



Transformations and Combinations of Adaptive and Sliding Mode Control

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2.2 A 1965 survey (L.P.Grayson, Automatica)



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8	$\dot{x} = A(t)x + B(t)u$ where $A(t)$ and $B(t)$ are unknown, but are within known bounds.	An asymptotically stable, linear, time-invariant model of the form $\dot{y} = \mathcal{A}y + \mathcal{B}r$ is selected, and u chosen to make $e = x - y \rightarrow 0$ faster than e_1 of $\dot{e}_1 = ae_1$.	A nonlinear controller with relays. The system has adaptive properties.	GRAYSON [14, 15, 16] Extensions by HIZA and LI [17] MONOPOLI [18]
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10	$\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ where $f(0, 0) = 0$	Choose $u(x)$ such that the system is asymptotically stable, and $\phi(u) = \int_0^{\infty} G(x, y) dt$	Linear or nonlinear controllers may result. Overall system is optimal.	AL'BREKHT [19] BOYANOVITCH [20] AOKI [21]

3. MRAC background

3.1 Lyapunov based MRAC design



A pioneering work in Lyapunov based design for adaptive control was published in 1966 by Parks

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Liapunov Redesign of Model Reference Adaptive Control Systems

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Lyapunov design has set the stage for modern adaptive control theory (see (Ioannou and J. Sun, 1996)).

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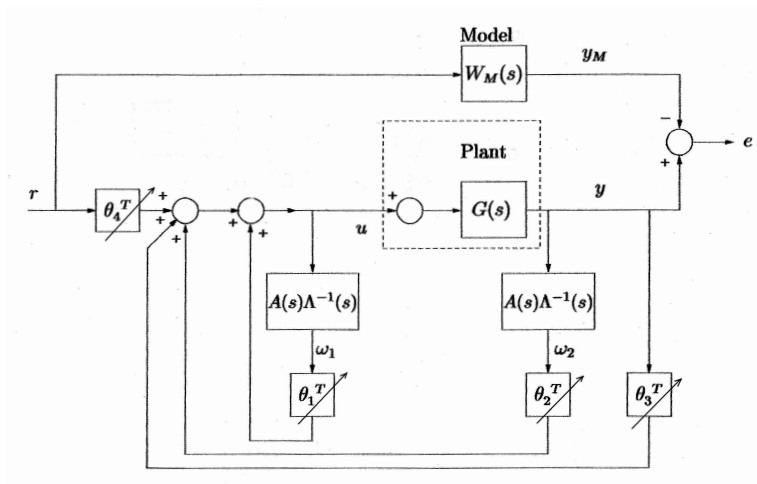
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- $\{A, b, h\}$ is a *nonminimal* realization of the SPR reference model $W_M(s)$

The (simplified) Kalman-Yakubovitch-Popov Lemma

$G(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B$ is strictly positive real iff $\exists P = P^T > 0, Q > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}PA + A^T P &= -2Q \\ PB &= C^T\end{aligned}$$

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- Thanks to the **KYP Lemma**:

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In fact,

**The adaptation transient can be extremely slow or oscillatory.
Still a challenge in adaptive control!**

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SPR Lemma makes the "magic" of allowing sign-indefinite terms to be dominated!

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ρ is called “gain” or “modulation” function of the relay function $\text{sign}(\cdot)$, with arbitrary design constant $\delta > 0$.

4.3.1 Main result, $n^* = 1$



Main Result: Global tracking, $n^* = 1$

- $\|e(t)\| \rightarrow 0$ with at least an exponential rate, independent of the excitation $r(t)$;
- The output error $y(t) - y_M = e_1(t) = h^T e$ becomes zero after finite time $t_1 \geq t_0$, in sliding mode.

4.3.2 Simulation results

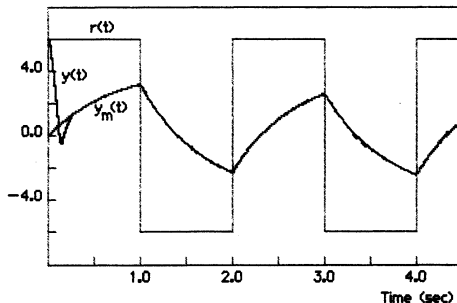
Uncertain nonlinear time-varying plant
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$$\dot{y}_m = -2y_m + r(t);$$

$$y = 6x_1 + x_2$$

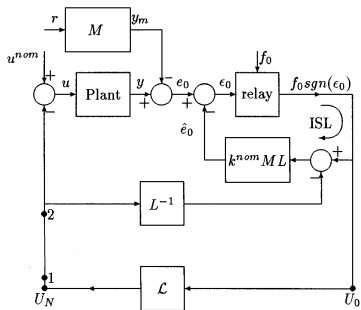




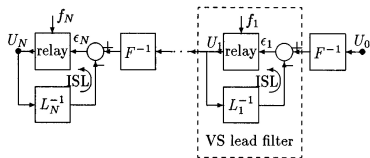
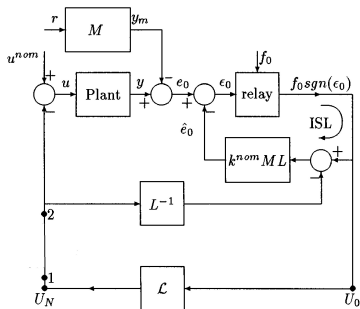
An augmented error was also proposed (Hsu, 1990) for the VS-MRAC, inspired by the MRAC works of

