# Adaptive Set-Point Regulation of Linear $2 \times 2$ Hyperbolic Systems with Application to the Kick and Loss Problem in Drilling \*

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#### Abstract

We study the kick and loss detection and attenuation problem in managed pressure drilling by modeling the well as a distributed parameter system. Two cases are considered, distinguished by whether down-hole pressure measurements are available or not. The main contribution of the paper is a theoretical result on adaptive stabilization and set-point regulation by boundary control for a general  $2 \times 2$  linear hyperbolic system in the case of measurements taken at both boundaries, with stability proven in the  $L_2$ -sense. The design is applied to the drilling system and shown to solve the kick and loss problem with sensing at both boundaries. An earlier result on adaptive set-point regulation for  $2 \times 2$  hyperbolic systems is also applied to the drilling system and shown to solve a kick and loss problem with sensing restricted to the actuated boundary only. The two designs are compared in a simulation of a loss incident, showing a significant reduction in convergence time and total accumulated loss for the design with sensing allowed at both boundaries.

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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Motivation

A drilling system consists of a drill string with a drill bit at the bottom-hole end and a casing around the drill string called annulus. A drilling fluid called mud is circulated down the drill string, through the drill-bit and up the annulus to the surface where cuttings are removed and the mud recirculated down the drill string again (see Figure 1). The purpose of the mud is not only to transport the cuttings out of the system, but to provide pressure control throughout the well. If the pressure is too low, the well might collapse, and a too high bottom-hole pressure might lead to fracturing of the formation. Traditionally, pressure is controlled by varying the mud density, viscosity or circulation rate. In managed pressure drilling (MPD), with applied back pressure (ABP) in particular, the pressure in the annulus is controlled by using a back pressure valve top-side to limit the flow and a back-pressure pump in the case without circulation. The difficulty in MPD comes from the fact that actuation is lo-



Fig. 1. Schematic of the drilling system.

cated top-side, while the pressure of interest is bottom-hole usually several kilometers away. Sensing is only available at the boundaries and often only top-side.

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Time spent correcting down-hole errors caused by inadequate pressure control accounts for a significant part of the total non-productive time during drilling [24]. To avoid such errors, it is essential to maintain a down-hole pressure within margins dictated by the surrounding reservoir pressure. When the bottom-hole pressure exceeds the formation pressure drilling mud will flow into the formation, called a *loss*, potentially damaging the well-bore (if exceeding the *fracturing* pressure). A higher formation pressure than down-hole pressure will result in formation fluids flowing into the well, called a gain or kick. If not handled, a kick leads to formation fluids flowing up the annulus, which in severe circumstances, might lead to uncontrolled blowouts on the surface. Often, a kick is preceded by a loss since the loss causes down-hole pressure to drop. Thus, quick handling of the loss is critical for avoiding a kick incident, which is more serious in terms of safety. Since the reservoir pressure is usually unknown, the challenge is now to stabilize the well pressure, estimate the reservoir pressure and at the same time use this estimate together with well pressure and flow estimates to regulate the bottom-hole pressure.

To model the annular pressure and flow in a well using managed pressure drilling, a modification of the model presented in [22] is used. This model is based on a single mass balance law and a momentum balance linearized around a constant mud density. The model is the result of a trade-off between providing the necessary level of simplicity needed for estimation and control design while at the same time capturing the dominating dynamics in a single-phase system with laminar pipe flow. To model the reservoir relation, the bottomhole boundary condition is replaced by a simple productivity index inflow model where the flow between the reservoir and the well-bore is proportional to the bottom-hole and reservoir pressure difference. This gives the following model:

$$p_t(z,t) = -\frac{\beta}{A}q_z(z,t) \tag{1a}$$

$$q_t(z,t) = -\frac{A}{\rho} p_z(z,t) - \frac{F}{\rho} q(z,t) - Ag\cos\psi(z)$$
(1b)

$$q(0,t) = J(p_r - p(0,t)) + q_{bit}$$
(1c)

$$p(l,t) = p_l(t) \tag{1d}$$

where  $z \in [0, l]$  and  $t \ge 0$  are independent variables of space and time respectively, l is the well depth, p(z,t) is pressure, q(z,t) is volumetric flow,  $\beta$  is the bulk modulus of the mud,  $\rho$  is the density of the mud, A is the cross sectional area of the annulus, F is the friction factor, g is the acceleration of gravity,  $\psi(z)$  is the angle between the positive flow direction and gravity at position z, J > 0 is called the productivity index and is assumed unknown,  $p_r$  is the unknown reservoir pressure, and  $q_{bit}$  is the known flow through the drill bit. It is assumed that  $p_r$  satisfies  $0 < p_r \le \bar{p}_r$  where  $\bar{p}_r$  is some known upper bound for the reservoir pressure. Moreover, it is assumed that the choke controller has significantly faster dynamics than the rest of the system so that the actuation dynamics can be ignored and the top-side pressure  $p_l$  regarded as a control input. The design goal is to keep the down-hole pressure equal to the unknown reservoir pressure, that is  $p(0,t) = p_r$  such that flow between the reservoir and well-bore is zero. This implies that the flow through the annulus is equal to the drill bit flow. Based on the design goal, the control objective

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{t}^{t+T} |p_r - p(0,t)| d\tau = 0$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where T > 0 is an arbitrary constant, is selected. To estimate the distributed pressure and flow state and achieve the control objective (2), we assume that the following boundary measurements are available:

- Top-side return flow  $q(l,t) =: q_l(t)$ .
- Bottom-hole pressure  $p(0,t) =: p_0(t)$ .

In particular, recent advances in wired-drillpipe technology now provides down-hole pressure in real time, replacing the older less reliable, low bandwidth mud-pulse-based pressure measurements.

#### 1.2 Problem statement

The coefficient matrix of (1a) and (1b) (formed by combining the states into vector form and collecting the coefficients of the spatial derivatives into a single matrix) has two distinct, real eigenvalues  $(\pm \sqrt{\beta/\rho})$ , which shows that (1) is of type hyperbolic. For all linear hyperbolic systems, there exists a coordinate transformation transforming the system to characteristic form where the coefficient matrix is diagonalized (see e.g. [9]). To ease the control design process and analysis, but also to make the design slightly more general and thereby possibly applicable to other applications, we will in the following study systems in the form

$$u_t(x,t) + \lambda u_x(x,t) = c_1(x)v(x,t)$$
(3a)

$$(x,t) - \mu v_x(x,t) = c_2(x)u(x,t)$$
 (3b)

$$u(0,t) = rv(0,t) + k(\theta - y_0(t))$$
(3c)  
$$v(1,t) = \sigma y_1(t) + U(t)$$
(3d)

$$(1,t) = \sigma y_1(t) + U(t) \tag{3d}$$

defined for  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $t \ge 0$ , where u, v are the system states,  $\lambda, \mu > 0, c_1(x), c_2(x) \in C([0, 1])$  are the source terms, r is a constant and  $y_0$  is a measured signal related to the states by

$$y_0(t) = u(0,t) - b_0 v(0,t) \tag{4}$$

with  $b_0 \neq r$ . In addition, we have the boundary measurement

$$y_1(t) = u(1,t).$$
 (5)

The only unknown parameters are  $k \in [k,k] \subset (0,\infty)$  and  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $\underline{k}$  and  $\overline{k}$  are known lower and upper bounds on k required for technical reasons in the controller design. In order to select the bounds, we must assume that  $r + b_0 k$  is nonzero with known sign. The control objective (2) can be stated in the new coordinate system as

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_t^{t+T} |\boldsymbol{\theta} - y_0(\tau)| d\tau = 0$$
(6)

for some arbitrary T > 0.

**Remark 1** Related to system (1),  $\lambda$  and  $-\mu$  represent the eigenvalues of the coefficient matrix which is unchanged by the coordinate transformation, the source terms  $c_1, c_2$  account for the frictional loss terms, the unknown parameters J and  $p_r$  can be recovered from k and  $\theta$ ,  $y_0$  is related to the down-hole pressure measurement while  $y_1$  is related to the top-side flow measurement, and the parameters r and  $b_0$  are trivially equal to -1 and 1, respectively. The details regarding the diagonalizing change of coordinates from (1) to (3) can be found in Lemma 5 in Section 3.

It is assumed that the initial conditions  $u(x,0) = u_0(x)$ ,  $v(x,0) = v_0(x)$  satisfy  $u_0, v_0 \in \mathscr{B}([0,1])$ , where

$$\mathscr{B}([0,1]) = \{f(x) : \sup_{x \in [0,1]} f(x) < \infty\},\tag{7}$$

in which case it can be shown [30] that (3) has a unique solution that stays in  $\mathscr{B}([0,1])$  for all  $t \ge 0$  for the form of U(t) used in this paper. The objective is to design a control input U(t) so that system (3) is adaptively stabilized in the  $L_2$ -sense and such that the objective (6) is achieved. The structure of this problem, with distributed states, and sensing and actuation only at boundaries, fits perfectly into the control framework of infinite-dimensional backstepping for PDEs. In addition, the unknown parameter part of the problem can be handled by combining the backstepping method with an adaptive parameter update law.

