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Abstract

The project “Performance Based Standards for High Capacity Transports in Sweden” [1] have generated a first beta version of an open PBS assessment tool, OpenPBS. The tool uses models and computations to calculate Performance Based Standards (PBS) measures for combination vehicles. The tool targets Long Combination Vehicles (LCVs, typically 25-35 m long) but it can also calculate PBSes for shorter combinations and solo units. This report explains the concepts selected for the tool. Finally, future developments are proposed.

Keywords

High capacity transports, Long combination vehicles, Performance based standards, Open source, Assessment tool, Modelica, FMU

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Long Combination Vehicles (LCVs) are generally transport efficient, including energy efficient. However, there can be many designs of LVCs. In order to allow only suitable designs, authorities can base the legislation on *Performance Based Standards* (PBS).

Most of the existing legal requirements are requirements on each unit, not on a whole combination vehicle. One PBS is a complementing requirement, motivated by **additional** risks identified for when one couple legal units to LVCs. For each region, there should be a **set** of PBSes which together covers these risks well. One single PBS is a well-defined measure of complete combination vehicles performance. Each PBS should have a numeric requirement level. The alternative to PBS would be to require certain design parameters, such as lengths, weights, etc. Table 1.1 show the set of PBSes proposed in present report. The picture on the cover illustrates a slightly different set of PBSes.

1.1.1 Project

A project called “Performance Based Standards for High Capacity Transports in Sweden” (FFI project, Vinnova reference number 2013-03881), see Reference [1] has proposed a set of PBSes with requirement levels for Sweden, see Table 1.1. The project has also proposed computational methods (models with simulations/computations) for virtual verification of these PBSes and implemented them in a computer tool. A first version of it is released as an open PBS assessment tool, “OpenPBS”, see <https://github.com/performance-based-standards/OpenPBS>. Present report describes this tool.

In connection to the project, Swedish Transport Agency has worked on a web-application for approval of individual combination vehicles. The tool presented in present report is, so far, not used by the web-application, but could be in future version.

1.2 Problem

Even if there are standards, e.g. ISO, which defines measures that could be used as PBS measures, different assessors will come to different numerical values depending on details in interpretation of the standards. Additional differences appears due to differences in how vehicles and manoeuvres are parameterised and modelled (for virtual assessment, i.e. via computation) and test conditions etc. (for real assessment, i.e. via real vehicle tests).

1.3 Envisioned solution

An envisioned solution to the problem is to develop an open (free, readable and understandable) assessment tool. Such tool has to be based on standard formats for dynamic models. Modelica [2] is proposed as such *modelling* format and FMI [3] is proposed as such *execution* format. These two formats are the only ones of their kinds which is agreed in a wide community. The tool need to support at least two different use cases:

- **Research and development of combination vehicles:** Here, the Modelica format is suitable since it allows variations of both models (equations) and all parameters.
- **Legislation for allowing/forbidding certain types or individuals of combination vehicles:** Here, the FMU format is suitable since it can give stable simulation models with only a selected limited set of parameters accessible for variation.

The openness of such tool should be such that it reveals the exact models (equations and parameters, including how the PBS measures are calculated). This has the additional benefit of defining the manoeuvres in an unambiguous way (how to drive the vehicles, how to load them, on which road friction, etc.). That is very useful also for real vehicle assessment.

Table 1.1: The set of PBSEs from project "Performance Based Standards for High Capacity Transports in Sweden" (FFI project, Vinnova reference number 2013-03881).

Main motivation	PBS measure		Short, approximate definition.		Typical requirement	Manouvre name in tool
	Name	Abbreviation	If not else stated: Max cargo weight, Cargo uniformly distributed, Flat road, Road friction 0.8.			
			Measure	Manoeuvre (preliminary)		
Transport flow	Startability	SA	Uphill grade	Vehicle start from 0 to slow forward. Road friction 0.35.	SA=dz/dx>0.12 [m/m]	Longitudinal
Transport flow	Gradeability	GA	Uphill grade	Vehicle drive in 70 km/h	GA=dz/dx>0.01 [m/m]	Longitudinal
Transport flow	Acceleration Capability	AC	Time	Vehicle accelerates from 0 to 80 km/h	AC=t<# [s]	Longitudinal
Transport flow	Low Speed Swept Path	LSSP	Path width between wheels outer edges	Low speed 90 deg turn with 12.5 m radius path for outer edge of first unit body	LSSP<8.5 [m]	LowSpeed Curve
Transport flow	Frontal Swing	FS	First unit front body reaching distance outside defined path	Low speed 90 deg turn with 12.5 m radius path for outer edge of outer front tyre	FS<8,5 [m]	LowSpeed Curve
Transport flow	Tail Swing	TS	Last unit rear body reaching distance outside defined path	Low speed 90 deg turn with 12.5 m radius path for outer edge of outer front tyre	TS<8.5 [m]	LowSpeed Curve
Transport flow	Friction demand on Drive Tyres	FDDT	Utilized friction coefficient under driven axles	Low speed 90 deg turn with 12.5 m radius path for outer edge of first unit body	FDDT<0.25*GCW [N]???	LowSpeed Curve _Saturated Tyre
Transport flow	Friction demand on Steering Tyres	FDST	Utilized friction coefficient under steered axles	Low speed 90 deg turn with 12.5 m radius path for outer edge of first unit body	FDST<0.2*GCW [N]???	LowSpeed Curve _Saturated Tyre
Transport flow	Tracking Ability on a Straight Path	TASP	Off-tracking between first and last axle	Constant speed on straight road with constant cross-fall of #5 deg. Road friction #0.35.	TASP<0.4 [m]	HighSpeed StraightPath
Safety	High Speed Steady State Off Tracking	HSSO	Off-tracking between first and last axle	Steady state cornering at radius #100 m and lateral acceleration 3.5 m/(s*s)	HSSO<# [m]	HighSpeed Curve
Safety, roll-over	Steady state Rollover Threshold	SRT	Lateral acceleration	Steady state cornering at radius #100 m. Slowly increasing longitudinal speed until all inner wheels on one roll-stiff unit has lifted.	SRT>3.5 [m/(s*s)]	SteadyState RollOver
Safety	Braking Stability in a Turn	BST	EBS on all units	EBS on all units.	BST=TRUE [bool]	Braking Stability InTurn
			Brake performance within lane in curve	Alternative: Brake to 0 km/h when entering #200 m inner radius curve with 80 km/h. Front axle on curve, maximum lateral deviation of other parts #4 m. Road friction #0.35.	BST<# [m]	
Safety	High Speed Transient Off Tracking	HSTO	Off-tracking between first and last axle in ISO lane change	Single lane change in 80 km/h as in ISO14791, amplitude lateral acceleration on first axle #2 m/(s*s).	HSTO<0.8 [m]	SingleLane Change
Safety	Yaw Damping	YD	Yaw Angle damping over oscillations on worst unit	Single lane change in 80 km/h as in ISO14791, amplitude lateral acceleration on first axle #2 m/(s*s).	YD>0.15 [1]	SingleLane Change
Safety, roll-over	Load Transfer Ratio	LTR	Off-tracking between first and last axle	Single lane change in 80 km/h as in ISO14791, amplitude lateral acceleration on first axle #2 m/(s*s).	LTR<# [N/N]	SingleLane Change
Safety, yaw stability	Rearward Amplification	RWA	Yaw Velocity amplification from first to last unit	Single lane change in 80 km/h as in ISO14791, amplitude lateral acceleration on first axle #2 m/(s*s).	RWA<2.4 [(rad/s)/(rad/s)]	SingleSine Steering
				Alternative: ISO14791 random steering. Worst ampification	RWA<# [(rad/s)/(rad/s)]	<Not implemented>

There are already assessment tools for PBSes, but these are not open. Instead, they are intellectual property for the assessors. An example of such assessor is the Australian Road Research Board (<http://www.arrb.com.au/>).

