Review

Advanced Estimation Techniques for Vehicle System Dynamic State: A Survey

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Abstract: In order to improve handling stability performance and active safety of a ground vehicle, a large number of advanced vehicle dynamics control systems—such as the direct yaw control system and active front steering system, and in particular the advanced driver assistance systems—towards connected and automated driving vehicles have recently been developed and applied. However, the practical effects and potential performance of vehicle active safety dynamics control systems heavily depend on real-time knowledge of fundamental vehicle state information, which is difficult to measure directly in a standard car because of both technical and economic reasons. This paper presents a comprehensive technical survey of the development and recent research advances in vehicle system dynamic state estimation. Different aspects of estimation strategies and methodologies in recent literature are classified into two main categories—the model-based estimation approach and the data-driven-based estimation approach. Each category is further divided into several sub-categories from the perspectives of estimation-oriented vehicle models, estimations, sensor configurations, and involved estimation techniques. The principal features of the most popular methodologies are summarized, and the pros and cons of these methodologies are also highlighted and discussed. Finally, future research directions in this field are provided.

Keywords: vehicle dynamics; vehicle state estimation; model-based approach; data-driven-based approach

1. Introduction

To improve ground vehicle handling stability and passenger safety, a large number of advanced vehicle-active safety dynamic control systems, such as the direct yaw control system (DYC) [1–4], anti-lock braking systems (ABS) [5,6], four-wheel steering system (4WS) [7,8], active front steering system (AFS) [2,9], active suspension system (ASS) [9,10], adaptive cruise control (ACC) [11], collision avoidance system (CAS) [12], and other advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) towards a connected and automated driving vehicle have been developed and brought into the market in recent years [13–15].

However, the practical effects and potential performance in vehicle-active safety dynamic control systems depend strongly on real-time knowledge of vehicle states. For instance, accurate knowledge about longitudinal and lateral tire-road forces and vehicle sideslip angle means a better prediction of the real-time road condition and the potential vehicle trajectories, leading to better vehicle motion management. Unfortunately, some fundamental vehicle states are difficult to measure directly in a standard car due to both technical and economic reasons, wherein additional vehicle sensors are too expensive and measured signals may be lost under complicated driving environments [16–20]. As a
consequence, these important vehicle states and parameter information (e.g., vehicle velocity, vehicle sideslip angle, tire-road interactive force, vehicle mass, etc.) must be estimated or observed.

Vehicle system dynamic state estimation has been widely discussed and investigated in the literature. Different vehicle estimations can be further classified into two categories depending on whether the vehicle model is required. The first category is the model-based estimation approach, whereas the second category is the data-driven-based estimation approach. Vehicle model-based estimation approaches can be further divided into two sub-categories: the vehicle kinematic model-based estimation approach and the vehicle dynamic model-based estimation approach.

In contrast to the kinematic model-based estimation approach that attempted to estimate vehicle system state by finding the direct kinematic correlations between measurements and estimated states, the vehicle dynamic model-based estimation technique utilizes mathematical models to describe the transient behavior in vehicle system dynamics so that it possesses higher state estimation accuracy, continuously attracting the increased interest of academics. Different types of vehicle dynamic model-based approaches, along with different estimation strategies, have been developed and studied in recent years. More recently, with the rapid development of artificial intelligence, the data-driven-based estimation approach, artificial neural network (ANN)-based estimations in particular, have shown promising perspectives in vehicle state estimation applications.

Various published estimation studies are related to fundamental vehicle states that are unmeasured directly, and these estimated states (shown in Figure 1) mainly include vehicle operating states (e.g., vehicle lateral and longitudinal velocities \( V_y, V_x \); vehicle sideslip angle \( \beta \) at center of gravity (CG); etc.) and tire-road interaction (e.g., tire-road lateral and longitudinal forces \( F_y, F_x \); tire longitudinal stiffness \( C_s \) and cornering stiffness \( C_a \); tire-road friction coefficient (TRFC) \( \mu \); tire vertical load \( F_z \); etc.). Meanwhile, \( r, q, \) and \( p \) are yaw rate, pitch rate, and roll rate, respectively; \( \omega \) stands for angular velocity of the wheel; and \( M_x, M_y, \) and \( M_z \) are the overturing moment, wheel torque, and aligning moment of the tire, respectively.

Thereby, this paper presents a technical survey for development and recent research progress of fundamental vehicle system dynamic state estimation in terms of vehicle models, estimations, sensor configurations, and advanced estimation methodologies. The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, model-based estimation approaches are analyzed and reviewed. In Section 3, data-driven-based estimation approaches for vehicle dynamic state are introduced and discussed. Finally, conclusions are offered in Section 4.
2. Model-Based Vehicle State Estimation

As mentioned above, vehicle model-based estimation consists of vehicle kinematic model-based estimation approach and vehicle dynamic model-based estimation approach. Vehicle kinematic model-based estimation is to estimate vehicle dynamic states on the basis of the kinematic relationship between estimated states and the vehicle-measured data. Several studies relating to this aspect can be found [16–20]—for instance, in [16], the direct relationship among derivatives about vehicle lateral velocity, yaw rate, and the lateral acceleration at CG is considered, and then vehicle lateral velocity is estimated with the integration method

\[
V_y = \int V_y = \int (-V_x r_z + a_y) dt.
\]  

(1)

As presented in [17], vehicle sideslip angle \( \beta \) can be estimated by

\[
\hat{\beta}_{kin} = \int \hat{\beta}_{kin} dt = \int (\frac{a_y + g \phi}{V_x} - r_z) dt.
\]  

(2)

The kinematics-based estimation is a direct integration method of vehicle state estimation that also integrates the noise signal when integrating the useful sensor signals, whereas the vehicle sensor has a fixed calibration error and drift error wherein the accumulated error will increase continuously after a long time integration, and finally the estimation result will be seriously distorted and the estimated vehicle states will thus be extremely inaccurate. Considering the limitations of the kinematics-based estimation approaches, the majority of studies tend to research vehicle dynamic model-based estimation that applies physical and mathematical models to capture the inherent nature of vehicle system dynamics to estimate vehicle state. Different vehicle dynamics models may be selected for different estimation applications. Here, typical vehicle estimation models including the vehicle dynamics model and tire model are introduced.

2.1. Vehicle Dynamics Estimation Model

2.1.1. Vehicle Dynamics Model

1) Longitudinal model. The vehicle longitudinal model shown in Figure 2 is applied to describe the vehicle longitudinal dynamics of braking and driving maneuvers. When only the vehicle longitudinal motion is considered, along with the road grade angle, the lateral and other vehicle movements are negligible. The left and right wheels of a vehicle can be combined into a wheel by ignoring the difference in motion between the left and right wheels. Then, a vehicle longitudinal model called the longitudinal two-wheel model, consisting of the vehicle longitudinal dynamics model and the rotational dynamics of the wheel, can be described as [3,6,12]

\[
m V_x = F_{sf} + F_{sr} - F_w - F_f, \]

(3)

\[
l_{wi} \dot{\omega}_i = T_{di} - T_{bi} - R_e F_{xi}, \]

(4)

\[
F_w = C_d \rho A_f V_x^2 / 2, \quad F_f = \mu mg, \]

(5)

where \( m \) is the vehicle mass; \( F_{sf}, F_{sr} \) are the longitudinal tire force of front and rear axles, respectively; \( F_w, F_f \) are the aerodynamic drag force and the rolling resistance force, respectively; \( C_d \) is an aerodynamic drag coefficient; \( \rho, A_f \) are air density and windward area of the vehicle, respectively; \( T_{di}, T_{bi} \) stand for the driving and braking torque and of the specific wheel, respectively; \( \omega_i, l_{wi} \) are the angular velocity of the wheel and moment of inertia of the wheel, respectively; and \( R_e \) is the effective radius of the tire. Subscripts \( i = f,r \) stand for the front and rear, respectively.
where $I_{zz}$ is the yaw moment of inertia; $l_f$ and $l_r$ are the distances from the front and rear axle to the CG, respectively; $\delta_f$ is the front steering angle and it also assumes that steering action only occurs in the front wheel; and $F_{yr}, F_{yr}$ are the lateral tire force of front and rear wheels, respectively.

