

ACTIVE FAULT TOLERANT GYROMOMENT CONTROL OF THE INFORMATION SATELLITES

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Abstract

Methods for modeling and detection of anomalous functioning the automatic control systems and practical methods for active analysis of anomalous situations, are presented. We consider methods for consecutive classification of onboard equipment failures, control loop reconfiguration and present results on analysis of the gyromoment attitude control systems for the information satellites.

1 Introduction

The problem of fault-tolerance and dynamic reliability is actual for wide class of automatically controlled mechanical systems in machine building, power engineering, aerospace industry etc. The failure of any instrument in a control loop changes a system structure in principle and can lead to arising a contingency situation. The basic research on fault diagnosis, fault detection and isolation (FDI) at control systems have received much attention, see general research works (Wu *et al.*, 2000; Patton *et al.*, 2000; James and Dubon, 2000; De Persis and Isidori, 2001; Frank *et al.*, 2001; Liao *et al.*, 2002; Bodson, 2002); (Qu *et al.*, 2003; Venkatasubramanian *et al.*, 2003; Maki *et al.*, 2004); (Isermann, 2005a; Isermann, 2005b; Henry and Zolghadri, 2005; Zhang *et al.*, 2005; Blanke *et al.*, 2006); (Mattone and De Luca, 2006; Shin and Belcastro, 2006; Rodrigues *et al.*, 2007); (Zhang and Jiang, 2008; Narasimhan *et al.*, 2008; Ding, 2008; Cieslak *et al.*, 2008; Rodrigues *et al.*, 2008); (Wang *et al.*, 2009; Yang *et al.*, 2009) and ones for aerospace engineering (Hajiyev and Caliskan, 2003; Bonfe *et al.*, 2006; Bonfe *et al.*, 2007; Ducard and Geering, 2008; Jiang *et al.*, 2008; Henry, 2008; Bertoni *et al.*, 2009; Bertoni *et al.*, 2010; Falcoz *et al.*, 2010; Cieslak *et al.*, 2010). The main trends on the FDI and re-

configuration problems were analyzed (Frank, 1990):

- (i) a model-based approach using the parameter estimation and parity methods;
- (ii) a knowledge-based approach including the AI-methods, fuzzy logic and neural networks, having in mind a control aerospace practice.

The model-based approach is now recognized as an important and efficient method (Frank, 1994; Frank *et al.*, 2000), the trends in extending that methodology to nonlinear control systems today are practically realized at space engineering by most modern motto (Kurakin, 1999): from *Artificial Intelligence to Natural Tricks*.

During the recent 20 years a lot of research works were carried out in Russia on modeling, dynamic research and designing the spacecraft (SC) attitude control systems (ACS) with high fault-tolerance, survivability and autonomy at the expense of functional redundancy (Matrosov *et al.*, 1997; Somov *et al.*, 1999a; Somov and Butyrin, 1999; Somov *et al.*, 1999b; Somov, 2002; Matrosov and Somov, 2004; Somov *et al.*, 2009). The dynamic requirements to the ACS for the communication SC are:

- continuous precise 3-axis orientation of the SC body at conditions of possible ACS onboard equipment failures, disturbances on optical devices etc., and also at executing a SC orbit correction;
- possibility of the SC body re-orientation for its orbit correction, as well orientation of the solar array panels and each high-gain receiving-transmitting antennas with respect to the SC body;
- robustness to variations of the SC inertial and rigidity characteristics under minimum mass, size and power expenditures,

and for the remote sensing SC there are the needs:

- to orient the line-of-sight to a predetermined part of the Earth surface with the scan in designated direction;
- to compensate a image motion at the onboard optical telescope focal plane.

Increased requirements to such information satellites (lifetime up to 10 years, exactness of spatial rotation maneuver with the effective damping of the SC flexible construction oscillations, fault-tolerance, reliability as well as to reasonable mass, size and energy characteristics) has motivated intensive development the gyro moment clusters (GMCs) based on excessive number of reaction wheels (RWs) and gyrodines (GDs) — single-gimbal control moment gyros. For the SC close-loop control a principal meter has been represented by a strap-down inertial navigation system (SINS) based on the fine gyros and optoelectronic sensors, which are intended for correction of the SINS. For increasing the SINS accuracy and reliability a certain redundancy on measuring channels is introduced at any inertial gyroscopic assembly.

In the paper, we consider some problems of active FDI and reconfiguration of the ACS' GMC only.

