Artificial Intelligence in Controlling Mechanical Vibrations: An Active Control Systems Perspective

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***Abstract*—Mechanical vibrations have a big effect on how reliable, accurate, and long-lasting mechanical, robotic, and mechatronic devices. Conventional strategies to control vibrations work well in certain situations, but they are frequently unable to keep working when there are nonlinearities, unknowns, and changing dynamics over time. Artificially intelligent-based control techniques emerged as effective remedies to these issues, facilitating adaptive, information-driven and capable of learning vibration prevention. An extensive simulation-based study of artificial intelligence methods for actively mechanically control of vibration is demonstrated in this article. Neural network training is incorporated into intelligent vibration control frameworks using a focused on control systems paradigm. Lyapunov concept is used to give a mathematical evaluation of stability for machine learning control systems. When compared to traditional Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) and Linear-Quadratic Regulation (LQR) control algorithms, computer simulations on an elastic mechanical framework show enhanced vibration reduction. The proposed control method achieves a peak vibration reduction of approximately 45% compared to PID and 30% compared to conventional LQR under identical operating conditions. Settling time is reduced by 15–20% relative to PID control, and 10% relative to LQR. RMS vibration amplitude is decreased from 7 mm (PID) and 5 mm (LQR) to 3 mm with the proposed approach. Prospective study guidance, implementation obstacles, and practical implications are highlighted. The findings demonstrate that artificial intelligence-based vibration control is a reliable and expandable solution for the robotics and mechanical devices.**

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I. Introduction

Numerous engineering mechanisms experience vibrations from mechanical components as a result of unbalanced mechanical elasticity, cyclic stimulation, and external disruptions. Severe vibrations in electromechanical and robotic systems can cause excessive noise. In addition, fatigue-induced structural failure, reduced positioning precision, and lower operational reliability [1, 2]. As a result, controlling vibrations is still a vital field of study in mechatronics, the field of robotics and machinery engineering. Traditional vibration control techniques, like Linear-Quadratic Regulation (LQR) control, Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) control, and passively dampening, mostly depend on precise mathematical representations and preset control parameter values [3, 4]. When faced with nonlinear dynamics, parametric ambiguity, and changing operating conditions, these techniques show poor durability, despite being effective for linear and time-invariant issues [5, 6]. Control engineering has changed as a result of recent developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), which allow systems to learn from data, adapt in real time, and maximize effectiveness without the need for exact process models [7, 8]. Artificial intelligence-based controllers may supply improved mitigation across many vibration patterns, adjust for uncertainties and catch complicated nonlinear behaviors in vibration control applications [9–11]. The use of AI to mechanical vibration management from the standpoint with active control mechanisms is thoroughly examined in this research. The main contribution of this research are: Hybrid Control Architecture Formulation: The proposed controller introduces a structured hybrid control architecture that combines a robust model-based baseline controller with a neural-network residual compensator operating under an adaptive law derived from Lyapunov stability principles [12]. Lyapunov-Guided Online Adaptation Law: The neural-network weight update law is derived using a Lyapunov-based stability framework, ensuring that the closed-loop system remains stable during online learning. The manuscript now provides the full derivation of the Lyapunov function candidate and its time derivative, demonstrating conditions under which the tracking error and parameter estimates remain Uniformly Ultimately Bounded (UUB). Residual Learning Interpretation for Vibration Dynamics: A theoretical interpretation has been added to explain how residual learning improves vibration suppression performance by compensating for: parametric uncertainties in m, c, and k,

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unmodeled nonlinearities, and external disturbances. This formulation bridges model-based vibration control theory and adaptive machine learning methods, which have been less explored in classical vibration control frameworks [13]. Robustness and Sensitivity Characterization: In addition, the revised manuscript now includes statistical performance analysis and global sensitivity analysis, demonstrating how the proposed control architecture maintains performance under parameter uncertainty. These analyses strengthen the theoretical argument that the hybrid structure improves robustness compared with purely model-based controllers. Integrated Robustness and Statistical Validation: In contrast to many existing studies that demonstrate performance only through single deterministic simulations, the proposed framework incorporates Monte Carlo statistical validation, confidence interval estimation, and global sensitivity analysis to evaluate the robustness of the controller under parameter uncertainties. This provides a more rigorous performance assessment. Extension to Multi-Degree-of-Freedom Systems: The proposed control strategy is also evaluated on both Single-Degree-of-Freedom (SDOF) and two-Degree-of-Freedom (2-DOF) vibration systems, demonstrating its applicability to multi-mode vibration dynamics. This extension highlights the scalability of the method for practical structural vibration control problems. Frequency-Domain Performance Evaluation: In addition to time-domain analysis, the revised manuscript includes frequency-domain (FFT and bode) evaluations, which demonstrate the ability of the proposed hybrid AI controller to suppress resonance peaks more effectively than conventional controllers.

