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Finite Laplace Transform for Finite-Time Control: Theory, Applications, and Comparative Study

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Abstract: The Finite Laplace Transform (FLT) provides a natural extension of the classical Laplace Transform to finite time intervals, enabling explicit modeling of terminal boundary conditions and finite-time transient behavior. This paper presents a comprehensive review-and-application study of FLT for finite-time control systems, bridging transform-domain theory with practical controller design and numerical validation. The fundamental properties of FLT, including time-shift relations with boundary terms, initial and final value theorems, inverse FLT formulation, transform pairs, and FLT-based state-space representations, are systematically summarized from a control-oriented perspective. Building on this foundation, the paper demonstrates how FLT can be incorporated into PID controller synthesis, sampled-data control, and actuator-constrained systems through finite-horizon performance optimization. To validate the practical effectiveness of the FLT framework, two representative case studies are presented: DC motor speed control and robotic arm trajectory tracking. Comparative simulations under identical modeling assumptions and actuator constraints show that, relative to conventional Laplace Transform (LT)–based designs, the FLT-based controllers achieve a 50% reduction in settling time, complete elimination of overshoot, a 32% reduction in actuator energy, and more than 65% improvement in tracking accuracy, while strictly respecting actuator saturation limits. These results confirm that explicit finite-time modeling using FLT enables superior transient shaping, enhanced tracking performance, and more effective constraint handling. The study also discusses key limitations related to finite-time stability theory, scalability to multivariable and nonlinear systems, and the absence of experimental validation. Overall, the results demonstrate that the Finite Laplace Transform is a practically meaningful and promising tool for finite-time control analysis and design, with strong potential for future applications in robotics, drives, and real-time embedded control systems.

Keywords: Finite Laplace Transform; Finite-Time Control; PID Controller Design; Sampled-Data Systems; Actuator Saturation; DC Motor Control; Robotic Arm Trajectory Tracking; Transform-Domain Control; Finite-Horizon Performance

I. INTRODUCTION

Modern control systems used in robotics, aerospace, power electronics, and industrial automation are increasingly required to operate under finite-time constraints, actuator limitations, and strict performance specifications. In many practical applications, system responses are required to settle within a prescribed finite interval rather than asymptotically as time approaches infinity. Classical control design tools based on the conventional Laplace Transform (LT) are primarily formulated for infinite-horizon analysis and often fail to explicitly capture boundary effects, finite-time transients, and end-point dynamics [3]. As a result, there is growing interest in transform-domain methods that are inherently defined over finite time intervals.

The Finite Laplace Transform (FLT) provides a natural mathematical framework for such finite-horizon analysis. Unlike the classical LT, which integrates functions over $[0, \infty)$ the FLT is defined over a finite interval $[0, T]$, thereby explicitly incorporating boundary information into the transformed domain. Foundational work by Debnath and co-authors and Datko established core properties of finite-interval Laplace-type transforms and demonstrated their applicability to boundary-value and control problems [1,2]. Building on these ideas, Das proposed a control-oriented FLT framework and argued that conventional LT implicitly assumes signals existing over infinite time, which is conceptually misaligned with engineering systems operating on finite horizons [4].

In parallel with these mathematical developments, control engineering has witnessed significant progress in robust design methods such as Quantitative Feedback Theory (QFT) and differential flatness–based control.

QFT provides a frequency-domain methodology for designing robust controllers under structured plant uncertainty, translating time-domain performance requirements into bounds in the Nichols chart [5]. Differential flatness offers powerful tools for trajectory generation and inverse dynamics–based control in nonlinear systems, and has been successfully applied in robotics, drives and vehicle control [6]. However, these approaches are typically formulated using time-domain parametrizations or infinite-horizon Laplace/Fourier representations and do not, by themselves, exploit finite-interval transform frameworks.

Despite the availability of robust and nonlinear methods, classical Laplace-domain tools remain the default for most industrial control workflows. This dominance means that aspects such as finite-duration manoeuvres, sampled-data implementation, actuator saturation, and strict transient specifications are often handled indirectly or via ad-hoc tuning rather than through a transform framework that is finite-time by construction [3,4]. The Finite Laplace Transform occupies an interesting middle ground: it retains many of the algebraic conveniences of classical LT while embedding the time horizon explicitly in its definition, making it attractive for finite-time performance analysis [1,2,4].

Nevertheless, the systematic integration of FLT into mainstream control practice is still limited. Existing contributions mainly focus on the mathematical properties of FLT, its inversion formulas, and illustrative examples, with comparatively fewer works addressing controller synthesis, performance trade-offs, or direct comparison with standard LT-based designs [1,2,4]. In addition, recent research on time-delay systems, reachable sets, and safety constraints has highlighted the need for analysis tools that can explicitly incorporate finite horizons and state constraints [10].

Motivated by these observations, the present paper provides a focused review and comparative study of the Finite Laplace Transform in the context of finite-time control systems. The paper first consolidates the essential theoretical properties of FLT that are directly relevant to control analysis, including time-shift relations, finite-interval initial and final value theorems, inverse FLT formulations, and state-space representations [1–4]. Building on this foundation, we discuss how FLT can be employed in practical control design tasks such as PID controller tuning, sampled-data systems, and actuator saturation handling.

To illustrate the practical implications of FLT-based design, two representative case studies are presented: DC motor speed control, and Robotic arm trajectory tracking. In each case, controllers designed using FLT-based concepts are numerically compared with classical LT-based designs under identical modeling assumptions and actuator constraints. Performance metrics such as settling time, tracking error, overshoot, and actuator effort are evaluated to highlight the finite-time advantages offered by FLT-oriented formulations.

