

QUANTITATIVE FEEDBACK DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A
TWO BY TWO SYSTEM WITH LARGE DISTURBANCES

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"Whatever dies, was not mixt equally"

John Donne – *The Good Morrow*

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CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

This thesis describes the development of a practical system – a "flying machine" – on which to test the quantitative feedback theory (QFT) of Horowitz for multivariable systems. The flying machine has been constructed in the Control laboratory of the Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Durban–Westville, Durban. It consists of an airframe with two independently controlled sets of wings. The airframe is constrained to move vertically on guide wires and to rotate about a pivot. Air flow over the wings is provided by two 7.5kW fans operated without any attempt at providing non-turbulent flow. The arrangement of the wings is such that in open loop, the dynamic behaviour of the airframe from the rear set of wings to the height is non-minimum phase. Additionally, the airframe is unstable for some flight conditions. This uncertain, non-linear and highly disturbed plant provides an ideal practical environment in which to test controller design theory. The controller designs for the flying machine take into account parameter uncertainty and trade off disturbance attenuation against rate and amplitude saturation at the wing angle inputs. This thesis is strongly oriented towards the practical aspects of controller design but also includes some new results for design with plant input constraints.

The construction, modelling, parameter estimation and simulation of the flying machine is described in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 introduces some of the ideas from previously published work on quantitative feedback theory and some new methodology for design to the plant input for multivariable plants. Three different controller structures are discussed, with actual controller designs arrived at from QFT understanding. These designs are presented in Chapters 4, 5 and 6. The controllers were implemented using analog filters and tested. Each of Chapters 4, 5 and 6 presents results for the controller designed in that chapter. Comments on the modern control theory are fashionable in the classical (quantitative) feedback control literature and these are included as part of the conclusion, Chapter 7.

All designs (loop shaping) reported in this thesis were executed with the aid of the CAD package, "DESIGN", written by Professor E Eitelberg and Mr G Sutcliffe.

Although it may seem out of context to present results in the introduction, it must be noted at the outset that feedback control has three fundamental purposes:

- 1) To reduce the effects of parameter uncertainty, parameter changes and non-linearity on the plant response to (quantitatively defined) acceptable levels.
- 2) To reduce the effect of external disturbances on the plant output to (quantitatively defined) acceptable levels.
- 3) To stabilize open-loop unstable plants.

Figure 1.1 shows the height and pitch angle of the flying machine to be described in this thesis when operated without control (i.e. with the wings fixed). During the test, for heights outside about $[0.7\text{m}, 1.2\text{m}]$ and for pitch angles outside about $[-20^\circ, 20^\circ]$ corrective action was taken to prevent the flying machine from crashing or flipping over by means of a hand held leash. From Figure 1.1 it is reasonable to conclude that at least some (and in fact all) of the reasons for having feedback control are satisfied, justifying what follows.

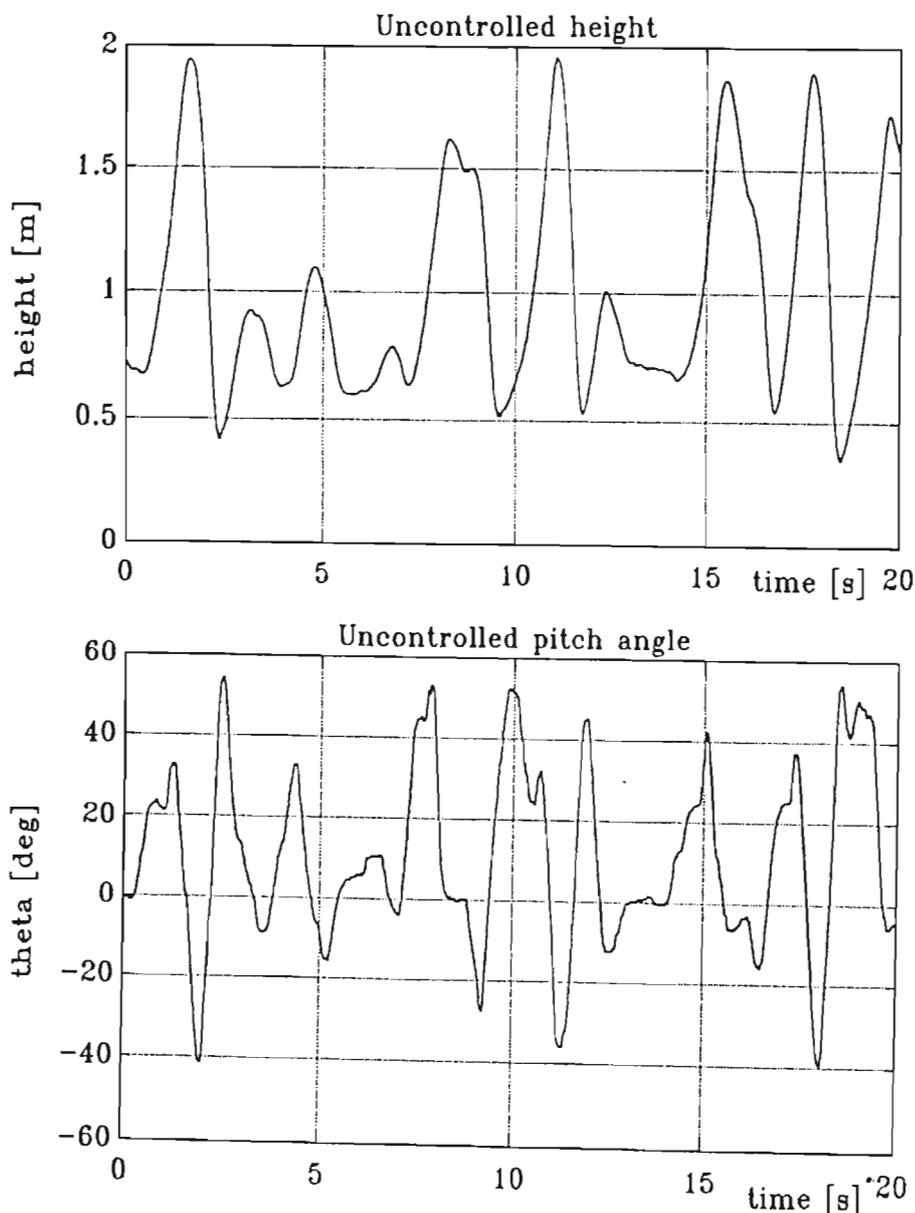


Figure 1.1 – Flight test with fixed wings. Larger excursions were prevented by means of a leash



Figure 2.4c – Layout of control laboratory showing control and measurement equipment. (Flying machine is next door)

2.1.4 Actuators

Futaba FP-S128 and Sataba FP-S134 model aeroplane servos were selected for the front and back wing actuators respectively. Specification sheets were available for only the FP-S128 - it has a rated torque of 0.035 Nm which allows the front wing to be accelerated at ($J_{\text{front wing}} = 1.14 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Kg m}^2$),

$$\ddot{\alpha} = 0.035 / 1.14 \times 10^{-4} = 307 \text{ rad/s}^2, \quad (2.4)$$

reaching a terminal velocity of $200^\circ/\text{s}$ in 11 ms.

As supplied, the servos operate via a pulse width modulated input signal which can easily be interfaced to a model aeroplane radio transmitter. A voltage to pulse - width modulator circuit was built based on LM555 timers. Because the modulator circuit was not sufficiently linear and the holding torque was not adequate, the drive electronics of the servos were replaced with a push-pull amplifiers. The actuators have essentially an inner loop feedback which reduces the uncertainty of the outer loop. This inner loop was closed with large bandwidth. The wing position signals were brought out of the motor casings. Circuit diagrams are included in Appendix 1.

Friction coefficients

The friction coefficients at zero wind speed, μ_{t0} and $\mu_{t\infty}$, were obtained by means of model identification:

When the flying machine is dropped with the fans off, it reaches terminal velocity, \dot{h}_w , and the (assumed linear) friction coefficient for lift is determined by,

$$\mu_{t0} = (m_a + m_p - m_c) g / \dot{h}_w \quad (2.23)$$

To measure the friction coefficient for turning, the airframe was allowed to swing freely as a pendulum, with the height fixed. For small angles, the equation of motion is,

$$J \ddot{\theta} + \mu_{t0} \dot{\theta} + k_1 \theta = k_2 \quad (2.24)$$

The coefficients k_1 and k_2 depend on the exact position of the pivot relative to the centre of mass and were identified rather than analysed (J was pre-specified). The identification technique used was based on "macro-difference" expressions (Eitelberg, 1988), using software written by Prof Eitelberg. The algorithms developed by the author (Boje, 1986 and 1988) were equally applicable but were not available under the MS-DOS operating system.

Results were, $\mu_{t0} = 0.11$, with a "standard deviation" (as defined in the software) of 0.01 ($k_1 = 0.15 \pm 0.02$, $k_2 = 0.43 \pm 0.04$). The coefficient of friction due to relative movement of the airframe and the airstream is an order of magnitude larger than μ_{t0}

Lift and drag coefficients

The lift and drag coefficients for the wings were evaluated by means of wind-tunnel tests on one front wing. Lift and drag measurements were normalised (to obtain the section lift and drag coefficients) by dividing by the free stream dynamic pressure, $q_w = \frac{1}{2} \rho_w v_w^2$ and by the wing area. Results are presented on Figures 2.9 and 2.10 respectively. If φ is the wing angle relative to the free stream wind direction,

$$\text{lift} = c_l(\varphi) \times \frac{1}{2} \rho_w \times (\text{Wind Speed})^2 \times (\text{Wing Area}) \quad (2.25)$$

$$\text{drag} = c_d(\varphi) \times \frac{1}{2} \rho_w \times (\text{Wind Speed})^2 \times (\text{Wing Area}) \quad (2.26)$$

Figure 2.9 and 2.10 show constrained (to obtain necessary symmetry) second order "least-squares" fits for the data which allow easy calculation of the coefficients and their derivatives. These curves are given (for φ in radians) by,

The results of two tests are presented in Figure 2.12 (Test R0 – 15m/s wind speed, wing angle $\approx 2^\circ$) and Figure 2.13 (Test R22 – 15m/s wind speed, wing angle $\approx 20^\circ$). At the end of each run, the fan was stopped and a 5N calibration weight was applied to the drag and lift axes – the test data has been scaled to show results in Newtons. The second test result, R22, has been used as the disturbance input in most simulation runs and design calculations which follow (it could be argued that the low wind speed is very roughly compensated by the high wind angle). For front wing data, the test data was multiplied the ratio of the front to back wing areas and reversed in time.

Further analysis of the data in Figure 2.13 (R22) is presented. Figure 2.14 and 2.15 show the magnitude spectra of the lift and torque components of the data respectively, calculated using $\theta=0^\circ$ and nominal gains from Table 2.1. In Section 3.3 it is shown that some useful design considerations can be obtained if the disturbance can be modelled as broad band noise and Figures 2.14 and 2.15 present possible broad band disturbance models with the following parameters,

$$|E_\ell(\omega)| = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\eta_\ell} & \text{for } \omega = [0, \omega_{x\ell}] \\ 0 & \text{for } \omega > \omega_{x\ell} \end{cases} \quad (2.29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_\ell^2 &= 132.0 \text{ N}^2 && \text{variance of lift disturbance (N}^2\text{)} \\ \eta_\ell &= 1.9 \text{ N}^2/(\text{rad/s}) && \text{lift disturbance model power per rad/s} \\ \omega_{x\ell} &= 70.0 \text{ rad/s} && \text{lift disturbance model bandwidth} \end{aligned}$$

$$|E_t(\omega)| = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\eta_t} & \text{for } \omega = [0, \omega_{xt}] \\ 0 & \text{for } \omega > \omega_{xt} \end{cases} \quad (2.30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_t^2 &= 9.5 \text{ N}^2\text{m}^2 && \text{variance of torque disturbance (N}^2\text{m}^2\text{)} \\ \eta_t &= 0.14 \text{ N}^2\text{m}^2/(\text{rad/s}) && \text{torque disturbance model power per rad/s} \\ \omega_{xt} &= 70.0 \text{ rad/s} && \text{torque disturbance model bandwidth} \end{aligned}$$

