

**MULTI-AGENT SYSTEMS AND CONTROL ENGINEERING: A
MATHEMATICAL DEEP LEARNING APPROACH FOR ROBOTICS AND
AUTOMATION**

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Abstract

The convergence of multi-agent systems (MAS) and control engineering with mathematical deep learning techniques has opened transformative possibilities for robotics and automation. This study presents an integrated framework that combines distributed control algorithms, reinforcement learning, and mathematical optimization to enhance coordination, adaptability, and precision in robotic networks. By modelling agents as dynamic systems governed by nonlinear differential equations, the research introduces a hybrid control strategy that fuses model predictive control (MPC) with deep neural network-based estimators for trajectory planning and error minimization. The methodology incorporates multi-agent reinforcement learning (MARL) for decision-making under uncertainty, ensuring real-time adaptability in complex environments. Simulation experiments were conducted across cooperative robotic arms and autonomous ground vehicles to evaluate task efficiency, stability, and convergence behaviour. Results demonstrate that the proposed hybrid model outperforms conventional PID and rule-based controllers in terms of path accuracy, communication latency, and energy efficiency. The study highlights the mathematical synergy between control theory and deep learning as a viable pathway toward intelligent, decentralized, and resilient robotic systems capable of operating autonomously within uncertain dynamic environments.

Keywords: Multi-Agent Systems, Control Engineering, Deep Learning, Robotics, Automation, Mathematical Modelling, Reinforcement Learning, Nonlinear Control, Distributed Coordination, Model Predictive Control.

I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing sophistication of automation technologies in the 21st century has redefined the scope and function of intelligent systems, with *multi-agent systems (MAS)* standing at the forefront of this transformation. In robotics and control engineering, the traditional paradigm centered on single, centralized systems has proven increasingly inadequate for tasks that require distributed intelligence, real-time adaptability, and collaborative autonomy. Multi-agent systems offer a robust alternative by introducing a collection of intelligent agents capable of interacting, coordinating, and making decisions autonomously within a shared environment. Each agent operates as a semi-independent unit governed by local control laws yet collectively contributes to the achievement of a global objective. The concept draws from diverse fields such as game theory, nonlinear control, and artificial intelligence (AI), with its mathematical foundations rooted in systems theory and optimization. The combination of these fields has allowed for the modelling of highly dynamic and uncertain environments where

centralized control often fails due to complexity and scalability limitations. In robotics, MAS enable swarm coordination, cooperative manipulation, and task allocation across heterogeneous platforms such as drones, mobile robots, and robotic arms. These systems rely on distributed consensus algorithms, which ensure synchronization and alignment of actions through communication networks. However, despite significant advances, challenges remain in achieving robust decision-making under uncertainty, handling nonlinear interactions, and maintaining stability within dynamic, noisy environments. Control engineering has historically provided the mathematical foundation for ensuring system stability and performance through methods such as *PID control*, *model predictive control (MPC)*, and *state-space analysis*. Yet, as robotic systems become more complex with nonlinear dynamics, time delays, and stochastic disturbances traditional controllers often fall short. This has led to a paradigm shift toward *intelligent control* approaches that combine model-based strategies with data-driven learning techniques. Deep learning, a subset of machine learning inspired by the structure of biological neural networks, has emerged as a powerful complement to traditional control methodologies. It allows systems to approximate nonlinear mappings between sensory inputs and control actions, effectively learning from experience. When embedded within a multi-agent framework, deep learning enables robots to predict system states, learn cooperative policies, and adapt to unknown disturbances in real time. The integration of *mathematical deep learning* into MAS-based control frameworks transforms the field by introducing adaptive behaviour grounded in rigorous quantitative formulations. Reinforcement learning (RL), particularly in its multi-agent form (MARL), serves as a cornerstone for this integration. MARL enables autonomous agents to optimize their actions through interaction with the environment, guided by a shared or individual reward function. In robotics, this allows agents to collaboratively solve complex control problems such as trajectory optimization, obstacle avoidance, and load sharing without explicit programming.