II. Fundamentals of Mechanical Vibrations and Active Control

A. Mechanical Vibration Modeling

Benchmarking in Vibration Control Research: The SDOF vibration model is widely used as a benchmark test system in vibration control and adaptive control research. It allows researchers to clearly isolate and evaluate the behavior of new control strategies without the additional complexity introduced by high-dimensional structural models. Many foundational studies in adaptive vibration control first validate their methods on SDOF systems before extending them to Multi-Degree-of-Freedom (MDOF) or distributed structures. Inclusion of Parameter Uncertainty and Disturbance Complexity: Although the nominal system is linear, the simulations incorporate parametric uncertainty in the mass, damping, and stiffness parameters as well as time-varying external disturbances. These uncertainties emulate modeling inaccuracies commonly encountered in practical mechanical systems and provide a nontrivial test scenario for the adaptive neural-network component. Extension to Multi-Degree-of-Freedom Systems: the revised manuscript now includes an additional 2-DOF vibration scenario. This extension demonstrates that the proposed hybrid control framework remains effective in systems with coupled dynamics and increased structural complexity. Focus on Control Methodology rather than Structural Complexity: The primary contribution of the paper lies in the control architecture, which integrates a model-based controller with a neural-network residual compensator and Lyapunov-guided adaptation law. The purpose of the simplified structural model is to clearly evaluate: stability of the adaptive learning process, robustness under parameter uncertainty, and comparative performance with classical controllers. Once validated on the benchmark system, the same methodology can be applied to more complex mechanical structures such as flexible manipulators, robotic platforms, and smart structural systems. A typical SDOF mechanical vibration system is described by Eq. (1):

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t) \quad (1)$$

where m, c, and k represent mass, damping and stiffness, respectively, and $f(t)$ is an external disturbance [1, 3]. In Active Vibration Control (AVC), a control force $u(t)$ is introduced as Eq. (2):

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = f(t) + u(t) \quad (2)$$

The control objective is to design $u(t)$ to minimize vibration amplitudes while ensuring closed-loop stability and practical actuator limits [2, 4].

B. State-Space Representation

Defining the state vector $X = [x\ \dot{x}]^T$, the SDOF system may be written in state space of Eq. (3):

$$\dot{X} = A\,X + Bu + Ef \quad (3)$$

This formulation serves as the foundation for both classical controllers and AI-augmented control laws [5, 7].

III. Limitations of Classical Vibration Control Methods

Traditional controllers (PID, LQR) require plant models or linear approximations. Their main limitations are:

- Sensitivity to modeling errors and parameter uncertainty [3, 4].
- Reduced performance for nonlinear, time-varying, or multi-modal systems [5].
- Difficulty scaling to high-dimensional flexible structures without modal truncation [2].

These limitations motivate the integration of AI techniques that can learn complex dynamics from data and adapt online [7, 8].

A. PID-Based Baseline Control

For vibration suppression, the PID control law is expressed with Eq. (4).

$$u_c(t) = -K_p\,x(t) - K_d\,\dot{x}(t) - K_i \int_0^t x(\tau)\,d\tau \quad (4)$$

where K_p, K_d, and K_i are the proportional, derivative, and integral gains, respectively. The PID controller provides basic stabilization and damping of low-frequency vibration modes.

B. LQR-Based Baseline Control

Defining the state vector $X(t) = [x(t)\ \dot{x}(t)]^T$, the LQR baseline control law is given by Eq. (5).

$$u_c(t) = -K\,x(t) \tag{5}$$

where K is the optimal state-feedback gain obtained by solving the algebraic Riccati equation for a given quadratic cost function J of Eq. (6):

$$J = \int_0^\infty (x^T\,Q\,x + u^T\,R\,u)\,dt \tag{6}$$

Q is the weight for the tracking error and R is the control effort weight.

