

# Fault-Tolerant Control for a Class of Uncertain Systems with Actuator Faults

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**Abstract:** The problem of fault-tolerant controller design for a class of polytopic uncertain systems with actuator faults is studied in this paper. The actuator faults are presented as a more general and practical continuous fault model. Based on the affine quadratic stability (AQS), the stability of the polytopic uncertain system is replaced by the stability at all corners of the polytope. For a wide range of problems including  $H_\infty$  and mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  controller design, sufficient conditions are derived to guarantee the robust stability and performance of the closed-loop system in both normal and fault cases. In the framework of the linear matrix inequality (LMI) method, an iterative algorithm is developed to reduce conservativeness of the design procedure. The effectiveness of the proposed design is shown through a flight control example.

**Key words:** fault-tolerant control (FTC); affine quadratic stability (AQS); continuous actuator fault; multi-objective synthesis; linear matrix inequality (LMI)

## Introduction

With the growing complexity of modern control systems, research on fault-tolerant control (FTC) has received great attention over the past several years. FTC is a control technique that provides the ability to maintain overall system stability and acceptable performance in the event of component failures<sup>[1]</sup>. FTC methods can be broadly classified into two types: passive and active. The active FTC (AFTC), including fault detection and diagnosis (FDD) and control reconfiguration, is generally complicated for safety-critical systems. Passive FTC (PFTC) exploits the inherent redundancy of the controlled system. Consequently, PFTC without on-line FDD and control reconfiguration implements easily as compared with AFTC.

Therefore, PFTC becomes a popular method for accommodating the component failures, and some works<sup>[2-5]</sup> have been carried out in recent years. However, the component failures considered in the above literature are all described as a discrete fault model, which is the simplest case of component failures. Based on a more practical continuous fault model, which consists of a scaling factor with upper and lower bounds to the signal to be measured or to the control action, Yang et al.<sup>[6]</sup> designed reliable  $H_\infty$  controllers for sensor and actuator faults, respectively. Subsequently, problems of reliable tracking controller design against actuator faults are studied by using the continuous fault model in Refs. [7,8]. However, polytopic uncertainties and multi-objective synthesis have not been considered simultaneously in these papers. Moreover, it yields a conservative result by employing a fixed quadratic Lyapunov function to deal with all cases.

This paper studies the fault-tolerant controller

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design for a class of uncertain systems with actuator faults. Furthermore, a more general and practical continuous fault model is considered for actuator failures. Sufficient conditions for the existence of fault-tolerant controllers are derived based on the concept of affine quadratic stability (AQS), which guarantees the robust stability and system performance in both normal and fault cases. Finally, an iterative algorithm separating Lyapunov function variables from controller gain is developed via additional variables to obtain the controller with less conservativeness. Simulations show that our methods give better performance than the standard design method.

## 1 Problem Statement

Consider a polytopic uncertain system described by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}(t), \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}(t) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state,  $\mathbf{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the control input,  $\mathbf{w}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^h$  is the disturbance input, and  $\mathbf{y}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is the measured output. We adopt the following polytopic uncertainties in the system matrices  $\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ,  $\mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ , and  $\mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ :

$$\Omega \triangleq \{[\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \mid [\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] = \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i (\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{B}_i, \mathbf{C}_i, \mathbf{G}_i); \theta_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i = 1; i = 1, \dots, N\} \quad (2)$$

The matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_i$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_i$ , and  $\mathbf{G}_i$  are known constant matrices with appropriate dimensions, which correspond to different vertices of the polytope.  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_N]^\top$  is a uncertain constant parameter vector.

Actuator fault is the most frequent failure in control systems. In this paper, we study the problem of fault-tolerant controller design for polytopic uncertain systems with actuator faults. Moreover, a continuous fault model of the actuator is adopted here.

Set  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{u}^F(t)$  present actuator outputs in normal case and fault case, respectively. Then,

$$\mathbf{u}^F(t) = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{u}(t) \quad (3)$$

where  $\mathbf{F}$  is the matrix of actuator effectiveness factors and satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} \in \Theta \triangleq \{ \mathbf{F} = \text{diag}[f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m], \\ f_j \in [f_{lj}, f_{uj}], f_{uj} \geq 1, j = 1, 2, \dots, m \} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

By introducing the following matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_0 = \text{diag}[f_{01}, f_{02}, \dots, f_{0m}], \mathbf{W} = \text{diag}[w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m], \\ \mathbf{L} = \text{diag}[l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m], \quad |\mathbf{L}| = \text{diag}[|l_1|, |l_2|, \dots, |l_m|] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f_{0j} &= \frac{1}{2}(f_{lj} + f_{uj}), \quad w_j = \frac{f_{uj} - f_{lj}}{f_{lj} + f_{uj}}, \\ l_j &= \frac{f_j - f_{0j}}{f_{0j}}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we get the continuous fault model as follows:

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_0(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L}), \quad |\mathbf{L}| \leq \mathbf{W} \leq \mathbf{I} \quad (6)$$

**Remark 1**  $f_j = 0$  means total outage of the  $j$ -th actuator channel and  $f_j = 1$  means a healthy actuator channel. Partial loss of the  $j$ -th actuator channel is given by  $0 \leq f_{lj} < f_j < f_{uj}$ . It is worth mentioning that the above continuous fault model includes the discrete fault model.

