

Nano-Hexapod - Test Bench

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In this document, the dynamics of the nano-hexapod shown in Figure 0.1 is identified.

Note

Here are the documentation of the equipment used for this test bench:

- Voltage Amplifier: PiezoDrive [PD200](#)
- Amplified Piezoelectric Actuator: Cedrat [APA300ML](#)
- DAC/ADC: Speedgoat [IO313](#)
- Encoder: Renishaw [Vionic](#) and used [Ruler](#)
- Interferometers: Attocube

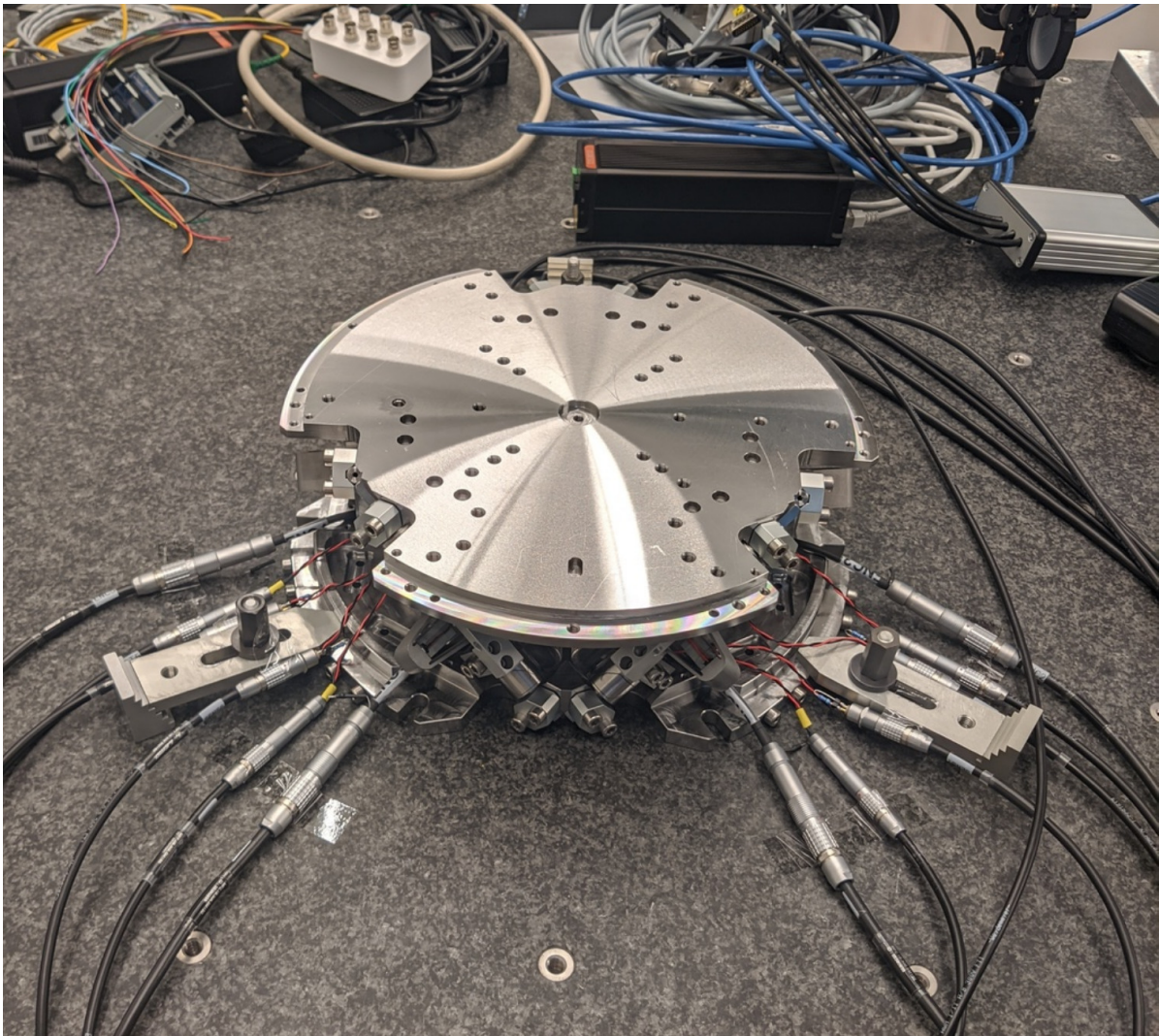


Figure 0.1: Nano-Hexapod

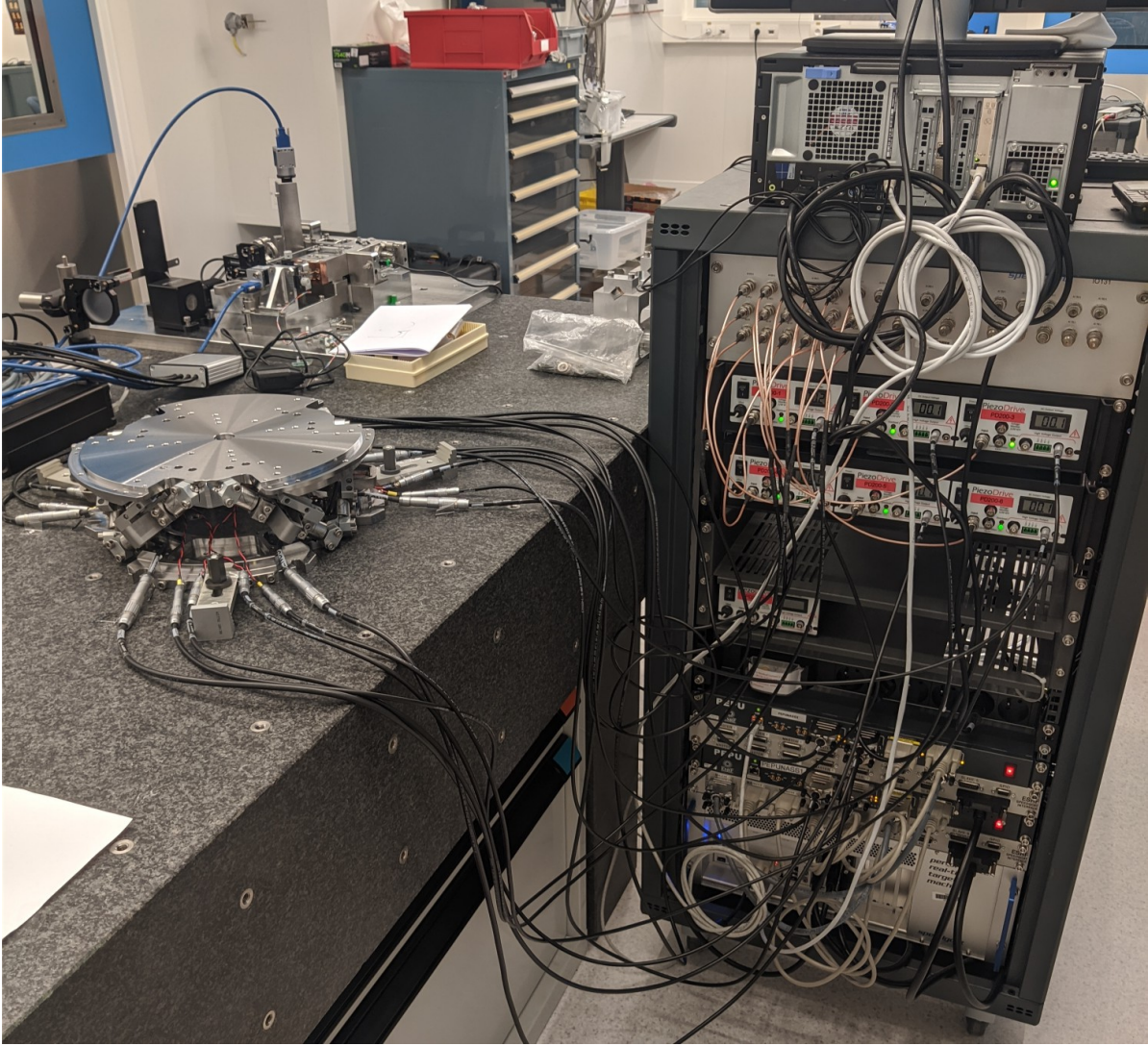


Figure 0.2: Nano-Hexapod and the control electronics

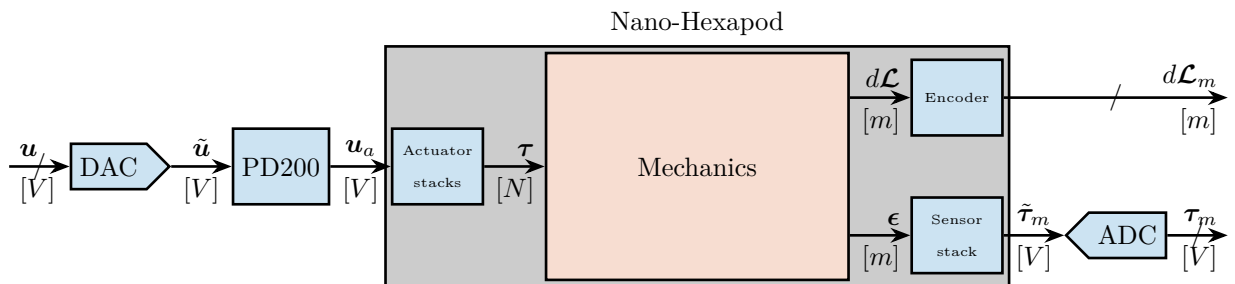


Figure 0.3: Block diagram of the system with named signals

Table 0.1: List of signals

	Unit	Matlab	Vector	Elements
Control Input (wanted DAC voltage)	[V]	<code>u</code>	\mathbf{u}	u_i
DAC Output Voltage	[V]	<code>u</code>	$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}$	\tilde{u}_i
PD200 Output Voltage	[V]	<code>ua</code>	\mathbf{u}_a	$u_{a,i}$
Actuator applied force	[N]	<code>tau</code>	$\boldsymbol{\tau}$	τ_i
Strut motion	[m]	<code>dL</code>	$d\mathcal{L}$	$d\mathcal{L}_i$
Encoder measured displacement	[m]	<code>dLm</code>	$d\mathcal{L}_m$	$d\mathcal{L}_{m,i}$
Force Sensor strain	[m]	<code>epsilon</code>	$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$	ϵ_i
Force Sensor Generated Voltage	[V]	<code>taum</code>	$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\tau}}_m$	$\tilde{\tau}_{m,i}$
