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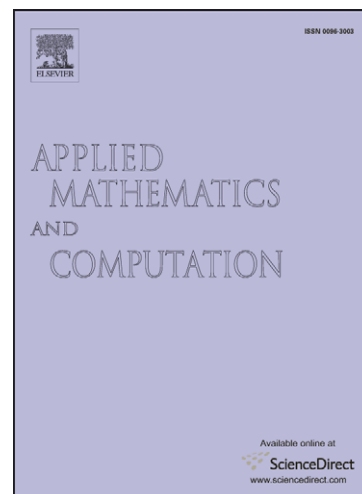
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# Estimation of Systems with Statistically-Constrained Inputs

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**Abstract** -- This paper discusses the estimation of a class of discrete-time linear stochastic systems with statistically constrained unknown inputs (UI), which can represent an arbitrary combination of a class of un-modeled dynamics, random UI with unknown covariance matrix and deterministic UI. In filter design, an upper bound filter is explored to compute, recursively and adaptively, the upper-bounds of covariance matrices of the state prediction error, innovation and state estimate error. Furthermore, the minimum upper bound filter (MUBF) is obtained via online scalar parameter convex optimization in pursuit of the minimum upper-bounds. Two examples, a system with multiple piecewise UIs and a continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR), are used to illustrate the proposed MUBF scheme and verify its performance.

**Keywords:**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

As optimal linear minimum mean squared-error estimators, Kalman filters are widely used in signal processing and optimal control. The Kalman Filter (KF) considers a linear nominal model with known system parameters and noise statistics. However, the performance of KF will be significantly deteriorated if there exist unknown inputs (UI) to the nominal system, which has motivated the filter design in the presence of disturbance inputs to the system model of the KF. In general, the filter design can be grouped into four categories according to the assumptions on UI.

In the first category, the UI is modeled as stochastic noise with unknown covariance, which is estimated adaptively by computing the correlation of measurements within a time interval [9][10][11]. As pointed out in [9], however, such noise estimation methods are only suitable for a class of stationary time-invariant systems. An adaptive filter [12] was proposed for a class of linear systems that are subject to process disturbances and structured measurement noises with unknown time-variant covariance matrices. The method was further extended to a class of jump Markov nonlinear stochastic systems [13]. The second category considers the UI to be deterministic and piecewise constant [6] for maneuvering target tracking. In a decoupled tracker, one-dimensional target acceleration, as the UI, is estimated using a set of measurements within a moving detection window. In [7], this input estimation method was extended to deal with generalized unknown deterministic inputs, which are represented as a linear weighted combination of several basis functions. The weights are unknown but are assumed to be constant in each moving detection window. This category is specially designed for maneuvering target tracking. In the third category, the UIs are arbitrary but their distribution matrix is known and the matrix rank is less than the rank of measurement matrix [8]. With substitution elimination of the redundant measurements, a disturbance decoupling observer can be designed to obtain the minimum-variance residual for reliable fault diagnosis in the presence of UIs. In the last category, the UI are energy-bounded and the parameter variation is norm-bounded or convex-bounded. The filters, based on offline convex parameter optimization, are designed to pursue the best result in the worst-case [1]-[5].

The filters introduced above, based on quite different ideas, address different types of UIs and some filters are application-specific. The actual applications, however, encounter much more complicated UIs. It is highly demanded and significant to design adaptive filters for more generalized UI. To the best of the

authors' knowledge, however, little research has been reported on this topic.

In this paper, a statistically constrained UI is considered and defined. The defined UI can represent a linear weighted sum of a class of UIs with dynamic properties, random UIs with unknown covariance, and unknown deterministic UIs. An adaptive filter is proposed via constructing the upper bound filter and pursuing its minimum upper bounds of covariance matrices of the state prediction error, residual and estimation error.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section II formulates the problem, where a class of linear stochastic systems with the statistically-constrained UI is introduced. Section III defines the upper bound filters (UBF) based on the structure of fading Kalman filters, and derives the sufficient conditions of the existence of UBF. Section IV determines the optimal filter parameters in pursuit of the minimum upper bound filter (MUBF). Section V focuses on the online optimization implementation of filter parameters. Section VI performs experiments to illustrate the proposed MUBF and Section VII concludes the paper.

Throughout the paper, for any two real valued matrices with proper dimension,  $A$  and  $B$ , " $A \geq B$ " and " $A > B$ " represent that  $A - B$  is positive semidefinite and positive definite, respectively. " $0_{n \times p}$ " and " $I_n$ " represent the  $n$ -by- $p$  zero matrix and the  $n$ -by- $n$  unity matrix, respectively. The operator  $E\{\bullet\}$  represents the mathematical expectation over the joint distribution of the related random vector. The superscripts " $T$ " and " $-1$ " represent the transpose and inverse of a matrix, respectively.

## II. STOCHASTIC SYSTEMS WITH GENERALIZED UNKNOWN DISTURBANCE INPUTS

In the standard KF, the discrete-time linear stochastic system model is

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = F_k x_k + B_k u_k + \Gamma_k q_k \\ y_{k+1} = H_{k+1} x_{k+1} + v_{k+1} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $x \in R^n$ ,  $u \in R^l$  and  $y \in R^m$  represent the system state, known input and measurement respectively. The system matrix  $F$ , input matrix  $B$ , noise matrix  $\Gamma$  and measurement matrix  $H$  are known. The process noise  $q_k \in R^p$  and measurement noise  $v_{k+1} \in R^m$  are zero-mean white noises with known covariance  $Q_k \geq 0_{p \times p}$  and  $R_{k+1} > 0_{m \times m}$ , respectively.  $q$ ,  $v$  and the initial state  $x_0$  are assumed to be independent.

In actual applications, however, the modeling errors caused by parameter variations, inaccurate parameter identification and unknown external disturbances may not be well represented by zero-mean process noises with *a priori* known covariance. In such cases the actual system will have significant deviation from the nominal model in (1). Consequently, the KF performance will be deteriorated, or even worse, the estimation errors may be divergent.

Meanwhile, in many engineering applications, there exist various UI to the nominal model. For example, in maneuvering target tracking, the unknown acceleration can be represented as the UI to the constant-velocity movement model; in chemical processes, there widely exist unknown and time-varying time delays, which can be represented by the UI to the model with a nominal time delay. Such situations motivate many researchers to study UI modeling and the corresponding filter design.

We extend (1) to the following time-varying stochastic system

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = F_k x_k + B_k u_k + \Gamma_k q_k + \delta_k \\ y_{k+1} = H_{k+1} x_{k+1} + v_{k+1} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $\delta_k$  is independent of  $q(j)$  and  $v(j+1)$  ( $\forall j > k \geq 0$ ). The introduced term  $\delta_k$  represents a class of statistically-constrained UIs. Obviously, the traditional system model considered by the KF is a special case of the proposed model (2) with  $\delta \equiv 0_{n \times 1}$ . It will be shown in the following theorem that  $\delta_k$  can represent a general class of UIs.