#### 1.3 Previous work

The method of infinite-dimensional backstepping for PDEs was first introduced for parabolic PDEs in [23,27,28], where the gain kernel was expressed as a solution to a well-posed PDE. The first result using backstepping applied on hyperbolic PDEs was for first order systems in [19]. The method was later extended to second order hyperbolic systems in [26], and to two coupled first order hyperbolic systems in [32]. The results in the latter were used in [1] for disturbance attenuation in managed pressure drilling which has similarities to the problem considered in this paper. Disturbance attenuation and trajectory tracking problems based on the internal model principle were further studied in [12, 20, 21]. Adaptive control of parabolic PDEs is extensively studied in [29]. In recent years, results on adaptive state estimation and closed loop stabilization for hyperbolic PDEs have also emerged. Adaptive observers for n+1 hyperbolic systems using sensing collocated with the uncertain boundary parameters can be found in [7] using swapping filters, and in [10] using a Lyapunov approach. The extension to stabilization,

without additive boundary parameter, and sensing at the nonactuated boundary restricted to the form  $y_0(t) = v(0,t)$ , is given in [6]. For systems with non-zero additive terms in the un-actuated boundary, the steady-state *profile* is non-zero. For such systems, we study *boundary set-point regulation*, where the goal is to control the un-actuated boundary to a desired set-point, which is unknown a priori. Adaptive setpoint regulation for  $2 \times 2$  systems with an affine boundary condition is considered in [16] and for a bilinear boundary condition in [15] using a swapping based design. A closed loop controller achieving boundary set-point regulation can be designed by defining a *reference model* and proving stability in terms of a quantity describing the *tracking error*. A model reference adaptive control problem for  $2 \times 2$  system with a multiplicative boundary condition is studied in [5].

Previous results on kick attenuation in MPD have mainly focused on using lumped drilling models. A lumped ODE model is applied to a gas kick detection and mitigation problem in [33] by using a method for switched control of the bottom-hole pressure. Another lumped model for estimation and control of in-/outflux is presented in [13]. Kick handling methods for a first-order approximation to the PDE system is presented in [2] using LMI (Linear Matrix Inequality) based controller design. In/out-flux detection using an infinite dimensional observer is presented in [14]. Kick handling using a distributed PDE model incorporating a model of the reservoir inflow relation, has to the best of the authors' knowledge not previously been addressed.

#### 1.4 Contributions and paper structure

The contributions in this paper are twofold. First, a theoretical result on adaptive boundary set-point regulation of system (3) achieving (6) and  $L_2$  boundedness of all signals in the closed loop system is derived in Section 2. This is achieved by using some of the ideas on model reference control from [5], but with the additional complexity of having, since the parameter  $\theta$  is unknown, an unknown setpoint (6). Second, both the design from Section 2 and the theoretical results on set-point regulation using only topside sensing from [16] are applied to the kick & loss problem in managed pressure drilling, solving the non-collocated and collocated sensing and control problem, respectively. Feasibility of applying the designs to the MPD model are stated in Corollaries 1 and 2 in Section 3. Finally, the two designs are compared in a simulation study in Section 4, demonstrating the benefit of having down-hole pressure available. The new design (the theoretical design in Section 2 with non-collocated sensing) is a significant improvement over the design for system (3) offered in [15]. The state- and parameter estimation scheme avoids swapping filters, thereby significantly reducing the dynamic order of the controller, the stability analysis is less involved, and performance when applied to the MPD problem is improved.

#### 1.5 Notation

For a signal  $z: [0,1] \times [0,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ , let  $||z|| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 z^2(x,t) dx}$  denote the  $L_2$ -norm. For a time-varying, signal f(t), we use the vector spaces

$$f \in \mathscr{L}_p \leftrightarrow \left( \int_0^\infty |f(t)|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty$$
(8)

for  $p \ge 1$  with the special case  $f \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty} \leftrightarrow \sup |f(t)| < \infty$ . The projection operator Proj is defined as

$$\operatorname{Proj}_{a,b}(\tau, \omega) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \omega = a \text{ and } \tau \leq 0\\ 0, & \text{if } \omega = b \text{ and } \tau \geq 0\\ \tau, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(9)

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#### 2.1 State and parameter estimation

From (4), we see that we can describe the non-actuated boundary in the alternative form

$$u(0,t) = b_0 v(0,t) + y_0(t).$$
(10)

Since this form eliminates all unknown parameters from the system, designing an observer estimating the states (u, v)becomes almost trivial. A state observer converging to the true states in finite time is presented in Section 2.1.1. Once the system states are known, we can use boundary condition (3c) to design adaptive laws estimating the unknown parameters. In Section 2.1.2, adaptive laws based on the gradient method for a bilinear parametric model are presented.

#### 2.1.1 Finite-time convergent state observer

Let  $\hat{u}, \hat{v}$  be the estimates of u, v respectively, and denote the estimation error  $\tilde{u} = u - \hat{u}$  and  $\tilde{v} = u - \hat{v}$ . Choosing the observer

$$\hat{u}_t(x,t) + \lambda \hat{u}_x(x,t) = c_1(x)\hat{v}(x,t) + P_1(x)\tilde{u}(1,t)$$
(11a)

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(x,t) + \mathcal{K} u_x(x,t) &= c_1(x)\mathcal{V}(x,t) + P_1(x)u(1,t) & (11a) \\ \hat{v}_t(x,t) - \mu \hat{v}_x(x,t) &= c_2(x)\hat{u}(x,t) + P_2(x)\tilde{u}(1,t) & (11b) \\ \hat{u}(0,t) &= b_0\hat{v}(0,t) + y_0(t) & (11c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{u}(0,t) = \sigma_{2}(x)\hat{u}(x,t) + r_{2}(x)\hat{u}(1,t)$$
(11c)  
$$\hat{u}(0,t) = b_{0}\hat{v}(0,t) + y_{0}(t)$$
(11c)  
$$\hat{v}(1,t) = \sigma_{2}(t) + U(t).$$
(11d)

$$\hat{v}(1,t) = \sigma y_1(t) + U(t),$$
 (11d)

with initial conditions satisfying  $\hat{u}(\cdot,0), \hat{v}(\cdot,0) \in \mathscr{B}([0,1]),$ gives the error dynamics

$$\tilde{u}_t(x,t) + \lambda \tilde{u}_x(x,t) = c_1(x)\tilde{v}(x,t) - P_1(x)\tilde{u}(1,t)$$
(12a)

$$\tilde{v}_{t}(x,t) + \tilde{v}a_{x}(x,t) = c_{1}(x)v(x,t) - r_{1}(x)a(1,t)$$
(12a)  
$$\tilde{v}_{t}(x,t) - \mu \tilde{v}_{x}(x,t) = c_{2}(x)\tilde{u}(x,t) - P_{2}(x)\tilde{u}(1,t)$$
(12b)  
$$\tilde{v}(0,t) = b \tilde{v}(0,t)$$
(12c)

$$\tilde{u}(0,t) = b_0 \tilde{v}(0,t) \tag{12c}$$

$$\tilde{v}(1,t) = 0. \tag{12d}$$

Selecting the injection term  $P_1, P_2$  as  $P_1(x) = \lambda P^{uu}(x, 1)$ ,  $P_2(x) = \lambda P^{vu}(x, 1)$ , where  $(P^{uu}, P^{vu})$  is the unique solution to a  $2 \times 2$  hyperbolic system given in [32, Eq. (67)-(74)], and using the invertible backstepping transformation [32, Eq. (60)-(61)], it is possible to show that (12) is equivalent to a system of cascaded transport equations with a zero boundary condition so that  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v})$  will be identically zero for all

$$t \ge t_F := \lambda^{-1} + \mu^{-1} \tag{13}$$

since the backstepping transformation is invertible.

#### 2.1.2 Parameter estimation

With (u, v) known for all  $t \ge t_F$ , we can use boundary condition (3c) to define a known signal e as

$$u(0,t) - rv(0,t) = k(\theta - y_0(t)) =: e(t)$$
(14)

with the corresponding estimate

$$\hat{e}(t) := \hat{k}(t)(\hat{\theta}(t) - y_0(t)).$$
(15)

The gradient method for bilinear parametric models in [17, Theorem 4.52] can be used to minimize a cost function based on the square error  $\tilde{e}^2(t) = (e(t) - \hat{e}(t))^2$  and thereby forming adaptive laws for the parameter estimates  $\hat{\theta}, \hat{k}$ . Parameter projection is employed to force the estimate of k to satisfy the known conditions on k.

**Lemma 1** Consider the adaptive laws

$$\dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) = \gamma_1 \frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{1 + y_0^2(t)} \tag{16a}$$

$$\hat{k}(t) = \operatorname{Proj}_{\underline{k},\overline{k}}\left(\gamma_2\left[\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(t) - y_0(t)\right] \frac{\tilde{\boldsymbol{e}}(t)}{1 + y_0^2(t)}, \hat{\boldsymbol{k}}(t)\right) \quad (16b)$$

for  $t \ge t_F$  and  $\dot{\hat{\theta}} = \dot{\hat{k}} = 0$  for  $t < t_F$ , where  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 > 0$  is the adaptation gain and where we assume  $\underline{k} \leq \hat{k}(0) \leq \overline{k}$ . The adaptive laws (16) have the following properties:

(1)  $\hat{\theta}, \hat{k}, \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}.$ (2)  $\underline{k} \leq \hat{k}(t) \leq \overline{k}$  for all  $t \geq 0$ 

(3) 
$$\frac{\tilde{e}}{\sqrt{1+y_0^2}} \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$$

- (4)  $\dot{\hat{\theta}}, \dot{\hat{k}}, \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty} \cap \mathscr{L}_{2}.$
- (5) If  $y_0$  is bounded for almost all  $t \ge 0$  and  $\hat{\theta} y_0 \in$  $\mathscr{L}_2$ , then  $\hat{\theta}$  converges to  $\theta$  and  $\hat{k}$  converges to some constant.

The proof is given in Appendix A.1.