Hence, the system (1) with actuator faults is given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{F}_0(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L})\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{w}(t), \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}(t) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

## 2 Fault-Tolerant Controller Design

In this section, the problem under consideration is to design a state feedback fault-tolerant controller of the following form:

$$\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{x}(t) \quad (8)$$

The closed-loop system with actuator faults is represented as the following by substituting Eq. (8) into Eq. (7):

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = [\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{F}_0(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L})\mathbf{K}]\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{v}(t), \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}(t) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Then, we get a new expression of the closed-loop system by introducing a controlled output  $\mathbf{z}(t)$  as measurement,

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = [\mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{F}_0(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L})\mathbf{K}]\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{G}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{v}(t), \\ \mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x}(t), \\ \mathbf{z}(t) = [\mathbf{C}_z + \mathbf{D}_z\mathbf{F}_0(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L})\mathbf{K}]\mathbf{x}(t) \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Before giving our main results, we first present the following definition and lemmas which play important roles in demonstrating the results.

**Definition 1** AQS<sup>[9]</sup> Consider the polytopic uncertain system (1). We call this system AQS if there exists an affine quadratic Lyapunov function,

$$\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{x} > 0, \quad \dot{\mathbf{V}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{d\mathbf{V}}{dt} < 0 \quad (11)$$

where affine quadratic Lyapunov variable  $\mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i \mathbf{P}_i$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i = 1.$$

**Lemma 1**<sup>[9]</sup> Consider a scalar quadratic function of uncertain parameter  $\theta$

$$f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k) = \alpha_0 + \sum_i \alpha_i \theta_i + \sum_{i < j} \beta_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j + \sum_i \delta_i \theta_i^2 \quad (12)$$

And assume that  $f(\cdot)$  is multi-convex, that is,

$$2\delta_i = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta_i^2}(\theta) \geq 0, \text{ for } i=1, \dots, N \quad (13)$$

Then  $f(\cdot)$  is negative in the hyper-rectangle  $\theta_i \in [\underline{\theta}_i, \bar{\theta}_i]$  if and only if it takes negative values at the corners of this hyper-rectangle.

**Lemma 2**<sup>[7]</sup> Set  $R_1, R_2$  as known real constant matrices with appropriate dimensions,  $U$  as a positive definite diagonal matrix, and  $\Sigma$  as a time-varying matrix satisfying  $|\Sigma| \leq U$ . Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} [A(\theta) + B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K]^T P(\theta) + P(\theta)[A(\theta) + B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K] & * & * \\ G^T(\theta)P(\theta) & -\gamma I & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0(I+L)K & 0 & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (16)$$

hold for all uncertain parameters  $\theta_i$ , where ‘\*’ denotes entries that can be deduced from the symmetry of the matrix.

Theorem 1 can be readily obtained based on Definition 4.1 in Ref. [9] and is omitted here for brevity.

Although this result shows that AQP can be dependent on the Lyapunov variable  $P(\theta)$ , it does not yield an implementable controller design method for

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_i + P_i (A_i + B_i F_0 K) & * & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_i & -\gamma_i I & * & * & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I + \alpha_2 D_z F_0 W F_0 D_z^T & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_i & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_1^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_i + P_i (A_i + B_i F_0 K) + \mu_i I & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_i & \mu_i I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_i & 0 & -\alpha_3^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_3 I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (18)$$

the controller stabilizes the closed-loop system and the upper bound of the  $H_\infty$  performance index is  $\gamma_i$ .

**Proof** Applying the Schur complement lemma<sup>[10]</sup> to the above inequality (17), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_i + P_i (A_i + B_i F_0 K) & * & * \\ G_i^T P_i & -\gamma_i I & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I \end{bmatrix} +$$

$$R_1 \Sigma R_2 + R_2^T \Sigma^T R_1^T \leq \alpha R_1 U R_1^T + \alpha^{-1} R_2^T U R_2 \quad (14)$$

where  $\alpha > 0, \Sigma = \text{diag}[\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_q]$ .

## 2.1 $H_\infty$ fault-tolerant controller synthesis

This subsection concentrates on the robust stability and  $H_\infty$  performance of the closed-loop system (10) and explicates the advantages of the proposed AQS.