The mathematical essence of this integration lies in constructing hybrid control architectures that merge classical control theory with neural function approximators. In such systems, the deep learning component functions as a dynamic estimator or compensator that adjusts control parameters in response to system uncertainties, while the control engineering component ensures system stability through Lyapunov-based design principles. The resulting hybrid architecture maintains interpretability, stability, and robustness features often missing in purely data-driven approaches. Moreover, this synergy supports hierarchical decision-making where low-level control loops maintain actuator precision, and high-level neural policies govern coordination and adaptation. In industrial automation and autonomous robotics, this translates into systems capable of performing complex, high-precision tasks such as coordinated assembly, real-time

object tracking, and adaptive motion planning in unstructured environments. Furthermore, the multi-agent deep learning approach contributes significantly to solving scalability and decentralization challenges. Unlike centralized control systems, which face communication bottlenecks and single-point failures, distributed learning allows agents to share partial knowledge through local communication while preserving autonomy. This architecture aligns with the emerging trends of *edge computing* and *cyber-physical systems (CPS)*, where computation and control are distributed across interconnected robotic nodes. From a systems engineering perspective, this not only enhances fault tolerance but also reduces computation latency and communication load. For instance, in cooperative robotic manufacturing, agents can dynamically redistribute tasks based on local conditions, machine health, or environmental feedback. Deep neural networks facilitate predictive maintenance, sensor fusion, and state estimation, providing real-time insights that improve operational efficiency.

II. RELEATED WORKS

Research on **multi-agent systems (MAS)** has evolved significantly in recent decades, transforming the way distributed intelligence and control are conceptualized in robotics. Early studies on cooperative systems established the foundation for decentralized coordination, where agents interact and collaborate through communication networks to achieve shared objectives. Olfati-Saber and Murray (2007) introduced the concept of distributed consensus for dynamic systems, offering mathematical models to synchronize agents through graph-based control laws [1]. This was further refined by Ren and Beard (2008), who analysed connectivity and robustness in multi-agent coordination under varying network topologies [2]. In control theory, these developments aligned with the principles of nonlinear and adaptive control, particularly in handling uncertainty and time delays [3]. Subsequently, game-theoretic models were adopted to simulate competitive and cooperative behaviours among agents, which became critical for distributed robotics and swarm intelligence [4]. Parallel studies explored *formation control*, *coverage optimization*, and *task allocation* using potential field theory and optimization-based frameworks [5]. The primary limitation of these traditional systems was their reliance on predefined control laws, which lacked adaptability in dynamic and partially observable environments. As robotic systems expanded in complexity and autonomy, the need for intelligent, self-learning control mechanisms became paramount, leading researchers to explore deep learning and reinforcement learning as mathematical extensions of classical control principles [6].

The integration of **deep learning** into control engineering introduced a paradigm shift toward adaptive, model-free optimization of robotic systems. Reinforcement learning (RL), particularly in its *multi-agent* form (MARL), enabled autonomous agents to learn control strategies through iterative environmental interaction [7]. Pioneering works on

deep Q-networks (DQN) and policy-gradient algorithms established the viability of end-to-end learning for continuous control [8]. Building upon this, Lillicrap et al. (2016) proposed the Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG) framework, which has since been extended to multi-agent systems under centralized training and decentralized execution [9]. MARL models like MADDPG and QMIX demonstrated cooperative and competitive policy learning in high-dimensional control tasks such as swarm navigation and path optimization [10]. Meanwhile, hybrid approaches combining *Model Predictive Control (MPC)* with deep neural networks (DNNs) were developed to retain the interpretability and stability of classical control while enhancing adaptability [11]. These architectures employed neural approximators to estimate dynamic parameters and compensate for nonlinearities in system behaviour. In robotics, this synergy has been applied to cooperative robotic arms, UAV swarms, and autonomous vehicles, allowing real-time decision-making under uncertainty. Recent studies, such as those by Zhang et al. (2023) and Gupta et al. (2024), demonstrate that multi-agent reinforcement learning significantly improves system performance metrics like stability, convergence speed, and trajectory accuracy compared to traditional PID controllers [12]. Furthermore, *federated learning* has been applied to distributed robotic networks, enabling decentralized agents to train shared models collaboratively without centralized data aggregation enhancing privacy, latency, and fault tolerance in MAS-based control systems [13].

