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Quasi-LPV Modeling and Control of Projectile Pitch Dynamics through State Transformation Technique

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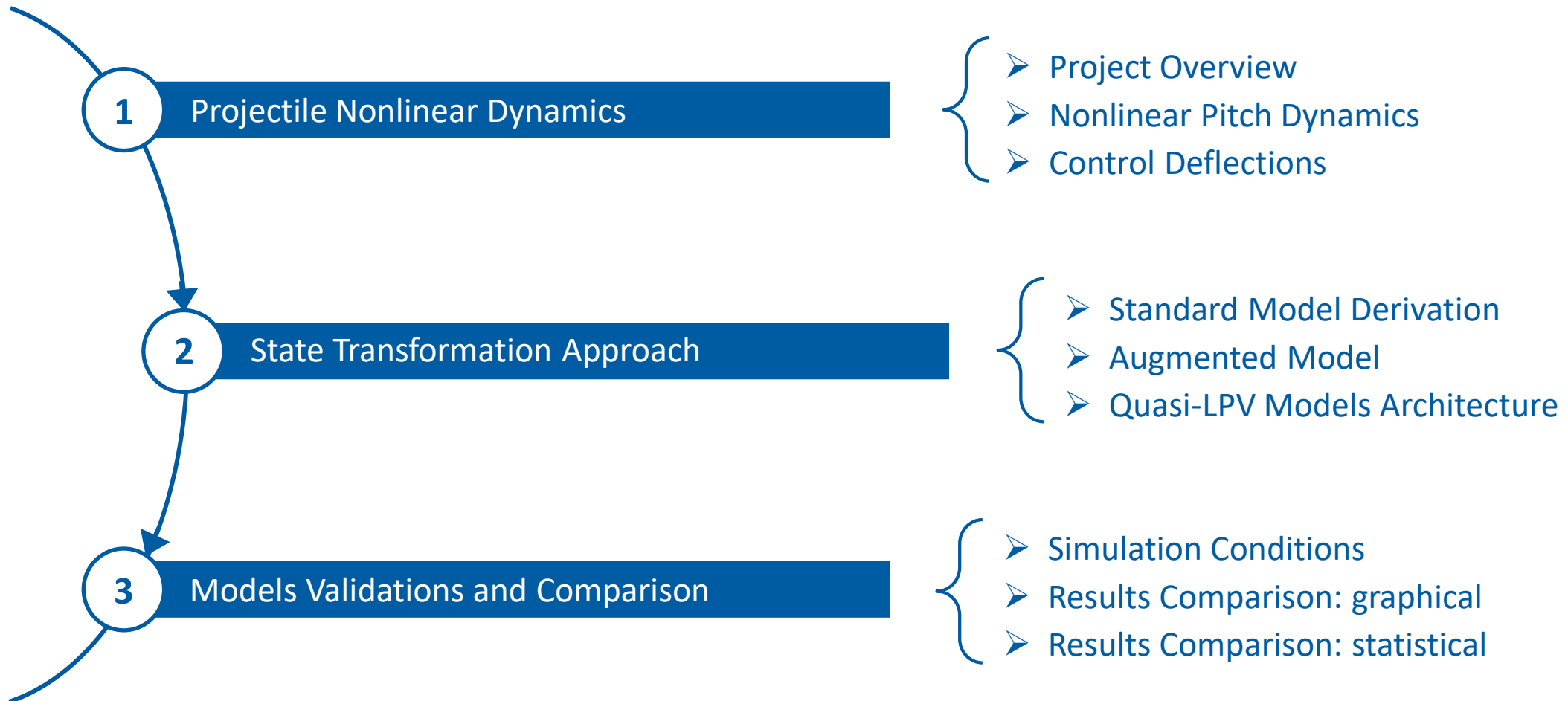
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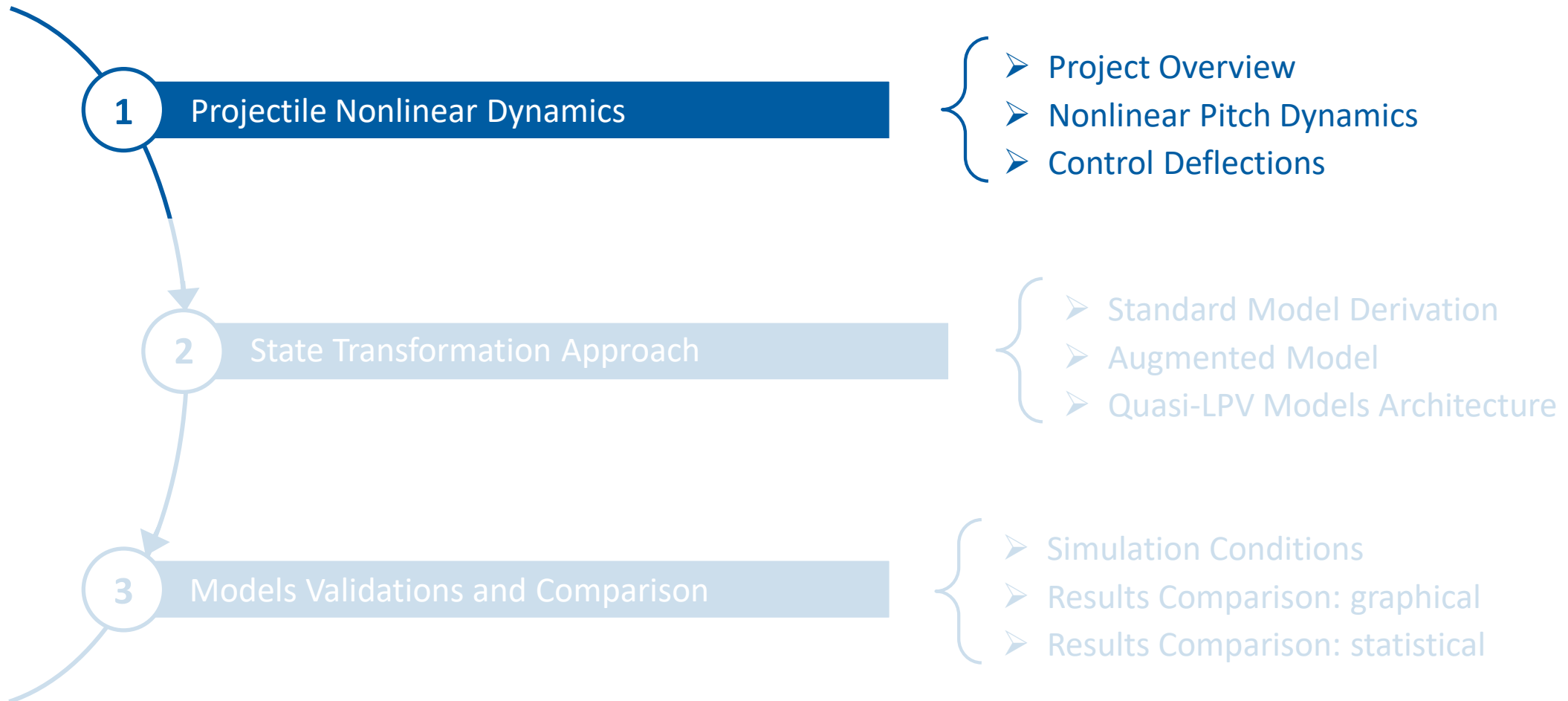
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Development of guided munitions:

- ❖ Unguided munitions suffer from on-target dispersion.
- ❖ Employment of aerodynamic control surfaces (nose-mounted canards and/or tail fins).
- ❖ Stability design approaches:
 - spin-stabilized architecture [1-3].
 - fin-stabilized architecture [4-6].

Limitations of spin-stabilization....

- ❖ High spin rate generates nonlinear couplings [7].
- ❖ Operating range depends on the firing gun capability.

Long-Range Guided Projectile (LRGP):

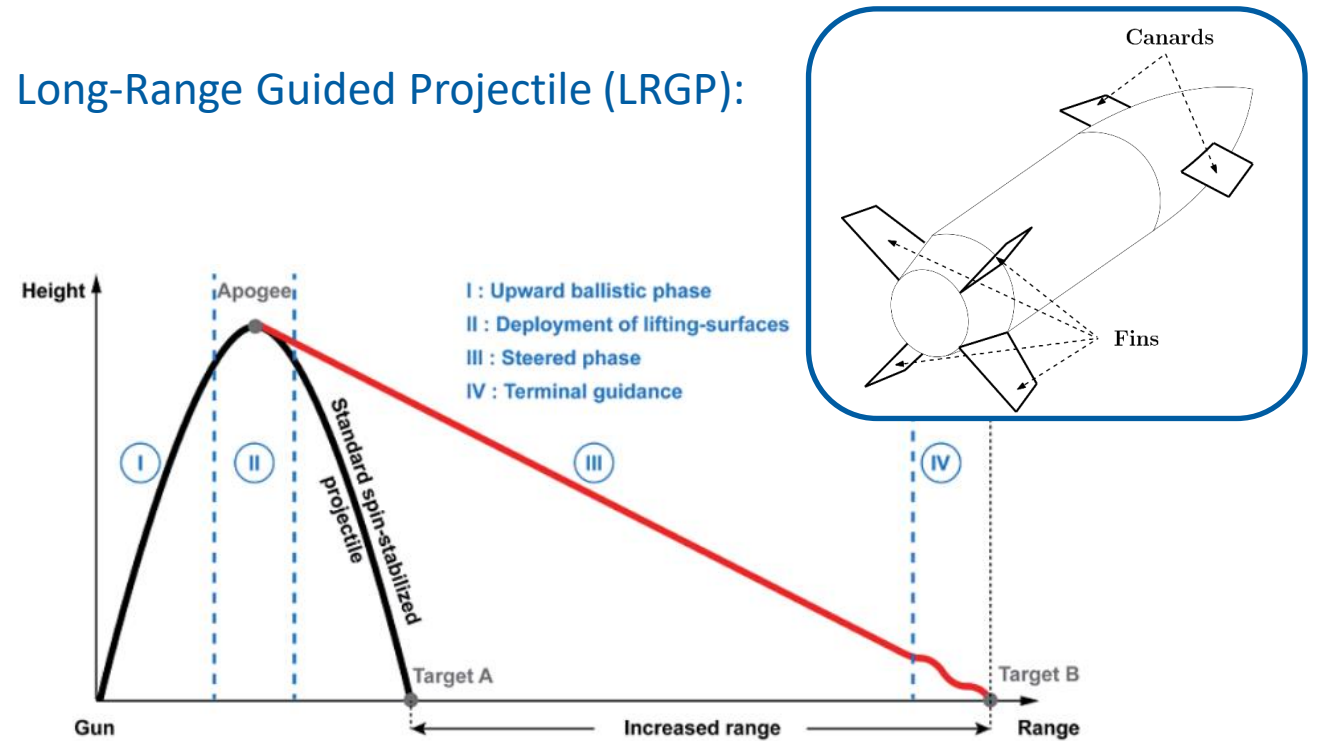


Figure 1. LRGP concept and flight strategy.

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Study of a new *Long-Range Guided Projectile* (LRGP) concept.

Development of a full 6DOF nonlinear guided simulator environment.

Derivation of a reliable Linear Parameter Varying (LPV) model of the projectile.

Design of a LPV-based Bank-To-Turn autopilot coupled with a gliding oriented guidance law.

Linear Parameter Varying formulation:

- ❖ Nontrivial transformation process.
- ❖ Standard approach in aerospace: linearization-based models [1-2].
- ❖ Alternative methods:
 - Function Substitution [3-4];
 - Velocity-based [5];
 - State Transformation [6-7].
- ❖ State Transformation: no approximations are involved in the process.

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$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \dot{\alpha} &= \left(\frac{1}{mV \cos \beta} \right) (-X \sin \alpha + Z \cos \alpha + mg(\sin \alpha \sin \vartheta + \cos \alpha \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi)) \\ &\quad + q - p \tan \beta \cos \alpha - r \tan \beta \sin \alpha \\ \dot{q} &= \frac{1}{I_{yy}} (M - (I_{xx} - I_{zz})pr) \end{aligned} \right.$$

Equation 1. Projectile pitch dynamics.