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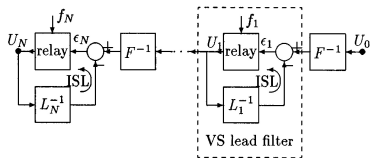
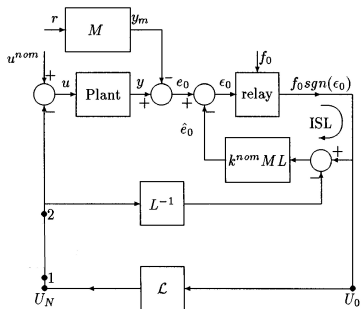
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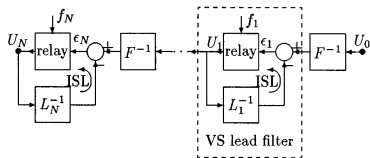
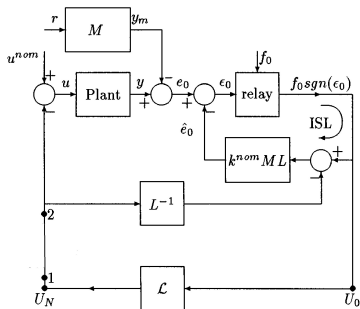


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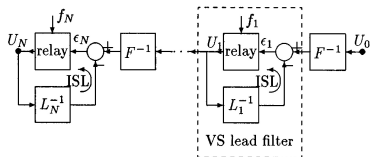
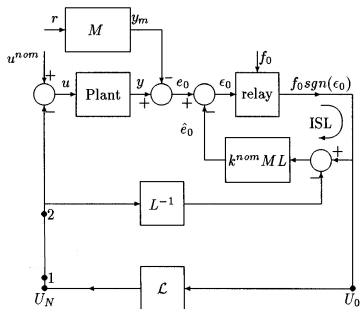
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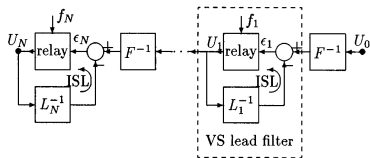
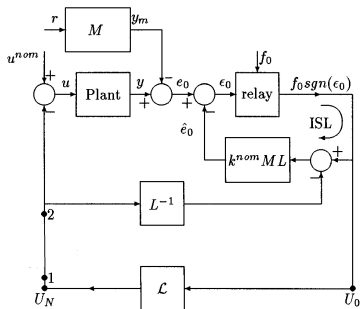
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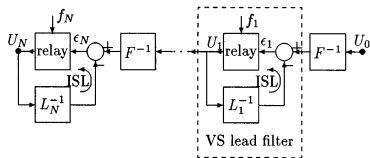
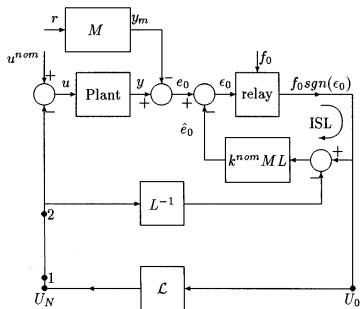
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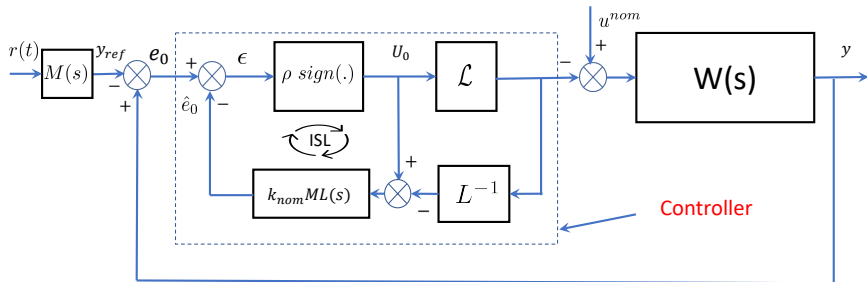
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Ideal Sliding Modes (ISM): no finite frequency chattering

All auxiliary errors ϵ_i tend to zero in finite time as ideal sliding modes.

Remark: For ϵ_N , special nonrestrictive conditions are needed (Hsu, 1997), (Oliveira, Hsu, and Nunes, 2021)

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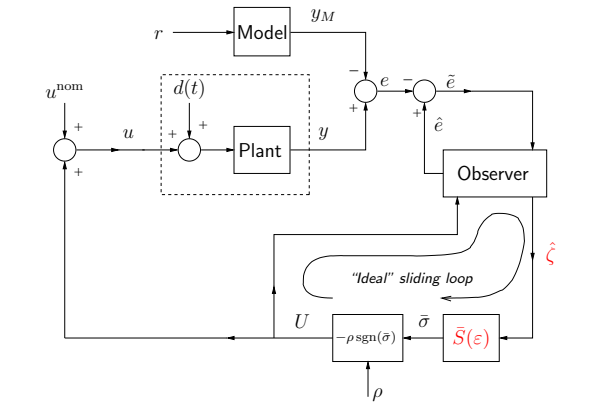


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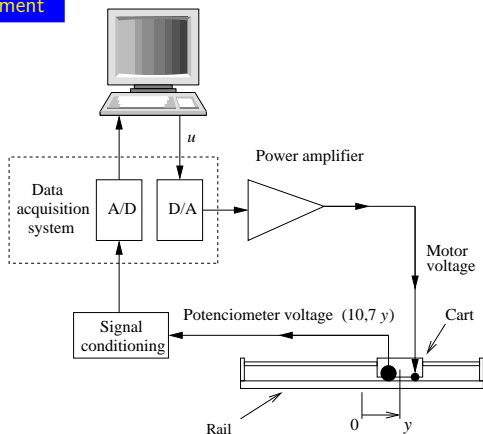
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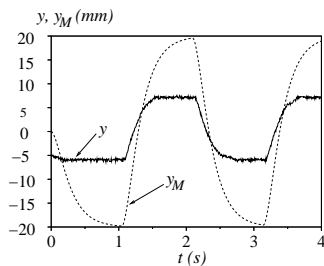
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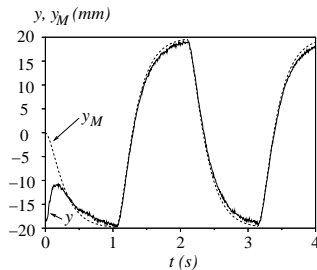


HGO VS-MRAC cart position control



Nominal linear control

Nominal cart mass



HGO + VSC + SVF

Augmented cart mass



Main conclusion:

A global peaking-free VS-MRAC was developed using high gain observer (HGO).

