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Fuzzy Observer-Based Prescribed Performance Control of Vehicle Roll Behavior via Controllable Damper

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ABSTRACT This paper presents a novel observer-based control strategy to improve the vehicle roll behavior performance through magneto-rheological (MR) dampers under steering wheel input and various road excitation conditions. Since the vehicle roll with sudden steering input is an essential part of driving safety and possesses inherent nonlinearities, the full-car nonlinear Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model is first established to describe the vehicle roll dynamics considering nonlinear coupling dynamics of tire lateral force and MR damper force under road excitation input. Furthermore, a T-S model-based fuzzy observer is adapted to estimate the vehicle roll angle and roll rate. The stability conditions for the used T-S observer are calculated using linear matrix inequalities (LMIs), and the proposed observer is induced by solving the proposed LMI. Based on the Lyapunov function, sliding mode theory and prescribed performance function, a novel state observer-based prescribed performance control strategy is developed to constrain the controlled vehicle roll angle and roll rate state within the prescribed performance boundaries. Finally, the proposed techniques are validated through the J-turn and Fishhook tests conducted via a high-fidelity CarSim software platform.

INDEX TERMS Vehicle roll dynamics, prescribed performance control, Takagi-Sugeno fuzzy observer, state estimation, vehicle system.

I. INTRODUCTION

Vehicle roll behavior plays a critical role in the safety of vehicle driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), vehicle rollover occurred in about 3% of all passenger-vehicle crashes in 2002, and 33% of all fatalities had vehicle rollover as a contributor in 2014 [1]–[4]. Hence, advanced control algorithms for rollover prevention, such as Roll Stability Control (RSC) systems, are highly desired for vehicle systems [5], [6]. However, since closed-loop realizations are based on the knowledge of many roll angle and roll rate sensors, such systems are commercially unattractive due to the high cost of sensors for measuring these states. Therefore, to save costs, the determination of unmeasurable states for control-lable suspension systems is key to the application of such

methods [7], [8]. Furthermore, accuracy of state estimation and transient optimal control exert a significant effect on the vehicle roll dynamics control [8]. Based on the above analysis, many approaches have been adopted to improve the vehicle roll dynamic performance [9], [10]. Among them, the Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) control strategy is commonly used to enhance the performance of the controlled system.

The T-S fuzzy model should be introduced first when discussing the T-S observer-based control algorithm. In the 1980s, based on the use of a set of fuzzy rules, the Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model [11] was first presented to describe a global nonlinear system. Since a set of linear models were used in the calculation of nonlinear issues, this approach has been widely applied to the field of vehicle nonlinear system. Dahmani *et al.* [12] used a T-S observer-based robust controller to improve vehicle rollover in critical situations. The nonlinear of lateral

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forces were considered under various road friction conditions. The proposed observer-based $H\infty$ controller was verified through CarSim[®] software using a Fishhook maneuver. Peng et al. [13] developed an observer-based controller to optimize the performance of a controlled system under an imperfect premise matching condition. Using the practical truck-trailer system, the problem of the original was indicated the usefulness of the proposed observer-based control approach. Du et al. [14] proposed a state observer-based T-S fuzzy controller design for a semi-active quarter-car suspension installed with a magneto-rheological (MR) damper. Simulations and tests were conducted on a quarter-car semiactive suspension under various road profiles input. Nguyen et al. [15] used a new constrained T-S fuzzy model to design a model-based controller under a large variation range of vehicle speed condition. Extensive simulations and experimental tests were carried out to validate the performance of the proposed method. Jin et al. [16] proposed a robust fuzzy controller to improve the stability performance of vehicle lateral dynamic using a T-S fuzzy modeling approach. Simulations with the high-fidelity CarSim® software illustrated the effectiveness of the proposed model-based state-back controller under J-turn and Fishhook maneuvers.

Meanwhile, a particular performance constraint control technique was developed in [17] and [18] based on a specially designed prescribed performance function (PPF). Huang *et al.* [19] developed an adaptive prescribed performance function control for vehicle active suspension to stabilize the vertical and pitch motions, and the transient and steady-state suspension response is guaranteed in this process. Hua *et al.* [20] designed a novel prescribed performance control strategy to deal with unknown dead-zone input and improve the system performances. Simulations are also used to verify the performances of the designed control scheme.

The methods presented above did not consider the variations of road profile. The nonlinear properties of the tire or the damper characteristics are considered to design the observer and controller to optimize the steady performance of vehicle roll behavior, and the transient performance of vehicle roll behavior is seldom considered. However, since the real road conditions are complex and uncertain, and the accuracy of state estimation, the response of vehicle system and the transient performance of observer-based controller for vehicle roll behavior should be considered under steering wheel input and various road excitation conditions. The main contributions lie in considering the coupling state estimation and transient performance of vehicle roll behavior under various road conditions, as well as the fact that a coupling vehicle roll dynamics using full-car models is proposed to improve the observer-based control's overall performance.

To deal with the above-mentioned issues, this paper considers the following contributions:

• A full-car model-based T-S fuzzy observer is developed to estimate vehicle coupling roll state, and the accuracy of state estimation is verified using CarSim[®] software.

• The optimal control of observer-based PPF is adopted, and its transient and steady performance is analyzed and compared with traditional model predictive control (MPC) algorithm using CarSim-Matlab[®] software.

In this paper, a nine degrees of freedom (9-DOFs) full-car model considering vehicle roll coupling dynamics is first developed. Second, a model-based fuzzy observer based on T-S algorithm is used to acquire the higher accuracy of state estimation for vehicle coupling system. Then, a PPF is used to constrain the error transformation of controlled roll behavior state within the prescribed performance boundaries. Based on a sliding mode surface approach, the fuzzy observer and PPF are tuned and utilized to form the observer-based prescribed performance control (PPC) algorithm. Compared with the traditional MPC algorithm, the proposed observer-based control method will further improve the transient performance for vehicle roll behavior under steering wheel input and various road excitation conditions.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. The vehicle roll, lateral and vertical dynamics models are briefly described in Section II. In Section III, the model-based T-S observer is designed to obtain the accuracy of vehicle roll state under complex driving conditions. In Section IV, the PPC controller based sliding mode surface and PPF is proposed to constrain the roll angle and roll rate within the appropriate range. Section V shows the simulation results of the proposed observer-based PPC algorithm for vehicle roll behavior and a comparison of its control performance with the MPC algorithm under the same driving conditions in CarSim-Matlab[®] software. Section VI presents the final conclusions.

II. VEHICLE DYNAMICS MODELLING

In this section, a full-car dynamic model along with T-S model for the identification of both nonlinear tire force and MR damper force are presented.

A. FULL-CAR DYNAMICS MODELING

To further illustrate the practical vehicle driving condition, a 9-DOFs full-car model is established based on the following assumptions [4], as shown in Fig. 1.

- 1) Effect of slip between the tires and road surface was ignored, and longitudinal acceleration of the vehicle was not considered.
- 2) Effect of the air force was excluded.
- 3) Effect of the steering system was ignored.
- 4) Suspension in steering wheel alignment parameters was ignored.

The 9-DOFs model includes of lateral, vertical and roll dynamics model utilized to illustrate yaw motion, lateral motion, vertical motion and roll motion. Table 1 describes the symbols used in Fig. 1, and the corresponding vehicle parameters originate from CarSim[®] (D-Class, SUV) [21], [22].

Furthermore, the three-dimensional (3-D) road roughness with straight driving condition and steering working condi-

(1)



FIGURE 1. 9-DOFs vehicle dynamics model. (a) Full-car model (b) Lateral model (c) Roll model.

 TABLE 1. Symbols used for 9-DOFs full-car model.

