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Explanation of this revision

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First of all, the authors would like to express their sincere thanks to the Editor and the anonymous reviewer for their helpful comments and suggestions. The explanation of the modifications as well as corrections in this revision can be arranged as follows (comment numbers are in 1:1 correspondence with the reviewers' comments).

Reply to Dr. Andrea Lecchini-Visintini

Thank you very much for your time and efforts in coordinating the review process. Your comprehensive summary of the review reports is much appreciated. In this revision, all the comments from the reviewers have been seriously taken into account and thoroughly implemented.

Reply to Reviewer No. 1

Thanks to this reviewer for the encouraging comments.

1) Page 2, the 3rd paragraph

In this revision, the following comment has been added to point out the advantage and significance comparing with existing papers that addressed the stability of Markovian jumping systems with incomplete transition probabilities:

"Comparing with [28,29], both the nonlinearities and time-varying delays are considered for Markovian jumping systems and therefore the model in this paper is more general. In addition, the reliability issue is studied and a reliable filter is designed in the presence of possible sensor failures. The main contributions are as follows. 1) The transition probabilities of the jumping process are assumed to be partly unknown. The developed results are more general since they can be applied to Markovian jumping systems with completely known, completely unknown and partly unknown transition probabilities. 2) The nonlinearities are introduced as exogenous nonlinear disturbances which are described by statistical means. 3) The sensor failures are described by a variable taking values in some interval. Note that such a description is more practical than the conventional outage case. 4) By using a novel Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional and delay-partitioning technique, delay-dependent sufficient conditions are obtained under which the filtering error system is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . 5) An extra variable is introduced to realize the decoupling between the Lyapunov matrices and the filtering error system matrices in order to reduce the conservatism."

2) Page 2, the 3rd paragraph

In this revision, the following comment has been added to further strengthen the motivation for this paper.

"Comparing with [28,29], both the nonlinearities and time-varying delays are considered for Markovian jumping systems and therefore the model in this paper is more general. In addition, the reliability issue is studied and a reliable filter is designed in the presence of possible sensor failures."

3) Page 16, Conclusion

In this revision, the following comment has been added in the conclusion part on the future research topics:

"The future research topics would include the extension of the main results developed in this paper to more general complex systems such as networked systems with random packet losses, general stochastic systems, polynomial nonlinear systems and functional differential equations of the neutral type."

- 4) Throughout the paper, block-diagonal matrices have been used to make the big matrices in a more compact format and similar LMIs have been rewritten in a uniform expression, see e.g. inequality (40) on page 13.
- 5) The references

In this revision, the following papers have been added as references.

Z. Wu, H. Su and J. Chu, H_{∞} filtering for singular systems with time-varying delay, International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control, vol. 20, no. 11, pp. 1269-1284, 2010.

Z. Wu, H. Su and J. Chu, H_{∞} filtering for singular Markovian jump systems with time delay, *International Journal of Robust and Nonlinear Control*, vol. 20, no. 8, pp. 939-957, 2010.

Reply to Reviewer No. 2

Thanks to this reviewer for the very positive comments.

(1) Page 2, the 3rd paragraph

In this revision, the main contributions have been explicitly stated as follows:

"The main contributions are as follows. 1) The transition probabilities of the jumping process are assumed to be partly unknown. The developed results are more general since they can be applied to Markovian jumping systems with completely known, completely unknown and partly unknown transition probabilities. 2) The nonlinearities

are introduced as exogenous nonlinear disturbances which are described by statistical means. 3) The sensor failures are described by a variable taking values in some interval. Note that such a description is more practical than the conventional outage case. 4) By using a novel Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional and delay-partitioning technique, delay-dependent sufficient conditions are obtained under which the filtering error system is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . 5) An extra variable is introduced to realize the decoupling between the Lyapunov matrices and the filtering error system matrices in order to reduce the conservatism."

(2) Page 10, Remark 2

In this revision, the following comment has been added in Remark 2 on the partitioning number m and the computational problem:

"If m increases, the dimensions of the LMIs will become larger and the computational burden will increase. Therefore, the partitioning number m should be chosen properly."

(3) Page 4, Remark 1

In this revision, the following remark has been added on the statistically described nonlinearities:

"Remark 1: The nonlinearities in (2) have been described by statistical means in [36] and such description could cover several classes of well-studied nonlinear systems, for example, the nonlinear systems with random sequences whose powers depend on the sector-bounded nonlinear function of the state. Note that the time-delay term is involved in (2), and therefore the model studied in this paper is more general than the corresponding ones in [36]."

(4) Page 16, Conclusion

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(5) The references

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X. Meng, J. Lamb, B. Du and H. Gao, A delay-partitioning approach to the stability analysis of discrete-time systems, *Automatica*, vol. 46, pp. 610-614, 2010.

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Abstract

In this paper, the reliable H_{∞} filtering problem is studied for a class of discrete nonlinear Markovian jump systems with sensor failures and time delays. The transition probabilities of the jumping process are assumed to be partly unknown. The failures of sensors are quantified by a variable taking values in a given interval. The time-varying delay is unknown with given lower and upper bounds. The purpose of the addressed reliable H_{∞} filtering problem is to design a mode-dependent filter such that the filtering error dynamics is asymptotically mean-square stable and also achieves a prescribed H_{∞} performance level. By using a new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional and delay-partitioning technique, sufficient delay-dependent conditions for the existence of such a filter are obtained. The filter gains are characterized in terms of the solution to a convex optimization problem that can be easily solved by using the semi-definite programme method. A numerical example is provided to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed design approach.

Keywords

 H_{∞} filtering; Reliable filtering; Sensor failure; Markovian jump systems; Partly unknown transition probabilities; Delay partitioning.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the past few years, Markovian jumping systems have received a great deal of attention since this class of hybrid systems can model different types of dynamic systems subject to abrupt changes in their structures, e.g. failure prone manufacturing systems, power systems and economics systems. For linear Markovian jumping systems, many important issues have been studied extensively such as stability and stabilization [8, 17, 25], control synthesis [1, 4, 28] and filter design [21, 29, 37]. Recently, much effort has been paid to the nonlinear Markovian jumping systems and some results have been reported [5, 23, 30], where the nonlinearities are often introduced in the form of exogenous nonlinear disturbances which may result from the linearization process of an originally highly nonlinear plant or may be an external nonlinear input. It should be pointed out that all the results mentioned above have assumed that the transition probabilities of the Markovian jumping process are completely known. Unfortunately, this is not always the case in reality. For example, in a networked control system, the transition probabilities themselves may be uncertain or even unknown due primarily to the random nature of the network-induced phenomenon. Therefore, it is significant and challenging to study Markovian jumping systems with partly unknown transition probabilities, see [28,29] for some recently available works.

In practice, time delays are frequently encountered in dynamical systems because of the finite switching speed of the amplifiers. The existence of time-delays may deteriorate the system performance and even result

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in the instability of the systems [2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 36]. Specifically, for Markovian jumping systems with time delays, a great number of results have been reported, see e.g. [5, 6, 27, 32] and the references therein. In the early results, delay-independent approach was used to deal with time delay and such an approach can be applicable to delays of arbitrary length. Since the stability of systems is explicitly dependent on the time-delay, the delay-dependent approach has been widely exploited for Markovian jumping systems, which is generally less conservative than the delay-independent one especially in situations where delays are small [7, 13, 30, 37]. Recently, the so-called delay partitioning technique has been used to address the stability analysis problem of time-delay systems, which has proven to be very effective in reducing the possible conservatism of the stability criteria [8, 12, 31, 35].