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Problem statement

- Plant

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- Linear subsystem transfer function matrix:

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Special assumptions

(A1) S_p is known such that $-K_p S_p$ is Hurwitz

(A2) $\phi(x_p, t)$: piecewise continuous in t and locally Lipschitz in x_p

(A3) $\|\phi(x_p, t)\| \leq k_x \|x_p\| + \varphi(y, t)$, $k_x, \varphi \geq 0$ are known

Unit Vector control law

$$u = u^{nom} - S_p \rho \frac{e}{\|e\|}$$

Modulation (or variable gain) function:

$$\rho = \delta + c_1 \|\omega\| + c_2 \|r\| + c_3 \|e\| + \hat{\phi}(t)$$

(output feedback law)



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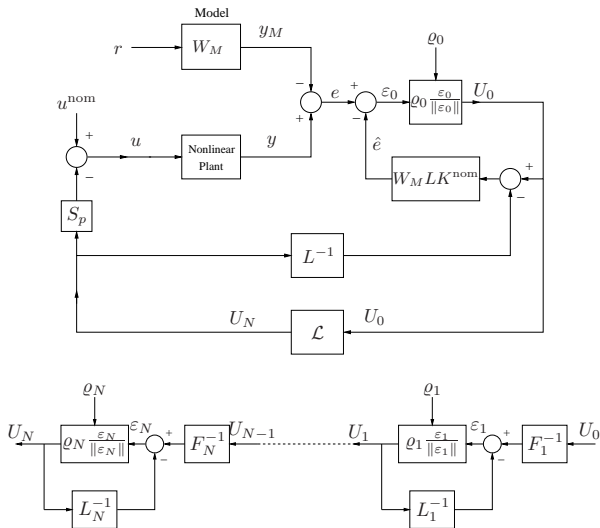
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4.6.3 UV-MRAC Block Diagram, $n^* > 1$



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Global output feedback SMC

FOAFs are instrumental in designing global FOSM or HOSM controllers.

(J. P. V. S. Cunha, R. R. Costa, and L. Hsu, 2008; J. P. V. S. Cunha, Hsu, R. R. Costa, and Lizarralde, 2003)

5. From Theory to Practice

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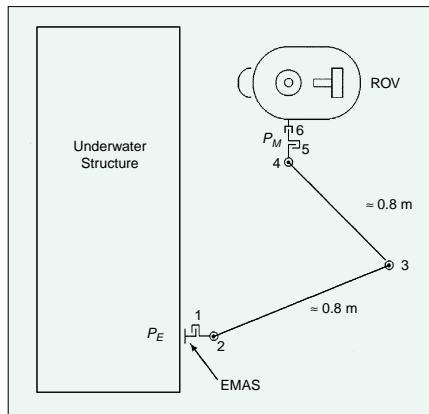


Figure 1. Passive arm.

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The ROV-Passive Arm system in experimental test



Figure 3. *The passive arm installed on the MKII ROV.*

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P-PI (*Proportional-Proportional Integral*) linear Control

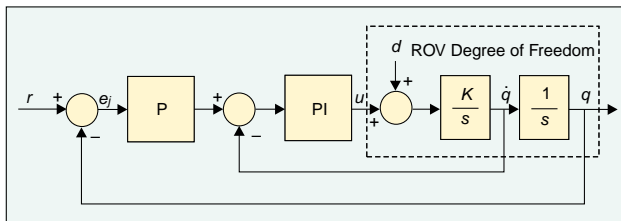
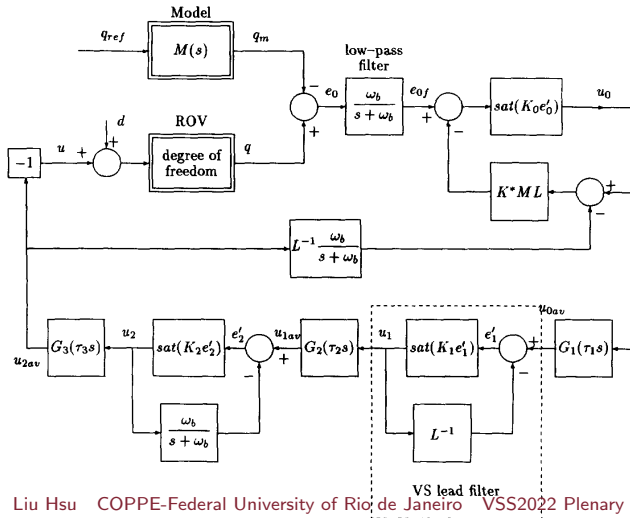


Figure 8. Block diagram of the P-PI.

(IEEE RAM 2000)

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VS-MRAC ($n^* = 3$) as applied for ROV DP (Note the noise filter)



5.1.2 Benchmark DP motion

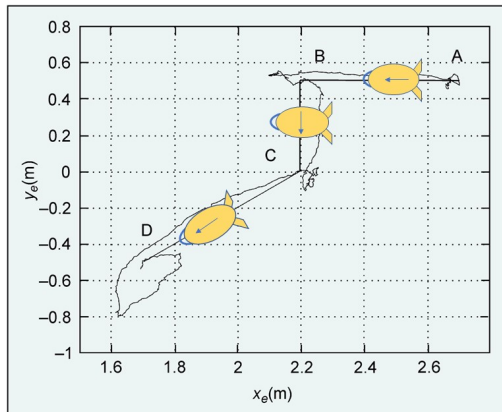


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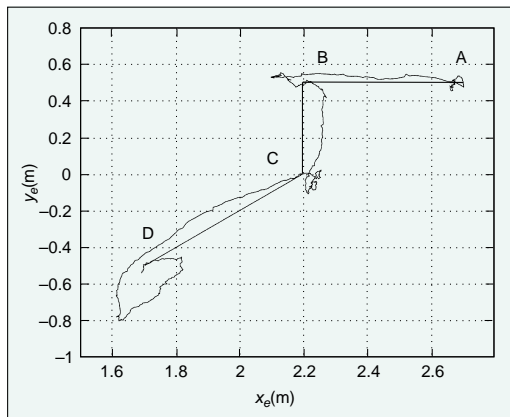


