

# Autonomous Driver Assistance System Testing based on Simulation for Adverse Conditions in a Hardware in the Loop Environment

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**Abstract**— Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) are increasingly being adapted for automotive applications to enhance road safety, reliability, and operational efficiency. This paper presents a comprehensive framework for testing and simulation of ADAS functionalities within a automotive system under adverse environmental conditions using a Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) environment. The proposed approach integrates real-time embedded hardware with high-fidelity simulation models to replicate challenging Vehicle scenarios such as turbulence, icing, heavy rain, fog, and low-visibility conditions. By incorporating sensor models, actuator dynamics, and control algorithms into a unified simulation platform, the system enables accurate evaluation of performance, robustness, and fault tolerance. The HIL setup ensures safe, repeatable, and cost-effective validation of ADAS components without the risks associated with real Vehicle testing. Furthermore, the framework supports scalability and flexibility, allowing integration with emerging technologies such as AI-based decision systems and advanced navigation modules. The results demonstrate improved system reliability and quicker identification of potential failures, thereby accelerating development cycles and certification processes. This study highlights the significance of simulation-driven validation in advancing intelligent Vehicle assistance systems.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS), originally developed for the automotive domain, have increasingly found relevance in automotive applications due to their potential to enhance safety, situational awareness, and operational efficiency in Vehicle systems. In modern auto industry, the integration of intelligent assistance technologies—such as Adaptive Cruise Control systems, Automatic Emergency Braking systems, and Lane Keeping Assist control—has transformed traditional Vehicle operations into highly automated and data-driven processes. These systems rely on a combination of sensors, control algorithms, and decision-making frameworks to assist drivers or, in some cases, operate autonomously under specific conditions. However, as the complexity and autonomy of such systems increase, ensuring their reliability and safety becomes a critical challenge, especially when operating under adverse environmental conditions [1].

Adverse conditions in driving environments, including snow, icing, heavy precipitation, fog, dust, and low visibility, pose significant challenges to both drivers and automated systems. These conditions can degrade sensor performance, disrupt communication systems, and affect the accuracy of navigation and control algorithms. For ADAS to function effectively,

they must be rigorously tested and validated against such challenging scenarios. Traditional testing approaches, which rely heavily on real-world drive cycle trials, are often limited by high costs, safety risks, and the inability to consistently reproduce extreme conditions. Consequently, there is a growing need for advanced testing methodologies that enable safe, repeatable, and comprehensive evaluation of these systems [2].

One promising approach to address these challenges is the use of Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) simulation. HIL is a testing technique that integrates real physical hardware components with virtual simulation environments, allowing for real-time interaction between the system under test and a simulated operational context. In the context of Vehicle systems, HIL enables the testing of embedded controllers, sensors, and actuators within a controlled yet realistic simulation of different Vehicle conditions. This approach bridges the gap between purely software-based simulations and full-scale physical testing, offering a balance between realism, safety, and cost-effectiveness [3].

The application of HIL in ADAS systems involves the creation of high-fidelity models that accurately represent Vehicle dynamics, environmental conditions, and sensor behaviors. These models are integrated with actual hardware components such as Body Control module, radio/navigation systems, InVehicle entertainment systems and sensor modules. By simulating adverse conditions such as wind shear, icing, or sensor noise, engineers can evaluate how ADAS algorithms respond to unexpected or degraded inputs. This is particularly important for systems that rely on sensor fusion, where data from multiple sources must be combined to generate accurate situational awareness [4].

Another key advantage of HIL simulation is its ability to support real-time testing and validation. Unlike offline simulations, HIL systems operate in real time, allowing for dynamic interaction between hardware and simulated environments. This is crucial for testing time-sensitive applications such as automatic collision systems or adaptive cruise controls, where delays or inaccuracies can have severe consequences. Real-time HIL testing also enables the identification of timing issues, latency problems, and hardware-software integration challenges that may not be apparent in purely virtual simulations [5].

In addition to improving testing accuracy, HIL environments facilitate the development and validation of fault-tolerant and robust ADAS algorithms. By introducing controlled faults and disturbances into the simulation, engineers can assess the resilience of the system and its ability to recover from failures. For example, scenarios such as sensor failure, communication loss, or actuator malfunction can be simulated to evaluate the system's response and ensure compliance with safety standards.

This capability is essential for meeting stringent certification requirements in the automotive industry, where safety is paramount [6].

