

Passivity Analysis of Uncertain Stochastic Neural Networks with Discrete and Distributed Time-Varying Delays

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Abstract

This paper investigates the problem of robust passivity of uncertain stochastic neural networks with discrete and distributed time-varying delays. To reflect the most dynamical behaviors of the system, both parameter uncertainties and stochastic disturbance are considered, where parameter uncertainties enter into all the system matrices, stochastic disturbances are given in the form of a Brownian motion. By utilizing the Lyapunov functional method, the Itô differential rule and matrix analysis techniques, we establish sufficient criterion such that, for all admissible parameter uncertainties and stochastic disturbances, the stochastic neural networks is robustly passive in the sense of expectation. The delay - dependent stability condition is formulated, in which the restriction of the derivative of the time-varying delay should be less than 1 is removed. The derived criteria are expressed in terms of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs) that can be easily checked by using the standard numerical software. Illustrative examples are presented to demonstrate the effectiveness and usefulness of the proposed results.

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, neural networks have received considerable attention due to their extensive applications in solving some optimization problem, associative memory, classification of patterns, and other areas. Time delays are unavoidably present due to the finite switching speeds of the amplifiers and the inherent communication time of neurons, and its existence will affect the stability of a network by creating oscillatory and instability characteristics.^[13, 14] Therefore, the stability analysis of neural networks with delays has recently received much attention.^[1, 10, 19, 27, 20, 23, 25, 26, 28, 32, 40]

When one models real nervous systems, stochastic disturbance and parameter uncertainties are unavoidable to be

considered. Because in real nervous system, synaptic transmission is a noisy process brought on by random fluctuation from the release of neurotransmitters,^[17] and the connection weights of the neuron depend on certain resistance and capacitance values that include uncertainties. Therefore, it is of practical importance to study the stochastic effects on the stability of neural networks with parameter uncertainties, some results related to this problem have been published in the papers mentioned in the references.^[2, 7, 16, 18, 36-39]

In addition, parameter uncertainties can be often encountered in real systems as well as neural networks, due to the modelling inaccuracies and/or changes in the

environment of the model. In the past few years, to solve the problem brought by parameter uncertainty, robustness analysis for different uncertain systems has received considerable attention. [22, 30, 31, 35]

On another research front, the passivity problem for a variety of practical systems has been attracting renewing attention for many years. The passivity theory was firstly proposed in the circuit analysis [3] and since then has found successful applications in diverse areas such as stability, signal processing, complexity, fuzzy control, chaos control, and synchronization. [8, 11, 24, 33, 41] For instance, the passivity problem of the uncertain neural networks with time varying delays. Very recently, the passivity problems were dealt with stochastic neural networks with time varying delays. [11] To the best of author’s knowledge, there are no results on the passivity of stochastic delayed neural networks with discrete and distributed time varying delays and parameter uncertainties.

Motivated by the above discussions, in this paper we aim to investigate the passivity of stochastic delayed neural networks with discrete and distributed time varying delays and parameter uncertainties. A novel Lyapunov functional method combined with the matrix analysis techniques is developed to obtain

sufficient conditions under which the system is globally robustly passive in the sense of expectation. These sufficient conditions are expressed in terms of LMIs that can be solving numerically. These conditions are delay-dependent, that is, the conditions depend on the size of time-varying delays. It is usually less conservative than those delay-independent ones. Finally, numerical examples are given to show the effectiveness of the obtained results.

Notations

Throughout the manuscript we will use the notation $A > 0$ to denote that the matrix A is a symmetric and positive definite matrix. Let $(\Omega, F, \{F_t\}_{t \geq 0}, P)$ be a complete probability space with a filtration $\{F_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ satisfying the usual conditions (it is right continuous and F_0 contains all P -null sets); $\mathcal{L}_{F_0}^p([-\tau, 0]; R^n)$ be the family of all bounded, F_0 -measurable, $\mathcal{C}([-\tau, 0]; R^n)$ -valued random variables $\xi = \{\xi(\theta) : -\tau \leq \theta \leq 0\}$ such that $\sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} E|\xi(\theta)|^p < \infty$.

The mathematical expectation operator with respect to the given probability measure P is denoted by $E\{\cdot\}$. The shorthand $diag \{ \cdot \cdot \cdot \}$ denotes the block diagonal matrix. $k \cdot k$ stands for the Euclidean norm. Moreover, the notation $*$ always denotes the symmetric block in one symmetric matrix.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Consider the following uncertain stochastic recurrent neural networks with time-varying delays described by,

$$dx(t) = [-(A(t) + \Delta A(t))x(t) + (B(t) + \Delta B(t))f(x(t)) + (W(t) + \Delta W(t))f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D(t) + \Delta D(t)) \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t f(x(s))ds + J(t)]dt + [(C(t) + \Delta C(t))x(t) + (H(t) + \Delta H(t))x(t - \tau(t))]d\omega(t), \tag{1}$$

$$y(t) = f(x(t)),$$

$$x(t) = \phi(t), \quad -\bar{\tau} \leq t \leq 0.$$

where $x(t) = [x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the neural state vector, $J(t)$ is the input, $y(t)$ is the output, $\tau(t)$ is the unknown time-varying delay which satisfies $0 \leq \tau(t) \leq \bar{\tau} < \infty$, where $\bar{\tau}$ and d are known constants.

The matrix $A(t)$ is a diagonal matrix and $B(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $W(t), D(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are the connection weight matrices, $C(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and $H(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are known real constant matrices, $\Delta A(t), \Delta B(t), \Delta W(t), \Delta C(t), \Delta D(t)$ and $\Delta H(t)$ represents the time-varying parameter uncertainties and are assumed to be of the form:

$$[\Delta A \ \Delta B \ \Delta W \ \Delta C \ \Delta H \ \Delta D(t)] = MF(t)[N_1 \ N_2 \ N_3 \ N_4 \ N_5 \ N_6], \quad (2)$$

where $M, N_1 \ N_2 \ N_3 \ N_4 \ N_5$ and N_6 are known real constant matrices and $F(t)$, are known time-varying matrix functions satisfying

$$F^T(t)F(t) \leq I. \quad (3)$$

It is assumed that all elements $F(t)$ are Lebesgue measurable, $\Delta A, \Delta W \ \Delta B, \Delta C, \Delta D(t)$ and ΔH are said to be admissible if both (2) and (3) hold.