Denote by  $\bar{X}^k \triangleq \text{col}\{x_0, \dots, x_k\}$ ,  $\bar{Q}^{k-1} \triangleq \text{col}\{q_0, \dots, q_{k-1}\}$ ,  $\bar{\delta}^{k-1} \triangleq \text{col}\{\delta_0, \dots, \delta_{k-1}\}$ ,  $\bar{V}^k \triangleq \text{col}\{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  and  $\bar{U}^{k-1} \triangleq \text{col}\{u_0, \dots, u_{k-1}\}$ . We have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** Consider the stochastic system (2), the term  $\delta_k$  can represent the linear combination of multiple UIs as follows

$$\delta_k = \begin{cases} A_k^{(1)} f_k^{(1)}(\bar{X}^k, \bar{Q}^{k-1}, \bar{V}^k, \bar{\delta}^{k-1}, \bar{U}^{k-1}) + A_k^{(2)} f_k^{(2)} + A_k^{(3)} \omega_k & k \geq 1 \\ A_k^{(1)} f_k^{(3)}(\bar{X}^k) + A_k^{(2)} f_k^{(2)} + A_k^{(3)} \omega_k & k = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where  $A_k^{(1)}$ ,  $A_k^{(2)}$  and  $A_k^{(3)}$  are arbitrary deterministic weight matrices with proper dimension;  $f_k^{(1)}$ ,  $f_k^{(2)}$  and  $f_k^{(3)}$  are arbitrary functions. The noise sequence  $\{\omega_k\}$  are assumed to be independent of  $\{q_k\}$

and  $\{v_k\}$ . ■

**Proof:** See Appendix A. ■

**Remark 2.1** As linear or nonlinear functions of  $\bar{X}^k$ ,  $\bar{Q}^{k-1}$ ,  $\bar{V}^k$ ,  $\bar{\delta}^{k-1}$  or  $\bar{U}^{k-1}$ , the functions  $f_k^{(1)}$  and  $f_k^{(3)}$  represent the UIs with dynamic properties reflecting the effect of model linearization, inaccurate parameter identification and parameter variations on the nominal linear model. The deterministic UI  $f_k^{(2)}$  represents the unknown additional deterministic input. The noise  $\omega$  represents the additional random UI with unknown covariance. As the linear weighted sum of those UIs with arbitrary and even unknown weights,  $\delta_k$  is a generalized UI and thus system model (2) is able to represent more complicated systems.

### III. UPPER BOUND FILTER DESIGN

**Definition 3.1** (*Upper Bound Filter*): Consider the following linear filter structure

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k} = F_k \hat{x}_{k|k} + B_k u_k \quad (4)$$

$$\gamma_{k+1} = y_{k+1} - H_{k+1} \hat{x}_{k+1|k} \quad (5)$$

$$\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1} = \hat{x}_{k+1|k} + K_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1} \quad (6)$$

$$P_{k+1|k}^* = \alpha_k F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \quad (7)$$

$$V_{k+1}^* = H_{k+1} P_{k+1|k}^* H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1} \quad (8)$$

$$P_{k+1|k+1}^* = (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1}) P_{k+1|k}^* (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1})^T + K_{k+1} R_{k+1} K_{k+1}^T \quad (9)$$

where  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k}$ ,  $\gamma_{k+1}$  and  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1}$  are the state prediction, residual and estimate at time  $k+1$ , respectively. The filter (4)-(9) for system (2) is said to be the Upper Bound Filter (UBF) if there exist a fading factor  $\alpha_k \geq 1$  and filter gain  $K_{k+1}$  satisfying

$$(i) \quad P_{k+1|k}^* \geq P_{k+1|k} \triangleq E\{\tilde{x}_{k+1|k} \tilde{x}_{k+1|k}^T\} \quad (10)$$

$$(ii) \quad V_{k+1}^* \geq V_{k+1} \triangleq E\{\gamma_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1}^T\} \quad (11)$$

$$(iii) \quad P_{k+1|k+1}^* \geq P_{k+1|k+1} \triangleq E\{\tilde{x}_{k+1|k+1}\tilde{x}_{k+1|k+1}^T\} \quad (12)$$

where  $\tilde{x}_{k|k} \triangleq x_k - \hat{x}_{k|k}$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{k+1|k} \triangleq x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1|k}$  and the filter gain  $K_{k+1}$  is a function of  $P_{k+1|k}^*$  and  $V_{k+1}^*$ . ■

**Remark 3.1** In Definition 3.1, the UI is unknown and thus state prediction has to be based on the nominal system (1). Similar to the fading Kalman filter (FKF) [14], the effect of the UI on state prediction is expected to be compensated via the fading factor in (7). In fact, the UBF and FKF are different. The fading factor in the FKF is introduced to rescale covariance matrix of state prediction error derived from the nominal system. However, it is not theoretically strict to reconstruct an  $n \times n$  square matrix only from a scalar. Different from FKF, the proposed UBF is to construct the upper bounds of covariance matrices of the state prediction error, innovation and state estimate error via the fading factor.

Before designing the UBF, we need to know whether a UBF exists. The following Theorem 3.1 presents the sufficient conditions of the existence of the UBF.

**Theorem 3.1** There exist a UBF (4)-(12) for system (2) and both  $P_{k+1|k}^*$  and  $P_{k+1|k+1}^*$  are positive definite, if the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $P_{0|0}^*$  is positive definite and  $P_{0|0}^* - P_{0|0}$  is positive semi-definite
- (ii)  $F_k \forall k$  is of full rank. ■

**Proof:** See Appendix B. ■

In the traditional KF,  $P_{0|0}$  is known *a priori*. In the UBF proposed here, only its upper bound  $P_{0|0}^* > 0$  is needed. The first condition of Theorem 3.1 is easy to be satisfied in filter design. The second condition of Theorem 3.1 presents the constraint on the system (2) and is satisfied in many applications. For example, if model (2) is derived from the discretization of a continuous-time system, then this condition will be always satisfied.

#### IV. MINIMUM UPPER BOUNDS

In the previous section, Theorem 3.1 explores the existence of a UBF. An interesting question is whether

there exist the minimum upper bounds and how to design the filter parameters in order to obtain the best filtering accuracy in the worst case. In this section, we show that the minimum upper bounds exist, and further present the corresponding filter parameters.

Define the following set  $\Lambda_k = \{\alpha_k \mid \alpha_k \geq 1, P_{k+1|k}^* \geq P_{k+1|k}, V_{k+1}^* \geq V_{k+1}, P_{k+1|k+1}^* \geq P_{k+1|k+1}\}$ . According to Definition 3.1, the set  $\Lambda_k$  will not be empty if a UBF exists. We have the following theorems.

