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# Output Tracking Control of a Nonlinear System Based on Takagi-Sugeno Fuzzy Model: Generalized Partial Eigenstructure Assignment Approach

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**ABSTRACT** This paper introduces an innovative optimal control approach to achieve output tracking while incorporating  $H_2$ -performance specifications in a specific class of nonlinear dynamics modeled by the Takagi-Sugeno fuzzy model (TSFM). The primary innovation lies in extending partial eigenstructure assignment to TSFM-based nonlinear systems within the framework of sliding mode control (SMC). We propose a two-step methodology for designing optimal sliding surface gains. Initially, optimal state feedback gains are computed for each rule consequence containing a linear subsystem, adhering to predetermined eigenvalues and satisfying  $H_2$ -performance criteria. Subsequently, using a convex combination, the overall state feedback gain is calculated and utilized to design sliding matrix gains. The sliding matrix gains are then determined by strategically combining previously calculated state-feedback gains in a convex optimization problem. We reframe the output tracking strategy as a stabilization problem using a virtual control input and reformulate the optimization task concerning tracking state errors. This process yields state feedback gains, sliding gains, and the formulation of the virtual control input. The effectiveness of our approach is verified through comprehensive simulations, emphasizing its capability in addressing output tracking challenges within nonlinear systems.

**INDEX TERMS** Eigen-structure assignment, generalized partial Eigen-structure assignment,  $H_2$ -characterization, LMI approach, output tracking control, sliding mode control, Takagi-Sugeno fuzzy model.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The intricacies associated with solving the output tracking control problem in nonlinear systems have posed significant challenges in the realms of both control theory and practical applications [1], [2], [3], [4]. One effective avenue involves the design of output feedback control laws, guiding

the nonlinear system towards a desired reference signal. This approach proves particularly beneficial due to its capability to address the complexities arising from unmeasurable state signals [2], [5]. In a preceding study [6], the development of  $H_\infty$  observers for fuzzy systems with unmeasurable state variables marked a significant advancement. This achievement was accomplished by introducing a novel Lyapunov function, adeptly managing unmatched premise variables and external disturbances. Similarly, another research endeavor

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introduced an  $H_\infty$  event-triggered filter tailored specifically for a class of Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy systems [7]. This innovative contribution encompassed the implementation of an observer-based piecewise fuzzy filter, synchronizing harmoniously with the premise variables within the networked environment of the plant trajectory.

The TSFM stands as a versatile tool commonly harnessed for the representation of intricate nonlinear systems [8], [9]. Through the adoption of the sector nonlinearity approach [10], a precise characterization of the nonlinear system emerges, eloquently expressed as a fuzzy amalgamation of local models situated within a convex framework. This unique capability permits the application of various potent techniques from the realm of linear control theory, each directed at the individual local linear models that constitute the foundation of the fuzzy rule consequences. The amalgamation of these local control laws culminates in the design of an encompassing nonlinear control law that effectively governs the overarching nonlinear system.

Concurrently, research endeavors have frequently centered around linear systems or the TSFM framework, which serves as an interpolation of several local linear subsystems. Combining  $H_\infty$  performance metrics with pole placement objectives addresses robust performance and the desirable transient behavior of linear systems confronted by uncertainty or disturbances [11]. In the context of [12], the utilization of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs) facilitates the description of desired performance, ensuring the placement of closed-loop poles from local subsystems within a predefined region of the s-plane. Additionally, [13] presents the proposal of a constrained  $H_2$ -control system for TSFMs encompassing stringent constraints and disturbances characterized as impulses.

The efficacy of SMC in tackling uncertainties and disturbances within practical systems has been well-established [14], [15], [16], [17], [18], [19]. The pivotal role of defining the sliding surface in influencing control system performance has been recognized [20], [21]. In a pioneering work [22], a fresh perspective on sub-optimal sliding surface design and gain determination is introduced. This involves a two-tiered control design strategy, initially ascertaining state feedback gain to satisfy performance specifications. Subsequently, the determination of the sliding surface matrix employs both direct and indirect methodologies. Although the enhancement of transient time responses has garnered substantial attention within the literature [23], the intricate relationship between transient response profiles and system parameters remains largely unexplored in the context of SMC for nonlinear system design.

This paper charts a new course by extending the concept of eigenstructure assignment to nonlinear systems, with the specific aim of optimizing transient response characteristics. The proposed approach encompasses the definition of sliding surfaces and control inputs that align with desired eigenvalues corresponding to local subsystems within fuzzy

rule consequences. A synthesis of  $H_2$ -performance metrics and partial eigenstructure assignment yields suboptimal gains for each fuzzy rule consequence. By combining these consequence-specific control laws via a convex combination, a generalized partial eigenstructure assignment control law is derived, tailored to the native nonlinear system.

In the pursuit of practicality,  $H_2$ -optimization techniques are harnessed throughout the control design process. This entails deploying optimization methodologies to evaluate a multi-objective function that encapsulates  $H_2$ -performance metrics and generalized partial eigenstructure assignments. The outcome of this endeavor is an optimal enhancement of transient response characteristics. The contribution of this paper is the development of an innovative approach to address the challenging problem of output tracking control in nonlinear systems modeled using the TSFM. It introduces the concept of extending eigenstructure assignment to nonlinear systems, enabling the optimization of transient response characteristics by defining sliding surfaces and control inputs aligned with desired eigenvalues corresponding to local subsystems within fuzzy rule consequences. This paper also introduces the novel idea of generalized partial eigenstructure assignment, where suboptimal gains are computed for each fuzzy rule consequence and then combined to derive a control law customized to the specific nonlinear system. Throughout the control design process,  $H_2$ -optimization techniques are applied to enhance transient response characteristics. Empirical validation using a mass-spring system beside a half vehicle suspension model demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed approach, with potential implications for future research in this field.

The study further delves into the design of output tracking controllers, a realm where the objective is to harness the principles of linear control theory to craft optimal controllers for nonlinear systems while considering specific constraints.

The structure of this paper unfolds as follows: Section II formulates a nonlinear system beset by uncertainty through the lens of TSFM. In Section III, the design process for a sliding mode controller is meticulously outlined. A novel LMI representation for  $H_2$ -problems is introduced, extending the concept of partial eigenstructure assignment to nonlinear systems and uniting it with  $H_2$ -LMI representation to introduce the notion of generalized eigenstructure assignment. The convex optimization of sliding mode surface gain is elucidated. Furthermore, the conversion of output tracking into a stabilization problem is detailed, with the assessment of tracking error dynamic stability anchored by a theorem. Section IV lends empirical validation to the proposed approach by considering a mass-spring system and half vehicle suspension model. Finally, Section V concludes the paper, offering insights into future directions for research and exploration.

*Hint 1:*  $\text{herm}(\Delta) = \Delta + \Delta^*$ , where  $\Delta$  is a square matrix and  $\Delta^*$  stands for the conjugate transpose of  $\Delta$ .

**II. PROBLEM STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARIES**

Consider the following nonlinear system [2], [24]:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= f(x(t)) + g_1(x(t))u(t) + g_2(x(t), u(t), t) \\ \bar{y}(t) &= h(x(t)) \\ z(t) &= \Phi(x(t), u(t)) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u, \bar{y} \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $z \in \mathbb{R}^q$  are the state vector, the control input vector, the measured output vector, and the  $H_2$ -performance output vector of the system, respectively.  $f(\cdot), g_1(\cdot), g_2(\cdot), h(\cdot)$  and  $\Phi(\cdot)$  are nonlinear functions with appropriate dimensions where  $g_2(\cdot)$  denotes the possible model uncertainties and/or disturbances with a Euclidean norm which is bounded by a known function  $\rho(x, u, t)$ .

In light of the T-S fuzzy model's benefits of the nonlinear system, the nonlinear system given in (1) can be represented by the fuzzy system [10] as:

Plant Rule i:

If  $\mu_1(t)$  is  $F_{1,i}$  and ... and  $\mu_g(t)$  is  $F_{g,i}$ , Then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A_i x(t) + B_{1,i} u(t) + f_i; i = 1, \dots, r \\ z(t) &= C_i x(t) + D_i u(t) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where  $\mu_j(t)$  and  $F_{j,i}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, g$ ) are the premise variables and fuzzy sets, respectively;  $r$  denotes the number of fuzzy rules;  $A_i, B_{1,i}, C_i$  and  $D_i$  are the system matrices with appropriate dimensions, and  $f_i$  includes system uncertainty and external disturbance. Without loss of generality, we suppose that the matched uncertainty  $f_i$  can be represented by  $f_i = B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i$ , where  $\bar{f}_i$  are constant matrices with Euclidean norm bounded by a known function  $\rho(x, u, t)$ . Using a singleton fuzzifier, product inference, and center-average defuzzifier, the overall T-S fuzzy model is inferred as follows:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{A_i x(t) + B_{1,i}(u(t) + \bar{f}_i)\} \tag{3}$$

$$z(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{C_i x(t) + D_i u(t)\}. \tag{4}$$

where  $h_i(\mu)$  are the normalized fuzzy membership functions defined as

$$h_i(\mu) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^g F_{j,i}(\mu_j(t))}{\sum_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=1}^g F_{j,i}(\mu_j(t))}$$

satisfying  $h_i(\mu) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) = 1$  and  $F_{j,i}(\mu_j(t))$  are the grades of membership of  $\mu_j(t)$  in  $F_{j,i}$ . The same method is used to generate the T-S fuzzy controller. The fuzzy controller  $u(t)$  will be designed based on Parallel Distributed Compensator (PDC) [10] which can be written as

Controller Rule i:

If  $\mu_1(t)$  is  $F_{1,i}$  and ... and  $\mu_g(t)$  is  $F_{g,i}$ , Then

$$u(t) = K_i x(t) \quad i = 1, \dots, r. \tag{5}$$

where  $K_i$  indicates the feedback gains. The overall PDC controller can be represented as

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu(t)) K_i x(t). \tag{6}$$

where  $h_i(\mu)$  denotes the normalized fuzzy membership functions, in which  $h_i(\mu) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) = 1$ .

We will design a SMC for dynamics (3)-(4) based on the multi-channel  $H_2$  performance characterization and the proposed generalized eigenvalue assignment. Moreover, we will provide an extension to the output tracking problem.

**III. MAIN RESULTS**

This paper aims to design a multi-channel  $H_2$ -based SMC for the system dynamics (3)-(4). The following subsections illustrate the details of the design procedure.

