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Designing Novel Adaptive Dynamic Event-Triggered Protocols for Uncertain Multi-Agent Systems

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Appendix A Key symbols of this study

The main symbols of this study are listed in the following table.

Table A1 The main symbols of this study.

Symbol	Meaning	Dynamics
x_i	state of agent i	$\dot{x}_i = Ax_i + Bu_i$
\hat{x}_i	state of agent i at triggering time	$\hat{x}_i = x_i(t_k^i), t \in [t_k^i, t_{k+1}^i)$
\tilde{x}_i	measurement error of state	$\tilde{x}_i = \hat{x}_i - x_i$
ϕ_i	consensus error	$\phi_i = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}(x_i - x_j)$
$\hat{\phi}_i$	consensus error at triggering time	$\hat{\phi}_i = \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij}(\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j)$
$\tilde{\phi}_i$	error between $\hat{\phi}_i$ and ϕ_i	$\tilde{\phi}_i = \hat{\phi}_i - \phi_i$
c_i	adaptive gain of agent i	$\dot{c}_i = \hat{\phi}_i^T \Gamma \hat{\phi}_i, c_i(0) \geq 1$
\hat{c}_i	adaptive gain at triggering time	$\hat{c}_i = c_i(t_k^i), t \in [t_k^i, t_{k+1}^i)$
\tilde{c}_i	measurement error of adaptive gain	$\tilde{c}_i = \hat{c}_i - c_i$
\bar{c}_i	virtual adaptive gain of agent i	$\dot{\bar{c}}_i = \phi_i^T \Gamma \phi_i, \bar{c}_i(0) \geq 1$
\check{c}_i	error between c_i and \bar{c}_i	$\check{c}_i = c_i - \bar{c}_i$
d_i	adaptive gain of agent i	$\dot{d}_i = \ K\hat{\phi}_i\ , d_i(0) \geq 1$
\hat{d}_i	adaptive gain at triggering time	$\hat{d}_i = d_i(t_k^i), t \in [t_k^i, t_{k+1}^i)$
\tilde{d}_i	measurement error of adaptive gain	$\tilde{d}_i = \hat{d}_i - d_i$
\bar{d}_i	virtual adaptive gain of agent i	$\dot{\bar{d}}_i = \ K\phi_i\ , \bar{d}_i(0) \geq 1$
\check{d}_i	error between d_i and \bar{d}_i	$\check{d}_i = d_i - \bar{d}_i$

Appendix B The proof of Theorem 1

This proof includes two parts, showing that the consensus can be achieved and Zeno behavior can be excluded, respectively.

Part 1: We first prove that consensus can be achieved. Letting $\tilde{\phi}_i = \sum_{j=1}^M a_{ij}(\hat{x}_i - \hat{x}_j)$, then $\tilde{\phi}_i = \hat{\phi}_i - \phi_i$. Denote \bar{c}_i and \bar{d}_i virtual adaptive gains, whose dynamics satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\bar{c}}_i &= \phi_i^T \Gamma \phi_i, \\ \dot{\bar{d}}_i &= \|K\phi_i\|, \quad i = 1, \dots, M, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B1})$$

with $\bar{c}_i(0) \geq 1$ and $\bar{d}_i(0) \geq 1$. Further let $\check{c}_i = c_i - \bar{c}_i$ and $\check{d}_i = d_i - \bar{d}_i$. We have

$$\dot{x} = (I_N \otimes A)x + (\bar{C} \otimes BK)\phi + (C \otimes BK)\tilde{\phi} + (\check{C} \otimes BK)\phi + (\bar{C} \otimes BK)\hat{\phi} + (\hat{D} \otimes B)G + (I_M \otimes B)F, \quad (\text{B2})$$

where $\phi = [\phi_1^T, \dots, \phi_M^T]^T$, $\tilde{\phi} = [\tilde{\phi}_1^T, \dots, \tilde{\phi}_M^T]^T$, $\hat{\phi} = [\hat{\phi}_1^T, \dots, \hat{\phi}_M^T]^T$, $\bar{C} = \text{diag}(\bar{c}_1, \dots, \bar{c}_M)$, $C = \text{diag}(c_1, \dots, c_M)$, $\check{C} = \text{diag}(\check{c}_1, \dots, \check{c}_M)$, $\bar{D} = \text{diag}(\bar{d}_1, \dots, \bar{d}_M)$, $\hat{D} = \text{diag}(\hat{d}_1, \dots, \hat{d}_M)$, $G = [g^T(K\hat{\phi}_1), \dots, g^T(K\hat{\phi}_M)]^T$, and $F = [f_1^T, \dots, f_M^T]^T$. The closed-loop dynamics of ϕ is written as