#### 2.2 Closed loop adaptive controller design

In the following stability analysis, it is more convenient to write boundary condition (3c) in linear form

$$u(0,t) = rv(0,t) + \hat{k}(t)(\hat{\theta}(t) - y_0(t)) + \tilde{e}(t) = \hat{q}(t)v(0,t) + \hat{d}(t) + \hat{\kappa}(t)\tilde{e}(t)$$
(17)

such that

$$\hat{q}(t) := \frac{r + b_0 \hat{k}(t)}{1 + \hat{k}(t)}, \hat{d}(t) := \frac{\hat{k}(t)\hat{\theta}(t)}{1 + \hat{k}(t)}, \hat{\kappa}(t) := \frac{1}{1 + \hat{k}(t)}.$$
 (18)

To derive a closed loop control law, we use the infinite dimensional backstepping method to stabilize the system by decoupling the state dynamics (3). Since the objective is boundary set-point regulation to an unknown set-point, we design a time varying reference signal and a corresponding reference model we would like our system to track, such that the overall control objective is achieved. To give some intuition behind our selection of control law, we apply a certainty equivalence principle in Section 2.2.1 and propose a control law in Theorem 1. To set the stage for the formal stability proof, which is given in Section 2.3, and to give some further intuition, we use the reference model to derive a final target system that describes the system tracking error. Instrumental to the design are the backstepping operators  $\mathscr{K}_1, \mathscr{K}_2, \mathscr{K}_{10}, \mathscr{K}_{20} : \mathscr{B}([0,1]) \times \mathscr{B}([0,1]) \to \mathscr{B}([0,1])$ given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{K}_{1}[a,b](x,t) &= a(x) - \mathscr{K}_{10}[a,b](x,t) \\ &= a(x) - \int_{0}^{x} K^{uu}(x,\xi,t)a(\xi) + K^{uv}(x,\xi,t)b(\xi)d\xi \quad (19a) \\ \mathscr{K}_{2}[a,b](x,t) &= b(x) - \mathscr{K}_{20}[a,b](x,t) \end{aligned}$$

$$= b(x) - \int_0^x K^{\nu u}(x,\xi,t)a(\xi) + K^{\nu \nu}(x,\xi,t)b(\xi)d\xi \quad (19b)$$

where  $a, b \in \mathscr{B}([0,1])$ ,  $(K^{uu}, K^{uv}, K^{vu}, K^{vv})$  is the solution to the time-varying system of equations

$$K_x^{uu}(x,\xi,t)\lambda + K_\xi^{uu}(x,\xi,t)\lambda = -K^{uv}(x,\xi,t)c_2(x)$$
(20a)

$$K_{x}^{uv}(x,\xi,t)\lambda - K_{\xi}^{uv}(x,\xi,t)\mu = -K^{uu}(x,\xi,t)c_{1}(x)$$
 (20b)

$$K_{x}^{vu}(x,\xi,t)\mu - K_{\xi}^{vu}(x,\xi,t)\lambda = K^{vv}(x,\xi,t)c_{2}(x)$$
(20c)

$$K_{x}^{\nu\nu}(x,\xi,t)\mu + K_{\xi}^{\nu\nu}(x,\xi,t)\mu = K^{\nu u}(x,\xi,t)c_{1}(x)$$
(20d)

$$K^{uv}(x,x,t)\lambda + K^{uv}(x,x,t)\mu = c_1(x)$$
(20e)

$$K^{\nu u}(x,x,t)\lambda + K^{\nu u}(x,x,t)\mu = -c_2(x)$$
(20f)

$$K^{uu}(x,0,t)\lambda\hat{q}(t) = K^{uv}(x,0,t)\mu$$
(20g)

$$K^{\nu u}(x,0,t)\lambda \hat{q}(t) = K^{\nu \nu}(x,0,t)\mu$$
(20h)

defined over  $\{(x,\xi,t) | 0 \le \xi \le x \le 1, t \ge t_F\}$ . From [11], system (20) has a unique, bounded and continuous solution  $(K^{uu}, K^{uv}, K^{vu}, K^{vv})$  for any bounded, nonzero  $\hat{q}$ . Moreover,

the mapping  $(a,b) \rightarrow (\bar{a},\bar{b})$  given by

$$\bar{a}(x) = \mathscr{K}_1[a,b](x)$$
  

$$\bar{b}(x) = \mathscr{K}_2[a,b](x)$$
(21)

is invertible with unique inverse transformation kernels. In addition, if  $\dot{q} \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$  then (see [6])

$$||K_t^{uu}||, ||K_t^{uv}||, ||K_t^{vu}||, ||K_t^{vv}|| \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}.$$
 (22)

#### 2.2.1 Main result

Let

$$\begin{split} \Psi_1(x,t) &:= -\lambda K^{uu}(x,0,t) \quad (23a) \\ \Psi_2(x,t) &:= -\lambda K^{uv}(x,0,t). \quad (23b) \end{split}$$

Furthermore, due to projection of  $\hat{k}$  in (16b),  $\hat{q}(t)$  given in (18) is bounded. That is

$$|\hat{q}(t)| \le \bar{q} := \max\left|\frac{r+b_0\underline{k}}{1+\underline{k}}, \frac{r+b_0\overline{k}}{1+\overline{k}}\right|$$
(24)

for all  $t \ge 0$ .

**Theorem 1** Let  $\bar{\sigma}$  be a known constant such that  $|\tilde{\sigma}\bar{q}| < 1, \tilde{\sigma} =: \sigma - \bar{\sigma}$ . Consider system (3) and the adaptive law (16). The control law

$$U(t) = \mathscr{H}_{20}[\hat{u}, \hat{v}](1, t) - \tilde{\sigma} \mathscr{H}_{10}[\hat{u}, \hat{v}](1, t) + \frac{1 - \tilde{\sigma}r}{r - b_0} \hat{\theta}(t) - \bar{\sigma}y_1(t) - \hat{d}(t) \int_0^1 (\tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \Psi_1(\xi, t) + \mu^{-1} \Psi_2(\xi, t)) d\xi \quad (25)$$

guarantees (6). Moreover, all signals in the closed loop system are bounded in the  $L_2$ -sense, the parameter estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  converges to its true value  $\theta$  and the parameter estimate  $\hat{k}$  converges to some constant.

A schematic of the design showing how the system plant, observer, control law and adaptive law are interconnected is given in Figure 2. Before proving Theorem 1, some intuition behind the selected control law (25) might be clarifying.

**Remark 2** If the parameters  $(k, \theta)$  are known, we have

$$q := \frac{r + b_0 k}{1 + k}, \quad d := \frac{k\theta}{1 + k} \tag{26}$$

known,  $\tilde{e} = 0$  from (18) and time-invariant kernels (20) and (23) (since  $q = \hat{q}$  is constant). It is possible to show that



Fig. 2. Structure of the control design.

system (3) is, through the invertible, time-invariant backstepping transformation  $\bar{\omega}(x,t) = \mathscr{K}_1[u,v](x,t)$  and  $\bar{\zeta}(x,t) = \mathscr{K}_2[u,v](x,t)$  for  $t \ge t_F$  and, by selecting

$$U(t) = \mathscr{K}_{20}[u, v](1, t) - \tilde{\sigma} \mathscr{K}_{10}[u, v](1, t) + \zeta^* - \bar{\sigma} y_1(t),$$
(27)

equivalent to the system of conservation laws

$$\bar{\omega}_t + \lambda \bar{\omega}_x = \Psi_1(x)d \tag{28a}$$

$$\bar{\zeta}_t - \mu \bar{\zeta}_x = \Psi_2(x)d \tag{28b}$$

$$\bar{\omega}(0,t) = q\bar{\zeta}(0,t) + d \tag{28c}$$

$$\bar{\zeta}(1,t) = \tilde{\sigma}\bar{\omega}(1,t) + \zeta^*.$$
(28d)

System (28) is stable for  $|q\tilde{\sigma}| < 1$  (see [9, Section 2.1]) and the steady state solution  $\bar{\omega}(0,\cdot) = r\bar{\zeta}(0,\cdot)$  is obtained if  $\zeta^*$ solves

$$\bar{\omega}(0,\cdot) = r\bar{\zeta}(0,\cdot) \tag{29a}$$

$$\bar{\omega}(0,\cdot) = q\bar{\zeta}(0,\cdot) + d \tag{29b}$$

$$\begin{split} \bar{\boldsymbol{\zeta}}(0,\cdot) = & d \int_0^1 (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \lambda^{-1} \Psi_1(\boldsymbol{\xi}) + \mu^{-1} \Psi_2(\boldsymbol{\xi})) d\boldsymbol{\xi} \\ & + \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(0,\cdot) + \boldsymbol{\zeta}^*. \end{split}$$
(29c)

That is, we select

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta^* &= \frac{d(1 - \tilde{\sigma}r)}{r - q} - d \int_0^1 (\tilde{\sigma}\lambda^{-1}\Psi_1(\xi) + \mu^{-1}\Psi_2(\xi)) d\xi \\ &= \frac{\theta(1 - \tilde{\sigma}r)}{r - b_0} - d \int_0^1 (\tilde{\sigma}\lambda^{-1}\Psi_1(\xi) + \mu^{-1}\Psi_2(\xi)) d\xi \end{aligned}$$
(30)

which resembles (25), but with the estimates  $(\hat{u}, \hat{v}, \hat{\theta})$  replaced by the true values  $(u, v, \theta)$ . That is, the form of (25) is motivated by viewing it as a certainty equivalence design based on (27) and (30). If in addition  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma$ , the system of conservation laws is reduced to a cascaded set of transport equations and we have finite time convergence.

**Remark 3** It is shown in [8] that complete cancellation of the top-side reflection  $\sigma$  by the control law (i.e.  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma$ ) might lead to poor robustness margins in the event of actuator delays. Specifically, it is shown in [8] that systems with distal reflection  $\theta_1$  (reflection at un-actuated boundary) and proximal reflection  $\sigma$  (reflection at the actuated boundary) can not be delay-robustly stabilized if  $|\sigma \theta_1| > 1$  and a control law with complete cancellation is unstable if  $|\sigma \theta_1| > \frac{1}{2}$  for any non-zero delay. Instead, a control law giving up finite time convergence by preserving a small amount of proximal reflection is proposed and shown to delay-robustly stabilize the system for an arbitrary positive delay and any  $|\sigma \theta_1| < 1$ . Here, the parameter  $\bar{\sigma}$ , in the control law, can be viewed as a design parameter enabling a trade-off between performance and robustness with respect to delays.

