

ENERGY OPTIMIZATION FOR AN AUTONOMOUS SURFACE VEHICLE

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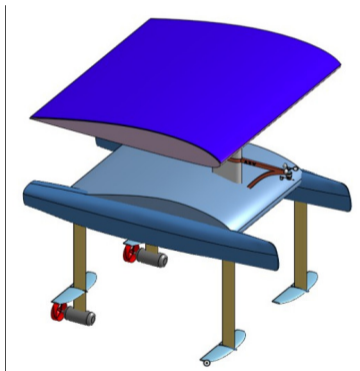
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Introduction - Autonomous Surface Vehicle



(a) ASV model



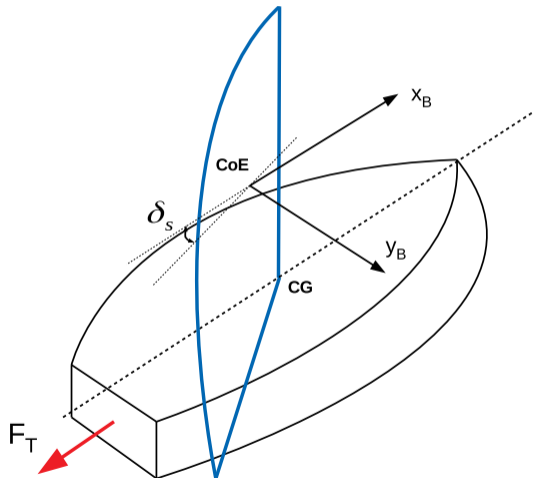
(b) Panel orientation model

Figure 1: ASV model and panel orientation

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System Descriptions - Simple model



- 1 angle of solar-sail panel (δ_s)
- 2 thrust force (F_T)

Figure 2: Preliminary ASV model

System Descriptions - Control diagram

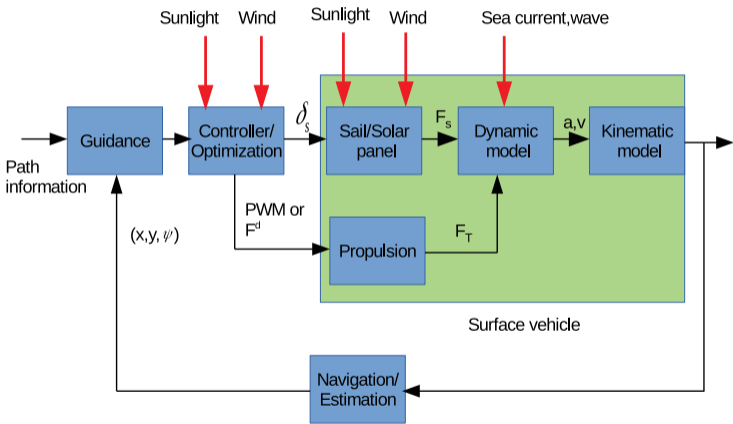
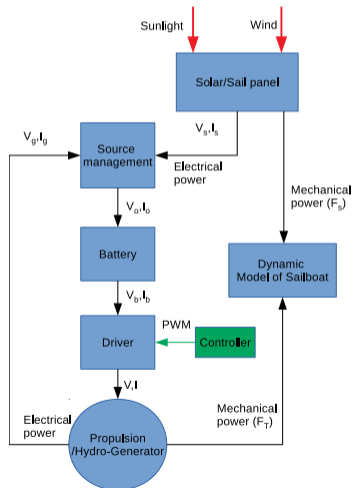


Figure 3: Control diagram

System Descriptions - Power flow diagram



- 1 Electrical energy.
- 2 Mechanical energy.

