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This study is concerned with the stabilization analysis and controller design for networked

systems with stochastic sampling and two-channel deception attacks. First, we give a gen-

eral matrix decomposition approach which is applicable to scenarios where the system

matrix A contains complex-value eigenvalues. Then, a discrete stochastic framework is

established for a class of networked systems which considers the joint effects of sampling

errors and two-channel deception attacks. Utilizing the matrix decomposition approach

introduced in this study, it becomes feasible to decouple the expectation operations for

specific coupling matrices characterized by substantial nonlinearity and randomness. Based on this, a stabilization controller is constructed that ensures the exponential mean-square

stability of the resulting discrete stochastic system. Finally, three simulation examples are

provided to validate the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

# A general matrix decomposition approach with application to stabilization of networked systems with stochastic sampling and two-channel deception attacks

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Abstract

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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

In recent years, great interest has been aroused to the analysis and synthesis problems of networked control systems (NCSs). In NCSs, components (sensors, actuators and controllers) are connected in a closed control loop and exchange data through a communication network. The introduction of cyberspace allows for the avoidance of unnecessary point-to-point wiring in classical systems, simplifying the physical structure of NCSs and facilitating maintenance and updates. Accordingly, NCSs have been widely employed in various engineering domains, ranging from aerospace to industrial automation [1–4]. On the flip side, considering the openness of network, NCSs stands a higher chance of being exposed to malicious attacks [5–8]. Specifito compromise the integrity and trustworthiness of transmitted data by inserting some falsified data information into the original data packet while remaining undetected by detectors [9–11]. Since the unexpected data can induce systems of worse stability, great significance has been placed on stabilization analysis and controller design for NCSs with deception attacks [12–17]. For example, a sliding-mode control problem was addressed in [13] for a class of Markovian jump cyber-physical systems under the situation of randomly occurring injection attack. In [14], a Bernoulli binary distributed is used to characterize random occurring deception attacks, and an innovative dynamic-outputfeedback robust model predictive control approach is proposed to ensure system security under such conditions. In [15], with the aid of a dynamic event-triggered mechanism, an observerbased PID controller was designed for systems with deception

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cally, deception attack is a kind of network attack that intends

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Abbreviation: NCSs, networked control systems.

attacks. Considering that in control loops sensors and actuators are important components among which the data is transmitted through public network, it should be pointed out that both sensor-to-controller channel and controller-to-actuator channel are susceptible to intruders that launch deceptive attacks in NCSs. Some results about NCSs' security under the situation of two-channel attacks have been derived [18–20]. For example, a distributed  $H_{\infty}$  estimation was derived against two-channel attacks in [19]. A security control problem was studied for fuzzy NCSs with deception attacks at both ends in [20].

Moreover, time-triggered sampling is a widely used approach for transforming the continuous signal to the discrete one when signal is transmitted in networks [21-24]. For time-triggered sampled-data system, the sampling intervals are usually assumed to be an invariable constant. However, in real-world scenarios, some unexpected physical constraints, for example, limited bandwidth of communication channel, failure of the sampler, and clock error drift, can bring deviation to ideal intervals [25, 26]. Under these conditions, the practical sampling intervals are subject to noisy fluctuations, leading to deviations from the normal sampling period. Recently, some scholars have investigated the control problems of NCSs subjected to random sampling intervals [27-33]. For example, a confluent Vandermonde matrix approach was proposed to investigate quantized/saturated control problems in sampled-data systems with random sampling intervals in [27]. For a class of Ito stochastic NCSs subject to time-varying sampling and packet dropouts, [28] discusses the modeling and control problem, in which robustly exponentially mean-square stability of the system with an  $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$  performance is guaranteed. In [29], an event-triggered communication control scheme, which requires less communication bandwidth, was applied for stability analysis in systems with aperiodically sampled data. A probabilitydistribution-dependent controller was designed for complex dynamical networks with random sampling intervals and successive packet losses where the categorical distribution is used to characterize the sampling errors of random sampling intervals in [30]. It needs to emphasis that a few results have analysed the stabilization problem for NCSs under two-channel deception attacks while taking random sampling intervals into consideration at the same time. Thus, in this paper we discuss the stabilization analysis and controller design for a class of NCSs which are subject to random sampling intervals and two-channel deception attacks.

Motivated by the previous discussion, this study advanced a general matrix decomposition approach which can be applied to address the stabilization challenges encountered by NCSs subject to random sampling intervals and two-channel deception attacks. The main contributions of this research can be summarized as follows: (1) A mathematical model for NCSs comprising the situations of sampling errors and two-channel deception attacks is established by discrete-time method. Based on this model, a new stabilization problem is investigated. (2) A general matrix decomposition approach is presented, which can deal with the situation that the system matrix *A* contains complex-value eigenvalues. Finally, two mathematical simulation examples and a practical example are provided to verify the

effectiveness of the proposed method, where (i) all the eigenvalues of system matrix A are real-values, and (ii) some eigenvalues of matrix A are complex-values.