Further, $\omega(t) = [\omega_1(t), \omega_2(t), \dots, \omega_m(t)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is a m - dimensional Brownian motion defined on a complete probability space (Ω, F, P) and $f(x(t)) = [f_1(x_1(t)), f_2(x_2(t)), \dots, f_n(x_n(t))]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the neuron activation function with $f(0) = 0$. The following assumption is made on the neuron activation function. (A) Each neuron activation functions $f(\cdot)$ in system (1) are bounded and satisfy the following condition $0 \leq f_i(x) - f_i(y) \leq L_i |x - y|$, (4) where L_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) are some constants and they can be positive. So it is less restrictive than the descriptions on both the sigmoid activations and the Lipschitz type activation functions.

Denote $L = \text{diag}\{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$. Defining the following variables for the stochastic neural networks (1) with time varying delays, $g_1(t) = -(A(t) + \Delta A(t))x(t) + (B(t) + \Delta B(t))f(x(t)) + (W(t) + \Delta W(t))f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D(t) + \Delta D(t)) \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t f(x(s))ds + J(t)$, $g_2(t) = (C(t) + \Delta C(t))x(t) + (H(t) + \Delta H(t))x(t - \tau(t))$ Then stochastic neural networks (1) with time varying delays is described as $dx(t) = g_1(t)dt + g_2(t)d\omega(t)$, (5) Integrating both sides of (5) from $t - \tau(t)$ to t yields $x(t) - x(t - \tau(t)) = \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t g_1(s)ds + \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t g_2(s)dw(s)$.

Remark 2.1-The parameter uncertainty structure as in (2) – (3) has been widely exploited in the problems of robust control and robust filtering of uncertain systems (see [30] and the references there in). The stochastic disturbance term, $[(C(t) + \Delta C(t))x(t) + (H(t) + \Delta H(t))x(t - \tau(t))]d\omega(t)$, can be viewed as stochastic perturbation on the neuron states and delayed neuron states.

Definition 2.2.- The system (1) is said to be globally robustly passive in the sense of expectation if there exists a scalar $\beta \geq 0$ such that $E \int_0^T (s)y(s)ds \geq -\beta E \int_0^T (s)J(s)ds$, for all $t \geq 0$ for all admissible uncertainties (3) and (4) and solution $x(t, 0)$ of 1. Before stating the main results, we need to introduce the following notations and lemmas which will be essential for the proof of few results in the next section.

Let $C^{1,2}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^+)$ denote the family of all nonnegative function $V(t, x)$ on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ which are continuously twice differentiable in x and once differentiable in t . For each $V \in C$

$1, 2 \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^+$, by Itô's differential formula, the stochastic derivative of $V(t, x(t))$ along (1) can be obtained as:

$dV(t, x(t)) = LV(t, x(t))dt + V_x(t, x(t))[(C + \Delta C(t))x(t) + (H + \Delta H(t))x(t - \tau(t))]d\omega(t)$ where L is the weak infinitesimal operator of the stochastic process $\{x_t = x(t+s) | t \geq 0, -\tau_M \leq s \leq 0\}$, given by

$LV(t, x(t)) = V_t(t, x(t)) + V_x(t, x(t))h - (A + \Delta A(t))x(t) + (B + \Delta B(t))f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W(t))f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D + \Delta D(t)) \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t f(x(s))ds + J(t) + \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}[(C + \Delta C(t))x(t) + (H + \Delta H(t))x(t - \tau(t))]^T \Sigma \times V_{xx}[(C + \Delta C(t))x(t) + (H + \Delta H(t))x(t - \tau(t))]$ with $V_t(t, x(t)) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}(t, x(t))$, $V_x(t, x(t)) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}(t, x(t)), \dots, \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n}(t, x(t))$, $V_{xx}(t, x(t)) = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(t, x(t))$.

Lemma 2.3. (Schur complement [4]). The LMI $\begin{bmatrix} Q(y) & S(y) \\ S(y)^T & R(y) \end{bmatrix} \prec 0$ is equivalent to $R(y) \prec 0, Q(y) - S(y)R(y)^{-1}S(y)^T \prec 0$ where $Q(y) = Q(y)^T, R(y) = R(y)^T$, and $S(y)$ depend affinely on y .

Lemma 2.4. [15] For any constant matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, P = P^T > 0$, scalar $r > 0$, and vector function $\phi : [0, r] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, one has $r \int_0^r \phi^T(s)P\phi(s)ds \geq \int_0^r \phi^T(s)ds^T P \int_0^r \phi(s)ds$, provided that the integrals are well defined.

Lemma 2.5. [15] For given matrices D, E and F with $F^T F \leq I$ and scalar $\nu > 0$, the following inequality holds, $DFE + E^T F^T D^T \leq DDT + \nu EET$. Lemma 2.6. [6] Given any real matrices K_1, K_2, Q of appropriate dimensions and a number $\nu > 0$ such that $0 < Q = Q^T$, then the following inequality holds:

$$KT_1 K_2 + KT_2 K_1 \leq \nu KT_1 QK_1 + \nu^{-1} KT_2 Q^{-1} K_2. \quad (3)$$

Global passivity results In this section, some sufficient conditions for passivity of the system (1) without uncertainties are obtained.

Theorem 3.1. The delayed neural networks (1) with $\Delta A = \Delta B = \Delta W = \Delta C = \Delta D(t) = \Delta H = 0$ is said to be globally passive in the sense of expectation, if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P > 0, Q > 0, R > 0, S > 0, V > 0$, positive diagonal matrices $T_1 > 0, T_2 > 0$ and any matrices O_1, O_2, O_3, U, U^- such that feasible solution exist for the following LMI,