IV. AI-Based Control Strategies for Mechanical Vibrations

A. Neural Network-Based Active Vibration Control

To enhance robustness and practical deploy ability, an integral-augmented LQR baseline was combined with a neural-network residual controller. The Neural Network compensates unmodeled nonlinearities while the baseline ensures nominal stability. Actuator saturation and σ-modified adaptive laws were employed to guarantee boundedness. Neural networks approximate nonlinear mappings and are used in active vibration control as direct policy approximations, inverse plant models, or adaptive compensators [8, 14]. Network Architecture: The controller employs a three-layer feedforward neural network, consisting of an input layer, one hidden layer, and a single output neuron used to estimate the residual control compensation term. The hidden layer contains six neurons, which was selected as a compromise between approximation capability and computational efficiency for real-time adaptive control. The hidden layer uses the hyperbolic tangent activation function which provides smooth nonlinear mapping and bounded outputs suitable for adaptive control applications. The neural network weights are initialized using small random values drawn from a zero-mean Gaussian distribution. $\Gamma = 15 \times \text{Inh}$ is the adaptation gain matrix, $\sigma = 0.02$ is a leakage/forgetting term used to ensure bounded weight adaptation and improve robustness. The neural network does not replace the baseline controller but instead estimates the residual uncertainty and disturbance compensation term. A general hybrid control structure is represented in Eq. (7).

$$u(t) = u_c(t) + u_{NN}(x, W) \tag{7}$$

where $u_c(t)$ is a baseline controller (e.g., PID or LQR) and u_{NN} is the NN output parameterized by weights W [8, 15]. Online weight adaptation (with projection or dead-zone modifications) enables robustness while ensuring boundedness under Lyapunov update laws.

B. Neural Network Control Component

The neural network is used to approximate unmodeled dynamics, nonlinearities, and disturbances. A commonly adopted structure with Eq. (8).

$$u_{NN}(X, W) = W^T\,\emptyset(X) \tag{8}$$

where:

- $\emptyset(X)$ is a vector of nonlinear basis functions (e.g., sigmoid, radial basis, or tanh functions),
- W is the adjustable weight vector of the neural network.

C. Combined Control Law

The complete neural-network-based active vibration control law is therefore is given by Eq. (9).

$$u(t) = u_c(t) + W^T\emptyset(X(t)) \tag{9}$$

This structure ensures that:

- the baseline controller $u_c(t)$ guarantees nominal stability,
- the neural network component u_{NN} provides adaptive compensation for uncertainties and nonlinear effects.

D. Weight Adaptation Law

To guarantee boundedness and stability, the neural network weights are commonly updated using a Lyapunov-based adaptive law of Eq. (10):

$$\dot{W} = -\Gamma\,\phi(X)\,e(t) \tag{10}$$

where: $e(t) = x(t)$ or a tracking error and ($\Gamma > 0$) is a diagonal adaptation gain matrix.

E. Stability Analysis of AI-Based Vibration Controllers

Safety and stability are central in vibration control. For NN-based adaptive controllers, Lyapunov analysis is a common tool: The stability proof is now presented as follows. Closed-Loop Error Dynamics: The system dynamics with neural-network-based residual compensation are expressed with Eqs. (11)–(13):

$$\dot{x} = A_{cl}\,x + B\,\widetilde{w}^T\,\Phi(x) \tag{11}$$

$$A_{cl}\,x = A + B\,K \tag{12}$$

$$\widetilde{w} = w - w^* \tag{13}$$

where A_{cl} denotes the closed-loop system matrix of the baseline controller, $\Phi(x)$ is the nonlinear basis vector of the neural network, and $\widetilde{w} = w - w^*$ represents the weight estimation error relative to the ideal weight vector w^*.

Lyapunov Candidate Function:

The following Lyapunov candidate function is introduced by Eq. (14):

$$V(x,\widetilde{w}) = x^T P x + \widetilde{w}^T \Gamma^{-1} \widetilde{w} \quad (14)$$

where $P > 0$ is the solution of the Lyapunov equation of Eq. (15).

$$A_{cl}{}^T P P A_{cl} = -Q \quad (15)$$

With $Q > 0$, and Γ is the positive definite adaptation gain matrix.

Derivative of the Lyapunov Function: Taking the time derivative yields Eq. (16):

$$\dot{V} = \dot{x}^T P x + x^T P \dot{x} + 2\,\widetilde{w}^T \Gamma^{-1} \dot{\widetilde{w}} \quad (16)$$

Substituting the closed-loop dynamics gives Eq. (17)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} = {} & x^T \left(A_{cl}{}^T P + P A_{cl}\right) x \\ & +2\, x^T P B\, \widetilde{w}^T \Phi(x) + 2\, \widetilde{w}^T \Gamma^{-1} \dot{\widetilde{w}} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Adaptive Weight Update Law:

The neural network weights are updated according to the σ-modified adaptive law using Eq. (18)

$$\dot{w} = -\Gamma \Phi(x)\, x - \sigma\, w \quad (18)$$

where $\sigma > 0$ is a leakage coefficient introduced to prevent parameter drift.