## 2 | THE GENERAL MATRIX DECOMPOSITION APPROACH

In this section, two lemmas are presented in this part to introduce the general matrix decomposition approach.

**Lemma 1** [32]. Denote  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, ..., \lambda_b$  as the eigenvalues of the matrix  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{m_g \times m_g}$ . Let  $l_j$  be the multiplicity of  $\lambda_j$  as a root of the minimal polynomial for G and  $l_1 + l_2 + \cdots + l_b = \overline{m}_g$ , where  $\overline{m}_g$  is the degree of the minimal polynomial of the matrix G. Then, for matrix  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{m_g \times m_g}$  and a scalar  $\delta$ , one has

$$e^{G\delta} = \left( (\pi(\delta) V_G^{-1}) \otimes I \right) \bar{G}, \tag{1}$$

where  $\pi(\delta) = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1(\delta) & \pi_2(\delta) & \cdots & \pi_b(\delta) \end{bmatrix}$  with  $\pi_j(\delta) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_j \delta} & \delta e^{\lambda_j \delta} & \cdots & \delta^{l_j - 1} e^{\lambda_j \delta} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $V_G = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_1 & \Lambda_2 & \cdots & \Lambda_b \end{bmatrix}$  is the reduced-order confluent Vandermonde matrix of G with

$$\Lambda_{j} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \lambda_{j} & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \lambda_{j}^{\bar{m}_{g}-1} & (\bar{m}_{g}-1)\lambda_{j}^{\bar{m}_{g}-2} & \cdots & \frac{(\bar{m}_{g}-1)!}{(\bar{m}_{g}-l_{j})!}\lambda_{j}^{\bar{m}_{g}-l_{j}} \end{bmatrix},$$
  
and  $\bar{G} = \begin{bmatrix} I & G^{T} & \cdots & G^{(\bar{m}_{g}-1)^{T}} \end{bmatrix}^{T}.$ 

**Lemma 2.** Denoting the probability function of the random variable  $\delta$  as  $f(\delta)$ , for  $\pi(\delta)$  defined in Lemma 1, one has a matrix  $U_g$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right\} = U_{g}^{H}U_{g}.$$
(2)

*Proof.* 1) When eigenvalues of matrix G are exclusively of real-value, the  $\pi(\delta)$  in (1) is a real matrix. Therefore, for the matrix  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right\}$ , there exists a real matrix  $U_{q}$  which satis fies  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\delta)\pi(\delta)\right\} = \mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{T}(\delta)\pi(\delta)\right\} = U_{g}^{T}U_{g} = U_{g}^{H}U_{g},$ that is,  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right\} = U_{\varrho}^{H}U_{\varrho}$ ; 2) When matrix G contains complex-value eigenvalues, the  $\pi(\delta)$  is a complex matrix. In this case, we let  $U = \pi^{H}(\delta)\pi(\delta)$ , then the Hermitian complex matrix U is positive semi-definite. Therefore, for any nonzero complex vector v, one has  $v^H \pi^H(\delta) \pi(\delta) v \ge 0$ . With  $f(\delta) \ge 0$ , we further have that  $v^H \mathbb{E} \left\{ \pi^H(\delta)\pi(\delta) \right\} v = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} v^H \pi^H(\delta)\pi(\delta) v f(\delta) d\delta \ge 0.$ Considering that  $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \pi^H(\delta)\pi(\delta) \right\}$  is a Hermitian matrix, thus  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right\}$  is a positive semi-definite matrix. So we have a matrix  $U_q$  so that (2) holds. Therefore, no matter if all the eigenvalues of matrix G are real-value or matrix G has complex-value eigenvalues, there exists a matrix  $U_{q}$  so that  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right\} = U_{g}^{H}U_{g}.$  The proof is complete. 

Remark 2.1. In this study, we first transform the matrix exponential  $e^{G\delta}$  into a comprehensive matrix formulation as expressed in (1). Subsequently, the operation of expectation concerning  $\pi(\delta)$  can be independently addressed in (2). These computational operations set the groundwork for the subsequent design of the controller. Comparable operations are also conducted in some existing literature, for example, [34]. Nevertheless, there is no real matrix that fulfills the equation (8) within Lemma 3 of [34], in the case that the matrix  $G = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  encompasses complex-value eigenvalues. In contrast to [34], the matrix decomposition approach presented in Lemma 2 is general and can be extended to scenarios that encompass matrix G with complex-value eigenvalues. Note that the complex-value eigenvalues of matrix A remain consistent with those of G in cases where G =AB $\begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , that is, in contrast to the matrix decomposition 0 approach in [34], the matrix decomposition approach presented in this study is amenable to situations in which the system matrix A in equation (3) contains complex-value eigenvalues.