**A. SLIDING MODE CONTROLLER DESIG**

Towards this end, primarily, here, for the system dynamics (3), a sliding mode controller is proposed in two steps. The first step deals with a sliding mode controller for each fuzzy rule. In the second step, by inspiring the fuzzy blending, a sliding mode controller is proposed for the overall T-S fuzzy system.

*Step 1. Sliding mode control design for fuzzy rule consequence*

Suppose that the linear model of the  $i^{th}$  fuzzy rule consequence subsystems introduced in (3) can be rewritten as

$$\dot{x}(t) = A_i x(t) + B_{1,i}(u(t) + \bar{f}_i) \tag{7}$$

Then, consider a linear switching surface for the system dynamics of (7) such that

$$\mathfrak{S}_i = \left\{ x(t) : \sigma_i(t) \triangleq S_i x(t) = 0 \right\} \tag{8}$$

where  $S_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  are full-rank matrices to be designed such that the appropriate dynamics for the related reduced-order sliding motions [25] are obtained. To guarantee the convergence of the system states of (7) to the sliding surface in (8), consider a control law as

$$u_i(t) = u_{eq,i}(t) + u_{n,i}(t) \tag{9}$$

where  $u_{eq,i}(t)$  is the equivalent control input and is defined as [22]

$$u_{eq,i}(t) = -(S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} (S_i A_i - \varphi S_i) x(t) \tag{10}$$

where  $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  stands for a Hurwitz matrix, and  $u_{n,i}(t)$  is the switching control input described as [22]

$$u_n(t) = -(S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} \rho(x, u, t) \frac{\sigma_i}{\|\sigma_i\|}, \quad \text{if } \sigma_i(t) \neq 0 \tag{11}$$

where the scalar function  $\rho(\cdot)$  satisfies  $\rho(x, u, t) \geq \|S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\|$ . Also, we suppose that  $\varphi = \lambda I_m$ , where  $\lambda$  is a predetermined negative scalar value. Therefore, by considering  $\varphi = \lambda I_m$ , the control law (10) can be rewritten as

$$u_{eq,i}(t) = (S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} (S_i A_{\lambda,i}) x(t) \tag{12}$$

where  $A_{\lambda,i} = \lambda I_n - A_i$ .

*Lemma 1: consider the linear system (7) with the given controller (9) as*

$$u_i(t) = (S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} \left\{ (S_i A_{\lambda,i}) x(t) - \rho(x, \tau, t) \frac{\sigma_i}{\|\sigma_i\|} \right\}; \tag{13}$$

if  $\sigma_i(t) \neq 0$

where the scalar function  $\rho(\cdot)$  satisfies  $\|\rho(x, u, t)\| \geq \|S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\|$ . Then, the associated reduced-order sliding mode dynamic is asymptotically stable.

*Proof:* Consider a candidate Lyapunov function as:

$$V_{1,i} = \frac{1}{2} \sigma_i^T \sigma_i \quad (14)$$

Now, calculating the time-derivative of the Lyapunov function (14) leads to

$$\dot{V}_{1,i} = \sigma_i^T \dot{\sigma}_i = (S_i x(t))^T (S_i \dot{x}(t)) \quad (15)$$

substituting  $\dot{x}(t)$  from (7) in (15) yields

$$\dot{V}_{1,i} = x(t)^T S_i^T (S_i A_i x(t) + S_i B_{1,i} u_i(t) + S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i) \quad (16)$$

substituting  $u_i(t)$  from (13) in (16) results in

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{1,i} &= x(t)^T S_i^T (S_i A_i x(t) + S_i B_{1,i} (S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} (S_i \varphi x(t) \\ &\quad - S_i A_i x(t) - \rho(x, u, t) \frac{\sigma_i}{\|\sigma_i\|}) + S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i) \\ &= x(t)^T S_i^T (S_i \varphi x(t) - \rho(x, u, t) \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma_i) + S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Then, suppose  $\varphi = \lambda I_m$ , where  $\lambda$  is a pre-determined negative scalar value, (17) is rewritten as

$$\dot{V}_{1,i} = x(t)^T S_i^T \{S_i \lambda x(t) - \rho(\cdot) \operatorname{sgn}(\sigma_i) + S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\} \quad (18)$$

Using the uncertainty boundary assumption, i.e.,  $\|\rho(x, u, t)\| \geq \|S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\|$ , the derivative of the Lyapunov function (18) along the state trajectory  $x(t)$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{1,i} &\leq x(t)^T S_i^T \left\{ \varphi S_i x(t) + \left| x(t)^T S_i^T S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \rho(x, u, t) \|S_i x(t)\| \right\} \\ &\leq x(t)^T S_i^T \left\{ \varphi S_i x(t) + \|S_i x(t)\| \|S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \rho(x, u, t) \|S_i x(t)\| \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Since we supposed that  $\varphi = \lambda I_m$  and  $\|S_i B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\| \leq \rho(x, u, t)$ , we can rewrite (19) as

$$\dot{V}_{1,i} \leq \lambda \|S_i x(t)\|^2 < 0 \quad (20)$$

in which the reachability condition is held and the proof is completed. ■

### Step 2. Fuzzy sliding mode control design

Inspiring the fuzzy combination in TSFM, the following switching surface and control law are proposed for the nonlinear system (3):

$$\mathfrak{H} = \left\{ x(t) : \sigma(t) \triangleq Sx(t) = 0 \right\} \quad (21)$$

$$u(t) = u_{eq}(t) + u_n(t) \quad (22)$$

$$u_{eq}(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) (S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} (S_i A_i - \varphi S_i) x(t) \quad (23)$$

$$u_n(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) (S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} \rho(x, u, t) \frac{\sigma_i}{\|\sigma_i\|} \quad (24)$$

$\text{if } \sigma_i(t) \neq 0$

where  $S \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  denotes the full rank sliding matrix gain to be designed. Also,  $S = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) S_i$ ,

$\sigma(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \sigma_i(t)$ ,  $u_{eq}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) u_{eq,i}(t)$ ,  $u_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) u_{n,i}(t)$ , and  $u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) u_i(t)$  are the sliding matrix, the switching surface, the equivalent control input, the switching control input, and the overall control input, respectively.

By employing  $\varphi = \lambda I_m$ , the control law (22) can be expressed as

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \left\{ (S_i B_{1,i})^{-1} (S_i A_{\lambda,i}) x(t) \right\} \quad (25)$$

To formulate the disturbance attenuation property of the proposed approach for the nonlinear TS fuzzy model (3)-(4), we let  $f(\cdot) = 0$ ,  $u_n(t) = 0$ , and we have added an artificial disturbance to the TSFM (3), and then, we proceed with the equivalent control part in (23). Therefore, the system dynamics (3)-(4) and the signal controller (6) are rewritten as:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{A_i x(t) + B_{1,i} u(t) + B_{2,i} w(t)\} \quad (26)$$

$$z(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{C_i x(t) + D_i u(t)\} \quad (27)$$

$$u(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu(t)) K_i x(t). \quad (28)$$

where  $B_{2,i}$  is the matrix with appropriate dimension,  $w \in \mathbb{R}^q$  is the artificial/external disturbance input with bounded energy, and  $K_i$  is the state feedback gain to be designed. Without loss of generality, it is also assumed that  $\operatorname{rank}(B_{1,i}) = m$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , the matrix pair  $(A_i; B_{1,i})$  is controllable and  $m \leq q \leq n$  [22].

## B. OPTIMAL SLIDING GAIN DESIGN USING GENERALIZED PARTIAL EIGENSTRUCTURE ASSIGNMENT

Our aim is to determine the most suitable sliding matrix denoted as 'S' in equation (21). This S serves a dual purpose: firstly, it ensures that the state trajectories, when reduced, stay on a stable surface; secondly, it satisfies the  $H_2$ -performance criterion, helping to handle disturbances effectively. Achieving this involves solving a complex challenge known as the multi-channel  $H_2$ -state-feedback problem. The solution to this challenge provides us with an optimal state feedback gain, a critical element in the search for the optimal sliding matrix gain.

To guarantee the viability of a solution, we must carefully position  $m$  eigenvalues within each local linear subsystem. These eigenvalues need to align with a predefined negative value referred to as  $\lambda$ . This condition forms the bedrock for the subsequent steps in our methodology.

The next phases of our approach encompass designing the most effective sliding gain. This step is pivotal as it guides us toward crafting the optimal sliding mode control. This endeavor involves a well-structured sequence of actions:

### 1) $H_2$ -LMI CHARACTERIZATION

In this subsection, for the TSFM (26)-(27), using LMI characterization, an  $H_2$  performance is presented from the disturbance  $w$  to the output  $z$ .

*Lemma 2:* For the nonlinear system described by TSFM dynamics (26)-(27), the following statements are equivalent:

a)  $\exists K_j, j = 1, \dots, r$ , such that  $A_i + B_{1,i}K_j$  is stable and the  $H_2$  performance from the disturbance  $w$  to the output  $z$  is less than  $\gamma$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(\mu)h_j(\mu) \{ \| (C_i + D_iK_j) \times (SI - (A_i + B_{1,i}K_j))^{-1} B_{2,i} \|_2^2 \} < \gamma \quad (29)$$

b)  $\exists X > 0$  and  $Z > 0$  such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i h_j \begin{bmatrix} A_i X + B_{1,i} Y_j + X A_i^T + Y_j^T B_{1,i}^T & * \\ C_i X + D_i Y_j & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (30)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^r h_i \begin{bmatrix} -Z & * \\ B_{2,i} & -X \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (31)$$

$$\text{trace}(Z) < 1 \quad (32)$$

where  $Y_j = K_j X$ .

c)  $\exists X > 0, Z > 0$  and nonsingular matrix  $G_j$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} -(G_j + G_j^T) & * & * \\ A_i G_j + B_{1,i} Y_j + X + G_j & -2X & * \\ C_i G_j + D_i Y_j & 0 & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0; \text{ for } i, j = 1, \dots, r \quad (33)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i h_j \begin{bmatrix} X & * \\ B_{2,i}^T & Z \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (34)$$

$$\text{trace}(Z) < 1 \quad (35)$$

where  $Y_j = K_j G_j$  and  $X > 0, Z > 0$  are positive semi-definite matrices and  $G_j$  are general nonsingular matrix variables.