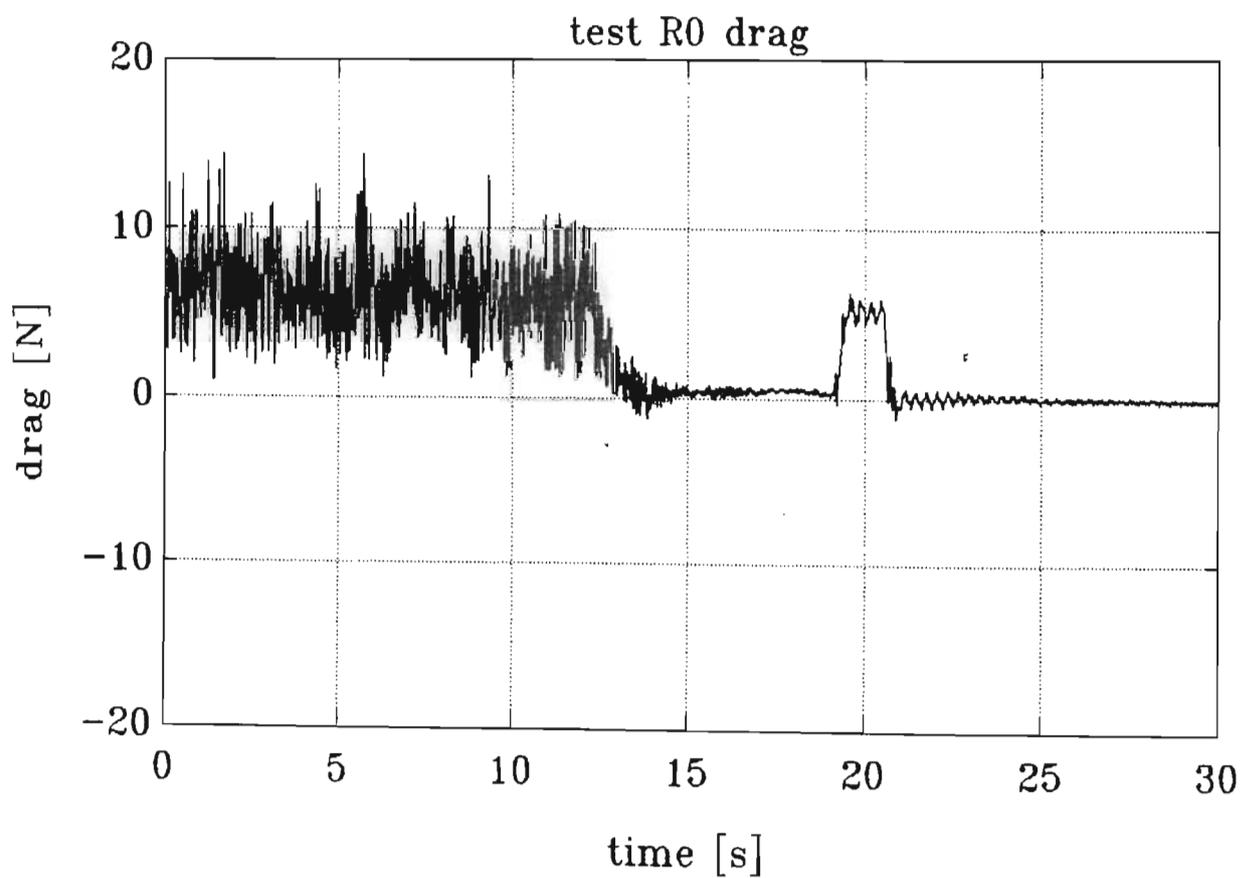
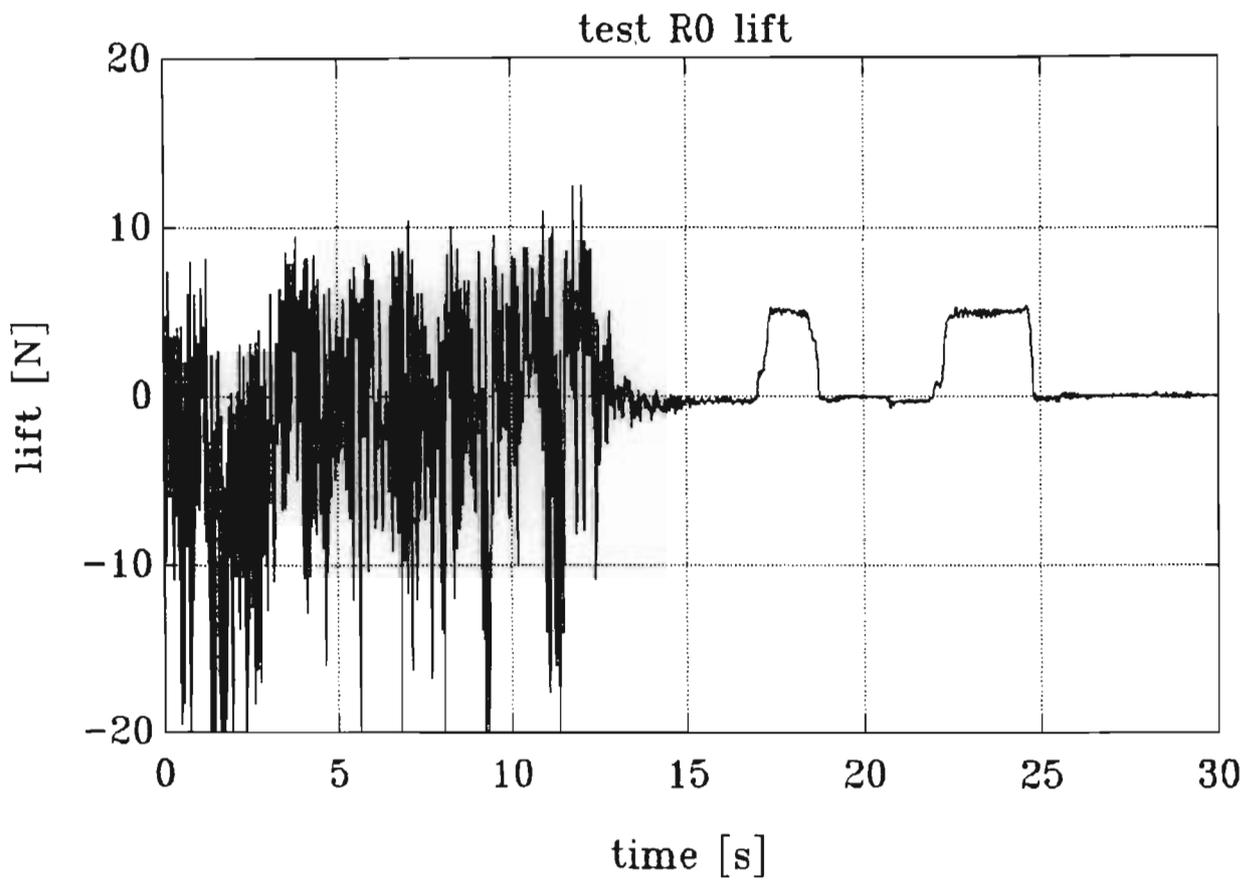


Figure 2.12 – Test R0 – Lift and drag measurement, 15m/s wind speed, wing angle $\approx 2^\circ$

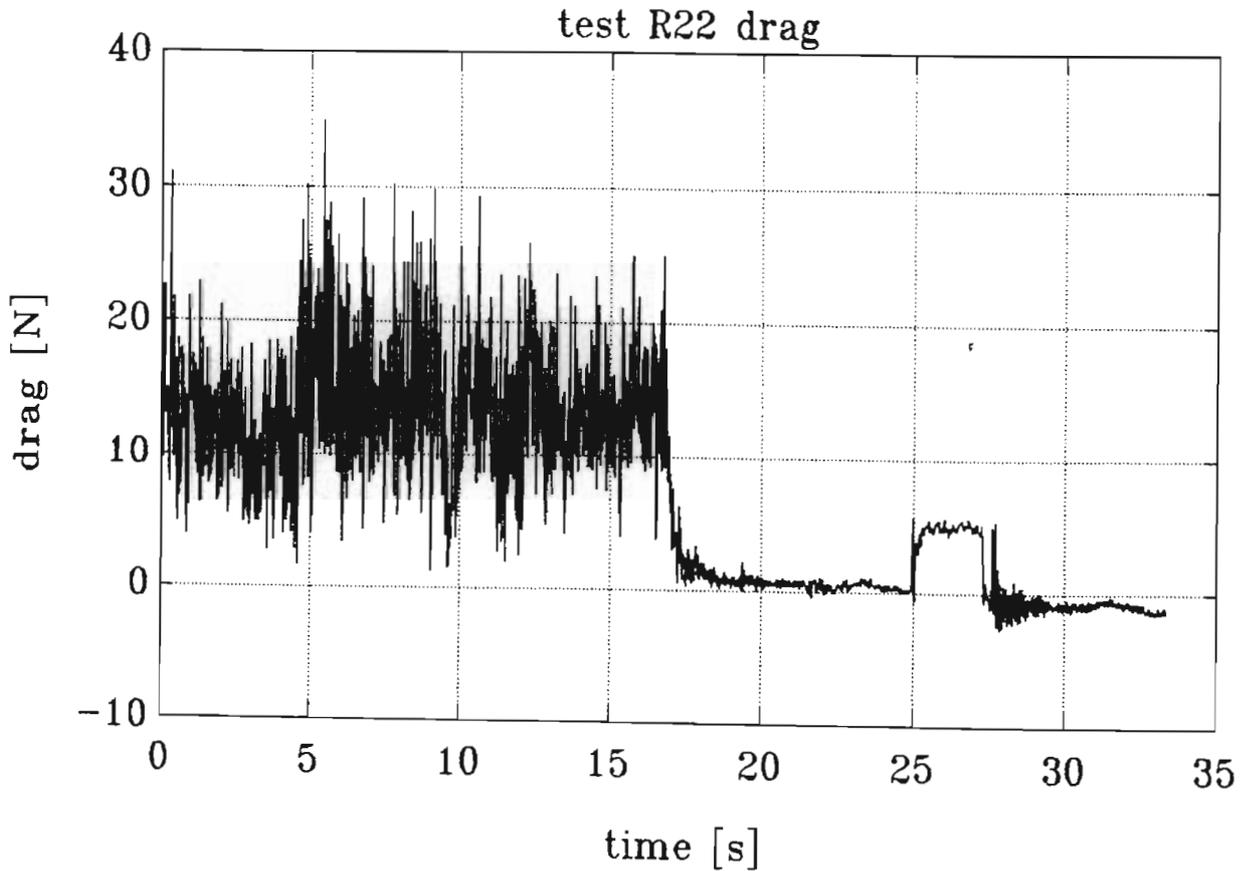
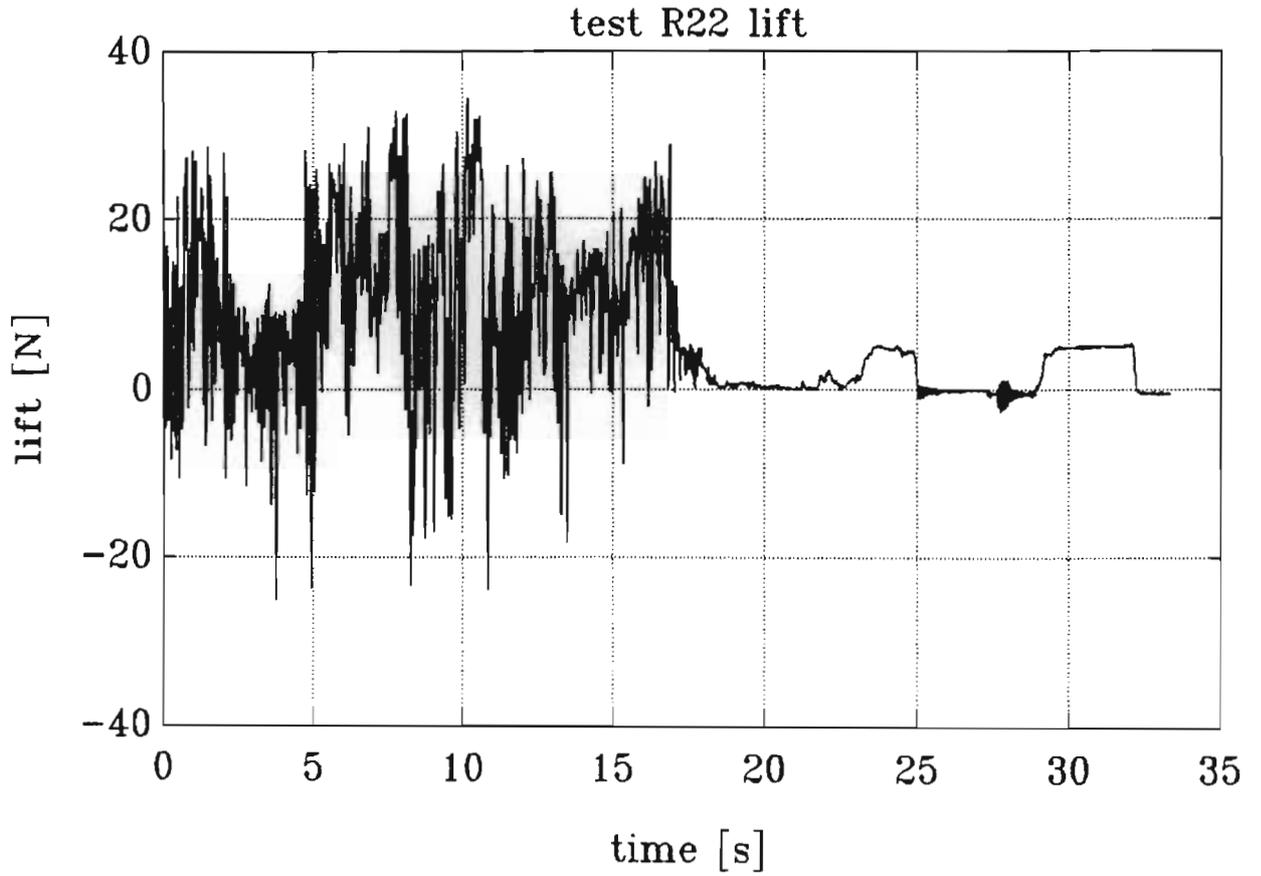


Figure 2.13 – Test R22 – Lift and drag measurement, 15m/s wind speed, wing angle $\approx 20^\circ$

Figure 4.9 – Bode magnitude diagrams for $\underline{T}_{Y/E}$

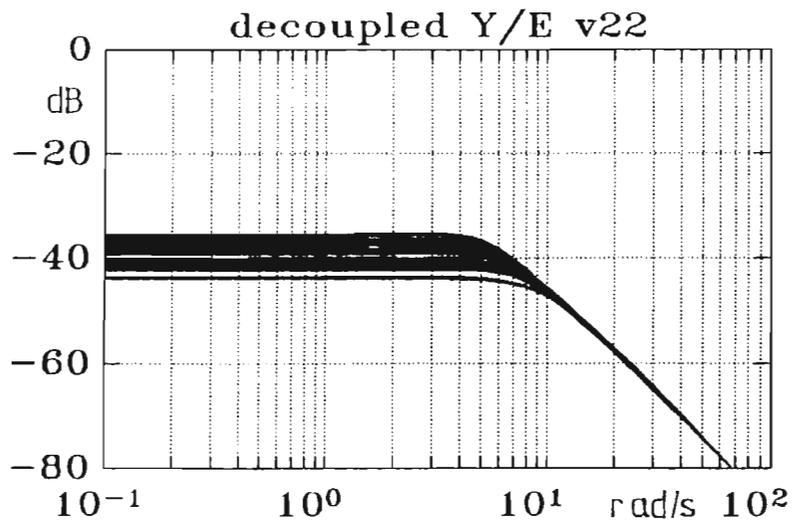
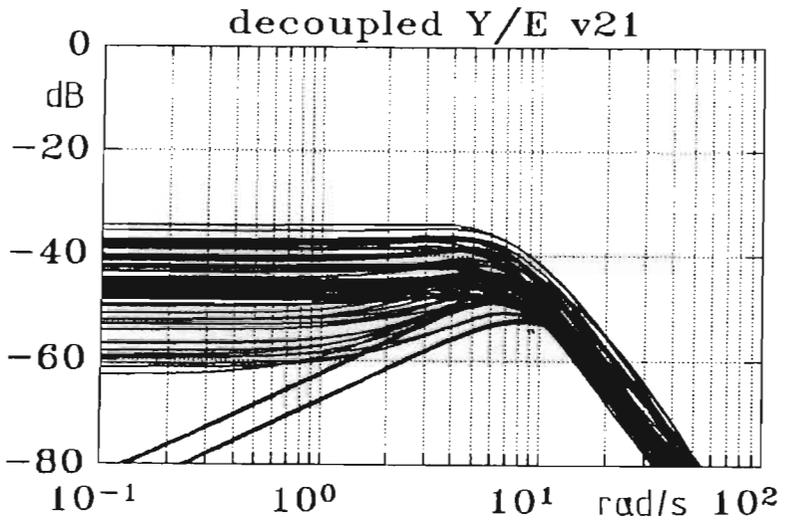
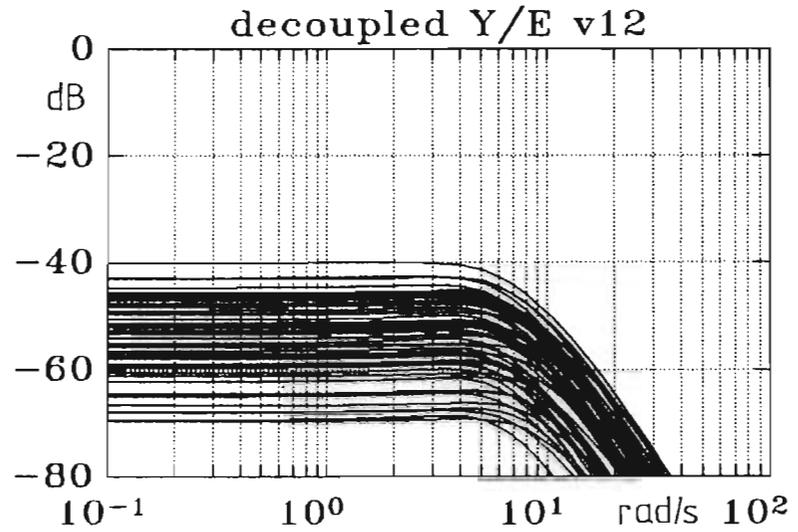
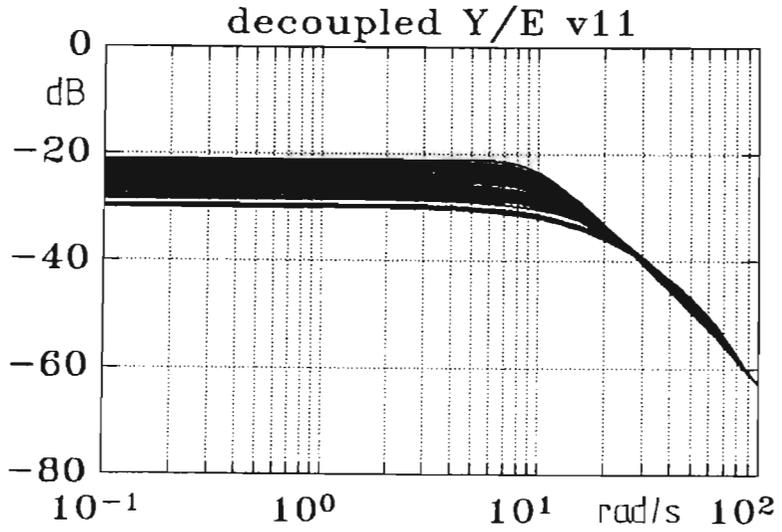


