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This paper discusses the role of the active anti-roll bar system in order to enhance the roll stability of cars, thereby preventing rollover phenomenon in high speed emergency situations. First, an integrated full car model is proposed including the longitudinal, lateral, vertical motions and an electro-hydraulic actuator model. In this full car model, the control signal being the input current which is supplied to the actuators to create the active torques to improve the car's stability. This is the most general model in theory to study this active roll control system and is a big step forward compared to previous related studies. The optimal LQR control method has then been used to synthesize the controller based on the integrated model with 26 degrees of freedom. The criteria used to assess the vehicle roll stability are the sprung mass roll angle and the interactive force between the wheels and the road surface. The simulation results in the frequency domain and the validation in the time domain through the CarSim software's nonlinear car model clearly show the advantages of this active system with an optimal LQR controller in preventing vehicle rollover.

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INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, the automobile has become the main means of transportation in all countries of the world. The positive contributions of these vehicles have improved the economic development and the quality of life. However, vehicle accidents also happen quite often and cause thousands of casualties every day on a global scale. Among them, the accidents caused by vehicle rollover are often the ones with most serious consequence. Two basic types of vehicles: cars and heavy vehicles have been studied in details to reduce the risk of the rollover phenomenon [1].

For heavy vehicles, due to the large total weight and high center of gravity, the rollover phenomenon occurs at a higher frequencies, even when they are affected by side wind, etc [2]. Nowadays, modern commercial heavy vehicles can use a brake system to prevent the rollover phenomenon. However, new studies have suggested the use of an active anti-roll bar system to perform this task. The results of theoretical and experimental studies have been conducted with advanced control methods [3, 4].

For cars, the rollover phenomenon usually occurs when they are moving at high speeds and during emergencies. In order to prevent this phenomenon, several active systems have been studied and applied in real cars, such as: brake, suspension, steering and anti-roll bar [5-7]. However, the Active Anti-Roll Bar (AARB) system is currently considered as the most promising and it can directly supply the restoring moment. In addition, due to the low weight of the car, the active torque generated from the actuators is not too large, resulting in a relatively

compact system structure [8, 9]. Therefore, the study of installing this system on real cars is getting more and more attention.

The previous studies often used a half vertical car model to build dynamical equations and design the controllers. They considered the excitation from the road surface that causes the rollover situation. However, this model has the disadvantage, which is not being able to evaluate the entire roll motion properties and does not consider the role of the lateral inertial force affecting this phenomenon. In the studies of [10, 11], a more advanced model has been proposed including a half vertical car model and a bicycle longitudinal motion. The authors then used PID, LQG control methods to design the controllers for the AARB system.

In studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences [12-14], an Electro-Hydraulic (EH) actuator combined with a half vertical car model, have been proposed. The simulation results with the LQ and LPV controllers have shown the superiority of the proposed scheme. They are, however, more focused on establishing controller construction methods than on the goal of assessing the overall state of cars. That is shown in particular is that they have not yet evaluated the rollover characteristics of cars as well as the results in the frequency domain.

This paper proposes a complete car model to assess the effectiveness of the AARB system, thus the main contributions are listed as follows:

- An integrated model is proposed by combining a full car model comprising the lateral, longitudinal and vertical motions, with an EH actuator model on the two axles. Then the source of excitation includes the

road surface at the four wheels and the steering angle from the driver. The control input is the current supplied to the two actuators. This model has the outstanding advantage of being the closest to the system structure on an actual car. Therefore, it allows a relatively accurate assessment of the vehicle rollover characteristics.

- The optimal control method LQR (Linear Quadratic Regulator) is used to synthesize the controller for the AARB system. By cleverly selecting a performance index that includes all the variables of the state vector, the synthesis of the weighting matrices is simplest. During the controller design, the role of the sprung mass roll angle, the vertical displacement of the wheels, as well as the interaction force between the wheels and the road surface is emphasized to ensure the goal of preventing rollover phenomenon.
- The simulation results conducted in the frequency domain indicates the response of the signals, which are related to the car's roll stability from the disturbance of the steering angle. The transfer function magnitude from the steering angle is reduced within the frequency range of interest, so the control target has been satisfied.
- The validation of the above proposed method with a highly nonlinear car model from the CarSim® software is performed. The simulation results in a typical double lane change scenario (ISO 3888) with the high speeds from 60 km/h to 160 km/h shows that the roll stability of the car has increased about 30% when compared to the car using a conventional passive suspension system.

The paper structure is organized in six main sections: Section 2 introduces the integrated full car model. Section 3 describes the optimal LQR controller design for an AARB system. The simulation results conducted in the frequency domain are summarized in Section 4. In section 5 the validation by a nonlinear car model from CarSim software is presented. Some conclusions and potential extensions are given in Section 6.

AN INTEGRATED FULL CAR MODEL

An electro-hydraulic actuator model

The model of the EH actuator is described in Figure 1. It has two main parts of an electronic servo-valve and a hydromotor. The active torque generated by this actuator is M_{act} at the hydromotor, which has two chambers, and it is separated by different vanes. The pressure difference between the vanes creates the active torque of the system on the central shaft. It should be noted that this central shaft has an angle of rotation limited to the range of no more than 120 degrees. The anti-roll bar in this layout is divided into two separate halves and are connected together by the hydromotor [12, 15]. The hydromotor's shaft is attached to the one side of the anti-roll bar, while its housing is connected to the rest. In the case the

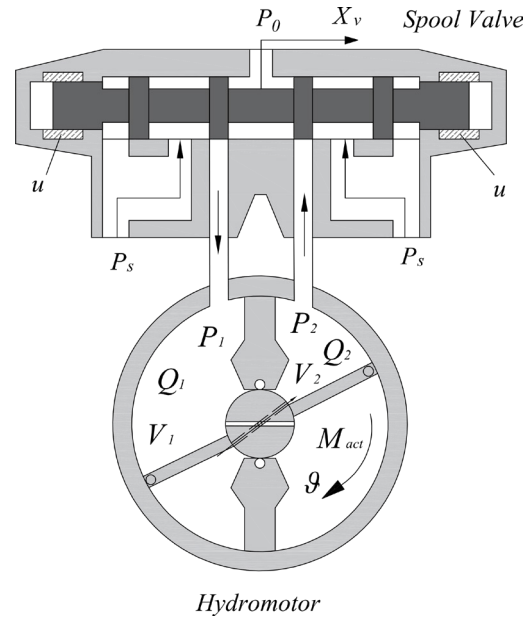


Figure 1: Model diagram of an EH actuator [12]

sprung mass is tilted, an active torque appearing in the housing of the hydromotor counteracts this inclination, thanks to the pressure difference in the two chambers of the hydromotor which is supplied by a hydraulic pump.