Measured Generated Voltage	[V]	<code>taum</code>	$\boldsymbol{\tau}_m$	$\tau_{m,i}$
Motion of the top platform	[m, rad]	<code>dX</code>	$d\mathcal{X}$	$d\mathcal{X}_i$
Metrology measured displacement	[m, rad]	<code>dXm</code>	$d\mathcal{X}_m$	$d\mathcal{X}_{m,i}$

1 Encoders fixed to the Struts

1.1 Introduction

In this section, the encoders are fixed to the struts.

1.2 Identification of the dynamics

1.2.1 Load Data

```
Matlab
%% Load Identification Data
meas_data_lf = {};

for i = 1:6
    meas_data_lf(i) = {load(sprintf('mat/frf_data_exc_strut_%i_noise_lf.mat', i), 't', 'Va', 'Vs', 'de')};
    meas_data_hf(i) = {load(sprintf('mat/frf_data_exc_strut_%i_noise_hf.mat', i), 't', 'Va', 'Vs', 'de')};
end
```

1.2.2 Spectral Analysis - Setup

```
Matlab
%% Setup useful variables
% Sampling Time [s]
Ts = (meas_data_lf{1}.t(end) - (meas_data_lf{1}.t(1)))/(length(meas_data_lf{1}.t)-1);

% Sampling Frequency [Hz]
Fs = 1/Ts;

% Hanning Windows
win = hanning(ceil(1*Fs));

% And we get the frequency vector
[~, f] = tfestimate(meas_data_lf{1}.Va, meas_data_lf{1}.de, win, [], [], 1/Ts);

i_lf = f < 250; % Points for low frequency excitation
i_hf = f > 250; % Points for high frequency excitation
```

1.2.3 DVF Plant

First, let's compute the coherence from the excitation voltage and the displacement as measured by the encoders (Figure 1.1).

```

Matlab
%% Coherence
coh_dvf_lf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);
coh_dvf_hf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);