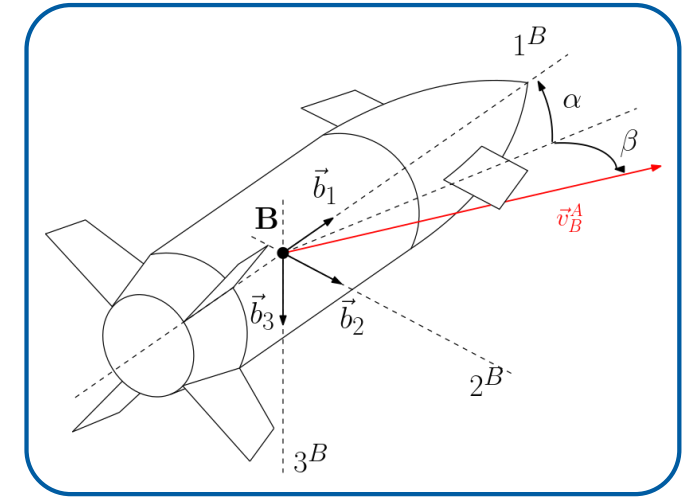


Figure 2. Body reference frame and coordinates.

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} X &= \bar{q}S(C_{X_{\alpha 0}}(\mathcal{M}) + C_{X_{\alpha 2}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^2 \alpha + C_{X_{\alpha 4}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^4 \alpha + C_{X_{\delta 0}}(\mathcal{M}) + C_{X_{\delta 2}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^2 \delta_{\text{eff}}) \\ Z &= \bar{q}S(C_{Z_{\alpha 1}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin \alpha + C_{Z_{\delta 1}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin \delta_q + C_{Z_{\delta 3}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^3 \delta_q) \\ M &= \bar{q}dS(C_{m_{\alpha 1}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin \alpha + C_{m_{\alpha 3}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^3 \alpha + C_{m_{\alpha 5}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^5 \alpha + C_{m_{\delta 1}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin \delta_q + C_{m_{\delta 3}}(\mathcal{M}) \sin^3 \delta_q) \end{aligned} \right.$$

Equation 2. Projectile aerodynamic forces and moments.

- Local canards deflections (δ_r, δ_l) are combined into virtual roll and pitch deflections (δ_p, δ_q).

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_p &= \frac{-\delta_r + \delta_l}{2} \\ \delta_q &= \frac{\delta_r + \delta_l}{2} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{Allocation Matrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \delta_p \\ \delta_q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_r \\ \delta_l \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Equation 3. Control allocator relation.

- The longitudinal control is the nonlinear combination, δ_{eff} :

$$\delta_{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\delta_p^2 + \delta_q^2}$$

Equation 4. Longitudinal control contribution.

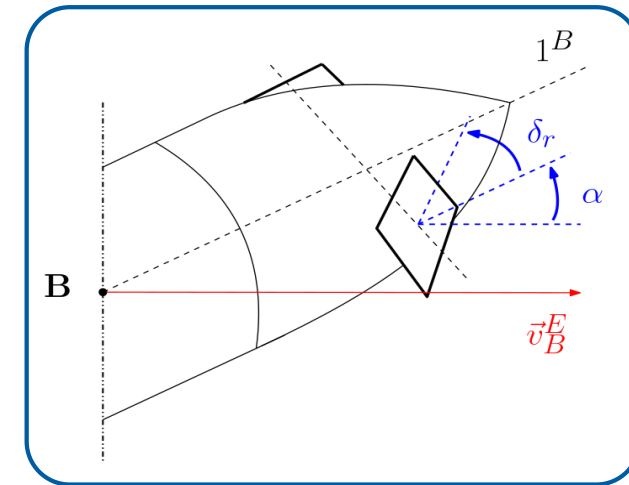


Figure 3. Canards local deflection angles.