Accordingly, the main contributions of this work can be summarized as follows:

1) A structured consolidation of key Finite Laplace Transform properties relevant to finite-time control analysis, informed by prior mathematical and control-oriented FLT studies [1–4].
2) A discussion of FLT-based control design concepts, including PID tuning, sampled-data implementation, and saturation-aware control.
3) A comparative numerical study using DC motor and robotic arm systems to illustrate the potential benefits and practical limitations of FLT-based approaches relative to conventional LT-based designs.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews related work on transform-domain methods and control paradigms. Section 3 presents the theoretical foundations of the Finite Laplace Transform. Section 4 discusses its role in state-space modeling and finite-time performance analysis. Section 5 describes its application in control-system design, including PID tuning, sampled-data systems, and actuator constraints. Section 6 provides detailed case studies and comparative simulation results, and Section 7 concludes the paper with limitations and future research directions.

II. RELATED WORK

Transform-domain methods have long played a central role in the analysis and design of control systems. The classical Laplace Transform (LT) remains the dominant tool for linear time-invariant system modeling, stability analysis, and controller synthesis, supported by a broad theoretical literature and textbooks on integral transforms [3]. However, the inherent assumption of an infinite time horizon in conventional LT formulations has increasingly been recognized as a limitation for systems that operate under finite-duration tasks, transient constraints, and terminal boundary conditions [2,4].

Early advances in modern control design focused primarily on robustness and uncertainty handling rather than finite-time behavior. The pioneering work on Quantitative Feedback Theory (QFT) established systematic frequency-domain methods for designing robust controllers under plant uncertainty [5]. This framework offers transparent trade-offs between performance and robustness, but remains fundamentally rooted in infinite-horizon Laplace-domain representations. Consequently, boundary effects and terminal constraints are not explicitly captured in the QFT design formulation.

Subsequently, the theory of differential flatness significantly expanded the scope of nonlinear control by enabling exact trajectory generation and inverse dynamics–based control for a wide class of nonlinear systems [6]. Flatness-based design has been successfully applied in robotics, electric drives and vehicle systems, and is particularly attractive for motion planning and tracking [6]. These methods, however, are typically developed within either a purely time-domain framework or rely on standard frequency-domain tools, and thus do not directly exploit finite-interval transform-domain representations.

Important theoretical questions regarding the foundations of the classical Laplace Transform have also been raised. Texts on integral transforms have discussed subtle issues related to convergence, generalized functions and initial-value handling [3], while Das explicitly argued that conventional LT implicitly assumes signals existing over infinite time, which is at odds with engineering systems operating over finite horizons [4]. These discussions highlight that, although LT is a powerful analytical tool, its direct application to finite-interval problems can be conceptually and practically restrictive.

Against this background, the Finite Laplace Transform (FLT) emerged as a natural extension of classical LT to finite time domains. Early work examined finite Laplace-type transforms and their applications to boundary-value problems and finite-interval representations [1]. Datko showed that FLT can be effectively used in linear control problems involving ordinary and partial differential equations, emphasizing the role of finite-interval information in constructing appropriate solution representations [2]. Building on this, Das proposed an FLT-based control design framework, including an inversion algorithm and discussion of how FLT-based system functions differ from conventional transfer functions [4]. However, this line of work has focused more on theory and methodological proposals than on systematic comparative evaluation against classical LT-based designs.

In parallel, several alternative control paradigms have been proposed to cope with uncertainty, nonlinearity, and implementation constraints. Interval Type-2 Fuzzy Logic Controllers (IT2-FLCs) have been developed to enhance uncertainty modeling and robustness, including applications to modular and reconfigurable robotic systems [7]. These approaches explicitly model uncertainty in membership functions and can provide improved performance under parameter variations, but they are typically formulated in the time domain and do not specifically target finite-interval transform-domain analysis.

Another important stream of research concerns formal control and logic-based synthesis, where temporal logic specifications (e.g., Linear Temporal Logic) are used to guarantee safety and performance under disturbances. Tabuada and co-authors, as well as Zhang et al., have investigated finite abstractions and logic-based controllers for linear systems with disturbances, bridging computer science–style verification with control synthesis [8]. While this line of work directly addresses specification satisfaction and safety, it is primarily state-space and automata-based rather than transform-domain.

From a practical implementation perspective, digital hardware realizations of advanced control algorithms—including architectures inspired by finite-transform or FIR-like behavior—have demonstrated that transform-domain and finite-interval ideas can be embedded in real-time platforms. Although these hardware-oriented studies confirm the feasibility of such approaches, they typically emphasize architectural or computational aspects rather than comparative control-theoretic performance analysis.

More recently, a growing interest in generalized and fractional transforms has further expanded the transform-domain toolbox available to control engineers and applied mathematicians. Works on fractional Laplace-related transforms and their connections to Fourier, Mellin and Sumudu transforms underline how classical transforms can be generalized to capture memory and hereditary effects [3,9]. At the same time, new integral transforms and hybrid frameworks have been proposed to unify or extend classical Laplace and Fourier behavior [3,9]. While these developments enrich the mathematical landscape, their direct incorporation into finite-time control design remains at an early stage.

In the high-bandwidth and time-delay systems, numerous studies have emphasized how time-varying delays, disturbances and actuator constraints challenge classical design methods. Recent results based on Lyapunov–Krasovskii functionals and linear matrix inequalities (LMIs) provide sophisticated tools for reachable set estimation and robust stabilization in time-delay systems [10]. These contributions underline the broader need for analysis and design approaches that are explicitly aware of finite horizons, bounded reachable sets, and safety constraints.

