senere, eller som er brukt i nødvendige antagelser.
- many of the concepts explained in this chapter were also explained in [TODO: fordypningsprosjekt].
- The goal of this chapter is to explain all the concepts necessary to understand how the trajeoctyr planning algorithm works. Additionally, it should grant an understanding as to why the algorithm ended up the way it is.

2.1 Target Ship prediction

————— Genereal thoughts —————

- Gjenfortelling fra fordypningsprosjekt, da kalt traffic pattern
- Fant en annen artikkel fra Kina som skrev om nogenlunde det samme, AIS data - prediksjon
- Skiller seg fra fordypningsprosjekt fordi det er egentlig ikke traffic pattern som er den viktige antagelsen, Det er heller viktig at vi antar det finnes en måte å gjette/vite hvor andre båter vil være fremover i tid.
- Andre metoder for target ship prediction kan være f.eks utvidelse av AIS som inkluderer autonav data for de neste 5 minuttene eller noe lignende.

————— /General Thoughts —————

- Naval navigation is an 'active' task, always looking out for obstacles and making sure the way forward is clear.
- There are no lanes, instead proper conduct is dictated by Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs), the rules are laid out so that different situations have different rules
- Knowing which situation you are in is half the battle, therefor the ability to predict and estimate how encounters will happen is a powerful tool. Human navigators do this by experience.

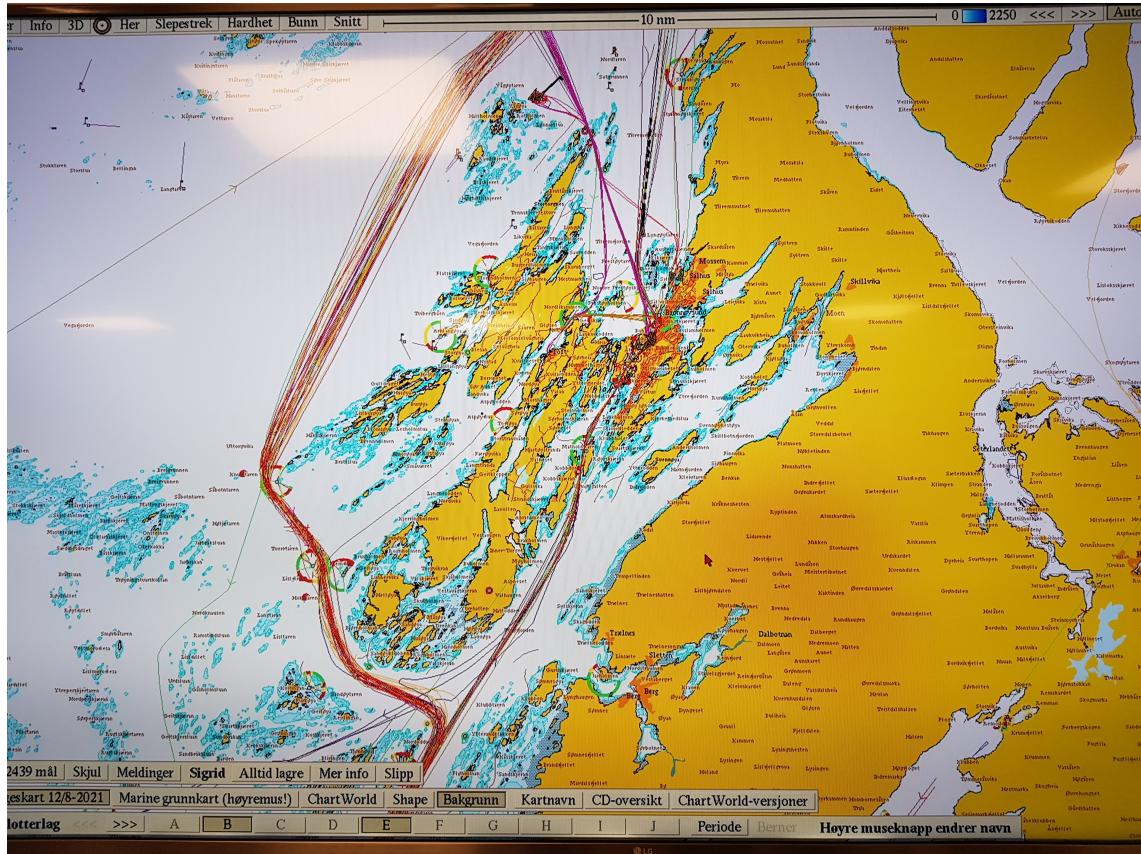


Figure 1: TODO: Skriv. AIS data can show common transit routes. Image courtesy of Olex AS

- Autonomous vessels could also predict by experience, that would be the machine learning approach. AIS can already provide training data.
- But it could be easier than that, what if AIS data packets were expanded to send out autonav data for where a vessel intends to traverse. The assumption here is that vessels using autonav will correct their course when spotting a conflict. Vessels not using autonav would still be able to observe the intended path of other vessels and adjust their plans 'manually'.
- Relying on fully predicting the transit of a target vessel is fragile, relying on a few known waypoints would be much more robust.
- In the end the best solution would be if all vessels could fully communicate their intended path either peer to peer or through a centralized system. Solving conflicting paths would be done on a higher level than individual vessel.

2.2 Vessel modelling

— Genereal thoughts —

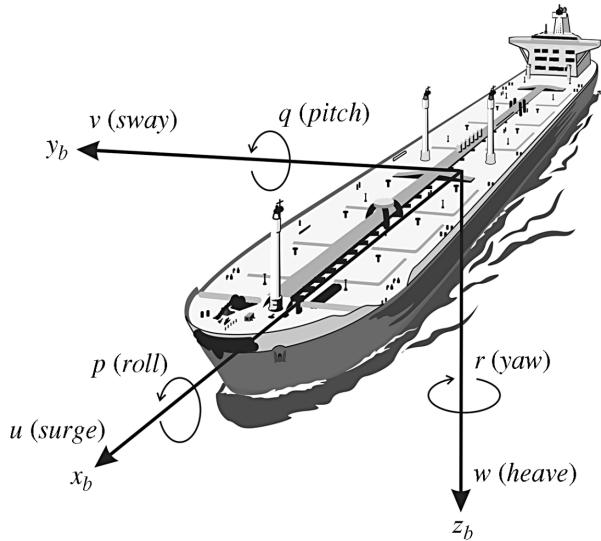


Figure 2: A ships 6 degrees of Freedom, from Fossen 2011

Jeg tenker det er best å skrive om modellering i sammenheng med hvordan trajectory planning problemet blir satt opp i MATLAB med CasADi.

- Kinematics & Kinetics - Begge brukes i CasADi setup
- Her kan det også skrives om de spesifike tallverdiene som blir brukt i Masse, coriolis og dempnings -matrisene. de er spesifik til Milliampere, funnet gjennom en rekke forsøk utført av Anders Pedersen.

————— /General Thoughts —————

- 3 Degrees Of Freedom (DOF) non-linear model with thruster dynamics, very common for designing control systems.
- The numerical values for the model will vary based on ship, and the complexity of the model change based on usage and the degrees of freedom included.
- The model used in this paper is based on Fossen's maneuvering theory with 3 degrees of freedom and no disturbances.

$$\dot{\eta} = \mathbf{R}(\psi)\nu \quad (2.1)$$

$$\mathbf{M}\dot{\nu} + \mathbf{C}(\nu)\nu + \mathbf{D}(\nu)\nu = \tau \quad (2.2)$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\psi) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\psi & -\sin\psi & 0 \\ \sin\psi & \cos\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.3)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta} = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & \psi \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (2.4)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} u & v & r \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (2.5)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} F_X & F_Y & F_N \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (2.6)$$

- η is defined in the North East Down (NED) reference frame, ν is defined in BODY frame, briefly explain what that means.



- The M and C matrices are a combination of Rigid body and hydrodynamic added mass matrices
- Fully computing the M and C matrices is a lot of work, for milliamperes the work has already been conducted by Andreas Pedersen.
- If the model values are to be found through experimentation it's senseless to separate Rigid body and hydrodynamic added mass. The matrices then become:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{12} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_{13}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) \\ 0 & 0 & c_{23}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) \\ c_{31}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) & c_{32}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) & d_{23}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) \\ 0 & d_{32}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) & d_{33}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.9)$$

- The D matrix can sometimes be a bit of a nuisance, a simplified D matrix can be employed to make the model more computationally efficient, at the cost of accuracy.

$$\mathbf{D}(\boldsymbol{\nu}) = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.10)$$

2.3 Trajectory Planning

— Genereal thoughts —

- How to get from A to B.
- Multiple methods, all with pros and cons, skriv liten oversikt.

LOS, OCP, Machine Learning, osv.

Kanskje ikke så veldig viktig å snakke om andre metoder enn OCP.

- Important factors to consider:

Time horizon / length of planning period.

Trajectory safety with respect to ship capabilities.

COLREGs compliance with respect to expected behaviour.

osv.

- Litt dypere inn i numerisk optimalisering og MPC, og LOS ettersom det kommer til å bli brukt igjen senere.

— /Genereal thoughts —

$$\text{Minimize } \mathbf{F}(\boldsymbol{\eta}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) \quad (2.11a)$$

$$\text{subject to } \dot{\boldsymbol{\eta}}(t) = \mathbf{L}(\boldsymbol{\eta}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) \quad (2.11b)$$

$$\mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\eta}(t), \mathbf{u}(t)) \leq \mathbf{0} \quad (2.11c)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}(t_0) = \boldsymbol{\eta}_0 \quad (2.11d)$$

(TODO: REWRITE THIS, SOME PARTS MAKE LITTLE SENSE)

where \mathbf{F} is the objective function, $\boldsymbol{\eta}(t)$ is the position and attitude trajectory of the vehicle, $\mathbf{u}(t)$ is the control input trajectory and \mathbf{L} is the kinematic model of the vehicle. Though the OCP can be solved the way it is set up in (2.11) it is more practical to discretize it into a (NonLinear Programming (NLP)). With a method called direct multiple shooting, both state and control input are defined as decision variables, the NLP with N control intervals is:

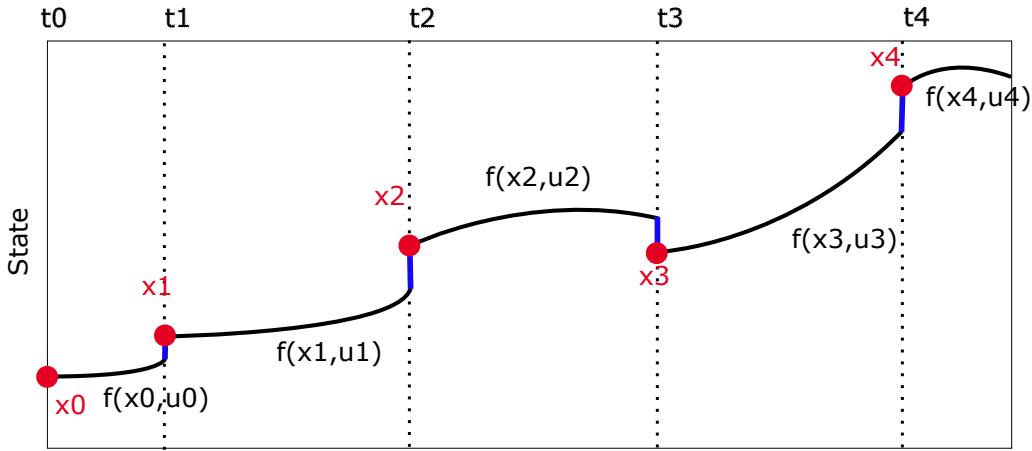


Figure 3: A physically feasible trajectory is formed by "pinching" the shooting gaps so they close. Reproduction of (TODO: CITER GROS), scale arbitrary.

$$\min_{\omega} \quad \mathbf{F}(\omega) \quad (2.12a)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \omega_{lb} \leq \omega \leq \omega_{ub} \quad (2.12b)$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{lb} \leq \mathbf{g} \leq \mathbf{g}_{ub} \quad (2.12c)$$

2.4 Collision Avoidance

- COLREGs
 - Expected behaviour, situation classification, etc etc.
- distance at Closest Point of Approach (dCPA) / time to Closest Point of Approach (tCPA)
- Other risk assessment? Situation complexity? Det er mer som inngår i "collisions avoidance" som jeg kanskje ikke dekker så veldig bra med min algoritme.

2.5 'The complete system'

- Vet ikke helt om dette kapittelet er nødvendig, men jeg lurer på om det er en god ide å skrive litt om nøyaktig hvor i ett fult funksjonelt system jeg forventer at min algoritme passer inn. Hva de andre delene jeg ikke kommer til å skrive om har ansvar for, og hva som forventes av systemene rundt mitt eget.
- Hvis systemet mitt var en sort boks, hvilke inputs og outputs ville det ha?

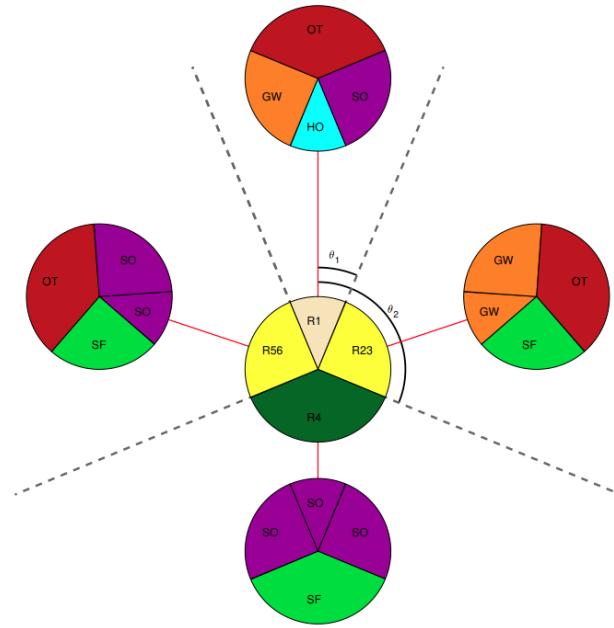


Figure 4: (TODO:ENDRE)Assigning COLREGS flag: with OS in the center we can place the TS in one of four regions. Similarly the relative bearing from TS to OS can be assigned regions with region 1 pointed directly at the OS and the rest following in a clockwise rotation. Courtesy of Emil Thyri.

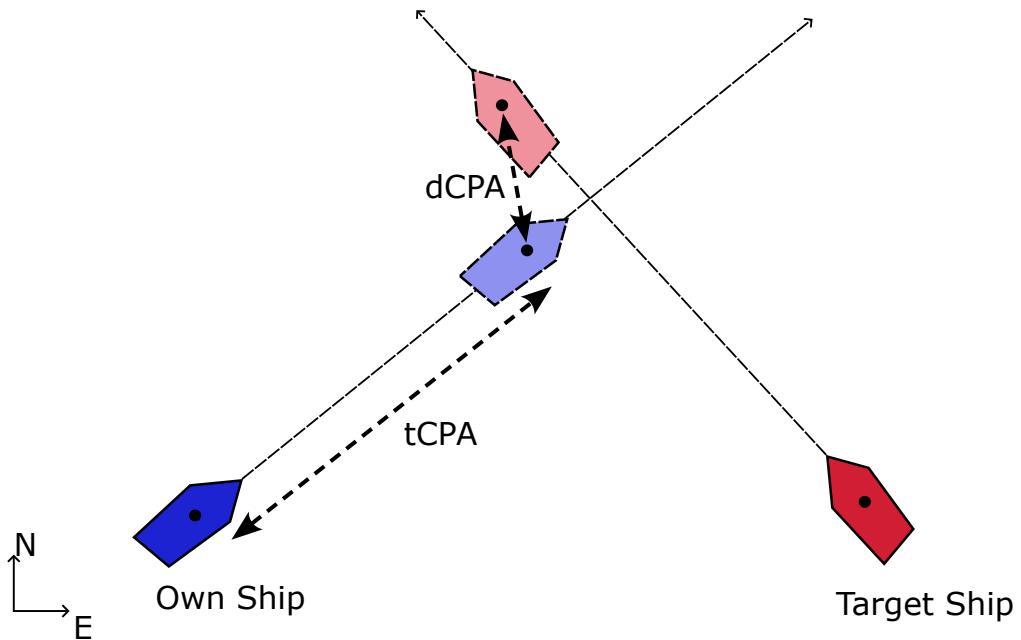


Figure 5: Visualizing dCPA and tCPA.

2.6 Simulator setup

- liten forklaring av hvordan simulatoren funker selv om jeg ikke har laget den.
- f.eks agent structs kan bli viktig.
- Forklar at det er en liten forskjel på hvordan own ship agenten og andre agenter oppdateres, fører til en maksimal 'feil' på 1 meter.

3 Trajectory planner

(TODO: skriv bedre og mer korrekt.) This chapter presents the development of the trajectory planning and collision avoidance algorithm, explaining the design decisions made and analyzing some of the problems that arose during development. First the general dataflow of the algorithm is explained so that an intuition is formed as for how the individual parts are connected. Second a piece by piece construction of the algorithm up until the construction of the NLP. Lastly the NLP is constructed and solved using framework provided by CasADi. The core design of the algorithm is that path following is done through numerical optimization of a cost function, whilst collision avoidance and safety is implemented as hard constraints in the NLP, together an optimal trajectory is formed.