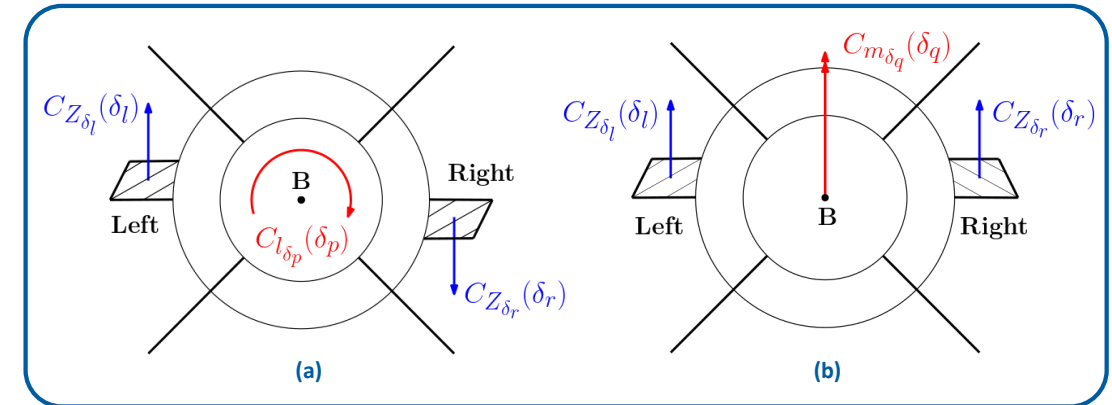
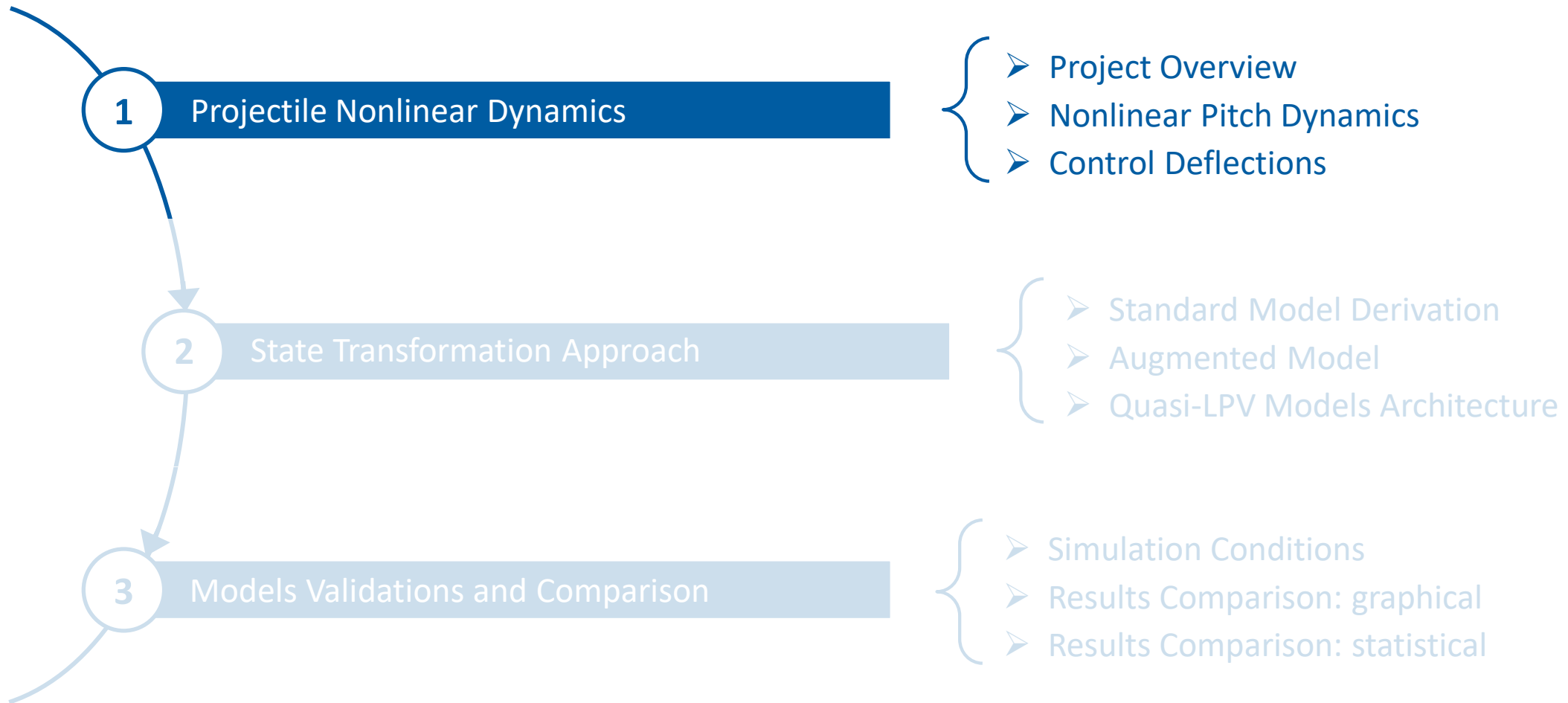


Figure 4. Virtual deflections: (a) virtual roll; (b) virtual pitch.



State transformation aimed to remove all the nonlinearities present in the model, that do not depend on the scheduling variables ^[1-2].

❖ Consider an output dependent system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z} \\ \dot{w} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\rho) \\ f_2(\rho) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}(\rho) & A_{12}(\rho) \\ A_{21}(\rho) & A_{22}(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ w \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1(\rho) \\ B_2(\rho) \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$y = z \quad (1)$$

❖ Assuming:

- $f_1(\rho), f_2(\rho)$ only functions of the measured output $z(t)$,
- trim functions $w_{eq}(\rho), u_{eq}(\rho)$ are continuously differentiable,
- $n_z = n_u$,

then impose the trimming:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\rho) \\ f_2(\rho) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}(\rho) & A_{12}(\rho) \\ A_{21}(\rho) & A_{22}(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ w_{eq}(\rho) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1(\rho) \\ B_2(\rho) \end{bmatrix} u_{eq}(\rho) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Trimming functions: } w_{eq}(\rho), u_{eq}(\rho)$$

(2)

- **State:** $x(t) = [z(t) \ w(t)]$, $z(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_z}, w(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_w}$,
- **Input:** $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u}$,
- **Nonlinearities:** $f_1(\rho), f_2(\rho)$,
- **Scheduling vector:** $\rho(t) = [z(t) \ \Omega(t)]$.

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- ❖ By subtracting (1)-(2) and introducing the state derivative, $\dot{w}_{eq} = \frac{dw_{eq}}{dt} = \frac{dw_{eq}}{d\rho} \dot{\rho}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z} \\ \dot{\xi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{12}(\rho) \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22}(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \xi \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1(\rho) \\ \tilde{B}_2(\rho) \end{bmatrix} v + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \dot{\Omega}$$

Equation 5. Quasi-LPV State Transformation-based model.

Where: $\xi := w(t) - w_{eq}(\rho(t))$

$$v := u(t) - u_{eq}(\rho(t))$$

$$\tilde{A}_{22}(\rho) := A_{22}(\rho) - \frac{dw_{eq}}{dz} A_{12}(\rho)$$

$$\tilde{B}_2(\rho) := B_2(\rho) - \frac{dw_{eq}}{dz} B_1(\rho)$$

$$E(\rho) := \frac{dw_{eq}}{d\Omega}$$

Considerations:

- ❖ $E(\rho)$ dynamics of the exogenous variables is assumed as a disturbance to be rejected, neglected in the model ^[1].
- ❖ Input v depends on the selected equilibrium condition u_{eq} .

Theoretical solution:

- ❖ Imposition of $u_{eq}(\rho) = 0$ \Rightarrow High limitation on the feasible trim map.

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- ❖ Augment an integrator at the plant input, $u(t) = \int \sigma(t)dt$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z} \\ \dot{\xi} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{12}(\rho) & B_1(\rho) \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22}(\rho) & \tilde{B}_2(\rho) \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{32}(\rho) & \tilde{B}_3(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z \\ \xi \\ v \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \sigma$$

Equation 6. Quasi-LPV integrator-augmented model.

