

A Comparison of Two Guidance Strategies for Autonomous Vehicles

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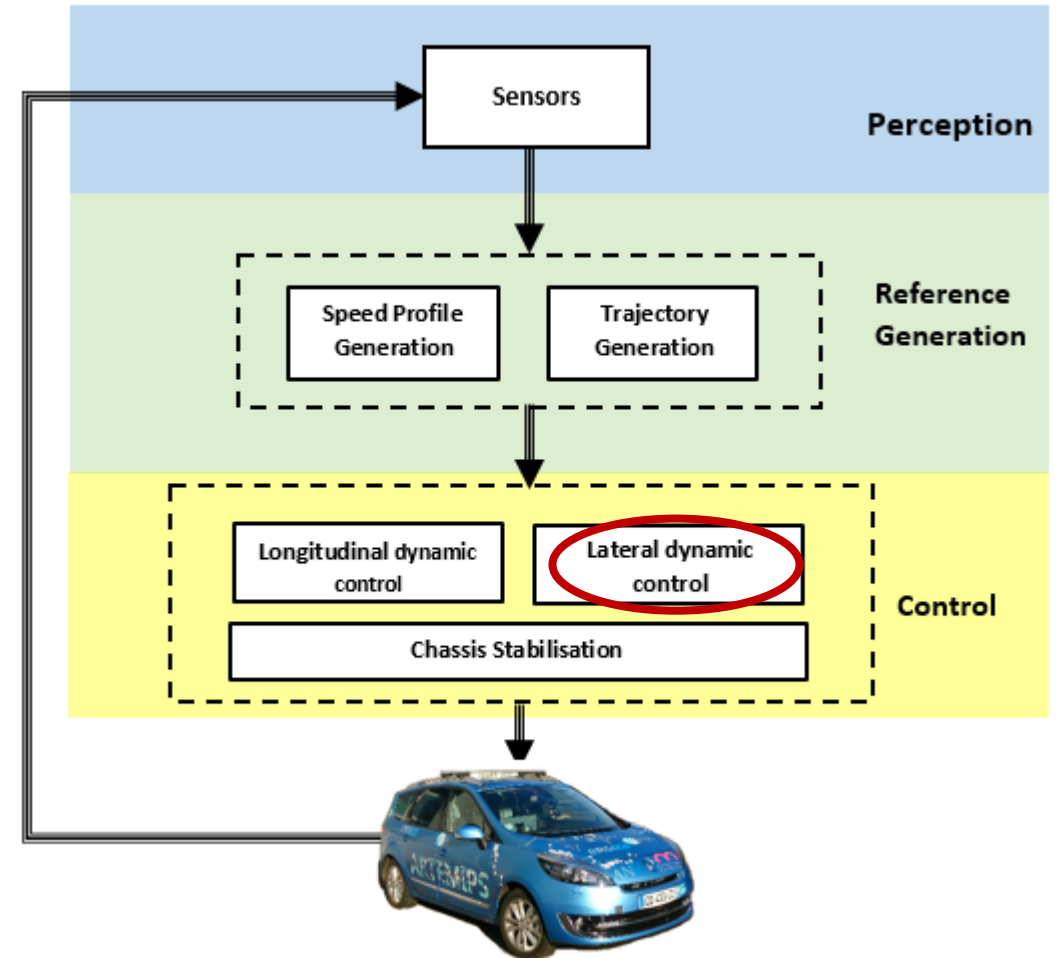
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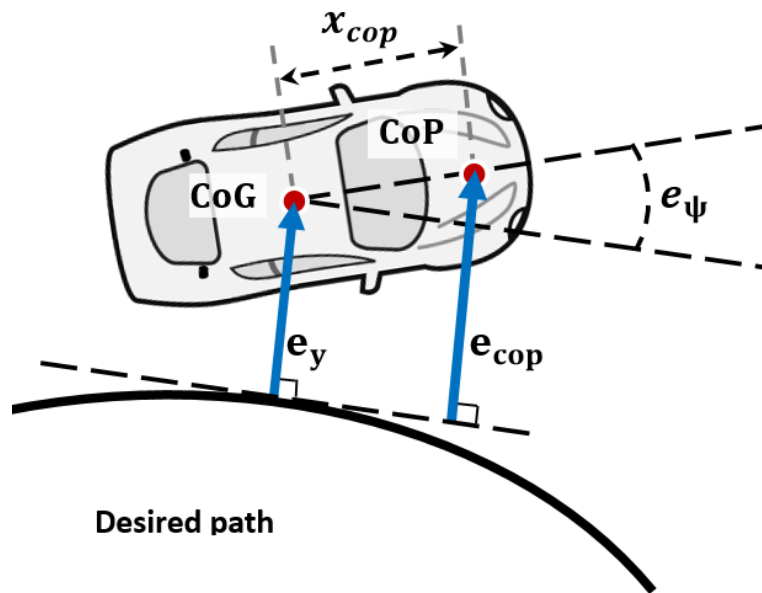
MOTIVATION

- **90%** of the road accidents are due to the **human errors**.
- **Road safety** should be improved.
- **Autonomous vehicles** are considered as promising way for the Intelligent transportation systems.
- **Lateral dynamic control** should be improved.



