

# Gain-Constrained Recursive Filtering with Stochastic Nonlinearities and Probabilistic Sensor Delays

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*Abstract*— This paper is concerned with the gain-constrained recursive filtering problem for a class of time-varying nonlinear stochastic systems with probabilistic sensor delays and correlated noises. The stochastic nonlinearities are described by statistical means that cover the multiplicative stochastic disturbances as a special case. The phenomenon of probabilistic sensor delays is modeled by introducing a diagonal matrix composed of Bernoulli distributed random variables taking values of 1 or 0, which means that the sensors may experience randomly occurring delays with individual delay characteristics. The process noise is finite-step autocorrelated. The purpose of the addressed gain-constrained filtering problem is to design a filter such that, for all probabilistic sensor delays, stochastic nonlinearities, gain constraint as well as correlated noises, the cost function concerning the filtering error is minimized at each sampling instant, where the filter gain satisfies a certain equality constraint. A new recursive filtering algorithm is developed that ensures both the local optimality and the unbiasedness of the designed filter at each sampling instant which achieving the pre-specified filter gain constraint. A simulation example is provided to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed filter design approach.

*Keywords*— Recursive filtering, probabilistic sensor delays, gain constraint, stochastic nonlinearities, correlated noises, time-varying systems.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the filtering technique has been playing an important role in a variety of application areas including target tracking, computer vision and estimation of structural macroeconomic models. A rich body of results

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has been reported in the literature with different performance indices [4, 10, 11, 14, 18, 27, 34]. For example, the Kalman filter has proven to be the globally optimal linear estimator in [14] for the linear systems. In [24, 25], the optimal linear filters have been designed for systems with multiple packet dropouts. The extended Kalman filtering algorithm has been successfully applied in [27] to identify both the model parameters and the actual value of gene expression levels for gene regulatory network. Most of the existing results have relied on an implicit assumption that the process noises are uncorrelated, see e.g. [12, 26, 27, 36]. However, such an assumption is not always true in practice since the process noise sequences of a discrete-time system sampled from a continuous-time system are inherently correlated across time. Recently, the filter design problems have been dealt with in [6, 7, 23] for *linear* discrete-time systems with correlated noises.

Most traditional filtering algorithms have been based on the measurement outputs that are supposed to contain information about the current state of the system. However, in engineering practice, the system measurements may be subject to unavoidable sensor delays, which is particularly true in a networked environment. In the past decade, a great number of results have been reported for filtering problems with deterministic/fixed sensor delays, see e.g. [1, 37]. On the other hand, because of limited bandwidth of the communication channel, it is often the case that the sensor delay occurs in a random way when, for example, the information is transmitted through networks in real-time distributed decision-making and multiplexed data communication environment [33]. Accordingly, the filtering problems with *random* sensor delays have recently received much research attention (see e.g. [3, 16, 18, 35]), where all sensors share the same type of delay characteristics as pointed out in [4, 12]. Nevertheless, in reality, the system measurements are usually collected through multiple sensors with different physical constraints. In this case, it is somewhat conservative to assume that all sensors undergo random delays of the same probability distribution law. Rather, it would make more practical sense to consider individual features for randomly occurring sensor delays [4]. As such, in this paper, one of our motivations is to utilize a series of mutually independent Bernoulli-distributed random variables to parameterize the random occurrence of the delays for each individual sensor.

Apart from the measurement delays, it has been well recognized that the existence of nonlinearities may lead to

undesirable oscillatory behavior and therefore poses great challenges on the filter design. In the past few decades, the nonlinear filtering/control problems have been the focuses of research that have attracted considerable research attention, see e.g. [2, 5, 9, 22, 28, 29, 31]. Parallel to the sensor delay phenomenon, the nonlinearity may also occur in a random fashion especially when the signals are transmitted through networks suffering from limited bandwidth. For example, the intensity of nonlinear disturbances may vary with the network conditions for various reasons including signal congestion, quantization, fading and disorder. Accordingly, the so-called stochastic nonlinearities have started to receive some initial research interest for filtering problems, see e.g. [30, 36]. On the other hand, for practical purposes, the filter design is inevitably subject to certain physical constraints. For example, in many applications, the system states should preserve the positivity, the system outputs experience saturations, and the filter gains may need to be of a specific structure for easy implementation. The filtering problems with constraints have been gaining a recurring research interest in the past decade, see e.g. [13, 21, 26]. Very recently, in [26], a Kalman filter algorithm has been developed to cope with the constraints on the data injection gain. Unfortunately, up to now, very little research effort has been made on the gain-constrained filtering problem with either stochastic nonlinearities or probabilistic sensor delays, not to mention the case where multiple sensors may undergo varying communication delays with different delay rates. It is, therefore, the main purpose of this paper to shorten such a gap.

Summarizing the above discussion, it is of both theoretical importance and practical significance to investigate the gain-constrained recursive filtering problems with stochastic nonlinearities, probabilistic sensor delays as well as correlated noises. Our aim is to develop an effective recursive filter such that the specified cost function with respect to the filtering error is minimized. The main contribution of this paper lies in the following four aspects. 1) A unified framework is established to solve the gain-constrained filtering problem for discrete time-varying system in the simultaneous presence of probabilistic sensor delays, stochastic nonlinearities and correlated noises. 2) Individual delay rate is introduced to cater for the randomly occurring delay phenomenon for each sensor. 3) The Hadamard product is used to facilitate the algorithm development and intensive stochastic analysis is carried out to obtain the filter parameter for ensuring the desired filtering performance. 4) The presented filter scheme is both unbiased and recursive, hence suitable for online applications.

**Notations.** The notations used throughout the paper are standard.  $\delta_{i-j}$  is the Kronecker delta function, which is equal to unity for  $i = j$  and zero for  $i \neq j$ .  $\circ$  is the Hadamard product with this product being defined as  $[A \circ B]_{ij} = A_{ij} \cdot B_{ij}$ .  $\text{tr}(\cdot)$  stands for the trace of a matrix.  $\mathbb{E}\{x\}$  stands for the expectation of stochastic variable  $x$ .  $\text{Prob}\{\cdot\}$  represents the occurrence probability of the event “.”.  $\text{diag}\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  stands for a block-diagonal matrix with matrices  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  on the diagonal. Ma-

trices, if their dimensions are not explicitly stated, are assumed to be compatible for algebraic operations.