Where:

$$\tilde{A}_{32}(\rho) := -\frac{du_{eq}}{dz} A_{12}(\rho)$$

$$\tilde{B}_3(\rho) := -\frac{du_{eq}}{dz} B_1(\rho)$$

Considerations:

- ❖ Input is uniformly zero at every equilibrium point.
- ❖ Motivated by the intention of designing a controller with pure integral action.

Advantages:

- ✓ Exact transformation between the original nonlinear system and the obtained quasi-LPV model.

Standard quasi-LPV

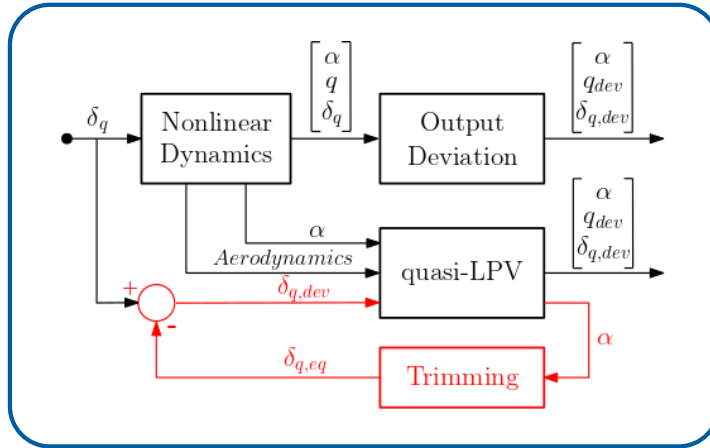


Figure 5. Quasi-LPV model: simulation architecture.

- ❖ Feedback loop updating the input at the current trim point.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z} \\ \dot{\xi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{q}_{dev} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{12}(\rho) \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22}(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ q_{dev} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1(\rho) \\ \tilde{B}_2(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \delta_{q,dev}$$

$$q_{dev} = q - q_{eq} \quad \delta_{q,dev} = \delta_q - \delta_{q,eq}$$

$$\rho(t) = [z(t) \ \Omega(t)] = [\alpha(t) \ h(t) \ V(t)]$$

Equation 7. Quasi-LPV standard pitch dynamics model.

Augmented quasi-LPV

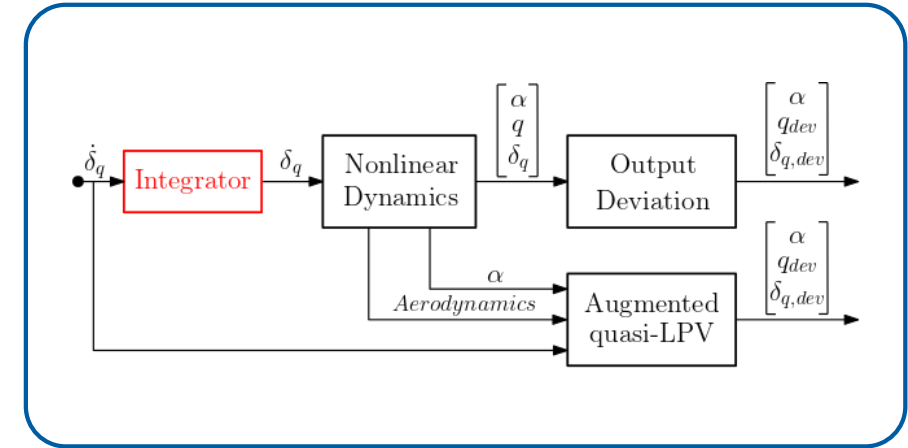


Figure 6. Augmented quasi-LPV model: simulation architecture.

- ❖ Integrator at the input of the NL model for compensation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z} \\ \dot{\xi} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{q}_{dev} \\ \dot{\delta}_{q,dev} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & A_{12}(\rho) & B_1(\rho) \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{22}(\rho) & \tilde{B}_2(\rho) \\ 0 & \tilde{A}_{32}(\rho) & \tilde{B}_3(\rho) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ q_{dev} \\ \delta_{q,dev} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} \sigma$$

$$\delta_{q,dev} = \int \sigma$$

Equation 8. Quasi-LPV Augmented pitch dynamics model.

- ❖ The pitch nonlinear dynamics is not input affine. (nonlinear with respect to δ_{eff} and δ_q .)



Not feasible for State Transformation formulation.

Adopted solution:

- ❖ Assume a narrower canards deflection range δ_r, δ_l to assure linear response.
- ❖ Fit the reduced CFD dataset with a linear regression models:

$$C_{Z_\delta} = C_{Z_\delta}(\mathcal{M}) \sin \delta_q$$

$$C_{m_\delta} = C_{m_\delta}(\mathcal{M}) \sin \delta_q$$

- ❖ Neglect the nonlinear longitudinal term δ_{eff} .