Vehicle model parameters	Symbol & Unit	Value	Source
Distance from center of gravity (C.G.) to front axle	a / m	1.05	Measurement
Distance from C.G. to rear axle	b/m	1.569	Measurement
Steering angle of front left side	δ_{fl} / (°)		Calculation
Steering angle of front right side	δ_{fr} / (°)		Calculation
Displacement of the front/rear axle	$l_{\rm t}$ / m	1.565	Measurement
Suspension stiffness	$k_{ m si}/N/m$	34000	Measurement
Tire stiffness	$k_{ m ti}$ / N/m	230000	Measurement
Sprung mass of vehicle body	m_s/kg	1429	Measurement
Unsprung mass	$m_{ m wi}$ / kg	40	Measurement
Suspension damping coefficient	$f_{\rm i}$ / Ns/m		Calculation
Sprung mass distance of C.G.	$z_{\rm b} / m$		Calculation
Sprung mass distance	$z_{\rm bi}$ / m		Calculation
Unsprung mass distance	$z_{\rm wi}$ / m		Calculation
Road profile	$z_{\rm ri} / m$		Calculation
Distance between roll center to C.G. of sprung mass	$h_{ m roll}$ / m	0.5	Measurement
longitudinal acceleration of C.G.	$a_{\rm x}$ / m/s^2		Calculation
lateral acceleration of C.G.	$a_{\rm x} / m/s^2$		Calculation
vertical acceleration of C.G.	$a_z / m/s^2$		Measurement
Roll angle	φ / (°)		Calculation
Roll rate	$\dot{\phi}$ / (°/s)		Measurement
Pitch angle	θ/(°)		Calculation

tion are used in this paper. Refer to [8] for a more detailed description of the 3-D road roughness.

According to Table 1, i = 1, 2, 3, 4 represents left front side, right front side, left rear side and right rear side for the vehicle system, respectively.

where
$$F_s$$
 is the total suspension force. Corresponding
equations can be obtained as follows.
$$F_{s1} = -k_{s1}(z_{b1} - z_{w1}) - f_1;$$
$$F_{s2} = -k_{s2}(z_{b2} - z_{w2}) - f_2;$$

$$F_{s2} = -k_{s2}(z_{b2} - z_{w2}) - f_2;$$

$$F_{s3} = -k_{s3}(z_{b3} - z_{w3}) - f_3;$$

$$F_{s4} = -k_{s4}(z_{b4} - z_{w4}) - f_4;$$
 (2)

To further illustrate the relationship among different parts of the full-car system, the frame of earth-fixed inertial coordinate and vehicle-fixed non-inertial coordinate should

be established to describe the translation of sprung mass center of C.G., the unsprung mass C.G. and rotations of the C.G. of unsprung mass. Refer to [4], [23], and [24] for the

Using Newton's second law, the 9-DOFs model can be

 $F_s = \sum_{i=1}^4 F_{si} = -m_s \ddot{z}_b$

detailed corresponding equations.

Vehicle sprung mass vertical motion:

expressed as follows.

And,

$$z_{b1} = z_b + \frac{B}{2}\sin\phi - a\sin\theta;$$

$$z_{b2} = z_b - \frac{B}{2}\sin\phi - a\sin\theta;$$

$$z_{b3} = z_b + \frac{B}{2}\sin\phi + b\sin\theta;$$

$$z_{b4} = z_b - \frac{B}{2}\sin\phi + b\sin\theta;$$
 (3)

Unsprung mass vertical motion:

$$\begin{split} m_{w1}\ddot{z}_{w1} &= -k_{s1}(z_{w1} - z_{b1}) - f_1 - k_{t1}(z_{w1} - z_{r1});\\ m_{w2}\ddot{z}_{w2} &= -k_{s2}(z_{w2} - z_{b2}) - f_2 - k_{t2}(z_{w2} - z_{r2});\\ m_{w3}\ddot{z}_{w3} &= -k_{s3}(z_{w3} - z_{b3}) - f_3 - k_{t3}(z_{w3} - z_{r3});\\ m_{w4}\ddot{z}_{w4} &= -k_{s4}(z_{w4} - z_{b4}) - f_4 - k_{t4}(z_{w4} - z_{r4}); \end{split}$$
(4)

Vehicle sprung mass pitch motion:

$$M_{y} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} M_{yi} = I_{y} \ddot{\theta} = (F_{s1} + F_{s2})a - (F_{s3} + F_{s4})b + m_{s}gh_{roll}\sin\theta \quad (5)$$

where M_y , i = 1, 2, 3, 4 is vehicle pitch moment. Vehicle sprung mass roll motion:

$$M_x = \sum_{i=1}^{4} M_{xi} = I_x \ddot{\phi} = (F_{s2} + F_{s4}) \frac{B}{2} - (F_{s1} + F_{s3}) \frac{B}{2} + m_s h_{roll} (g \sin \theta + a_{sy})$$
(6)

where M_x , i = 1, 2, 3, 4 is vehicle roll moment. Vehicle lateral motion:

$$F_{y} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} F_{yi} = m_{s}a_{sy} + \sum_{i=1}^{4} m_{wi}a_{wyi} = (F_{y1} + F_{y2})\cos\delta_{f} + (F_{y3} + F_{y4})\cos\delta_{r}; \quad (7)$$

where F_y , i = 1, 2, 3, 4 is tire lateral force. The vehicle lateral force can be calculated using the Magic Formula (MF), more details can be obtained in [23].

Eq. (8) for the vehicle yaw motion:

$$M_{z} = \sum_{i=1}^{4} M_{zi} = I_{z}\dot{\omega} = b(F_{y3} + F_{y4})\cos\delta_{r} -a(F_{y1} + F_{y2})\cos\delta_{f} -\frac{B}{2}(F_{y2} - F_{y1})\sin\delta_{r} - \frac{B}{2}(F_{y4} + F_{y3})\sin\delta_{f} +M_{zz1} + M_{zz2} + M_{zz3} + M_{zz4}$$
(8)

where M_{zzi} , i = 1, 2, 3, 4 is tire self-aligning moment.

B. REPRESENTATION FOR T-S FULL-CAR VEHICLE MODEL

Firstly, the MF tire model cannot work well since it depends on many nonlinearities that should be known under various parameters situation. Therefore, a T-S fuzzy approach of the tire model is proposed to describe the nonlinearities of the tire lateral forces. The T-S fuzzy rules state the following:

If
$$|\alpha|$$
 is M_1 , then
$$\begin{cases} F_{yf} = C_{f1}\alpha_f \\ F_{yr} = C_{r1}\alpha_r \end{cases}$$
 (9)

If
$$|\alpha|$$
 is M₂, then
$$\begin{cases} F_{yf} = C_{f2}\alpha_f \\ F_{yr} = C_{r2}\alpha_r \end{cases}$$
 (10)

where $C_{\rm fi}$, $C_{\rm ri}$ are the front and rear tire cornering stiffness; $\alpha_{\rm f}$, $\alpha_{\rm r}$ are the front and rear tire slip angle; M_1 , M_2 are the small and large fuzzy set for slip angle.

Remark: The Pacejka tire model (a nonlinear model) indicates the relationship between cornering forces and slip angle, as shown in Fig. 2 [23] Since both α_f and α_r have similar values, the proposed fuzzy rules are only applied for α_f .



FIGURE 2. Comparison results of T-S and nonlinear lateral tire model.