#### 2.3 Stability analysis

Using the backstepping transformation

$$\omega(x,t) = \mathscr{K}_1[u,v](x,t)$$
(31a)  

$$\zeta(x,t) = \mathscr{K}_2[u,v](x,t),$$
(31b)

we get (see [6] for details) the target system

$$\begin{split} \omega_{t}(x,t) &= -\lambda \, \omega_{x}(x,t) + \Psi_{1}(x,t)(\hat{d}(t) + \hat{\kappa}(t)\tilde{e}(t)) \\ &- \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{uu}(x,\xi,t) \, \mathscr{H}_{1}^{-1}[\omega,\zeta](\xi,t)d\xi \\ &- \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{uv}(x,\xi,t) \, \mathscr{H}_{2}^{-1}[\omega,\zeta](\xi,t)d\xi \quad (32a) \\ \zeta_{t}(x,t) &= \mu \zeta_{x}(x,t) + \Psi_{2}(x,t)(\hat{d}(t) + \hat{\kappa}(t)\tilde{e}(t)) \\ &- \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{vu}(x,\xi,t) \, \mathscr{H}_{1}^{-1}[\omega,\zeta](\xi,t)d\xi \\ &- \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{vv}(x,\xi,t) \, \mathscr{H}_{2}^{-1}[\omega,\zeta](\xi,t)d\xi \quad (32b) \end{split}$$

$$\omega(0,t) = \hat{q}(t)\zeta(0,t) + \hat{d}(t) + \hat{\kappa}(t)\tilde{e}(t)$$

$$\zeta(1,t) = \sigma\omega(1,t) + U(t)$$
(32c)

$$+\sigma \mathscr{K}_{10}[u,v](1,t) - \mathscr{K}_{20}[u,v](1,t).$$
(32d)

Inspired by [5], we define a reference model the target system should track as

$$\varphi_t(x,t) + \lambda \varphi_x(x,t) = \Psi_1(x,t)\hat{d}(t)$$
(33a)

$$\phi_t(x,t) - \mu \phi_x(x,t) = \Psi_2(x,t) d(t)$$
(33b)

$$\varphi(0,t) = \hat{q}(t)\phi(0,t) + \hat{d}(t)$$
(33c)  
$$\varphi(1,t) = \xi^{*}(t)\phi(0,t) + \hat{d}(t)$$
(32c)

$$\phi(1,t) = \zeta^*(t) + \tilde{\sigma}\varphi(1,t)$$
(33d)

with  $\varphi(\cdot, 0), \phi(\cdot, 0) \in \mathscr{B}([0, 1])$ .

**Lemma 2** Consider the reference model (33) with parameter estimates  $(\hat{q}, \hat{d})$  provided by the adaptive laws (16) and relations (18). If the tracking signal  $\zeta^*$  is selected as

$$\zeta^{*}(t) = \frac{1 - \tilde{\sigma}r}{r - \hat{q}(t)}\hat{d}(t) - \tilde{\sigma}\lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Psi_{1}(\xi, t)\hat{d}(t)d\xi - \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Psi_{2}(\xi, t)\hat{d}(t)d\xi$$
(34)

and provided  $|\tilde{\sigma}\bar{q}| < 1$ , then

$$(\boldsymbol{\varphi}(0,\cdot,)-r\boldsymbol{\phi}(0,\cdot))\in\mathscr{L}_2\cap\mathscr{L}_{\infty}$$
(35)

and

$$||\varphi||, ||\phi|| \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}.$$
 (36)

The proof is given in Appendix A.2.

It now remains to show that the tracking error converges. Defining  $v = \omega - \varphi$  and  $\eta = \zeta - \phi$  and subtracting (33) from (32) and selecting U(t) according to (25) gives the tracking error dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}_t(x,t) &= -\lambda \mathbf{v}_x(x,t) + \Psi_1(x,t)\hat{\mathbf{\kappa}}(t)\tilde{e}(t) \\ &- \int_0^x K_t^{uu}(x,\xi,t)\mathcal{H}_1^{-1}[\mathbf{v}+\boldsymbol{\varphi},\boldsymbol{\eta}+\boldsymbol{\phi}](\xi,t)d\xi \\ &- \int_0^x K_t^{uv}(x,\xi,t)\mathcal{H}_2^{-1}[\mathbf{v}+\boldsymbol{\varphi},\boldsymbol{\eta}+\boldsymbol{\phi}](\xi,t)d\xi \end{aligned} (37a)$$

$$\eta_{t}(x,t) = \mu \eta_{x}(x,t) + \Psi_{2}(x,t)\hat{\kappa}(t)\tilde{e}(t) - \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{\nu u}(x,\xi,t)\mathcal{H}_{1}^{-1}[\nu + \varphi, \eta + \phi](\xi,t)d\xi - \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{\nu v}(x,\xi,t)\mathcal{H}_{2}^{-1}[\nu + \varphi, \eta + \phi](\xi,t)d\xi$$
(37b)

$$\mathbf{v}(0,t) = \hat{q}(t)\boldsymbol{\eta}(0,t) + \hat{\boldsymbol{\kappa}}(t)\tilde{e}$$
(37c)

$$\eta(1,t) = \tilde{\sigma} v(1,t). \tag{37d}$$

Our strategy is now to prove stability of the tracking error system (37) (in the  $L_2$ -sense), relate this stability result to our original system (3) and show that the objective (6) is achieved. This relationship is studied in Lemma 3 below. Boundedness and convergence to zero in the  $L_2$ -sense of the tracking error system (37) is shown in Lemma 4. Finally, these elements are used to prove Theorem 1.

To study the relationship between the tracking error (15) and tracking error dynamics (37), we introduce the auxiliary filter

$$\boldsymbol{\varpi}_t(\boldsymbol{x},t) - \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\varpi}_{\boldsymbol{x}}(\boldsymbol{x},t) = 0 \tag{38a}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varpi}(1,t) = \boldsymbol{v}(0,t) - r\boldsymbol{\eta}(0,t) =: \boldsymbol{\varpi}_1(t) \quad (38b)$$

with  $\boldsymbol{\varpi}(\cdot, 0) \in \mathscr{B}([0, 1])$ .

**Lemma 3** Assume the properties of Lemma 2 hold. If in addition  $||\boldsymbol{\sigma}|| \in \mathcal{L}_2$ , then

$$e \in \mathscr{L}_2.$$
 (39)

If  $||\boldsymbol{\sigma}|| \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$ , then e and  $y_0$  are bounded a.e.

The proof is given in Appendix A.3.

**Lemma 4** *Consider the tracking error system* (37) *and the filter* (38). *If* 

$$\left|\tilde{\sigma}\bar{q}\right| < 1 \tag{40}$$

then we have

$$|\mathbf{v}||, ||\boldsymbol{\eta}||, ||\boldsymbol{\varpi}|| \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$$
(41)

and

$$||v||, ||\eta||, ||\varpi|| \to 0.$$
 (42)

The proof is given in Appendix A.4.

We are now ready to prove the main result stated in Theorem 1.

**PROOF.** [Proof of Theorem 1] By Lemma 4, we have  $||\boldsymbol{\sigma}|| \in \mathscr{L}_2$ . It then follows from Lemma 3 that  $e \in \mathscr{L}_2$  or equivalently  $(\boldsymbol{\theta} - y_0) \in \mathscr{L}_2$  which trivially implies (6). Furthermore, since  $||\boldsymbol{\sigma}|| \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$  from Lemma 4, we have that  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$  and  $y_0$  are bounded for *almost all* t > 0. We have

$$\hat{e}(t) \leq |\varphi(0,t) - r\phi(0,t)| + |\nu(0,t) - r\eta(0,t)| + \frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{1 + y_0(t)} (1 + y_0(t)),$$
(43)

which by Property 3 in Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Lemma 3 implies  $\hat{e} \in \mathscr{L}_2$ . Property 5 in Lemma 1 then gives  $\hat{\theta} \to \theta$  and  $\hat{k} \to k_{\infty}$  for some constant  $k_{\infty}$ . Lastly for boundedness, combining the results of Lemma 2 and 4 shows boundedness of  $||\omega|| \leq ||v|| + ||\varphi||$  and  $||\zeta|| = ||\eta|| + ||\phi||$  and from the invertibility of the transformations  $\omega(x,t) = \mathscr{K}_1[\hat{u},\hat{v}](x,t)$  and  $\zeta(x,t) = \mathscr{K}_2[\hat{u},\hat{v}](x,t)$ , we have  $||u||, ||v|| \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$ .

#### 3 Application to the kick & loss problem in MPD

As discussed in the introduction, the motivation for studying the control scheme presented in Section 2 and summarized in Theorem 1 is an application to the kick & loss attenuation problem in MPD where the bottom-hole pressure is measured by utilizing wired-drill-pipe technology. In addition to simplifying state estimation, the bottom-hole measurement facilitates using the bilinear form in (3c) and the bilinear adaptive law which results in strong parameter convergence properties. This section and the next will illustrate the advantage in control performance of utilizing bottomhole pressure measurements for automatic kick & loss handling. So, in addition to an application of the control scheme in Section 2 (Case 1), we present here the alternative control scheme from [16] only utilizing topside measurements (Case 2).