PBS for LCV has been addressed in many projects and papers, but compiling it to an executable and open tool, in widely accepted standard formats for dynamic models, is novel.

1.4 Objective

The objective behind the work presented in present report is to develop a first version of an Open PBS assessment tool. All PBSes (according to project [1]) should be implemented, while only some combination vehicles can be implemented (because there is no way to cover all future vehicles). The sample implemented vehicles are: A-double, Nordic combination and Tractor-Semitrailer.

1.5 Requirements on the tool

One basic guiding principle has been to keep **vehicle definition** (vehicle design parameters) independent from definitions of **PBS measures/manoeuvres**, so that any vehicle can be assessed in the same way. This is important to enable future vehicle development.

Another basic guiding principle has been to keep vehicle definition independent from **vehicle model**, so that vehicle models can be changed over time when/if motivated. This means that vehicle model parameters and vehicle model equations are defined as independently as possible from each other.

A concept for propagating **vehicle design parameters** is an important part of the outline, both for securing that same vehicle is assessed in all PBSs and, in a continuation, for fetching parameters from a data base/vehicle registry. In such registry, typically each unit is defined as opposed to each combination vehicles.

Simplest possible vehicle models has to be strived for to facilitate parametrisation and understanding. The simplicity is limited by that variation of each vehicle parameter shall predict a variation of PBS measures accurate enough. Required accuracy is difficult to quantify, but it should be noted that it is much lower than corresponding requirements for high fidelity models used for, e.g. vehicle development at vehicle manufacturers.

Simplest possible PBS measure/manoeuvre models (or executable experiments) also has to be strived for, again to facilitate parametrisation and understanding. This simplicity is limited by that all legislating authorities (e.g. in different countries/different road networks) should be able to represent their specific conditions (such as low/high road friction) and their specific requirement levels. This paper does not claim to have fulfilled this, since focusing on Swedish conditions, but it has been in the mind-set when outlining the tool.

Descriptions of the PBSs is essential to keep in the tool itself, to avoid divergence over time. There should be traffic situation based motivations to each PBS, typical numerical requirement levels and drawings explaining the manoeuvres and measures. When understanding the whole set of PBSes one have to remember that the PBSes commonly addresses a set of “risks”, represented by the traffic situations, which are found relevant for long combination vehicles.

The overall requirement on computational efficiency is not very limiting, such as no requirement on real time simulation. However, a typical use case within research and development is to optimize or sweep over large vehicle design parameter spaces, which calls for assessment of all PBSes for one vehicle in the order of magnitude of 1..10 ms on a typical PC of today.

Many limitations has been done. The most important are mentioned as proposals for future work in Section “5 Future work”. One limitation to especially mention would be that “active systems” is not considered. By “active systems” is then meant algorithm based brake control, powertrain control, extra propelled axles, extra steered axles.

2 Tool

This section presents the tool. Please refer to Section “1.5 Requirements on the tool”.

2.1 Overall structure

The tool is structured with Modelica packages. The root package opens with the Modelica file `package.mo`. Packages on root level are shown together in Figure 2-1 and described in Section 2.1.1.0 0.

A visualization of the architecture is given in Figure 2-3.

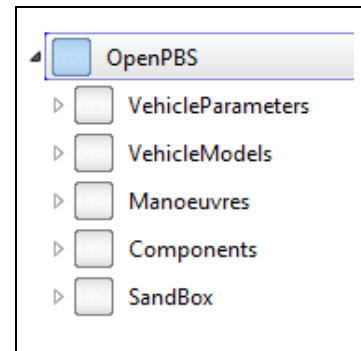


Figure 2-1: Packages on root.

2.1.1 VehicleParameters

Package **VehicleParameters** contains registries (sets of parameters) which defines the vehicles in terms of vehicle parameters, such as wheelbase and kerb mass. Note that no vehicle equations are introduced so far.

As seen in Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-2, the concept is to differ between Unit specifications and Vehicle Specifications. This is mainly to prepare for:

- Reading parameters from databases, such as vehicle manufacturers databases and authorities vehicle registries. `UnitSpecification` is declared for reading from databases. Such specifications are typically not complete for a simulation.
- Handling such as kerb weight vs (pay-)load and different road friction, which could be different for different manoeuvres and PBSes for the same vehicle specification. `VehicleModel` (parameters) are declared and should be enough for simulation.

A function, `ModelParametersFromSpecification` (shorted `Unit2VehicleModel`, in Figure 2-3) is defined. For instance, such as tyre lateral slip stiffness C_y for each axle is needed in the vehicle model. But it is seldom found in databases. So, a “reasonable standard value” on cornering coefficient CC_y is used in the function, to specify that $C_y = CC_y \cdot F_z$ for each axle, where F_z is the static vertical force on the axle; so it is dependent on (pay-)load.

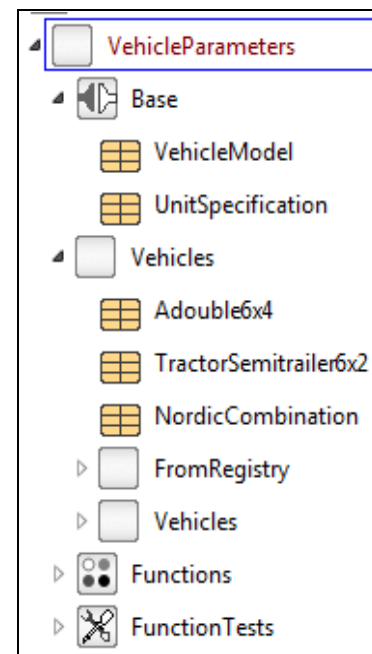


Figure 2-2: Package VehicleParameters.

2.1.2 VehicleModels

Package **VehicleModels** contains equations defining the vehicle models, such as equations of motion and tyre constitutional equations. A registry from the previously described package is included in each vehicle model, so that the equations can use the vehicle parameters defined there and the vehicle parameters can be set for instances of the vehicle model. Note that the manoeuvre is **not** defined in the vehicle model.