**Theorem 1** The polytopic uncertain system (10) has affine quadratic  $H_\infty$  performance (AQP)  $\gamma$  if there exist symmetric matrices  $P_i$  such that

$$P(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i P_i, \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i = 1, i=1, \dots, N \quad (15)$$

all faults. To overcome this problem, the following theorem is derived by invoking the proposed preliminaries.

**Theorem 2** Consider the closed-loop augmented system (10). For given positive scalars  $\gamma_i$  and  $\mu_i$ , if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices  $P_j$  satisfying

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 P_i B_i F_0 W F_0 B_i^T P_i + \alpha_1^{-1} K^T W K & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_2^{-1} K^T W K & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha_2 D_z F_0 W F_0 D_z^T \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (19)$$

It is easy to see that inequality (19) is equivalent to the following expression by using Lemma 2:

$$\begin{bmatrix} [A_i + B_i F_0(I+L)K]^T P_i + & * & * \\ P_i[A_i + B_i F_0(I+L)K] & & \\ G_i^T P_i & -\gamma_i I & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0(I+L)K & 0 & -\gamma_i I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (20)$$

Based on the bounded real lemma<sup>[11]</sup>, expression (20) guarantees stability and  $H_\infty$  performance of the closed-loop system at the corners of the polytope (2). Adopting the concept of Lemma 1, we can guarantee the robust stability and  $H_\infty$  performance of the system if and only if the AQP formulation described in Theorem 1 is multi-convex. Therefore, assume the AQP formulation

$$f(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} [A(\theta) + B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K]^T P(\theta) + & * & * \\ P(\theta)[A(\theta) + B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K] & & \\ G^T(\theta)P(\theta) & -\gamma I & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0(I+L)K & 0 & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

is multi-convex, namely,

$$\frac{\partial^2 f(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i^2} = \begin{bmatrix} [A_i + B_i F_0(I+L)K]^T P_i + & P_i G_i \\ P_i[A_i + B_i F_0(I+L)K] & \\ G_i^T P_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(K, P_i) & * & * & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_i & -\gamma_i I & * & * & * & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I + \alpha_1 D_z F_0 W F_0 D_z^T & * & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_i & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_1^{-1} I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})^{-1} I & * \\ B_i^T P_i + F_0 K & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (24)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi(K, P_i) + \mu_i I & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_i & \mu_i I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_i & 0 & -\alpha_3^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_3 I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (25)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_i + P_i(A_i + B_i F_0 K) & * & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_i & -\gamma_i I & * & * & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I + \alpha_2 D_z F_0 W F_0 D_z^T & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_i & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_1^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} +$$

The inequality (22) is hard to solve via LMI since it is not a strict positive condition. A simple remedy consists of replacing inequality (22) by

$$\begin{bmatrix} [A_i + B_i F_0(I+L)K]^T P_i + & P_i G_i \\ P_i[A_i + B_i F_0(I+L)K] & \\ G_i^T P_i & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \mu_i \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (23)$$

Resembling the equivalence of formulas (17) and (20), inequality (18) is equivalent to inequality (23). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2** Theorem 2 transforms the construction of the parameter-dependent Lyapunov function into an LMI problem. Moreover, the stability of the polytopic uncertain system with continuous faults can be reduced to the stability of the systems corresponding to the upper bound of the continuous fault. However, it is noticed that LMIs in Theorem 2 are numerically intractable due to the coupling between Lyapunov function variables and controller gain. Hence, some important additional variables are introduced into the following theorem to avoid the coupling.

**Theorem 3** Consider the closed-loop augmented system (10). For given positive scalars  $\gamma_i$ , if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices  $P_j$  satisfying

$$\Phi(K, P_i) = A_i^T P_i + P_i A_i - P_i B_i B_i^T P_i - P_i B_i B_i^T P_i + P_i B_i B_i^T P_i - K^T F_0 F_0 K_0 - K_0^T F_0 F_0 K_0 + K_0^T F_0 F_0 K_0.$$

The controller stabilizes the closed-loop system and the upper bound of  $H_\infty$  performance index is  $\gamma_i$ .

**Proof** LMI expression (24) can be represented as follows using the Schur complement lemma<sup>[11]</sup>,

$$\begin{bmatrix} (P_i - P_{i0})B_i \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (P_i - P_{i0})B_i \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^T + \begin{bmatrix} (K - K_0)^T F_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (K - K_0)^T F_0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}^T < 0 \quad (26)$$

Formula (24) is a strict condition of formula (17) since the left-hand side of inequality (26) includes left-hand side of formula (17) and two positive definite items. Therefore, it is apparent that the condition (17) holds if formula (24) is satisfied. Similar to the above-mentioned demonstration, we can also explain the relation between expressions (18) and (25). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 3** The non-convex optimization problem in Theorem 2 can be solved by giving the additional

$$\begin{bmatrix} XA_i^T + A_iX + B_iF_0Z + Z^T F_0B_i^T + \alpha_1 B_i F_0 W F_0 B_i^T & * & * & * \\ G_i^T & -\gamma_i I & * & * \\ C_z + D_z F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I + \alpha_1 D_z F_0 W F_0 D_z^T & * \\ W^{1/2} Z & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y & I \\ I & X \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (28)$$

If there is no such controller, then stop and the algorithm fails to obtain a solution.