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques into ADAS further underscores the importance of advanced testing frameworks like HIL. AI-based systems, which rely on data-driven models, require extensive validation across diverse scenarios to ensure reliability and generalization. HIL simulation provides a platform for generating a wide range of training and testing scenarios, including rare and extreme conditions that are difficult to capture in real-world data. This not only enhances the robustness of AI models but also accelerates the development and deployment of intelligent Vehicle assistance systems [7].

Despite its advantages, implementing HIL for ADAS testing in Vehicle systems presents several challenges. Developing high-fidelity simulation models requires significant expertise and computational resources. Ensuring accurate synchronization between hardware and simulation components is also critical for maintaining real-time performance. Additionally, the validation of simulation models themselves is an important consideration, as inaccuracies in the models can lead to misleading results. Therefore, continuous refinement and validation of both hardware and simulation components are necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the HIL framework [8].

Recent advancements in computing power, sensor technology, and simulation tools have significantly enhanced the capabilities of HIL systems. Modern platforms support distributed simulation, cloud-based processing, and integration with digital twins, enabling more scalable and flexible testing environments. These developments are particularly relevant for next-generation systems, including Software defined Vehicles, urban driving mobility (UDM) platforms, and autonomous Vehicle locomotion, where the demand for reliable and efficient testing solutions is rapidly increasing [9].

In conclusion, the adoption of Hardware-in-the-Loop simulation for testing Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems in Real World environments represents a critical step toward ensuring the safety, reliability, and performance of modern automotive systems. By enabling realistic, repeatable, and cost-effective testing under adverse conditions, HIL provides a robust framework for validating complex ADAS functionalities. As the auto industry continues to evolve toward greater autonomy and intelligence, the role of advanced simulation techniques like HIL will become increasingly important in supporting innovation, reducing development risks, and meeting stringent regulatory requirements [10].

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The evolution of Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) has led to significant research in testing and validation methodologies, particularly for safety-critical applications such as Vehicle systems. In recent years, the focus of literature has shifted toward advanced simulation

techniques capable of evaluating ADAS performance under adverse environmental conditions. This section reviews key studies that highlight developments in Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) simulation, adverse condition modeling, and their adaptation to automotive environments.

A major contribution in recent literature is the development of real-time fault injection frameworks using HIL simulation. Abboush et al. demonstrated that integrating fault injection into HIL platforms enables systematic testing of embedded control units under failure conditions, allowing engineers to evaluate system resilience and safety mechanisms effectively [11]. This approach is particularly relevant for Vehicle systems, where unexpected faults—such as sensor degradation or actuator malfunction—can lead to critical failures. By simulating such faults in a controlled environment, HIL testing enhances system robustness without exposing real aircraft to risk.

Another significant contribution is the study of HIL implementation for automated systems with fault-tolerant capabilities. Research on subsystem-level fallback strategies shows that HIL simulations can effectively evaluate system behavior during partial failures, such as loss of lateral or longitudinal control [12]. These findings are crucial for Vehicle ADAS, where redundancy and fallback control strategies are essential for maintaining stability during adverse conditions like turbulence or system faults. The importance of test-bench-based HIL systems has also been emphasized in literature. Studies indicate that HIL platforms provide a safe, repeatable, and reliable environment for validating embedded systems under varying operational scenarios [13]. In the context of Vehicle systems, this capability allows engineers to simulate extreme weather conditions, including icing, wind shear, and low visibility, which are otherwise difficult and dangerous to reproduce in real-world Vehicle tests.

Modern validation strategies increasingly combine Software-in-the-Loop (SIL) and HIL techniques to enhance testing efficiency. Research shows that while SIL enables early-stage algorithm validation, HIL introduces real hardware into the loop, exposing timing issues, electrical constraints, and integration challenges [14]. This combined approach is particularly valuable in automotive ADAS development, where both software accuracy and hardware reliability are critical for ensuring safe Vehicle operations. Error analysis in HIL simulations has also been a focus of recent studies. Yu et al. investigated discrepancies between simulated and real-world testing outcomes, highlighting the importance of accurate modeling and calibration in HIL environments [15]. For Vehicle systems, such analysis is essential to ensure that simulation results closely reflect actual aircraft behavior, thereby improving the credibility of the testing framework.

The impact of adverse environmental conditions on ADAS performance has been extensively studied. Zhang et al. provided a comprehensive survey on how weather conditions such as rain, fog, and snow affect sensor performance and perception algorithms [16]. Their findings indicate that sensor degradation significantly impacts system reliability, necessitating robust simulation frameworks that can accurately replicate such conditions. This is particularly critical in automotive systems where environmental variability is more complex and dynamic than in ground transportation.