**Theorem 4.1** Given any positive definite symmetric matrix  $P_{k|k}^*$  in a UBF (4)-(12) for system (2), there exists a unique minimum fading factor  $\alpha_k^{Opt}$  in  $\Lambda_k$  to achieve the minimum upper bound of covariance matrix of the state prediction error, i.e.

$$\alpha_k^{Opt} = \min\{\alpha_k \in \Lambda_k\} \quad (13)$$

satisfying

$$P_{k+1|k} \leq P_{k+1|k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} \leq P_{k+1|k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} \quad (14)$$

The fading factor  $\alpha_k^{Opt}$  also results in the minimum upper bounds of covariance matrices of filter residual and state estimate error, given any filter gain, i.e.

$$V_{k+1} \leq V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} \leq V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} \quad (15)$$

$$P(k+1|k+1) \leq P_{k+1|k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} \leq P_{k+1|k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} \quad (16) \blacksquare$$

**Proof:** See Appendix C. ■

**Theorem 4.2** Given any positive definite symmetric matrix  $P_{k+1|k}^*$  in a UBF (4)-(12) for system (2), there exists an optimal filter gain to obtain the minimum upper bound of the covariance matrix of state estimate error, i.e.

$$K_{k+1}^{Opt} = P_{k+1|k}^* H_{k+1}^T (V_{k+1}^*)^{-1} \quad (17)$$

satisfying

$$P_{k+1|k+1} \leq P_{k+1|k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}} \leq P_{k+1|k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}} \quad (18)$$



where

$$P_{k+1|k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{opt}} = \left( (P_{k+1|k}^*)^{-1} + H_{k+1}^T R_{k+1}^{-1} H_{k+1} \right)^{-1} \quad (19) \blacksquare$$

**Proof:** See Appendix D. ■

With Theorems 4.1 and 4.2, we know that there exists a unique Minimum Upper Bound Filter (MUBF), reaching the minimum upper bounds among all UBFs. The MUBF has optimal parameters, i.e.  $\alpha_k^{opt}$  and  $K_{k+1}^{opt}$ . Next, we focus on how to determine  $\alpha_k^{opt}$  and thus propose the implementation of the MUBF.

## V. MINIMUM UPPER BOUND FILTER DESIGN

**Theorem 5.1** The following scalar convex optimization has one and only one solution, which is equal to the minimum fading factor

$$\alpha_k^{opt} = \min \alpha_k \quad (20)$$

subject to

$$(i) \quad H_{k+1} \left( \alpha_k F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \right) H_{k+1}^T \geq V_{k+1} - R_{k+1} \quad (21)$$

$$(ii) \quad \alpha_k \geq 1$$

if the following four conditions are satisfied

$$(i) \quad P_{00}^* \text{ is positive definite and } P_{00}^* - P_{00} \text{ is positive semi-definite;}$$

$$(ii) \quad F_k \text{ is of full rank;}$$

$$(iii) \quad H_k \text{ is of full row rank, i.e. } \text{rank} \{H_k\} = m, \quad \forall k \geq 1;$$

$$(iv) \quad \text{the filter gain is chosen to its optimal value } K_{k+1}^{opt} \text{ in (17).} \quad \blacksquare$$

**Proof:** See Appendix E. ■

The MUBF algorithm can be summarized as follows.

**Step 1:** Let  $k=0$ . Initialize  $\hat{x}_{00}$  and  $P_{00}^*$ .

**Step 2:** Compute the state prediction  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k}$  by (4).

**Step 3:** After obtain the measurement at time  $k+1$ , compute  $\gamma_{k+1}$  by (5).

**Step 4:** Run the optimization of (20) to determine  $\alpha_k^{Opt}$ , where  $V_{k+1}$  is substituted by its estimate

$\hat{V}_{k+1} = \gamma_{k+1} \gamma_{k+1}^T$ . The convex constrained optimization can be solved via linear matrix inequalities (LMI) [15].

**Step 5:** Compute  $P_{k+1|k}^*$  by (7),  $V_{k+1}^*$  by (8) and  $K_{k+1}^{Opt}$  by (18).

**Step 6:** Determine  $\hat{x}_{k+1|k+1}$  and  $P_{k+1|k+1}^*$  by (6) and (9), respectively.

**Step 7:** Let  $k=k+1$  and go to Step 2.

## VI. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, two examples are used to illustrate the proposed MUBF. In the first example, a system with multiple types of UIs is simulated to test the performance of MUBF; while in the second example, a real system of the continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR) is used to validate the efficiency of MUBF.

### A) A simulated system with different UIs

Consider the system (2) with  $F = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.3 \\ -0.3 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 400 & 0 \\ 0 & 400 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Bu \equiv 0_{2 \times 1}$ ,  $\Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $H = I_{2 \times 2}$

and  $Q = 5$ . The UI  $\delta_k$  is considered to be 0, time-invariant UI, periodic UI, random UI, and time-delayed UI in piece-wise style as follows

$$\delta_k = \begin{cases} [0 \ 0]^T & 1 \leq k \leq 50 \\ [0 \ 30 \sin(0.5k - 25)]^T & 51 \leq k \leq 100 \\ [0 \ -20]^T & 101 \leq k \leq 150 \\ [\varepsilon_k^{(1)} \ \varepsilon_k^{(2)}]^T & 151 \leq k \leq 200 \\ [[0 \ -1]x_{k-1}\beta_k \ 0]^T & 201 \leq k \leq 250 \end{cases}$$

where  $\varepsilon_k^{(i)}$  ( $\forall k, i=1,2$ ) is Gaussian white noise with variance of 80,  $\beta_k$  is a square wave with peak magnitude of  $\pm 0.3$  and the half time period of 5. The first and second state components to be estimated are shown in Fig.1.

For the above time-invariant system configuration without  $\delta_k$ , the first category of filters introduced

in the Introduction Section can be designed. Here we employ the adaptive suboptimal filter (ASF) [10] for comparison with the proposed filter. The other three categories of filters introduced in the Introduction Section can not be applied because their design conditions are not satisfied. As shown in Fig. 2, the ASF, which treats the UI as stationary random noise, works much worse than the proposed MUBF, especially in the presence of deterministic UIs. It means that not all UIs can be properly treated as stationary random noise and the ASF is not suitable to deal with the general UI.

The fading factor is determined *a priori* in FKF [14], while it is adaptively optimized in MUBF. We implemented the FKFs with the fading factor ranging from 1 to  $\infty$  for comparison. The FKF with  $\alpha=1$  is equivalent to the traditional KF while the FKF with  $\alpha=\infty$  is equivalent to the Least Square Estimation. As shown in Figs.3-5, the FKFs with different fading factors cannot result in consistent filtering accuracy in different UIs. Table 1 lists the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of the filtering outputs of different schemes in each piece-wise UI. It is shown that the proposed MUBF, as one adaptive filter based on online parameter optimization, is robust to different UIs.

### B) A time delayed stochastic system

This experiment is on the joint estimation of feed flow rate and time delay in the continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR), where the evolution of feed flow rate and time delay is hard to model and hence we model their changes as the UI. Time delay is a special structure parameter that exists in many systems. As pointed out in [16], the closed-loop system may be unstable if the modeled time delay does not coincide with the unknown and/or time-varying time delay. Here we consider the CSTR described by Henson *et al* [17]:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{C}_a(t) = \frac{\tau(t)}{U} (C_{Af} - C_a(t)) - k_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E}{DT(t)}\right) C_a(t) \\ \dot{T}(t) = \frac{\tau(t)}{U} (\bar{t}^f - T(t)) + \frac{-\Delta H}{\bar{\rho}C_p} k_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E}{DT(t)}\right) C_a(t) + \frac{Z}{U\bar{\rho}C_p} (\bar{t}^c(t - \phi(t)) - T(t)) \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

where  $C_a$  is the reactor concentration,  $T$  is the reactor temperature,  $\bar{t}^c$  is the coolant temperature,  $\tau$  is the feed flow rate,  $C_{Af}$  is the feed concentration and  $\phi$  is the time delay.