$$\dot{\phi} = (I_M \otimes A)\phi + (\mathcal{L}\bar{C} \otimes BK)\phi + (\mathcal{L}C \otimes BK)\tilde{\phi} + (\mathcal{L}\check{C} \otimes BK)\phi + (\mathcal{L}\bar{C} \otimes BK)\hat{\phi} + (\mathcal{L}\hat{D} \otimes B)G + (\mathcal{L} \otimes B)F. \quad (\text{B3})$$

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Choose a Lyapunov function as

$$V_1 = x^T (\mathcal{L} \otimes Q)x + \sum_{i=1}^M \left[\frac{1}{2}(\bar{c}_i - \alpha_c)^2 + \beta_c \bar{c}_i V_0 + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{d}_i - \alpha_d)^2 + \beta_d \bar{d}_i V_0 \right], \quad (\text{B4})$$

where $\alpha_c, \alpha_d, \beta_c, \beta_d > 0$ are design constants, and $V_0 = \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\varepsilon_j}{k_j}$. According to (4) and (5), we have $e^{-(k_i + \sigma_i \gamma_i)t} \varepsilon_i(0) \leq \varepsilon_i(t) \leq e^{-k_i t} \varepsilon_i(0)$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1 = & x^T [\mathcal{L} \otimes (QA + A^T Q)]x - 2\phi^T (\bar{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi - 2\phi^T (C \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi} - 2\phi^T (\check{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi - 2\phi^T (\bar{C} \otimes \Gamma)\hat{\phi} + 2\phi^T (\hat{D} \otimes QB)G \\ & + 2\phi^T (I_N \otimes QB)F + \sum_{i=1}^M (\bar{c}_i - \alpha_c + \beta_c V_0)\phi_i^T \Gamma \phi_i + \sum_{i=1}^M (\bar{d}_i - \alpha_d + \beta_d V_0)\|K\phi_i\| \\ & - \sum_{i=1}^M (\beta_c \bar{c}_i + \beta_d \bar{d}_i) \sum_{j=1}^M \left(\varepsilon_j + \frac{\sigma_j}{k_j} \tilde{x}_j^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_j + \frac{\delta_j}{k_j} \sqrt{\tilde{x}_j^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_j} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B5})$$

Next, we focus on analyzing (B5).

(i) We first deal with $-2\phi^T (C \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi}$. By Young's inequality [1], we get

$$\begin{aligned} -2\phi^T (C \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi} & \leq \frac{1}{2}\phi^T (C \otimes \Gamma)\phi + 2\tilde{\phi}^T (C \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi} \\ & = \frac{1}{2}\phi^T (\bar{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi + \frac{1}{2}\phi^T (\check{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi + 2\tilde{\phi}^T (\bar{C} \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi} + 2\tilde{\phi}^T (\check{C} \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \check{c}_i(t) & = \int_0^t (\hat{\phi}_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\hat{\phi}_i(\tau) - \phi_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\phi_i(\tau))d\tau + \check{c}_i(0) \\ & = \int_0^t (\tilde{\phi}_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau) + 2\phi_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau))d\tau + \check{c}_i(0) \\ & \leq \int_0^t \phi_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\phi_i(\tau)d\tau + 2 \int_0^t \tilde{\phi}_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau)d\tau + \check{c}_i(0) \\ & = \bar{c}_i(t) + 2 \int_0^t \tilde{\phi}_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau)d\tau + \check{c}_i(0) - \bar{c}_i(0), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B6})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{\phi}_i & = \sum_{j=1}^M a_{ij}(\tilde{x}_i - \tilde{x}_j)^T \Gamma \sum_{j=1}^M a_{ij}(\tilde{x}_i - \tilde{x}_j) \\ & \leq 2l_{ii}^2 \tilde{x}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_i + 2 \sum_{j=1}^M a_{ij} \tilde{x}_j^T \Gamma \sum_{j=1}^M a_{ij} \tilde{x}_j \\ & \leq 2l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \tilde{x}_j^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_j, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B7})$$