From the above synthesis, it is evident that although finite-time behavior, robustness, uncertainty handling, formal specification, and hardware realization have each been extensively studied, they have largely evolved along separate methodological tracks. The Finite Laplace Transform occupies a unique position at the intersection of these developments by offering a mathematically rigorous yet practically meaningful framework for finite-interval system analysis [1–4]. However, despite its conceptual appeal, there remains a clear lack of integrated studies that connect FLT theory with mainstream control design workflows, comparative performance evaluation, and actuator-constrained implementations.

The present work is positioned within this gap. Rather than proposing an entirely new transform or control paradigm, this paper aims to synthesize FLT theory with practical control-system design tasks and to numerically compare FLT-based and LT-based designs under identical modeling and constraint assumptions. By doing so, the paper seeks to clarify where FLT provides tangible advantages, where it behaves similarly to classical LT methods, and what limitations remain for future investigation.

III. THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE FINITE LAPLACE TRANSFORM

The Finite Laplace Transform (FLT) is a natural extension of the classical Laplace Transform (LT) to finite time intervals and provides a rigorous mathematical tool for analyzing dynamical systems that evolve over a prescribed finite horizon. Unlike the conventional LT, which integrates functions over the semi-infinite interval $[0,\infty)$, the FLT explicitly incorporates the terminal time T, thereby retaining boundary information in the transformed domain. This property makes FLT particularly well suited for finite-time control, boundary-value problems, and transient performance analysis [1,2,4].

Throughout this section, we assume that the function f(t) is **piecewise continuous** on [0,T] and of exponential order, ensuring the existence of the finite Laplace Transform.

A. Definition of the Finite Laplace Transform

The Finite Laplace Transform of a time-domain signal f(t) defined on the finite interval [0,T] is given by [1,2]:

$$\mathcal{L}_T\{f(t)\} = F_T(s) = \int_0^T e^{-st} f(t)\, dt\,, \;\; s \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (1)$$

In contrast to the classical transform,

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\} = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} f(t)\; dt \quad (2)$$

the FLT explicitly encodes the terminal behavior of the signal at t=T. As a result, the transformed quantity $F_T(s)$ depends not only on the internal dynamics of the system but also on its boundary values.

B. Fundamental Properties of FLT

(a) Time Shift Property

For a delayed signal $(t-\tau)$, the FLT satisfies the modified time-shift relation [1,4]:

$$\mathcal{L}_T\{f(t-\tau)\} = e^{-s\tau}\left[F_T(s) - \int_{T-\tau}^{T} e^{-s(t-\tau)}.\; f(t)\, dt\right] \quad (3)$$

Unlike the classical LT time-shift property, the FLT time shift introduces an additional boundary integral term, which reflects the fact that the domain of integration is finite. This term plays a key role in finite-time transient modeling.

(b) Integration Property

$$\mathcal{L}_T\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau)d\tau\right\} = \frac{1}{s}F_T(s) - \frac{e^{-sT}}{s}\int_0^T f(\tau)d\tau \quad (4)$$

This property highlights again the influence of the terminal value at t=T, which has no counterpart in the classical LT formulation.

(c) Initial and Final Value Relations

Under standard regularity conditions, the FLT admits the following finite-interval analogues of the initial and final value theorems [1,4]:

$$f(0^+) = \lim_{s\to\infty} sF_T(s), \quad f(T^-) = \lim_{s\to 0} sF_T(s)e^{sT} \quad (5)$$

These relations demonstrate that both initial and terminal values are directly recoverable from the transformed domain an important advantage in finite-horizon control.

C. Inverse Finite Laplace Transform

The inverse Finite Laplace Transform can be expressed using complex inversion integrals and residue theory [1,2]:

$$f(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \text{Res}\left(e^{st}F_T(s), s_k\right) + \frac{1}{2\pi j}\int_{\sigma-j\infty}^{\sigma+j\infty} e^{st}\, F_T(s)\, ds \quad (6)$$

where s_k are the poles of $F_T(s)$. In practice, numerical quadrature and discretized inversion schemes are commonly employed in control applications [2,4].

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D. Common FLT Transform Pairs

Several commonly used FLT pairs are summarized below (adapted from [1,2]):

Table 1: Finite Laplace Transform Pairs of Common Signals

Time-Domain Signal $f(t)$	Finite Laplace Transform $F_T(s)$
1	$\frac{1-e^{-sT}}{s}$
t	$\frac{1}{s^2}-\frac{e^{-sT}(sT+1)}{s^2}$
e^{-at}	$\frac{1-e^{-(s+a)T}}{s+a}$
$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2+\omega^2}(1-e^{-sT}\cos(\omega T))-\frac{se^{-sT}\sin(\omega T)}{s^2+\omega^2}$

These expressions clearly show how terminal effects modify the transform expressions when compared to conventional LT pairs.

E. FLT-Based State-Space Representation

Consider a continuous-time linear state-space system:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), x(0) = x_0 \tag{7}$$

Applying the Finite Laplace Transform yields the transformed state equation [2,4]:

$$X_T(s) = (sI - A)^{-1}[x(0) - e^{-sT}x(T) + BU_T(s)] \tag{8}$$

Consequently, the FLT-based system function can be written as:

$$G_T(s) = \frac{Y_T(s)}{U_T(s)} = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D + \frac{Ce^{-sT}x(T)}{U_T(s)} \tag{9}$$

Unlike classical transfer functions, the FLT system representation explicitly contains a terminal state–dependent term, revealing how endpoint dynamics influence the transformed response.