Figure 4.10 – Bode magnitude diagrams for $\underline{T}_{U/E}$

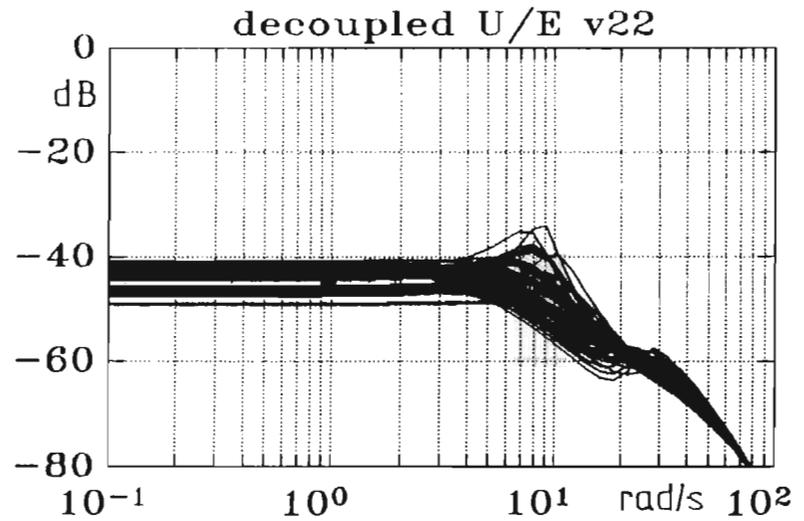
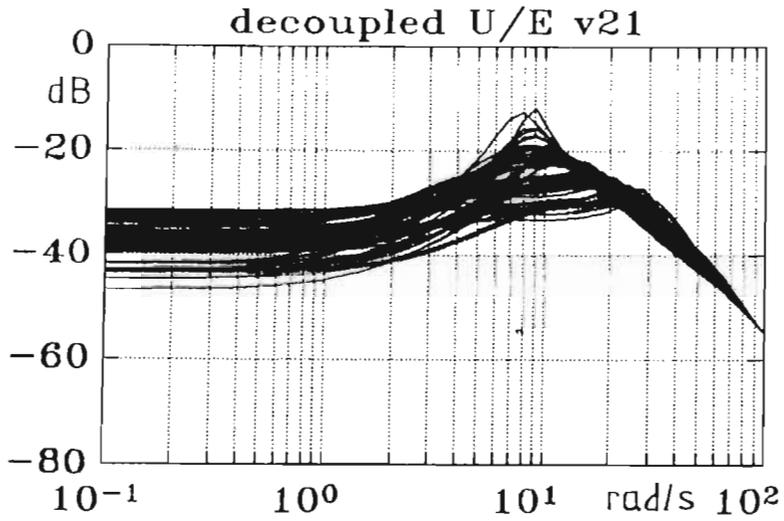
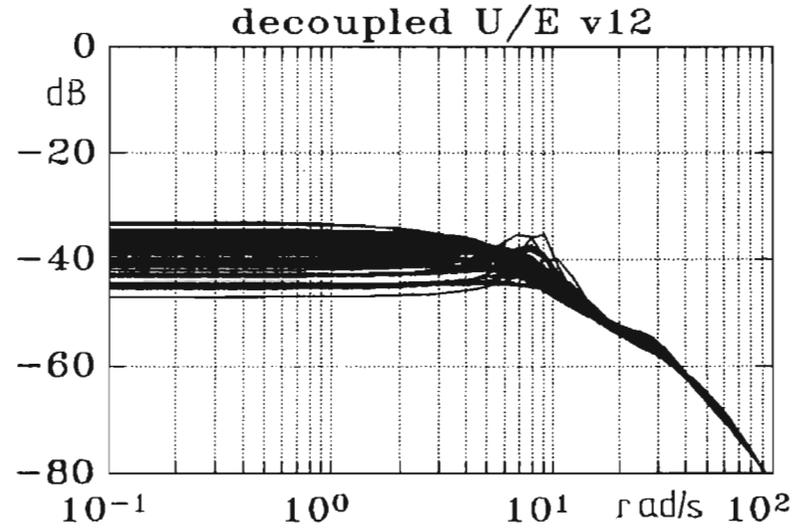
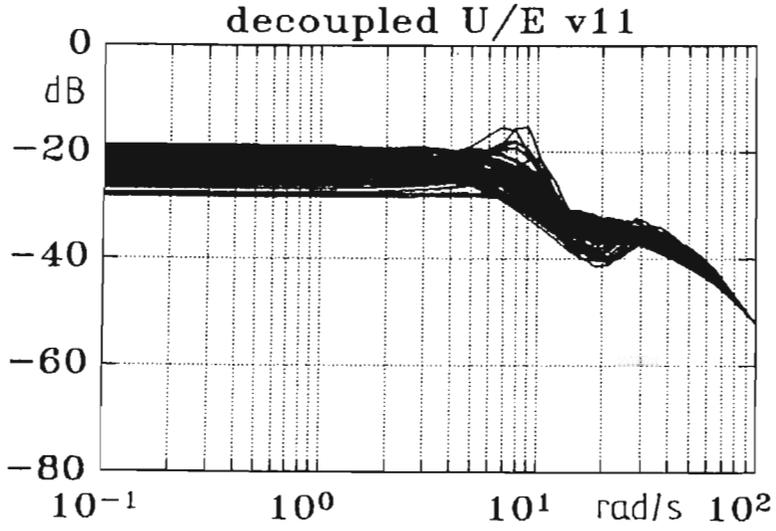


Figure 5.9 – Simulated disturbance regulation with measured disturbances

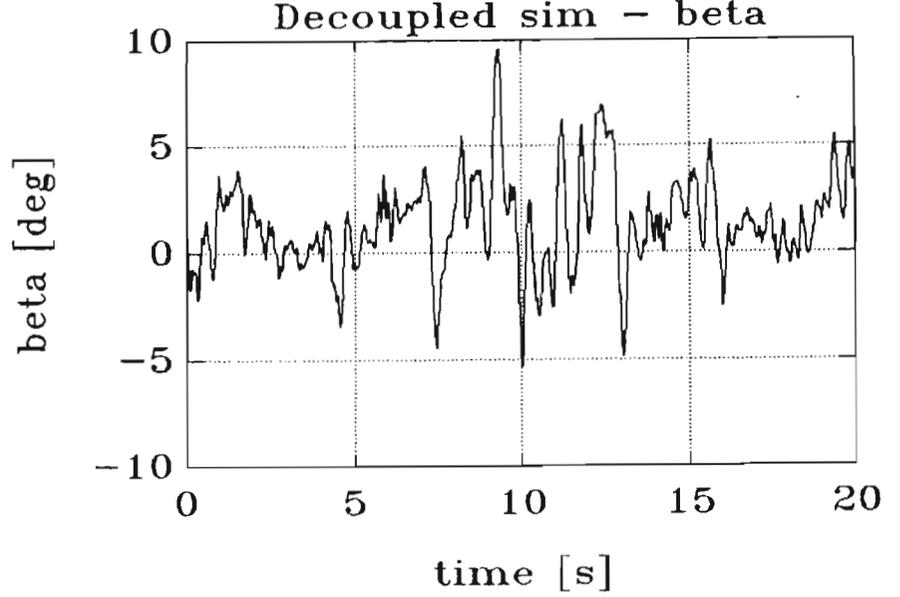
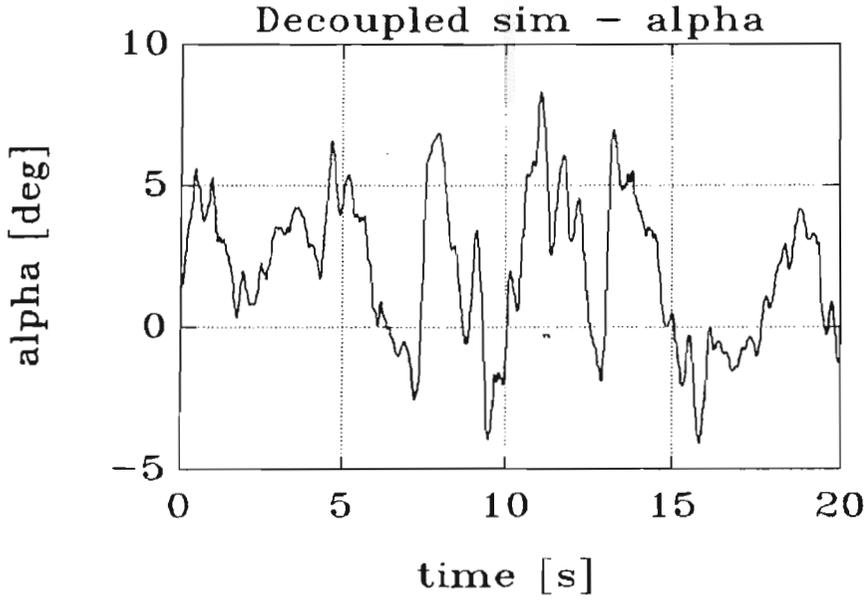
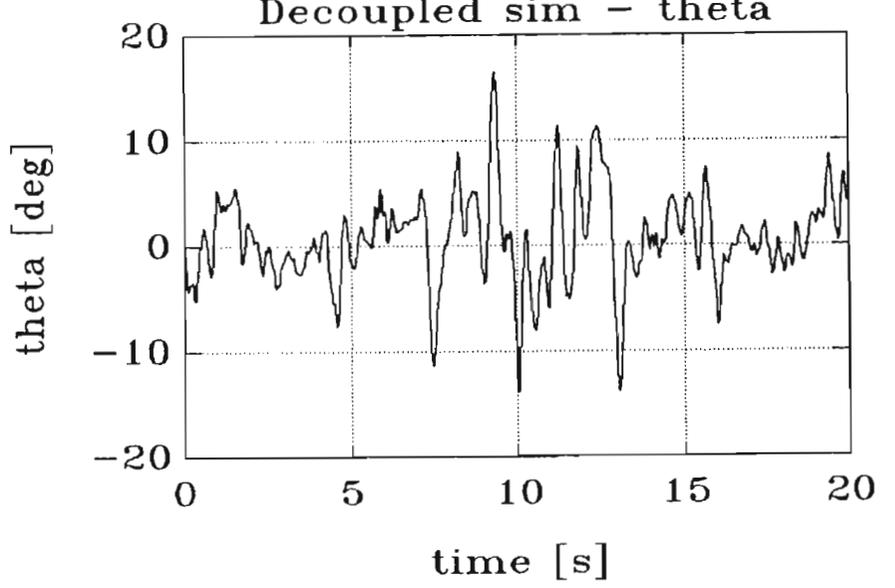
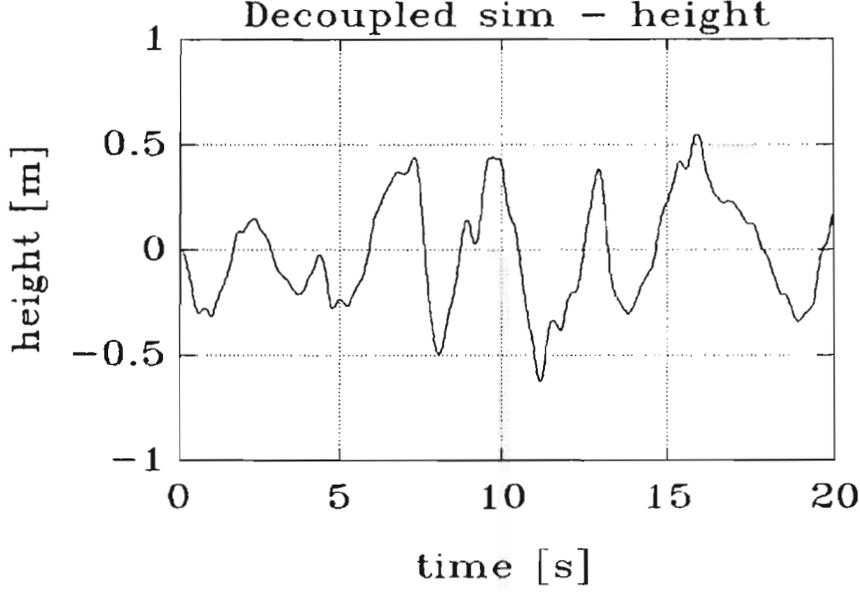


Figure 5.11b – Detail from Figure 5.11a – disturbance regulation with constant height and pitch angle set-points