## II. PROBLEM FORMULATION AND PRELIMINARIES

Consider the following class of time-varying nonlinear systems:

$$\vec{x}_{k+1} = \vec{A}_k \vec{x}_k + \vec{f}(\vec{x}_k, \eta_k) + \vec{B}_k \omega_k \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{y}_k = \vec{C}_k \vec{x}_k + \vec{g}(\vec{x}_k, \zeta_k) + \vec{v}_k \quad (2)$$

where  $\vec{x}_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state vector to be estimated,  $\vec{y}_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the *ideal* output vector,  $\eta_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\zeta_k \in \mathbb{R}$  are mutually uncorrelated zero-mean Gaussian noise sequences in  $k$ ,  $\omega_k \in \mathbb{R}^q$  is the process noise,  $\vec{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the measurement noise,  $\vec{A}_k$ ,  $\vec{B}_k$  and  $\vec{C}_k$  are known matrices with appropriate dimensions.

The delayed sensor measurement is described by

$$y_k = (I - \Gamma_k) \vec{y}_k + \Gamma_k \vec{y}_{k-1}. \quad (3)$$

Here,  $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the *actual* measurement output vector,  $\Gamma_k = \text{diag}\{\gamma_{k,1}, \gamma_{k,2}, \dots, \gamma_{k,m}\}$  accounts for the different delay rate of the individual sensor where the random variables  $\gamma_{k,i} \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) are mutually independent in  $k$  and  $i$  taking the values of 1 or 0 with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}\{\gamma_{k,i} = 1\} &= \mathbb{E}\{\gamma_{k,i}\} := \beta_{k,i} \\ \text{Prob}\{\gamma_{k,i} = 0\} &= 1 - \mathbb{E}\{\gamma_{k,i}\} := 1 - \beta_{k,i} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

with  $\beta_{k,i} \in [0, 1)$  being a known scalar.  $\gamma_{k,i}$  is assumed to be independent of  $\eta_k$ ,  $\zeta_k$ ,  $\omega_k$ ,  $\vec{v}_k$  and  $\vec{x}_0$ .

The functions  $\vec{f}(\vec{x}_k, \eta_k)$  and  $\vec{g}(\vec{x}_k, \zeta_k)$  represent the stochastic nonlinearities of the states with  $\vec{f}(0, \eta_k) = 0$  and  $\vec{g}(0, \zeta_k) = 0$  and have the following first moment for all  $\vec{x}_k$ :

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}(\vec{x}_k, \eta_k) \\ \vec{g}(\vec{x}_k, \zeta_k) \end{bmatrix} \middle| \vec{x}_k\right\} = 0 \quad (5)$$

and the covariance given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E}\left\{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}(\vec{x}_k, \eta_k) \\ \vec{g}(\vec{x}_k, \zeta_k) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}(\vec{x}_j, \eta_j) \\ \vec{g}(\vec{x}_j, \zeta_j) \end{bmatrix}^T \middle| \vec{x}_k\right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & k \neq j \\ \sum_{i=1}^r \Pi_i \vec{x}_k^T \Omega_i \vec{x}_k, & k = j \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $\Pi_i = \text{diag}\{\Pi_{1i}, \Pi_{2i}\}$  and  $\Omega_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ) are known matrices with appropriate dimensions, and  $r$  is a known positive integer.

The initial state  $\vec{x}_0$  and all the noise signals are uncorrelated with each other while possessing the following statistical properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{\vec{x}_0\} &= \bar{x}_0, \quad \mathbb{E}\{(\vec{x}_0 - \bar{x}_0)(\vec{x}_0 - \bar{x}_0)^T\} = \bar{P}_{0|0}, \\ \mathbb{E}\{\omega_k\} &= 0, \\ \mathbb{E}\{\omega_k \omega_l^T\} &= Q_k \delta_{k-l} + \sum_{t=1}^{f_k} Q_{k,l} \delta_{k-l-t} + \sum_{t=1}^{d_k} Q_{k,l} \delta_{k-l+t} \\ \mathbb{E}\{\vec{v}_k\} &= 0, \quad \mathbb{E}\{\vec{v}_k \vec{v}_k^T\} = \bar{R}_k \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $\vec{P}_{0|0}$ ,  $\vec{R}_k > 0$ ,  $Q_k > 0$  and  $Q_{k,l}$  are known matrices with appropriate dimensions.

*Remark 1:* Note that the system measurement model (3) was used in [4,17,19]. As pointed out in [4,19], the random variable  $\gamma_{k,i}$  accounts for the random varying delay of the  $i$ -th sensor and the value  $\beta_{k,i}$  represents the probabilities of delay in the measurements of the  $i$ -th sensor. The delayed model in [4] considers the case where the measurements from multiple sensors could have different random delay characteristics. Following the standard practice of communication network design [20], the assumption of one-step sensor delay is based on the supposition that the induced data latency from the sensor to the controller is restricted not to exceed the sampling period.

By defining

$$\begin{aligned} x_k &:= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{x}_k \\ \vec{x}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_k := \begin{bmatrix} \vec{A}_k & 0 \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_k := \begin{bmatrix} \vec{B}_k \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_k &:= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{C}_k & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{C}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(x_k, \eta_k) := \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}(\vec{x}_k, \eta_k) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \nu_k &:= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{\nu}_k \\ \vec{\nu}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Upsilon_k := \begin{bmatrix} I - \Gamma_k & \Gamma_k \end{bmatrix}, \\ g(x_k, \zeta_k, \zeta_{k-1}) &:= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}(\vec{x}_k, \zeta_k) \\ \vec{g}(\vec{x}_{k-1}, \zeta_{k-1}) \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

we have the following compact form:

$$x_{k+1} = A_k x_k + f(x_k, \eta_k) + B_k \omega_k, \quad (9)$$

$$y_k = \Upsilon_k [C_k x_k + g(x_k, \zeta_k, \zeta_{k-1}) + \nu_k] \quad (10)$$

where  $\nu_k$  is the measurement noise of the augmented system (9)-(10). It follows readily from (7)-(8) that  $\nu_k$  obeys

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\{\nu_k\} &= 0, \\ \mathbb{E}\{\nu_k \nu_l^T\} &= R_k \delta_{k-l} + R_{k,k-1} \delta_{k-l-1} + R_{k,k+1} \delta_{k-l+1} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} R_k &= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{R}_k & 0 \\ 0 & \vec{R}_{k-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_{k,k-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \vec{R}_{k-1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ R_{k,k+1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \vec{R}_k \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

For convenience of later developments, define the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Upsilon}_k &:= \mathbb{E}\{\Upsilon_k\} = \begin{bmatrix} I - \bar{\Gamma}_k & \bar{\Gamma}_k \end{bmatrix}, \\ \tilde{\Upsilon}_k &:= \Upsilon_k - \tilde{\Upsilon}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Gamma}_k - \Gamma_k & \Gamma_k - \bar{\Gamma}_k \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where  $\bar{\Gamma}_k := \text{diag}\{\beta_{k,1}, \beta_{k,2}, \dots, \beta_{k,m}\}$ . According to (4), we have an easily accessible result that  $\tilde{\Upsilon}_k$  is a zero-mean stochastic matrix sequence.