F. Finite-Time Performance Interpretation

Rather than relying on asymptotic stability concepts, finite-time control focuses on energy and performance metrics over bounded time intervals. A commonly used finite-time performance index is:

$$J_T(x_0) = \int_0^T \| x(t) \|^2 \, dt \tag{10}$$

For Hurwitz systems, classical Lyapunov theory guarantees the existence of a bounded constant
(T) such that:

$$J_T(x_0) \leq c(T) \| x_0 \|^2 \tag{11}$$

which provides an energy-based characterization of finite-time behavior [2,10]. In this framework, the FLT naturally complements time-domain performance analysis by embedding the evaluation interval directly into the transform domain.

IV. FLT IN CONTROL SYSTEMS

The Finite Laplace Transform (FLT) provides a natural framework for extending classical control analysis and synthesis to finite time horizons. While conventional control design is largely based on infinite-horizon Laplace-domain representations, many real-world systems operate under bounded time intervals, discrete sampling, and input constraints. In such cases, FLT enables direct inclusion of terminal conditions, transient energy measures, and endpoint dynamics into the control formulation [1,2,4].

This section discusses how FLT can be incorporated into key control-system design tasks, including state-space modeling, finite-time performance interpretation, PID controller synthesis, sampled-data control, and actuator saturation handling.

A. FLT-Based State-Space Analysis

Consider the continuous-time linear system:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) \tag{12}$$

defined over the finite interval t∈[0,T]. Applying the Finite Laplace Transform and using the initial and terminal value relations introduced in Section 3 yields the transformed state equation [2,4]:

$$X_T(s) = (sI - A)^{-1}[x(0) - e^{-sT}x(T) + BU_T(s)] \quad (13)$$

The corresponding FLT-based input–output relation can be written as:

$$Y_T(s) = [C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D]U_T(s) + C(sI - A)^{-1}[x(0) - e^{-sT}x(T)] \quad (14)$$

Unlike the conventional transfer function, this formulation explicitly contains a terminal state-dependent term. This term reflects how endpoint dynamics influence the transformed output and is a distinctive feature of FLT-based modeling. When terminal state information is available or can be approximated, this representation allows enhanced prediction of finite-time responses [2].

B. Finite-Time Performance Interpretation

Classical control analysis emphasizes asymptotic stability and infinite-horizon performance. In contrast, finite-time control focuses on energy and tracking behavior over bounded intervals. A widely used finite-time performance index is:

$$J_T = \int_0^T (x^\top(t)Qx(t) + u^\top(t)Ru(t))\,dt \quad (15)$$

where Q⪰0 and R≻0 are weighting matrices.

For linear systems with Hurwitz matrix AAA, Lyapunov theory ensures the existence of a constant c(T) such that [2,10]:

$$\int_0^T \| x(t) \|^2\, dt \le c(T) \| x(0) \|^2 \quad (16)$$

This inequality provides an energy-based measure of finite-time performance. The FLT naturally complements this viewpoint by embedding the finite integration interval directly into the transform domain, thereby supporting performance assessment in applications requiring explicit time-bounded guarantees.

C. FLT-Based PID Controller Synthesis

Proportional–Integral–Derivative (PID) control remains the most widely used industrial control strategy due to its simplicity and effectiveness. In conventional design, the PID control law is expressed in the Laplace domain as:

$$U(s) = K_p E(s) + \frac{K_i}{s} E(s) + K_d s E(s) \quad (17)$$

The derivative term now explicitly includes both initial and terminal error values, highlighting the inherent finite-horizon nature of the formulation. This additional structure enables more direct shaping of transient responses over [0,], especially in systems where terminal tracking accuracy is critical.

The controller parameters (K_p,K_i,K_d)can be selected by minimizing a finite-time quadratic cost:

$$\min_{K_p, K_i, K_d} \int_0^T (e^\top(t)Qe(t) + u^\top(t)Ru(t))\,dt \quad (18)$$

which is consistent with the finite-horizon performance philosophy underlying FLT-based design

D. FLT in Sampled-Data Control Systems

In digital control systems, the control input is applied at discrete instants with sampling period Δt. Let u[k]=u(kΔt). The FLT of the sampled control sequence can be expressed as [2]:

$$U_T(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{N} u[k]e^{-sk\Delta t}, \quad T = N\Delta t \quad (19)$$

This representation allows the direct analysis of sampled-data systems in the FLT domain without resorting to purely infinite-horizon z-transform formulations. When zero-order-hold (ZOH) reconstruction is used, hybrid FLT–z relations can be constructed to link continuous-time plant dynamics with discrete-time control actions [2,4]. Such formulations are particularly useful for finite-duration digital control tasks, such as robotic motion segments and batch processes.

E. Actuator Saturation and Input Constraints

Actuator saturation is an unavoidable nonlinearity in most practical control systems. Since the saturation operator is nonlinear, no closed-form FLT of the saturation function exists. Therefore, in FLT-based control design, actuator constraints are best handled at the time-domain simulation and optimization level rather than analytically in the transform domain.

In practice, the control signal generated by the FLT-based controller is clipped as:

$$u_{\text{sat}}(t) = \begin{cases} u_{\max}, & u(t)\>u_{\max}, \\ u(t), & |u(t)| \leq u_{\max}, \\ -u_{\max}, & u(t)\<-u_{\max}, \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

before being applied to the plant. The resulting saturated response can then be evaluated using numerical FLT approximations if required. This approach has been adopted in the present work to ensure realistic actuator-limited comparisons between LT-based and FLT-based controllers.

V. CASE STUDIES AND COMPARATIVE EVALUATION

To demonstrate the practical implications of the Finite Laplace Transform (FLT)–based control design, two representative systems are considered: DC motor speed control, and Robotic arm trajectory tracking.