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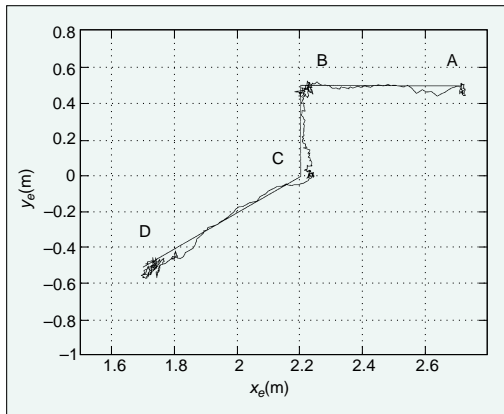


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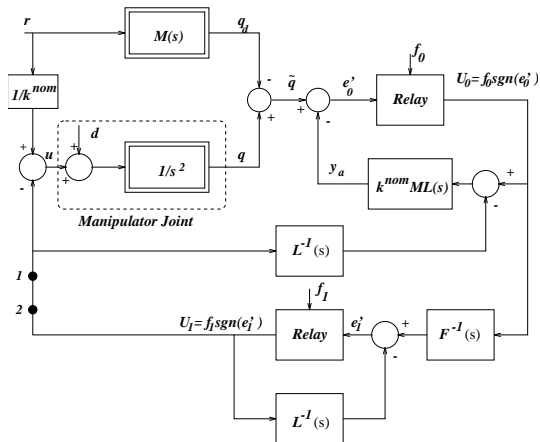
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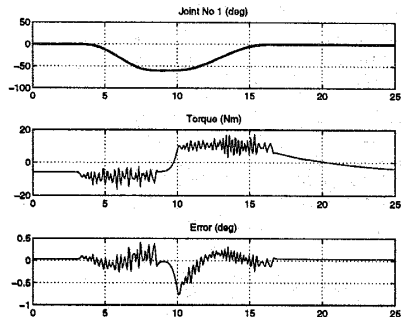


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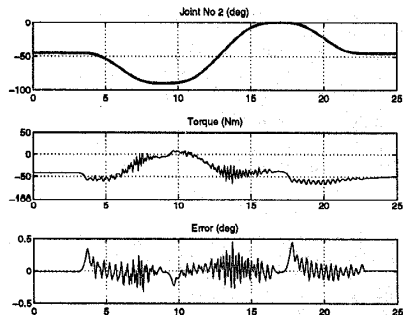


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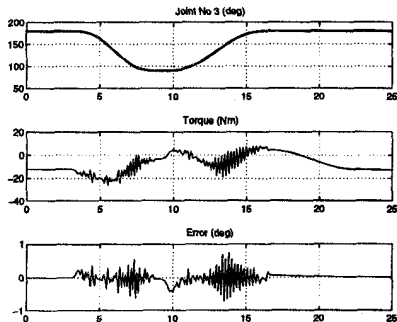


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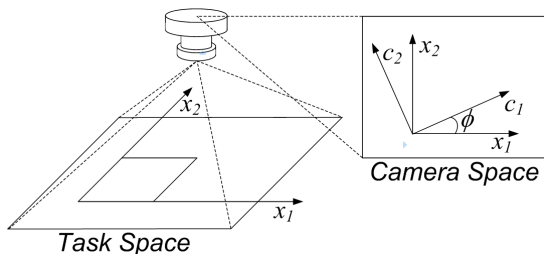


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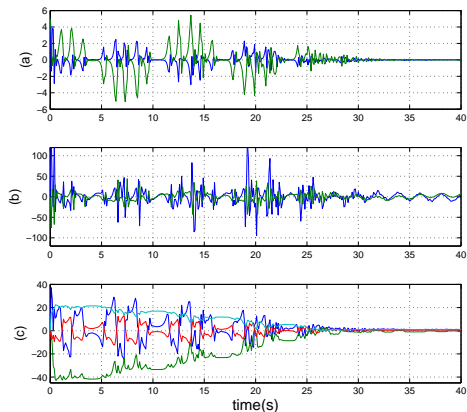


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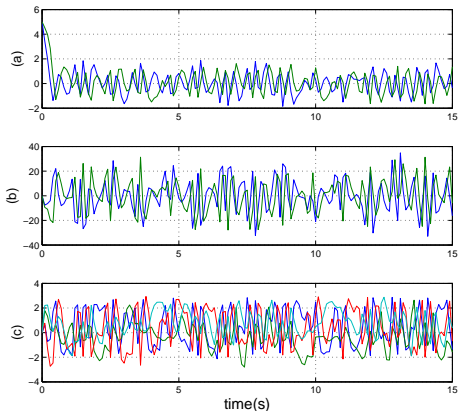


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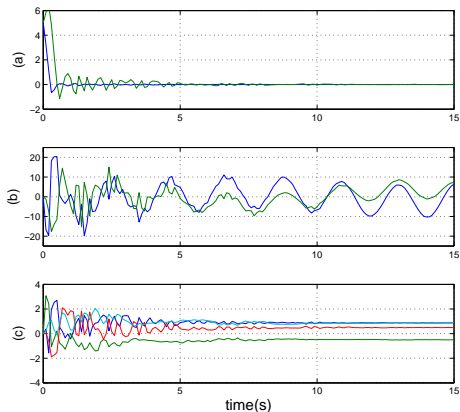


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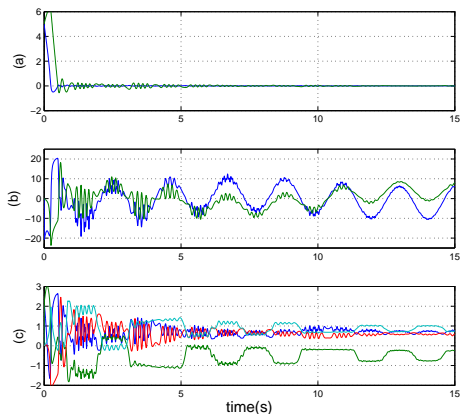