Figure 4: Power flow diagram

Solar models

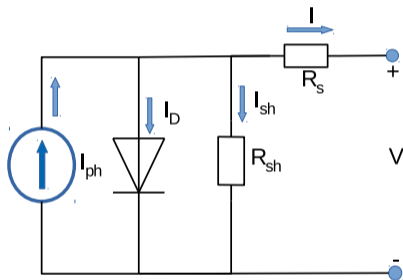


Figure 5: Photovoltaic cell

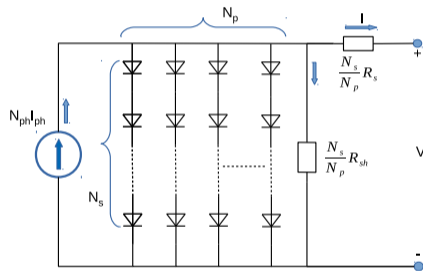


Figure 6: Solar module model

Solar simple model

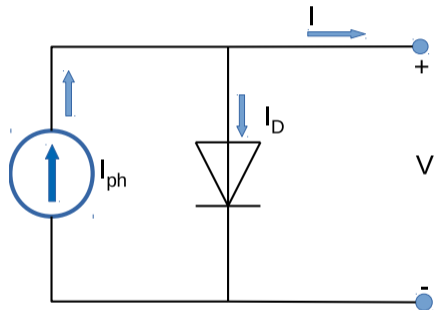


Figure 7: Photovoltaic cell

$$I = I_{ph} - I_D \quad (1)$$

$$= I_{ph} - I_0 \left[\exp\left(\frac{qV}{NKT}\right) - 1 \right] \quad (2)$$

$$= [I_{sc} + K_i(T - 298)] \frac{\lambda}{1000} - I_0 \left[\exp\left(\frac{qV}{NKT}\right) - 1 \right] \quad (3)$$

Sailing model

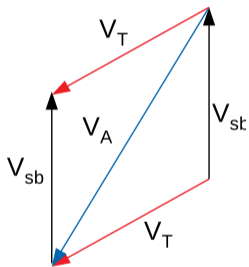


Figure 8: True wind velocity, sailboat velocity, and apparent wind velocity

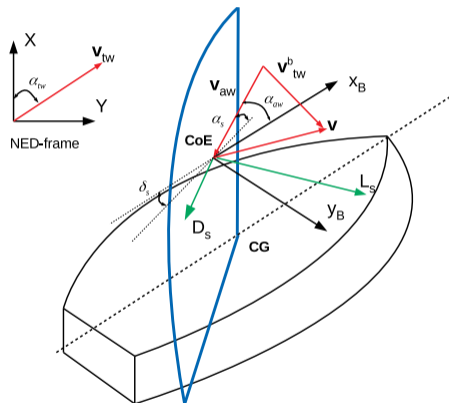


Figure 9: Sailing model analysis

Sailing model

The relation between true and apparent winds:

$$v_{awu} = v_{tw} \cos(\alpha_{tw} - \psi) - u \quad (4)$$

$$v_{awv} = v_{tw} \sin(\alpha_{tw} - \psi) - v \quad (5)$$

The force and torque elements in body-frame:

$$\mathbf{F}_S = \begin{bmatrix} F_{su} \\ F_{sv} \\ \Gamma_{rs} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} L_S \sin \alpha_{aw} - D_S \cos \alpha_{aw} \\ L_S \cos \alpha_{aw} + D_S \sin \alpha_{aw} \\ -(L_S \sin \alpha_{aw} - D_S \cos \alpha_{aw})x_{sm} \sin \delta_S + (L_S \cos \alpha_{aw} + D_S \sin \alpha_{aw})(x_m - x_{sm} \cos \delta_S) \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

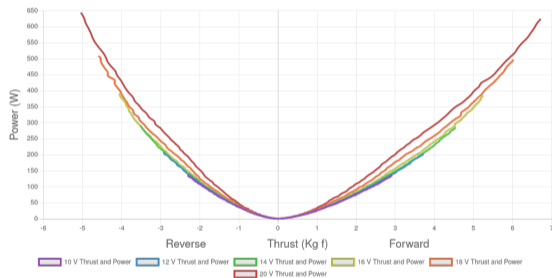
Battery model

The charging capability of a battery is given:

$$C_c = \int_0^{t_{cut-off}} I dt \quad (8)$$

where I is the input current of a battery, $t_{cut-off}$ is the charging time of the battery.

Propulsion model



$$P_T = f(F_T) = kF_T^2$$

or

$$P_T = f(F_T) = k \cdot \text{sign}(F_T) |F_T| \text{ (energy consumption and production)}$$

Figure 10: Power and thrust - T200

Sailboat model

Dynamic model:

$$F_u = m_u \dot{u} \quad (9)$$

$$F_v = m_v \dot{v} \quad (10)$$

$$\Gamma_r = I_r \dot{r} \quad (11)$$

Kinematic model:

$$\dot{x} = u \cos(\psi) - v \sin(\psi) \quad (12)$$

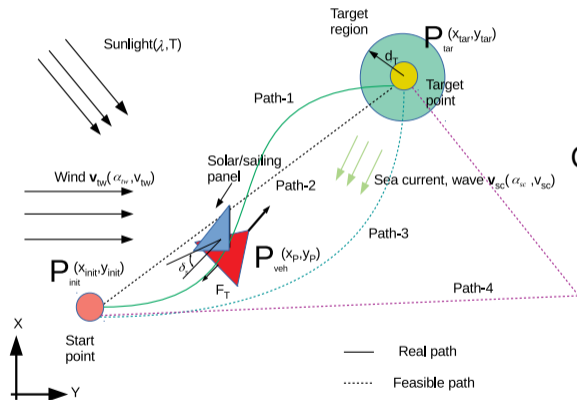
$$\dot{y} = u \sin(\psi) + v \cos(\psi) \quad (13)$$

$$\dot{\psi} = r \quad (14)$$

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Problem formulation

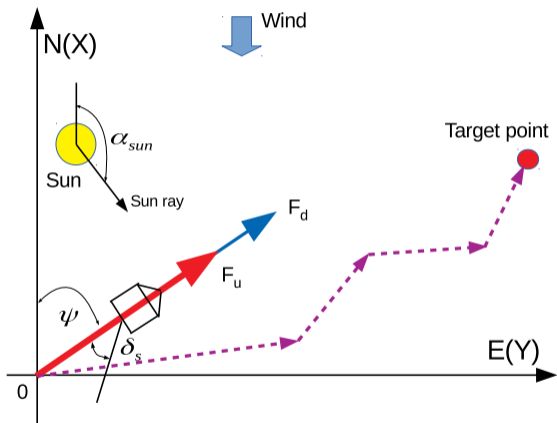


General objectives:

- 1 Approach the target point.
- 2 Minimize energy consumption.
- 3 Maximize energy production.

Figure 11: Problem formulation

Problem solution



- 1 Consider only u -direction.
- 2 Divide path into multi desired vectors (F_d).
- 3 Minimize deviation between F_u and F_d
- 4 Minimize energy consumption.
- 5 Maximize energy production.

Figure 12: Problem solution

Problem solution

The objective function:

$$E(\delta_s, F_T) = w_1 \cdot \| F_d - F_u \|_2 + w_2 \cdot k \cdot \text{sign}(F) \cdot |F_T| - w_3 \cdot V \cdot I \quad (15)$$

where w_1 , w_2 , w_3 are scalar weights.

The problem is formulated as:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} E(\delta_s, F_T) \quad (16)$$

$$\text{s.t } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X} \quad (17)$$

where $\mathbf{x} = [\delta_s \quad F_T]^T$ is decision variable, \mathcal{X} is the feasible set. The constraints of δ_s are mechanical limitations and constraint of F_T is the saturation of thruster.

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Preliminary simulations - Parameters

Table 1: Parameters of sailboat for simulations

Notations	Value	Unit
m_u	25900	kg
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I_r	24760	kg.m ²
ρ	1.2	kg/m ³
A	170	m ²
X_{sm}	0.6	m
X_m	0.3	m
v_{tw}	5	m/s
α_{tw}	180	deg

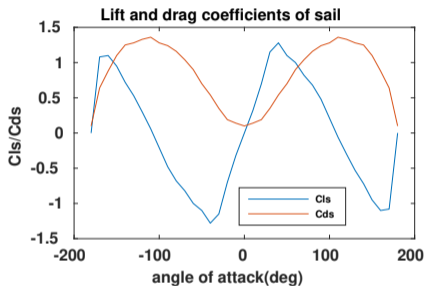


Figure 13: Lift and drag coefficients

- 1 $\delta_s \in [-90^\circ \quad 90^\circ]$
- 2 $F_T \in [-500 \quad 500](N)$

Preliminary simulations - Solar current assumption

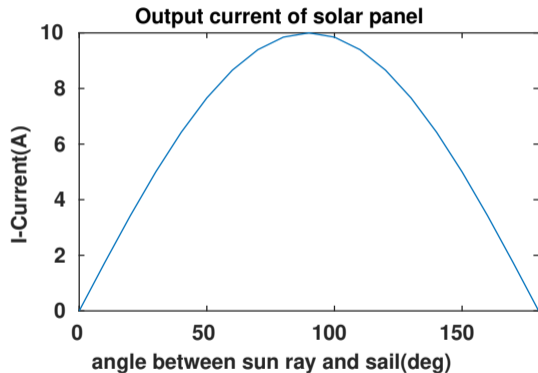
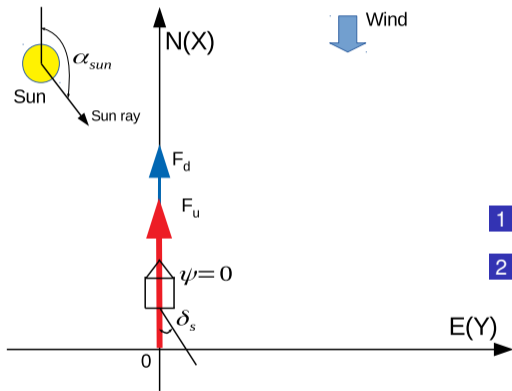