3.1 Dataflow

The dataflow is depicted in Figure 6, to avoid clutter the diagram does not include every subfunction and minor detail, it's a representative diagram, not a blueprint. On the left we begin with a higher level system, the algorithm relies on getting information about its own vessel, as well as information about other ships (called Tracks in the diagram), static obstacles and miscellaneous other settings. These structs need to contain data in some specific fashions which will be discussed more deeply later in this chapter.(TODO: This part). The Tracks structure as it arrives from the higher lever system is assumed to have full prediction, the algorithm can simplify the prediction for testing purposes but there is no internal logic to switch between prediction detail level. Regardless of if the tracks were simplified or not they are parsed through a COLREGs assessment algorithm to determine which Target Ship (TS)s need to be considered active obstacles, as well as finding how long until the tCPA, and which COLREGs situation the encounters would be. Independently of the creation of dynamic obstacles we use the information about our own vessel's position and end goal to determine how long the time horizon for this instance of the algorithm should be. When time horizon and discretization step size is known the CasADi setup can be ran to generate the function 'F' which will be used during the construction of the NLP later. With a dynamic horizon in place a LOS algorithm can be used to generate the final piece of the dynamic obstacles struct; the trajectory of the TSs themselves, which are used to place constraints later in the NLP construction. One crucial detail to take note of is that COLREGs assessment of a TS is conducted

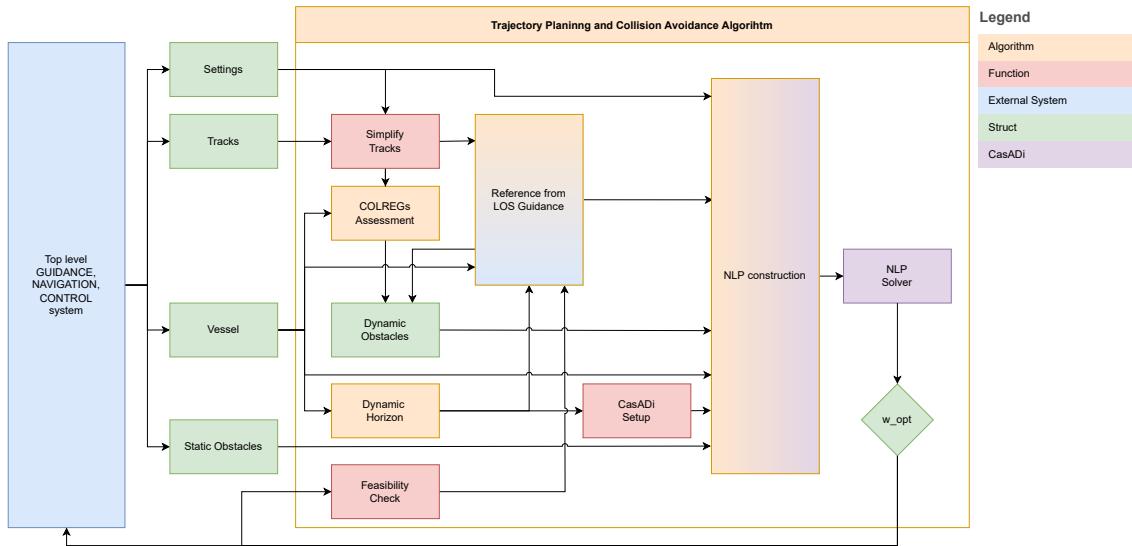


Figure 6: The simple version of the dataflow...

using only the waypoints provided by the Tracks struct, while the placement of dynamic constraints are based on the trajectory generated by a LOS guidance law. The feasibility check is not ran in the first instance of the algorithm after starting up the system. The result of the feasibility check is used when generating our Own Ship (OS)'s reference path to determine if the desired velocity should be reduced. the LOS guidance returns as mentioned the positions for the dynamic obstacles constraints as well as the reference positions and velocities in NED.

The NLP can now be initialized. Initial position and velocity forms the first constraint of the NLP (TODO: SKRIV MER)

3.2 Setup

- All the stuff before main loop.
- subsubsection for each 'block' as outlined by the dataflow.
- when the trajectory planner is called we need to run through some calculations before constructing the NLP problem
- These calcualtions are a mix of situation analysis, simulation settings, and CasADI initialization.
- Some of these calculations could be redundant in a complete control and navigation system, where other modules of the system would calculate the same thing.

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- It's also important to remember that the value of many parameters are just guesswork, many of the subfunctions would benefit from a more sophisticated design that are tuned based on the situation the vessel finds itself in.

3.2.1 Simplify Prediction

This part of the setup is only required in simulations, the aim is to emulate the 'standard' way target ship (TS) prediction is conducted, which is to say constant course and velocity [TODO: Citation needed]. The TS trajectory is changed so that the first waypoint is the current position of the ship, and the next waypoint is one nautical mile in the direction of the ships heading. Ideally course over ground would be used instead of heading, however in the simulator crab angle and sideslip are not accounted for, therefor heading and course are the same angle. Excess waypoints stored in the TS struct are also truncated and the current waypoint index is forcefully set to 1 to prevent index out of range type errors.

3.2.2 COLREGs assessment

The COLREGs assessment function solves two problems; figuring out ifwhen a TS vessel will be in close enough proximity that evasive maneuvers might be considered, and deciding which of the COLREGs rules will apply for the encounter. The design idea is to first find what the distance at closest point (dCPA) of approach with the TS is, and then time until cloest point of approach (tCPA) occurs. If both dCPA and tCPA values are under a set threshold we consider the encounter an active event and run the COLREGs situation assessment shown by [TODO: cite paper], COLREGs assessment is also explained in [TODO: fordypningsoppgaven].

Finding the dCPA and tCPA between two vessels with constant velocity and course is easily done with a formula as shown by(eller in?) Kufoalor et al. 2018.

$$t_{AB}^{CPA} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbf{P}_{BA} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{A|B}}{\|\mathbf{V}_{A|B}\|^2} & \text{if } \|\mathbf{V}_{A|B}\| > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.1a)$$

$$d_{AB}^{CPA} = \|(\mathbf{P}_A + t_{AB}^{CPA} \mathbf{V}_A) - (\mathbf{P}_B + t_{AB}^{CPA} \mathbf{V}_B)\| \quad (3.1b)$$

Where $\mathbf{V}_{A|B} = \mathbf{V}_A - \mathbf{V}_B$ with \mathbf{V}_A , \mathbf{V}_B , \mathbf{P}_A and \mathbf{P}_B being the respective velocities

Algorithm 1 getCPAlist. Denne ble jævelig stygg, beholder den for synlighet

Input: $Agent1.Agent2$ ▷ Agent is a struct that includes path waypoints

1: $dCPAlist \leftarrow []$
2: $tCPAlist \leftarrow []$
3: $pos_OS_list \leftarrow []$
4: $pos_TS_list \leftarrow []$
5: $timer \leftarrow 0$ ▷ Initialize timer used to calculate position of Agent2
6: **for** $i \leftarrow Agent1.current_wp : agent_wplist.length - 1$ **do**
7: $[pos_{OS}, vel_{OS}] \leftarrow VesselReadout(Agent1, i)$ ▷ VesselReadout explained in algorithm...
8: $DisttonextWP \leftarrow$ Distance to Agent1's next waypoint
9: $TimetonextWP \leftarrow DisttonextWP \div$ Agent1's speed over ground
10: $[pos_{TS}, vel_{TS}] \leftarrow whereisTS(Agent2, Timer)$ ▷ whereisTS explained in algorithm...
11: $[dCPA, tCPA] \leftarrow$ Equation for dCPA & tCPA as shown by...
12: $tCPA \leftarrow tCPA + timer$ ▷ Add travel time to reach current wp
13: $timer \leftarrow timer + TimetonextWP$
14: $pos_OS_list \leftarrow [pos_OS_list, pos_{OS}]$ ▷ Append all values to respective list.
15: $pos_TS_list \leftarrow [pos_TS_list, pos_{TS}]$
16: $dCPAlist \leftarrow [dCPAlist, dCPA]$
17: $tCPAlist \leftarrow [tCPAlist, tCPA]$
18: $i \leftarrow i + 1$
19: **end for**
20: **return** $pos_OS_list, pos_TS_list, dCPAlist, tCPAlist$

and positions of vessel A and vessel B parameterized in NED. However if we are to utilize the advanced prediction we have on other agents a bit more logic must be applied to achieve full coverage of our intended path. Presume that our path contains a set of waypoints we intend to pass by, and similarly we know of a set of waypoints another agent intends to pass by. To find the true dCPA and tCPA between our own ship and the target vessel we use equations 3.1 as the situation is when each agent passes by one of their waypoints(TODO: TRENGER FIGUR FOR Å VISE BEDRE HVA JEG MENER). Speed is tougher to account for, unless we know better speed should be assumed to remain constant (TODO: dette hører hjemme i background).

TODO: Ikke ferdig

to get a list of all dCPA and tCPAs between two agents, as well as the corresponding positions of both agents as they are when the euqations 3.1 are used. getCPAlist

3.2.3 Dynamic Horizon

- Dynamic horizon is a balancing act between distance to goal, encompassing all active dynamic obstacles, and not looking too far ahead into the future.
- changing the dynamic horizon is really just changing how many control intervals we want the NLP to have.

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- As the distance to goal approaches zero we want the number of control intervals to shrink accordingly, otherwise we end up with too many control intervals stationary at the goal, which can cause problems like the cost function becoming unbalanced.
 - If there are active dynamic obstacles we need the dynamic horizon to encompass them.
 - we don't want the dynamic horizon to be too short during transit (why not?).

3.2.4 CasADi setup

- sym $x = [N, E, \psi, u, v, r]$
- sym tau as a free variable
- sym xref as reference
- model parameters
- M, C, D matrix
- xdot $[\dot{u}, \dot{\psi}]$
- Error in the correct reference frame.
- Why is the cost function the way it is.
- runge-kutta method.
- the final function F that CasADi needs.
- Noe av disse greiene blir dekt av Background, forhåpentligvis.

3.2.5 Feasibility check

- The feasibility check came from the wish to read out the status report CasADi prints to the command window.
- It's very important to know if the previous iteration of the trajectory planner function yielded a feasible result or not.
- if the result is not feasible the path forward might be completely blocked, in which case reducing our vessel speed is the best option.
- Very simple check, just checks if every point in the previously calculated optimal trajectory is within 5 meters of each other. This is very lenient and should of course change depending on vessel speed.

3.2.6 Reference from LOS

- I didn't write this)
- The important part is that the time discretization is consistent with the trajectory planner's time step
- You don't need to use LOS for reference.
- Position reference and speed reference need to be consistent with each other.

3.3 NLP construction and solver

- inputs vessel, ref_trajectory, static_obs, dynamic_obs, F, settings, h, N, previous_w_opt.
- sub funksjoner
 - Dynamic Obs.
 - Static Obs.
 - integration step.
- output w_opt

3.3.1 NLP initialization

- Initial conditions and end of interval conditions, we need the end of one control interval and the beginning of the next to match.
- Tror dette delkapittelet er litt unødvendig

3.3.2 Integration step

- Getting the correct reference
- make sure all the indexes are correct!
- put the references in w0, speeds up runtime significantly.

3.3.3 Dynamic Obstacles constraints

- When to place constraints
- Where to place them
- How to place them

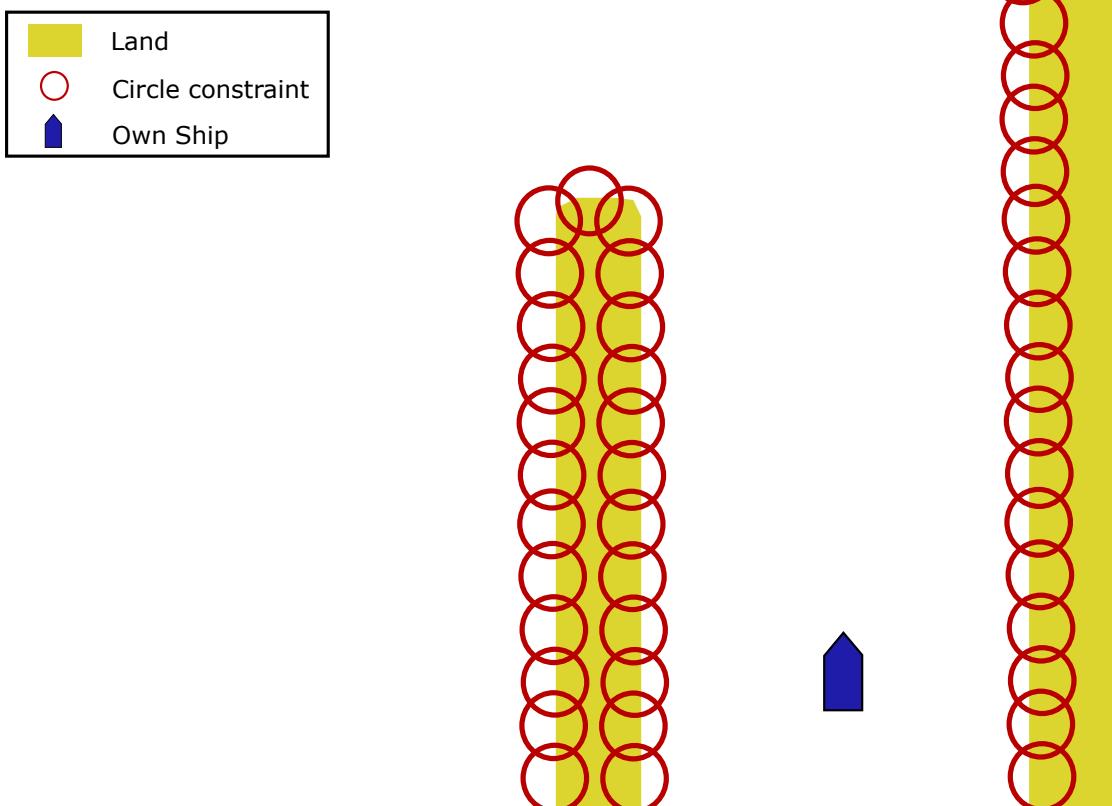


Figure 7: TODO: SKRIV OG REFERER. Naiv approach 1

3.3.4 Static Obstacles constraints

- Explain static_obstacles_check and the theory for convex-free set
- explain why circles, such as the ones used for dynamic obstacles are insufficient.
- this is sort of similar to finding a cross track error, if that helps to explain what is going on.

3.3.5 Solver

- Options, there are many options.
- things to try / were tried for optimizing runtime.
- CasADi really does all the hard work.

3.4 Alternative ideas and lessons

Burde kanskje heller gå under discussion, og igjen i future work.

- Change w0 based on previous solution runtime.

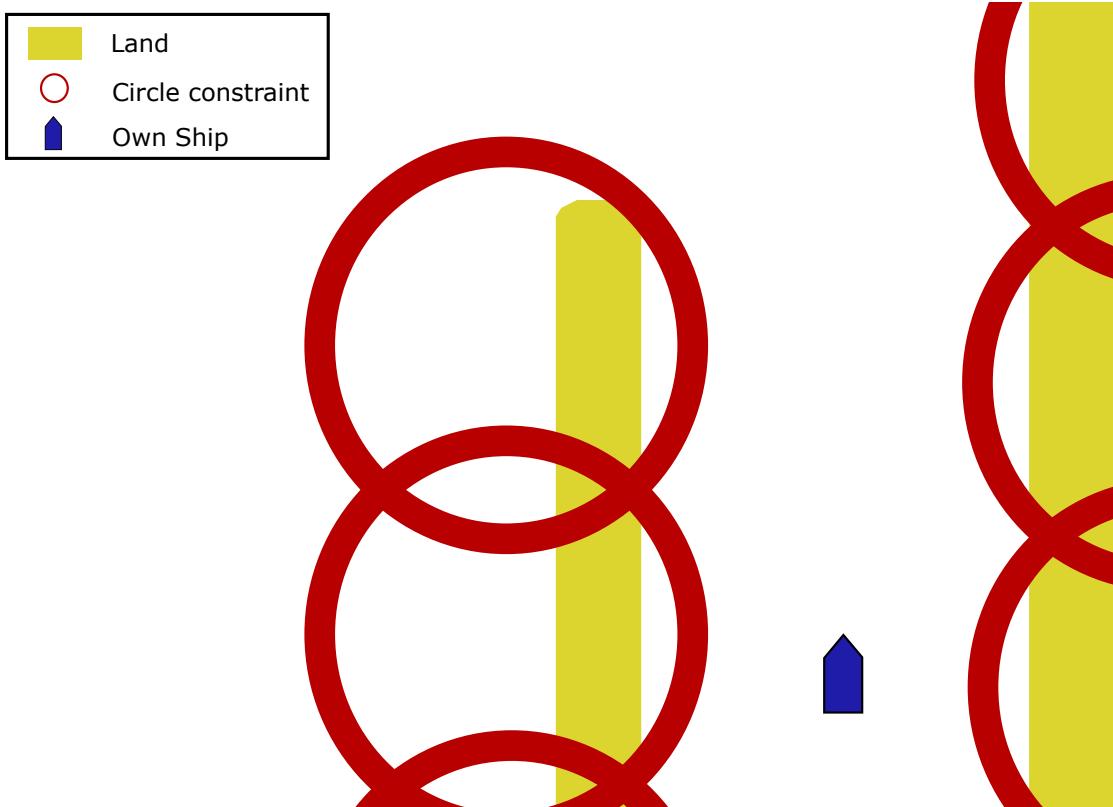


Figure 8: TODO: SKRIV OG REFERER. Naiv approach 2

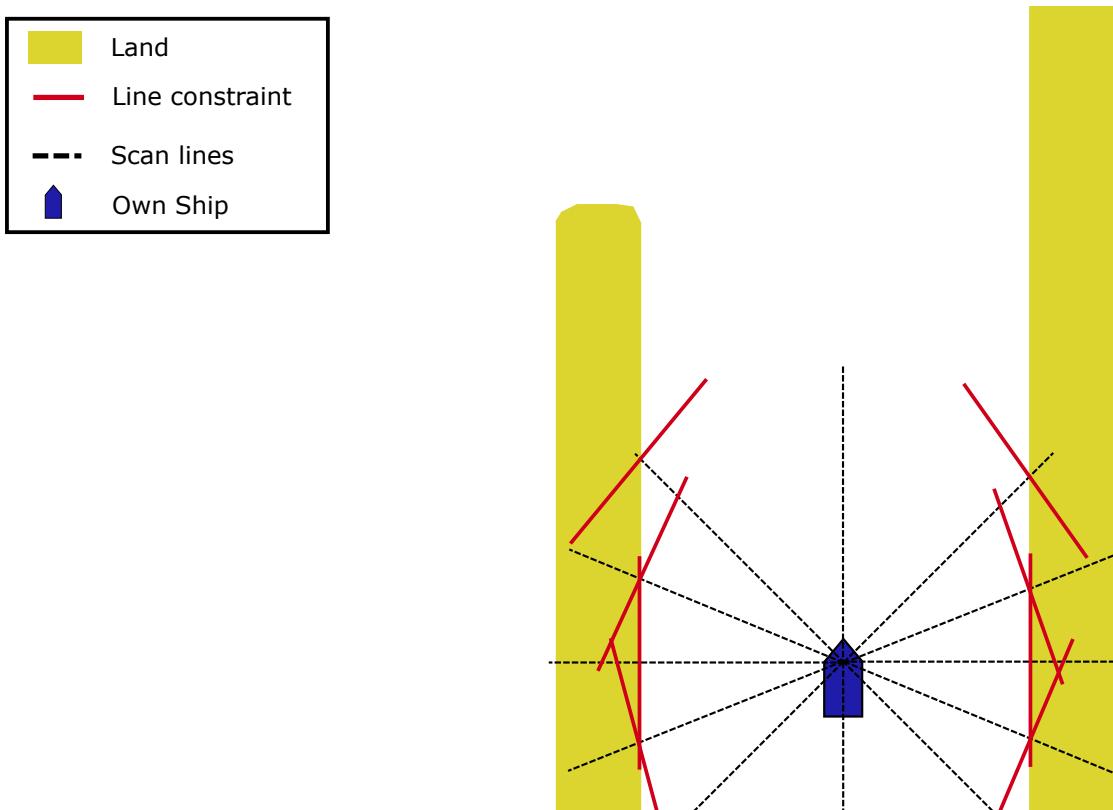


Figure 9: TODO: SKRIV OG REFERER. Convex free set

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- Gamle versjoner av Static_obs.
 - eksperimenter med feasibility check.
 - Masser styr med COLREGs assessment, tcpa og dcpa.
 - ipopt innstillinger.