For system (9)-(10), we are interested in designing a filter of the following form:

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k} = A_k \hat{x}_{k|k}, \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} &= \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + K_{k+1}(y_{k+1} - \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1} \\ &\quad \times \hat{x}_{k+1|k}) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\hat{x}_{k|k}$  is the estimate of  $x_k$  at time  $k$  with  $\hat{x}_{0|0} = [\vec{x}_0^T \ 0]^T$ ,  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k}$  is the one-step prediction at time  $k$ , and  $K_{k+1}$  is the filter parameter to be determined.

The criterion for the addressed filtering problem is that the desired filter parameter in (13)-(14) should minimize the following cost function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{N}_{k+1}(K_{k+1}) \\ := \mathbb{E} \left\{ (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k+1})^T W_{k+1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k+1}) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

subject to the gain constraint

$$M_{k+1} K_{k+1} N_{k+1} = F_{k+1} \quad (16)$$

where  $M_{k+1}$ ,  $N_{k+1}$  and  $F_{k+1}$  are known matrices. As discussed in [26], the symmetric positive-definite weighting matrix  $W_{k+1}$  characterizes how much the state elements should be updated relative to each other, which gives a performance index. Furthermore, the matrices  $M_{k+1}$  and  $N_{k+1}$  are assumed to be of, respectively, full row rank and full column rank.

*Remark 2:* As pointed out in [26], the gain-constrained filtering problem stems from the data-injection issue arose in practice because 1) the data-injection is restricted to ensure the unbiasedness of the state estimates irrespective to the arbitrary unknown exogenous inputs; 2) the data-injection is restricted to simplify the estimator structure so as to facilitate the multiprocessor implementation for applications or to deal with the partial/complete sensor outage; and 3) the data-injection is restricted to guarantee the state estimates satisfying a linear equality constraint. Note that the gain-constrained filtering problem has been investigated for a broad class of real-time dynamical systems, see e.g. the estimation problem of two state continuous stirred tank reactor [15], the tracking problem of a land based vehicle [21], the tracking problem of a vehicle along circular roads [32] and so on.

*Remark 3:* In view of (5) and (7), it is reasonable to have the time update equation obeying (13). We will show later that the filter (13)-(14) to be developed is also unbiased. Moreover, due to the stochasticity resulting from multiple sources (stochastic nonlinearities, probabilistic sensor delays as well as correlated noises) and filter gain constraints, we aim to pursue the local optimality of filter design in the sense of minimizing the cost function (15) on the filtering error at each sampling instant.

### III. MAIN RESULTS

To proceed, we introduce the following lemmas which will be helpful in deriving our main results. For presentation clarity, we place all proofs of the results in appendices.

*Lemma 1:* [8] Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a real matrix and  $B = \text{diag}\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$  be a diagonal stochastic matrix. Then

$$\mathbb{E}\{BAB^T\} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}\{b_1^2\} & \mathbb{E}\{b_1 b_2\} & \cdots & \mathbb{E}\{b_1 b_n\} \\ \mathbb{E}\{b_2 b_1\} & \mathbb{E}\{b_2^2\} & \cdots & \mathbb{E}\{b_2 b_n\} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}\{b_n b_1\} & \mathbb{E}\{b_n b_2\} & \cdots & \mathbb{E}\{b_n^2\} \end{bmatrix} \circ A$$

where  $\circ$  is the Hadamard product.

*Lemma 2:* The state covariance matrix  $X_{k+1} = \mathbb{E}\{x_{k+1}x_{k+1}^T\}$  obeys the following recursion:

$$X_{k+1} = A_k X_k A_k^T + A_k \mathcal{G}_k B_k^T + B_k \mathcal{G}_k^T A_k^T + \sum_{i=1}^r H_1^T \Pi_{1i} \text{tr}(\bar{\Omega}_{1i} X_k) H_1 + B_k Q_k B_k^T \quad (17)$$

with initial value  $X_0 = \text{diag}\{\bar{x}_0 \bar{x}_0^T, 0\} + \text{diag}\{\bar{P}_{0|0}, 0\}$  and

$$\mathcal{G}_k := B_{k-1} Q_{k-1, k} + \sum_{t=2}^{d_k} \left( \prod_{j=2}^t A_{k+1-j} \right) B_{k-t} Q_{k-t, k}, \quad (18)$$

$$\bar{\Omega}_{1i} := H_1^T \Omega_i H_1,$$

$$H_1 := \begin{bmatrix} I_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Proof:* See Appendix -A.  $\blacksquare$

*Lemma 3:* The one-step prediction error covariance  $P_{k+1|k} = \mathbb{E}\{\tilde{x}_{k+1|k} \tilde{x}_{k+1|k}^T\}$  is given by

$$P_{k+1|k} = A_k P_{k|k} A_k^T + A_k \mathcal{Z}_k B_k^T + B_k \mathcal{Z}_k^T A_k^T + \sum_{i=1}^r H_1^T \Pi_{1i} \text{tr}(\bar{\Omega}_{1i} X_k) H_1 + B_k Q_k B_k^T \quad (19)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{Z}_k \\ := & (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) \mathcal{G}_k - \sum_{t=2}^{d_k} \left\{ \left[ \left( \prod_{j=2}^t (I - K_{k+2-j} \right. \right. \right. \\ & \times \left. \left. \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+2-j} C_{k+2-j} \right) A_{k+1-j} \right] K_{k+1-t} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1-t} C_{k+1-t} \right] \\ & \times \left[ B_{k-t} Q_{k-t, k} + \sum_{i=t+1}^{d_k} \left( \prod_{l=t+1}^i A_{k+1-l} \right) B_{k-i} Q_{k-i, k} \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\Omega}_{1i}$ ,  $H_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_k$  are defined in (18), and  $P_{k|k} := \mathbb{E}\{\tilde{x}_{k|k} \tilde{x}_{k|k}^T\}$  is the filtering error covariance with  $\tilde{x}_{k|k} = x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k}$  being the filtering error.