2 The problem statement

Let be given the nonlinear generalized controlled object \mathcal{O} for a time $t \in T_{t_0} \equiv [t_0, \infty)$

$$D^+x(t) = \mathcal{F}(x(t), u, p(t, x), \gamma_\nu^f(t)), x(t_0) = x_0; \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \psi^o(x(t), \gamma_\nu^f(t)); \\ z^o(t) &= \phi^o(x(t), y(t), p(t, x)), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $x(t) \in \mathcal{H} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n_\nu}$ is a state vector with an initial condition $x_0 \in \mathcal{H}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{H}$; $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{r_\nu}$ is an output vector for measurement and diagnosis of object's state, and $z^o(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{r_\nu}$ is a vector for description of its failure conditions; $u = \{u_j\} \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^{r_\nu}$ is a control vector, and $p(t, x) \in \mathcal{P}$ is the vector-function of disturbances in class \mathcal{P} ; D^+ is symbol of a right derivative with respect to time, and $\gamma_\nu^f(t) \in \mathcal{B}^m \equiv \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B} \cdots \times \mathcal{B}$ with $\mathcal{B} = \{0, 1\}$ is vector of logic variables, which are outputs of a "fault's" asynchronous logic automaton (ALA) \mathcal{A}^f with memory

$$\gamma_\nu^f = \delta^f(\kappa_\nu^f, l_\nu^f); \kappa_{\nu+1}^f = \lambda^f(\kappa_\nu^f, l_\nu^f), \kappa_0^f = \kappa^f(0), \quad (3)$$

for its time $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0 \equiv [0, 1, 2, \dots)$. Here logic vectors of object's state $\kappa_\nu^f = \kappa^f(\nu)$ and input $l_\nu^f = l^f(\nu) = g^f(z^o(t_\nu^f))$ are used for representation of fault occurrences and damage development depending on the automaton time ν , bound up with the continuous time as $t = t_\nu^f + (\tau^f - t_\nu^f)$; $\tau^f \in \tau_\nu^f \equiv [t_\nu^f, t_{\nu+1}^f)$, $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Moreover, $l_\nu^f(t) = \text{const} \forall t \in \tau_\nu^f$ and change of the logic vector γ_ν^f in general case leads to variation of *dimensions* for vectors $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ under mappings in time moments $t = t_\nu^f$:

$$x(t_{\nu+}^f) = \mathcal{P}_\nu^x(x(t_{\nu-}^f)); \quad y(t_{\nu+}^f) = \mathcal{P}_\nu^y(y(t_{\nu-}^f)).$$

Let $T_u, T_q \leq T_u$ and $T_r \geq T_u$ are fixed sampling periods of control, state measurement and the control reconfiguration, moreover, multiplicity conditions must be satisfied for these periods, and

$$\begin{aligned} x_k &= x(t_k); t_k = kT_u, t_s = sT_q, t_\mu = \mu T_r; \\ x_k^f &= \mathcal{F}_{T_u}(x_s); \quad x_\mu^f = \mathcal{F}_{T_r}(x_k), \end{aligned}$$

where x_k^f is the value of the variable x_s measured with the sampling period T_q , which is filtered out at the time $t = t_k$; $\mathcal{F}_{T_y}(\cdot)$ is the *digital* filtering operator with the sampling period T_y , $y = u, r$.

Let be also given subsystem of discrete measurement of the object state and digital filtering:

- for diagnostics of the object \mathcal{O}

$$y_s^d = \psi^d(y_s); z_k^{df} = \mathcal{F}_{T_u}(y_s^d), k, s \in \mathbb{N}_0; \quad (4)$$

- for forming the control and its reconfiguration

$$\begin{aligned} y_s^u &= \psi^u(y_s); y_k^f = \mathcal{F}_{T_u}(y_s^u); \\ z_\mu^f &= \mathcal{F}_{T_r}(z_k^{df}), \quad \mu, k, s \in \mathbb{N}_0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Principal problems are contained in synthesis of:

- synchronous logic automaton (SLA) \mathcal{A}^d with memory for the structural state diagnosis

$$\gamma_k^d = \delta^d(\kappa_k^d, l_k^d); \kappa_{k+1}^d = \lambda^d(\kappa_k^d, l_k^d), \kappa_0^d = \kappa^d(t_0), \quad (6)$$

with logic vectors of state κ_k^d , input $l_k^d = g^d(z_k^{df})$ and output γ_k^d ;

- SLA \mathcal{A}^r , also with memory, for description of damage's block-keeping and reconfiguration

$$\gamma_\mu^r = \delta^r(\kappa_\mu^r, l_\mu^r); \kappa_{\mu+1}^r = \lambda^r(\kappa_\mu^r, l_\mu^r), \kappa_0^r = \kappa^r(t_0), \quad (7)$$

with logic vectors of state κ_μ^r , input $l_\mu^r = g^r(z_\mu^f, \gamma_\mu^{df})$, where $\gamma_\mu^{df} = \mathcal{F}_{T_r}(\gamma_k^d)$, and output γ_μ^r ;