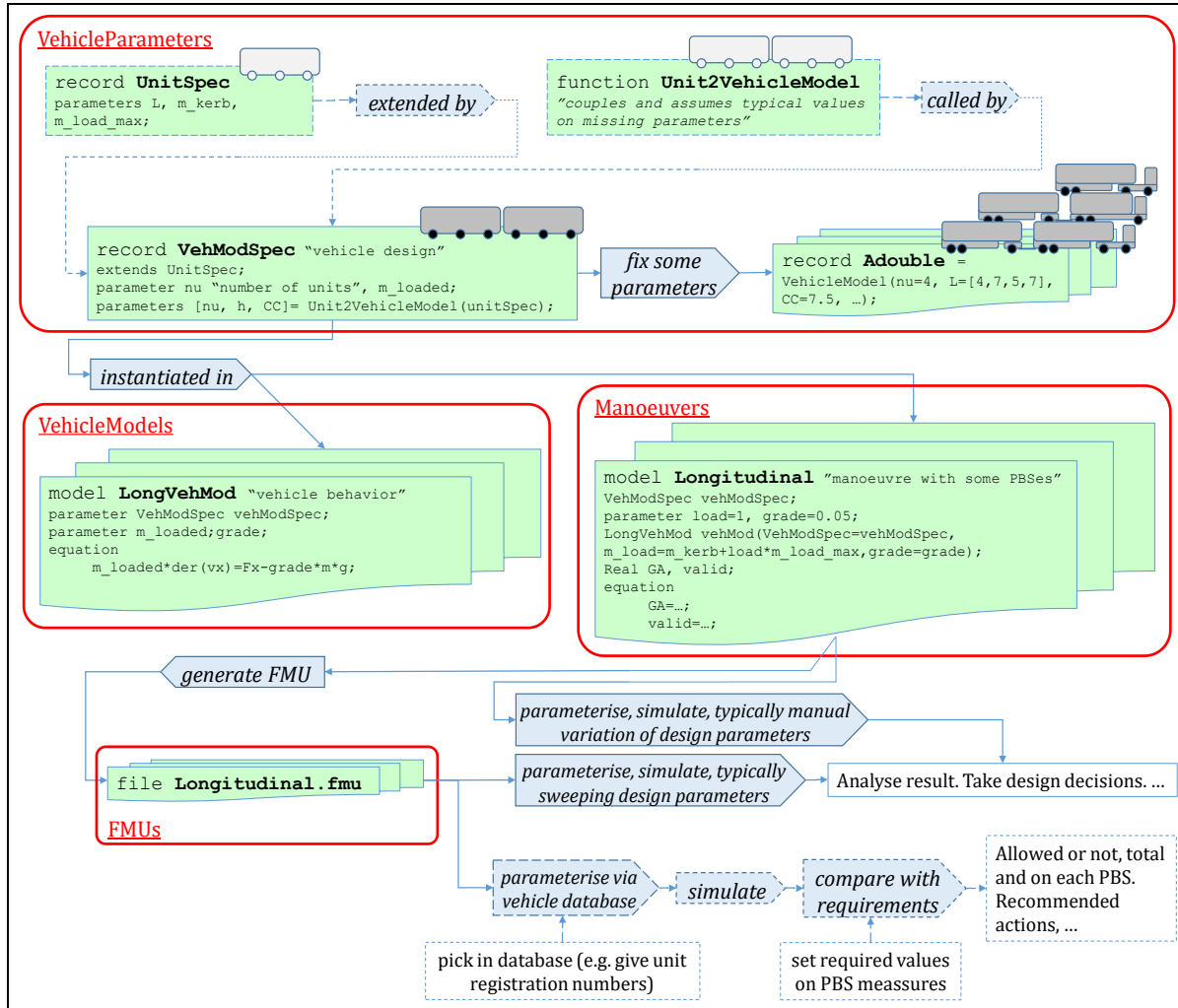


Figure 2-3: Visualisation of the tool architecture. Dashed indicates not implemented and tested so far.

As seen in Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-4, there are several vehicle models. It is important to use as simple models as possible when it comes to parameterisation. On the other hand, if a parameter is needed for one Manoeuvre, it can as well be used in another Manoeuvre without increasing the complexity.

Only an approximate description of the vehicle models is given in this report, since they are likely to be topic for further development in future versions of the OpenPBS:

- The model SingleTrack is used for lateral manoeuvres, both low speed and high speed. It is similar to the model presented in [4].
- The model Longitudinal is built on similar concept, but captures only the longitudinal dynamics.

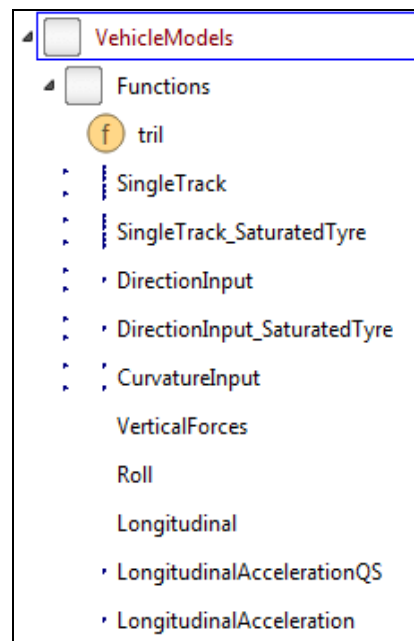


Figure 2-4: Package VehicleModels.

Both these models are vectorised, so they can represent any combination of several units, coupled with yaw moment free couplings. For both models, the (static) heave and pitch equilibria is added, so that (static) vertical loads on each axle is defined.

The selection of vehicle models are also discussed in Section 2.3.

2.1.3 Manoeuvres

Package **Manoeuvres** contains models where the vehicle models from the previously described package is instantiated. Manoeuvres parameters and equations are added as well as calculations of the PBS measures (each one only represented by a Modelica variable, named as the PBS's name in Table 1.1) that can be found from the manoeuvre. A registry from the package described in section 2.1.1 is included in each manoeuvre model, to standardize which vehicle parameters to set in a Manoeuvre model. Note that the Manoeuvre models are complete in the meaning that they can be simulated; either directly in the Modelica tool or exported as FMUs for simulation in an arbitrary platform.

As seen in Figure 2-3 and Figure 2-5, there are some Manoeuvres, but less than number of PBSes.

The main approach is to make the Manoeuvres independent of vehicle. However, there are also some vehicle specific variants of the Manoeuvres, shown in Figure 2-5 but not in Figure 2-3. The vehicle specific Manoeuvres are desired to avoid, but was found necessary in some cases. The implementation is done with inheritance, so that e.g. `SingleLaneChange` in `VehicleSpecific` is an extension of the (vehicle independent) `SingleLaneChange`. In future versions of the OpenPBS, it should be sorted out whether both are needed.

Each PBS measure is a continuous output variable with unit. A boolean output variable "valid" is also calculated. It tells whether all the outputted PBS measures of the Manoeuvre are credible.

No required PBS value is implemented yet. If that is done, it would make sense to output also a boolean variable that tell if the LCV has passed or failed on each PBS.

Each Manoeuvre is further discussed in Section 2.2.

The Manoeuvres are the models from which FMUs are generated. FMUs can be generated with different sets of FMU parameters (meaning that a FMU parameter is such that can be changed between executions of the FMU):

- VehicleModel parameters or UnitSpecification parameters.
- Parameters for the Manoeuvres can be FMU parameters, such as (pay-)load if that is not fixed in the actual Manoeuvre/PBS definition.
- All available Modelica parameters kept as FMU parameters or only some.

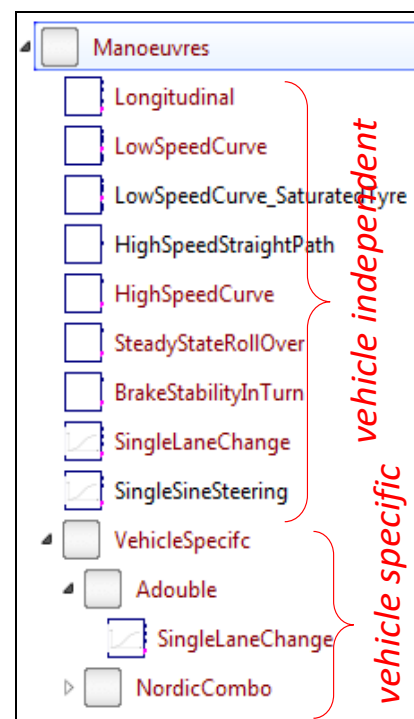


Figure 2-5: Package Manoeuvres.

