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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Analysis of Vibration Characteristics of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

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## Abstract

With the development of fluid power transmission and control and control technology, using electro-hydraulic driven can significantly improve the load-carrying capacity, stiffness, and control accuracy of the stabilization platforms. However, compared to mechanical driven, electro-hydraulic driven parallel stabilization platform needs to consider the stiffness and damping of the fluid, as well as the coupling effect between the fluid and the structure, making the modal and dynamic response characteristics of the mechanism more complex. Aiming at the above problems, taking the electro-hydraulic driven 3-UPS/S parallel stable platform as the research object, considering the hinge stiffness, the vibration characteristic equation of the mechanism was established by using the virtual work principle. Then the variation characteristics of natural frequency and vibration response with the position of mechanism were analyzed basing on the dynamic equation. Finally, the correctness of the model was verified by modal test and Runge-Kutta methods. This study can provide a theoretical basis for the dynamic design of electro-hydraulic driven parallel mechanisms.

**Keywords:** Electro-hydraulic driven 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform, Kinetic equation, Vibration mode, Vibration response, Modal test

## 1 Introduction

The stabilized platform detects the posture change of the equipment through the sensitive element, compensates the deviation of the equipment through attitude adjustment, and isolates the influence of the environment to keep the equipment relatively stable in the inertial space [1-4]. According to the mechanism type, the mechanism can be classified into series stabilized platform and parallel stabilized platform [5-6]. The series stabilized platform is simple in control and low in design cost. Thus, it is widely used in fields like laser positioning, satellite communication, missile guidance and unmanned reconnaissance aircraft. Because of its characteristics of strong bearing capacity, high stiffness and easy multi-axis coupling driven, the parallel stabilized platform has a wide range of application scenarios in high-precision operations such as weapon launch and maritime rescue [7-10]. By adopting the electro-hydraulic driven with the advantages of high power/weight ratio, fast response speed and small cumulative error, the motion control accuracy of the stabilized platform is greatly improved [11-12].

To further improve the performance of parallel stabilized platform, it is important to study its vibration characteristics [13-14]. There are three methods to study the vibration characteristics: simulation analysis method [15-17], theoretical analysis method [18] and experimental analysis method [19]. The simulation analysis method is to analyze the vibration characteristics after solving the characteristic value of the finite element analysis of the structure [20-22]. Therefore, it is widely used in analyzing vibration characteristics of complex mechanical systems. The experimental analysis method is to estimate the modal parameters of the mechanism through the frequency response function measured in practice and used to verify the conclusion of simulation and theoretical analysis [23-24]. Theoretical analysis method is to analyze the vibration characteristics based on the dynamic equation and the analytical solution of vibration response [25-26]. It can quantitatively analyze the vibration characteristics of mechanism, and it is a common method for further study of mechanical vibration. However, during the process of dynamic modeling, the influence of hinges stiffness is usually ignored, and the variation characteristics of natural frequency and vibration response with the position of

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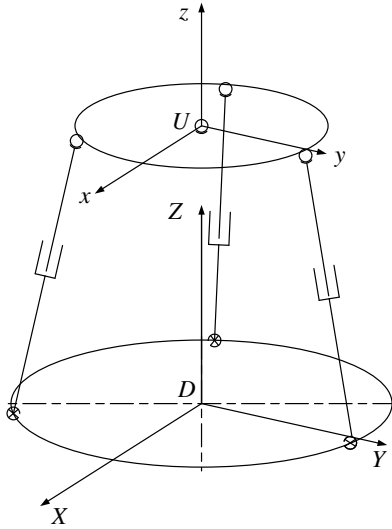
mechanism have not been studied yet.

Therefore, taking the electro-hydraulic driven 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform as the research object, the mechanical-hydraulic coupling dynamic equation is established considering the hinge stiffness. Then, the modal characteristics and resonant characteristics of the mechanism are studied. The theoretical model is verified by numerical simulation and modal test. This study can provide a theoretical basis for the dynamic modal analysis and resonance research of parallel mechanism.

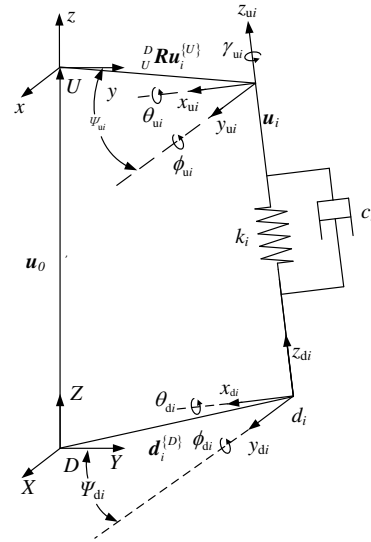
## 2 Kinematic analysis of Electro-Hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

### 2.1 Position Analysis of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

As shown in Figure 1a), the electro-hydraulic driven 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform consists of a moving platform, a supporting branch chain, a static platform, and three driving branches. Coordinate system  $U-xyz$  is the fixed coordinate system of the moving platform and coordinate system  $D-XYZ$  is the fixed coordinate system of the static platform.



a) Schematic diagram of electro-hydraulic driven 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform



b) Drive chain position vector diagram

**Figure 1** Coordinate system of electro-hydraulic 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform

As shown in Figure 1b), the local coordinate system  $d_i-x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$  is established at the center of the universal joint, and the local coordinate system  $u_i-x_{ui}y_{ui}z_{ui}$  is established at the center of the spherical hinge. Axis  $z_{di}$  and axis  $z_{ui}$  are in the same direction as the unit direction vector  $e_i$  of the driving branch. The rotation angle of the universal joint about axis  $x_{di}$  and axis  $y_{di}$  are respectively  $\theta_{di}$  and  $\phi_{di}$ ; the rotation angle of the spherical hinge about axis  $x_{ui}$ , axis  $y_{ui}$  and axis  $z_{ui}$  are respectively  $\theta_{ui}$ ,  $\phi_{ui}$ ,  $\gamma_{ui}$ ;  $\psi_{di}$ ,  $\psi_{ui}$  are respectively the installation angles of universal joint and spherical hinge, which are determined by the platform structure.

The closed-loop equation of the drive chain can be expressed as:

$$l_i e_i = {}^D_U R u_i^{\{U\}} - d_i^{\{D\}} + u_0 + u, \quad (1)$$

Where  $l_i$  is the length of the drive chain;  $e_i$  is the unit direction vector of the drive chain;  ${}^D_U R$  is the rotation transformation matrix between coordinate system  $U-xyz$  and coordinate system  $D-XYZ$ ;  $u_i^{\{U\}}$  is the vector from the center of spherical hinge to the origin of coordinate system  $U-xyz$ ;  $d_i^{\{D\}}$  is the vector from the center of universal joint to the origin of coordinate system  $D-XYZ$ ;  $u_0$  is the initial displacement vector of coordinate system  $U-xyz$  to coordinate system  $D-XYZ$ ;  $u$  is the displacement vector of coordinate system  $U-xyz$  to coordinate system  $D-XYZ$ .