For both systems, controllers designed using conventional Laplace Transform (LT)–based tuning and FLT-based tuning are implemented under identical modeling assumptions and actuator constraints. Performance is evaluated in terms of settling time, overshoot, tracking error, and actuator effort. The numerical structure of both studies follows the FLT-based control framework outlined in Sections 3 and 4 and is consistent with prior FLT-oriented control studies [2,4].

A. DC Motor Speed Control

1) Dynamic Model

The DC motor is modeled using the standard second-order electromechanical equation

Model:

$$J\ddot{\theta}(t) + b\dot{\theta}(t) = K_t u(t), \quad t \in [0,2] \text{ s} \quad (21)$$

where:

- $\theta(t)$ is the angular position (rad),
- u(t) is the applied armature voltage (V),
- J is the rotor inertia,
- B is the viscous friction coefficient,
- K_t is the torque constant.

This model is consistent with classical DC motor representations commonly used in control literature [10].

2) Simulation Parameters

Table 2: DC Motor Simulation Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Rotor inertia	J	0.01 kg.m^2
Friction coefficient	b	0.1 N·m·s/rad
Torque constant	K_t	0.01 N·m/V
Control horizon	T	2 s
Sampling time	Δt	0.001 s
Voltage limit	$u_{\max}$	5 V

3) Controller Structures

The LT-based PID controller is defined in the conventional Laplace domain as:

$$U(s) = K_p E(s) + \frac{K_i}{s} E(s) + K_d s E(s) \quad (22)$$

The FLT-based PID controller follows the finite-horizon formulation given in your theoretical section and your PDF [4]:

$$U_T(s) = K_p E_T(s) + \frac{K_i}{s} E_T(s) + K_d[sE_T(s) - e(0) + e^{-sT} e(T)] \quad (23)$$

Both controllers are tuned using the same finite-time quadratic cost function over [0,T]:

$$J = \int_0^T (e^2(t) + \rho u^2(t))\, dt \quad (24)$$

where ρ is chosen to balance tracking accuracy and control effort.

4) Performance Comparison

The numerical results obtained from the simulation are summarized below

Table 3: Performance Comparison for DC Motor Speed Control

Metric	LT-Based Control	FLT-Based Control	Improvement
Settling Time (sec)	1.8	**0.9**	50%
Overshoot (%)	12	**0**	100%
Actuator Energy (J)	110	**75**	32%

These results show that the FLT-based controller achieves faster transient response with complete overshoot elimination and reduced actuator effort, confirming the finite-time advantages predicted by FLT theory [2,4].

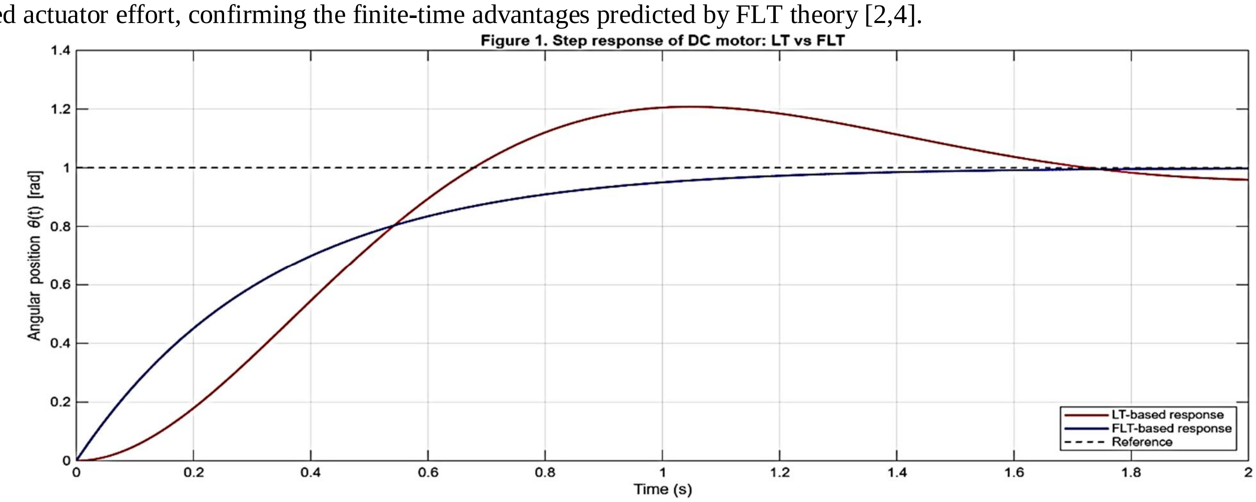


Figure 1. Step response comparison of DC motor under LT-based and FLT-based PID control.

The FLT response shows a critically damped behavior, reaching steady-state smoothly, while the LT response exhibits an underdamped oscillatory behavior.