In chemical engineering, the reactor temperature,  $T$ , can be obtained accurately. Consider the case that the reactor concentration is constant. Via the Euler discretization with sampling interval  $dt$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_{k+1} = & T_k + dt \frac{\tau_k}{U} (\bar{t}^f - T_k) + dt \frac{-\Delta H}{\bar{\rho} C_p} k_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E}{DT_k}\right) Ca_k \\
& + dt \frac{Z}{U \bar{\rho} C_p} \bar{t}_{k+1-\phi_{k+1}-T_k}^c + e_{k+1}
\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

where  $e$ , the discretization error, is a zero-mean white noise with covariance  $R_{k+1}$ . The feed flow rate,  $\tau$ , and the time delay,  $\phi$ , are time varying and change randomly. It is required to estimate them jointly. Let the state be  $x = [\tau \ \phi]^T$ , we model the system as (2) with the following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
F &= I_2, Bu = 0_{2 \times 1}, \Gamma q = 0_{2 \times 1}, \delta_k = x_{k+1} - x_k, v = e \\
y_{k+1} &= T_{k+1} - T_k + dt \frac{\tau_k}{U} T_k + dt \frac{\Delta H}{\bar{\rho} C_p} k_0 Ca_k \exp\left(-\frac{E}{DT_k}\right) + \frac{dt Z}{U \bar{\rho} C_p} T_k \\
H_{k+1} &= [(\bar{t}^f - T_k) / U \quad dt \frac{Z}{U \bar{\rho} C_p} (\bar{t}_{k-\phi_{k+1}}^c, -\bar{t}_{k+1-\phi_{k+1}}^c) |_{\phi_{k+1}=\hat{\phi}_k}]
\end{aligned}$$

In the above modeling, the unknown changes of feed flow rate and time-delay are modeled as  $\delta(k)$  because we do not have any *a priori* information about such changes.

The nominal parameters of the CSTR are  $Ca = 0.1$  mol/L,  $C_{Af} = 1$  mol/L,  $\bar{t}^f = 350$  K,  $U = 100$  L,  $Z = 5 \times 10^4$  J/(min·K),  $k_0 = 7.2 \times 10^{10}$ /min,  $\Delta H = -5 \times 10^4$  J/mol,  $E/D = 8750$  K,  $\bar{\rho} = 1000$  g/L, and  $C_p = 0.239$  J/(g·K).  $\bar{t}^c$  is designed to be a square wave with peak magnitude  $309.9 \times (1 \pm 0.005)$  K. The half time period of  $\bar{t}^c$  is 1 min so that the time delay less than 2 min is expected to be estimated. The sampling interval  $dt$  is 0.2 min and the variance of the discretization error is  $R_{k+1} = 0.05^2$ . The initial state of the CSTR is  $x_0 = [100 \ 1]^T$ . The actual time-varying parameter  $\tau$  (in L/min) and time delay  $\phi$  (in 0.2 min) are

$$\tau(k) = \begin{cases} 100 & 0 < k \leq 50 \\ 95 + 0.1k & 50 < k \leq 150 \\ 120 & 150 < k \leq 250 \\ 110 & 250 < k \leq 300 \end{cases}, \quad \phi_k = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < k \leq 100 \\ 3 & 100 < k \leq 200 \\ 5 & 200 < k \leq 300 \end{cases}$$

All the four categories of filters introduced in the Introduction Section can not be applied to the above CSTR system. The first category of filters can not be used because the necessary condition of filter existence in [9] can not be satisfied due to the time-variant measurement matrix. The systems considered in [10] and

[13] are much different from the CSTR system and their methods can not be used either. The second category of filters, which reconstructs inputs via measurements, requires that the dimension of inputs should not be less than that of measurements. However, this condition can not be satisfied because the CSTR system has one-dimensional measurement while two-dimensional input needs to be estimated. The third category is also unsuitable because it assumes that the disturbance should be structured and the disturbance dimension should be less than the measurement dimension. The last category is not applicable because it needs to know the bounds of disturbance and its existence depends on the system parameters. Here, we compare the proposed MUBF with FKF.

The filtering results by using the FKF with  $\alpha=1$  (i.e. the standard EKF, which has been widely utilized for many nonlinear systems, including gene regulatory networks [18]) are shown in Fig. 6. We see that it fails to estimate the time-variant state because of the absence of adaptation to the un-modeled dynamics. In contrast, the proposed MUBF, as shown in Fig.7, presents satisfying filtering results. The results of FKF with different fading factors are illustrated in Figs. 8-10, from which we can see that unsuitable fading factors will lead to unacceptable results. Comparing Fig.7 with Fig.9, we can see that FKF with the best fading factor gets slightly better estimation in feed flow rate  $\tau$  but much worse estimation in time delay  $\phi$  than the proposed MUBF. It validates the fact that the FKF with *a priori* fading factor is not expected to be suitable for time-variant system with time-variant and complicated UIs. In practice, the CSTR system may switch between multiple operation modes, which are significantly different from each other in nominal parameters and state change rules. In such cases, determining the FKF fading factor via trial and error becomes too complicated to implement.

## VII. CONCLUSION

We proposed an adaptive filtering scheme for a class of stochastic systems that are subject to statistically constrained disturbance input, which can describe an arbitrary combination of a class of un-modeled dynamics, random noise with unknown covariance and unknown deterministic inputs. The upper bound filter to the systems was presented. By minimizing the upper bounds, we transformed the design of minimum upper bound filter (MUBF) into an online constrained scalar optimization. Two examples were used to illustrate and validate the proposed MUBF and the results showed that the MUBF can effectively handle

different types of UI, which cannot be well processed by conventional filters such as fading Kalman filters.

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## APPENDIX A. Proof of Theorem 2.1

For simplicity without confusing in Appendix A, we represent  $f_k^{(1)}$ ,  $f_k^{(2)}$  and  $f_k^{(3)}$  by  $f^{(1)}$ ,  $f^{(2)}$  and  $f^{(3)}$ , respectively. Similarly, weights  $A_k^{(1)}$ ,  $A_k^{(2)}$ ,  $A_k^{(3)}$  are represented by  $A^{(1)}$ ,  $A^{(2)}$ ,  $A^{(3)}$ , respectively. The noises  $\omega_k$  is represented by  $\omega$ .

First let's consider the case of  $k = 0$ . From the statement in (1) that  $q$ ,  $v$  and the initial state  $x_0$  are independent, we have that  $f^{(3)}$  is independent of  $q$  and  $v$ . Further considering that  $A^{(1)}$ ,  $A^{(2)}$ ,  $A^{(3)}$  and  $f^{(2)}$  are deterministic,  $\omega$  is uncorrelated with both  $q$  and  $v$ , and  $q$ ,  $v$  are zero-mean, we have

$$E\{\delta_0 q_j^T\} = \left( A^{(1)} E\{f^{(3)}\} + A^{(2)} f^{(2)} + A^{(3)} E\{\omega\} \right) E\{q_j^T\} = 0_{n \times p}$$

$$E\{\delta_0 v_{j+1}^T\} = \left( A^{(1)} E\{f^{(3)}\} + A^{(2)} f^{(2)} + A^{(3)} E\{\omega\} \right) E\{v_{j+1}^T\} = 0_{n \times m}$$