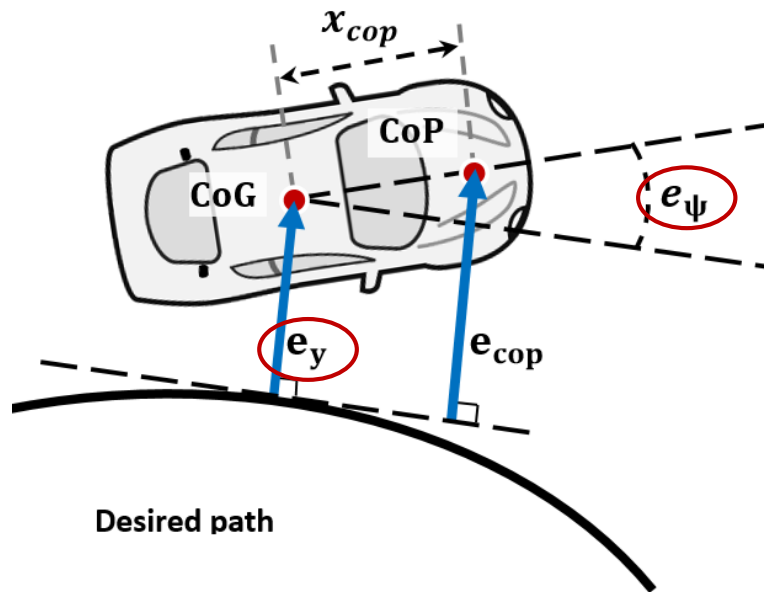
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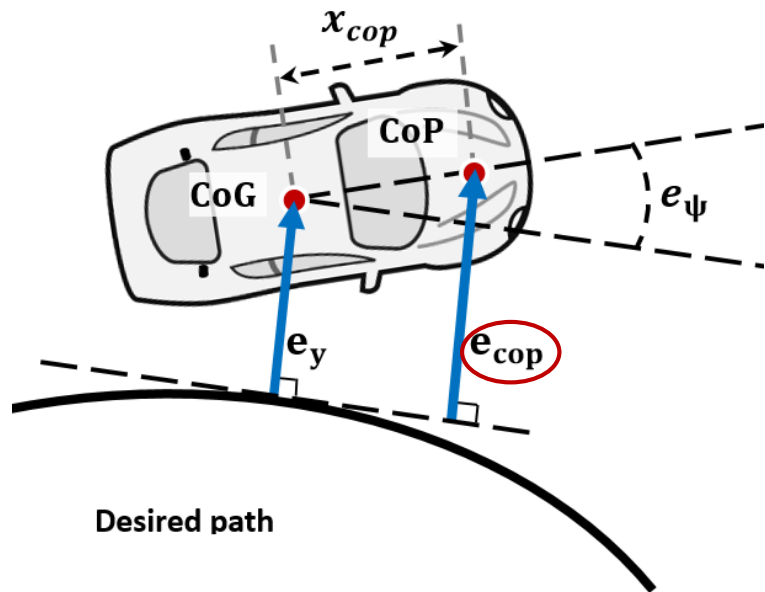
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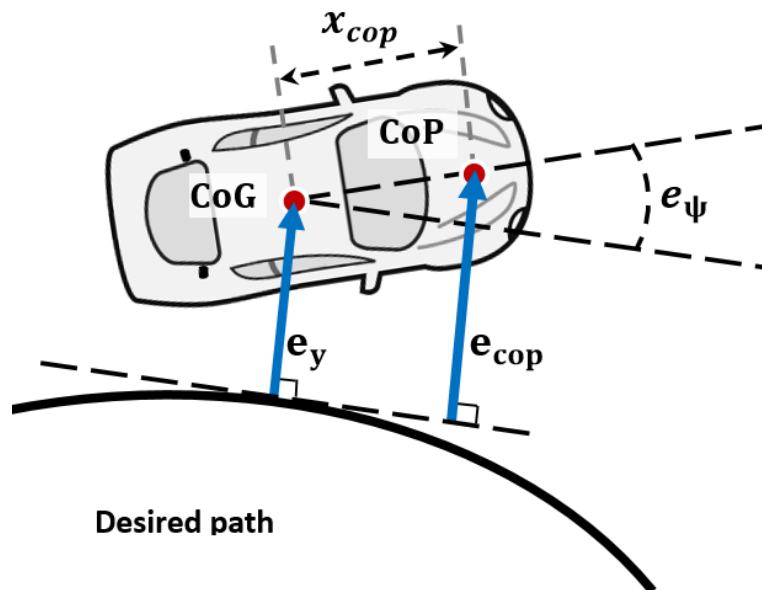
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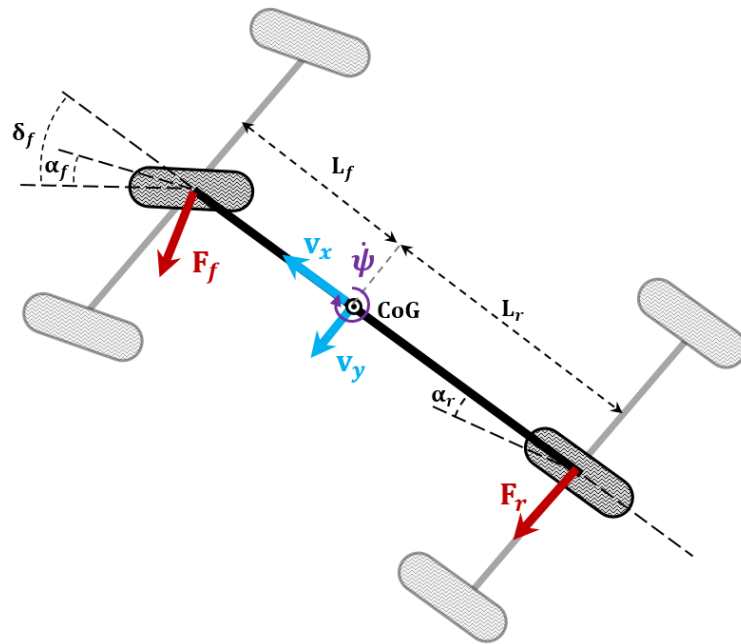
- Main objective**
A comparison of two lateral guidance strategies based on the CoG and on the CoP is proposed.