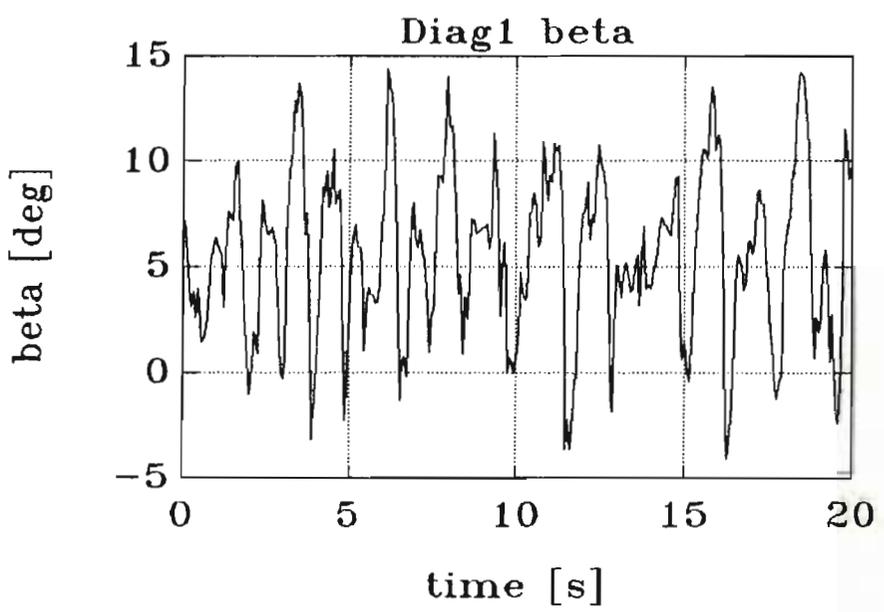
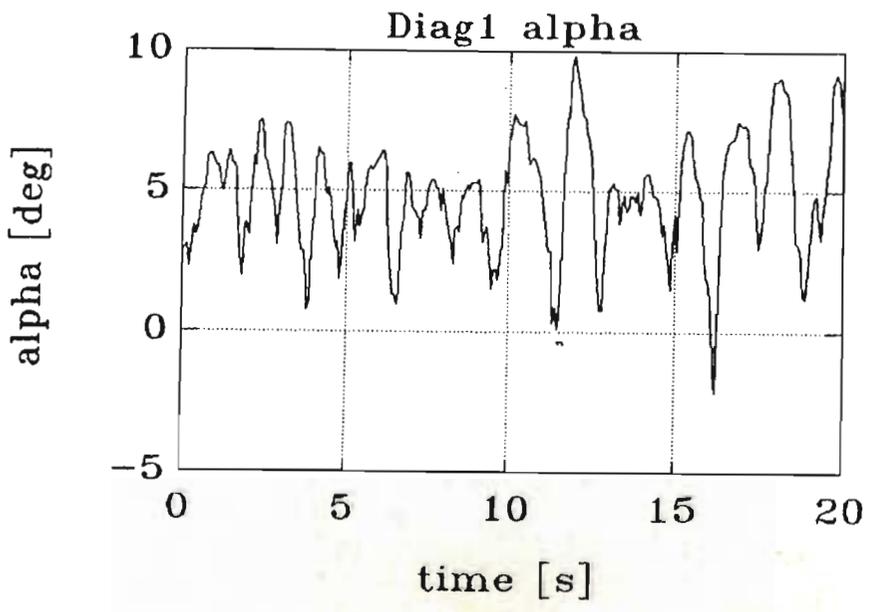
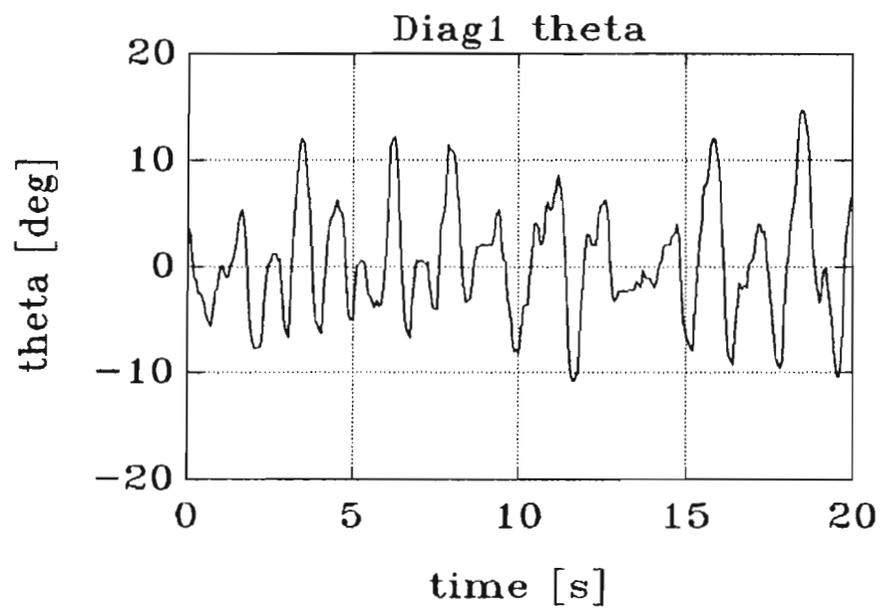
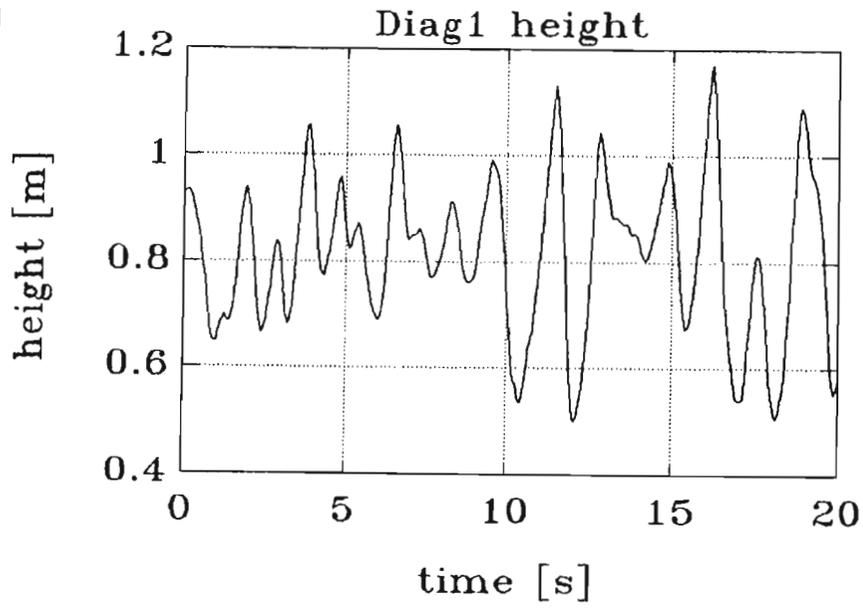
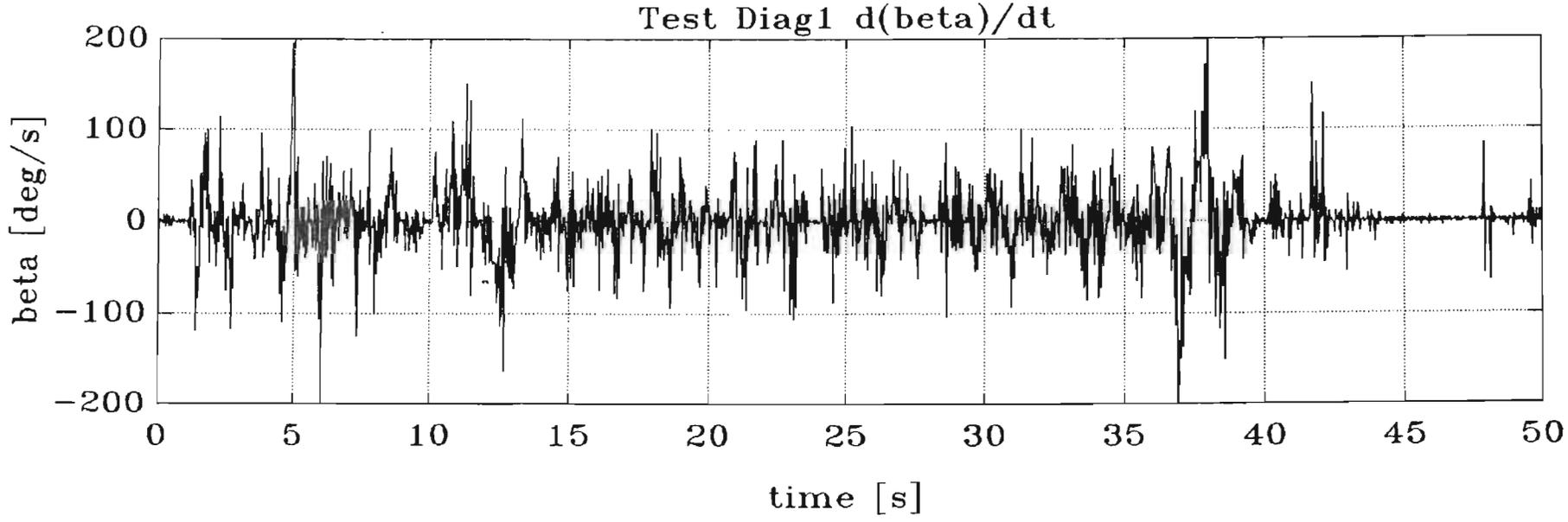
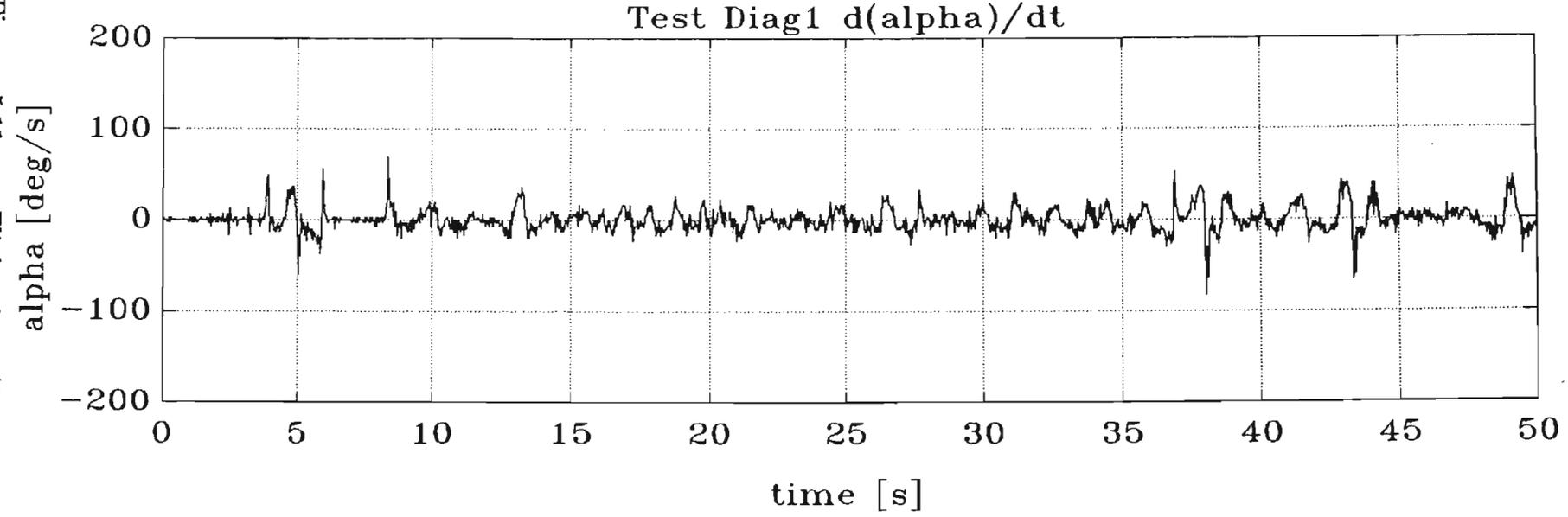


Figure 5.11c – Flight data (Test # Diag1) – Front and back wing rate demands



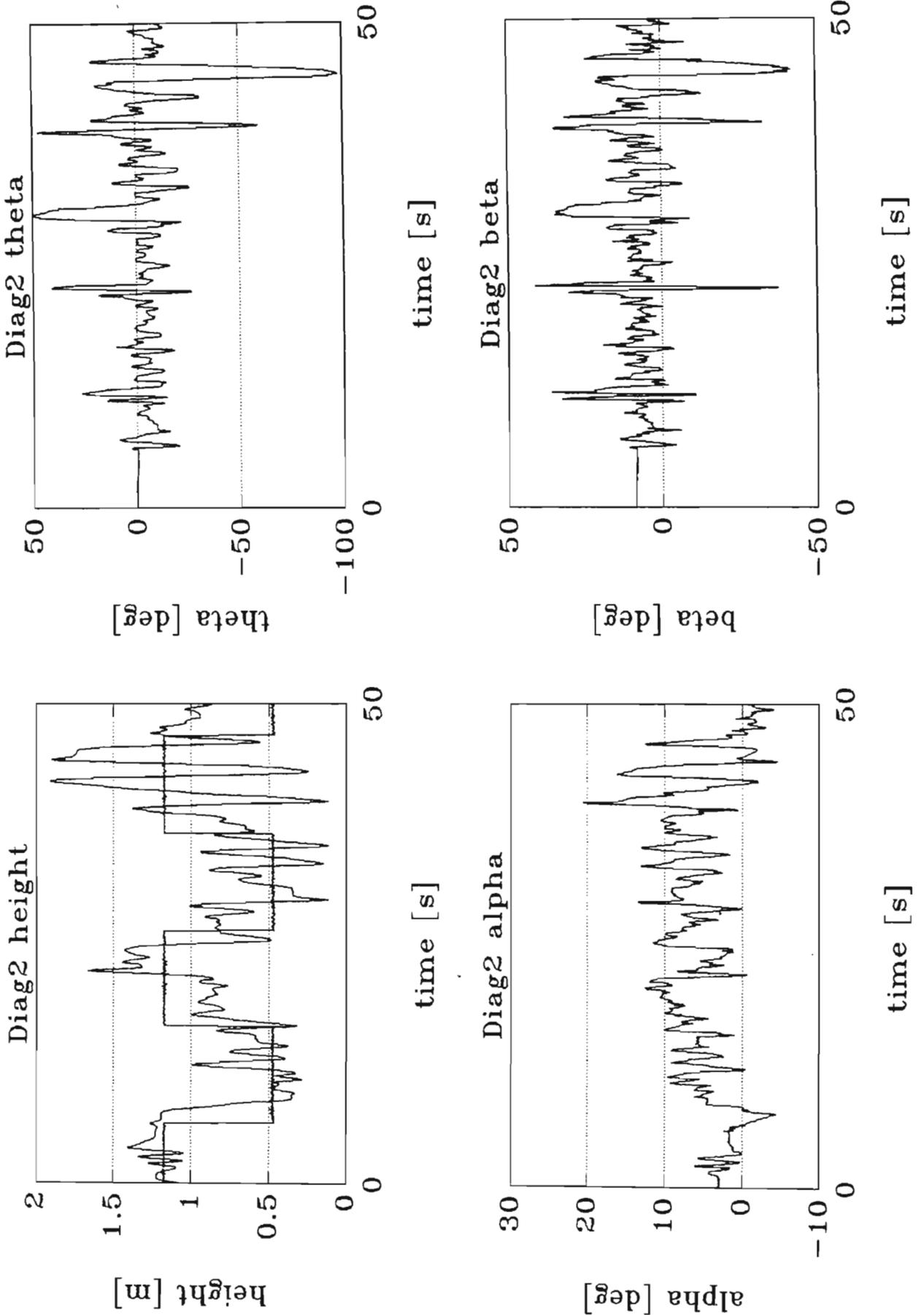


Figure 5.12a – Flight data (Test # Diag2) – response to a step changes in height error of 0.75m

5.3 Conclusions

1) Figure 5.11c highlights a fundamental problem with this design. Because it was not possible to achieve the desired bandwidth in the height loop, the front wing is clearly under-utilized. Because the specifications were not rigorous, the consequence to the pitch angle loop design of not achieving specifications in the height loop were not investigated further than the drawing of Bode plots of the resulting closed loop behaviour.