4 Simulation Results

To test the capabilities of the trajectory planning algorithm it is useful to conduct simulations of various scenarios. With a simulator it is possible to cover a wide assortment of scenarios in a timely fashion, this helps explore the full range of the algorithm's behaviour without having to conduct time consuming full scale tests. NTNU also has a full-scale functional prototype of an autonomous ferry that could be used to conduct real life tests. However during the period of working on this thesis the ferry was out of commission due to a thruster failure. The MATLAB simulator [employed](#) for this thesis was developed by Emil Thyri and is used with permission. In this chapter the results are presented with figures to show the development of the scenario over time, in addition to these figures there exists a youtube video compiling all the results in video format, the video can be found as an attachment to the thesis, or by following this link: (TODO: sett in link).

All the simulations are conducted under the assumption that the OS has perfect vision for spotting and tracking dynamic obstacles. disturbances are also largely ignored, the simulation features no current or wind induced sideslip, crab angle is also not considered.

4.1 scenario overview

The scenarios used for this thesis are constructed to test both trajectory planning and collision avoidance capabilities through a combination of both trivial and complex situations. The scenarios are also designed so that behaviour differences between full and simple TS prediction can be observed. Any time we encounter a TS that maintains a steady course and velocity there will not be any observable difference, therefore most of the scenarios are constructed so that encounters occur when ships are turning. The first set of scenarios are simple situations to establish baseline behaviour in the various COLREGs situations. In these scenarios there are only two agents and there are mostly no meaningful differences observed between simple and full prediction of TSs. The second set of scenarios are more complex by featuring more agents and longer paths to follow. These scenarios often feature multiple COLREGs situations that can even overlap, additionally TSs will not be considerate of the OS and will exhibit reckless behaviour in order to test a sort of worst case scenario. The complex scenarios also incorporate static obstacles. (TODO: Her må det skrives litt mer om hvordan og hvorfor osv.)

Simple COLREGs situations

These scenarios feature two agents, the OS and the TS, each entering a fully open space while maintaining a steady course and fixed speed. The agents then cross in manners as described by the COLREGs rules discussed in prior chapters.

Turning COLREGs situations

Similar to the simple COLREGs situations these scenarios all feature two agents who enter a fully open space. The difference is as the name implies that these scenarios feature a turn by the TS. Shortly after both agents are in motion the TS will alter it's course, changing the COLREGs situation from one apparent situation to another.

Canals

This scenario features a set of canals that form a T-junction as well as a choke point on one of the junction points that restricts the traversable space. There are three agents present and they all meet roughly at the choke point, the scenario is set up so that the dynamic constraints of the TSs completely block the path of the OS if full prediction is used.

Helloya

The situation in this scenario is specifically modelled after a spot Brønnøysund and is not an entirely uncommon situation when in transit along the coast of Norway. Traffic that wishes to avoid the narrow pass leading in to or out of Brønnøysund's will elect to take a wider path on the outside of the local archipelago. The result is a path with a very prominent turn that is invisible at a glance, but very obvious to any experienced navigator. The simulation is conducted with the OS arriving from both the north and south direction with both full and simple prediction enabled.

Skjærgård

(TODO: har lyst å endre plassering av statiske hindringer for dette scenarioet, og kanskje scrumpe inn distansen litt. Det er allerede bevist at algoritmen klarer å følge en bane som tar mer enn 5 minutter å reise gjennom.)

Trondheimsjord

(TODO: Har lyst å endre denne så det er mange flere aktive situasjoner som boller seg på, dette blir da en slags stresstest av COLREGs compliance, selv om det også blir ett veldig urealistisk worst case scenario der ingen av target ships bryr sæg særlig om reglene.)

miscellaneous

These scenarios are not meant to simulate any specific situation, rather these are meant to showcase quirks, features, and bugs encountered while developing and testing the algorithm. While some of the problems shown here were taken care of and are no longer present in the current iteration of the algorithm they are nonetheless important to showcase and discuss.

4.2 Results

- 'Dårlig' resultat er fortsatt resultat

4.2.1 Simple Head On

- Very straight forward result, behaviour is exactly as one would expect given the placement of the constraint.
- No difference between full and simple prediction because target ship holds steady course and velocity.
- This is the behaviour we can expect every time a target ship is met directly head on and there are no other disturbances.

4.2.2 Simple Give Way

- It would be highly unusual to start using the trajectory planner when already this close to a situation
- This is reflected in the strange behaviour where our path is completely blocked when dynamic obstacle constraints are enabled.

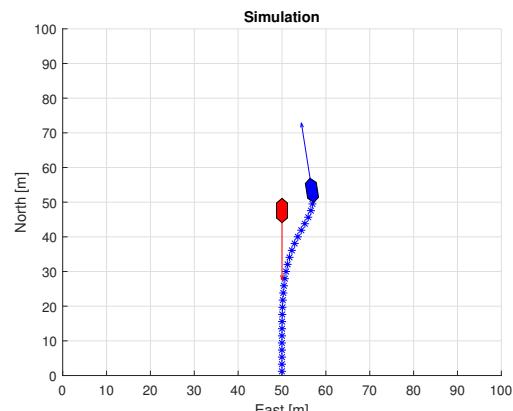
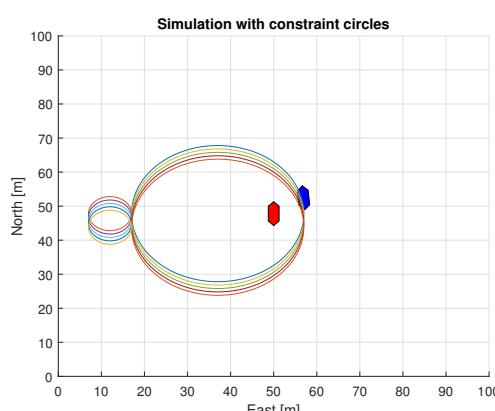
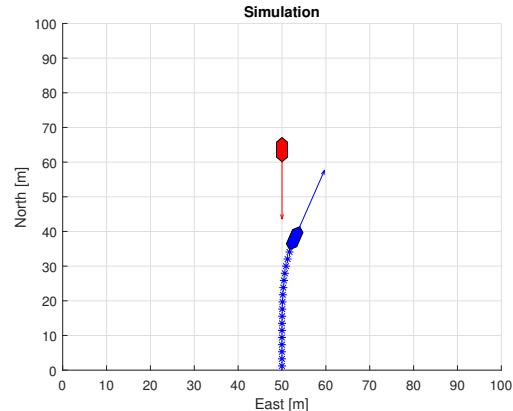
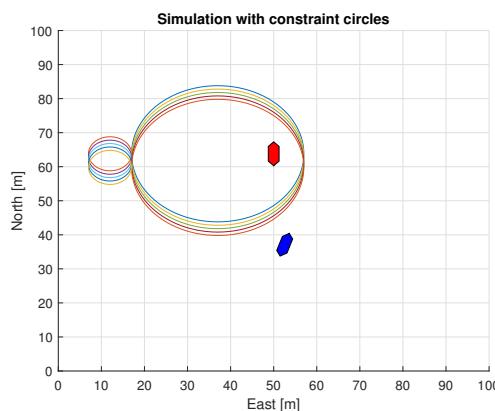
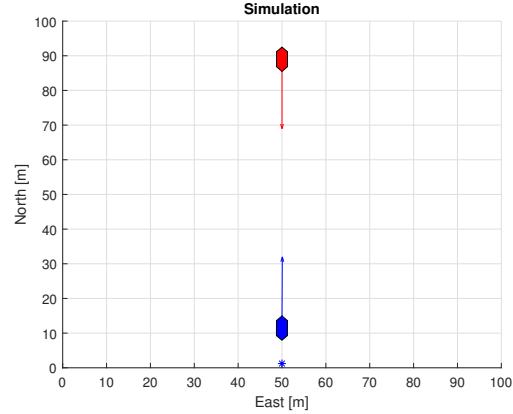
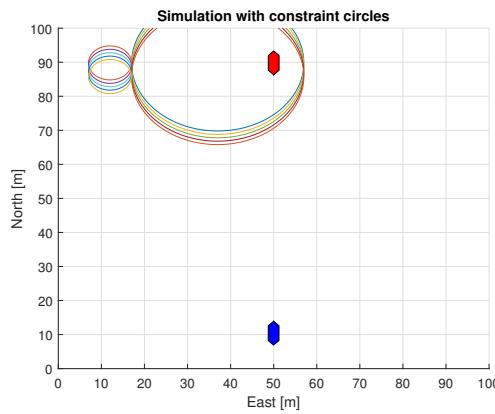
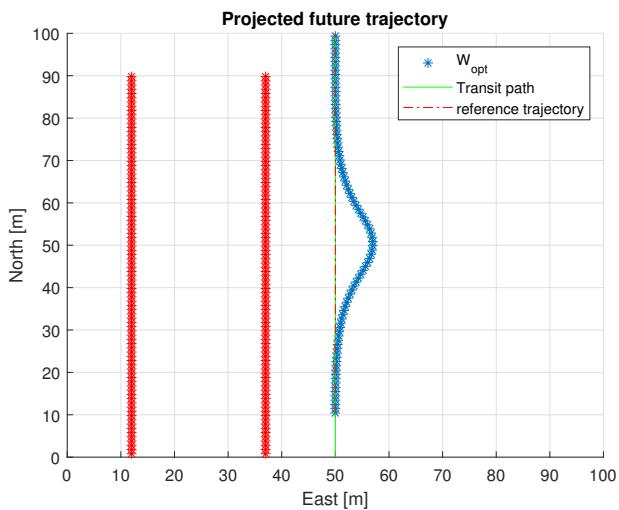
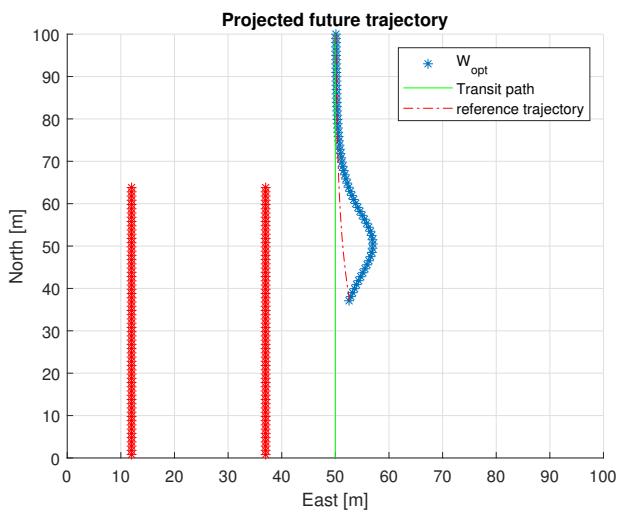


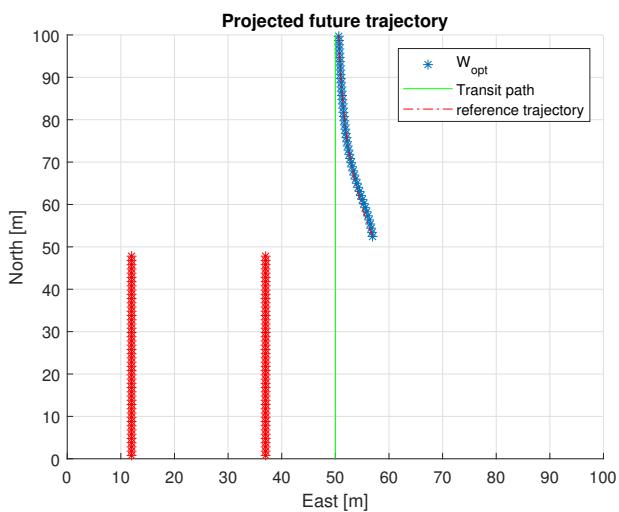
Figure 10: TODO: Skriv. Enkel HO sim med og uten constraints



(a) TODO: Skriv



(b) TODO: Skriv.



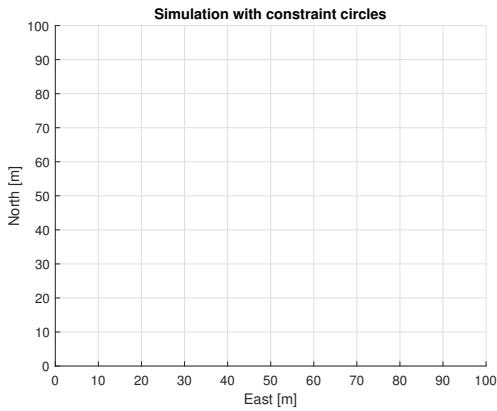
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Figure 11: TODO: Enkel HO w_opt

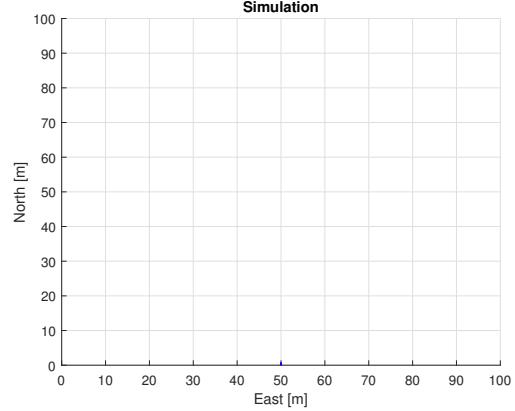
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- otherwise the behaviour ends up being exactly as expected considering the placements of the constraints.

4.2.3 Simple Stand On

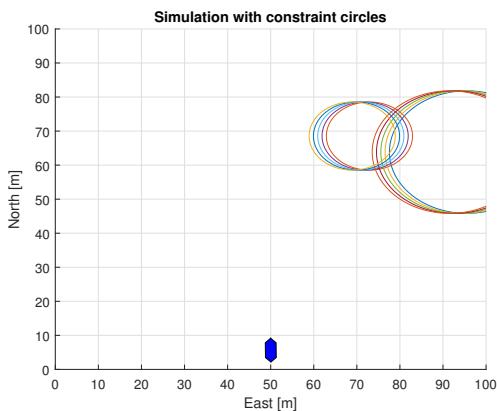
- This scenario assumes that the TS plays nice and attempts to follow the COLREGs rules.
- when using full prediction we can observe a small prediction error over time as the TS is not able to conduct the turn we expect it to take.