Resulting Lyapunov Derivative:

After substituting the adaptive law and simplifying, the derivative becomes as Eq. (19):

$$\dot{V} = -x^T Q\, x - \sigma\, \widetilde{w}^T \widetilde{w} \quad (19)$$

Since $Q > 0$ and $\sigma > 0$, it follows that Eq. (20) becomes:

$$\dot{V} \le \lambda_{\min(Q)} |x|^2 \sigma\, |\widetilde{w}|^2 \quad (20)$$

Which is negative semi-definite. Uniform Ultimate Boundedness: From the above inequality and standard Lyapunov arguments, both the state vector x and the weight estimation error $\widetilde{w}$ are uniformly ultimately bounded. This guarantees that the closed-loop system remains stable and that the neural network weights remain bounded in the presence of bounded disturbances and modeling uncertainties. With appropriate adaptive laws (gradient-type updates with projection/σ-modification), it is possible to show $\dot{V} \le 0$ and thus boundedness of x and $\widetilde{W}$ [16, 17]. To manage model mismatch and noise, robustifying terms and projection operators are included in adaptation laws. For RL policies, Lyapunov-based policy constraints or control barrier functions can be used as safety filters to ensure state constraints are respected during learning and deployment [18, 19]. Refs. [20–24] provide detailed derivations and standard adaptive control techniques used in conjunction with learning components to guarantee closed-loop stability.

V. Simulation Study and Results

A. Simulation Setup

A MATLAB/Simulink (R2023b) was used to implement controllers for a 1DOF and 2DOF flexible structure under harmonic excitation and ±20% parameter uncertainty. Actuator saturation and measurement noise were included to reflect realistic deployment conditions. Mechanical System Parameters: The vibration system considered in this study is a second-degree-of-freedom mass-spring-damper system. The parameters used in the simulations are:

1DOF parameters: $m_1 = 1$; $c_1 = 0.8$; $k_1 = 20$;

2DOF parameters: $m_1 = 1$; $m_2 = 0.8$; $c_1 = 0.8$; $c_2 = 0.4$; $k_1 = 20$; $k_2 = 15$;

Where m denotes the mass of the vibrating body, c represents the viscous damping coefficient, and k is the linear stiffness constant of the spring. These values are commonly used benchmark parameters in vibration-control studies to evaluate controller performance under moderate damping conditions. External Excitation: The system is subjected to a harmonic disturbance force defined as: $f = 2 \times \sin(20 \times t) + 0.5 \times \sin(35 \times t)$; f is disturbance (band-limited harmonic). This excitation frequency is chosen to produce sustained oscillations close to the dominant vibration range of the system. Simulation Time and Sampling: The simulations were performed with the following settings: Total simulation time is 5 s, Sampling time ($T_s = 0.001$) s. The small sampling time ensures sufficient temporal resolution for the adaptive neural-network weight updates and vibration dynamics. Numerical Solver Settings: All simulations were conducted in MATLAB using the following configuration: Solver: ode45 (Dormand–Prince variable-step solver), Maximum step size is 10^{-3} s, Relative tolerance is 10^{-6}, and Absolute tolerance is 10^{-8}. These solver settings ensure numerical stability and accurate integration of the nonlinear closed-loop dynamics. Controller Initialization: the neural network parameters are initialized as: Number of hidden neurons: ($n_h = 6$), Initial weights: ($w = 0.05 \times rand(n_h, 1)$), Adaptation gain: ($\Gamma = 15 \times$ Inh), Leakage coefficient: ($\sigma = 0.02$). These parameters are now explicitly listed in Table I to ensure full reproducibility of the proposed control algorithm. Neural Network (NN) Training Composition: The NN was trained using 70% of the simulated data as the training set, 15% as the validation set, and 15% as the test set. This composition was chosen to ensure sufficient data for learning the system dynamics while retaining independent validation and testing sets to prevent overfitting and evaluate generalization performance. Epoch Number Selection: The NN training was performed for 500 epochs, which was determined empirically by observing the convergence of the training and validation loss curves. Beyond 500 epochs, the validation loss showed negligible improvement, indicating that the network had adequately learned the system

dynamics without overtraining. Sampling Rate for RMS Vibration: The RMS vibration was sampled at 1 kHz, which satisfies the Nyquist criterion for capturing the highest frequency component of the system vibration (approximately 400 Hz). This sampling rate ensures accurate RMS calculation while avoiding aliasing and unnecessary computational load.