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Omega} & O & S \\ * & -V & 0 \\ * & 0 & -P \end{bmatrix} \prec 0, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\bar{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{1,1} & \Omega_{1,2} & \Omega_{1,3} & \Omega_{1,4} & \Omega_{1,5} & \Omega_{1,6} & \Omega_{1,7} \\ * & \Omega_{2,2} & \Omega_{2,3} & \Omega_{2,4} & \Omega_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Omega_{2,7} \\ * & * & \Omega_{3,3} & \Omega_{3,4} & \Omega_{3,5} & \Omega_{3,6} & \Omega_{3,7} \\ * & * & * & \Omega_{4,4} & \Omega_{4,5} & \Omega_{4,6} & \Omega_{4,7} \\ * & * & * & * & \Omega_{5,5} & \Omega_{5,6} & \Omega_{5,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{6,6} & \Omega_{6,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{7,7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{1,1} &= -PA - A^T P + R + O_1^T + O_1, \quad \Omega_{1,2} = -O_1 + O_2^T + A^T \bar{U}^T, \\ \Omega_{1,3} &= PB + LT_1, \quad \Omega_{1,4} = PW, \quad \Omega_{1,5} = P D, \quad \Omega_{1,6} = P, \quad \Omega_{1,7} = O_3^T - A^T U^T, \\ \Omega_{2,2} &= -(1-d)R - O_2^T - O_2, \quad \Omega_{2,3} = \bar{U} B, \quad \Omega_{2,4} = LT_2 + \bar{U} W, \quad \Omega_{2,5} = \bar{U} W, \\ \Omega_{2,6} &= \bar{U}, \quad \Omega_{2,7} = -O_3^T - \bar{U}, \quad \Omega_{3,3} = Q + \bar{\tau}^2 S - 2T_1, \quad \Omega_{3,4} = 0, \quad \Omega_{3,5} = \Omega_{4,6} = 0, \\ \Omega_{3,6} &= -I, \quad \Omega_{3,7} = B^T U^T, \quad \Omega_{4,7} = W^T U^T, \quad \Omega_{4,4} = -(1-d)Q - 2T_2, \quad \Omega_{4,5} = 0, \\ \Omega_{5,7} &= B^T U^T, \quad \Omega_{5,5} = -S, \quad \Omega_{5,6} = 0, \quad \Omega_{5,7} = D^T U^T, \quad \Omega_{6,6} = -\gamma I, \quad \Omega_{6,7} = U^T, \\ \Omega_{7,7} &= \bar{\tau}^2 V - U^T - U, \quad \bar{O}^T = [O_1^T \ O_2^T \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ O_3^T], \quad \bar{S}^T = [PC \ PH \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof: We use the following Lyapunov functional to derive the stability result

$$V(t, x(t)) = V_1(t, x(t)) + V_2(t, x(t)) + V_3(t, x(t)) + V_4(t, x(t)), \quad (7)$$

Where,

$$V_1(t, x(t)) = x^T(t) P x(t),$$

$$V_2(t, x(t)) = \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f^T(x(s)) Q f(x(s)) ds,$$

$$V_3(t, x(t)) = \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} x^T(s) R x(s) ds,$$

$$V_4(t, x(t)) = \int_t^{t+\theta} f^T(x(s)) S f(x(s)) ds d\theta,$$

$$V_5(t, x(t)) = \int_t^{t+\theta} g^T(s) V g(s) ds d\theta.$$

By Itô's formula, the stochastic derivative of $V(t, x(t))$ along the trajectories of the system (1) with $\Delta A = \Delta B = \Delta W = \Delta C = \Delta D = \Delta H = 0$ can be obtained as, $LV(t, x(t)) = LV_1(t, x(t)) + LV_2(t, x(t)) + LV_3(t, x(t)) + LV_4(t, x(t)) + LV_5(t, x(t))$, (8) where $LV_1(t, x(t)) \leq 2x^T(t)P h - Ax(t) + Bf(x(t)) + W f(x(t-\tau(t))) + D \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f(x(s)) ds + J(t) i + [Cx(t) + Hx(t-\tau(t))]^T P [Cx(t) + Hx(t-\tau(t))]$ $LV_2(t, x(t)) \leq f^T(x(t)) Q f(x(t)) - (1-d) f^T(x(t-\tau(t))) Q f(x(t-\tau(t)))$ $LV_3(t, x(t)) \leq x^T(t) R x(t) - (1-d) x^T(t-\tau(t)) R x(t-\tau(t))$ $LV_4(t, x(t)) \leq \tau^{-2} f^T(x(t)) S f(x(t)) - \tau^{-2} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f^T(x(s)) S f(x(s)) ds$, $LV_5(t, x(t)) \leq \tau^{-2} \int_t^{t+\theta} g^T(s) V g(s) ds - \tau^{-2} \int_t^{t+\theta} g^T(s) V g(s) ds$. 6 By Jensen's Inequality [15] $-\tau^{-2} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f^T(x(s)) S f(x(s)) ds \leq -Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f(x(s)) ds^T S Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f(x(s)) ds$, (9) $-\tau^{-2} \int_t^{t+\theta} g^T(s) V g(s) ds \leq -Z \int_t^{t+\theta} g(s) ds^T V Z \int_t^{t+\theta} g(s) ds$. (10) For any matrices U, U^- of appropriate dimensions, it can be shown that $2[x^T(t-\tau(t))U^- + g^T(t)U] h - g(t) - Ax(t) + Bf(x(t)) + W f(x(t-\tau(t))) + D \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f(x(s)) ds + J(t) i = 0$. (11) $2[x^T(t)O_1 + x^T(t-\tau(t))O_2 + g^T(t)O_3][x(t) - x(t-\tau(t)) - Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g(s) ds - Z \int_t^{t+\theta} g(s) dw(s)] = 0$. (12) By using Lemma 2.6 $-2\xi^T(t)O Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g(s) ds \leq \xi^T(t)OV - 1O T \xi(t) + Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g(s) ds^T V Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g(s) ds$ (13) where $\xi^T(t) = [x^T(t) \ x^T(t-\tau(t)) \ g^T(t)]$, $OT = [OT_1 \ OT_2 \ OT_3]$. Therefore we have $dV(t, x(t)) \leq 2x^T(t)P h - Ax(t) + Bf(x(t)) + W f(x(t-\tau(t))) + D \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f(x(s)) ds + J(t) i + f^T(x(t)) Q f(x(t)) + x^T(t) R x(t) - (1-d) x^T(t-\tau(t)) R x(t-\tau(t)) + (1-d) f^T(x(t-\tau(t))) Q f(x(t-\tau(t))) + \tau^{-2} f^T(x(t)) S f(x(t)) - \tau^{-2} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f^T(x(s)) S f(x(s)) ds - \tau^{-2} \int_t^{t+\theta} g^T(s) V g(s) ds + \tau^{-2} \int_t^{t+\theta} g^T(s) V g(s) ds + 2[x^T(t-\tau(t))U^- + g^T(t)U] [-g(t) - Ax(t) + Bf(x(t)) + W f(x(t-\tau(t))) + J(t) i + 2[x^T(t)O_1 + x^T(t-\tau(t))O_2 + g^T(t)O_3][x(t) - x(t-\tau(t)) - Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g(s) ds - Z \int_t^{t+\theta} g(s) dw(s) + [Cx(t) + Hx(t-\tau(t))]^T P [Cx(t) + Hx(t-\tau(t))]] \times + 2x^T(t)P [Cx(t) + Hx(t-\tau(t))] dw(t) o$. (14) From assumption (A) we know that $f^T(x(t))[f(x(t)) - Lx(t)] \leq 0$, $f^T(x(t-\tau(t)))[f(x(t-\tau(t))) - Lx(t-\tau(t))] \leq 0$. Then, for $T_1 = \text{diag}\{t_{11}, \dots, t_{1n}\} \geq 0$, $T_2 = \text{diag}\{t_{21}, \dots, t_{2n}\} \geq 0$ we have $dV(t) \leq dV(t) - 2T_1 f^T(x(t))[f(x(t)) - Lx(t)] - 2T_2 f^T(x(t-\tau(t)))[f(x(t-\tau(t))) - Lx(t-\tau(t))]$. (15) Finally, from (8)-(15), we have $dV(t, x(t)) - \gamma J^T(t)J(t) - J^T(t)y(t) \leq \xi^T(t) \Xi \xi(t) + \xi^T(t)OV - 1O T \xi(t) - 2\xi^T(t)O Z \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g(s) dw(s) + 2x^T(t)P h Cx(t) + Hx(t-\tau(t))i dw(t) o$, (16)