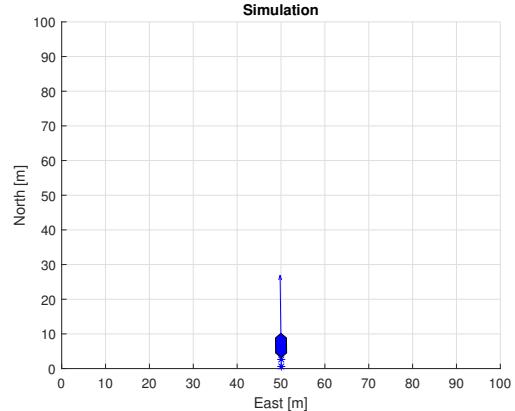
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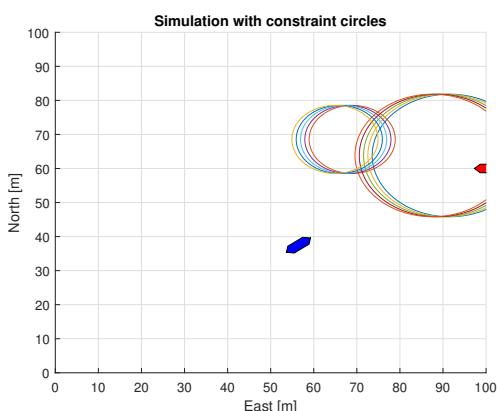
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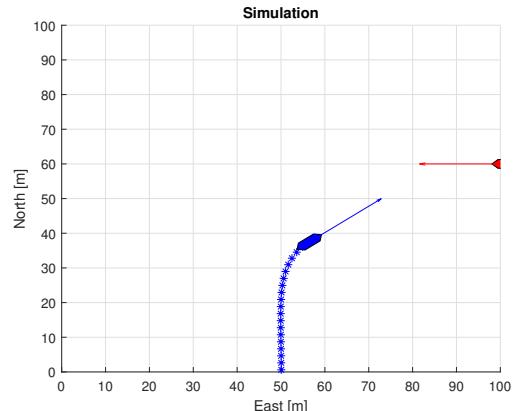
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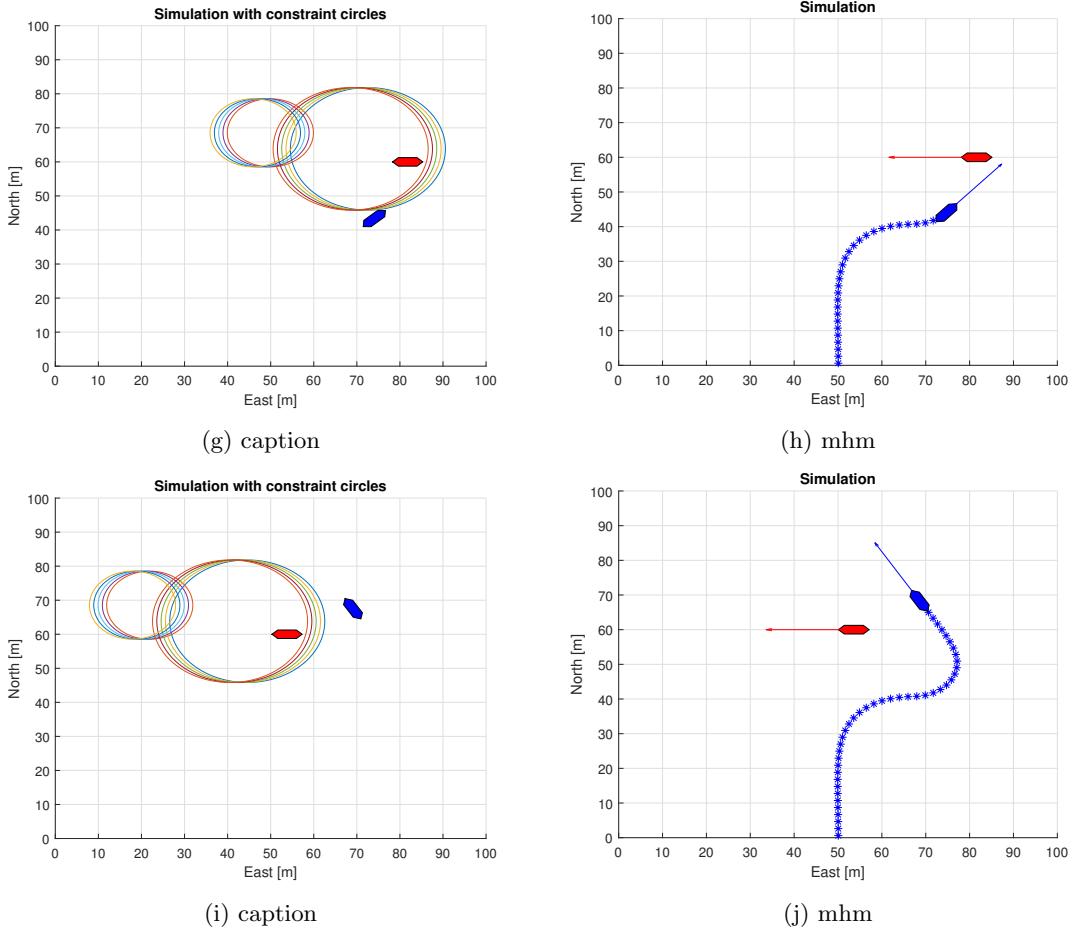


Figure 12: TODO: Skriv. Enkel GW sim med og uten constraints

4.2.4 Turn Head On

- THIS SCENARIO SHOULD BE MIRRORED HORIZONTALLY TO INCREASE THE CHANCES OF AN OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PREDICTIONS.
- otherwise business as usual, turns aren't predicted quite right.

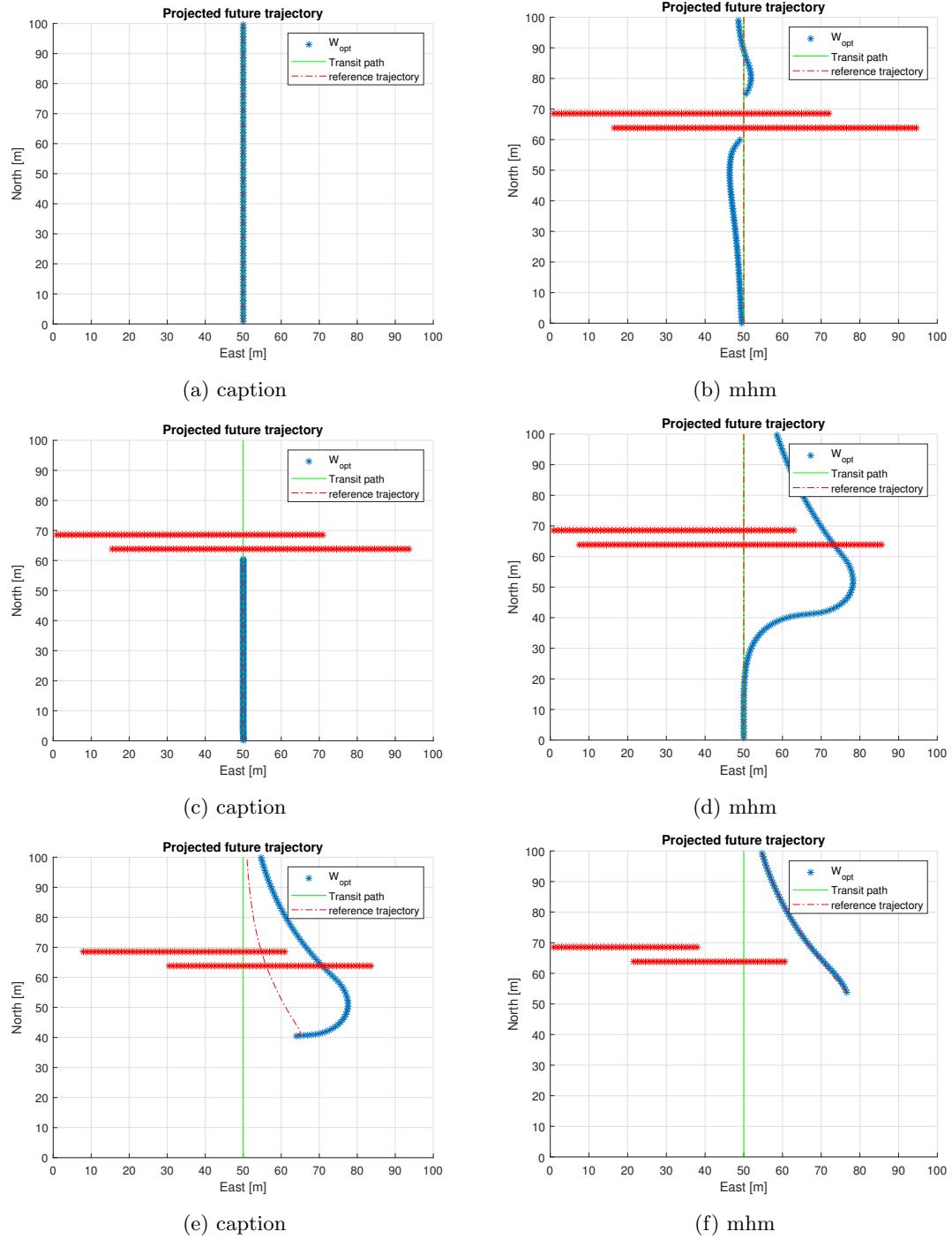


Figure 13: w_{opt} for Enkel GW

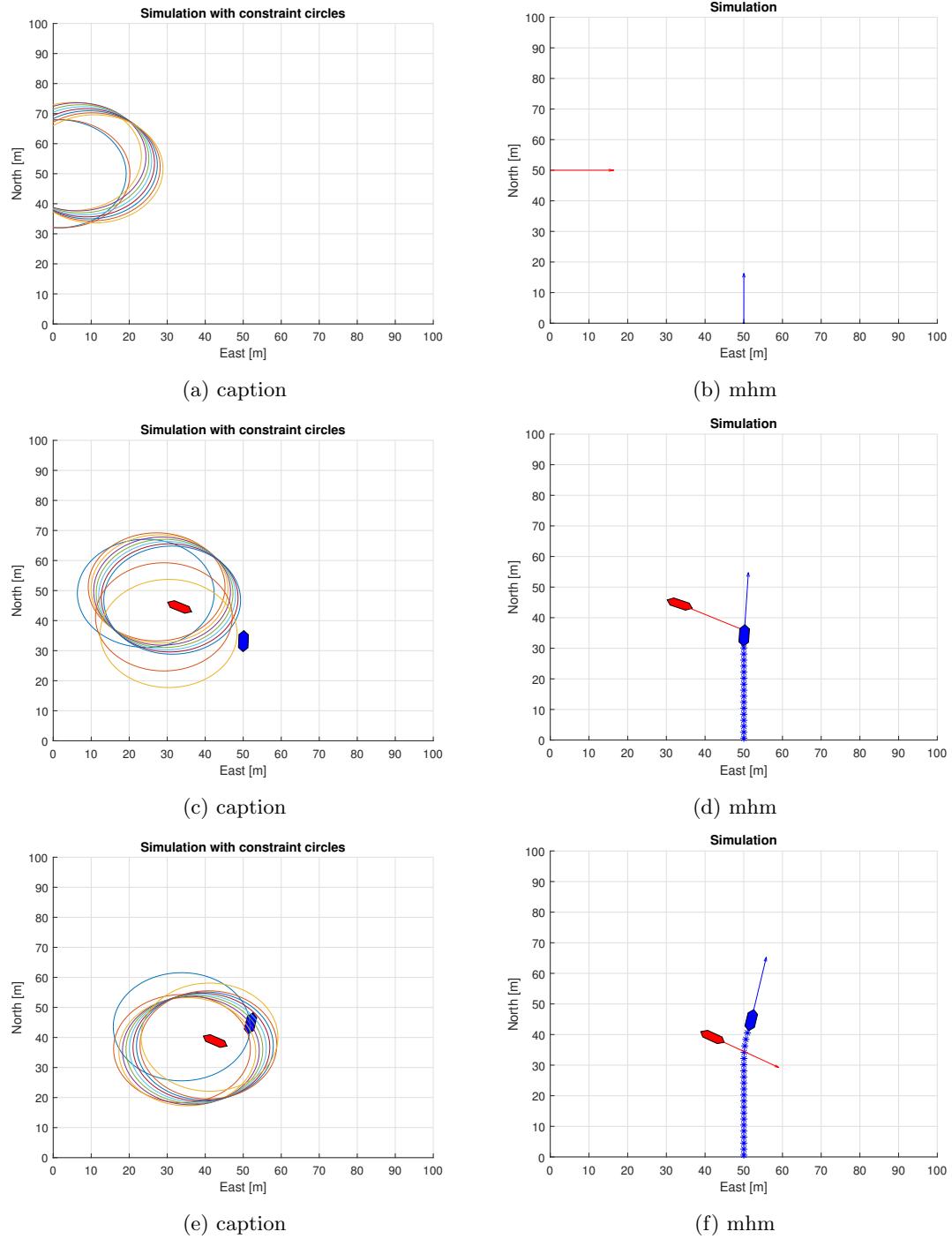


Figure 14: Enkel SO

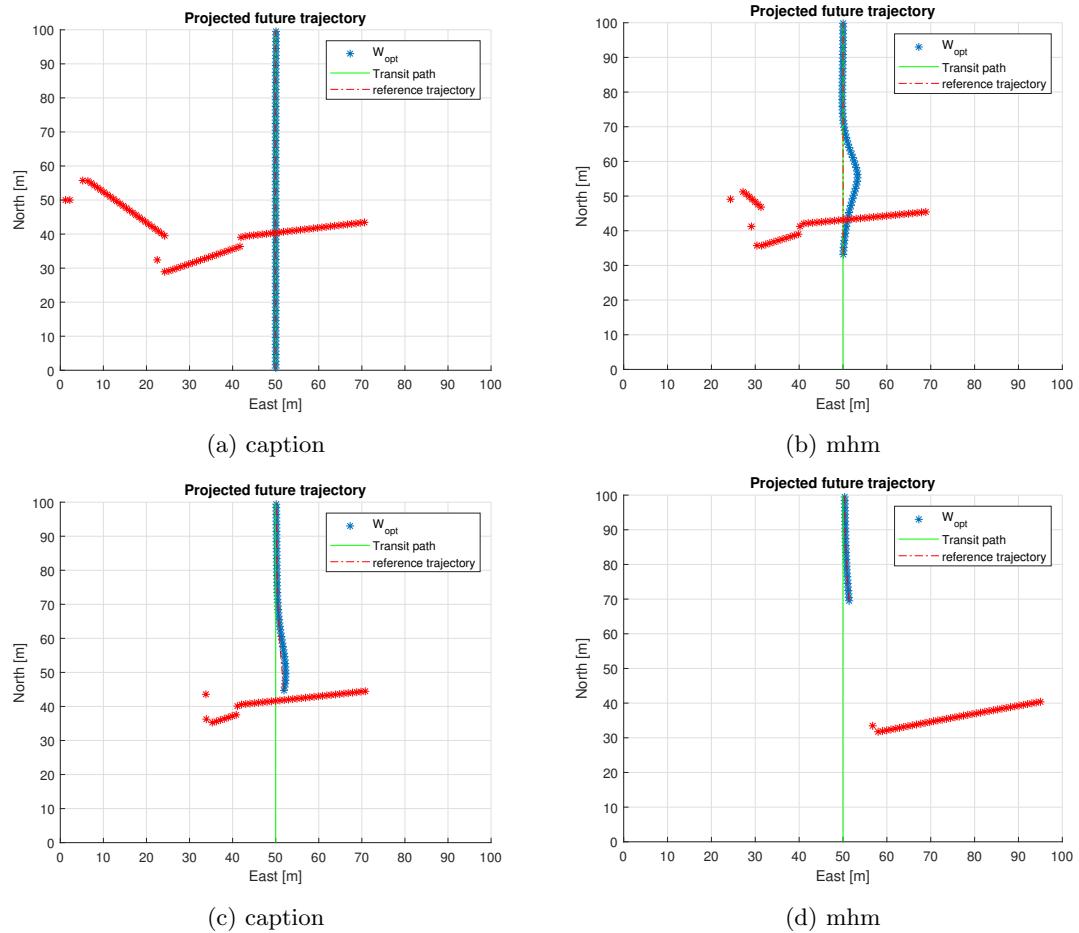
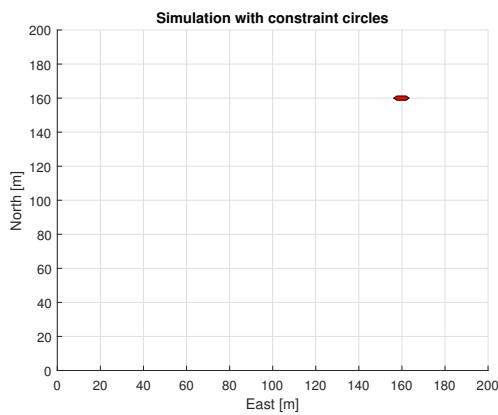


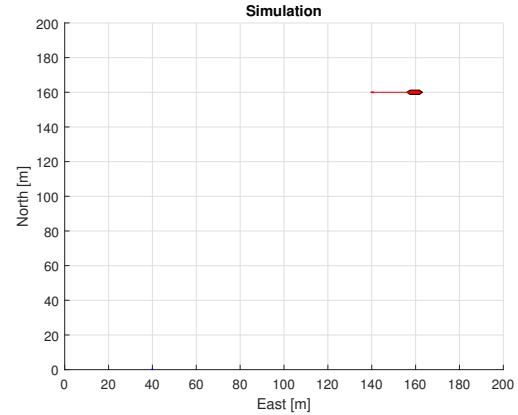
Figure 15: w_{opt} for Enkel SO

4.2.5 Turn Give Way

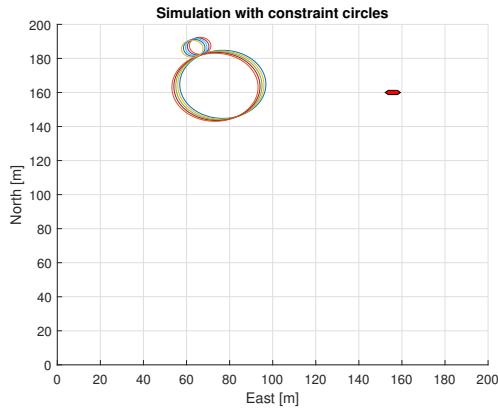
- Here we finally observe a big difference between full and simple prediction.
- due to how the situation plays out the OS is dragged along by the constraints of the TS.
- being dragged by constraints is not unique to this situation, and is one of the problems that can occur with this method of collision avoidance.