for i = 1:6
    coh_dvf_lf(:, :, i) = mscohere(meas_data_lf{i}.Va, meas_data_lf{i}.de, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
    coh_dvf_hf(:, :, i) = mscohere(meas_data_hf{i}.Va, meas_data_hf{i}.de, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
end

```

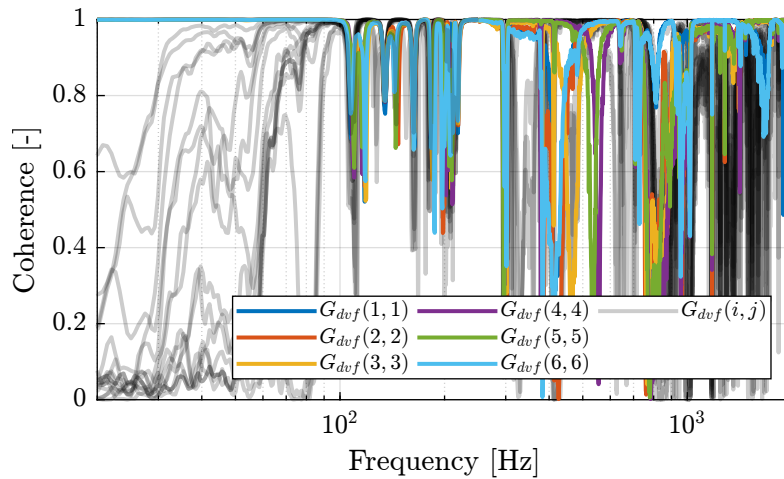


Figure 1.1: Obtained coherence for the DVF plant

Then the 6x6 transfer function matrix is estimated (Figure 1.2).

```

Matlab
%% DVF Plant (transfer function from u to dLm)
G_dvf_lf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);
G_dvf_hf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);

for i = 1:6
    G_dvf_lf(:, :, i) = tfestimate(meas_data_lf{i}.Va, meas_data_lf{i}.de, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
    G_dvf_hf(:, :, i) = tfestimate(meas_data_hf{i}.Va, meas_data_hf{i}.de, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
end

```

1.2.4 IFF Plant

First, let's compute the coherence from the excitation voltage and the displacement as measured by the encoders (Figure 1.3).

```

Matlab
%% Coherence for the IFF plant
coh_iff_lf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);
coh_iff_hf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);

for i = 1:6
    coh_iff_lf(:, :, i) = mscohere(meas_data_lf{i}.Va, meas_data_lf{i}.Vs, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
    coh_iff_hf(:, :, i) = mscohere(meas_data_hf{i}.Va, meas_data_hf{i}.Vs, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
end