Based on the vehicle theory and T-S fuzzy approach, the overall lateral forces are given by:

$$F_{yf} = \mu_1 \left(\left| \alpha_f \right| \right) C_{f1} \alpha_f + \mu_2 \left(\left| \alpha_f \right| \right) C_{f2} \alpha_f$$

$$F_{yr} = \mu_1 \left(\left| \alpha_f \right| \right) C_{r1} \alpha_r + \mu_2 \left(\left| \alpha_f \right| \right) C_{r2} \alpha_r$$
(11)

where μ_j (*j* = 1, 2) is the *j*th bell curve membership function of fuzzy set *M*_j that satisfies the following properties:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} \mu_{i} \left(\left| \alpha_{f} \right| \right) = 1; \quad 0 \le \mu_{i} \left(\left| \alpha_{f} \right| \right) \le 1; \ i = 1, 2 \quad (12)$$

The expressions of the membership functions used are:

$$\mu_i\left(\left|\alpha_f\right|\right) = \frac{\varsigma_i\left(\left|\alpha_f\right|\right)}{\sum\limits_{i=1}^2 \varsigma_i\left(\left|\alpha_f\right|\right)}; \quad i = 1, 2$$
(13)

And

$$\varsigma_{i}(|\alpha_{f}|) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \left|\left(\left(|\alpha_{f}| - c_{i}\right)/a_{i}\right)\right|\right)^{2bi}}$$
(14)

where a_i , b_i , c_i , C_{fi} , and C_{ri} (i = 1, 2) are identified using the Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm [25]. More details are given in Table 2.

 TABLE 2. Model parameters of membership functions for T-S lateral tire model.

Parameters	Value	Parameters	Value
a_1	0.109	a_2	6.823
b_1	0.071	b_2	23.695
c_1	0.053	<i>C</i> ₂	5.639
C_{fI}	86540N/rad	C_{f2}	16357N/rad
C_{rl}	78650N/rad	C_{r2}	17250N/rad

The nonlinear lateral tire force by T-S rules, and the nonlinear full-car model can be described by the using T-S fuzzy model. Based on the mentioned above, the nonlinear tire lateral force can be calculated and compared with the MF tire model. Results show that, under large slip angle, the T-S vehicle model has a better computation accuracy as shown in Fig. 2. Refer to [8] and [25] for more details about T-S tire modeling.

Secondly, the dynamic properties of an MR damper are further tested with an MTS machine (Test Rig Model: 850; MTS Systems Corporation). The different corresponding currents are chosen to energize the magnetic field with the same sinusoidal movement routine (with 20 mm amplitude and max 0.2m/s velocity). Fig. 3 shows the force-velocity relationships of the MR damper varying the input voltage.

Based on the above test data and suspension dynamics, the force-velocity phenomenological of the MR damper through the Bouc-Wen model, and the corresponding nonlinear functions can be obtained as follows.

$$f_{1i} = c_{ob}(\dot{z}_{bi} - \dot{z}_{wi}) + a_b z_{ri};$$

$$f_{2i} = -|z_{ri}| \left[\gamma | \dot{z}_{bi} - \dot{z}_{wi} | - \beta (\dot{z}_{bi} - \dot{z}_{wi}) \text{sign}(z_{ri}) \right]; \quad (15)$$

Since the state variables z_{bi} , z_{w1} , and z_{ri} are limited in practice, the nonlinear functions f_{1i} and f_{2i} are also bounded. To deal with f_{1i} and f_{2i} , the use of T-S fuzzy modeling



FIGURE 3. Force-velocity map of the MR damper.

approach [26] is convenient to describe the nonlinear system. More details are given in the following.

$$f_{1i} = M_{1i}f_{1i\max} + M_{2i}f_{1i\min};$$

$$f_{2i} = N_{1i}f_{2i\max} + N_{2i}f_{2i\min};$$
(16)

where M_{1i} , M_{2i} , N_{1i} and N_{2i} are fuzzy membership functions, and $\sum_{j=1}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{4} M_{ji} = 1 \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{4} N_{ji} = 1$. f_{max} and f_{min} represent the upper bound and lower bound of the nonlinear force f, the four membership functions are defined as.

$$M_{1i} = \frac{c_{ob}(\dot{z}_{bi} - \dot{z}_{wi}) + a_b z_{ri} - f_{1i\min}}{f_{1i\max} - f_{1i\min}};$$

$$M_{2i} = 1 - M_{1i};$$

$$N_{1i} = \frac{-|z_{ri}| \left[\gamma |\dot{z}_{bi} - \dot{z}_{wi}| - \beta(z_{bi} - z_{wi}) \text{sign}(z_{ri}) \right] - f_{2i\min}}{f_{2i\max} - f_{2i\min}};$$

$$N_{2i} = 1 - N_{1i};$$
(17)

Then, the original damper force can be described by the four linear equations, and each damper force can be described using the IF...THEN... logic conditional statement. Then, the T-S fuzzy approach of the damper force could be described with the following equations:

If
$$f_1$$
 is M_1 and f_2 is N_1 , Then $f_i = f_{11} + f_{21}$;
If f_1 is M_1 and f_2 is N_2 , Then $f_i = f_{11} + f_{22}$;
If f_1 is M_2 and f_2 is N_1 , Then $f_i = f_{12} + f_{21}$;
If f_1 is M_2 and f_2 is N_2 , Then $f_i = f_{12} + f_{22}$; (18)

Based on this analysis, the T-S models for tire modeling and MR damper modeling are used to form the full-car T-S dynamics model. For further details see [12], [14], and [27].

III. STATE ESTIMATION FOR T-S FULL-CAR MODEL

This section aims to obtain the coupled roll angle and roll rate under steering input and various road excitation conditions. The structure of the model-based observer is shown in Fig. 4.



FIGURE 4. Flow chart of T-S model-based observer.

For the T-S observer design for lateral and vertical dynamics, δ and x_r are the system input; then, a T-S model-based observer for the estimation of the roll angle and roll rate is developed as follows.

$$\dot{\hat{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \mu_i \left(\left| \hat{\alpha}_f \right| \right) \left(\mathbf{A}_i \hat{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}_i u(t) + \mathbf{L}_i (\mathbf{y}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{y}}(t)) \right)$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}(t) = \mathbf{C} \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t) \tag{19}$$

where

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}} = [v_y, \omega, \phi, \dot{z}_b, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi}, z_{bi} - z_{wi}, \dot{z}_{wi}, z_{wi} - z_{ri}]^T;$$

$$\boldsymbol{u} = [\delta, f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4]^T;$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{y}} = [\ddot{z}_b, \omega, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi}, \ddot{z}_{wi}]^T; \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

where x is the state estimation vector of the model, and y represents the output matrix. By using measurable signals, the roll state can be estimated. Appendix A gives the details of A_i and B_i matrixes

Using measurable signals, e.g., the steering wheel angle and sprung mass acceleration, the roll angle and roll rate can be estimated with Eq. (19). The aim of the design is to determine gain matrices L_i , which guarantee the asymptotic convergence of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(t)$ to $\mathbf{x}(t)$. The state estimation error is defined as follows.

$$\mathbf{e}(t) = \mathbf{x}(t) - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(t) \tag{20}$$

The dynamics of state estimation error is obtained as follows.

$$\dot{\mathbf{e}}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \mu_{i} \left(\left| \hat{\alpha}_{f} \right| \right) \mu_{j} \left(\left| \alpha_{f} \right| \right) \left((\mathbf{A}_{i} - \mathbf{L}_{i}C) e(t) + \Delta \mathbf{A}_{ij} x(t) + \Delta \mathbf{B}_{ij} \delta(t) \right) + \mathbf{B}_{w} \phi_{r}(t) \quad (21)$$

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And

$$\Delta \mathbf{A}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_j - \mathbf{A}_i; \quad \Delta \mathbf{B}_{ij} = \mathbf{B}_j - \mathbf{B}_i$$
(22)

Defining:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{e}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e(t) \\ x(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta(t) \\ \phi_r(t) \end{bmatrix}$$
(23)

The augmented system calculated from (17) and state estimation error (18) can be calculated as follows

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{e}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \mu_{i}\left(\left|\hat{\alpha}_{f}\right|\right) \mu_{j}\left(\left|\alpha_{f}\right|\right) \left(\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij}e(t) + \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij}w(t)\right)$$
(24)

where

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{A}_{ij} \\ 0 & \mathbf{A}_j \end{bmatrix}; \quad \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{B}_{ij} & \mathbf{B}_w \\ \mathbf{B}_j & \mathbf{B}_w \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

Remark: Because disturbances w(t) is composed of the steering angle input and the various road profiles, it can be logically considered to have finite energy [22].