2) When there are no other problems, qualitatively the pitch angle regulation is good and the height regulation is rather poor. As the design is approximate due to the use of linearisations about some operating points and is also conservative due to the use of the Schwartz inequality, eq(3.27), it was hoped that the flying machine might still provide reasonable performance despite the violation of design bounds in the height loop (Figure 5.5). The oscillations in height and angle of attack (at about 5 rad/s) are not surprising, considering the violation of the design boundaries but reducing overall gain in the height loop to avoid violation of the bounds resulted in such poor height regulation that the machine crashed (physical boundaries were violated!).

CHAPTER 6 – QUASI DECOUPLING CONTROLLER

6.1 Introduction and design

This chapter describes the design, implementation and testing of a controller designed by first modifying the plant input so that the (single input single output dynamic) controllers' outputs result in the wings being turned in the correct direction to regulate height and pitch angle errors. As the controller described here was designed in a very short time, the design is less complete than the previous two designs. Simulations are not presented, only actual results and design specifications are based on experience and heuristics rather than via rough analysis as in the previous designs.

The diagonal controller described in Chapter 5 has closed loop disturbance to input transfer functions with factors of the form, $1/(\text{wing angle to lift gain})$ and $1/(\text{wing angle to torque gain})$, most clearly seen in eq(5.14) and eq(5.15) where the factor is $(1/k_{tb})$. In an attempt to make better use of the plant inputs, a controller structure which turns the wings at a rate determined by their maximum rates in the direction to correct errors was investigated. As the rate limits of the front and back wings are the same ($200^\circ/s$), for a diagonal controller, this corresponds to modifying the open loop plant input via the filter,

$$\underline{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.1)$$

so that the modified plant numerator matrix is,

$$\underline{N} \underline{H} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{tf} + k_{tb} & k_{tf} - k_{tb} \\ k_{lf} - k_{lb} & k_{lf} + k_{lb} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_t & -\Delta_t \\ -\Delta_\ell & \Sigma_\ell \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.2)$$

As $\Delta_t \approx k_t$ and $\Sigma_\ell \approx k_\ell$ (Appendix 3.1 gives the formulas for evaluating the relevant the parameters from eq(2.21)),

$$\underline{P}' = \underline{D}^{-1} \underline{N} \underline{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Sigma_t}{J(s)} & \frac{-\Delta_t}{J(s)} \\ \frac{-(\Delta_\ell J s^2 + \Delta_\ell \mu_t s - 2k)}{J(s) M(s)} & \frac{\Sigma_\ell J s^2 + \Sigma_\ell \mu_t s}{J(s) M(s)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.3)$$

and,

$$\underline{P}'^{-1} = \underline{H}^{-1} \underline{N}^{-1} \underline{D} = \frac{1}{2k} \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_\ell J s^2 + \Sigma_\ell \mu_t s & \Delta_t (m s^2 + \mu_\ell s) \\ \Delta_\ell J s^2 + \Delta_\ell \mu_t s - 2k & \Sigma_t (m s^2 + \mu_\ell s) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.4)$$

The elements are labeled, $[\underline{P}'^{-1}]_{ij} = \frac{1}{q_{ij}}$.

with,

$$g_H = g_H(j0), \quad g_\theta = g_\theta(j0)$$

As in the anti diagonal controller of Chapter 5, the steady state gains of the controllers cannot be expected to be more than 1.0 (=0dB). This gain has the following implications for this structure: A 10° angle of attack error will result in a back wing position of 20° with respect to the ground (at which angle the wing starts to stall) and a front wing position of 0° with respect to the ground. A height error of 0.1m will result in both wings turning 5° up. Larger steady state gains could result in position saturation of the wings. In this case at nominal values,

$$\underline{T}_{EY0}(j0) = \begin{bmatrix} 11.4 & 10.4 \\ 0.84 & 4.12 \end{bmatrix} \times 10^{-3} \quad (6.21)$$

(with $g_\alpha(j0) = g_\beta(0) = 1$)

As the nominal is chosen at relatively high $k_{..}$ values, $\max(\underline{T}_{EY}(j0))$ could have 10 dB larger magnitude.

As the controller will be designed to be strictly proper it will be open circuit at high enough frequencies and,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow j\infty} \underline{T}_{EY}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow j\infty} \underline{P}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow j\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} \begin{bmatrix} k_{tf} & -k_{tb} \\ J & J \\ k_{\ell f} & k_{\ell b} \\ m & m \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.22)$$

At nominal values this is,

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow j\infty} \underline{T}_{EY0}(s) = \lim_{s \rightarrow j\infty} \frac{1}{s^2} \begin{bmatrix} 185 & -313 \\ 27 & 80 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6.23)$$

Since at low frequencies, the q_{ij} are essentially integrators, $q_{ij}/(1+L_{ij}) \approx 1/g_{ij}$ in equations (5.3) to (5.6) and t_{ij} are therefore expected to be flat at low frequencies. For specifications on $|\underline{T}_{EY}(j\omega)|$ the low-pass characteristic with asymptotes, $|\underline{T}_{EY0}(j0)| + 10\text{dB}$ (to allow for low gain plants and some overshoot) and $|\underline{T}_{EY0}(j\omega)|$ might be used and this specification modified as a result of tests or simulation. The high frequency transfer of disturbance to the plant output is fixed by the plant structure.

One could follow a similar procedure from eq(6.13) to examine the steady-state

transfer of disturbance to the plant input for the nominal plant. Notice that from eq(6.13) onwards, the direct control during the design of the plant input has been lost as a result of the filter, $\underline{\mathbf{H}}$. (Compare this to the design in Chapter 4). Specifications for the modified inputs, $\underline{\mathbf{U}}' = \underline{\mathbf{H}}^{-1} \underline{\mathbf{U}}$ could be developed and design using the modified plant $\underline{\mathbf{P}}'$ from eq(6.3) executed.

A more direct method than the above is to define the following ad-hoc specifications and modify the final design using the insight obtained via the design:

Summary of Specifications

1) It must fly.

2) The output loops must have the highest bandwidth possible so that $\left| \frac{1}{1+L} \right|$
 $\ll 0\text{dB}$ until $q_{ij} \ll 0\text{dB}$

3) To avoid high amplification of disturbances at the plant inputs and outputs,

$\left| \frac{1}{1+L} \right| \leq 3\text{dB}$ and $\left| \frac{L}{1+L} \right| \leq 3\text{dB}$ are required for all loops.

4) To ensure that the controllers can be realized simply, the controllers may not have more than +20dB/decade roll-up and must roll off around the corner frequency of the wing actuators.

These specifications are very rough and really only ensure some sort of robust stability via (3) and (practical) realizability via (4).

Pitch angle loop design

Bounds for the L_{θ} and some templates are shown in Figure 6.1 (input) and Figure 6.2 (output). The nominal plant was chosen as p_{012} for input and output loops. As a result the the nominal for the output loop lies outside the template and may itself violate the output loop boundaries. Note that the input and output bounds are much closer to each other in this design than in the diagonal controller design of Chapter 5. This justifies the statement made in Section 6.1 that the controller structure eases the design problem.

The controller designed to satisfy the angle of attack loop specifications is,

$$g_{\theta}(s) = \frac{(s+1)(s/10+1)}{(s/0.21+1)((s/150)^2+2(s/150)+1)} \quad (6.24)$$

The worst case bounds and nominal input angle of attack loop transfer function resulting from this controller, $L_{\theta 0}(j\omega)$, with actuator corner frequency of 100 rad/s is shown in Figure 6.3.