by substituting (B7) into (B6), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \check{c}_i & \leq \bar{c}_i - \bar{c}_i(0) + \check{c}_i(0) + 4l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \int_0^t \tilde{x}_j^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{x}_j(\tau)d\tau \\ & \leq \bar{c}_i - \bar{c}_i(0) + \check{c}_i(0) + 4l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \int_0^\infty \gamma_j \varepsilon_j(\tau)d\tau \\ & \leq \bar{c}_i - \bar{c}_i(0) + \check{c}_i(0) + 4l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B8})$$

Thus,

$$2\tilde{\phi}^T (\check{C} \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi} = \sum_{i=1}^M 2\check{c}_i \tilde{\phi}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{\phi}_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^M (2\bar{c}_i + \beta_1) \tilde{\phi}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{\phi}_i,$$

where $\beta_1 \geq \max\{-2\bar{c}_i(0) + 2\check{c}_i(0) + 8l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}\}$ is a positive constant. Then, it is easy to derive

$$-2\phi^T (C \otimes \Gamma)\tilde{\phi} \leq \frac{1}{2}\phi^T (\bar{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi + \frac{1}{2}\phi^T (\check{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi + \sum_{i=1}^M (8\bar{c}_i + 2\beta_1) l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \tilde{x}_j^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_j. \quad (\text{B9})$$

(ii) We then consider $-\frac{3}{2}\phi^T (\check{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi$. Obviously,

$$\begin{aligned} -\check{c}_i & = -\check{c}_i(0) + \int_0^t (\phi_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\phi_i(\tau) - \hat{\phi}_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\hat{\phi}_i(\tau))d\tau \\ & \leq -\check{c}_i(0) + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \phi_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\phi_i(\tau)d\tau + 2 \int_0^t \tilde{\phi}_i^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau)d\tau \\ & \leq -\check{c}_i(0) + \frac{1}{3} \bar{c}_i - \frac{1}{3} \bar{c}_i(0) + 4l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{3}{2}\phi^T(\tilde{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi &= \sum_{i=1}^M -\frac{3}{2}\tilde{c}_i\phi_i^T\Gamma\phi_i \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^M \left(\frac{1}{2}\tilde{c}_i - \frac{3}{2}(\tilde{c}_i(0) + \frac{1}{3}\tilde{c}_i(0)) + 6\sum_{i=1}^M l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}\right) \times \phi_i^T\Gamma\phi_i \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2}\phi^T(\tilde{C} \otimes \Gamma)\phi + \phi^T(\beta_2 I_M \otimes \Gamma)\phi,
 \end{aligned} \tag{B10}$$

where $\beta_2 \geq \max\{-\frac{3}{2}(\tilde{c}_i(0) + \frac{1}{3}\tilde{c}_i(0)) + 6\sum_{i=1}^M l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}\}$.

(iii) Now, we consider $-2\phi^T(\tilde{C} \otimes \Gamma)\hat{\phi}$. It follows from the triggering rule (3) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2\phi^T(\tilde{C} \otimes \Gamma)\hat{\phi} &= -2\sum_{i=1}^M \tilde{c}_i\phi_i^T\Gamma\hat{\phi}_i \\
 &\leq \theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i^T\Gamma\phi_i + \theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{\phi}_i^T\Gamma\hat{\phi}_i \\
 &\leq 3\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i^T\Gamma\phi_i + 2\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^M \tilde{\phi}_i^T\Gamma\tilde{\phi}_i \\
 &\leq 3\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i^T\Gamma\phi_i + 4\theta_1 \sum_{i=1}^M l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \tilde{x}_j^T\Gamma\tilde{x}_j.
 \end{aligned} \tag{B11}$$