Figure 14: Output current of solar panel

- 1 if $angle = 0^\circ$ or $angle = 180^\circ$,
 $I = I_{min} = 0(A)$
- 2 if $angle = 90^\circ$, $I = I_{max} = 10(A)$

Preliminary simulations - Results - Case 1

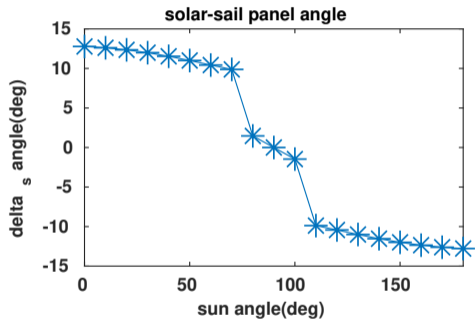


1 yaw angle $\psi = 0^\circ$

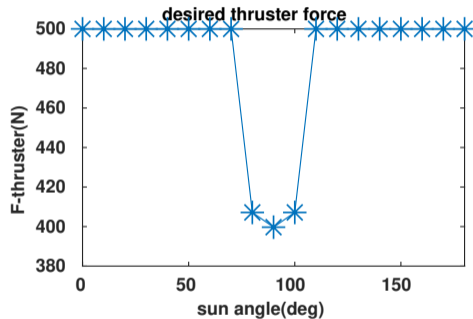
2 sun angle $\alpha_{sun} = [0 : 10^\circ : 180^\circ]$

Figure 15: Case 1 - simulation

Preliminary simulations - Results - Case 1



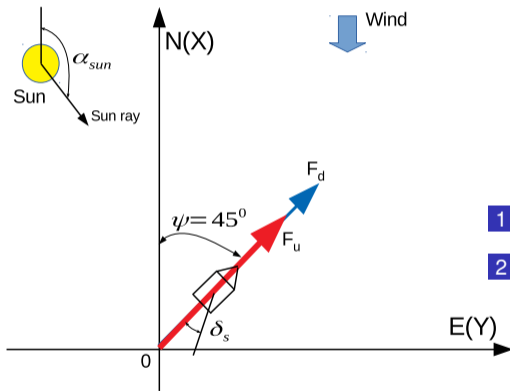
(a) Optimal solar-sail angle



(b) Optimal thruster force

Figure 16: Optimal solar-sail angle and thruster force w.r.t sun angle

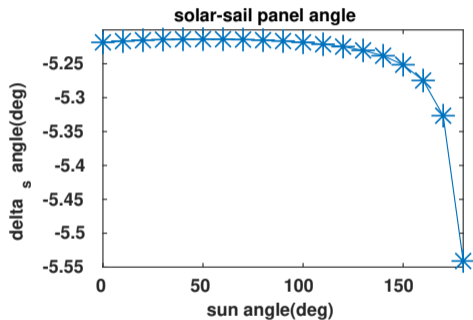
Preliminary simulations - Results - Case 2



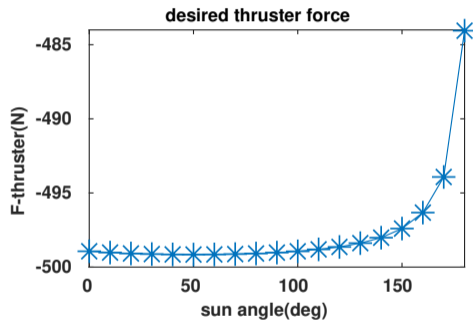
- 1 yaw angle $\psi = 45^\circ$
- 2 sun angle $\alpha_{sun} = [0 : 10^\circ : 180^\circ]$

Figure 17: Case 2 - simulation

Preliminary simulations - Results - Case 2



(a) Optimal solar-sail angle



(b) Optimal thruster force

Figure 18: Optimal solar-sail angle and thruster force w.r.t sun angle

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Conclusions and Future works

Optimization problem has been formulated and has potential results. Future works are listed as follows:

- 1 Take into account sea current and obstacle avoidance.
- 2 Take into account effects of foils of sailboat.
- 3 Energy optimization in real case of solar energy.

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