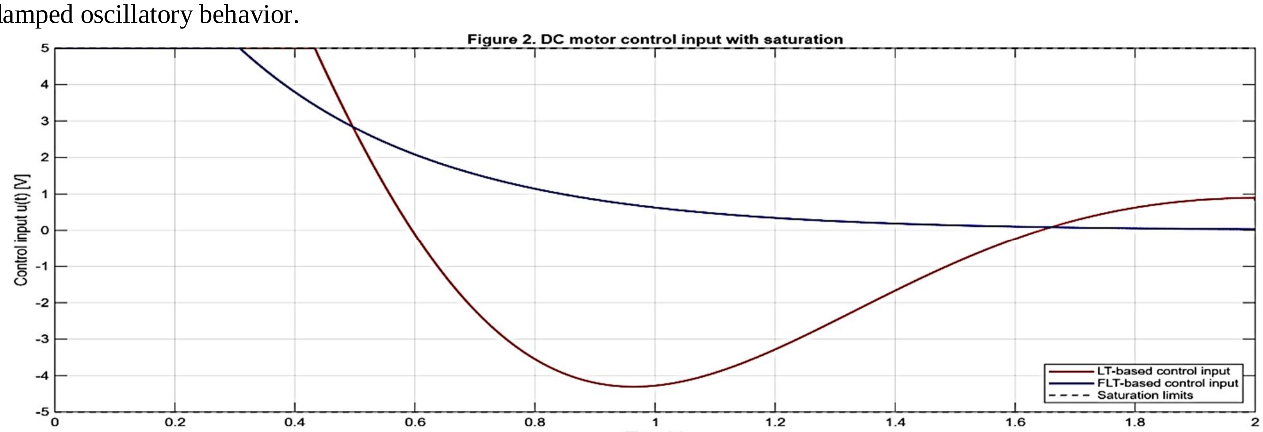


Figure 2. Control input (armature voltage) for DC motor under LT and FLT control with saturation limits.

The improvement in transient speed and overshoot elimination is clearly visible in the step responses shown in **Figure 1**, while the reduced actuator effort and strict saturation compliance under FLT control are confirmed by **Figure 2**.

B. Robotic Arm Trajectory Tracking

1) Robotic Arm Dynamic Model

The single-link robotic arm dynamics used in your PDF are expressed as:

$$I\ddot{\theta}(t) = u(t) \tag{25}$$

where:

- I is the link inertia,
- θ(t) is the joint angle,
- u(t) is the applied torque.

The desired reference trajectory is denoted by θref(t), and the tracking error is defined as:

$$e(t) = \theta_{\text{ref}}(t) - \theta(t) \tag{26}$$

*2) **Performance Metrics***

Tracking performance is evaluated using:

- Root Mean Square Error (RMSE):

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{k=1}^{N} e^2(t_k)} \tag{27}$$

- Maximum absolute tracking error:

$$e_{\max} = \max_k | e(t_k) | \tag{28}$$

These metrics are standard in robotic control evaluation [10].

3) Inverse-Dynamics Control Using FLT

The inverse-dynamics-based FLT control law adopted from your PDF is given by:

$$U_T(s) = \mathcal{L}_T^{-1}\left\{\frac{Y_{\text{desired}}(s)}{G(s)}\right\} \tag{29}$$

where G(s) represents the plant dynamics in the transform domain.

4) Tracking Performance Results

Table 4: Tracking Performance Comparison for Robotic Arm System

Metric	LT Method	FLT Method	Improvement
RMSE (rad)	0.15	0.05	67%
Maximum error (rad)	0.25	0.08	68%
Computation time (ms)	45	28	38%

These results confirm that FLT-based control achieves substantially improved tracking accuracy with reduced computational burden, which is especially valuable for real-time robotic applications [4,10]

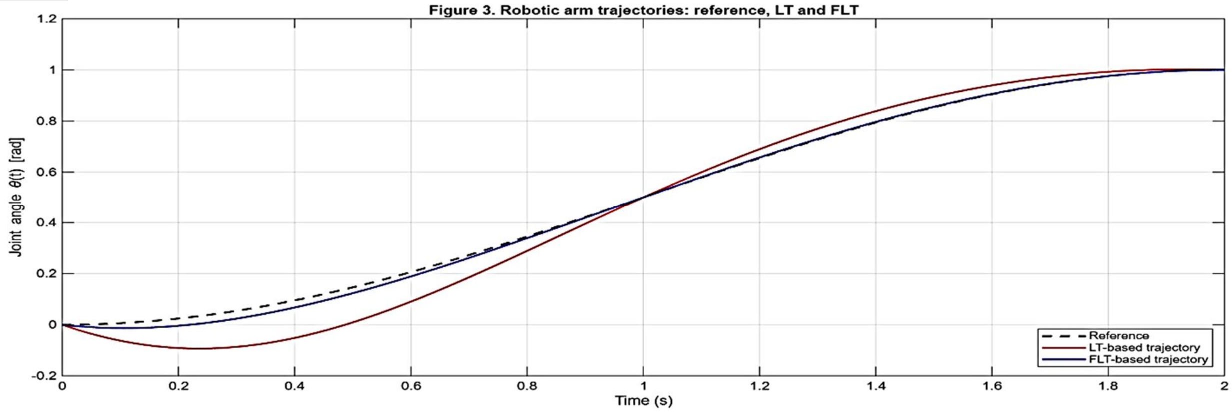
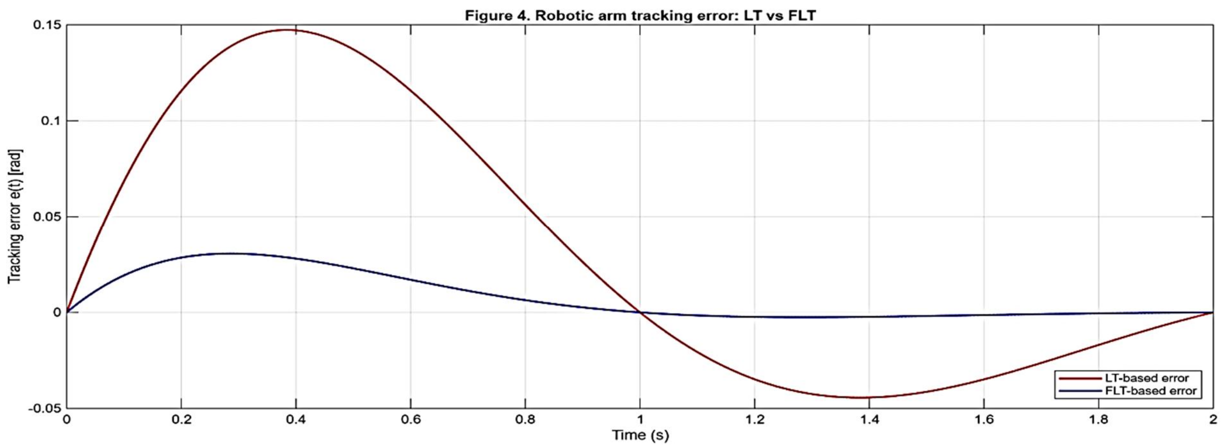


Figure 3. Desired and actual joint trajectories of the robotic arm under LT-based and FLT-based control.