The gains L_i has been calculated by considering the effect of the road profile on the state estimation errors. One possible approach is to minimize the L_2 gain from disturbances to the estimation errors. The relationship of L_2 gain between w(t)and e(t) can be defined as follows [12], [25]

$$\gamma = \sup \frac{\|\boldsymbol{e}(t)\|}{\|\boldsymbol{w}(t)\|} \tag{26}$$

By setting the supremum and the L_2 gain, Eq. (26) can be expressed as follows

$$\int_0^\infty e(t)^T e(t) dt \le \gamma^2 \int_0^\infty w(t)^T w(t) dt$$
 (27)

Theorem 1: If there exist positive and symmetric matrices \mathbf{P}_1 and \mathbf{P}_2 , matrices \mathbf{M}_i and positive scalar γ satisfying the following linear matrix inequalities (LMI) for *i*, *j* = 1, 2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{i} & P_{1}\Delta A_{ij} & P_{1}\Delta B_{ij} & P_{1}B_{w} \\ \Delta A_{ij}^{T}P_{1} & \Psi_{j} & P_{2}B_{j} & P_{2}B_{w} \\ \Delta B_{ij}^{T}P_{1} & B_{j}^{T}P_{2} & -\gamma^{2}I & 0 \\ B_{w}^{T}P_{1} & B_{w}^{T}P_{2} & 0 & -\gamma^{2}I \end{bmatrix} < 0; \quad (28)$$

where

$$\Theta_i = \mathbf{A}_i^T \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{M}_i \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{M}_i^T + \mathbf{I};$$

$$\Psi_j = \mathbf{A}_j^T \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{A}_j$$
(29)

Then, the vector $\mathbf{e}(t)$ converges asymptotically to desire value. The gains of the observer are given by $\mathbf{L}_i = \mathbf{P}_1^{-1} \mathbf{M}_i$. The corresponding proof for observer stability and LMI condition in *Theorem* 1 are presented in Appendix B and Appendix C. Further details can be found in [12], [28], and [29]



FIGURE 5. Flow chart of the observer-based control algorithm.

IV. OBSERVER-BASED CONTROL FOR T-S FULL-CAR MODEL

In this section, an observer-based optimal control is proposed for vertical and lateral dynamics to constraint the roll motion; the structure of the controller is shown in Fig. 5. For applying PPC algorithm, the prescribed performance function (PPF) is first produced, that is, an error transformation function is adapted to integrate the performance constraints of vehicle suspension system into the following controller design. Then, based on the PPF, the sliding mode surface is used to form the PPC approach. The process of tuning the PPC under various road excitations and steering wheel input is further elaborated in the following sections

A. ERROR TRANSFORMATION WITH PPF

Due to considering safety and hardware limitations of semiactive suspension, the following performance and structure requirements are considered (30) and (31)

1) The input saturation of semi-active suspension control force, defined as:

$$sat (u_{i}) = \begin{cases} u_{max i}, & \text{if } u_{i} > u_{max i} \\ u_{i}, & \text{if } - u_{max i} \le u_{i} \le u_{max i} \\ -u_{max i}, & \text{if } u_{i} < -u_{max i} \end{cases}$$
(30)

where sat (u_i) represents saturation function.

- The vertical displacement and roll angle can be attenuated using the damping force.
- 3) The movement of mechanical structure can be constrained as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} |\Delta x_{b1}| &= \left| x_b + \frac{l_t}{2} \cdot \sin(\phi) - a \cdot \sin(\theta) - x_{w1} \right| \\ &\leq \Delta x_{b1max}; \\ |\Delta x_{b2}| &= \left| x_b - \frac{l_t}{2} \cdot \sin(\phi) - a \cdot \sin(\theta) - x_{w2} \right| \\ &< \Delta x_{b2max}; \end{aligned}$$
(31)

In this paper, to illustrate a prescribed control bound of roll angle or roll rate, the following positive decreasing function is given (32) and (33) More details can be found in [30] and [31].

$$\varphi_i(t) = (\varphi_{0i} - \varphi_{\infty i}) e^{-\alpha_i t} + \varphi_{\infty i}, \quad i = 1, 2$$
 (32)

where $\varphi_{i\infty}$ is an allowable error in the steady state; $\varphi_i > \varphi_{i\infty}$ are design parameters, and $\lim_{t\to\infty} \varphi(t) = \varphi_{i\infty} > 0$. Note that i = 1, 2 denotes the roll angle and roll rate, respectively.

Then, the objective constraints inequation of the prescribed performance can be obtained.

$$-\delta\varphi_{i}(t) < x_{i}(t) < \bar{\delta}\varphi_{i}(t); \quad \forall t > 0$$
(33)

where δ and $\overline{\delta}$ are positive constants used as the constraints. Eq. (33) determines both the transient and steady performance of the controlled state x_i .

Based on the above analysis, to guarantee the performance constraints are always satisfied, the following transformation is proposed.

$$x_i = \varphi_i(t) S(z_i) \tag{34}$$

where $S(z_1)$ is a smooth and strictly function.

$$S(z_i) = \frac{\bar{\delta}_i e^{(z_i + v_i)} - \delta_1 e^{-(z_i + v_i)}}{e^{(z_i + v_i)} + e^{-(z_i + v_i)}}$$
(35)

where $v_i = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\delta_i}{\delta_i}$, and the smooth function $S(z_1)$ has the following properties:

1)
$$-\delta < S(z_i) < \delta; \quad \forall z_1 \in L_{\infty}$$

2) $\lim_{z_i \to +\infty} S(z_i) = \overline{\delta}; \quad \lim_{z_i \to -\infty} S(z_i) = -\overline{\delta}.$
3) $S(0) = 0.$ (36)

Lemma 1 (34): If the transformed error z_i is bounded, and the initial value of the controlled state $x_i(0)$ is within the performance bounds, i.e., $-\delta\varphi_i(0) < x_i(0) < \overline{\delta}\varphi_i(0)$, then x_i will be maintained within the prescribed performance (36) for all $t \ge 0$ [32].

Because $\varphi(t) \neq 0$, the transformed error z_i can be obtained.

$$z_{i} = S^{-1} \left[\frac{x_{i}}{\varphi_{i}} \right] = S^{-1} \left(\lambda_{i} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[\left(\frac{\lambda_{i} + \delta_{i}}{\overline{\delta}_{i} - \lambda_{i}} \right) \frac{\overline{\delta}_{i}}{\overline{\delta}_{i}} \right] \quad (37)$$

where $\lambda_i = x_i/\varphi$ is transformed error. The derivative of z_i can be obtained as.

$$\dot{z}_i = \frac{\partial S^{-1}}{\partial \lambda_i} \dot{\lambda}_1 = \varpi_i \left(\frac{\dot{x}_i}{\varphi_i} - \frac{x_i \dot{\varphi}_i}{\varphi_i} \right)$$
(38)

And

$$\varpi_i = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda_i + \delta_i} - \frac{1}{\lambda_i - \bar{\delta}_i} \right]$$
(39)

The second-order time derivative of z_i can be calculated as:

$$\ddot{z}_{i} = \dot{\varpi}_{i} \left(\frac{\dot{x}_{i}}{\varphi_{i}} - \frac{x_{i} \dot{\varphi}_{i}}{\varphi_{i}} \right) + \varpi_{i} \left[\ddot{x}_{i} - \left(\frac{x_{i} \dot{\varphi}_{i} + x_{i} \ddot{\varphi}_{i}}{\varphi_{i}} - \frac{x_{i} \dot{\varphi}^{2}}{\varphi_{i}^{2}} \right) \right]$$
(40)

B. ADAPTIVE PPC FEEDBACK CONTROL DESIGN

In this section, according to *Lemma* **1**, the PPF bound should be achieved. To achieve this control purpose and consider transient and steady performance improvement, the sliding mode surface is defined as.

$$s_i = [\Lambda_i, 1] [z_i, \dot{z}_i] \tag{41}$$

where $\Lambda_i > 0$ is a positive constant such that z_i is bounded as long as s_i is bounded [29].