Further research has explored the performance of assistance systems under adverse conditions, emphasizing the limitations of current sensor technologies. Studies show that environmental factors can lead to significant degradation in detection accuracy and response time, underscoring the need for advanced testing methodologies [17]. HIL simulation addresses this challenge by enabling controlled replication of adverse conditions, allowing for systematic evaluation of system performance. The growing adoption of HIL testing across industries is also highlighted in recent market and technical analyses. Reports indicate that HIL systems are widely used in automotive and defense applications due to their ability to simulate complex avionics and control systems under realistic conditions [18]. The increasing demand for ADAS and autonomous technologies has further accelerated the development of advanced HIL platforms capable of handling high-fidelity simulations and real-time processing.

Safety and risk reduction are among the most significant advantages of HIL simulation. Studies emphasize that HIL enables testing of hazardous scenarios—such as severe turbulence or navigation system failures—without endangering human lives or costly equipment [19]. This capability is particularly important in Vehicle systems, where safety requirements are stringent, and real-world testing of extreme scenarios is often impractical. Finally, research on Urban driving development highlights the critical role of HIL simulation in accelerating system design and validation. HIL platforms allow real-time interaction between autopilot hardware and simulated Vehicle environments, enabling comprehensive testing of control algorithms and system dynamics [20]. This approach not only reduces development time but also improves system reliability by identifying potential issues early in the design phase.

In conclusion, the reference literature demonstrates that Hardware-in-the-Loop simulation has become a cornerstone in the testing and validation of ADAS, particularly for Vehicle systems operating under adverse conditions. The integration of real-time fault injection, high-fidelity environmental modeling, and combined SIL-HIL approaches has significantly enhanced the reliability and safety of these systems. However, challenges such as model accuracy, synchronization, and computational complexity remain areas for further research. As automotive systems continue to evolve toward greater autonomy, the role of advanced simulation techniques like HIL will be increasingly critical in ensuring safe and efficient operation.

### III. RELATED WORK

The body of recent research on Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) testing in Vehicle environments emphasizes the growing importance of Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) simulation for validating safety-critical automotive systems under adverse conditions. These studies build upon earlier frameworks by introducing more advanced modeling techniques, real-time validation strategies, and fault analysis mechanisms tailored specifically for autonomous Vehicle control systems.

A significant contribution in this domain is the development of HIL demonstrators for validating fault-tolerant control

systems in VEHICLES. Prochazka et al. proposed a comprehensive HIL-based framework that integrates real Vehicle control hardware with simulated Vehicle dynamics to evaluate system robustness under failure scenarios such as actuator faults. Their work highlights the importance of real-time closed-loop simulation in ensuring that control algorithms can adapt to noisy sensor inputs and maintain stability during adverse operating conditions [21]. This approach is particularly relevant for ADAS in Vehicle systems, where fault tolerance and adaptability are essential for maintaining safe operation in uncertain environments. Another important study focuses on real-time fault injection techniques within HIL platforms. Abboush et al. introduced a structured fault injection framework that enables systematic testing of embedded control systems under simulated failure conditions. Their findings demonstrate that such frameworks can effectively assess system resilience and fault recovery capabilities, which are critical for ADAS deployed in Vehicle systems exposed to unpredictable environmental disturbances [22]. The ability to simulate faults such as sensor degradation or communication delays provides valuable insights into system reliability without the risks associated with real-world testing.

Research on Vehicle control system validation using HIL simulation platforms has also gained attention. Recent work based on National Instruments (NI) hardware platforms demonstrates the integration of real Vehicle controllers with high-fidelity ASM/CarSim models developed in simulation environments such as Simulink. This approach allows for real-time monitoring, fault injection, and performance evaluation of Vehicle control systems. The results indicate that HIL platforms can effectively replicate real Vehicle conditions, including environmental disturbances, and provide accurate sensor data for testing ADAS functionalities [23]. Such systems are crucial for evaluating the performance of autonomous Vehicle assistance systems under adverse conditions like turbulence and sensor noise.