Thus, the expression of the drive chain length can be expressed as:

$$l_i = \left\| {}^D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} - \mathbf{d}_i^{(D)} + \mathbf{u}_0 + \mathbf{u} \right\|, \quad (2)$$

The centroid position of the lower connecting rod of the drive chain can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{p}_{g_i} = \mathbf{d}_i^{(D)} + q_i \mathbf{e}_i, \quad (3)$$

Where  $\mathbf{p}_{g_i}$  is the position vector of the lower connecting rod centroid;  $q_i$  is the distance between the centroid of the lower connecting rod and the center of universal joint.

The rotation transformation matrix between local coordinate system  $d_i\text{-}x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$  and coordinate system  $D\text{-}XYZ$  can be expressed as:

$${}^D \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}(z_{di}, \psi_{di}) \mathbf{R}(y_{di}, \phi_{di}) \mathbf{R}(x_{di}, \theta_{di}), \quad (4)$$

Since axis  $z_{di}$  is in the same direction as the unit direction vector  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , then  $z_{di}$  can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_{ix} \\ e_{iy} \\ e_{iz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \psi_{di} \sin \theta_{di} + \cos \psi_{di} \sin \phi_{di} \cos \theta_{di} \\ \sin \psi_{di} \sin \phi_{di} \cos \theta_{di} - \cos \psi_{di} \cos \theta_{di} \\ \cos \phi_{di} \cos \theta_{di} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

Thus, the rotation angle of the universal joint is:

$$\begin{cases} \phi_{di} = \arctan\left(\frac{e_{ix} \cos \psi_{di} + e_{iy} \sin \psi_{di}}{e_{iz}}\right) \\ \theta_{di} = -\arcsin(e_{iy} \cos \psi_{di} - e_{ix} \sin \psi_{di}) \end{cases}, \quad (6)$$

If local coordinate system  $d_i\text{-}x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$  and  $u_i\text{-}x_{ui}y_{ui}z_{ui}$  have the same direction, the rotation transformation matrix  ${}^D \mathbf{R}$  between local coordinate system  $u_i\text{-}x_{ui}y_{ui}z_{ui}$  and coordinate system  $D\text{-}XYZ$  can be obtained from Eq. (4). Thus, the rotation angle of the spherical hinge is:

$$\begin{cases} \phi_{ui} = \arctan\left(\frac{(\mathbf{R}_{Fi})_{1,3}}{(\mathbf{R}_{Fi})_{3,3}}\right) \\ \theta_{ui} = -\arcsin((\mathbf{R}_{Fi})_{2,3}) \\ \gamma_{ui} = \arctan\left(\frac{(\mathbf{R}_{Fi})_{2,1}}{(\mathbf{R}_{Fi})_{2,2}}\right) \end{cases}, \quad (7)$$

Where  $\mathbf{R}_{Fi} = \mathbf{R}(z_{ui}, \psi_{ui}) {}^T_D \mathbf{R} {}^D_{u_i} \mathbf{R}^T$ .

## 2.2 Velocity Analysis of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

By solving the first derivative of time of Eq. (1), the velocity equation of the drive chain can be expressed as:

$$\dot{l}_i \mathbf{e}_i + l_i \boldsymbol{\omega}_{zi} \times \mathbf{e}_i = \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)}, \quad (8)$$

Where  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{zi}$  is the angular velocity of drive chain;  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_u$  is the angular velocity of moving platform.

Then the Jacobian matrix between the drive chain and the moving platform is:

$$\mathbf{J}_u = \begin{bmatrix} {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \times \mathbf{e}_1 \\ {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_2^{(U)} \times \mathbf{e}_2 \\ {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_3^{(U)} \times \mathbf{e}_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

Multiplying both sides of Eq. (8) by the unit direction vector  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , and express the result in local coordinate system  $d_i\text{-}x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$ , the result is shown as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\boldsymbol{\omega}_z^{(d_i)})_x \\ (\boldsymbol{\omega}_z^{(d_i)})_y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{l_i} \begin{bmatrix} -(\mathbf{v}_{ui}^{(d_i)})_y \\ (\mathbf{v}_{ui}^{(d_i)})_x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

Where  $\mathbf{v}_{ui}^{(d_i)}$  represents the center velocity of the spherical hinge in local coordinate system  $d_i\text{-}x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$ .

The angular velocity of the drive chain is generated by the rotation of the universal joint, so the angular velocity of the drive chain rotation can be expressed in the local coordinate system  $d_i\text{-}x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$  as:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_z = \dot{\phi}_{di} \mathbf{y}_{di} + \dot{\psi}_{di} \mathbf{x}_{di}, \quad (11)$$

By representing the vector in Eq. (9) in local coordinate system  $d_i\text{-}x_{di}y_{di}z_{di}$ , then Eq. (9) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\omega}_z^{(d_i)} &= \dot{\phi}_{di} \mathbf{R}(\theta_{di}, x_{di})^T \mathbf{R}(\phi_{di}, y_{di})^T (0 \ 1 \ 0)^T \\ &\quad + \dot{\theta}_{di} \mathbf{R}(\theta_{di}, x_{di})^T (1 \ 0 \ 0)^T \\ &\approx \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\theta}_{di} & \dot{\phi}_{di} & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \end{aligned}, \quad (12)$$

By combining Eqs. (10)-(12), the angular velocity of

universal joint can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\phi}_{di} = -\frac{1}{l_i} \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} \right) \right] \\ \dot{\theta}_{di} = \frac{1}{l_i} \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} \right) \right] \end{cases}, \quad (13)$$

Then the Jacobian matrix of universal joint is:

$$\mathbf{J}_{fd} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{l_1} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right) \right] \\ -\frac{1}{l_2} \begin{pmatrix} d_2 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_2^{(U)} \right) \right] \\ -\frac{1}{l_3} \begin{pmatrix} d_3 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_3^{(U)} \right) \right] \end{bmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{xd} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{l_1} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right) \right] \\ \frac{1}{l_2} \begin{pmatrix} d_2 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_2^{(U)} \right) \right] \\ \frac{1}{l_3} \begin{pmatrix} d_3 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_3^{(U)} \right) \right] \end{bmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