When using OpenPBS for Research & Development one might want to have full control of all parameters, so all Modelica parameters can then be kept as FMU parameters.

If the tool should be used for assessment based on authorities' vehicle registry, it can be suitable to keep only those parameters that actually are stored for each registered unit and, potentially, if other parameters such as (pay-)load, load height, road network, etc. should be input parameters for the assessment. Figure 2-6 shows an example of an authority assessment tool.

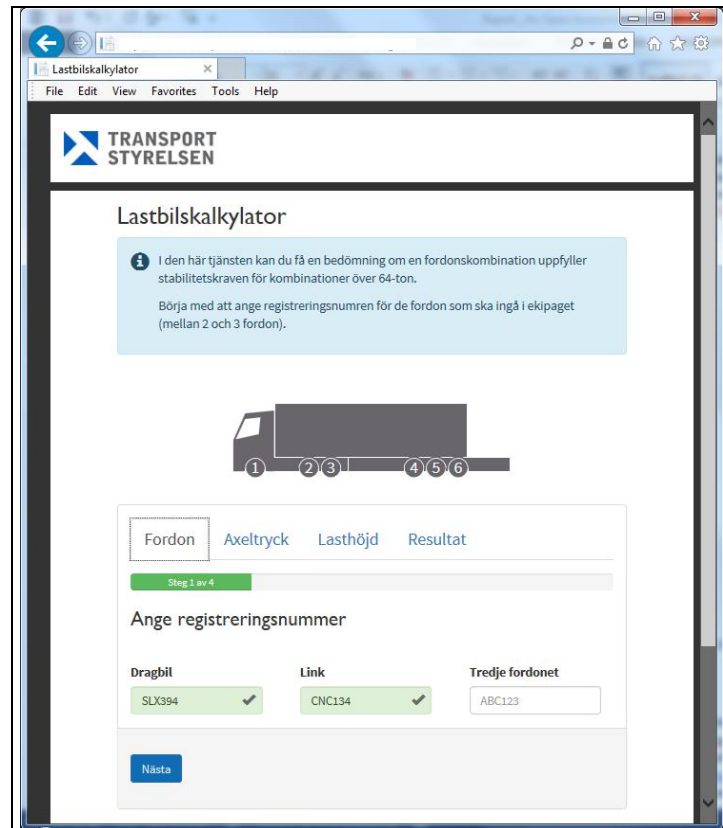


Figure 2-6: Screenshot from a test version of an authority assessment tool.

2.1.4 Components and Sandbox

Package **Components** contains various models which are useful in the Manoeuvre Models.

Package **Sandbox** contains models used for testing during tool development.

2.2 Implementation of each PBS

The definition/implementation of each PBS is listed in the section for the manoeuvre where the PBS is computed, in Section 2.3. But to understand why it is defined/implemented in a certain way, one has to first agree of the motivation why the PBS measure is proposed. And, to do that, it is important to see the whole set of motivations beside each other. Hence, Table 2.1 is compiled.

Table 2.1: The set of PBSes from project "Performance Based Standards for High Capacity Transports in Sweden" (FFI project, Vinnova reference number 2013-03881).

PBS	Motivation
SA	SA is motivated by the risk of that LVCs get stuck in uphill and thereby creates traffic congestion. It does not address limitation due to low tyre-to-road friction conditions.
GA	GA is motivated by the risk of that LVCs drives very slow in uphill and thereby creates traffic congestion.

PBS	Motivation
AC	<i>AC is motivated by the risk of that LVCs have to wait long time before entering a road with high traffic density and thereby create traffic congestions.</i>
LSSP, FS, TS	<i>LSSP, FS and TS are motivated by the risk of that LVCs cannot take narrow turns without interfering with obstacles laterally outside the road and thereby creates damages or traffic congestion. It does not address low tyre-to-road friction conditions, since that is covered by FDDT and FDST.</i> The manoeuvre is a 12.5 m outer radius and 90 degrees yawing at low speed.
FDDT, FDST	<i>FDDT and FDST are motivated by the risk of that LVCs cannot take narrow turns due to low tyre-to-road friction and thereby creates traffic congestion.</i> The manoeuvre is a 12.5 m outer radius and 90 degrees yawing at low speed.
TASP	<i>TASP is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally when driving on relatively straight roads and thereby creates accidents.</i>
HSSO	<i>HSSO is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally when driving in curves and thereby creates accidents.</i>
SRT	<i>SRT is motivated by the risk of that LVCs rolls over in long curves and thereby creates accidents.</i>
BST	<i>BST is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally or have limited longitudinal brake performance when braking in curves when low tyre-to-road friction and thereby creates accidents.</i>
HSTO	<i>HSTO is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally when changing lane and thereby creates accidents.</i>
YD	<i>YD is motivated by the risk of that LVCs becomes laterally unstable after changing lane and thereby creates accidents.</i>
LTR	<i>LTR is motivated by the risk of that LVCs rolls over when changing lane and thereby creates accidents.</i>
RWA	<i>RWA is motivated by the risk of that LVCs becomes difficult to manoeuvre laterally in high speed and thereby creates accidents.</i>

2.3 Implementation of each Manoeuvre

The implementation of the PBS measures are a first proposal, so changes can be motivated in future versions of the OpenPBS. In the following section a brief description, organised for each manoeuvre, is given together with some thoughts of possible future studies or changes.

2.3.1 Longitudinal

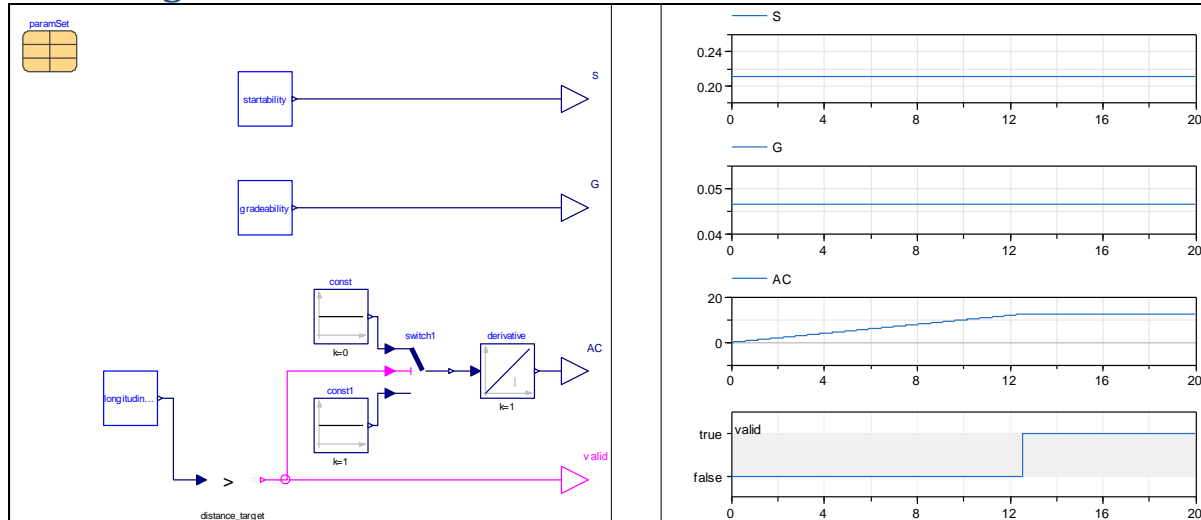


Figure 2-7: Manoeuvre Longitudinal.