**Case 1** The non-collocated case assumes that both the topside flow  $q(l,t) = q_l(t)$  and the down-hole pressure p(0,t)are measured. Lemma 5 (see below) ensures that system (1) with the specified measurements and control objective (2) is equivalent to system (3) with measurements (4) and (5) and control objective (6), and provides in explicit form the coordinate transformation. **Case 2** The collocated sensing and control case assumes only top side flow  $q(l,t) = q_l(t)$  is measured. Since the downhole pressure measurement is unavailable in this case, it is more convenient to write the boundary condition in affine form, giving the system equations

$$u_t(x,t) + \lambda u_x(x,t) = c_1(x)v(x,t)$$
(44a)

$$v_t(x,t) - \mu v_x(x,t) = c_2(x)u(x,t)$$
(44b)  
$$u(0,t) - \theta_1 v(0,t) + \theta_2$$
(44c)

$$u(0,t) = \theta_1 v(0,t) + \theta_2 \qquad (44c)$$

$$v(1,t) = \sigma y_1(t) + U(t) \tag{44d}$$

where  $u, v, \lambda, \mu, c_1, c_2$  are defined as in the non-collocated case,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the unknown boundary parameters and  $u(\cdot, 0), v(\cdot, 0) \in \mathscr{B}([0, 1])$ . The only measurement is u(1, t) = $y_1(t)$  and the control objective (2) can be stated in the new coordinate system as

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{t}^{t+T} |u(0,t) - rv(0,t)| d\tau = 0$$
(45)

for some arbitrary T > 0 where  $r \neq \theta_1$ . As for Case 1, Lemma 5 provides equivalence between systems (1) and (44) for Case 2.

Lemma 5 The coordinate transformation

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \left( p(xl,t) + \rho g \int_{0}^{xl} \cos \psi(s) ds + \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} lx \right) + q(xl,t) - q_{bit} \right) \exp\left(\frac{lF}{2\sqrt{\beta\rho}}x\right)$$
(46a)  
$$v(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \left( p(xl,t) + \rho g \int_{0}^{xl} \cos \psi(s) ds + \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} lx \right) + q(xl,t) - q_{bit} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{lF}{2\sqrt{\beta\rho}}x\right)$$
(46b)

where

$$x = \frac{z}{l} \tag{47}$$

maps system (1) into the forms (3) and (44) with

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$$\lambda = \mu = \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{\rho}} \frac{1}{l} \tag{48a}$$

$$c_1(x) = c_2(-x) = -\frac{F}{2\rho} \exp(\frac{lF}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}x)$$
(48b)

$$\theta_{1} = \frac{\left(J\frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} - 1\right)}{\left(J\frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} + 1\right)}, \quad \theta_{2} = \frac{J}{\left(J\frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} + 1\right)}p_{r} \qquad (48c)$$

$$k = J \frac{\sqrt{\beta \rho}}{A}, \ \theta = \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta \rho}} p_r$$
 (48d)

$$\sigma = \exp(-\frac{lF}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}). \tag{48e}$$

and

$$U(t) = -\frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \left( p(l,t) + \rho g \int_0^l \cos \psi(s) ds + \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} l \right)$$
$$\times \exp(-\frac{lF}{2\sqrt{\beta\rho}})$$
(49a)

$$y_{1}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \left( p(l,t) + \rho g \int_{0}^{l} \cos \psi(s) ds + \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} l \right) + q(l,t) - q_{bit} \exp\left(-\frac{lF}{2\sqrt{\beta\rho}}\right)$$
(49b)

$$y_0(t) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} p_0(t). \tag{49c}$$

The measurement  $y_0$  is related to (u, v) by

$$y_0(t) = u(0,t) - v(0,t)$$
(50)

implying  $b_0 = 1$ . Moreover, the control objective (2) is transformed to (6) or (45) with r = -1.

**PROOF.** The constant terms are removed and the origin shifted by defining

$$\bar{p}(z,t) = p(z,t) + \rho g \int_0^z \cos \psi(s) ds + \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} z \qquad (51a)$$

$$\bar{q}(z,t) = q(z,t) - q_{bit}.$$
(51b)

Next, introducing the diagonalizing change of variables

$$\bar{u}(z,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{q}(z,t) + \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \bar{p}(z,t) \right)$$
(52a)

$$\bar{v}(z,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{q}(z,t) - \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \bar{p}(z,t) \right), \quad (52b)$$

the following relations can be found:

$$\bar{u}(z,t) + \bar{v}(z,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{q}(z,t) + \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \bar{p}(z,t) \right) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \left( \bar{q}(z,t) - \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \bar{p}(z,t) \right) \\ = \bar{q}(z,t)$$
(53)

and

$$\frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} \left( \bar{u}(z,t) - \bar{v}(z,t) \right) = \frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{2A} \left( \bar{q}(z,t) + \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \bar{p}(z,t) \right) \\
- \frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{2A} \left( \bar{q}(z,t) - \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} \bar{p}(z,t) \right) \\
= \bar{p}(z,t).$$
(54)

Evaluating (51b) at z = 0 gives

$$\bar{q}(0,t) = q(0,t) - q_{bit} = J(p_r - p(0,t)) + q_{bit} - q_{bit} = -J\bar{p}(0,t) + Jp_r,$$
(55)

inserting the relations (53) and (54) yield

$$\bar{u}(0,t) + \bar{v}(0,t) = \bar{q}(0,t) 
= -J\bar{p}(0,t) + Jp_r 
= -J\frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} (\bar{u}(0,t) - \bar{v}(0,t)) + Jp_r$$
(56)

and by reorganizing the terms and using definitions (48c), one obtains (44c). Evaluating (46a) and (46b) at x = 0 and adding them together yield

$$u(0,t) + v(0,t) = q(0,t) - q_{bit} = J(p_r - p(0,t))$$
$$= J \frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} \left(\frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} p_r - \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}} p(0,t)\right)$$
(57)

and the boundary condition (3c) is obtained with  $\theta$  and k given in (48d). Subtracting (46a) evaluated at x = 0 from (46b) evaluated at x = 0 gives

$$u(0,t) - v(0,t) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}p(0,t)$$
(58)

and the measurement (4) is obtained with  $y_0$  given by (49c) and  $b_0 = 1$ . From (57), it can be seen that  $p(0,t) = p_r$  corresponds to u(0,t) + v(0,t) = 0 and the objective (2) is transformed to (6) or (45) with r = -1. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of [1, Lemma 10] and therefore omitted.

From (48c) and the fact that J > 0, it can be seen that  $\theta_1$  satisfies

$$-1 < \theta_1 < 1 \tag{59}$$

which together with r = -1 means that the constraint  $r \notin [\theta_1, \bar{\theta}_1]$  in [16] is satisfied. Inequality (59) can also be used as lower and upper bounds for  $\theta_1$ . Lower and upper bounds for  $\theta_2$  can be found by using that  $0 < p_r < \bar{p}_r$  as  $\theta_2 = 0$  and  $\bar{\theta}_2 = \bar{p}_r$  respectively. From (48d) and J > 0, we have that  $\operatorname{sign}(k)$  is known and positive. The bounds  $[\underline{k}, \overline{k}]$  will depend on the specific well considered. Furthermore, it can be seen that the selected  $b_0$  and r satisfy the constraint  $r \neq b_0$ .

#### **Corollary 1 (Non-collocated sensing and control)** Consider the system (1). Let $\hat{J}$ and $\hat{p}_r$ be the estimates of the unknown system parameters J and $p_r$ generated using the adaptive law in Lemma 1 and definition (48d). If the system parameters and r are selected according to Lemma 5, the control law

$$p_l(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} U(t) \sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \rho g \int_0^l \cos \psi(s) ds - \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} l \quad (60)$$

with U(t) given by (25), guarantees (2) and that all signals in the closed loop system are bounded. Moreover, the estimate  $\hat{p}_r$  converges to its true value  $p_r$  in the sense

$$\hat{p}_r(t) \to p_r. \tag{61}$$

**PROOF.** For the first part, it suffices to show that the actuation  $p_l(t)$  is related to U(t) through (60), since it is established in Lemma 5 that the system (1) takes the form (3). Solving (49a) for p(xl,t) gives trivially the control law (60). By Theorem 1, the control objective (2) is achieved for some T > 0 and all signals in the closed loop are bounded. Convergence in  $\hat{p}_r$  follows directly from the definition (48d) and convergence in  $\hat{\theta}$  to  $\theta$  from Theorem 1.

# Corollary 2 (Collocated sensing and control) Consider

the system (1). Let  $(\hat{p}, \hat{q})$  be estimates of the states (p,q)generated from the observer in [16] and transformation (46), and let  $\hat{J}$  and  $\hat{p}_r$  be estimates of the unknown system parameters J and  $p_r$  generated using the adaptive law in [16] and definition (48c). If the system parameters and r are selected according to Lemma 5, the control law

$$p_l(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\beta\rho}}{A} U(t) \sigma^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \rho g \int_0^l \cos \psi(s) ds - \frac{F}{A} q_{bit} l \quad (62)$$

with U(t) given by the control law in [16], guarantees (2) and all signals in the closed loop system are bounded. Moreover, the estimate  $\hat{p}_r$  converges to its true value  $p_r$  in the sense

$$\int_{t}^{t+\tau} |\hat{p}_{r}(\tau) - p_{r}| d\tau \to 0.$$
(63)

**PROOF.** For the first part, it suffices to show that the actuation  $p_l(t)$  is related to U(t) through (62), since it is established in Lemma 5 that system (1) takes the form (3) with boundary condition (44c). Solving (49a) for p(xl,t) and evaluating the resulting equation at x = 1 give trivially the control law (62). By the control law in [16, Theorem 2], the control objective (2) is achieved for some T > 0 and all signals in the closed loop are bounded, furthermore it follows that

$$\int_{t}^{t+T} |\hat{p}(0,\tau) - p(0,\tau)| d\tau \to 0$$
 (64)

and since the control objective (2) is satisfied, we obtain (63).

**Remark 4** Comparing the designs presented in Corollaries 1 and 2, we see that when a down-hole pressure measurement is available, it is possible to estimate both the pressure and flow distribution in the well in finite time. The collocated design with only top-side flow measurement on the other hand, achieves only asymptotically converging pressure and flow estimates. Furthermore, with non-collocated control and sensing we are able to prove convergence in the reservoir pressure in the strong sense (61). The greatest advantage of using the non-collocated design, however, is the total convergence time of the overall control objective (2). This will be apparent in the next section.