- nonlinear control law (NCL) with its reconfigurations due to SLA \mathcal{A}^r routine

$$\begin{aligned} u_k &= \mathcal{U}(\hat{x}_{ek}, y_{ek}^f, y_{ok}, \gamma_\mu^r); \\ \hat{x}_{ek+1} &= \hat{\mathcal{F}}_e(\hat{x}_{ek}, y_{ek}^f, y_{ok}^o, u_k, \gamma_k^d, \gamma_\mu^r), \\ \hat{x}_{e0} &= \hat{x}_e(t_0); \quad k, \mu \in \mathbb{N}_0, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $y_{ek}^f = \mathcal{F}_{T_u}(\psi_e^u(y_{es})); y_{es} = \psi_e^o(x_{es}, \gamma_k^d)$, and $x_{es} = x_e(t_s) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\mu^e}$ is the state vector of a simplified discrete object's model

$$x_{e s+1} = \mathcal{F}_e(x_{es}, u_k, \gamma_k^d, \gamma_\mu^r), x_{e0} = x_e(t_0), \quad (9)$$

and $\hat{x}_{e k} = \hat{x}_e(t_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\mu^e}$ is its estimation; $n_\mu^e \leq n = \max\{n_\nu\}$, and y_k^o is a programmed vector.

Feedback loops (4)–(9) are intended for fault-tolerant control of the object (1)–(3).

To the FDI carry out a three-level logic-digital system is generally applied onboard information spacecraft:

on lower level — *integral local* SLAs \mathcal{A}_d^d with memory for automatic monitoring of relevant device status by measurement of available physical variables (currents, movements, rates etc.)

on middle level — *local loop* SLAs \mathcal{A}_c^d with memory for automatic monitoring of control loop status (roll, yaw and pitch channels, SAP loop etc.);

on higher "system" level — a SLA \mathcal{A}^d , also with memory, for the *global* functional diagnostics of main control loop by comparison of outputs for normal and emergency models of the ACS operation.

At two last levels the functional diagnostics is executed with using any reference model – by comparison of output signals by modeled and measured values of the system state coordinates.

Results of the ACS state diagnosis, carried out by specialists of the spacecraft mission control center, indicate high performance of the methods based on applying detailed information about instruments, control algorithms, control laws and set of other options of the SC functioning, and also some invariant relations between system state variables. For high fail-safe operation of the ACS, maximum employment of functional redundancy has been provided by using the SLA to apply all the reverse complete sets of devices or their electric circuits. At synthesis of diagnosis SLAs \mathcal{A}_d^d , \mathcal{A}_c^d and \mathcal{A}^d (6) and also of a damage block-keeping and re-configuration SLA \mathcal{A}^r (7), the *Natural Tricks* are used. They are based on both well-known physical invariant relations (for example, general momentum invariant for the "SC+GMC" mechanical system) and engineering inventiveness, presented at the perfect logic-inconsistence forms. Mathematical description of failure conditions and these forms are the base for designing all kinds of logic automata (3), (6) and (7) by well-known methods (Glushkov, 1962; Pospelov, 1974; Gavrilov *et al.*, 1977; Glushkov *et al.*, 1987; Ostroff, 1990) and contemporary software.

Further we will consider only following problems: diagnosis by a consecutive classification of failures; fault-tolerant structure of the GMC; provision of the ACS fault-tolerance at the GMC failures.

3 The modified Wald criterion

Implemented at programmed level (into the SC onboard computer) any plan for localization of system's failures is related with necessity to solve a problem on choice of informative parameters. As a rule, in practice number of the system's controlled parameters includes all significant coordinates of its state, which character-

ize the basic dynamic indexes and determine the quality of functioning.

The onboard algorithm for the ACS diagnosis is based on its reference model work in a background regime, i.e. at the SC mission control in real time. Thus at first, for detection of an anomalous situation on each control period the vector of discrepancies between measured $\mathbf{x} = \{x_i\}$ and modeled $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \{\hat{x}_i\}$ coordinates is computed: $\mathbf{e} = \{e_i\} = \mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}$. Then, the obtained data are analyzed concerning their conformity to chosen criteria, in the elementary case – their coincidence with limits of possible modification of controlled parameters a priori defined from design performances. The main disadvantage of the plan of automatic diagnosis of a current state (in real time) is difficulty of obtaining (a priori assignment) evaluation of decision making credibility about a failure of a system structural element and its dependence on quantity of control periods.

The sequential probability ratio test (SPRT) is a well-known specific sequential hypothesis test, developed by *Abraham Wald* (1954). The CUSUM (cumulative sum) method was announced a few years after the publication of Wald's SPRT algorithm (Basseville and Nikiforov, 1993; Kramer and Schotman, 1992; Xiao and Phillips, 2002). The CUSUM control chart is also a sequential analysis technique, at times it is used for monitoring change detection into aerospace systems (Basseville *et al.*, 2006).

Applied approach to a system diagnosis and making a decision on a failure consists in the following. Temporal behavior of control parameters $e_j(t)$, $j=1,2$ is possible to be considered as a random process which performances depend on set of factors. These are measurement errors: inaccuracy of control actions optimization and an object motion modeling as a result of its model simplification; inexactness of knowledge of spacecraft design data, perturbation actions etc. In this case the classification can be conducted not on instantaneous values of discrepancies $e_j(t)$ in the end of each control period T_k , but according to random process presented by discrete sequence of values $e_{jk} = e_j(t_k)$, where $k \in \mathbb{N} \equiv [1, 2, 3, \dots]$.