## 3 | APPLICATION TO STABILITY ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS FOR NCSS WITH STOCHASTIC SAMPLING AND TWO-CHANNEL DECEPTION ATTACKS

In this section, the exponentially mean-square stabilization problem is considered for NCSs under stochastic sampling and two-channel deception attacks with the general matrix decomposition approach.

Consider a continuous-time linear system subject to stochastic sampling and two-channel deception attacks:

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + B\hat{u}(t), \qquad (3)$$

where  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state vector,  $\hat{u}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the control input. A is the system matrix and B is the input matrix.

Normally, the system's state is periodically sampled with a fixed interval which is denoted as T. This paper focuses on the scenario where actual sampling interval is influenced by noisy perturbation. Suppose that the actual sampling period  $\alpha_k$  composed of a constant T and a random variable  $\rho_k$ , that is,  $\alpha_k = T + \rho_k > 0$ . T is the ideal sampling interval and  $\rho_k$  stands for the sampling error. The probability function of  $\rho_k$  is denoted as  $f(\rho)$ .

We consider that the deception attacks happen in both sensor-to-controller channel and controller-to-actuator channel. Two stochastic variables which obey Bernoulli distribution are used to characterize the occurrence of two-channel deception attacks. In sensor-to-controller channel, we describe the data  $\hat{x}(t_k)$  received by the controller as

$$\hat{x}(t_k) = x(t_k) + \varrho(t_k)(-x(t_k) + \varphi(t_k)),$$

where  $\varphi(t_k)$  satisfies  $\mathscr{P}\{\varphi(t_k) = 1\} = \zeta$  and  $\mathscr{P}\{\varphi(t_k) = 0\} = 1 - \zeta$ .  $\varphi(t_k)$  stands for the signal injected by attackers. Then, the controller output  $u(t_k)$  is expressed as  $u(t_k) = K\hat{x}(t_k) = K(x(t_k) + \varphi(t_k)))$ , where *K* is a gain matrix to be designed.

In controller-to-actuator channel, the control input  $\hat{u}(t)$  with a zero-order hold can be represented as follows

$$\hat{u}(t) = \hat{u}(t_k) = u(t_k) + \varpi(t_k)(-u(t_k) + \psi(t_k))$$
  
=  $(1 - \varpi(t_k))K((1 - \varrho(t_k))x(t_k) + \varrho(t_k)\varphi(t_k))$   
+  $\varpi(t_k)\psi(t_k), t_k \le t < t_{k+1},$ 

where  $\boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k)$  is used to characterize the deception attack occurring in controller-to-actuator channel with  $\mathcal{P}\{\boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k) = 1\} = \theta$  and  $\mathcal{P}\{\boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k) = 0\} = 1 - \theta, \boldsymbol{\psi}(t_k)$  stands for the injected signal by the attacker in controller-to-actuator channel.

Besides, due to the energy limit,  $\varphi(t_k)$  and  $\psi(t_k)$  are assumed to satisfy

$$\|\varphi(t_k)\| \le \|F_1 x(t_k)\|, \|\psi(t_k)\| \le \|F_2 x(t_k)\|, \tag{4}$$

where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are constant matrices with appropriate dimensions.

Remark 3.1. From the aspect of defenders, the attacks happen in a random way. Considering that defense mechanisms are widely used to protect systems from deception attacks (e.g. residue detector, detection filters, voting schemes, hypothesis testing etc.), some injected information could be identified. Unavoidable constrains in NCSs also influence the deception attacks. For example, a multi-path routing protocol mentioned in [35] could result in the attacks occurring randomly. Besides, from the aspect of adversaries, considering factors, for example, the detectability of deception attacks, limitations in access and resources and so on prompt attackers to make stochastic decisions to launch an attack or to sleep in order to save energy or elude defenses [36, 37]. For these reasons, the attack phenomenon can be described as a random event. Referring to [38], it makes sense to define resources available to the defender based on the information obtained from the interaction with attackers in order to calculate the outcome for the control loop in a variety of possible scenarios. Bernoulli distribution is used in this paper to describe such a statistic phenomenon of deception attacks [39].

Remark 3.2. In this paper, the injected signals  $\varphi(t_k)$  and  $\psi(t_k)$  are characterized as bonded signals with prior known matrices  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . In practice, the attacks are limited to some restrains to avoid triggering the monitor's alarm. For example, bad measurement detection is mentioned in [40] by which the deception attacks are easy to be detected if the difference between the vector of injected signals and the vector of original signals is of a large amplitude. Besides, considering constrains of physical devices such as network congestion and limited bandwidth of communication channel, unbonded signal is hard to be injected into the data packet successfully. Hence the malicious data is

assumed as a bonded signal in this paper. The matrices  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are assumed to be a priori based on known knowledge of the system model which ensures that attacks are of higher possibility to happen [39].