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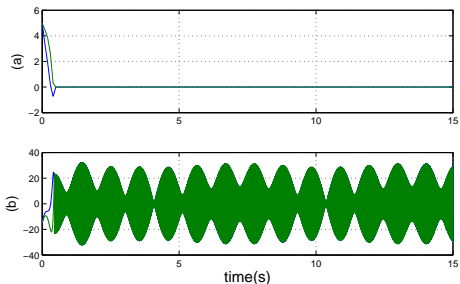


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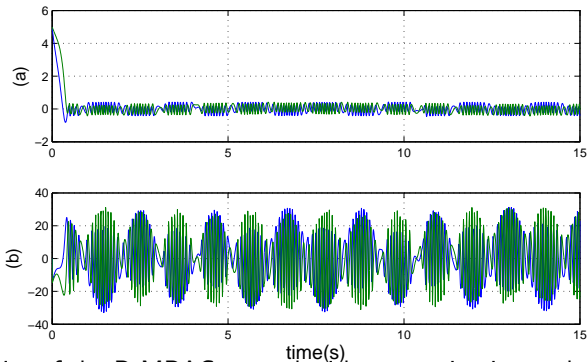


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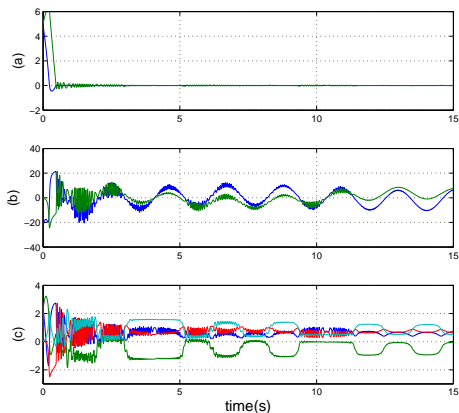


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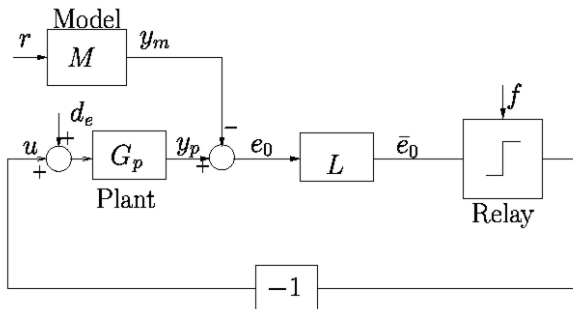
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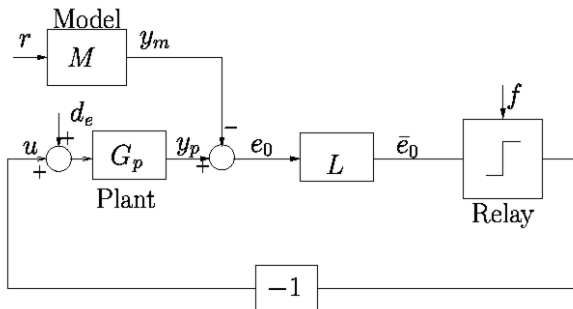
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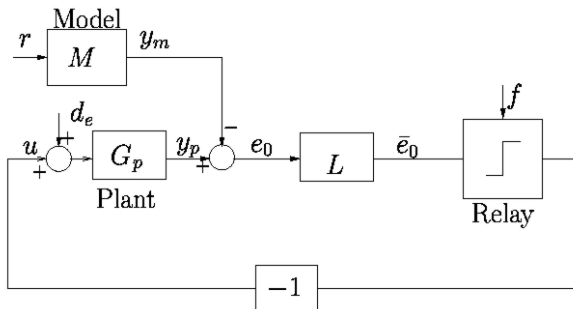
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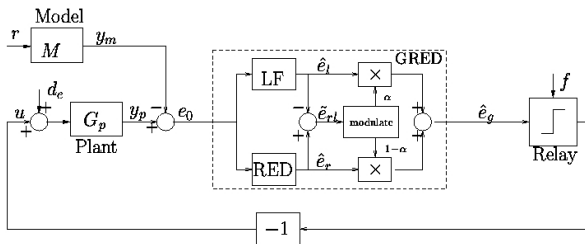
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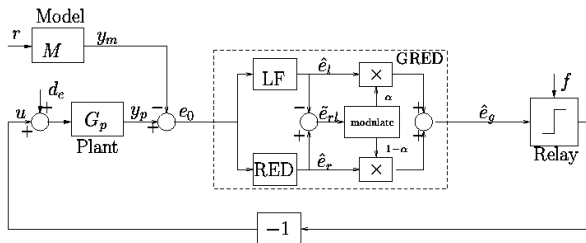