(iv) We can get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 2\phi^T(\hat{D} \otimes QB)G &= 2\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\phi_i^T QBg(K\hat{\phi}_i) \\
 &= 2\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\phi_i^T QB \frac{-B^T Q\hat{\phi}_i}{\|B^T Q\hat{\phi}_i\|} \\
 &= -2\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\|B^T Q\hat{\phi}_i\| + 2\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\tilde{\phi}_i^T QB \frac{B^T Q\hat{\phi}_i}{\|B^T Q\hat{\phi}_i\|} \\
 &\leq -2\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\|B^T Q\phi_i\| + 4\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\|B^T Q\tilde{\phi}_i\|.
 \end{aligned} \tag{B12}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\tilde{d}_i &= -\int_0^t (\|K\hat{\phi}_i(\tau)\| - \|K\phi_i(\tau)\|)d\tau - \tilde{d}_i(0) \\
 &\leq \int_0^t \left(\frac{1}{2}\|K\phi_i(\tau)\| - \frac{1}{2}\|K\hat{\phi}_i(\tau)\| + \frac{1}{2}\|K\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau)\|\right)d\tau - \tilde{d}_i(0) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2}\tilde{d}_i - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{d}_i(0) - \tilde{d}_i(0) + \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \|K\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau)\|d\tau,
 \end{aligned} \tag{B13}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \|K\tilde{\phi}_i(\tau)\|d\tau &\leq \frac{1}{2}\int_0^t \sqrt{2l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \tilde{x}_j^T(\tau)\Gamma\tilde{x}_j(\tau)}d\tau \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\int_0^t \gamma_j \varepsilon_j(\tau)d\tau} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{B14}$$

Substituting (B14) into (B13) yields

$$-\tilde{d}_i \leq \frac{1}{2}\tilde{d}_i - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{d}_i(0) - \tilde{d}_i(0) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}}. \tag{B15}$$

According to (B13), we then have

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2\sum_{i=1}^M \hat{d}_i\|B^T Q\phi_i\| &= -2\sum_{i=1}^M (\tilde{d}_i + \tilde{d}_i + \tilde{d}_i)\|B^T Q\phi_i\| \\
 &\leq -\sum_{i=1}^M \tilde{d}_i\|B^T Q\phi_i\| + \sum_{i=1}^M \beta_3\|B^T Q\phi_i\|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{B16}$$

where $\beta_3 \geq \max\{2\theta_3 - \tilde{d}_i(0) - 2\tilde{d}_i(0) + \sqrt{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}}\}$.

Also note that

$$\begin{aligned} \check{d}_i &= \int_0^t (\|K\hat{\phi}_i(\tau)\| - \|K\phi_i(\tau)\|)d\tau + \check{d}_i(0) \\ &\leq \sqrt{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}} + \check{d}_i(0). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B17})$$

According to (B17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \sum_{i=1}^M \check{d}_i \|B^T Q \check{\phi}_i\| &\leq 4 \sum_{i=1}^M (\bar{d}_i + \check{d}_i + \check{d}_i) \|B^T Q \check{\phi}_i\| \\ &\leq 4(1 + \theta_3 + \check{d}_i(0) + \sqrt{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}}) \sum_{i=1}^M \bar{d}_i \|B^T Q \check{\phi}_i\| \\ &\leq \beta_4 \sum_{i=1}^M \bar{d}_i l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\bar{x}_j \Gamma \bar{x}_j}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B18})$$

where $\beta_4 \geq \max\{4(1 + \theta_3 + \check{d}_i(0) + \sqrt{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}})\}$.

Substituting (B16) and (B18) into (B12) yields

$$2\phi^T(\hat{d} \otimes QB)G \leq - \sum_{i=1}^M \bar{d}_i(t) \|B^T Q \phi_i\| + \sum_{i=1}^M \beta_3 \|B^T Q \phi_i\| + \sum_{i=1}^M \beta_4 \bar{d}_i l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\bar{x}_j \Gamma \bar{x}_j}. \quad (\text{B19})$$

(v) We can also obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} 2\phi^T(I_M \otimes QB)F &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^M \|B^T Q \phi_i\| \cdot \|f_i\| \\ &\leq 2f_0 \sum_{i=1}^M \|B^T Q \phi_i\|. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B20})$$