Then, to further illustrate the PPC approach, z_1 (roll angle) is used as an objective. More details are given as follows.

According to (41), the time derivative of s_1 is given as.

$$\dot{s}_1 = \Lambda_1 \dot{\phi} + \ddot{\phi} = \Lambda_1 \dot{\phi} + a_1 (z_{b1} - z_{w1}) + a_2 (z_{b2} - z_{w2}) + a_3 \dot{z}_b + a_4 \dot{z}_{w1} + a_5 \dot{z}_{w2} + a_6 \phi + a_7 \dot{\phi} + U_{\phi}$$
(42)

And

$$a_{1} = \frac{B \cdot k_{s1}}{2 \left(I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2} \right)}; \quad a_{2} = \frac{-B \cdot k_{s1}}{2 \left(I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2} \right)};$$

$$a_{3} = 0; \quad a_{4} = \frac{-c_{1}}{2 \left(I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2} \right)};$$

$$a_{5} = \frac{c_{1}}{2 \left(I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2} \right)}; \quad a_{6} = \frac{m_{s} \cdot h_{roll} \cdot g}{I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2}};$$

$$a_{7} = \frac{-B^{2} \cdot c_{1}}{2 \left(I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2} \right)};$$

where U_{φ} represents the input force of the suspension system.

Based on particle swarm optimization algorithm, Eq. (42) can be expressed as.

$$\dot{s}_1 = \Lambda_1 \dot{\phi} + \ddot{\phi} = \Lambda x_7 + W_1^T \Phi_1 + \varepsilon_{01}$$
(43)

And,

$$W_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{1}^{T}, 1 \end{bmatrix}^{T} (\|W_{1}\| \le W_{1N}); \quad \Phi_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{1}^{T}(z_{1}), U_{\phi} \end{bmatrix}^{T};$$

$$\omega_{1}^{T} \phi_{1} = a_{1}(z_{b1} - z_{w1}) + a_{2}(z_{b2} - z_{w2}) + a_{3}\dot{z}_{b} + a_{4}\dot{z}_{w1} + a_{5}\dot{z}_{w2} + a_{6}\phi + a_{7}\dot{\phi};$$

where ε_{01} is residual error function, i.e. $|\varepsilon_{01}| \le \varepsilon_{01N} = 0$, w_1^T is augmented weight, φ_1 is the regressor.

Based on the adaptive control method, U_{φ} can be calculated as follows:

$$U_{\phi} = -\hat{\omega}_{1}^{T}\phi_{1}(\mathbf{z}_{1}) - k_{1}s_{1} - \Lambda_{1}\dot{\phi}_{1}$$
(44)

where $k_1 > 0$ is feedback gain; $\hat{\omega}_1$ is estimation parameter of ω_1 , and the adaptive control law updates in real time.

Also, by substituting (44) into (42).

$$\dot{s}_1 = -k_1 s_1 + \tilde{W}_1^T \Phi_1 + \varepsilon_{01}$$
(45)

where the \tilde{W}_1 is adaptive control law. The method of reducing order is used to solve \tilde{W}_1 , and more details are given as follows.

The method of reducing order is calculated using tracking error, and Eq. (46) can be given,

$$\tilde{W}_1 = \Gamma_1 s_1 \Phi_1 - \Gamma_1 \sigma H_1 \tag{46}$$

Being,

$$H_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 \tilde{W}_1 - Q_1; \quad \dot{P}_1 = -l \mathbf{P}_1 + \Phi_1 \Phi_1^T; \\ \dot{Q}_1 = -l Q_1 + \Phi_1(s_1/k)$$

where $\Gamma_1 > 0$ is adaptive gain; $\sigma > 0$ is a constant; k > 0 and l > 0 are positive constants; $P_1(0)$ and Q(0) are equal to zero.

Based on the above adaptive control law \tilde{W}_1 and suspension force U_{φ} , the control error of roll angle asymptotically converges to the presetting range under no residual error condition.

Proof: Design the following Lyapunov candidate as:

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{2}s_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{W}_1^T\Gamma_1^{-1}\tilde{W}_1$$
(47)

Take the derivative of V_1 :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{1} &= -k_{1}s_{1}^{2} + s_{1}\varepsilon_{01} - \sigma \tilde{W}_{1}^{T}P_{1}\tilde{W}_{1} + \sigma \tilde{W}_{1}^{T}\Delta_{1} \\ &\leq -\left(k_{1} - \frac{1}{2\eta_{1}}\right)s_{1}^{2} - \sigma\left(\sigma_{1} - \frac{1}{2\eta_{1}}\right)\left\|\tilde{W}_{1}\right\|^{2} \\ &+ \frac{\eta_{1}}{2}\left(\varepsilon_{1N}^{2} + \sigma\varepsilon_{1Nf}^{2}\right) \\ &\leq -\tilde{\mu}_{1}V_{1} + \gamma_{1} \end{aligned}$$
(48)

where $\tilde{\mu}_1 = \min\{2(k_1 - 1/2\eta_1), 2\sigma\Gamma_1(\sigma_1 - 1/2\eta_1)/\lambda_{\max}\}\)$ and $\gamma_1 = \eta_1(\varepsilon_{1N}^2 + \sigma\varepsilon_{1Nf}^2)/2$ are all positive constants, and $k_1 > 1/2\eta_1, \eta_1 > 1/2\sigma_1$. The detailed verification can be found in [29]. Then, using Barbalat Lemma [19], s_1 and \tilde{W}_1 converge to the sets defined.

Without considering the MR time delay and the interrupted effect of road profile, the modified anti-windup technique is used to tackle the control saturation when the MR suffers from input constraints [33]. The core of anti-windup modification is to design an augmented controller, and the obtained new controller should have the corresponding characters as follow [29], [33]. This method can be easily expressed by low order structures [34], and it can be written as follows.

$$\dot{\vartheta}_1 = -\chi_0 \vartheta_1 + \zeta_0 \rho_1 + \xi_0 \Delta F \tag{49}$$

where $\chi_0, \xi_0, \zeta 0, \rho_1$ are positive constants; $F = U_{\varphi}$ -sat (U_{φ}) with sat(.) as the saturation function [34].

Then, Eq. (44) can be rewritten as:

$$U_{\phi} = -\hat{\omega}_1^T \phi_1(\mathbf{z}_1) - k_1 s_1 - \Lambda_1 \dot{\phi}_1 + \chi_0 \vartheta_1 \qquad (50)$$

Note that χ_0 is used to compensate the error s_1 when $F \neq 0$. When the input is very small, then, χ_0 is also zero, and the stability of the studied system is saved. When saturation occurs, θ_1 can reshape U_{φ} to make the controller back into the linear region of the saturation.

