ACTIVE VIBRATION ISOLATION OF MACHINE TOOLS USING AN ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC ACTUATOR

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Ground vibrations influencing machine accuracy



DeBra (1992)

- Ground vibrations distort the machine and results in loss of machining accuracy
- Insulating the machine from its production environment is difficult
- > Hence, necessary to isolate machine from disturbances to maintain accuracy



Vibration isolation: passive and/or active?

Passive isolators: High damping and relatively low support stiffness



- Passive isolators offer simple and effective isolation solutions
- Dynamic instabilities like rocking due to the low support stiffness
- Difficult to design when ground vibrates with unpredictable waveform that has broadband spectrum







Active isolators and objectives of this work



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Structure

- Introduction and Motivation
- Electro-hydraulic active isolator
 - Actuator working principle and dynamics
 - Experimental characterization
- Active isolation of machine tools
 - Transmissibility of a flexible machine
- Conclusions and outlook

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Proposed electro-hydraulic isolation system @ IWU

Working principle: displacement compensation







Actuator dynamics (without load and disturbance)



$$G_{EHA} = \frac{x_p}{v} = G_{valve}G_{act}$$

Valve dynamics:

$$G_{valve} = \frac{x_v}{v}(s) = K_v \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2\zeta}{\omega_{n_v}}\right)s + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_{n_v}}\right)^2} \right]$$

Hydraulic and Piston dynamics:

$$Q_{L} = K_{Q}x_{v} - K_{C}P_{L}; \qquad Q_{L} = A_{p}sx_{p} + \frac{V_{t}}{4\beta}sP_{L}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{t} = V_{1} + V_{2} = 2V_{0}; \\ P_{L} = P_{1} - P_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_{p} = P_{L}A_{p} = Ms^{2}x_{p} + Csx_{p} + K_{L}x_{p} + F_{L}$$

$$G_{act} = \frac{x_{p}}{x_{v}} = \frac{K_{Q}/A_{p}}{\left(s + \frac{K_{C}K_{L}}{A_{p}^{2}}\right)\left(\frac{s^{2}}{\omega_{h}^{2}} + \frac{2\delta_{h}}{\omega_{h}} + 1\right)}$$

Hyd. stiffness and damping

$$\omega_{h} = \sqrt{\frac{4\beta A_{p}^{2}}{V_{t}M}} \qquad \delta_{h} = \frac{K_{C}}{A_{p}}\sqrt{\frac{\beta M}{V_{t}}} \qquad \text{Meritt (1967);} \\ \text{Jelali \& Kroll (2003)}$$





Unknown parameter identification

$$G_{EHA} = \frac{x_p}{v} = G_{valve}G_{act}$$

$$G_{valve} = \frac{x_v}{v}(s) = K_v \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{2\zeta}{\omega_{nv}}\right)s + \left(\frac{s}{\omega_{nv}}\right)^2}\right]$$

$$G_{act} = \frac{x_p}{x_v} = \frac{K_Q/A_p}{\left(s + \frac{K_CK_L}{A_p^2}\right)\left(\frac{s^2}{\omega_h^2} + \frac{2\delta_h}{\omega_h} + 1\right)}$$

System identification:

$$\begin{aligned} x_d &\subset \left\{ K_L; C; \omega_{n_v}; \zeta; K_Q; K_C \right\} \\ \min f_{objs}(x_d) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} r_i^2 \text{ such that } lb \leq x_d \leq ub \\ r_i &= G_{EHAmeasured} - G_{EHA}(x_d) \end{aligned}$$

Jelali & Kroll (2003)

Sensor measuring actuator position	Machine to be mounted on this surface	Actuator clamped to test rig	Variable	Intial value	ldentified value
			Viscous coefficient, C [Ns/m]	3900	1951
		+	Actuator static stiffness, $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}\left[\text{N/m}\right]$	6.8×10^{8}	6.8×10^{8}
		1	Flow gain coefficient, $K_Q [m^3/s/mA]$	9.74×10^{-6}	9.74×10^{-6}
			Flow pressure coefficient, $K_C [m^3/s/Pa]$	7.15×10^{-11}	6.6×10^{-11}
	-	OFALLS	Valve Natural frequency, ω_{n_V} [rad/s]	628	524
	Hydroulic bosos		Damping ratio, ζ	0.48	0.65





End resting on ground

Hydraulic noses Proportional valve

Experimental characterization





Closed-loop dynamics of the actuator (without machine and external disturbance)





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Active isolation of machine tools



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Transmissibility between ground and table:

$$TR_{tg} = \frac{x_t}{x_g} = \frac{x_p}{x_g} \times \frac{x_t}{x_p}, \quad p = 1 \dots 4$$

Transmissibility between ground and actuator Transmissibility between actuator and table

Transmissibility between ground and tool point:

$$TR_{qg} = \frac{x_q}{x_g} = \frac{x_p}{x_g} \times \frac{x_q}{x_p}; \quad p = 1 \dots 4$$

Transmissibility between ground and actuator

Transmissibility between actuator and tool point





Transmissibility betn actuator and table/tool point







Controlled transmissibility





Controlled transmissibility



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Summary

- Designed and developed a novel electro-hydraulic isolator
- Actuator has a high static stiffness to support large inertial loads
- Controlled closed-loop transmissibility shows actuator:
 - Has a high bandwidth (~100 Hz)
 - Can attenuate ground motion transmitted to the tool/table up to 35 dB

Future work

- Further experimental characterization of actuator
- Investigate advanced control strategies





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