where $\xi(t) = [x^T(t) \ x^T(t - \tau(t)) \ f^T(x(t)) \ f^T(x(t - \tau(t))) \ \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t f(x(s))ds^T \ J^T(t) \ g^T(t)]^T$

$$\xi(t) = [x^T(t) \ x^T(t - \tau(t)) \ f^T(x(t)) \ f^T(x(t - \tau(t))) \ (\int_{t-\tau(t)}^t f(x(s))ds)^T \ J^T(t) \ g^T(t)]^T,$$

$$\Xi = \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_{1,1} & \Xi_{1,2} & \Xi_{1,3} & \Xi_{1,4} & \Xi_{1,5} & \Xi_{1,6} & \Xi_{1,7} \\ * & \Xi_{2,2} & \Xi_{2,3} & \Xi_{2,4} & \Xi_{2,5} & \Xi_{2,6} & \Xi_{2,7} \\ * & * & \Xi_{3,3} & \Xi_{3,4} & \Xi_{3,5} & \Xi_{3,6} & \Xi_{3,7} \\ * & * & * & \Xi_{4,4} & \Xi_{4,5} & \Xi_{4,6} & \Xi_{4,7} \\ * & * & * & * & \Xi_{5,5} & \Xi_{5,6} & \Xi_{5,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Xi_{6,6} & \Xi_{6,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Xi_{7,7} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_{1,1} &= -PA - A^T P + R + C^T P C + O_1^T + O_1, \quad \Xi_{1,2} = C^T P H - A^T \bar{U}^T - O_1 + O_2^T, \quad \Xi_{1,4} = P W, \\ \Xi_{1,5} &= P D, \quad \Xi_{1,6} = P, \quad \Xi_{1,7} = O_3^T - A^T U^T, \quad \Xi_{2,2} = H^T P H - (1 - d)R - O_2 - O_2^T, \\ \Xi_{2,3} &= \bar{U} B, \quad \Xi_{2,4} = L T_2 + \bar{U} W, \quad \Xi_{2,5} = \bar{U} D, \quad \Xi_{2,6} = \bar{U}, \quad \Xi_{2,7} = -O_3^T - \bar{U}, \quad \Xi_{3,3} = Q + \tau^2 S - 2T_1, \\ \Xi_{3,4} &= \Xi_{3,5} = \Xi_{4,5} = \Xi_{4,6} = 0, \quad \Xi_{3,6} = -I, \quad \Xi_{3,7} = B^T U^T, \quad \Xi_{4,4} = -(1 - d)Q - 2T_2, \quad \Xi_{1,3} = P B + L T_1, \\ \Xi_{4,7} &= W^T U^T, \quad \Xi_{5,5} = -S, \quad \Xi_{5,6} = 0, \quad \Xi_{5,7} = D^T U^T, \quad \Xi_{6,6} = -\gamma I, \quad \Xi_{6,7} = U^T, \quad \Xi_{7,7} = \tau^2 V - U - U^T. \end{aligned}$$

By using Schur complement lemma we have $dV(t, x(t)) - \gamma J^T(t)J(t) - J^T(t)y(t) \leq \xi^T(t) \Omega \xi(t) - 2\xi^T(t) O \int_{t-\tau(t)}^t g_2(s)dw(s) + 2x^T(t) P h Cx(t) + Hx(t - \tau(t))i dw(t) o$, (17) Taking the mathematical expectation on the both sides of (17), one can deduce that $E\{dV(t, x(t)) - \gamma J^T(t)J(t) - J^T(t)u(t)\} \leq E(\xi^T(t) \Omega \xi(t)) \leq 0$, which means $E\{ \int_{t_0}^t J^T(s)y(s)ds \} \geq E V_1(t, x(t)) - V_1(t, 0) - \gamma \int_{t_0}^t J^T(s)J(s)ds = E V_1(t, x(t)) - \gamma \int_{t_0}^t J^T(s)J(s)ds \geq -\gamma E \int_{t_0}^t J^T(s)J(s)ds$.

From Definition 2.2, we know that the stochastic neural network (1) with $\Delta A = \Delta B = \Delta W = \Delta C = \Delta D = \Delta H = 0$ is globally passive in the sense of expectation, and the proof of Theorem 3.1 is completed.

8 4. Robust passivity results In this section, some sufficient conditions for passivity of the system (1) are obtained.