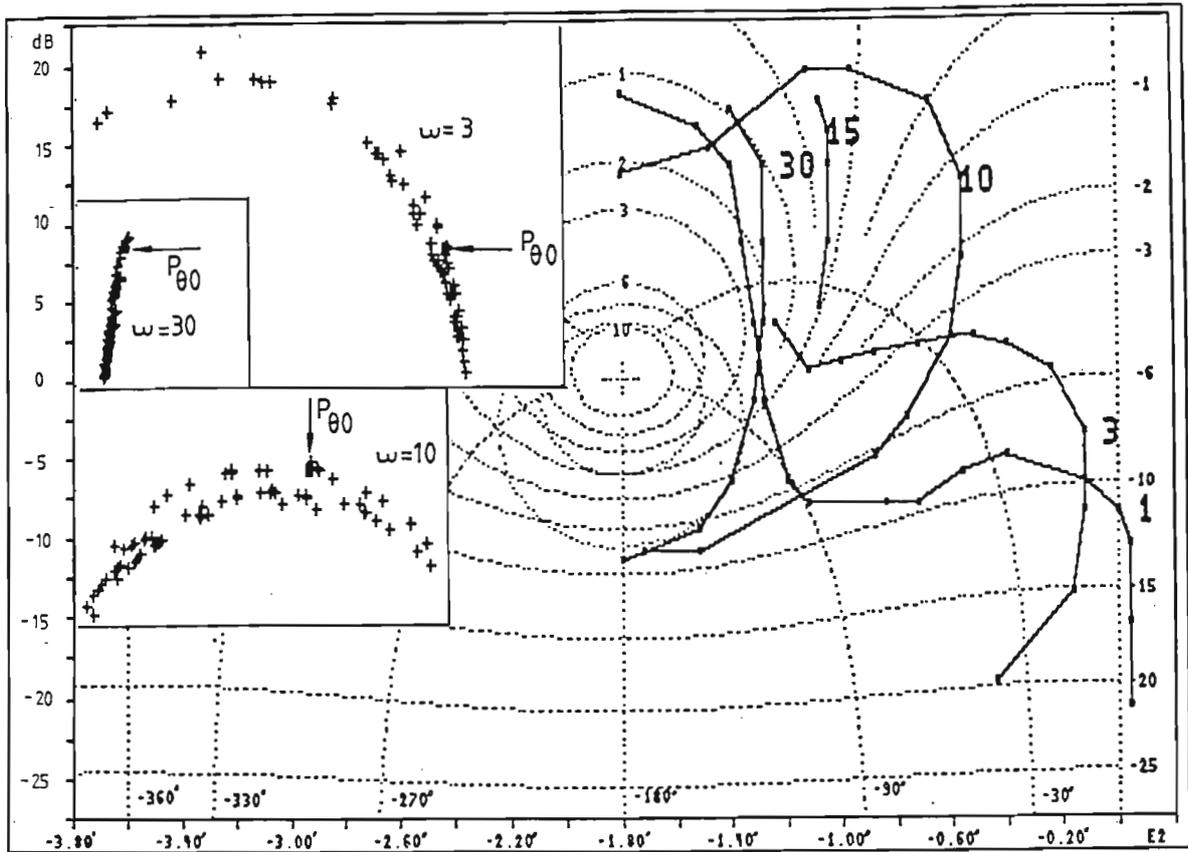


Figure 6.1 – Templates and bounds for $L_{\theta_U}(j\omega)$ (input) design

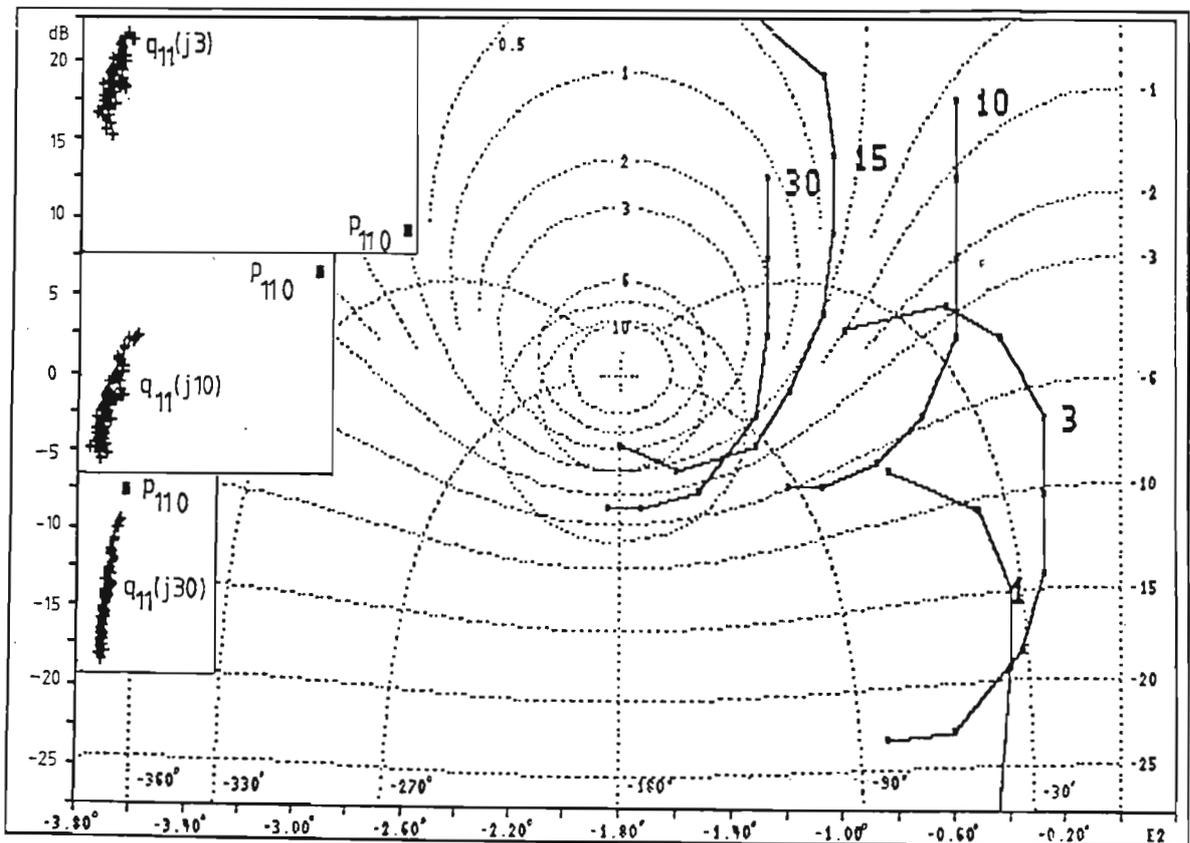


Figure 6.2 – Templates and bounds for $L_{\theta_Y}(j\omega)$ (output) design

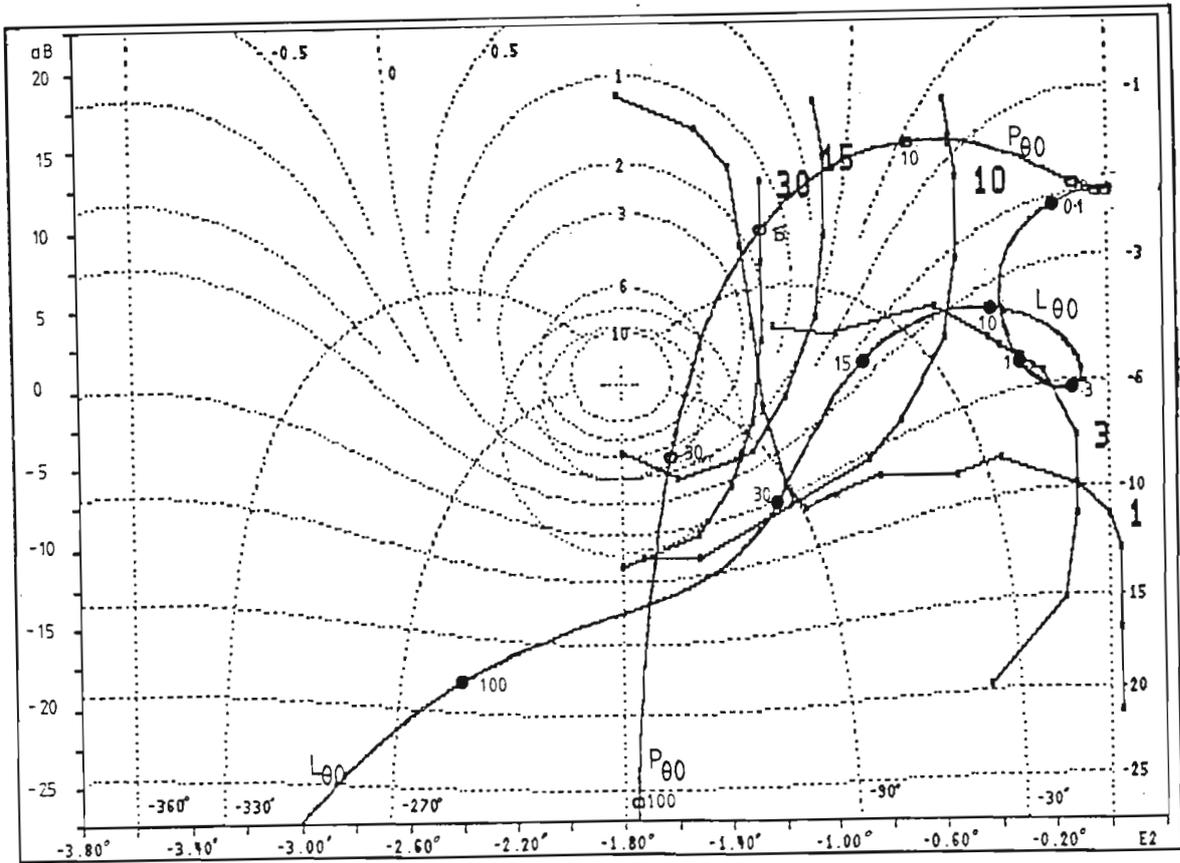


Figure 6.3 – Worst case bounds and nominal input pitch angle loop transfer function, $L_{\theta 0}(j\omega)$ design

Height loop design

The pitch angle loop was closed and templates constructed for the design of the height loop. The templates for this loop are those for an exact SISO design but the numerator terms of the closed loop \underline{T} have not been evaluated so that the height design is principally a stability design. The nominal plant selected for the design execution of this second step was $p_{0\ 21} \neq p_{0\ 2}$ of eq(3.36), which accounts for the nominal again being outside the template. This choice of nominal is justified by the ease of keeping track of the second order $p_{0\ 21}$ rather than the high order $p_{0\ 2}$. Compared to the design of Chapter 5, the nominal is quite close to the plant templates. Figure 6.4 shows the bounds on the nominal input height loop transfer function, some relevant templates and a loop transfer function corresponding to the controller,

$$g_H(s) = \frac{(s+1)(s/3+1)}{(s/0.21+1)((s/50)^2 + 1.4(s/50)+1)} \quad (6.25)$$

Notice that the bounds are more than satisfied. The original design was modified to give more phase lead around 5 rad/s when some poorly damped oscillations were observed at that frequency. The final "as implemented" result only is shown.

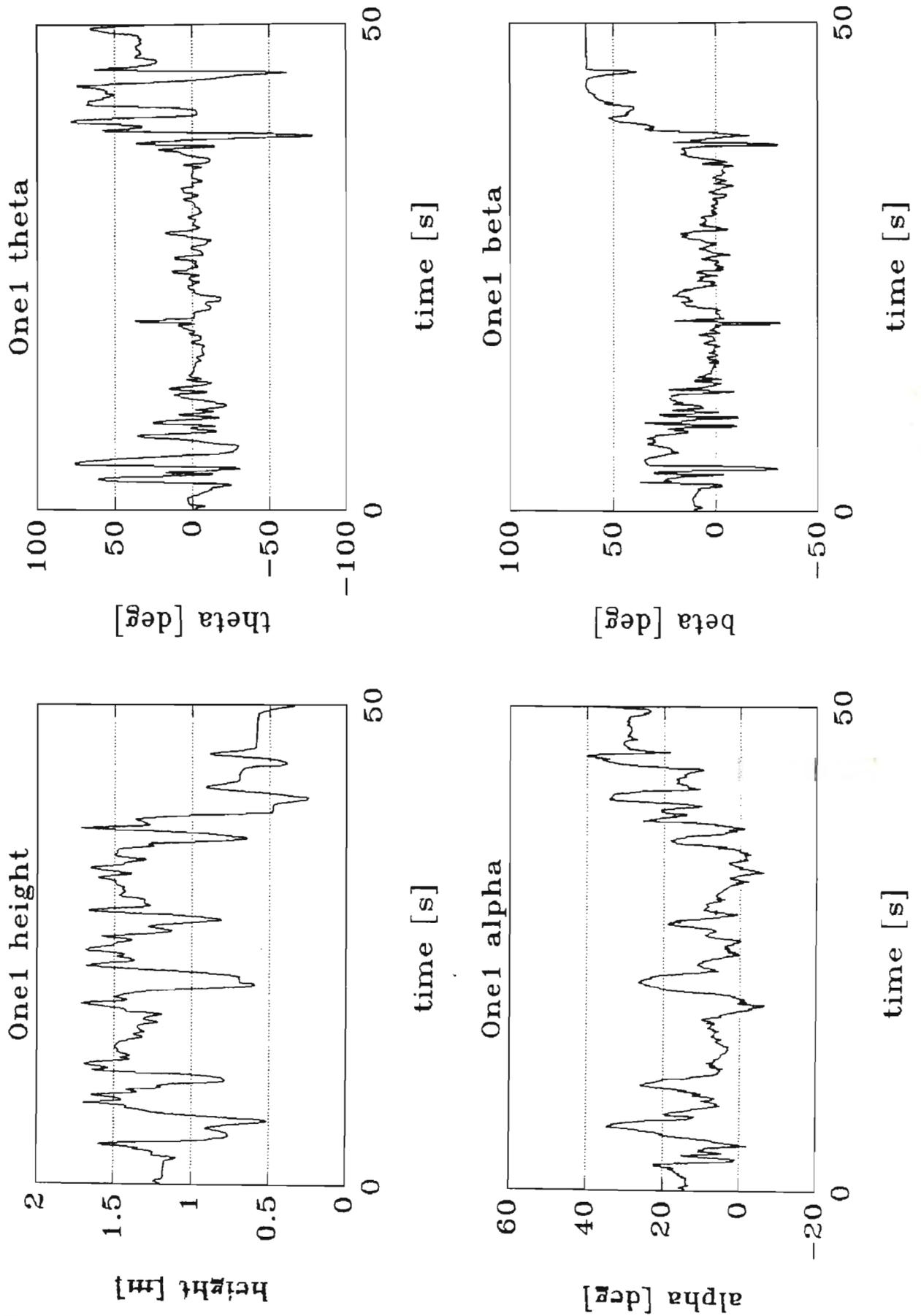


Figure 6.8a – Flight data (Test # One1) – disturbance regulation with constant height and pitch angle set-points

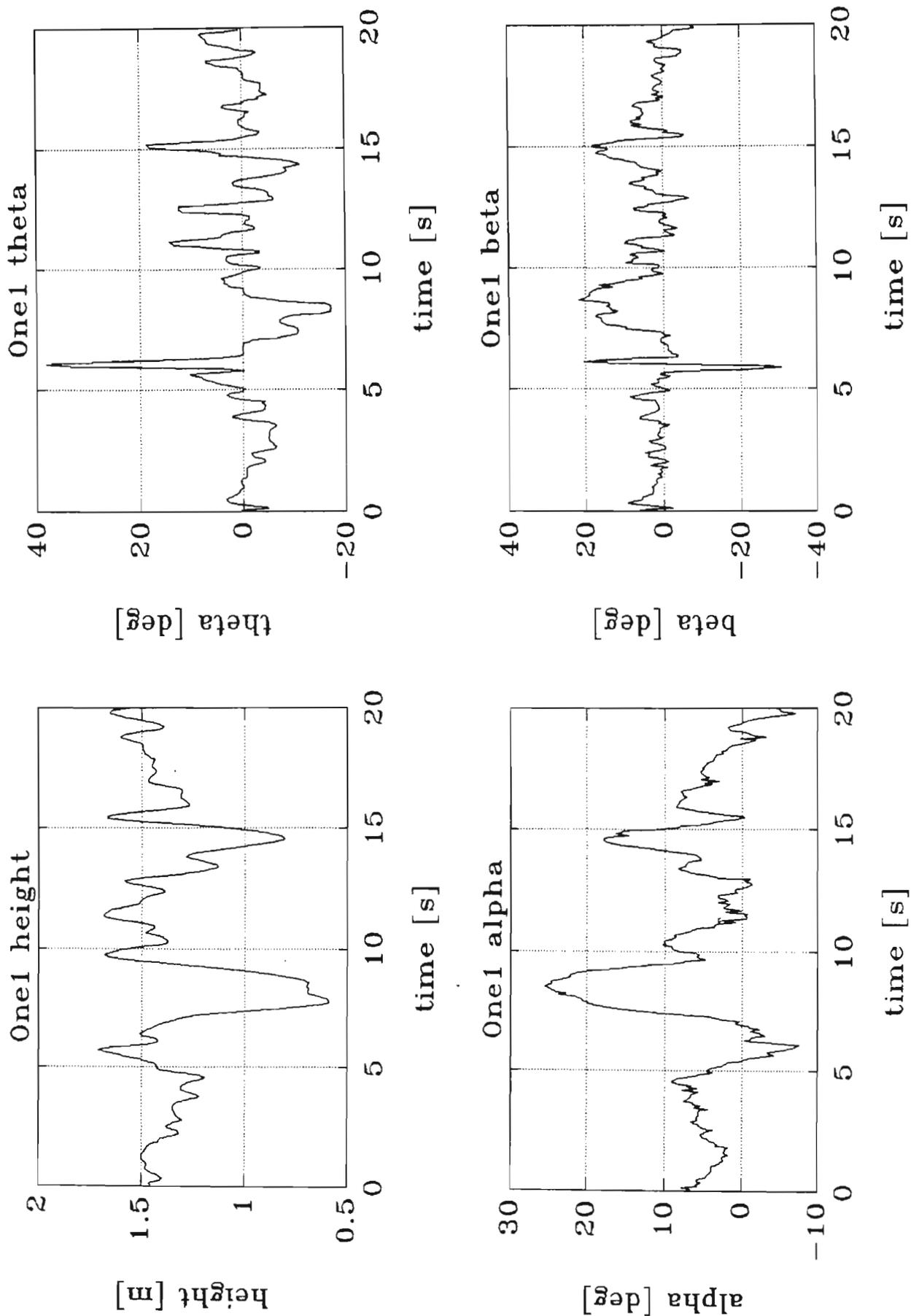
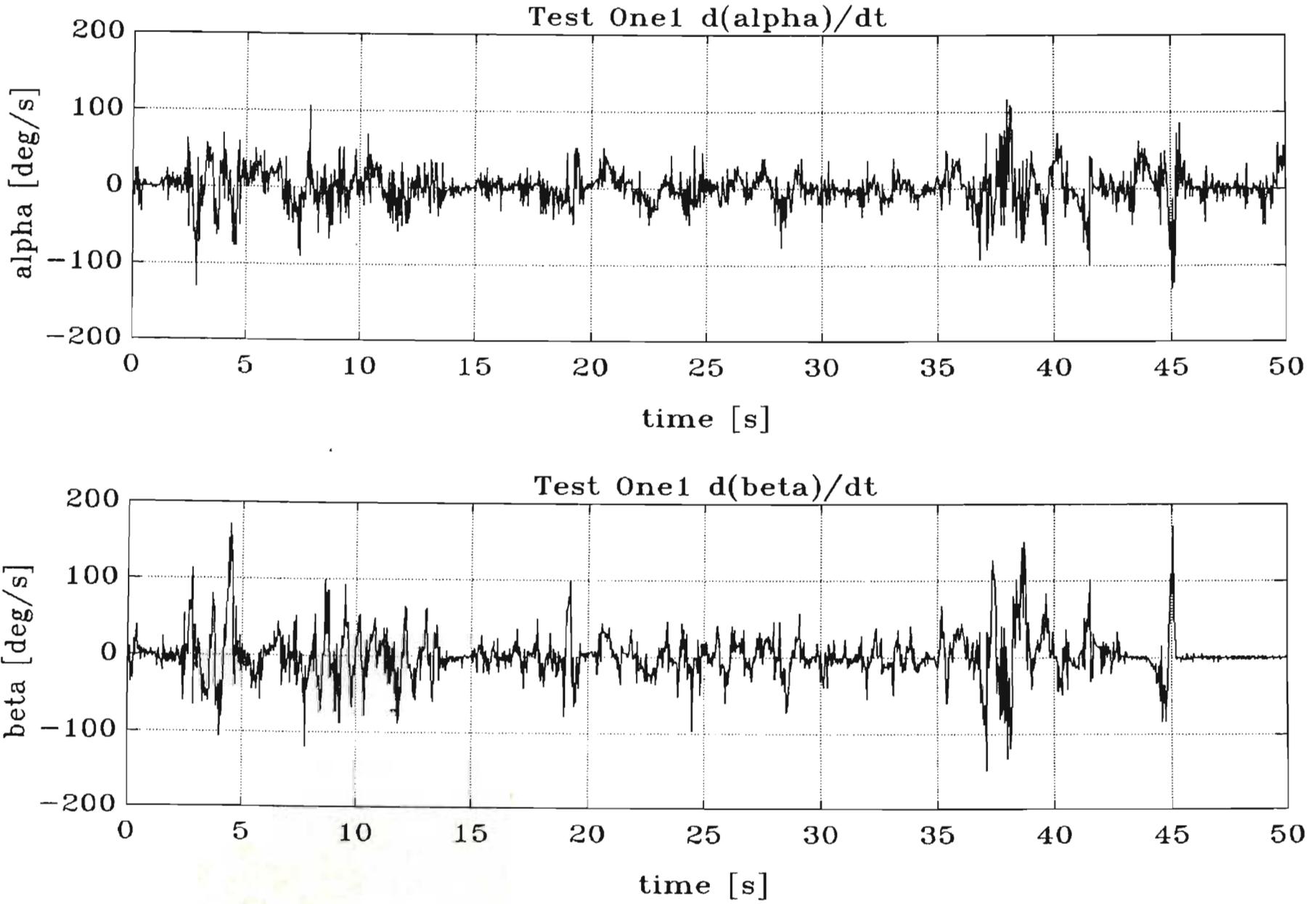