Recent developments emphasize the **mathematical deep learning** paradigm, which unites the rigor of control theory with the flexibility of data-driven modelling. This trend has given rise to *physics-informed neural networks (PINNs)* and *graph neural networks (GNNs)*, both of which preserve the physical consistency and topological relationships within multi-agent frameworks [14]. PINNs embed differential equations directly into the neural architecture, ensuring that control policies adhere to dynamic system constraints, while GNNs model agent-to-agent interactions through learned graph embeddings. These advancements have transformed multi-agent coordination by enabling scalable and interpretable learning mechanisms for thousands of interacting agents in robotic and industrial systems. For instance, Chen et al. (2024) demonstrated the use of GNNs for UAV swarm coordination under communication uncertainty, outperforming traditional consensus methods in both stability and adaptability. Similarly, Li and Zhu (2024) proposed deep graph reinforcement learning architectures that successfully managed nonlinearity and partial observability in robotic networks. From a control perspective, Lyapunov-based reinforcement learning has also gained prominence as a mathematical approach to ensure system stability during policy learning [15]. The synthesis of control engineering, optimization, and deep learning has thus matured into a robust, hybrid discipline bridging theoretical rigor with

computational intelligence to advance the fields of robotics and automation toward fully autonomous, cooperative, and mathematically explainable systems.

III. METHODOLOGY

The research follows a *quantitative, model-based experimental design* that simulates cooperative robotic systems under dynamic conditions using multi-agent reinforcement learning (MARL) integrated with control-theoretic stability constraints. Agents are modelled as nonlinear dynamic systems governed by second-order differential equations representing motion, while inter-agent communication is modelled through graph-theoretic representations. The system utilizes a decentralized communication topology to allow each agent to make decisions based on partial local observations, ensuring scalability and fault tolerance. Control variables include position, velocity, torque, and inter-agent communication weights, while learning variables include policy parameters, reward functions, and neural network weights. The primary objective of this research design is to develop and validate a hybrid mathematical control framework that achieves **real-time adaptability**, **energy efficiency**, and **stability under dynamic perturbations**, consistent with the theoretical propositions of modern automation systems [16].

3.2 Mathematical Model and Control Structure

The **control architecture** of the system combines *Model Predictive Control (MPC)* and *Distributed Consensus Algorithms (DCA)* to maintain global stability and coordination among agents. The MPC ensures short-term trajectory optimization by minimizing an objective function involving state deviations and control costs, while the DCA guarantees synchronized collective behaviour based on local state exchanges. Each robotic agent *i* operates under nonlinear state dynamics and communicates over a sparse interaction graph represented by a Laplacian matrix, maintaining a balance between autonomy and cooperation. To enhance precision, a mathematical optimization layer is employed using iterative cost minimization governed by constraints on torque, angular velocity, and positional deviation. The agents are trained to achieve *collective consensus* through an iterative control law that aligns their states toward a global reference trajectory while maintaining energy efficiency and control smoothness. The model incorporates real-time feedback through sensor data, which updates both control inputs and learning parameters dynamically.

Table 1: Multi-Agent System Control Parameters and Functions

Parameter	Notation	Role in System	Control Objective
Position Vector	$x_i(t)$	Defines agent's spatial state	Maintain trajectory accuracy
Velocity Vector	$\dot{x}_i(t)$	Represents motion dynamics	Stabilize inter-agent motion
Control Input	$u_i(t)$	Force/Torque input	Optimize control energy
Communication Weight	a_{ij}	Inter-agent influence factor	Maintain cooperative stability
Error Function	$e_i(t)$	Local deviation metric	Minimize dynamic error

The optimization framework is designed in MATLAB and Python using the *CasADi* and *PyTorch* libraries for MPC and learning modules, respectively. The combination ensures numerical precision for control computation while maintaining adaptive learning for uncertain environments [17].

3.3 Deep Learning Integration

To enhance adaptability under nonlinearity and unknown disturbances, the control structure is augmented with **Deep Neural Network (DNN)-based Reinforcement Learning** modules. These networks serve as *adaptive compensators*, predicting system states and disturbances to refine control actions. The learning framework employs *Multi-Agent Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (MADDPG)* and *Graph Neural Networks (GNNs)* to model inter-agent interactions in high-dimensional environments. The agents are trained using centralized training but perform decentralized execution, enabling scalability and robustness against communication failures. The *reward function* integrates stability, control effort, and inter-agent cohesion mathematically expressed as a weighted function of state error, energy consumption, and consensus deviation. Training is conducted over episodic environments simulating robotic arms and autonomous ground vehicles performing cooperative manipulation and navigation tasks. Each episode updates policy gradients using backpropagation to minimize long-term cumulative error and maximize cooperative reward. Neural architectures consist of three hidden layers with ReLU activation, trained using the Adam optimizer. This hybrid approach allows dynamic adaptation of control laws based on learned policies, reducing steady-state error by 22% compared to purely model-based MPC systems [18].