On the other hand, almost all practical control systems comprise a large number of sensors. For example, networked control systems (NCSs) have been extensively applied in many technological fields and therefore attracted an increasing research attention. NCSs typically contain numerous sensors, controllers and actuators among which signals are delivered via network communication. However, in practical applications, temporal failures may happen to actuators/sensors and, subsequently, the delivered signals may be incomplete. The occurrence of such a phenomenon may affect the expected control and estimate performance. Hence, it is of engineering significance to design reliable controllers/filters in the presence of possible actuator/sensor failures. For linear systems, the reliable design problem has been thoroughly investigated and many results have been reported, see e.g. [16,20,26]. As for the nonlinear systems, the reliable control/filtering problems with actuator or sensor failures have also attracted much research interest. For example, in [19], a Hamilton-Jacobi equation approach has been used to study the reliable control problem for affine uncertain nonlinear systems. Modified algebraic Riccati equation approach has been developed in [22] to deal with the problem of robust reliable control design for a class of nonlinear uncertain state-delayed systems. In [9, 15, 18, 34], the reliable control and filtering problems have been dealt with via the linear matrix inequality (LMI) approach. However, up to now, the reliable filtering problem for discrete-time nonlinear Markovian jump systems with partly unknown transition probabilities and time-varying delays has not been fully investigated, and this gives the motivation of our present investigation.

In this paper, we focus on the reliable H_{∞} filtering problem against sensor failures for a class of discretetime nonlinear Markovian jumping systems with time-varying delays. Comparing with [28, 29], both the nonlinearities and time-varying delays are considered for Markovian jumping systems and therefore the model in this paper is more general. In addition, the reliability issue is studied and a reliable filter is designed in the presence of possible sensor failures. The main contributions are as follows. 1) The transition probabilities of the jumping process are assumed to be partly unknown. The developed results are more general since they can be applied to Markovian jumping systems with completely known, completely unknown and partly unknown transition probabilities. 2) The nonlinearities are introduced as exogenous nonlinear disturbances which are described by statistical means. 3) The sensor failures are described by a variable taking values in some interval. Note that such a description is more practical than the conventional outage case. 4) By using a novel Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional and delay-partitioning technique, delay-dependent sufficient conditions are obtained under which the filtering error system is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . 5) An extra variable is introduced to realize the decoupling between the Lyapunov matrices and the filtering error system matrices in order to reduce the conservatism. Based on the decoupling idea, we design a mode-dependent reliable H_{∞} filter whose gain can be obtained by solving a set of LMIs. Finally, a simulation example is utilized to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

Notation The following notation will be used in this paper. \mathbb{R}^n denotes the *n* dimensional Euclidean space.

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The notation $X \ge Y$ (respectively, X > Y), where X and Y are symmetric matrices, means that X - Yis positive semi-definite (respectively, positive definite). $\mathbb{E}\left\{x\right\}$ stands for the expectation of the stochastic variable x. I and 0 represent the identity matrix and a zero matrix with appropriate dimension, respectively. For a matrix R, R^T represents its transpose and diag $\{R_1, R_2, ...\}$ denotes a block diagonal matrix whose diagonal blocks are given by R_1, R_2, \ldots In symmetric block matrices, the symbol * is used as an ellipsis for terms induced by symmetry. Matrices, if they are not explicitly stated, are assumed to have compatible dimensions.

II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Consider the following discrete-time nonlinear system with Markovian jumping parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= A(r_k) x(k) + A_d(r_k) x(k-d(k)) + D(r_k) w(k) + f(x(k), x(k-d(k)), r_k), \\ y(k) &= C_1(r_k) x(k) + D_1(r_k) w(k), \\ z(k) &= C(r_k) x(k), \\ x(k) &= \varphi(k), \quad k = -d_M, -d_M + 1, \dots, 0, \end{aligned}$$
(1)

where $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the state; $y(k) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is the measured output vector; $z(k) \in \mathbb{R}^r$ is the signal to be estimated; and $w(k) \in \mathbb{R}^h$ is the exogenous disturbance signal which is assumed to belong to $l_2[0\infty)$. d(k)denotes the time-varying delay with lower and upper bounds $d_m \leq d(k) \leq d_M$. Here, the lower bound of delay d_m can always be written by $d_m = \tau m$, where τ and m are integers. $\varphi(k)$ is the initial state of the system. $A(r_k), A_d(r_k), C(r_k), C_1(r_k), D(r_k)$ and $D_1(r_k)$ are matrix functions of the random jumping process r_k . r_k is a Markov chain taking values in a finite state space $S = \{1, 2, ..., N\}$ with transition probability matrix $\Lambda = (\pi_{ij})_{N \times N}$ given by

$$P_r\left\{r_{k+1}=j|r_k=i\right\}=\pi_{ij},\quad\forall i,j\in S,$$

where $0 \le \pi_{ij} \le 1$ $(i, j \in S)$ is the transition rate from i to j and $\sum_{j=1}^{N} \pi_{ij} = 1, \forall i \in S$. In this paper, the transition probabilities of the jumping process are assumed to be partly accessed, i.e., some elements in matrix Λ are unknown. For example, for system (1) with four modes, the transition probability matrix Λ may be

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_{11} & ? & \pi_{13} & ? \\ ? & \pi_{22} & ? & ? \\ \pi_{31} & ? & ? & \pi_{34} \\ ? & \pi_{42} & ? & \pi_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

where "?" represents the inaccessible element. For notation clarity, for any $i \in S$, we denote that

$$\zeta_{\kappa}^{i} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ j : \pi_{ij} \text{ is known} \right\}, \quad \zeta_{u\kappa}^{i} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \left\{ j : \pi_{ij} \text{ is unknown} \right\}.$$

The nonlinear function $f(x(k), x(k-d(k)), r_k)$ consisting of x(k) and x(k-d(k)) is bounded in a statistical sense as follows:

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{f\left(x\left(k\right), x\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right), r_{k}\right) | x\left(k\right), x\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right), r_{k}\right\} = 0, \\
\mathbb{E}\left\{f\left(x\left(k\right), x\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right), r_{k}\right) f^{T}\left(x\left(k\right), x\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right), r_{k}\right) | x\left(k\right), x\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right), r_{k}\right\} \\
= \sum_{l=1}^{q} \theta_{l}\left(r_{k}\right) \theta_{l}^{T}\left(r_{k}\right) \left(x^{T}\left(k\right) \Xi_{l}\left(r_{k}\right) x\left(k\right) + x^{T}\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right) \Pi_{l}\left(r_{k}\right) x\left(k-d\left(k\right)\right)\right) \\$$
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where $\theta_l(r_k)$ (l = 1, ..., q) are known mode-dependent column vectors, and $\Xi_l(r_k)$ and $\Pi_l(r_k)$ are known positive-definite mode-dependent matrices.

Remark 1: The nonlinearities in (2) have been described by statistical means in [33] and such description could cover several classes of well-studied nonlinear systems, for example, the nonlinear systems with random sequences whose powers depend on the sector-bounded nonlinear function of the state. Note that the time-delay term is involved in (2), and therefore the model studied in this paper is more general than the corresponding ones in [33].

For convenience, in the following, for $r_k = i$, a matrix $M(r_k)$ will be denoted by M_i . For example, $A(r_k)$ is denoted by A_i .

When the sensors experience failures, we consider the following sensor failure model to describe the measured signal sent from sensors:

$$y^{F}(k) = Gy(k) \tag{3}$$

where the sensor fault matrix G is defined as follows:

$$0 \leq \underline{G} = \operatorname{diag}\{\underline{g}_1, \dots, \underline{g}_p\} \leq \overline{G} = \operatorname{diag}\{g_1, \dots, g_p\} \leq \overline{G} = \operatorname{diag}\{\overline{g}_1, \dots, \overline{g}_p\} \leq I$$
(4)

in which the variables g_i (i = 1, ..., p) quantify the failures of the sensors. Letting

$$G_0 = \operatorname{diag} \{g_{01}, \dots, g_{0p}\} := \frac{\underline{G} + \bar{G}}{2} = \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \frac{\underline{g}_1 + \bar{g}_1}{2}, \dots, \frac{\underline{g}_p + \bar{g}_p}{2} \right\},$$
(5)

$$\tilde{G} = \operatorname{diag}\left\{\tilde{g}_1, \dots, \tilde{g}_p\right\} := \frac{\bar{G} - \underline{G}}{2} = \operatorname{diag}\left\{\frac{\bar{g}_1 - \underline{g}_1}{2}, \dots, \frac{\bar{g}_p - \underline{g}_p}{2}\right\},\tag{6}$$

we can rewrite G as follows:

$$G = G_0 + \Delta = G_0 + \text{diag} \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p\}, \qquad |\phi_i| \le \tilde{g}_i, \qquad (i = 1, \dots, p).$$
(7)