*Proof:* Note that parts (a&b) are equivalent forms of the standard  $H_2$  state-feedback synthesis which is developed by Lemma (1) in ref [13] for the T-S fuzzy system. By making use Schur complement lemma, (33) is rewritten as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -(G_j + G_j^T) + \\ \gamma^{-1} (C_i G_j + D_i Y_j)^T (C_i G_j + D_i Y_j) \end{array} \right\} & * \\ A_i G_j + B_{1,i} Y_j + X + G_j & -2X \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (36)$$

which  $G_j + G_j^T > 0$ . Applying the congruence transformation  $\begin{bmatrix} G_j^{-T} & 0 \\ 0 & X^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$  on (36) results in

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -(\tilde{G}_j + \tilde{G}_j^T) + \\ \gamma^{-1} (C_i^T C_i + K_j^T D_i^T D_i K_j + \\ C_i^T D_i K_j + K_j^T D_i^T C_i) \end{array} \right\} & * \\ \tilde{X}(A_i + B_{1,i}K_j) + \tilde{X} + \tilde{G}_j & -2\tilde{X} \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (37)$$

where  $\tilde{G}_j = G_j^{-1}, \tilde{X} = X^{-1}$ , and  $K_j = Y_j G_j^{-1}$ . Then, (37) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma^{-1} \left( \begin{array}{l} C_i^T C_i + K_j^T D_i^T D_i K_j \\ + C_i^T D_i K_j + K_j^T D_i^T C_i \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\} & * \\ \tilde{X}(A_i + B_{1,i}K_j) + \tilde{X} & -2\tilde{X} \end{bmatrix} + \text{herm} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -I \\ I \end{bmatrix} \tilde{G}_{ij}^T [I \ 0] \right) < 0 \quad (38)$$

By using the Projection lemma [26], inequality (38) holds if the following inequalities are satisfied

$$\begin{bmatrix} I \\ I \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma^{-1} \left( \begin{array}{l} C_i^T C_i + \\ K_j^T D_i^T D_i K_j \\ + C_i^T D_i K_j \\ + K_j^T D_i^T C_i \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\} & * \\ \tilde{X}(A_i + B_{1,i}K_j) + \tilde{X} & -2\tilde{X} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I \\ I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (39)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma^{-1} \left( \begin{array}{l} C_i^T C_i + \\ K_j^T D_i^T D_i K_j \\ + C_i^T D_i K_j \\ + K_j^T D_i^T C_i \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right\} & * \\ \tilde{X}(A_i + B_{1,i}K_j) + \tilde{X} & -2\tilde{X} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (40)$$

Inequality (39) indicates  $-\tilde{X} < 0$  and inequality (40) is equivalent to

$$\tilde{X}(A_i + B_{1,i}K_j) + (A_i + B_{1,i}K_j)^T \tilde{X}^T + \gamma^{-1} (C_i^T C_i + K_j^T D_i^T D_i K_j + C_i^T D_i K_j + K_j^T D_i^T C_i) < 0 \quad (41)$$

By multiplying both sides of (41) by  $X = \tilde{X}^{-1}$ , one obtains:

$$A_i X + B_{1,i} Y_j + (A_i X + B_{1,i} Y_j)^T + \gamma^{-1} (X C_i^T C_i X + Y_j^T D_i^T D_i Y_j + X C_i^T D_i Y_j + Y_j^T D_i^T C_i X) < 0 \quad (42)$$

where  $Y_j = K_j X$ . From the Schur complement, (42) is equivalent to (30). The proof is completed. ■

### C. MULTI-CHANNEL $H_2$ STATE-FEEDBACK

Now, we propose  $T_{wz}$  as an  $H_2$ - performance from the input  $w$  to the output  $z$  with control input  $u(t) = \sum_{j=1}^r h_j K_j x(t)$ . We aim to design  $K_j$  such that the following performance characterization are satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|T_{w\psi z\psi}\|_2 \\ & \text{subject to } \|T_{w_1 z_1}\|_2^2 < \gamma_1, \dots, \|T_{w_{\psi-1} z_{\psi-1}}\|_2^2 < \gamma_{\psi-1}, \\ & \|T_{w_{\psi+1} z_{\psi+1}}\|_2^2 < \gamma_{\psi+1}, \dots, \|T_{w_{\aleph} z_{\aleph}}\|_2^2 < \gamma_{\aleph} \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

where  $\|T_{w\psi z\psi}\|_2 := \|L_{\psi} T_{wz} R_{\psi}\|_2$ , such that  $L_{\psi}$  and  $R_{\psi}$  are used to select the appropriate input/output channels or constrained channels [27]. And,  $\aleph$  stands for the different Lyapunov constraints or the numeral of channels. Moreover,  $T_{w\psi z\psi}$  is obtained from substituting  $B_{2,i}, C_i$  and

$D_i$  in (26)-(27) with  $B_{2\psi,i}$ ,  $C_{\psi,i}$  and  $D_{\psi,i}$ ,  $\psi = 1, \dots, \aleph$ , respectively. The  $H_2$  -performance can be guaranteed by minimizing the  $H_2$ -norm associated with signals  $w_\psi = R_\psi w$  and  $z_\psi = L_\psi z$ . Now, consider a set of LMI characterizations of (33)-(35) for each channel. Then, the state-feedback LMI characterization for the multi-channel system can be synthesized by assigning global variables  $G_j$ ,  $Y_j$  for entire channels, and a distinct Lyapunov variable  $X_\psi > 0$  to  $\psi^{th}$  channel. As a result, the LMI characterization for  $\psi^{th}$  channel through extension part (c) of lemma 1 can be formulated as

$$\begin{bmatrix} -(G_j + G_j^T) & * & * \\ A_i G_j + B_{1,i} Y_j + X_\psi + G_j & -2X_\psi & * \\ C_{\psi,i} G_j + D_{\psi,i} Y_j & 0 & -\gamma I \end{bmatrix} < 0; \quad (44)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^r h_i \left( \begin{bmatrix} X_\psi & * \\ B_{2\psi,i}^T & Z \end{bmatrix} \right) < 0 \quad (45)$$

$$\text{trace}(Z) < 1 \quad (46)$$

where  $X_\psi > 0$ ,  $Z > 0$ ,  $G_j$  and  $Y_j$  are global LMI decision variables and  $Y_j = K_j G_j$ . Then, one may modify the optimization problem (43) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \gamma_\psi \\ & \text{subject to (44), (45), and (46) for } \psi - \text{th channel,} \\ & \quad (44), (45), \text{ and (46) for } \theta - \text{th channel} \\ & \quad \text{with given } \gamma_\theta; \theta \neq \psi; \theta = 1, \dots, \aleph \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

**D. GENERALIZED PARTIAL EIGENSTRUCTURE ASSIGNMENT**

In this part, assignments of partial eigenstructures which are combined with  $H_2$  performance is proposed. Assignment of  $m$  poles of each rule consequence linear subsystem (26)-(27) to a pre-determined negative value through the PDC controller can be performed by using the LMI conditions (44)-(46). The assignment of the following partial eigenstructures

$$\overbrace{\{\lambda, \dots, \lambda\}}^{m \text{ times}} \quad (48)$$

is done by the state feedback. This problem can be divided into two steps as follows

1-Compute the base vector  $[M_{\lambda,j} \ N_{\lambda,j}]^T$  of the null space  $[A_j - \lambda I \ B_{1,j}]$ , where  $j = 1, \dots, r$ .

2- With arbitrary  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , the state feedback can be obtained as  $K_j = Y_j G_j^{-1}$  with

$$Y_j = N_j \Sigma_N, \quad G_j = M_j \Sigma_M \quad (49)$$

where

$$N_j := \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{m \text{ times}} & \overbrace{(n-m) \text{ times}} \\ \underbrace{N_{\lambda,j}, \dots, N_{\lambda,j}} & \underbrace{\{I, \dots, I\}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_j := \begin{bmatrix} \overbrace{m \text{ times}} & \overbrace{(n-m) \text{ times}} \\ \underbrace{M_{\lambda,j}, \dots, M_{\lambda,j}} & \underbrace{\{I, \dots, I\}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_N &:= \text{diag} [\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m, k_1, \dots, k_{n-m}] \\ \Sigma_M &:= \text{diag} [\eta_1, \dots, \eta_m, l_1, \dots, l_{n-m}] \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

such that  $k_1, \dots, k_{n-m} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $l_1, \dots, l_{n-m} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Note that, some arrays of  $\Sigma_M$  and  $\Sigma_N$  are dependent on the assignment of  $m$  eigenstructure to a predetermined value  $\lambda$ . In other words, other arrays which are not used for eigenvalue assignment can be employed to reach further constraints. Hence, the first step in designing an  $H_2$  based SMC is recasting (47) by the LMI characterizations (44)-(46) with  $X > 0$ ,  $Z > 0$ ,  $\Sigma_{N,j}$ ,  $\Sigma_{M,j}$  and  $\gamma_i > 0$  as below

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \gamma_\psi \\ & \text{subject to (44), (45), (46), and (49) for } \psi - \text{th channel,} \\ & \quad (44), (45), (46), \text{ and (49) for } \theta - \text{th channel} \\ & \quad \text{with given } \gamma_\theta; \theta \neq \psi; \theta = 1, \dots, \aleph \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

The following lemma demonstrates the conditions that the consequences subsystems contain eigenvalues (48) for each local subsystem with PDC controller (28) defined by (49).

*Lemma 3:* For each fuzzy rule with the state feedback  $K_j = Y_j G_j^{-1}$ , where  $Y_j$  and  $G_j$  presented in (49), the set of  $A_j + B_{1,j} K_j$  eigenvalues contain the subset (48).