2.3.1.1 Startability $SA \left[\frac{m}{m} \right]$

SA is motivated by the risk of that LVCs get stuck in uphill and thereby creates traffic congestion. It does not address limitation due to low tyre-to-road friction conditions.

The simplest possible model assumes that maximum tractive force at zero speed is a parameter in the vehicle specification. A typical rolling resistance coefficient of 0.004 is assumed. The computation becomes a pure algebraic computation, i.e. no simulation.

The propulsion system can limit SA also in ways that are more complex: limited by control limitations due to drive shaft loads, wear and fatigue on clutch and other propulsion system components. This is not modelled.

The statement above that limitation due to low tyre to road friction is not covered in present SA is now followed up: A European (not Swedish) requirement is to have >25% vertical load on driven axles. If applying that on LCVs would roughly limit Startability at low friction ($\mu = 0.3$) to $SA_{low\mu} = \tan(\arcsin(\mu \cdot 0.25)) = 0.075 [m/m]$. This should be compared to the requirement $SA \geq 0.12 [m/m]$ in Table 1.1. A conclusion is that >25% vertical load on driven axles would allow severely reduced SA at low friction. This might call for a development of SA to be defined at low friction instead, so that the worst of propulsion and road grip on low friction determines the PBS.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.1.2 Gradeability $GA \left[\frac{m}{m} \right]$

GA is motivated by the risk of that LVCs drives very slow in uphill and thereby creates traffic congestion.

The simplest possible model assumes that maximum propulsion power is a parameter in vehicle specification. A typical frontal area and c_d are assumed. The computation becomes a pure algebraic computation, i.e. no simulation.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.1.3 Acceleration Capability AC [s]

AC is motivated by the risk of that LVCs have to wait long time before entering a road with high traffic density and thereby create traffic congestions.

This manoeuvre becomes a simulation, so pure algebraic computation is not enough.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.2 LowSpeedCurve

LSSP, FS and TS are motivated by the risk of that LVCs cannot take narrow turns without interfering with obstacles laterally outside the road and thereby creates damages or traffic congestion. It does not address low tyre-to-road friction conditions, since that is covered by FDDT and FDST.

The manoeuvre is a 12.5 m outer radius and 90 degrees yawing at low speed.

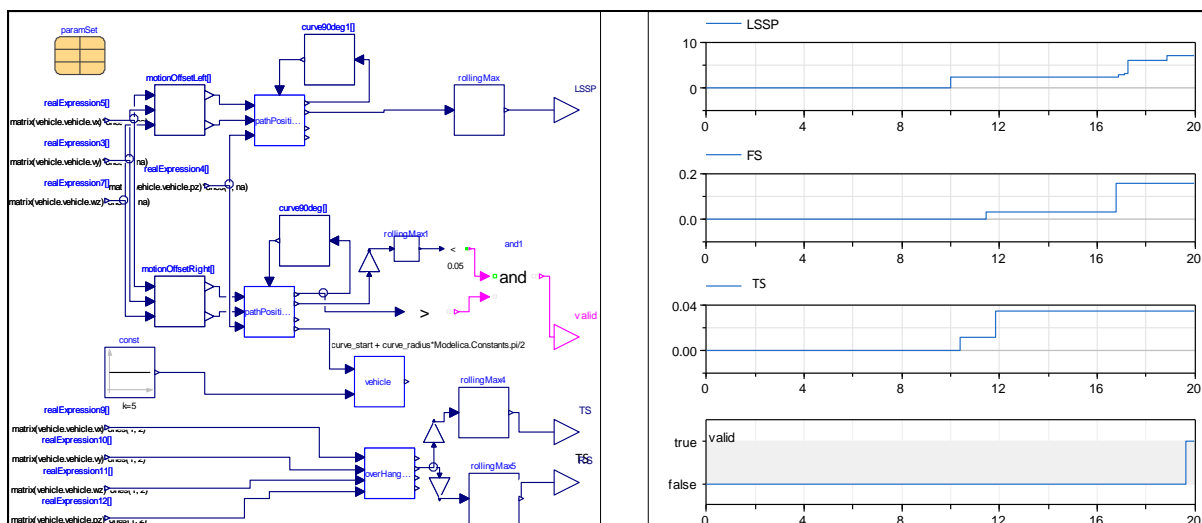


Figure 2-8: Manoeuvre LowSpeedCurve.

2.3.2.1 Low Speed Swept Path LSSP [m]

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.2.2 Frontal swing FS [m]

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.2.3 Tail swing TS [m]

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.3 LowSpeedCurve,SaturatedTyres

FDDT and FDST are motivated by the risk of that LVCs cannot take narrow turns due to low tyre-to-road friction and thereby creates traffic congestion.

The manoeuvre is a 12.5 m outer radius and 90 degrees yawing at low speed.

Reference [5] did a deep dive into the PBSes FDDT and FDST. It shows that one need to tyre models which can represent combined slip and saturation on the driven axles. On the non-driven axles, it is enough with lateral slip models, but saturation is needed, since the axle group on

towed units will saturate due to small turning radius. A road friction coefficient has to be numerically given (0.3 is presently used). The simulation gives one pass or fail result on FDDT and FDST, so it is essentially one PBS measure as it is coded now. Possibly, the coding could be developed, so that two continuous friction coefficient variables could be output, one for FDDT and one for FDST.

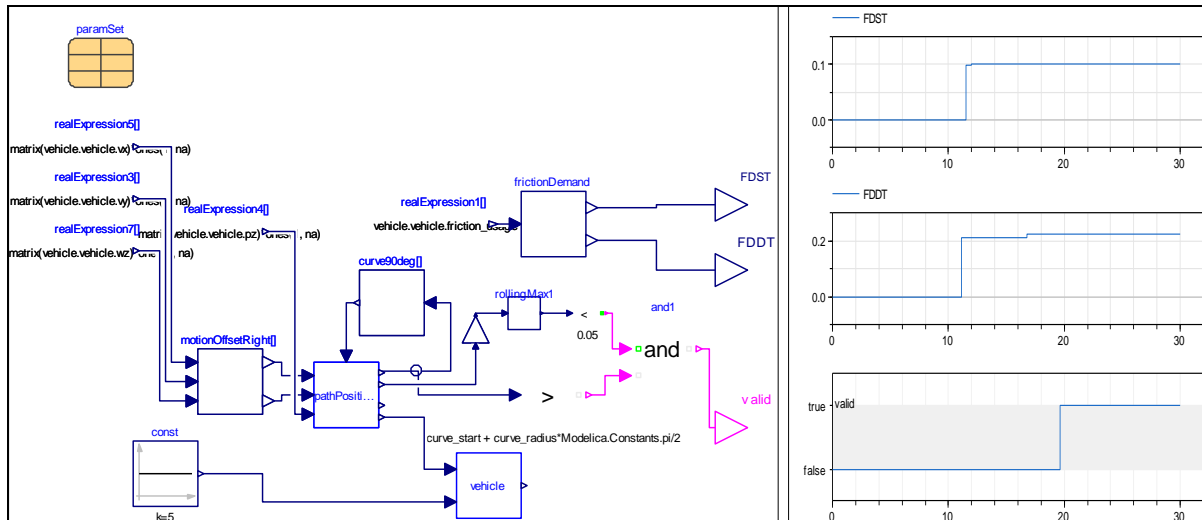


Figure 2-9: Manoeuvre LowSpeedCurve, _SaturatedTyres.