3) Double-track model. Assume that the vehicle movement is planar motion, and other vehicle motions such as pitch, roll, and vertical motions are also neglected. When the longitudinal motion is added and the dynamics for four wheels are also addressed for the single-track model, causing the four wheel vehicle model to then involve longitudinal and lateral motions and yaw motion, the so-called double-track model (shown in Figure 3) is often used to estimate longitudinal and lateral states, being modeled as [27,33,34].
Longitudinal motion:

\[ m(V_x - V_y r_z) = (F_{yfl} + F_{yfr}) \cos \delta_f - (F_{xfl} + F_{xfr}) \sin \delta_f \]
\[ + F_{xrl} + F_{xrr} - C_d A_f V_x^2 / 2 - \mu m g \]  
(8)

\[ V_x = a_x + V_y r_z. \]

Lateral motion:

\[ m(V_y + V_x r_z) = (F_{yfl} + F_{yfr}) \cos \delta_f + (F_{yrl} + F_{yrr}) \sin \delta_f \]
(9)

\[ V_y = a_y - V_x r_z. \]

Yaw motion:

\[ l_{xz} \dot{r}_z = \left( F_{yfl} \sin \delta_f - F_{yfr} \cos \delta_f + F_{xfl} \cos \delta_f - F_{xfr} \sin \delta_f \right) b_l \]
\[ + \left( F_{xfl} \cos \delta_f - F_{xfr} \sin \delta_f - F_{yfl} \sin \delta_f + F_{yfr} \cos \delta_f \right) l_f \]
\[ + \left( F_{xrr} - F_{xrl} \right) b_r + \left( F_{yrr} + F_{ylr} \right) l_r \]  
(10)

In the above dynamics equations, \( \delta_f \) and \( \delta_r \) are the front steering angles of the left and right wheel, respectively, and \( I_{xz} \) and \( M_z \) stand for the vehicle moment of inertia and yaw moment, respectively.

4) Roll dynamics model. The vehicle roll dynamics model shown in Figure 4 is introduced to estimate roll states. When vehicle roll motion is considered in steering maneuvers, and the following assumptions are made, lateral and vertical motions of RC are therein ignored, and then the location of the roll axis is fixed with constant height \( h_{RC} \). Bouncing and pitching movements of sprung mass are not considered, and roll angle is relatively small. The vehicle roll dynamics model considering the road bank angle can be established, and it can be derived from the roll moment balance [14,22,31,33,34].

\[ l_{xx} \ddot{\phi}_r = m_s h_{roll} (V_y + V_x \dot{\phi}) + m_s h_{xroll} g (\phi_0 + \phi_r) - C_\phi \dot{\phi}_r - K_\phi \phi_r \]
(11)

where \( K_\phi \) and \( C_\phi \) are the roll stiffness and roll damping coefficient, respectively; \( m_s, l_{xx} \) are sprung mass and sprung mass moment of inertia about roll axes, respectively; \( h_{roll} \) is the distance from roll axis to the CG of sprung mass; \( \phi_r, \phi_0, \) and \( \phi_r \) are the yaw angle, the roll angle, and the road bank angle, respectively.
2.1.2. Tire Dynamics Model

1) LuGre tire model. When the vehicle only keeps longitudinal motion, the LuGre tire model can be used to represent tire longitudinal force for the longitudinal two-wheel model under longitudinal friction condition [1,3,5,6,12]. The LuGre model incorporates transient behaviors of friction and road conditions by assuming an internal dynamic state of friction between tire and road interaction, which can be described as

\[ F_{xi} = \mu F_{zi} \]

\[ \mu = (\sigma_0 z_f + \sigma_1 z_f - \sigma_2 \nu_r) \]

where \( F_{xi} \) and \( F_{zi} \) represent the longitudinal and vertical tire forces of the wheel, respectively. Other relevant parameters of the LuGre tire model can be found in [1,3,5,6,12].

2) Linear tire model. When the tire slip angles and slip ratios tend to be small, longitudinal and lateral tire forces can then be linearly approximated by [21–27]

\[ F_{xij} = C_{sij} s_{ij} \]
\[ F_{yij} = C_{aij} \alpha_{ij} \] (13)

where \( C_{sij} \) and \( C_{aij} \) are tire longitudinal stiffness and cornering stiffness, respectively; and \( s_{ij} \) and \( \alpha_{ij} \) are tire slip ratio and the tire slip angle, respectively. Simultaneously, the tire slip angles can be given as

\[ \alpha_f = \delta_f - l_f r_z / V_x - \beta \]
\[ \alpha_r = l_f r_z / V_x - \beta \] (14)

It is worth noting that the linear tire model is appropriate under normal driving conditions, whereas when a vehicle experiences extreme handlings where the tire operates in the nonlinear region, the widely used nonlinear tire models including the Pacejka model, Dugoff model, and Brush model need to be introduced and used.

3) Pacejka tire model. The Pacejka tire model “Magic Formula” uses the same set of trigonometric function formulae to uniformly express the longitudinal and lateral forces of the tire. The tire–road forces with the nonlinear Pacejka tire model [28,30,32–34] are modeled as

\[ \begin{align*}
Y(x) &= y(x) + S_y \\
y &= D \sin(\text{Carctan}(Bx - E(Bx - \text{arctan}Bx))) \\
x &= X + S_h 
\end{align*} \] (15)

where \( Y \) stands for the lateral tire–road force \( F_y \) or longitudinal tire–road force \( F_x \), and \( X \) stands for the tire slip angles \( \alpha \) or slip rates \( s \). Then longitudinal and lateral tire forces can be presented as

\[ F_{xij} = D_{ij} \sin[C_{ij} \tan^{-1} \{B_{ij}(1 - E_{ij}) s_{ij} + E_{ij} \tan^{-1}(B_{ij} s_{ij})\}] \] (16)
\[ F_{yij} = D_{ij} \sin[C_{ij} \tan^{-1} \{B_{ij}(1 - E_{ij}) \alpha_{ij} + E_{ij} \tan^{-1}(B_{ij} \alpha_{ij})\}] \] (17)

where tire parameters \( B, C, D, \) and \( E \) can be determined on the basis of tire vertical force and tire–road friction coefficient [28,30,32–34].
4) Dugo tire model. The Dugo nonlinear tire model synthesizes the tire property into the parameters of the tire longitudinal stiffness and the tire cornering stiffness, which refers to certain tire–specific parameters. Longitudinal and lateral tire–road forces can be defined as follows [31,35]:

\[
F_{xij} = \frac{C_{sij}}{1 - s_{ij}} f(S),
\]

\[
F_{yij} = \frac{C_{aij}}{1 - s_{ij}} \tan \alpha_{ij} f(S),
\]

where

\[
S = \frac{\mu F_{zij}(1 - \varepsilon_r V_x \sqrt{s_{ij}^2 + \tan^2 \alpha_{ij}})}{2 \sqrt{C_{sij}^2 s_{ij}^2 + C_{aij}^2 \tan^2 \alpha_{ij}}} (1 - s_{ij}^2)
\]

\[
f(S) = \begin{cases} 
1 & S > 1 \\
S(2 - S) & S < 1 
\end{cases}
\]

where \( \varepsilon_f \) and \( \varepsilon_r \) are the front and rear roll steer coefficients, respectively.