*Proof:* The base vector  $[M_{\lambda,j} \ N_{\lambda,j}]^T$  of the null space  $[A_j - \lambda I \ B_{1,j}]$  is obtained as follows:

$$[A_j - \lambda I \ B_{1,j}] [M_{\lambda,j} \ N_{\lambda,j}]^T = 0 \quad (52)$$

where  $M_{\lambda,j}$  and  $N_{\lambda,j}$  are the  $j^{th}$  eigenstructure vectors associated with the system state and the control input respectively, where  $j = 1, \dots, r$ . One can rewrite (52) as

$$A_j M_{\lambda,j} + B_{1,j} N_{\lambda,j} = \lambda M_{\lambda,j} \quad (53)$$

Furthermore, a set of  $\eta_i$  always exists such that  $A_j + B_{1,j} K_j$  has  $m$  independent eigenvectors associated with  $\lambda$ , i.e.  $M_{\lambda,j} \eta_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . By utilizing (49), one can form (53) as

$$\begin{aligned} & (A_j + B_{1,j} K_j) M_{\lambda,j} \eta_i \\ &= [A_j + B_{1,j} (N_j \Sigma_{N,j}) (M_j \Sigma_{M,j})^{-1}] M_{\lambda,j} \eta_i \\ &= [A_j + B_{1,j} (N_j \Sigma_{N,j}) (M_j \Sigma_{M,j})^{-1}] (M_j \Sigma_{M,j}) e_i \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , and  $e_i$  denotes the canonical or standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  [28]. By using (50) and (53), equation (54) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} (A_j + B_{1,j} K_j) M_{\lambda,j} \eta_i &= [A_j (M_j \Sigma_{M,j}) + B_{1,j} (N_j \Sigma_{N,j})] e_i \\ &= A_j M_{\lambda,j} \eta_i + B_{1,j} N_{\lambda,j} \eta_i \\ &= \lambda M_{\lambda,j} \eta_i \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

which shows that the set of  $A_j + B_{1,j} K_j$  eigenvalues contain the subset (54).

**E. THE OPTIMAL SWITCHING GAIN DESIGN**

This part proposes an LMI optimization approach to obtain the sliding gain  $S$  associated with the state feedback designed in (51). To obtain the  $i^{th}$  sliding gain  $S_i$ , consider the state

feedback (28), which is equivalent to the sliding mode controller (13) as follows

$$(S_j B_{1,j})^{-1} S_j A_{\lambda,j} = K_j, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, r \quad (56)$$

Since the matrix  $S_j B_{1,j}$  should be an invertible matrix, without loss of generality, let us suppose that  $S_j = B_{1,j}^T P_j$ , where  $P_j$  are semi-positive definite matrices to be obtained. To analyze (56), one can use a simple relaxation method as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \delta_j \\ & \text{subject to } \left\| \left( B_{1,j}^T P_j (A_{\lambda,j} - B_{1,j} K_j) \right) \right\| < \delta_j, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, r \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

where  $\delta_j > 0$  are scalar variables, and  $K_j$  are the  $j^{\text{th}}$  state-feedback obtained from (51), which makes ensuring that  $m$  poles of each rule consequence subsystem are exactly located at  $\lambda$ . Using LMI optimization, the minimization problem (57) is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \delta_j \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, r \\ & \text{subject to } \begin{bmatrix} -\delta_j I & * \\ B_{1,j}^T P_j (A_{\lambda,j} - B_{1,j} K_j) & -\delta_j I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

Finally, inspired by the convex structure in TSFM, the switching matrix gain is proposed to obtain as

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) B_{1,i}^T P_j. \quad (59)$$

### F. THE OUTPUT TRACKING CONTROL

In this subsection, the output tracking problem of the nonlinear systems, described by TSFM (3)-(4), is studied while some performance specifications are under control. For output tracking control, we suppose that the  $H_2$ -performance output vector is only dependent on the state vector; i.e.,  $z(t) = \Phi(x(t))$ . Furthermore, it is necessary that the tracking error between the measured output and the desired trajectory finally meets zero. To convert the output tracking problem into a stabilization problem, a set of the desired variable  $x_d(t)$  which must be tracked by the state variable  $x(t)$  is introduced. Let  $\tilde{x}(t) := x(t) - x_d(t)$  and  $\tilde{z}(t) := z(t) - z_d(t)$  which  $\tilde{x}(t)$  and  $\tilde{z}(t)$  denote the tracking state error of the state variables and the tracking error of the  $H_2$ -performance output vector, respectively. The time derivative of  $\tilde{x}(t)$  results in

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \dot{x}(t) - \dot{x}_d(t) \quad (60)$$

Substitute  $\dot{x}(t)$ , given in (3), in (60) yields

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{A_i x(t) + B_{1,i}(u(t) + \bar{f}_i)\} - \dot{x}_d(t) \quad (61)$$

Now, we introduce a new control signal  $\tau(t)$  satisfying the following equation [29]

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) B_{1,i} \tau(t) & \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) B_{1,i} u(t) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) A_i x_d(t) - \dot{x}_d(t) \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

where  $\tau(t)$  is a new control input that is to be yet acquired. Therefore, the state-tracking error dynamic is

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{A_i \tilde{x}(t) + B_{1,i}(\tau(t) + \bar{f}_i)\} \quad (63)$$

$$\tilde{z}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) C_i \tilde{x}(t) \quad (64)$$

The control purpose is to enforce  $\tilde{x}(t)$  to converge zero, i.e., tracking the desired state  $x_d(t)$  by the state trajectory  $x(t)$ . Next, the novel fuzzy controller  $\tau(t)$  is proposed relying upon PDC and can be written as

Controller Rule  $i$ :

If  $\mu_1(t)$  is  $F_{1,i}$  and ... and  $\mu_g(t)$  is  $F_{g,i}$ , Then

$$\tau(t) = \mathfrak{K}_i \tilde{x}(t); \quad i = 1, \dots, r \quad (65)$$

where  $\mathfrak{K}_i$  denotes the feedback gain. Then, using the singleton fuzzifier, product inference, and center-average defuzzifier, the overall new control signal in PDC form can be expressed as

$$\tau(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu(t)) \mathfrak{K}_i \tilde{x}(t) \quad (66)$$

where  $h_i(\mu)$  denotes the normalized fuzzy membership functions, in which  $h_i(\mu) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) = 1$ .

The output tracking problem while satisfying the  $H_2$ -performance specification combined with the generalized partial eigenstructure assignment can be implemented in two steps. In the first step, the optimization problem introduced in (51) is recast for the tracking state error (63) and the  $H_2$ -performance output tracking error (64) with the overall new control signal (66). In the next step, the control input of the output tracking problem will be obtained based on the new control signal (66) introduced for the tracking state error (63).

The remaining part to solve the output tracking problem is to determine the desired state  $x_d(t)$ . Toward this end, we use the fact that  $g_1(x(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) B_{1,i}$ , one may rewrite (62) as

$$g_1(x(t)) (\tau(t) - u(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) A_i x_d(t) - \dot{x}_d(t) \quad (67)$$

The existence of the new control signal  $\tau(t)$  relates to the pattern of  $g_1(x(t))$ . Hereon, we suppose the matrix of the input coefficient  $g_1(x(t))$  as a full-column rank matrix with the following form

$$g_1(x(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(n-m) \times m} & B(x) \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (68)$$

where  $0_{(n-m) \times m} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n-m) \times m}$  and  $B(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  are a zero matrix and nonsingular matrix, respectively. Similarly,  $A(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) A_i$  and  $x_d(t)$  are partitioned as follows

$$A(x) = \begin{bmatrix} A(x)_{(n-m) \times n} \\ A(x)_{m \times n} \end{bmatrix}, \quad x_d(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_d(t)_{n-m} \\ x_d(t)_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (69)$$

Substituting (67)-(68) in (66), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n-m} \\ B(x) (\tau(t) - u(t)) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A(x)_{(n-m) \times n} x_d(t) - \dot{x}_d(t)_{n-m} \\ A(x)_{m \times n} x_d(t) - \dot{x}_d(t)_m \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

As a consequence, using the output equation (67) and the condition in (70), the desired state variables are determined by the following dynamic [29]:

$$\dot{x}_d(t)_{n-m} = A(x)_{(n-m) \times n} x_d(t) \quad (71)$$

$$\bar{y}(t) = h(x_d(t)) \quad (72)$$

Also, from (66) and (70), the practical control input is obtained as

$$u(t) = \tau(t) - B^{-1}(A(x)_{m \times n} x_d(t) - \dot{x}_d(t)_m) \quad (73)$$

The desired variables  $x_d(t)$  for many physical systems can be determined by the equations (71)-(72). The stability and performance of the suggested control system were described in Theorem 1.

*Theorem 1:* Suppose that for some  $\gamma_\psi > 0$ ,  $\psi = 1, \dots, \aleph$ , the state feedback  $\mathfrak{K}$  is a solution to the optimization problem introduced in (51). Then, the multi-channel  $H_2$ -performance constraints  $\|T_{w_\psi \theta_\psi}\|_2^2 < \gamma_\psi$ ,  $\psi = 1, \dots, \aleph$  are guaranteed, and the new control input

$$\tau(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(t)) \mathfrak{K}_i \tilde{x}(t) + \tau_n(t) \quad (74)$$

where

$$\tau_n(t) = - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) (S_i B_1)^{-1} \rho(\tilde{x}, \tau, t) \frac{\sigma_i}{\|\sigma_i\|} \quad \text{if } \sigma_i(t) \neq 0 \quad (75)$$

In this case, the switching control law  $\sigma_i(t) \triangleq S_i \tilde{x}(t)$ , stabilizes the obtained sliding mode dynamics in an asymptotic manner.

*Proof:* Select a candidate Lyapunov function as

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sigma^T \sigma \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(\mu) h_j(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_j \tilde{x}(t) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_i \tilde{x}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (76)$$

Now, applying the time derivative of the Lyapunov function (76) leads to

$$\dot{V}_2 = \sigma^T \dot{\sigma} \leq \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_i \dot{\tilde{x}}(t) \quad (77)$$

substituting  $\dot{\tilde{x}}(t)$  from (63) in (77) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_i \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \\ &\quad \times \{A_i \tilde{x}(t) + B_{1,i} \tau(t) + B_{1,i} \bar{f}_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

Then, (78) is reformulated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(\mu) h_j(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_j \\ &\quad \times \{A_j \tilde{x}(t) + B_{1,j} \tau(t) + B_{1,j} \bar{f}_j\} \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

substituting  $\tau(t)$  from (74) in (79) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^r h_i(\mu) h_j(\mu) h_l(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_j \\ &\quad \times \{(A_j + B_{1,j} \mathfrak{K}_l) \tilde{x}(t) - \rho(\tilde{x}, \tau, t) \frac{\sigma_l}{\|\sigma_l\|} + B_{1,j} \bar{f}_j\} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^r h_i(\mu) h_j(\mu) h_l(\mu) \tilde{x}(t)^T S_i^T S_j \\ &\quad \times \{(A_j + B_{1,j} \mathfrak{K}_l) \tilde{x}(t)\} \end{aligned} \quad (80)$$

In this paper, the statement  $A_i + B_{1,i} \mathfrak{K}_j$  are Hurwitz matrices, therefore (80) leads to

$$\dot{V}_2 < \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^r h_i h_j h_l \lambda_{\max, j l} \|S_i \tilde{x}(t)\|^2 < 0; \quad (81)$$

where  $\lambda_{\max, j l}$  are the maximal eigenvalues of the Hurwitz matrices  $A_j + B_{1,j} \mathfrak{K}_l$ , and  $\lambda_{\max, j l}$  locate on the left side of the  $s$ -plane, which guarantees the reachability condition. ■

Finally, the proposed approach for the output tracking problem of a nonlinear system based on TSFM can be implemented by Algorithm 1.