**Remark 5** In reality, the top-side pressure and flow are related through a choke equation (see eg. [25]). As mentioned in the introduction, we avoid this dynamic by assuming that the top-side pressure is directly controllable. As mentioned in Remark 3, complete cancellation of top-side reflection might lead to instabilities in the event of time delays introduced by the choke actuation system.

For a typical set of drilling parameters and productivity indices J in the range [1,385] bbl/psi/day, as reported by [4], it can be shown that  $|\sigma \theta_1| < \frac{1}{2}$  is usually satisfied. Nonetheless, very large and very small J might fall outside this region. In those cases, using  $\bar{\sigma} \neq \sigma$  satisfying  $|\sigma - \bar{\sigma}| < 1$  might yield sufficient delay-robustness. A rigorous analysis of the control design in these rare cases is however outside the scope of this paper. In the simulation in the next section, the parameters fall within the region where  $|\sigma \theta_1| < \frac{1}{2}$  and we set  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma$ .

#### 4 Simulation

Although both methods can be applied to both a kick handling problem and a loss handling handling problem. The original model (1) is based on a single-phase assumption. Even though liquid kicks (oil and water) will introduce new phases of matter into the system in addition to the mud phase (and rock cuttings), the model (1) is still a reasonable approximation as all liquid phases can effectively be lumped into a single liquid phase [3]. Gas kick on the other hand can not accurately be modeled by (1). Of the two, gas kicks is by far the most challenging. For this reason, we will in the following study a loss scenario where the only circulating matter is the drilling mud (in addition to rock cuttings) and the single-phase assumption is satisfied.

Both the control scheme for non-collocated sensing and control (the non-collocated method) developed in this paper and the scheme for collocated sensing and control (the collocated method) presented in [16] are implemented in MAT-LAB and applied to the loss problem in MPD. For the noncollocated method, the implemented system consists of the adaptive law of Lemma 1, and the control law (25). For the collocated method, the observer, adaptive law and control law from Theorem 1 and 2 in [16] are implemented. The system parameters are chosen as

$$\beta = 7317 \times 10^5 \,\mathrm{Pa} \tag{65a}$$

$$\rho = 1250 \,\mathrm{kg \,m^{-3}}$$
 (65b)

$$l = 2500 \text{m}$$
 (65c)

$$A = 0.024 \,\mathrm{m}$$
 (63d)

$$F = 50 \,\mathrm{kgm}^{-2}$$
 (65f)

$$a_{bit} = 0.1 \,\mathrm{m^3 \, s^{-1}}$$
 (65g)

$$J = 1.068 \times 10^{-8} \,\mathrm{m}^3 \,\mathrm{s}^{-1} \,\mathrm{Pa}^{-1} \tag{65b}$$

$$\psi(z) = 0 \quad \forall z \in [0, l]. \tag{65i}$$

The reservoir pressure is initially set to  $p_r(0) = 450$  bar and kept constant until a step to  $p_r(t \ge t_0) = 400$  bar occurs at  $t_0 = 10$  s. The system is at steady state at t = 0 with the initial bottom-hole pressure set equal to the reservoir pressure and the bottom-hole flow equal to the drill bit flow. This is the typical scenario of drilling ahead into an unforeseen low-pressure pocket in the reservoir, causing a loss of circulation fluid into the formation. The adaptation gains are selected as  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 5$ . From (48d) we find that  $k \approx 0.4$  and we use the projection bounds  $[k, \bar{k}] = [k_0, 1 - k_0]$  with  $k_0 = 0.01$ .

Figures 3 and 4 compare the bottom-hole pressure and flow when using the two methods. The methods are also compared to a simple control method (the simple method) where the top-side flow is kept equal to the drill bit flow q(l,t) = $q_{bit}$ . The figures show that all three methods are able to attenuate the mud loss. The bottom-hole pressure is stabilized at the reservoir pressure and the net loss out of the well converge to zero. It is seen that both the collocated and non-collocated method are significantly faster than the simple method. Figure 10 shows that the collocated method offers a  $\sim 40\%$  reduction in accumulated out-flow over the simple method, and the non-collocated an additional  $\sim 45\%$ reduction over the collocated method. As can be seen in Figures 5 and 6, this is due to the much faster, finite time convergent observer in the non-collocated design. Figure 9 compares the control input, in terms of controlled top-side pressure. It is clear that the non-collocated controller reacts much quicker than the two other methods. Furthermore, we observe in Figures 7 and 8 that in both designs, the reservoir pressure estimate converges to the true reservoir pressure and the productivity index to some constant.

The non-collocated method also has some implementational advantages over the collocated method: The backstepping kernels used in the collocated observer are time-varying and must therefore be solved on-line. In contrast, the injection terms used in (11) are static and can be solved off-line, yielding a much more computationally efficient observer. Both methods, however, require time-varying controller kernels which must be solved on-line.



Fig. 3. Bottom-hole pressure.



Fig. 4. Bottom-hole flow.



Fig. 5. Bottom-hole pressure estimation error.



Fig. 6. Bottom-hole flow estimation error.



Fig. 7. Reservoir pressure estimate.



Fig. 8. Productivity index estimate.



Fig. 9. Control input signal.



Fig. 10. Accumulated net outflow.

#### 5 Concluding Remarks

We have studied set-point regulation of a  $2 \times 2$  hyperbolic system with unknown boundary parameters appearing in a special bilinear form. Measurements at both boundaries allowed us to design a finite-time convergent state observer, which in turn was used to design adaptive laws based on a bilinear parametric model. Properties regarding parameter convergence were utilized to design a control law that achieves boundary set-point regulation. The theory was applied to the kick & loss attenuation problem in MPD and compared to an earlier result on stabilization of the same type of system utilizing only top-side sensing. Significant performance improvements was demonstrated for the method utilizing bottom-hole pressure measurements, both in terms of total convergence time and computational complexity, and most importantly in terms of total loss size.

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### A Proof of Lemma 1 to 4

A.1 Proof of Lemma 1

PROOF. Let

$$V_0(t) = k \frac{1}{2\gamma_1} \tilde{\theta}^2(t) + \frac{1}{2\gamma_2} \tilde{k}^2(t)$$
 (A.1)

for  $t \ge t_F$  where  $\tilde{\theta} = \theta - \hat{\theta}$  and  $\tilde{k} = k - \hat{k}$ . Differentiating with respect to time and inserting (16) yield

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{0}(t) &= -k\frac{1}{\gamma_{1}}\tilde{\theta}(t)\dot{\hat{\theta}}(t) - \frac{1}{\gamma_{2}}\tilde{k}(t)\dot{\hat{k}}(t) \\ &= -k\tilde{\theta}(t)\frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)} - \tilde{k}(t)\left[\hat{\theta}(t) - y_{0}(t)\right]\frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)} \\ &= -\frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)}\left(k\tilde{\theta}(t) + \tilde{k}(t)\left[\hat{\theta}(t) - y_{0}(t)\right]\right) \\ &= -\frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)}\left(k\left[\theta - y_{0}(t)\right] - \hat{k}(t)\left[\hat{\theta}(t) - y_{0}(t)\right]\right) \\ &= -\frac{\tilde{e}^{2}(t)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)} \le 0 \end{split}$$
(A.2)

implying  $V_0 \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$  and Property 1. Property 2 is trivially guaranteed when using projection. Integrating  $\dot{V}_0$  from t = 0 to  $t = \infty$  yields

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{e}^2(\tau)}{1+y_0^2(\tau)} d\tau = V_0(0) - V_0(\infty).$$
(A.3)

Since  $V_0$  is a non-increasing function of time and bounded below,  $V_0(\infty)$  is finite, and Property 3 follows. From the adaptive law (16a) we immediately see that  $\hat{\theta} \in \mathscr{L}_2$ . For the  $\hat{k}$  update law for  $t \ge t_F$ , we have

$$\hat{k}(t) \le \gamma_2 \left| \frac{\hat{\theta}(t) + y_0(t)}{\sqrt{1 + y_0^2(t)}} \right| \left| \frac{\tilde{e}(t)}{\sqrt{1 + y_0^2(t)}} \right|$$
 (A.4)

which shows that also  $\hat{k} \in \mathscr{L}_2$ . Inserting (15) into the adaptive law (16a) yields

$$\dot{\tilde{\theta}}(t) = -f(t) \left( k \tilde{\theta}(t) + \tilde{k}(t) \left( \hat{\theta}(t) - y_0(t) \right) \right)$$
(A.5)

where  $f(t) = \gamma_1/(1 + y_0^2(t)) > 0$  for all  $t > t_F$ . Forming  $V_0(t) = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\theta}^2(t)$ , time differentiating and applying Young's inequality to the cross term, we get

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{0}(t) &= -f(t)k\tilde{\theta}^{2}(t) - \tilde{\theta}(t)f(t)\tilde{k}(t)\left(\hat{\theta}(t) - y_{0}(t)\right) \\ &\leq -\frac{k}{2}f(t)\tilde{\theta}^{2}(t) + \frac{1}{2k}f(t)\tilde{k}^{2}(t)\left(\hat{\theta}(t) - y_{0}(t)\right)^{2}. \end{split}$$
(A.6)