2.3.3.1 FDDT $\left[\frac{N}{N} \right]$

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.3.2 FDST $\left[\frac{N}{N} \right]$

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.4 HighSpeedStraightPath

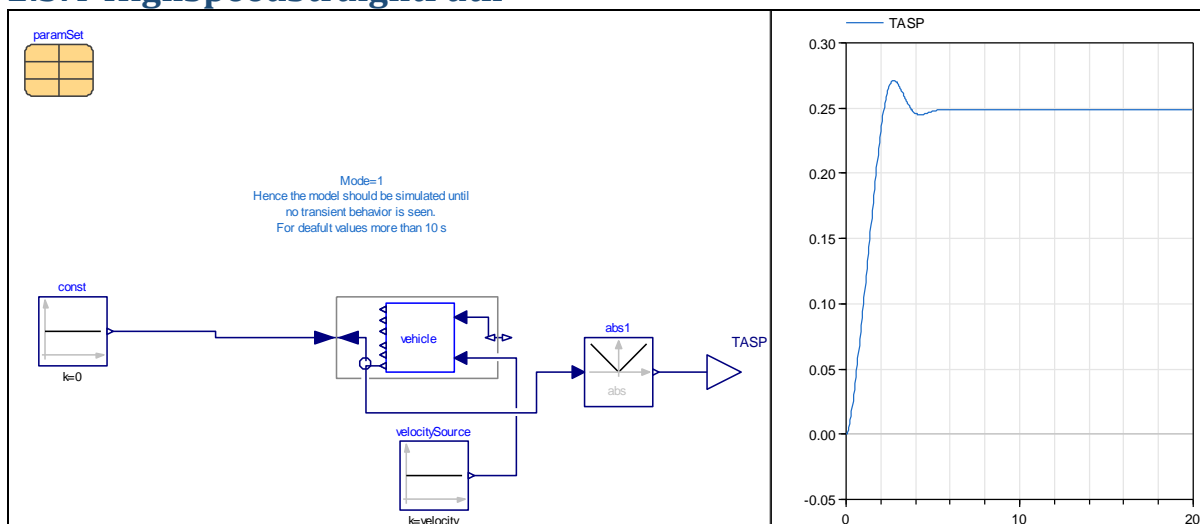


Figure 2-10: Manoeuvre HighSpeedStraightPath.

A constant cross-fall is assumed and a simulation of constant speed straight-line driving gives TASP as the asymptotic off-tracking.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.4.1 TASP [m]

TASP is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally when driving on relatively straight roads and thereby creates accidents.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

TASP could alternatively be implemented as an algebraic computation (no simulation). See [6], Eq [4.46].

2.3.5 HighSpeedCurve:

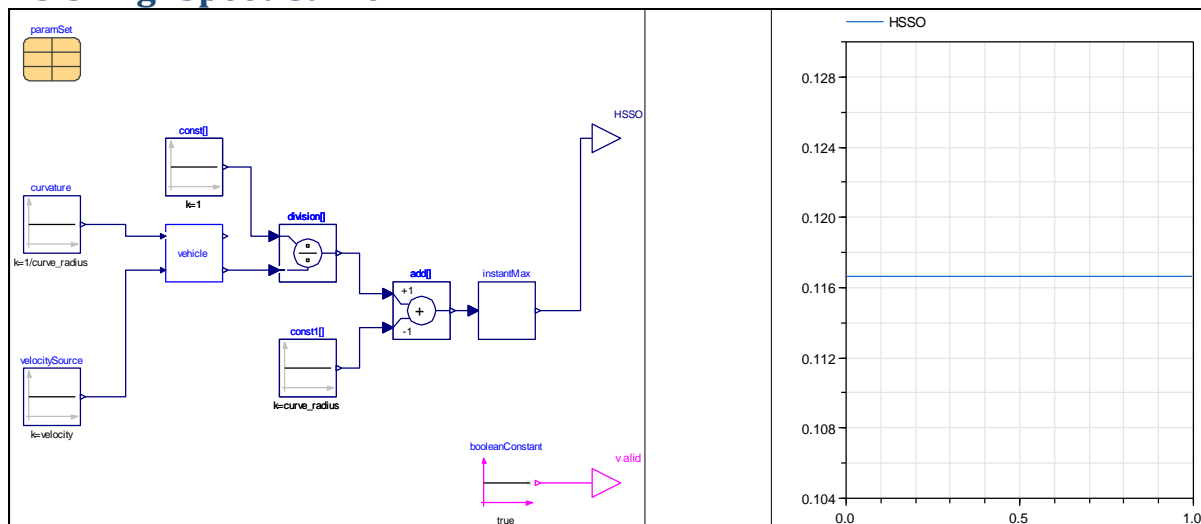


Figure 2-11: Manoeuvre Longitudinal.

2.3.5.1 HSSO [m]

HSSO is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally when driving in curves and thereby creates accidents.

HSSO is found through simulation, but since the SingleTrack vehicle model can be run as a steady state model, the simulated time can be really short.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.6 SteadyStateRollOver <Only implemented as placeholder>

2.3.6.1 Steady state Rollover Threshold SRT [m/s^2] <Not implemented>

SRT is motivated by the risk of that LVCs rolls over in long curves and thereby creates accidents.

SRT measures how much load transfer happens on the worst roll-coupled unit. It means that wheel lift on one side is used as roll-over threshold.

The project has work on this topic. An improvement of ECE111 by adding the tyres' lateral deformation compliance is proposed. It is under discussion in ISO so it might be documented in an ISO standard or in a future report. It is not implemented in OpenPBS yet.

Reference [7] investigated if the computation method in "UNECE 111 regulation", Reference [8], could be used as base also for LCVs. The result was basically that UNECE 111 regulation is not a good base. Instead one would need to model bottom-up from physical assumptions. One natural implementation of such bottom-up model as DAE model (Modelica format) would be to model steady state cornering dynamics with some representation of the axle's stiffness, damping and roll centre height. Also, the coupling heights need to be know, as well as whether each coupling is roll-rigid or roll-moment-free. As DAE, the lateral acceleration a_y is the independent variable, but a Modelica implementation would need to mimic this by the equation:

```
der(ay)=1; //sweeps ay with sweep rate 1 [ay unit / time unit]
```