```

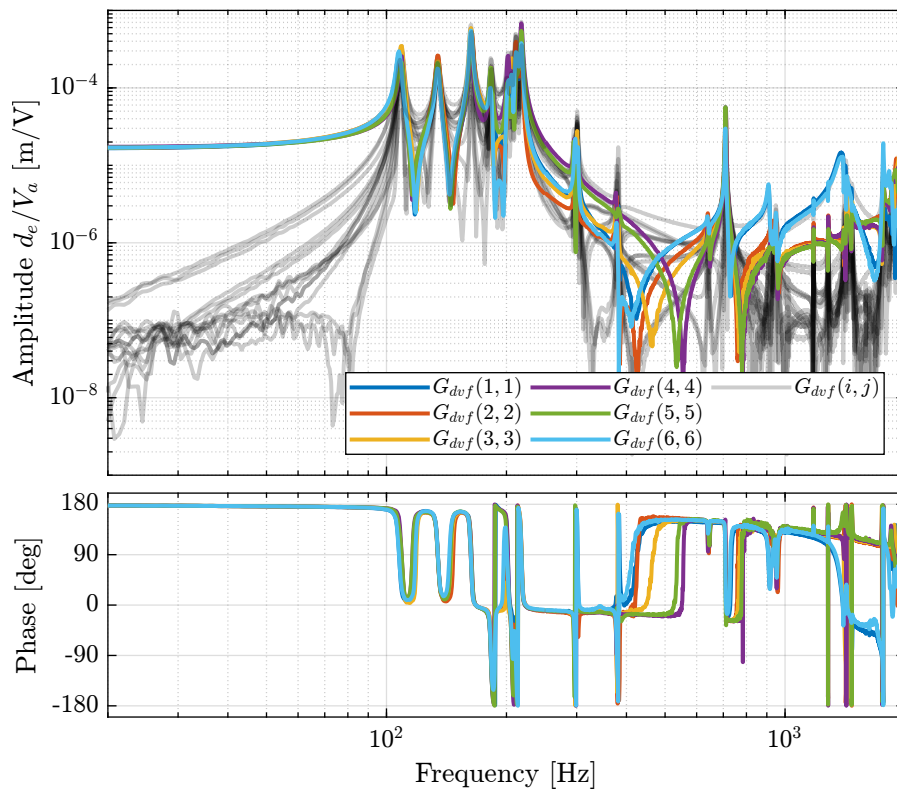


Figure 1.2: Measured FRF for the DVF plant

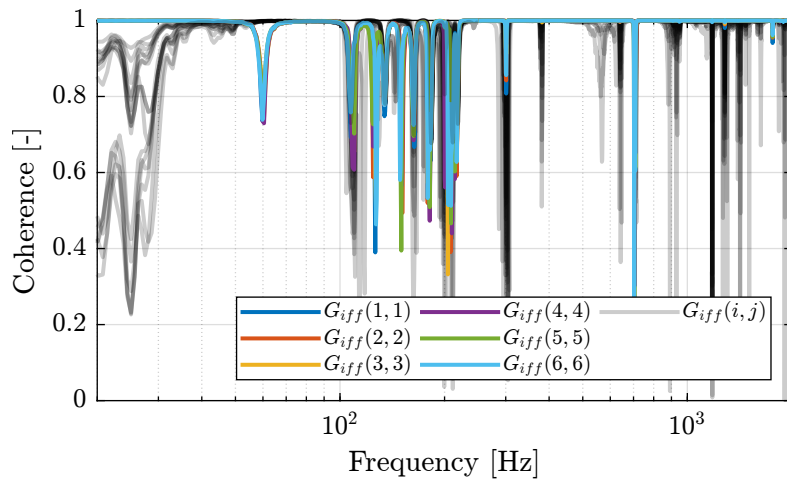


Figure 1.3: Obtained coherence for the IFF plant

Then the 6x6 transfer function matrix is estimated (Figure 1.4).

```

Matlab
%% IFF Plant
G_iff_lf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);
G_iff_hf = zeros(length(f), 6, 6);

for i = 1:6
    G_iff_lf(:, :, i) = tfestimate(meas_data_lf{i}.Va, meas_data_lf{i}.Vs, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
    G_iff_hf(:, :, i) = tfestimate(meas_data_hf{i}.Va, meas_data_hf{i}.Vs, win, [], [], 1/Ts);
end