Suppose  $\delta_i$  ( $i \leq k-1$ ) can be represented by (3). We focus on testifying the statistical constraint on  $\delta_k$ . From the dynamic model in (2), we can see that  $\bar{X}^k$  is a linear function of  $x_0$ ,  $\bar{Q}^{k-1}$ ,  $\bar{\delta}^{k-1}$  and  $\bar{U}^{k-1}$ . Thus  $f^{(1)}$  is the function of  $x_0$ ,  $\bar{Q}^{k-1}$ ,  $\bar{V}^k$ ,  $\bar{\delta}^{k-1}$  and  $\bar{U}^{k-1}$ . Because  $q$ ,  $v$  and the initial state  $x_0$  are independent,  $q$ ,  $v$  are white, and  $\bar{U}^{k-1}$  is deterministic, we have that  $f^{(1)}$  is independent of  $q_j$  and  $v_{j+1}$ . Thus we obtain

$$E\{\delta_k q_j^T\} = \left( A^{(1)} E\{f^{(1)}\} + A^{(2)} f^{(2)} + A^{(3)} E\{\omega\} \right) E\{q_j^T\} = 0_{n \times p}$$

$$E\{\delta_k v_{j+1}^T\} = \left( A^{(1)} E\{f^{(1)}\} + A^{(2)} f^{(2)} + A^{(3)} E\{\omega\} \right) E\{v_{j+1}^T\} = 0_{n \times m} \quad \blacksquare$$

APPENDIX B. Proof of Theorem 3.1

First, we show that  $P_{k+1k}^*$  and  $P_{k+1k+1}^*$  are positive definite matrices. As in the first condition of Theorem 3.1,  $P_{00}^*$  is positive definite. Here we assume  $P_{klk}^*$  is positive definite and try to prove that  $P_{k+1k}^*$  and  $P_{k+1k+1}^*$  are positive definite matrices using mathematical induction.

Since  $Q_k$  is nonnegative definite and  $\alpha_k \geq 1$ , we have the following inequality form (7)

$$P_{k+1k}^* = \alpha_k F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \geq \alpha_k F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T \geq F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T \quad (\text{B.1})$$

In the fact that  $P_{klk}^*$  is positive definite, and  $F_k$  is of full rank (the second condition of Theorem 3.1), we further have  $P_{k+1k}^*$  is positive definite from (B.1).

To any filtering gain  $K_{k+1}$ , we define  $\Delta K_{k+1} = K_{k+1} - P_{k+1k}^* H_{k+1}^T (V_{k+1}^*)^{-1}$  and derive (9) as follows

$$\begin{aligned} P_{k+1k+1}^* &= P_{k+1k}^* - P_{k+1k}^* H_{k+1}^T (V_{k+1}^*)^{-1} H_{k+1} P_{k+1k}^* + \Delta K_{k+1} V_{k+1}^* \Delta K_{k+1}^T \geq P_{k+1k}^* - P_{k+1k}^* H_{k+1}^T (V_{k+1}^*)^{-1} H_{k+1} P_{k+1k}^* \\ &\geq \left[ (P_{k+1k}^*)^{-1} + H_{k+1}^T R_{k+1}^{-1} H_{k+1} \right]^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

Using above conclusion that  $P_{k+1k}^*$  is positive definite, we find that  $P_{k+1k+1}^*$  is positive definite

Then we prove that there must exist the fading factor to guarantee (10)-(12). Put (4)-(6) into the definition of mean square error matrices in (10)-(12), we have

$$P_{k+1k} = E\{[F_k \tilde{x}_{klk} + \delta_k][F_k \tilde{x}_{klk} + \delta_k]^T\} + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$V_{k+1} = H_{k+1} P_{k+1k} H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1} \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$P_{k+1k+1} = (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1}) P_{k+1k} (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1})^T + K_{k+1} R_{k+1} K_{k+1}^T \quad (\text{B.5})$$

where above derivation utilizes the constraint that  $\delta_k$  is independent of  $q(j)$  and  $v(j+1)$

( $\forall j > k \geq 0$ ). Substitute (7) by (B.3), we have

$$P_{k+1k}^* - P_{k+1k} = \alpha_k F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T - E\{[F_k \tilde{x}_{klk} + \delta_k][F_k \tilde{x}_{klk} + \delta_k]^T\}$$

From (B.2) and the second condition of Theorem 3.1, we have that  $F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T$  is positive definite and thus its

minimum eigenvalue is positive, i.e.  $\sigma_{\min}\{F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T\} > 0$ .

The real symmetric matrices can be diagonalized as

$$F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T = U_k^{(1)} \Lambda_k^{(1)} (U_k^{(1)})^T, \quad E\{[F_k \tilde{x}_{k|k} + \delta_k][F_k \tilde{x}_{k|k} + \delta_k]^T\} = U_k^{(2)} \Lambda_k^{(2)} (U_k^{(2)})^T$$

where  $\Lambda_k^{(1)}$  and  $\Lambda_k^{(2)}$  are positive semi-definite and diagonal,  $(U_k^{(1)})^T = (U_k^{(1)})^{-1}$ , and  $(U_k^{(2)})^T = (U_k^{(2)})^{-1}$ . Furthermore we have

$$\alpha_k F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T = \alpha_k U_k^{(1)} \Lambda_k^{(1)} (U_k^{(1)})^T \geq \alpha_k U_k^{(1)} (\sigma_{\min}(\Lambda_k^{(1)}) I_n) (U_k^{(1)})^T = \alpha_k \sigma_{\min}(\Lambda_k^{(1)}) I_n$$

$$U_k^{(2)} \Lambda_k^{(2)} (U_k^{(2)})^T \leq U_k^{(2)} (\sigma_{\max}(\Lambda_k^{(2)}) I_n) (U_k^{(2)})^T = \sigma_{\max}(\Lambda_k^{(2)}) I_n$$

where  $\sigma_{\min}(\cdot)$  and  $\sigma_{\max}(\cdot)$  are the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of the corresponding real symmetric matrix, respectively.

Choosing  $\alpha_k \geq \frac{\sigma_{\max}(\Lambda_k^{(2)})}{\sigma_{\min}(\Lambda_k^{(1)})}$ , we obtain

$$P_{k+1|k}^* \geq P_{k+1|k} \quad (10)$$

Subtract (8) by (B.4) and use (10), we have

$$V_{k+1}^* = V_{k+1} + H_{k+1} (P_{k+1|k}^* - P_{k+1|k}) H_{k+1}^T \geq V_{k+1} \quad (11)$$

Subtract (9) by (B.5) and use (10), we have

$$P_{k+1|k+1}^* = P_{k+1|k+1} + (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1}) (P_{k+1|k}^* - P_{k+1|k}) (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1})^T \geq P_{k+1|k+1} \quad (12) \blacksquare$$

### APPENDIX C. Proof of Theorem 4.1

To any  $\alpha_k \in \Lambda_k$ , (13) leads to

$$\alpha_k \geq \alpha_k^{Opt} \quad (C.1)$$

From (7) and (C.1), we have

$$P_{k+1|k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} = \alpha_k^{Opt} F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \leq \alpha_k F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T = P_{k+1|k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} \quad (C.2)$$

Due to  $\alpha_k^{Opt} \in \Lambda_k$ , we have  $P_{k+1|k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} \geq P_{k+1|k}$ . Further with (C.2), we have (14).