(2) Let  $K = K_{opt}^0$ , minimize  $[\text{tr}(\sum_{i=1}^N P_i)]$  subject to  $P_i > 0$  and the optimization problems described in Theorem 2, then we get the initial Lyapunov function variables  $P_{i0}^0$ .

(3) At the  $k$ -th ( $k > 0$ ) iteration, let  $P_{i0}^k = P_{i, opt}^{k-1}$  and  $K_0^k = K_{opt}^{k-1}$ , minimize  $[\text{tr}(\sum_{i=1}^N P_i)]$  subject to  $P_i > 0$

and the optimization problems described in Theorem 3, then we get the  $k$ -th Lyapunov function variables  $P_{i, opt}^k$  and controller gain  $K_{opt}^k$ .

(4) If  $|\text{tr}[\sum_{i=1}^N (P_{i0}^k - P_{i0}^{k-1})]| < \delta$  where  $\delta$  is a given error tolerance, the calculated  $K = K_{opt}^k$  is the optimal fault-tolerant  $H_\infty$  controller gain, stop. Otherwise, let  $k = k + 1$  and return to Step 3.

It should be noted that the convex optimization problem for  $K$  and  $P_i$  in Theorem 3 can be solved by using the LMI Toolbox in the MATLAB environment for given initial gains  $K^0$  and  $P_i^0$ .

variables  $K_0$  and  $P_{i0}$ . The conservativeness of this transformation lies in the differences between  $K - K_0$  and  $P_i - P_{i0}$ . Thus, the following iterative algorithm will be developed to minimize this conservativeness.

**Algorithm 1**

(1)<sup>[12]</sup> Select proper upper bounds  $\gamma_i > 0$ , then obtain the initial controller gain  $K_{opt}^0 = Z_{opt} X_{opt}^{-1}$  via the optimization problem: minimize  $\text{tr}(Y)$ , subject to  $X > 0$  and

**2.2 Mixed  $H_2 / H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller synthesis**

It is well known that  $H_\infty$  control guarantees robust stability of a system only in the face of uncertainties and disturbances. In practice, transient performance of a system also needs to be dealt with. To manage the trade-off between the system performance and robustness, many works of the mixed  $H_2 / H_\infty$  control<sup>[6,13-16]</sup> have been carried out. So we extend our results to the mixed  $H_2 / H_\infty$  FTC in this subsection.

Introduce the different controlled outputs  $z_\infty(t)$  and  $z_2(t)$  as measurement of robustness and system performances, respectively. Then the closed-loop system (9) is represented as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = [A(\theta) + B(\theta)F_0(I + L)K]x(t) + G(\theta)v(t), \\ y(t) = C(\theta)x(t), \\ z_\infty(t) = [C_\infty + D_\infty F_0(I + L)K]x(t), \\ z_2(t) = [C_2 + D_2 F_0(I + L)K]x(t) \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

**Definition 2**<sup>[15]</sup> Mixed  $H_2 / H_\infty$  problem. Give an  $H_\infty$  level  $\gamma$ , find an admissible SOF controller gain  $K$  which stabilizes the closed-loop system satisfying

$$\min \|T_{z_2 v}\|_2 = \min \left\{ \text{Trace} \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(j\omega) T^T(j\omega) d\omega \right)^{1/2} \right\}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \|T_{z_2 v}\|_\infty = \left( \sup_{\omega} (\sigma_{\max}(T(j\omega))) \right) < \gamma \quad (30)$$

where  $T_{z_2 v}$  and  $T_{z_1 v}$  denote the transfer functions from  $v(t)$  to  $z_2(t)$  and  $z_1(t)$ , respectively. The  $H_\infty$  norm of  $T_{z_2 v}$  is defined as supremum of its largest singular value over all frequencies. The  $H_2$  norm of  $T_{z_2 v}$  is defined as the output energy of impulse response of  $z_2(t)$ .