5) Brush tire model. The Brush tire model can also reflect nonlinear characteristics of combined longitudinal and lateral tire force under the friction ellipse. The tire dynamics in the Brush tire model can be written as [2]

\[
F_{xij} = \frac{C_{sij} f(\xi_i) s_i}{\xi_i (1 + s_i)},
\]

\[
F_{yij} = \frac{C_{aij} f(\xi_i) \tan \alpha_i}{\xi_i (1 + s_i)},
\]

where

\[
f(\xi_i) = \begin{cases} 
\xi_i - \frac{1}{3} \mu F_{zi} \xi_i^2 + \frac{1}{2\xi_i} \mu F_{zi} \xi_i^3 & \text{if } \xi_i \leq 3 \mu F_{zi} \\
\mu F_{zi} & \text{else} 
\end{cases}
\]

\[
\xi_i = \sqrt{\frac{C_{sij}^2 (s_i^2)}{(1 + s_i)^2} + \frac{C_{aij}^2 \tan^2 \alpha_i}{(1 + s_i)^2}}
\]

\[
s_i = \frac{R_{aij} - V_x}{\max(R_{aij} - V_x, V_x)}
\]

and subscript \( i \) stands front \( f \) and rear \( r \), respectively.

On the basis of these vehicle dynamics models and tire models, various estimation strategies and approaches are introduced in this section. The vehicle dynamic model-based estimation approach is further classified into two main categories consisting of filter-based vehicle state estimation and observer-based vehicle state estimation. Filter-based vehicle state estimation is further divided into several sub-categories such as general Kalman filter (KF), extended Kalman filter (EKF), unscented Kalman filter (UKF), cubature Kalman filter (CKF), and other filter. Observer-based vehicle state estimation can also be categorized as recursive least squares method (RLS), linear observer, sliding mode observer, and nonlinear observer. Categorization of vehicle dynamic state estimation methodologies is shown in Figure 5. The most popular methodologies of the two main categories from the perspective of methodologies, models, estimations, and sensor configurations for vehicle state estimation are respectively summarized in Table 1 shown in Section 2.2 and Table 2 shown in Section 2.3.
Kalman filter estimation methods, such as the extended Kalman filter (EKF), unscented Kalman filter (UKF), and cubature Kalman filter (CKF), have been developed.

When the vehicle undergoes high accelerations under extreme handling conditions, the linear tire model was proposed to estimate the vehicle lateral velocity. Utilizing the combination of global positioning system (GPS) and other sensor signals, the estimated accuracy of vehicle states can be improved [22–26]. In [22], a novel KF estimation method with roll dynamics is studied to estimate vehicle roll angle and vehicle sideslip angle using real-time lateral tire force measured from multisensing hub (MSHub) units as an external input, and field tests with experimental in-wheel-motor-driven electric vehicles (IWM-EV) evaluated the effectiveness and accuracy of the developed estimator. The work [23] developed KF-based fusion technology of multi-sensor fusing from GPS and inertial navigation system (IMU) measurements to estimate vehicle sideslip angle through GPS and IMU complementing each other, whereas the study [25] employed the grade inertial sensor and a two-antenna GPS system to estimate longitudinal velocity, sideslip angle, and other lateral states. In [26], the dual Kalman filter (DKF) technique with GPS measurements was introduced for identification of tire cornering stiffness, and its experiments on both flat and banked curve roads validated the effectiveness of the identification method. A random-walk Kalman filter (RWKF) in [27] was presented for the lateral and longitudinal tire-force estimation that consisted of vertical tire-force estimation, shaft torque estimation, and combined tire-force estimation.

Note that the 2-DOF bicycle model with linear tire model-based KF estimation is valid for small tire slip angles, whereas vehicle dynamic and tire dynamics possess high nonlinearities when the vehicle undergoes high accelerations under extreme handling conditions. This means that the linear model-based KF estimator is not sufficiently reliable for all operational maneuvers. To face the requirement and challenge of system nonlinearities in vehicle dynamics estimation, different nonlinear Kalman filter estimation methods, such as the extended Kalman filter (EKF), unscented Kalman filter (UKF), and cubature Kalman filter (CKF), have been developed.

Figure 5. Categorization of vehicle dynamic state estimation methodologies.

2.2. Filter-Based Vehicle State Estimation

2.2.1. Kalman Filter(KF)-Based Estimation

1) General Kalman filter(KF)-based estimation. On the basis of the general KF framework, the stochastic estimation KF in [21] derived from the two degrees-of-freedom (DOF) bicycle model with the linear tire model was proposed to estimate the vehicle lateral velocity. Utilizing the combination of global positioning system (GPS) and other sensor signals, the estimated accuracy of vehicle states can be improved [22–26]. In [22], a novel KF estimation method with roll dynamics is studied to estimate vehicle roll angle and vehicle sideslip angle using real-time lateral tire force measured from multisensing hub (MSHub) units as an external input, and field tests with experimental in-wheel-motor-driven electric vehicles (IWM-EV) evaluated the effectiveness and accuracy of the developed estimator. The work [23] developed KF-based fusion technology of multi-sensor fusing from GPS and inertial navigation system (IMU) measurements to estimate vehicle sideslip angle through GPS and IMU complementing each other, whereas the study [25] employed the grade inertial sensor and a two-antenna GPS system to estimate longitudinal velocity, sideslip angle, and other lateral states. In [26], the dual Kalman filter (DKF) technique with GPS measurements was introduced for identification of tire cornering stiffness, and its experiments on both flat and banked curve roads validated the effectiveness of the identification method. A random-walk Kalman filter (RWKF) in [27] was presented for the lateral and longitudinal tire-force estimation that consisted of vertical tire-force estimation, shaft torque estimation, and combined tire-force estimation.