OUTLINE

1. Dynamic vehicle modeling
2. Errors model
3. Control design
4. Simulation tests
5. Conclusion & Outlooks

DYNAMIC VEHICLE MODELING

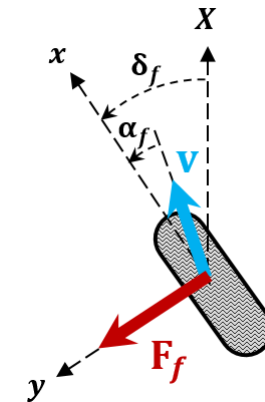
Linear bicycle model is used for the controller synthesis.



- **Lateral tire force**

$$F_y = C_y \alpha_f$$

$$\alpha_f = \frac{v_y}{v_x} - \delta_f$$



- **Lateral vehicle dynamics**

$$\sum M = L_f F_f - L_r F_r$$

$$\sum F = F_f + F_r$$

DYNAMIC VEHICLE MODELING

- **Bicycle model**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_y \\ \ddot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{2C_f+2C_r}{mv_x} & -v_x - \frac{2C_f L_f - 2C_r L_r}{mv_x} \\ -\frac{2C_f L_f - 2C_r L_r}{I_z v_x} & -\frac{2C_f L_f^2 + 2C_r L_r^2}{I_z v_x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_y \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2C_f}{m} \\ \frac{2C_f L_f}{I_z} \end{bmatrix} \delta_f$$

- **Input control**

δ_f Front steering wheel-angle.

- **Output vector**

v_y Lateral velocity.

$\dot{\psi}$ Yaw rate.