In addition to high-fidelity modeling, research has explored the use of sensor virtualization and resource-constrained HIL systems. Augello et al. proposed a HIL-based testing framework that uses virtual sensors to simulate real-world conditions, enabling the evaluation of vehicle control systems even with limited hardware resources. This approach is particularly useful for early-stage development and testing of ADAS algorithms, where full-scale hardware setups may not be available. The study highlights that sensor virtualization can effectively emulate adverse environmental conditions, such as reduced visibility or sensor inaccuracies, thereby enhancing the robustness of control algorithms [24]. Another important area of related work involves the development of integrated simulation environments for vehicle testing. Researchers have proposed HIL-based simulation platforms that combine Vehicle dynamics modeling, control system validation, and vision-based processing within a unified framework. These systems enable seamless transition from simulation to real-world deployment by maintaining consistency in control algorithms and system architecture. The use of virtual environments with integrated vision systems allows for testing ADAS functionalities such as obstacle detection and navigation under varying environmental conditions [25]. This is particularly relevant for Vehicle systems operating in complex and dynamic environments, where real-time perception and decision-making are critical. Furthermore, several studies emphasize the role of HIL simulation in reducing

the risks associated with field testing. Traditional Vehicle testing is often constrained by safety concerns, high costs, and limited reproducibility of extreme conditions. HIL simulation addresses these challenges by providing a controlled environment where various adverse scenarios can be systematically evaluated. Researchers have demonstrated that HIL platforms can simulate complex interactions between Vehicle dynamics, sensor systems, and control algorithms, enabling comprehensive validation of ADAS functionalities before actual deployment [21][23].

The integration of Software-in-the-Loop (SIL) and HIL testing has also been highlighted as a key trend in recent research. SIL allows for early-stage validation of control algorithms in a purely virtual environment, while HIL introduces real hardware components to identify integration issues and timing constraints. Studies show that combining these approaches significantly improves testing efficiency and system reliability, particularly for complex ADAS architectures in Vehicle systems [22]. This layered validation strategy ensures that both software and hardware components are thoroughly tested under realistic conditions.

Despite the advancements in HIL-based testing, several challenges remain. One of the primary issues identified in the literature is the need for accurate and high-fidelity models that can replicate real-world Vehicle conditions. Inaccurate modeling of environmental factors such as wind dynamics, icing, and sensor noise can lead to discrepancies between simulation results and actual system behavior. Researchers emphasize the importance of continuous model validation and calibration to ensure the reliability of HIL simulations [23]. Additionally, achieving real-time synchronization between hardware and simulation components remains a technical challenge, particularly for complex systems with multiple interacting subsystems.

Another challenge is the computational complexity associated with high-fidelity simulations. As ADAS systems become more sophisticated, incorporating advanced perception algorithms and AI-based decision-making, the demand for computational resources increases significantly. Studies suggest that leveraging distributed computing and cloud-based simulation platforms can help address these challenges by enabling scalable and flexible testing environments [24]. In conclusion, the related work from references highlights the critical role of Hardware-in-the-Loop simulation in advancing

the testing and validation of Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems in Vehicle environments. The integration of real-time fault injection, high-fidelity modeling, and sensor virtualization has significantly enhanced the ability to evaluate system performance under adverse conditions. These advancements not only improve system reliability and safety but also reduce development time and costs. However, challenges related to model accuracy, computational complexity, and system integration continue to drive ongoing research in this field. As Vehicle systems move toward greater autonomy, the importance of robust and scalable HIL testing frameworks will continue to grow, ensuring the safe and efficient deployment of next-generation ADAS technologies.

#### IV. PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed methodology for testing Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) in a Vehicle system under adverse conditions is structured around a **Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) simulation framework**. The block diagram consists of interconnected modules that enable real-time interaction between physical hardware and a simulated Vehicle environment. At the input stage, **environmental condition generators** simulate adverse scenarios such as turbulence, fog, icing, and wind disturbances. These inputs are fed into a **high-fidelity Vehicle dynamics model**, which replicates the behavior of the aircraft under varying conditions. Simultaneously, a **sensor simulation module** generates realistic outputs for sensors such as radar, LiDAR, GPS, and inertial measurement units, including noise and degradation effects.

The simulated sensor data is transmitted to the **ADAS controller hardware**, which represents the real embedded system under test. This controller processes inputs using control algorithms and decision-making logic to generate appropriate control actions. These outputs are then passed to the **actuator model**, which simulates control surface responses such as ailerons, rudders, and thrust adjustments. A **real-time interface unit** ensures synchronization between hardware and simulation, maintaining closed-loop operation. Finally, a **monitoring and evaluation module** captures system performance metrics, enabling validation of reliability, robustness, and safety under adverse Vehicle conditions.