*Proof:* See Appendix -B.  $\blacksquare$

In Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, similar to [6], the recursions of state covariance and the one-step prediction error covariance have been established. Next, we will proceed to show that 1) the proposed filtering scheme is unbiased; and 2) the cost function (15) with constraint (16) is minimized at each sampling instant by appropriately designing the filter parameter.

*Theorem 1:* The filter in (13)-(14) is unbiased. Moreover, the filtering error covariance  $P_{k+1|k+1}$  obeys the following recursion

$$\begin{aligned} & P_{k+1|k+1} \\ = & (I - K_{k+1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) P_{k+1|k} (I - K_{k+1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1})^T \\ & - (I - K_{k+1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} + \mathcal{J}_{k+1}) \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T K_{k+1}^T \\ & - K_{k+1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} + \mathcal{J}_{k+1})^T (I - K_{k+1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1})^T \\ & + K_{k+1} [\bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} (\bar{\Omega}_{2, k+1} + R_{k+1}) \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T + \mathcal{K}_{k+1} \\ & + \mathcal{L}_{k+1} + \mathcal{Q}_{k+1}] K_{k+1}^T \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Omega}_{2, k+1} & := \text{diag} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r \Pi_{2i} \text{tr}(H_1^T \Omega_i H_1 X_{k+1}), \right. \\ & \left. \sum_{i=1}^r \Pi_{2i} \text{tr}(H_2^T \Omega_i H_2 X_{k+1}) \right\}, \\ H_2 & := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_n \end{bmatrix}, \\ \check{\Upsilon}_{k+1} & := \text{diag}\{\beta_{k+1,1}(1 - \beta_{k+1,1}), \beta_{k+1,2}(1 - \beta_{k+1,2}), \\ & \dots, \beta_{k+1,m}(1 - \beta_{k+1,m})\}, \\ \mathcal{R}_{k+1} & := -A_k K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k R_{k, k+1}, \\ \mathcal{J}_{k+1} & := -A_k K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k \Psi_{k+1}, \\ \mathcal{K}_{k+1} & := \check{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \circ (\bar{H} C_{k+1} X_{k+1} C_{k+1}^T \bar{H}^T), \\ \bar{H} & := \begin{bmatrix} I_m & -I_m \end{bmatrix}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{k+1} & := \check{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \circ (\bar{H} \bar{\Omega}_{2, k+1} \bar{H}^T), \\ \mathcal{Q}_{k+1} & := \check{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \circ (\bar{H} R_{k+1} \bar{H}^T), \\ \Psi_{k+1} & := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sum_{i=1}^r \Pi_{2i} \text{tr}(H_2^T \Omega_i H_2 X_{k+1}) \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21) \end{aligned}$$

and  $X_{k+1}$  and  $P_{k+1|k}$  are defined, respectively, in (17) and (19).

*Proof:* See Appendix -C.  $\blacksquare$

Having obtained the filtering error covariance, we are now ready to deal with the optimization issue of the cost function (15) under the constraint (16). Based on [26], the filter parameter is designed to minimize the cost function (15) subject to the constraint (16).

*Theorem 2:* Let the filter parameter  $K_{k+1}$  be

$$K_{k+1} = \mathcal{H}_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} + \mathcal{I}_{k+1} (M_{k+1} \mathcal{H}_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} N_{k+1} - F_{k+1}) \mathcal{J}_{k+1}. \quad (22)$$

Then, the cost function  $\mathfrak{N}_{k+1}(K_{k+1})$  in (15) with the constraint (16) is minimized by  $K_{k+1}$  defined in (22). Moreover, the filtering error covariance  $P_{k+1|k+1}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & P_{k+1|k+1} \\ = & P_{k+1|k} - \mathcal{H}_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} \mathcal{H}_{k+1}^T + \mathcal{I}_{k+1} (M_{k+1} \mathcal{H}_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} \\ & \times N_{k+1} - F_{k+1}) (N_{k+1}^T \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} N_{k+1})^{-1} \\ & \times (M_{k+1} \mathcal{H}_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} N_{k+1} - F_{k+1})^T \mathcal{I}_{k+1}^T \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{k+1} & := (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} + \mathcal{J}_{k+1} + P_{k+1|k} C_{k+1}^T) \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T, \\ \mathcal{I}_{k+1} & := W_{k+1}^{-1} M_{k+1}^T (M_{k+1} W_{k+1}^{-1} M_{k+1}^T)^{-1}, \\ \mathcal{J}_{k+1} & := (N_{k+1}^T \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} N_{k+1})^{-1} N_{k+1}^T \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1}, \\ \mathcal{S}_{k+1} & := \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \left[ C_{k+1} P_{k+1|k} C_{k+1}^T + \bar{\Omega}_{2, k+1} + R_{k+1} \right. \\ & \left. + (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} + \mathcal{J}_{k+1})^T C_{k+1}^T + C_{k+1} (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} \right. \\ & \left. + \mathcal{J}_{k+1}) \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T + \mathcal{K}_{k+1} + \mathcal{L}_{k+1} + \mathcal{Q}_{k+1}, \right. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

and  $\bar{\Omega}_{2,k+1}$ ,  $\bar{\mathcal{R}}_{k+1}$ ,  $\bar{\mathcal{I}}_{k+1}$ ,  $\bar{\mathcal{K}}_{k+1}$ ,  $\bar{\mathcal{L}}_{k+1}$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}_{k+1}$  are defined in (21).

*Proof:* See Appendix -D.  $\blacksquare$

*Remark 4:* In this paper, we examine how the probabilistic sensor delays, stochastic nonlinearities, correlated noises and gain constraint influence the performance of the recursive filter for a class of time-varying nonlinear stochastic system. In Theorem 2, all these important aspects are dealt with in a unified yet effective framework. In particular, the proposed filtering algorithm has the following advantages: 1) the filter structure is simple and easy to be implemented; 2) all the system parameters, occurrence probabilities of the sensor delays, statistical characteristics of the stochastic nonlinearities and the moment information of the correlated noises are explicitly reflected in the algorithm; and 3) the algorithm is of a recursive nature suitable for online applications. In the case where global optimality of the recursive filter approach becomes a concern, specific efforts would have to be made for our future research.