Classification of such random process is implemented by a mathematical apparatus of a consecutive analysis of hypothesis in the form of the modified Wald's SPRT. In this modified Wald criterion the threshold values depend on time (or numbers of the control periods), and also on taken value inaccuracy. Generally the modified SPRT possesses following important properties:

convergence with probability 1, and by alignment of threshold values α and β it is possible to supply with flexible tracing of classification inaccuracy levels;

does not demand independence and equality of probability distributions of classified casual vectors;

supplies minimization of average number of the observations necessary for reaching the given level of reliability of the value, and minimization of av-

erage volume of information stored for classification, that considerably simplifies its implementation in the SC onboard software.

Procedure for analysis is implemented by modified Wald criterion as follows. For each parameters discrepancy value vector of the log – likely-hood ratio

$$\lambda_{jk} = -\ln(P(e_{jk}/W_1)/P(e_{jk}/W_2))$$

is computed where e_{jk} is a value of vector e_j on k -th step of computation, and $P(e_{jk}/W_j)$ is a function of the conventional density of probabilities e_{jk} at the fixed event, consisting of the fact that e_{jk} belongs to the class $j \in \{1, 2\}$. Value λ_{jk} is also random, therefore, for independent allocation of e_{jk} the summarized log - like-hood criterion L after n observations is equal

$$L = -\ln\{P[(e_{1_1}, \dots, e_{1_n})/W_1]/P[(e_{2_1}, \dots, e_{2_n})/W_2]\} = -\sum_{k=1}^n \ln\{P[(e_{1_k})/W_1]/P[(e_{2_k})/W_2]\} = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_{jk},$$

where $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is number of a control step, and W_1 and W_2 are classes of a system state (accordingly "norm" and "not the norm"). The modified SPRT decision rule is presented in the form

$$\begin{aligned} L \leq \alpha_k &\rightarrow e_j \in W_1; \\ \alpha_k < L < \beta_k &\rightarrow (\text{to prolong processing} \\ &\quad \text{of measurements}); \\ L \geq \beta_k &\rightarrow e_j \in W_2. \end{aligned}$$

In essence this rule consists in comparison of the L value with *aligned* limits α_k and β_k unlike constant values in classical Wald criterion. Limits α_k and β_k are monotone decreasing functions of current discrete time k . It allows to build the consecutive classifier with a "sliding window" in such a way that it is possible to align the average number of indications processing necessary for final decision as well as the probability of a false discerning.

4 A Gyro Moment Cluster

For information spacecraft it is important to minimize the GMC mass and provide the possibility for reconfiguration of its structure and control algorithms for 2–3 possible faults in any electro-mechanical executive device of the GMC. We have been executed multilateral analysis of schemes for constructing the small-mass GMC based on RWs or GDs with both the gear stepping drives and the moment gearless drives (MGDs) on their precession axes, in combination with unloading loops of accumulated angular momentum (AM) by the reaction trusters and/or magnetic torques.

The following *minimal*-excessible GMC structure is most rational for providing fault-tolerance: *2-SPE* scheme based on four GDs, Fig. 1. Sometimes for the main mode of a spacecraft attitude control only 3 executive devices are used — fourth executive device is in "cold" reserve.