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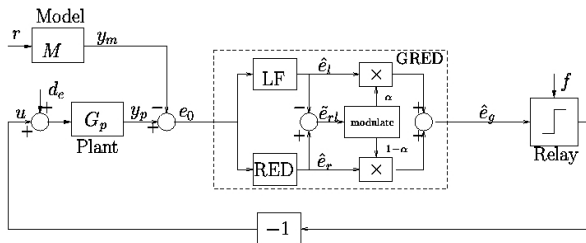
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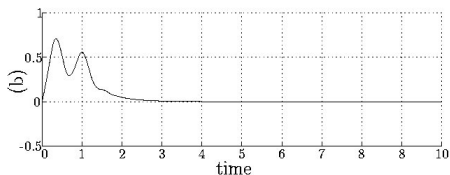
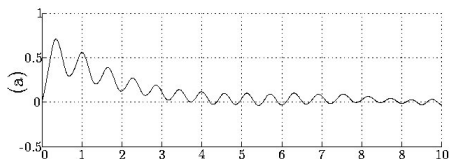
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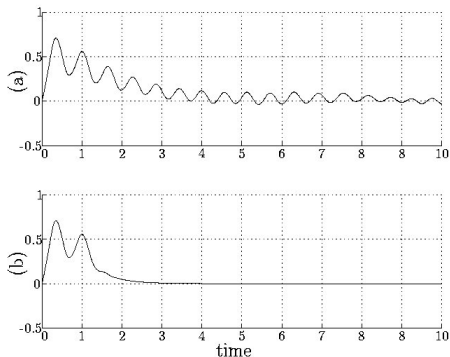
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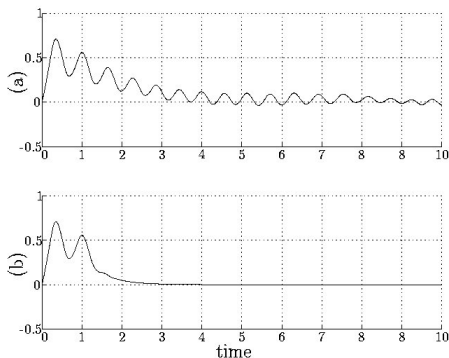
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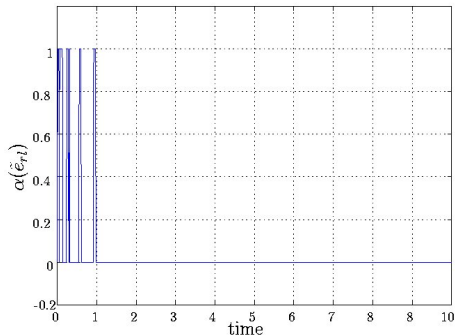
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- GRED for multivariable plants in (Nunes, Peixoto, Oliveira, and Hsu, 2014).

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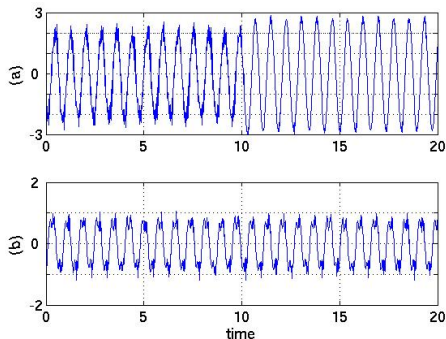
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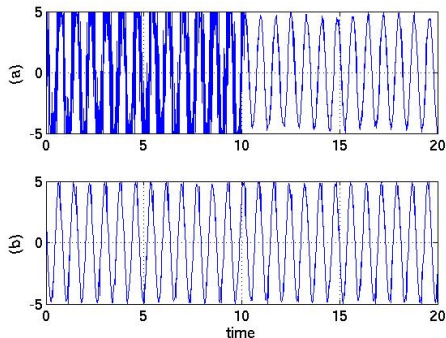
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Definition (Performance Specifications)

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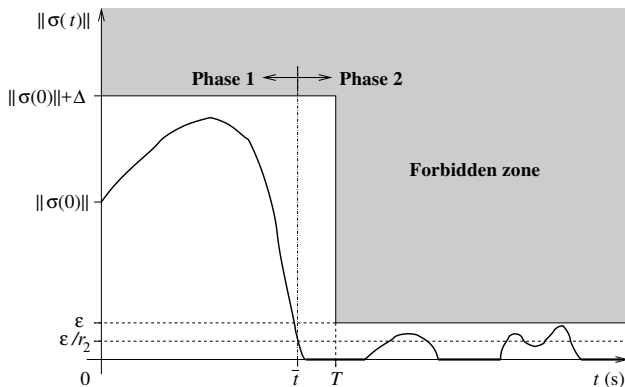


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(Hsu, Oliveira, J. P. V. S. Cunha, and Yan, 2019)

Barrier function

A barrier function can be used instead of a monitoring function in Phase 2.
(Rodrigues, Hsu, Oliveira, and Fridman, 2022)

8.5 Tracking Control of a Surface Vessel

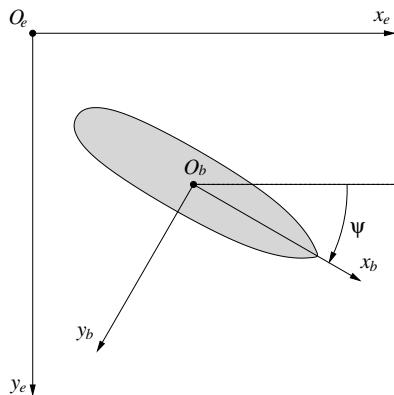


FIGURE 2 Top view of the vessel and coordinate systems.

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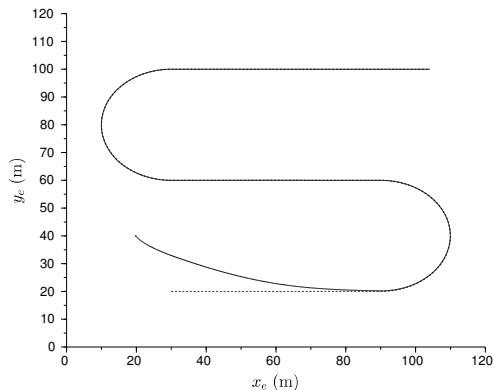


FIGURE 3 Trajectory of the vessel on the water surface (solid line), and reference trajectory (dotted line).

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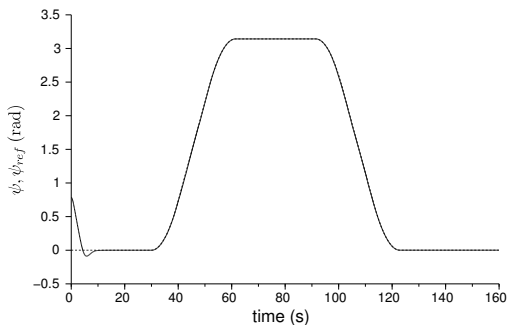


FIGURE 4 Heading angle of the vessel (solid line), and reference heading angle (dotted line).