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Table 1. Methodologies, models, estimations and sensor configurations for filter-based vehicle state estimation.

| Methodologies | Models | Estimations | Sensor Configurations | References |
|---------------|--------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| KF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $V_y$ | $r_z, \delta$ | [21] |
| KF + RLS | Single-track + Roll + Linear tire model | $\beta, \varphi$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y, \psi, T_{ij}$ | [22] |
| KF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $r_z, \psi, \text{GPS}$ | [23-25] |
| DKF | Double-track + Linear tire model | $C_z$ | $V_y, \psi, \text{GPS}$ | [26] |
| RWKF | Double-track + Linear tire model | $F_x, F_y$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y$ | [27] |
| EKF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $r_z, \delta$ | [28] |
| EKF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta, C_a$ | $r_z, F_{ij}, \text{MSU}$ | [29] |
| EKF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $T_{ij}, r_z, a_x, \delta$ | [30] |
| EKF + SMC | Single-track + Roll + Doguf tire model | $\beta, \varphi$ | $V_x, r_z, a_x, \delta_y$ | [31] |
| EKF | Single-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta$ | $r_z, a_y$ | [32] |
| EKF | Double-track + Roll + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y, \varphi, F_{xy}, \text{DBE}$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi$ | [33, 34] |
| EKF | Double-track + Roll + Doguf tire model | $\beta, F_y$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [35] |
| EKF | Double-track + Roll + Doguf tire model | $\beta$ | $r_z, \delta, \psi$ | [36] |
| EKF | Double-track + Roll + Pacejka tire model | $\beta, F_y, F_z$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi$ | [37] |
| EKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [38] |
| EKF + MME | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y, F_x, F_y$ | $r_z, \delta, a_y$ | [39] |
| EKF | Single-track + Burchhardt tire model | $\beta, F_x, F_y, \mu$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [40] |
| EKF | Single-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta$ | $r_z, a_y$ | [41] |
| EKF | Longitudinal model + Pacejka tire model | $\mu$ | $a_x, a_y$ | [42, 43] |
| DEKF | Double-track + Roll + Pacejka tire model | $\mu, F_x, F_y, F_z$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi, \text{GPS}$ | [44] |
| EKF | Single-track + Roll + Linear tire model | $\beta, \varphi$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \psi, \text{GPS}$ | [45, 46] |
| EKF | Single-track + Brush tire model | $\beta, \mu$ | $V_x, V_y, \psi, r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi, \text{GPS}$ | [47] |
| EKF | Single-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, \beta, \theta, C_a, R_z$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [48] |
| DEKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta, m, I_{zz}$ | $r_z, a_y, V_x$ | [49] |
| DEKF | Single-track + Roll + Linear tire model | $\beta, \varphi, C_a, R_z$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [50] |
| DEKF | Double-track + Doguf tire model | $\beta, \mu$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y$ | [51] |
| IMM-EKF | Single-track + Other nonlinear tire model | $\beta, \mu$ | $r_z, a_y$ | [52] |
| IMM-UKF | Double-track + Roll + Doguf tire model | $\beta, \varphi$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi, \omega_y$ | [53] |
| IMM-EKF | Single-track + Other nonlinear tire model | $\beta, F_x, F_y$ | $r_z, \delta, V_x, a_y$ | [54] |
| UKF | Double-track + UniTire tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [55] |
| UKF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $a_x, a_y$ | [56] |
| AUKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta$ | $a_y, F_x$ | [57, 58] |
| CUKF | Single-track + Random Walk model | $\beta, F_y$ | $r_z, a_y$ | [59] |
| UKF/EKF | Double-track + Doguf tire model | $\beta, F_y$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [60] |
| UKF | Double-track + Doguf tire model | $\mu$ | $a_x, a_y$ | [61, 62] |
| UKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y, \mu$ | $r_z, a_y, \omega_y$ | [63] |
| DUKF | Double-track + Doguf tire model | $\beta, m$ | $r_z, a_y, V_y$ | [64] |
| DUKF | Double-track + Roll + Pacejka tire model | $\beta, \psi, F_x, F_y, \text{DBE}$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi, \omega_y$ | [65] |
| CKF | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $\delta$, $a_y$ | [66] |
| CKF | Double-track + Roll + Doguf tire model | $\beta, \varphi, F_x, F_y$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y, \psi, \omega_y$ | [67] |
| ACKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_z, \delta, a_x, a_y, \omega_y$ | [68, 69] |
| JCKF, DCKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y, \psi, T_{ij}$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y$ | [70] |
| IMM+CKF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y$ | [71] |
| PF | Double-track + Doguf tire model | $\beta, F_x, F_y$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y$ | [72, 73] |
| UPF | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta, F_y$ | $r_z, a_x, a_y$ | [74] |
| MHE | Single-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta, C_a$ | $r_z, \psi, \text{GPS}$ | [77] |
| MHE | Single-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta, P_y$ | $r_z, P_y, \text{GNSS}$ | [79] |
2) Extended Kalman filter (EKF)-based estimation. By using the single-track model coupling with a simplified Pacejka model identified as $F_{Tyre_{y,i}}$, which can reduce the need of tire parameters and computational load in estimation processes, the authors introduce EKF to vehicle slip angle estimation in [28].

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\dot{r}_{y,i} = \frac{V_x}{d_i}(F_{Tyre_{y,i}}(\alpha_i, F_{z,i}; \xi) + F_{y,i}).
\]  

(22)

In [29], on the basis of the first-order tire dynamics model that aimed at enhancing transient behavior of tires developed from the linearized tire model and relaxation time constant, EKF was designed to estimate the vehicle sideslip angle and tire cornering stiffness, and its effectiveness was evaluated and compared with kinematics-based method through field tests on IWM-EV.

\[
\tau_{lag,i}\dot{F}_{yi} + F_{yi} = \ddot{F}_{yi}
\]  

(23)

where $\tau_{lag,i}$ is relaxation time constant related to $V_x$ and tire relaxation length. The steering torque obtained from the simplified EPS instead of steering angle is used in [30] to estimate vehicle sideslip angle because of the fact that steering torque has a more rapid response when compared to steering angle. The effects of various vehicle–road system models for EKF estimation of vehicle lateral states and lateral tire force were investigated in [33,34], which consisted of vehicle models including 2-DOF, 3-DOF, and 4-DOF, as well as tire models involving linear tire and Pacejka tire. Utilizing the double-track vehicle model and Dugoff tire model, the vehicle velocities, as well as tire lateral forces, were estimated and reconstructed [35]. The work [36] discussed vehicle slip angle estimation when the vehicle lay inside an instability region under extreme steering maneuvers, and a variable structure EKF (VSEKF) was brought forward to estimate the vehicle slip angle via the modified Dugooff tire model and vehicle model where load transfer effect is compensated and integrated into the model. Two principal blocks applying two EKFs in [37] were designed—one that estimated vertical tire forces considering lateral load transfer and the other that estimated lateral tire–road forces. The research covered in [38] was a novel scheme to improve the computational performance of vehicle lateral and longitudinal velocities of EKF estimator through field programmable gate array (FPGA) and system on programmable chip (SoPC). The minimum model error (MME) criterion-based EKF estimation method was developed for two-motor-driven vehicles in [39] to obtain lateral and longitudinal velocities and lateral and longitudinal tire forces by eliminating the estimator error caused from the nonlinear vehicle modeling error. In [40], a new EKF estimation process was proposed in order to estimate vehicle sideslip angle, lateral tire forces, and TRFC by combining the single-track vehicle model and Burckhardt/Kiencke adaptive tire model that takes into account variations in road friction, evaluating it with two nonadaptive tire-based EKF estimators. An EKF method derived from the Pacejka tire model or modified Pacejka tire model has been proposed to estimate vehicle lateral states, tire-road forces, and TRFC [41–44]. By equipping additional GPS sensors [45–47], an EKF-based fusion methodology integrating in-vehicle sensors and single-frequency double-antenna GPS was developed in [46] to obtain reliable estimation about vehicle state information, such as vehicle sideslip and roll angle, while EKF estimation in [47] considered the vehicle sideslip angle and TRFC by fusing measurements of GPS and IMU. In [48], the EKF with parameter adaption was investigated to estimate vehicle sideslip angle and cornering stiffness; 262 test drives validated that the estimator can deal with banked corners and varying friction coefficients.