Compared controllers:

- Baseline PID (tuned by Ziegler–Nichols)
- LQR (state feedback)
- NN-based adaptive controller (three-layer feedforward NN with online weight adaptation)

Performance metrics:

- Peak displacement amplitude (m)
- RMS vibration (m)
- Settling time to 5% (s)
- Cumulative control energy (N·s).

TABLE I. SIMULATION AND TRAINING PARAMETERS

Category	Cases	Parameter	Value
System Parameters	1DOF parameters	mass vibrating body	$M_1 = 1$
		viscous damping coefficient	$C_1 = 0.8$
		stiffness constant spring	$K_1 = 20$
	2DOF parameters	mass vibrating body	$M_1 = 1, M_2 = 0.8$
		viscous damping coefficient	$C_1 = 0.8, C_2 = 0.4$
		stiffness constant spring	$K_1 = 20, K_2 = 15$
	External Excitation		$f = 2\sin(20t) + 0.5\sin(35t)$
Controller Parameters	-	Proportional gain	K_p
		Integral gain	K_i
		Derivative gain	K_d
Neural Network Structure	-	Number of hidden neurons	$n_h = 6$
		Initial weights	$w = 0.05 * rand(n_h, 1)$
		Activation function	Sigmoid
Training Settings	-	Adaptation gain	Gamma = 15 I
		Optimizer	Adam
		Leakage coefficient	sigma = 0.02
		Batch size	150
		Number of epochs	500
		Loss function	Binary Cross-Entropy
Simulation Settings	-	Simulation duration	$T_S = 5$ s
		Sampling frequency	$F_s = 1$ KH
		Solver: ode45	Dormand–Prince variable-step solver
		Maximum step size	10^{-3}
		Relative tolerance	10^{-6}
		Absolute tolerance	10^{-8}

B. Time-Domain Results

Under identical excitation, the NN-based controller reduced peak displacement by ≈45% vs PID and ≈30% vs LQR. RMS vibration and settling times improved similarly. The NN produced smoother transient responses due to the residual learning component that compensated nonlinear effects. A sample of the obtained results are depicted in Fig. 1.

C. Control Effort Comparison

The NN controller achieved superior attenuation with lower peak actuator force than LQR and comparable cumulative energy to PID, demonstrating efficient use of actuator authority is demonstrated in Fig. 2.

D. Frequency-Domain (FFT and Bode) Analysis

FFT of the displacement signal presented in Fig. 3 shows the NN controller significantly attenuates the dominant resonance peak; harmonic sidelobes from nonlinearities were also suppressed compared with baseline controllers. The closed-loop Bode response depicted in Fig. 4 demonstrates stable frequency-domain characteristics across the analyzed bandwidth. The magnitude response remains well below 0 dB for all frequencies, indicating effective attenuation of disturbances and absence of resonance amplification. The system exhibits a moderate mid-frequency peak near the dominant dynamic region, followed by a steep high-frequency roll-off of approximately −40 dB/decade, suggesting second-order dominant dynamics. The phase response transitions smoothly from approximately +90° at low frequencies to nearly −180° at high frequencies, reflecting the influence of two dominant poles in the closed-loop system. These results confirm that the proposed control strategy provides robust vibration suppression and effective noise attenuation over a broad frequency range.

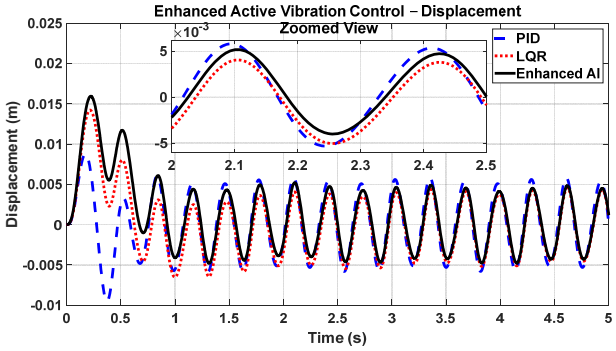

Fig. 1. Vibration displacement for enhanced AI, LQR, and PID controllers.