Similarly, considering the motion transmission relationship between the spherical hinge and the moving platform, the angular velocity of the drive chain can be expressed as:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_z = \boldsymbol{\omega}_u + \dot{\phi}_{di} \mathbf{y}_{di} + \dot{\theta}_{di} \mathbf{x}_{di} + \dot{\gamma}_{wi} \mathbf{z}_{wi}, \quad (16)$$

By representing the vector in Eq. (14) in local coordinate system  $u_i-x_{wi}y_{wi}z_{wi}$ , then Eq. (14) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\omega}_z^{(u_i)} &= \boldsymbol{\omega}_u^{(u_i)} + \dot{\gamma}_{wi} \mathbf{R}(z_{wi}, \gamma_{wi})^T (0 \ 0 \ 1)^T \\ &+ \dot{\phi}_{di} \mathbf{R}(z_{wi}, \gamma_{wi})^T \mathbf{R}(x_{wi}, \theta_{wi})^T \mathbf{R}(y_{wi}, \phi_{wi})^T (0 \ 1 \ 0)^T \\ &+ \dot{\theta}_{di} \mathbf{R}(z_{wi}, \gamma_{wi})^T \mathbf{R}(x_{wi}, \theta_{wi})^T (1 \ 0 \ 0)^T \\ &\approx \boldsymbol{\omega}_u^{(u_i)} + \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi}_{di} & \dot{\theta}_{di} & \dot{\gamma}_{wi} \end{pmatrix}^T \end{aligned}, \quad (17)$$

By combining Eq. (11) and Eq. (17), the angular velocity of spherical hinge can be expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\phi}_{di} = -\frac{1}{l_i} \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} \right) \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \\ \dot{\theta}_{di} = \frac{1}{l_i} \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} \right) \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \\ \dot{\gamma}_{wi} = \frac{1}{l_i} \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,3} \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \end{cases}, \quad (18)$$

Thus, the Jacobian matrix of spherical hinge can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{J}_{gu} = \begin{bmatrix} -\begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,3}^T \\ -\begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2}^T \\ -\begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1}^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{fu} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{l_1} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right)^T \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1}^T \\ -\frac{1}{l_2} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right)^T \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1}^T \\ -\frac{1}{l_3} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right)^T \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1}^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{xu} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{l_1} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right)^T \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2}^T \\ -\frac{1}{l_2} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right)^T \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2}^T \\ -\frac{1}{l_3} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \left[ \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_1^{(U)} \right)^T \right] - \begin{pmatrix} D \\ u_i \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2}^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

Solving the first derivative of time of Eq. (3), the result is shown as follows:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{gr}^{(d_i)} = \mathbf{q}_i \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_z^{(d_i)} \times \mathbf{e}_i \right) = \mathbf{q}_i \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi}_{di} & \dot{\theta}_{di} & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T, \quad (22)$$

Combining Eq. (13) and Eq. (22), the Jacobian matrix of the lower connecting rod is:

$$\mathbf{J}_{gi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{q_i}{l_i} \left( \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} \right) \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,2} \right)^T \\ -\frac{q_i}{l_i} \left( \left( \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)} \right) \begin{pmatrix} d_i \\ U \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{:,1} \right)^T \\ \mathbf{0}^{1 \times 3} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (23)$$

Similarly, the Jacobian matrix of the upper connecting rod is:

$$\mathbf{J}_{hi} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{h_i}{l_i} \left( (\boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)}) ({}^{di}_U \mathbf{R})_{:,2} \right)^T \\ -\frac{h_i}{l_i} \left( (\boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times {}^U_D \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}_i^{(U)}) ({}^{di}_U \mathbf{R})_{:,1} \right)^T \\ \mathbf{0}^{1 \times 3} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (24)$$

Where  $h_i$  is the distance between the centroid of the lower connecting rod and the center of the universal joint.

### 2.3 Dynamic Equation of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

To derive the dynamic equation of electro-hydraulic drive 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform, the following assumptions need to be made:

- (1) The errors in the process of processing and assembly are ignored;
- (2) The force of the drive chain on the moving platform can be equivalent to the spring force along the expansion direction of the drive chain;
- (3) The relative friction between components is ignored.

According to virtual work principle, the virtual power acting on each component of the mechanism is calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta p = & (\mathbf{f}_u - \mathbf{k}\Delta\mathbf{l} - \mathbf{c}\dot{\mathbf{l}}) \delta\mathbf{l} + (-\mathbf{I}_u \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_u - \boldsymbol{\omega}_u \times \mathbf{I}_u \boldsymbol{\omega}_u) \delta\boldsymbol{\omega}_u \\ & + (-k_{xd} \Delta\theta_d) \delta\dot{\theta}_d + (-k_{fd} \Delta\psi_d) \delta\dot{\psi}_d + (-k_{xu} \Delta\theta_u) \delta\dot{\theta}_u \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( -m_{gi} \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{gi}^{(di)} \delta\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{gi}^{(di)} + (-\mathbf{I}_{gi}^{(di)} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{gi}^{(di)} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_{gi}^{(di)} \times \mathbf{I}_{gi}^{(di)} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{gi}^{(di)}) \delta\boldsymbol{\omega}_{gi}^{(di)} \right), \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( -m_{hi} \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{hi}^{(di)} \delta\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{hi}^{(di)} + (-\mathbf{I}_{hi}^{(di)} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{hi}^{(di)} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_{hi}^{(di)} \times \mathbf{I}_{hi}^{(di)} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{hi}^{(di)}) \delta\boldsymbol{\omega}_{hi}^{(di)} \right) \\ & + (-k_{fu} \Delta\psi_u) \delta\dot{\psi}_u + (-k_{gu} \Delta\gamma_u) \delta\dot{\gamma}_u = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Where  $\mathbf{f}_u$  is the force matrix on the moving platform;  $\mathbf{k}$  is the stiffness matrix of the drive chain;  $\mathbf{c}$  is the damping matrix of the drive chain;  $\mathbf{I}_u$  is the inertia matrix of the moving platform;  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_u$  is the angular velocity of the moving platform;  $m_{gi}$  is the mass of the lower connecting rod;  $\mathbf{p}_{gi}^{(di)}$  is the displacement vector of the lower connecting rod;  $\mathbf{I}_{gi}^{(di)}$  is the inertia matrix of the lower connecting rod;  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{gi}^{(di)}$  is the angular velocity of the lower connecting rod;  $m_{hi}$  is the mass of the upper connecting rod;  $\mathbf{p}_{hi}^{(di)}$  is the displacement vector of the upper connecting rod;  $\mathbf{I}_{hi}^{(di)}$  is

the inertia matrix of the upper connecting rod;  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{hi}^{(di)}$  is the angular velocity of the upper connecting rod.