**Theorem 4** Consider the uncertain closed-loop system (29). For given positive scalars  $\gamma$  and  $\lambda$ , if there exist affine parameter-dependent Lyapunov variable  $P(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \theta_i P_i$  and symmetric positive definite matrix  $Q$  satisfying the optimization problem,

$$\min[\text{tr}(Q)] \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} [A(\theta)+B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K]^T P(\theta)+ & * & * \\ P(\theta)[A(\theta)+B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K] & & \\ G^T(\theta)P(\theta) & -\gamma I & * \\ C_\infty + D_\infty F_0(I+L)K & 0 & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_{\infty i} + P_{\infty i} (A_i + B_i F_0 K) & * & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_{\infty i} & -\gamma_i I & * & * & * \\ C_\infty + D_\infty F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I + \alpha_2 D_\infty F_0 W F_0 D_\infty^T & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{\infty i} & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_1^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_{2i} + P_{2i} (A_i + B_i F_0 K) & * & * & * \\ C_2 + D_2 F_0 K & -I + \alpha_4 D_2 F_0 W F_0 D_2^T & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{2i} & 0 & -\alpha_3^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_3^{-1} + \alpha_4^{-1})^{-1} I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_i & G_i^T P_{2i} \\ P_{2i} G_i & P_{2i} \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\text{Trace}(Q_i) < \lambda_i^2 \quad (38)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_{\infty i} + & * & * & * \\ P_{\infty i} (A_i + B_i F_0 K) + \mu_{1i} I & & & \\ G_i^T P_{\infty i} & \mu_{1i} I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{\infty i} & 0 & -\alpha_5^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_5 I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_i F_0 K)^T P_{2i} + & * & * \\ P_{2i} (A_i + B_i F_0 K) + \mu_{2i} I & & \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{2i} & -\alpha_6^{-1} I & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & -\alpha_6 I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (40)$$

Adopting the concept of Definition 2, it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} & [A(\theta) + B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K]^T P(\theta) + P(\theta)[A(\theta) + \\ & B(\theta)F_0(I+L)K] + [C_2 + D_2 F_0(I+L)K]^T \cdot \\ & [C_2 + D_2 F_0(I+L)K] < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q & G^T(\theta)P(\theta) \\ P(\theta)G(\theta) & P(\theta) \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (33)$$

$$\text{Trace}(Q) < \lambda^2 \quad (34)$$

the obtained controller guarantees the robust stability and mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  performance of the uncertain closed-loop system in both normal and fault cases.

Although Theorem 4 is not a direct consequence of Theorem 1, we can derive it by following Definition 2 and similar arguments to the proof of Theorem 1. So it is omitted here.

**Theorem 5** For given positive scalars  $\gamma_i$  and  $\lambda_i$ , the robust stability and mixed performance of Eq. (29) guarantee if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices  $P_i$  and  $Q_i$  satisfying

$$\min[\text{tr}(\sum_{i=1}^N Q_i)] \quad \text{s.t.}$$

the expressions (35)-(38) in Theorem 5 are sufficient conditions for mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  performance at the corners of the polytope. The proof of formulas (39) and (40) in Theorem 5 is again an application of Lemmas 1 and 2. Thus, the proof is omitted for brevity.

By following a similar discussion as in Remark 2, we see that there is still a coupling between the Lyapunov function variables and the controller gain in Theorem 5. Hence, we eliminate the coupling with the aid of the following theorem.

**Theorem 6** For given positive scalars  $\gamma_i$  and  $\lambda_i$ , the robust stability and mixed performance of Eq. (29) guarantee if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices  $P_i$  and  $Q_i$  satisfying

$$\min[\text{tr}(\sum_{i=1}^N Q_i)] \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{\infty}(K, P_{\infty i}) & * & * & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_{\infty i} & -\gamma_i I & * & * & * & * \\ C_{\infty} + D_{\infty} F_0 K & 0 & -\gamma_i I + \alpha_2 D_z F_0 W F_0 D_z^T & * & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{\infty i} & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_1^{-1} I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_1^{-1} + \alpha_2^{-1})^{-1} I & * \\ B_i^T P_{\infty i} + F_0 K & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (41)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_2(K, P_{2i}) & * & * & * & * \\ C_2 + D_2 F_0 K & -I + \alpha_4 D_2 F_0 W F_0 D_2^T & * & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{2i} & 0 & -\alpha_3^{-1} I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & -(\alpha_3^{-1} + \alpha_4^{-1})^{-1} I & * \\ B_i^T P_{2i} + F_0 K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (42)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Q_i & G_i^T P_{2i} \\ P_{2i} G_i & P_{2i} \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (43)$$