*Remark 5:* It is well known that the traditional Kalman filter serves as an optimal filter in the minimum-variance sense for linear systems with the assumption that the model is exactly known. In order to cope with the network-induced phenomena and the gain constraints, some important filter algorithms have been developed for linear systems, see e.g. [18, 26]. Unfortunately, the existing estimation methods based on the traditional Kalman filtering theory cannot be simply applied to the addressed system (1)-(2) in the simultaneous presence of the probabilistic sensor delays, stochastic nonlinearities, gain constraint and correlated noises. To be specific, the following aspects prevent the existing methods from being applied to the recursive filtering problem considered in this paper: 1) the probabilistic sensor delays are described by a series of random variables, where each sensor is allowed to have individual delay rate, 2) the stochastic nonlinearities described by statistical means are taken into account to better reflect the reality, and 3) the process noises are finite-step auto-correlated and there is a constraint on the filter gain. In conclusion, our developed recursive filtering scheme provides another approach that complements the existing techniques for handling network-induced phenomena and gain constraints.

*Remark 6:* To deal with the computational complexity of the proposed filtering algorithm, we recall that the length of time-horizon is  $N$ , and the variable dimensions can be seen from  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$  and  $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . It is not difficult to calculate the overall computational complexity of the given algorithm as  $O(N(2n)^3)$ , which depends linearly on the length of finite time horizon and polynomially on the variable dimension. Generally, the classical Kalman filter and extended Kalman filter have less computation burden than the proposed filter method. However, the new filter scheme has a potential advantage to deal with the complicated problem with multiple constraints addressed in this paper.

#### IV. AN ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

Consider the following system:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}_{k+1} = \bar{A}_k \bar{x}_k + \bar{f}(\bar{x}_k, \eta_k) + \bar{B}_k \omega_k, \\ \bar{y}_k = \bar{C}_k \bar{x}_k + \bar{g}(\bar{x}_k, \zeta_k) + \bar{v}_k, \\ \omega_k = \varsigma_k + \varsigma_{k-1}, \end{cases}$$

with

$$\bar{A}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & T & \frac{T^2}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & T \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{B}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{T^2}{2} \\ T \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\bar{C}_k = \begin{bmatrix} 1.05 & 0.28 & 0.03 \\ 0 & 1 + 0.2 \sin(3k) & 0.15 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $T = 0.01$  is the sampling period,  $\varsigma_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\bar{v}_k \in \mathbb{R}^2$  are zero-mean Gaussian noises with variances 0.05 and  $0.01I_2$ , respectively.

The delayed sensor measurement is described by

$$\begin{cases} y_{k,1} = (1 - \gamma_{k,1}) \bar{y}_{k,1} + \gamma_{k,1} \bar{y}_{k-1,1} \\ y_{k,2} = (1 - \gamma_{k,2}) \bar{y}_{k,2} + \gamma_{k,2} \bar{y}_{k-1,2} \end{cases}$$

where  $\bar{y}_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is the  $i$ -th element of the ideal output  $\bar{y}_k$ ,  $y_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is the  $i$ -th element of the actual measured output  $y_k$ . The random variables  $\gamma_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) satisfy the Bernoulli distribution with  $\bar{\Gamma}_k := \text{diag}\{\beta_{k,1}, \beta_{k,2}\} = \{0.1, 0.05\}$ .

The stochastic nonlinearities  $\bar{f}(\bar{x}_k, \eta_k)$  and  $\bar{g}(\bar{x}_k, \zeta_k)$  are chosen as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{f}(\bar{x}_k, \eta_k) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.4 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} [0.5 \text{sign}(\bar{x}_{k,1}) \bar{x}_{k,1} \eta_{k,1} + 0.4 \text{sign}(\bar{x}_{k,2}) \\ &\quad \times \bar{x}_{k,2} \eta_{k,2} + 0.3 \text{sign}(\bar{x}_{k,3}) \bar{x}_{k,3} \eta_{k,3}] \\ \bar{g}(\bar{x}_k, \zeta_k) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix} [0.5 \text{sign}(\bar{x}_{k,1}) \bar{x}_{k,1} \zeta_{k,1} + 0.4 \text{sign}(\bar{x}_{k,2}) \\ &\quad \times \bar{x}_{k,2} \zeta_{k,2} + 0.3 \text{sign}(\bar{x}_{k,3}) \bar{x}_{k,3} \zeta_{k,3}] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{x}_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) denotes the  $i$ -th element of the system state,  $\eta_{k,i}$  and  $\zeta_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) stand for zero-mean uncorrelated Gaussian white noises with variance  $\Xi_k = 0.2$ . It is not difficult to verify that the above stochastic nonlinearities satisfy (5)-(6) with

$$\Pi_{1i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.20 & 0.10 \\ 0.20 & 0.16 & 0.08 \\ 0.10 & 0.08 & 0.04 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Pi_{2i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.09 & 0.18 \\ 0.18 & 0.36 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\Omega_i = \Xi_k \times \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.16 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.09 \end{bmatrix}.$$

In the simulation, set the initial value of estimation as  $\hat{x}_{0|0} = [400 \ 100 \ 9]^T$  and  $\bar{P}_{0|0} = 0.01I_3$ . Other parameters are chosen as  $W_{k+1} = 0.15I_6$  and

$$M_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.35 & 1 & 0 & 0.35 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0.62 & 1 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$N_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.82 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.35 \\ 0.6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

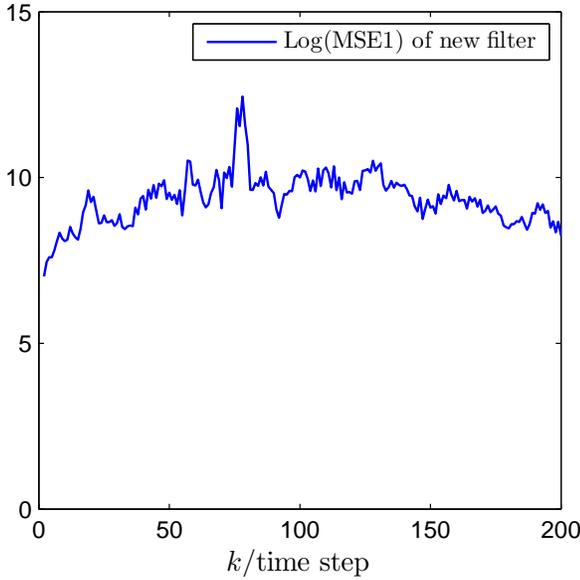


Fig. 1. Log(MSE1)