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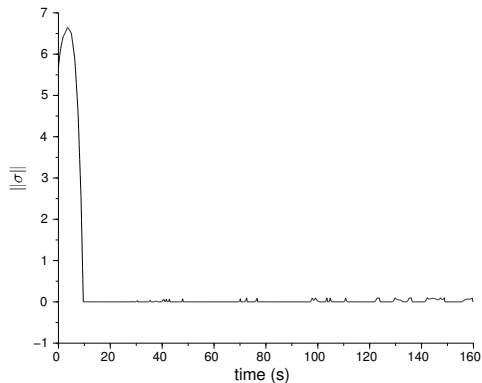


FIGURE 5 Norm of the sliding variable with $\varepsilon = 0.1$.

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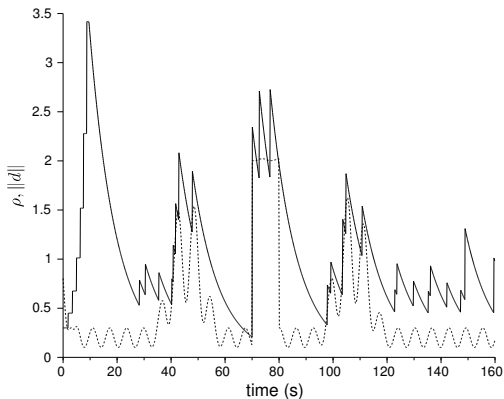


FIGURE 6 Modulation signal (ρ — solid line), and the norm of the disturbance ($\|d\|$ — dotted line) with $\varepsilon = 0.1$.

8.6 Future research topics

- Analysis of monitoring function approach with unmodeled dynamics
- Analysis of monitoring function approach with sensor noise
- Numerical implementation issues

9. Prediction Error for Chattering Avoidance

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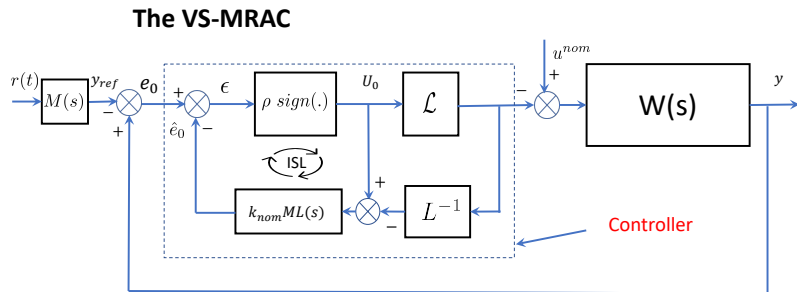
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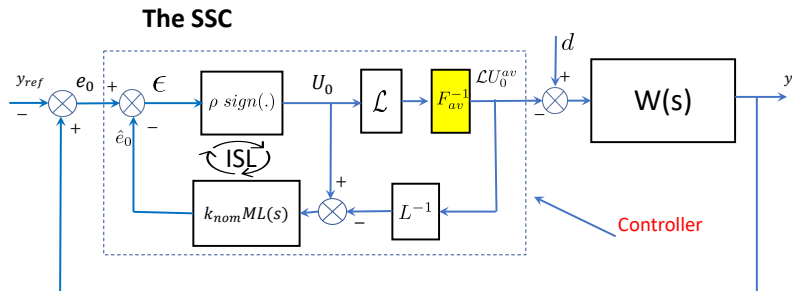
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- New results on SSC with explicit chattering alleviation conditions (Oliveira, Hsu, and Nunes, 2022).

9.2 From VS-MRAC to SSC



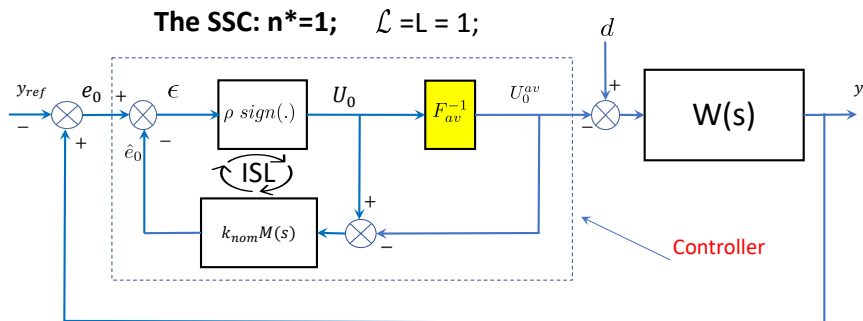
9.2 From VS-MRAC to SSC (cont.)

The Smooth Sliding Control: Introduce an averaging filter F_{av}^{-1} .



ϵ is the prediction error.

9.2 From VS-MRAC to SSC (cont.)



$$F_{av} = \tau s + 1 \quad (\tau > 0)$$

9.4.1 SSC chattering alleviation example

Consider the plant

$$G(s) = \frac{K_p}{(s+1)} \frac{w_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\zeta w_n s + w_n^2)}$$