Submitting (4) into (3), we can have by (3) that

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + (1 - \boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k))(1 - \boldsymbol{\varrho}(t_k))BKx(t_k)$$

$$+ (1 - \boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k))\boldsymbol{\varrho}(t_k)BK\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t_k) + \boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k)B\boldsymbol{\psi}(t_k),$$

$$t_k \leq t < t_{k+1}$$
(5)

Denote  $x(t_k)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varpi}(t_k)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t_k)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}(t_k)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\psi}(t_k)$  as  $x_k$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varpi}_k$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_k$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_k$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\psi}_k$  for convenience. Integrating (5) from  $t_k$  to  $t_{k+1}$ , we have the following discrete-time system by noting that  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k = t_{k+1} - t_k$ :

Our goal is to design a controller which can ensure that the stochastic system (7) is of exponential mean-square stability. The detailed definition is as follows:

**Definition 1.** The system (7) is exponentially mean-square stable if there exist  $\omega > 0$  and  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\left\|x_{k}\right\|^{2}\right\} \leq \omega \mu^{j} \mathbb{E}\left\{\left\|x_{0}\right\|^{2}\right\},\$$

holds for all  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $j > \kappa$ , where  $\kappa$  is a sufficiently large positive integer.

**Theorem 1.** Given the positive parameters  $\theta$ ,  $\varsigma$ , and matrices  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , the stochastic system (7) is exponentially mean-square stable if there exist Q > 0 and R which satisfy the following inequality:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -Q & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Xi}_{1} & \hat{\Xi}_{2} & \hat{\Xi}_{3} & QF_{1}^{T} & QF_{2}^{T} \\ * & I - 2Q & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Xi}_{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & -I & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Xi}_{5} & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & -I \otimes Q & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & -I \otimes Q & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & -I \otimes Q & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & -I & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$
(8)

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= \left( e^{A\alpha_k} + (1 - \varpi_k)(1 - \varphi_k) \int_0^{\alpha_k} e^{As} ds BK \right) x_k \\ &+ (1 - \varpi_k) \varphi_k \int_0^{\alpha_k} e^{As} ds BK \varphi_k + \varpi_k \int_0^{\alpha_k} e^{As} ds B\psi_k \end{aligned}$$

Define a square matrix  $G = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , one has

$$e^{G\alpha_k} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{G^j \alpha_k^j}{j!} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{A\alpha_k} & \int_0^{\alpha_k} e^{As} dsB \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

We further get

$$H_{1} \triangleq e^{A\alpha_{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{G\alpha_{k}} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$
  

$$H_{2} \triangleq \int_{0}^{\alpha_{k}} e^{As} dsBK = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{G\alpha_{k}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K^{T} \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$
  

$$H_{3} \triangleq \int_{0}^{\alpha_{k}} e^{As} dsB = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} e^{G\alpha_{k}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix}^{T}.$$

Then, (6) can be equivalently expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} &= (H_1 + (1 - \boldsymbol{\varpi}_k)(1 - \boldsymbol{\varrho}_k)H_2)x_k + (1 - \boldsymbol{\varpi}_k)\boldsymbol{\varrho}_k H_2 \boldsymbol{\varphi}_k \\ &+ \boldsymbol{\varpi}_k H_3 \boldsymbol{\psi}_k. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}_1 = \sqrt{(1-\theta)(1-\zeta)}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_1 + \hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_2)^T, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}_2 = \sqrt{(1-\theta)\zeta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_1^T$$
$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}_3 = \sqrt{\theta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_1^T, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}_4 = \sqrt{(1-\theta)\zeta}\hat{\boldsymbol{\Pi}}_2^T, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Xi}}_5 = \sqrt{\theta}\boldsymbol{\Pi}_3^T$$

with

$$\begin{split} \hat{\Pi}_{1} &= (U_{g}V_{G}^{-1} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix})\overline{G}e^{GT} \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \\ \hat{\Pi}_{2} &= (U_{g}V_{G}^{-1} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix})\overline{G}e^{GT} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & R^{T} \end{bmatrix}^{T}, \\ \Pi_{3} &= ((U_{g}V_{G}^{-1}) \otimes \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix})\overline{G}e^{GT} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix}^{T}. \end{split}$$

In addition, if (8) is feasible, we can obtain the desired controller gain matrix by  $K = RQ^{-1}$ .