Figure 6.8b – Detail from Figure 6.8a – disturbance regulation with constant height and pitch angle set-points

Figure 6.8c – Flight data (Test # One1) – Front and back wing rate demands



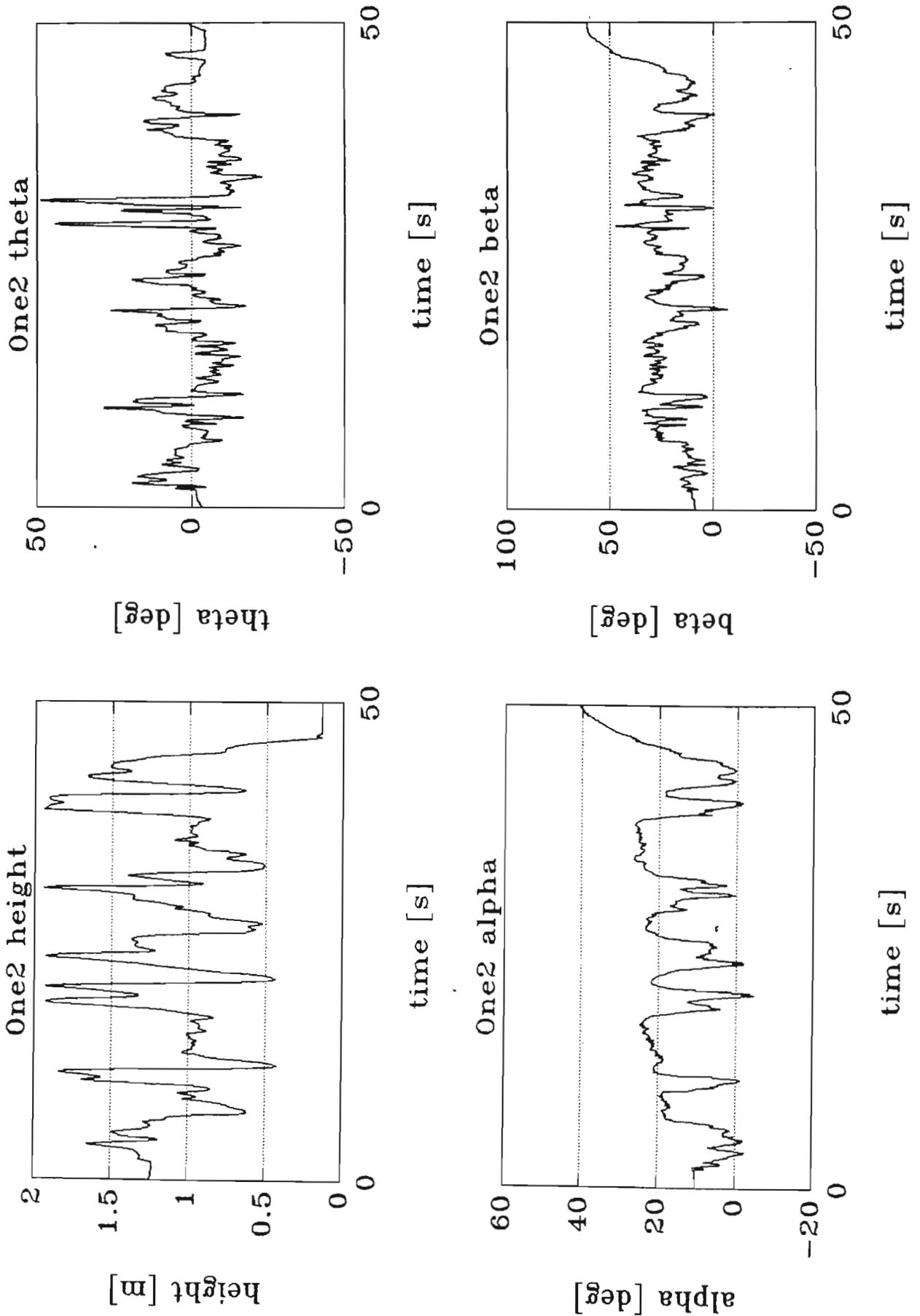


Figure 6.9 – Flight data (Test # One2) – disturbance regulation with constant height and pitch angle set-points

6.3 Conclusions

The dive in height at time $t \approx 7$ s in Figure 6.8b seemed quite characteristic of this controller.

The design apparently makes better use of the front wing than the diagonal controller of Chapter 5 did (Figure 6.8c) but does not utilize the wing turning capacity (bandwidth) as fully as the design of Chapter 4.

This rapid design highlights the advantages of classical design. Although quantitative design specifications were virtually non-existent (as they seem to be in many other practical problems), it was possible to design the single-loop controllers rapidly once the control structure had been fixed. After design of the pitch angle loop, the height loop was tuned as indicated above. Other experiments demonstrated instability when the height loop gain was increased by only 7dB (the captured data does not show this instability clearly as the flying machine was held on its leash for most of the test)

CHAPTER 7 – CONCLUSIONS

This thesis has described the development of a practical problem, a "flying machine", for testing control theory. The construction, modelling, parameter estimation and simulation of the flying machine has been described. It has been shown how plant input specifications can be included in the general QFT framework. Three controllers with different structures have been designed using QFT (with input constraints) to take parameter uncertainty into account and trade off disturbance attenuation against rate and amplitude saturation at the wing angle actuators. The controllers have been implemented and tested and the practical results compared to simulations. Defining suitable specifications during the course of a design has been seen to be very much more demanding than a direct design-to-specification problem.

This thesis has been strongly oriented towards the practical aspects of controller design. The application of "modern" control theory (LQG, singular value, H_∞ and μ synthesis) to the problem stated here would not be a trivial matter and the outcome of such an exercise is uncertain. As one of the fundamental reasons for feedback control is uncertainty reduction, modern control is in this instance best left to academics. (With the elegant linear quadratic regulator and observers etc being taught as a firm favorite in most universities' undergraduate courses, the author, as a graduate engineer attracted to control engineering, did not clearly understand the fundamental reasons for requiring feedback!) An example of how academics often are often unaware of practical problems can be found in the paper of Laughlin, Rivera and Morari (1987) in which a 19th order controller which has (unrealizable) +20 dB/decade roll-up at high frequency is proposed to robustly control a plant which does not have the same uncertainties as the specified first order plant with time delay has. This robustness is optimal in an arbitrarily defined way! This is not an indictment against the modern robust control research as there are many open questions in the control of practical systems.

In the designs presented here, strictly quantitative feedback design has been violated in the following ways:

- 1) The plant sets used in the design are based on the linearisation of a non-linear plant model about a number of realistic operating points. Horowitz's QFT requires a "linear equivalent" plant set derived by taking the ratio of Laplace transforms of input and output signals under a number of assumptions. The linearisations result in state dependent uncertainties and the "QFT" is not rigorous with respect to such models.

2) One of the fundamental reasons for requiring feedback in the flying machine problem is uncertain wind speed and wind direction. This uncertainty is plant gain uncertainty but wind vector variations disturb the plant and should therefore be regarded as a source of disturbance – fortunately feedback helps to reduce parameter uncertainty and disturbances in the same frequency ranges via $(\underline{I}+\underline{L})^{-1}$. This duality between disturbance rejection and uncertainty reduction explains the success of linear quadratic Gaussian regulator (LQG) theory for solving problems with plant uncertainty if one is able to guess (or find by exhaustive simulation) suitable weighting matrices (or equivalent disturbance models). See for example IEEE Automatic Control Transactions, 1971, Special issue on LQG problems. (The LQG design for disturbance reduction is hoped to be able to cope with parameter uncertainty.) Horowitz has investigated this problem (1963, Section 8.15, p.441). Incidentally, separating the parameter variation and disturbances during system parameter estimation is an open research problem (Boje, 1986, p.139).

This work has possible neglected theory and rigour because of the large number of practical problems which have been encountered. It has however been shown that controller design can formally include input specifications. This and the existing tools of Horowitz's Quantitative Feedback Theory have been successfully used to design and evaluate three controller structures for a practical plant. This plant requires feedback for each of the three fundamental reasons for having that feedback, stability, uncertainty reduction and disturbance rejection.