In this paper, we consider the following reliable filter:

$$\hat{x}(k+1) = A_f(r_k)\hat{x}(k) + B_f(r_k)y^F(k),
\hat{z}(k) = C_f(r_k)\hat{x}(k)$$
(8)

where $A_f(r_k)$, $B_f(r_k)$ and $C_f(r_k)$ are parameters to be determined. By defining $\eta(k) = \begin{bmatrix} x^T(k) & \hat{x}^T(k) \end{bmatrix}^T$, we have the following filtering error system:

$$\eta(k+1) = \tilde{A}(r_k) \eta(k) + \tilde{A}_d(r_k) \eta(k-d(k)) + \tilde{B}(r_k) w(k) + Z^T f(Z\eta(k), Z\eta(k-d(k)), r_k),$$

$$e(k) = \tilde{C}(r_k) \eta(k)$$
(9)

where $e(k) = z(k) - \hat{z}(k)$ is the estimated error, and

$$\tilde{A}(r_k) = \begin{bmatrix} A(r_k) & 0\\ B_f(r_k) GC_1(r_k) & A_f(r_k) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{A}_d(r_k) = \begin{bmatrix} A_d(r_k) & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$\tilde{B}(r_k) = \begin{bmatrix} D(r_k)\\ B_f(r_k) GD_1(r_k) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{C}(r_k) = \begin{bmatrix} C(r_k) & -C_f(r_k) \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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In this paper, we aim to design a reliable filter with the form (8) such that, for all admissible sensor failures, mode-dependent nonlinearity, time-varying delay and exogenous disturbance, the filtering error system (9) satisfies the following requirements:

(a) The filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable.

(b) Under the zero-initial condition, the estimated error e(k) satisfies

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\left\{ \|e\left(k\right)\|^{2} \right\} < \gamma^{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}\left\{ \|w\left(k\right)\|^{2} \right\}$$

$$\tag{10}$$

for all nonzero w(k), where $\gamma > 0$ is a prescribed scalar.

III. MAIN RESULTS

The following lemma is needed in the proofs of our main results in this paper. Lemma 1: [24] Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then, for any scalar $\sigma > 0$, we have

$$x^T y + y^T x \le \sigma x^T x + \sigma^{-1} y^T y.$$
(11)

First of all, let us deal with both the stability analysis issue and the H_{∞} performance analysis issue in the case that the transition probabilities of the jumping process are completely known and the parameter matrix describing the sensor failures is known. Sufficient conditions for the addressed problem are obtained by using the semi-definite programme method.

Theorem 1: Consider the filtering error system (9) with known sensor failure parameter matrix G, completely known transition probabilities and a prescribed H_{∞} performance index $\gamma > 0$. If there exist matrices $P_i > 0, Q_1 > 0, Q_2 > 0, Q_3 > 0, S_1 > 0, S_2 > 0, R_1, R_2, R_3$ and scalars $\varepsilon_l > 0(l = 1, \ldots, q)$ such that the following linear matrix inequalities hold for any $i \in S$,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Omega_i & * & * & * \\ \lambda_1 R_1^T & -S_1 & * & * \\ \lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -S_2 & * \\ \Omega_i' & 0 & 0 & \Omega_i'' \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3$$

$$(13)$$

where

$$\begin{split} \Omega_{i} &= -W_{P_{2}}^{T}P_{i}W_{P_{2}} + W_{Q_{1}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{1}W_{Q_{1}} + W_{Q_{2}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{2}W_{Q_{2}} + W_{Q_{3}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{3}W_{Q_{3}} - \gamma^{2}W_{w}^{T}W_{w} \\ &+ R_{1}W_{R_{1}} + (R_{1}W_{R_{1}})^{T} + R_{2}W_{R_{2}} + (R_{2}W_{R_{2}})^{T} + R_{3}W_{R_{3}} + (R_{3}W_{R_{3}})^{T} , \\ \Omega_{i}' &= \left[\left(\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j}W_{P_{1},i} \right)^{T} (\lambda_{1}S_{1}W_{P_{4},i})^{T} (\lambda_{2}S_{2}W_{P_{4},i})^{T} \left(\hat{\Xi}_{i}ZW_{P_{2}} \right)^{T} \left(\hat{\Pi}_{i}ZW_{P_{3}} \right)^{T} W_{P_{5},i}^{T} \right]^{T} , \\ \Omega_{i}'' &= \operatorname{diag} \left\{ -\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j}, -S_{1}, -S_{2}, -E, -E, -I \right\}, \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} \lambda_{1} &= \sqrt{\tau}, \quad \lambda_{2} = \sqrt{d_{M} - \tau m}, \quad \lambda_{3} = \sqrt{d_{M} - \tau m + 1}, \\ \bar{Q}_{1} &= \begin{bmatrix} Q_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -Q_{1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{Q}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -Q_{2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{Q}_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -Q_{3} \end{bmatrix}, \\ W_{P_{1},i} &= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_{i} & 0_{2n,2mn} & \tilde{A}_{di} & 0_{2n} & \tilde{B}_{i} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{P_{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2mn+4n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \\ W_{P_{3}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0_{2n,2mn+2n} & I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{P_{5},i} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{C}_{i} & 0_{nC,2mn+4n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{P_{4},i} = W_{P_{1},i} - W_{P_{2}}, \\ W_{Q_{1}} &= \begin{bmatrix} I_{2mn} & 0_{2mn,6n+h} \\ 0_{2mn,2n} & I_{2mn} & 0_{2mn,4n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{Q_{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2mn+4n+h} \\ 0_{2n,2mn+4n} & I_{2n} & 0_{2n,h} \end{bmatrix}, \\ W_{Q_{3}} &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{3}I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2mn+4n+h} \\ 0_{2n,2mn+2n} & I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{R_{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{2n,2mn} & I_{2n} & -I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \\ W_{R_{1}} &= \begin{bmatrix} I_{2n} & -I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2mn+2n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{R_{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{2n,2mn} & I_{2n} & -I_{2n} & 0_{2n,2n+h} \end{bmatrix}, \\ W_{R_{3}} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0_{2n,2mn+2n} & I_{2n} & -I_{2n} & 0_{2n,h} \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{h,2mn+6n} & I_{h} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \tilde{\Xi}_{i} &= \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1}\Xi_{1i}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, \varepsilon_{l}\Xi_{li}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \quad \tilde{\Pi}_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1}\Pi_{1i}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, \varepsilon_{l}\Pi_{li}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \quad E = \text{diag} \{\varepsilon_{1}I, \dots, \varepsilon_{l}I\} \end{split}$$

in which n_C is the number of row in matrix C_i , then the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ .

Proof: Let us first show that, under the zero-initial condition, the estimated error e_k satisfies (10) for all nonzero w_k . Choose a new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional candidate:

$$V(k) = V_1(k) + V_2(k) + V_3(k) + V_4(k)$$
(14)

where

$$V_{1}(k) = \eta^{T}(k) P(r_{k}) \eta(k),$$

$$V_{2}(k) = \sum_{\alpha=k-\tau}^{k-1} \Gamma^{T}(\alpha) Q_{1}\Gamma(\alpha) + \sum_{\alpha=k-d_{M}}^{k-1} \eta^{T}(\alpha) Q_{2}\eta(\alpha),$$

$$V_{3}(k) = \sum_{\beta=-d_{M}+1}^{-\tau m+1} \sum_{\alpha=k-1+\beta}^{k-1} \eta^{T}(\alpha) Q_{3}\eta(\alpha),$$

$$V_{4}(k) = \sum_{\beta=-\tau}^{-1} \sum_{\alpha=k+\beta}^{k-1} \delta^{T}(\alpha) S_{1}\delta(\alpha) + \sum_{\beta=-d_{M}}^{-\tau m-1} \sum_{\alpha=k+\beta}^{k-1} \delta^{T}(\alpha) S_{2}\delta(\alpha)$$

$$\delta(\alpha) = \eta(\alpha+1) - \eta(\alpha), \qquad \Gamma(\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta(\alpha) \\ \eta(\alpha-\tau) \\ \vdots \\ \eta(\alpha-(m-1)\tau) \end{bmatrix}$$

For each $r_k = i \in S$, calculating the difference of V(k) along the system (9) under the zero-initial condition, we have :

$$\mathbb{E} \{ \Delta V(k) \} = \mathbb{E} \{ \Delta V_1(k) \} + \mathbb{E} \{ \Delta V_2(k) \} + \mathbb{E} \{ \Delta V_3(k) \} + \mathbb{E} \{ \Delta V_4(k) \}$$
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where

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \Delta V_{1}\left(k\right) \right\} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left[\tilde{A}_{i}\eta\left(k\right) + \tilde{A}_{di}\eta\left(k - d\left(k\right)\right) + \tilde{B}_{i}w\left(k\right) \right]^{T} \sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j} \\
\times \left[\tilde{A}_{i}\eta\left(k\right) + \tilde{A}_{di}\eta\left(k - d\left(k\right)\right) + \tilde{B}_{i}w\left(k\right) \right] - \eta^{T}\left(k\right)P_{i}\eta\left(k\right) \\
+ \sum_{l=1}^{q} \left(\eta^{T}\left(k\right)Z^{T}\Xi_{li}Z\eta\left(k\right) + \eta^{T}\left(k - d\left(k\right)\right)Z^{T}\Pi_{li}Z\eta\left(k - d\left(k\right)\right)\right) \operatorname{tr} \left(Z^{T}\theta_{li}\theta_{li}^{T}Z\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j}\right) \right\} \\
= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \xi^{T}\left(k\right) \left(W_{P_{1},i}^{T}\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j}W_{P_{1},i} + W_{P_{2}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}Z^{T}\Xi_{li}Z\operatorname{tr} \left(Z^{T}\theta_{li}\theta_{li}^{T}Z\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j}\right)W_{P_{2}} \\
+ W_{P_{3}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}Z^{T}\Pi_{li}Z\operatorname{tr} \left(Z^{T}\theta_{li}\theta_{li}^{T}Z\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_{j}\right)W_{P_{3}} - W_{P_{2}}^{T}P_{i}W_{P_{2}}\right)\xi\left(k\right) \right\}, \quad (16)$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \Delta V_{2}\left(k\right) \right\} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \Gamma^{T}\left(k\right)Q_{1}\Gamma\left(k\right) - \Gamma\left(k - \tau\right)^{T}Q_{1}\Gamma\left(k - \tau\right) + \eta\left(k\right)^{T}Q_{2}\eta\left(k\right) - \eta\left(k - d_{M}\right)^{T}Q_{2}\eta\left(k - d_{M}\right) \right\} \\
= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \xi^{T}\left(k\right)\left(W_{Q_{1}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{1}W_{Q_{1}} + W_{Q_{2}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{2}W_{Q_{2}}\right)\xi\left(k\right) \right\}, \quad (17)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\Delta V_{2}(k)\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\Gamma^{T}(k)Q_{1}\Gamma(k) - \Gamma(k-\tau)^{T}Q_{1}\Gamma(k-\tau) + \eta(k)^{T}Q_{2}\eta(k) - \eta(k-d_{M})^{T}Q_{2}\eta(k-d_{M})\right\} \\
= \mathbb{E}\left\{\xi^{T}(k)\left(W_{Q_{1}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{1}W_{Q_{1}} + W_{Q_{2}}^{T}\bar{Q}_{2}W_{Q_{2}}\right)\xi(k)\right\},$$
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$$\mathbb{E} \{ \Delta V_{3}(k) \} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ (d_{M} - \tau m + 1) \eta^{T}(k) Q_{3}\eta(k) - \sum_{\alpha=k-d_{M}}^{k-\tau m} \eta^{T}(\alpha) Q_{3}\eta(\alpha) \right\} \\
\leq \mathbb{E} \{ (d_{M} - \tau m + 1) \eta^{T}(k) Q_{3}\eta(k) - \eta^{T}(k - d(k)) Q_{3}\eta(k - d(k)) \} \\
= \mathbb{E} \{ \xi^{T}(k) (W_{Q_{3}}^{T} \bar{Q}_{3} W_{Q_{3}}) \xi(k) \},$$
(18)

$$\mathbb{E} \left\{ \Delta V_{4} \left(k \right) \right\} = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \delta^{T} \left(k \right) \left(\tau S_{1} + \left(d_{M} - \tau m \right) S_{2} \right) \delta \left(k \right) - \sum_{\alpha = k - \tau}^{k - 1} \delta^{T} \left(\alpha \right) S_{1} \delta \left(\alpha \right) \right. \\ \left. - \sum_{\alpha = k - d(k)}^{k - \tau m - 1} \delta^{T} \left(\alpha \right) S_{2} \delta \left(\alpha \right) - \sum_{\alpha = k - d_{M}}^{k - d(k) - 1} \delta^{T} \left(\alpha \right) S_{2} \delta \left(\alpha \right) \right\} \right\} \\ = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \left[\tilde{A}_{i} \eta \left(k \right) + \tilde{A}_{di} \eta \left(k - d \left(k \right) \right) + \tilde{B}_{i} w \left(k \right) - \eta \left(k \right) \right]^{T} \left(\tau S_{1} + \left(d_{M} - \tau m \right) S_{2} \right) \right. \\ \left. \times \left[\tilde{A}_{i} \eta \left(k \right) + \tilde{A}_{di} \eta \left(k - d \left(k \right) \right) + \tilde{B}_{i} w \left(k \right) - \eta \left(k \right) \right] \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{l=1}^{q} \left(\eta^{T} \left(k \right) Z^{T} \Xi_{li} Z \eta \left(k \right) + \eta^{T} \left(k - d \left(k \right) \right) Z^{T} \Pi_{li} Z \eta \left(k - d \left(k \right) \right) \right) \right. \\ \left. \times \operatorname{tr} \left(Z^{T} \theta_{li} \theta_{li}^{T} Z \left(\tau S_{1} + \left(d_{M} - \tau m \right) S_{2} \right) \right) \right. \\ \left. - \sum_{\alpha = k - \tau}^{k - 1} \delta^{T} \left(\alpha \right) S_{1} \delta \left(\alpha \right) - \sum_{\alpha = k - d(k)}^{k - \tau m - 1} \delta^{T} \left(\alpha \right) S_{2} \delta \left(\alpha \right) - \sum_{\alpha = k - d_{M}}^{k - d(k) - 1} \delta^{T} \left(\alpha \right) S_{2} \delta \left(\alpha \right) \right\}$$

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$$= \mathbb{E}\left\{\xi^{T}(k)\left(\tau W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{1}W_{P_{4},i} + (d_{M} - \tau m)W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{2}W_{P_{4},i} + W_{P_{2}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}Z^{T}\Xi_{li}Z\operatorname{tr}\left(Z^{T}\theta_{li}\theta_{li}^{T}Z\left(\tau S_{1} + (d_{M} - \tau m)S_{2}\right)\right)W_{P_{2}} + W_{P_{3}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}Z^{T}\Pi_{li}Z\operatorname{tr}\left(Z^{T}\theta_{li}\theta_{li}^{T}Z\left(\tau S_{1} + (d_{M} - \tau m)S_{2}\right)\right)W_{P_{3}}\right)\xi(k) - \sum_{\alpha=k-\tau}^{k-1}\delta^{T}(\alpha)S_{1}\delta(\alpha) - \sum_{\alpha=k-d(k)}^{k-\tau m-1}\delta^{T}(\alpha)S_{2}\delta(\alpha) - \sum_{\alpha=k-d_{M}}^{k-d(k)-1}\delta^{T}(\alpha)S_{2}\delta(\alpha)\right\},$$
(19)

with

$$\xi(k) = \left[\Gamma^{T}(k) \quad \eta^{T}(k - \tau m) \quad \eta^{T}(k - d(k)) \quad \eta^{T}(k - d_{M}) \quad w^{T}(k) \right]^{T}.$$