- **Remark**

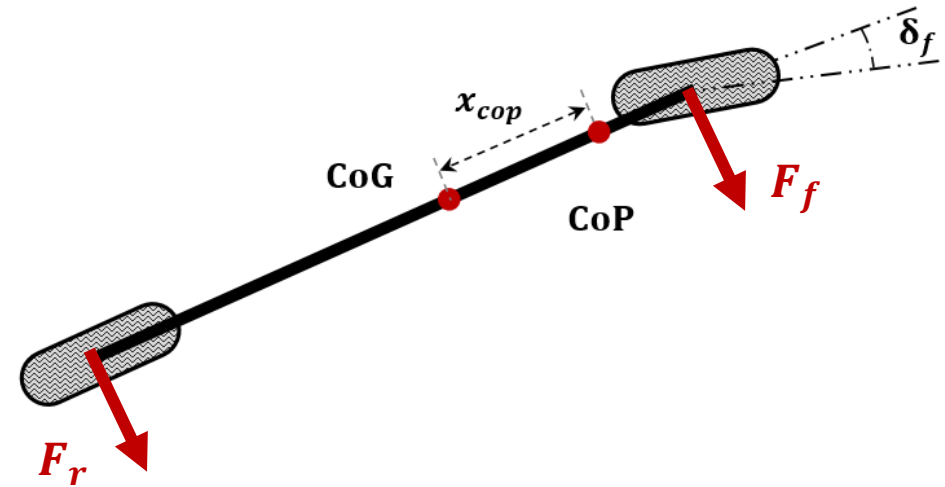
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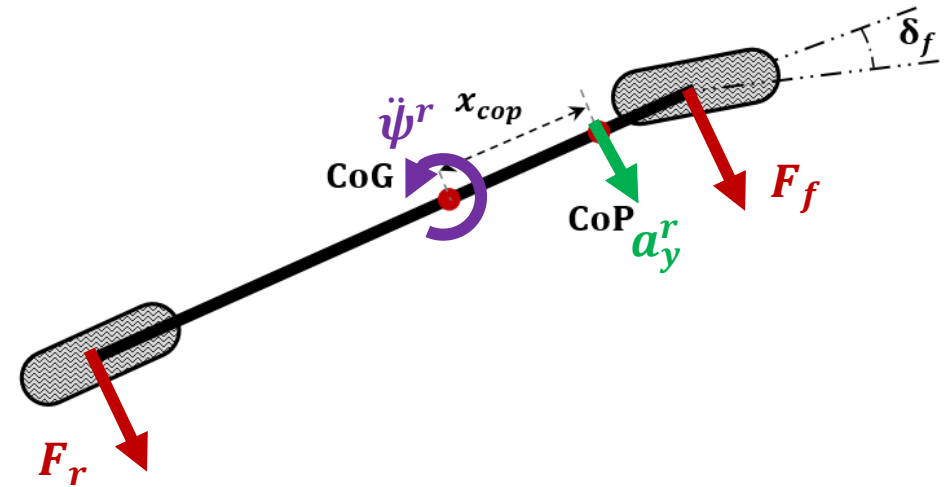
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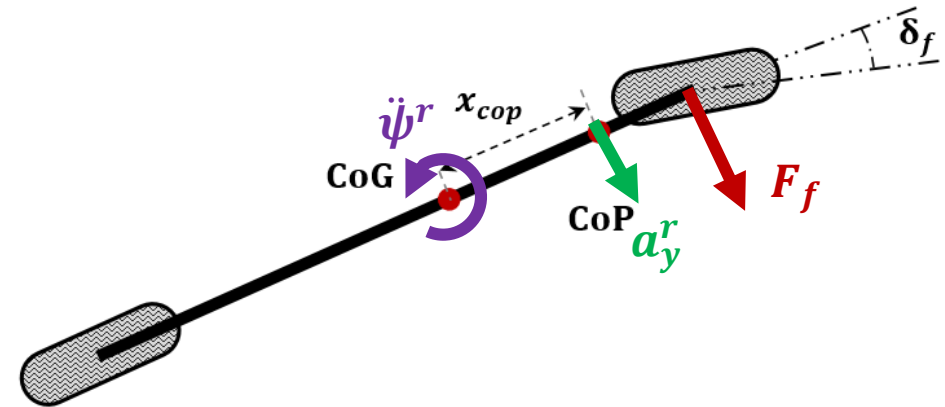
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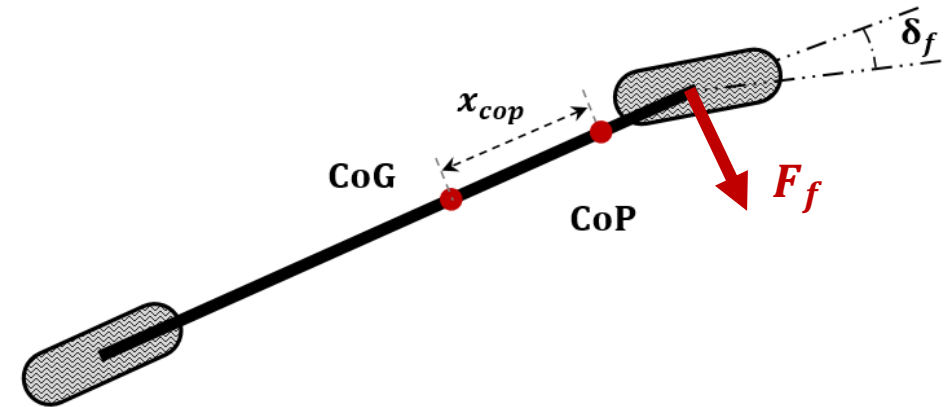
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Benefits

- Using the CoP allows to preview the lateral error (look ahead) .
- Using the CoP does not require the knowledge of the rear tire lateral force.

ERRORS MODEL

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$\dot{\psi}_{ref}$ desired yaw rate.