$$\text{Trace}(Q_i) < \lambda_i^2 \quad (44)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{\infty}(K, P_{\infty i}) + \mu_{1i} I & * & * & * & * \\ G_i^T P_{\infty i} & \mu_{1i} I & * & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{\infty i} & 0 & -\alpha_5^{-1} I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & 0 & -\alpha_5 I & * \\ B_i^T P_{\infty i} + F_0 K & 0 & 0 & 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (45)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_2(K, P_{2i}) + \mu_{2i} I & * & * & * \\ W^{1/2} F_0 B_i^T P_{2i} & -\alpha_6^{-1} I & * & * \\ W^{1/2} K & 0 & -\alpha_6 I & * \\ B_i^T P_{2i} + F_0 K & 0 & 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (46)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\infty}(K, P_{\infty i}) &= A_i^T P_{\infty i} + P_{\infty i} A_i - P_{\infty i} B_i B_i^T P_{\infty i} - \\ &P_{\infty i} B_i B_i^T P_{\infty i} + P_{\infty i} B_i B_i^T P_{\infty i} - K^T F_0 F_0 K_0 - \\ &K_0^T F_0 F_0 K_0 + K_0^T F_0 F_0 K_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_2(K, P_{2i}) &= A_i^T P_{2i} + P_{2i} A_i - P_{2i} B_i B_i^T P_{2i} - \\ &P_{2i} B_i B_i^T P_{2i} + P_{2i} B_i B_i^T P_{2i} - K^T F_0 F_0 K_0 - \\ &K_0^T F_0 F_0 K_0 + K_0^T F_0 F_0 K_0. \end{aligned}$$

By following similar lines to the proof of Theorem 3, the proof of Theorem 6 can be readily obtained.

The discussions of the iterative algorithm for mixed  $H_2/H_{\infty}$  fault-tolerant controller design follow those in Subsection 2.1 and so are also omitted here.

### 3 Simulation Results and Analysis

A numerical example of flight tracking control for the F-18 aircraft is presented to demonstrate the merits of the proposed method.

The decoupled linearized longitudinal dynamical

motion equations of the F-18 aircraft<sup>[17]</sup> are given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha} \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix} = A_{\text{long}} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ q \end{bmatrix} + B_{\text{long}} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_E \\ \delta_{\text{PTV}} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\alpha$  is the angle of attack,  $q$  is the pitch rate,  $\delta_E$  is the symmetric elevator position, and  $\delta_{\text{PTV}}$  is the symmetric pitch thrust velocity nozzle position. For the considered flight case,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\text{long}}^{\text{m7h14}} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1.175 & 0.9871 \\ -8.458 & -0.8776 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{\text{long}}^{\text{m7h14}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.194 & -0.0359 \\ -19.29 & -3.803 \end{bmatrix}; \\ A_{\text{long}}^{\text{m85h5}} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.328 & 0.9831 \\ -30.44 & -1.493 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{\text{long}}^{\text{m85h5}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3012 & -0.0587 \\ -38.43 & -7.815 \end{bmatrix}; \\ A_{\text{long}}^{\text{m9h10}} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.452 & 0.9856 \\ -38.61 & -1.34 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{\text{long}}^{\text{m9h10}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2757 & -0.0523 \\ -37.36 & -7.247 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Following the nomenclature in Ref. [17],  $A_{\text{long}}^{\text{m7h14}}$  denotes the longitudinal state matrix at Mach 0.7 and 14-kft altitude.

For the F-18 aircraft model, consider the actuator fault matrix  $F = \text{diag}[f_1, f_2]$ ,  $0.4 \leq f_1 \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq f_2 \leq 1$ , weight parameters  $\alpha_1 = \dots = \alpha_6 = 1$ ,  $\mu_{1i} = \mu_{2i} = 0.01$  and select the designed output as

$$z(t) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{2 \times 2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ q \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{2 \times 2} \\ 0.1 * I_{2 \times 2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_E \\ \delta_{\text{PTV}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, we have taken the LMI toolbox function mincx applied it to the optimization problem in Section 2 for obtaining the  $H_{\infty}$  and mixed  $H_2/H_{\infty}$  fault-tolerant controller gains,

$$K_{H_{\infty}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2862 & 0.6379 \\ -0.0178 & 0.0386 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$K_{H_2/H_{\infty}} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3617 & 1.4367 \\ -0.0739 & 0.1640 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For comparison purposes, the standard  $H_\infty$  controller<sup>[12]</sup> without considering actuator faults are also carried out.

Table 1 shows the  $H_\infty$  performance and iteration counter of the three control methods.

**Table 1 Comparison of the three control methods**

Methods	$H_\infty$ performance			Iteration counter
	m7h14	m85h5	m9h10	
Standard $H_\infty$ control	0.5006	0.5006	0.5006	–
$H_\infty$ FTC	0.2469	0.3095	0.4236	17
Mixed $H_2/H_\infty$ FTC	0.2586	0.3319	0.4701	42

Subsequently, we consider the following actuator faults at 0.5 s in simulations.