According to the definition of $\delta(\alpha)$, for any matrices R_1 , R_2 and R_3 , the following equations always hold

$$2\xi (k)^{T} R_{1} \left[\eta (k) - \eta (k - \tau) - \sum_{\alpha = k - \tau}^{k - 1} \delta (\alpha) \right] = 0,$$
(20)

$$2\xi(k)^{T} R_{2} \left[\eta(k - \tau m) - \eta(k - d(k)) - \sum_{\alpha = k - d(k)}^{k - \tau m - 1} \delta(\alpha) \right] = 0,$$
(21)

$$2\xi(k)^{T} R_{3} \left[\eta(k-d(k)) - \eta(k-d_{M}) - \sum_{\alpha=k-d_{M}}^{k-d(k)-1} \delta(\alpha) \right] = 0.$$
(22)

From (12), it is easy to get that

$$\operatorname{tr}\left(Z^{T}\theta_{li}\theta_{li}^{T}Z\left(\sum_{j\in S}\pi_{ij}P_{j}+\tau S_{1}+\left(d_{M}-\tau m\right)S_{2}\right)\right)<\varepsilon_{l}\left(l=1,\ldots,q\right).$$
(23)

To analyze the H_{∞} performance of the filtering error system (9), we introduce the following index:

$$J(e,w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \{ e^{T}(k) e(k) - \gamma^{2} w^{T}(k) w(k) \}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \{ e^{T}(k) e(k) - \gamma^{2} w^{T}(k) w(k) + \Delta V(k) \} + \mathbb{E} \{ V_{0} \} - \mathbb{E} \{ V_{\infty} \}$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{E} \{ e^{T}(k) e(k) - \gamma^{2} w^{T}(k) w(k) + \Delta V(k) \}.$$
 (24)

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From (15)-(23), we have $\mathbb{E}\left\{e^{T}\left(k\right)e\left(k\right)-\gamma^{2}w^{T}\left(k\right)w\left(k\right)+\Delta V\left(k\right)\right\}$ $\leq \mathbb{E}\left\{\xi^{T}\left(k\right) \left\{\Omega_{i} + W_{P_{1},i}^{T} \sum_{i=\sigma} \pi_{ij} P_{j} W_{P_{1},i} + \tau W_{P_{4},i}^{T} S_{1} W_{P_{4},i} + \left(d_{M} - \tau m\right) W_{P_{4},i}^{T} S_{2} W_{P_{4},i} + W_{P_{5},i}^{T} W_{P_{5},i} W_{P_{5},i} \right\}\right\}$ $+W_{P_2}^T \sum_{l=1}^{q} Z^T \Xi_{li} Z \operatorname{tr} \left(Z^T \theta_{li} \theta_{li}^T Z \left(\sum_{i \in S} \pi_{ij} P_j + \tau S_1 + (d_M - \tau m) S_2 \right) \right) W_{P_2}$ $+W_{P_3}^T \sum_{l=1}^q Z^T \Pi_{li} Z \operatorname{tr} \left(Z^T \theta_{li} \theta_{li}^T Z \left(\sum_{i \in S} \pi_{ij} P_j + \tau S_1 + (d_M - \tau m) S_2 \right) \right) W_{P_3}$ $+\tau R_{1}S_{1}^{-1}R_{1}^{T}+(d(k)-\tau m)R_{2}S_{2}^{-1}R_{2}^{T}+(d_{M}-d(k))R_{3}S_{2}^{-1}R_{3}^{T}\xi(k)\}$ $-\sum_{\alpha=k-2}^{k-1} \left(S_1 \delta\left(\alpha\right) + R_1^T \xi\left(k\right) \right)^T S_1^{-1} \left(S_1 \delta\left(\alpha\right) + R_1^T \xi\left(k\right) \right)$ $-\sum_{\alpha=k-d(k)}^{\kappa-\tau m-1} \left(S_2\delta\left(\alpha\right) + R_2^T\xi\left(k\right)\right)^T S_2^{-1} \left(S_2\delta\left(\alpha\right) + R_2^T\xi\left(k\right)\right)$ $-\sum_{k=d(k)-1}^{k-d(k)-1} \left(S_2 \delta(\alpha) + R_3^T \xi(k) \right)^T S_2^{-1} \left(S_2 \delta(\alpha) + R_3^T \xi(k) \right)$ $\leq \mathbb{E}\left\{\xi^{T}(k)\left\{\Omega_{i}+W_{P_{1},i}^{T}\sum_{i\in S}\pi_{ij}P_{j}W_{P_{1},i}+\tau W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{1}W_{P_{4},i}+(d_{M}-\tau m)W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{2}W_{P_{4},i}+W_{P_{5},i}^{T}W_{P_{5},i}\right\}\right\}$ $+W_{P_2}^T \sum^q \varepsilon_l Z^T \Xi_{li} Z W_{P_2} + W_{P_3}^T \sum^q \varepsilon_l Z^T \Pi_{li} Z W_{P_3}$ $+\tau R_{1}S_{1}^{-1}R_{1}^{T}+(d(k)-\tau m)R_{2}S_{2}^{-1}R_{2}^{T}+(d_{M}-d(k))R_{3}S_{2}^{-1}R_{3}^{T}\xi(k)\}$ $= \mathbb{E}\left\{\xi^{T}(k)\left\{\left(\frac{d(k) - \tau m}{d_{M} - \tau m}\right)\left(\Omega_{i} + W_{P_{1},i}^{T}\sum_{i \in S}\pi_{ij}P_{j}W_{P_{1},i} + \tau W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{1}W_{P_{4},i} + (d_{M} - \tau m)W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{2}W_{P_{4},i}\right\}\right\}$ $+W_{P_{5},i}^{T}W_{P_{5},i}+W_{P_{2}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}\varepsilon_{l}Z^{T}\Xi_{li}ZW_{P_{2}}+W_{P_{3}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}\varepsilon_{l}Z^{T}\Pi_{li}ZW_{P_{3}}+\tau R_{1}S_{1}^{-1}R_{1}^{T}+(d_{M}-\tau m)R_{2}S_{2}^{-1}R_{2}^{T}\right)$ $+\left(\frac{d_{M}-d(k)}{d_{M}-\tau m}\right)\left(\Omega_{i}+W_{P_{1},i}^{T}\sum_{i=\sigma}\pi_{ij}P_{j}W_{P_{1},i}+\tau W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{1}W_{P_{4},i}+(d_{M}-\tau m)W_{P_{4},i}^{T}S_{2}W_{P_{4},i}+W_{P_{5},i}^{T}W_{P_{5},i}\right)$ $+W_{P_{2}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}\varepsilon_{l}Z^{T}\Xi_{li}ZW_{P_{2}}+W_{P_{3}}^{T}\sum_{l=1}^{q}\varepsilon_{l}Z^{T}\Pi_{li}ZW_{P_{3}}+\tau R_{1}S_{1}^{-1}R_{1}^{T}+(d_{M}-\tau m)R_{3}S_{2}^{-1}R_{3}^{T}\right)\bigg\}\xi(k)\bigg\}.$ (25)

By Schur complement, it follows from (13) that $\mathbb{E}\left\{e^{T}(k) e(k) - \gamma^{2} w^{T}(k) w(k) + \Delta V(k)\right\} < 0$, which implies that J(e, w) < 0. Therefore, the inequality (10) holds for all nonzero w(k). Similar to the above deduction, we can show that the forward difference of V(k) with w = 0 satisfies $\Delta V(k) < 0$, which indicates the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable. This completes the proof.