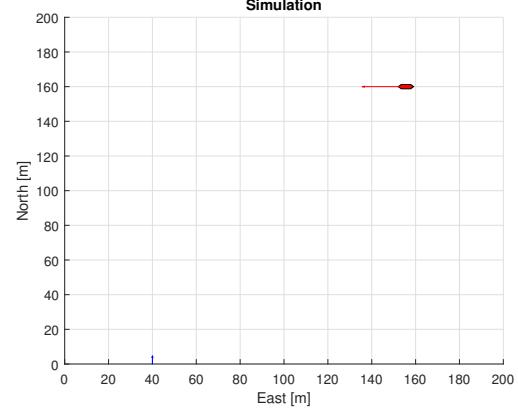
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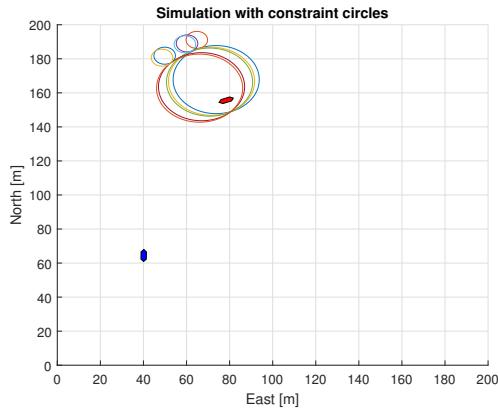
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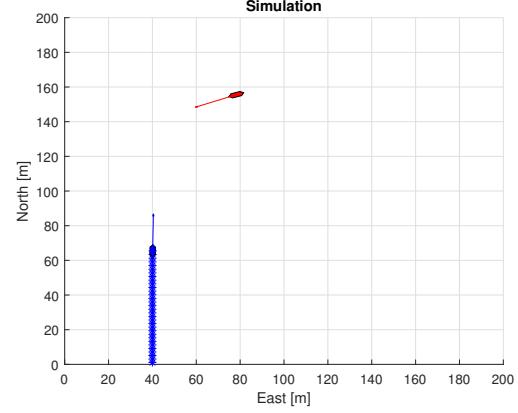
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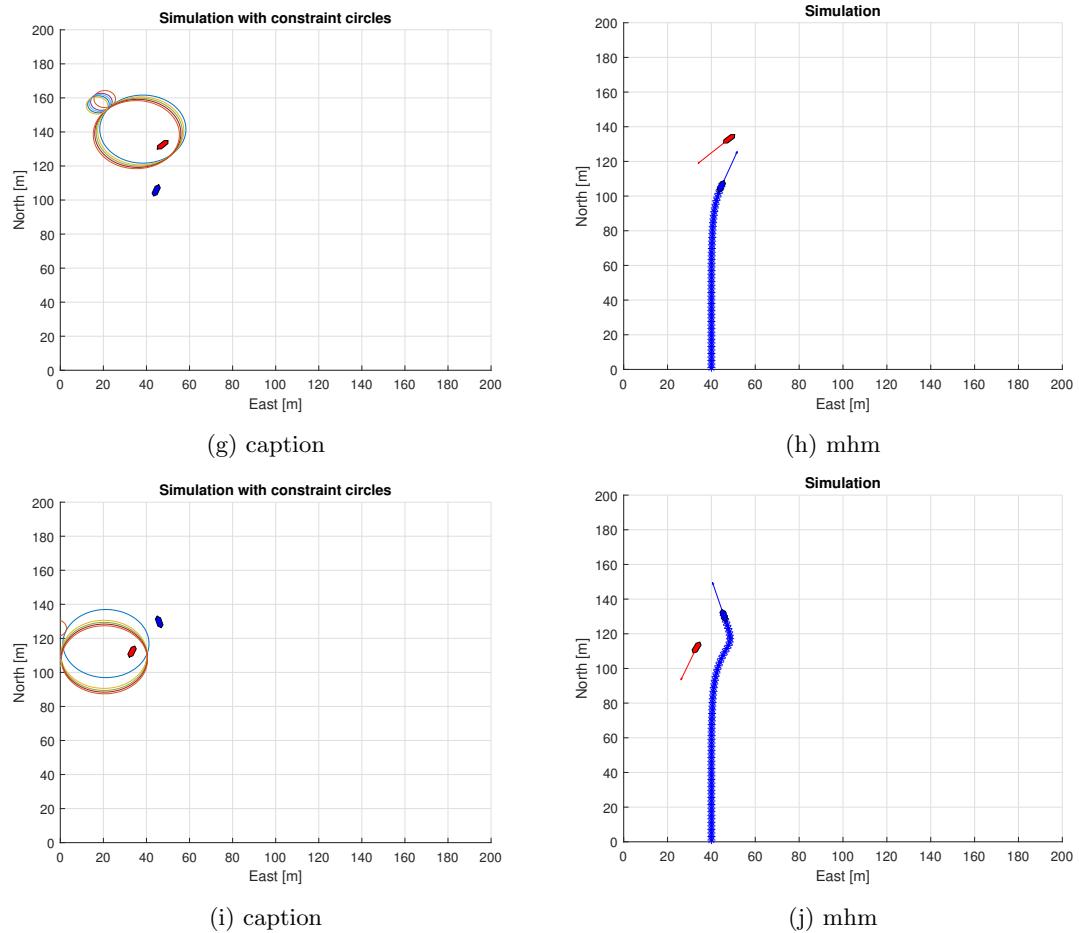


Figure 16: TODO: Skriv. Sving HO sim med og uten constraints

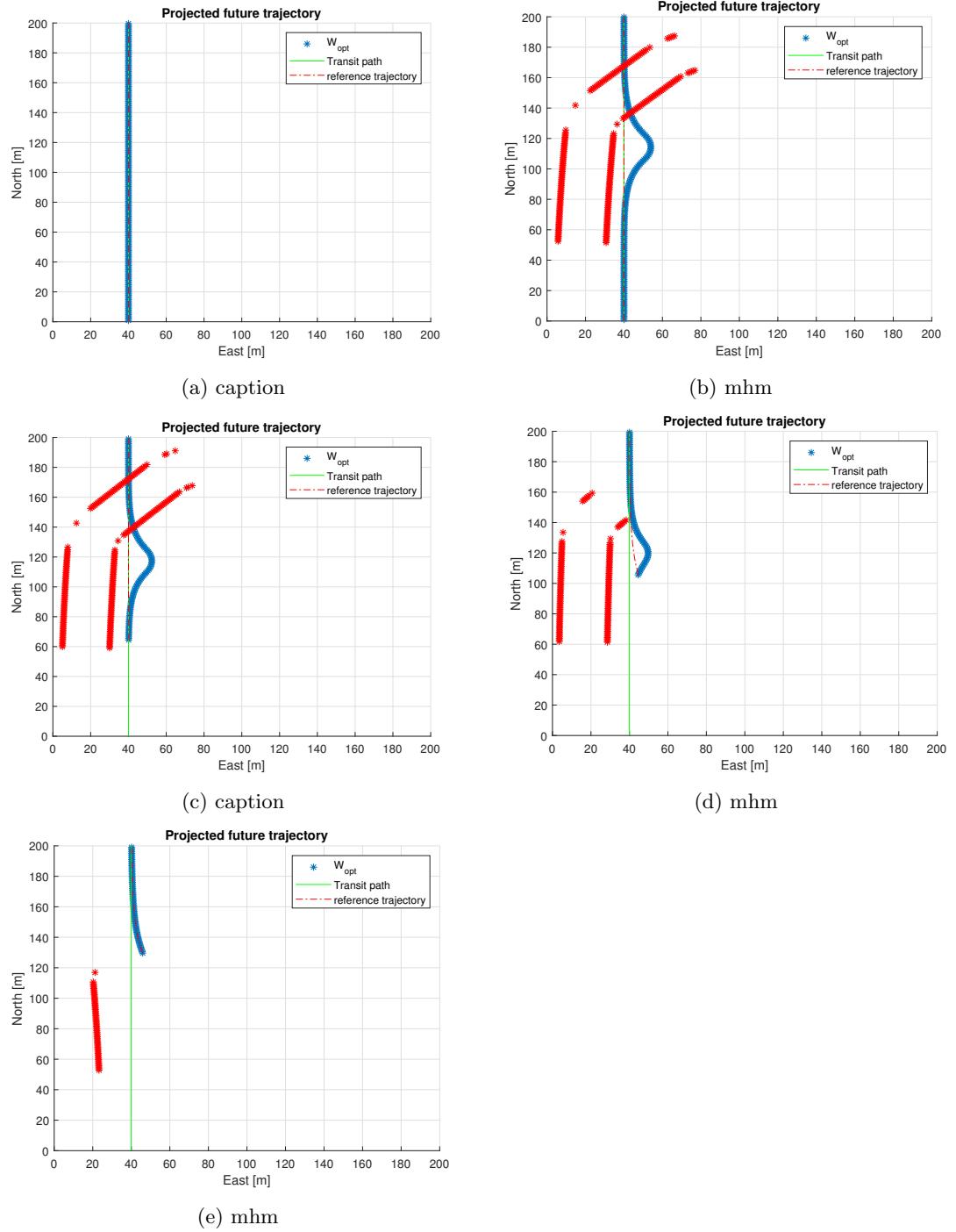
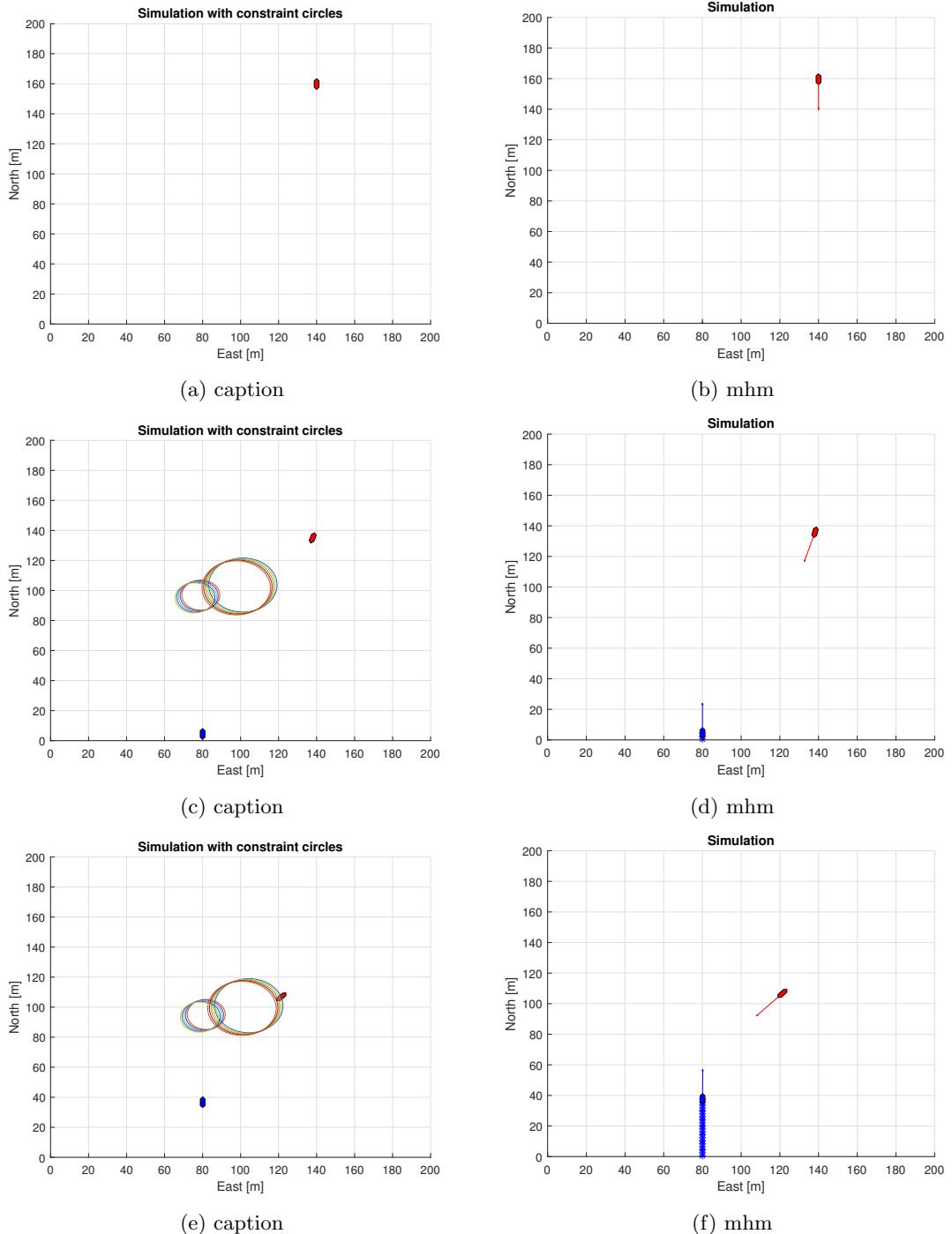