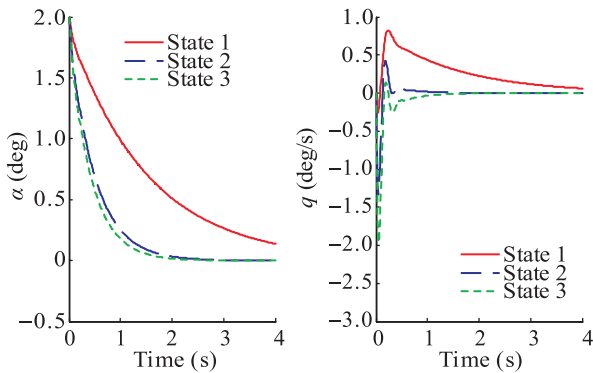
Fault-free:  $\mathbf{F} = \text{diag}[1, 1]$ ;

Fault 1:  $\mathbf{F} = \text{diag}[0.8, 0.4]$ ;

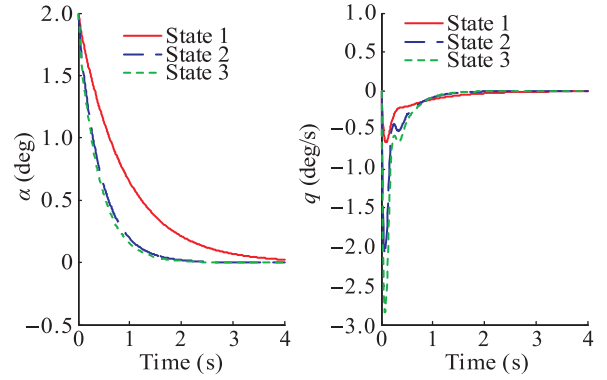
Fault 2:  $\mathbf{F} = \text{diag}[0.4, 0]$ .

The fault 1 means that the effectiveness of  $\delta_E$  and  $\delta_{PTV}$  lose 20% and 60%, respectively. The fault 2 means that the effectiveness of  $\delta_E$  loses 60% and  $\delta_{PTV}$  is the total outage. Obviously, the fault 2 is more severe than fault 1.

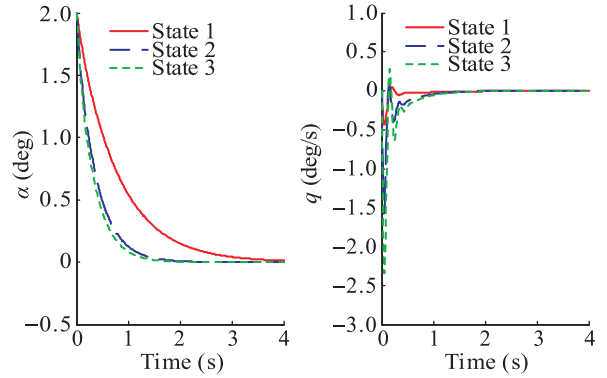
The response curves of the closed-loop system with fault free, fault 1 and fault 2 are given in Figs. 1-9, respectively. The simulation results show that the system performance of the standard  $H_\infty$  controller is similar to that of the fault-tolerant controllers when the actuators are healthy. However, as the magnitude of faults increases, the standard  $H_\infty$  controller cannot stabilize the closed-loop system and fault-tolerant controllers just suffer from slight performance degradation.



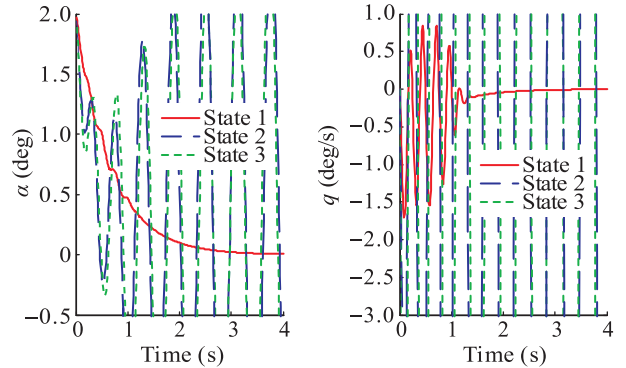
**Fig. 1 Responses of standard  $H_\infty$  controller with fault free**



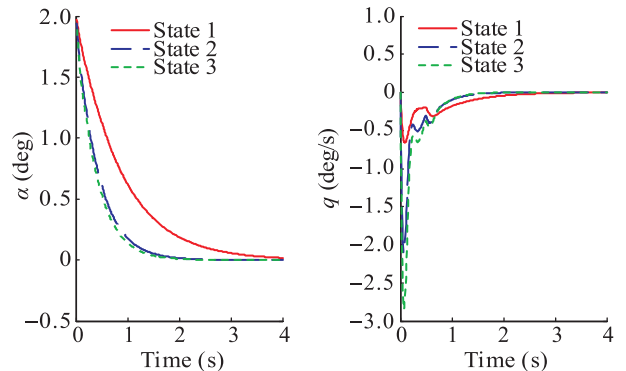
**Fig. 2 Responses of  $H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller with fault free**