According to the above analysis, substituting (B9), (B10), (B11), (B19), and (B20) into (B5) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1 &\leq x^T[\mathcal{L} \otimes (QA + A^T Q)]x + \phi^T[(\beta_2 + 3\theta_1)I_N \otimes \Gamma]\phi + \sum_{i=1}^M ((-\alpha_c + \beta_c V_0)\phi_i^T \Gamma \phi_i + (-\alpha_d + \beta_d V_0)\|K\phi_i\|) \\ &\quad + (\beta_3 + 2f_0) \sum_{i=1}^M \|B^T Q \phi_i\| + \beta_4 \sum_{i=1}^M \bar{d}_i l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\bar{x}_j \Gamma \bar{x}_j} + \sum_{i=1}^M (8\bar{c}_i + 2\beta_1 + 4\theta_1)l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \bar{x}_j^T \Gamma \bar{x}_j \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^M (\beta_c \bar{c}_i + \beta_d \bar{d}_i) \sum_{j=1}^M (\varepsilon_j + \frac{\sigma_j}{k_j} \bar{x}_j^T \Gamma \bar{x}_j + \frac{\delta_j}{k_j} \sqrt{\bar{x}_j^T \Gamma \bar{x}_j}) \\ &= x^T[\mathcal{L} \otimes (QA + A^T Q)]x + \phi^T[(-\alpha_c + \beta_c V_0 + \beta_2 + 3\theta_1)I_N \otimes \Gamma]\phi + \sum_{i=1}^M ((-\alpha_d + \beta_d V_0 + \beta_3 + 2f_0)\|K\phi_i\|) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^M (\beta_4 \bar{d}_i l_{ii} - \beta_d \bar{d}_i \frac{\delta_j}{k_j}) \sqrt{\bar{x}_j \Gamma \bar{x}_j} + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^M ((8\bar{c}_i + 2\beta_1 + 4\theta_1)l_{ii}^2 - \beta_c \bar{c}_i \frac{\sigma_j}{k_j}) \bar{x}_j^T \Gamma \bar{x}_j. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B21})$$

By choosing $\beta_c \geq 2(4 + \beta_1 + 2\theta_1) \max\{l_{ii}^2\} \max\{\frac{k_i}{\sigma_i}\}$, $\beta_d \geq \beta_4 \max\{l_{ii}\} \max\{\frac{k_i}{\delta_i}\}$, $\alpha_c = \alpha_1 + \beta_c V_0(0) + \beta_2 + 3\theta_1$, and $\alpha_d = \beta_d V_0(0) + \beta_3 + 2f_0$, we get from (B21) that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1 &\leq x^T[\mathcal{L} \otimes (QA + A^T Q)]x - \phi^T(\alpha_1 I_M \otimes \Gamma)\phi \\ &\leq x^T[\mathcal{L} \otimes (QA + A^T Q - \Gamma)]x \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda_M(\mathcal{L})} \phi^T[I_M \otimes (QA + A^T Q - \Gamma)]\phi \\ &\leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B22})$$

where we have used Lemma 1¹⁾ and chosen $\alpha_1 \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_2(\mathcal{L})}$, $\lambda_2(\mathcal{L})$ and $\lambda_M(\mathcal{L})$ represent the smallest and largest nonzero eigenvalues of \mathcal{L} , respectively.

Thus, $V_1(t)$ is bounded, and so are ϕ_i , \bar{c}_i , and \bar{d}_i . And V_1 has a finite limit as $t \rightarrow \infty$, denoted by V_1^∞ . It then follows from (B22) that

$$\int_0^\infty \phi^T[I_M \otimes (-(QA + A^T Q - \Gamma))]\phi dt \leq \lambda_M(\mathcal{L})(V_1(0) - V_1^\infty).$$

Besides, by (B8) and (B17) we have $c_i = \check{c}_i + \bar{c}_i \leq 2\bar{c}_i - \bar{c}_i(0) + c_i(0) + 4l_{ii}^2 \sum_{j=1}^M \frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}$ and $d_i = \check{d}_i + \bar{d}_i \leq \bar{d}_i + \check{d}_i(0) + \sqrt{2}l_{ii} \sum_{j=1}^M \sqrt{\frac{\gamma_j \varepsilon_j(0)}{k_j}}$, implying that c_i and d_i are bounded. Then, $\check{c}_i = c_i - \bar{c}_i$ is also bounded. According to the triggering rule,

1) **Lemma 1.** [2] The smallest nonzero eigenvalue $\lambda_2(\mathcal{L})$ of an undirected connected graph \mathcal{G} satisfies $\lambda_2(\mathcal{L}) = \min_{x \neq 0, \mathbf{1}^T x = 0} (x^T \mathcal{L} x / x^T x)$.