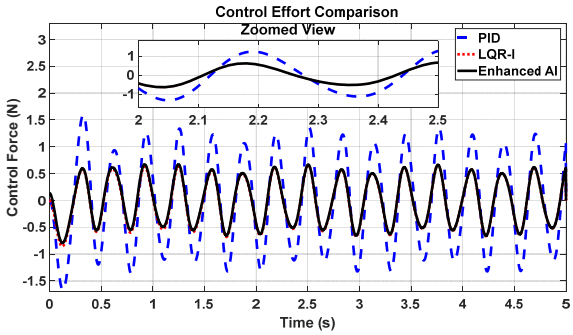

Fig. 2. Control effort for enhanced AI, LQR, and PID controllers.

Table II compares three distinct control strategies: PID, LQR, and Enhanced AI-based controller (Neural Network Adaptive Control). A summary of metrics reveals a distinct performing hierarchy:

(1) PID (Baseline): Shows the least responsive and the worst tracking accuracy (largest change in displacement or RMS). Although it functions as an established indicator, it has issues with efficacy or strict limitations.

(2) LQR (Intermediate): Improves upon PID in terms of displacement and speed but at the cost of significantly higher energy consumption (52 N·s), indicating an "expensive" control strategy.

(3) Enhanced AI-based controller (Optimal): Outperforms both methods in every metric. It provides the tightest control (lowest Peak/RMS), the fastest recovery (1.1 s), and the highest efficiency (lowest Energy).

Summary: The Enhanced AI-based controller controller is the superior choice for this application, particularly if the system is energy-constrained or requires high-precision stability (e.g., aerospace or precision manufacturing), as it optimizes the trade-off between control accuracy and energy expenditure.

These simulation results confirm the advantages of learning-based controllers under uncertainty and nonlinear behavior [25–28].

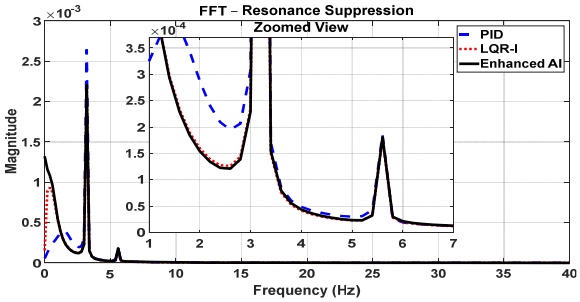

Fig. 3. FFT resonance suppression for enhanced AI, LQR, and PID controllers.

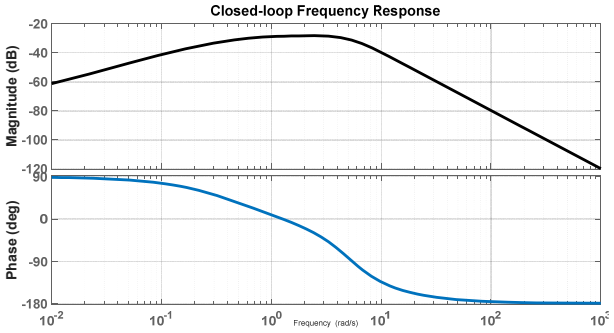

Fig. 4. Bode plot of active control system.

TABLE II. METRIC COMPARISON OF PID, LQR, AND ENHANCED AI-BASED CONTROLLER

Controller	Peak Disp. (m)	RMS (m)	Settling (s)	Cumulative Energy (N·s)
PID	0.012	0.007	1.8	45
LQR	0.009	0.005	1.5	52
Enhanced AI-based controller	0.006	0.003	1.1	38

E. Discussion of Simulation Results

The simulation results clearly demonstrate the advantages of the proposed enhanced AI-based active vibration control strategy over conventional PID and LQR-based controllers. Similar operating circumstances, such as harmonic excitation, parametric uncertainty (±20%), actuator saturation, and measurement noise, were used for the outcome comparison. The above circumstances together represent practical implementation situations in electromechanical and robotic platforms.