Since by assumption for Property 5,  $y_0$  is bounded for almost all  $t \ge 0$ , it follows that  $\operatorname{ess} \inf_{t\ge 0} f(t) > 0$ , which along with Property 1 and boundedness of f(t), provide the existence of constants *b* and c > 0 such that

$$\dot{V}_0(t) \le -c\tilde{\theta}^2(t) + g(t)\tilde{\theta}^2(t) + b\left(\hat{\theta} - y_0(t)\right)^2, \quad (A.7)$$

where g(t) = 0 almost everywhere and therefore  $g(t) \in \mathcal{L}_1$ . Since  $(\hat{\theta} - y_0)^2 \in \mathcal{L}_1$ , it follows from [18, Lemma D.6] (Lemma 6 in Appendix B) that  $V_0 \in \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_\infty$  which together with [31, Lemma 2.7] (Lemma 7 in Appendix B) imply  $V_0, \tilde{\theta} \to 0$ . Convergence in  $\hat{k}$  to some constant can be shown by integrating (16b) from t = 0 to  $T = \infty$  and applying Cauchy-Schwarz' inequality

$$\int_{0}^{T} \left| \dot{\hat{k}}(\tau) \right| d\tau \leq \gamma_{2} \sqrt{\int_{0}^{T} \left| \hat{\theta}(\tau) - y_{0}(\tau) \right|^{2}} d\tau$$
$$\times \sqrt{\int_{0}^{T} \left| \frac{\tilde{e}(\tau)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(\tau)} \right|^{2}} d\tau < \infty \qquad (A.8)$$

which, by Property 4 and  $(\hat{\theta} - y_0)^2 \in \mathscr{L}_1$ , shows that  $\hat{k} \in \mathscr{L}_1$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a *T* such that

$$\int_{T}^{\infty} \left| \dot{\hat{k}}(\tau) \right| d\tau < \varepsilon.$$
(A.9)

Therefore,

$$\left|\hat{k}(t) - \hat{k}(T)\right| \le \left|\int_{T}^{t} \dot{\hat{k}}(\tau) d\tau\right| \le \int_{T}^{\infty} \left|\dot{\hat{k}}(\tau)\right| d\tau < \varepsilon. \quad (A.10)$$

which shows that  $\hat{k}(t)$  has a limit as  $t \to \infty$  and the second part of the proof of Property 5 is complete.

#### A.2 Proof of Lemma 2

**PROOF.** We will in the following use the bounds

$$\sup_{x\in[0,1]} \left|\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_i(x,t)\right| \le h_3 \mu |\dot{\hat{k}}(t)|. \tag{A.11}$$

In proving the existence of a solution to the kernel equations (20) in [11], upper bounds on the form  $|K^{ij}(x,\xi)| \leq$ 

 $h_1\mu + h_2\mu|\hat{q}(t)|, \{ij\} \in \{uu, uv, vu, vv\}$  are derived. Using the definitions (18) and (23) and differentiating with respect to time yield the upper bound (A.11) for some  $h_1, h_2, h_3 > 0$ . Solving the reference model (33) along the characteristics for  $t \ge t_F$  yields

$$\varphi(x,t) = \lambda^{-1} \int_0^x \Psi_1(\xi, t + \lambda^{-1}(\xi - x)) \hat{d}(t + \lambda^{-1}(\xi - x)) d\xi + \varphi(0, t - \lambda^{-1}x)$$
(A.12a)

$$\begin{split} \phi(x,t) = & \mu^{-1} \int_{x}^{1} \Psi_{2}(\xi,t-\mu^{-1}(\xi-x)) \hat{d}(t-\mu^{-1}(\xi-x)) d\xi \\ & + \phi(1,t-\mu^{-1}(1-x)). \end{split} \tag{A.12b}$$

To simplify the notation let

$$\vartheta(t) = \frac{\hat{d}(t)}{r - \hat{q}(t)}.$$
(A.13)

Evaluating (A.12) at x = 0 and using boundary conditions (33c) and (33d) together with (34) yield

$$\varphi(0,t) = \hat{q}(t)\phi(0,t) + \hat{d}(t)$$
 (A.14)

and

$$\begin{split} \phi(0,t) &= \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Psi_{2}(\xi,t-\mu^{-1}\xi) \hat{d}(t-\mu^{-1}\xi) d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Psi_{1}(\xi,t-t_{F}+\lambda^{-1}\xi) \hat{d}(t-t_{F}+\lambda^{-1}\xi) d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \phi(0,t-t_{F}) + \vartheta(t-\mu^{-1})(1-\tilde{\sigma}r) \\ &- \tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Psi_{1}(\xi,t-\mu^{-1}) \hat{d}(t-\mu^{-1}) d\xi \\ &- \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \Psi_{2}(\xi,t-\mu^{-1}) \hat{d}(t-\mu^{-1}) d\xi \\ &= \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-\mu^{-1}\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_{2}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-t_{F}+\lambda^{-1}\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_{1}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \left( \hat{q}(t-t_{F}) \phi(0,t-t_{F}) + \hat{d}(t-t_{F}) \right) \\ &+ \vartheta(t-\mu^{-1})(1-\tilde{\sigma}r). \end{split}$$
(A.15)

Subtracting  $\vartheta(t)$  from both sides and grouping similar terms give the following recursion

$$\begin{split} \phi(0,t) &-\vartheta(t) \\ = \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-\mu^{-1}\xi} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Psi_{2}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-t_{F}+\lambda^{-1}\xi} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Psi_{1}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \left( \hat{q}(t-t_{F}) \phi(0,t-t_{F}) + \hat{d}(t-t_{F}) \right) \\ &+ \vartheta(t-\mu^{-1}) - \vartheta(t) - \tilde{\sigma} r \vartheta(t-\mu^{-1}) \\ = \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-\mu^{-1}\xi} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Psi_{2}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-t_{F}+\lambda^{-1}\xi} \frac{d}{d\tau} \Psi_{1}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \hat{q}(t-t_{F}) \left( \phi(0,t-t_{F}) - \vartheta(t-t_{F}) \right) \\ &+ \vartheta(t-\mu^{-1}) - \vartheta(t) \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} r \vartheta(t-t_{F}) - \tilde{\sigma} r \vartheta(t-\mu^{-1}) \\ = \tilde{\sigma} \hat{q}(t-t_{F}) \left( \phi(0,t-t_{F}) - \vartheta(t-t_{F}) \right) \\ &+ \mu^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-\mu^{-1}\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_{2}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &+ \tilde{\sigma} \lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t-t_{F}+\lambda^{-1}\xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi_{1}(\xi,\tau) \hat{d}(\tau) d\tau d\xi \\ &- \int_{t-\mu^{-1}}^{t} \frac{d\vartheta(\tau)}{d\tau} d\tau - \tilde{\sigma} r \int_{t-t_{F}}^{t-\mu^{-1}} \frac{d\vartheta(\tau)}{d\tau} d\tau, \end{split}$$
(A.16)

which, since  $|\tilde{\sigma}\hat{q}(t)| \leq |\tilde{\sigma}\max_{t\geq t_F}\hat{q}(t)| < 1$ , is stable. By Lemma 1,  $\frac{d\vartheta(t)}{dt} = \frac{\hat{\theta}}{r-b_0}$  and  $\hat{k}$  are both bounded and square integrable, implying

$$(\phi(0,\cdot) - \vartheta) \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$$
 (A.17)

which from (A.14) is seen to be equivalent to

$$(\boldsymbol{\varphi}(0,\cdot) - r\boldsymbol{\phi}(0,\cdot)) \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}.$$
 (A.18)

Boundedness in the  $L_2$ -norm can be shown using a similar argument.

A.3 Proof of Lemma 3

## PROOF.

If  $||\boldsymbol{\omega}|| \in \mathscr{L}_2$  holds, that is

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \int_0^T \int_0^1 \overline{\omega}^2(x, t) dx dt < \infty, \tag{A.19}$$

we have after inserting the explicit solution of (38) for  $t > \mu^{-1}$ 

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \int_{\mu^{-1}}^{T} \int_{0}^{1} \overline{\sigma}^{2}(0, t - \mu^{-1}(1 - x)) dx dt < \infty.$$
 (A.20)

Substituting  $\tau = t - \mu^{-1}(1 - x)$  and changing the order of integration yields

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \left[ \int_{0}^{\mu^{-1}} \int_{\mu^{-1}}^{\tau + \mu^{-1}} + \int_{\mu^{-1}}^{T - \mu^{-1}} \int_{\tau}^{\tau + \mu^{-1}} + \int_{T - \mu^{-1}}^{T} \int_{\tau}^{T} \right] \times \mu \boldsymbol{\varpi}^{2}(0, \tau) dt d\tau < \infty.$$
(A.21)

All the inner integrals evaluate to  $\mu^{-1}$  or less, and we have

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \int_0^T \overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^2(0,\tau) d\tau < \infty.$$
 (A.22)

That is,  $(v(0, \cdot) - r\eta(0, \cdot)) \in \mathscr{L}_2$ . Since

$$|e(t)| = |u(0,t) - rv(0,t)| = |\omega(0,t) - r\zeta(0,t)|$$
  
$$\leq |\overline{\omega}_{1}(t)| + |\varphi(0,t) - r\phi(0,t)|$$
(A.23)

and from Lemma 2 that  $\varphi(0,t) - r\phi(0,t) \in \mathscr{L}_2 \cap \mathscr{L}_\infty, e \in \mathscr{L}_2$  follows.  $||\varpi|| \in \mathscr{L}_\infty$  implies that  $\varpi_1(t)$  is bounded a.e, and in turn that *e* is bounded a.e, which from the definition (14) also implies boundedness of  $y_0$  a.e.