The electronic servo-valve used in this study is a symmetric 4/2 four ways valve. We assume that the effects of the flow forces and hysteresis are ignored, thus the dynamical equation of this valve is modeled as a second order linear system in Equation (1). This equation is a linear dependence between the spool displacement X_v and the input current u .

$$\frac{1}{w_v^2} \ddot{X}_v + \frac{2D_v}{w_v} \dot{X}_v + X_v = K_v u \quad (1)$$

where $K_v = \frac{Q_N}{\sqrt{\Delta P_N / 2} u_{vmax}}$ is the gain of the servo-valve

model. With Q_N is the rated flow at the rated pressure, P_N - pressure drop and u_{vmax} - maximum rated input current at the rated flow.

Because the orifices are arranged symmetrically, the load flow Q_L of the oil flowing through the servo-valve is linearized as follows [2, 16]:

$$Q_L = K_q X_v - K_c P_L \quad (2)$$

Here K_q is the valve flow gain, K_c is pressure coefficient.

The difference pressure between two chambers of the hydromotor showing the relationship between the load flow and its rotation angle is expressed as follows:

$$\dot{P}_L = \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} (Q_L - V_p \dot{\theta} + c_{11} \dot{\theta} - c_{12} P_L) \quad (3)$$

Following (2) and (3), the differential equations describing the difference pressure is determined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{P}_L &= \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} (K_q X_v - K_c P_L - V_p \dot{\theta} + c_{11} \dot{\theta} - c_{12} P_L) \\ &= \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} K_q X_v - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} P_L (K_c + c_{12}) - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} V_p \dot{\theta} + \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} c_{11} \dot{\theta} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The rotation angle of hydromotor generated by the difference pressure between the two chambers is determined by the following equation:

$$J\ddot{\theta} = -d_a\dot{\theta} + V_p P_L \quad (5)$$

The active torque is generated by the actuator as follows:

$$M_{act} = 2P_L A_v a_{arm} \quad (6)$$

Combining the equations from (1) to (6), the general differential equation of the EH actuator model is determined in the following equation:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X}_v = K_v u w_v^2 - 2D_v \dot{X}_v w_v - X_v w_v^2 \\ \dot{P}_L = \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} K_q X_v - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} P_L (K_c + c_{l2}) - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} V_p \dot{\theta} + \frac{4\beta_E}{V_t} c_{l1} \dot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\theta} = -d_a \frac{\dot{\theta}}{J} + V_p \frac{P_L}{J} \\ M_{act} = 2P_L A_v a_{arm} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

In Equation (7), the actuator output is the active torque M_{act} and the current u is its input. The symbols and parameters of the EH actuator model are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: The symbols and parameters of the EH actuator model [12-14]

Symbols	Description	Value	Unit
K_v	Gain of the servo-valve model	0,523	m/A
D_v	Valve damping coefficient	0,0071	-
K_q	Valve flow gain	11,02	m ²
K_c	Pressure coefficient	4,2.10 ⁻¹¹	N/m ²
β_E	Effective bulk modulus	6890000	Pa
V_t	Total volume under pressure	0,0014	m ³
V_p	Proportional to the areas of vane cross-sections	1,95.10 ⁻⁴	m ³
c_{l1}	Parameters of the leakage flow	7,85.10 ⁻¹⁵	m ³ /Pa
c_{l2}	Parameters of the leakage flow	3,14.10 ⁻⁶	m ³ /Pa
J	Moment of inertia of the hydromotor: vanes, shaft	5	kg/m ²
d_a	Damping constant	1000	Ns/m
A_v	Area of the vanes	0,0026	m ²
A_{arm}	Arm length of the ARB in the longitudinal direction	0.2	m

Full model of a car

Most of the previous studies on the AARB system used a half vertical model with the only source of excitation from the road surface. This model has the advantage that it is simple to synthesize the controller but it is not detailed enough to fully describe the rollover characteristics of cars. Figure 2 shows a full car model with 9 Degree Of Freedom (DOF), where Figure 9a is the lateral and longitudinal motions and Figure 2b is a vertical motion.

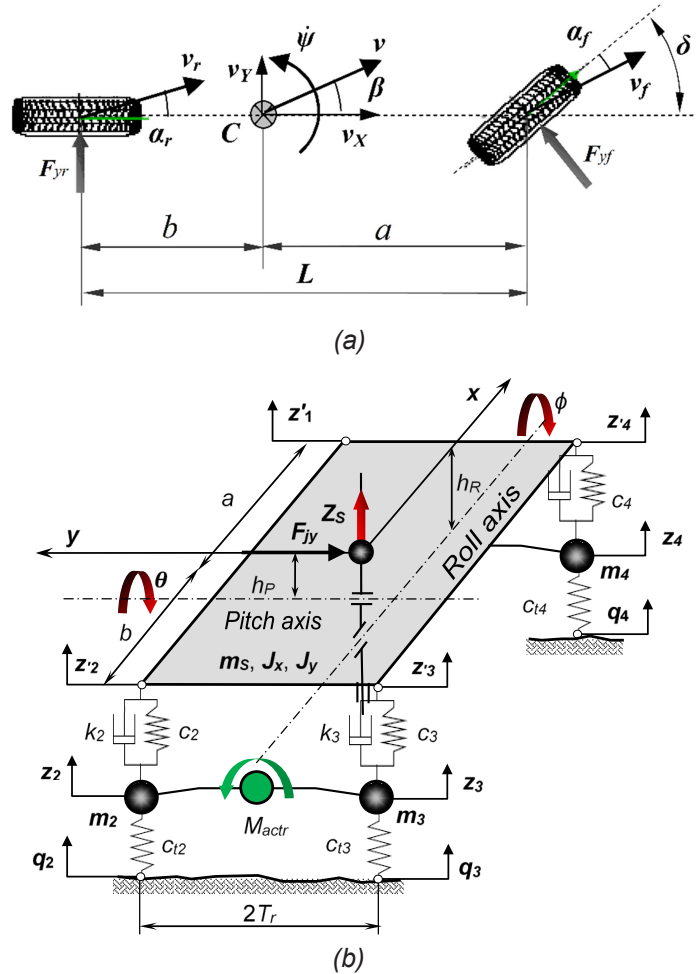


Figure 2: Full car model, lateral & longitudinal (a) and vertical (b) motions

When the driver changes the steering angle as shown in Figure 2a, at the car's Center of Gravity (CoG), a lateral inertial force F_{iy} appears. The dynamical equation of this motion is determined as follows [17]:

$$\begin{cases} mv\dot{\beta} + (mv + \frac{aC_f - bC_r}{v})\dot{\psi} = C_f\delta - (C_f + C_r)\beta \\ I_{zz}\ddot{\psi} = aC_f\delta - (aC_f - bC_r)\beta - \frac{(a^2C_f + b^2C_r)}{v}\dot{\psi} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