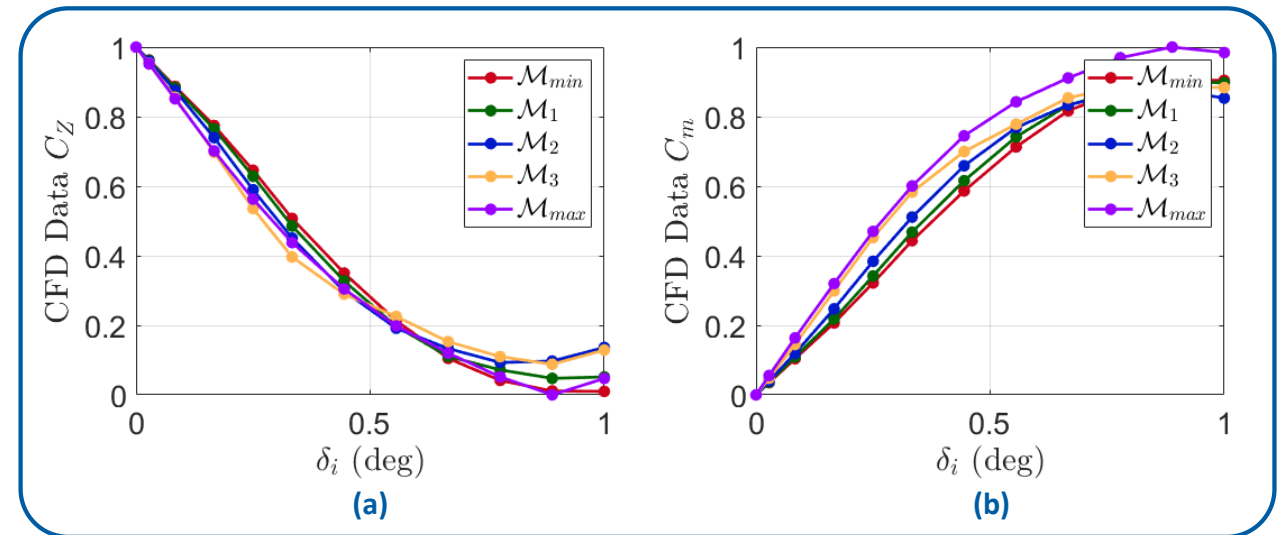
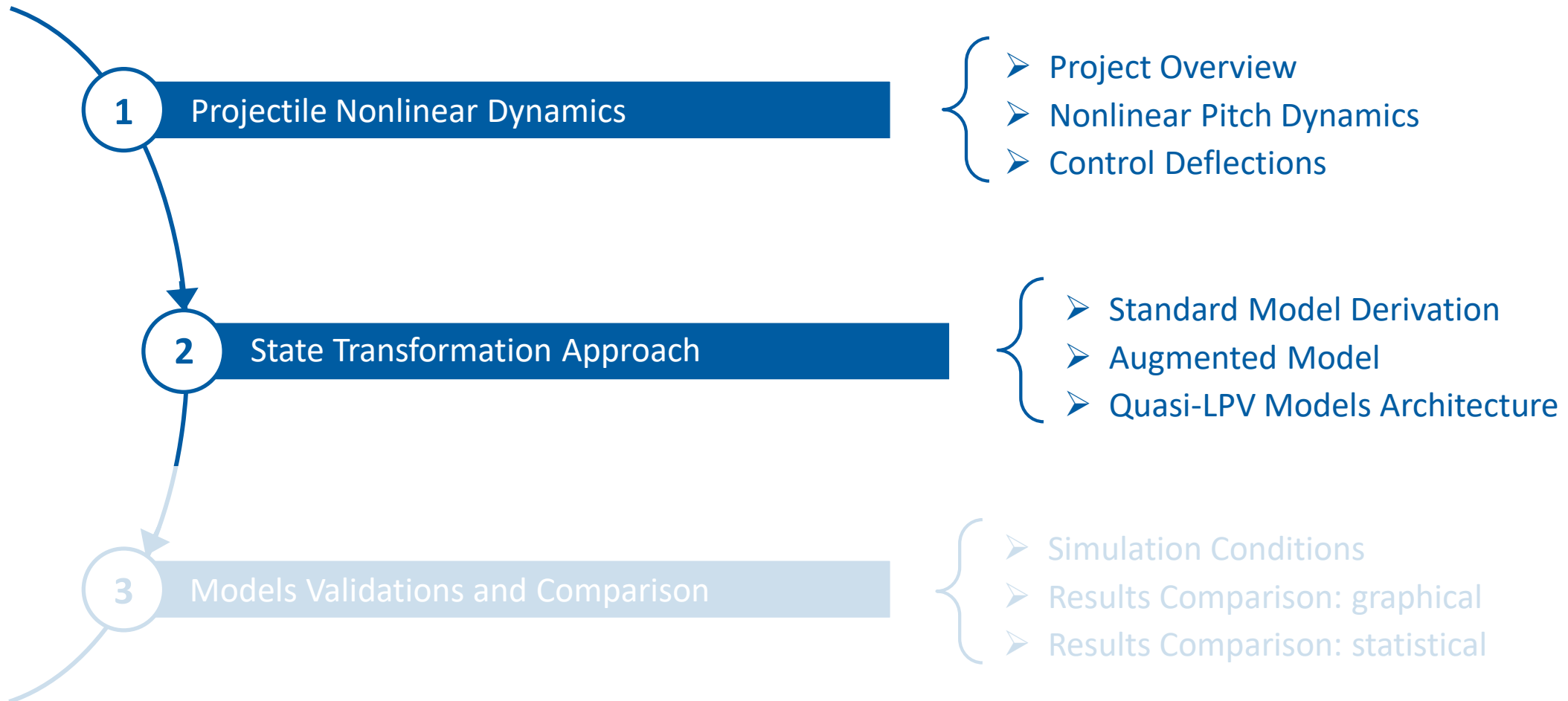


Figure 4. CFD aerodynamic data: (a) vertical force; (b) pitching moment.



- ❖ The selected scheduling parameter:

$$\rho(t) = [z(t) \ \Omega(t)] = [\alpha(t) \ h(t) \ V(t)],$$

$$\alpha \in [10, 16] \text{ (deg)},$$

$$V \in [31.60, 316.05] \text{ (m/s)}.$$

Trimmed flight conditions:

- ❖ Altitude assumed constant, $h = 6029$ (m).
- ❖ Trimming analysis to define the initial equilibrium conditions, q_{eq} and $\delta_{q,eq}$.
- ❖ Selection criteria:
 - Lower trimmed input value (allows larger input command in simulations);
 - Stability characterization of the projectile.