Ignoring Coriolis force and centrifugal force, Eq. (25) can be simplified to:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{f}_u - \mathbf{k}\mathbf{J}_u \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}\mathbf{J}_u \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} - (k_{xu} \mathbf{J}_{xu} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J}_{xu} \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ & - (k_{xd} \mathbf{J}_{xd} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J}_{xd} \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} - (k_{fd} \mathbf{J}_{fd} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J}_{fd} \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ & - (k_{fu} \mathbf{J}_{fu} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J}_{fu} \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} - (k_{gu} \mathbf{J}_{gu} \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{J}_{gu} \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathbf{I}_{gi} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{gi} \mathbf{J}_{gi} + \mathbf{I}_{hi} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{hi} \mathbf{J}_{hi}) \delta\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}, \quad (26)$$

Where  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_u^T$ .

The components of  $\boldsymbol{\omega}_u$  are independent because the generalized coordinates are independent. Thus, the coefficients should all equal to 0. The explicit dynamic equation of the mechanism can be obtained as follows:

$$\mathbf{M}\ddot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{C}\dot{\mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (27)$$

Where

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}_u + \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mathbf{J}_{gi}^T \mathbf{I}_{gi} \mathbf{J}_{gi} + \mathbf{J}_{hi}^T \mathbf{I}_{hi} \mathbf{J}_{hi}), \quad (28)$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{J}_u^T \mathbf{c} \mathbf{J}_u, \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K} = & \mathbf{J}_u^T \mathbf{k} \mathbf{J}_u + \mathbf{J}_{\theta d}^T \mathbf{k}_{\theta d} \mathbf{J}_{\theta d} + \mathbf{J}_{\psi d}^T \mathbf{k}_{\psi d} \mathbf{J}_{\psi d} \\ & + \mathbf{J}_{\theta u}^T \mathbf{k}_{\theta u} \mathbf{J}_{\theta u} + \mathbf{J}_{\psi u}^T \mathbf{k}_{\psi u} \mathbf{J}_{\psi u} + \mathbf{J}_{\gamma u}^T \mathbf{k}_{\gamma u} \mathbf{J}_{\gamma u} \end{aligned}, \quad (30)$$

## 3 Free Vibration Analysis of Electro-Hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

### 3.1 Modal Analysis of Electro-Hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform in Fixed Posture

The structure parameters of Electro-hydraulic drive 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1** Structure parameters of Electro-hydraulic driven 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform

Parameter Name	Parameter Value
Rotational inertia of the moving platform $\mathbf{I}_u$ (kg · m <sup>2</sup> )	diag[3.74 3.76 7.72]
Rotational inertia of the lower connecting rod $\mathbf{I}_g$ (kg · m <sup>2</sup> )	diag[0.96 0.96 0.0506]

Rotational inertia of the upper connecting rod $I_h$ (kg · m <sup>2</sup> )	diag[0.19 0.19 0.0069]
Radius of the moving platform $r_u$ (m)	0.38
Radius of the static platform $r_d$ (m)	0.51
Mass of the moving platform $m_u$ (kg)	65.703
Mass of the lower connecting rod $m_g$ (kg)	20.604
Mass of the upper connecting rod $m_h$ (kg)	4.263
Piston diameter of the hydraulic cylinder $d_1$ (m)	0.04
Piston rod diameter of the hydraulic cylinder $d_2$ (m)	0.025
bulk modulus of oil $E$ (Pa)	$1180 \times 10^6$
Oil density $\rho$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	900
Stiffness value of universal joint in rotation direction around axis $x_{di}$ $k_{xd}$ (Nm/rad)	72.07
Stiffness value of universal joint in rotation direction around axis $x_{di}$ $k_{yd}$ (Nm/rad)	72.07
Stiffness value of spherical hinge in rotation direction around axis $x_{ui}$ $k_{xu}$ (Nm/rad)	51.15
Stiffness value of spherical hinge in rotation direction around axis $y_{ui}$ $k_{yu}$ (Nm/rad)	62.79
Stiffness value of spherical hinge in rotation direction around axis $z_{ui}$ $k_{zu}$ (Nm/rad)	64
viscous damping coefficient $c$ N·(m/s)	1620

Based on the parameters shown in Table 1, the modal and natural frequencies of the platform in the initial position  $\alpha=0^\circ$ ,  $\beta=0^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=28^\circ$  and the random position  $\alpha=10^\circ$ ,  $\beta=10^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=28^\circ$  are calculated, the results are shown in Table 2 and Table 3.

**Table 2** Natural frequency and vibration mode at initial position

Order of natural frequency	first order natural frequency	Second order natural frequency	Third order natural frequency
Natural frequency value (Hz)	26.38	128.55	128.91
Main vibration modes	0 -0.0001 1	0.0278 -1 -0.0007	-1 -0.0278 0

**Table 3** Natural frequency and vibration mode at random position

Order of natural frequency	first order natural frequency	Second order natural frequency	Third order natural frequency
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Natural frequency value (Hz)	27.46	120.94	148.82
Main vibration modes	0.0678 0.0875 1	-0.2417 -1 0.0498	-1 0.2424 0.0234

After analyzing the data in Table 2 and Table 3, the following conclusions can be drawn:

(1) At the initial position, the natural frequency of deflection direction is the minimum, and the natural frequencies in the direction of rotation and pitch are approximately equal;

(2) There is a certain coupling relationship between the vibration response of pitching and rotation direction, but the coupling relationship between them and the deflection direction is small;