In order to simultaneously estimate vehicle states and parameters, the dual extended Kalman filter (DEKF) technique was proposed [43,49–51]. The work [49] first proposed a DEKF technique with two KFs in parallel, splitting the state and parameter estimation problems, as well as the feasibility and advantages of the DEKF estimator for combined vehicle states and parameter estimation, such as vehicle mass and yaw moment of inertia at CG, which are demonstrated in the theory. The DEKF-based state and parameter estimation for articulated heavy vehicles was discussed in [50], wherein vehicle states and parameters including height of trailer mass and roll moment of inertia were estimated and
implemented through experimental tests. DEKF was also applied to estimate vehicle states and TRFC in [51].

To adapt the complex estimation environment from various vehicle driving conditions, the interacting multiple model (IMM) approach has been developed to estimate vehicle dynamic states [52–54,80]. The research in [52] reported IMM-EKF estimation approach of vehicle states and road conditions, wherein the system model was constructed and modeled via 10 system models considering tire nonlinearity and different road friction conditions; the system model can be switched among 10 system models in a probabilistic manner so that states and TRFC can be estimated with high accuracy. In [53], utilizing real-time measurements from in-vehicle sensors of in-wheel motor-driven electric vehicles, the IMM estimation method was designed to estimate vehicle sideslip and roll angle, as well as lateral tire-road forces, by integrating two kinds of different vehicle-road system models to adapt variable driving conditions. The results show improved estimation accuracy of vehicle-dynamic parameters and vehicle–road interaction compared with the conventional approach.

3) Unscented Kalman filter (UKF)-based estimation. In contrast to the EKF method, UKF utilizes a set of sigma points to realize nonlinear transformation, which acts directly on the nonlinear vehicle dynamics systems to approximate the states. In [55], an unscented Kalman filter (UKF) method making full use of driving torques from a four-wheel-drive hybrid vehicle was employed to estimate vehicle velocities on the basis of the UniTire model in different driving modes, and the UKF-based vehicle sideslip angle was obtained as valued information of lateral stability control for in-wheel motored electric vehicles [56]. Considering the effect of model non-linearity, uncertainty, and road friction conditions, an adaptive variable structural UKF (AUKF) was studied in [57] to compensate the model uncertainty for vehicle sideslip angle estimation. The vehicle state estimation with AUKF addressed in [58] was a practical road influence of noise variance and covariance on the estimation accuracy of UKF, whereas the proposed constrained UKF (CUKF) technique in [59] fully took state boundaries, measurement noise, and nonlinearities into account to prevent unphysical vehicle sideslip angle estimation. To address vehicle system un-modeled dynamics and nonlinearities, EKF and UKF techniques for vehicle sideslip angle and tire–road forces estimation in [60] were proposed and compared, and road results demonstrated that estimation performances of UKF were far better than EKF with respect to road variation, which was tested from an experimental car equipped with noncontact optical corrects. A hybrid UKF estimator connected with two sub-estimators consisting of a vehicle state estimator and integrated TRFC estimation was developed in [61], and the mean-square-error-weighted fusion-based UKFs were shown to provide high estimation accuracy of TRFC by mixing the estimation of the longitudinal and the lateral UKFs [62]. The work [63] presented the novel UKF to estimate TRFC and vehicle longitudinal and lateral velocities with standard vehicle dynamics control sensors. The experimental tests showed that the designed UKF clearly outperformed the EKF in terms of estimation accuracy and robustness.

The dual unscented Kalman filter (DUKF) based on the double track model and Dugo tire was introduced to estimate vehicle sideslip angle and the key parameter of vehicle mass at CG [64]. DUKF, together with the double-track model and Pacejka tire model, was designed in order to simultaneously estimate the side slip angle, tire-road forces, and Pacejka tire parameters; then, the hybrid of the Levenberg–Marquardt and quasi Newton method was employed to identify the Pacejka tire coefficients [65].

4) Cubature Kalman Filter (CKF)-based estimation. The work [81] proposed a new nonlinear Kalman filter called the cubature Kalman filter (CKF) that solved the problem of “nonlinear function × gaussian density” in Bayesian filtering by using third-order spherical-radial cubature criterion, which can avoid the high-order Taylor truncation error in EKF and the instability of UKF caused from non-positive definite covariance in higher order non-linear systems. Several studies have tried to estimate vehicle states and parameters with the CKF technique [66–71]. The CKF method modeled from the double-track vehicle dynamics model and Dugoff tire was introduced in [67] to estimate vehicle sideslip angle and lateral tire forces by utilizing real-time measurements from standard sensors for distributed
drive electric vehicles, and new adaptive CKF (ACKF) for estimating vehicle lateral and longitudinal velocities were found to present higher performance of anti-nonlinearity and noise when compared with the EKF and UKF methods [68]. In [69], the adaptive square-root CKF (ACKF)-based vehicle sideslip angle estimator was developed to adaptively adjust for the vehicle dynamics nonlinearity and model uncertainty using the integral estimation with the zero-point-reset method. To obtain vehicle states as well as unknown road condition [70], the dual cubature Kalman filter (DCKF) and joint cubature Kalman filter (JCKF) were designed to estimate vehicle lateral and longitudinal velocities and TRFC at each wheel. A novel IMM approach investigated in [71] was the hybrid estimator formed by fusing the square-root CKF and horizon Kalman filter with the square-root cubature method to estimate vehicle sideslip angle.

2.2.2. Other Filter-Based Estimations

1) Particle Filter (PF)-based estimation. It is worth noting that the basic assumption of the aforementioned different types of Kalman filters is that the process noise and measurement noise of the system belongs to the Gaussian distribution. Whereas the real driving conditions and vehicle environments are complex, the Gaussian assumption-based Kalman filter is not always correct in practice. To address this issue, several other filters have been developed to estimate vehicle states. On the basis of the Monte Carlo and importance sampling assumptions, a new particle filter (PF) [72,73] with non-Gaussian distribution by using numerous particles was proposed for vehicle dynamic sideslip angle and tire lateral and longitudinal forces estimation, providing better precision when compared with EKF from experimental validations. To make up the shortage of sample impoverishment in PF, the unscented particle filter (UPF) was reported in [74] to estimate IWM vehicle states, such as vehicle sideslip angle and lateral tire force, in the high-order nonlinear vehicle dynamic system.

2) Other filter-based estimations. A moving horizon estimation (MHE) for vehicle sideslip angle has been introduced under corrupted measurement noise [75]. The online implementation problem of the MHE methodology in complex vehicle dynamics was also optimized using nonlinear finite impulse response (NFIR) filters [76]. The approach adopted in [77] was that of the state-dependent Riccati equation (SDRE)-based nonlinear filter on sideslip angle estimation to fully consider vehicle dynamic nonlinearities and measurement noise. In [78], the EKF and EHF filters under minimizing separate criteria were studied as estimators of vehicle sideslip angle and tire cornering stiffness. The performance of two estimators were compared according to the criterion of mean squared error and steady-state error. The work [79] proposed nonlinear constrained MHE to estimate mainly the vehicle position $P_p$ and vehicle sideslip angle for future autonomous vehicles; the delayed measurements from the global navigation satellite system (GNSS) and road boundary constraints can be directly incorporated into MHE, and real-world experiments show that the proposed MHE possesses improved estimation performance in comparison to the EKF.