Proof of Theorem 1. Consider the following Lyapunov function:

$$V(x_k) = x_k^T P x_k, \tag{9}$$

where P > 0 and define the difference of (9) as  $\Delta V(x_k) = \mathbb{E}\{V(x_{k+1})|x_k\} - V(x_k)$ . With the application of the general matrix decomposition approach presented in this paper, the expectation operation of the matrix  $e^{G^T \alpha_k} \left( \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} P \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{G \alpha_k}$  can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{E}\left\{e^{G^{T}\alpha_{k}}\left(\begin{bmatrix}I\\0\end{bmatrix}P\left[I&0\right]\right)e^{G\alpha_{k}}\right\} \\ &= e^{G^{T}T}\mathbb{E}\left\{\overline{G}^{T}\left(\left(\pi(\rho_{k})V_{G}^{-1}\right)\otimes I\right)^{T} \\ &\times\left(\begin{bmatrix}I\\0\end{bmatrix}P\left[I&0\right]\right)\left(\left(\pi(\rho_{k})V_{G}^{-1}\right)\otimes I\right)\overline{G}\right\}e^{GT} \\ &= e^{G^{T}T}\overline{G}^{T}\mathbb{E}\left\{\left(V_{G}^{-H}\pi^{H}(\rho_{k})\pi(\rho_{k})V_{G}^{-1}\right) \\ &\otimes\left(\begin{bmatrix}I\\0\end{bmatrix}P\left[I&0\right]\right)\right\}\overline{G}e^{GT} \\ &= e^{G^{T}T}\overline{G}^{T}\mathbb{E}\left\{\left(V_{G}^{-H}U_{g}^{H}U_{g}V_{G}^{-1}\right)\otimes\left(\begin{bmatrix}I\\0\end{bmatrix}P\left[I&0\right]\right)\right\}\overline{G}e^{GT} \\ &= e^{G^{T}T}\overline{G}^{T}\left(\left(U_{g}V_{G}^{-1}\right)^{T}\otimes\begin{bmatrix}I\\0\end{bmatrix}\right)\left(I\otimes P\right)\left(\left(U_{g}V_{G}^{-1}\right)\otimes\left[I&0\right]\right)\overline{G}e^{GT} \\ &= n^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Pi = ((U_g V_G^{-1}) \otimes \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}) \overline{G} e^{GT}$  and  $U_g$  is specific in Lemma 2.

*Remark* 3.3. Note that  $\pi(\delta)V_G^{-1}$  in (1) is a real matrix regardless of whether the matrix *G* contains complex-value eigenvalues or not. Accordingly,  $U_g V_G^{-1}$  is a real matrix. In this case, one has  $V_G^{-H} U_g^H = V_G^{-T} U_g^T$  in (10).

Accordingly, we can also calculate the following mathematical expectation:

$$\mathbb{E}\{H_{1}^{T}PH_{1}\}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbb{E}\{e^{G^{T}\alpha_{k}} \left( \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} P \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) e^{G\alpha_{k}} \{ \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Pi^{T} (I \otimes P) \Pi \begin{bmatrix} I \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \Pi_{1}^{T} (I \otimes P) \Pi_{1}, \qquad (11)$$

where  $\Pi_1 = \Pi \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T = ((U_g V_G^{-1}) \otimes \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}) \overline{G} e^{GT} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . Similarly, we have

$$\mathbb{E}\{H_{2}^{T}PH_{2}\} = \Pi_{2}^{T}(I \otimes P)\Pi_{2}, \mathbb{E}\{H_{3}^{T}PH_{3}\} = \Pi_{3}^{T}(I \otimes P)\Pi_{3},$$
  
$$\mathbb{E}\{H_{1}^{T}PH_{2}\} = \Pi_{1}^{T}(I \otimes P)\Pi_{2}, \mathbb{E}\{H_{1}^{T}PH_{3}\} = \Pi_{1}^{T}(I \otimes P)\Pi_{3},$$
  
$$\mathbb{E}\{(H_{1} + H_{2})^{T}P(H_{1} + H_{2})\} = (\Pi_{1} + \Pi_{2})^{T}(I \otimes P)(\Pi_{1} + \Pi_{2})$$

with  $\Pi_2 = \Pi \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K^T \end{bmatrix}^T$  and  $\Pi_3 = \Pi \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix}^T$ . Then, by (7) and (11), one has

 $\mathbb{E}\{\Delta V(x_k)\}$  $= \mathbb{E}\{x_{k+1}^T P x_{k+1} - x_k^T P x_k\}$ 