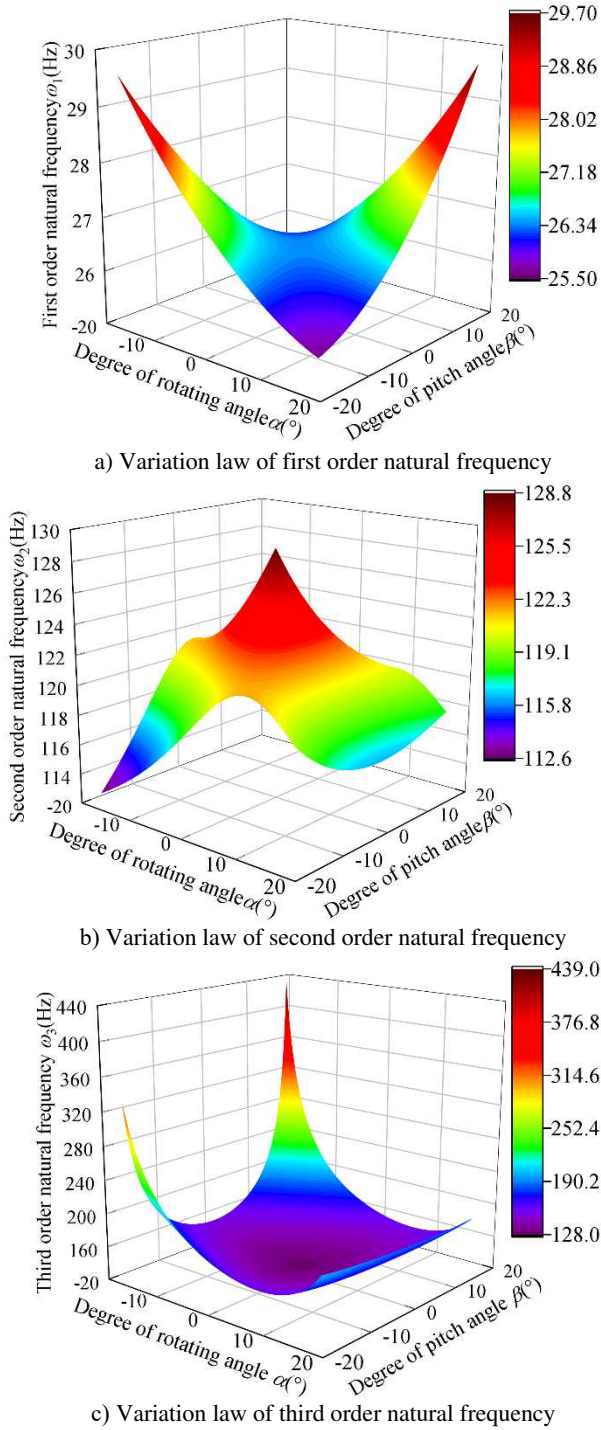
(3) With the position changing of the mechanism, the coupling of the vibration response in every direction is enhanced, and the natural frequencies of each order also change. This is because the Jacobian matrix of the mechanism changes, and affects the mass matrix and stiffness matrix of the mechanism;

(4) When the position of the mechanism changes, the natural frequencies of each order change differently. The first and third order natural frequencies increased, while the second order natural frequencies decreased;

(5) When the vibration frequencies are the first order, second order and third order natural frequencies respectively, the maximum vibration response appears in the deflection, pitching and rotation direction in turn. In actual working conditions, the external excitation frequency is most likely to approach the first order natural frequency, so the mechanism is most prone to vibration in the deflection direction.

### 3.2 Natural Frequency Analysis in Workspace of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

When the platform is used to maintain the stability of the horizontal direction of the equipment, the change range of deflection angle is small, and the angle compensation is mainly carried out through the change of rotation and pitching direction. According to the workspace search theory, when deflection angle is  $28^\circ$ , The change range of pitch angle and rotating angle is the largest. Therefore, taking this position as the initial workspace, the natural frequency variation curve of the mechanism can be obtained as follows:



**Figure 2** Variation law of natural frequency in initial workspace

It can be seen from Figure 2 that in the initial workspace, natural frequencies of each order present obvious symmetry with position changing, and the first order natural frequency is the most obvious, corresponding to the movement in the deflection direction. When the mechanism gradually deviates from the initial position, the variation trend of each order natural frequency is not the same. Meanwhile, the

positions where the maximum and minimum values of each order natural frequency are obtained are different. In general, when the pitching angle is quite different from the rotating angle, the natural frequency will approach the limit value. However, the second order natural frequency has a large value near the initial position. When the mechanism gradually deviates from the initial position through attitude compensation, the second order natural frequency decreases gradually. In addition, the third order natural frequency is most sensitive to position change, followed by the second order natural frequency, and the first order natural frequency is least affected by position change.

#### 4 Force Vibration Analysis of Electro-Hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

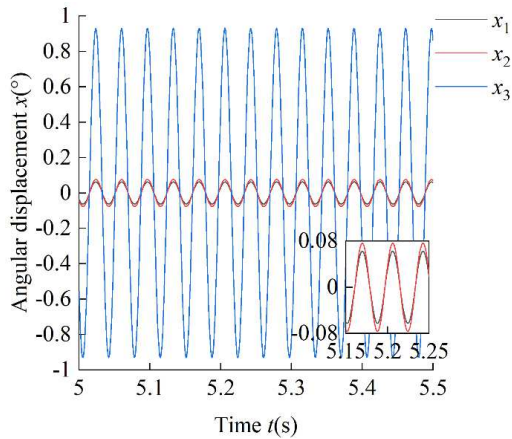
##### 4.1 Vibration Response Analysis of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

When the excitation frequency is close to natural frequency of each order, the mechanism will generate resonance, which will affect the compensation accuracy and control accuracy. Therefore, when the structural parameters remain unchanged, the vibration response of the mechanism at the random position  $\alpha=10^\circ$ ,  $\beta=10^\circ$ ,  $\gamma=28^\circ$  is solved. The torque matrix acting on the mechanism is as follows:

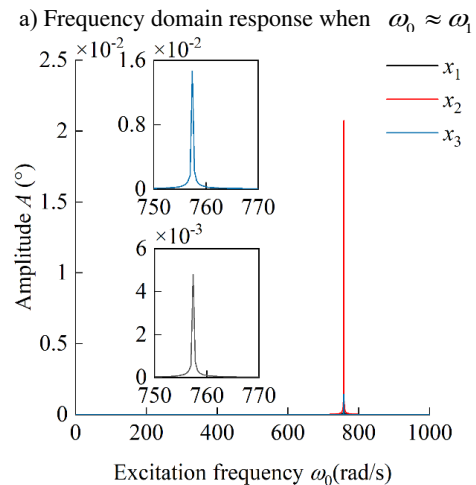
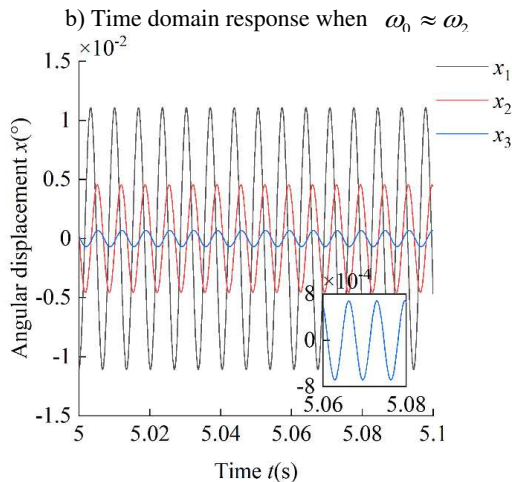
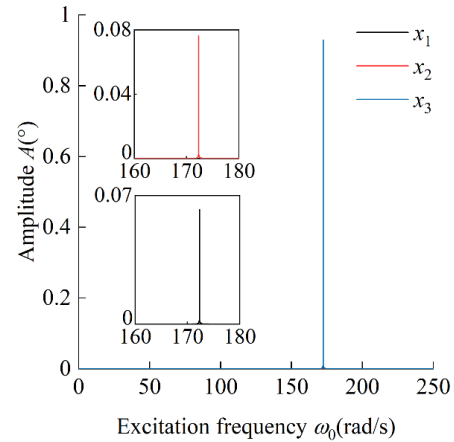
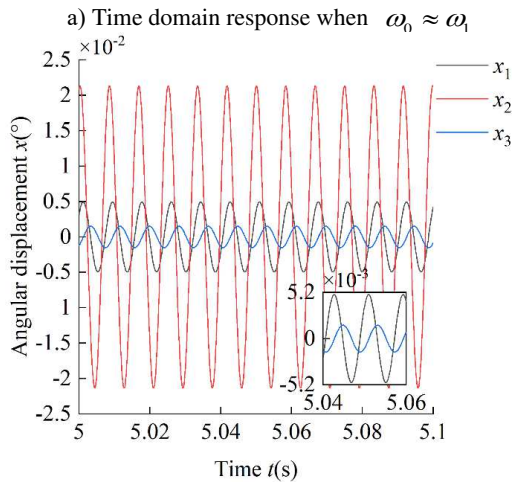
$$\mathbf{M}_U = \begin{bmatrix} 80 \cos(\omega_0 t) \\ 80 \cos(\omega_0 t) \\ 80 \cos(\omega_0 t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (31)$$