2.3. Observer-Based Vehicle State Estimation

2.3.1. Recursive Least Squares Method

The recursive least squares (RLS) method was applied to identify wheel slip corresponding to the peak of the TRFC in [82] and individual wheel TRFC estimation in [83], studied in order to provide real-time information for braking systems, traction control, and yaw stability control. RLS with forgetting factors were developed for implementing estimation of tire cornering stiffness and vehicle sideslip angle for IWM electric vehicles using onboard sensors [84,85], and a resonance frequency-based RLS was presented to estimate TRFC by considering the frequency response of the IWM drive system dynamics [86]. The linearized recursive least squares (LRLS) method in [87] identified the TRFC and tire cornering stiffness by the combined lateral and longitudinal tire model, making full use of frictional limits, and the proposed TRFC estimator with RLS [88] was based on measured 6-DOF vehicle body accelerations and accelerations at the tire.
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Table 2. Methodologies, models, estimations and sensor configurations for observer-based vehicle state estimation.

| Methodologies | Models | Estimations | Sensor Configurations | References |
|---------------|--------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| RLS           | Longitudinal model + Burchhardt tire model | $\mu$ | $a, \omega, \omega$ | [82] |
| RLS           | Longitudinal model + Dugoff tire model | $\mu, F_x, F_y$ | $V_x, a_x, GPS$ | [83] |
| RLS           | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta, C_x$ | $r_x, V_x, \omega_y, T_{ij}$ | [84] |
| RLS + NLO     | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta, C_x$ | $r_x$ | [85] |
| RLS + LRLS    | Longitudinal model + Linear tire model | $\mu$ | $V_x, T_{m}, \omega_{ij}$ | [86] |
| LRLS + KF     | Double-track + Brush tire model | $\beta, F_x, F_y, F_z, \mu, C_{ij}, \omega_{ij}, \omega_{ij}$ | $r_x, a_x, \omega_y, \omega_{ij}$ | [87] |
| RLS + KF      | Single-track + Suspension model | $\beta, F_x, F_y, F_z$ | $V_x, r_x, a_x, a_y, p$ | [88] |
| SOLEO         | Longitudinal model + Burchhardt tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x$ | [89] |
| SOLEO         | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x, r_y$ | [90] |
| SOLEO         | Longitudinal model + Pacejka tire model | $\mu, F_x, F_y$ | $V_x, a_x, \omega_{ij}$ | [91] |
| SOLEO         | Single-track + Brush tire model | $\mu$ | $F_y$ | [92] |
| SMO + RLS     | Longitudinal model + Brush tire model | $\beta, \varphi, F_x, F_y, F_z$ | $V_x, r_x, a_x, a_y, p$ | [93] |
| SMO           | Rotational model of wheel + LuGre tire model | $\mu$ | $\omega_{ij}$ | [94] |
| SMO           | Rotational model of wheel + LuGre tire model | $\mu, V_x$ | $\omega_{ij}$, $T_{m}$ | [95] |
| SMO           | Rotational model of wheel + LuGre tire model | $\mu$ | $\omega_{ij}$ | [96] |
| SMO           | Rotational model of wheel + Pacejka tire model | $C_x$ | $\omega_{ij}$ | [97] |
| VSSMO         | Longitudinal model + Pacejka tire model | $\mu$ | $\omega_{ij}$ | [98] |
| VSSMO         | Single-track + Linear tire model | $F_x, F_y, F_z$ | $r_x, a_x, a_y$ | [99] |
| VSSMO         | Double-track + UniTire tire model | $\beta, F_{ij}, F_{ij}$ | $r_x, a_{ij}$ | [100] |
| HOSMO         | Rotational model of wheel + LuGre tire model | $\mu$ | $\omega_{ij}$ | [101] |
| HOSMO         | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $\mu, F_x, F_y$ | $V_x, V_y, r_x, a_x, a_y$ | [102] |
| HOSMO         | Single-track + Roll + Linear tire model | $\beta, F_z$ | $r_z, a_z, a_y$ | [103] |
| HOSMO         | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x, a_x, a_y$ | [104] |
| NLO           | Double-track + Dugoff tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_x, \delta_y, a_x, \omega_{ij}$ | [105] |
| NLO           | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_x, \delta_y, a_x, a_y$ | [106] |
| NLO           | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_x, \delta_y, a_x, \omega_{ij}$ | [107] |
| NLO           | Double-track + UniTire tire model | $V_x, V_y$ | $r_x, a_{ij}, \omega_{ij}$ | [108] |
| NLO           | Double-track + Parametrized friction model | $\beta$ | $r_x, \delta_y, a_x, a_y, \omega_{ij}$ | [109] |
| NLO           | Single-track + Pacejka tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x, \delta_y, V_x, a_y$ | [110] |
| NLO           | Single-track + Other nonlinear tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x, \delta_y, V_x, a_y$ | [111] |
| NLO           | Single-track + Other nonlinear tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x, \delta_y, V_x, a_y$ | [112] |
| NLO           | Single-track + Other nonlinear tire model | $\beta$ | $r_x, \delta_y, V_x, a_y$ | [113] |
| ULO           | Roll model | $\varphi, \theta$ | $V_x, V_y, r_x, \omega_{ij}$ | [114] |
| SNLO          | Single-track + Linear tire model | $\beta$ | $V_x, a_y$ | [115] |
| SNLO          | Double-track + Dugoff tire model | $V_x, V_y, \mu$ | $r_x, a_x, a_y, \omega_{ij}$ | [116] |
| SNLO          | Double-track + Pacejka tire model | $V_x, V_y, \mu$ | $r_x, a_x, a_y, V_x$ | [117] |
| SNLO          | Double-track + Other nonlinear tire model | $V_x, V_y, \mu$ | $\omega_{ij}, T_{m}, a_x, a_y$ | [118] |
| NLO           | Rotational model of wheel + LuGre tire model | $\mu, F_x$ | $\omega_{ij}, T_{m}$ | [119] |
| NLO           | Single-track + Brush tire model | $\mu, C_{ai}$ | $\omega_{ij}, T_{m}$ | [120] |
| NLO           | Brush tire model | $\mu$ | $a_y, WPS$ | [121] |

2.3.2. Linear Observer

The work [89] studied Luenberger observer for estimating vehicle sideslip angle and lateral states; its estimation accuracy was experimentally tested using a laboratory car equipped with the non-contact optical sensor “Correvit S-400”. A second order linear extended state observer (SOLEO) from braking
dynamic was proposed in [90] to estimate TRFC, utilizing braking torque of front and rear wheels as excitation. The study in [91] designed an optimal sideslip angle observer via finite-frequency $H_{\infty}$ approach (HO) considering the frequency of the front-wheel steering angle measured from an IWM electric vehicle-equipped navigation system, wherein a robust sideslip angle observer (RO) established from a singular vehicle model was developed by applying the uncertain singular method for model uncertainty [92]. The controller output observer (COO) in [93] that derived the observer model with inputs was designed to estimate vehicle tire cornering and normal forces. A tire traction forces observer (TFO) that was robust with respect to variations of vehicle parameter uncertainties and road conditions was presented for guaranteeing desired traction forces in vehicle control systems [94]. Four different TRFC observers (FDO) with different lateral and longitudinal excitation conditions were integrated to improve robustness of observers by expanding the working range [95], whereas the research in [96] found that vehicle tire slip angle was highly coupled with TRFC, a robust adaptive observer (RAO) was decoupled for vehicle tire slip angle estimation coupled with TRFC, and its robustness and convergence can be guaranteed using Lyapunov theorem.