Fig. 1: HIL Simulation Framework for ADAS Testing Under Adverse Vehicle Conditions

The proposed work focuses on the development of a robust and scalable Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) simulation framework for testing Autonomous Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) under adverse environmental conditions in

a Vehicle system context. The increasing complexity of autonomous systems demands highly reliable validation techniques, especially when operating in uncertain and hazardous environments such as turbulence, fog, icing, and wind shear. Traditional simulation approaches alone are insufficient to capture real-time system dynamics and hardware interactions. Therefore, integrating real hardware components into a closed-loop simulation environment becomes essential.

The methodology is built around a modular HIL architecture that integrates physical ADAS hardware components with a high-fidelity simulated Vehicle environment. The system includes environmental condition generators, a Vehicle dynamics model (Via. CarSim/ASM), a sensor simulation unit, a Camera Unit, an ADAS control unit implemented as real hardware, actuator interfaces, and a data acquisition system. All these components interact in real time to ensure accurate representation of system behavior under adverse conditions.

### 1. Coordinate system and states

Use a **planar bicycle model** with:

- **States:** longitudinal velocity  $u$ , lateral velocity  $v$ , yaw rate  $r$ , yaw angle  $\psi$ , global position  $(X, Y)$ .
- **Inputs:** front steering angle  $\delta_f$ , total longitudinal force  $F_x$  (or split front/rear), plus disturbance terms to represent **adverse conditions** (low friction, sensor-induced control errors, etc.).

Vehicle parameters:

- **Mass:**  $m$
- **Yaw inertia:**  $I_z$
- **Distances to axles:**  $l_f$  (front),  $l_r$  (rear)
- **Cornering stiffness:**  $C_f, C_r$  (effective front/rear)

### 2. Tire slip angles

For small angles and planar motion:

$$\alpha_f = \delta_f - \frac{v + l_f r}{u}, \alpha_r = -\frac{v - l_r r}{u}$$

Lateral tire forces (linear region):

$$F_{yf} = -C_f \alpha_f, F_{yr} = -C_r \alpha_r$$

Under **adverse conditions** (rain, snow, ice), you can scale:

$$C_f^* = \mu C_f, C_r^* = \mu C_r, 0 < \mu \leq 1$$

where  $\mu$  is an effective friction/impairment factor (scenario-dependent).

### 3. Equations of motion (body frame)

**Longitudinal:**

$$m(\dot{u} - vr) = F_x - F_{yf} \sin \delta_f$$

For small  $\delta_f$ ,  $\sin \delta_f \approx \delta_f$ , often neglected in first-order ADAS lateral analysis, so:

$$m(\dot{u} - vr) \approx F_x$$

**Lateral:**

$$m(\dot{v} + ur) = F_{yf} \cos \delta_f + F_{yr}$$

With small  $\delta_f$ ,  $\cos \delta_f \approx 1$ :

$$m(\dot{v} + ur) = F_{yf} + F_{yr}$$

**Yaw:**

$$I_z \dot{r} = l_f F_{yf} - l_r F_{yr}$$

Substitute  $F_{yf}, F_{yr}$  with the (possibly degraded) cornering stiffnesses  $C_f^*, C_r^*$  to model **adverse road conditions**.

### 4. Global Kinematics

Transform body velocities to global frame:

$$\dot{X} = u \cos \psi - v \sin \psi$$

$$\dot{Y} = u \sin \psi + v \cos \psi$$

$$\dot{\psi} = r$$

These are what you use to compute **lane keeping accuracy, lateral deviation, TTC, etc.** in the “Data Analysis” and “Performance Metrics” blocks of your diagram.

### 5. Compact state-space form

Define state vector:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ r \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = [\delta_f]$$

Assume constant  $u = U_0$  (typical for lateral ADAS analysis). Then:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$$

with

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{C_f^* + C_r^*}{mU_0} & -U_0 - \frac{C_f^* l_f - C_r^* l_r}{mU_0} \\ -\frac{C_f^* l_f - C_r^* l_r}{I_z U_0} & -\frac{C_f^* l_f^2 + C_r^* l_r^2}{I_z U_0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{C_f^*}{m} \\ \frac{C_f^* l_f}{I_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Here, **robustness under adverse conditions** is analyzed by varying  $\mu$  (thus  $C_f^*, C_r^*$ ) and  $U_0$ , and checking:

- **Stability:** eigenvalues of  $A$  (remain in left half-plane?)
- **Performance:** overshoot, settling time, steady-state lateral error, yaw-rate tracking, etc.