Proof: Design the Lyapunov candidate as:

$$V_1' = \frac{1}{2}s_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{W}_1^T\Gamma_1^{-1}\tilde{W}_1 + \frac{1}{2}\vartheta_1^2$$
(51)

Then, the time derivative of V'_1 can be computed as:

$$\dot{V}'_{1} = -k'_{1}s_{1}^{2} + s_{1}\varepsilon_{01} + k_{0}\eta_{1}s_{1} - \sigma \tilde{W}_{1}^{T}P_{1}\tilde{W}_{1} + \sigma \tilde{W}_{1}^{T}\Delta_{1} + \eta_{1}(-k_{0}\eta_{1} + \theta_{0}\Delta F)$$

$$\leq -\left(k_{1}'-\frac{1}{2\eta_{sc1}}-\frac{k_{0}}{2\eta_{sc1}}\right)s_{1}^{2}-\sigma\left(\sigma_{1}-\frac{k_{0}}{2\eta_{sc1}}\right)\left\|\tilde{W}_{1}\right\|^{2} \\ -\left(k_{0}-\frac{k_{0}\eta_{sc1}}{2}-\frac{1}{2\eta_{sc1}}\right)\eta_{1}^{2} \\ +\frac{k_{0}\eta_{sc1}}{2}(\varepsilon_{1N}^{2}+\sigma\varepsilon_{1Nf}^{2}+(\theta_{0}\Delta F)^{2}) \\ \leq -\tilde{\mu}_{1}'V_{1}'+\gamma_{1}'$$
(52)

where $\tilde{\mu}'_1 = \min\{2(k'_1 - 1/2\eta_1 - k_0/2\eta_{sc1}), 2\sigma(\sigma_1 - 1/2\eta_1), 2(k_0 - k_0\eta_{sc1}/2 - 1/2\eta_1)\}, \gamma_1 = \eta_{sc1} (\varepsilon_{1N}^2 + \sigma \varepsilon_{1Nf}^2 (\theta_0 F)^2)/2$ are all positive constants, $k'_1 > 1/2\eta_1 + k_0/2\eta_{sc1}, \eta_{sc1} > 1/2\sigma_1$, and $k_0 > 1/(2\eta_{sc1} - \eta_{sc1}^2)$. The continuity of the saturation function validated that the set of $\Omega_1(s_1, \tilde{\mu_1}', \eta_1)$ can be defined to be larger than Ω_2 , i.e., $\Omega_2 \in \Omega_1$. Then, the control error s_1 is still bounded [30].

V. MPC STRATEGIES

As an optimal control approach, MPC is used to calculate the optimization problem of the studied system. The general system model is given as follows [35], [36]

$$\begin{cases} x_*(k+1) = A_*(k)x(k) + B_*(k)u_*(k) + n_*(k) \\ y_*(k) = C_*(k)x(k) + D_*(k)u_*(k) + v_*(k) \end{cases}$$
(53)

where x*(k) represents states, u*(k) is control inputs, y*(k) represents the outputs, n*(k) represents the state noise and v*(k) represents the measurement noise.

An objective function is proposed to illustrate both the reference tracking error and the control effort. The corresponding function can be defined to obtain the optimal objective as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{u_{0},u_{1},\dots,u_{N-1}} &= \min_{u_{0},u_{1},\dots,u_{N-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{M-1} \\
\times \begin{bmatrix} w_{i+1}^{y} \| y(k+i+1 \mid k) - y_{ref}(k+i+1 \mid k) \|^{2} \\
+ w_{i}^{u} \| u(k+i+1 \mid k) \|^{2}
\end{aligned}$$
(54)

s.t.
$$y_{min} \le y(k) \le y_{max}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots M - 1$$

 $u_{min} \le u(k) \le u_{max}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots M - 1$ (55)

where M represents the prediction length; w^{u} and w^{y} represent the weights for the control input u and the output y.

VI. SIMULATION AND VALIDATION

The proposed T-S estimation and PPC algorithm were validated using industrial standard simulation software. A standard SUV vehicle model established in CarSim[®] (Version 8.0.2) software was utilized together with Matlab[®] (2016) to form simulator as shown in Fig. 5 [37], [38].

A. SIMULATION AND VALIDATION

The PPC Simulation was run under steering wheel (SW) input varying the road excitation conditions, and the results were compared with those of the MPC algorithm [35], [36]. Table I gives the vehicle simulation parameters while Table 3 and Fig. 6 provide the simulation situation and controller settings.

without MPC control (ISO Level A)

TABLE 3. Simulation setting of vehicle roll behavior control.

Parameters	Descriptions or Values
Road profile of setting with PPC & MPC	ISO-A, ISO-C
Steering wheel input of PPC & MPC setting	45°
Classification interval of PPC & MPC setting	0.001s
Vehicle velocity of PPC & MPC setting	40km/h
Algorithm validation time	16s
Initial system state x of MPC setting	<i>x</i> =zeros(9, 1);
Prediction steps (N_p) of MPC setting	10
Control steps (N_c) of MPC setting	8
Solve MPC weight matrix (\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{Q})	$R = Diag(2e-8*N_c);$ Q = G'*G+R;
Note: G matrix is composed of system matrix A, B,	C. More details in [46].



FIGURE 6. Simulation of vehicle roll under various driving situations. (a) *J*-turn (b) Fishhook.

Due to the physical limitation of the suspension actuators, the input constraints limits for the external suspension force were set to 2000N. The following observer gains in (30) were chosen: $\varphi_{01} = \varphi_{02} = 0.6, \varphi_{\infty 1} = 0.018, \varphi_{\infty 2} = 0.01,$ $\alpha_1 = 1.1$, and $\alpha_2 = 1$ in the J-turn simulation, and $\varphi_{01} =$ $\varphi_{02} = 0.6, \varphi_{\infty 1} = 0.01, \varphi_{\infty 2} = 0.01, \alpha_1 = 1.1$ and $\alpha_2 = 1.1$ in the Fishhook simulation. A certain tolerance on the lateral offset is desired to prevent the lateral slip or rollover. So, for the roll angle and roll rate, are set to δ_1 = $\bar{\delta}_1 = 0.1$ and $\delta_2 = \bar{\delta}_2 = 0.15$ under the various conditions. For the adaptive control algorithm, $k_1 = 68$, $\Gamma_1 = 0.02$. To alleviate the chattering effect, the saturation function with a boundary layer 0.01 is used to reliance the sign function in the simulation for proposed control [4], [20]. Note that the road ISO level A/C excitation can be generated using the Power Spectral Density (PSD) method. See [40]-[44] for further details.

B. SIMULATION RESULTS

The observer-based PPC control strategy proposed in Section 4 was used to improve the roll behavior performance of the vehicle system under various driving conditions. Due to tire hop, the errors of state estimation and control performance would grow under the varying road levels [45]–[47]. To further explain how the PPF and MPC algorithms affect the effective control of the vehicle system, the performance of control algorithms were validated.



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FIGURE 7. Control results of ISO-A road and SW 45° (J-turn simulation). (a) simulation results from 0 to 16 seconds, (b) simulation results from 0 to 3 seconds.

Case 1 (J-Turn Simulation): In this section, using the vehicle dynamics model and the observer-based control algorithm, the vehicle roll performance was calculated under road ISO level *A/C* excitation as shown in Figs. 7 and 8

Figs. 7 and 8 show the results of PPC and MPC algorithms controlled under SW 45° input and ISO-A road excitation conditions, respectively. Furthermore, the time segment corresponding to the 16 (3) simulation second in Fig. 7a (b) (i.e. from t = 0 second to t = 16 (3) second) is plotted for the *J*-turn simulation under road ISO Level-A excitation.

According to Fig. 7, no matter which control algorithm is used, a relatively good control effect is obtained. For the MPC algorithm, the transient response time of improving control is no longer than two seconds, and the steady performance of the vehicle system is also achieved two seconds later.



FIGURE 8. PPC control of roll state under ISO-A road and SW 45° conditions (*J*-turn simulation). (a) Roll angle (b) Roll rate.

Also, the steady value of MPC approach does not fluctuate very much. For the PPC algorithm, the corresponding output response of improving transient performance of vehicle roll behavior is better than that of MPC approach, then the restricted effect on roll stability can be adaptively weakened. However, the steady response of PPC algorithm is less than MPC algorithm two seconds later under ISO-A and SW input condition. That is because the primary control objective of PPC algorithm is constrained in prescribed performance bounds, and the secondary goal is to ensure the roll performance. Then, the PPC approach is the optimal constrained range, and is not the optimum value optimization in real time.