Figure 17: w_{opt} for Sving HO



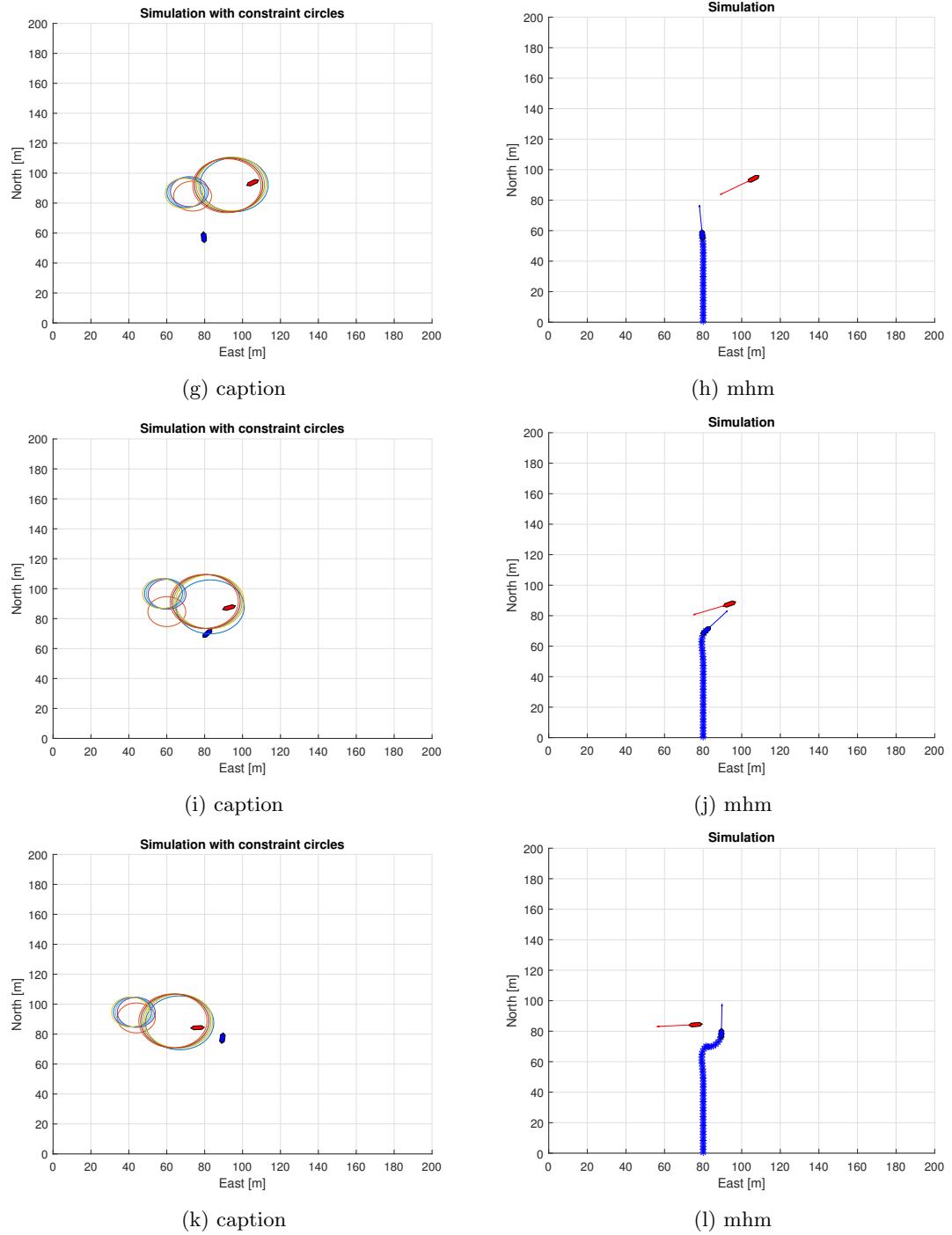


Figure 18: TODO: Skriv. Sving GW sim med og uten constraints AND WITH PREDICTION

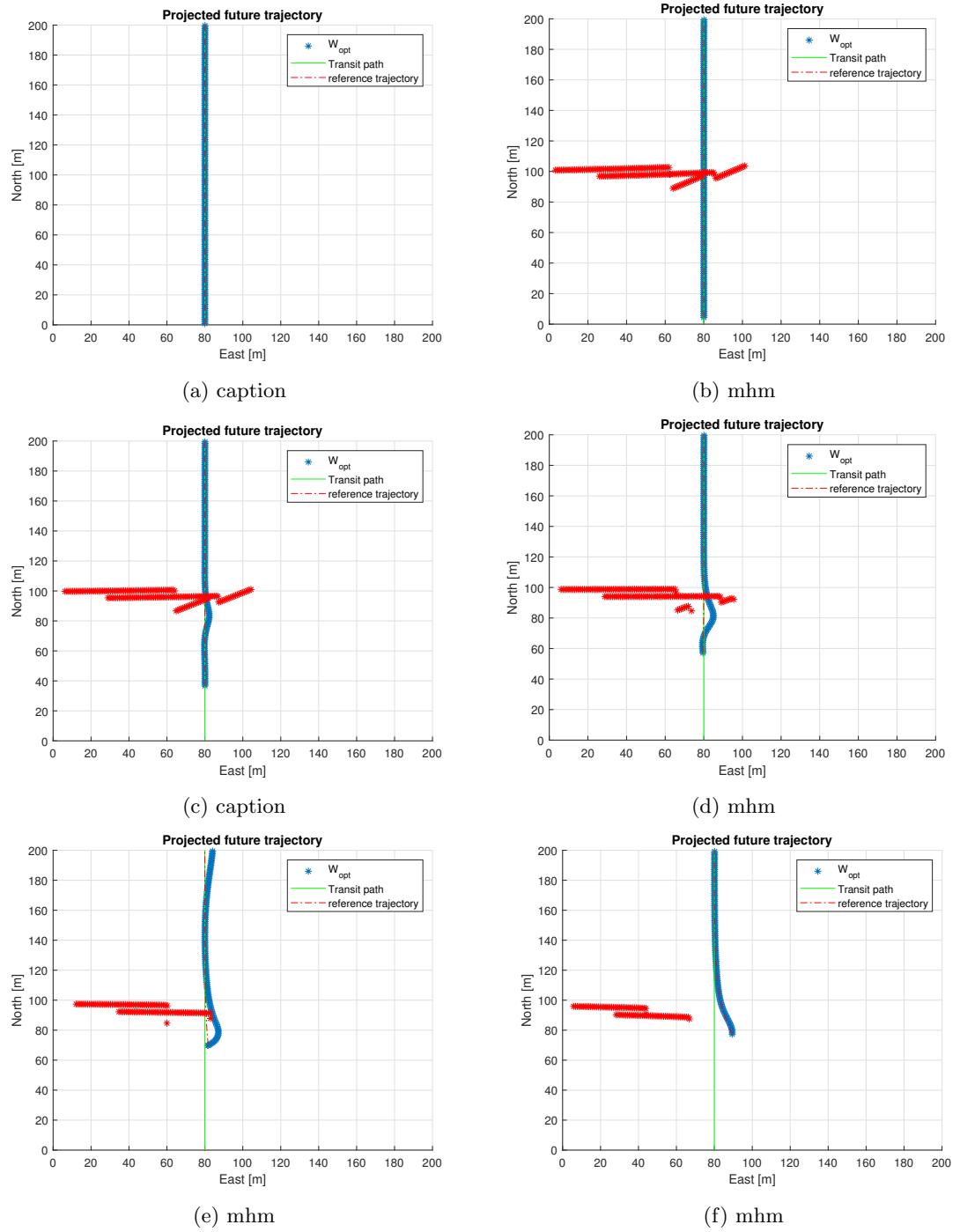
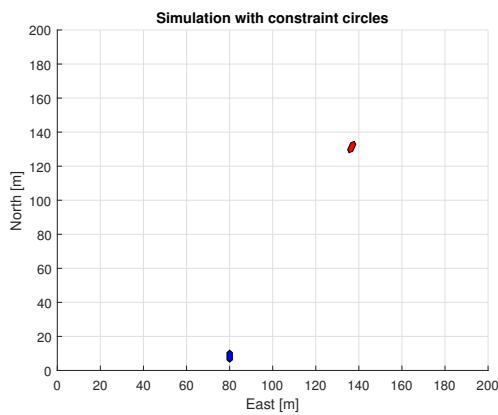


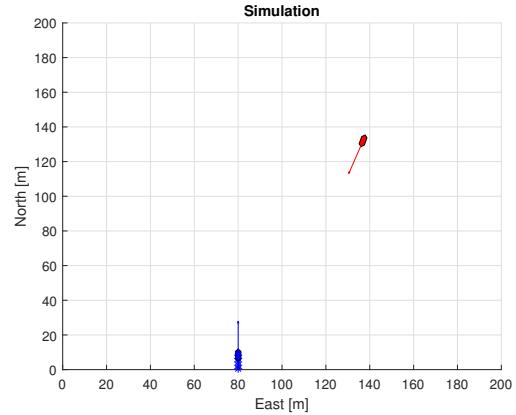
Figure 19: w_{opt} for Sving GW WITH PREDICTION

4.2.6 Turn Stand On

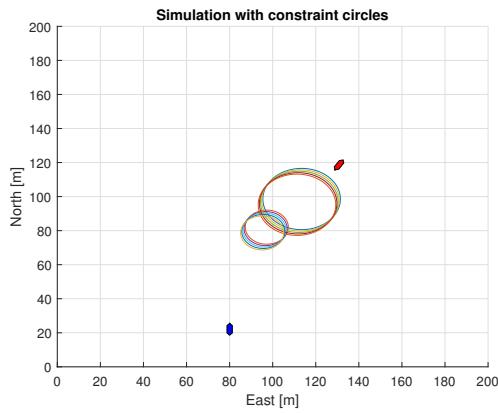
- Absolutely nothing happens here. move on.



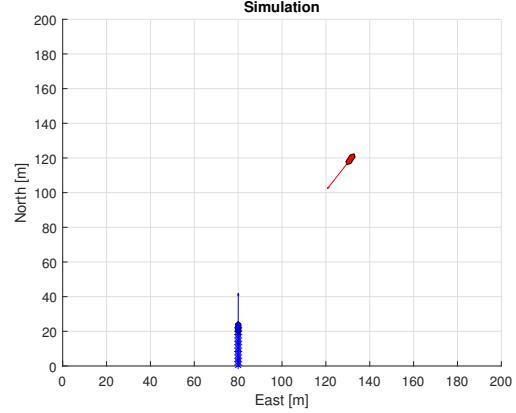
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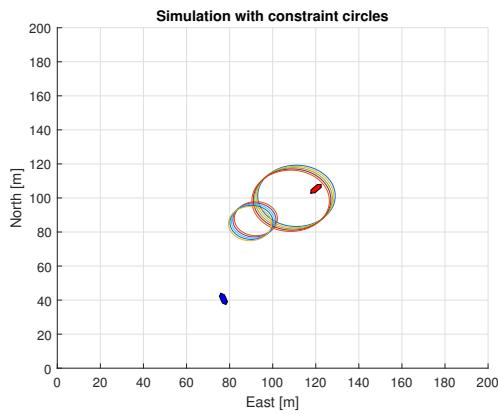
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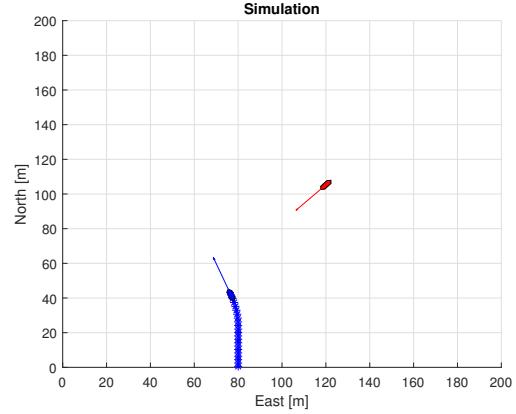
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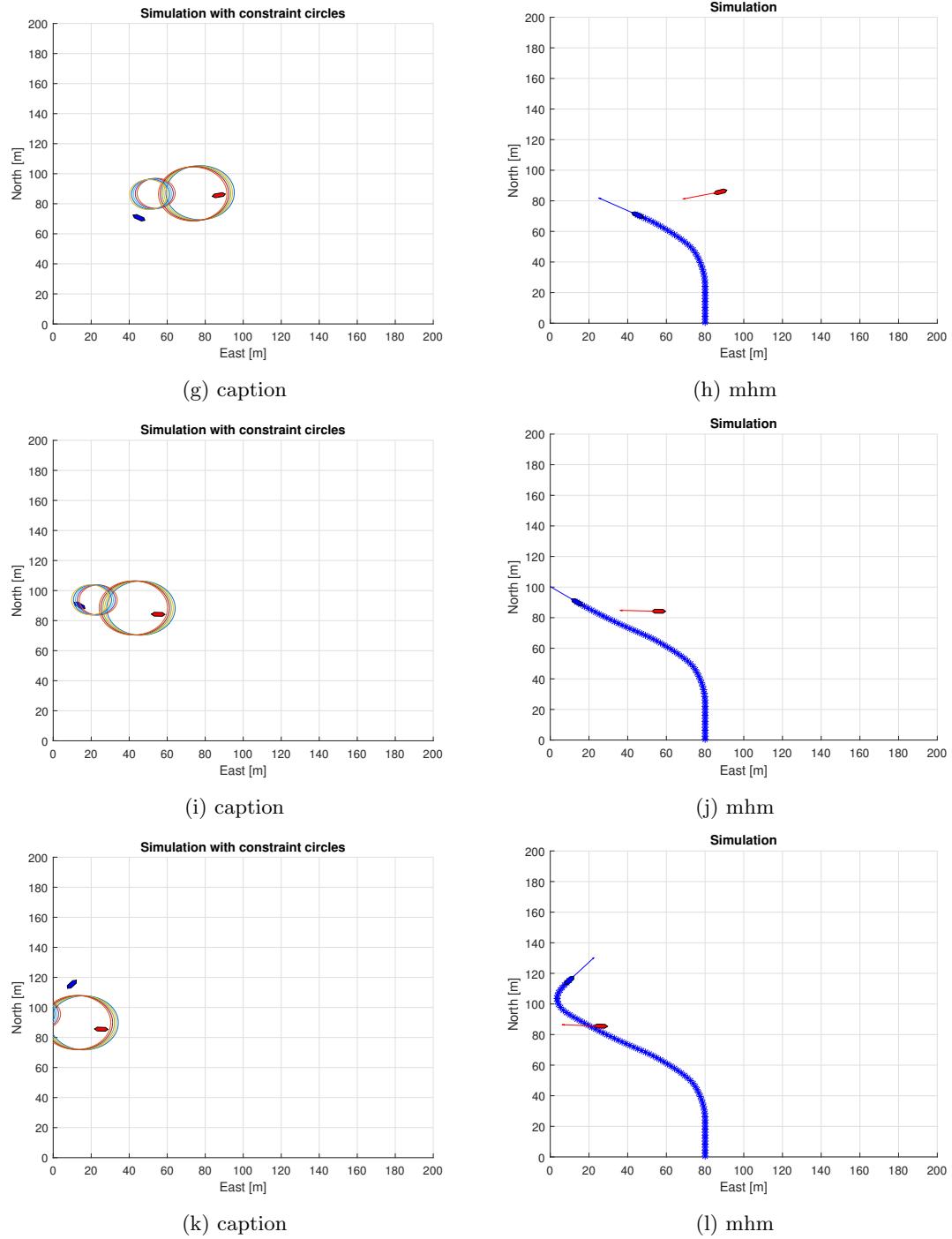


Figure 20: TODO: Skriv. Sving GW sim med og uten konstrahenter AND WITHOUT PREDICTION

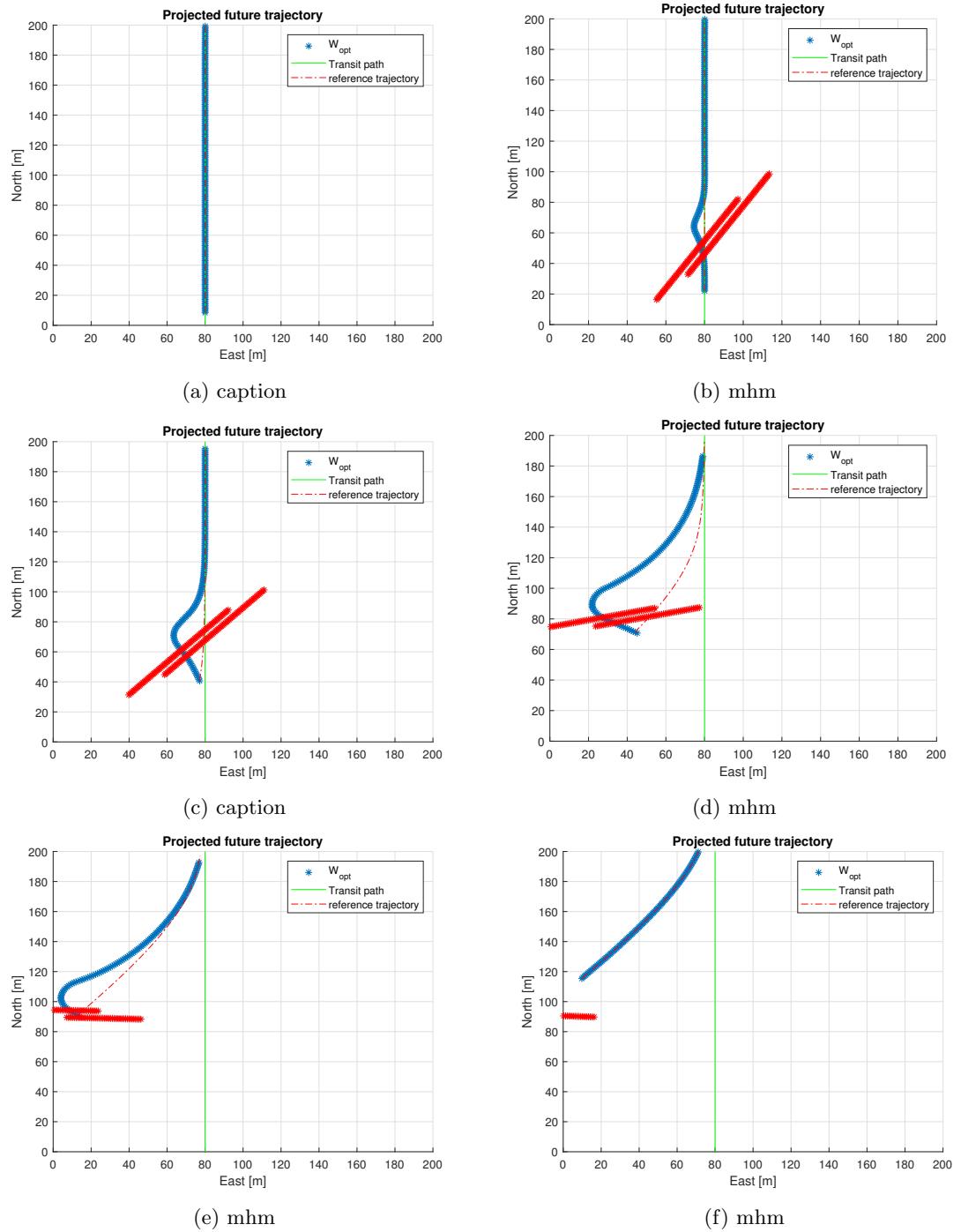
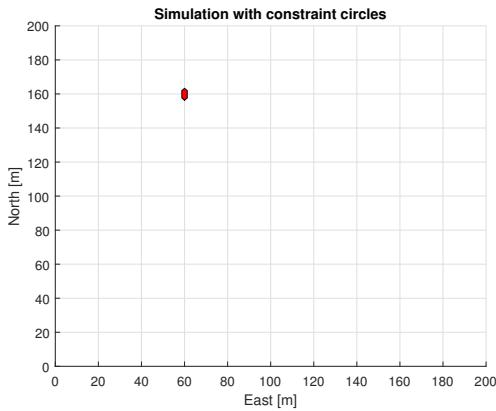


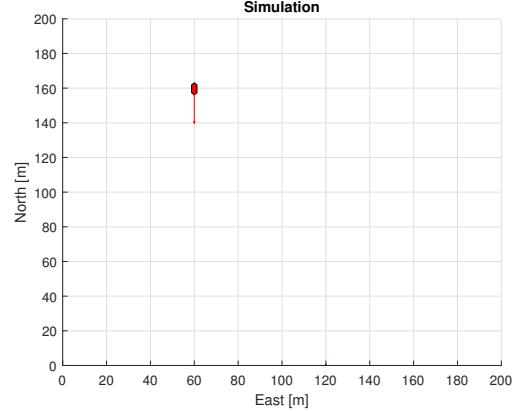
Figure 21: w_{opt} for Sving GW WITHOUT PREDICTION

4.2.7 Canals

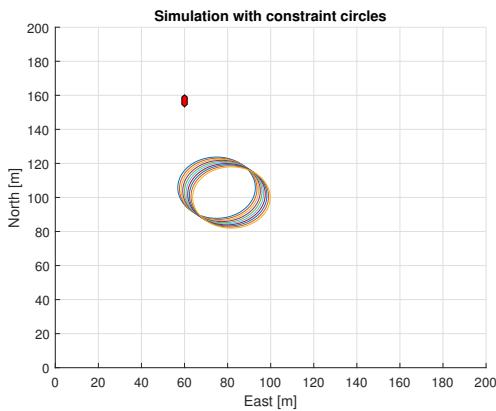
- blocked path
- feasibility check
- forskjell mellom prediction metoder
- not entirely clear to me which behaviour is the most 'COLREGs compliant'



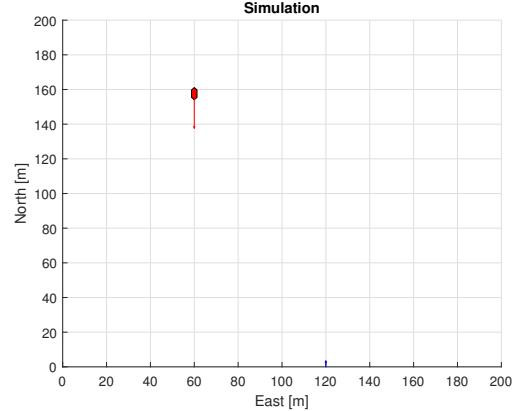
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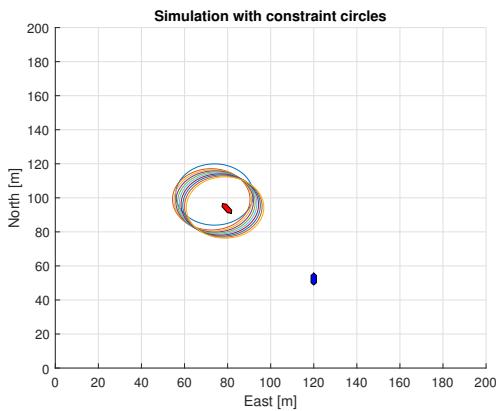
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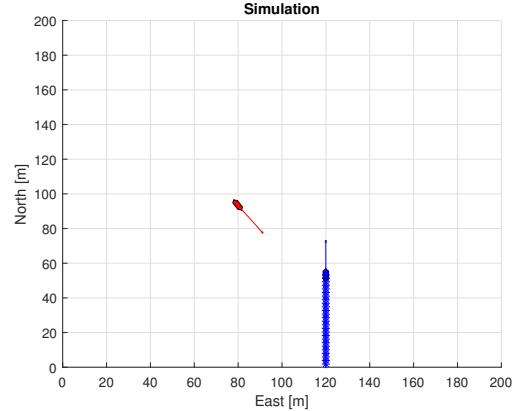
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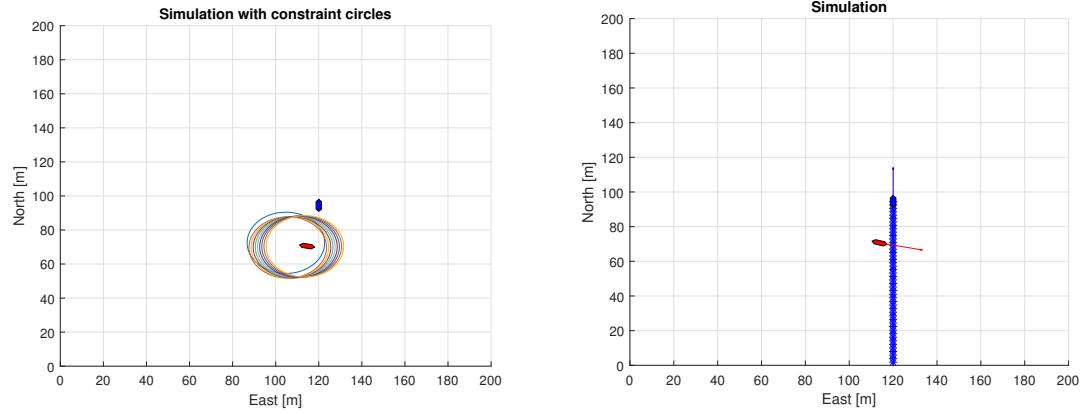
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Figure 22: TODO: Sving SO med og uten constraints

- When the path is blocked it takes a very very very long time to solve the NLP, users beware.
- Get to see static obstacles in effect.