*Hint 2:* In the process of designing the controller, its parameters are optimized by solving the associated LMI optimization problem. Furthermore, the computational load associated with this approach closely aligns with that of a comparable study [30]. This similarity arises from the fact that both approaches involve solving the controller parameters and designing it through the resolution of offline Linear Matrix Inequalities (LMIs) only once.

*Hint 3:* The article [31] opens avenues for future research by overcoming assumptions on state variables and constraints on slack matrices. The exploration of these principles, DVDP and VSP, presents an opportunity to further reduce conservativeness in filter design. Additionally, the removal of assumptions on state variables, achieved through a recursive method, provides a more general and practical approach. Future research directions may involve extending these methodologies to broader applications and exploring ways to eliminate assumptions in finite-time extended dissipative analysis.

#### IV. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this section, we assess how well the suggested optimal sliding matrix control system design works and whether it is appropriate. Initially, we examine the benchmark problem that deals with a mass-spring mechanical system. Following that, we explore the second example, which involves considering a half-vehicle suspension model.

*Example 1:* Consider a mass-spring mechanical system shown in Fig. 1, where  $(x_1, x_2)$ ,  $(F_{f_1}, F_{f_2})$ ,  $(F_{s_1}, F_{s_2})$ ,  $(F_{\mu_1}, F_{\mu_2})$ ,  $(m_1, m_2)$ , and  $u$  denote the displacement from



**Algorithm 1** The Proposed Control System Design

- 1) Define  $Y_j$  and  $G_j$  according to (49)-(50), and the state feedback gain  $K_j = Y_j G_j^{-1}$ .
  - If system (1) is SISO,
    - 2) Solve (33)-(35) to obtain  $Y_j$  and  $G_j$  and therefore  $K_j$ .
    - Go to STEP 4.
  - Else if the system (1) is MIMO,
    - 3) Solve GEVP (51) to minimize  $\gamma_\psi$ , and to obtain  $Y_j$  and  $G_j$  and therefore  $K_j$ .
    - Go to STEP 4.
- End
- % Optimal sliding mode control design
- 4) Solve minimization problem (58).
  - 5) Define  $S_i = B_{1j}^T P_j$
  - 6) Calculate the switching matrix gain from (59).
  - 7) Define the linear switching surface  $\sigma_i(t) \triangleq S_i x(t)$ .
  - 8) Derive the control laws  $u_{eq}(t)$  and  $u_n(t)$  from (23)-(24).
- % Output tracking control
- 9) Solve (33)-(35) with  $D_j = 0$ , to obtain  $Y_j$  and  $G_j$  and therefore  $\mathfrak{K}_j = Y_j G_j^{-1}$ .
  - 10) Determine the desired states  $x_d(t)$  by (71)-(72) and  $\tau_n(t)$  by (75).
  - 11) Obtain  $\tau(t)$  by (74).
  - 12) Find the practical control input  $u(t)$  with (73)

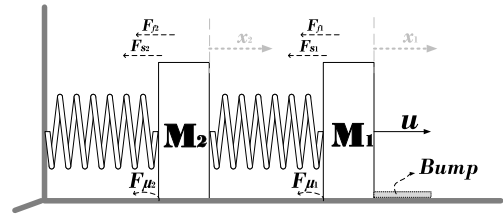


FIGURE 1. Mass-spring mechanical system.

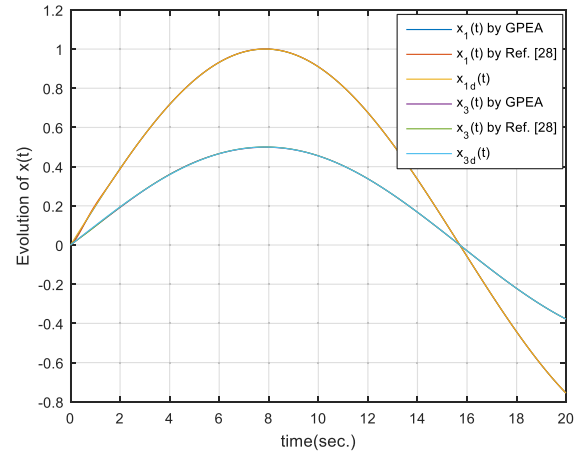


FIGURE 2. Responses of  $x_1, x_3$  and  $x_{1d}, x_{3d}$ .

the reference points, the viscous damping forces, the restoring forces of the springs, the kinetic friction forces, the masses, and the external input, respectively. By definition  $X_1 = x_1 - x_2, X_2 = \dot{X}_1, X_3 = x_2$ , and  $X_4 = \dot{X}_3$ , the nonlinear system is represented in the following state-space form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_1 \\ \dot{X}_2 \\ \dot{X}_3 \\ \dot{X}_4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -k - ka^2 X_1^2 & -c & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ k + ka^2 X_1^2 & c & -k - ka^2 X_3^2 & -c \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \times \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & + [0, 1, 0, 0]^T (u(t) + g(x)) + [0, -1, 0, -1]^T w(t) \\
 y(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad z_1(t) = X_1, \quad z_2(t) = X_3 \quad (82)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the sector nonlinearity approaches [10], the fuzzy rule matrices are obtained. Suppose that, we select the pre-determined eigenvalue as  $\lambda = -10$ , the actuator as  $g(x) = 0.1 X_1(t)$ , and the periodic external disturbance caused by a bump (or a rough surface) with 10 cm widths

which is modeled as

$$w(t) = 0.01 \sin(\pi X_1(t)), \quad \text{if } 0 \leq X_1(t) \leq \frac{1}{10}.$$

Then, using the LMI optimization problem (51), we obtain the  $H_2$ -performance from the external disturbance vector to the  $H_2$  output vector; i.e., from  $w(t)$  to  $z(t)$ , as  $\gamma = 13.4741$ .

To compare the proposed approach efficiency with similar works, [30] has utilized an integral-type sliding-surface function for the TSFM, and their approach shows that the  $H_\infty$  performance  $\gamma_\infty = 2.5891$  is guaranteed. The illustrative comparison simulations are brought in Figs. 2-9. In the other scenario, we devote different Lyapunov matrix variables for each channel in (51). Also, the pre-determined value  $\gamma = 2.5891$  is considered for the  $H_2$ -performance from the external disturbance vector to the first  $H_2$  output vector; i.e.  $z_2(t)$ . Then, the results show that the  $H_2$ -performance  $\gamma = 2.7982$  is obtained for the first  $H_2$  output vecto; i.e.  $z_1(t)$ .

The comparison study between the proposed approach and [30] are shown in Figs. 2-8. Fig. 5 illustrates that the approach phase is done faster and the trajectory stays on the surface. The control effort has been reduced and the chattering phenom is avoided compared with the work [30] as shown in Fig. 6. The error evolutions of the  $H_2$ -outputs tracking control are depicted in Figs. 7-8. The results demonstrate that the first and the second state trajectories of the errors have been decreased compared with [30] and their transient time performances are improved.

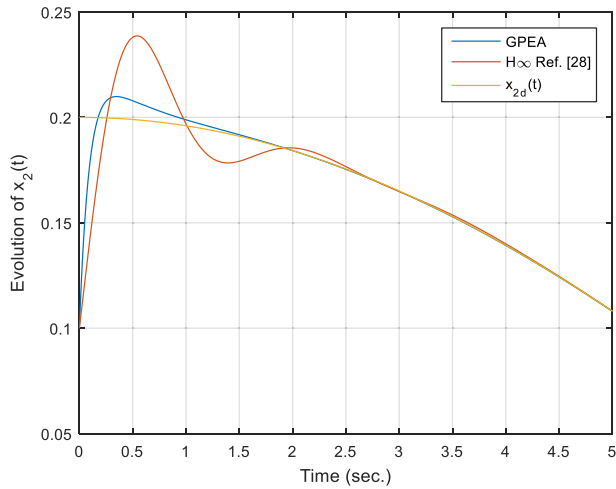


FIGURE 3. Responses of  $x_2$  and  $x_{2d}$ .

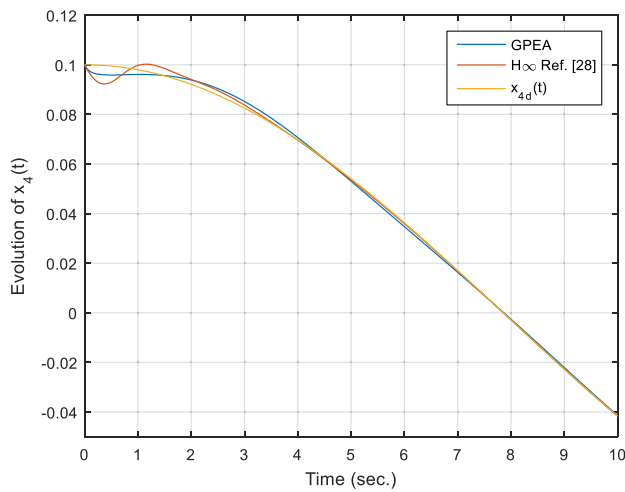


FIGURE 4. Responses of  $x_4$  and  $x_{4d}$ .