- **Orientation error**

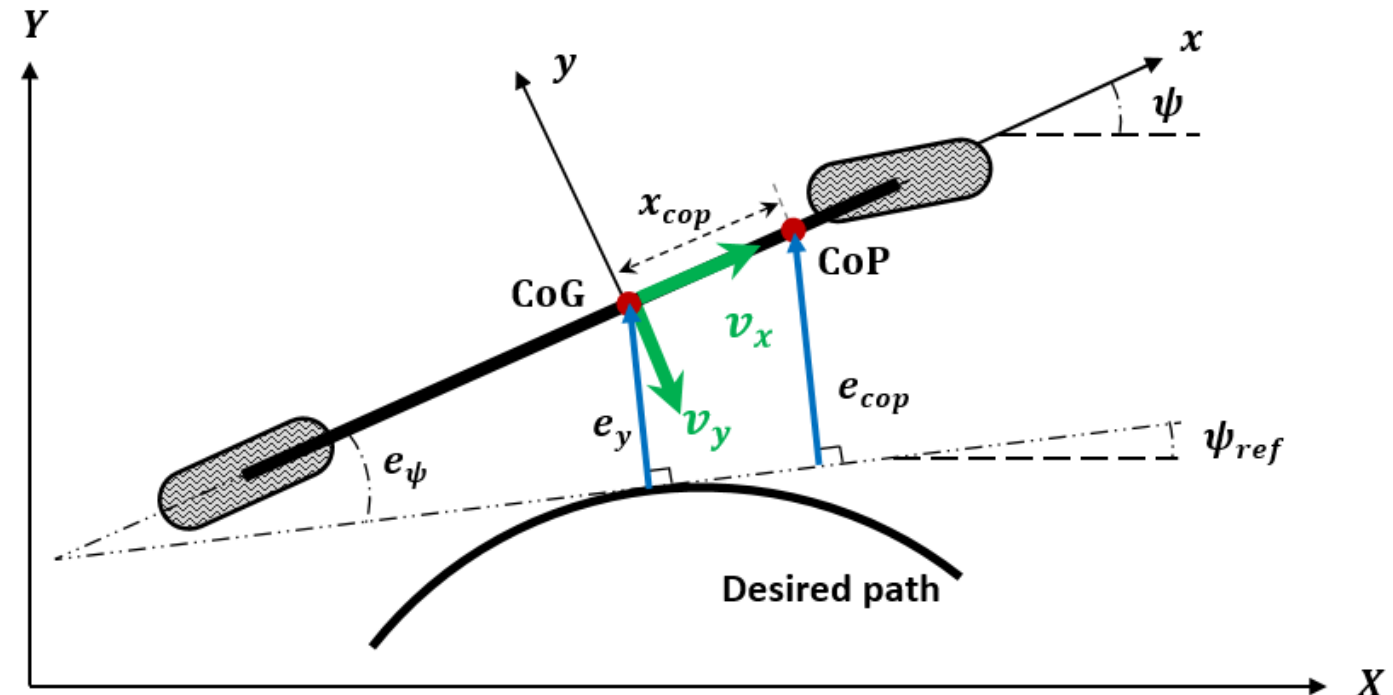
$$e_\psi = \psi - \psi_{ref}$$

- **CoG lateral error dynamic**

$$\dot{e}_y = v_y + v_x e_\psi$$

- **CoP lateral error dynamic**

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Remark

The contribution of the control input will be more important in the CoP case than in the CoG case due to the $R_l > 1$ term.

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$\dot{\psi}_{ref}$ acts on the error model as a disturbance.