**Fig. 3 Responses of mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller with fault free**

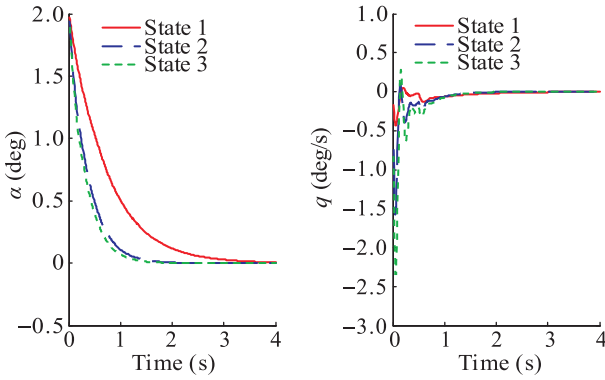


**Fig. 4 Responses of standard  $H_\infty$  controller with fault 1**

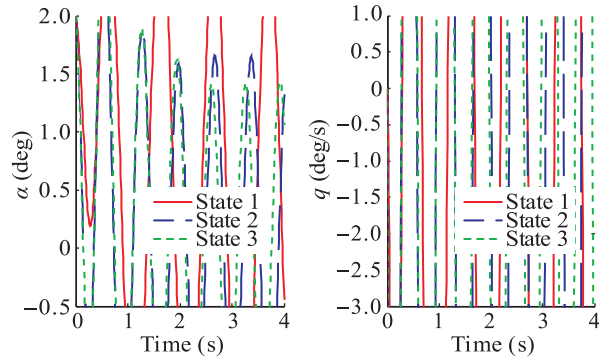


**Fig. 5 Responses of  $H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller with fault 1**

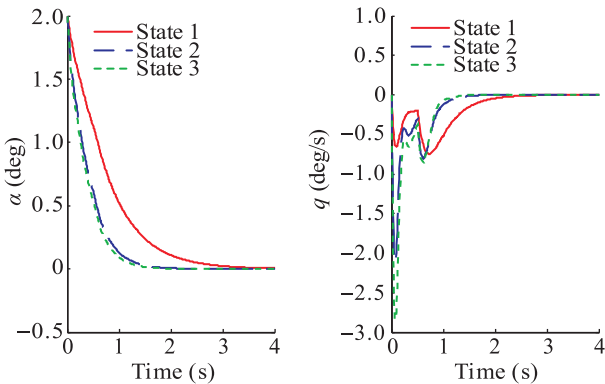




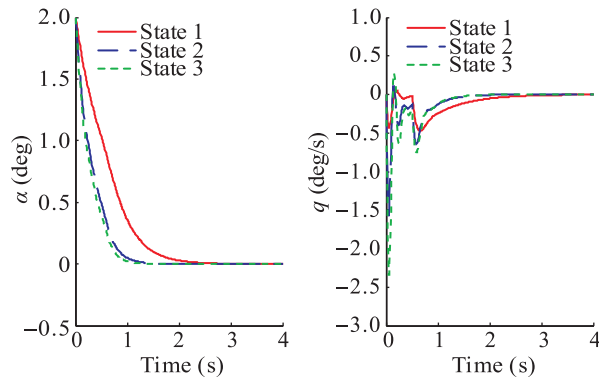
**Fig. 6 Responses of mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller with fault 1**



**Fig. 7 Responses of standard  $H_\infty$  controller with fault 2**



**Fig. 8 Responses of  $H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller with fault 2**



**Fig. 9 Responses of mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller with fault 2**

The simulation results also show that the mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller yields transient behaviors superior to the  $H_\infty$  fault-tolerant controller in all cases.

Summarizing the simulation results, our approaches can improve the system performance in the event of fault cases as compared to the standard design method.

## 4 Conclusions and Future Work

A fault-tolerant controller design approach has been developed for polytopic uncertain systems with actuator faults, and with extensions to  $H_\infty$  and mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  problems. Moreover, an iterative algorithm is obtained to reduce the conservativeness of controller design by employing the additional variables. The resulting controllers are reliable in that it provides guaranteed robust stability and system performance in both normal and fault cases. Simulation results of F-18 aircraft illustrate that our methods result in performance superior to previous methods.

The convenience of controller design has been achieved by using the iterative algorithm. Unfortunately, the algorithm yields a suboptimal solution since additional variables were introduced. Therefore, future work will investigate how to develop a new LMI relaxation method to get an optimal solution of the non-convex optimization problem in Theorem 3 and 5 without additional variables, namely, how to decouple the Lyapunov variables and system matrices.

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