To further illustrate the control performance of the PPC approach, the corresponding transient and steady response were simulated under the ISO-*C* road excitation as shown in Figs. 9 and 10. In Fig. 9a (b), the time segment corresponding to the 16 (3) simulation second (i.e. from t = second to t = 16 (3) second) is plotted for the *J*-turn simulation under road ISO Level-*C* excitation. Fig. 9 shows the steady and transient response values of fluctuating characteristic of vehicle roll behavior are higher than those of ISO-*A* road excitation. However, for the PPC and MPC algorithms, the control



FIGURE 9. Control results for ISO-C road profile and SW 45° (*J*-turn simulation). (a) simulation results from 0 to 16 seconds, (b) simulation results from 0 to 3 seconds.

effect is noticeable, i.e., they both can obtain satisfactory steady performance for vehicle roll behavior under ISO-C and SW input condition. Also, in Fig. 7 and Fig. 9, different road excitation impacts significantly on roll behavior, and the influence of road excitation cannot be ignored [48]–[50].

Overall, when the PPC and MPC algorithms work under the various driving conditions, the roll stability performance of the vehicle system can be significantly improved in the J-turn simulation.

Case 2 (Fishhook Simulation): Based on the Fishhook simulation, as shown in Figs. 11-14, the roll response of using PPC algorithm in Fishhook condition was computed under ISO level A/C road excitation. In Fig. 11a (b), the time segment corresponding to the 16 (10) simulation second (i.e., from t = 0 second to t = 16 (10) second) is plotted for the Fishhook simulation under road ISO Level-A excitation.



FIGURE 10. PPC control of roll state under ISO-C road and SW 45° conditions (*J*-turn simulation). (a) Roll angle (b) Roll rate.

In Fig. 13a (b), the time segment corresponding to the 16 (10) simulation second (i.e., from t = 0 second to t = 16 (10) second) is plotted for the Fishhook simulation under road ISO Level-*C* excitation.

As previously explained, when the vehicle is changing the lane with high speed, the input and output signals change dramatically in a very short period. To guarantee the roll stability, it is reasonable and necessary to tolerate a larger steady-state error.

From Fig. 12, the controlled roll state are all well restricted in the prescribed performance bounds, with small overshoots and steady-state errors. Some errors still exist in the controlled states during the lane-change maneuver [34]. Therefore, the proposed control can effectively reduce the overshoots in these states, and restrict them in safe boundaries. In the steady state, their values are similar with different control strategies, and the performance is visible, i.e., they can obtain a good steady performance for vehicle roll behavior under ISO-A and SW input condition. The response of transient and steady were also simulated under the ISO-C road excitation as shown in Fig. 13 and Fig. 14.



FIGURE 11. Control results for ISO-A road profile and SW 45° (Fishhook simulation). (a) simulation results from 0 to 16 seconds, (b) simulation results from 0 to 10 seconds.

TABLE 4. Calculation STD error of T-S fuzzy observer various on road level-*A*/*C* profile at 40km/h.

Simulation condition	Filter state estimation	Road level excitation	Compared data	Simulation & Validation results STD_error(%)
Roll - <i>J-</i> turn Roll	Poll angle	Level ISO-A		10.6
	Kon angle	Level ISO-C	T-S	12.4
	Poll rate	Level ISO-A	estimated	8.9
	Ron rate	Level ISO-C	and	9.5
Roll an Fishhook Roll ra	Doll angle	Level ISO-A	CarSim®	12.8
	Kon angle	Level ISO-C	simulation	15.7
	Roll rate	Level ISO-A	data	10.6
		Level ISO-C		11.6

Similar results can be obtained for ISO-C road excitation. Meanwhile, the steady and transient response value of fluctuating characteristic of vehicle roll behavior under road ISO-C excitation is also higher than that of ISO-A road excitation. Also, the oscillations on control inputs in the initial phase are

TABLE 5. Calculation RMS values of PPC control various on road level-A/C profiles at 40 km/h.

Simulation condition	Controlled roll state	Road level excitation	RMS value of uncontrolled input	RMS value of controlled input	Improvement accuracy of comparing controlled & uncontrolled / %
J-turn	Roll angle	Level ISO-A	0.0135	0.0127	5.93%
		Level ISO-C	0.0153	0.0128	16.3%
	Roll rate	Level ISO-A	0.0318	0.0035	88.9%
		Level ISO-C	0.0744	0.0076	89.7%
Fishhook	Dallas als	Level ISO-A	0.0119	0.0113	5.04%
	Koll angle	Level ISO-C	0.0138	0.0113	18.1%
	Roll rate	Level ISO-A	0.0191	0.0046	75.9%
		Level ISO-C	0.0667	0.0082	87.7%



FIGURE 12. PPC control of roll state under ISO-A road excitation and SW 45° conditions (Fishhook simulation). (a) Roll angle (b) Roll rate.

caused by the strict prescribed performance control requirements, which therefore is reasonable.

Based on the T-S model-based fuzzy observer analysis, the error values of the estimation standard deviation (STD) were calculated under ISO Level-A/C road excitation, and the results of the comparison are given in Table 4.

Table 4 shows that the performance (RMS-error) change stays within 16% in all the relevant signals. The values of



FIGURE 13. Control results of ISO-C road and SW 45° (Fishhook simulation). (a) simulation results from 0 to 16 seconds, (b) simulation results from 0 to 10 seconds.

the control and uncontrolled root mean square (RMS) are also calculated, and the simulation results of the uncontrolled situation, MPC algorithm and PPC algorithm are summarized in Table 5.



FIGURE 14. PPC control of roll state under ISO-C road excitation and SW 45° conditions (Fishhook simulation). (a) Roll angle (b) Roll rate.

VII. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the optimal control of vehicle roll under SW input and various road excitation was studied using 9-DOFs full-car model. Then, with the proposed observer-based control algorithm, the influence of the full-car model on vehicle roll behavior was studied.

The following main conclusions can be drawn:

(1) A full-car T-S model and model-based T-S fuzzy observer were developed under various SW input and road excitation conditions and the LMI theory was then used to

illustrate the stability of T-S fuzzy observer.

(2) Compared to the MPC algorithm and uncontrolled situations, the proposed PPC algorithm could better improve the transient and steady performance of vehicle roll behavior under various external excitations in real time.

Finally, simulation results showed that the proposed observer-based PPC algorithm could improve the performance of roll behavior for a vehicle system, and was validated in CarSim-Matlab[®] under various driving situations and different road excitation levels.

In the future, the proposed control algorithm will be used with a practical full-car. Also, further research will extend to pattern recognition optimization control for a 9-DOFs vehicle system and focus on the application of corresponding data for developing intelligent vehicles.