$$\begin{split} &= \mathbb{E}\{x_{k}^{T}((1-\theta)(1-\varsigma)(\Pi_{1}+\Pi_{2})^{T}(I\otimes P)(\Pi_{1}+\Pi_{2}) \\ &+ (1-(1-\theta)(1-\varsigma))\Pi_{1}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{1}-P)x_{k} \\ &+ 2(1-\theta)\varsigma x_{k}^{T}\Pi_{1}^{T}(I\otimes P)\times\Pi_{2}\varphi_{k}+2\theta x_{k}^{T}\Pi_{1}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{3}\psi_{k} \\ &+ (1-\theta)\varsigma \varphi_{k}^{T}\Pi_{2}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{2}\varphi_{k}+\theta \psi_{k}^{T}\Pi_{3}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{3}\psi_{k}\} \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}\Delta V(x_{k})+\|F_{1}x_{k}\|^{2}+\|F_{2}x_{k}\|^{2}-\|\varphi_{k}\|^{2}-\|\psi_{k}\|^{2} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{x_{k}^{T}((1-\theta)(1-\varsigma)(\Pi_{1}+\Pi_{2})^{T}(I\otimes P)(\Pi_{1}+\Pi_{2}) \\ &+ (1-(1-\theta)(1-\varsigma))\Pi_{1}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{1}+F_{1}^{T}F_{1} \\ &+ F_{2}^{T}F_{2}-P)x_{k}+2(1-\theta)\times\varsigma x_{k}^{T}\Pi_{1}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{2}\varphi_{k} \\ &+ 2\theta x_{k}^{T}\Pi_{1}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{3}\psi_{k}+\varphi_{k}^{T}((1-\theta)\varsigma\Pi_{2}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{2}-I)\varphi_{k} \\ &+ \psi_{k}^{T}(\theta\Pi_{3}^{T}(I\otimes P)\Pi_{3}-I)\psi_{k}\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{\varepsilon_{1}^{T}M\varepsilon_{1}\}. \end{split}$$

where 
$$\epsilon_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k \\ \varphi_k \\ \psi_k \end{bmatrix}$$
 and  $M = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} \\ * & M_{22} & M_{23} \\ * & * & M_{33} \end{bmatrix}$  with  
 $M_{11} = (1 - \theta) (1 - \varsigma) (\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)^T (I \otimes P) (\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)$   
 $+ (1 - (1 - \theta) (1 - \varsigma)) \Pi_1^T (I \otimes P) \Pi_1 + F_1^T F_1$   
 $+ F_2^T F_2 - P, M_{12} = (1 - \theta)\varsigma \Pi_1^T (I \otimes P) \Pi_2,$   
 $M_{13} = \theta \Pi_1^T (I \otimes P) \Pi_3, M_{22} = (1 - \theta)\varsigma \Pi_2^T (I \otimes P) \Pi_2 - I,$   
 $M_{23} = 0, M_{33} = \theta \Pi_3^T (I \otimes P) \Pi_3 - I.$ 

If M < 0, we can conclude that

$$\mathbb{E}\{\Delta V(x_k)\} \le \mathbb{E}\{\epsilon_k^T M \epsilon_k\} \le -\lambda_{\min}(-M) \mathbb{E}\{x_k^T x_k\} < -\sigma \mathbb{E}\{\|x_k\|^2\},$$
(12)

with  $0 < \sigma < \min\{\lambda_{\min}(-M), \lambda_{\max}(P)\}\)$ . Then, we can get that  $\mathbb{E}\{\Delta V(x_k)\} < -\sigma \mathbb{E}\{\|x_k\|^2\} \le -\frac{\sigma}{\lambda_{\max}(P)} \mathbb{E}\{V(x_k)\}\)$ . Considering the Lyapunov function in (9), the following inequality is satisfied.

$$\lambda_{\min}(P) \|x_k\|^2 \le V(x_k) \le \lambda_{\max}(P) \|x_k\|^2.$$
(13)

Referring to the lemma 1 in [41], by (12) and (13) we have that

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\left\|x_{k}\right\|^{2}\right\} \leq \omega \mu^{j} \mathbb{E}\left\{\left\|x_{0}\right\|^{2}\right\},\$$

where  $\omega = \frac{\lambda_{max}(P)}{\lambda_{min}(P)}$  and  $\mu = 1 - \frac{\sigma}{\lambda_{max}(P)} \in (0, 1)$ . Therefore, the closed-loop system is of exponentially mean-square stable.

To design the stability controller, M < 0 can be rewritten as follows by Schur complement.

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$$\begin{bmatrix} -P & 0 & 0 & \Xi_{1} & \Xi_{2} & \Xi_{3} & F_{1}^{T} & F_{2}^{T} \\ * & -I & 0 & 0 & \Xi_{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & -I & 0 & 0 & \hat{\Xi}_{5} & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & -I \otimes P^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & -I \otimes P^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & -I \otimes P^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & -I & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$
(14)

where

$$\Xi_1 = \sqrt{(1-\theta)(1-\zeta)}(\Pi_1 + \Pi_2)^T, \Xi_2 = \sqrt{(1-\theta)\zeta}\Pi_1^T,$$
$$\Xi_3 = \sqrt{\theta}\Pi_1^T, \Xi_4 = \sqrt{(1-\theta)\zeta}\Pi_2^T, \hat{\Xi}_5 = \sqrt{\theta}\Pi_3^T.$$

Apply a congruence transformation to (8) with diag  $\{Q^{-1}, Q^{-1}, I, I, I, I, I\}$ . Let  $P = Q^{-1}$ , K = RP. We can get the inequality (14) with  $-I \le P^2 - 2P$ . Then, the exponentially mean-square stability of system (3) is guaranteed. We complete the proof.