The time domain curve of vibration response is shown in Figure 3. As can be seen from the Figure 3, When subjected to an external harmonic excitation whose frequency is close to the natural frequency, the mechanism will generate resonance, and the steady state response is simple harmonic motion. When the excitation frequency is close to the first, second and third order natural frequency, the angular displacement in deflection, pitch and rotation direction reaches the maximum respectively. Meanwhile, when the external excitation frequency is close to the first order natural frequency, the angular displacement of the mechanism in rotation direction and pitching direction is approximately equal, but when the angular displacement in rotation direction or pitching direction reaches the maximum, the angular displacement response in the other two directions is smaller, which is consistent with the main vibration mode.





and  $0.0111^\circ$  in rotation direction. Meanwhile, when the excitation frequency is close to the first, second and third order natural frequency, the steady-state response amplitude in each direction gradually decreases. When the excitation frequency is close to the first order natural frequency, the steady-state vibration response of in each direction is much larger than that when the excitation frequency is close to the second or third natural frequency. Thus, when the excitation frequency is close to the first order natural frequency, the resulting resonance will have a great influence on the compensation accuracy and control accuracy.

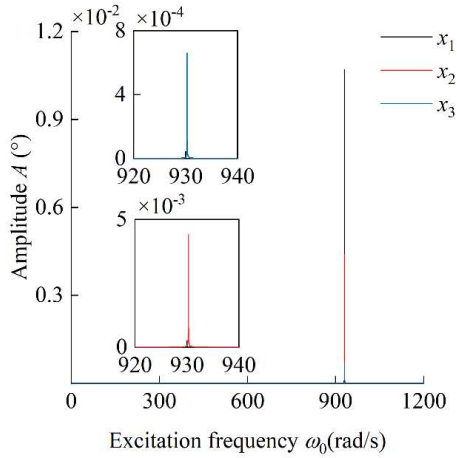


c) Time domain response when  $\omega_0 \approx \omega_3$

b) Frequency domain response when  $\omega_0 \approx \omega_2$

**Figure 3** Time domain curve of forced vibration

The frequency domain response curve of vibration response is shown in Figure 4. It can be seen that when the excitation frequency is close to each order natural frequency the steady-state vibration response amplitude in each direction reaches the maximum at the corresponding natural frequency. The maximum amplitude of vibration response is  $0.932^\circ$  in deflection direction,  $0.0213^\circ$  in pitching direction.,



c) Frequency domain response when  $\omega_0 \approx \omega_3$

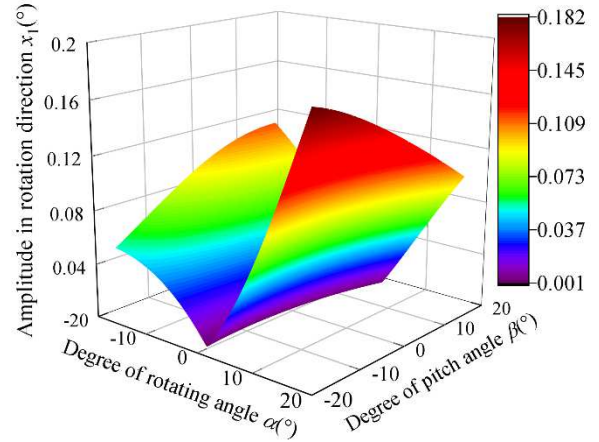
**Figure 4** Frequency domain curve of forced vibration

#### 4.2 Vibration Response Amplitude Analysis in Workspace of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

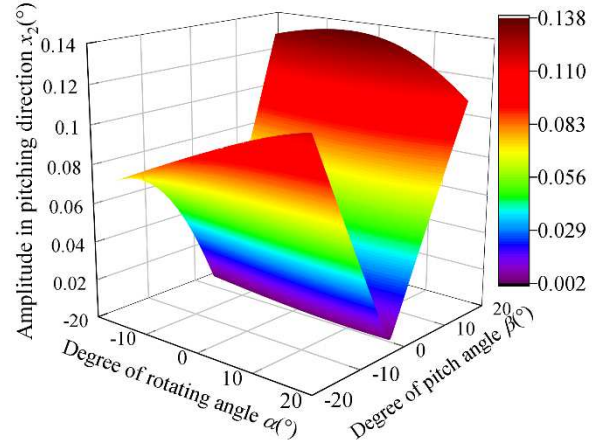
The amplitude of vibration response is also related to the position of the mechanism. Therefore, basing on keeping the theoretical parameters unchanged, the vibration response amplitude in the initial working space when the excitation frequency is close to the first order natural frequency is calculated, and the results are shown in Figure 5.