For the vertical motion in Figure 2b, there are two excitation sources: the lateral inertial force F_{iy} and the excitation from the road surface at the four wheels q_i . The AARB system is available on both axes and is characterized by the active torques $M_{act,r}$. Therefore, the gener-

al dynamical equation of the vertical car motion is determined as:

$$\begin{cases}
 m_s \ddot{Z}_s = c_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) + c_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) + c_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) + c_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) + k_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) \\
 \quad + k_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + k_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) + k_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) \\
 (I_{xx} + m_s h_R^2) \ddot{\phi} = -dc_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) - dc_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) + cc_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) + cc_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) \\
 \quad - dk_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) - dk_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + ck_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) + ck_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) \\
 \quad + m_s a_y h_R \\
 (I_{yy} + m_s h_p^2) \ddot{\theta} = -ac_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) + bc_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) + bc_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) - ac_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) \\
 \quad - ak_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) + bk_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + bk_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) - ak_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) \\
 m_1 \ddot{Z}_1 = -c_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) - k_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) + c_{r1}(q_1 - Z_1) - M_{actf} / 2d \\
 m_2 \ddot{Z}_2 = -c_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) - k_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + c_{r2}(q_2 - Z_2) - M_{actr} / 2d \\
 m_3 \ddot{Z}_3 = -c_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) - k_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) + c_{r3}(q_3 - Z_3) + M_{actr} / 2c \\
 m_4 \ddot{Z}_4 = -c_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) - k_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) + c_{r4}(q_4 - Z_4) + M_{actf} / 2c
 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

with

$$\begin{cases}
 Z'_1 = Z_s + d \tan \varphi - a \tan \theta \approx Z_s + d\varphi - a\theta \\
 Z'_2 = Z_s + d \tan \varphi + b \tan \theta \approx Z_s + d\varphi + b\theta \\
 Z'_3 = Z_s - c \tan \varphi + b \tan \theta \approx Z_s - c\varphi + b\theta \\
 Z'_4 = Z_s - c \tan \varphi - a \tan \theta \approx Z_s - c\varphi - a\theta
 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The symbols of a full car model are shown in Table 2 and their parameter values are obtained from CarSim software [18].

Proposing a fully integrated model of the car

We propose an integrated model consisting of two EH actuators and a full car model. In which, the AARB system is located on both axes and controlled by the input currents $u_{f,r}$. The excitation sources include the steering angle and the road surface at the four wheels. Thus the dynamical equation of the whole system is determined as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
 m_s \ddot{Z}_s = c_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) + c_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) + c_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) + c_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) + k_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) \\
 \quad + k_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + k_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) + k_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) \\
 (I_{xx} + m_s h_R^2) \ddot{\phi} = -dc_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) - dc_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) + cc_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) + cc_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) \\
 \quad - dk_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) - dk_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + ck_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) + ck_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) + m_s a_y h_R \\
 (I_{yy} + m_s h_p^2) \ddot{\theta} = -ac_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) + bc_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) + bc_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) - ac_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) \\
 \quad - ak_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) + bk_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + bk_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) - ak_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) \\
 m_1 \ddot{Z}_1 = -c_1(Z_1 - Z'_1) - k_1(\dot{Z}_1 - \dot{Z}'_1) + c_{r1}(q_1 - Z_1) - A_{v1} a_{arm} / 2d \\
 m_2 \ddot{Z}_2 = -c_2(Z_2 - Z'_2) - k_2(\dot{Z}_2 - \dot{Z}'_2) + c_{r2}(q_2 - Z_2) - A_{v2} a_{arm} / 2d \\
 m_3 \ddot{Z}_3 = -c_3(Z_3 - Z'_3) - k_3(\dot{Z}_3 - \dot{Z}'_3) + c_{r3}(q_3 - Z_3) + A_{v2} a_{arm} / 2c \\
 m_4 \ddot{Z}_4 = -c_4(Z_4 - Z'_4) - k_4(\dot{Z}_4 - \dot{Z}'_4) + c_{r4}(q_4 - Z_4) + A_{v1} a_{arm} / 2c \\
 \ddot{X}_{v1} = K_v u_1 w_v^2 - 2D_v \dot{X}_{v1} w_v - X_{v1} w_v^2 \\
 \ddot{P}_{L1} = \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} K_q X_{v1} - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} P_{L1} (K_c + c_{r2}) - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} V_p \vartheta_1 + \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} c_{r1} \dot{\vartheta}_1 \\
 \ddot{\vartheta}_1 = \frac{-d_a \dot{\vartheta}_1 + V_p P_{L1} + M_{actf}}{J} \\
 \ddot{X}_{v2} = K_v u_2 w_v^2 - 2D_v \dot{X}_{v2} w_v - X_{v2} w_v^2 \\
 \ddot{P}_{L2} = \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} K_q X_{v2} - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} P_{L2} (K_c + c_{r2}) - \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} V_p \vartheta_2 + \frac{4\beta_E}{V_f} c_{r1} \dot{\vartheta}_2 \\
 \ddot{\vartheta}_2 = \frac{-d_a \dot{\vartheta}_2 + V_p P_{L2} + M_{actr}}{J} \\
 mv\dot{\beta} + (mv + \frac{aC_f - bC_r}{v})\dot{\psi} = C_f \delta - (C_f + C_r)\beta \\
 I_z \ddot{\psi} = aC_f \delta - (aC_f - bC_r)\beta - \frac{(a^2 C_f + b^2 C_r)}{v} \dot{\psi}
 \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Table 2: The symbols and parameters of a full car model