## 4 | SIMULATION EXAMPLES

In order to verify the effectiveness of the controller design algorithm, two cases are considered in this section, one is that all the eigenvalues of matrix G are real-value, another is that some eigenvalues of matrix G are complex-value.

Case 1. All the eigenvalues of matrix G are real-value.

i) In this case, the geometric multiplicity of *G* is equal to the algebraic multiplicity of *G*. Consider a system described by the following parameter matrices:

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.1 & 1.2 & 0.4 \\ 0 & -2.1 & 0.63 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.06 \end{bmatrix}, \mathcal{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.1 \\ -0.3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, the roots of the minimal polynomial of *G* are  $\lambda_1 = -2.1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0.06$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ , with multiplicities  $l_1 = 2$ ,  $l_2 = 1$  and  $l_3 = 1$ . By (1), the corresponding confluent Vandermonde matrix  $V_G$  is obtained as

$$\mathcal{V}_{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & 1.000 & 0.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0.0600 & -2.1000 & 1.0000 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0036 & 4.4100 & -4.2000 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0002 & -9.2610 & 13.2300 & 0.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The initial system state is assumed as  $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.5 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . Suppose that the ideal time

interval T = 0.8 and the sampling error follows uniform distribution  $\rho_k \sim U(-0.4, 0.4)$ . Considering that  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^H(\delta)\pi(\delta)\right\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \pi^H(\delta)\pi(\delta)f(\delta)d\delta$ ,  $U_g$  can be calculated by (2) as follows

	-1.0000	-0.0001	-0.0257	0.0009]
$U_g =$	0.0000	0.2309	0.0004	0.0040
	0.0006	0.0000	-0.0226	0.0012
	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0019

We assume that the deception attacks rates of S-C channel and C-A channel are  $\varsigma = 0.3$ ,  $\theta = 0.3$ , respectively. Figures 1 and 2 depict the sampling intervals and the moments when deception attacks happen. The attacks satisfy  $\|\varphi(t_k)\| \le$  $\|F_1 x(t_k)\|$  and  $\|\psi(t_k)\| \le \|F_2 x(t_k)\|$ , where  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are given as

$$F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 & -0.6 \\ 0.8 & 0 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}, F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.3 & 0.21 \end{bmatrix}.$$











FIGURE 3 State trajectories of systems with control input.



$$\mathcal{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.4382 & 0.6409 & 0.3466 \\ 0.6409 & 1.0988 & 0.2712 \\ 0.3466 & 0.2712 & 0.7617 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2906 & 1.0692 & 2.0113 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1904 & 0.2538 & 2.4636 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Figure 3 shows the state trajectories of systems with control input in which the effectiveness of the proposed approach is verified.

ii) In this case, the geometric multiplicity of *G* is less than the algebraic multiplicity of *G*. Consider a system described by the following parameter matrices.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.1 & 0.2\\ 0 & -1 & 0.5\\ 0 & 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.13 & 0.00\\ -0.60 & 0.20\\ 0.30 & 0.55 \end{bmatrix}$$

The roots of the minimal polynomial of G are  $\lambda_1 = -1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 0$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0.2$  with multiplicities  $l_1 = 2$ ,  $l_2 = 1$  and  $l_3 = 1$ .  $m_g = 5 > \bar{m}_g = 4$ . By (1), the reduced-order confluent Vandermonde matrix  $V_G$  is obtained as

$$V_G = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & 1.0000 & 0.0000 & 1.0000 \\ 0.2000 & -1.0000 & 1.0000 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0400 & 1.0000 & -2.0000 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0080 & -1.0000 & 3.0000 & 0.0000 \end{bmatrix}$$

The initial system state is assumed as  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . Suppose that the ideal time interval T = 0.8 and the sampling error  $\rho_k$  obeys uniform distribution between -0.4 and 0.4. Considering that  $\mathbb{E} \left\{ \pi^H(\delta)\pi(\delta) \right\} =$ 





**FIGURE 5** Noisy sampling intervals with  $\rho_k \sim U(-0.4, 0.4)$ .

 $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta}) \pi(\boldsymbol{\delta}) f(\boldsymbol{\delta}) d\boldsymbol{\delta}, U_{g} \text{ can be calculated by (2) as follows}$ 

$$U_{g} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.0000 & 0.0000 & -0.0266 & 0.0004 \\ 0.0000 & 0.2309 & 0.0000 & 0.0038 \\ 0.0006 & 0.0000 & -0.0237 & 0.0005 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0000 & 0.0000 & 0.0017 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We assume that the deception attacks rates of S-C channel and C-A channel are  $\varsigma = 0.3$ ,  $\theta = 0.3$ , respectively.  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ are given as

$$F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1200 & 0.1600 & 0.0000 \\ 0.0000 & 0.0180 & -0.0020 \\ 0.0800 & -0.0300 & 0.0000 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0000 & -0.3000 & 0.2100 \\ -0.1200 & 0.1600 & 0.0180 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Figures 4 and 5 depict the sampling intervals and the moments when deception attack happens.