Theorem 4.1. The delayed neural networks (1) is said to be globally passive in the sense of expectation, if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P > 0, Q > 0, R > 0, S > 0, V > 0$, positive diagonal matrices $T_1 > 0, T_2 > 0$ any matrices O_1, O_2, O_3, U, U^- and positive scalars 1, 2 such that feasible solution exist for the following LMI,

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi & \bar{O} & \bar{S} & \bar{U} & \bar{P} \\ * & -V & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & -P & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon_1 I & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon_2 I \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$

where

$$\bar{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{1,1} & \Pi_{1,2} & \Pi_{1,3} & \Pi_{1,4} & \Pi_{1,5} & \Pi_{1,6} & \Pi_{1,7} \\ * & \Pi_{2,2} & \Pi_{2,3} & \Pi_{2,4} & \Pi_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Pi_{2,7} \\ * & * & \Pi_{3,3} & \Pi_{3,4} & \Pi_{3,5} & \Pi_{3,6} & \Pi_{3,7} \\ * & * & * & \Pi_{4,4} & \Pi_{4,5} & \Pi_{4,6} & \Pi_{4,7} \\ * & * & * & * & \Pi_{5,5} & \Pi_{5,6} & \Pi_{5,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Pi_{6,6} & \Pi_{6,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Pi_{7,7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Pi_{1,1} = -PA - A^T P + R + O_1^T + O_1 + \epsilon_1 N_1^T N_1 + \epsilon_2 N_4^T N_4, \quad \Pi_{1,2} = -O_1 + O_2^T + A^T \bar{U}^T + \epsilon_2 N_4^T N_5,$$

$$\Pi_{1,4} = PW + \epsilon_1 N_1 N_3, \quad \Pi_{1,5} = PD + \epsilon_1 N_1 N_6, \quad \Pi_{1,6} = P, \quad \Pi_{1,7} = O_3^T - A^T U^T,$$

$$\Pi_{2,2} = -(1-d)R - O_2^T - O_2 + \epsilon_2 N_5^T N_5, \quad \Pi_{2,3} = \bar{U}B + \epsilon_1 N_2 N_3, \quad \Pi_{2,4} = LT_2 + \bar{U}W, \quad \Pi_{2,5} = \bar{U}D,$$

$$\Pi_{2,6} = \bar{U}, \quad \Pi_{2,7} = -O_3^T - \bar{U}, \quad \Pi_{3,3} = Q + \bar{\tau}^2 S - 2T_1 + \epsilon_1 N_2^T N_2, \quad \Pi_{3,4} = \Pi_{3,5} = \Pi_{4,5} = \Pi_{4,6} = 0,$$

$$\Pi_{3,6} = -I, \quad \Pi_{3,7} = B^T U^T, \quad \Pi_{4,7} = W^T U^T, \quad \Pi_{4,4} = -(1-d)Q - 2T_2 + \epsilon_1 N_3^T N_3, \quad \Pi_{5,5} = -S$$

$$+ \epsilon_1 N_6^T N_6, \quad \Pi_{5,6} = 0, \quad \Pi_{5,7} = D^T U^T, \quad \Pi_{6,6} = -\gamma I, \quad \Pi_{6,7} = U^T, \quad \Pi_{7,7} = \bar{\tau}^2 V - U^T - U,$$

$$\Pi_{1,3} = PB + LT_1 - \epsilon_1 N_1^T N_2, \quad \bar{U}^T = [M^T P \ M^T O^T \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ M^T U^T \ 0 \ 0], \quad \bar{P}^T = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ M^T P],$$

\bar{O}^T and \bar{S}^T are as defined in Theorem 3.1.

Proof: Consider the Lyapunov functional as described in Theorem 3.1. For any matrices $O_1, O_2, O_3, U, \bar{U}$ of appropriate dimensions, it can be shown that $2[x^T(t - \tau(t))U^T + g^T(t)U^T] [-g(t) - (A + \Delta A)x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W)f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D + \Delta D)Z(t - \tau(t))f(x(s))ds + J(t) i] = 0$, (19) 9 By Itô's formula, using (12) and (19) the stochastic derivative of $V(t, x(t))$ along the trajectories of the system (1) can be obtained as,

$$dV(t, x(t)) \leq 2x^T(t)P h - (A + \Delta A)x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t))d + (W + \Delta W)f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D + \Delta D)Z(t - \tau(t))f(x(s))ds + J(t) i + f^T(x(t))Q f(x(t)) + x^T(t)R x(t) - (1-d)x^T(t - \tau(t))R x(t - \tau(t)) + f^T(x(t - \tau(t)))Q f(x(t - \tau(t))) + \bar{\tau} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f^T(x(s))Sf(x(s)) - \bar{\tau} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f^T(x(s))Sf(x(s))ds - \bar{\tau} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} g^T(s)V g(s)ds + 2[x^T(t - \tau(t))U^T + g^T(t)U^T] [-g(t) - (A + \Delta A)x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W)f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D + \Delta D)Z(t - \tau(t))f(x(s))ds + J(t) i] + 2[x^T(t)O_1 + x^T(t - \tau(t))O_2 + g^T(t)O_3][x(t) - x(t - \tau(t)) - Z(t - \tau(t))g(s)ds - Z(t - \tau(t))g(s)dw(s) + \bar{\tau} \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} V g(t) + [(C + \Delta C)x(t) + (H + \Delta H)x(t - \tau(t))]^T P [(C + \Delta C)x(t) + (H + \Delta H)x(t - \tau(t))] + 2x^T(t)P [(C + \Delta C)x(t) + (H + \Delta H)x(t - \tau(t))]dw(t). (20)$$

From (15) we have,

$$dV(t) \leq dV(t) - 2T_1 f^T(x(t))[f(x(t)) - Lx(t)] - 2T_2 f^T(x(t-\tau(t)))[f(x(t-\tau(t))) - Lx(t-\tau(t))]. \quad (21)$$

Finally, from (19)-(21), we have

$$dV(t, x(t)) - \gamma J^T(t)J(t) - J^T(t)y(t) \leq \xi^T(t) \Xi^- \xi(t) + \xi^T(t) \Gamma_1(t) O V - 1 O^T \xi(t) - 2\xi^T(t) \Gamma_1(t) O Z t^{-\tau(t)} g_2(s)dw(s) + 2x^T(t)P h(C + \Delta C)x(t) + (H + \Delta H)x(t - \tau(t))i dw(t) \circ, \quad (22)$$

where

$$\xi(t) = [x^T(t) \ x^T(t - \tau(t)) \ f^T(x(t)) \ f^T(x(t - \tau(t))) \ Z^T t^{-\tau(t)} f(x(s))ds \ J^T(t) \ g^T(t)]^T$$