Symbols	Description	Value	Unit
m_s	Sprung mass	943	kg
m_i	Unsprung mass at the i^{th} wheel	50/75	kg
k_i	Damping ratio of the i^{th} suspension system	2290/1420	Ns/m
c_i	Stiffness coefficient of the spring at the i^{th} suspension system	15500/17000	N/m
c_{ti}	Stiffness coefficient of the i^{th} tire	25000	N/m
a	Distance from the CoG to the centre of the front wheel along longitudinal	1,1	m
b	Distance from the CoG to the centre of the rear wheel along longitudinal	1,5	m
c	Distance from the CoG to the centre of the right wheel along lateral	0,76	m
d	Distance from the CoG to the centre of the left wheel along lateral	0,76	m
v	Speed of the vehicle		km/h
I_{xx}	Roll initial moment of the vehicle about the x-axis	960	kg/m ²
I_{yy}	Pitch initial moment of the vehicle about the y-axis	720	kg/m ²
I_{zz}	Yaw initial moment of the vehicle about the z-axis	4520	kg/m ²
C_f	Tire cornering stiffness at the front axle	18000	N/m
C_r	Tire cornering stiffness at the rear axle	18000	N/m
g	Gravity of Earth	9,81	m/s ²
h_p	Distance from the centre of the chassis to the pitch axis	0,1	m
h_r	Distance from the centre of the chassis to the roll axis	0,2	m

The dynamical equation (11) is written as the state-space form of the Linear Time Invariant (LTI) model as follows:

$$\begin{cases}
 \dot{X} = AX + B_1 W + B_2 U \\
 Y = CX + D_1 W + D_2 U
 \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

Where the state vector is chosen as

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} Z_s & \phi & \theta & Z_1 & Z_2 & Z_3 & Z_4 & \dot{Z}_s & \dot{\phi} & \dot{\theta} & \dot{Z}_1 & \dot{Z}_2 & \dot{Z}_3 & \dot{Z}_4 \\ X_{v1} & \dot{X}_{v1} & P_{L1} & \vartheta_1 & \dot{\vartheta}_1 & X_{v2} & \dot{X}_{v2} & P_{L2} & \vartheta_2 & \dot{\vartheta}_2 & \beta & \psi \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (13)$$

the disturbance input: $W=[q_1 \ q_2 \ q_3 \ q_4 \ \delta]^T$; the control input: $U=[u_1 \ u_2]^T$; the output $Y=X$. A , B_1 , B_2 , C , D_1 , D_2 are the corresponding matrices and presented in the appen-

dix. From the representation of the dynamical equation as in (12), the system's stability and controllability are guaranteed.

LQR ACTIVE ANTI-ROLL BAR CONTROLLER DESIGN

Performance criteria

The statistical studies have shown that sudden braking, sudden steering in emergency situations and side wind gusts are three of the main factors that cause a car's roll-over phenomenon [2]. In all the above factors, the sprung mass roll angle is often existed and creates an instability moment of the car. Therefore, the AARB system has to act on the sprung mass with an active torque to bring it back to a balanced position. Accurate determination of rollover properties is not a simple task. Most current studies consider when the wheels lift off from the road as the time when cars begin to lose roll stability. Therefore, the roll stability of cars is assessed through the following two main criteria [2, 19]:

- The maximum absolute value of the sprung mass roll angle does not exceed 6-8 degrees: $|\phi|_{\max} \leq 6-8[\text{deg}]$. The smaller the absolute value of this angle, the greater the roll stability of cars. This has the effect of avoiding the risk of vehicle rollover. Therefore, the absolute value of this angle is as small as possible.
- When the value of the interaction force between the wheels and the road surface (the tire force in the z direction - F_{zi}) is less sensitive to the excitation sources the better. This force is always fluctuating around the static load, the smaller the dynamic value, the lower the ability to separate the wheel from the road surface. However, in practice it is very difficult to measure accurately this force. Due to the tire force in the z direction being linearly dependent on the unsprung mass vertical displacement (Z_i), thus it is common to choose this displacement instead of the interaction force in the controller designs.

In the following sections, the above two criteria are used both to design the controller and to assess the effectiveness of the AARB system.

LQR controller synthesis for an AARB system

In this study, the author uses one of the well-known advanced control methods, the LQR (Linear Quadratic Regulator) optimal control method, to design the controller for the AARB system to improve the car roll stability. The LTI model is shown in Equation (12). It should be noted that the matrix B used in this section is derived from the traditional form of the state space representation, thus $B=[B_1, B_2]$. For LQR controller synthesis, we can assume that all the variables of the state vector can be measured or estimated. Therefore, the state feedback control law is defined as [2, 20]:

$$u = -Kx \quad (13)$$

where $K=R^{-1} B^T P$ is the state feedback gain matrix. In which, the matrix P is defined from the algebraic Riccati equation:

$$A^T P + AP + Q - PBR^{-1} B^T P = 0 \quad (14)$$

Therefore, the control input u will have the effect of minimizing some performance index $-J$, which is generally represented as follows [16]:

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} (x^T Qx + u^T Ru + 2x^T Nu) dt \quad (15)$$

The main goal of the LQR controller design is to optimize the car roll stability. The sprung mass roll angle and its velocity, the vertical displacement of the four unsprung masses and the interaction forces between the wheels and the road surface are the parameters that directly affect the vehicle roll stability. Therefore, the parameters defined above should be optimized. The performance index J of the LQR controller for this system is selected as follows:

$$J = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\begin{array}{l} \rho_1 Z_s^2 + \rho_2 \dot{\phi}^2 + \rho_3 \theta^2 + \rho_4 Z_1^2 + \rho_5 Z_2^2 + \rho_6 Z_3^2 + \rho_7 Z_4^2 \\ + \rho_8 \dot{Z}_s^2 + \rho_9 \dot{\phi}^2 + \rho_{10} \dot{\theta}^2 + \rho_{11} \dot{Z}_1^2 + \rho_{12} \dot{Z}_2^2 + \rho_{13} \dot{Z}_3^2 + \rho_{14} \dot{Z}_4^2 \\ + \rho_{15} X_{v1}^2 + \rho_{16} \dot{X}_{v1}^2 + \rho_{17} P_{L1}^2 + \rho_{18} \theta_1^2 + \rho_{19} \dot{\theta}_1^2 + \rho_{20} X_{v2}^2 + \rho_{21} \dot{X}_{v2}^2 \\ + \rho_{22} P_{L2}^2 + \rho_{23} \theta_2^2 + \rho_{24} \dot{\theta}_2^2 + \rho_{25} \beta^2 + \rho_{26} \dot{\beta}^2 + \rho_{ir} i_f^2 + \rho_{ir} \dot{i}_f^2 \end{array} \right) dt \quad (16)$$

where $\rho_1, \rho_2, \rho_3, \dots, \rho_{26}, \rho_{ir}, \rho_{ir}$ are defined as the weighting parameters of the performance index J. Depending on the choice of ρ_i , it is possible to process a large set of different properties such as enhancing the roll stability or avoiding actuator saturation. The weighting parameters in this case have the following selected values:

$$\rho_1 = \rho_2 = 10^5, \rho_3 = 10^9, \rho_4 = \rho_5 = \rho_6 = \rho_7 = 10^8,$$

$$\rho_8, \rho_9, \rho_{10}, \dots, \rho_{26} = 1, \rho_{ir}, \rho_{ir} = 1.$$

From equations (15) and (16), the matrix Q is defined as an unit matrix with 26 diagonal elements being $\rho_1 \dots \rho_{16}$, while the matrix R has 2 diagonal elements of ρ_{ir}, ρ_{ir} .