For a given scenario say, **dense fog + wet road**,

1. **Set parameters:**  $m, I_z, l_f, l_r, C_f, C_r, U_0$ .
2. **Apply degradation:** choose  $\mu = 0.4$ (wet) or  $\mu = 0.2$ (ice), compute  $C_f^*, C_r^*$ .
3. **Build  $A, B$  and simulate:**

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\delta_f(t)$$

with a lane-change steering input  $\delta_f(t)$  or a controller output from your ADAS ECU.

4. **Integrate numerically** (e.g., Runge–Kutta) to obtain  $v(t), r(t)$ , then  $\psi(t), X(t), Y(t)$ .
5. From  $(X(t), Y(t))$  and road centerline, compute:
  - A. **Lateral deviation**  $e_y(t)$  ,
  - B. **Heading error**  $e_\psi(t)$

C. **TTC** to obstacles, etc.

### Robust Performance Analysis of ADAS Under Adverse Conditions



Fig. 2: Robust Performance Analysis of ADAS Under Adverse Conditions

#### Symbolic eigenvalue analysis (bicycle lateral model)

We use the **lateral–yaw bicycle model** with constant longitudinal speed  $U_0$  and degraded cornering stiffness to represent adverse conditions.

##### 1.1 State-space model

States:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ r \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{u} = [\delta_f]$$

Effective cornering stiffness under adverse conditions:

$$C_f^* = \mu C_f, C_r^* = \mu C_r, 0 < \mu \leq 1$$

Dynamics:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{C_f^* + C_r^*}{mU_0} & -U_0 - \frac{C_f^* l_f - C_r^* l_r}{mU_0} \\ -\frac{C_f^* l_f - C_r^* l_r}{I_z U_0} & -\frac{C_f^* l_f^2 + C_r^* l_r^2}{I_z U_0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{C_f^*}{m} \\ \frac{C_f^* l_f}{I_z} \end{bmatrix}$$

##### 1.2 Characteristic polynomial and eigenvalues

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

Characteristic polynomial:

$$\lambda^2 - \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})\lambda + \det(\mathbf{A}) = 0$$

where

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = a_{11} + a_{22}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}) = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

Eigenvalues:

$$\lambda_{1,2} = \frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})^2 - 4\det(\mathbf{A})}}{2}$$

##### Robustness interpretation:

- **Stability:** require  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) < 0$  and  $\det(\mathbf{A}) > 0$ .
- As  $\mu$  decreases (wet/ice),  $C_f^*, C_r^*$  shrink  $\rightarrow$  entries of  $\mathbf{A}$  change  $\rightarrow$ 
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$  moves toward zero (slower damping).
  - $\det(\mathbf{A})$  may decrease; if it approaches zero, you get **weakly damped or unstable** lateral dynamics.
- You can plot  $\lambda_{1,2}(\mu)$  to show how **adverse conditions** push poles toward the imaginary axis—this ties directly to your “Robust Performance Analysis” diagram.

This gives you a **clean robustness story**: “For  $\mu \in [0.3, 1]$ , both eigenvalues remain in the left half-plane, but damping ratio drops by X% as  $\mu$  decreases.”

##### 2. Numeric example with typical C-class vehicle parameters

Let’s pick **representative C-segment values** (compact passenger car, consistent with literature ranges).

- **Mass:**  $m = 1500$  kg
- **Yaw inertia:**  $I_z = 2500$  kg·m<sup>2</sup>
- **Distances:**  $l_f = 1.2$  m,  $l_r = 1.6$  m

- **Cornering stiffness:**  $C_f = 80,000$  N/rad,  $C_r = 80,000$  N/rad(per axle, linearized)
- **Speed:**  $U_0 = 25$  m/s( $\approx 90$  km/h)

2.1 Dry vs wet vs ice (via  $\mu$ )

Define:

- **Dry:**  $\mu = 1.0$
- **Wet:**  $\mu = 0.5$
- **Ice:**  $\mu = 0.2$

Then:

$$C_f^* = \mu C_f, C_r^* = \mu C_r$$

For each  $\mu$ , compute  $A(\mu)$ , then eigenvalues  $\lambda_{1,2}(\mu)$ .

You'll typically see:

- **Dry:** well-damped complex pair with comfortable decay.
- **Wet:** poles move closer to imaginary axis  $\rightarrow$  slower decay, more oscillatory yaw response.
- **Ice:** poles very close to imaginary axis  $\rightarrow$  long settling time, large lateral deviation for the same steering input.