```

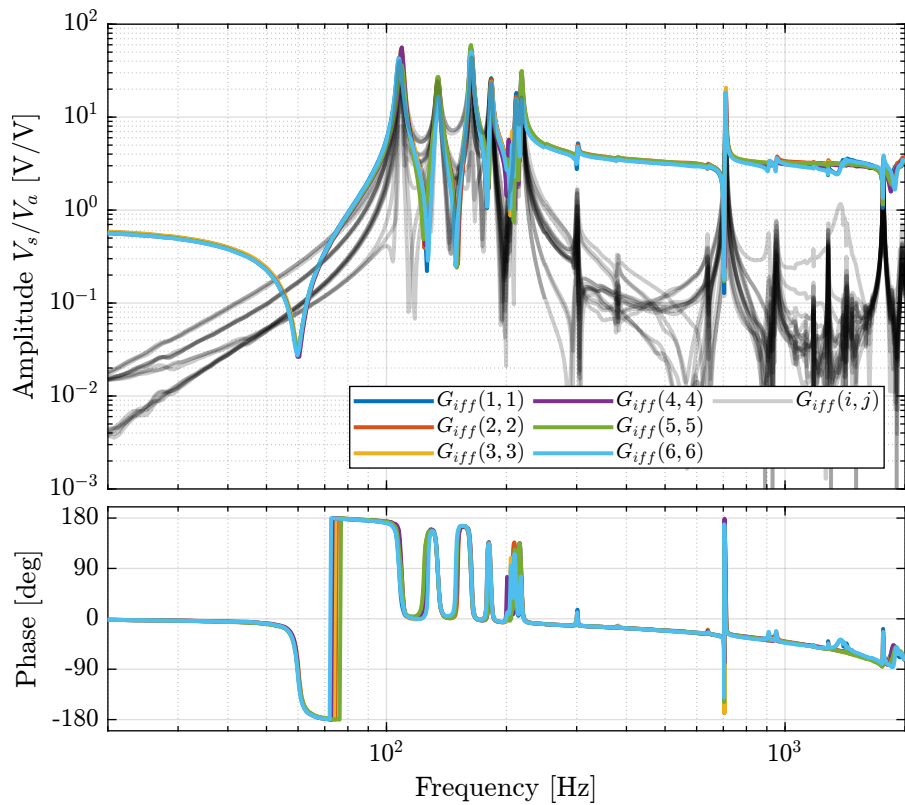


Figure 1.4: Measured FRF for the IFF plant

1.3 Comparison with the Simscape Model

In this section, the measured dynamics is compared with the dynamics estimated from the Simscape model.

1.3.1 Dynamics from Actuator to Force Sensors

```

Matlab
%% Initialize Nano-Hexapod
n_hexapod = initializeNanoHexapodFinal('flex_bot_type', '4dof', ...

```

```
'flex_top_type', '4dof', ...
'motion_sensor_type', 'struts', ...
'actuator_type', '2dof');
```

Matlab

```
%% Identify the IFF Plant (transfer function from u to taum)
clear io; io_i = 1;
io(io_i) = linio([mdl, '/F'], 1, 'openinput'); io_i = io_i + 1; % Actuator Inputs
io(io_i) = linio([mdl, '/Fm'], 1, 'openoutput'); io_i = io_i + 1; % Force Sensors

Giff = exp(-s*Ts)*linearize(mdl, io, 0.0, options);
```

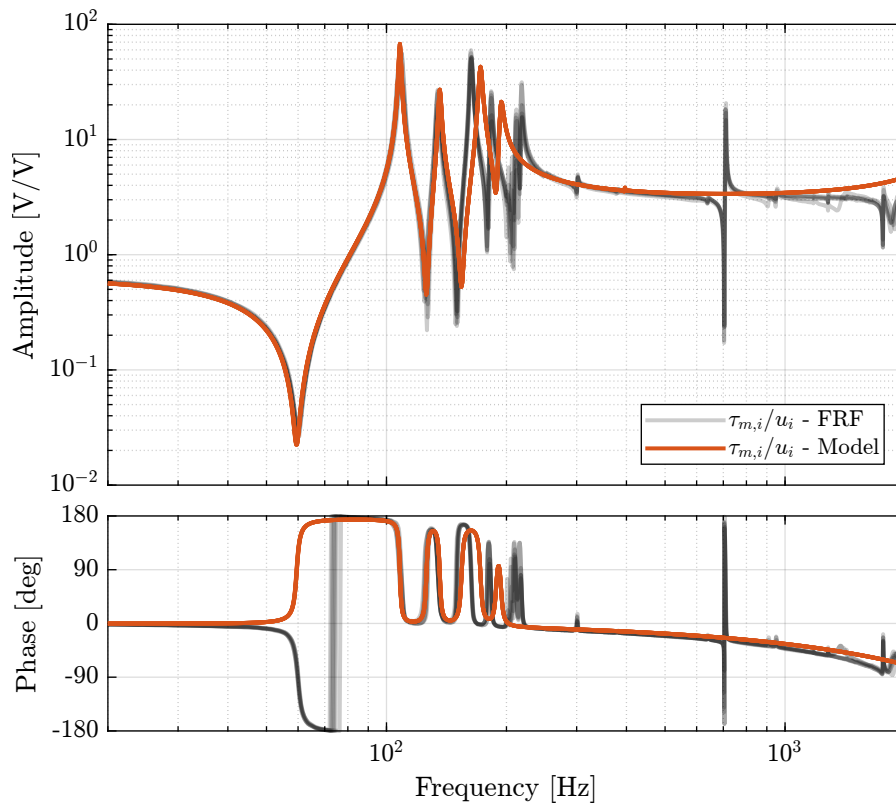


Figure 1.5: Diagonal elements of the IFF Plant

1.3.2 Dynamics from Actuator to Encoder

Matlab

```
%% Initialization of the Nano-Hexapod
n_hexapod = initializeNanoHexapodFinal('flex_bot_type', '4dof', ...
    'flex_top_type', '4dof', ...
    'motion_sensor_type', 'struts', ...
    'actuator_type', '2dof');
```