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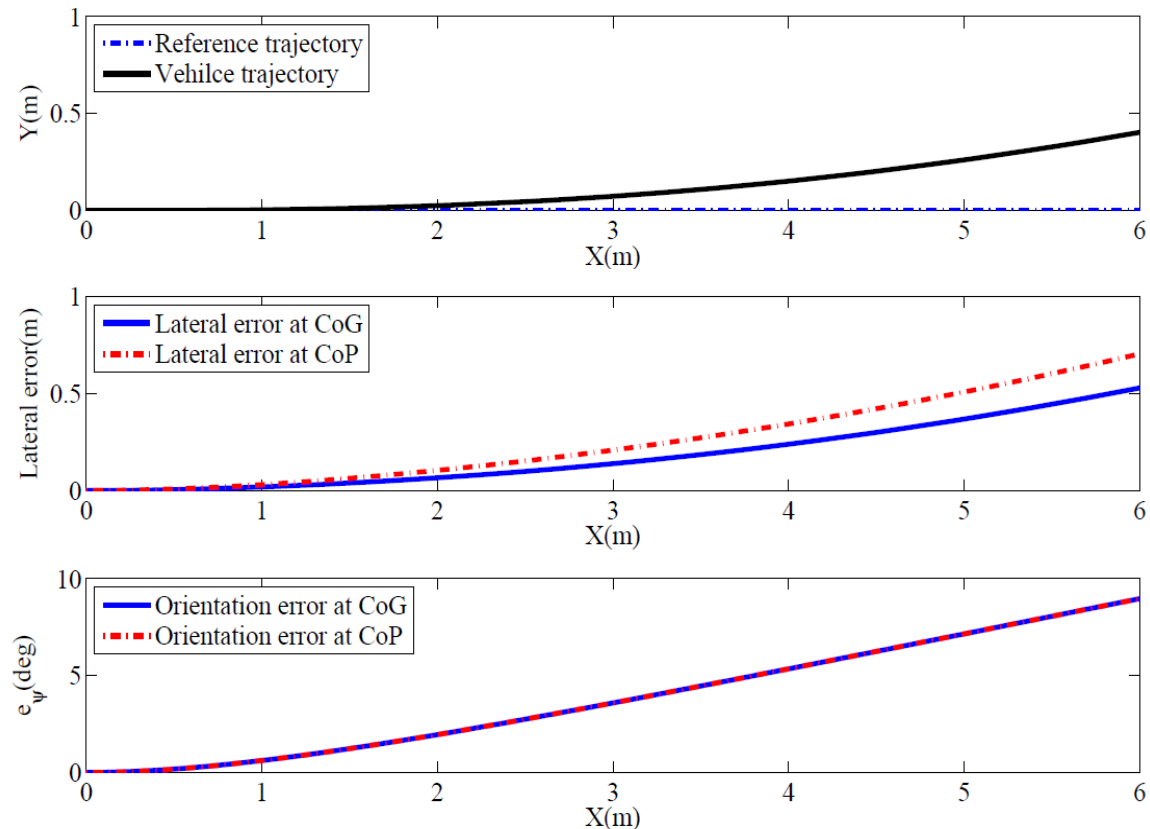
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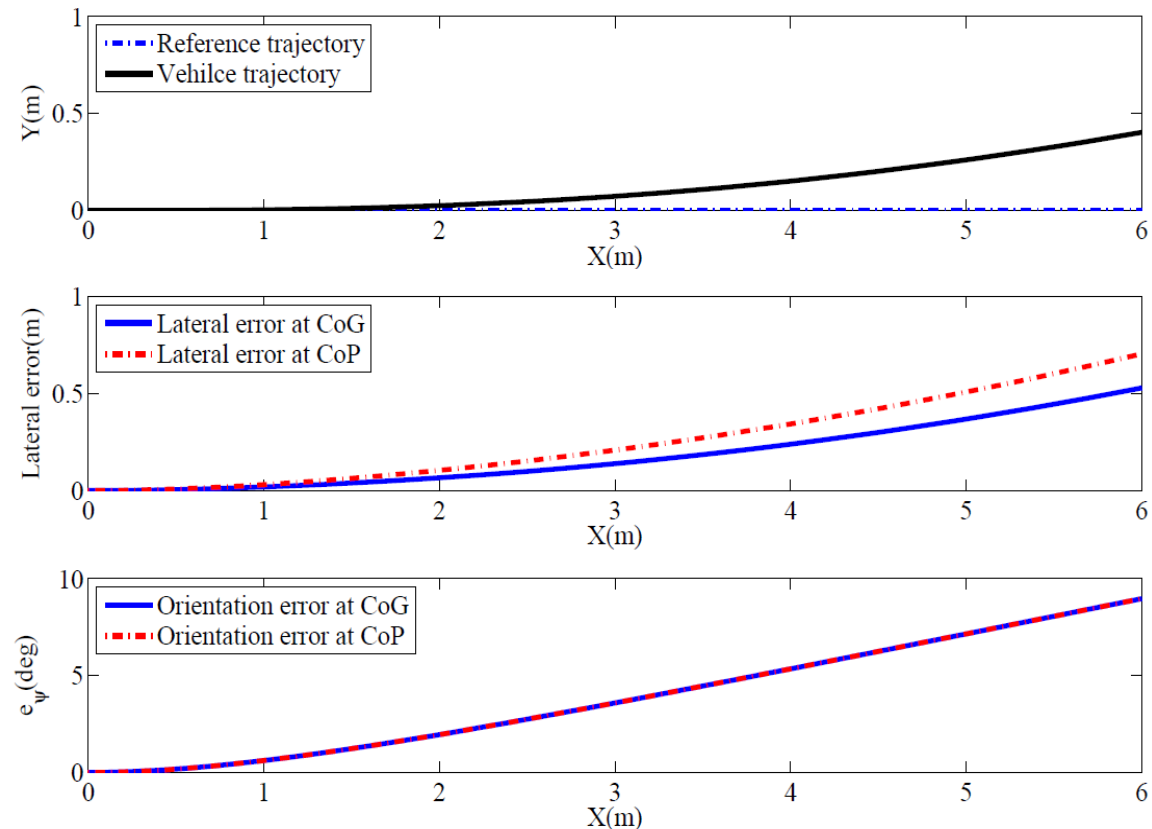
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Results

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- The orientation errors are the same in both models.