Such model would give the result conceptually as in Figure 2-12, for each roll-coupled unit. The PBS measure *SRT* would be defined as:

$$SRT = \max_{rollCoupled} \left(a_y \Big|_{F_{inner,z} < 0} \right);$$

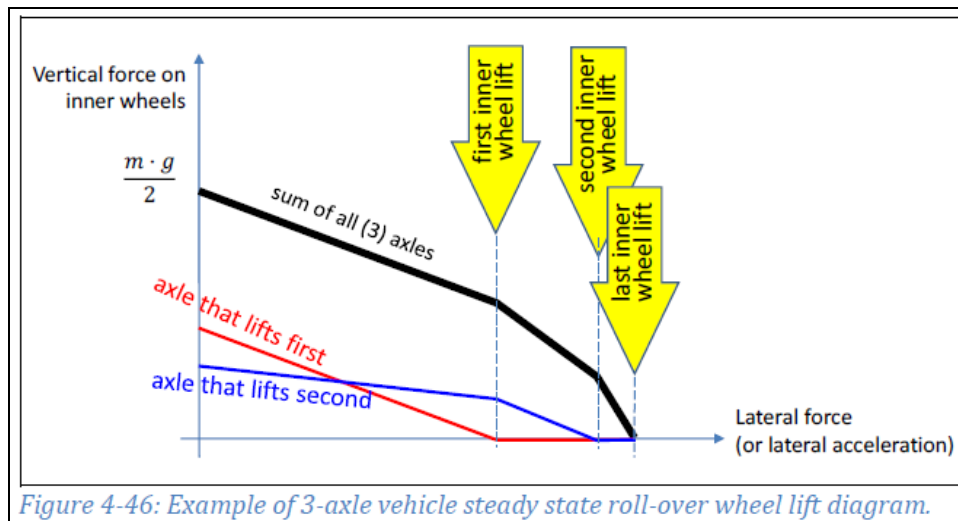


Figure 2-12: Conceptual result from a natural DAE (Modelica) implementation of steady state roll-over. For one roll-coupled unit. From [6].

2.3.7 BrakingStabilityInTurn <Only implemented as placeholder>

2.3.7.1 Braking Stability in a Turn BST [unit not decided] <Not implemented>

BST is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally or have limited longitudinal brake performance when braking in curves when low tyre-to-road friction and thereby creates accidents.

Computation of BST is not implemented to an executable level; only a very empty placeholder model. The project have discussed different ways to ensure stability for LCVs when braking in curve. There is legislation for brake stability for single units, so the overall question is whether more requirements are needed for the LCVs.

2.3.7.1.1 EBS alternative

One alternative would be to simply require EBS (Electronic Brake System on all units). This would ensure that ESC (Electronic Stability Control) works without delays, so one could argue that this is enough. A parameter for EBS would need to be introduced. If this way is selected, the computation would simply be to check that EBS on all units; which is debatable if this is a performance based measure at all:

```
parameter Boolean EBS[nu];
BST =Modelica.Math.BooleanVectors.allTrue(EBS);
```

2.3.7.1.2 More performance based alternative

Another alternative is to invent some more performance based computation. The lateral vehicle model used in a Manoeuvre with curving and braking could lead to checking one of:

- Lateral deviation from intended curved path, for given deceleration
- Achieved longitudinal deceleration, for given zero lateral path deviation

Some representation of the brake system control algorithms and actuation would be needed for relevant result from such model. At least time delays between units have to be represented, but probably also basic brake distribution. It might lead to that active control (ABS/EBD/ESC/RSC algorithms) have to be represented, which is very difficult for a generic vehicle which should represent any vehicle/unit. Concepts for how to include “blackbox models” might be needed, as one have done for ESC regulations for passenger vehicles.

2.3.8 Selection between SingleLaneChange and SingleSineSteering

HSTO, LTR, RWA and YD are PBSes which quantify the vehicle’s response to lateral lane position adjustments. When possible, the manoeuvre should be independent of size of position adjustment (some manoeuvre parameter specifying the amplitude) and time for adjustment (some manoeuvre parameter specifying the frequency or lane change duration time). This is in order to minimize the number of parameters needed to define the PBSes.

When the PBS measure is the ratio between a response and an excitation and the excitation is small, this is possible. Since we consider RWA as a sensitivity measure for small perturbations, this is at least true for RWA. In addition, it is definitely **not** true for HSTO. It can be debated whether it is true for LTR and YD, but in present version of OpenPBS LTR and YD is computed in Manoeuvre SingleLaneChange.

SingleSineSteering is potentially possible to develop to a pure frequency analysis computation, i.e. no time simulation but frequency analysis of stationary oscillations. This would make it more computational efficient to define PBS measures for “the worst frequency”, which else is difficult. None of the SingleLaneChange and SingleSineSteering is presently implemented as “for worst frequency”, but instead for a given fix frequency, which unfortunately adds one (Manoeuvre) parameter.

2.3.9 SingleLaneChange:

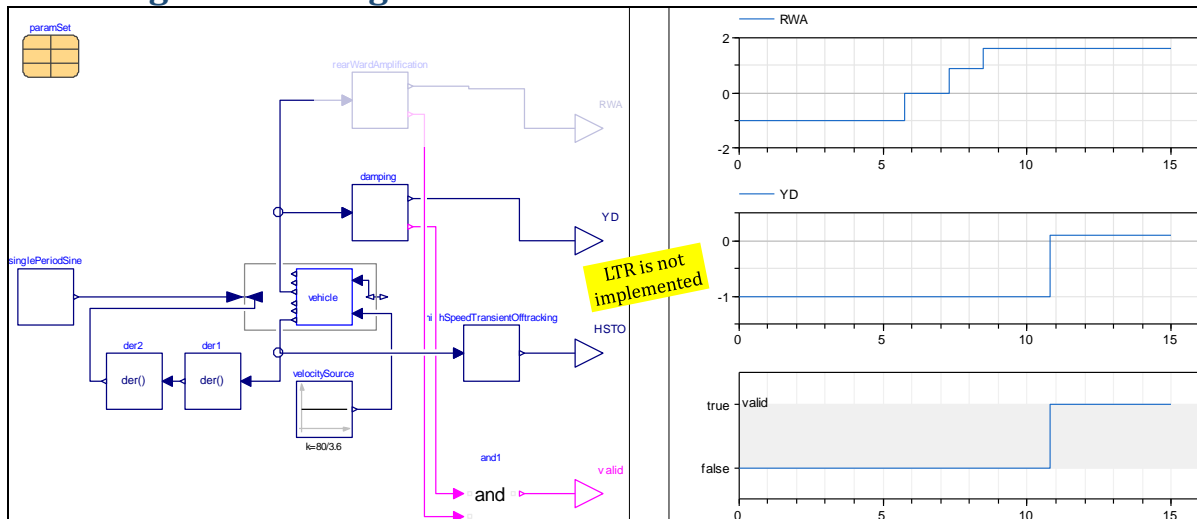


Figure 2-13: Manoeuvre Longitudinal.

SingleLaneChange is a dynamic simulation where the road-lateral acceleration is prescribed as a single sinus period on front (steered) axle. The following manoeuvre parameters are used:

```
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Frequency freqHz=0.4 "Frequency of lateral acceleration in ground coordinates";
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Length width=4.5 "Width of lane change maneuver";
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Velocity vx=80/3.6 "Longitudinal velocity";
```

2.3.9.1 High Speed Transient Off-tracking HSTO [m]

HSTO is motivated by the risk of that LVCs deviate too much laterally when changing lane and thereby creates accidents.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.9.2 Yaw Damping YD $\left[\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{rad}}\right]$

YD is motivated by the risk of that LVCs becomes laterally unstable after changing lane and thereby creates accidents.

YD is implemented in OpenPBS as the decay ratio of the last unit's yaw rate damped amplitude peaks.

See Modelica code for exact definition.

2.3.9.3 Load Transfer Ratio LTR [N/N] <Not implemented>

LTR is motivated by the risk of that LVCs rolls over when changing lane and thereby creates accidents.

LTR measures how much load transfer happens on the worst roll-coupled unit. It means that wheel lift on one side is used as roll-over threshold.