2.3.3. Sliding Mode Observer

General sliding mode observers (SMO) [97–103], second order sliding mode observer (SOSMO) [104,105], variable gain sliding mode control observer (VSSMO) [106], reduced-order sliding mode observer (ROSMO) [107], and higher-order sliding mode observer (HOSMO) [108–110] have been widely investigated for vehicle dynamic model-based state and parameter estimation, and experiments have confirmed that the proposed SMO can provide higher estimation accuracy when compared with EKF [100,109]. General SMO using the so-called equivalent control technique in observer is developed to estimate longitudinal forces [97], full tire forces and roll angle [98], and TRFC [99–102]. The SMO of combined vehicle velocity and TRFC estimation was designed by exploiting the low frequency component of the observer error dynamics [103]. The SOSMO using robust observer of supertwisting in nominal model was developed to identify tire stiffness and effective wheel [104], as well as TRFC [105]. VSSMO for estimating tire-road forces as unknown inputs was presented through on-board low-cost sensors from CAN-bus in heavy duty vehicles [106]. To reduce the implement load and chattering in vehicle lateral dynamics estimation, ROSMO in [107] was developed for vehicle slip angle and tire-road force estimation considering vehicle load transfers. On the basis of quarter vehicle dynamics integrated from LuGre friction tire, HOSMO in [108] was designed to observe TRFC as unknown input estimation, which was established with convergence of the estimation error under Lipschitz conditions and solved in terms of the supertwisting algorithm. The HOSMO presented in [109] was used to estimate vehicle sideslip angle and longitudinal force of IWM electric vehicles, and it was reconstructed by model decoupling and the electric driving wheel model, whereas vertical forces that can calculate the load transfer ratio (LTR) of heavy-vehicles for rollover risk prediction was observed by the HOSMO, and its performance was validated experimentally within many scenarios [110].

2.3.4. Nonlinear Observer

In order to directly deal with nonlinear problems in vehicle dynamics state estimation, concerns about nonlinear observer (NLO) tend to increase, and sufficient conditions for this type of observer are derived by making use of different stability theories [111–128]. Experimental tests have shown that the estimated performance of the NLO is generally better than that of the EKF [111,113,115]. On the basis of the input-to-state stability (ISS) theory [111–113], nonlinear observer of longitudinal and lateral velocities have been proposed. NLO that uses the error between measured and estimated lateral and longitudinal accelerations as the feedback term was developed in [111,112], and the work [113] constructed the reduced-order NLO (RNLO) wherein yaw rate was selected as a function of vehicle velocities, and the dynamics system error, including mass and CG variation, was considered as additive disturbance inputs of the ISS system. In [114], the adaptive vehicle sideslip angle NLO (ANLO) that is uniformly globally asymptotically stable and locally exponentially stable was designed using
Matrosov theorem under some technical assumptions and a parametrized road–tire friction model, and high-gain NLO (HNLO) of vehicle sideslip angle for adapting tire–road friction was presented by input–output linearization [115]. With the help of mean value (MV) theorem [116–119], vehicle sideslip angle NLO design described with uniformly bounded error vehicle dynamics was asymptotically stable by simplifying the nonlinear tire model [116], whereas the vehicle sideslip angle NLO in [117] was treated as a differentiable nonlinear system with a globally bounded Jacobian through modifying the MV theorem. In [120], the road bank was estimated with an unknown input observer (UIO) that was based on the roll dynamics implemented via dynamic fault thresholds algorithm. Using the singular values of this observability matrix, tire cornering stiffness was identified from vehicle sideslip angle NLO [121]. The research [122,123] introduced novel-switched NLO (SNLO) to estimate vehicle sideslip angle and TRFC simultaneously using the simplified Pacejka tire model or rational tire model through Lyapunov function. With extended information and architecture of four-in-wheel-motor-drive electric vehicles [124–127], the concept of effective inertia considering in-wheel-motor information was constructed to estimate the vehicle state of an electric vehicle [124]. On the other hand, a slip-based NLO with known motor torque in [125] was designed to estimate the tire longitudinal force and TRFC with Lyapunov stability theory, whereas tire cornering stiffness and TRFC estimation that was based on longitudinal force difference between the left and right wheels of in-wheel-motor-drive electric vehicles was proposed via algebraic techniques [126]. There are also some TRFC estimation methods that utilize tire lateral deflection measured from additional sensors embedded inside the wireless piezoelectric sensor (WPS) through the contact patch, for example, in [127,128].

3. Data-Driven-Based Vehicle Estimation

Data-driven estimation approaches are designed and constructed to estimate vehicle state and parameters on the basis of data that consists of historical and online I/O datasets in the vehicle dynamics system, and they gain inherited knowledge in capturing vehicle dynamic characteristics through processing these datasets [129–131]. In contrast to the aforementioned vehicle model-based estimations, the data-driven methods do not depend on the reference vehicle models, and they have been proven to possess the ability to avoid issues in vehicle dynamics estimation [129–131]. Among advanced data-driven approaches, artificial neural network (ANN)-based artificial intelligence (AI) is the most popular data-driven method for estimating vehicle state [129–132], the schematic of artificial neural network (ANN) estimation process is shown in Figure 6, which shows promising perspectives in various estimation applications such as energy estimation of ground vehicles [133], underwater vehicles [134], hypersonic vehicles [135], and unmanned aerial vehicles [136]. The main data-driven-based vehicle state estimations are summarized in Table 3.

![Figure 6. The schematic of artificial neural network (ANN) estimation process.](image-url)
In [137], the adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) with input delay technique was developed to estimate vehicle velocity and position through the fusion of datasets from the GPS and inertial navigation system (INS); experimental results have demonstrated that ANFIS can provide improved estimation accuracy when compared with the EKF method. The NNs have also been employed to estimate vehicle states by fusing multi-sensors [138–140,159]. The integration of GPS/INS through NNs considered in [139] was done to process the GPS signal in case of INS signal loss so that it can obtain accurate position and data, whereas the neural network-based MMF in [140] was adopted in order to obtain accurate and reliable position estimation of autonomous vehicles by combining GPS and on-board sensors. The deep learning (DL)-based GNSS network was also structured to improve the GNSS absolute positioning accuracy of automatic navigation of vehicles by combining various sensors [141].