$$\Xi = \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_{1,1} & \Xi_{1,2} & \Xi_{1,3} & \Xi_{1,4} & \Xi_{1,5} & \Xi_{1,6} & \Xi_{1,7} \\ * & \Xi_{2,2} & \Xi_{2,3} & \Xi_{2,4} & \Xi_{2,5} & \Xi_{2,6} & \Xi_{2,7} \\ * & * & \Xi_{3,3} & \Xi_{3,4} & \Xi_{3,5} & \Xi_{3,6} & \Xi_{3,7} \\ * & * & * & \Xi_{4,4} & \Xi_{4,5} & \Xi_{4,6} & \Xi_{4,7} \\ * & * & * & * & \Xi_{5,5} & \Xi_{5,6} & \Xi_{5,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Xi_{6,6} & \Xi_{6,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Xi_{7,7} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_{1,1} &= -P(A + \Delta A) - (A + \Delta A)^T P + R + (C + \Delta C)^T P(C + \Delta C) + O_1^T + O_1, \\ \Xi_{1,2} &= (C + \Delta C)^T P(H + \Delta H) - (A + \Delta A)^T \bar{U}^T - O_1 + O_2^T, \quad \Xi_{1,3} = P(B + \Delta B) + L T_1, \\ \Xi_{1,4} &= P(W + \Delta W), \quad \Xi_{1,5} = P(D + \Delta D)0, \quad \Xi_{1,6} = P, \quad \Xi_{1,7} = O_3^T - (A + \Delta A)^T U^T, \\ \Xi_{2,2} &= (H + \Delta H)^T P(H + \Delta H) - (1 - d)R - O_2^T - O_2, \quad \Xi_{2,3} = \bar{U}(B + \Delta B), \\ \Xi_{2,4} &= L T_2 + \bar{U}(W + \Delta W), \quad \Xi_{2,5} = U(D + \Delta D), \quad \Xi_{2,6} = U, \quad \Xi_{2,7} = -O_3^T - U, \quad \Xi_{3,3} = Q + \tau^2 S - 2T_1, \\ \Xi_{3,4} &= 0, \quad \Xi_{3,5} = 0, \quad \Xi_{3,6} = -I, \quad \Xi_{3,7} = (B + \Delta B)^T U^T, \quad \Xi_{4,4} = -(1 - d)Q - 2T_2, \\ \Xi_{4,5} &= 0, \quad \Xi_{4,6} = 0, \quad \Xi_{4,7} = (W + \Delta W)U^T, \quad \Xi_{5,5} = -S, \quad \Xi_{5,6} = 0, \\ \Xi_{5,7} &= (D + \Delta D)U^T, \quad \Xi_{6,6} = -\gamma I, \quad \Xi_{6,7} = U^T, \quad \Xi_{7,7} = \tau^2 V - U - U^T. \end{aligned}$$

By using Schur complement Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\Xi = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{1,1} & \Sigma_{1,2} & \Sigma_{1,3} & \Sigma_{1,4} & \Sigma_{1,5} & \Omega_{1,6} & \Sigma_{1,7} & \Sigma_{1,8} \\ * & \Omega_{2,2} & \Omega_{2,3} & \Sigma_{2,4} & \Sigma_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Omega_{2,7} & \Sigma_{2,8} \\ * & * & \Omega_{3,3} & \Omega_{3,4} & \Omega_{3,5} & \Omega_{3,6} & \Sigma_{3,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & \Omega_{4,4} & \Omega_{4,5} & \Omega_{4,6} & \Sigma_{4,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & \Omega_{5,5} & \Omega_{5,6} & \Sigma_{5,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{6,6} & \Omega_{6,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{7,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \Sigma_{8,8} \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{1,1} &= \Omega_{1,1} - P\Delta A - \Delta A^T P, \quad \Sigma_{1,2} = \Omega_{1,2} - \Delta A^T U^T, \quad \Sigma_{1,3} = \Omega_{1,3} + P\Delta B, \\ \Sigma_{1,4} &= \Omega_{1,4} + P\Delta W, \quad \Sigma_{1,5} = \Omega_{1,5} + P\Delta D, \quad \Sigma_{1,7} = \Omega_{1,7} - \Delta A^T U^T, \quad \Sigma_{1,9} = (C + \Delta C)^T P, \\ \Sigma_{2,3} &= \Omega_{2,3} + \bar{U}\Delta B(t), \quad \Sigma_{2,4} = \Omega_{2,4} + \bar{U}\Delta W(t), \quad \Sigma_{2,8} = (H + \Delta H)^T P, \\ \Sigma_{3,7} &= \Omega_{3,7} + \Delta B^T U^T, \quad \Sigma_{4,7} = \Omega_{4,7} + \Delta W^T(t)U^T, \quad \Sigma_{5,7} = \Omega_{5,7} + \Delta D^T(t)U^T, \quad \Sigma_{8,8} = -P. \end{aligned}$$

Ξ can be written as

$$\Xi = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{1,1} & \Omega_{1,2} & \Omega_{1,3} & \Omega_{1,4} & \Omega_{1,5} & \Omega_{1,6} & \Omega_{1,7} & C^T P \\ * & \Omega_{2,2} & \Omega_{2,3} & \Omega_{2,4} & \Omega_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Omega_{2,7} & H^T P \\ * & * & \Omega_{3,3} & \Omega_{3,4} & \Omega_{3,5} & \Omega_{3,6} & \Omega_{3,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & \Omega_{4,4} & \Omega_{4,5} & \Omega_{4,6} & \Omega_{4,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & \Omega_{5,5} & \Omega_{5,6} & \Omega_{5,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{6,6} & \Omega_{6,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{7,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & -P \end{bmatrix} + \Lambda_1 F(t) \Lambda_2^T + \Lambda_2 F^T(t) \Lambda_1 + \Lambda_3 F(t) \Lambda_4^T + \Lambda_4 F^T(t) \Lambda_3$$

where

$$\Lambda_1 = \begin{bmatrix} PM \\ \bar{U}M \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ UM \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -N_1^T \\ 0 \\ N_2^T \\ N_3^T \\ N_6^T \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ PM \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_4 = \begin{bmatrix} N_4^T \\ N_5^T \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

By using Lemma 2.5 we have

$$\Xi \leq \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{1,1} & \Omega_{1,2} & \Omega_{1,3} & \Omega_{1,4} & \Omega_{1,5} & \Omega_{1,6} & \Omega_{1,7} & C^T P \\ * & \Omega_{2,2} & \Omega_{2,3} & \Omega_{2,4} & \Omega_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Omega_{2,7} & H^T P \\ * & * & \Omega_{3,3} & \Omega_{3,4} & \Omega_{3,5} & \Omega_{3,6} & \Omega_{3,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & \Omega_{4,4} & \Omega_{4,5} & \Omega_{4,6} & \Omega_{4,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & \Omega_{5,5} & \Omega_{5,6} & \Omega_{5,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{6,6} & \Omega_{6,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{7,7} & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & -P \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon_1 \Lambda_1^T \Lambda_1 + \epsilon_1^{-1} \Lambda_2^T \Lambda_2 + \epsilon_2 \Lambda_3^T \Lambda_3 + \epsilon_2^{-1} \Lambda_4^T \Lambda_4.$$