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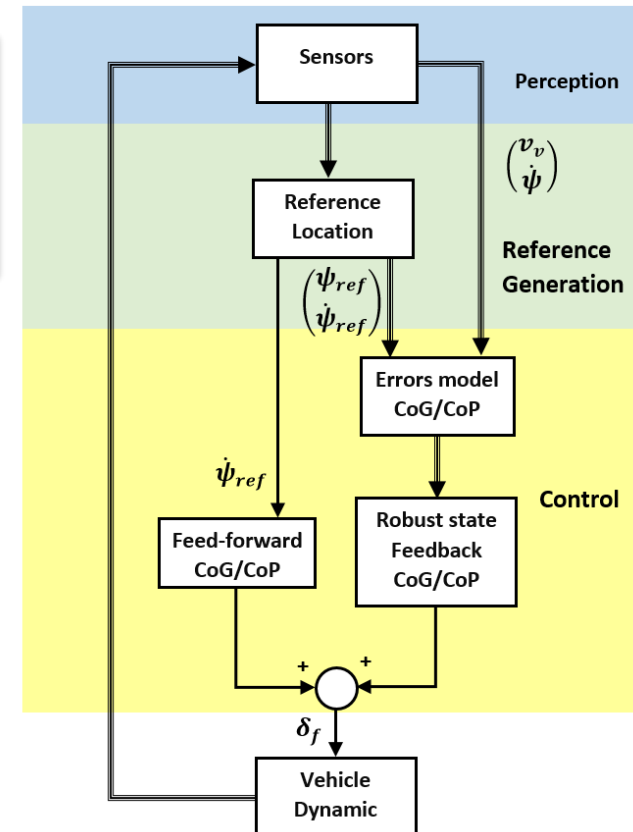
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Proposed control law

$$\delta_f(t) = u_{FF}(t) + u_{FB}(t)$$

- Feed-Forward aims to eliminate the effect of the disturbance on a part of the state vector.
- Robust State-Feedback aims to stabilize the system in closed loop and to attenuate the effect of the disturbance.



CONTROL DESIGN: FEED-FORWARD

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Problem formulation

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A - BK)^T P + P(A - BK) + 2\alpha P + R^T R & PD' \\ (PD')^T & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

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Trade-off between

α Large decay rate and $\gamma < 1$.

SIMULATION TESTS

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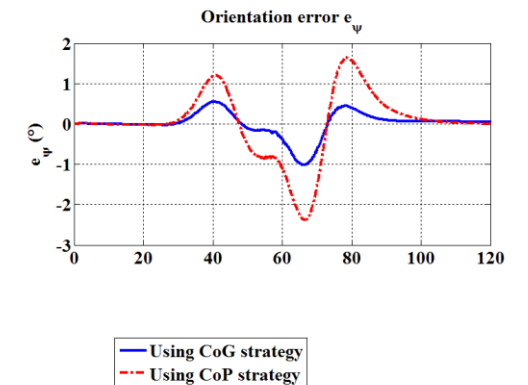
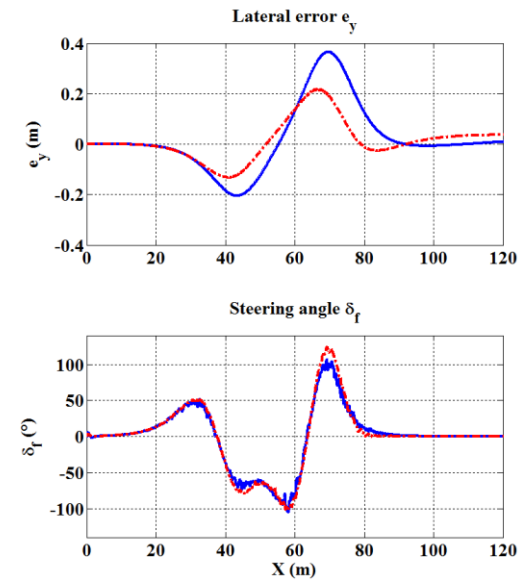
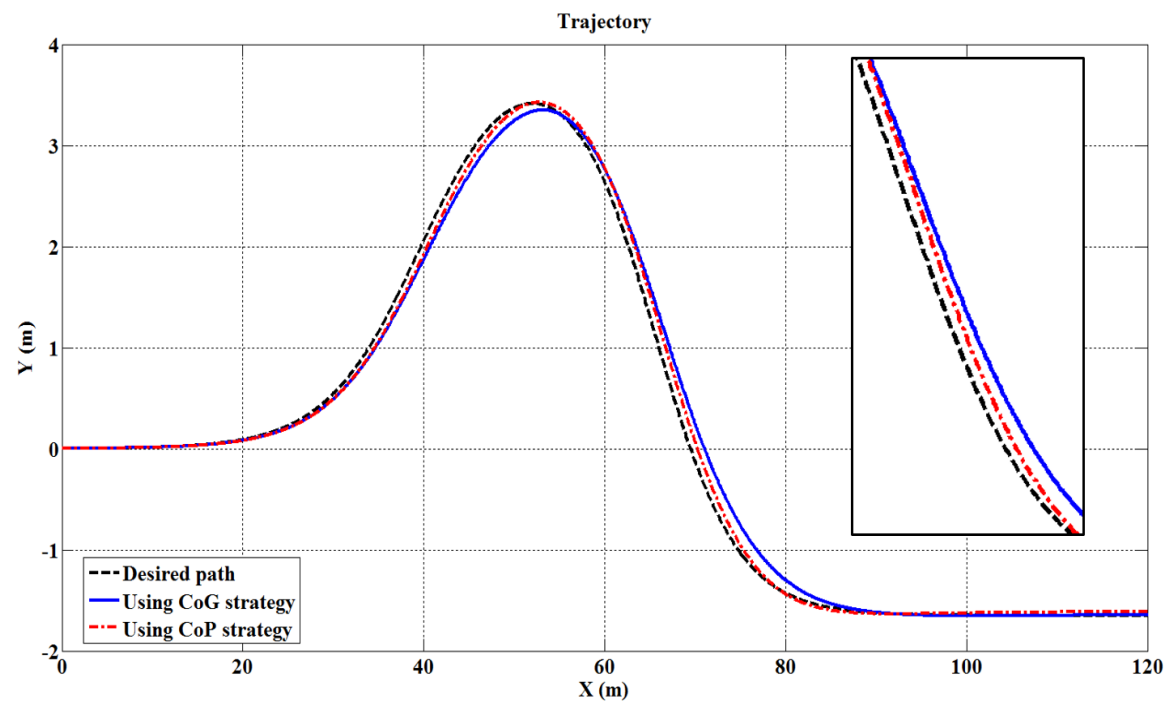
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Robust state feedback design