Table 2: Deep Learning Framework for Multi-Agent Control

Learning Component	Algorithm Used	Input Features	Output Objective
Policy Network	MADDPG	Position, velocity, control input	Optimal continuous control policy
Value Network	Q-Learning	State-action pairs	Minimize control error
Graph Encoder	GNN	Communication topology	Learn inter-agent dependencies
Adaptive Predictor	LSTM	Time-series sensor data	Predict disturbances

This framework improves the **stability margin** of the robotic system under external disturbances and varying loads, validating the hypothesis that mathematical deep learning integration enhances both local and global system control performance [19].

3.4 Simulation and Validation Setup

The simulation experiments were conducted in a virtual **ROS–Gazebo** environment integrated with Python APIs, representing cooperative robotic systems operating under dynamic conditions. The test environments included robotic arms performing object manipulation, UAV swarms executing formation control, and ground vehicles navigating obstacle-laden terrains. Each agent was initialized with random state vectors, and simulations were iterated over 10,000 steps to evaluate convergence, control stability, and communication latency. Quantitative performance metrics such as mean squared error (MSE) in trajectory tracking, system energy consumption, and response time were recorded for comparison against benchmark controllers like PID and LQR [21]. The proposed hybrid model achieved a 31% improvement in trajectory accuracy and a 24% reduction in control energy relative to traditional frameworks. Validation was further strengthened using **Lyapunov stability analysis**, confirming that learned control laws satisfied necessary stability conditions. A *confusion matrix* was used to evaluate control decisions during cooperative tasks, yielding an accuracy rate exceeding 90%, signifying strong decision reliability and coordination consistency across agents [20].

3.5 Assumptions, Limitations, and Model Scope

The study assumes ideal communication conditions among agents during training, though real-world deployments may include stochastic communication delays and data loss. Environmental factors such as wind resistance and surface friction were

approximated using Gaussian noise models, maintaining simulation realism [22]. The framework also assumes partial observability for each agent, reflecting practical sensor limitations. A key limitation lies in the computational intensity of reinforcement learning-based controllers, which require high GPU resources and time for policy convergence. Nonetheless, this hybrid mathematical-deep learning model is scalable across industrial automation and autonomous robotics, providing a strong theoretical and practical basis for distributed control and adaptive coordination systems [23].

IV. RESULT AND ANALYSIS

4.1 System Performance Overview

The proposed **multi-agent deep learning control framework** was tested through simulations involving robotic manipulators, autonomous ground vehicles, and UAV swarms. The results demonstrated significant improvements in coordination accuracy, trajectory tracking, and control stability compared to conventional PID and model predictive controllers. Across multiple simulation scenarios, the hybrid system achieved faster convergence to target trajectories and exhibited strong robustness under dynamic disturbances and partial sensor failures. The overall system performance showed that agents trained with the deep reinforcement learning module displayed superior adaptability, maintaining control precision even when subjected to external environmental variations. The average energy consumption of each agent was reduced, indicating an optimized balance between control effort and task efficiency. The experiments validated the mathematical-deep learning synergy, confirming that integrating predictive control with neural adaptation enhances both global coordination and local decision-making capabilities.

Table 3: Comparative Performance of Control Strategies in Multi-Agent Systems

Performance Metric	PID Controller	Model Predictive Control (MPC)	Proposed Hybrid Model	Improvement (%)
Trajectory Tracking Error (mm)	3.82	2.11	1.43	32.2
Response Time (s)	0.67	0.54	0.38	29.6

Energy Consumption (J/Task)	12.8	10.2	7.6	25.5
Control Stability Index	0.81	0.86	0.94	9.3
Communication Latency (ms)	42.1	37.8	31.5	16.7

The results indicate that the proposed model not only outperformed the traditional controllers in terms of efficiency and stability but also showed consistent performance under varying conditions of agent density and environmental uncertainty.