From (8) and (C.2), we have

$$V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} = H_{k+1} P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1} \leq H_{k+1} P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1} = V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} \quad (C.3)$$

From (9), we have

$$P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} = (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1}) P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1})^T + K_{k+1} R_{k+1} K_{k+1}^T \quad (C.4)$$

and

$$P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} = (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1}) P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1})^T + K_{k+1} R_{k+1} K_{k+1}^T \quad (C.5)$$

Subtract (C.4) from (C.5) and use (C.2), we have

$$P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} \leq P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} \quad (C.6)$$

Due to  $\alpha_k^{Opt} \in \Lambda_k$ , we have  $V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} \geq V_{k+1}$  and  $P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} > P_{k+1k+1}$ . Combining them with (C.3)-(C.4), we obtain (15)-(16).

At last, let us testify the uniqueness of the optimal fading factor. As shown in (C.2), we have

$$P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} - P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} = (\alpha_k^{Opt} - \alpha_k) F_k P_{k|k}^* F_k^T$$

Because  $P_{k|k}^*$  is positive definition as stated in Theorem 4.1, we have

(i) If  $P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} - P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} > 0$ , then  $\alpha_k^{Opt} > \alpha_k$ .

In this case,  $\alpha_k$  is not the optimal parameter because  $\alpha_k^{Opt}$  obtains the lower upper bound.

(ii) If  $P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} - P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} < 0$ , then  $\alpha_k^{Opt} < \alpha_k$ .

This case is impossible because  $\alpha_k^{Opt} = \min \{ \alpha_k \in \Lambda_k \}$  as defined in (13).

(iii) If  $P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k^{Opt}} - P_{k+1k}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k} = 0$ , then  $\alpha_k^{Opt} = \alpha_k$  or  $F_k \equiv 0_{n \times n}$ .

The case of  $F_k \equiv 0_{n \times n}$  means it fails to model the system dynamics in (2) and thus only measurement information is available for estimation. It is out of the scope of estimation problem of dynamic systems.

Therefore it is concluded that  $\alpha_k^{Opt}$  is unique. ■

**APPENDIX D. Proof of Theorem 4.2**

Because  $P_{k+1k}^*$  and  $R_{k+1}$  are positive definite,  $H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1}$  is also positive definite and can be expressed by

$$V_{k+1}^* = H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1} = S_{k+1}S_{k+1}^T \quad (D.1)$$

where  $S_{k+1}$  is an  $m$ -by- $m$  matrix of full rank. Denote

$$M_{k+1} = K_{k+1}S_{k+1} - P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^TS_{k+1}^{-1} \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}}$$

and (9) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} P_{k+1k+1}^* &= (I - K_{k+1}H_{k+1})P_{k+1k}^*(I - K_{k+1}H_{k+1})^T + K_{k+1}R_{k+1}K_{k+1}^T = K_{k+1}V_{k+1}^*K_{k+1}^T - K_{k+1}H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^* - (K_{k+1}H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^*)^T + P_{k+1k}^* \\ &= M_{k+1}M_{k+1}^T + P_{k+1k}^* - P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T(V_{k+1}^*)^{-1}H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^* \geq P_{k+1k}^* - P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T(V_{k+1}^*)^{-1}H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^* \end{aligned}$$

From the above, we can see that  $P_{k+1k+1}^*$  reaches its lower bound if and only if  $M_{k+1} = 0_{n \times m}$ . Thus we obtain the optimal filter gain

$$K_{k+1}^{Opt} = P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T(S_{k+1}S_{k+1}^T)^{-1} = P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T(V_{k+1}^*)^{-1} \quad (D.2)$$

satisfying

$$P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}} \leq P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}} \quad (D.3)$$

Using the well-known matrix inversion theorem,  $P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}}$  can be further expressed as

$$P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}} = P_{k+1k}^* - P_{k+1k}^*H_{k+1}^T(V_{k+1}^*)^{-1}H_{k+1}P_{k+1k}^* = \left( (P_{k+1k}^*)^{-1} + H_{k+1}^TR_{k+1}^{-1}H_{k+1} \right)^{-1} \quad (D.4)$$

With  $P_{k+1k}^* > 0_{n \times n}$ , (D.4) further leads to  $P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}} > 0_{n \times n}$ . Thus  $K_{k+1}^{Opt}$  satisfies the third condition of

Theorem 3.1 and the upper bound can be guaranteed:

$$P_{k+1k+1} \leq P_{k+1k+1}^* \Big|_{K_{k+1}^{Opt}} \quad (D.5)$$

Combining (D.3) and (D.5), we obtain (18). ■

**APPENDIX E. Proof of Theorem 5.1**

The first two conditions of Theorem 5.1 are the same as the conditions of Theorem 3.1. Thus a UBF exists

and  $P_{klk}^* > 0_{n \times n}$  for all  $0 < k \leq N$ , according to Theorem 3.1.

From the third condition of Theorem 5.1, we have that  $H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1}$  is positive definite and thus

$(H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1})^{-1}$  exists. Substitute (7), (8) and (B.3) into (21), we have

$$V_{k+1}^* = H_{k+1} \left( \alpha_k F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \right) H_{k+1}^T + R_{k+1} \geq V_{k+1} \quad (11)$$

Left-multiply and right-multiply (21) by  $H_{k+1}^T$  and  $H_{k+1}$  respectively, we have

$$H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1} \left( \alpha_k F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \right) H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1} \geq H_{k+1}^T (V_{k+1} - R_{k+1}) H_{k+1} = H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1} P_{k+llk} H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1}$$

Since  $H_{k+1}^T H_{k+1}$  is positive definite, we further have

$$P_{k+llk}^* = \alpha_k F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T + \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T \geq P_{k+llk} \quad (10)$$

Subtract (9) by (B.4) and use (10), we have

$$P_{k+llk+1}^* - P_{k+llk+1} = (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1}) \left( P_{k+llk}^* - P_{k+llk} \right) (I - K_{k+1} H_{k+1})^T \geq 0_{n \times n} \quad (12)$$

From (10)-(12), it is concluded that the fading factor satisfying (21) can guarantee the existence of a UBF. According to Theorem 4.1, this minimum fading factor can simultaneously result in the minimum upper bounds of covariance matrices of state prediction, filter residual and state estimate. Thus if (20) has only one solution to fading factor, then this solution will be the minimum fading factor. In the following part, the uniqueness of the solution to (20) will be explored.

First we explore the existence of the solution. Because  $P_{klk}^* > 0_{n \times n}$  and  $F_k$  is of full rank, we have

$F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T > 0_{n \times n}$ . Consider that  $H_{k+1}$  is of full row rank, we further obtain that

$$H_{k+1} F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T H_{k+1}^T > 0 \quad (E.1)$$

The two constraints of (20) can be easily satisfied. For example, in the case that  $\alpha_k$  is

$\max \left\{ 1, \frac{\lambda_{\max} \{ V_{k+1} - H_{k+1} \Gamma_k Q_k \Gamma_k^T H_{k+1}^T - R_{k+1} \}}{\lambda_{\min} \{ H_{k+1} F_k P_{klk}^* F_k^T H_{k+1}^T \}} \right\}$ , where  $\lambda_{\max} \{ \bullet \}$  and  $\lambda_{\min} \{ \bullet \}$  are the maximum and minimum

eigenvalues of the corresponding matrix, the solution to (20) exists.