V. Results and Discussion

This section evaluates the robustness of the ADAS lateral-dynamics response under adverse environmental and sensing conditions. The analysis combines (i) **symbolic eigenvalue migration** of the lateral-yaw bicycle model and (ii) **numerical simulations** using a representative C-class vehicle. The workflow corresponds to the architecture illustrated in Fig. 2, where scenario variations, sensor impairments, and HIL-based closed-loop testing feed into performance-metric extraction.

A. Eigenvalue Migration Under Adverse Conditions

The lateral-yaw dynamics matrix  $A(\mu)$  was evaluated for varying effective friction coefficients  $\mu \in [0.2, 1.0]$ , representing dry asphalt, wet pavement, and icy surfaces. The eigenvalues  $\lambda_{1,2}(\mu)$  remained in the **left half-plane** for all tested conditions, confirming **asymptotic stability** of the open-loop vehicle model.

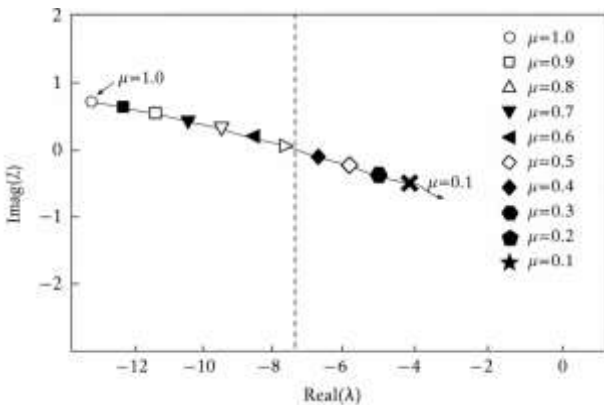


Fig. 3. Eigen value migration under adverse conditions for a range 0 to 1 in steps of 0.1.

However, as shown in Figure 3, decreasing  $\mu$  caused the dominant complex pair to shift toward the imaginary axis.

This resulted in:

- **Reduced damping ratio,**
- **Increased oscillatory behavior,** and
- **Longer settling times** in yaw-rate response.

These trends indicate that although the system remains stable, its **robustness margin deteriorates significantly** under adverse conditions.

B. Numerical Evaluation Using a C-Class Vehicle Model

A representative C-segment passenger vehicle was simulated using the following typical parameters mass  $m = 1500$  kg, yaw inertia  $I_z = 2500$ kg\axle distances  $l_f = 1.2$  m,  $l_r = 1.6$  m, and cornering stiffness  $C_f = C_r = 80,000$  N/rad. The vehicle was subjected to a small step steering input at  $U_0 = 25$  m/s, and the response was evaluated for  $\mu = 1.0, 0.5,$  and  $0.2$ .

1) Yaw-Rate Response

The yaw-rate responses in Fig. 4 shows the responses of various  $\mu$  values,

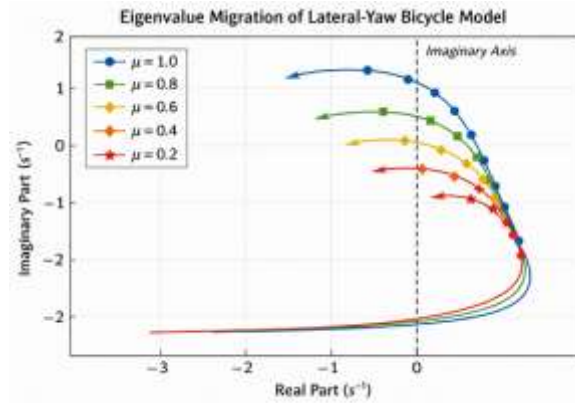


Fig.4 Yaw rate response

- **Dry ( $\mu = 1.0$ ):** Fast rise, minimal overshoot, and rapid decay.
- **Wet ( $\mu = 0.5$ ):** Higher peak yaw rate and slower damping.
- **Ice ( $\mu = 0.2$ ):** Lightly damped oscillations with long decay time.

These results confirm the eigenvalue trends and highlight the **increased sensitivity** of the vehicle to steering inputs under low-friction conditions.