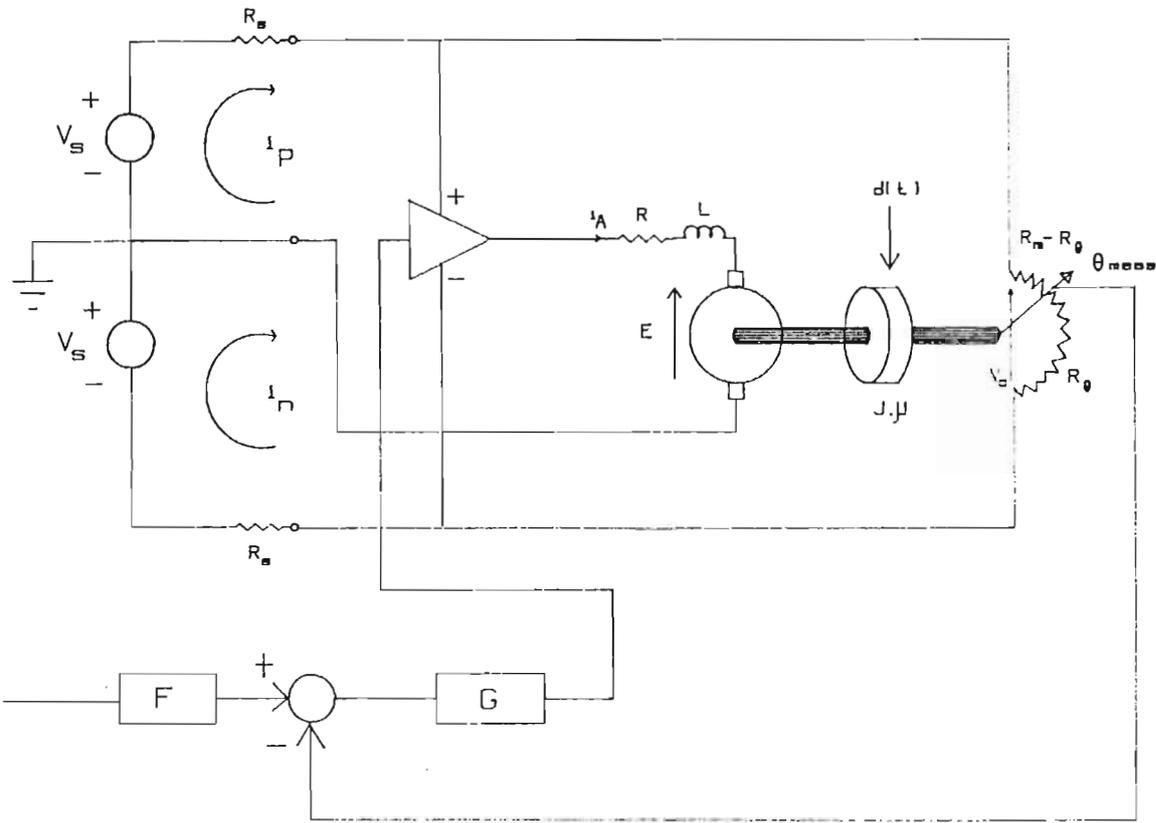


Figure 2-Non linear problem - power supply dependence

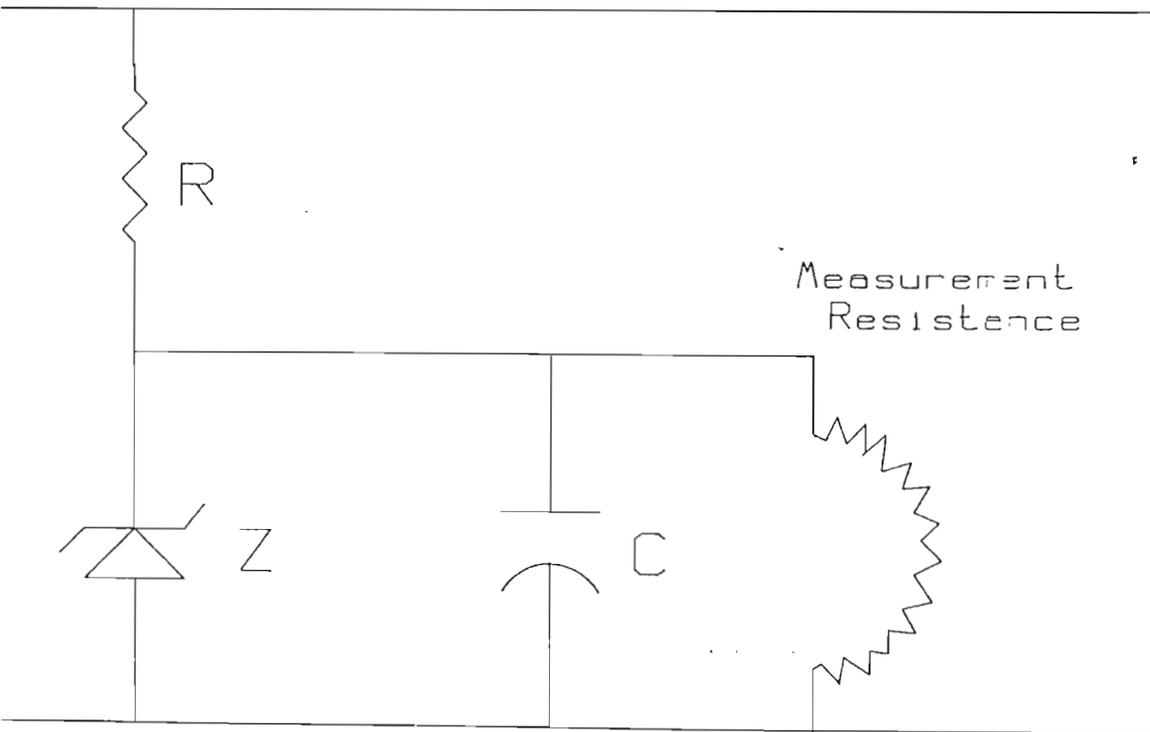


Figure 3- Power Supply Model


```
step := 1 TO NumberSteps DO
  write('step ');
  read(step,4);
  time := time + deltaT;
  theta := 0.0;
  height := 0.0;

  if time >= 11.0 THEN
    theta := -0.5;
    height := -0.5+1.0*(1.0-Exp(-0.7*(time-11.0)));

  if time >= nexttick THEN
    nexttick := time+ticklength;
    tick := FALSE;

  stepHeight := height;
  stepTheta := theta*180.0/pi;
  stepAplus := (AplusThat-theta)*180.0/pi;
  stepBplus := (BplusThat-theta)*180.0/pi;

  end.Plant(deltaT, AplusThat-theta, BplusThat-theta,
            stepHeight, stepTheta, tick, TRUE);
  CONTROLLERS.Controllers(deltaT, theta-0.017-theta, height+0.11-height);

  write('PLANTdu, CONTROLdu');

end.PlantState(PLANTdu, height, theta);
CONTROLLERS.ControllerState(CONTROLdu, AplusThat, BplusThat);

write('Height');
File(hres,NumberSteps);

write('THETA ');
File(tres,NumberSteps);

write('ALPHA ');
File(ares,NumberSteps);

write('BETA ');
File(bres,NumberSteps);

write('EndPlant');

CONTROLLERS.EndControl;
```



```
DEFINITION MODULE PLANTend;
matrix IMPORT RealMatrix;
FlyStart IMPORT vector;

RealMatrix;
vector;

PROCEDURE Plant(deltaT, AlphaHat, BetaHat : LONGREAL; step : CARDINAL;
               tick, disturb : BOOLEAN);
PROCEDURE PlantState(VAR du : vector;
                   VAR height, theta : LONGREAL);
  (* update plant's state vector *)
PROCEDURE EndPlant; (* Must be called before main module ends to
                   deallocate memory *)

PLANTend.
```

```
DEFINITION MODULE CONTROLLERS;
```

```
FROM Matrix IMPORT RealMatrix;
FROM FlyStart IMPORT vector;

VAR
  X : RealMatrix;
  dn : vector;
  OrderTheta, OrderHeight : CARDINAL;
  Kinv : ARRAY[1..2] OF ARRAY[1..2] OF LONGREAL;

PROCEDURE Controllers(deltaT, theta, height : LONGREAL);
PROCEDURE ControllerState(VAR du : vector;
                          VAR AplusThat, BplusThat : LONGREAL);
  (* update controllers' state vector *)
PROCEDURE EndControl; (* must be called before end of main module to
                      deallocate memory *)

END CONTROLLERS.
```



```

i := 1 TO DistLength DO
IF NOT(FIO.EOF) THEN
distLF[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
ELSE
distLF[i] := 0.0;
END;

Close(InputFile);

Print ('Front drag dist ');
PLOT
Str('Enter input file ');
File := FIO.Open('');
IF NOT(FIO.Exists(File));
File := FIO.Open('');
EOF := FALSE;
AssignBuffer(InputFile, InputBuffer);
i := 1 TO DistLength DO
IF NOT(FIO.EOF) THEN
distDF[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
ELSE
distDF[i] := 0.0;
END;

Close(InputFile);

Print ('Back lift dist ');
PLOT
Str('Enter input file ');
File := FIO.Open('');
IF NOT(FIO.Exists(File));
File := FIO.Open('');
EOF := FALSE;
AssignBuffer(InputFile, InputBuffer);
i := 1 TO DistLength DO
IF NOT(FIO.EOF) THEN
distLB[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
ELSE
distLB[i] := 0.0;
END;

Close(InputFile);

Print ('Back drag dist ');
PLOT
Str('Enter input file ');
File := FIO.Open('');
IF NOT(FIO.Exists(File));
File := FIO.Open('');
EOF := FALSE;
AssignBuffer(InputFile, InputBuffer);
i := 1 TO DistLength DO
IF NOT(FIO.EOF) THEN
distDB[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
ELSE
distDB[i] := 0.0;
END;

Close(InputFile);

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```

NextWind := 1;
allocateMatrix(X,8,2);
END PLANTend.
(*
inertia := 0.143; (* Moment of inertia about pivot*)
AreaFront := 0.0529; (* Total area of front wings *)
AreaBack := 0.16; (* Total area of back wings m2*)
uturn := 0.11; (* Rotational friction *)
ulift := 6.6; (* Sliding friction *)
mass := 1.5; (* Kg *)
CentreToPivot := 0.01; (* pivot in front of centre of mass *)
FrontToPivot := 0.43; (* m *)
BackToPivot := 0.24; (* m *)

AlphaOffset := 0.123;
BetaOffset := 0.062;
*)

```

CONTROLLER MODULE CONTROLLERS;

```
FI0;
) IMPORT RdLngReal, WrLngReal, RdStr, RdCard, WrLn, WrStr;

matrix IMPORT RealMatrix, allocateMatrix, deallocateMatrix, Entry, putEntry;

    MatrixResult, writeMatrix,
    makeZeroMatrix, makeIdentityMatrix,
    (* addMatrix, subtractMatrix, multiplyMatrix,*) Gauss;

lyStart IMPORT vector, pi, zero;

Order = 3;

parameter = ARRAY[0..(MaxOrder-1)] OF LONGREAL;

    vector;
    bT, aH, bH : parameter;

RE Controllers(deltaT, Utheta, Uheight : LONGREAL);

    , Fmat : RealMatrix;
    vector;
    , col, index : CARDINAL;
    OverT : LONGREAL;
    compat : LONGREAL;
    k : CARDINAL;
    e : BOOLEAN;

teMatrix(Phi, OrderTheta+OrderHeight, OrderTheta+OrderHeight);
matrixResult.Error THEN
Str('Failed to allocate PLANT.Phi');

teMatrix(Fmat, OrderTheta+OrderHeight, 3);
matrixResult.Error THEN
Str('Failed to allocate PLANT.Fmat');

roMatrix(Phi);

erT := 1.0/deltaT;
ow := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
:= row;
ntry(OneOverT, row, col, Phi);

troller theta *)
ow := 2 TO OrderTheta DO
:= row-1;
ntry(-1.0, row, col, Phi);

ow := 1 TO OrderTheta-1 DO
ntry(aT[row-1], row, OrderTheta, Phi);

ry ((Entry(OrderTheta, OrderTheta, Phi) + aT[OrderTheta-1]),
OrderTheta, OrderTheta, Phi);
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```
f[1] := -aT[0]*x[OrderTheta] + bT[0]*Utheta;
FOR row := 2 TO OrderTheta DO
    f[row] := x[row-1] - aT[row-1]*x[OrderTheta] + bT[row-1]*Utheta;
END;

(* Controller height *)
FOR row := OrderTheta+2 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
    col := row-1;
    putEntry(-1.0, row, col, Phi);
END;
FOR row := OrderTheta+1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight-1 DO
    index := row-1-OrderTheta;
    putEntry(aH[index], row, OrderTheta+OrderHeight, Phi);
END;
index := OrderTheta+OrderHeight;
putEntry ((Entry(index, index, Phi) + aH[OrderHeight-1]),
index, index, Phi);

f[OrderTheta+1] := -aH[0]*x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight] + bH[0]*Uheight;
FOR row := OrderTheta+2 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
    index := row-1-OrderTheta;
    f[row] := x[row-1] - aH[index]*x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight]
+ bH[index]*Uheight;
END;

(* Now make Phi*[dx;X] = [f;F] *)
makeZeroMatrix(Fmat);
FOR row := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
    putEntry(f[row], row, 1, Fmat);
END;
FOR row := 1 TO OrderTheta DO
    putEntry(bT[row-1], row, 2, Fmat);
END;

FOR row := OrderTheta+1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
    index := row-OrderTheta-1;
    putEntry(bH[index], row, 3, Fmat);
END;

(* AssignWrite(print, done);

WrStr('In controller');
WrLn;
writeMatrix(Phi, 'd');
writeMatrix(Fmat, 'd');
UnAssignWrite(done);
*)

Gauss(Phi, Fmat, rank, incompat, zero);
IF MatrixResult.Error THEN
    WrStr('matrix error in Controllers');
    WrLn;
END;

(* AssignWrite(print, done);

writeMatrix(Fmat, 'd');
WrLn;
UnAssignWrite(done);
*)
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construct [dx;X] *)
row := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
row] := Entry(row,1,Fmat);

LngReal(dx[i],9); *)

Entry(Entry(row,2,Fmat),row,1,X);
Entry(Entry(row,3,Fmat),row,2,X);

; *)
ocateMatrix(Phi);
ocateMatrix(Fmat);

rollers;

-----*)
E ControllerState(VAR du : vector;
VAR AplusThat, BplusThat : LONGREAL);
(* update controllers' state vector *)

CARDINAL;

r('ControllerState');
;

:= 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
:= x[i] + dx[i] + Entry(i,1,X)*du[1] + Entry(i,2,X)*du[2];
LngReal(x[i],9);
Str(' ');

; *)

mat := Kinvs[1,1]*x[OrderTheta] + Kinvs[1,2]*x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight];
mat := Kinvs[2,1]*x[OrderTheta] + Kinvs[2,2]*x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight];

ollerState;

-----*)

EndControl; (* must be called before end of main module to
deallocate memory *)

ateMatrix(X);
ntrol;

-----*)

: CARDINAL;
Buffer : ARRAY[1..(1024+FIO.BufferOverhead)] OF BYTE;
File : FIO.File;
ame : ARRAY[1..10] OF CHAR;

Initialising CONTROLLERS');

Controller data ');

('Enter input file ');
(FileName);

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UNTIL FIO.Exists(FileName);
InputFile := FIO.Open(FileName);
FIO.AssignBuffer(InputFile, InputBuffer);
OrderTheta := FIO.RdCard(InputFile);
OrderHeight := FIO.RdCard(InputFile);
FOR i:= 0 TO OrderTheta-1 DO
bt[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;
FOR i:= 0 TO OrderTheta-1 DO
at[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;

FOR i:= 0 TO OrderHeight-1 DO
bh[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;
FOR i:= 0 TO OrderHeight-1 DO
ah[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;

FOR i:= 1 TO 2 DO
FOR j:= 1 TO 2 DO
Kinvs[i,j] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;
END;

FOR i := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
x[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;
FIO.Close(InputFile);

allocateMatrix(X,OrderTheta+OrderHeight,2);

END CONTROLLERS.

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PLANTATION MODULE HorCtl;

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FIO;

D IMPORT RdLngReal, WrLngReal, RdStr, RdCard, WrLn, WrStr;

Matrix IMPORT RealMatrix, allocateMatrix, deallocateMatrix, Entry, putEntry,
MatrixResult, writeMatrix,
makeZeroMatrix, makeIdentityMatrix,
(* addMatrix, subtractMatrix, multiplyMatrix,*) Gauss;

lyStart IMPORT vector, pi, zero;

Order = 3;

parameter = ARRAY[0..(MaxOrder-1)] OF LONGREAL;

vector;
bT, aH, bH : parameter;

RE Controllers(deltaT, Utheta, Uheight : LONGREAL);

Fmat : RealMatrix;
vector;
col, index : CARDINAL;
OverT : LONGREAL;
compat : LONGREAL;
rank : CARDINAL;
error : BOOLEAN;

allocateMatrix(Phi,OrderTheta+OrderHeight,OrderTheta+OrderHeight);
MatrixResult.Error THEN
Str('Failed to allocate PLANT.Phi');

allocateMatrix(Fmat,OrderTheta+OrderHeight,3);
MatrixResult.Error THEN
Str('Failed to allocate PLANT.Fmat');

deallocateMatrix(Phi);

OverT := 1.0/deltaT;
row := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
col := row;
putEntry(OneOverT,row,col,Phi);

(* Controller theta *)
row := 2 TO OrderTheta DO
col := row-1;
putEntry(-1.0,row,col,Phi);

row := 1 TO OrderTheta-1 DO
putEntry(aT[row-1],row,OrderTheta,Phi);

putEntry((Entry(OrderTheta,OrderTheta,Phi) + aT[OrderTheta-1]),

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OrderTheta,OrderTheta,Phi));

f[1] := -aT[0]*x[OrderTheta] + bT[0]*Utheta;
FOR row := 2 TO OrderTheta DO
f[row] := x[row-1] - aT[row-1]*x[OrderTheta] + bT[row-1]*Utheta;
END;

(* Controller height *)
FOR row := OrderTheta+2 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
col := row-1;
putEntry(-1.0,row,col,Phi);
END;
FOR row := OrderTheta+1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight-1 DO
index := row-1-OrderTheta;
putEntry(aH[index],row,OrderTheta+OrderHeight,Phi);
END;
index := OrderTheta+OrderHeight;
putEntry ((Entry(index, index, Phi) + aH[OrderHeight-1]),
index, index, Phi);

f[OrderTheta+1] := -aH[0]*x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight] + bH[0]*Uheight;
FOR row := OrderTheta+2 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
index := row-1-OrderTheta;
f[row] := x[row-1] - aH[index]*x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight]
+ bH[index]*Uheight;
END;

(* Now make Phi*[dx;X] = [f;F] *)
makeZeroMatrix(Fmat);
FOR row := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
putEntry(f[row],row,1,Fmat);
END;
FOR row := 1 TO OrderTheta DO
putEntry(bT[row-1],row,2,Fmat);
END;

FOR row := OrderTheta+1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
index := row-OrderTheta-1;
putEntry(bH[index],row,3,Fmat);
END;

Gauss(Phi, Fmat, rank, incompat, zero);
IF MatrixResult.Error THEN
WrStr('matrix error in Controllers');
WrLn;
END;

(* now construct [dx;X] *)
FOR row := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
dx[row] := Entry(row,1,Fmat);

putEntry(Entry(row,2,Fmat),row,1,X);
putEntry(Entry(row,3,Fmat),row,2,X);
END;
deallocateMatrix(Phi);
deallocateMatrix(Fmat);
END Controllers;

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-----*)
RE ControllerState(VAR du : vector;
  VAR CtlThetaOut, CtlHeightOut : LONGREAL);
  (* update controllers' state vector *)

CARDINAL;

tr('ControllerState');
n;

:= 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
] := x[i] + dx[i] + Entry(i,1,X)*du[1] + Entry(i,2,X)*du[2];
rLngReal(x[i],9);
rStr(' ');

n; *)

etaOut := x[OrderTheta];
ghtOut := x[OrderTheta+OrderHeight];

trollerState;
-----*)
RE EndControl;   (* must be called before end of main module to
  deallocate memory *)

ocateMatrix(X);
ontrol;
-----*)

: CARDINAL;
tBuffer : ARRAY[1..(1024+FIO.BufferOverhead)] OF BYTE;
tFile : FIO.File;
Name : ARRAY[1..40] OF CHAR;

'Initialising CONTROLLERS');

'Controller data ');

r('Enter input file ');
r(FileName);
FIO.Exists(FileName);
ile := FIO.Open(FileName);
signBuffer(InputFile, InputBuffer);
heta := FIO.RdCard(InputFile);
eight := FIO.RdCard(InputFile);
= 0 TO OrderTheta-1 DO
] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);

= 0 TO OrderTheta-1 DO
] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);

= 0 TO OrderHeight-1 DO
] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);

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FOR i:= 0 TO OrderHeight-1 DO
  ah[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;

FOR i := 1 TO OrderTheta+OrderHeight DO
  x[i] := FIO.RdLngReal(InputFile);
END;
FIO.Close(InputFile);

allocateMatrix(X,OrderTheta+OrderHeight,2);

END HorCtl.

```