Then we need to verify that the solution to (20) is unique. Because the solution to (20) exists, the set

$\Lambda_k$  is not empty. If the set  $\Lambda_k$  only has one element, then that element will be the solution to (20).

Otherwise we can assume that  $\alpha_k^{(1)} > 1$  and  $\alpha_k^{(2)} > 1$  are two different solutions satisfying (20). Without loss of generality, we let  $\alpha_k^{(1)} > \alpha_k^{(2)}$ . There is

$$V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k = \alpha_1^{(k)}} - V_{k+1}^* \Big|_{\alpha_k = \alpha_2^{(k)}} = (\alpha_k^{(1)} - \alpha_k^{(2)}) H_{k+1} F_k P_{kk}^* F_k^T H_{k+1}^T > 0_{m \times m} \quad (\text{E.2})$$

(E.2) shows that  $\alpha_k^{(2)}$  has the smaller upper bound than  $\alpha_k^{(1)}$ . It conflicts the assumption that both  $\alpha_k^{(1)}$  and  $\alpha_k^{(1)}$ , as the solutions to (20), can result in the minimum upper bound. Therefore the optimization of (20) has one and only one solution. ■

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Table 1. Root-mean-square-error of the filtering results.

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	$k \in [1,50]$		$k \in [51,100]$		$k \in [101,150]$		$k \in [151,200]$		$k \in [201,250]$	
	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1$	$x_2$
MUBF	6.96	5.05	12.04	15.14	13.69	17.81	17.30	20.73	18.96	22.07
ASF	6.57	5.60	13.41	34.52	20.07	38.01	64.63	80.01	28.55	24.90
FKF( $\alpha=1$ )	6.37	3.53	30.60	58.58	43.07	48.84	93.98	126.86	44.21	46.26
FKF( $\alpha=1.5$ )	6.57	5.60	13.41	34.52	20.07	38.01	64.63	80.01	28.55	24.90
FKF( $\alpha=3$ )	11.69	12.41	11.25	14.15	12.31	18.98	34.45	32.34	17.01	17.55
FKF( $\alpha=\infty$ )	20.32	19.04	18.34	19.41	20.43	18.59	17.44	22.27	22.45	24.24

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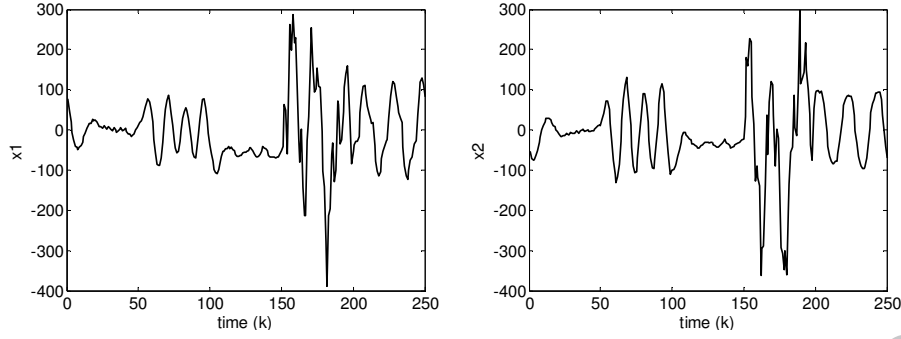


Figure 1. The true state to be estimated.

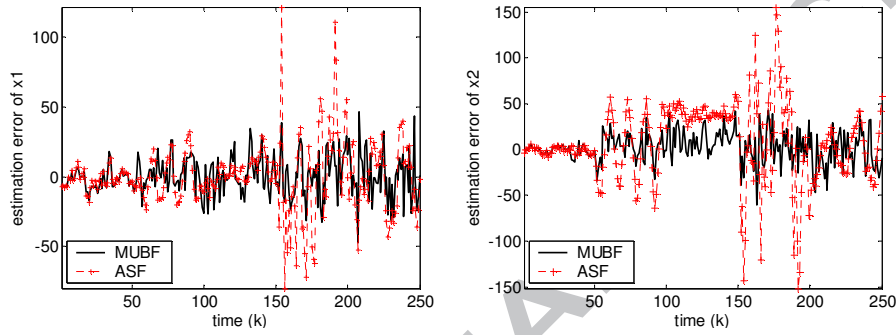
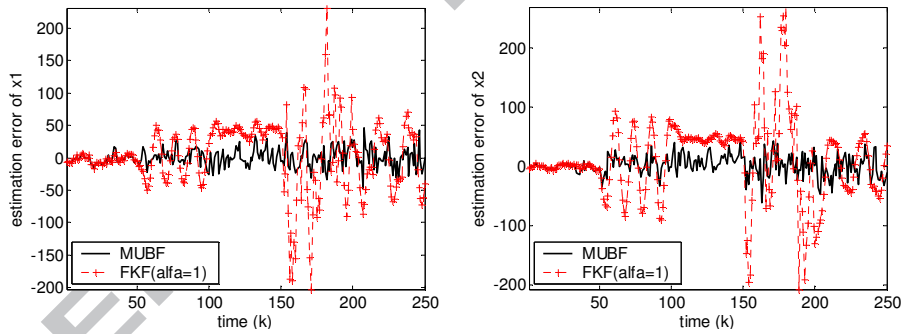
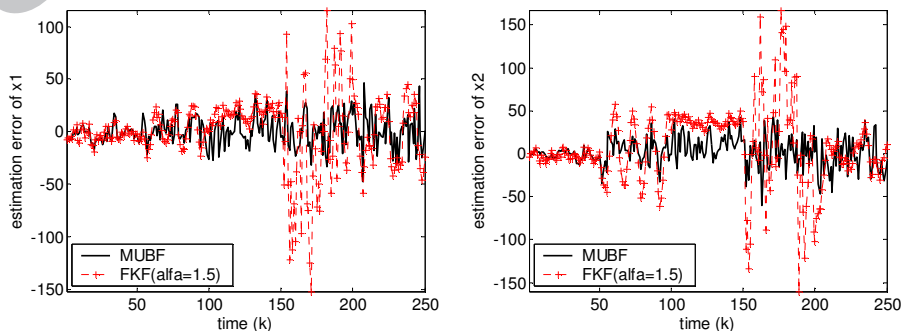


Figure 2. The state estimation errors by MUBF and ASF.

Figure 3. The state estimation errors by MUBF and FKF with  $\alpha=1$ .Figure 4. The state estimation errors by MUBF and FKF with  $\alpha=1.5$ .