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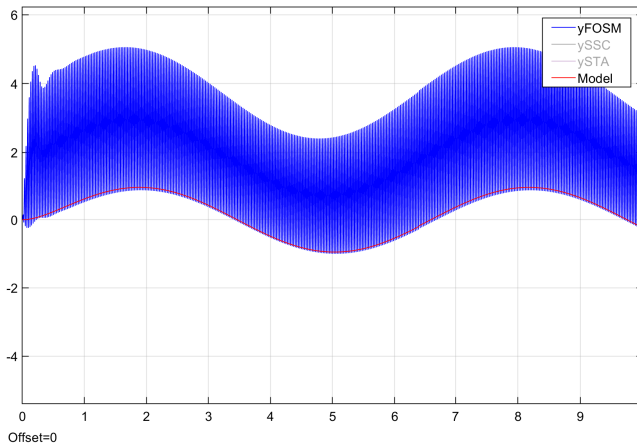
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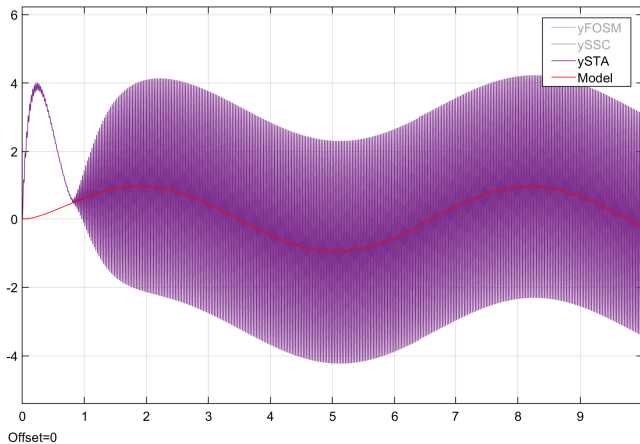
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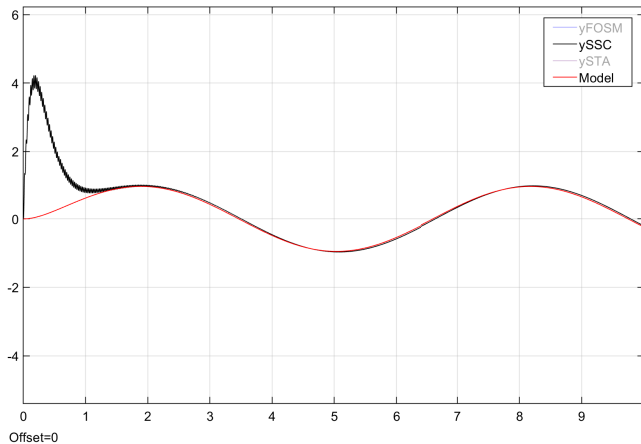
In the simulations: $w \approx 240$ rd/s ≈ 40 Hz, $\zeta = 0.025$

.9.4.1 SSC example simulations



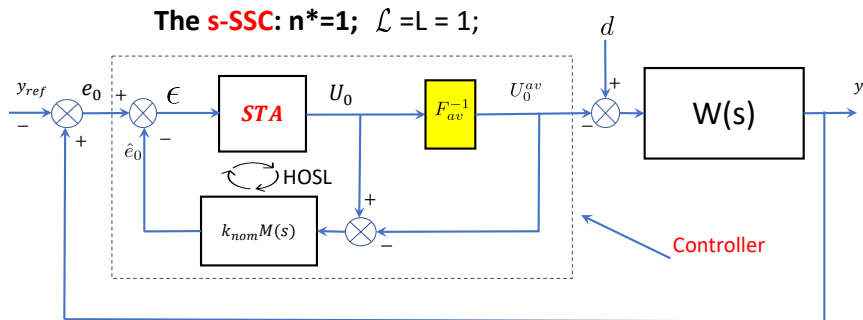


Offset=0



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9.5 The super-SSC (s-SSC)



$$F_{av} = \tau s + 1 \quad (\tau > 0)$$

SSC works well with the Super Twisting Algorithm (STA)

9.5.1 super-SSC example

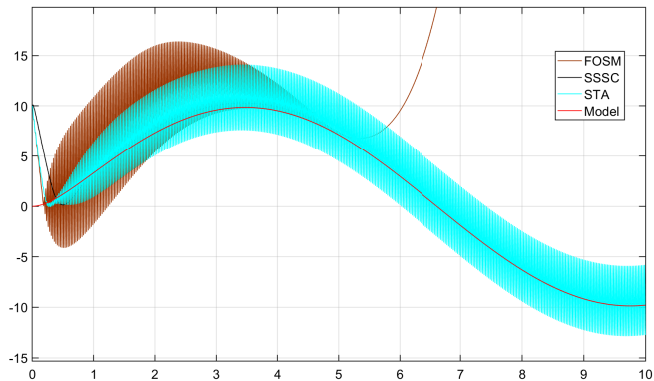
Unstable plant

$$G(s) = \frac{K_p}{(s-1)} \frac{w_n^2}{(s^2 + 2\zeta w_n s + w_n^2)}$$

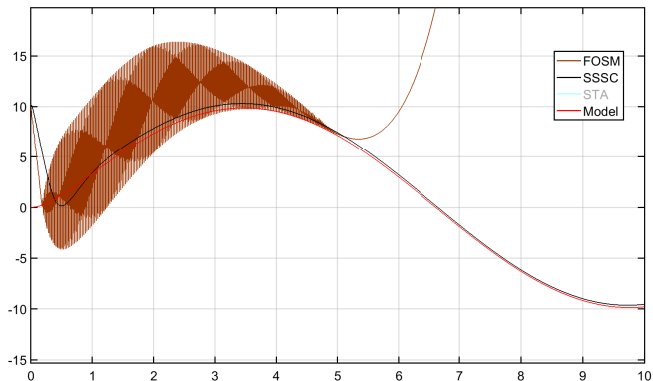
and ramp disturbance.

Remark: First Order Sliding Mode with constant gain loses stability.

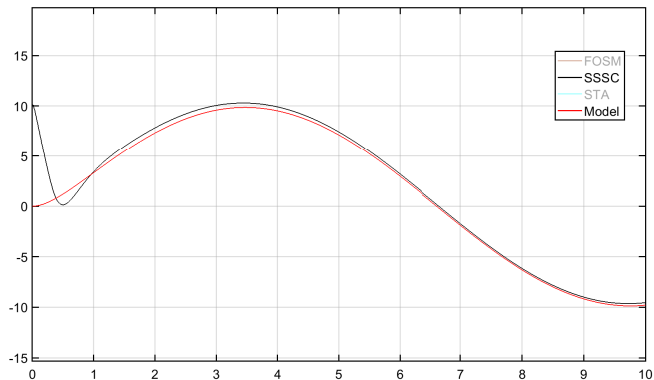
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