- Controllers are designed at the constant speed $v_x = 25m/s$ (nominal speed).
- The LMI problem is programmed thanks to the Yalmip interface (Lofberg, 2004) coupled with the SeDuMi solver (Sturm, 1999).
- Decay rate $\alpha = 0.2$.
- Attenuation level $\gamma = 0.3$.

SIMULATION TESTS

Simulation test at the nominal speed $v_x = 25m/s$.

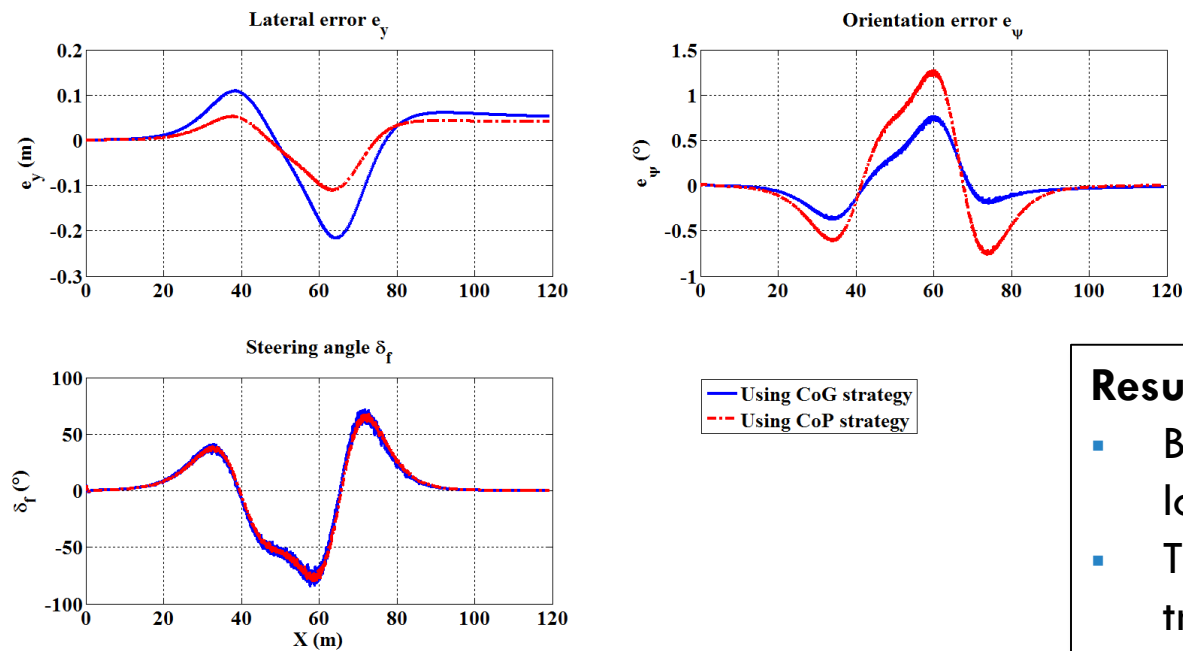


Result

- The CoP strategy offers an effective trajectory tracking in terms of the lateral error.

SIMULATION TESTS

Simulation test at a different speed $v_x = 10m/s$.



Results

- Both strategies are robust with respect to the longitudinal speed variation.
- The CoP strategy still offers an effective trajectory tracking in terms of the lateral error.

CONCLUSION & OUTLOOKS

Conclusion

- The CoP strategy ensures a better trajectory tracking and anticipates the lateral position error.
- Both strategies are robust with respect to the longitudinal speed variation.

Future works

- Enhance the lateral stability in critical situation by using the CoP strategy.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION ! QUESTION ?