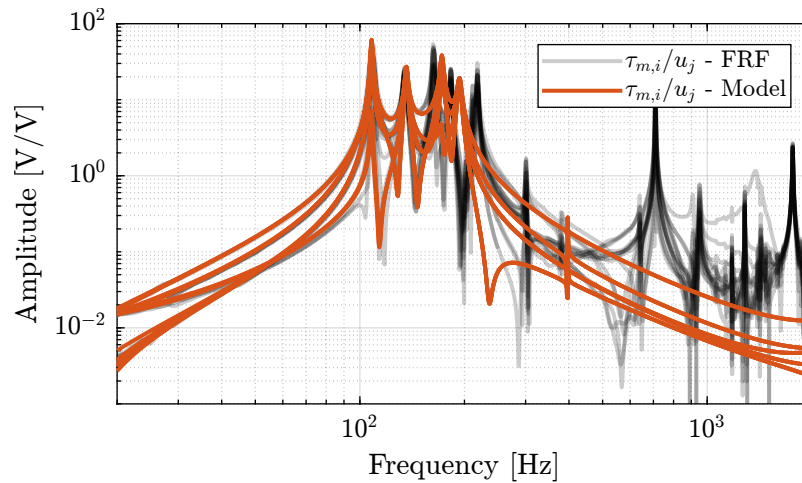


Figure 1.6: Off diagonal elements of the IFF Plant

```

Matlab
%% Identify the DVF Plant (transfer function from u to dLm)
clear io; io_i = 1;
io(io_i) = linio([mdl, '/F'], 1, 'openinput'); io_i = io_i + 1; % Actuator Inputs
io(io_i) = linio([mdl, '/D'], 1, 'openoutput'); io_i = io_i + 1; % Encoders

Gdvf = exp(-s*Ts)*linearize(mdl, io, 0.0, options);

```

1.4 Integral Force Feedback

1.4.1 Root Locus and Decentralized Loop gain

```

Matlab
%% IFF Controller
Kiff_g1 = (1/(s + 2*pi*40))*... % Low pass filter (provides integral action above 40Hz)
          (s/(s + 2*pi*30))*... % High pass filter to limit low frequency gain
          (1/(1 + s/2/pi/500))*... % Low pass filter to be more robust to high frequency resonances
          eye(6); % Diagonal 6x6 controller

```

Then the “optimal” IFF controller is:

```

Matlab
%% IFF controller with Optimal gain
Kiff = g*Kiff_g1;