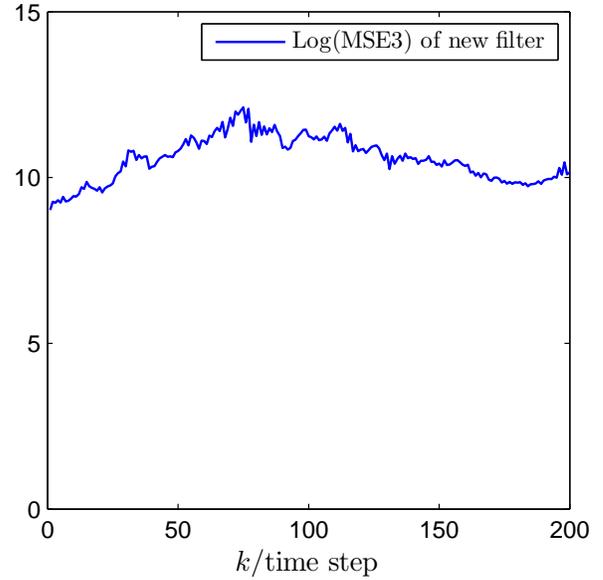


Fig. 3. Log(MSE3)

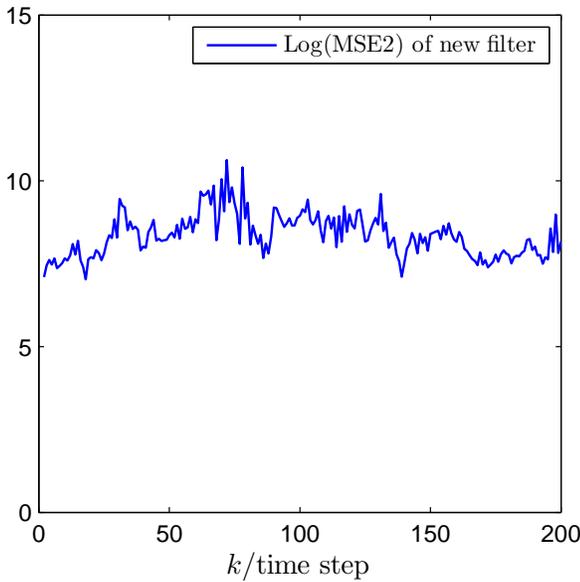
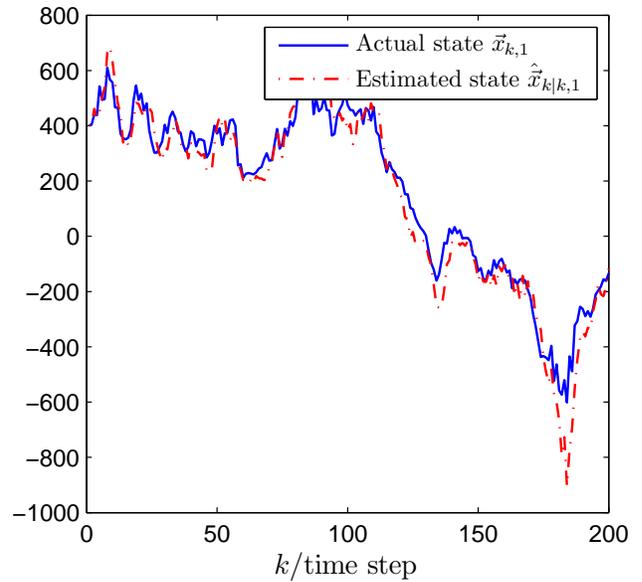


Fig. 2. Log(MSE2)

Fig. 4. Actual state  $\vec{x}_{k,1}$  and estimated state  $\hat{\vec{x}}_{k|k,1}$ 

Let  $\text{MSE}_i$  denote the mean square error (MSE) for the estimation of  $\vec{x}_{k,i}$ , i.e.,  $(1/M) \sum_{j=1}^M (\vec{x}_{k,i}^{(j)} - \hat{\vec{x}}_{k|k,i}^{(j)})^2$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ), where  $M = 100$  denotes the number of simulation test. The simulation results are shown in Figs. 1-6. Among them, the  $\text{Log}(\text{MSE})_i$  for the estimation of  $\vec{x}_{k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are shown in Figs. 1-3. Moreover, the trajectories of the actual states  $\vec{x}_{k,i}$  and their estimates  $\hat{\vec{x}}_{k|k,i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) are plotted in Figs. 4-6. The simulation results illustrate that the presented scheme performs well in estimating the system states, which is due to the fact that we have made specific efforts to compensate the effects of the probabilistic sensor delays, stochastic nonlinearities as well as correlated

noises.

## V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the recursive filtering problem has been investigated for a class of nonlinear systems in the simultaneous presence of probabilistic sensor delays, stochastic nonlinearities, gain constraint and correlated noises. The filter parameter has been designed such that the specified cost function with gain constraint is minimized at each sampling instant. It has been shown that the proposed algorithm is of a recursive form suitable for online applications. A simulation example has been given to illustrate the effectiveness of the presented filtering scheme, where the pro-

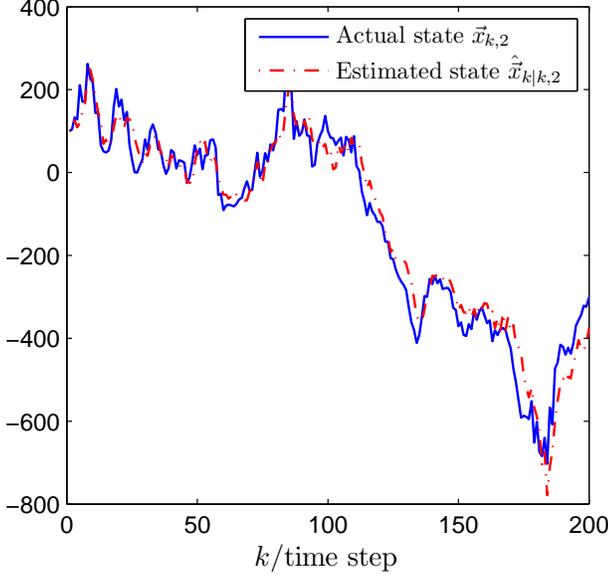


Fig. 5. Actual state  $\vec{x}_{k,2}$  and estimated state  $\hat{\vec{x}}_{k|k,2}$