Different ANN methods have been designed for estimating vehicle sideslip angle [142–146]. The works [142,143] presented ANFIS methodology to estimate pseudo-sideslip angle through measured parameters from steering wheel and inertial sensors, and experimental results showed that ANFIS can learn behaviors of vehicle sideslip angle reliably without difficulty, supplying more reliable estimations of sideslip angle than Kalman filters. General regression neural network (GRNN) estimator that derived from the RBF neural network using enhanced output of radial basis layer in [144] has been proposed; its homogeneous design is used to optimize the training samples of the driver–vehicle closed-loop system, wherein vehicle experiments verified the validity of GRNN where test amplitudes for mean of error are within 10%. On the basis of the feed forward and dynamic NN, the improved Elman neural network (IEMM) in [145] was introduced by adding the context nodes; it can be more sensitive to the historical data under self-linking between the hidden nodes of input and output in NN; thereby, IEMM possesses increased processing capability for dynamic information for vehicle sideslip angle estimation. The research in [146] addressed influences of vehicle velocity variations and various tire–road adherence conditions on NN performance of vehicle sideslip angle estimation; it is designed so that the NNs with 1 hidden layer of 10 neurons and a single output neuron where vehicle velocity, yaw rate, lateral acceleration, and steering angle are used as inputs, and the training sets of NNs are characterized by different clockwise and anti-clockwise maneuvers under high and low friction roads to increase its reliability; then, performance and robustness of the NNs are subsequently studied with experimental datasets. In [147], a deep learning network-based sideslip angle observer
was introduced, and professional road tests show that observer can accurately estimate the sideslip angle against various handling conditions.

To predict the lateral load transfer and roll stability vector in roll stability control system, the NN-based roll angle estimations in [148–150] were taken into account using IoT low-cost devices and IMU where longitudinal and lateral accelerometer, yaw rate, and roll rate can be easily measured as training set, and the NN embedded in IoT low-cost devices can handle real-time constraints. Herein, the experimental result verified that the NN can obtain improved accuracy during the estimating process of vehicle roll angle with respect to KF [150].

Aiming the estimation of tire–road forces and interaction between the tire and road, the feedforward NN (FNN) in [151] was used to estimate the lateral tire forces of nonlinear tire behavior without the tire–road friction model, whereas the multilayered perceptron NN (MPNN) with backpropagation algorithm estimated traction forces in [160] by using experimental datasets. The neural network-based tire–road friction force estimators emphasized in [152] were to improve estimation sensitivity of friction forces for friction adaptiveness. A novel progressive NN (PNN) was trained to determine vertical suspension force factors on the basis of the dynamic response of the tire and road interaction [153]. In [154], a neural network with the gradient descent method (NN-GD) was developed to represent lateral forces of tire dynamics, and the NN with 13 hidden neurons used a range of tire pressures, slip angles, normal forces, and inclination angles as trained inputs with 100,000 tire data points under combined slip conditions, which can generate lateral forces similar to the empirical models. By considering bounds or constraints of the input data, such as slip angle and other input data, ANNs and the Nelder–Mead-based method in [155] were compared and studied to estimate coefficients of the magic formula tire model. The deep learning method composed of the convolutional neural network and recurrent neural network was proposed to enhance the reliability of estimating the TRFC under different driving situations [157].

The ANN approach in [161] has also been reported as a solution to estimate the road profile in order to replace laser sensors or response-type road roughness measurements in vehicle dynamic systems, and the multi-input and multi-output feed forward wavelet neural network (WNN) wherein wavelet basis functions are utilized as activate function in hidden layer and back propagation (BP) algorithm applied in the training process was further developed for road profile estimation [162]. To predict the limit and margin of vehicle in road safety, this work [163] was done to develop NN methodology to identify the tire–road maximal friction coefficient by estimating forces and aligning the torque of tires. An ANN was introduced to detect the road condition through estimating the optimal slip [157]. Multilayer perceptron neural network (MPNN) was presented to obtain the road friction coefficient, which was trained using known parameters from the magic formula tire model on the basis of other estimated states, such as vehicle lateral and longitudinal velocities and lateral and longitudinal tire forces [158].

Aside from this, NNs have been extended to other vehicle dynamic estimations [164–166]. For instance, trained NNs in [164] were employed to identify three body-dominated motion-modes consisting of roll, bounce, and pitch motion-modes, which can avoid the requirements of measurement for full vehicle states and road inputs when compared with the motion-mode energy-based identification method. ANNs with multi-layer feedforward network (MLFN) and GRNN have been introduced to improve evaluation stability of vehicle handling that is always difficult to be assessed using determined impact factors [165]. The multilayer perceptron NN with a single hidden layer presented in [166] was used to estimate driver activity regardless of the vehicle and tire models.

4. Conclusions

In this paper, a comprehensive survey of developments and latest advances for vehicle dynamics state estimation is presented. Different aspects of estimation strategies and methodologies in the most recent literature are reviewed and classified into two main categories consisting of the model-based estimation approach and data-driven-based estimation approach. The development of the most popular
estimation models, techniques, and approaches, which are widely used to estimate vehicle dynamics states, are discussed and analyzed. These estimation approaches and methodologies discussed in this paper will help researchers to obtain an overview for further research in this field. Although numerous achievements for vehicle dynamic state estimation have been provided in the literature, there are still some open research questions that should be further considered in future works. Two topics are highlighted and discussed here.

1) The range of estimation can be extended towards connected and automated driving vehicles. Emerging connected and automated driving vehicles have appeared as promising vehicle architectures based on several advantages in terms of good safety, high energy efficiency, and road traffic efficiency [13–15]. The connected autonomous vehicles require understanding of vehicle-to-human interaction and human driver behavior for human–machine sharing control; thus, it is essential to identify driver driving behavior (e.g., driver distraction, fatigue) and driver intention towards increasing automated driving levels of vehicle. Because driver driving behavior and driver intention can be influenced by a large number of factors, such as inter-responses of the drive and the external stressing conditions, the process of accurately recognizing driver driving behavior and driver intention on the basis of vehicle operating states is a promising challenge. ANN-based machine learning may be a good option, as it possesses the knowledge processing and learning capability of the human brain that can adapt to identify complex driver driving behavior and driver intention [167,168].

2) The nonlinear challenge of vehicle system dynamic state estimation. Vehicle dynamics system is an inherently nonlinear system—vehicle and tire dynamics present high nonlinearities especially when a vehicle undergoes high accelerations under extreme handling conditions. How to deal with nonlinear estimation problems in vehicle dynamics is still an open research challenge. There are two typical types of nonlinear estimation techniques found in the previously discussed literature—one that uses linearization methods such as Taylor truncation in EKF to linearly approximate the nonlinear vehicle dynamics estimation system, and the other that directly designs a nonlinear observer to deal with a nonlinear problem of the vehicle dynamics estimation system. It is worth noting that despite the observability of the linearization-based estimations being easily demonstrated using the linear system stability theory, the estimation accuracy of the method for vehicle state needs to be further improved. Perhaps the nonlinear observer provides an acceptable estimation accuracy, whereas the global observability of a nonlinear observer is generally difficult, and local observability for this type of observer also faces some challenges. With the rapid development of nonlinear estimation theory, input-to-state stability theory [111–113], Matrosov theorem [114], and other stability theories [116–119] this problem is gradually being solved. Moreover, the data-driven-based estimation possesses the potential to enhance vehicle dynamics state estimation, and the additional attention on developments and applications of data-driven-based estimation should be paid to further improve performance for vehicle dynamics estimation systems in the future.

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