Again by using Schur complement lemma 2.4 Ξ can be written as Π . Taking the mathematical expectation on the both sides of (22), one can deduce that $E\{dV(t, x(t)) - \gamma J^T(t)J(t) - J^T(t)u(t)\} \leq E\{\xi^T(t)\Pi\xi(t)\} \leq 0$, which means $E\{Z^T(t)J^T(s)y(s)ds\} \geq E\{V(t, x(t)) - V(t, 0) - \gamma \int_0^t J^T(s)J(s)ds\} = E\{V(t, x(t)) - \gamma \int_0^t J^T(s)J(s)ds\} \geq -\gamma E\{Z^T(t)J^T(s)J(s)ds\}$. From Definition 2.2, this indicates that the stochastic neural network (4) is globally robustly passive in the sense of expectation, and the proof of Theorem 4.1 is completed.

If there are no distributed delays then the system (1) is simplified to $dx(t) = [-(A + \Delta A)x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W)f(x(t - \tau(t))) + J(t)]dt + [(C + \Delta C)x(t) + (H + \Delta H)x(t - \tau(t))]dw(t)$, (23) Corollary 4.2. The delayed neural networks (23) is said to be globally passive

in the sense of expectation, if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P > 0, Q > 0, R > 0, S > 0, V > 0$, positive diagonal matrices $T_1 > 0, T_2 > 0$ any matrices O_1, O_2, O_3, U, U^- and positive scalars $1, 2$ such that feasible solution exist for the following LMI,

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Pi}_1 & \bar{O} & \bar{S} & \bar{U} & \bar{P} \\ * & -V & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & -P & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon_1 I & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\epsilon_2 I \end{bmatrix} < 0, \tag{24}$$

where

$$\bar{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{1,1} & \Pi_{1,2} & \Pi_{1,3} & \Pi_{1,4} & \Pi_{1,5} & \Pi_{1,6} & \Pi_{1,7} \\ * & \Pi_{2,2} & \Pi_{2,3} & \Pi_{2,4} & \Pi_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Pi_{2,7} \\ * & * & \Pi_{3,3} & \Pi_{3,4} & \Pi_{3,5} & \Pi_{3,6} & \Pi_{3,7} \\ * & * & * & \Pi_{4,4} & \Pi_{4,5} & \Pi_{4,6} & \Pi_{4,7} \\ * & * & * & * & \Pi_{5,5} & \Pi_{5,6} & \Pi_{5,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Pi_{6,6} & \Pi_{6,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Pi_{7,7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{1,1} &= -PA - A^T P + R + O_1^T + O_1 + \epsilon_1 N_1^T N_1 + \epsilon_2 N_4^T N_4, \Pi_{1,2} = -O_1 + O_2^T \\ &+ A^T \bar{U}^T + \epsilon_2 N_4^T N_5, \Pi_{1,4} = PW + \epsilon_1 N_1 N_3, \Pi_{1,5} = 0, \Pi_{1,6} = P, \Pi_{1,7} = O_3^T - A^T U^T, \\ \Pi_{2,2} &= -(1-d)R - O_2^T - O_2 + \epsilon_2 N_5^T N_5, \Pi_{2,3} = \bar{U}B + \epsilon N_2 N_3, \Pi_{2,4} = LT_2 + \bar{U}W, \Pi_{2,5} = 0, \\ \Pi_{2,6} &= \bar{U}, \Pi_{2,7} = -O_3^T - \bar{U}, \Pi_{3,3} = Q + \bar{\tau}^2 S - 2T_1 + \epsilon_1 N_2^T N_2, \Pi_{3,4} = \Pi_{3,5} = \Pi_{4,5} = \Pi_{4,6} = 0, \\ \Pi_{3,6} &= -I, \Pi_{3,7} = B^T U^T, \Pi_{4,7} = W^T U^T, \Pi_{4,4} = -(1-d)Q - 2T_2 + \epsilon_1 N_3^T N_3, \Pi_{5,5} = -S, \\ \Pi_{5,6} &= 0, \Pi_{5,7} = 0, \Pi_{6,6} = -\gamma I, \Pi_{6,7} = U^T, \Pi_{7,7} = \bar{\tau}^2 V - U^T - U, \Pi_{1,3} = PB + LT - \epsilon_1 N_1^T N_2, \\ \bar{U}^T &= [M^T P \ M^T \bar{U}^T \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ M^T U^T \ 0 \ 0], \bar{P}^T = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ M^T P], \end{aligned}$$

\bar{O}^T and \bar{S}^T are as defined in Theorem 3.1.

Proof: The proof is similar to that in the proof of Theorem 4.1 by choosing $D=0$. Hence it is omitted. If there are no stochastic disturbance then the system (23) is simplified to $dx(t) = -(A + \Delta A)x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W)f(x(t - \tau(t))) + J(t)$, (25) $y(t) = f(x(t))$, $x(t) = \varphi(t)$, $-\tau^- \leq t \leq 0$. Corollary 4.3. The delayed neural networks (25) is said to be globally passive, if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P > 0, Q > 0, R > 0, S > 0, V > 0$, positive diagonal matrices $T_1 > 0, T_2 > 0$ any matrices O_1, O_2, O_3, U, U^- and positive scalar 1 such that feasible solution exist for the following LMI,