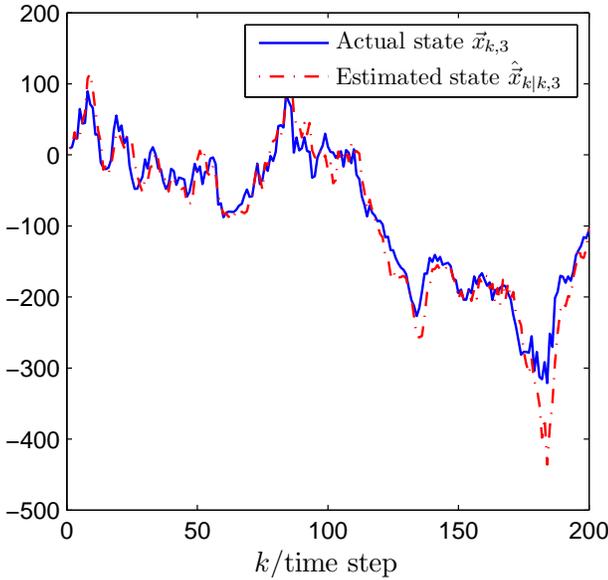


Fig. 6. Actual state  $\vec{x}_{k,3}$  and estimated state  $\hat{\vec{x}}_{k|k,3}$

posed method has been applied to estimate the states for the addressed time-varying system involving the stochastic nonlinearities, the randomly varying delayed observations coming from two sensors with different delay characteristics and the correlated process noises. The results are potentially applicable to state estimation for stabilizing the output feedback control systems. Further research topics include the extension of the main results to the filtering problem for a more general class of time-varying nonlinear systems and the derivation of globally optimal filter for the considered time-varying nonlinear systems.

## APPENDICES

### A. Proof of Lemma 2

*Proof:* By considering (5)-(7) and (9), the recursion of  $X_{k+1}$  can be obtained as follows:

$$X_{k+1} = A_k X_k A_k^T + A_k \mathcal{G}_k B_k^T + B_k \mathcal{G}_k^T A_k^T + \mathbb{E} \{ f(x_k, \eta_k) f^T(x_k, \eta_k) \} + B_k Q_k B_k^T \quad (25)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_k := \mathbb{E} \{ x_k \omega_k^T \}$ . Together with (6) and (8), we have

$$\mathbb{E} \{ f(x_k, \eta_k) f^T(x_k, \eta_k) \} = \sum_{i=1}^r H_1^T \Pi_{1i} \text{tr}(\bar{\Omega}_{1i} X_k) H_1 \quad (26)$$

where  $\bar{\Omega}_{1i}$  and  $H_1$  are defined in (18).

By (7), the term  $\mathcal{G}_k$  can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_k &= A_{k-1} \mathbb{E} \{ x_{k-1} \omega_k^T \} + B_{k-1} Q_{k-1, k} \\ &\vdots \\ &= B_{k-1} Q_{k-1, k} + \sum_{t=2}^{d_k} \left( \prod_{j=2}^t A_{k+1-j} \right) B_{k-t} Q_{k-t, k}. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Note that, in deriving (27), we have used the fact that  $\eta_k$  is uncorrelated with  $\omega_k$ . Substituting (26) and (27) into (25) yields (17). ■

### B. Proof of Lemma 3

*Proof:* It follows from (9) and (13) that

$$\tilde{x}_{k+1|k} = A_k \tilde{x}_{k|k} + f(x_k, \eta_k) + B_k \omega_k,$$

and then the one-step prediction error covariance can be determined as

$$\begin{aligned} P_{k+1|k} &= A_k P_{k|k} A_k^T + A_k \mathcal{Z}_k B_k^T + B_k \mathcal{Z}_k^T A_k^T \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^r H_1^T \Pi_{1i} \text{tr}(\bar{\Omega}_{1i} X_k) H_1 + B_k Q_k B_k^T \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}_k := \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{x}_{k|k} \omega_k^T \}$ .

From (10), (14) and (27), the term  $\mathcal{Z}_k$  can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Z}_k &= (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) \mathcal{G}_k - (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) \mathbb{E} \{ \hat{x}_{k|k-1} \omega_k^T \} \\ &= (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) \mathcal{G}_k - (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) A_{k-1} \\ &\quad \times (I - K_{k-1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k-1} C_{k-1}) \mathbb{E} \{ \hat{x}_{k-1|k-2} \omega_k^T \} \\ &\quad - (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) A_{k-1} K_{k-1} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k-1} C_{k-1} \mathbb{E} \{ x_{k-1} \omega_k^T \} \\ &\vdots \\ &= (I - K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k) \mathcal{G}_k - \sum_{t=2}^{d_k} \left\{ \left[ \left( \prod_{j=2}^t (I - K_{k+2-j} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+2-j} C_{k+2-j}) \right) A_{k+1-j} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. K_{k+1-t} \bar{\Upsilon}_{k+1-t} C_{k+1-t} \right\} \\ &\quad \times \left[ B_{k-t} Q_{k-t, k} + \sum_{i=t+1}^{d_k} \left( \prod_{l=t+1}^i A_{k+1-l} \right) B_{k-i} Q_{k-i, k} \right] \end{aligned}$$

(29)

where  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is defined in (27). It follows from (28)-(29) that (19) holds. ■

### C. Proof of Theorem 1

*Proof:* To begin with, let us show the unbiasedness of the filter in (13)-(14). According to (10) and (14), the filtering error can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{x}_{k+1|k+1} \\ &= (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) \tilde{x}_{k+1|k} - K_{k+1} [\tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1} \\ & \quad \times x_{k+1} + \Upsilon_{k+1} g(x_{k+1}, \zeta_{k+1}, \zeta_k) + \Upsilon_{k+1} \nu_{k+1}]. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Taking mathematical expectation of both sides of (30), it follows from (9) and (13) that

$$\mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{x}_{k+1|k+1} \} = (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) A_k \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{x}_{k|k} \}. \quad (31)$$