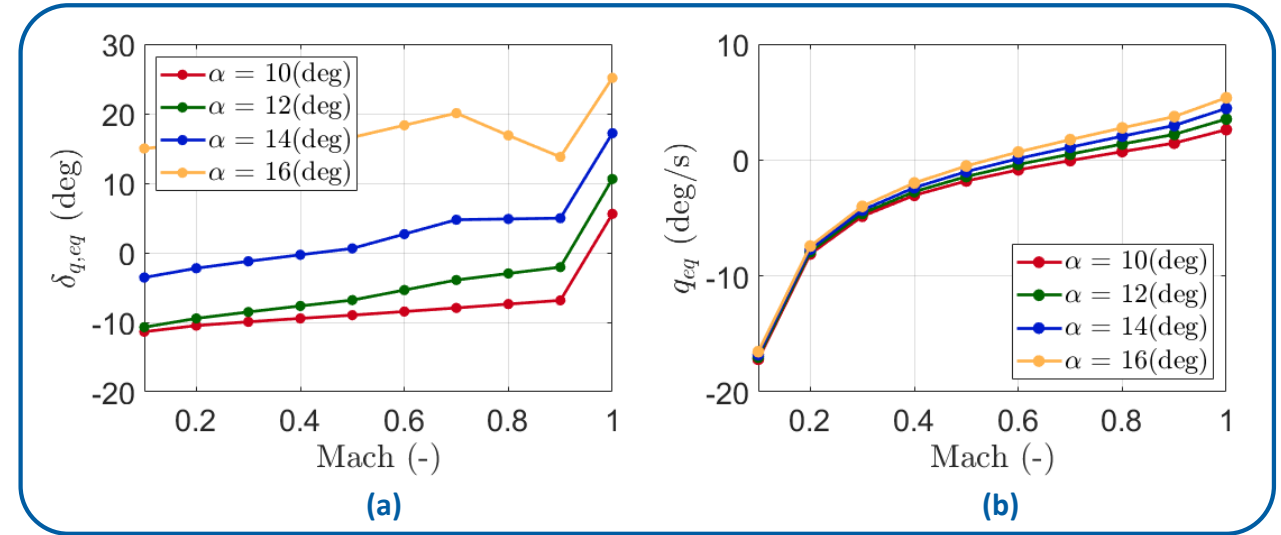


Figure 7. Trimming analysis: (a) control deflection; (b) pitch rate.

α (deg)	V (m/s)	h (m)	q_{eq} (deg/s)	$\delta_{q,eq}$ (deg)
14	158.026	6029	-1	0.6

Table 1. Selected trimming conditions.



Simulation parameters:

- ❖ Deflection commands ^[1]:
 - $\delta_{q_1} = 20$ (deg), at $t_1 = 5$ (s),
 - $\delta_{q_2} = -15$ (deg), at $t_2 = 30$ (s).

Considerations:

- ❖ NL_{sim} and q-LPV curves are perfectly overlapped for both the models (exact transformation).
- ❖ Mismatch between NL and q-LPV curves due to the simplified aerodynamic model.
- ❖ Larger oscillation for the quasi-LPV model due to the destabilizing effect of the inner feedback loop.

Angle-of-Attack
 α

Pitch Rate
 q_{dev}

Pitch Deflection
 $\delta_{q,dev}$

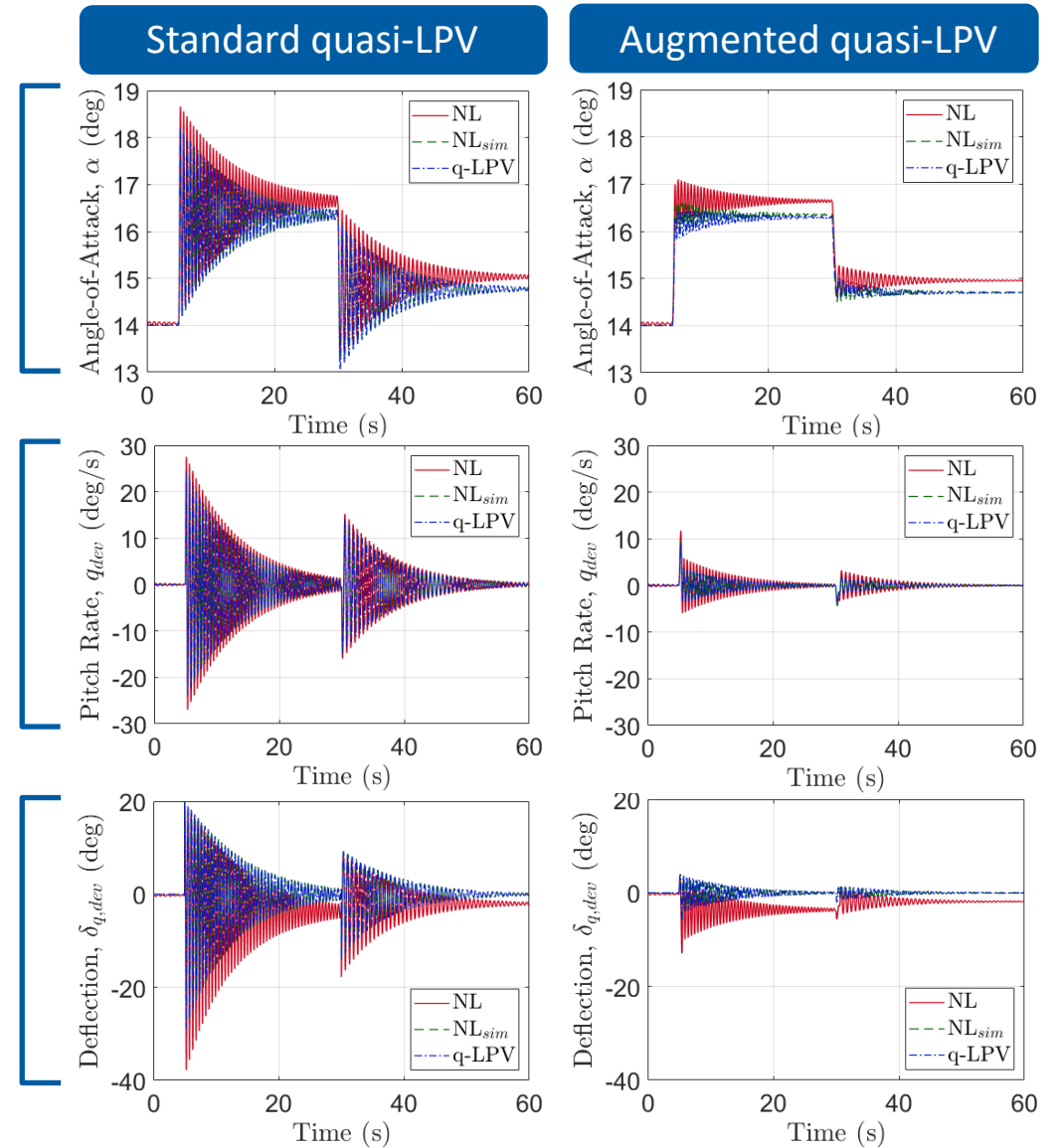


Figure 8. Simulation results comparison.