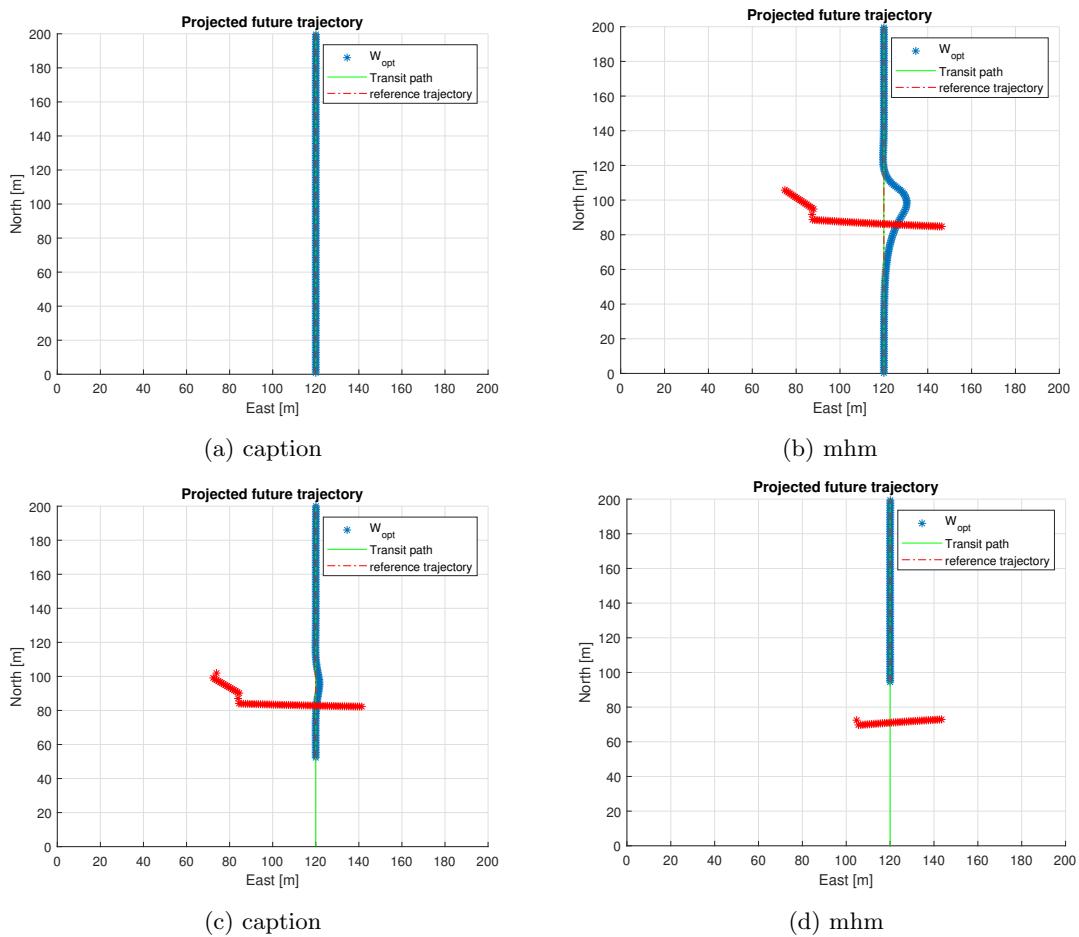
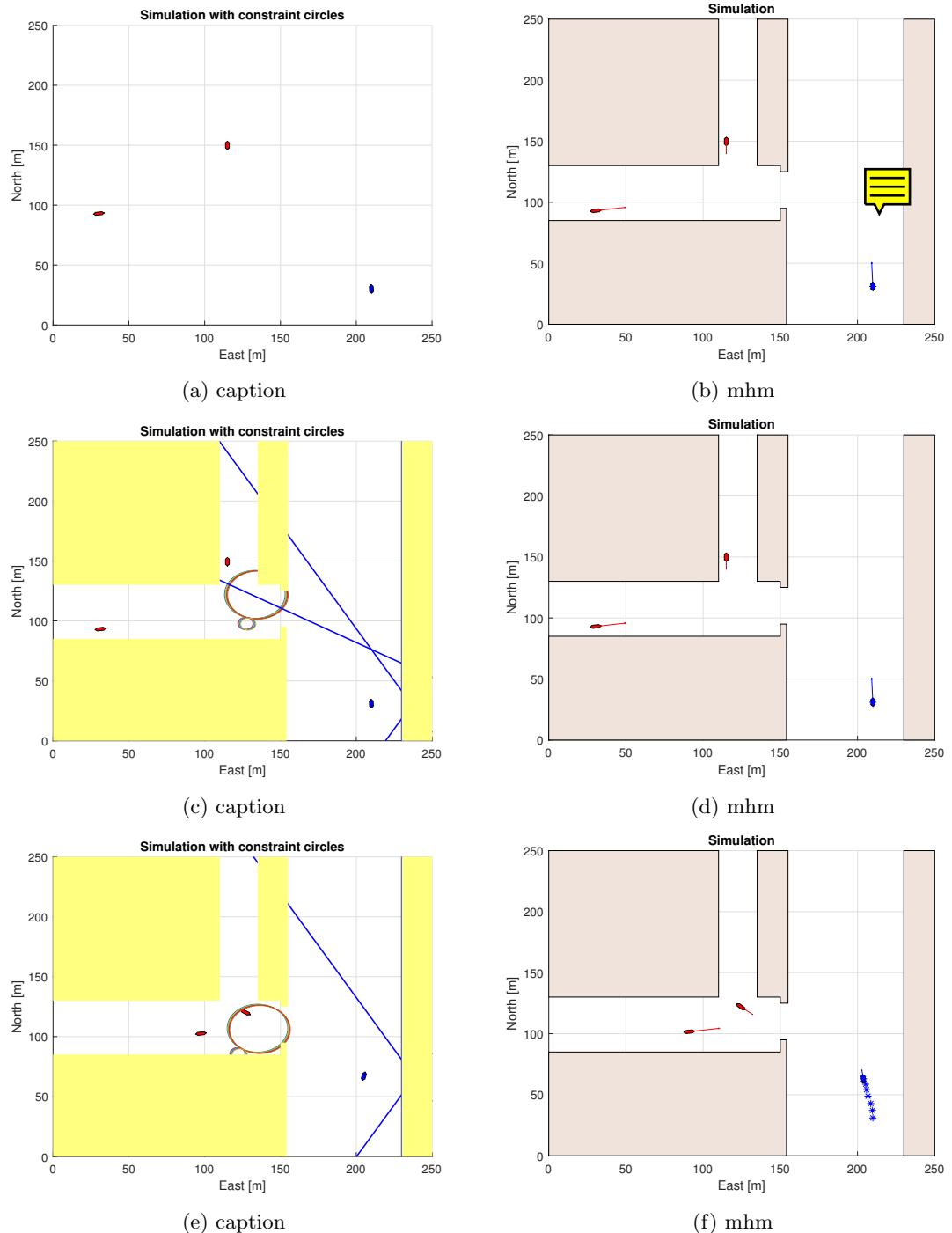


Figure 23: w_{opt} for Sving SO with prediction



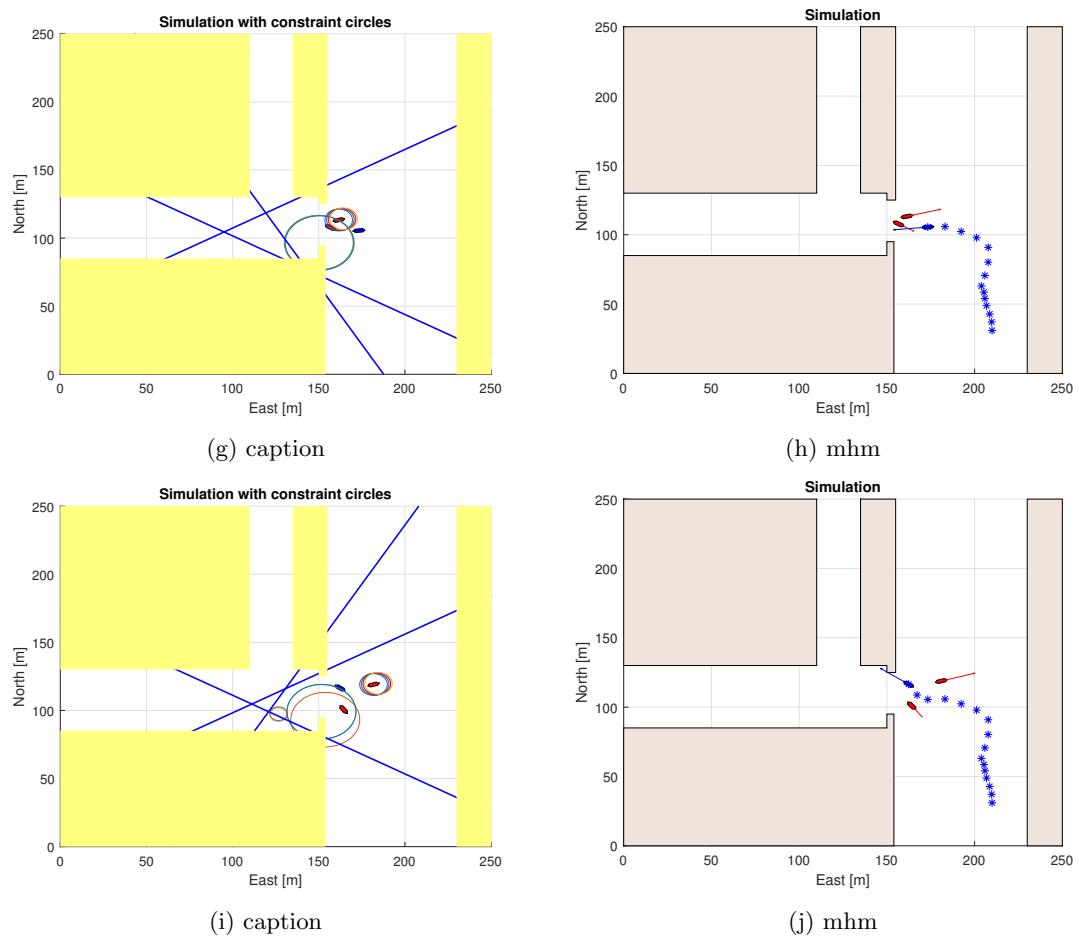


Figure 24: Canals simulation, shown with and without constraints

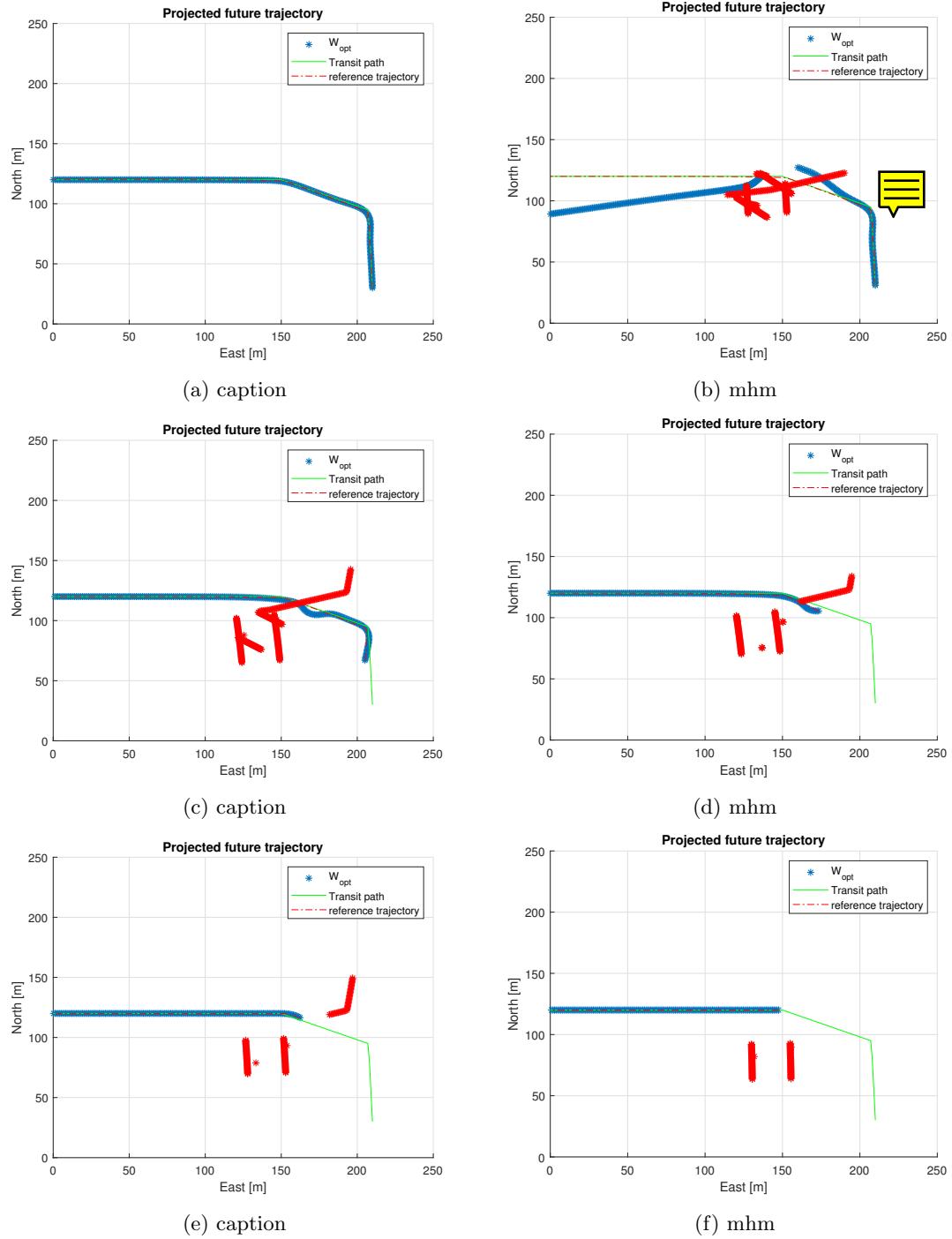
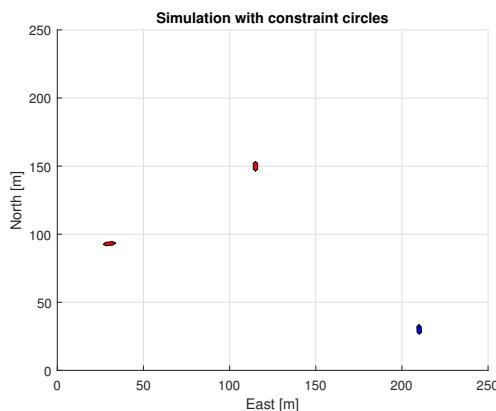


Figure 25: Predicted path over the course of the Canals simulation

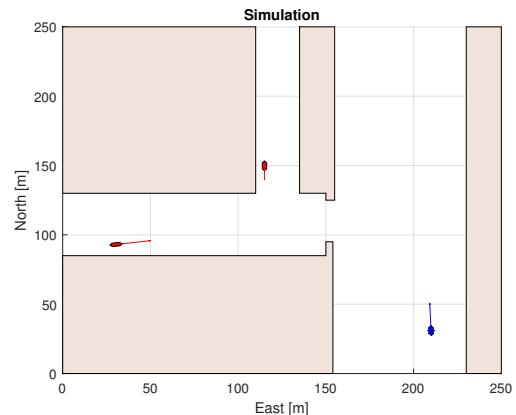
4.2.8 Helløya

- Ta med begge rettningene
- ta med flere COLREGs situasjoner samtidig
- her kanskje vi burde bli overtaken.