Computation of LTR is not implemented yet in OpenPBS. No simpler model than the following can be considered for implementation:

$$LTR = \max_{time} \left(\max_{rollCoupled} \left(\frac{|\sum_{axles} (F_{left,z} - F_{right,z})|}{\sum_{axles} F_z} \right) \right);$$

$$m \cdot a_y \cdot h + \sum_{\substack{first \\ coupling}} F_{cy} \cdot h_c + \sum_{axles} (F_{left,z} - F_{right,z}) = 0; \text{ for each roll coupled unit}$$

Here, $\max_{rollCoupled}$ means max over all sets of units, defined by coupled with roll-rigid couplings (e.g. fifth wheel, as opposed to drawbar coupling). For this reason, it is proposed to add a parameter vector to the parameter registry `VehicleModel (parameters)`, e.g.:

```
parameter Boolean[nu-1] rollCoupled "True for each roll-rigid coupling";
```

Also, resolving F_z into $F_{left,z}$ and $F_{right,z}$ would require at least that CoG height is available. For this reason, it is proposed to add some parameter vectors to the parameter registry `VehicleModel (parameters)`, e.g.:

```
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Length[nu] h "CoG height for each unit";
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Length[nu] hfc "Height for each front coupling";
parameter Modelica.SIunits.Length[nu] hrc "Height for each rear coupling";
```

It is not sure that this definition is enough. It does not take the transient roll dynamics into account, neither the "roll inertia term" ($J_x \cdot \dot{\omega}_x$) nor the "pendulum effect" ($h \cdot \varphi_x \cdot m \cdot g$). A judgement, common for 2.3.6.1 and 2.3.9.3, should be made to decide how many and which suspension parameters one could accept. If roll-stiffness, roll-damping, roll-centre height for each axle and coupling height for each coupling could be added, full roll dynamics could be added to vehicle model `SingleTrack`.

2.3.10 SingleSineSteering:

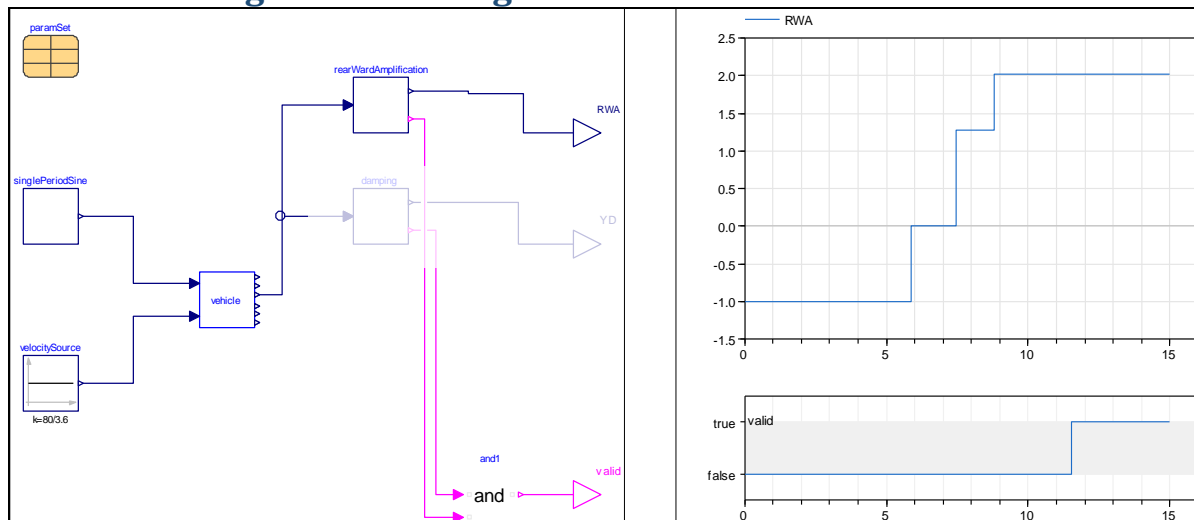


Figure 2-14: Manoeuvre Longitudinal.

2.3.10.1 Rearward amplification $RWA \left[\frac{rad/s}{rad/s} \right]$

RWA is motivated by the risk of that LVCs becomes difficult to manoeuvre laterally in high speed and thereby creates accidents.

RWA is defined as ratio of unit yaw rates, as opposed to unit lateral accelerations. This is one of the definitions of rearward amplification in Reference [9]. Reference [9] also leaves it open if one should use a certain frequency, such as 0.4 Hz, or find the worst frequency where the amplification is as largest.

3 Example of usage

3.1 Finding design parameter envelopes for allowed combination vehicles

Reference [5] has used the OpenPBS to find envelopes in the vehicle design parameter space which separates allowed and forbidden vehicles. Such envelopes could potentially be used as guidelines for vehicle manufacturers and carrier companies. The reference has focused on parameter variations of only the A-double. The resulting envelopes was compared with corresponding from Canada. The OpenPBS was run as FMUs, called by a Matlab script. A huge amount of design was investigated, but still some problems was identified:

- It is impossible to sweep all design parameters. The other has to be fixed. Only up to 4 parameters were swept in Reference [5].
- It is non-trivial to express the envelopes in simple tables, since the shapes of the envelopes are not cuboids.

This leads to that envelopes have a limited use. This also strengthen the need for assessment tools, which can be seen as much more flexible alternatives to the tables.

4 Conclusions

A first version of an open PBS tool, OpenPBS, is developed. It is published on the internet at link <https://github.com/performance-based-standards/OpenPBS>. The structure is documented in present report. The report also gives some proposed future work for later versions.

An open tool has been developed for PBS assessment of LCVs. Vehicle definitions are independent from definitions of PBS measures/manoeuvres. Also, vehicle definitions are independent from vehicle model.

The tool is implemented in Modelica and can generate executable assessment code on FMU format. The Modelica environment is thought of as for research and development while the FMU variant is thought of as for legislation.

The paper exemplifies more deeply for two vehicles (A-double and Tract-Semi) and two PBSs (RWA and LSSP).

5 Future work

This kind of tool can never be final, but has to be released in versions. A first version is developed, but a lot of more work is needed to generalise to suit all/more markets and all stakeholders at those markets.

The documentation and some getting-started Modelica scripts, including plotting, could also be improvements in user friendliness.

Some improvement potentials are already mentioned in Section 2.2, when it comes to definition of manoeuvres and PBSes and vehicle models. In addition to these, some more areas are mentioned below.

5.1 Tyre models

As in all vehicle motion computation, the **models of tyre-to-ground interaction** are key elements. In the case of OpenPBS, one also has to decide for a representative tyre model. It is very likely that a special study on tyres would lead to updates of tyre models.

5.2 Active systems

One remaining challenge is also to secure that simplest possible vehicle modelling concepts are implemented for each PBS. Another remaining challenge is to add **actively controlled** long combination vehicles. Examples of such are extra steered axles or extra propelled axles.

5.3 Other requirements than present PBSes

As found in Reference [5], many combination vehicles are disqualified due to other reasons than the PBSes, such as direct clashes or reaching over legal length, height, width or gross weight. Reference [5] implemented so called pre- and post-checks for these. One could think of including a computation of such requirements in OpenPBS.

Beside the event-like PBS measures, one could think of adding longer transport mission, and hereby include assessment of energy efficiency. This would be with the mind-set that extra hard energy consumption requirements should be applied on LVCs. Such extension should be based on or linked to the newly developed Vehicle Energy consumption Calculation Tool (VECTO) standard.

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