Remarks: The choice of the performance index J setting as above is considered to be the simplest way to define the Q, R matrices in (15). Due to the characteristics of this control goal, the above selection is very reasonable. However, another approach can be developed to achieve other control targets.

SIMULATION RESULTS ANALYSIS IN THE FREQUENCY DOMAIN

In this part, the simulation results of the integrated full car model using the two EH actuators with a state feedback LQR controller are evaluated in the frequency domain. The car speed is kept constant at 70 km/h. The total weight and the center of gravity of cars are usually not large, thus the rollover phenomenon usually occurs when the car turns or when the vehicle steers rapidly to avoid obstacles at high speed. Therefore, the influence of the sudden steering maneuvers and in particular the steering angle, is generally an important disturbance input when studying the roll stability characteristics of cars.

Here the author uses the transfer function magnitude (Bode diagram) from the disturbance (steering angle) to the evaluation criteria such as the sprung mass roll angle and its velocity (roll rate), the vertical unsprung masses displacement, the interaction force of the four wheels with the road surface. The frequency range is surveyed up to 4 rad/s, as this region characterizes the driver's bandwidth [2, 12].

Figure 3 shows the response in the frequency domain of the sprung mass roll angle $\phi(a)$, the roll rate $\dot{\phi}(b)$, the vertical displacements of the left-front wheel Z_1 (c) and the left-rear wheel Z_2 (d). It indicates that the car using proposed LQR AARB system has significantly reduced the transfer function magnitude when compared to a car using a passive ARB system, specifically: the sprung mass roll angle and its velocity have been reduced by

about 5dB, the vertical displacement of the wheels have decreased by about 30dB.

Another very important parameter related to the assessment of the roll stability of cars is the interaction forces between the wheels and the road surface. When these forces are smaller, the car movement is safer, because the risk of separating the wheels from the road surface decreases. Figure 4 shows the response in the frequency domain of the interaction force of the left-front wheel (a), the left-rear wheel (c), the right-rear wheel (d) and the right-front wheel (b) to the road surface. It shows that the transfer function magnitude from the steering angle to the interaction force of the front wheels decreased by about 28dB, while the reduction for the rear wheels is about 30dB lower than the car using a passive ARB system

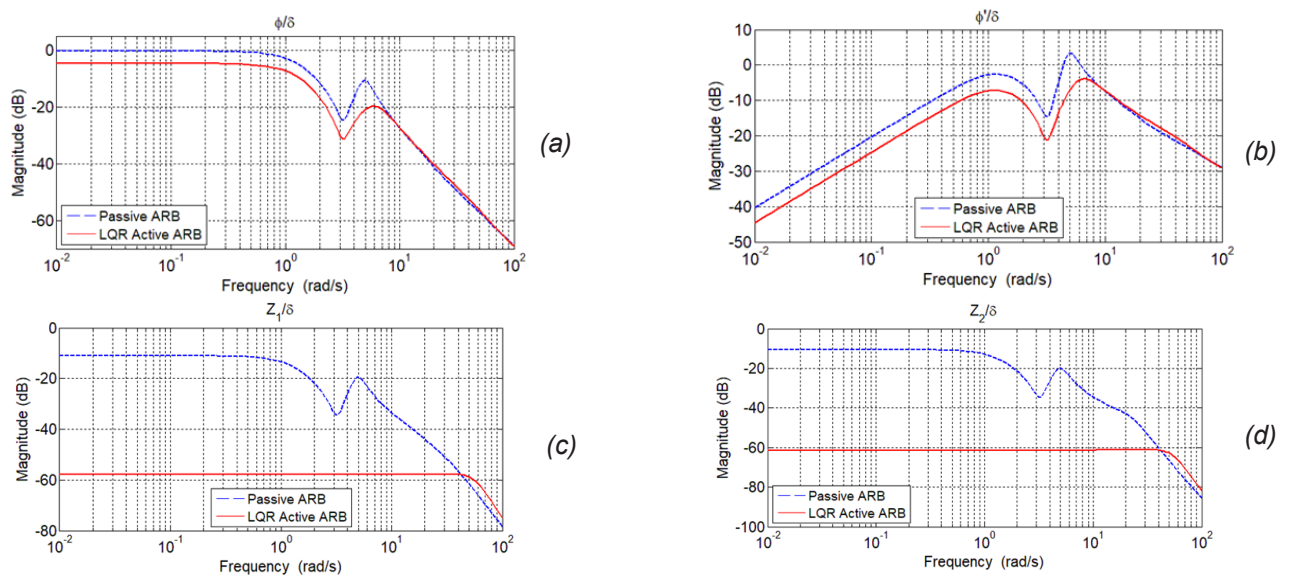


Figure 3: Transfer function magnitude from the steering angle to a) the sprung mass roll angle, b) the roll rate, the vertical displacement of c) the left-front wheel and d) the left-rear wheel