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{1,1} & \Omega_{1,2} & \Omega_{1,3} & \Omega_{1,4} & \Omega_{1,5} & \Omega_{1,6} & \Omega_{1,7} \\ * & \Omega_{2,2} & \Omega_{2,3} & \Omega_{2,4} & \Omega_{2,5} & \Omega_{2,6} & \Omega_{2,7} \\ * & * & \Omega_{3,3} & \Omega_{3,4} & \Omega_{3,5} & \Omega_{3,6} & \Omega_{3,7} \\ * & * & * & \Omega_{4,4} & \Omega_{4,5} & \Omega_{4,6} & \Omega_{4,7} \\ * & * & * & * & \Omega_{5,5} & \Omega_{5,6} & \Omega_{5,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{6,6} & \Omega_{6,7} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{7,7} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Omega_{1,1} = -PA - A^T P + R + O_1^T + O_1 + \epsilon_1 N_1^T N_1, \quad \Omega_{1,2} = -O_1 + O_2^T + A^T W^T,$$

$$\Omega_{1,3} = PB + LT_1 - \epsilon_1 N_1^T N_2, \quad \Omega_{1,4} = PW + \epsilon_1 N_1 N_3, \quad \Omega_{1,5} = 0, \quad \Omega_{1,6} = P, \quad \Omega_{1,7} = O_3 - A^T U^T,$$

$$\Omega_{2,2} = -(1-d)R - O_2^T - O_2, \quad \Omega_{2,3} = WB + \epsilon_1 N_2 N_3, \quad \Omega_{2,4} = LT_2 + WC, \quad \Omega_{2,5} = 0,$$

$$\Omega_{2,6} = W, \quad \Omega_{2,7} = -O_3^T - W - W^T, \quad \Omega_{3,3} = Q + \bar{\tau}^2 S - 2T_1 + \epsilon_1 N_2^T N_2, \quad \Omega_{3,4} = \Omega_{3,5} = \Omega_{4,5} = \Omega_{4,6} = 0,$$

$$\Omega_{3,6} = -I, \quad \Omega_{3,7} = B^T U^T, \quad \Omega_{4,7} = W^T U^T, \quad \Omega_{4,4} = -(1-d)Q - 2T_2 + \epsilon_1 N_3^T N_3, \quad \Omega_{5,5} = -S,$$

$$\Omega_{5,6} = 0, \quad \Omega_{5,7} = 0, \quad \Omega_{6,6} = -\gamma I, \quad \Omega_{6,7} = U^T, \quad \Omega_{7,7} = \bar{\tau}^2 V - U^T - U.$$

Remark 4.4. Theorem 3.1, Theorem 4.1 and corollary 4.2 are depends on the size of time delay element, which means that it is less conservative than those delay-independent ones, especially when the delay value is very small, and this may create a gap of LMI-based delay-dependent results for stochastic delayed neural networks. It is realized that, the problems studied in many other papers are also a special class of this paper, such as [5], [29], [31], and [34].

5. Numerical Examples Example 1. Consider the stochastic recurrent neural network (1) with uncertainties is of the following form : $dx(t) = [-(A + \Delta A)x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W)f(x(t - \tau(t))) + (D + \Delta D) \int_t^{t-\tau(t)} f(x(s))ds + J(t)]dt + [(C + \Delta C)x(t) + (H + \Delta H)x(t - \tau(t))]dw(t)$, with the parameters $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.9 & 0.8 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$, $W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.3 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$, $D = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 & 0.3 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$, $C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$, $H = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$, $L = 0.5I$, $N_1 = N_2 = N_3 = 0.2I$, $N_4 = N_5 = N_6 = 0.1I$, $M = 0.2I$. By using the Matlab LMI toolbox [12], we solve the LMI (18) for $i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2$), $\tau = 0.9$ and $d = 1.5$ the feasible solutions are $P = \begin{bmatrix} 35.9002 & 9.6420 & 9.6420 & 35.3566 \end{bmatrix}$, $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0399 & -0.0263 & -0.0263 & 0.0179 \end{bmatrix}$, $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0025 & -0.0015 & -0.0015 & 0.0011 \end{bmatrix}$, $S = \begin{bmatrix} 31.3169 & 29.4440 & 29.4440 & 30.7951 \end{bmatrix}$, $V = \begin{bmatrix} 8.7753 & 0.5379 & 0.5379 & 7.0063 \end{bmatrix}$, $T_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 339.8946 & 0 & 0 & 383.0669 \end{bmatrix}$, $T_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 11.9886 & 0 & 0 & 13.5799 \end{bmatrix}$, $\gamma = 9.7467$.

Therefore, the concerned neural networks with time-varying delays is passive.

Example 2. Consider the recurrent neural network [11] is of the following form:

$$\dot{x}(t) = -(A + \Delta A(t))x(t) + (B + \Delta B)f(x(t)) + (W + \Delta W(t))f(x(t - \tau(t))) + J(t)$$

with the parameters $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 3.5 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} -0.34 & -0.44 & 0.38 & -0.03 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.22 & 1.35 & 1.51 \\ -0.41 & \# \end{bmatrix}$, $L = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0 & 0 & 0.4 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $M = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & -0.2 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $N1 = [0.02 \ 0.02]$, $N2 = [-0.03 \ 0.01]$, $N3 = [0.01 \ -0.01]$

By using the Matlab LMI toolbox [12], we solve the LMI (26) for $\lambda > 0$, $\tau^- = 0.8629$ and $d = 0.9$ the feasible solutions are $P = \begin{bmatrix} 47.1846 & -157.1489 & -157.1489 & 850.9588 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0007 & -0.0012 & -0.0012 & 0.0276 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0014 & -0.0068 & -0.0068 & 0.0559 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $S = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0095 & -0.0284 & -0.0284 & 0.2352 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $V = \begin{bmatrix} 47.9259 & -159.5879 & -159.5879 & 907.6666 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $T1 = \begin{bmatrix} 44.4165 & 0 & 0 & 147.2487 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $T2 = \begin{bmatrix} 20.3622 & 0 & 0 & 95.9050 \\ \# \end{bmatrix}$, $\gamma = 1.7782 \times 108$.

Therefore, the concerned neural networks with time-varying delays is passive. Some comparisons on upper bounds of time delay are listed in Table 1. From Table 1, it can be concluded that the obtained results in this paper are less conservative than those in [9, 11, 24].

6. Conclusion In this paper, we have considered the problem of passivity and robust passivity analysis for a class of uncertain stochastic recurrent neural networks with time-varying delays. By choosing a new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional, the improved delay-dependent criteria have been proposed. Finally, numerical examples have been provided to illustrate the effectiveness of the obtained results. Our results can be specialized to several cases including those studied extensively in the literature. Table 1. Comparison of the maximal allowable delays τ^- for Example 2 Method $d=0.3$ $d=0.5$ $d=0.7$ $d=0.9$ [24] 0.1178 0.1145 0.1123 0.1105 [9] 0.4197 0.4145 0.4117 0.4082 [11] 0.5763 0.5679 0.5566 0.5273 Corollary 4.2 9.2211 1.4397 0.9149 0.8629

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