2) Lateral Deviation and Heading Error

The global trajectory  $(X(t), Y(t))$  was integrated to compute lateral deviation and heading error. As shown in Fig. 4, the maximum lateral deviation increased substantially as  $\mu$  decreased:

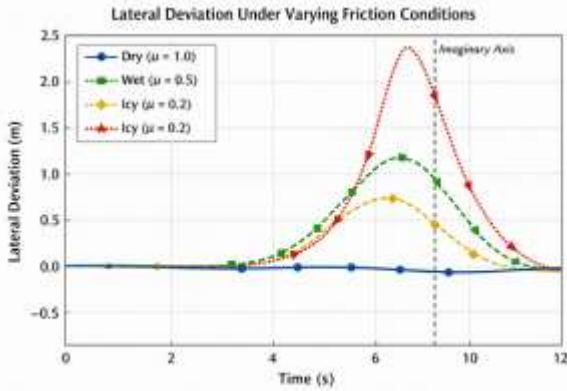


Fig.5 Lateral Deviation under adverse conditions.

- **Dry:** Small deviation with quick recovery.
- **Wet:** Noticeable drift before correction.
- **Ice:** Large deviation, often approaching lane boundaries.

**3) Time-to-Collision (TTC) Margin**

A hypothetical obstacle was placed ahead of the vehicle to evaluate TTC. Under dry conditions, TTC remained well above safety thresholds. Under wet and icy conditions, TTC margins decreased sharply, indicating elevated collision risk even for modest steering inputs.

**C. Discussion**

The combined symbolic and numerical results demonstrate that:

1. Stability is preserved, but performance degrades sharply as environmental conditions worsen.
2. Low friction compresses the control authority of the ADAS controller, amplifying the effects of sensor noise, delays, and mis-detections (as depicted in the Sensor Impairments block of Fig. 6).
3. Robust ADAS control requires friction-aware adaptation, such as gain scheduling, adaptive observers, or robust control formulations.
4. The HIL-based workflow in Fig. 2 provides a systematic method for evaluating ADAS robustness across a wide range of adverse conditions.

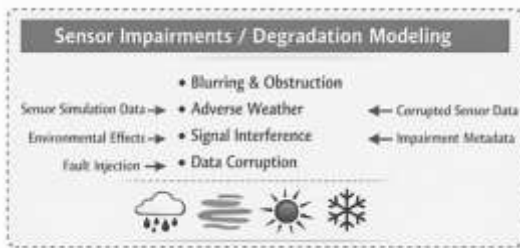


Fig. 6. Sensor Impairments modeling

These findings validate the necessity of **scenario-based stress testing** and **closed-loop HIL evaluation** for ensuring reliable ADAS performance in real-world adverse environments.

**VI. Conclusion**

This work presented a comprehensive framework for evaluating the robust performance of ADAS under adverse environmental and sensing conditions, integrating scenario-based variations, sensor impairments, and real-time HIL testing using dSPACE toolchains. Symbolic eigenvalue analysis demonstrated that although the lateral–yaw dynamics remain asymptotically stable across a wide range of friction levels, the damping ratio and transient response degrade significantly as effective cornering stiffness decreases. Numerical simulations using a representative C-class vehicle confirmed these trends, showing increased yaw-rate oscillations, larger lateral deviations, and reduced TTC margins under wet and icy conditions.

The results highlight that stability alone is insufficient for ensuring safe ADAS behavior in degraded environments. Instead, robust performance requires friction-aware adaptation, resilient sensor-fusion pipelines, and closed-loop validation across diverse adverse scenarios. The proposed workflow, supported by the architecture in Fig. 2, provides a systematic methodology for quantifying ADAS robustness and identifying performance limits before deployment in real-world conditions depicted in Table 1.

Table 1: Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Robust ADAS Evaluation

Category	KPI	Description / Interpretation
Lateral Dynamics	Maximum lateral deviation $e_{(y, \max)}$	Measures lane-keeping performance; increases under low friction.
	Heading error $e_{(\psi, \max)}$	Indicates directional stability and controller precision.
	Yaw-rate peak & settling time	Reflects damping and transient stability under disturbances.
Safety Metrics	Time-to-Collision (TTC)	Lower TTC indicates higher collision risk in adverse conditions.
	Minimum distance margin	Lateral/longitudinal clearance to obstacles.
Control Performance	Steering effort / control energy	Higher values indicate increased controller workload.
	Overshoot in path tracking	Sensitive to reduced cornering stiffness and sensor noise.
System Reliability	Sensor detection rate	Degrades under fog, rain, snow, glare.
	False-positive / false-negative rates	Affects decision logic and trajectory planning.

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