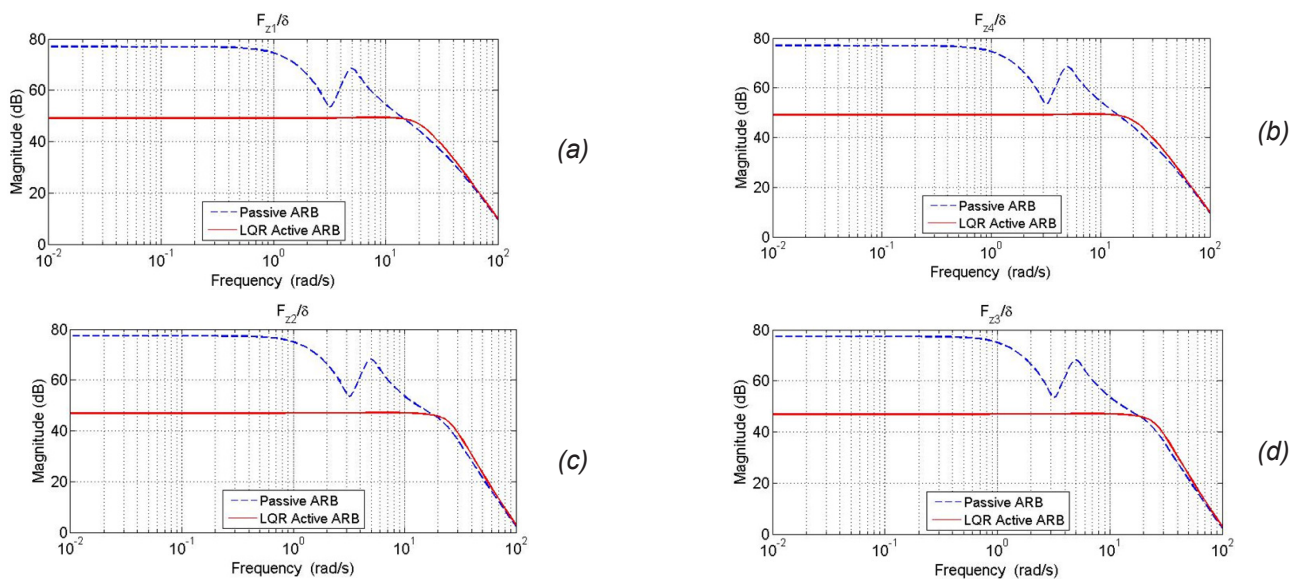


Figure 4: Transfer function magnitude from the steering angle to the interaction force of the four wheels: left-front (a), left-rear (c), right-front (b), right-rear (d)

tem. It indicates that the LQR AARB system significantly increased the car's motion safety.

Table 3 shows clearly the decrease of the transfer function magnitude at 1rad/s. It is important to notice that for the AARB system with steering disturbance, the frequency range of interest is lower than 4rad/s [4, 12, 21]. Thus, the evaluation criteria have decreased significantly when compared to the car using the passive suspension system.

Figure 5 shows the transfer function magnitude from the steering angle to the input currents of the active anti-roll bar system at the two axles. Because the weighting parameters $\rho_{if}, \rho_{ir}=1$ thus the controller does not focus too much on reducing the magnitude of the currents.

Conducting the same survey with different speeds, the response in the frequency domain shows that using the LQR AARB system has significantly improved the roll stability, when compared with the conventional passive system. This allows to prevent the rollover situation in emergencies, and demonstrates the outstanding advantages of the control design approach.

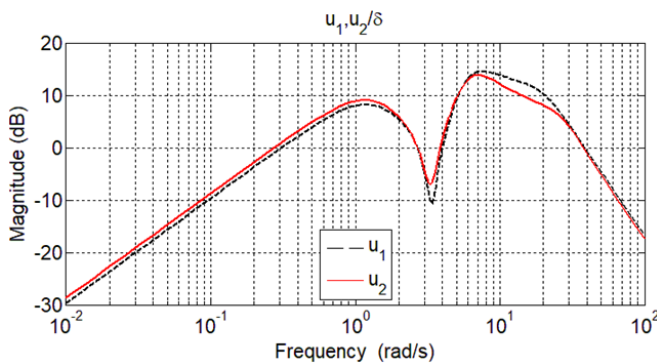


Figure 5: Transfer function magnitude from the steering angle to the control inputs

VALIDATION BY NONLINEAR CAR MODEL OF CARSIM® SOFTWARE

This section is devoted to the validation of the LQR AARB control system using the nonlinear car model from CarSim simulation software. This software has many advantages and it is proven to be nearly equivalent to actual cars. CarSim can provide the most accurate and efficient methods for simulating car's properties. This popular software is an effective tool for developing active (semi-active) control systems, analyzing vehicle dynamics, calculating vehicle performance characteristics and active safety systems.

To evaluate the proposed LQR controller for the AARB system with a nonlinear car model, the author sets up a co-simulation program between CarSim® and Matlab® softwares as described in Figure 6. From CarSim software, a high-order nonlinear car model is exported as an S functions in Simulink. Meanwhile, in the Matlab/Simulink environment we can build directly the controller and the actuators.

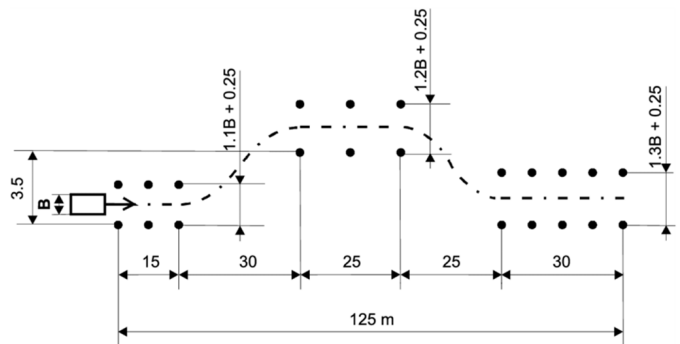


Figure 7: Trajectory of the DLC maneuver according to Standard No. ISO 3888 [23]

In the CarSim software, the interaction force (F_z) between the wheels and the road surface can be obtained easily. These forces will therefore be used to assess the sys-

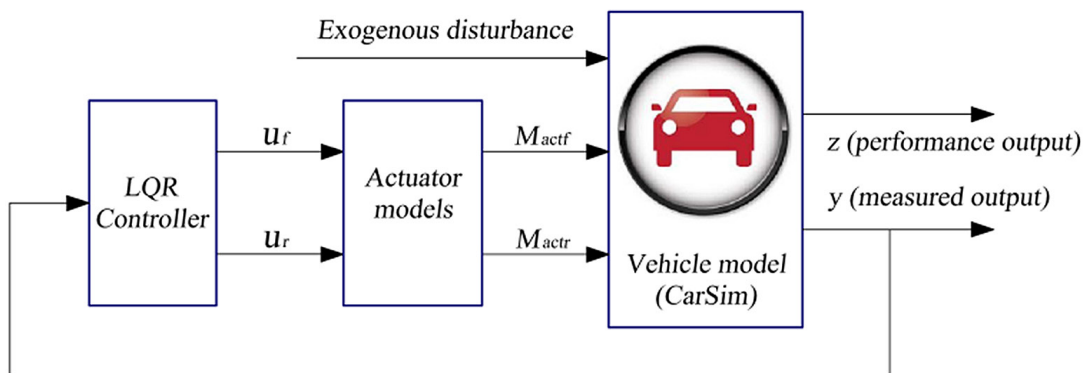


Figure 6: Cosimulation diagram: CarSim®-Matlab®

Table 3: Reduction of transfer function magnitude compared to the passive case

Transfer functions	$\frac{\phi}{\delta}$	$\frac{\dot{\phi}}{\delta}$	$\frac{Z_1}{\delta}$	$\frac{Z_2}{\delta}$	$\frac{F_{z1}}{\delta}$	$\frac{F_{z2}}{\delta}$	$\frac{F_{z3}}{\delta}$	$\frac{F_{z4}}{\delta}$
Reduction (dB)	4.3	4.4	27.8	30.5	27.8	30.4	27.8	30.4

tem's ability to enhance the car's roll stability. When the value of F_z is positive, the wheel and the road surface remain in contact, when the value of F_z is zero, the wheel separates from the road surface, thus the car rollover phenomenon is considered to start occurring. We use the scenario of a car in a Double Lane Change (DLC) situation for avoiding obstacles as shown in Figure 7. To ensure the car's trajectory with the AARB system and the passive system in the DLC maneuvers, the steering angle δ is changed automatically thanks to the closed-loop driver model [4,22]. Hence these angles are shown in Figure 8.