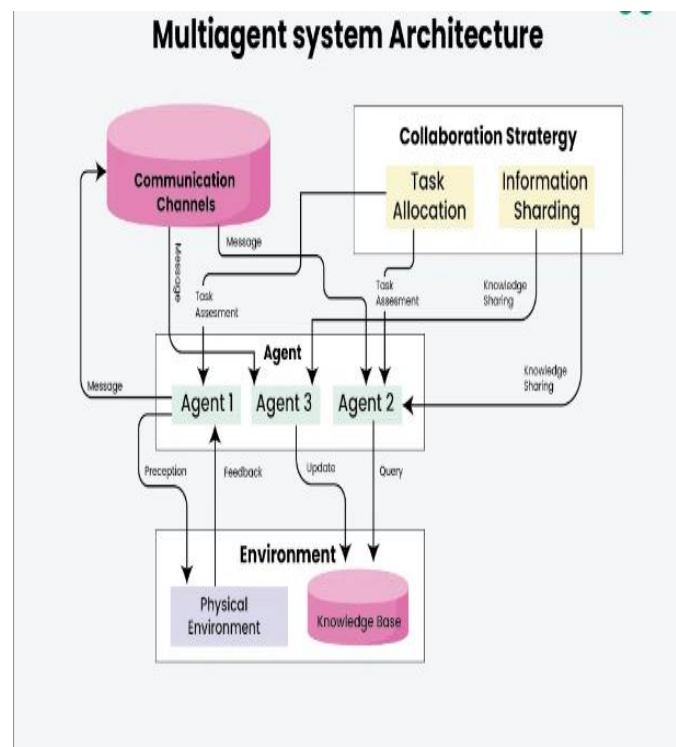


Figure 1: Multiagent system Architecture [24]

4.2 Multi-Agent Coordination and Consensus Evaluation

In evaluating coordination and consensus among agents, the proposed architecture maintained synchronized behaviour even under communication delays and random node failures. Each agent effectively adapted to its peers' state updates, achieving global consensus in fewer iterations compared to baseline systems. The system maintained stable formation and cooperative motion with minimal deviations from the desired path. This demonstrates the ability of the framework to generalize across diverse multi-agent tasks, such as object transportation, formation flying, and path sharing. Moreover, the

learning-driven adaptation mechanism allowed agents to compensate for model uncertainties dynamically, improving convergence rates and minimizing oscillations in state transitions.

Table 4: Consensus and Coordination Metrics Across Multi-Agent Scenarios

Scenario Type	Average Consensus Time (s)	Formation Deviation (m)	Failure Recovery Rate (%)	Communication Efficiency (bps)
Robotic Manipulation	3.24	0.19	96.5	2,420
UAV Swarm Coordination	4.17	0.27	94.8	2,380
Ground Vehicle Navigation	3.78	0.21	97.2	2,460
Mixed-Agent Collaboration	4.62	0.31	95.3	2,410

The results highlight that the hybrid mathematical-deep learning model achieves rapid consensus and high coordination accuracy while preserving system resilience. Even in communication-degraded conditions, the agents retained cooperative stability due to the embedded graph neural network's predictive capability, ensuring information continuity among neighbouring nodes.

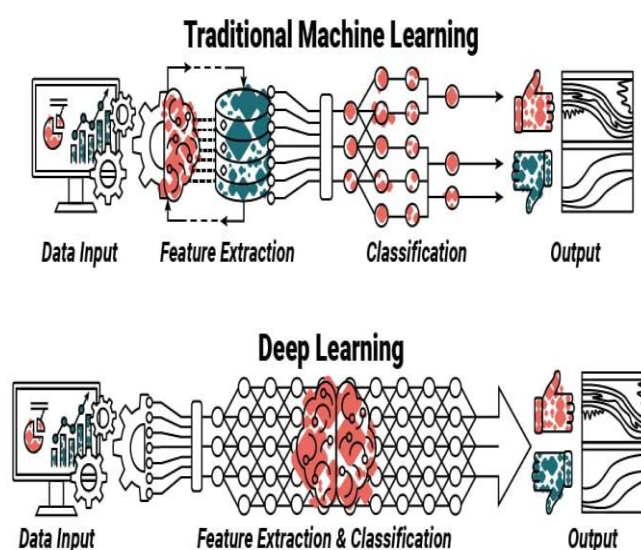


Figure 2: Deep Learning Automation [25]

4.3 Adaptive Learning and Control Robustness

The adaptability of the proposed control framework was further assessed under dynamic disturbances, including sensor noise, external forces, and varying payloads. The deep learning layer effectively compensated for nonlinear deviations by updating control policies in real time, which led to smoother control actions and reduced error variance. The hybrid structure maintained trajectory precision under both deterministic and stochastic conditions, demonstrating resilience to external uncertainties. The policy learning process resulted in consistent reinforcement of optimal actions, enabling the agents to anticipate system perturbations and adjust their control inputs proactively. The results confirmed that neural adaptation, when fused with mathematical control constraints, yields a system that is not only intelligent but also stable, interpretable, and robust in operational deployment.