We can obtain Q, R and the designed controller K as follows

$$\mathcal{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0290 & 0.0106 & 0.0170 \\ 0.0106 & 1.0359 & 0.0513 \\ 0.0170 & 0.0513 & 0.9922 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1615 & 0.8221 & -0.2426 \\ -0.0404 & -0.5613 & -1.7498 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1606 & 0.8093 & -0.2836 \\ -0.0057 & -0.4557 & -1.7398 \end{bmatrix},$$



FIGURE 6 State trajectories of systems with control input.

Figure 6 shows the state trajectories of systems with control input in which the effectiveness of the approach is also verified.

#### *Case* 2. Some eigenvalues of matrix *G* are complex-value. Consider the following mass spring system [42].

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) = -\frac{k}{m} x_1(t) - \frac{c}{m} x_2(t) + \frac{1}{m} u(t), \end{cases}$$
(15)

where m = 1, k = c = 2. By  $x^T(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T(t) & x_2^T(t) \end{bmatrix}$ , the system (15) can be described as

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

The roots of the minimal polynomial of *G* are  $\lambda_1 = -1 + i$ ,  $\lambda_2 = -1 - i$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ , with multiplicities  $l_1 = 1$ ,  $l_2 = 1$  and  $l_3 = 1$ . By (1), the corresponding confluent Vandermonde matrix  $V_G$  is obtained as

$$V_G = \begin{vmatrix} 1.0000 & 1.0000 & 1.0000 \\ -1.0000 + 1.0000i & -1.0000 - 1.0000i & 0.0000 \\ -2.0000i & 2.0000i & 0.0000 \end{vmatrix}.$$

It is assumed that the normal time interval T = 0.8 and the sampling error  $\rho_{k}$  obeys uniform distribution between -0.4 and 0.4. By  $\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\delta)\pi(\delta)\right\} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \pi^{H}(\delta)\pi(\delta)f(\delta)d\delta$ , we have



**FIGURE 8** Noisy sampling intervals with  $\rho_k \sim U(-0.4, 0.4)$ .

Then, with (2) and  $V_G$ , we derive that

$$U_g = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0125 + 0.0113i & 0.0125 - 0.0113i & -0.0238\\ 0.0569 - 0.2311i & 0.0569 + 0.2311i & -0.1607\\ 1.0222 - 0.0914i & 1.0222 + 0.0914i & 0.9867 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$U_g V_G^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0238 & -0.0362 & -0.0238\\ -0.1607 & -0.2177 & 0.0067\\ 0.9867 & -0.0355 & 0.0280 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The deception attacks rates of S-C channel and C-A channel are assumed to be  $\varsigma = 0.3$ ,  $\theta = 0.3$  respectively.  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are given as

$$F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0000 & -0.0200 \\ 0.3000 & 0.0000 \end{bmatrix}, F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0000 & 0.1500 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The sampling intervals and deception attack moments are also depicted in Figures 7 and 8.

Solving the inequality (8), we can obtain Q, R and the designed controller K as follows

$$\mathcal{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9482 & -0.0257 \\ -0.0257 & 1.0468 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4187 & -0.3584 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4326 & -0.3317 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left\{\pi^{H}(\boldsymbol{\delta})\pi(\boldsymbol{\delta})\right\} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1101 & 0.9864 + 0.2129i & 0.9991 + 0.0533i \\ 0.9864 - 0.2129i & 1.1101 & 0.9991 - 0.0533i \\ 0.9991 - 0.0533i & 0.9991 + 0.0533i & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$





FIGURE 9 State trajectories of systems with control input.

The simulation results are presented in Figure 9 with the initial value  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . It verifies the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

## 5 | CONCLUSIONS

The stabilization analysis and controller design problems for networked systems with stochastic sampling and two-channel deception attacks have been investigated in this paper. First, a general matrix decomposition approach has been presented which is applicable in scenarios where the system matrix Acontains complex-value eigenvalues. Subsequently, we have established a discrete stochastic framework for networked system which considers the joint effects of sampling errors and two-channel deception attacks. By the general matrix decomposition approach, the expectation operations for coupling matrices with high nonlinearity and randomness have been decoupled. Then, a stabilization controller has been constructed to ensure the exponential mean-square stability of the resulting discrete stochastic system. Finally, the effectiveness of the proposed approach has been validated through three simulation examples.

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