With the given initial condition, it is not difficult to show that  $\mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{x}_{k|k} \} = 0$  for all  $k \geq 0$ , which confirms the unbiasedness of the filter (13)-(14). Subsequently, the filtering error covariance  $P_{k+1|k+1}$  can be obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & P_{k+1|k+1} \\ &= (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) P_{k+1|k} (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1})^T \\ & \quad - (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) \mathcal{R}_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T K_{k+1}^T \\ & \quad - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \mathcal{R}_{k+1}^T (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1})^T \\ & \quad - (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1}) \mathcal{J}_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T K_{k+1}^T \\ & \quad - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \mathcal{J}_{k+1}^T (I - K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1})^T \\ & \quad + K_{k+1} \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} (\bar{\Omega}_{2,k+1} + R_{k+1}) \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T K_{k+1}^T \\ & \quad + K_{k+1} (\mathcal{K}_{k+1} + \mathcal{L}_{k+1} + \mathcal{Q}_{k+1}) K_{k+1}^T, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{k+1} &:= \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{x}_{k+1|k} \nu_{k+1}^T \}, \\ \mathcal{J}_{k+1} &:= \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{x}_{k+1|k} g^T(x_{k+1}, \zeta_{k+1}, \zeta_k) \}, \\ \mathcal{K}_{k+1} &:= \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1} x_{k+1} x_{k+1}^T C_{k+1}^T \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T \}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{k+1} &:= \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} g(x_{k+1}, \zeta_{k+1}, \zeta_k) \\ & \quad \times g^T(x_{k+1}, \zeta_{k+1}, \zeta_k) \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T \}, \\ \mathcal{Q}_{k+1} &:= \mathbb{E} \{ \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \nu_{k+1} \nu_{k+1}^T \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T \}, \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

and  $\bar{\Omega}_{2,k+1}$  is defined in (21).

By using the property of conditional expectation and applying Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_{k+1} &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} C_{k+1} x_{k+1} x_{k+1}^T C_{k+1}^T \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T \right\} \\ &= \check{\Gamma}_{k+1} \circ (\bar{H} C_{k+1} X_{k+1} C_{k+1}^T \bar{H}^T) \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where  $\bar{H}$  and  $\check{\Gamma}_{k+1}$  are defined in (21). Following the same line of the derivation for (34), the terms of  $\mathcal{L}_{k+1}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_{k+1}$  can be obtained as

$$\mathcal{L}_{k+1} = \check{\Gamma}_{k+1} \circ (\bar{H} \bar{\Omega}_{2,k+1} \bar{H}^T), \quad (35)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_{k+1} = \check{\Gamma}_{k+1} \circ (\bar{H} R_{k+1} \bar{H}^T). \quad (36)$$

Next, let us determine the term  $\mathcal{R}_{k+1}$  in (33) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{R}_{k+1} \\ &= -\mathbb{E} \left\{ A_k [\hat{x}_{k|k-1} + K_k (y_k - \bar{\Upsilon}_k C_k \hat{x}_{k|k-1})] \nu_{k+1}^T \right\} \\ &= -A_k K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k R_{k,k+1} \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Note that, when deriving (37), we have used the facts that (i)  $x_{k+1}$  is uncorrelated with the measurement noise  $\nu_{k+1}$ ; and (ii)  $\hat{x}_{k|k-1}$  is uncorrelated with the measurement noise  $\nu_{k+1}$ . Similarly, the term  $\mathcal{J}_{k+1}$  in (32) can be calculated as

$$\mathcal{J}_{k+1} = -A_k K_k \bar{\Upsilon}_k \Psi_{k+1} \quad (38)$$

where  $\Psi_{k+1}$  is defined in (21). Then, from (32) and (34)-(38), it can be concluded that (20) is true. ■

### D. Proof of Theorem 2

*Proof:* Define the Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}(K_{k+1}) &:= \text{tr}[\mathfrak{N}_{k+1}(K_{k+1})] + 2\text{tr}[(M_{k+1} K_{k+1} \\ & \quad \times N_{k+1} - F_{k+1}) \Lambda_{k+1}^T] \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

where  $\Lambda_{k+1}$  is the Lagrange multiplier. Take the partial derivative of (39) with respect to  $K_{k+1}$  and  $\Lambda_{k+1}$ , respectively. Letting the derivative be zero yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}}{\partial K_{k+1}} \\ &= 2 \left\{ -W_{k+1} P_{k+1|k} C_{k+1}^T \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T - W_{k+1} (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} \right. \\ & \quad + \mathcal{J}_{k+1}) \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T + W_{k+1} K_{k+1} \left[ \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1} \left( C_{k+1} P_{k+1|k} C_{k+1}^T \right. \right. \\ & \quad + \bar{\Omega}_{2,k+1} + R_{k+1} + (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} + \mathcal{J}_{k+1})^T C_{k+1}^T \\ & \quad \left. \left. + C_{k+1} (\mathcal{R}_{k+1} + \mathcal{J}_{k+1}) \right) \tilde{\Upsilon}_{k+1}^T + \mathcal{K}_{k+1} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \mathcal{L}_{k+1} + \mathcal{Q}_{k+1} \right] + M_{k+1}^T \Lambda_{k+1} N_{k+1}^T \left. \right\} \\ &= 2 (-W_{k+1} \mathcal{H}_{k+1} + W_{k+1} K_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1} + M_{k+1}^T \Lambda_{k+1} N_{k+1}^T) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathfrak{S}_{k+1}}{\partial \Lambda_{k+1}} = 2 (M_{k+1} K_{k+1} N_{k+1} - F_{k+1}) = 0 \quad (41)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_{k+1}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{k+1}$  are defined in (24). According to (41), it can be concluded that (16) is satisfied.

On the other hand, it follows from (40) that

$$-W_{k+1} \mathcal{H}_{k+1} + W_{k+1} K_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1} + M_{k+1}^T \Lambda_{k+1} N_{k+1}^T = 0 \quad (42)$$

Pre-multiplying and post-multiplying (42) by  $W_{k+1}^{-1}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1}$ , we have

$$-\mathcal{H}_{k+1} \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} + K_{k+1} + W_{k+1}^{-1} M_{k+1}^T \Lambda_{k+1} N_{k+1}^T \mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1} = 0 \quad (43)$$

Subsequently, pre-multiply and post-multiply (43) by  $M_{k+1}$  and  $N_{k+1}$ , respectively. Then, by considering (16), we can get

$$-M_{k+1}\mathcal{H}_{k+1}\mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1}N_{k+1}+F_{k+1}+M_{k+1}W_{k+1}^{-1}M_{k+1}^T \quad (44)$$

$$\times \Lambda_{k+1}N_{k+1}^T\mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1}N_{k+1}=0.$$

According to (44), we obtain

$$\Lambda_{k+1}=(M_{k+1}W_{k+1}^{-1}M_{k+1}^T)^{-1}(M_{k+1}\mathcal{H}_{k+1}\mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1}N_{k+1} \quad (45)$$

$$-F_{k+1})(N_{k+1}^T\mathcal{S}_{k+1}^{-1}N_{k+1})^{-1}.$$

From (43) and (45), the filter parameter can be determined as in (22). Subsequently, substituting (22) into (20) and after tedious algebraic manipulations, we can obtain the recursion (23). ■

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