A.4 Proof of Lemma 4

PROOF. Let

$$\varepsilon^{2}(t) := \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}^{2}(t)}{1 + ||\boldsymbol{\varpi}||^{2}} = \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}^{2}(t)}{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)} \frac{1 + y_{0}^{2}(t)}{1 + ||\boldsymbol{\varpi}||^{2}}.$$
 (A.24)

From the definition (14), upper bound  $|e(t)| \leq |\overline{\omega}_1(t)| + |\varphi(0,t) - r\phi(0,t)|$ , and the fact that  $|\varphi(0,t) - r\phi(0,t)|$  is bounded from Lemma 2, and that  $\overline{\omega}_1 ||\overline{\omega}||^{-1}$  is bounded a.e., it follows that the fraction  $\frac{1+y_0^2}{1+||\overline{\omega}||^2}$  is bounded a.e. and since  $\frac{\delta^2}{1+y_0^2} \in \mathscr{L}_1$  from Property 3 in Lemma 1,  $\varepsilon \in \mathscr{L}_2$  follows. Let

$$V_1(t) = \lambda^{-1} \int_0^1 e^{-\delta \lambda^{-1} x} v^2(x, t) dx$$
 (A.25a)

$$V_2(t) = \mu^{-1} \int_0^1 e^{\delta \mu^{-1} x} \eta^2(x, t) dx$$
 (A.25b)

$$V_3(t) = \mu^{-1} \int_0^1 e^{\delta \mu^{-1} x} \overline{\omega}^2(x, t) dx, \qquad (A.25c)$$

where  $(v, \eta)$  is given by (37) and  $\varpi$  by (38). Differentiating (A.25a), inserting the dynamics (37a), integrating by parts,

using boundary condition (37) and substituting in (A.24) give

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{1}(t) &= -2\int_{0}^{1} e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}x} \mathbf{v}(x,t) \mathbf{v}_{x}(x,t) dx, \\ &- 2\lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}x} \mathbf{v}(x,t) \Psi_{1}(x,t) \hat{\kappa}(t) \tilde{e}(t) dx, \\ &- 2\lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}x} \mathbf{v}(x,t) \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{uu}(x,\xi,t) \\ &\times \mathscr{H}_{1}^{-1} [\mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}, \boldsymbol{\eta} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}](\xi,t) d\xi dx \\ &- 2\lambda^{-1} \int_{0}^{1} e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}x} \mathbf{v}(x,t) \int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{uv}(x,\xi,t) \\ &\times \mathscr{H}_{2}^{-1} [\mathbf{v} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}, \boldsymbol{\eta} + \boldsymbol{\varphi}](\xi,t) d\xi dx \\ &\leq -e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}} \mathbf{v}^{2}(1,t) + (1+\zeta^{-1}) \bar{q}^{2} \boldsymbol{\eta}^{2}(0,t) - \delta V_{1}(t) \\ &+ \lambda^{-1} ||\Psi_{1}||^{2} \bar{\kappa}^{2} \tilde{e}^{2}(t) + V_{1} \\ &+ 2e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}} h ||K_{t}^{uu}||^{2} (V_{1}(t) + V_{2}(t) + ||\boldsymbol{\varphi}||^{2} + ||\boldsymbol{\varphi}||^{2}) \\ &+ 2e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}} h ||K_{t}^{uv}||^{2} (V_{1}(t) + V_{2}(t) + ||\boldsymbol{\varphi}||^{2} + ||\boldsymbol{\varphi}||^{2}) \\ &+ (1+\zeta) \bar{\kappa}^{2} \tilde{\epsilon}^{2}(t) + (1+\zeta) \bar{\kappa}^{2} \tilde{\epsilon}^{2}(t) \mu V_{3}(t). \end{split}$$

for some  $\zeta > 0$  and where we have defined  $\bar{\kappa} := \sup_{t \ge 0} \hat{\kappa}(t) = (1 + \underline{k})^{-1}$  and used  $\sup_{t \ge t_F} \hat{q}^2(t) \le \bar{q}^2$ ,  $\zeta > 0$  and  $||\mathscr{K}_i^{-1}[\nu + \varphi, \eta + \phi]|| \le h(||\omega|| + ||\eta|| + ||\varphi||^2 + ||\phi||^2)$  for some h > 0. Differentiating (A.25b) and inserting the dynamics (37b), we get similarly

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{2}(t) =& 2\int_{0}^{1} e^{\delta\mu^{-1}x} \eta(x,t)\eta_{x}(x,t)dx, \\ &- 2\mu^{-1}\int_{0}^{1} e^{\delta\mu^{-1}x} \eta(x,t)\Psi_{2}(x,t)\hat{\kappa}(t)\tilde{e}(t)dx, \\ &- 2\int_{0}^{1} e^{\delta\mu^{-1}x} \eta(x,t)\int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{\nu u}(x,\xi,t) \\ &\times \mathscr{K}_{1}^{-1}[\nu+\varphi,\eta+\phi](\xi,t)d\xi dx \\ &- 2\int_{0}^{1} e^{\delta\mu^{-1}x} \eta(x,t)\int_{0}^{x} K_{t}^{\nu v}(x,\xi,t) \\ &\times \mathscr{K}_{2}^{-1}[\nu+\varphi,\eta+\phi](\xi,t)d\xi dx \\ \leq & e^{\delta\mu^{-1}}\tilde{\sigma}^{2}\nu^{2}(1,t)-\eta^{2}(0)-\delta V_{2}(t) \\ &+ 2e^{\delta\mu^{-1}}h||K_{t}^{\nu u}||^{2}(V_{1}(t)+V_{2}(t)+||\varphi||^{2}+||\phi||^{2}) \\ &+ 2e^{\delta\mu^{-1}}h||K_{t}^{\nu v}||^{2}(V_{1}(t)+V_{2}(t)+||\varphi||^{2}+||\phi||^{2}) \\ &+ \mu^{-1}e^{\delta\mu^{-1}}||\Psi_{2}||^{2}\tilde{\kappa}^{2}\tilde{e}^{2}(t)+V_{2}(t). \end{split}$$

Lastly, differentiating (A.25c), inserting the dynamics (38), and upper bounding  $\overline{\sigma}(0,t)$  by defining  $\overline{q}_r := \sup_{t\geq 0} 2(\hat{q}(t) - r)^2 = 2(r-b_0)^2 \bar{\kappa}$ , we get

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{3}(t) &= 2 \int_{0}^{1} e^{\delta \mu^{-1} x} \boldsymbol{\varpi}(x,t) \boldsymbol{\varpi}_{x}(x,t) dx \\ &= e^{\delta \mu^{-1}} \boldsymbol{\varpi}_{1}^{2}(t) - \boldsymbol{\varpi}^{2}(0,t) - \delta V_{3}(t) \\ &\leq e^{\delta \mu^{-1}} (\bar{q}_{r} \boldsymbol{\eta}^{2}(0,t) + 2\bar{\kappa}^{2} \varepsilon^{2}(t) + 2\bar{\kappa}^{2} \varepsilon^{2}(t) \mu V_{3}(t)) \\ &- \delta V_{3}(t). \end{split}$$
(A.28)

Now forming the Lyapunov function candidate

$$V_4(t) = a_1 V_1(t) + a_2 V_2(t) + a_3 V_3(t),$$
(A.29)

and defining the integrable functions

$$l_{1}(t) := (2 + \zeta + \lambda^{-1} ||\Psi_{1}||^{2} + \mu^{-1} e^{\delta \mu^{-1}} ||\Psi_{2}||^{2}) \bar{\kappa}^{2} \varepsilon^{2}(t) + 2e^{-\delta \lambda^{-1}} h(||\varphi||^{2} + ||\phi||^{2}) \times (||K_{t}^{uu}||^{2} + ||K_{t}^{uv}||^{2} + ||K_{t}^{vu}||^{2} + ||K_{t}^{vv}||^{2}) (A.30a) l_{2}(t) := (\mu(2 + \zeta) + ||\Psi_{1}||^{2} + e^{\delta \mu^{-1}} ||\Psi_{2}||^{2}) \bar{\kappa}^{2} \varepsilon^{2}(t) 2e^{-\delta \lambda^{-1}} h \times (||K_{t}^{uu}||^{2} + ||K_{t}^{uv}||^{2} + ||K_{t}^{vu}||^{2} + ||K_{t}^{vv}||^{2}) (A.30b)$$

and using  $a_3 = a_1 \bar{q}_r^{-1} e^{-\delta \mu^{-1}} \zeta^{-1}$  gives the upper bound

$$V_{4}(t) \leq -(\delta - 1)V_{4} + l_{1}(t) + l_{2}(t)V_{4}(t) -(a_{1}e^{-\delta\lambda^{-1}} - a_{2}e^{\delta\mu^{-1}}\tilde{\sigma}^{2})v^{2}(1,t) -(a_{2} - a_{1}(1 + 2\varsigma^{-1})\bar{q}^{2})\eta^{2}(0,t).$$
(A.31)

Following [9, Theorem 2.4], if  $|\tilde{\sigma}\bar{q}| < 1$ , we can select  $\delta > 1$  and  $\varsigma > 0$  such that

$$(e^{\delta(\mu^{-1}+\lambda^{-1})})\tilde{\sigma}^2(1+2\varsigma^{-1})\bar{q}^2 < 1$$
 (A.32)

and  $a_1, a_2$  such that

$$e^{\delta(\mu^{-1}+\lambda^{-1})}\tilde{\sigma}^2 < \frac{a_1}{a_2} < \frac{1}{(1+2\varsigma^{-1})\bar{q}^2}$$
 (A.33)

obtaining  $\dot{V}_4(t) \leq -V_4(t) + l_1(t) + l_2(t)V_4(t)$ . It follows from [18, Lemma B.6] that  $V_4 \in \mathscr{L}_1 \cap \mathscr{L}_\infty$ , and hence (41). Furthermore, from [31, Lemma 2.17] we have that  $V_8 \to 0$ , which implies (42).

## **B** Additional stability and convergence lemmas

**Lemma 6 (Lemma B.6 from [18])** Let v(t),  $l_1(t)$ ,  $l_2(t)$  be real-valued functions defined for  $t \ge 0$ . Suppose

$$0 \le v(t), l_1(t), l_2(t), \ \forall t \ge 0$$
 (B.1a)

$$l_1, l_2 \in \mathscr{L}_1$$
 (B.1b)  
 $\dot{v}(t) \le -cv(t) + l_1(t)v(t) + l_2(t)$  (B.1c)

for some positive constant c. Then 
$$v \in \mathscr{L}_1 \cap \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$$
.

**Lemma 7 (Lemma 2.17 from [31])** Consider a signal g satisfying

$$\dot{g}(t) = -ag(t) + bh(t) \tag{B.2}$$

$$g \in \mathscr{L}_{\infty}$$
 (B.3)

and

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} g(t) = 0. \tag{B.4}$$