```

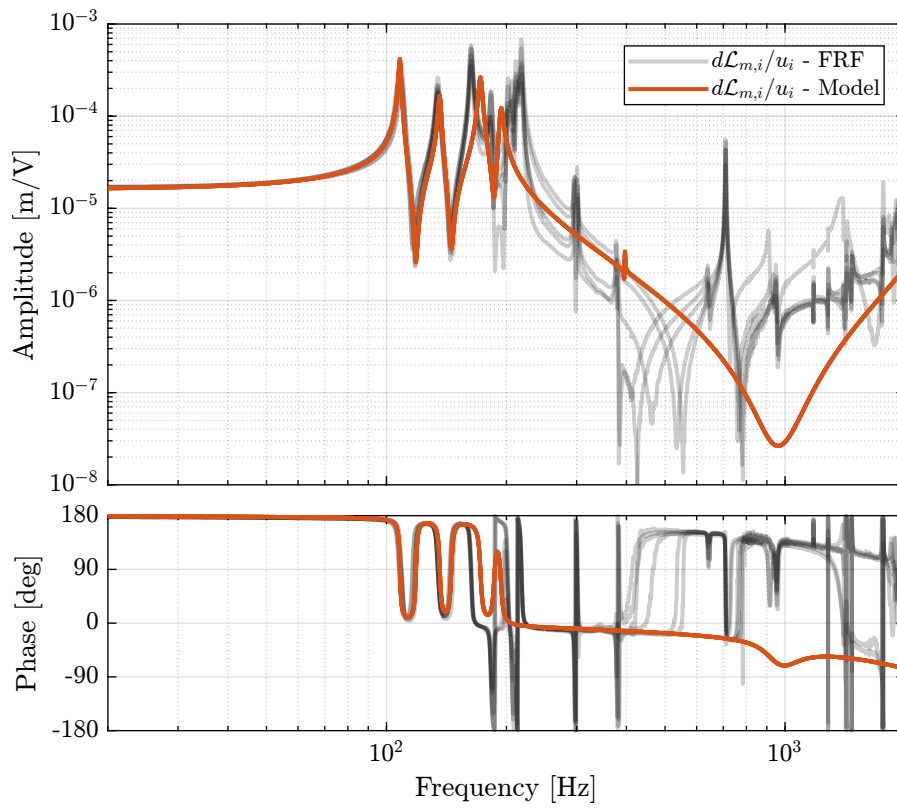


Figure 1.7: Diagonal elements of the DVF Plant

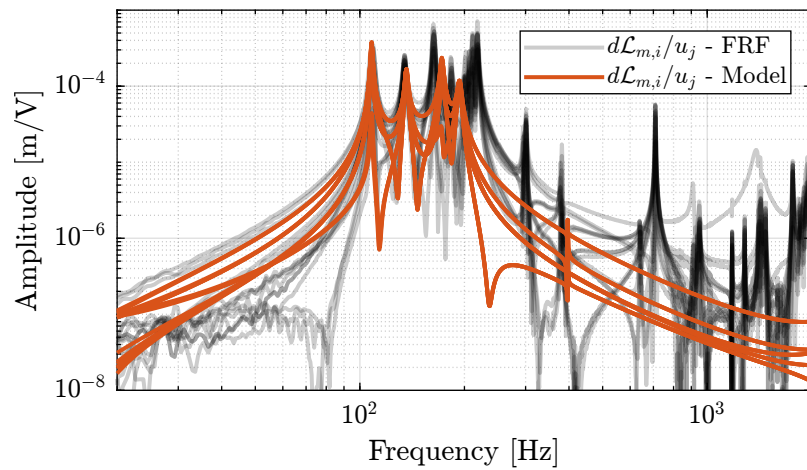


Figure 1.8: Off diagonal elements of the DVF Plant

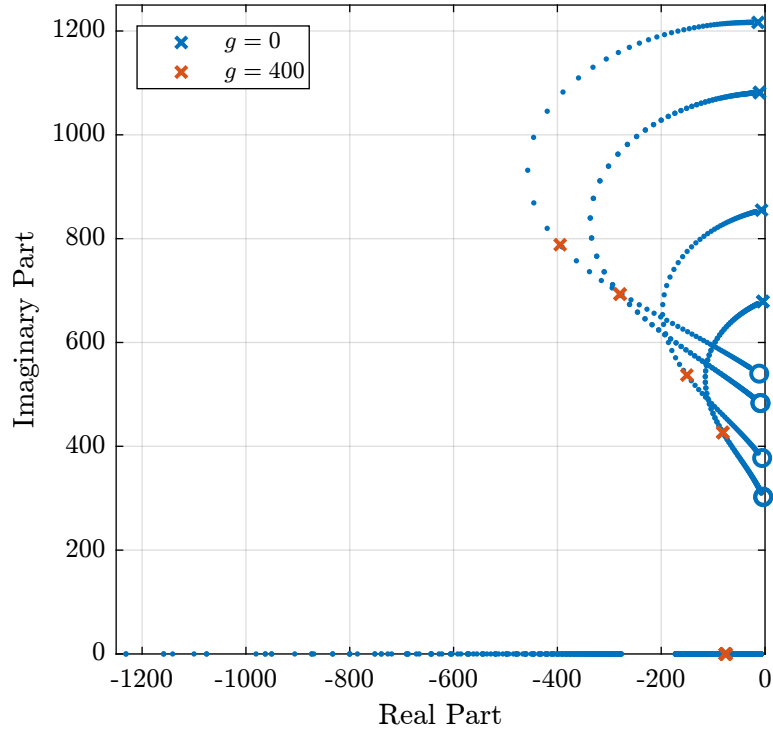


Figure 1.9: Root Locus for the IFF control strategy

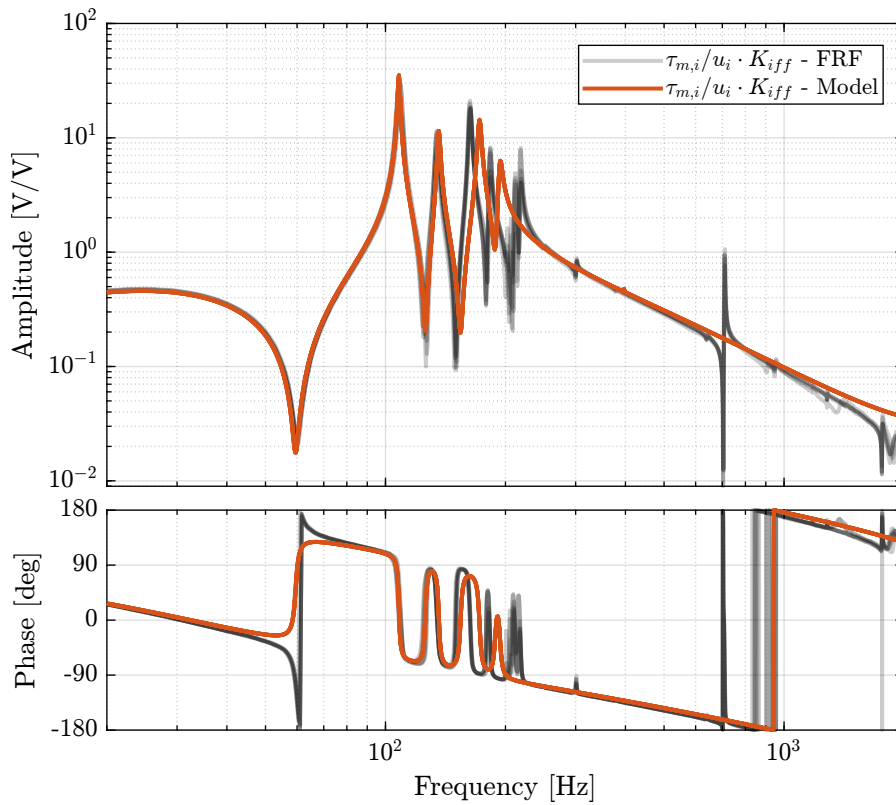


Figure 1.10: Bode plot of the “decentralized loop gain” $G_{\text{iff}}(i, i) \times K_{\text{iff}}(i, i)$

1.4.2 Multiple Gains - Simulation

```
Matlab
%% Tested IFF gains
iff_gains = [4, 10, 20, 40, 100, 200, 400, 1000];
```

```
Matlab
%% Initialize the Simscape model in closed loop
n_hexapod = initializeNanoHexapodFinal('flex_bot_type', '4dof', ...
                                       'flex_top_type', '4dof', ...
                                       'motion_sensor_type', 'struts', ...