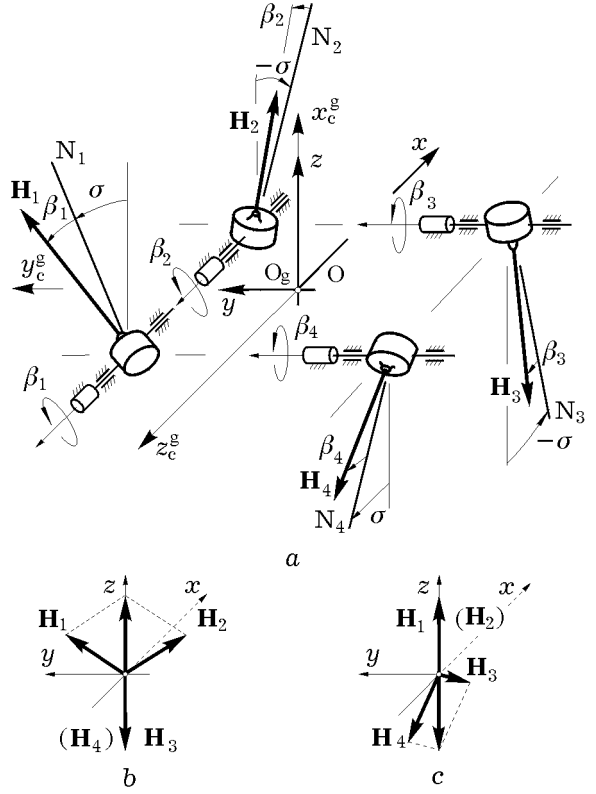


Figure 1. The fault-tolerant 2-SPE scheme of the GMC

Let point O be the spacecraft mass center and $Oxyz$ is body reference frame (BRF), see Fig. 1a. In the GMC canonical reference frame $O_g x_c^g y_c^g z_c^g$ the angular momentum projections of the first (GD-1 & GD-2) and the second (GD-3 & GD-4) pairs of gyrodines always are summed up along axis $O_g x_c^g$. The gyrodine neutral positions $N_p, p = 1 : 4$ are directed at angles $\pm\sigma$ with respect to positive (for 1st GD's pair) and to negative (for 2nd GD's pair) directions of axis $O_g x_c^g$, see Fig. 1a. At the GMC Z-arrangement on the spacecraft body, when axis $O_g x_c^g$ is the same as axis Oz of BRF, for $\sigma = \pi/6$ and $\beta_p \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$ the following 4 efficient (for 3-axis spacecraft attitude control) GMC configurations are possible on the basis of *only 3 active* gyrodines: configurations Z-I, I=1:4 — the GMC without GD-I, represented at the nominal state in Fig. 1b (configurations Z-4 or Z-3) and in Fig. 1c, (configurations Z-2 or Z-1).

So, the gyro cluster scheme in Fig. 1a is *fault-tolerant* under diagnostics of faulted GD and the GMC reconfiguration by *passages* between configurations Z - I under *specific logic conditions*.

5 Mathematical Models

The BRF attitude with respect to the inertial reference frame (IRF) is defined by quaternion $\Lambda = (\lambda_0, \boldsymbol{\lambda})$, $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$. Let $\Lambda^p(t)$ is a quaternion, and $\boldsymbol{\omega}^p(t) = \{\omega_i^p(t)\}$ and $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^p(t)$ are angular rate and acceleration vectors of the programmed SC body's motion in the IRF. The error quaternion is $\mathbf{E} = (e_0, \mathbf{e}) = \hat{\Lambda}^p(t) \circ \Lambda$,

Euler parameters' vector is $\mathcal{E} = \{e_0, \mathbf{e}\}$, and attitude error's matrix is $\mathbf{C}_e \equiv \mathbf{C}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathbf{I}_3 - 2[\mathbf{e} \times] \mathbf{Q}_e^t$, where $\mathbf{Q}_e \equiv \mathbf{Q}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathbf{I}_3 e_0 + [\mathbf{e} \times]$ with $\det(\mathbf{Q}_e) = e_0$. Here symbols $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, \times , $\{ \cdot \}$, $[\cdot]$ for vectors and $[\mathbf{a} \times]$, $(\cdot)^t$ for matrices are conventional notations.

The BRF attitude with respect to orbital reference frame (ORF) $Ox^o y^o z^o$ is defined by quaternion $\mathbf{\Lambda}^o = \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_o(t) \circ \mathbf{\Lambda}$, where $\mathbf{\Lambda}_o$ is known quaternion of the ORF attitude with respect to the IRF, by angles of yaw ψ , roll φ and pitch θ for the rotational sequence 132, by matrix $\mathbf{C}_e^o = [\varphi]_2 [\theta]_3 [\psi]_1$, where $[\alpha]_i$ is the matrix of elementary rotation, and also by vector of *Euler's* parameters \mathcal{E}^o , moreover the matrix $\mathbf{C}_e^o = \mathbf{C}(\mathcal{E}^o)$. For a fixed position of *flexible* structures on the SC body with some simplifying assumptions, standard notations (Somov, 2000; Somov, 2001) and $t \in \mathbb{T}_{t_0}$ a SC angular motion model appears as follows:

$$\dot{\mathbf{\Lambda}} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \circ \boldsymbol{\omega} / 2; \quad \mathbf{A}^o \{ \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}, \ddot{\mathbf{q}}, \ddot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\Omega}} \} = \{ \mathbf{F}^\omega, \mathbf{F}^q, \mathbf{F}^\beta, \mathbf{F}^h \}, \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}^\omega &= \mathbf{M}^s - \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{M}_d^g + \mathbf{Q}^o(t, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}); \quad \mathbf{M}^s = -\mathbf{A}_h \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}; \\ \mathbf{F}^q &= \{ -a_{jj}^q ((\delta^q / \pi) \Omega_j^q \dot{q}_j + (\Omega_j^q)^2 q_j) + \mathbf{Q}_j^q(\boldsymbol{\omega}, \dot{q}_j, q_j) \}; \\ \mathbf{F}^\beta &= \mathbf{A}_h^t \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{M}_c^g + \mathbf{M}_d^g + \mathbf{M}_b^g + \mathbf{M}_f^g + \mathbf{Q}^g(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \boldsymbol{\omega}); \\ \mathbf{F}^h &= \mathbf{M}_c^h + \mathbf{M}_d^h + \mathbf{M}_f^h + \mathbf{Q}^h(\cdot); \quad \mathbf{M}_c^h = \mathbf{M}^h + \mathbf{M}^{ha}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A}^o = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}^o & \mathbf{D}_q & \mathbf{D}_g & \mathbf{D}_h \\ \mathbf{D}_q^t & \mathbf{A}^q & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{D}_g^t & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A}^g & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{D}_h^t & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{A}^h \end{bmatrix}; \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{M}_c^g &= \mathbf{M}^g + \mathbf{M}^{gd} + \mathbf{M}^{ga}; \\ \mathbf{G} &= \mathbf{G}^o + \mathbf{D}_q \dot{\mathbf{q}} + \mathbf{D}_g \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}; \\ \mathbf{G}^o &= \mathbf{J}^o \boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{\beta}); \\ \mathbf{A}_h &= [\partial \mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) / \partial \boldsymbol{\beta}]; \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \{H_p\}; \quad \boldsymbol{\Omega} = \{\Omega_p\}; \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \{\beta_p\}; \quad \boldsymbol{\omega} = \{\omega_i\};$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \{q_j\}; \quad \mathbf{H}_p(\beta_p) = H_p \mathbf{h}_p; \quad \mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum \mathbf{H}_p(\beta_p);$$

torques \mathbf{M}_d^g and \mathbf{M}_d^h of a physical damping, and also electro-magnetic damper (EMD) torques $\mathbf{M}_{dp}^g(k_d^g, \dot{\beta}_p)$ with gain k_d^g are nonlinear continuous functions; vectors of the rolling friction torques in bearings on gyrorotor (GR) axes \mathbf{M}_f^h and on GD's precession axes \mathbf{M}_f^g , and also in general case torque's vector \mathbf{M}_b^g describing influence of limiting supports on GD's precession axes, are *nonlinear discontinuous* functions.

The components of GMC control vectors \mathbf{M}_c^g and \mathbf{M}_c^h with regard for the possible *faults* in electric circuits of MGDs as well as the EMDs on the GD precession axes, and also that of the electric drives on GD's rotor axes and arresters (cages) are described by *hybrid functions*

$$\mathbf{M}_p^x = \sum_{l=1}^2 \gamma_p^{fxl}(\nu) \gamma_p^{rxl}(\mu) a_p^x i_p^{xl}, \quad (11)$$

where indexes $x = g, gd, ga, h, ha$, coordinates

γ_p^{yxl} , $y = f, r$ are logic variables

$$\gamma_p^{yxl} \in \{0, 1\}; \quad \gamma_p^{yx1} \wedge \gamma_p^{yx2} = 0; \quad \gamma_p^{yx1} \vee \gamma_p^{yx2} = 1, \quad p = 1:4;$$

i_p^{xl} are the control currents and currents at the GD electro-magnetic arresters in main ($l = 1$) and in reserve ($l = 2$) circuits, and a_p^x are constants. The functions $\gamma_p^{fxl}(\nu)$ are outputs of an ALA \mathcal{A}^f with memory for representing fault occurrences and damage development depending on automaton time $\nu \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Functions $\gamma_k^{rxl}(\mu)$ are outputs of a SLA \mathcal{A}^r , also with memory, for description of damage's or fault's block-keeping and the reconfiguration sequence depending on automaton time $\mu \in \mathbb{N}_0$. The currents in GD's control circuits $i_p^{gl}(t)$ for $\gamma_p^{rgl} = 1$ and $i_p^{hl}(t)$ for $\gamma_p^{rhl} = 1$ are proportional to GD's digital control voltages

$$u_p^x(t) = \text{Zh}[\text{Sat}(\text{Qntr}(u_{pk}^x, b_u^x), B_u^x), T_u]$$

where u_{pk}^x , $x = g, h$ are the outputs of NCLs on the GDs precession and GRs axes, and functions $\text{Sat}(x, a)$ and $\text{Qntr}(x, a)$ are general-usage ones, while the holder model with the period T_u is of the type: $y(t) = \text{Zh}[x_k, T_u] = x_k \quad \forall t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$. It is clear that equations (10) and (11) correspond to ones for generalized controlled object (1) and (2).

6 Provision of Fault-Tolerance

The *verbal* description of provision of fault-tolerance for a spacecraft ACS with the gyro cluster in Fig. 1a, for its initial configuration Z-4, when $H_p = h_g, p = 1:3$ and

$$\gamma_p^{fxl} = \gamma_p^{rxl} = 1, \quad x = g, gd, h; \quad \gamma_p^{fxl} = 0, \quad x = ga, ha,$$

with the GD-4 in the stopping state: $H_4 = \beta_4 = 0$ and

$$\gamma_4^{fxl} = 0, \quad x = g, gd, h; \quad \gamma_4^{rxl} = 1, \quad x = ga, ha,$$

see (11), is as follows.