[1] Modelled as pulses for the Augmented quasi-LPV model.

RMSE evaluated between the three models and normalized by the original nonlinear system values.

Considerations:

- ❖ Perfect correspondence between the NL – NL_{sim} and NL – qLPV.

Considerations:

- ❖ Larger NL_{sim} – qLPV mismatch due to the different ways the integrator is implemented.
- ❖ Lower error between the original nonlinear system and the qLPV (higher accuracy).

Standard quasi-LPV

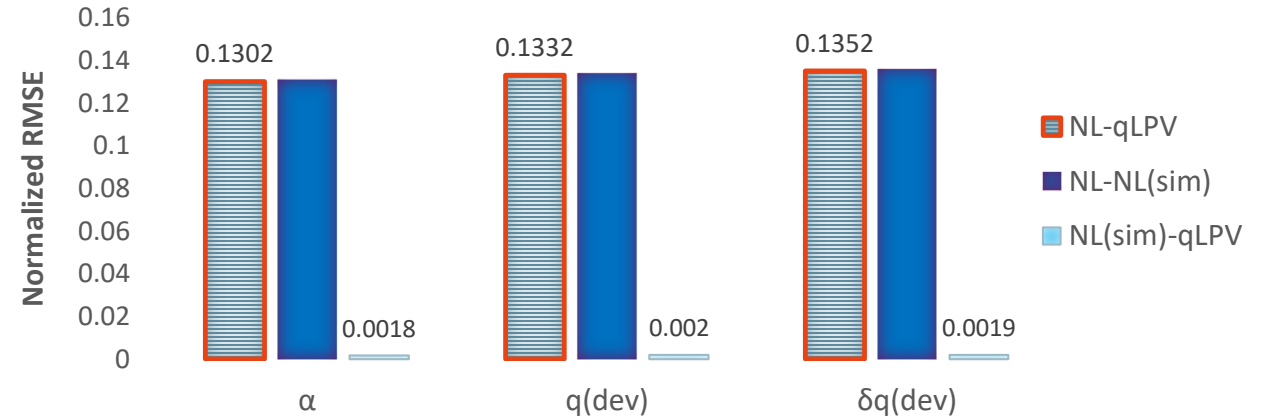


Figure 9. RMSE results related to the Standard quasi-LPV model.

Augmented quasi-LPV

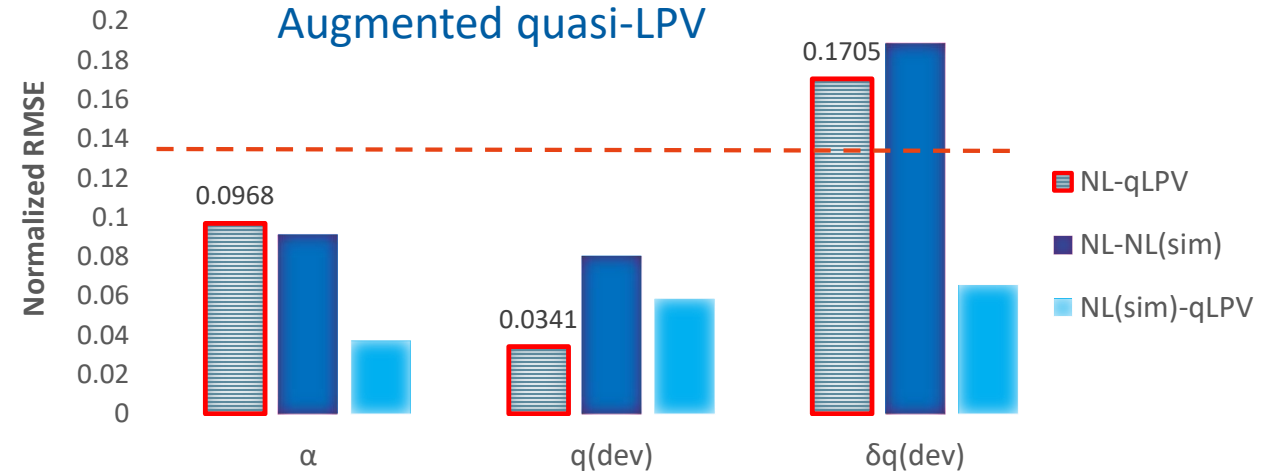


Figure 10. RMSE results related to the Augmented quasi-LPV model.

Results Overview:

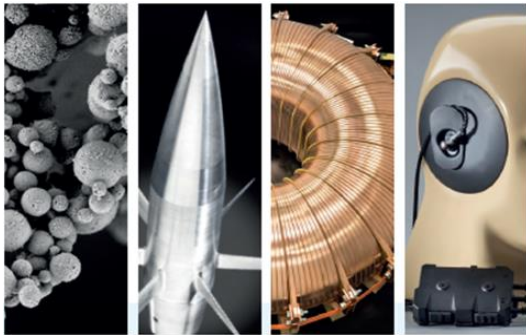
- ❖ Derivation of the pitch dynamics of the guided projectile.
- ❖ Investigation of the State Transformation formulation, and considerations on advantages and limitations.
- ❖ Development of two quasi-LPV models:
 - Standard formulation dependent on the trim point.
 - Augmented model with integrator at the input.
- ❖ Models comparison:
 - Simulation accuracy with respect to the original nonlinear dynamics.
 - Performance comparison (RMSE, graphical).

Future Works:

- ❖ Derivation of a quasi-LPV model of the roll-yaw projectile dynamics.
- ❖ Development of a LPV based Bank-To-Turn autopilot through polytopic design.
- ❖ Development of an appropriate guidance law for lift/drag maximization.
- ❖ State observer design for accurate Angle-of-Attack estimation to couple the control strategy with an appropriate gliding guidance law.



Thank you for your kind attention!
Any questions ?



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