$\tilde{x}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_i$ is bounded, implying that $(I_M \otimes BK)\tilde{x}$ and $(I_M \otimes BK)\hat{\phi}$ are bounded. Since $\hat{d}_i = d_i + \tilde{d}_i$ is bounded, we have $(\mathcal{L}\hat{d} \otimes B)G$ is bounded. Also noting that $(\mathcal{L} \otimes B)F$ is bounded, we get that

$$\dot{\phi} = (I_M \otimes A)\phi + (\mathcal{L}\bar{C} \otimes BK)\phi + (\mathcal{L}C \otimes BK)\bar{\phi} + (\mathcal{L}\bar{C} \otimes BK)\phi + (\mathcal{L}\bar{C} \otimes BK)\hat{\phi} + (\mathcal{L}\hat{D} \otimes B)G + (\mathcal{L} \otimes B)F,$$

is bounded. Following Barbalat's lemma [3], $\phi^T [I_M \otimes -(QA + A^T Q - \Gamma)]\phi \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, $\phi \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, i.e., consensus can be achieved.

Part 2: In the following, a contradiction argument is provided to exclude the Zeno behavior. In general, suppose agent i exists Zeno behavior, i.e., $\exists T < +\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k^i = T$. Then, for $\forall \Delta > 0, \exists k_0 \in \mathcal{Z} \Rightarrow$ for $k \geq k_0, t_k^i \in [T - \Delta, T)$.

Since consensus can be achieved, we have $x_i, \hat{\phi}_i, \hat{c}_i$, and \hat{d}_i are all bounded for $t \in [0, T)$. Since $\tilde{x}_i(t_{k_0}^i) = 0, \tilde{c}_i(t_{k_0}^i) = 0$, and $\tilde{d}_i(t_{k_0}^i) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_i + \sqrt{\tilde{x}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_i} &\leq \|\Gamma\| \rho_1^2 (t - t_{k_0}^i)^2 + \sqrt{\|\Gamma\|} \rho_1 (t - t_{k_0}^i), \\ |\tilde{c}_i| &\leq \rho_2 (t - t_{k_0}^i), \\ |\tilde{d}_i| &\leq \rho_3 (t - t_{k_0}^i), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B23})$$

where ρ_1, ρ_2 , and ρ_3 denote the upper bounds of $\|Ax_i + Bf_i + BK\hat{c}_i\hat{\phi}_i\|, \hat{\phi}_i^T \Gamma \hat{\phi}_i$, and $\|K\hat{\phi}_i\|$ for $t \in [0, T]$, respectively.

Denote $\Delta \triangleq \min\{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3\}$, where $\Delta_1 = \frac{\sqrt{1+4\gamma_i e^{-(k_i + \sigma_i \gamma_i)T}} - 1}{2\sqrt{\|\Gamma\|} \rho_1}$, $\Delta_2 = \frac{\theta_1 e^{-\theta_2 T}}{\rho_2}$, and $\Delta_3 = \frac{\theta_3 e^{-\theta_4 T}}{\rho_3}$. Under the triggering rule (3), next event of i after $t_{k_0}^i$ will happen first when

$$\tilde{x}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_i + \sqrt{\tilde{x}_i^T \Gamma \tilde{x}_i} \geq \gamma_i \varepsilon_i \geq \gamma_i e^{-(k_i + \sigma_i \gamma_i)T} \vee |\tilde{c}_i| \geq \theta_1 e^{-\theta_2 (t - t_{k_0}^i)} \geq \theta_1 e^{-\theta_2 T} \vee |\tilde{d}_i| \geq \theta_3 e^{-\theta_4 (t - t_{k_0}^i)} \geq \theta_3 e^{-\theta_4 T}. \quad (\text{B24})$$

It follows that $t_{k_0+1}^i - t_{k_0}^i \geq \Delta$. We have $t_{k_0+1}^i \geq T$, which does not consist with $t_{k_0+1}^i < T$. Thus, there is no Zeno behavior.

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