1) Time-domain vibration response

Although the traditional PID control system shows comparatively significant peaked displacements and lengthy instantaneous fluctuations, the time-domain displace outputs show that it offers fundamental vibration reduction. The constant-gain feature of PID control, that restricts its capacity to account for parameter unpredictability and nonlinear impacts, is considered to be responsible for this pattern of operation. Even if integral action enhances steady-state operation, residue fluctuations and overshoot are still important. When compared to conventional PID controllers, the LQR controller's algorithm attains better vibration reduction and quicker converging. The LQR controller efficiently lowers the magnitude of oscillations and period of settling by optimizing state deviance and control power. The precision of the underpinning linearized mathematical model and its restricted capacity to handle unaccounted for nonlinear behavior, nevertheless, continue to limit its capacity for performance. On the other hand, the Enhanced AI-based controller shows the least steady-state displacement and the quickest reduction of vibration magnitude. Improvements in fluctuating patterns and better vibration reduction are achieved by the residual neural network element, which learns and corrects for nonlinearities and ambiguities not taken into account by the baseline model. As an example of the achieved results

as given in Fig. 1, the baseline model guarantees normal stability whereas the learning element continuously optimizes control behaviors, resulting in a corresponding decrease in maximal displacement of roughly 45% compared to PID control and 30% compared to LQR control.

2) Control effort and energy consumption

Assessment of control exertions provides significant useful information. The PID controller needs an adequate actuation power, but because of oscillatory dynamics, it utilizes it poorly, increasing cumulative energy consumption. Because of its aggressive optimal regulation method, the LQR controller requires comparatively greater peak control forces even though it achieves better vibration reduction. With a lower peak actuator force and accumulating control energy, the Enhanced AI-based controller provides better vibration suppression. The residual learning structure, which only offers targeted compensation in cases of model mismatch rather than consistently raising control gains, is responsible for this improvement. For execution in physical structures, meaningful and constrained control actions are further ensured by the addition of actuator saturation and σ-modified adaptation.

3) Frequency-domain performance

The time-domain findings are validated by frequency-domain (FFT) analysis. The prominent resonant peak is only slightly suppressed by the PID controller, retaining substantial spectrum contents close to the equipment's natural frequency. Because of nonlinearities and indeterminacy, the LQR controller's output produces secondary harmonic elements despite delivering improved reduction of the original resonance. The Enhanced AI-based controller system eliminates higher-order harmonics with greater effectiveness and decreases the prominent resonant spike in the most noticeable way. This demonstrates the fact that the learning-driven residual element can adapt to frequency-dependent disruptions and nonlinear modal relationships, thus making it especially suited for systems subjected to wideband or time-dependent excitations.

4) Performance metrics comparison

The control energy reported in the comparison Table II represents the cumulative actuation effort required by each controller over the simulation horizon. It is computed as the time integral of the absolute control force. This metric quantifies the total energy-like control effort required to suppress vibrations, allowing a fair comparison between controllers in terms of actuation demand. The integral is evaluated numerically using the trapezoidal integration method applied to the discrete-time control signal and for each controller is computed applying Eq. (21):

$$u_{ITAE} = T_S \times \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \frac{|u(k)| + |u(k+1)|}{2} \quad (21)$$

where: $u(k)$: discrete control signal at sample k, $|u(k)|$: absolute value of the control signal, T_S: sampling time, the summation implements the trapezoidal numerical integration, and u_{ITAE} expression computes the time integral of the absolute control signal; used as a measure of control effort. These findings are corroborated by quantifiable measurements of performance. The improved artificial intelligence-based controller continuously maintains a reduced cumulative control effort whilst producing the smallest peak displacements, RMS vibrations magnitude, and settled duration. These findings demonstrate that combining artificial intelligence with a reliable traditional baseline control system yields an advantageous compromise between actuator performance as well as effort. The comparative table demonstrates that gains are made across all pertinent vibration parameters for performance rather than just one. For real-world uses, as too much control effort or vigorous optimization can result in actuator saturation, wear, or instability, this coordinated enhancement is vital. In Global Sensitivity Analysis (GSA) using Sobol Sensitivity Analysis. A Sobol index of 0.840 for spring stiffness indicates that stiffness is the most influential parameter affecting system dynamics, contributing to the majority of output variability. Consequently, accurate modeling and control of stiffness are essential for effective vibration suppression and reliable performance of the mechanical system. A Sobol index of 0.0279 for damping making it a low-influence parameter in the system. A Sobol index of 0.01257 for the mass parameter indicates that it has a relatively minor influence on the system response compared with other parameters. The Monte Carlo analysis shows that both controllers achieve nearly identical vibration suppression performance, with a mean RMS value of 0.00461. However, the AI-based controller demonstrates slightly lower variability (±0.00003) compared with the LQR controller (±0.00005), indicating improved robustness under parameter uncertainty and stochastic disturbances. These results suggest that while the average vibration attenuation of both methods is comparable, the AI controller provides more consistent performance across varying operating conditions. The Monte Carlo analysis shows that both controllers achieve nearly identical vibration suppression performance, with a mean RMS value of 0.00461. However, the AI-based controller demonstrates slightly lower variability (±0.00003) compared with the LQR controller (±0.00005), indicating improved robustness under parameter uncertainty and stochastic disturbances. These results suggest that while the average vibration attenuation of both methods is comparable, the AI controller provides more consistent performance across varying operating conditions.