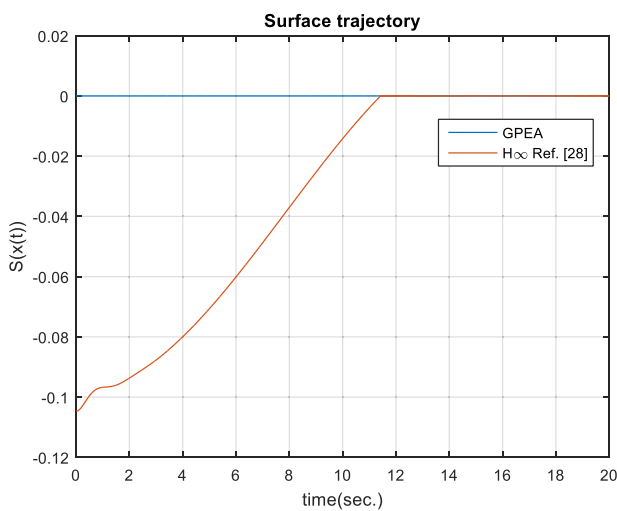


FIGURE 5. The evolution of the sliding surface.

Example 2: Consider the half-vehicle model depicted in Fig. 9 [30]. In this model,  $Z_{sf}(t)$  represents the front body displacement,  $Z_{sr}(t)$  denotes the rear body displacement,

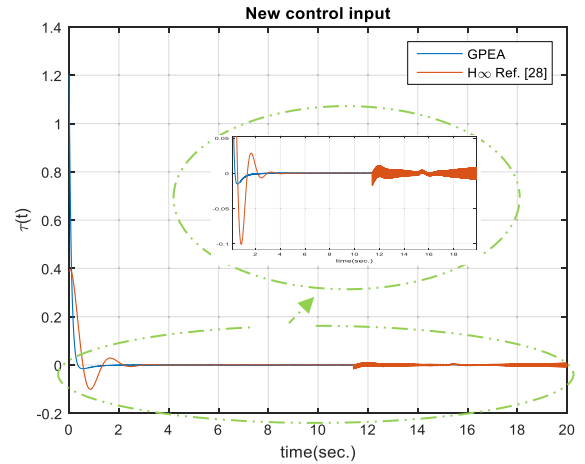


FIGURE 6. The new control input signal  $\tau(t)$ .

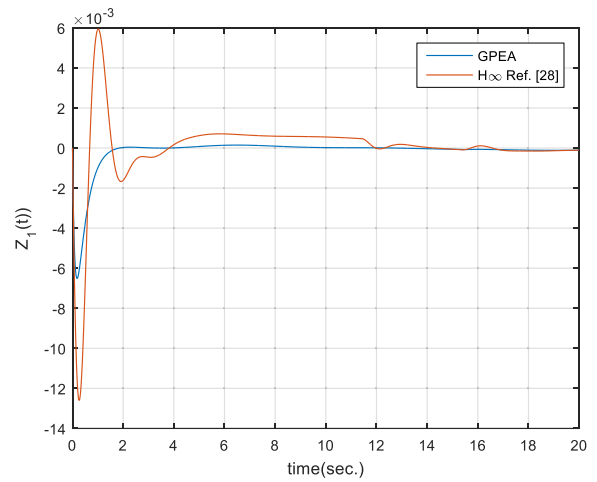


FIGURE 7. The trajectory of  $z_1(t)$ .

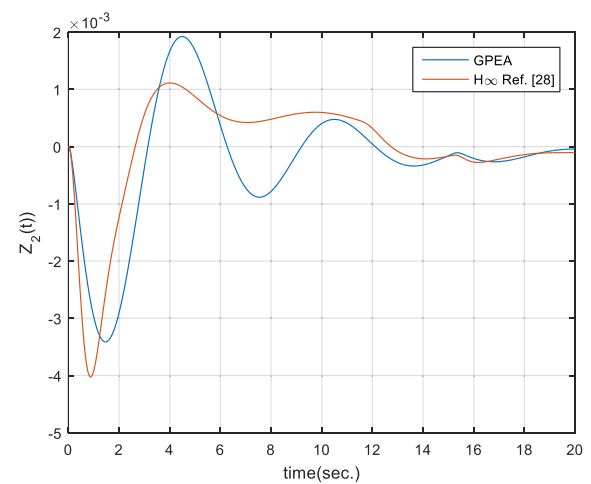


FIGURE 8. The trajectory of  $z_2(t)$ .

$l_1$  signifies the distance between the front axle and the center of mass,  $l_2$  indicates the distance between the rear axle and the center of mass,  $\varphi(t)$  represents the pitch angle, and

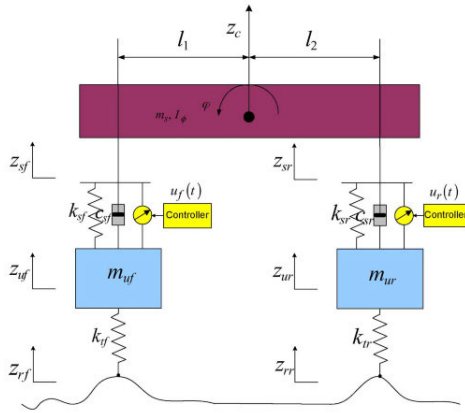


FIGURE 9. Half-vehicle model [30].

$Z_c(t)$  corresponds to the displacement of the center of mass. Additionally,  $m_s$  stands for the mass of the car body, while  $m_{uf}$  and  $m_{ur}$  denote the unsprung masses on the front and rear wheels, respectively.  $I_\varphi$  denotes the pitch moment of inertia about the center of mass.  $Z_{uf}(t)$  and  $Z_{ur}(t)$  represent the front and rear unsprung mass displacements, respectively.  $Z_{rf}(t)$  and  $Z_{rr}(t)$  denote the front and rear terrain height displacements, respectively.  $c_{sf}$  and  $c_{sr}$  are the stiffnesses of the passive elements of the front and rear wheels, and  $k_{sf}$  and  $k_{sr}$  represent the front- and rear-tire stiffnesses.  $u_f(t)$  and  $u_r(t)$  are the front and rear actuator force inputs, respectively.

By introducing the following scale factors:

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{m_s} + \frac{l_1^2}{I_\varphi}, a_2 = \frac{1}{m_s} - \frac{l_1 l_2}{I_\varphi}, a_3 = \frac{1}{m_s} + \frac{l_2^2}{I_\varphi}$$

and defining the following variables:

- $x_1(t)$ - suspension deflection of the front car body,
- $x_2(t)$ - suspension deflection of the rear car body,
- $x_3(t)$ - tire deflection of the front car body,
- $x_4(t)$ - tire deflection of the rear car body,
- $x_5(t)$ - vertical velocity of the front car body,
- $x_6(t)$ - vertical velocity of the rear car body,
- $x_7(t)$ - vertical velocity of the front wheel,
- $x_8(t)$ - vertical velocity of the rear wheel,

And considering the disturbance input as  $w^T(t) = [\dot{Z}_{rf}(t) \ \dot{Z}_{rr}(t)]$ , this paper aims to optimize the control output vector  $z^T(t) = [\ddot{Z}_c(t) \ \ddot{\varphi}(t)]$ , encompassing both heave and pitch accelerations, to enhance passenger ride comfort.

The half-vehicle suspension system can be represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A(t)x(t) + B_1(t)\tau(t) + B_2(t)w(t) \\ z(t) &= C(t)x(t) + D(t)\tau(t) \end{aligned} \quad (83)$$

Here,  $t$  is used to account for parameter uncertainty resulting from variations in vehicle load. Additionally,

$$x^T = [x_1(t) \ \dots \ x_8(t)], \quad u(t) = \begin{bmatrix} u_f(t) \\ u_r(t) \end{bmatrix}, \text{ and}$$

$$A(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{4 \times 4} & a_{12}(t) \\ a_{21}(t) & a_{22}(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad a_{12}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{21}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 k_{sf} & -a_2 k_{sr} & 0 & 0 \\ -a_2 k_{sf} & -a_3 k_{sr} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{k_{sf}}{m_{uf}} & 0 & -\frac{k_{tf}}{m_{uf}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{k_{sr}}{m_{ur}} & 0 & -\frac{k_{tr}}{m_{ur}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a_{22}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -a_1 c_{sf} & -a_2 c_{sr} & a_1 c_{sf} & a_2 c_{sr} \\ -a_2 c_{sf} & -a_3 c_{sr} & a_2 c_{sf} & a_3 c_{sr} \\ \frac{c_{sf}}{m_{uf}} & 0 & -\frac{c_{sf}}{m_{uf}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{c_{sr}}{m_{ur}} & 0 & -\frac{c_{sr}}{m_{ur}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ a_1 & a_2 \\ a_2 & a_3 \\ -\frac{1}{m_{uf}} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{m_{ur}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C^T(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{k_{sf}}{m_s} & \frac{l_1 k_{sf}}{I_\varphi} \\ -\frac{k_{sr}}{m_s} & -\frac{l_2 k_{sr}}{I_\varphi} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{c_{sf}}{m_s} & \frac{l_1 c_{sf}}{I_\varphi} \\ -\frac{c_{sr}}{m_s} & -\frac{l_2 c_{sr}}{I_\varphi} \\ \frac{c_{sf}}{m_s} & -\frac{l_1 c_{sf}}{I_\varphi} \\ \frac{c_{sr}}{m_s} & \frac{l_2 c_{sr}}{I_\varphi} \end{bmatrix}, \quad D(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{m_s} & \frac{1}{m_s} \\ -\frac{l_1}{I_\varphi} & \frac{l_2}{I_\varphi} \end{bmatrix}$$

In this example, it is observed that the suspension system constitutes an uncertain model, with the sprung mass  $m_s$  and the front and rear wheel unsprung masses  $m_{uf}$  and  $m_{ur}$  varying within specified ranges. Additionally, when constructing the model for the suspension systems, it is crucial to

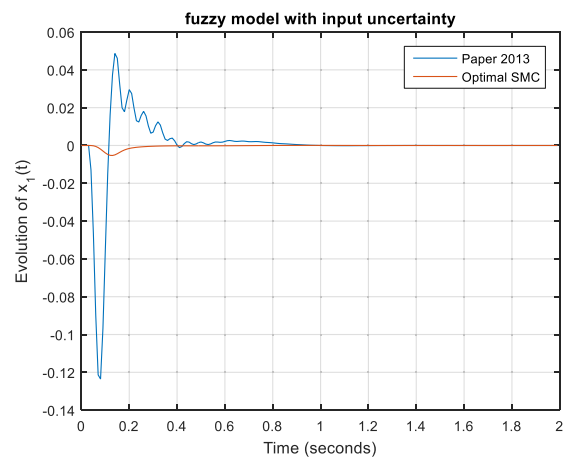


FIGURE 10. Response of the front suspension deflection constraints.