                                       'actuator_type', '2dof', ...
                                       'controller_type', 'iff');
```

```
Matlab
%% Identify the (damped) transfer function from u to dLm for different values of the IFF gain
Gd_iff = {zeros(1, length(iff_gains))};

clear io; io_i = 1;
io(io_i) = linio([mdl, '/F'], 1, 'openinput'); io_i = io_i + 1; % Actuator Inputs
io(io_i) = linio([mdl, '/D'], 1, 'openoutput'); io_i = io_i + 1; % Strut Displacement (encoder)

for i = 1:length(iff_gains)
    Kiff = iff_gains(i)*Kiff_g1*eye(6); % IFF Controller
    Gd_iff(i) = {exp(-s*Ts)*linearize(mdl, io, 0.0, options)};

    isstable(Gd_iff{i})
end
```

1.4.3 Experimental Results

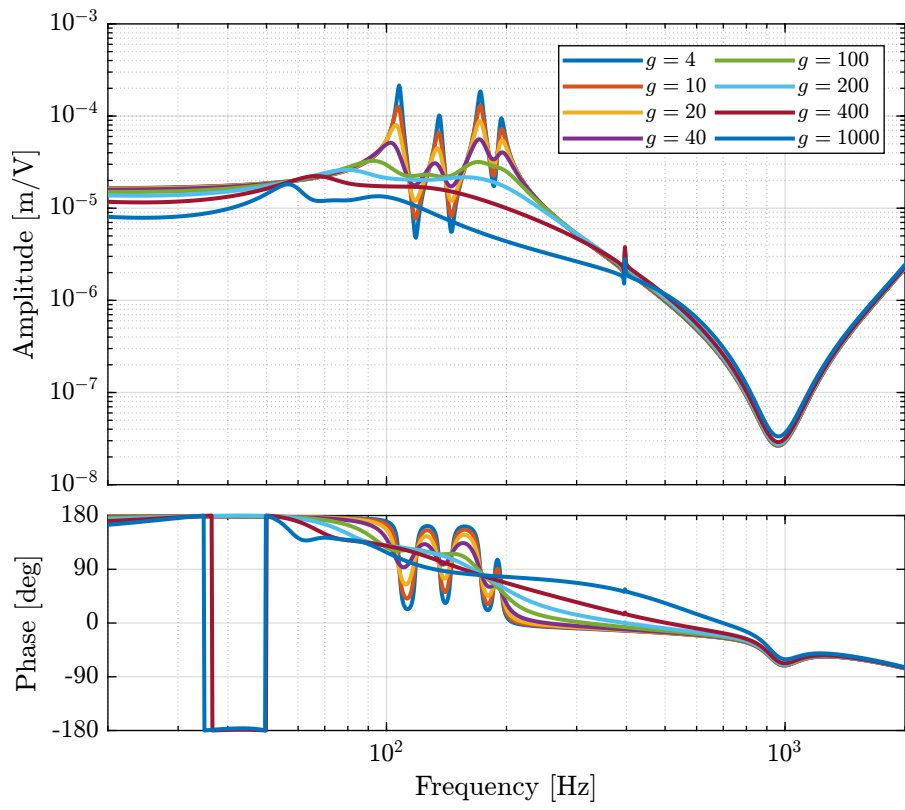


Figure 1.11: Effect of the IFF gain g on the transfer function from τ to $d\mathcal{L}_m$

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