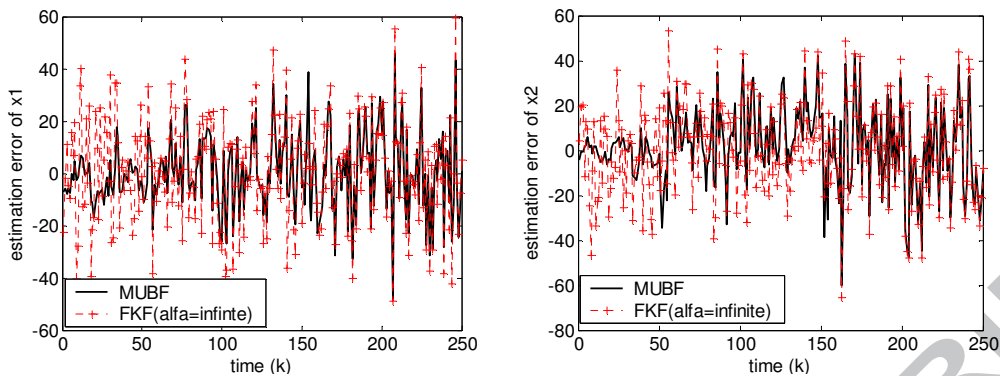


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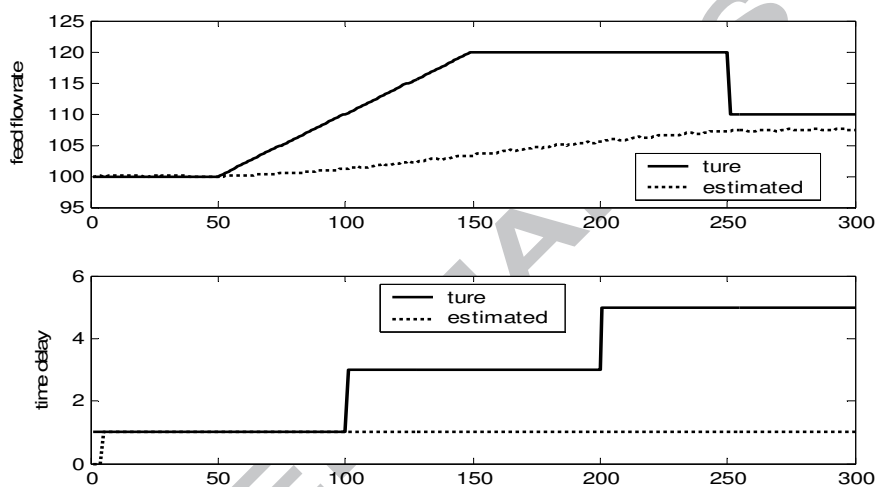


Figure 6. The filtering result of FKF ( $\alpha=1$ ).

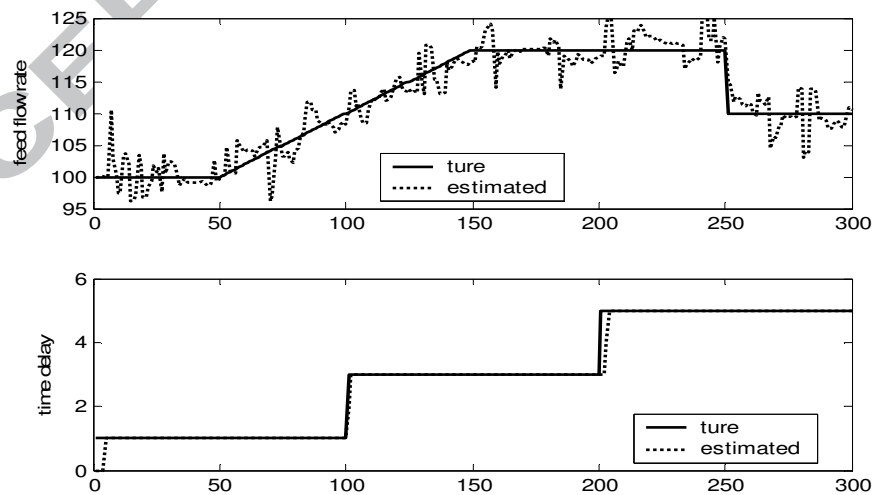


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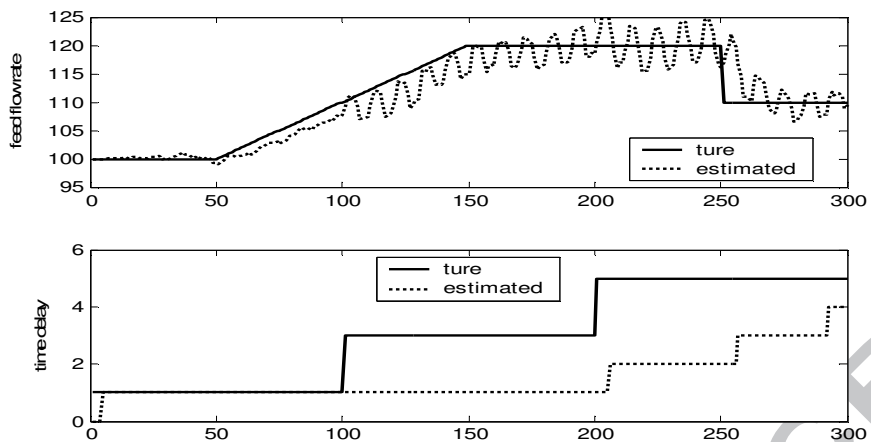


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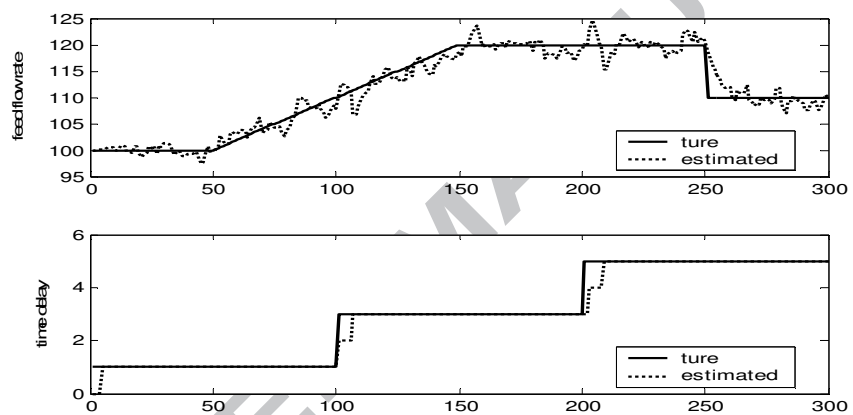


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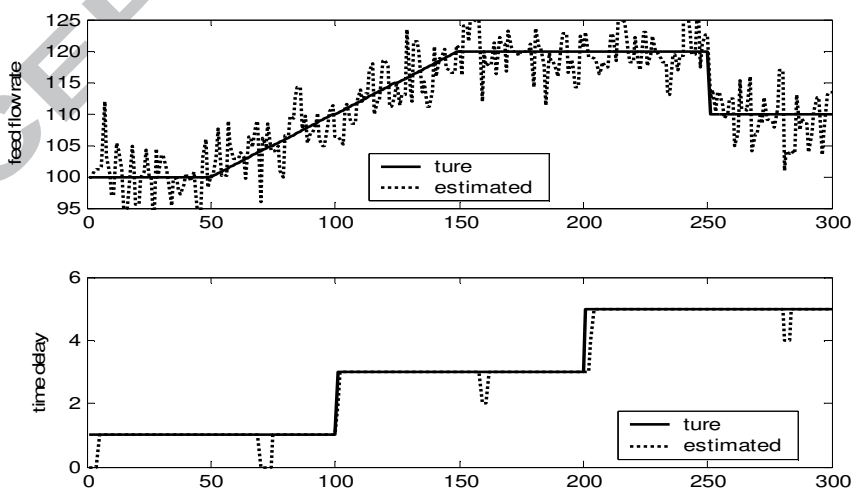


Figure 10. The filtering result of FKF ( $\alpha=5$ ).