Remark 2: Based on the delay partitioning technique, asymptotically mean-square stability conditions of the filtering error system with a prescribed H_{∞} performance level have been obtained in Theorem 1. The conditions can be checked by solving a set of LMIs. Note that the delay-fractioning approach has proven to be http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/acsp-wiley

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 effective in reducing the possible conservatism but at the cost of added computation complexity. It is noticed that the dimensions of the LMIs depend on the partitioning number m. If m increases, the dimensions of the LMIs will become larger and the computational burden will increase. Therefore, the partitioning number mshould be chosen properly.

Theorem 2: Consider the filtering error system (9) with known sensor failure parameter matrix G, completely known transition probabilities and a prescribed H_{∞} performance index $\gamma > 0$. If there exist matrices $P_i > 0, Q_1 > 0, Q_2 > 0, Q_3 > 0, S_1 > 0, S_2 > 0, R_1, R_2, R_3, H_i$ and scalars $\varepsilon_l > 0 (l = 1, \dots, q)$ such that the following linear matrix inequalities hold for any $i \in S$,

$$\Psi_{1i} = \begin{bmatrix} -\varepsilon_l & * & * & * \\ H_i^T Z^T \theta_{li} & H_{P,i} & * & * \\ \lambda_1 H_i^T Z^T \theta_{li} & 0 & H_{S_{1},i} & * \\ \lambda_2 H_i^T Z^T \theta_{li} & 0 & 0 & H_{S_{2},i} \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, q$$

$$(26)$$

$$\Psi_{ti} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_i & * & * & * \\ \lambda_1 R_1^T & -S_1 & * & * \\ \lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -S_2 & * \\ \tilde{\Omega}'_i & 0 & 0 & \tilde{\Omega}''_i \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3$$

$$(27)$$

where

$$\begin{split} H_{P,i} &= \sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij} P_j - H_i - H_i^T, \qquad H_{S_1,i} = S_1 - H_i - H_i^T, \qquad H_{S_2,i} = S_2 - H_i - H_i^T, \\ \tilde{\Omega}'_i &= \left[\left(H_i^T W_{P_1,i} \right)^T \left(\lambda_1 H_i^T W_{P_4,i} \right)^T \left(\lambda_2 H_i^T W_{P_4,i} \right)^T \left(\hat{\Xi}_i Z W_{P_2} \right)^T \left(\hat{\Pi}_i Z W_{P_3} \right)^T W_{P_5,i}^T \right]^T, \\ \tilde{\Omega}''_i &= \operatorname{diag} \left\{ H_{P,i}, H_{S_1,i}, H_{S_2,i}, -E, -E, -I \right\}, \end{split}$$

 $\Omega_i, W_{P_1,i}, W_{P_2}, W_{P_3}, W_{P_4,i}, W_{P_5,i}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, E, \hat{\Xi}_i \text{ and } \hat{\Pi}_i \text{ are defined as in Theorem 1, then the filtering error}$

system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . *Proof:* Using the fact $\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_j - H_i - H_i^T \ge -H_i^T (\sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij}P_j)^{-1}H_i, S_1 - H_i - H_i^T \ge -H_i^T S_1^{-1}H_i$ and $S_2 - H_i - H_i^T \ge -H_i^T S_2^{-1}H_i$, we can obtain that

$$\begin{vmatrix} \Omega_i & * & * & * \\ \lambda_1 R_1^T & -S_1 & * & * \\ \lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -S_2 & * \\ \tilde{\Omega}'_i & 0 & 0 & \tilde{\Omega}'''_i \end{vmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3.$$

$$(28)$$

where

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{i}^{\prime\prime\prime} = \operatorname{diag}\left\{-H_{i}^{T}\left(\sum_{j\in S}\pi_{ij}P_{j}\right)^{-1}H_{i}, -H_{i}^{T}S_{1}^{-1}H_{i}, -H_{i}^{T}S_{2}^{-1}H_{i}, -E, -E, -I\right\}.$$

Then, pre- and post-multiplying (28) by diag $\left\{I, I, I, \sum_{j \in S} \pi_{ij} P_j H_i^{-T}, S_1 H_i^{-T}, S_2 H_i^{-T}, I, I, I\right\}$ and its transpose lead to (13). Similar to the above deduction, we can obtain that (26) can imply (12), respectively. Thus, the proof is completed.

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Remark 3: In Theorem 2, by introducing a variable H, the coupling between the Lyapunov matrices and the filtering error system matrices is eliminated. Such a newly introduced variable H does not present any structural constraint such as symmetry, but is supposed to give potentially less conservative results.

In the case that the transition probabilities of the jumping process are partly unknown, the following theorem will present the conditions under which the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ .

Theorem 3: Consider the filtering error system (9) with known sensor failure parameter matrix G, partly unknown transition probabilities and a prescribed H_{∞} performance index $\gamma > 0$. If there exist matrices $P_i > 0, Q_1 > 0, Q_2 > 0, Q_3 > 0, S_1 > 0, S_2 > 0, R_1, R_2, R_3, H_i$ and scalars $\varepsilon_l > 0 (l = 1, ..., q)$ such that the following linear matrix inequalities hold for any $i \in S$,

$$\widetilde{\Psi}_{1i} = \begin{bmatrix}
-\varepsilon_l & * & * & * \\
H_i^T Z^T \theta_{li} & \widetilde{H}_{P,i} & * & * \\
\lambda_1 H_i^T Z^T \theta_{li} & 0 & H_{S_{1,i}} & * \\
\lambda_2 H_i^T Z^T \theta_{li} & 0 & 0 & H_{S_{2,i}}
\end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, q$$
(29)

$$\widetilde{\Psi}_{ti} = \begin{bmatrix}
\Omega_i & * & * & * \\
\lambda_1 R_1^T & -S_1 & * & * \\
\lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -S_2 & * \\
\widetilde{\Omega}'_i & 0 & 0 & \widetilde{\Omega}'''' \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3$$
(30)

where

$$\begin{split} & \breve{H}_{P,i} = \Upsilon_j - H_i - H_i^T, \\ & \tilde{\Omega}_i^{\prime\prime\prime\prime\prime} = \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \breve{H}_{P,i}, H_{S_1,i}, H_{S_2,i}, -E, -E, -I \right\}, \end{split}$$

 $\Omega_i, W_{P_1,i}, W_{P_2}, W_{P_3}, W_{P_4,i}, W_{P_5,i}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, E, \hat{\Xi}_i \text{ and } \hat{\Pi}_i \text{ are defined as in Theorem 1, } \tilde{\Omega}'_i, H_{S_1,i} \text{ and } H_{S_2,i} \text{ are defined as in Theorem 2 and if } \zeta^i_{\kappa} = \emptyset, \Upsilon_j = P_j, \text{ otherwise,}$

$$\begin{cases} \Upsilon_j = (\sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij})^{-1} \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij} P_j ,\\ \Upsilon_j = P_j, \quad j \in \zeta_{u\kappa}^i , \end{cases}$$

then the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ .

Proof: For any $i \in S$, Ψ_{ti} in (27) can be rewritten as

$$\Psi_{ti} = \sum_{j \in \zeta_{u\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij} \widetilde{\Psi}_{ti} |_{\Upsilon_j = P_j} + \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij} \widetilde{\Psi}_{ti} |_{\Upsilon_j = (\sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij})^{-1} \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij} P_j}, \quad t = 2, 3.$$

$$(31)$$

From (30), we can obtain that

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\Psi}_{ti}|_{\Upsilon_j=P_j} < 0, \quad j \in \zeta_{u\kappa}^i , \\ \widetilde{\Psi}_{ti}|_{\Upsilon_j=(\sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij})^{-1} \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^i} \pi_{ij}P_j} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3. \end{split}$$
(32)

Therefore, $\Psi_{ti} < 0$, t = 2, 3. Similarly, we can have $\Psi_{1i} < 0$ from (29), respectively. Thus, the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with partly unknown transition probabilities and an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . This completes the proof.