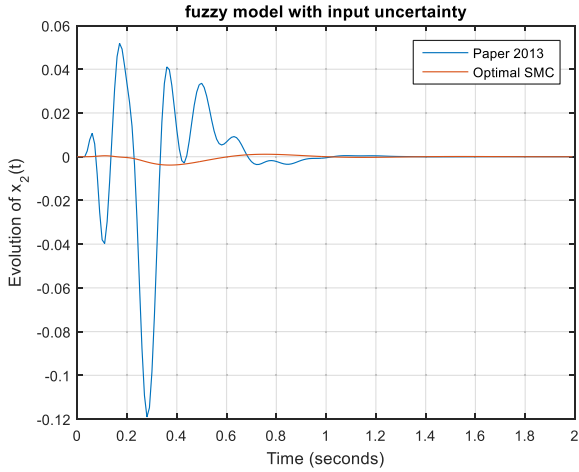


FIGURE 11. Response of the rear suspension deflection constraints.

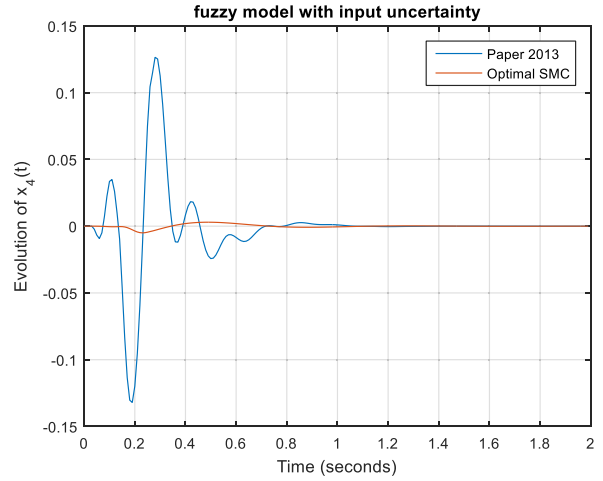


FIGURE 13. Response of the dynamic rear-tire stroke constraints.

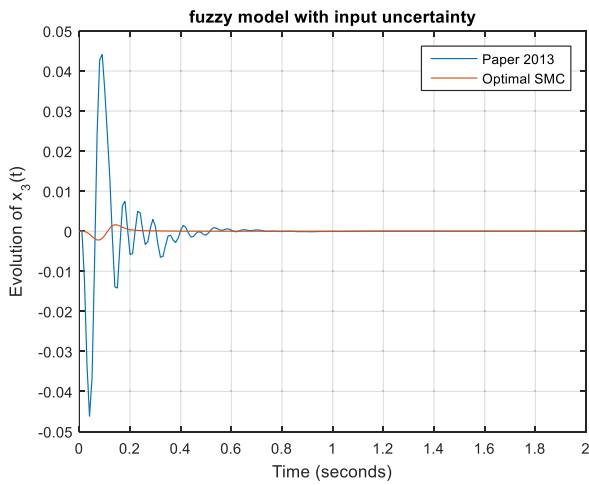


FIGURE 12. Response of the dynamic front-tire stroke constraints.

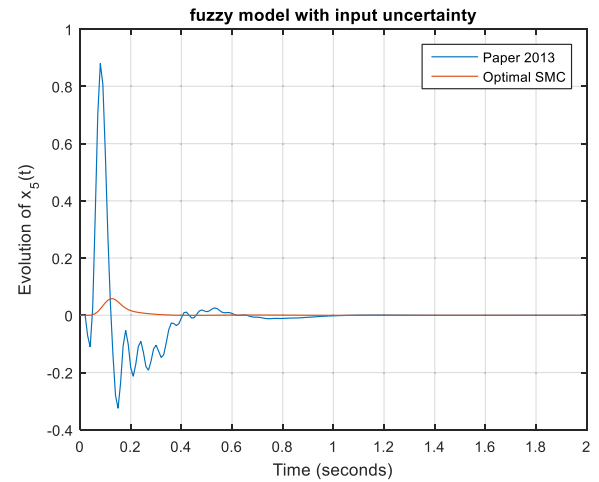


FIGURE 14. Response of the vertical velocity of the front car body.

consider actuator uncertainty. In this context, a nonlinear term  $g(x) = [0.5x_1(t), 0.5x_1(t)]^T$  is assumed.

The T-S fuzzy model for the half-vehicle suspension system can be formulated as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^8 h_i(\mu) \{A_i x(t) + B_{1,i}(\tau(t) + g(x)) + B_{2,i}w(t)\} \\ z(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\mu) \{C_i x(t) + D_i(\tau(t) + g(x))\} \end{aligned} \quad (84)$$

In this simulation, the parameters of the half-car model are detailed in Table 1 [30]. It is assumed that  $m_s \in [621\text{kg } 759\text{kg}]$ ,  $m_{uf} \in [39.6\text{ kg } 40.4\text{kg}]$ , and  $m_s \in [44.55\text{ kg } 45.45\text{kg}]$ . The membership functions are calculated as follows:

$$M_1\left(\frac{1}{m_s}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{m_s} - \frac{1}{759}}{\frac{1}{621} - \frac{1}{759}},$$

$$M_2\left(\frac{1}{m_s}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{621} - \frac{1}{m_s}}{\frac{1}{621} - \frac{1}{759}}$$

$$N_1\left(\frac{1}{m_{uf}}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{m_{uf}} - \frac{1}{40.4}}{\frac{1}{39.6} - \frac{1}{40.4}},$$

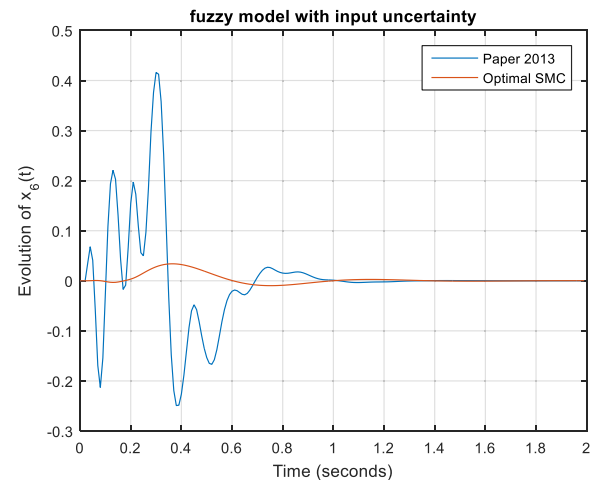


FIGURE 15. Response of the vertical velocity of the rear car body.

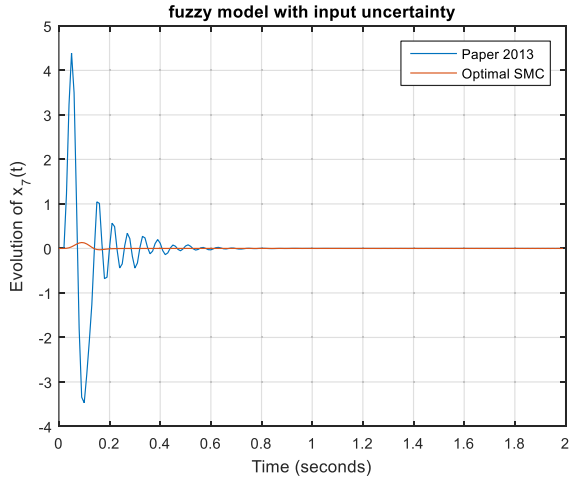


FIGURE 16. Response of the vertical velocity of the front wheel.

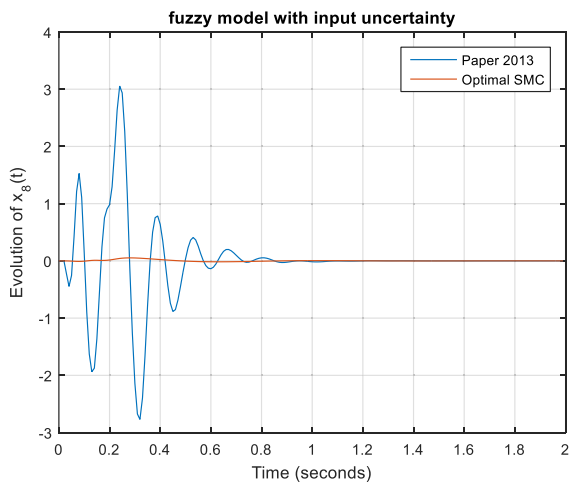


FIGURE 17. Response of the vertical velocity of the rear wheel.

$$N_2\left(\frac{1}{m_{uf}}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{39.6} - \frac{1}{m_{uf}}}{\frac{1}{39.6} - \frac{1}{40.4}}$$

$$O_1\left(\frac{1}{m_{ur}}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{m_{ur}} - \frac{1}{45.45}}{\frac{1}{44.55} - \frac{1}{45.45}},$$

$$O_2\left(\frac{1}{m_{ur}}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{44.55} - \frac{1}{m_{ur}}}{\frac{1}{44.55} - \frac{1}{45.45}}$$

The fuzzy weighting functions  $h_i(\mu)$  are obtained as:

$$h_1(\mu) = M_1(\mu_1) \times N_1(\mu_2) \times O_1(\mu_3)$$

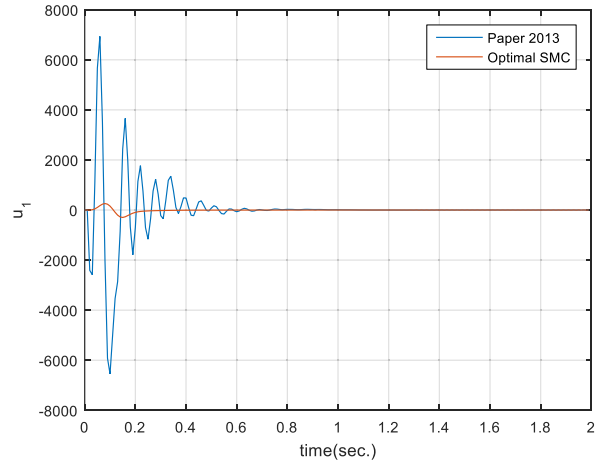
$$h_2(\mu) = M_1(\mu_1) \times N_2(\mu_2) \times O_1(\mu_3)$$

$$h_3(\mu) = M_2(\mu_1) \times N_1(\mu_2) \times O_1(\mu_3)$$

$$h_4(\mu) = M_2(\mu_1) \times N_2(\mu_2) \times O_1(\mu_3)$$

$$h_5(\mu) = M_2(\mu_1) \times N_2(\mu_2) \times O_2(\mu_3)$$

$$h_6(\mu) = M_2(\mu_1) \times N_1(\mu_2) \times O_2(\mu_3)$$



(a)