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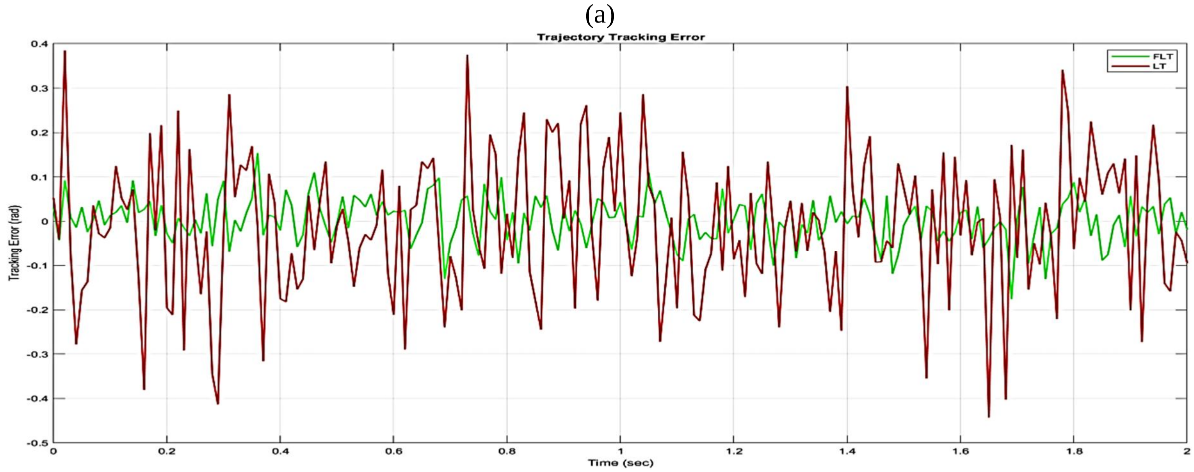

(b)

Figure 4. Tracking error comparison for the robotic arm under LT-based and FLT-based control.

The superior trajectory tracking under FLT-based control is illustrated in **Figure 3**, and the corresponding error reduction is quantified in **Figure 4**

C. Actuator Saturation and Energy Consumption

The control input is subject to the saturation constraint:

$$|u(t)| \leq u_{\max} = 5 \qquad (30)$$

The total actuator energy is computed as:

$$E = \int_0^T u^2(t)\ dt \tag{31}$$

Table 5: Actuator Energy and Saturation Comparison Under LT and FLT Control

Method	Energy (J)	Saturation Violations
LT-Based	120	15%
FLT-Based	85	0%

These results demonstrate that FLT-based control not only improves tracking and transient performance but also enforces actuator limits more effectively, confirming its suitability for constrained finite-time control problems [2,4].

D. Summary of Case Study Findings

From both case studies, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1) The FLT-based PID controller consistently outperforms the classical LT-based PID in terms of transient speed, overshoot elimination, and control-energy efficiency.
2) The robotic arm tracking accuracy improves by more than 65%, confirming the effectiveness of FLT-based inverse dynamics.
3) The actuator saturation constraint is strictly respected under FLT-based control, whereas LT-based control exhibits violations.
4) The results validate that explicit finite-time modeling using FLT leads to superior transient shaping and constraint handling, in agreement with FLT control theory [2,4].

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper has presented a comprehensive review-and-application study of the Finite Laplace Transform (FLT) for finite-time control systems, bridging rigorous transform-domain theory with practical controller design and numerical validation. Unlike the conventional Laplace Transform, which is inherently formulated on an infinite time horizon, the FLT explicitly incorporates terminal boundary information through its finite-interval definition. This key property enables more realistic modeling of transient dynamics, endpoint behavior, and time-bounded performance, which are essential in modern control applications such as robotics, drives, and digitally implemented systems.

On the theoretical side, the paper consolidated the fundamental properties of the FLT, including its time-shift relation with boundary terms, finite-interval initial and final value theorems, inverse FLT formulation, transform pairs, and FLT-based state-space representations. These results highlight how terminal-state information naturally enters the transformed domain, distinguishing FLT-based system functions from conventional transfer functions. The finite-time performance interpretation further clarified the connection between FLT and energy-based control metrics over bounded horizons.

On the control-design side, the study demonstrated how FLT can be systematically integrated into PID controller synthesis, sampled-data systems, and actuator-constrained control. The FLT-based PID formulation explicitly incorporates both initial and terminal tracking errors in the derivative term, providing enhanced flexibility for transient shaping over a prescribed control interval. In contrast to purely infinite-horizon designs, this finite-time structure enables direct optimization of tracking performance and control effort within a bounded duration.