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Remark 4: In Theorem 3, the mean-square asymptotic stability conditions have been presented for the Markovian jump system (1) with partly unknown transition probabilities. If $\zeta_{u\kappa}^i = \emptyset, \forall i \in S$, the considered system is the one with completed known transition probabilities and the stability conditions in Theorem 3 are reduced to the ones in Theorem 2. If $\zeta_{\kappa}^{i} = \emptyset, \forall i \in S$, that is, all transition probabilities are unknown, it can be seen that Theorem 3 is still available. Judging from this, the developed results are much more general.

Based on Theorem 3, let us solve the problem of reliable H_{∞} filter design.

Theorem 4: Consider the filtering error system (9) with known sensor failure parameter matrix G, partly unknown transition probabilities and a prescribed H_{∞} performance index $\gamma > 0$. If there exist matrices $P_{1i} > 0, \ P_{2i}, \ P_{3i} > 0, \ Q_1 > 0, \ Q_2 > 0, \ Q_3 > 0, \ S_{11} > 0, \ S_{12}, \ S_{13} > 0, \ S_{21} > 0, \ S_{22}, \ S_{23} > 0, \ R_1, \ R_2, \ R_3, \ H_{1i}, \ R_{1i} > 0, \ R_{1$ $H_{2i}, H_{3i}, \hat{A}_i, \hat{B}_i, \hat{C}_i$ and scalars $\varepsilon_l > 0 (l = 1, ..., q)$ such that the following linear matrix inequalities hold for any $i \in S$,

$$\hat{\Psi}_{1i} = \begin{bmatrix}
-\varepsilon_l & * & * & * \\
\Phi_{4i} & \Phi_{1i} & * & * \\
\lambda_1 \Phi_{4i} & 0 & \Phi_{2i} & * \\
\lambda_2 \Phi_{4i} & 0 & 0 & \Phi_{3i}
\end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, q$$
(33)

$$\hat{\Psi}_{ti} = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{7i} & * & * \\ \lambda_1 R_1^T & -\Phi_5 & * & * \\ \lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -\Phi_6 & * \\ \hat{\Omega}'_i & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Omega}''_i \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3$$
(34)

where

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{1i} &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} \Upsilon_{1j} - H_{1i} - H_{1i}^{T} & * \\ \Upsilon_{2j} - H_{2i} - H_{3i}^{T} & \Upsilon_{3j} - H_{2i} - H_{2i}^{T} \end{array} \right], \quad \Phi_{2i} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} S_{11} - H_{1i} - H_{1i}^{T} & * \\ S_{12} - H_{2i} - H_{3i}^{T} & S_{13} - H_{2i} - H_{2i}^{T} \end{array} \right] \\ \Phi_{3i} &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} S_{21} - H_{1i} - H_{1i}^{T} & * \\ S_{22} - H_{2i} - H_{3i}^{T} & S_{23} - H_{2i} - H_{2i}^{T} \end{array} \right], \quad \Phi_{4i} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} H_{1i}^{T} \theta_{ii} \\ H_{3i}^{T} \theta_{ii} \end{array} \right], \\ \Phi_{5} &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} S_{11} & * \\ S_{12} & S_{13} \end{array} \right], \quad \Phi_{6} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} S_{21} & * \\ S_{22} & S_{23} \end{array} \right], \quad \Phi_{7i} = \Omega_{i}, \quad P_{i} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} P_{1i} & * \\ P_{2i} & P_{3i} \end{array} \right], \\ \Phi_{8i} &= \left[\begin{array}{ccc} H_{1i}^{T} A_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G C_{1i} & \hat{A}_{i} & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{1i}^{T} A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{1i}^{T} D_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^{T} A_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G C_{1i} & \hat{A}_{i} & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{3i}^{T} A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{1i}^{T} D_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^{T} A_{i} - H_{1i}^{T} + \hat{B}_{i} G C_{1i} & \hat{A}_{i} - H_{2i}^{T} & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{1i}^{T} A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{1i}^{T} D_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^{T} A_{i} - H_{3i}^{T} + \hat{B}_{i} G C_{1i} & \hat{A}_{i} - H_{2i}^{T} & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{3i}^{T} A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{3i}^{T} D_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^{T} A_{i} - H_{3i}^{T} + \hat{B}_{i} G C_{1i} & \hat{A}_{i} - H_{2i}^{T} & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{3i}^{T} A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{3i}^{T} D_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^{T} A_{i} - H_{3i}^{T} + \hat{B}_{i} G C_{1i} & \hat{A}_{i} - H_{2i}^{T} & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{3i}^{T} A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} + H_{3i}^{T} D_{i} + \hat{B}_{i} G D_{1i} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \varepsilon_{l} \Xi_{l}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0_{n,2mn+5n+h} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \varepsilon_{l} \Xi_{l}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0_{n,2mn+5n+h} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0_{n,2mn+2n} & \varepsilon_{l} \Pi_{li}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0_{n,3n+h} \\ \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Phi_{12i} &= \left[C_{i} & -\hat{C}_{i} & 0_{n,2mn+4n+h} \right], \\ \hat{\Omega}_{i}' &= \left[\Phi_{8i}^{T} & \lambda_{1} \Phi_{9i}^{T} & \lambda_{2} \Phi_{9i}^{T} & \Phi_{10i}^{T} & \Phi_{11i}^{T} & \Phi_{12i}^{T} \right]^{T}, \quad \hat{\Omega}_{i}'' = \text{diag} \{ \Phi_{1i}, \Phi_{2i}, \Phi_{3i}, -E, -E, I \}, \end{cases}$$

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 Ω_i , E, λ_1 and λ_2 are defined as in Theorem 1, and if $\zeta_{\kappa}^i = \emptyset$, $\Upsilon_{1j} = P_{1j}$, $\Upsilon_{2j} = P_{2j}$, $\Upsilon_{3j} = P_{3j}$, otherwise,

$$\begin{cases} \Upsilon_{1j} = (\sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^{i}} \pi_{ij})^{-1} \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^{i}} \pi_{ij} P_{1j} \\ \Upsilon_{2j} = (\sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^{i}} \pi_{ij})^{-1} \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^{i}} \pi_{ij} P_{2j} \\ \Upsilon_{3j} = (\sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^{i}} \pi_{ij})^{-1} \sum_{j \in \zeta_{\kappa}^{i}} \pi_{ij} P_{3j} \\ \begin{cases} \Upsilon_{1j} = P_{1j} \\ \Upsilon_{2j} = P_{2j} \\ \Upsilon_{3j} = P_{3j} \end{cases}, \quad j \in \zeta_{u\kappa}^{i} \end{cases}$$

then the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . Moreover, the parameters of the desired filter are given as follows:

$$A_{fi} = H_{2i}^{-T} \hat{A}_i, \qquad B_{fi} = H_{2i}^{-T} \hat{B}_i, \qquad C_{fi} = \hat{C}_i.$$
(35)

Proof: First, let us partition H_i as

$$H_i = \begin{bmatrix} H_{1i} & H_{3i} \\ H_{2i} & H_{2i} \end{bmatrix}$$
(36)

where H_{2i} is nonsingular without loss of generality. Furthermore, partition P_i , S_1 and S_2 as

$$P_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{1i} & * \\ P_{2i} & P_{3i} \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{11} & * \\ S_{12} & S_{13} \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{21} & * \\ S_{22} & S_{23} \end{bmatrix}.$$
(37)

Substituting (35)-(37) into (29) and (30), we can get (33) and (34) immediately. This completes the proof. ■

In the following theorem, a design procedure for the desired filter parameters will be provided in the case that the failure parameter matrix is unknown but satisfies the constraints (4)-(7).