In the normal mode, the magnetic unloading loop ensures the condition $\mathbf{G}^o \approx \mathbf{0}$ for the AM vector at forming the magnetic control torque vector

$$\mathbf{M}_{mc}^o = \mathbf{L}_m(t) \times \mathbf{B}_\oplus; \quad \mathbf{L}_m(t) = \text{Zh}[\mathbf{L}_{mk}, T_u],$$

where \mathbf{B}_\oplus is a magnetic vector of geomagnetic field,

$$\mathbf{L}_{mk} = -l_m^o \phi_m^o(\mathbf{R}_0, \lambda_m, b_m, \mathbf{R}_k) \mathbf{e}_{mk}; \quad \mathbf{e}_{mk} = \mathbf{c}_k / c_k;$$

$$\phi_m^o(a, \lambda_m, b_m, x) = \{ (1 \forall x > \lambda_m b_m) \vee (0 \forall x < b_m) \};$$

$$\mathbf{c}_k = \mathbf{R}_k \times \mathbf{B}_{\oplus k}^f; \quad \mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{J}^o \boldsymbol{\omega}_k^f + \mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_k^f);$$

l_m^o is the modulus of the magnetic driver dipole torque, $\phi_m^o(a, \lambda_m, b_m, a) = a$, $a \in \{0, 1\}$ is a scalar relay hysteresis function with threshold of operation b_m and coefficient of return $0 < \lambda_m < 1$, and $\mathbf{x}_k^f = \mathbf{x}^f(t_k)$ is measured and filtered vector value, $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}_\oplus, \boldsymbol{\omega}, \boldsymbol{\beta}$.

Let the fault of the torque gearless driver current circuit in the GD-3 occurred at any time moment

$$t = t_\nu^f \in [t_{k_*-1}, t_{k_*}); \quad \nu = 1, \quad \gamma_3^{fxl} = 0.$$