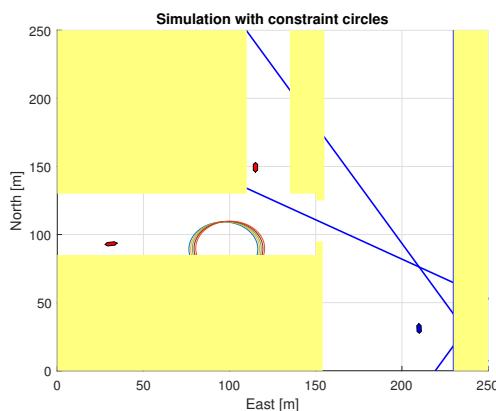
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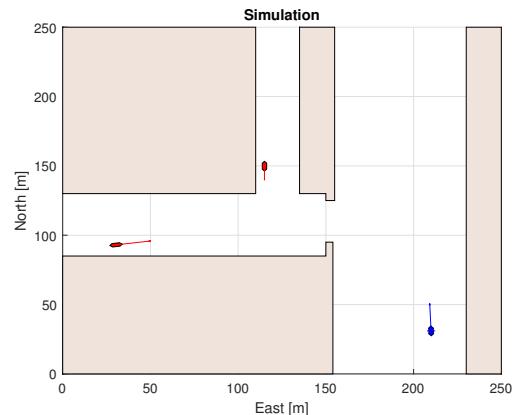
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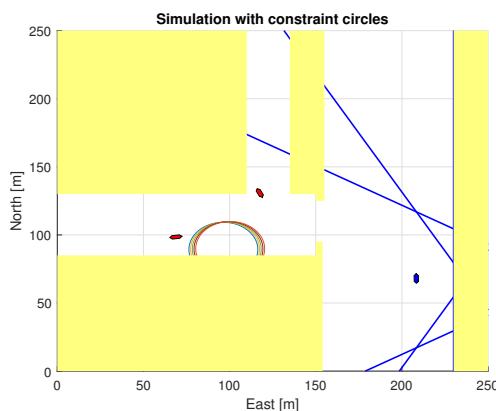
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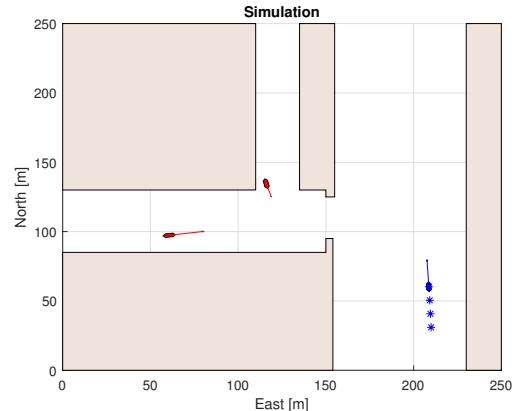
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4.2.9 Skjærgård

- Har lyst å endre denne.
- Skjærgård bør inkludere en bane gjennom masse små skjær, ikke fordi det er vanlig men fordi det må testes.
- kan gjerne gjøres kortere, det er allerede bevist at path following fungerer.... dette har jeg skrevet et annet sted også.
- Kanskje ta med et skjær som står midt i referansebanen.

4.2.10 Trondheimsfjord

- mer target ships takk
- mer COLREGs situasjoner oppå hverandre
- super stress test

(TODO: Skriv og figurer.)

4.2.11 Miscellaneous

- Bad Prediction, what happens when the target ship does not follow the predicted path
- Blocked Path, a closer look at what happens when the path we intend to take is fully blocked.
- Wrong turn, observe that the optimal trajectory is often to turn the wrong direction slightly when changing course.
- WrapTo2Pi problems, how to explain to an algorithm how course works.
- 'Dragged' along by Target Ships. When does it happen.

4.3 Discussion

- Hvorfor er viktigere en hva
- ikke overanalyser resultat, ikke dra ville konklusjoner.
- Hvis et resultat er mye værre enn forventet kan det godt være det er bugs.
- i tillegg til det resultatene viser kan jeg også skrive om det jeg kan se med debugging.

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- WrapTo2Pi problems (shortest signed angle stuff)
 - Turning the wrong way to get a more even turn, Optimization leads to this problem.

4.4 Improvements over previous version

- Definite improvements in terms of computational efficiency. This greatly increases the likelihood of finding an optimal solution
- Because of the better efficiency the algorithm is also able to handle more control intervals, This means it is better at handling both greater time horizon and shorter control interval steps.
- The new method for handling static obstacles is much less prone to misplaced or inefficient constraints. (her ta gjerne med figuren som viser problemer med sirkel constraints for statiske hindringer).
- The new way of handling dynamic constraints should in theory make the algorithm better suited for more complex situations with more agents, however the placement of dynamic constraints remains largely unchanged. Dynamic Constraint placement is bigger 'bottleneck' than agent culling for how complex situations are handled.
- More robust when an encounter leads to an infeasible solution.
- Improved COLREGs assessment
- But does it behave *noticeably* better?

5 Conclusion and Future Work

- conclusion:

oppsummering, forklaring, avsluttende ord.

- future work:

(variabel) Cost funksjon

'grenseverdier', altså verdier som constraint størrelse, distanse fra statiske hindringer, verdier som egentlig burde tunes basert på situasjonen slik den er i øyeblikket.

plassering av dynamiske constraints.

bedre måte å gjøre COLREGs assessment (ikke bare skjekk waypoints slik jeg gjør).

generelt andre metoder jeg ville foreslått å prøve isteden for spaghettijen jeg har kokt sammen.

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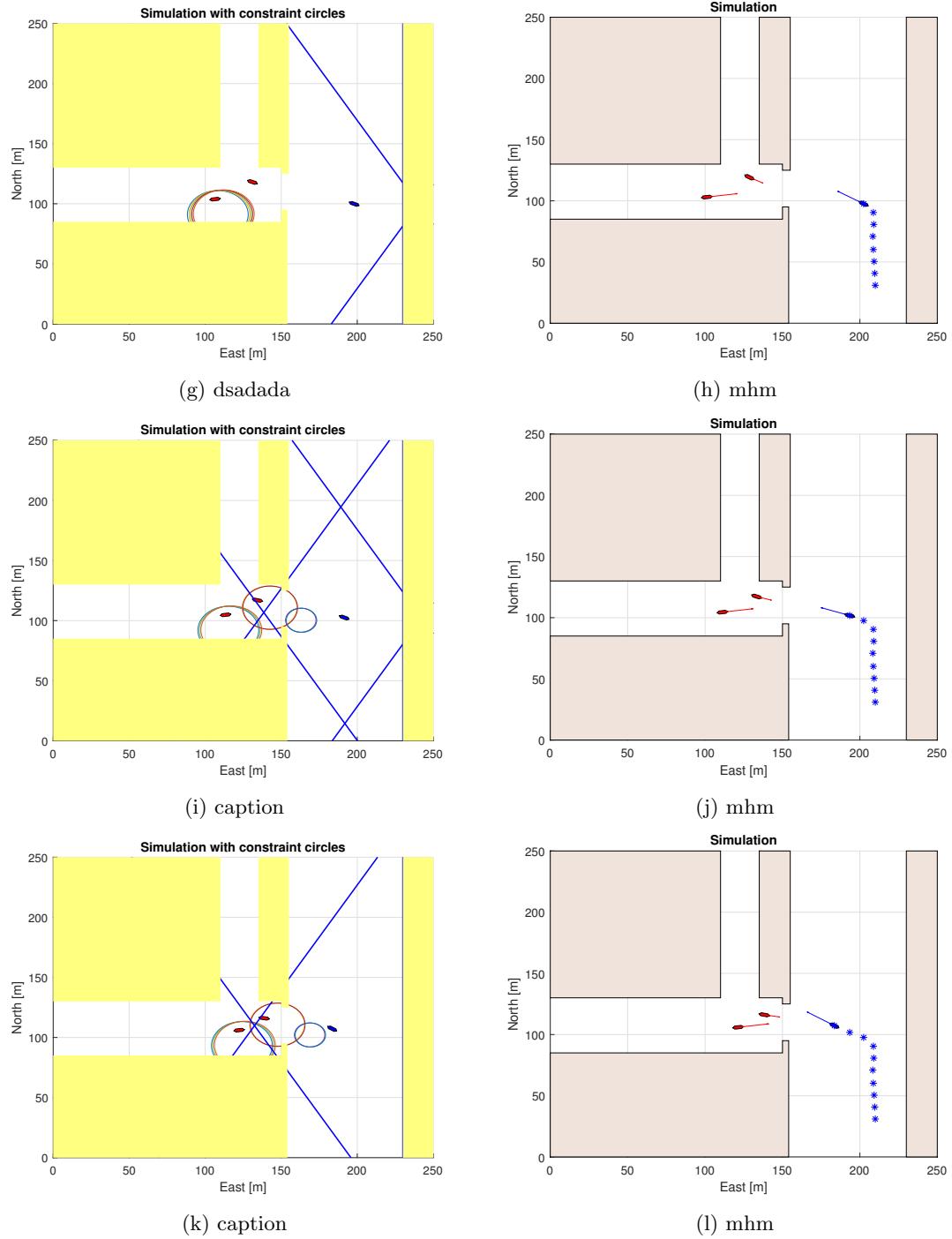


Figure 26: Canals simulation without prediction, shown with and without constraints

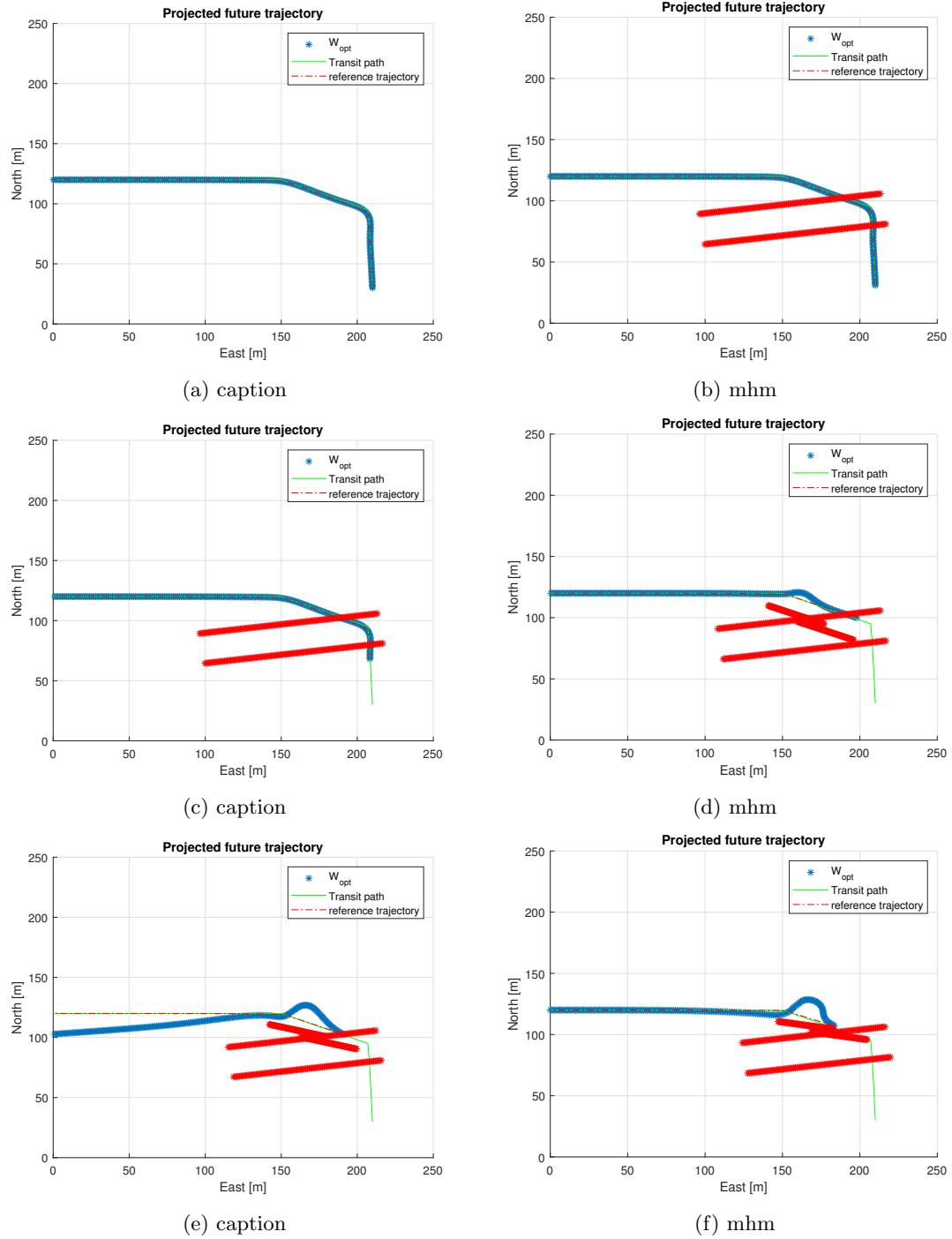
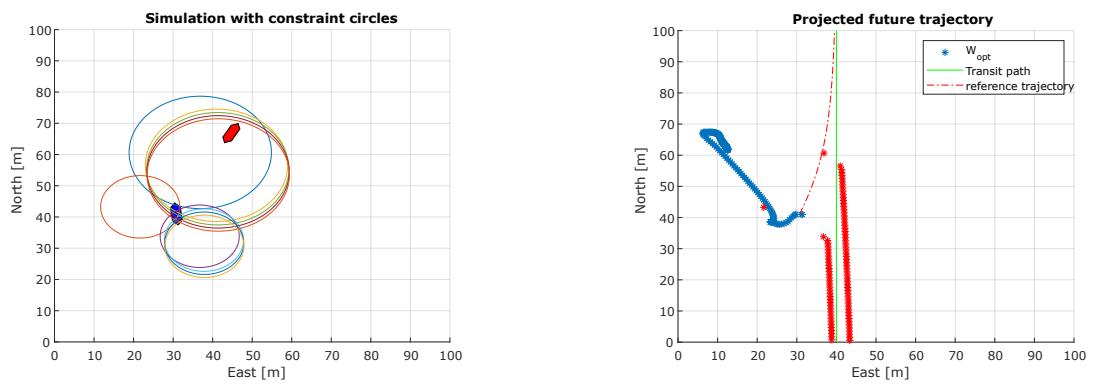


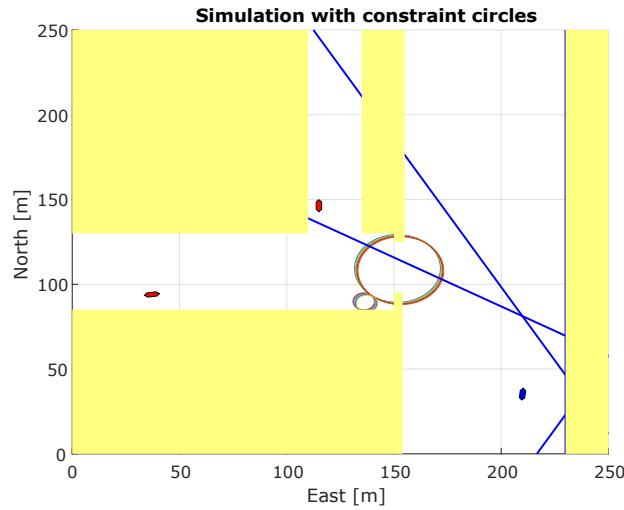
Figure 27: TODO: skriv. Havn1 w.opt without prediction



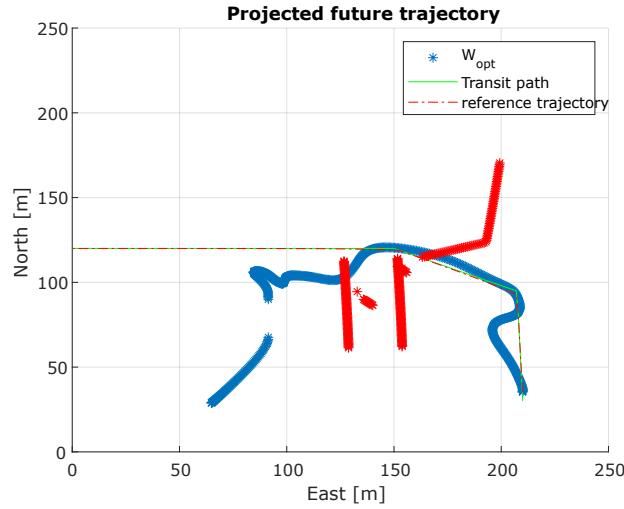
(a) TODO: SKriv. when prediction is poorly executed the risk of getting entangled in constraints increases.

(b) TODO: Skriv. When entangled in constraints the solver is unable to find a feasible solution.

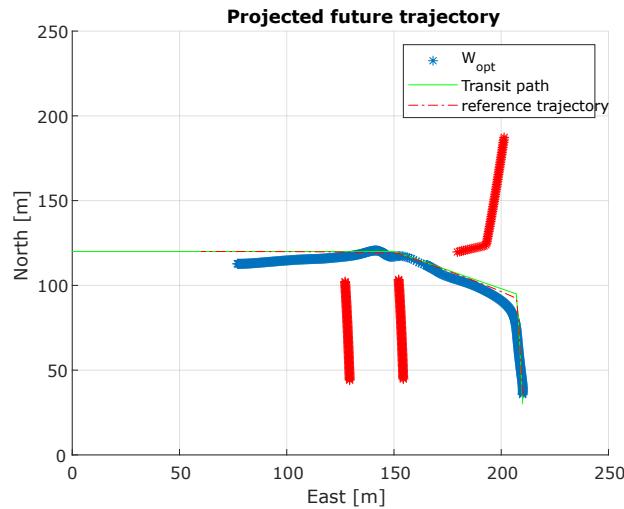
Figure 28: TODO: Skriv om bad prediction



(a) TODO: SKriv. A Target ship is predicted to completely block our path



(b) TODO: Skriv. When the path is blocked, the solution will never be feasible.



(c) TODO: Skriv. The solution for the next iteration, when speed is reduced by a factor of 3

Figure 29: TODO: A blocked path event, and how the solution develops