Figure 9 describes the response in the time domain of the sprung mass roll angle when the car's speed is 100 km/h. It shows that with the car using the AARB system, the maximum absolute value of the roll angle decreases about 29%, when compared to the car using a passive

suspension system.

Figure 10 describes the time response of the vertical tire forces in the z direction (between the wheels and the road surface). It turns out that the car with the LQR AARB system maintained a significant degree of stability of these interaction forces in the comparison with the car using the passive ARB system. Thus, it can be seen that, with the AARB system, the sprung mass roll angle, the interaction forces are all reduced (oscillating around the equilibrium position), which means that the car roll stability is increased to avoid the rollover phenomenon.

To overall assess the roll stability of the car using LQR AARB system, the car is investigated with the different speeds from 60 km/h to 160 km/h. The Root Mean Square (RMS) as in Equation (17) is used for the performance criteria of the sprung mass roll angle and the

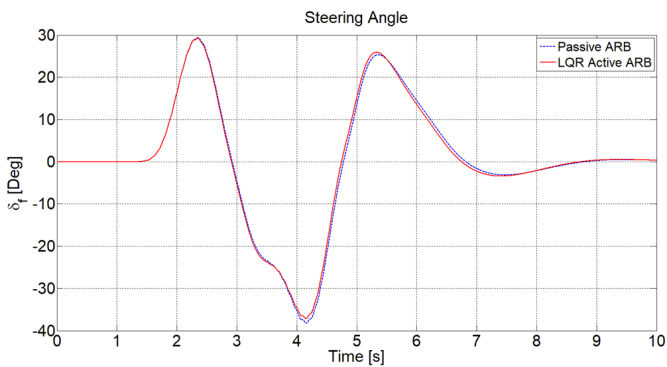


Figure 8: Steering angles in the DLC maneuver ISO 3888

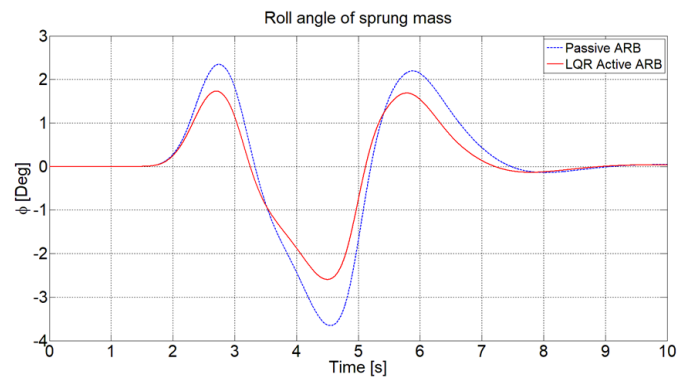


Figure 9: Sprung mass roll angle in the DLC maneuver

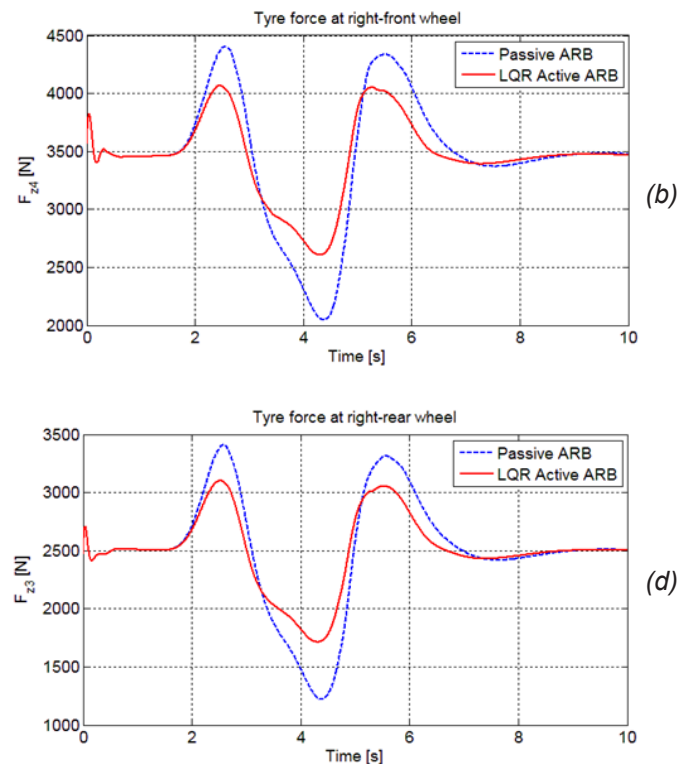
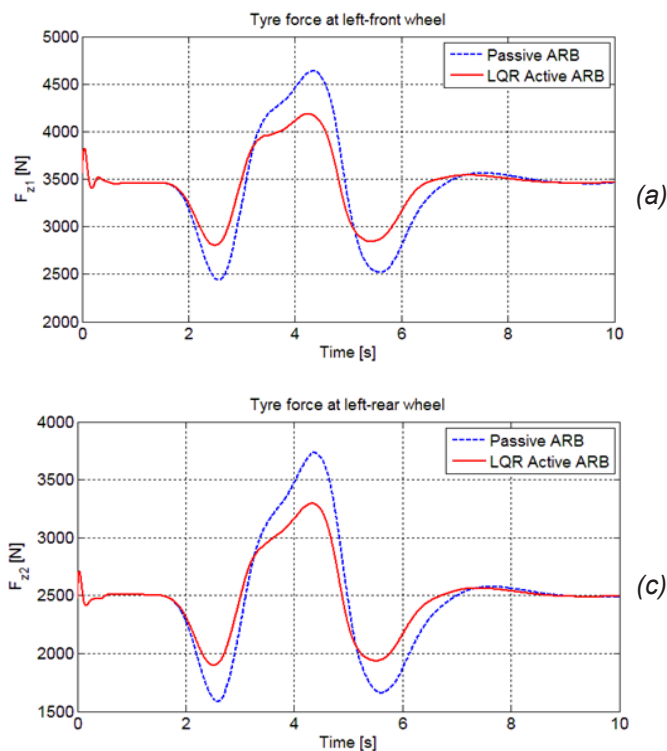