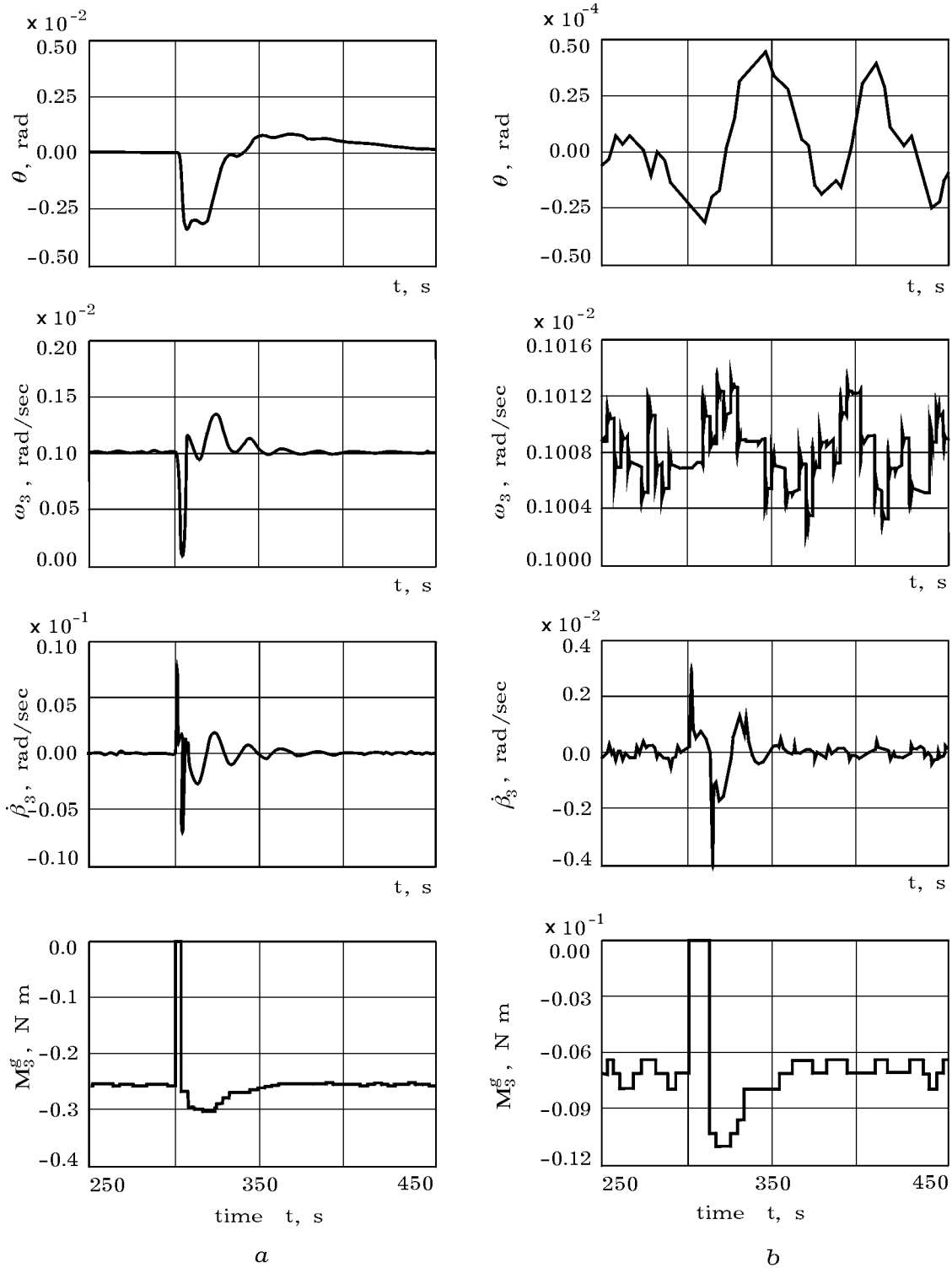


Figure 2. The dynamic processes under fault in the control current circuit of the GD-3 torque driver

Then by the SLAs \mathcal{A}_{GD-3}^d or \mathcal{A}^d , and by the SLA \mathcal{A}^r in the result of circuits switching ($\gamma_3^{rg1} = 0; \gamma_3^{rg2} = 1$) is guaranteed for discrete time $k = k^* = k_*$ or $k = k^* = k_* + 1$, respectively.

Moreover, the intensity of dynamic processes for the attitude control channels is essentially dependent not only on the time interval duration $\delta t_{k_*}^f = t_{k_*} - t_{\nu}^f$, when there is no control, but also on the potentialities

of the gyrodines, which remained operable in the aspect of compensation of disturbing influence of the angular rate vector ω_o because of the spacecraft orbital motion.

After such *isolation* of the fault, the scheduled reconfiguration of Z-4 \Rightarrow Z-3 process starts:

$\gamma_4^{rha1} = 0$ and $\gamma_4^{rh1} = 1$ with speeding-up from the rest state of the GD-4 rotor,

at unloading loop the magnetic driver operates

with the values $\mathbf{R}_k = \mathcal{H}(\beta_k^f)$,

at achieving a small neighborhood for the GMC "park" state $H_p = h_g$; $\beta_p = 0$, $p = 1 : 4$, there takes place *simultaneous*:

the GD-3 caging ($\gamma_3^{rga1} = 1$),

GD-4 uncaging ($\gamma_4^{rga1} = 0$) and switching ($\gamma_4^{rg1} = 1$) on-line the control closed-loop.

On final stage of this process:

the magnetic unloading loop is returned into the nominal mode,

the SLA's \mathcal{A}^r output $\gamma_3^{rhl} = 0$ and the GD-3 rotor is speeding-down to the rest state,

finally, after reaching the condition $H_3 \approx 0$, the GD-3 is caged ($\gamma_3^{rha1} = 1$).

Thus, the GMC restores its redundancy with respect to control circuits of torque gearless drivers for the on-line gyrodines, and it is prepared for the rapid isolation of any new gyrodine fault and for new reconfiguration.

As discussed above, the intensity of dynamic processes is essentially dependent on the potentialities of the gyrodines which remained operable in the aspect of compensation of the spacecraft orbital motion. This fact is illustrated in Fig. 2, where the sampling period values $T_q = 0.25$ s and $T_u = 4$ s. Such processes are presented with respect to the pitch channel of ACS under the SC orbital stabilization for configurations Y-4 (Fig. 2a) and Z-4 (Fig. 2b), when the GD-3 fault takes place under $t = 300.1$ s.

In the Y-4 case, there are no operable gyrodines needed for creating control torques along the axis Oz, so despite the "fast" fault diagnostics by the SLA \mathcal{A}_{GD-3}^d and switching the torque gearless driver's reserve circuit into on-line the control closed-loop at the time $t = t_{k^*} = 304$ s, there take place substantial overshoots of attitude errors.

Such overshoots are absent for similar fault in GD-3 within the GMC according to the configuration Z-4, since GD-1 and GD-2 in this case remain operable for creating control torques along the axis Oz, see Fig. 1b. So, even for the "slow" GD-3 fault diagnosis with the aid of SLA \mathcal{A}^d and switching the torque gearless driver's reserve circuit in GD-3 by the time $t = t_{k^*} = 308$ s, the precision angular stabilization with respect to pitch remains the same.

7 Conclusion

Contemporary methods were presented, which closely connected to designing the precise robust and active fault-tolerant attitude control systems applied at Russian information spacecraft.

With the aid of these methods and software we have been conducted dynamic research and designing such spacecraft ACSs, including those in accordance with international projects (Somov *et al.*, 2002; Somov *et*

al., 2003; Somov *et al.*, 2007; Somov *et al.*, 2013; Somov *et al.*, 2014a; Somov *et al.*, 2014b; Somov *et al.*, 2014c; Somov *et al.*, 2015).

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