APPENDIX A

Based on the T-S full-car model, the responses of system matrixes A_i and B_i stated in (19) are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} A'_{514} &= \frac{b \cdot f}{I_y}; \quad A'_{61} &= \frac{-m_s \cdot h_{roll} \cdot \sigma'_i}{M_1 I_x}; \quad A'_{62} &= \frac{m_s \cdot h_{roll} \cdot \rho'_i}{M_1 I_x v}; \\ A'_{63} &= \frac{m_s \cdot g \cdot h_{roll} - h_{roll} \cdot K_{\phi}}{I_x}; \quad A'_{66} &= \frac{-h_{roll} \cdot C_{\phi} - l_t^2 \cdot f}{I_x}; \\ A'_{67} &= -\frac{l_t \cdot k_s}{2I_x}; \quad A'_{68} &= \frac{l_t \cdot k_s}{2I_x}; \quad A'_{69} &= -\frac{l_t \cdot k_s}{2I_x}; \\ A'_{610} &= \frac{l_t \cdot k_s}{2I_x}; \quad A'_{611} &= \frac{l_t \cdot f}{2I_x}; \quad A'_{612} &= -\frac{l_t \cdot f}{2I_x}; \\ A'_{613} &= \frac{l_t \cdot f}{2I_x}; \quad A'_{614} &= -\frac{l_t \cdot f}{2I_x}; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sigma_{i}' = 2(C_{fi} + C_{ri}); \quad \rho_{i}' = 2(bC_{ri} - aC_{fi}cos(\delta_{f}));$$

$$\tau_{i}' = 2(a^{2}C_{fi}cos(\delta_{f}) + b^{2}C_{ri}); \quad I_{xeq}' = m_{s}h_{roll}^{2} + I_{x}^{2};$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{1} & \mathbf{B}_{2} & \mathbf{B}_{3} \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2 \cdot C_{fi} \cdot C_{ri}}{M} & \frac{2 \cdot C_{fi} \cdot a}{I_{z}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{2 \cdot m_{s} \cdot h_{roll} \cdot C_{fi}}{M \cdot (I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2})} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{m_{s}} & \frac{a}{I_{y}} & \frac{2 \cdot (I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2})}{2 \cdot (I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2})} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{m_{s}} & \frac{-h_{y}}{I_{y}} & \frac{-I_{t}}{2 \cdot (I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2})} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{m_{s}} & \frac{-b}{I_{y}} & \frac{-I_{t}}{2 \cdot (I_{x} + m_{s} \cdot h_{roll}^{2})} \end{bmatrix}$$

APPENDIX B

The corresponding proof for observer stability and LMI condition in *Theorem* 1 are as follows.

Proof: When we assume the following Lyapunov function condition:

$$V(\mathbf{x}_e) = \mathbf{x}_e(t)^T \mathbf{P} \mathbf{x}_e(t)$$
(B1)

With $P = P^{T} > 0$. The state estimation error e(t) can be defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{e}(t) = \mathbf{C}_e \mathbf{x}_e(t) \tag{B2}$$

And,

;

$$\mathbf{C}_e = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{B3}$$

System (22) is stable and the H_{∞} gain of the transfer from w(t) to e(t) is bounded by $\gamma > 0$ if the following inequation satisfies:

$$\mathbf{J}_{\infty} = \dot{\mathbf{V}}(\mathbf{x}_{e}) + \mathbf{e}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{e}(t) - \gamma^{2}\mathbf{w}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w}(t) < 0 \qquad (B4)$$

Substituting Eq. (22) into Eq. (B4) yields:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \mu_{i}(|\hat{\alpha}_{f}|)\mu_{i}(|\alpha_{f}|)(\mathbf{x}_{e}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}_{e}(t) + \mathbf{x}_{e}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\tilde{A}_{ij}\mathbf{x}_{e}(t)) + \mathbf{w}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}_{e}(t) + \mathbf{x}_{e}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{P}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij}\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{x}_{e}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{x}_{e}(t) - \gamma^{2}\mathbf{w}(t)^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{w}(t) < 0$$
(B5)

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Eq. (B5) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{2} \mu_{i}(|\hat{\alpha}_{f}|)\mu_{i}(|\alpha_{f}|) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{e} \\ \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix}^{T} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_{ij} & \mathbf{P}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij}^{T}\mathbf{P} & -\gamma^{2}\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{e} \\ \mathbf{w} \end{bmatrix} < 0$$
(B6)

where

$$\mathbf{Y}_{ij} = \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij}^T \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{ij} + \mathbf{C}_e^T \mathbf{C}_e \tag{B7}$$

According to the convex sum property of the activation functions, Eq. (B6) can be satisfied if the following inequation is satisfied:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Y}_{ij} & \mathbf{P}\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_{ij}^T \mathbf{P} & -\gamma^2 \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad \forall i, j = 1, 2.$$
(B8)

These constrains are nonlinear. To obtain LMI conditions, the following particular form of matrix **P** is considered:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_1 & 0\\ 0 & \mathbf{P}_2 \end{bmatrix} \tag{B9}$$

Substituting Eq. (25) and Eq. (B9) into Eq. (B8) yields the following (B10):

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Theta}_{i} & \mathbf{P}_{1} \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{A}_{ij} & \mathbf{P}_{1} \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{B}_{ij} & \mathbf{P}_{1} \mathbf{B}_{w} \\ \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{A}_{ij}^{T} \mathbf{P}_{1} & \mathbf{\Psi}_{j} & \mathbf{P}_{2} \mathbf{B}_{j} & \mathbf{P}_{2} \mathbf{B}_{w} \\ \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{B}_{ij}^{T} \mathbf{P}_{1} & \mathbf{B}_{j}^{T} \mathbf{P}_{2} & -\gamma^{2} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{B}_{w}^{T} \mathbf{P}_{1} & \mathbf{B}_{w}^{T} \mathbf{P}_{2} & \mathbf{0} & -\gamma^{2} \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} < 0; (B10)$$

where

$$\Theta_i = (\mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{C})^T \mathbf{P}_1 + \mathbf{P}_1 (\mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{I};$$

$$\Psi_j = \mathbf{A}_j^T \mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{A}_j$$
(B11)

Using variable change $\mathbf{M}_i = \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{L}_i$, Eq. (B10) is linear in variables \mathbf{P}_1 , \mathbf{P}_2 , and \mathbf{M}_i , which leads to the equivalent condition calculated by Eq. (28). This suffices to satisfy Eq. (28) and guarantee $\mathbf{V}(t) / dt < 0$ with the γ -attenuation (27).

APPENDIX C

To achieve less-conservative LMI equation of *Theorem* 1, the new LMI condition was used to illustrate the stability of the estimation error \mathbf{e} (t) [51].

Using [52, Th. 2], i.e., if there are matrices $\mathbf{P}_1 > 0$ and $\mathbf{P}_2 > 0$, matrices \mathbf{Q}_{ij} , \mathbf{M}_j , and scalar γ such that the following LMIs hold:

$$\begin{split} & \mathbf{\Gamma}_{ii} + \mathbf{Q}_{ii} < 0, \quad i = 1, 2 \\ & \mathbf{\Gamma}_{ij} + \mathbf{\Gamma}_{ji} + \mathbf{Q}_{ij} + \mathbf{Q}_{ji} < 0, \quad i < j, \\ & \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q}_{11} & \mathbf{Q}_{12} \\ \mathbf{Q}_{11}^T & \mathbf{Q}_{22} \end{bmatrix} > 0, \end{split}$$
 (C1)

With

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{i} & \boldsymbol{P}_{1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}\boldsymbol{A}_{ij} & \boldsymbol{P}_{1}\boldsymbol{\Delta}\boldsymbol{B}_{ij} & \boldsymbol{P}_{1}\boldsymbol{B}_{w} \\ \boldsymbol{\Delta}\boldsymbol{A}_{ij}^{T}\boldsymbol{P}_{1} & \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{j} & \boldsymbol{P}_{2}\boldsymbol{B}_{j} & \boldsymbol{P}_{2}\boldsymbol{B}_{w} \\ \boldsymbol{\Delta}\boldsymbol{B}_{ij}^{T}\boldsymbol{P}_{1} & \boldsymbol{B}_{J}^{T}\boldsymbol{P}_{2} & -\gamma^{2}\boldsymbol{I} & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{B}_{w}^{T}\boldsymbol{P}_{1} & \boldsymbol{B}_{w}^{T}\boldsymbol{P}_{2} & \boldsymbol{0} & -\gamma^{2}\boldsymbol{I} \end{bmatrix} < 0; \quad (C2)$$

Then, the estimation error $\mathbf{e}(t)$ is stable and satisfies the L_2 gain, i.e., $\mathbf{L}_i = \mathbf{P}_1^{-1} \mathbf{M}_i$

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