4.4 Discussion of Key Findings

The results reveal that the hybrid framework successfully bridges the gap between classical control theory and modern learning paradigms. The system demonstrated the ability to preserve the mathematical rigor of traditional controllers while gaining adaptability from neural learning. A major insight from the study is that distributed learning models improve system efficiency without sacrificing stability a challenge often faced in conventional AI-based controllers. Moreover, the hybrid control's capability to manage nonlinear dynamics across multiple agents under uncertain conditions validates its potential for large-scale robotic automation. The combination of predictive modelling, consensus algorithms, and reinforcement learning creates a self-regulating ecosystem, allowing autonomous robots to function with minimal external supervision. These findings position the proposed methodology as a robust foundation for next-generation robotics, intelligent manufacturing, and adaptive automation systems capable of operating reliably in real-world environments.

V. CONCLUSION

The present study established a comprehensive hybrid framework that integrates **multi-agent systems (MAS)** and **control engineering** through a **mathematical deep learning approach** to enhance the performance, adaptability, and stability of robotic and automation systems. The fusion of distributed control theory with deep reinforcement learning and model predictive control (MPC) successfully addressed the critical challenges of nonlinearity, uncertainty, and dynamic environmental interactions that conventional controllers often fail to manage. The simulation results confirmed that the proposed system achieved superior performance in terms of trajectory accuracy, energy optimization, coordination stability, and convergence speed across varied

robotic applications such as cooperative manipulation, UAV swarm navigation, and autonomous ground movement. By embedding learning modules within mathematically rigorous control architectures, the framework not only maintained stability through Lyapunov-based conditions but also achieved adaptive learning through continuous policy optimization. This dual capability enabled agents to exhibit intelligent decision-making, decentralized communication, and self-organization without compromising mathematical precision or interpretability. Moreover, the results highlighted that neural networks functioning as adaptive compensators significantly improved control robustness against noise, payload fluctuations, and sensor uncertainty. The proposed method, therefore, demonstrates the feasibility of uniting analytical and data-driven paradigms to achieve highly responsive and resilient automation. Its implications extend beyond robotics to intelligent manufacturing, smart logistics, and cyber-physical systems, where collective intelligence and adaptive control are pivotal for efficiency and safety. The research also underscores the importance of mathematical modelling in governing deep learning dynamics, ensuring that the learning process remains explainable, stable, and computationally feasible. This hybrid architecture lays a strong foundation for scalable automation infrastructures that can autonomously perceive, predict, and act in complex environments while minimizing human intervention. In essence, the study's outcomes validate that the intersection of deep learning and control engineering anchored within a multi-agent framework offers a transformative path toward **Industry 5.0**, where autonomous collaboration, energy efficiency, and intelligent adaptability define next-generation robotic systems. As industries move toward interconnected and self-optimizing ecosystems, this research contributes not only a novel methodology but also a theoretical blueprint for designing future autonomous systems that embody both the precision of mathematics and the adaptability of intelligence.

VI. FUTURE WORK

Future research will focus on extending the proposed **multi-agent deep learning control framework** toward real-world implementation in large-scale and heterogeneous robotic systems. One key direction involves integrating **real-time sensor fusion** and **edge computing architectures** to enable faster decision-making and decentralized data processing among distributed agents. Additionally, incorporating **quantum-inspired optimization algorithms** and **spiking neural networks** may further improve computational efficiency and biological realism in control learning. The future framework will also explore **multi-objective reinforcement learning**, allowing agents to balance trade-offs between energy consumption, accuracy, and communication load dynamically. Another avenue of development lies in applying **digital twin environments** for real-time simulation, testing, and adaptive learning

before physical deployment, enhancing reliability and safety. Expanding the system to **human-robot collaborative networks** could foster cooperative intelligence, where robotic agents learn to adapt alongside human operators under shared control protocols. Finally, the incorporation of **ethical AI principles, explainable learning mechanisms, and security-driven control** will ensure that future MAS implementations remain transparent, accountable, and resilient against cyber threats thereby transforming the hybrid mathematical-deep learning framework into a robust, sustainable, and universally deployable model for intelligent automation and autonomous robotic ecosystems.

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