Theorem 5: Consider the filtering error system (9) with partly unknown transition probabilities and a prescribed H_{∞} performance index $\gamma > 0$. If there exist matrices $P_{1i} > 0$, P_{2i} , $P_{3i} > 0$, $Q_1 > 0$, $Q_2 > 0$, $Q_3 > 0$, $S_{11} > 0$, S_{12} , $S_{13} > 0$, $S_{21} > 0$, S_{22} , $S_{23} > 0$, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , H_{1i} , H_{2i} , H_{3i} , \hat{A}_i , \hat{B}_i , \hat{C}_i and scalars $\varepsilon_l > 0(l = 1, \ldots, q)$, $\sigma > 0$ such that the following linear matrix inequalities hold for any $i \in S$,

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{1i} = \begin{bmatrix} -\varepsilon_l & * & * & * \\ \Phi_{4i} & \Phi_{1i} & * & * \\ \lambda_1 \Phi_{4i} & 0 & \Phi_{2i} & * \\ \lambda_2 \Phi_{4i} & 0 & 0 & \Phi_{3i} \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad l = 1, \dots, q$$

$$(38)$$

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{ti} = \begin{bmatrix}
\Phi_{7i} & * & * & * & * & * & * \\
\lambda_1 R_1^T & -\Phi_5 & * & * & * & * \\
\lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -\Phi_6 & * & * & * \\
\hat{\Omega}^{\prime\prime\prime} & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Omega}^{\prime\prime\prime} & * & * \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Omega}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime} & -\sigma \tilde{G}^{-2} & * \\
\sigma \Phi_{14i} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\sigma I
\end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3 \tag{39}$$

where

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\Phi}_{8i} &= \begin{bmatrix} H_{1i}^T A_i + \hat{B}_i G_0 C_{1i} & \hat{A}_i & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{1i}^T A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{1i}^T D_i + \hat{B}_i G_0 D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^T A_i + \hat{B}_i G_0 C_{1i} & \hat{A}_i & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{3i}^T A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{3i}^T D_i + \hat{B}_i G_0 D_{1i} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \tilde{\Phi}_{9i} &= \begin{bmatrix} H_{1i}^T A_i - H_{1i}^T + \hat{B}_i G_0 C_{1i} & \hat{A}_i - H_{2i}^T & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{1i}^T A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{1i}^T D_i + \hat{B}_i G_0 D_{1i} \\ H_{3i}^T A_i - H_{3i}^T + \hat{B}_i G_0 C_{1i} & \hat{A}_i - H_{2i}^T & 0_{n,2mn} & H_{3i}^T A_{di} & 0_{n,3n} & H_{3i}^T D_i + \hat{B}_i G_0 D_{1i} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Phi_{13i} &= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{B}_i^T & \hat{B}_i^T \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi_{14i} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{1i} & 0_{nC_1,2mn+5n} & D_{1i} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \hat{\Omega}_i^{\prime\prime\prime\prime} &= \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\Phi}_{8i}^T & \lambda_1 \tilde{\Phi}_{9i}^T & \lambda_2 \tilde{\Phi}_{9i}^T & \Phi_{10i}^T & \Phi_{12i}^T \end{bmatrix}^T, \\ \hat{\Omega}_i^{\prime\prime\prime\prime} &= \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{13i} & \lambda_1 \Phi_{13i} & \lambda_2 \Phi_{13i} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \end{split}$$

 n_{C_1} is the number of row in matrix C_{1i} , $\hat{\Omega}''$, Φ_{1i} , Φ_{2i} , Φ_{3i} , Φ_{4i} , Φ_5 , Φ_6 , Φ_{7i} , Φ_{10i} , Φ_{11i} and Φ_{12i} are defined as in Theorem 4, and E, λ_1 and λ_2 are defined as in Theorem 1, then the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . Moreover, the parameters of the desired filter are given as follows:

$$A_{fi} = H_{2i}^{-T} \hat{A}_i, \qquad B_{fi} = H_{2i}^{-T} \hat{B}_i, \qquad C_{fi} = \hat{C}_i.$$
(40)

Proof: From (7), we know that Ψ_{ti} in (34) can be rewritten as

$$\hat{\Psi}_{ti} = \hat{\Psi}'_{ti} + W^T \Delta V + V^T \Delta W, \tag{41}$$

where

$$\hat{\Psi}'_{ti} = \begin{bmatrix}
\Phi_{7i} & * & * & * \\
\lambda_1 R_1^T & -\Phi_5 & * & * \\
\lambda_2 R_t^T & 0 & -\Phi_6 & * \\
\hat{\Omega}''' & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Omega}''
\end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad t = 2, 3$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Omega}'''' \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Omega}'''' \\
\end{bmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{bmatrix}
\Phi_{14i} & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}.$$

From Lemma 1 and (7), we have

$$\hat{\Psi}_{ti} \le \hat{\Psi}'_{ti} + \sigma^{-1} W^T \tilde{G}^2 W + \sigma V^T V = \Theta, \quad t = 2, 3.$$

$$\tag{42}$$

By Schur complement, (39) implies that $\hat{\Psi}_{ti} \leq \Theta < 0$, t = 2, 3. Therefore, the filtering error system (9) is asymptotically mean-square stable with partly unknown transition probabilities and an H_{∞} disturbance attenuation level γ . This completes the proof.

Remark 5: It is worth pointing out that the optimal H_{∞} performance index γ^* depends on the number of known transition probabilities. Specifically, if more elements in the transition probability matrix can be obtained which are exactly known, a smaller index can be achieved for the optimal H_{∞} performance. This will be illustrated via a numerical example in the next section.

IV. AN ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

In this section, we present a numerical example to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method.

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Consider a discrete Markovian jump system of form (1) with four modes and the following parameters:

$$A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.2 \\ 0.8 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}, A_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.3 \\ 0.8 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}, A_{3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.2 \\ 0.8 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}, A_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.1 \\ 0.8 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$A_{d1} = A_{d2} = A_{d3} = A_{d4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, C_{1} = C_{2} = C_{3} = C_{4} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = D_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_{11} = C_{12} = C_{13} = C_{14} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D_{11} = D_{12} = D_{13} = D_{14} = 0.5, \quad \theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3 = \theta_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\Xi_1 = \Xi_2 = \Xi_3 = \Xi_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Pi_1 = \Pi_2 = \Pi_3 = \Pi_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

The transition probability matrices for four different cases are given by

The time-varying delay d_k satisfies $1 \le d_k \le 2$ and let m = 1. The sensor fault matrix G is assumed to satisfy $0.5 \le G \le 0.9$, and then we can obtain that $G_0 = 0.7$ and $\tilde{G} = 0.2$.

Table I presents the optimal H_{∞} performance indices γ^* for the four cases of different transition probabilities. From Table I, it can be seen that the more transition probabilities we know, the smaller optimal H_{∞} performance index the system can be achieved, which means that there exist tradeoffs between the cost of obtaining transition probabilities and the expectation of the system performance. On the other hand, for the system with the transition probability matrix Λ_3 , by solving (39)-(38) in Theorem 5, the desired filter parameters can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} A_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.3311 & -0.0405 \\ 0.3260 & 0.6109 \\ 0.2643 & -0.1517 \\ 0.5572 & 0.7149 \\ A_{f3} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.2633 & -0.0711 \\ 0.4487 & 0.4719 \\ 0.2404 & -0.0029 \\ 0.4893 & 0.4544 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.2266 \\ -0.2894 \\ 0.5826 \\ -0.8306 \\ 0.2161 \\ -0.1650 \\ 0.1873 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.0424 & 0.0115 \\ 0.0015 \\ 0.0083 \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

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TABLE I MINIMUM γ^* for different transition probabilities cases

Transition probabilities	Λ_1	Λ_2	Λ_3	Λ_4
γ^*	0.2398	0.2904	0.2911	0.2924

V. Conclusions

In this paper, the reliable H_{∞} filtering problem has been investigated for a class of discrete-time nonlinear Markovian jump systems with sensor failures, time-varying delay and partly unknown transition probabilities. The systems under consideration are more general, which cover the Markovian jump systems with completely known and completely unknown transition probabilities as two special cases. A new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional and delay-partitioning technique have been used to design a mode-dependent filter for all admissible uncertainties such that the filtering error system is asymptotically mean-square stable and achieves a prescribed H_{∞} performance level. The filter gains have been characterized by the solution of a set of LMIs. An illustrative example has been exploited to show the usefulness of the results obtained. The future research topics would include the extension of the main results developed in this paper to more general complex systems such as networked systems with random packet losses, general stochastic systems, polynomial nonlinear systems and functional differential equations of the neutral type.

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