Figure 10: Tire forces in the DLC maneuvers

Table 4: Comparison of the RMS value of the sprung mass roll angle

V (km/h)	60	80	100	120	140	160
Passive ARB	0.9312	1.1680	1.3934	1.5956	1.7020	1.7083
LQR AARB	0.6746	0.8434	1.0100	1.1648	1.2534	1.2600
Reduction (%)	27.6	27.8	27.5	27.0	26.4	26.2

interaction forces [2]. Table 4 summarizes the RMS value of the sprung mass roll angle. This result indicates that with the car speed from 60 km/h to 160 km/h, the decrease of the RMS is about 26% to 28% when using the LQR AARB system [2].

$$RMS(y) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T y^2(t) dt} \quad (17)$$

where T is the period of repetition, $y(t)$ is the symbol representing the signals of interest.

It is also important to survey the RMS value of the interaction forces when the car is moving at different speeds. The reduction of RMS of the car using the LQR active anti-roll bar system compared to using the passive system is listed in Table 5. It is shown that the car using the LQR AARB system has helped the interaction forces being more stability of 30% than the passive system. This reduction is relatively stable even at the middle speed of 60 km/h or at the high speed of 160 km/h.

Table 5: Reduction of RMS value of the interaction forces in the different speeds

V (km/h)	60	80	100	120	140	160
RMS (F_{z1}) (%)	37.9	37.9	36.5	34.6	33.3	32.7
RMS (F_{z4}) (%)	38.0	38.5	37.2	35.1	34.1	33.3
RMS (F_{z2}) (%)	34.9	34.9	34.2	33.4	33.2	32.8
RMS (F_{z3}) (%)	34.9	35.3	35.3	35.1	34.8	34.3

CONCLUSION

This paper presents building an integrated model that includes a full car model: lateral, longitudinal and vertical motions with the EH actuators on the two axles. The control signals are the input current supplied to the actuators, while the excitation sources are the steering angle from the driver and the roughness profile from the road surface. To further enhance the car's roll stability to prevent the rollover phenomenon, an optimal LQR controller is constructed based on all variables of the state vector. The evaluation in the frequency domain are shown by the transfer function magnitude from the steering angle to the sprung mass roll angle, vertical displacement of the unsprung masses and the interaction force between the wheels and the road surface. The value of the transfer function magnitude of the survey signals has decreased significantly in the frequency range of interest. The validation with the car's nonlinear model from CarSim soft-

ware clearly shows the outstanding advantage of this design solution in preventing a car rollover situation.

In the future, the observer design will be performed on the proposed car model to further evaluate the system's characteristics. The H_2/H_∞ state feedback control for the LTI and LPV systems are also interesting topics to consider.

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APPENDIX

From Equation (12) the state equation for the car model can be written as:

$$\dot{X} = E^{-1}A_0X + E^{-1}B_{01}W + E^{-1}B_{02}U$$

Thus $A = E^{-1}A_0$; $B_1 = E^{-1}B_{01}$; $B_2 = E^{-1}B_{02}$. The matrices are defined as follows:

+) Matrix E:

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} E_{11} & E_{12} & E_{13} & E_{14} \\ E_{21} & E_{22} & E_{23} & E_{24} \\ E_{31} & E_{32} & E_{33} & E_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{11} = [I(7 \times 7)]$$

$$E_{12} = [O(7 \times 7)]$$

$$E_{13} = [O(6 \times 7)]$$

$$E_{14} = [O(6 \times 7)]$$

$$E_{21} = [O(9 \times 7)]$$

$$E_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} m_s & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_y & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & m_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{34} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4\beta/V_t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & J_a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & mv & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & J_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{23} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_0 = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & A_{14} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} & A_{25} & A_{26} & A_{27} & A_{28} \\ A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & A_{34} & A_{35} & A_{36} & A_{37} & A_{38} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{11} = [O(7 \times 7)]$$

$$A_{12} = [I(7 \times 7)]$$

$$A_{13} = [O(6 \times 6)]$$

$$A_{14} = [O(6 \times 6)]$$

$$E_{24} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -mhv \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 \\ dc_1 & dc_2 & -cc_3 & -cc_4 \\ -ac_1 & bc_2 & bc_3 & -ac_4 \\ -(c_1 + c_{11}) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(c_2 + c_{12}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(c_3 + c_{13}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -(c_4 + c_{14}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{31} = E_{32} = [O(10 \times 10)]$$

$$E_{33} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4\beta/V_t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & J_a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{24} = \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & k_2 & k_3 & k_4 \\ dk_1 & dk_2 & -ck_3 & -ck_4 \\ -ak_1 & bk_2 & bk_3 & -ak_4 \\ -k_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -k_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -k_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -k_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{25} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -A_{v1}a_{arn} / d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_{v2}a_{arn} / c \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -w_v^2 & -2D_v w_v & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{35} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{qa} & 0 & -(K_c + c_{l2}) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{27} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -A_{v1}a_{arn} / d \\ 0 & 0 & A_{v2}a_{arn} / c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{36} = \begin{bmatrix} -V_p & c_{l1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -d_a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -w_v^2 \\ 0 & 0 & K_{pa} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{28} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & mhv \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{37} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2D_v w_v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(K_c + c_{l2}) & -V_p \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{26} = [O(3 \times 9)]$$

$$A_{31} = [O(10 \times 3)]$$

$$A_{32} = [O(10 \times 4)]$$

$$A_{33} = [O(10 \times 3)]$$

$$A_{34} = [O(10 \times 4)]$$

$$A_{38} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_{i1} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -d_a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(c_f + c_r) & -(mv + (ac_f - bc_r)) / v \\ 0 & -(ac_f - bc_r) & -(a^2c_f + b^2c_r) / v \end{bmatrix}$$

+ Matrix B_{02} :

$$B_{02} = \begin{bmatrix} O(15 \times 2) \\ K_v w^2 & 0 \\ O(4 \times 2) \\ 0 & K_v w^2 \\ O(5 \times 2) \end{bmatrix}$$

+ Matrix B_{01} :

$$B_{01} = \begin{bmatrix} O(10 \times 5) \\ c_{i1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{i2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{i3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{i4} & 0 \\ O(10 \times 5) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ac_f \end{bmatrix}$$

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