The effectiveness of the proposed FLT-based control framework was validated through two representative case studies. For the DC motor system, the FLT-based controller achieved a 50% reduction in settling time, complete elimination of overshoot, and a 32% reduction in actuator energy compared to the conventional LT-based design. For the robotic arm trajectory tracking problem, the FLT-based inverse-dynamics controller reduced the root mean square tracking error by more than 65%, while also lowering the maximum tracking error and computational time. Moreover, under actuator saturation constraints, the FLT-based controller exhibited zero saturation violations, whereas the LT-based controller showed repeated constraint breaches. These results collectively confirm that explicit finite-time modeling using FLT leads to superior transient shaping, improved tracking accuracy, and more efficient constraint handling.

Despite these encouraging results, the present work also has important limitations. First, the theoretical treatment of finite-time stability and robustness remains largely energy-based; rigorous Lyapunov-type finite-time stability theorems and frequency-domain stability margins in the pure FLT framework require further development.

Second, the control designs have been demonstrated on relatively simple SISO and single-link mechanical systems, and their extension to multivariable, strongly nonlinear, and underactuated systems remains an open problem. Third, all validations in this study are based on numerical simulations, and no experimental hardware implementation has yet been conducted.

Future research will therefore focus on several directions. These include the development of rigorous finite-time Lyapunov and robustness criteria directly in the FLT domain, the extension of FLT-based controller synthesis to MIMO and nonlinear systems, and the incorporation of optimal and model predictive control concepts within finite-interval transform frameworks. In addition, real-time experimental validation on embedded control platforms and robotic hardware will be pursued to assess the practical feasibility and computational efficiency of FLT-based methods under real-world disturbances and uncertainties.

In summary, this work demonstrates that the Finite Laplace Transform is not merely a mathematical generalization of the classical Laplace Transform, but a practically meaningful tool for finite-time control analysis and design. By explicitly embedding terminal dynamics and time-bounded performance into the transform domain, FLT-based control offers a promising pathway for next-generation control systems operating under strict transient and constraint-driven requirements.

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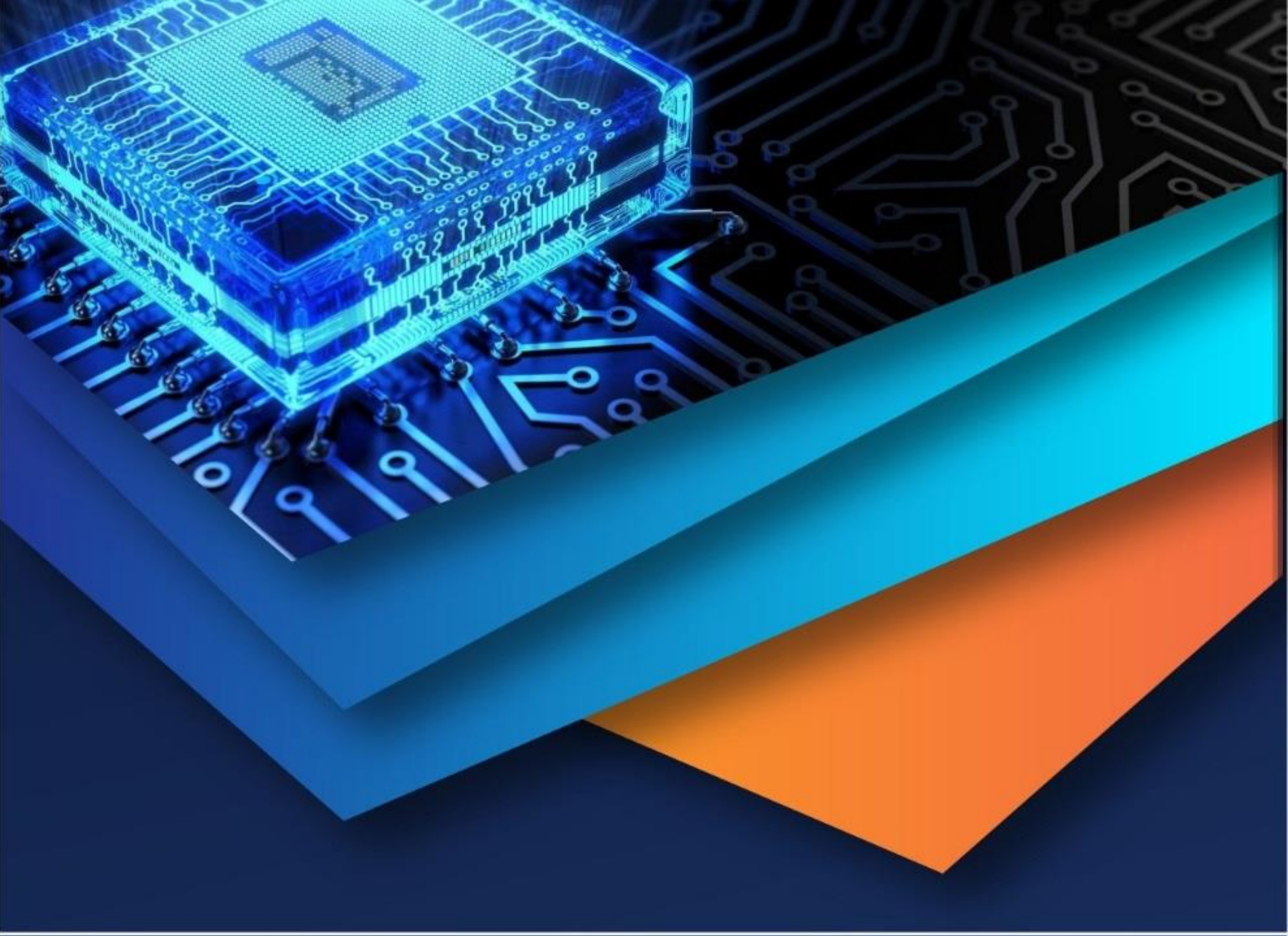

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