It can be seen from Figure 5 that when the excitation frequency is close to the first order natural frequency, the amplitude curves of vibration response in each direction show a certain symmetry, and the locations where the extreme values of response amplitudes in each direction are obtained are not the same. From Figure 5a), we can know that the vibration response amplitude in rotation direction is small when degree of pitch angle is near  $0^\circ$ . In this position, the vibration response amplitude in the rotation direction is insensitive to the position change in the pitching direction. Similarly, as can be seen from Figure 5b), the vibration response amplitude in the pitching direction is relatively small when degree of pitch angle is near  $0^\circ$ . In this position, the vibration response amplitude in pitching direction is insensitive to the position change in rotation direction. When the mechanism gradually deviates from the initial position, the amplitude of vibration response in the rotation and pitching directions increases gradually. When the difference between the rotation angle and the pitch angle is large, the vibration response amplitude in rotation direction and pitching direction is large. As can be seen from Figure 5c), when the position changes from the left limit to the right limit of the working space, the amplitude of the vibration response in the deflection direction increases gradually. And

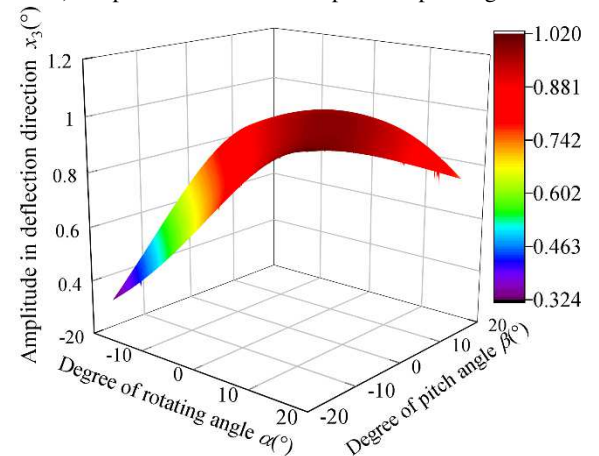
when the excitation frequency is close to the first natural frequency, the vibration response amplitude in the deflection direction is much larger than that in the pitch and rotation directions, and the maximum value is more than  $1^\circ$ . The vibration generated by the mechanism will have a great impact on the control accuracy.



a) Amplitude of vibration response in rotation direction



b) Amplitude of vibration response in pitching direction



c) Amplitude of vibration response in deflection direction

**Figure 5** Amplitude of vibration response when  $\omega_0 \approx \omega_1$

## 5 Verification of Dynamic Theoretical Model of Electro-hydraulic Driven 3-UPS/S Parallel Stabilized Platform

### 5.1 Verification of Free Vibration Theoretical Model

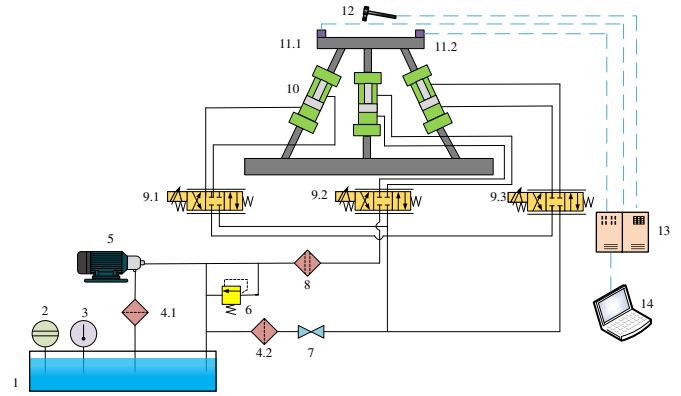
To verify the correctness of free vibration theoretical model, the natural frequency of the prototype at random position  $\alpha=10^\circ, \beta=10^\circ, \gamma=28^\circ$  is measured by using pulse excitation method. The experimental schematic diagram is shown in Figure 6. The force hammer strikes the moving platform to generate impulse excitation force. Then, the signal of the exciting force enters the lower computer through the force sensor and voltage amplifier on the force hammer, and the axial response signal of the prototype is collected by the acceleration sensor and input to the computer through the voltage amplifier and the lower computer.

The sampling frequency used in the experiment is 640Hz, so it meets the sampling theorem and the collected signals are reliable. The time-domain curves of excitation signals and vibration signals collected in the experiment are shown in Figure 9.

After processing the data obtained in Figure 9, the power spectral density curve of the prototype response signal can be obtained, as shown in Figure 10. The curve has peaks at 26.31Hz, 126.41Hz and 141.88Hz. Compared with the theoretical value of the natural frequency, the maximum error between the theoretical value and the experimental value is 4.66%, which can verify the correctness of the theoretical model.

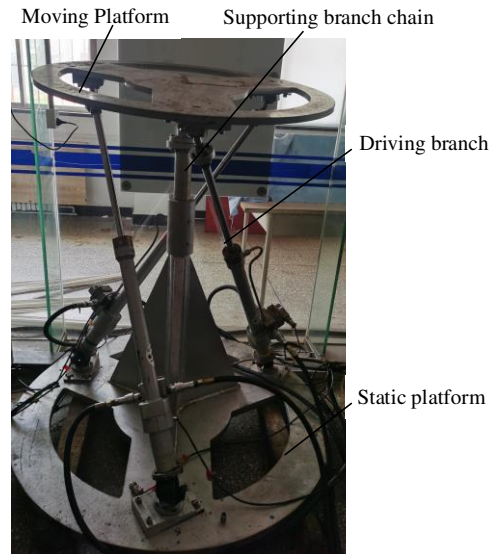
**Table 4** Comparison of theoretical and experimental values of natural frequency

Experimental result	Theoretical value/(Hz)	Experimental value/(Hz)	error/(%)
First order natural frequency	27.46	26.31	4.18
Second order natural frequency	120.94	126.41	4.5
Third order natural frequency	148.82	141.88	4.66

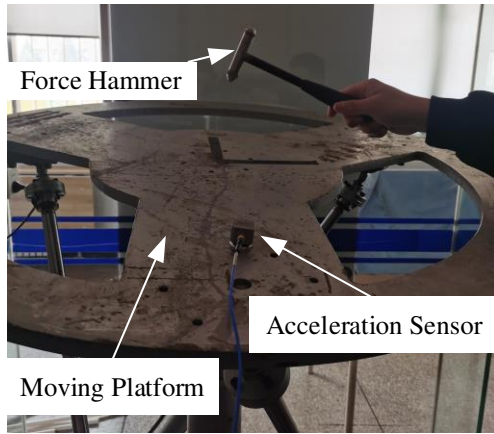


1 Oil tank 2 Liquid level gauge 3 Liquid temperature gauge 4 filter 5 Motor pump 6 Overflow valve 7 Check valve 8 Filter 9 Servo valve 10 Electro-hydraulic drive 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform prototype 11 Acceleration sensor 12 Force hammer 13 Lower computer 14 Computer