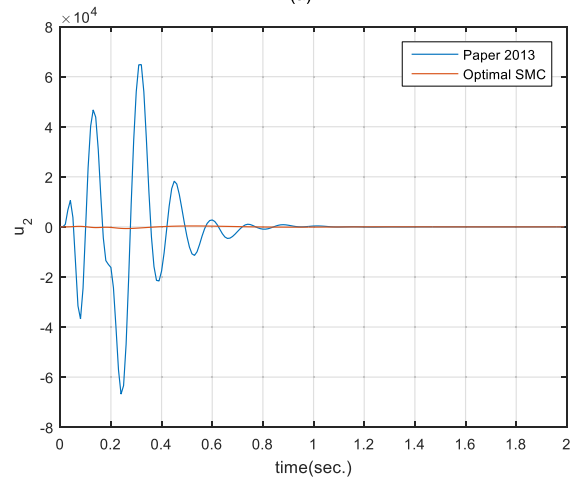


Figure 1. (b)

FIGURE 18. Response of the dynamic front and rear actuator forces. (a):The first vector of the control input and (b): The second vector of the input control input.

$$h_7(\mu) = M_1(\mu_1) \times N_2(\mu_2) \times O_2(\mu_3)$$

$$h_8(\mu) = M_1(\mu_1) \times N_1(\mu_2) \times O_2(\mu_3)$$

where  $\mu_1 = \frac{1}{m_s}$ ,  $\mu_2 = \frac{1}{m_{uf}}$ , and  $\mu_3 = \frac{1}{m_{ur}}$ .

The road profile in this example is considered to unveil the transient response characteristic, given by:

$$Z_{rf}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{A}{2}(1 - \cos(\frac{2\pi V}{L}t)), & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{L}{V} \\ 0, & \text{if } t > \frac{L}{V} \end{cases}$$

Here,  $A$  and  $L$  are the height and length of the bump, respectively. Assuming  $A = 0.1 \text{ m}$ ,  $L = 2.5 \text{ m}$ , and the vehicle forward velocity as  $V = 20 \text{ km/h}$ . In this scenario, the road condition  $Z_{rr}(t)$  for the rear wheel is assumed to be the same as that for the front wheel but with a time delay of  $(l_1 + l_2)/V$ . For this example, zero initial conditions are chosen. The desired eigenvalue is selected as  $\lambda = -30$ . Utilizing the optimization problem introduced in (51), the  $H_2$  performance index from the disturbance  $w$  to the output  $z$  is

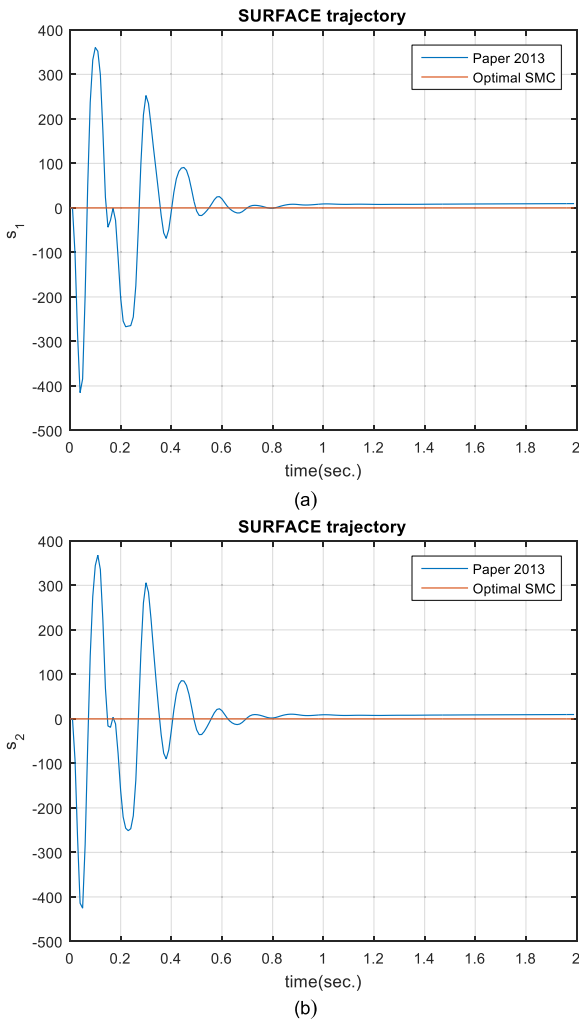


FIGURE 19. Trajectories of sliding variable  $s(t)$ . (a):  $S_1$  and (b):  $S_2$ .

obtained to be less than  $\gamma = 7.71$ . Additionally, the state feedback gains are obtained as:

$$k^T = 10^4 \begin{bmatrix} -6.1721 & 0.4018 \\ -0.0590 & -0.8129 \\ -4.3908 & -2.6817 \\ -0.3251 & -1.2200 \\ -0.8538 & 0.0958 \\ -0.0178 & 1.7968 \\ 0.2999 & -0.0286 \\ -0.0044 & -2.0014 \end{bmatrix}$$

The sliding gain is obtained as:

$$S^T = 10^{-3} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0424 & 0.0061 \\ 0.0091 & 0.1220 \\ -0.0134 & 0.0228 \\ 0.0007 & -0.0093 \\ 0.0036 & -0.0013 \\ 0.0010 & 0.0123 \\ -0.0003 & -0.0006 \\ -0.0003 & -0.0037 \end{bmatrix}$$

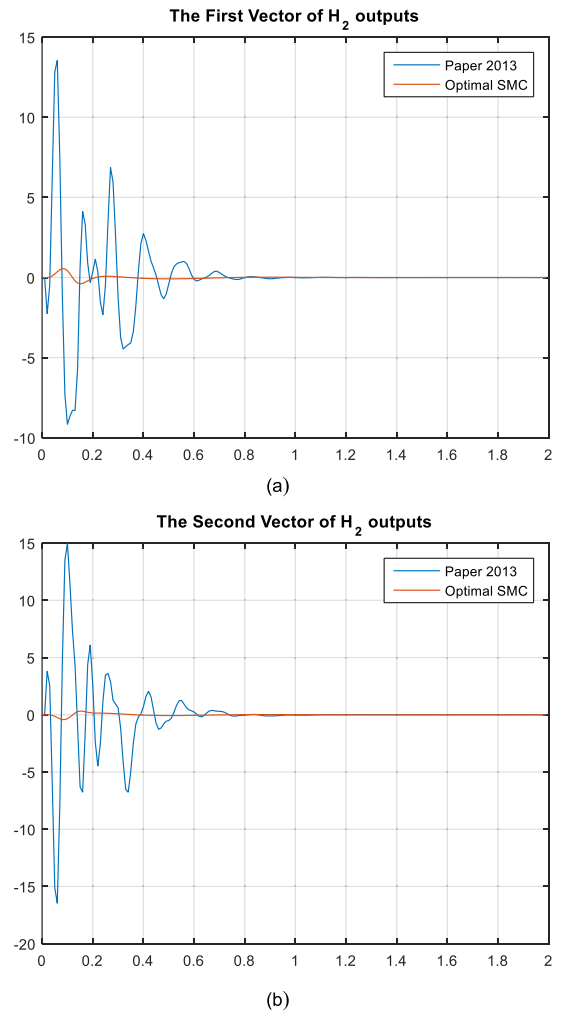


FIGURE 20. Response of the heave and the pitch accelerations. (a):The first vector of  $H_2$  output vector and (b): The second vector of  $H_2$  output vector.

TABLE 1. Half-vehicle model parameters [30].

$k_{sf}$	$k_{tf}$	$c_{sf}$
18000 $N/m$	200000 $N/m$	1000 $Ns/m$
$k_{sr}$	$k_{tr}$	$c_{sr}$
22000 $N/m$	200000 $N/m$	1000 $Ns/m$
$I_\phi$	$l_1$	$l_2$
1222 $kgm^2$	1.3 $m$	1.5 $m$

The response of the front and rear suspension deflection constraints is presented in Fig.10 and Fig.11, respectively. Figs.12-17 exhibit the tire deflection of the front car body, the tire deflection of the rear car body, the vertical velocity of the front car body, the vertical velocity of the rear car body, the vertical velocity of the front wheel, and the vertical velocity of the rear wheel, respectively. Fig.18 visualizes the control inputs, computed by integrating the  $H_2$  characterization and the generalized eigenstructure assignment method. Fig.19 illustrates the surface trajectory of the SMC, reaching zero within a finite time horizon. Finally, the response of the

heave and pitch accelerations is depicted in Fig. 20, demonstrating superior tracking of zero compared to the method proposed in [30]. The obtained results affirm the effectiveness of the proposed method.

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

In this paper, a novel control strategy has been introduced, tailored for nonlinear systems characterized by TSFM. The objective was to devise an optimal switching surface within the framework of sliding mode control. The strategy involved obtaining state feedback gain through convex optimization, executed individually for each closed-loop local subsystem. This ensured that a predetermined number of eigenvalues aligned with a predefined negative value, while simultaneously adhering to the  $H_2$ -norm constraints. Subsequently, the determination of the sliding surface, contingent upon this specialized state feedback, was achieved by addressing another convex optimization challenge. The effectiveness of the proposed method was substantiated through simulation results, confirming its efficiency. Looking ahead, the study opens avenues for future research. The development of an adaptive strategy is envisioned, drawing inspiration from observer-based output tracking control methods for managing unmeasurable state variables, as demonstrated in [32] and [33]. In addition, in [34] future directions involve extending the study to switched neural networks with time-varying delays. Additionally, the authors express interest in exploring more complex application scenarios and considering alternative methods, such as terminal sliding mode and  $H_\infty/H_2$  LMI characterization, to achieve optimal performance. The paper also suggests investigating machine learning techniques for defining uncertainty boundaries and developing adaptive strategies inspired by observer-based output tracking control methods. These directions hold the promise of extending the reach and impact of the findings presented in this research.

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