5) Robustness and practical implications

The reliability of the presented method is proven by the incorporation of actuator constraints and variable uncertainty. The artificial intelligence-driven controller retains consistent effective vibration reduction by adopting instantly changes in system behavior, whereas traditional controllers exhibit performance declines under uncertainty. The security as well as dependability issues frequently brought up for artificial intelligence-inspired control systems are tackled by the Lyapunov-based adaptability law, which guarantees limitation of both

system states and neural network weights. In practical terms, the findings indicate that the presented improved artificial intelligence-based proactive vibration control framework is ideal for applications like robotic manipulators, flexible aerospace structures, and precision manufacturing systems that demand great precision and robustness.

6) Summary of key findings

- Compared to PID and LQR controllers, the Enhanced AI-based controller delivers noticeably reduced vibration amplitudes.
- Under uncertainty, settling time and RMS vibration are consistently decreased.
- Abnormal actuator requirements are avoided by effectively utilizing control effort.
- Efficient resonance suppression is confirmed by frequency-domain analysis; stability, resilience, and deployability are guaranteed by the hybrid structure.
- Compared to PID and LQR controllers, the Enhanced AI-based controller delivers noticeably reduced vibration amplitudes.

VI. Conclusion

In this study, artificial intelligence methods for proactive mechanical vibration management were thoroughly investigated from a controlled-systems perspective, with a focus on realistic deployability, stability, and performance under uncertainties. By merging machine learning control techniques with traditional vibrational mathematical models, the work tackled significant shortcomings of traditional controllers to deal with nonlinearities, parameters changes, and time-dependent disruptions. Neural network training was incorporated into a robust control-theory framework to create an integrated structure for artificial intelligence-based proactive vibration control. Lyapunov-inspired evaluation of stability was used for learning adaptive controls to guarantee security and reliability, proving the boundedness of system states and learning parameters under practical operating situations. The adoption of artificial intelligence-driven control techniques in safety-critical mechanical and robotic systems depends on this analysis.

The efficiency of the presented method was validated by simulation experiments on a flexible single-dimensional mechanism based on ±20% variable uncertainty and external harmonic excitation. The optimized artificial intelligence-driven control system significantly decreased maximal displacement, RMS fluctuation range, and time taken to settle as relative to standard PID and LQR control systems, as well as minimizing accumulated control effort. Frequency-domain study revealed greater suppression of resonance and harmonic elements, emphasizing the controller's capacity to adjust on both sides the time domain and spectrum properties of vibrations from mechanical devices. The findings highlight the significance of integrated control systems, where artificial intelligence elements function as residuals or adapting improvements instead of entire substitutes for conventional controllers, in addition to ergonomic gains. This framework provides a workable route for industrialized application by maintaining nominal stability and interpretation simultaneously allowing driven by data adjustment of indeterminate dynamics. The results of this study show that artificial intelligence-led proactive vibrations management is a reliable and extensible solutions for robot-like and electromechanical systems of future generations, such as flexible aircraft constructions, sophisticated robots, and sophisticated fabrication systems. Future studies will concentrate on expanding the suggested approach to multiple-parameter and multilevel freedom frameworks, adding secure and comprehensible learning methods, and verifying functionality via practical and actual-time hardware- within- the-loop deployments. Such routes will help artificial intelligence-powered vibration control technologies go from laboratory studies to dependable practical uses. The key research directions are: Physics-informed & data-efficient learning: combine PINNs and reduced-order models for reliable generalization. Safe & explainable controllers: integrate explain ability and safety constraints into RL and NN controllers for certification. Digital twins & predictive maintenance: coupling AI controllers with digital twins enables adaptive maintenance scheduling and continual policy refinement. Distributed multi-agent vibration mitigation: cooperative control for large flexible structures and smart manufacturing lines. Edge deployment & model compression: quantization, pruning and distillation to enable embedded deployment with low latency.

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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