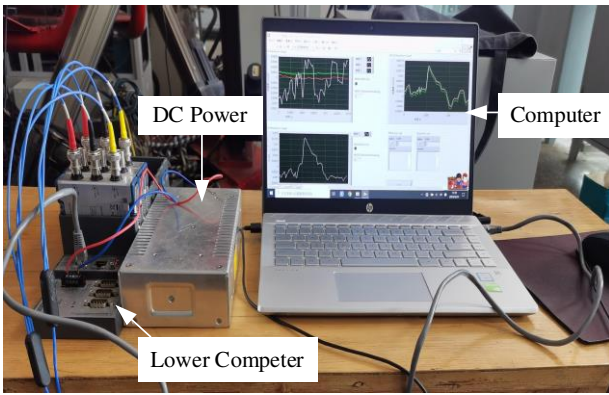
**Figure 6** Schematic diagram of modal experiment



**Figure 7** Electro-hydraulic drive 3-UPS/S parallel stabilized platform prototype

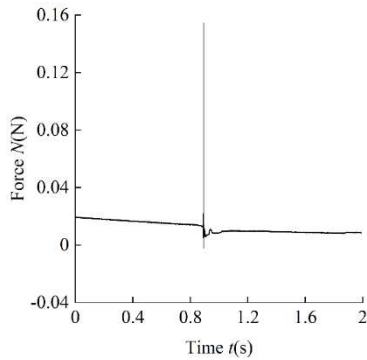


a) Modal test platform

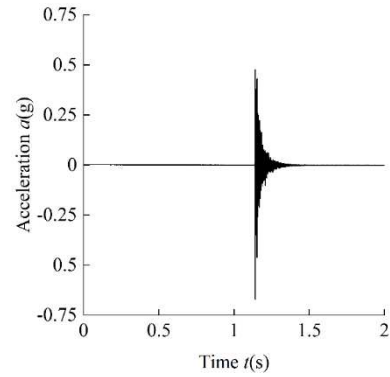


b) Signal acquisition and analysis system

**Figure 8** Modal test diagram

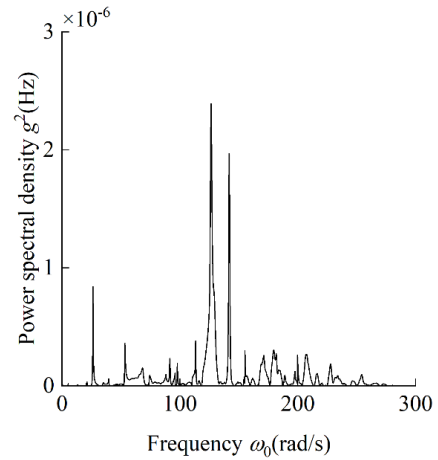


a) Excitation signal of the system



b) Acceleration response of the system

**Figure 9** Time domain curve of measured signal



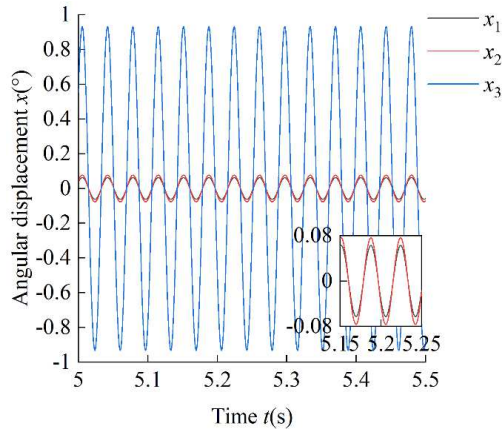
**Figure 10** The power spectral density of the system response

### 5.2 Verification of Forced Vibration Theoretical Model

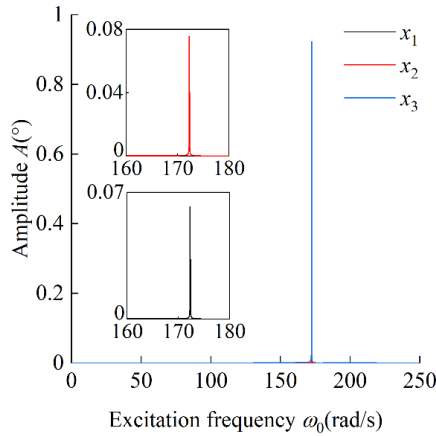
To verify the correctness of the forced vibration theoretical model of the mechanism, taking the excitation frequency close to the first order natural frequency as example, the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method is used to solve the time-domain and frequent-domain characteristic curves of the vibration response, and the results are shown in Figure 11.

As can be seen from Figure 11a), when the excitation frequency is close to the first order natural frequency, the time-domain curve of the numerical solution presents stable simple harmonic motion, which is consistent with the results of theoretical analysis. By comparing Figure 3b) and Figure 11b), it can be seen that the numerical solutions of the maximum vibration response amplitude in the rotation, pitching and deflection directions are  $0.0627^\circ$ ,  $0.0766^\circ$  and  $0.932^\circ$  respectively. Correspondingly, the maximum vibration response amplitude obtained by theoretical calculation in each direction is  $0.0626^\circ$ ,  $0.0765^\circ$  and  $0.9316^\circ$  respectively. The maximum error between the theoretical solution and the numerical solution is 0.016%, which can verify the correctness of the forced vibration theoretical

model.



a) Time domain curve of numerical solution



b) Frequency domain curve of numerical solution

**Figure 11** Time domain curve of steady-state response numerical solution

**Table 5** Comparison of theoretical and numerical values of maximum vibration response amplitude

Direction	Theoretical value/(°)	Numerical value/(°)	error/(%)
Rotation direction	0.0627	0.0626	0.16
Pitching direction	0.0766	0.0765	0.13
Deflection direction	0.932	0.9316	0.042

## 6 Conclusions

(1) The natural frequency is a function of the position of the mechanism. In the initial working space, the change of the natural frequency is symmetrical, and the position of obtaining the extreme value is not the same. With the change of position, the third order natural frequency changes most sharply, followed by the second order natural frequency, and the first order natural frequency

changes most gently;

(2) When the mechanism is resonated by the external excitation of simple harmonic motion, the steady-state resonance response presents simple harmonic motion. When the excitation frequency is close to the first, second and third order natural frequency, the amplitude of the vibration response reaches the maximum in the direction of deflection, pitching and rotation respectively;

(3) The vibration response amplitude varies symmetrically in the initial working space. When the excitation frequency is close to the first natural frequency, the vibration response amplitude in the deflection direction is larger than that in the other two directions, and the value is close to 1°, which will have a great influence on the compensation accuracy and control accuracy;

(4) The modal test and fourth-order Runge-Kutta numerical simulation method are used to verify the theoretical model. The maximum error between the theoretical value and the experimental value is 4.66%, and the maximum error between the numerical value and the theoretical value values 0.016%, which verifies the correctness of the theoretical model m.

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